# Updates in Locally Advanced Unresectable Stage III NSCLC

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### What is *unresectable*?

- All NCCN Member Institutions treat select N2 L patients with multimodality therapy that includes surgery.
- All NCCN Member Institutions consider surgery for single-station non-bulky N2 disease.
- Approximately half of the institutions consider surgery for single-station bulky disease, 39% for multi-station non-bulky disease, and 21% for multi-station bulky disease.
- Two-thirds of NCCN Member Institutions prefer induction chemotherapy; one-third prefer chemoradiation.



### Is surgery essential for N2 disease?



JNCI: Journal of the National Cancer Institute, Volume 99, Issue 6, 21 March 2007



#### Concurrent Chemoradiation vs. Radiation alone in stage III NSCLC: Cochrane Systematic Review

Review: Concurrent chemoradiotherapy in non-small cell lung cancer Comparison: 1 Concurrent chemoradiotherapy vs Radiotherapy alone Outcome: 1 Overall survival

Study or subgroup	Concurrent chemoRT N	Radiotherapy N	og [Hazard Ratio] (SE)	Hazard Ratio IV,Random,95% CI	Weight	Hazard Ratio IV,Random,95% CI
Blanke 1995	104	111	-0.13 (0.14)		17.1 %	0.88 [ 0.67, 1.16 ]
Cakir 2004	88	88	-0.61 (0.16)		13.1 %	0.54 [0.40, 0.74]
Clamon 1999	130	120	-0.12 (0.37)		2.4 %	0.89 [ 0.43, 1.83 ]
Huber 2003	99	113	-0.27 (0.16)		13.1 %	0.76[0.56,1.04]
Jeremic 1995	52	61	-0.61 (0.2)		8.4 %	0.54 [0.37, 0.80]
Jeremic 1995	56	0	-0.28 (0.21)		7.6 %	0.76[0.50, 1.14]
Jeremic 1996	65	66	-0.44 (0.19)		9.3 %	0.64 [ 0.44, 0.93 ]
Schaake-Koning 1992	2 217	114	-0.25 (0.12)	-	23.2 %	0.78 [0.62, 0.99]
Soresi 1988	45	48	-0.39 (0.29)		4.0 %	0.68 [ 0.38, 1.20 ]
Yadav 2005	15	15	-0.59 (0.42)		1.9 %	0.55[0.24,1.26]
<b>Total (95% Cl)</b> Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0. Test for overall effect: Z : Test for subgroup differe	<b>871</b> 0; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 8.77, df = 9 (f = 5.84 (P < 0.00001) ences: Not applicable	<b>736</b> P = 0.46); I <sup>2</sup> =0.0%		•	100.0 %	0.71 [ 0.64, 0.80 ]
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#### Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2010

#### Concurrent vs. Sequential Chemoradiation: Meta-analysis

#### Aupérin et al. JCO 2010;28:2181-2190





#### Chemoradiation +/- Consolidation Chemotherapy in stage III NSCLC

Study	Year	Strategy	No.	MST (mos)	3 or 4 yr OS
HOG/USO	2007	EP/XRT EP/XRT ? Docetaxel	203	23.2 21.2	26.1% 27.1%
GILT	2012	PV/XRT PV/XRT PV	165	20.8 18.5	25.3% 21.4%
Park	2014	P/Docetaxel/XRT P/Docetaxel/XRT>P/Docetaxel	419	20.6 21.2	NR

# **Cisplatin/Etoposide /XRT vs. Carboplatin/Paclitaxel/XRT:** Retrospective Analysis of Veteran's Health Administration Data

