

# **Clinical Scenario #2**

## **Exploring Treatment Options for Patients With Symptomatic, Progressive GEP-NETs**

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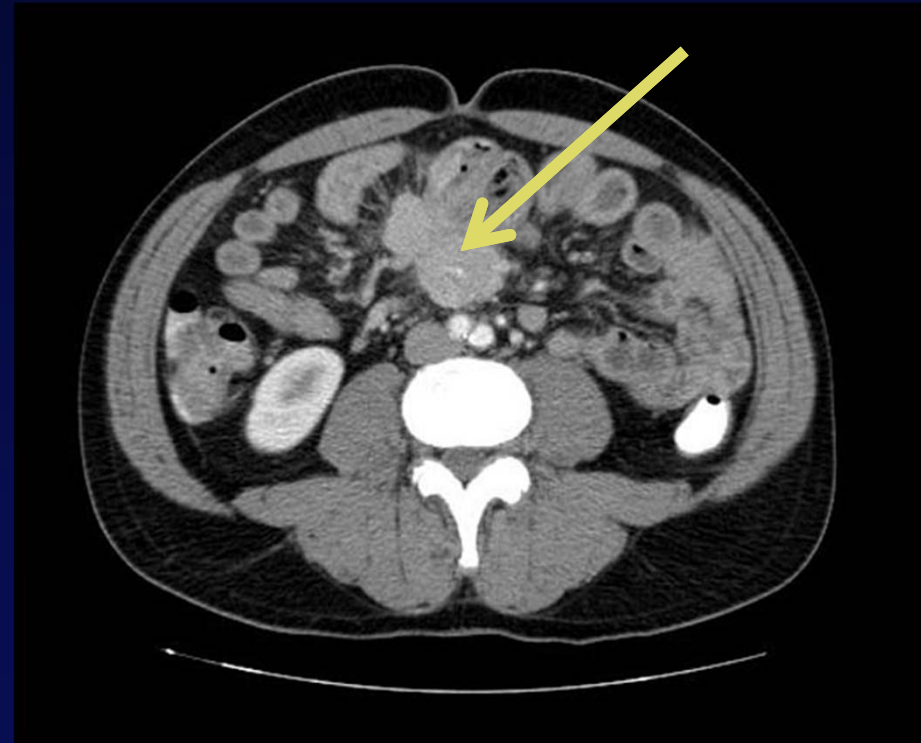
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- 48-year-old female teacher presented with a 6 month history of increasingly troublesome diarrhea and dizzy spells in March 2009
- Developed abdominal pain and vomiting during investigations
- Abnormal CT scan
- Urinary 5-HIAA elevated
  - 120mg / 24 hours
- Chromogranin A
  - 350 U/L



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- Underwent laparotomy for impending obstruction
- Bowel resection, excision of tumor mass and involved regional mesenteric lymph nodes
  - Possible residual disease on retroperitoneum
  - 4 cm carcinoid tumor with involved external margin
  - 4/12 nodes contained metastases
  - Ki-67 20%
  - Postoperative octreoscan normal
  - Postoperative 24 hour urinary 5-HIAA normal

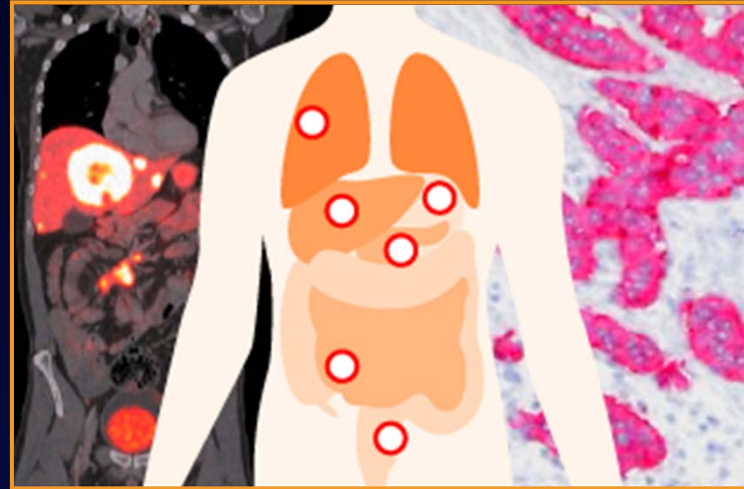
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- No postoperative treatment recommended
- Began follow-up with 3-6 monthly urinary 5-HIAA measurements
- November 2012 – Reported symptoms of flushing and diarrhea
  - 4-6 episodes a day, with occasional incontinence at work while teaching
  - Urinary 5-HIAA level marginally raised - 20mg / 24 hrs
- CT scan revealed 15-20 small metastases throughout both lobes of the liver

