



# **News Briefing**

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Final Results of a Phase II Prospective Trial  
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Body Radiotherapy and Pembrolizumab in  
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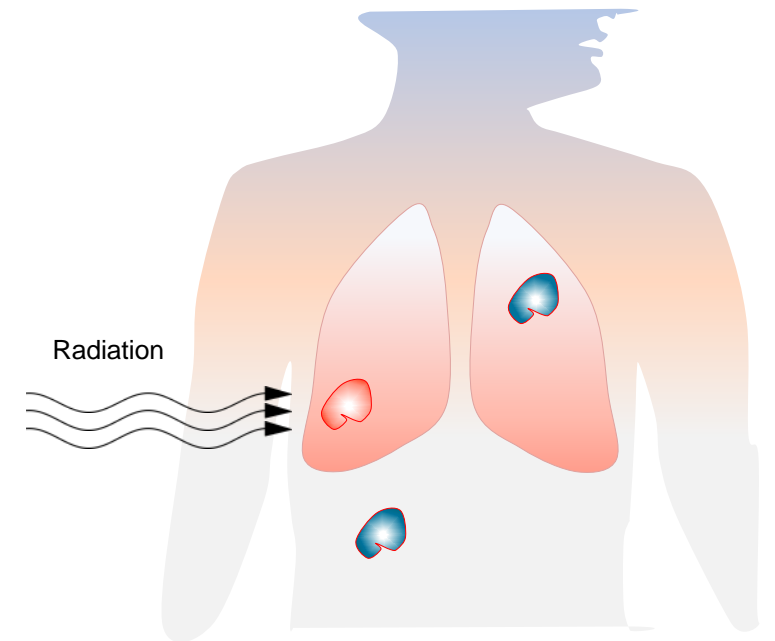
# Background

- **Why this trial:**

- We need more therapies for patients with metastatic lung cancer
- Immunotherapy activates the immune system to attack cancer
- Adding radiation to immunotherapy has been shown to result in therapeutic synergy
  - When high dose radiation is given to patients on immunotherapy, tumors that weren't targeted by the radiation can shrink
  - This is called the "abscopal effect"

- **Trial Question:**

- Can the addition of high dose radiation given in a few fractions to a single site of disease reinvigorate an immune response in patients who have progressed on anti-PD-1 therapy?



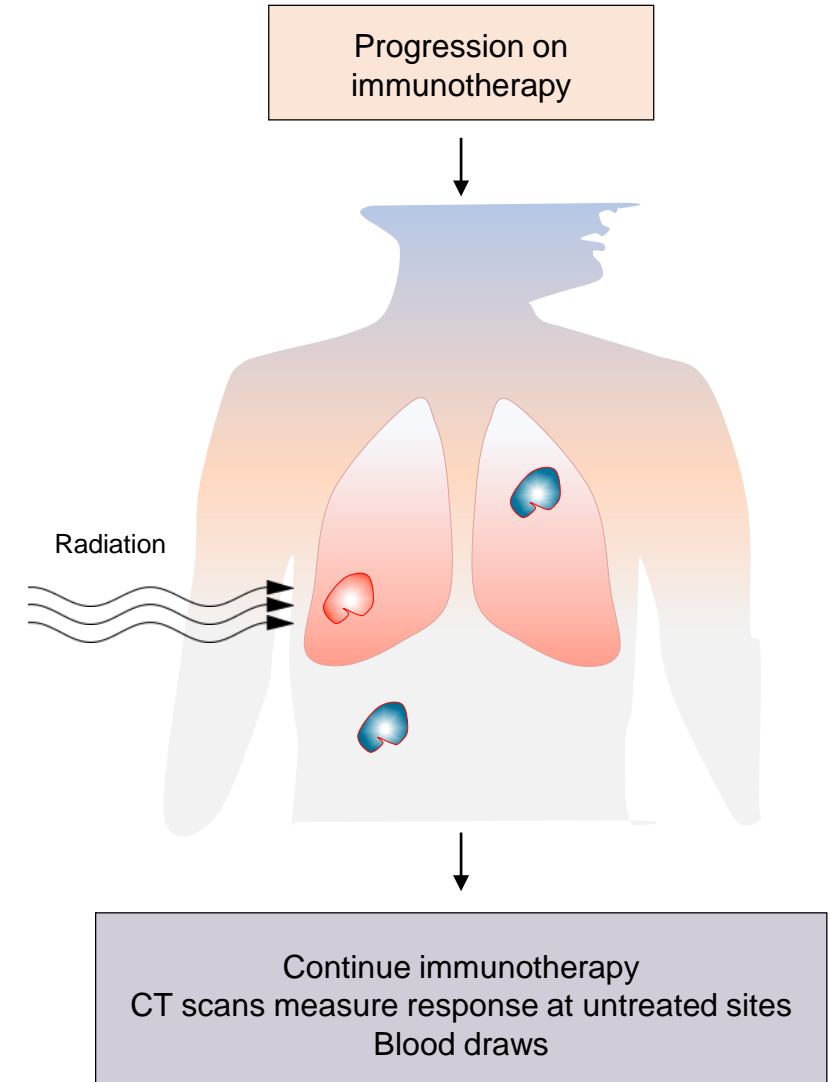
# Trial Design

- **Patient eligibility**

- Metastatic NSCLC
- $\geq 2$  measurable sites of disease (one for treatment, others for measurement)
- PD-L1+ histology was NOT required

- **Methods**

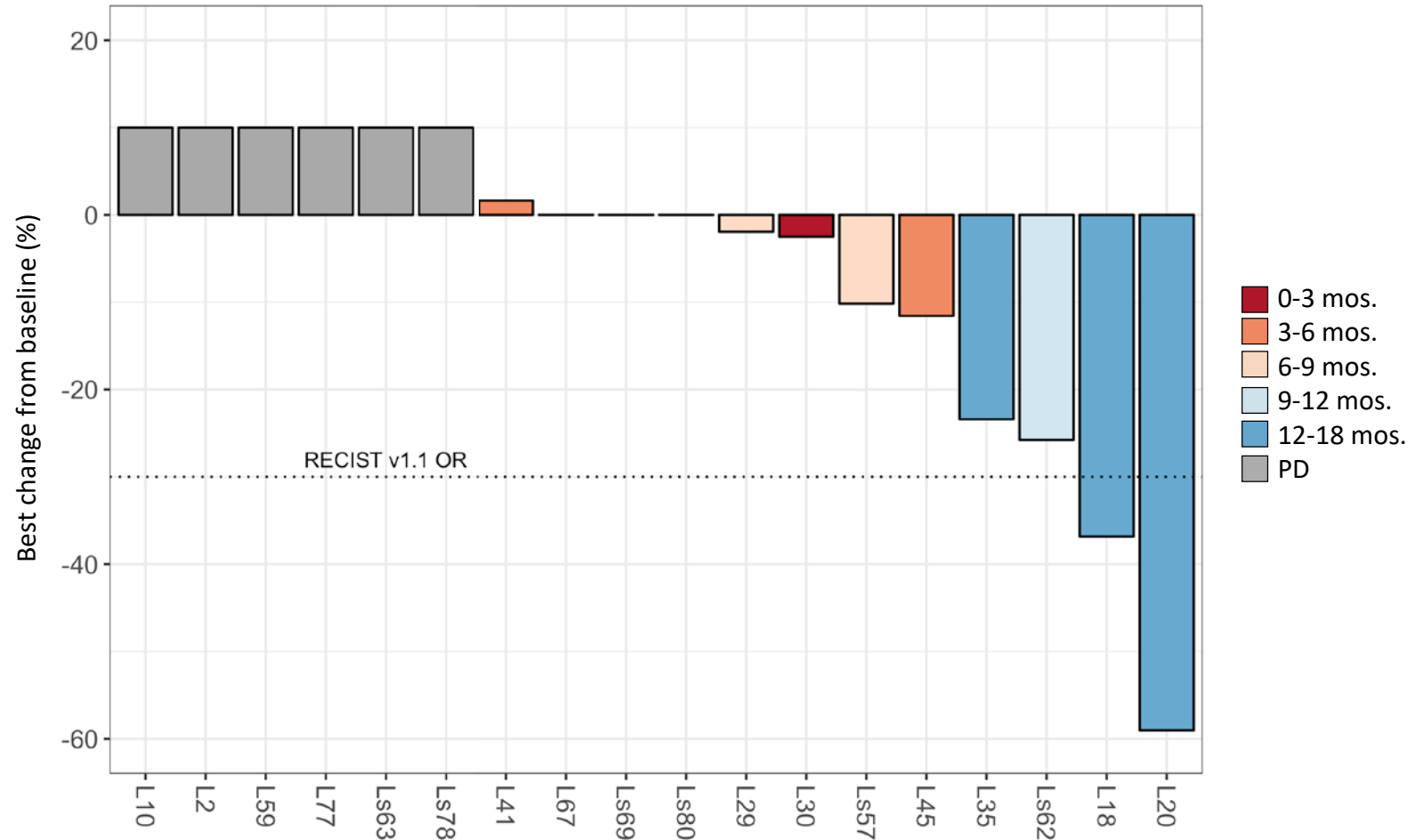
- After patients progressed on immunotherapy, we gave high dose radiation in 3 or 5 fractions
- Only one site of disease was treated with radiation
- Other sites of disease were measured and tracked over time
- Blood was drawn so circulating immune cells could be characterized





## Results: Responses occurred outside the radiation field

- Waterfall plot representing best change in OVERALL RECIST v1.1 score after SBRT
  - All patients had progressed on anti-PD-1 therapy at the time of SBRT
- Responses are abscopal and represent DISTANT DISEASE
  - The SBRT-target lesion is NOT reflected in this waterfall plot
- 3 patients achieved either a PR or SD that lasted for one year or more
  - Better responses trended toward lasting longer



