

# Prostate cancer

## PROSTATE CANCER

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# Outline

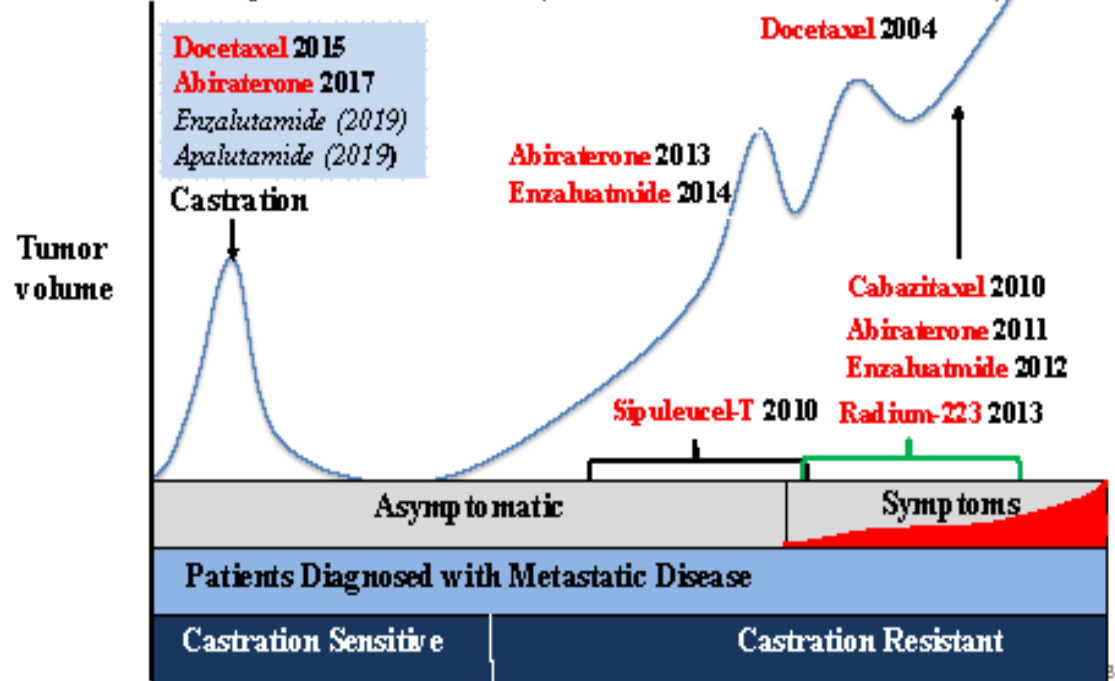
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1. Prostate Cancer overview
2. Therapies for localized prostate cancer
3. Metastatic Castrate-Resistant Prostate Cancer
4. Future Directions

# FDA approved therapies



## Prostate Cancer FDA-Approved Therapies for Newly Metastatic (Normal Testosterone)





# Cancer statistics

## Cancer Statistics 2023

### Estimated New Cases

			Males	Females			
Prostate	286,300	29%			Breast	297,790	31%
Lung & bronchus	117,550	12%			Lung & bronchus	120,790	13%
Colon & rectum	81,890	8%			Colon & rectum	71,160	8%
Urinary bladder	82,420	6%			Uterine corpus	66,200	7%
Melanoma of the skin	58,120	6%			Melanoma of the skin	39,490	4%
Kidney & renal pelvis	52,390	5%			Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	35,670	4%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	44,880	4%			Thyroid	31,180	3%
Oral cavity & pharynx	39,290	4%			Pancreas	30,920	3%
Leukemia	35,670	4%			Kidney & renal pelvis	29,440	3%
Pancreas	33,130	3%			Leukemia	23,940	3%
All Sites	1,010,310	100%	All Sites	948,600	100%		

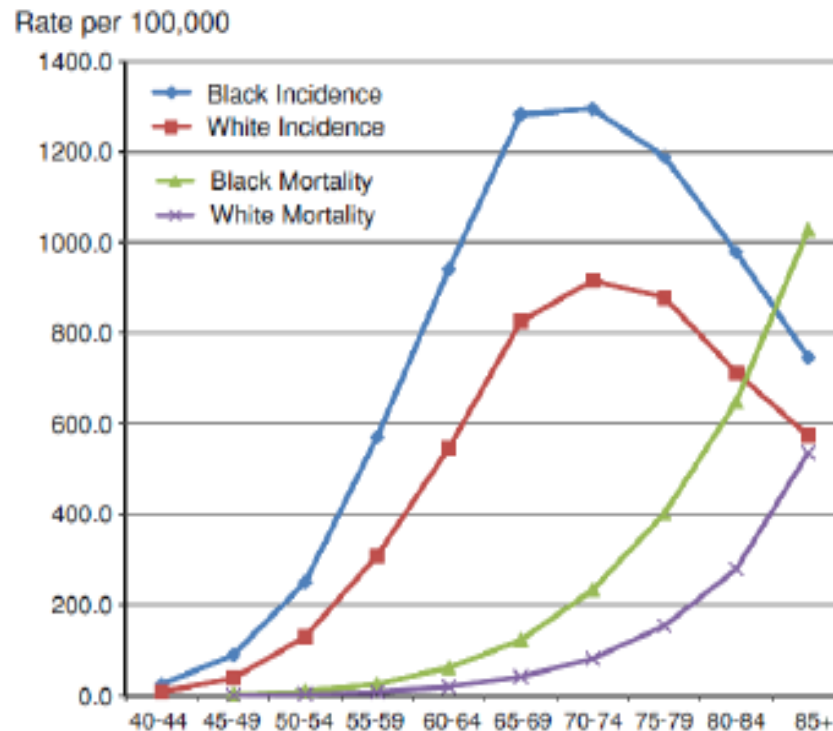
### Estimated Deaths

			Males	Females			
Lung & bronchus	67,160	21%			Lung & bronchus	59,910	21%
Prostate	34,700	11%			Breast	43,170	15%
Colon & rectum	28,470	9%			Colon & rectum	24,080	8%
Pancreas	20,620	6%			Pancreas	20,030	6%
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	10,000	6%			Ovary	13,270	5%
Leukemia	13,500	4%			Uterine corpus	13,030	5%
Esophagus	12,920	4%			Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	10,380	4%
Urinary bladder	12,160	4%			Leukemia	9,810	3%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	11,780	4%			Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	8,400	3%
Brain & other nervous system	11,020	3%			Brain & other nervous system	7,970	3%
All Sites	322,860	100%	All Sites	287,740	100%		

# Risks

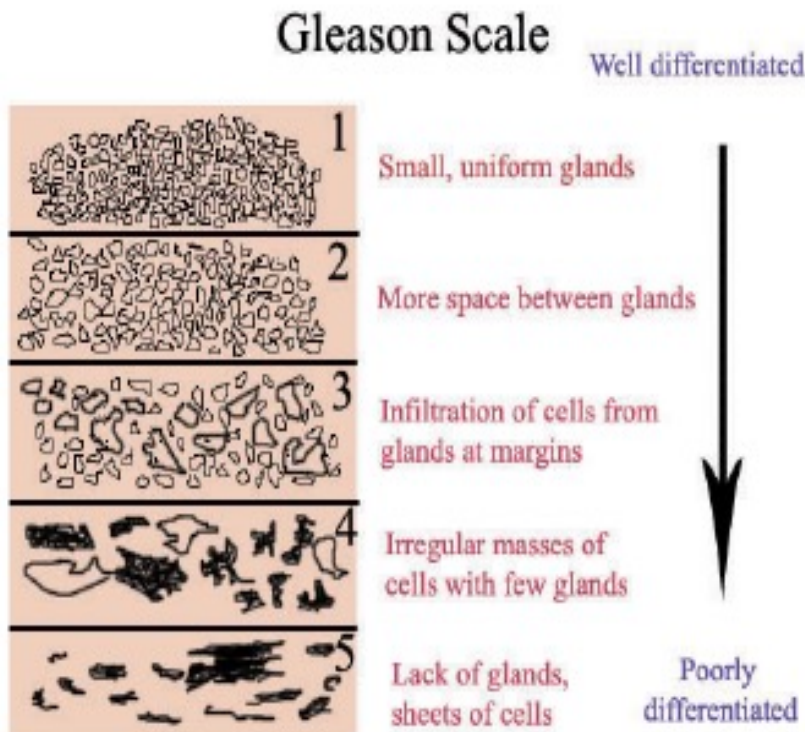
## Risks

- Age
- Family history
- Genetic predisposition
  - *BRCA*
- Environmental
- Obesity
- Race



# Gleason grading

## Gleason Grading



- Primary Grade
  - Greater 50%
- Secondary Grade
  - <50% but ≥5%

# Grade

## Grade Group

In 2014, the International Society of Urological Pathology released supplementary guidance and a revised prostate cancer grading system, called the Grade Groups.

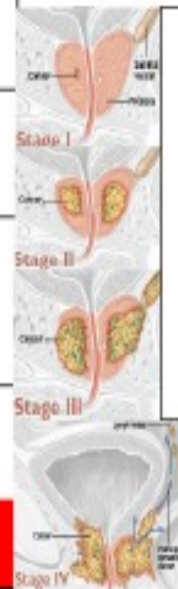
The Grade Group system is simpler, with just five grades, 1 through 5.

<b>Risk Group*</b>	<b>Grade Group</b>	<b>Gleason Score</b>
Low/Very Low	Grade Group 1	Gleason Score $\leq 6$
Intermediate (Favorable/Unfavorable)	Grade Group 2	Gleason Score 7 (3 + 4)
	Grade Group 3	Gleason Score 7 (4 + 3)
High/Very High	Grade Group 4	Gleason Score 8
	Grade Group 5	Gleason Score 9-10

# Staging

## Staging

Stage	TNM	Description
I (A)	T1a (incidental)	Localized
II (B)	T1b, <i>T1c</i> , T2a,b,c (within prostate)	
III (C)	T3a (through capsule) T3b (seminal vesicles)	Locally Advanced
IV (D)	T4 (fixed, invades)	
	N1, M1	Metastatic





# MRI

## Multiparametric MRI

- Studies show targeted MR/ultrasound fusion biopsies are associated with increased detection of high-risk prostate cancer
- Studies have also reported mpMRI as a useful modality for predicting pathological outcomes in patients with high-risk prostate cancer
- Approach to prostate cancer screening is to target populations at risk of developing prostate cancer based on their genetic predisposition

# Diagnosis

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## MRI-Targeted, Systematic, and Combined Biopsy for Prostate Cancer Diagnosis

Michael Ahdoot, M.D., Andrew R. Wilbur, B.S., Sarah E. Reese, Ph.D., Amir H. Lebastchi, M.D., Sherif Mehravivand, M.D., Patrick T. Gomella, M.D., Jonathan Bloom, M.D., Sandeep Gurram, M.D., Minhaj Siddiqui, M.D., Paul Pinsky, Ph.D., Howard Parnes, M.D., W. Marston Linehan, M.D., [et al.](#)

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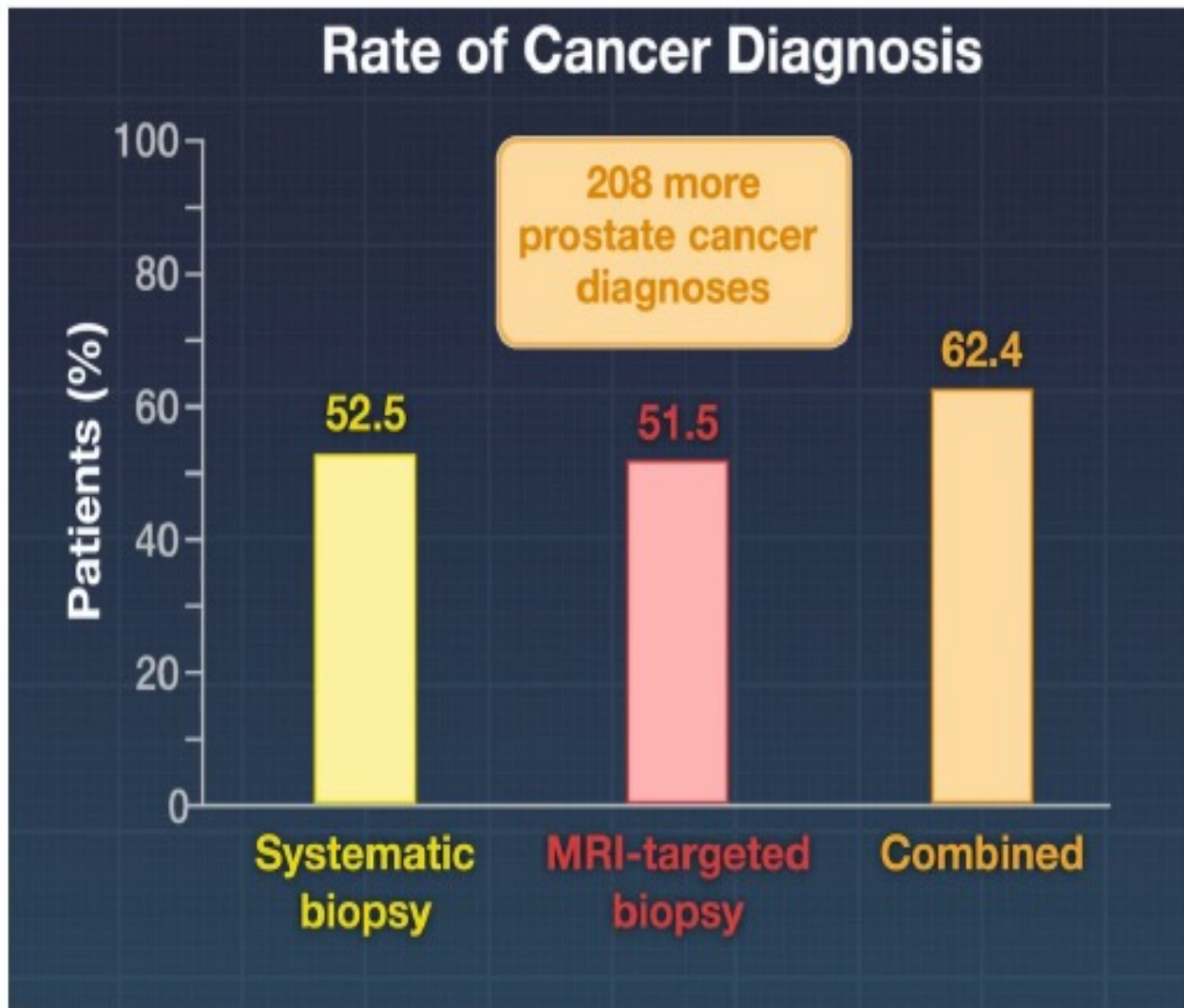
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March 5, 2020

