



# Il carcinoma tiroideo in progressione



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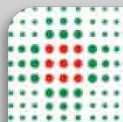
## Radioiodio e Terapia Radiorecettoriale

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## GUIDELINES

# Guidelines for radioiodine therapy of differentiated thyroid cancer

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## A. Definite indications

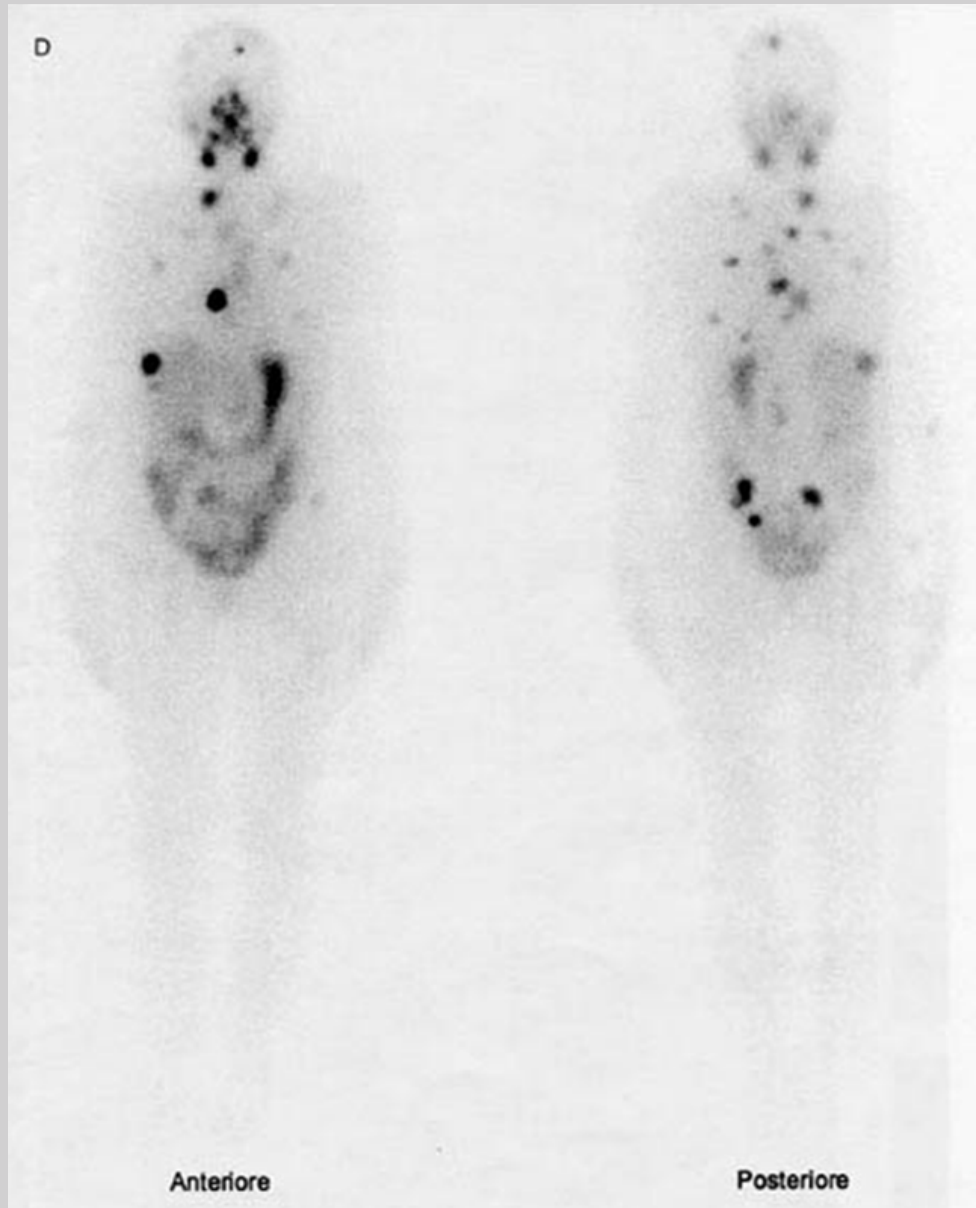
1. Unresectable iodine-avid lymph node metastases where one or more of the following is true:
  - morphological imaging does not reveal location
  - surgery is high-risk or contraindicated
  - distant involvement is present that would indicate RAIT anyways
2. Iodine-avid pulmonary micrometastases, especially before they become visible on CT
3. Non-resectable or partially resectable iodine-avid pulmonary macrometastases
4. Non-resectable or partially resectable iodine-avid soft tissue metastases



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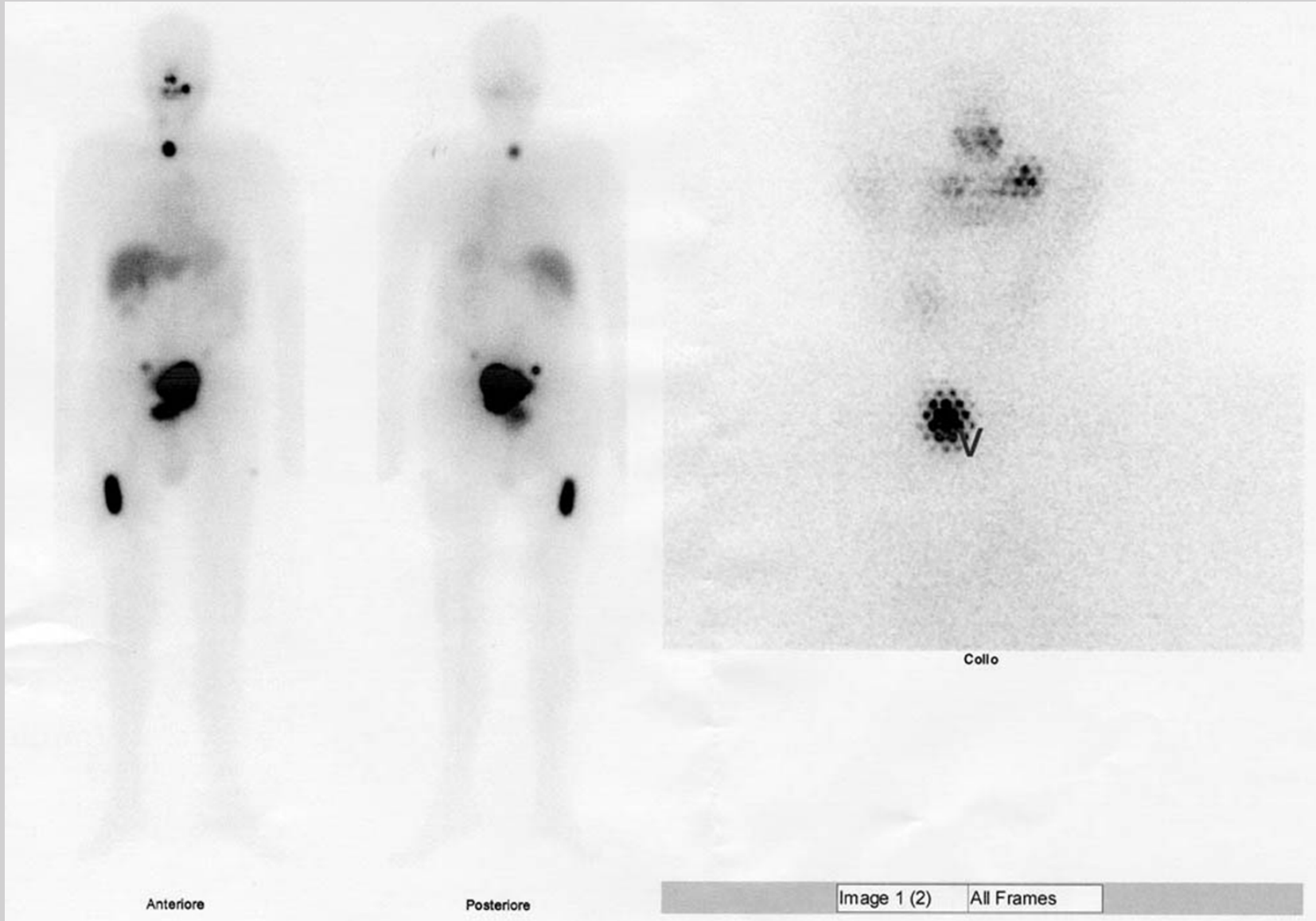




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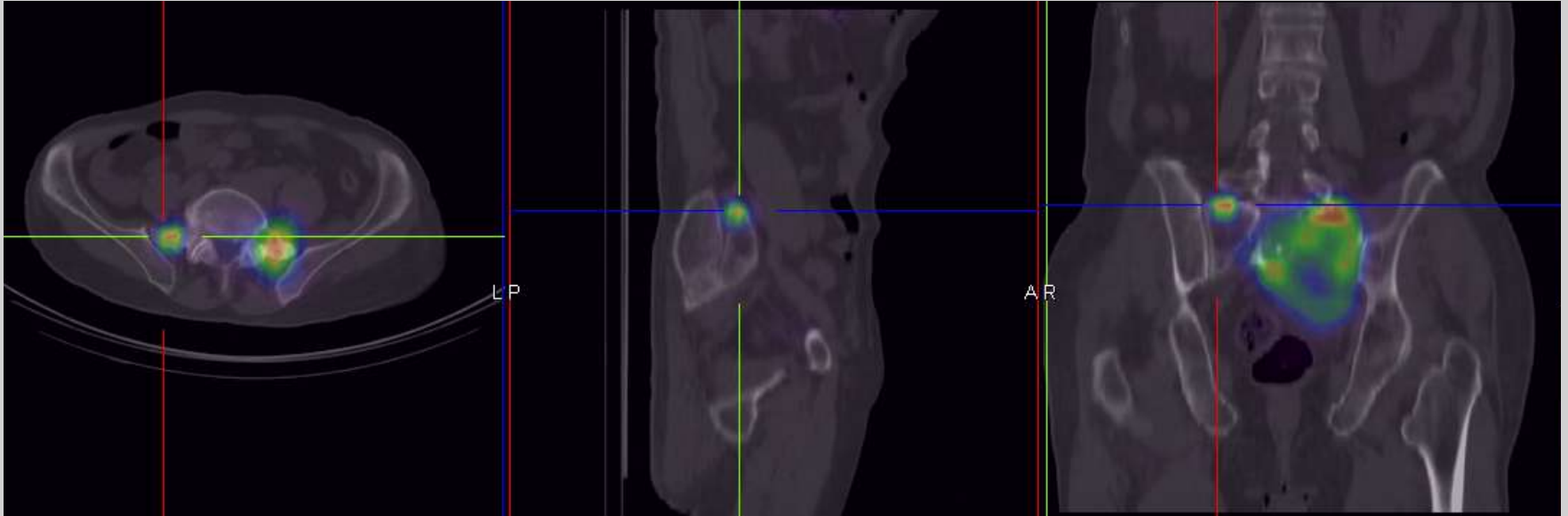


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# Incremental Value of $^{131}\text{I}$ SPECT/CT in the Management of Patients with Differentiated Thyroid Carcinoma

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## CONCLUSION

$^{131}\text{I}$  SPECT/CT after planar imaging represents a new imaging modality for DTC patients who have received an oral therapeutic dose of  $^{131}\text{I}$ . In this study, the fusion of SPECT and CT images was of incremental value over WBS in increasing diagnostic accuracy, reducing pitfalls, and modifying therapeutic strategies in 73.9% of DTC patients through precise localization and characterization of  $^{131}\text{I}$ -avid foci. As SPECT/CT techniques emerge,  $^{131}\text{I}$  SPECT/CT may demonstrate higher value than WBS in the management of DTC.



