

# Prostate Cancer

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## Resources *(Guidelines)*

[Prostate Cancer: Advanced](#) ▼

(Published 2020; Amended 2023)

[Prostate Cancer: Early Detection](#) ▼

(2023)

[Prostate Cancer: Hypofractionated Radiotherapy](#) ▼

(2018)

[Prostate Cancer: Localized](#) ▼

(2022)

[Salvage Therapy for Prostate Cancer](#) ▼

(2024)



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## Resources *(Core Curriculum)*

**Prostate Cancer Screening, Diagnosis and Risk Stratification**

**Prostate Cancer Localized and Locally Advanced Treatment**

**Prostate Cancer: Advanced Disease**

Cancer Survivorship

Genetics and Genomics of Urologic Malignancy



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# Outline

- Epidemiology and Risk Factors
- Screening and Diagnosis
  - PSA, Biomarkers, MRI, Risk Stratification
- Treatment of Localized Cancer
  - Surveillance, Radiation, Surgery, ADT



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# Outline

- Treatment Failure/Recurrence
- Advanced Prostate Cancer
  - Hormone sensitive metastatic
  - Castration resistant metastatic and nonmetastatic
  - Genetic testing



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# EPIDEMIOLOGY

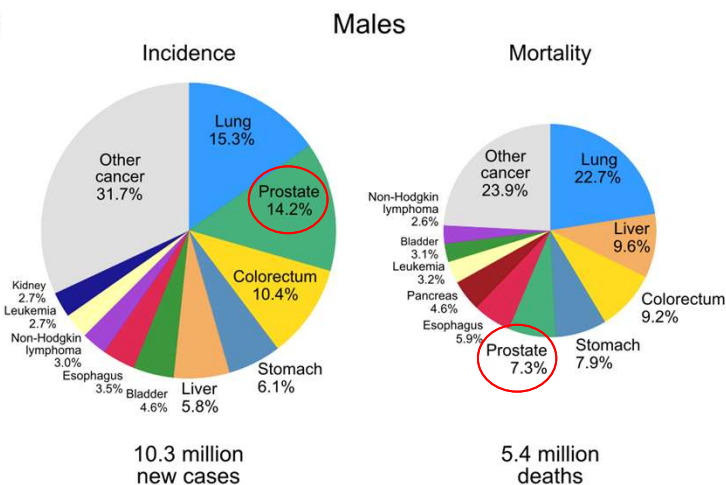


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## Epidemiology (*Global*)

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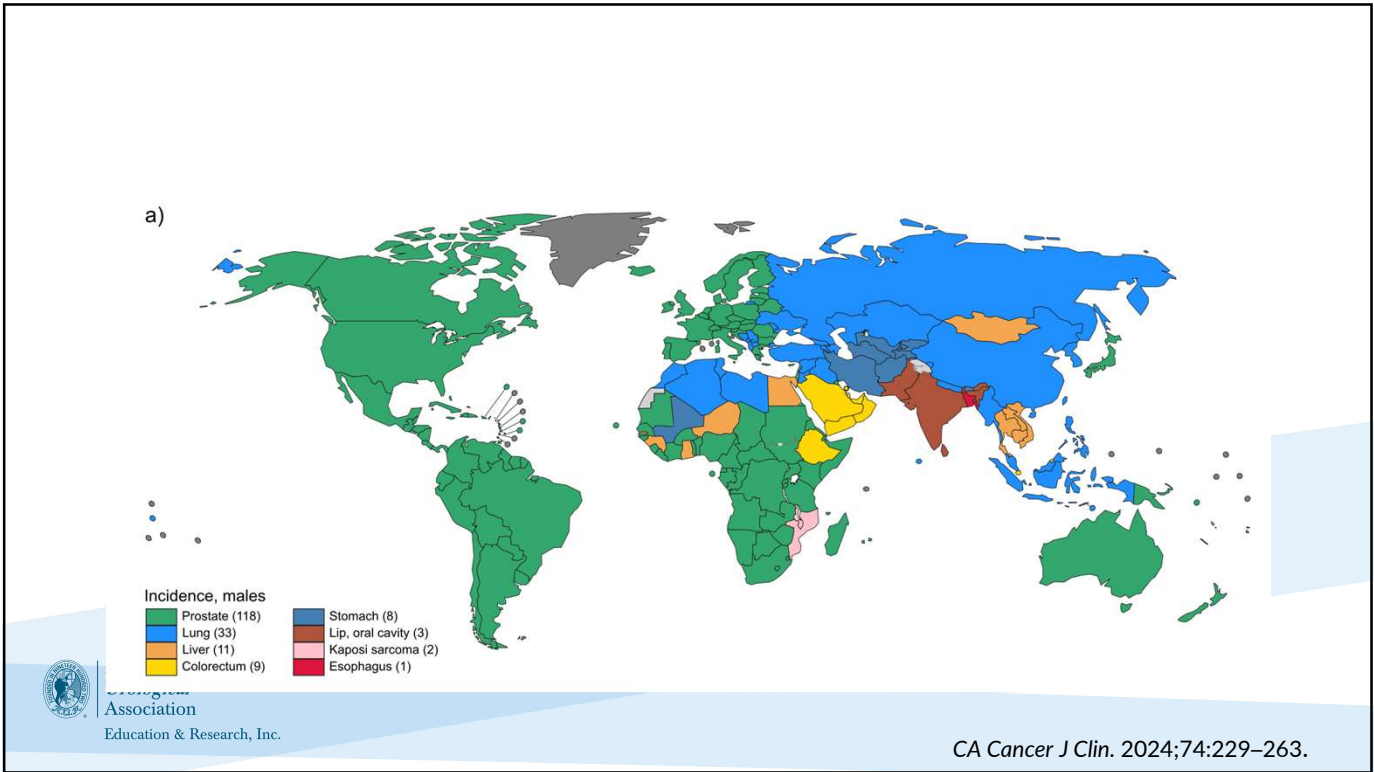
1.5 Million/year incident

- 2<sup>nd</sup> in males behind lung but most frequent in 118/185 countries

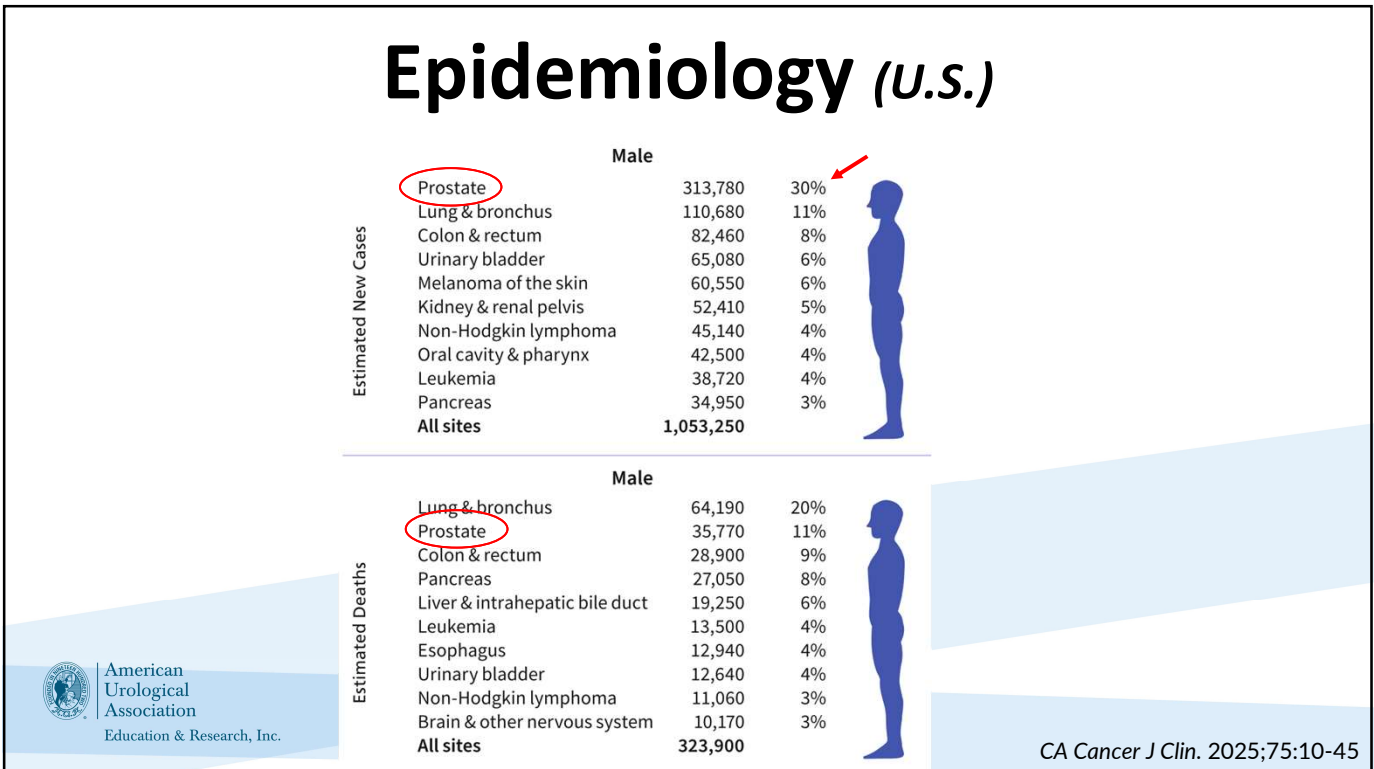
400 K/year deaths

- 5<sup>th</sup> in males
- Leading cancer death in 52/185 countries (Caribbean, sub-Saharan Africa, Central & South America)

CA CANCER J CLIN 2024;71:209–249



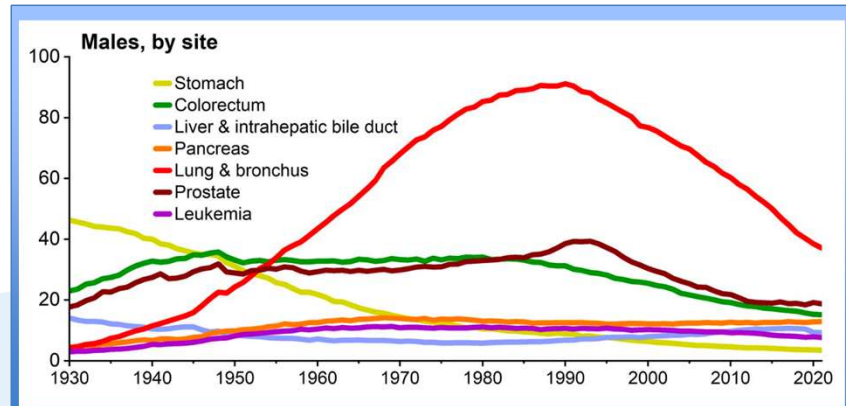
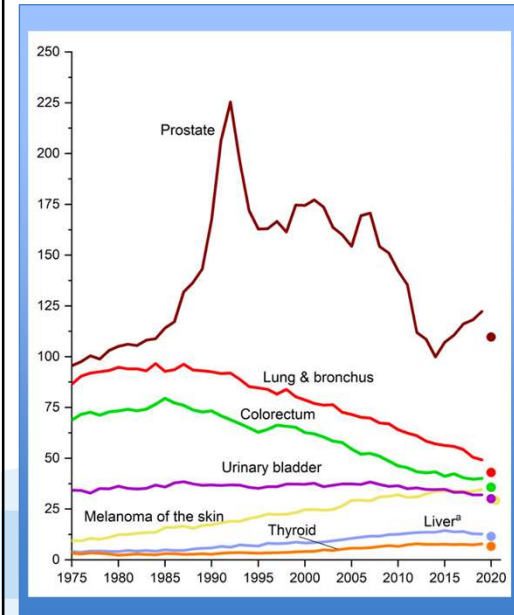
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# Epidemiology (U.S.)



CA Cancer J Clin. 2025;75:10-45

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## Risk Factors

- Gender
- Advancing age
- Ethnicity
  - Black or African American
- Family History
  - First degree (male) relatives
- Chronic inflammation
- Smoking
  - Recurrence, PCa death
- Obesity
  - high-grade disease, higher treatment failure rates and mortality

Table 1: Risk factors for prostate cancer

Risk factor	Relative risk of prostate cancer
1 <sup>st</sup> degree relative diagnosed <60 years	2.1-2.8
Above germline mutations	2-8
African ancestry	1.6



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# SCREENING AND DIAGNOSIS



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## What is PSA?

- **Glycoprotein** produced by epithelial cells of prostate gland
- Trauma, infection, inflammation, malignancy results in a larger amount of PSA in serum
  - Therefore, serves as a marker for prostate disease
- Serum measurements for prostate cancer became widespread in ~ 1988



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# Randomized Screening Trials

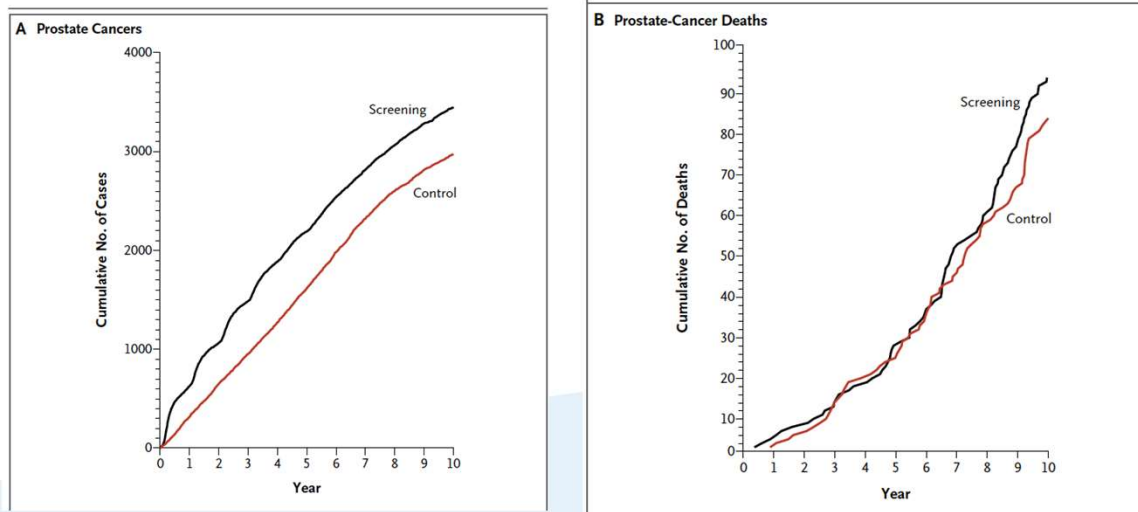
- **PLCO** – no difference in prostate cancer specific mortality with yearly PSA screening
- **ERSPC** – significant survival benefit from regular PSA screening
- **CAP** – no difference in mortality with a single PSA screen (\*but... recent update)



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## PLCO



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### CONCLUSIONS

After 7 to 10 years of follow-up, the rate of death from prostate cancer was very low and did not differ significantly between the two study groups. (ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT00002540.)

N Engl J Med 2009;360:1310-9.



