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***PROSTATE CANCER***

**NEWS**

**uno scenario che sta cambiando**



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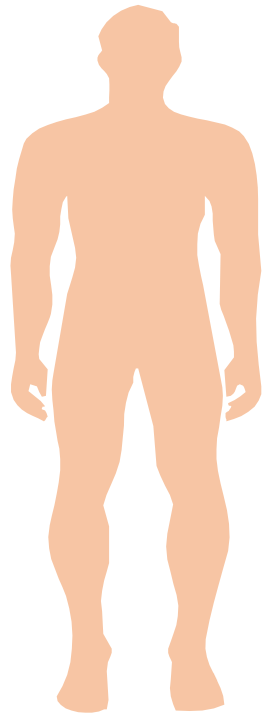
Cronaca sul nmCRPC: Opportunità terapeutiche,  
identificazione e trattamento

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# *Who are these patients? Medical definition*

- 1) Biochemical progression despite castrate levels of testosterone
- 2) Absence of metastasis
- 3) Asymptomatic

# 1) Biochemical progression despite castration levels of testosterone



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Biochemical progression  
while on ADT

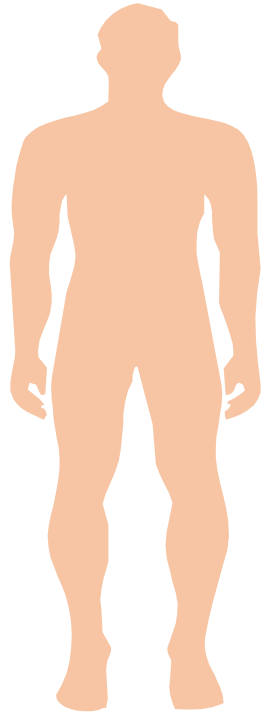
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Castration =  
Serum testosterone  
levels below 50 ng/dL

Definition of biochemical progression:

Three consecutive rises in PSA one week apart resulting in two 50% increases over the nadir, and a PSA > 2 ng/mL

## 2) Absence of metastases



**M0 CRPC :**

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No evidence of  
metastasis with  
CT/bone scan

Absence of distant metastasis

### 3) Asymptomatic

Stage of the Disease



M0 - CRPC

Year 1

QoL



Sintomi

I sintomi sono lievi e principalmente funzionali (disuria ecc)

QoL

QoL simile alla popolazione generale Non ci sono limitazioni alle attività quotidiane<sup>2</sup>

# *Who is the castration resistant but non metastatic patient?*

- **Median bone metastasis-free survival without treatment:** ranges 25–30 months
- **nmCRPC remaining bone metastases free at 2 years:** 70% of men  
(Smith MR, JCO 2005; Crawford ED, Urology 2014)
- **Diagnosis of nmCRPC:** Imaging modalities recommended by EAU Guidelines for initial assessment include 99mTc bone scan and abdomen/pelvis/chest CT

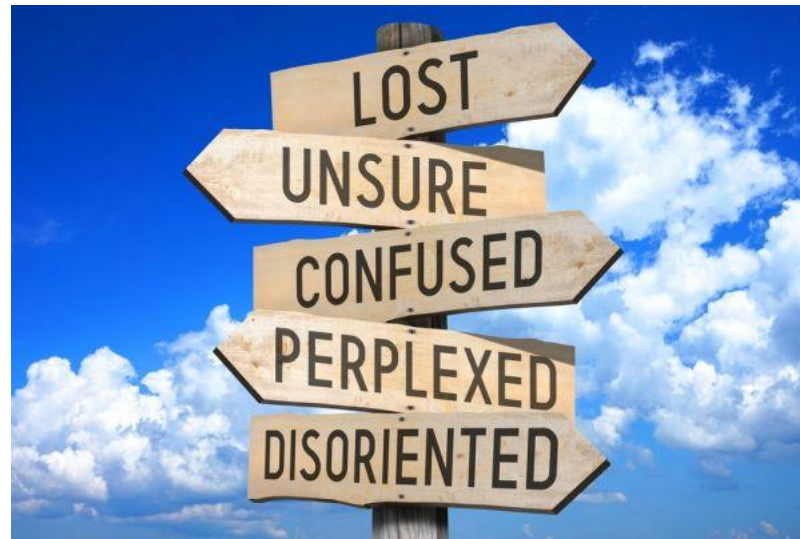
# Who are these patients? *Patient's perspective*



- Area of unmet medical need
- Historically understudied setting of PC patients
- Disease progression is a constant concern for patients with non-M CRPC  
(anxiety about mortality, loss of wellbeing)



# ***WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THESE PATIENTS Mo-CRPC?***



# Are all these M0CRPC patients equal?



Medical definition:

- Rising PSA despite castrate levels of testosterone
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**NO**



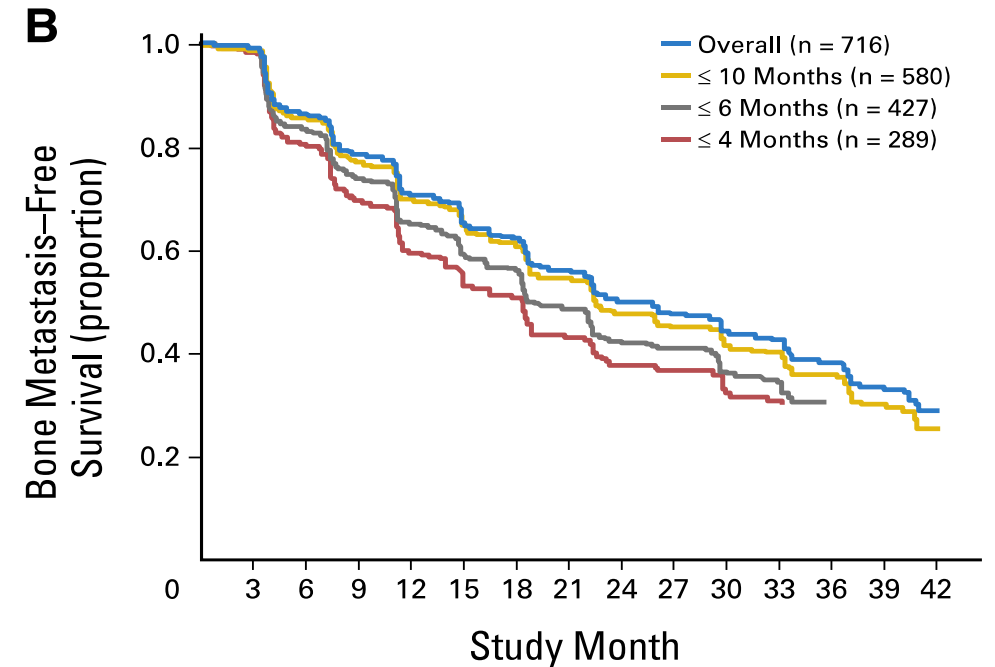
**Heterogeneous group**

- PSA doubling time

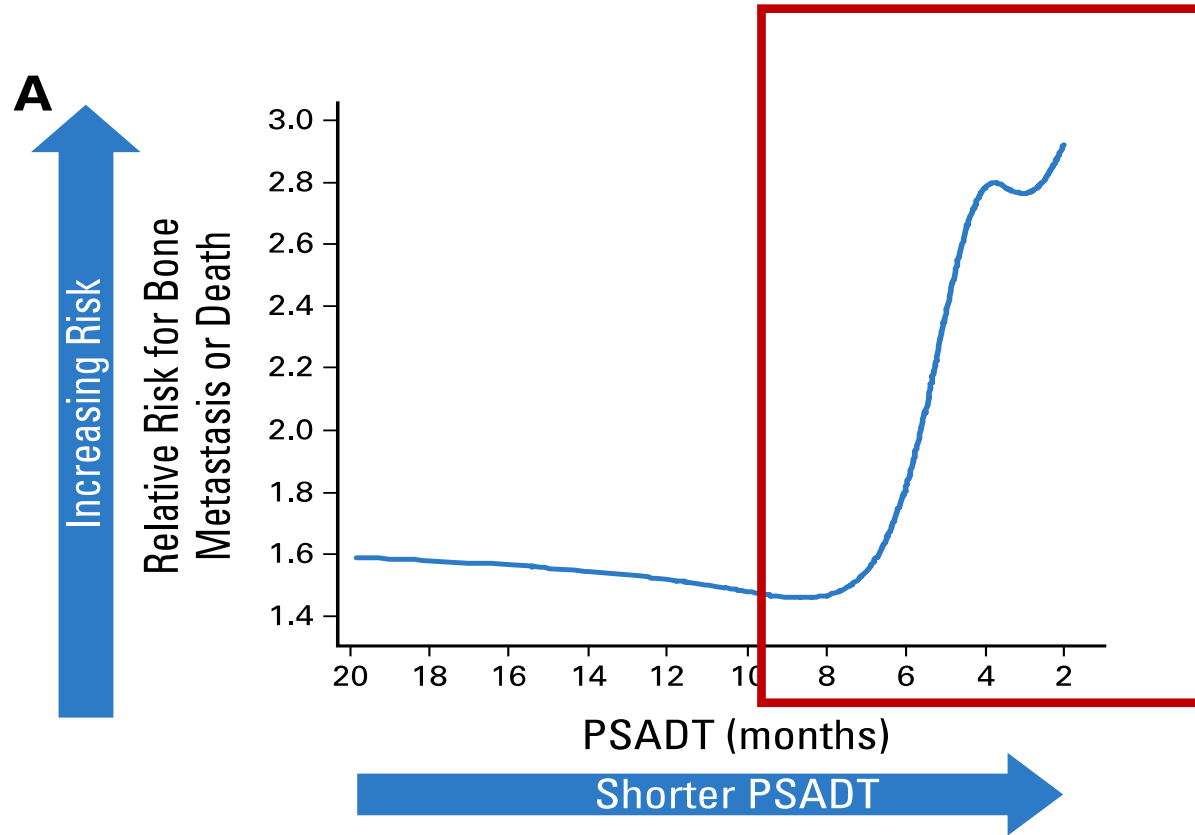
# PSA Doubling Time

Analysis of the placebo arm (from Denosumab trial) correlated PSA-DT with outcomes, identifying a higher relative risk of bone mets\* or death for PSA DT < 8 months

(\*Conventional diagnostic imaging)



