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KS: Do we still need  
chemotherapy?

## Kaposi sarcoma timelines

1872 Moritz Kaposi  
describes skin  
sarcoma



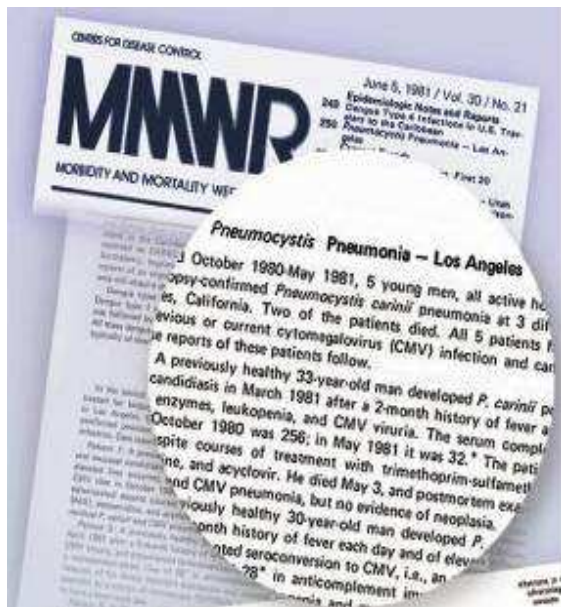


## First century (1872-1972)

- 1895 Heinrich Koebner coins term "Kaposi's sarcoma"
- 1962 Cases of endemic KS reported in Africa
- 1969 KS reported following renal allograft
- 1972 Herpes virus particles seen by electron microscopy in KS lesions

