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*La diagnosi isto-citologica in  
ecoendoscopia:  
FNA, FNB, ROSE*

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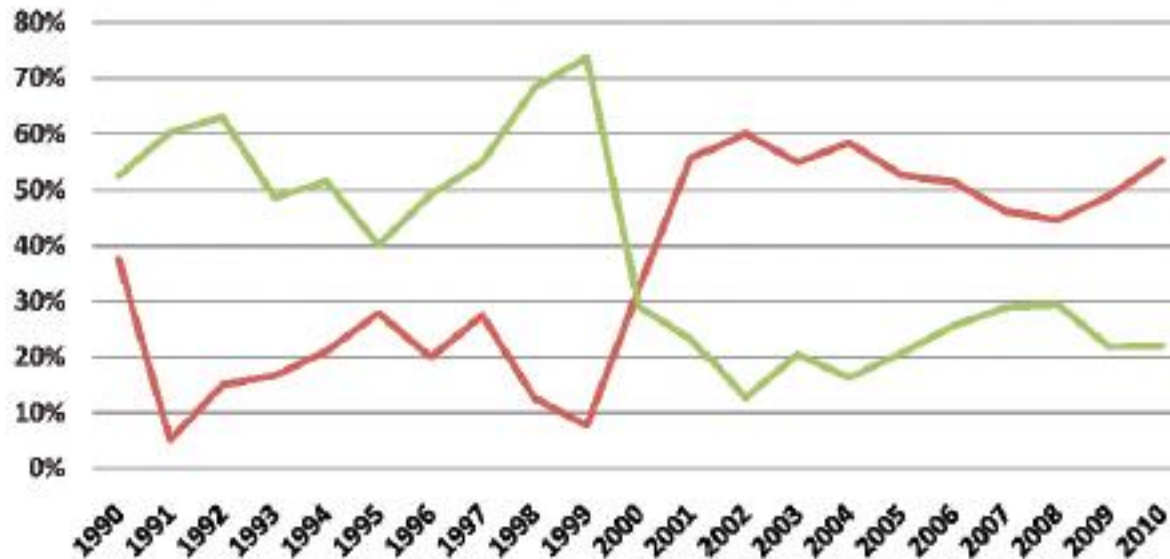




# Trends in Pancreatic Pathology Practice Before and After Implementation of Endoscopic Ultrasound-Guided Fine-Needle Aspiration



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**EUS-FNA**

**PERCUTANEOUS  
BIOPSY**

Arch Pathol Lab Med—Vol 136, April 2012



## Quality Indicators for EUS

- Diagnostic rate and sensitivity for malignancy in patients undergoing EUS-FNA of pancreatic masses  $\geq 85\%$

Wani S et al. Am J Gastroenrol 2015  
Wani S et al. Gastrointest Endosc 2015



# ESGE: performance measures guideline



Key performance	Tissue sampling during EUS
Description	Frequency of obtaining a diagnostic tissue sample in EUS-FNA or FNB of solid lesions
Domain	procedure
Rationale	Improve technical success of EUS FNA/FNB
Standard	Minimum standard: 85% Target standard: 90%
Consensus agreement for performance measure	90%
Evidence grading	Very low quality evidence

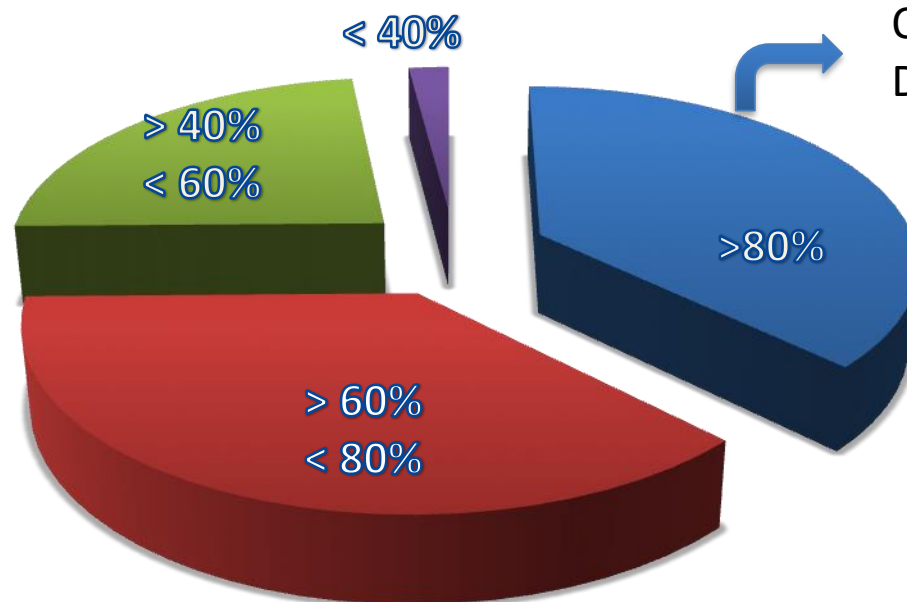


# Endoscopic ultrasonography-guided fine needle aspiration: Relatively low sensitivity in the endosonographer population



Jean-Marc Dumonceau, Thibaud Koessler, Jeanin E van Hooft, Paul Fockens

*World J Gastroenterol* 2012



Only one third reported a sensitivity for malignancy  
Diagnosis > 80%

Factors independently associated

- > 7 needle passes
- ROSE
- High volume centers
- Microcore isolation

The remaining 70%, EUS sensitivity was considerably lower than reported in literature



# Optimasing EUS-guided tissue sampling: KEY POINTS



- ✓ Endpoints of EUS-Tissue Acquisition: adequate sample, accurate diagnosis
- ✓ Most important pitfall: low diagnostic yield

