

INTRO TO CARDIO - ONCOLOGY

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Disclosures

None relevant to presentation

Why?

- ◎ Treatment of cancers is a medical team effort
- ◎ Cancer Rx needs a multidisciplinary approach

Cancer and the Heart Overview

- ◎ Primary vs Secondary
- ◎ Role of Cardio Oncology
 - ◎ Impact of cancer
 - ◎ Spectrum of toxicity
 - ◎ Mechanisms
- ◎ Types of Cancer therapeutic related cardiotoxicity CTRCD
- ◎ Monitoring and Management

Primary Cancers /Rare

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Tumors grow when abnormal cells divide uncontrollably, but unlike cells in other organs, the ones in your heart do not split and multiply

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The only time heart cells divide is during fetal development. Extremely rarely, some of those cells form tumors in fetuses

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Around birth, the switch that controls whether heart cells divide turns off and remains off. Any tumors that existed in utero generally stop growing

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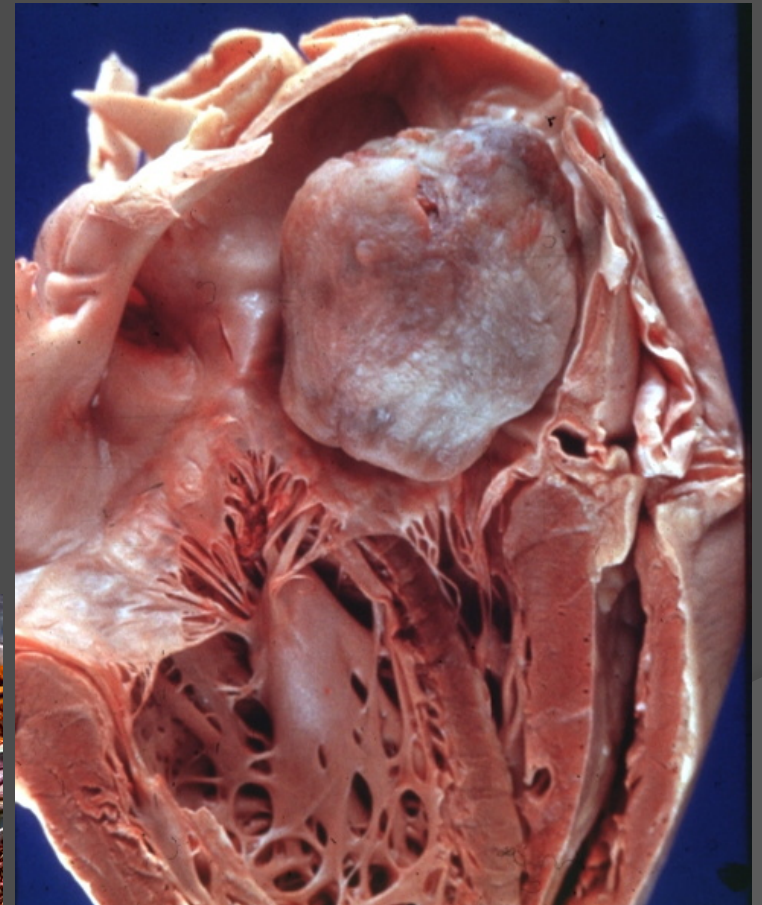
The fact that heart cells don't divide is good news when it comes to cancer but also means that after a heart attack, tissue cannot regenerate

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The heart is mostly made of muscle cells, and these expand in proportion to body size but don't multiply

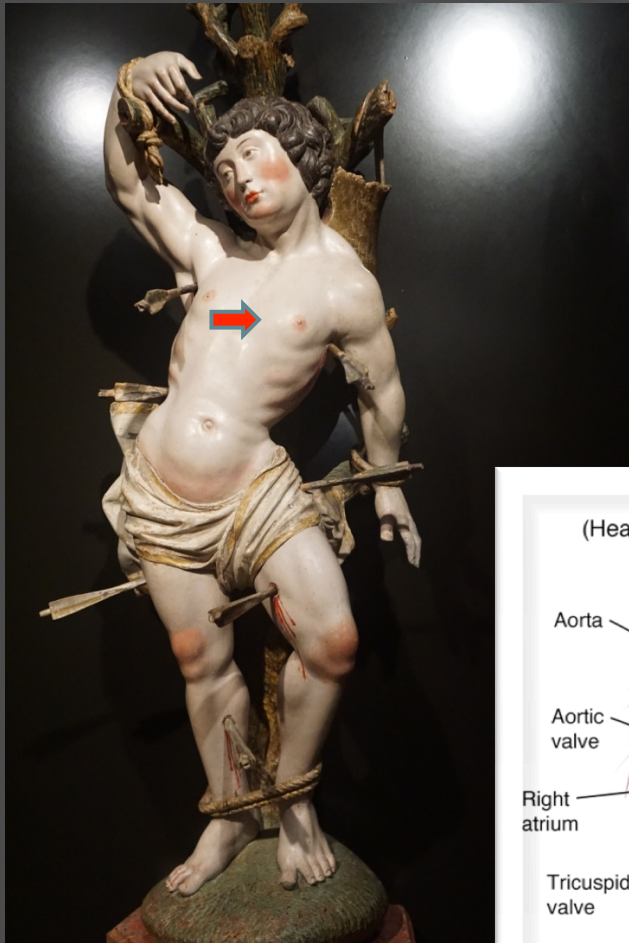
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Primary Cardiac Cancers



