



# IBD: Ulcerative Colitis

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# Learning Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Review data on new biologic treatment options, their advantages/disadvantages and treatment algorithm
- Summarize the data on the need for dysplasia surveillance including which patients to surveil and how best to monitor such patients
- Understand the correlation between symptoms and mucosal disease activity, and describe what is meant by mucosal healing
- Describe the markers used to assess mucosal healing, and the patients in whom mucosal healing should be the treatment target

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# Dysplasia Surveillance: Do we need it?

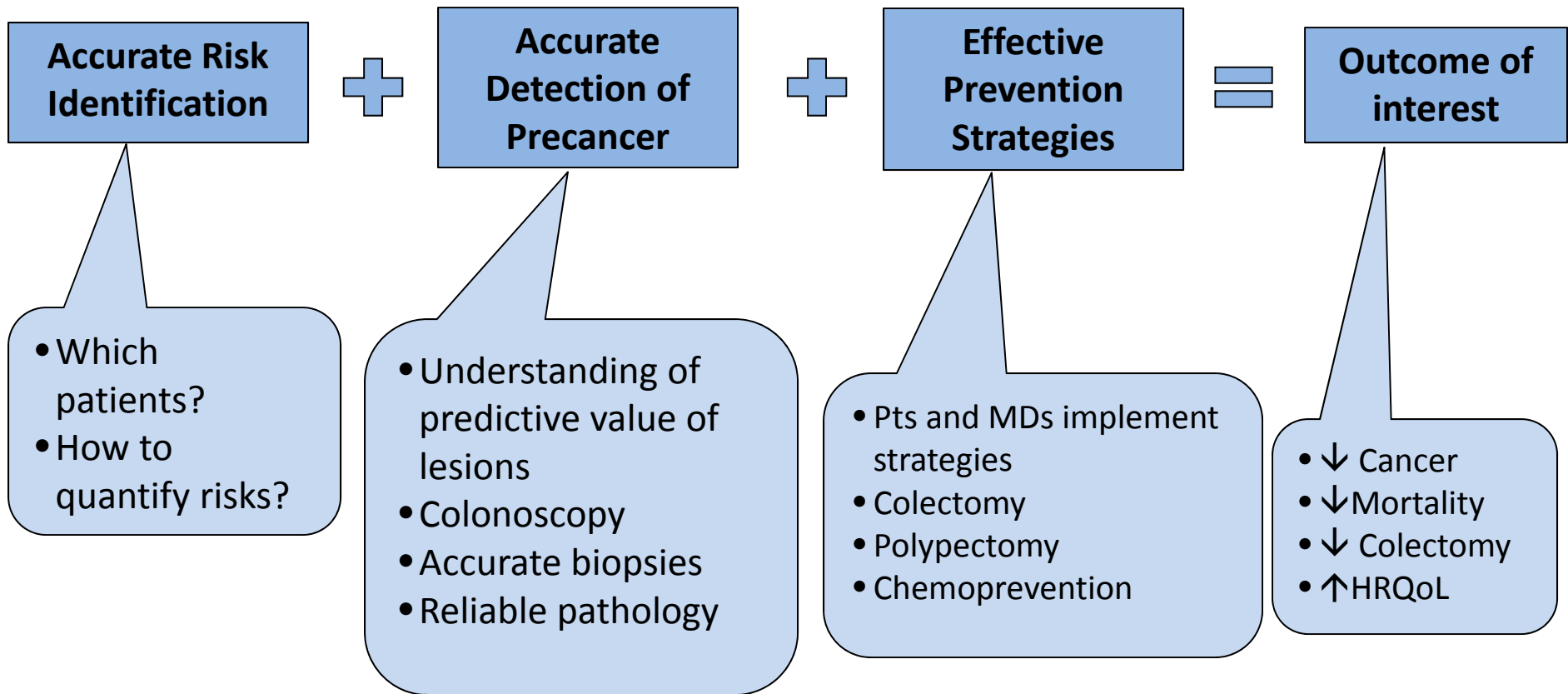
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# Learning objectives:

This presentation will address the following:

1. Why new data suggests that in 2014 we may no longer need to perform dysplasia surveillance in 2014,
2. In which patients with UC we should consider dysplasia surveillance, and
3. How best to survey those patients with UC that require such monitoring.

