

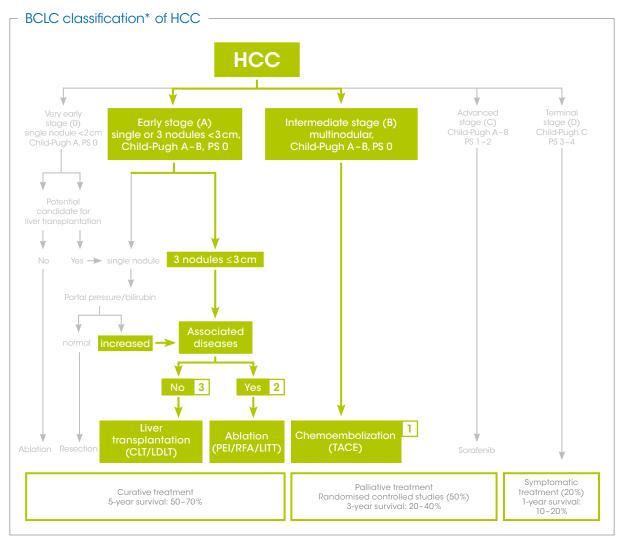
The ideal combination partner for optimization of locoregional cancer treatment in HCC patients



## **CLASSIFICATION AND TREATMENT**

### Guideline-compliant treatment options

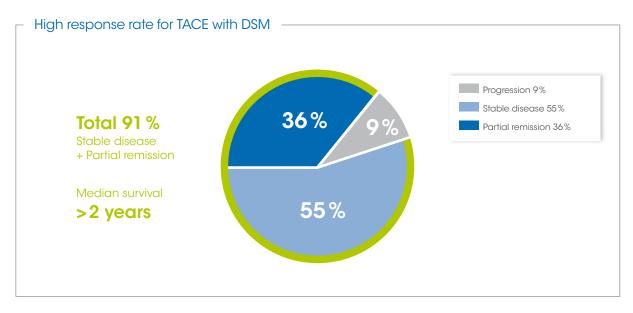
- TACE with Degradable Starch Microspheres (DSM) for guideline-compliant palliative treatment of unresectable HCC patients in the intermediate stage. [1]
- 2 TACE with DSM for curative treatment in combination with ablation and PEI. [2] [3]
- TACE with DSM for neoadjuvant treatment to prolong the waiting time in HCC patients with increased risk of relapse or progression prior to liver transplantation. [4]



<sup>\*</sup>Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer adapted from Llovet, J.M. et al.  $^{[1]}$  and Forner, A. et al.  $^{[5]}$ 



## **RESPONSE RATE**



TACE treatment of unresectable HCC patients using DSM, Cisplatin (50 mg/m²), Doxorubicin (50 mg/m²) and Lipiodol leads to high response rates and a median survival of 26 months. [6]

## EmboCept®S performs well in clinical practice

"Our TACE protocol implementing DSM combined with Carboplatin and Docetaxel exhibited good tolerability and low toxicity as well as encouraging survival rates in advanced HCC patients. No case of typical post-embolization syndrome occurred under 117 chemoembolizations."

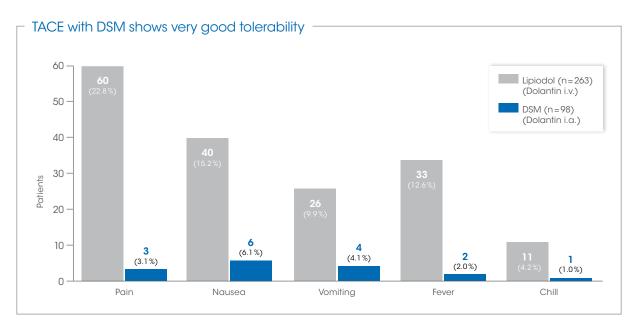
Prof. T. Albrecht; Vivantes Klinikum Neukölln; German Congress of Radiology, Hamburg 2012



TACE with EmboCept®S is recommended by experts as an ideal partner in the treatment of HCC.



