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# Tumori ipofisari clinicamente non funzionanti – Neurochirurgia



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## Pituitary Unit

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# Conflitti di interesse



Ai sensi dell'art. 3.3 sul conflitto di interessi, pag 17 del Regolamento Applicativo Stato-Regioni del 5/11/2009, dichiaro che negli ultimi 2 anni ho avuto rapporti diretti di finanziamento con i seguenti soggetti portatori di interessi commerciali in campo sanitario:

- Novartis (Advisory Board)
- Otsuka (Advisory Board)



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- Indicazioni e work-up (*chi e quando operare?*)
- Approccio chirurgico (*come operare?*)



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*Annales d'Endocrinologie* 76 (2015) 220–227

Consensus

Non-functioning pituitary adenoma: When and how to operate?  
What pathologic criteria for typing?\*

*Adénomes hypophysaires non fonctionnels : quand et comment opérer ? Quels critères anatomo-pathologiques retenir ?*

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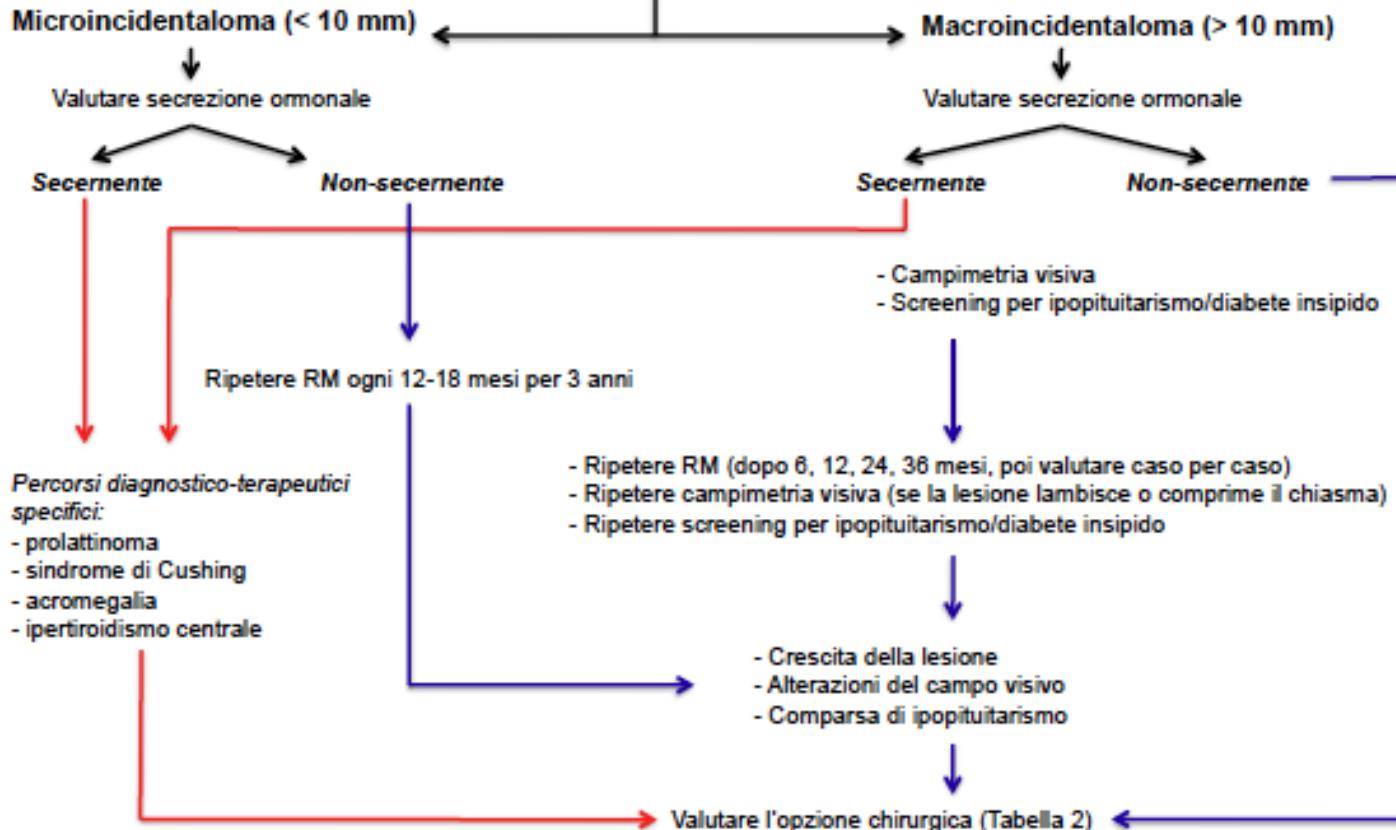
## Indicazioni e work-up (*chi e quando operare?*)

- *Un numero crescente di pazienti giunge alla nostra attenzione per il **riscontro incidentale** di una massa nella regione sellare.*
- *La maggior parte dei casi è costituita da **microincidentalomi**, generalmente non-secernenti. In questi casi, la chirurgia non ha indicazione, ma è preferibile seguire le linee guida disegnate ad hoc per il follow-up.*
- *Tuttavia, la percentuale di **macroincidentalomi** può essere rilevante in centri specialistici multidisciplinari con una spiccata vocazione chirurgica. Una volta esclusa la natura secernente, **occorre valutare l'eventuale opzione chirurgica.***
- *A tale scopo, se la lesione lambisce il chiasma ottico la campimetria visiva è indispensabile, anche se il paziente non riferisce deficit visivo.*

# *Incidentaloma ipofisario*



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*Fig. 1 Percorso diagnostico-terapeutico dell'incidentaloma ipofisario.*

Le frecce di colore rosso indicano il percorso per le lesioni secernenti.