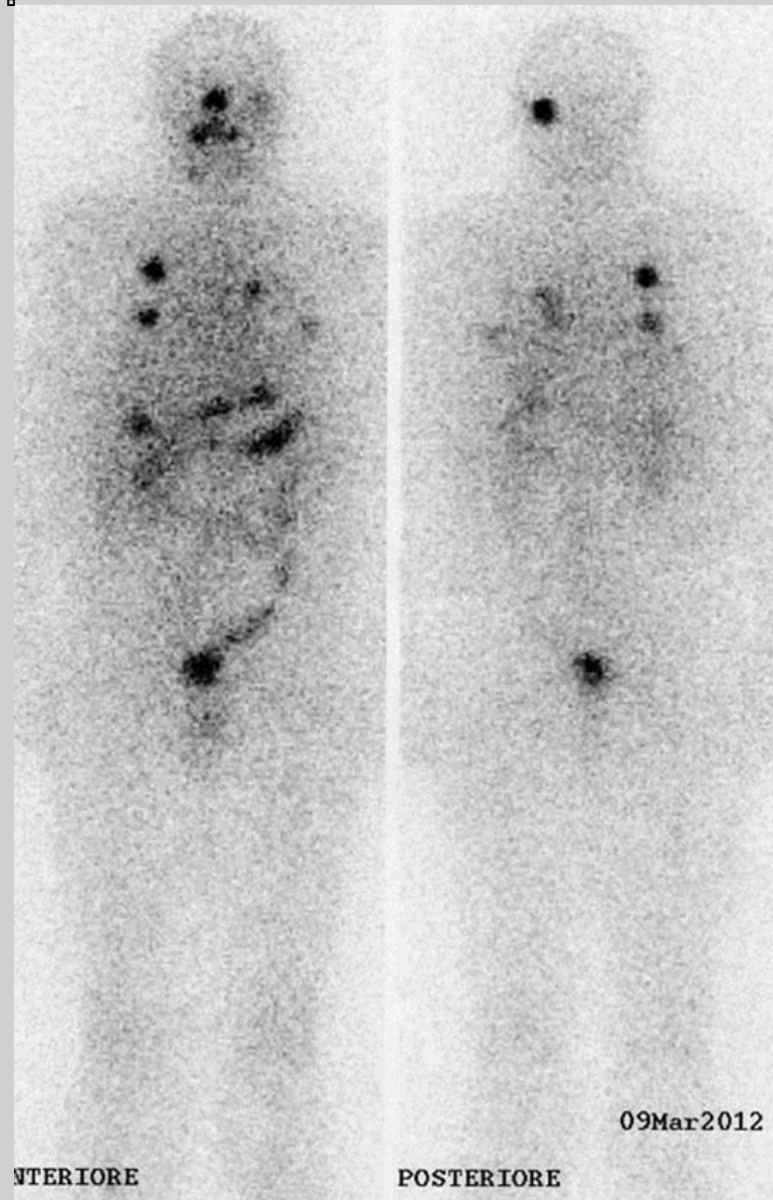


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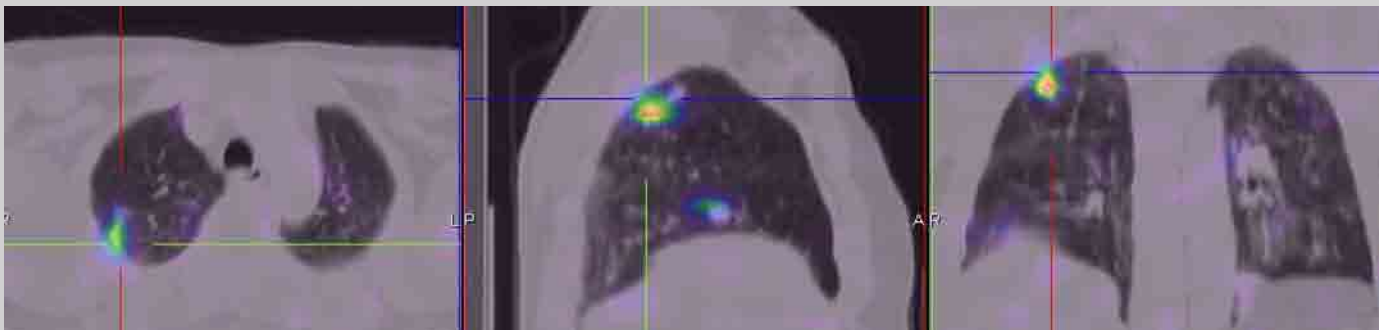
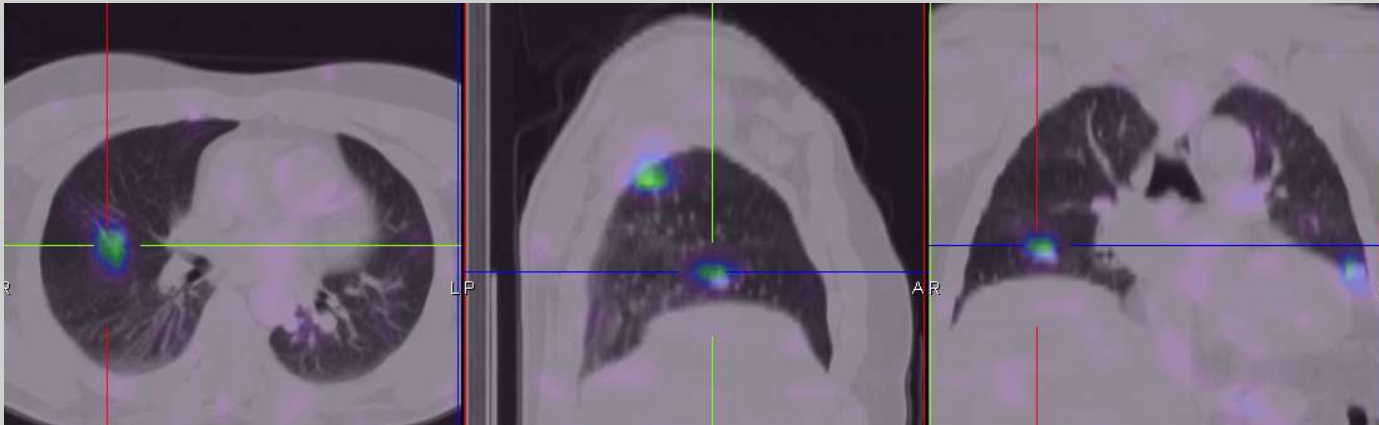
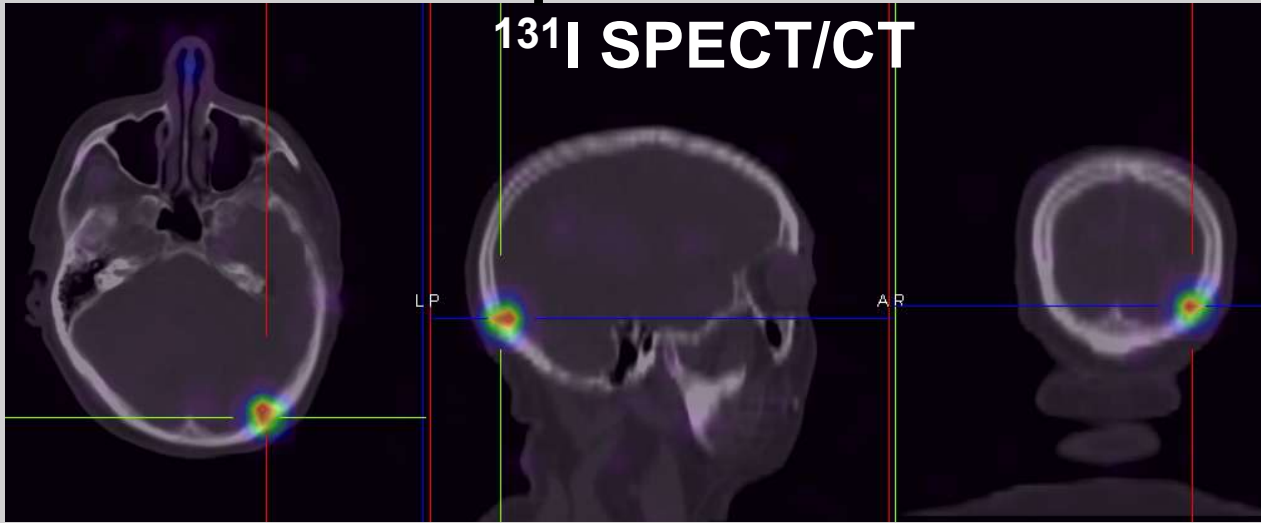


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## $^{131}\text{I}$ SPECT/CT



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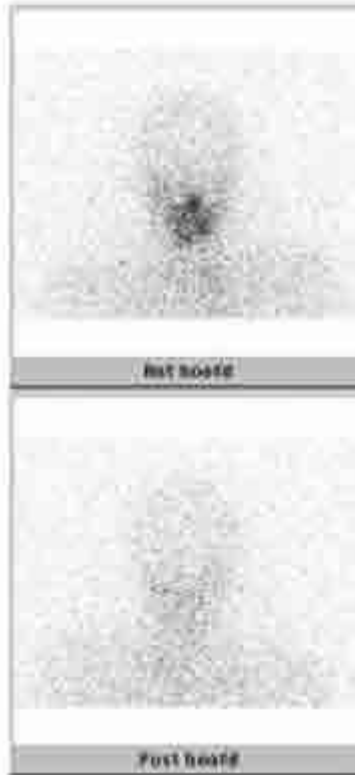


## The diagnostic value of $^{124}\text{I}$ -PET in patients with differentiated thyroid cancer

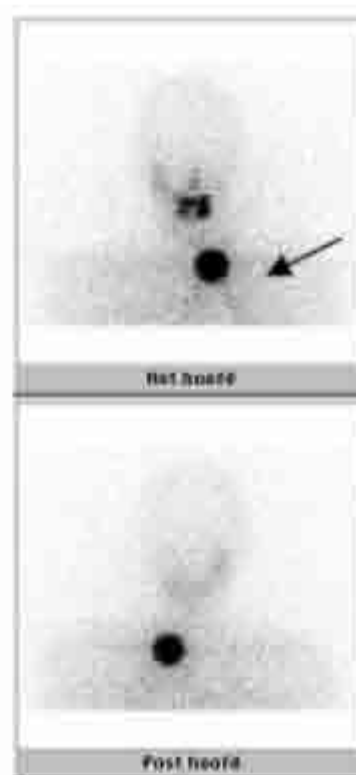
124I PET



131I WBS diagn



131I WBS post ter



# $^{124}\text{I}$ PET/CT



Pre

$^{131}\text{I}$ -therapy

Post



# Terapia con $^{131}\text{I}$ per metastasi



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- Dose elevata:
- **200 mCi**
  - metastasi polmonari
- **300 mCi**
  - metastasi ossee  
(consigliata successiva radioterapia esterna se lesione unica o critica)
- Le secondarietà linfonodali loco regionali, ove possibile, vanno trattate chirurgicamente



