



Molecular **Imaging and Theranostics** - Where are we heading?

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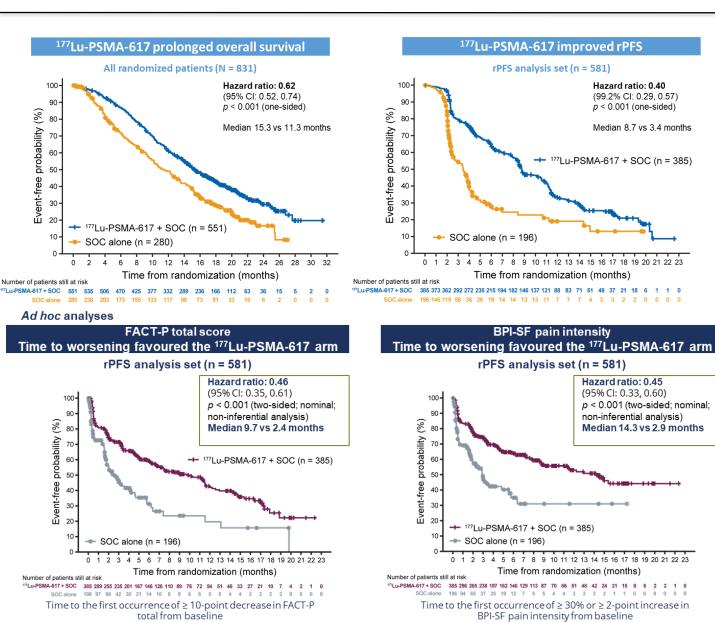


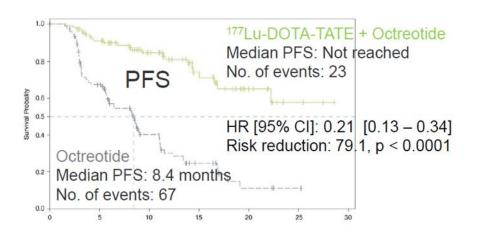
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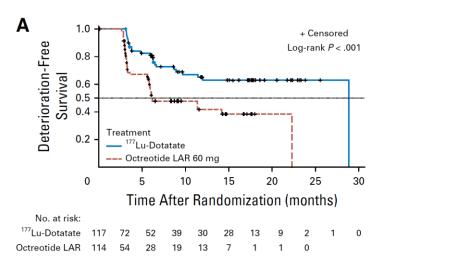
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PATIENT BENEFIT







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MARKET PREDICTIONS

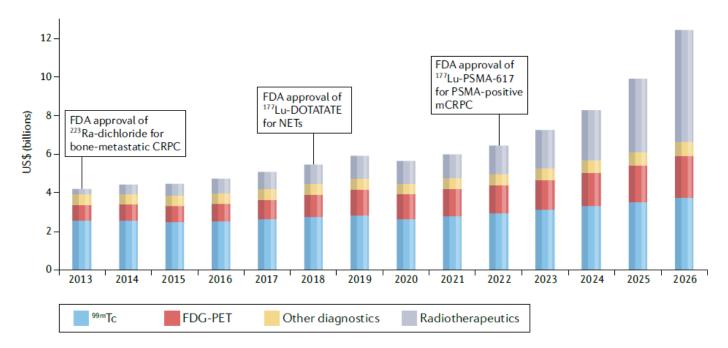


Fig. 3 | The predicted global nuclear medicine market 2013–2026. This projected market growth likely reflects the availability of a greater number of agents, implementation at an increasing number of centres and projected increases in the numbers of patients with cancer globally. ©MEDraysintell Nuclear Medicine Report & Directory, Edition 2021. CRPC, castration-resistant prostate cancer; mCRPC, metastatic CRPC; NET, neuroendocrine tumour; PSMA, prostate-specific membrane antigen.

Three fold increase in revenues 2013 to 2026 (50% 2013 to 2022) with an estimated 12 bn USD in 2026

Main driver: radiotherapeutics (10 fold increase!)

