

# Pediatric ALL

Update on Treatment and  
Follow-Up Care

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LEUKEMIA &  
LYMPHOMA  
SOCIETY™  
fighting blood cancers

## Welcome & Introductions

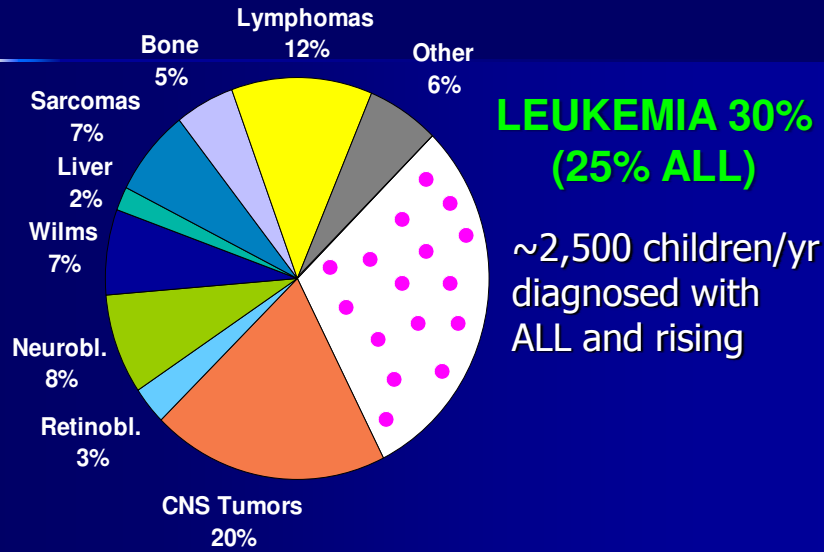


## Pediatric ALL- Update on Treatment

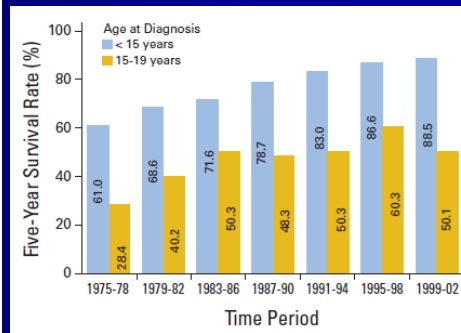
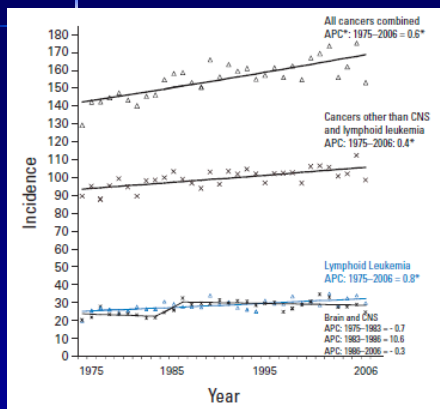
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# Types of Childhood Cancer

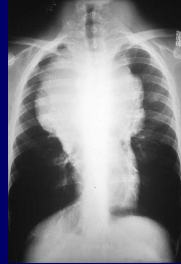


# ALL Incidence and EFS



Smith MA et al. JCO May 2010

# Clinical Presentation of ALL



**Peripheral blood examination :**  
**AML:** High WBC counts, predominating blasts. Neutropenia or thrombocytopenia.  
**ALL:** Pancytopenia, WBC count may be elevated or low. Monoclonality is indicative of acute leukemia (specific T and B cell surface markers identify the subset of leukemia).  
**CML:** High WBC count with mature neutrophils with early occasional myeloid forms and an occasional blast. Low leukocyte alkaline phosphatase score. Elevated platelet count, with dysmorphism and large size. Elevation of basophils count and blasts is seen in accelerated phase of this disorder.

**Hepatomegaly (CML)**  
**Signs of bleeding, petechiae, purpura (AML, ALL)**

**Leukemic meningitis, signs of involvement of the central nervous system, cranial nerve abnormalities, headache (ALL)**  
**Fever, weight loss (CML)**  
**Symptoms related to anemia: Fatigue, pallor, dyspnea (AML, ALL, CML)**  
**Lymphadenopathy (ALL)**  
**Abdominal discomfort and early satiety**  
**Splenomegaly (CML, ALL)**  
**Bone marrow examination:**  
**AML:** Hypercellularity with blast count greater than 30%.  
**ALL:** Monoclonality is indicative of acute leukemia (Specific T and B cell surface markers identify the subset of leukemia). Presence of Philadelphia chromosome (Ph) in a subset of ALL confers a poor prognosis.  
**CML:** Presence of Ph. More than 30% blasts count characterizes blast crisis.  
**Bony pain (CML, AML, ALL)**  
**Testicular enlargement (ALL)**

*Immunology  
C. Machado  
2013*

**Acute myeloid leukemia**  
**Leukemia cutis (ALL, AML)**  
**Acute lymphoblastic leukemia**  
**Chronic myeloid leukemia**

## Diagnostic Procedures

- BM Aspirate & Biopsy
  - Morphology
  - Immunohistochemistry / Flow Cytometry
  - Cytogenetics
  - Microarray (SNP)
  - Biology studies
- Spinal Tap – CNS 1 (no leukemia)
  - CNS 2 (minimal leukemia)
  - CNS 3 (lots of leukemia)

# NCI/Rome Risk Classification for ALL

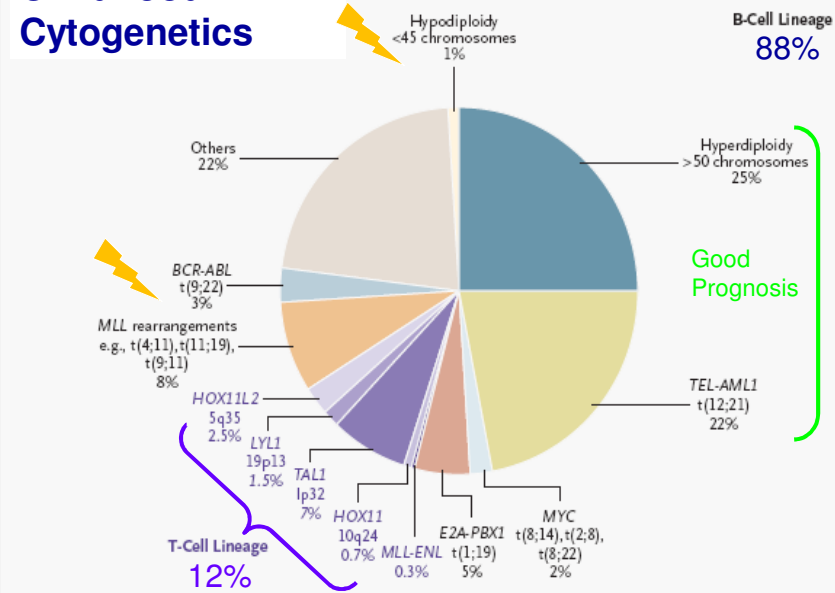
Age	WBC < 50,000/ $\mu$ l	WBC $\geq$ 50,000/ $\mu$ l
< 1 year	Infants (3%)	
1-10 years	Standard risk (58%)	
$\geq$ 10 years		High risk (39%)

