



De nieuwe anatomische afbakening van de mediastinale lymfeklieren

Peroperatieve N staging

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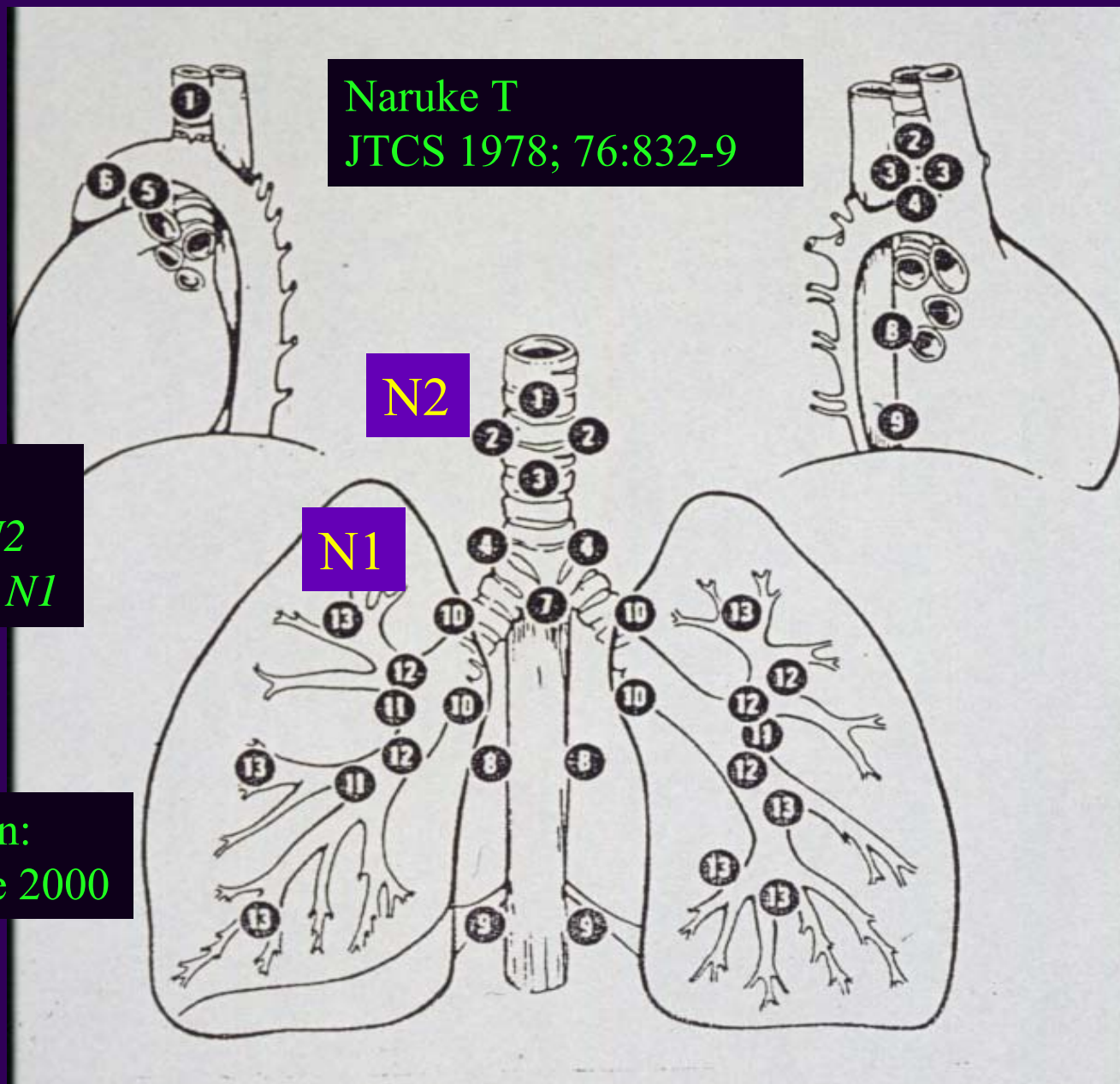
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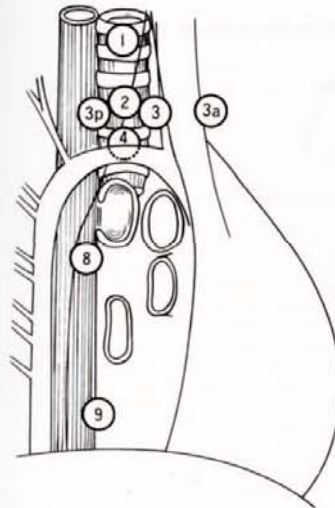
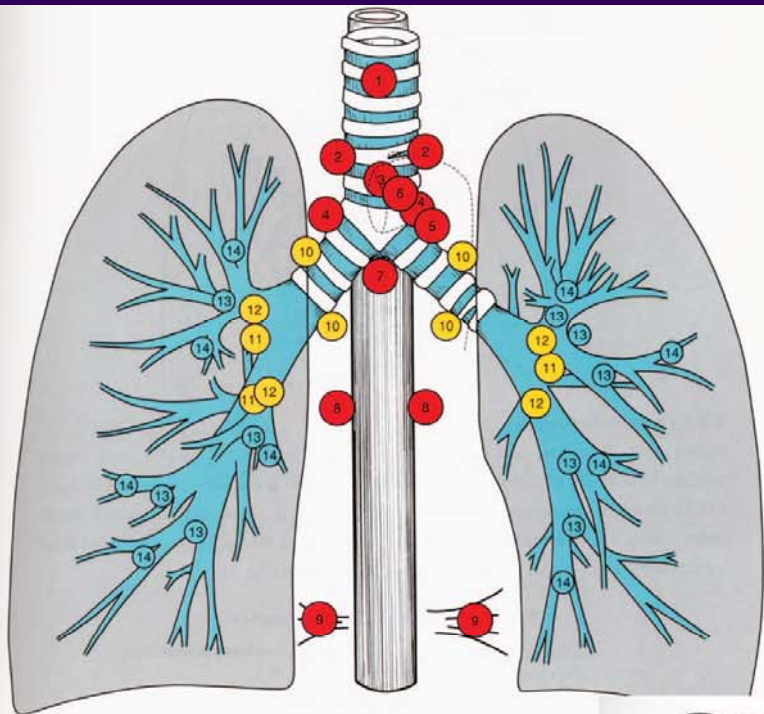
N2