## Results: 10% of patients had a partial response that lasted > 1 year

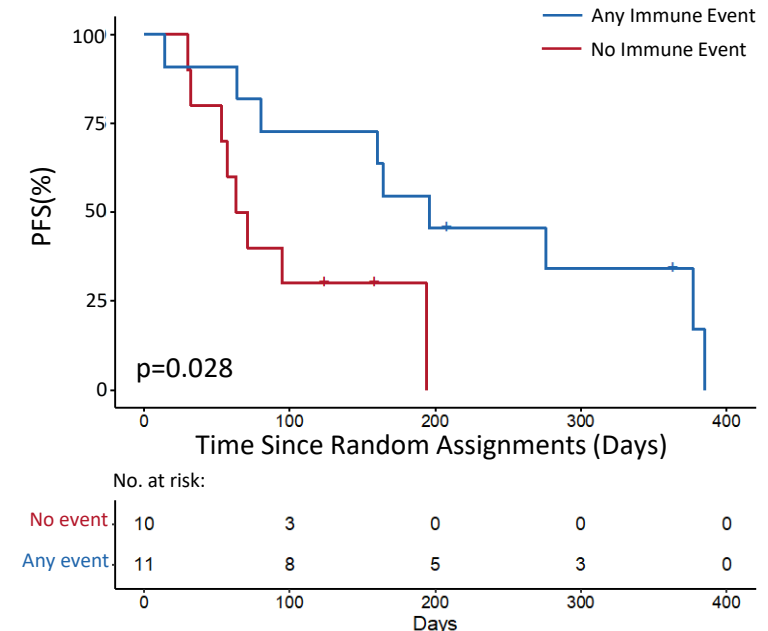
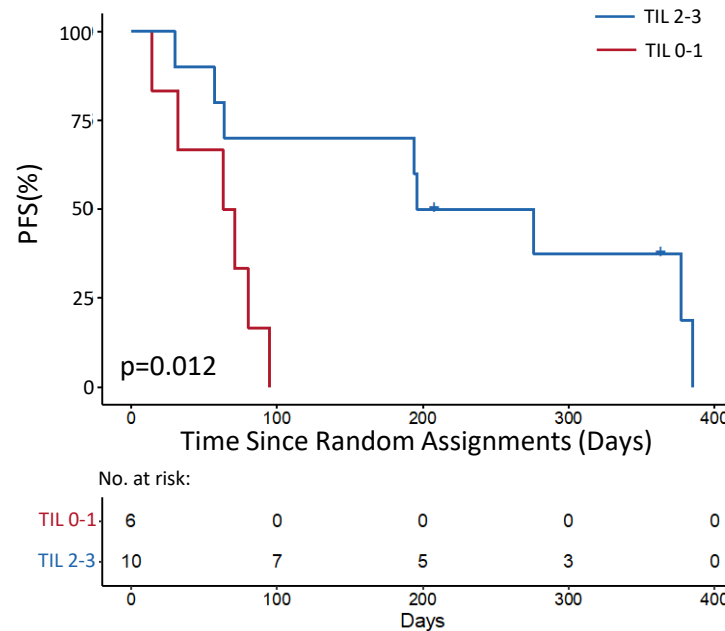
- Disease control rate: 57%
- 2 patients (10%) achieved a partial response sustained for longer than one year
- 10 patients (48%) achieved stable disease after SBRT
- PD-L1+ status trended toward increased PFS, but this did not achieve statistical significance

Outcome	
Median Overall Survival after SBRT	7.6 months (5.3-19.3)
Median Follow-up from time of enrollment (whole trial)	15.2 months (10.7-19.3)
Disease control rate after SBRT	57.14%
Patients achieving a PR after SBRT	9.52%
Patients achieving SD after SBRT	47.62%
Patients with PD after SBRT	28.57%
Patients with no scans after SBRT	14.29%
Median PFS after SBRT	4.1 months (2.1-6.5)
Median PFS after SBRT in patients with a PD-L1 status of 0	2.4 months (0.8-6.2)
Median PFS after SBRT in patients with a PD-L1 status > 0	6.5 months (2.1-12.1)
Median PFS after SBRT in patients with TIL scores of 0-1	2.2 months (0.8-2.9)
Median PFS after SBRT in patients with TIL scores of 2-3	6.7 months (2.1-12.1)
Median PFS after SBRT patients with NO immune-related adverse event	2.2 months (1.5-4.2)
Median PFS after SBRT patients with an immune-related adverse event	6.5 months (2.7-12.1)



# Results: T cells in the tumor biopsy were associated with longer PFS

- Patients with TIL scores of 2-3 had a median of 6.7 months before disease progression; patients with TIL scores of 0-1 had a median PFS of 2.2 months
- Patients with ANY immune-related adverse event had a median of 6.5 months prior to disease progression; patients with NO immune-related adverse event had a median PFS of 2.2 months

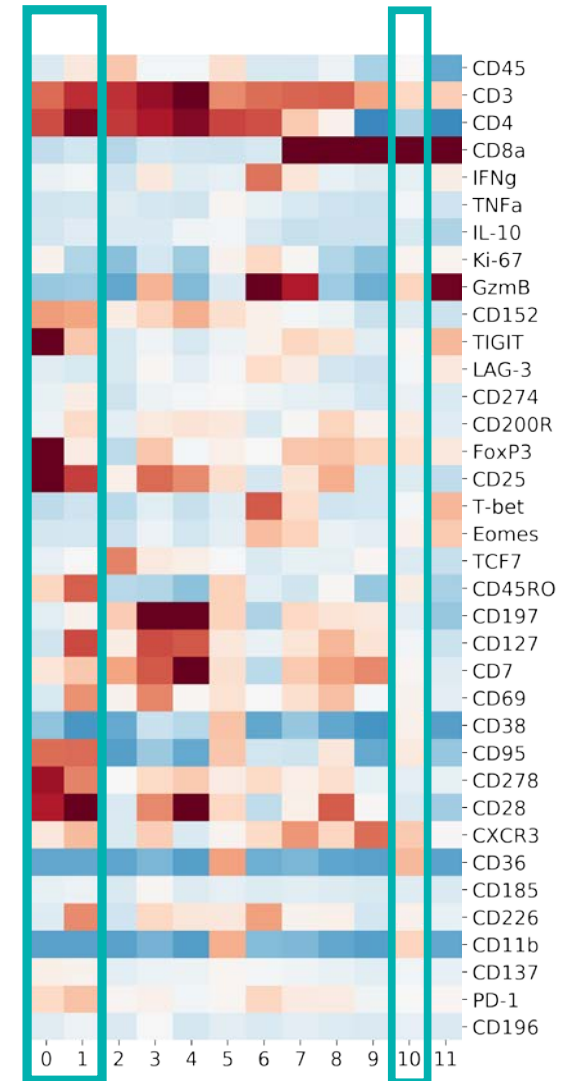
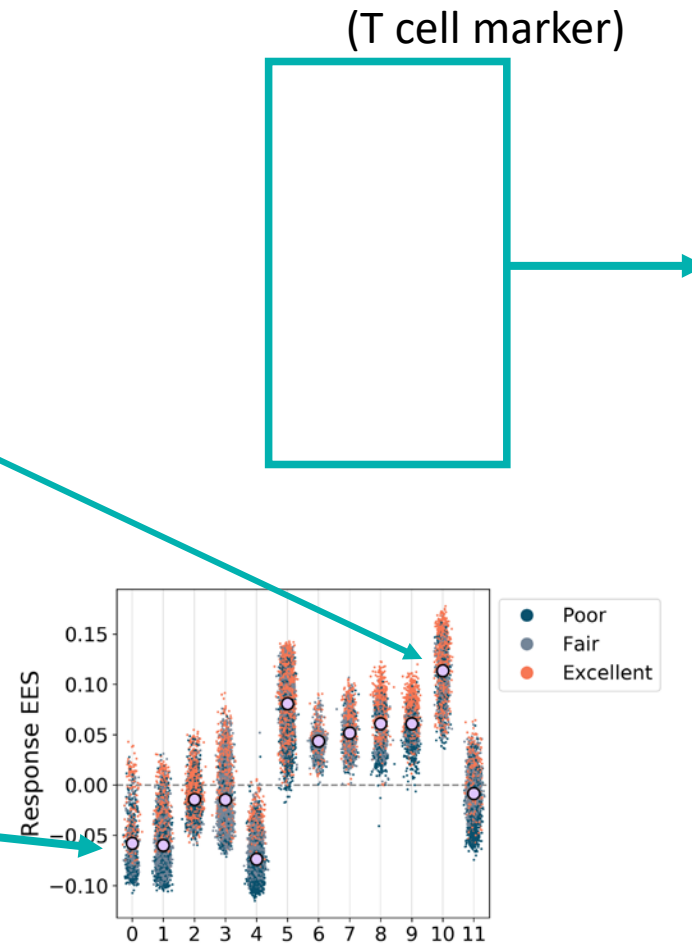


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Median PFS after SBRT patients with an immune-related adverse event	6.5 months

## Results: Patients who responded well had more CD8+ “killer” T cells in their blood

- CD8+ effector memory cells in the peripheral blood are enriched in patients with a partial response that lasted one year or more (cluster 10)
  - These cells can kill tumors
- CD4+ “regulatory” cells are enriched the peripheral blood in patients who responded poorly to SBRT (clusters 0 and 1)
  - These cells inhibit immune responses



# Conclusions

- 10% of patients had a partial response that lasted > 1 year
  - These patients had already progressed on immunotherapy when they got SBRT
  - These patients had many sites of disease, but only got radiation at a single site
- Some responses were abscopal (occurred outside the radiation field)
- T cells in the tumor biopsy were associated with longer progression free survival
- Patients with an immune-mediated adverse event had longer progression free survival
- Patients who responded well to SBRT had more CD8+ “killer” T cells in their blood
- Patients who responded poorly to SBRT had more CD4+ “regulatory” T cells in their blood