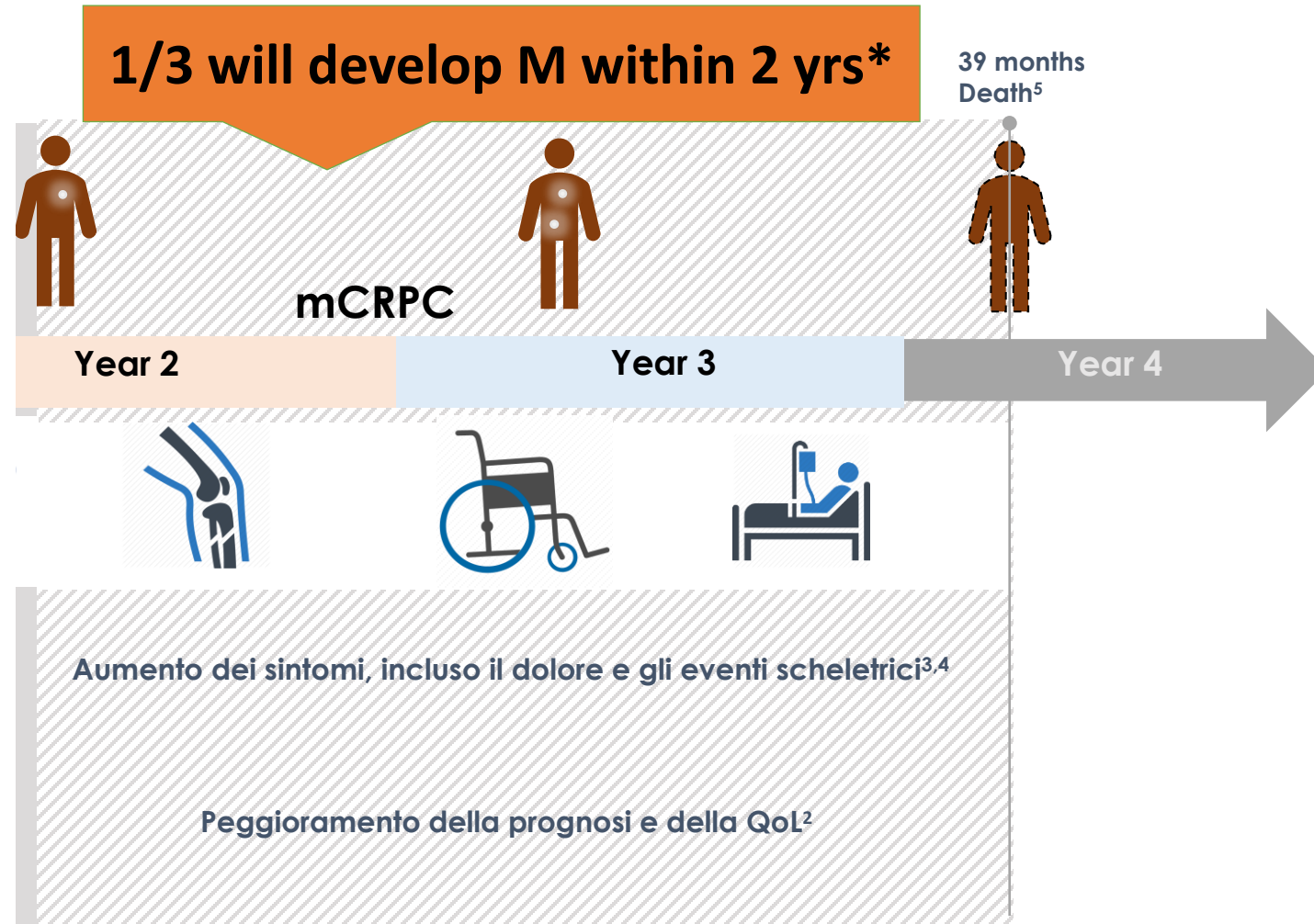
# PSA Doubling Time



High Risk M0 CRPC

Relative risk for bone MFS over PSADT

# Progression to symptomatic



\*Smith et al, JJ Clin Oncol 2005

# Medical Need of M0CR PC

- Up to now, patients have been treated with ADT until development of mets and afterwards treated as M-CRPC<sup>2-5</sup>
- ADT manipulation has been so long the gold standard therapy for M0 CRPC<sup>4-5</sup>
- Up to now, **no treatment had advantage in OS<sup>1</sup>**

**Need: novel agents to delay metastatic status**

# EAU GUIDELINES 2018

Recommendations	Strength rating
