

# Inmunoterapia en melanoma 2024: Adyuvancia y neoadyuvancia

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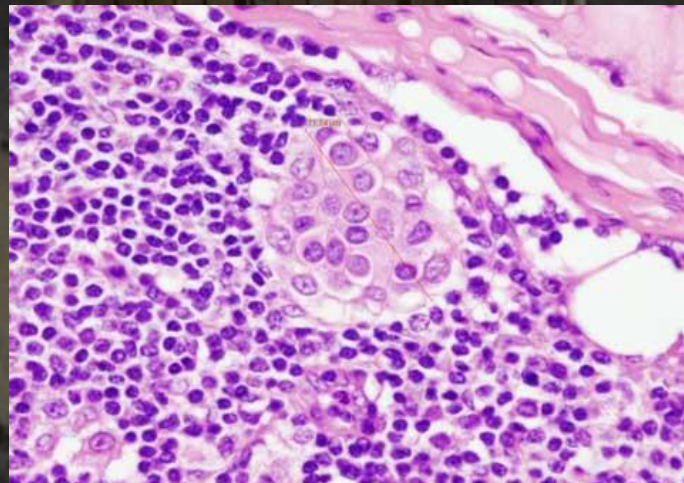


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**Estadio IIB-IIC**



**Estadio IIIA-IIIBa**



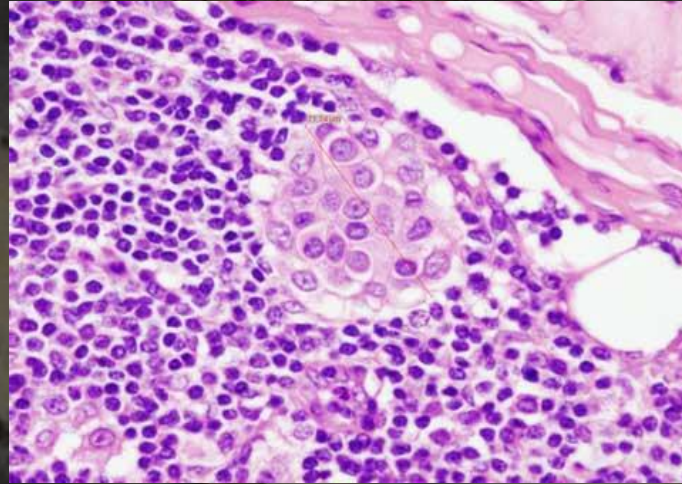
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**Estadio IIB-IIC**



**Estadio IIIA-IIIBa**



**Estadio IIIBb-C**

**Inmunoterapia  
adyuvante**

**Inmunoterapia  
neoadyuvante**

Adyuvancia en el  
paciente con tumor  
primario de alto riesgo  
no metastásico  
Melanoma  $\geq T3b$   
estadio **IIIB-IIIC**



	5 años	10 años
IA	99%	98%
IB	97%	94%
IIA	95%	88%
IIIA	93%	88%
<b>IIB</b>	87%	82%
IIIB	83%	77%
<b>IIC</b>	82%	75%
IIIC	69%	60%
IIID	32%	24%



**Estadio IIB-IIC**

Supervivencia  
Específica por  
Melanoma

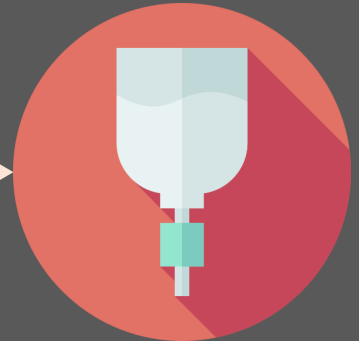
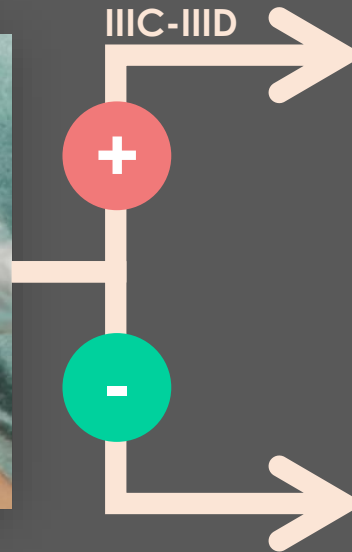




**Estadio IIB-IIC**  
T3b-T4bN0M0



**Biopsia Selectiva del  
Ganglio Centinela**



**Inmunoterapia  
adyuvante**



**Seguimiento  
ecográfico**

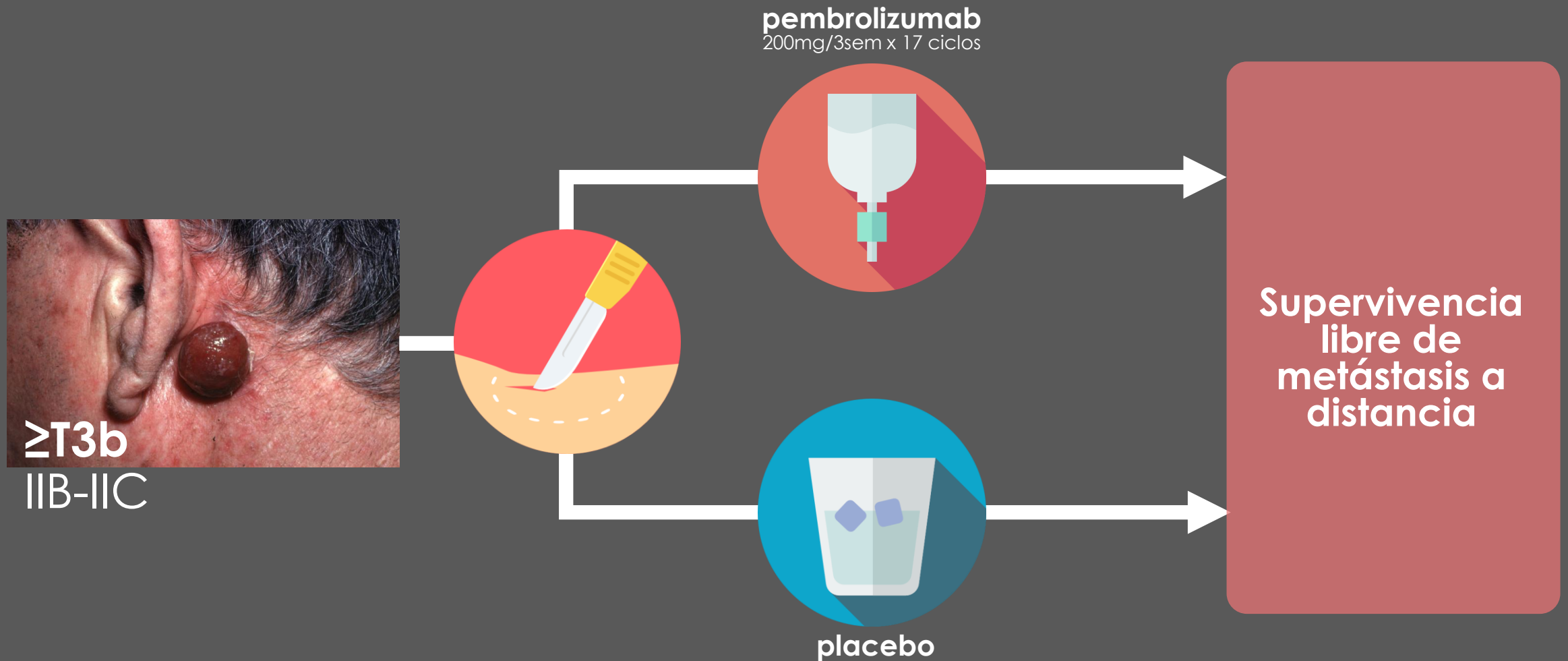
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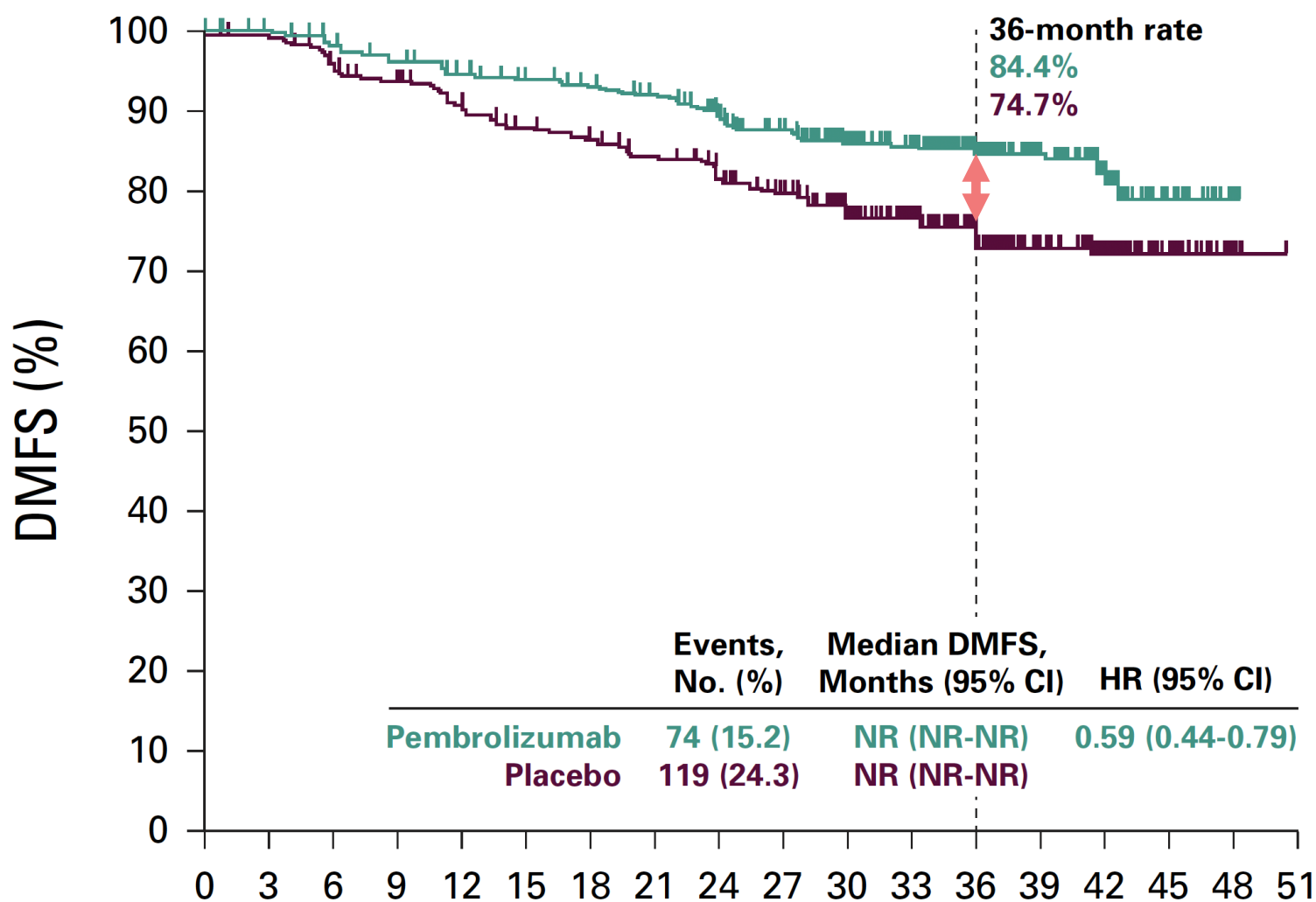
Adyuvancia

Supervivencia Específica por Melanoma





Pembrolizumab versus placebo as adjuvant therapy in resected stage IIB or IIC melanoma: final analysis of distant metastasis-free survival in the phase III **KEYNOTE-716**. JJ Luke et al. J Clin Oncol 2024



Adyuvancia con **pembrolizumab** en paciente con melanoma estadio IIB-IIC:

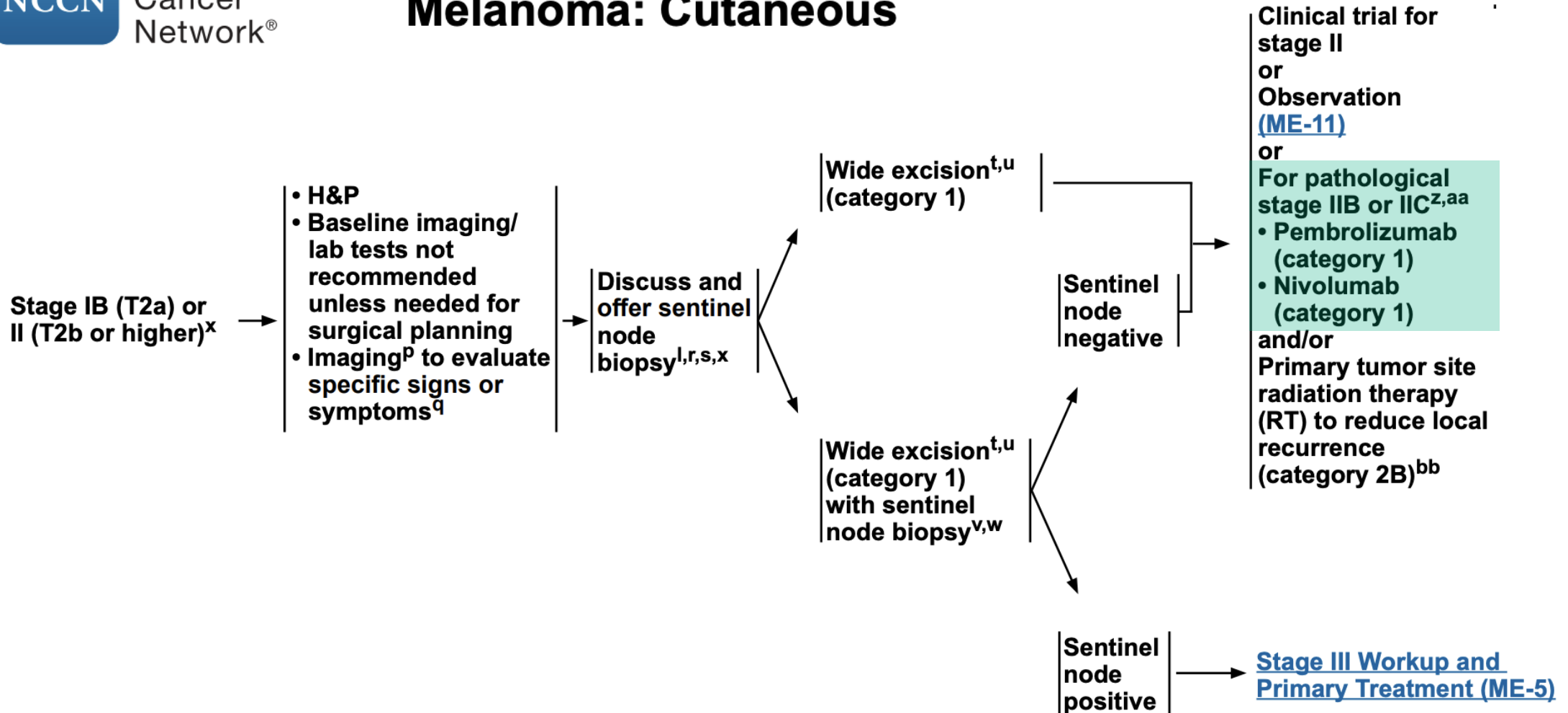
**RAR=9,7%**

Pembrolizumab versus placebo as adjuvant therapy in resected stage IIB or IIC melanoma: final análisis of distant metastasis-free survival in the phase III **KEYNOTE-716**. JJ Luke et al. J Clin Oncol 2024