# **QUALITY OF LIFE**



Comparison of side-effects between TACE with Degradable Starch Microspheres and conventional TACE with Lipiodol shows significantly better tolerability for TACE with DSM.  $^{[7]}$ 

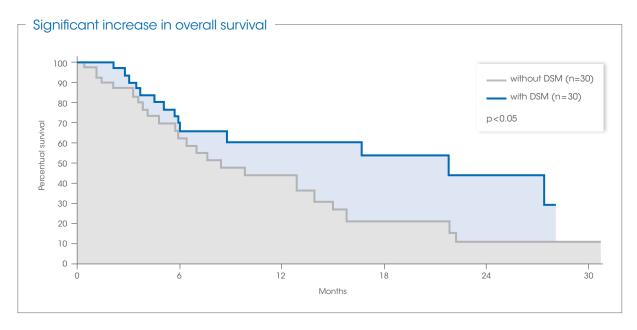
ACE with EmboCept®S offers advantages in the anti-tumour strategy		
Permanent materials [8] [9]	EmboCept®\$	
several months to permanent	limited to up to 2 hours	
high	little	
high	little	
given	little	
new blood vessels supplying the tumour	unlikely	
necessary	not necessary	
limited	unlimited	
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Comparison of temporary vs. permanent embolization clearly demonstrates the advantages of treatment with  $EmboCept^@S$ .

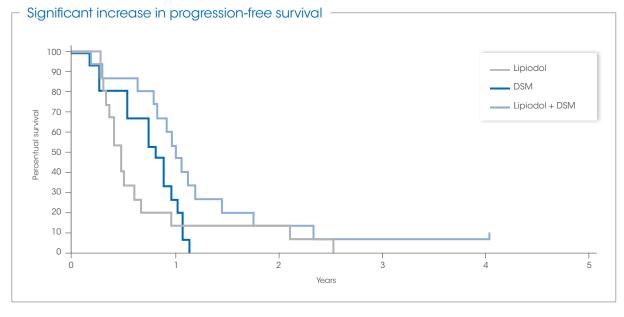
Improved tolerability of TACE with EmboCept®S enhances the quality of life of your HCC patients.



## **SURVIVAL**



In unresectable patients in the intermediate stage, TACE with DSM leads to a significant increase in overall survival compared to TACE with Doxorubicin ( $30 \text{mg/m}^2$ ) alone. [10]



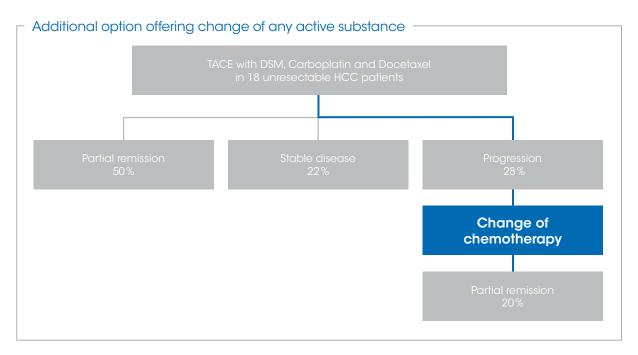
Median progression-free survival in patients following TACE with DSM, Cisplatin (80 mg) and Lipiodol is significantly better compared to TACE with Lipiodol (p=0.035) or DSM alone (p=0.02). [11]



# TREATMENT OPTIONS

Combination therapy, including bridging therapy  TACE with DSM		
Type of treatment		Outcome
Combination	TACE and PEI [2]	Increased survival
	TACE and LITT [3]	Downsizing and 36-month median survival
	TACE and RFA [12]	Downsizing of lesions 3-8cm
Bridging	TACE prior to liver transplantation [4]	Extension of medium waiting time

TACE with EmboCept®S is a universal partner with high response rates in combination therapy.

