

# Management of Cardiotoxicity in Childhood Cancer Patients

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**Table 1**  
Distribution of cases of childhood and adolescent cancers in the United States with common, potentially cardiotoxic treatment exposures

	Proportion of Cancers, Children 0–14 y (%)	Proportion of Cancers, Adolescents 15–19 y (%)	Cumulative Anthracycline Dose <sup>c</sup>	Potential Thoracic Radiation Exposure Scenarios
<b>Leukemia</b>				
Acute lymphocytic leukemia	26	8	Low <sup>d</sup>	Craniospinal photon radiation
Acute myeloid leukemia	5	4	High	—
<b>Lymphoma</b>				
Hodgkin lymphoma	4	15	Low or high <sup>d</sup>	Site dependent
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	6	8	Low or high <sup>d</sup>	Site dependent
Central nervous system <sup>a</sup>	21	10	—	Craniospinal photon radiation
Neuroblastoma	7	—	Low <sup>d</sup>	Site dependent
Retinoblastoma	3	—	—	—
Wilms tumor	5	—	Low <sup>d</sup>	Select metastatic patients or abdominal radiation
Bone tumors <sup>b</sup>	4	7	High	Select metastatic patients
Soft tissue sarcoma	7	7	High <sup>e</sup>	Select metastatic patients
Germ cell tumors	3	12	—	—
Carcinoma and melanoma	4	20	—	Site dependent

Treatment is highly variable based on diagnosis, patient age, disease stage, site of disease, and several other factors. Represented in this table are general trends only.

<sup>a</sup> Includes ependymoma, astrocytoma, and medulloblastoma.

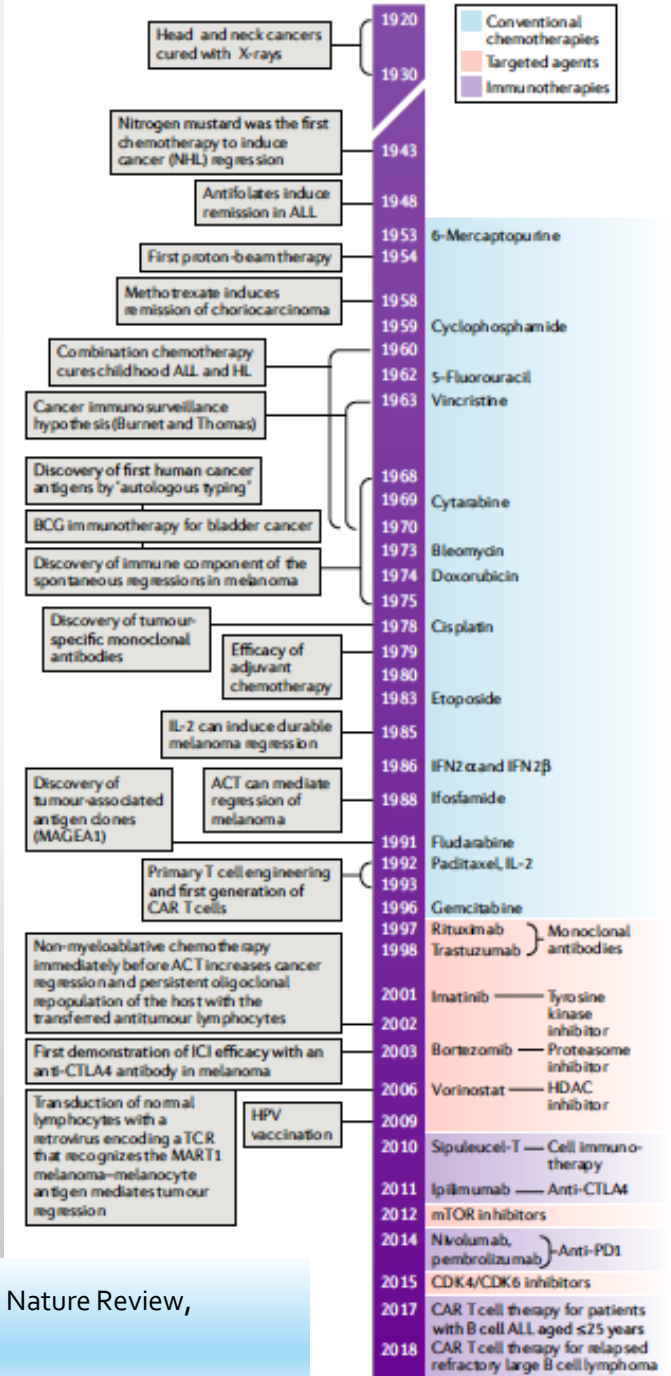
<sup>b</sup> Includes osteosarcoma and Ewing sarcoma.

<sup>c</sup> High (cumulative  $\geq 250$  mg/m<sup>2</sup>) and low dose (<250 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) applies to doxorubicin or doxorubicin equivalent of other anthracyclines.

<sup>d</sup> Anthracyclines included only in select high-risk and intermediate-risk regimens, not all treatment protocols.

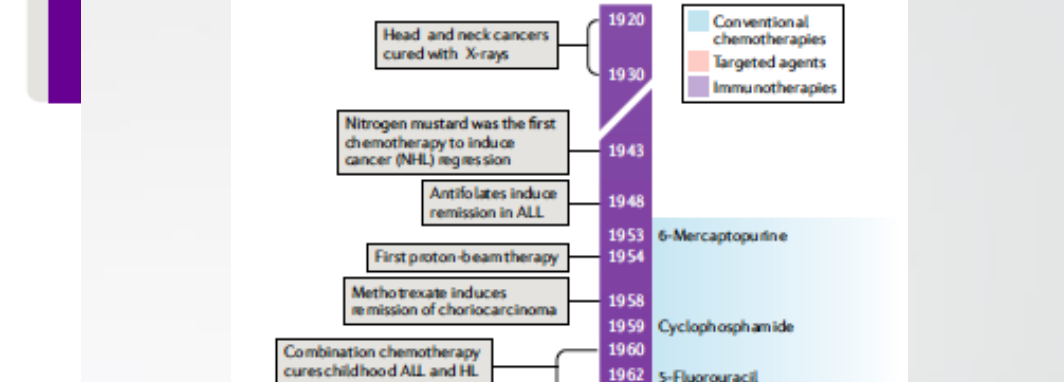
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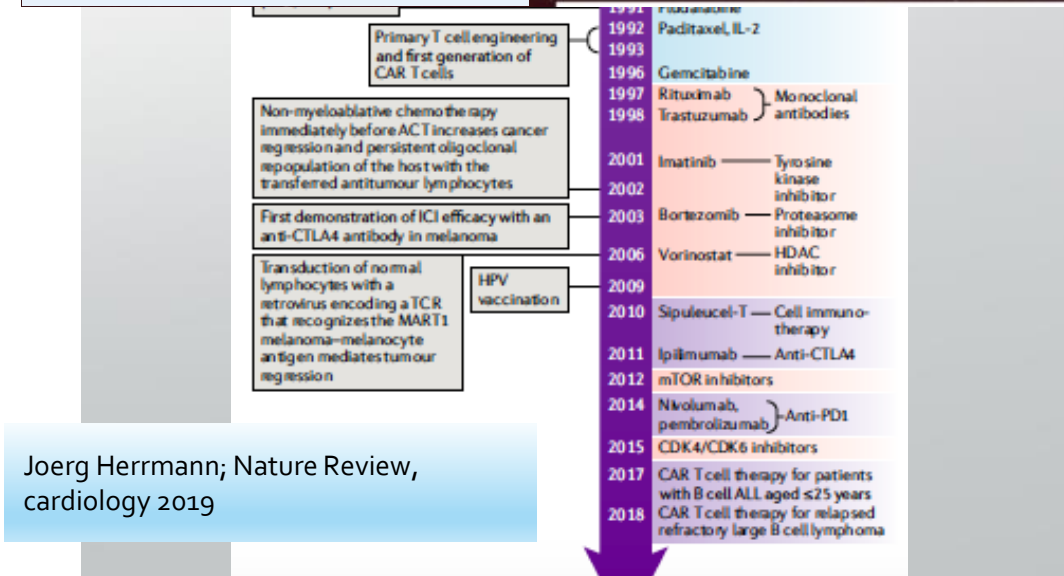


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	Arrhythmia	Cardiomyopathy	Arterial vascular disease	Venous thromboembolism	Pulmonary hypertension	Systemic hypertension	Pericardial disease	Valvular heart disease
<b>Conventional chemotherapies</b>								
<b>Anthracyclines</b> (doxorubicin, epirubicin)		✓						
<b>Alkylating agents</b> (cyclophosphamide, melphalan)	✓	✓	✓					
<b>Antimetabolites</b> (5-fluorouracil, capecitabine, cytarabine)		✓	✓				✓Cytarabine	
<b>Microtubule-binding agents</b> (paclitaxel)	✓ brady		✓					
<b>Platinum-based therapy</b> (cisplatin)			✓	✓		✓		
<b>Antibiotic</b> (bleomycin)			✓		✓			
<b>Immunomodulatory drugs</b> (thalidomide)	✓ brady			✓				
<b>Targeted agents</b>								
<b>Proteasome inhibitors</b> (bortezomib, carfilzomib)		✓	✓			✓		
<b>HDAC inhibitors</b> (vorinostat)	✓							
<b>CDK4/CDK6 inhibitors</b> (ribociclib)	✓							
<b>mTOR inhibitors</b> (everolimus)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
<b>HER2 inhibitors</b> (pertuzumab, trastuzumab)		✓						
<b>VEGF inhibitors</b> (bevacizumab, sunitinib)		✓	✓	✓		✓		
<b>BCR-ABL1 inhibitors</b> (dasatinib, nilotinib, ponatinib)	✓ QT		✓	✓		✓Dasatinib		
<b>BTK inhibitors</b> (ibrutinib)	✓							
<b>ALK inhibitors</b> (alectinib, ceritinib, crizotinib)	✓				✓			
<b>BRAF inhibitors</b> (dabrafenib)	✓	✓						
<b>MEK inhibitors</b> (binimetinib, cobimetinib, trametinib)	✓	✓			✓			
<b>Immunotherapies</b>								
<b>Immune checkpoint inhibitors</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
<b>CAR T cell therapy</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
<b>Other therapies</b>								
<b>Radiation therapy</b>	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓



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## Modifiable Risk Factors and Major Cardiac Events Among Adult Survivors of Childhood Cancer