## **Endosonographer experience**

Needles and techniques

## **Pathologist experience**











# Guidelines for privileging, credentialing, and proctoring to perform GI endoscopy

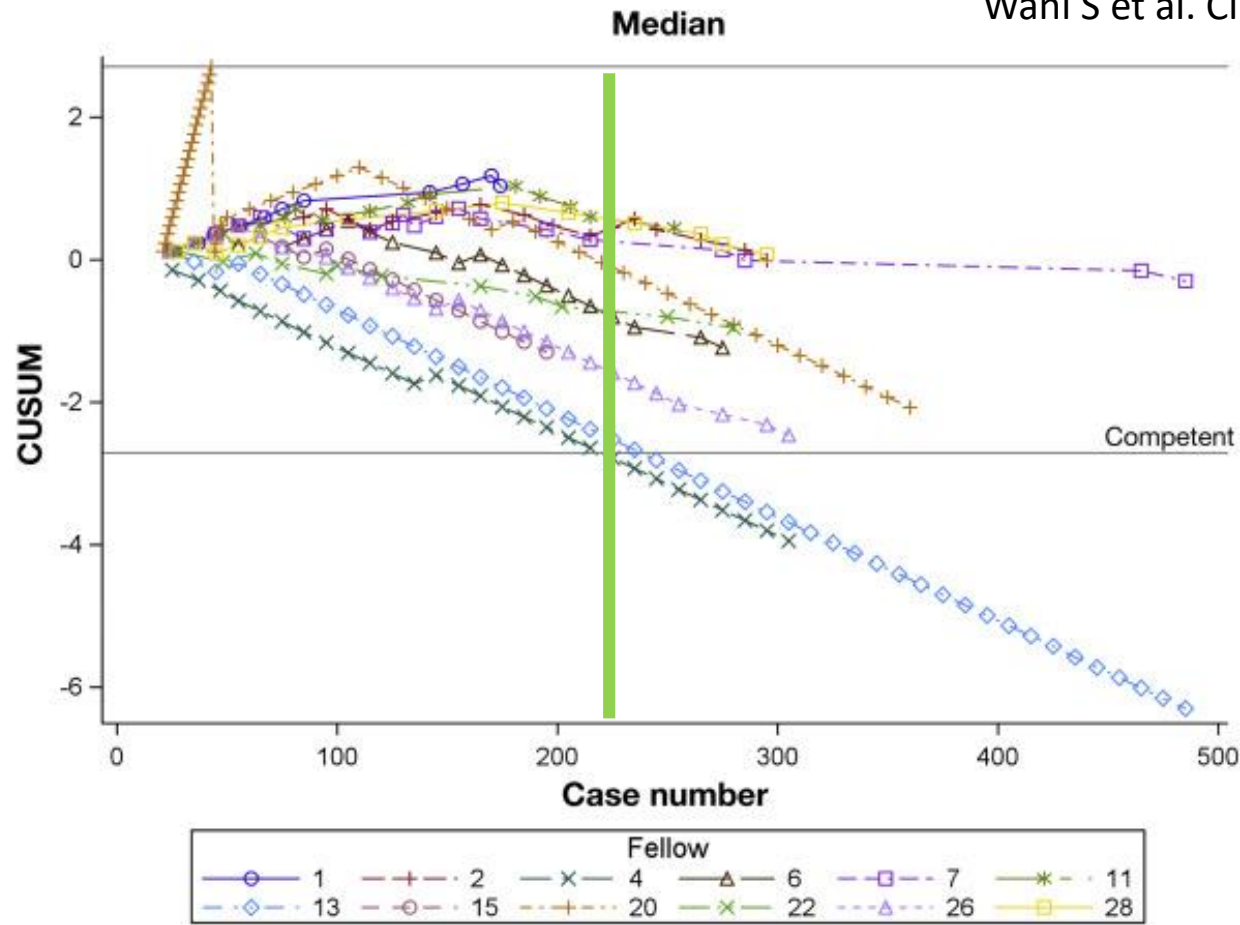
ASGE Standard Practice Committee. Gastrointest Endosc 2017

Procedure	Minimum number to be performed before assessment of competency	Quality of evidence
Moderate sedation	20	⊕○○○
Upper endoscopy	130	⊕⊕○○
Colonoscopy	275	⊕⊕⊕○
Flexible sigmoidoscopy	30	⊕⊕○○
ERCP	200	⊕⊕⊕○
Capsule endoscopy	20	⊕○○○
DE, lower	20	⊕○○○
DE, upper	10	⊕○○○
EMR (upper GI)	20	⊕⊕○○
Endoscopic submucosal dissection, stomach	30	⊕○○○
Ablation, Barrett's esophagus	30	⊕⊕○○
Enteral stent placement	10	⊕○○○
Enteral feeding tube placement	20	⊕○○○
EUS	225	⊕⊕⊕○



# Variation in Aptitude of Trainees in Endoscopic Ultrasonography, Based on Cumulative Sum Analysis

Wani S et al. Clinical Gastroenterol Hepatol 2015



## EUS

Radial  Linear  Both

### Indication for EUS (mark all that apply):

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pancreatic Mass               | <input type="checkbox"/> Biliary dilation              | <input type="checkbox"/> Abdominal/Mediastinal lymphadenopathy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Possible subepithelial lesion | <input type="checkbox"/> Pancreatic Cyst               | <input type="checkbox"/> Pancreatic Duct Dilation              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Luminal GI cancer staging     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mediastinal mass              | <input type="checkbox"/> Abdominal pain                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rule Out CBD Stones           | <input type="checkbox"/> Rule Out Chronic Pancreatitis |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                  |  |  |

## ANCHORS

**1(novice)** = unable to complete requiring trainer to take over **2(intermediate)** = achieves with multiple verbal instruction or hands on assistance **3(advanced)** = achieves with minimal verbal instruction **4 (superior)** = achieves independently **N/T**= not attempted for reasons other than trainee skill **N/A**= not applicable

### EUS: Technical Aspects:

If possible, trainee to receive one minute per station prior to first verbal instruction.

Intubation	1	2	3	4	N/T	N/A
AP window	1	2	3	4	N/T	N/A
Body of pancreas	1	2	3	4	N/T	N/A
Tail of pancreas	1	2	3	4	N/T	N/A
Head/neck of pancreas	1	2	3	4	N/T	N/A
Uncinate	1	2	3	4	N/T	N/A
Ampulla	1	2	3	4	N/T	N/A
Gallbladder	1	2	3	4	N/T	N/A
CBD/CHD (Trace CBD from hilum to ampulla)	1	2	3	4	N/T	N/A
Portosplenic confluence	1	2	3	4	N/T	N/A
Celiac axis	1	2	3	4	N/T	N/A

### EUS: Technical Aspects:

Achieve FNA	1	2	3	4	N/T	N/A
Achieve celiac plexus block/ neurolysis	1	2	3	4	N/T	N/A

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### EUS: Cognitive Aspects

Identify lesion of interest or appropriately ruled out	1	2	3	4	N/T	N/A
Appropriate TNM stage	1	2	3	4	N/T	N/A
Characterize subepithelial lesion (wall layers)	1	2	3	4	N/T	N/A
Appropriate differential diagnosis	1	2	3	4	N/T	N/A
Appropriate management plan (FNA, refer to surgery, surveillance or no surveillance)	1	2	3	4	N/T	N/A

### Global Overall Assessment:

Global Overall Assessment (subjective)			
1	2	3	4
<b>Novice: Learning basic technical &amp; cognitive aspects, requires significant assistance &amp; coaching</b>	<b>Acquired basic technical &amp; cognitive skills but requires limited hands-on assistance and/or significant coaching</b>	<b>Able to perform independently with limited coaching and/or requires additional time to complete</b>	<b>Competent to perform procedure independently</b>

### Immediate Post-Procedure Complications:

Procedure done in ambulatory setting?  Yes  No

Patient admitted post-procedure?  Yes  No

**If yes,**

Pain requiring hospitalization

Pancreatitis

Mild

Moderate

Severe

Bleeding

Immediate

Delayed

Perforation

Cardiopulmonary complications

Mortality

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# Optimising EUS-guided tissue sampling: KEY POINTS

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## **Endosonographer experience**

Needles and techniques

## **Pathologist experience**





# Pathologist experience



## Interobserver agreement among cytopathologists in the evaluation of pancreatic endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration cytology specimens\*

