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# State-of-the-Art

## Bone sarcomas

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## Bone sarcomas - Background

- Sarcomas are a heterogeneous group of rare tumours arising mainly from the embryonic mesoderm and can be localized anywhere in the body.
- They can be loosely grouped into two categories:
  - Bone sarcomas (20 %), mainly osteosarcomas and sarcomas of the Ewing family
  - Soft tissue sarcomas (80 %)

## Bone sarcomas - Clinical presentation



## Bone sarcomas - Radiological presentation



**Osteosarcoma**



**Ewing sarcoma**

## Bone sarcomas - Diagnosis

- In case of a clinical suspicion of a bone tumor **X-ray** could be initially performed.
- For the exact diagnosis and tumor spread **MRI** is the gold-standard.
- The radiological workup should be done before biopsy.
- **Staging** comprises a CT of the chest and a szintigraphy of the skeleton; for Ewing tumors a bone marrow aspiration is essential.
- For histological examination an incision **biopsy** is usually recommended in the light of the definitive surgical resection.
- An **interdisciplinary** treatment planning should be performed.

## Osteosarcoma - Localizations

Clavicle < 1 %  
Scapula < 1 %  
Rib < 1 %

Spinal column < 1 %

Pelvis 5 %



**Humerus 10 %**

Ulna < 1 %

Radius 1 %

Hand < 1 %

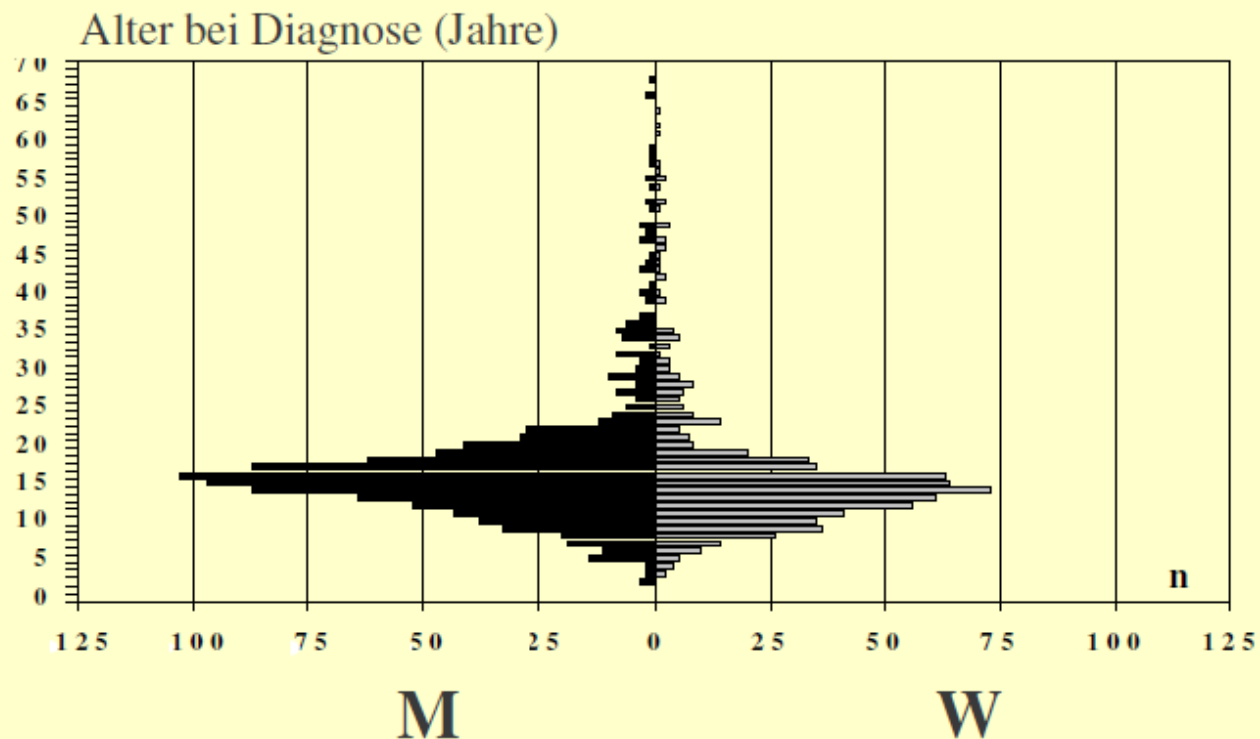
**Femur 50 %**

Fibula 6 %

**Tibia 26 %**

## Osteosarcoma - Epidemiology

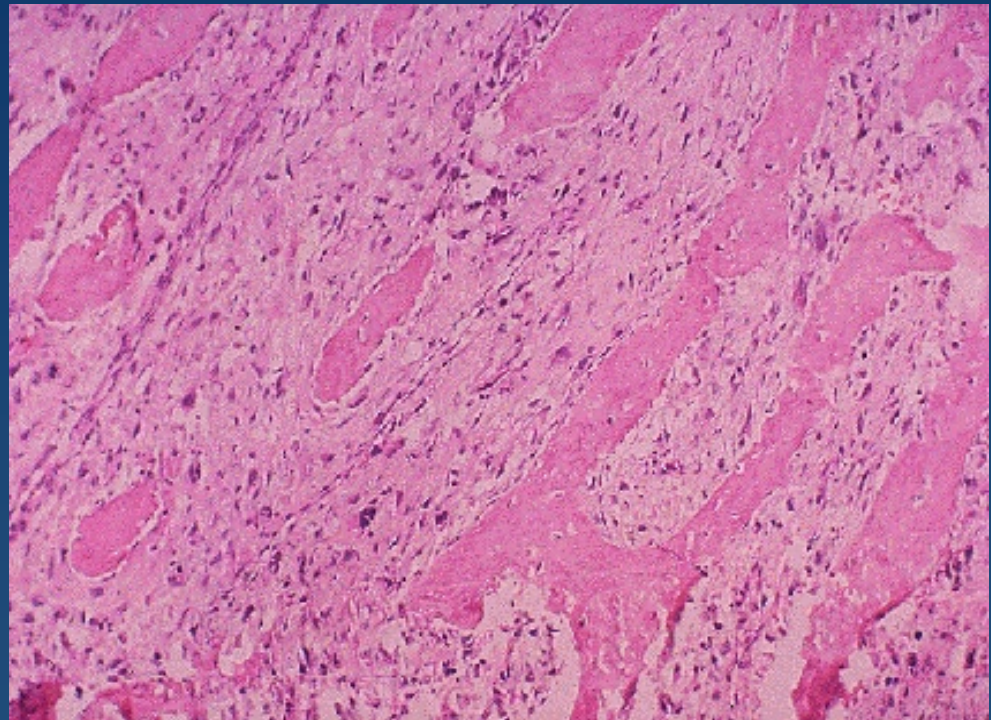
- Median age 15 years [range: 2-68]
- Gender distribution