Le frecce di colore blu indicano il percorso per le lesioni clinicamente non-funzionanti

Faustini-Fustini M, Kara E, Losa M.

L'Endocrinologo 2017 DOI 10-1007/s 40619-017-0286-2



# Indicazioni alla chirurgia nel paziente con incidentaloma ipofisario

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- **Raccomandazioni forti** (evidenze di alta qualità)
  - Deficit visivi campimetrici o altri disturbi visivi o neurologici da compressione
  - Lesione che lambisce o comprime i nervi ottici o il chiasma alla RM
  - Lesione secerrente (eccetto il prolattinoma)
- **Raccomandazioni deboli** (evidenze di bassa qualità)
  - Crescita radiologicamente significativa
  - Ipopituitarismo
  - Donna con lesione in prossimità del chiasma e che intende programmare una gravidanza

Modificato da: Pituitary incidentaloma - An Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline.  
*J Clin Endocrinol Metab* 2011; 96: 894



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## Indicazioni e work-up (*chi e quando operare?*)

- *Una porzione variabile di pazienti giunge alla nostra attenzione già con sintomi/segni di malattia (deficit visivo, ipopituitarismo, ...) per l'effetto "massa" esercitato dalla neoplasia, che può avere un diverso grado di estensione extrasellare.*
- *È indispensabile fare riferimento alle classificazioni sull'estensione del tumore ipofisario!*



## Hardy-Wilson classification:

Sella Turcica radiological classification	Extrasellar extensions				
	Suprasellar		Parasellar		
Grado 0 (normal)		A	B	C	D
Grade I					E
Grade II					
Grade III					
Grade IV		Symmetrical		Asymmetrical	

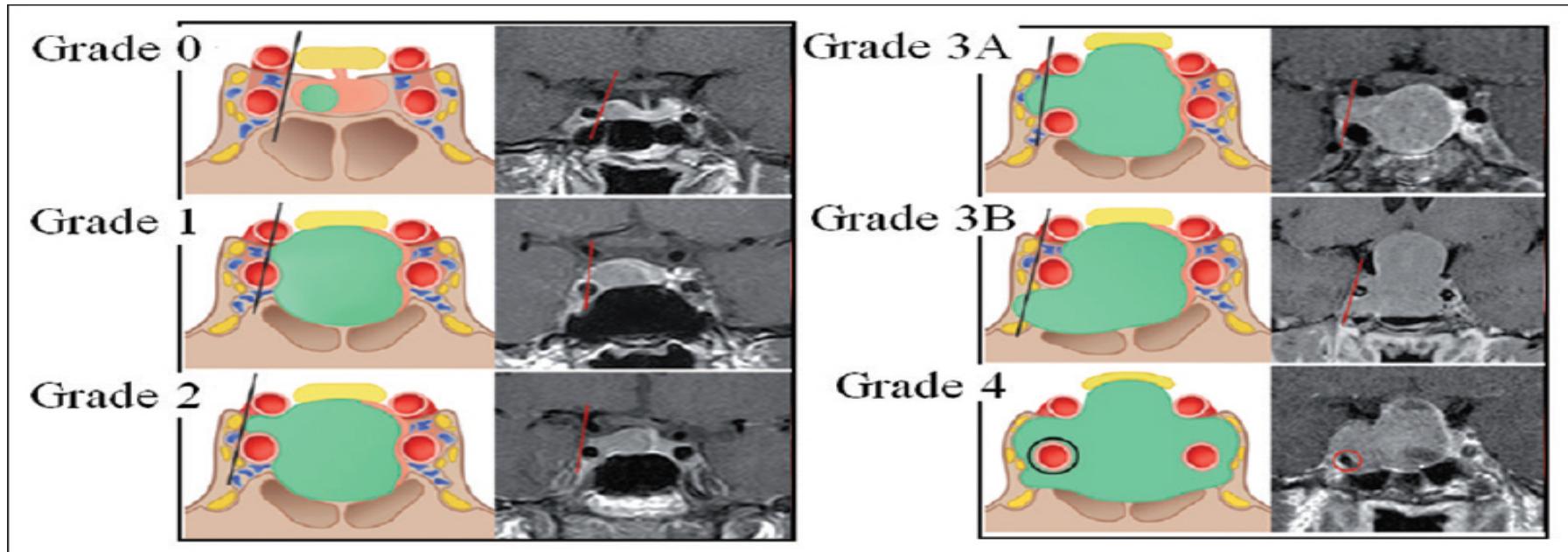


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## Knosp classification:





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# A strong voice of pituitary patients worldwide



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Newbury Park, California

Patient, patient educator and advocate through the  
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*'... we need to agree that pituitary tumors/disorders are not in fact a primarily surgical problem to overcome.* The problems and therefore the solutions are so multifaceted and difficult to enumerate that *a wise surgeon knows when his/her skills and professional care are not needed*, and uppermost in his/her mind is:

**Whom should see this patient next?**

Both surgical and medical outcomes in patient treatment are closely linked to training and numerical surgical experiences in the facility where the patient is being treated'



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‘... I was first acquainted with the concept of pituitary centers of excellence through **Dr Charles Wilson**, the “near pioneer” in pituitary surgery at University of California, San Francisco, nearly 22 years ago.  
I well remember his frustration over the numerous “re-do’s” he was called on to handle and the damage that was done by medical/surgical colleagues with very little experience in this area of medicine.’