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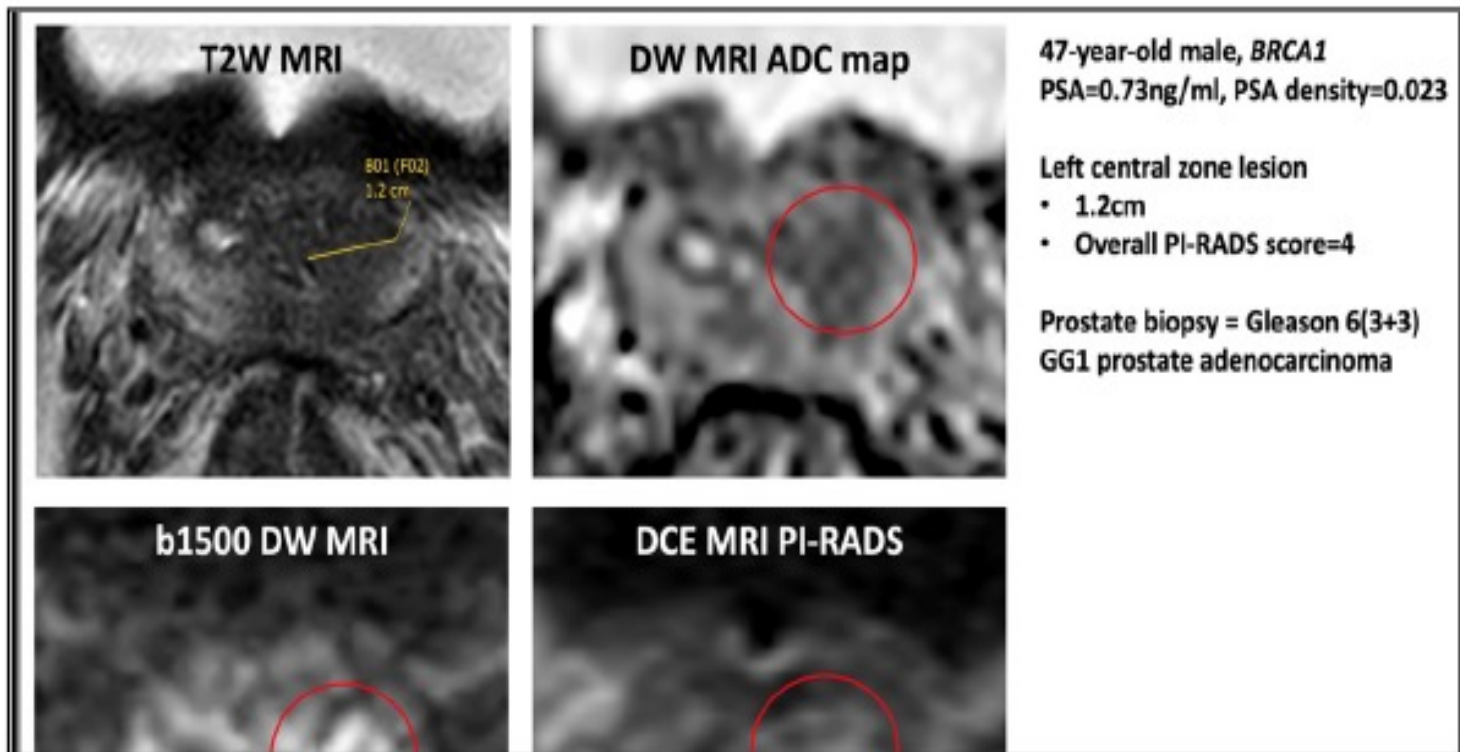
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# Diagnosis rate



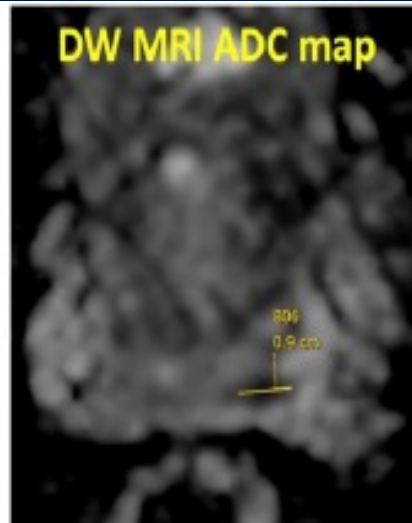
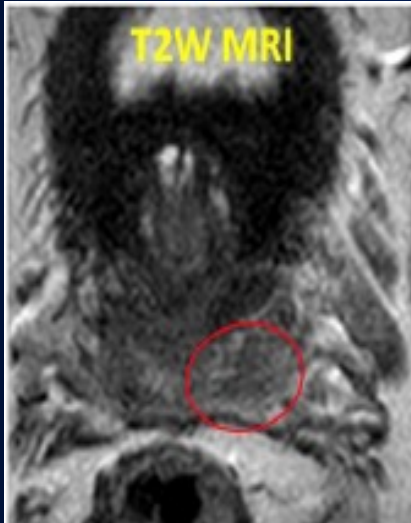
# Imaging

## Imaging: Prostate MRI



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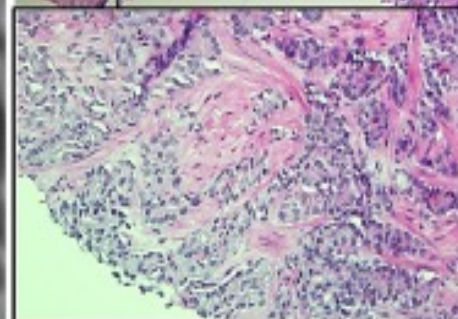
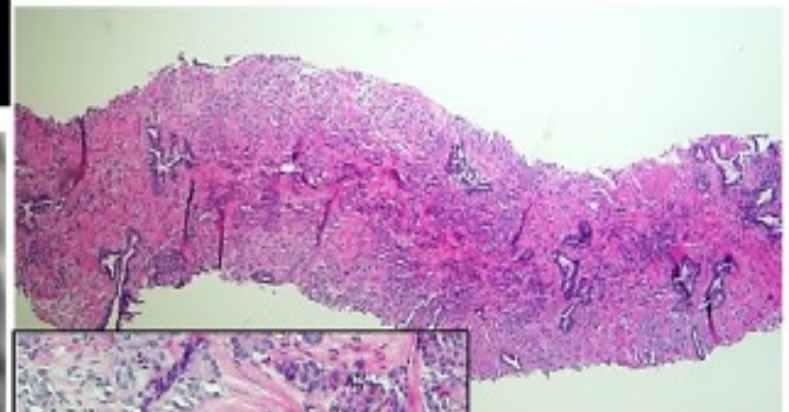
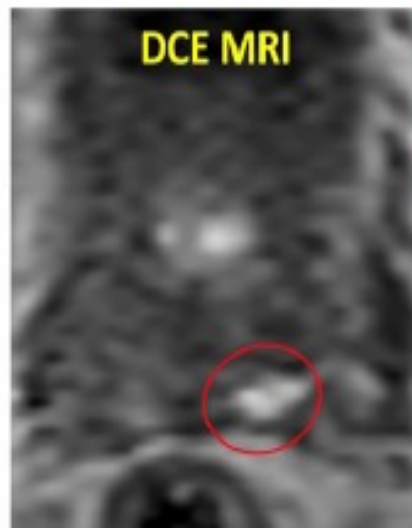
# MRI



63-year-old male, *MSH2*  
PSA=5.7ng/ml, PSA density=0.158

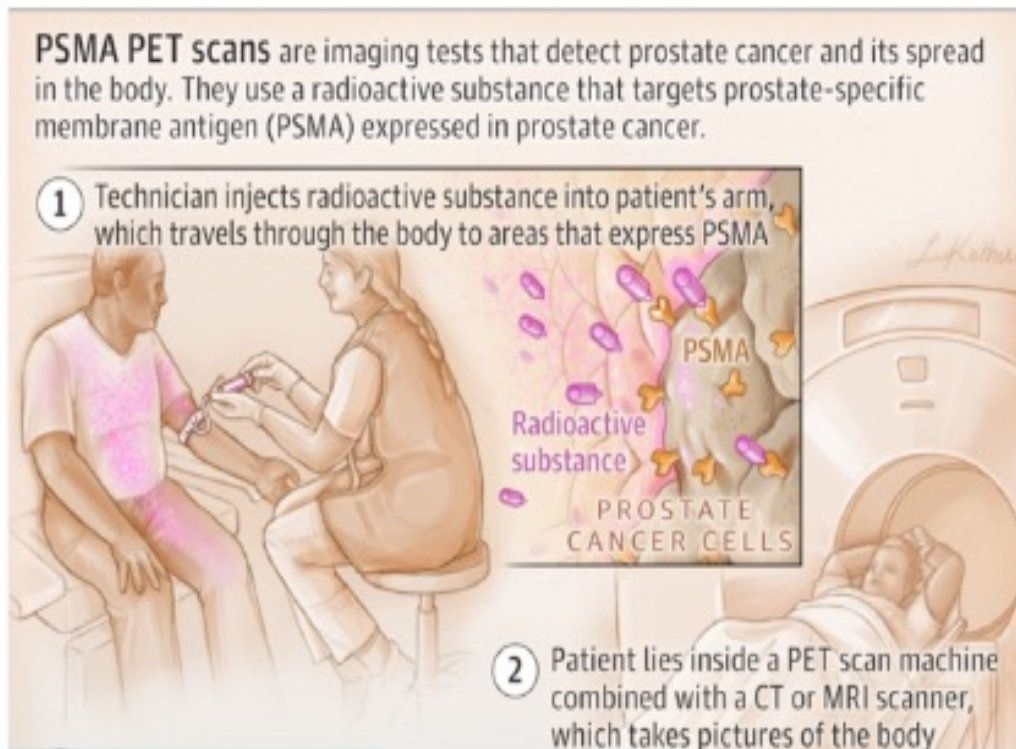
Left base peripheral zone lesion  
(PI-RADS score = 4)

Prostate biopsy = Gleason 7(4+3)  
GG3 prostatic adenocarcinoma with  
cribriform and poorly formed glands



# PSMA PET/CT

## Imaging: PSMA PET/CT



# FDA approved PET imaging

## FDA approved PSMA-targeted PET imaging

- FDA approved the first PSMA-targeted PET imaging drug, Ga 68 PSMA-11, on December 1, 2020
- FDA approved 18F-DCFPyL in 2021
- Indication is for suspected metastatic disease or recurrent disease after definitive treatment

# PET/CT

PRIOR PSMA PET/CT PRIOR TO PROSTATECTOMY. PSA= 6.3 ng/mL (3-29-2022)

## 18F-DCFPyL-PET/CT imaging



- No DCFPyL-avid lymph nodes
- No DCFPyL-avid bone lesions

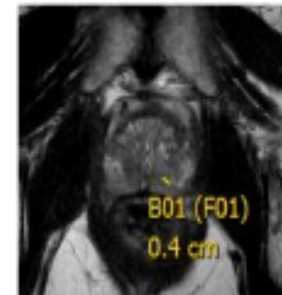


Right apical posterior prostate:  
SUV 10.5  
(not seen on MRI)

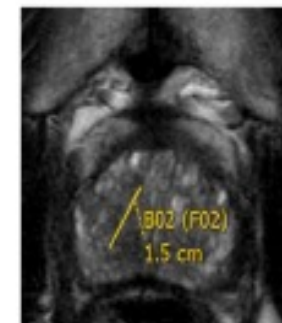


-Right apical-mid central prostate: SUV 36.6  
-Left apical posterior prostate: SUV 10.2  
Both concordant with MRI

## MRI ( 3-30-2022 )



Left apical peripheral zone lesion (PIRADS 3)  
NIH Score: Low-moderate



Right apical-mid transition zone lesion  
(PIRADS 3)  
NIH Score: Moderate



# Therapy principles

## Principles Guiding Therapy of Localized Prostate Cancer

- Patients with a life expectancy of at least 10 years are more likely to benefit
- Patients older than 75 years have other competing causes of mortality
- Eradication of the cancer is the goal of therapy
- Low grade/stage tumors may just require active surveillance

