

Gastrointestinal Stromat tumors - GIST

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ARE ALL GIST MALIGNANT ?



ARE ALL GIST MESENCHYMAL ?



Do ALL GIST NEED TREATMENT ?

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Epidemiology

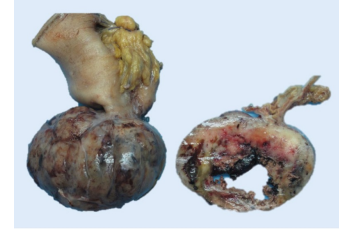
Incidence approx. 6-8 / 100'000 /y

- **0.1 – 3 % of all GI-tumors (rare)**
- **most frequent mesenchymal tumor**
- **slight prevalence in males**
- **mean age 60-65y (but occurrence at any age)**
- **“mini-GISTs” (1–10 mm) are very common (detectable in 22.5% of the autopsies in individuals older than 50 years)**

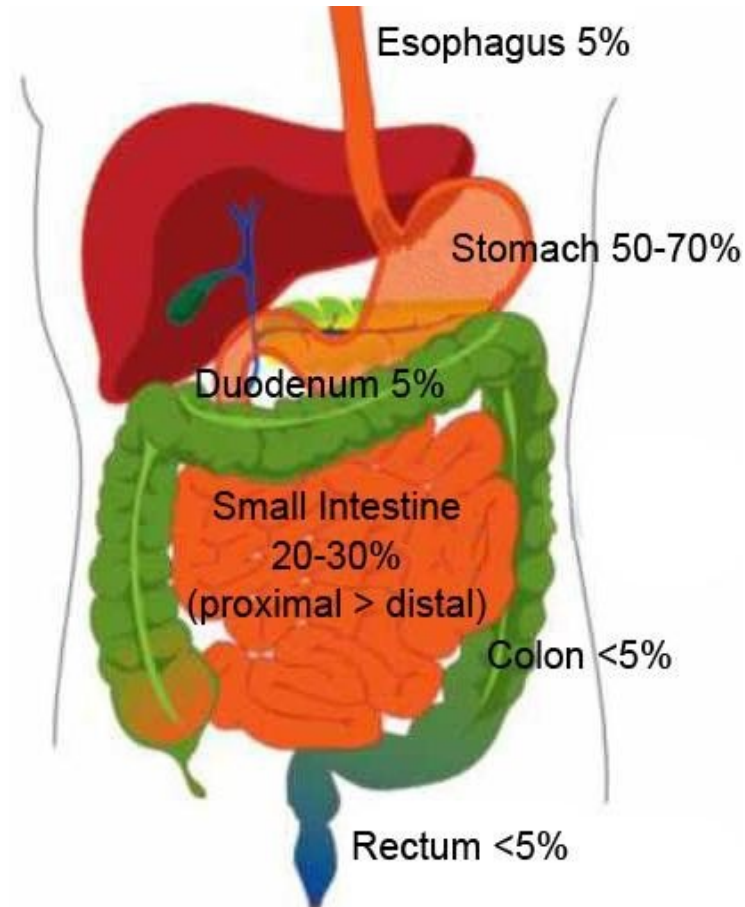
[Kindblom LG et al. Incidence, prevalence, phenotype and biologic spectrum of gastrointestinal stromal cell tumors (GIST) – A population-based study of 600 cases. *Ann Oncol* 2002;13(Suppl 5):157]

[Nilsson B et al. Gastrointestinal stromal tumors: the incidence, prevalence, clinical course, and prognostication in the preimatinib mesylate era - a population-based study in western Sweden. *Cancer* 2005;103:821]

Localisation: main sites ?



**1/3 in
small intestine**



**2/3 in
stomach**

Pathogenesis - which tissue and cells do GIST stem from ?

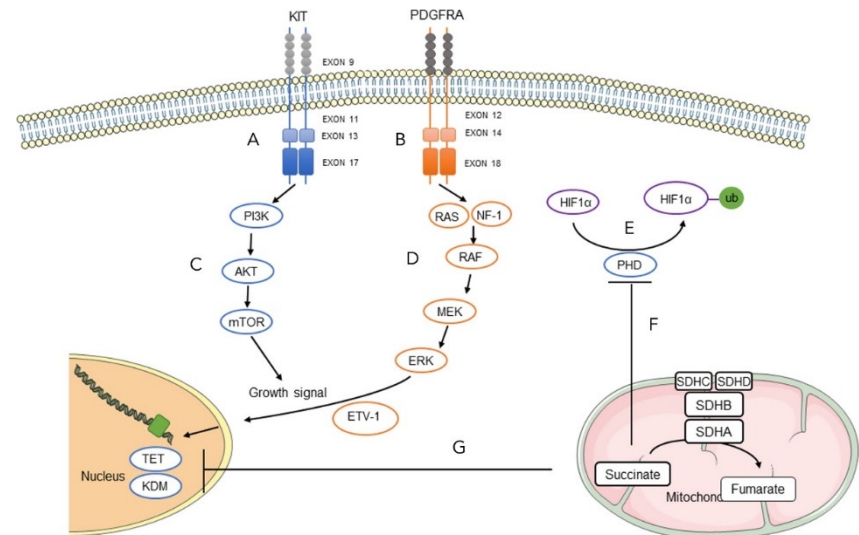
Originate from interstitial cells of Cajal

pluripotent mesenchymal stem cells
 in normal cells activation of the c-kit tyrosine kinase requires the presence of endogenous ligand (c-kit ligand or stem cell factor)

1998 gain-of-function mutation of c-kit

- uncontrolled activation TKI
- uncontrolled growth/ proliferation

- **KIT 80-90% of GIST**
- **PDGFRA 8-15% of GIST**
 (almost all in stomach)



[Hirota S et al. Gain-of-function mutations of c-kit in human gastrointestinal stromal tumors. *Science* 1998;279:577]

Molecular genetics – c-Kit-mutation analysis

- **c-Kit-Mutation¹⁾**
 - **Exon 9: poorer response to Imatinib, poorer prognosis**
 - **Exon 11: better response to Imatinib, better prognosis**

Mutation type	Approximate frequency	Histological type	Anatomical site	<i>In vitro</i> susceptibility to imatinib	Response to Imatinib <i>in vivo</i>
<i>KIT</i> mutation	80–85%	Predominately spindle cell			
Exon 9	10%		Small bowel	Yes	Intermediate
Exon 11	60–70%			Yes	Excellent
Exon 13	1%			Yes	Some responses*
Exon 17	1%			Yes	Some responses*

- **No known mutation: 'wild type' GIST, poor prognosis**

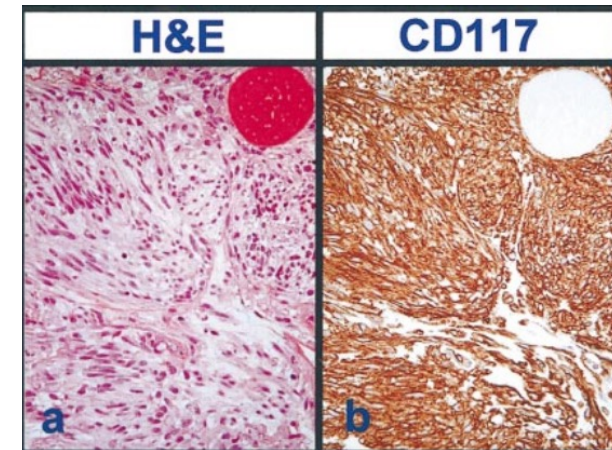
1) [Heinrich MC et al. Kinase mutations and imatinib response in patients with metastatic gastrointestinal stromal tumor. J Clin Oncol 2003;21:4342]

Immuno-histochemistry: for what markers ?

95% are positive for KIT (CD117) or DOG1

Other markers:

- CD34 antigen (70%)
 - smooth muscle actin (SMA; 30%–40%)
 - desmin (< 5%)
 - S100 protein (~5%)
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- 5% of GISTs are “KIT-negative”
 - < 2 % of GISTs are negative for both DOG1 and KIT
 - → challenging diagnosis- mutations in the *PDGFRA* gene.



The diagnosis of GIST does rely on pathology being typically ?

Biomarker	Method	Use	LoE	GoR
Mitotic index	Pathology	Disease classification Prognostic relevance Used for medical treatment decisions	IV	A
<i>KIT</i> mutations	Sanger sequencing or NGS	Disease classification Prognostic relevance Predictive relevance Used for medical treatment decisions Currently actionable/targetable	I	A
<i>PDGFRA</i> mutations	Sanger sequencing or NGS	Disease classification Prognostic relevance Predictive relevance Used for medical treatment decisions Currently actionable/targetable	I/III	A
<i>NTRK</i> mutations	Sanger sequencing or NGS	Disease classification Predictive relevance Used for medical treatment decisions Currently actionable/targetable	III	A
<i>BRAF</i> mutations	Sanger sequencing or NGS	Disease classification Predictive relevance Used for medical treatment decisions Currently actionable/targetable	V	B
<i>SDH</i> mutations/epimutations	IHC	Disease classification Prognostic relevance Predictive relevance Used for medical treatment decisions	I	A

GoR, grade of recommendation; IHC, immunohistochemistry; LoE, level of evidence; NGS, next-generation sequencing; PDGFRA, platelet-derived growth factor receptor α ; SDH, succinate dehydrogenase.

**Positivity for CD117 (KIT)
and/or DOG1**

KIT/ PDGFRA negative



Test BRAF, NTRK, SDH

All
negative



**exclude NF1
and/or SDH-mutations**

Histologic patterns

- **spindle cell type 70%**

DD includes: leiomyoma, leiomyosarcoma, schwannoma, intra-abdominal desmoid-type fibromatosis, inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor, solitary fibrous tumor, sarcomatoid carcinoma.

- **predominantly epithelioid cell type 20%**

DD includes: metastatic melanoma, clear cell sarcoma, epithelioid variants of leiomyosarcoma, and epithelioid hemangioendothelioma.

