

**The Role of the *Oncotype DX*<sup>®</sup> Assay in the Treatment Selection for ER-positive, HER2-negative and Node-positive Breast Cancer**

**Does Every ER-positive, Node-positive Patient Need Adjuvant Chemotherapy?**

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Characteristic	Description
Tumor size	2.2 cm
Tumor grade	2
Lymph nodes	1 of 15 nodes positive
ER/PR status	ER+/PR+
HER2 status	Negative

- **How can the *Oncotype DX*<sup>®</sup> Recurrence Score<sup>®</sup> result be used to inform the adjuvant treatment decision?**

## When Can Oncotype DX<sup>®</sup> Testing be Considered in Node-positive Early Stage Breast Cancer?

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- Patients with micrometastases
- Patients with 1-3 positive nodes including:
  - Patients with or without comorbidities who are at risk of chemotherapy toxicity or want to avoid chemotherapy
  - Patients considering chemotherapy who want a reliable estimate of risk to help their decision

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# Nodal Status Spans a Continuum from Node-negative to Node-positive Disease

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Historical view: risk of recurrence can be discretely described based on nodal status

No positive nodes  
→ low risk

Positive nodes  
→ high risk

Emerging view: risk of recurrence is a continuous variable

low

moderate

high

Because nodal status reflects a continuous biology of breast cancer

Node negative

Micrometastases

Node positive

1-3 nodes

≥ 4 nodes

# Validity of the *Oncotype DX*<sup>®</sup> Assay Has Been Demonstrated in Multiple Studies and Guidelines Along a Continuum of Nodal Status

## Information supporting the *Oncotype DX* assay along a continuum of nodal status

Node negative	Node positive		
NØ	Micrometastases	1-3 Nodes	≥ 4 Nodes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSABP B-14 and B-20 studies<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>• NCCN<sup>®</sup> and ASCO<sup>®</sup> Guidelines<sup>3,4</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCCN Guidelines<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SWOG 8814<sup>5</sup></li> <li>• TransATAC<sup>6</sup></li> <li>• E2197<sup>7</sup></li> <li>• NSABP B-28<sup>8</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SWOG 8814<sup>5</sup></li> <li>• TransATAC<sup>6</sup></li> <li>• NSABP B-28<sup>8</sup></li> </ul>

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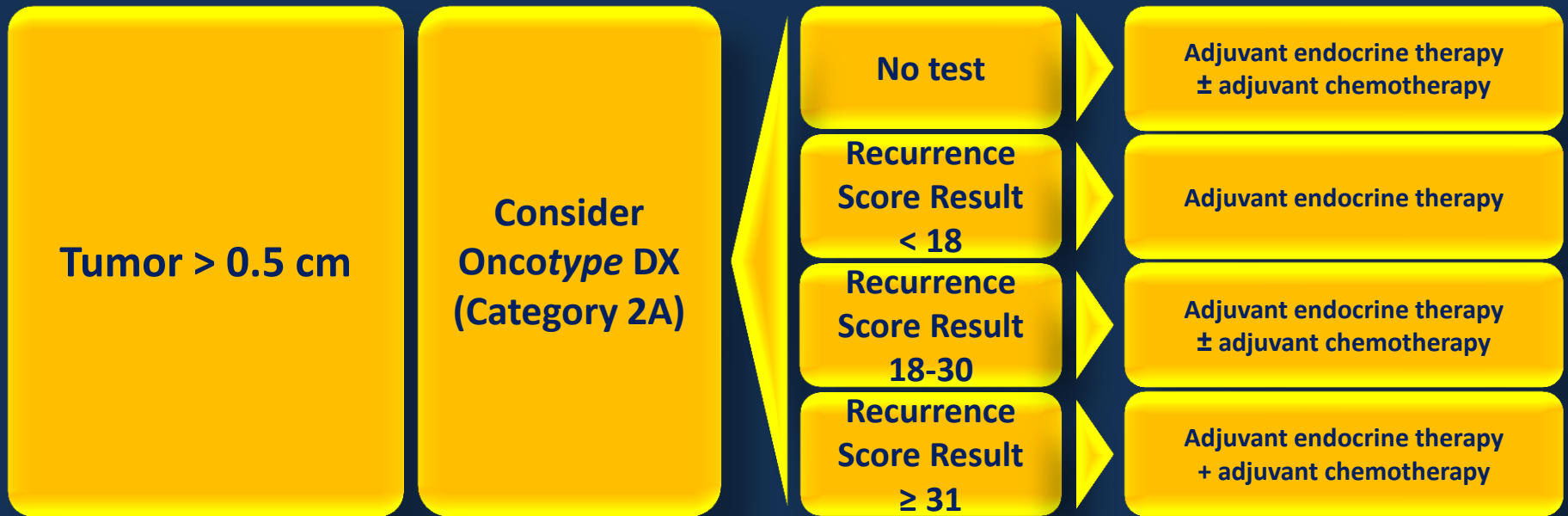
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# NCCN Guidelines® Include Oncotype DX® Testing in the Treatment-Decision Pathway for Node-negative and Micrometastatic Disease

HR(+), HER2(-) disease

pT1, pT2, or pT3; pN0 and pN1mi ( $\leq 2$  mm axillary node metastasis)



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# The Oncotype DX<sup>®</sup> Assay Uses a Genomic Approach to Predict Recurrence Risk and Response to Adjuvant Therapy

## 16 INFORMATIVE CANCER GENES AND 5 REFERENCE GENES

Estrogen	Proliferation	HER2	Invasion	Others	Reference
ER PR Bcl2 SCUBE2	Ki-67 STK15 Survivin Cyclin B1 MYBL2	GRB7 HER2	Stromelysin 3 Cathepsin L2	CD68  GSTM1  BAG1	Beta-actin GAPDH RPLPO GUS TFRC

Risk category	The Recurrence Score <sup>®</sup> value (0-100)
Low	< 18
Intermediate	18-30
High	≥ 31