# The IBD-Cancer Prevention Formula





# Arguments for and against Colorectal Cancer Surveillance in IBD

## Why we should survey

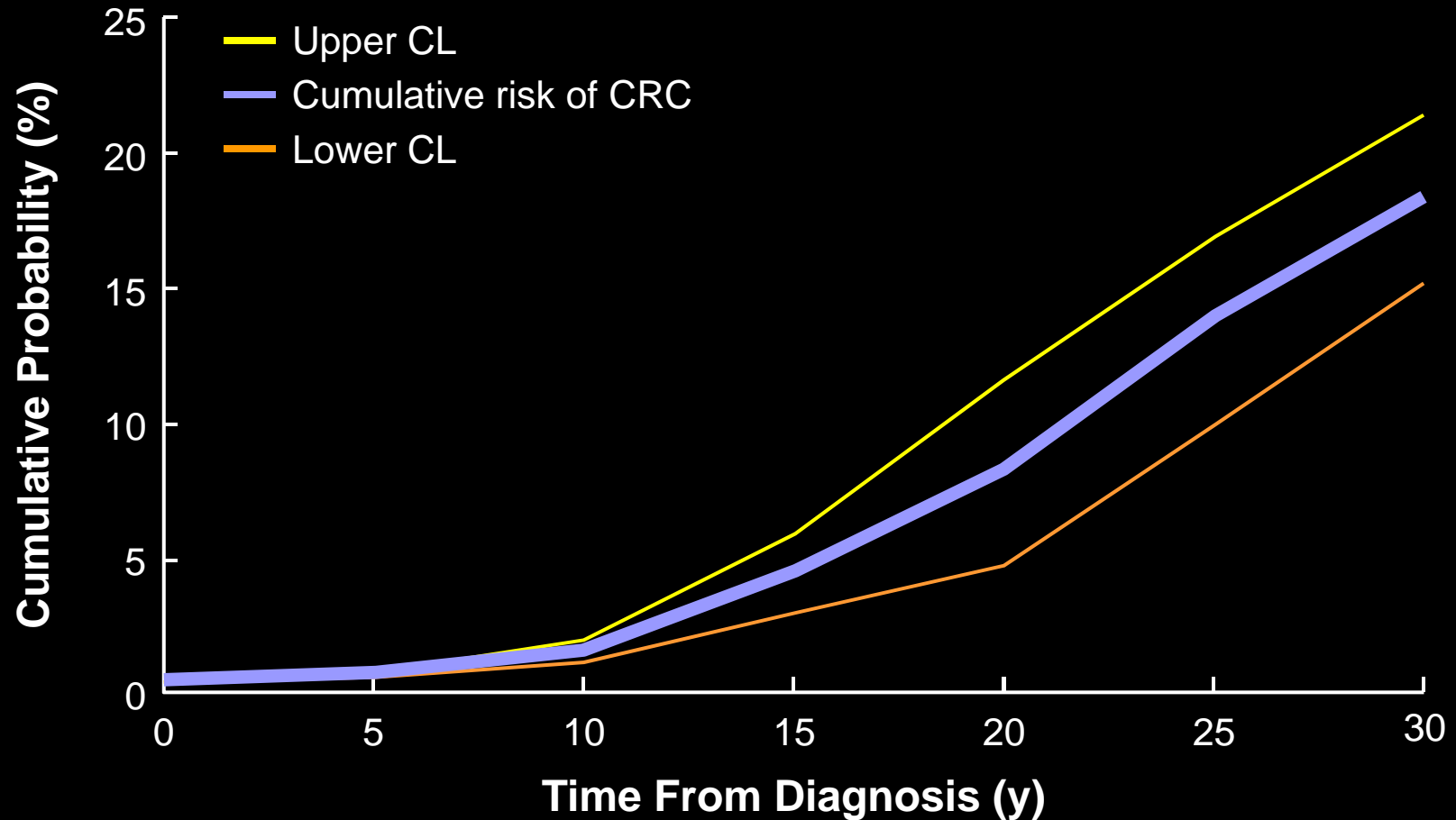
- Cancer does occur in some patients, and they are younger in general than non-IBD CRC
- Risks are well-defined
- A surveillance approach is described and has been refined

## Why surveillance may not be needed

- More recent studies suggest overall risk of CRC may not be increased compared to population
- Mortality benefit has not been shown
- Surveillance is expensive and inefficient

**Is there a  
compromise?**

# Cumulative Risk of Developing CRC in UC Historical Meta-Analysis



CL=confidence limit.

Adapted from Eaden JA, et al. *Gut*. 2001;48:526-535 with permission from BMJ Publishing Group.

# Patients with UC don't have an increased risk of Cancer.

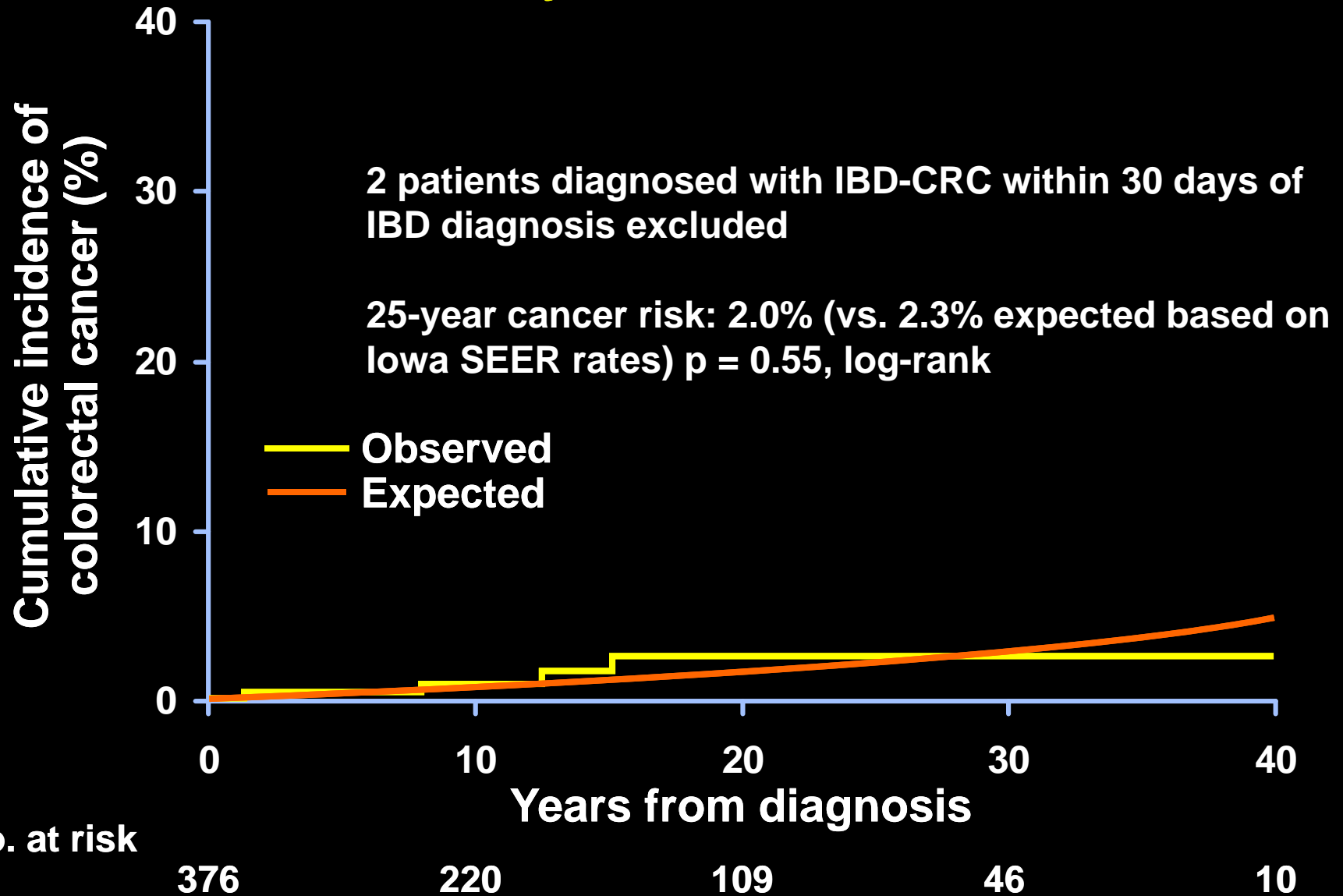
## Methods:

- A total of 1,515 patients were diagnosed with ulcerative colitis (UC) during 1978 – 2002. Patients were followed until 31 December 2010.
- Age and sex matched cohort.

## Results

- Patients with UC were not at increased risk of cancer overall (SIR, 1.12; 95 % CI, 0.97 – 1.28)
- despite increased risk of prostate cancer (SIR, 1.82; 95 % CI, 1.17 – 2.71).

# Cumulative Risk of CRC Among 376 UC Patients From Olmsted County, Minnesota, 1940-2001



Jess T, et al, Gastroenterology 2006; 130:1039-46.



# No Overall Cancer or CRC Risk in Danish population-based cohort (22,290 person-years)

**Table 5.** SMR and 95% CI for Cancer in General According to Age at Diagnosis, Disease Extent at Diagnosis, and Age and Disease Extent in Combination as Observed Among Men and Women With UC Diagnosed in Copenhagen County (1962–1987) and Followed-up Until 1997

	Men				Women			
	Observed cancers	Expected cancers	SMR	95% CI	Observed cancers	Expected cancers	SMR	95% CI
Total cohort	64	62.47	1.02	0.79–1.32	60	77.38	0.78	0.60–1.01
Age at diagnosis (y)								
0–29	10	5.91	1.69	0.81–3.11	11	9.63	1.14	0.57–2.04
30–49	13	17.93	0.73	0.39–1.24	26	33.79	0.77	0.50–1.13
50–69	32	29.94	1.07	0.73–1.51	20	27.72	0.72	0.44–1.11
70+	9	8.69	0.87	0.75–1.96	3	6.25	0.48	0.10–1.40
Disease extent at diagnosis								
Proctitis	28	28.71	0.98	0.65–1.41	26	35.93	0.72	0.47–1.06
Substantial	21	21.82	0.96	0.60–1.47	29	26.76	1.08	0.73–1.56
Pancolitis	13	9.99	1.30	0.69–2.23	4	12.81	0.31	0.09–0.80 <sup>a</sup>
Unknown	2	1.95	1.03	0.12–3.70	1	1.88	0.53	0.01–2.96
Substantial or pancolitis								
0–29	6	3.34	1.80	0.66–3.92	5	3.94	1.27	0.41–2.96
30–49	6	10.12	1.01	0.73–1.35	12	15.54	0.77	0.40–1.35
50+	22	18.34	1.20	0.75–1.81	16	20.10	0.79	0.46–1.29

<sup>a</sup>Confidence interval excluding 1.00.