- **mixture of both spindle and epithelioid cells 10%**

Clinical presentation

- **No symptoms 15 – 30%**

Incidental findings e.g. on endoscopy, radiology, resections for other reasons

- **Symptomatic GIST ~75%**

GI bleeding 25 – 53% (overt bleeding 34%)

Abdominal pain 20 – 50%

Passage 10 – 30%: N/V, early satiety, ileus, pain

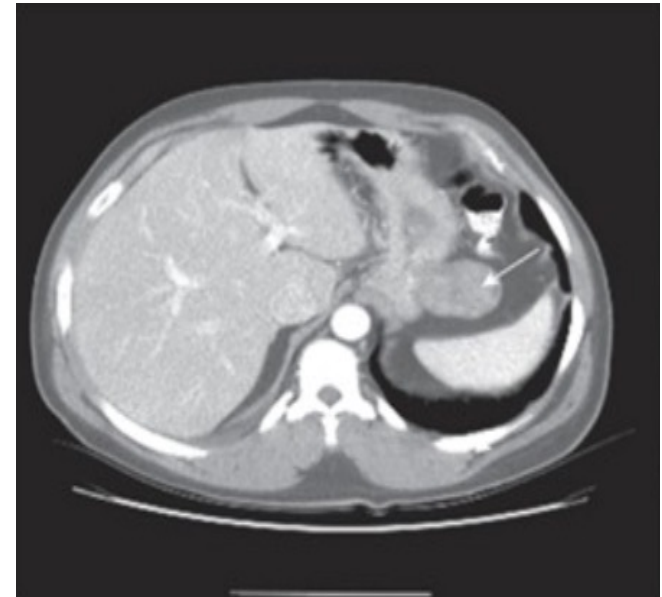
Palpable mass 8 – 13%

[Mucciarini C et al. Incidence and clinicopathologic features of gastrointestinal stromal tumors. A population-based study. BMC Cancer 2007;7:230]

Diagnostic workup

■ Diagnostic modalities:

- Endoscopy
- Endosonography
- Radiology (CT, PET-CT, MRI)
- Triple-phase CT 1st choice
- Histology / immunohistochemistry



■ Diagnostic modality of choice:

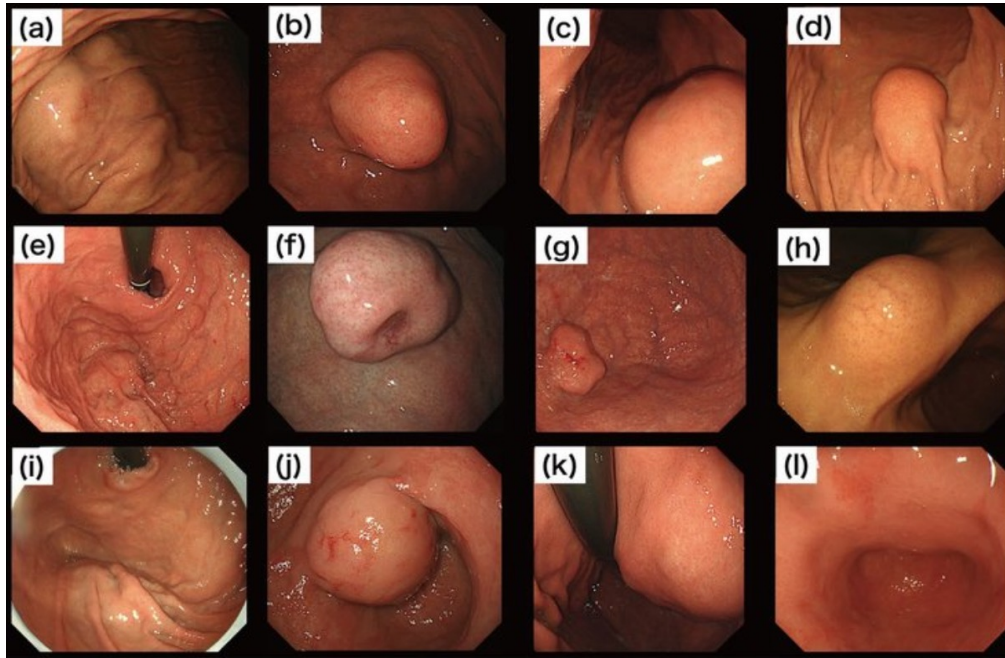
- EUS-guided biopsy / FNB (if feasible)

Is biopsy mandatory?

- In some situations biopsy may not be necessary (ie classic EUS findings, tumor easily resectable, preoperative therapy not required)

Diagnostic workup

- **Endoscopic features of GIST:**



- **Drawback of Endoscopy w/ biopsy (stacked / bite-on-bite):**
 - Risk of bleeding / tumor perforation
 - Poor diagnostic yield (17-42%)

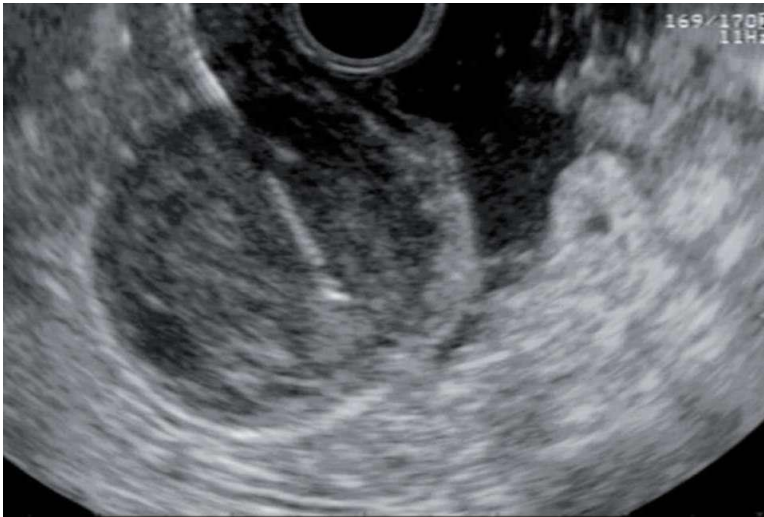
[Hunt GC et al. Yield of tissue sampling for submucosal lesions evaluated by EUS. Gastrointest Endosc 2003;57:68]

[Cantor MJ et al. Yield of tissue sampling for subepithelial lesions evaluated by EUS: a comparison between forceps biopsies and endoscopic submucosal resection. Gastrointest Endosc 2006;64:29]

Diagnostic workup: method of choice

EUS

Classic features of GIST:



- **fourth wall layer (muscularis propria)**
- **round to oval shape**
- **hypoechoic**

EUS +/- biopsy – advantages:

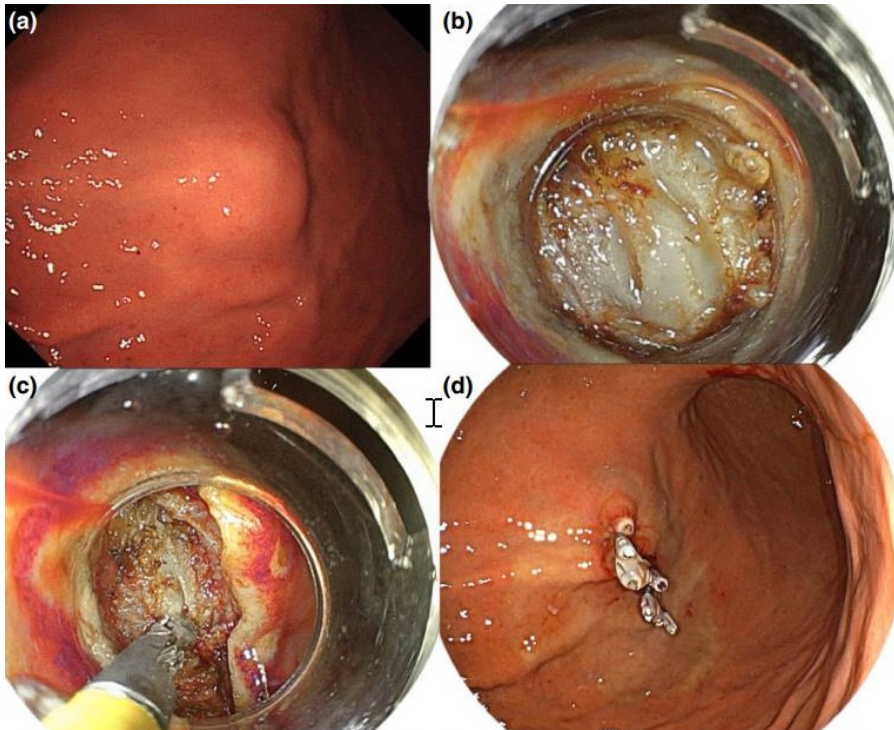
Most accurate method: secure diagnosis of GIST

- **solid mass of < 1 cm is technically difficult**
→ Tissue acquisition is recommended only for masses of > 1 cm
- **EUS-FNB outperforms FNA**
71% for 1-2cm → 86% for 2-cm to 4-cm tumors
close to 100% for > 4-cm tumors
- **Mucosal incision associated biopsy (MIAB) = e.g. De-Roofing**
→ 3 RCT vs. FNB: equally effective, diagnostic accuracy (GIST > 2cm)
→ subgroup analysis: lesion < 20 mm MIAB superior (91% vs. 71%)

[Ando N et al. The diagnosis of Gi stromal tumors with EUS-guided fine needle aspiration with immunohistochemical analysis. Gastrointest Endosc 2002;55:37]; [Chak A et al. Endosonographic differentiation of benign and malignant stromal cell tumors. Gastrointest Endosc 1997;45:468] [Palazzo L et al. Endosonographic features predictive of benign and malignant gastrointestinal stromal cell tumours. Gut 2000;46:88]

Trindale AJ. Endoscopy International Open 2019; Osoegawa T et al. Dig Endo 2019

Mucosa-incision-associated biopsy for SMT/GIST



1. Submucosal injection
at site of incision
+ 0.0001 % epinephrine
2. Incision at apex of submucosal
tumor + needle-knife
or ESD-knife
3. Tissue biopsy from SMT
e.g. jumbo-jaw-biopsy
+ see tissue deformation at
site of biopsy within tumor
4. Closure of incision by endoClip

