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Cardiovascular Health after Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant (HSCT)

- Why worry about cardiovascular risks?
- What is Cardio-Oncology?
- Who has high cardiovascular risks?
- When and what tests/procedures recommended?
- How to reduce cardiovascular risks?

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The Beginning

- Bone marrow transplantation - pioneered in 1950's by E. Donnall Thomas
- The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1990: "for discoveries concerning organ and cell transplantation in the treatment of human disease."
- 1957-2012 > 1 million patients transplanted

INTRAVENOUS INFUSION OF BONE MARROW IN PATIENTS RECEIVING RADIATION AND CHEMOTHERAPY*

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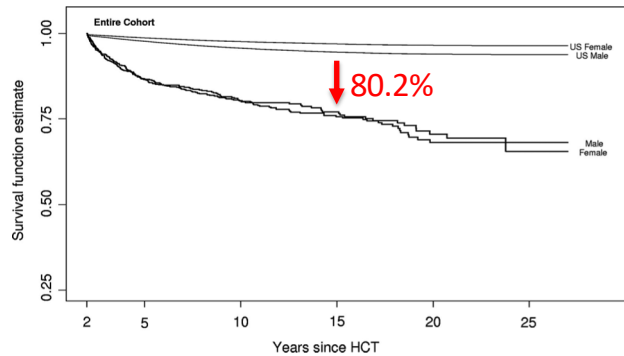
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Long-term Survival after HSCT

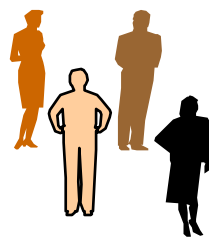
■ Bone Marrow Transplant Survivor Study

- 1479 individuals, >2 years survival
- Median age 25.9 years
- Median follow-up 9.5 years
- Survival 80.2% at 15 years
- Standardized mortality ratio 2.2



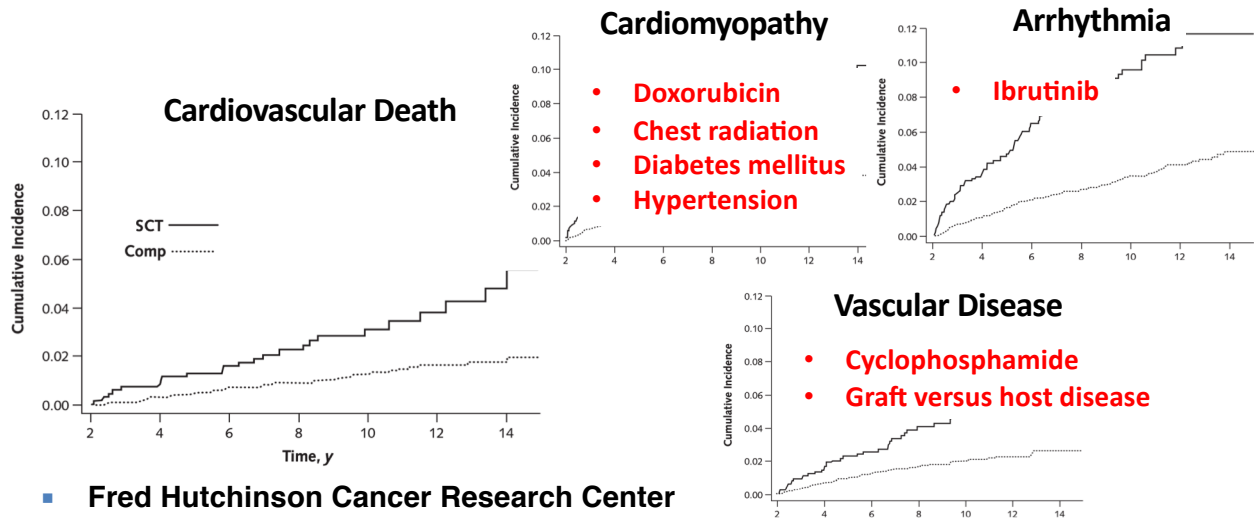
>240,000 survivors in 2020
>500,000 survivors in 2030

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Why worry about cardiovascular risks after HSCT?