# Watchful waiting

## Watchful Waiting

- Observation with palliative treatment for symptoms
- No PSA monitoring
- Ideal for patients with poor life expectancy who are likely to die from causes other than prostate cancer

# Active surveillance

## Active Surveillance

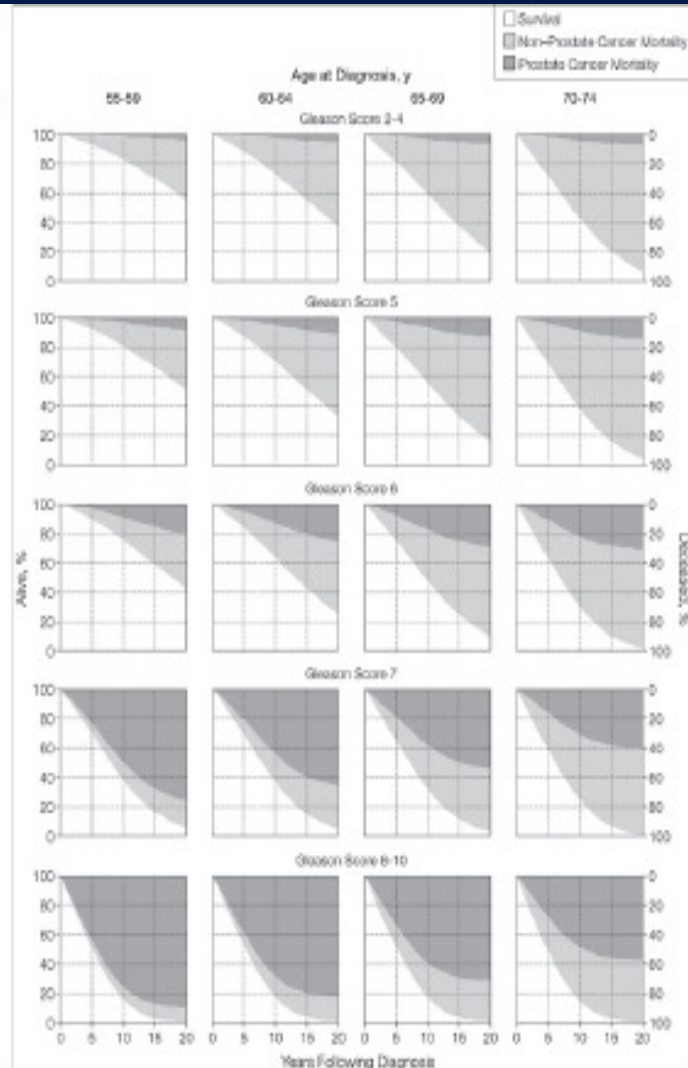
- Periodic PSA monitoring
- Prostate MRIs and prostate biopsies
- Conversion to active treatment when signs of disease progression develop

# Ideal candidate

Who is the Ideal Candidate for Watchful Waiting/Active Surveillance?

The probability of prostate cancer mortality is low with:

- Lower Gleason score
- Advanced age



# Management

## Management of Locally Advanced Prostate Cancer

- Surgery with Androgen Deprivation Therapy (ADT)
  - Neoadjuvant is usually on a clinical trial
- Surgery with adjuvant RT
- Radiotherapy with ADT (6 months-18 months)

# Radiation therapy

## Radiation Therapy-External Beam

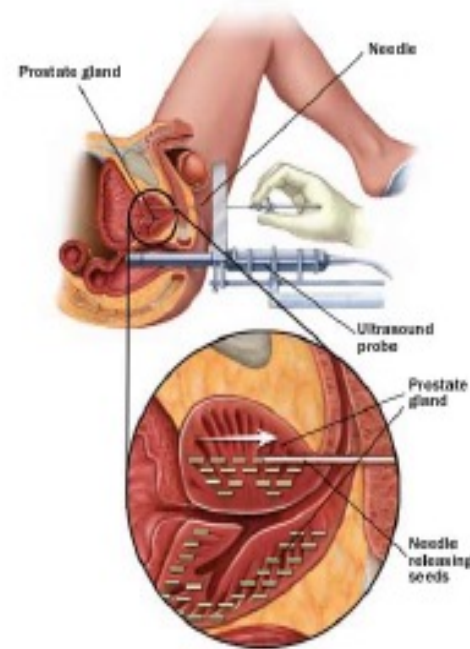
- The principle is to deliver therapeutic dose of radiation to the tumor but minimize damage to adjacent structures
- Modalities of external beam radiotherapy
  - 3-dimensional conformal radiation therapy (3D-CRT)
  - Intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT)
  - Image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT)
  - Proton-beam radiation therapy



# Brachytherapy

## Radiation Therapy-Brachytherapy

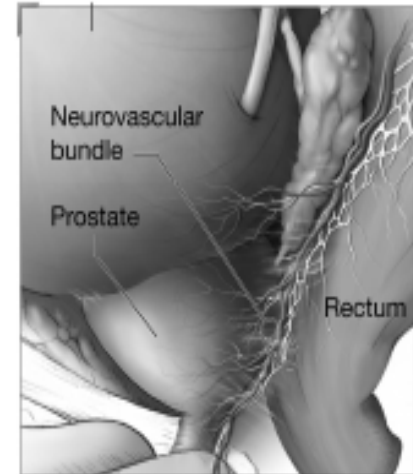
- Direct implantation of radiation seeds
- Maximizes radiotherapy to the tumor
  - limits damage to the surrounding structures
- One time treatment



# Complications

## Radiation Therapy- Complications

- Gastrointestinal
  - Less common with brachytherapy
- Genitourinary
  - Incidence of erectile dysfunction varies widely
- Secondary malignancies
  - Slight increased risk with bladder and to a lesser extent with rectal cancer





# Radiotherapy

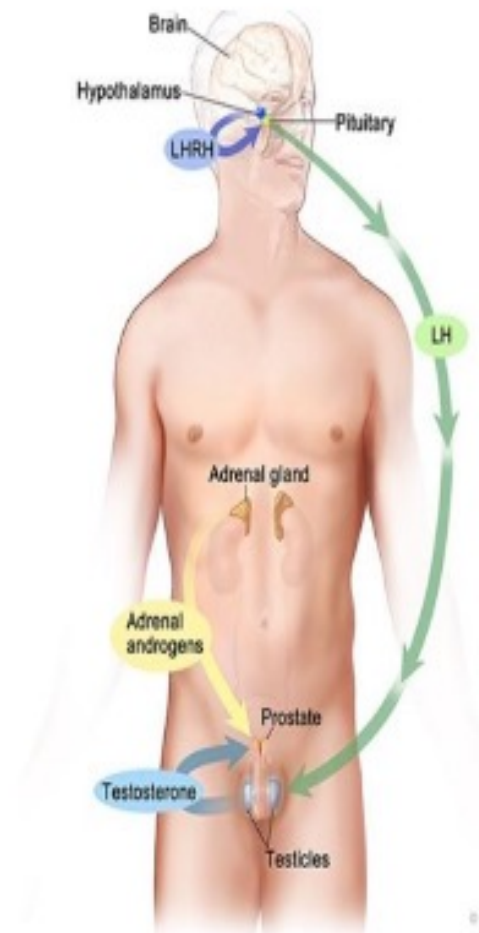
## Radiotherapy with ADT

- EORTC 22863 randomized 415 men with high grade locally advanced prostate cancer
  - EBRT ± goserelin for 3 years
- ADT group had better
  - 10-yr disease free-survival (22.7 vs.44.7%,  $p<0.0001$ )
  - 10-yr overall survival (39.8 vs. 58.1%,  $p=0.0004$ )
  - 10-yr disease-specific mortality (30.4 vs. 10.3%,  $p<0.0001$ )

# ADT-castration

## ADT-Castration

Type	Method
Surgical	Bilateral Orchiectomy
Medical	1. Gonadotropin releasing hormone (GnRH) agonists <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Goserelin</li><li>• Leuprolide</li></ul>
	2. GnRH receptor antagonists <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Degarelix</li></ul>
	Antiandrogens <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bicalutamide, flutamide</li></ul>



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# ADT radiotherapy

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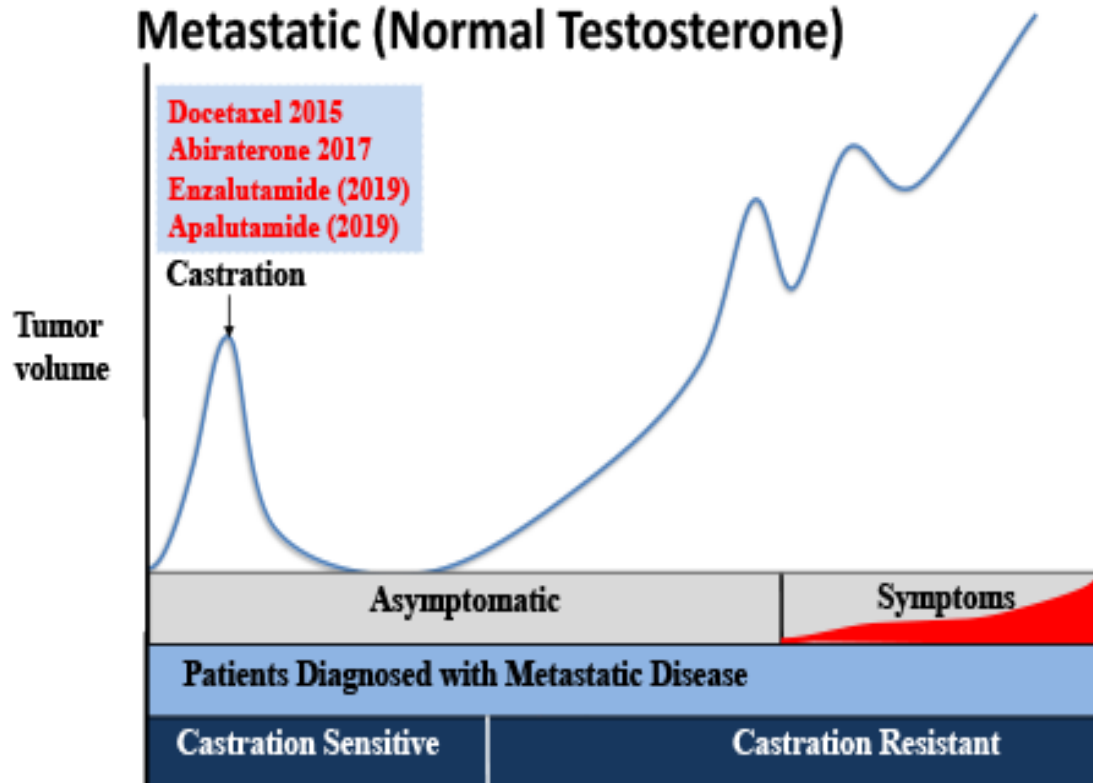
# Biochemical recurrence

## Biochemical Recurrence after Initial Prostatectomy or RT

- Rising PSA without local recurrence or metastases on CONVENTIONAL imaging (CT and bone scan)
- Treatment options include watchful waiting, prostatectomy, RT, and ADT or clinical trial

# FDA approved therapies

## Prostate Cancer FDA-Approved Therapies for Newly Metastatic (Normal Testosterone)



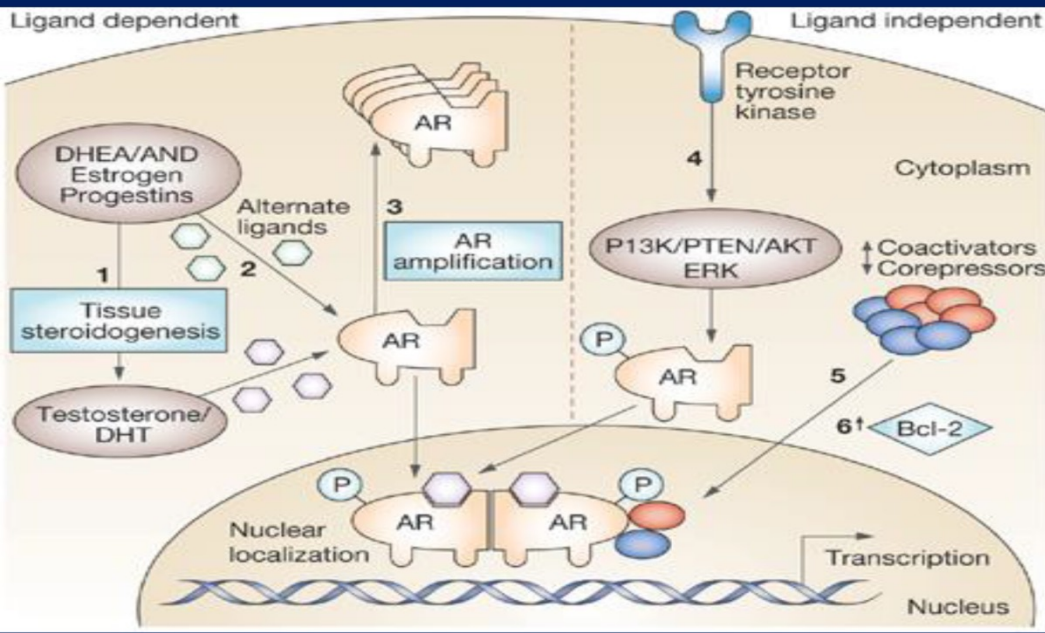
# Castrate-resistance prostate cancer

## What is Castration-Resistance Prostate Cancer?

- Progressive disease despite castrate levels of testosterone ( $\leq 50$  ng/dL)
- Progression could be based on PSA rises or imaging
- The androgen receptor (AR) drives prostate cancer growth
  - Depriving the tumor of testosterone is the primary therapy for metastatic disease

