

From treatment to prevention  
CRC Chemotherapy  
How to prevent recurrence?

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# Content

- If you are a CRC patient
  - adjuvant trials
- If you are not a patient, how to minimize the risk of CRC

# Colon cancer

stage	% incidence
I	15
II	20-30
III	30-40
IV	20-25

} Need adjuvant  
Can be cure

# Colon cancer survival rate

stage	5-year survival (%)
I	93.2
IIa	84.7
IIb	72.2
IIIa	83.4
IIIb	64.1
IIIc	44.3

5-year survival rate was statistically significant better for stage IIIa than stage IIb ( $p < 0.001$ )

Why does cancer recur?

## Microscopic cancer cells are left behind

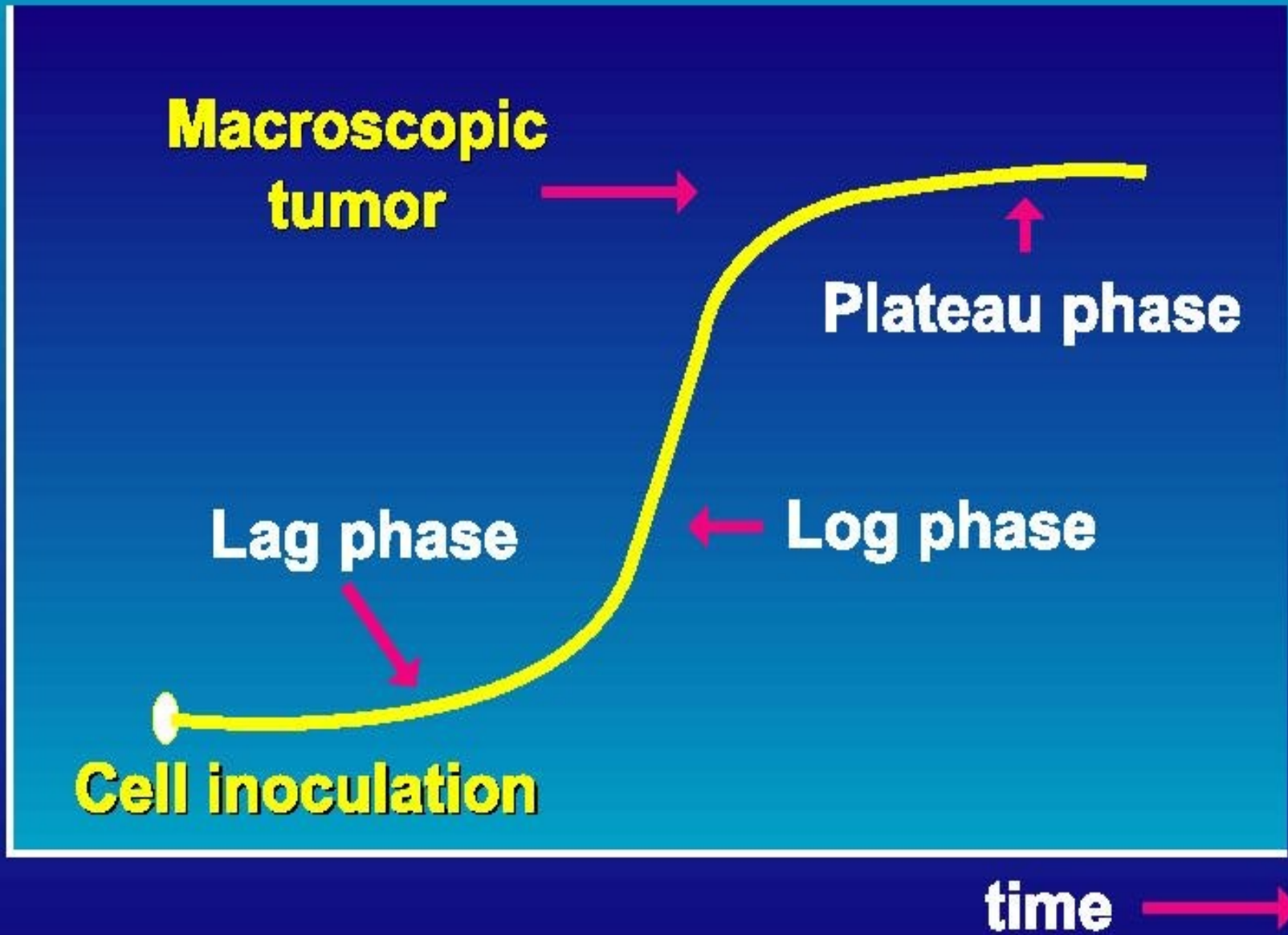
- T4 lesion
- N1-2 lesion
- Lymphovascular invasion
- Obstruction / perforation

Chemotherapy to prevent systemic recurrence (adjuvant treatment)

# Adjuvant treatment

- After definite local treatment
- Treat micrometastasis (low tumor burden, high growth rate)
- No parameter to indicate response

**Cancer cell numbers**



# Adjuvant chemotherapy for CRC (proved)

- 5-FU
- Capecitabine
- Tegafur + uracil / leucovorin
- 5-FU/LV/oxaliplatin

## Adjuvant chemotherapy for CRC (results of trials are still awaiting)

- Chemotherapy + targeted therapy
- Cell molecular biology guided to select the optimal chemotherapy

# Quick And Simple And Reliable

## QUASAR trial (1)

- high VS. low dose LV + 5-FU
- added of levamisole or not
- 4,927 patients

Lancet 2000;355:1588-96

# QUASAR (2)

Patients were randomized for

- 1) 5-FU (370 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) + LV (175 mg)
- 2) 5-FU (370 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) + LV (25 mg)
- 3) added of levamisole or placebo to either (1) or (2)

# QUASAR (3)

1<sup>o</sup> end point = death from any cause

- 4,927 enrolled
- 1,776 recurrence
- 1,576 death

Lancet 2000; 355:1588-96

# QUASAR (4)

## 1) survival

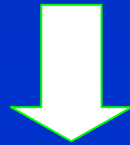
- high vs. low dose LV → *no difference*  
(70.1% VS. 71%, at 3 years,  $p = 0.43$ )