## Cases of PCP in 1981

5 June



One month later....KS

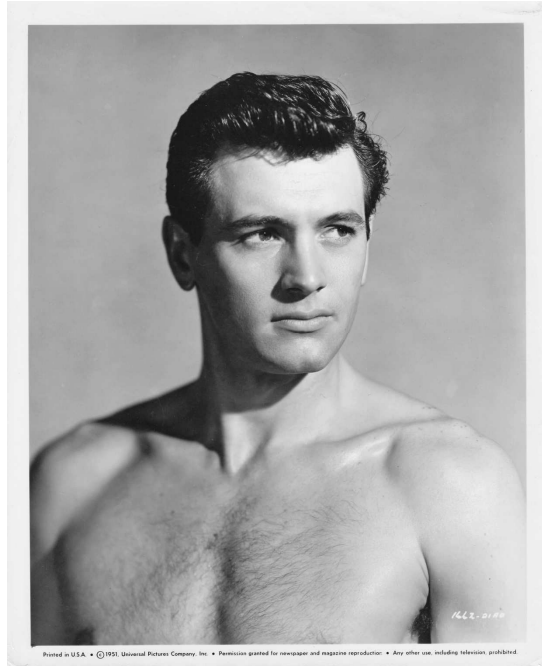
# The New York Times

RARE CANCER SEEN IN 41 HOMOSEXUALS

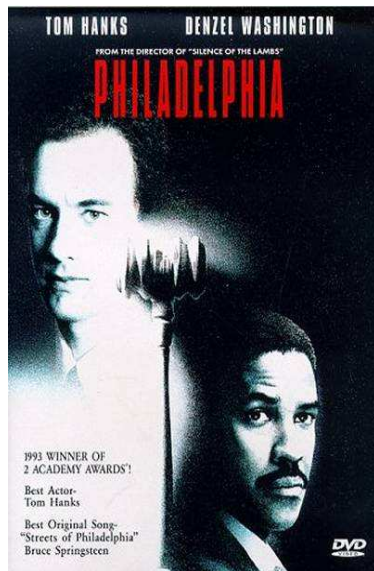
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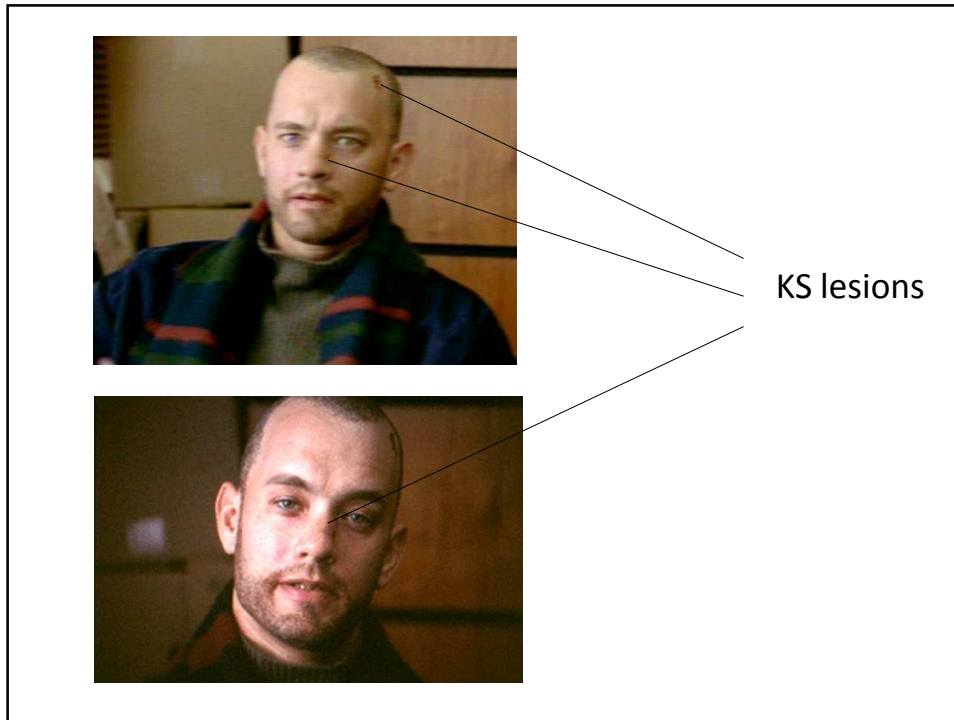
3 July 1981

Rock Hudson  
died October  
1985....  
and everyone  
took notice of  
AIDS



## 1993 Tom Hanks gets KS





## Early therapies for KS (1980s)

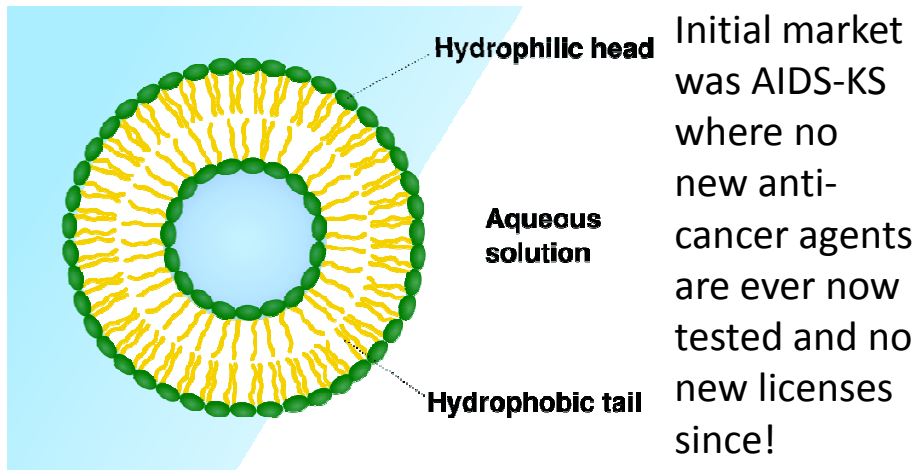
Interferon alpha

Thalidomide

Retinoids

Vincristine/bleomycin (non-myelotoxic  
chemotherapy)