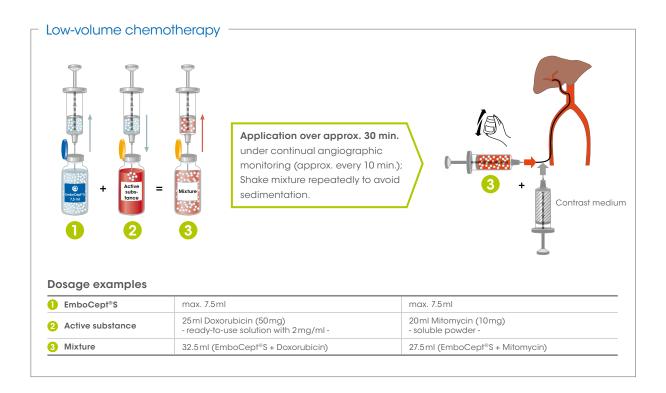


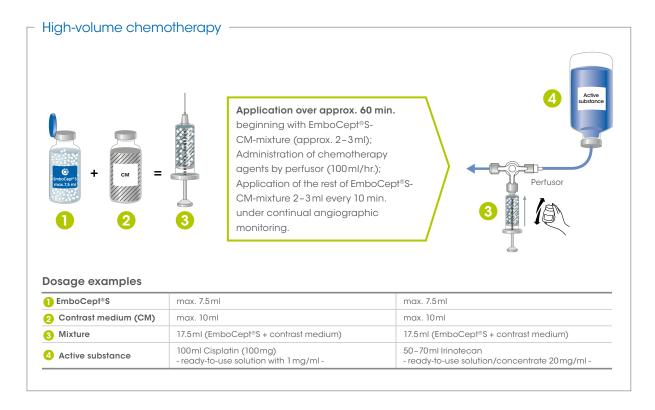
A sequential TACE protocol with DSM, Carboplatin (450 mg) and Docetaxel (80 mg) as well as a change of chemotherapy (liposomal-encapsulated Carboplatin or liposomal-encapsulated Doxorubicin) following progression leads to median survival of 27 months in unresectable HCC patients. [13]

TACE with EmboCept®S provides increased flexibility and an option for change of any active substance.



## HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS





EmboCept®S represents simple and flexible application and can be combined with any chemotherapy.



## **SUMMARY**

#### The advantages of EmboCept®S:

- Guideline-compliant treatment of HCC patients
- Significant increase in overall survival
- Significant increase in progression-free survival
- Very good tolerability
- Flexibility in treatment type and procedure
- Simple handling in treatment use



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EmboCept®S 450mg/7.5ml, Composition: Amilomer, DSM 35/50 (Degradable Starch Microspheres), isotonic saline solution. Practical applications: Chemoembolizate, EmboCept®S suspension for injection is an adjuvant for intraarterial therapy of tumours in combination with cytostatics and other active ingredients. Contraindications: EmboCept®S is not permitted for use in cases of vascular anomalies in target organs, such as shunts (>30%), arterial occlusion, portal vein thrombosis, portal hypertension, portal vein invasion and severe liver failure. Adverse effects: Pains in the region of the target organ due to vascular occlusions (normally subside after approximately 30–60 minutes and disappear after approximately 1 hour), upper abdominal complaints (ischemia pain), temporary

disturbances of function in the target organ (such as elevated liver values), dyspnoea (rare, and reversible after approximately 35 minutes). Due to combination with cytostatics: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, inflammations of the mucous membranes, fever, chill, coughing, ulcers in the upper gastrointestinal tract (direct correlation with embolization is not possible). Interactions with other agents: Because of the embolization effect of EmboCept®S, a local increase of the concentration of a concomitantly administered active ingredient will occur. This may impose limits on the maximum quantity of an active ingredient to be administered with EmboCept®S. Warnings: not applicable. Durability: 24 months. Special storage instructions: none. Dosage forms and package sizes: 7.5ml injection vials. By prescription only. Information status: July 2013 Pharmaceutical manufacturer: PharmaCept GmbH, Berlin.

