

Childhood, Adolescent, and Young Adult Cancer Survivorship

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Childhood Cancer: Epidemiology

- 🏔️ >83% of children and adolescents who are diagnosed with cancer will become long term survivors
- 🏔️ By 2020, an estimated 500,000 survivors of childhood cancer in the United States

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Challenges facing Childhood/Young Adult Cancer Survivor



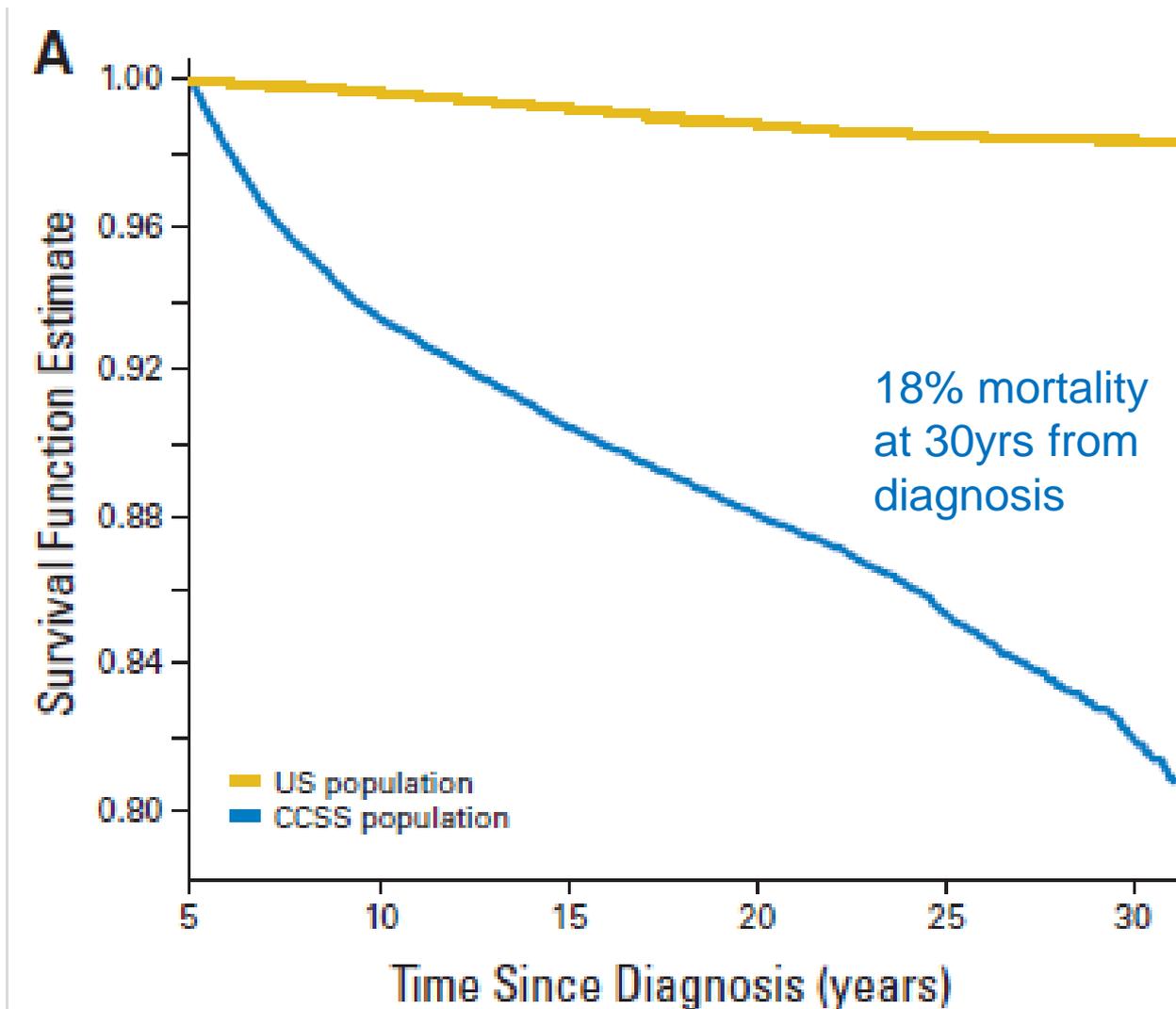
Childhood Cancer Survivor Study (CCSS)

