

**SESSIONE IV  
TRAPIANTO DI MIDOLLO OSSEO  
ALLOGENICO**

**Le patologie a lungo termine  
dei pazienti trapiantati**

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## **Introduction**

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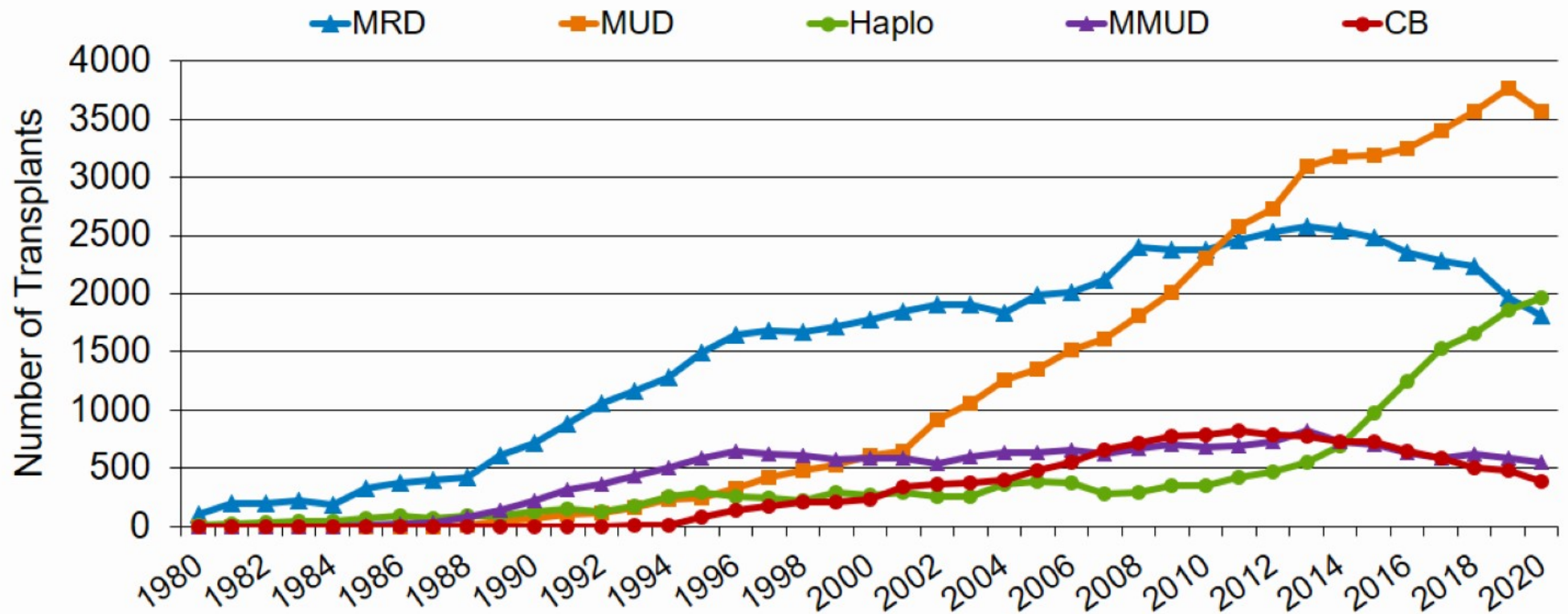
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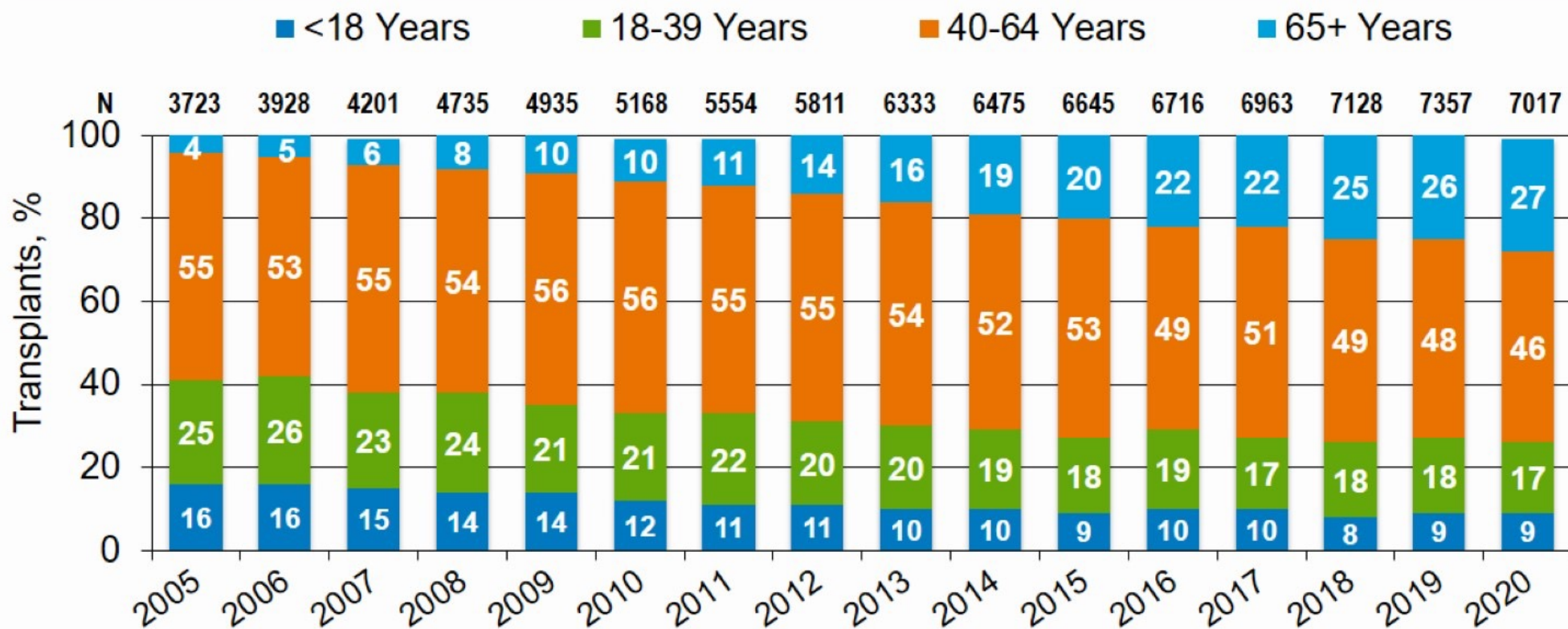
## # Introduction - General consideration(1)

- **Transplant activity** has steadily increased over time with introduction of safer regimens, newer indications, and alternative graft sources .
- With improvements in supportive care **long-term survivors** following allogeneic transplantations have increased.
- As a result, the number of patients living with **long-term toxic effects** due to HSCT has increased.

