

Update in Internal Medicine 2023

Cardio-Oncology: Life Lessons After Cancer

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Objectives

- Cardiovascular toxicity risks
- Surveillance and monitoring
- Long-term follow-up and prevention of chronic complications
- Life after cancer

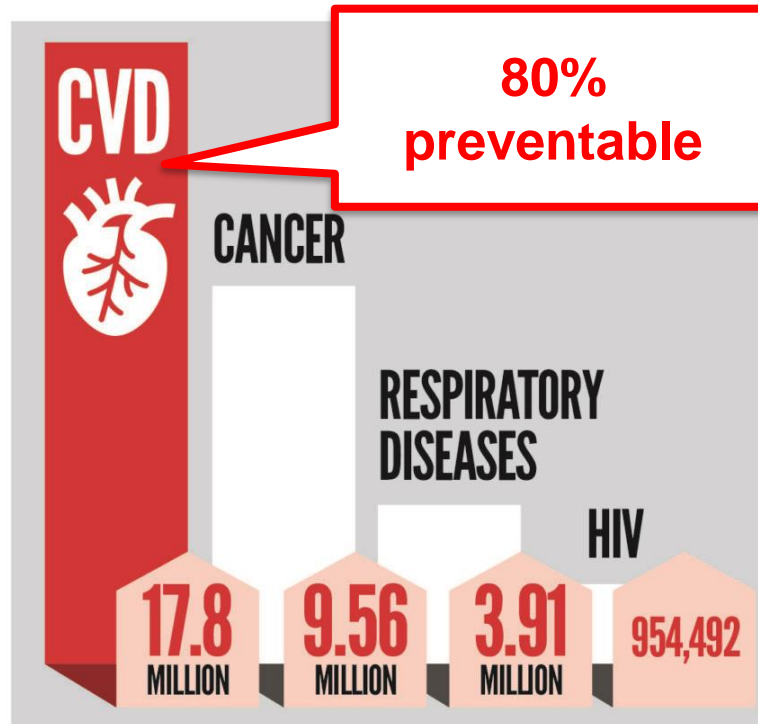
What is Onco-Cardiology / Cardio-Oncology?

- Bridging discipline aiming to **maximize anti-cancer effects** while **minimizing cardiovascular toxicity**



Why?

GLOBAL CAUSES OF DEATH



Sources: World Health Organization;
IHME, Global Burden of Disease

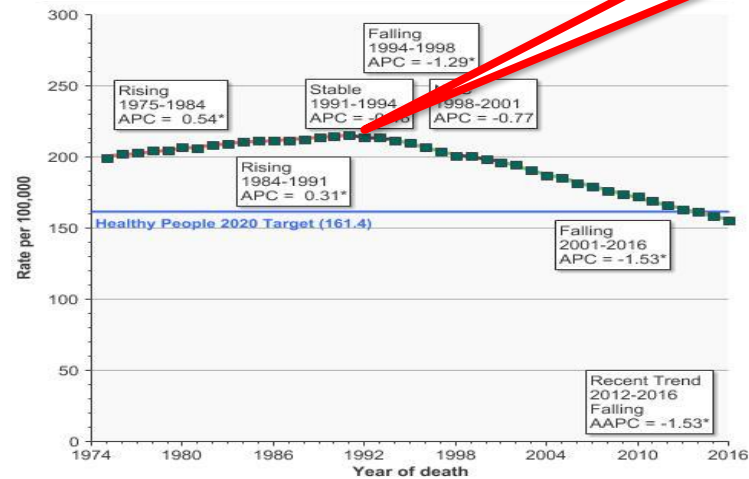
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Cancer Survival