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# ***Non-functioning pituitary adenoma – Surgical treatment***



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***The management of regrowth of  
residual tumour***

***The challenge of re-do's***

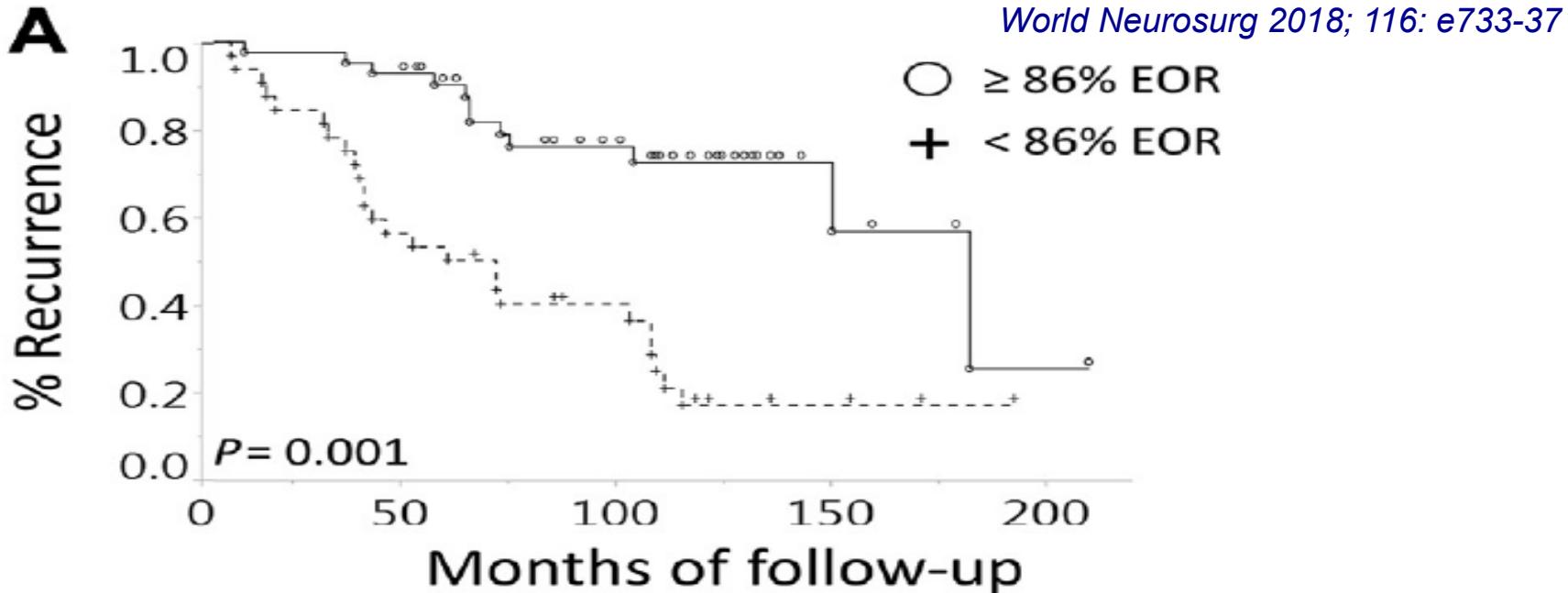


# **Beyond gross total and subtotal:** does volumetric resection matter in NF pituitary macroadenomas?



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*'... We found that increasing age and extent of resection were associated with a smaller risk of regrowth and retreatment. However, other studies have shown that subtotal resection combined with postoperative radiotherapy also achieves recurrence rates on par with gross total resection.'*