# PLCO Criticism

- “Contamination”

- Degree of screening in the control arm; both before and during the study

- 10% with baseline screening test before trial entry
- 80% of control group reported having undergone PSA test during trial

85% screened in intervention arm  
90% screened in control arm

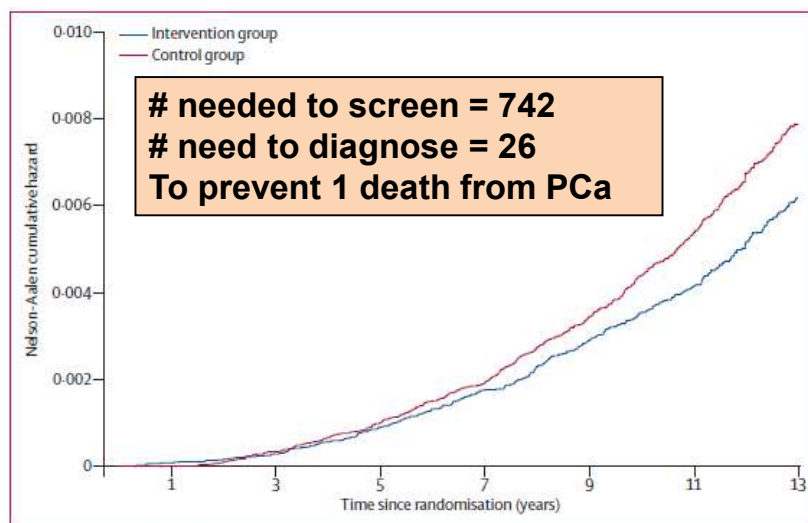


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Shoag et al, NEJM, 374:1795, 2016

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# ERSPC



13-year follow up

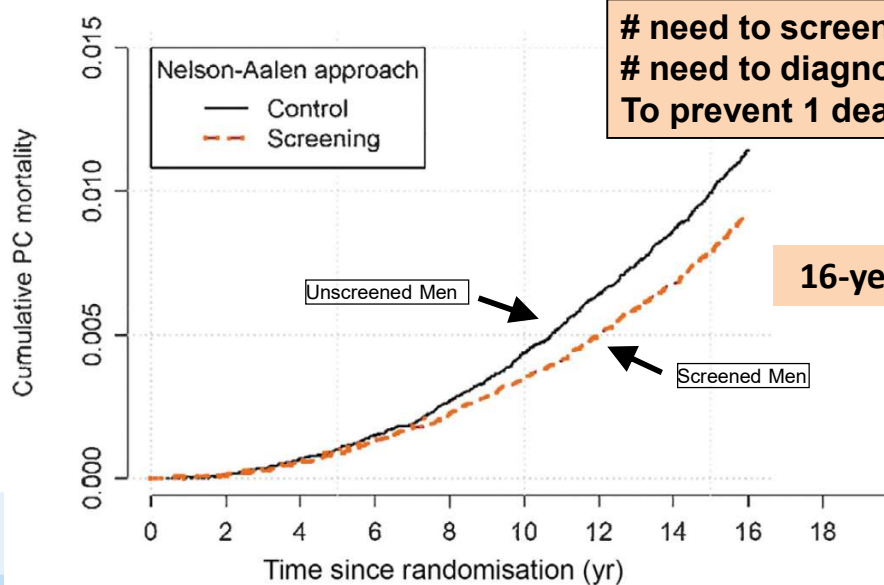
Relative risk for prostate cancer death = 0.79  
(95% CI, 0.69-0.91; p = 0.001)



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Schroder et al Lancet, 384:2027-35, 2014

# ERSPC



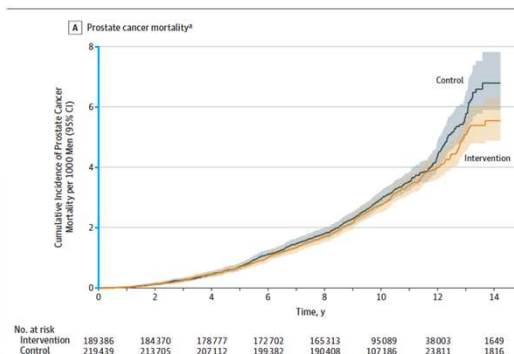
Relative risk for prostate cancer death of 0.80  
(95% CI, 0.72–0.89,  $p < 0.001$ )

Hugosson et al, Eur Urol, 2019

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## Effect of a Low-Intensity PSA-Based Screening Intervention on Prostate Cancer Mortality The CAP Randomized Clinical Trial

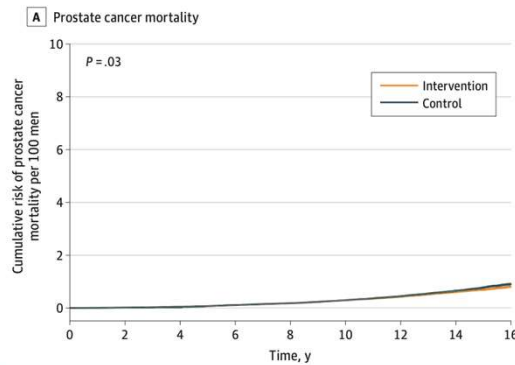
- ProtecT
- 415,357 randomized men to a single PSA vs no PSA
- 50-69 years of age
- At 10 years
  - More cancer in the intervention arm
  - Cancer mortality – **no difference**
  - Survival – **no difference**



Single PSA test not recommended  
for population screening

JAMA March 6, 2018 Volume 319, Number 9

## Prostate-Specific Antigen Screening and 15-Year Prostate Cancer Mortality: A Secondary Analysis of the CAP Randomized Clinical Trial



Absolute reduction in Pca mortality of 0.09% after a median follow-up of 15 yrs

JAMA 2024; April 6



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**Conclusions and relevance:** In this secondary analysis of a randomized clinical trial, a single invitation for PSA screening compared with standard practice without routine screening reduced prostate cancer deaths at a median follow-up of 15 years. However, the absolute reduction in deaths was small.

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## USPSTF Recommendations

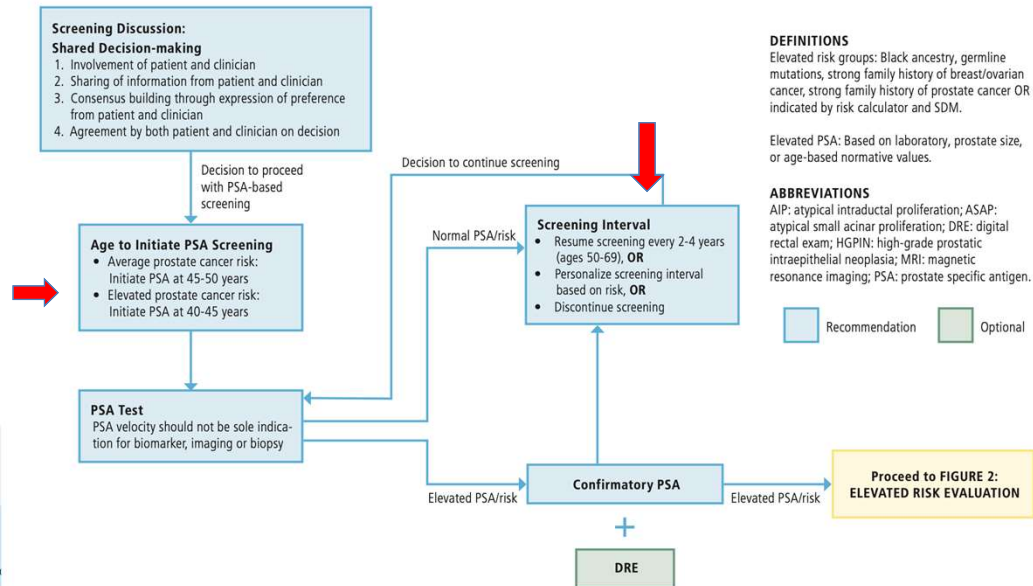
- **2008:** recommended against routine use of PSA testing (Grade D) in men **ages 75 and older**
- **2012:** recommended against routine use of PSA testing (Grade D) in **all men** due to growing concerns regarding overdiagnosis and overtreatment
- **2018:** issued a draft statement revising its recommendation for men **aged 55-69 years** to informed decision making (Grade C)



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# AUA Guideline Statement

FIGURE 1: INITIAL SCREENING FOR PROSTATE CANCER



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## Non-PSA Biomarkers in Screening and Diagnosis

# Biomarkers

- Decrease number of unnecessary biopsies
- Limiting overdiagnosis, improve specificity
- Imperfect
  - Will miss some cancers (including aggressive cancers)
- **Not yet recommended as first line screening tests**



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# Biomarkers

## Urine-Based

- PCA3
- SelectMDx
- MiPS

## Serum-Based

- PHI
- 4K

## Tissue-Based

- OncotypeDx
- ConfirmMDx
- Prolaris
- Decipher

**MRI...**



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# Biomarkers

- **PCA3**
  - PCA3 Score = Ratio of mRNA PCA3/PSA x10<sup>3</sup>
  - Higher value = Higher risk of significant Pca
- **PHI**
  - Combines three isoforms of PSA (total PSA, free PSA, p2PSA)
  - Higher value = Higher risk of significant Pca
- **4KScore**
  - Combines PSA derivatives (total PSA, free PSA, intact PSA) + hK2
  - Incorporates clinical variables (age, DRE, prior biopsy)
  - Higher value = Higher risk of significant PCa



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Test	Biomarker Component	Clinical Variable	Biopsy Population
<b>Serum</b>			
4Kscore <sup>175, 183, 187, 188</sup>	PSA, fPSA, iPSA, hK2	Age, prior biopsy status, DRE (optional)	Initial biopsy <sup>175, 183, 187</sup> Repeat biopsy <sup>188</sup>
IsoPSA <sup>*189</sup>	All PSA isoforms	None	Not specified <sup>189</sup>
Proclarix <sup>190</sup>	THBS1, CTSD, PSA, fPSA	Age, prostate volume (optional)	Mixed <sup>190</sup>
PHI <sup>169-171, 173, 183, 191-193</sup>	p2PSA, fPSA, PSA	None	Initial biopsy <sup>169-171, 173, 183</sup> Repeat biopsy <sup>191-193</sup>
STHLM-3 <sup>20, 22, 25</sup>	232 genetic polymorphisms (SNPs), PSA, fPSA, iPSA, hK2, MSMB, MIC1	Age, family history, previous biopsy, DRE (optional)	Mixed <sup>20, 25</sup>
<b>Post-DRE Urine</b>			
PCA3 <sup>170, 174, 176, 185, 194-197</sup>	PCA3	Some studies add age, PSA, prostate volume	Initial biopsy <sup>170, 174, 176, 185, 194, 195</sup> Repeat biopsy <sup>196, 197</sup>
MPS <sup>179, 195, 198, 199</sup>	PCA3, TMPRSS2:ERG, PSA	None	Initial biopsy <sup>179, 195, 198, 199</sup> Repeat biopsy <sup>198</sup>
SelectMDx <sup>180, 200</sup>	HOXC6, DLX1 mRNA	Age, PSA, prostate volume, DRE	Initial biopsy <sup>180, 200</sup>
TMPRSS2:ERG <sup>195</sup>	TMPRSS2:ERG	None	Initial biopsy <sup>195</sup>
<b>Urine</b>			
ExoDx Prostate Intelliscore <sup>181, 182, 184, 201</sup>	PCA3, ERG, SPDEF mRNA	None	Initial biopsy <sup>181, 182, 184</sup> Repeat biopsy <sup>201</sup>
MiR Sentinel <sup>202</sup>	Small non-coding RNAs	None	Mixed <sup>202</sup>
<b>Tissue</b>			
Confirm MDx <sup>203, 204</sup>	Hypermethylation of GSTP1, APC, RASSF1	None	Repeat biopsy <sup>203, 204</sup>



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# Multiparametric MRI

- A screening tool - useful at multiple points in **diagnosis, evaluation, and surveillance** of prostate cancer
- Multiple sequences (PIRADs v.2)
  - T1- and T2-weighted images
    - Water content – tumors are water poor/dark on T2W
  - Diffusion-weighted images (DWI)
    - Water diffusion – tumors are dense/dark
  - Dynamic contrast enhanced images (DCE)
    - Contrast flow – vascularity, tumors are bright



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**Note: BIPARAMETRIC MRI (PRIME study EAU 2024) is non-inferior**

BMJ Open 2023;**13**

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## PI-RADS Prostate Imaging – Reporting and Data System: 2015, Version 2

EUROPEAN UROLOGY 69 (2016) 16–40

PIRADS Score	Risk
1	Very Low
2	Low
3	Intermediate
4	High
5	Very High

### Prostate Imaging Reporting and Data System Version 2.1: 2019 Update of Prostate Imaging Reporting and Data System Version 2

EUROPEAN UROLOGY 76 (2019) 340–351

Table 5: Prevalence of Prostate Cancer Detection based on PI-RADS Score\*

PI-RADS Score	Any Prostate Cancer (% (95%CI))	Clinically Significant Prostate Cancer (% (95%CI))
1 or 2	15% (95%CI: 8% to 22%)	7% (95%CI: 4% to 11%)
3	25% (95%CI: 22% to 29%)	11% (95%CI: 8% to 14%)
4	58% (95%CI: 53% to 63%)	37% (95%CI: 33% to 40%)
5	85% (95%CI: 80% to 90%)	70% (95%CI: 62% to 79%)

\*Detection prevalence for both any prostate cancer and clinically significant prostate cancer based on the PI-RADS score when 23 identified studies were pooled using a random-effects inverse-variance method.<sup>116-138</sup> Due to the paucity of data using only PI-RADS version 2.1, pooled studies used version 1.0 through version 2.1.

- Prostate Cancer Detection
  - Sensitivity - 0.89 (95% CI 0.86–0.92)
  - Specificity - 0.73 (95% CI 0.60–0.83)

Woo et al, European Urology, 72: 177 – 188, 2017



## Comparison of MR/Ultrasound Fusion-Guided Biopsy With Ultrasound-Guided Biopsy for the Diagnosis of Prostate Cancer

- 1003 patients
- 30% more high grade cancers
- 17% fewer low grade cancers

Table 2. Performance of Different Biopsy Approaches in the Detection of Intermediate- to High-Risk Prostate Cancer on Whole-Gland Prostatectomy Specimen

	Targeted MR/Ultrasound Fusion Biopsy	Standard Extended-Sextant Biopsy	Combined Biopsy
Sensitivity, % (95% CI)	77 (67-84)	53 (43-63)	85 (76-91)
Specificity, % (95% CI)	68 (57-78)	66 (54-76)	49 (37-60)
Negative predictive value, % (95% CI)	70 (58-80)	53 (43-63)	73 (58-84)
Positive predictive value, % (95% CI)	75 (65-83)	66 (54-76)	67 (58-75)
Accuracy, % (95% CI)	73 (70-76)	59 (55-63)	69 (65-72)
AUC (95% CI)	0.73 (0.66-0.79)	0.59 (0.52-0.67)	0.67 (0.60-0.74)
P value of comparison with targeted MR/ultrasound biopsy		.005	.04



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JAMA. 2015 Jan 27;313(4):390-7

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## PROMIS Trial

- 576 Men
- MRI, TRUS-bx and Saturation transperineal bx
- **Avoid 27% of the biopsies** if negative MRI
- MRI guidance - 18% more cases of significant cancers

	MP-MRI, % (95% CI)	TRUS-biopsy, % (95% CI)	Test ratio* (95% CI)	p value
Any Gleason score 7 (≥3+4), prevalence of clinically significant cancer 308 (53%, 49-58%)				
Sensitivity test	88 (84-91)	48 (43-54)	0.55 (0.49-0.62)	p<0.0001
Specificity test	45 (39-51)	99 (97-100)	2.22 (1.94-2.53)	p<0.0001
PPV	65 (60-69)	99 (95-100)	40.8 (10.2-162.8)	p<0.0001
NPV	76 (69-82)	63 (58-67)	0.53 (0.38-0.73)	p<0.0001

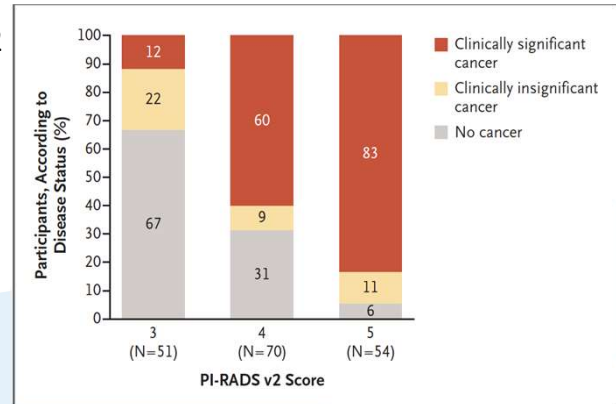


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Ahmed et al, Lancet 2017; 389: 815-22

# PRECISION Trial

- 500 men, randomized
  - MRI directed v. standard biopsy (10-12 cores)
- Clinically Significant Cancer (GS  $\geq$  3+4)
  - 95 (38%) in the MRI targeted group
  - 64 (26%) in the standard biopsy group
- Clinically Indolent Cancer
  - 23 (9%) in the MRI groups
  - 55 (22%) in the standard biopsy group
- 71 (28%) in MRI group could avoid a biopsy



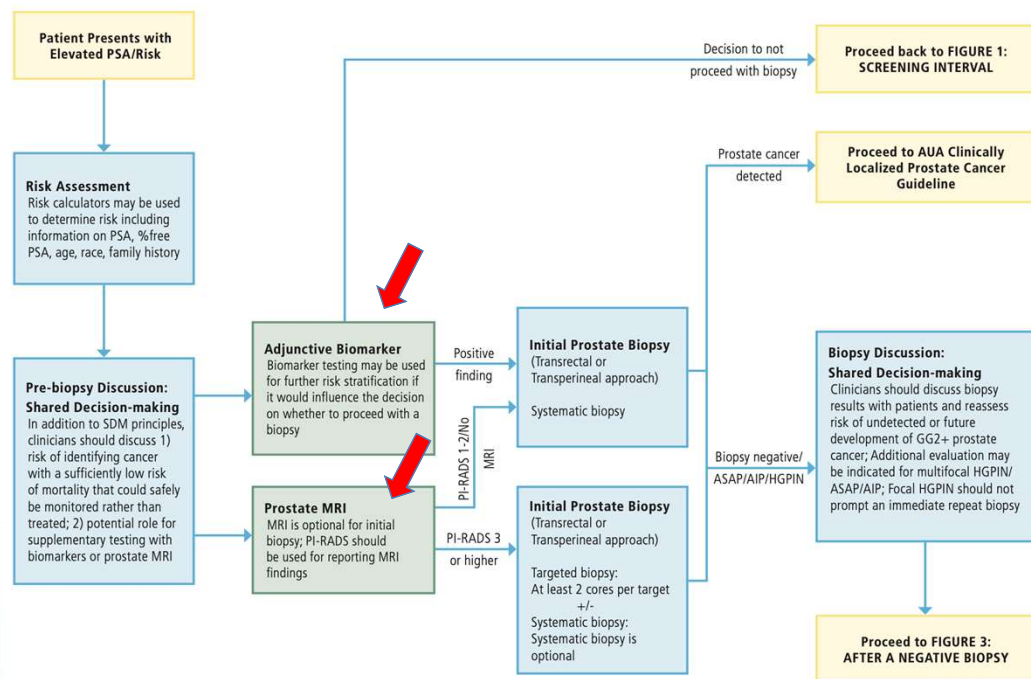
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V Kasivisvanathan et al. N Engl J Med 2018;378:1767-1777.

