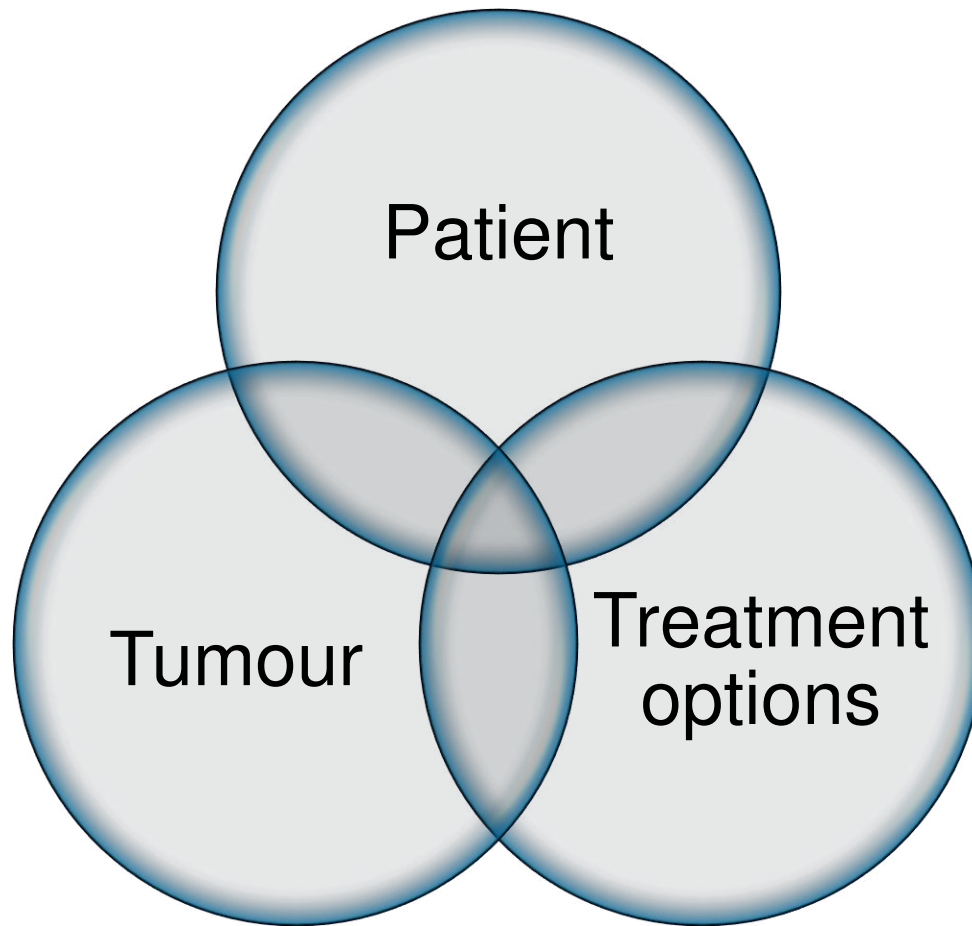
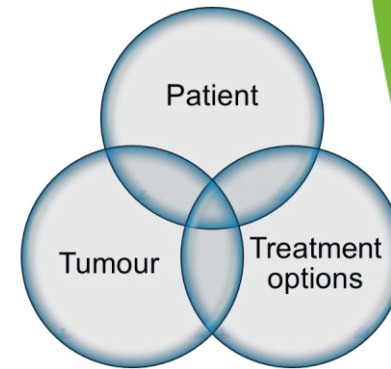