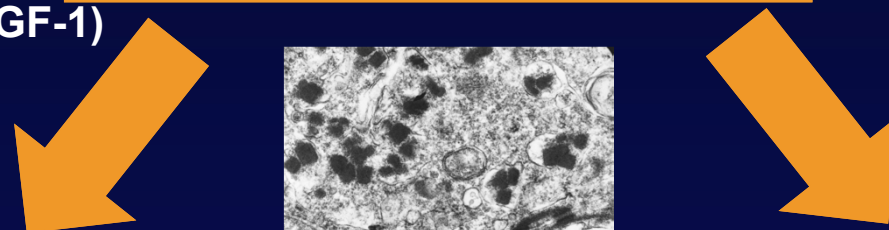
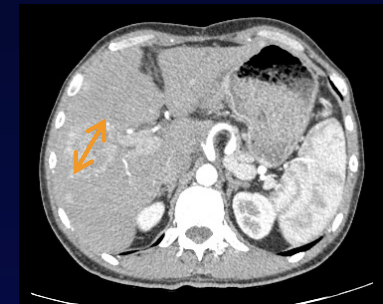
# NEN – Why SSA?

## SECRETION

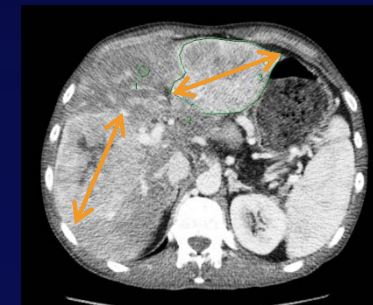
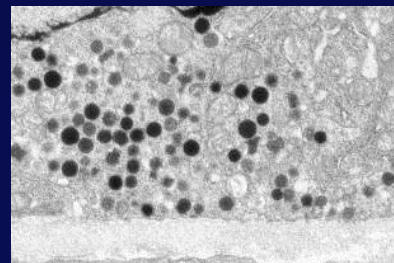
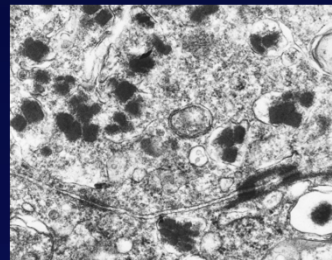
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Amines (eg, serotonin)  
Tachykinins  
Granins (eg, CgA)  
Growth factors (eg, IGF-1)



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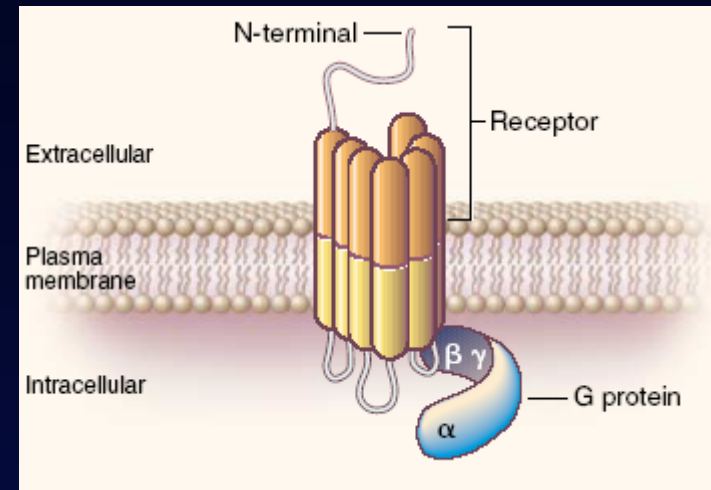
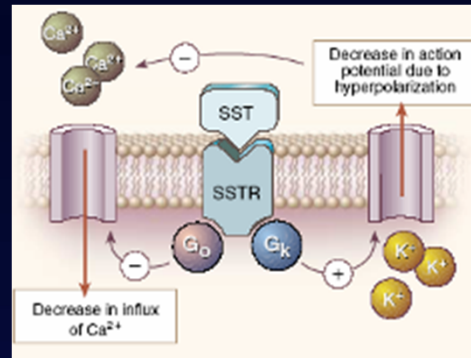


