

# LONG TERM OUTCOMES OF PROSTATE BRACHYTHERAPY

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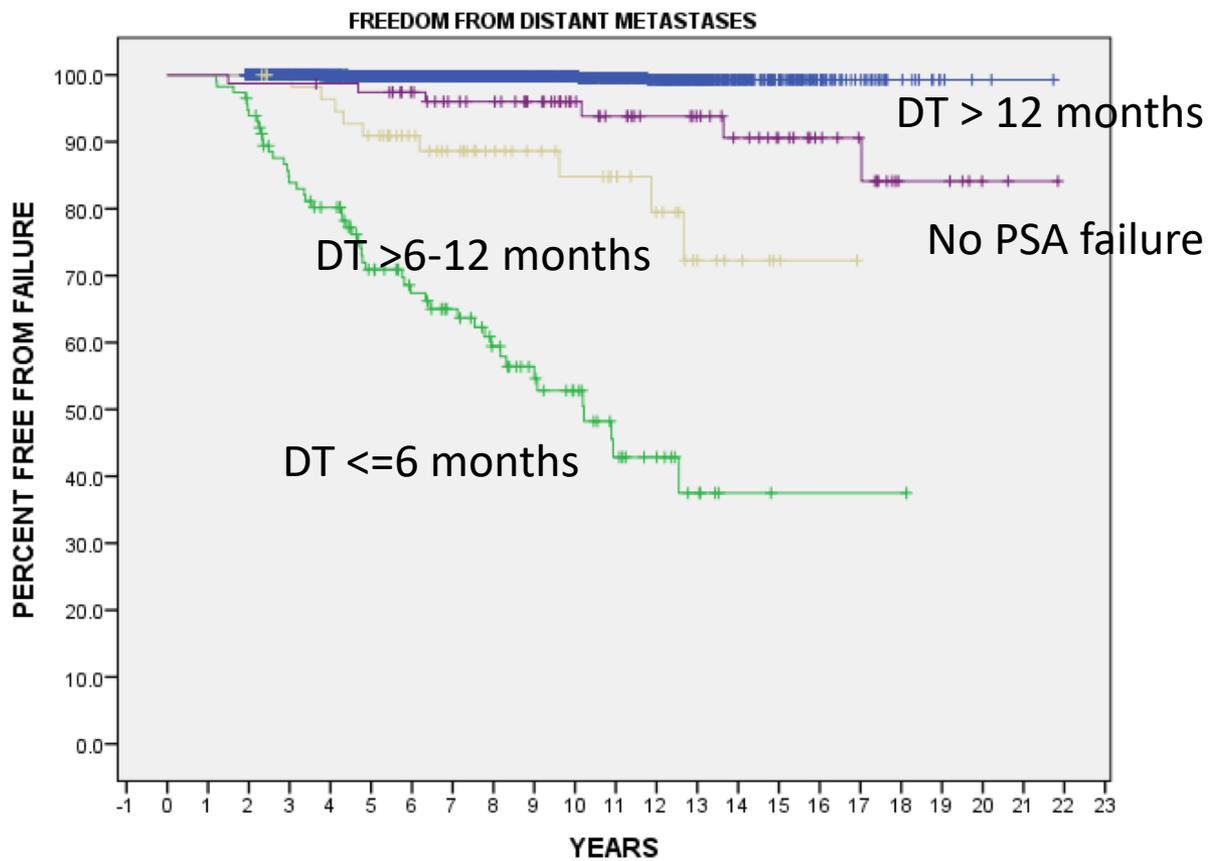
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# OBJECTIVES

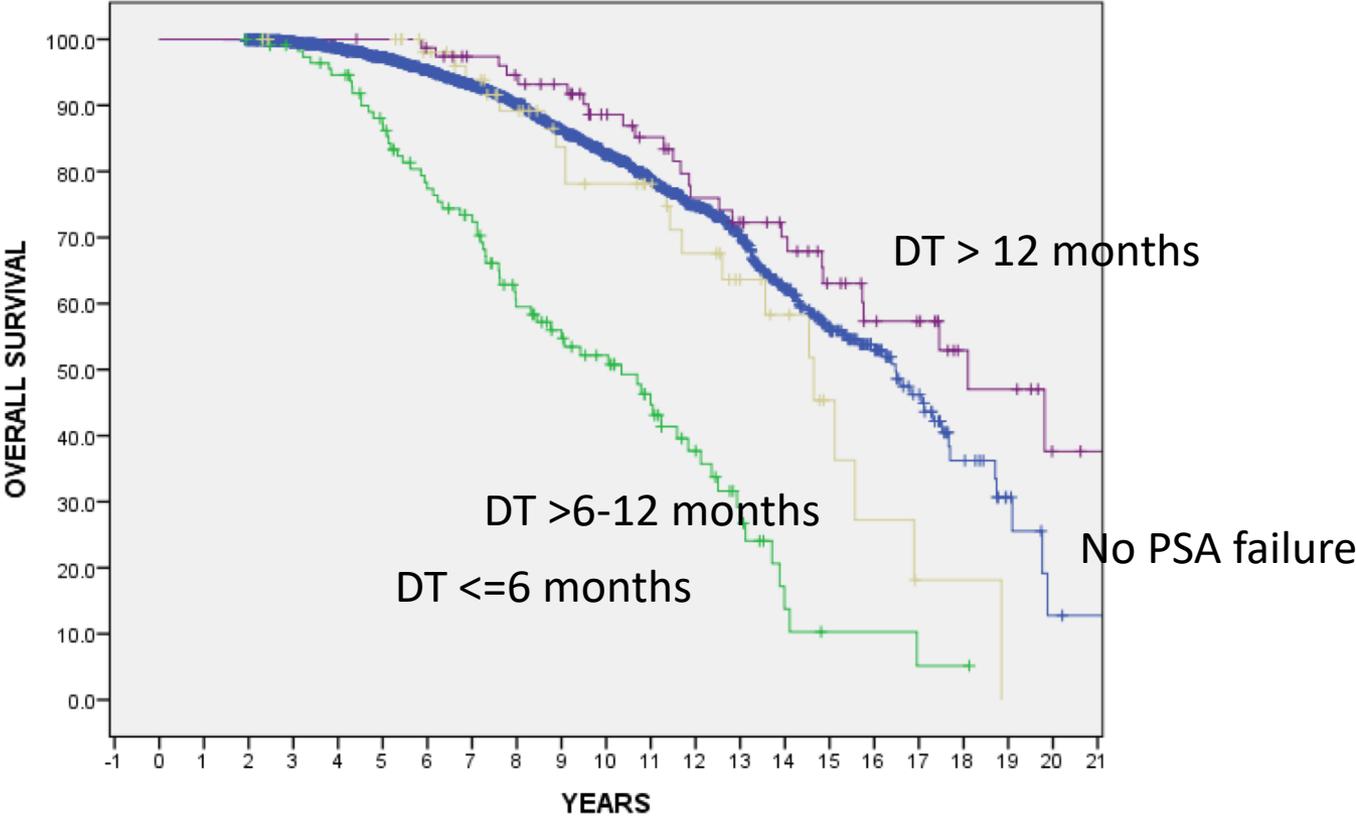
- Review long term outcomes of prostate Brachytherapy
  - PSA control
  - Distant Mets
  - Overall Survival
  - Intermediate Risk Patients
  - High Risk Patients
- Randomized Trials

# THE IMPORTANCE OF PSA DOUBLING TIME AS A PREDICTOR OF OUTCOME

- Between 1990 and 2015 2771 patients with localized prostate cancer underwent treatment at the Ichan School of Medicine at Mount Sinai by a single radiation oncologist with low dose rate brachytherapy as a component of definitive radiation therapy.