# NCCN Guidelines Version 2.2024 Melanoma: Cutaneous



**Pembrolizumab y nivolumab** en monoterapia está indicado para el **tratamiento adyuvante** en adultos y adolescentes a partir de 12 años de edad con **melanoma en estadio IIB, IIC** o III y que hayan sido sometidos a resección completa

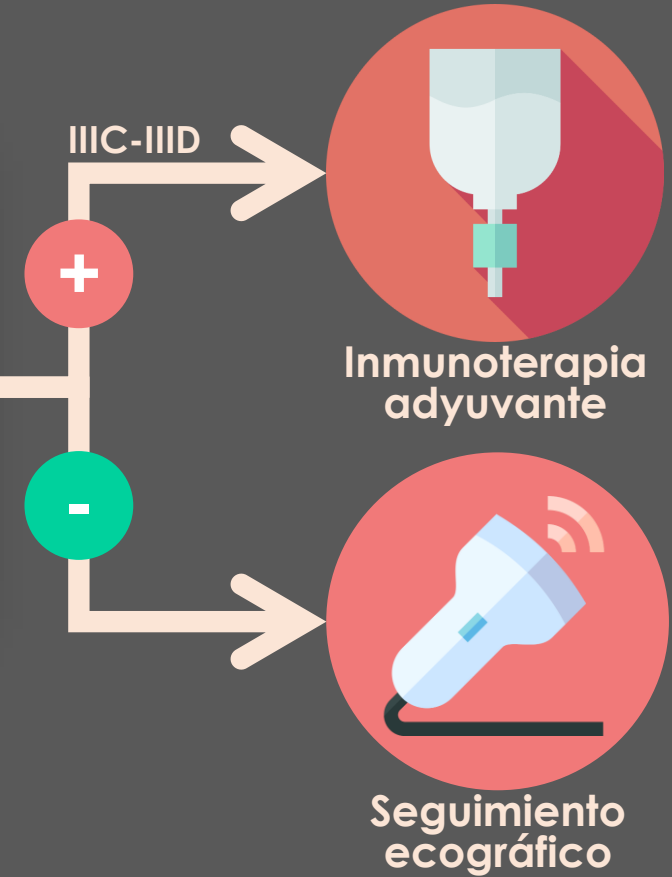




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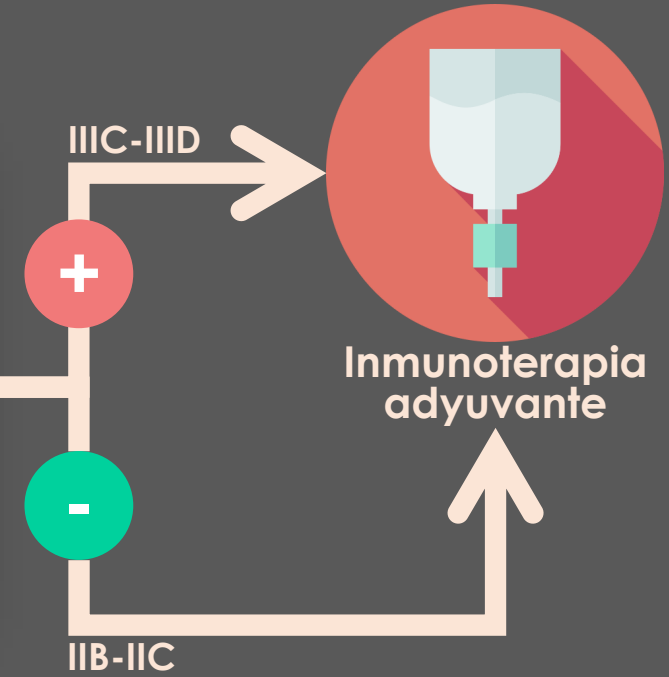




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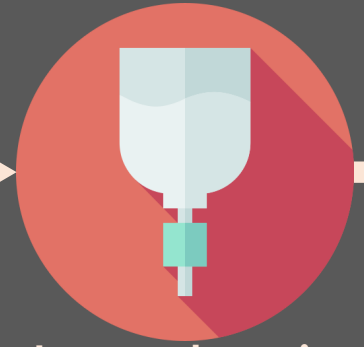
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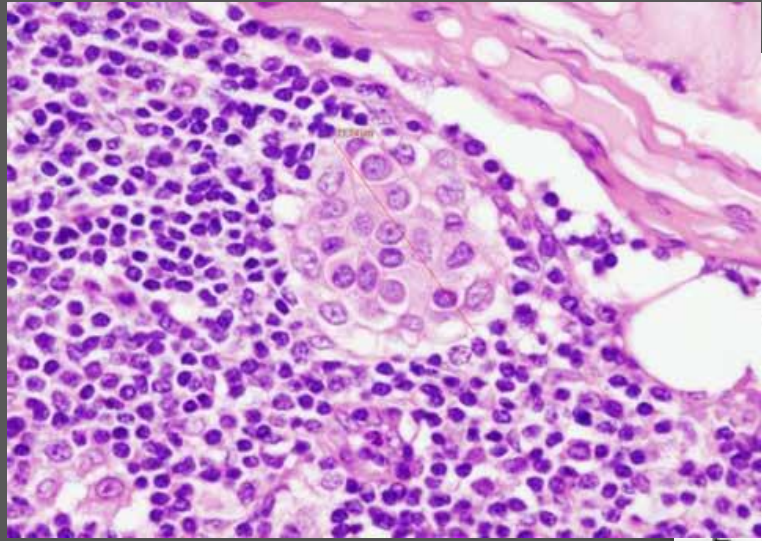


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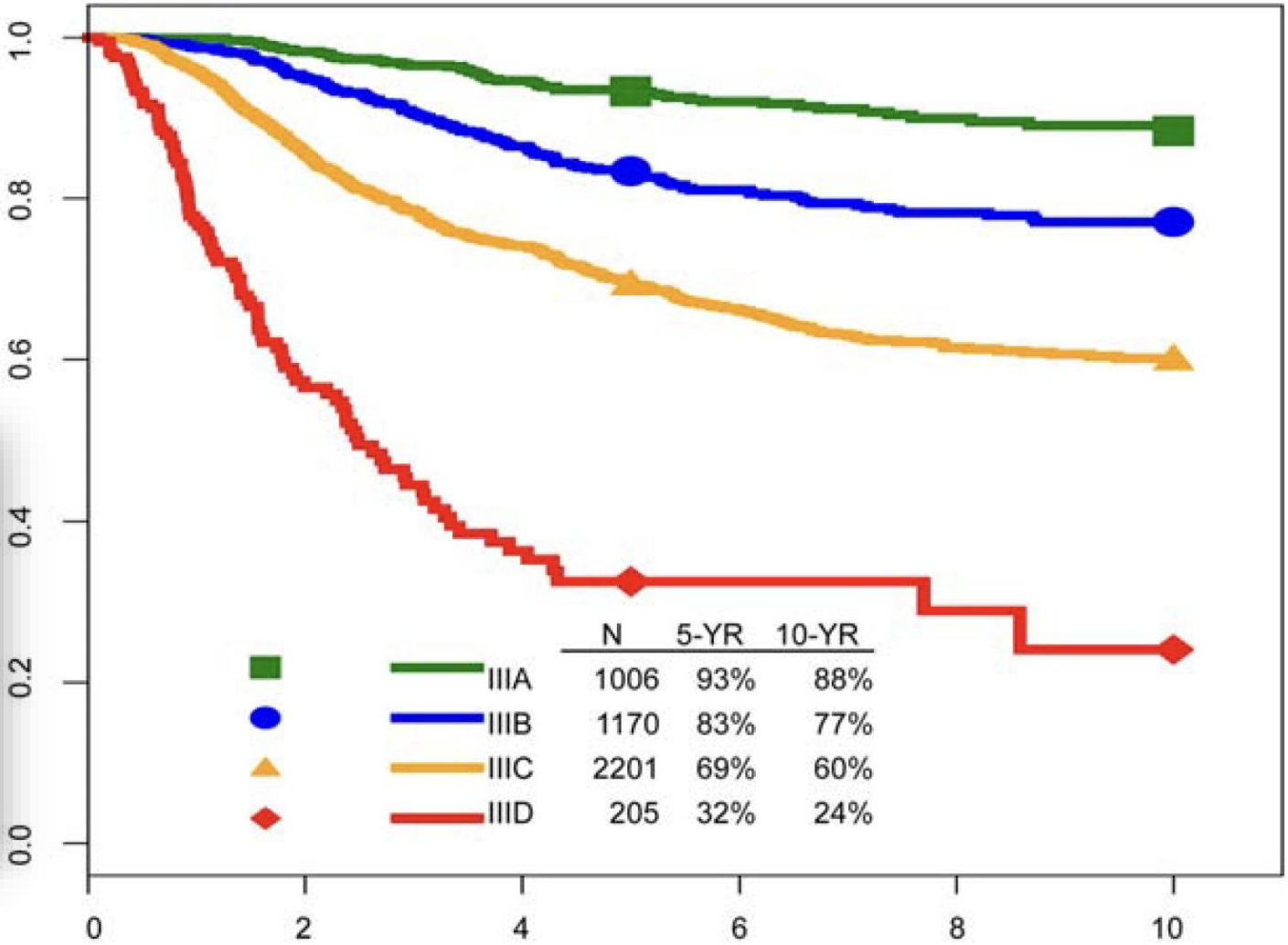


**Seguimiento  
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Adyuvancia en el  
paciente con metástasis  
ganglionares resecaadas  
estadio **IIIA-IIIC**



# Estadio III





# Indicaciones actuales de tratamiento adyuvante Estadio III

EADO Melanoma Guidelines  
Eur J Cancer 2024 (in press)

Adjuvant therapy in stage  
III/IV

Evidence-based recommendation

Level of recommendation A

Adjuvant therapy (anti-PD-1 or targeted therapy) shall be offered to all patients in stages IIIA – IIID and fully resected stage IV.

Adjuvant anti-PD-1 therapy can be offered to patients in stages IIIA – IIID and fully resected stage IV irrespective of the mutational status. Adjuvant BRAF/MEK inhibitor therapy can be offered to patients with BRAFV600 E/K mutation in stages IIIA – IIID.

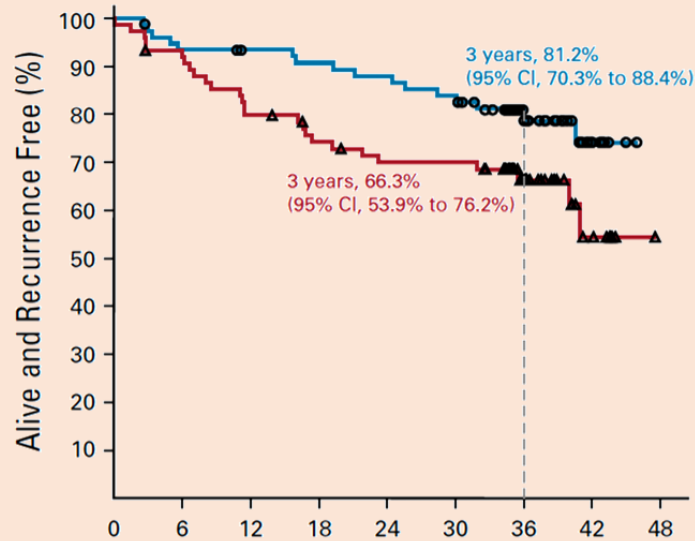
For stage IIIA with nodal metastasis of less than 1 mm in diameter, the risk/benefit ratio should be carefully discussed with the patient.