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FIGURE 2: ELEVATED RISK EVALUATION



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# Biopsy Techniques

- Transrectal
  - Sextant, 12-core, saturation; Risk of infection
- Transperineal
  - Very low infection risk; ? higher bleeding risk; similar cancer detection
- MRI-Guided
  - Cognitive fusion, in-bore, **MRI-US Fusion**



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## Biopsy

### Initial Prostate Biopsy

(Transrectal or Transperineal approach)

Systematic biopsy

### Initial Prostate Biopsy

(Transrectal or Transperineal approach)

Targeted biopsy:  
At least 2 cores per target  
+/-

Systematic biopsy:  
Systematic biopsy is optional

### Repeat Prostate Biopsy

(Transrectal or Transperineal approach)

Systematic biopsy is optional in patients with prior negative biopsy and negative MRI

### Repeat Prostate Biopsy

(Transrectal or Transperineal approach)

Targeted biopsy:  
At least 2 cores per target  
+/-

Systematic biopsy:  
Systematic biopsy is optional

For biopsy-naïve patients who have a suspicious lesion on MRI, clinicians should perform targeted biopsies of the suspicious lesion and may also perform a systematic template biopsy. (*Moderate Recommendation [targeted biopsies]/Conditional Recommendation [systematic template biopsy]; Evidence Level: Grade C*)

For patients with both an absence of suspicious findings on MRI and an elevated risk for GG2+ prostate cancer, clinicians should proceed with a systematic biopsy. (*Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C*)

Clinicians may use either a transrectal or transperineal biopsy route when performing a biopsy. (*Conditional Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C*)

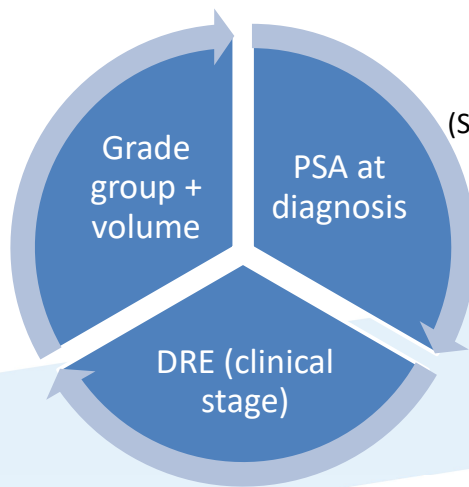
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# Gleason Grading

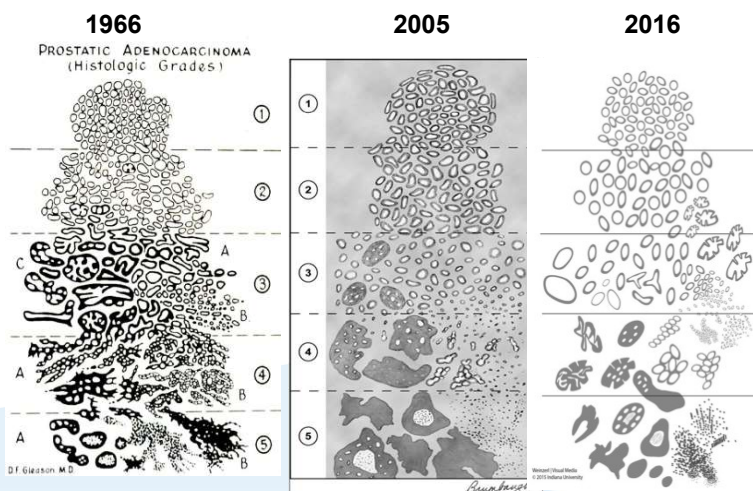
- **Biopsy** - Grading by individual needle core
  - Most common histologic patterns
  - Length of core; % involved
- **Surgery** – Grading for entire gland
  - Most common histologic patterns
  - Report a tertiary pattern
  - Volume of cancer, Margin status, EPE
  - Upgrade or downgrade biopsy data due to better sample



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## Gleason Grading – Pattern Based



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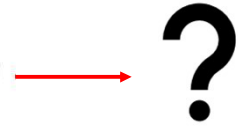
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# Grade Group System

- Renaming Grade Group 1 Prostate "Cancer" From a Pathology Perspective: A Call for Multidisciplinary Discussion



Gladell P. Paner, MD,\*† Ming Zhou, MD, PhD,‡ Jeffrey P. Simko, MD, PhD,§  
Scott E. Eggener, MD,† and Theodorus van der Kwast, MD, PhD||

- Gleason 3+4 Group 2
- Gleason 4+3 Group 3
- Gleason 8 Group 4
- Gleason 9-10 Group 5



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## Risk Stratification



Table 2: Prostate Cancer Risk Stratification

	AUA Risk Category	NCCN Risk Category
→ Very Low	—	PSA ≤ 10 ng/mL, Gleason score ≤ 6, clinical stage T1c, < 3 positive biopsy cores, ≤ 50% in each core, and PSA density < 0.15 ng/mL/g
Low	PSA ≤ 10 ng/mL, Gleason score ≤ 6, and clinical stage T1c or T2a	PSA < 10 ng/mL, Gleason score ≤ 6, and clinical stage T1-T2a
Intermediate	PSA > 10-20 ng/mL or Gleason score 7, or clinical stage T2b	PSA 10-20 ng/mL, Gleason score 7, or clinical stage T2b-T2c
High	PSA > 20 ng/mL or Gleason score 8-10, or clinical stage ≥ T2c	PSA > 20 ng/mL or Gleason score 8-10, or clinical stage T3a
→ Very High	—	Clinical stage T3b-T4

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Heterogeneity exists  
between risk schema

Don't forget about  
risk calculators and  
nomograms



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Table 4: Select Risk Calculators with Risk Factors and Risk Factors Evaluated

	PCPT V2 ( <a href="https://riskcalc.org/PCPTRC/">https://riskcalc.org/PCPTRC/</a> )	Chun (There is no publicly available online calculator for Chun)	ERSPC ( <a href="https://www.prostate-cancer-riskcalculator.com">https://www.prostate-cancer-riskcalculator.com</a> )	PBCG ( <a href="https://riskcalc.org/PBCG/">https://riskcalc.org/PBCG/</a> )
Race	x			x
Family history of prostate cancer	x			x
Age	x	x	x	x
PSA	x	x	x	x
Free PSA %	x	x		
DRE	x	x	x	x
Prior biopsy	x		x	x
Urinary PCA3	x	x		
TMPRSS2:ERG fusion	x			
Prostate volume		x	x	
Sampling density		x		
MRI – PI-RADS score			x	



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## Risk Stratification - Imaging

- Very low, low risk – not indicated
- Intermediate risk – Bone scan if PSA > 10 + cT2; pelvic/abdominal if predicted LNs >10%
- High risk – Bone scan; pelvic/abdominal if predicted LNs > 10%  
– NM PET imaging



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# Risk Stratification - Genomic Testing

- **Prolaris**
  - Cell cycle progression signature (31 genes)
- **Oncotype Dx**
  - Multipathway signatures (17 genes)
- **Decipher**
  - 22 gene panel; score range 0 - 1



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**TABLE 4: Indications for Germline Testing in Patients with Localized Prostate Cancer\***

<b>Strong family history of prostate cancer</b>	Examples: first-degree relative or multiple second-degree relatives diagnosed with Grade Group 2 or higher prostate cancer, particularly at early age (< 60 years), particularly if metastatic or lethal
<b>Strong personal or family history of related cancers</b>	Examples: breast, colorectal, ovarian, pancreatic, upper tract urothelial carcinoma
<b>Known family history of familial cancer risk mutation</b>	Examples: <i>BRCA1</i> , <i>BRCA2</i> , <i>ATM</i> , Lynch-syndrome associated genes
<b>Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry</b>	Particularly in patients with Grade Group 2 or higher disease
<b>Adverse tumor characteristics</b>	Examples: High-risk disease; intermediate-risk disease with intraductal or cribriform morphology

\*The Panel recognizes that this list is not exhaustive.



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# TREATMENT OF LOCALIZED CANCER (RISK-BASED MANAGEMENT)



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## Clinically Localized Prostate Cancer: AUA/ASTRO Guideline

Limited Life-Expectancy	Low risk	Favorable intermediate risk	Unfavorable intermediate risk	High risk
No symptoms: Watchful waiting	Active Surveillance	Active surveillance	Radiation + ADT	Radiation + ADT
Symptoms: Palliative ADT		Radiation	Radical prostatectomy	Radical prostatectomy
		Radical prostatectomy		NOT ablation



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J Urol. 2022;208(1):10-33.

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# Who to treat and with what?

- Patient Factors + Disease Parameters + Treatment Side Effects
- ***Treatment prevents local progression, metastasis and prostate cancer death in intermediate and high-risk disease***



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## PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT



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## Watchful Waiting

- Asymptomatic patients with limited life expectancy
- Limited follow-up
- Palliative therapy for symptoms/advanced disease
- No plan for definitive therapy



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## Competing Risk Analysis

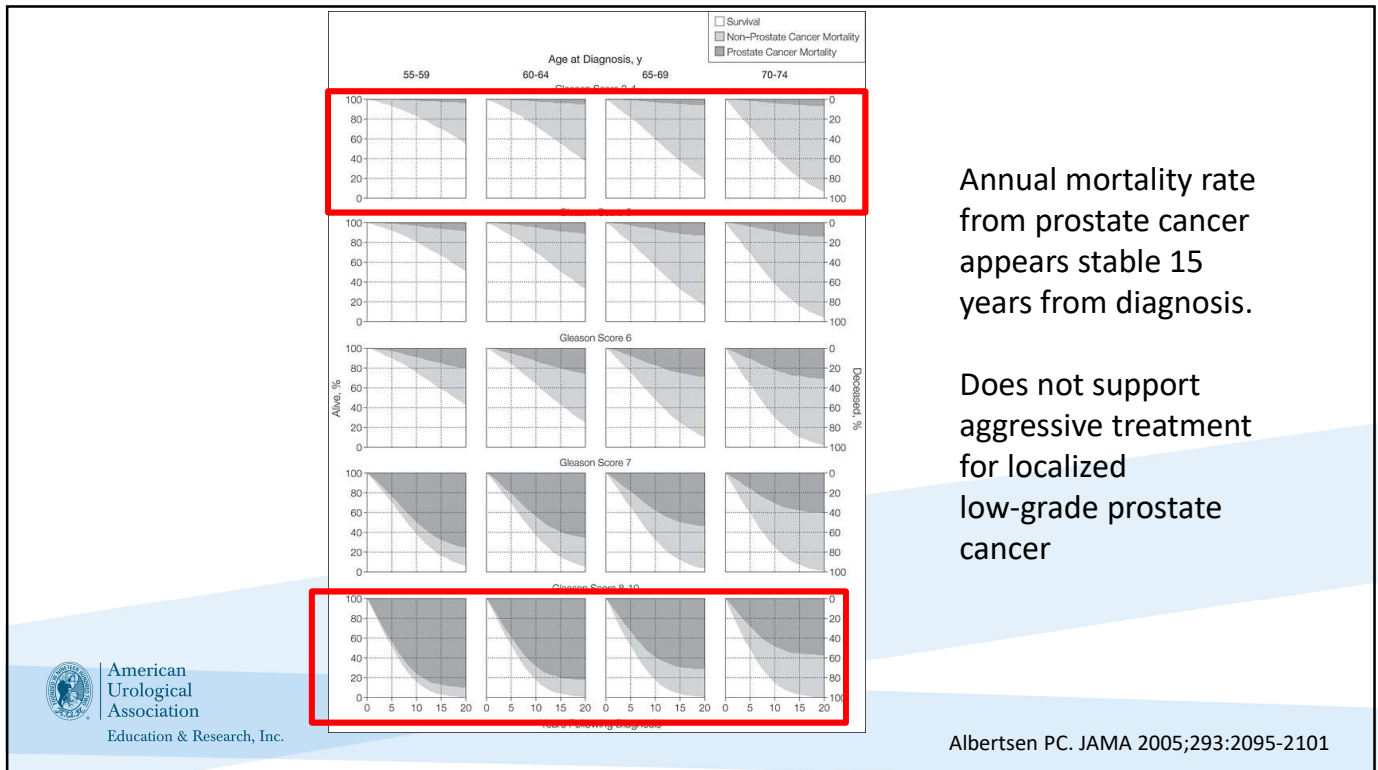
SEER Connecticut Registry

- 767 men diagnosed with localized disease
  - 138/767 (18%) Grade I
  - 549/767 (72%) Grade II
  - 77/767 (10%) Grade III
- Age 55-74
- Analyzed cohort for cumulative mortality from prostate cancer and other causes



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Albertsen PC. JAMA 2005;293:2095-2101



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## Active Surveillance

- Serial monitoring – PSA, DRE, Biopsy
- MRI augments risk stratification
- Limit overtreatment and over detection
- Variable inclusion criteria and follow up
- Treatment if PSA increasing rapidly or biopsy shows more aggressive cancer



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**Goal: prevent or delay side effects of treatment without missing the window of opportunity for cure**

# Active Surveillance - Outcomes

- Between 50-68% of those eligible for AS may safely avoid treatment for >10 years
  - Reduced risk of unnecessary treatment of small, indolent ca
  - maintained QOL
- Between 32% - 50% of patients on AS will undergo treatment by 10 years
  - Delays do not seem to impact cure rate
  - Very low risk (<0.5%) of cancer progression to regional or metastatic

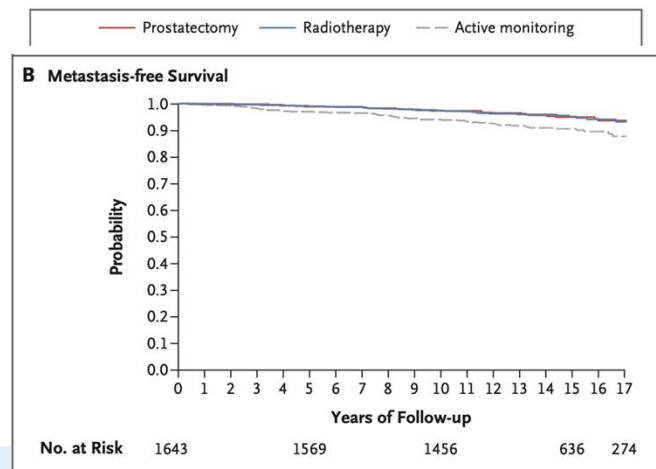
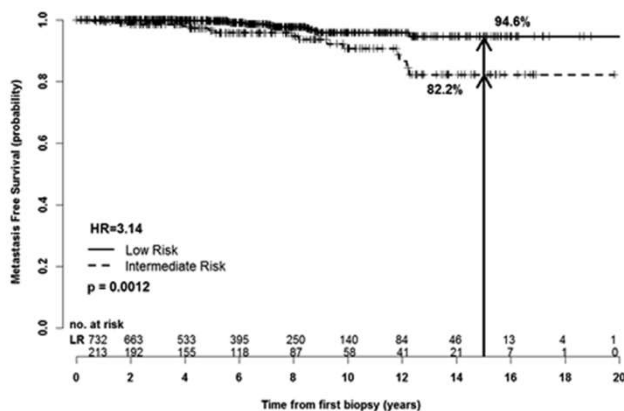
**IR pts with higher rates of metastasis**