EFFECT OF DT ON OVERALL SURVIVAL

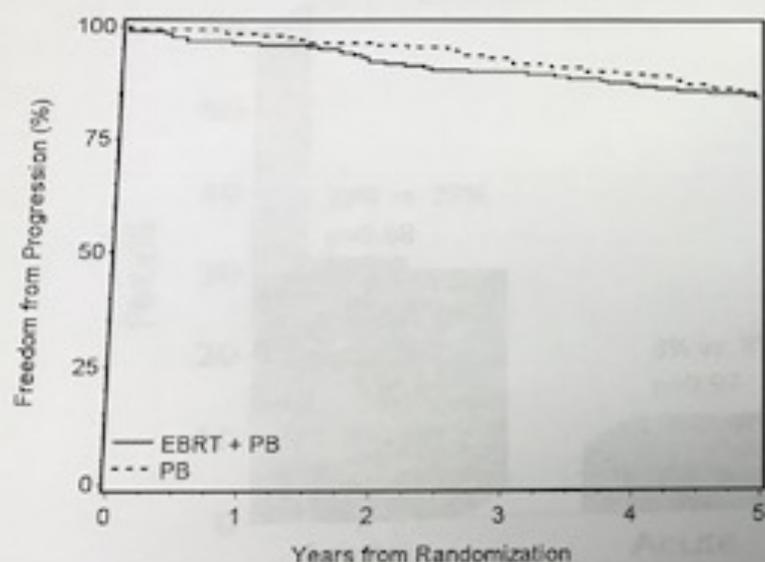


NRG Oncology/RTOG 0232: A Phase III  
trial comparing combined external  
beam and brachytherapy with  
brachytherapy alone for intermediate  
risk patients

- Eligibility Criteria:
- Gleason 2-6, PSA >10 , <20
- Gleason 7, PSA <10
- PV <60cc
  
- No ADT
- IPSS <16
- Node -

- Treatment arms:
- 45 Gy plus 100Gy of Pd103 or I-125 , 110 Gy
- Pd103(125 Gy) or I-125 (145 Gy)

# Results: Freedom from Progression



First Failure	EBRT + PB (n=34)	PB (n=32)	Total (n=66)
BF-ASTRO	23 (68%)	17 (53%)	40 (61%)
LP	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	2 (3%)
LP, DM	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	1 (2%)
Death*	9 (26%)	14 (44%)	23 (35%)

Patients at Risk

Time (Years)	0	1	2	3	4	5
EBRT + PB	220	212	203	198	192	183
PB	223	219	213	207	198	186

## Outcomes and toxicities in patients with intermediate-risk prostate cancer treated with brachytherapy alone or brachytherapy and supplemental external beam radiation therapy

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**Table 1** Patient characteristics

Characteristic	All patients (N = 902)	Brachytherapy alone (n = 390)	Brachytherapy and EBRT (n = 512)	P
Median age, years	68	69	67	<0.001
Median follow-up, months	91	110	81	<0.001
Median pre-implant prostate volume, cm <sup>3</sup>	33	32	33	0.131
Median BED, Gy <sub>2</sub>	199	176	207	<0.001
ADT, n (%)	622 (69.0)	245 (65.0)	377 (71.8)	0.029
Self-reported race, n (%)				
White	671 (74.4)	307 (81.4)	364 (69.3)	0.001
Black	120 (13.3)	41 (10.9)	79 (15.0)	
Hispanic	69 (7.6)	20 (5.3)	49 (9.3)	
Asian	10 (1.1)	4 (1.1)	6 (1.1)	
Other race	18 (2)	3 (0.8)	15 (2.9)	
Unknown race	14 (1.6)	2 (0.5)	12 (2.3)	
Number of risk factors, n (%)				
1 intermediate risk factor	521 (57.8)	282 (74.8)	239 (45.5)	<0.001
2-3 intermediate risk factors	381 (42.2)	95 (25.2)	286 (54.5)	
Clinical stage, n (%)				
≤T2a	419 (46.5)	165 (43.8)	254 (48.4)	0.171
≥T2b	483 (53.5)	212 (56.2)	271 (51.6)	
Gleason score, n (%)				
≤6	383 (42.5)	277 (73.5)	106 (20.2)	<0.001
7	519 (57.5)	100 (26.5)	419 (79.8)	
Initial PSA level, n (%)				
0-4 ng/mL	69 (8.9)	36 (10.6)	33 (7.7)	0.004
5-9 ng/mL	354 (45.9)	134 (39.3)	220 (51.2)	
10-20 ng/mL	348 (45.1)	171 (50.1)	177 (41.2)	

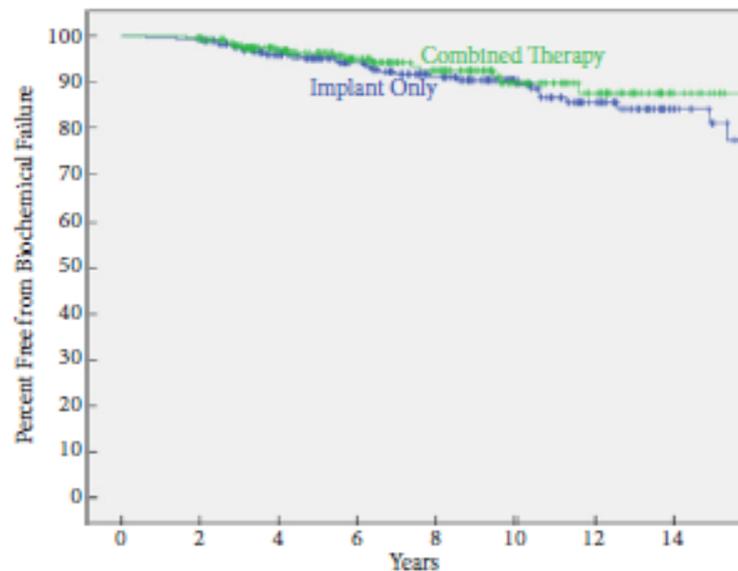
ADT, androgen deprivation therapy; BED, biologically effective dose; EBRT, external beam radiation therapy.