## Liposomal anthracyclines: early 1990s



## Phase III RCTs of liposomal anthracyclines

	Dose	Interval	Patients	Response rate	Median response duration
Daunoxome	40 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	14 d	116	25%	3.8 m
Caelyx	20 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	14 d	133	46%	3.0 m
Caelyx	20 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	21 d	121	58%	5.0 m

## Phase III trials of liposomal anthracyclines

	Gill et al.			Stewart et al.			Northfelt et al.		
	Daunoxome	ABV	<i>p</i>	Caelyx	BV	<i>p</i>	Caelyx	ABV	<i>p</i>
n	116	111		121	120		133	125	
RR	25%	28%	NS	59%	23%	<0.001	46%	25%	<0.001

## Liposomal anthracyclines

Higher response rates

Higher overall survival

Lower toxicity

Liposomal anthracyclines gold standard  
first line chemotherapy for KS



## Ulcerating KS treated with liposomal anthracycline



## Pulmonary KS treated with liposomal anthracycline

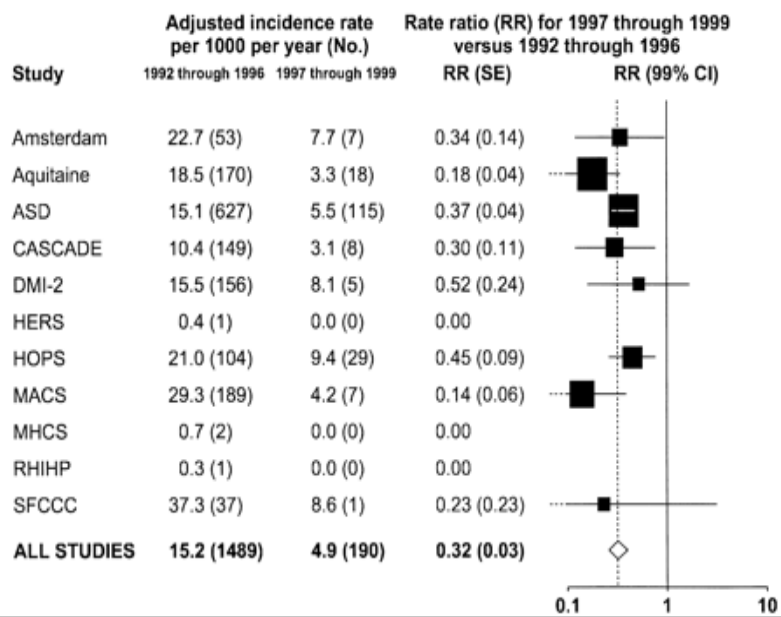




## Emergence of HAART in 1996

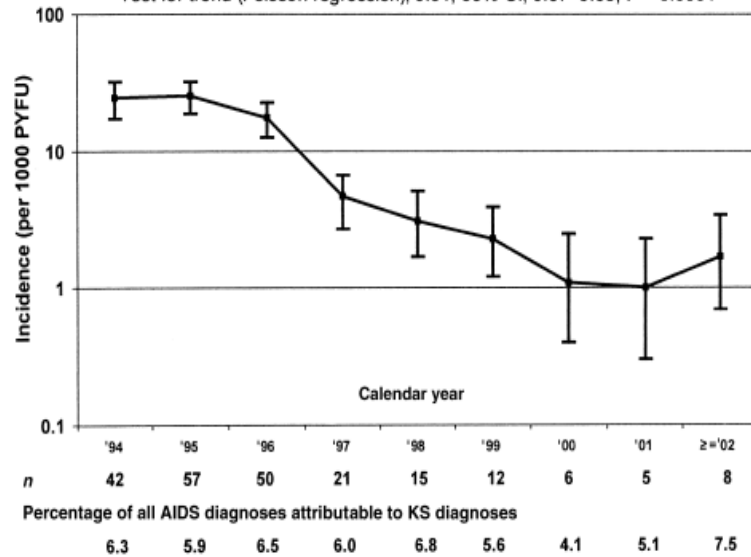


## KS incidence rates 1992-6 vs 1997-9

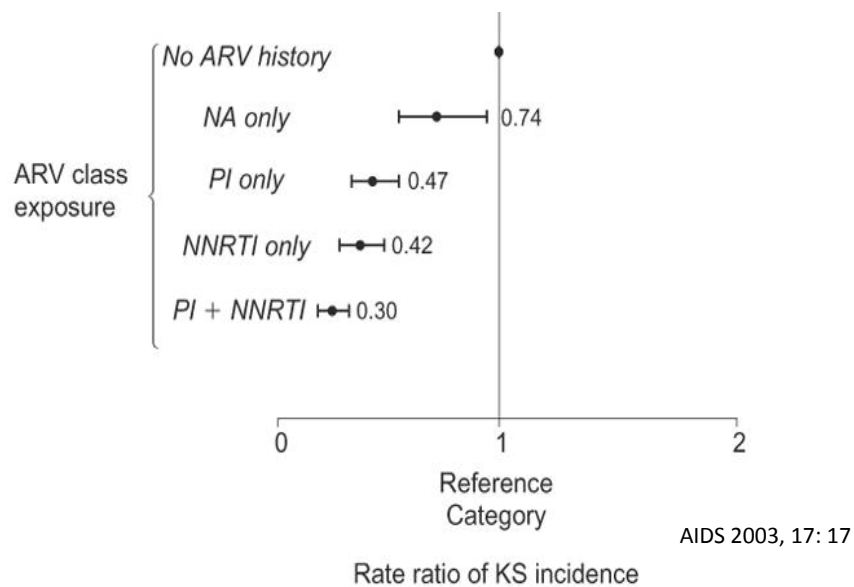


## Falling incidence of KS in EuroSIDA

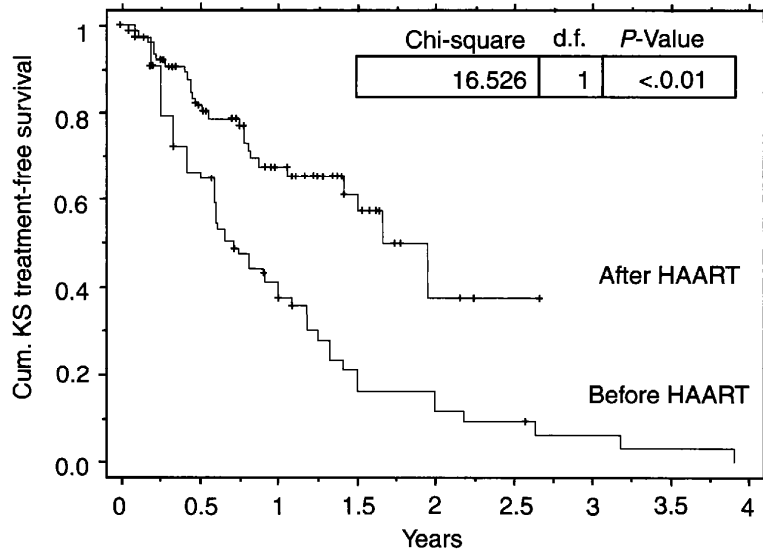
Test for trend (Poisson regression), 0.61; 95% CI, 0.57-0.65;  $P < 0.0001$