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NCCN v. 1.2023  
Klotz et al, JCO 33:272-277, 2015

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J Urol 2016;196:1651  
N Engl J Med 2023;388:17

# Radiation Modalities

- External Beam (EBRT)
  - Conventional vs. Hypofractionated
    - Stereotactic Body (SBRT)
  - 3D-Conformal (3DCRT)
  - Intensity Modulated (IMRT)
- Proton Beam
- Brachytherapy
  - Low dose vs. High dose



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# Radiation Side Effects

- Urinary symptoms
    - Urgency, obstruction, hematuria
  - Bowel symptoms
    - Rectal toxicity
  - Erectile dysfunction (*impact of concurrent ADT*)
  - Secondary malignancy (<1%)
- RP associated with greater decrease in urinary and sexual function than EBRT or AS  
Barocas, JAMA 2017;317:1126-1140



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## The PSA “Bounce” Effect

- Generally in scenarios without ADT
- Up to 5 years after radiation (**12 – 18 mos**)
- Inflammation vs. recurrent cancer



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## Radiation – Low Risk PCa

- EBRT (IMRT, hypofractionated)
  - 79.2 Gy (75 – 79 Gy)
  - 10-yr bFRS - 93%
- Brachytherapy
  - LDR > HDR; Monotherapy



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Int. J. Radiation Oncology Biol. Phys., Vol. 82, No. 1, pp. e25–e31, 2012

## Radiation – Intermediate Risk

- EBRT (75 -81 Gy) +/- short course ADT (4-6 mos)
  - EBRT 10 yr PSA control: 70% for intermediate risk
- Brachytherapy monotherapy
- Brachytherapy + EBRT +/- ADT



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Zietman et al, JCO 2010

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## Radiation – High Risk

- EBRT (75 -81 Gy) + long course ADT (**18-36 mos**)
- Brachytherapy + EBRT + ADT
  - Increased toxicity with EBRT + brachy
- Ascende-RT Trial
  - G3+ toxicity higher in EBRT+BT at every time point
  - Long Term Gr 3+ GU (Severe toxicity)
    - 2.2% in EBRT vs 8.6% EBRT+Brachy



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Morris et al, Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys 98:275-285, 2017  
Bolla et al, Lancet Oncol 2010; 11: 1066–73

## Radiation Therapy *(brief conclusions)*

- **Low or Favorable Intermediate Risk**
  - Monotherapy (EBRT or Brachy)
- **Unfavorable Intermediate Risk**
  - Multimodality therapy
  - EBRT plus 4-6 months ADT +/- brachy boost
- **High Risk**
  - Multimodality therapy
  - EBRT with 18-36 months ADT +/- brachy boost



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## Adding ADT to Radiation

- **Why?**
  - Reduce tumor volume, eradicate microscopic dz away from prostate, downregulation of DNA repair/enhanced apoptosis
- **Duration:**
  - Unfavorable IR → 4-6 months
  - High risk → 18 – 36 months



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**Consider adding abiraterone for very high risk and cN+ patients**

# Surgery

- Perform nerve sparing when oncologically appropriate
- Lymphadenectomy → staging information; no consistent data on MFS, CSS, OS
  - Use nomograms; extended > limited
  - If LN+ and PSA -, observation or adjuvant XRT ok
- Do not routinely offer adjuvant XRT post-RP
- Do not routinely offer neoadjuvant ADT
  - Decreased positive margins, improved PSA

(Gleave ME, J Urol 2001)



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## Treatment vs. Conservative Management

Trial	Cohort	Intervention	Outcome
SPCG 4	695 Mostly Int-risk and High-risk Enrolled 1989-99 Followed for 23.2 yrs	Surgery (RP) vs. Watchful Waiting (WW)	- Improved overall and disease specific survival in RP group compared to observation
PIVOT	731 Mixed risk Older, infirm VA pts Enrolled 1994-2002 Followed for median 12.7 yrs. <b>*Underpowered</b>	Surgery (RP) vs. Watchful Waiting (WW)	- <b>No difference</b> in overall or disease specific survival in RP group compared to observation BUT surgery reduced the risk of metastases (19.8% vs 8.1%; p=0.0001) among men with Gleason score ≥ 7 tumors.
PROTECT	1643 Mostly Low-risk Enrolled 1999-2009 Followed for 10 yrs <b>*Few events</b>	Surgery (RP) vs. Radiation (RT) vs. Active Surveillance (AS)	- <b>No differences</b> in overall or disease specific survival - RP and RT → better than AS for Clinical progression (p<0.001) and Metastatic disease (p=0.004)



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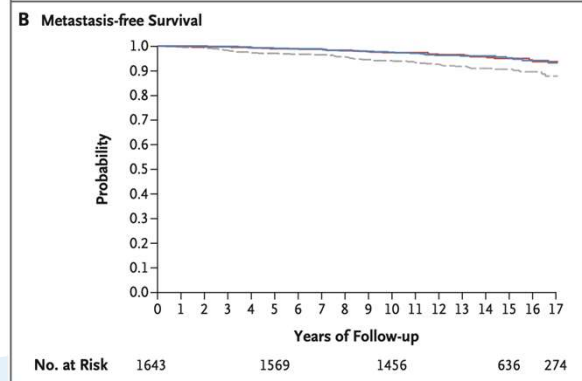
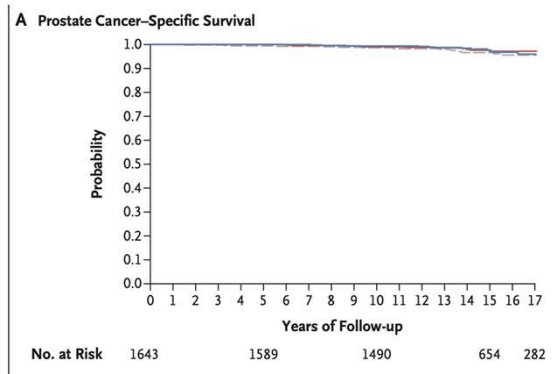
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Bill-Axelsson et al. NEJM, 2014  
Wilt et al. NEJM 2017  
Hamdy et al. NEJM 2016

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# Fifteen-Year Outcomes after Monitoring, Surgery, or Radiotherapy for Prostate Cancer



**Table 2. Prostate Cancer Survival.\***

Trial Group	Survival (95% CI)	
	At 10 Yr	At 15 Yr
	percentage of patients	
Active monitoring	98.7 (97.2–99.4)	96.6 (94.4–98.0)
Prostatectomy	99.0 (97.7–99.6)	97.2 (94.8–98.5)
Radiotherapy	99.4 (98.2–99.8)	97.7 (95.5–98.8)



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N Engl J Med. 2023;388:1547

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## Surgery *(brief take home)*

- Better than watchful waiting for intermediate/high risk disease
- Predominately in
  - Younger Patients
  - Healthier patients
  - Longer life expectancy
- Decreases risk of metastatic disease and secondary treatments



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# DEFINITIONS

- PSA persistence vs. PSA recurrence
- Prostatectomy
  - Undetectable PSA after surgery with a subsequent increases on 2 or more determinations above threshold of 0.2 ng/mL
- Radiation
  - RTOG-ASTRO Phoenix Consensus: PSA increase by  $\geq 2$  ng/mL above the nadir
  - Consider earlier evaluation in candidates for salvage local therapy (young, healthy)



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## Imaging for Recurrence

- |              |                             |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| • Bone Scan  | • PET                       |
| • CT Scan    | – F-18 Fluciclovine         |
| • MRI        | – F-18 NaF (bone)           |
| • Plain film | – Ga-68 PSMA                |
|              | – Piflufolastat F18<br>PSMA |



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# Adjuvant vs. Salvage XRT following RP

- Within 10 years of RP 15 – 40% with have PSA recurrence
- Adjuvant: RT with undetectable PSA in patients with high-risk features (pT3, PSM)
  - Genomic classifiers
- Salvage: detectable PSA



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Adjuvant or early salvage radiotherapy for the treatment of localised and locally advanced prostate cancer: a prospectively planned systematic review and meta-analysis of aggregate data

Lancet. 2020  
Sep 28:S0140-  
6736(20)31952-8

Adjuvant radiotherapy versus early salvage radiotherapy following radical prostatectomy (TROG 08.03/ANZUP RAVES): a randomised, controlled, phase 3, non-inferiority trial

Lancet Oncol. 2020  
Oct;21(10):1331-1340

Adjuvant radiotherapy versus early salvage radiotherapy plus short-term androgen deprivation therapy in men with localised prostate cancer after radical prostatectomy (GETUG-AFU 17): a randomised, phase 3 trial

Lancet Oncol. 2020  
Oct;21(10):1341-1352



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**No difference in event-free survival  
More GU toxicity and ED with adjuvant**



# Salvage XRT

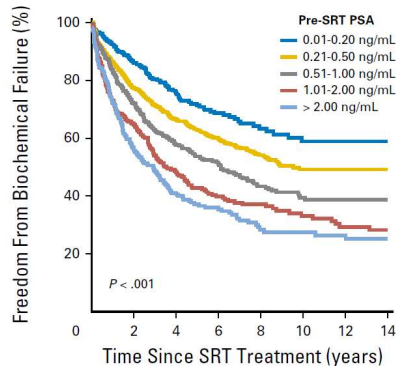
Multi-institutional Analysis of 2,460 pts with PSA recurrence after RRP

10 Academic Centers

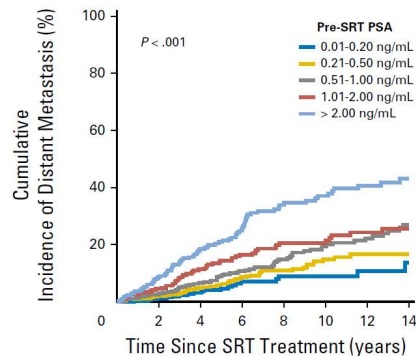
Underwent salvage XRT at variety of PSA levels

**Start salvage earlier !**

**A**



**B**



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Tendulkar et al JCO, 2016

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# Salvage RT + ADT

## GETUG 16

- 743 Patients with PSA failure after RRP
  - PSA between 0.2 and 2 ng/mL
- 66 Gy RT vs 66 Gy RT plus 6 months ADT
- Improved **progression free survival**

Carrie et al Lancet Oncol, 17: 747–56, 2016

## RTOG 9601

- 760 Men with PSA failure after RRP
- RT vs RT plus 150 bicalutamide
- Improved **overall survival**

Shipley et al , NEJM, 376:417-28, 2017



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# Salvage Therapy Options

## SALVAGE THERAPY FOR PROSTATE CANCER: AUA/ASTRO/SUO GUIDELINE (2024)

What was primary therapy?

- Radical prostatectomy (22 statements)
- Radiation therapy (2 statements)
- Focal therapy (1 statement)

Regional recurrence (3 statements)



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A 62 y/o M with cT1c, PSA 8.2, GG 2 prostate cancer is treated with external beam radiotherapy. He tolerates this well, although does have transient increase in his lower urinary tract symptoms. His PSA nadirs at 0.5 but is noted to be 7.1 six months after he completes XRT, confirmed on repeat lab evaluation.

The likely cause of this elevation is:



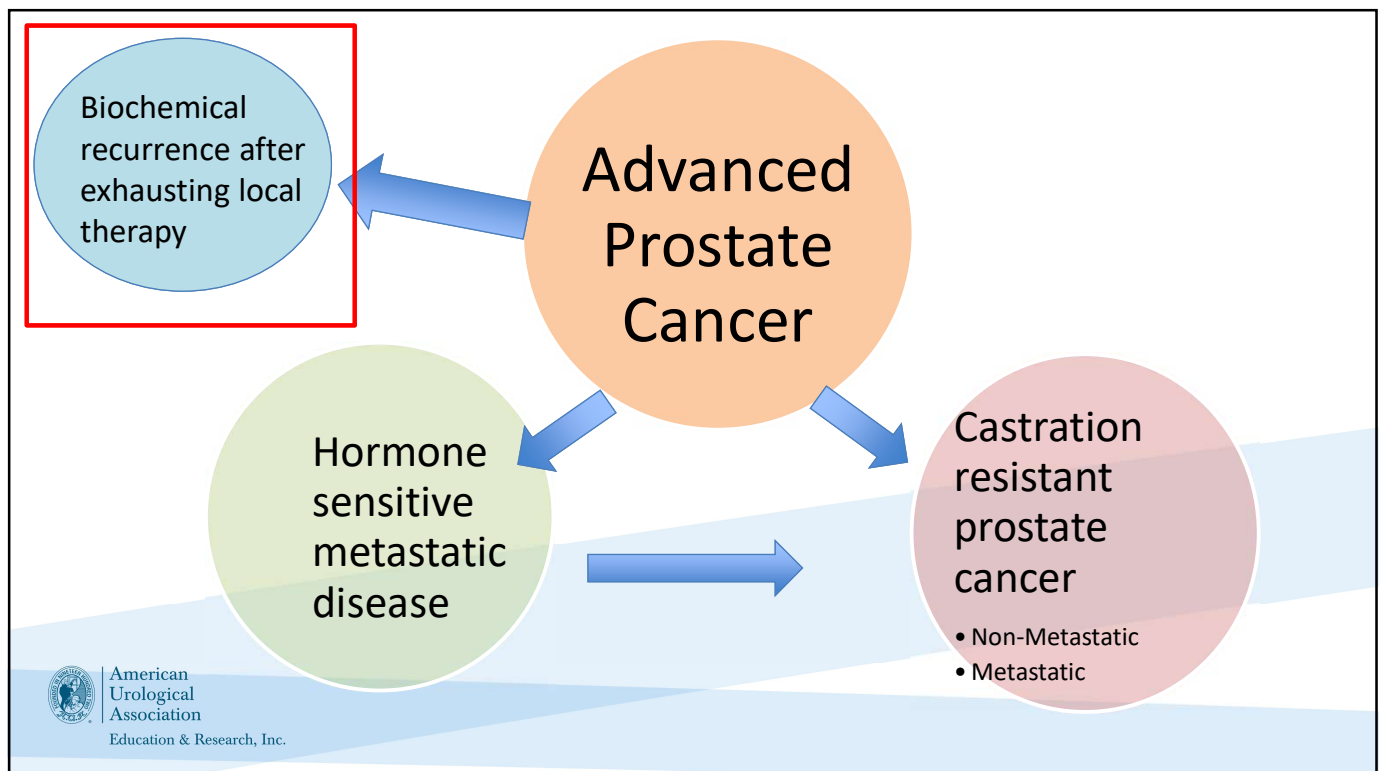
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# ADVANCED PROSTATE CANCER



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## BIOCHEMICAL RECURRENCE WITHOUT METASTATIC DISEASE

### Prognosis

#### Clinicians SHOULD

Inform patients regarding the risk of developing metastatic disease and follow patients with serial PSA measurements and clinical evaluation

Perform periodic staging evaluations consisting of cross sectional imaging (CT,MRI) and technetium bone scan in patients who are at higher risk for development of metastases

#### Clinicians MAY

Utilize novel PET-CT scans as an alternative to or in the setting of negative conventional imaging

Consider radiographic assessments based on overall PSA and PSA kinetics

### Treatment

#### Clinicians SHOULD

Offer observation or clinical trial enrollment

#### Clinicians SHOULD NOT

Routinely initiate ADT

#### Clinicians MAY

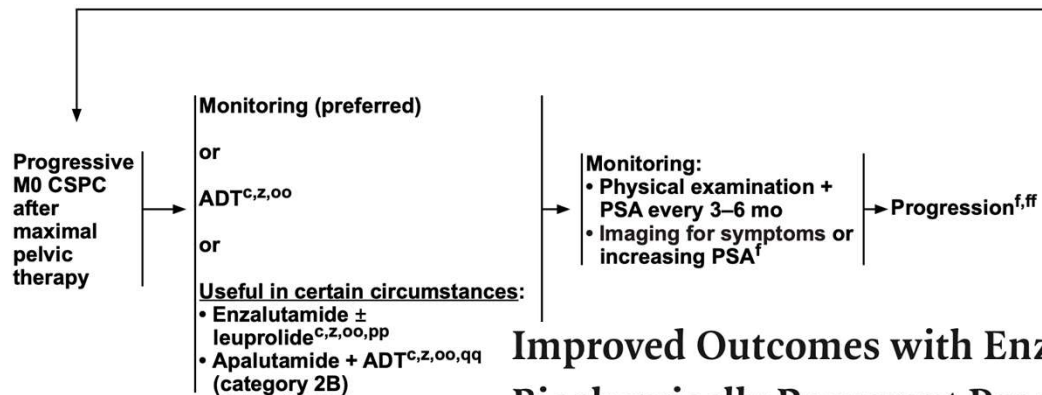
Offer intermittent ADT in lieu of continuous ADT if ADT is initiated in the absence of metastatic disease