# Anti-androgen therapy

## So why do we use Anti-Androgen therapy in CRPC?



### Resistance Mechanisms:

- AR Amplification
- Secondary androgen production
- Ligand independent growth
- Intranuclear changes

# Considerations for treatment

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Key disease questions:

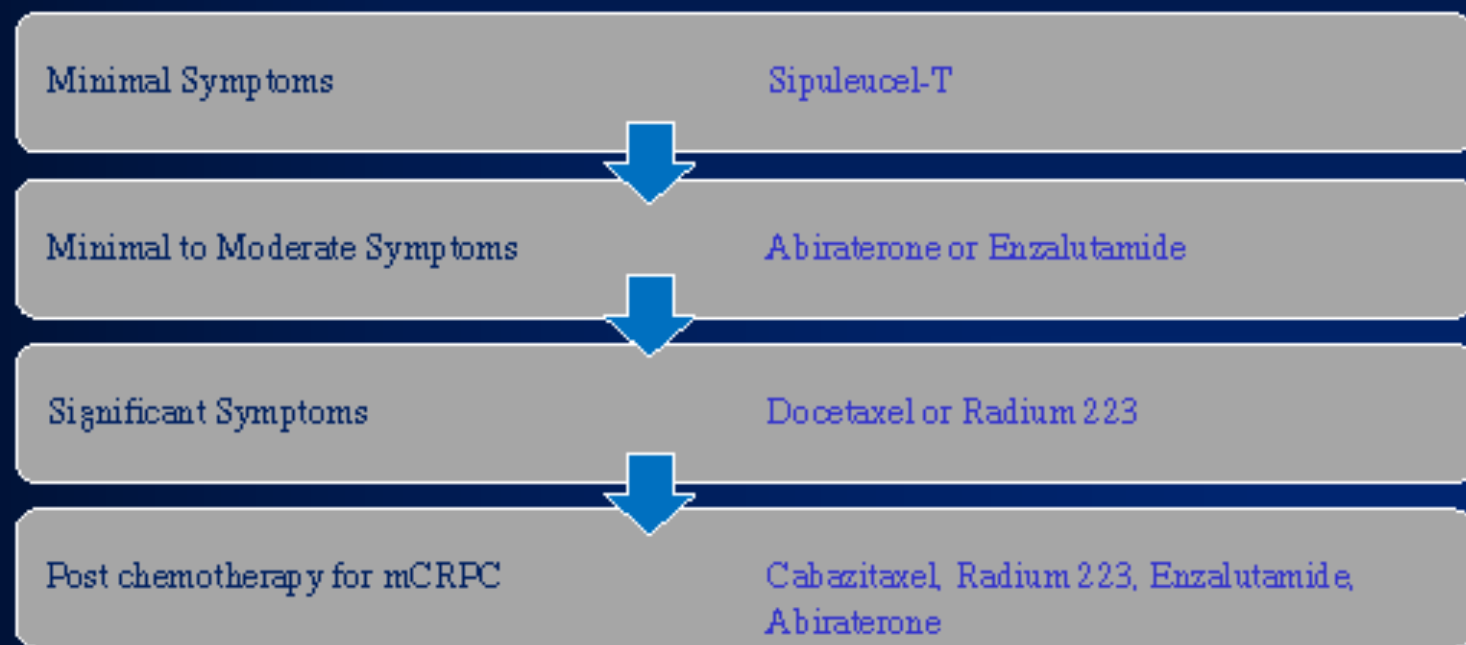
- Previous therapies
- Pace of disease (time of progression on ADT, pace of metastases)
- Symptoms (none, moderate or significant)

Key patient characteristics:

- Age
- Comorbidities
- Quality of life preferences
- Treatment logistics



# One Possible Decision Algorithm for Treatment of mCRPC: Normal Pace of Disease\*



\*Initial response to ADT 1-2 years or longer

\*Metastasis on scans shows slow progression

# Decision algorithm

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Minimal Symptoms

Sipuleucel-T

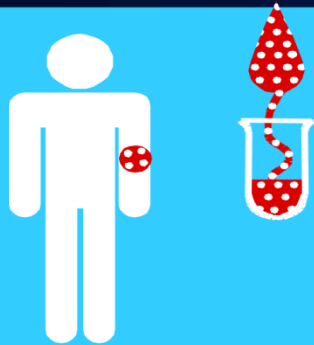
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# Therapeutic Cancer Vaccine: Sipuleucel-T

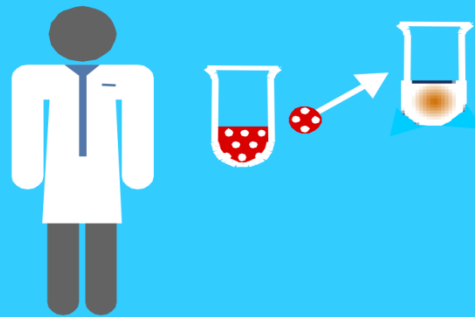
## Therapeutic Cancer Vaccine: Sipuleucel-T

Day 1  
Leukapheresis



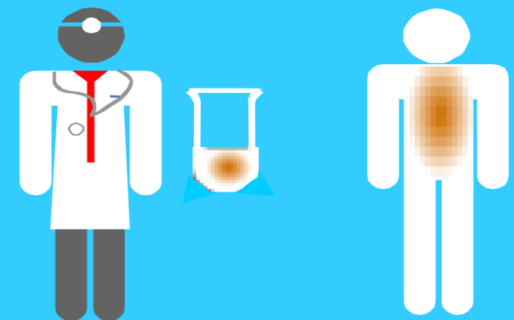
Apheresis Center

Day 2-3  
sipuleucel-T is  
manufactured



Company (Dendreon)

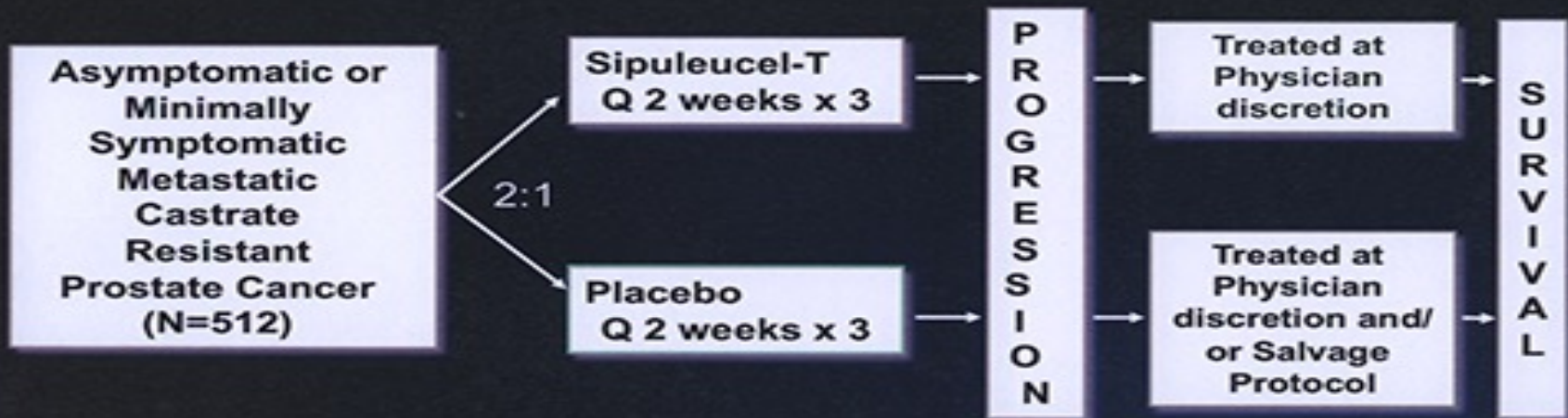
Day 3-4  
Patient is infused



Doctor's Office

# IMPACT: Randomized Phase 3 Trial

## IMPACT: Randomized Phase 3 Trial (IMmunotherapy P<sub>r</sub>ostate A<sub>d</sub>enoC<sub>a</sub>rcinoma T<sub>r</sub>eatment)



Primary endpoint:

Overall Survival

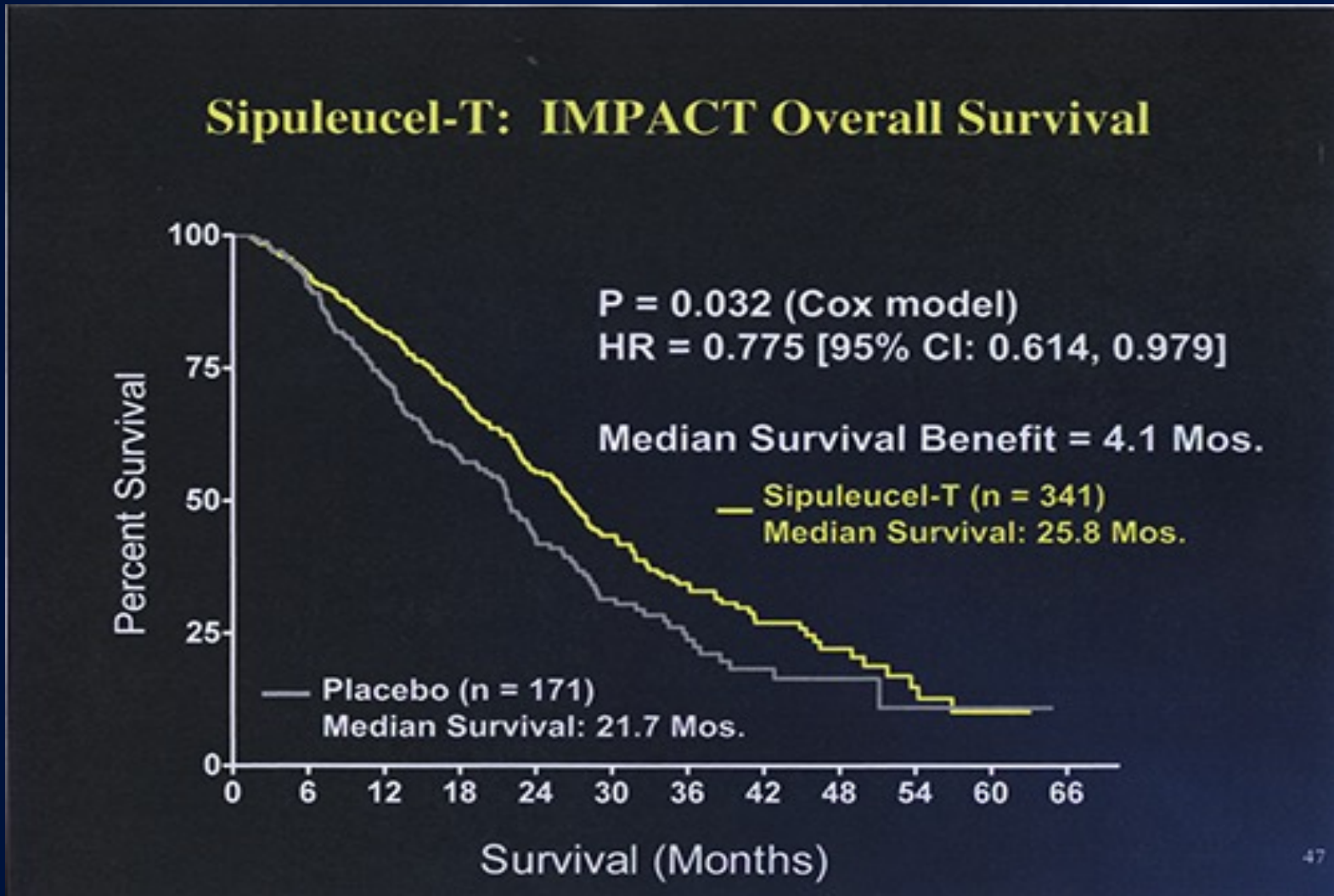
Secondary endpoint:

Time to Objective Disease Progression

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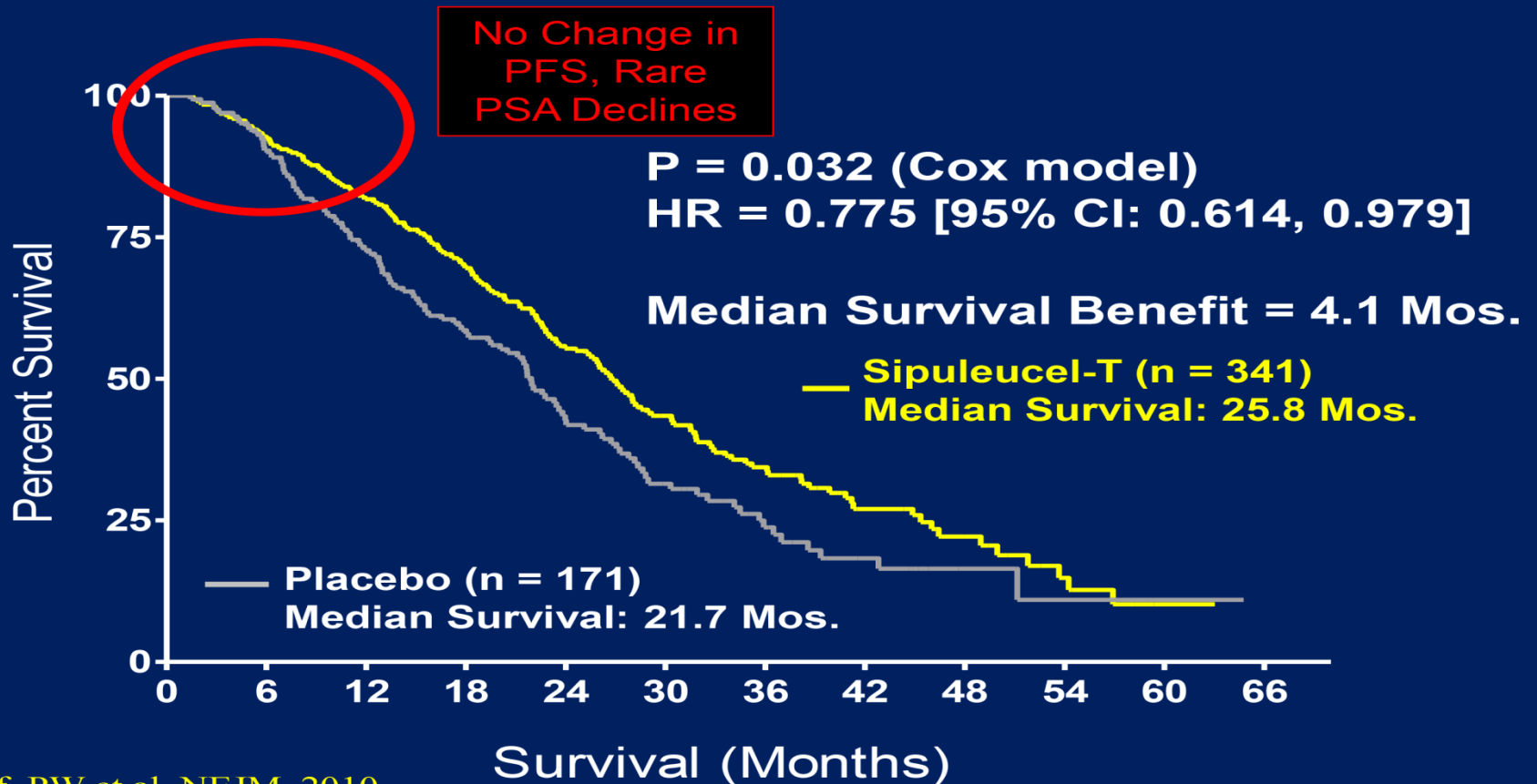
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# Sipuleucel-T: IMPACT Overall Survival



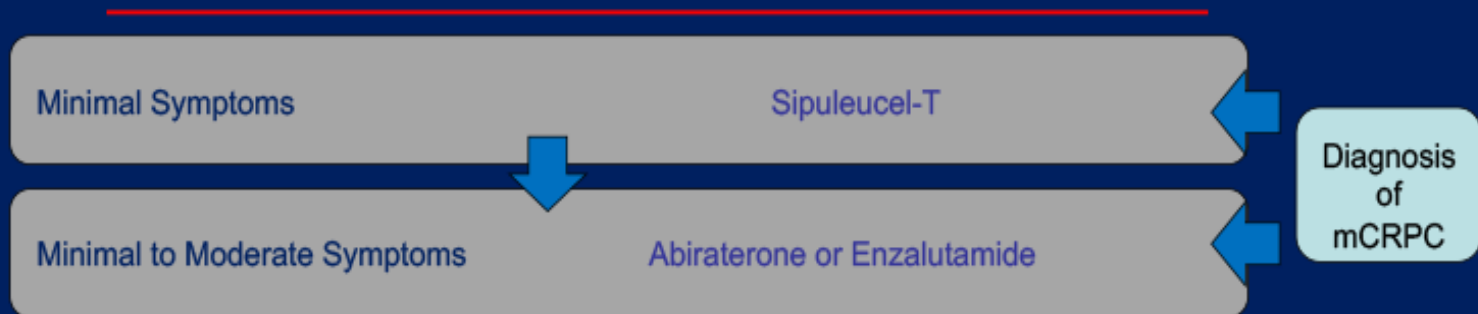
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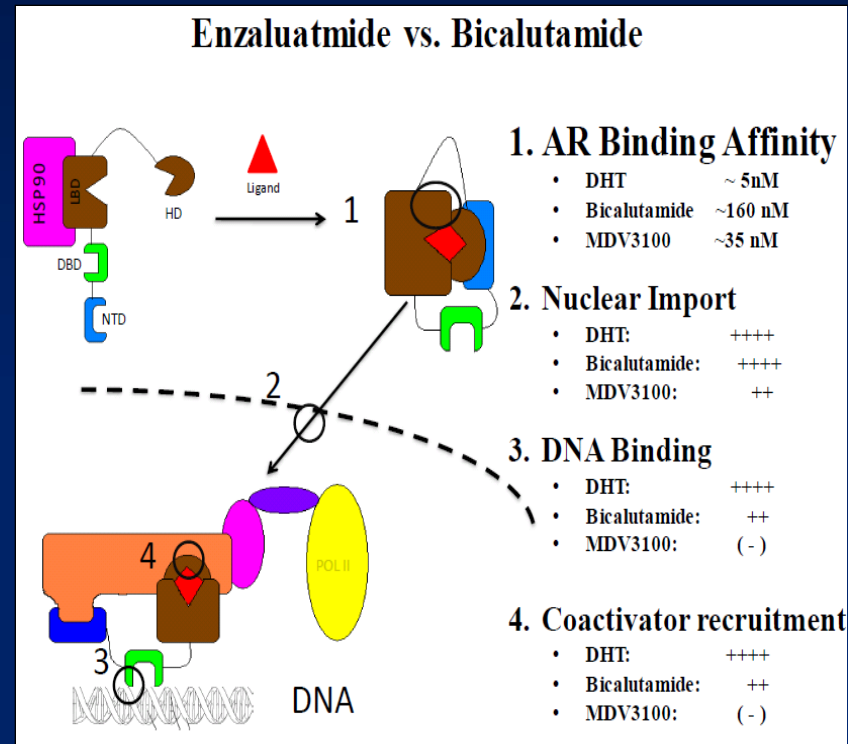
# Enzalutamide

A small molecule AR antagonist

Affinity 30 folds of  
bicalutamide

Prevent nuclear translocation

Prevents co-activator  
recruitment





# Enzalutamide Toxicity

Cardiovascular: Peripheral edema (15%)

Central nervous system: Fatigue (51%), headache (12%)

Endocrine & metabolic: Hot flashes (20%)

Gastrointestinal: Diarrhea (22%)

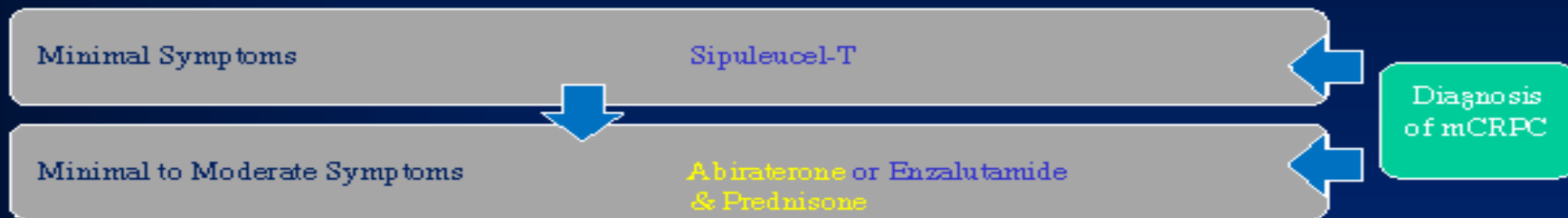
Hematologic: Neutropenia (15%; grades 3/4: 1%)

Neuromuscular & skeletal: Back pain (26%), arthralgia (21%), musculoskeletal pain (15%)

Respiratory: Upper respiratory tract infection (11%)

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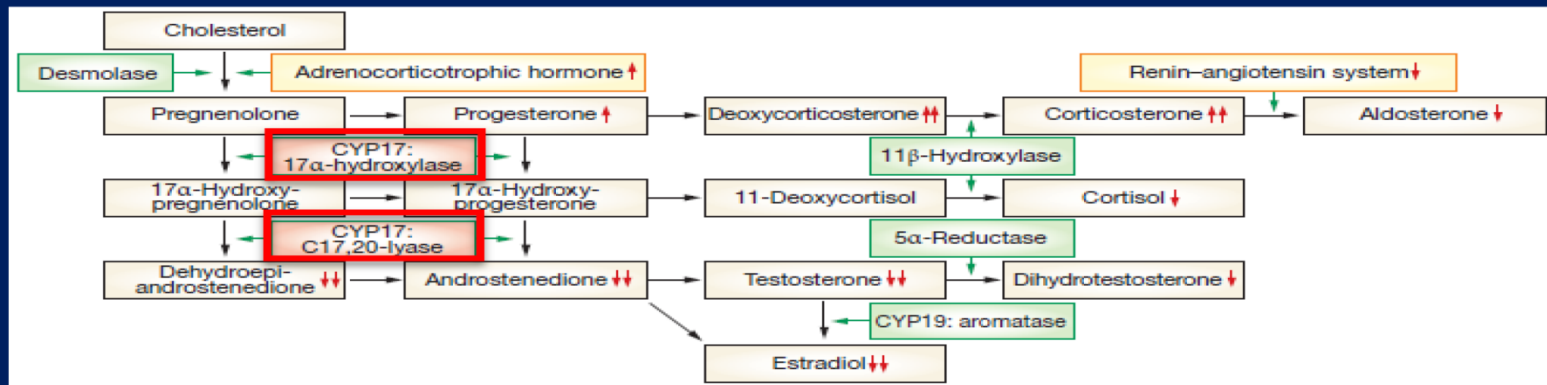
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# Abiraterone rationale

## Rationale for Abiraterone in CRPC

- There is up-regulation of androgen biosynthesis enzymes in CRPC



- Blocks androgen synthesis by the adrenal glands, testes and within the prostate tumor tissue

# Abiraterone Toxicity

Cardiovascular: Edema (25% to 27%), hypertension (9% to 22%; grades 3/4: 1% to 4%)

Central nervous system: Fatigue (39%), insomnia (14%)

Dermatologic: Bruise (13%)

Endocrine & metabolic: Increased serum triglycerides (63%), hyperglycemia (57%), hypernatremia (33%), hypokalemia (17% to 28%; grades 3/4: 3% to 5%), hypophosphatemia (24%; grades 3/4: 7%), hot flash (19% to 22%)

Gastrointestinal: Constipation (23%), diarrhea (18% to 22%), dyspepsia (6% to 11%)

Genitourinary: Urinary tract infection (12%)

Hematologic: Lymphocytopenia (38%; grades 3/4: 9%)

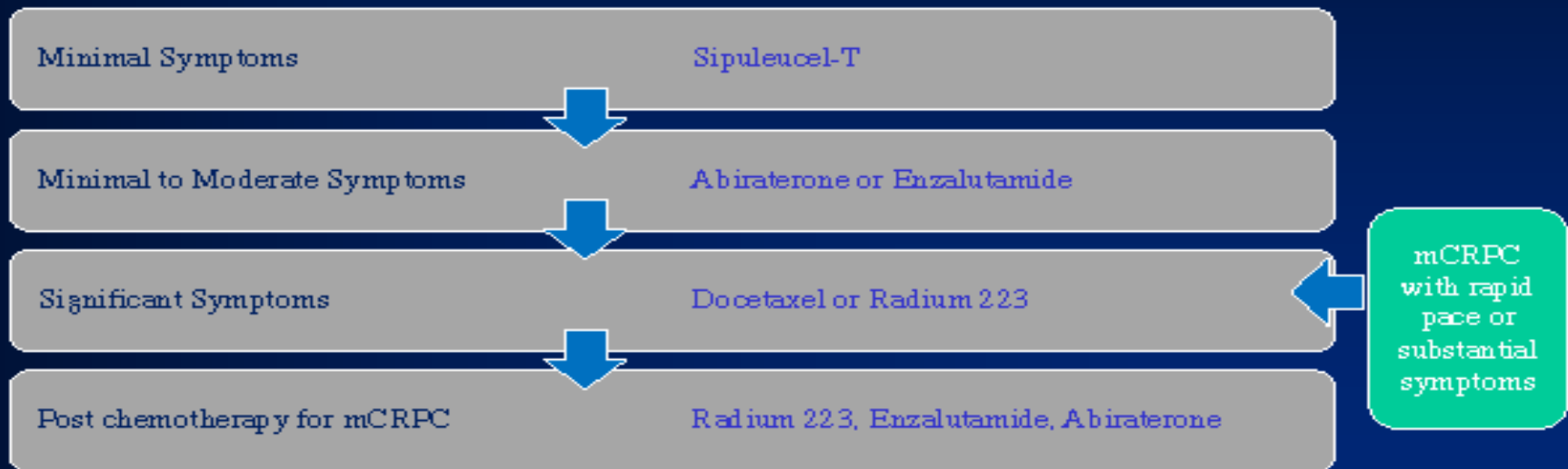
Hepatic: Increased serum ALT (11% to 42%; grades 3/4: 1% to 6%), increased serum AST (31% to 37%; grades 3/4: 2% to 3%)

Neuromuscular & skeletal: Joint swelling (30%, including joint discomfort), myalgia (26%)

