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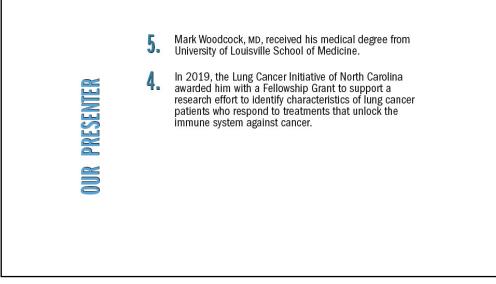
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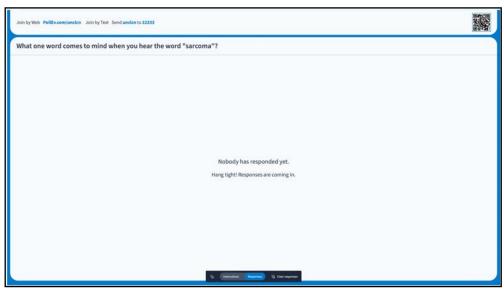
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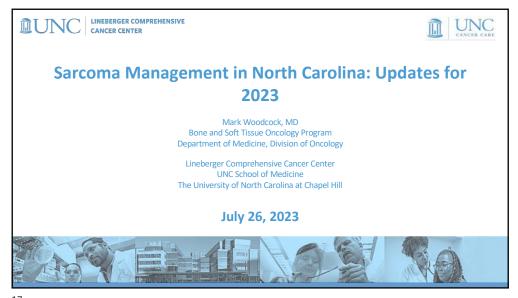
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### Question #1

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### **Overview**

- 1. Epidemiology
- 2. Suspicion and initial workup
- 3. (Neo)Adjuvant approaches
- 4. Metastatic disease





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### **Topics for another day**

- Gastrointestinal stromal tumors
- Young adult / pediatric tumors
  - Ewing sarcoma
  - Rhabdomyosarcoma
- Bone and chondroid sarcomas
- Ultra-rare subtypes





# STS: Soft Tissue Sarcoma Iliposarcoma leiomyosarcoma undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma Rewing sarcoma Ewing sarcoma Osteosarcoma LIMEBERGER COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

**Epidemiology** 

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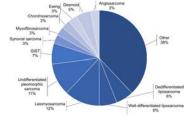
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### **Epidemiology**

- 2021 French sarcoma reference center review<sup>1</sup> (n=18712):
  - Central review
  - 150+ subtypes

Histologic grouping	Incidence per million persons per year
Undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma	5.9
Leiomyosarcoma	9.7
Malignant lipomatous tumors	12.3
GIST	12.4 ***
Osteosarcoma, high grade varieties	5.5
Ewing sarcoma	2.3



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Suspicion, workup and diagnosis

Lumps are common, sarcomas are rare



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### Question #2

A 68 yo male with history of obesity and HTN is referred to your clinic after noticing a lump on his back. He's not sure how long it has been there or if has changed.

On exam you note a 6x4cm "bulge" just superior and medial to the left scapula without overlying skin changes. The area is non-tender, firm, and immobile.



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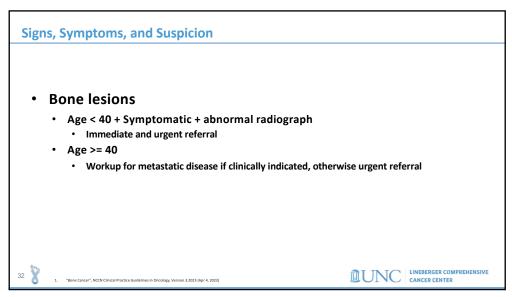
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### Signs, Symptoms, and Suspicion • Soft tissue masses • Lump > 5cm • Increasing in size over time • Deep to fascia • Pain

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### Signs, Symptoms, and Suspicion

- Inherited syndromes
  - Carney-Stratakis (germline SDH)
  - · Li-Fraumeni syndrome
  - HNPCC / Lynch syndrome
  - FAP
  - Neurofibromatosis





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### **Urgency in Bone Sarcoma**