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## TREATMENT AND MONITORING FOR PROGRESSIVE M0 CASTRATION-SENSITIVE PROSTATE CANCER (CSPC) AFTER MAXIMAL PELVIC THERAPY



## Improved Outcomes with Enzalutamide in Biochemically Recurrent Prostate Cancer

N Eng J Med 2023;389:1453

**PRESTO: A Phase III, Open-Label Study of Intensification of Androgen Blockade in Patients With High-Risk Biochemically Relapsed Castration-Sensitive Prostate Cancer (AFT-19)**

JCO 2024;42:114



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# Hormonal Ablation

- **Goal:** Lower systemic testosterone
  - Induces apoptosis in prostate cancer cells
- Charles Huggins (1941)
- Medical castration
  - GnHR agonist/antagonist therapy
- Surgical castration bilateral orchiectomy



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# Hormonal Therapy

Class	Site	MOA	Drug
GnRH Agonist	Pituitary	Stimulates release of LH	Goserelin Leuprolide
GnRH Antagonist	Pituitary	Blocks release of GnRH	Abarelix Degarelix Relugolix
Adrenal	Adrenal	Decreases androgen production	Abiraterone Ketoconazole
1 <sup>st</sup> Gen Anti-androgen	Prostate/CaP	Blocks binding at the AR	Bicalutamide Flutamide Nilutamide
2 <sup>nd</sup> Gen Anti-androgen	Prostate/CaP	Blocks AR, limits nuclear translocation + transcription	Enzalutamide Apalutamide Darolutamide

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## ADT - Side Effects

- Hot flashes
- Osteoporosis
- Fatigue
- Loss of libido, erectile dysfunction
- Cognitive dysfunction
- Loss of muscle, increased adiposity
- Metabolic syndrome
- Cardiovascular disease



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## Intermittent ADT

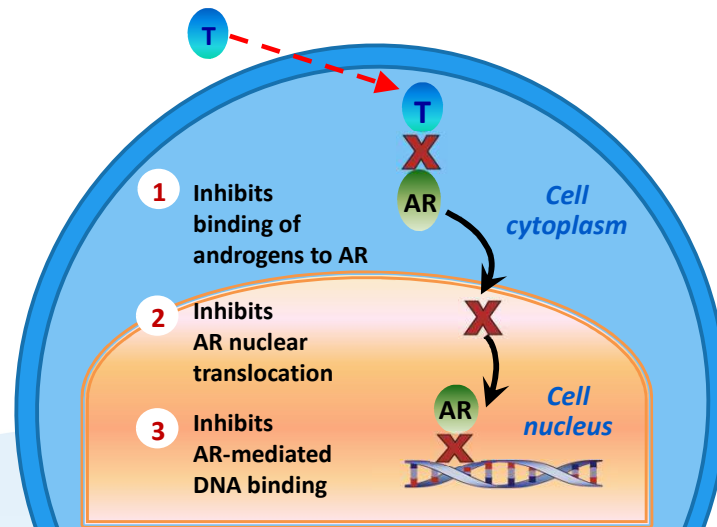
- **Non-metastatic**, failed primary or salvage RT
  - No difference in OS but much better quality of life
    - Crook et al NEJM 2012
- **Metastatic**, hormone sensitive
  - Could not prove superiority or equivalence
    - Hussain et al NEJM 2013
  - Several meta-analyses reported **no difference in survival between iADT and cADT**



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# Androgen Receptor Blockade



Enzalutamide, Apalutamide, Darolutamide, Bicalutamide, Flutamide

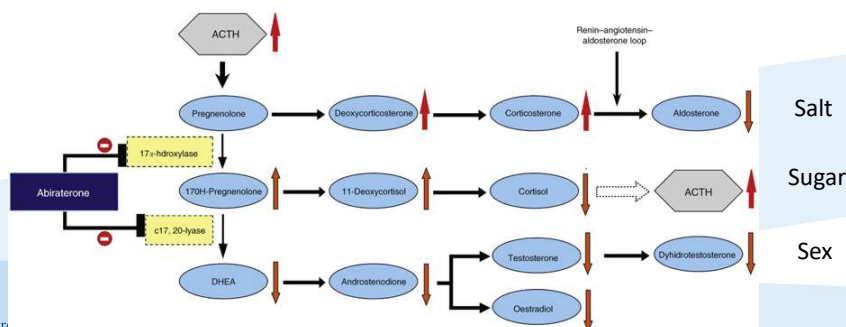


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# Abiraterone

- HTN, hypokalemia, fatigue, steroid induced hyperglycemia
- Avoid in those who cannot tolerate steroids (brittle DM, gastric ulcers, rapidly progressive)
- Avoid in liver disease, cardiac disease



DeBono J, et al. Br J Canc.2009; 671-5.



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# Enzalutamide

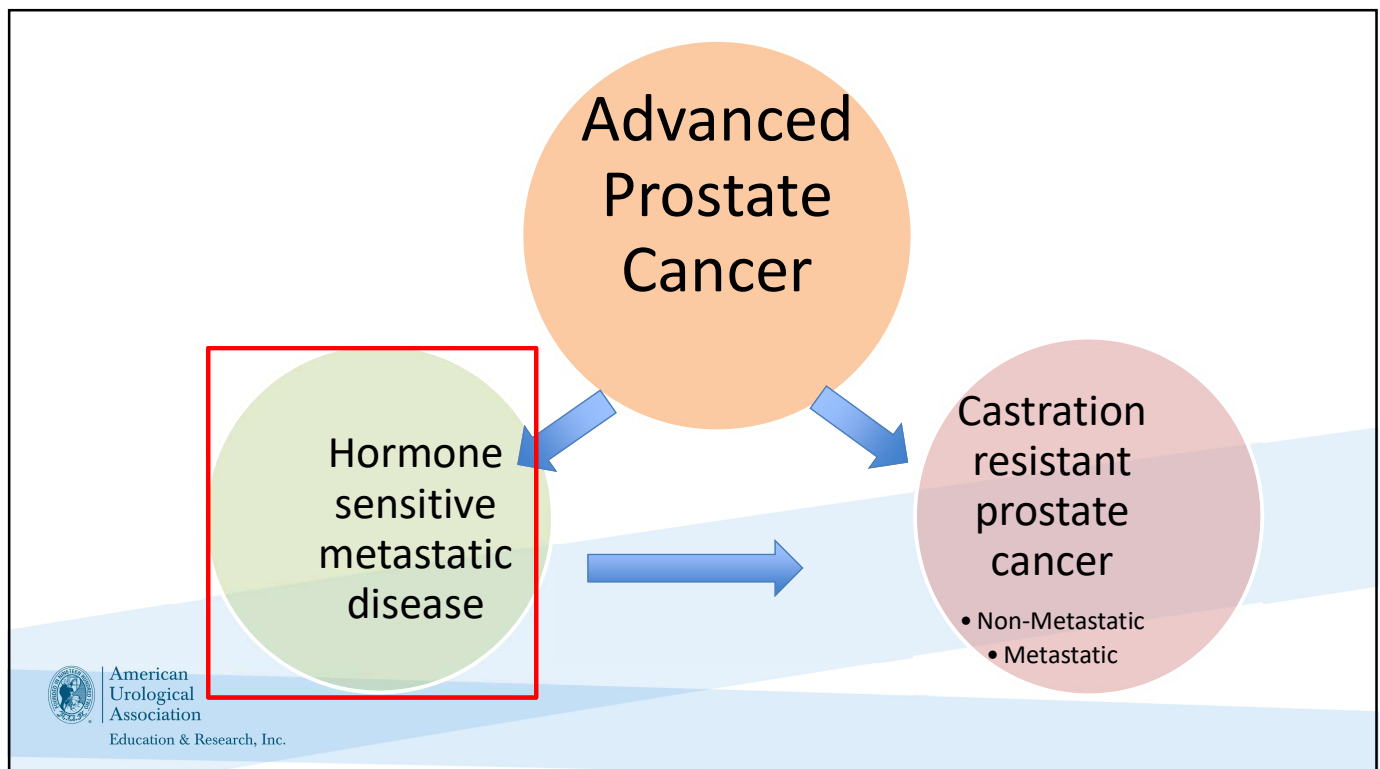
- HTN, fatigue, constipation/diarrhea, hot flash, falls;  
**Rare: seizure**
  - Relative contraindication in seizure history
  - Avoid in older patients or those with significant fatigue



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Hoffman-Censits and Kelly, Clin Cancer Res 2013

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# Metastatic Disease (M1)

Volume of dz  
Timing of mets

## Hormone Sensitive M1

- ADT +
  - Abiraterone/Prednisone
  - Apalutamide
  - Enzalutamide
  - Darolutamide
  - Docetaxel + Abi/pred
  - Docetaxel + Darolutamide
  - EBRT in low volume M1

## Castration Resistant M1

- ADT +
  - Abiraterone/Prednisone
  - Docetaxel
  - Enzalutamide
  - Radium 223
  - Mitoxantrone
  - Sipuleucel-T
  - PARP Inhibitors
  - Pembrolizumab



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ADT monotherapy



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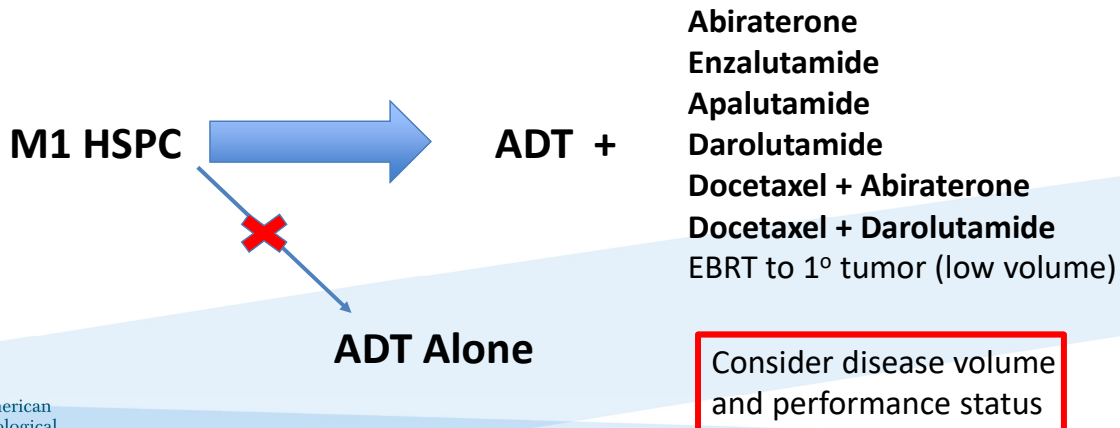
CHAARTED	ADT + Docetaxel	Improved OS	High volume disease → greater benefit
STAMPEDE	ADT + Docetaxel ADT + Abiraterone ADT + prostate EBRT	Improved OS	No difference with doce in high vs. low volume; EBRT for low volume  *Presence of visceral metastases or ≥4 bony lesions with at least 1 outside spine or pelvis
PEACE-1	ADT + Doce + Abi	Improved rPFS, OS	High volume, de novo; Modest increase in toxicity (HTN)
ARASENS	ADT + Doce+Daro	Improved OS, time to CRPC, time to pain progression	No significant difference in toxicity
LATITUDE	ADT + Abiraterone	Improved rPRS, OS	Needed 2/3 high risk features**  Gleason score 8–10, ≥3 bone metastases, and visceral metastases
ENZAMET	ADT + Enzalutamide	Improved OS	More AEs in enza group (fatigue, seizures, HTN)
ARCHES		Improved rPRS	
TITAN	ADT + Apalutamide	Improved rPFS, OS	More AEs in apa group (Rash)
ARANOTE	ADT + Darolutamide	Improved rPFS	Favorable safety profile

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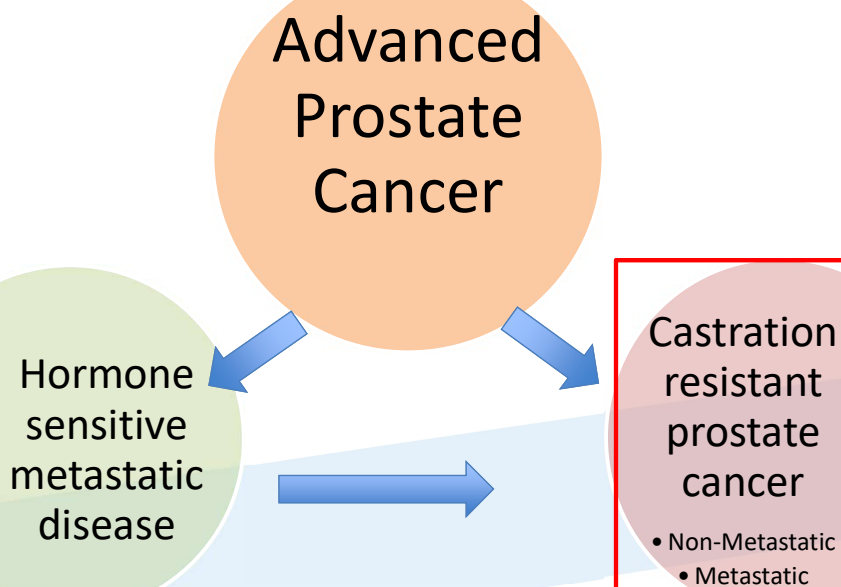
# Metastatic Castration Sensitive

## Take Home Message



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# Castration Resistant Prostate Cancer (CRPC)

- Non-metastatic (M0) or metastatic (M1)
- Definitions (PSA working group)
  - Testosterone < 50ng/dL *and*
  - PSA greater than 2 ng/ml and rising
  - New radiographic or clinical metastasis on ADT *or*



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## M0 CRPC

- Men with M0 CRPC and a rapidly rising PSA (**<8-10 mos**) are at high risk for metastases
  - Major cause of morbidity and mortality
- Three large phase III trials
  - Enzalutamide, Apalutamide, Darolutamide
- ***Preventing metastases = a major goal; MFS is a surrogate goal!***



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# M0 CRPC

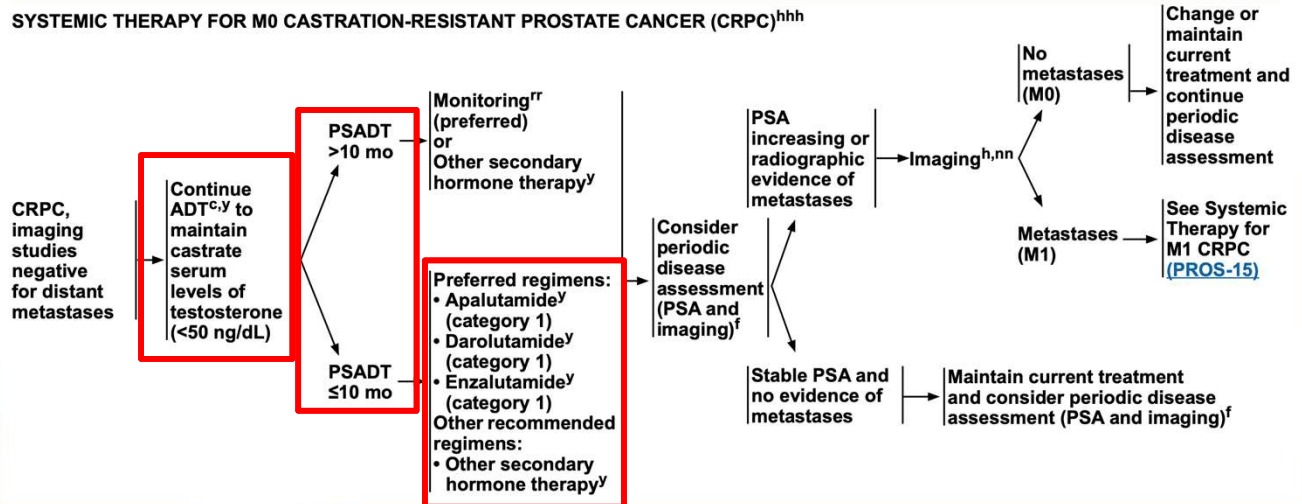


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## SYSTEMIC THERAPY FOR M0 CASTRATION-RESISTANT PROSTATE CANCER (CRPC)<sup>hhh</sup>



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## M0

- SPARTAN → Apalutamide
- PROSPER → Enzalutamide
- ARAMIS → Darolutamide
- Mature data show OS benefit too!