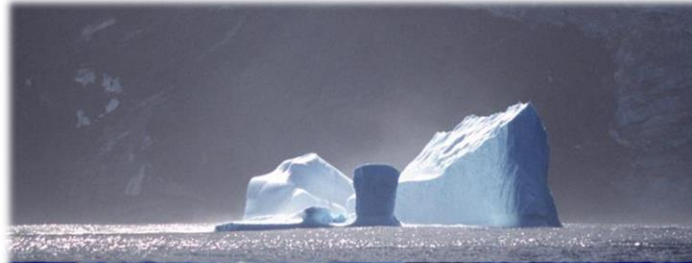
Smoking bans
started 1995

US Death Rates for all Cancers 1975-2016



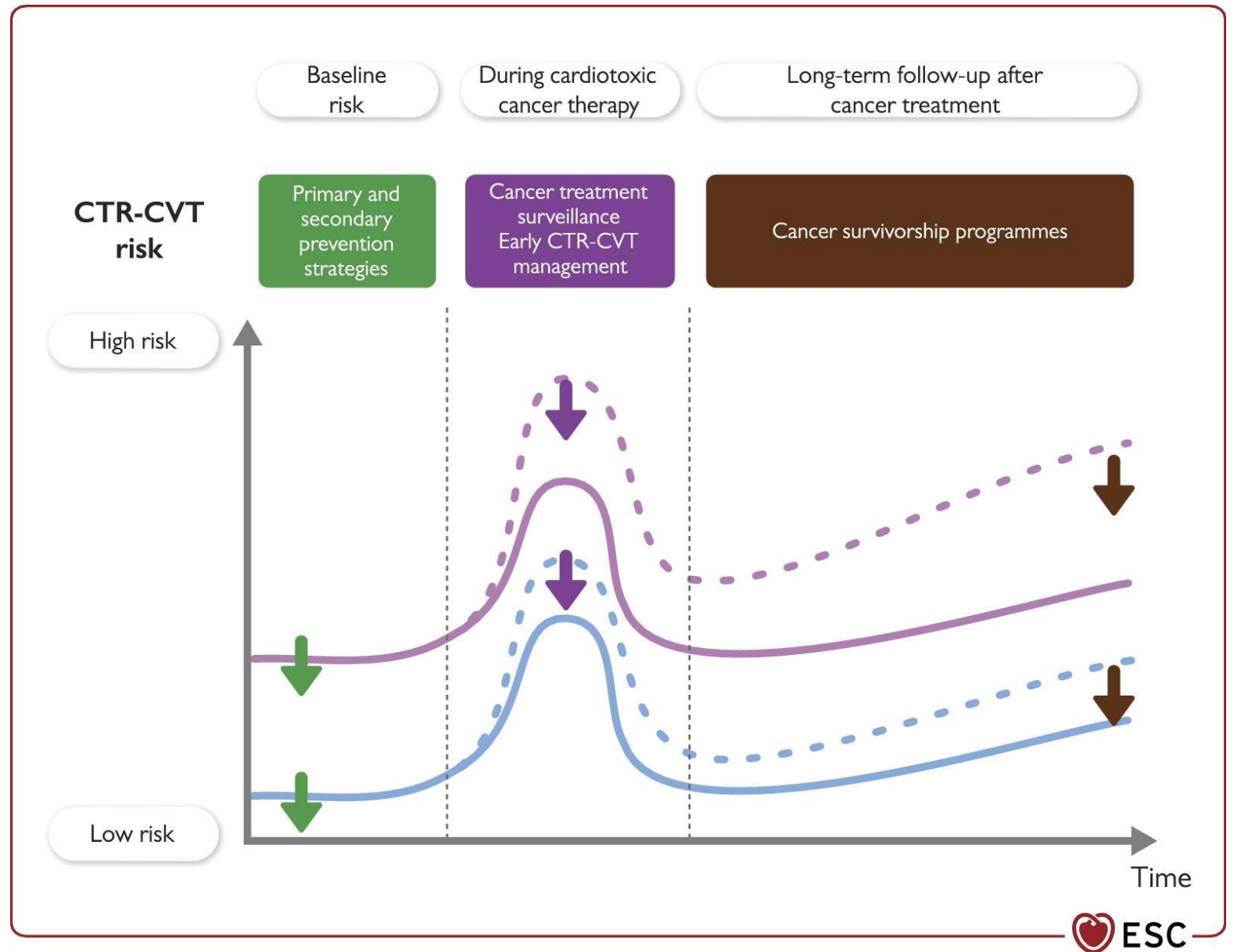
Cardiotoxic Effects of Cancer Therapy

Cardiomyopathy



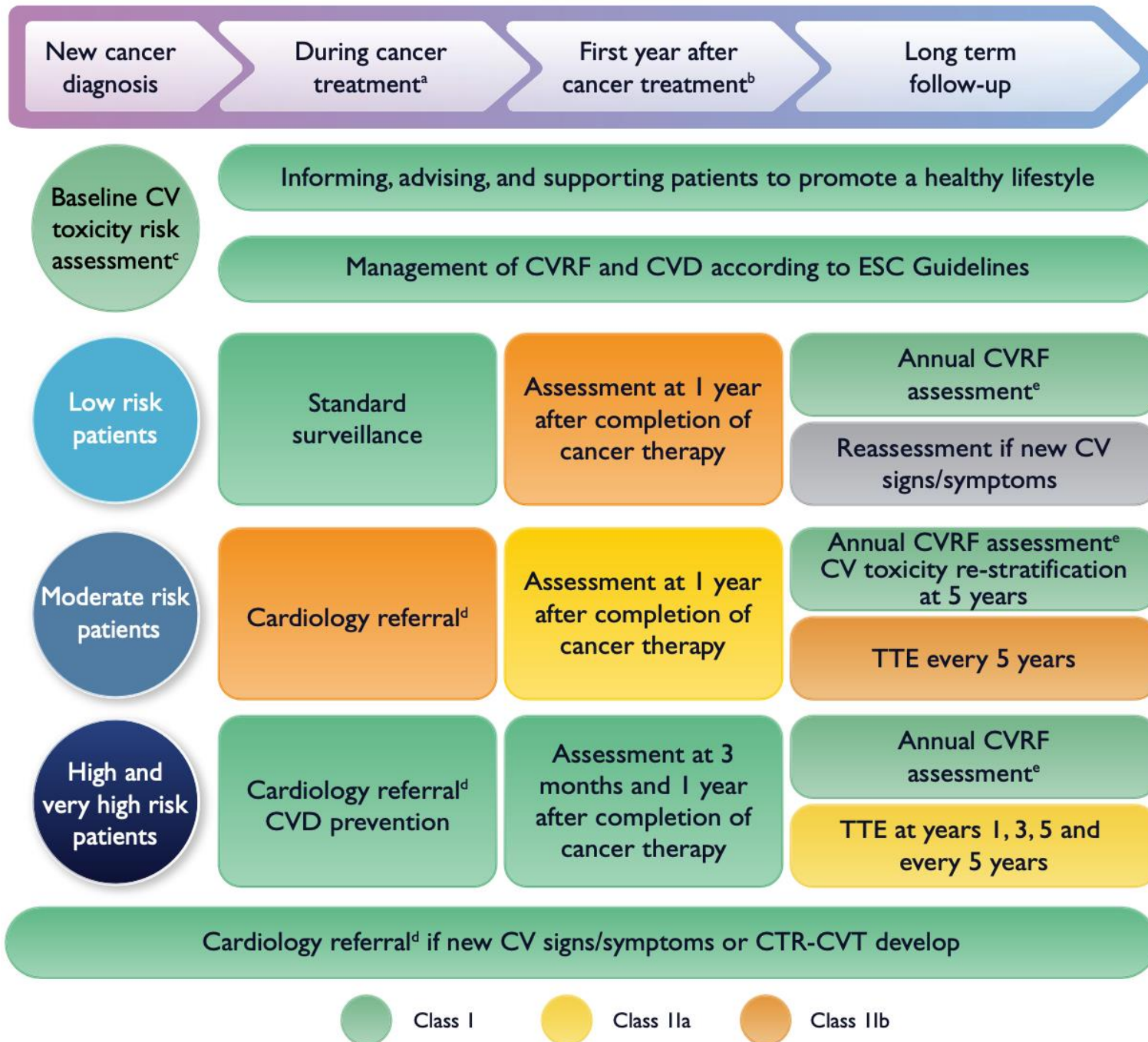
Anti-metabolites
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Dynamics of Cardiovascular Toxicity Risk