Cardiovascular Complications of HSCT

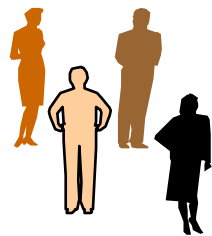


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What is Cardio-Oncology?

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What is Cardio-Oncology / Onco-Cardiology?

- Bridging discipline aiming to **minimize cardiovascular toxicity** while **maximizing anti-cancer effects**

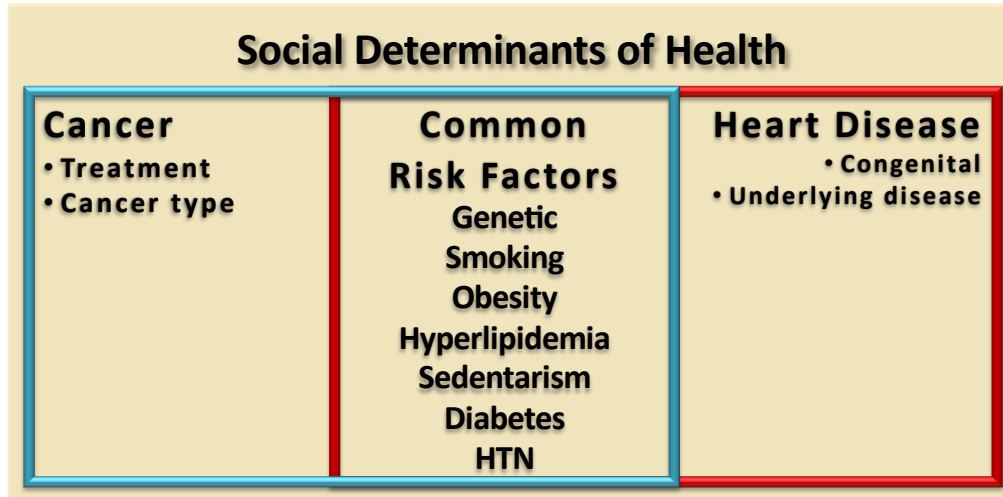


How Does Cardio-Oncology Help Patients?

- Closing the gap between disciplines
- Preventing cardiac damage
- Recognizing early cardio-toxicity
- Improving overall outcomes after cancer treatment



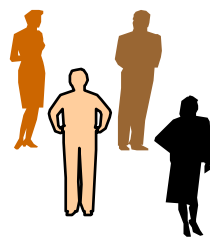
Cardiovascular Risk Factors



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Who has high cardiovascular risks?

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High Cardiovascular Risk

- High-dose anthracyclines (eg, doxorubicin ≥ 250 mg/m²)
- High-dose radiotherapy (≥ 30 Gy) with the heart in the treatment field
- Combined lower-dose anthracyclines (eg, doxorubicin < 250 mg/m²) or molecular targeted therapies and:
 - Age ≥ 60 y
 - Lower-dose radiotherapy (< 30 Gy)
 - ≥ 2 Risk factors: smoking, HTN, diabetes mellitus, dyslipidemia, CKD, obesity
- Previous heart disease
- Elevated cardiac blood biomarkers before anticancer therapy

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Conditioning Drugs and Cardiovascular Risks

- **Myocardial ischemia:** melphalan, etoposide, carmustine
- **Arrhythmias:** cyclophosphamide, carmustine, fludarabine
- **Myocarditis/pericarditis:** cyclophosphamide, cytarabine, busulfan
- **Endocardial fibrosis: busulfan**
- **Heart Failure:** cyclophosphamide, busulfan, melphalan, cytarabine, fludarabine, thiotepa

