

A nighttime photograph of the Toronto skyline, featuring the CN Tower and the Rogers Centre stadium, with city lights reflecting on the water.

Active surveillance

Overview of 20 year history

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Our world has changed

- Benefits of PSA widely accepted by urological community
- Enthusiasm for 5 ARI for chemoprevention (Thompson 2003)
- Optimism about Vit E and Selenium (SELECT)
- Benefit of RP on Pca mortality confirmed (SPCG-4, NEJM 2002)
- Menon RALP lecture SUO 2003
- 95% of low grade Pca treated radically
- USPSTF Grade D recommendation on PSA screening (Chou et al Ann Int Med 2011)
- Chemoprevention dead
 - FDA denies 5 ARI approval
 - SELECT trial negative, increased Pca Vit E arm
- No impact of RP on all cause mortality and Pca mortality in PIVOT (Wilt, NEJM 2012)
- In US: Open RP on life support, >80% RALP
- Active Surveillance

Origins of Toronto active surveillance cohort

- 1997: Lunch research meeting at Sunnybrook: L. Klotz, R. Choo, C Danjoux ‘How can we do better with localized prostate cancer’
 - Overtreatment obvious
 - ‘Watchful waiting’ too conservative
 - Most patients had PSA < 10; vs patients with advanced disease had high PSA—‘window of opportunity’
- Middle ground: manage patients conservatively with selective intervention for rising PSA or grade progression
- Received first ever grant from new Prostate Cancer Canada Foundation (\$35,000.) for prospective database
- Formal trial, informed consent, ‘experimental’
- Coined term ‘active surveillance’ to emphasize close monitoring/intervention

Active Surveillance for low risk PCa

What has changed?

(since Klotz, Choo J Urol 167: 1664, 2002)

- Greater recognition of overtreatment problem, acceptance of concept
- Nature of occult high grade disease
- Predictive value of baseline parameters
- Flaws of PSA kinetics as trigger
- Multiparametric MRI
- Molecular biomarkers
- Modelling studies
- Longer follow up,, ~2000 publications



2017: What we know

- Gleason 3:
 - Molecular genetics resembles normal cells in most cases
 - Metastatic potential \sim zero.
- Vs Gleason 4: molecular hallmarks of cancer
- ‘Achilles Heel’ of active surveillance strategies relates to pathologic miss of co-existent higher grade cancer
- True biological grade progression is uncommon
- Pre-histologic adverse genetic alterations exist
- MRI and molecular biomarkers enhance diagnostic accuracy and are complementary

There are virtually no well documented cases of pathologically proven Gleason 6 cancers that have metastasized

- 12,000 Gleason 6 cancers treated with RP with 20 year follow up (Egger S, J Urol 2011)
 - Pca mortality 0.2% at 20 years
 - Re-review of these showed higher grade Ca
- 14,123 cases of pathologic Gleason 6 at RP (Ross HM, Am J Surg Path 2012)
 - 22 with positive nodes (era of limited node dissection)
 - All were upgraded on re-review

Most guidelines differentiate between very low risk and low risk based on cancer volume

If Gleason pattern 3 doesn't metastasize, why does volume of Gleason 3 cancer matter?

Answer: High volume is a marker for the presence of higher grade cancer

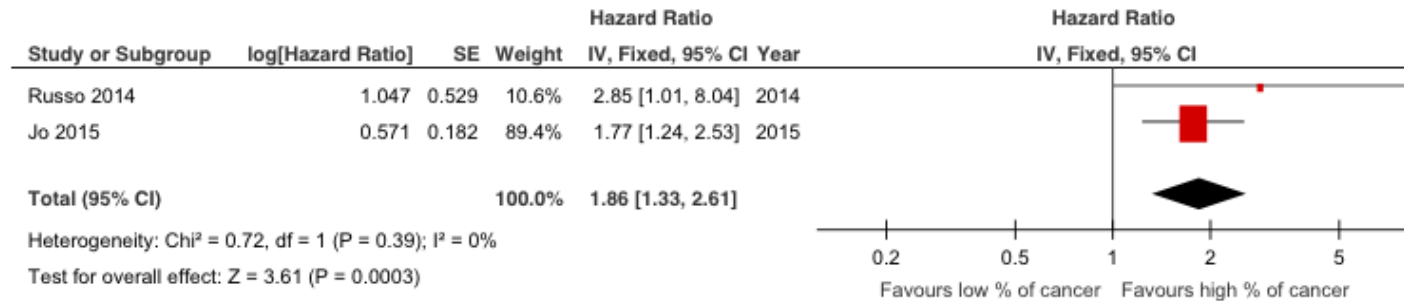
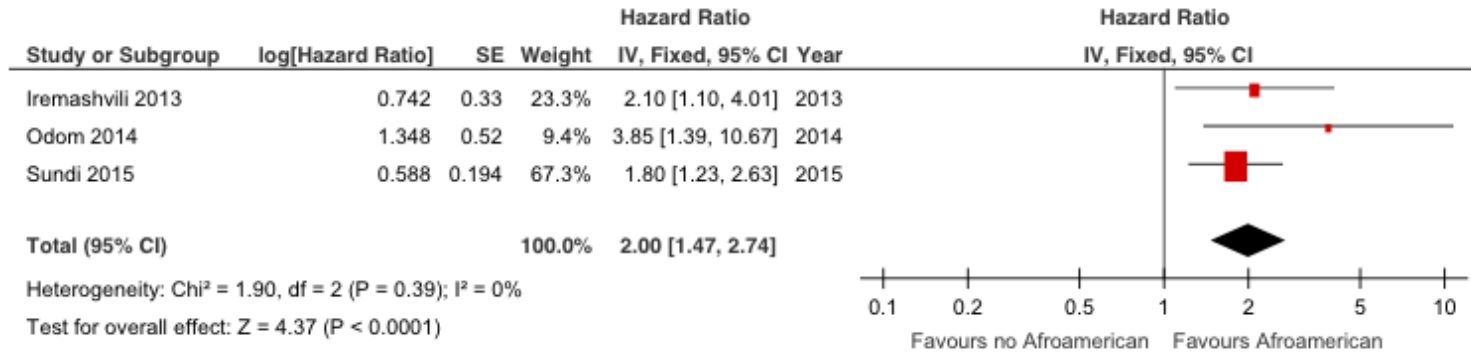
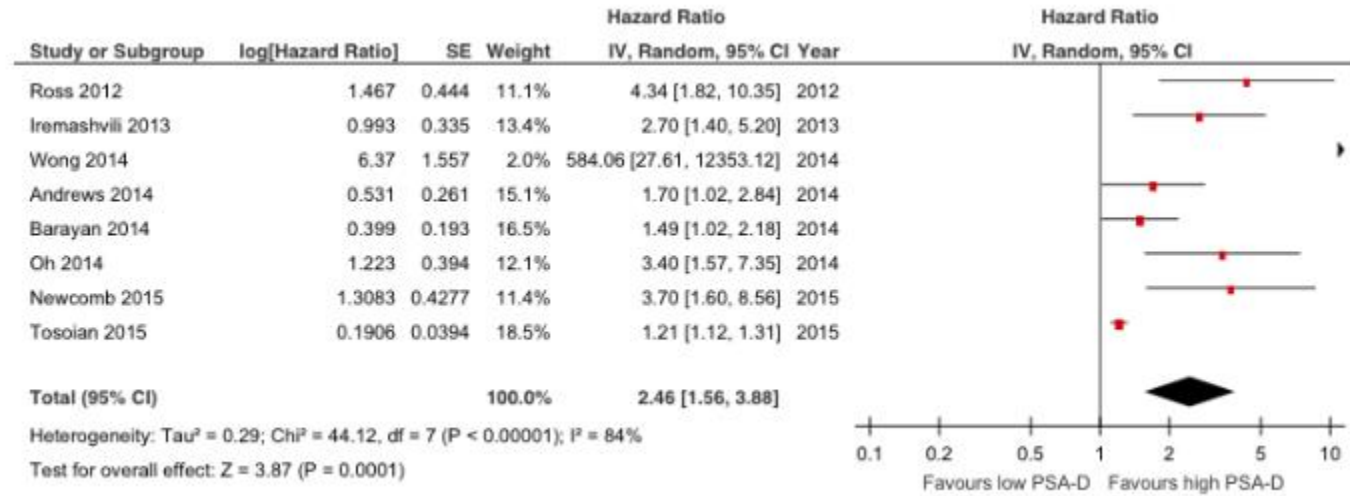
Finding the wolf in sheep's clothing:

2 different species of wolf:

- Misclassification of occult higher grade cancer (25-30%)
- Biological grade progression over time (1-2% per year)



Predicting disease reclassification during AS



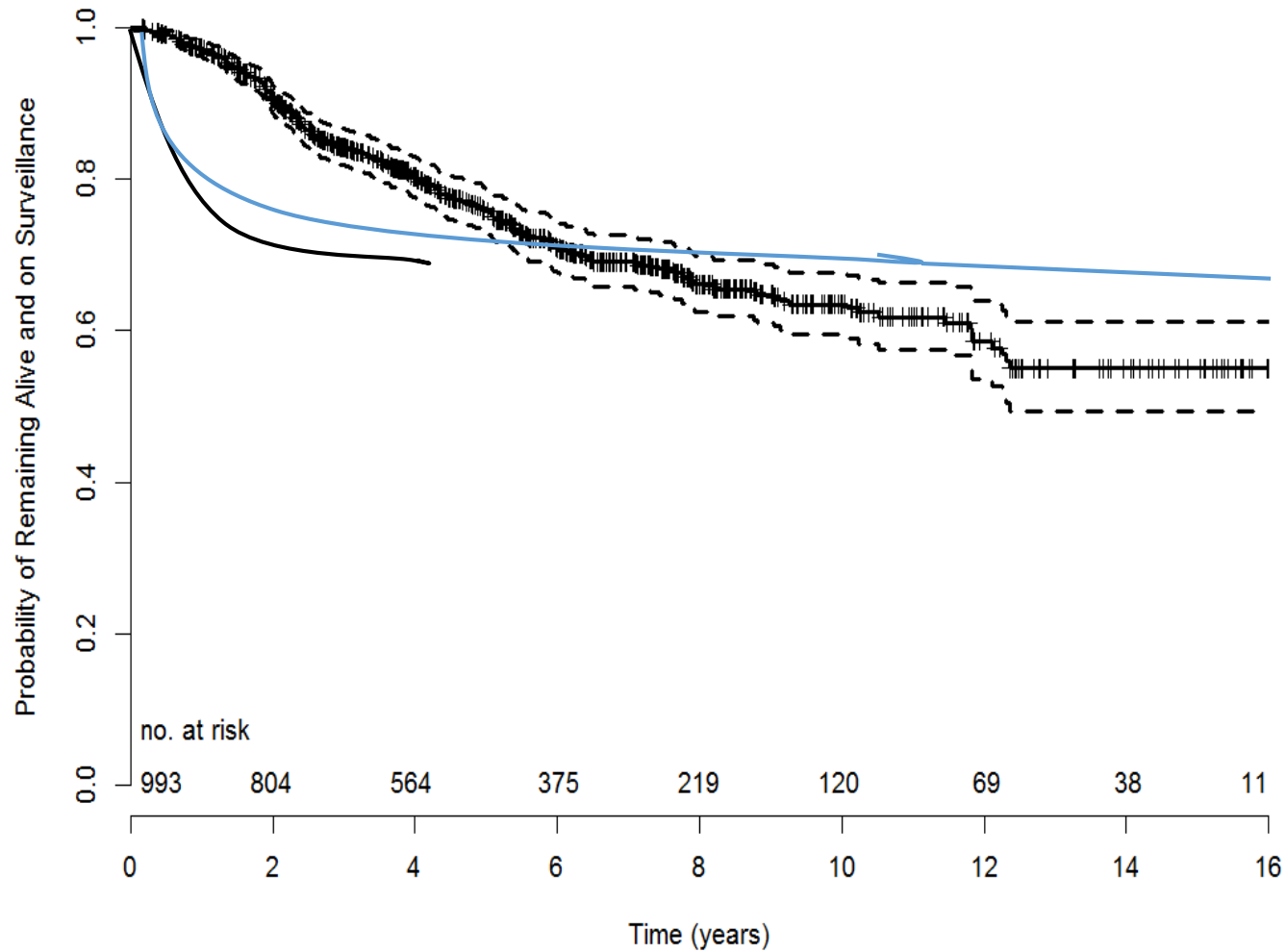
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Sunnybrook Klotz		≤ 6 ≤ 3+4 (selected)			≤ 10 10-20 (selected)		
Hopkins Tosoian	T1c, T2a	≤ 6	≤ 2	≤50		< 0.15	
Goteborg Godtman	≤ T2a	≤ 6			≤ 10		
UCSF Welty	≤ T2a	≤ 6	≤33%		≤ 10		
Marsden Selvadurai	≤ T2	≤ 6 3+4	≤50%		≤ 15		Age 50-80 Age > 65
Australia Thompson	≤ T2a	≤ 6	≤30%	< 30	≤ 10		
Copenhagen Thomsen	≤ T2a	≤ 6	≤3	< 50	≤ 10		
Miami Soloway	≤ T2	≤ 6	≤2	< 20	≤ 10		Age < 80
PRIAS Bul	≤ T2	≤ 6	≤2		≤ 10	< 0.2	