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# Adverse Events

- **Apalutamide:** rash (24% vs. 5.5%), fracture (11% vs. 6.5%), hypothyroidism (8% vs. 2%).
- **Enzalutamide:** falls and nonpathologic fractures (17% vs. 8%), hypertension (12% vs. 5%), major adverse cardiovascular events (5% vs. 3%), mental impairment disorders (5% vs. 2%).
- **Darolutamide:** fatigue (12.1% vs. 8.7%), pain in an extremity (5.8% vs. 3.2%), rash (2.9% vs. 0.9%).



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N ENGL J MED 378;15 NEJM.ORG APRIL 12, 2018

N ENGL J MED 378;26 NEJM.ORG JUNE 28, 2018

N ENGL J MED 380;13 NEJM.ORG MARCH 28, 2019

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## NON-METASTATIC CASTRATION RESISTANT PROSTATE CANCER

### Prognosis

#### Clinicians SHOULD

Obtain serial PSA measurements at three to six month intervals and calculate PSA doubling time starting at time of development of castration-resistance

Assess for development of metastatic disease using conventional imaging at intervals of six to twelve months

### Treatment

#### Clinicians SHOULD

Offer apalutamide, darolutamide, or enzalutamide with continued ADT to patients at high risk for developing metastatic disease

#### Clinicians MAY

Recommend observation with continued ADT, particularly for those at lower risk for developing metastatic disease

#### Clinicians SHOULD NOT

Offer systemic chemotherapy or immunotherapy outside the context of a clinical trial



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# M1 CRPC

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## What to do??

- Data to inform the optimal sequence for delivery of these agents in patients with metastatic CRPC is limited
- Choice of therapy is based largely on clinical considerations, which include patient preferences, **prior treatment**, presence or absence of **visceral disease**, **symptoms**, and potential side effects.



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### ADT + Abiraterone; ADT + Enzalutamide

- **COU-AA-301** – ADT + Abiraterone
  - Prior docetaxel
- **COU-AA-302** – ADT + Abiraterone
  - No prior docetaxel
  - chemotherapy naïve
- **AFFIRM** – ADT + Enzalutamide
  - Prior docetaxel
- **PREVAIL** – ADT + Enzalutamide
  - No prior docetaxel
  - chemotherapy naïve



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### Chemotherapy

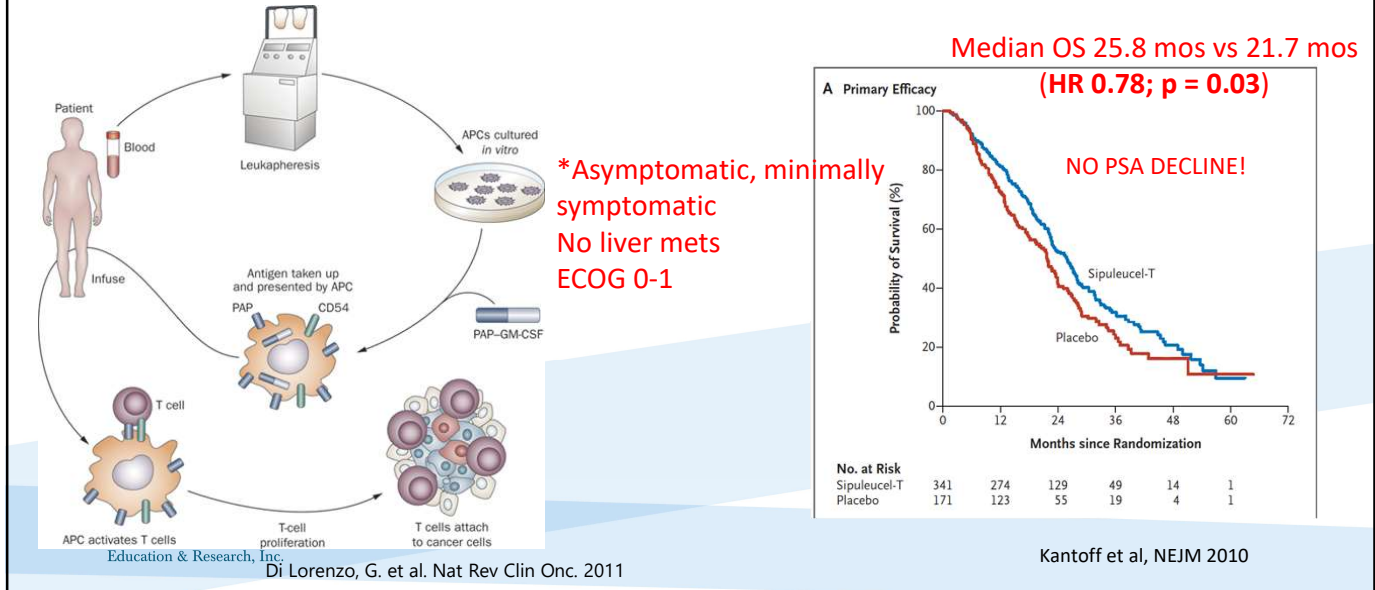
- **Docetaxel** (TAX 327, SWOG 9916)
- **Cabazitaxel** (TROPIC, FIRSTANA)
  - FDA approved after docetaxel
- **Mitoxantrone** (CALGB 9182)
  - Currently limited role in mCRPC



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# M1 CRPC Immunotherapy

Sipuleucel-T  
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## Genetic Testing

### Germline (inherited)

- Regional or metastatic
- High risk or very high risk
- FHx of high risk germline mutation
- A positive FHx of cancer
- Intraductal, cribriform

### Somatic (acquired)

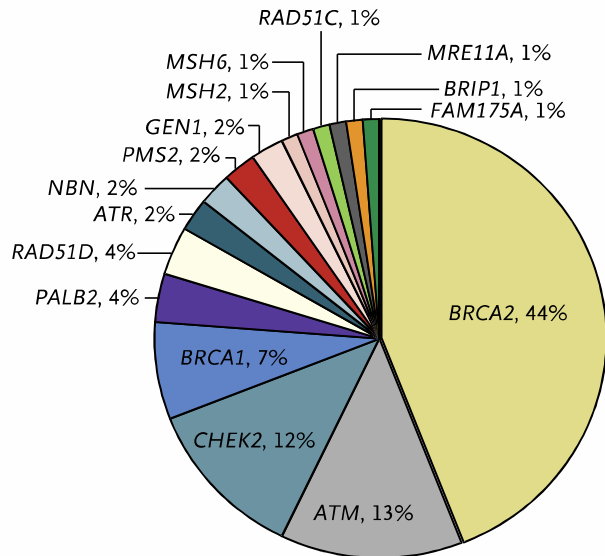
- Metastatic
- Regional (consider)

***BRCA1, BRCA2, ATM, PALB2, CHEK2, MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2, HOXB13***



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## Prostate Cancer: Genetics



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Inherited DNA-Repair Gene Mutations in Men with Metastatic Prostate Cancer

C.C. Pritchard, J. Mateo, M.F. Walsh, N. De Sarkar, W. Abida, H. Beltran, A. Garofalo, R. Gulati, S. Carreira, R. Eeles, O. Elemento, M.A. Rubin, D. Robinson, R. Lonigro, M. Hussain, A. Chinnaiyan, J. Vinson, J. Filipenko, L. Garraway, M.-E. Taplin, S. AlDubayan, G.C. Han, M. Beightol, C. Morrissey, B. Nghiem, H.H. Cheng, B. Montgomery, T. Walsh, S. Casadei, M. Berger, L. Zhang, A. Zehir, J. Vijai, H.I. Scher, C. Sawyers, N. Schultz, P.W. Kantoff, D. Solit, M. Robson, E.M. Van Allen, K. Offit, J. de Bono, and P.S. Nelson

- 692 men with metastatic PCA
- Sequenced their genome
- 84 germline DNA-repair gene mutations
- **82 men (11.8%)**
- Mutations were found in 16 genes

Pritchard et al N Engl J Med. 2016;375(5):443-453.

Pritchard CC, et al. N Engl J Med. 2016;375:443-453.

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## PARP Inhibitors – Mechanism of Action

- poly-ADP ribose polymerase (PARP) repairs DNA damage
- PARPi are oral agents that block the repair mechanisms
- In the setting of certain mutations → **“Synthetic lethality”**
  - Block the dependent pathway
  - Cancer cell death



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# PARP Inhibitors

Study	Drug	Patients	Endpoints
NCT01576172	Abi + PBO vs. Abi + veliparib	2 <sup>nd</sup> Line mCRPC, unselected	PSA50, mPRS, mRR
NCT01972217	Abi + Olaparib vs. Abi + PBO	2 <sup>nd</sup> Line mCRPC, unselected	rPFS, mOS, mPFS, mDOR
PROFOUND	Olaparib vs. ARPI	2 <sup>nd</sup> Line mCRPC A: BRCA1/2, ATM; B:12 HRR alterations	rPFS, mOS, ORR
TRITON 3	Rucaparib vs. Physicians Choice	2 <sup>nd</sup> Line mCRPC BRCA1/2, ATM	rPFS, OS, ORR, time to pain prog
TALAPRO 2	Talazoparib + Enza vs. PBO + Enza	1 <sup>st</sup> Line mCRPC	rPFS, OS, ORR, PFS2, time to PSA prog, time to chemo
MAGNITUDE	Niraparib + Abi vs. PBO + Abi	1 <sup>st</sup> Line mCRPC HRR+; HRR-	rPFS, OS, ORR, time to PSA prog, time to chemo
PROPEL	Olaparib + Abi vs. PBO + Abi	1 <sup>st</sup> Line mCRPC	rPFS, mOS, ORR, PFS2, Time to sub therapy



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## Level 1 Evidence in M1 CRPC

Clinical Trial(s)	Intervention	Control	Comments
<b>COU-AA-301</b> <b>COU-AA-302</b>	Abiraterone + ADT (Prior docetaxel) Abiraterone + ADT (No docetaxel)	ADT + PBO	OS; 2 <sup>o</sup> PFS
<b>AFFIRM</b> <b>PREVAIL</b>	Enzalutamide + ADT (Prior docetaxel) Enzalutamide + ADT (No docetaxel)	ADT + PBO	OS
<b>TAX 327</b> <b>SWOG 9916</b>	Docetaxel + ADT Docetaxel + estramustine	Mitoxantrone + pred Mitoxantrone + pred	OS OS
<b>TROPIC</b> <b>FIRSTANA</b>	Cabazitaxel Cabazitaxel	Mitoxantrone + pred Docetaxel	OS (post chemo) OS (pre chemo)
	Mitoxantrone + pred	Pred	No OS benefit – improved QOL
<b>IMPACT</b>	Sipuleucel-T	PBO	OS
<b>PROFOUND</b> <b>TRITON2*</b>	Olaparib + ADT Rucaparib + ADT	Physicians Choice *(phase 2)	PFS; 2 <sup>o</sup> : OS (HRRm) ORR; (BRCA)
<b>ALSYMPCA</b>	Radium 223	PBO	OS; time to SRE
<b>VISION</b>	Lutetium Lu 177	SOC	OS; PSMA PET +

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## Anti-PD-1 Antibody Pembrolizumab

- Unresectable or metastatic MSI-high or mismatch repair deficient solid tumors
- Progressed on prior treatment
- No satisfactory alternatives

34. In patients with mismatch repair deficient or microsatellite instability high mCRPC, clinicians should offer pembrolizumab. (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade I/C)



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### FDA Approval Summary: Pembrolizumab for the Treatment of Microsatellite Instability-High Solid Tumors

- Adult, pediatric patients
- Unresectable or metastatic
- MDI-H or dMMR solid tumors
- Progressed following prior treatment without alternative treatments
- Shared tumor biology across different tumors based on ORR
- ***First time the FDA has approved a cancer treatment for an indication based on common biomarker rather than primary site of origin***



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Clin Cancer Res 2019;25:3753



## METASTATIC CASTRATION RESISTANT PROSTATE CANCER

### Prognosis

#### Clinicians SHOULD

Obtain baseline labs and review location of metastatic disease, disease-related symptoms, and performance status  
Assess the extent of metastatic disease using conventional imaging at least annually or at intervals determined by lack of response to therapy  
Offer germline and somatic tumor genetic testing

### Treatment

#### Clinicians SHOULD

Offer continued ADT with abiraterone acetate plus prednisone, docetaxel, or enzalutamide  
Consider prior treatment in sequencing agents and recommend therapy with an alternative mechanism of action  
Offer radium-223 to patients with symptoms from bony metastases from mCRPC and without known visceral disease or lymphadenopathy >3cm

### Treatment (cont.)

#### Clinicians SHOULD (cont.)

Recommend cabazitaxel rather than an alternative androgen pathway directed therapy in patients who received prior docetaxel and abiraterone acetate plus prednisone or enzalutamide  
Offer a PARP inhibitor to patients with deleterious or suspected deleterious germline or somatic HRR gene-mutated mCRPC following prior treatment with enzalutamide or abiraterone, and/or a taxane-based chemotherapy  
Offer pembrolizumab to patients with mismatch repair deficient or microsatellite instability high CRPC  
**Clinicians MAY**  
Offer sipuleucel-T to asymptomatic/minimally symptomatic patients  
Offer cabazitaxel to patients who received prior docetaxel with or without prior abiraterone acetate plus prednisone or enzalutamide  
Offer platinum-based chemotherapy to patients with deleterious or suspected deleterious germline or somatic HRR gene-mutated mCRPC following prior treatment with enzalutamide or abiraterone acetate, and/or a taxane-based chemotherapy who cannot use/obtain a PARP inhibitor



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## Bone Health

### Clinicians SHOULD

- Discuss the risk of osteoporosis associated with ADT and assess the risk of fragility fracture
- Recommend preventative treatment for fractures and skeletal-related events, including supplemental calcium, vitamin D, smoking cessation, and weight-bearing exercise, to patients on ADT
- Recommend preventative treatments with bisphosphonates or denosumab to patients at high fracture risk due to bone loss and recommend referral to physicians who have familiarity with the management of osteoporosis
- Prescribe a bone-protective agent (denosumab or zoledronic acid) for mCRPC patients with bony metastases to prevent skeletal-related events

**Osteonecrosis of the jaw can occur with both zoledronic acid and denosumab**



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Good Luck!**



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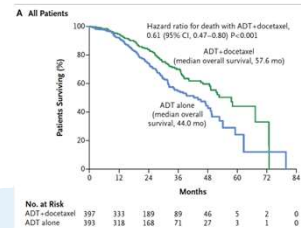
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# M1 Castration Sensitive (CSPC)

## CHAARTED – ADT + *Docetaxel*

- 790 men with mHSPC randomized to ADT +/- docetaxel
  - Docetaxel 75mg/m<sup>2</sup> q3wks for 6 cycles
- Median f/u: 28.9mo
- Median OS: 57.6 mo vs 44 mo (HR 0.61)**
- Also improved PFS and rate of PSA <0.2
- Significant improvement in high-volume disease**
  - Presence of visceral metastases or ≥4 bony lesions with at least 1 outside spine or pelvis



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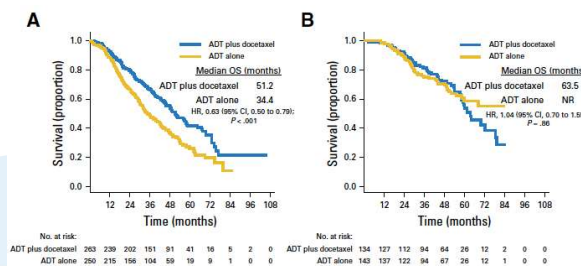
Sweeney et al, NEJM 2015

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# Metastatic Castration Sensitive

## CHAARTED – ADT + *Docetaxel*

- Long term follow up**
- Median f/u 53.7 mo
- Median OS 51.2 mo vs. 34.4 mo (HR 0.63, p<0.001)**
- High volume disease → benefited more



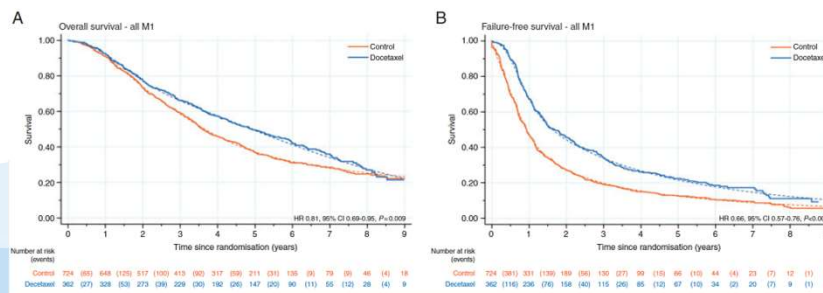
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Kyriakopoulos et al, J Clin Oncol 2018

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## STAMPEDE – ADT + *Docetaxel*

- Long term follow up
- Median f/u 78.2 mos
- **Median OS 59.1 mo vs. 43.1 mo (HR 0.81, p = 0.003)**
- No difference in low vs. high volume disease