## Number of Allogeneic HCTs in the US by Donor Type



## Relative Proportion of Allogeneic HCTs for Malignant Diseases\* in the US by Recipient Age



# HOW TO KNOW THE PREVALENCE OF HCT SURVIVORS ?

Simulation model National Marrow Donor Program

## Increasing HCT survivors

More transplants



**CIBMTR data**  
170.628 Pts. transplanted  
1968-2009

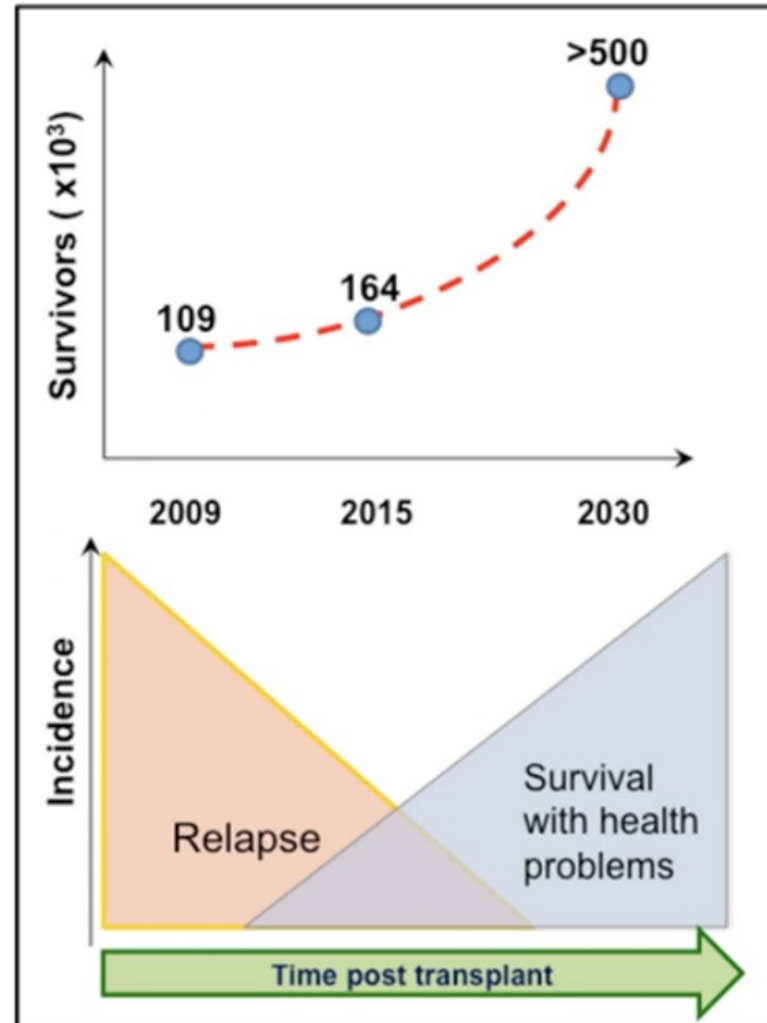
New focus on long term survivorship

2020: >250, 000

2030: >500, 000

60% auto HCT; 40% allogeneic HCT

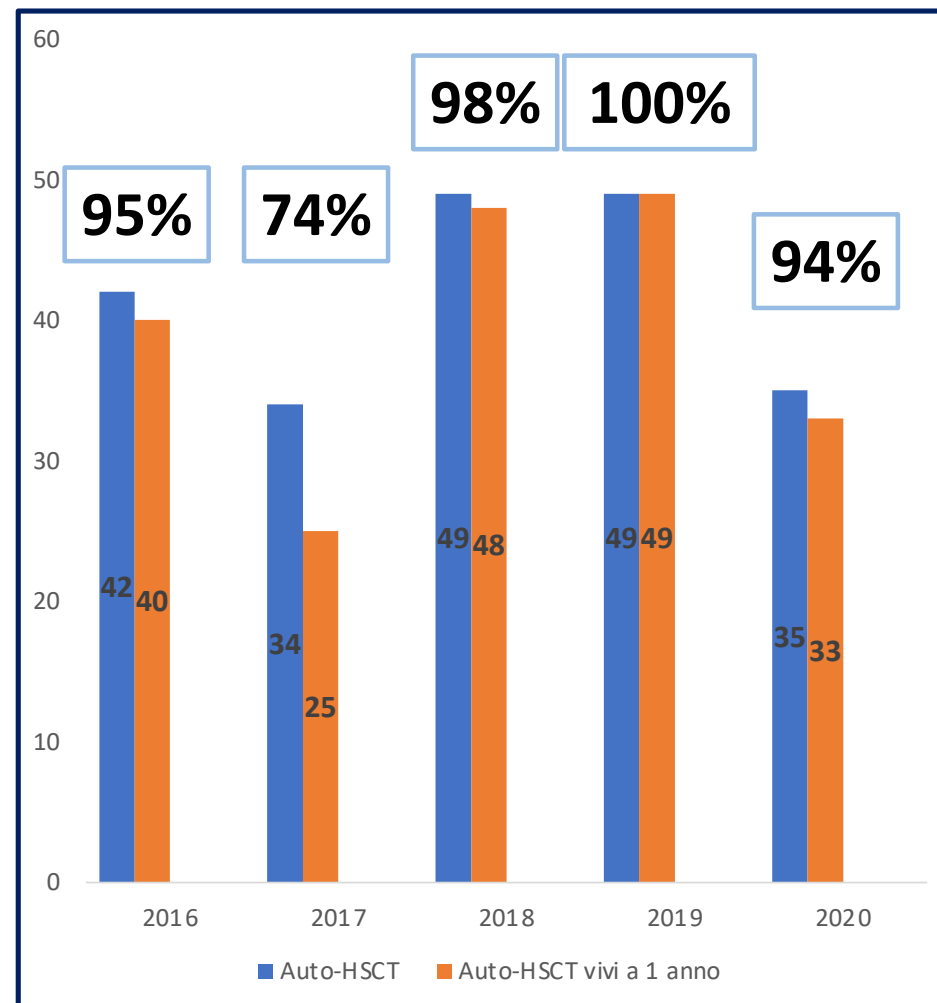
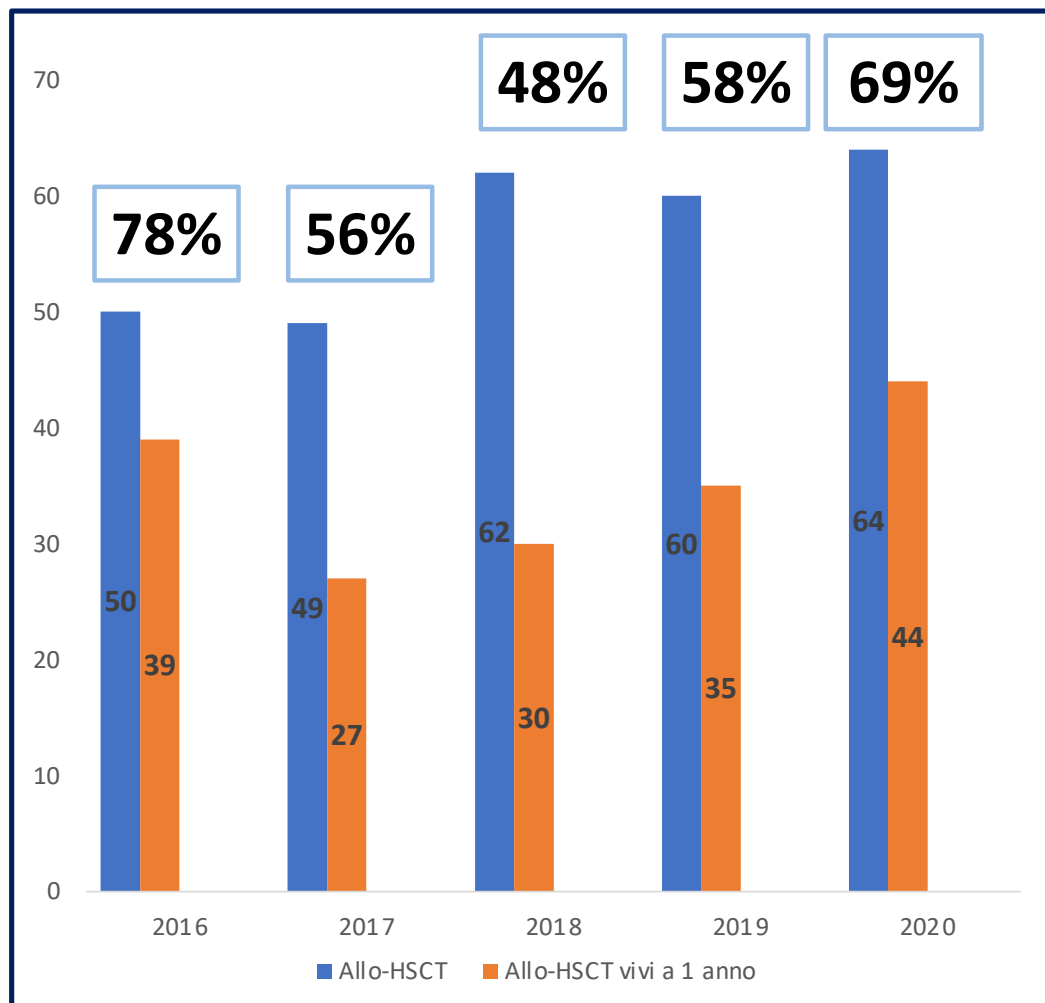
60% aged 18-59



Majhail et al. Biol Blood Marrow Transplant. 2013 Oct;19(10):1498-501

Battiwalla M. BMTinfonet.org survivorship symposium. 2022

# Allo-HSCT and Auto-HSCT – Udine Experience – 1 Year survivors

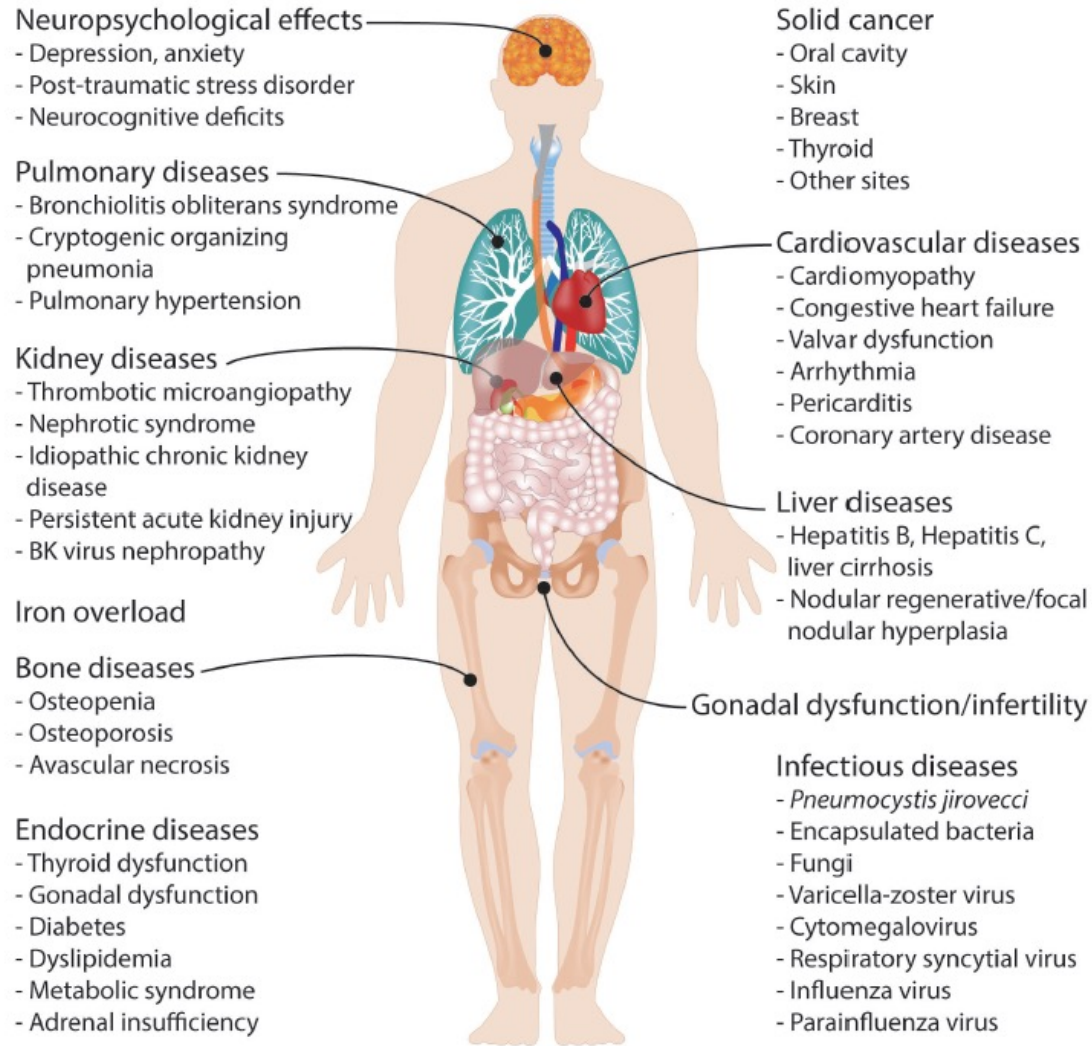


## # Introduction - General consideration (2)

- Patients who survive in remission for the first few years after transplantation have an 80% to 90% **probability of surviving** over the following 10 to 15 years ,but **life expectancy** remain 30% lower compared with the general population
- However, these survivors continue to experience increased **morbidity and mortality** from late complications related to pre-, peri-, and post-transplant treatment exposures and need lifelong surveillance for their screening and prevention



# Late Effects of Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation



# Late Effects of Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation

Table 1. Late effects after blood and marrow transplantation

Late effect	Incidence	Mortality	Morbidity	Treatable	Preventable
Cardiovascular	+	+	+	+	+
Pulmonary					
Bronchiolitis obliterans syndrome	+	++	++	+	-
Cryptogenic organizing pneumonia	+	+	+	++	-
Pulmonary hypertension	+	++	++	+	-
Endocrine					
Thyroid dysfunction	++	-	-/+	+++	-
Diabetes	++	+	+	+++	-
Dyslipidemia	++	-	-/+	+++	-
Adrenal insufficiency	+	-	-/+	+++	-/+
Gonadal dysfunction/ infertility	+++	-	-	-/+	-/+
Iron overload	++	-	-	++	-
Liver					
Hepatitis B	+	-	+	++	+
Hepatitis C and cirrhosis	+	-	+	++	-/+
Nodular regenerative hyperplasia	+	-	-	-	-
Focal nodular hyperplasia	+	-	-	-	-
Kidney					
Thrombotic microangiopathy	+	+	++	-/+	-
Nephrotic syndrome	+	-	++	++	-
Idiopathic chronic kidney disease	+	-	++	+	-
Bone					
Osteoporosis/osteopenia	++	-	-	++	+
Avascular necrosis	+	-	++	++	-
Infection	++	+	+	+++	+
Solid cancer	+	++	+++	-/+	-
Neuropsychological	++	-	++	+	-
Recurrent disease	++	+++	+++	-/+	-
Chronic graft-versus-host disease	++	+	++	+	

+ : <20%; ++ : 20%-50%; +++ : >50%.

# **LATE EFFECTS:**

## **Point of view of physicians and patients**

- **Quality of life**
- **Fertility**
- **Social rehabilitation**
- **Work reintegration**

**The leading causes of excess deaths in 5-year survivors included : secondary malignancies (27%), recurrent disease (14%), infections (12%), chronic GvHD (11%), cardiovascular diseases (11%), and respiratory diseases (7%)**

# Prevalence and predictors of chronic health conditions after hematopoietic cell transplantation: a report from the Bone Marrow Transplant Survivor Study

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HCT at City of Hope National Medical Center (COH) or the University of Minnesota between 1974 and 1998

## Eligible Criteria

- HCT for a hematologic malignancy or severe aplastic anemia, survived at least 2 years after transplantation
- Alive and 18 years of age or older at study participation