- ✓ IOA among cytopathologists in assessing EUS-FNA cytology specimens of solid pancreatic lesions
- ✓ Standardized scoring system
- ✓ Tertiary referral centre
- ✓ 4 blinded cytopathologists
  - Final diagnosis
  - Qualitative parameters (blood, inflammation/necrosis, artifacts)
  - Quantitative parameters (n° of diagnostic cells)

Mounzer R et al. Endoscopy International Open 2016

# Interobserver agreement among cytopathologists in the evaluation of pancreatic endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration cytology specimens\*

99 pts included

IOA for final diagnosis was moderate  $k=0.45$ , 95% (CI) 0.4-0.49

IOA slight to fair ( $K=0.04 - 0.32$ ) for individual cytologic parameter

Parameter	Kappa (95 %CI)	Standard Error	Strength of agreement
<b>Final cytologic diagnosis</b>			
Overall diagnosis	0.45 (0.40 – 0.49)	0.02	Moderate
Overall diagnosis combining suspicious and malignant	0.54 (0.49 – 0.60)	0.03	Moderate
<b>Quantity measures</b>			
Number of nucleated cells/slide	0.31 (0.24 – 0.37)	0.03	Fair
Number of diagnostic cells/slide	0.32 (0.26 – 0.37)	0.03	Fair
<b>Quality measures</b>			
Amount of blood	0.14 (0.08 – 0.20)	0.03	Slight
Degree of inflammation/necrosis	0.21 (0.14 – 0.28)	0.04	Fair
Amount of gastrointestinal contaminants	0.14 (0.08 – 0.20)	0.03	Slight
Quality of slide preparation/staining	0.04 (- 0.04 to 0.11)	0.04	Slight

# Suboptimal Agreement Among Cytopathologists in Diagnosis of Malignancy Based on Endoscopic Ultrasound Needle Aspirates of Solid Pancreatic Lesions: A Validation Study

Marshall C et al. Clinical Gastroenterol Hepatol 2018

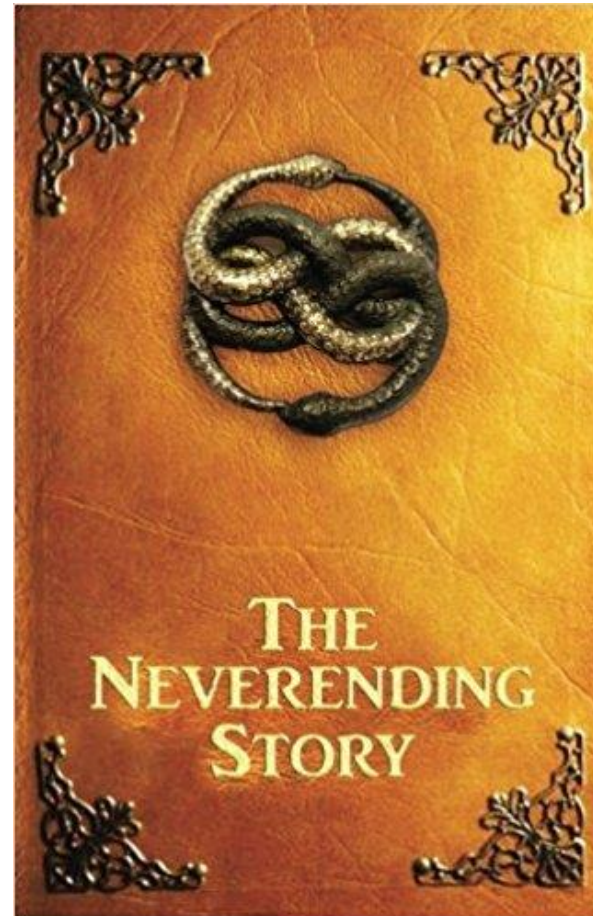
- ✓ Validation prospective study
  - ✓ IOA among cytopathologists in assessing EUS-FNA cytology specimens of solid pancreatic lesions
  - ✓ Standardized scoring system
  - ✓ 5 Tertiary referral centre
  - ✓ 11 blinded cytopathologists
- Final diagnosis
  - Qualitative parameters (blood, inflammation/necrosis, artifacts)
  - Quantitative parameters (n° of diagnostic cells)

IOA for final diagnosis was moderate  $k=0.56$ ; 95% CI, 0.43-0.70

IOA was slight to moderate for individual quantitative ( $k=0.007$ ; 95% CI, -0.03 to 0.04) and qualitative parameters ( $k=0.5$ ; 95%CI, 0.47-0.53)

# Needles and techniques

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# Mapping international practice patterns in EUS-guided tissue sampling: outcome of a global survey

PRACTICE PATTERNS within the international endosonographic community

United States , Europe, Asia

Online questionnaire sent to 400 endosonographers  
(29% USA, 46% Europe, 25% Asia)



Van Riet PA et al, Endoscopy Int Open 2016

<b>Author and Year</b>	<b>Study design</b>	<b>No. of patients 22-g/25-g</b>	<b>Sensitivity (95% CI) 22-g</b>	<b>Sensitivity (95% CI) 25-g</b>
Imazu et al (2009)	Prospective	12/12	0.83 (0.36-1.00)	1.00 (0.54-1.00)
Lee et al (2009)	Prospective	10/10	1.00 (0.72-1.00)	1.00 (0.72-1.00)
Siddiqui et al (2009)	RCT	64/67	0.88 (0.77-0.94)	0.96 (0.87-0.99)
Yusuf et al (2009)	Retrospective	540/302	0.84 (0.80-0.88)	0.92 (0.87-0.95)
Siddiqui et al (2010)	Retrospective	26/17	0.85 (0.62-0.97)	0.91 (0.59-1.00)
Camellini et al (2011)	RCT	43/41	0.86 (0.70-0.95)	0.89 (0.75-0.97)
Uehara et al (2011)	Retrospective	54/66	0.88 (0.74-0.96)	1.00 (0.91-1.00)
Fabbri et al (2011)	Prospective	50/50	0.85 (0.71-0.94)	0.94 (0.82-0.99)



# Needles



## Choice of needle

### RECOMMENDATION

For routine EUS-guided sampling of solid masses and lymph nodes (LNs) ESGE recommends 25G or 22G needles (high quality evidence, strong recommendation);



# FNA VS FNB



- Potential advantages of FNB
  - ✓ Larger specimens
  - ✓ Improving diagnostic yield especially for non-pancreatic lesions
  - ✓ Assessment of tissue architecture
  - ✓ Perform ancillary studies (IHC)
  - ✓ May obviate need for on-site cytopathologist
  - ✓ Achieve the end-point with fewer passes





# FNB NEEDLES



- Designs:
  - ✓ Fork shaped Tip: cutting needle with a fork shape distal tip including 6 cutting edges and an opposing bevel (SharkCore – 19G, 22G, 25G, Medtronic)
  - ✓ Reverse bevel: modified Menghini type needle with a beveled side slot near needle tip (ProCore 19G, 22G, 25G, Cook)
  - ✓ Anterograde core trap: modified Menghini type needle with a beveled side slot near needle tip (ProCore 20G, Cook)
  - ✓ Franseen tip geometry: endo cutting needle with a crown shaped distal tip (Acquire, 25G, 22G, Boston Scientific)