# Patterns of Disease Progression with Durvalumab in Stage III NSCLC (PACIFIC)

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# Background

- In the phase 3 PACIFIC trial, durvalumab significantly prolonged PFS (HR, 0.52;  $P < 0.0001$ ) and OS (HR, 0.68;  $P = 0.00251$ ) versus placebo in patients with unresectable, Stage III NSCLC who did not progress after concurrent chemoradiotherapy (cCRT)<sup>1,2,3</sup>
- Time to death or distant metastasis (TTDM) was longer with durvalumab versus placebo (28.3 vs. 16.2 months; HR, 0.53), and the frequency of new lesions was 22.5% and 33.8%, respectively<sup>2</sup>
- Durvalumab was associated with manageable safety and did not detrimentally impact patient-reported outcomes compared to placebo<sup>1,2,4</sup>
- Durvalumab has received global approvals,<sup>3,5</sup> and the 'PACIFIC regimen' (durvalumab after cCRT) has become SoC<sup>6</sup>
- Here, we report exploratory analyses to characterize patterns of disease progression, including the sites of first progression, in patients from PACIFIC



# Methods

- Disease progression was assessed by blinded independent central review (BICR; RECIST v1.1)
- Scans were re-evaluated for unequivocal new lesions by a new, independent reviewer\*
- New lesions identified within the lung parenchyma or chest wall, including the diaphragm, were categorized as intrathoracic
  - Information on 'in-RT-field' versus 'out-of-RT-field' intrathoracic location was not available
- The proportions of patients with progression (or death), region of first progression, location and number of organs with new lesions, and number of new lesions at progression were descriptively summarized
- Time to progression by region was estimated by Kaplan–Meier method with between-treatment HRs calculated by stratified Log rank test

\*A new, separate reviewer to the BICR assessment used for the primary analysis of PFS



# First Progression by Location (BICR)\*

- Durvalumab reduced first progression versus placebo in all regions (45.4% vs. 64.6%, respectively)
- Overall, intrathoracic progression was the most common (80.6% vs. 74.5% of progressors)

	ITT Population		Subpopulation with Progression	
	Durvalumab (N=476)	Placebo (N=237)	Durvalumab (n=216, 45.4% of ITT)	Placebo (n=153, 64.6% of ITT)
Any RECIST progression, n (%)	216 (45.4)	153 (64.6)	216 (100)	153 (100)
Intrathoracic only	174 (36.6)	114 (48.1)	174 (80.6)	114 (74.5)
Extrathoracic only	33 (6.9)	31 (13.1)	33 (15.3)	31 (20.3)
Intrathoracic and extrathoracic simultaneously	9 (1.9)	8 (3.4)	9 (4.2)	8 (5.2)

\*With a data cutoff of March 22, 2018, median duration of follow-up was 25.2 months (range 0.2–43.1)

# Time to Progression or Death per BICR (ITT)\*

- Durvalumab improved the times to intrathoracic progression only, extrathoracic progression only and simultaneous intrathoracic and extrathoracic progression

	Median time (95% CI) months		HR (95% CI)
	Durvalumab (N=476)	Placebo (N=237)	
Type of progression (or death)			
Intrathoracic only	25.2 (19.2–NR)	9.2 (5.6–13.6)	0.55 (0.43–0.70)
Extrathoracic only	NR (NR–NR)	NR (29.3–NR)	0.41 (0.27–0.63)
Intrathoracic and extrathoracic simultaneously	NR (NR–NR)	NR (NR–NR)	0.48 (0.28–0.82)

NR, not reached

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# New Extrathoracic Lesions at First Progression (BICR)\*

- Durvalumab reduced new extrathoracic lesions at first progression versus placebo (8.8% vs. 16.5%, respectively)
- Approximately 2/3 of patients had 1 or 2 extrathoracic lesions at first progression

	ITT Population		Subpopulation with Progression and New Extrathoracic Lesions	
	Durvalumab (N=476)	Placebo (N=237)	Durvalumab (n=42, 8.8% of ITT)	Placebo (n=39, 16.5% of ITT)
Any new extrathoracic lesion, n (%)	42 (8.8)	39 (16.5)	42 (100)	39 (100)
1 lesion	19 (4.0)	15 (6.3)	19 (45.2)	15 (38.5)
2 lesions	9 (1.9)	13 (5.5)	9 (21.4)	13 (33.3)
3–5 lesions	9 (1.9)	8 (3.4)	9 (21.4)	8 (20.5)
>5 lesions	5 (1.1)	3 (1.3)	5 (11.9)	3 (7.7)

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# New Extrathoracic Lesions at First Progression by Site (BICR)\*

- Most new extrathoracic lesions occurred in a single organ, most commonly in the brain
- The distribution of extrathoracic lesions across organs was similar regardless of treatment

	Subpopulation with Progression and New Extrathoracic Lesions	
	Durvalumab (n=42, 8.8% of ITT)	Placebo (n=39, 16.5% of ITT)
No. of organ locations, n (%)		
1	40 (95.2)	37 (94.9)
2	2 (4.8)	2 (5.1)
Organ location, n (%)		
Brain	26 (61.9)	26 (66.7)
Bone	6 (14.3)	3 (7.7)
Liver	6 (14.3)	5 (12.8)
Lymph nodes	3 (7.1)	3 (7.7)
Other (adrenal gland, myelum, spleen)	3 (7.1)	4 (10.3)

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# New Extrathoracic Lesions at First Progression per Site (BICR)\*

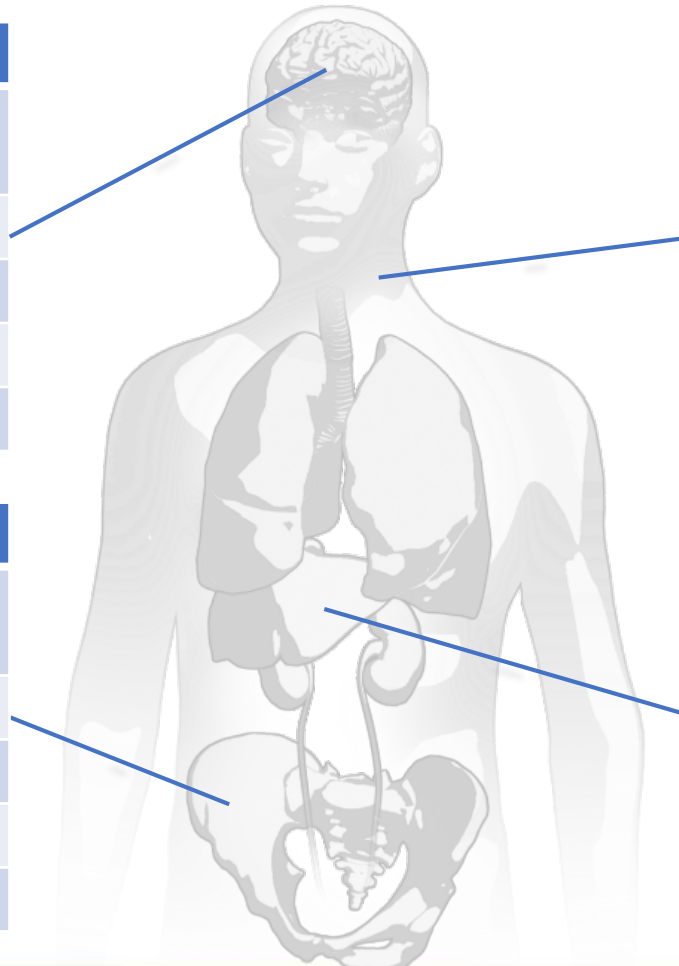
- The patterns of extrathoracic lesion numbers per organ were similar regardless of treatment

BRAIN		
	No. of patients (%)	
No. of new brain lesions	Durvalumab (n=26)	Placebo (n=26)
1	12 (46.2)	9 (34.6)
2	8 (30.8)	9 (34.6)
3-5	6 (23.1)	5 (19.2)
>5	0	3 (11.5)

LYMPH NODES		
	No. of patients (%)	
No. of new lymph node lesions	Durvalumab (n=3)	Placebo (n=3)
1	1 (33.3)	1 (33.3)
2	1 (33.3)	1 (33.3)
3-5	0	1 (33.3)
>5	1 (33.3)	0

BONE		
	No. of patients (%)	
No. of new bone lesions	Durvalumab (n=6)	Placebo (n=3)
1	6 (100)	2 (66.7)
2	0	0
3-5	0	1 (33.3)
>5	0	0

LIVER		
	No. of patients (%)	
No. of new liver lesions	Durvalumab (n=6)	Placebo (n=5)
1	0	3 (60.0)
2	0	2 (40.0)
3-5	2 (33.3)	0
>5	4 (66.7)	0



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# Conclusions

- The addition of durvalumab after cCRT (PACIFIC regimen) reduced rates of progression versus placebo at both intrathoracic and extrathoracic sites
- Durvalumab improved the time to progression versus placebo, regardless of location
  - Most patients experienced an intrathoracic recurrence at first progression, regardless of treatment
- The extrathoracic recurrence patterns at first progression were similar with both treatments
- Most patients who progressed had 1 or 2 extrathoracic lesions, making them potentially amenable to local ablative therapies



# **Expert Perspective**

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# Q & A

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# Applying a Machine Learning Approach to Predict Acute Radiation Toxicities for Head and Neck Cancer Patients

