

Rising PSA after treatment:

How much does it matter, what can I do about it, and who should I ask?

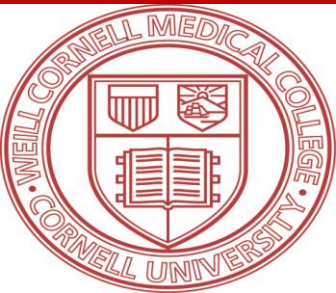
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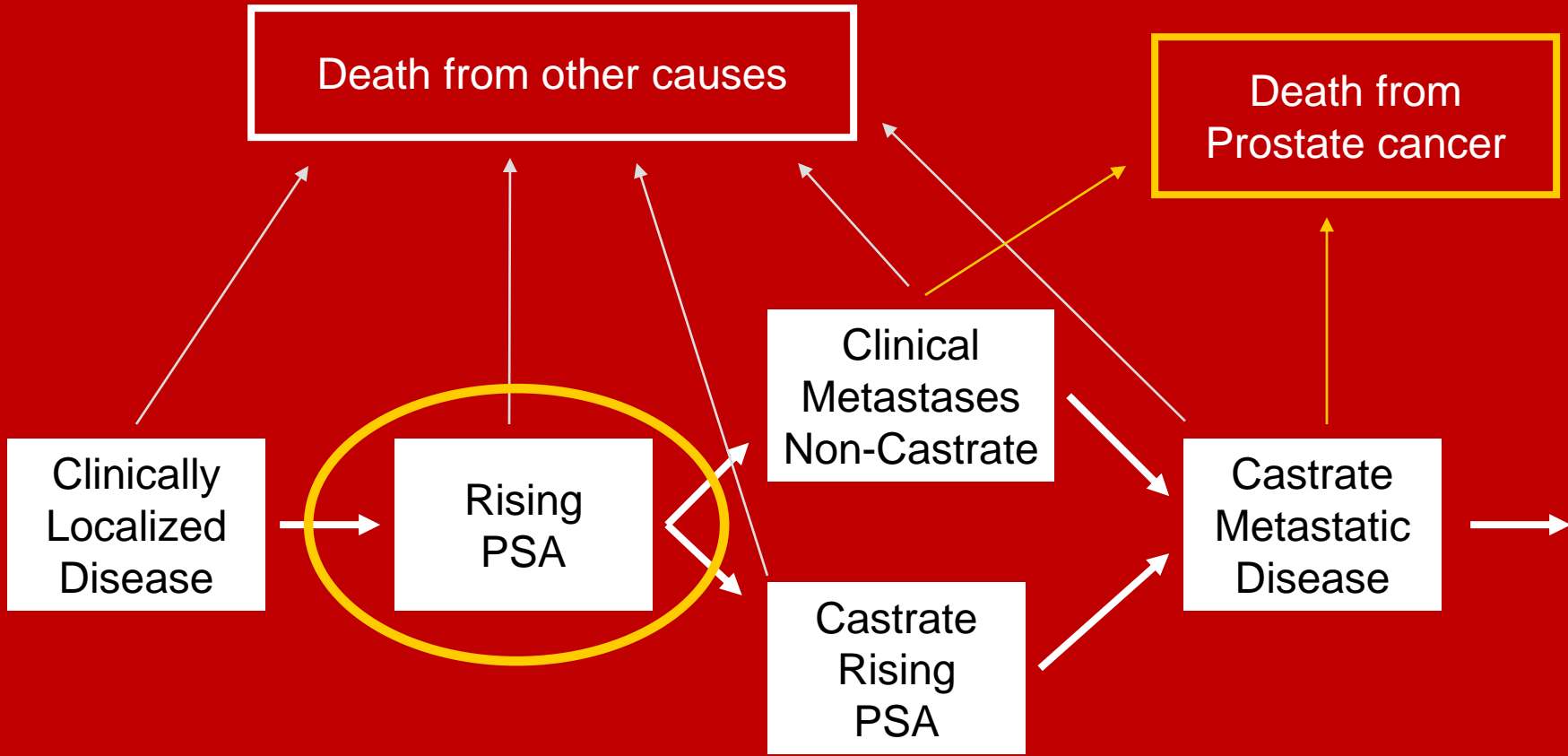
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"Clinical States"



50,000 new men per year fall into this category in the U.S. alone
Estimated to be about 700,000 men currently

Why doesn't
surgery and/or
radiation cure
everyone?



Did my doctor miss something?

- There are 2 possibilities for biochemical “recurrence”
 - Cancer was left behind with surgery or missed with radiation
 - Possible, but uncommon
 - These cases may be cured (“salvage” therapy)
 - At least 1 cancer cell had already spread prior to treatment
 - “Micrometastatic” disease



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What is PSA?

- Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) is a protein produced in prostate and prostate cancer cells
- It is secreted from these cells and can be detected in blood
- The gene which controls PSA production is regulated by the androgen receptor
 - Implications...



Does a rising PSA mean that I have cancer?

- Probably yes (if levels are significant)
- Residual prostate tissue after surgery may produce very low, generally not rising PSA after surgery
- Residual normal prostate tissue following radiation typically produces some level of PSA which may fluctuate
- However, a steadily rising PSA after surgery or radiation essentially signifies the presence of cancer



Will a rising PSA shorten my life?

- **Not necessarily** (usually not)
- The average length of life for the 2/3 of men without biochemical recurrence after local therapy is the same as the average length of life for the 1/3 of men with PSA recurrence
 - Though some choose to receive or require treatment
 - And some unfortunately develop metastatic disease and may die earlier



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 - **Part 1: testing**
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Where is my PSA coming from?



Imaging

- Current imaging tools:
 - Xray
 - Ultrasound
 - CT scans
 - MRI
 - Bone scan
 - ^{99m}Tc -MDP bone scintigraphy
 - Other available/approved nuclear medicine techniques
 - FDG-PET/CT
 - NaF bone PET/CT
 - ^{11}C choline PET/CT
 - ^{111}In -capromab penditide (Prostascint®)