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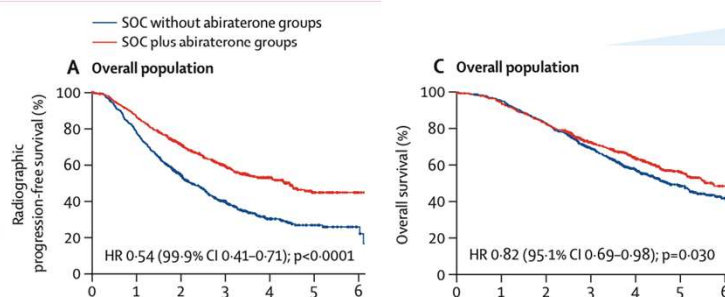
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## PEACE-1 – ADT + *Docetaxel* + *Abiraterone*

- De novo, mHSPCa
- SOC (ADT +/- doce) **vs.** SOC + XRT **vs.** SOC + Abi **vs.** SOC + XRT + Abi
- **Longer RPFS (HR 0.54, p = 0.0001), OS (HR 0.82, p = 0.030)**
- High volume, de novo disease; chemofit



modest increase  
in toxicity: HTN



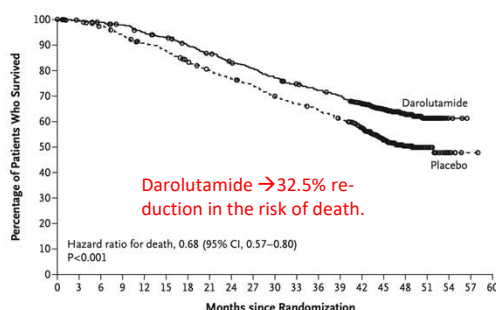
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## ARASENS – ADT + *Docetaxel* + *Darolutamide*

- mHSPCa (86% de novo, 14% progressive)
- ADT + Docetaxel + darolutamide vs. ADT + Doce + matching PBO
- Improved OS (HR 0.68,  $p < 0.001$ )



- ✓ Time to CRPC
- ✓ Time to pain progression
- ✓ No sig increase in tox

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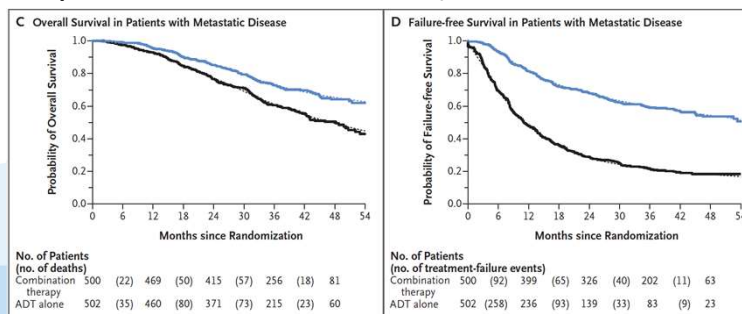
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## STAMPEDE – ADT + *Abiraterone*

- 1917 men with mHSPC randomized to ADT +/-Abiraterone (1000 mg daily + prednisolone)
- Median f/u: 40 mo
- 37% relative improvement in survival (HR 0.63,  $P < 0.0001$ )



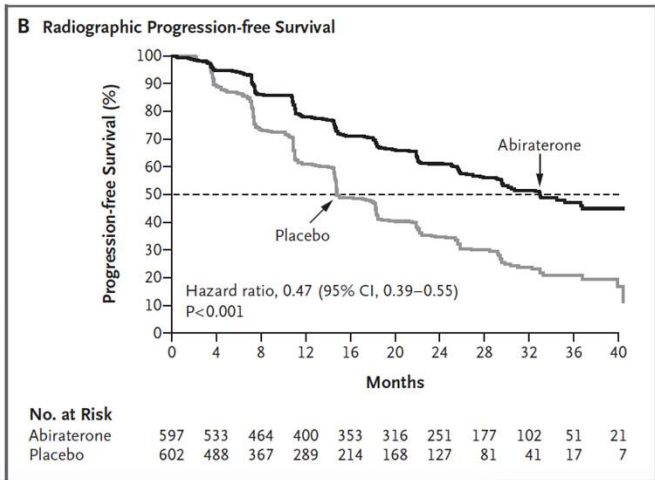
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James, NEJM 2017

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## LATITUDE – ADT + *Abiraterone*

- 1199 patients receive ADT +/- abiraterone acetate + prednisone
  - 50% symptomatic at baseline
- Needed 2 of 3 high risk features
  - Gleason  $\geq 8$ ,  $\geq 3$  bone lesions, visceral mets
- **OS** and **radiographic PFS** primary endpoints
- Median f/u 30.4 months



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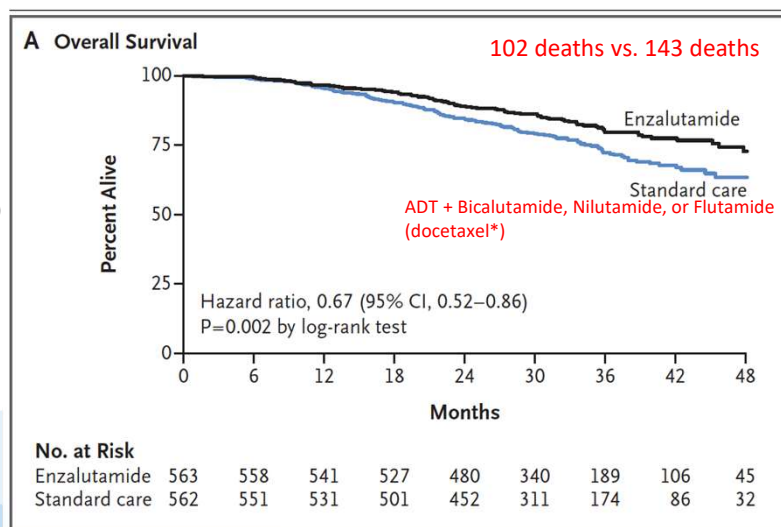
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## ENZAMET – ADT + *Enzalutamide*

More AEs in  
Enzalutamide group



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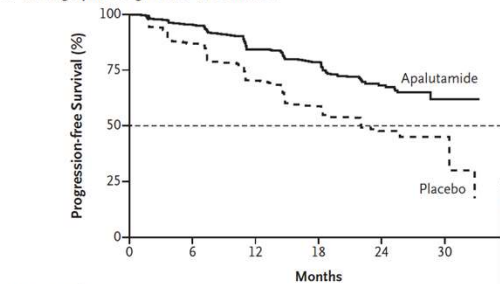
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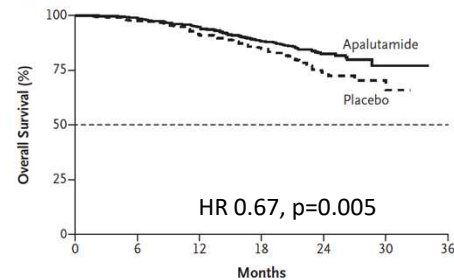
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## TITAN - ADT + *Apalutamide*

A Radiographic Progression-free Survival



A Overall Survival



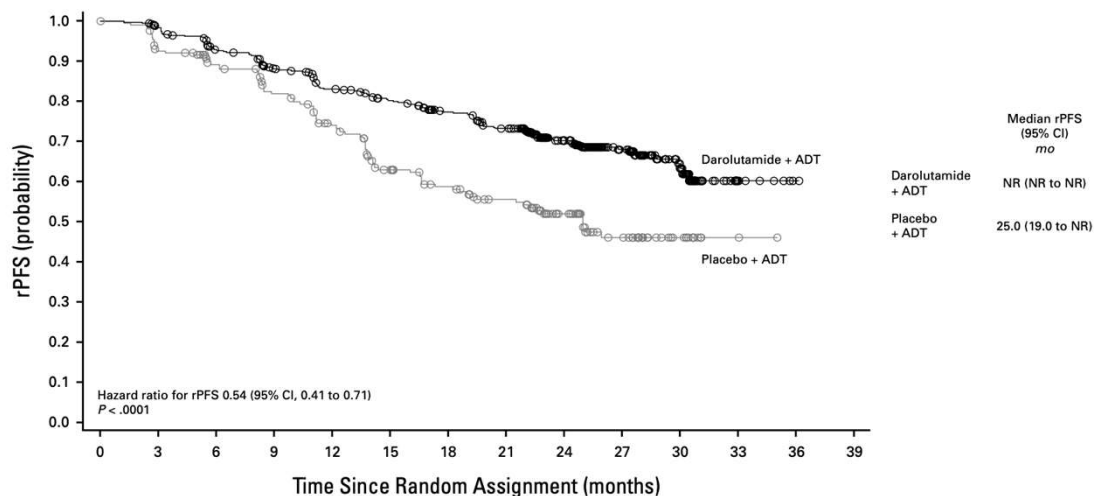
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## ARANOTE - ADT + *Darolutamide*



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## STAMPEDE - ADT + *Prostate EBRT*

- What about the value of local therapy in M1 disease?
- STAMPEDE
  - 2061 men randomized to ADT (doc) v. ADT (doc) plus EBRT
  - Median **OS** - 48 mo (EBRT) v. 46 mo (Control)
  - All Patients - HR: 0.92, 95% CI: 0.80–1.06;  $p=0.266$
  - **Low met burden** - HR 0.68, 95% CI 0.52–0.90;  $p=0.007$

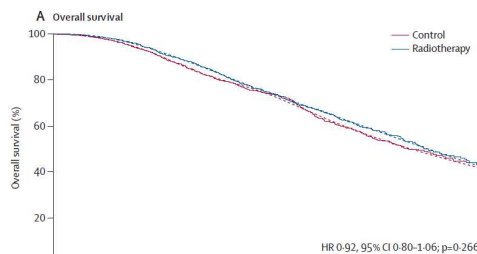


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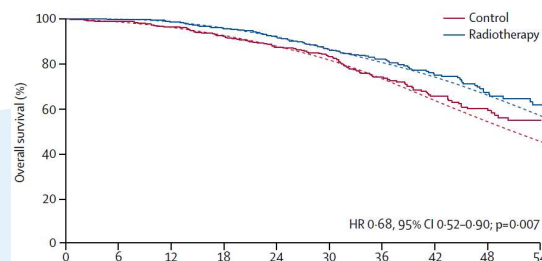
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## Overall Survival - STAMPEDE



All Patients - HR: 0.92, 95%  
CI: 0.80–1.06;  $p=0.266$

**Low volume-** HR 0.68, 95%  
CI 0.52–0.90;  $p=0.007$



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# M0 CRPC

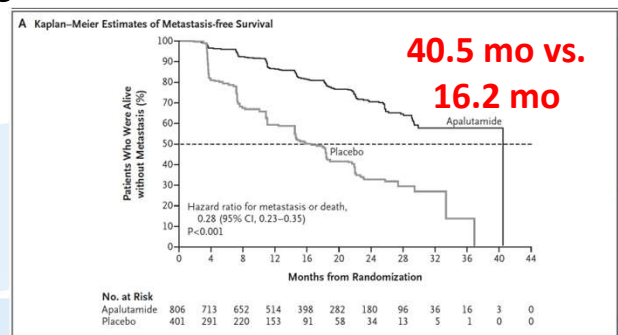


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## Apalutamide Treatment and Metastasis-free Survival in Prostate Cancer

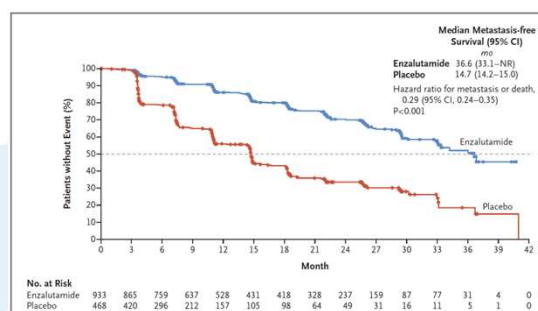
- **Phase 3 SPARTAN Trial**
  - Apalutamide + ADT vs. placebo + ADT
- M0 CRPC, PSADT  $\leq 10$  mos
- 1207 patients
- Median f/u 20.3 mos
- 1<sup>o</sup>: MFS



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## Enzalutamide in Men with Nonmetastatic, Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer

- **Phase 3 PROSPER**
  - Enzalutamide + ADT vs. Placebo + ADT
  - Double blinded
- M0 CRPC, PSADT  $\leq$  10 mos
- 1401 patients
- 1<sup>o</sup>: MFS



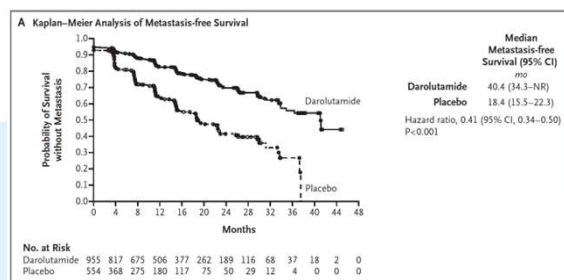
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## Darolutamide in Nonmetastatic, Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer

- **Phase 3 ARAMIS**
  - Darolutamide + ADT vs. Placebo + ADT
- M0 CRPC, PSADT  $\leq$  10 mos
- 1509 patients
- Median follow up 17.9 mos
- 1<sup>o</sup>: MFS
- FDA approval 7/30/2019



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## M1 CRPC ADT + Abiraterone

- **COU-AA-301** – ADT + Abiraterone
  - Prior docetaxel
- **COU-AA-302** – ADT + Abiraterone
  - No prior docetaxel/chemotherapy naive

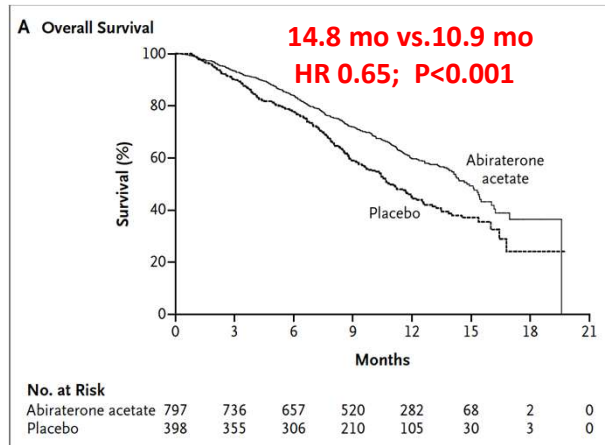


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## COU-AA-301



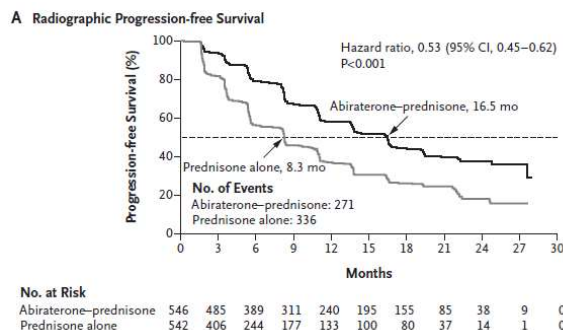
- All 2<sup>o</sup> end points
  - time to PSA progression (10.2 vs. 6.6 mos; P<0.001)
  - progression-free survival (5.6 vs. 3.6 mos; p<0.001)



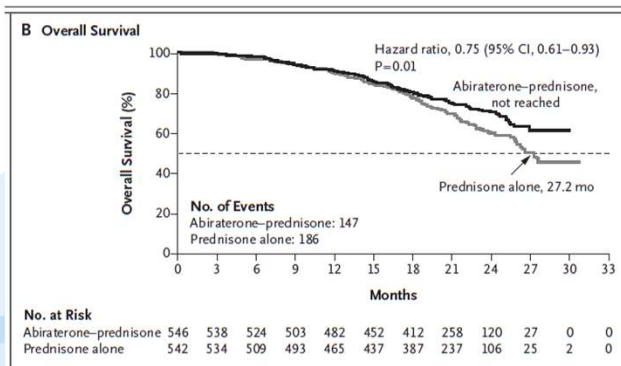
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de Bono et al NEJM 2011

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## COU-AA-302



Ryan et al, NEJM 2013



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# M1 CRPC

## ADT + Enzalutamide

- **AFFIRM** – ADT + Enzalutamide
  - Prior docetaxel
- **PREVAIL** – ADT + Enzalutamide
  - No prior docetaxel/chemotherapy naïve