Level of evidence: 1b

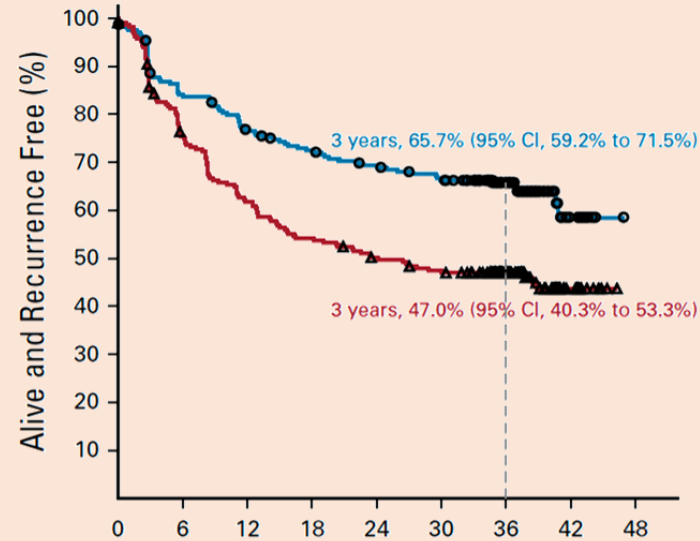
De novo literature research [69–71]  
Consensus rate: 100%

# Adyuvancia estadio III

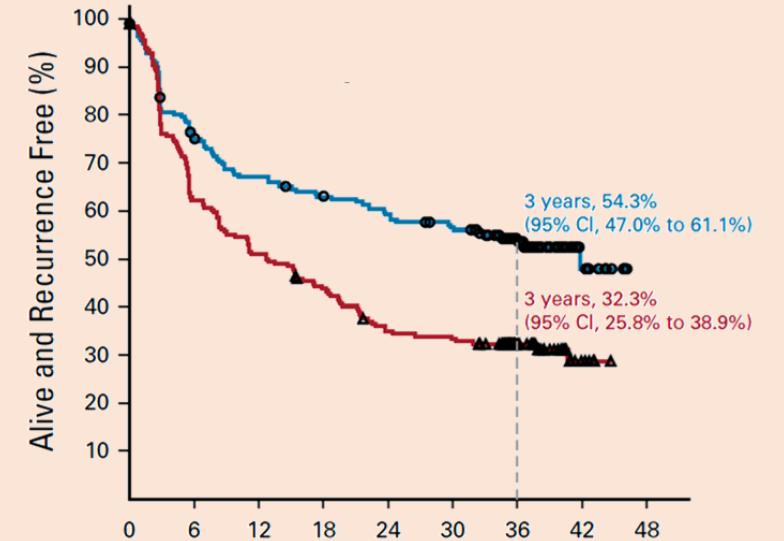
## Pembrolizumab vs placebo



**Estadio IIIA**



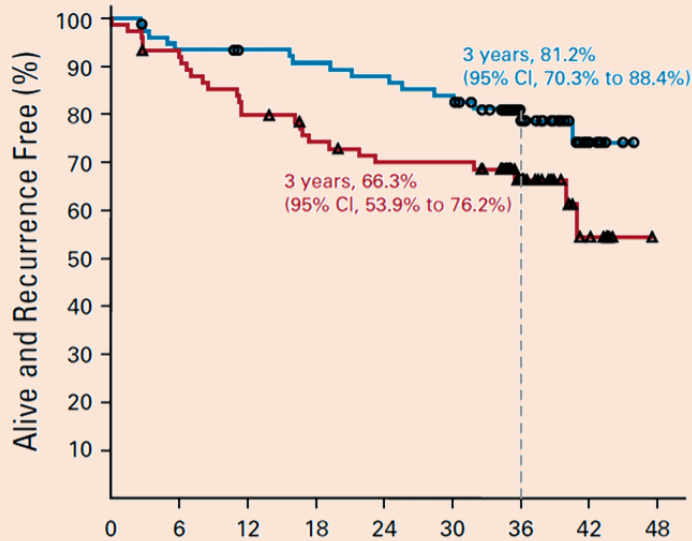
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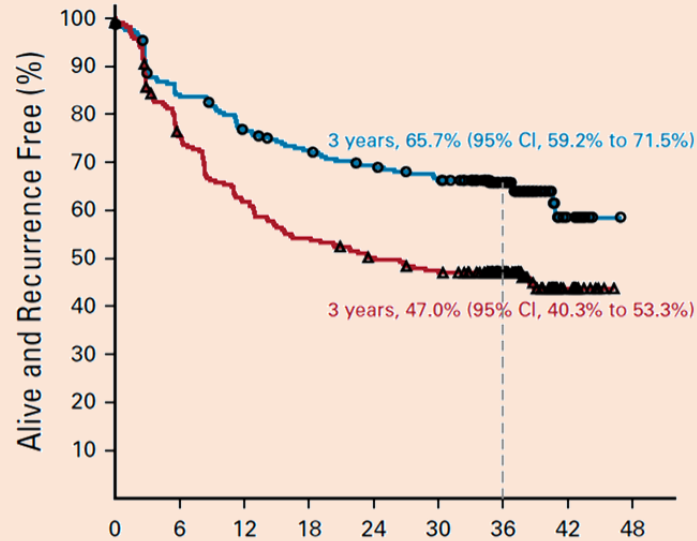
**Estadio IIIC**

# Adyuvancia estadio III

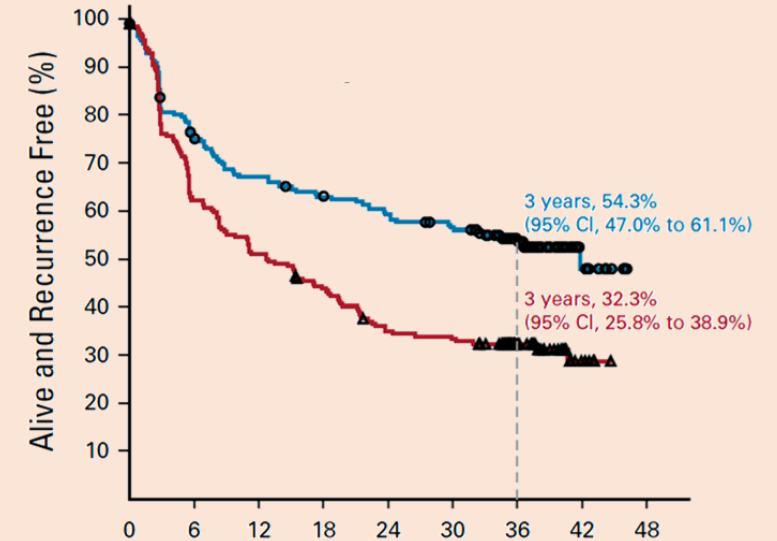
## Pembrolizumab vs placebo



**Estadio IIIA**  
**RAR=14,9%**  
**NNT=6,7**



**Estadio IIIB**  
**RAR=18,7%**  
**NNT=5,3**



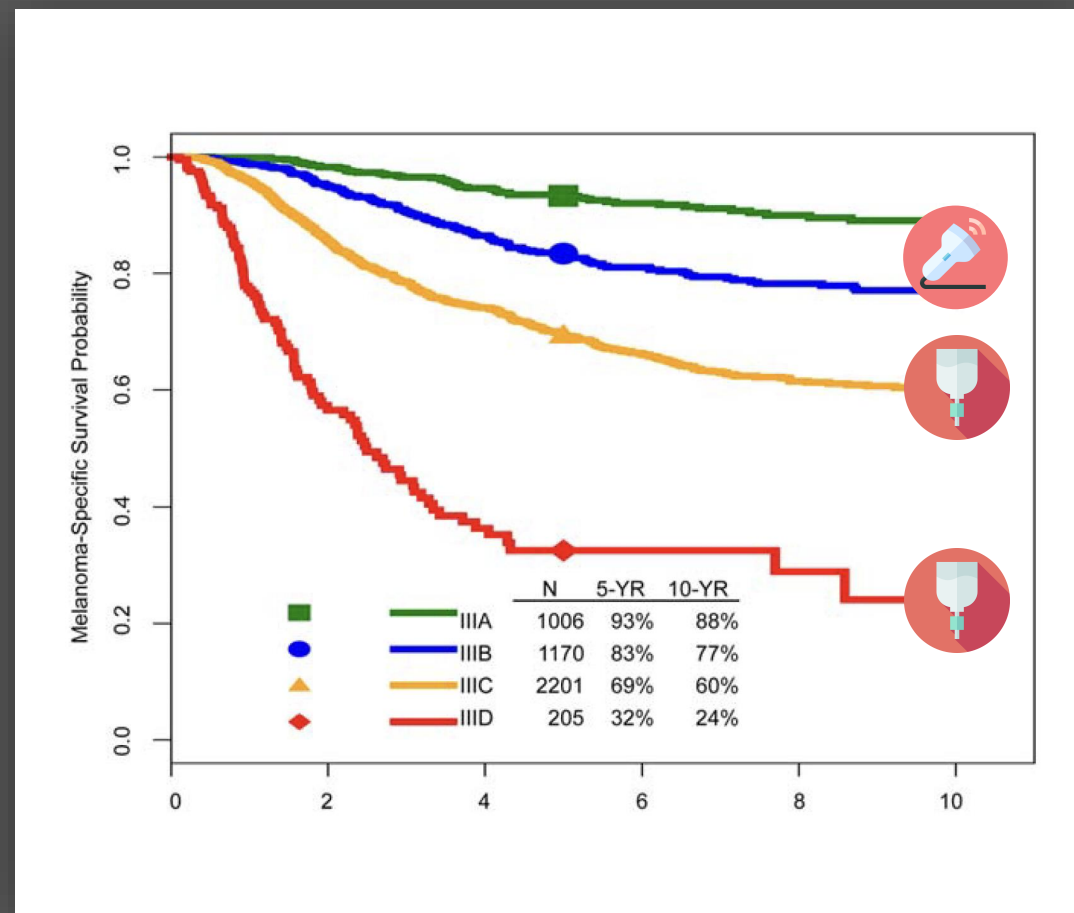
**Estadio IIIC**  
**RAR=22,0%**  
**NNT=4,5**



# Informe de Posicionamiento Terapéutico

*Pembrolizumab, nivolumab*

La Dirección General de Cartera Común de Servicios del SNS y Farmacia ha emitido resolución de **financiación para** la indicación de **nivolumab y pembrolizumab** en monoterapia para el tratamiento **adyuvante** en adultos con melanoma con **estadios IIIC y IIID** o enfermedad metastásica que hayan sido sometidos a resección completa.



## **Pacientes:**

- Melanoma estadio **IIIC-IIID**
- Libres de enfermedad
- ECOG-PS 0-1
- Sin enfermedad autoinmune
- 52 semanas de seguimiento

**Pembrolizumab iv**  
200mg cada 3 semanas o  
**400 mg cada 6 semanas**

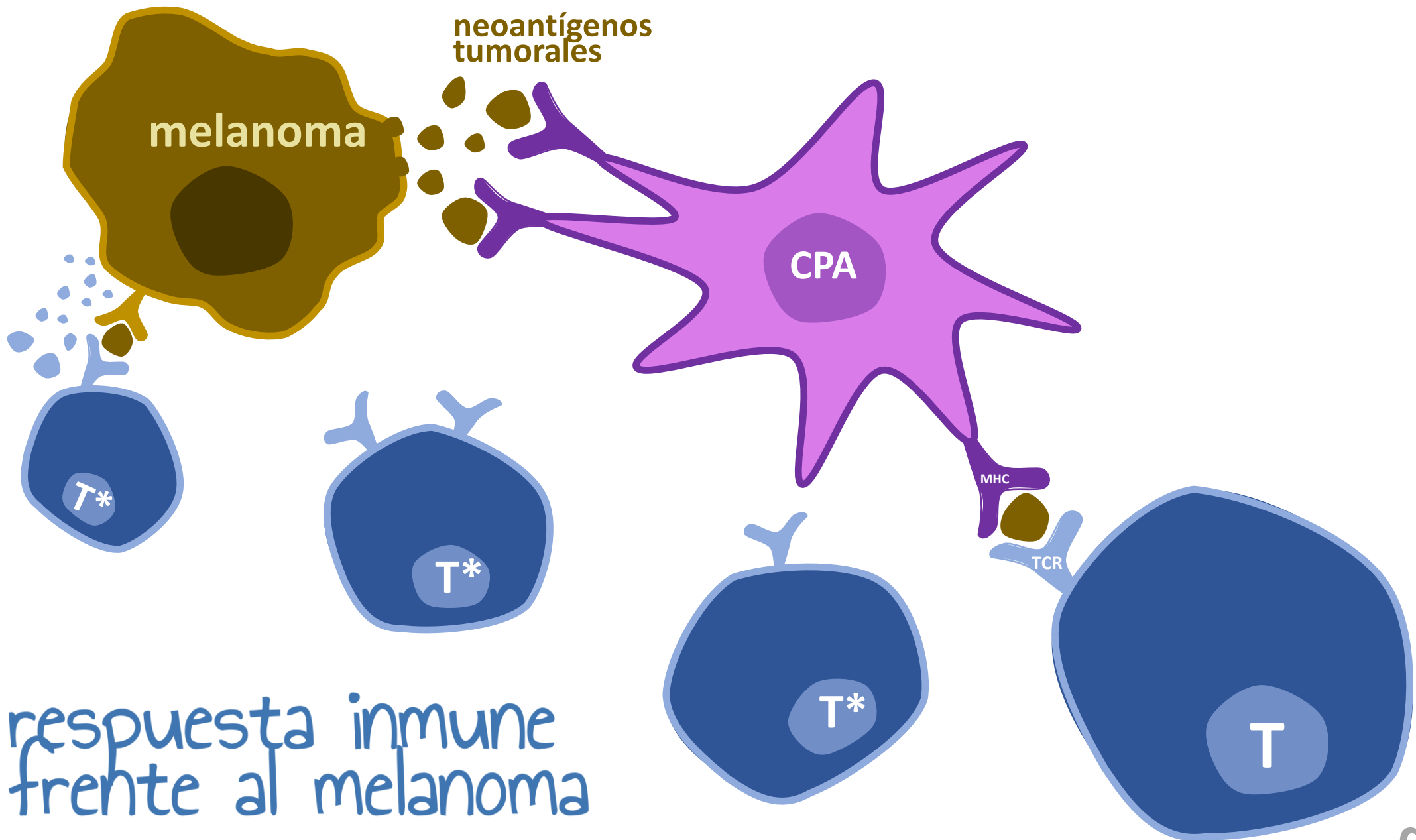
**Nivolumab iv**  
240 mg cada 2 semanas o  
**480 mg cada 4 semanas**