- What's the hurry?
  - Early identification of Ewing-spectrum and osteosarcomas
  - Potentially curable
  - Rapid growth
  - Require multidisciplinary treatment plans
  - · Ideally neoadjuvant chemotherapy
- n.b. there are some STSs where this also applies:
  - · Round cell sarcomas
  - Rhabdomyosarcom





### **Tissue diagnosis**

- Extremity, body wall, or head and neck sarcomas
  - · Core needle [NCCN preferred] or incisional biopsy
    - · Pathologic workup often requires multiple sections for staining
    - · Molecular testing frequently desirable
  - Biopsy path along future resection axis
- · Abdominal / Retroperitoneal
  - · Consider biopsy when:
    - · Possible neoadjuvant chemotherapy
    - · Non-sarcoma histology suspected





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### **Tissue diagnosis**

- Expert pathologists change dx frequently 1,2
  - NCCN: "Pathologic assessment of biopsies and resection specimens should be carried out by an experienced sarcoma pathologist"



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### **Staging Imaging in STS**

- Extremity tumors: MRI for surgical planning
- Deep tissue / trunk lesions: Contrasted CT
- Metastatic disease evaluation: Non-contrast chest CT





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### **Staging Imaging in STS**

- Special considerations
  - Myxoid / Round cell liposarcoma
    - Total spine MR
    - Total body MR
  - CNS imaging:
    - Angiosarcoma
    - · Alveolar soft part sarcoma
    - · Left-sided intra-cardiac sarcomas





### **Staging Imaging in STS**

- Imaging of regional lymph node basin
  - · Not routinely utilized
  - Exceptions
    - Angiosarcoma
    - Rhabdomyosarcoma
    - · Synovial sarcoma
    - · Clear cell sarcoma
    - Epithelioid sarcoma





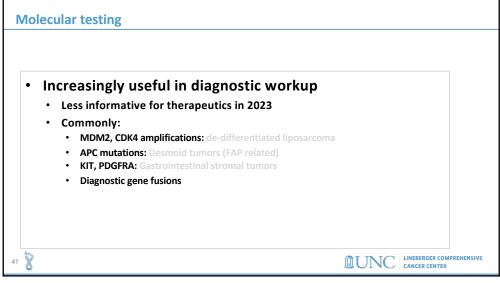
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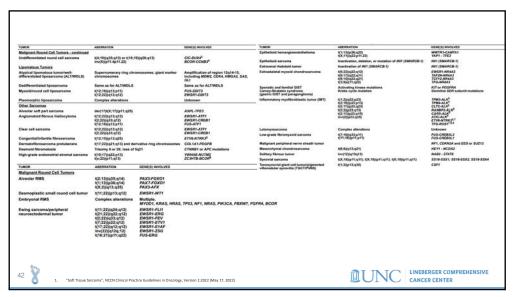
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- PET/CT
  - · Not routinely utilized
  - Exceptions
    - · Small round cell sarcoma
    - Angiosarcoma
    - MPNST