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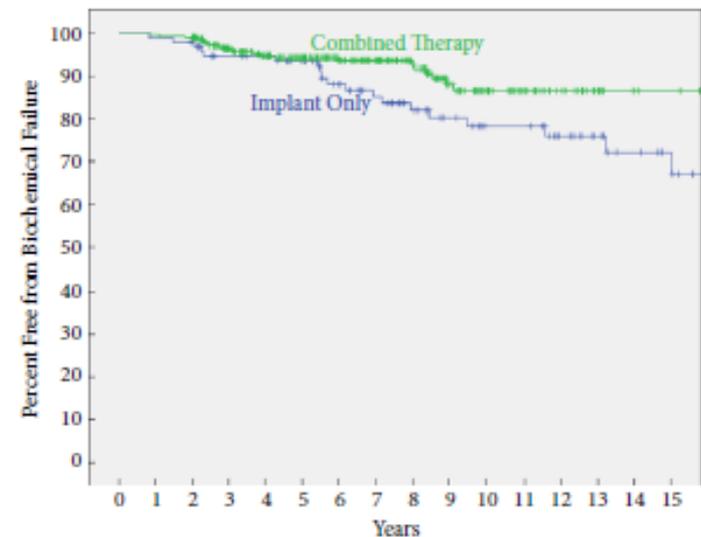
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**Fig. 1** Biochemical Failure in patients with 1 intermediate-risk factor.  
P = 0.433.



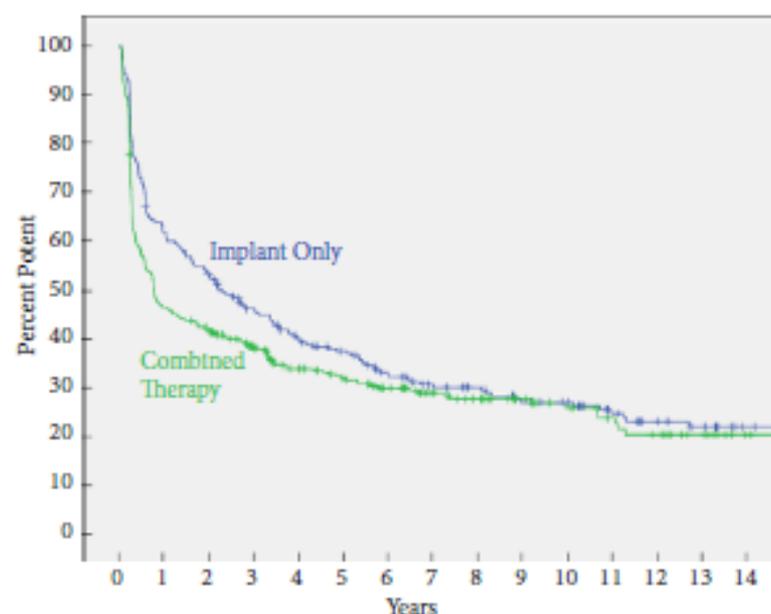
**Fig. 2** Biochemical Failure in patients with >1 intermediate-risk factor.  
P = 0.092.



**Table 5** Differences in toxicities between treatment groups among all patients.

Factor	Brachytherapy alone	Brachytherapy and EBRT	P
Median (range) change <sup>a</sup> in IPSS	1 (-21 to 29)	2 (-28 to 27)	0.118
Median (range) change <sup>a</sup> in IPSS QoL	0 (-6 to 6)	0 (-5 to 5)	0.002
Median (range) change <sup>a</sup> in SHIM score	-3 (-24 to 24)	-4 (-24 to 20)	0.145
Change <sup>a</sup> in potency <sup>†</sup>	-1 (-3 to 3)	-1 (-3 to 3)	0.243
Urge incontinence <sup>‡</sup> , n (%)	34 (9)	114 (22)	<0.001
Dysuria <sup>‡</sup> , n (%)	99 (16)	204 (39)	<0.001
Haematuria <sup>‡</sup> , n (%)	18 (5)	74 (14)	<0.001
Stress incontinence <sup>‡</sup> , n (%)	31 (8)	56 (11)	0.220
Rectal bleeding <sup>‡</sup> , n (%)	22 (6)	41 (8)	0.251
Urinary retention <sup>‡</sup> , n (%)	27 (7)	37 (7)	0.947

EBRT, external beam radiation therapy; QoL, quality of life; SHIM, Sexual Health Inventory for Men. <sup>a</sup>Change is calculated as score reported at last follow-up visit minus score reported before treatment. <sup>†</sup>Change in potency as measured by Mount Sinai erectile function scale score. <sup>‡</sup>Toxicity was reported at any follow up visit and in many cases did not persist.

**Fig. 3** Time to impotency in those potent at start of treatment. P = 0.040.

## Low-dose-rate brachytherapy for prostate cancer: outcomes at >10 years of follow-up

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### Objective

To examine biochemical control, survival, and late morbidity with definitive low-dose-rate brachytherapy (LDR-BT) for patients with prostate cancer surviving for >10 years after treatment.

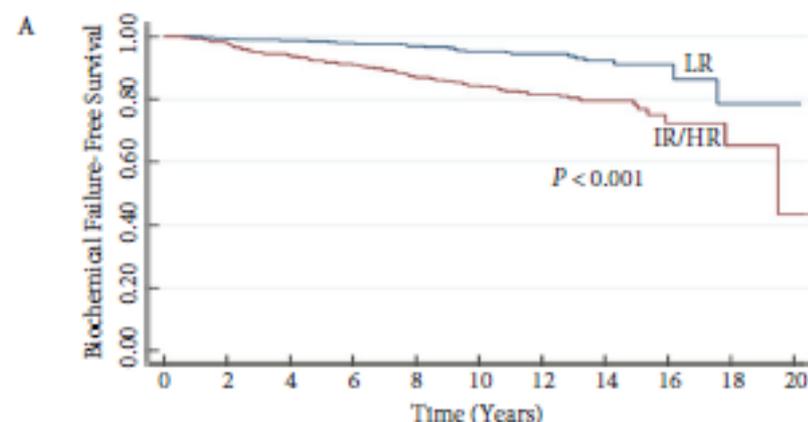
### Patients and Methods

We identified 757 men with localised prostate cancer who underwent definitive LDR-BT in the period 1990–2006 and were followed for >10 years at our institution. Biochemical failure-free survival (BFFS), distant metastases-free survival (DMFS), prostate cancer-specific survival (PCSS), and overall survival (OS) were selected as study endpoints. Survival was examined using the log-rank test, Kaplan–Meier method, and Cox regression modelling. Urinary, quality of life (QoL), and potency scores at baseline and last follow-up were recorded.