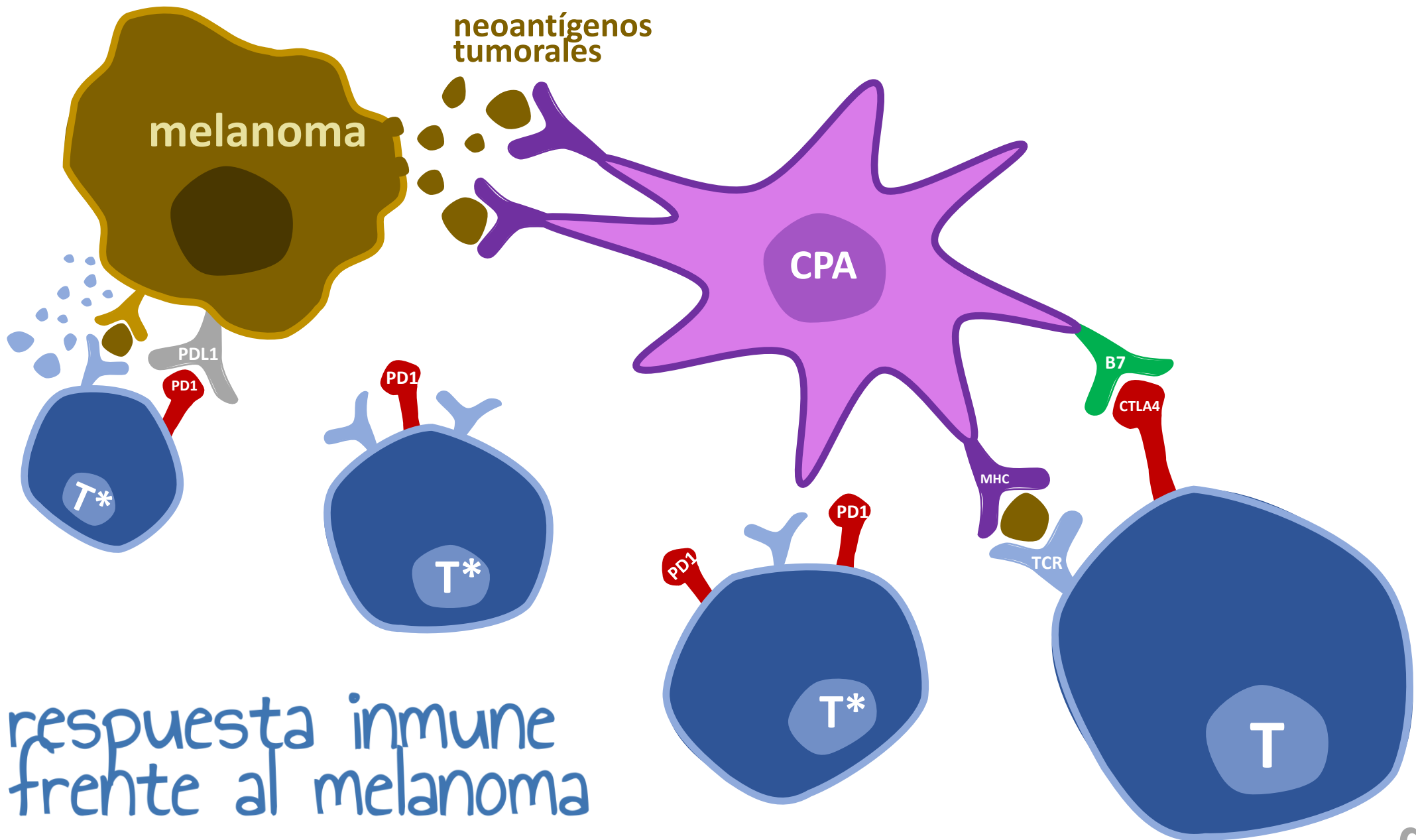
¿Cómo  
podemos  
mejorar los  
resultados de la  
inmunoterapia  
adyuvante?



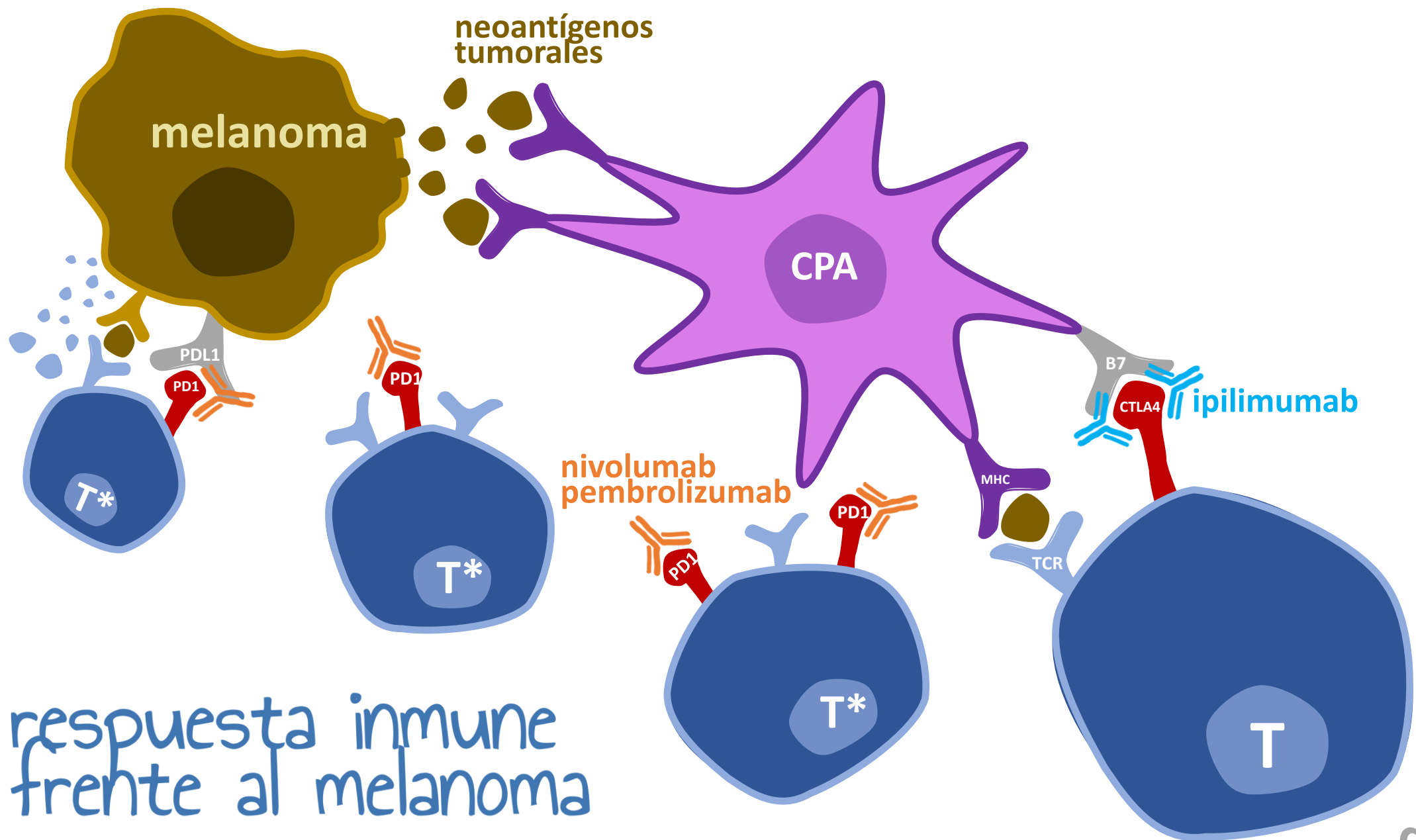


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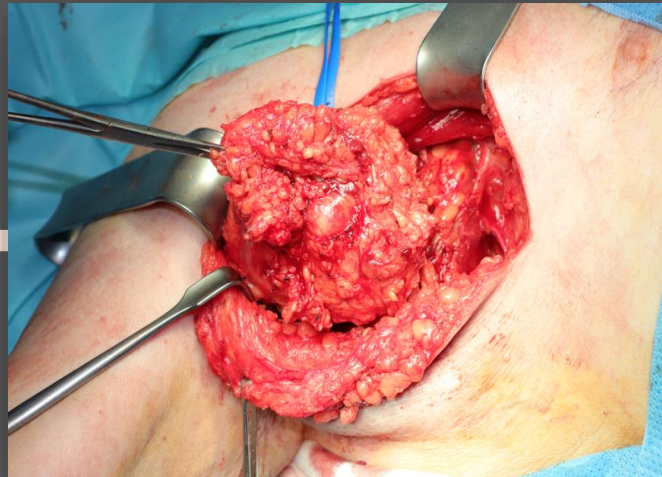
respuesta inmune  
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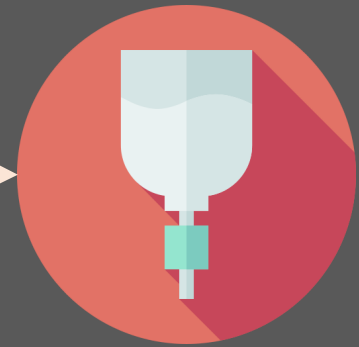


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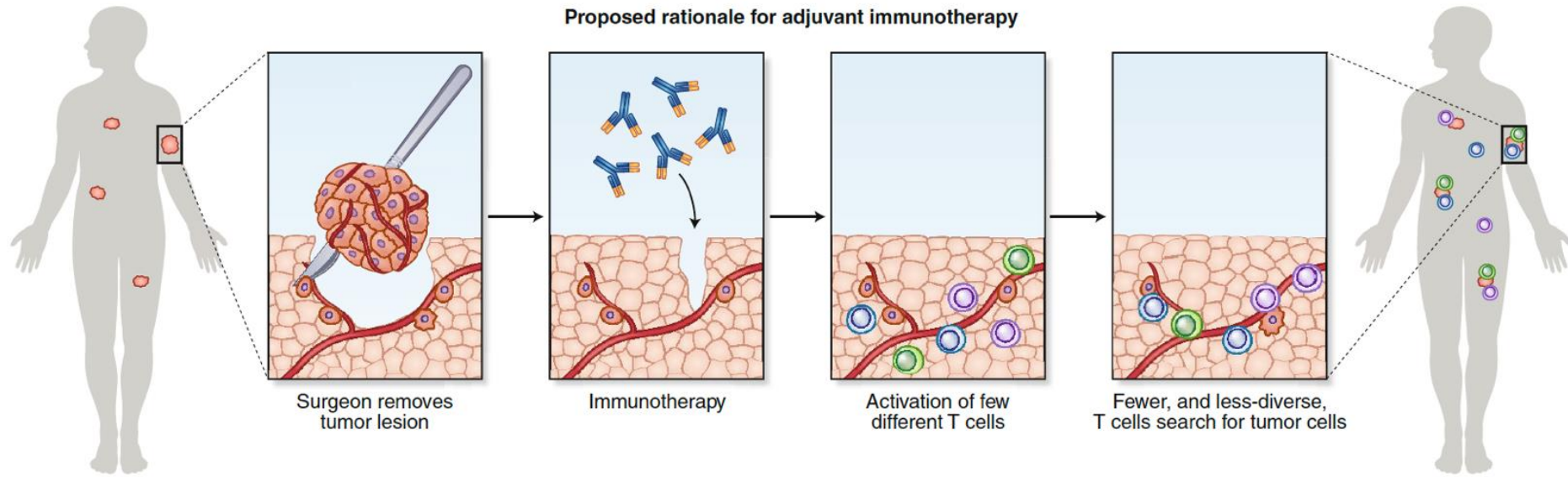
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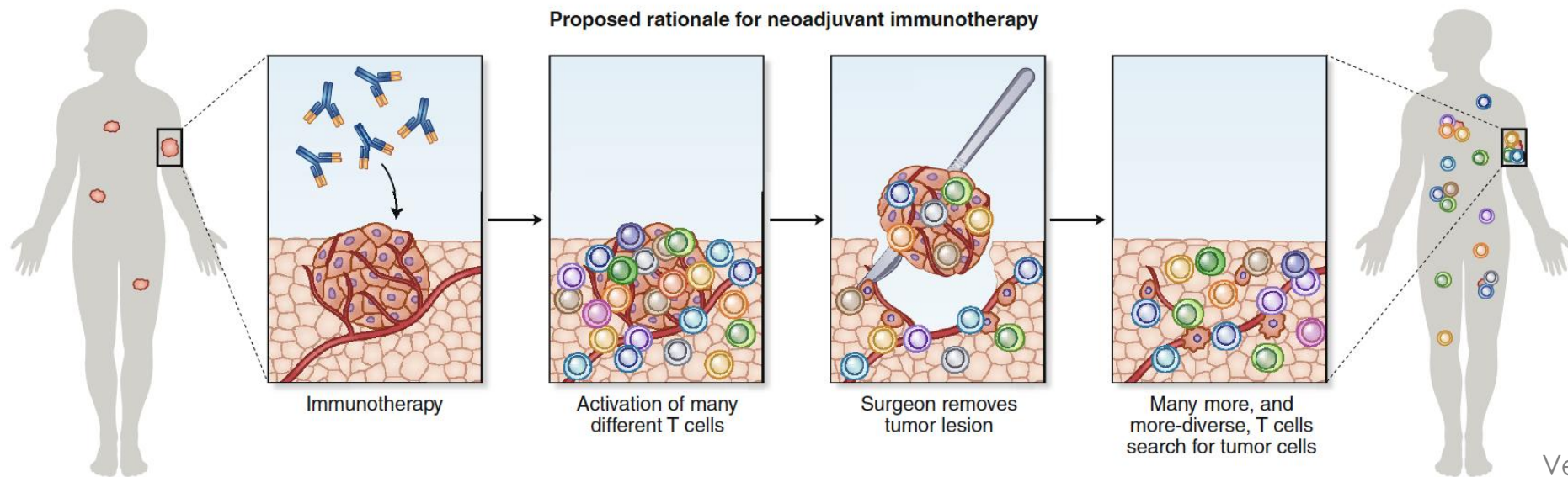
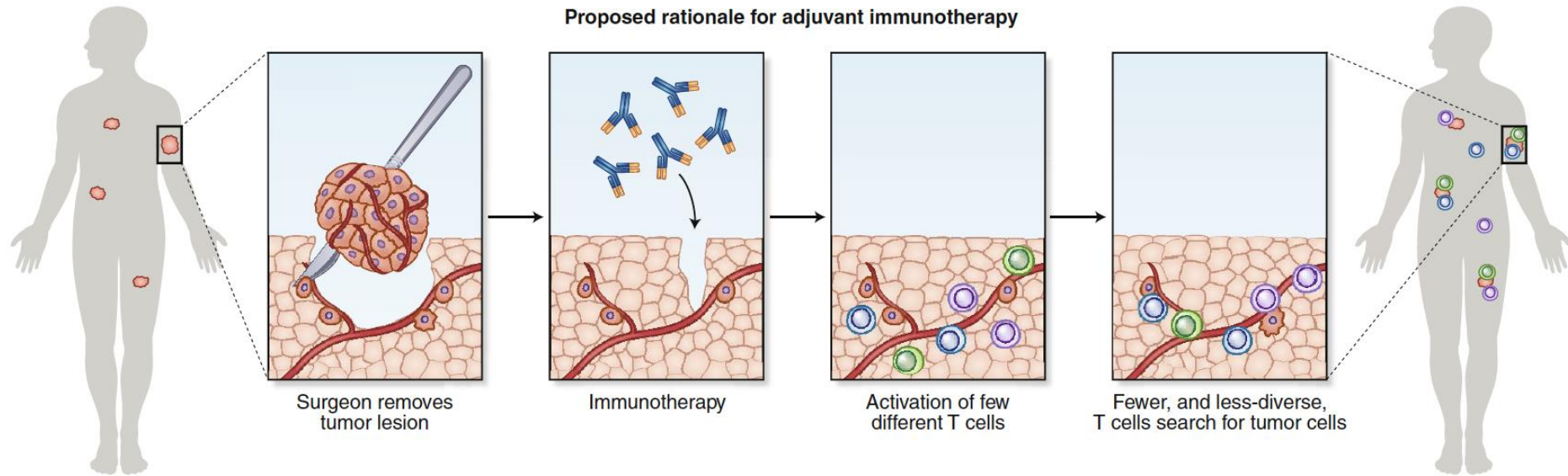