CTR-CVT, cancer therapy-related cardiovascular toxicity

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Cardiovascular Risk

- Baseline
- During
- Early after-
- Long term after cancer treatment

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+ Immunotherapy

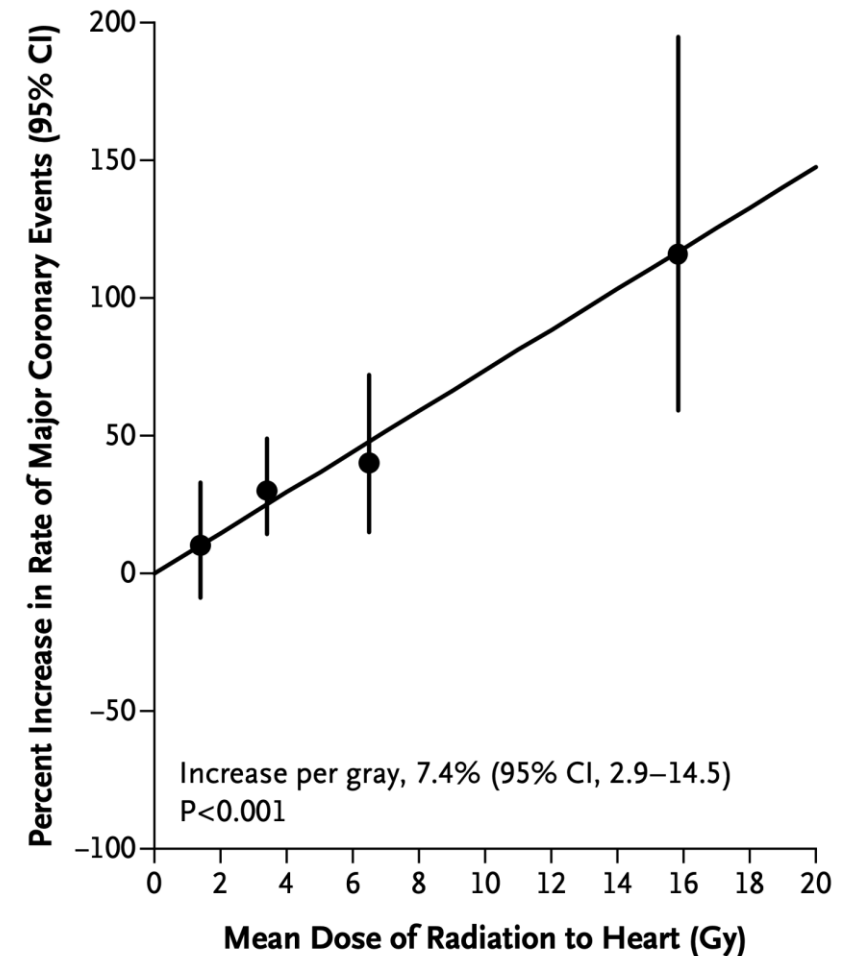
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Linear Increase of Major Coronary Events with Mean Radiation Dose to the Heart

2168 women

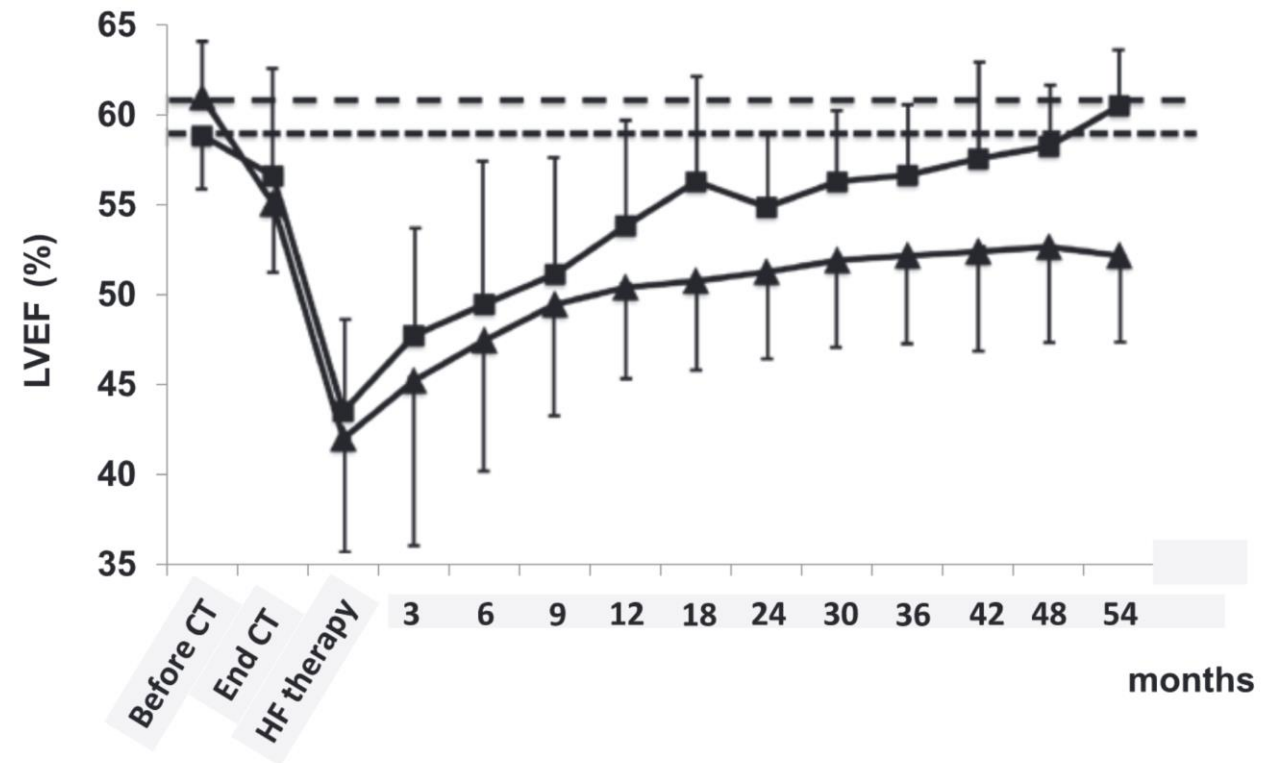
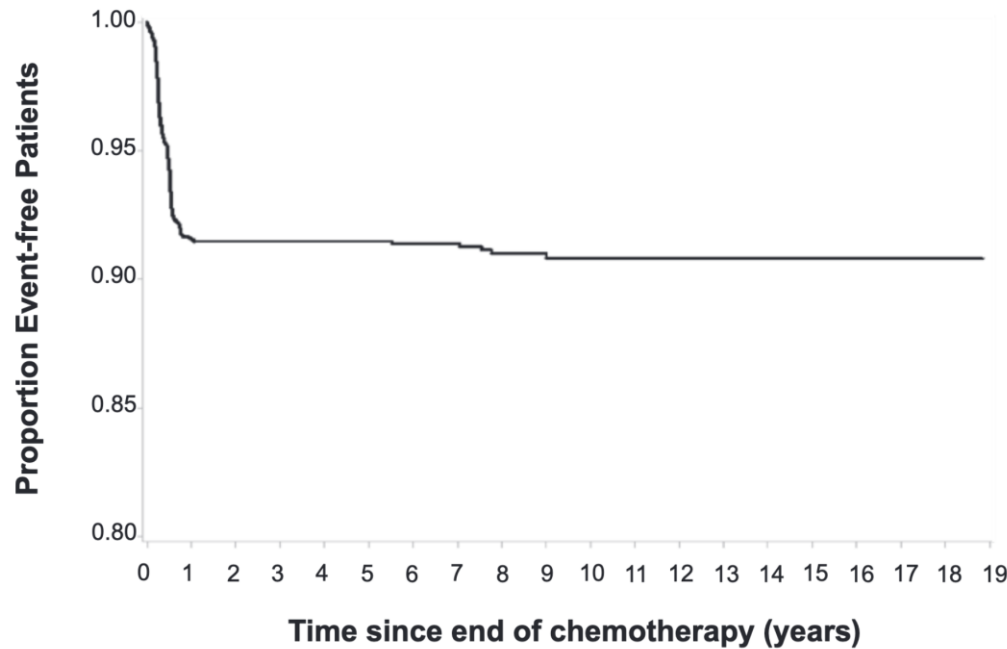
Mean heart dose to the heart
0.03 Gy-27.72 Gy