# FNA vs. FNB

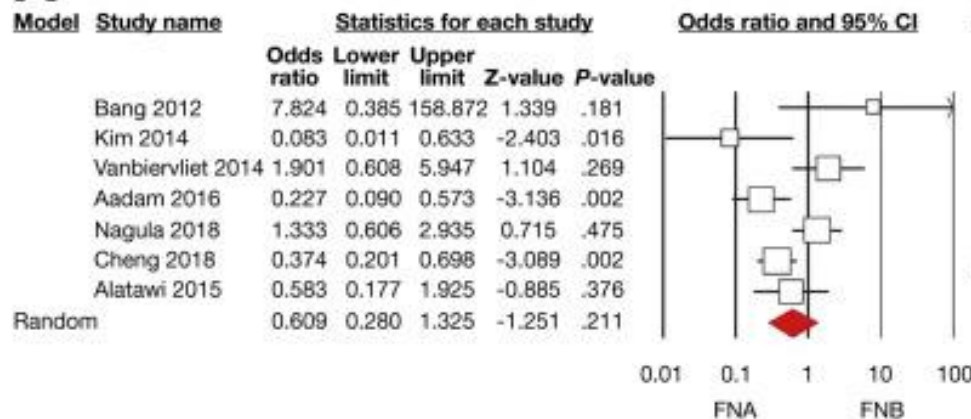


- Outcomes from 2 meta-analysis:
  - ✓ No difference between FNA and FNB regarding rate of sample adequacy for pathologic examination
  - ✓ No difference in rate of histologic core tissue procurement (overall, solid masses including pancreatic masses and LNs)
  - ✓ FNB associated with a lower number of needle passes
  - ✓ No difference in adverse events or technical failure rates

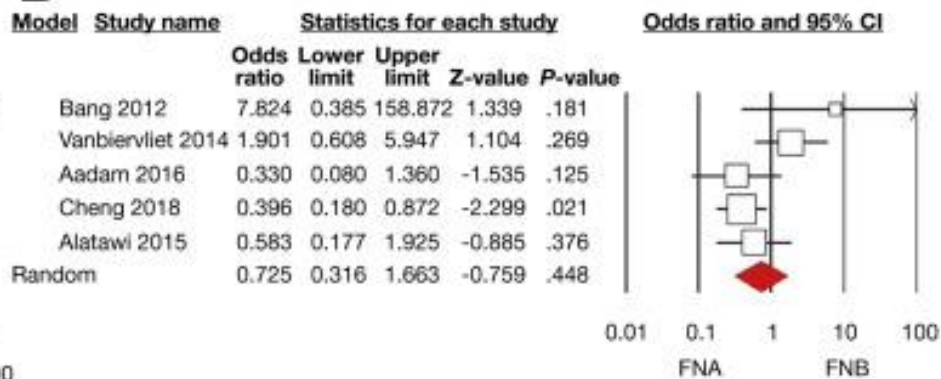


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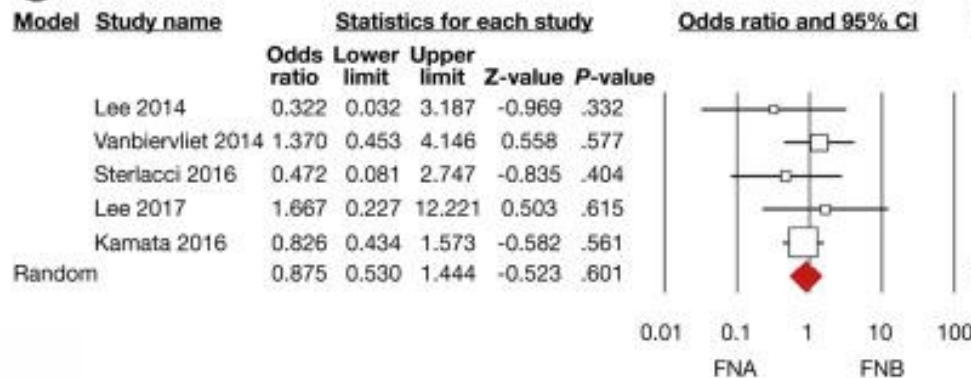
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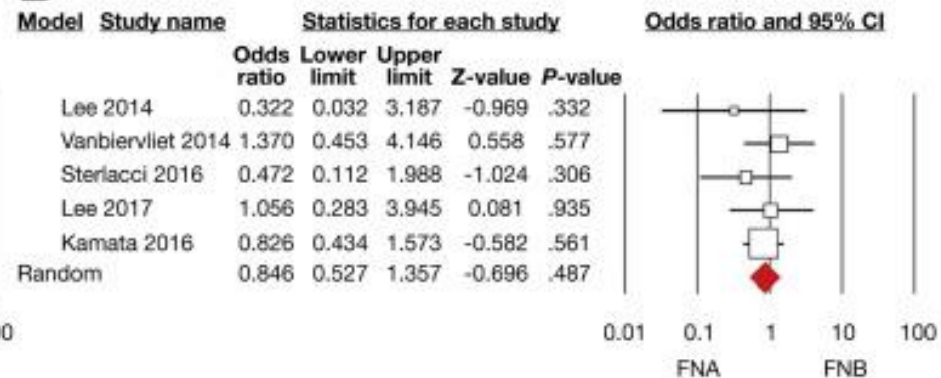
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### C