New developments:

- New targets
- New radionuclides
- New indications of approved concepts
- New administration pathways
- Combination treatment
- New Dos(ing) concepts

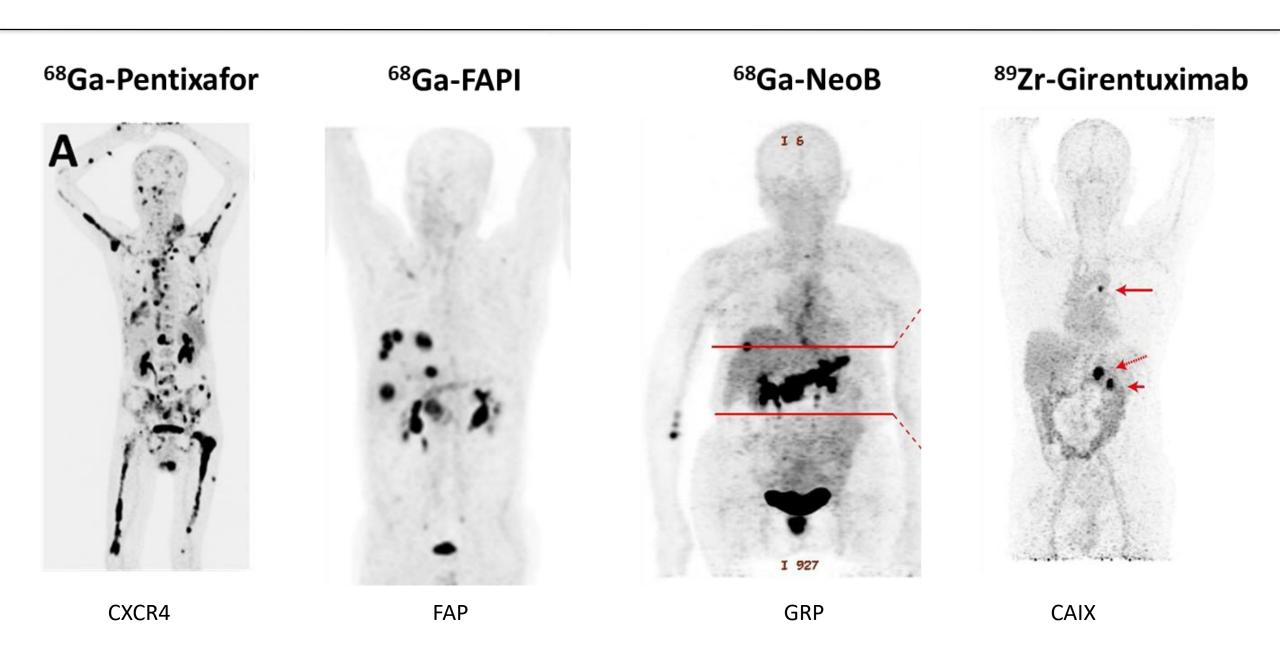
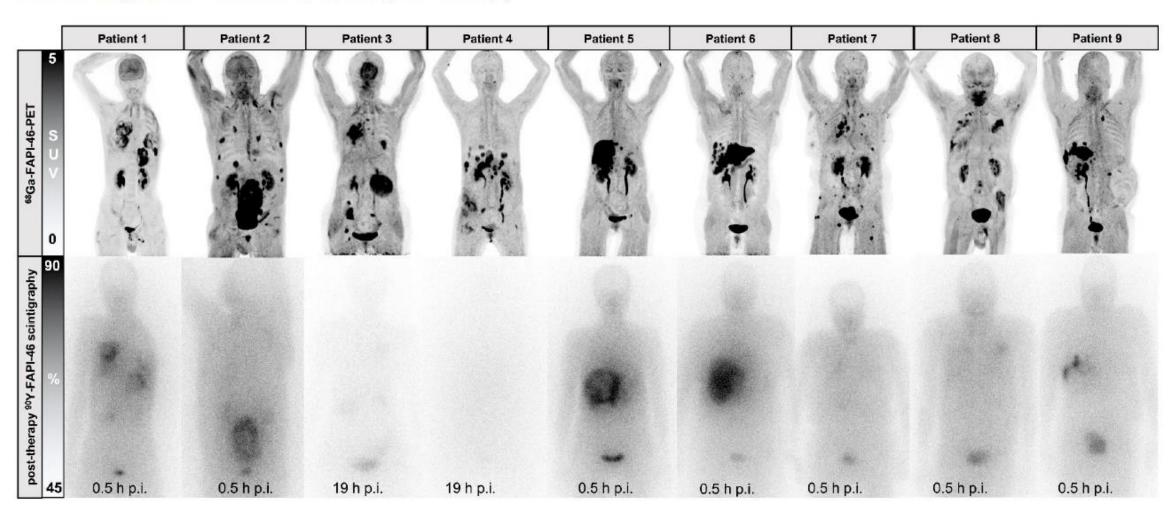
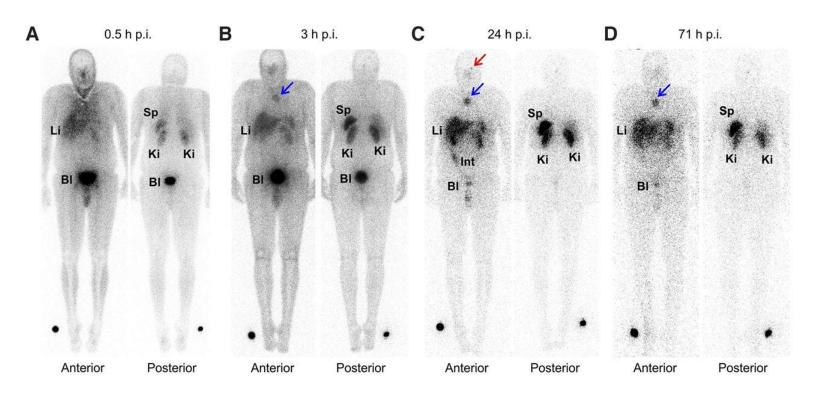