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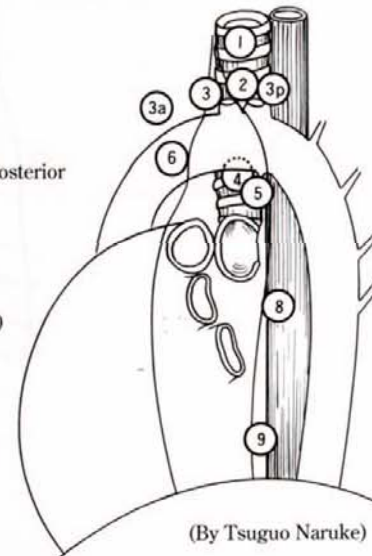
14 LN stations
single digit N2
double digits N1

anatomical description:
English version since 2000

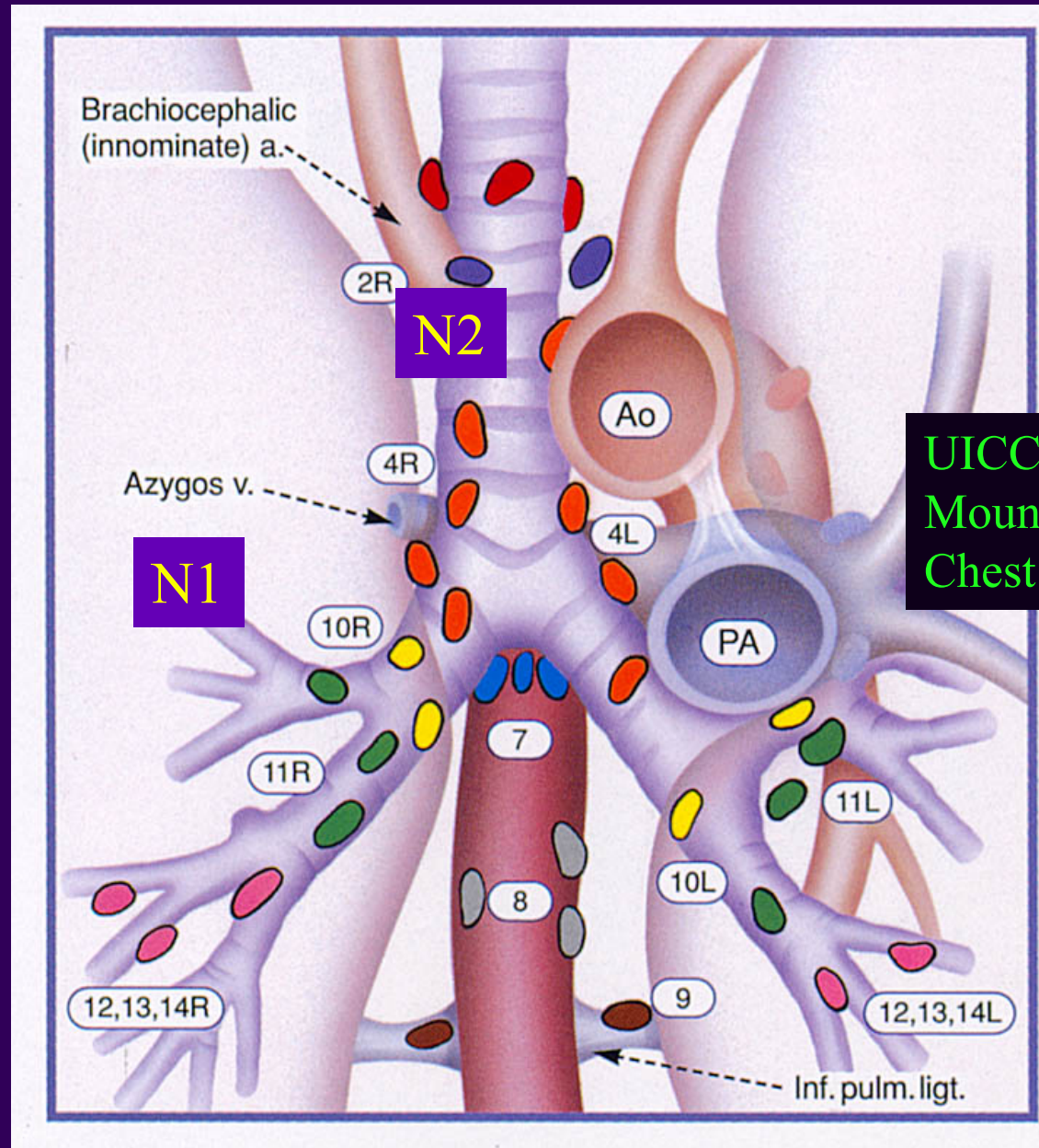




- # 1 Superior mediastinal or highest mediastinal
- # 2 Paratracheal
- # 3 Pretracheal
- #3a Anterior mediastinal
- #3p Retrotracheal mediastinal or posterior mediastinal
- # 4 Tracheobronchial
- # 5 Subaortic or Botallo's
- # 6 Paraortic (ascending aorta)
- # 7 Subcarinal
- # 8 Paraesophageal (below carina)
- # 9 Pulmonary ligament
- # 10 Hilar (main bronchus)
- # 11 Interlobar
- # 12 Lobar...upper lobar, middle lobar, and lower lobar
- # 13 Segmental
- # 14 Subsegmental

