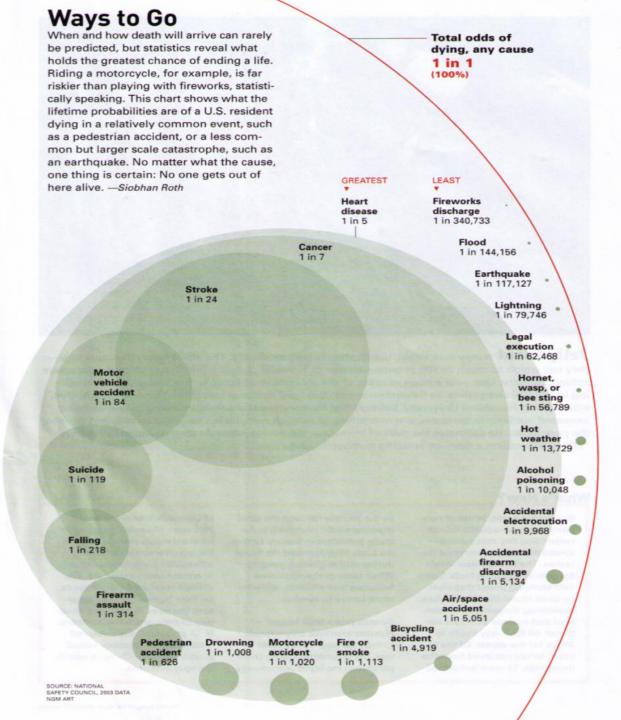


# Cancer survivors - New challenges for the oncologist to deal with

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### Today's menue

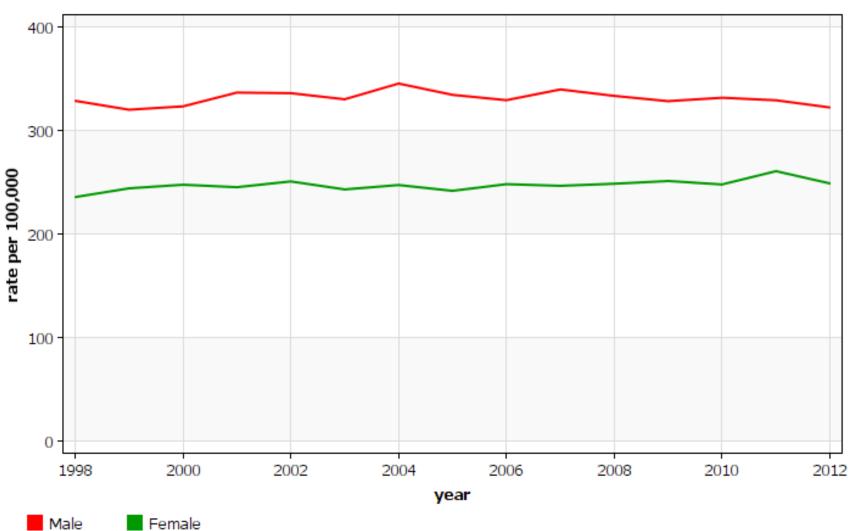
- Epidemiology
- Few cases many problems
- Highlight just on the most important ones
- How can we might tackle it
- Summary



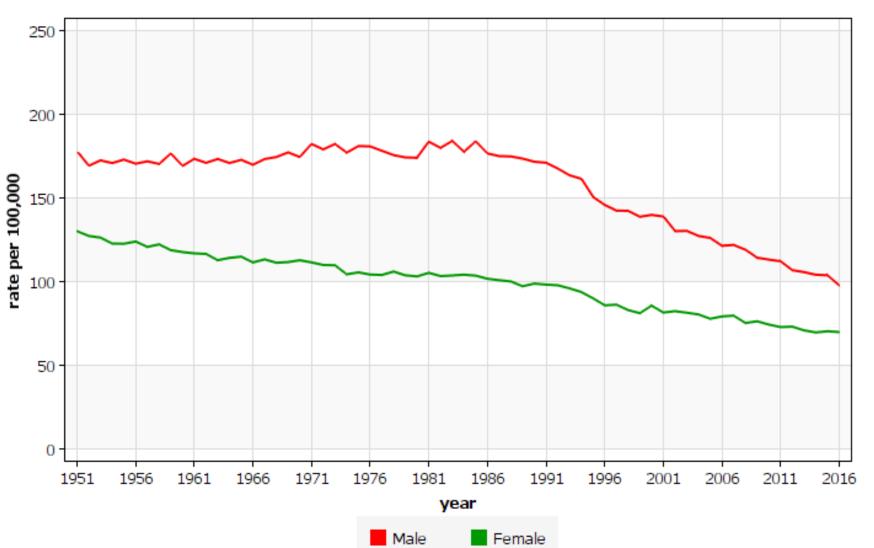
#### Cancer

is the second most frequent cause of death after cardiovascular diseases in highincome countries

## Age Standardized Cancer Incidence in Switzerland

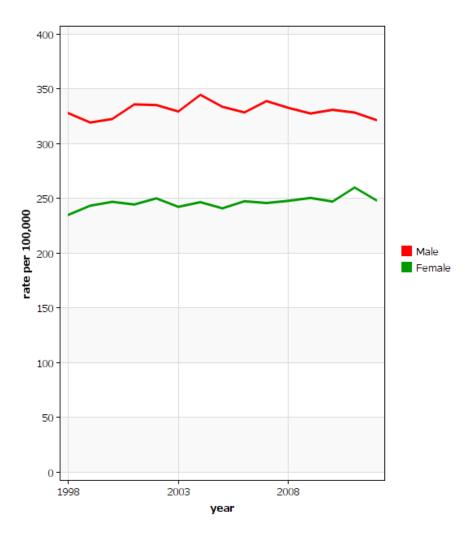


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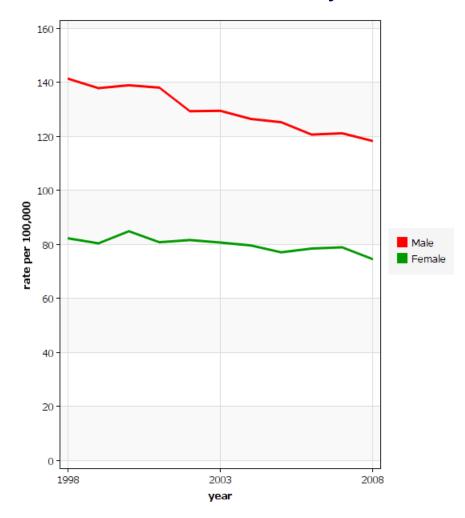


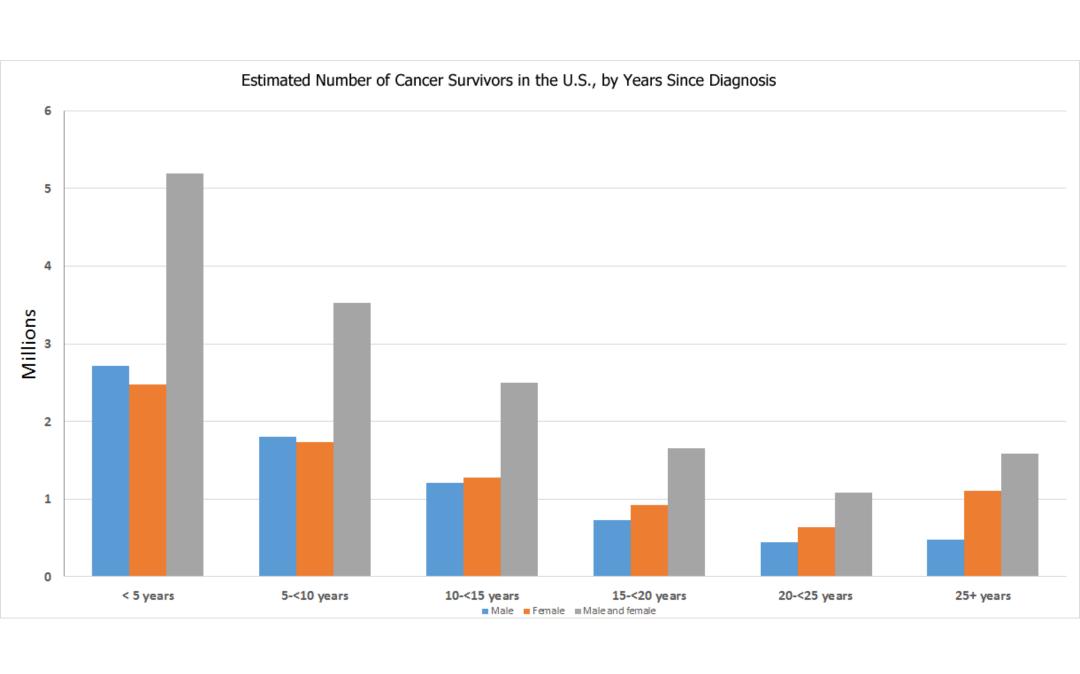
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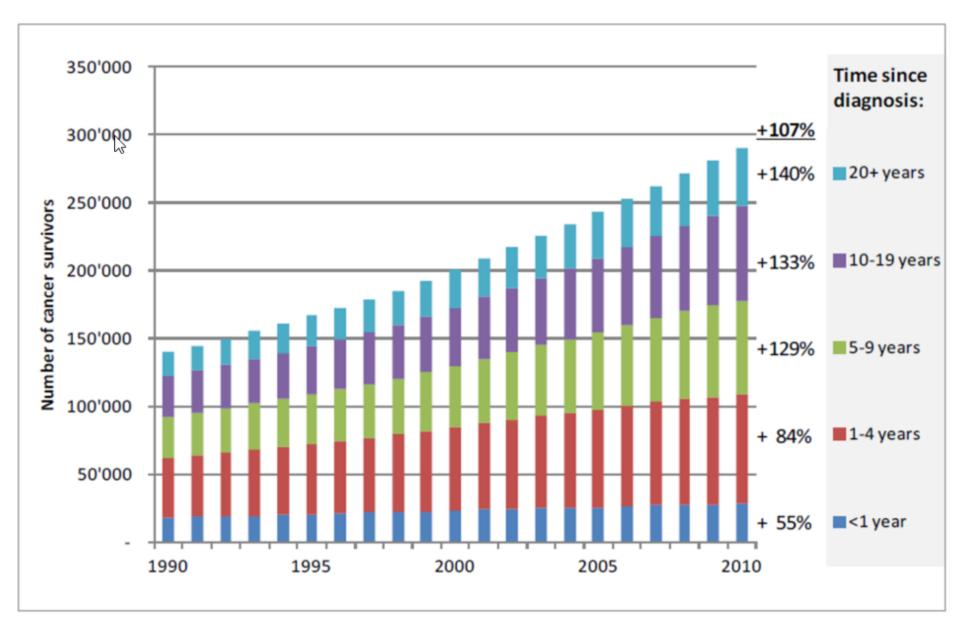