# Cumulative Risk of Colorectal Cancer in IBD Referral Center v. Population Based Studies

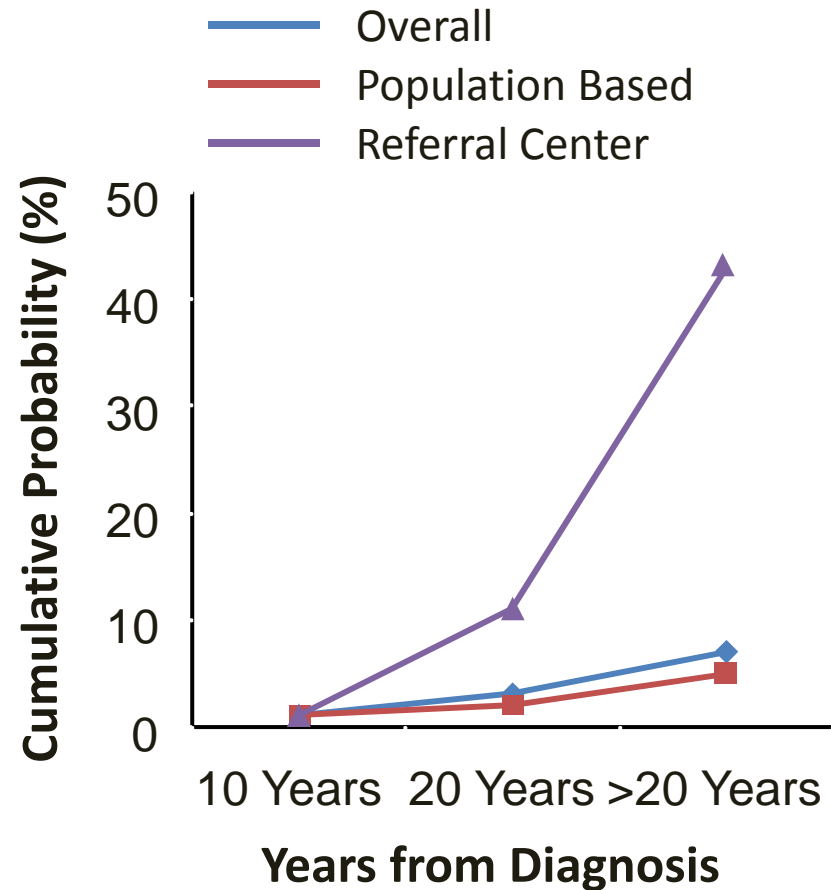
9 recent population-based studies

323,536 person-years

Standardized Incidence Ratio  
equal for CD, UC and IBD  
combined

1.7 (95% CI, 1.3-2.1)

## Cumulative Risk in IBD Patients



# Updated Risk Factors for Dysplasia and Colorectal Cancer in Ulcerative Colitis

- Longer duration of disease
- Greater extent of colonic involvement
- Increased inflammatory activity
- Family history of CRC
- Primary sclerosing cholangitis
- Younger age of diagnosis
- Backwash ileitis
- Mass/stricture
- Prior dysplasia
- Pseudopolyps
- Male gender

Askling J et al. *Gastroenterol.* 2001; 120(6): 1356–1362.  
Lindberg BU et al. *Dis Colon Rectum.* 2001; 44(1):77-85.  
Lutgens M et al. *Inflamm Bowel Dis.* 2013;19(4):789-99.  
Rutter M et al. *Gastroenterology.* 2004 ;126(2):451-9.  
Rubin DT et al. *Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol.* 2013; *in press.*

# Current Guidelines for Cancer Prevention in UC and Crohn's Colitis are Similar (and out of date...)

- Start at 8-10 years (except PSC)
- Intervals vary
- Biopsies at 10 cm intervals (at least 33)
- Chromoendoscopy not recommended as standard of care, but acknowledged as superior to random biopsies.
- HGD → colectomy
- Polypoid lesions completely removed → vigilant follow-up
- Unresectable/carpet lesions → surgery

Kornbluth A, Sachar DB. *Am J Gastroenterol*. 2010;105:501-523.  
Biacone L, Michetti P, Travis S, et al. *J Crohns Colitis*. 2008;2:63-92.  
Cairns S and Schofield JH. *Gut*. 2009.



# No Mortality Benefit with Surveillance in CUC

Study	Outcomes of CRC		Statistics
	Surveillance	No Surveillance	
<b>Karlen 1998</b>	2/40 deaths	18/102 deaths	<b>RR 0.28</b> 95% CI 0.07-1.17
<b>Choi 1993</b>	15/19 Duke's A-B 5 yr survival 77.2%	9/22 Duke's A-B 5 yr survival 36.3%	<b>P=0.039</b>
<b>Lashner 1990</b>	4/91 deaths	2/95 deaths	<b>RR 2.09</b> 95% CI 0.39- 11.12
<b>Cochrane Systematic Pooled Analysis 2004</b>	8/110 deaths	13/117 deaths	<b>RR 0.81</b> 95% CI 0.17-3.83

# Low Yield of Random Biopsies in Colitis Surveillance

## Most Dysplasia is Visible with White Light

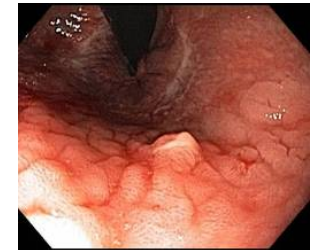
- **Random biopsies<sup>1</sup>:**

- N=167 patients, 466 surveillance colonoscopies
- 24 of 11,772 random biopsies detected neoplasia (0.2% per-biopsy yield)
- **~1 in 500 random biopsies**



- **Visible dysplasia<sup>2,3</sup>:**

- Per lesion sensitivity: 61.6%-77.3%
- Per patient sensitivity: 78.3%-89.3%



<sup>1</sup>van den Broek FJ, et al. *Am J Gastroenterol*. 2011.

<sup>2</sup>Rutter MD, et al. *Gastrointest Endosc*, 2004.

<sup>3</sup>Rubin DT, et al. *Gastrointest Endosc*, 2007.