Do not treat patients for non-metastatic CRPC outside of a clinical trial.	Strong



**Guidelines for non-metastatic**

# 2019

Recommendation	Strength rating
Offer apalutamide or enzalutamide to patients with M0 CRPC and a high risk of developing metastasis (PSA-DT $\leq$ 10 months) to prolong time to metastases.	Strong

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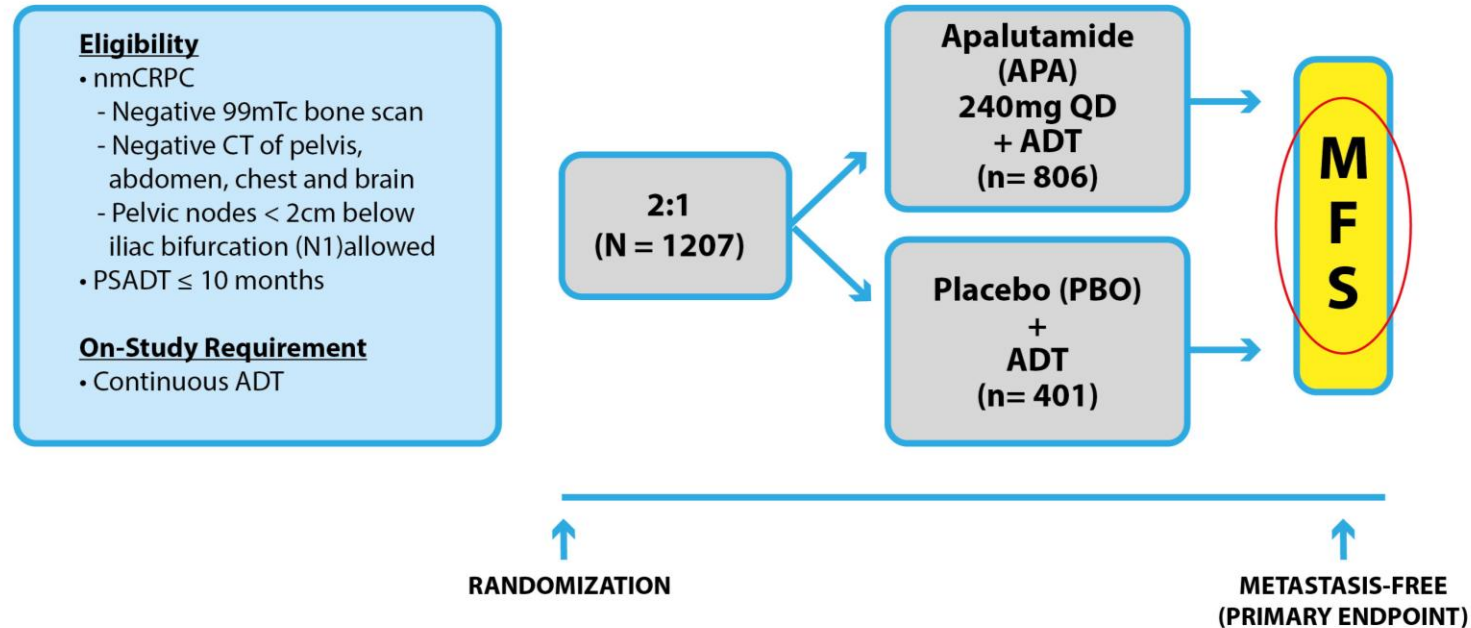
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Apalutamide Treatment and Metastasis-free Survival in Prostate Cancer

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# SPARTAN trial design: Apalutamide in non metastatic CRPC (PSA DT < 10m)