Santana-Davila et al, JCO 2014



#### 60 vs. 74 Gy XRT + concurrent and consolidation chemo +/cetuximab in stage III NSCLC

Bradley et al, Lancet Oncology 2015;16:187-199



#### Pacific 5-year follow-up

	No. of Events / No.	of Patients (%)			Unstratified HR
Group	Durvalumab	Placebo			(95% CI)
All patients	264/476 (55.5)	155/237 (65.4)			0.72 (0.59 to 0.87)
Sex					
Male	192/334 (57.5)	112/166 (67.5)			0.75 (0.59 to 0.95)
Female	72/142 (50.7)	43/71 (60.6)			0.64 (0.44 to 0.94)
Age at random assignment					
< 65 years	130/261 (49.8)	79/130 (60.8)			0.66 (0.50 to 0.87)
≥ 65 years	134/215 (62.3)	76/107 (71.0)	<b>—</b> •	H	0.79 (0.60 to 1.05)
Smoking status					
Smoker	244/433 (56.4)	140/216 (64.8)			0.75 (0.61 to 0.93)
Nonsmoker	20/43 (46.5)	15/21 (71.4) 🛏			0.42 (0.21 to 0.82)
NSCLC disease stage					
IIIA	136/252 (54.0)	91/125 (72.8)			0.61 (0.47 to 0.80)
IIIB	121/212 (57.1)	61/107 (57.0)			0.86 (0.63 to 1.17)
Tumor histologic type					
Squamous	138/224 (61.6)	67/102 (65.7)		-	0.82 (0.61 to 1.09)
All other	126/252 (50.0)	88/135 (65.2)			0.62 (0.47 to 0.81)
Best response to prior treatment					
Complete response	6/9 (66.7)	3/7 (42.9)			Not calculated <sup>a</sup>
Partial response	118/237 (49.8)	68/112 (60.7)			0.71 (0.52 to 0.95)
Stable disease	135/223 (60.5)	81/115 (70.4)			0.70 (0.53 to 0.92)
Prior chemotherapy type					
Gemcitabine-based	5/9 (55.6)	2/5 (40.0)			Not calculated <sup>a</sup>
Non-gemcitabine-based	259/467 (55.5)	153/232 (65.9)			0.70 (0.58 to 0.86)
Cisplatin	134/266 (50.4)	81/129 (62.8)			0.65 (0.50 to 0.86)
Carboplatin	121/199 (60.8)	69/102 (67.6)		-	0.81 (0.60 to 1.09)
Cisplatin and carboplatin	6/8 (75.0)	4/5 (80.0)			Not calculated <sup>a</sup>
Last radiation to random assignm	nent	10/00 /00 11			0.54 (0.07 (
< 14 days	64/120 (53.3)	43/62 (69.4)			0.54 (0.37 to 0.80)
≥ 14 days	200/356 (56.2)	112/175 (64.0)	<b>—</b> —		0.79 (0.63 to 1.00)
WHOPS	101/001/01 3	05/444/57 0)			
0 – Normal	121/234 (51.7)	65/114 (57.0)			0.84 (0.62 to 1.14)
1 - Restricted	143/242 (59.1)	90/123 (73.2)			0.62 (0.47 to 0.80)
Region	F 4/4 00 / 40 F)	07/00/54 4			0.70 (0.52 to 1.00)
Asia	54/109 (49.5)	37/68 (54.4)			0.79 (0.52 to 1.20)
Europe	125/217 (57.6)	64/102 (62.7)	<b>—</b> —		0.84 (0.62 to 1.14)
North and South America	85/150 (56.7)	54/67 (80.6)			0.47 (0.34 to 0.67)
Hace	200/227 (50.2)	110/157 (70.1)			0.70 (0.57 to 0.01)
White Black on African American	200/337 (59.3)	110/157 (70.1)			0.72 (0.57 to 0.91)
Asian	5/12 (41./)	2/2 (100)			
Asian Othor <sup>c</sup>	2/6 (50.0)	35/72 (54.2) A/6 (66.7)		-	Not calculated <sup>a</sup>
ECEP or ALK abarration status	3/6 (50.0)	4/0 (00.7)			Not calculated
Positivo <sup>d</sup>	17/20 /59 61	9/14 /57 1)	1	-	0 95 (0 27 to 1 07)
Negative	166/217 (52.4)	109/165 (66 1)			0.65 (0.57 to 1.97)
Unknown	91/120 (62.2)	29/69 /66 6)			0.95 (0.57 to 1.34)
PD 1 1 expression level	01/130 (02.3)	30/30 (05.3)			0.05 (0.57 to 1.24)
	51/115 (44.2)	27/44 (61 4)	1		0.52 (0.32 to 0.92)
< 25%	111/187 (59.4)	64/105 (61.0)			0.52 (0.52 to 0.62)
	102/174 (59.6)	64/88 (72 7)			0.68 (0.50 to 0.93)
1%-24% (nost boc analysis)	52/97 (53.6)	29/47 (61 7)		1	0.00 (0.00 to 0.00)
> 1% (nost hoc analysis)	103/212 (48.6)	56/91 (61.5)			0.61 (0.44 to 0.95)
< 1% (post hoc analysis)	59/90 (65.6)	35/58 (60.3)			1 15 (0.75 to 1.75)
( ), (post not analysis)	00/00 (00.0)	30,00 (00.0)			
		0.2	0.4 0.6 0.8 1.	0 1.2 1.4	4 1.6 1.8