## Immunophenotyping / Flow

Table 2. Common Markers Used in Flow Cytometric Immunophenotyping\*

Antigen	Myelo-blasts	Promyelo-cytes	Maturing Grans	Mono-cytes	Erythroids	Megakar-yocytes	B Lym-phoid	T Lym-phoid	Comments
CD2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	LFA-2; pan T-cell marker
CD3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	OKT3; pan T-cell marker
CD4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sub <sup>b</sup>	MHC-II associated; helper T cells
CD5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	Leu-1; pan T-cell marker
CD7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	Leu-9; pan T-cell marker
CD8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sub	MHC-I associated; cytotoxic T cells
CD19	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	Leu-12; pan B-cell marker
CD20	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	L26; B-cell marker
CD22	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	BL-CAM; pan B-cell marker
CD79a	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	MB-1; pan B-cell marker
CD13	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	Aminopeptidase N; pan myeloid marker
CD14	-	-	+	++	-	-	-	-	LPS receptor; bright on monocytes
CD15	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	LeuM1; maturing granulocytes
CD33	+	+	+	++	+	-	-	-	Sialic acid adhesion molecule; pan myeloid marker
CD36	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	GP IIIb/IV
CD117	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	c-kit; bright on mast cells
CD64	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	FC- $\gamma$ receptor
MPO	Sub	+	+	-/+	-	-	-	-	Myeloperoxidase; definitive myeloid marker
CD71	-	-	-	-	++	-	-	-	Transferrin receptor; dim expression on activated cells
GlyA	-	-	-	-	++	-	-	-	CD235a; carries MN antigens on red cells
CD41	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	GP Iib; megakaryocytic
CD61	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	GP Ila; megakaryocytic
CD10	-	-	+	-	-	-	Sub	-	CALLA, also expressed by hematogones
CD38	+	Var <sup>c</sup>	Var	+	-	-	Var	Var	Broadly expressed
CD45	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	leukocyte common antigen
HLA-DR	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	Class II MHC component
CD34	+	-	-	-	-	-	Sub	-	Adhesion molecule; marker of immature cells
TdT	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sub	-	Nucleotide transferase; marker of immature cells

# Childhood ALL Cytogenetics



Pui, NEJM 2004

# Microarray/SNP

## RESULTS

46, XX, t(1;15)(p272;q175), del(20)(q11.22q13.33), der(21)t(21;22)(q22;q11.2), der(22)t(9;22;21)(q34;q11.2;q22)[16].ish der(21)(RUNX1+, BCR+), der(22)(RUNX1-, BCR+, ABL1+)/46, XX[1]

nuc ish 9q34(ABL1x3), 22q11.2(BCRx3)(ABL1 con BCRx1)[160/200]

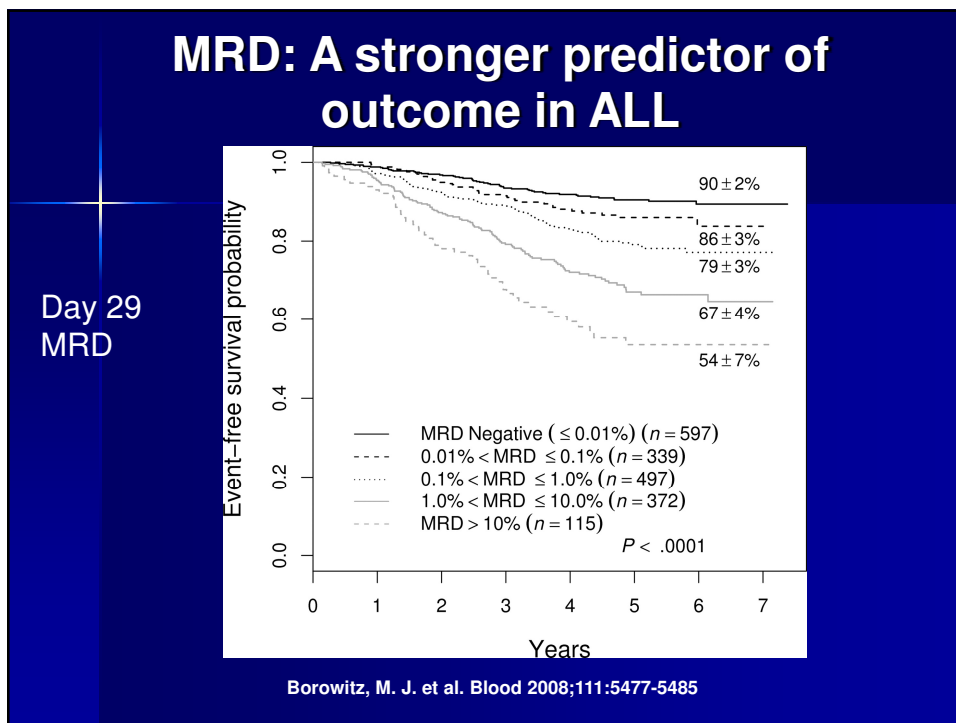
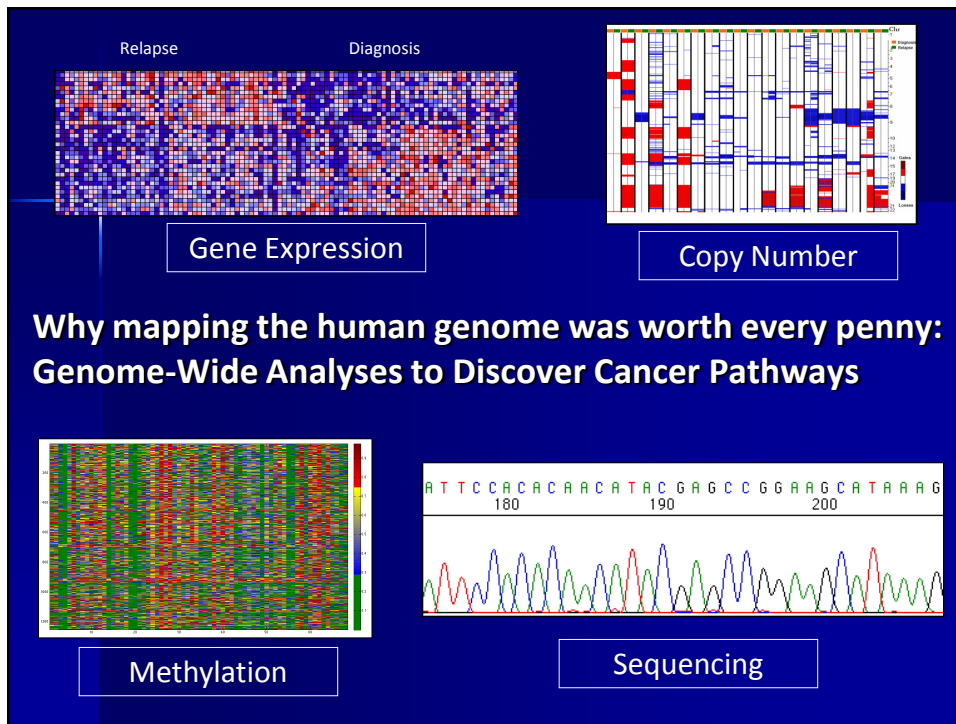
nuc ish 12p13(ETV6x2), 21q22(RUNX1x2)[200/200]