# Performing a cost-effectiveness analysis: surveillance of patients with ulcerative colitis.

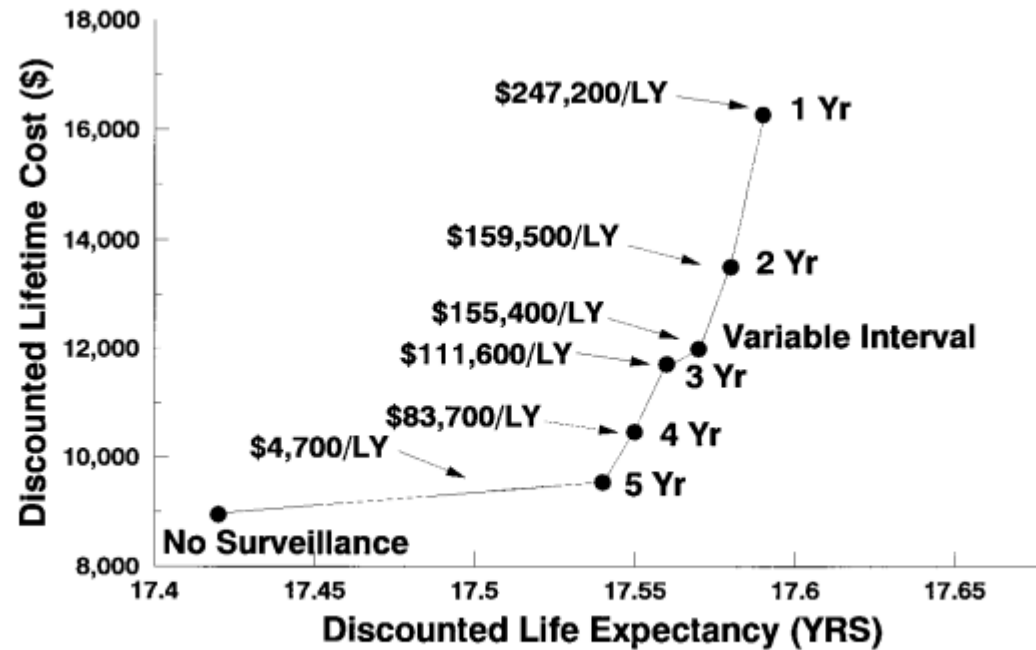


FIG. 1. Incremental cost-effectiveness ratios. The horizontal axis displays discounted quality-adjusted life expectancy in years; the vertical axis displays the average lifetime cost per patient (discounted at the rate of 5%). Each circle represents the result for a particular strategy.

# Medical decision analysis for the management of unifocal, flat, low-grade dysplasia in ulcerative colitis

**TABLE 4. Effect of the rate of progression from LGD to advanced neoplasia on QALYs and costs for immediate colectomy and enhanced surveillance\***

Cumulative incidence	Reference no.	Immediate colectomy		Enhanced surveillance	
		QALY	Cost (\$)	QALY	Cost (\$)
54% at 5 y	10, 24	20.1	75,900	19.9	84,500
53% at 5 y	15	20.1	75,900	19.9	84,400
33% at 5 y	16	20.1	75,900	19.9	83,700
10% at 10 y	17	20.1	75,900	20.0	83,000
0% at 18 y	43	20.1	75,900	20.0	82,900
0% at 18 y†	n/a	21.6	55,900	21.8	63,300

n/a, Not applicable.

\*With prevalence of synchronous cancer or HGD of 28% at initial diagnosis of LGD.

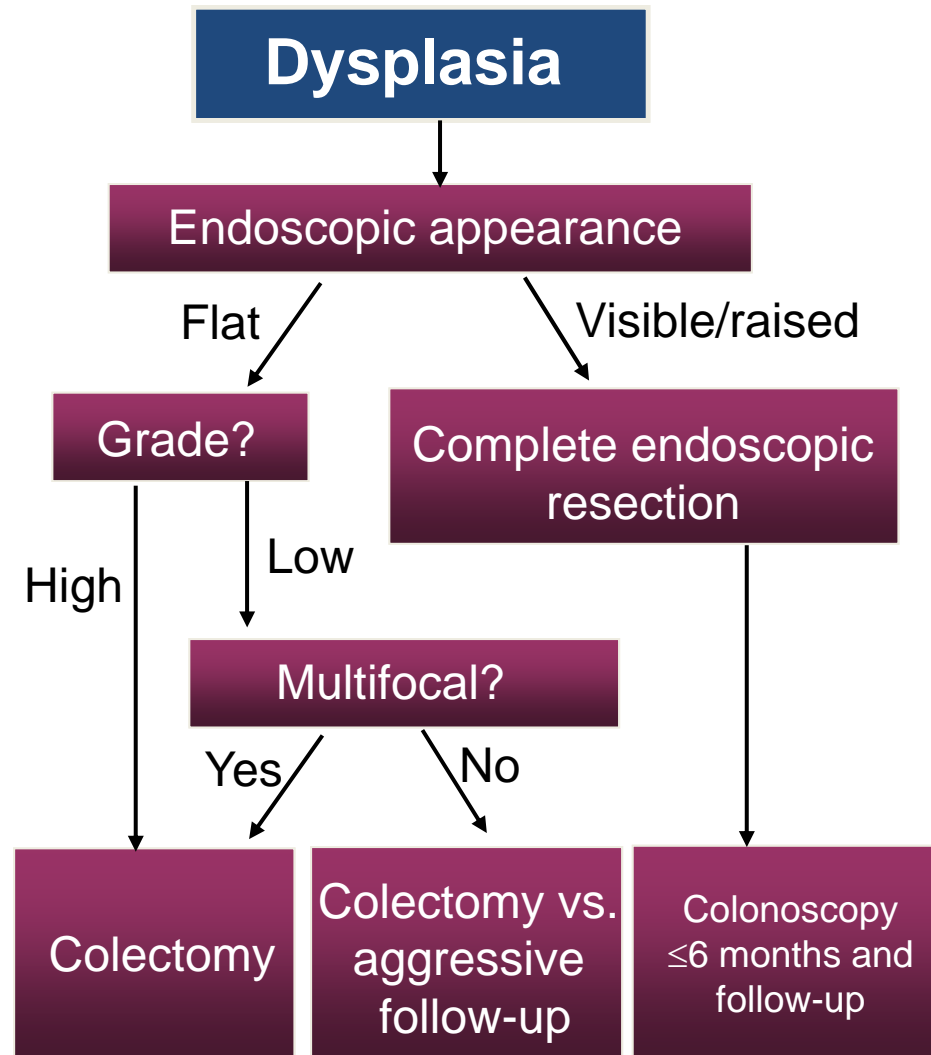
†Prevalence of synchronous cancer set to zero, and all incidences of progression set to zero for model validation.