Figure 1: Pre-therapeutic ⁶⁸Ga-FAPI-46 PET images and post-treatment ⁹⁰Y-FAPI-46 bremsstrahlung scintigraphies after first cycle of ⁹⁰Y-FAPI-46 radioligand therapy

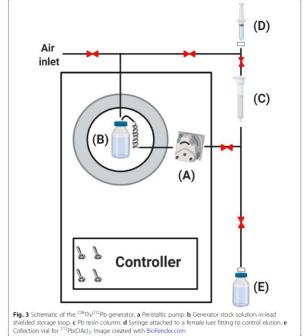


New Radionuclides

New Radionuclides such as ²¹²Pb, ¹⁶¹Tb, ⁶⁷Cu, ²¹¹At etc.







Baum et al., J Nucl Med 2021;

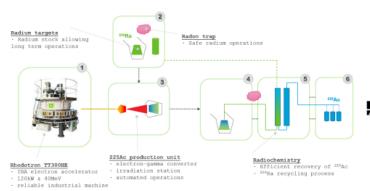
McNeil et al., EJNMMI Radiopharmacy and Chemistry 2021; https://advancell.com.au/technology

New (Production Pathways of) Radionuclides

Linear Accelerator Pathway

Electron (e-) Electron inear accelerator Target for generating Bremsstrahlung Neutron Neutron Pransmutation Bremsstrahlung Transmutation 225Ac

Rhodotron Pathway



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Is Actinium Really Happening?

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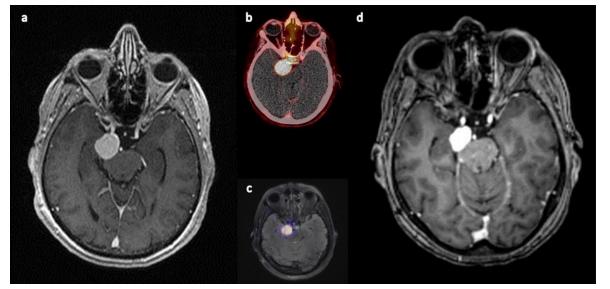
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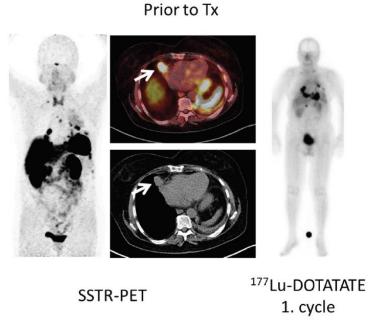
Technologies Under Development and Operating Sites for ²²⁵Ac Production, Including Estimated Present and 2032 Capacities