# Clinical Validation of the Oncotype DX<sup>®</sup> Assay in Node-positive Patients

Study	Design	Total N	Nodal status	Prognostic	Predictive
TransATAC <sup>1</sup>	Prospective; tam vs AI	1231	Neg/Pos	Yes	N/A
ECOG 2197 <sup>2</sup>	Prospective; hormonal + AC vs AT	465	Neg/Pos	Yes	N/A
NSABP B-28 <sup>3</sup>	Prospective; tam + AC vs AC-P	1065	Pos	Yes	N/A
SWOG 8814 <sup>4</sup>	Prospective; tam ± chemo	367	Pos	Yes	Yes Recurrence Score <sup>®</sup> result predicts chemotherapy benefit

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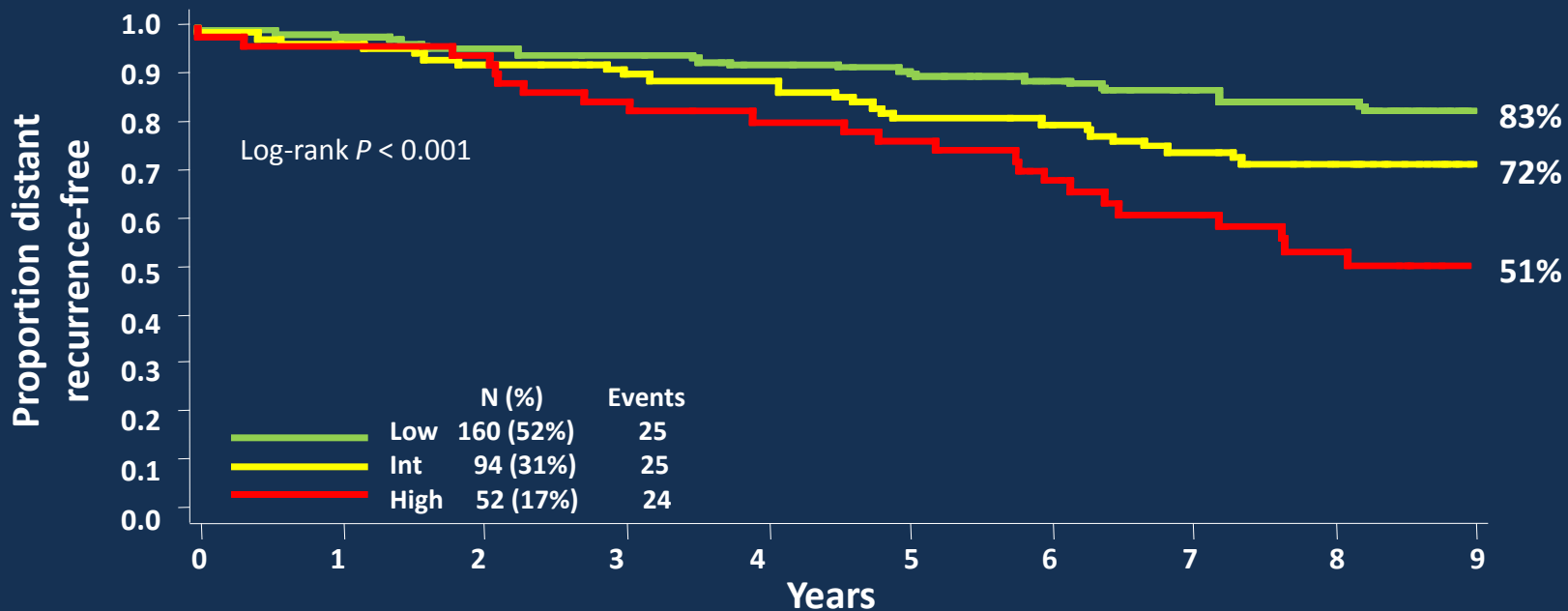
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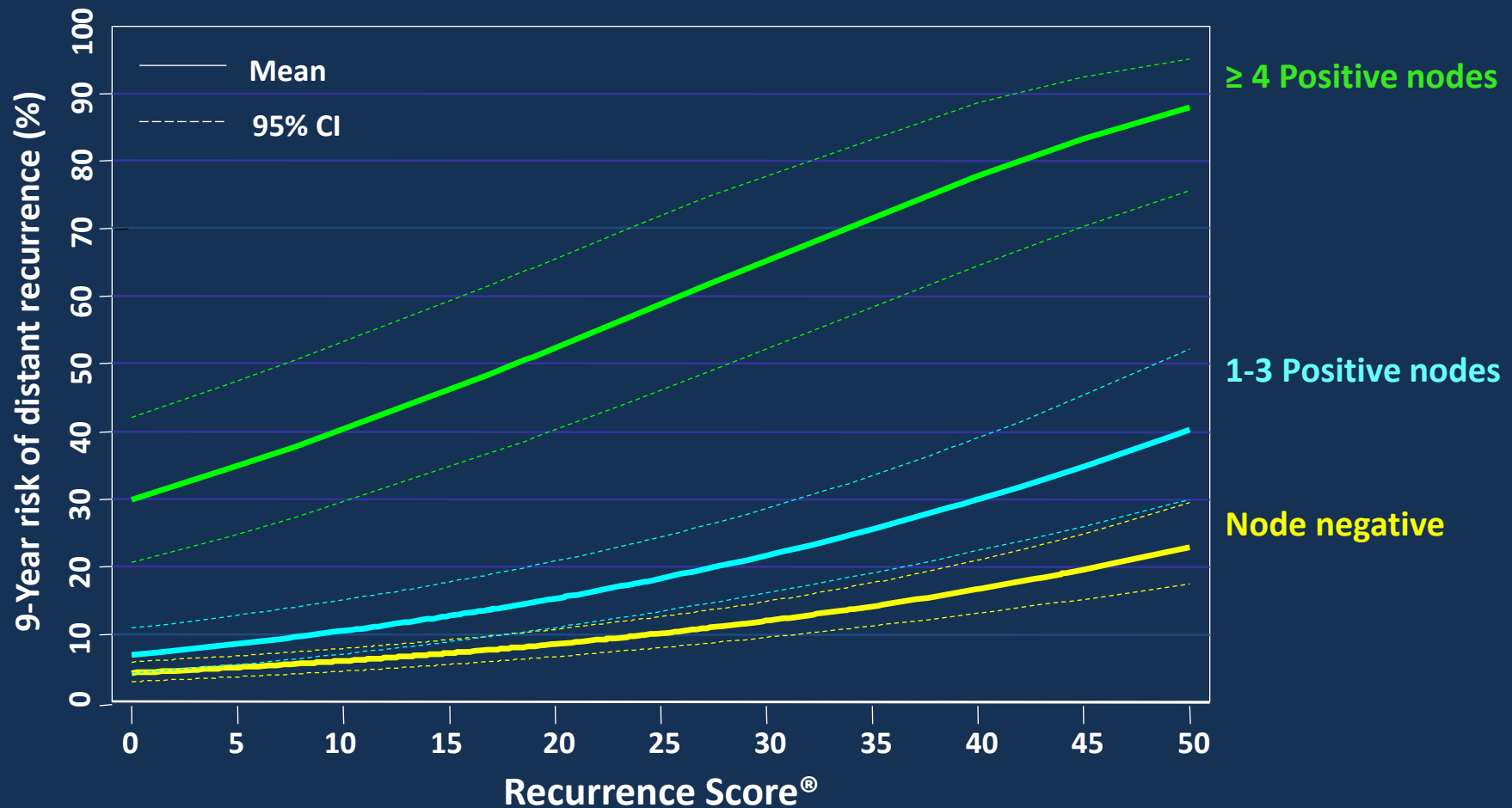
# TransATAC Study: Recurrence Score<sup>®</sup> Value is Prognostic in Node-positive Patients