**Table 3** Survival rates by NCCN risk group classification [median (range) follow-up of 12.5 (10.1–21.8) years].

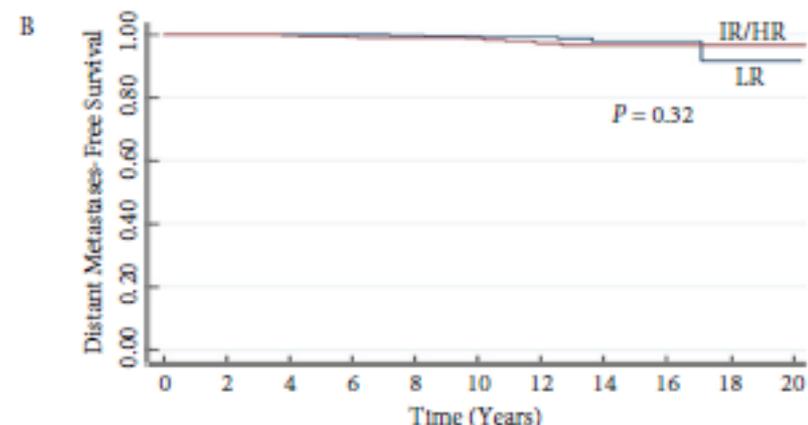
Survival variable, %, (95% CI)	Total n = 757 (100%)	Low risk n = 370 (48.9%)	Intermediate risk n = 170 (22.5%)	High risk n = 217 (28.6%)	Log-rank P
BFFS					
13-year	87 (0.84–0.89)	94 (0.90–0.96)	87 (0.81–0.92)	75 (0.68–0.80)	<0.001
15-year	84 (0.81–0.87)	91 (0.86–0.94)	84 (0.74–0.90)	73 (0.66–0.79)	
17-year	79 (0.72–0.85)	86 (0.73–0.93)	80 (0.67–0.89)	65 (0.51–0.76)	
DMFS					
13-year	98 (0.96–0.99)	99 (0.96–0.99)	97 (0.92–0.99)	96 (0.92–0.98)	0.27
15-year	97 (0.95–0.98)	98 (0.94–0.99)	97 (0.92–0.99)	96 (0.92–0.98)	
17-year	97 (0.95–0.98)	98 (0.94–0.99)	97 (0.92–0.99)	96 (0.92–0.98)	
OS					
13-year	94 (0.91–0.95)	95 (0.91–0.97)	95 (0.89–0.98)	91 (0.84–0.94)	0.09
15-year	81 (0.76–0.85)	86 (0.78–0.90)	80 (0.68–0.88)	75 (0.65–0.83)	
17-year	72 (0.64–0.78)	82 (0.71–0.89)	73 (0.56–0.84)	60 (0.46–0.71)	
PCSS					
13-year	99 (0.97–0.99)	99 (0.97–0.99)	100	97 (0.92–0.99)	0.02
15-year	98 (0.96–0.99)	98 (0.94–0.99)	100	96 (0.90–0.98)	
17-year	97 (0.94–0.99)	98 (0.94–0.99)	100	94 (0.85–0.97)	

**Fig. 1** Kaplan-Meier survival curves for the entire cohort [ $n = 757$ , median (range) follow-up of 12.5 (10.1–21.8) years]. **(A)** BFFS, **(B)** DMFS, **(C)** PCSS, and **(D)** OS. LR, low-risk; IR/HR, intermediate- and high-risk.



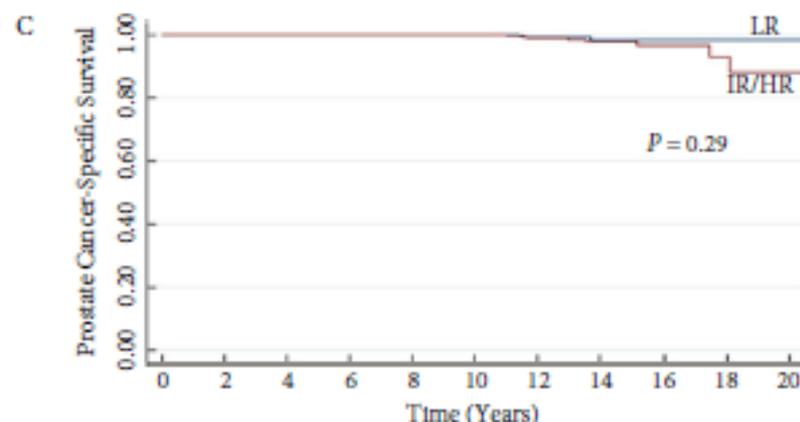
No. at risk:

LR	370	368	365	362	358	352	196	91	24	8	1
IR/HR	387	379	363	352	336	326	192	77	28	9	1



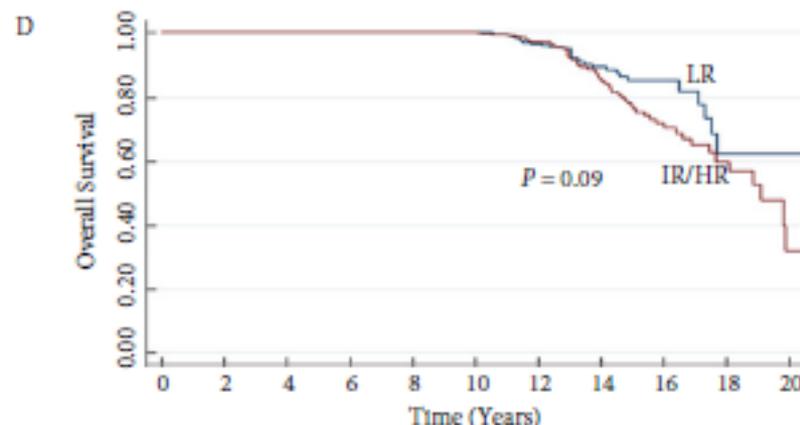
No. at risk:

LR	370	370	370	370	369	368	206	98	26	9	1
IR/HR	387	387	386	384	383	382	235	100	42	14	3



No. at risk:

LR	370	370	370	370	370	370	213	103	30	10	2
IR/HR	387	387	387	387	387	387	253	119	50	19	3



No. at risk:

LR	370	370	370	370	370	370	213	103	30	10	2
IR/HR	387	387	387	387	387	387	253	119	50	19	3

# 15-Year Cause Specific and All-Cause Survival Following Brachytherapy for Prostate Cancer: Negative Impact of Long-Term Hormonal Therapy