Increased risk starting at 5 years,
continuing to increase after 20
years



Darby SC et al. N Engl J Med. 2013 Mar 14;368(11):987-98. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1209825. PMID: 23484825.

Early Detection of Anthracycline Cardiotoxicity and Improvement with HF Therapy



Cardinale D et al. Circulation. 2015 Jun 2;131(22):1981-8. doi: 10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.114.013777. Epub 2015 May 6. PMID: 25948538.

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The Beginning

- 1950's bone marrow transplantation (BMT) - pioneered in by E. Donnall Thomas
- 1990 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine
- 1957-2012 > 1million patients transplanted

INTRAVENOUS INFUSION OF BONE MARROW IN PATIENTS RECEIVING RADIATION AND CHEMOTHERAPY*

E. DONNALL THOMAS, M.D.,† HARRY L. LOCHTE, JR., M.D.,‡ WAN CHING LU, PH.D.,§
AND JOSEPH W. FERREBEE, M.D.¶

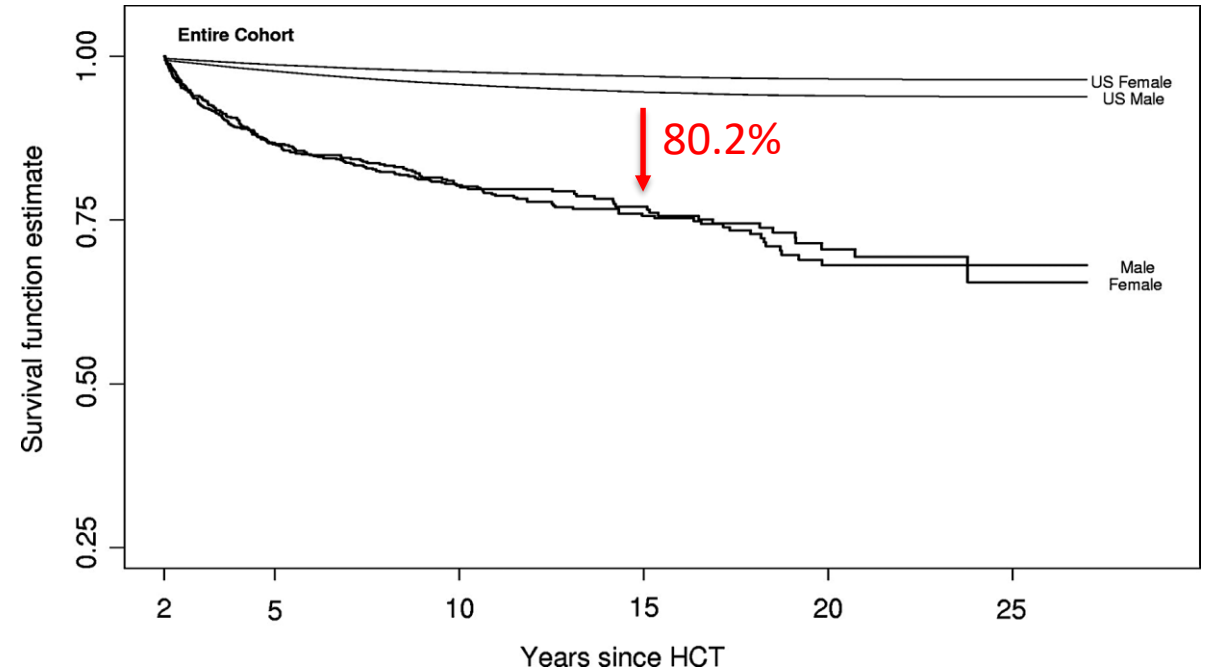
COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK, AND BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS



Thomas ED, et al. N Engl J Med. 1957 Sep 12;257(11)
<https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/medicine/1990/thomas/biographical/>

Long-term Survival after HSCT

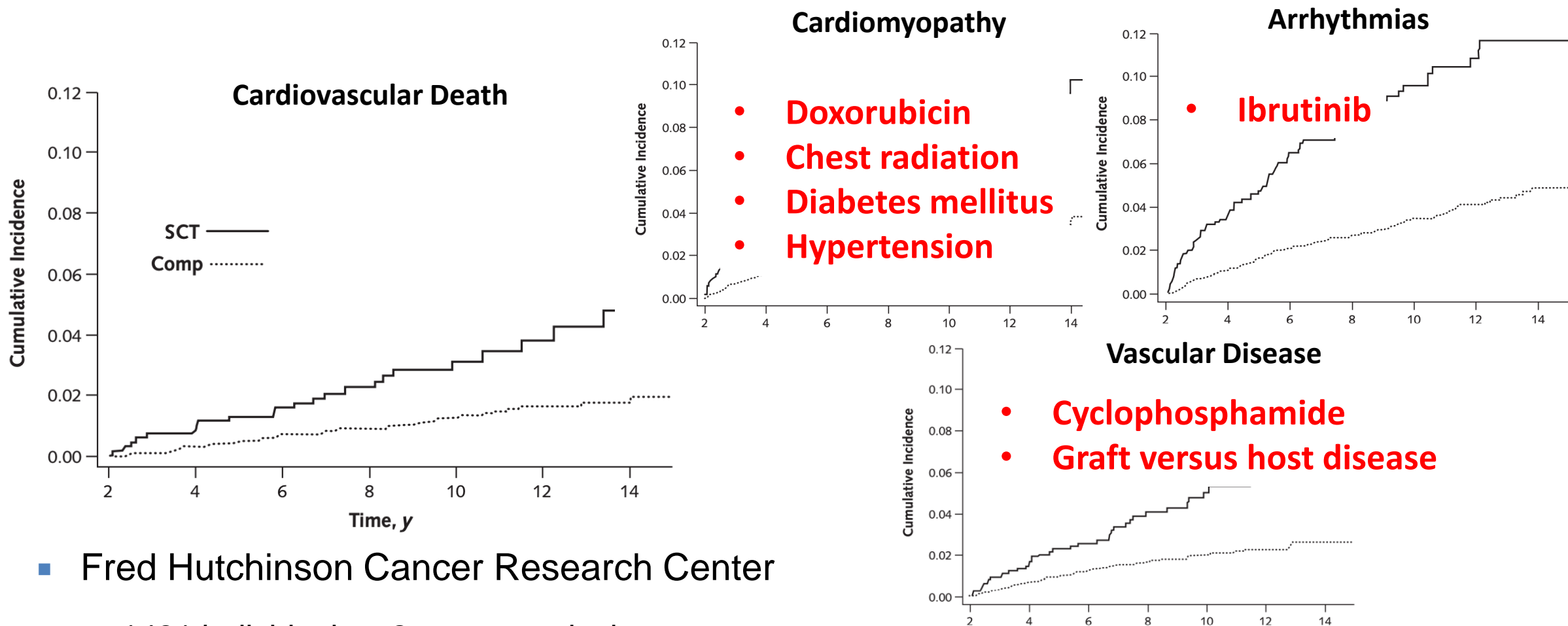
- Bone Marrow Transplant Survivor Study
 - 1479 individuals, >2 years survival
 - Median age 25.9 years
 - Median follow-up 9.5 years
 - Survival 80.2% at 15 years
 - Standardized mortality ratio 2.2