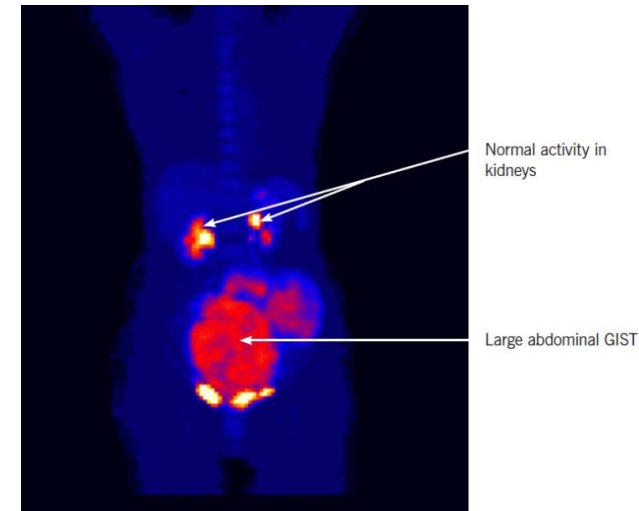
PS: however bleeding risk up to 5%

Osoegawa T et al. Dig Endo 2019

Diagnostic workup

^{18}F FDG-PET

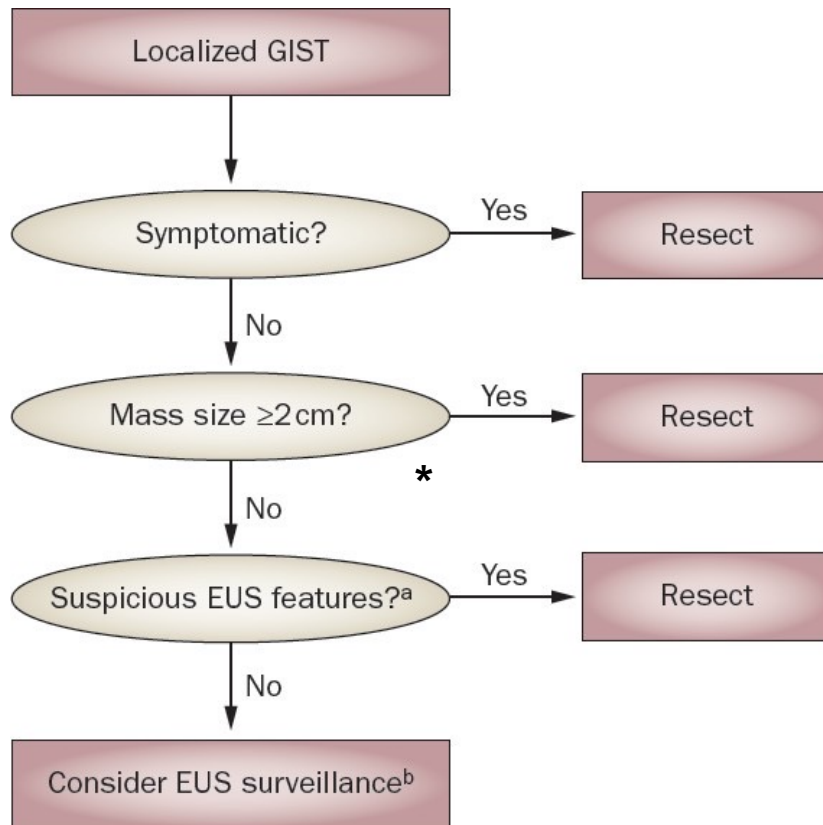
- **GIST highly metabolically active**
- **May not detect GIST <2cm**
- **Assess complex metastatic disease in patients who are being considered for surgery**
- **Correlation between ^{18}F FDG-Uptake & mitotic index**
- **Monitoring tumor response to therapy (early on)**



[Kamiyama Y et al. ^{18}F -fluorodeoxyglucose positron emission tomography: useful technique for predicting malignant potential of gastrointestinal stromal tumors. World J Surg 2005;29:1429]

[Stroobants S et al. ^{18}F FDG-Positron emission tomography for the early prediction of response in advanced soft tissue sarcoma treated with imatinib mesylate (Glivec). Eur J Cancer 2003;39:2012] [Antoch G et al. Comparison of PET, CT, and dual-modality PET/CT imaging for monitoring of imatinib (STI571) therapy in patients with gastrointestinal stromal tumors. J Nucl Med 2004;45:357]

How to manage/treat localized GIST ?



A) Possible high-risk features on EUS:

irregular border
cystic spaces
ulceration
echogenic foci
heterogeneity

B) When Surveillance is sufficient:

Only when age, comorbidities, site of tumor hinder /limit resection: then surveillance „after a thorough discussion with the patient regarding the risks and benefits“

No large, prospective studies!
Optimal frequency not defined!

6- to 12-mo intervals

Low compliance for follow-up!

Endoscopic resection SMT/GIST < 20 mm ?

ESGE:

Consider removal gastric GIST < 20 mm as alternative to surveillance
Decision to be discussed in multi-disciplinary team
Technique depends on size, location, local expertise
Resection does avoid surveillance/ follow-ups
(also for lesions of unknown histology after failure to obtain diagnosis)

NCCN:

gastric GIST < 20 mm without high-risk features
Can be followed-up periodically

ESGE Guidelines Deprez PH et al. Endoscopy 2022; von Mehren et al. J Natl Comp Network 2020

Principles of resection (e.g. surgery) ?

- **Complete tumor removal with clear resection margins**
- **Avoidance of tumor rupture**
- **Gastric GIST: lap. wedge resection when feasible (vs. Endoscopy)**
- **Routine lymphadenectomy not necessary ¹⁾**

1) [DeMatteo RP et al. Two hundred gastrointestinal stromal tumors: recurrence patterns and prognostic factors for survival. Ann Surg 2000;231:51]

Definition of tumor rupture in GISTs

Ann Surg Oncol (2019) 26:1669–1675
<https://doi.org/10.1245/s10434-019-07297-9>

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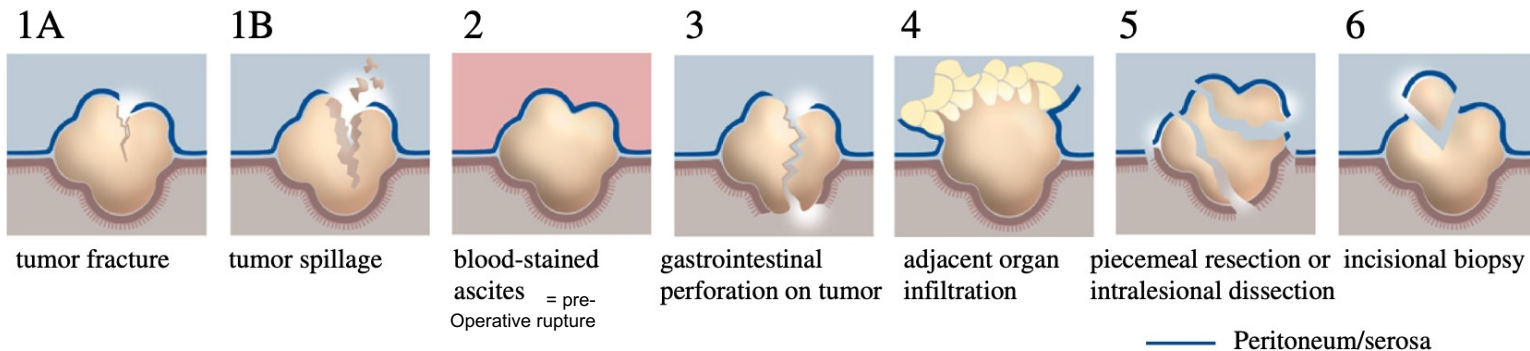
CONTINUING EDUCATION– SARCOMA

Defining Tumor Rupture in Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor

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**RFS in GIST
stage-/mitosis adjusts**

**Without vs. With rupture
69-96% vs. 36-37%**



Risk stratification: e.g. after surgery for recurrence depends on ?

- **Tumor size:** < 2 cm, < 5 cm, > 10 cm
- **Mitotic index:** < 5/ 5 mm² > 10/ 5 mm²
- **Location:** **small intestine (rectal) >>> gastric**

Plus:

- Tumor rupture at resection
- Nutritional status

1) [Miettinen M et al. Evaluation of malignancy and prognosis of gastrointestinal stromal tumors: a review. Hum Pathol 2002;33:478]

2) [Lasota J, Miettinen M et al. KIT and PDGFRA mutations in gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GISTs). SeminDiagn Pathol 2006;23:91]

Risk stratification

AFIP-Miettinen-Criteria

Gruppe	Größe	Mitosen- zahl/5 mm ² *	Lokalisation			
			Magen	Jejunum/Ileum	Duodenum	Rektum
1	≤ 2 cm	≤ 5	∅	∅	∅	∅
2	> 2–5 cm	≤ 5	Sehr niedrig	Niedrig	Niedrig	Niedrig
			(1,9 %)	(4,3 %)	(8,3 %)	(8,5 %)
3a	> 5–10 cm	≤ 5	Niedrig	Moderat	Hoch	Hoch
			(3,6 %)	(24,0 %)	(34,0 %)	(57,0 %)
3b	> 10 cm	≤ 5	Moderat	Hoch	Hoch	Hoch
			(12,0 %)	(52,0 %)	(34,0 %)	(57,0 %)
4	≤ 2 cm	> 5	∅ ^a	Hoch ^a	–	Hoch
				(50,0 %)		(54,0 %)
5	> 2–5 cm	> 5	Moderat	Hoch	Hoch	Hoch
			(16,0 %)	(73,0 %)	(50,0 %)	(52,0 %)
6a	> 5–10 cm	> 5	Hoch	Hoch	Hoch	Hoch
			(55,0 %)	(85,0 %)	(86,0 %)	(71,0 %)
6b	> 10 cm	> 5	Hoch	Hoch	Hoch	Hoch
			(86,0 %)	(90,0 %)	(86,0 %)	(71,0 %)

Miettinen et al. Sem Diag Pathol 2006

Risk Stratification Criteria ?

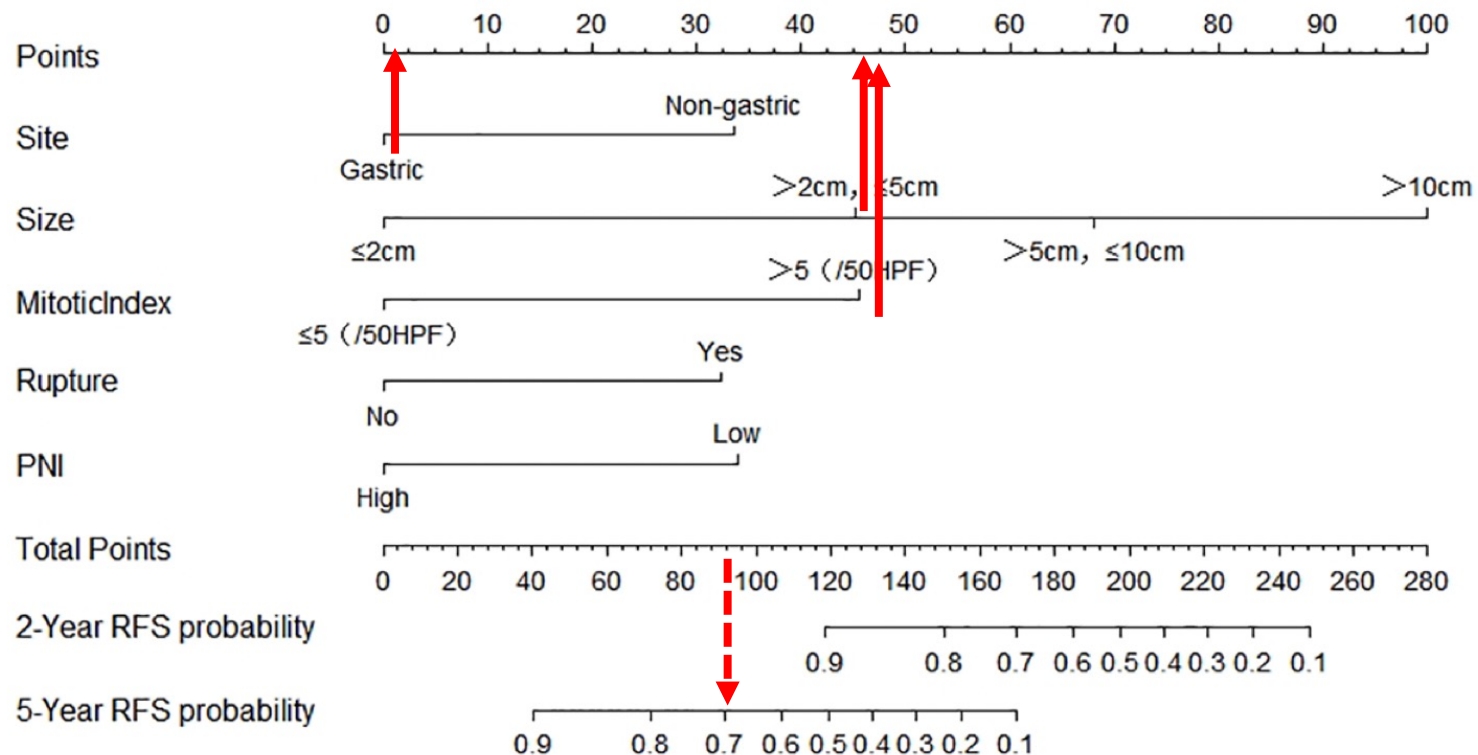
Modified – NIH - Criteria

Risk category	Tumor size (cm)	Mitotic index (per 50 HPF)	Location
Very low	≤2.0	≤5.0	Any
Low	2.1–5.0	≤5.0	Any
Intermediate	≤5.0	6–10	Any
	5.1–10.0	≤5.0	Gastric
High	>10.0	Any	Any
	Any	>10	Any
	>5.0	>5	Any
	≤5.0	>5	Non-gastric
	5.1–10.0	≤5	Non-gastric