# Approach to Visible Dysplasia in IBD

The terms “DALM” and “ALM” are being replaced by:

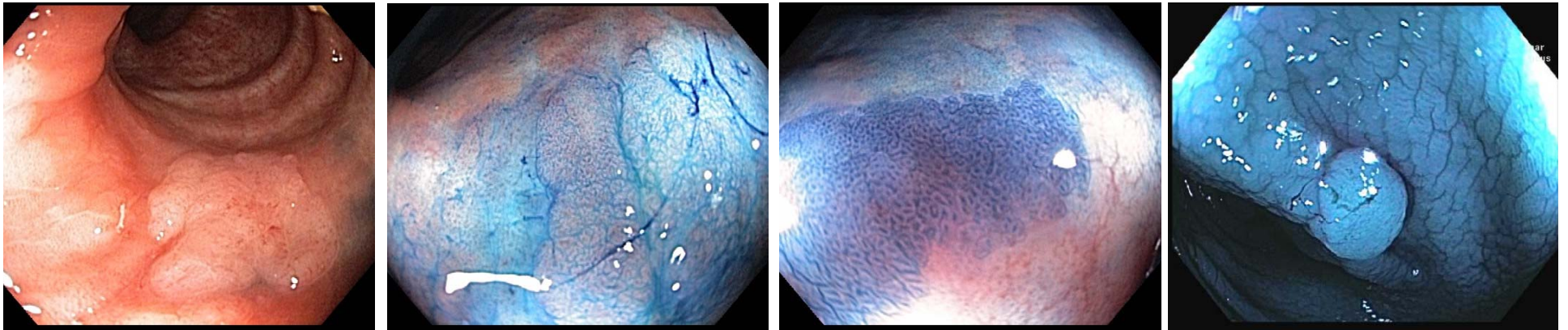
- “polypoid”
- “non-polypoid”
- “flat”
- “invisible” dysplasia



# **We Should Update our Surveillance Approach**

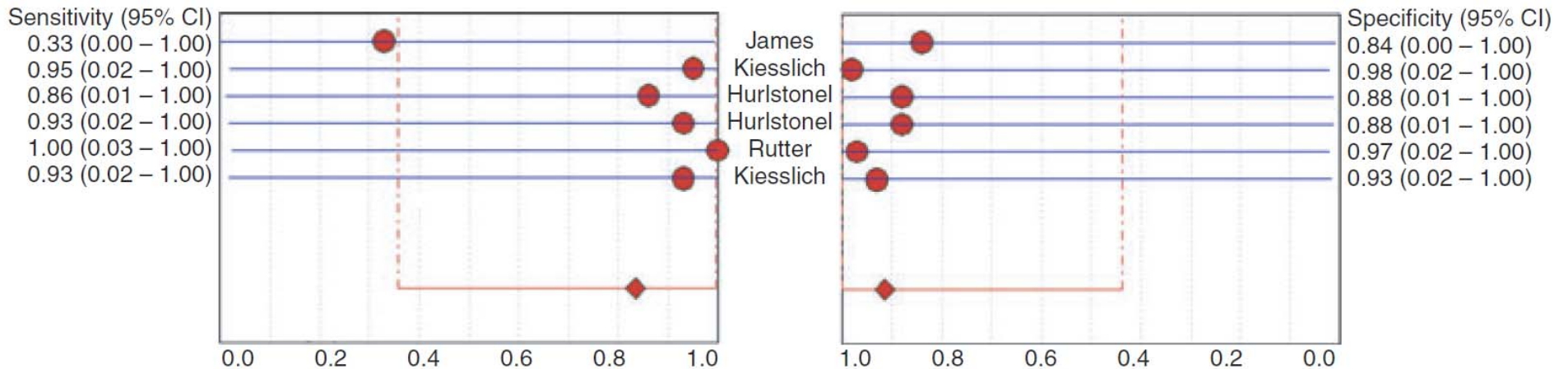
Selective Patients  
Better Techniques

# What is the utility of enhanced visualization?



# Chromoendoscopy is Highly Sensitive and Specific for Dysplasia in UC

- Meta-analysis of 6 randomized controlled trials comparing dye-spray to white light/conventional colonoscopy
- Methylene blue or indigo carmine



# What Happens to Dysplasia Found on Chromoendoscopy?

- Are we missing occult cancers?
- Dysplasia in the current age has a different predictive value than dysplasia found with earlier technology
- Current therapies prevent progression of dysplasia
- Chromoendoscopy studies:
  - Follow-up in only one study
  - Marion (NYC)
    - Follow-up with colectomy specimens
    - 5 of original 102 had colectomy due to unresectable LGD
    - **No CRC**

# Challenges to Chromoendoscopy in IBD

- Perception of time consuming and expensive (time plus supplies)
- Unclear if it changes outcomes (cancer or mortality)
- Many patients don't "qualify" for it due to poor prep or too much inflammation
- No consensus on its use in our field
- No defined training pathway or competency requirement
- Comparison to newer high definition scopes not completed

# My Approach to Chromoendoscopy

- **WHO:**
  - Pancolonic: High risk (PSC, previous confirmed dysplasia)
  - Segmental: Lesions found and require clarification
- **PREP:** needs to be CLEAN and in remission
- **TYPE:** Methylene blue diluted (my preference)
- **HOW:**
  - Standard scope. Power wash. Segmental exams. Raised lesions AND abnormal microscopic/pit patterns.
- **FOLLOW-UP:** Depends...