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### ABSTRACT

#### Purpose

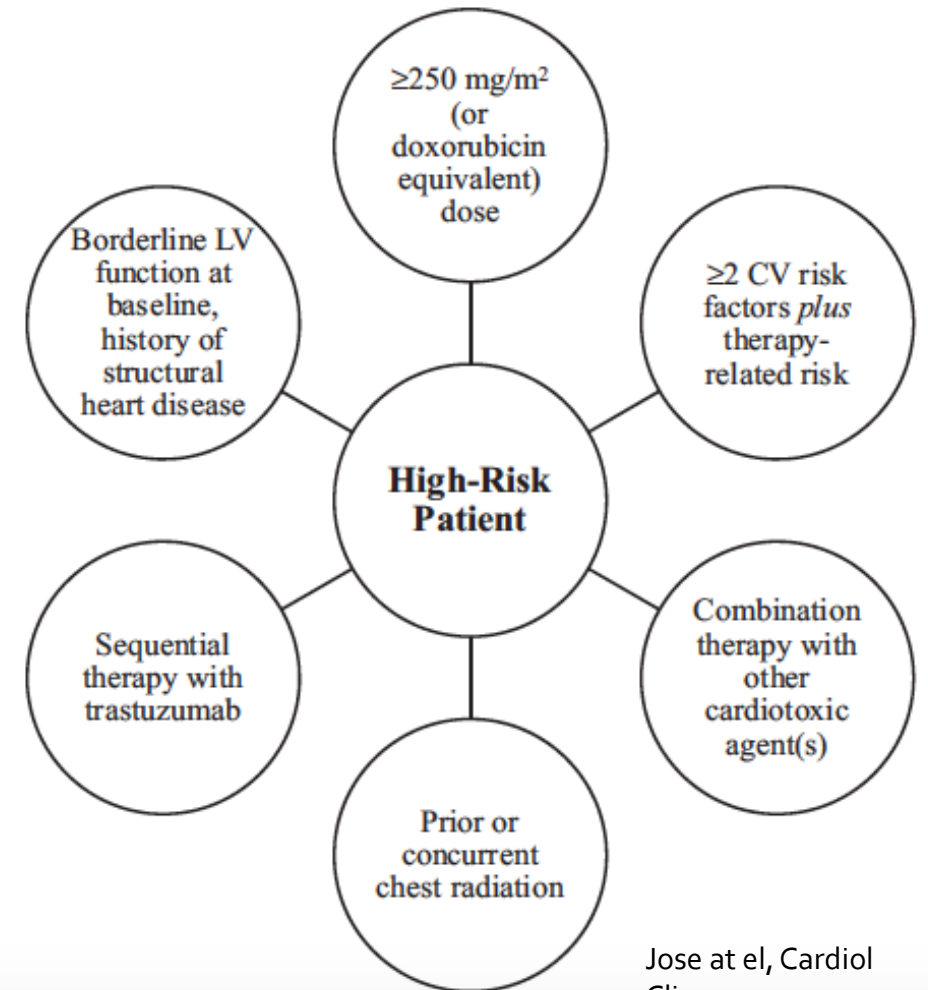
To evaluate the relative contribution of modifiable cardiovascular risk factors on the development of major cardiac events in aging adult survivors of childhood cancer.

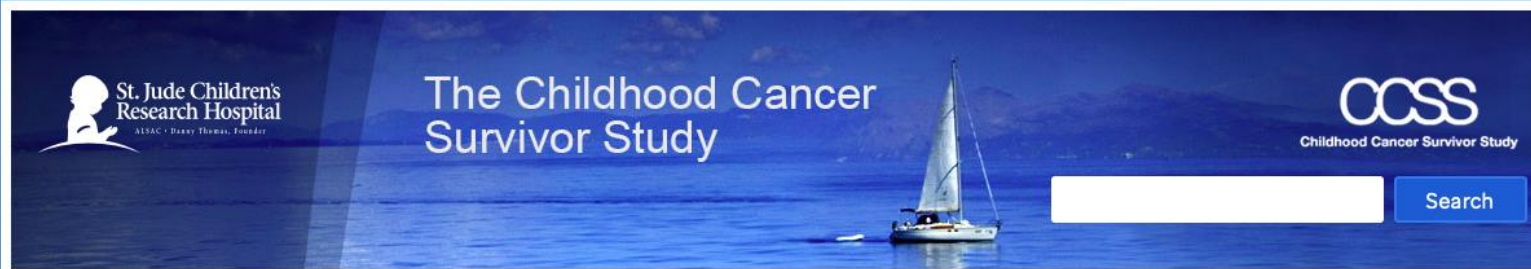
#### Patients and Methods

Among **10,724 5-year survivors** (median age, 33.7 years) and 3,159 siblings in the Childhood Cancer Survivor Study, the prevalence of hypertension, diabetes mellitus, dyslipidemia, and obesity was determined, along with the incidence and severity of major cardiac events such as coronary artery disease, heart failure, valvular disease, and arrhythmia. On longitudinal follow-up, rate ratios (RRs) of subsequent cardiac events associated with cardiovascular risk factors and cardiotoxic therapy were assessed in multivariable Poisson regression models.

#### Results

Among survivors, the cumulative incidence of coronary artery disease, heart failure, valvular disease, and arrhythmia by 45 years of age was 5.3%, 4.8%, 1.5%, and 1.3%, respectively. Two or more cardiovascular risk factors were reported by 10.3% of survivors and 7.9% of siblings. The risk for each cardiac event increased with increasing number of cardiovascular risk factors (all  $P_{\text{trend}} < .001$ ). Hypertension significantly increased risk for coronary artery disease (RR, 6.1), heart





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## CCSS Cardiovascular Risk Calculator

This risk assessment tool predicts risk of heart failure, ischemic heart disease, and stroke by age 50 among survivors of childhood cancer. It uses information from the CCSS papers, "Individual prediction of heart failure among childhood cancer survivors" ([Chow et al., ...](#)) and "Prediction of ischemic heart disease and stroke among childhood cancer survivors" ([Chow et al., ...](#)), which created clinically useful models with readily available demographic and cancer treatment information. These models were designed specifically for patients who have recently completed cancer treatment (5 years from cancer diagnosis). These models have been validated in separate groups of childhood cancer survivors: Emma Children's Hospital and Academic Medical Center (Amsterdam, the Netherlands), the St. Jude Lifetime Cohort Study, and the National Wilms Tumor Study.

<https://ccss.stjude.org/tools-and-documents/calculators-and-other-tools/ccss-cardiovascular-risk-calculator.html>

### Calculation Results

#### Heart Failure

Using the **Standard+Heart Model** for survivors who are 5-years from cancer diagnosis::

- **Risk Group is Moderate**
- The overall risk score is **4**
- The estimated probability of developing Heart Failure by 50 years of age is **8.8%** (95% confidence interval = **6.6-10.9%**)
- The relative risk of developing Heart Failure compared to a non-cancer sibling comparison is **11.3** (95% confidence interval = **6.2-20.8**)
- Data Used For Calculation
  - Patient's current age? This calculator is primarily designed for people currently aged <40 years, and only provides predictions up to age 50. To see risks associated with 5-year survivors in general without the influence of subsequent aging, select <20 < 20
  - Gender? **Male**
  - Patient's age at diagnosis? **5 - 9**
  - Were any anthracyclines used? **Yes, cumulative dose known**
  - What was the anthracycline dose? **100 - 249 mg/m<sup>2</sup>**
  - Was there radiation to the chest? **No**



AHA SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT

# Long-term Cardiovascular Toxicity in Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults Who Receive Cancer Therapy: Pathophysiology, Course, Monitoring, Management, Prevention, and Research Directions

A Scientific Statement From the American Heart Association



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## Cardiomyopathy

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### At what frequency should surveillance be performed for high risk survivors?

Cardiomyopathy surveillance **is recommended** for High Risk survivors to begin no later than 2 years after completion of cardiotoxic therapy, repeated at 5 years after diagnosis and continued every 5 years thereafter.

More frequent cardiomyopathy surveillance **is reasonable** for High Risk survivors.

### Recommendations

We present the recommendations for cardiomyopathy surveillance for childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer survivors treated with anthracycline chemotherapy and/or radiation to that include the heart (i.e. chest radiation).

# Routine evaluation

- History: background, CVS risk factor, heart failure symptoms, palpitation, syncope
- Examination: BP / HR / gallop rhythm
- ECG – QT interval
- CXR
- Echocardiogram: systolic/ diastolic function, valve, PHT .....

On request:

- MUGA (Multigated radionuclide angiography)
- cMRI
- Troponins, BNP, NT-proBNP
- Holter
- Cardiopulmonary exercise testing



## CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION Management of Cancer Therapy-Induced Cardiovascular Complications



Cancer patients often have co-existing heart diseases;  
Cancer therapies can cause cardiovascular (CV) complications



Cardiologists and cancer specialists should work together  
to identify high-risk patients & modify CV risk factors

### Cardiomyopathy



**Strategies for reducing cardiotoxicity:**

**Anthracycline:** Dose reduction, continuous infusion, liposomal doxorubicin, dexrazoxane

**Trastuzumab:** Avoid concomitant anthracycline

**VSP inhibitors:** Treat hypertension



**Consider cardio-protection (Beta Blocker/ACE Inhibitors), if:**

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**Global Longitudinal Strain >15% drop**

**Myocardial damage (assessed via troponin)**



**Withhold certain cancer therapies as a last resort:**

**Anthracycline (withhold if EF <45%)**

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### Ischemia



**Ischemia workup:**

Stress test,  
cardiac catheterization



**Treatment:**

As per ACC/AHA guidelines



**If platelet count lower than 100,000/microliter of blood:**

Aspirin if platelet >10K

Dual anti-platelet therapy with aspirin and clopidogrel for drug eluting stents if platelet >30K

Cardiac catheterization via radial approach



Cardiomyopathy/ heart failure

# Anthracycline-induced cardiotoxicity

Characteristic	Acute Cardiotoxicity	Early-Onset Progressive Cardiotoxicity	Late-Onset Progressive Cardiotoxicity
Onset	Within the first week of anthracycline treatment	<1 y after completion of anthracycline treatment	≥1 y after completion of anthracycline treatment
Risk factor dependence	Unknown	Yes*	Yes*
Clinical features in adults	Transient depression of myocardial contractility	Dilated cardiomyopathy	Dilated cardiomyopathy
Clinical features in children	Transient depression of myocardial contractility	Restrictive cardiomyopathy and/or dilated cardiomyopathy	Restrictive cardiomyopathy and/or dilated cardiomyopathy
Course	Usually reversible on discontinuation of anthracycline	Can be progressive	Can be progressive

TABLE 1. **Proposed HF Classification for Infants and Children**

STAGE	DEFINITION	EXAMPLES
A	Patients with increased risk of developing HF but who have normal cardiac function and no evidence of cardiac chamber volume overload.	Previous exposure to cardiotoxic agents, family history of heritable cardiomyopathy, univentricular heart, congenitally corrected transposition of the great arteries.
B	Patients with abnormal cardiac morphology or cardiac function, with no symptoms of HF, past or present.	Aortic insufficiency with LV enlargement, history of anthracycline with decreased LV systolic function.
C	Patients with underlying structural or functional heart disease, and past or current symptoms of HF.	Dilated cardiomyopathy with chronic HF due to decreased LV systolic function.
D	Patients with end-stage HF requiring continuous infusion of inotropic agents, mechanical circulatory support, cardiac transplant, or hospice care.	Acute decompensated HF due to viral myocarditis.