Toronto Surveillance Cohort

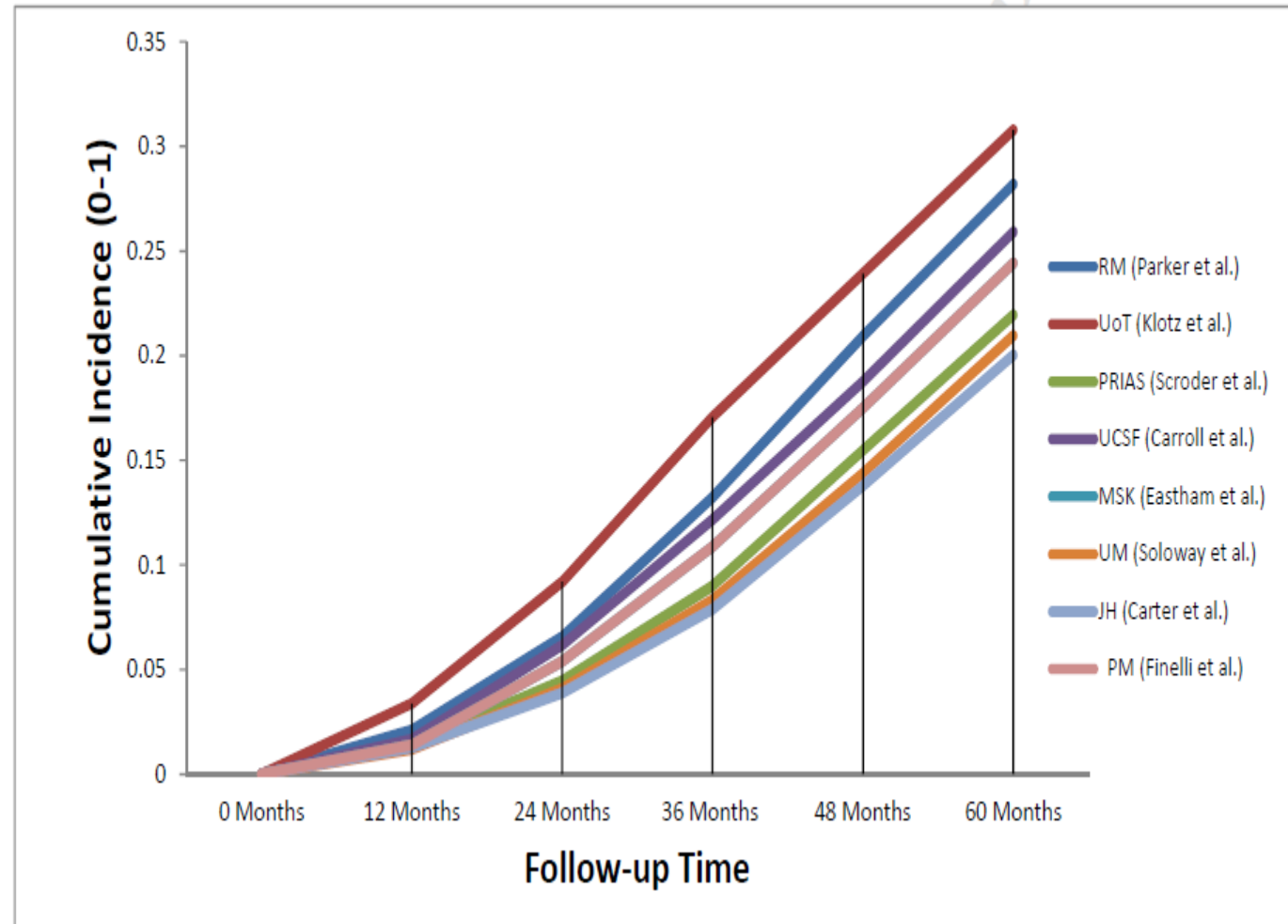
- 993 patients, median f/u of 8.9 years (0.5 – 19.8 years)
- Serial PSA, biopsy (no MRI until 2012)
 - 78% low risk
 - 22% patients intermediate risk (G7 or PSA > 10)
 - 38% of these < 70 years
- Intervention for PSA DT < 3 years (until 2010), upgrading to Gleason 3 + 'significant' 4
- 3% have developed metastases
 - 1.5% died of prostate cancer
 - 1.1% alive with mets