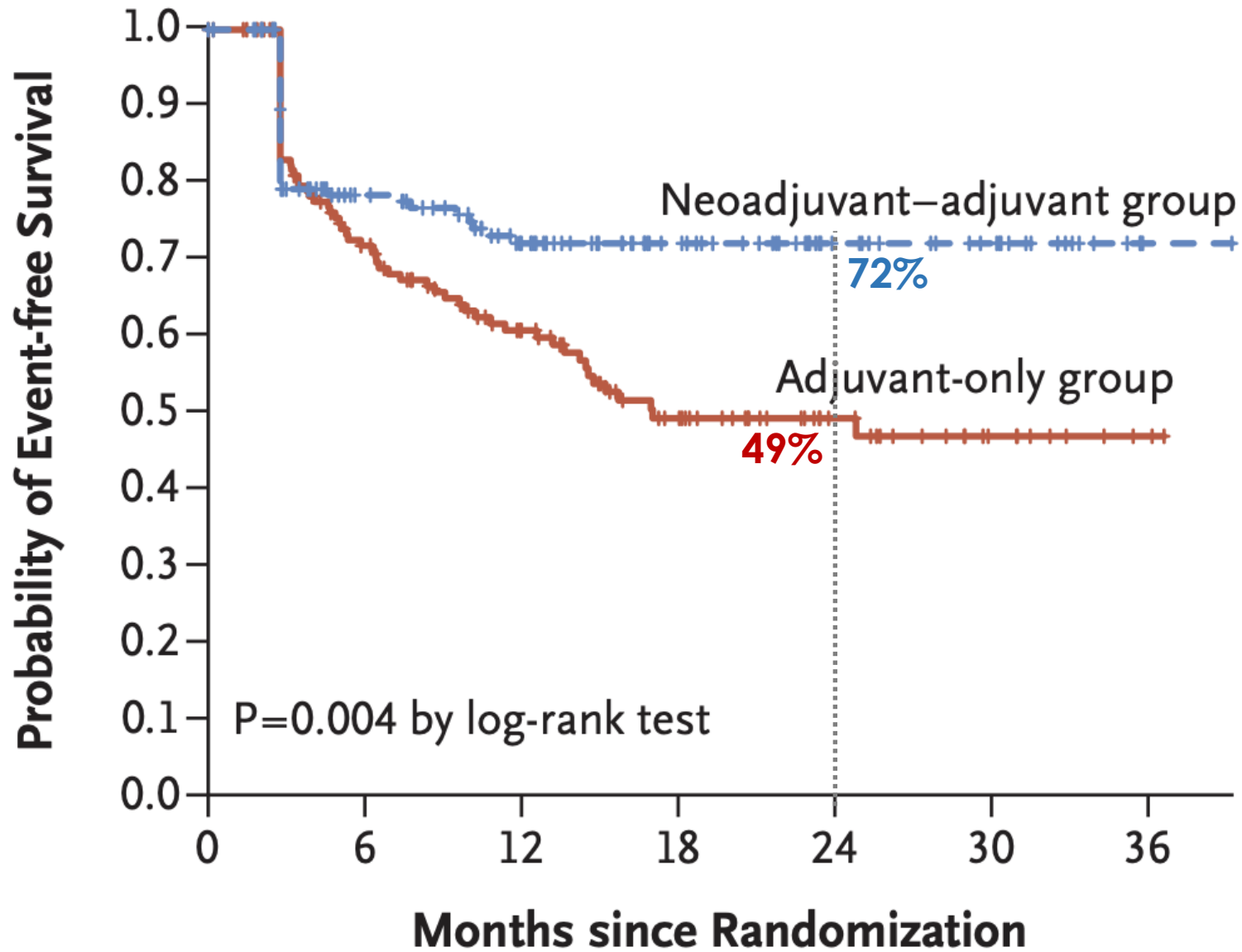
**Disección Ganglionar  
Completa**



**Inmunoterapia  
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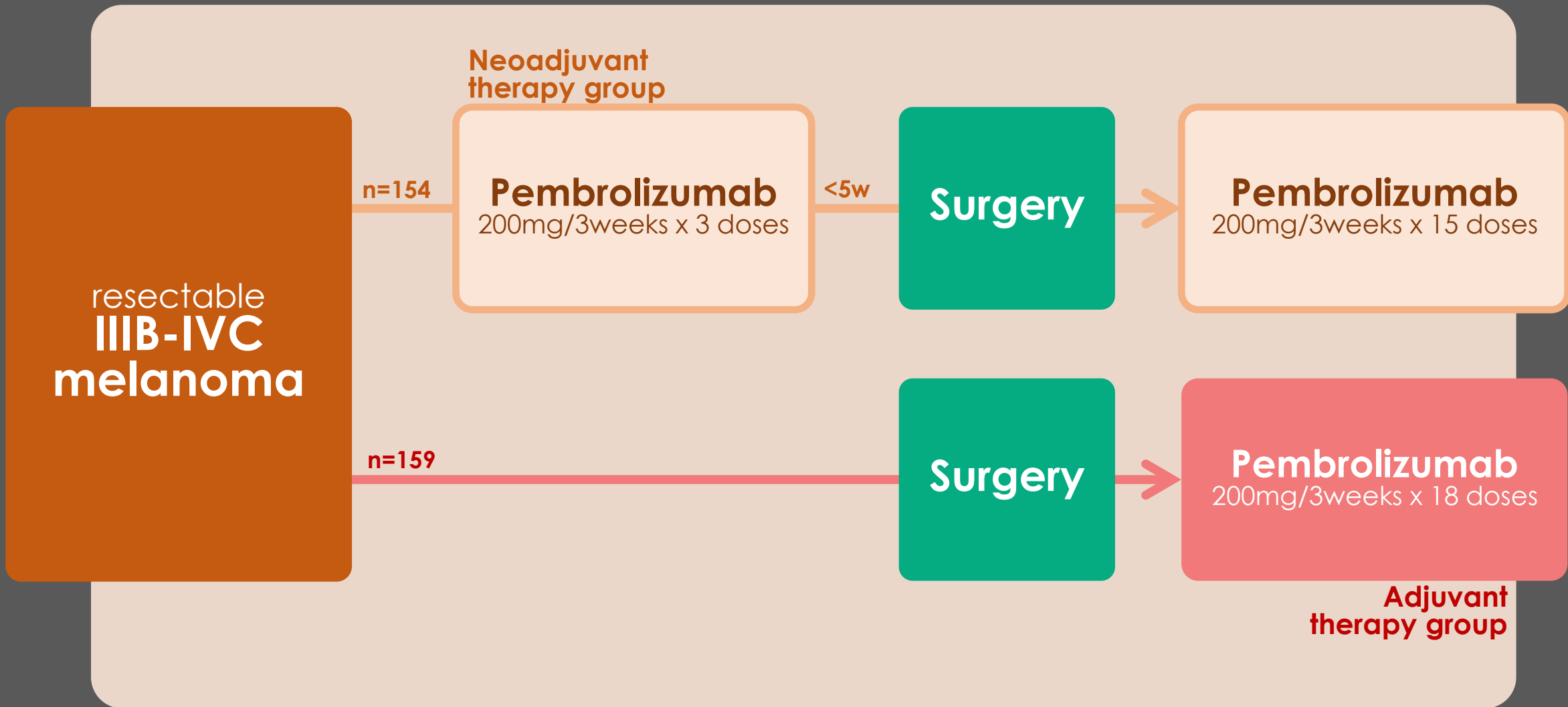






Neoadjuvant-Adjuvant  
or Adjuvant-Only  
Pembrolizumab in  
Advanced Melanoma  
Patel. NEJM 2023