# Narrow Band Imaging is not Superior to Conventional Colonoscopy for Dysplasia Detection in UC

Study	Design	N	NBI	WLE
Dekker et al. (2007)	Tandem	42	8/11 <sup>a</sup> (73%)	7/11 <sup>a</sup> (64%)
Van den Broek et al. (2011)	Tandem	48	8/11 <sup>a</sup> (73%)	9/11 <sup>a</sup> (82%)
Ignjatovic et al. (2012)	Parallel group	112	5/56 <sup>a</sup> (9%)	5/56 <sup>b</sup> (9%)

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

# Risk Stratification of Dysplasia in Colitis

## Guide Follow-up and Colectomy Recommendations

### Pt/disease-related factors:

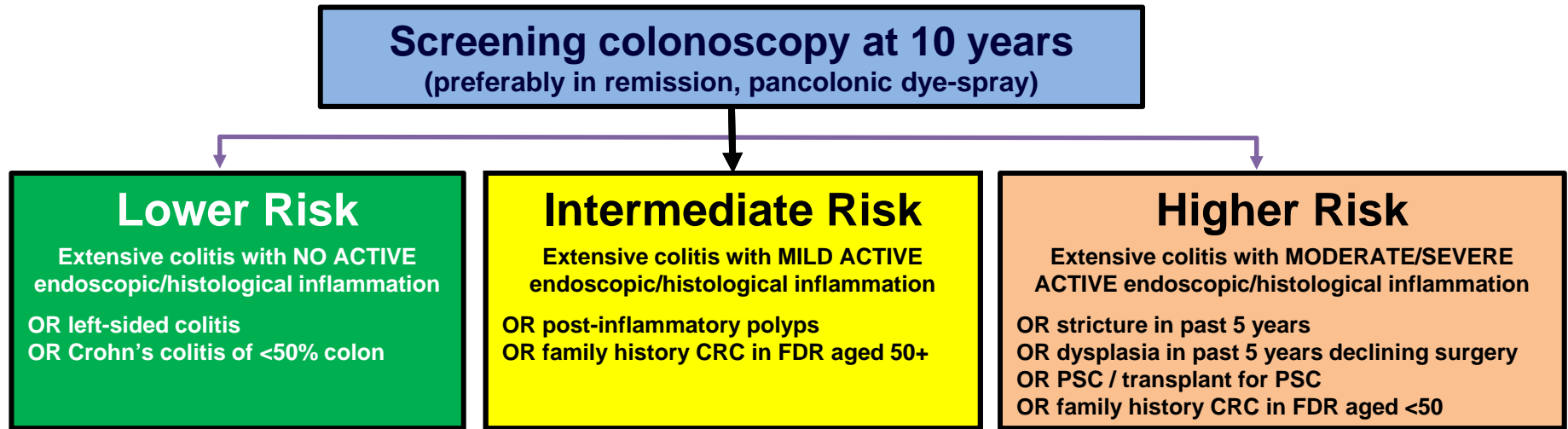
- PSC
- Family history of CRC
- Duration
- Degree of inflammation over time and on last exam
- Male v Female

### Dysplasia-related factors:

- GRADE:
  - IND vs. LGD vs. HGD
- MORPHOLOGY:
  - Flat vs. Polypoid
  - “Invisible” vs. raised
- FIELD EFFECT/SYNCHRONICITY:
  - Unifocal vs. multifocal
- LONGITUDINAL FOLLOW-UP?
  - Dysplasia on a single exam vs. metachronous lesions on serial exams

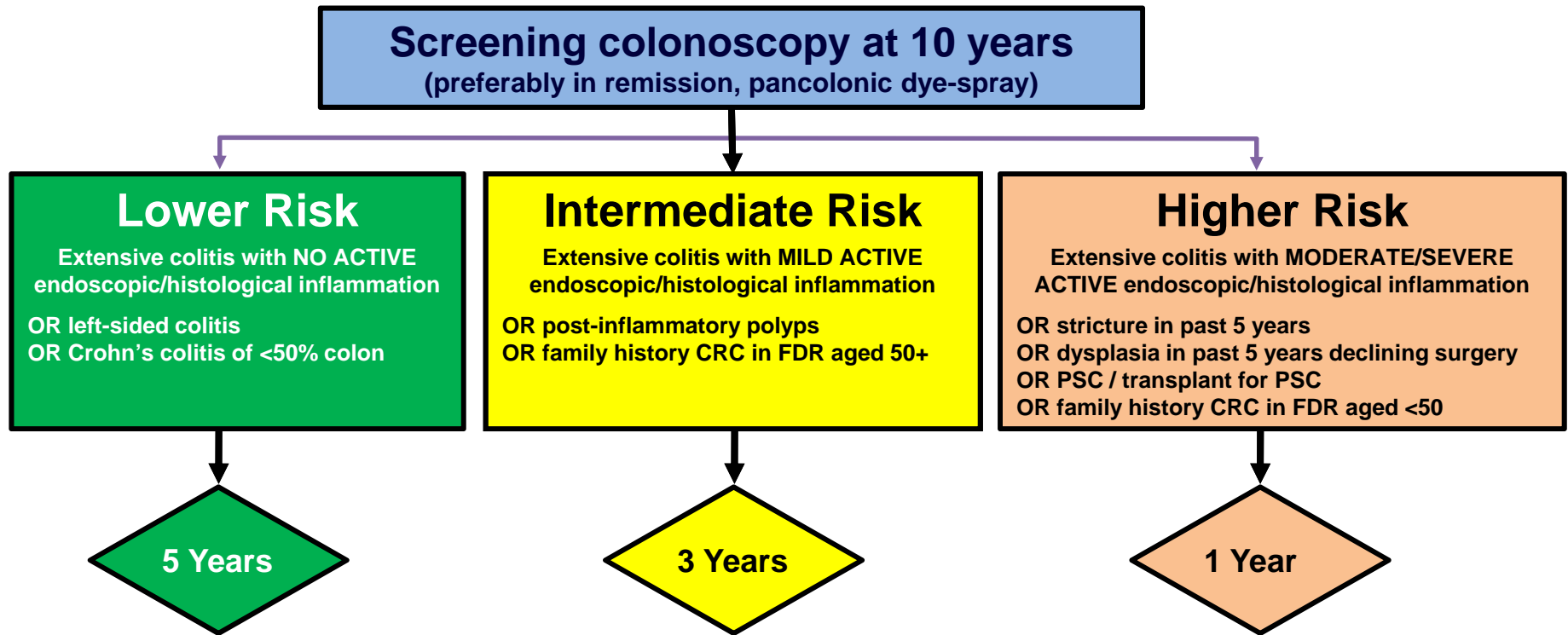
**STAY TUNED:** International Consensus Meeting on Colorectal Neoplasia in IBD, March 2014, San Francisco