# Tossicità da $^{131}\text{I}$



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- acuta
  - nausea, epigastralgia, vomito
  - scialoadenite
  - xerostomia, disgeusia
- cronica
  - gonadica
  - genetica
  - carcinogenesi



# Rischio di seconda neoplasia in pazienti con carcinoma tiroideo



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- I pazienti con carcinoma tiroideo hanno un aumentato rischio di seconda neoplasia rispetto alla popolazione generale
- ciò soprattutto per tumori di mammella, colon-retto, sistema nervoso centrale, rene, leucemia, linfoma non-Hodgkin, prostata (Subramarian S et al, Thyroid 17: 1277-1288, 2007)
- l'aumento del rischio assoluto tuttavia è modesto:
  - **7% in 8.6 anni** sec. Brown AP et al., JCEM 93: 504-515, 2008
  - **8% in 13 anni** sec. Rubino C et al., Br J Cancer 89: 1638-1644, 2003

# .... e l'ambiente?







# Minimizzazione dei rischi ambientali



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- Degenze protette con vasche di contenimento e scarichi controllati
- Raccolta in appositi locali dei rifiuti solidi e della biancheria, inviati alle loro destinazioni dopo decadimento



# Minimizzazione dei rischi ambientali



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- Dimissione solo dopo l'eliminazione di gran parte dello  $^{131}\text{I}$  ed il raggiungimento dei limiti di legge (**16 mCi** ritenuti = limite per i trattamenti ambulatoriali)
- Rigorose norme comportamentali alla dimissione per contenere la contaminazione ambientale e l'irradiazione dei conviventi



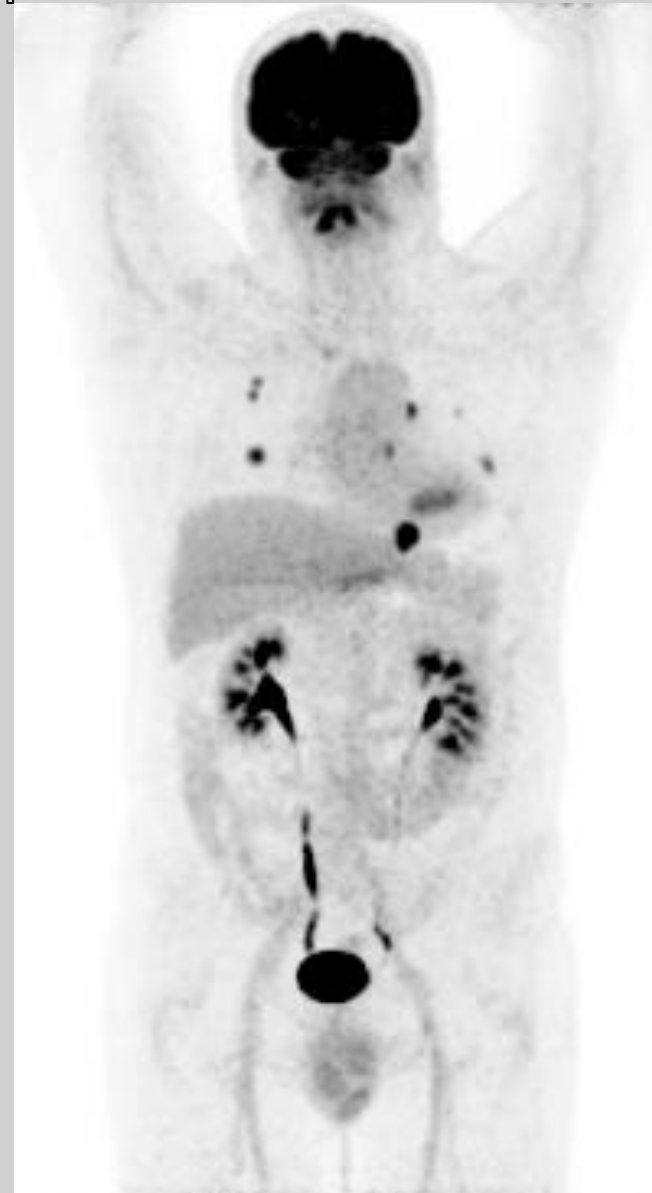
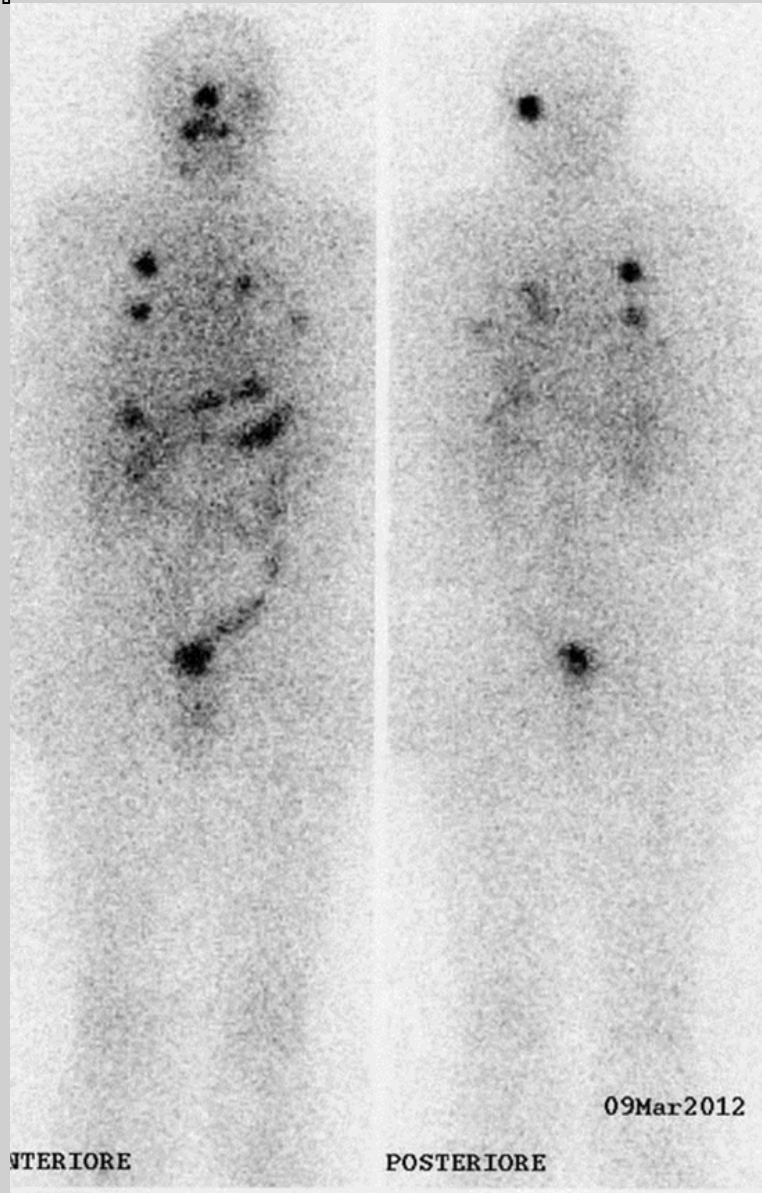
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$^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG PET



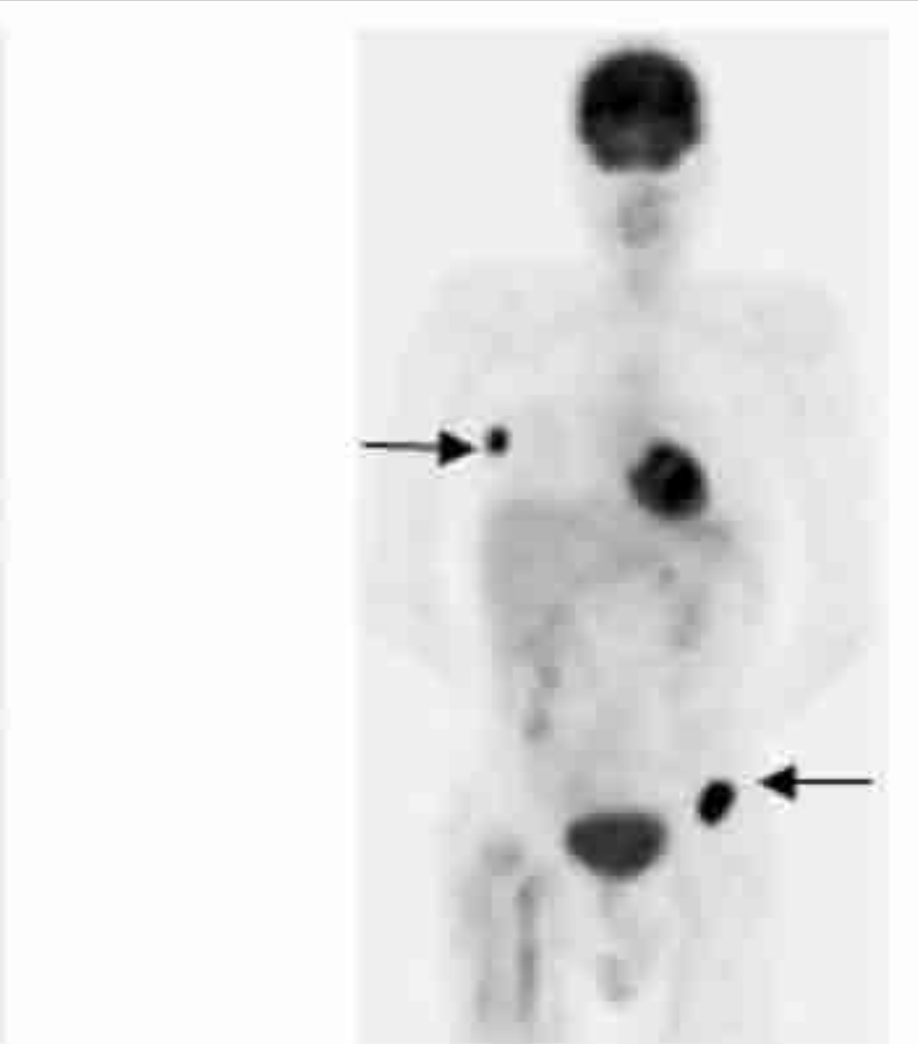
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PET

18F-FDG





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- Metastases from differentiated thyroid carcinoma (DTC) can lose in time the capacity to concentrate radioiodine and the possibility to have a specific treatment.