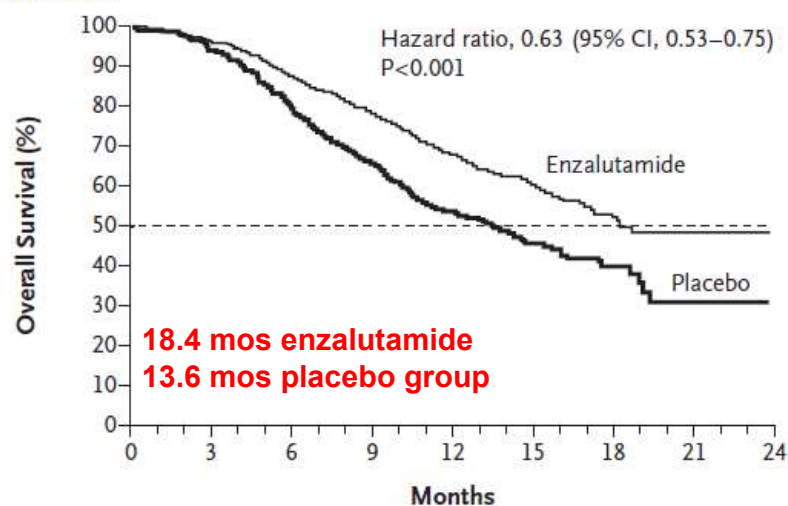


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## AFFIRM Trial – Prior Chemo

A Overall Survival

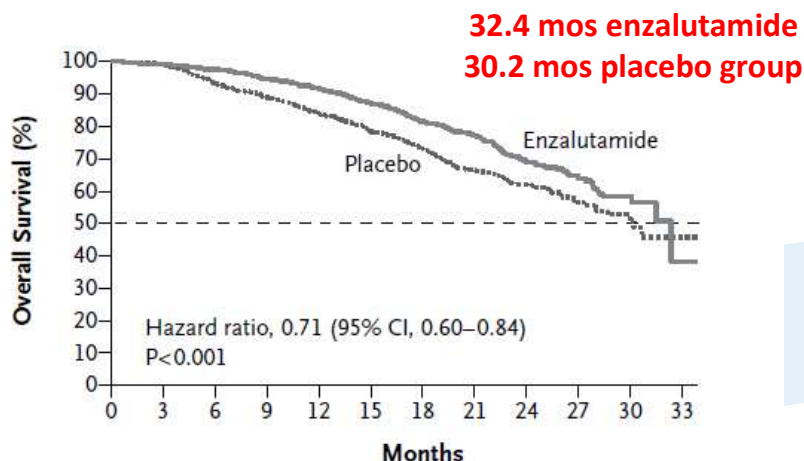


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Sher et al NEJM, 2012

## PREVAIL Trial – Chemo Naive

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Beer et al NEJM, 2014

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## M1 CRPC Chemotherapy

- **Docetaxel** (TAX 327, SWOG 9916)
- **Cabazitaxel** (TROPIC, FIRSTANA)
  - FDA approved after docetaxel
- **Mitoxantrone** (CALGB 9182)
  - Currently limited role in mCRPC

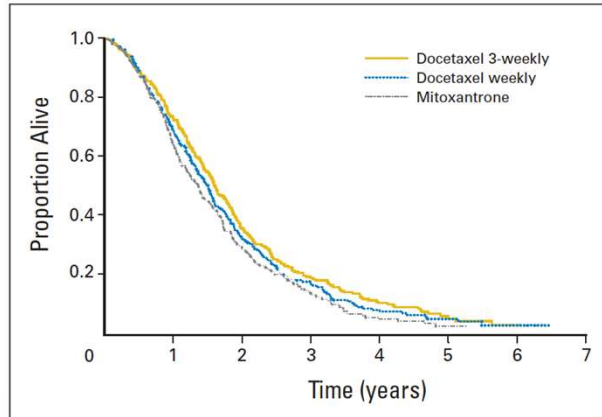


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# M1 CRPC

## Docetaxel (TAX 327)



**Median OS**  
**19.2 mos (p= 0.004)**  
**17.8 mos**  
**16.3 mos**

**Fig 1.** Overall survival data from March 2007, with 867 deaths among 1,006 randomly assigned patients.



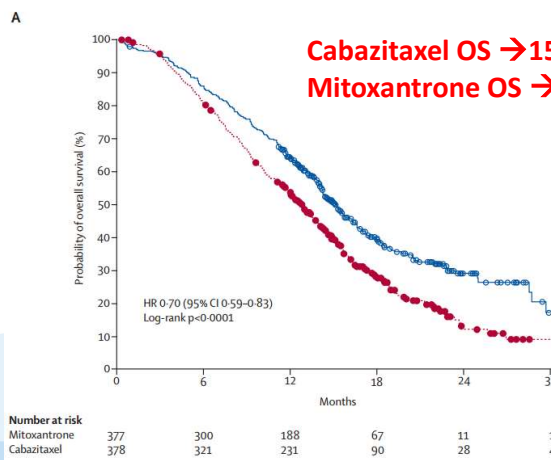
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Tannock et al. NEJM 2004  
 Berthold et al. JCO 2008

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## Cabazitaxel (TROPIC)

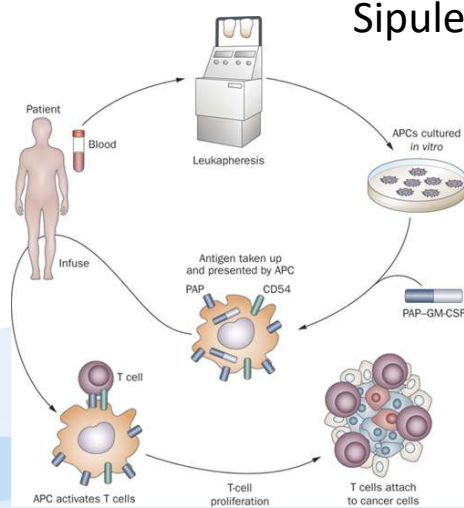


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De Bono et al, Lancet 2010

# M1 CRPC Immunotherapy

## Sipuleucel-T

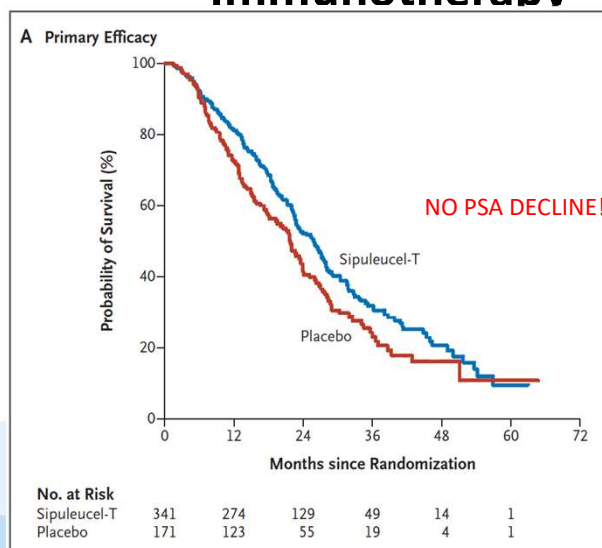


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Di Lorenzo, G. et al. Nat Rev Clin Onc. 2011

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# M1 CRPC Immunotherapy



Median OS 25.8 mos vs  
21.7 mos (**HR 0.78; p =  
0.03**)

Median of 34 months f/u  
No diff in PFS

Sipuleucel-T  
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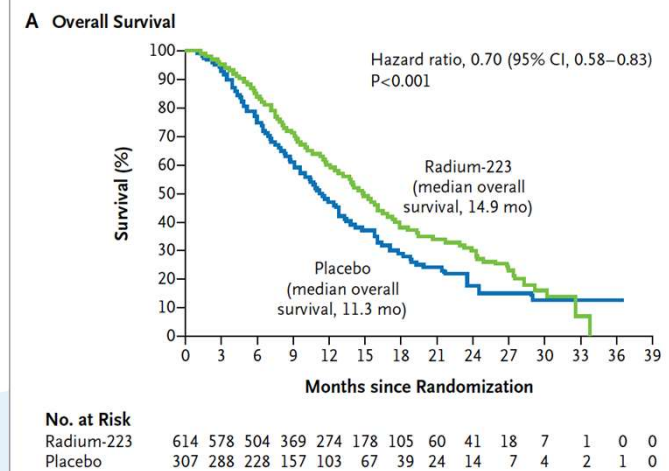


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Kantoff et al, NEJM 2010

# M1 CRPC (+bone mets)

## Radium-223



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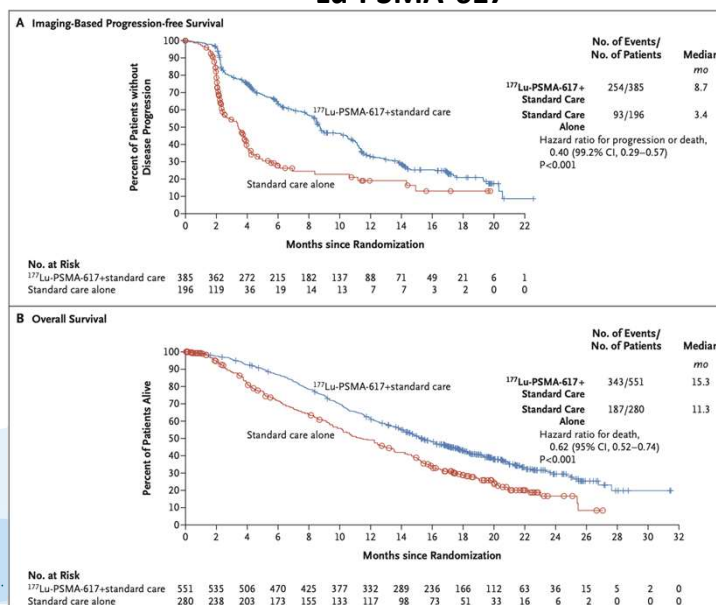
2°: SREs, biochem endpoints also showed benefit

Parker C et al, NEJM , 2013

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# M1 CRPC

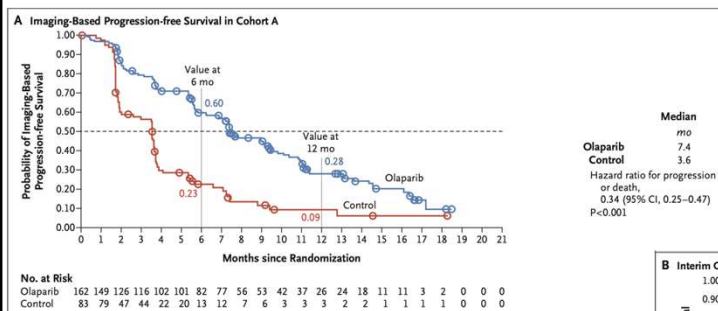
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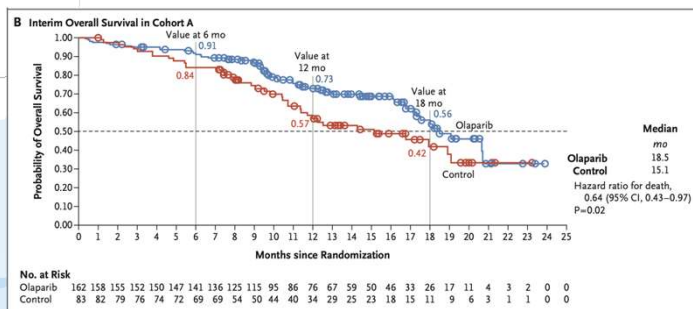
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## Olaparib for Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer



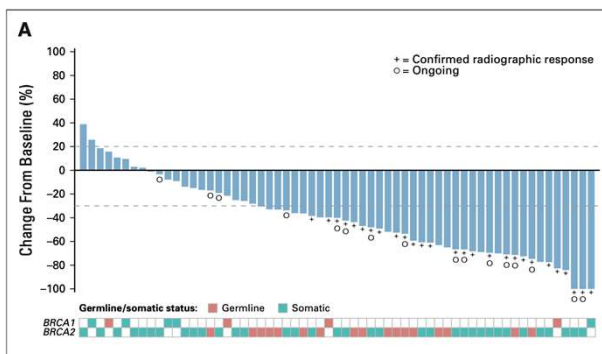
Phase 3 RCT in CRPC  
Disease progression on NHT  
All patients with prespecified gene alterations  
A: BRCA1, BRCA2, ATM  
B: 12 other gene alterations  
Olaparib vs. physicians choice



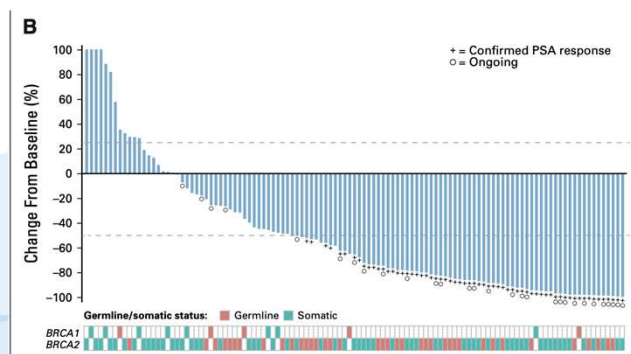
de Bono N engl j med 2020 382;22

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## Rucaparib in Men With Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer Harboring a *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* Gene Alteration



Phase 2 RCT in CRPC  
Disease progression on NHT and taxane  
BRCA1, BRCA2 or another DDR deficiency  
Efficacy and safety



Abida J Clin Oncol 2020 38:3763-3772

4KScore is a serum-based test used to assess likelihood of cancer on prostate biopsy and includes, total PSA, human kallikrein 2, intact PSA and:

- a) free PSA
- b) ProPSA
- c) PCA3
- d) PHI



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A 71 year old male has GG2 prostate cancer and is considering his options. The additional texting that may be used to help assess prognosis and aid in decision making:

- a) PCA3
- b) OncotypeDx™
- c) ConfirmMDx™
- d) Germline testing



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A 65-year old male has an abnormal DRE (cT2b), a PSA of 11.0 ng/ml, and Gleason 3+3 (grade group 1). His risk category is:

- a) Low risk.
- b) Favorable intermediate risk.
- c) Unfavorable Intermediate risk.
- d) High risk.



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The PIVOT Trial compared outcomes in men with clinically localized prostate cancer managed with surgery vs. observation. The major finding was:

- a) No difference in overall survival.
- b) Improved survival with surgery.
- c) Improved survival with watchful waiting.
- d) Increased metastasis with surgery.



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A 72-year old male with favorable intermediate risk disease is interested in pursuing active surveillance. You inform him this is a possible management strategy but is associated with which of the following when compared to definitive local therapy:

- a) Decreased disease specific survival.
- b) Improved disease specific survival.
- c) Lower risk of developing metastasis.
- d) Higher risk of developing metastasis.



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The method of radiation that delivers highest dose of radiation per treatment over the shortest treatment duration is known as:

- a) conventional fractionation
- b) moderate hypofractionation
- c) ultra-hypofractionation
- d) High dose rate



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A 62 y/o M with cT1c, PSA 8.2, GG 2 prostate cancer is treated with external beam radiotherapy. He tolerates this well, although does have transient increase in his lower urinary tract symptoms. His PSA nadirs at 0.5 but is noted to be 7.1 six months after he completes XRT, confirmed on repeat lab evaluation. The likely cause of this elevation is:

- a) prostatitis
- b) PSA bounce
- c) UTI
- d) persistent prostate cancer



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A 73-year old man on androgen deprivation therapy and androgen targeted therapy has progressive metastatic disease. His PSA is 29 and his testosterone is < 50 ng/dL. His current disease state is:

- a) Biochemical recurrence.
- b) M1 Hormone-sensitive prostate cancer.
- c) M1 Castration-resistant prostate cancer.
- d) M0 Castration-resistant prostate cancer.



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Abiraterone is a CYP-17 inhibitor that blocks both androgen and glucocorticoid production resulting in an excess of mineralocorticoid production. This mechanism of action explains the side effects of abiraterone, including:

- a) hypotension
- b) hyperglycemia
- c) hypokalemia
- d) hyperkalemia



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A 68 y/o M has castration resistant metastatic prostate cancer and genetic testing reveals a germline mutation in DNA damage repair genes. This mutation is associated with:

- a) prior prostate radiation
- b) advanced age
- c) resistance to PARP inhibition
- d) family history of breast, ovarian, and pancreatic cancer



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Sipuleucel-T is an immunotherapeutic prostate cancer vaccine used for men with asymptomatic or minimally symptomatic castration resistant prostate cancer that results in improved:

- a) overall survival
- b) radiographic progression free survival
- c) biochemical recurrence free survival
- d) treatment free survival



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The agent that works by directly blocking the androgen receptor is:

- a) Abiraterone.
- b) Enzalutamide.
- c) Relugolix.
- d) Leuprolide.



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