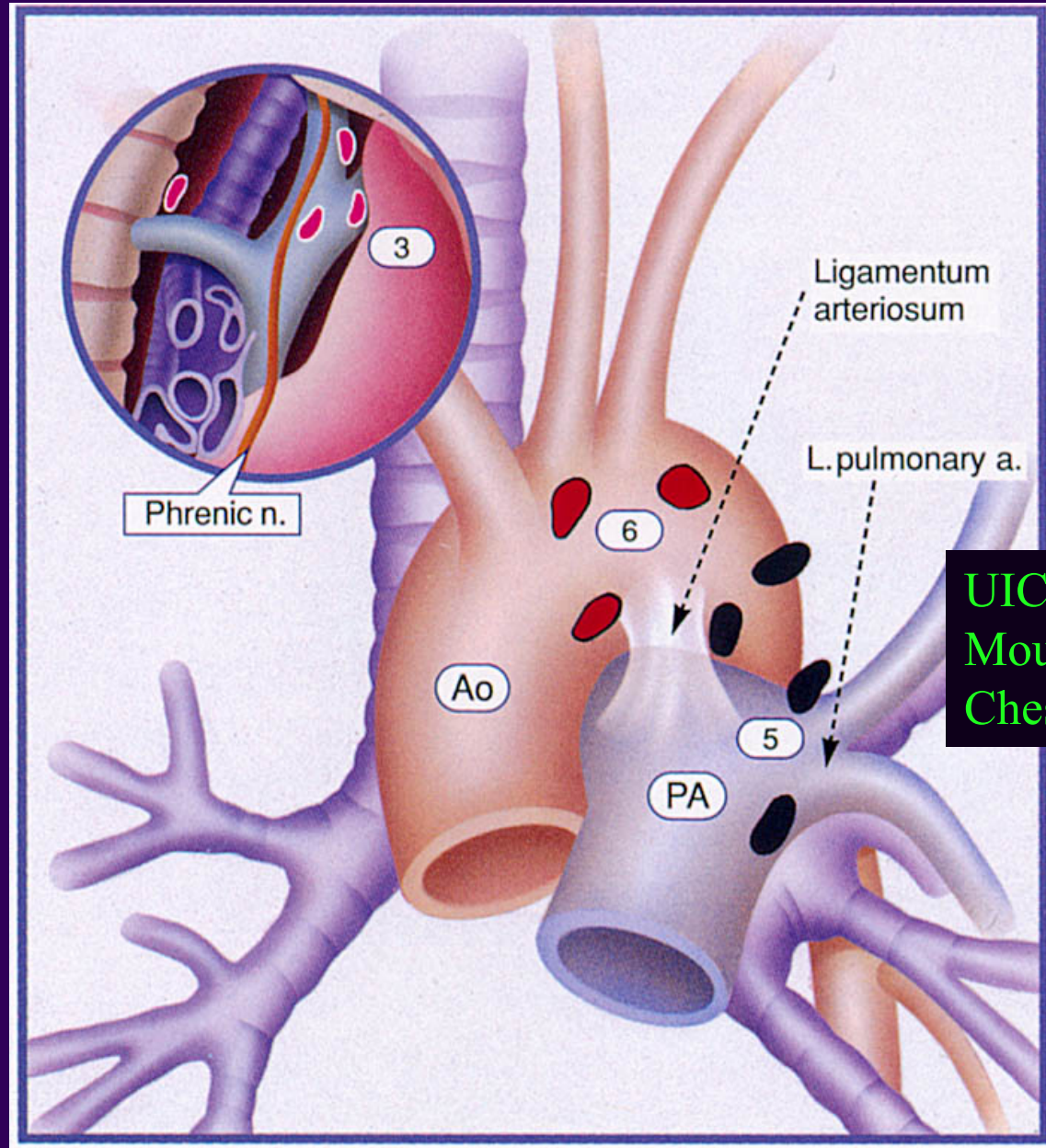


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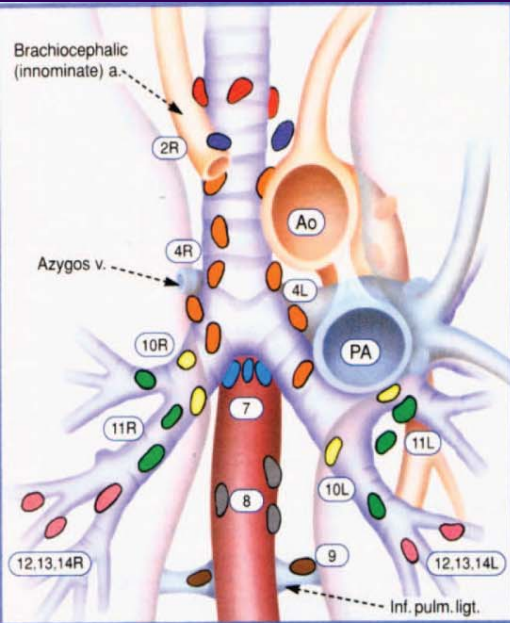
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Mountain - Dresler
Chest 1997; 111:1718-23





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Superior Mediastinal Nodes

- 1 Highest Mediastinal
- 2 Upper Paratracheal
- 3 Pre-vascular and Retrotracheal
- 4 Lower Paratracheal (including Azygos Nodes)

N₂ = single digit, ipsilateral
 N₃ = single digit, contralateral or supraclavicular

Upper zone (R)

Aortic Nodes

- 5 Subaortic (A-P window)
- 6 Para-aortic (ascending aorta or phrenic)

AP zone (L)

Inferior Mediastinal Nodes

- 7 Subcarinal
- 8 Paraesophageal (below carina)
- 9 Pulmonary Ligament

Subcarinal zone

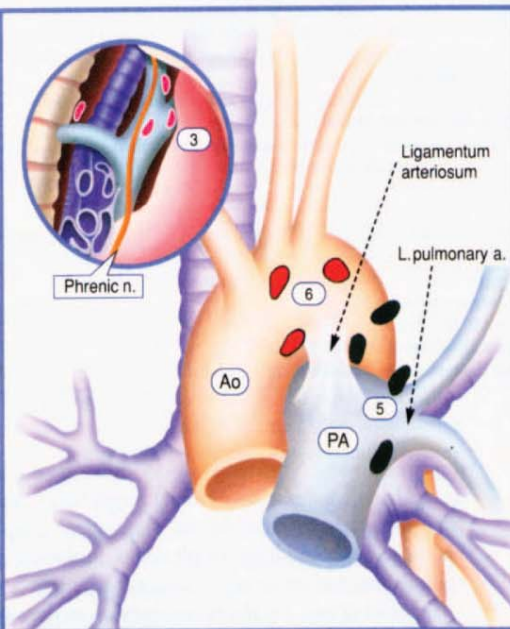
Lower zone

N₁ Nodes

- 10 Hilar
- 11 Interlobar
- 12 Lobar
- 13 Segmental
- 14 Subsegmental

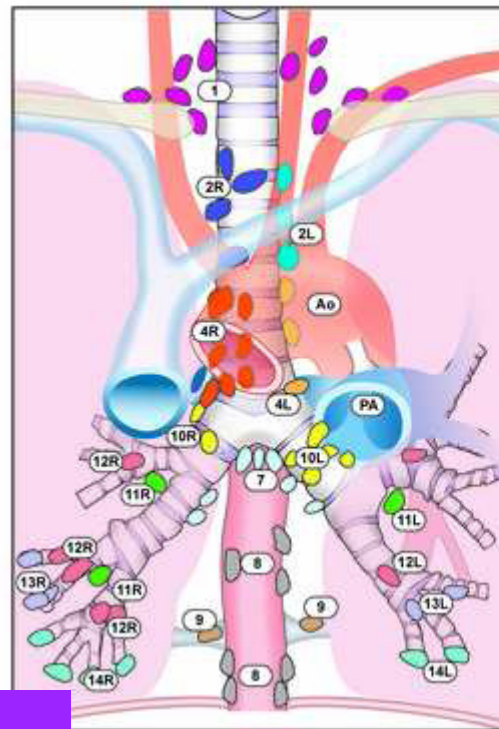
Hilar zone

Peripheral zone



Proposed
 changes
 N factor:
 zones

Rusch V et al.
 J Thorac Oncol
 2007; 2:603-12



Supraclavicular zone

- 1 Low cervical, supraclavicular, and sternal notch nodes

Superior Mediastinal Nodes

Upper zone

- 2R Upper Paratracheal (right)
- 2L Upper Paratracheal (left)
- 3a Pre-vascular
- 3p Retrotracheal
- 4R Lower Paratracheal (right)
- 4L Lower Paratracheal (left)

Aortic Nodes

AP zone

- 5 Subaortic
- 6 Para-aortic (ascending aorta or phrenic)

Inferior Mediastinal Nodes

Subcarinal zone

- 7 Subcarinal

Lower zone

- 8 Paraesophageal (below carina)
- 9 Pulmonary ligament

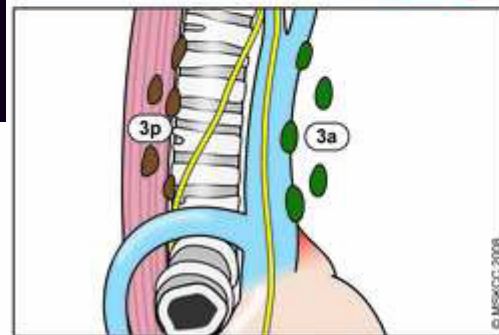
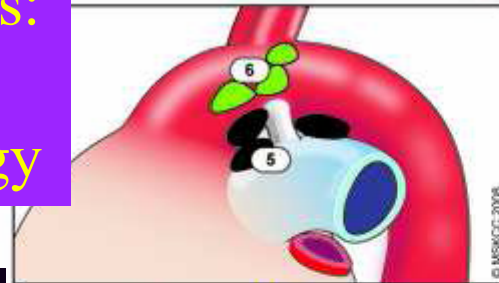
N₁ Nodes