## 2) recurrent rate

- high VS. low dose LV → *no difference*  
(36% VS. 35.8%, at 3 years,  $p = 0.94$ )

# **QUASAR (5)**

**Levamisole VS. placebo (survival)**



**Levamisole worse than placebo  
(37% VS. 34.9%, at 3 years, p=0.16)**

(Lancet 2000; 355:1588-96)

# RESULTS FROM QUASAR TRIAL

5-FU + LV (25 mg) x 6 m.  
is a standard for adjuvant Rx  
for CRC

QUASAR trial. Lancet 2000; 355:1588-96

# Capecitabine VS. 5-FU/LV

Xeloda Adjuvant Colon  
Therapy  
( The X-ACT Study )

# X-ACT trial : Participating Centers



Argentina



Canada



Greece



Portugal



Thailand



Australia



Croatia



Israel



Slovenia



United Kingdom



Austria



Czech Republic



Italy



Spain



United State



Belgium



France



Latvia



Sweden



Uruguay



Brazil



Germany



Poland



Switzerland



Yugoslavia

# X-ACT : Schema

Recruitment  
1998–2001

**Capecitabine**  
**1 250mg/m<sup>2</sup> twice daily,**  
**d1–14, q21d**  
**n = 1 004**

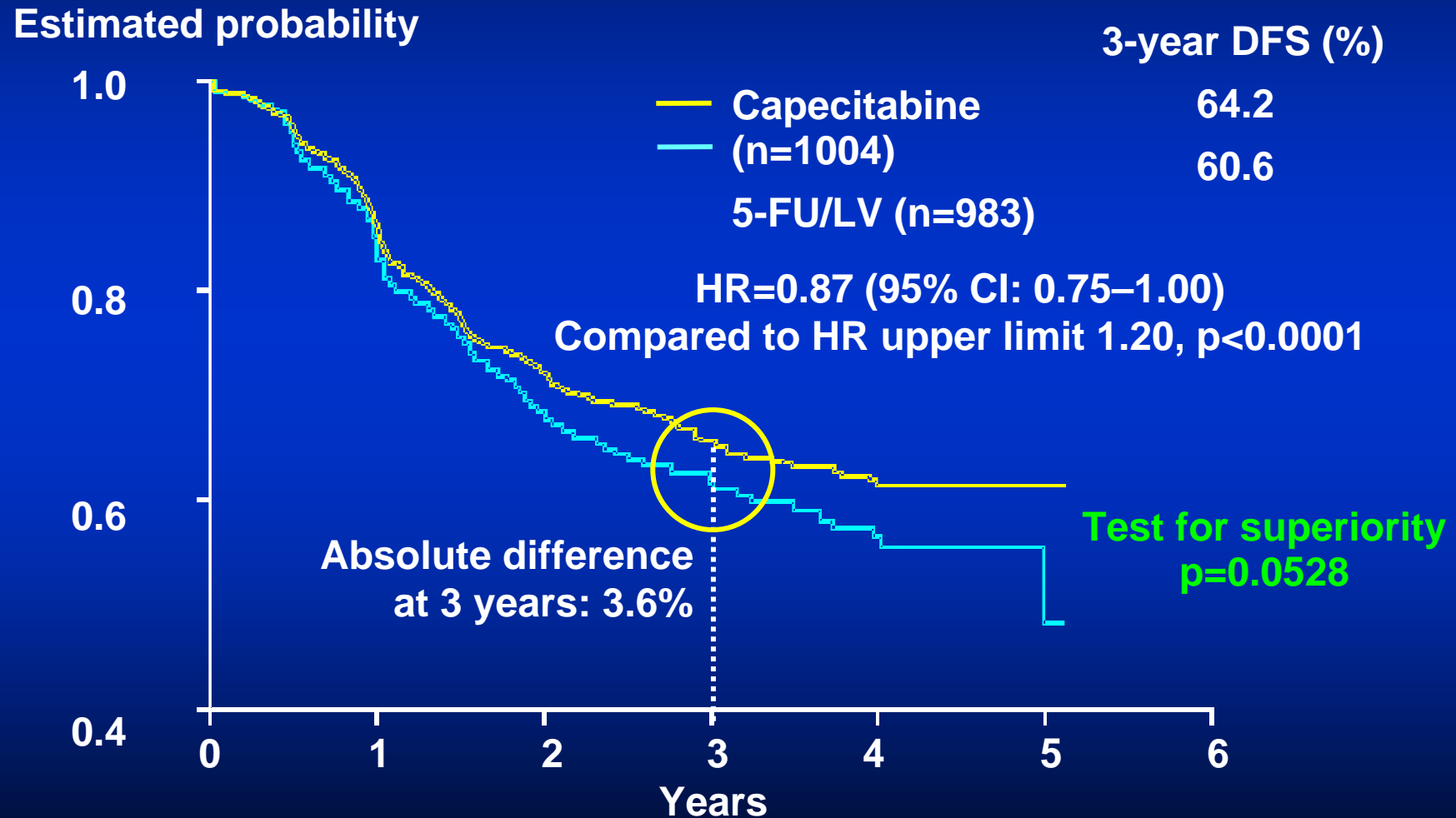
Chemo-naïve  
Dukes' C,  
resection ≤8 weeks