Spigeel DR. J Clin Oncol. 2022 Apr 20;40(12):1301-1311.

Durvalumab Better Placebo Better





# PACIFIC-2: Study Design

• Randomized, international, double-blind phase III trial (data cutoff: Sept 7, 2023; median follow-up: 30.5 mo)

Adults with locally advanced, unresectable, stage III NSCLC; ECOG/WHO PS 0/1 (N = 328)



\*Platinum-based CT regimens included cis/etoposide, carbo/pac, pem/cis (nonsquamous), pem/carbo (nonsquamous). RT comprised 5 fractions/wk x ~6 wk ± 3 d (total 60 Gy).

**Primary endpoint:** PFS by BICR per RECIST v1.1

**Key secondary endpoints:** OS, ORR, OS24, PFS2, DoR, time to death/distant metastasis, DCR, PK, HRQoL, safety

### **PACIFIC-2:** Baseline Characteristics

Characteristics, n (%)		Durva + CRT Pbo + CRT (n = 219) (n = 109)		Characteristics,	n (%)	Durva + CRT (n = 219)	Pbo + CRT (n = 109)
Age group	<ul> <li>&lt;50 yr</li> <li>≥50 to &lt;65 yr</li> <li>≥65 to &lt;75 yr</li> <li>≥75 yr</li> </ul>	18 (8.2) 107 (48.9) 75 (34.2) 19 (8.7)	12 (11.0) 50 (45.9) 40 (36.7) 7 (6.4)	EGFR mutation AJCC stage (8th ed)	<ul> <li>Positive</li> <li>Negative</li> <li>Unknown</li> <li>IIIA</li> <li>IIIB</li> <li>IIIC</li> </ul>	7 (3.2) 112 (51.1) 100 (45.7) 76 (34.7) 109 (49.8) 33 (15.1)	6 (5.5) 60 (55.0) 43 (39.4) 37 (33.9) 51 (46.8) 20 (18.3)
Median age, yr (r	ange)	63.0 (36-84)	63.0 (38-84)		• IV	1 (0.5)	1 (0.9)
Male Race • White • Black • Asian		166 (75.8) 141 (64.4) 2 (0.9) 65 (20,7)	80 (73.4) 62 (56.9) 0 20 (25.8)	Primary tumor	<ul> <li>TX</li> <li>T1</li> <li>T2</li> <li>T3</li> <li>T4</li> </ul>	2 (0.9) 15 (6.8) 37 (16.9) 39 (17.8) 126 (57.5)	1 (0.9) 10 (9.2) 13 (11.9) 32 (29.4) 53 (48.6)
<ul><li>American Ind Native</li><li>Other</li></ul>	dian or Alaska	65 (29.7) 7 (3.2) 4 (1.8)	7 (6.4) 1 (0.9)	Regional LNs	<ul> <li>N0</li> <li>N1</li> <li>N2</li> <li>N2</li> </ul>	25 (11.4) 16 (7.3) 124 (56.6)	7 (6.4) 14 (12.8) 60 (55.0) 28 (25.7)
ECOG/WHO PS	1	121 (55.3)	56 (51.4)		- IN3	54 (24.7)	28 (25.7)
Squamous histo PD-L1 status*	logy ■ <1% ■ ≥1%	121 (55.3) 86 (39.3) 113 (51.6)	52 (47.7) 36 (33.0) 60 (55.0)	UT IN		1 (0.5)	1 (0.9)
	<ul> <li>Unknown</li> </ul>	20 (9.1)	13 (11.9)				

Bradley. ELCC 2024. Abstr LBA1.