Hilar/Interlobar zone

- 10 Hilar
- 11 Interlobar

Peripheral zone

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- 14 Subsegmental



Best of both worlds:
East – West
Surgery - Radiology

Proposed
changes
N factor:
zones

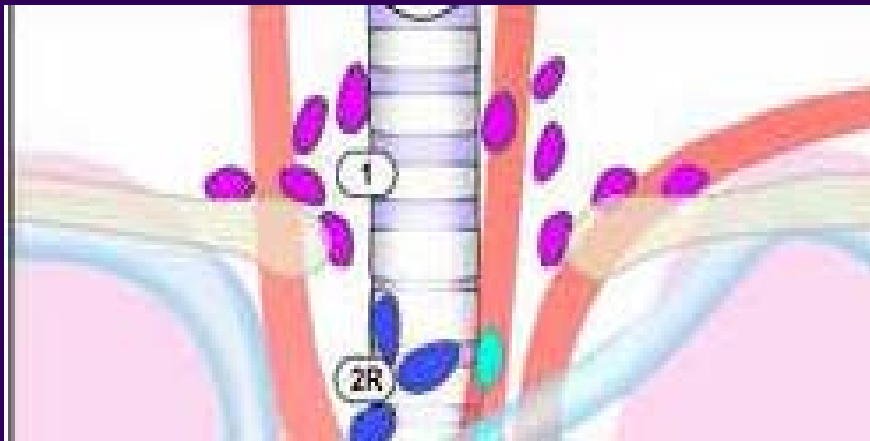
Rusch V. J Thorac
Oncol 2009; 4:568-77

Van Schil P. J Thorac
Oncol 2009; 4:561-2





Proposed changes LN stations - zones



Supraclavicular zone

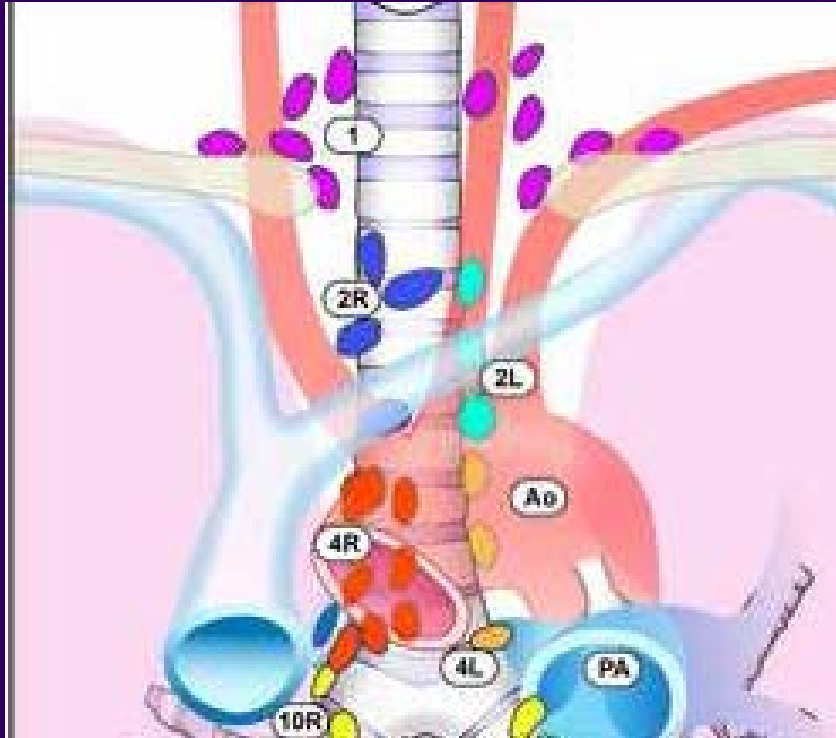
- 1 Low cervical, supraclavicular, and sternal notch nodes

↑ lower margin cricoid
↓ clavicles, ↑ manubrium

N3 !



Proposed changes LN stations - zones



Superior Mediastinal Nodes

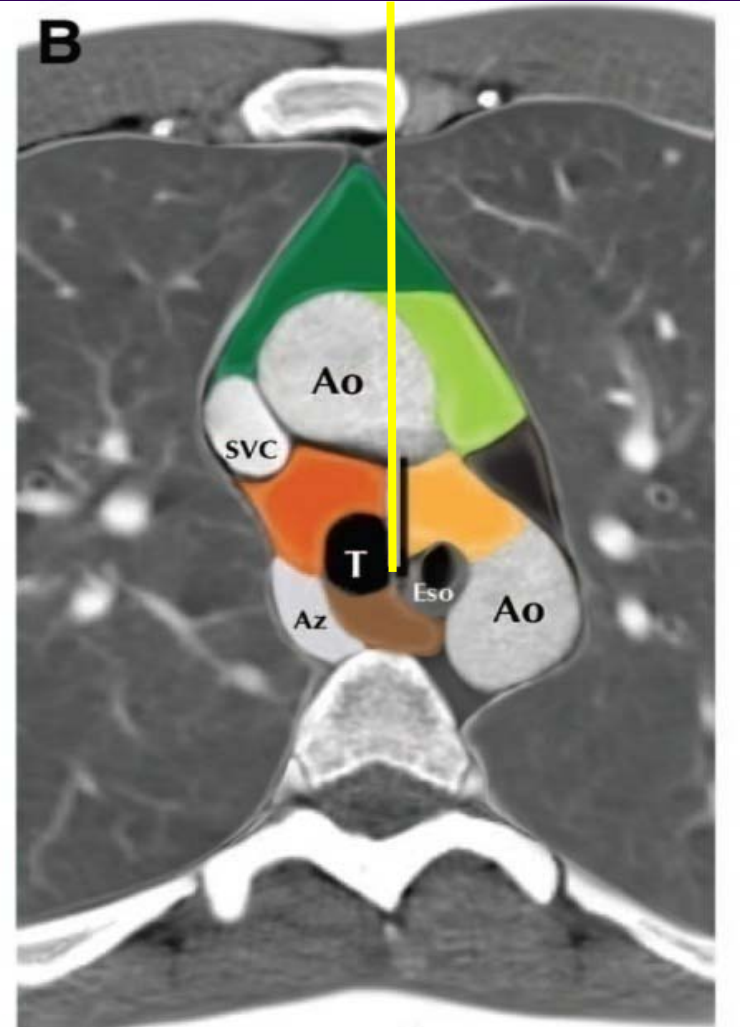
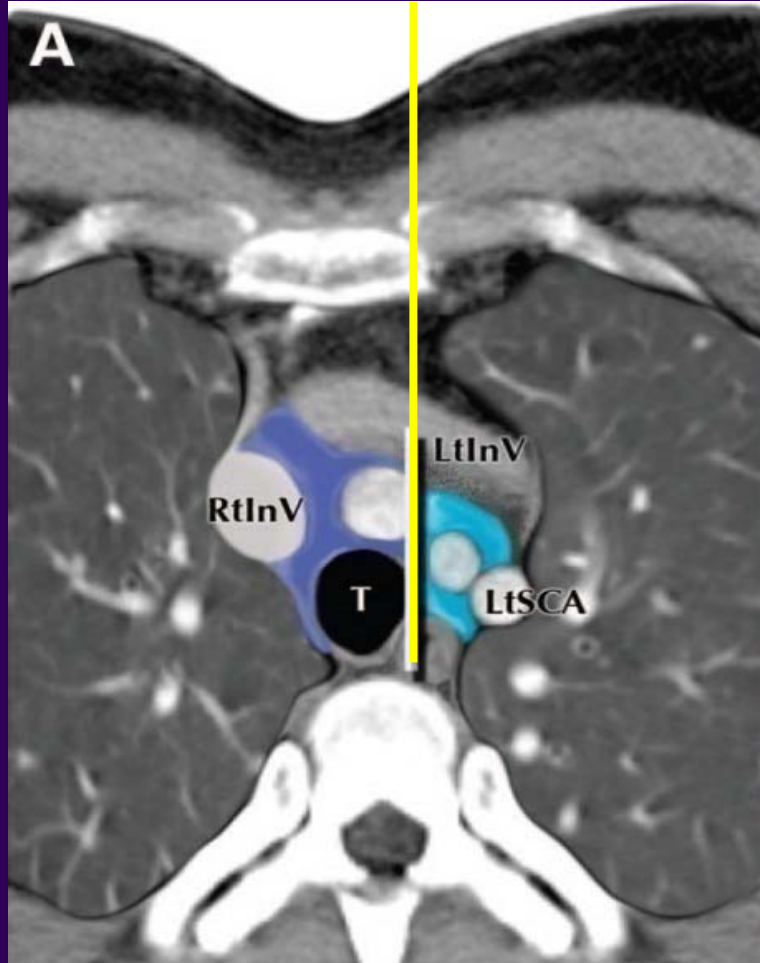
Upper zone