- Initial cohort: Patients diagnosed with childhood cancer between 1970-1986 and alive at least 5yrs from diagnosis
- Described morbidity and mortality associated with childhood cancer treatment
 - Late effects experienced by patients treated in later eras could be compared to this cohort

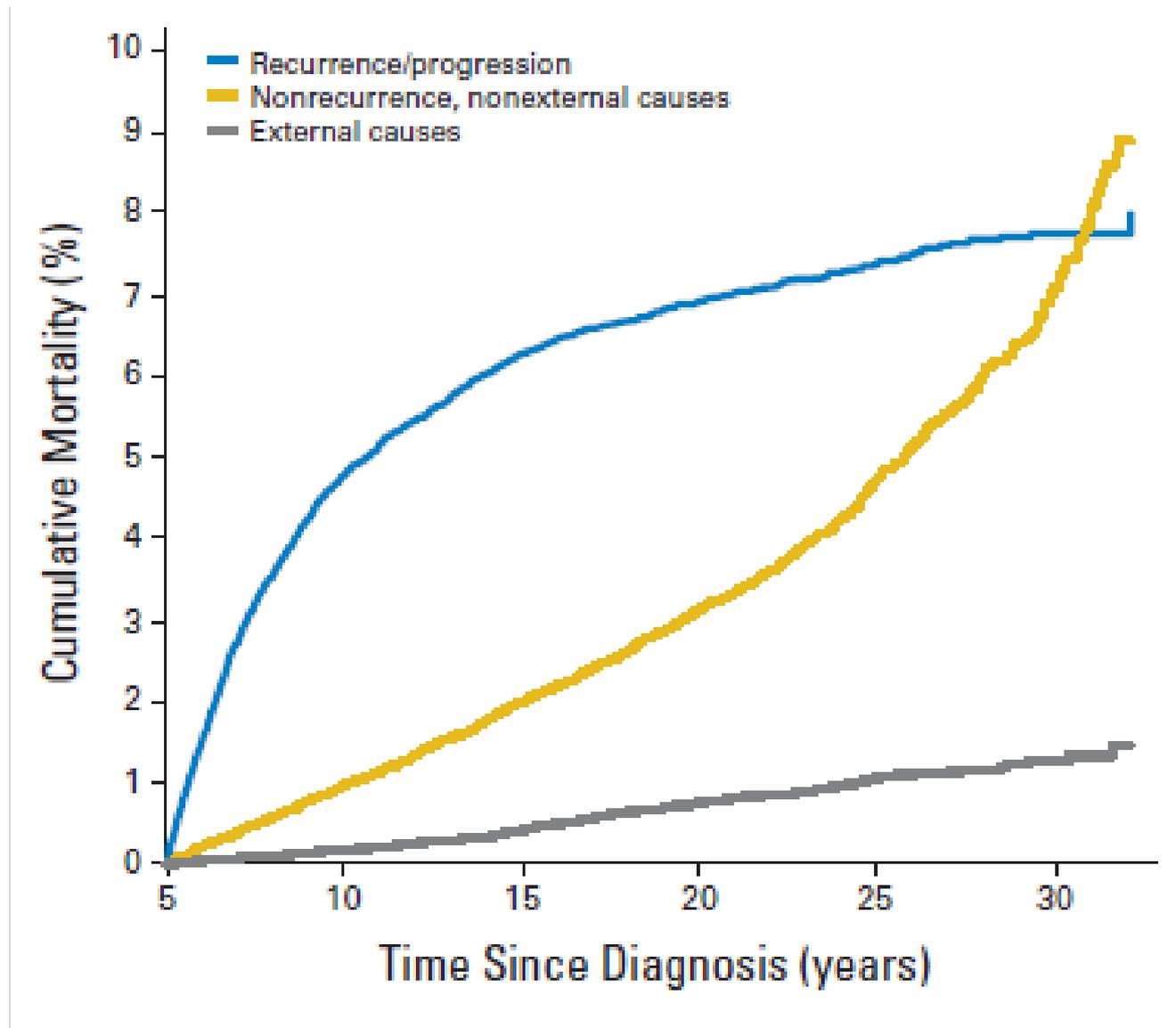


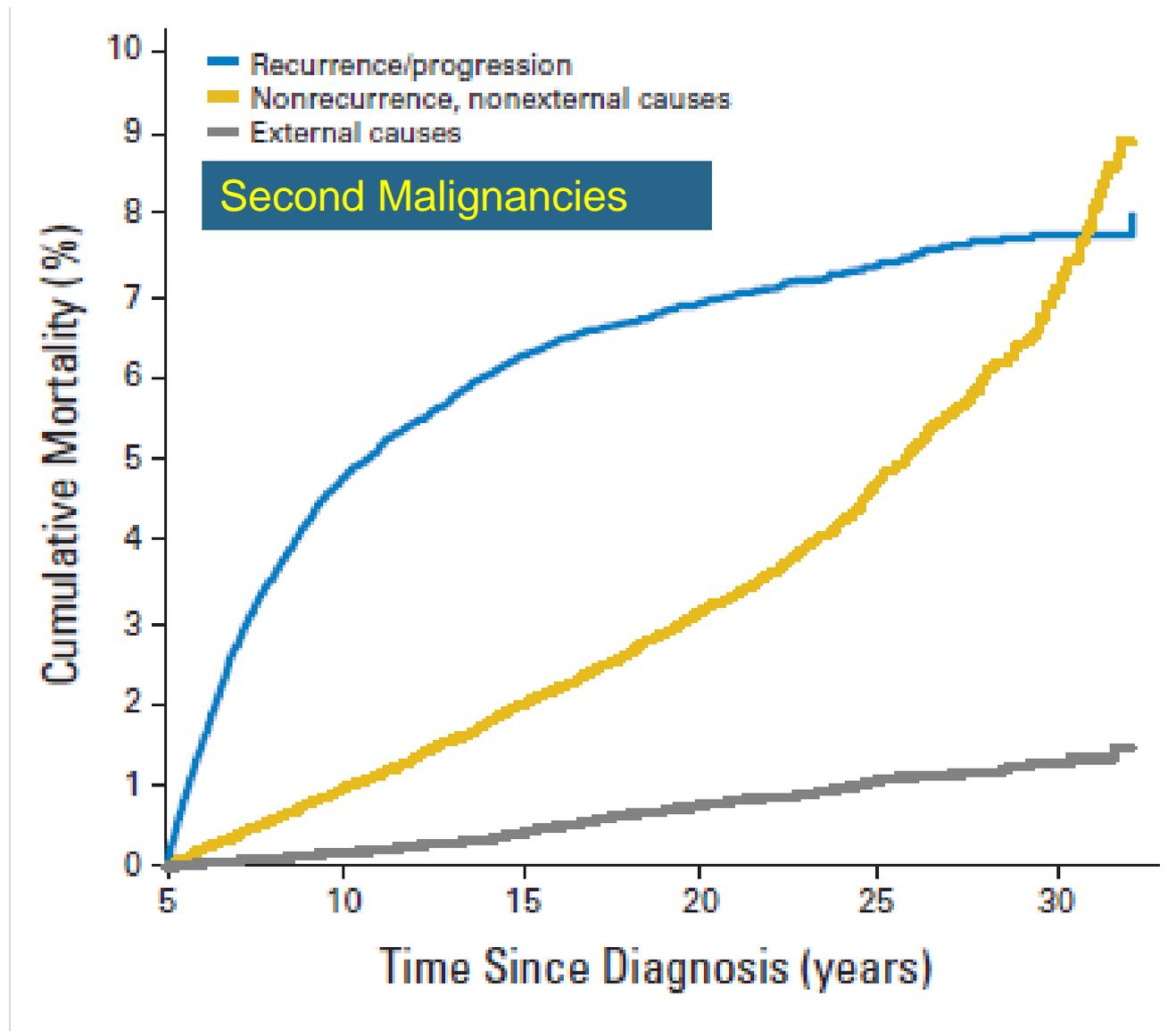
***Mortality* after treatment for childhood cancer: The Childhood Cancer Survivor Study (CCSS):**