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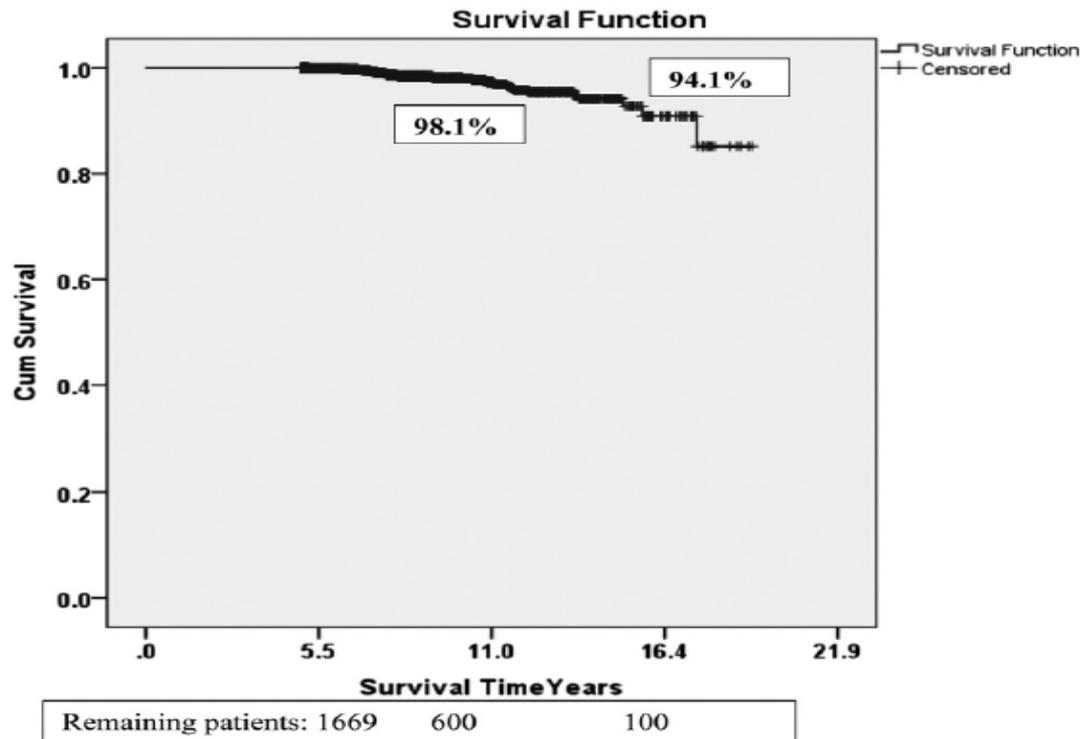
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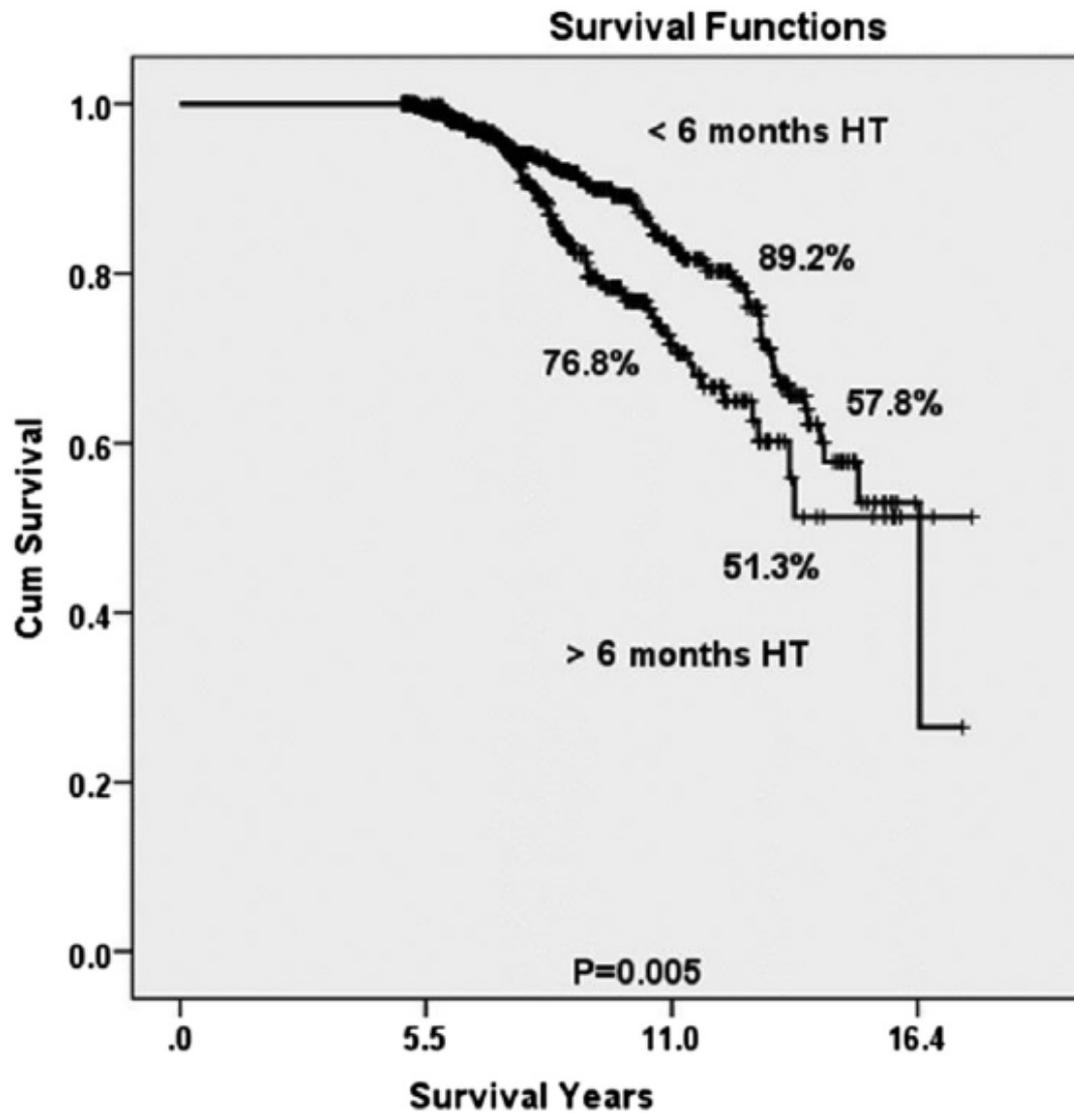
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**Figure 1.** Ten and 15-year CSS



**Figure 2.** Ten and 15-year ACS in men with 6 months or less vs greater than 6 months of HT (median 6).

# Cox Regression: Overall Survival

• Factor	p value
• Age	<.001
• Hormone Therapy	.032
• Smoking	.03
• DM	.013
• Atrial Fib	.04
• Emphysema	.04

# Radical Prostatectomy, External Beam Radiotherapy, or External Beam Radiotherapy With Brachytherapy Boost and Disease Progression and Mortality in Patients With Gleason Score 9-10 Prostate Cancer

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**IMPORTANCE** The optimal treatment for Gleason score 9-10 prostate cancer is unknown.

**OBJECTIVE** To compare clinical outcomes of patients with Gleason score 9-10 prostate cancer after definitive treatment.

**DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS** Retrospective cohort study in 12 tertiary centers (11 in the United States, 1 in Norway), with 1809 patients treated between 2000 and 2013.