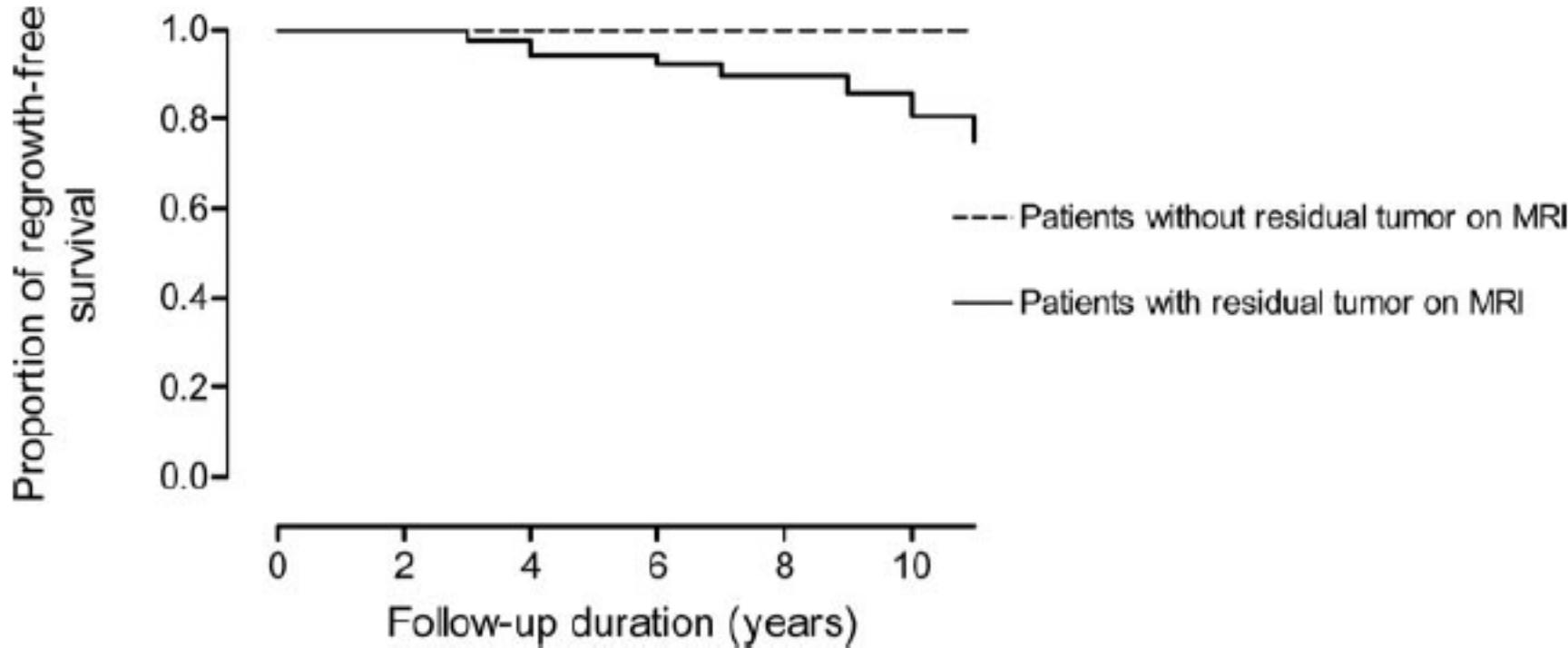


# Treatment and Follow-Up of Clinically Nonfunctioning Pituitary Macroadenomas



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*J Clin Endocrinol Metab* 2008; 93: 3717

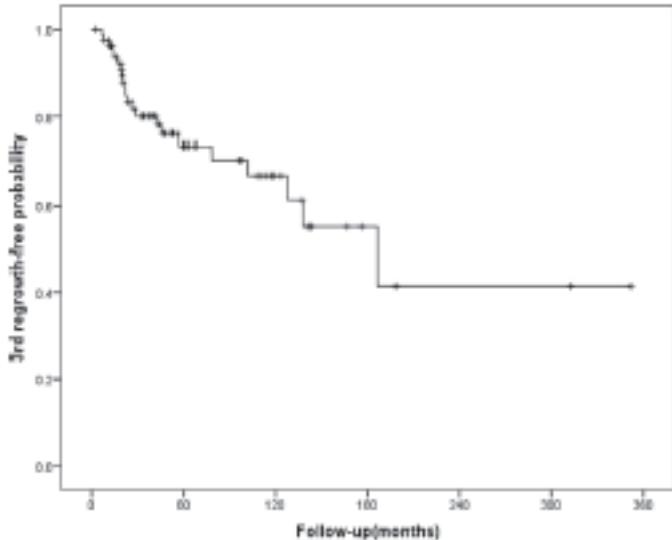


# Outcome of Nonfunctioning Pituitary Adenomas That Regrow After Primary Treatment: A Study From Two Large UK Centers

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Kaplan-Meier regrowth free-survival curves for total group of patients with a first (**left**) and second (**right**) regrowth