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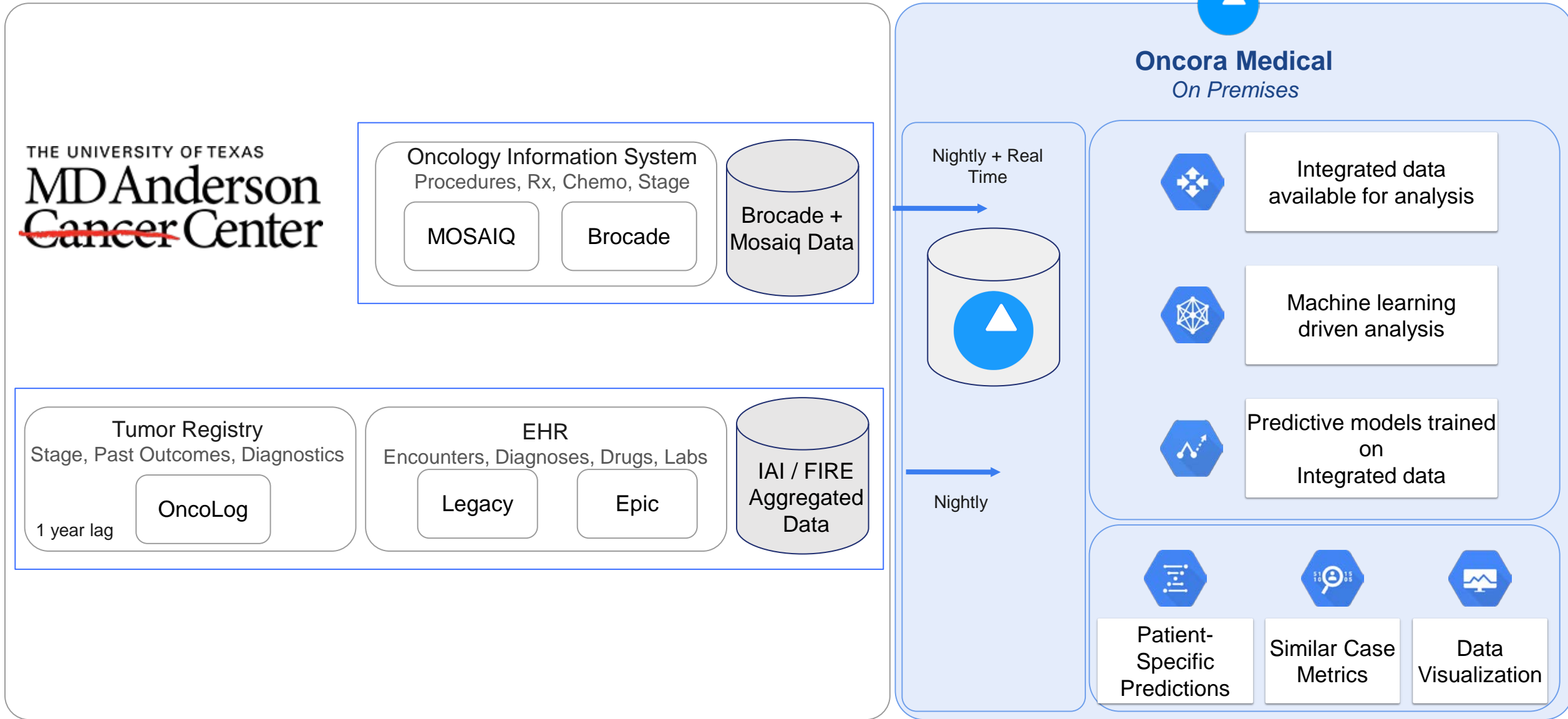
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# Background

- Radiation therapy (RT) plays an integral role in the management of head and neck cancers.
- Nearly all patients receiving RT will experience some toxicity.
  - Dysphagia weight loss and need for feeding tube
  - Hospitalization for pain management, rehydration, nutritional support
- When and how to intervene represents a common clinical decision in the management of these patients.
- Precision oncology refers to the application of big data and predictive analytics to tailor specific treatments to patients and offer expected outcomes and toxicities
- This approach requires structured data for multiple variables, including clinical and pathologic characteristics, outcome, and acute toxicities

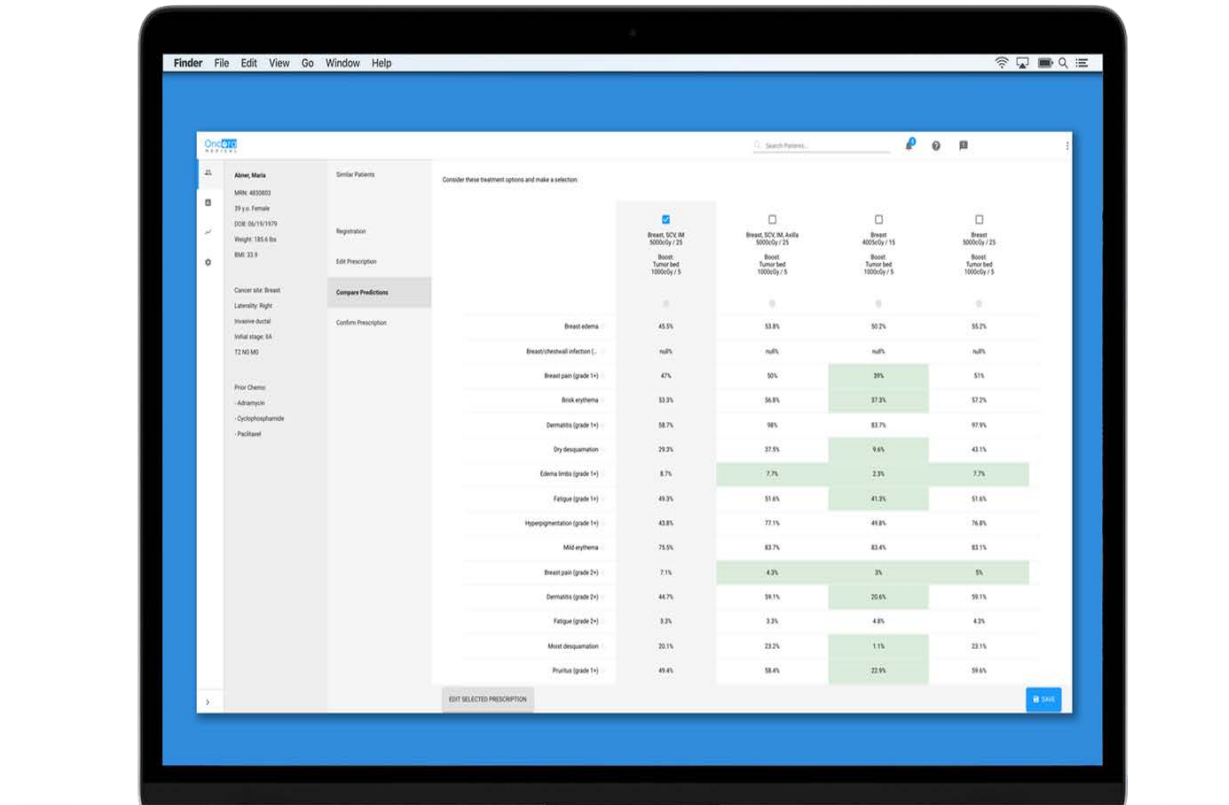
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# Oncora Patient Care





# Objective

- To develop predictive models of acute toxicity during radiation for HN cancer patients.
  - Unplanned hospitalization ( $\leq 3$  months from RT start)
  - Significant weight loss ( $>10\%$  during RT)
  - Feeding tube placement



# Methods

- 2121 consecutive courses of radiation treatment for HN cancer from May 2016—Aug 2018
- >700 clinical and treatment variables extracted
  - Demographics
  - Clinical and pathological characteristics
  - Treatment variables (RT details)
- Outcomes
  - Unplanned hospitalization ( $\leq$  3 months from RT start)
  - Significant weight loss ( $>10\%$  during RT)
  - Feeding tube placement

# Methods

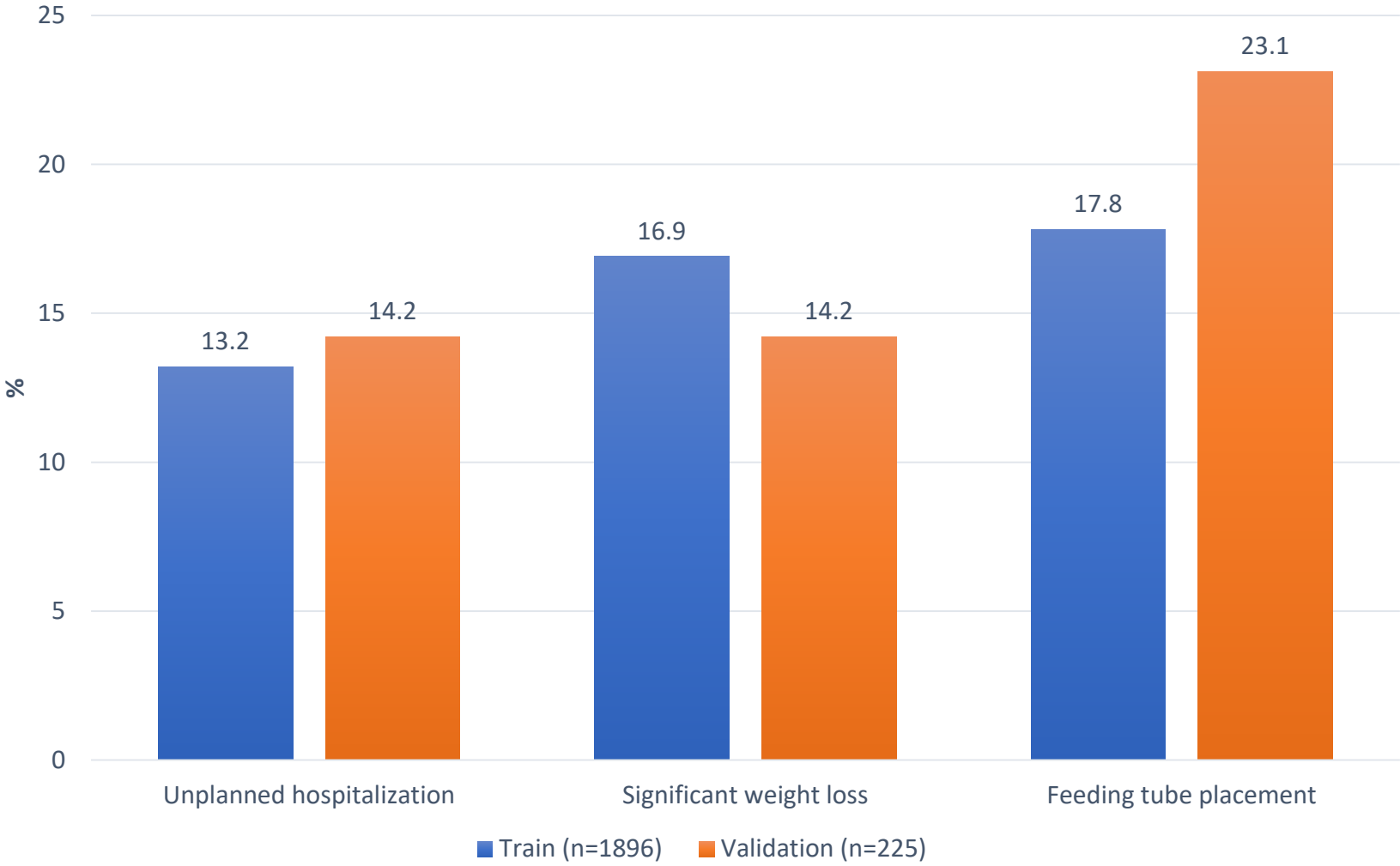
- **Training set:** first 1896 RT courses for HN cancer
  - Three machine learning models to predict outcome
    - Random forest—100 boosted decision trees
    - Extreme gradient boosted decision tree—100 boosted decision trees
    - Logistic regression with trained L1 regularization
- **Validation set:** subsequent 225 courses of RT
  - Final models for each toxicity were then evaluated
  - AUC > 0.7 considered clinically valid