# Presupposti per l'impiego della PRRT nel DTC



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Authors	Thyroid tumours evaluated	Methods	Somatostatin receptors detected
Pazaitou-Panayiotou et al 2012 <sup>5</sup>	47 (38 PCs, 4 FCs, 2 ACs, 3 HCCs)	Immunohistochemistry for all SSTRs subtypes	SSTR 2 and 3 were expressed in all non-medullary thyroid carcinomas, SSTR 1 and 5 in 75% and SSTR 4 in 38%. The expression of SSTRs subtypes in normal thyroid tissue was low or absent.
Müssig et al 2012 <sup>7</sup>	93 (67 PCs, 26 FCs)	Immunohistochemistry for all SSTRs subtypes	SSTR 1 to 5 were detected in 15% to almost 30% of thyroid tumours.
Sancak et al 2010 <sup>6</sup>	17 PCs	Immunohistochemistry for SSTR 2	SSTR subtype 2 was expressed in PCs.
Klagge et al 2010 <sup>8</sup>	45 (20 PCs, 20 FCs, 5 ACs)	mRNA expression for SSTRs	Thyroid tumours showed a predominant expression of SSTR 2 and SSTR 5, and a weak expression of SSTR 1 and SSTR 3.
Druckenthaner et al 2007 <sup>9</sup>	17	mRNA expression for SSTRs correlated with immunochemistry for SSTR2	Thyroid tumours expressed SSTR 2, and less predominantly SSTR 3 and 5.
Forssell-Aronsson et al 2000 <sup>10</sup>	9 PCs and 2 HCCs	mRNA expression	All thyroid tumours regularly expressed SSTR 1, 3, 4, and 5. SSTR 2 was not detected in PCs and was irregularly expressed in HCCs.
Ain et al 1997 <sup>11</sup>	Cell lines derived from 2 PCs, 2 FCs and 4 ACs	mRNA expression for SSTRs in thyroid cancer cell lines	Most thyroid cancer cell lines expressed SSTR 3 and 5.

et al 2000<sup>10</sup>  
Aronsson

PCs, 2 FCs and 4 ACs  
Cell lines derived from 2

in thyroid cancer cell lines  
mRNA expression for SSTRs

and 2.  
Most thyroid cancer cell lines expressed SSTR 3  
irregularly expressed in HCCs.

# Nuclear Medicine Imaging



## Scintigraphy, SPECT, SPECT/CT

- $^{111}\text{In}$ -Octreoscan

## PET/CT

- $^{68}\text{Ga}$ -DOTATOC
- $^{68}\text{Ga}$ -DOTANOC
- $^{68}\text{Ga}$ -DOTATATE

# Presupposti per l'impiego della PRRT nel DTC



Riferimento	Numero pts	Detection rate
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Baudin et al. 1996	25	70%
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Postema et al. 1996	8	70%
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Garin et al. 1998	16	30%
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Valli et al. 1999	15	30%
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Giammarile et al. 2004	43	51%
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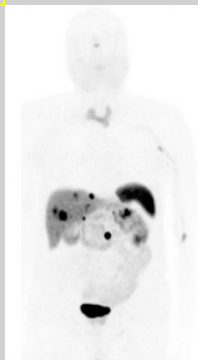
Rodrigues et al. 2005	18	83%
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Middendorp et al. 2010	12	49%
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Ocak et al. 2013	13	62%
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Kroiss et al. 2013	21	na
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Mittal et al. 2013	5	100%
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# Peptide Receptor Radionuclide Therapy for Non-Radioiodine-Avid Differentiated Thyroid Carcinoma

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**TABLE 3**

Peptide Receptor Radionuclide Therapy in 58 Patients With Differentiated Thyroid Carcinoma

References	Tumor classification	Radiopharmaceutical			Cumulative dose	Response (TTP [mo])	Criteria*
		Radionuclide	Chelator	Peptide			
Gorges et al., 2001 (14)	3 × HCTC	<sup>90</sup> Y	DOTA		1.7–9.6 GBq	1 × SD (21), 2 × PD	NA
Waldherr et al., 2001 (15)	3 × FTC; 4 × PTC; 1 × ATC	<sup>90</sup> Y	DOTA		1.7–14.8 GBq	2 × SD (8,8); 6 × PD	WHO
Virgolini et al., 2002 (16)	25 × TC	<sup>90</sup> Y	DOTA	Lanreotide	0.9–7.0 GBq	3 × RD (NA), 11 × SD (NA), 11 × PD	WHO
Valkema et al., 2002 (17)	1 × FTC; 4 × PTC	<sup>111</sup> In	DTPA	Octreotide	3.0–8.3 GBq	4 × PD; 1 × SD	SWOG
Chinol et al., 2002 (21)	2 × PTC	<sup>90</sup> Y	DOTA		>7.4 GBq		SWOG
Christian et al., 2003 (12)	1 × HCTC	<sup>90</sup> Y	DOTA				NA
Gabriel et al., 2004 (24)	4 × FTC; 1 × PTC	<sup>90</sup> Y	DOTA		5.6–7.4 GBq	5 × SD (5)	NA
Stokkel et al., 2004 (23)	4 × FTC; 5 × PTC	<sup>111</sup> In	DTPA	Octreotide	14.3–33.1 GBq	4 × SD; 5 × PD	NA

\*WHO = World Health Organization criteria: regressive disease = >25% reduction in tumor size; SD = <25% reduction or increase in tumor size; PD = >25% increase in tumor size. SWOG = Southwest Oncology Group criteria of tumor response: PR = >50% reduction in tumor size; SD = ±25% reduction or increase in tumor size; PD = >25% increase in tumor size.

TC = undefined thyroid cancer; ATC = anaplastic thyroid carcinoma; NA = not available.



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## Results

**TABLE 2**  
Results of <sup>177</sup>Lu-DOTATATE Therapy

Patient	Tumor uptake score*		Best response after therapy <sup>†</sup>		TTP (mo) <sup>‡</sup>
	Pretherapy <sup>111</sup> In-octreotide	Post <sup>177</sup> Lu-octreotate therapy	Tumor volume	Tg	
1	2	1	SD	Increase	18
2	2	3	PD	Increase	4
3	3	3	MRe	Decrease	43
4	2	2	SD	Decrease	24+
5	1	3	PR	Decrease	22+

\*Tumor uptake score according to SSTR scintigraphy visual scoring system as described previously (19).

<sup>†</sup>SD = <25% reduction or increase in tumor size; PD = >25% increase in tumor size; MRe = between 25% and 50% reduction in tumor size; PR = >50% reduction in tumor size.

<sup>‡</sup>TTP = number of months since start of therapy.



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## [<sup>90</sup>Yttrium-DOTA]-TOC Response Is Associated With Survival Benefit in Iodine-Refractory Thyroid Cancer

Long-term Results of a Phase 2 Clinical Trial

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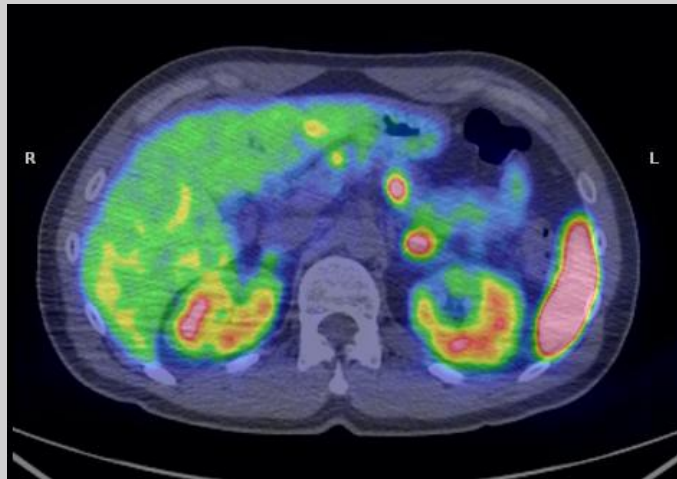
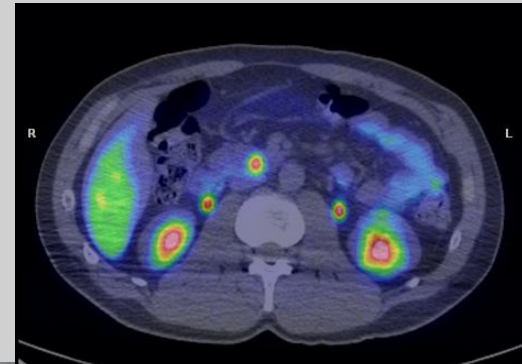
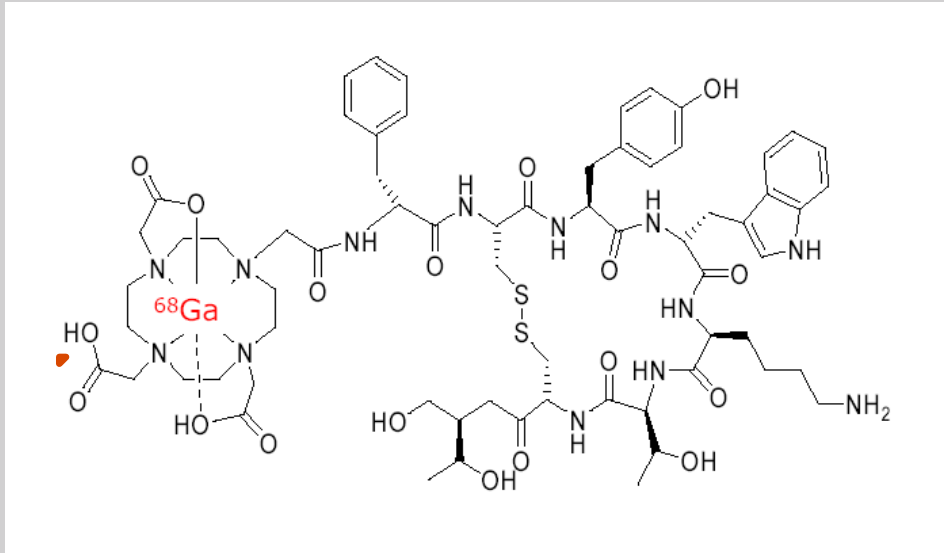
Institute criteria. Survival analyses were performed by using multiple regression models. **RESULTS:** A total of 24 patients were enrolled. A median cumulative activity of 13.0 GBq (range, 1.7-30.3 GBq) was administered. Response was found in 7 (29.2%) patients. Eight (33.3%) patients developed hematologic toxicity grade 1-3, and 4 (16.7%) patients developed renal toxicity grade 1-4. The median survival was 37.4 months. [90Y-DOTA]-TOC treatment. Response to treatment was associated with longer survival from time of diagnosis (hazard ratio [HR], 0.17; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.03-0.92; P = .04) and from time of first [90Y-DOTA]-TOC therapy (HR, 0.20; 95% CI, 0.04-0.94; P = .04). The visual grade of scintigraphic tumor