Problems with current imaging

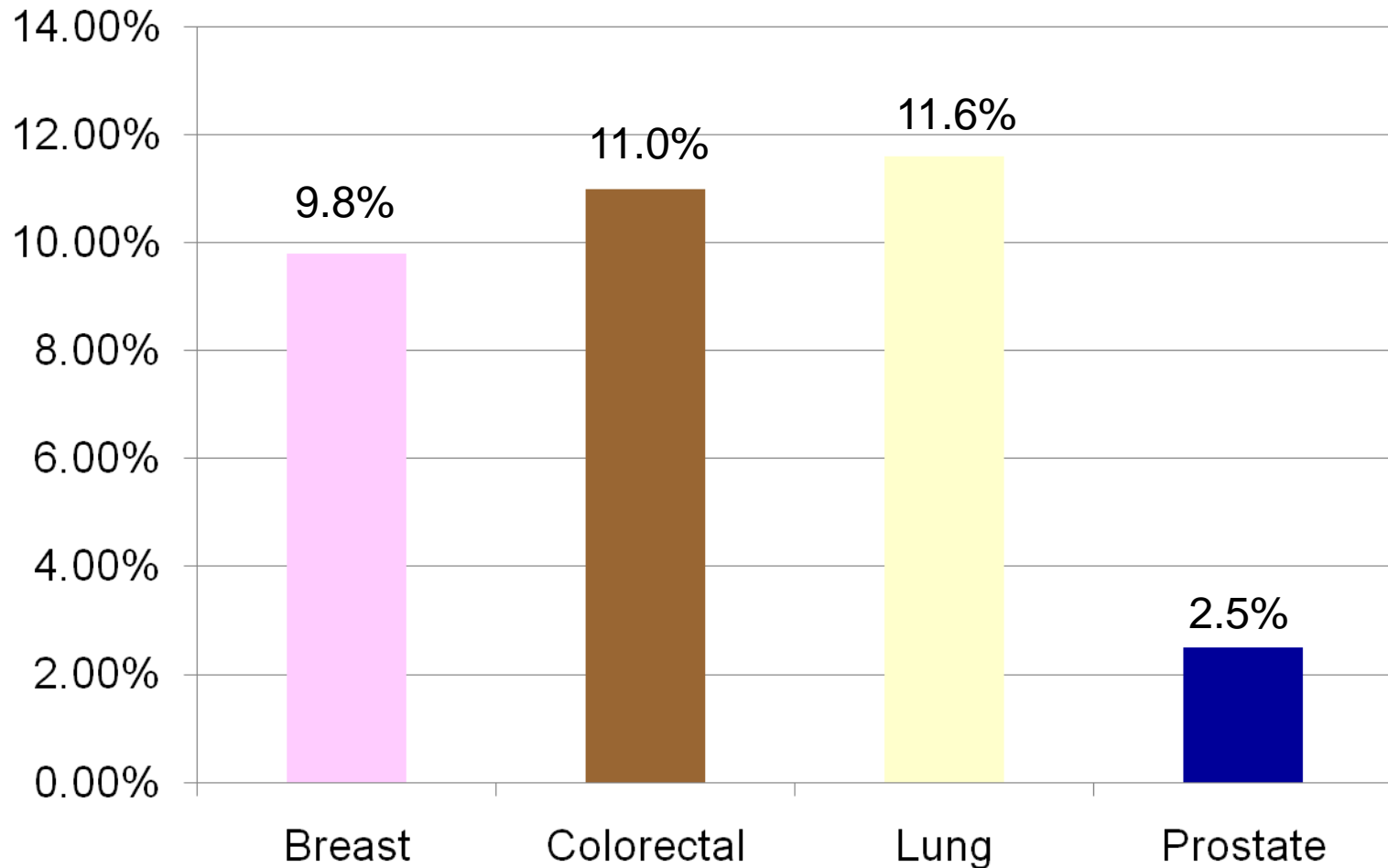
- Not sensitive enough
- Not specific
- May not change treatment options



How do we make improvements in medicine?



Percent of patients participating in clinical trials



Patient satisfaction with care

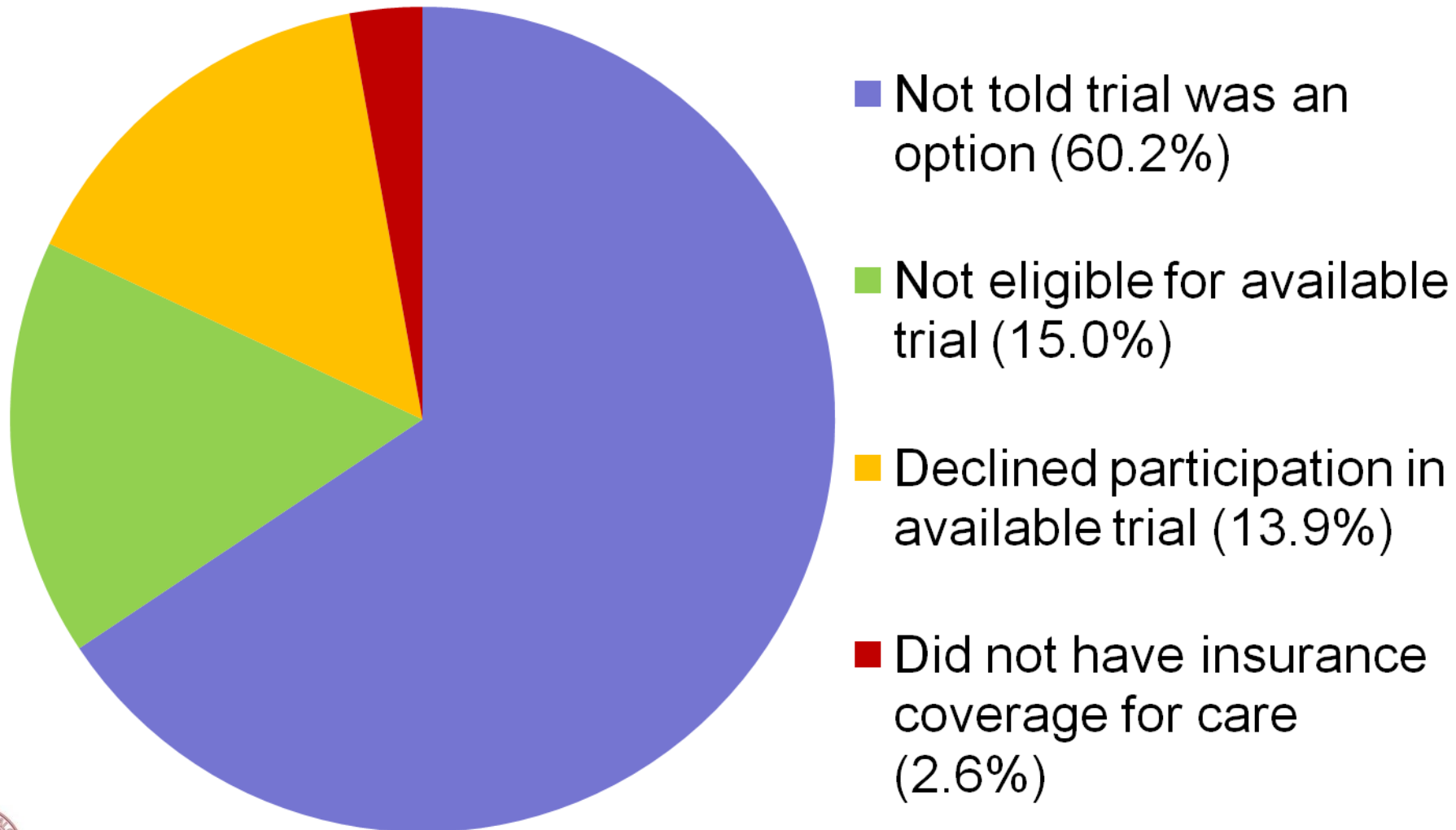
Cancer Type	Treated with standard care	Treated on clinical trial	Statistical significance
Prostate Cancer	60.1%	69.4%	P=0.03
Colorectal Cancer	45.5%	58.9%	P=0.009
Lung Cancer	37.7%	63.6%	P=0.001



Why don't more
patients participate in
clinical trials?