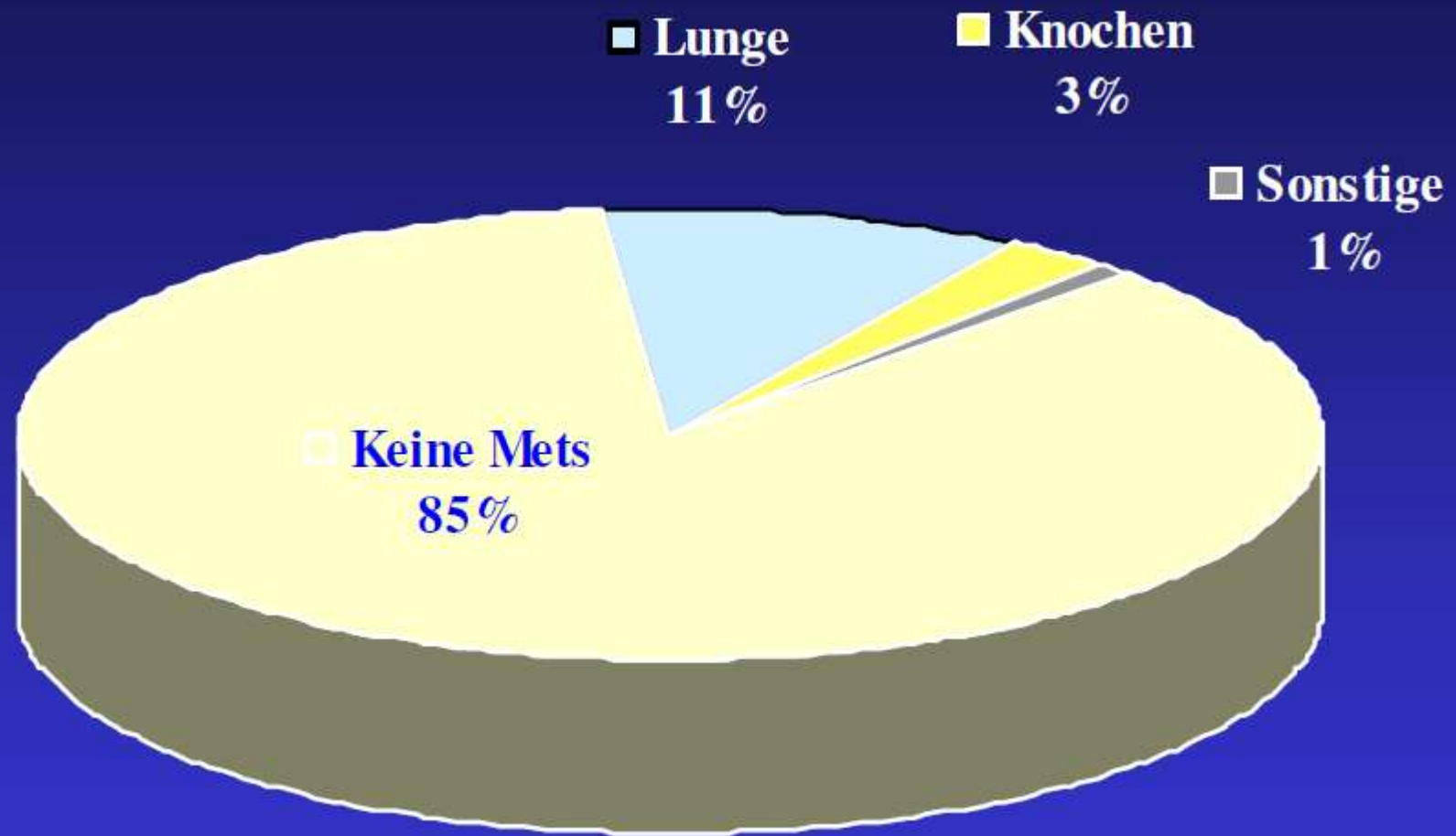
## Osteosarcoma - Histology

- Spindle cells
- Morphological subtypes:
  - osteoblastic
  - chondroblastic
  - fibroblastic
  - teleangiectatic
  - ...



