

# Late Effects after a Transplant Using Donor Cells (Allogeneic Transplant)

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#### Overview

- Survivor Trends
- Why Survivorship?
- Medical Late Effects
  - Screening, Prevention, and Treatment
- Thriving After Allogeneic Transplant





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#### **Survivor Trends**

- In 2010: 110, 000 HCT survivors in the United States
- In 2020: Increase by 2.5X to 250,000
- In 2030: Estimated increase by 5X to 500,000+
- Distribution: 60% autologous and 40% allogeneic HCT
- 60% of HCT survivors are age 18-59



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#### **Survivor Trends**

- Long-term survival is increasingly possible, due to advances in HCT
- Survival may come with a price
  - 66% of BMT survivors report at least one chronic health condition compared to 39% of healthy siblings
  - 79% of survivors have a non-malignant late effect at 5 years after BMT
- Life expectancy among 5-year survivors remained 30% lower compared to the general population

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## Medical Long-Term Effects

- Symptoms that began while undergoing treatment and linger for months or even years
- Fatigue
- Neuropathy and other pain syndromes
- Premature menopause
- Infertility

- · Chemo Brain
- Cataracts
- Sexual dysfunction
- Anxiety, depression





#### Medical Late Effects

- Toxicities that were absent at the end of treatment but show after treatment has ended
- Cardiovascular Disorders
  - Coronary Artery Disease
  - Congestive Heart Failure
- Secondary Cancers
- Bone Diseases
  - Osteopenia/Osteoporosis
- Endocrine Disorders
  - · Diabetes, Thyroid
  - Low sex hormones

- Chronic GVHD
- Neurocognitive Impairments
- Infertility
- Lung
- Kidney
- Liver
- Infections





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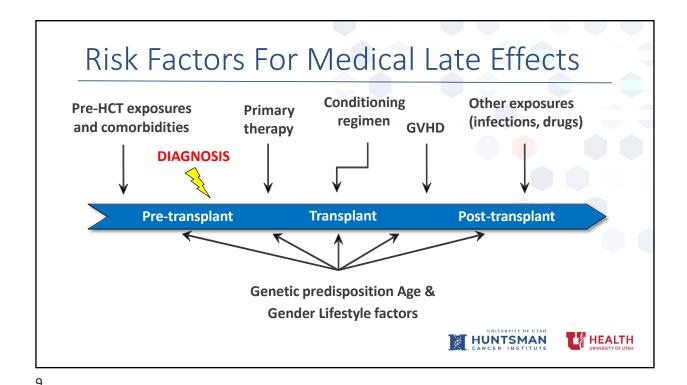
## Consequences of Medical Late Effects

- Premature aging
- Cognitive issues
- Physical symptoms
- Disabilities
- Loss of job

- Financial problems
- Disabilities
- Separations/ divorce
- Suicidal thoughts







# Biological Mechanisms of Late Effects

- DNA Damage
- Cell Damage and Death
- Inflammation
- Immune Dysfunction





#### Individual Risk Factors

- Past Medical History:
  - Past and current medical problems
- Family Medical History:
  - Cancer syndromes, early heart disease, diabetes
- Occupational Exposures:
  - Chemicals, sun exposure, airway irritants
- Lifestyle factors:
  - Activity & exercise, diet, sleep, social supports, coping & resiliency
- Habits:
  - Smoking, alcohol, illicit drug use





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## Key Medical Late Effects

- Heart Disease
- Secondary Cancers
- Bone Disorders
- Endocrine Disorders
- Lung Disorders

- Iron Overload
- Neurocognitive Changes
- Fatigue
- Sexual Dysfunction & Infertility
- Others!





## Cardiac (Heart) Effects

BMT survivors have 1.4 - 3.5 X higher risk of heart disease compared to general population

<u>Complications:</u> Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) & Cardiomyopathy/Heart Failure

<u>Risk Factors:</u> Chemotherapy (Anthracyclines), chest radiation, total body irradiation, GVHD, steroids, high blood pressure, dyslipidemia, diabetes, obesity, alcohol, smoking, inactive lifestyle

<u>Interventions:</u> Optimize blood pressure, cholesterol, and diabetes; weight control/diet; exercise; smoking & alcohol cessation; health & wellness coach; support groups

Screening tests: EKG, Echocardiogram, cardiac stress test?