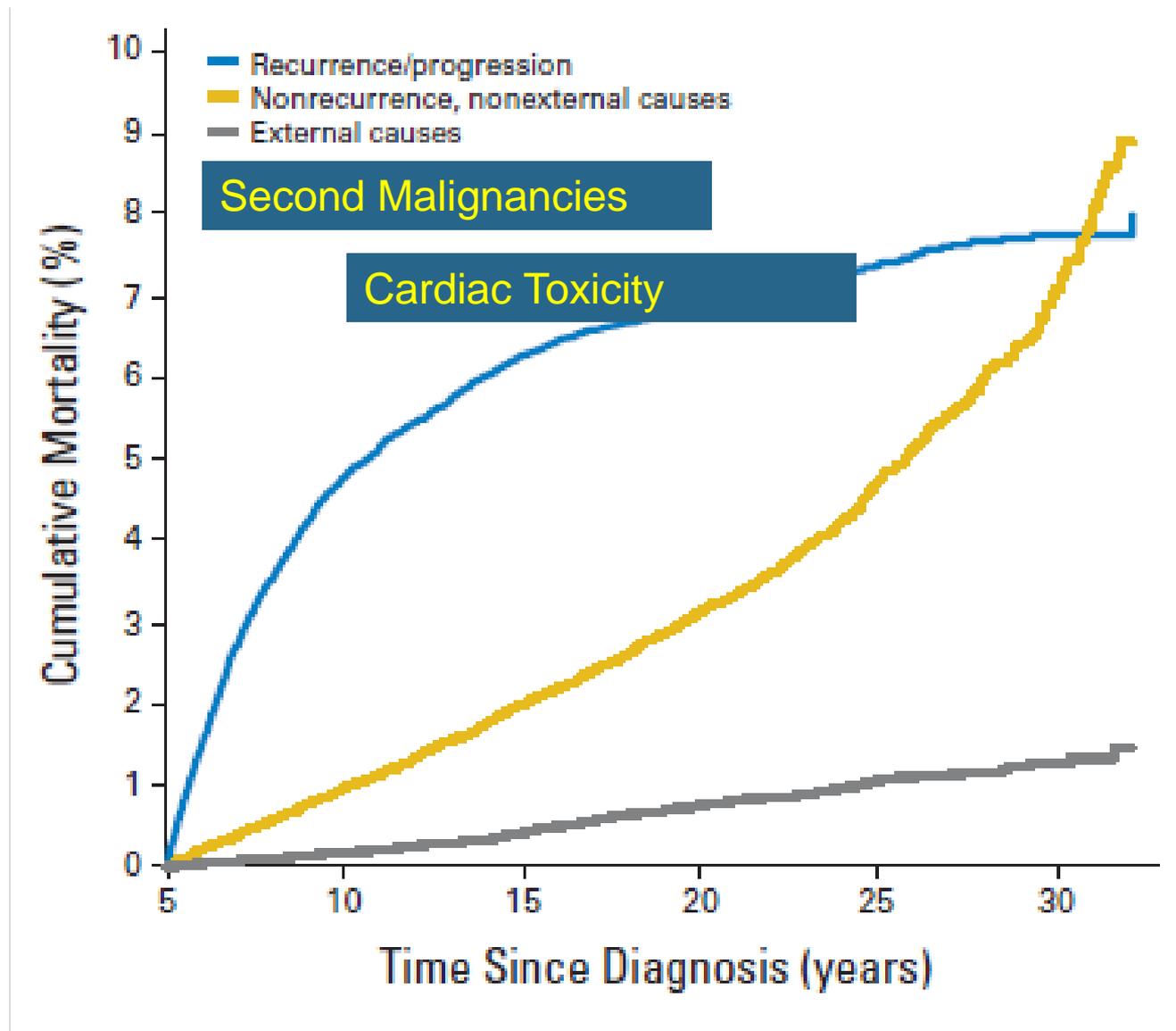
-  Study population: 20,227 five-year survivors of childhood cancer diagnosed between 1970-1986
-  Key finding: 11-fold excess in mortality than expected versus population controls