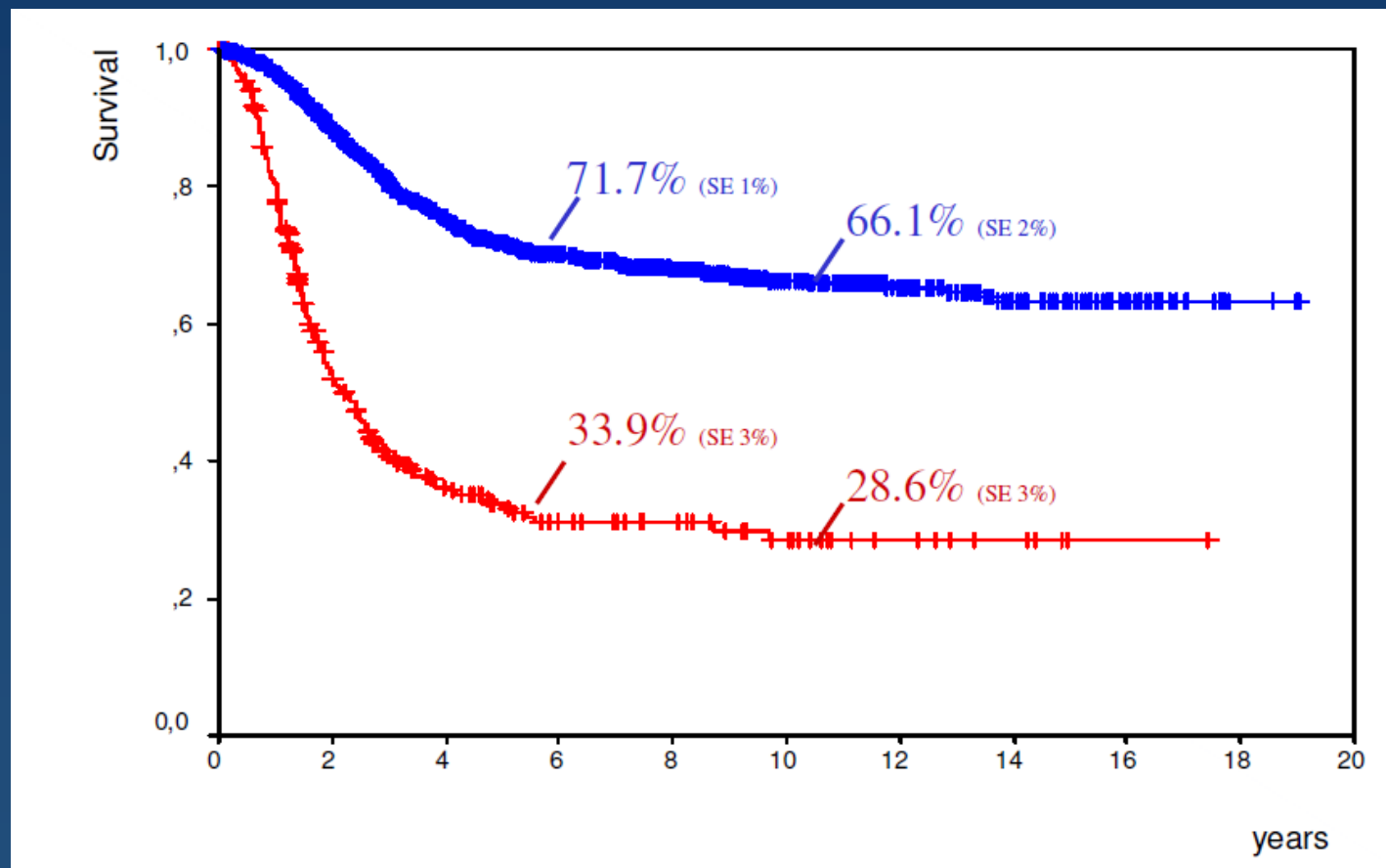


## Osteosarcoma - Primary metastases



## Osteosarcoma - Survival

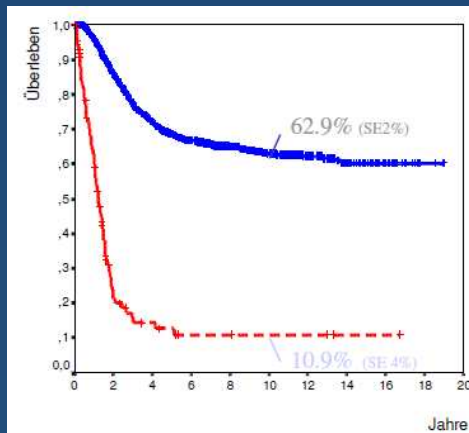
Localized extremity osteosarcomas (blue; n = 1406) vs. others (red; n = 296)



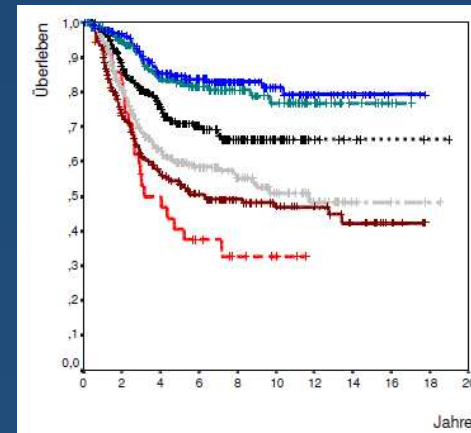
## Osteosarcoma - Prognostic factors

- Primary metastases
- Tumor volume
- Tumor localization
- Complete resection of the primary tumor (a)
- Histological response according to Salzer-Kuntschik (grade I-VI; b)

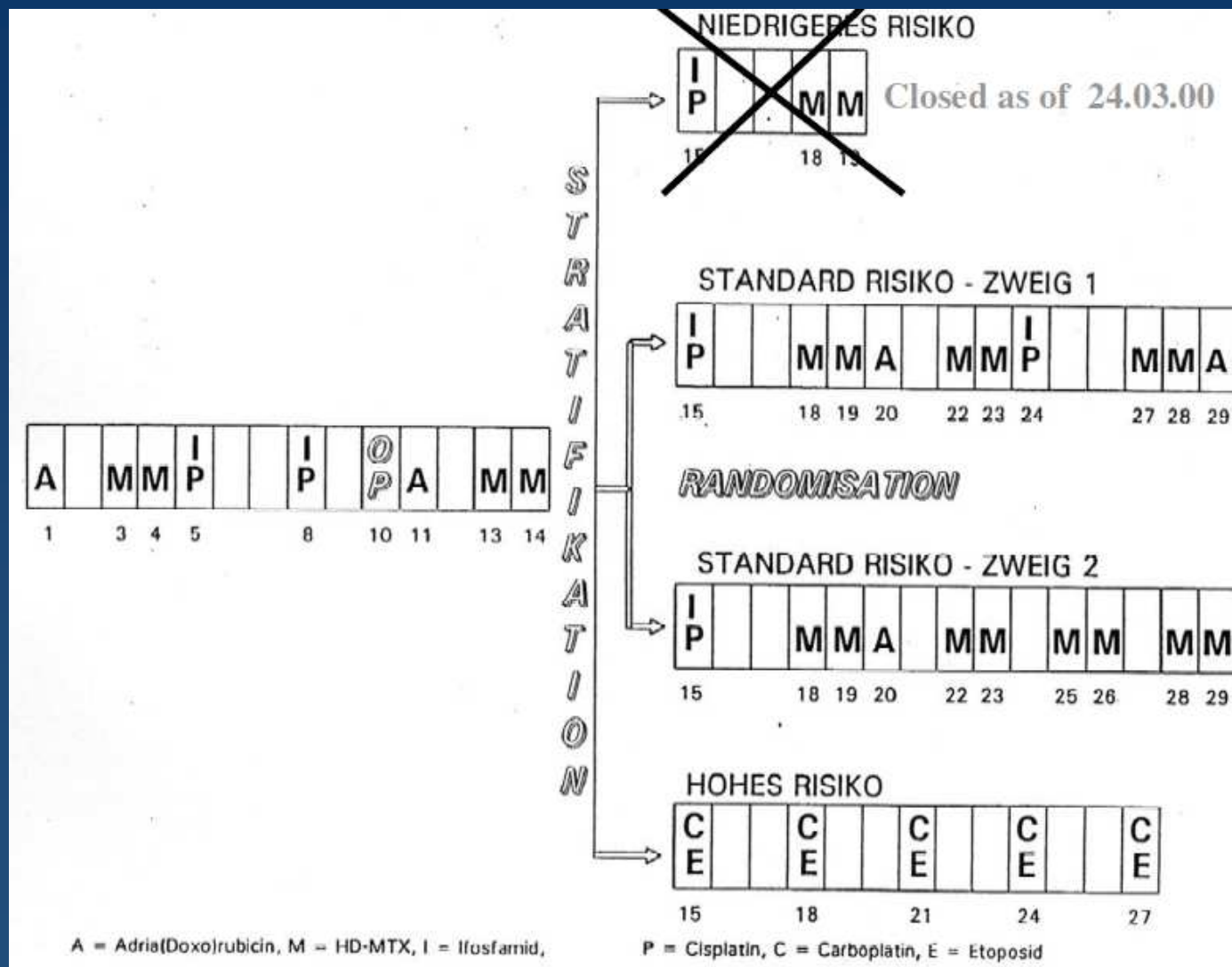
(a)