Rare, < 0.1% cancer

Cancer / Multiorgan / Secondary

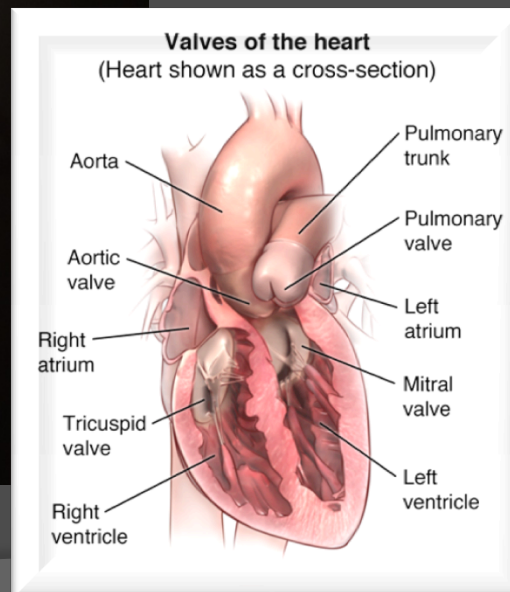


16 million cancer survivors

- Breast cancer
- Lymphoma
- Melanoma
- Lung cancer
- Renal
- Colon cancer

METS 40 x more likely
than cardiac
primaries

15 % of cancer patients
have cardiac
involvement

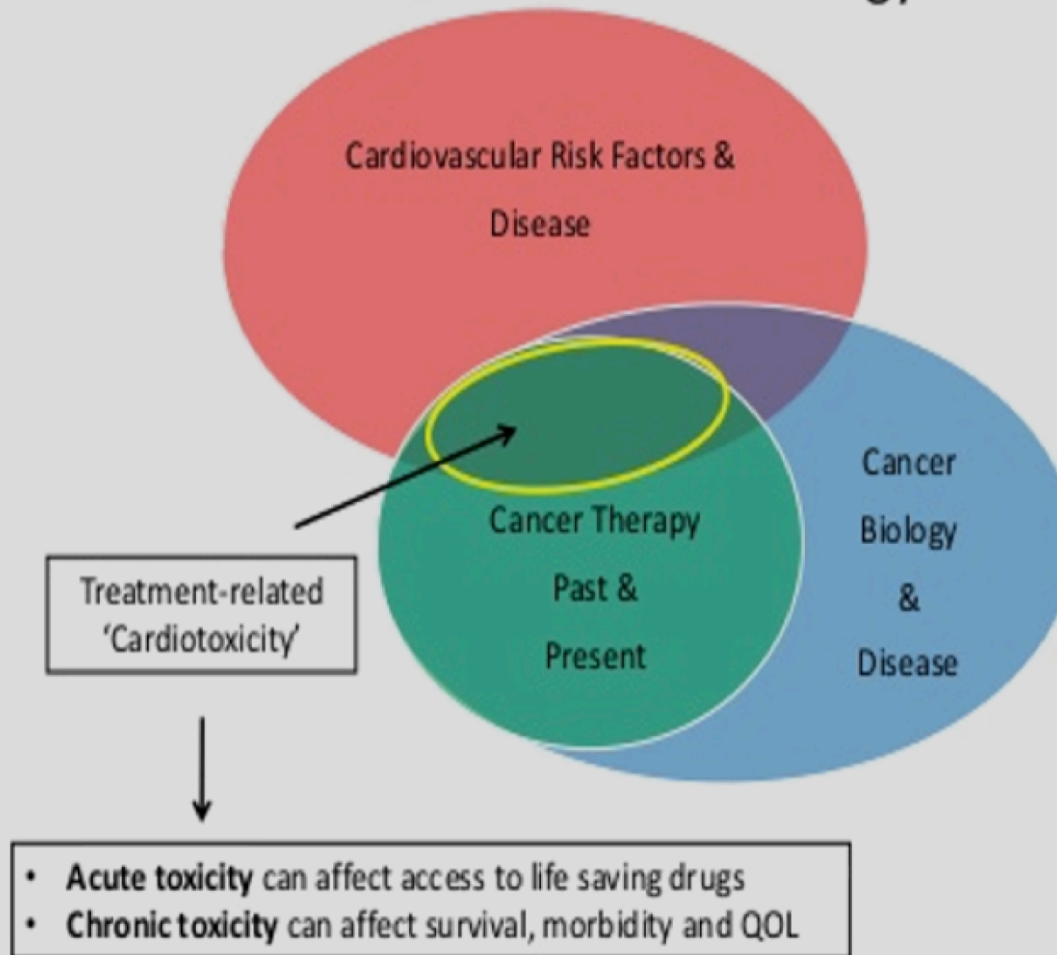


Cancer - Risks to the Heart

- ⦿ Metastatic disease – valvular, cavitory, pericardial, conducting system
- ⦿ Treatment related risks - Radiation , chemotherapy, surgical
- ⦿ Existing cardiac conditions affected
- ⦿ Stress related
- ⦿ Thromboembolic vascular risks
- ⦿ Interference with existing Rx

Basis for Cardio - Oncology

What is Cardio-Oncology?

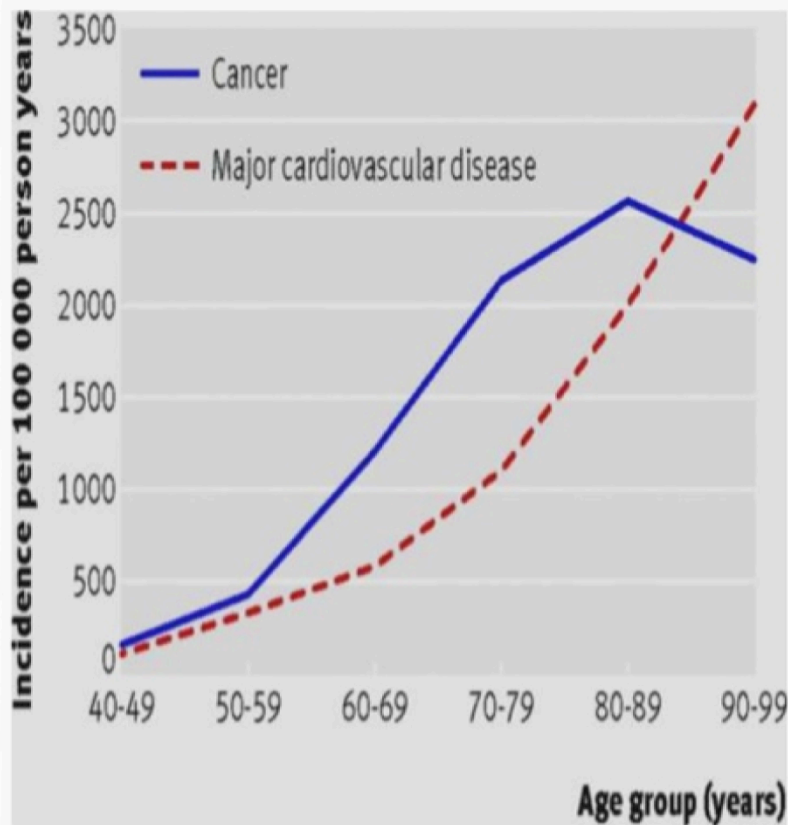


What Does Cardio-Onc Entail?

- Defining and monitoring Cancer Rx effects on the heart
- Using state of the art cardiac testing to identify and minimize cardiac risks
- Optimizing cardiac and cancer Rx outcomes as issues arise
- Positioning cardiac w/ups to not interfere with effective cancer Rx

Basis for Cardio - Oncology

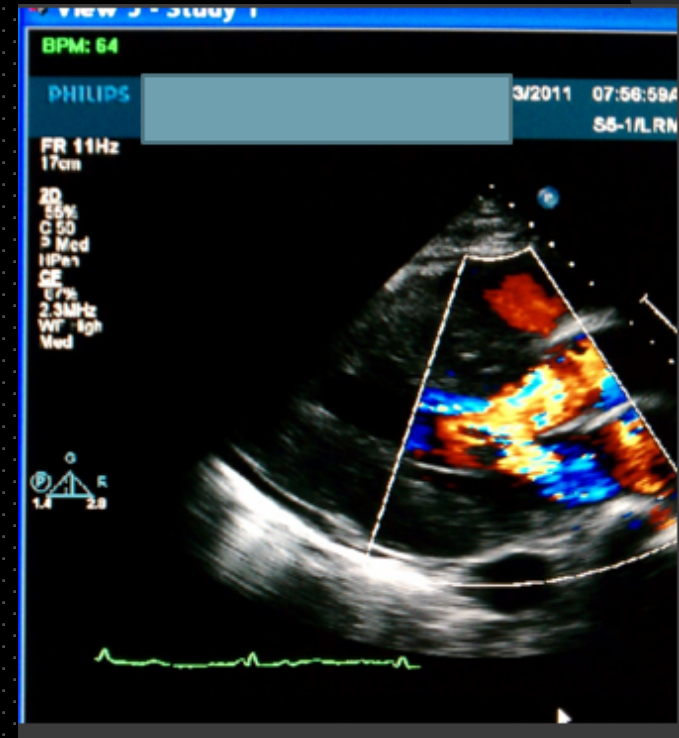
Why Cardio-Oncology?