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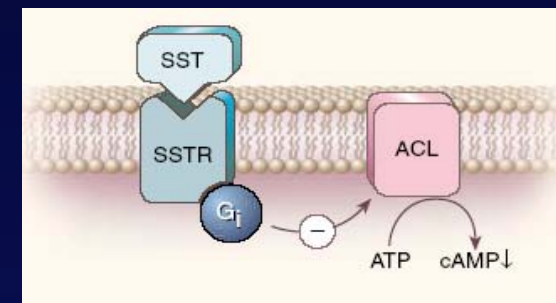
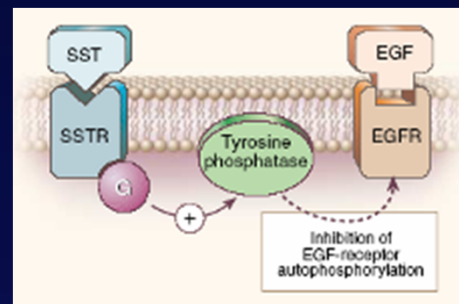


NEN, Neuroendocrine neoplasms, SSA, somatostatin analogs

# Cell Biological Mechanisms of Action of SSA



- hormone secretion ↓
- auto-/paracrine secretion of growth factors ↓



- receptor phosphorylation ↓
- proliferation ↓
- angiogenesis ↓

- signal transduction ↓
- apoptosis ↑
- cell cycle arrest (G1)

# Indication for Antisymptomatic SSA (According to Guidelines)



## *Antisecretory Treatment*

The use of SSA is standard therapy in functioning NET of any site.

In 70–90%, SSA (octreotide, lanreotide) are efficacious in the treatment of the carcinoid syndrome (e.g. in liver metastases from serotonin-secreting small intestinal NET (midgut carcinoids)) or other clinical syndromes related to hypersecretion of rare pancreatic NET such as VIPoma or glucagonoma. Octreotide and lanreotide are considered equally effective for syndrome control [57, 102] and are approved for antisecretory treatment in Europe. A standard dose of long-acting formulations is octreotide 20–30 mg/4 weeks i.m. and lanreotide autogel 90–120 mg/4 weeks s.c. Doses are adapted to the individual needs and depend on tumor burden.



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# Can SSA Control Proliferation in NET-Patients?