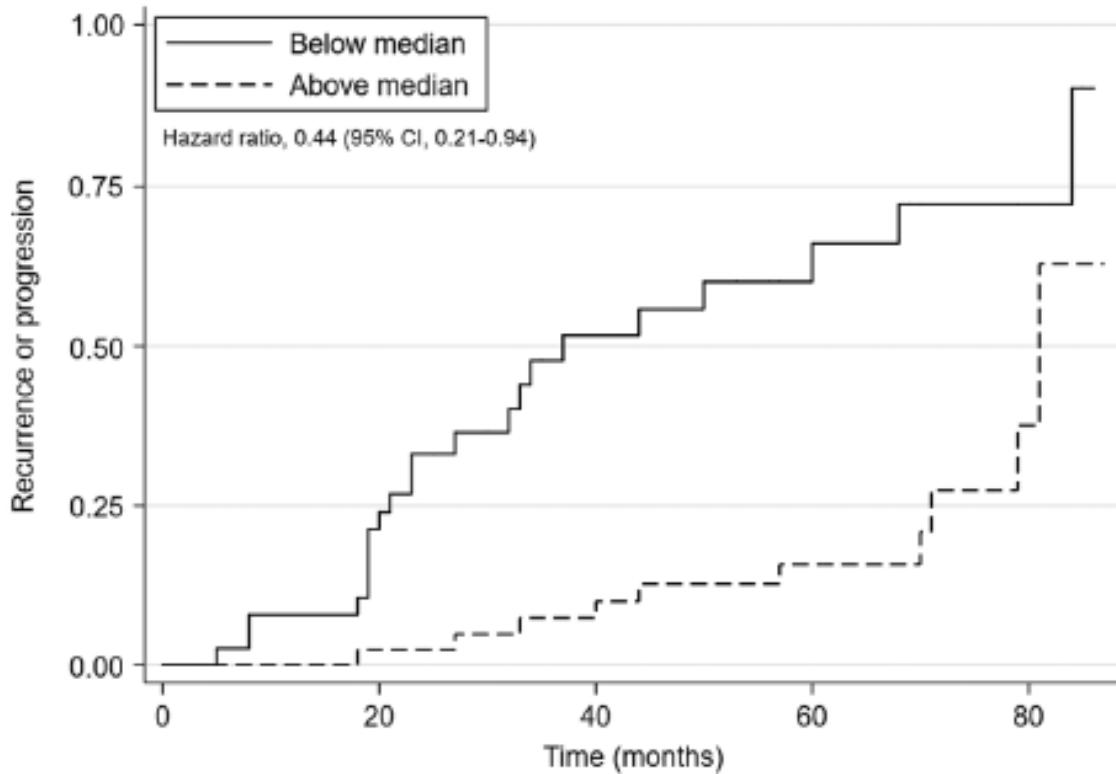


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# MRI texture analysis as a predictor of tumor recurrence or progression in patients with clinically non-functioning pituitary adenomas



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# ***Non-functioning pituitary adenoma – Surgical treatment***



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***The challenge of giant pituitary tumours***

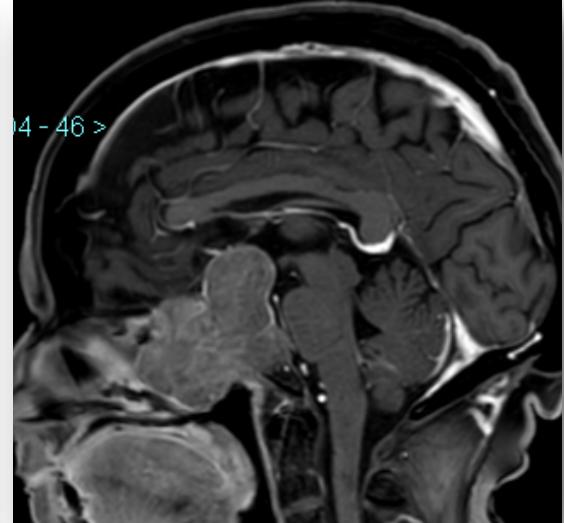
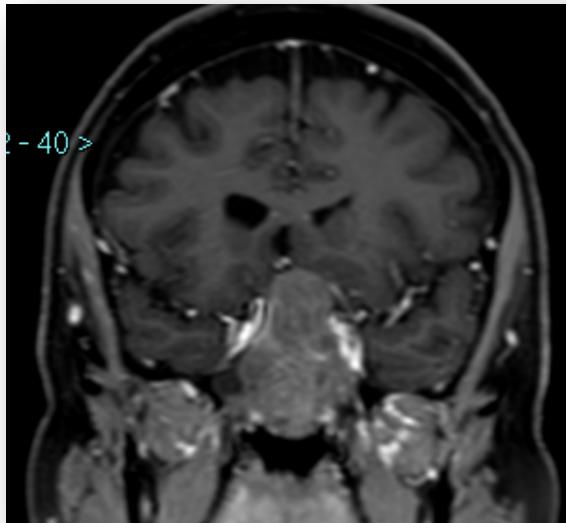


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P. MI, f. 70 aa  
RM del 8-05-2017

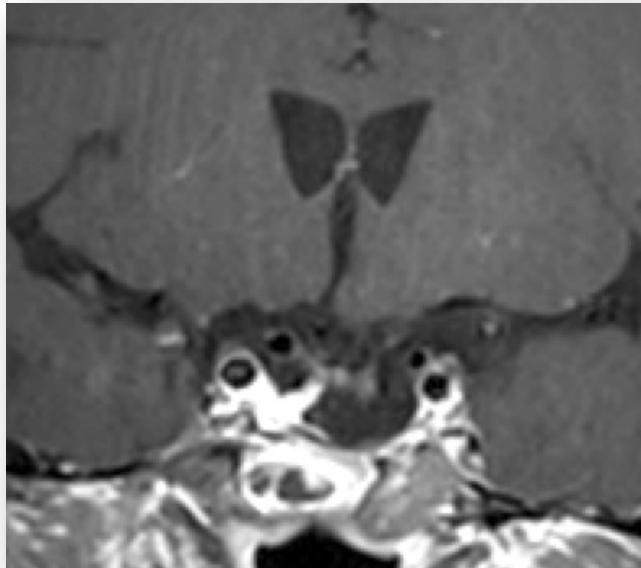
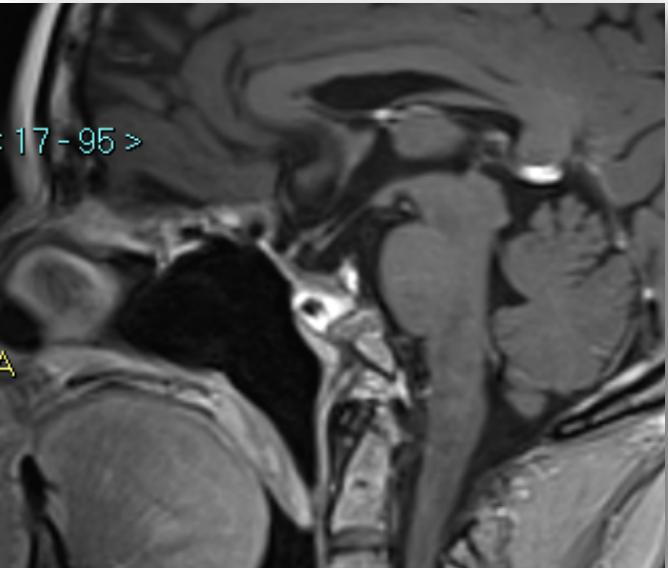