Driver, et al. *BMJ*, 2008

- I. Survival gains in cancer and CV disease in recent decades
- II. Cancer and CV disease pose competing risks:
 - i. Cancer survivors remain at risk for CV disease
 - ii. CV disease survivors remain at risk for malignancy
- III. Cancer therapies can increase CV risk
 - I. Toxicities of conventional cancer treatments remain
 - II. New 'targeted' therapies are being developed rapidly, many of which have recognized or unrecognized cardiovascular toxicities

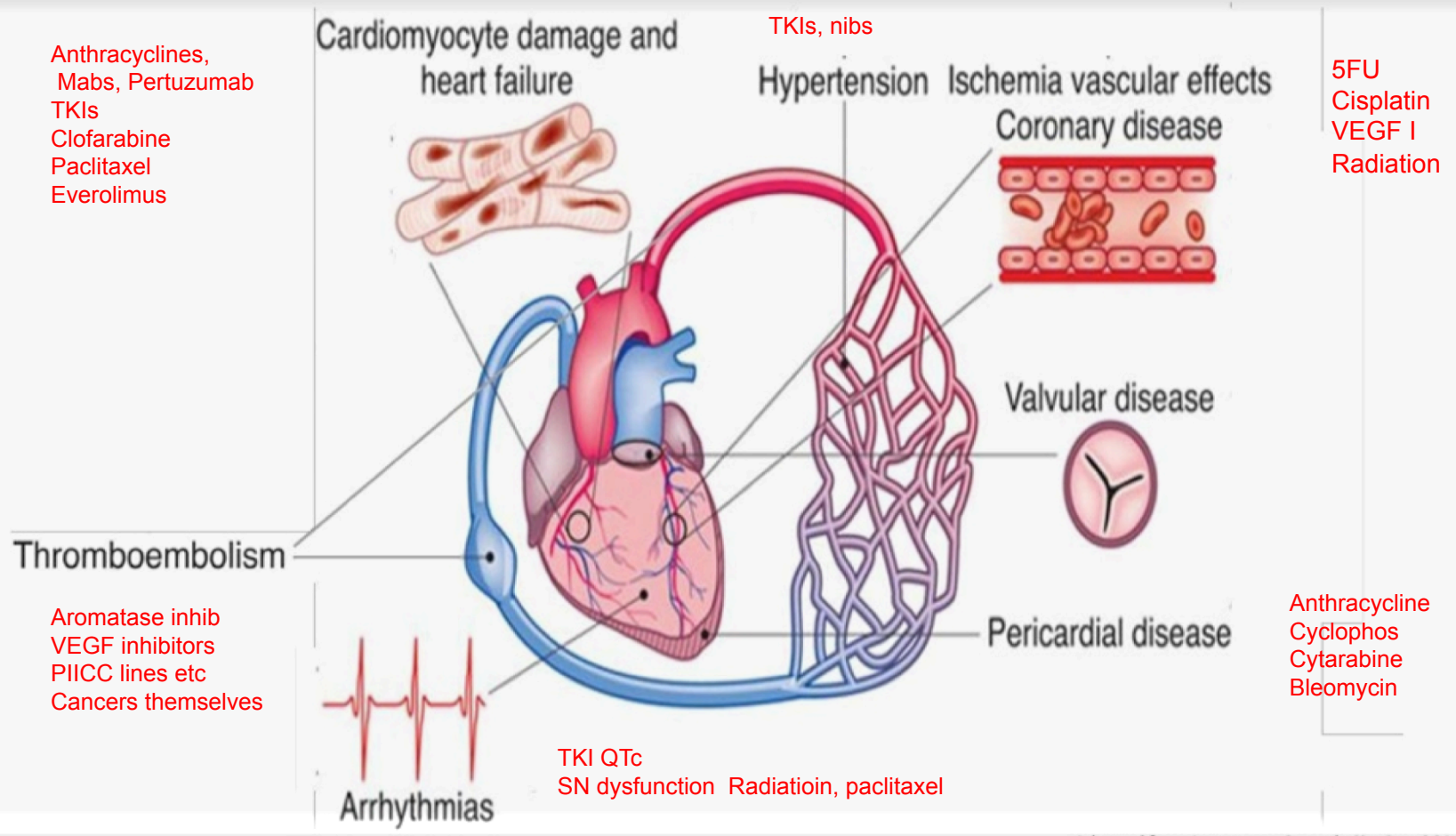
The Impact of Cancer on the Heart



Echocardiography



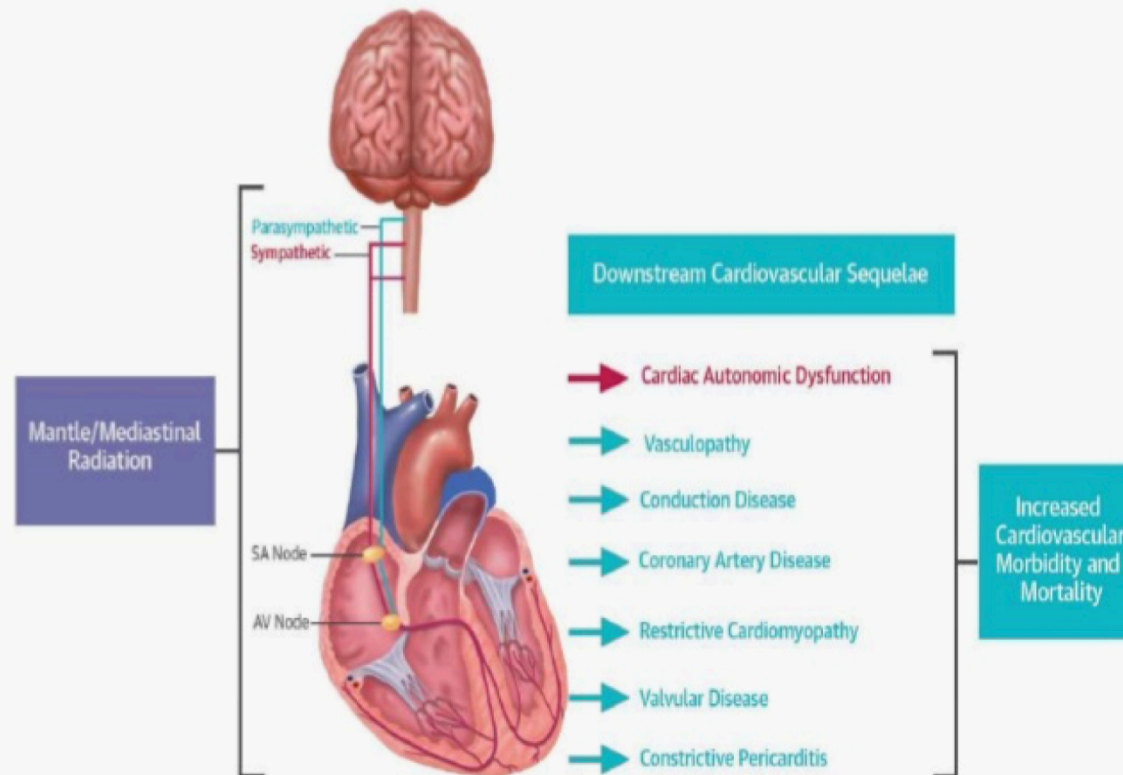
Spectrum of Cardiotoxicity



Adapted from Lenneman C, et al. *Circ Res*, 2016

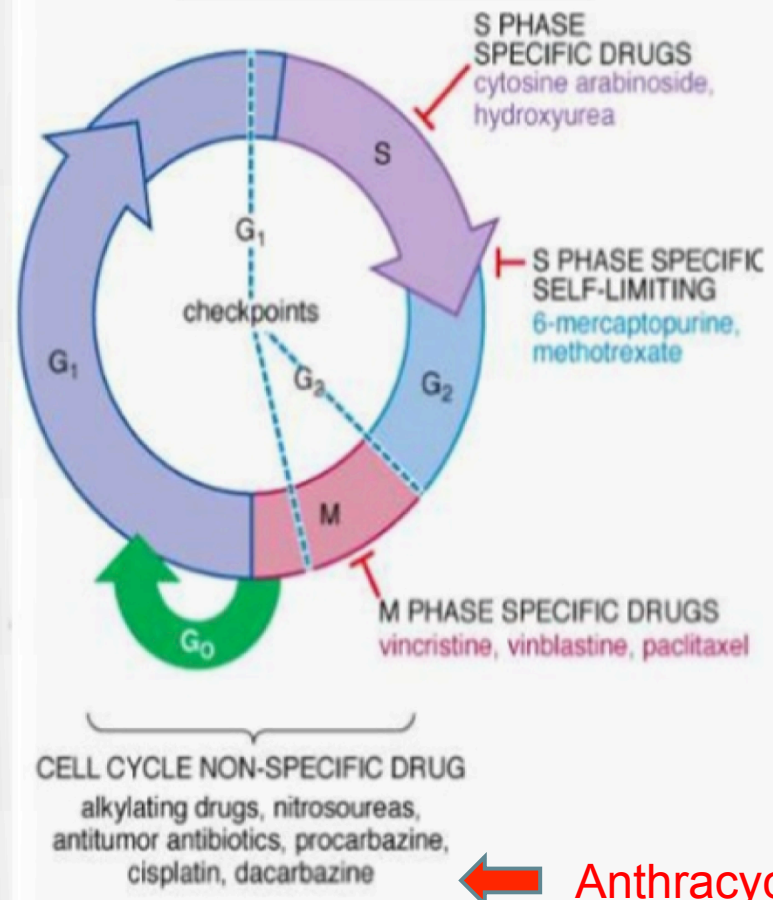
Non Cardiomyopathic Rx Effects

Mediastinal Radiation Therapy Effects on Autonomic Function?