>240,000 survivors in 2020
>500,000 survivors in 2030

Bhatia S et al. Blood. 2007 Nov 15;110(10):3784-92.

Cardiovascular Complications of HSCT



■ Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

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Chow EJ et al. Ann Intern Med. 2011 Jul 5;155(1):21-32

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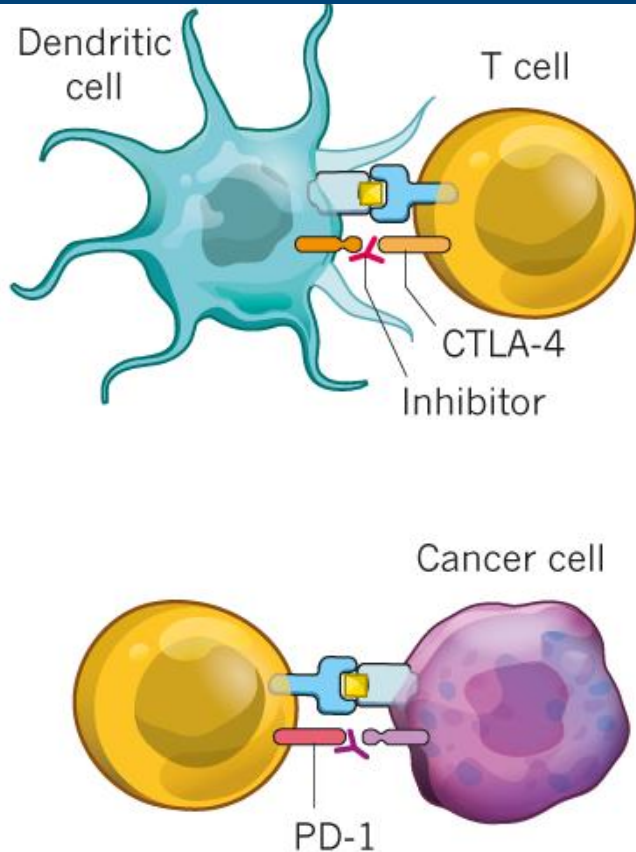
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Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors (ICI)



Medicine 2018



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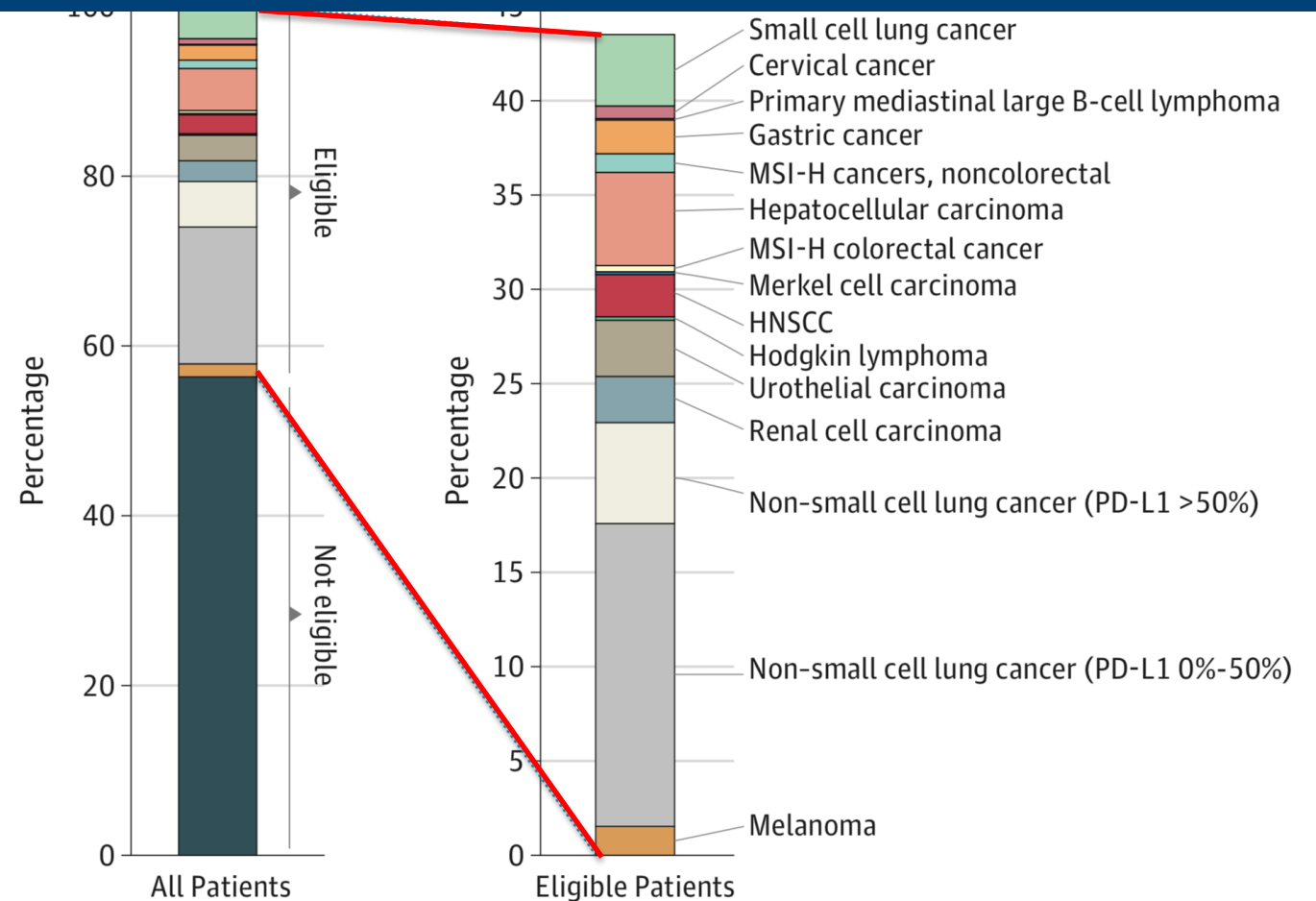