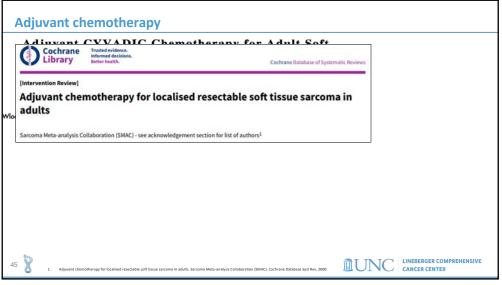


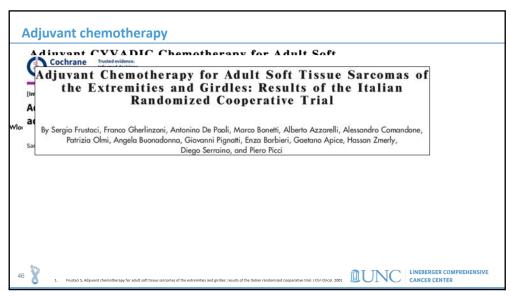




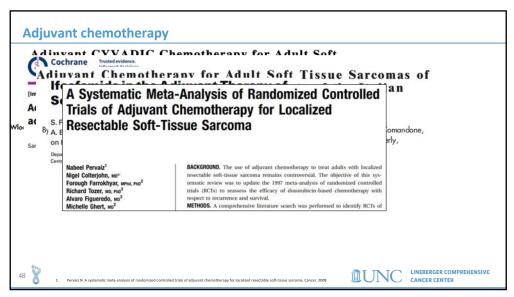
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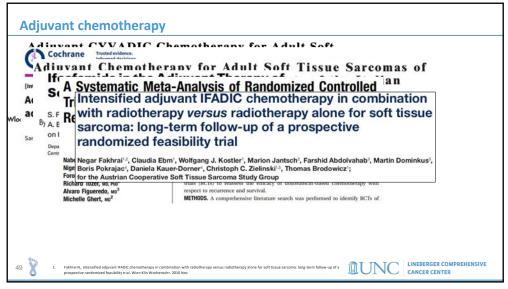
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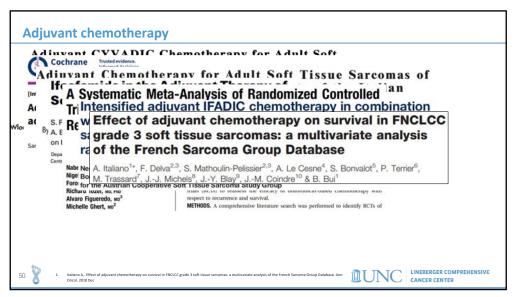


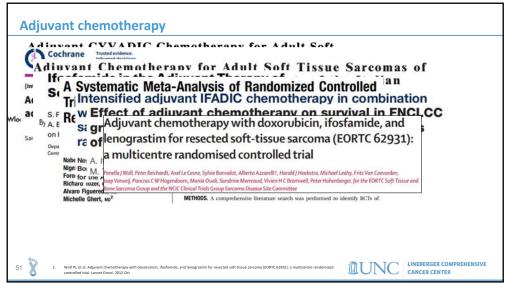


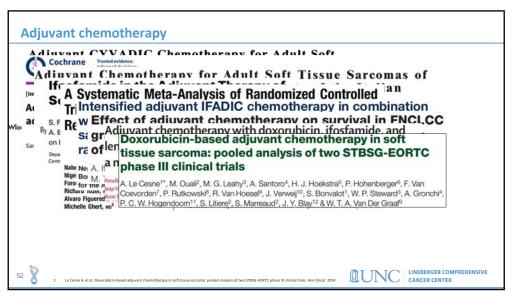












### **Adjuvant chemotherapy**

- No comprehensive answer
- Benefits appear to be more likely with:
  - High-grade STS
  - Regimens containing ifosfamide
  - Limb STS





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### Risk prediction in sarcoma

• How to best identify patients at high risk of recurrence?





### Risk prediction in sarcoma

### MSKCC Postoperative Normogram

- Estimates risk of sarcoma-specific death at 12-years
  - Size
  - Depth
  - · Site of disease
  - Histology
  - · Patient age
  - · Grade of disease
- · Web-based calculator





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### Risk prediction in sarcoma

### SIN-system

- · Categorizes as high / low risk for metastasis-free survival
  - Tumor size > 8cm
  - · Presence of vascular invasion
  - Microscopic tumor necrosis
- · Specific pathologic criteria

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### Risk prediction in sarcoma

### Sarculator

- Estimates 5 and 10-year OS and risk of metastases in extremity STS
  - · Patient age at diagnosis
  - Tumor size
  - · Tumor depth
  - · Surgical margin status
  - · Tumor grade
  - · Histological subtype
- · Updated to include primary/recurrent retroperitoneal STS



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### Risk prediction in sarcoma

### Sarculator is a Good Model to Predict Survival in Resected Extremity and Trunk Sarcomas in US Patients

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### Neoadjuvant therapy





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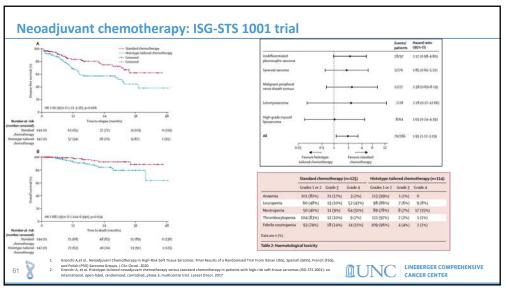
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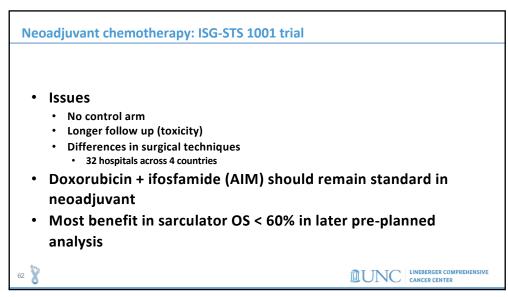
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### (Neo)Adjuvant chemotherapy: Approach at UNC