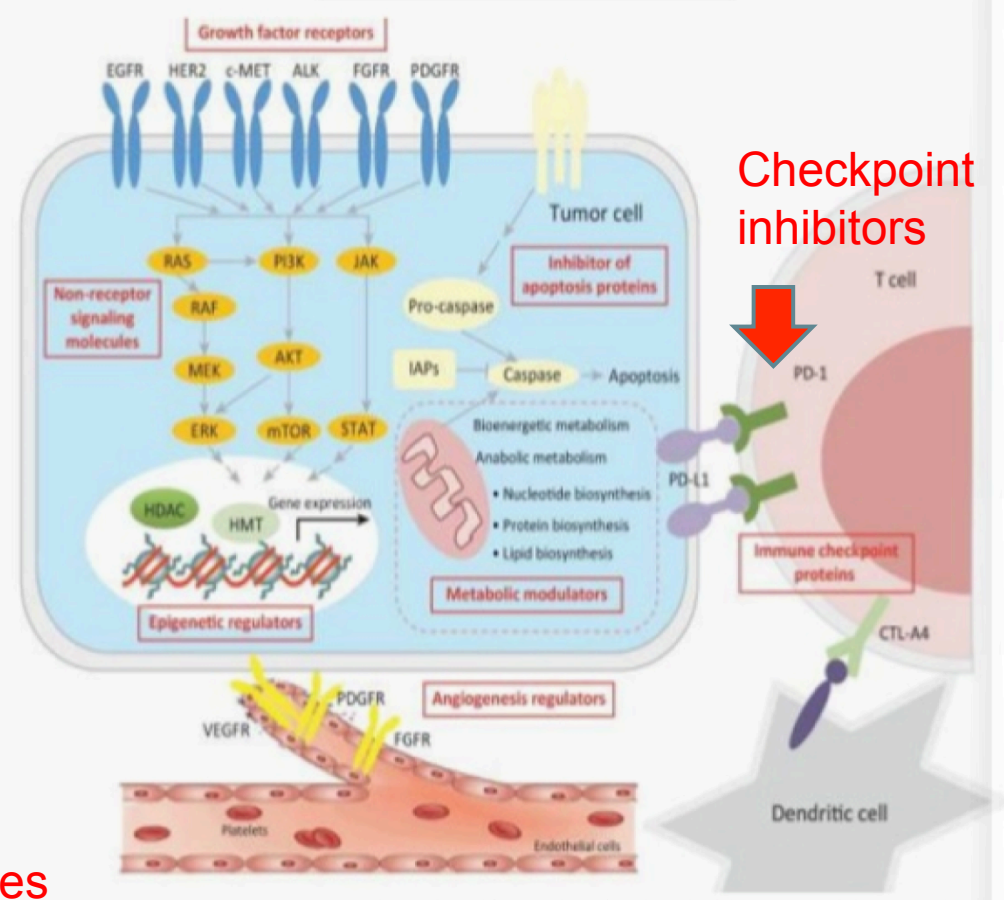


Cancer Therapies

Cytotoxic Therapies



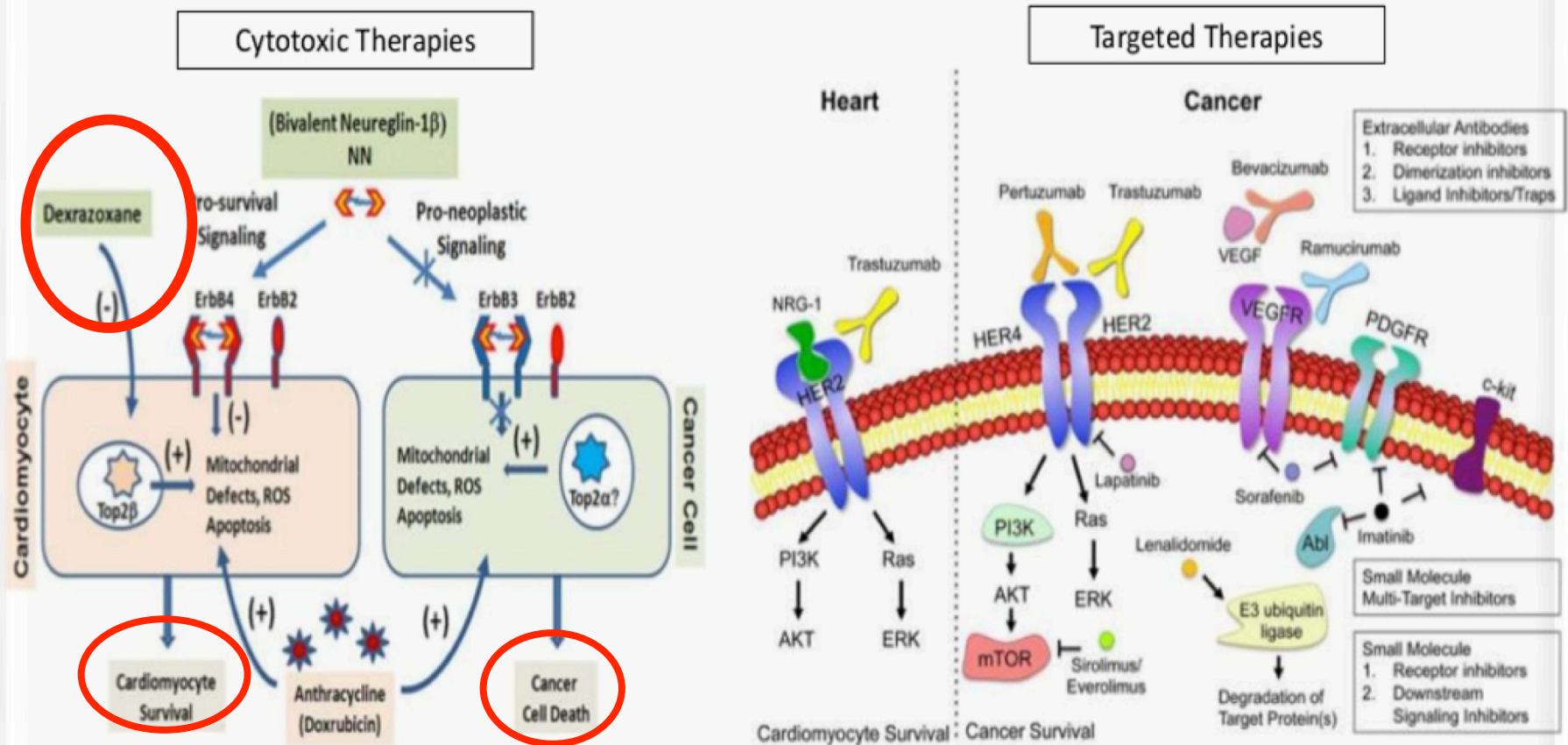
Targeted Therapies



Adapted from Huang, et al. *Trends in Pharmacological Sciences*, 2014

Mechanisms of Cardiotoxicity

On-target toxicity



Spectrum of Cardiotoxicity

Conventional Therapies		Novel (Targeted) Therapies	
Cytotoxic Therapies	Hormonal Therapies	Signaling Pathways	Other Targeted
<p><u>Anthracyclines</u> Cardiomyopathy Heart Failure</p>	<p><u>Androgen Deprivation Therapy (ADT)</u> Metabolic syndrome Diabetes CAD VTE ATE ↑ CV Events <i>(pre-existing CVD)</i></p>	<p><u>Trastuzumab</u> Cardiomyopathy Heart Failure</p>	<p><u>Proteasome Inhibitors</u> Hypertension Cardiomyopathy Arrhythmia ATE</p>
<p><u>Fluoropyrimidines</u> Myocardial ischemia VT / VF / SCD</p>		<p><u>VEGF Signaling Pathway (VSP) Inhibitors</u> Hypertension Cardiomyopathy ATE</p>	<p><u>Immunomodulators</u> ATE VTE</p>