24 weeks

**Bolus 5-FU/LV**  
**5-FU 425mg/m<sup>2</sup> plus**  
**LV 20mg/m<sup>2</sup>, d1–5, q28d**  
**n = 983**

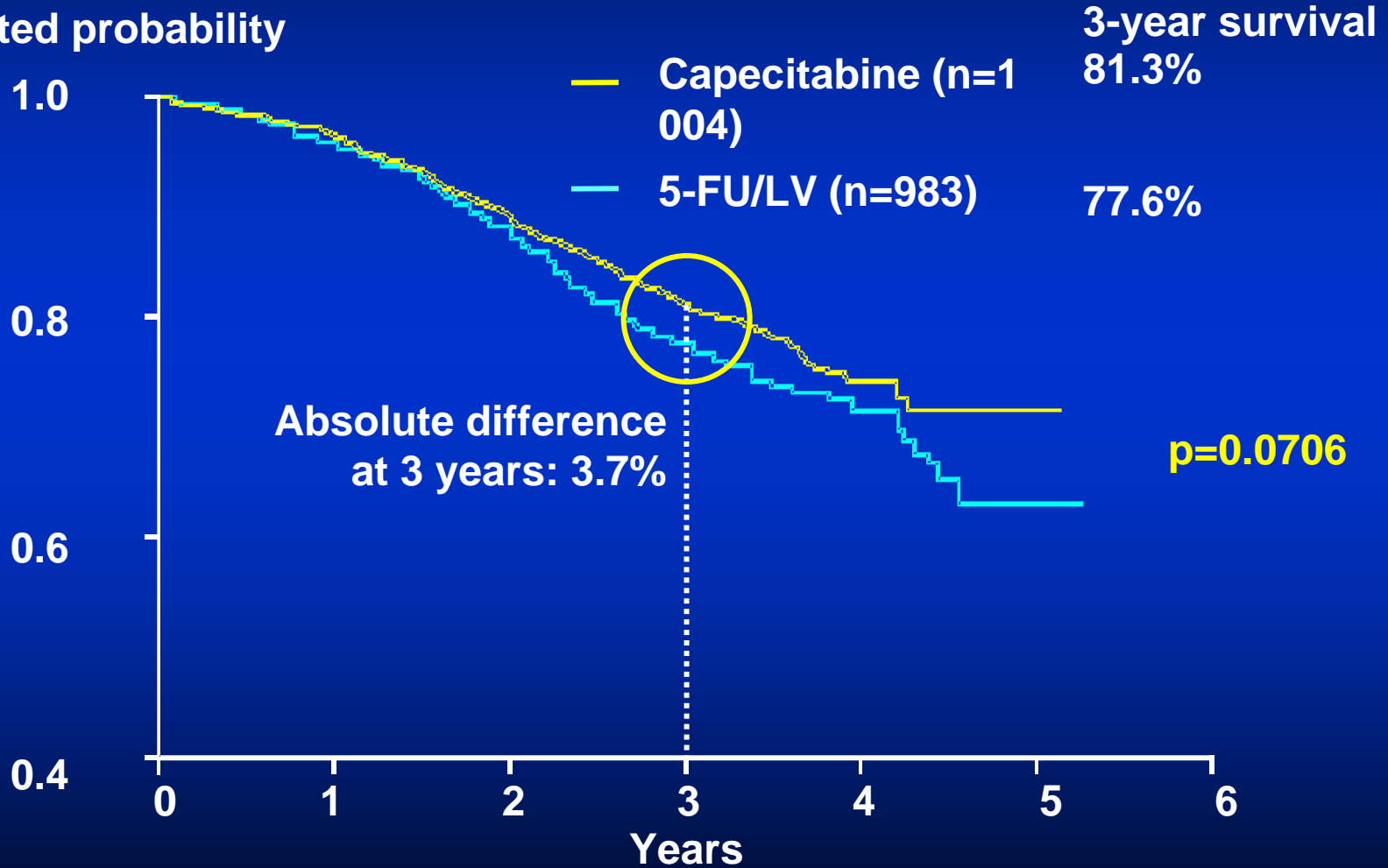
- 1° endpoint: disease-free survival (DFS)
- 2° endpoints
  - relapse-free survival (RFS)
  - overall survival
  - tolerability (NCIC CTG)
  - Pharmacoeconomics
  - QoL