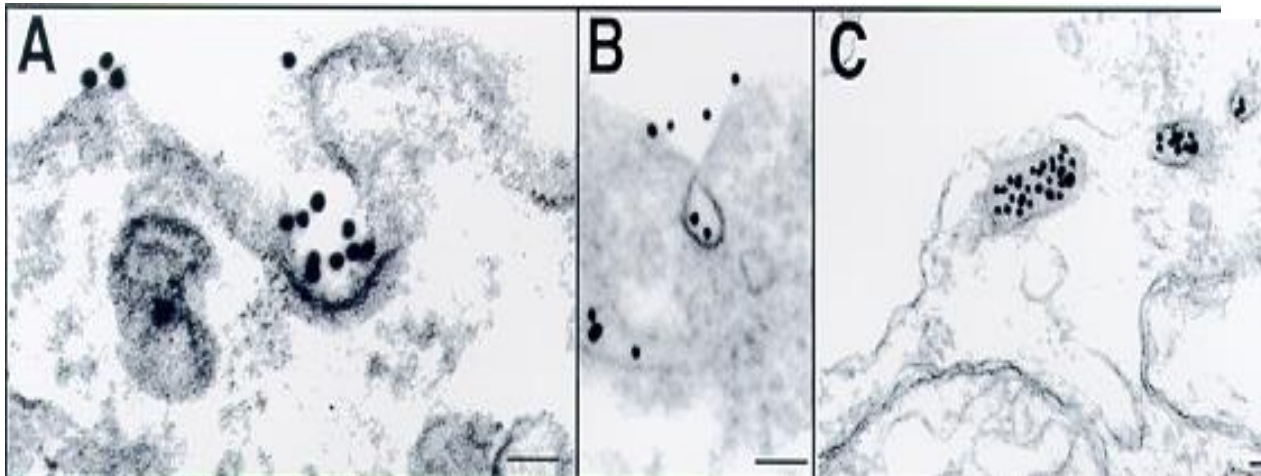
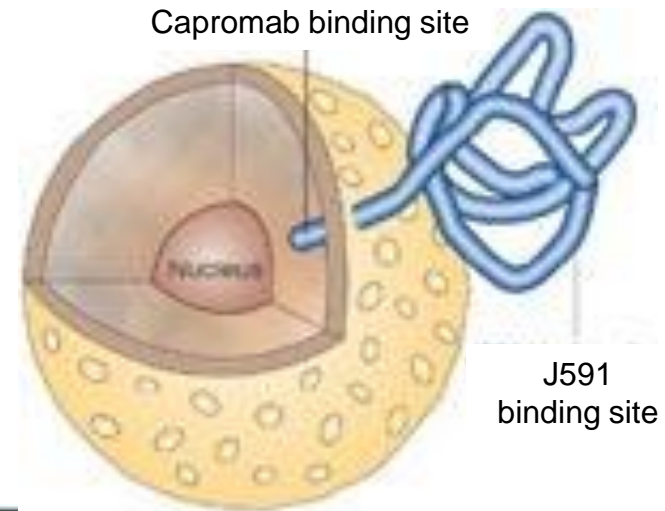
Primary reason for not participating in clinical trial



Second Generation Anti-PSMA Abs: J591

2nd generation mAbs

- Bind extracellular domain
- Bind viable PSMA⁺ cells
- Rapidly internalized

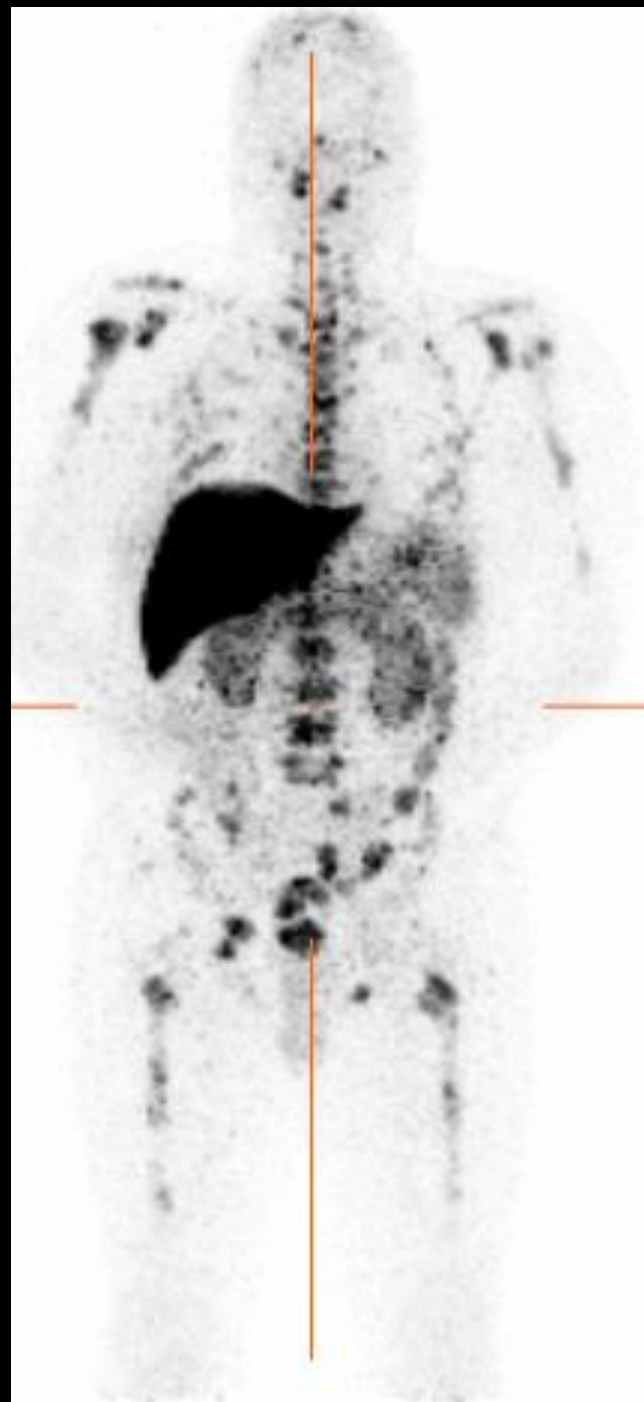


J591 PSMA-Targeted PET Scan

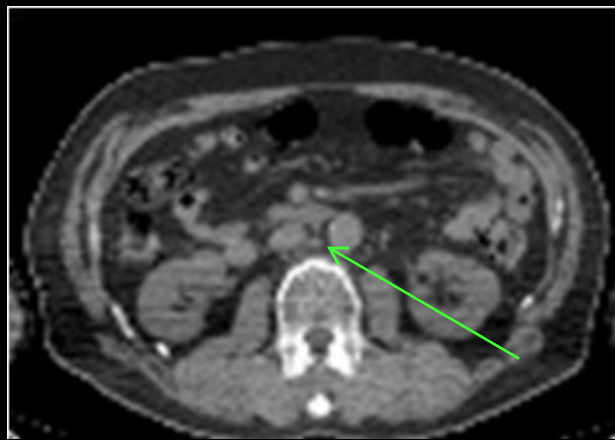
Substantial improvement over conventional imaging (bone, CT, MR, FDG)