The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2018 was awarded jointly to James P. Allison and Tasuku Honjo "for their discovery of cancer therapy by inhibition of negative immune regulation."

Ledford, Nature, 2018

Increased Survival with ICI Therapy

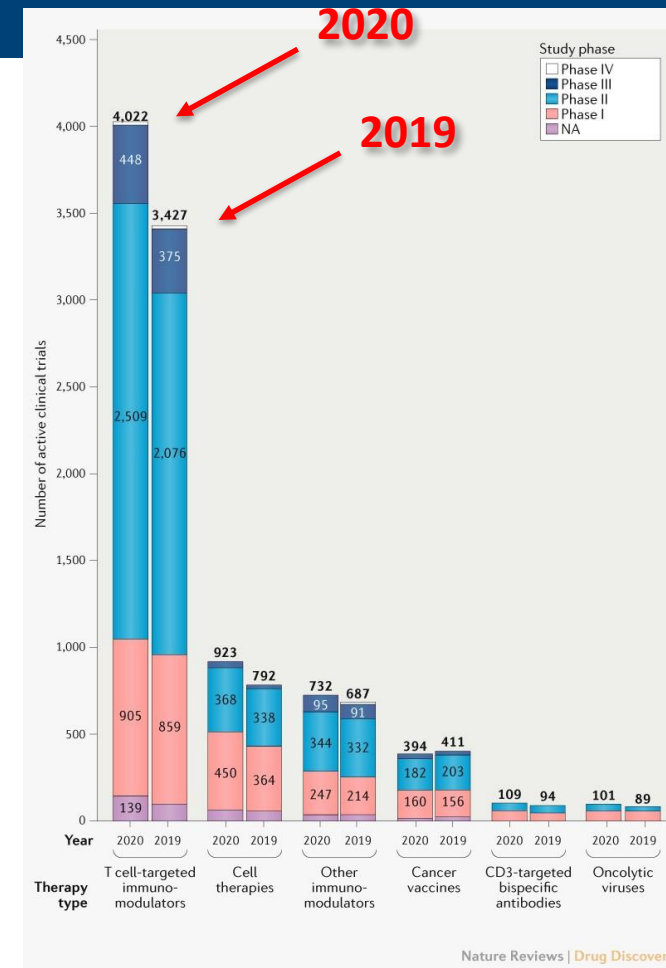
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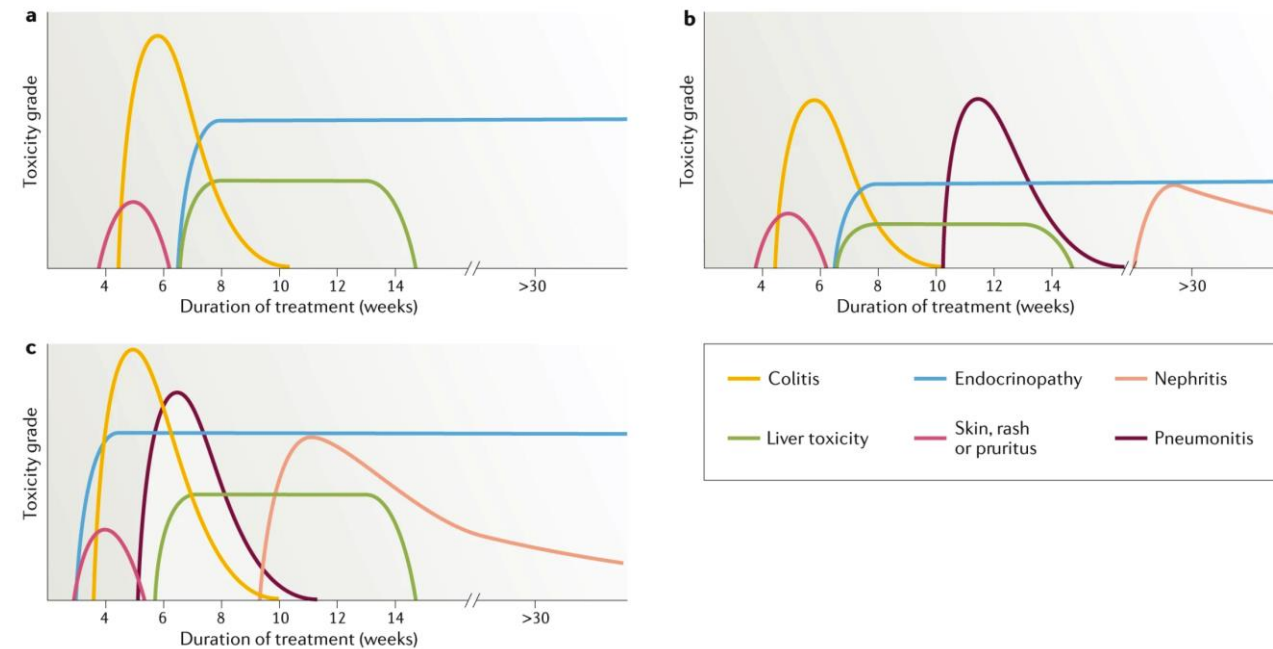
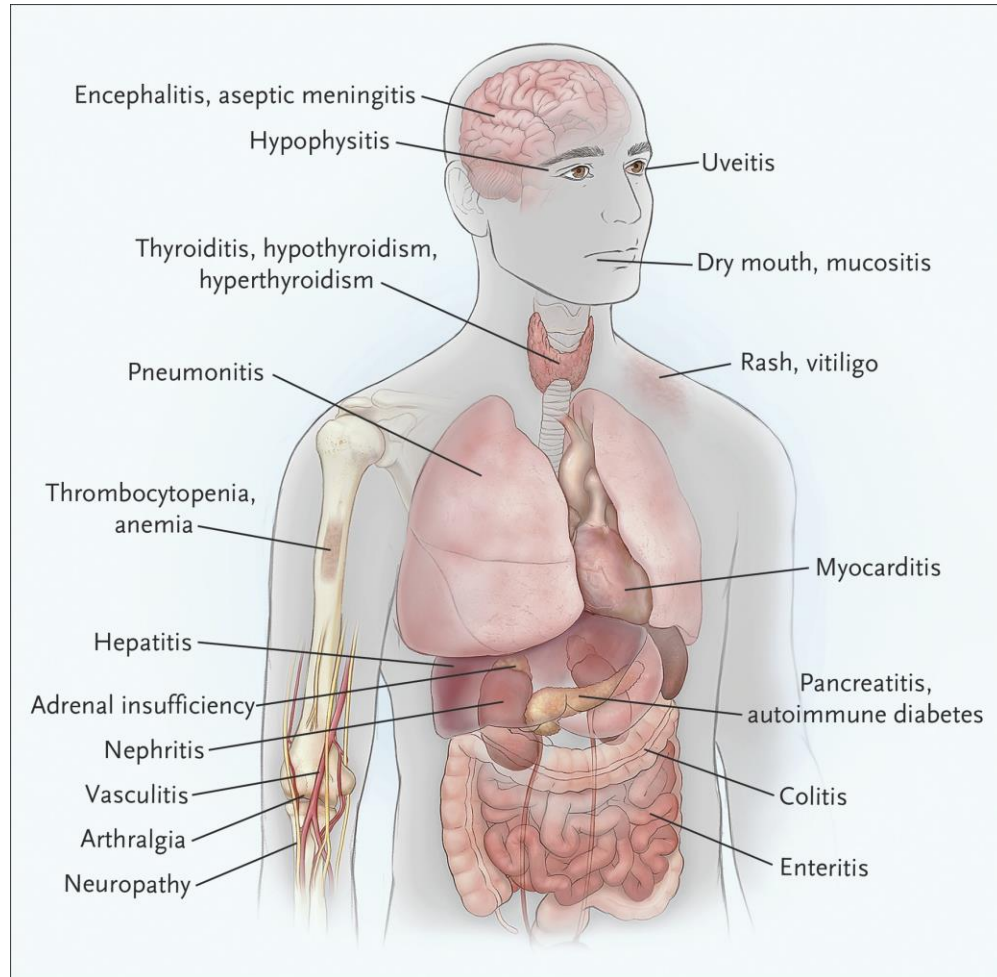
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- **More than 4000 active clinical trials in 2020**