nuc ish 20ptel(ptelx2), 20q12(D20S108x1)[164/200]

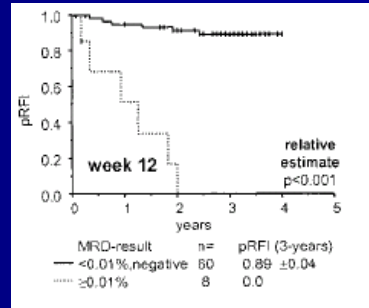
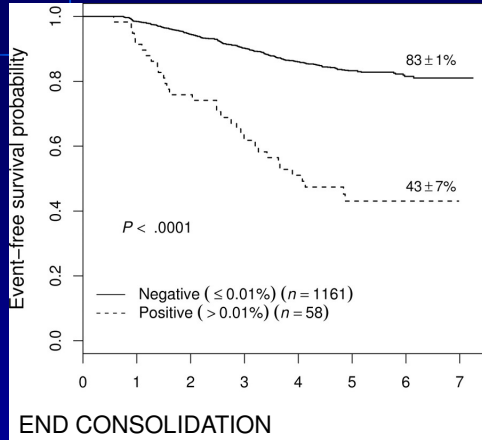
The probes used in this study have been developed and/or validated for FISH analysis by the laboratory. The probes have not yet been approved by the FDA for clinical diagnostic testing.

## Whole genome SNP array results:

Chromosome/Arm	Start	End	Abnormality/ Notes
2p16.1	57,404,022	57,445,471	Gain/(no genes)
6q21	106,898,421	106,959,155	Htz del
6q23.3	135,366,309	135,437,585	Htz del
7p14.1	38,298,285	38,385,938	Htz del/TCRg
7p12.2	50,418,242	50,462,935	Htz del/IKAROS
7q11.21	61,970,117	62,458,262	Htz del/(no genes)
7q34	142,340,496	142,474,939	Htz del/TCRB
8p21.3	22,213,283	22,366,642	Gain
11p11.12	50,477,559	51,372,036	Htz del
12p12.2	21,010,048	21,025,445	Htz del
14q11.2	22,895,875	22,921,280	Htz del/TCRA
14q32.33	107,032,603	107,160,654	Htz del/IGVH
16p13.11	16,001,084	21,561,382	CNLOH/ABCC1
16q13	57,221,865	57,336,624	Htz del
17q21.31	44,161,441	44,791,322	Gain
20q11.21q13.33	31,965,966	60,593,396	Htz del
22q11.22	22,504,946	22,521,158	Htz del/IGLV



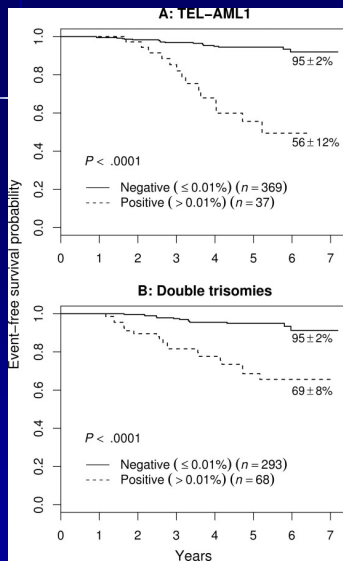
# More Predictive With Time



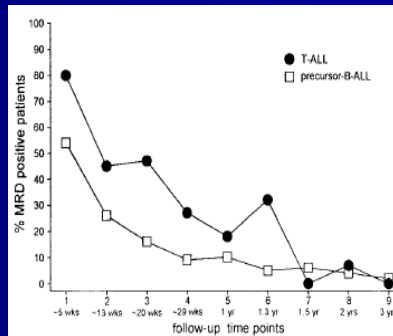
St. Jude  
Coustan-Smith, et. al.  
Blood 2000