Confirms ability of J591 to target PC wherever it is in body

Allows quantitative imaging



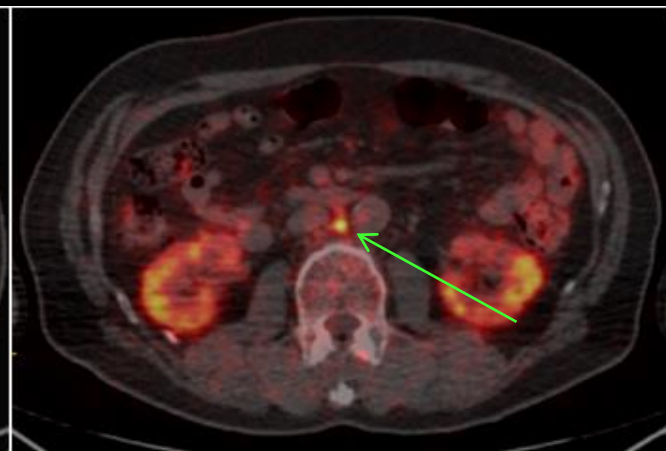
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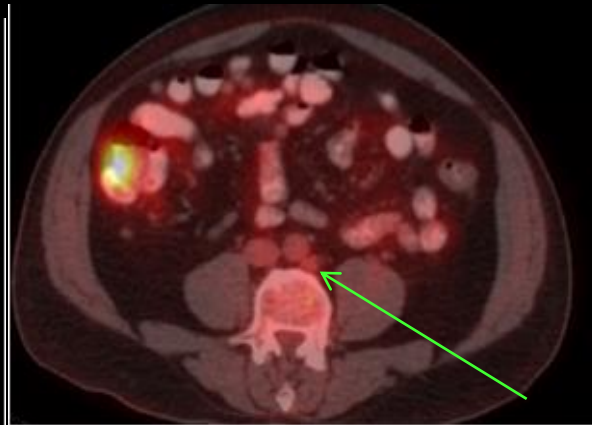
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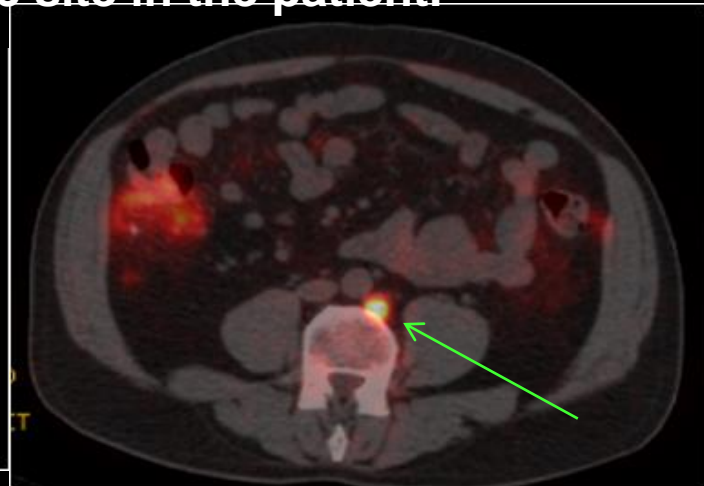
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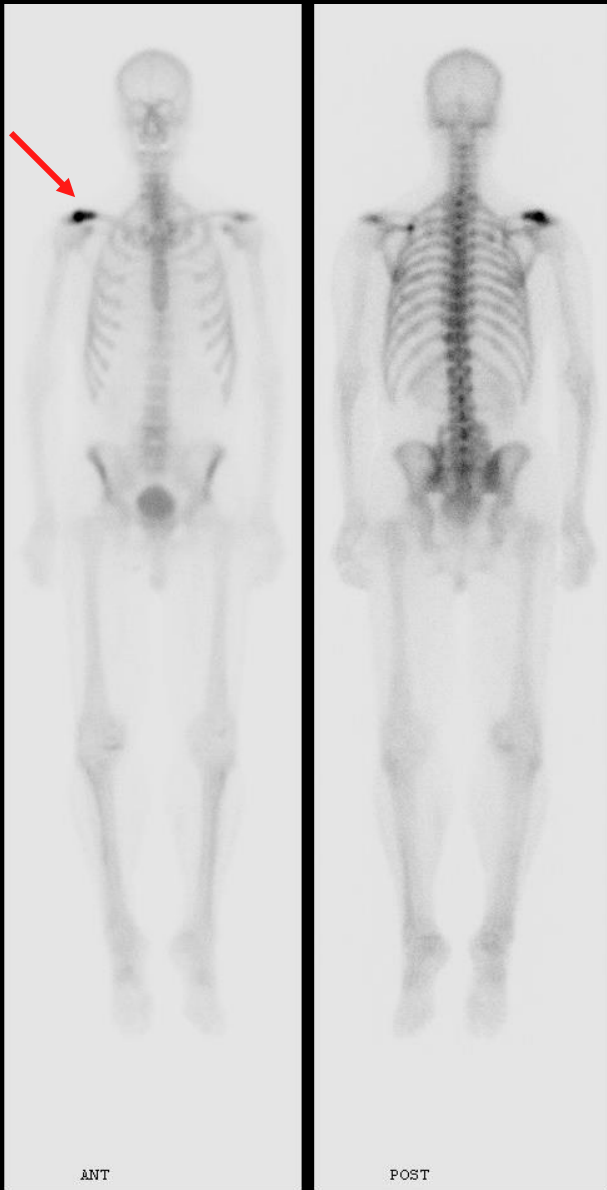
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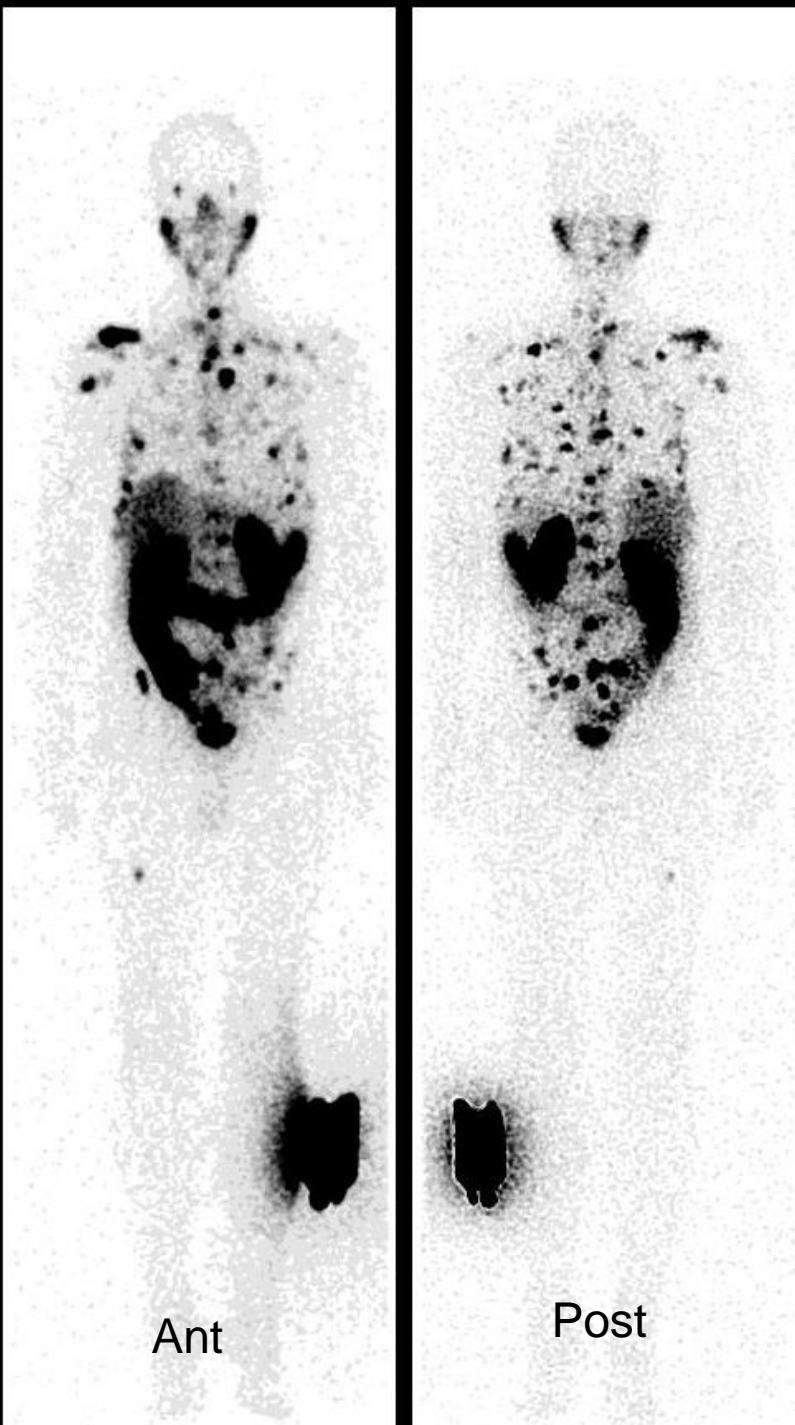


