



Lead Times in Management of Retroperitoneal Sarcomas

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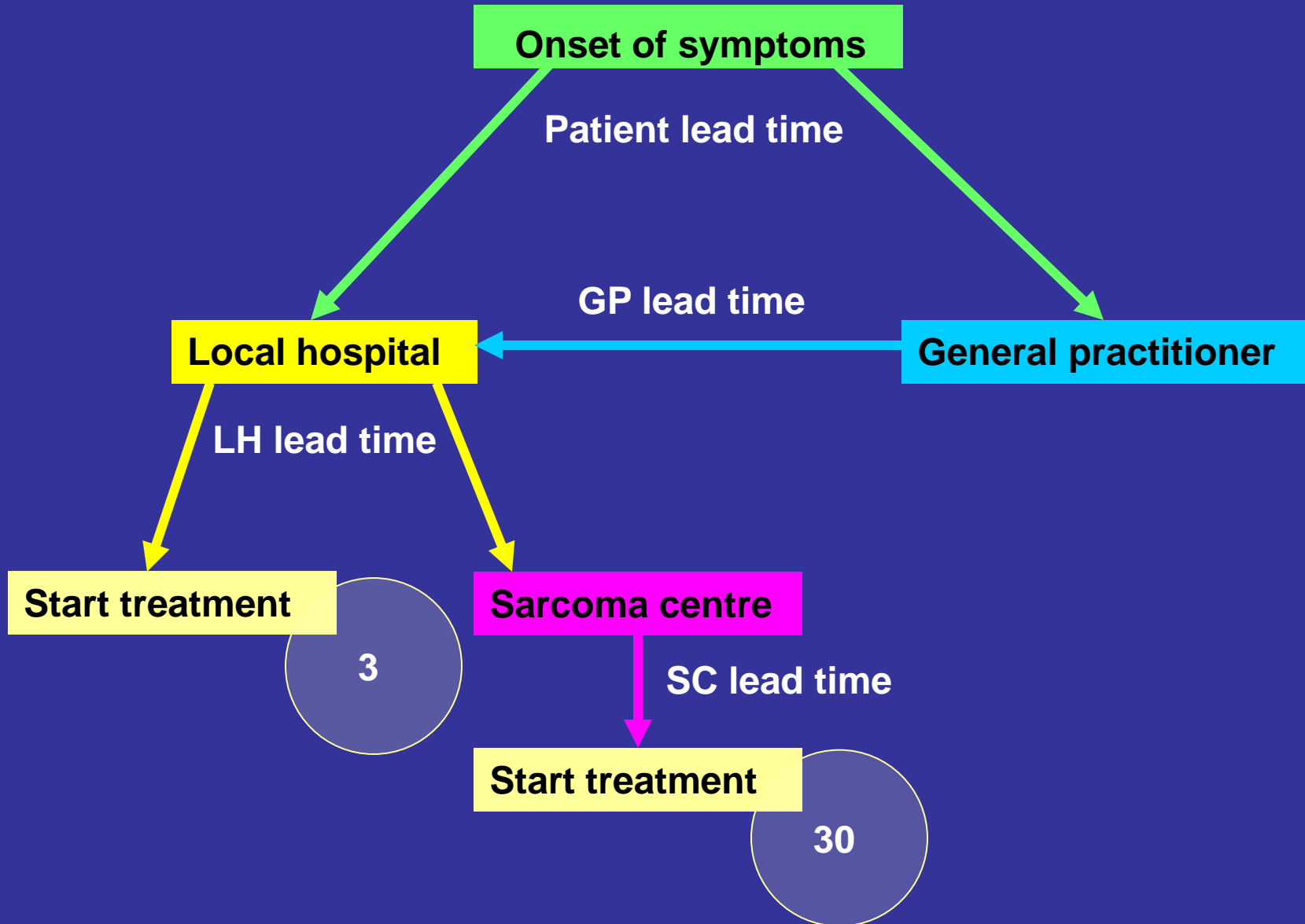
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Background and Purpose

- Centralized treatment
- Delays in referral and treatment?
- Analysis of 33 patients

(2003-2009; mean age 66, mean size 21 cm, 7 histotypes)