Node+ (n = 306; both treatment arms)



The Recurrence Score group	Hazard ratio (95% CI)
High vs Low	2.7 (1.5-5.1)
Int vs Low	1.8 (1.0-3.2)

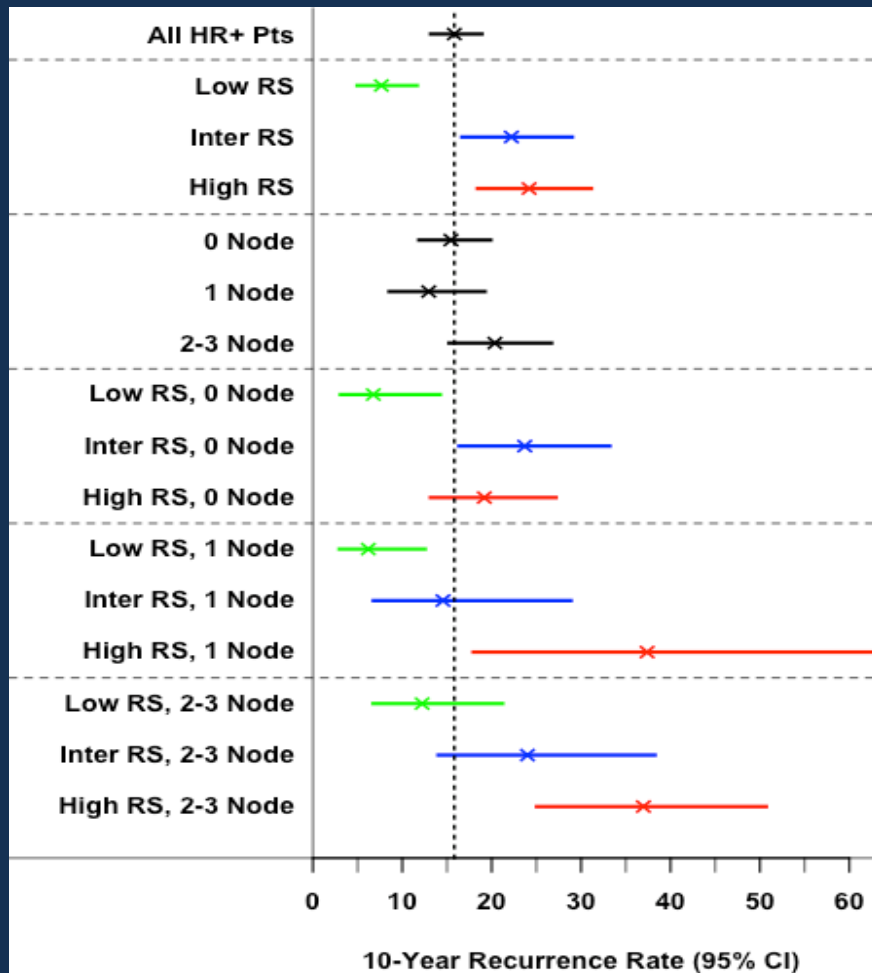
# Rate of Distant Recurrence Increases with the Number of Positive Nodes for all Recurrence Score<sup>®</sup> Values