# Which patients should not undergo surgery?

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# Patient Preferences

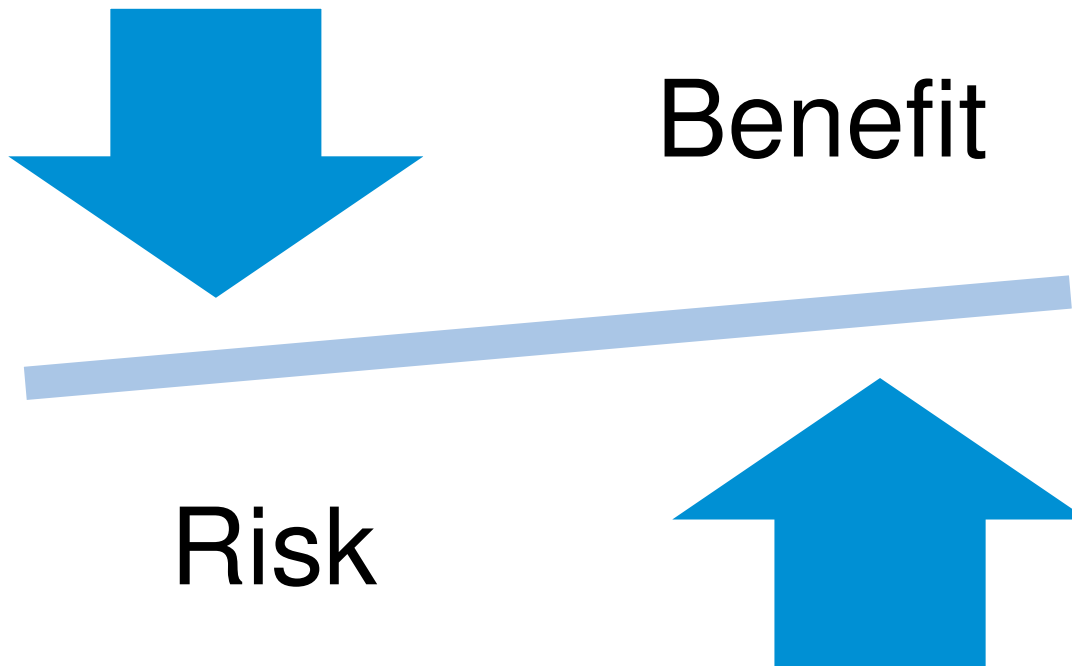
## Shared decision-making

Patients who prioritize quality of life or fear surgery's impact may opt for non-invasive approaches. Ensuring that patients are informed about the risks, benefits, and uncertainties of all options is central to personalized care

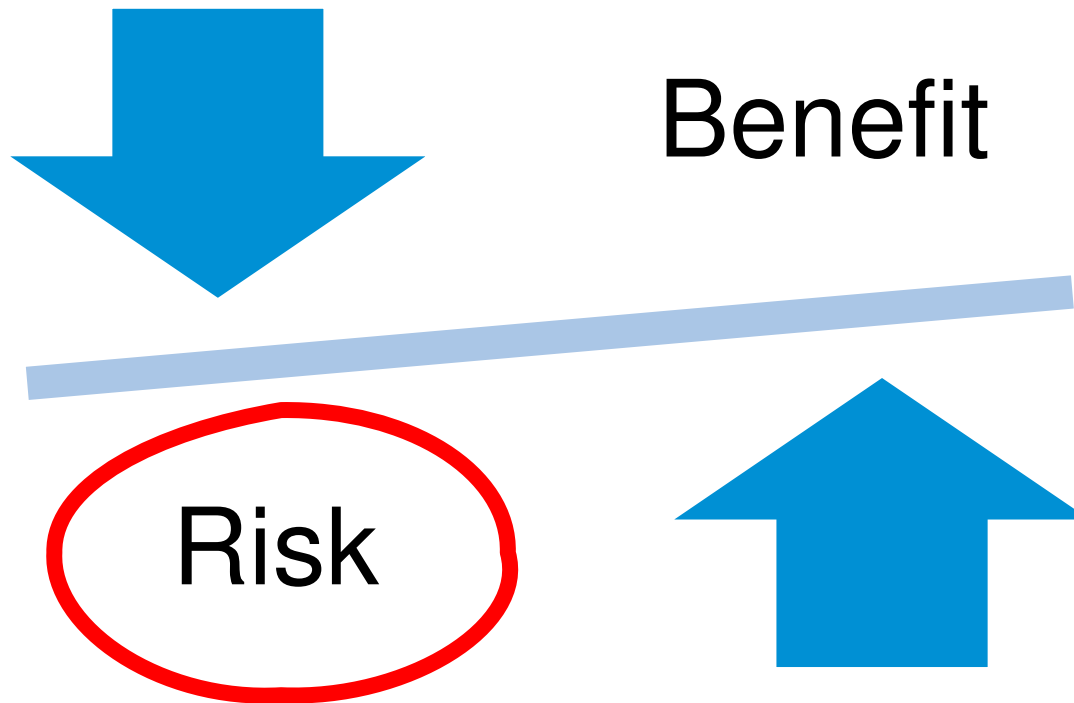
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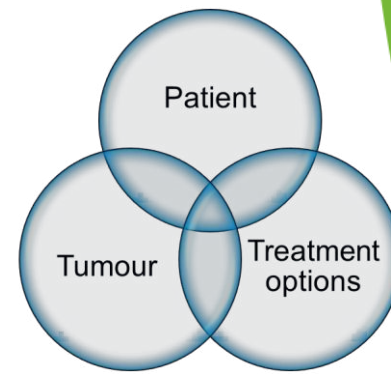
- **Patient expectations:** Many patients equate surgery with definitive treatment and are hesitant to pursue conservative options
- **Communication gaps:** Discussions often focus on procedural risks, neglecting broader quality-of-life implications
- **Institutional practices:** Hospitals/doctors may incentivize surgery over alternative management strategies