<p><u>MT Inhibitors</u> Arrhythmias</p>		<p><u>Anti-BCR-ABL TKIs</u> Pericardial effusion ATE VTE Pulmonary HTN PAD</p>	<p><u>HDAC Inhibitors</u> ATE VTE</p>
<p><u>Alkylating Agents</u> ATE Myocardial ischemia</p>		<p><u>mTOR Inhibitors</u> Hypertension Myocardial Ischemia</p>	<p><u>BMT</u> CAD Hypertension Dyslipidemia Cardiomyopathy</p>
<p><u>Radiation</u> CAD Valvular disease Pericardial disease Restrictive CMP</p>			

CTRCD

Cancer therapeutics-related cardiac dysfunction

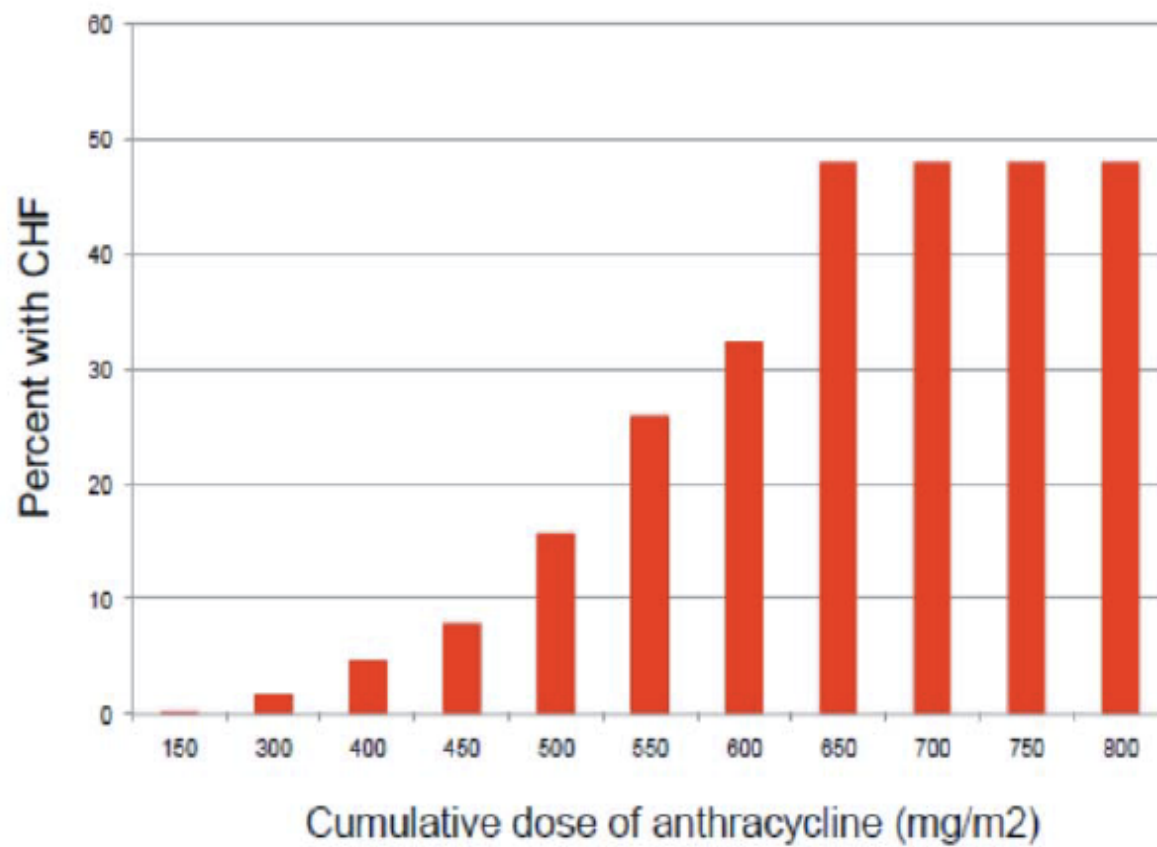
(CTRCD) is defined as a drop in **LV EF of $\geq 5\%$** ↓
in symptomatic patients

or

a **drop in LV EF of $\geq 10\%$** ↓ to an EF of **$< 55\%$** in
asymptomatic patients

EXAMPLE Patients who have received a cumulative dose of $>250\text{--}300\text{ mg/m}^2$ of doxorubicin or its equivalent are considered to be at high risk of developing CTRCD; however, there is individual variability with some patients developing cardiotoxicity at lower cumulative doses