**Not all node-positive patients have the same risk of recurrence**

# ECOG 2197: The Recurrence Score<sup>®</sup> Result Predicts Risk of Recurrence Irrespective of Nodal Status

## 10-Year Recurrence Rates

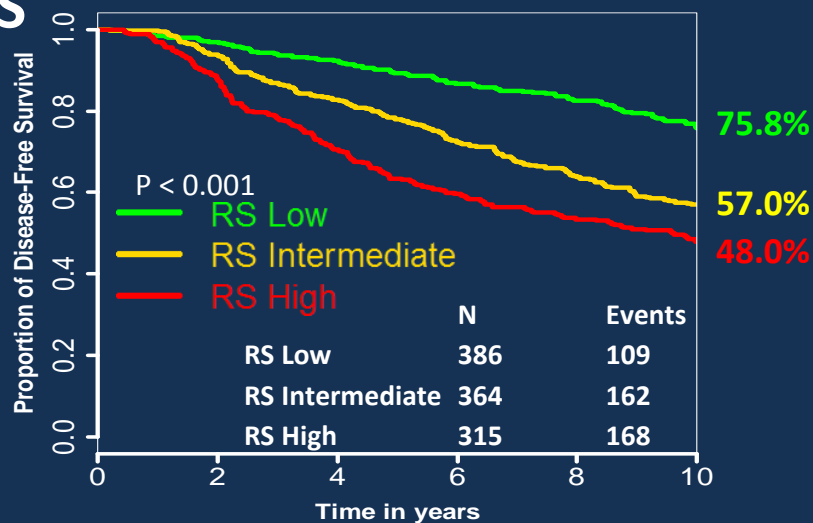


There is little difference in recurrence rates for 1 and 0 positive nodes

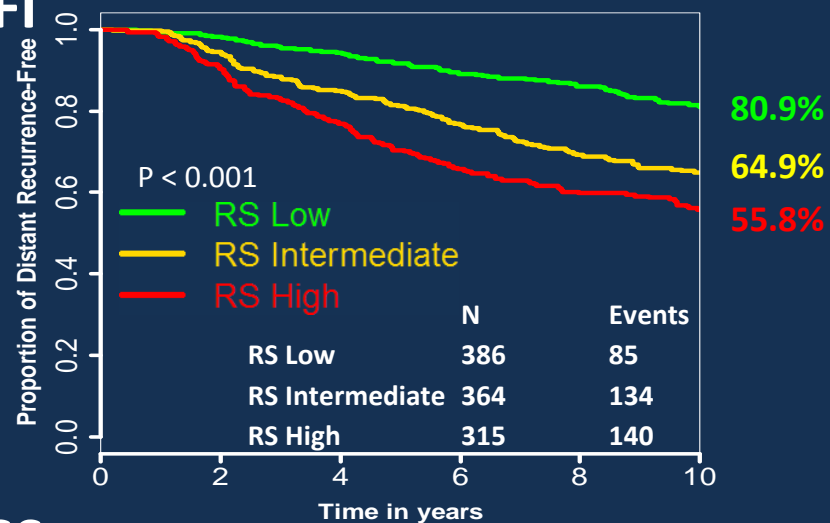
The Recurrence Score result was a highly significant predictor of recurrence in chemo-treated patients regardless of nodal status N- ( $p=0.003$ ) or N+ ( $p=0.0007$ ).

# NSABP B-28: The Recurrence Score<sup>®</sup> Result is Prognostic in Chemo-treated Node-positive Patients by all Endpoints