POG 9900 series  
Borowitz, M. J. et al.  
Blood 2008;111:5477-5485

# MRD Trumps Cytogenetics



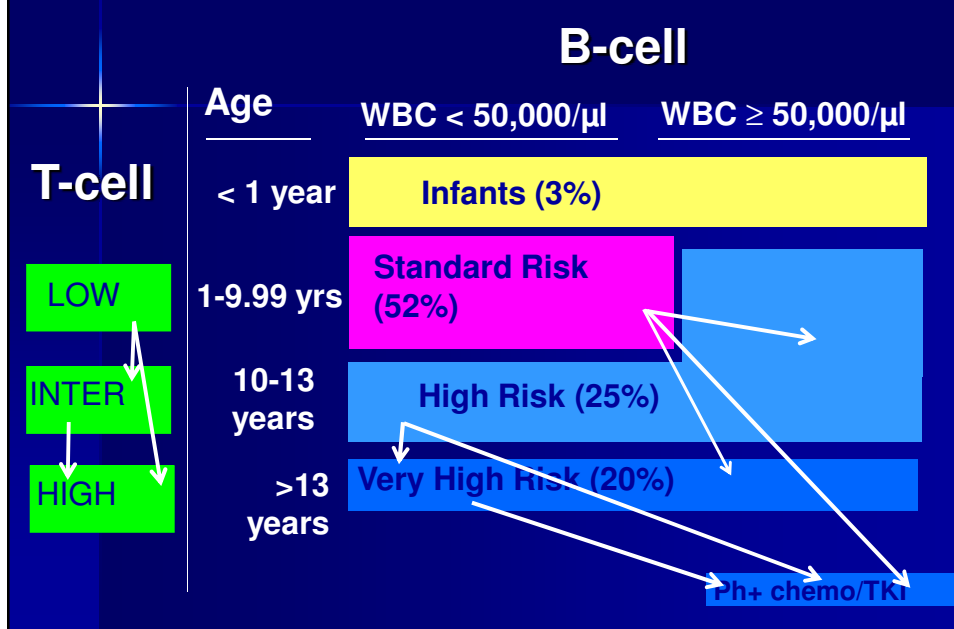
# MRD in B vs T-ALL



Willemse, et al. Blood 2008 (BFM)

Borowitz, M. J. et al. Blood 2008;111:5477-5485

# COG ALL treatment allocation -2013



## B-ALL Post-Induction Risk Groups

Risk Group	Low	Average		High			Very High	
5-yr EFS	>95%	90-95%		88-90%			<80%	
NCI Risk Group	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	HR <13yo	SR	HR
Favorable genetics	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	-	No	-
MRD d8 (PB)	<0.01	$\geq$ 0.01	<1	-	$\geq$ 1	-	-	-
MRD d29 (BM)	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	$\geq$ 0.01	<0.01	<0.01	$\geq$ 0.01	$\geq$ 0.01



# Therapy and Biology

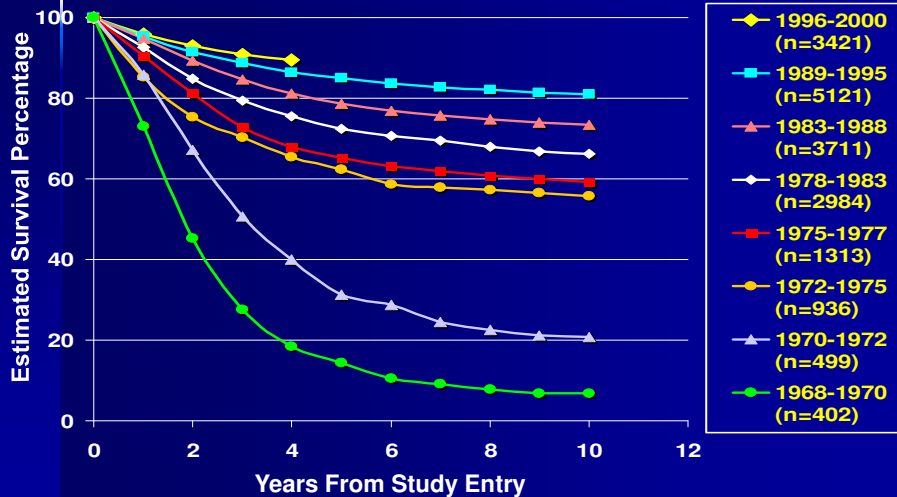
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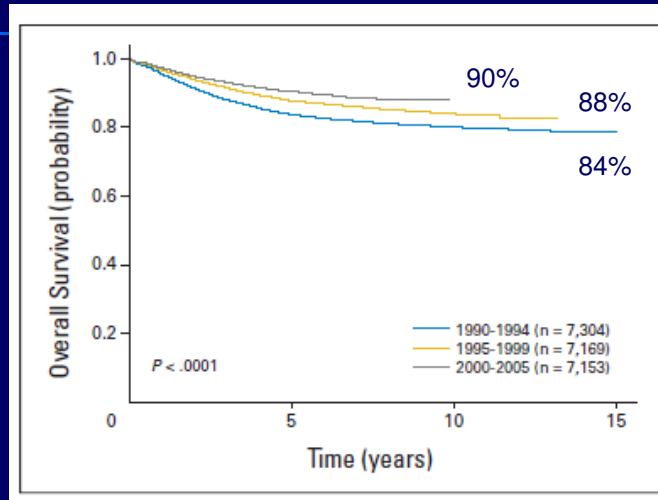


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Therapeutic Advances in  
Childhood Leukemia & Lymphoma

## Why do Clinical Trials? (COG ALL trial outcome)

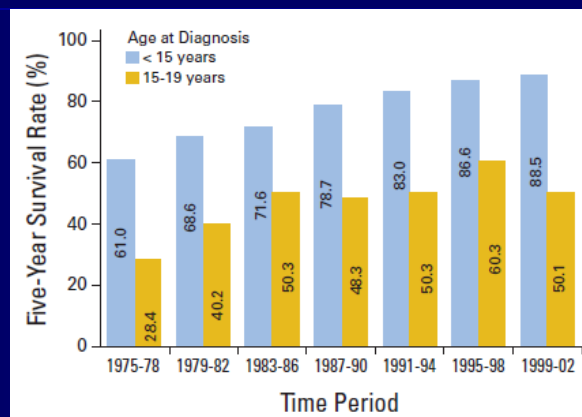


# How far have we come? COG 5yr EFS



Hunger SP et al. JCO May 2012

# Why aren't the 15-21 year olds doing better?



## Best Therapy for Adolescents (15-21 years)

Table 1. Retrospective data for AYAs treated on representative pediatric or adult ALL protocols