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P.MI, controllo RM dopo 6 mesi

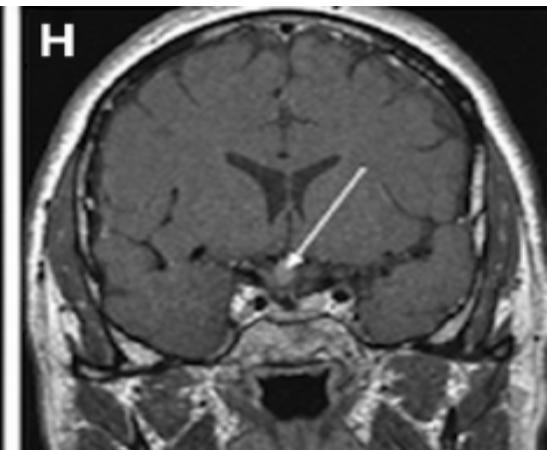
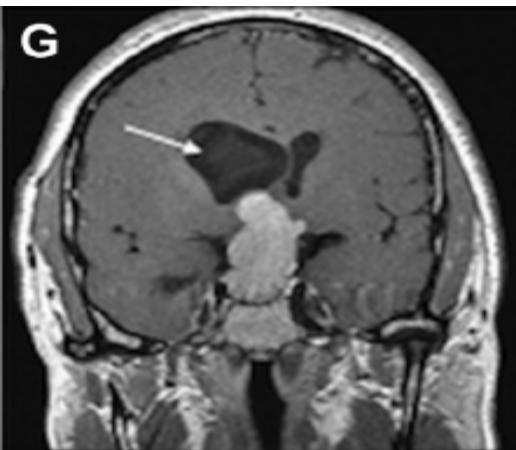
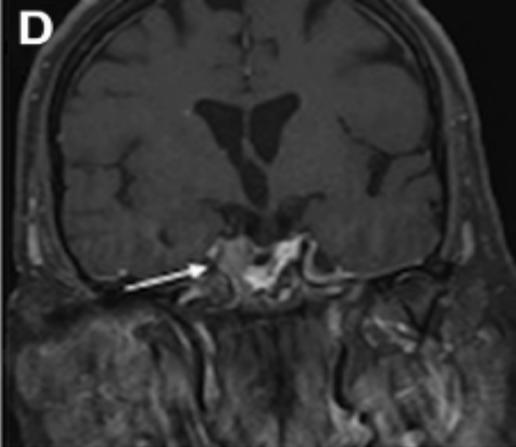
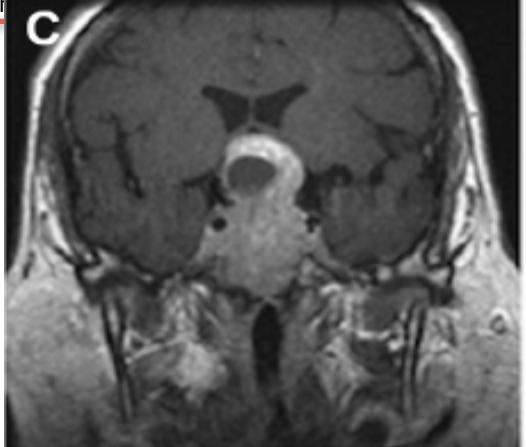