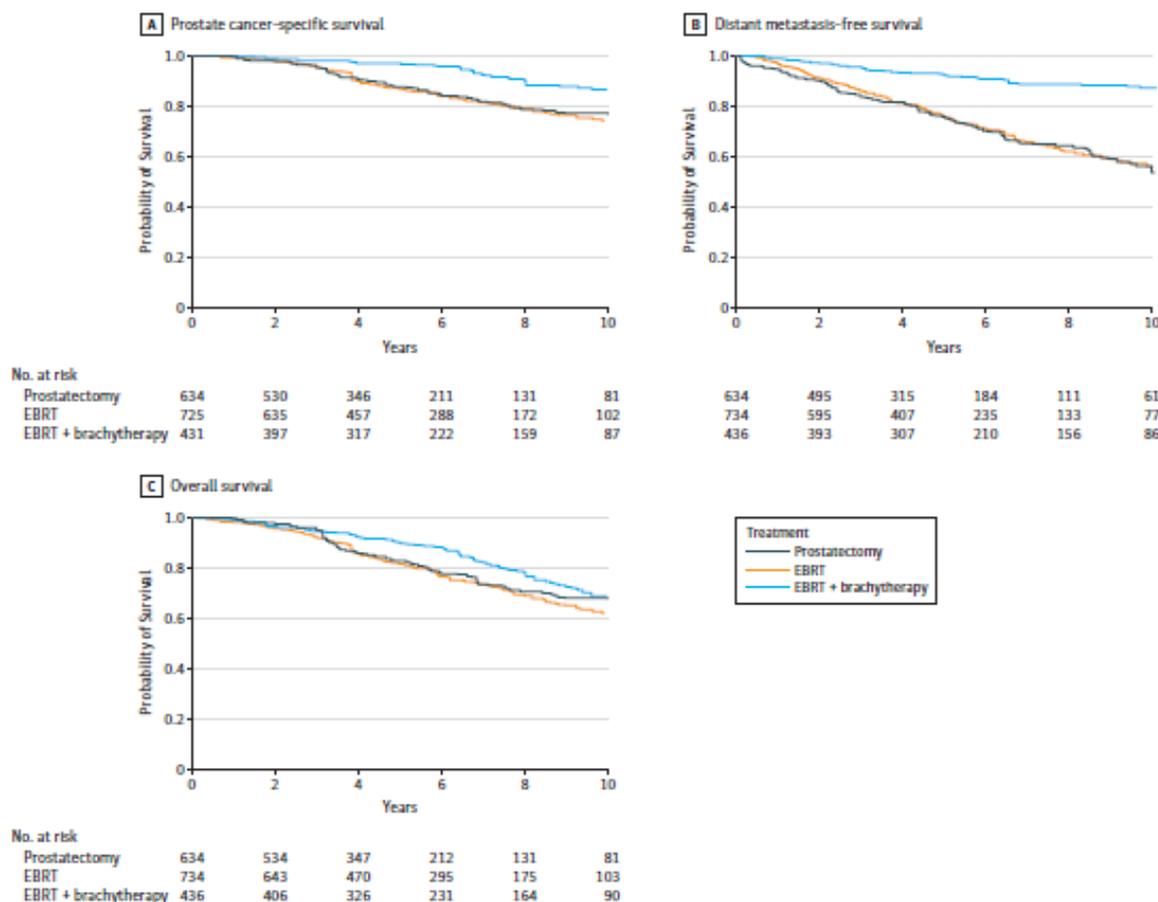
**EXPOSURES** Radical prostatectomy (RP), external beam radiotherapy (EBRT) with androgen deprivation therapy, or EBRT plus brachytherapy boost (EBRT+BT) with androgen deprivation therapy.

**MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES** The primary outcome was prostate cancer-specific mortality; distant metastasis-free survival and overall survival were secondary outcomes.

**RESULTS** Of 1809 men, 639 underwent RP, 734 EBRT, and 436 EBRT+BT. Median ages were 61, 67.7, and 67.5 years; median follow-up was 4.2, 5.1, and 6.3 years, respectively. By 10 years, 91 RP, 186 EBRT, and 90 EBRT+BT patients had died. Adjusted 5-year prostate cancer-specific mortality rates were RP, 12% (95% CI, 8%-17%); EBRT, 13% (95% CI, 8%-19%); and EBRT+BT, 3% (95% CI, 1%-5%). EBRT+BT was associated with significantly lower prostate cancer-specific mortality than either RP or EBRT (cause-specific HRs of 0.38 [95% CI, 0.21-0.68] and 0.41 [95% CI, 0.24-0.71]). Adjusted 5-year incidence rates of distant metastasis were RP, 24% (95% CI, 19%-30%); EBRT, 24% (95% CI, 20%-28%); and EBRT+BT, 8% (95% CI, 5%-11%). EBRT+BT was associated with a significantly lower rate of distant metastasis (propensity-score-adjusted cause-specific HRs of 0.27 [95% CI, 0.17-0.43] for RP and 0.30 [95% CI, 0.19-0.47] for EBRT). Adjusted 7.5-year all-cause mortality rates were RP, 17% (95% CI, 11%-23%); EBRT, 18% (95% CI, 14%-24%); and EBRT+BT, 10% (95% CI, 7%-13%). Within the first 7.5 years of follow-up, EBRT+BT was associated with significantly lower all-cause mortality (cause-specific HRs of 0.66 [95% CI, 0.46-0.96] for RP and 0.61 [95% CI, 0.45-0.84] for EBRT). After the first 7.5 years, the corresponding HRs were 1.16 (95% CI, 0.70-1.92) and 0.87 (95% CI, 0.57-1.32). No significant differences in prostate cancer-specific mortality, distant metastasis, or all-cause mortality ( $\leq 7.5$  and  $>7.5$  years) were found between men treated with EBRT or RP (cause-specific HRs of 0.92 [95% CI, 0.67-1.26], 0.90 [95% CI, 0.70-1.14], 1.07 [95% CI, 0.80-1.44], and 1.34 [95% CI, 0.85-2.11]).

**CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE** Among patients with Gleason score 9-10 prostate cancer, treatment with EBRT+BT with androgen deprivation therapy was associated with significantly better prostate cancer-specific mortality and longer time to distant metastasis compared with EBRT with androgen deprivation therapy or with RP.

**Figure.** Adjusted Survival Curves for Prostate Cancer-Specific Survival, Distant Metastasis-Free Survival, and Overall Survival by Treatment Group, Weighted by the Inverse Probability of Treatment



EBRT indicates external beam radiotherapy, and EBRT+BT, external beam radiotherapy with a brachytherapy boost. Median follow-up for each treatment cohort was as follows: EBRT, 5.1 years (interquartile range, 2.9-7.7 years); EBRT+BT, 6.3 years (interquartile range, 3.9-9.4 years); and surgery, 4.2 years (interquartile range, 2.5-7.0 years). Adjusted curves were generated with Kaplan-Meier methods with inverse probability of treatment weights,

calculated with propensity scores that were determined by using multinomial logistic regression with treatment cohort as the outcome and age, ln(initial prostate-specific antigen level), clinical T stage, and Gleason score as pretreatment, prognostic covariates. Numbers at baseline differ for A and B and C because not all patients had known cause-of-death information to compute prostate cancer-specific survival.