# $^{68}\text{Ga}$ DOTATOC PET/CT

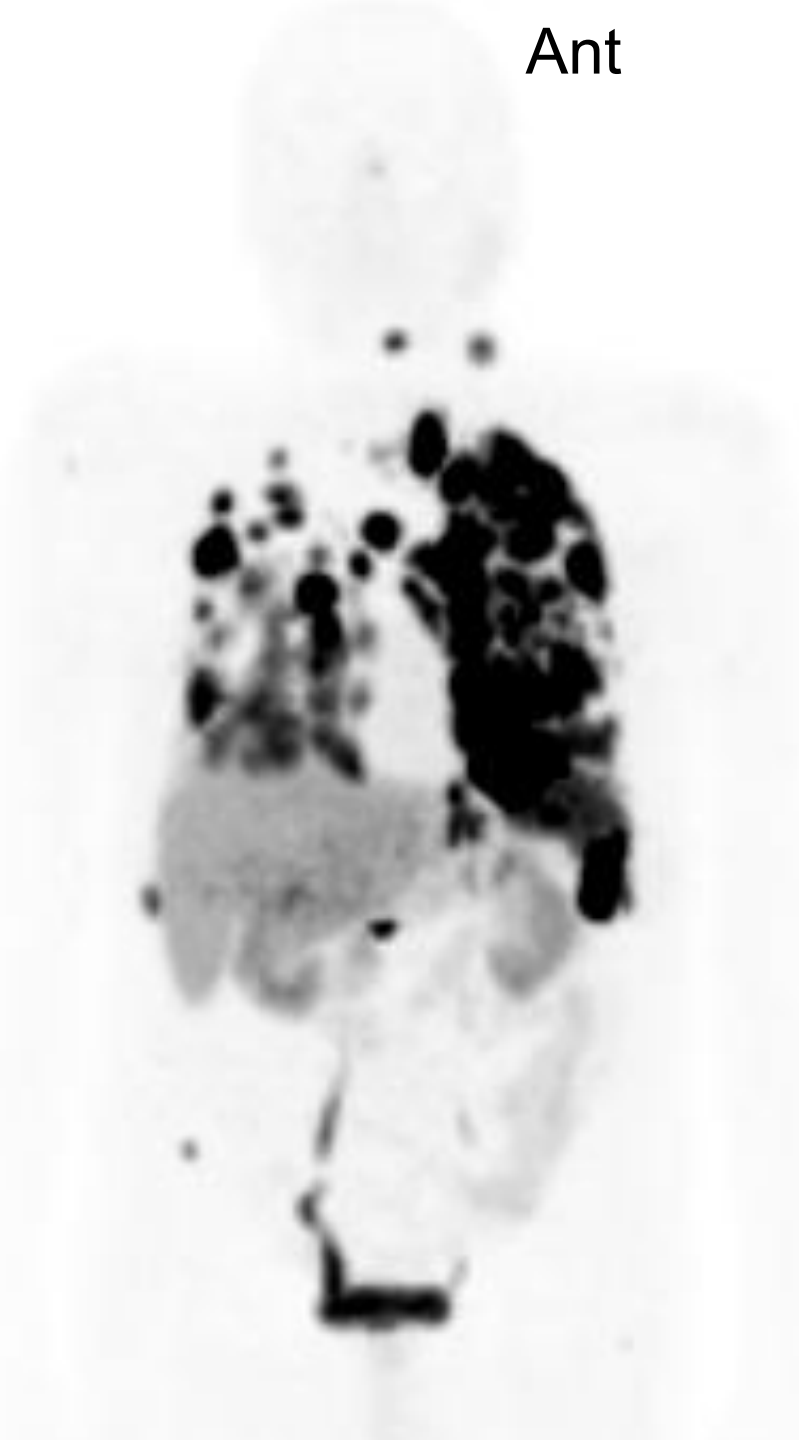


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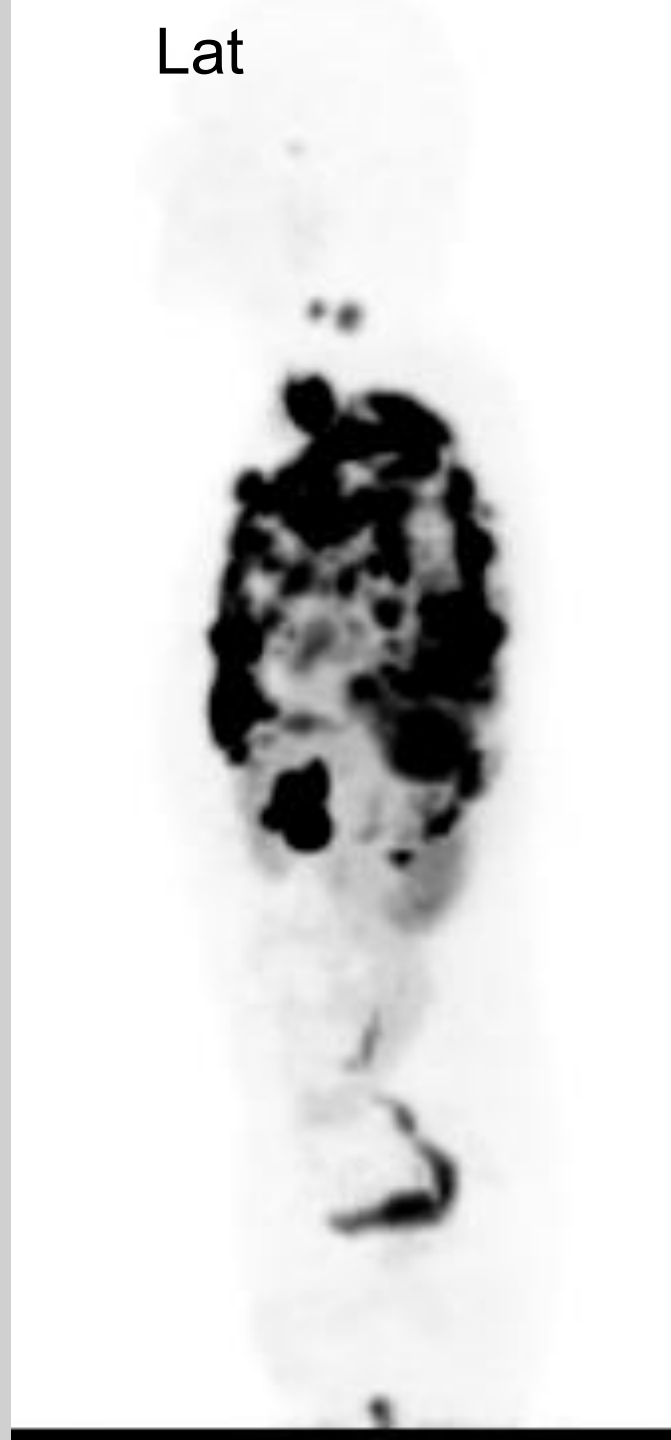
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**68Ga-DOTATOC  
PET/CT**

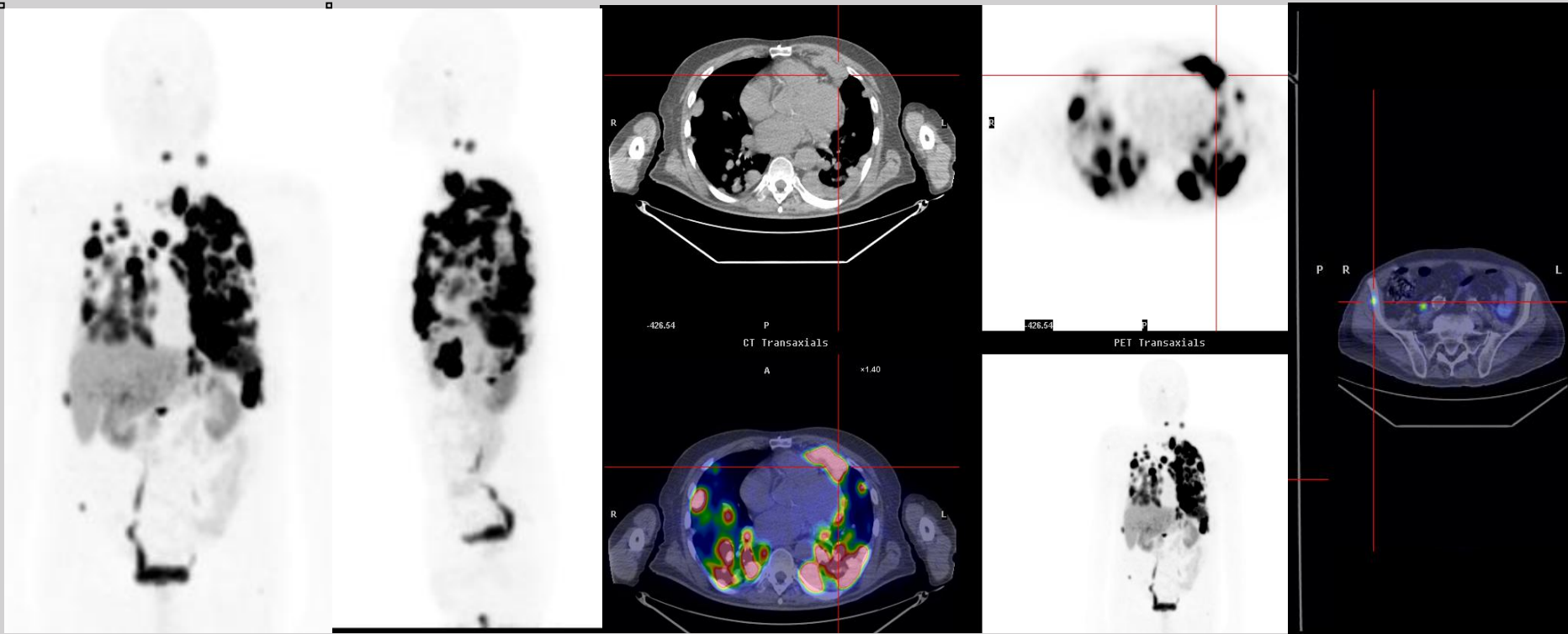
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# Metastatic differentiated thyroid cancer negative at radioiodine scan