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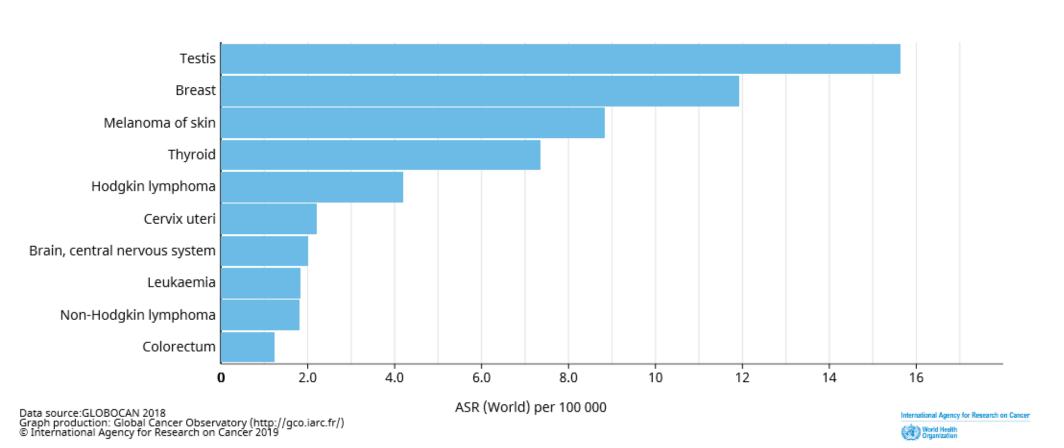




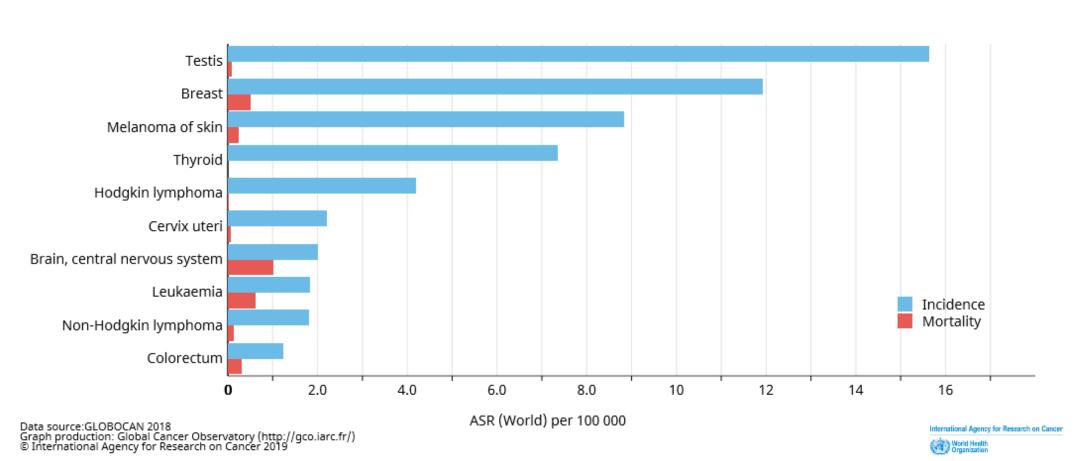
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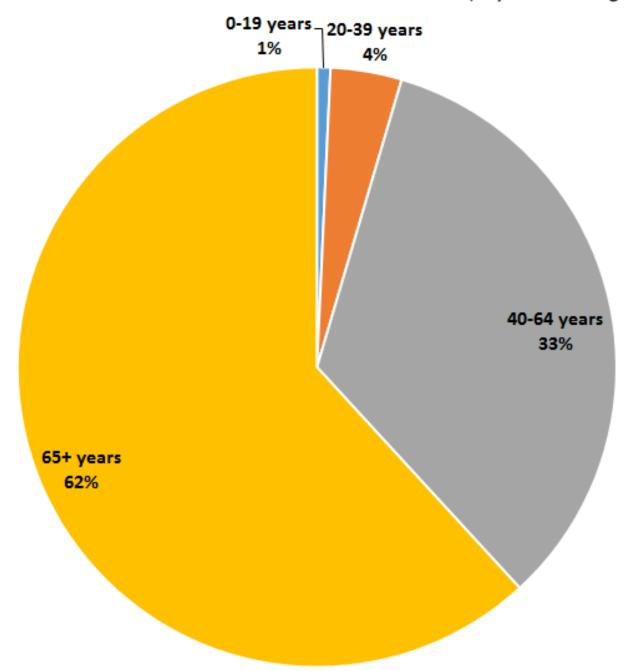
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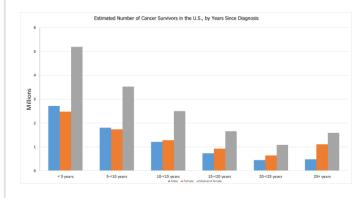


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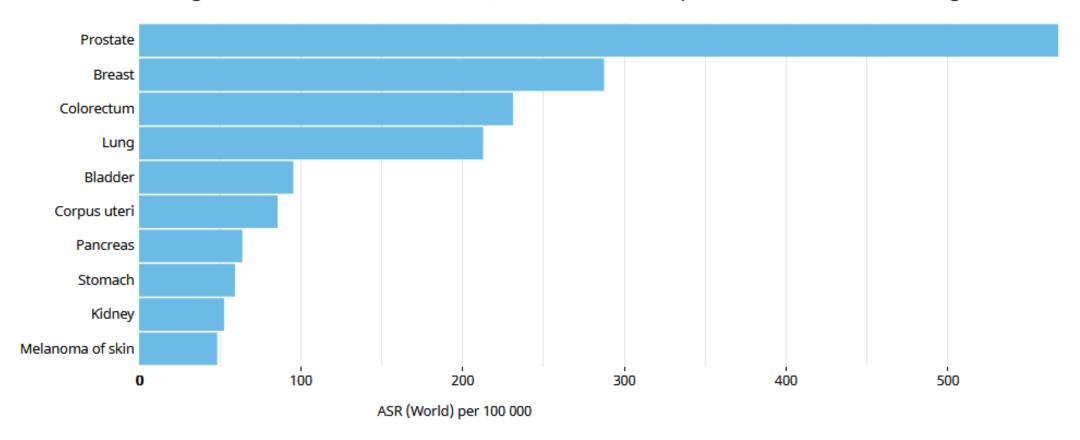
Estimated Number of Cancer Survivors in the U.S., by Current Age