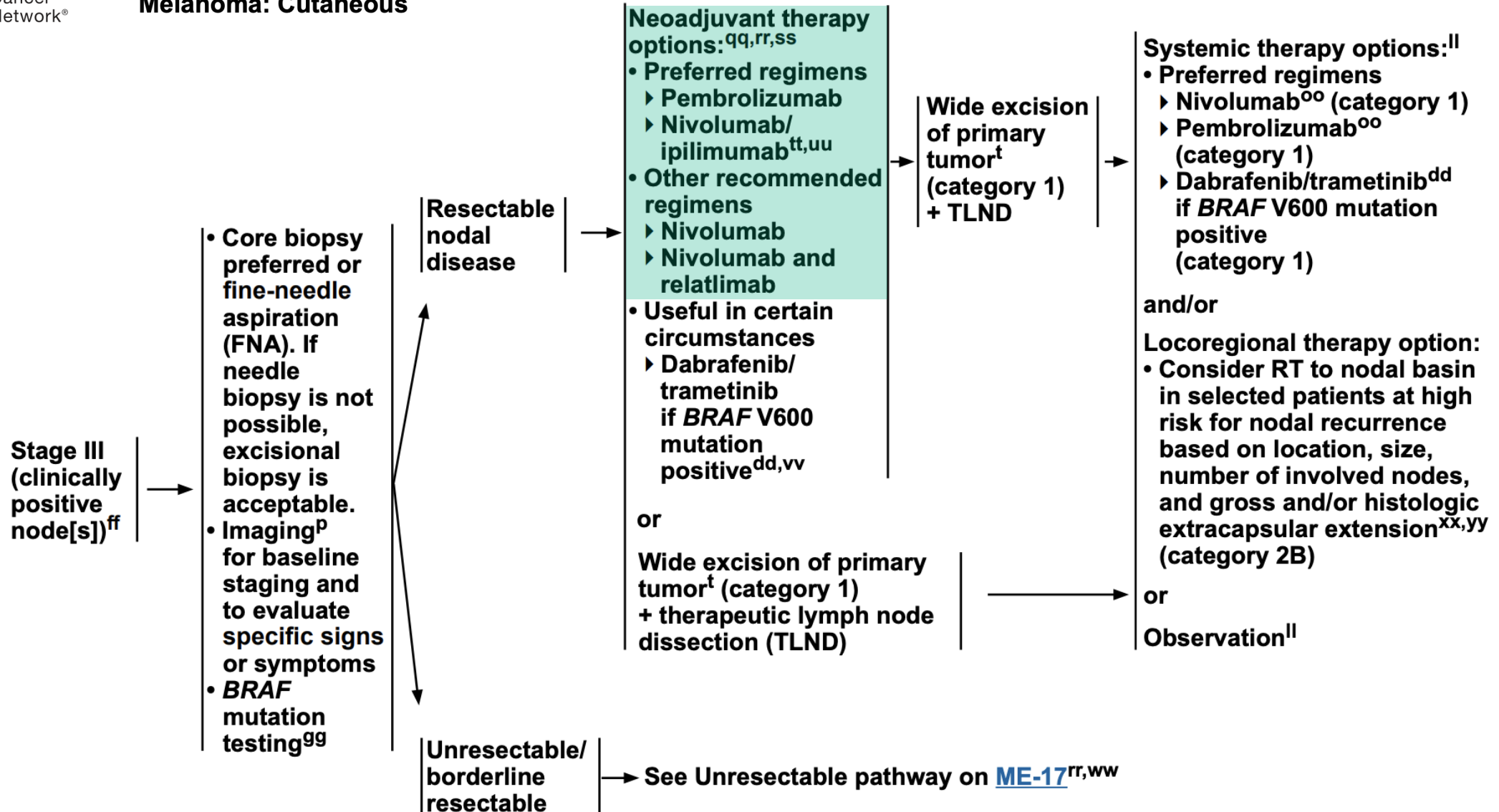


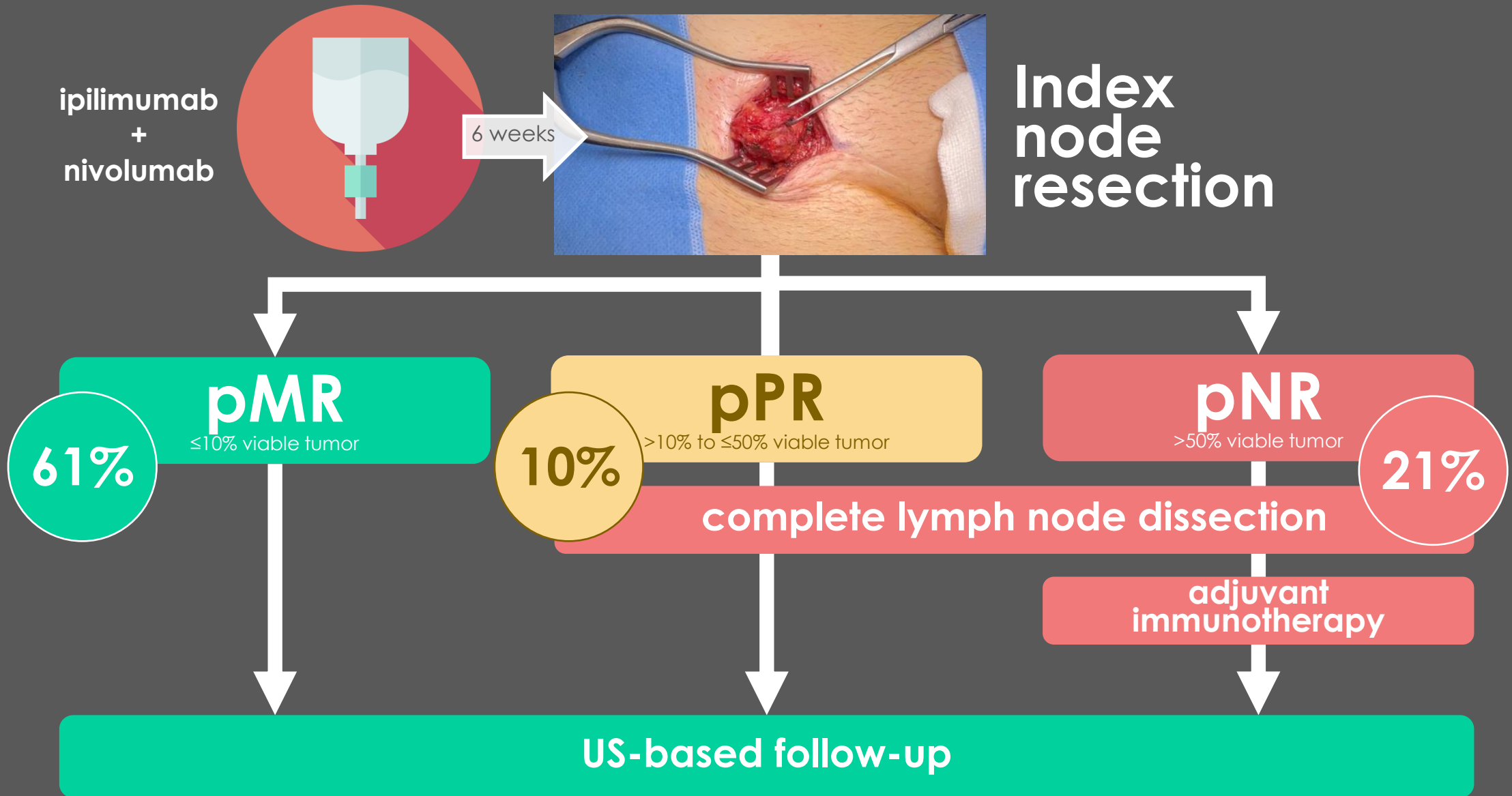
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Melanoma: Cutaneous**

**PRIMARY TREATMENT**

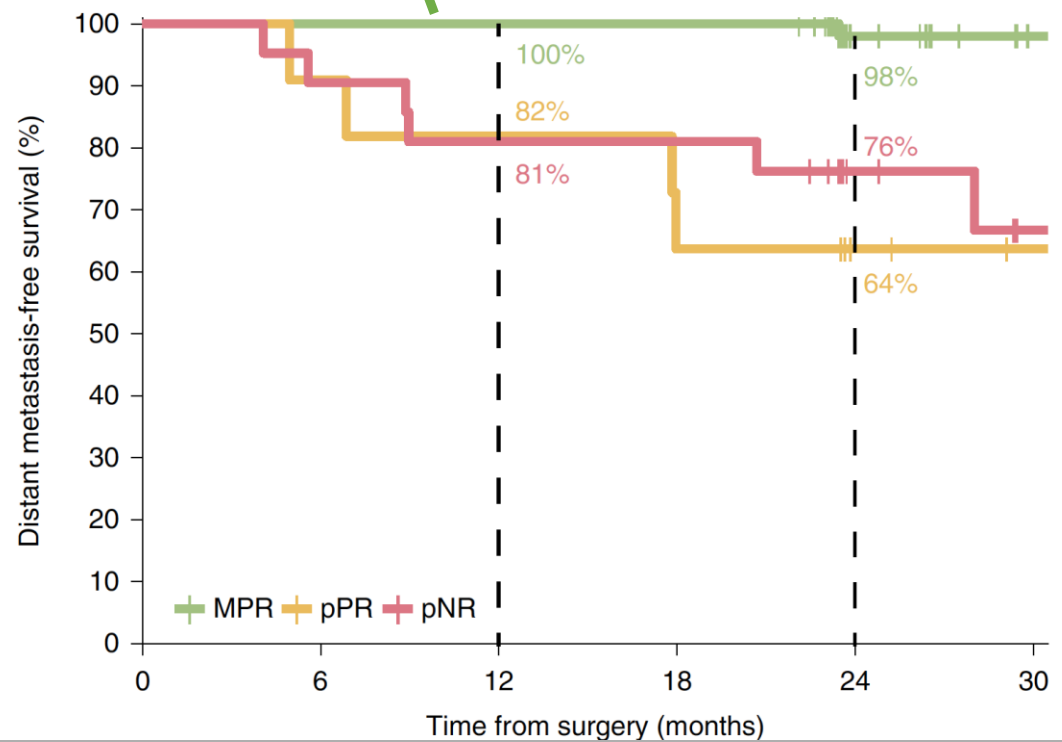
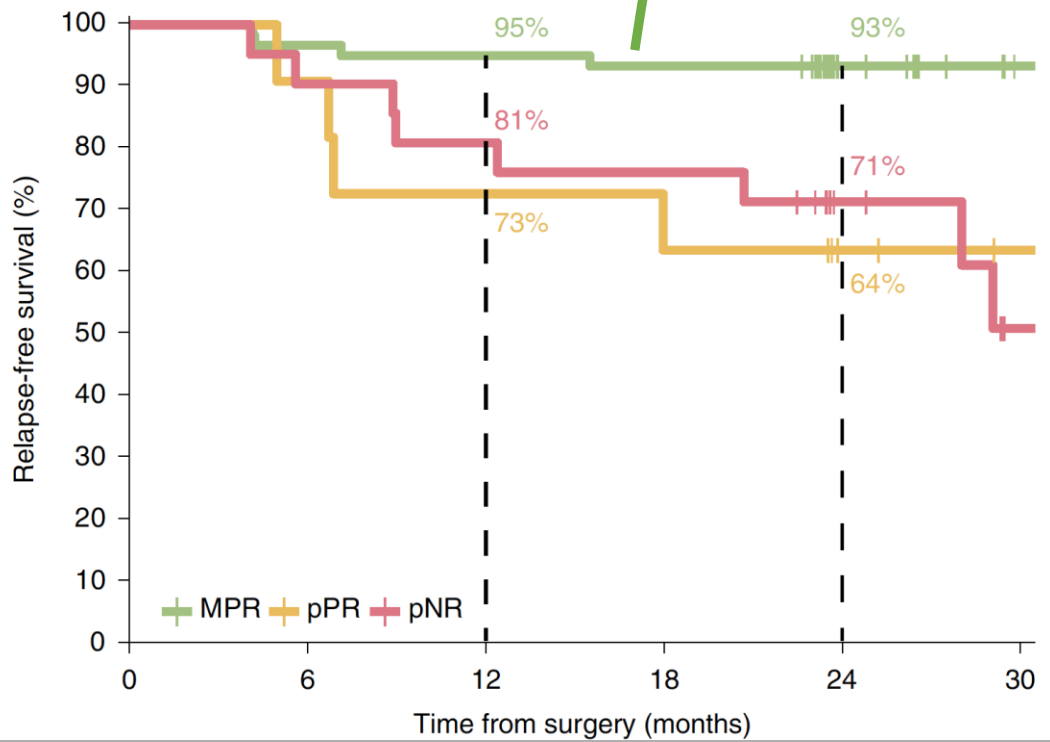
**ADJUVANT TREATMENT**





Reijers et al. Personalized response- directed surgery and adjuvant therapy after neoadjuvant ipilimumab and nivolumab in high-risk stage III melanoma: the PRADO trial. Nature Medicine 2022

In patients achieving MPR, CLND might be safely replaced by ILND



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# La inmunoterapia neoadyuvante debe incorporarse como estándar de tratamiento del paciente con melanoma metastásico


From the:  
EADO, EORTC, INMC, MWS  
Garbe et al. Nature Med may 2023

## Comment

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41591-023-02336-1>

## Neoadjuvant immunotherapy for melanoma is now ready for clinical practice

Claus Garbe, Reinhard Dummer, Teresa Amaral, Rodabe N. Amaria, Paolo A. Ascierto, Elizabeth M. Burton, Brigitte Dreno, Alexander M. M. Eggermont, Axel Hauschild, Christoph Hoeller, Roland Kaufmann, Celeste Lebbe, Mario Mandala, Alexander M. Menzies, David Moreno, Olivier Michielin, Paul Nathan, Sapna P. Patel, Caroline Robert, Dirk Schadendorf, Paul C. Lorigan, Richard A. Scolyer, Hussein A. Tawbi, Bart A. van de Wiel, Christian Blank & Georgina V. Long

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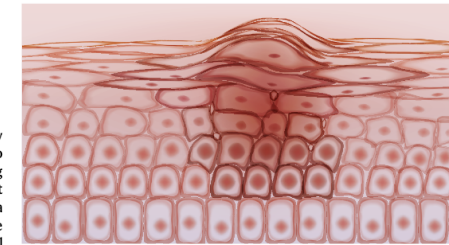
Individuals with cutaneous melanoma who are treated with neoadjuvant immunotherapy show a substantial improvement; this should be incorporated into standard care.

Neoadjuvant therapy – the use of chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy before a primary course of treatment – was originally developed to improve the operability of tumors, for example in breast cancer, lung cancer and sarcomas. With the advent of systemic immune-checkpoint inhibitors, however, the role of neoadjuvant therapy has undergone a seismic shift. The ability of checkpoint inhibitors to elicit an immune response to cancer cells has implications for long-term tumor control and survival that are optimized when these drugs are administered prior to resection, and go far beyond improved operability<sup>1–3</sup>.

In a landmark paper, tumor-resident T cell clones were shown to increase in diversity and amplitude in peripheral blood to a much greater extent following neoadjuvant treatment with ipilimumab plus nivolumab, as compared with the same drug regimen given as adjuvant therapy (post-surgery)<sup>4</sup>. Similarly, in the randomized SWOG S1801 trial, patients with resectable stage III or IV melanoma received either the approved standard Keynote-054 adjuvant regimen of 18 doses of pembrolizumab after lymph-node dissection<sup>5</sup>, or the first 3 doses before surgery and the remaining 15 doses after surgery; the latter resulted in a 42% reduction in the risk of relapse<sup>6</sup>.

This is a remarkable outcome. Compared with placebo, the currently approved adjuvant pembrolizumab regimen also elicits a 42% reduction in the risk of relapse compared with no therapy<sup>7</sup>. Therefore, taken together, the combined neoadjuvant plus adjuvant SWOG S1801 regimen offers an approximate 65% reduction in the relative risk of relapse compared with surgery alone (the combined hazard ratio (HR) from both trials was 0.35).

Results from several early studies of neoadjuvant therapy for resectable metastatic melanoma have also shown greater event-free and recurrence-free landmark survival rates compared with adjuvant therapy<sup>8–10</sup>. The past decade has seen numerous drug developments and approvals in advanced and resectable melanoma, emerging largely from trials sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry. The neoadjuvant case is different. To date, the results have mostly been generated by investigator-initiated academic trials, and it is unlikely that pharmaceutical companies will conduct the large studies that are traditionally required to obtain regulatory approval for neoadjuvant therapy. The result is a lack of appropriate drug-approval pathways to a highly



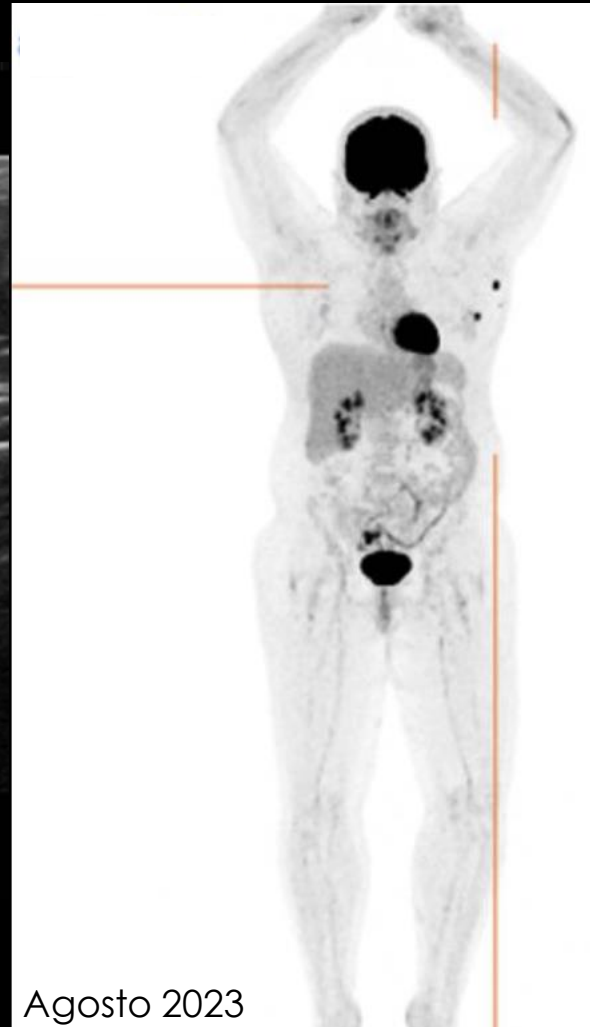
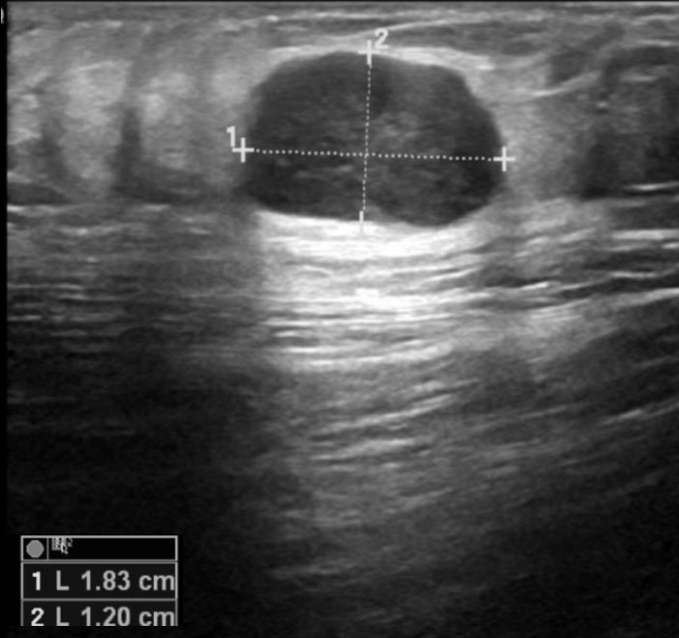
effective treatment approach, which leads to an important question: can neoadjuvant therapy be used in practice without the approval of healthcare regulators?