# Androgen Suppression Combined with Elective Nodal and Dose Escalated Radiation Therapy (the ASCENDE-RT Trial): An Analysis of Survival Endpoints for a Randomized Trial Comparing a Low-Dose-Rate Brachytherapy Boost to a Dose-Escalated External Beam Boost for High- and Intermediate-risk Prostate Cancer

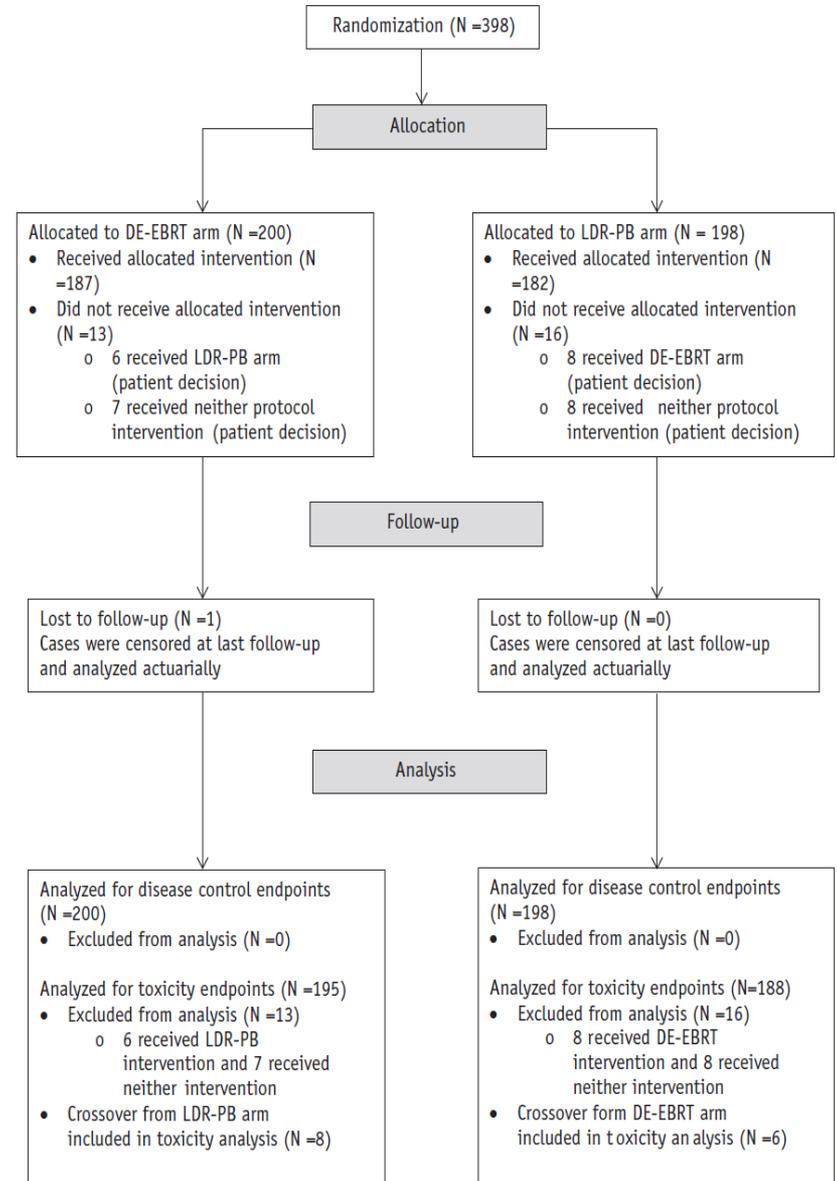
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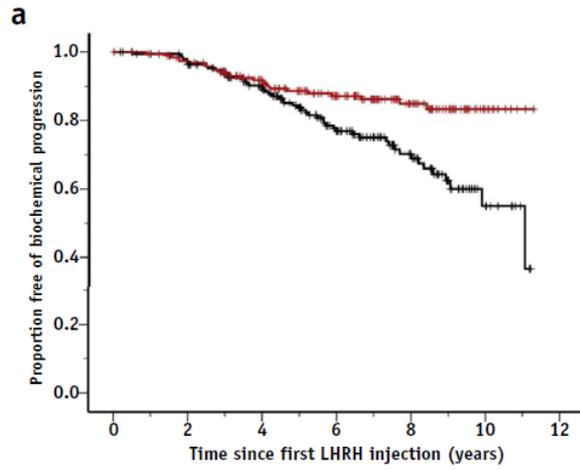
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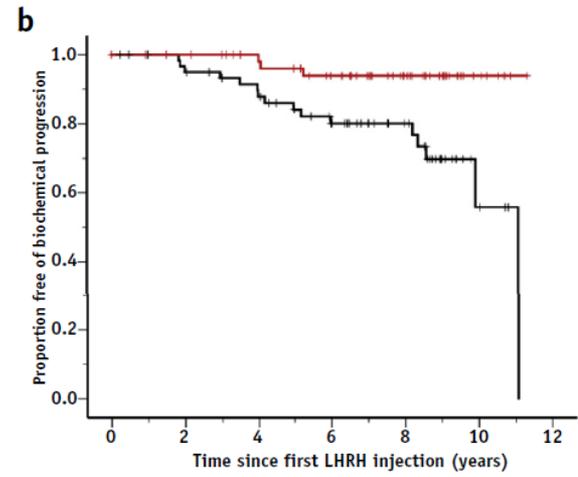
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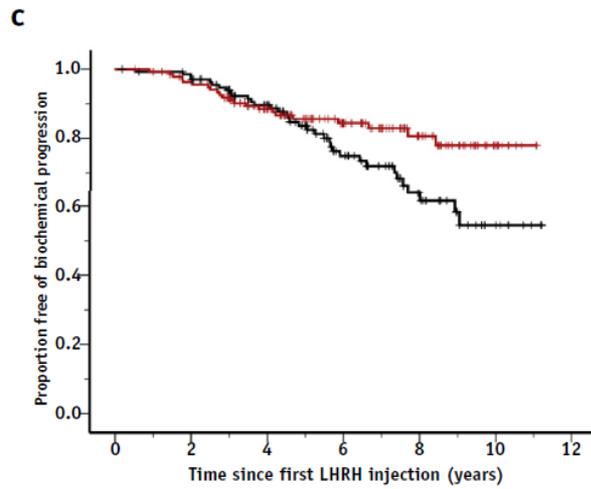
Numbers at risk:

Time (yrs)	0	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
DE-EBRT	200	186	168	145	119	93	74	52	27	11
LDR-PB	198	184	168	147	127	106	86	59	38	14



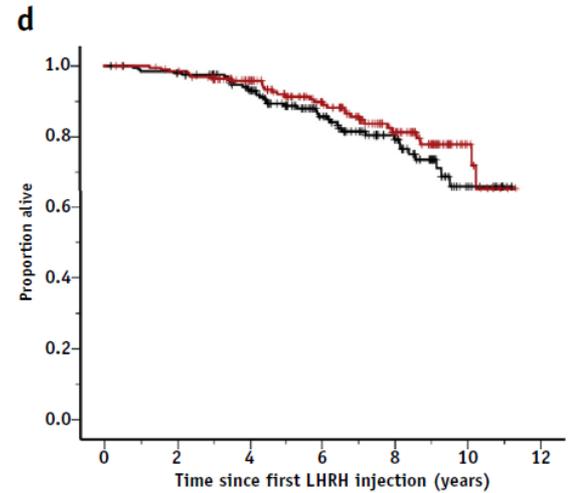
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Time (yrs)	0	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
DE-EBRT	63	57	54	49	43	38	30	25	12	4
LDR-PB	59	55	54	50	47	42	35	26	7	6