Respiratory: Cough (11% to 17%), upper respiratory infection (5% to 13%), dyspnea (12%), nasopharyngitis (11%)

# Algorithm

## One Possible Decision Algorithm for Treatment of mCRPC: Rapid Pace of Disease\*



\*Initial response to ADT short (e.g. less than 1 year) or

\*Metastasis on scans shows rapid progression

# Docetaxel

## Docetaxel

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- In 1960s, crude extract of the bark of the Pacific yew tree, *Taxus brevifolia*, was shown to have suppressive activity in preclinical tumor models.
- By 1971, paclitaxel was identified as the active constituent of the bark extract.
- Taxanes exhibit antimicrotubule and antitumor activity
- *Emerging data suggests that taxanes inhibit AR translocation via microtubules*

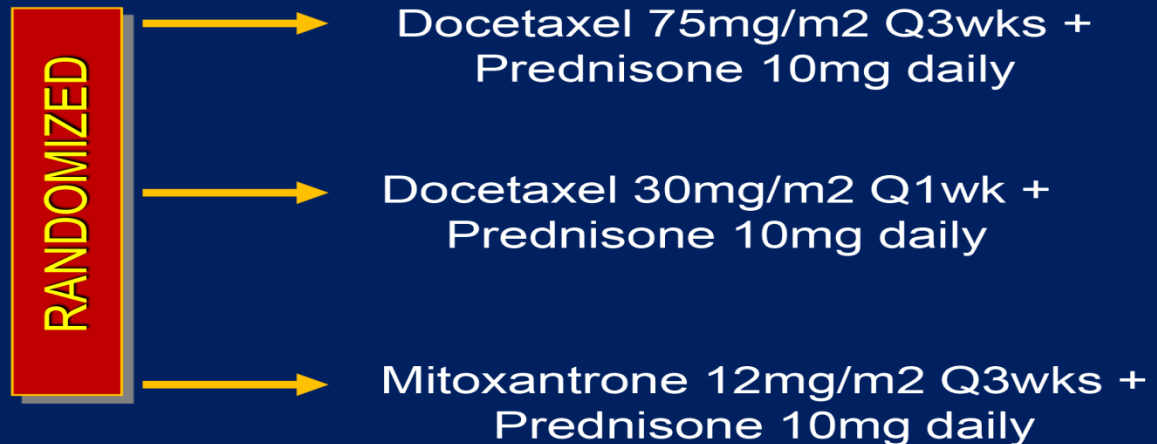


# Phase III study

**TAX327: A Multicenter, Randomized Phase III Study of 3 weekly Docetaxel + Prednisone vs. Weekly Docetaxel + Prednisone vs. Mitoxantrone + Prednisone**

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Castration  
Resistant  
Prostate  
Cancer  
(N=1006)



# Docetaxel Toxicity

Central nervous system: Central nervous system toxicity (20% to 58%; severe: 6%; including neuropathy)

Dermatologic: Alopecia (56% to 76%), dermatological reaction (20% to 48%; severe:  $\leq 5\%$ ), nail disease (11% to 41%)

Endocrine & metabolic: Fluid retention (13% to 60%; severe: 7% to 9%; dose dependent)

Gastrointestinal: Stomatitis (19% to 53%; severe 1% to 8%), diarrhea (23% to 43%; severe: 5% to 6%), nausea (34% to 42%), vomiting (22% to 23%)

Hematologic & oncologic: Neutropenia (84% to 99%; grade 4: 75% to 86%; nadir [median]: 7 days, duration [severe neutropenia]: 7 days; dose dependent), leukopenia (84% to 99%; grade 4: 32% to 44%), anemia (65% to 97%; dose dependent; grades 3/4: 8% to 9%), thrombocytopenia (8% to 14%; grade 4: 1%; dose dependent), febrile neutropenia (5% to 14%; dose dependent)

Hepatic: Increased serum transaminases (4% to 19%)

Hypersensitivity: Hypersensitivity (1% to 21%; with premedication 15%)

Infection: Infection (1% to 34%; dose dependent)

Neuromuscular & skeletal: Weakness (53% to 66%; severe 13% to 18%), myalgia (3% to 23%), neuromuscular reaction (16%)

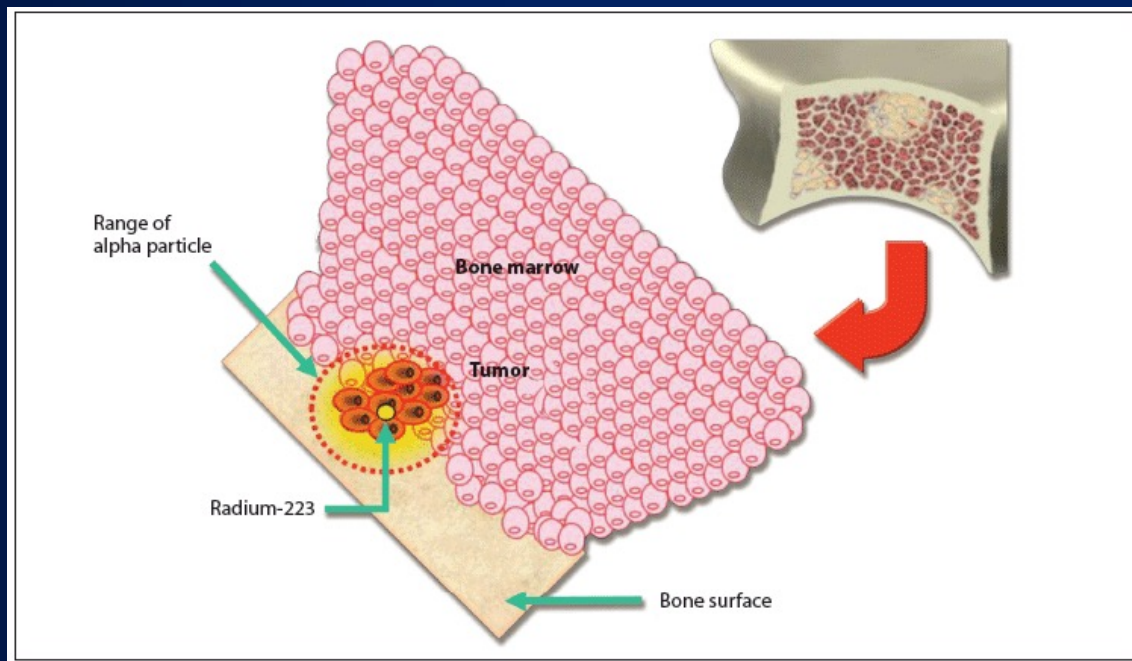
Respiratory: Pulmonary reaction (41%)



# Radium-223 (Alpharadin)

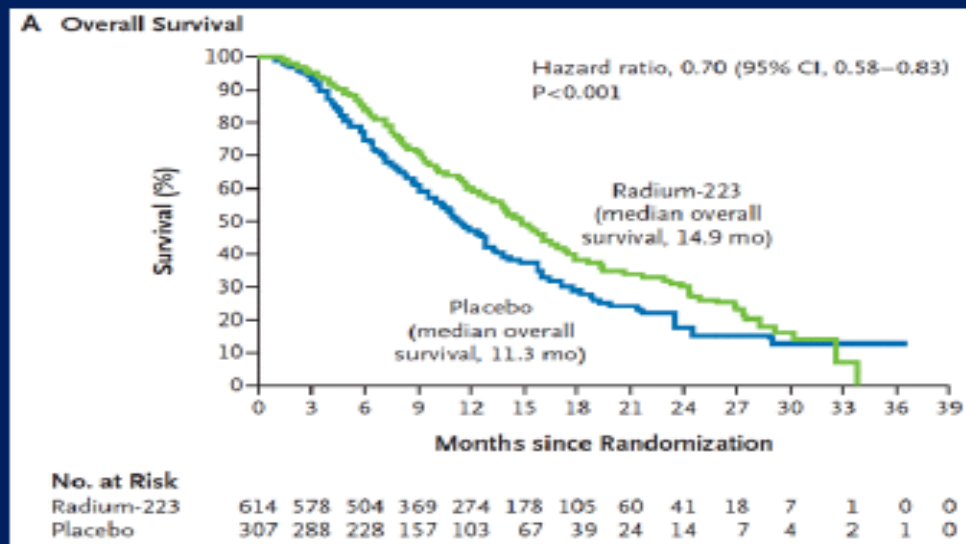
Bone –targeting radiopharmaceutical

High energy alpha-particles with short range (<100 $\mu$ m) hence less bone marrow toxicity



# ALSYMPCA trial

## ALSYMPCA: Randomized Phase III Study of Radium-223 vs. Placebo in mCRPC with bone metastases



# Radium 223 AEs

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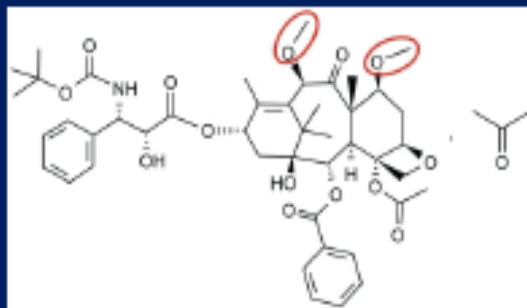
- Cardiovascular: Peripheral edema (13%)
- Gastrointestinal: Nausea (36%), diarrhea (25%), vomiting (19%)
- **Hematologic:** Anemia (93%; grades 3/4: 6%), lymphocytopenia (72%; grades 3/4: 20%), leukopenia (35%; grades 3/4: 3%), thrombocytopenia (31%; grades 3/4: 1% to 6%), neutropenia (18%; grades 3/4: 1% to 3%)

# Cabazitaxel

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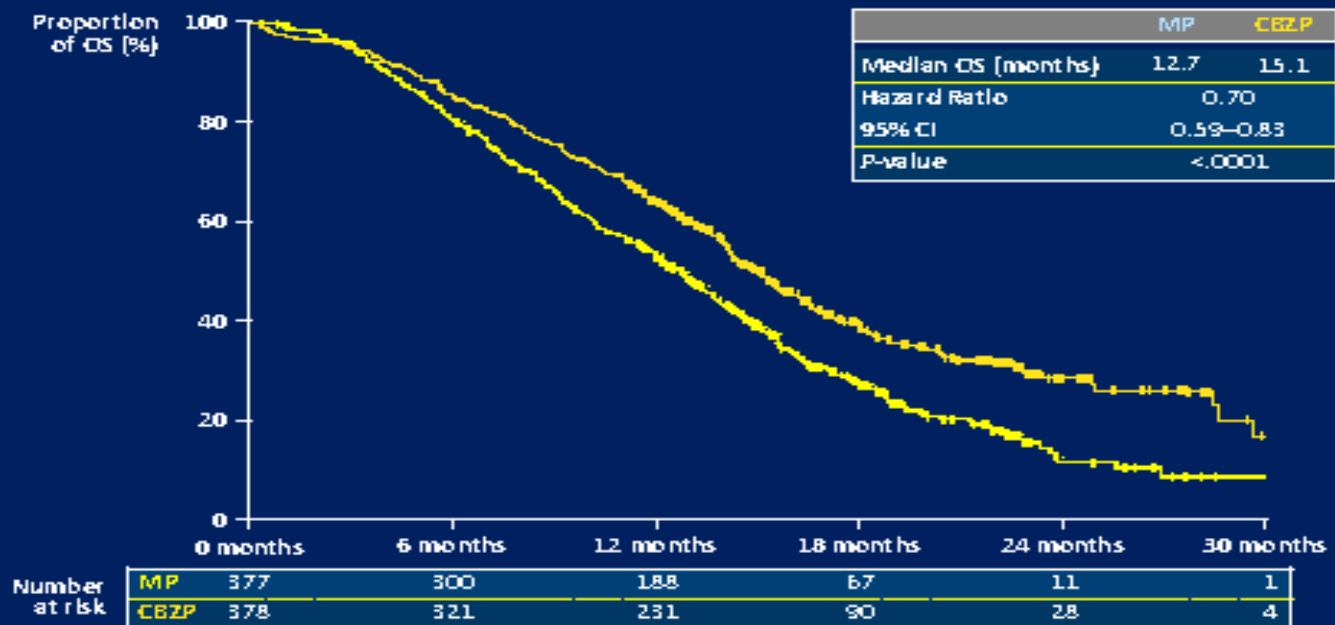
- Novel taxane active in docetaxel resistant cell lines
  - Less affinity for P-glycoprotein pump



Methoxyl side chain instead of hydroxyl groups found in docetaxel

# TROPIC

## TROPIC: Overall Survival



de Bono JS, et al. Lancet 2010

# Cabazitaxel toxicity

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- Central nervous system: Fatigue (37%), fever (12%)
- Gastrointestinal: Diarrhea (47%; grades 3/4: 6%), nausea (34%), vomiting (22%), constipation (20%), abdominal pain (17%), anorexia (16%), taste alteration (11%)
- **Hematologic:** Anemia (98%; grades 3/4: 11%), leukopenia (96%; grades 3/4: 69%), neutropenia (94%; grades 3/4: 82%; nadir: 12 days [range: 4-17 days]), thrombocytopenia (48%; grades 3/4: 4%)
- Neuromuscular & skeletal: Weakness (20%), back pain (16%), peripheral neuropathy (13%; grades 3/4: <1%), arthralgia (11%)
- Renal: Hematuria (17%)
- Respiratory: Dyspnea (12%), cough (11%)