# Descriptive Statistics (n=2121)

Gender, count (%)	
Female	527 (24.8%)
Male	1594 (75.2%)
Age, median (IQR)	63 yrs (55.1—70.3)
RT Dose, median (IQR)	60 Gy (30—69.3)
No. of fractions, median (IQR)	30 (9—33)

Treatment Site	No. (%)
Oropharynx	743 (35.1%)
Oral cavity	314 (14.8%)
Skin	233 (11%)
Larynx	171 (8.1%)
Salivary gland	129 (6.1 %)
Thyroid	106 (5.0 %)
Nasopharynx	87 (4.1 %)
Nasal cavity	62 (2.9 %)
Sinus	48 (2.3 %)

# Outcomes



# AUC for Training Set Models (n=1896)

	<b>Unplanned hospitalization (13.2%)</b>	<b>Significant weight loss (16.9%)</b>	<b>Feeding tube placement (17.8%)</b>
<b>Random forest</b>	0.676	0.834	0.783
<b>Gradient boosted decision trees</b>	0.672	0.843	0.787
<b>Logistic regression</b>	0.666	0.838	0.779

# AUC for Validation Set Models (n=225)

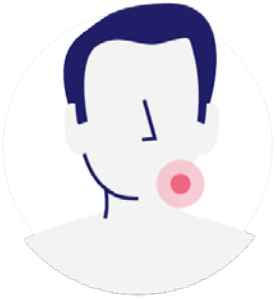
	<b>Unplanned hospitalization (14.2%)</b>	<b>Significant weight loss (14.2%)</b>	<b>Feeding tube placement (23.1%)</b>
<b>Random forest</b>	0.640		
<b>Gradient boosted decision trees</b>		0.751	0.755
<b>Logistic regression</b>			

# Conclusions

- Application of three machine-learning models to a structured dataset enabled the development of predictive models for acute radiation toxicities for HN cancer patients.
- The models for predicting significant weight loss and feeding tube placement met criteria for clinical validity.
- This study demonstrates the feasibility of employing precision oncology to predict acute radiation toxicities.
- May facilitate the identification of patients for whom early intervention is warranted.



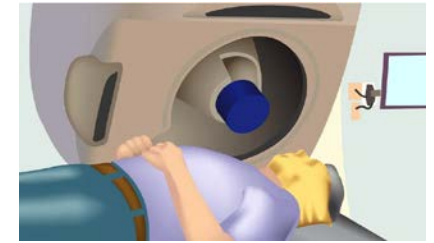
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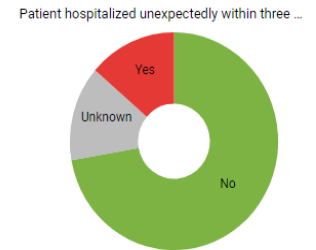
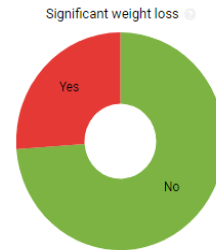
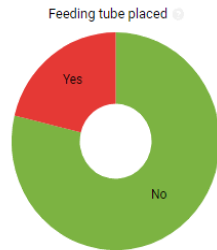
Work-up/Staging



Age  
BMI  
Stage  
Biomarker  
Risk Factors  
Vitals  
Treatment Plan



ML Model



Unplanned hospitalization: **23%**  
Significant weight loss: **47%**  
Feeding tube placement: **40%**



Decision Support

- Place feeding tube up front
- Nutritional supplementation
- Wait and monitor



# **Expert Perspective**

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# The Impact of the Closure of Women's Health Clinics on Cervical Cancer in the United States

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I have no conflicts of interest to disclose... except that I consider myself an epidemiologist, of sorts



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# Background

- Cervical cancer is a highly-preventable and screening-detectable, cancer and if diagnosed at an early stage is very curable with low mortality
- Women are generally diagnosed through Pap smears, which can be obtained at low-cost women's health clinics (WHCs)
- Between 2010-13, ~100 WHCs in the U.S. closed due to funding and new laws
- In this study, we evaluated the association between clinic closures and screening for cervical cancer, stage at diagnosis, and mortality associated with this disease

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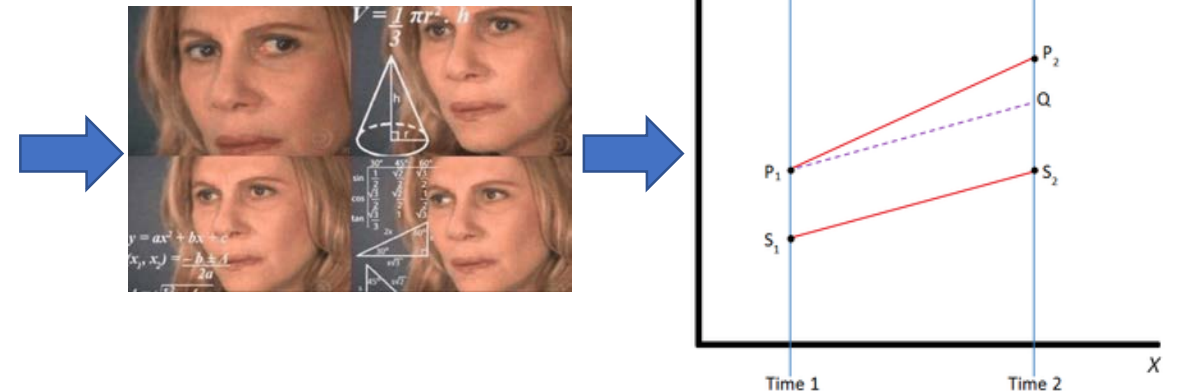
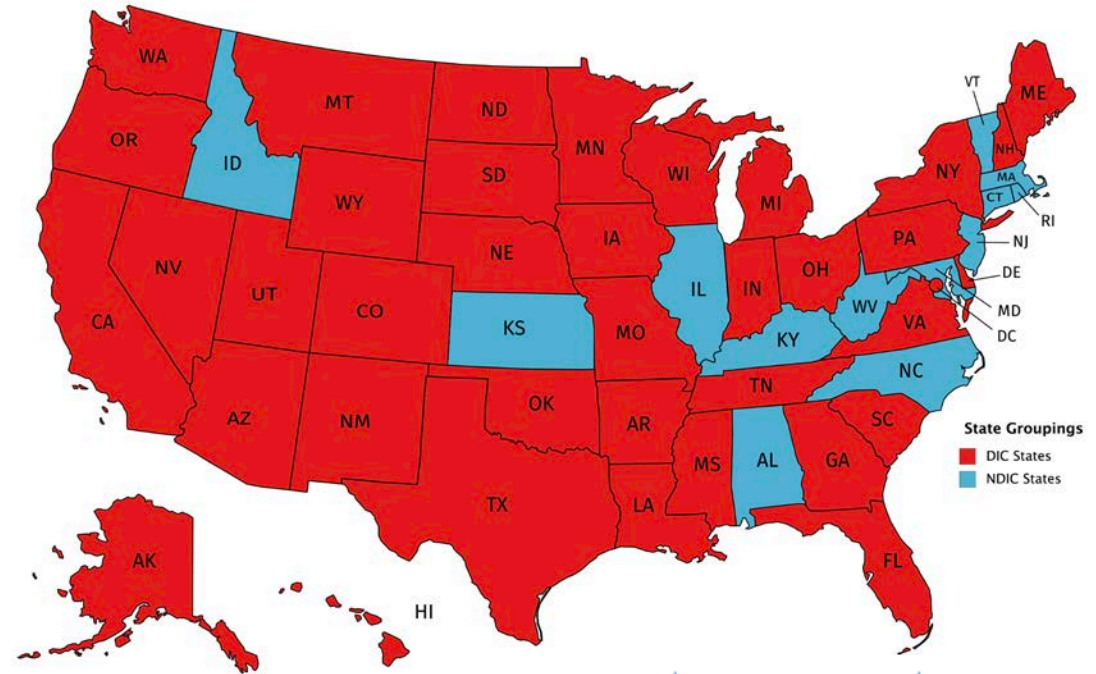
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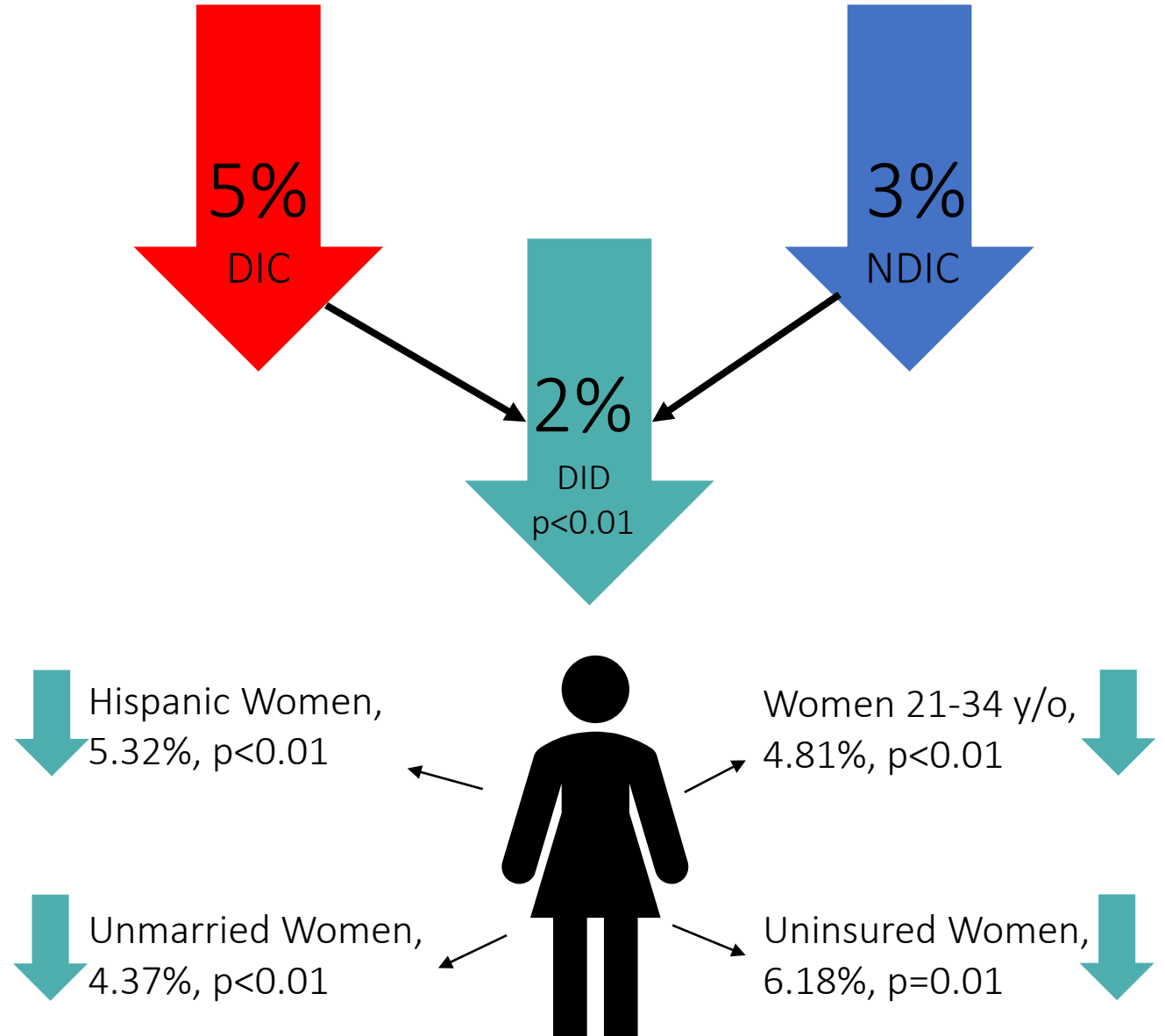