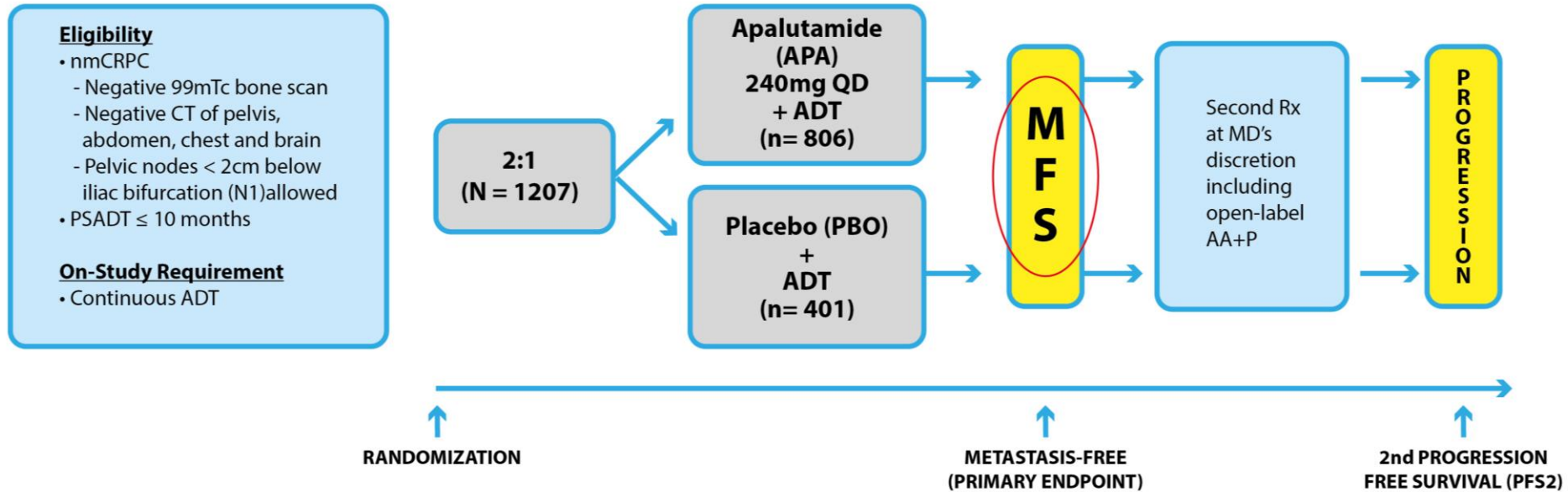
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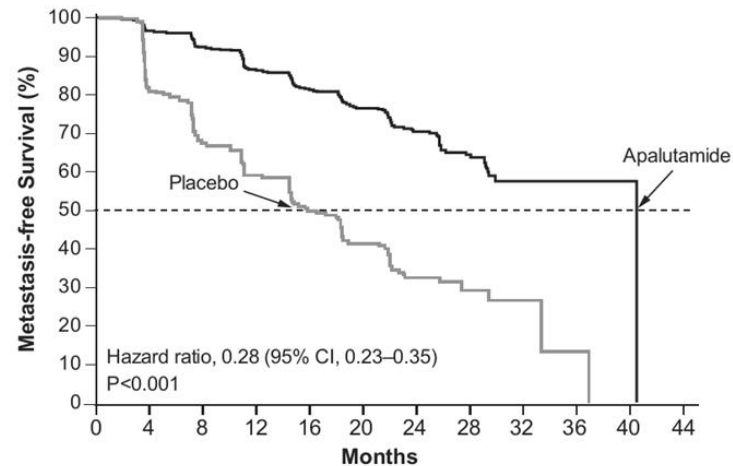
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# SPARTAN Apalutamide