*Should strongly consider the use of growth factor*

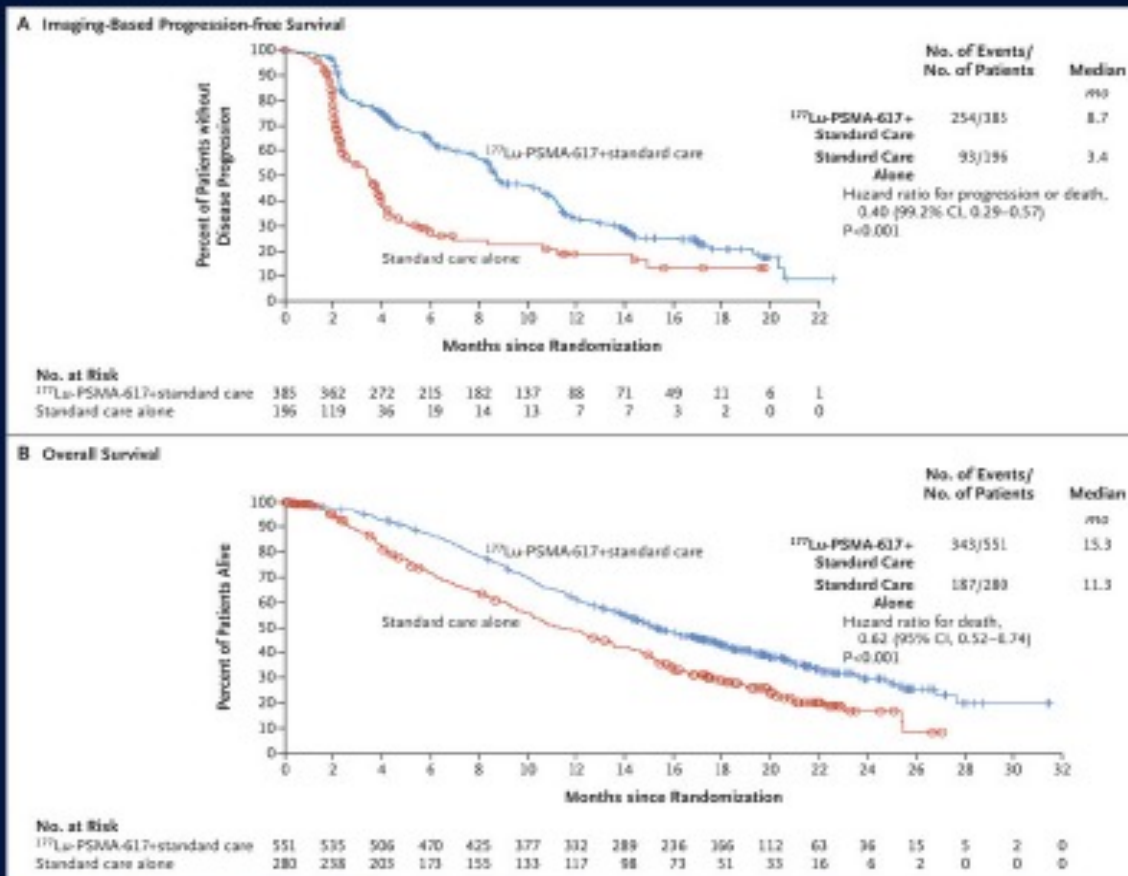
# Targeted radioligand therapy

## Targeted Radioligand Therapy: $^{77}\text{Lu}$ -PSMA-617

- For the treatment patients with PSMA-positive mCRPC who have been treated with AR pathway inhibition and taxane-based chemotherapy
- The most common adverse reactions ( $\geq 20\%$ ) were fatigue, dry mouth, nausea, anemia, decreased appetite, and constipation

# Survival curve

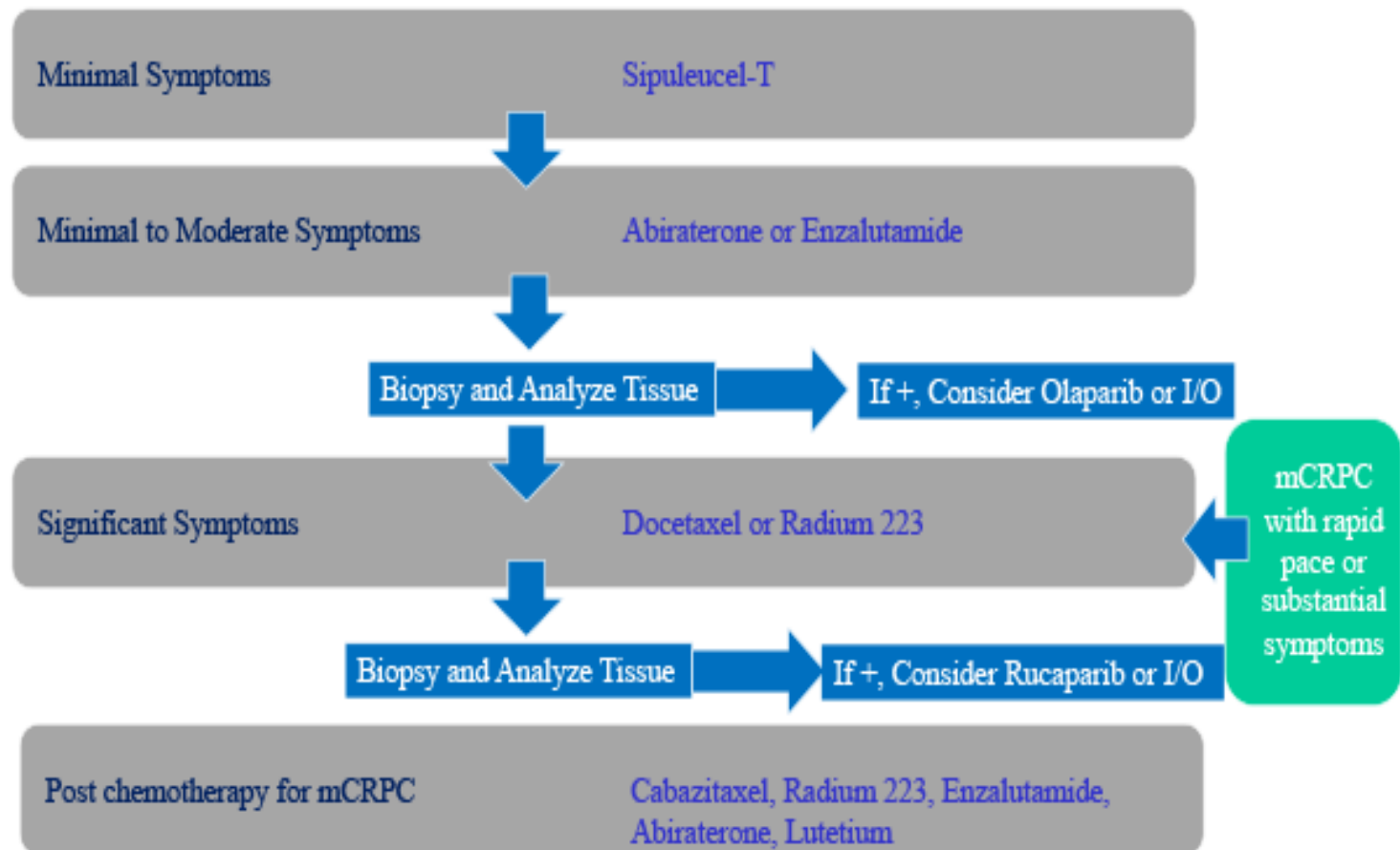
## Lu-177-PSMA





# Treatments

## Strategy for Treating mCRPC



# Germline testing

## Current Guidelines for Germline Testing in Prostate Cancer

Testing Criteria	Additional Criteria
Known high-risk family history/genes	By family history and ancestry ≥1 close blood relative with: – breast cancer at age ≤50 y – triple-negative breast cancer at any age – male breast cancer at any age – ovarian cancer at any age – pancreatic cancer at any age – metastatic high- or very-high-risk group ≥2 close blood relatives with either breast or prostate cancer (any grade) at any age
High-risk, very high-risk, regional, or metastatic prostate cancer	Regardless of family history
Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry	
Family History of high-risk germline mutations (eg: <i>BRCA1/2</i> , Lynch mutation)	Should include <i>MLH1</i> , <i>MSH2</i> , <i>MSH6</i> , and <i>PMS2</i> (for Lynch syndrome) and homologous recombination genes ( <i>BRCA1/2</i> , <i>ATM</i> , <i>PALB2</i> , and <i>CHEK2</i> )
Intermediate-risk prostate cancer AND intraductal/cribriform histology OR Personal history of exocrine pancreatic cancer, breast cancer, colorectal, gastric, melanoma, pancreatic cancer, upper tract urothelial cancer, glioblastoma, biliary tract cancer, and small intestinal	

# Olaparib

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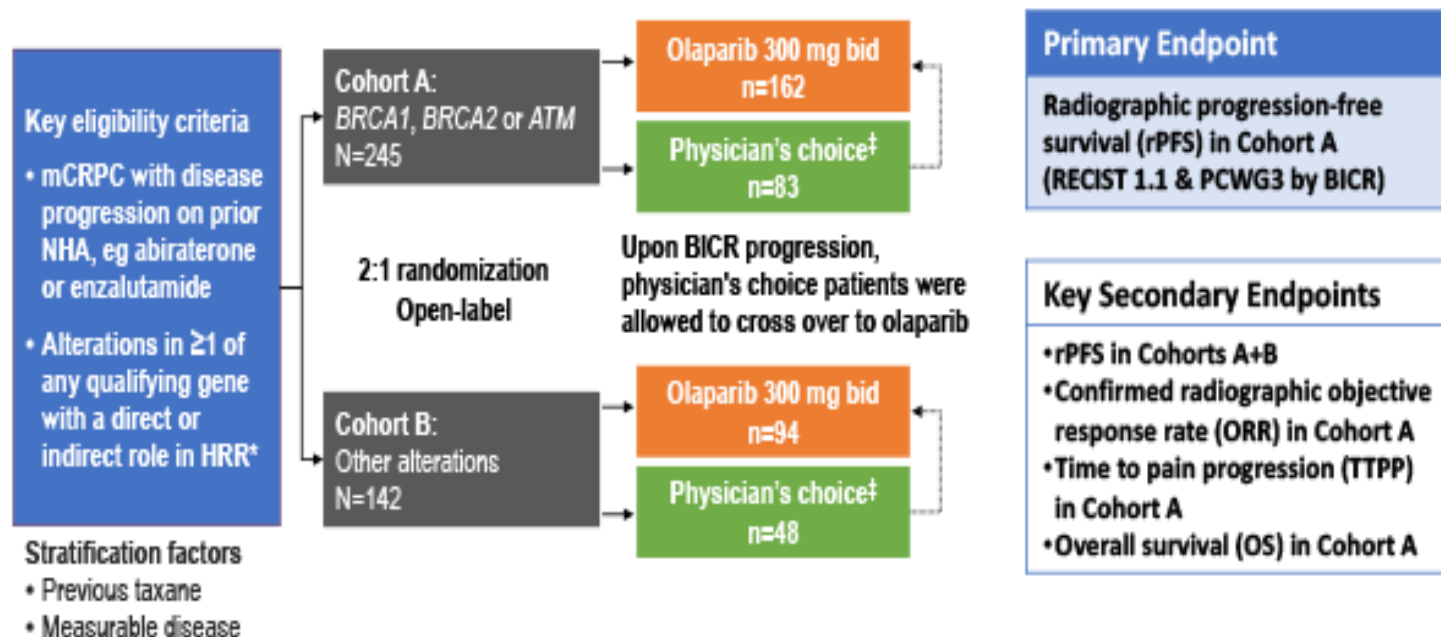
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## Survival with Olaparib in Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer

Maha Hussain, M.D., Joaquin Mateo, M.D., Karim Fizazi, M.D., Fred Saad, M.D., Neal Shore, M.D., Shahneen Sandhu, M.D., Kim N. Chi, M.D., Oliver Sartor, M.D., Neeraj Agarwal, M.D., David Olmos, M.D., Antoine Thiery-Vuillemin, M.D., Przemyslaw Twardowski, M.D., et al., for the PROfound Trial Investigators\*