# British Society Guidelines 2010



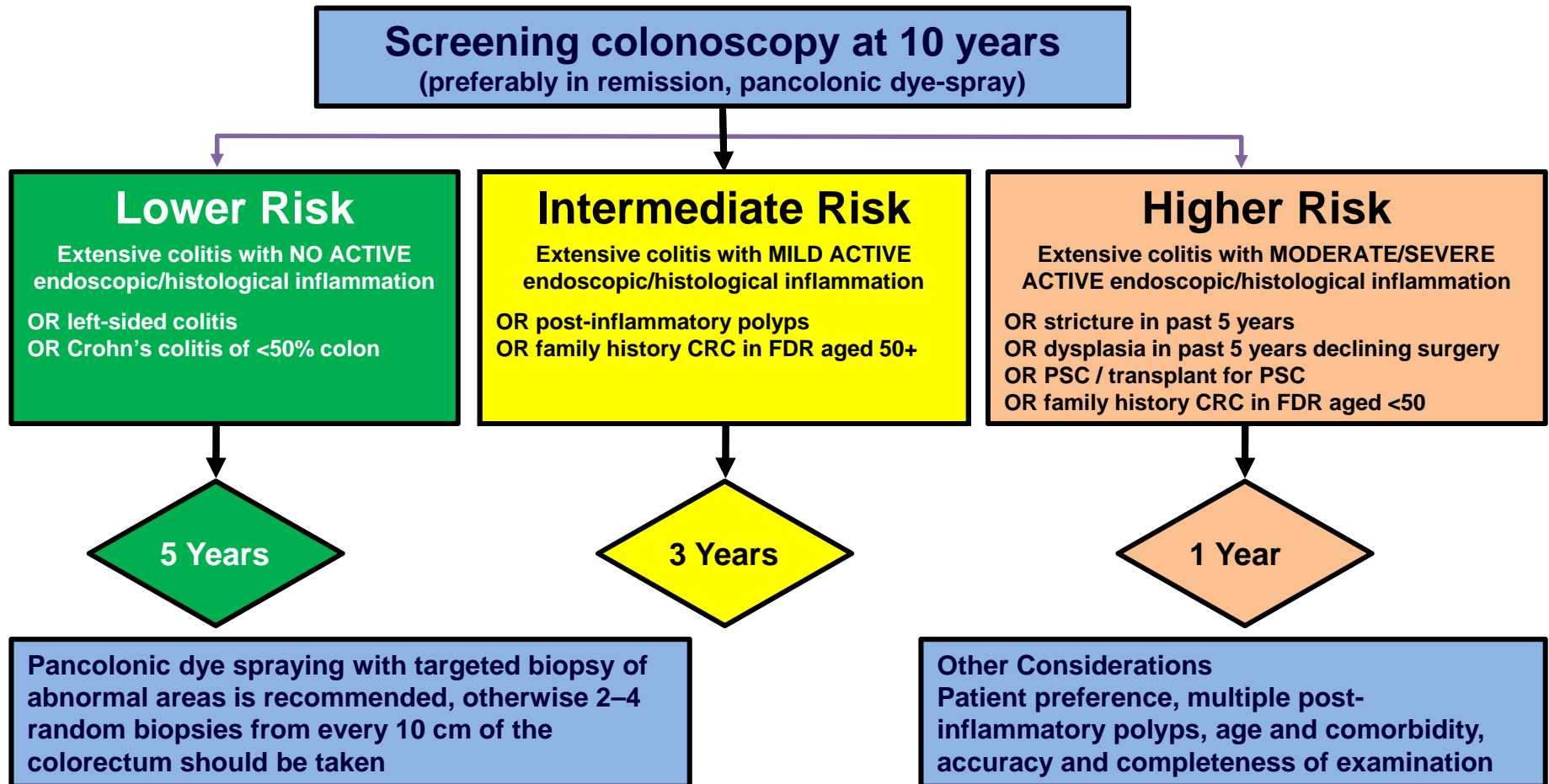
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# Summary : Surveillance for CRC in IBD

## Should We or Shouldn't We?

- The old fashioned information and approach is outdated and needs updating
  - Risks are lower in some patients
  - Random biopsies for surveillance are of limited utility.
  - Cost effectiveness is questionable with current approaches
- Surveillance colonoscopy in UC is still necessary.
  - Define “at risk” patients by multiple risk factors, including inflammation
  - Use enhanced visualization
- The impact of controlled inflammation and improved technology will result in modified approaches going forward