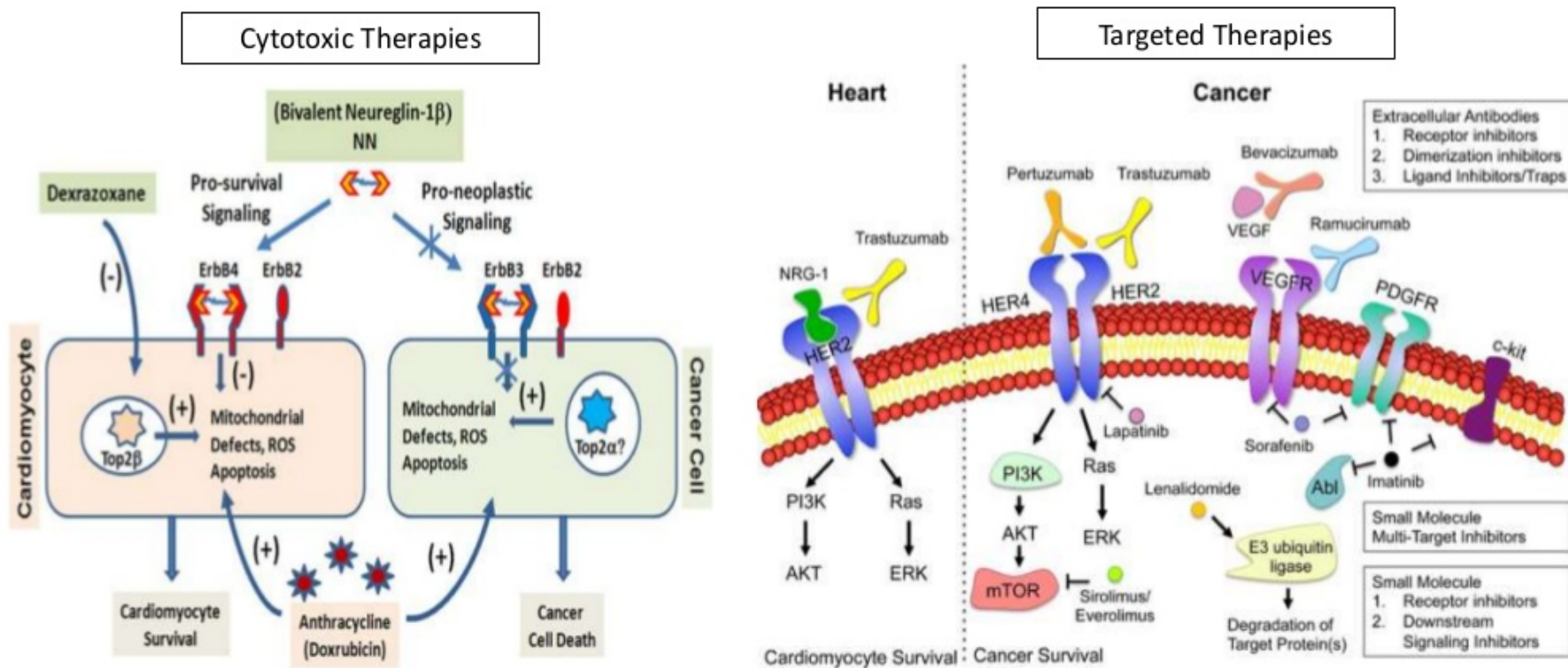
Risk of Toxicity



Swain et al. Cancer. 2003;97:2869-79

Mechanisms of Cardiotoxicity

On-target toxicity

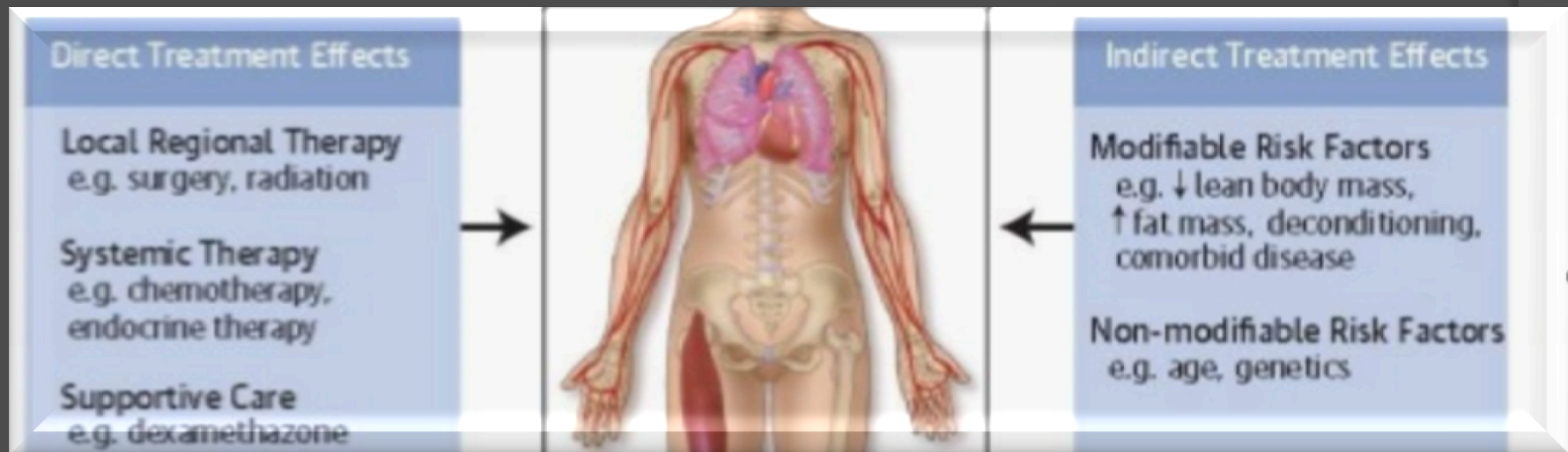


Force, et al. *Circulation*, 2013

Bellinger, et al. *Circulation*, 2015

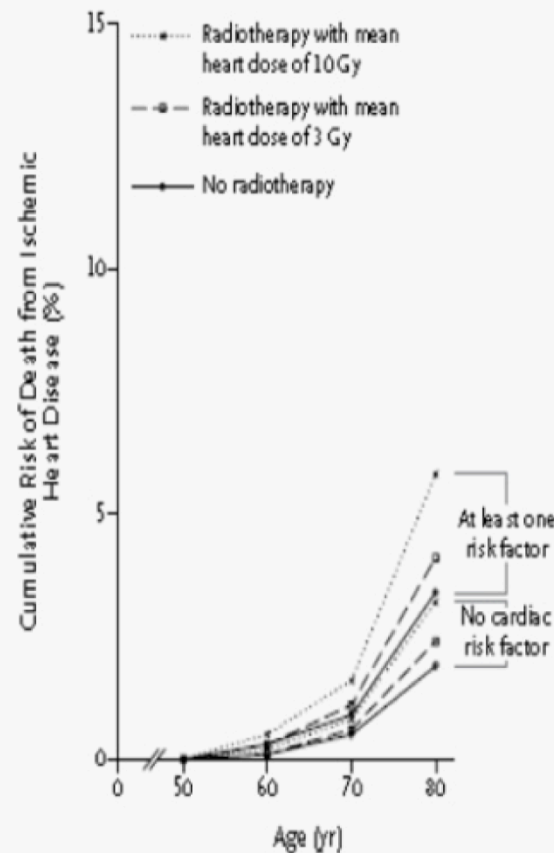
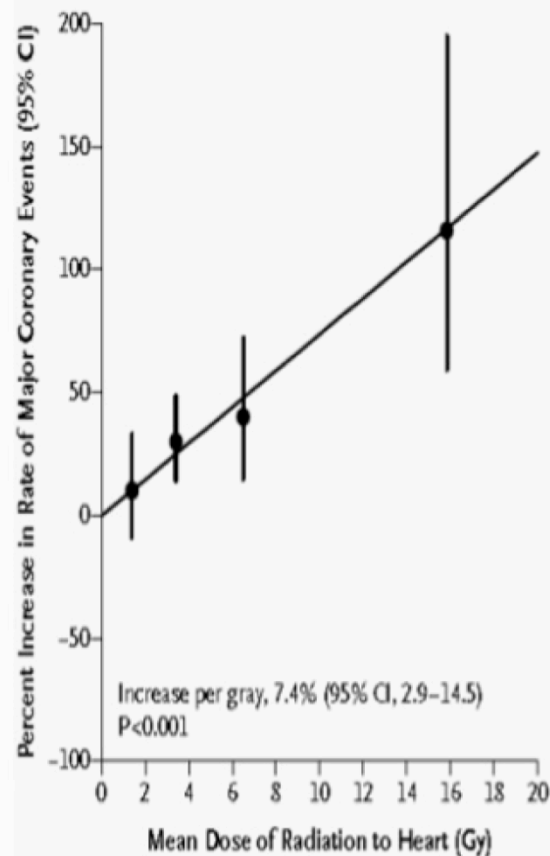
Multi – Hit Hypothesis