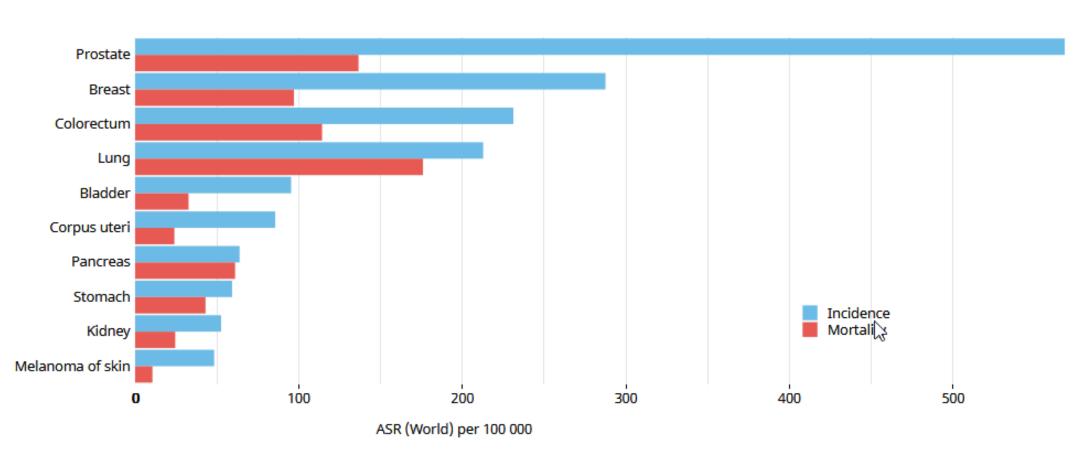


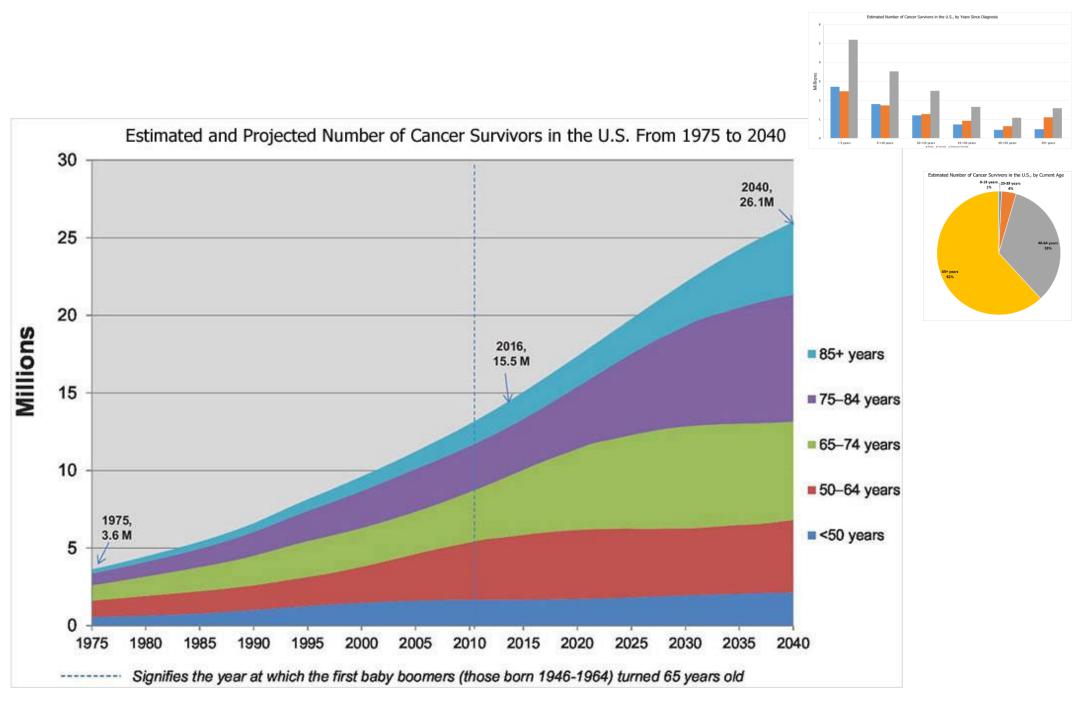
## Age Standardized Cancer Incidence in Adults > 65 years in Switzerland

Estimated age-standardized incidence rates (World) in 2020, Europe, Switzerland, both sexes, ages 65+



## Age Standardized Cancer Incidence & Mortality in Adults > 65 years in Switzerland





## If we cure cancer, how is life after a cancer diagnosis and treatment?

# And who is going to care for those patients?

#### Physical Well Being and Symptoms

Functional Activities
Strength/Fatigue
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Overall Physical Health
Fertility
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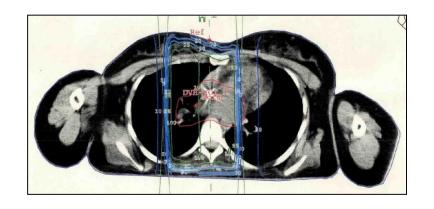
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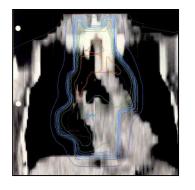
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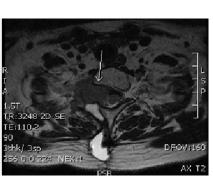
Hope

Uncertainty

Inner Strength









#### Case No 1 female 36 years

- Marketing manager
- Shoulder pain
- Parästhesias right arm
- Hodgkin's Disease age 22
- BEACOPP esc x 6
- Mediastinal irradiation 30 Gy
- Diagnosis Leimyosarcoma
- Resection, more radio and chemo. Died after 3 years

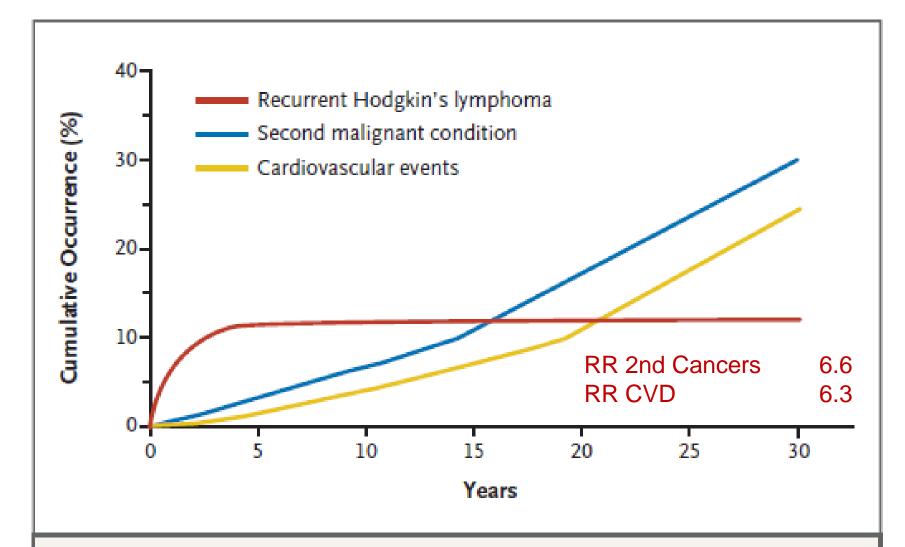


Figure 1. Approximate Cumulative Risk of Recurrent Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Second Malignant Conditions, and Cardiovascular Events among Patients Receiving Both Radiotherapy and Chemotherapy for Early-Stage Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