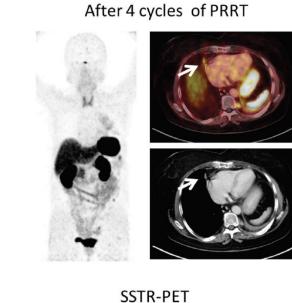
		Yearly production capacity (GBq/y/site)			
Technology	Source	2023	2032	Total (GBq/y) in 2032	Comment
A: [(²³³ U→) ²²⁹ Th→ ²²⁵ Ac] (generator)	ORNL, United States	26	26	Up to 3,000 [80]	Highest quality of <i>nca</i> ²²⁵ Ac; may enter price competitivity
	IPPE, Russia	37 (est.)	150 (est. 2025) to 300 (est. 2030)		
	JRC-ITU, Germany	11	11		
	TRIUMF, Canada	0.4	0.4		
	TerraPower, United States	>10	≤2,700		
	Pantera, Belgium	0	>70		TerraPower source
B: (232Th(p,x)225Ac+227Ac] (high-energy accelerator)	BNL/ORNL LANL; Tri-Lab, United States	16.7	Potential, >3,700	>9,000 [>240]	Contaminated with 227 Ac (0.2% EOB - ~1.5% at calibration); not suitable for large scale routine use
	CNL/TRIUMF, Canada; BWXT/ITM, United States/Germany	>1	Idem >3,700		
	INR, Russia		≤1,000		
	SpectronRx, United States	>1	>200		
	Others: Arronax, France; IsoDar, Japan; CIAE, China	First GBq in 2024	Potential, >200 each		
C: [+ + ²²⁵ Ra→ ²²⁵ Ac] (as side product)	${\sim}10\%$ of above; CNL/TRIUMF, Canada	0.3	>370 (theory)	>370 [>10]	High level of waste - expensive
D: [²²⁶ Ra(p,2n) ²²⁵ Ac] (cyclotron)		First GBq		>4,500 [>120]	Additional sites under evaluation in other countries (Asia)
	SpectronRx, United States	2023	>500		
	Ionetix, United States	2023	1,900		
	Eckert&Ziegler, Germany	2024	550		
	Alfarim, Netherlands	2025	450-850		
	N-MediPhysics, Japan	>2023	>500		
	KIRAMS, South Korea	>2025	>500		
D: [²²⁶ Ra(d,3n) ²²⁵ Ac] (linear accelerator)	Nusano, United States		≤160,000		Under evaluation
E: [²²⁶ Ra(γ,n) ²²⁵ Ra→ ²²⁵ Ac] (photoconverter)	NorthStar, United States	2023	3,700–15,000	>37,000 [>1,000]	Rhodotron: nca ²²⁵ Ac
	Pantera, Belgium	2027	3,700-5,000		
	TerraPower, United States	2029	3,700-5,000		
	Niowave, United States	2023	≤18,000		Linac: nca 225Ac
	Hitachi, Japan	>2024	>3,700		
F: $[^{226}$ Ra $(n,2n)^{225}$ Ra \rightarrow^{225} Ac] (n from d on beryllium target)	Nusano, United States		≤44,000		Under evaluation

EXPLORING PRRT BEYOND NETS

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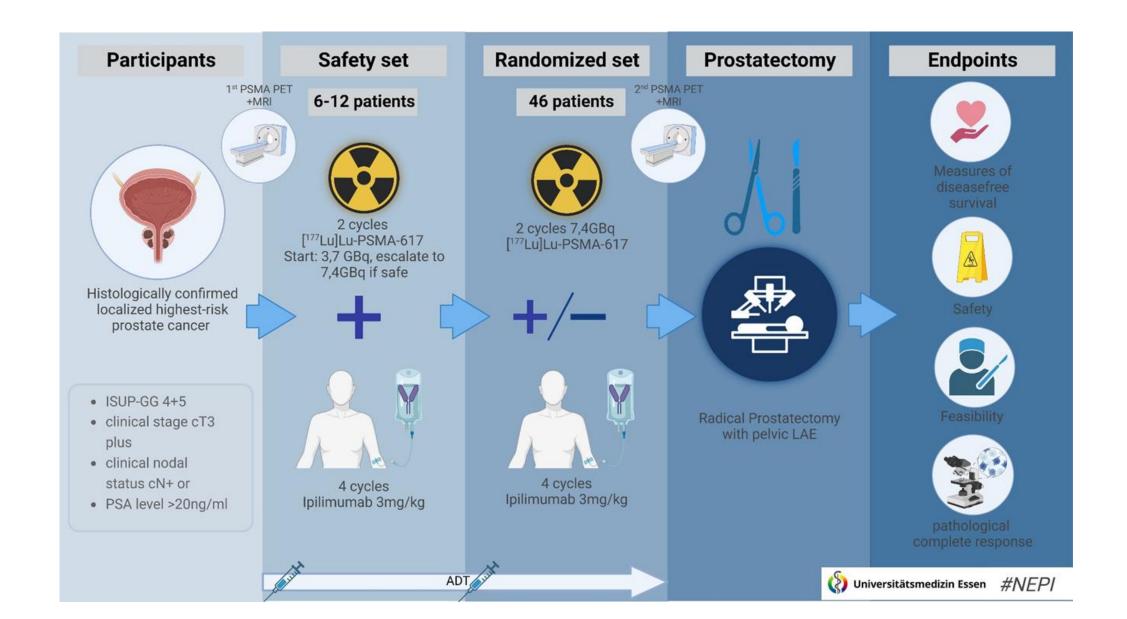