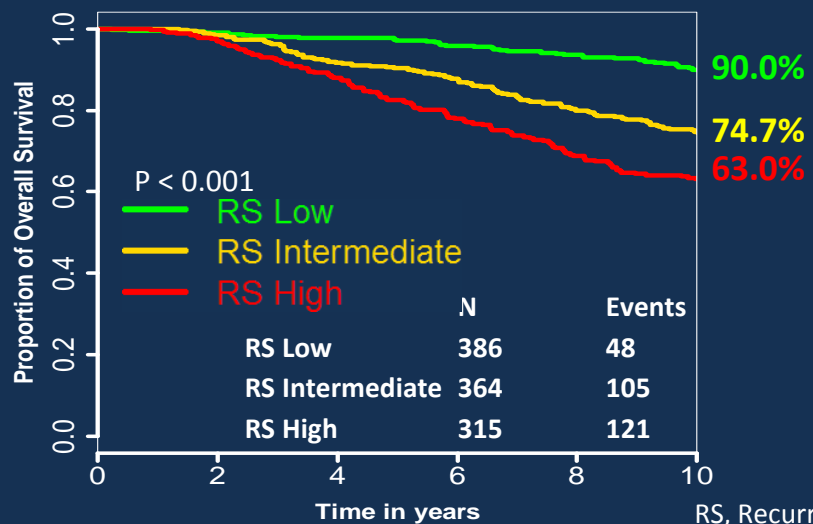
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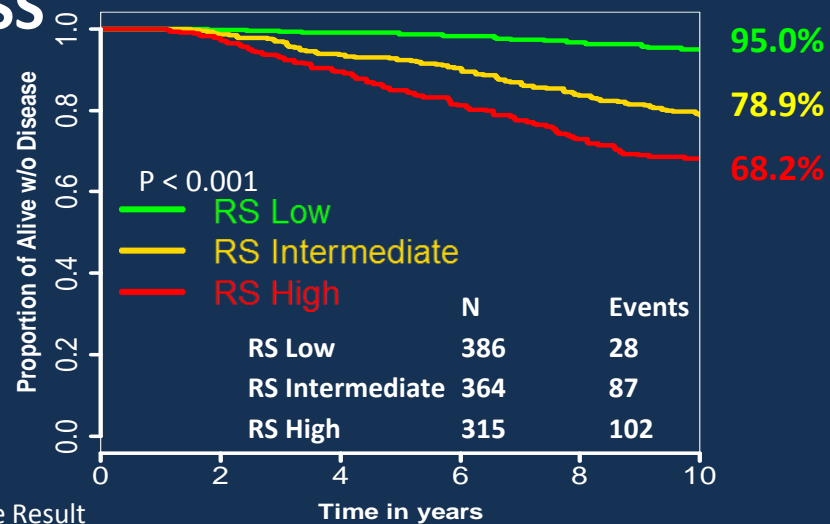
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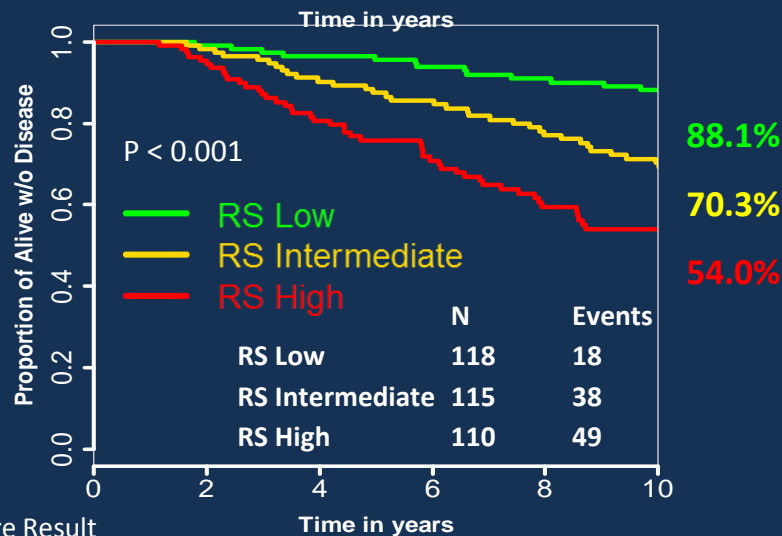
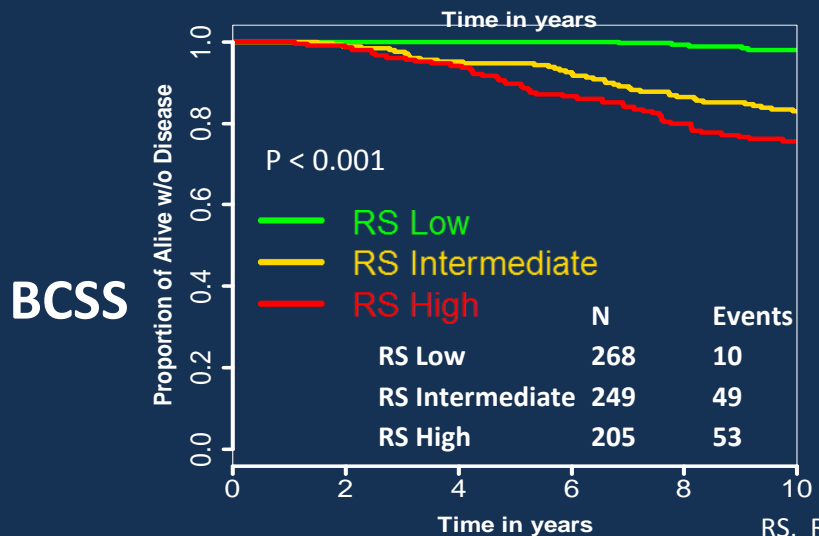
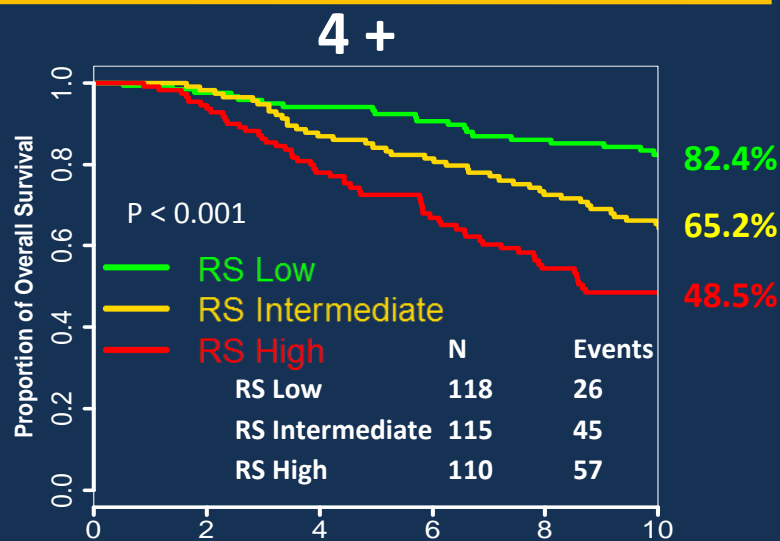
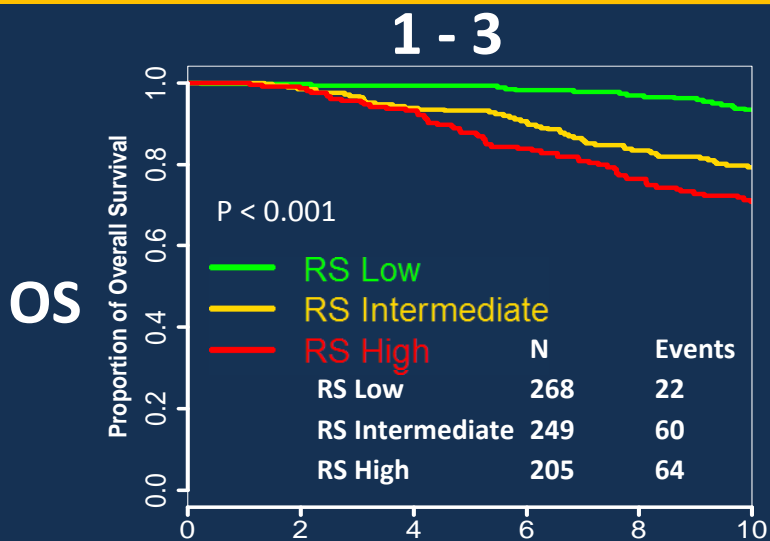
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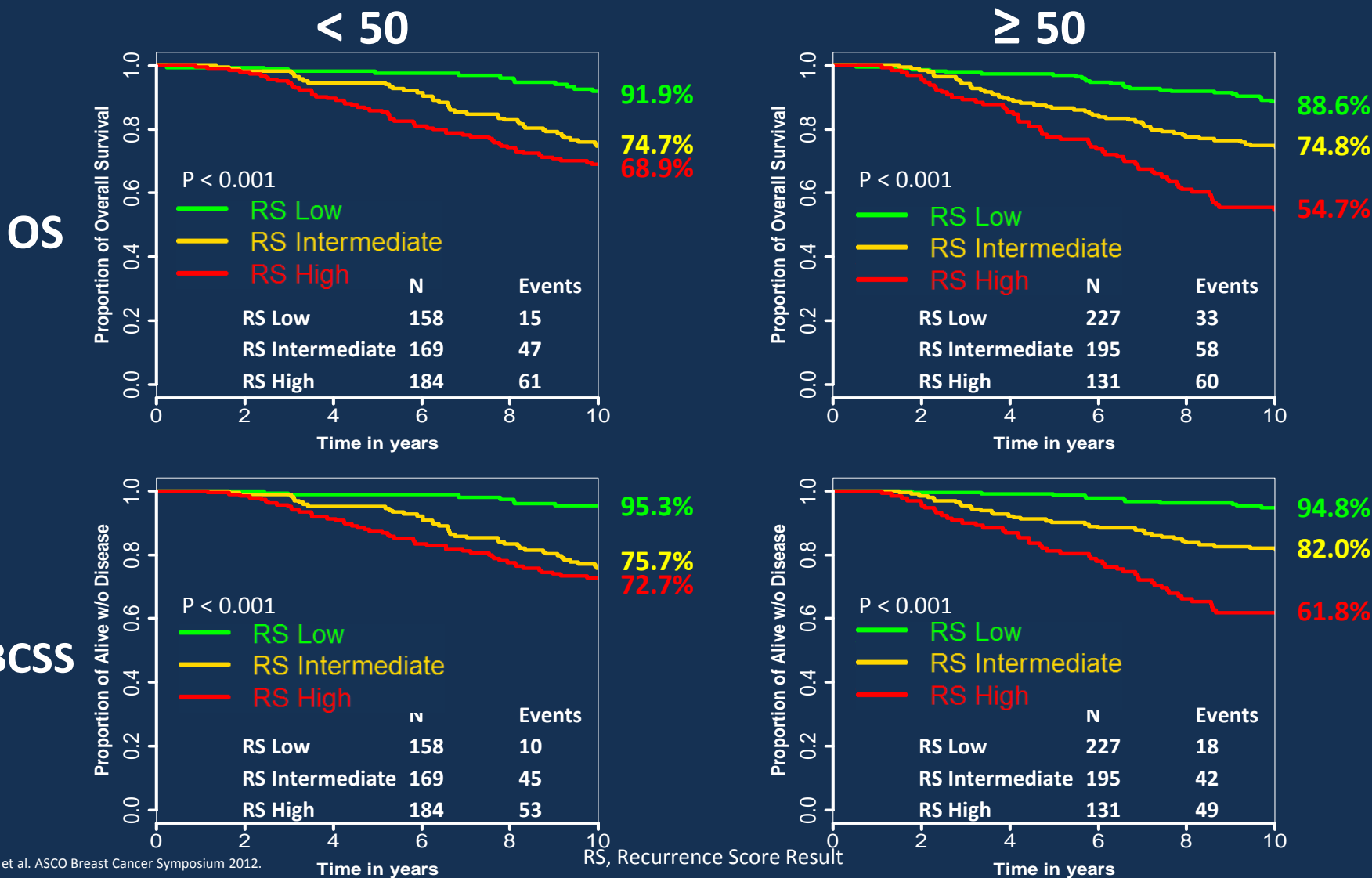