(b)








# Osteosarcoma - Multimodality treatment (COSS 96)



# Osteosarcoma - Multimodality treatment (EURAMOS-1)

Age  $\leq$  40 years

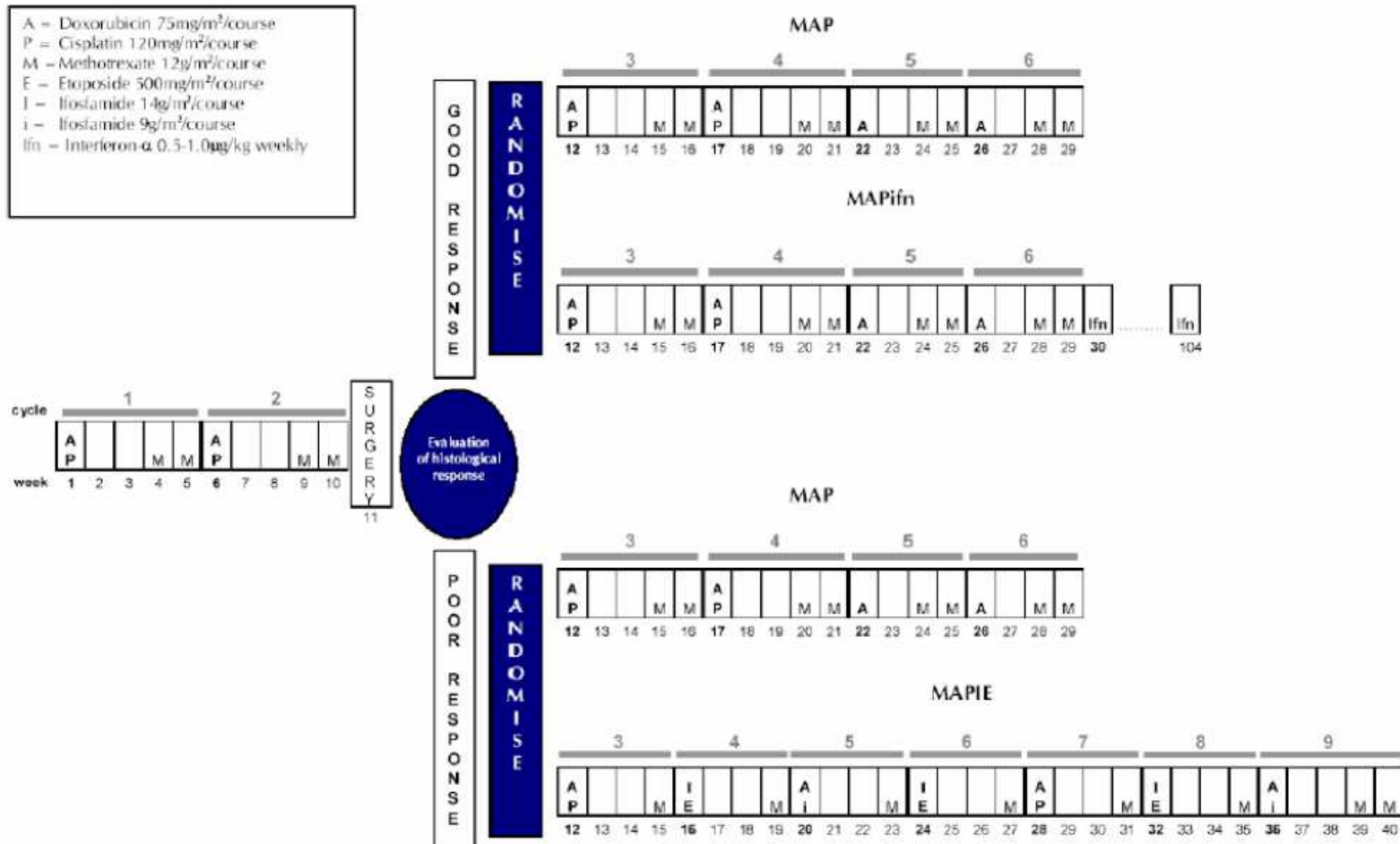
 Children's Oncology Group Dedicated to Discovery Committed to Care	<b>Cooperative Osteosarkomstudiengruppe COSS</b>
 EUROPEAN OSTEOSARCOMA INTERGROUP	
 GPOH	<b>EURAMOS 1</b> ISRCTN67613327 EudraCT no. 2004-000242-20 Deutsches Krebsstudienregister no. 377
 NCRI National Cancer Research Institute	<b>A randomized trial of the European and American Osteosarcoma Study Group to optimize treatment strategies for resectable osteosarcoma based on histological response to pre-operative chemotherapy</b>
 European Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons 1973	

Patients must fulfill the following criteria for registration into the trial:

1. Histological evidence of high grade osteosarcoma of the extremity or axial skeleton including those arising as second malignancies
2. Resectable disease (defined as disease that is amenable or may become amenable to complete and potentially curative resection. Referral to a recognized specialist center may be appropriate)
3. Age  $\leq$  40 years at date of diagnostic biopsy
4. Registration within 30 days of diagnostic biopsy