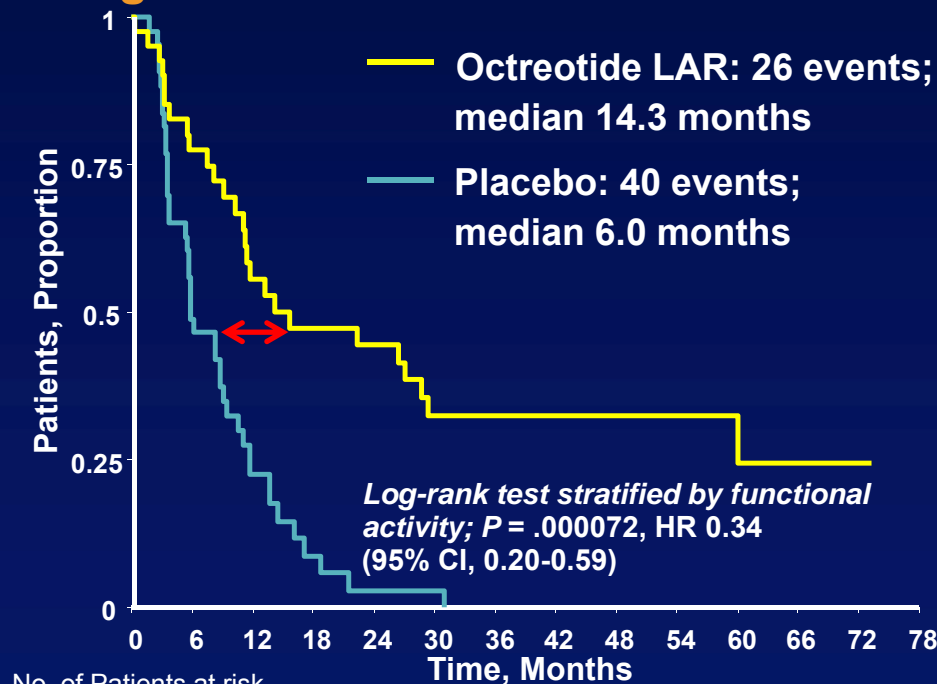
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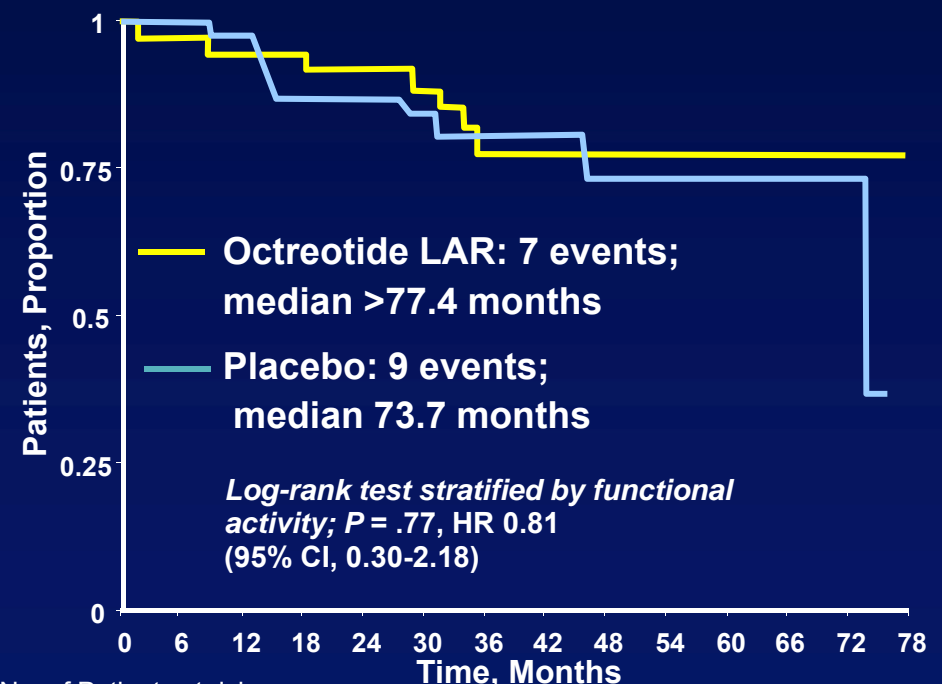
Placebo-Controlled, Double-Blind, Prospective, Randomized Study on the Effect of Octreotide LAR in the Control of Tumor Growth in Patients With Metastatic Neuroendocrine Midgut Tumors: A Report From the PROMID Study Group

Anja Rinke, Hans-Helge Müller, Carmen Schade-Brittinger, Klaus-Jochen Klose, Peter Barth, Matthias Wied, Christina Mayer, Behnaz Aminossadati, Ulrich-Frank Pape, Michael Bläker, Jan Harder, Christian Arnold, Thomas Gress, and Rudolf Arnold

### Progression-Free Survival



### Overall Survival



# PROMID-Trial: Subgroups

(81/85 Ki67 <2%)		Per Protocol Analysis			
		Octreotide LAR		Placebo	HR [95% CI]
		N	Median PFS, mo	Median PFS, mo	
Carcinoid syndr.	Carcinoid syndrome	33	14.3	5.5	0.23 [0.09-0.57]
	Inactive tumor	52	28.8	5.9	0.25 [0.10-0.59]
Hepatic tumor load	Liver involvement 0%	12	13.1	8.2	0.55 [0.10-3.09]
	Liver involvement 0%-10%	52	29.4	6.1	0.17 [0.08-0.40]
	Liver involvement 10%-50%	14	11.2	5.5	0.40 [0.10-1.67]
	Liver involvement >50%	7	4.6	2.8	0.71 [0.11-4.45]

## Overall Survival of the PROMID Cohort

	Octreotide LAR	Placebo	P
Deaths, n	19	22	
Median OS – all pts	n.r.	84 months	.59
Median OS - liver load ≤10%	n.r.	80.5 month	.14