**B.M. male, 75 year old  $^{68}\text{Ga}$ -DOTATOC PET/CT:  
Diffuse lung metastases (+ bone and lymph node mts)**

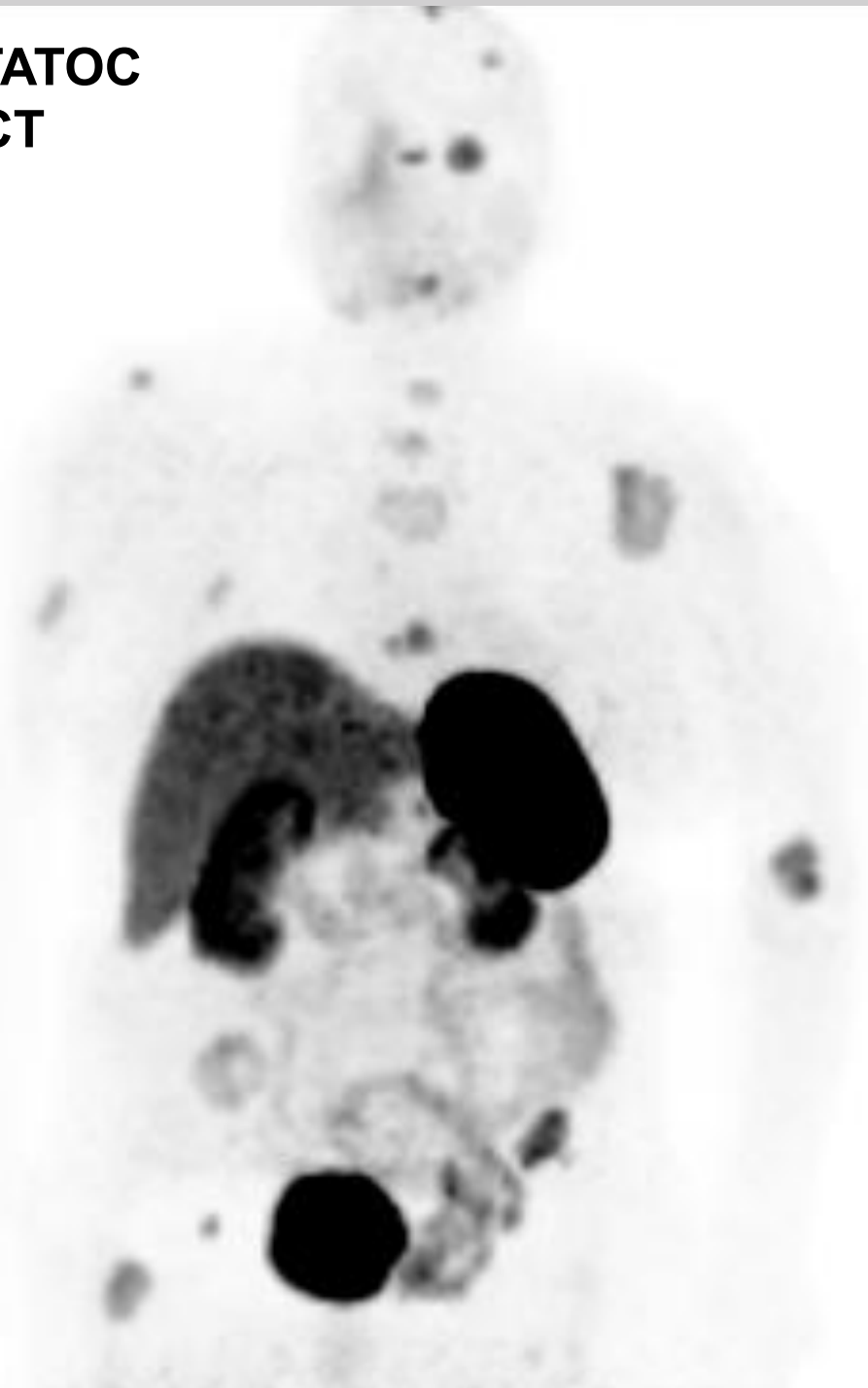




# 68Ga-DOTATOC PET/CT



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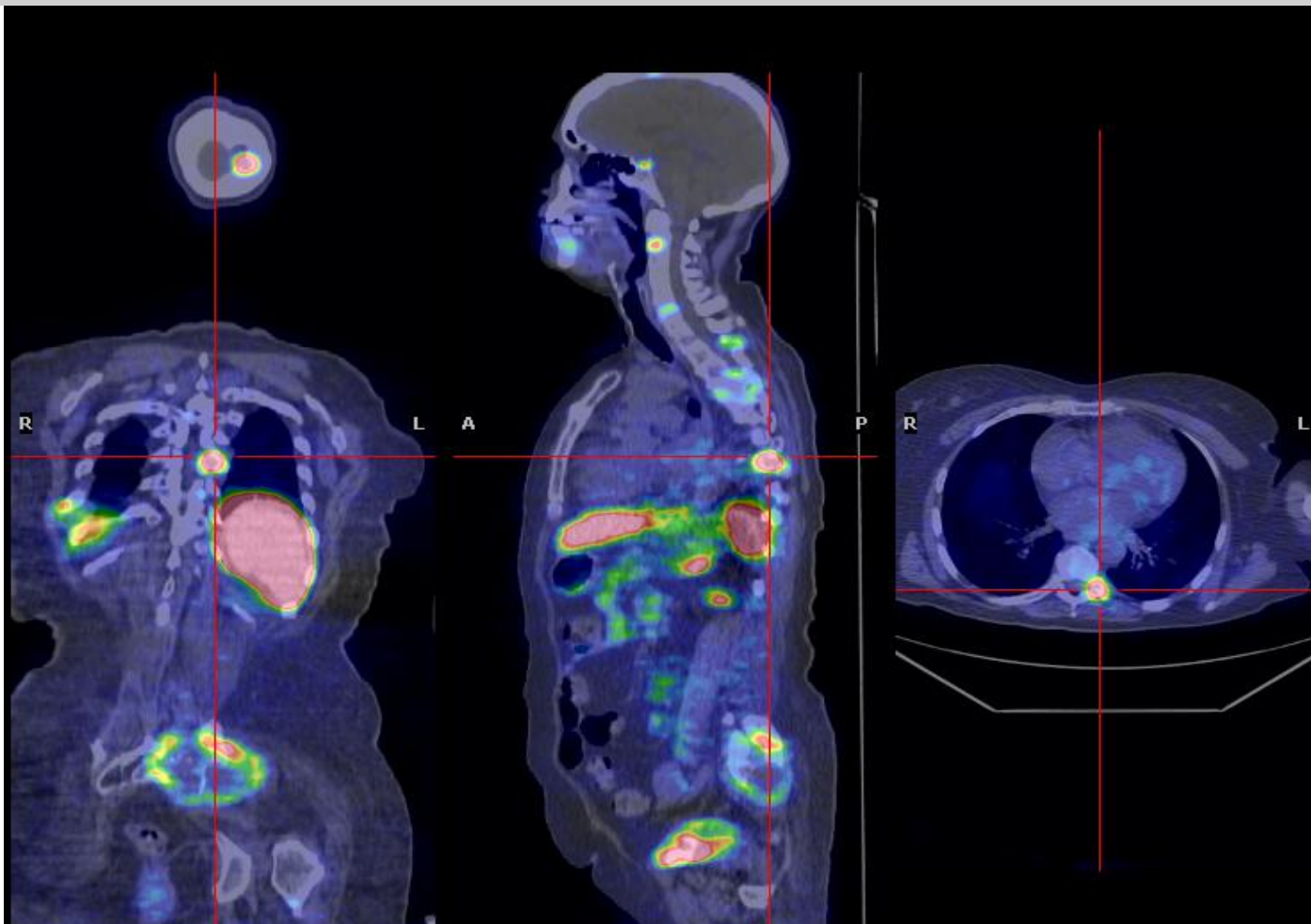
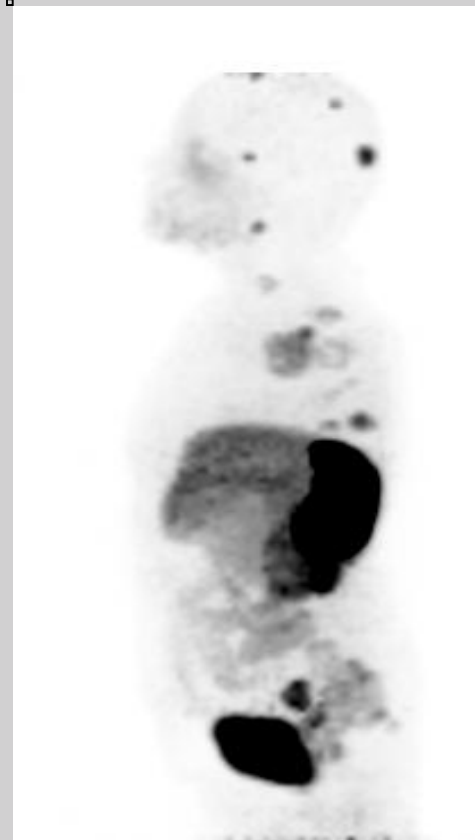


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**P.M. female, 61 year old**

**$^{68}\text{Ga}$ -DOTATOC PET/CT: multiple bone metastases**







# PRRT nel DTC: la nostra esperienza



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## ***Differentiated thyroid cancer: a new perspective with radiolabeled somatostatin analogues for imaging and treatment of patients***

*imaging and treatment of patients*

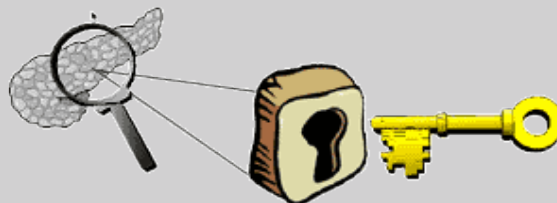
Obiettivo: valutare la risposta alla PRRT in pazienti con  
*“progressive radioiodine negative DTC”*

# From Diagnosis to Treatment

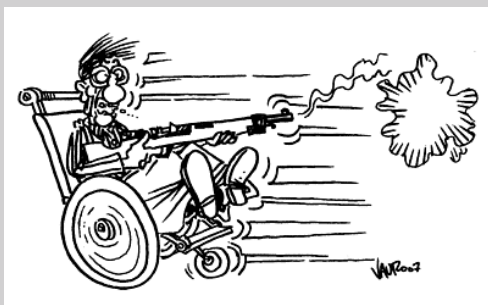


Diagnosis

$^{68}\text{Ga}$



DOTATOC



Treatment

$^{90}\text{Y}$  /  $^{177}\text{Lu}$



# Physics properties

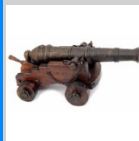
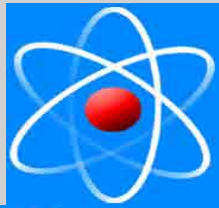


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	$\beta^-$ (Mev)	$\gamma$ (Kev)	T1/2 (days)
$^{177}\text{Lu}$	0.49	110-210	6.7
$^{90}\text{Y}$	2.27		2.7

mean range in body tissue

$^{177}\text{Lu}$

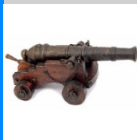
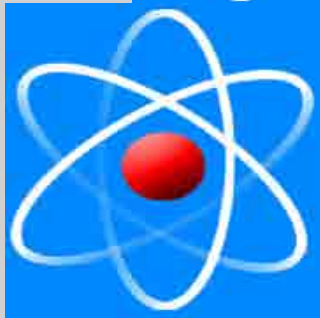


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0.5-2mm

$^{90}\text{Y}$



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3-11 mm



# Pazienti e metodi



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- ✓ **41 pazienti arruolati** (M:F=17:24; età media=53.9 aa)
  - Ca papillare n=31
  - Ca follicolare n=4
  - Ca insulare n=4
  - Ca a cellule di Hürtle n=2
- ✓ **24 paz. con  $^{68}\text{Ga}$ -DOTATOC PET/CT positiva** (58%)
- ✓ 13 pazienti eleggibili per la PRRT: **11 pazienti trattati**
- ✓ 44 sm di  $^{90}\text{Y}$ -DOTATOC (2-6 sm/paziente) a  $70 \pm 24.6$  giorni (range 45-140) con una mediana di attività iniettata cumulativa di 3.5 GBq (range 1.5-3.7 GBq).