# Clinical outcomes after endoscopic endonasal resection of giant pituitary adenomas

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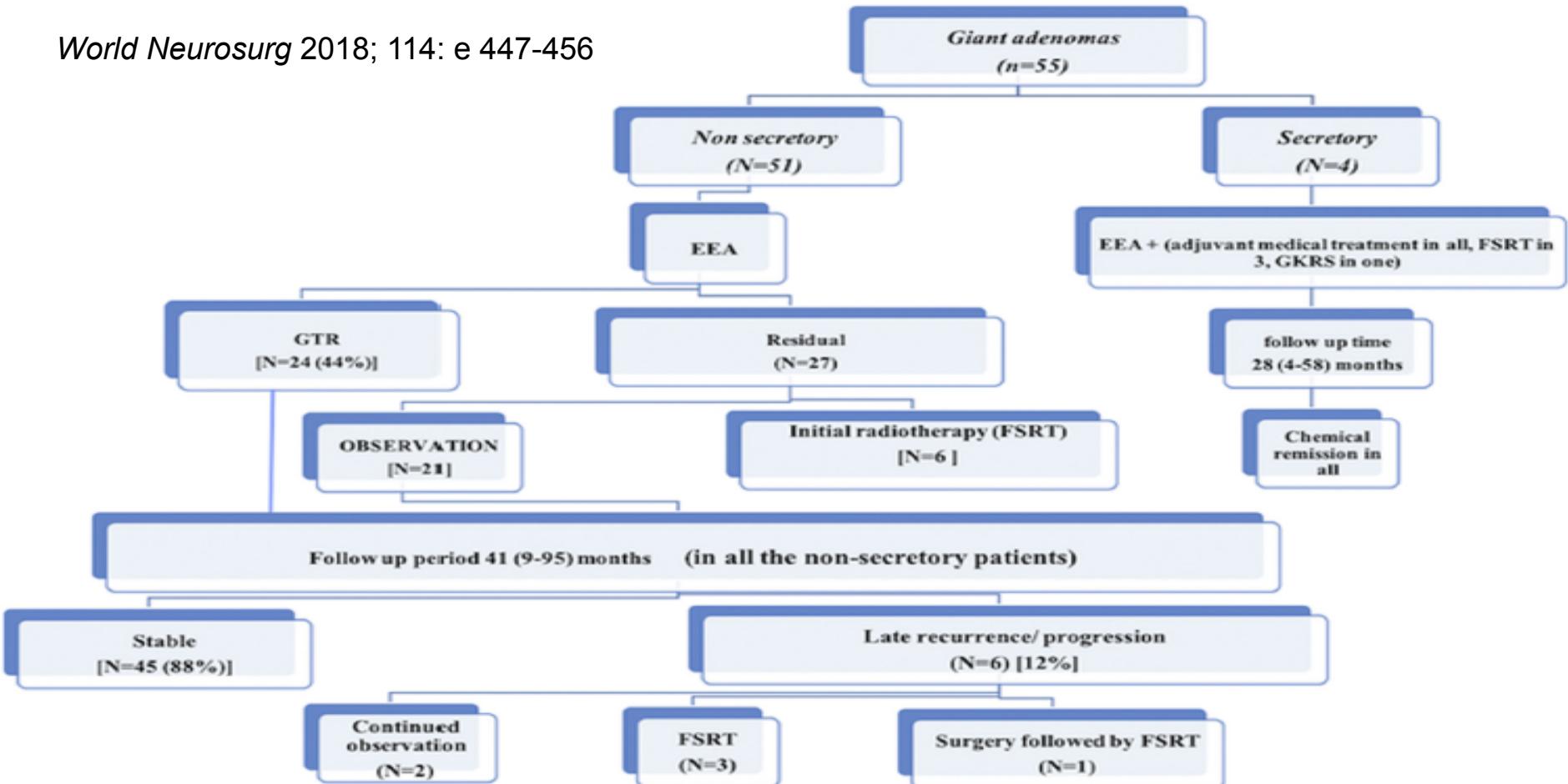




# Endoscopic endonasal surgery for giant pituitary tumours



World Neurosurg 2018; 114: e 447-456



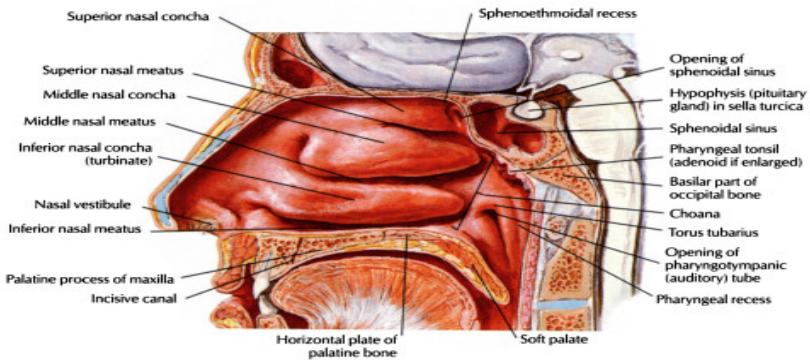


# Endoscopic Endonasal Transsphenoidal Approach (EETA)



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# NFPA – A single centre experience over the last six years (Pituitary Unit, Bologna)

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291 patients (159 males – 132 females)

Diagnosis	Number of patients
Incidental *	112 (38.5%)
Visual symptoms	72 (24.7%)
Endocrinological symptoms	43 (14.7%)
Recurrence/residual/progression	41 (14.1%)
Apoplexy	14 (4.8%)
Neurological symptoms	9 (3.1%)



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# Neuroradiological evaluation



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Hardy grade	Number of patients (%)
1	14 (5%)
2	220 (76%)
3	48 (17%)
4	2 (1%)

Wilson grade	Number of patients (%)
A	135 (46%)
B	85 (29%)
C	6 (2%)
D	6 (2%)
E	41 (14%)

Knosp grade	Number of patients (%)
0	146 (50%)
1	40 (14%)
2	43 (15%)
3	49 (17%)
4	13 (11%)