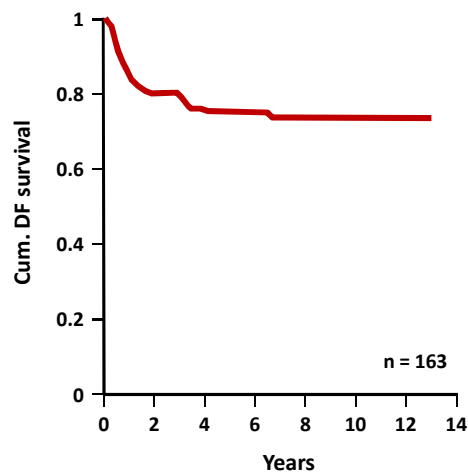
## HAART prevents KS



## HAART prolongs treatment-free interval in KS



## HAART alone causes regression of KS



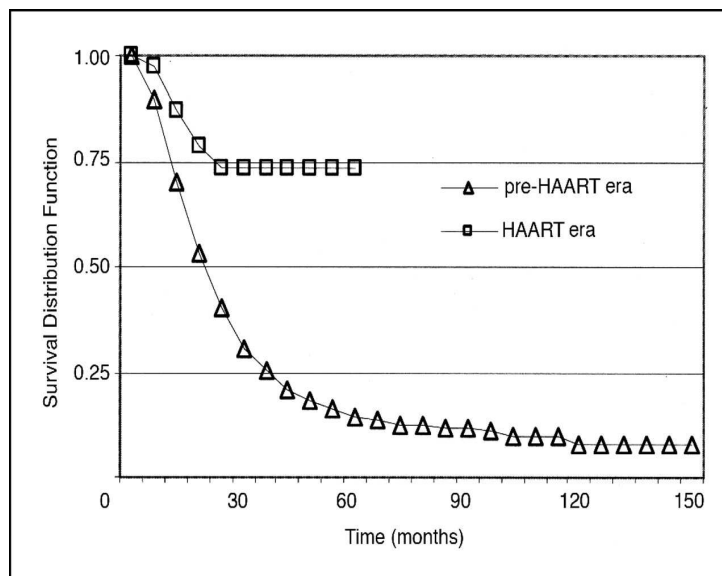
80% don't need any other treatment for T0 stage KS over 10 years of follow-up

AIDS 2009, 23:1701-6

## HAART healing KS (3m apart)



## Improving outcomes in KS



JCO 2005,  
23:1253

## Effects of HAART on KS

Reduces incidence

Increases progression free survival

Cause regression of KS

Improves overall survival

So why do we need chemo?

## KS staging

TIS Staging of KS	Good risk (all of the following)	Poor risk (any of the following)
(T) Tumour	Confined to skin, lymph nodes or minimal oral disease	Tumour-associated oedema or ulceration Extensive oral KS KS in non-nodal viscera
(I) Immune Status	CD4 count >150/mm <sup>3</sup>	CD4 <150/mm <sup>3</sup>

## KS associated oedema (T1)

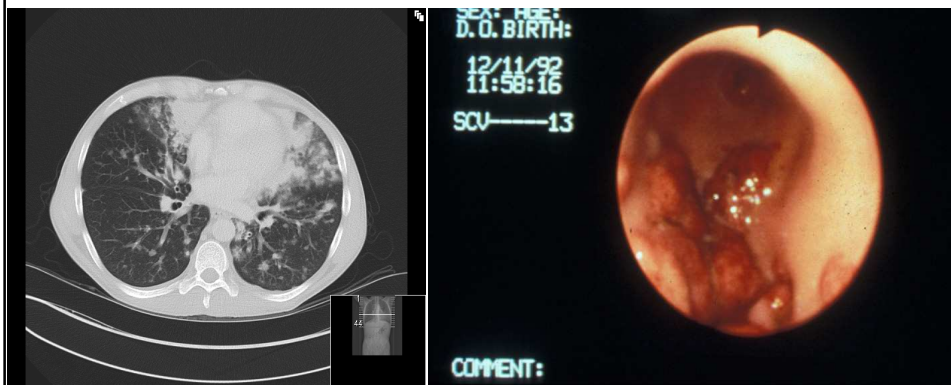




## KS ulceration / extensive oral disease (T1)



## KS visceral (T1)



## BHIVA guidelines 2008

### **Early – stage KS (T0 stage)**

HAART (level evidence III B)

### **Advanced KS (T1 stage)**

HAART *and* liposomal anthracycline (either DuanoXome 40mg/m<sup>2</sup> every 14 days or Caelyx 20mg/m<sup>2</sup> every 21 days) Level of evidence 1B A