# **PACIFIC-2:** Patient Disposition

CRT Disposition, n (%)	Durva + CRT (n = 219)	Pbo + CRT (n = 109)
Received CRT	218 (99.5)	109 (100)
Cis/etoposide	11 (5.0)	11 (10.1)
Carbo/pac	166 (75.8)	81 (74.3)
Pem/cis	18 (8.2)	8 (7.3)
Pem/carbo	23 (10.5)	9 (8.3)
■ RT	215 (98.2)	107 (98.2)
Completed CRT	192 (88.1)	99 (90.8)
Discontinued CRT	26 (11.9)	10 (9.2)
■ AE	20 (9.2)	5 (4.6)
■ PD	4 (1.8)	2 (1.8)
Patient decision	2 (0.9)	1 (0.9)
<ul> <li>Other</li> </ul>	0	2 (1.8)

Durva/Pbo Disposition, n (%)	Durva + CRT (n = 219)	Pbo + CRT (n = 109)
Received durva/pbo	218 (99.5)	109 (100)
Discontinued durva/pbo at any time	183 (83.9)	92 (84.4)
■ AE ■ PD	58 (26.6) 117 (53.7)	15 (13.8) 67 (61.5)
<ul> <li>Patient decision</li> <li>Met study-specific</li> </ul>	5 (2.3) 0	7 (6.4) 1 (0.9)
<ul><li>Other</li></ul>	3 (1.4)	2 (1.8)

- Most common CT regimen was carbo/pac
- Durva arm had higher rates of AEs leading to discontinuation of CRT and durva consolidation

# PACIFIC-2: PFS by BICR (Primary Endpoint)



Patients at Risk, n Mo From Randomization Durva + CRT 219199145124102 94 83 75 69 64 60 59 58 50 49 47 43 28 24 10 2 0 0 Pbo + CRT 109104 72 58 44 38 34 32 28 26 25 24 24 24 24 23 19 15 12 7 3 1 0

- No significant difference in PFS with durva + CRT vs pbo + CRT (*P* = .247)
- Subgroup analyses suggested potential benefit with durva + CRT in some patients: women, aged <65 yr, in Europe, with smaller tumors (<450 cm<sup>3</sup>)

# PACIFIC-2: OS and ORR

Outcome	Durva + CRT (n = 219)	Pbo + CRT (n = 109)
OS		
<ul> <li>No. events (%)</li> </ul>	142 (64.8)	69 (63.3)
<ul> <li>Median OS, mo (95% CI)</li> </ul>	36.4 (26.2-45.6)	29.5 (23.2-45.1)
■ HR (95% CI)	1.03 (0.78-1	.39; P = .823)
ORR, %	60.7	60.6

- No significant difference in OS between arms (*P* = .823)
  - Subgroup analyses suggested potential OS benefit with durva + CRT in same patients who had PFS benefit: women, aged <65 yr, in Europe, with smaller tumors (<450 cm<sup>3</sup>)
- No significant difference in ORR between arms (*P* = .976)

# PACIFIC-2: Safety

AE, n (%)	Durva + CRT (n = 219)	Pbo + CRT (n = 108)
Any AE	216 (98.6)	108 (100)
Maximum grade 3/4	117 (53.4)	64 (59.3)
<ul> <li>Outcome of death</li> </ul>	30 (13.7)	11 (10.2)
<ul> <li>SAE</li> </ul>	103 (47.0)	56 (51.9)
Any AE leading to d/c of durva/pbo from start of treatment (approximate treatment period)	56 (25.6)	13 (12.0)
Ito 4 mo (durva + CRT → first postbaseline scan)	31 (14.2)	6 (5.6)
■ >4 to ≤16 mo (consolidation durva in SoC PACIFIC regimen)	12 (5.5)	6 (5.6)
>16 mo (after consolidation durva in SoC PACIFIC regimen)	13 (5.9)	1 (0.9)