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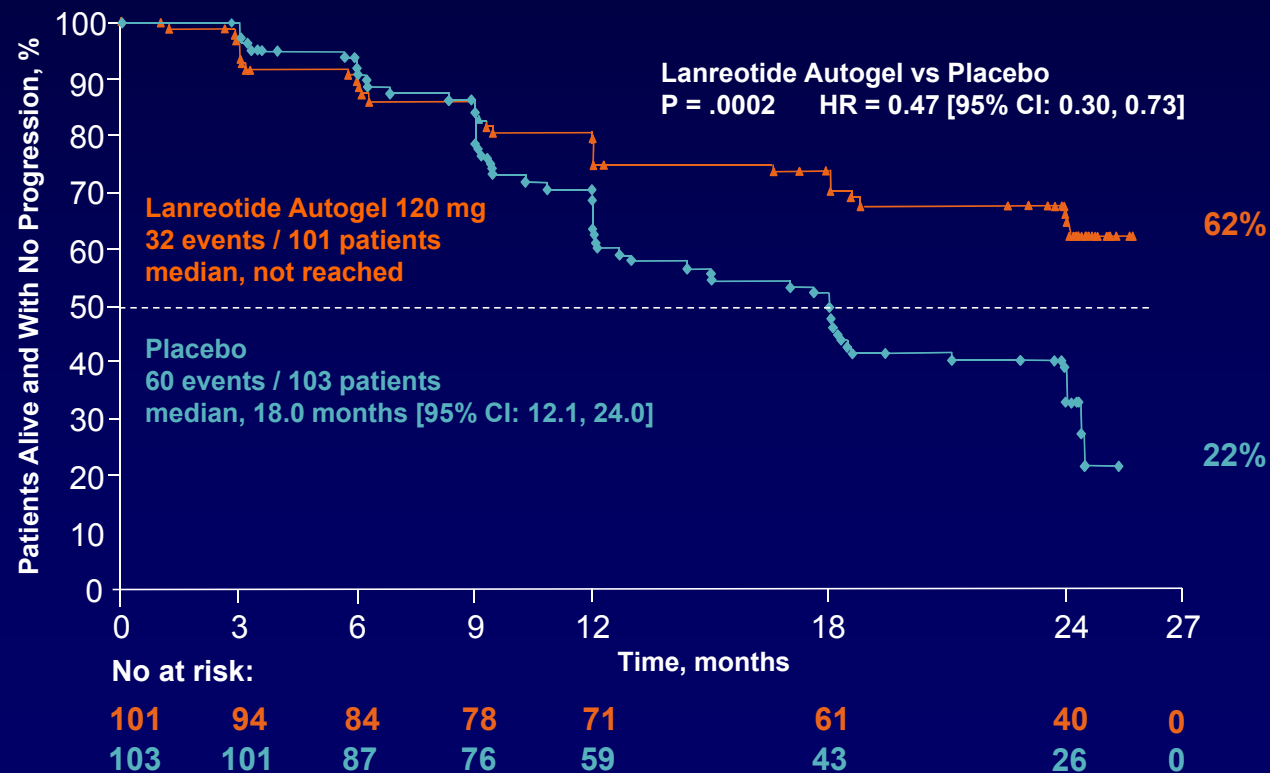
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