**High-risk means:
after stopping adjuvant (or without)
within 1-3 years a relapse
(even after R0 resection)**

Nomogram for predicting probabilities of 2- and 5-year recurrence-free survival



CAVE: for KIT-positive GIST (only)

Li S. et al. Frontiers Oncology 2021

Adjuvant therapy after complete resection ?

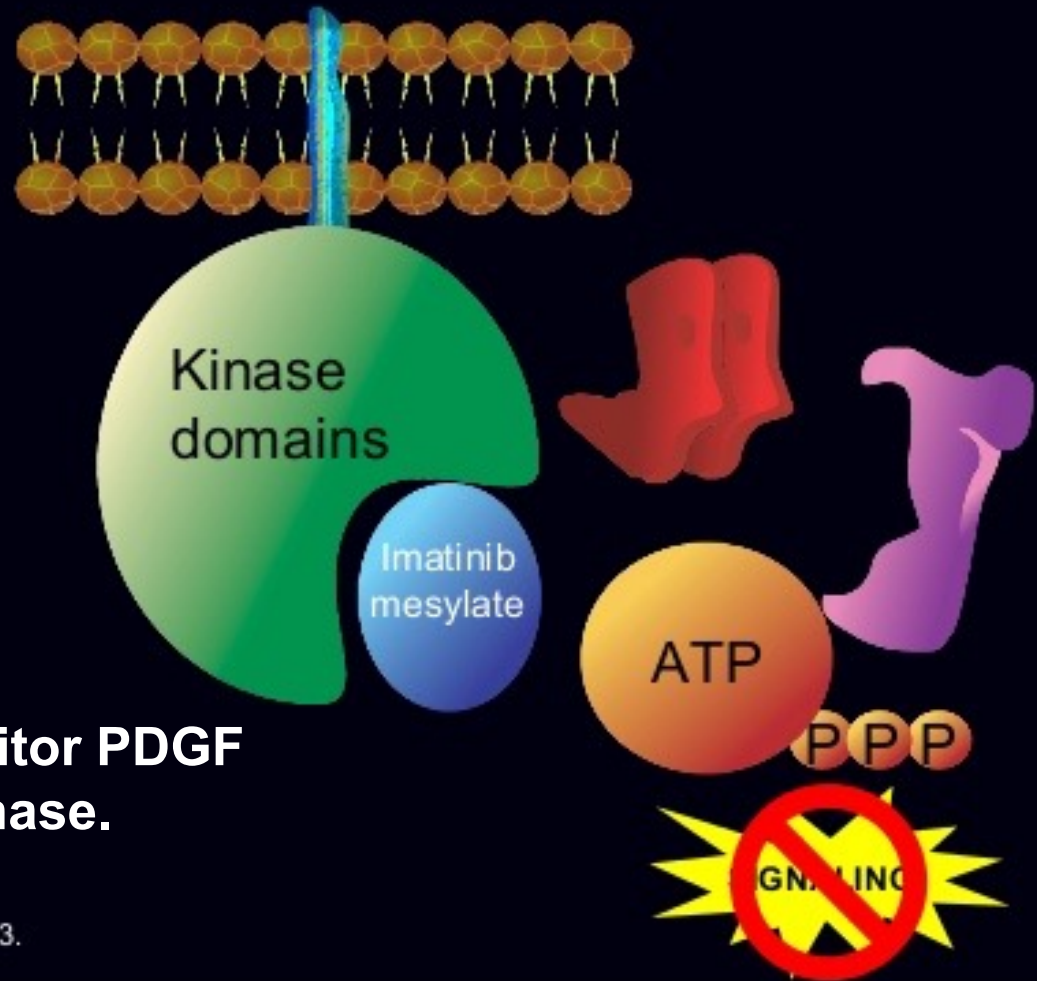
What ?

Imatinib



Imatinib Mesylate: Mechanism of Action

- Imatinib mesylate occupies the ATP binding pocket of the KIT kinase domain
- This prevents substrate phosphorylation and signaling
- A lack of signaling inhibits proliferation and survival



Imatinib is also an inhibitor PDGF and Bcr-Abl tyrosine kinase.

Savage and Antman. *N Engl J Med.* 2002;346:683.
Scheijen and Griffin. *Oncogene.* 2002;21:3314.

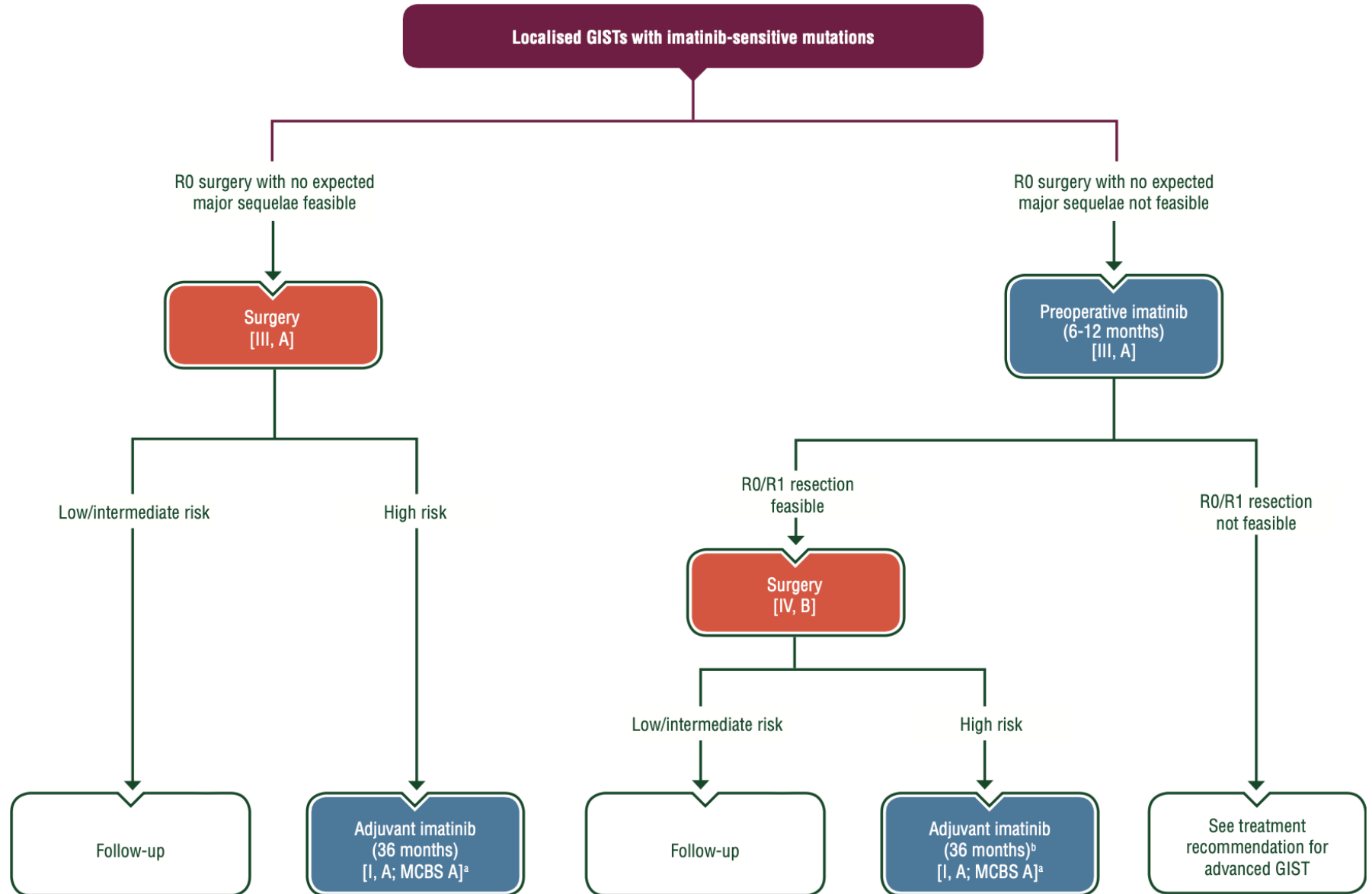
Adjuvant therapy after complete resection ?

When ? How long ?