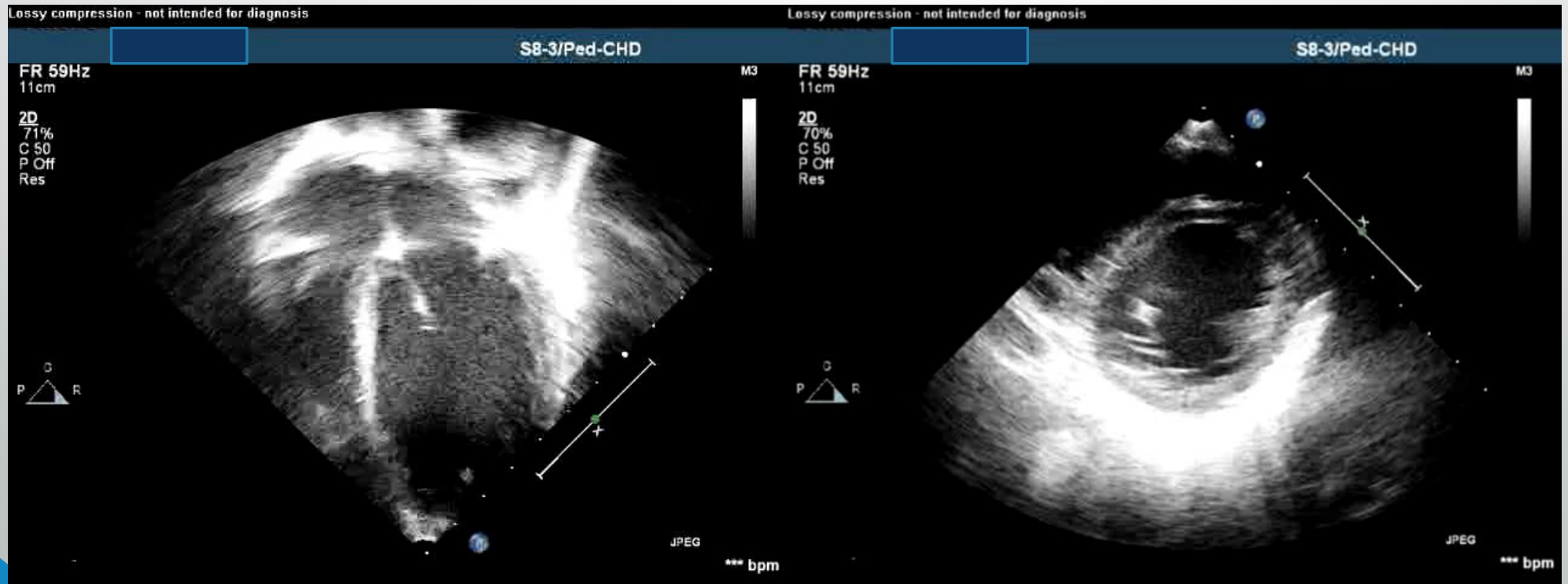
HF=heart failure, LV=left ventricular.

From Rosenthal D, Chrisant MR, Edens E, et al. *International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation: practice guidelines for management of heart failure in children.* J Heart Lung Transplant. 2004;23(12):1313.

Stage A At high risk for HF	Stage B Asymptomatic structural heart disease	Stage C Structural heart disease with previous or present symptoms of HF	Stage D Refractory HF requiring specialized interventions
<p>None</p> <p>Regular clinical surveillance and monitoring</p> <p>Annual echocardiography</p>	<p>The diagram consists of five horizontal arrows of different colors pointing from left to right, indicating the initiation of various medical therapies across the stages of heart failure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ACE inhibitor (blue arrow):</b> Initiated in Stage B and continues through Stages C and D.</li> <li><b><math>\beta</math> Blocker (red arrow):</b> Initiated in Stage B and continues through Stages C and D.</li> <li><b>Angiotensin-receptor blocker (green arrow):</b> Initiated in Stage C and continues through Stage D.</li> <li><b>Diuretic (orange arrow):</b> Initiated in Stage C and continues through Stage D.</li> <li><b>Digoxin (purple arrow):</b> Initiated in Stage C and continues through Stage D.</li> <li><b>Inotropes, intravenous vasodilator, ventricular assist device (black text):</b> Used in Stage D.</li> </ul>		

**Figure 3.** Medical therapy for heart failure (HF) by stage. Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors and  $\beta$ -blockers may be initiated in asymptomatic individuals with ventricular dysfunction at a low dose and uptitrated to the target dosage based on tolerance of the medication. (Modified with permission from Kantor PF, Lougheed J, Dancea A, et al; Children's Heart Failure Study Group. Presentation, diagnosis, and medical management of heart failure in children: Canadian Cardiovascular Society guidelines. *Can J Cardiol.* 2013;29(12):1535–1552.)

- F/ 8 year - AML (M1 subtype)
- Treated with HKPHOSG-DBH-AML protocol 2012 – diagnose 6/2018
- Completed chemotherapy- 12/2018
- Cumulative dose of anthracycline – 180 mg/m<sup>2</sup>



LVIDD 4.42 cm, LVEF 40.6%; LV E/e' 17.6

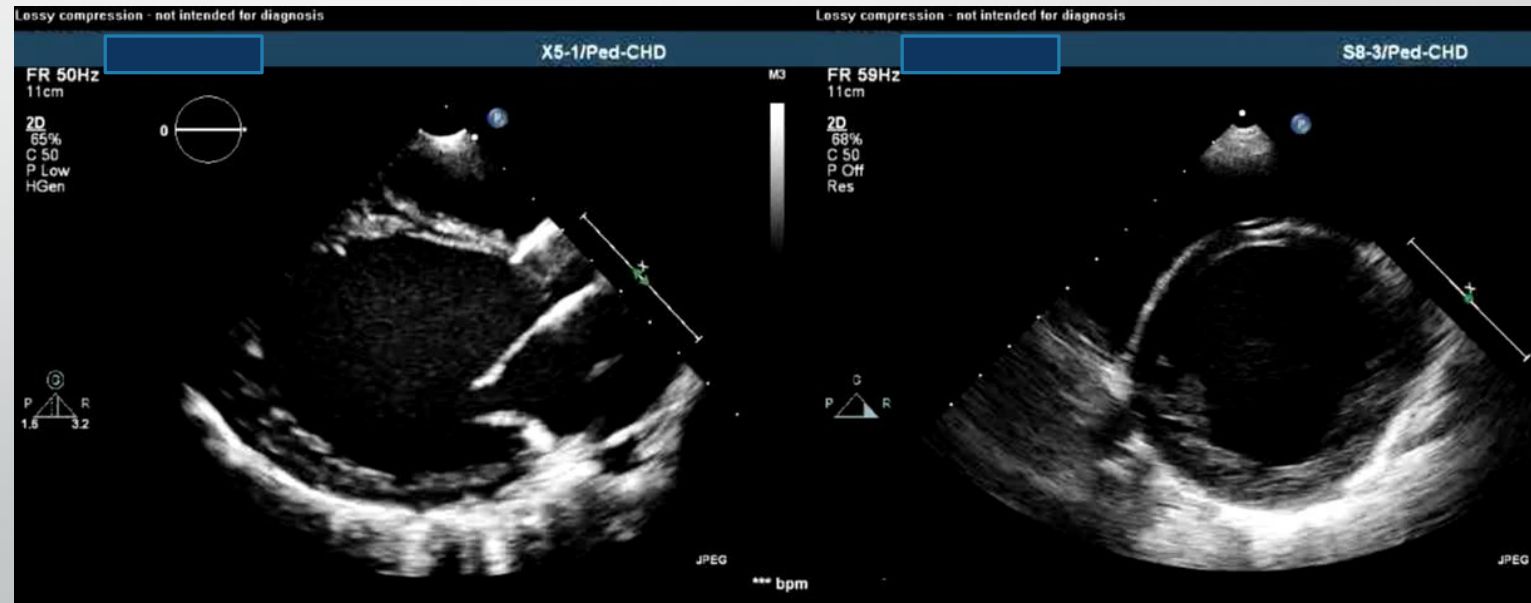
Enalapril was started → 3 months later

LVIDD 4.84 cm, LVEF 31% (Simpson biplane)

Carvedilol was added → 6 month later  
start to have exertional symptoms

6MWT = 375 m  
NT-proBNP 4850 pg/ml

LVIDD 5.28 cm, LVEF 20% (simpson  
biplane)  
LV E/e' = 14.3  
Cannot walk more than 15 minutes  
on level ground



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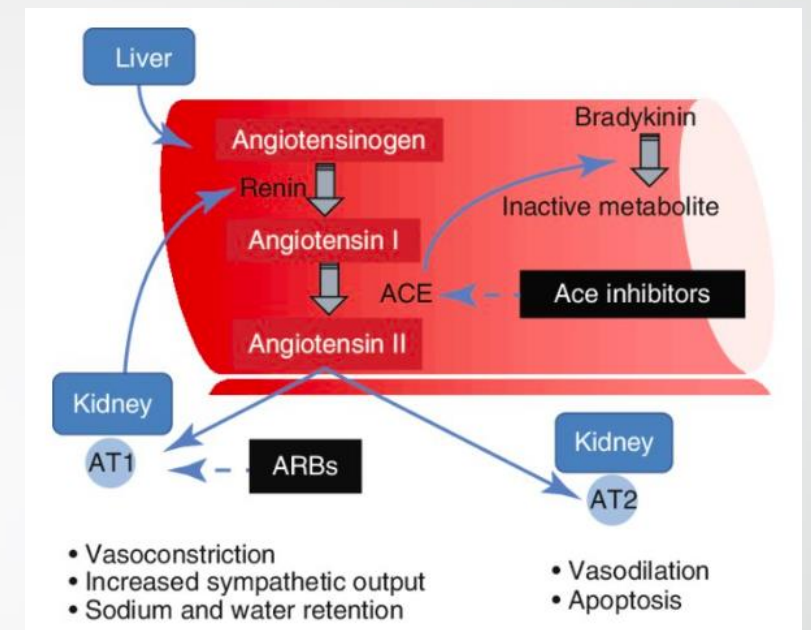
## Recommendations for Renin-Angiotensin System Inhibition With ACE Inhibitor or ARB or ARNI

COR	LOE	Recommendations	Comment/Rationale
I	ACE-I: A	The clinical strategy of inhibition of the renin-angiotensin system with ACE inhibitors (Level of Evidence: A), <sup>128-133</sup> <u>OR</u> ARBs (Level of Evidence: A), <sup>134-137</sup> <u>OR</u> ARNI (Level of Evidence: B-R) <sup>138</sup> in conjunction with evidence-based beta blockers, <sup>9,139,140</sup> and aldosterone antagonists in selected patients, <sup>141,142</sup> is recommended for patients with chronic HFrEF to reduce morbidity and mortality.	<b>NEW:</b> New clinical trial data prompted clarification and important updates.
	ARB: A		
	ARNI: B-R		



# Diuretics, Fluid restriction and Nutrition

- Loop diuretics – s/s of congestion; symptomatic relief
- Aldosterone antagonists – weak diuretics but have other features, e.g. antifibrotic; evidence in adults non-oncology patients to reduce mortality / alleviate HF symptoms
- Metabolic demand increases /high conc of neurohormones such TNF-alpha  
→ cardiac cachexia



Banik et al 2014

# Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors/ Angiotensin 2 receptor blockers