2175,AUTO,ALLO,74-98,1663 alive at 2 ys

1022 patients

309 sibling

## Chronic Conditions (CC)

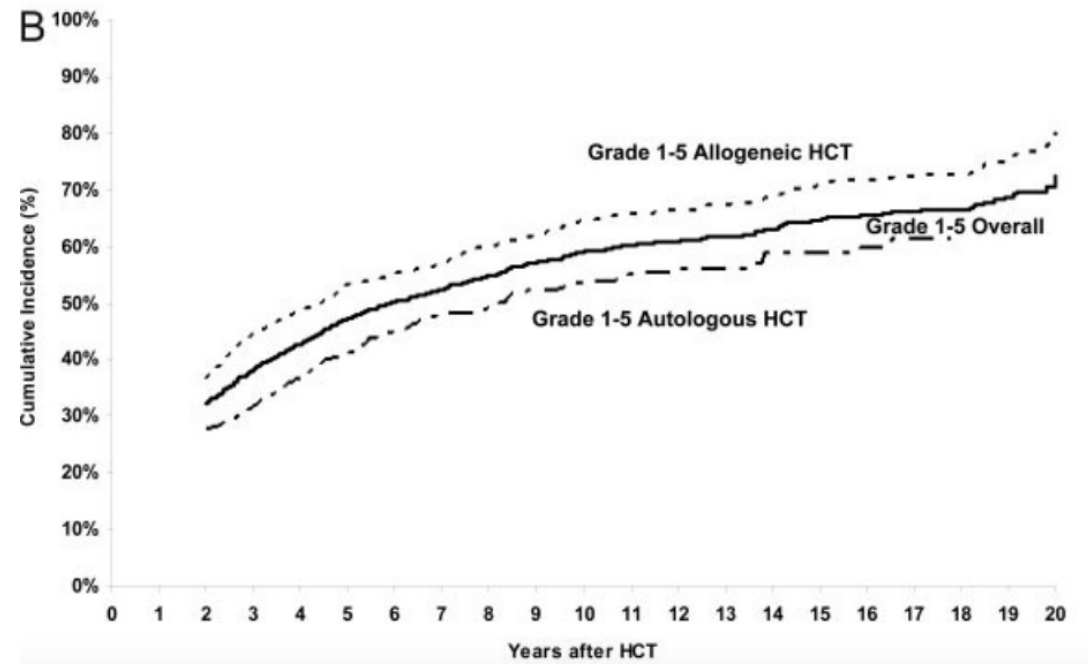
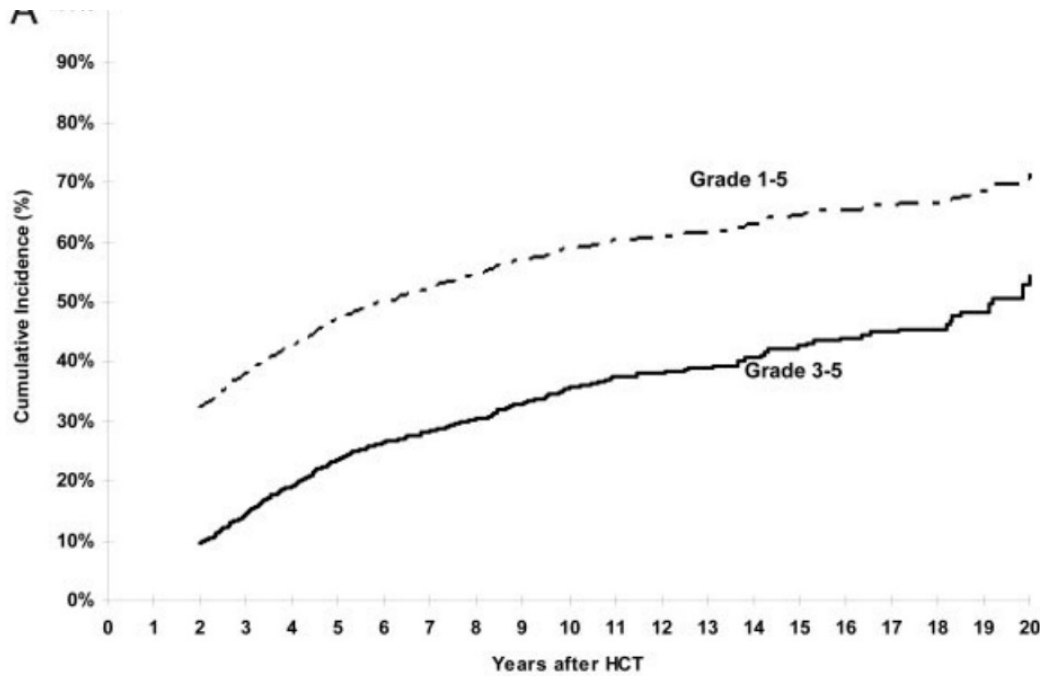
- **≥ 1 CC: 66%**
- ≥ 2 CC: 50%
- ≥ 3 CC: 34%
- 2x risk (95% CI, 1.6-2.1) compared to sibling

## Severe/Life-threatening conditions

- **18% of patients**
- 3.5x risk (95% CI, 2.3-5.4) compared to sibling

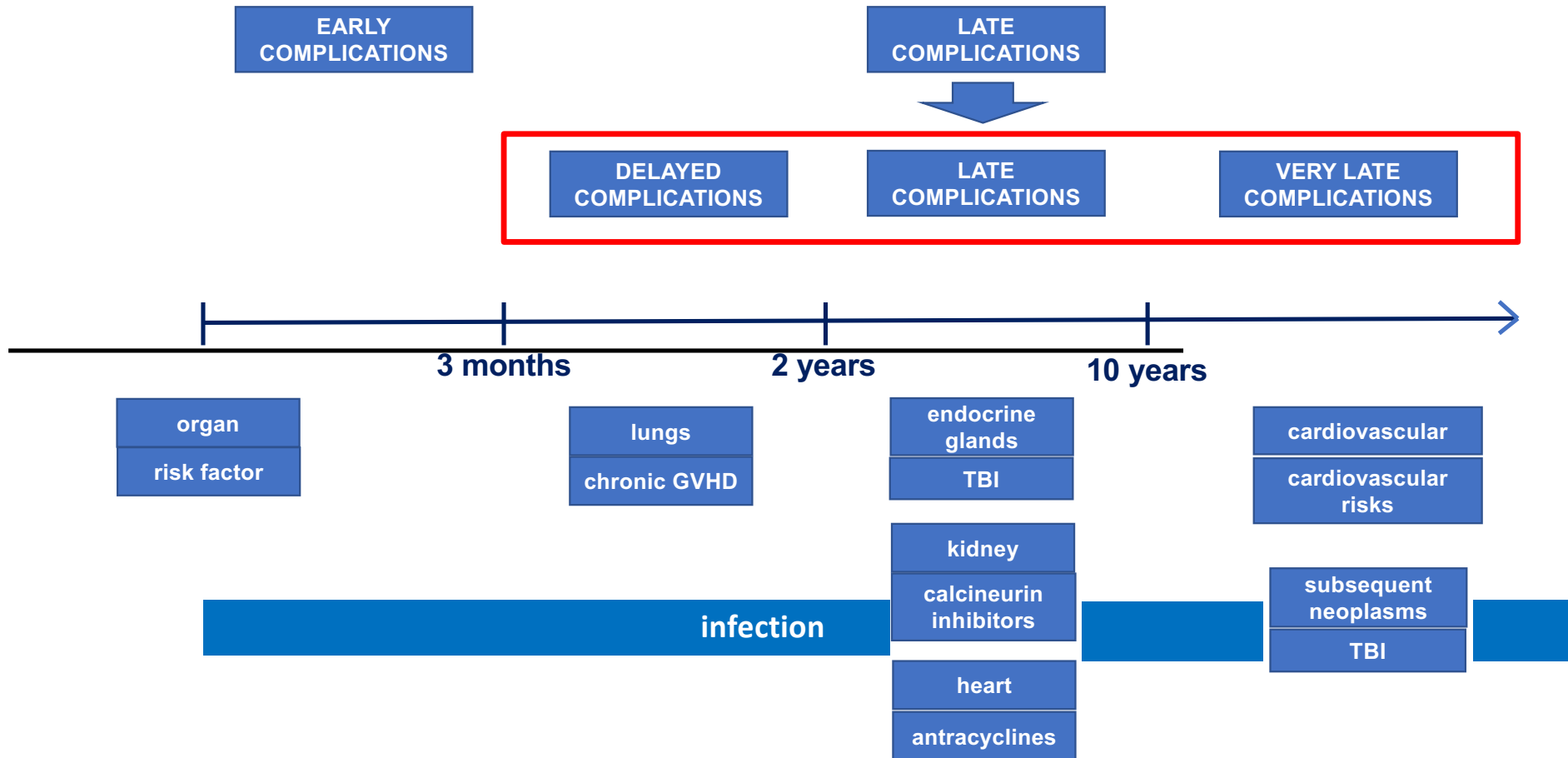
**10-year cumulative incidence for chronic conditions: 59%**

**10-year cumulative incidence for Severe/Life-threatening conditions: 35%**



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## Complications after HSCT





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## **Delayed complications (3mos - 2 ys)**

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# Delayed complications ( 3°mos -2°ys) Chronic GVHD