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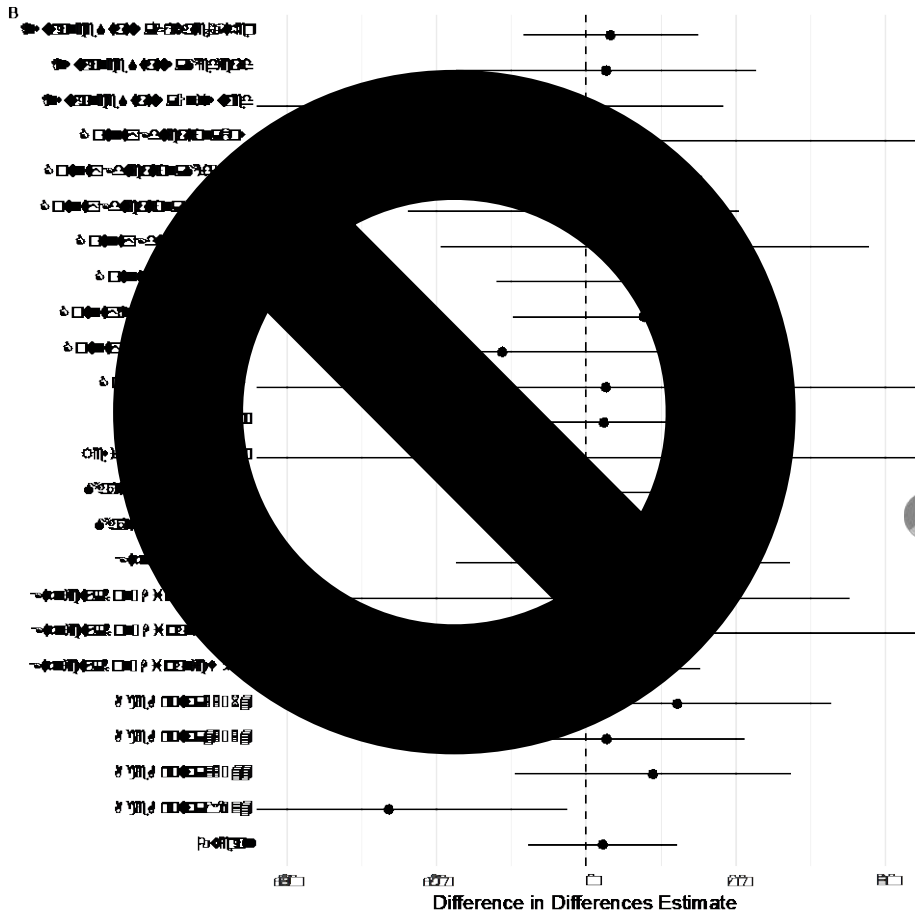
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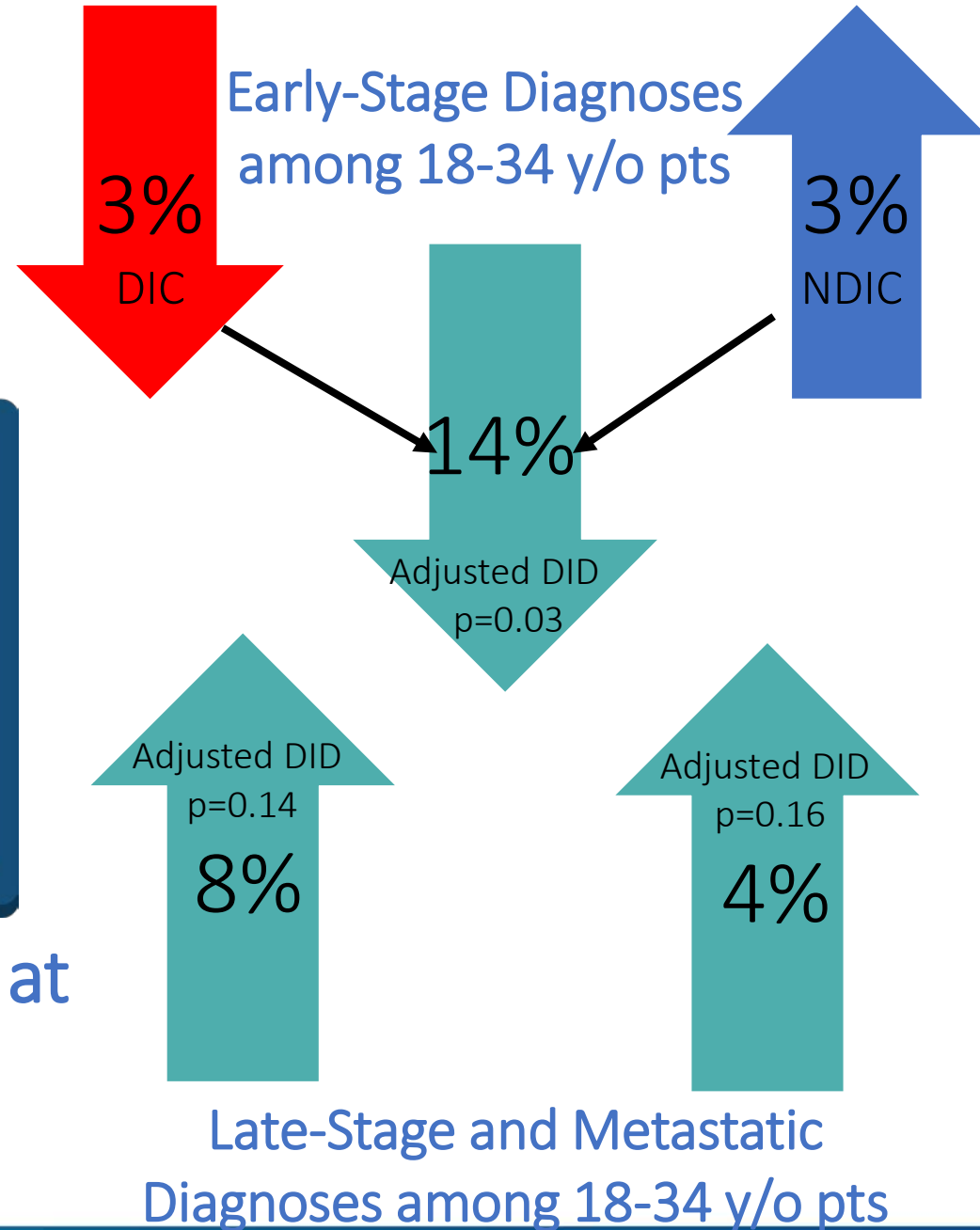
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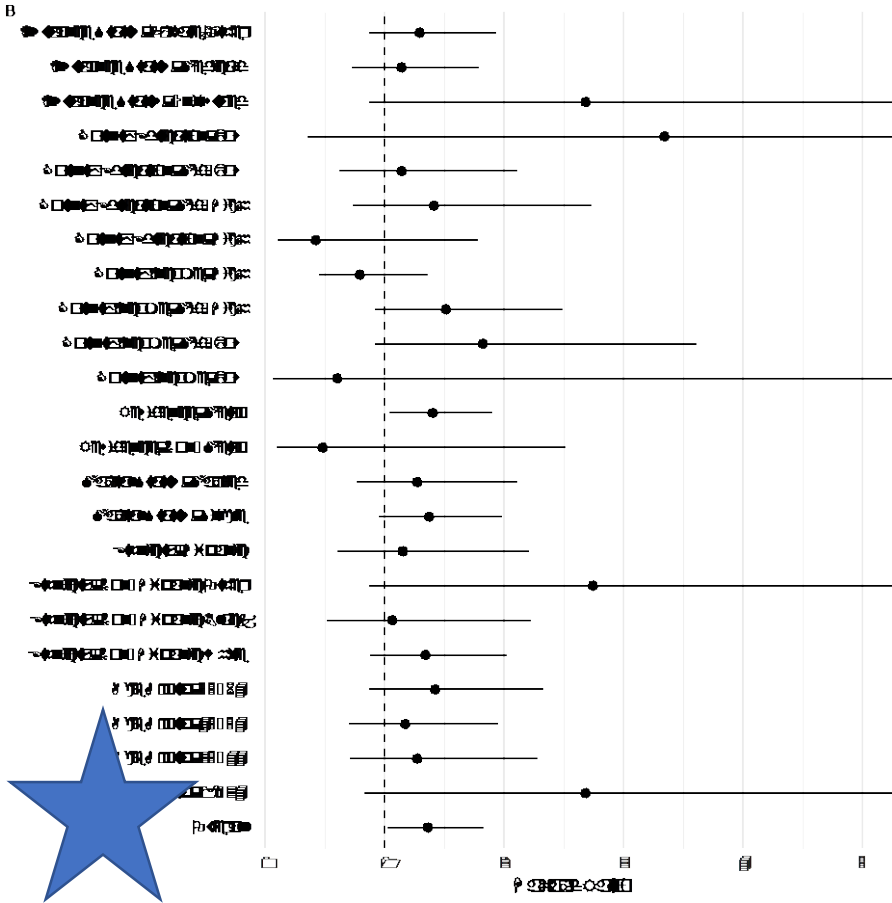