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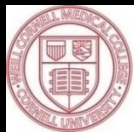




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 - **Part 2: treatment (if necessary)**
- Who should I ask?
- Where to go from here?



Hormones and prostate cancer

- In animal experiments, Huggins and Hodges (1938) demonstrated that castration and estrogen therapy resulted in clinical quiescence of prostate cancer
- This was successfully emulated in humans (1941)
- Translational therapeutics was born
- Charles Huggins - **NOBEL PRIZE 1966**



Results of hormonal therapy for biochemical recurrence

- Universal PSA declines
- No clear improvement in survival across the board
- However, for those with unfavorable PSA kinetics, delay in time to metastatic disease and also death (but no cures currently)
 - “PSA doubling time”



What else can I do if I want (or need) treatment?

- Nutrition
- Exercise
- Pomegranate?
- Other?

- Participate in research
 - Diagnostics
 - Therapeutics



New (prob better) hormonal agents are here (and more on the way)

- Abiraterone acetate (Zytiga)
- Enzalutamide (Xtandi / MDV3100)
- Orteronel (TAK700)
- ARN509
- Galeterone (TOK001)
- ...and many others



Where We Are Now: Positive Phase 3 Trials in Met CRPC

Trial	Design	HR	Endpoint	Comment
Canadian N = 161	Mitoxantrone /prednisone vs prednisone	NR	Palliation in 29% vs 12% (duration 42 vs 18 wks)	Approval of mitoxantrone (also CALGB 9182)
TAX 327 N = 1006	Docetaxel /prednisone vs mitoxantrone/prednisone	0.76	OS 18.9 vs 16.5 mo	Doce/pred approved as new SOC
SWOG 9916 N = 770	Docetaxel /estramustine vs mitoxantrone/prednisone	0.80	OS 17.5 vs 15.6 mo	Support doce as new standard
ZAPCSG N = 643	Zoledronic acid vs placebo	NR	SRE 33.2% vs 44.2%	Zoledronic acid reduces SRE's
IMPACT N = 512	Sipuleucel-T vs Control	0.78	OS 25.8 vs 21.7 mo	Sip-T approved min sympt metCRPC
Dmab 103 N = 1904	Denosumab vs zoledronic acid	0.82	SRE-free 20.7 vs 17.1 mo	Denosumab approved
TROPIC N = 755	Cabazitaxel /prednisone vs mitoxantrone/prednisone	0.70	OS 15.1 vs 12.7 mo	Cabazitaxel approved post-doce
COU-AA-301 N = 1195	Abiraterone /prednisone vs Placebo/prednisone	0.65	OS 14.8 vs 10.9 mo	Abi/pred approved post-doce
ALSYMPCA N = 922	Radium-223 /BSC vs placebo/BSC	0.70	OS 14.0 vs 11.2 mo	Rad223 approved
AFFIRM N=1199	Enzalutamide vs Placebo	0.63	OS 18.4 vs 13.6 mo	Enzalutamide approved post-doce
COU-AA-302 N = 1088	Abiraterone /prednisone vs Placebo/prednisone	0.81	OS 34.7 vs 30.3 mo	rPFS HR 0.43 Led to broad approval
PREVAIL N=1715	Enzalutamide vs Placebo	0.7	OS 32.4 vs 30.2 mo	rPFS HR 0.18 Led to broad approval
ELM-PC 4 N=1560	Orteronel /prednisone vs Placebo/prednisone	0.71	rPFS 13.8 vs 8.7 mo	Negative for OS;

Where are we going from here?

- Additional uses for approved drugs
 - Additional (generally earlier) settings
 - Combinations
- New versions of similar drugs
- Treatment optimization
 - Mechanisms of resistance
 - Sequencing
- New targets / drugs
- New disease classifications
 - Precision medicine



If my PSA is rising and old-fashioned hormonal therapy can't cure me, what about new drugs?

- Example: PCCTC “AbiCure” study
 - Leverage more potent AR-targeted therapy
 - Can this get rid of 100% of leftover cells?
 - Degarelix (Firmagon)
 - Degarelix + Abiraterone/prednisone (Zytiga)
 - Abiraterone/prednisone
 - Treat for 8 months, then monitor closely



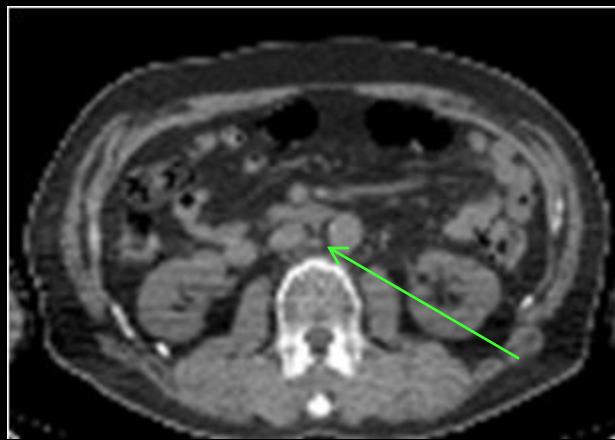
^{177}Lu -J591 Salvage RIT

- Biochemical only relapse is common
- Radiotherapy is an effective salvage therapy for selected pts; however most pts suffer distant relapse/progression
- RIT may have greatest effect in setting of minimal disease
- J591 successfully targets known sites of disease and shows efficacy in the advanced setting