13. Nail dystrophy



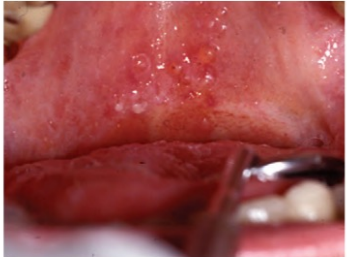
14. Alopecia



15. Edema



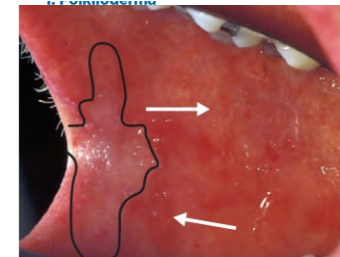
16. Lichen planus



17. Mucocoeles



18. Erythema



19. Erythema, hyperkeratinization



21. Ulcerations



9. Sclerosis, fasciitis



22. Keratoconjunctivitis sicca



23. Keratoconjunctivitis sicca



24. Blepharitis

agressive local  
treatment

most cases resolve  
within 5 years

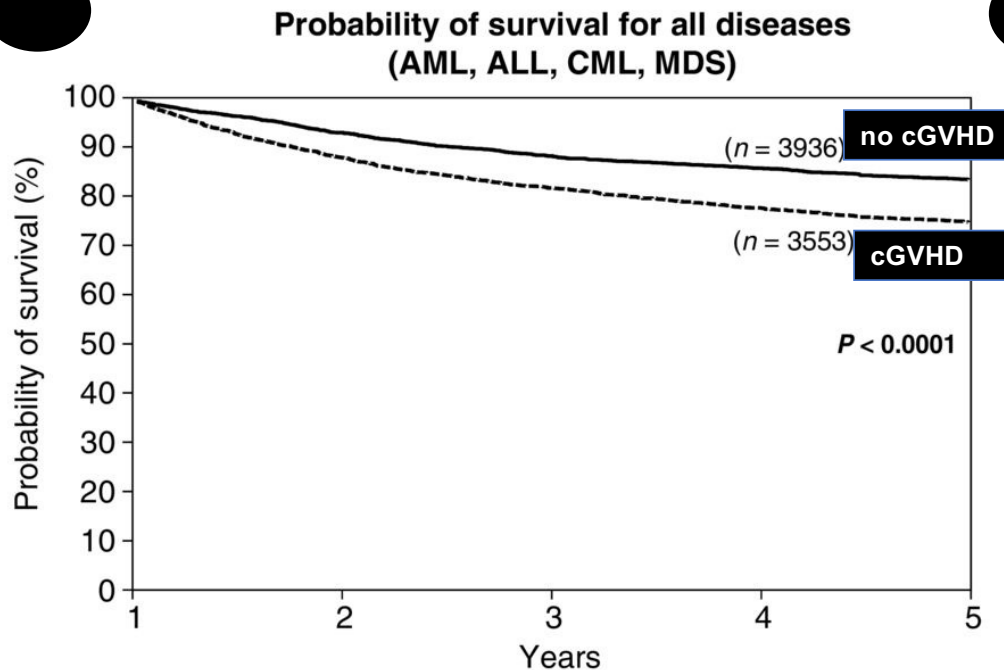
minimum systemic  
therapy

NIH Consensus Jagasia et al. BBMT 2015

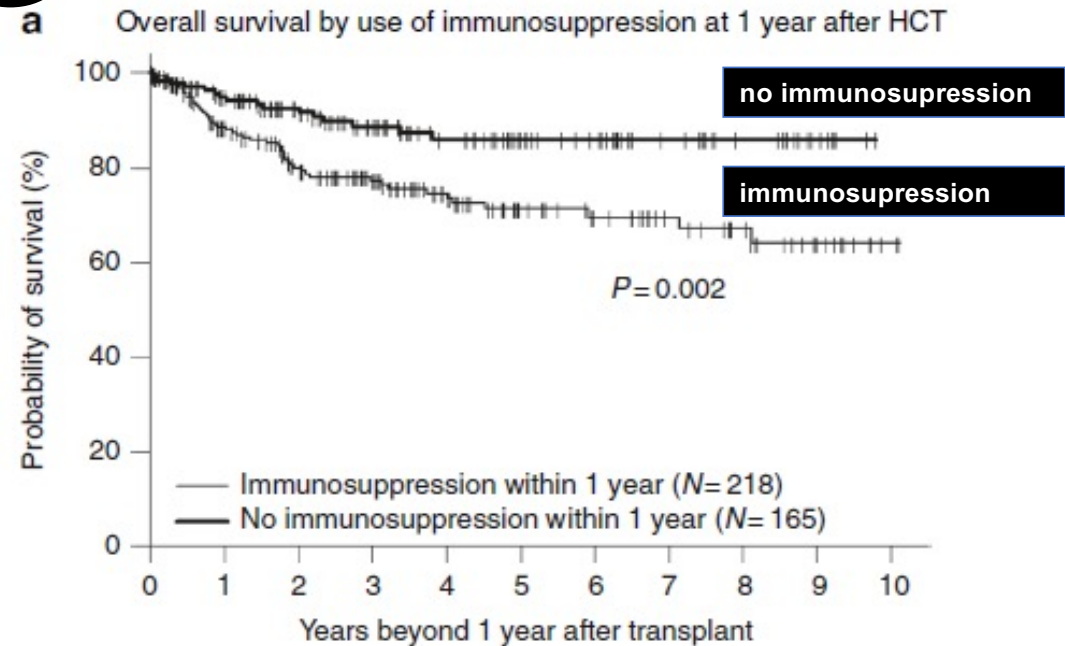


# Delayed complications

## Chronic GVHD and Overall Survival



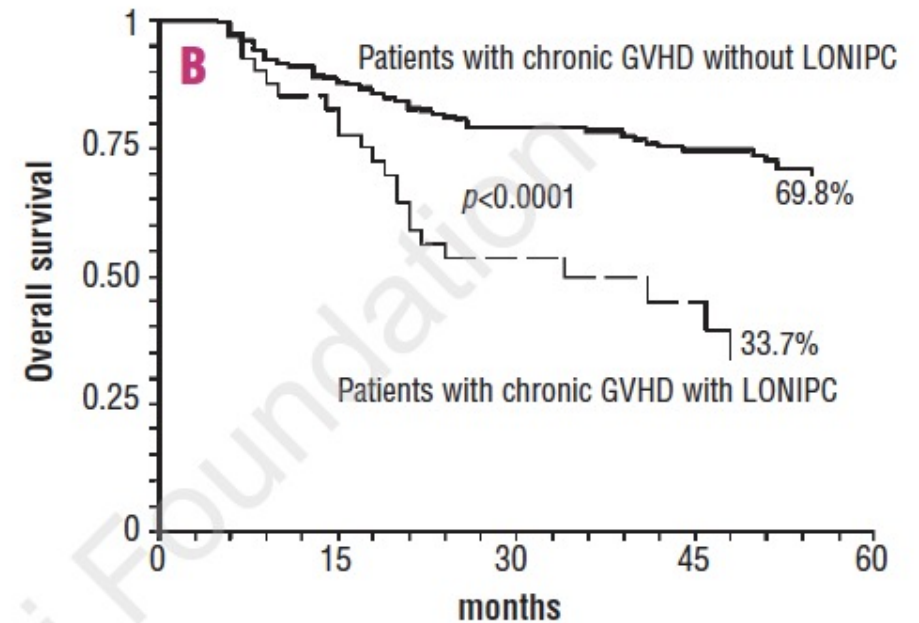
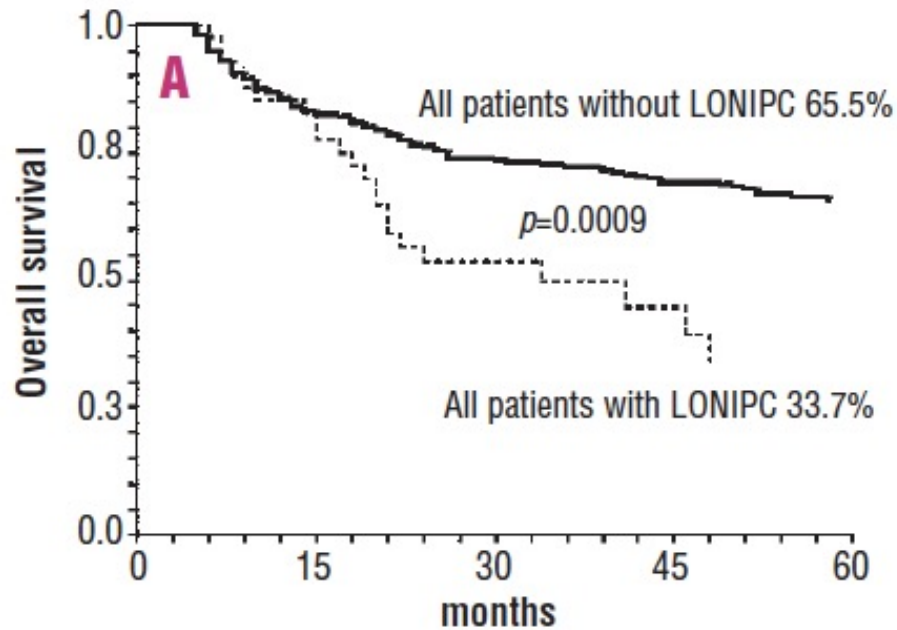
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- 1-year survivors with cGVHD
- Prior history of cGVHD in Pz alive at 1y increases the risk of TRM and decreases OS

- Most patients die from infectious complications
- immunosuppression increases relapse

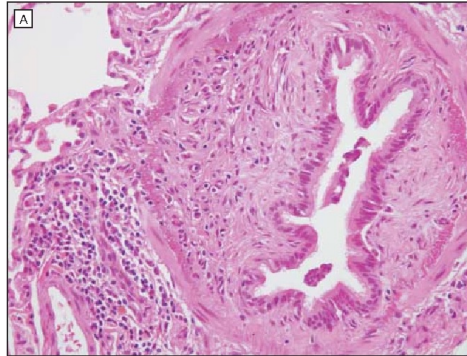
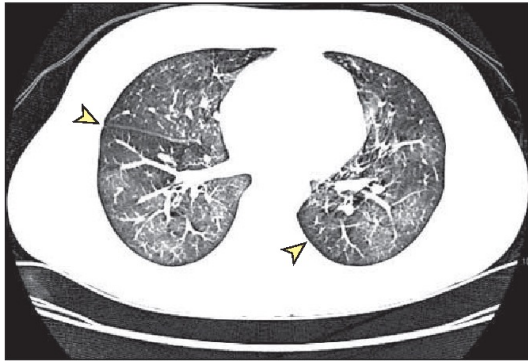
# Late Onset Non Infective Pulmonary Complications (LONIPCs)



599 allo-SCT performed between 1992 and 2004, in Udine and Bologna  
42 LONIPC over 438 patients (10%) surviving more than 3 months after allo-SCT

**Figure 1.** Comparison of 5-year overall survival between patients with and without LONIPC among (A) all transplanted patients and among (B) patients with chronic GVHD.

# Pulmonary diseases – Bronchiolitis obliterans syndrome (BOS)



## Evaluate PFTs:

- FEV1 < 75%
- FEV1/VC < 90% CI
- Absent infection
- cGVHD or  
or air trapping RV >120% or RV/TLC >90% CI  
or air trapping by expiratory CT

## Rule out:

- Tracheomegaly
- Alpha-1 antitrypsin
- Cryptogenic organizing pneumonia

## Work-up

- Inspiratory/ expiratory CT
- Consider bronchoalveolar lavage
- Blood cx, CMV PCR

## Treatment

- FAM +Steroid pulse/rapid taper

## Progression:

- ECP
- Etanercept
- Clinical Trials

## Supportive care

- PCP ppx
- Fungal ppx (vori or posa if systemic steroid)
- Penicillin ppx
- Pulmonary rehabilitation
- Consider IVIG
- Nutritional support
- GERD therapy
- ✓ for Methemoglobinemia if hypoxic

## Bronchiolitis obliterans syndrome (BOS)

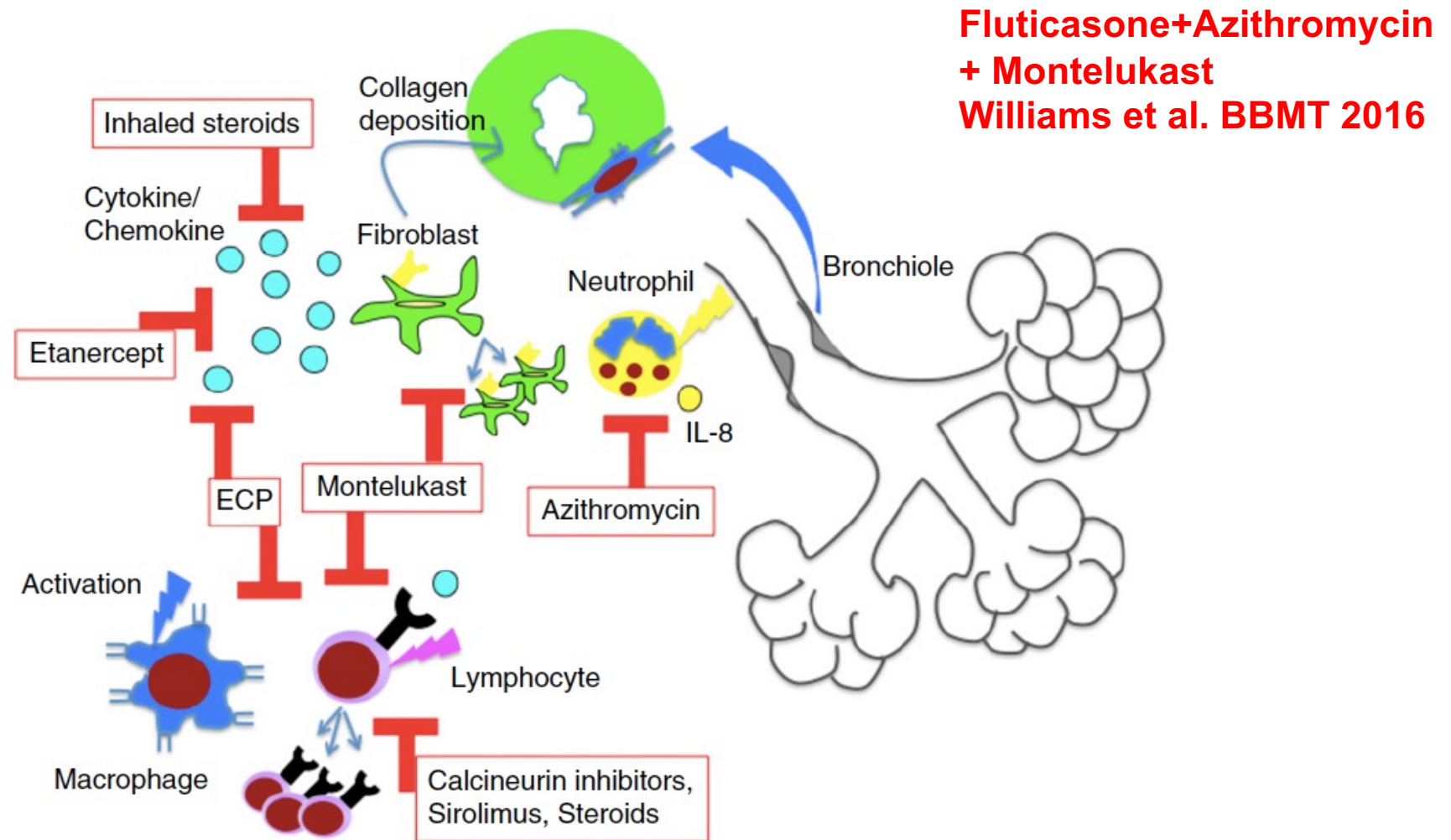
- Chronic GVHD expression
- Median 1,5 years
- **Incidence: 5-10%**
- **Prevalence: 15%**
- Silent onset, generally irreversible once symptom appear (dyspnea on exertion, cough, wheezing).