Most/all data for „high (or at least intermediate)“ risk patients

- 1 year **imatinib** in GIST > 3 cm prolongs RFS (1)
- 3 years **imatinib** better RFS and OS than 1 year (2)
- benefit depends on type of KIT/PDGFRΑ-mutation:
greater in KIT **exon 11 deletion** mutations (3)

1:Dematteo RP et al. Lancet 2009; 2: Joensuu H JCO 2016; Joensuu H JAMA Oncol 2017



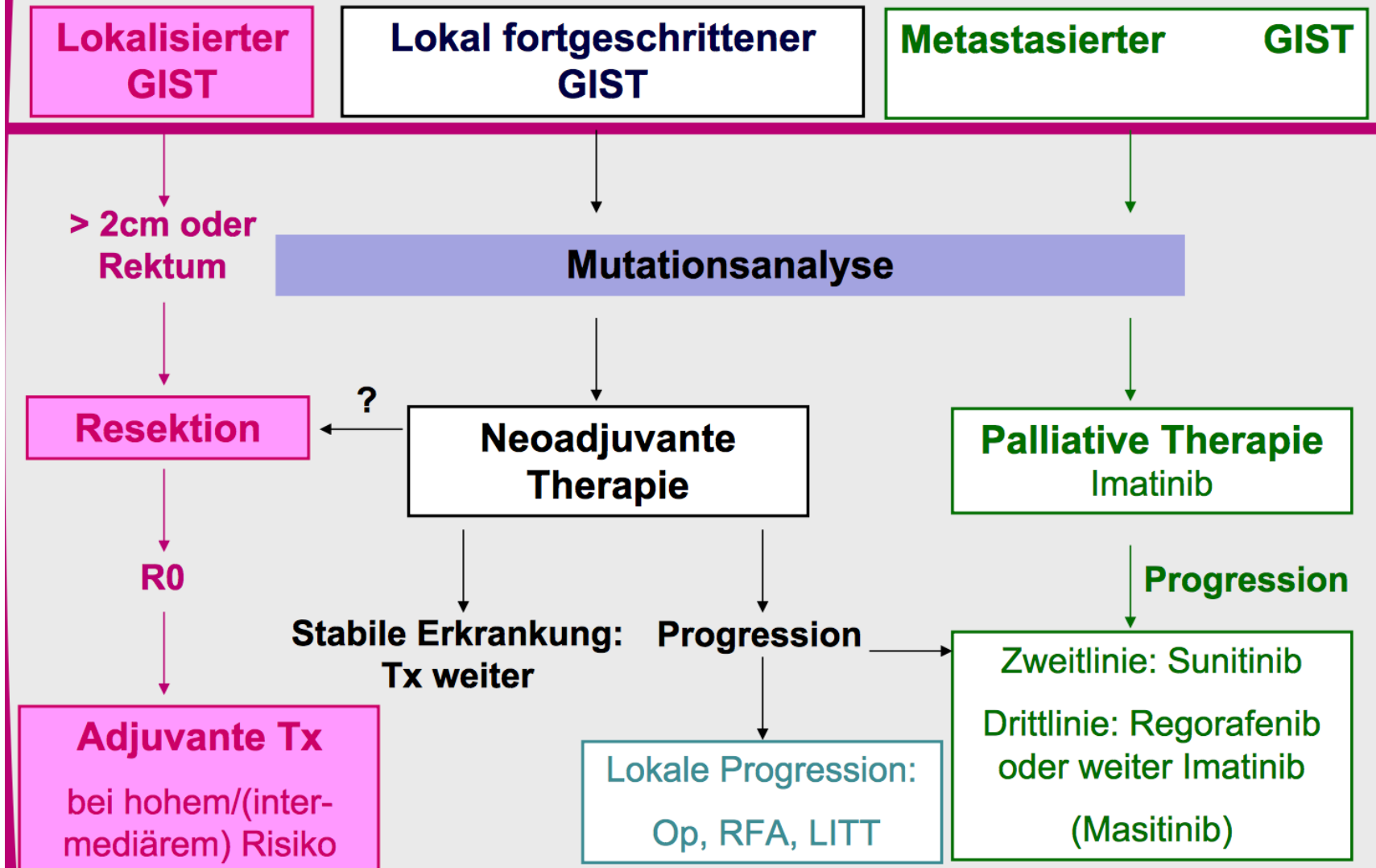
Follow up after complete resection and adjuvant treatment

Interval surveillance unclear (institution based SOPs)

Mostly in high-risk GIST: E.g. every 3-6 months for 3 years
CT scan (abdominal/pelvic) – then yearly

Most frequent sites of recurrence: liver and peritoneum

Therapiestrategien bei GIST



Mutational analysis: why - when - what ?

Predicts sensitivity to molecular-targeted therapy = prognosis

Mutational analysis in the diagnostic work-up of all GIST
should be considered standard
(with possible exclusion of non-rectal GIST < 20 mm)

Examples:

KIT exon 11 deletion codons 557-558 = high risk for relapse
PDGFRA mutation D842V generally good prognosis

Which mutations are „drug-able“ and by what ?

Genomic alteration	Drug	Evidence/ Literature
KIT mutations	Imatinib (adjuv.)	I-A (1,2)
PDGFRA D842V +other mutations	Avapritinib (pre-op) Sunitinib	I-B (3)
NTRK rearrangements	NRTK-inhibitors (e.g. larotrectinib)	I-C (4)
BRAF mutations	BRAF-inhibitors (incl BRAF-MEK-comb)	III-A (5)

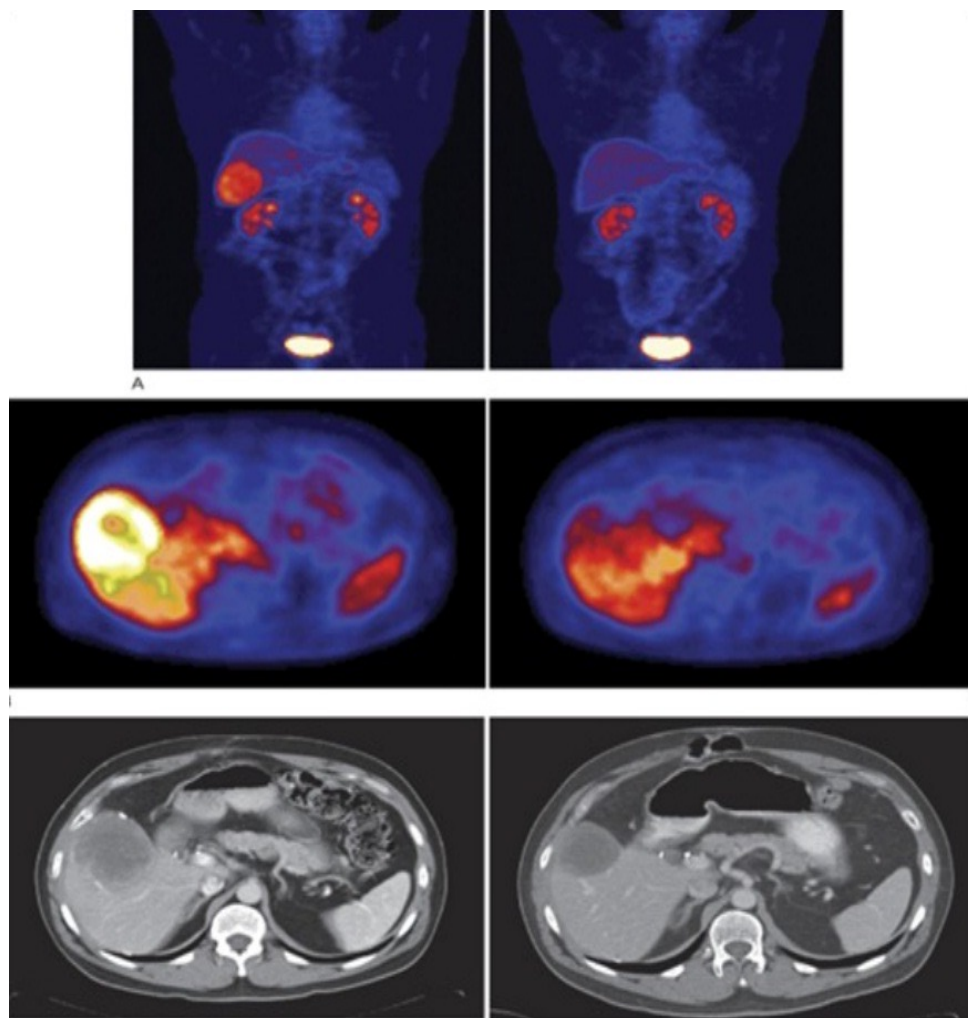
1 Debiec-Rychter M et al. Eur J Cancer 2006; 2 Heinrich MC et al. J Clin Oncol 2008
3 Heinrich MC et al. Lancet Oncol 2020; 4 Drilon A et al. NEJM 2018; 5 Falchook GS et al. Oncotarget 2013

How to assess treatment response ? (e.g. neo-adjuv.)

- **Aim: Do not miss early progression (avoid delay of surgery)**
- **Tumor size and tumor density:**
changes can precede delayed shrinkage
progression without increase in size
e.g. „nodule within a mass“¹
- **Contrast-CT and/or MRI and/or CEUS**
- **FDG-PET**
**absence of tumor progression
after 6 months = tumor response²**

¹ Shankar S Radiology 2005 ²Le Cesne A et al. J. Clin Oncol 2009

Use of FDG-PET-CT in GIST-Treatment



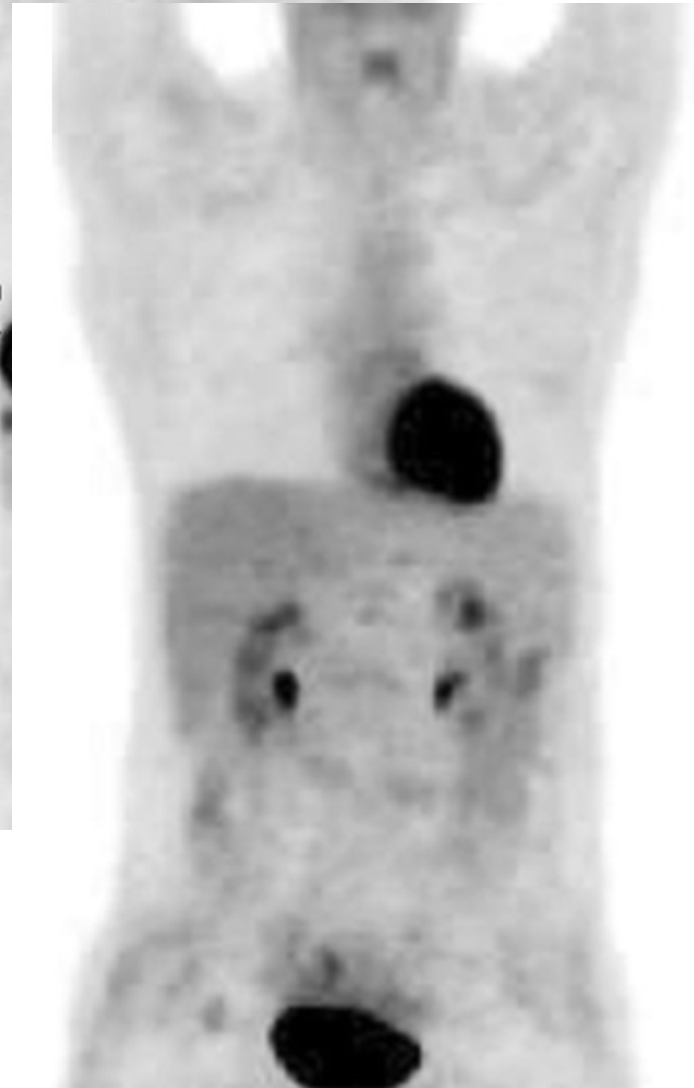
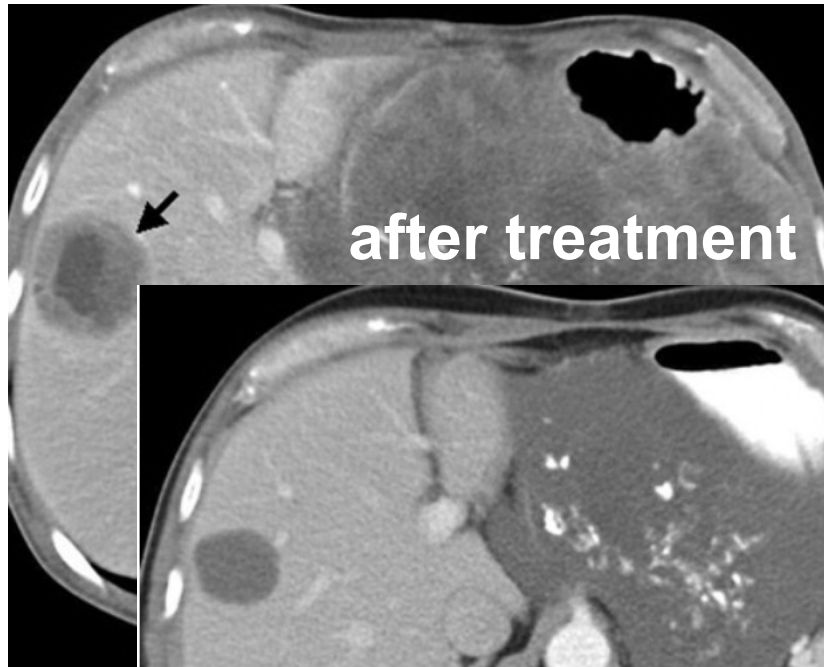
PET scan and CT scans
in a patient with a GIST