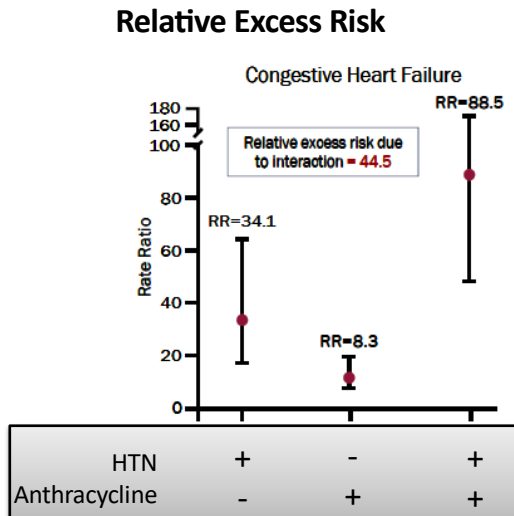
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Hypertension Worsens the Risk for Heart Disease



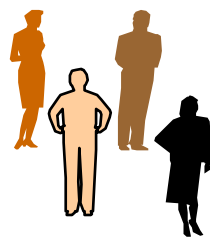
**More than additive effect
with anthracycline therapy
and hypertension**

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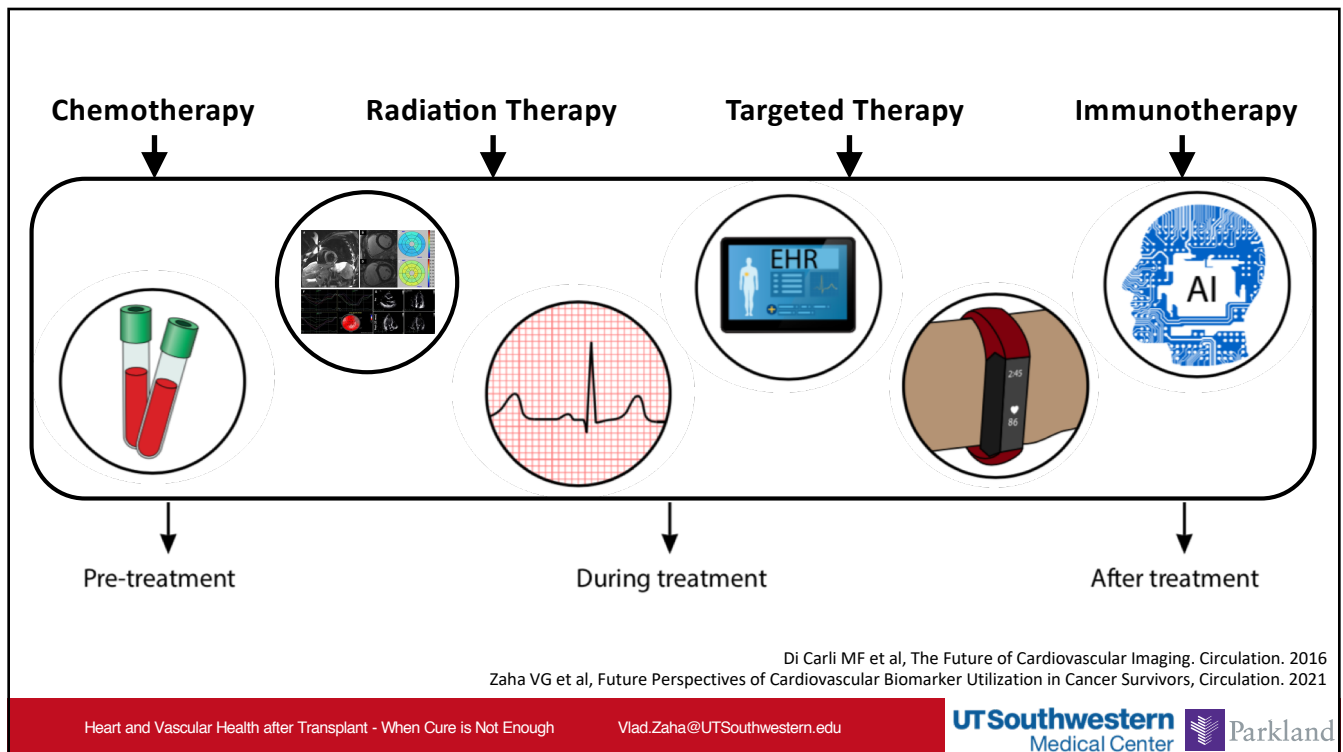
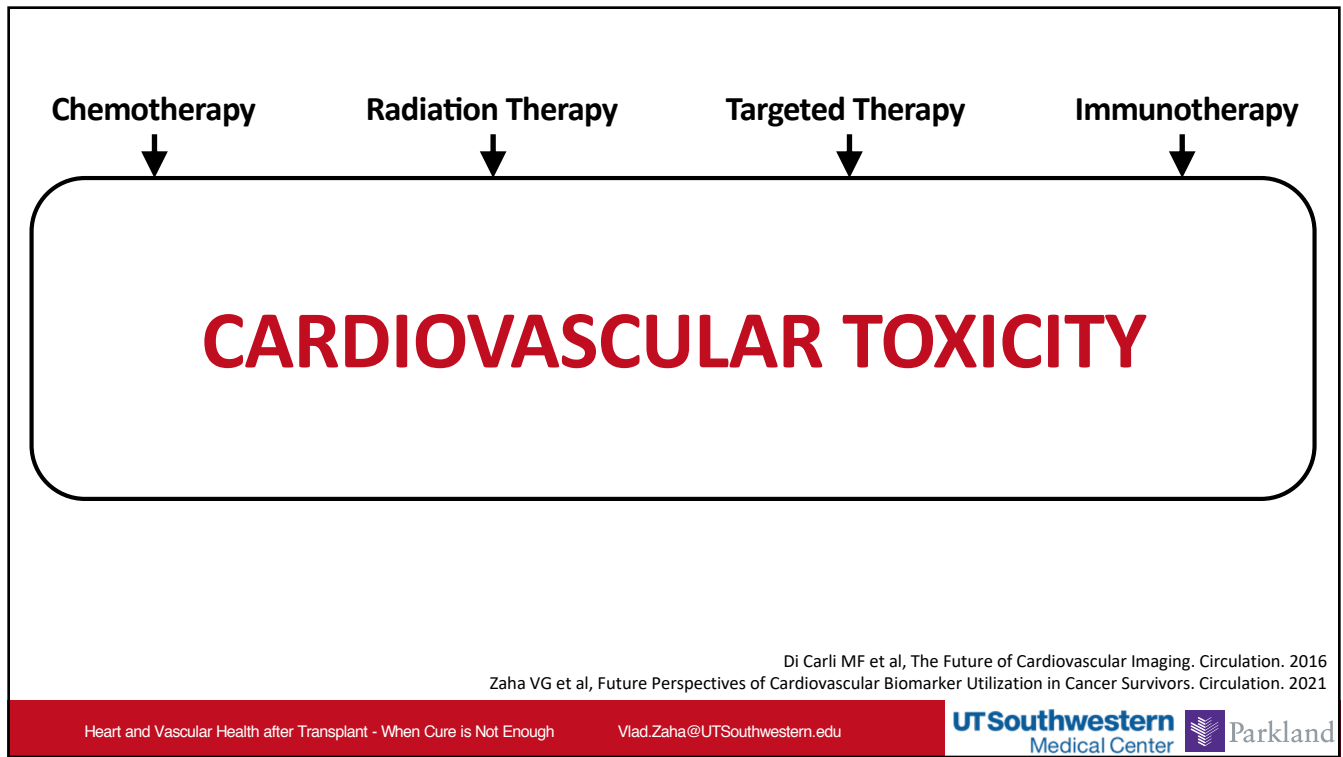
When and what tests and procedures recommended?