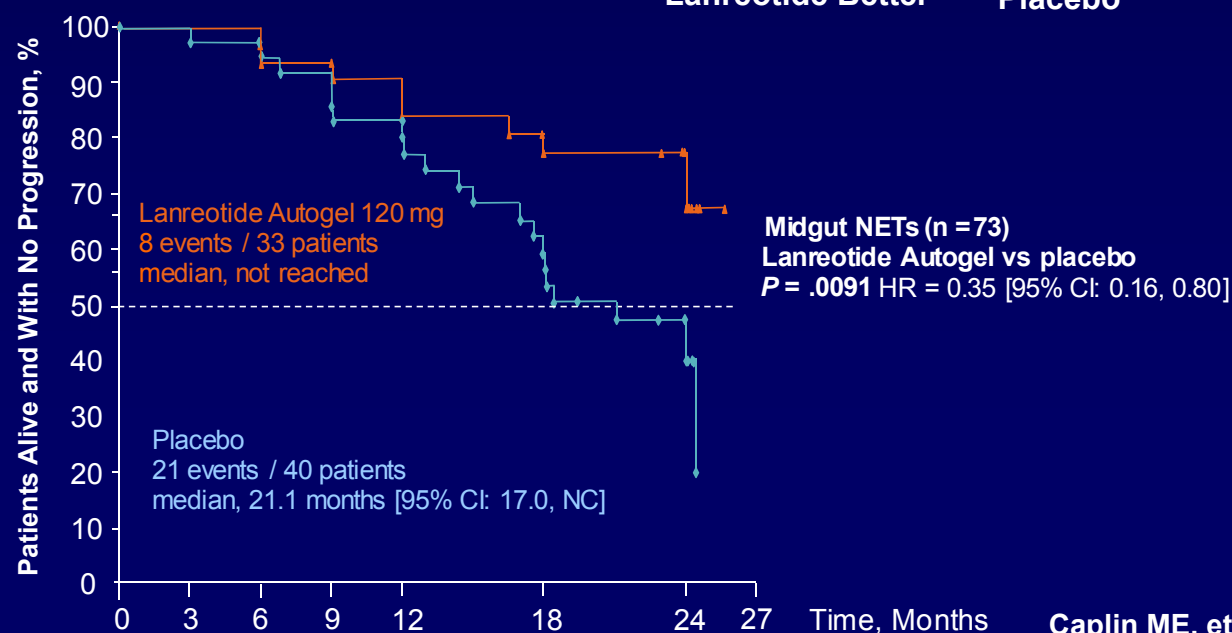
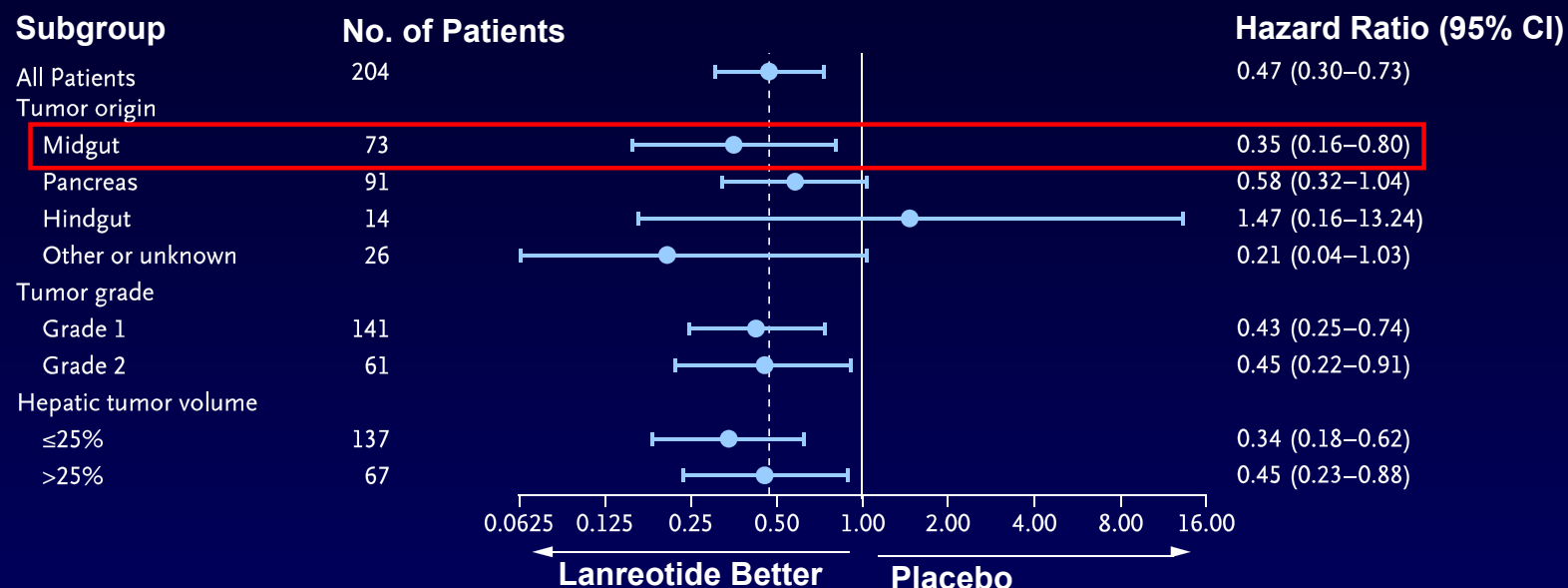
Heather Tomlinson; 25-9-2014