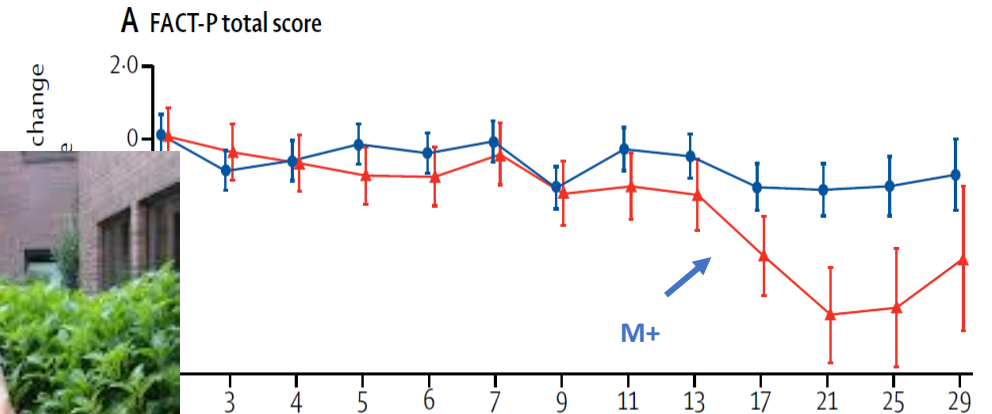
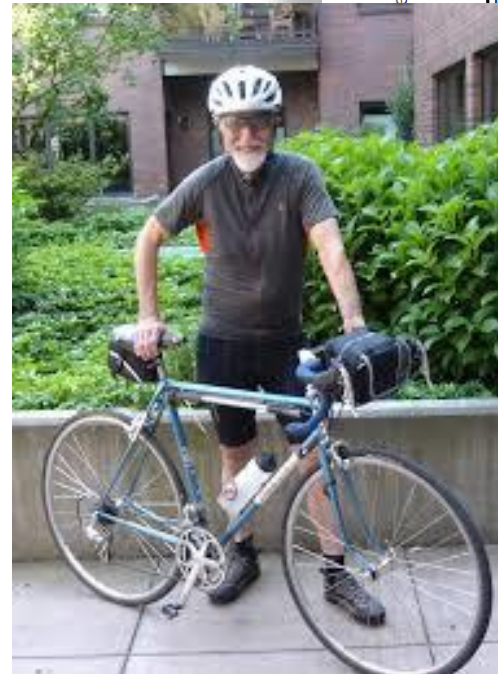
Primary Endpoint: Metastasis-free Survival

Quality of Life maintained with APA



No. at Risk	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44
Apalutamide	806	713	652	514	398	282	180	96	36	16	3	0
Placebo	401	291	220	153	91	58	34	13	5	1	0	0

- Metastases delayed > 2 years
- MFS: risk reduction 72%

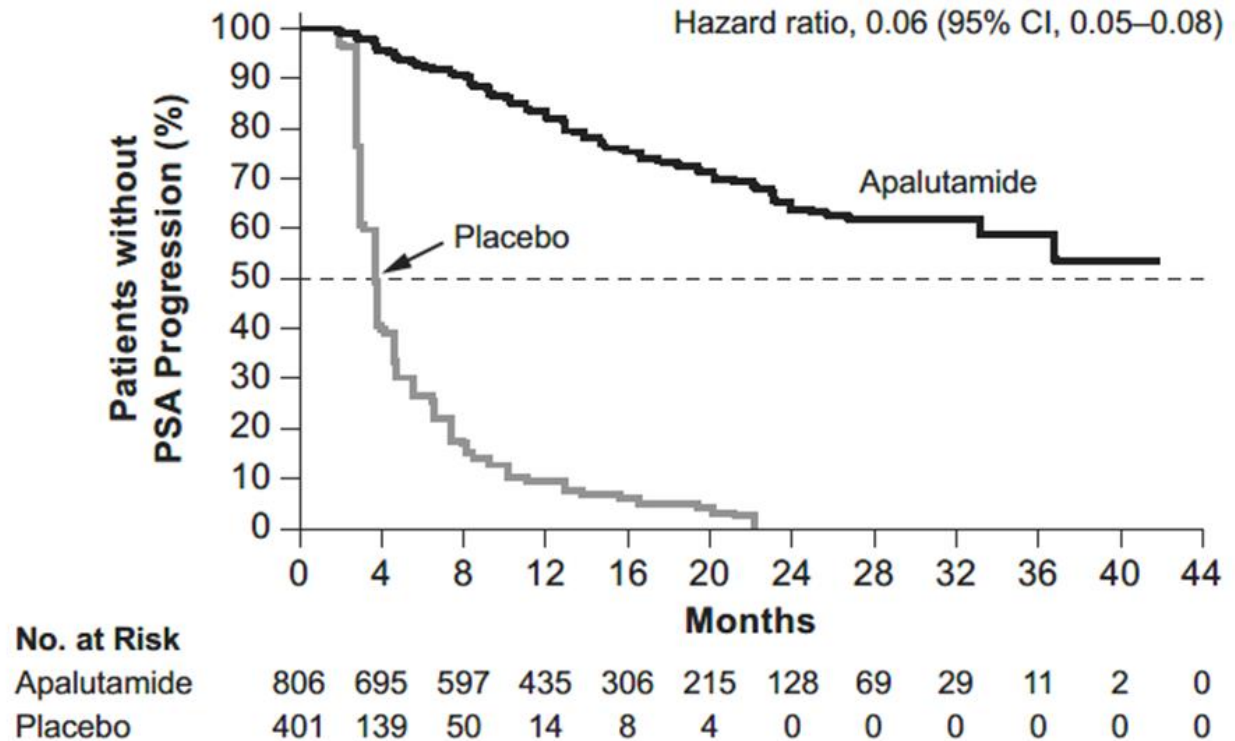


- QoL maintained in apa arm

# SPARTAN: 94% PSA progression risk reduction



### Time to PSA Progression



# SPARTAN Summary of Adverse Events

Adverse Event	APA + ADT (n = 803)	PBO + ADT (n = 398)
	<i>no of patients (%)</i>	
Any adverse event	775 (96.5)	371 (93.2)
Grade 3 or 4 adverse event	362 (45.1)	136 (34.2)
Any serious adverse event	199 (24.8)	92 (23.1)
Any adverse event leading to treatment discontinuation	85 (10.6)	28 (7.0)
Adverse event leading to death	10 (1.2)	1 (0.3)