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Pragmatic Approach to Prevent Cardiotoxicity

Systematic Cardio-Oncological Evaluation

- Clinical consultation (consider Ambulatory or Self-Measured Home BP monitoring)
- Blood glucose, lipid profile, cardiovascular tests, kidney function
- ECG
- Cardiovascular imaging studies
- Actively manage **modifiable cardiovascular risk factors** and diseases
- Encourage **exercise** on a regular basis and **healthy dietary habits**

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Cardio-Oncology Approach to HSCT

CV risk factors

- Smoking
- Obesity
- Hypertension
- Diabetes
- Dislipemia

CV diseases

Heart failure/LVEF<50%
Coronary artery disease
Valvular heart diseases

CV complications

- Cardiac Arrhythmias
- Early CVRF
- Heart Failure
- Coronary artery disease
- Vascular events
- Pericardial diseases

Age and female sex

Pre-HSCT Tx

- Mediastinal Rt
- Alkylating agents
- Anthracyclines

Conditioning schemes

Allogenic HSCT

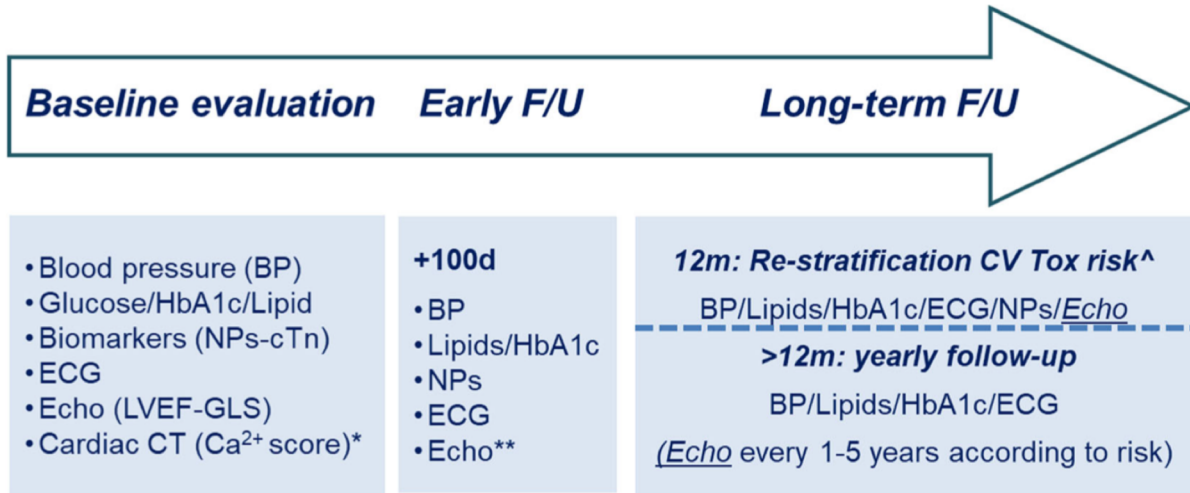
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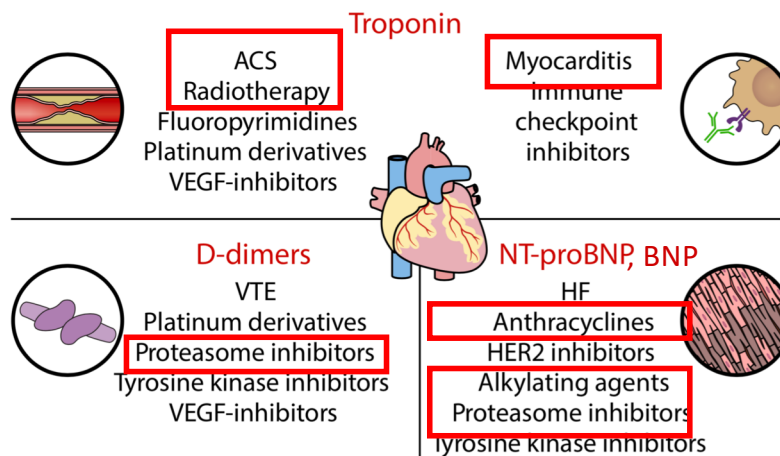
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Commonly Used Blood Tests in Cardio-Oncology



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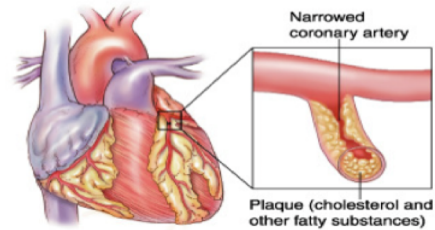
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Cardiovascular Imaging in Cardio-Oncology