metastatic to the liver,
before (left)
after treatment (right)

with imatinib mesylate

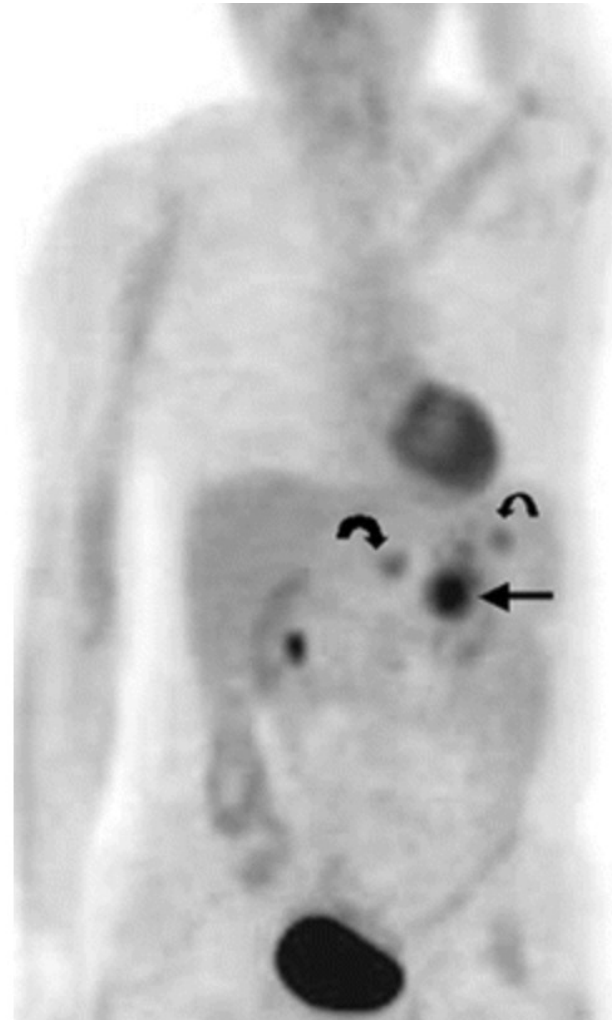
Nodule-in-mass

before Imatinib



Nodule-in-mass

= relapse - evidence



Shankar S et al. Radiology 2005

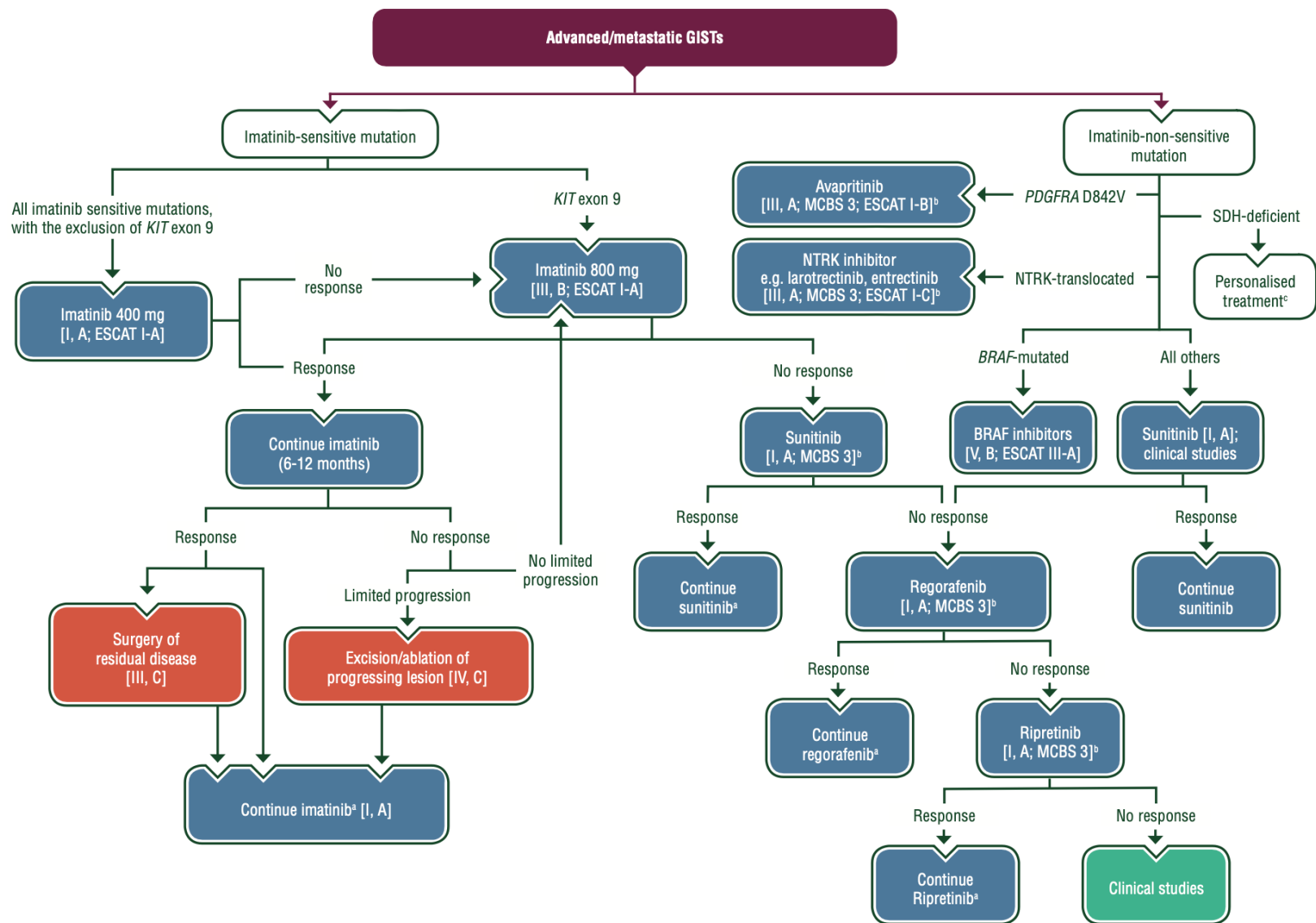
What is standard 2nd line treatment in GIST after/ failing imatinib (even at dose-escalation)?

Sunitinib¹

**What to do when sunitinib is failing
3rd line therapy in advanced GIST ?**

Regorafenib²

¹ Demetri GD et al. Lancet 2006 ²Demetri GD et al. Lancet 2003



Pediatric GISTs

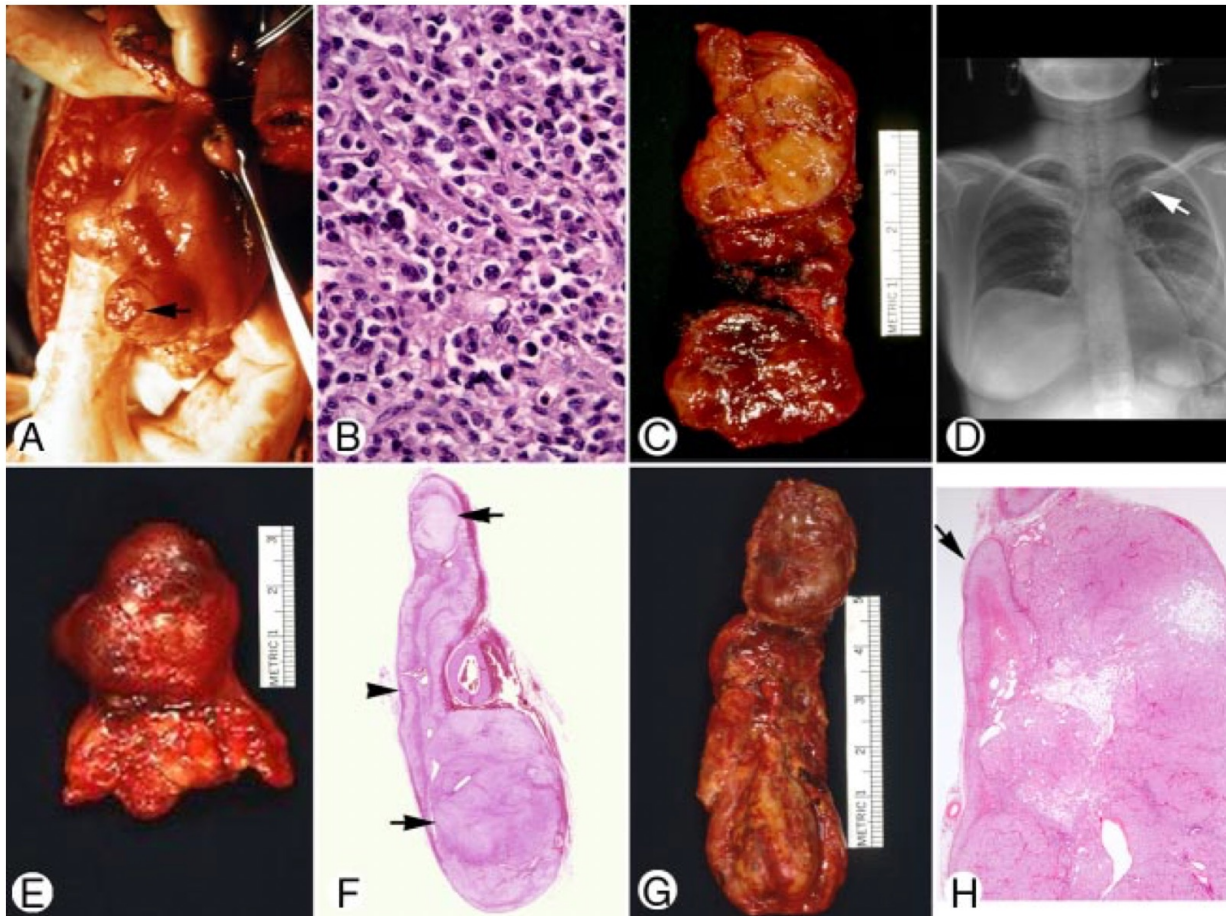
- fundamentally different clinicopathologic entities (1-2% of all GISTs).
- typically lack *KIT/PDGFR*A mutations
- frequently affected gene encoding for SDH (succinate dehydrogenase)
- predominantly in girls, multiple nodules in the stomach
- distinct genomic profile → overexpression of *IGF1R*

- Most pediatric wild-type GISTs progress to malignancy without acquiring large-scale chromosomal aberrations
- indolent clinical course despite a high rate of recurrence, are associated with longer survival even in patients with metastatic disease
- predominant clinical symptom is **anemia**

Syndromes linked to GISTs ?