- 2R Upper Paratracheal (right)
- 2L Upper Paratracheal (left)

2R ↓ intersection caudal margin
innominate vein with trachea

2L ↓ superior border aortic arch

oncological midline



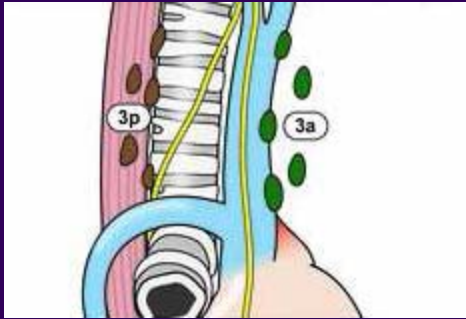
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Oncological midline:
at L side of trachea!
tumour R +2R = N2
tumour L +2R = N3





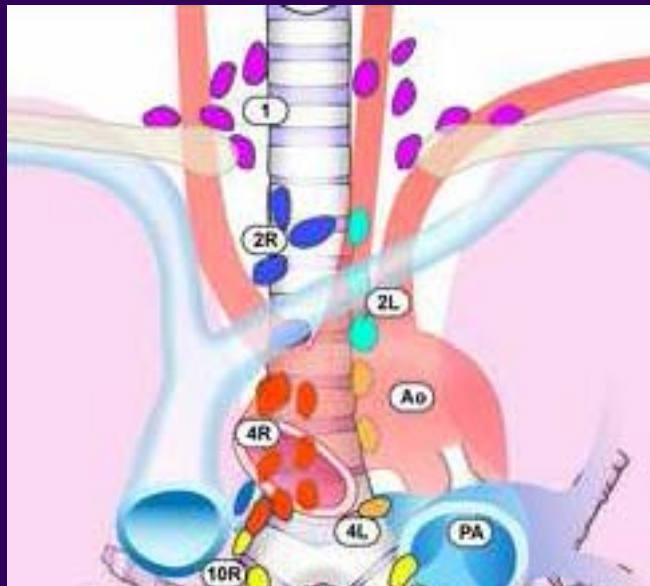
Proposed changes LN stations - zones



- 3a Pre-vascular
- 3p Retrotracheal
- 4R Lower Paratracheal (right)
- 4L Lower Paratracheal (left)

3 ≠ pretracheal !
4 ≠ tracheobronchial

3a-p: anatomically distinct



4R ↓ lower border of azygos vein

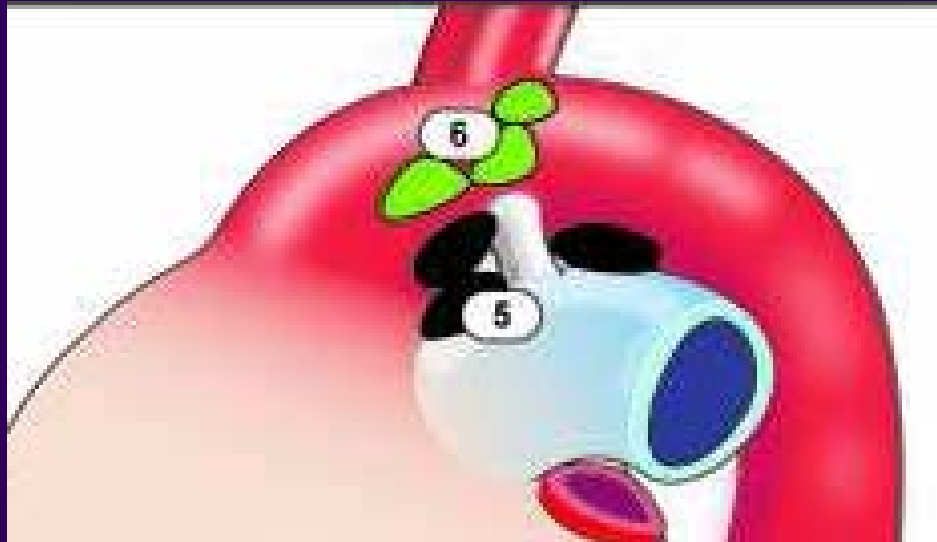
4L ↓ upper rim of L main PA

10 R+L ↓ interlobar region

mediastinoscopy: N1 nodes L+R !



Proposed changes LN stations - zones



Aortic Nodes

AP zone

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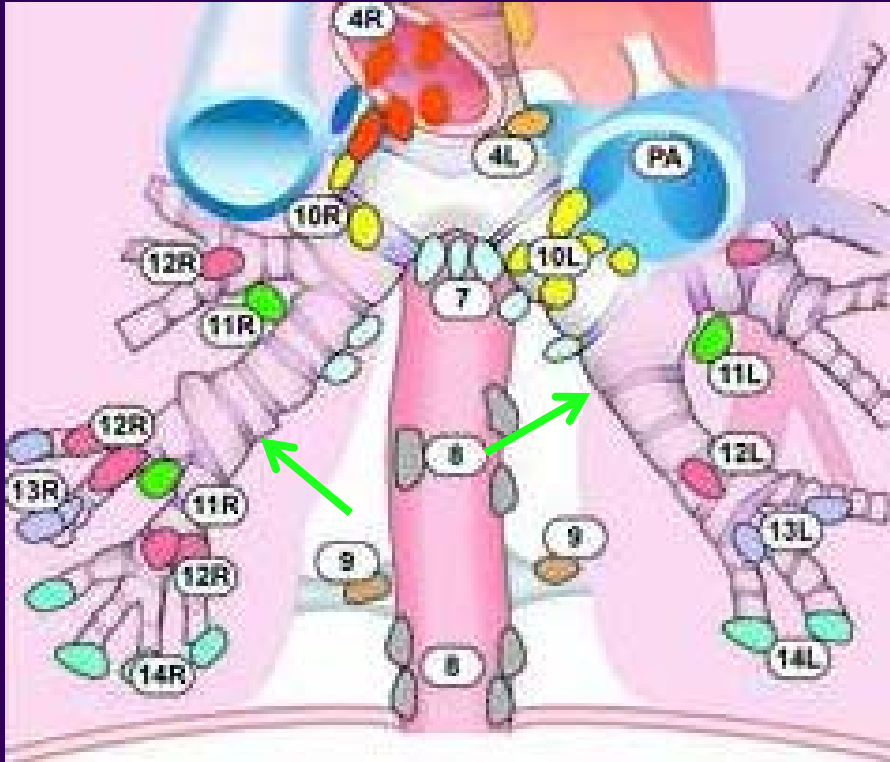
5 lateral to ligamentum arteriosum
4L medial