Novel technology in pretransplant evaluation

- Cardiac structure and function
 - 3D Echocardiography
 - Speckle-tracking echocardiography
 - Cardiac MRI
- Screening for cardiac ischemia
 - Coronary CT
 - Coronary artery calcium scoring

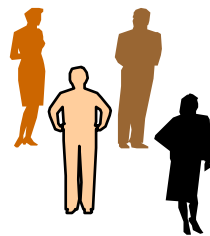


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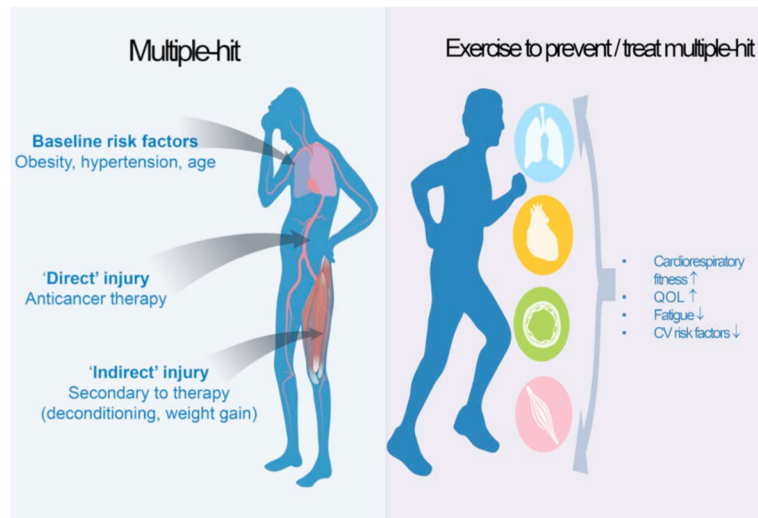
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Potential Benefits of Exercise



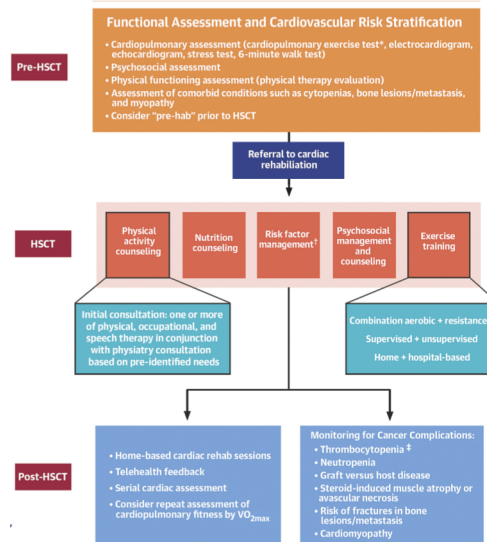
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Cardiac Rehabilitation Timeline in HSCT



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Cardiac Rehabilitation Timeline in HSCT

Functional Assessment and Cardiovascular Risk Stratification

Pre-HSCT

- Cardiopulmonary assessment (cardiopulmonary exercise test*, electrocardiogram, echocardiogram, stress test, 6-minute walk test)
- Psychosocial assessment
- Physical functioning assessment (physical therapy evaluation)
- Assessment of comorbid conditions such as cytopenias, bone lesions/metastasis, and myopathy
- Consider "pre-hab" prior to HSCT