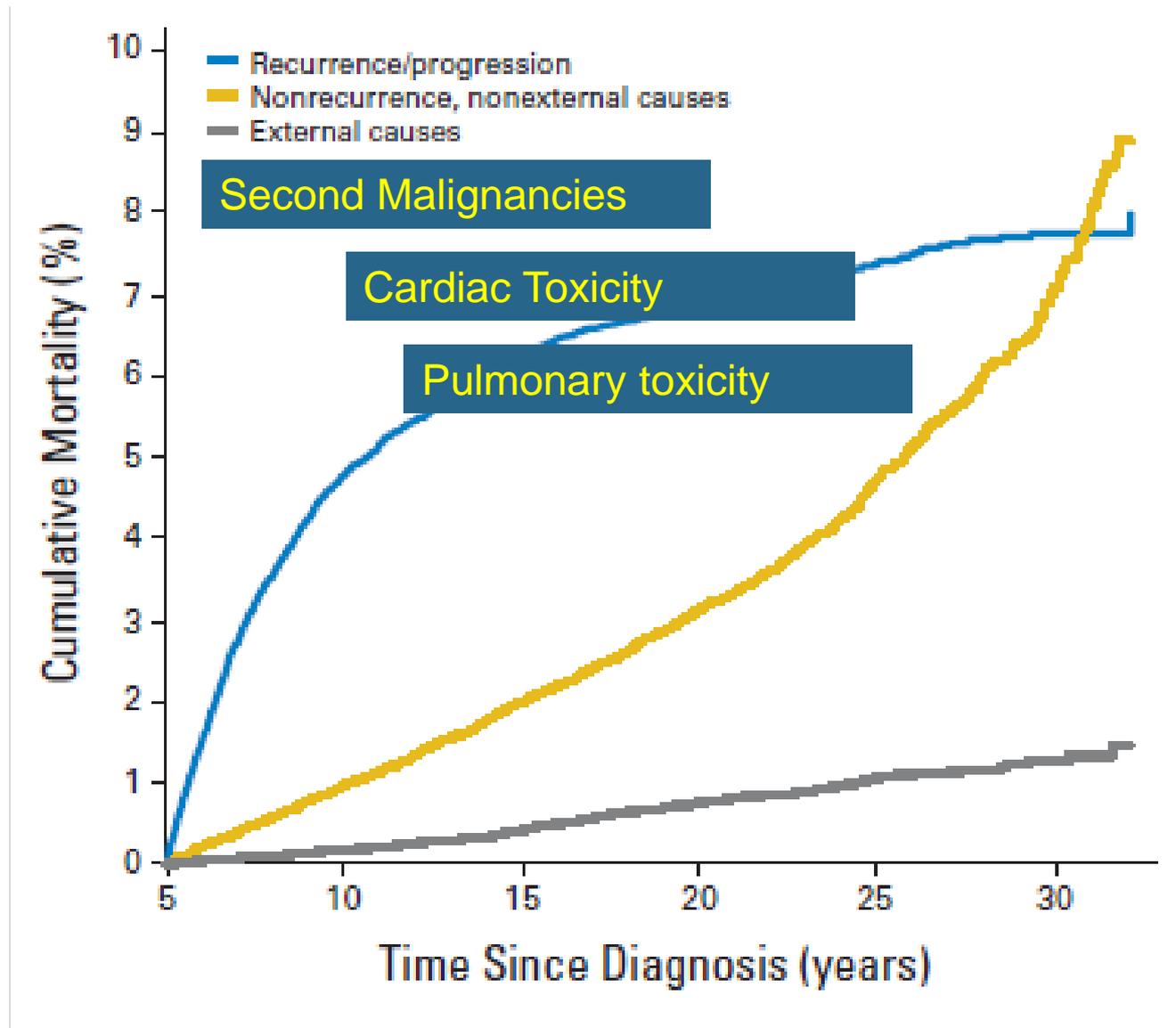


**All-cause mortality--sex-specific survival.
(Compared with age-adjusted expected survival in U.S.)**











***Morbidity* after treatment for childhood cancer: The Chronic Health Conditions in Adult Survivors of Childhood Cancer Study¹**