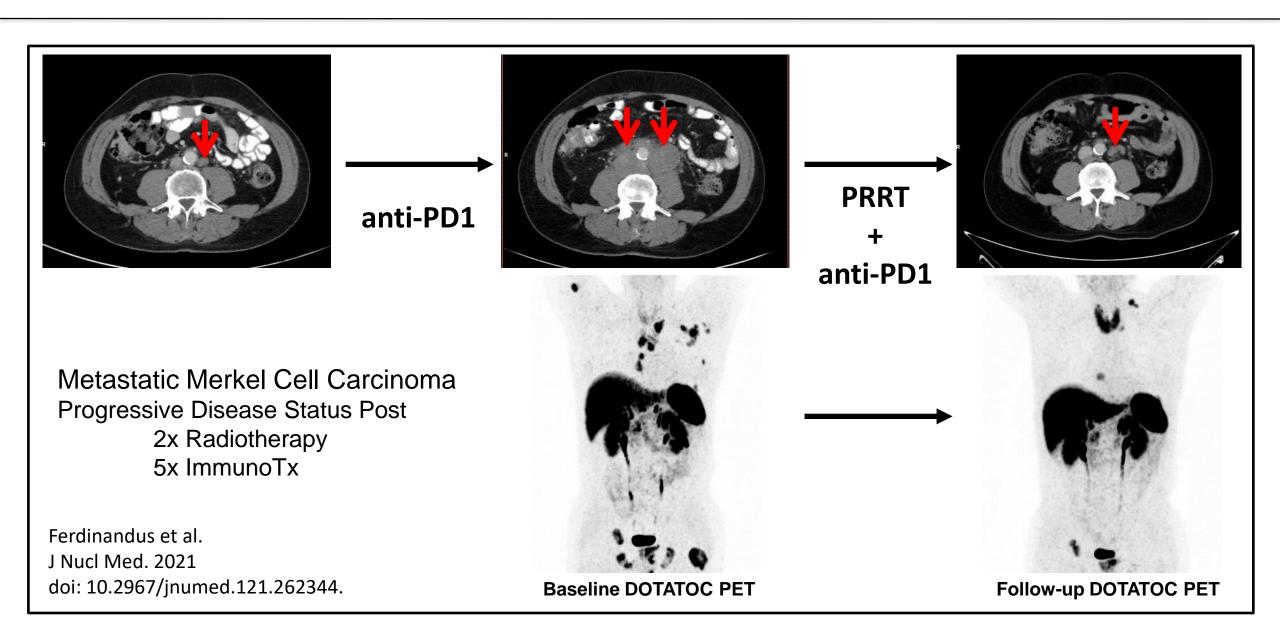
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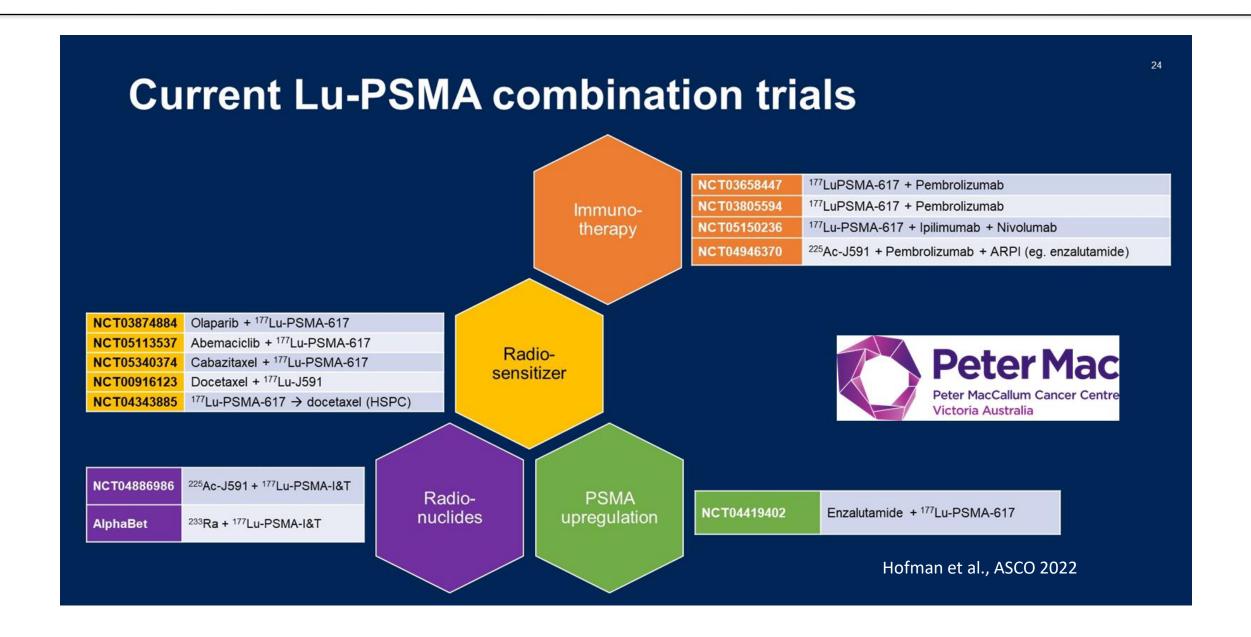
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NEW ADMINISTRATION PATHWAYS