### Survival benefits

Results from two prospective phase 2 randomized trials of neoadjuvant therapy in melanoma have been reported so far, focusing on individuals with macroscopic lymph-node metastases or in-transit metastases<sup>6,11</sup>. The aim of these trials was to determine whether neoadjuvant therapy improves disease-free survival and/or overall survival; however, only one compared neoadjuvant therapy with adjuvant therapy – the aforementioned SWOG S1801 trial (ClinicalTrials.gov identifier NCT03698019)<sup>6</sup>. In addition, a phase 3 trial of two cycles of neoadjuvant nivolumab (3 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>) combined with ipilimumab (1 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>) versus standard adjuvant nivolumab in biopsy-proven resectable clinical stage III melanoma is underway (the NADINA trial; NCT04949113).

In the SWOG S1801 trial, 18 cycles of 200 mg pembrolizumab (a flat dose) were administered every three weeks to 313 patients with resectable stage IIIB–IV melanoma. In one group, three cycles of pembrolizumab were administered as neoadjuvant therapy, followed by an additional 15 cycles post-operatively. In the other group, surgical therapy was carried out upfront, followed by all 18 cycles of pembrolizumab post-operatively. With a median follow-up of 14 months, there was a remarkable difference in event-free survival: the two-year estimated event-free survival was 72% in the neoadjuvant group and 49% in the adjuvant group (HR = 0.58, *P* = 0.004). With only 36 deaths reported, the overall survival benefit is not yet clear (HR = 0.63, *P* = 0.18)<sup>6</sup>.

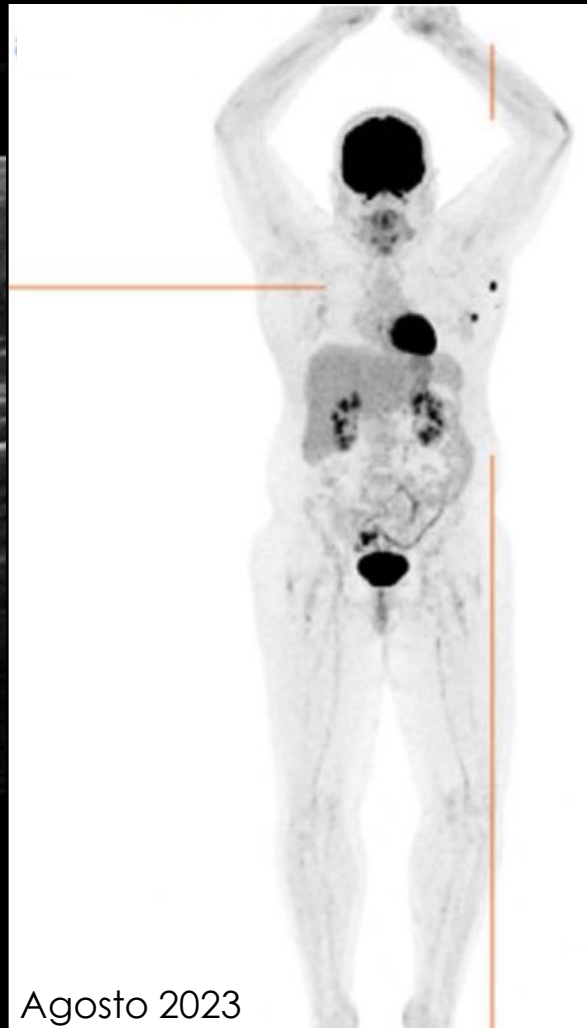
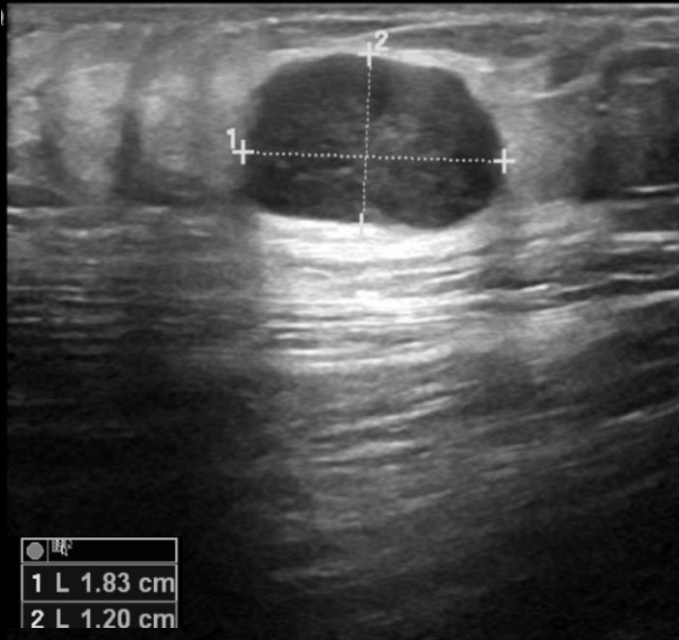
**Mujer, 49 años**  
**Melanoma IIIB**  
T2aN2bM0



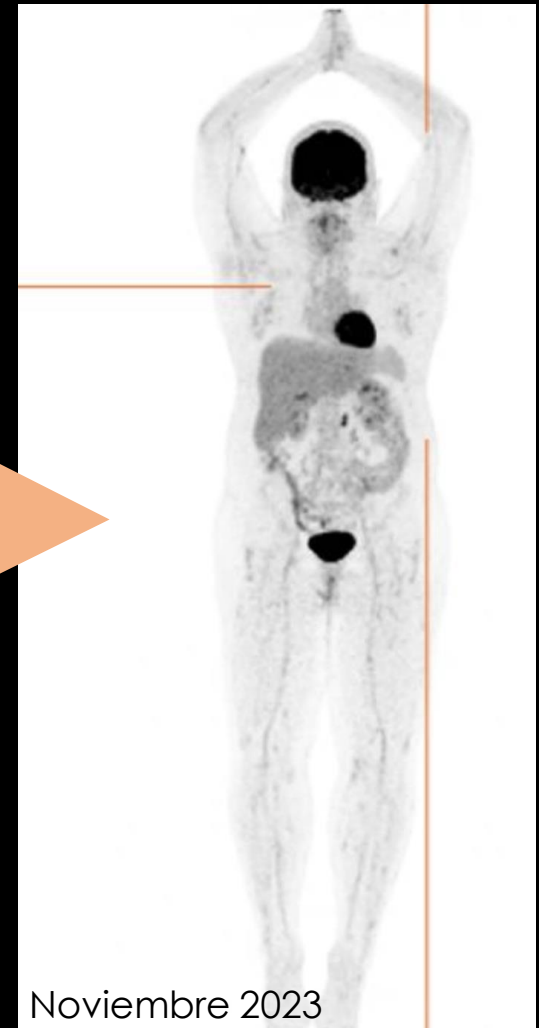
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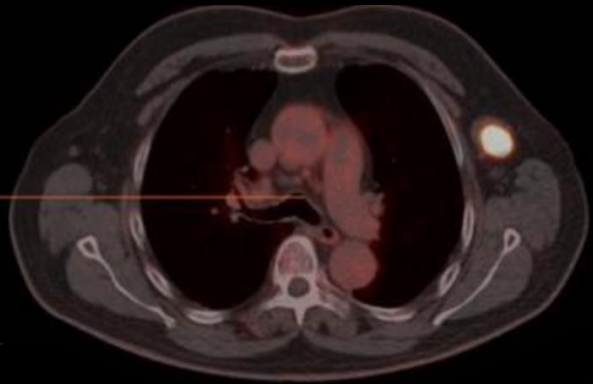
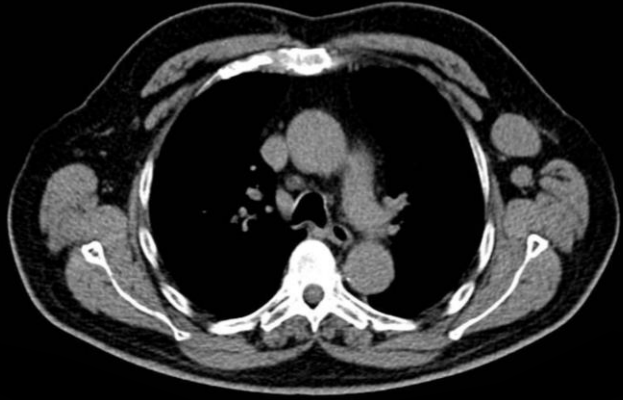
## Melanoma IIIB

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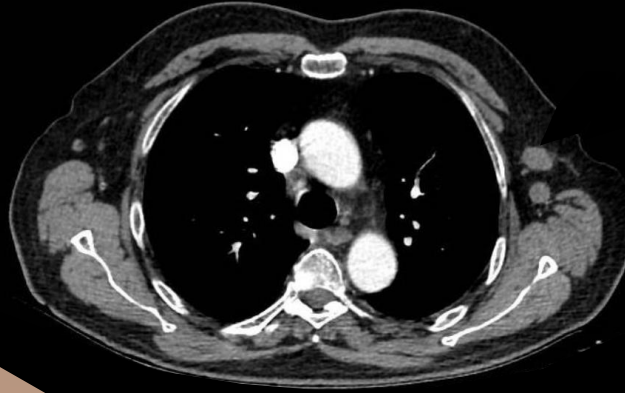
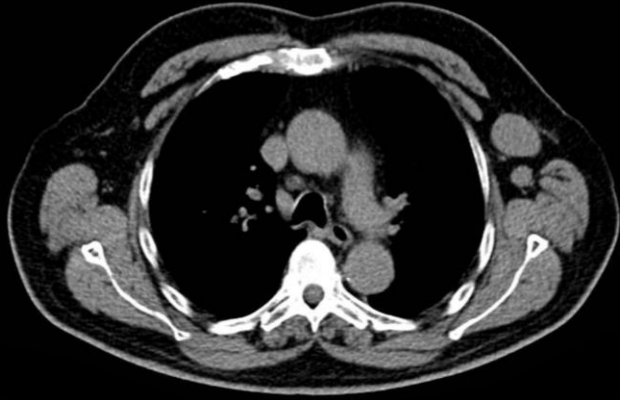
**Pembrolizumab**  
200mg/3 semanas x 3 dosis



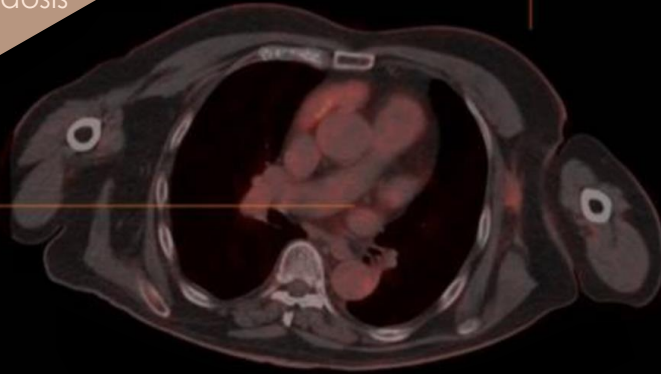
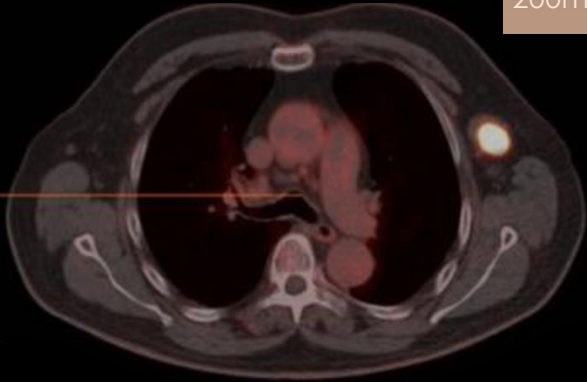