Trial	Pediatric	Adult
FRALLE-93/LALA-94 <sup>28</sup>	5-y EFS: 67%	5-y EFS: 41%
CALGB/CCG <sup>34</sup>	7-y EFS: 63%	7-y EFS: 34%
MRC ALL 97-99/UKALLXII-E2993 <sup>29</sup>	5-y EFS: 65%	5-y EFS: 49%
GIMEMA/AIEOP <sup>30</sup>	2-y OS: 80%	2-y OS: 71%
HOVON/DCOG <sup>31</sup>	5-y EFS: 71%	5-y EFS: 38%
Adult ALL Grp/NOPHO-92 <sup>32</sup>	5-y OS: 74%	5-y OS: 39%
Finnish Leukemia/NOPHO <sup>33</sup>	5-y OS: 67%	5-y OS: 60%

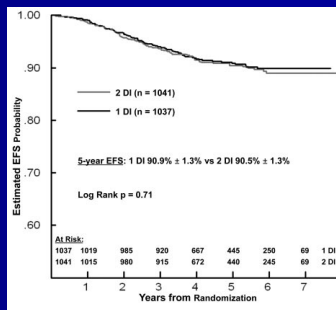
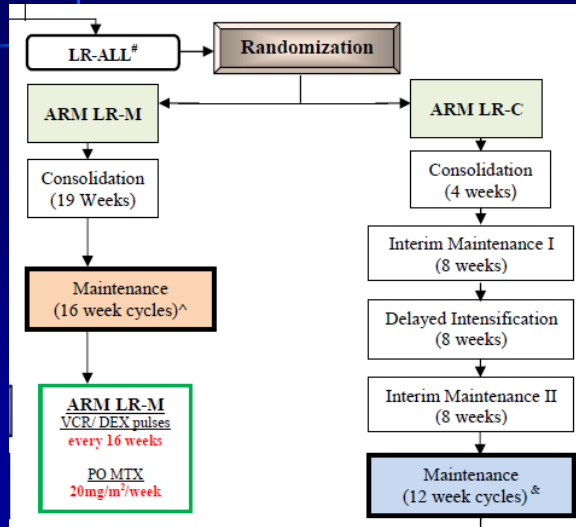
Last COG Trial  
> 16 years – 79% 5yr EFS

Wood, W. Blood 2011

## What do Clinical Trials for ALL Ask?

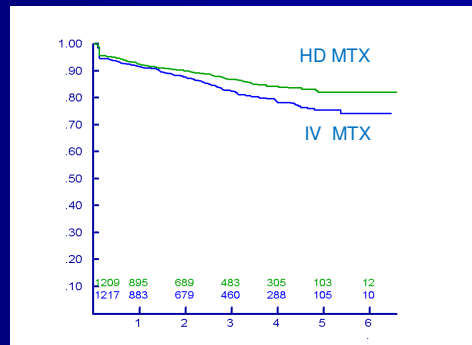
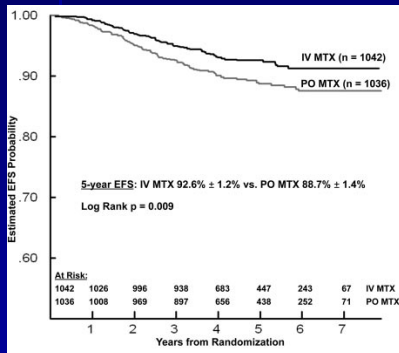
- 1) Reduction in Therapy Questions:  
Decrease toxicity and late effects
- 2) "Re-arranging the Deck Chairs":  
Varying the drug, dose, order
- 3) Introducing New Agents:  
Higher cure rates?  
Toxicity / Tolerability

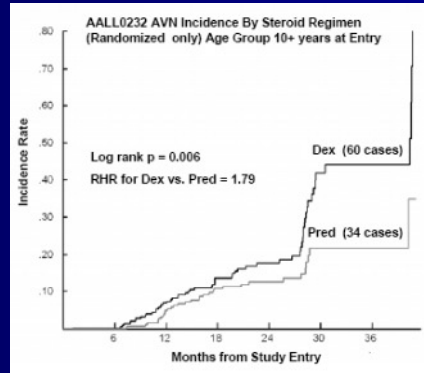
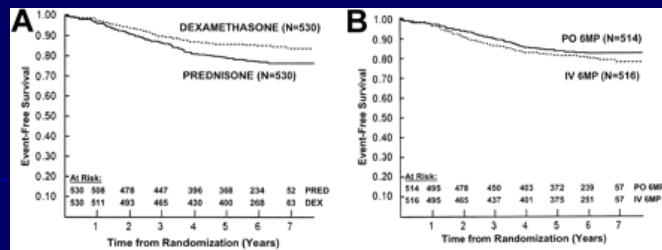
# Reduction in Therapy



# Changing Drug or Dose

What is the best way to give Methotrexate?