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## Secondary Cancers

- BMT survivors have 3X higher risk of another cancer occurring after transplant
- Can be a solid tumor or blood cancer different from the cancer for which the transplant was performed
- Risk depends on exposure





### Risk Factors for Key Secondary Cancers

- Skin: Acute and chronic GVHD, immunosuppression, high doses of TBI, HCT at age < 18, fair skin</li>
- Thyroid: TBI, female, chronic GHVD
- Oropharyngeal: Sustained chronic GVHD, prolonged immunosuppression, local radiation, male, tobacco use, HPV status
- Breast: TBI prior to age 30, chest radiation, family history
- Cervical: Chronic GVHD, HPV status, prolonged immunosuppression
- Esophageal: Chronic GVHD, prolonged immunosuppression
- Therapy-related MDS/AML: Prior chemotherapy or radiation





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# Cancer Screening Recommendations

Site	Screening & Prevention Recommendations
Skin	Routine skin exam for all (at least annually), Broad spectrum sunscreen use (UVA/UVB) Avoid peak sun hours, sunglasses, hats, protective clothing, SunGuard
Thyroid	Annual physical exam





# Cancer Screening Recommendations

Site	Screening & Prevention Recommendations
Oropharyngeal	Exam every 6-12 months depending on risk factors Dental exam every 6 months Encourage cessation of tobacco use and alcohol HPV vaccination as indicated
Lung	<ul> <li>Screening with low-dose CT considered for high risk groups only:</li> <li>&gt;55 years and ≥30 pack-year smoking history (excluding those who quit smoking &gt;15 years ago)</li> <li>≥50 and ≥20 pack-year smoking history with additional risk factor(asbestos, family history, second hand smoke)</li> <li>Encourage stopping tobacco product use</li> </ul>

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# Cancer Screening Recommendations

Site	Screening & Prevention Recommendations
Breast	Age 20-40 years: clinical breast exam every 1-3 years Age > 40 years: annual clinical breast exam; annual mammogram Age 25 years or 8 years after radiation, whichever first, but no later than age 40 years: annual clinical breast exam, annual mammogram, annual breast MRI
Cervical	Annual Pap test and HPV DNA test HPV vaccination as indicated





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# Cancer Screening Recommendations

Site	Screening & Prevention Recommendations
Esophageal	Symptom based screening: GI endoscopy for GERD symptoms or difficulty swallowing
Colorectal	Starting at age 50 Fecal occult blood or fecal immunochemical test annually Sigmoidoscopy or CT Colonography every 5 years Colonoscopy every 10 years



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#### **Bone Disorders**

- BMT survivors have a 20% incidence of osteoporosis by 2 years post-transplant
- · Majority of bone loss occurs within 3-6 months after transplant

#### Complications:

- Osteoporosis/osteopenia
- Compression/bone fractures
- Avascular necrosis

<u>Risk Factors:</u> Steroids, GVHD, hypogonadism, radiation, immunosuppression, vitamin D deficiency, sedentary lifestyle, age, race, smoking

<u>Interventions:</u> Increase physical activity, calcium/vitamin D repletion, bisphosphonates, hormone replacement therapy

Screening tests: Vitamin D levels, bone density scan, PTH level





### **Endocrine Disorders**

**Complication:** Low thyroid function (hypothyroidism)

Symptoms: Fatigue, feeling cold, dry skin, weight gain, depression

Risk Factors: Radiation, some chemotherapy

Interventions: Thyroid hormone replacement

<u>Screening tests:</u> Thyroid hormone levels (TSH, Free T4)





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#### **Endocrine Disorders**

Complication: Diabetes

<u>Symptoms:</u> Sometimes no symptoms, increased thirst, frequent urination,

fatigue, blurry vision

Risk Factors: Long-use of steroids for cancer treatment or GVHD

Interventions: Diet & exercise modifications, insulin or oral medications

Screening tests: HgbA1c, glucose level





#### **Endocrine Disorders**

Complication: Hypogonadism (low sex hormones) and sexual dysfunction

<u>Symptoms:</u> Low sex drive, fatigue, vaginal changes and pain, ovarian failure, erectile dysfunction

<u>Risk Factors:</u> Radiation to pelvis/testes/spine/brain, TBI, high dose chemotherapy

<u>Interventions:</u> Hormone replacement when safe, testosterone replacement for symptoms (check PSA level), refer to Endocrine, GYN, Urology as needed