- **Carney triad syndrome:**
gastric GISTs, paraganglioma + pulmonary chondromas
- **Carney–Stratakis syndrome:**
a dyad of GIST and paraganglioma
- **Neurofibromatosis type 1:**
leading to wild-type (WT), often multicentric GIST,
predominantly located in the small bowel
- **Families with germline autosomal dominant mutations of KIT
are extremely rare (about 10 families worldwide)**
– → presenting with multiple GISTs at an early age

Carney Triad Syndrome



- A: **gastric tumors** on serosal surface
- B: **GIST**- histology spindle-cell-like
- C: Aorto-Pulmonary **Paraganglioma**
- D: Calcified nodule at **pulmonary chondroma**
- E: Extra-adrenal **para-ganglionoma**
- F: **Cortical adenomas** in right adrenal gland
- G: Extra-adrenal para-ganglionoma with **pheochromocytoma**
- H: histology of pheoch.

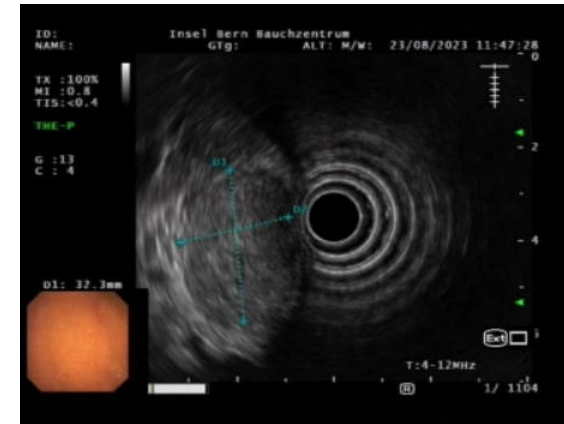
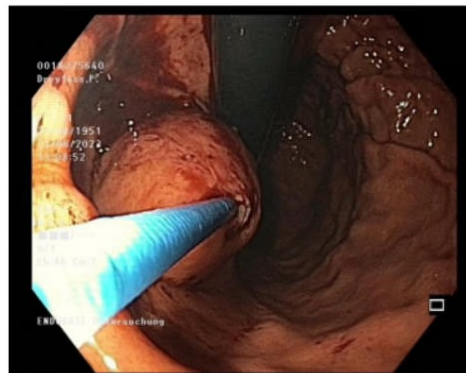
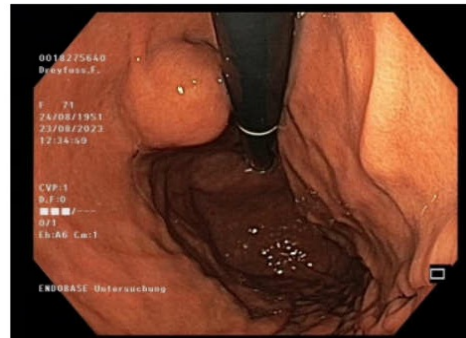
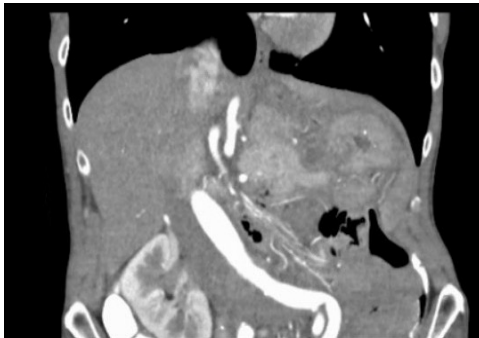
Carney et al. J Clin Endo Metabol 2009

What tumor-associated factors do determine prognosis ?

- **Size:** the bigger the worse (> 10 cm)
- **Mitotic index:** the more the worse (> 10/ 5 mm²)
- **Site:** **small intestine (rectal) >>> gastric**
- **Tumor rupture:** e.g. infiltrative plus hemorrhagic ascites
- **Genotype**

Welcome to Sarcomboard

Dreyfuss, F. 24.8.1951



23.08.2023 ÖGD und obere EUS:
Hoch Vd.a auf GIST (4. Schicht).
needle knife deroofing

Histologie (B2023.33051):
GIST mit spindelzelliger Morphologie
Mitoserate am 0/5 mm².

typische Exon 11 Mutation
Keine PDGFR-/ BRAF Gen-Mutationen

Primäre Resektion



maximal 3,5 cm messenden gastrointestinalen Stromatumor

Mitoserate < 5 pro 5 mm^2

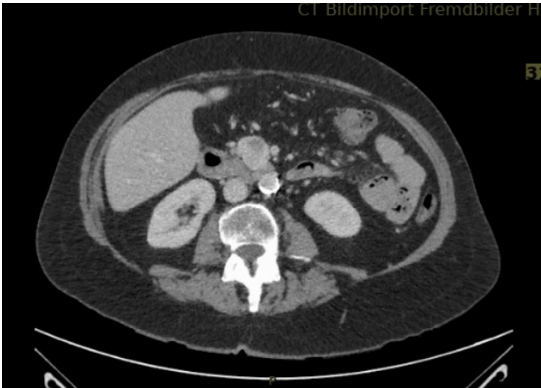
TNM-Klassifikation (UICC, 8. Auflage, 2017)

pT2 pNX L0 V0 Pn0 R0

Keine adjuvante Therapie

Verlaufs-MRI in 1 Jahr

Ammacher Silvia 1948: GIST Pars III duodeni



**Nachsorge Bildgebung/CT in 3 Monaten
Keine adjuvante Therapie aktuell**

..., R0
.../mm2
Rezidivrisiko nach
Miettinen 8.3%



Exzisiert, Duodenum, submuköser Stromatumor (GIST, siehe Kommentar)
überwiegend zellulärer Morphologie, vollständig reseziert,
Abstand zur Serosa 0,1 cm.
Keine Hinweise einer Lymph- oder Blutgefässinvasion.
Keine Perineuralscheideninfiltration

pT2 pNx L0 V0 Pn0 R0
AFIP-Kategorie: 2 (4.3% Progressionsrisiko)

SALI Shefshet, geb. 15.10.1953



Histologie (Path. Uni Bern Z22.6477):
GIST

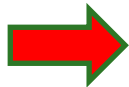
erhaltene Expression von SDHB
Mutation KIT EXON 11 p.W557R
keine Mutation im PTGFR Alpha

**Neoadjuvante Systemtherapie
mit Imatinib**
darunter autoimmun hämolytische Anämie
kurzfristige Therapiepause
?

**19.10.2023 Diagnostische Laparoskopie, mediane
Laparotomie, Resektion des Tumors, Splenektomie,
proximale Gastrektomie und Double Tract Reconstruction;
keine Perforation**

**cT4 cN0 cM0, ypT4 ypNx cM0, R0 (22 cm)
Mitose: 2/5mm²; Durchmesser 21,5 cm
etwa 50% vitaler Tumor**

?



**12/23 - 04/24 Adjuvante
Systemtherapie mit Imatinib
Aktuell: Keine Hinweis für
Tumorrezidiv**

Thank you!

GIANT GIST

ic vein, and enveloping the body and pancreatic tail. (1, 11, 12).
we suspected it was a GIST with necrotic areas.



Figure 2 – Abdominal CT scan showed a large mass of $\times 15 \times 14$ cm, with numerous necrosis and cystic areas, causing a mass effect on the spleen. Also, it suggested at the point of origin might be the stomach wall. CT: computed tomography.

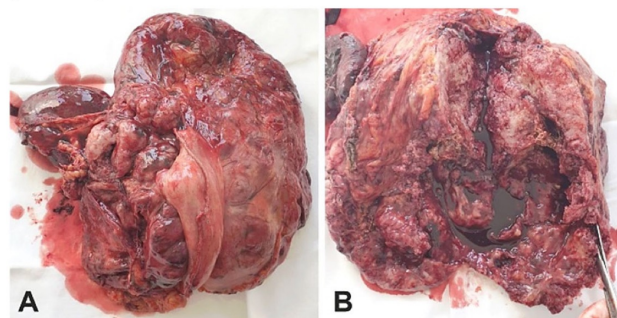


Figure 3 – (A and B) Macroscopic image of the resection specimen (22×10 cm) with hemorrhage spots, cystic and necrotic areas.

In the thickness of the muscular tunic of the gastric wall, a partially encapsulated tumor proliferation was noted, with a pseudonodular appearance, composed of fusiform cells,

Review

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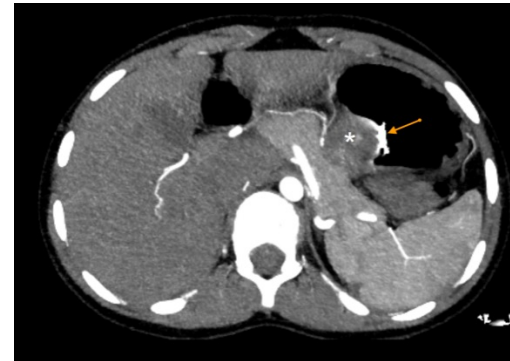
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Free article

GIST



**aenger Romain, 10.6.199, die
Endoskopie liegt allerdings
schon länger zurück
(3.8.2012), die Zeit vergeht...**

Imatinib

▪ Settings / Indications?