## Screening and Treatment

- Pulmonary test including %FEV1 and FEV1/FVC every three months in patient with cGVHD,
- Patient with no cGVHD: Pulmonary test every 6-12 months for first 5 years.
- Treatment: prednisone 1 mg/kg
- FAM (inhaled fluticasone propionate, azithromycin, montelukast)

Williams KM et al, JAMA. 2009; Inamoto Y et al, Haematologica, 2017; Williams KM, Blood. 2017

# Bronchiolitis obliterans syndrome (BOS) - Treatment



# Bronchiolitis obliterans syndrome (BOS) – New Perspective

**TGF-beta inhibitor**

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The safety and tolerability of pirfenidone for bronchiolitis obliterans syndrome after hematopoietic cell transplant (STOP-BOS) trial

**JAK 1/2 inhibitor  
REACH3 Trial**

Ruxolitinib for Glucocorticoid-Refractory  
Chronic Graft-versus-Host Disease

**TKI inhibitor**

**Nintedanib**

**Clinical Trial**

## Delayed complications Lungs

In addition to BOS, other LONIPCs have been described, including

**Diffuse interstitial lung disease (ILD), 3-year CI 5% at a median of 100 days**

- ILD has been described more recently than BOS and it was associated with restrictive lung disease (RLD).ILDs may correspond to several histological patterns (organizing pneumonia,....)
- In almost all cases, interstitial pathology coexisted with histological lesions of obliterative bronchiolitis.
- The frequent histologic association with obliterative bronchiolitis and clinical association with other manifestations of GVHD raise the question of whether **ILDs could be part of a spectrum of lung cGVHD.**



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Delayed complications

**Late complications (2-10ys)**

Very late complications

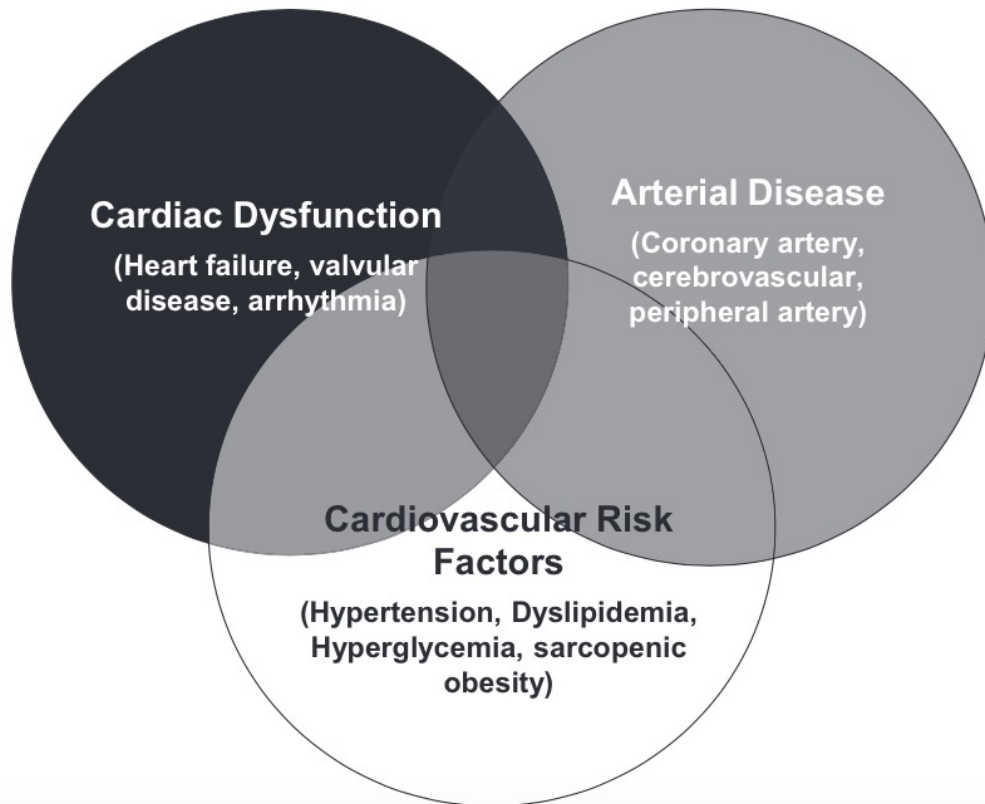
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# Late complications - Cardiovascular diseases (CVD)



## Cardiovascular diseases (CVD)

- **3-4 x higher risk than general population**
- **Median age at first Cardiovascular event (myocardial infarction): 53 years** (general population: 67 years)
- **Risk: Anthracycline exposure, chest radiation**
- Cardiomyopathy, congestive heart failure, valvular dysfunction, arrhythmia, pericarditis and coronary artery disease
- **10-years cumulative incidence: 5-10%**
- **2-11% mortality among long term survivors**

## Screening and Treatment

- Lifestyle modification
- Control Blood Pressure (ACE-inhibitors, beta-blockers)
- Test: Echocardiogram, BNP, lipid panel, glucose level, Hb1Ac



# Late complications/Endocrine diseases – Hypotiroidism, Diabetes, Dyslipidemia

Hypotiroidism	Diabetes	Dyslipidemia
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>30% patients by 25 years after HSCT</b></li> <li>• Risk factors: age &lt; 10 years, radiation, conditioning regimen with busulfan or cyclophosphamide.</li> <li>• Check TSH, fT3, fT4 every year</li> <li>• Hypertiroidism is very rare.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8-41% after alloHSCT, 3% after autoHSCT</b></li> <li>• 3-fold risk respect sibilings</li> </ul> <p>Treatment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life-style modification</li> <li>• Hypoglicemic agents</li> <li>• Insulin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8-61% HSCT survivors</b></li> <li>• LDL &gt; 130-190 mg/dl start Lifestyle counseling + statin therapy</li> <li>• TG &gt; 200 mg/dl consider omega-3-acid ethyl esters or fibrate</li> </ul>

Late effect	Tests	Preventive approaches	Treatment
<b>Endocrine</b>			
Hypothyroidism	Thyroid-stimulating hormone, thyroxine levels		Replacement therapy
Diabetes	Glucose level, HbA1c, glycoalbumin		Lifestyle modification, hyperglycemic agents, insulin
Dyslipidemia	Lipid panel		Lifestyle modification, statins, fibrates, fish oil (omega-3 fatty acids), ezetimibe
Adrenal insufficiency	Cortisol-stimulation test	Alternate-day regimen when corticosteroids are used	Hydrocortisone, low-dose prednisone

# Male gonadal dysfunction and infertility

## Genital Chronic GVHD

- Incidence: 5-20%
- Time of presentation: 2-6 years after HSCT
- Symptoms: painful intercourse, burning sensation
- Balanoposthitis, lichen sclerosis-like or lichen planus-like features, phimosis, urethral or meatal scarring or stenosis.
- Genitourinary and sexual dysfunction

## Sexual dysfunction

- Common: 28-80%
- Correlation with erectile dysfunction, loss of sexual interest, ↓libido, ↓enjoyment of sex

## Infertility

- Less frequent than women
- Risk factors: Conditioning regimen (TBI)

## Hypogonadism

- **Wide range of prevalence: 7-84%**
- Leydig cell are less vulnerable to chemotherapy and radiation respect to germinal epithelium -> Azoospermia and Infertility, but normal testosterone levels
- Compensated Hypogonadism: ↑LH, = Testosterone
- Hypogonadism: ↑LH, ↓ Testosterone
- **Specific Symptoms: loss of body hair, small testes and erectile dysfunction.**
- **Non specific symptoms: loss of libido, anemia, fatigue, lack of motivation, ↓muscle mass, ↑fat mass.**
- Immunosoppressive treatments (Cya, steroids) ↓hypothalamic-pituitary-gonadal axis
- **Treatment: Testosterone replacement**
- **Risk of treatment: polycythemia.**
- **Not given in patients with prostate cancer**

# Female gonadal dysfunction and infertility(1)

- **Ovarian insufficiency, vaginal changes and low libido occur in female patients.** Ovarian failure occurred in more than 90% of female patients after HCT and recovered in the majority of them
- The use of **hormone replacement therapy** for premature ovarian failure should be **individualized**
- Efficacy of **gonadotropin-releasing hormone agonists** in preserving fertility in cancer patients is **controversial**
- 0.87% of patients or their partners had **pregnancies after allogeneic** HCT, wait 2-5 years after HCT before attempting conception since rates of relapse are generally highest in the first two years
- **Pregnancy outcomes are generally good** with no increase in the risk of fetal malformations

# Female gonadal dysfunction and infertility(2)

63 Pts, allo transplant before 35 ys, follow up > 2 ys, median age at transplant 24, entry study 31, 86% hypoestrogenism, 76% sexual dysfunction

## Sexuality- and Fertility-Related Issues in Women after Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation



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**13 PREGNANCIES, 8 SPONTANEOUS, 5 ART, POST RIC**

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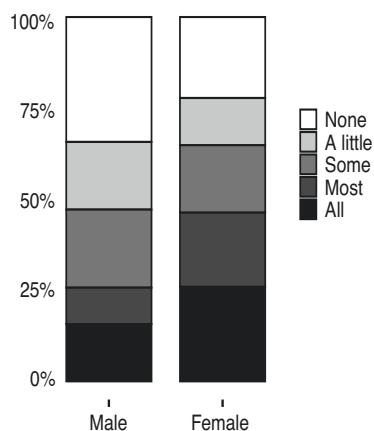
**Sexual function of adult long-term survivors and their partners after allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplantation in Europe (S-FAST): a study from the Transplant Complications Working Party and Nurses Group of the EBMT**

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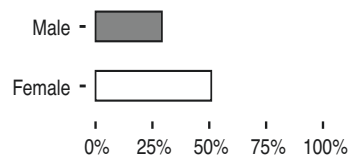
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**Sexual problems and inactivity**

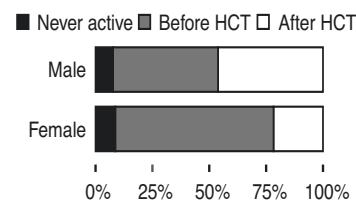
**a** Extent of sexual problems



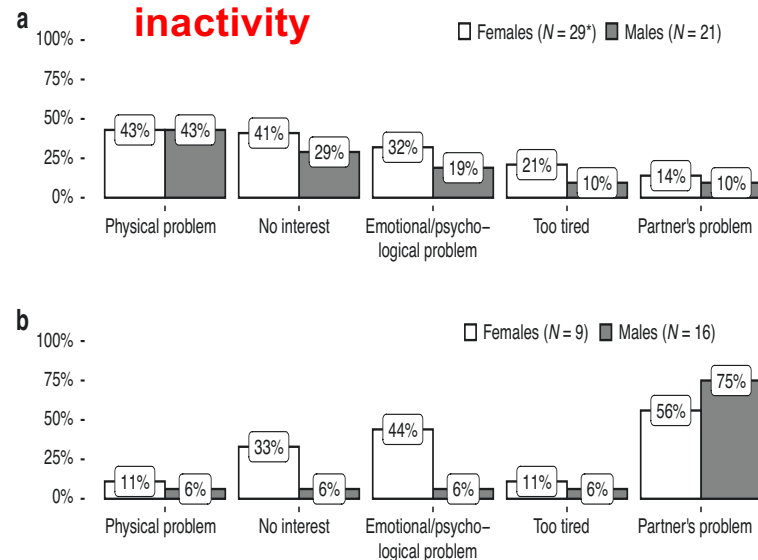
**b** Sexually inactive allo-HCT patients