- Study population: 10,397 survivors of childhood cancer diagnosed between 1970-1986
- Key findings:
 - 62.3% had at least one chronic condition (RR 3.3)
 - 27.5% had a severe or life-threatening chronic illness (RR 8.2)

Table 2. Cancer Survivors and Siblings with a Chronic Health Condition, According to the Severity Score.*

Health Condition	Survivors (N = 10,397)	Siblings (N = 3034)
	no. (%)	
No condition	3887 (37.4)	1917 (63.2)
Grade 1 (mild)	1931 (18.6)	610 (20.1)
Grade 2 (moderate)	1635 (15.7)	349 (11.5)
Grade 3 (severe)	2128 (20.5)	128 (4.2)
Grade 4 (life-threatening or disabling)	653 (6.3)	30 (1.0)
Grade 5 (fatal)	163 (1.6)	NA†
Any condition‡		
Grades 1–4	6482 (62.3)	1117 (36.8)
Grade 3 or 4	2858 (27.5)	158 (5.2)
Multiple health conditions		
≥2	3905 (37.6)	397 (13.1)
≥3	2470 (23.8)	163 (5.4)

* The severity of health conditions was scored according to the Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (version 3). Health conditions of survivors did not include conditions the patients had before their cancer diagnosis or acute conditions they had within 5 years after the diagnosis. NA denotes not applicable.

† All siblings were alive at the time of enrollment. Survivors may have died in the interval between 5 years after their cancer diagnosis and the time of the study. The composite percentage for survivors with grade 3 or 4 conditions includes conditions that were reported before the time of death in the 163 survivors who died.

‡ The number of patients in each subgroup may not reflect the sum of the grades of conditions, since grades 1 through 5 were calculated by taking the maximum grade per subject. A subject with grade 5 may have had other lower grades.

Table 3. Relative Risk of Selected Severe (Grade 3) or Life-Threatening or Disabling (Grade 4) Health Conditions among Cancer Survivors, as Compared with Siblings.

Condition	Survivors (N = 10,397)	Siblings (N = 3034)	Relative Risk (95% CI)
	<i>percent</i>		
Major joint replacement*	1.61	0.03	54.0 (7.6–386.3)
Congestive heart failure	1.24	0.10	15.1 (4.8–47.9)
Second malignant neoplasm†	2.38	0.33	14.8 (7.2–30.4)
Cognitive dysfunction, severe	0.65	0.10	10.5 (2.6–43.0)
Coronary artery disease	1.11	0.20	10.4 (4.1–25.9)
Cerebrovascular accident	1.56	0.20	9.3 (4.1–21.2)
Renal failure or dialysis	0.52	0.07	8.9 (2.2–36.6)
Hearing loss not corrected by aid	1.96	0.36	6.3 (3.3–11.8)
Legally blind or loss of an eye	2.92	0.69	5.8 (3.5–9.5)
Ovarian failure‡	2.79	0.99	3.5 (2.7–5.2)

* For survivors, major joint replacement was not included if it was part of cancer therapy.

† For both groups, this category excludes basal-cell and squamous-cell carcinoma (grade 2). For siblings, this category includes a first cancer.

‡ Values are for women only.