Intervention free survival in active surveillance

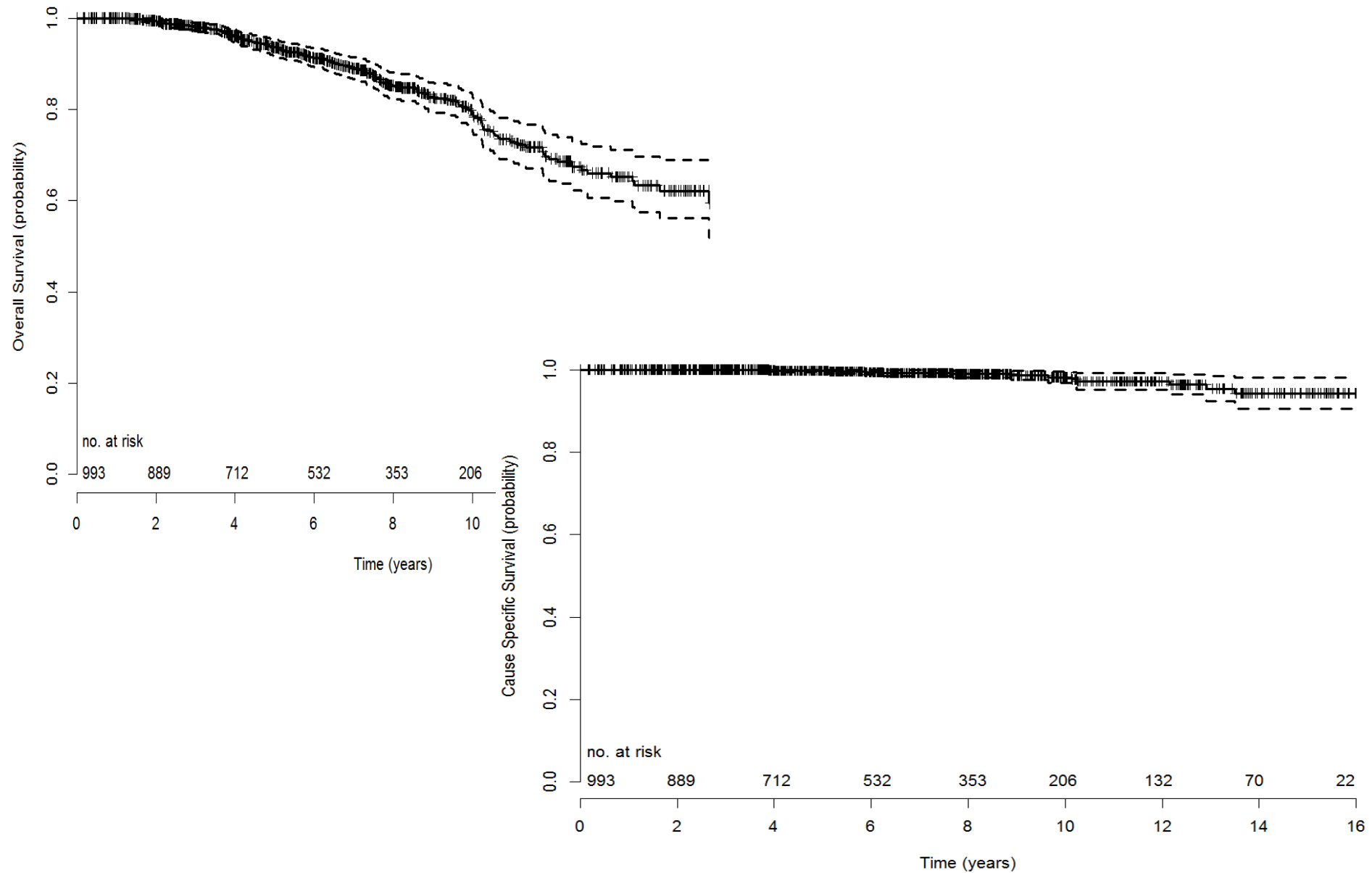
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