# Risultati



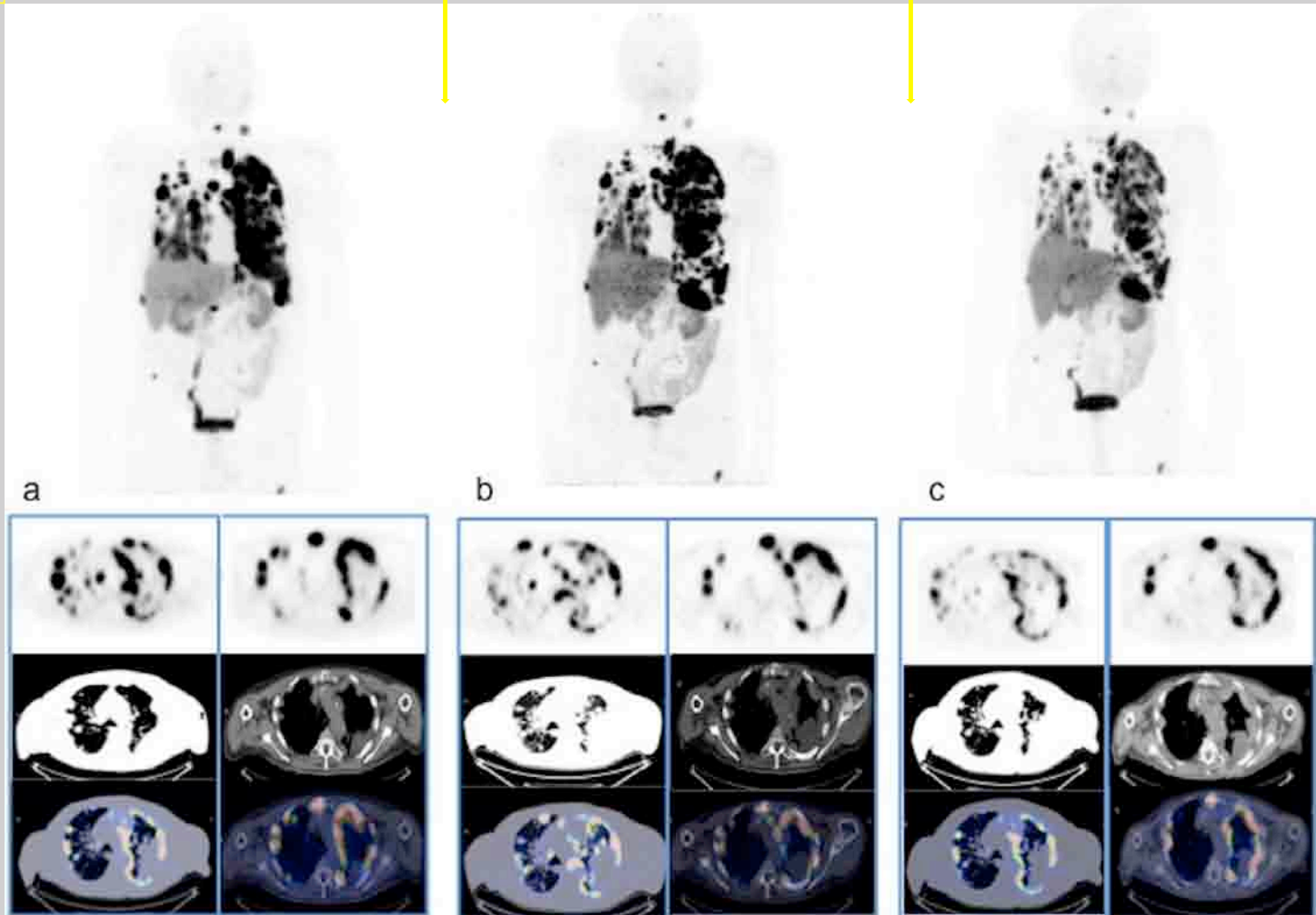
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Response criteria		RECIST criteria		
		PR	SD	PD
Patients (n=10*)		2	4	4
Tumor lesions	Thyroid lodge (n=4)	1	2	1
	Lymph-nodes (n=19)	1	12	6
	Lung (n=18)	1	12	5
*!/11 patients not evaluated by RECIST criteria since this patient presented only bone metastasis				
Response criteria		EORCT criteria		
		PR	SD	PD
Patients (n=11)		2	5	4
Bone lesions (n=38)		10	7	21

# Ca a cellule di Hürtle

<sup>90</sup>Y-DOTATOC (3.4 GBq)

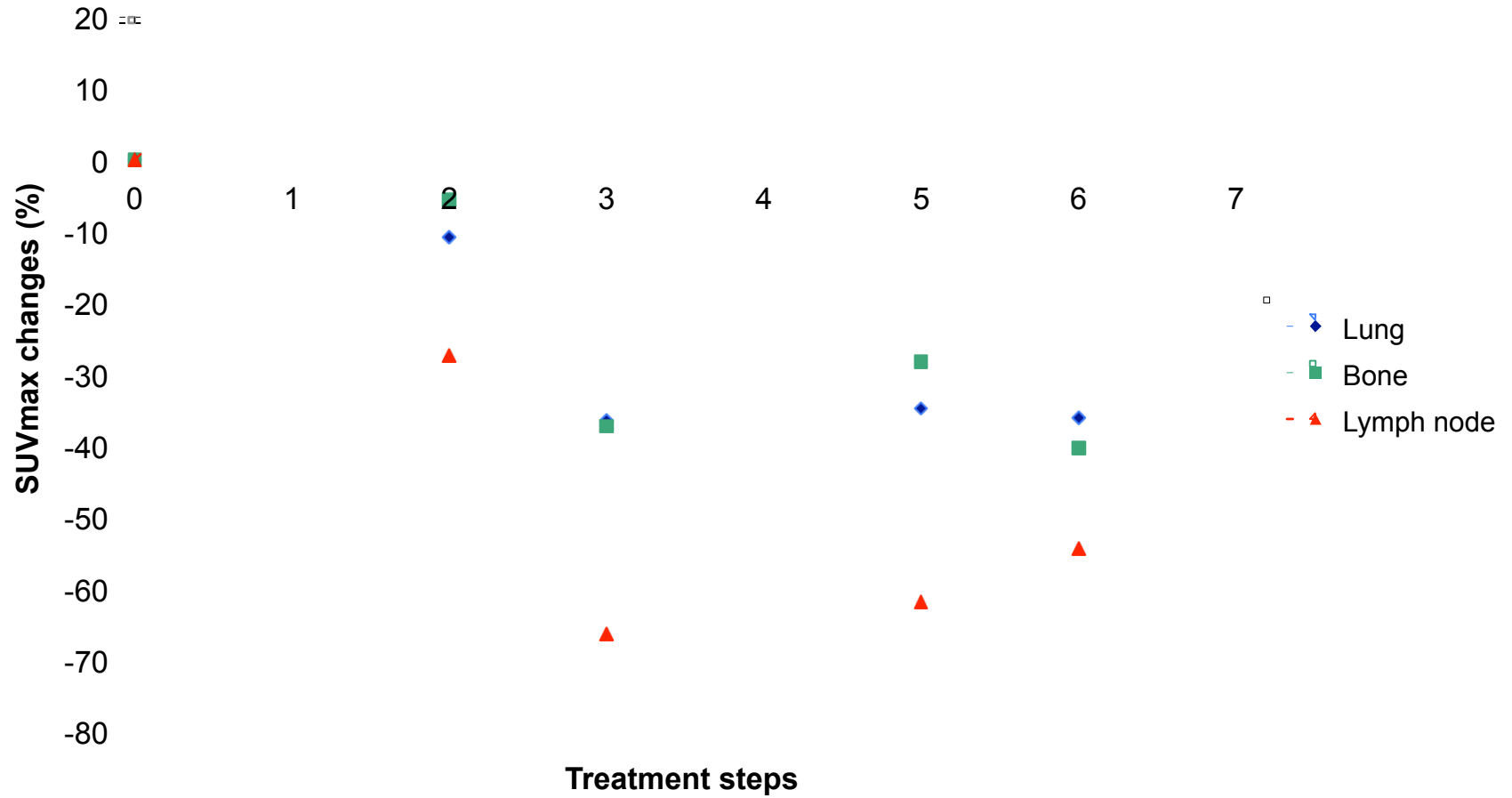
<sup>90</sup>Y-DOTATOC (11.7 GBq)





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## SUVmax changes (%)