A multi-hit hypothesis has been proposed to explain **CTRCD**. By this hypothesis, multiple insults to the myocardium increase the risk of developing cardiotoxicity. These insults to the myocardium can be in the form of **pre-existing cardiovascular disease** (coronary artery disease, heart failure and arrhythmias) or cardiovascular **risk factors** (age, hypertension, diabetes mellitus and hyperlipidemia)



Radiation Therapy

Coronary Events in Breast Cancer



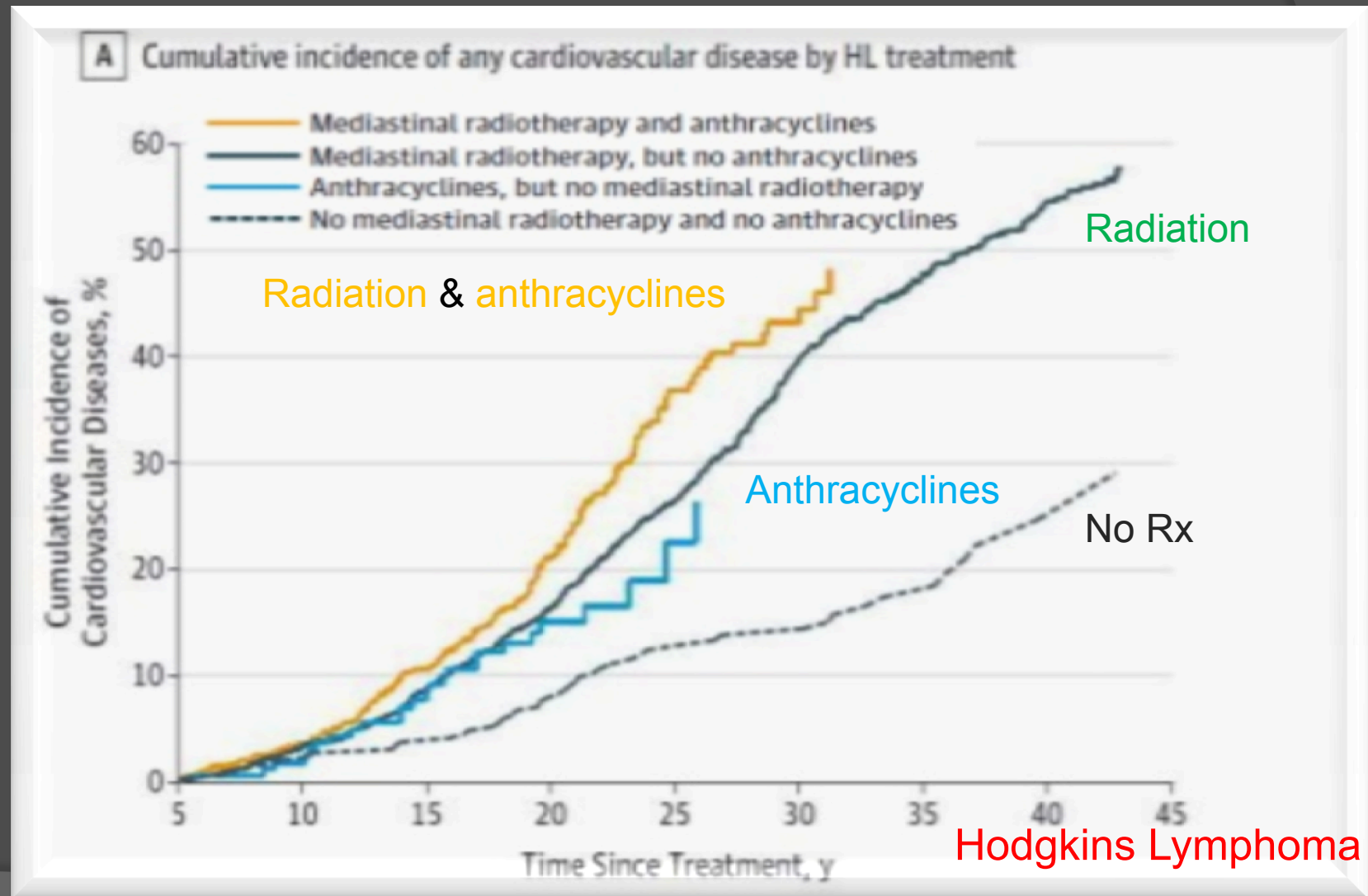
1958 - 2001

50 year old
300 cGy mean dose

No risk factors
Death from IHD by age 80
AR: 1.9% increased to 2.4%

1 or more risk factors
Death from IHD by age 80
AR: 3.4% increased to 4.1%

Incidence of CV Disease



Interaction with the Heart

'Multiple hit' Hypothesis

Cancer Diagnosis

Direct Treatment Effects

Local Regional Therapy
e.g. surgery, radiation

Systemic Therapy
e.g. chemotherapy,
endocrine therapy

Supportive Care
e.g. dexamethazone



Indirect Treatment Effects

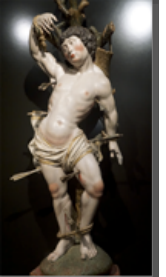
Modifiable Risk Factors
e.g. ↓ lean body mass,
↑ fat mass, deconditioning,
comorbid disease

Non-modifiable Risk Factors
e.g. age, genetics

↓ Cardiovascular Reserve Capacity

↑ Risk of CVD & Mortality

...CTRCD



Two types of CTRCD have been described. **Type 1 is an irreversible**, dose-dependent toxicity that results from ultra-structural changes in the myocardium.

Example:


anthracycline cardiotoxicity

CTRCD **Type 2 is largely reversible**, not dose dependent, and does not cause ultra-structural changes in the myocardium. It is typified by **trastuzumab cardiotoxicity**.