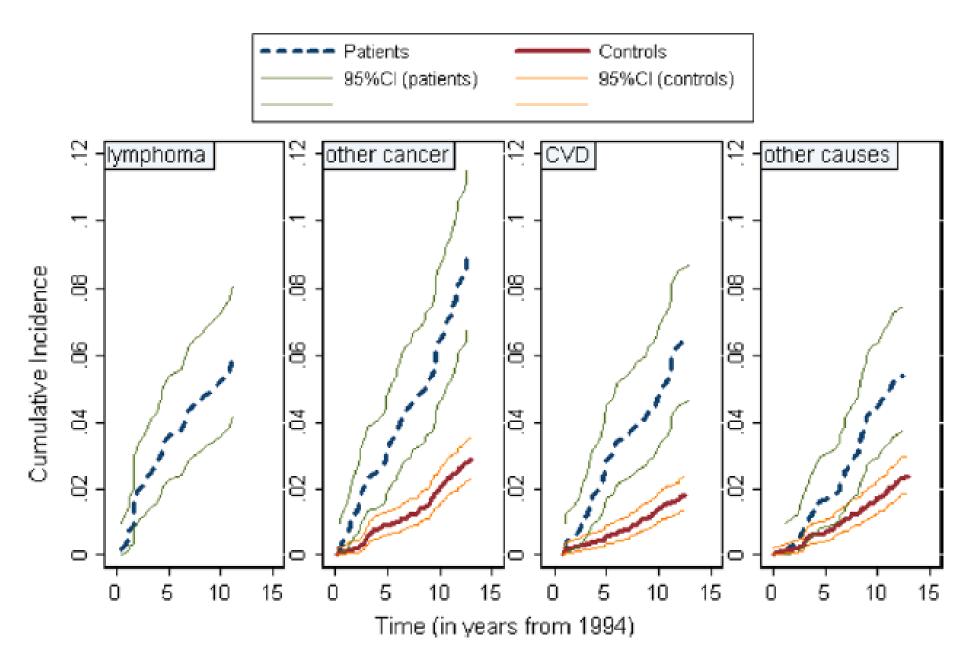
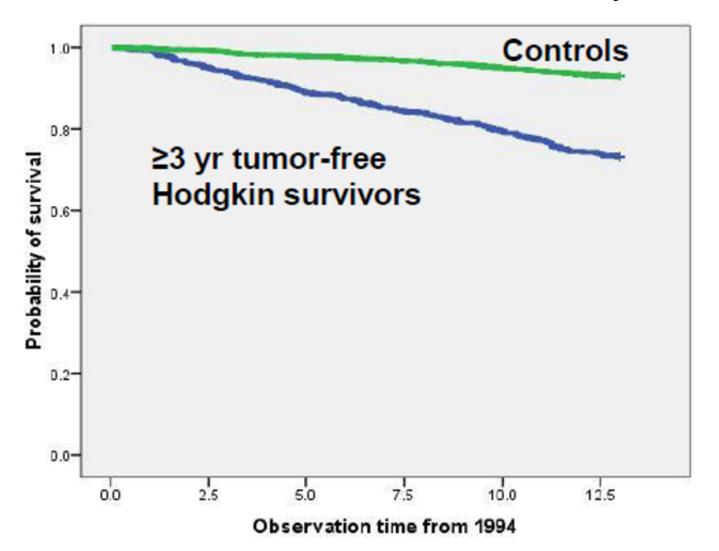
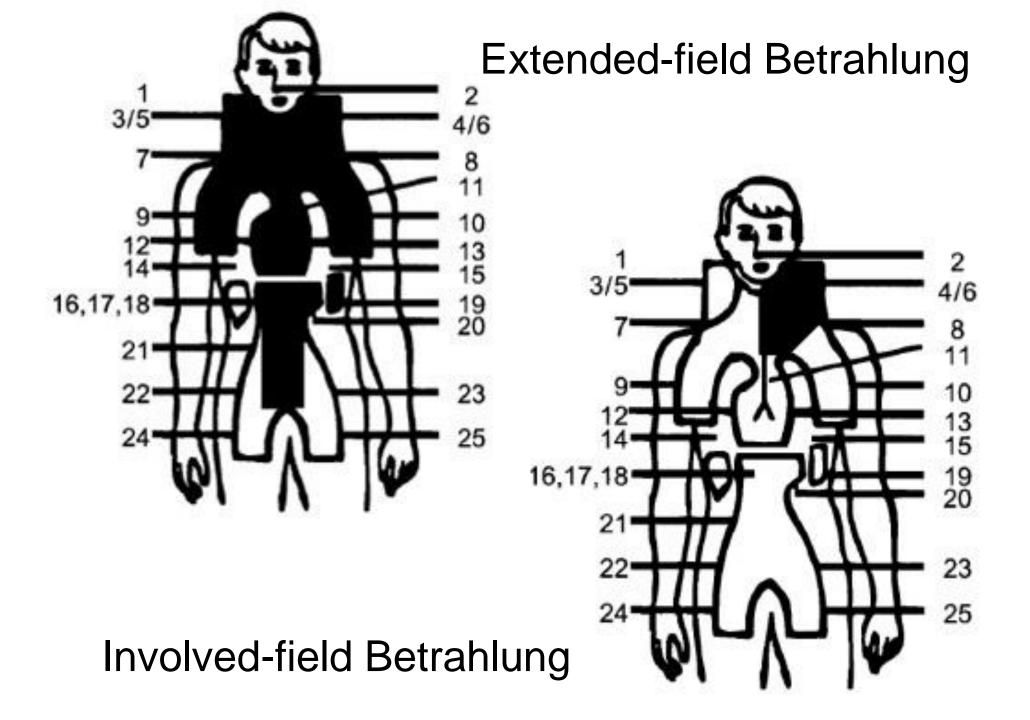
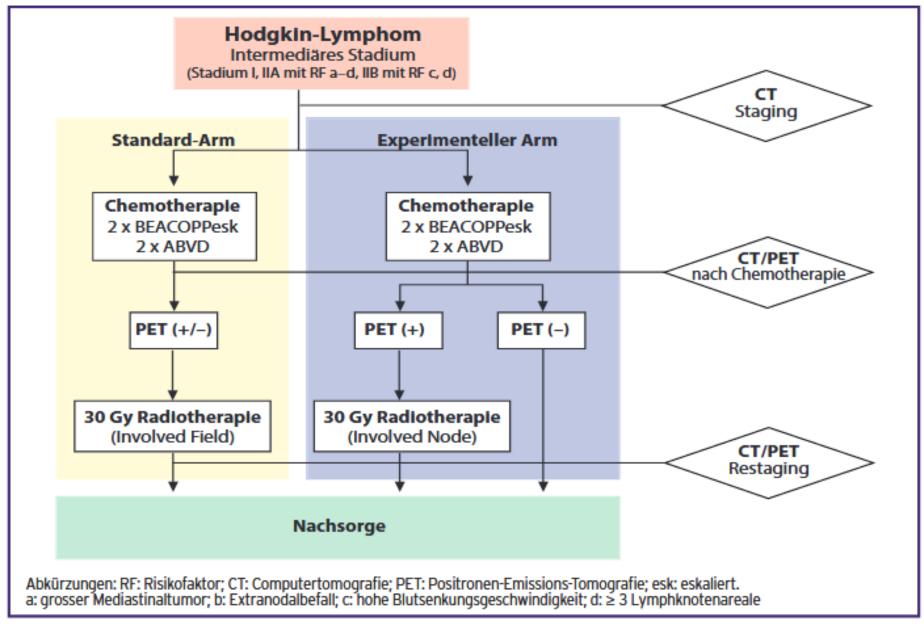


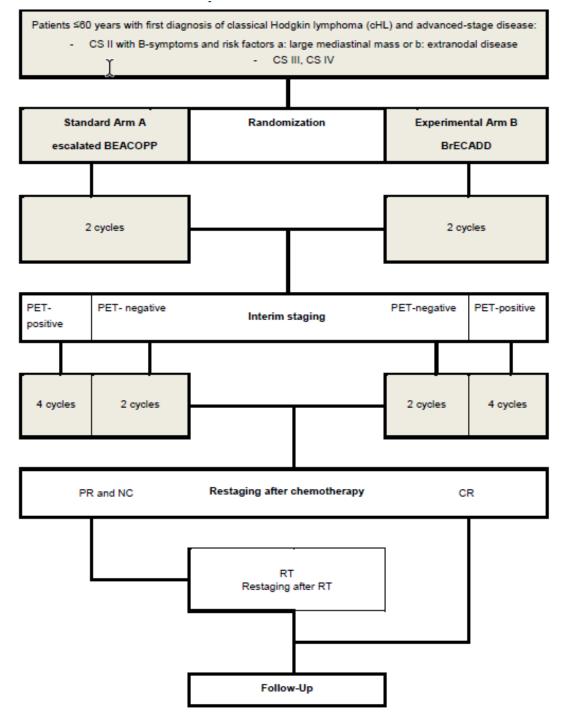
Fig. 2 - Plot of competing causes of deaths among HLSs and controls.







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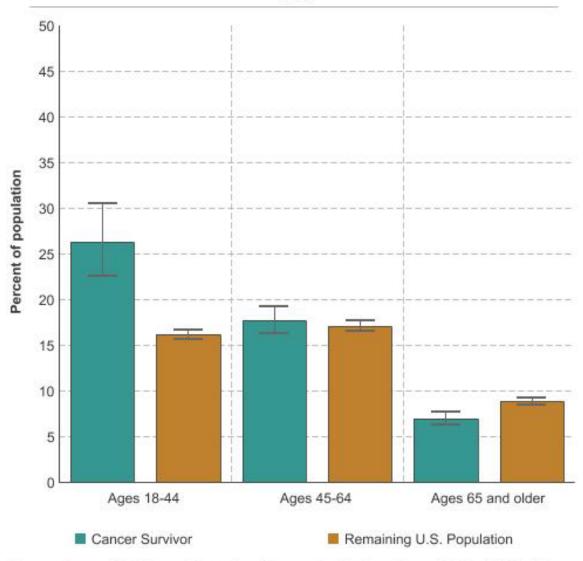


# De-escalation of upfront treatment intensity

## Association of First Primary Cancer With Risk of Subsequent Primary Cancer Among Survivors of Adult-Onset Cancers in the United States

- 1'537'101 patients in the SEER database
- Treated between 1992-2011
- More 50% had survived longer than 10 years
- 11% higher risk of secondary cancers
- > 50% of secondary cancers were related to smoking, obesity or lack of exercise

Comparison of cancer survivors and remaining U.S. population for percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by age, 2014-2018



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey.

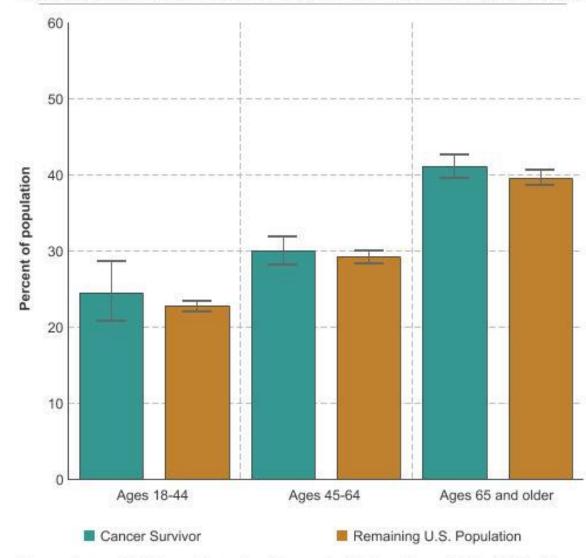
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In cancer survivors it's not the recurrence that kills

**Smoking** 

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18 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time by age, 2014-2018



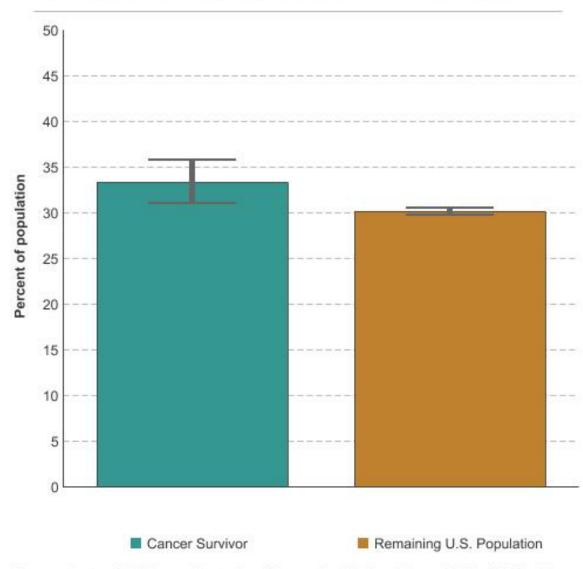
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#### Comparison of cancer survivors and remaining U.S. population for percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were obese, 2014-2018



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Obese is defined as a Body Mass Index (BMI) greater than 30.