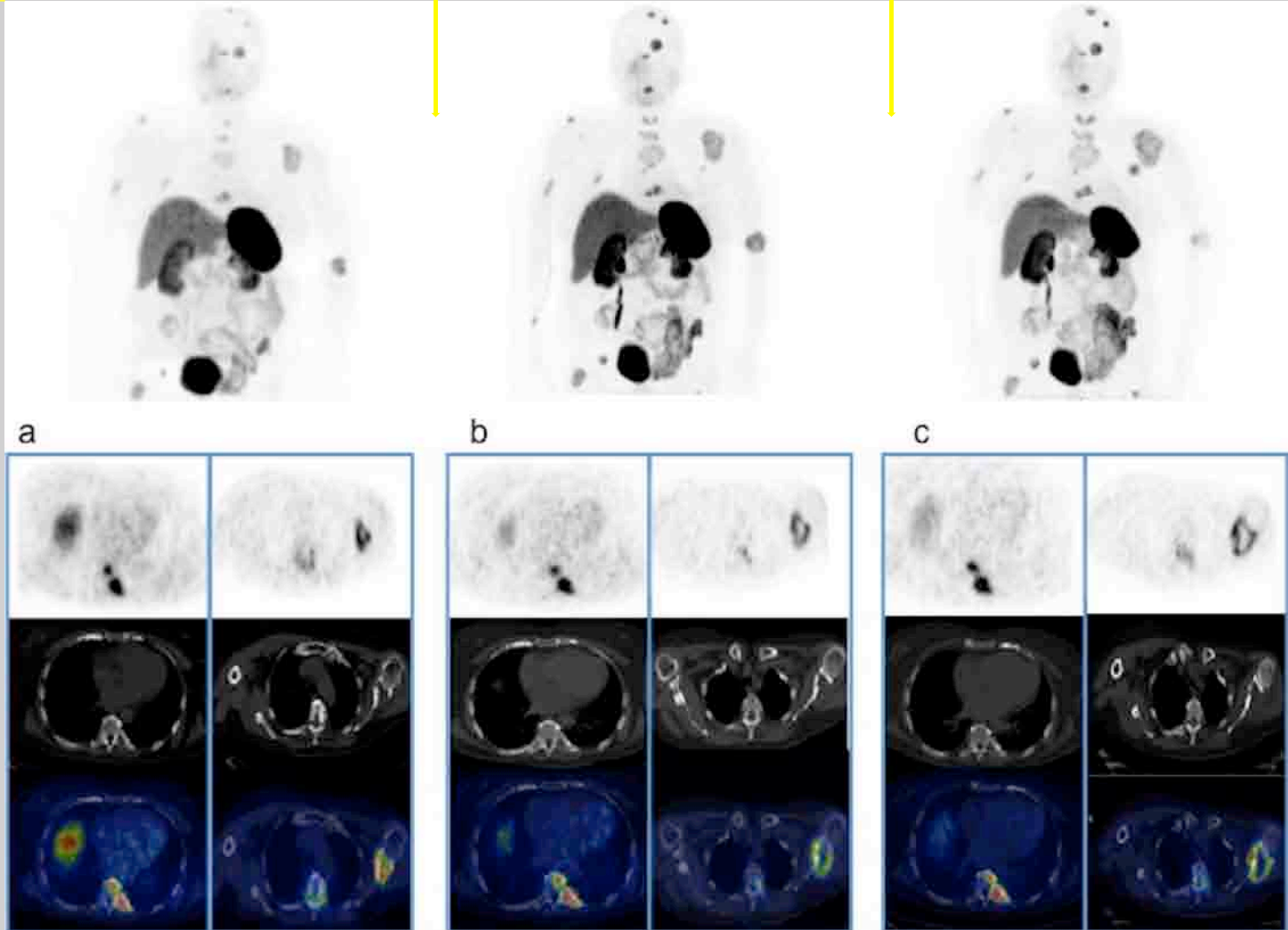


**B.M. male, 75 year old**

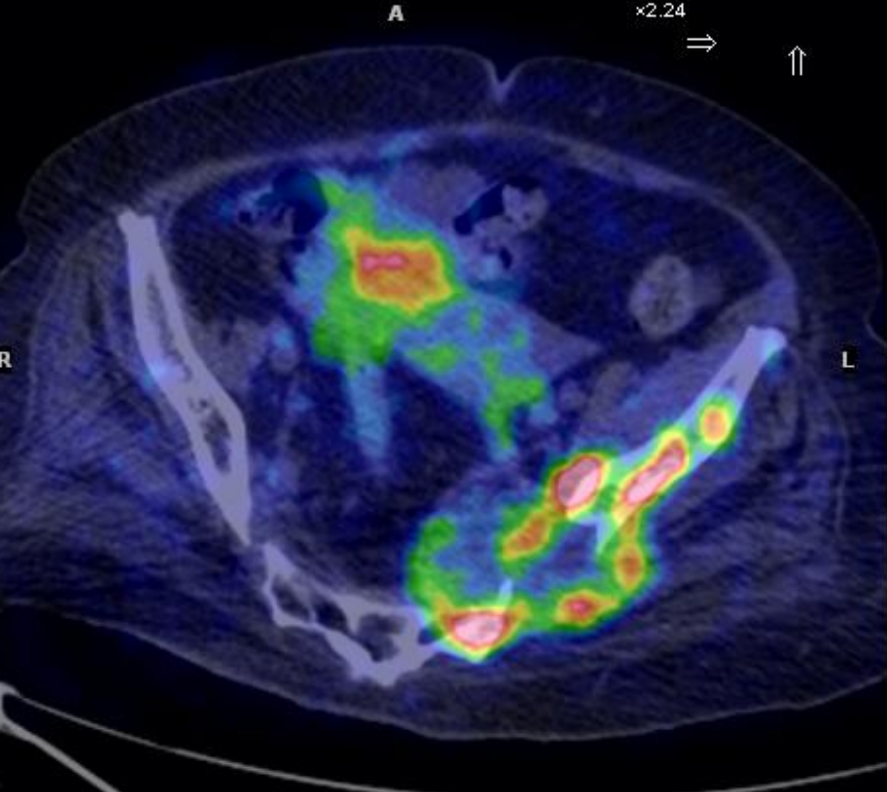
# PD in un paziente con Ca insulare della tiroide

$^{90}\text{Y}$ -DOTATOC (7.1 GBq)

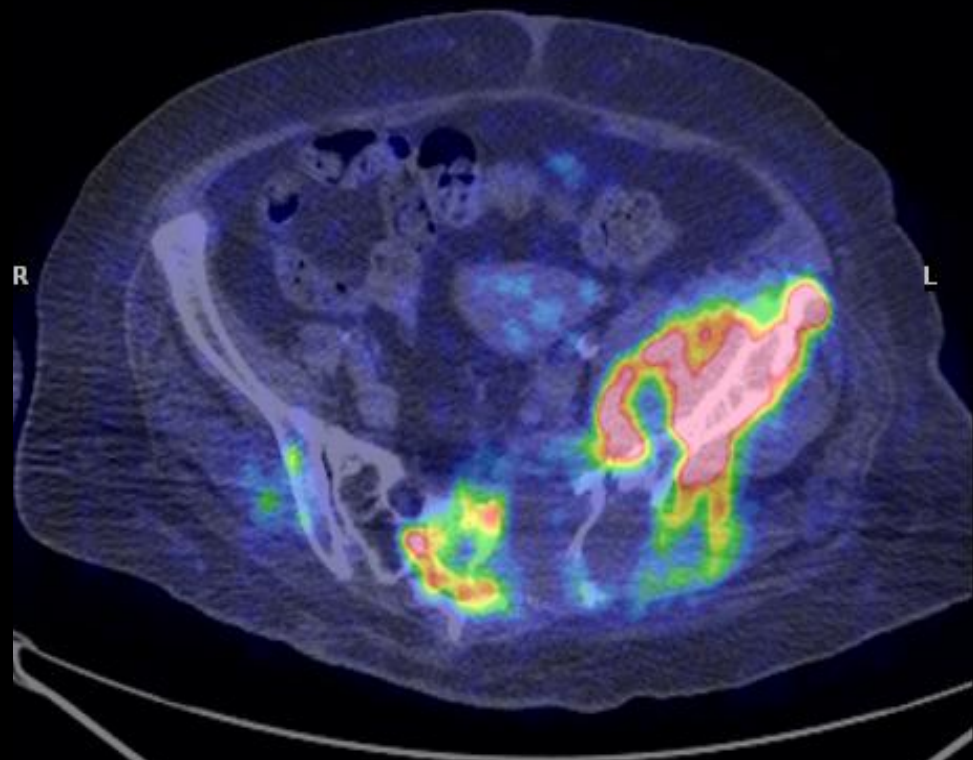
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Pre-therapy



Post-therapy

**P.M. female, 61 year old**



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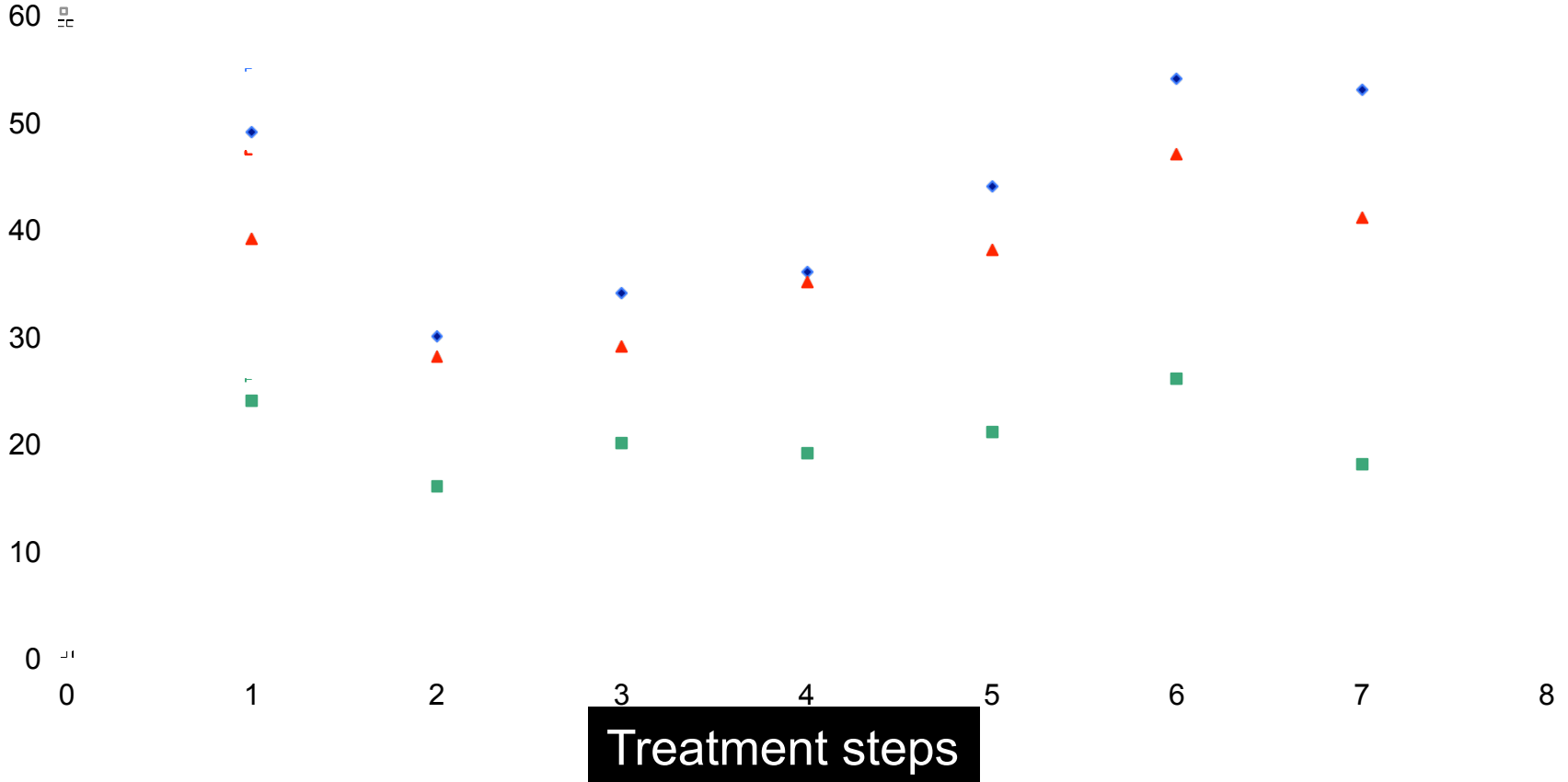
pain

no pain

no pain

pain

**Tumor/muscle SUV**



**P.M. female, 61 year old**



# Risultati



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## Tossicità:

- ✓ Nausea (G1) n=4/11
- ✓ Astenia (G1) n=2/11
- ✓ Leucopenia (G3-G4) n=2/11
- ✓ Anemia (G3-G4) n=2/11
- ✓ IRC (G2 16 mesi dopo la PRRT) n=1/11
- ✓ Aumento transitorio transaminasi (G1) n=1/11



# Conclusions



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**Radioiodine** is an established treatment for pts with

- **progressive** iodine-avid Differentiated Thyroid Cancer
- **non-resectable** or partially-resectable lesions (lymph nodes, lung, bone, ...)



# Conclusions



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- **Radiolabelled somatostatin analogs** are very interesting for pts with progressive radioiodine-negative Differentiated Thyroid Cancer for
- **Diagnosis**  
(about 50% of these pts are positive at  $^{68}\text{Ga}$ -DOTATOC PET/CT)
- **Therapy (PRRT)**  
(more than 50% of positive response in eligible pts)
- The possibility to use the same peptide for therapy in PET positive pts is promising but needs further confirmation in larger number of pts.

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