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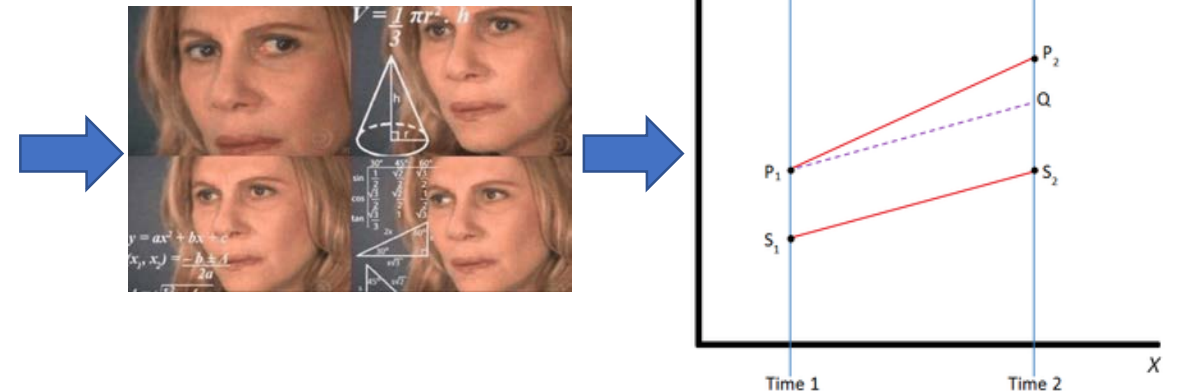
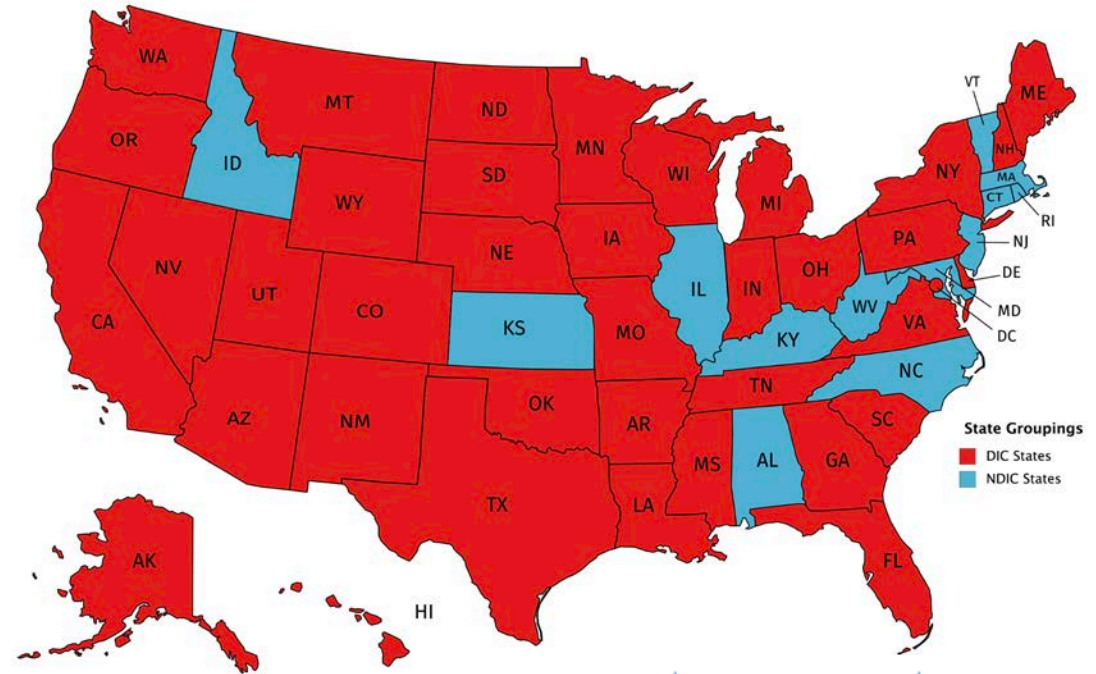
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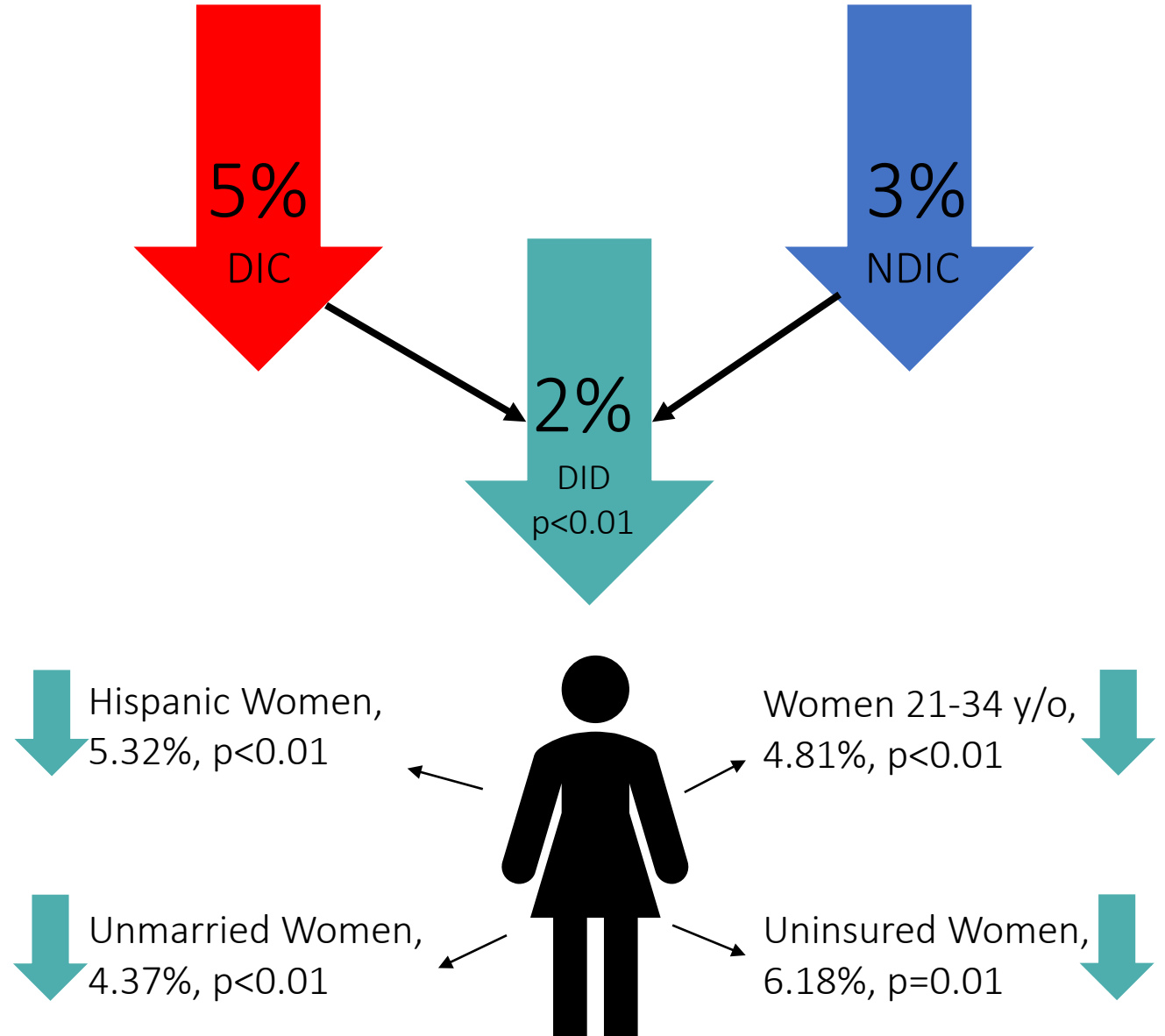