## CWH cohort HAART era (1996-2012)

521 First diagnosis KS

490 (94%) Male, 30 Female, 1 M2F

86/521 (17%) Black African

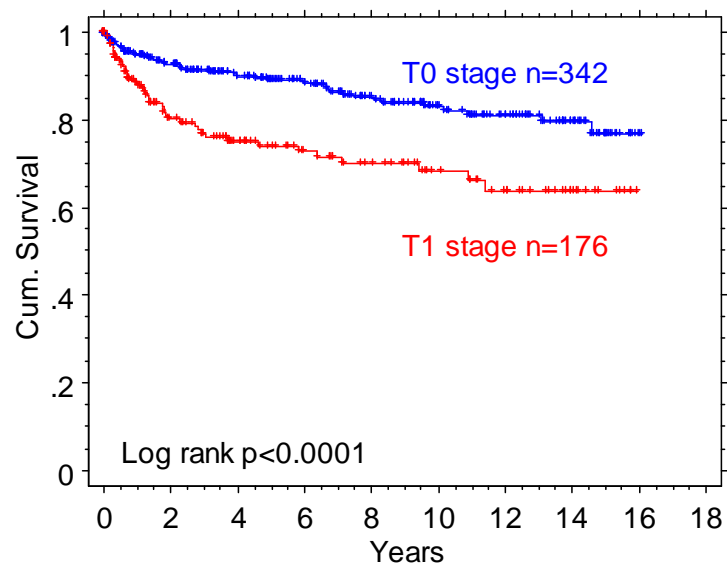
Median age 38 years (range:16-71)

Median CD4 168 /mm<sup>3</sup> (range: 0-1200)

## Staging (CWH post-HAART cohort)

T0 I0	189 (36%)	T0 = 342 (66%)	I0 = 257 (50%)
T0 I1	153 (29%)		
T1 I0	68 (13%)	T1 = 177 (34%)	I1 = 262 (50%)
T1 I1	109 (21%)		

## Overall survival



## T1 stage KS (34%)

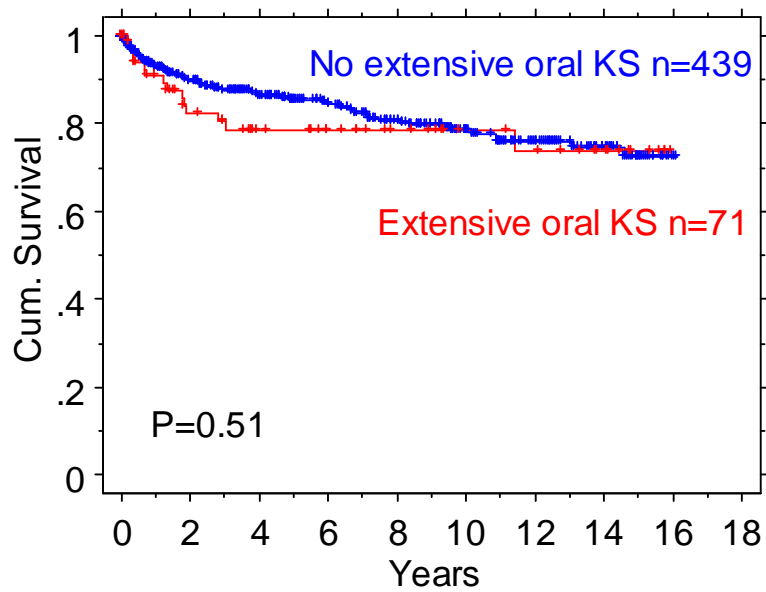
Oedema/ulceration 70/520 (13%)