**Dex x 14 days  
for  $\leq 10$  years**

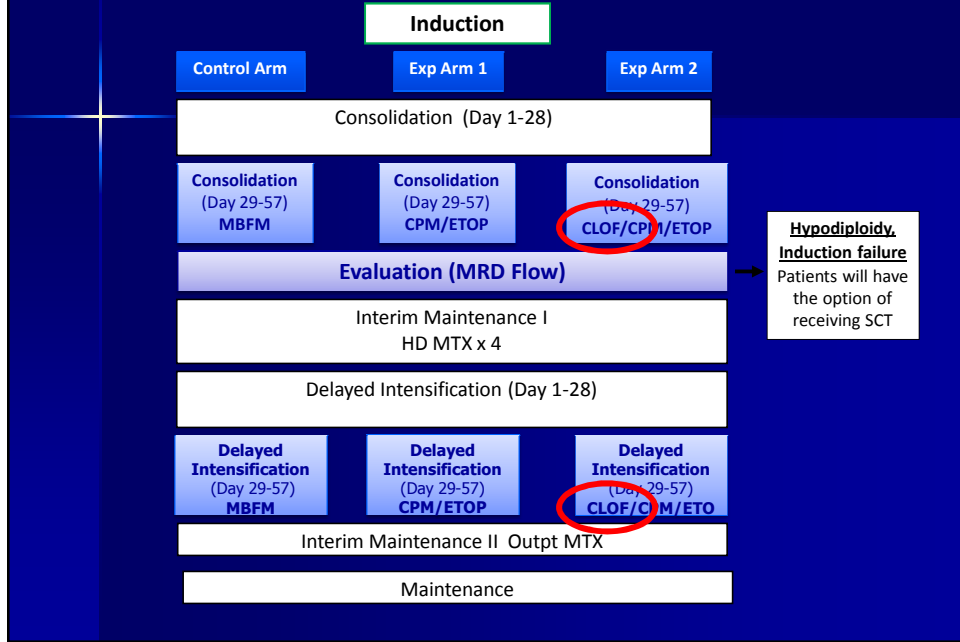
**Pred x 28 days  
for  $> 10$  years**

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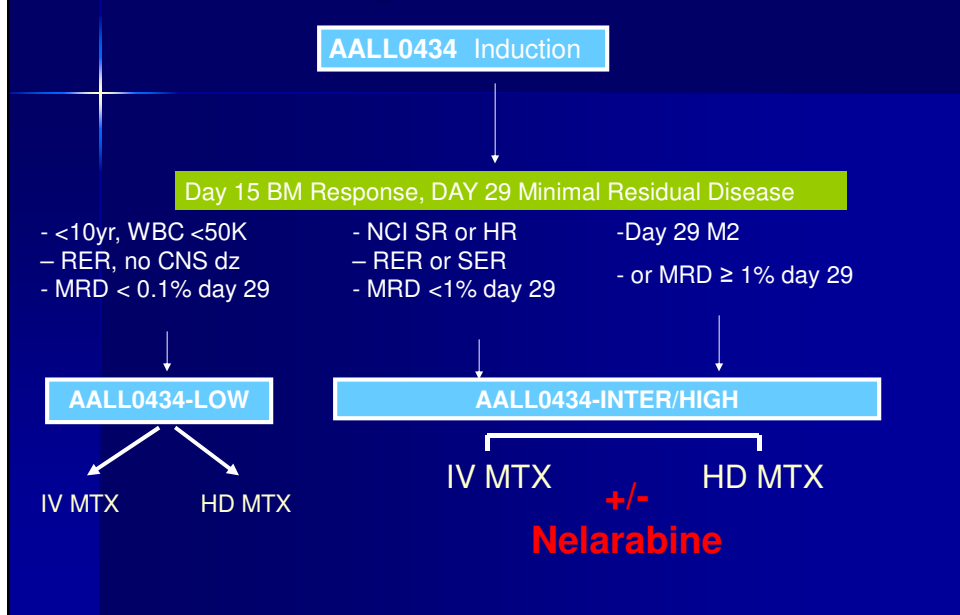
## Adding New Agents

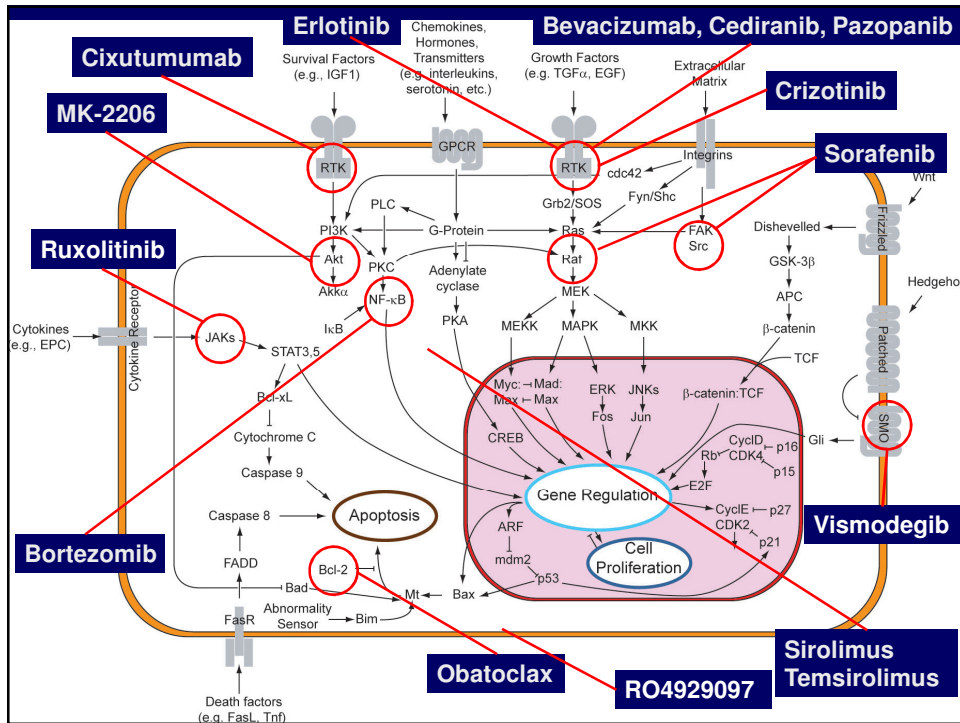
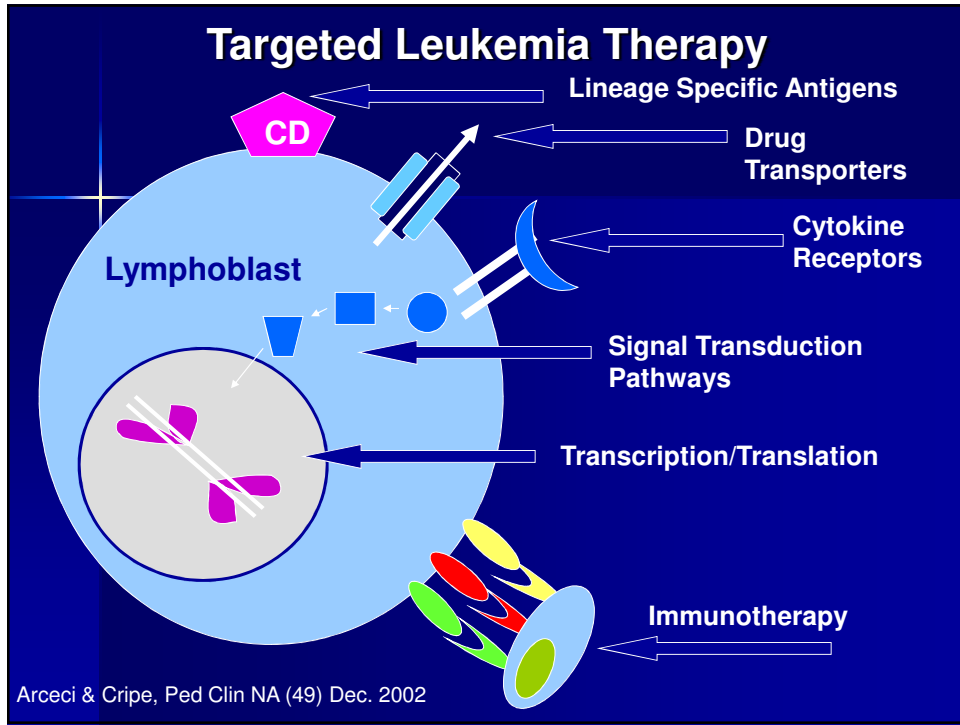
- Newer chemotherapy agents
  - Clofarabine
  - Nelarabine - T cell targeted drug
- Targeted agents
  - Imatinib/Dasatinib
  - Lestaurtinib for MLL
- Immunotherapy
  - Monoclonal Antibodies
  - Engineered T-cells