# Use of ACEI/ARB in the treatment of heart failure/ cardiac dysfunction in Paediatric Cancer survivors

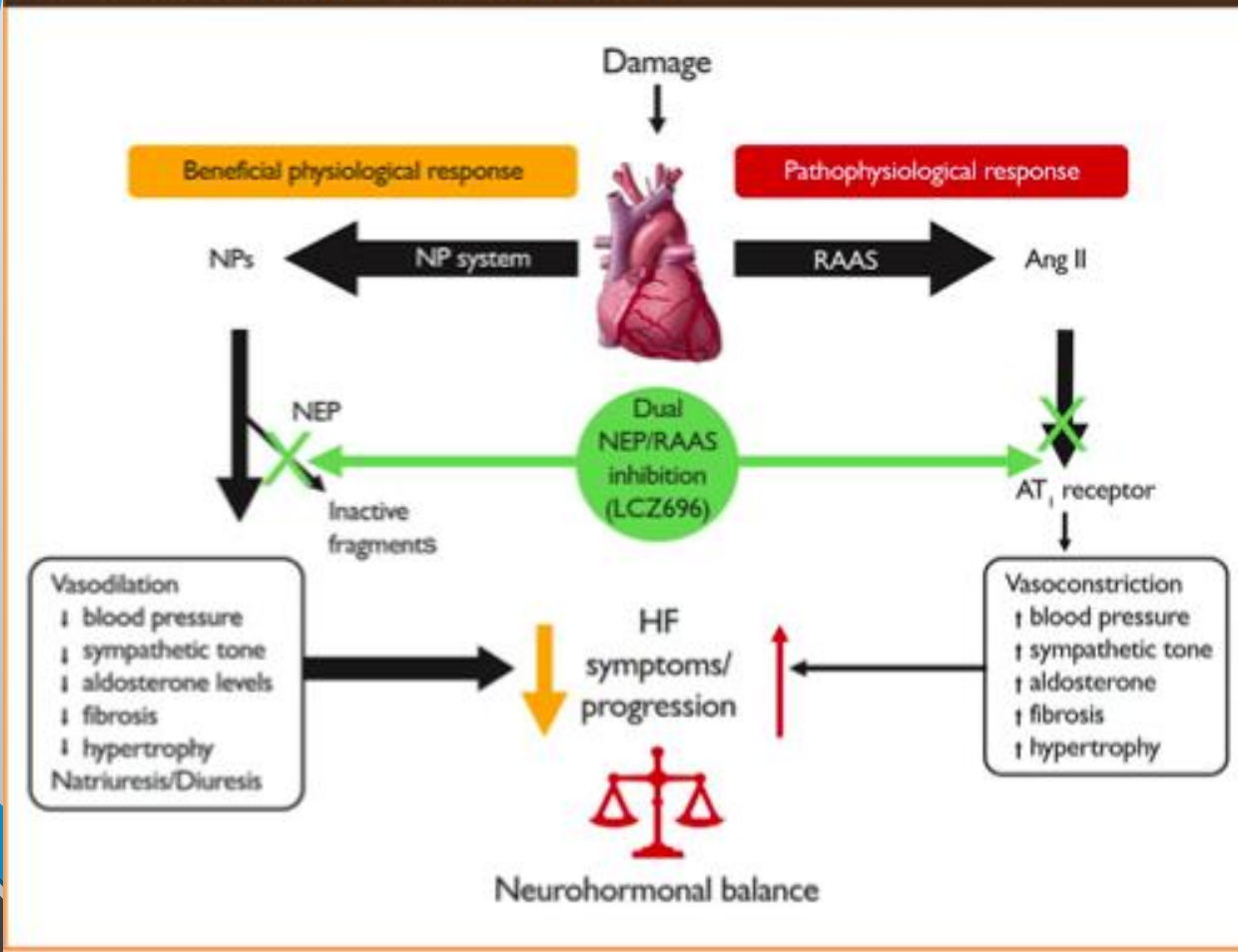
Authors	Design	Drug	n	Median age of diagnosis	Imaging	Remarks	Results
Harrington et al 2018	Retrospective	ACEI/ARB	22	14.8 (6.4-21.6)	Echo strain	Retrospective improvement "on own" possible ? reason to start ACEI	Improvement maintained for $\geq 1$ year ( $p=0.02$ )
Silber et al 2004	RCT, double blinded (SF $\leq 29\%$ or 10% drop; EF $\leq 55\%$ , MCI $\leq 7.4$ )	Enalapril 0.05 $\rightarrow$ 0.15 mg/kg/day	135	7.2-8.2 (0.3-21.8)	Echo – wall stress	High rate of dizziness/ Hypotension	No change in exercise performance, LVESWS maintained beyond 1 year of treatment
Lipshultz et al 2002	Retrospective (long term data)	Enalapril 18 mg /d	18	8 (1-18.1)	Echo	Mean time from completion of doxorubuiin to start of enalapril – 6.95 (0.42-14.2)  Median FU since enalapril – 10.0 (6.5 – 13.1)  No control	First 6 year – Progressive improvement toward normal values (LV dimension, FS, mass) but deteriorated 6-10 years  LV wall thickness , LV contractility $\downarrow$ , SBP/DBP worsen

# Carvedilol

- Alpha-1 blockade – afterload reduction
- Beta-1 and beta-2 blockade – blockade of adrenergic activation
- potent antioxidant (~ 10 times more potent than a-tocopherol) and antiapoptotic properties
- Have shown carvedilol significantly reduced LVESV but enalapril only arrested further dilatation
- Established treatment for heart failure

# ARNI

## Mechanism of action of LCZ696



- Valsartan/ sacubitril
- Side effects: angioedema, hypotension, renal insufficiency

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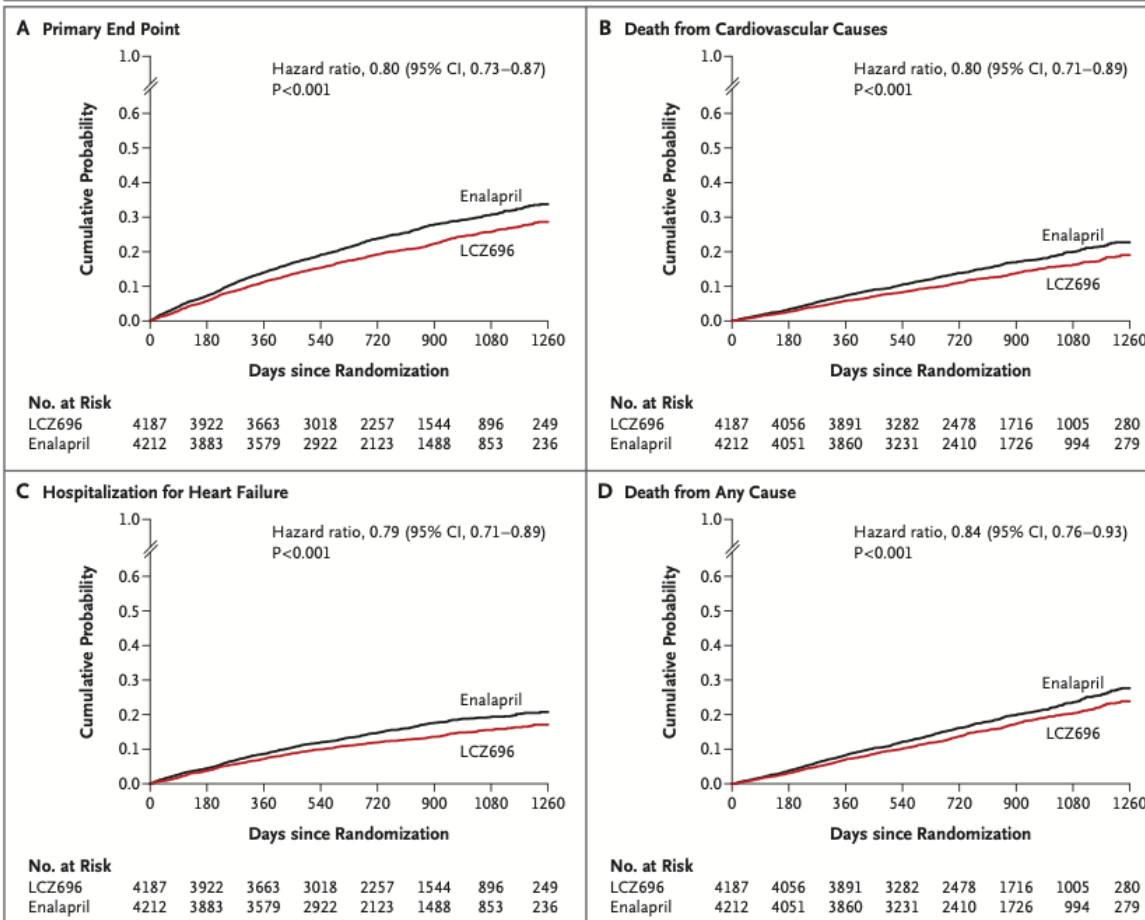
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## Angiotensin–Neprilysin Inhibition versus Enalapril in Heart Failure

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N= 8442

Class II-IV heart failure  
LVEF ≤ 40%

LCZ696 200 mg BD  
Enalapril 10 mg BD

FU 27 month  
(premature termination because of overwhelming benefit)

**Table 3. Adverse Events during Randomized Treatment.\***

Event	LCZ696 (N=4187)	Enalapril (N=4212)	P Value
	no. (%)		
<b>Hypotension</b>			
Symptomatic	588 (14.0)	388 (9.2)	<0.001
Symptomatic with systolic blood pressure <90 mm Hg	112 (2.7)	59 (1.4)	<0.001
<b>Elevated serum creatinine</b>			
≥2.5 mg/dl	139 (3.3)	188 (4.5)	0.007
≥3.0 mg/dl	63 (1.5)	83 (2.0)	0.10
<b>Elevated serum potassium</b>			
>5.5 mmol/liter	674 (16.1)	727 (17.3)	0.15
>6.0 mmol/liter	181 (4.3)	236 (5.6)	0.007
<b>Cough</b>	474 (11.3)	601 (14.3)	<0.001
<b>Angioedema†</b>			
No treatment or use of antihistamines only	10 (0.2)	5 (0.1)	0.19
Use of catecholamines or glucocorticoids without hospitalization	6 (0.1)	4 (0.1)	0.52
Hospitalization without airway compromise	3 (0.1)	1 (<0.1)	0.31
Airway compromise	0	0	—

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I	ARNI: B-R	In patients with chronic symptomatic HFrEF NYHA class II or III who tolerate an ACE inhibitor or ARB, replacement by an ARNI is recommended to further reduce morbidity and mortality. <sup>138</sup>
III: Harm	B-R	ARNI should not be administered concomitantly with ACE inhibitors or within 36 hours of the last dose of an ACE inhibitor. <sup>148,149</sup>
III: Harm	C-EO	ARNI should not be administered to patients with a history of angioedema.