# NSABP B-28: The Recurrence Score<sup>®</sup> Result is Prognostic in Chemo-treated 1-3 or 4+ Node-positive Patients



RS, Recurrence Score Result

# NSABP B-28: The Recurrence Score<sup>®</sup> Result is Prognostic in Chemo-treated Node-positive Patients Regardless of Age <50 or ≥ 50



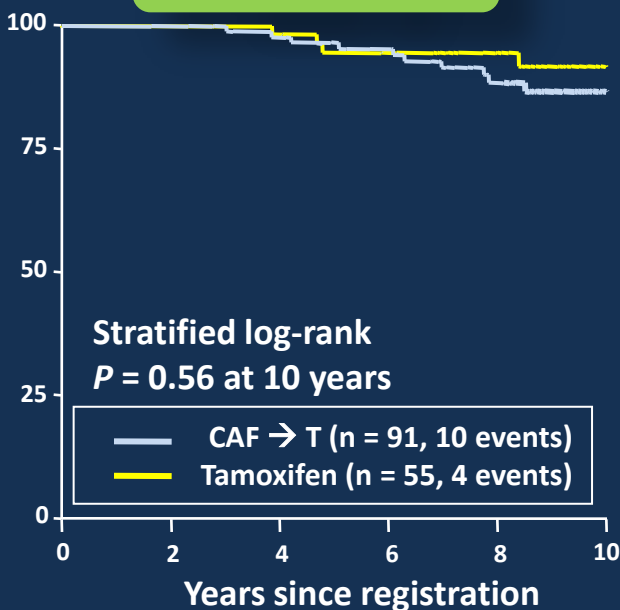
# SWOG 8814: Breast Cancer-Specific Survival of Node-positive Patients by Treatment and the Recurrence Score® Group