# Strong trend to superior DFS with Capecitabine



# Capecitabine showed trend to improved overall survival

Estimated probability

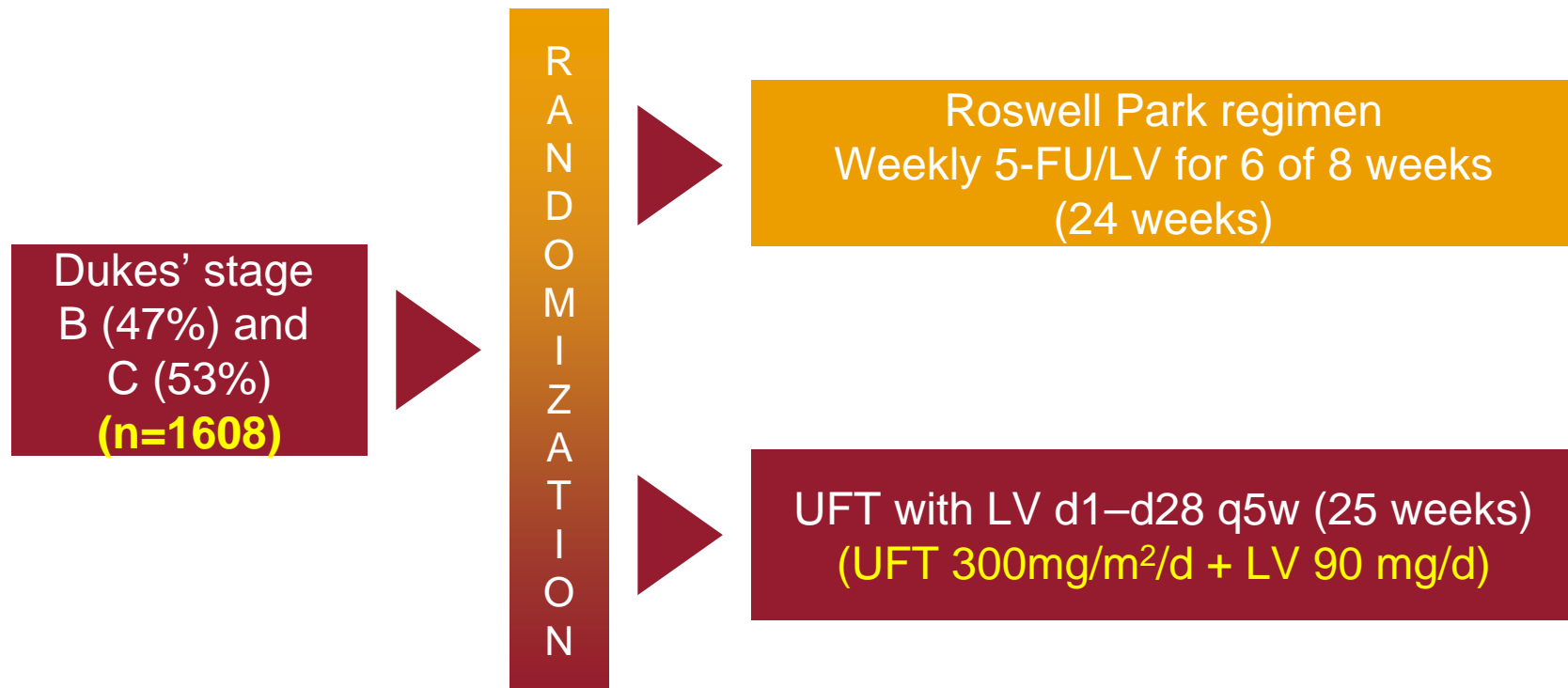


Conclusion from X-ACT trial  
capecitabine = 5-FU/LV

Tegafur+uracil (UFT)/LV VS. 5-FU/LV  
(NSABP C06)

# Stage II/III colon cancer: UFT with LV in the adjuvant therapy

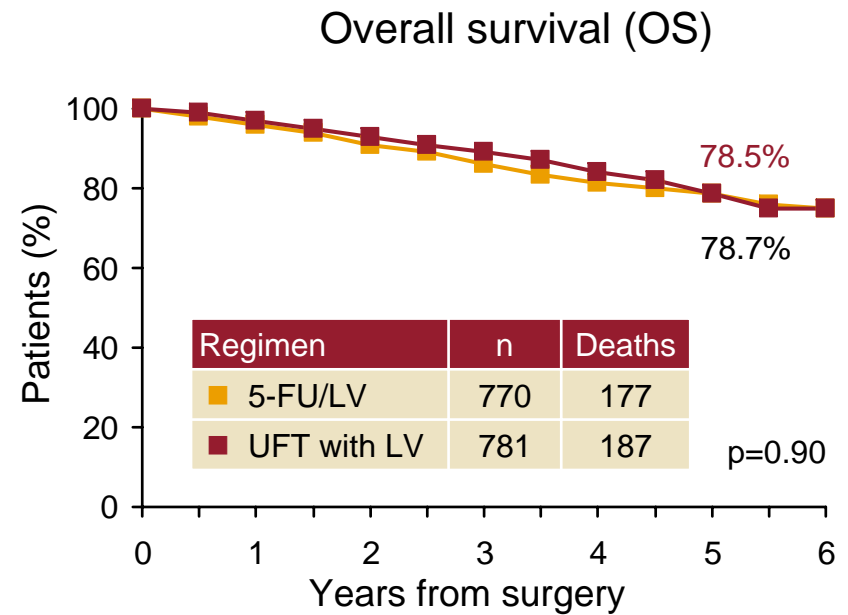
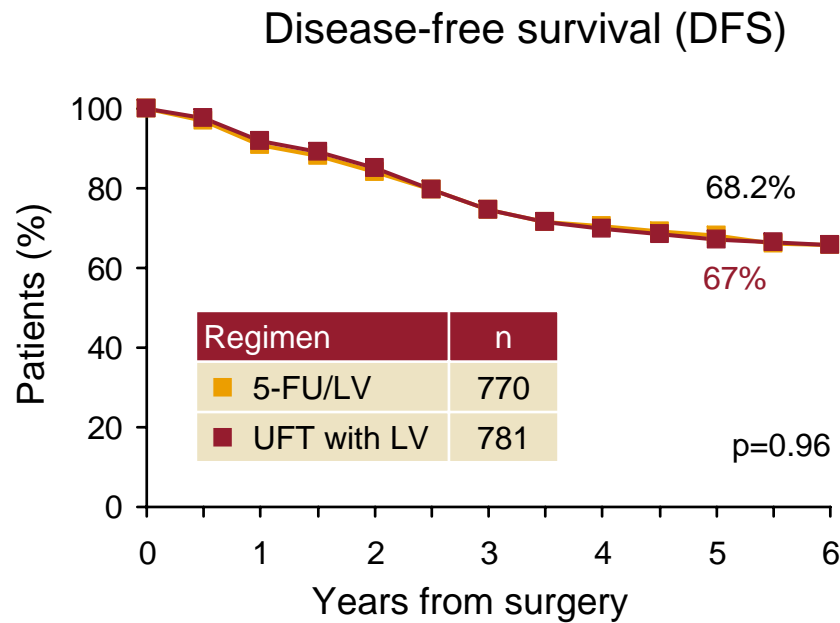
NSABP C-06 study<sup>1</sup>



Primary endpoints: Disease-free survival  
Overall survival

1. Lembersky BC, et al. J Clin Oncol 2006;24:2059–2064

# Stage II/III colon cancer: Efficacy of UFT with LV in the adjuvant therapy















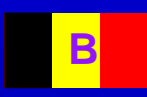







Regimen	5-year DFS (%)	5-year OS (%)
UFT with LV	67	79
5-FU/LV	68	79

Conclusion from NSABP C-06 trial  
UFT + LV = 5-FU/LV

5-FU/LV/oxaliplatin

# **MOSAIC**

**M**ulticenter **I**nternational **S**tudy  
of **O**xaliplatin/5-FU/LV in the  
**A**djuvant treatment of **C**olon  
cancer

	477 patients		103 patients		27 patients
	364 patients		69 patients		26 patients
	294 patients		58 patients		22 patients
	249 patients		51 patients		21 patients
	135 patients		37 patients		17 patients
	133 patients		36 patients		17 patients
	107 patients		3 patients		