# CLARINET-Trial: Lanreotide Prolong PFS in Enteropancreatic NET

## PFS (intention to treat population)



# CLARINET –Trial: Subgroup Analyses



# SSA in This Case – Why?

## Pro:

1. Prolonged PFS in “upfront” use, possibly OS
2. Symptom control (subclinical)

## Con:

1. Spontaneous course: app. 40 months until PD (but insufficient f/u)
2. Evidence for G2-NET: none in 2009 (but in 2014)
3. Recent PD -> tumoricidal rather than tumoristatic approach?



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## *Antiproliferative Treatment*

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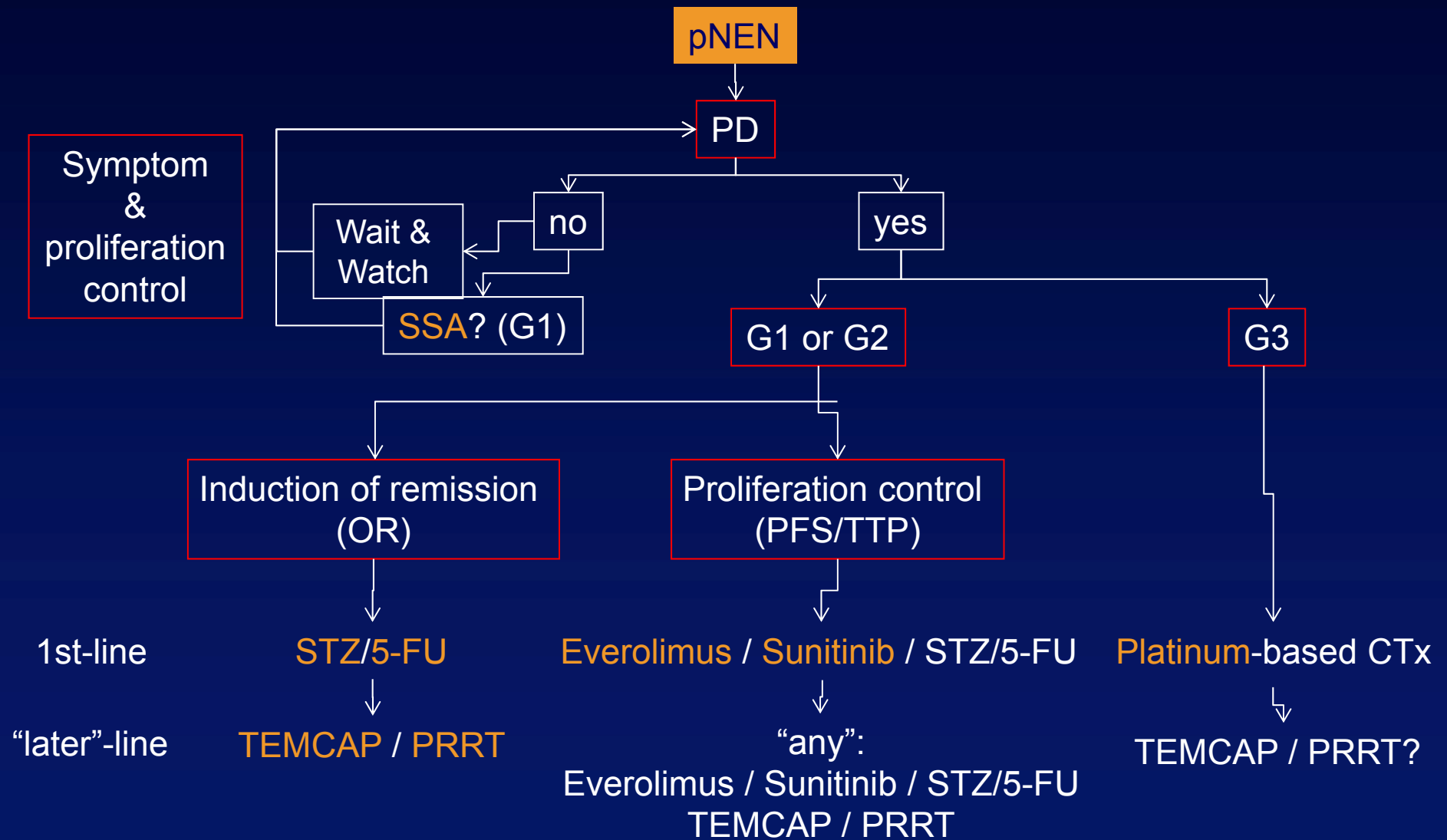
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- **Patient begins treatment with lanreotide**
  - **Symptoms improve**
  - **5-HIAA normalizes**
  - **Follow-up CT shows stable disease by RECIST with necrosis of some metastases**
- **Benefits persisted for 18 months before return of symptoms and progression of liver metastases on CT scan**

# Pancreatic NEN: “Options Portfolio”



Personal approach