Scher JCO 2004
Freedland J Urol 2007
Pazona J Urol 2005
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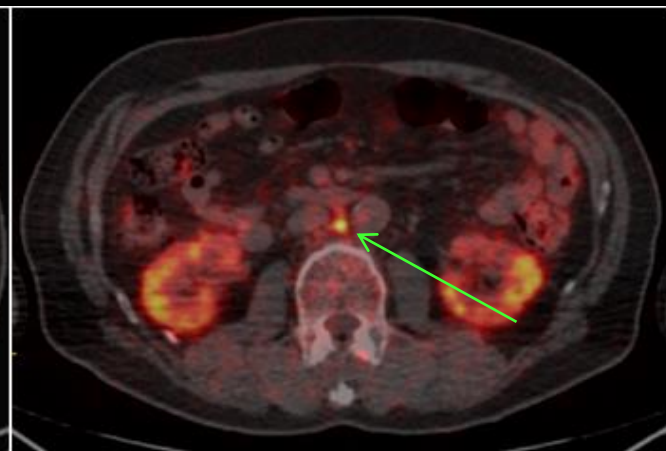
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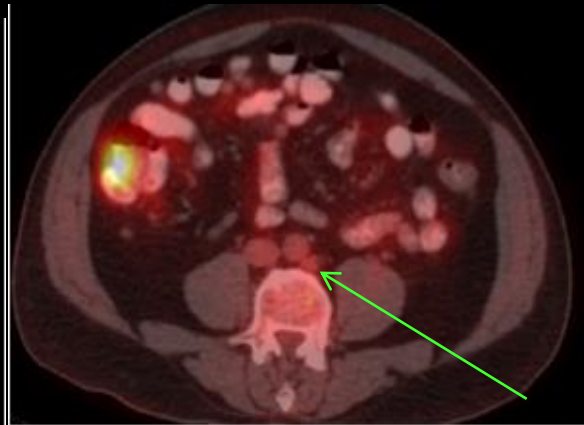
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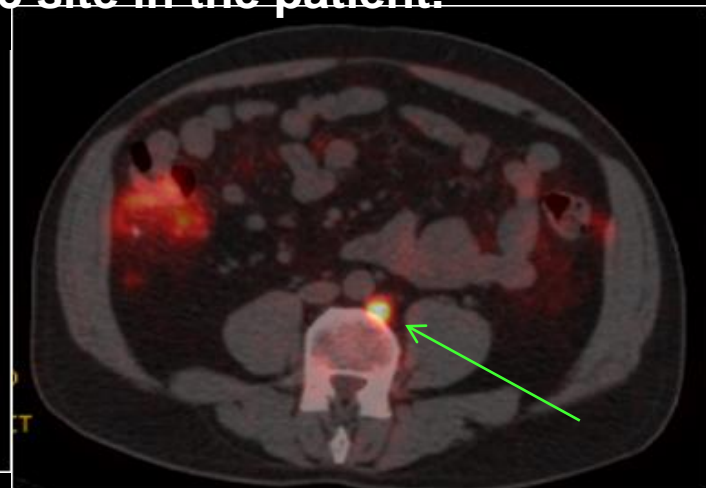
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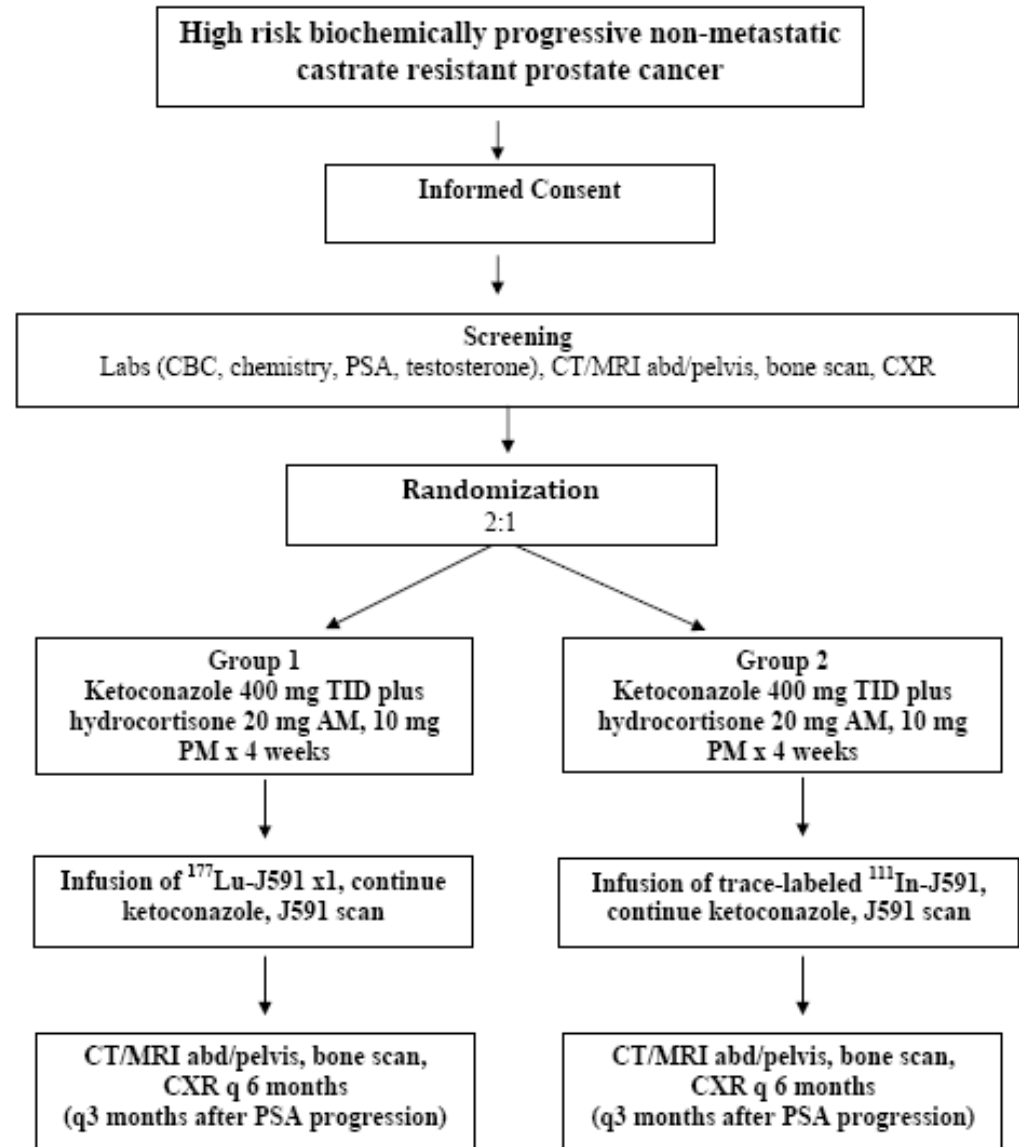
High risk castrate biochemically
progressive entry criteria:

- PSA DT < 8 months
and/or
- absolute PSA > 20

2:1 randomization stratified by

- Investigational site
- Type of primary therapy
(Surgery vs RT)