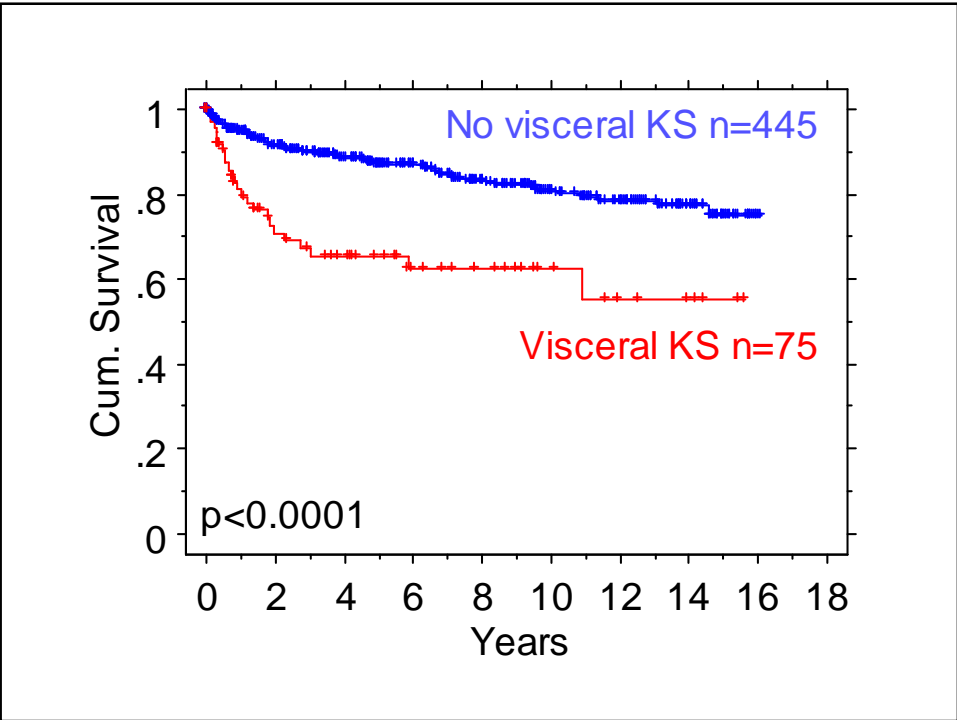
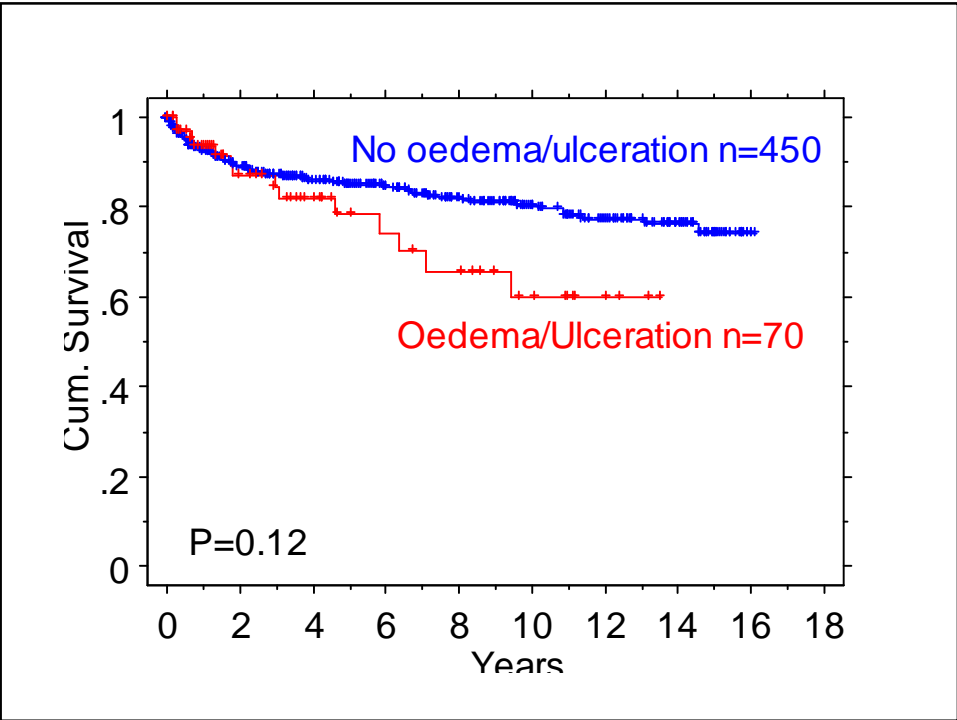
Extensive oral 71/520 (13%)