▪ Adjuvant setting: effect of imatinib

▪ prolongs relapse-free survival RFS, overall survival not affected¹⁾

At 1y RFS 98% vs. 83%, HR 0.35; best response for GIST >10cm with HR0.28

▪ dose / duration? 400mg qd at least 1y

High risk GIST: better RFS / OS with therapy 3y²⁾

▪ Additive setting: incomplete resection (R1/2), intraoperative tumor perforation

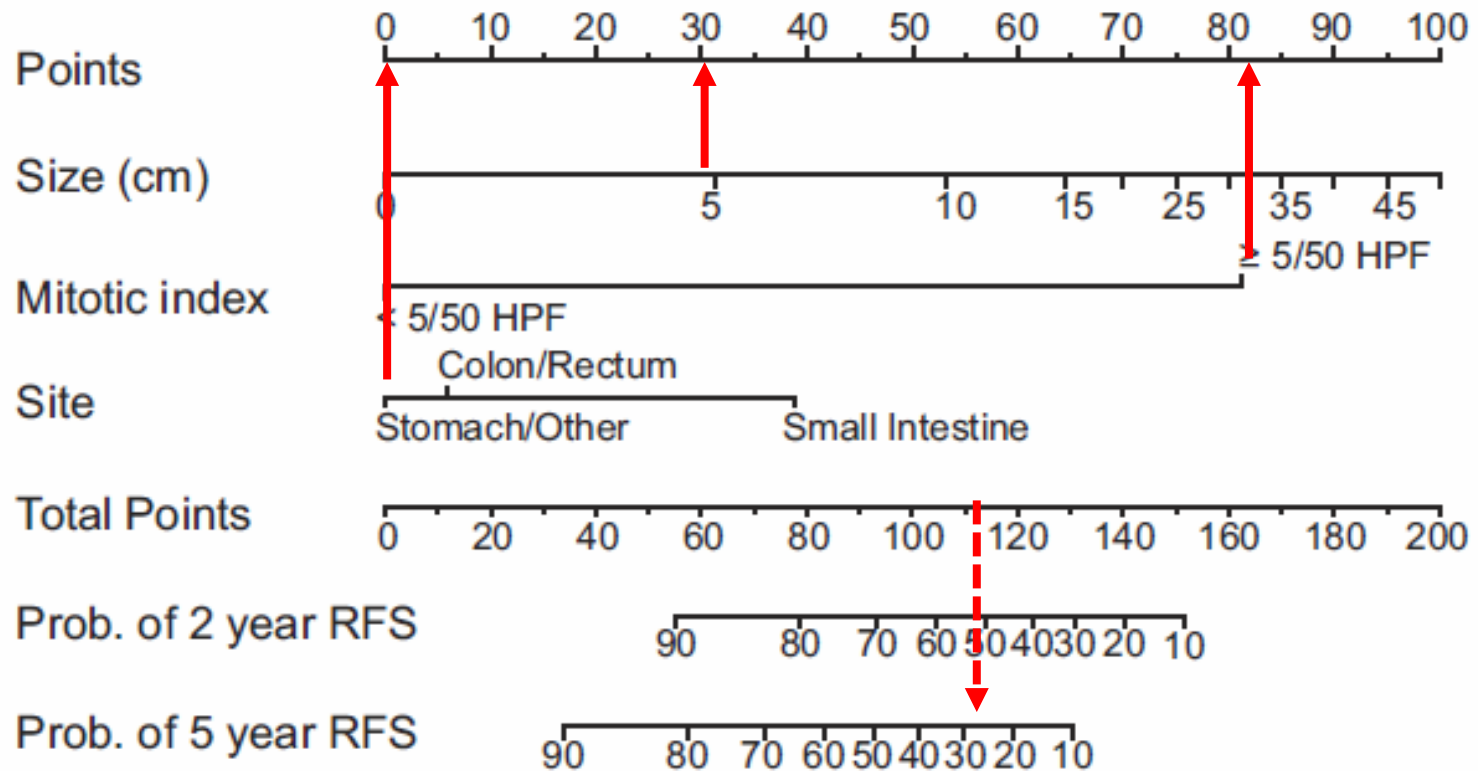
▪ Neoadjuvant setting: Primarily unresectable / marginally resectable GIST (e.g. large tumor and/or poorly positioned, high operative risk, organ-preserving surgery)

1) [DeMatteo RP et al. Lancet 2009;373:1097], [Kang B et al. J Clin Oncol 2009;27(Suppl):abstract#e21515]

2) [Joensuu H et al. Twelve versus 36 months of adjuvant imatinib (IM) as treatment of operable GIST with a high risk of recurrence: Final results of a randomized trial (SSGXVIII/AIO). J Clin Oncol 2011;29(Suppl): ASCO 2011, #LBA1]

Nomogram for predicting probabilities of 2- and 5-year recurrence-free survival (RFS) (1)

CAVE: for KIT-positive GIST (only)



1) [Gold JS et al. Development and validation of a prognostic nomogram for recurrence-free survival after complete surgical resection of localised primary gastrointestinal stromal tumour: a retrospective analysis. Lancet Oncol 2009;10:1045]

EUS +/- biopsy – advantages:

Most accurate and reliable method to secure a diagnosis of GIST

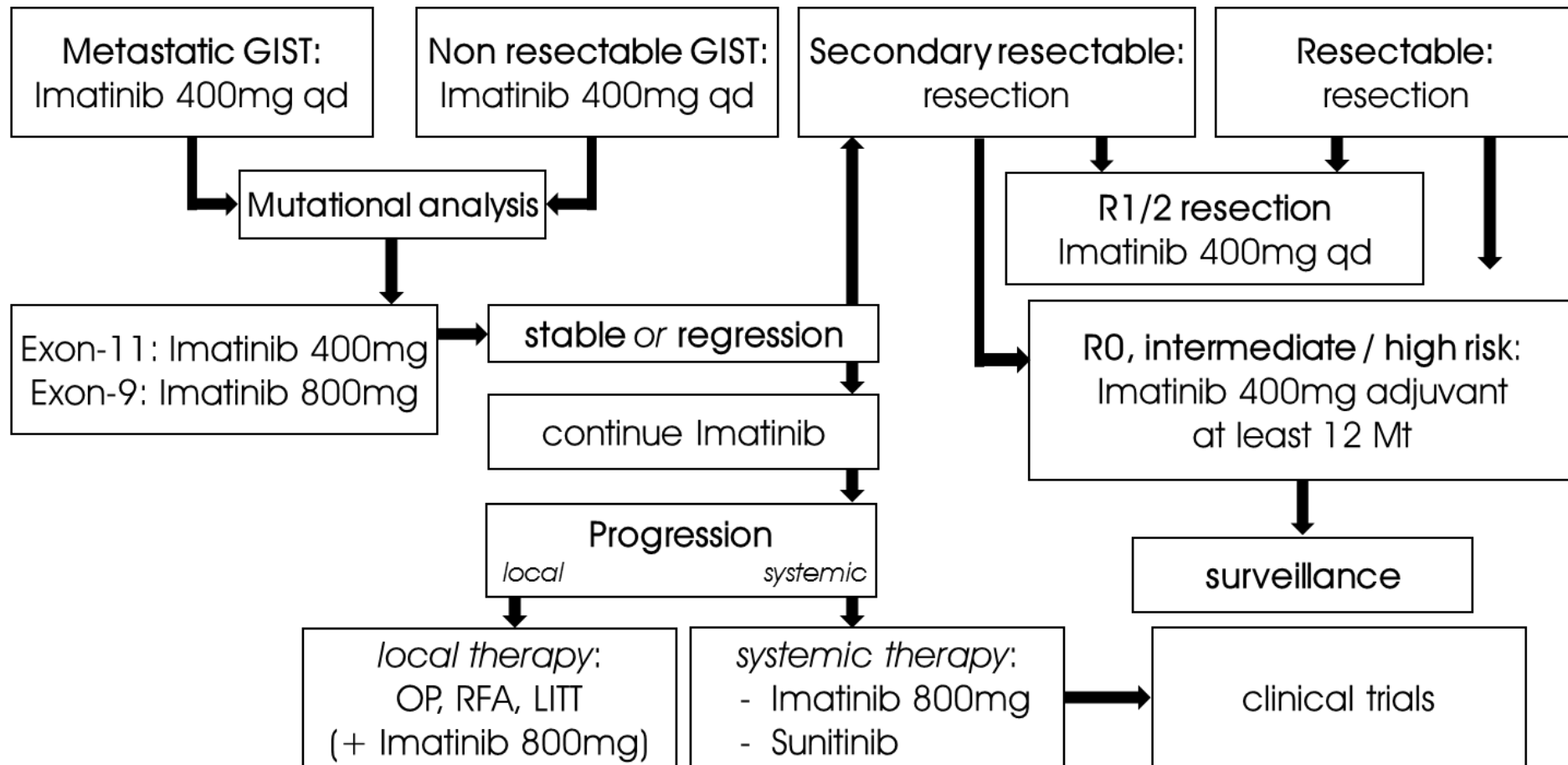
- **Tissue sampling: any tumor ≥ 2 cm**
- **Diagnostic rate using EUS-FNB ???%**
71% for 1-2cm → 86% for 2-cm to 4-cm tumors, and 100% for > 4-cm tumors
- **solid mass of < 1 cm is technically difficult**
→ EUS-FNA is recommended only for masses of > 1 cm
- **Helps assessing malignant potential**

- ***Diameter (i.e. >3-4cm)***
 - ***Echogenic foci***
 - ***Irregular borders***
 - ***Cystic spaces***
 - ***Lymph nodes***
- ≥ 2 criteria met: sensitivity 80-95%**
- ≥ 1 criteria met: sensitivity 91%, specificity 88%, PPV 83%**

[Ando N et al. The diagnosis of Gi stromal tumors with EUS-guided fine needle aspiration with immunohistochemical analysis. Gastrointest Endosc 2002;55:37]

[Chak A et al. Endosonographic differentiation of benign and malignant stromal cell tumors. Gastrointest Endosc 1997;45:468] [Palazzo L et al. Endosonographic features predictive of benign and malignant gastrointestinal stromal cell tumours. Gut. 2000;46:881]

Therapeutic algorithm



Where do most relapses occur ?

- Peritoneum
- Liver

Recommendations for Mutational Analysis

- **Primary disease**
 - not routinely recommended due to insufficient data to support its use for improved risk stratification and prognostication of risk for relapse in individual patients.
- **Metastatic or advanced disease**
 - *KIT* exon 11 mutations are associated with higher response rates and longer progression-free survival than *KIT* exon 9 mutations.
 - Mutational analysis → impact on the dose of imatinib for small bowel GISTs because *KIT* exon 9 mutations are shown to respond better to higher-dose imatinib.

In the metastatic setting, treatment with imatinib should be continued indefinitely, until clinically relevant disease progression or intolerance, because treatment interruption is generally followed by relatively rapid tumour progression, even when lesions have been previously excised surgically [I, A].⁵⁴ The patient should be informed about the importance of complying with imatinib therapy, as well as interactions with concomitant medications and food, and the best ways to

Prognosis

- **Localized GIST: mean survival 5y 85-90% overall**
- **Incomplete Resection or metastatic GIST: 5y-survival <35-50%**