Numbers at risk:

Time (yrs)	0	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
DE-EBRT	137	129	114	96	76	55	44	27	15	7
LDR-PB	139	128	114	97	80	64	51	33	21	8



Numbers at risk:

Time (yrs)	0	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
DE-EBRT	200	192	184	161	134	109	85	66	40	16
LDR-PB	198	191	182	160	137	116	94	65	41	15

# ASCENDE-RT: An Analysis of Treatment-Related Morbidity for a Randomized Trial Comparing a Low-Dose-Rate Brachytherapy Boost with a Dose-Escalated External Beam Boost for High- and Intermediate-Risk Prostate Cancer

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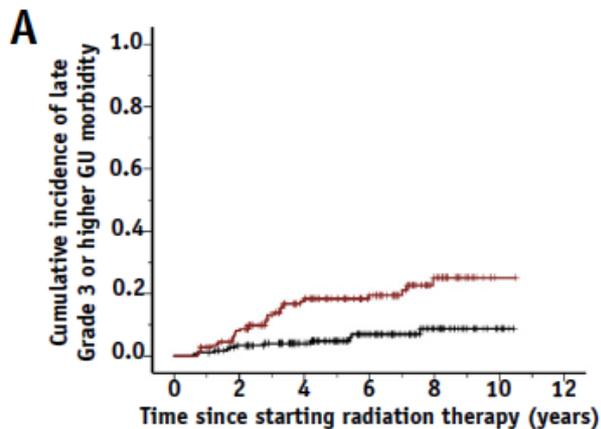
**Table 3** Worst grade of late GU and GI toxicity experienced (5-year actuarial cumulative incidence and hazard ratios)

Maximum grade	DE-EBRT (%) (n=195)	LDR-PB (%) (n=188)	Hazard ratio: LDR-PB vs DE-EBRT	<i>P</i>
Cumulative incidence of late GU side effects at 5 y				
0	29.6 (23-36)	20.6 (9-32)	0.51 (0.32-0.80)	.003*
1	43.8 (36-51)	33.7 (27-41)	0.75 (0.54-1.04)	.088
2	20.6 (14-27)	32.8 (26-40)	1.97 (1.3-3.00)	.002*
3	5.2 (1-8)	18.4 (12-25)	3.46 (1.7-7.07)	<.001*
4/5	0.6 (0-2)	2.1 (0-6)	2.05 (0.19-22.6)	.559
Cumulative incidence of late GI side effects at 5 y				
0	35.8 (28-42)	31.3 (23-38)	0.83 (0.56-1.23)	.343
1	48.2 (41-56)	42.0 (35-49)	0.86 (0.63-1.16)	.322
2	20.2 (14-26)	31.3 (17-45)	1.33 (0.86-2.08)	.205
3	3.2 (0-6)	8.1 (3-13)	2.16 (0.81-5.75)	.124
4/5	0	1.0	N/A	N/A

Abbreviations as in Tables 1 and 2.

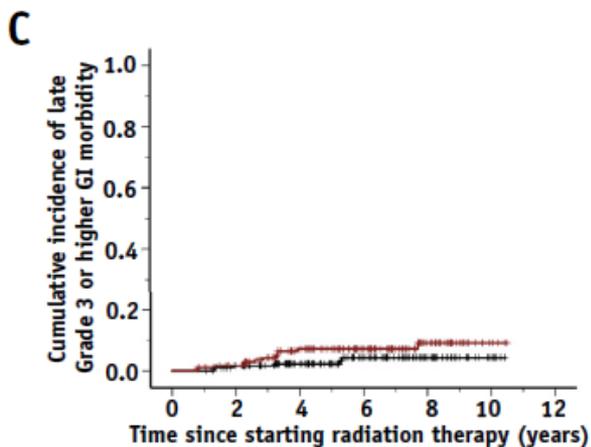
Values in parentheses are 95% confidence intervals.

\* Statistically significant.



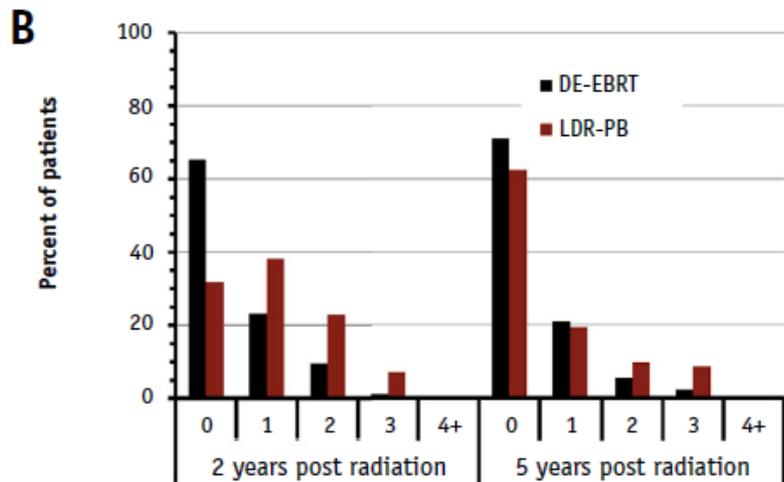
Numbers at risk:

Years	0	2	4	6	8	10
DE-EBRT	195	167	125	79	41	8
LDR-PB	188	158	109	69	28	1

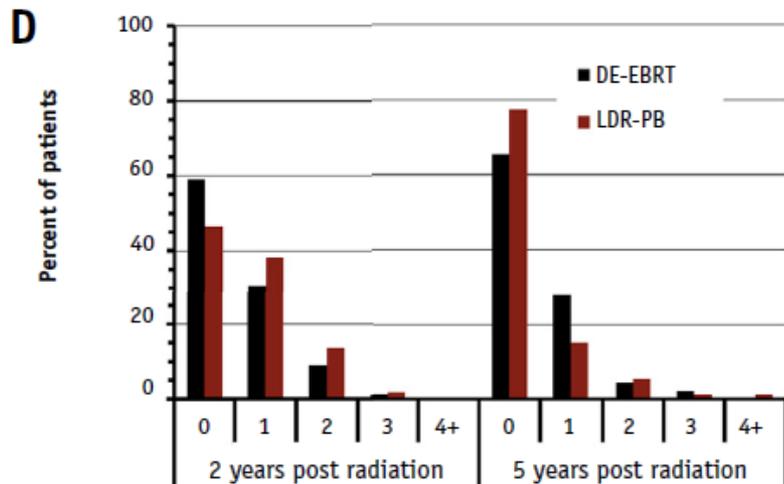


Numbers at risk:

Years	0	2	4	6	8	10
DE-EBRT	195	172	129	80	41	9
LDR-PB	188	168	119	80	36	4



The prevalence of late GU morbidity by grade



The prevalence of late GI morbidity by grade