Knosp grade 1 - 4: 50%

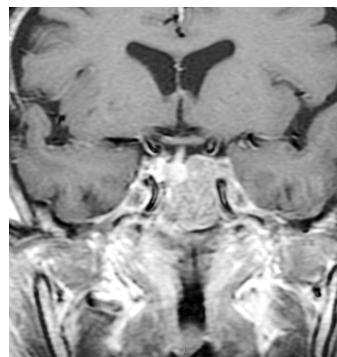
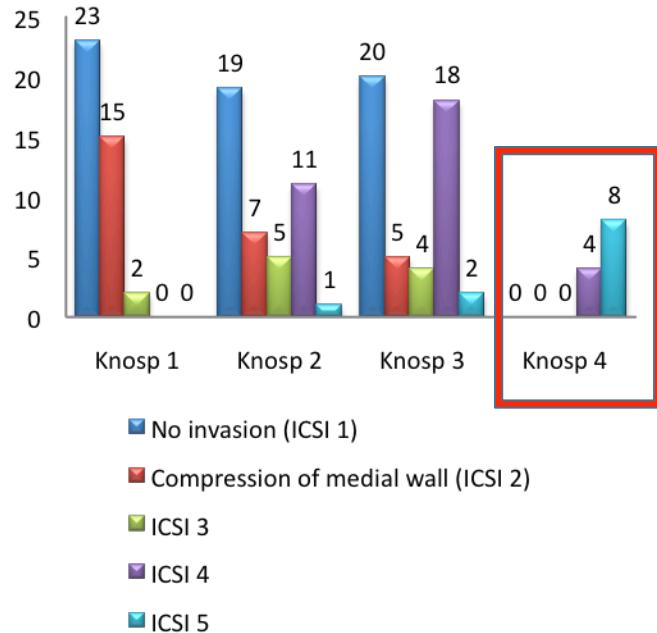


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## *Real invasion of the cavernous sinus*



Pre-op



Post-op



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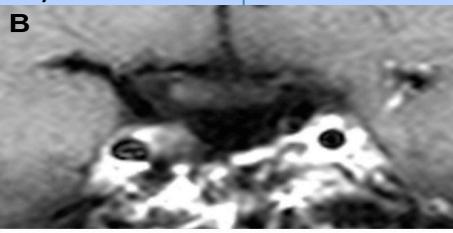
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# Surgical outcome

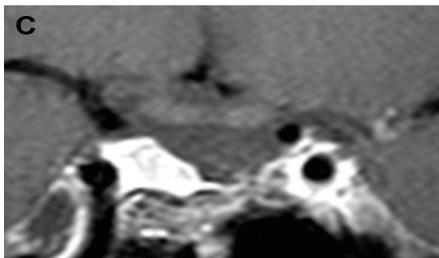
Resection	RM a tre mesi	RM a distanza (M=46 mesi)
GTR	83%	82%
Residual	17%	14%
Regrowth	/	3%
Recurrence	/	1%



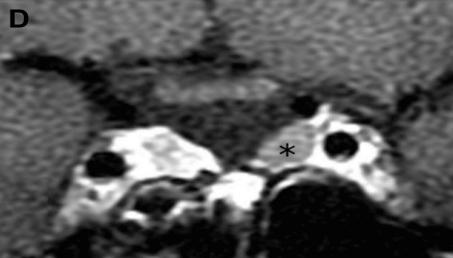
A



B



C



D

**A:** Preoperative MRI

**B:** 3-month postoperative MRI  
without residual

**C:** 24-month postoperative MRI

**D:** 55-month postoperative with  
recurrence in left cavernous  
sinus



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# *Surgical outcome*



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Symptoms	Improved	Unchanged	Worsened
Visual	82%	14%	3%
Endocrinological	46%	43%	11%
Neurological	67%	32%	1%



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# Complications



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Medical complications	Number of patients	Surgical complications	Number of patients
Transient diabetes insipidus	11 (3.8%)	CSF leak	12 (4.1%)
Permanent diabetes insipidus	7 (2.4%)	Epistaxis	5 (1.7%)
SIADH	4 (1.4%)	Cranial nerves palsy	4 (1.4%)
Uro-genital	3 (1.0%)	Postoperative haematomas	3 (1.0%)
Pulmonary	3 (1.0%)		
Cardiovascular	1 (0.3%)		
Meningitis	1 (0.3%)		



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# Review of the medical literature



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Author	Patients	Histology	GTR	Visual improvement	Endocrinologic improvement	Recurrence
Losa et al. (2008)	491	49% null; 45%gonad	64%	87%	35%	19%
Zhan et al. (2015)	313	NA	77%	80%	NA	11%
Hosp. Bellaria (2018)	291	74% null; 13% gonadotrop; 2% ACTH	83%	82%	46%	1%
Lee et al. (2016)	289	31% null; 10% ACTH; 39%gonad	67%	NA	29%	8%
Hwang et al. (2016)	275	NA	67%	NA	NA	17%
Yildirim et al. (2016)	160	NA	90%	44%	35%	17%
Iglesias et al. (2017)	131	NA	38%	34%	0%	NA
Robenshtok et al. (2014)	105	NA	NA	84%	62%	33%
de Aguiar et al. (2009)	104	43% null; 14%gonad	38%	61%	20%	NA
Berkmann et al. (2012)	92	NA	79%	NA	10%	NA
de Mello et al. (2012)	87	NA	<80%	NA	5%	19%
Messerer et al. (2013)	76	NA	67%	41%	15%	NA
Anagnostis et al. (2011)	57	NA	19%	59%	4%	0%
Karpinen et al. (2015)	41	NA	56%	90%	9%	12%
Langlois et al. (2017)	39	39 silent corticot 44% gonad;	42%	NA	NA	36%
Marenco et al. (2015)	25	33% null; 4% ACTH	31%	70%	22%	21%
Alahmadi et al. (2012)	20	20 silent corticotr	60%	NA	0%	13%



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# Mind!

Surgeon practice volume!

Expertise of other specialists  
of the team!

Oversight of the verification  
process!

Spectrum of pituitary tumors!



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# Grazie dell'attenzione



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