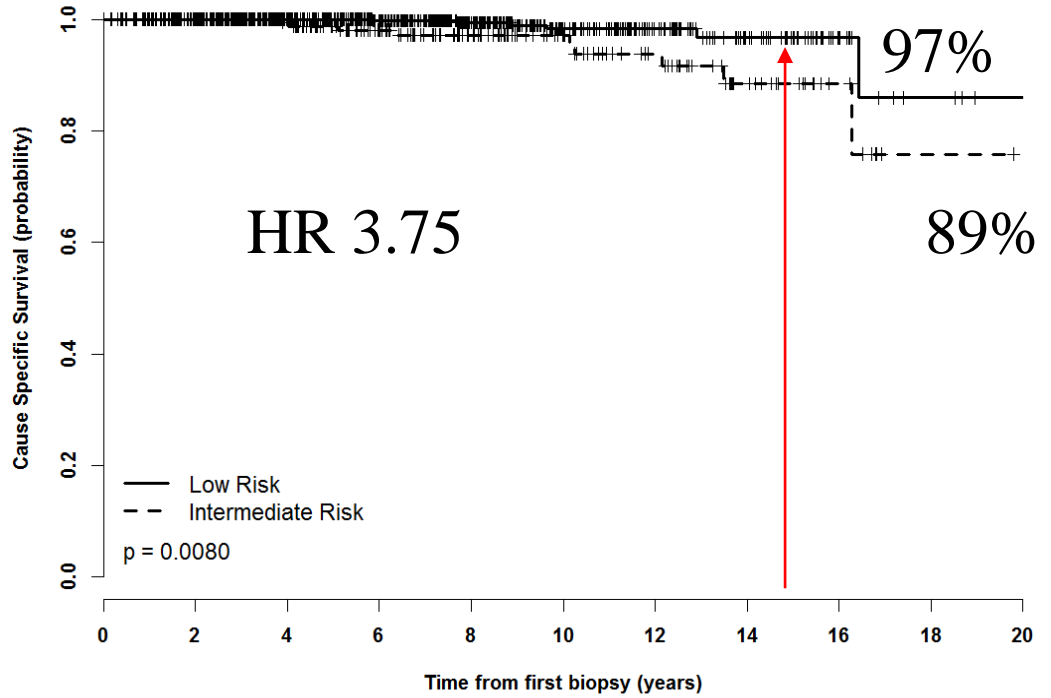
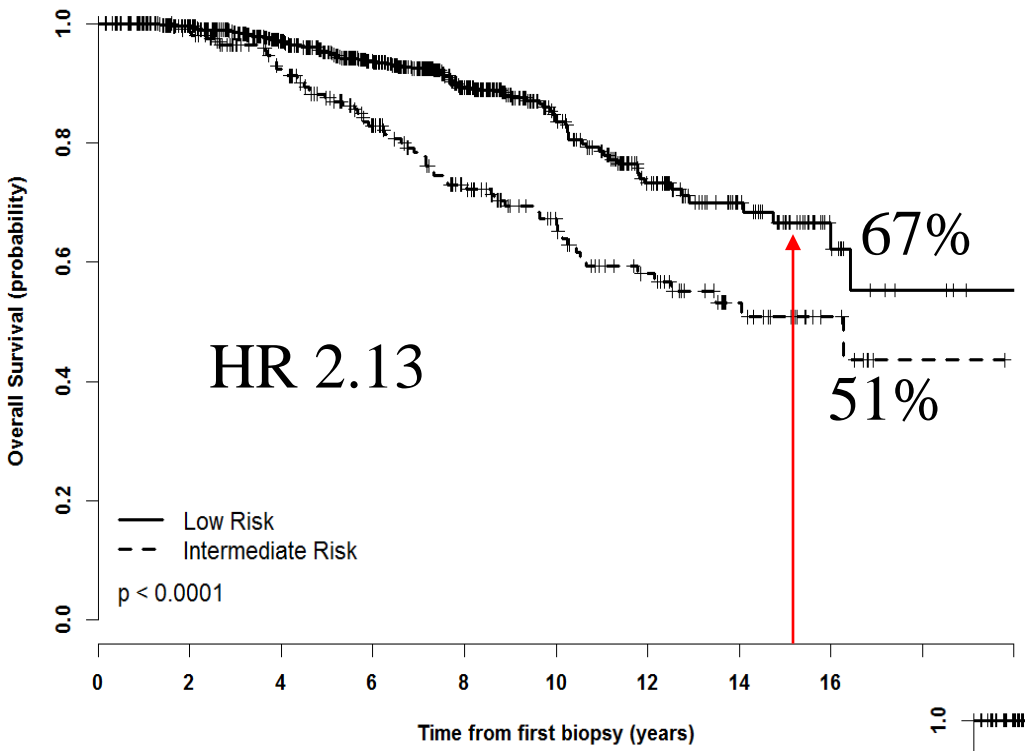
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