**Hombre, 78 años**  
**IIIC T4aN2bM0**

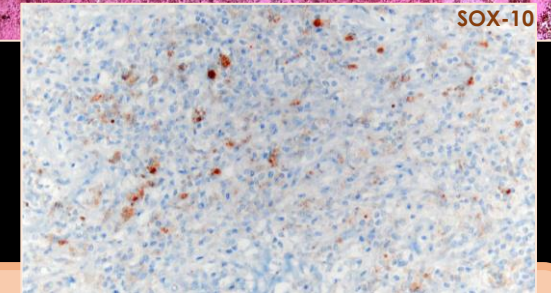
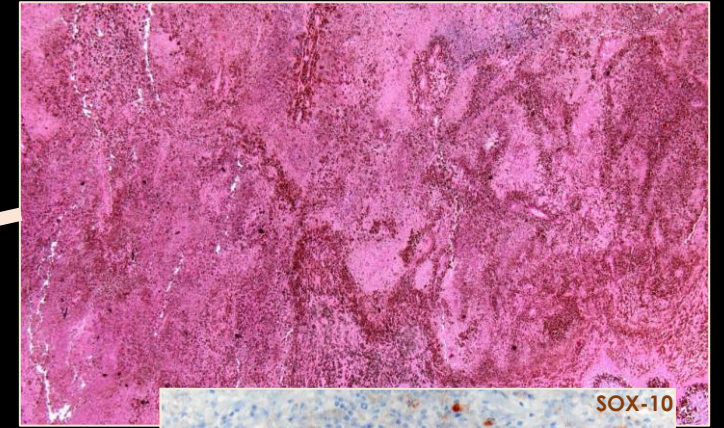
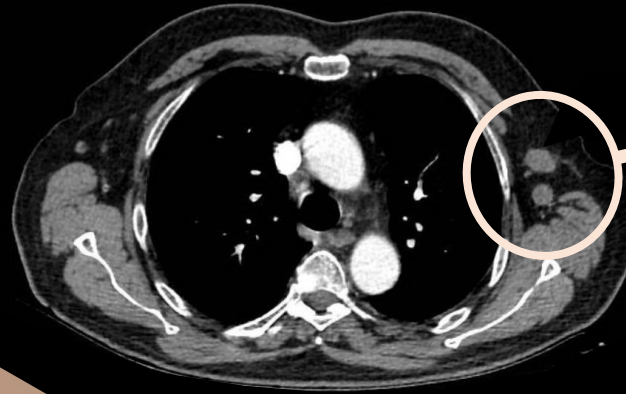
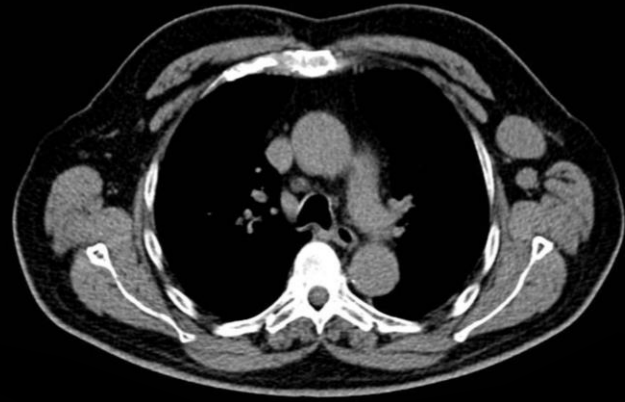




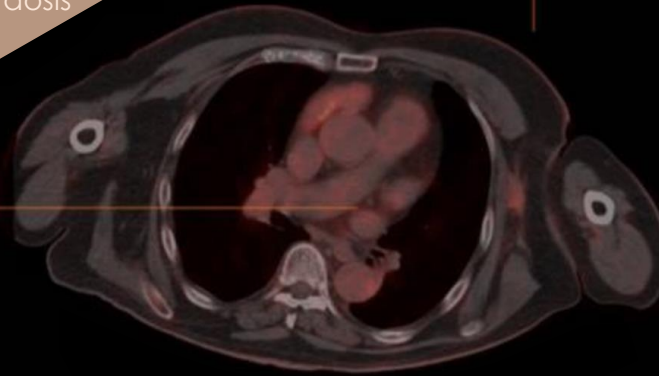
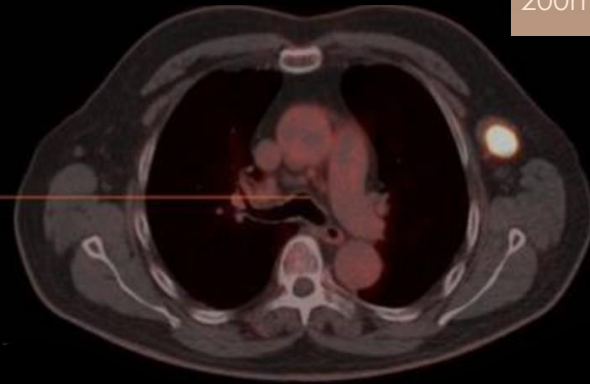
**Pembrolizumab**  
200mg/3 sem x 3 dosis



**Hombre, 78 años**  
**IIIC T4aN2bM0**



**Pembrolizumab**  
200mg/3 sem x 3 dosis



**Respuesta Completa**

**Hombre, 78 años**  
**IIIC T4aN2bM0**



**IIB-IIIC**  
T3b-T4bN0M0

**Pembrolizumab**  
200mg/3 sem x 18 dosis

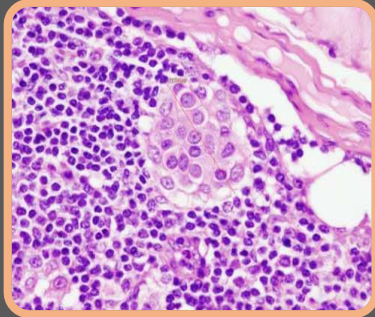


# Inmunoterapia perioperatoria melanoma 2024



**IIB-IIC**  
T3b-T4bN0M0

**Pembrolizumab**  
200mg/3 sem x 18 dosis



**IIIA**  
Na carga ≤1mm

**IIIA**  
Na carga >1mm

**Pembrolizumab**  
200mg/3 sem x 18 dosis



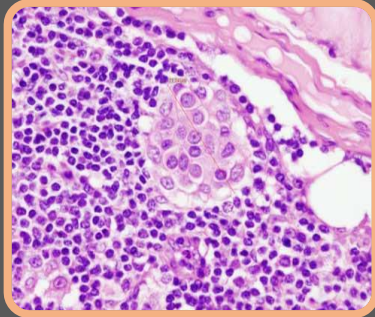
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T3b-T4bN0M0

**Pembrolizumab**  
200mg/3 sem x 18 dosis



**IIIA**  
Na carga ≤1mm

**IIIA**  
Na carga >1mm

**Pembrolizumab**  
200mg/3 sem x 18 dosis



**IIIB**  
T0-T3a N1b

**IIIC-D**  
T3b-T4b N1b2b3b

**Pembrolizumab**  
200mg/3 sem x 3 dosis

**RxC**

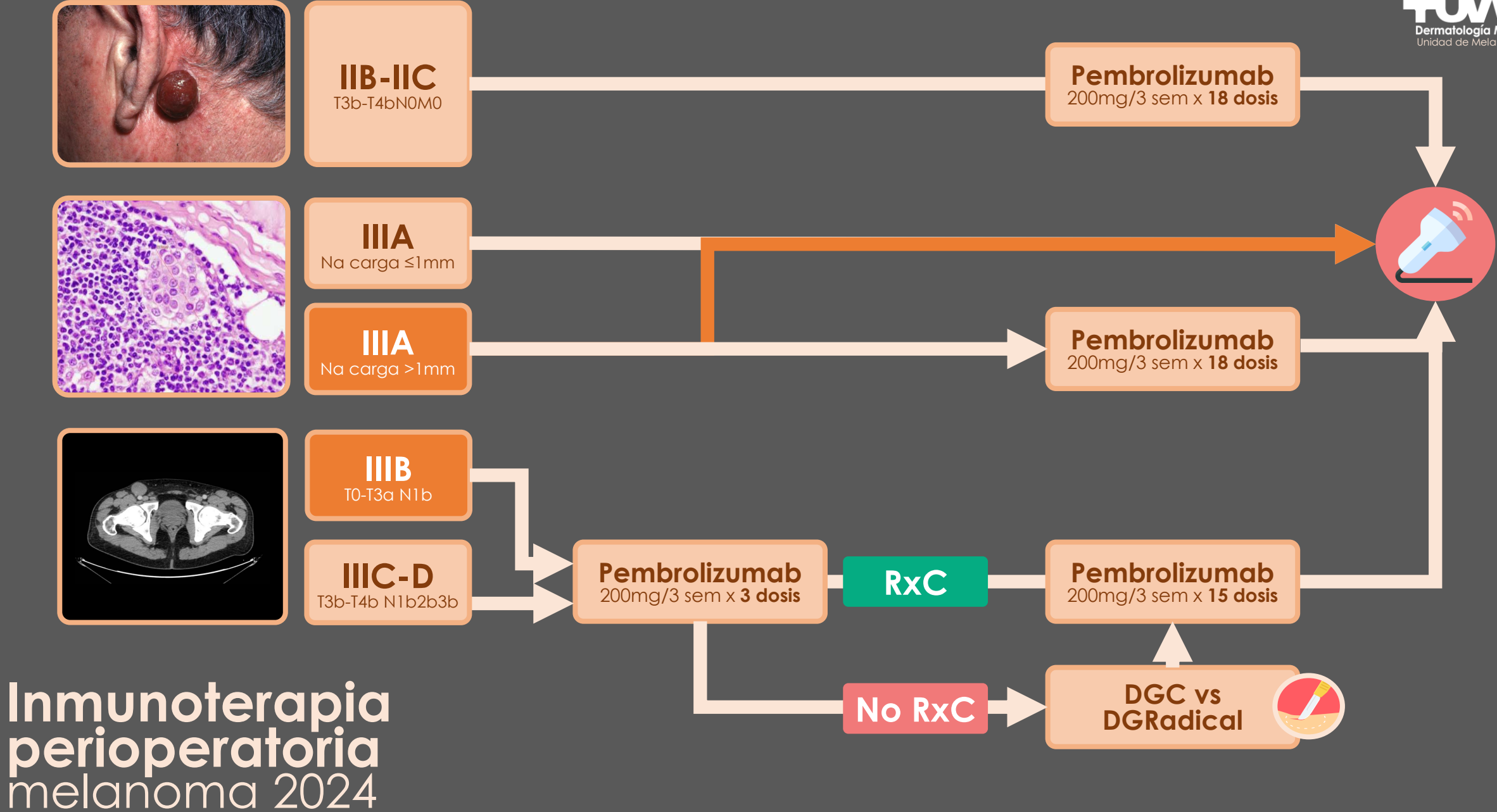
**Pembrolizumab**  
200mg/3 sem x 15 dosis

**No RxC**

**DGC vs DGRadical**



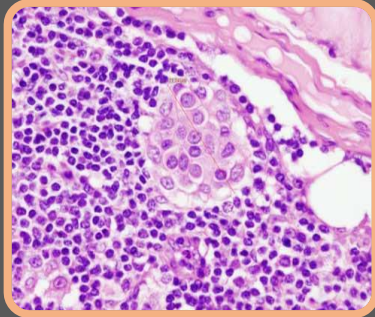
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**IIB-IIC**  
T3b-T4bN0M0

**Pembrolizumab**  
200mg/3 sem x 17 dosis



**IIIA**  
Na carga ≤1mm

**IIIA**  
Na carga >1mm

**Pembrolizumab**  
200mg/3 sem x 17 dosis



**IIIB**  
T0-T3a N1b

**IIIC-D**  
T3b-T4b N1b2b3b

**DGC vs DGRadical**

**Pembrolizumab**  
200mg/3 sem x 3 dosis

**RxC**

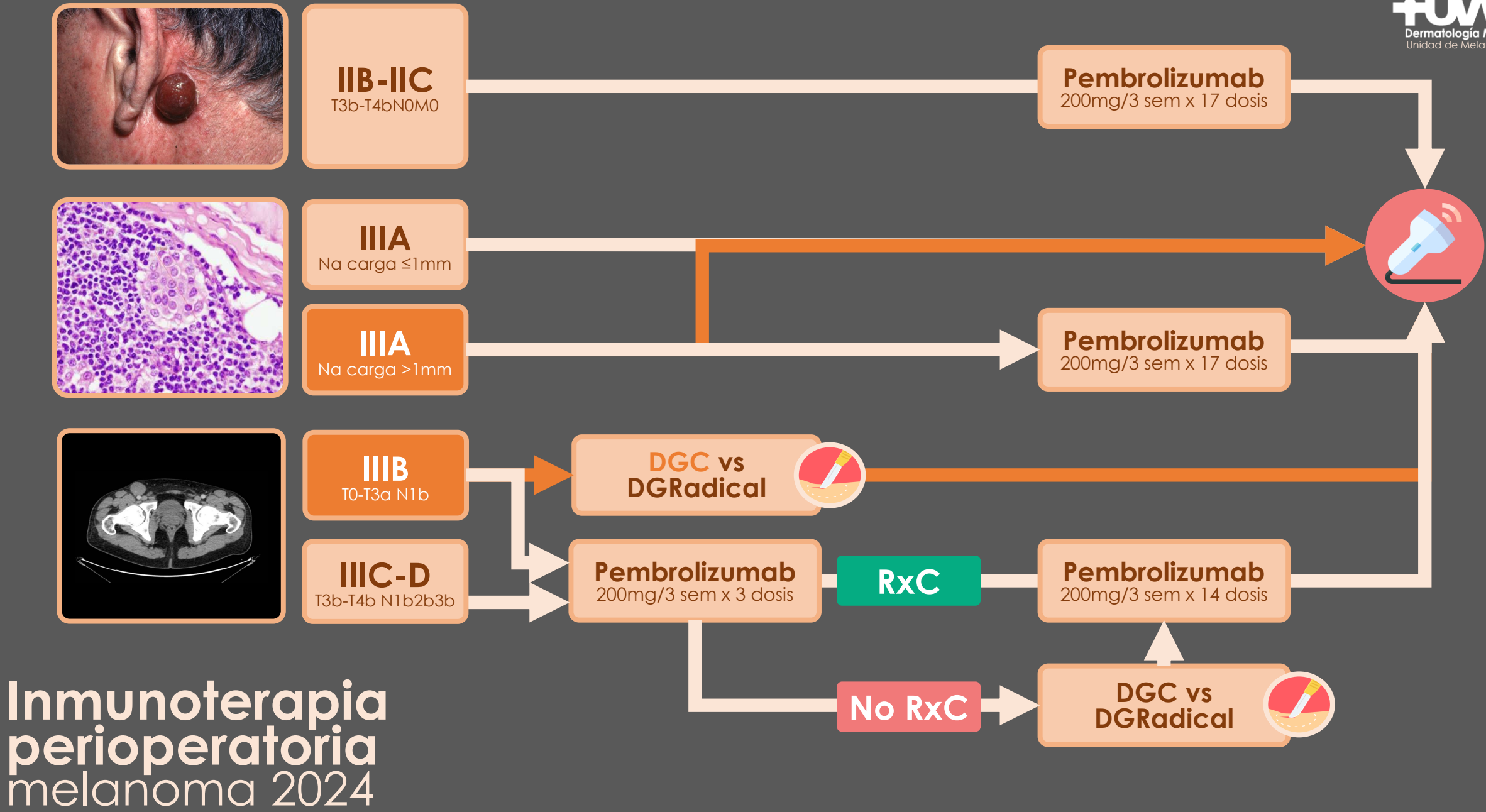
**Pembrolizumab**  
200mg/3 sem x 14 dosis

**No RxC**

**DGC vs DGRadical**



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