**2246 patients**

# MOSAIC: Main inclusion criteria

- **Stage II** (Dukes B2: T3, T4, N0, M0)  
**and Stage III** (Dukes C: any T; N1, N2, M0)
- **Complete resection of the primary tumor**
- **Treatment within 7 weeks following surgery**
- **No prior chemo-, immuno-, or radiotherapy**
- **Age 18–75 years old**
- **ECOG PS  $\leq 2$**

# MOSAIC: Study end-points

- **Primary:**

- **Disease Free Survival (DFS)**

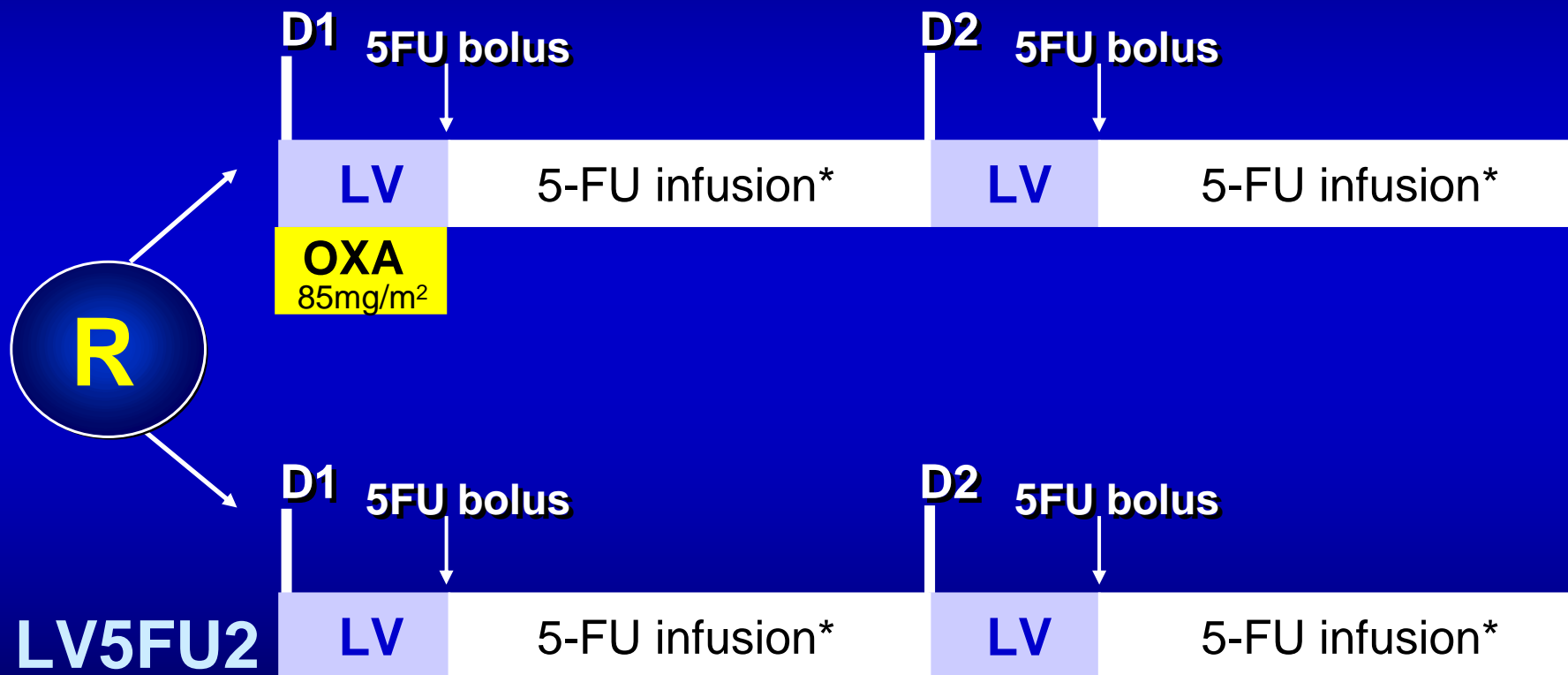
- **Secondary:**

- **Safety (including long-term safety)**

- **Overall Survival (OS)**

# MOSAIC: Treatment arms

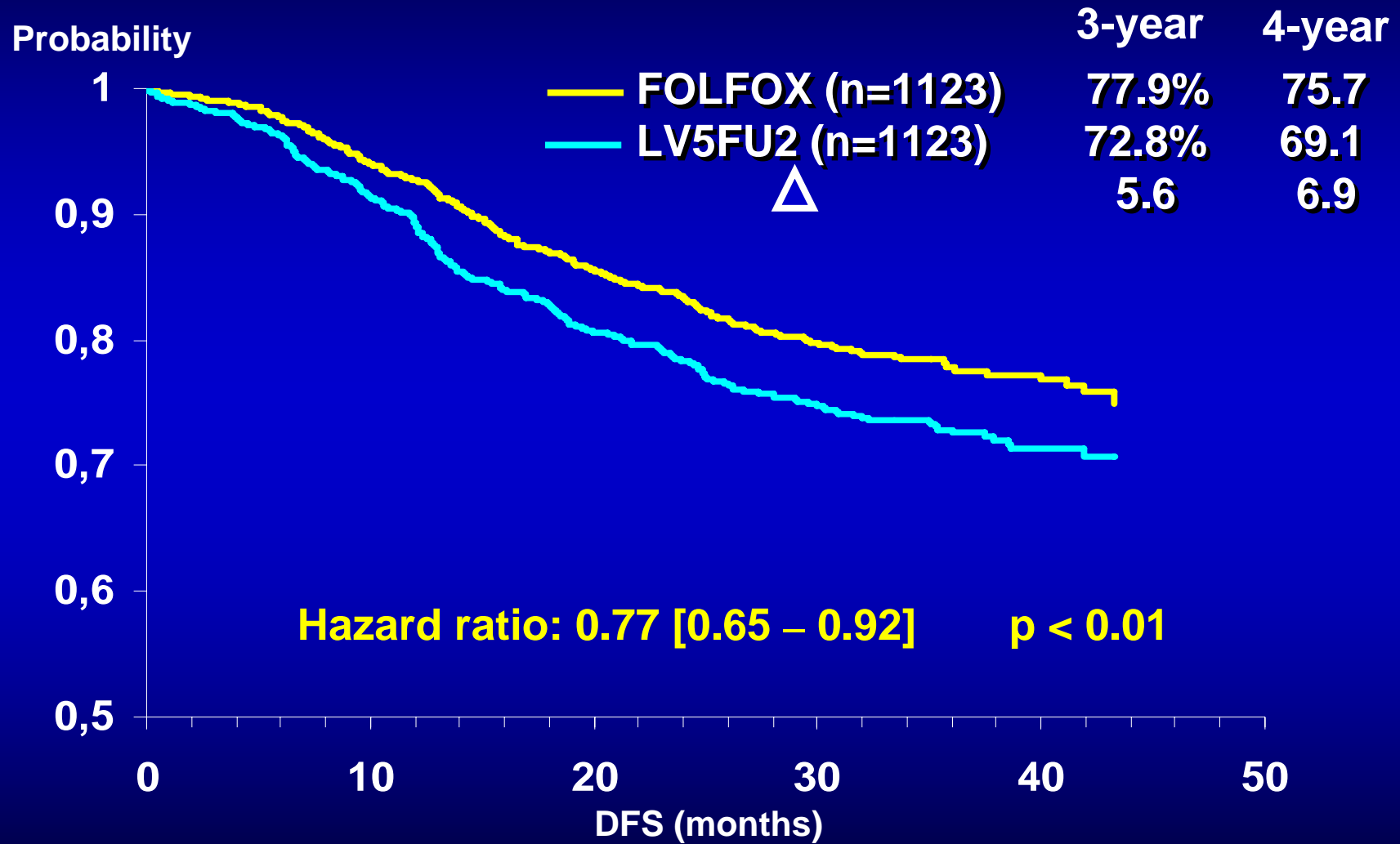
**FOLFOX4: LV5FU2 + OXALIPLATIN 85mg/m<sup>2</sup>**