# PROfound STUDY

## PROfound STUDY DESIGN



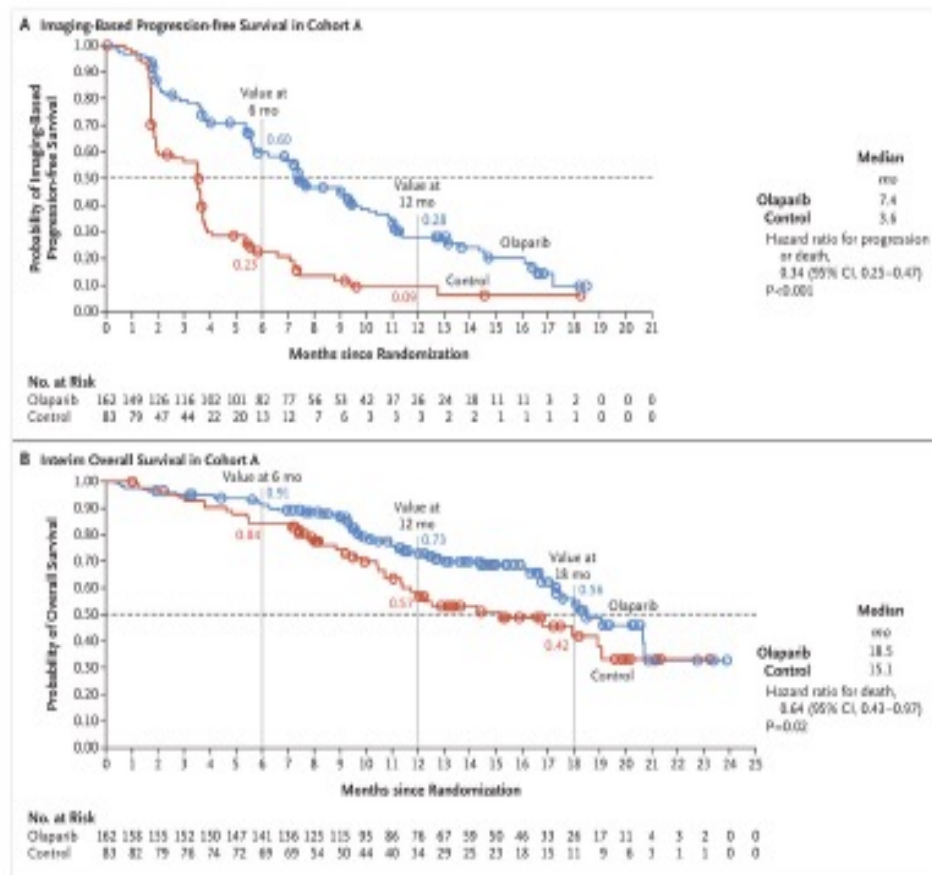
\*An investigational Clinical Trial Assay, based on the FoundationOne® CDx next-generation sequencing test

Developed in partnership with Foundation Medicine Inc, and used to prospectively select patients harboring alterations in BRCA1, BRCA2, ATM, BARD1, BRIP1, CDK12, CHEK1, CHEK2, FANCL, PALB2, PPP2R2A, RAD51B, RAD51C, RAD51D or RAD54L in their tumor tissue

†Physician's choice of either enzalutamide (160 mg qd) or abiraterone (1000 mg qd plus prednisone [5 mg bid])  
BICR, blinded independent central review

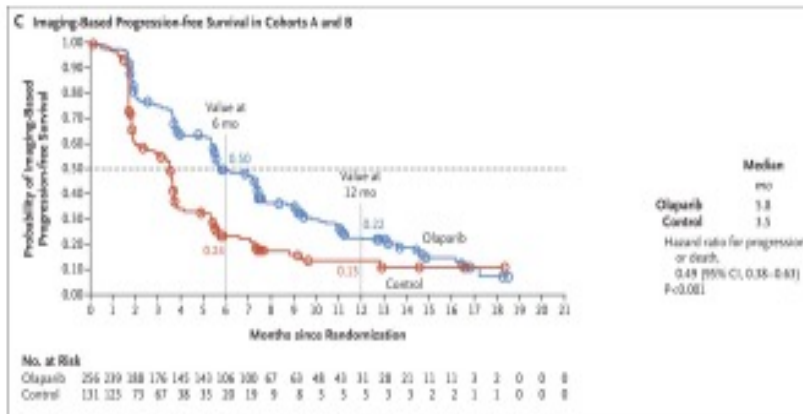
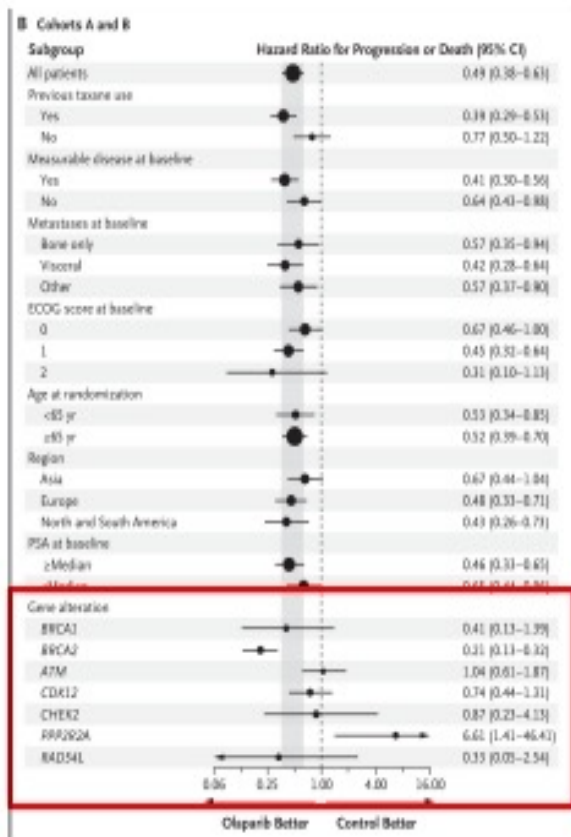
# Kaplan-Meier

## Kaplan-Meier Estimates of Imaging-Based PFS and Interim OS



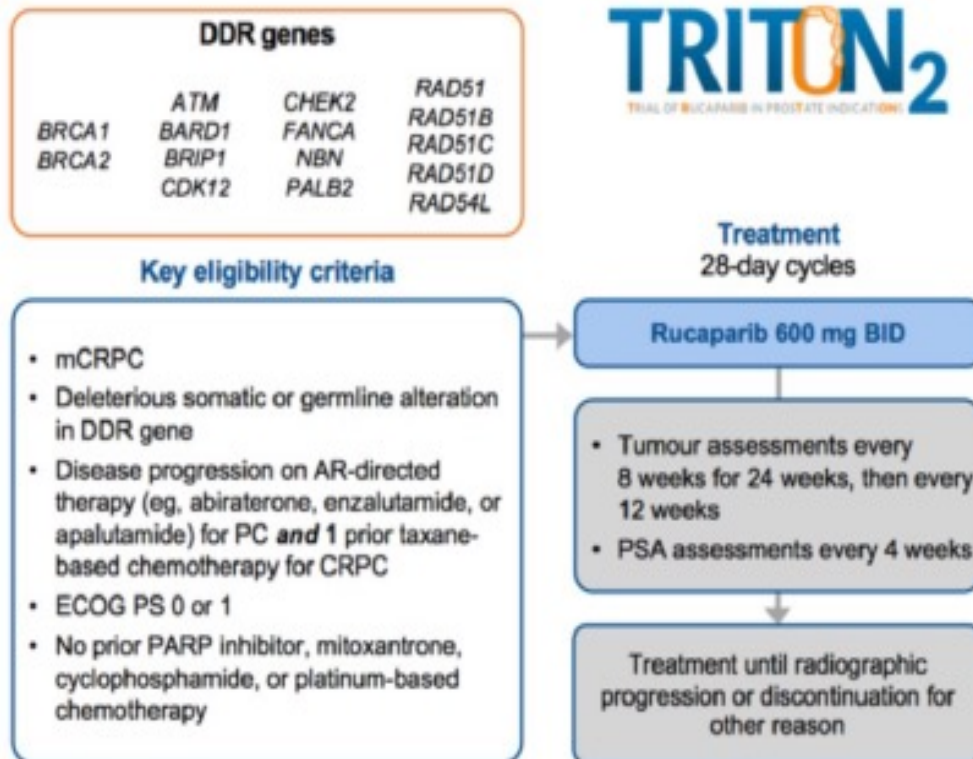
# Olaparib

## Olaparib for metastatic castrate-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC)



FDA approval: deleterious or suspected deleterious germline or somatic HRR gene-mutated mCRPC, after treatment with enzalutamide or abiraterone

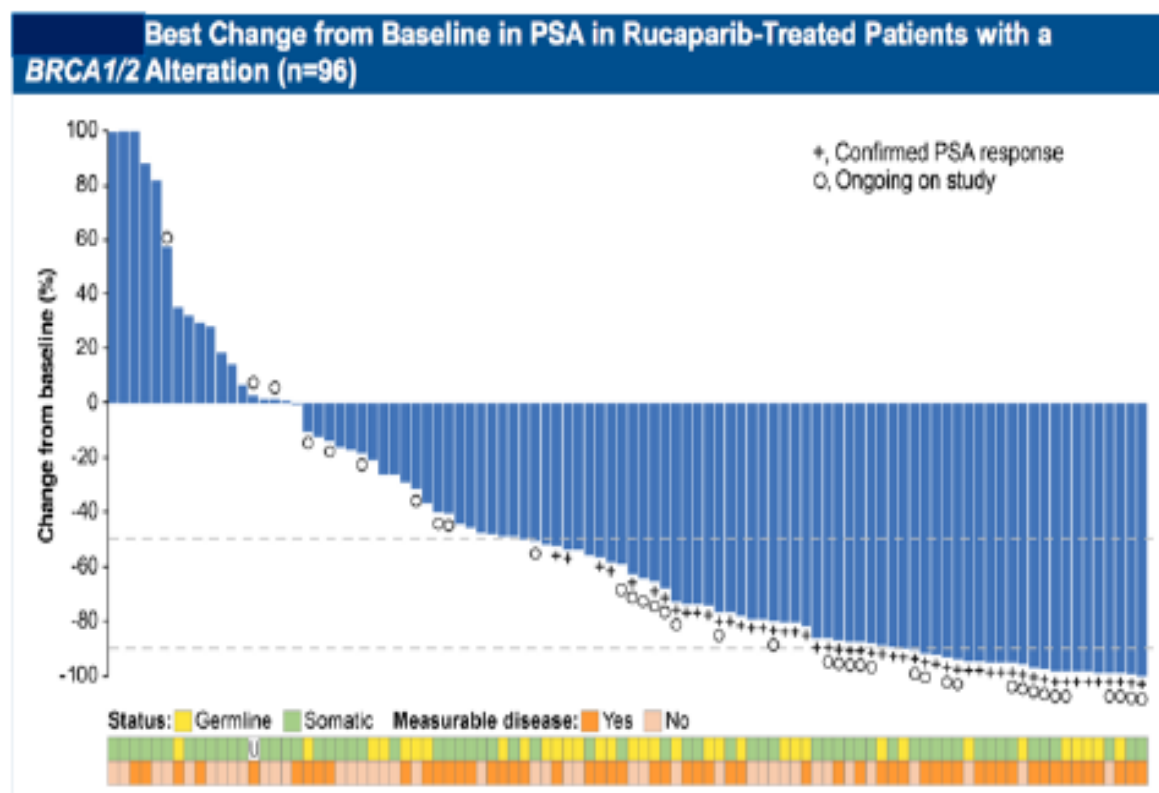
# TRITON2



FDA breakthrough therapy designation for patients with *BRCA1/2*-mutated mCRPC who have received  $\geq 1$  prior AR-directed therapy and a taxane based chemotherapy

# Rucaparib

## Phase II TRITON2: Rucaparib in mCRPC





# MSI high prostate cancer

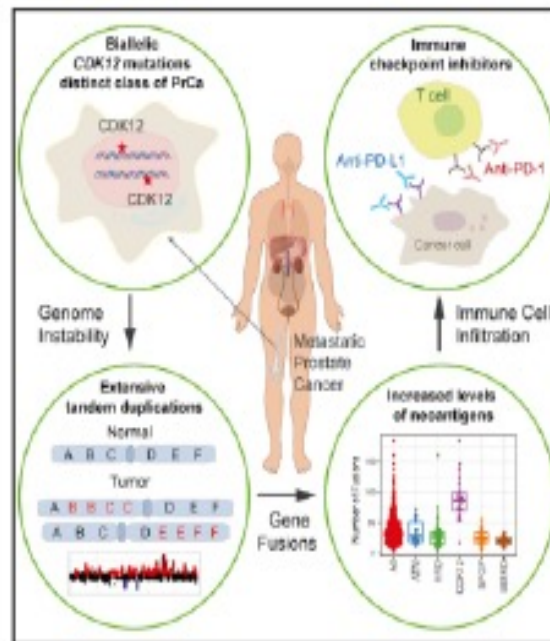
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### Graphical Abstract



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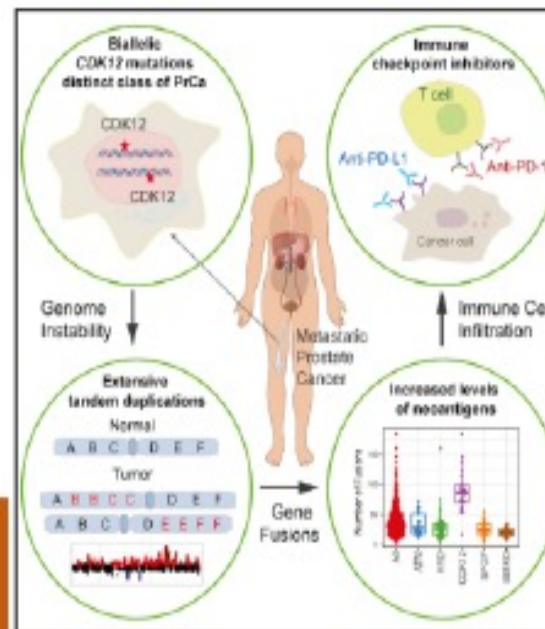
Lemery et al., *NEJM* 2017

Pembrolizumab for high tumor mutational burden (2020)  
10 mutations/megabase  
FDA Approval June 2020

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# Future Directions

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- mpMRI screening in men be used for diagnosis and monitoring of prostate cancer
- Imaging may facilitate detection of prostate cancer below conventional PSA thresholds particularly in a high genetic risk setting
- New combination strategies in mCRPC

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