# VHR ALL - Schema

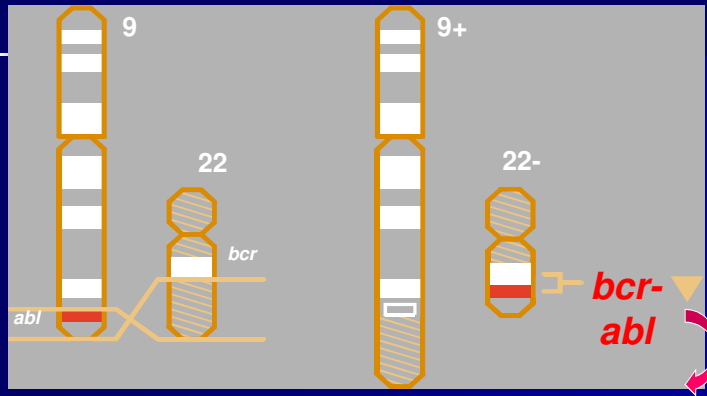


# New Drug for T-cell ALL





# The first molecularly targeted drug



Upregulate DNA,  
Proliferation

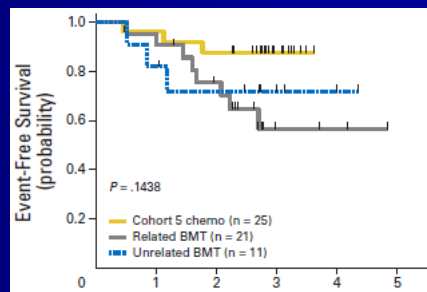
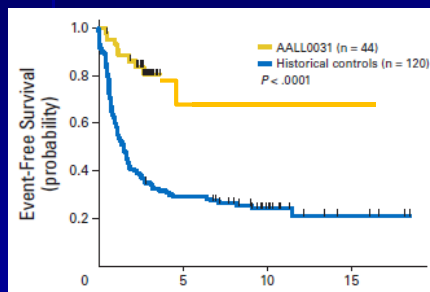
Fusion Protein with Tyrosine  
Kinase Activity

Faderl S et al. *Oncology (Huntingt)*.

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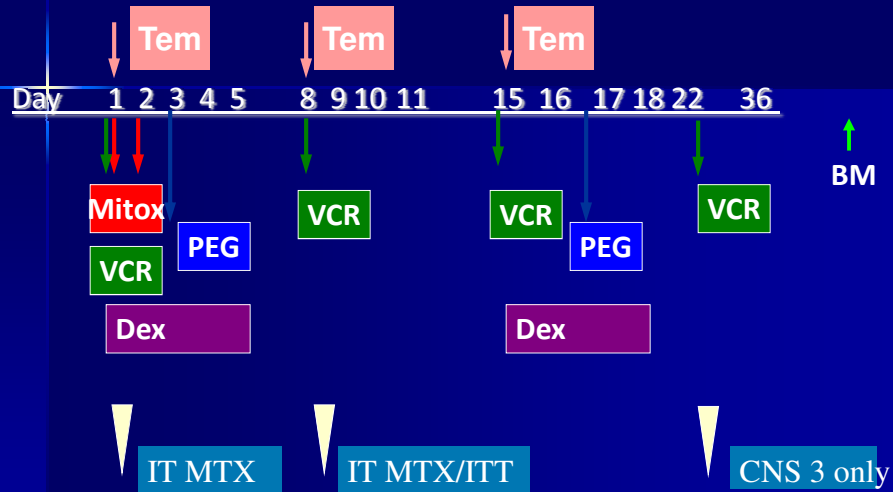
# Targeted Therapy: the way of the future

Adding a single drug, Imatinib, to chemotherapy  
increased survival from 30% to 70%





## ADVL1114: Temsirolimus

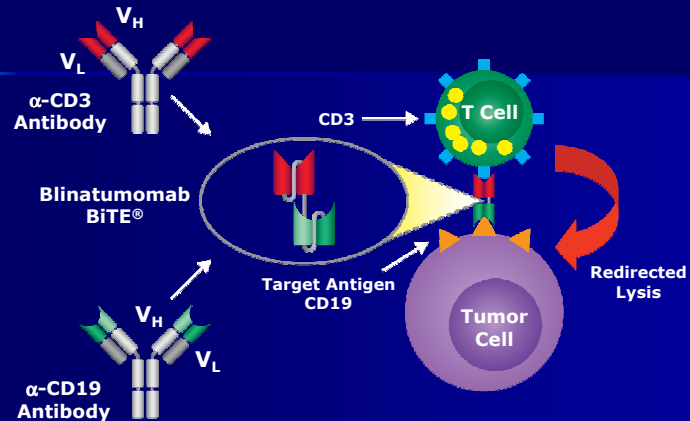


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## Monoclonal Antibodies: Targeting specific cancer proteins

Agent	Mechanism of Action	Target
Rituximab	antibody to CD-20	B-ALL
Epratuzamab	antibody to CD-22	B-ALL
Alemtuzumab	antibody to CD-52	B & T-ALL
Combotox	antibody to CD-19 & 22	B-ALL
Blinatumomab	Attach patient CD3 T-cells to CD19	B-ALL
Moxetumomab	antibody to CD-22	B-ALL
Inotuzumab	antibody to CD-22	B-ALL

## Mode of Action of BiTE® Antibody Blinatumomab



- Blinatumomab (MT103) is a Bispecific T-cell Engager (BiTE®) antibody designed to direct cytotoxic T-cells to CD19 expressing cancer cells

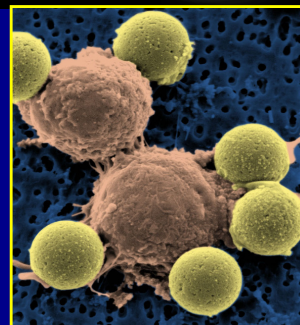
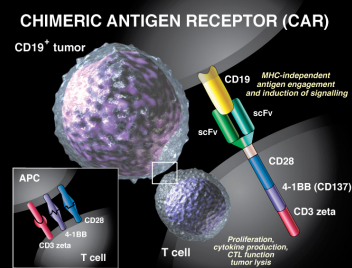
Bargou R., et al. *Science* 2008;321(5891):974-977.