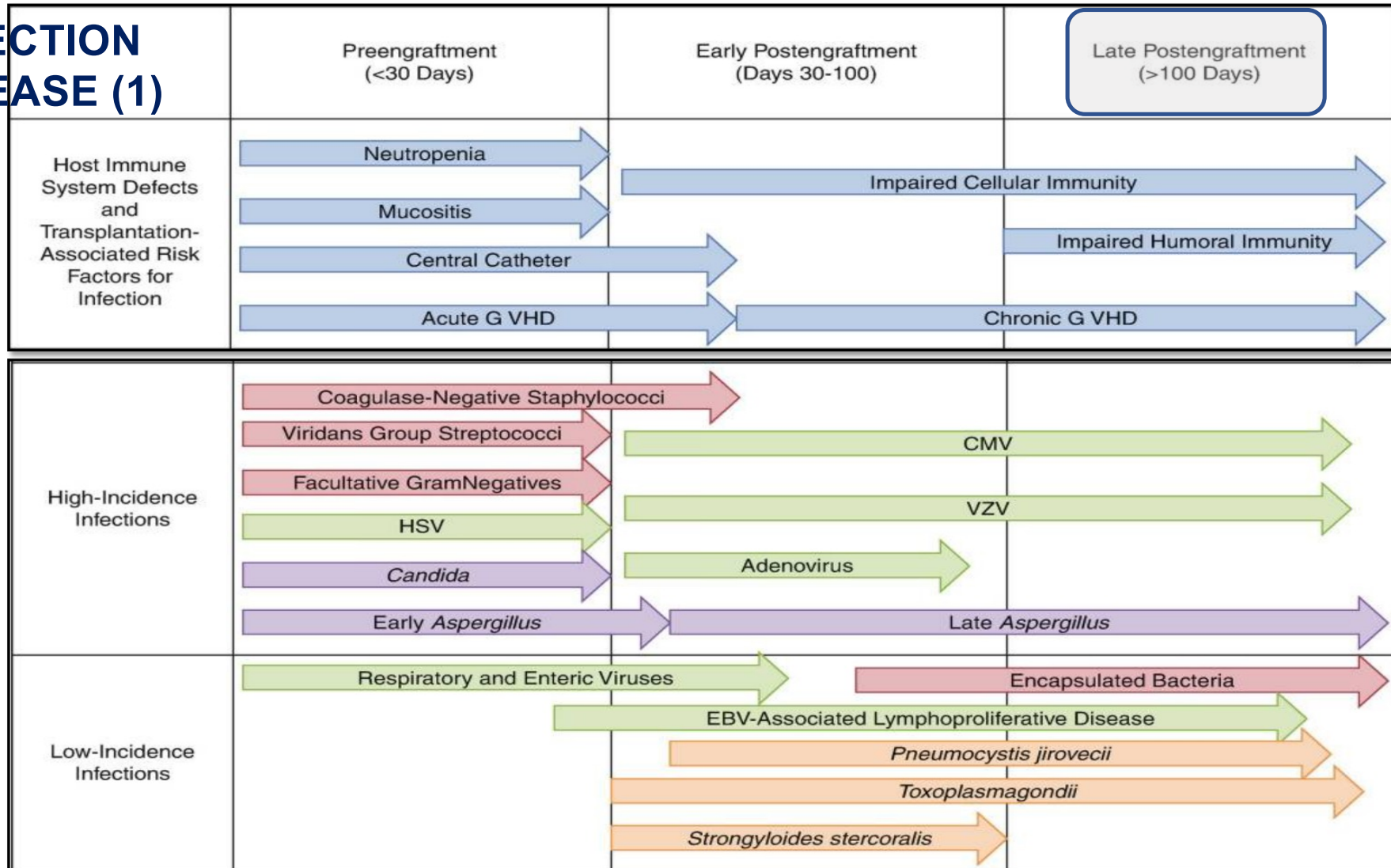
**c** Duration of inactivity



**Reasons for sexual inactivity**



# INFECTION DISEASE (1)



# Infectious disease(2) – Late fatal infection-LFI

CIBMTR,retrospective study,1995-2011,allo,15.000 Pts  
surviving 2 ys, 2245+377 deaths, LFI 30%

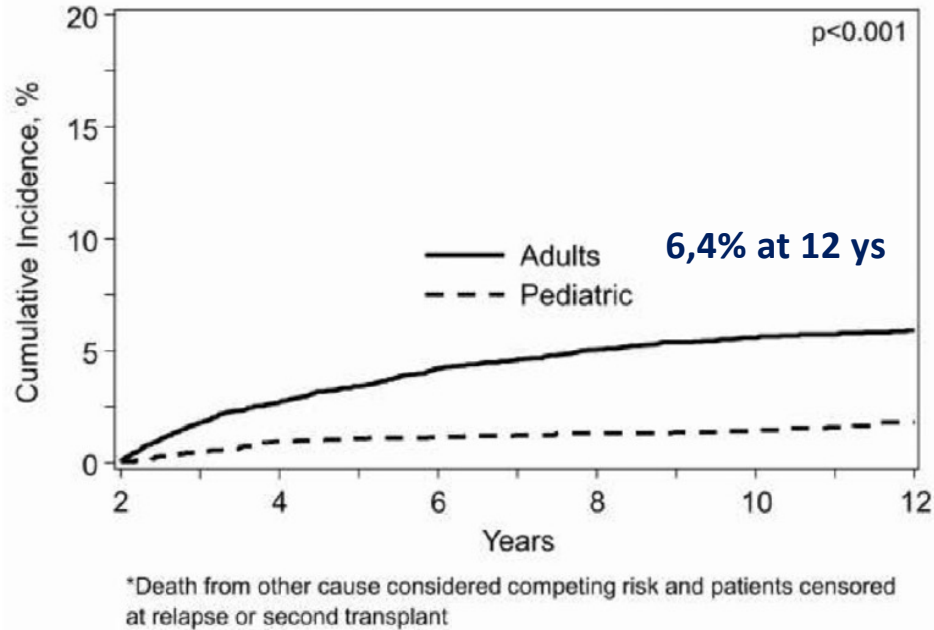


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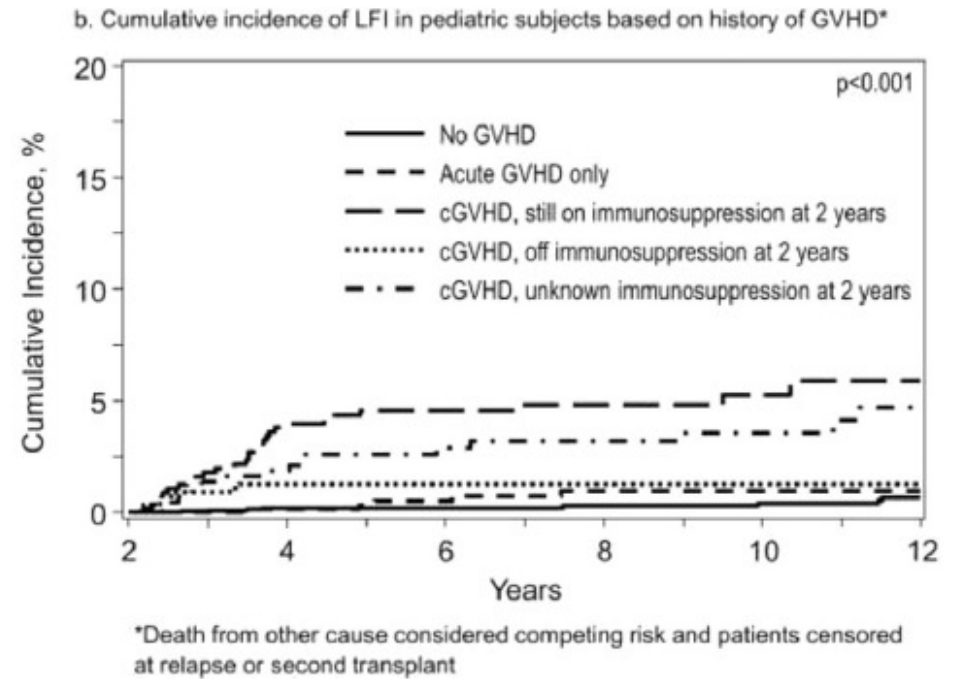
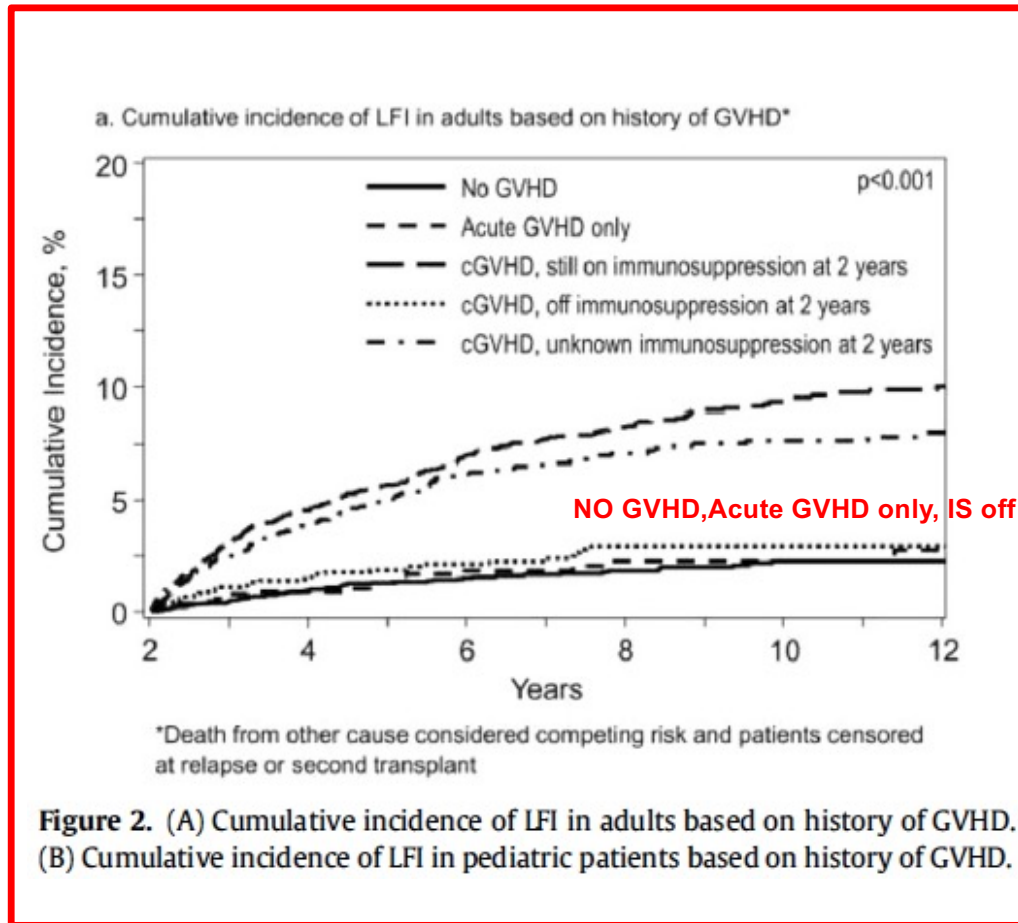
Types of LFI in HCT Recipients Who Were Disease-Free for at Least 24 Months after Transplantation

Parameter	Value	
	Adult	Pediatric
<b>LFI</b> Patients who died from infection, n*	496	68
Infection listed as the primary cause of death, n (%)	311	41
Bacterial	108 (35)	13 (32)
Viral	29 (9)	0
Fungal	35 (11)	7 (17)
Protozoal	1 (<1)	0
Unspecified	116 (37)	20 (49)
Multiple types reported	22 (7)	1 (2)
Infection listed as contributing cause of death, n (%)	185	27
Bacterial	85 (46)	10 (37)
Viral	29 (16)	5 (18)
Fungal	20 (11)	4 (15)
Protozoal	0	0
Unspecified	49 (26)	8 (30)
Multiple types reported	2 (1)	0

\* Patients with relapse or second HCT occurring  $\geq 2$  years after HCT were censored at the event and excluded from this analysis.