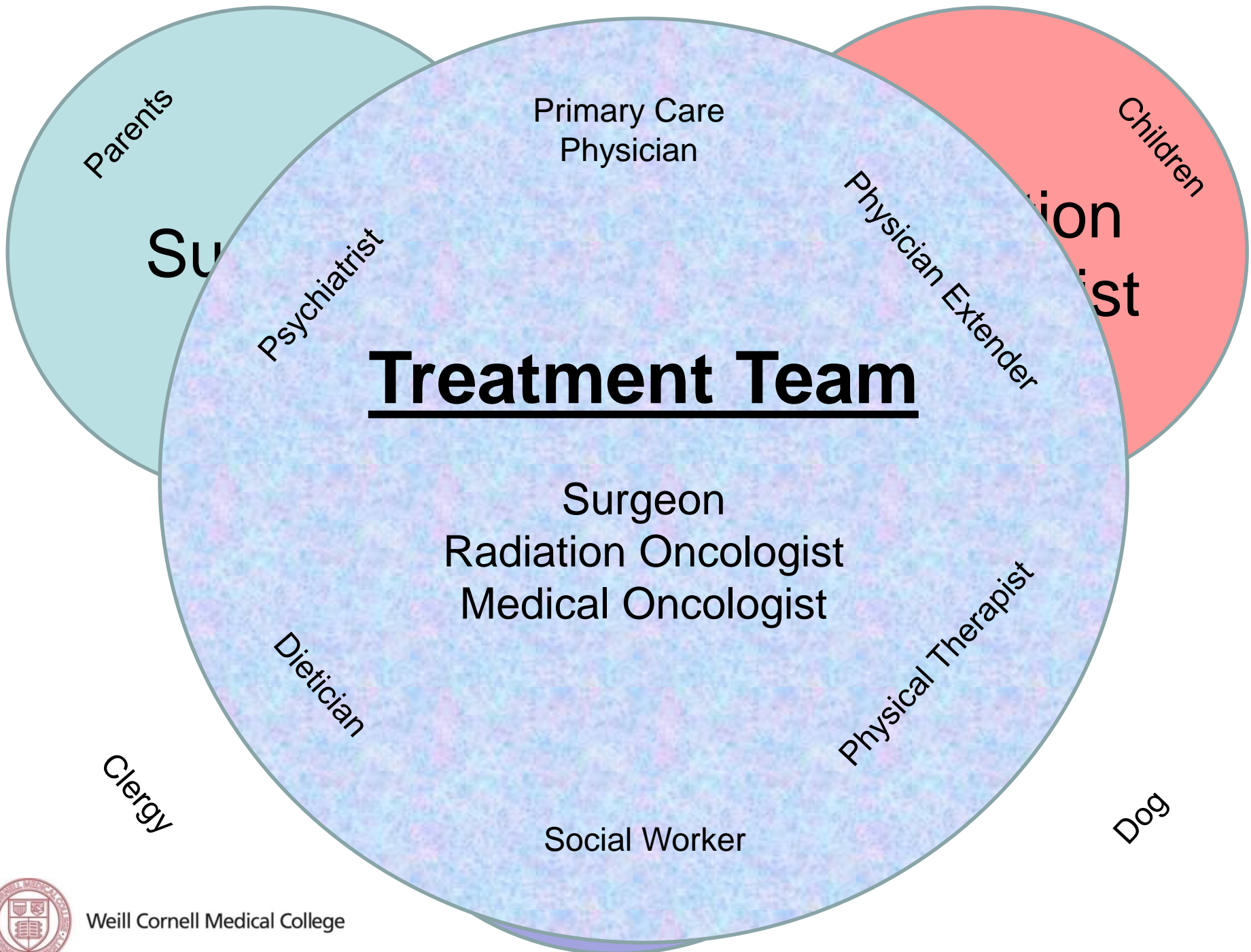
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How can I (we) help?

Two very important elements
to make progress:

Awareness / Advocacy
and
Funding



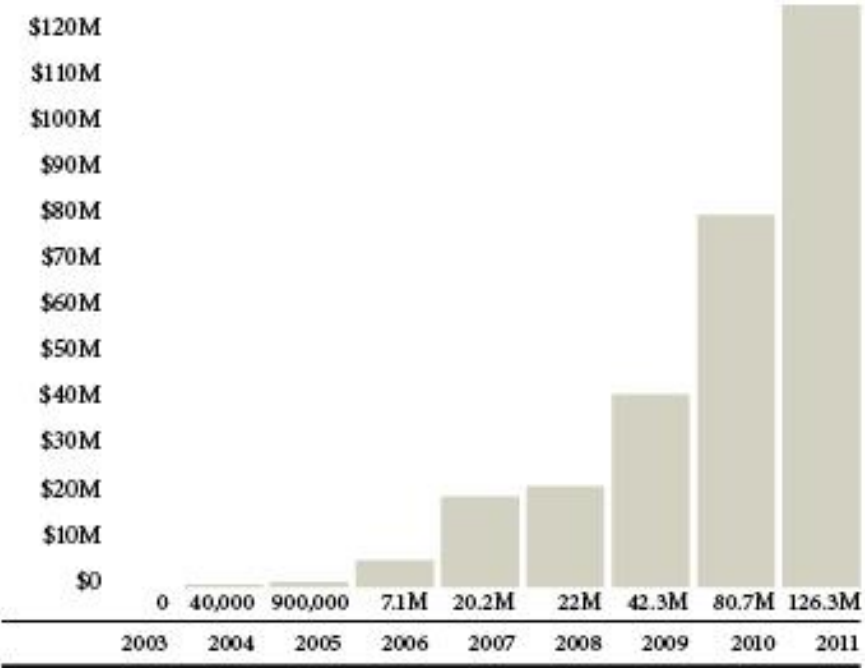


- “Mo” slang for moustache in Australia
- A conversation starter, raises awareness
- Funds raised in the U.S. go towards prostate and testicular cancer and mental health initiatives

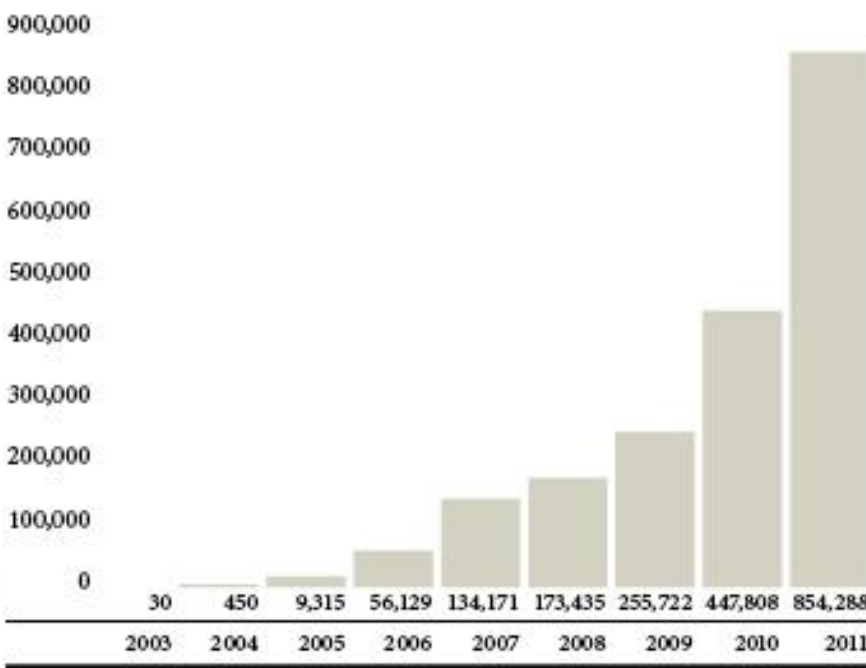


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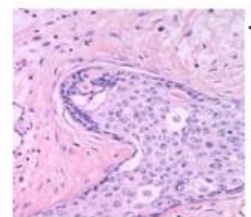
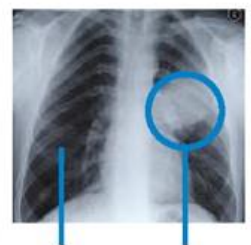
**GLOBAL FUNDS RAISED
\$299 MILLION USD... SO FAR**