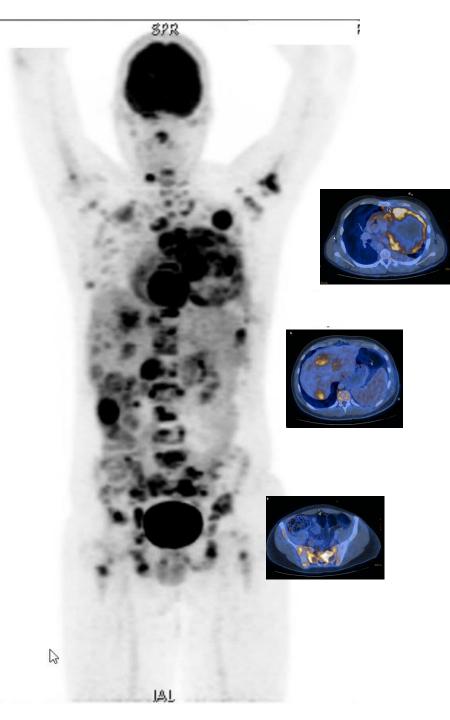
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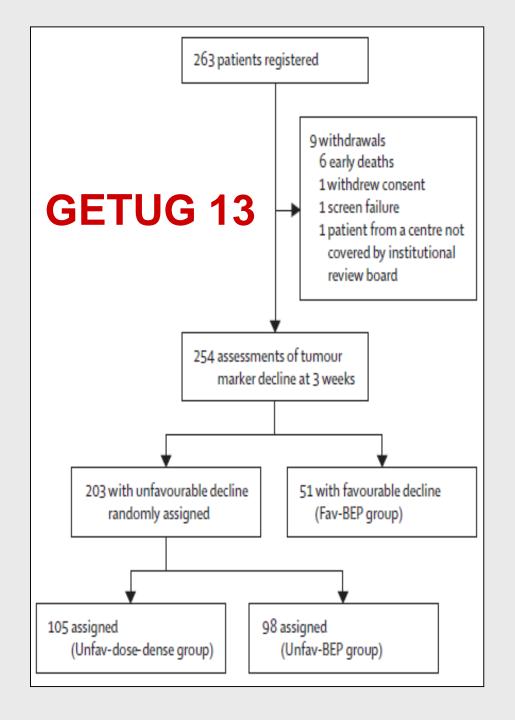
### What can/should we do

- Inform patients about the risk of secondary cancers
- Inform about the importance of life style issues
- Inform about participation in regular cancer screening programs
- Hook-up with and inform general practitioner
- Provide a cancer survivorship plan



#### Case No 2 male 26 years

- Cough
- Dysnea
- Pain right hip joint
- Paracardial mass 10 cm
- LDH 2822 U/L & AFP 236 ng/ml elevated
- Extragonadal germ-cell cancer



#### **BEP**

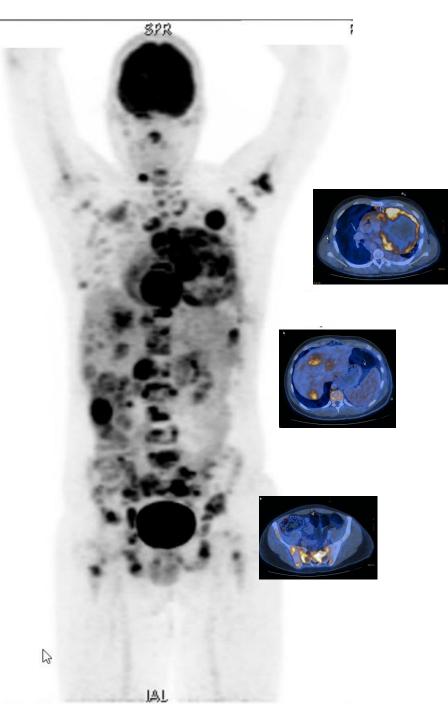
Cisplatin 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup> x5 Etoposide 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> x5 Bleo 30 mg weekly

#### **Dose-Dense**

BEP plus Paclitaxel 175 mg/m² day -1 Oxaliplatin 130 mg/m² day 10

Cisplatin 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> day 1 Ifosfamide 2 g/m<sup>2</sup> days 10,12,14 Bleo 25 mg 24h infusion days 10-14

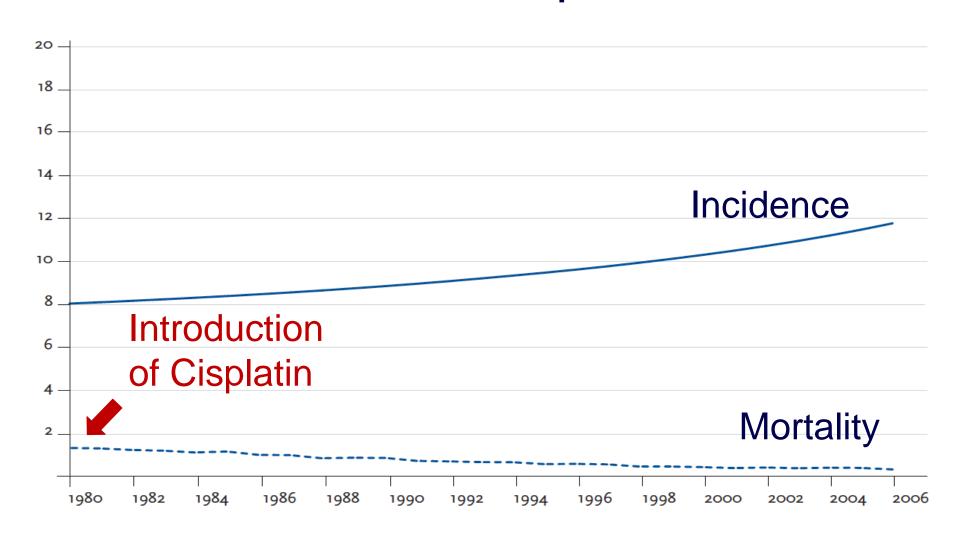
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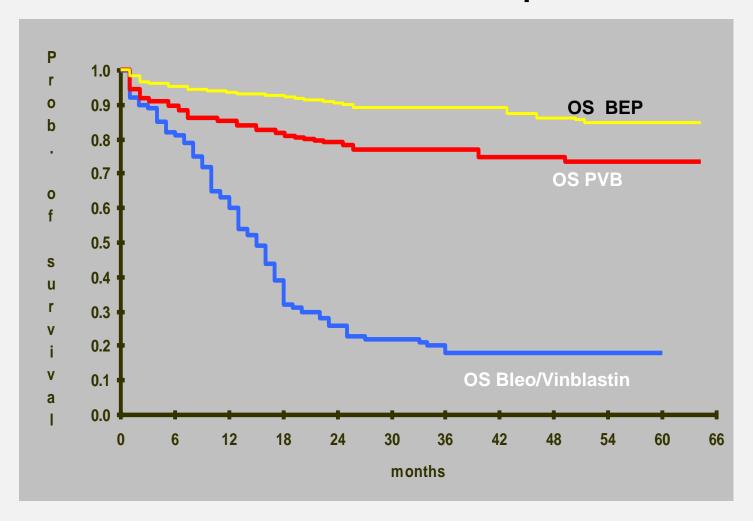
#### Case No 3 male 26 years

- Cured, but has hearing impairment, reduced resilience and impaired cognition
- Challenge is to get back into a "normal life"
- Risk of early metabolic syndrome and 2° cancer