**Figure 1.** Cumulative incidence of death from infection after 2 years of survival in adult and pediatric patients. \*Death from another cause was considered a competing risk, and patients were censored at relapse or second transplantation.

# Infectious disease(3) – Late fatal infection







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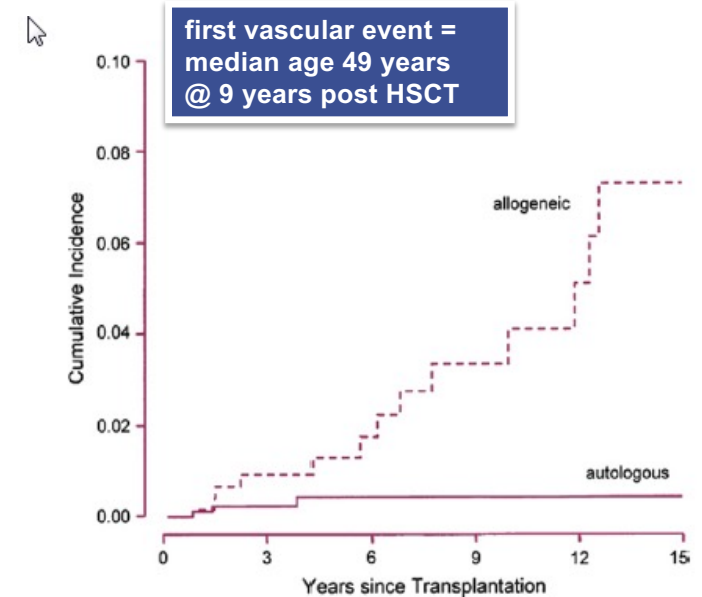
## Very late complications Cardiovascular events

- CI of cardiovascular event raises to 22% at 25 years
- cardiovascular death 2x more frequent
- endothelial injury (TBI) – accelerated atherosclerosis\*
- Metabolic syndrome:

Hypertension	Dyslipidemia
Obesity	Diabetes

49% after allo-SCT versus 30% in general population\*\*

the precise relationship between HCT, MetS and CV disease needs further clarification



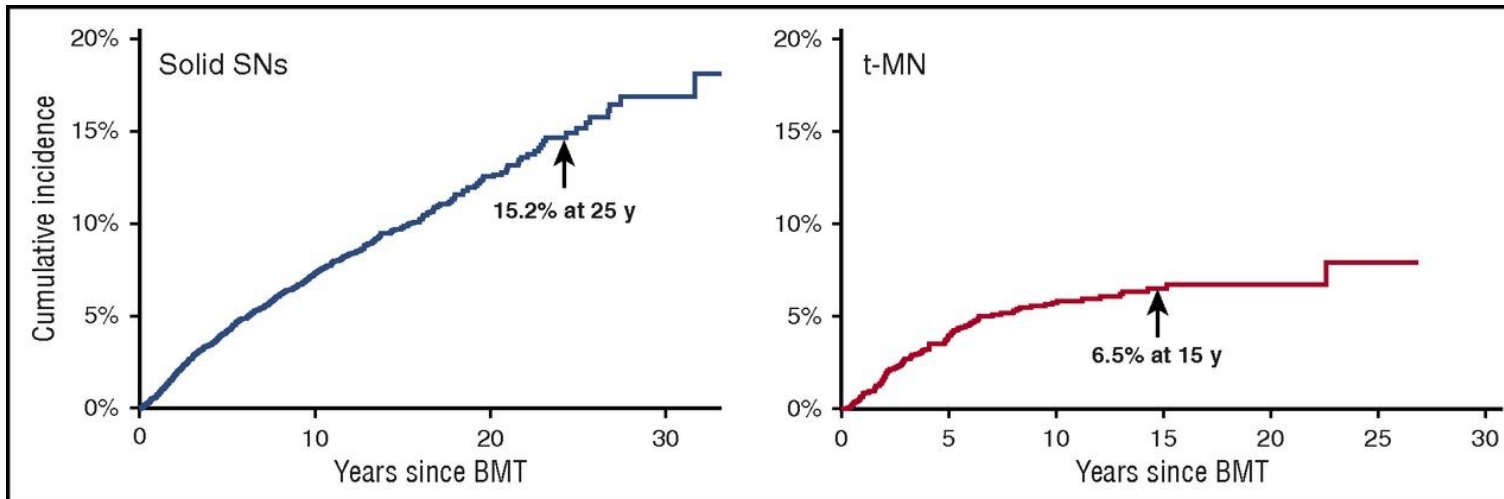
**Figure 1.** The cumulative incidence of cardiovascular event at 15 years, adjusted for age. Using an adjusted Cox model, the relative risk is significantly higher after allogeneic than after autologous HSCT. This research was originally published in *Blood*. Tichelli A, Bucher C, Rovo A, et al. Premature cardiovascular disease after allogeneic hematopoietic stem-cell transplantation. 2007;110:3463–71. © the American Society of Hematology.<sup>3</sup>

\*Armenian et al, *BBMT* 2017, \*\*Majhail et al *BMT* 2009

# Very late complications

## Subsequent neoplasms

- 2-3x more frequent than in 'normal population'\*
- early (in first 6 months)- PTLD (post-transplantation lymphoproliferative disease)
- median 2-3 years – secondary myelodysplasia
- solid tumours after 10 years (radiation - breast, thyroid, sarcoma, chronic GVHD – skin, mouth)



\*Rizzo et al, Blood 2009  
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# Evaluation of Second Solid Cancers After Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation in European Patients




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## EBMT retrospective study

All patients who underwent a transplant in Europe and had a second solid cancer diagnosis between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2014.

**RESULTS** In total, 220 617 patients underwent a transplant, of whom only 4065 (1.8%) patients with a second solid cancer after HSCT were included in the study. Among the 4065 patients, 2321 (57.1%) were men and 1744 (42.9%) were women, with a mean (range) age of 59.1 (3.2-82.3) years at diagnosis of second solid cancer. The 5-year age-standardized overall survival was 47% (95% CI, 45%-49%). The 5-year overall survival rate after SSC diagnosis was poor for pancreas, lung, hepatobiliary, esophageal, brain, and gastric cancers, with a median survival between 0.6 and 1 year. The 5-year overall survival was intermediate for endometrial, colorectal, sarcomas, ovarian, bladder, oropharyngeal, and kidney cancers, with a median survival between 2 and 10 years. The 5-year overall survival was more favorable for melanoma, breast, prostate, cervix, and thyroid cancers, with a median survival of 10 or more years. Additional transplant-associated factors for mortality for patients treated with allogeneic HSCT were age at transplant, donor type, conditioning regimen, and graft-vs-host disease. In total, 1777 patients (43.7%) died, of which 1256 (74.8%) were from SSC, 344 (20.5%) from primary disease, and 79 (4.7%) from other causes. Standardized mortality ratio was higher, compared with de novo solid cancers, for melanoma, prostate, breast, kidney, bladder, colorectal, and endometrial cancers but not for the other cancers.

Table. Median Survival, Age-Standardized Overall Survival, and Cumulative Incidence of Death From Second Cancer

Outcome	Second Solid Cancer	HSCT						
		All (N=4065)			Allogeneic (n=1443)		Autologous (n=2622)	
		No. of Patients	5-y OS (95% CI), % <sup>a</sup>	5-y Cumulative Incidence (95% CI), % <sup>b</sup>	No. of Patients	5-y OS (95% CI), % <sup>a</sup>	No. of Patients	5-y OS (95% CI), % <sup>a</sup>
Favorable	Thyroid	149	83 (76-92)	9 (4-7)	78	90 (81-99)	71	77 (65-91)
	Cervix	57	70 (57-86)	15 (6-26)	35	73 (57-93)	22	70 (53-94)
	Prostate	410	69 (64-75)	14 (10-18)	93	72 (61-85)	317	68 (62-75)
	 Breast	547	69 (64-74)	13 (10-17)	196	70 (62-78)	351	69 (63-76)
	Melanoma	343	68 (62-74)	22 (17-27)	160	76 (68-84)	183	61 (53-70)
Intermediate	Kidney	177	55 (47-65)	24 (17-32)	47	71 (58-86)	130	51 (42-63)
	Oropharyngeal	207	53 (46-62)	31 (24-39)	104	53 (42-65)	103	55 (44-67)
	Bladder	144	49 (39-62)	25 (17-35)	31	41 (23-74)	113	51 (40-65)
	Ovarian	77	43 (32-58)	42 (29-54)	26	50 (34-75)	51	39 (26-59)
	Sarcomas	215	42 (34-51)	47 (39-55)	96	56 (46-69)	119	31 (23-44)
	 Colorectal	446	41 (36-48)	39 (33-44)	121	48 (38-60)	325	39 (33-47)
	Endometrial	46	40 (26-63)	45 (27-61)	26	58 (39-86)	20	18 (5-60)
Poor	Gastric	158	29 (21-39)	58 (48-66)	57	37 (26-54)	101	22 (13-37)
	Brain	156	21 (15-30)	63 (53-71)	71	20 (12-36)	85	22 (14-35)
	Esophageal	88	21 (13-36)	61 (48-72)	53	23 (12-43)	35	20 (9-45)
	Hepatobiliary	90	18 (11-31)	74 (61-84)	32	15 (5-40)	58	21 (12-37)
	 Lung	597	14 (11-19)	74 (69-78)	179	16 (11-24)	418	14 (10-19)
	Pancreas	145	8 (3-18)	89 (79-94)	36	15 (6-36)	109	6 (2-19)

Abbreviations: HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation; OS, overall survival.

<sup>b</sup>5-y cumulative incidence of death from second cancer (competing risk: death from any other cause).

<sup>a</sup>5-y age-standardized OS.



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# Complications

## Screening, Prevention

TIMING	FOLLOW-UP	SCREENING	PREVENTION
first 100 days	1x weekly 1x two weeks 1x monthly	acute GVHD infections	acute GVHD infections
after 6 months	1x 2-3 months	chronic GVHD (eyes, mouth, skin) + pulmonary function -> stop immunosuppression	immune status; stop antibiotics> vaccination
after 1 year	1x 6 months	chronic GVHD+pulmonary function, endocrine assessment (gonads, thyroid); DXA scan	cardiovascular risks (DM; AH, lipidemia) secondary cancers
after 2 years	1x year	all organs	cardiovascular risks secondary cancers

\*Majhail et al. BMT 2012

# Recommended practice

## Delayed complications

- Evaluate **GvHD** regularly up to two years post HSCT
- Evaluate **Pulmonary Function Tests**
- **Prophylaxis** for encapsulated bacteria, aspergilosis, VZV, PCP
- **Start vaccinations** with inactivated vaccines from 3 months

ECIL 7, Cordonnier et al. Lancet Infect Dis 2019

## Late complications

Screen for thyroid dysfunction, hypogonadism, renal impairment

Evaluate **DXA scan and heart function**

Majhail et al. BMT 2012

## Very late complications

Screen for **cardiovascular risks** at 1 year and then yearly, **treat MS**

Educate on “**healthy life style**” - obesity

Screen for **malignancies** yearly (skin, mouth, self-examination)