### D



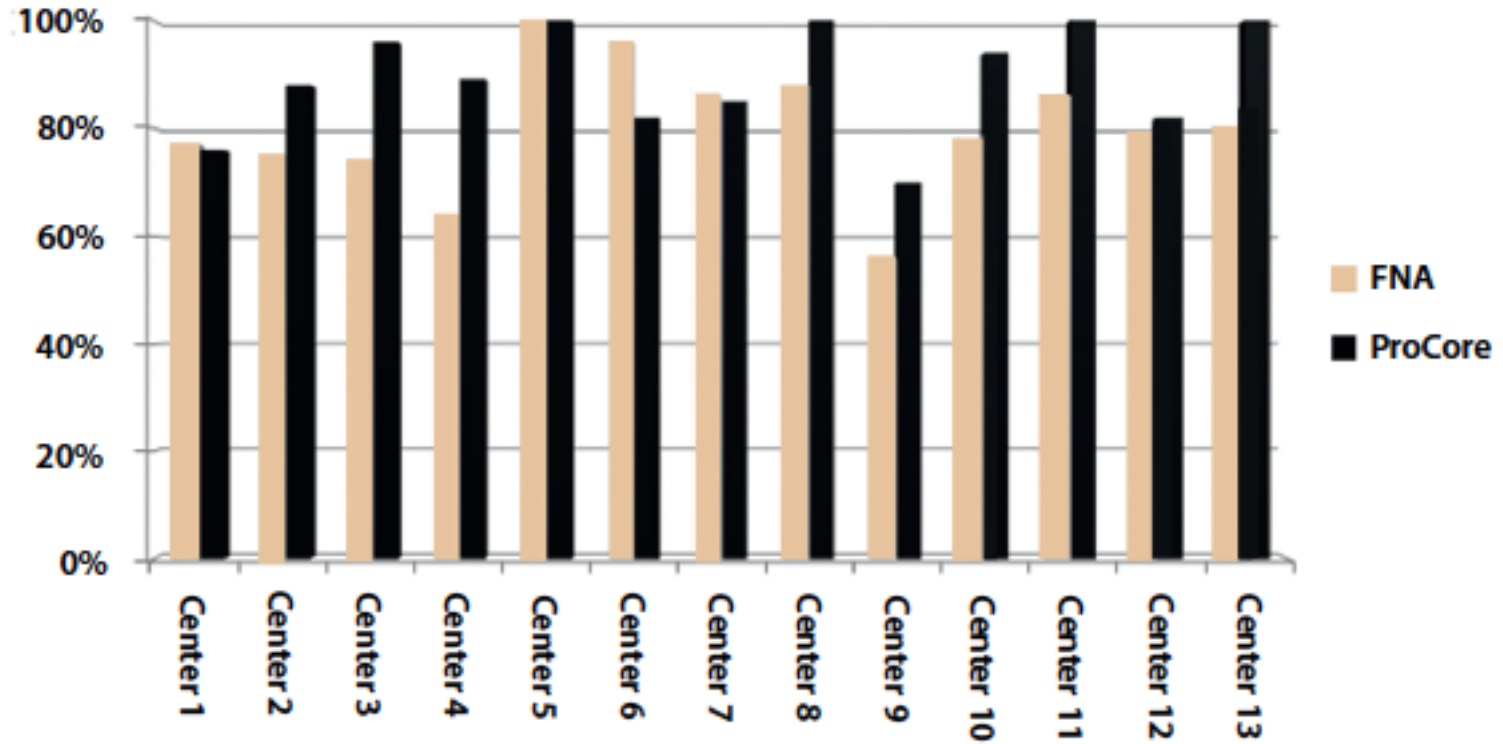


# A multicenter randomized trial comparing a 25-gauge EUS fine-needle aspiration device with a 20-gauge EUS fine-needle biopsy device CME

Van Riet P et al, Gastrointest Endosc 2019



612 patients randomized



FNB had a higher diagnostic accuracy for malignancy  
87% vs 78% (p=0.002)



# FNA vs. FNB



- RCT comparing EUS- TA
- EUS-FNB (Franseen biopsy needle) vs EUS-FNA, 22G needle (N=46)
  - ✓ Primary outcome: compare median areas of total tissue and tumor, presence of desmoplastic fibrosis and retention of tissue architecture
  - ✓ Secondary outcome: compare rates of diagnostic cell block
  - ✓ A specialized software for histological assessment



# FNA vs. FNB



		FNB	FNA	p-value
<b>Total tissue area (mm<sup>2</sup>):</b>	Mean (SD)	11.1 (26.6)	0.9 (1.9)	< 0.0001
	Median	6.1	0.28	
	IQR	2.2 - 9.9	0.045 - 0.93	
	Range	0.025 - 181.1	0 - 11.7	
<b>Total tumor area (mm<sup>2</sup>):</b>	Mean (SD)	1.7 (2.3)	0.50 (1.86)	< 0.0001
	Median	0.68	0.099	
	IQR	0.23 - 2.8	0.0044 - 0.30	
	Range	0 - 12.4	0 - 11.6	
<b>Desmoplastic fibrosis present: n (%)</b>		33 (84.6)	13 (33.3)	< 0.0001
<b>Area of desmoplastic fibrosis (mm<sup>2</sup>):</b>	Mean (SD)	9.8 (28.4)	0.14 (0.45)	< 0.0001
	Median	3.9	0	
	IQR	0.5 - 8.2	0 - 0.11	
	Range	0 - 178.3	0 - 2.7	
<b>Architecture retained: n (%)</b>		43 (93.5)	9 (19.6)	< 0.0001
<b>Suitable for immunohistochemistry studies: n (%)*</b>		41 (100)	28 (68.3)	< 0.0001





# Techniques and needles



## Choice of needle

### RECOMMENDATION

For routine EUS-guided sampling of solid masses and lymph nodes (LNs) ESGE recommends 25G or 22G needles (high quality evidence, strong recommendation); fine needle aspiration (FNA) and fine needle biopsy (FNB) needles are equally recommended (high quality evidence, strong recommendation).

# EUS GUIDED TISSUE ACQUISITION TECHNIQUE

- ✓ Use of suction (low pressure, high pressure, wet, dry, no suction)
- ✓ Use of a stylet
- ✓ Fanning technique
- ✓ Capillary technique
- ✓ Number of passes



# Role of suction



## The use of suction

### RECOMMENDATION

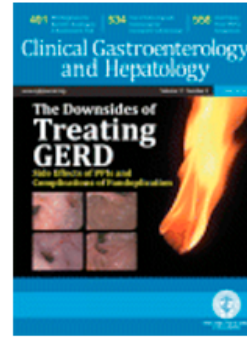
ESGE recommends using 10-mL syringe suction for EUS-guided sampling of solid masses and LNs with 25G or 22G FNA needles (high quality evidence, strong recommendation) and other types of needles (low quality evidence, weak recommendation).

Author and year	Study design
Wallace 2001	RCT
Puri 2009	RCT
Lee 2013	RCT
Tarantino I 2014	RCT

Polkowski M et al. Endoscopy 2017

Endoscopic Ultrasound-guided Specimen Collection and Evaluation Techniques Affect Diagnostic Accuracy

Ji Young Bang, MBBS MPH, Udayakumar Navaneethan, MD, Muhammad K. Hasan, MD, Robert Hawes, MD, Shyam Varadarajulu, MD



Original article

Thieme

Comparison of endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine-needle aspiration by capillary action, suction, and no suction methods: a randomized blinded study

Endoscopy International Open 2017; 05: E980–E984



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Retrospective Study

Slow-pull and different conventional suction techniques in endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine-needle aspiration of pancreatic solid lesions using 22-gauge needles

Jia-Ying Chen, Qing-Yu Ding, Yang Lv, Wen Guo, Fa-Chao Zhi, Si-De Liu, Tian-Ming Cheng

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Stylet slow-pull versus standard suction for endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine-needle aspiration of solid pancreatic lesions: a multicenter randomized trial

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Slow-Pull Using a Fanning Technique Is More Useful Than the Standard Suction Technique in EUS-Guided Fine Needle Aspiration in Pancreatic Masses

Jae Min Lee, Hong Sik Lee, Jong Jin Hyun, Jung Min Lee, In Kyung Yoo, Seung Han Kim, Hyuk Soon Choi, Eun Sun Kim, Bora Keum, Yeon Seok Seo, Yoon Tae Jeon, Hoon Jai Chun, Soon Ho Um, and Chang Duck Kim