**Is the clinical advantage gained with new hormonal agents maintained with 2nd line treatment or is resistance expected?**

***A concern:  
Could new hormonal agents in an early setting account for  
mechanisms of further resistance?***

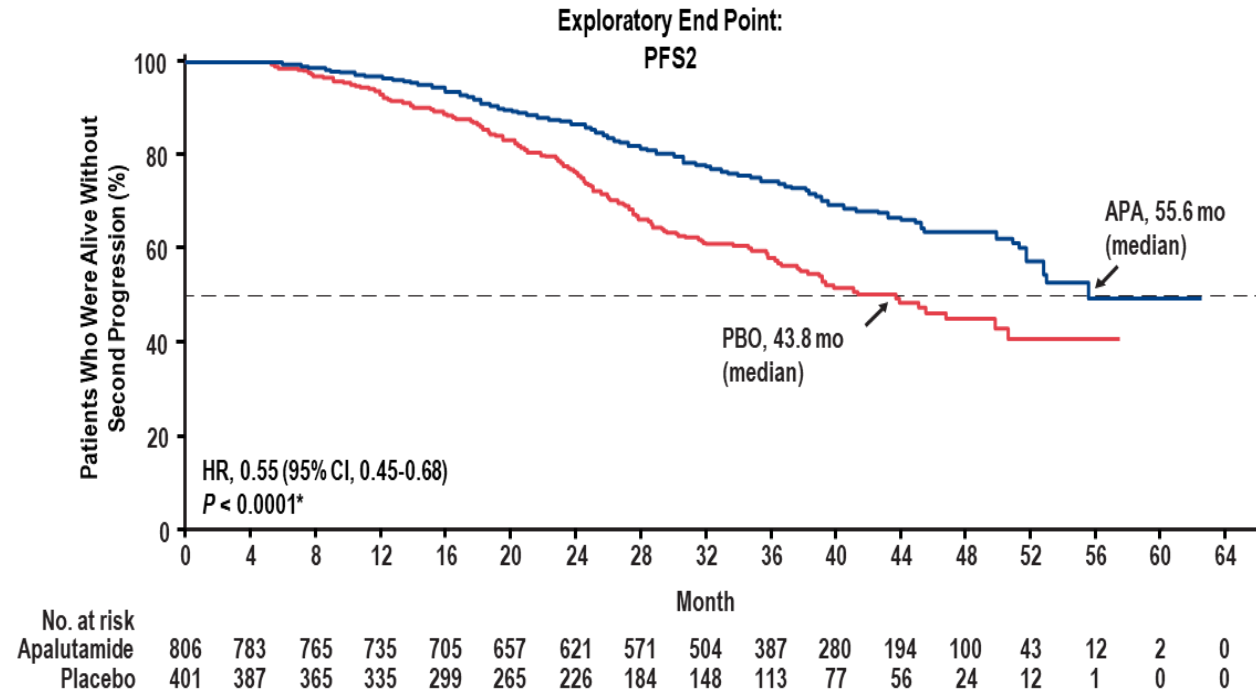
	Baseline		EOT <sup>a</sup>	
	APA	PBO	APA	PBO
ARV7	3/60 (5%)	5/66 (8%)	9/96 (9%)	13/104 (13%)
AR mutations (actionable LBD mutations)	2/66 (3%)	2/67 (3%)	10/118 (8%)	8/122 (7%)
AR amplification	4/66 (6%)	2/67 (3%)	18/118 (15%)	18/122 (15%)
Total AR anomalies	8/50 (16%)	8/60 (13%)	19/93 (20%)	30/100 (30%)

<sup>a</sup>EOT is at first MFS event or discontinuation of treatment.