# Osteosarcoma - Multimodality treatment (EURAMOS-1)

A = Doxorubicin 75mg/m<sup>2</sup>/course  
 P = Cisplatin 120mg/m<sup>2</sup>/course  
 M = Methotrexate 12g/m<sup>2</sup>/course  
 E = Etoposide 500mg/m<sup>2</sup>/course  
 I = Ifosfamide 14g/m<sup>2</sup>/course  
 i = Ifosfamide 9g/m<sup>2</sup>/course  
 Ifn = Interferon- $\alpha$  0.5-1.0 $\mu$ g/kg weekly



Note: Surgery for metastases should take place between weeks 11-20. See section 9.2.2.5

# Osteosarcoma - Multimodality treatment (EURO-B.O.S.S.)

**Age > 40 years**

Cooperative Osteosarkomstudiengruppe

**COSS**

in Zusammenarbeit mit

Italian Sarcoma Group (ISG)  
Scandinavian Sarcoma Group (SSG)

**EURO-B.O.S.S**

**EUROpean Bone Over 40  
Sarcoma Study**

## **CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY**

1. Histologically proven diagnosis of high-grade sarcoma of bone of any site.
2. Histologic types: osteosarcoma (high-grade surface, central primary and secondary), fibrosarcoma, malignant fibrous histiocytoma, leiomyosarcoma, dedifferentiated chondrosarcoma, angiosarcoma.
3. Age: 41 - 65



## Osteosarcoma - Multimodality treatment (EURO-B.O.S.S.)

## EURO-B.O.S.S. / COSS Therapieübersicht

patients with primary surgery, adjuvant chemotherapy

week	OP	P/A 0	1	2	3	I/P 4	5	6	I/A 7	8	9	P/A 10	11	12	I/P 13	14	15	I/A 16	17	18	P/A 19	20	21	I/P 22	23	24	I/A 25
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patients without primary surgery, neoadjuvant and  
adjuvant chemotherapy

**Good & Intermediate Response ( $\leq 50\%$  viable tumor)**

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week	P/A 0	1	2	I/P 3	4	5	I/A 6	7	8	OP 9
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**Very Poor Response ( $\geq 50\%$  viable tumor)**

week	P/A 10	11	12	M 13	I/P 14	15	16	M 17	I/A 18	19	20	21	M 22	P/A 23	24	25
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	M	L/P		M	L/A
week	26	27	28	29	30

M= MTX 8g/m<sup>2</sup> 4h i.V. + leukovorin rescue

A= Doxorubicin 60mg/m<sup>2</sup>/24h i.V. DI

P= Cisplatin 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/ 72h i.V. DI

I= Ifosfamid 2x3g/m<sup>2</sup>/ je 1h i.V. KI

## Osteosarcoma - Summary

- Multimodality treatment including surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy is essential.
- Poor histological response translates into a worse prognosis.
- Initial treatment intensity is important.
- Most relapses occur early in the course of the disease.
- Osteosarcoma relapses are difficult to treat and show a worse prognosis.
- Possible chemotherapeutic treatments for relapse include carboplatin, etoposide or high-dose ifosfamide.

## Ewing sarcoma - X-ray presentation

Diaphyseal tumour



Periosteal lamellation  
(circular)

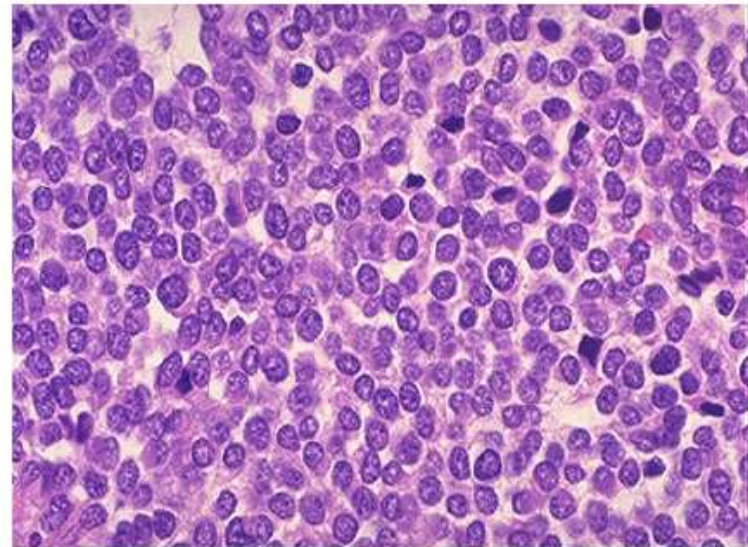
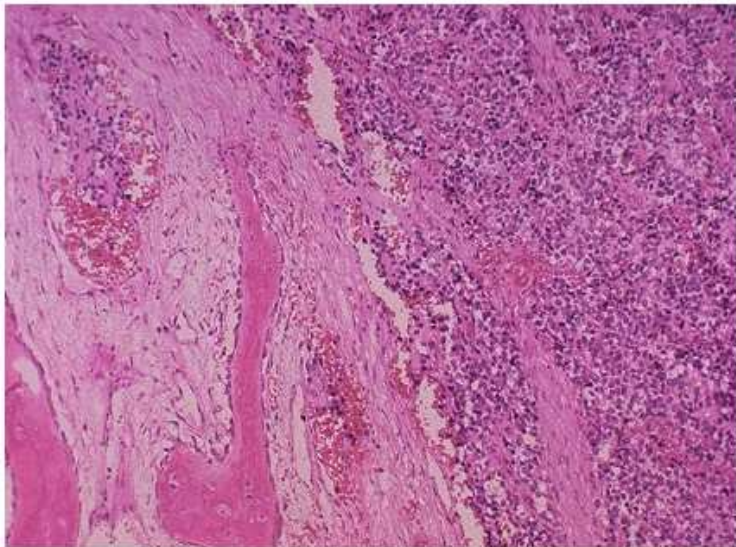
Massive swelling of  
soft tissue