- · Risk-adapted approach
  - High risk for recurrence with surgery alone
  - · Candidate for intensive chemotherapy
  - · Chemotherapy-sensitive histology
  - · In-depth discussion of limitations and unknowns in trial data
- Neoadjuvant favored over adjuvant, in most cases





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### **Question #3**

A 78 yo male with CAD notices progressive left thigh swelling and pain over the past 4 months. CT imaging from his PCP demonstrates a 9x12cm mass in the deep thigh involving the neurovascular bundle, and a round 2cm solitary right upper lobe nodule. A core needle biopsy of the thigh mass demonstrates leiomyosarcoma.

He is referred to you for treatment recommendations, and states he wants to "try something" for treatment but not "if it will make [him] really sick". Mild thigh discomfort is his only current symptom.

Exam: Thin, older male with enlargement of the left thigh. His gait is normal, and lungs are clear. PS is excellent.









### **Metastatic STS**

- 1st line therapy, roughly 1980s-2000s:
  - · Doxorubicin, or
  - Doxorubicin + ifosfamide (AIM)



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### **Metastatic STS**

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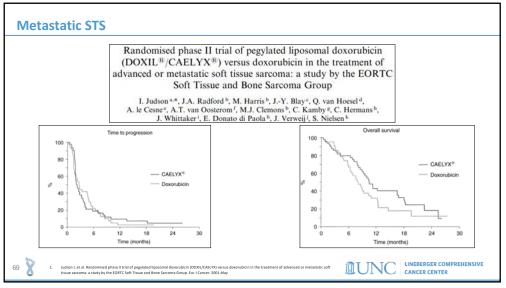
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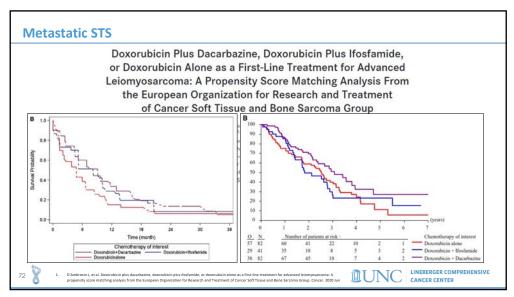


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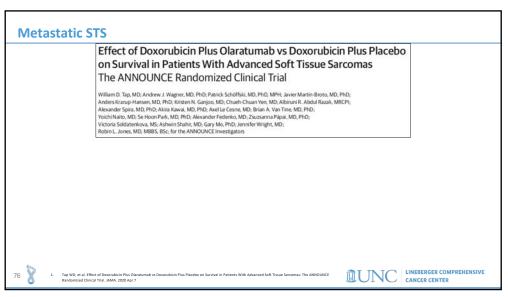
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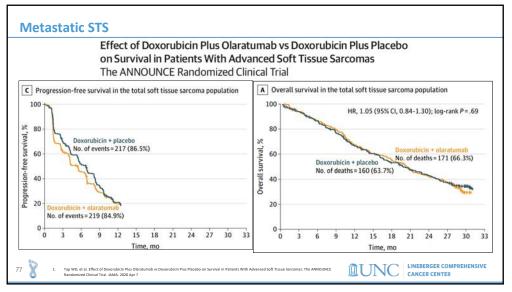
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**Metastatic STS: Approach at UNC** 

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- 2. QoL with ongoing and future therapy