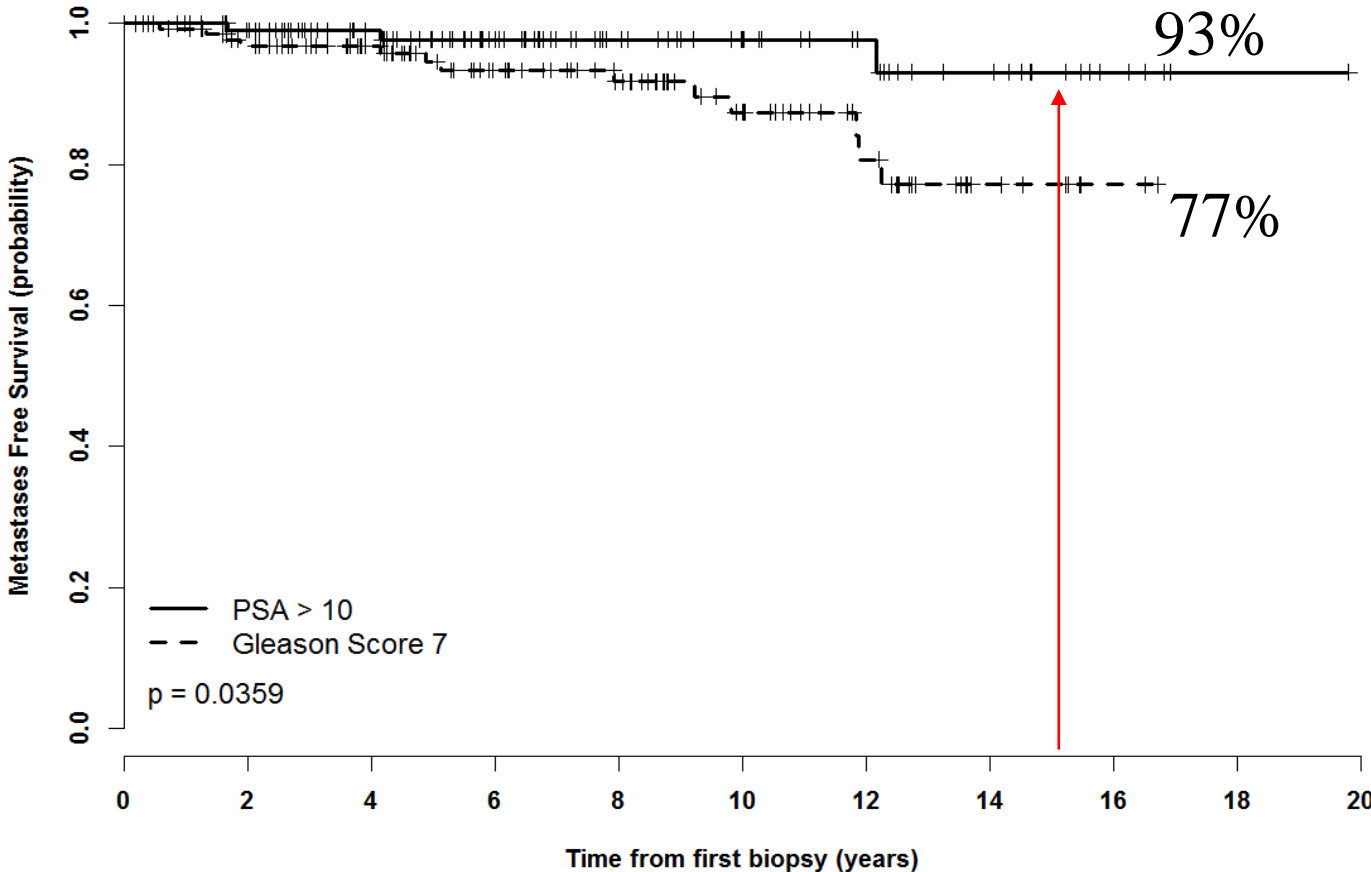
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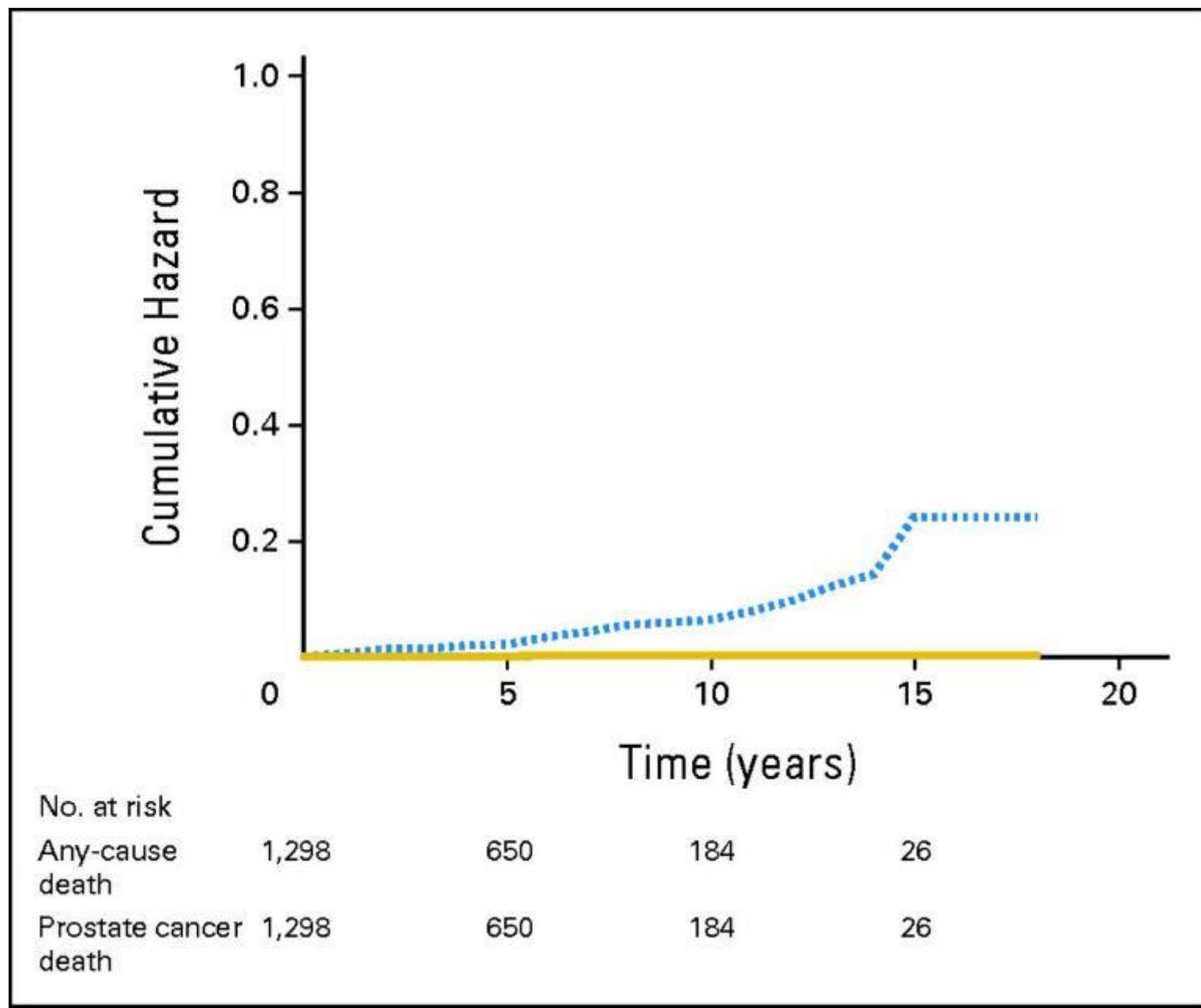