**GLOBAL REGISTRANTS
1.9 MILLION MO BROS & MO SISTAS... SO FAR**

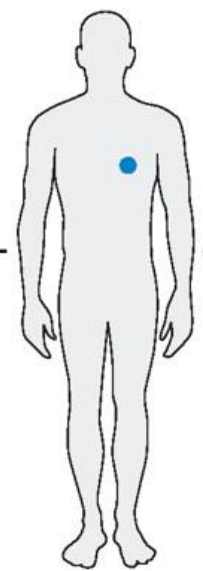


Molecular Classification of Prostate Cancer → Precision Medicine

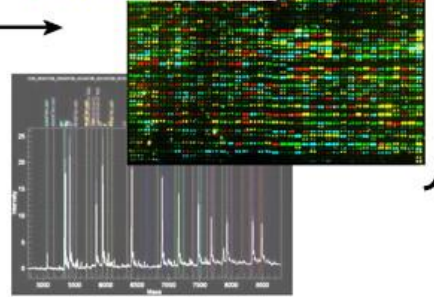
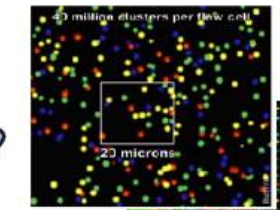


Cancerous

Tumor traditionally classified by histology, tissue site



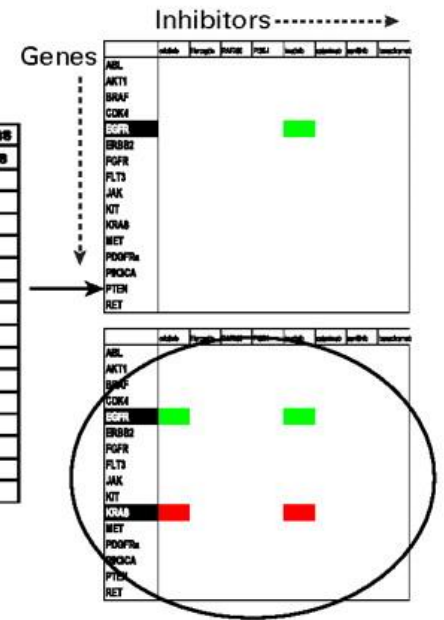
Extract tumor biopsy



Extract DNA from tumor to profile for somatic alterations

Gene	Mut	Amp	Del	Trans
ABL				yes
AKY1				
BRAF				
CDK4				
EGFR	yes			
ERBB2				
FGFR				
FLT3				
JAK				
KIT				
KRAS				
MET				
PDGFR α				
PIK3CA				
PTEN				
RET				

Define "actionable" mutation profile of tumor



Use genetic alteration profile to choose individualized targeted therapeutic

Is recurrent prostate cancer curable?

- How can we combat heterogeneity and resistance?
- With combination therapy, what if we could:
 - Ablate AR ligand(s)
 - Inhibit AR (ligand-binding domain and N-term)
 - Inhibit microtubules
 - Inhibit neuroendocrine pathways
 - Deliver lethal DS DNA breaks
 - Then eliminate the rest with immunotherapy following broader antigen exposure

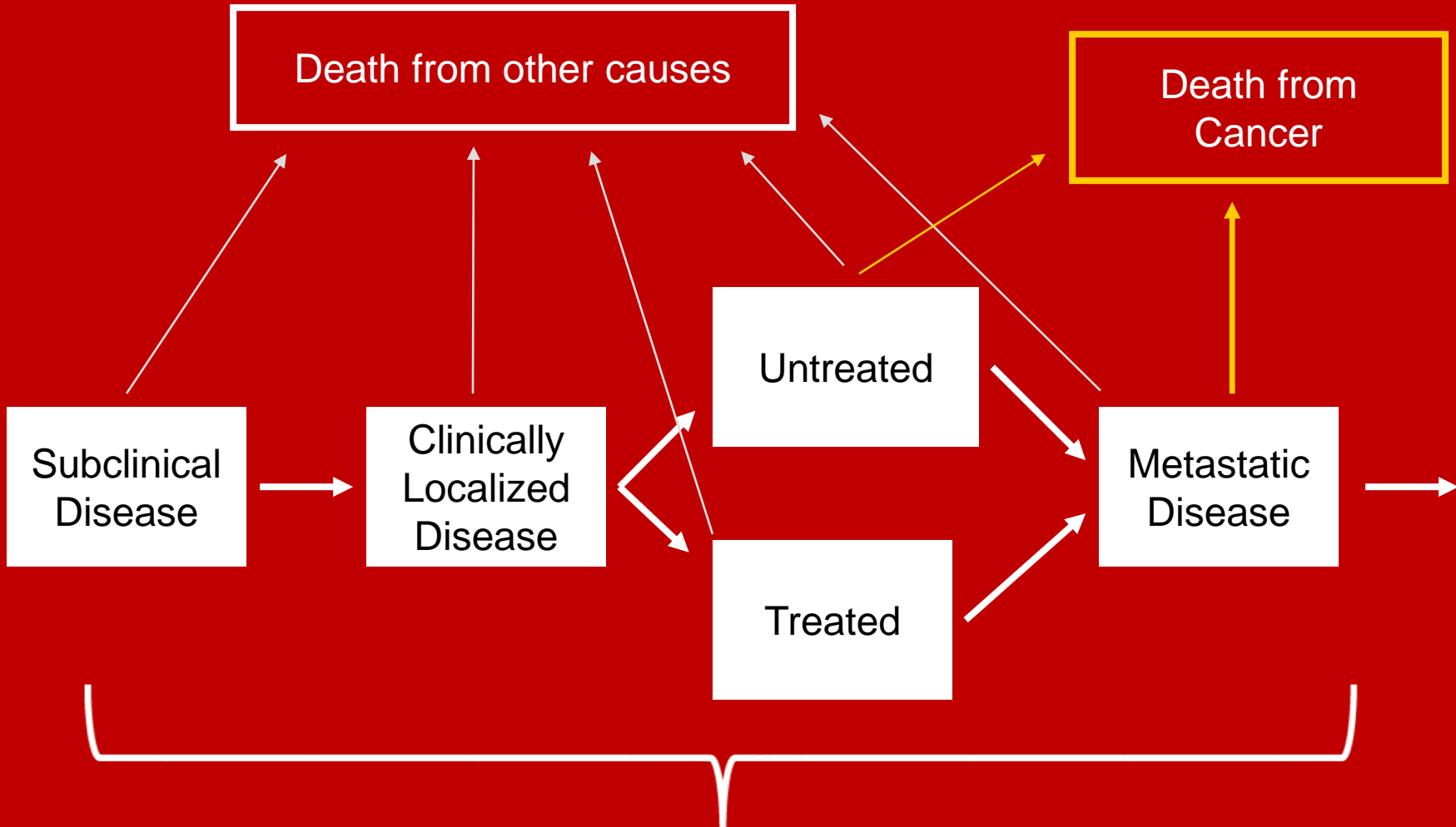


Prostate Cancer Amputation

- LHRH + CYP17 + AR signaling inhibitor
- Alternating non-cross-resistant therapy
 - Taxane
 - Aurora kinase inhibitor?
 - Platinum?
- Targeted alpha particle
- Other “targeted” (PI3K, MET, PARP, etc)
- Following antigen release, checkpoint inhibitor



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