## BREAST CANCER-SPECIFIC SURVIVAL BY TREATMENT

Recurrence Score  
Result < 18

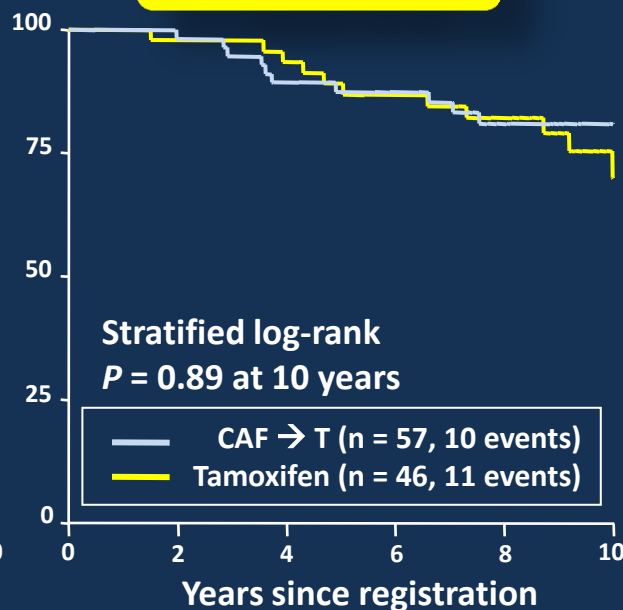
Recurrence Score  
Result 18-30

Recurrence Score  
Result ≥ 31



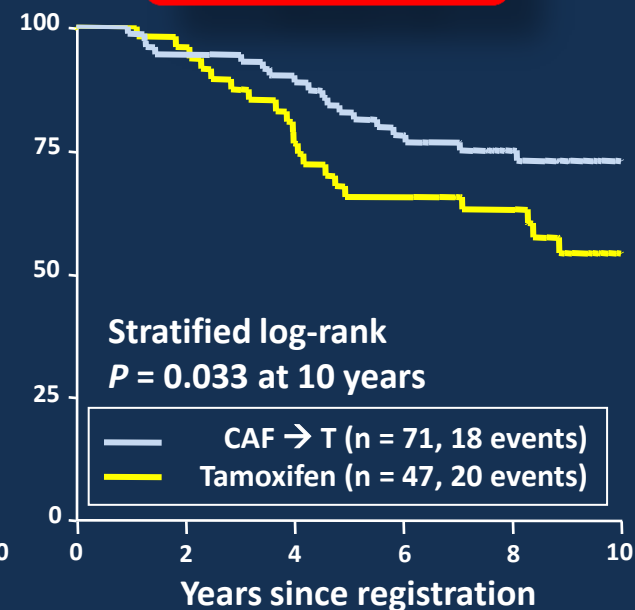
10-yr BCSS

T: 92% vs CAF→T: 87%



10-yr BCSS

T: 70% vs CAF→T: 81%



10-yr BCSS

T: 54% vs CAF→T: 73%

• No benefit to CAF over time for low Recurrence Score results

Interaction  $P = 0.021$

• Strong benefit to CAF over time for high Recurrence Score results

# The Oncotype DX<sup>®</sup> Report Provides Valuable Information Along a Continuum of ER+ Breast Cancer



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## PATIENT REPORT

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Sex: Female  
DOB: 01/01/1950

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Order Received: 10/15/2008  
Date Reported: 10/23/2008

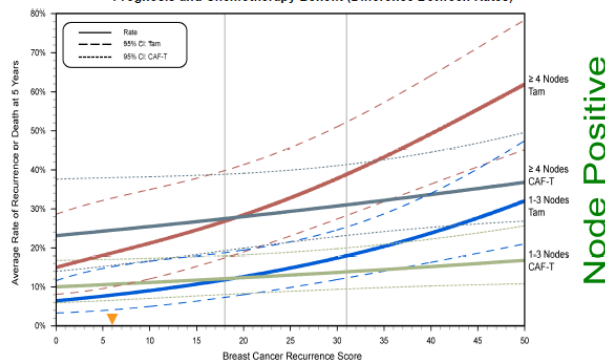
## RESULTS

**Breast Cancer Recurrence Score = 6** The findings summarized in the Clinical Experience sections of this report are applicable to the patient populations defined in each section. It is unknown whether the findings apply to patients outside these criteria.

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE: PROGNOSIS AND CHEMOTHERAPY BENEFIT FOR NODE POSITIVE, HR-POSITIVE PATIENTS

The following results are from a clinical study involving 367 patients from the SWOG 8814 Study. This study included post-menopausal female patients with Node Positive, Hormone Receptor (HR)-Positive breast cancer. Patients were randomized to either tamoxifen alone or CAF chemotherapy followed by tamoxifen (CAF-T). The endpoint for this study was disease-free survival (time to local or distant recurrence, new primary breast cancer, or death from any cause) and outcomes after 5 years of follow-up were presented. Note that this differs from the endpoint and follow-up time used in the two NSABP studies of Node Negative, ER-Positive patients. For patients in the pre-specified group with Recurrence Scores  $\geq 31$  and 1-3 positive nodes, the group average 5-year rates (95% CI) of recurrence or death were 31% (17%, 52%) for Tam alone and 28% (15%, 46%) for CAF-T. For patients in the pre-specified group with Recurrence Scores  $\geq 31$  and  $\geq 4$  positive nodes, the group average 5-year rates (95% CI) of recurrence or death were 52% (33%, 74%) for Tam alone and 32% (20%, 50%) for CAF-T. San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium 2007 Abstract #10.

Recurrence Score vs Recurrence or Death in Node Positive, HR-Positive Breast Cancer Prognosis and Chemotherapy Benefit (Difference Between Rates)



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- The Oncotype DX report provides valuable information on:
  - Prognosis
  - Predicted chemotherapy benefit
  - Quantitative data on ER/PR/HER2
- Node-positive report contains an additional page with prognosis and predicted chemo benefit information specific to node-positive patients

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# The Oncotype DX<sup>®</sup> Assay Changes Treatment Decisions in Multiple Studies Worldwide

Study	Country	Type	Patients (N)	Nodal status	Change (%)
Gligorov <sup>1</sup>	France	Prospective	96	N0/N1mi	36
Holt <sup>2</sup>	England	Prospective	142	N0/N1mi	26.8
Blohmer <sup>3</sup>	Germany	Prospective	366	N0/N1	33.1
Bargallo <sup>4</sup>	Mexico	Prospective	96	N0/N1	32
De Boer <sup>5</sup>	Australia	Prospective	151	N0/N1	23.8
Oratz <sup>6</sup>	US	Retrospective	160	N1	51