## Ewing sarcoma - MRI presentation



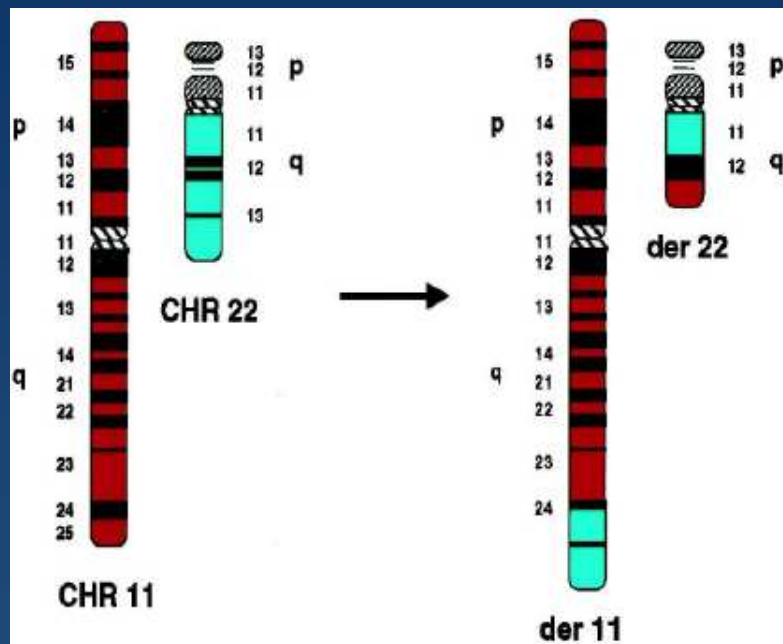
- Intraosseous extension
- Soft tissue extension
- Topography
- Skip lesions?

## Ewing sarcoma - Histology

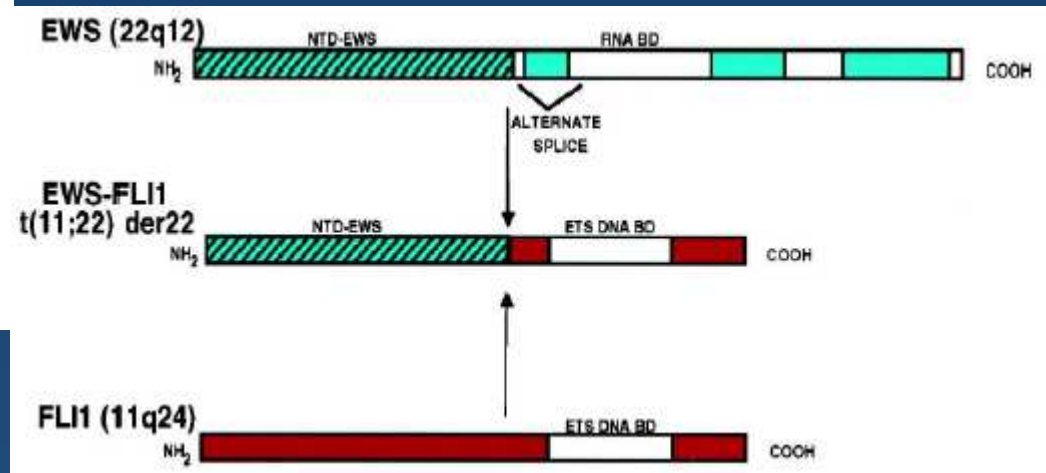


- malignant cell population
- infiltrating growth
- PAS positive (glycogen)
- CD99/Mic2 positive
- -/+ neuronal differentiation (ES -> atyp. ES -> PNET)
- small blue round cell
- some mitoses

## Ewing sarcoma - EWS-FLI1: t(11;22)(q24;q12)



Molecular biology of the Ewing's sarcoma / primitive neuroectodermal tumor family