**every 2 weeks, 6 months treatment (12 cycle)**

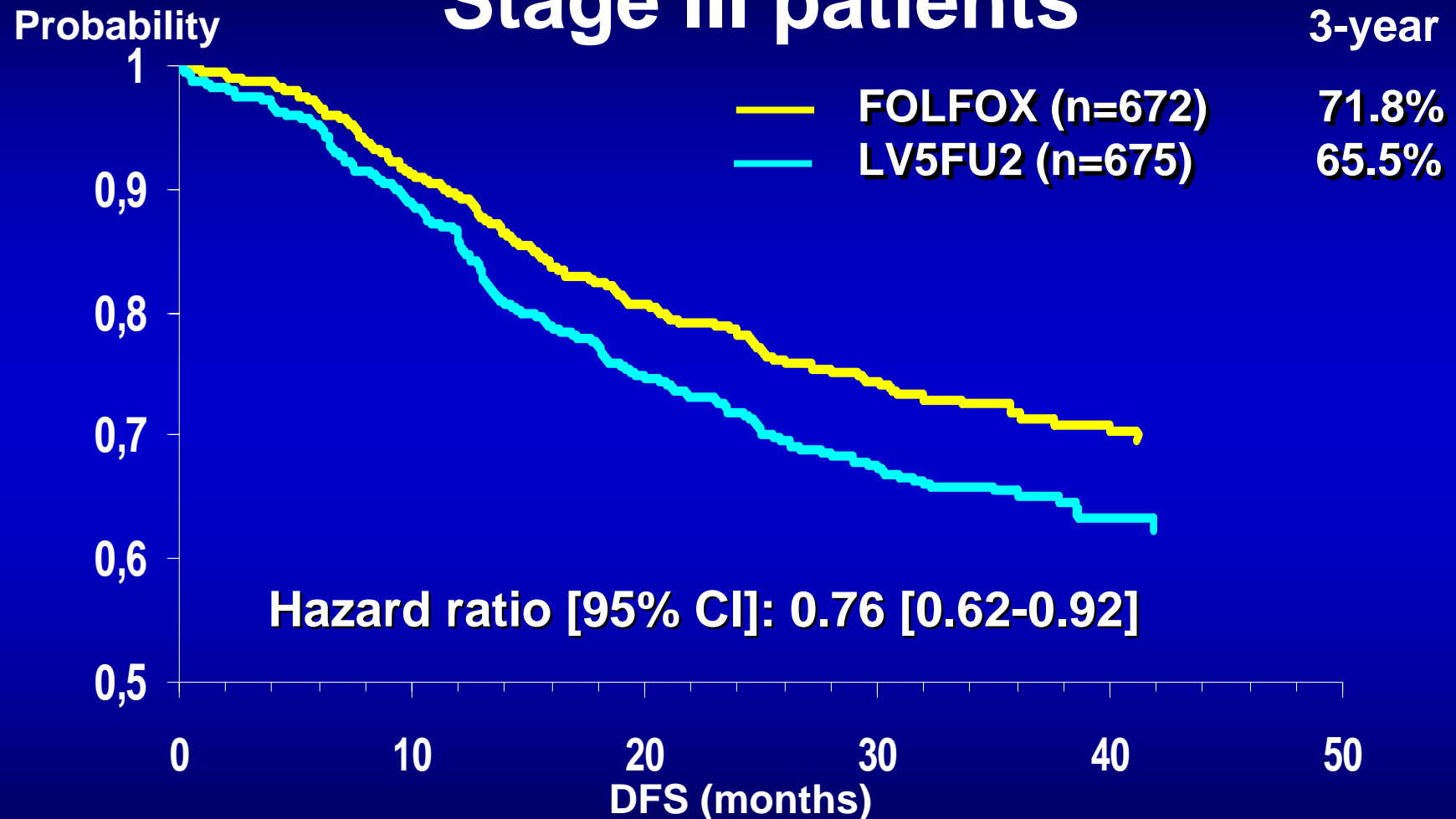
*\*Baxter LV5 infusors*

# DFS by treatment arm (ITT)



**23 % risk reduction in the FOLFOX arm**

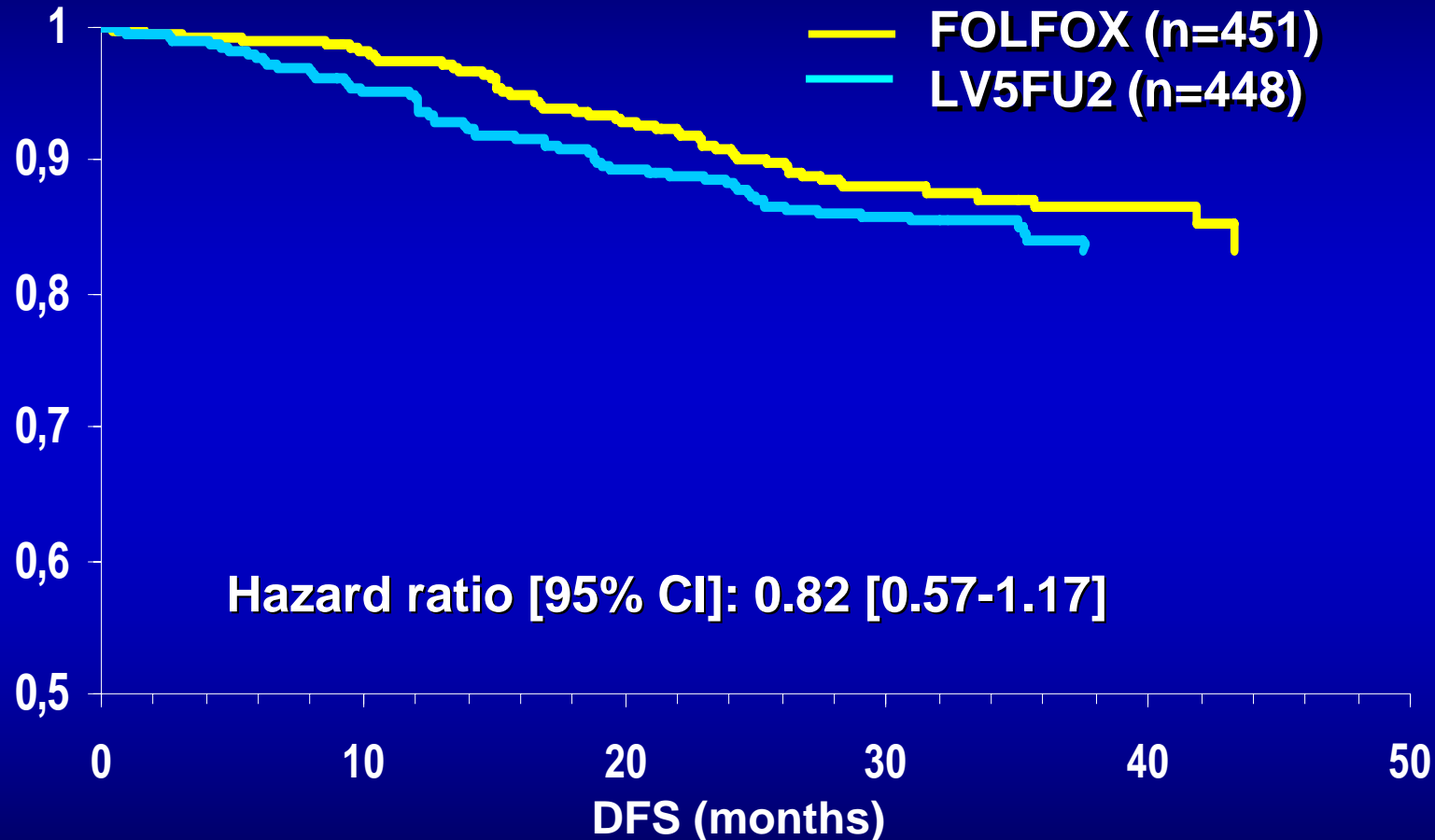
# Disease-Free Survival Stage III patients



**24% risk reduction for stage III patients  
in the FOLFOX arm**

# Disease Free Survival Stage II patients

Probability



3-year

86.6%

83.9%

**18% risk reduction for stage II patients  
in the FOLFOX arm**

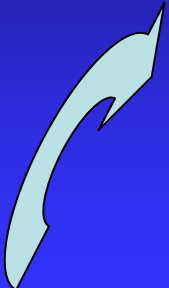
# The approval of FOLFOX4

FOLFOX4 has been approved for adjuvant therapy of colon cancer stage II

- in EU since September 2004
- in USA since November 2004
- in Thailand since 14 December 2005


# Conclusion for adjuvant trials

# Adjuvant treatment (1)



6=12 months  
Low dose LV  
Elderly patient

5 FU bolus + LV



IMPACT 1995  
NCCTG 1997  
INT0089 1998  
NSABP C04 1999  
QUASAR 2000

5 FU + Lev Moertel

# Adjuvant treatment (2)

UFT + LV

NSABP C06 2006



capecitabine

X-ACT 2005



LV5FU2

UK2000 2004

GERCOR 2003

INTER GROUP 0153 2000

# 3-year DFS (stage III)

	stage	treatment	3-year DFS
no treatment	Moertel	observation	52%
	IMPACT	observation	44%
monotherapy	IMPACT	5 FU/LV	62%
	Punt	5 FU/LV	65%
	Fields	5 FU/LV	67%
	Andre	5 FU/LV	61%
	MOSAIC	5 FU/LV	65%
	X-ACT	capecitabine	64%
	combination therapy	PETACC3	LV5FU2+iri
MOSAIC		FOLFOX4	73%