Trastuzumab is most commonly used in the treatment of breast cancer. Importantly, because type 2 toxicity is usually reversible, re-challenge with the offending drug is usually well tolerated after initiating cardiac protective therapy

Risk Evaluation

1. Risk assessment

Tests: TTE with strain, ECG, cTn 

Medication-related risk

High (risk score 4):

Anthracyclines, cyclophosphamide, ifosfamide, clofarabine, herceptin

Intermediate (risk score 2):

Docetaxel, pertuzumab, sunitinib, sorafinib

Low (risk score 1):

Bevacizumab, dasatinib, imatinib, lapatinib

Rare (risk score 0):

For example, etoposide, rituximab, thalidomide

Patient-related risk factors

- Cardiomyopathy or heart failure
- CAD or equivalent (incl. PAD)
- HTN
- Diabetes mellitus
- Prior or concurrent anthracycline
- Prior or concurrent chest radiation
- Age <15 or > 65 years
- Female gender

Overall risk by cardiotoxicity risk score (CRS)

(risk categories by drug-related risk score plus number of patient-related risk factors: **CRS >6:** very high, **5-6:** high, **3-4:** intermediate, **1-2:** low, **0:** very low)

CTRCD Monitoring : Echo

2. Monitoring recommendations

Very high cardiotoxicity risk: TTE **Echo** before every (other) cycle, end, 3–6 months, and 1 year; optional ECG, cTn with TTE during chemotherapy

High cardiotoxicity risk: TTE **Echo** every 3 cycles, end, 3–6 months and 1 year after chemotherapy; optional ECG, cTn with TTE during chemotherapy

Intermediate cardiotoxicity risk: TTE **Echo** mid-term, end, and 3–6 months after chemotherapy; optional ECG, cTn mid-term of chemotherapy

Low cardiotoxicity risk: Optional TTE with strain and/or ECG, cTn at the end of chemotherapy

Very low cardiotoxicity risk: None

Monitoring Tn I

Cardiac biomarkers may play a complementary role to cardiac imaging in monitoring patients for cardiotoxicity. Elevations in cardiac troponin I (TnI) either early (checked with each cycle of chemotherapy) or late (one month after completion of last cycle of chemotherapy) have been shown to be predictive of LV EF reduction and cardiac events .

The greatest value of TnI may be the high negative predictive value, such that patients who do not have an elevation in TnI have a very low cardiac event rate and perhaps need less-frequent surveillance imaging

CTRCD

Cancer therapeutic related cardiac dysfunction

3. Management recommendations

Very high cardiotoxicity risk: Initiate ACE-I /ARB, carvedilol, and statins, starting at lowest dose and start chemotherapy in 1 week from initiation to allow steady state, up-titrate as tolerated

High cardiotoxicity risk: Initiate ACE-I /ARB, carvedilol, and/or statins

Intermediate cardiotoxicity risk: Discuss risk and benefit of medications

Low cardiotoxicity risk: None, monitoring only

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Radiation Therapy

Patients who have received radiation therapy are at risk of long-term **cardiovascular toxicity** including radiation-induced heart disease (valvular disease, pericardial disease, myocardial disease and coronary artery disease) and peripheral artery disease depending on the field of radiation.

Risk factors for radiation-induced heart disease include anterior or left chest radiation, cumulative radiation dose >30 Gy, radiation fraction dose >2 Gy/day,

Age <50 years, tumor in or near the heart, lack of shielding, concomitant chemotherapy particularly with an anthracycline, smoking and **medical comorbidities** (diabetes mellitus, hypertension, hyperlipidemia and obesity)

Radiation Followup

In asymptomatic patients, a transthoracic echocardiogram is recommended **5 years after exposure** in high-risk individuals and 10 years after exposure in all others.

Subsequently, **transthoracic echocardiograms** are recommended for reassessment every 5 years.

Additionally, a **cardiac stress test** is recommended after 5 years in high-risk individuals, and after 10 years, in all others

Conclusions: Cardio-Oncology

Cardiovascular disease can cause **significant morbidity** in cancer survivors.

The goal is to decrease this morbidity by **early risk factor modification, serial monitoring** with imaging and/or biomarkers, **cardioprotective** medical therapy and optimal medical therapy for cardiotoxicity when it occurs.

Further study is ongoing and greatly needed to define the optimal methods to achieve these aims with regard to both surveillance methods and timing of surveillance as well as to optimal medical therapies for prevention and treatment of **type I and type II CTRCD**.

In Conclusion

- ◎ When your patient needs cancer treatments
 - ◎ - consider risks of treatment and benefit
 - ◎ - risk stratify
 - ◎ - address risk factors

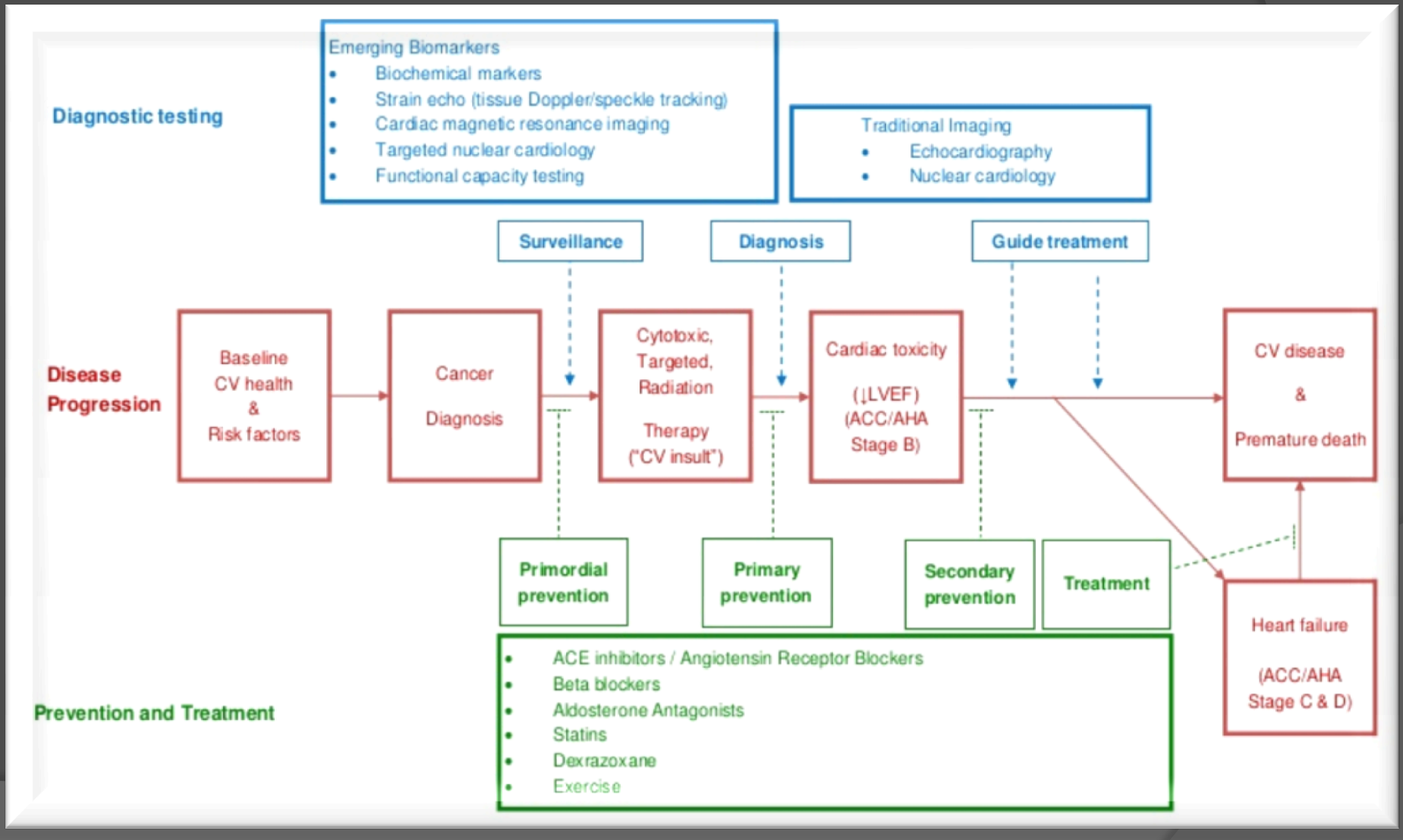
Future is cloudy but breakthroughs are possible



Venice: we would rather be here...



Progression of disease



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