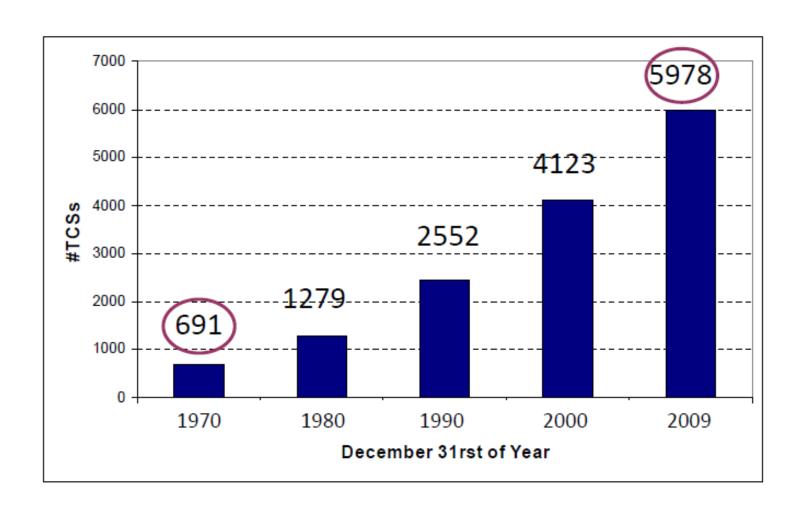
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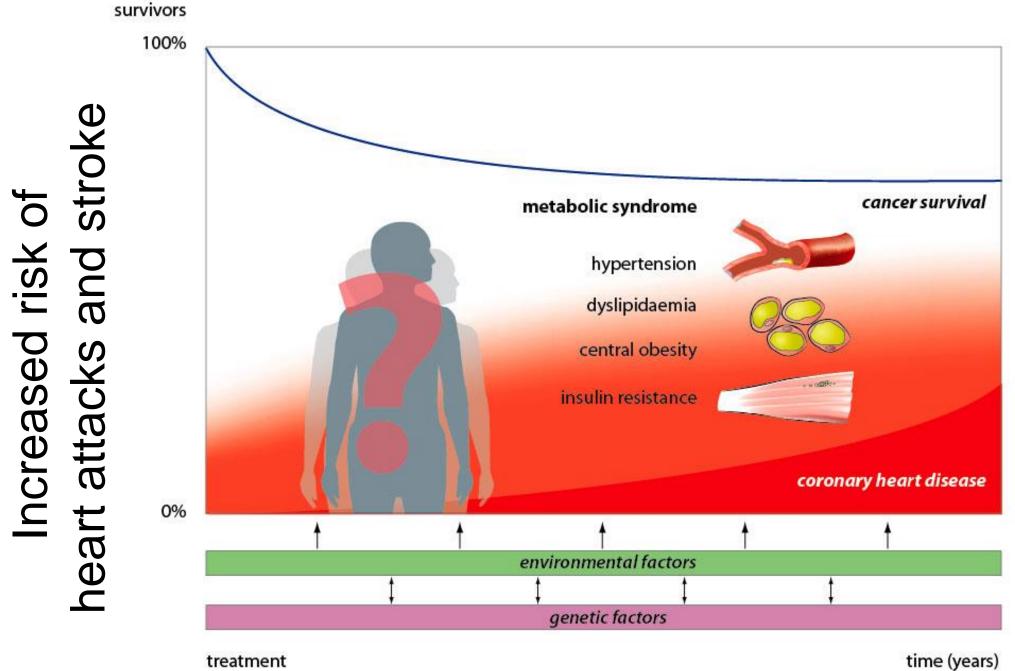


## Survival of metastatic germ cell cancer patients before and after cisplatin

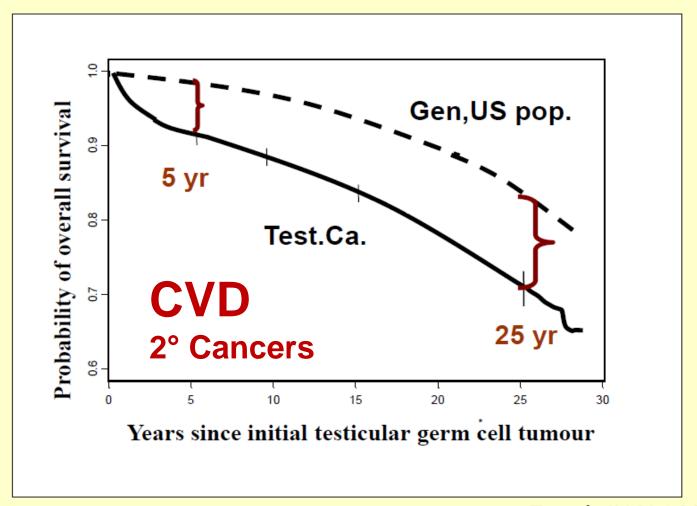


## Prevalence of ≥5 year Testicular Cancer Survivors in Norway

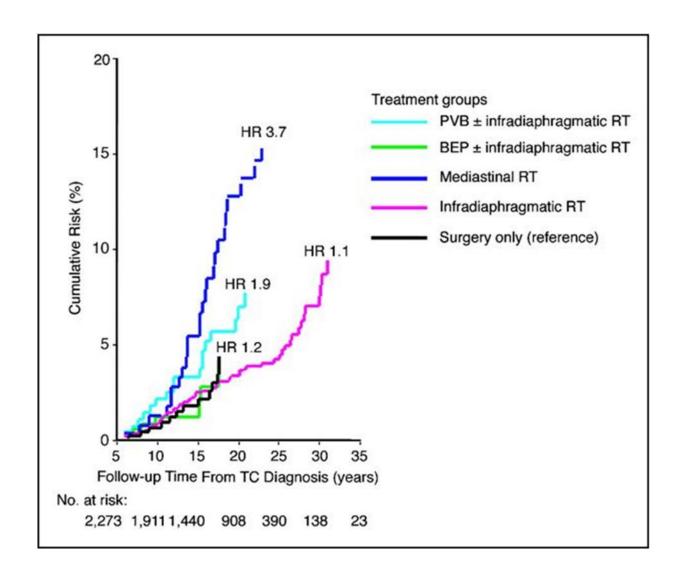




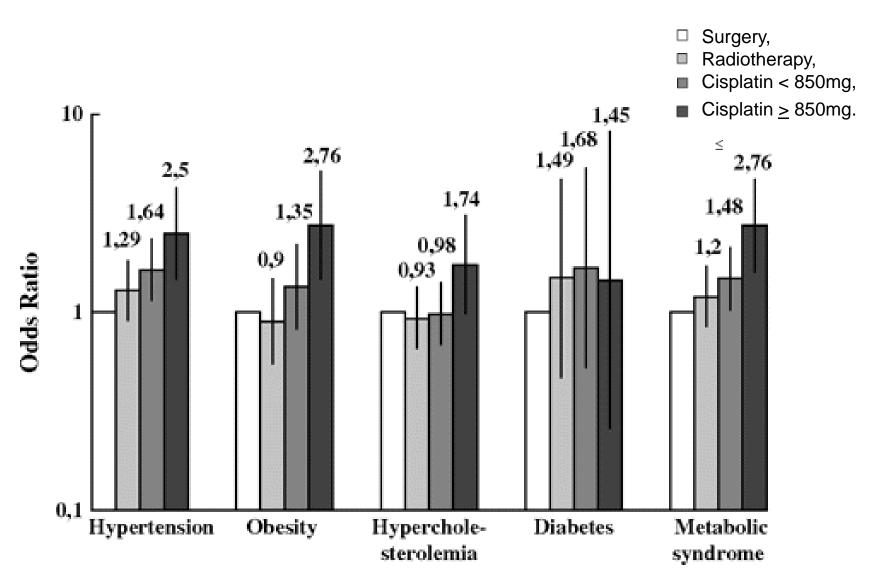
# Overall survival for patients with unilateral TC and the age-matched general US population (SEER 1973-2001)



### CVD: Risk of myocardial infarction

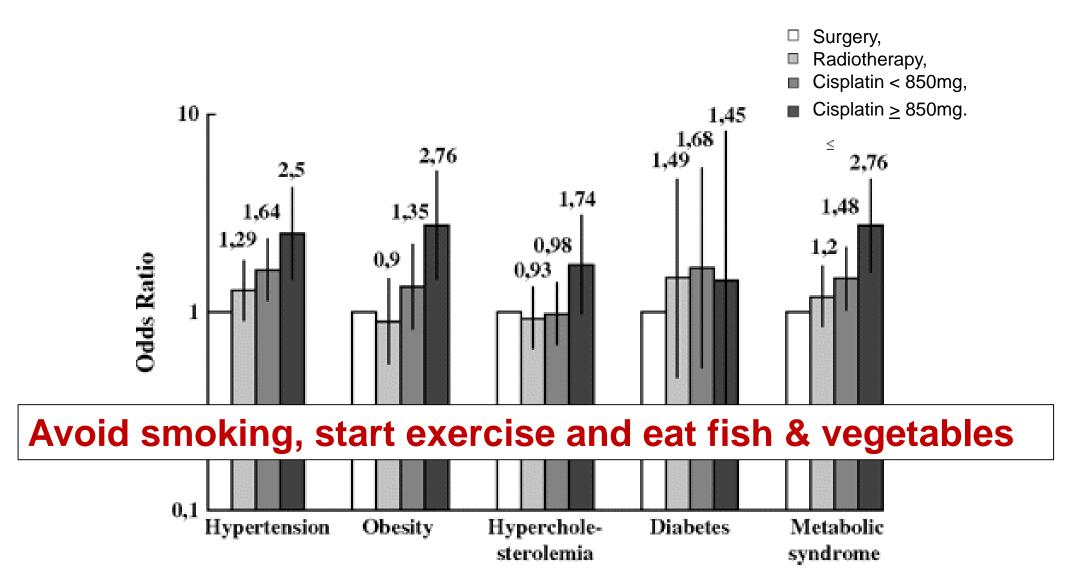


### **CVD:** Risk of metabolic syndrome



Haugnes, H. et al. Ann Oncol 2007 18:241-248

### CVD: Risk of metabolic syndrome



Health promotion is often overlooked because everyone is concentrating on monitoring for cancer recurrence, when in fact many cancer survivors are at risk for and will die from cardiovascular disease, stroke or diabetes complications.