## Effectiveness of sacubitril–valsartan in cancer patients with heart failure

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Sacubitril-vasartan - Entresto

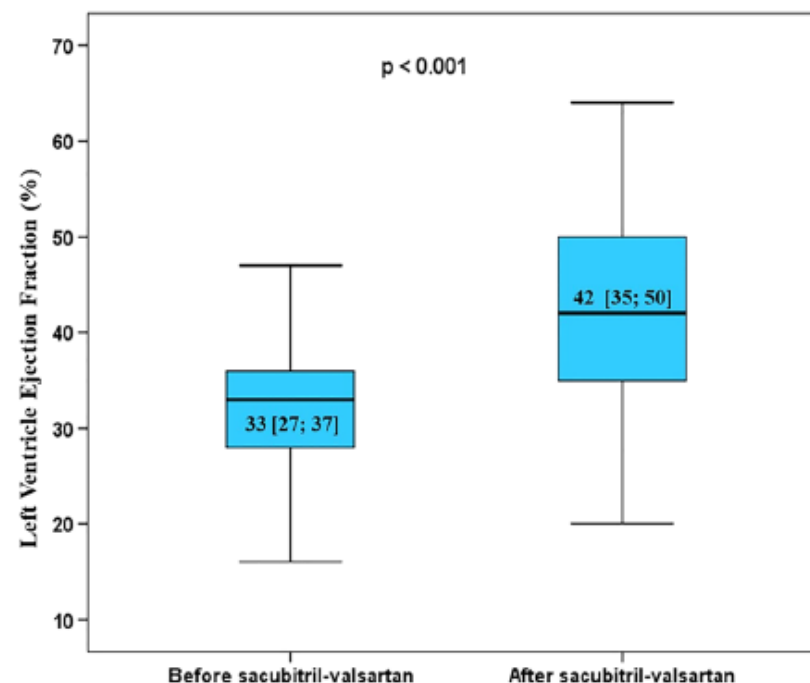
- Retrospective multicenter – 6 Spanish hospitals
  - FU 4.6 month
  - N= 67 ; median age 63+/- 14
  - Median time from anti-CA therapy to cardiac dysfunction = 41 month
  - Baseline median LVEF = 33 [27;37]%; 90% symptomatic NYHA class II-IV
  - Sacubitril-valsartan 50 mg BD – 200 mg BD
- Discontinued in 4 (symptomatic Hypotension, renal impairment, sever pruritis)



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Figure 1 Left ventricular ejection fraction before and after sacubitril-valsartan treatment



	Before sacubitril–valsartan	After sacubitril–valsartan	P value
Left ventricle end-diastolic volume (mL)	144 [119; 184]	129 [107; 168]	0.006
Left ventricle end-systolic volume (mL)	93 [72; 128]	73 [54; 104]	<0.001
e/e'	13 [9; 18]	11 [8; 15]	0.053
Global longitudinal strain (%)	−10.5 [−13; −7.3]	−12 [−15; −8]	0.49
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)	116 [106; 119]	112 [100; 126]	0.006
Diastolic blood pressure (mmHg)	70 [61; 76]	68 [60; 72]	0.30
Heart rate (b.p.m.)	74 [65; 81]	68 [60; 75]	0.01
Creatinine (mg/dL)	0.9 [0.7; 1.1]	0.9 [0.7; 1.1]	0.055
Estimated glomerular filtration rate (mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	76 [64; 90]	70 [53; 88]	0.02
Potassium serum levels (mg/dL)	4.5 [4.1; 4.8]	4.5 [4.2; 4.8]	0.50
NT-proBNP (pg/mL)	1552 [692; 3624]	776 [339; 1458]	0.001
NYHA functional class	2.2 ± 0.6	1.6 ± 0.6	<0.001

NT-proBNP, N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide; NYHA, New York Heart Association.

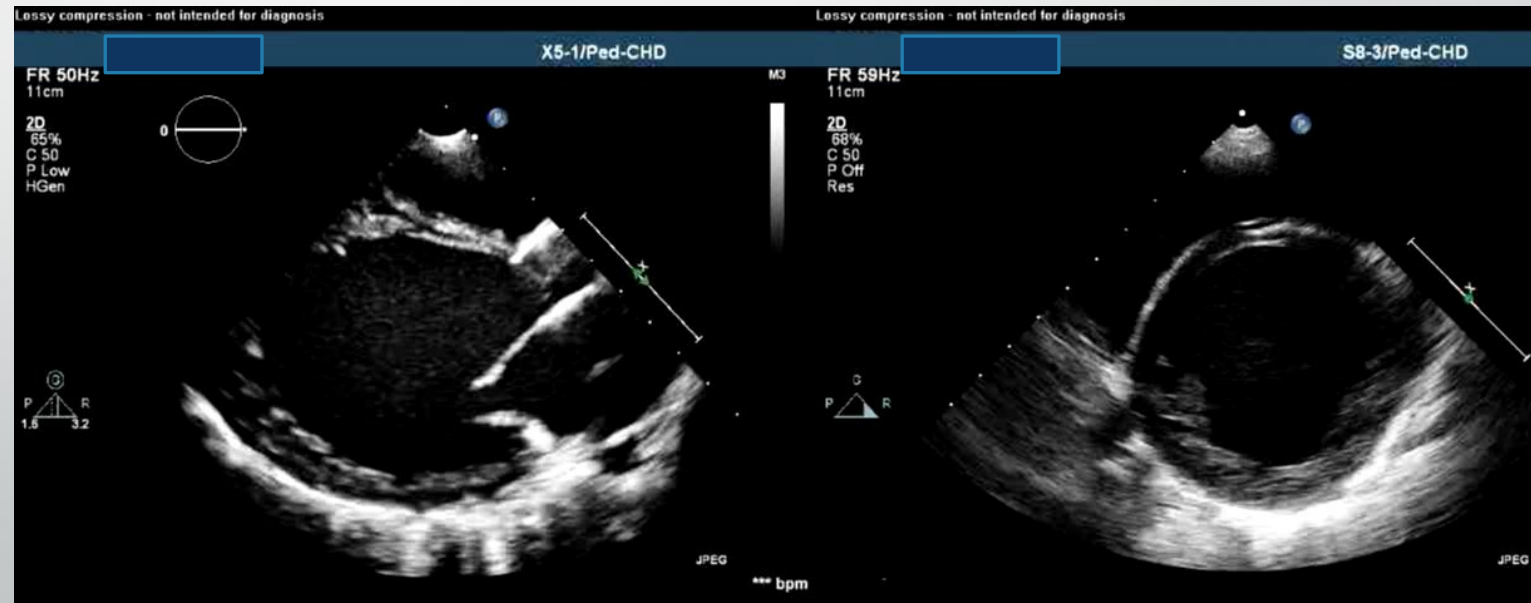
Enalapril was started → 3 months later

LVIDD 4.84 cm, LVEF 31% (Simpson biplane)

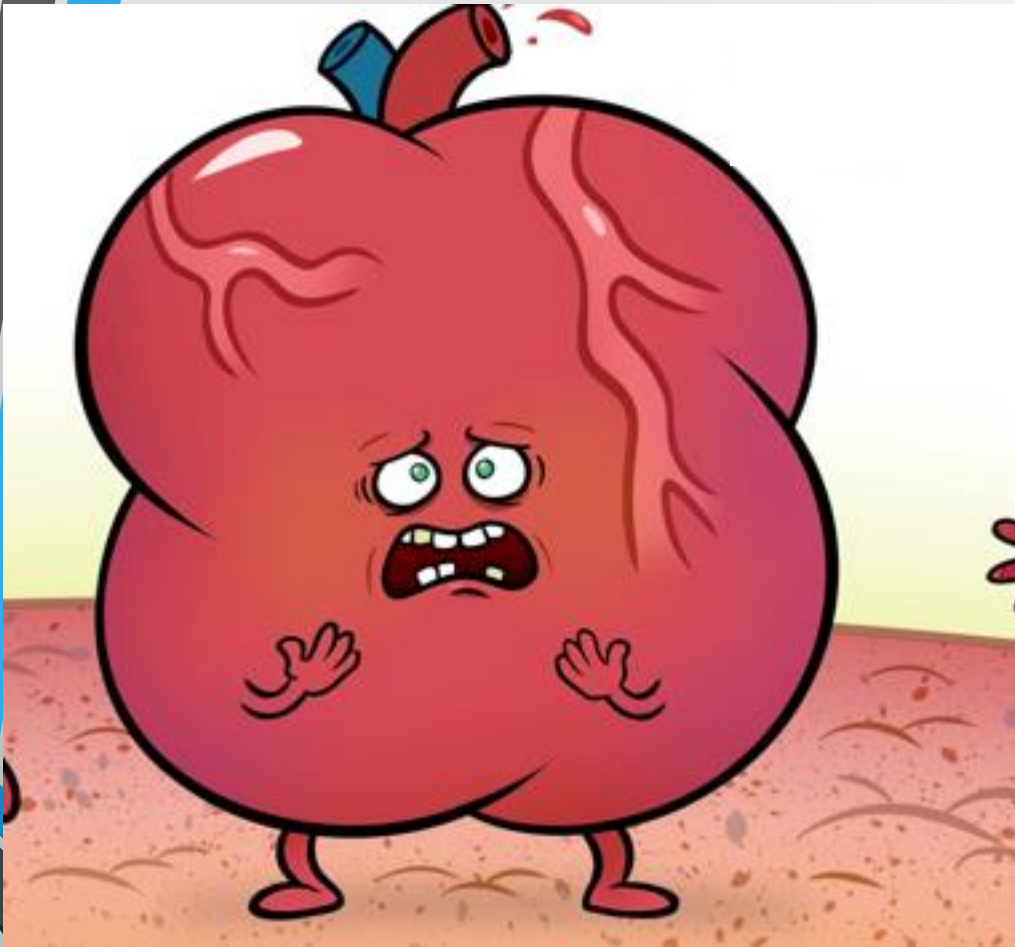
Carvedilol was added → 6 month later  
start to have exertional symptoms

6MWT = 375 m  
NT-proBNP 4850 pg/ml

LVIDD 5.28 cm, LVEF 20% (simpson  
biplane)  
LV E/e' = 14.3  
Cannot walk more than 15 minutes  
on level ground



Could you do something earlier ?



# Primary prevention – general measures

- Comorbidities: HT, systolic dysfunction, metabolic disorders
- HT has been proved the most important modifiable CVS risk factors for cancer survivors (Armstrong et al. J Clin Oncol 2013)
- Unfavorable lifestyle choices: smoking, overweight, reduced physical activities

Recommendations for patients treated for cancer

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>	Ref <sup>c</sup>
Cardio-protection in high-risk patients <sup>d</sup> receiving type I chemotherapy should be considered for LV dysfunction prevention	IIa	B	160, 161
Optimization of the CV risk profile should be considered in cancer treated patients.	IIa	C	

# Cardiomyopathy

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## Recommendations

Here we present the recommendations for cardiomyopathy surveillance for childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer survivors treated with anthracycline chemotherapy and/or radiation to fields that include the heart (i.e. chest radiation).

## What advice should be given regarding physical activity?

Regular exercise, as recommended by the AHA and ESC, offers potential benefits to survivors treated with anthracyclines and/or chest radiation.

Regular exercise *is recommended* for survivors treated with anthracyclines and/or chest radiation who have normal LV systolic function.

Cardiology consultation *is recommended* for survivors with asymptomatic cardiomyopathy to define limits and precautions for exercise.