Author, year	Study design	N of pts	technique	aim	P value
Saxena P 2018	RCT, needle 22G	121	Suction vs slow-pull	Diagnostic accuracy 70% vs 80%	NS
Lee JM 2018	Prospective, needle 22G	48	Suction vs slow-pull blood	Diagnostic accuracy 71% vs 88% 44% vs 23%	p= 0.04  p= 0.04
Bansal RK 2017	RCT, needle 22G	300 (pancreas + lymphnodes)	Capillary vs suction vs no suction	Diagnostic accuracy 91% vs 91%	NS
Bang JY 2018	RCT, needle 22G	352	Suction vs NO suction	Number of passes  Diagnostic accuracy from duodenum 89% vs 100% Blood	p= 0.03  p=0.04  p=0.01



# Funning technique



## RECOMMENDATION

ESGE suggests fanning the needle throughout the lesion when sampling solid masses and LNs (moderate quality evidence, weak recommendation).





# ROLE OF ON SITE CYTOLOGIC EVALUATION



- ✓ Real time feedback regarding the content and adequacy
- ✓ Make a diagnosis with minimum number of passes
- ✓ Appropriate triage of limited specimens (IHC, special stains, molecular studies)

2 RCT (both pancreatic masses, fixed number 7 passes vs ROSE, diagnostic accuracy and sample adequacy NS)

4 meta analyses (2 pros, 2 Cons)

## On-site cytologic evaluation

### RECOMMENDATION

ESGE equally recommends EUS-guided sampling with or without on-site cytologic evaluation (moderate quality evidence, strong recommendation).

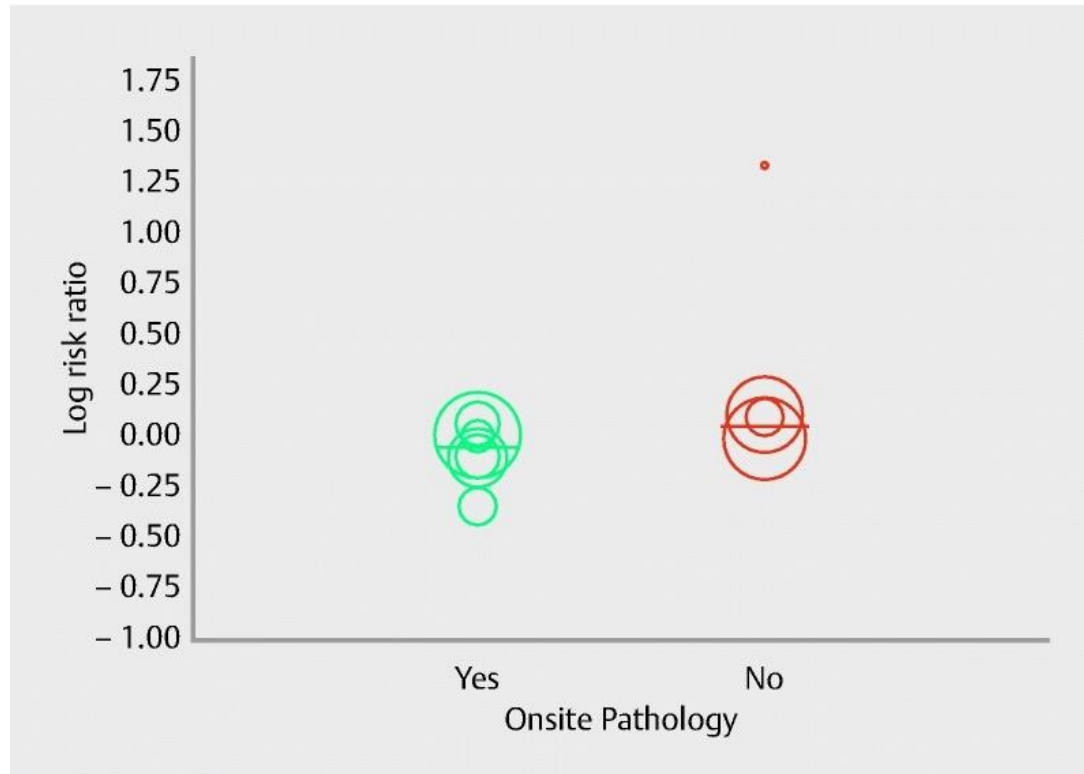
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# FNA with ROSE vs. FNB



- ✓ Meta-analysis: 15 studies - 1024 pts
- ✓ Overall, no difference in diagnostic adequacy
- ✓ For solid pancreatic lesions, in the absence of ROSE, FNB was associated with better diagnostic adequacy  $p=0.02$



- No significant difference in the diagnostic yield between FNA and FNB, when FNA is with ROSE

- In the absence of ROSE, FNB has a relatively better diagnostic adequacy in solid pancreatic lesions

Ali khan et al. Endoscopy 2017





## Number of needle passes in the absence of on-site evaluation

### RECOMMENDATION

When on-site cytologic evaluation is unavailable, ESGE suggests performance of three to four needle passes with an FNA needle or two to three passes with an FNB needle (low quality evidence, weak recommendation).



## ***Action changes things!***

**Review your sensitivity for malignancy diagnosis**

**If less than 85%: modify your practice**

**Close collaboration with the pathologist is crucial!**

**choose needle and technique considering the experience of your pathologist  
(cytologist or histology? Smear or microcore?)**

**After that: ask for help**



# Repeat Endoscopic Ultrasound-Guided Fine Needle Aspiration for Solid Pancreatic Lesions at a Tertiary Referral Center will Alter the Initial Inconclusive Result

Bhutani MS et al.



**Table III.** Diagnostic accuracy of repeated EUS-FNA (n=80)

Sensitivity (%)	95.7 (69/72)
Specificity (%)	100 (8/8)
PPV (%)	100 (69/69)
NPV (%)	72.7 (8/11)
Accuracy (%)	96.3 (77/80)

EUS-FNA: endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration, PPV: positive predictive value, NPV: negative predictive value

J Gastrointestin Liver Dis, June 2013 Vol. 22 No 2: 183-187





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# EUS-TA and PERSONALIZED MEDICINE



- ✓ Next Generation Sequencing
- ✓ RNA and microRNA analyses
- ✓ Creation of human pancreatic organoids from malignant pancreatic tissue



[www.impactjournals.com/oncotarget/](http://www.impactjournals.com/oncotarget/)

Oncotarget, Vol. 7, No. 34

Research Paper

## Targeted next generation sequencing of endoscopic ultrasound acquired cytology from ampullary and pancreatic adenocarcinoma has the potential to aid patient stratification for optimal therapy selection


Ferga C. Gleeson<sup>1</sup>, Sarah E. Kerr<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin R. Kipp<sup>2</sup>, Jesse S. Voss<sup>2</sup>, Douglas M. Minot<sup>2</sup>, Zheng Jin Tu<sup>3</sup>, Michael R. Henry<sup>2</sup>, Rondell P. Graham<sup>2</sup>, George Vasmatazis<sup>4</sup>, John C. Cheville<sup>4</sup>, Konstantinos N. Lazaridis<sup>1,4</sup>, Michael J. Levy<sup>1</sup>