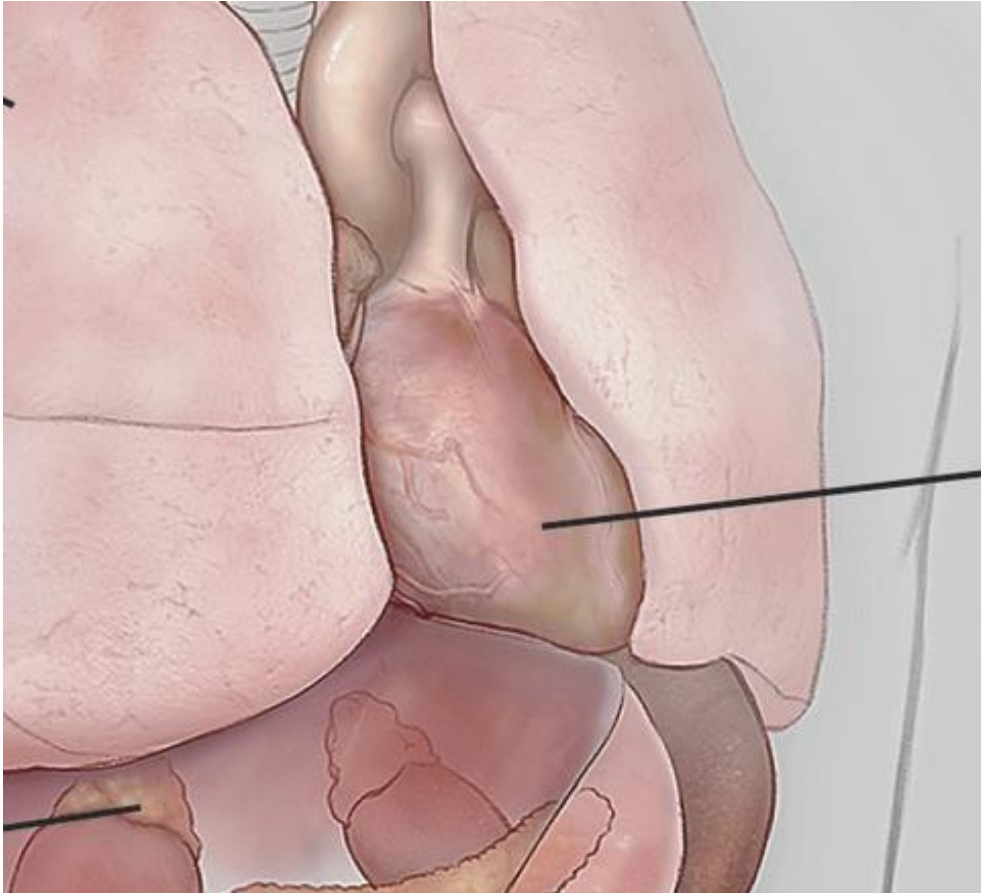
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ICI-associated immune related adverse events