Encourage to reduce UV skin exposure

In women after TBI/chest radiation perform **mammography**





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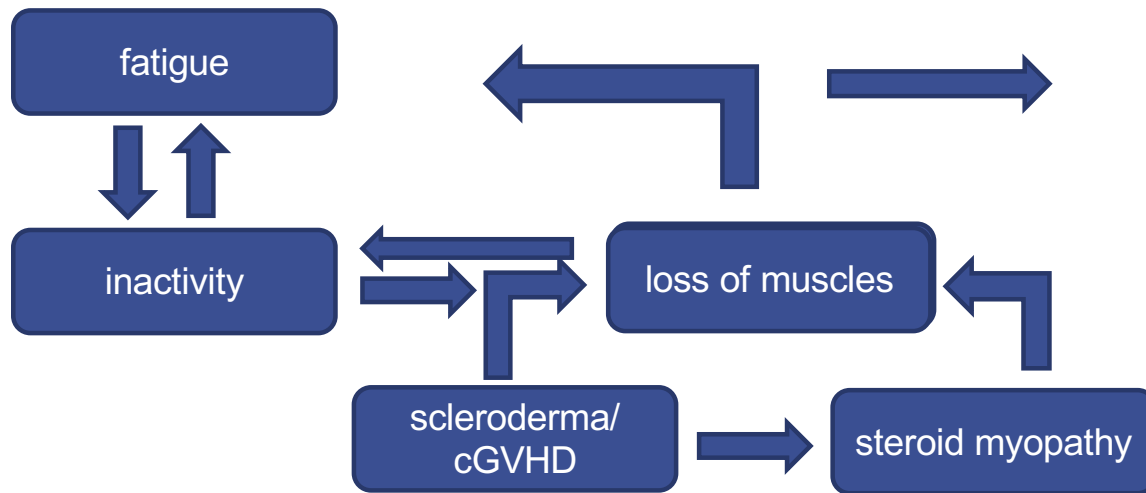
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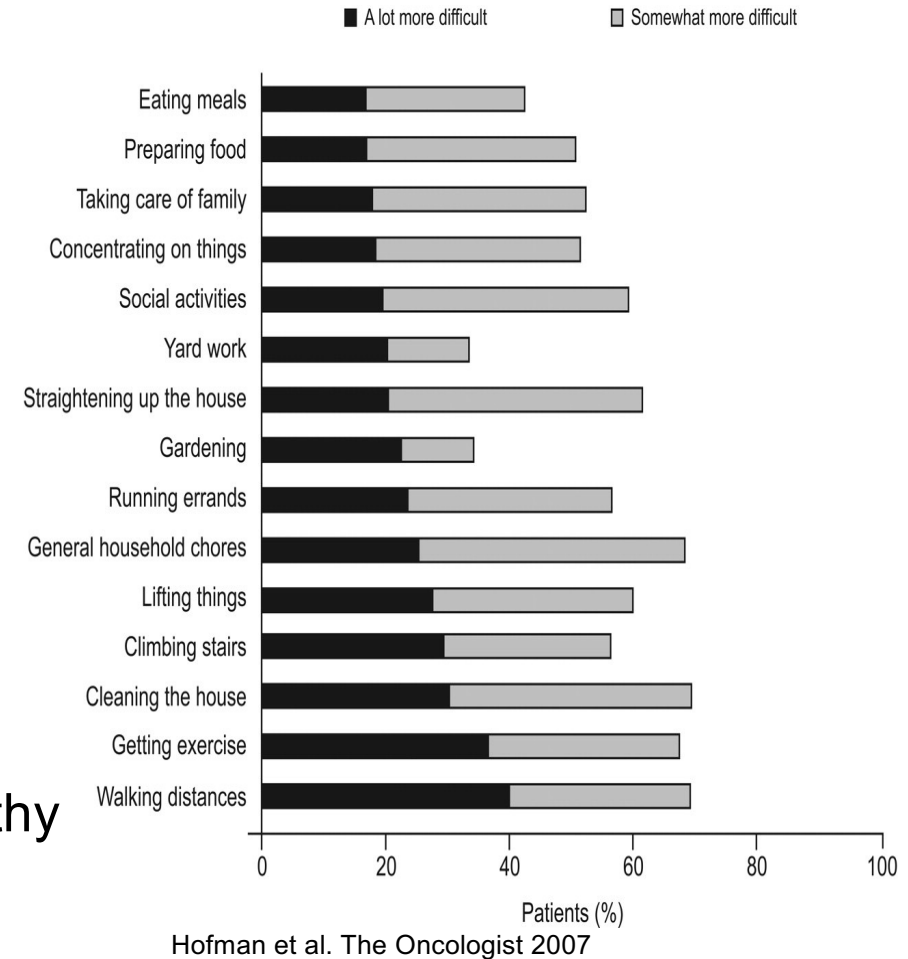
# Symptomes and Syndromes Fatigue

- in first 2 years 40% patients have fatigue\*
- at 10 years symptoms still in 35% patients



- DD:GVHD polimyositis/steroid miopathy/neuropathy
- Th: physical exercise/psychostimulants

\*Bevans et al BBMT 2017



## Symptomes and Syndromes

### Emotional distress

- emotional recovery lasts more than 2 years
  - cumulative incidence of depression 9-20%
  - fear from relapse
  - anxiety about check-ups
  - stress due to incertaintity
  - GVHD symptoms
  - psychological assessment yearly\*
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|  | post-trauma grow |
|  | gratitude        |

*Did you feel sad, depressed or hopeless in last 2 weeks?*

*Did you feel down and not interested for every day duties?*

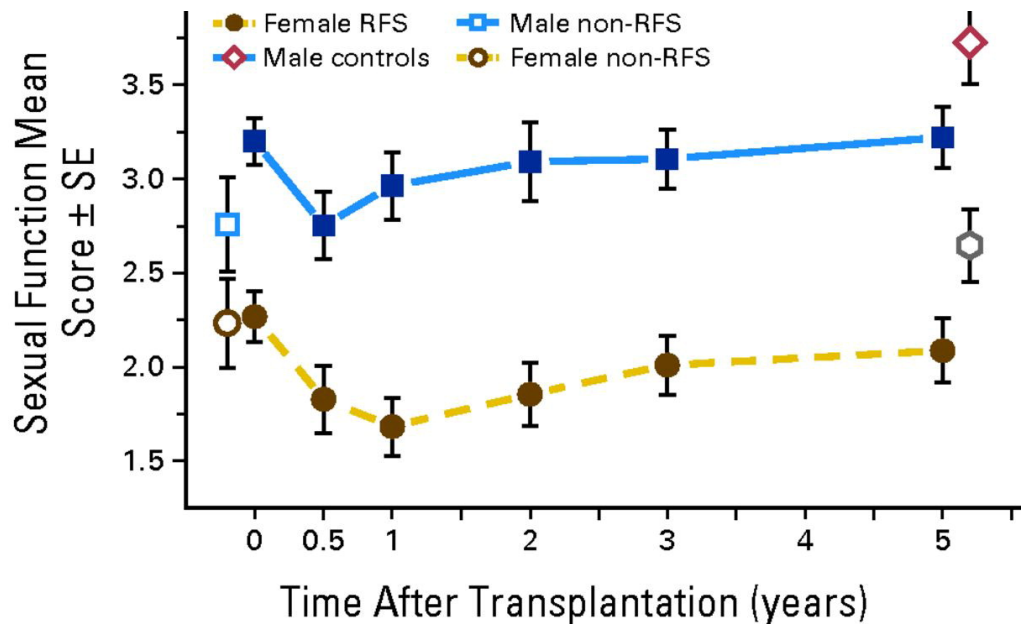
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## Sexual problems

hormonal  
disbalance

chronic GVHD

psychological  
adjustment



- most **males return to normal** after 1-2 years
- 45% **women never return to normal**
- Th: hormonal + local th (GVHD)  
+ counselling



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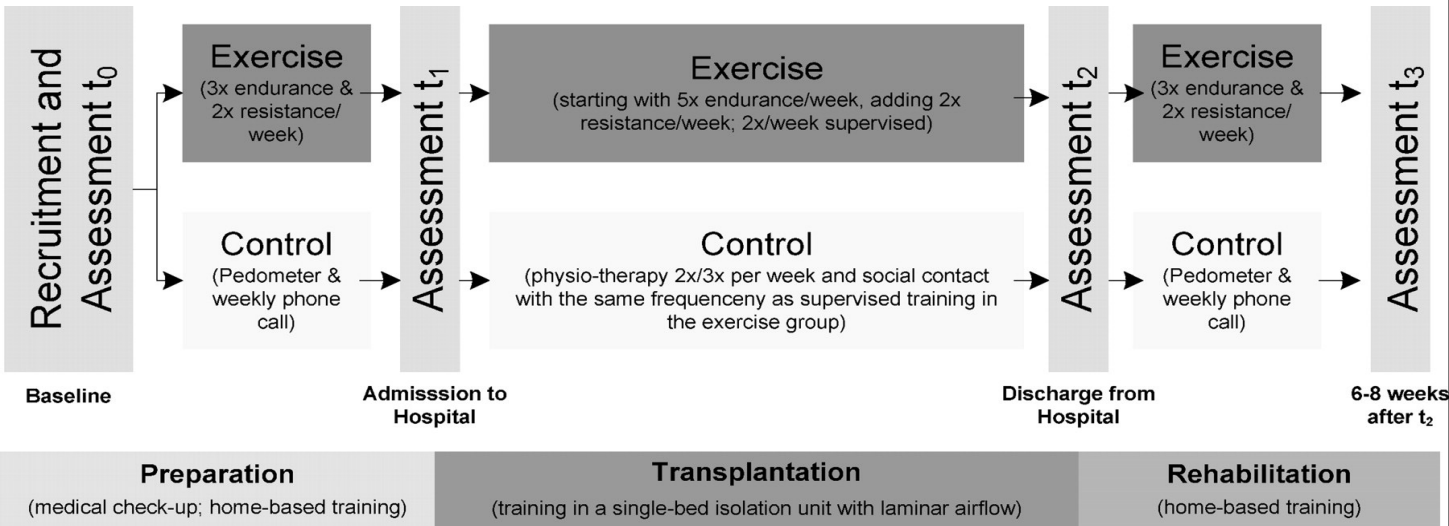
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**Randomized studies\* exercise improve fatigue, physical recovery, QOL and long-term outcomes**  
**Carlson BMT 2006; Lemercier Ann Phys Rehabil Med 2014; Wilson BMT 2005; Wiskemann Blood 2011**



**# Quality of life Interventions**

**exercise survivorship care plan cGVHD team**

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**Letter to the Editor**

A dedicated GvHD clinic may improve the quality of life for allogeneic stem cell transplant survivors



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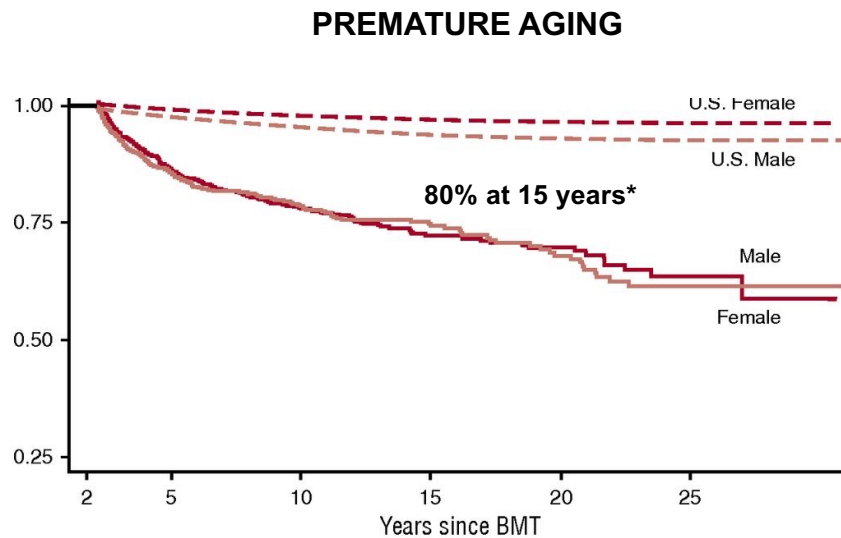
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## Late complications



**Causes of late death\*\*:** relapse (14%)  
infections (12%)  
GVHD (11%)  
cardiovascular disease (12%)  
subsequent neoplasms (11%)

- 2/3 patients have at least one late complication
- 15-year CI of serious late complications is 40%
- more than 40% patients experience fatigue, sexual and cognitive impairment
- up to 30% suffer from anxiety and depression
- 30-40% do not return to work = reintegration
- NIH Blood and Marrow Transplant Late Effects Consensus Conference 2016\*\*\*:  
recognize, treat, prevent



# Conclusions – Can we do better?

- Road map for survivorship
- Clinical model for continue follow up
- Multisciplinary approach