Referral to cardiac rehabilitation

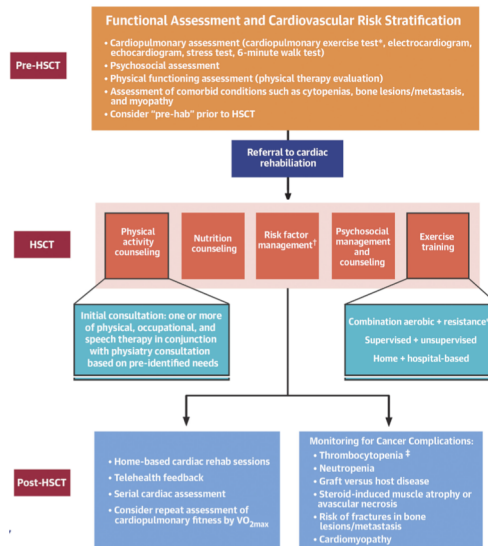
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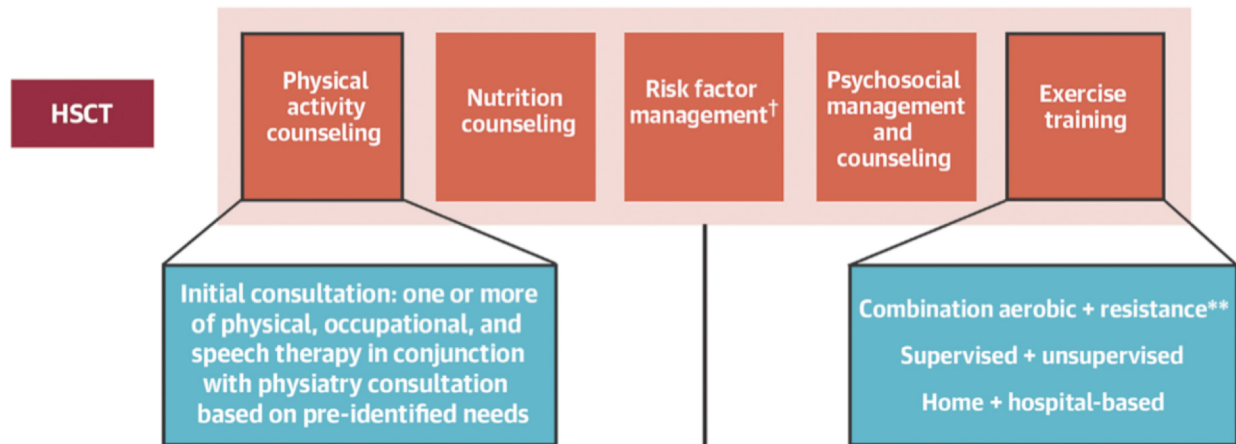
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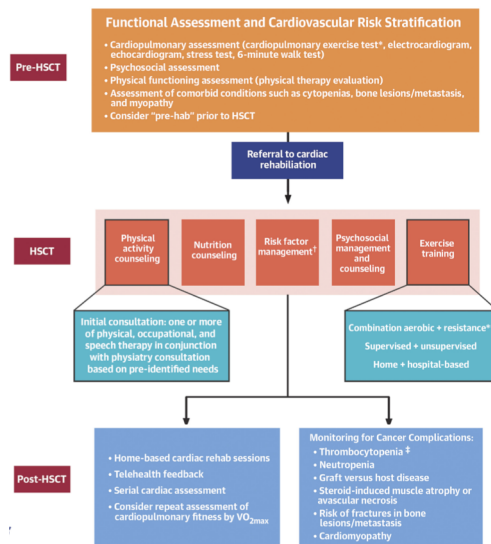
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Cardiac Rehabilitation Timeline in HSCT

Post-HSCT

- Home-based cardiac rehab sessions
- Telehealth feedback
- Serial cardiac assessment
- Consider repeat assessment of cardiopulmonary fitness by VO_{2max}

Monitoring for Cancer Complications:

- Thrombocytopenia ‡
- Neutropenia
- Graft versus host disease
- Steroid-induced muscle atrophy or avascular necrosis
- Risk of fractures in bone lesions/metastasis
- Cardiomyopathy

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Take Home Messages

- Cardiovascular disease = significant risk after HCT
- Risk prediction is challenging but important
- Survivors are particularly sensitive to hypertension
- Physical exercise is beneficial
- New diagnostic and treatment options are being developed

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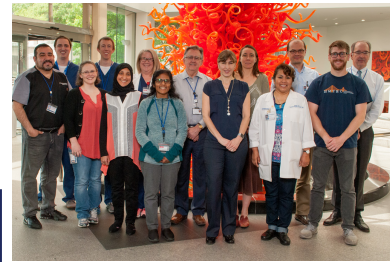



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


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