Postow, NEJM, 2018; Salem, The Lancet, 2018

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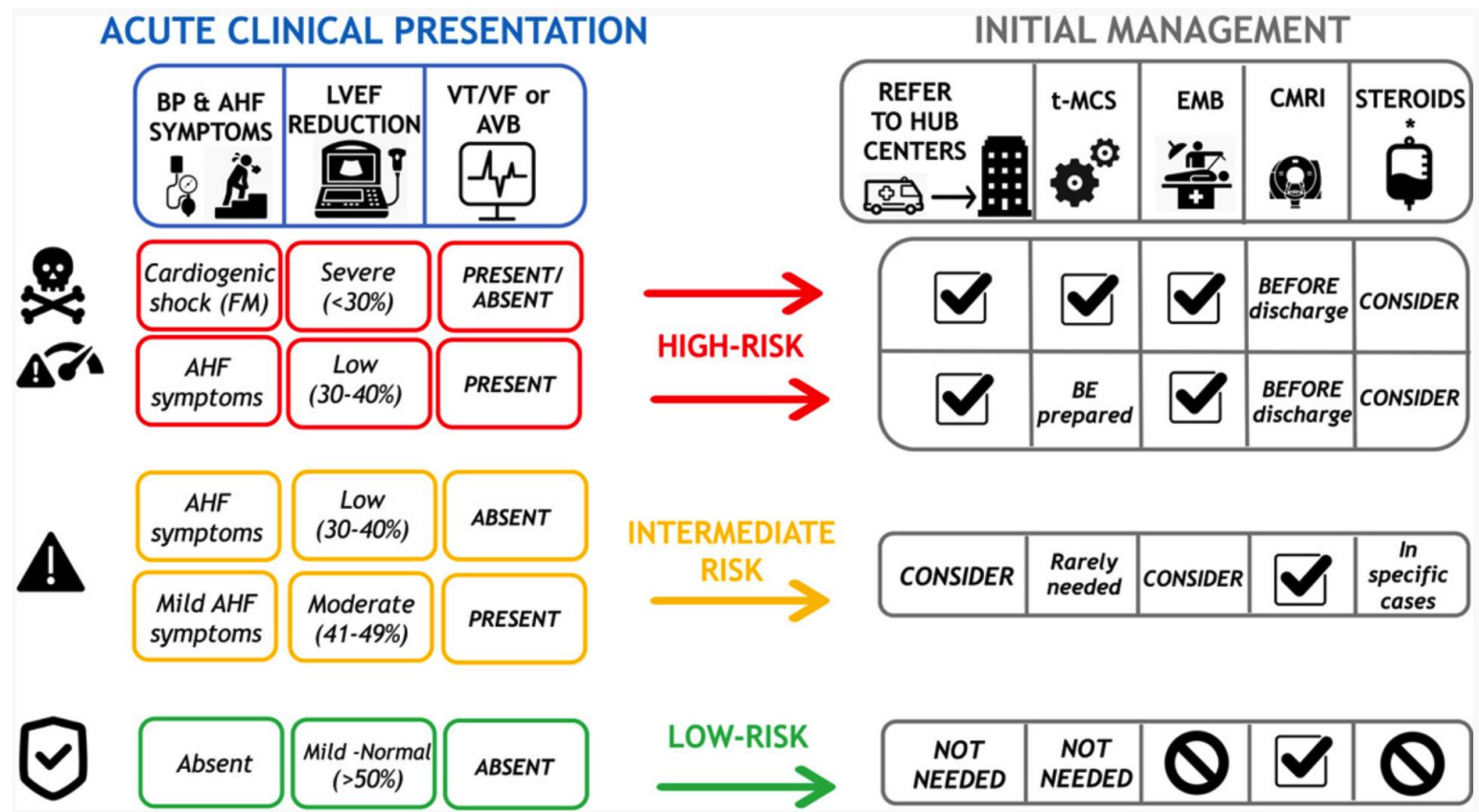


Cardiovascular toxicities

- Myocarditis
- Pericardial disease
- Vasculitis
- Stress cardiomyopathy (Takotsubo)
- Atherosclerosis

Johnson, NEJM, 2016; Escudier, Circulation, 2017; Postow, NEJM, 2018; Salem, Lancet Oncol, 2018; Drobni, Circulation, 2020

Risk based approach to acute myocarditis



Amirati et al, Circ Heart Fail, 2020

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ACUTE CLINICAL PRESENTATION



Cardiogenic shock (FM)	Severe (<30%)	PRESENT/ ABSENT
AHF symptoms	Low (30-40%)	PRESENT



AHF symptoms	Low (30-40%)	ABSENT
Mild AHF symptoms	Moderate (41-49%)	PRESENT



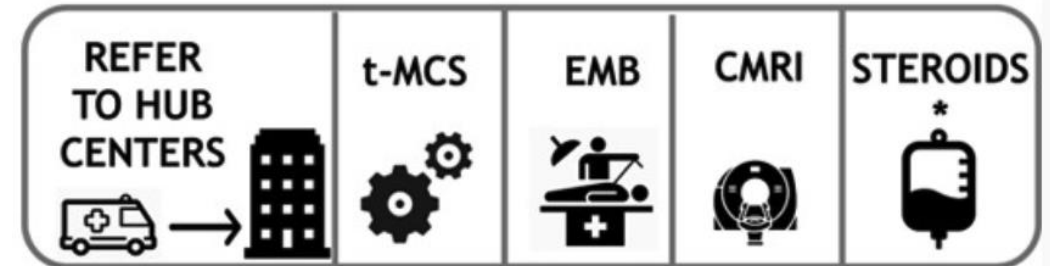
HIGH-RISK



INTERMEDIATE RISK



INITIAL MANAGEMENT



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CONSIDER	Rarely needed	CONSIDER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In specific cases
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Which Patients Require Surveillance in First Year after Anticancer Treatment?

- \geq High baseline CV risk
- High-risk anticancer treatment
- \geq Moderate anticancer therapy related complications
- New CV symptoms or abnormal tests at the end of anticancer therapy

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After Cancer Experience Program



ACE adult appointments

We facilitate transition to adult survivorship services where the personalized comprehensive care continues. Within the adult primary care survivorship clinic, ACE patients are able to have a targeted survivorship visit, or have both their primary care and survivorship needs taken care of by our team. Our goal is to ensure all components of survivorship care are addressed at your visit (acute concerns, late and long term effects, and preventive health). Working closely with the UTSW Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center, survivors of cancer are able to access expanded support services such as social work, exercise, behavioral health/psychology/ and nutrition. We have locations for our adult program that include:

Ft Worth: Primary Care Cancer Survivorship Clinic

Address:

400 W Magnolia Ave
Ft Worth, TX 76104

📞 817-645-3900

(The clinic is located within the Moncrief Cancer Institute on the first floor)

Dallas: Primary Care Cancer Survivorship Clinic

Address:

5939 Harry Hines Blvd; Ste 303
Dallas, TX 75390

📞 214-645-3900

(The clinic is located within the Family Medicine Practice Office)



- Expedited consultations to minimize delays in cancer treatment
- Flexible scheduling options to coordinate timely office visits and cardiac testing
- Telemedicine consults to improve patient access and safety
- Close partnership with hematology and oncology experts to provide individualized care

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