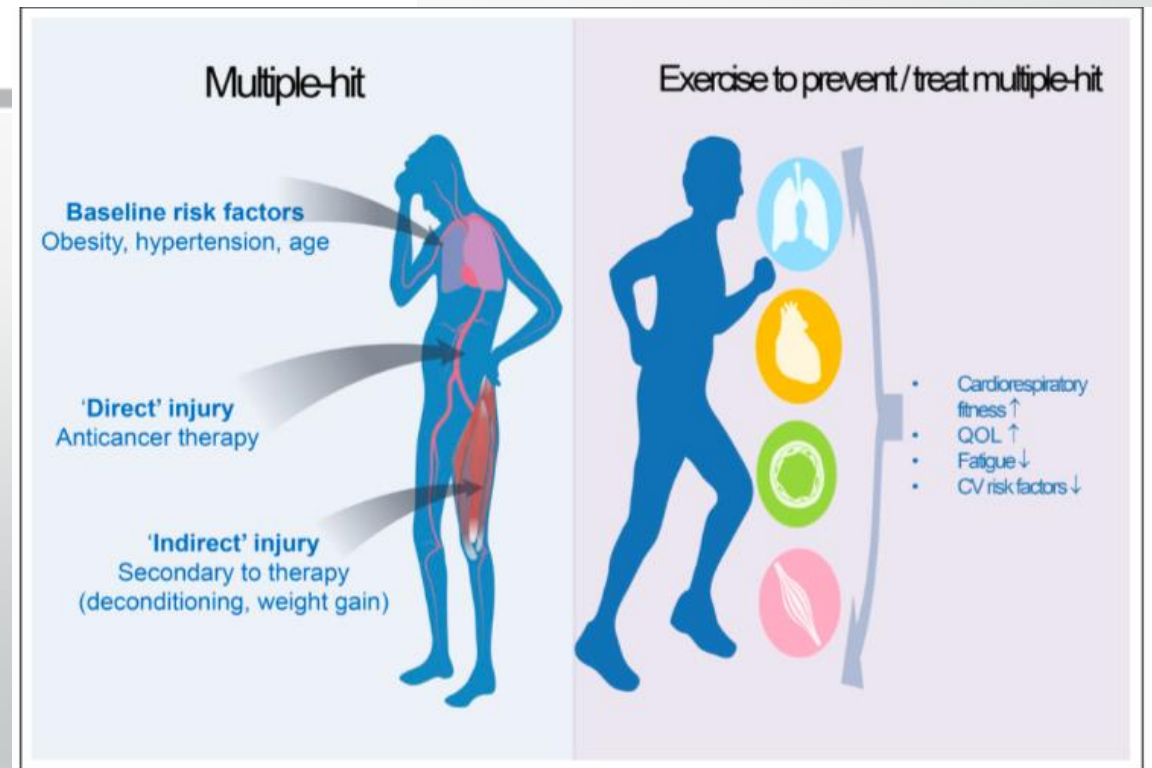
Cardiology consultation *may be reasonable* for *High Risk* survivors who plan to participate in high intensity exercise to define limits and precautions for physical activity.

Screening for modifiable cardiovascular risk factors (hypertension, diabetes, dyslipidemia, obesity) *is recommended* for all survivors treated with anthracyclines and/or chest radiation so that necessary interventions can be initiated to help avert the risk of symptomatic cardiomyopathy.

**AHA SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT**

# Cardio-Oncology Rehabilitation to Manage Cardiovascular Outcomes in Cancer Patients and Survivors: A Scientific Statement From the American Heart Association

Cardiac rehabilitation:  
“the provision of comprehensive long-term services involving medical evaluation, prescriptive exercise, cardiac risk factor modification, and education, counseling, and behavioral interventions.”



**Figure 2.** Potential benefits that exercise training may confer to patients with cancer at heightened risk for cardiovascular (CV) disease. QOL indicates quality of life.



Prophylactic ACEI/ARB

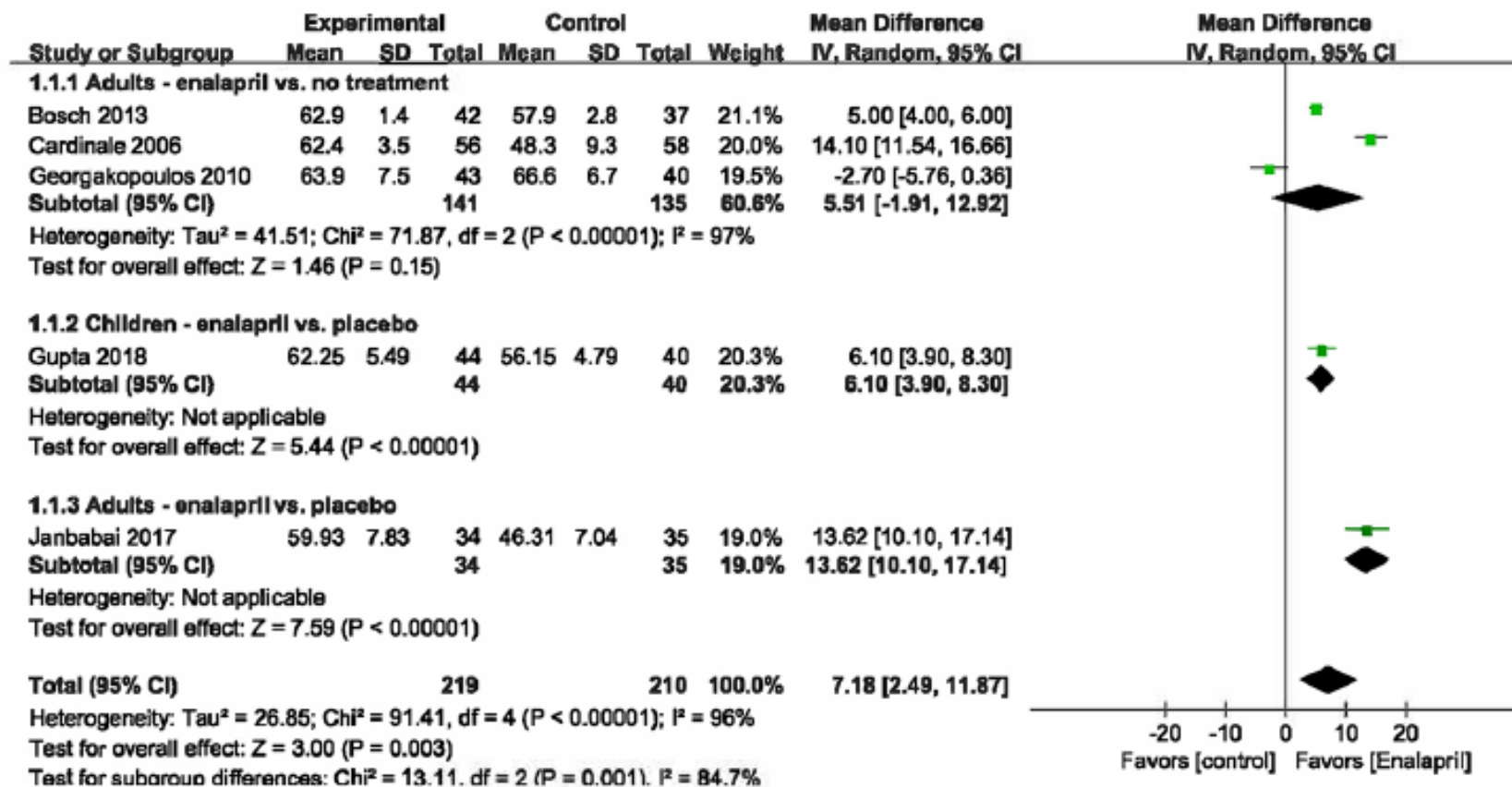
Authors	Design	Drug	n	Cancer	Imaging	Biochem	Limitation	Results
Cardinale et al 2006	RCT	Enalapril (2.5 → 20 mg daily) [1 month after chemo; high Tnl as treatment group – till 1 year]	114	Leukemia, breast, sarcoma, lymphoma, myeloma	Echo	Tnl	No placebo, open-label, lack of pre-specified and well-defined end-points	✓ ✓ less LVEF reduction, less LVESV/LVEDV increase ↓ 9.7% (echo) in control
Georgakopoulos et al 2010	RCT	Enalapril (11 +/- 0.68 mg daily) or metoprolol (88 +/- 3.1 mg daily)	125	Lymphoma	Echo		Open-label no placebo	✗ 36-month – less HF but not statistically significant
Liu et al 2013	RCT	Carvedilol (5→ 10 mg daily) + candesartan (2.5 mg daily) [start at 1 <sup>st</sup> cycle]	40	Breast	Echo, ECG	Tnl	Small sample size Short FU	✓ not prevent LVEF decline, but prevent Tnl and ECG changes
Bosch et al 2013 <b>OVERCOME</b>	RCT	Enalapril (2.5 → 20 mg daily) + carvedilol (12.5 → 50 mg daily) [start at 1 <sup>st</sup> cycle]	90	ALL/AML, lymphoma, myeloma	Echo, cMRI	Tnl, BNP	Small sample size, not blinded, no placebo	✓ ✓ lower mortality, heart failure, less LVEF changes ↓ 3.1% (echo); ↓ 3.4% (CMR)
Boekhout et al 2016	RCT, placebo	Candesartan (16 → 32 mg daily) [before → 26 week after trastuzumab]	206	Breast	Echo	hsTnT, BNP, ERBB2	Lack of universally used definition of trastuzumab-related cardiotoxic effects	✗
Gulati et al 2016 <b>PRADA</b>	RCT, placebo, double blind	Candesartan (8→ 32 mg daily); metoprolol (50 → 100 mg daily) [Before]	130 (block of 4)	Breast	Echo, cMRI	Tnl, BNP	Lack of FU info beyond adjuvant therapy	✓ not reduce Tnl Affect remodeling, lower LVEF decline (0.8% vs 2.6%)
Cadeddu et al 2010; Dessi et al 2013	RCT, placebo	Telmisartan 40 mg daily [before]	49	Lymphoma, endometrium, breast, ..	Echo	IL-6, TNF-α, ROS, GPx	Small sample size, short FU	✓ ✓ 18-month FU
Pituskin et al 2017 <b>MANTICORE</b>	RCT, placebo, double blinded	Bisoprolol (2.5 → 10 mg daily); Perindopril (2 → 8 mg daily) [before]	94	breast	cMRI		Small sample size	✓ attenuated trastuzumab-mediated decline in LVEF, not prevent ventricular remodeling (3% vs 5%)
Guglin et al 2019 <b>USF study</b>	RCT, placebo, double-blinded	Lisinopril 10mg daily Carvedilol CR 10 mg daily	468	Breast TZB with or without anthracycline	Echo MUGA	Tnl, BNP	Intercentre variability in LVEF measurement	✓ Post anthracycline exposed group: Cardiac events: placebo 47%; lisinopril 37%; carvedilol 31% [2 year]
Korzeniowska et al, Therapeutic and clinical risk management 2019								



# Protective Role of Enalapril in Anthracycline-Induced Cardiotoxicity: A Systematic Review

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**RESEARCH ARTICLE**

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# Role of ACE inhibitors in anthracycline-induced cardiotoxicity: A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial

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RCT, placebo-controlled  
N= 84 (41 leukemia; 43 lymphoma)  
Primary outcome – LVEF decrease by  
<20%

2-16 years at diagnosis, cumulative  
anthracycline  $\geq 200 \text{ mg/m}^2$   
Enalapril 0.1mg/kg/day

**TABLE 3** Comparison of LVEF and cardiac biomarkers at 0 and at 6 months between groups

Variables	Time period	Group A (enalapril) mean $\pm$ SD n= 44	Group B (placebo) mean $\pm$ SD n= 40	P value
LVEF	0 months	65.73 $\pm$ 5.41	64.85 $\pm$ 4.94	0.442
	6 months	62.25 $\pm$ 5.49	56.15 $\pm$ 4.79	<0.001
cTnl	0 months	0.01 $\pm$ 0.00	0.01 $\pm$ 0.00	1.00
	6 months	0.01 $\pm$ 0.00	0.011 $\pm$ 0.003	0.035
proBNP	0 months	5.00 $\pm$ 0.00	5.00 $\pm$ 0.00	-
	6 months	49.60 $\pm$ 35.97	98.60 $\pm$ 54.24	<0.001
CK-MB	0 months	1.00 $\pm$ 0.00	1.00 $\pm$ 0.00	-
	6 months	1.08 $\pm$ 0.18	1.21 $\pm$ 0.44	0.079



Prophylactic Beta-blocker

# Meta-Analysis of Carvedilol for the Prevention of Anthracycline-Induced Cardiotoxicity

Table 1  
Characteristics of the included randomized clinical trials.

