





## SEGMENDENTAL COLLEGETECTOMY VERSUS LOBECTOMY IN SMALL-SIZED PERIPHERAL NSCLC: RESULTS FROM JCOG0802/WJOG4607: THE IMBALANCE OF DEATHS FROM OTHER CANCERS AND THEIR IMPACT SURVIVAL

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Recently the novel results of the two important prospective studies by JCOG and CALGB which compared the prognosis and pulmonary function became available. Both of two studies were conducted for the small-sized peripheral NSCLC. The JCOG trial was designed in a non inferiority setting with the combination of two crucial endpoints of survival and postoperative pulmonary function. On the other hand, the CALGB study was performed only with the endpoint of survival.

The JCOG study demonstrated unexpected results regarding the survival and pulmonary function. The JCOG trial demonstrated noot only the superiority of segmentectomy over lobectomy with regard to the survival (unexpected result ONE), but also no difference in postoperative pulmonary function and other perioperative parameters such as FEV1.0, operative time, postoperative air leakage, and local recurrence rate. (unexpected result TWO). These results of the JCOG trail need to be carefully interpreted to optimize the indication of segmentectomy. Especially the high local recurrence rate at 10.4% should not be ignored. Looking back at these results, my impression is the indication of segmentectomy even for the small-sized tumors should be carefully determined according to the relative merit of this lesser resection (segmentectomy) based upon the present recognition that there is no reasonable mechanism that the lesser resection ensures the better survival.