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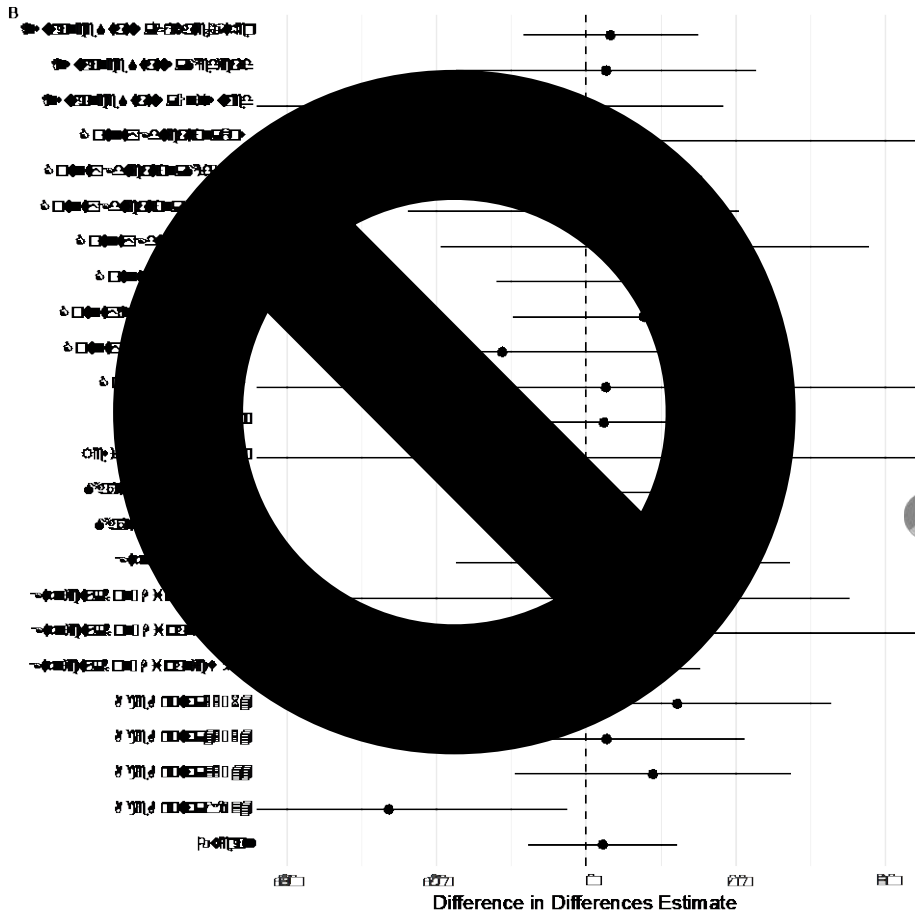
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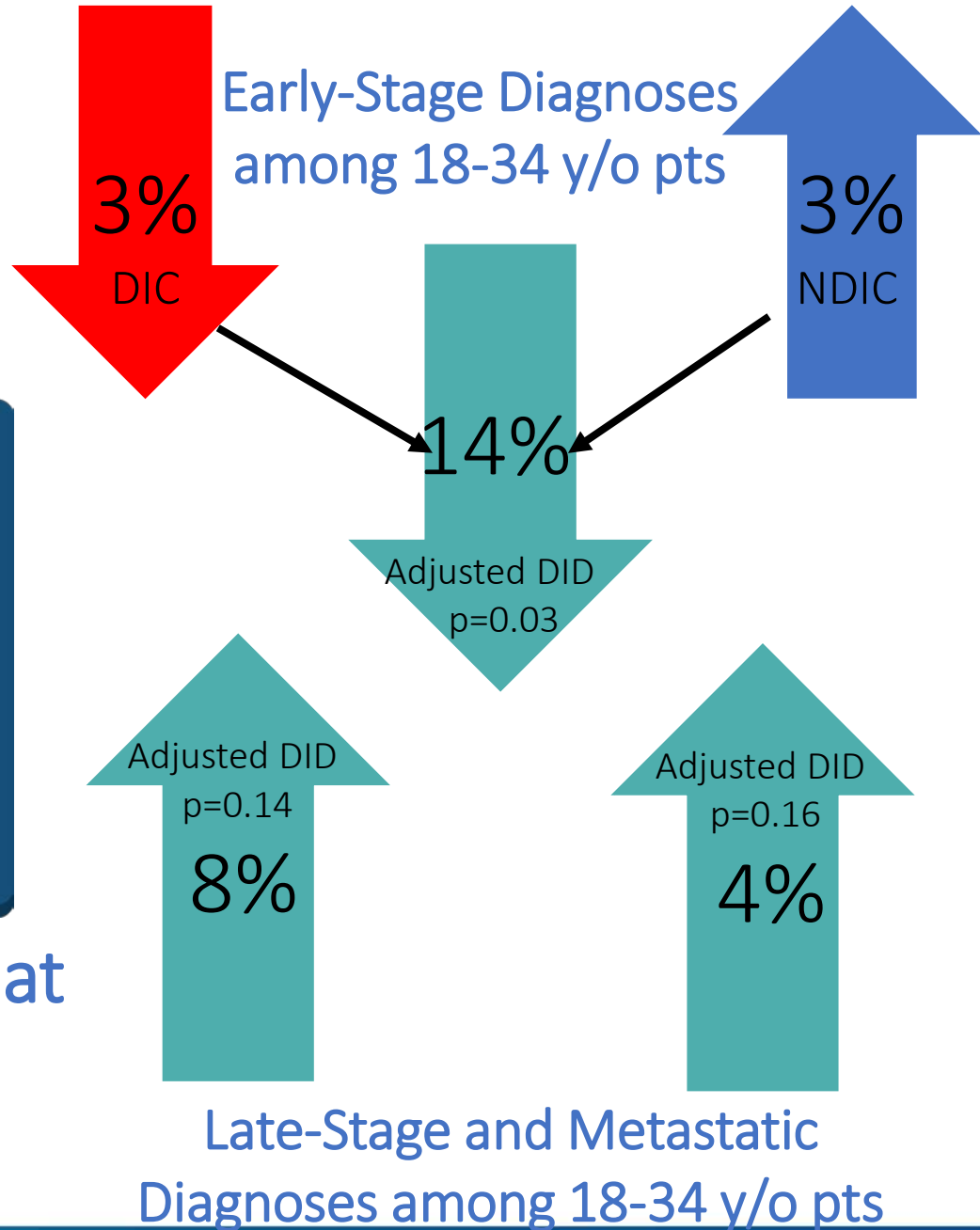
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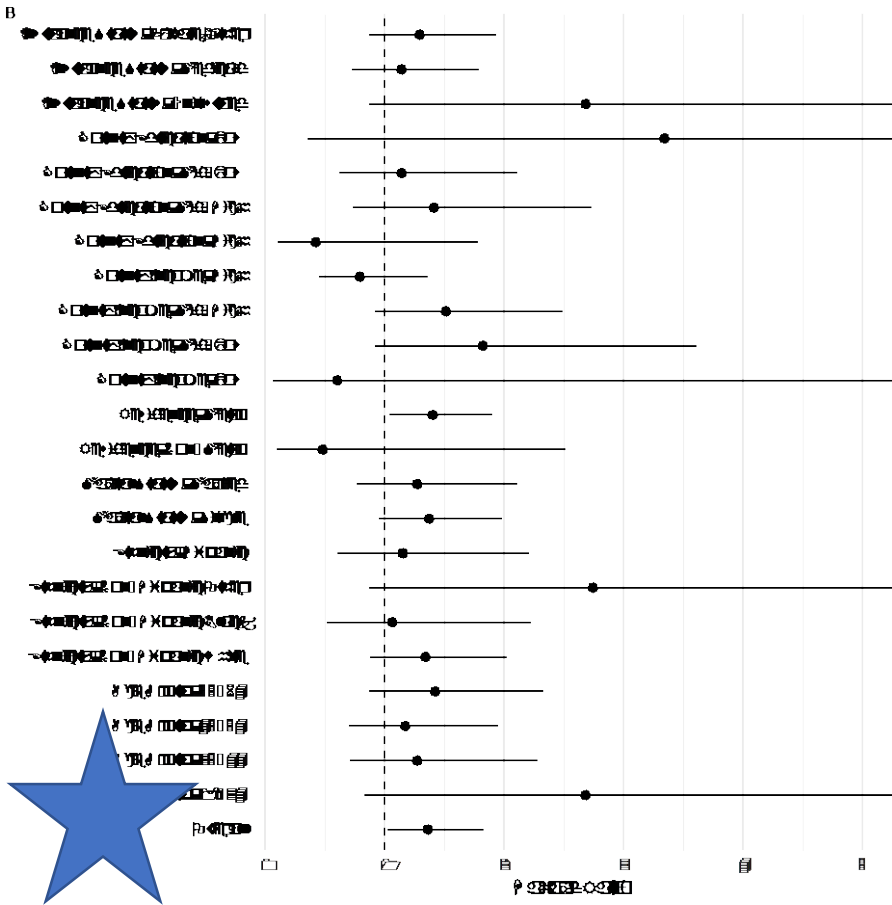


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