First author	Location	Follow-up (months)	Study period	Total no.	Malignancy	Anthracycline type	Average cumulative dose	End points			
								Primary outcome	C	P	p value
Avila 2018 CECCY	Brazil	6	2013–2017	192	Breast cancer	Doxorubicin	240 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Prevention of a ≥ 10% reduction in LVEF	14.5%	13.5%	1.0
Nabati 2017	Iran	6	2014–2016	91	Breast cancer	Doxorubicin	354 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Changes in LVEF	-0.55 ± 5.60	-9.46 ± 5.93	<0.001
Beheshti 2016	Iran	0.25	–	70	Breast cancer	Doxorubicin	240 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Mean differences in strain rates	0.39 ± 4.5	2.77 ± 2.09	0.005
Jhorawat 2016	India	6	2008–2009	54	Lymphoreticular malignancy	Adriamycin	260 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Mortality	22.2%	18.5%	–
Elitok 2014	Turkey	6	2012–2013	80	Breast cancer	Doxorubicin	530 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Mortality	0%	0%	–
Liu 2013*	–	4.2	–	40	Breast cancer	Not specified	–	LVEF at sixth cycle	57.50 ± 2.57	45.95 ± 3.68	<0.05
Salehi 2011	Iran	4	–	66	Breast cancer and lymphoma	Doxorubicin and epirubicin	530 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Incidence of cardiomyopathy	13.6%	22.7%	0.284
Kalay 2006	Turkey	6	2003–2004	50	Various malignancies	Adriamycin and epirubicin	520 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	EF < 50%	4%	20%	–

Abbreviations: C = carvedilol; CECCY = carvedilol effect in preventing chemotherapy induced cardiotoxicity; EF = ejection fraction; LVEF = left ventricular ejection fraction; P = placebo.

\* Intervention group received both carvedilol and candesartan.

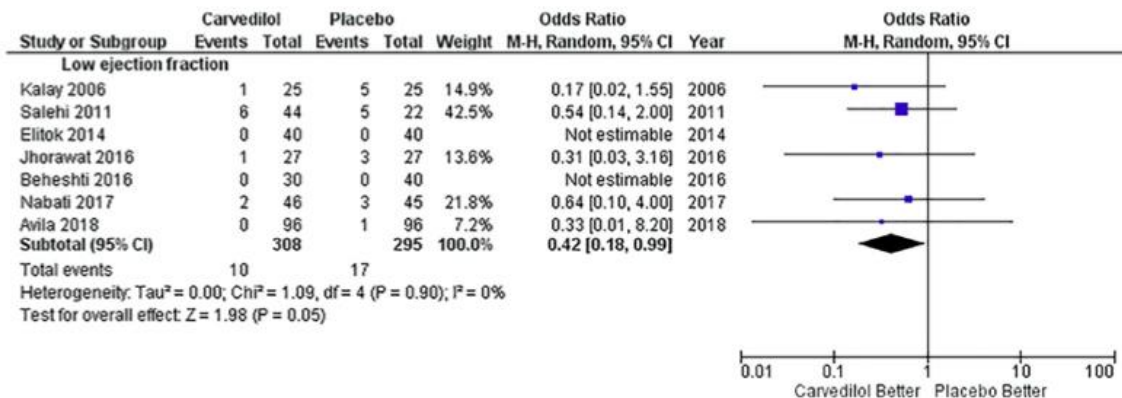


Figure 2. Forest plot of the occurrence of low ejection fraction.

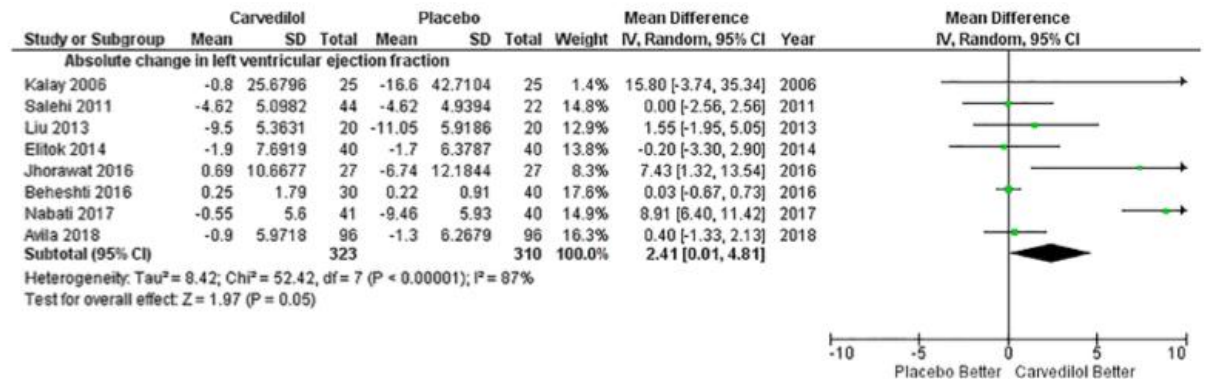
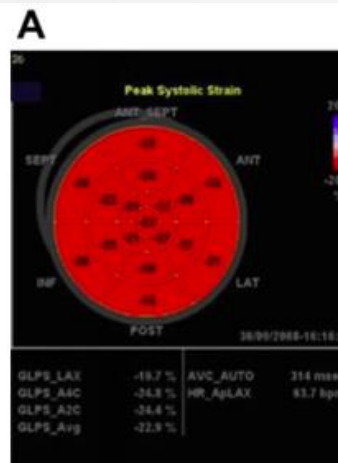
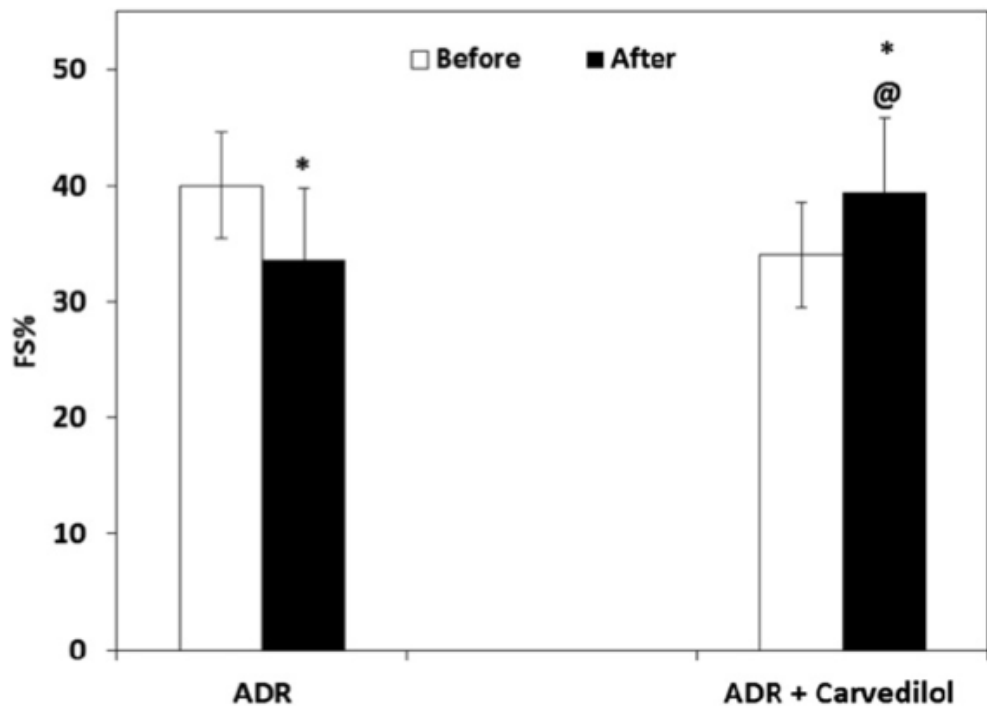


Figure 4. Forest plot of the absolute change in left ventricular ejection fraction.

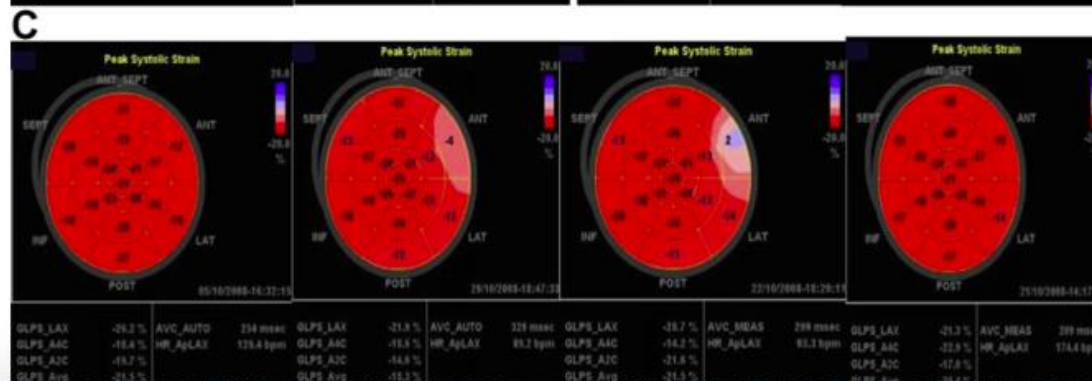
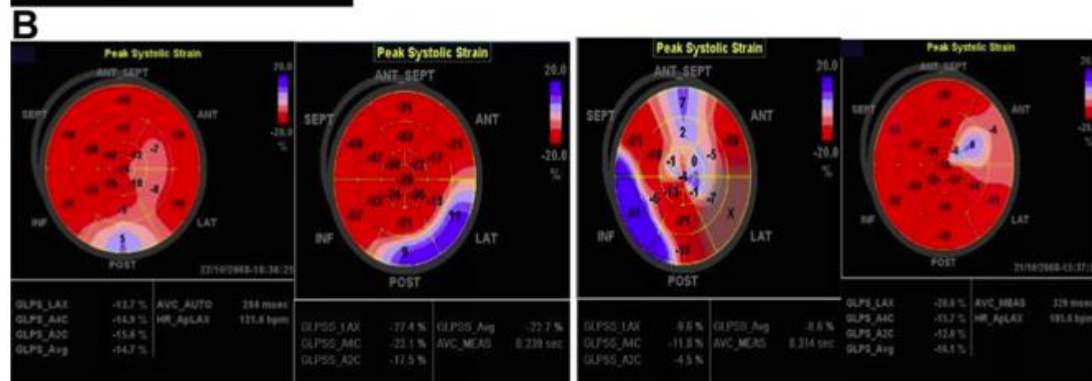
## Protective Effect of Carvedilol on Adriamycin-Induced Left Ventricular Dysfunction in Children With Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

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N=50 (25/25)  
After last Doxorubicin  
Pretreatment – increase in FS  
and global peak-systolic strain;  
inhibit increase in troponin and  
LDH



# Conclusion

- No robust data in paediatric
- Results – LVEF; not real symptoms of heart failure
- Long-latency between asymptomatic (stage A/B) and clinical evident (stage C/D) disease
- ? ACEI cannot halt the progression of disease
- Expose to complication and side effects

STUDY PROTOCOL

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Rationale and design of the Children's Oncology Group (COG) study ALTE1621: a randomized, placebo-controlled trial to determine if low-dose carvedilol can prevent anthracycline-related left ventricular remodeling in childhood cancer survivors at high risk for developing heart failure

Echo markers of cardiac remodelling and HF risk:  
LV wall thickness/dimension ratio; LVEF, volume

Biomarkers: BNP, galectin-3

250 childhood + HD anthracyclines

randomized, double blind, placebo-controlled trial

target dose 12.5 mg/day

Stage A At high risk for HF	Stage B Asymptomatic structural heart disease	Stage C Structural heart disease with previous or present symptoms of HF	Stage D Refractory HF requiring specialized interventions
None			
Treatment of HT Rehabilitation			
Regular clinical surveillance and monitoring			
Annual echocardiography			
	ACE inhibitor	$\beta$ Blocker	Angiotensin-receptor blocker
	Statin in adult	Diuretic	Digoxin
		Entresto Ivabradine	CRT/ICD Inotropes, intravenous vasodilator, ventricular assist device

**Figure 3.** Medical therapy for heart failure (HF) by stage. Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors and  $\beta$ -blockers may be initiated in asymptomatic individuals with ventricular dysfunction at a low dose and uptitrated to the target dosage based on tolerance of the medication. (Modified with permission from Kantor PF, Lougheed J, Dancea A, et al; Children's Heart Failure Study Group. Presentation, diagnosis, and medical management of heart failure in children: Canadian Cardiovascular Society guidelines. *Can J Cardiol.* 2013;29(12):1535–1552.)