Rusch V. J Thorac Oncol 2009; 4:568-77





Proposed changes LN stations - zones



Inferior Mediastinal Nodes	
<i>Subcarinal zone</i>	
○ 7 Subcarinal	
<i>Lower zone</i>	
● 8 Paraesophageal (below carina)	
● 9 Pulmonary ligament	

7 ↑ carina of trachea
 ↓ L ↑ border LLL bronchus
 R ↓ border of bronchus intermedius

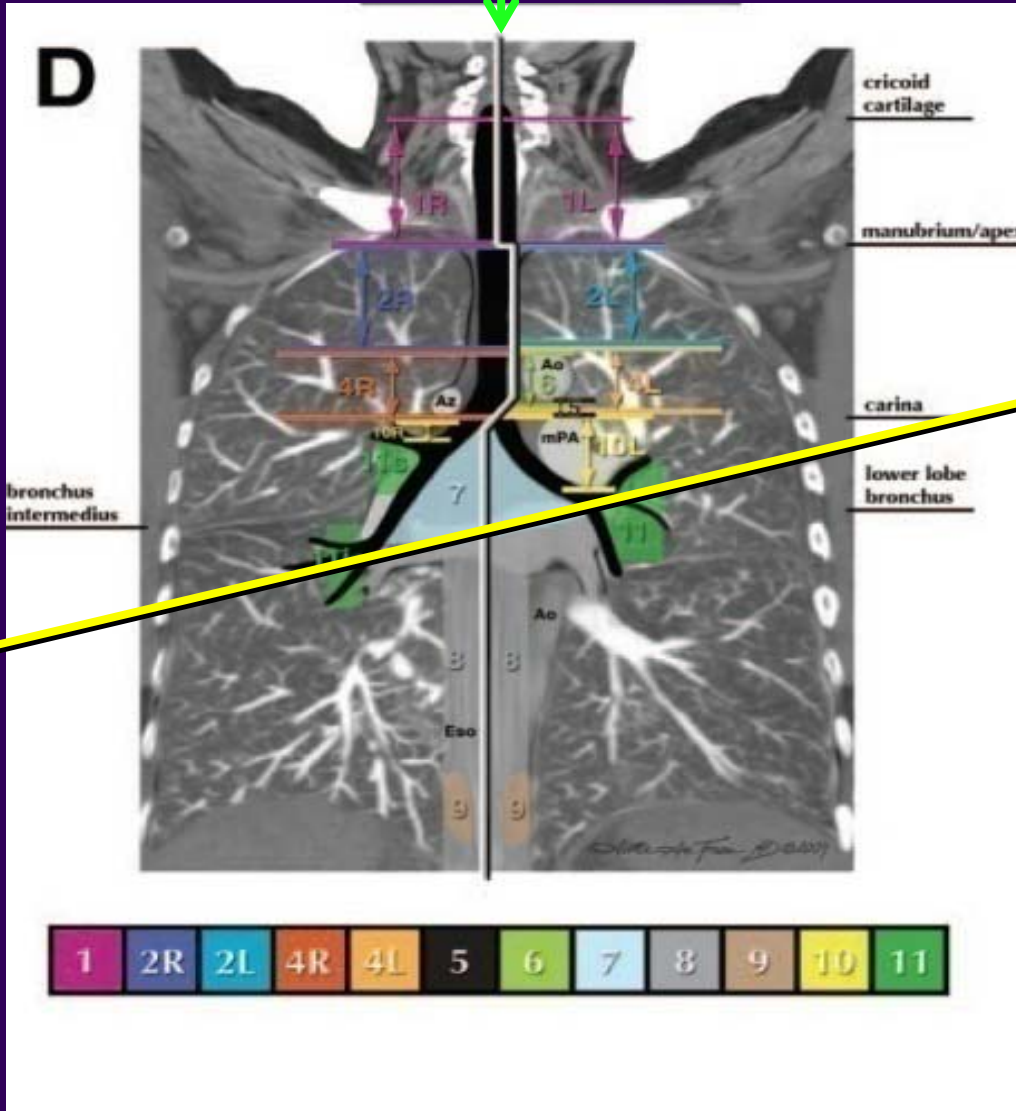
10 R+L ↓ interlobar region

main bronchus	medial 7	N2
	lateral 10, 11	N1





oncological midline



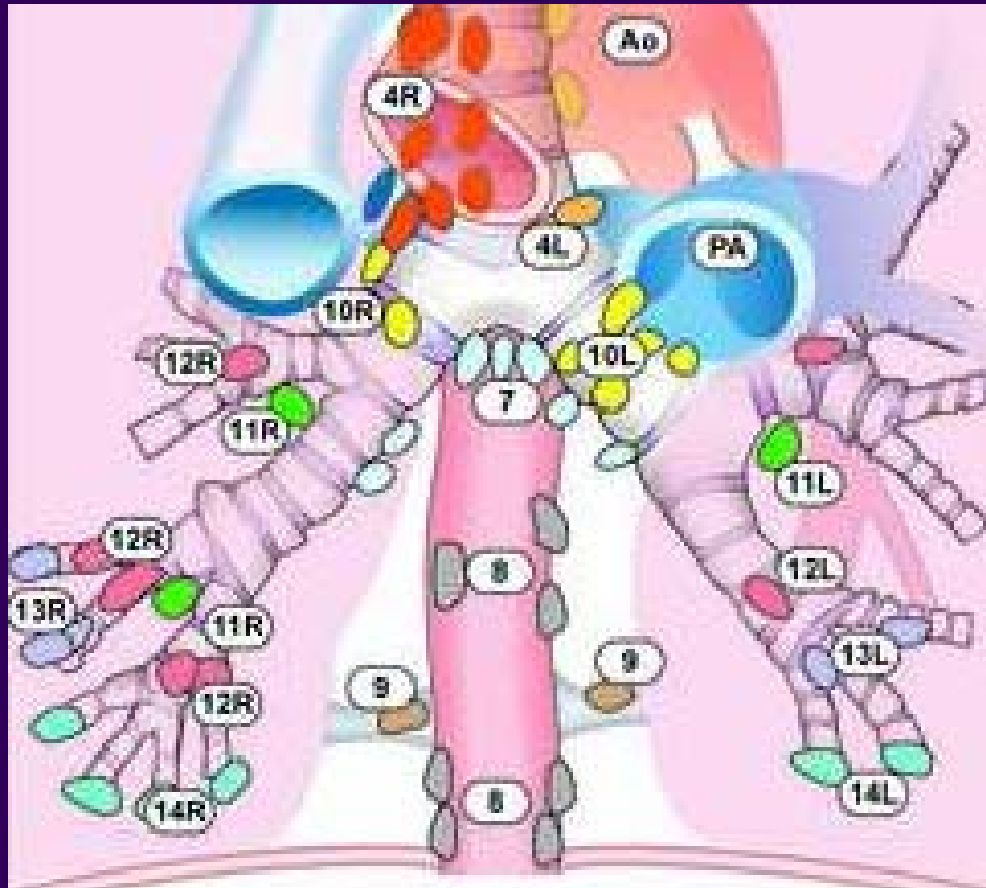
7 ↑ carina of trachea
↓ L ↑ border LLL bronchus
R ↓ border of bronchus intermedius

7 grotere regio !