#### Most common TEAEs:

- Durva + CT: anemia (42.0%), pneumonitis/radiation pneumonitis (28.8%, grade ≥3: 4.6%), neutropenia (27.4%), nausea (25.6%)
- Pbo + CT: anemia (38.0%), constipation (28.7%), pneumonitis/radiation pneumonitis (28.7%, grade ≥3: 5.6%), neutropenia (25.9%)

### No Benefit to Durvalumab in EGFR subgroup



J Thorac Oncol, Vol 18, Naidoo et al.,

# LAURA STUDY DESIGN



#### **PRIMARY ENDPOINT: PFS BY BICR**



### LAURA: Subgroup Analysis

Subgroup		No. of events	/ patients				1	HR	95% CI
Overall (N=216)	Stratified log-rank	120	/ 216		-			0.16	0.10, 0.24
	Unadjusted Cox PH	120	/ 216					0.23	0.16, 0.33
Sex	Male	50	/ 84					0.26	0.15, 0.46
	Female	70	/ 132					0.21	0.13, 0.34
Age	<65 years	67	/ 120					0.16	0.10, 0.26
	≥65 years	53	/ 96					0.33	0.19, 0.57
Race	Asian	98	/ 178					0.20	0.13, 0.29
	Non-Asian	22	/ 38				+-1	0.48	0.20, 1.19
Smoking history	Current / former (yes)	42	/ 65					0.26	0.14, 0.48
	Never (no)	78	/ 151					0.22	0.14, 0.34
Stage*	IIIA	42	/ 76					0.28	0.15, 0.52
	IIIB / IIIC	78	/ 140					0.21	0.13, 0.33
EGFR mutation <sup>†</sup>	Ex19del	65	/ 117					0.17	0.10, 0.29
	L858R	55	/ 98		-			0.32	0.19, 0.56
China cohort	Chinese	18	/ 40		NC			NC	NC, NC
	Non-Chinese	102	/ 176					0.26	0.17, 0.39
Chemoradiotherapy	Concurrent	107	/ 193		-			0.25	0.17, 0.36
	Sequential	13	/ 23		NC			NC	NC, NC
Response to prior CRT	Complete response	3	/ 7		NC			NC	NC, NC
	Partial response	53	/ 94					0.20	0.11, 0.34
	Stable disease	58	/ 98					0.18	0.10, 0.30
	Non-evaluable	6	/ 17		NC			NC	NC, NC
				0.05		0.5	1.0 5		
						HR for progression	-free survival (95% CI)		
						Favors osimertinib	Favors placebo		

### LAURA: Response Rate



	Osimertinib (n=143)	Placebo (n=73)
Objective response rate, % (95% CI)	57 (49, 66)	33 (22, 45)
Disease control rate, % (95% CI)	89 (83, 94)	79 (68, 88)
Median duration of response, months (95% CI)	36.9 (30.1, NC)	6.5 (3.6, 8.3)

### **LAURA: Sites of Recurrence**



# LAURA: Overall Survival – preliminary analysis

#### 81% crossover rate



# LAURA: Toxicity



### Conclusions

- Chemoradiation remains the standard of care for patients with stage III unresectable NSCLC
- Durvalumab following chemoradiation (not concurrent) remains the standard for patients with immunotherapy sensitive disease subtypes
- We lack data on best adjuvant approach for patients with ALK/ROS1/ERBB2/RET/NTRK/MET/BRAF/Uncommon EGFR mutant associated disease.
- Cure rates with EGFR mutant patients are disappointingly low with chemoradiation alone, and patients should receive Osimertinib after completion of chemoradiation (forever???)