# Hypertension

- Main issues in adult cancer patients/ survivor
- Major risk factor for development of anthracycline toxicity
- ACEI

# PHT

- CML – dasatinib (0.45%)
- Partial or complete reversal of PHT after discontinuation

# QT prolongation

**TABLE 3** Anticancer Agents Associated With QT Prolongation

Chemotherapy Agents	Frequency of Use	Incidence (%)	Comments
Histone deacetylase inhibitors			Tangent method of QT measurement
Belinostat	+	4-11	
Vorinostat	++++	3.5-6.0	Fridericia correction formula
Chemicals			
Arsenic trioxide	++	26-93	Correct low K or Mg
Small molecule tyrosine kinase inhibitors			
Dabrafenib	++++	2-13	Remove QTc prolonging medications
Dasatinib	++++	<1-3	
Lapatinib	++++	10-16	QTc >500 ms or >60 ms above baseline associated with TdP
Nilotinib	++++	<1-10	
Vandetanib	++++	8-14	TdP reported for arsenic trioxide, sunitinib, pazopanib, vandetanib, vemurafenib
BRAF inhibitor			
Vemurafenib	++++	3	

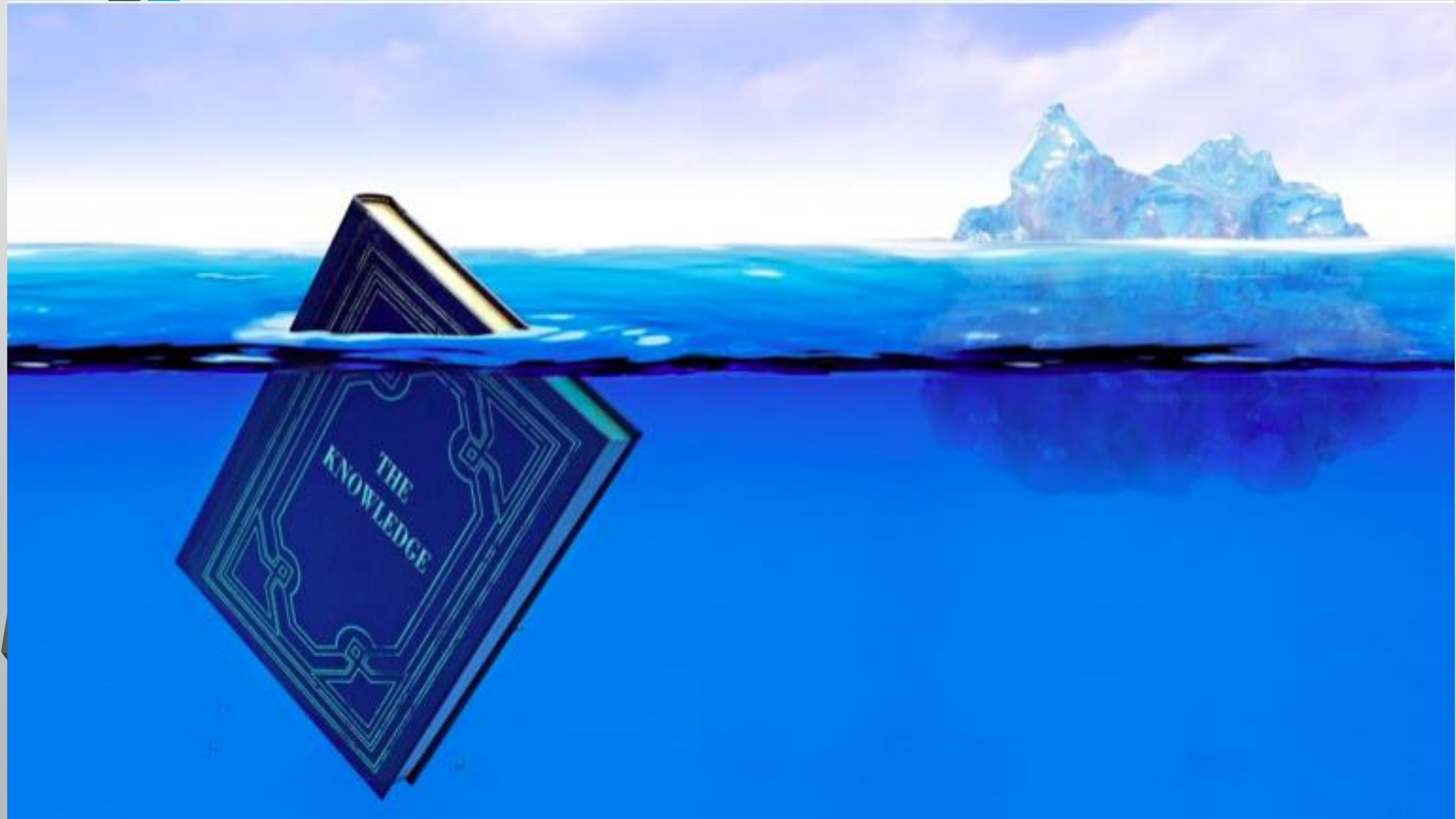
- Antiemetics, H2-blocker, PPI, antimicrobial agents, antipsychotics
- Vomiting -> electrolytes
- Treatment stopped when QTc > 500 ms
- QT prolongation medication avoidance  
[www.qtdrugs.org](http://www.qtdrugs.org)

See Table 1 for frequency of use description (55,72).

K – potassium; Mg – magnesium; QTc – corrected QT interval; TdP – torsades de pointes.

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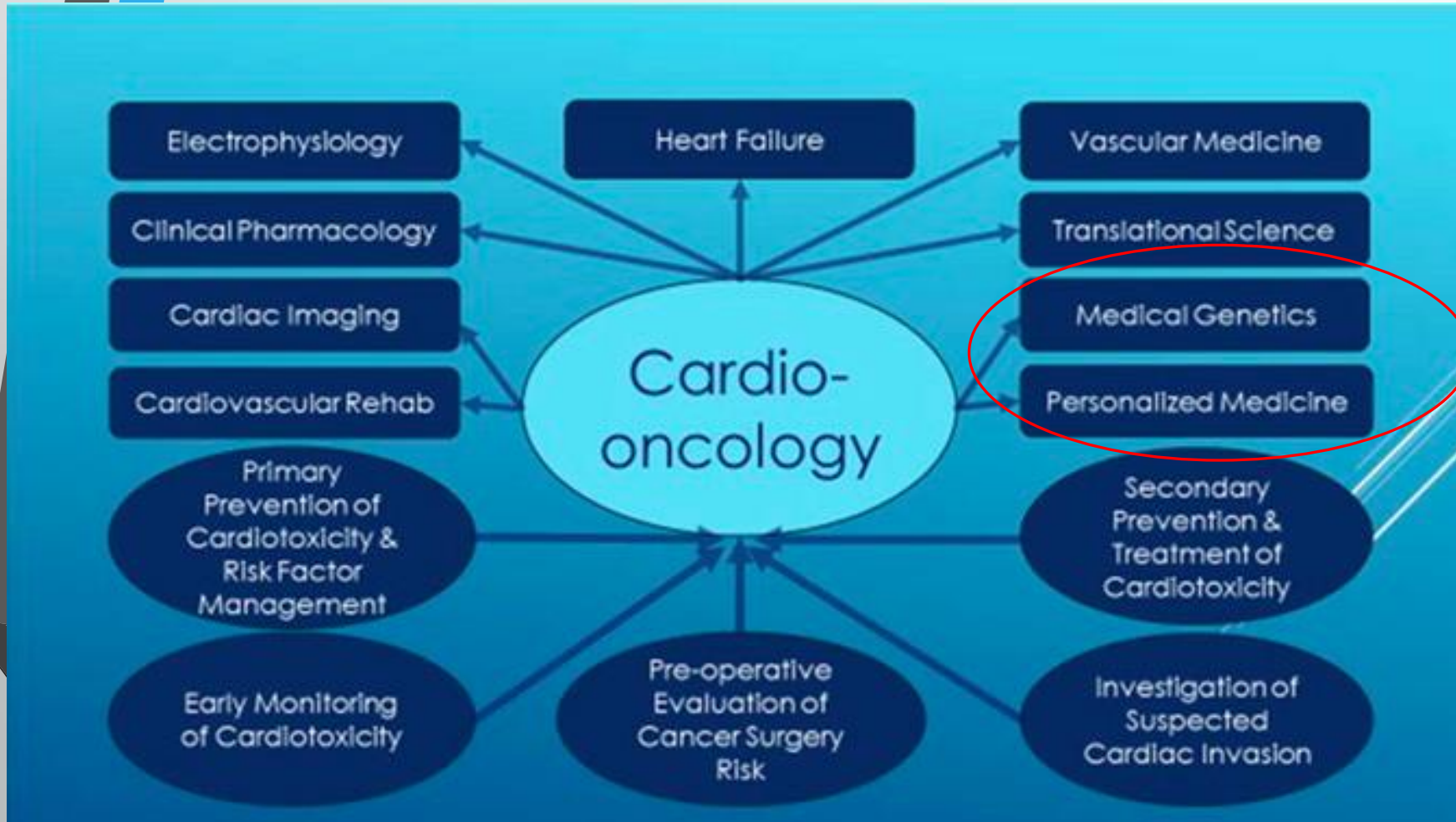
Genetic predispose in developing cardiomyopathy

Increase risk:

RARG rs2229774 (retinoic acid receptor gamma)

SLC28A3 rs7853758 (solute carrier family 28 member 3)

UGT1A6\*4 re17863783 (UDP glucuronosyltransferase family 1 member a6)





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# Monitoring and Treatment of CV Toxicities in Pediatric Cancer: What's Known and What's Needed

Nov 12, 2019 | Thomas D. Ryan, MD, FACC

Fewer than 10% of programs had cardio-oncology-specific training opportunities  
No formalized training for paediatric cardio-oncology

Oncologist's good understanding is equally importance - to ensure proper surveillance is followed, as well as integration of cardiology into care pathways when indicated

Involvement of adult cardiologists !

More than anthracycline to come !!



Thank you!