**AR anomalies at APA progression did not increase over baseline (20 vs 16%)  
80% of patients at end of APA treatment did not show AR abnormalities**

# Patients in APA arm maintain the clinical advantage at the second line

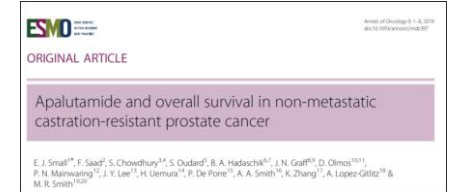
**45% lower risk of progression at apa + 2nd line**  
(PSA, radiographic, symptomatic, or any combination)



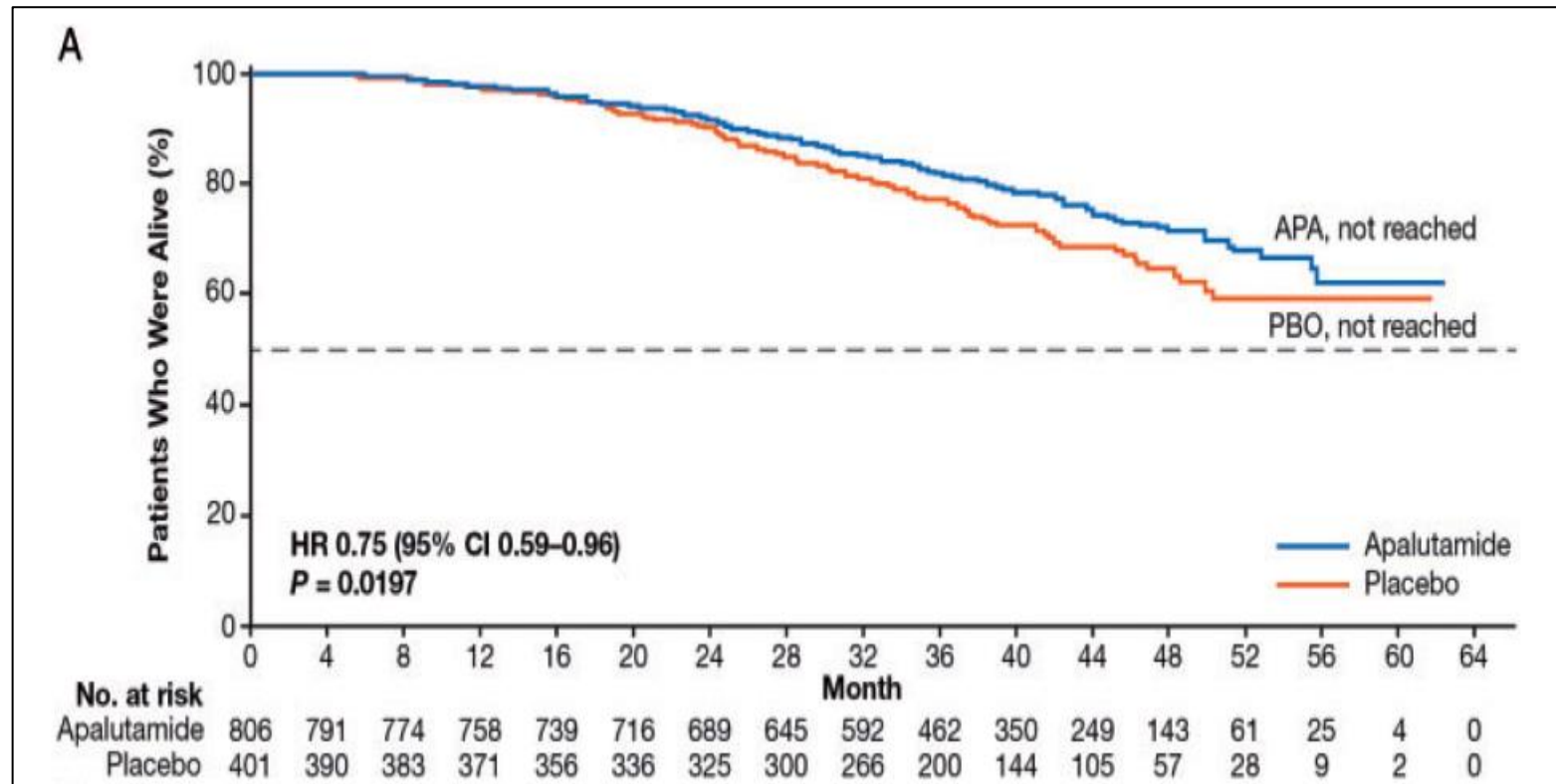
- 69% of placebo-treated patients and 40% of apalutamide-treated patients received subsequent life-prolonging therapy
- The most commonly received subsequent therapy was AAP



# Survival outcomes → Median OS not (yet) reached



APA was associated with a 25% reduction in risk of death at 41 mo (HR 0.75)





## Conclusions

- M0 CRPC patients: *emerged* area of previously unmet need
- High-risk (PSA DT <10m) M0 CRPC: higher risk of early metastatic progression
- Novel hormonal agents able to delay metastasis and improve major oncological endpoints
- Final survival analysis will be available once all requisite events have occurred (*but promising novel interim analysis*)