29 pts, ampullary cancer or PDAC

Cytology smears (FNA) – NGS with a panel of 160 cancer genes

83 pathogenic alteration in 21 genes –

Complete concordance with pathology specimen



# Transcriptomic Analysis Predicts Survival and Sensitivity to Anticancer Drugs of Patients with a Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma

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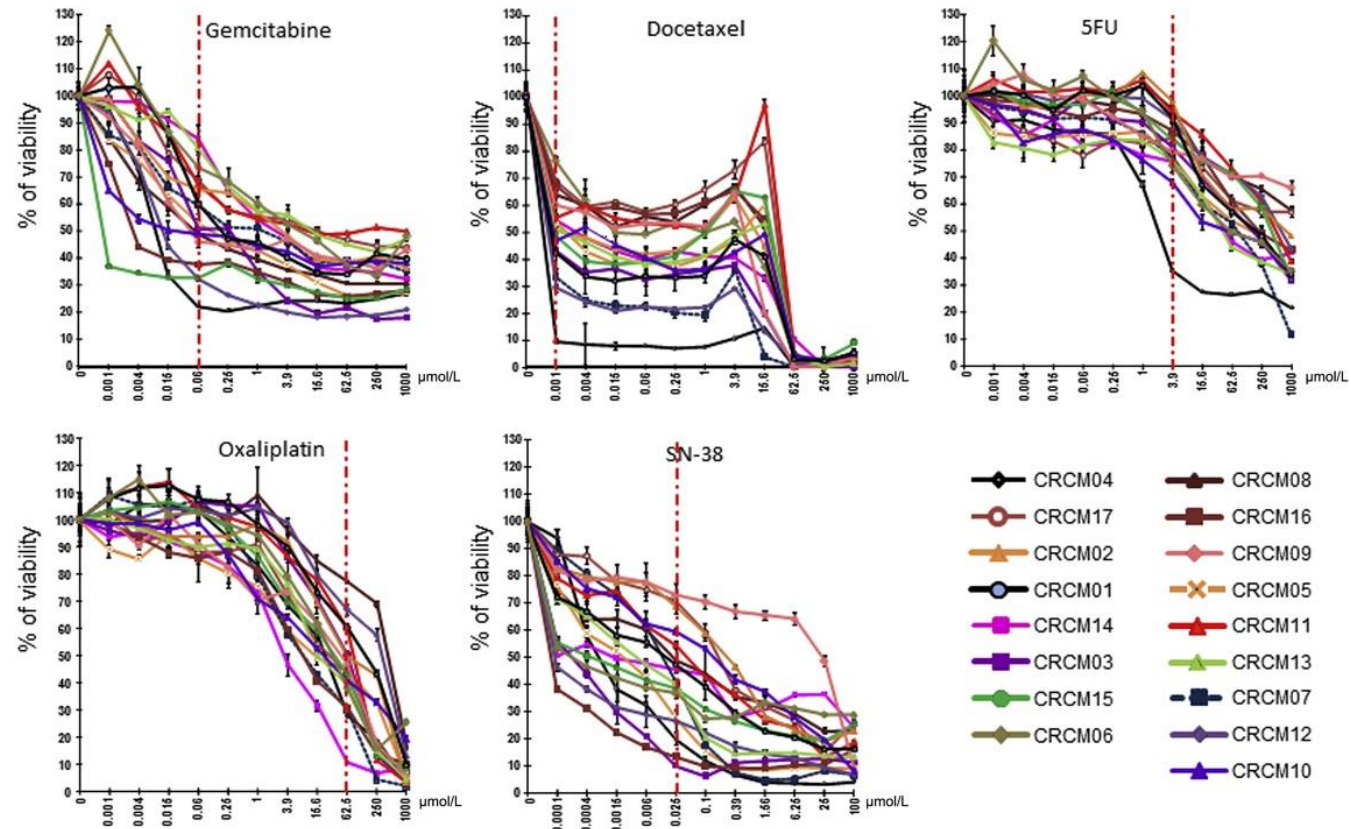
hypothesis: the variable sensitivity observed in patients with PDAC is mainly due to the intrinsic molecular characteristics of the cancer cells.

17 samples of human PDAC were collected by EUS-FNA  
Each sample obtained from EUS-FNA was mixed with 100  $\mu$ L of Matrigel (BD Biosciences, Franklin Lakes, NJ) and was injected in the upper right flank of a nude mouse

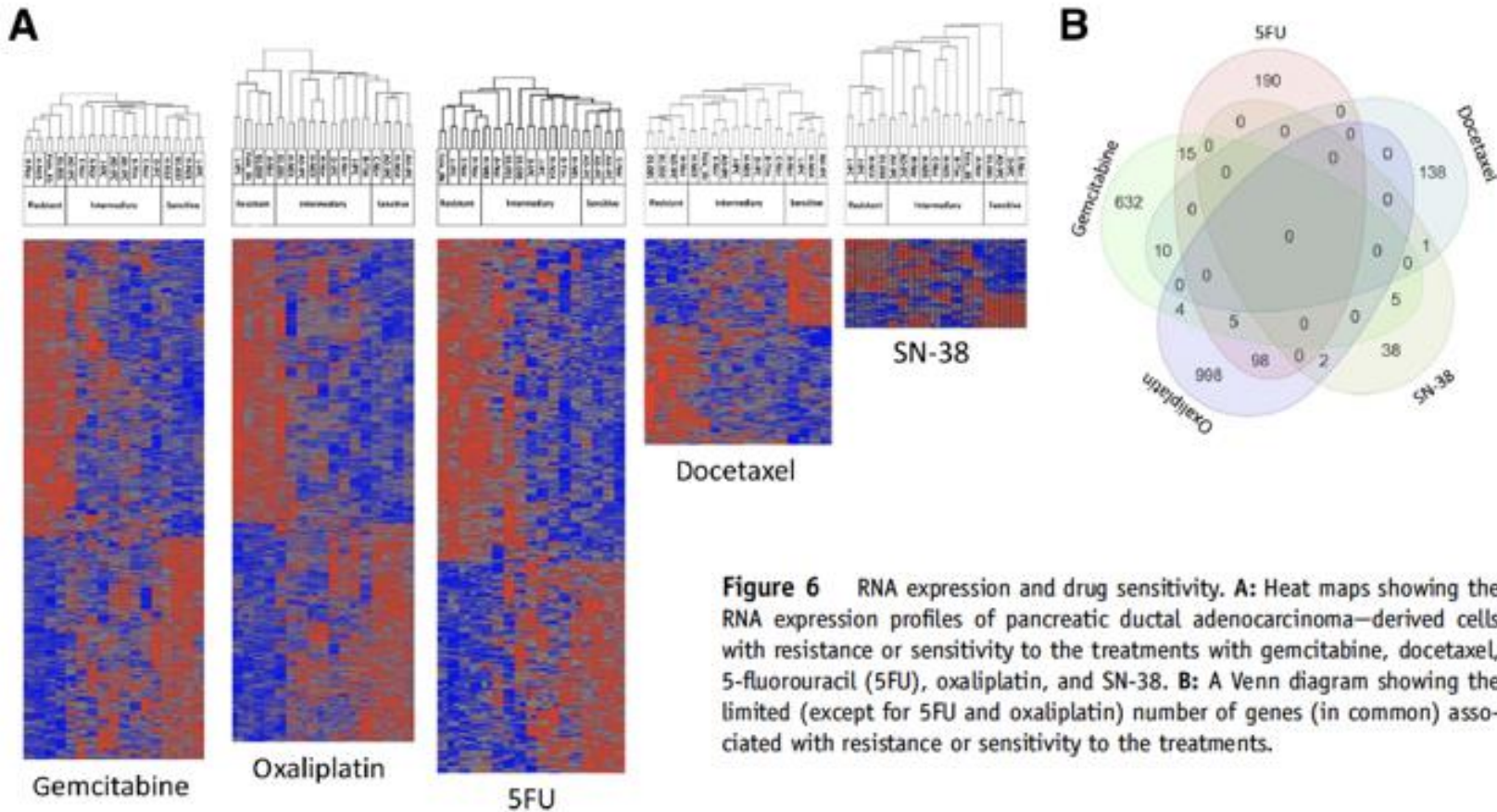
When the tumors reached 1  $\text{cm}^3$  mice were sacrificed and tumors removed