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# Use of the *Oncotype DX*<sup>®</sup> Assay in the Node-positive Setting Changes Treatment Decisions

Study	Country	N	Nodal status	Total Change, %
Blohmer <sup>3</sup>	Germany	122	N1	27%
Bargallo <sup>4</sup>	Mexico	34	N1	38%
De Boer <sup>5</sup>	Australia	50	N1	26%
Oratz <sup>6</sup>	US	138	N1	51%

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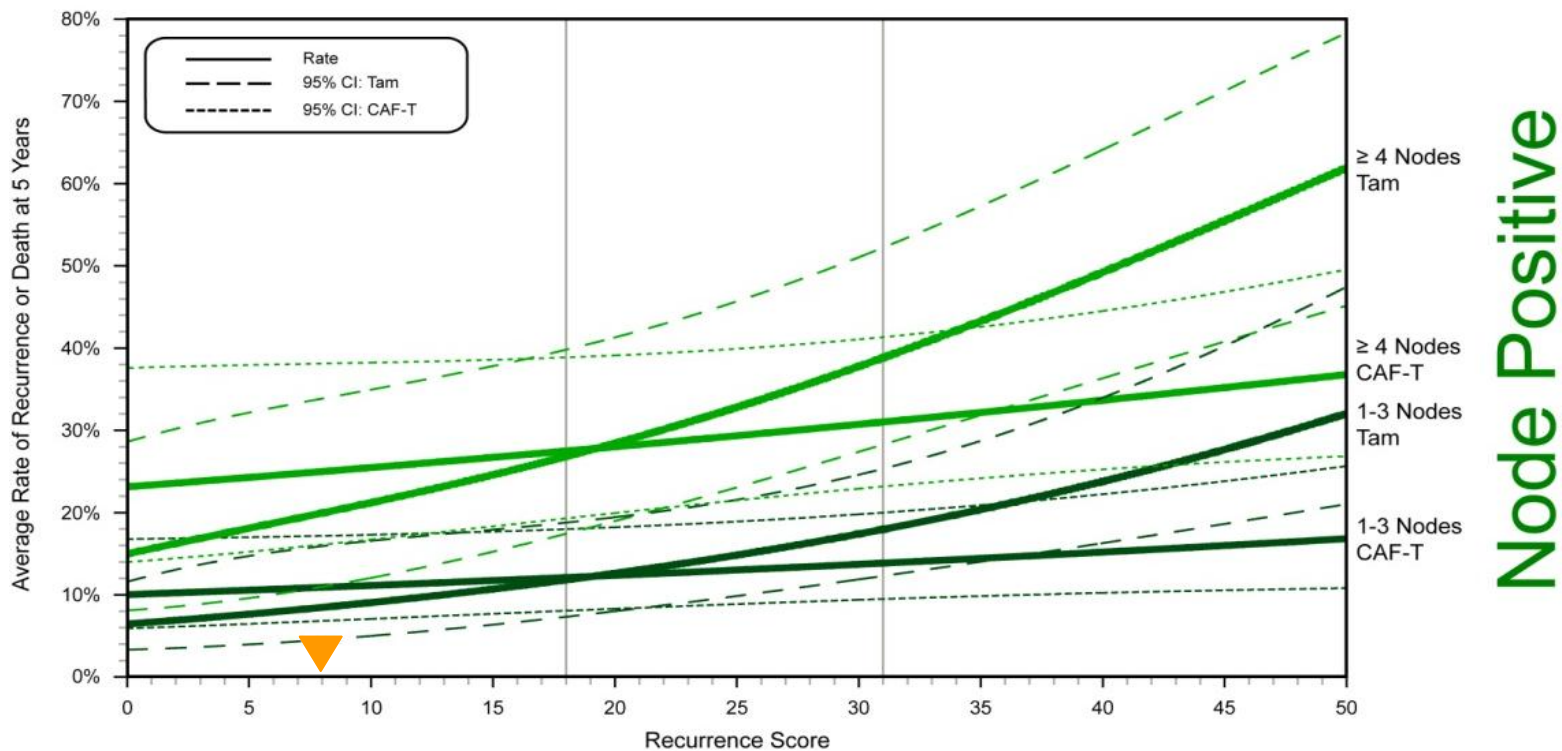
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Oncotype DX <sup>®</sup> Recurrence Score <sup>®</sup>	8

- **How can the Oncotype DX Recurrence Score result be used to inform the adjuvant treatment decision?**

# Case Study: Prognosis and Predicted Chemotherapy Benefit

Recurrence Score<sup>®</sup> vs Recurrence or Death in NODE-POSITIVE, HR+ Breast Cancer  
Prognosis and Chemotherapy Benefit (Difference Between Rates)



For node-positive patients, this page of the Oncotype DX<sup>®</sup> report should be used to discuss risk of recurrence and predicted chemotherapy benefit.

## Case Study: The Recurrence Score<sup>®</sup> Result Provides Individualized Treatment Information

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- CB considers the treatment options.
- You explain that her diabetes and heart problems could make chemotherapy a difficult course for her.
- Based on her Recurrence Score result, you and CB realize that she has a low risk of recurrence, despite nodal involvement.
- You both agree that CB should have hormonal therapy without chemotherapy.

# The Oncotype DX<sup>®</sup> Breast Cancer Assay Adds Value to Treatment Decision-Making Across the Continuum of Nodal Status

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- The Oncotype DX Recurrence Score<sup>®</sup> result allows for an individualized assessment of risk and likely response to adjuvant treatment, which can spare those who may not benefit from chemotherapy across the continuum of nodal status.
- NCCN Guidelines<sup>®</sup> include Oncotype DX testing in the adjuvant treatment decision pathway for patients with node-negative or micrometastatic disease.
- The risk of distant recurrence increases with increasing number of positive nodes.
- A low Recurrence Score result suggests a low risk of distant recurrence for patients with 1-3 positive nodes.