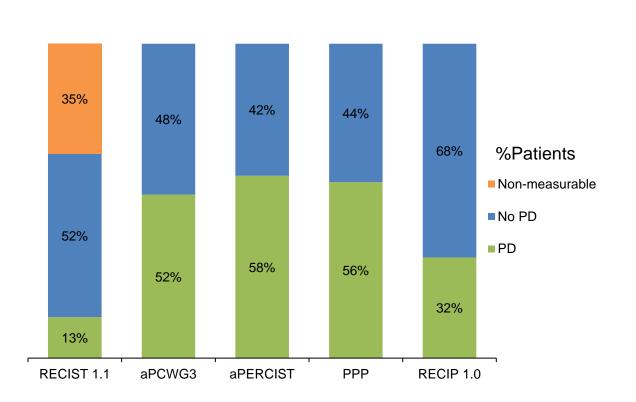
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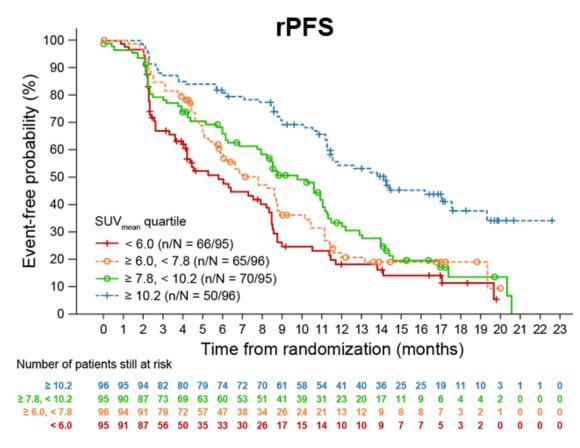


ESTABLISHING (PSMA) PET FOR PATIENT SELECTION AND RESPONSE MONITORING

Interpretation of response among criteria for response evaluation at 12 weeks after ¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA radioligand therapy¹



PSMA PET SUV_{mean} at baseline as a predictor of response to ¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA-617 radioligand therapy²



aPERCIST, adapted Positron Emission Tomography Response Criteria in Solid Tumors; aPCWG3, adapted Prostate Cancer Working Group Criteria; PD, progressive disease; PET, positron emission tomography; PPP, PSMA PET progression; PSMA, prostate-specific membrane antigen; RECIP, Response Evaluation Criteria In PSMA-Imaging; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; rPFS, radiographic progression-free survival; SUV, standardized uptake value.

^{1.} Gafita A, et al. Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging 2022;doi:10.1007/s00259-022-05882-x; 2. Kuo P, et al. J Clin Oncol 2022;40(no. 16_suppl):5002.

MAJOR CHALLENGES FOR SCALE UP

LAST MILE CHALLENGE

- 1. Lack of Professionals
- 2. Patient Referral
- 3. Economics

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GUIDELINES



Joint EANM, SNMMI and IAEA enabling guide: how to set up a theranostics centre

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SUMMARY

- Radiotheranostics is a success story
- New targets, radionuclides and combination approaches driving next wave
- Challenge Last Mile
- Fast Track Pathways needed, Leveraging Companion Imaging