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- 3. Multidisciplinary care





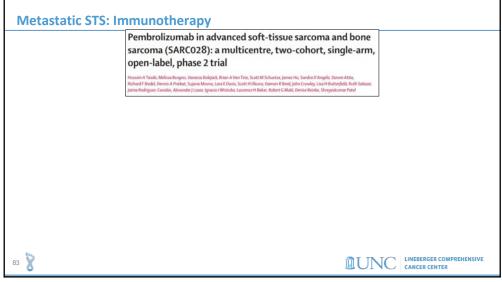
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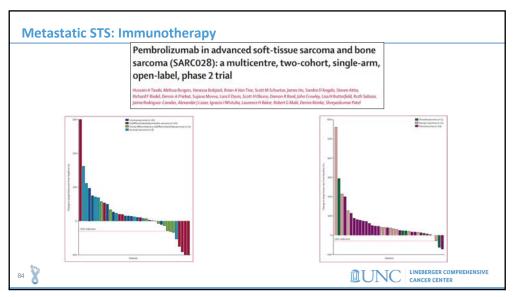
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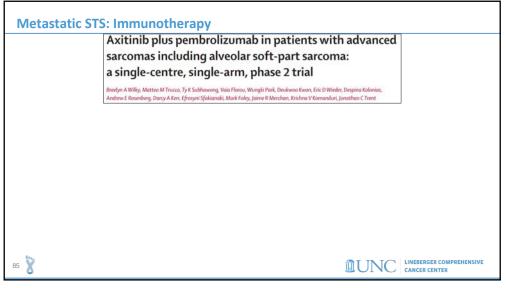
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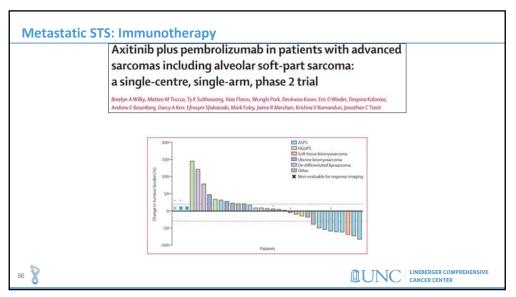


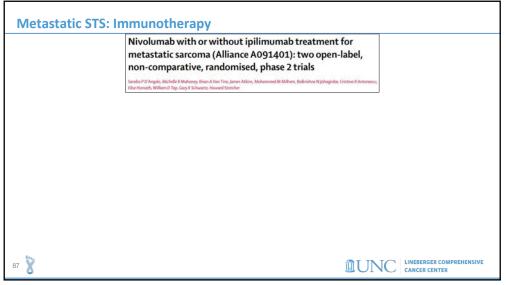


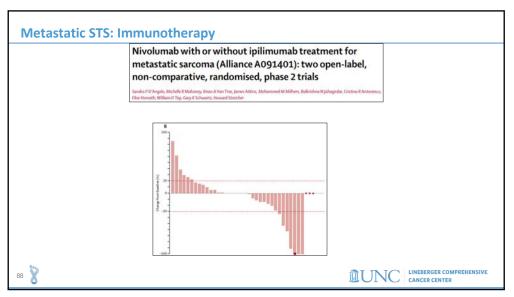












### Metastatic STS: Immunotherapy

- SARC028
  - n=40, STS
  - ORR 18%
- Alliance A091401
  - n=85, bone + STS
  - ORR: 16% with ipi + nivo, 5% with nivo
    - Expansion cohorts for DDLPS and UPS
      - ORR 4/24 with ipi + nivo
      - ORR 2/24 with nivo

- · Wilky, et al MDACC
  - n=33, n=21 for non ASPS
  - 2/21 with pembrolizumab + axitinib
- · Somaiah, et al MDACC
  - n=56, STS + ASPS
  - Similar findings with durvalumab
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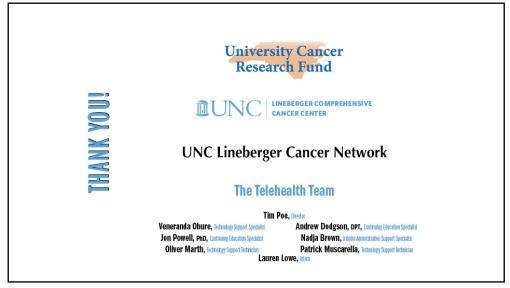
- Benefits greatest in certain subtypes
  - ASPS
  - UPS
  - ddLPS
- Biomarkers needed
- PD1 vs. PDL1 + CTLA4 vs. PD1 + TKI















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