### Long-term Platinum Retention After Platinum-based Chemotherapy in Testicular Cancer Survivors: A 20-Year Follow-up Study

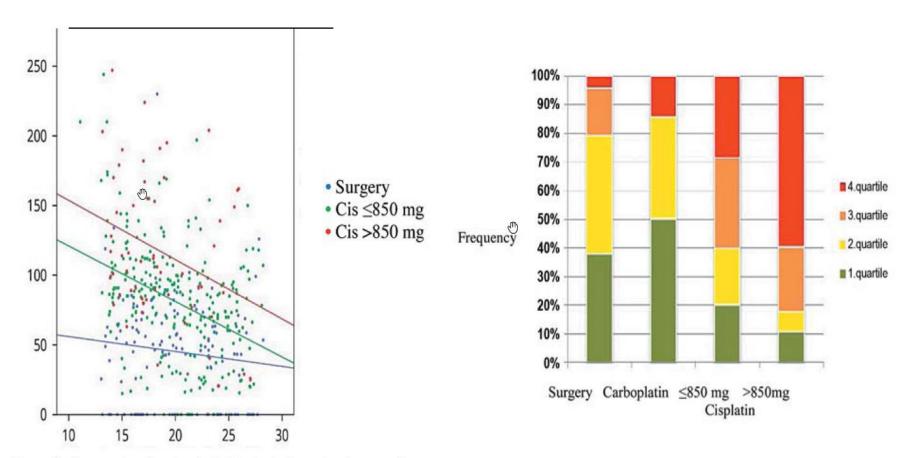


Figure 2. Scatterplot showing individual platinum levels according to follow-up time. Cis: Cisplatin

## Hearing Impairment

≥5 cycles

intensive

1-4 cycles

Not at all (audiometry: quartile 1)

Very much (audiometry: quartile 4)

100

80

60

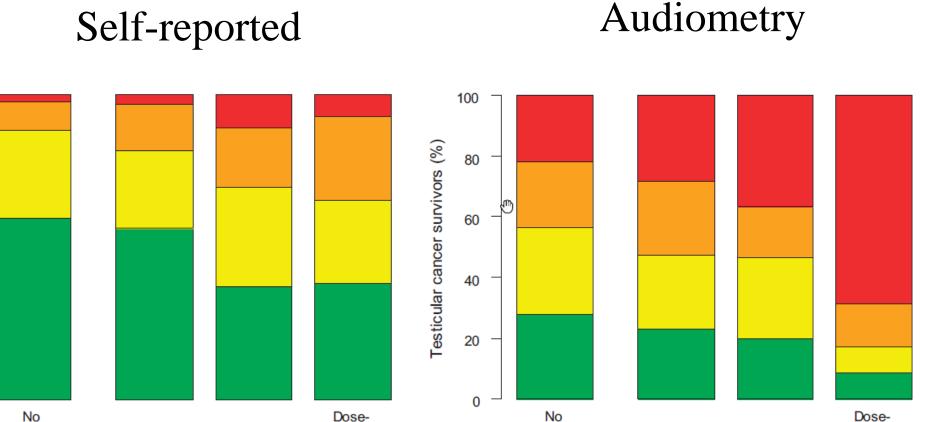
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chemotherapy

Testicular cancer survivors (%)



A little (audiometry: quartile 2)

Quite a bit (audiometry: quartile 3)

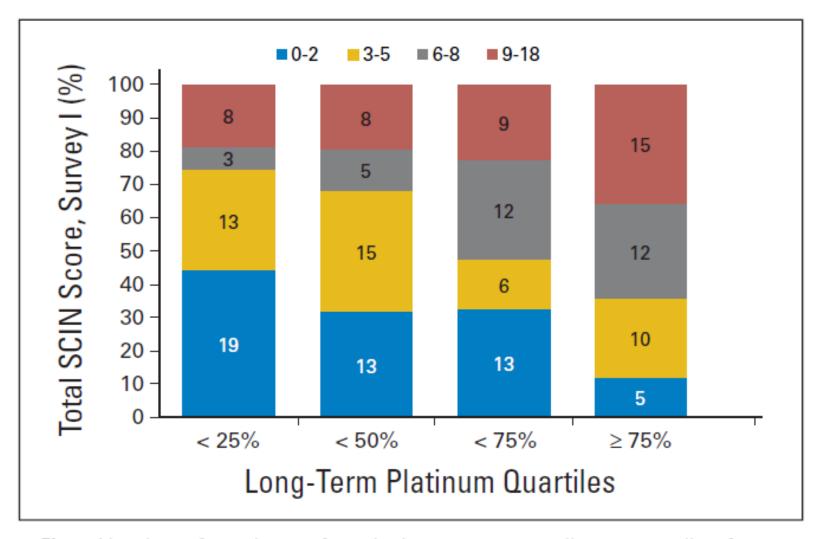
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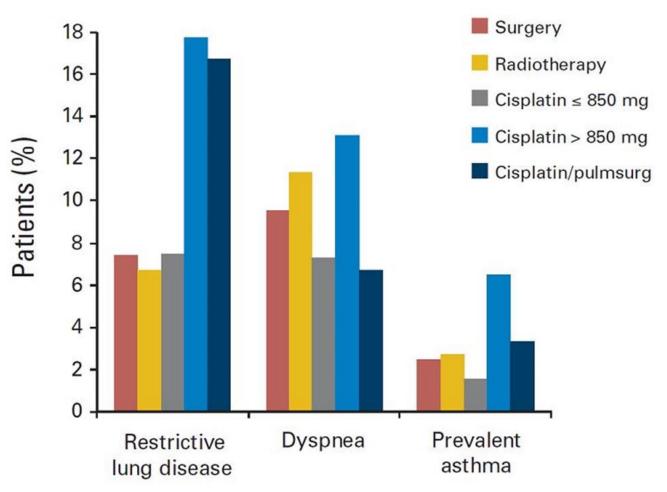
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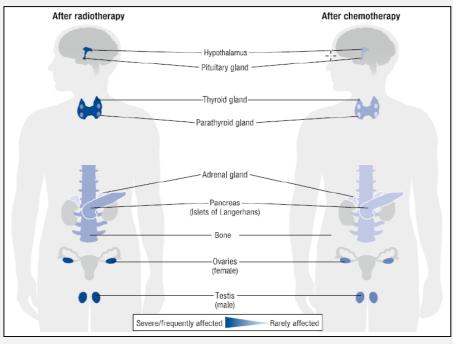
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**Fig 2.** Number of survivors of testicular cancer according to quartile of serum platinum level and total Scale for Chemotherapy-Induced Neuropathy (SCIN) score at Survey I (2000).

# Pulmonary problems 10 years after treatment for testicular cancer





Acute and long-term

lifestyle factors

affecting bone health

Direct effects of cancer

and cancer treatment

on bone health

Acute effects and late

effects of cancer

treatments indirectly

affecting bone health

↑Cytokines

Glucocorticolds

Methotrexate

Focal radiotherapy

Cachexia, anorexia

Cranial irradiation

Aromatase inhibitors

Ifosfamide

Gonadotoxic chemotherapy

Radiation exposure of gonads

Androgen deprivation therapy

Radiation exposure of parathyroid glands

Insulin resistance, β-cell failure

Unhealthy lifestyle choices

Immobility



Malnutrition

↓Physical activity

T2DM

Alcohol consumption, smoking

Growth hormone deficiency

Overt or subclinical hypogonadism

Renal Fanconi's

Primary hyperparathyroidism

↓Bone formation

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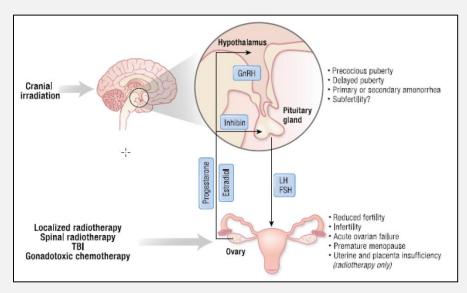
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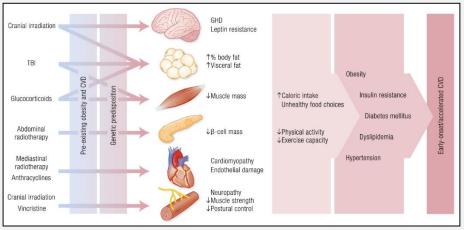
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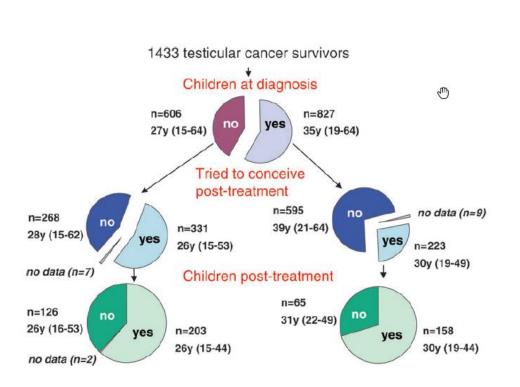