OS and CSS: Low vs Intermediate risk (Gleason 3+4, PSA >10)



Intermediate risk group: Baseline Gleason score, not PSA, predicted for mets





Long term outcome of surveillance reflects inclusion criteria and intervention strategy

	Sunnybrook	Johns Hopkins
Eligibility	All Gleason 6, PSA ≤ 15 , and selected Gleason 3+4	NCCN low risk (≤ 2 pos cores, $< 50\%$ core involvement, PSAD < 0.15)
Intervention	Gleason 4+3	\geq NCCN low risk (volume progression or any Gleason 4)
Proportion of Pca patients eligible	50%	20%
15 year Pca mortality	5% (mostly baseline Gl. 7)	0.5%

Active surveillance

Current Paradigm

- Initial Bx and risk categorization
 - Comorbidity/life expectancy
 - Patient preference
- Re-biopsy to improve accuracy
- Periodic re-evaluation for change in risk
- Intervention:
 - Change in risk category
 - PSA anxiety
 - Patient preference

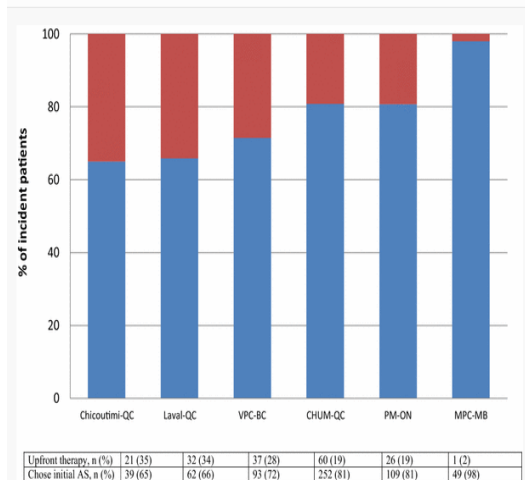
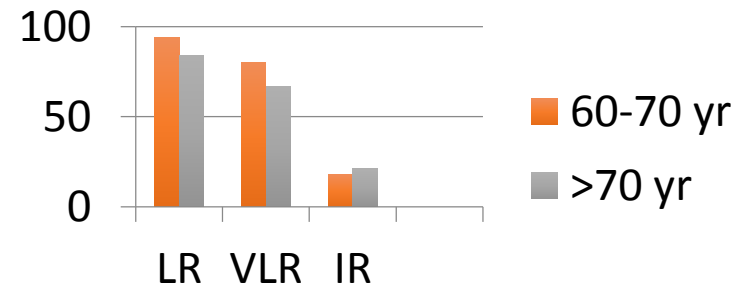
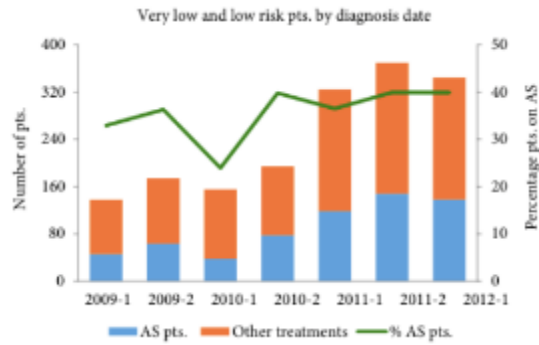
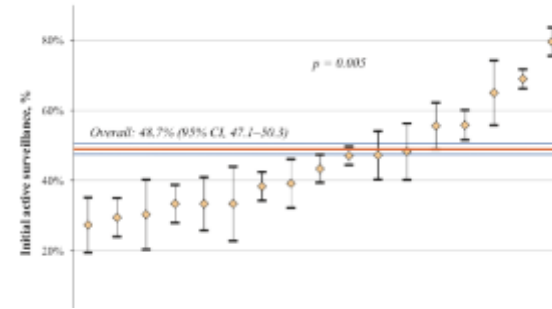
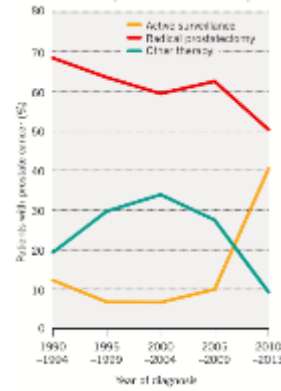
Image based/ Molecular paradigm

- Improved eligibility determination
 - MRI/biomarker instead of 2nd biopsy
- Improved patient selection:
 - MRI negative/favorable gene score
:The new very low risk
 - MRI target/high score: greater acceptance of treatment
- Serial imaging/molecular monitoring with modulated interval
- Rational decision for intervention

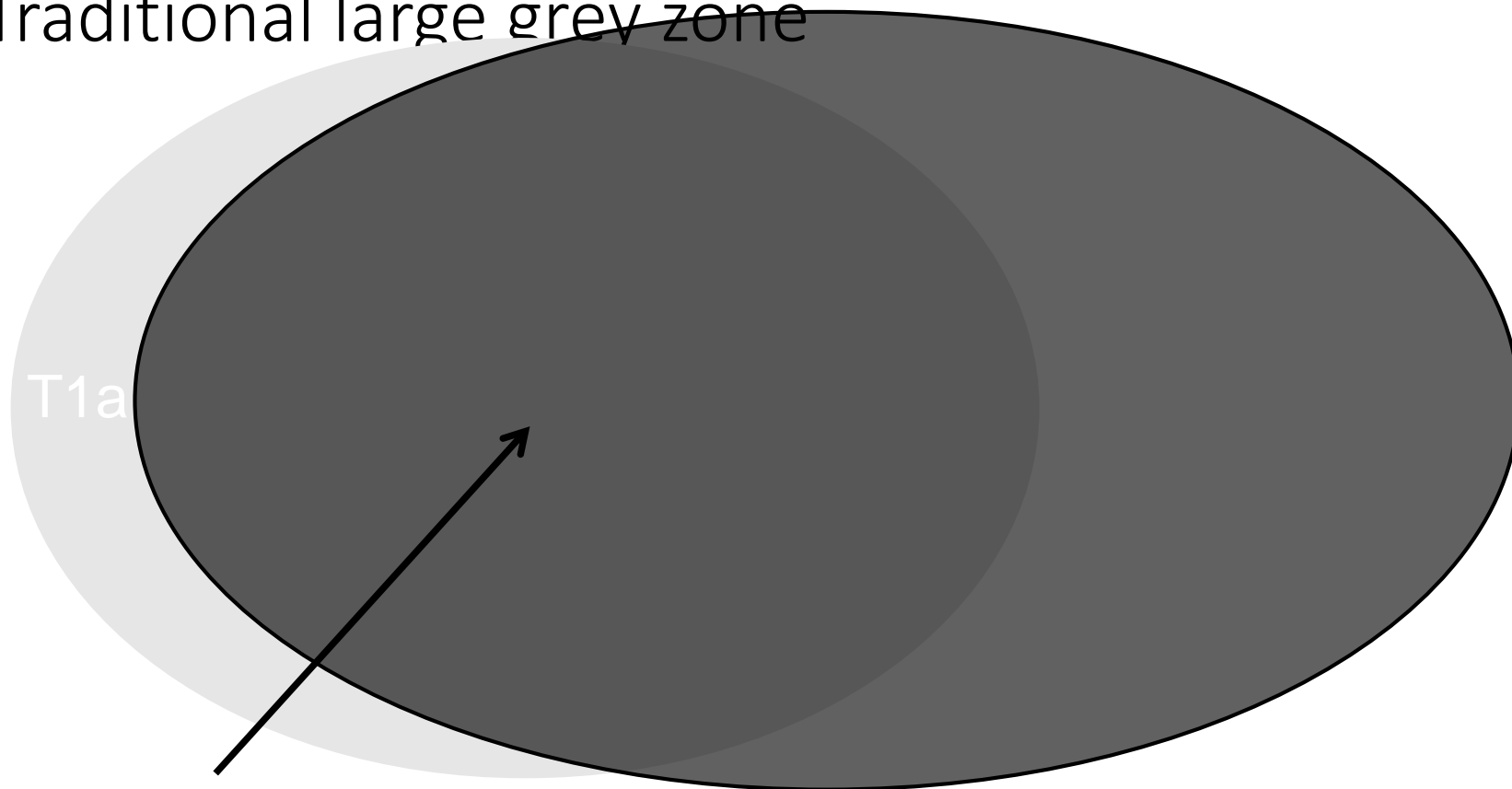
Comparison of guidelines: US, Canada, UK