transcriptomic analysis was performed: significant heterogeneity in the RNA expression profile of tumors

Primary culture of cells allowed to analyze their relative sensitivity to drugs, using Chemogram: INDIVIDUAL PROFILE OF DRUG SENSITIVITY



- ✓ The response was patient dependent
- ✓ Correlation between transcriptome and drug response



## Correlation between transcriptome and drug response

4 most resistant and 4 most sensitive cultures → heat map analysis of the transcriptome: sets of genes were identified as specifically over or under expressed in resistant and sensitive cells

Duconseil P, Am J Pathol 2015







- Transcriptomic analysis of PDAC seems to be a promising strategy
- to reveal the molecular phenotype of the disease
  
- Transcriptomic analysis could predict the sensitivity to anticancer drugs
- and clinical outcome of pts with PC
  
- EUS-FNA biopsy
  - To get diagnosis
  - To characterize the molecular phenotype





# Successful creation of pancreatic cancer organoids by means of EUS-FNB for personalized cancer treatment



Organoids simulate the full spectrum of a patients tumor, they can be Used for testing personalized treatment strategies

Aim: to generate human PDAC organoids by mean of EUS-FNB in pts with solid pancreatic masses

29 pts underwent EUS FNA with 22G needle  
Successful organoids isolation in 85% in 2 weeks

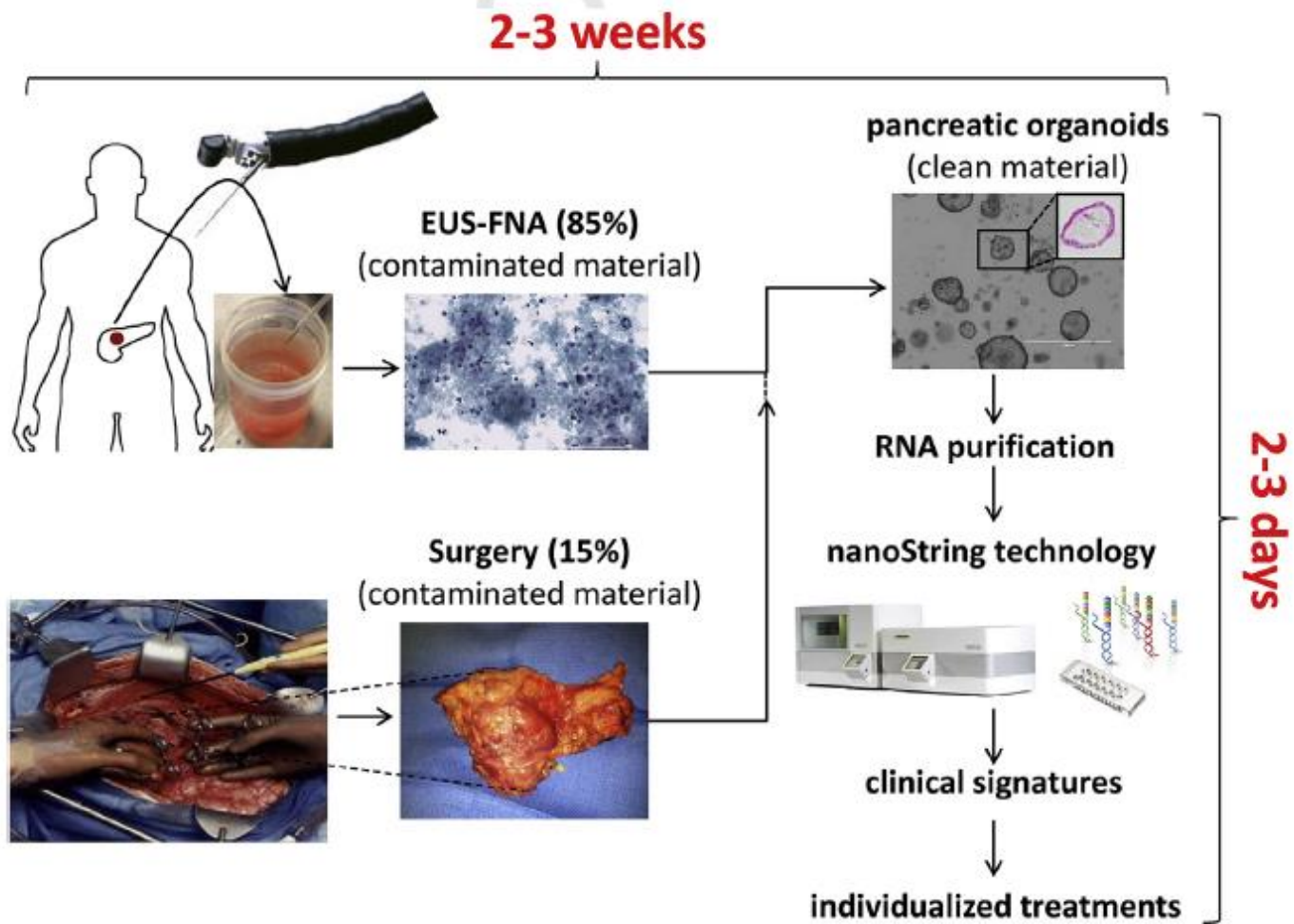
3 pts with organoids created from FNB samples had successful In vitro drug sensitivity testing

Conclusion: pancreatic cancer organoids can be successfully and rapid created based on sample obtained by EUS-FNA





# IN THE NEAR FUTURE





Thank you !

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