Gebauer J et al. Endocrine Reviews 40: 711 – 767, 2019

### Paternity Following Treatment for Testicular Cancer

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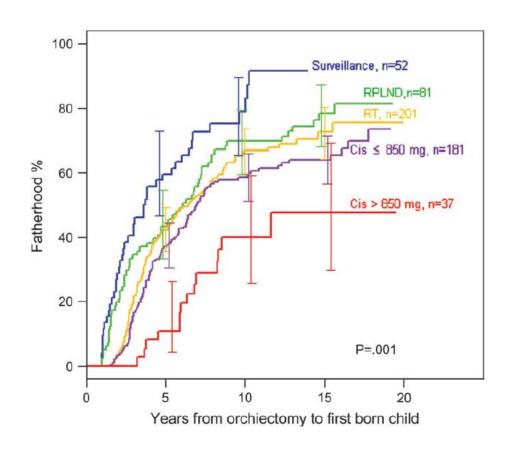
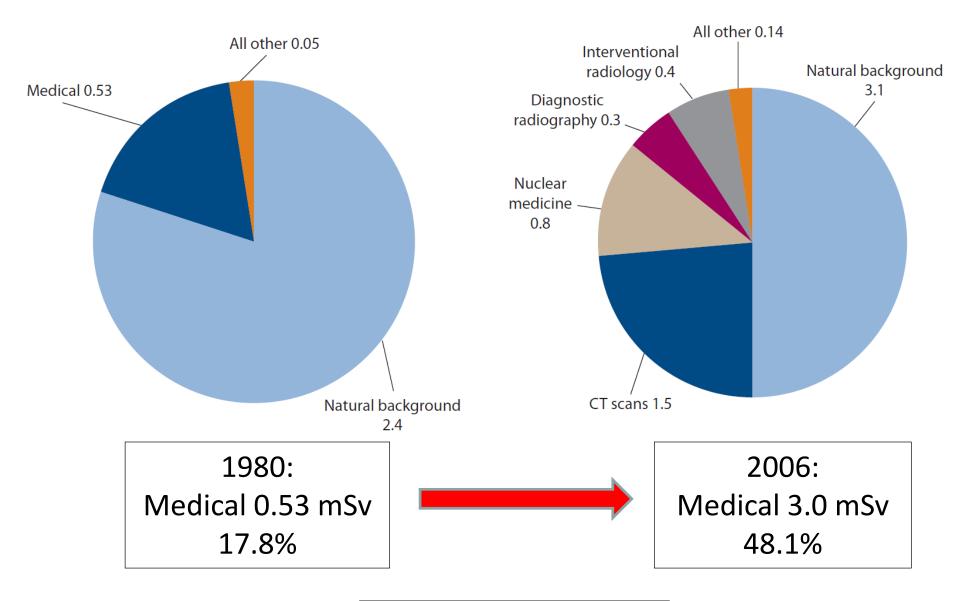


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**UNSCEAR report 2008** 



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## What can/should we do

- Inform patients about the risk of late toxicities
- Inform about importance of life style issues
- Inform about having regular checks (weight, blood pressure, lipids, glucose, hormones ...)
- Inform and hook-up with general practitioner
- Provide a cancer survivorship plan

### Survivorship Care Plan



Survivorship care	plan to be	discussed with a	nd delivered to the patient (ar	nd
		during uro-oncolog		
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☐ No dissemination	of disease	was confirmed		
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Hospital:				
Responsible doctor	·			_
Telephone:				
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increased risk for hypertension, overweight, elevated cholesterol levels and cardiovascular disease. Thus, it is advisable to keep away from smoking, avoid overweight and exercise regularly.

Although the risk of a new tumor in the remaining testicle is low, regular self-exams are important. Furthermore, another cancer type may develop after treatment with chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy.

In addition to standard oncological follow-up/or at termination of oncological followup, we recommend controls every 2.-3. year to check for long-term and late effects of the cancer treatment. The purpose of these controls is to prevent, identify and possibly treat risk factors which eventually could lead to complications, e.g. cardiovascular disease. If abnormal values are detected at these controls, further follow-up at the general practitioner is initiated.

#### We recommend that the following are controlled by the general practitioner:

- 1) Blood pressure, height, weight, waist and hip circumference
- 2) Blood samples including fasting lipids (total cholesterol, HDL and LDL-cholesterol, triglycerides), fasting glucose and hormones (testosterone, FSH and LH)
- 3) Clinical examination in case of any symptoms

# Survivorship care plan has to be individualized



### Basics of a survivorship care plan

- Details on histology & intial stage
- Details on treatment delivered (drugs, schedules, modalities)
- Recommendation for a follow-up schedule
- Identify individual long-term toxicities that might occur
- Give life-style recommendations
- Recommendations for checks & preventive interventions
- Identify possible additional resources (e.g. support groups)
- Identify the person in charge for follow-up



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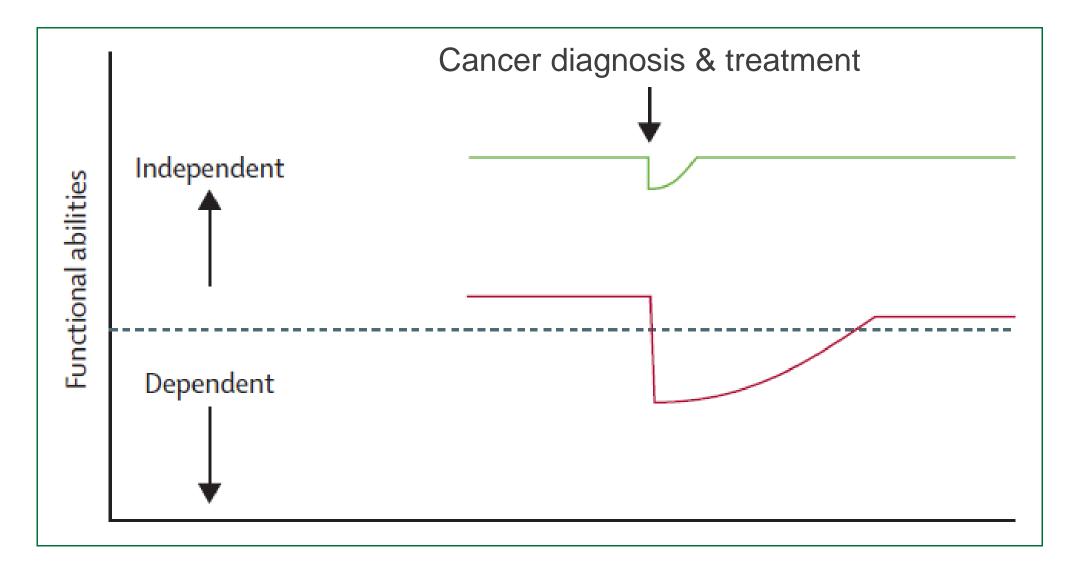


# Interdisziplinäre Cancer Survivor Nachsorgesprechstunde

Viele Betroffene (so genannte «Cancer Survivors») leiden gelegentlich noch Jahre nach erfolgreicher Krebsbehandlung an Spätnebenwirkungen der durchgeführten Therapie. Nicht immer sind diese augenscheinlich. Häufig bedarf es zur Erkennung und Therapie besondere Kenntnisse.

Aus diesem Grund wird ab Ende 2018 eine Spezialsprechstunde für «Cancer Survivors» am Inselspital angeboten werden.

### Don't push me 'cause I am close to the egde



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- They may suffer from long-term sequela

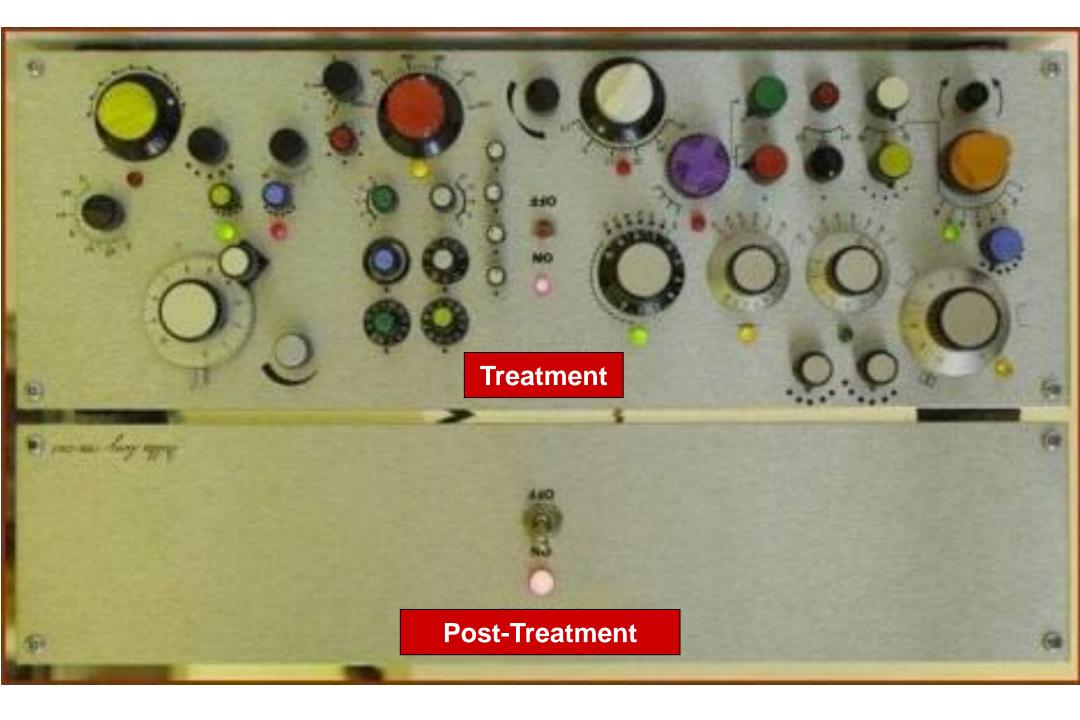
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## Resources

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