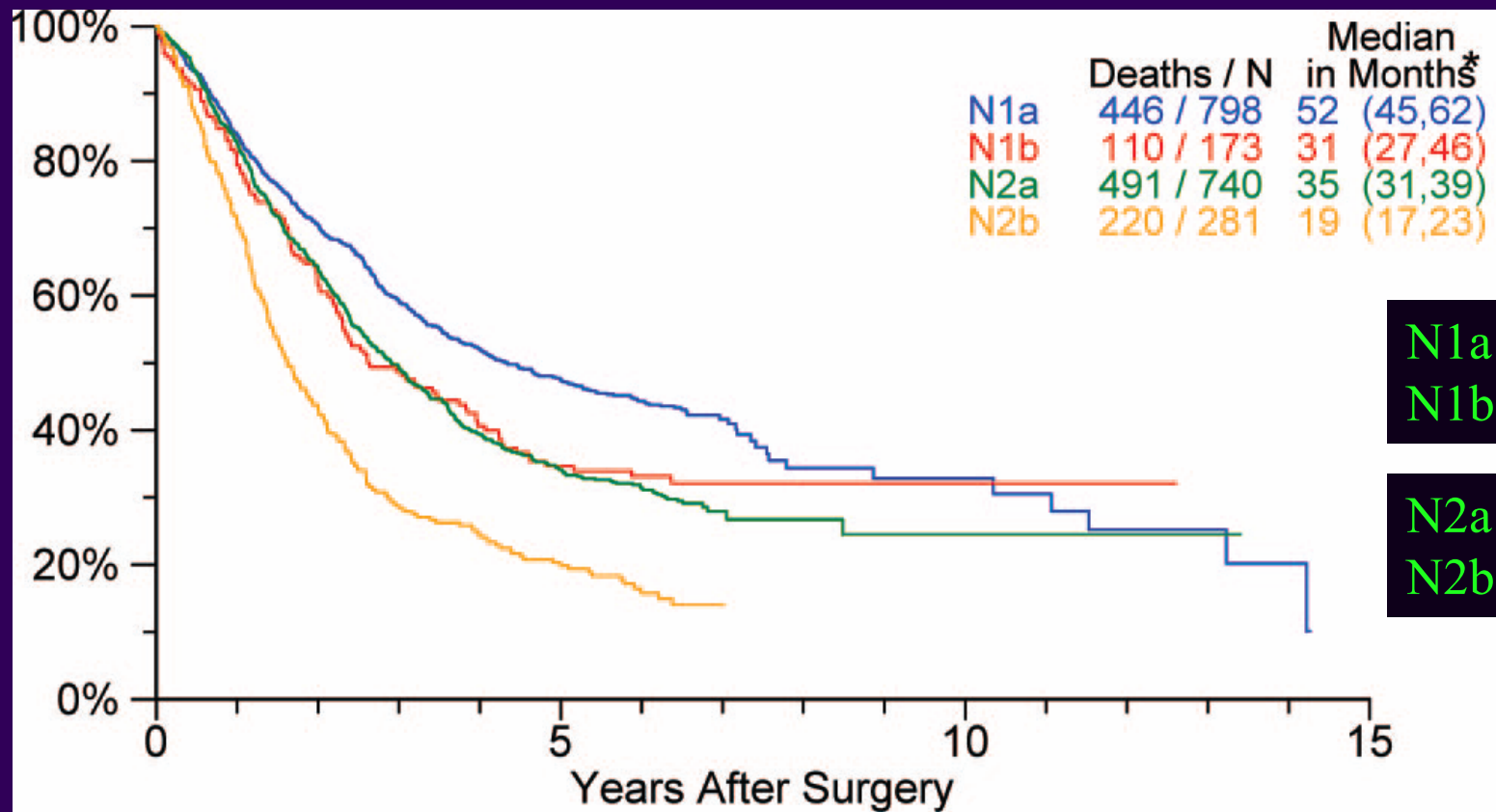
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N ₁ Nodes	
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N1a single N1 zone
 N1b multiple N1 zones

N2a single N2 zone
 N2b multiple N2 zones

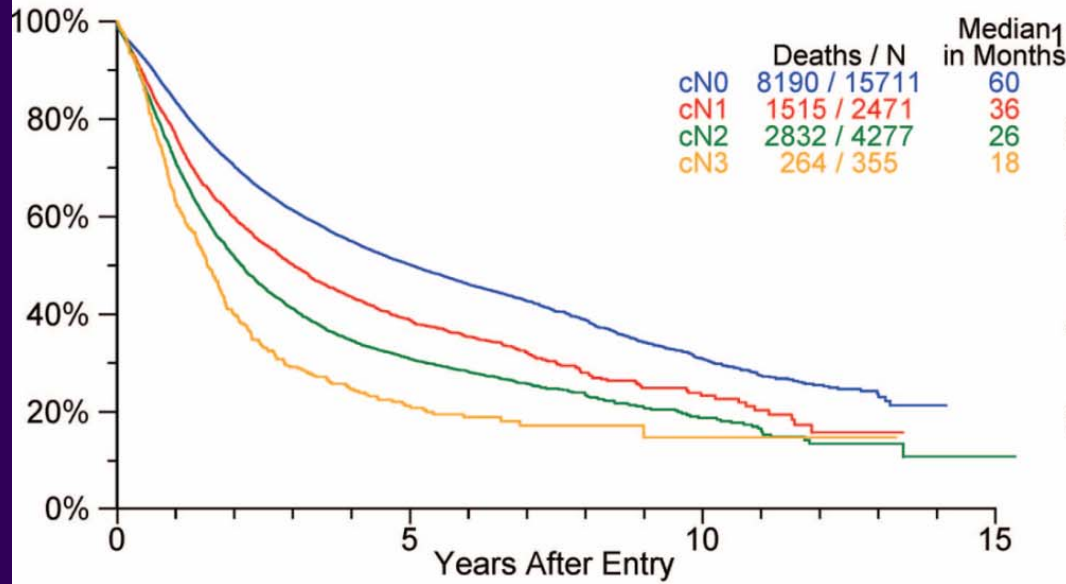
	1 Yr	5 Yrs		HR	P
N1a	86%	48%			
N1b	79%	35%	vs N1a:	1.32	<.0090
N2a	83%	34%	vs N1b:	1.04	0.7137
N2b	71%	20%	vs N2a:	1.65	<.0001

*estimates of median survival, followed by 95% confidence intervals in parentheses