<u>Screening tests:</u> Estradiol, FSH, LH, morning testosterone, free testosterone





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### **Lung Disorders**

<u>Complications:</u> Bronchiolitis obliterans syndrome (BOS), recurrent lung infection, fibrosis

<u>Risk Factors:</u> Chest radiation, TBI, chemotherapy, smoking, history of lung disease, cGVHD

<u>Interventions:</u> Exercise, pulmonary rehabilitation, smoking cessation, vaccinations, intravenous immunoglobulin

Screening tests: Interval pulmonary function tests, CT imaging of chest





#### Iron Overload

Symptoms: Fatigue, muscle and joint pain, abdominal pain

- Can cause damage to the liver, pancreas, heart, and endocrine system with subsequent organ specific symptoms

Risk Factors: Frequent blood transfusions, genetics

<u>Interventions:</u> Remove iron (phlebotomy or medications)

Screening tests: Ferritin and transferrin saturation level, T2\* MRI





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# Neurocognitive Changes

<u>Symptoms:</u> Short-term memory loss, slow thinking, word finding difficulty, learning impairment, executive function

- Declines at 80 days after BMT
  - May return to pre-transplant levels at 1 year
  - May improve 1 to 5 years after BMT





# Neurocognitive Changes cont'd

#### **Risk Factors:**

- Brain radiation, chemotherapy (systemic and intrathecal)
- Immune dysfunction
- · Drug toxicity, steroids
- Infections
- Critical illness

Interventions: Cognitive rehabilitation, methylphenidate/modafinil





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## Fatigue – Risk Factors

#### Most common concern among survivors

#### **Risk Factors:**

- Stress
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Pain
- Treatment-related
- Poor sleep

- Deconditioning
- Poor nutrition
- Dehydration
- Other causes





# Fatigue – Interventions

- Treat any medical cause
- Exercise
- Sleep
- Relaxation techniques

- Treat pain
- Cognitive & behavioral therapy
- Refer to supportive oncology/palliative care





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#### Other late effects

- · Ocular: Premature cataracts, dry eye syndrome
  - Protect eye from the sun, annual eye exam
- Oral: Dry mouth, cavities
  - Routine dental exam, cleaning & Xray, fluoride treatments
- Chronic kidney dysfunction
  - Check urine protein
- Liver: Fatty liver, cirrhosis, chronic hepatitis
  - Avoid alcohol, improve diet & exercise
- Peripheral Neuropathy
  - Foot exam





### Your Survivorship Team

- A multidisciplinary team approach considers a provider's expertise and aims to meet each survivors unique physical, social, psychosocial and spiritual needs
- Cardiology
- Pulmonary
- Endocrinology
- Mental Health Professionals
- Physical/Occupational Therapy

- Neurology/Neuro-psychology
- Sexual Health/Fertility
- Supportive Oncology
- Social Work
- Primary Care





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#### Summary

- Medical late effects commonly occur after a donor transplant
- Know your treatment and risks
- Be informed and ask questions
- Actively own your health
- Follow recommendations for prevention and intervention
- Commit to lifelong follow-up





#### After Transplant Guidelines for Patients

- Transplant guidelines mobile app
  - Customizable 6-month and yearly checkup guidelines
  - Chronic GVHD symptom checker
  - Set reminders (appointments, medicines, etc.)
  - Search "transplant guidelines" in app stores to download
- 6-month and yearly guidelines also available online and print:

BeTheMatch.org/CareGuide

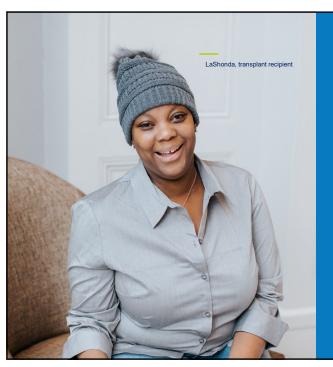








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#### Be The Match Survivorship Program

#### **Our Goal:**

To improve quality of life for BMT patients who do not have access to comprehensive survivorship care.

#### **Our Plan:**

Be The Match will conduct research studies examining the effectiveness of a virtual survivorship program including:

- Individualized survivorship care plans
- Scheduled follow-up appointments with a nurse practitioner
- Clinical consultation Services
- Care coordination
- · Access to critical resources
- Evaluation of the program's impact on patient QOL

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