# Prevention in general population

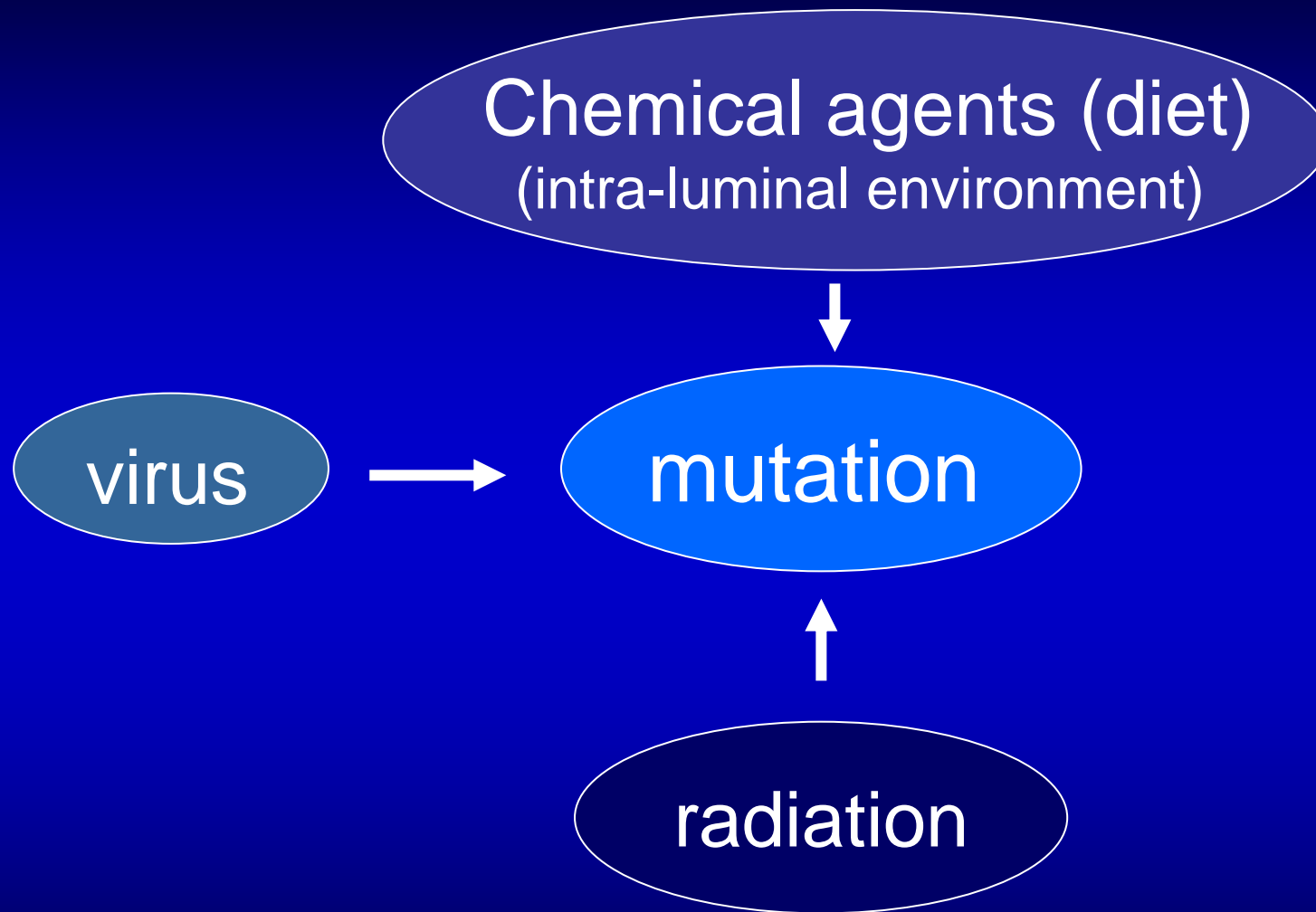
# 2 types of CRC

- Hereditary
- Sporadic

Cancer results from gene mutation



What cause mutation?



# Diet contains mutagens and carcinogens

- 1) naturally occurring chemical
  - mycotoxins
  - plant alkaloids
- 2) synthetic compounds
  - food additive & preservative
  - pesticides
- 3) compounds produce by cooking
  - polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon
  - heterocyclic amines (genotoxic cpd.)

# Fat

- High unsaturated fat especially with low fiber ingestion
- Fecal bile acid is a promoter for carcinogenesis
- Fat that is not associate with risk
  - dairy source (butter, ice-cream)
  - olive oil, coconut oil
  - fish oil

# Meat and fish

- High intake of red meat and processed meat is associated with distal colon and rectal cancer
- Fish is at low risk

# Fiber

- High fiber results in production of soft and frequent stool
- Fiber from grain, fruit, and vegetable are all OK

# Calcium deficiency

- Intake of calcium decreased risk of colon cancer
- Calcium can bind intraluminally with bile acid and fatty acids to form soaps
- Calcium salt might have antiproliferative effect
- 700 mg/d?
- calcium carbonate 1200 mg/d

# Magnesium

- High magnesium intake may reduce the occurrence of CRC in woman (no report in man)

# Micronutrients & Chemical Inhibitors (broccoli)

- **Selenium**, trace element, might play role in anti-carcinogenesis
- Lacking of selenium results in high incidence of CRC
- **Trace elements** and chemicals that might have **inhibitory effect** on the development of CRC are phenols, indoles, plant serols, calcium, vitamin A,C,E, carotenoids and folate

# Alcohol

- Beer consumption results in high incidence of rectal CA
- Daily drinkers have twofold increase risk of CRC
- Risk of CRC is not effected by type of alcohol beverage

# Smoking

- Smoking > 40 packs/year increases risk of adenoma
- In CRC group, smoker patients had a higher mortality rate than non-smoker

# Conclusions (1)

- Prevention in case that you are already a CRC patient
- Stage II ? (better to discuss with your doctor)
- Stage III = you need chemotherapy
- Choice of the chemotherapy
  - 5-FU/LV
  - capecitabine, tegafur + uracil
  - 5-FU/LV/oxaliplatin

# Conclusions (2)

Prevention for general population

- avoid viral infection
- avoid radiation
- intraluminal environment  
(diet and constipation)

# Conclusions (3)

## Diet :

- low fat, high fiber
- fish is better than red meat
- dietary calcium
- avoid alcohol and smoking
- high selenium vegetable (broccoli)
- carotenoids and folate

See me as your friend  
Not see me as my patient  
Thank you