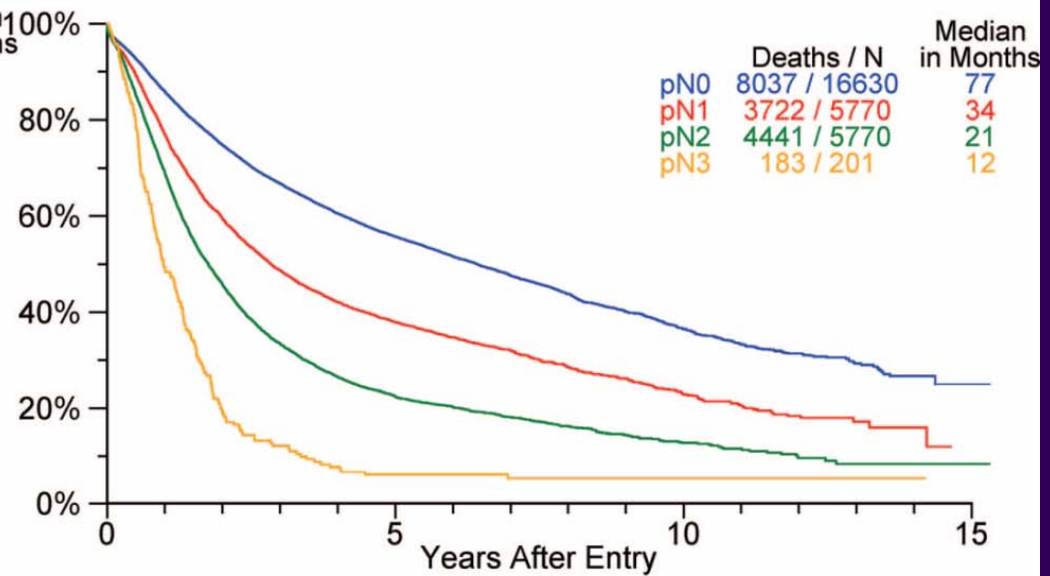




Clinical Staged, By cN



Pathologically Staged, By pN



	1 Yr	5 Yrs		HR	P
cN0	84%	50%			
cN1	77%	39%	vs cN0:	1.37	<.0001
cN2	71%	31%	vs cN1:	1.24	<.0001
cN3	63%	21%	vs cN2:	1.31	<.0001

	1 Yr	5 Yrs		HR	P
pN0	86%	56%			
pN1	77%	38%	vs pN0:	1.63	<.0001
pN2	69%	22%	vs pN1:	1.51	<.0001
pN3	49%	6%	vs pN2:	1.81	<.0001



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COMPLETE RESECTION

- **R0** : no residual tumor
- **R1** : microscopic residual tumor
- **R2** : macroscopic residual tumor



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Complete resection R0

- free resection margins proved microscopically
bronchial, venous, arterial stumps, peribronchial soft tissue, any peripheral margin near tumor or of additionally resected tissue
- systematic or lobe-specific systematic nodal dissection :
≥ 6 nodal stations (3 mediastinal)
- no extracapsular extension in nodes removed separately or at the margin of the lung specimen
- highest mediastinal lymph node must be negative

Rami-Porta R et al. Complete resection in lung cancer surgery : proposed definition.
Lung Cancer 2005; 49:25-33





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Incomplete resection R1 - R2

- tumor involvement of resection margins
- extracapsular extension in nodes removed separately or at the margin of the lung specimen
- + nodes that were not removed
R2 if recognized by surgeon
- + cytology of pleural or pericardial effusions

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Uncertain resection Rx

**Resection margins free of disease microscopically but
one of the following applies :**

- **less rigorous LN evaluation**
- **intracapsular involvement highest mediastinal node
extracapsular = R2**
- **bronchial margin : ca. in situ**
- **+ pleural lavage cytology R1 cy+**



Systematic nodal dissection

- **dissection of mediastinal, hilar and lobar LN in a systematic fashion**
- **240 pts cT1-3 N0-1 NSCLC**
- **3 % expl. thoracotomy - 20 % N2 disease**
- **skip metastases : 34 % N2 disease**
- **no subgroup 0 % incidence of N2 metastases**

Graham A. Systematic nodal dissection in the intrathoracic staging of patients with NSCLC. J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg 1999; 117:246-51





Systematic nodal dissection

- peripheral tumors < 2 cm. : 24 % LN mets
- necessary for accurate staging NSCLC
- gold standard for mediastinal staging
- confusion : radical lymphadenectomy
lymph node sampling
- R : 4~~X~~2 7,8,9 L : 5,6,4 7,8,9

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Lobe-specific systematic nodal dissection

- dissection of intrapulmonary (lobar, interlobar, segmental) and hilar LN + ≥ 3 mediastinal LN stations:

RUL – RML	7 + (2R or 4R or X)
RLL	7 + 4R + (8 or 9)
LUL	5, 6, 7
LLL	7, 8, 9

- LN specimen : ≥ 6 LN : 3 hilar, intrapulmonary
3 mediastinal (station 7)

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Accuracy PET - CT scanning anno 2009

- 200 patients operated lung cancer
- PET-CT followed by staging mediastinoscopy and resection, if appropriate
- PET-CT correct staging 99 pts 49.5 %
under-staged 59 29.5 %
over-staged 42 21 %
- superior mediastinal nodes not correctly staged in 19 %

Carnochan FM, Walker WS. Eur J Cardiothorac Surg 2009; 35:781





Sampling vs lymph node dissection

- **ECOG 3590** : randomized prospective trial of adjuvant therapy in patients with completely resected stages II and IIIA NSCLC (adjuvant RT vs. CTRT)
- stratification, *nonrandomized* comparison (n=373):
 - SS** systematic sampling
 - MLND** complete mediastinal lymph node dissection
(complete removal of all lymph nodes)

Keller SM. Mediastinal lymph node dissection improves survival in patients with stages II and IIIA NSCLC. Ann Thorac Surg 2000; 70:358-66





Sampling vs lymph node dissection

	n	N1	N2	MST	
SS	187	40	60 %	29.2 mos	
MLND	186	41	59 %	57.5	p = .004

- **SS as efficacious as MLND in staging pts. NSCLC**
- **MLND identifies more levels of N2 disease**
- **MLND improved survival with *right* NSCLC ↔ SS**

Keller SM. Ann Thorac Surg 2000; 70:358-66





Sampling vs lymph node dissection

- randomized trial (532 pts)
- lung resection with systematic nodal dissection – **SND**
vs mediastinal LN sampling - **MLS**

	n	MST	
SND	268	43 mos.	
MLS	264	32	p < .0001

Wu Y. A randomized trial of systematic nodal dissection in resectable NSCLC. Lung Cancer 2002; 36:1- 6





Sampling vs lymph node dissection

5-ys	stage I	II	IIIA
SND	82.2	32	27 %
MLS	57.5	27	6.2 %
	p = .02	.05	.0009

multivariate analysis : LN dissection
stage (pTNM)
tumor size
n LN metastases



Sampling vs lymph node dissection

ACOSOG Z0030: randomized trial sampling ↔ lymphadenectomy

- 1111 pts included; lobectomy 75%, pneumonectomy 4%
- † 2.0% LN sampling 0.76% LN dissection
- LN dissection: ↑ median operative time, chest tube drainage
- no Δ median hospitalization (6 days); survival data...

Allen MS et al. Ann Thorac Surg 2006; 81:1013





Guidelines peroperative LN staging

- systematic nodal dissection recommended

R en bloc 2-4R, en bloc 7-9, 3a and 3p when present

L 4L, 5, 6, en bloc 7-9

- lobe-specific *always station 7, at least 6 nodal stations N1+2*

RUL-RML 2R, 4R, 7

LUL 5, 6, 7

RLL 4R, 7, 8, 9

LLL 7, 8, 9

- induction therapy: same recommendation, technically more difficult
- high-risk patients: node assessment may be minimized

Lardinois D, De Leyn P, Van Schil P et al. ESTS guidelines for intraoperative LN staging in NSCLC. Eur J Cardiothorac Surg 2006; 30:787-92





Lymph node staging

AIM = COMPLETE RESECTION

- **7th edition TNM LN staging**
 - anatomical boundaries, nodal zones, N1-N2
 - oncological midline: L side trachea
- **mediastinoscopy: N1 nodes !**
- **peroperative staging : T and N factor, surgical stage**
 - systematic nodal dissection gold standard
 - lobe-specific nodal dissection: minimum 6 stations





WHAT YOU DON'T LOOK FOR,
YOU NEVER WILL FIND