	Low risk Pca	Intermediate risk	Tests	Other tests	5 ARI
Cancer Care Ontario CUAJ 2015	AS preferred management	Active treatment; AS for selected pts	PSA q 3-6 mo DRE q 1 yr Systematic bx within 6-12 mo, then q 3-5 yrs	MRI when clinical and path findings discordant	May have a role
ASCO JCO 2016	Same ¹	Same	Same	Other tests remain investigational	No clear role
NICE 2016	Same	Radical treatment for 'disease progression' ²	PSA q 3-4 months, monitor kinetics, otherwise same	MRI at enrollment	

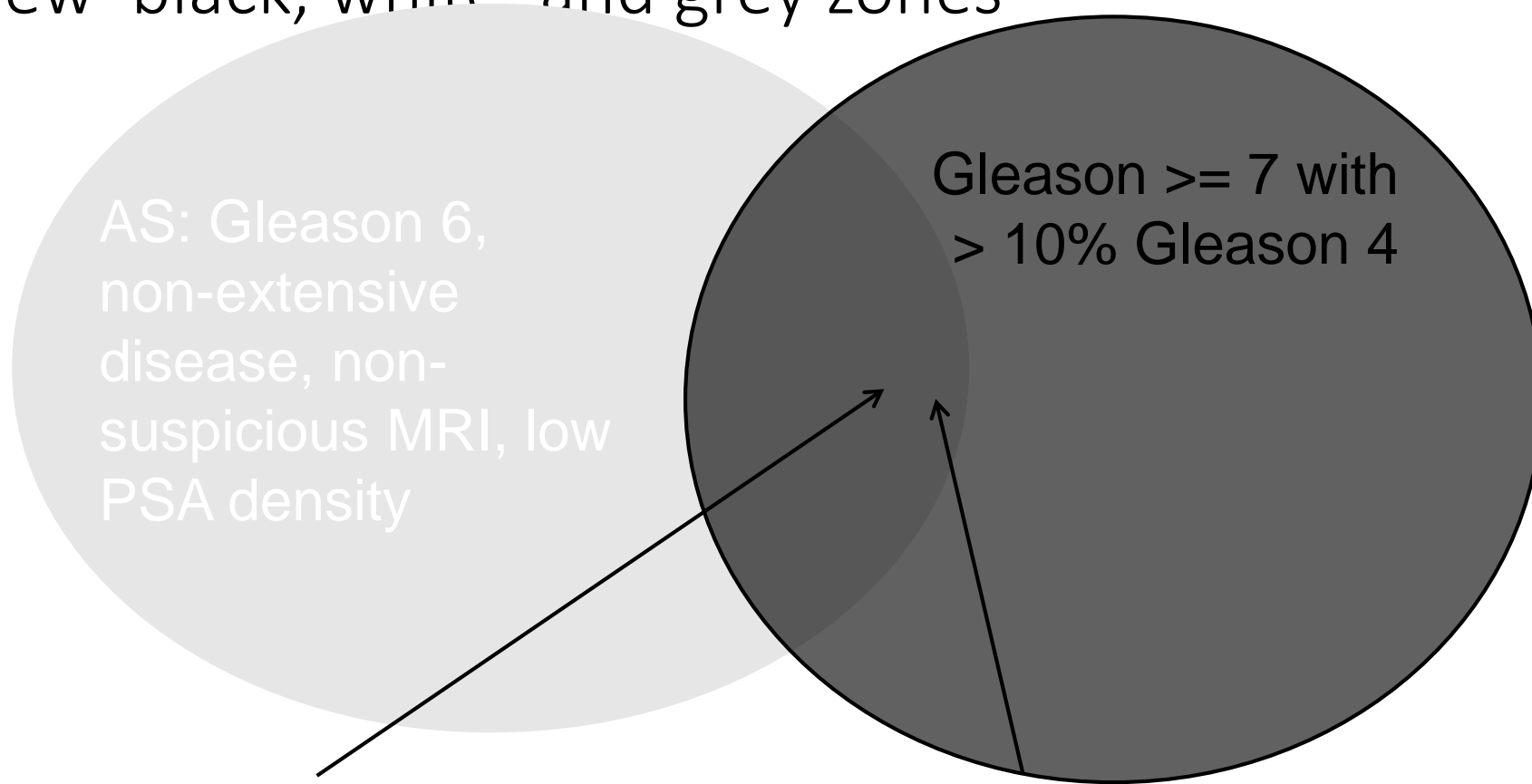
Trends in Active Surveillance: Utilization



PCa: Traditional large grey zone



The new black, white and grey zones



Conclusions:

- Gleason pattern 3 is a non-metastasizing lesion lacking most hallmarks of cancer
- High volume Gleason 3 mainly significant as a risk factor for co-existent higher grade cancer
 - Race, high PSA density
- Presence of any Gleason 4 at baseline confers significant increased risk of metastasis at 15 years
- MRI and biomarkers will play a significant role in early identification of occult aggressive disease
 - Further risk stratification (not perfect)
 - Risk nomograms incorporating these an unmet need