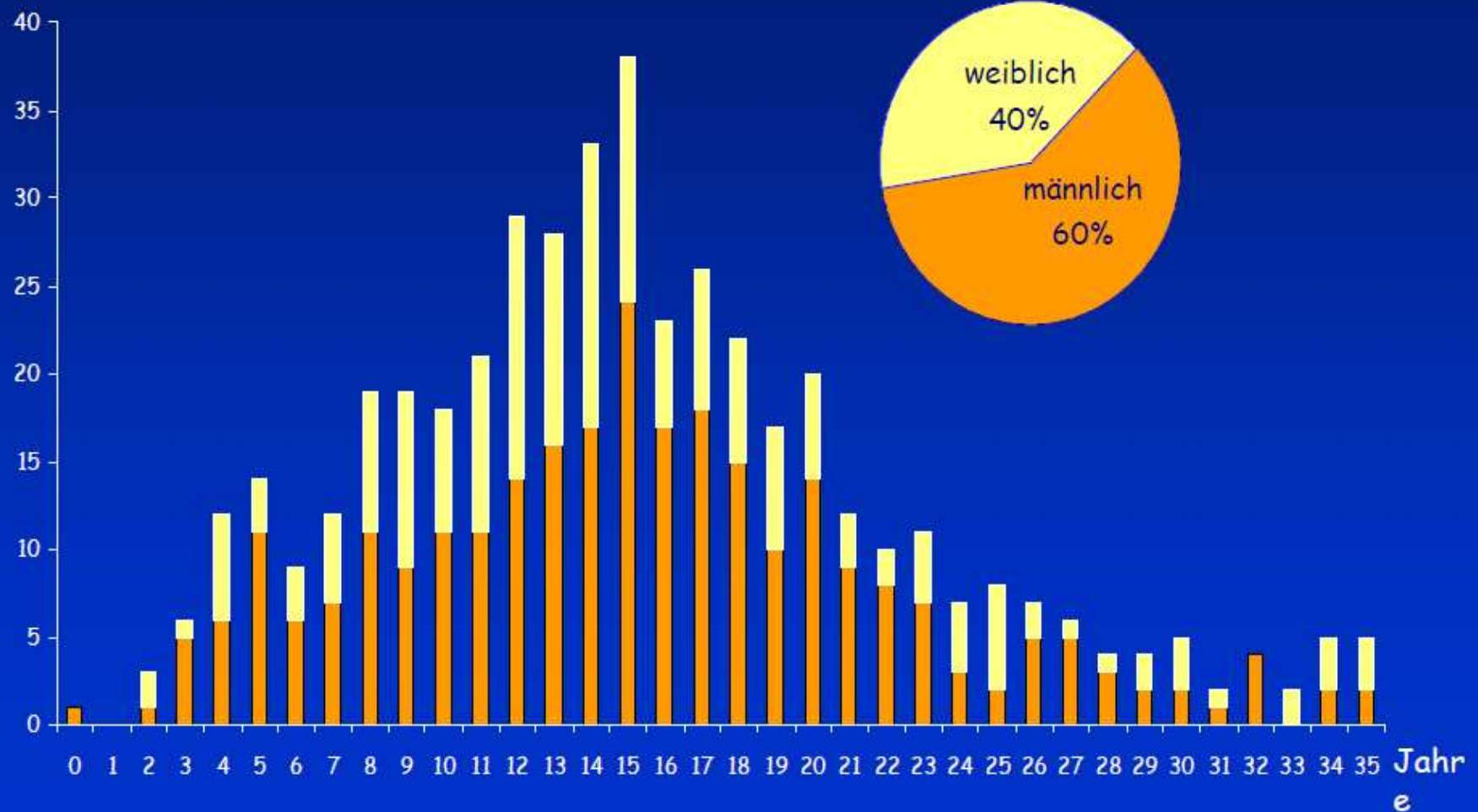


De Alava et al. J Clin Oncol 2000; 18: 204-213



## Ewing sarcoma - Epidemiology

Patienten





## Ewing sarcoma - Localizations

Head 3 %

Clavicle 1 %

Scapula 4 %

Rib 9 %

Sternum < 1 %

Spinal column 6 %

**Pelvis 23 %**



Soft tissue < 1 %

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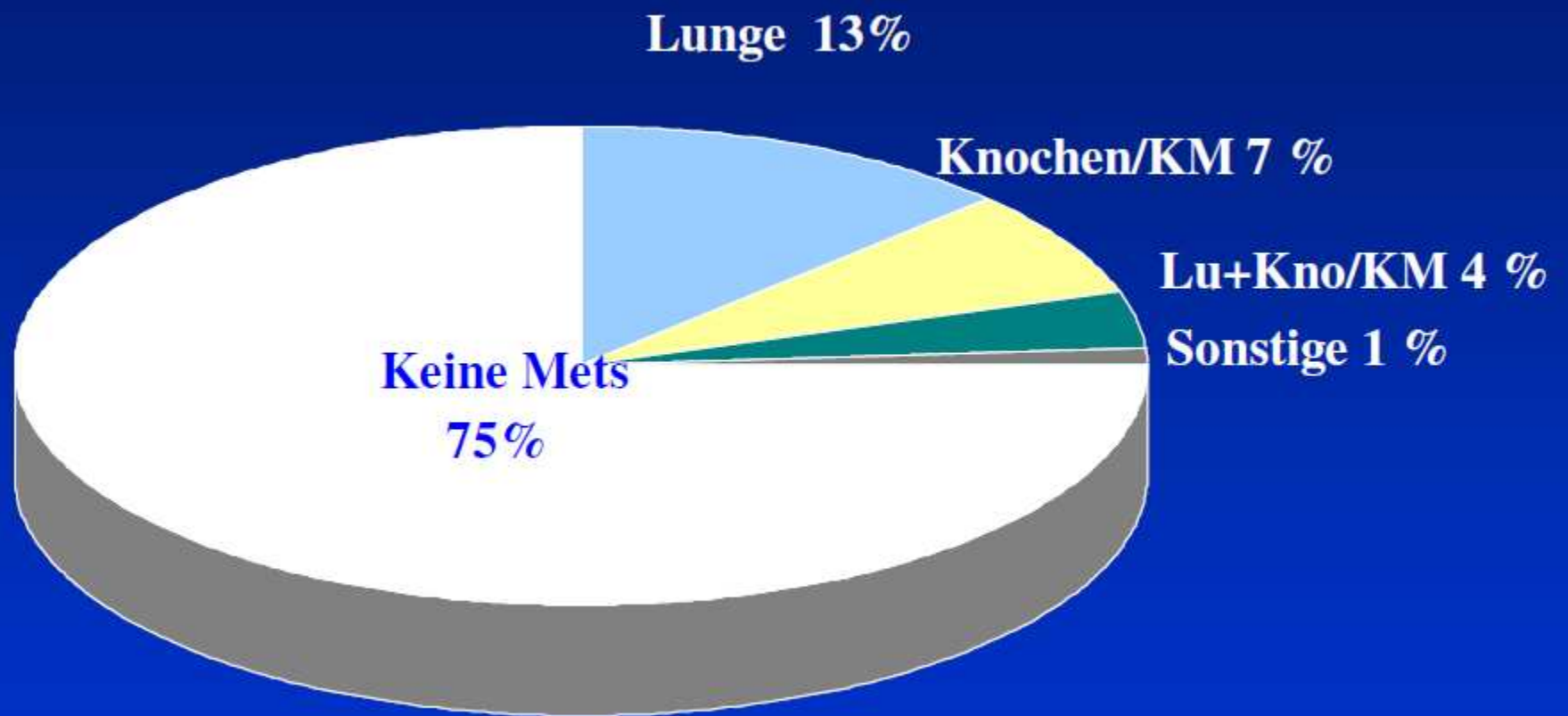
Foot 3 %