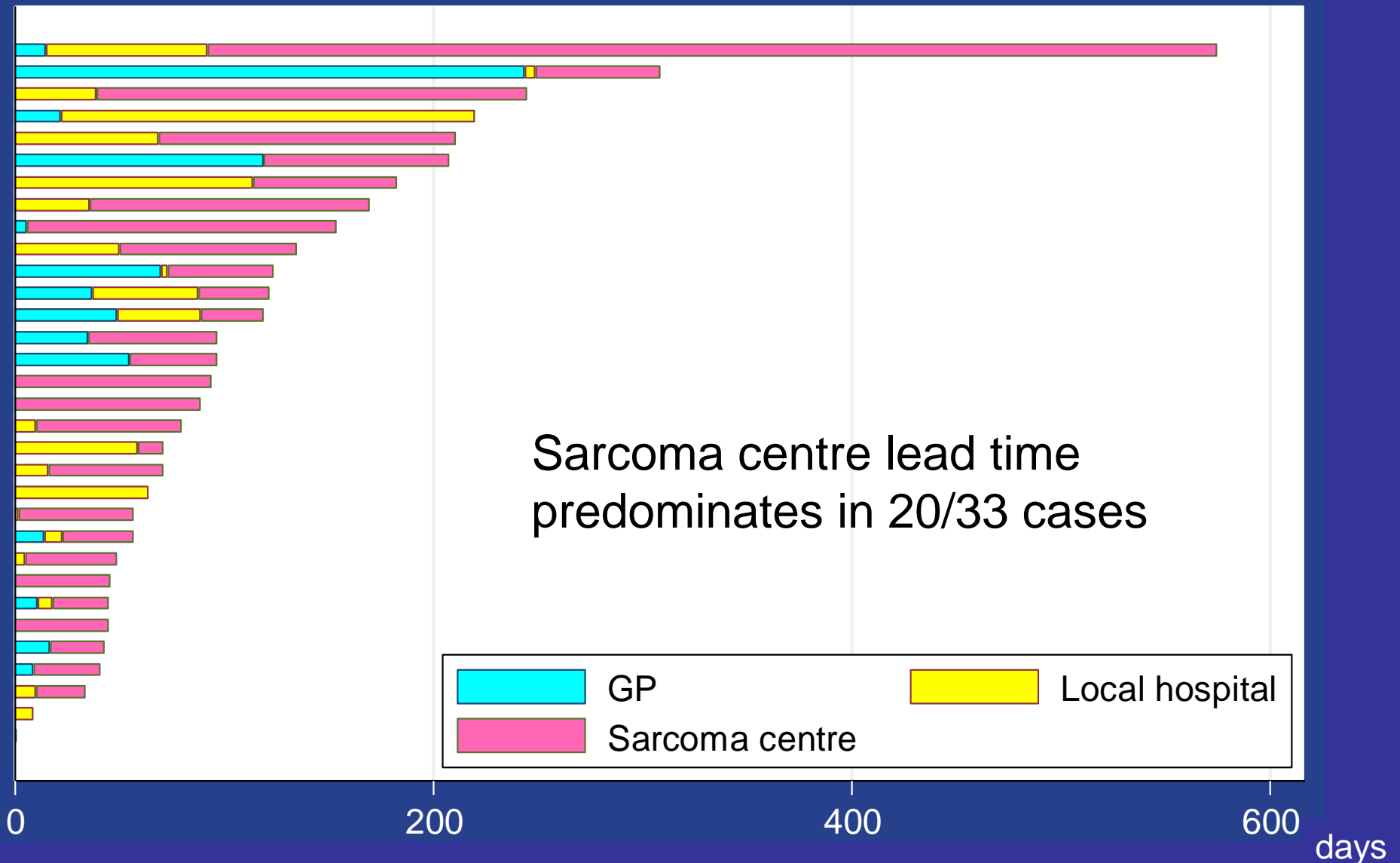
Lead times



Median lead times

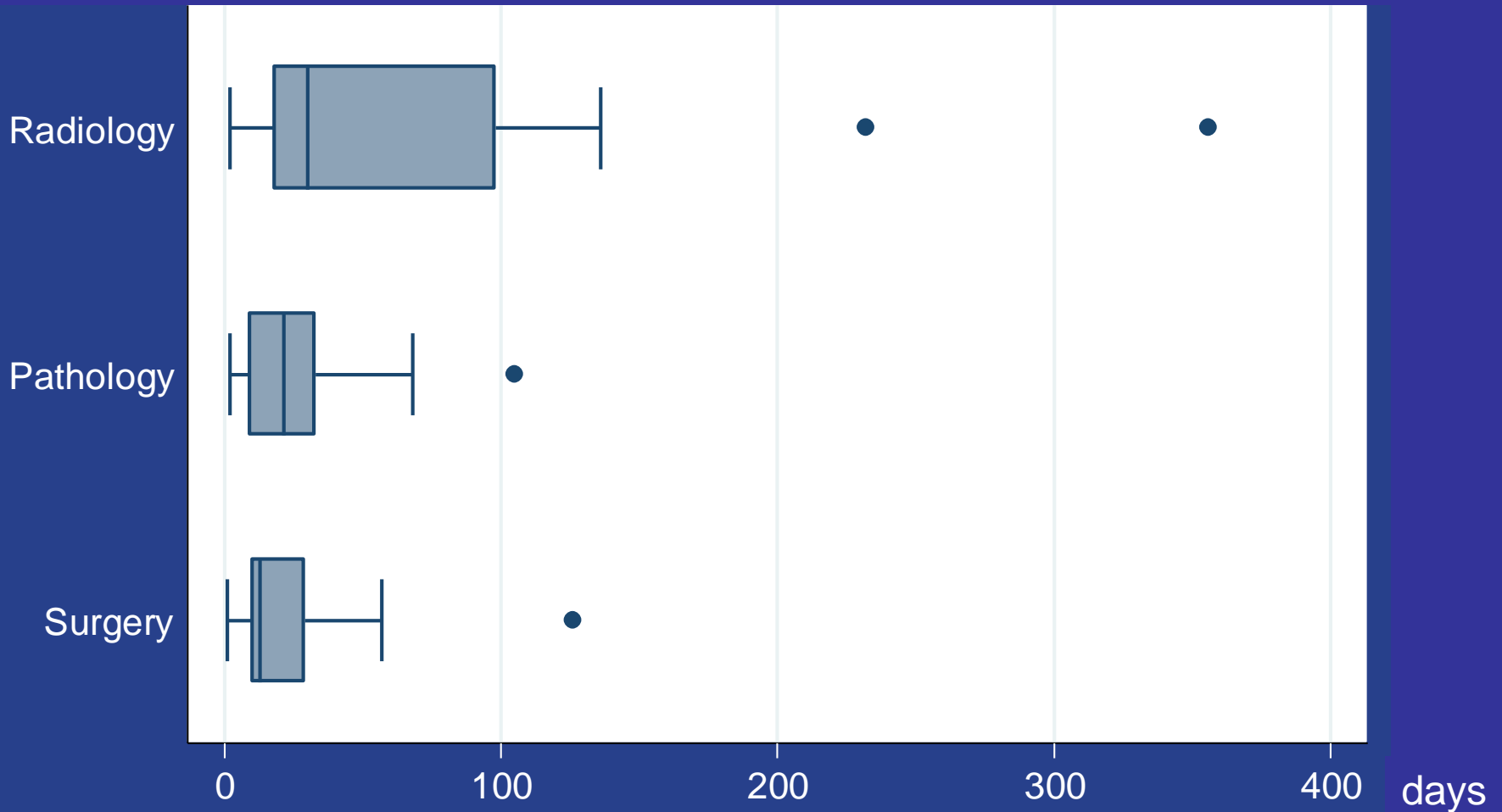


System lead times



NB: 1 case was excluded from this graph because of local hospital delay of 3 years

Sarcoma centre lead times



Conclusion

- > 90% referred before surgery
- System's lead time outnumber patients' delay
- Room for improvement
2w at GP, 5w at Local hospital, 8w at Sarcoma centre
- Potential measures
 - Patient in SC for rapid diagnostic work up
 - Instant pathology evaluation
 - Radiology package