Do no harm?



Do no harm?





# How do you assess high risk patients?

- Talk
  - Alcohol and tobacco use
  - Mental status
  - Diabetes, heart disease
  - Immuno suppression
- Physical examination
  - Obesity
  - sarcopenia
- Blood tests
  - kidney function
- Scores
  - Frailty scores

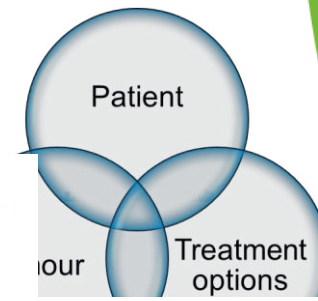


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# Patient-Related Factors

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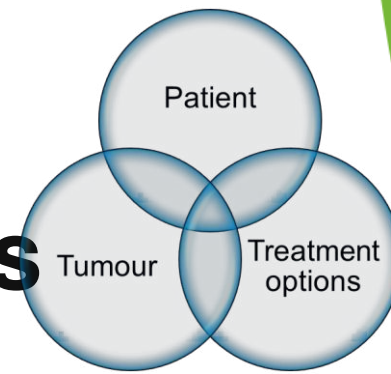
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# Patient-Related Factors

- Advanced Age
- Frailty
- Sarcopenia and nutritional status
- TUG, Timed up and go-test
- In-hospital care the last 2 years due to medical conditions
- Charlson Comorbidity index, 19 items
- 5-factor modified frailty index (5-IFi)



# Clinical skills

## Tips and Trix

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- For older people (75 years), which years do you think will be the best years in your life; the coming 5 years or the years between 85 and 90?

# Tips and trix

- Chronic pain
- Talk to your patient, and to its spouse/relatives for a true picture
- Functional status, today (not last summer or during younger years)
  - What do you do during a day?
  - Do you need to rest during the day?
  - How far can you go? Uphill walking? How often do you walk?
- Stairtest, 2 floors, walk with the patient, and add proBNP
- Test: ejection fraction, proBNP, renal split function

# Tips and trix

- Polypharmacy; > 5 drugs
- HbA1c < 60
- Morbid obesity
- Do you easily get hematoma`s?
- Other deseases
  - Hematological malignancies
  - Ehler Danlos
  - Coagulopathies
- Jehova´s wittness
- Previous radiation therapy

# In conclusion

- Learn from your mistakes
  - Teach others as not to repeat your mistakes
  - Talk to your patient!
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- Further research is needed, but studies will not replace clinical skills in balancing risks and potential benefits together with the patient

# The risk of Postoperative Delirium (POD)

- Timed Up and Go (TUG) Test



- **1. Shared Decision-Making (SDM)**

- Shared decision-making is crucial when surgery might not align with a patient's values or when outcomes are uncertain. SDM emphasizes collaboration between clinicians and patients to weigh benefits, risks, and alternatives. Research shows that patients often lack sufficient opportunities to engage in discussions about non-surgical options, particularly for high-risk surgeries. For instance, patients may prioritize quality of life over extended survival, particularly when faced with debilitating complications post-surgery. Effective SDM helps patients understand their choices beyond technical details, fostering informed consent and avoiding unnecessary interventions (e.g., surgery for palliative care settings) (sources: BMJ Open, JAMA Surgery).
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- **Shared Decision-Making (SDM)**
- **High-Risk Patients and Alternatives**
- **Ethical and Legal Considerations**