## Ewing sarcoma - Diagnosis

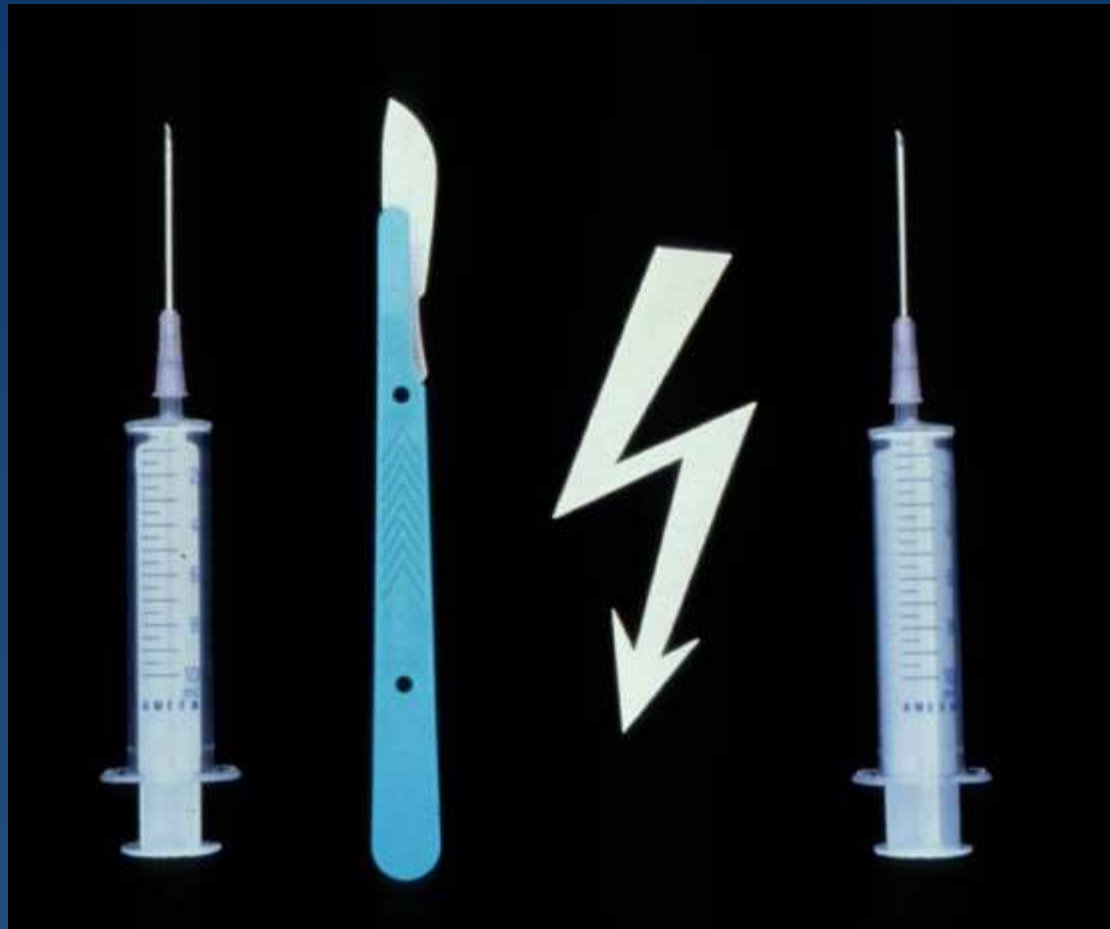
Staging procedure for detection of possible metastases comprises:

- Whole body  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$  szintigraphy of the skeleton
- CT of the chest
- Bone marrow aspiration is essential to exclude an infiltration

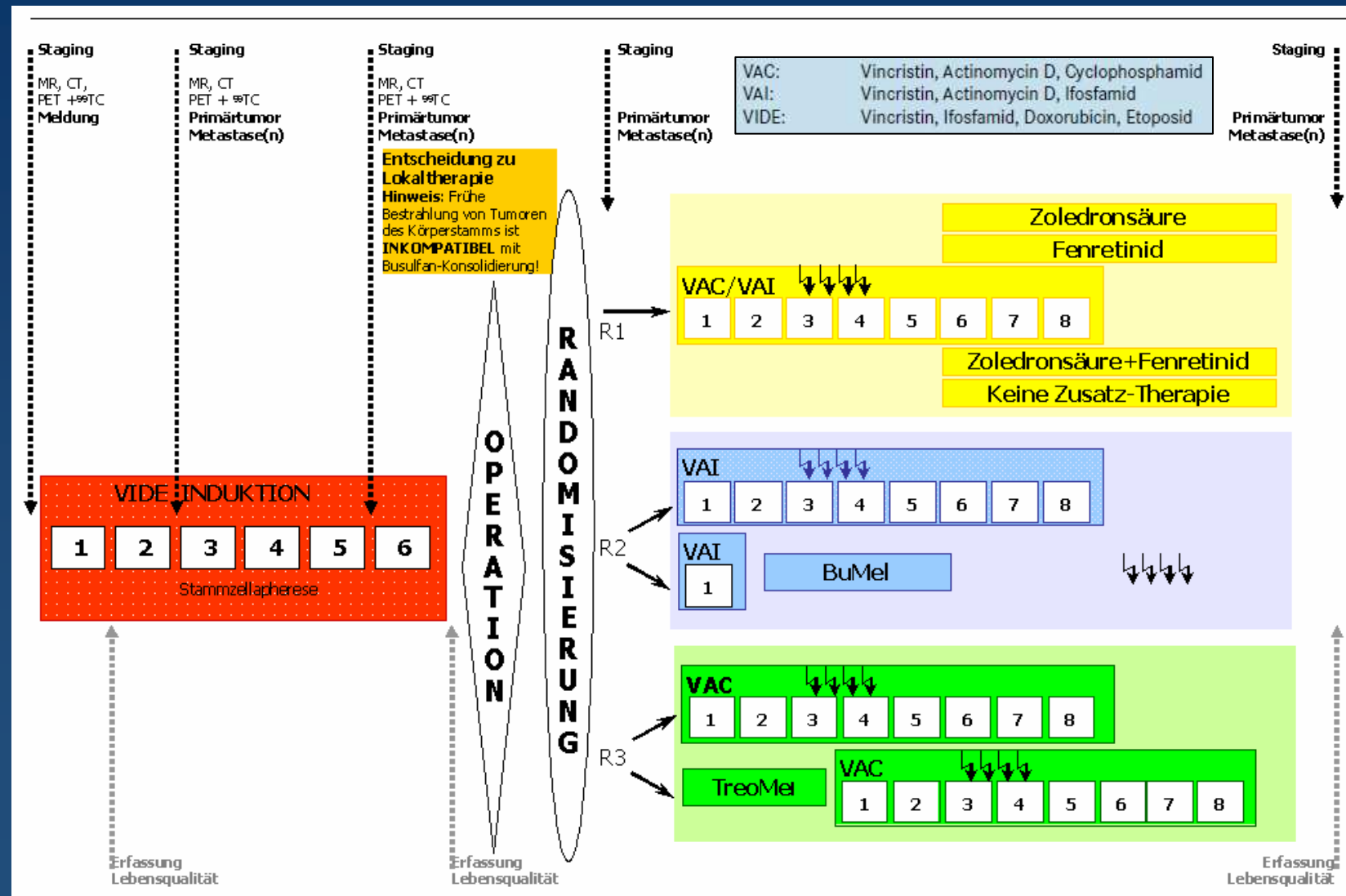
## Ewing sarcoma - Primary metastases



## Ewing sarcoma - Multimodality treatment



# Ewing sarcoma - Multimodality treatment (EWING-2008)



## Ewing sarcoma - Summary

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- Initial treatment intensity is important.
- Most relapses occur early in the course of the disease.
- Ewing sarcoma relapses show a worse prognosis.
- Possible chemotherapeutic treatments for relapse include topoisomerase inhibitors (etoposide, irinotecan, topotecan) and alkylating agents (ifosfamide, cyclophosphamide, temozolomide).





## Questions?