## What is CART-19 (CTL019) Immunotherapy?

Immunotherapy reprograms a patient's own immune system to better fight cancer.

T cells are workhorses of the immune system. They recognize cells that don't belong and attack them. However, T cells are blind to cancer cells, which fly under the radar.

Custom-designed T cells engineered to seek out the CD 19 + B-ALL cells in the body. These specialized T cells can target the B cell leukemia, attach to its CD19 protein and then kill off the leukemia cell.



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## Clinical Update of Pediatric and Adult ALL Patients treated with CART19

### 5 Children

- Refractory or 3<sup>rd</sup>+ Relapse
- 3 to 8+ prior therapies
- 4 with prior all BMT

- 4 CR, 3 A&W up to 1 year out
- 1 relapsed with CD 19 (-) leukemia

Now Infusing 2-3/month (over 16 total)

### •1 Adult

- 1 CR



Barrett, D et al. AACR 2013

## Take Home Message

- 1) We are curing more and more children with ALL
- 2) Conventional chemotherapy is not going to make much more of a difference
- 3) Targeted therapy is much more specific and often less toxic
- 4) Today's experimental therapy (Phase 1) is tomorrow's cure
- 5) Adolescents and Young adults should be treated like Children (when it comes to ALL)

A microscopic image of various cells, including red blood cells and larger, more complex cells, with a purple overlay containing text.

# Side Effects of Therapy

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## **Side Effects of Treatment**

- Can occur after chemotherapy, radiation therapy, or supportive care therapy
- Type of cancer, its location and age of the child will affect the severity of the side effects
- Side effects can encompass all body symptoms



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LLS has top notch resources



- [Curesearch.org](http://Curesearch.org) is also a great pediatric reference for parents and families newly diagnosed, in treatment, at the end of treatment and after treatment

## **Most common side effects of ALL treatment**

- Hair loss
- Bone marrow suppression
- Impairment of the immune system
- Central nervous system complications
- Musculoskeletal complications
- Gastrointestinal complications
- Growth and development
- Pain

## Hair Loss

- Also called alopecia
- Some chemotherapy causes loss or thinning of hair
- Typically starts 14 days after treatment is started
- Hair grows back when treatment is finished or treatment becomes less intensive



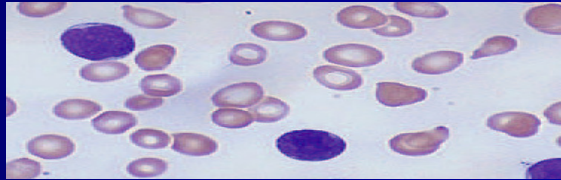
## Side Effects of Treatment

- Bone marrow suppression
  - Most common dose-limiting component of cancer therapy
  - Bone marrow provides environment for formation of red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets

## Bone marrow suppression

### Anemia

- Also means low red blood cell count
- Red blood cells carry oxygen throughout the body
- May cause shortness of breath, headache, feeling tired, fast heart rate, pale skin



## Bone marrow suppression

### Thrombocytopenia

- Also means low platelet count
- Platelets stop bleeding by forming clots
- Risk of bleeding when platelet count is low
- Signs of low platelets: bruising or petechiae, bleeding, black stools

## Bone Marrow Suppression

### Neutropenia

- Reduction in circulating neutrophils
- Absolute Neutrophil Count (ANC)
- Severity can be mild, moderate or severe
- Can be asymptomatic, fevers can occur
- Increases risk for serious infection, risk increases with prolonged neutropenia

## Side Effects of Treatment

- Impairment of the immune system
  - Increased risk for infection
  - PCP prophylaxis- bactrim, pentamidine, atovaquone
  - Routine immunizations are held during treatment and for a time after therapy has ended
  - Yearly Flu vaccine recommended

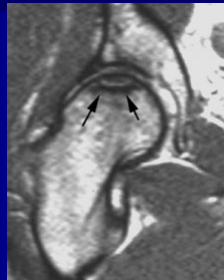


## Central Nervous System

- Central nervous system complications
  - Cognitive deficits
  - Behavioral changes
  - Neuropathic pain, Flat Footed Gait
- Rare
  - Seizure
  - Stroke
  - Change in Mental Status

## Musculoskeletal Concerns

- Steroid Myopathy
- Weakness
- Osteonecrosis
- Osteopenia
- Increased risk of Bone Fractures
- Pain at bone marrow sites



## Gastrointestinal

- Mucositis
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea/constipation
- Perirectal cellulitis
- Chemical or reactive hepatitis
- Pancreatitis
- Veno-occlusive disease

## Side Effects of Treatment

- Growth and development
  - Monitor throughout treatment
  - Intervene early
- Pain
  - Can be acute and/or chronic
  - May be from disease and/or treatment
  - Treat underlying cause of pain
  - Pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic treatment of pain

## Psychosocial Effects

- Fear
  - Fear of unknown
  - Treatment and procedures
- Guilt
  - Parents often feel guilty for not knowing that their child was sick
  - Siblings may feel guilty that they are healthy
  - Something they did caused this

LLS Care for the Caregivers

## Psychosocial Effects

- Anger
  - Feeling angry is a normal reaction
  - Steroid behavior
- Depression
  - Feeling sad or blue is normal reaction to diagnosis and treatment
  - The changes in family routine may bring feelings of social isolation and loss

No Stigma for seeking therapy/support

## Quality of life (QOL)

- Numerous studies on treatment of ALL and QOL
  - QOL impaired during treatment
  - QOL can be affected both on therapy and after therapy
  - Children/adolescents with ALL have decreased QOL when compared to norms

## Survivorship

- Patients should be followed annually, even when years off therapy
- Late effects need to be screened
  - Cardiovascular
  - Growth/ Development
  - School Performance
  - Liver and renal function
  - Radiation field second cancer screen

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