Visceral 75/520 (14%)

Pulmonary 46/520 (9%)

Gastrointestinal 39/520 (7%)





## RCT: HAART vs HAART & Chemo

112 HAART naive patients with KS

Excluded symptomatic visceral KS and  
fungating KS (deemed to require  
immediate chemo)

3TC, D4T, NVP ± ABV chemotherapy

Mosam et al. JAIDS 2012 epub

## RCT: HAART vs HAART & Chemo

89% T1

54% I1 (CD4 <150/mm<sup>3</sup>)

42% S1

Mosam et al. JAIDS 2012 epub

## RCT: HAART vs HAART & Chemo

	n	Response rate	1yr PFS	1yr OS
HAART alone	59	39%	31%	78%
HAART and chemo	53	66%	56%	74%
		P=0.005	P=0.006	P=NS

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## KS: Do we still need chemotherapy?

### 1. ACTG stage T1 disease



## IRIS KS

Progressive KS in naïve patient following start of HAART

Pre-ART

12 weeks following ART

24 weeks following ART



CWH	10/150 (7%)	(Bower 2005)
Mozambique	8/69 (12%)	(Letang 2010)
Chicago	12/41 (29%)	(Achenberg 2012)

## Risk factors for IRIS KS

Meta-analysis of 4 cohorts:

40/204 (20%) in African cohorts

18/213 (8%) in CWH cohort (excludes T1 stage)

Independent risk factors for IRIS KS:

High VL, Low CD4, T1 disease, African cohort



## How to define IRIS KS

1. Immunology (CD4 rising, VL falling/undetectable)
2. Timing (on HAART  $\geq 1$  months)
3. Progression of KS (ACTG definition)
  - $\geq 25\%$  rise in bidimensional diameter of index lesions
  - New KS lesions
  - $\geq 25\%$  flat lesions becoming raised
  - New KS associated oedema

## KS: Do we still need chemotherapy?

### 2. Management of IRIS KS

Addition of chemotherapy to HAART

## Rituximab related progression of KS



## KS in fully suppressed patients

521 KS newly diagnosed in post HAART era

80 (15%) established on HAART >3months

32 (6%) undetectable viral load

20 (4%) undetectable viral load & CD4 >350/mm<sup>3</sup>

## KS in suppressed patients

4% **new** KS diagnosed in patients with CD4>350  
& undetectable viral load

In addition many patients with recurrent KS  
despite CD4>350 & undetectable viral load

## KS: Do we still need chemotherapy?

3. Management of KS in fully suppressed  
patients

Addition of chemotherapy to HAART

## KS: Do we still need chemotherapy?

Chemotherapy is effective

Minimal toxicity

No cumulative cardiotoxicity

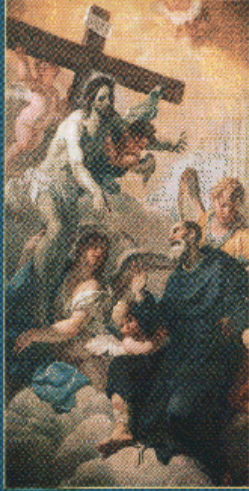
No prolonged effect on CD4 cell count



## KS: Role of chemotherapy

1. ACTG stage T1 disease
2. Management of IRIS KS
3. Management of KS in fully suppressed patients

~ St. Peregrine, OSM ~



The Patron Saint for those who suffer from cancer and other life-threatening diseases

## St. Peregrine

Born in 1260 at Forlì, Italy. He was cured of cancer of leg, after he received a vision of Christ on the cross reaching out to touch his diseased limb. He died in 1345 and was canonized in 1726.