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Strategies to Improve Long Term Side Effects

Primary Prevention:

- Changes in chemotherapy
 - Less reliance on traditional agents
 - Targeted therapy
 - Imatinib (CML, Ph +ALL). Can eliminate BMT
 - Immunotherapy
- Co-administration of medicines to reduce toxicity from chemotherapy agents being received
 - Dexrazoxane (reduce cardiac toxicity)
 - Sodium thiosulfate (reduce ototoxicity)

Strategies to Improve Long Term Side Effects

Primary Prevention:

- Decrease radiotherapy
 - ALL:
 - 1970's: 80% received radiation
 - 1990's: 19% received radiation
 - Wilms tumor
 - 1970's: 78% received radiation
 - 1990's: 43% received radiation
 - Hodgkin lymphoma:
 - 1970's: 87% patients received radiation
 - 1990's: 61% patients received radiation
- Changing form of radiation (from photons to protons)



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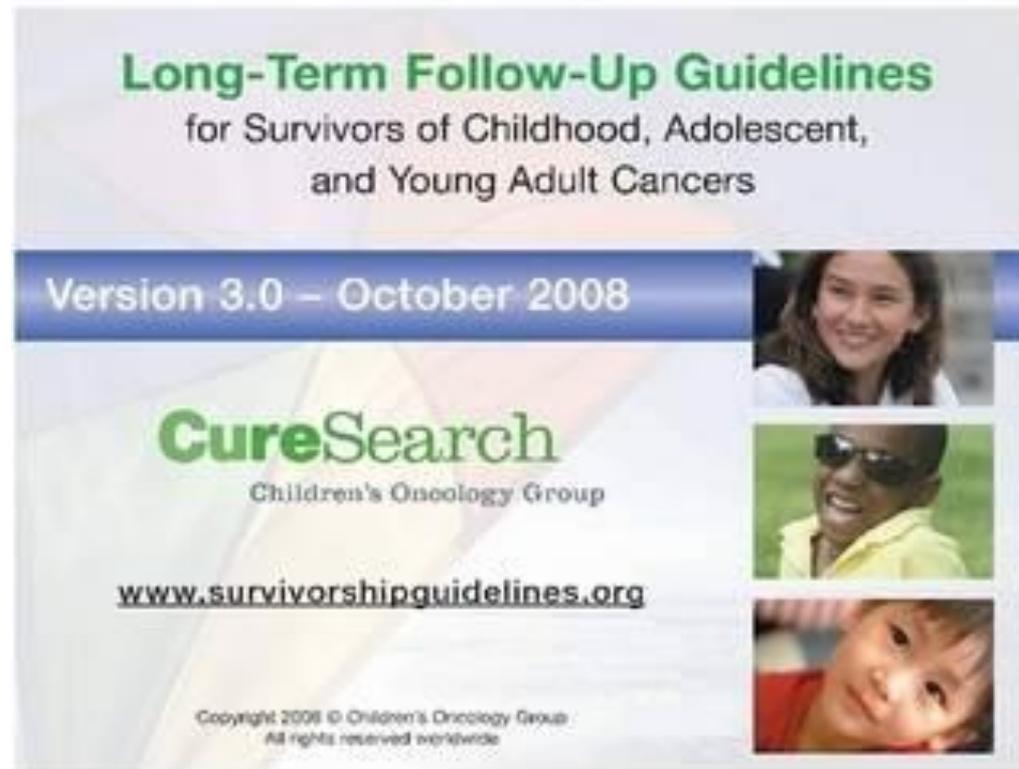
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Passport for Care: Implementing the Survivorship Care Plan

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The image displays three overlapping screenshots of the Passport for Care web application. The top screenshot shows the 'Patient Information' section for Peter Smith, including demographic data, cancer diagnosis (Leukemia), and treatment history with various chemotherapy and radiation regimens. The middle screenshot shows a 'COMPLETE EVALUATIONS' form for Peter Smith, detailing patient information and a list of symptoms such as growth hormone deficiency, skin lesions, and bleeding. The bottom screenshot shows the 'History' section of the application, which includes a summary of the patient's clinical course and a list of symptoms with associated clinical notes and references.

Strategies to Improve Long Term Side Effects



Secondary prevention:

- Medications to reduce long term risk of agents received (clinical trials)
 - Reduce breast cancer (i.e. women receiving radiation therapy)
 - Tamoxifen prophylaxis x2 years
 - Reduce cardiac toxicity
 - Carvedilol x2 years

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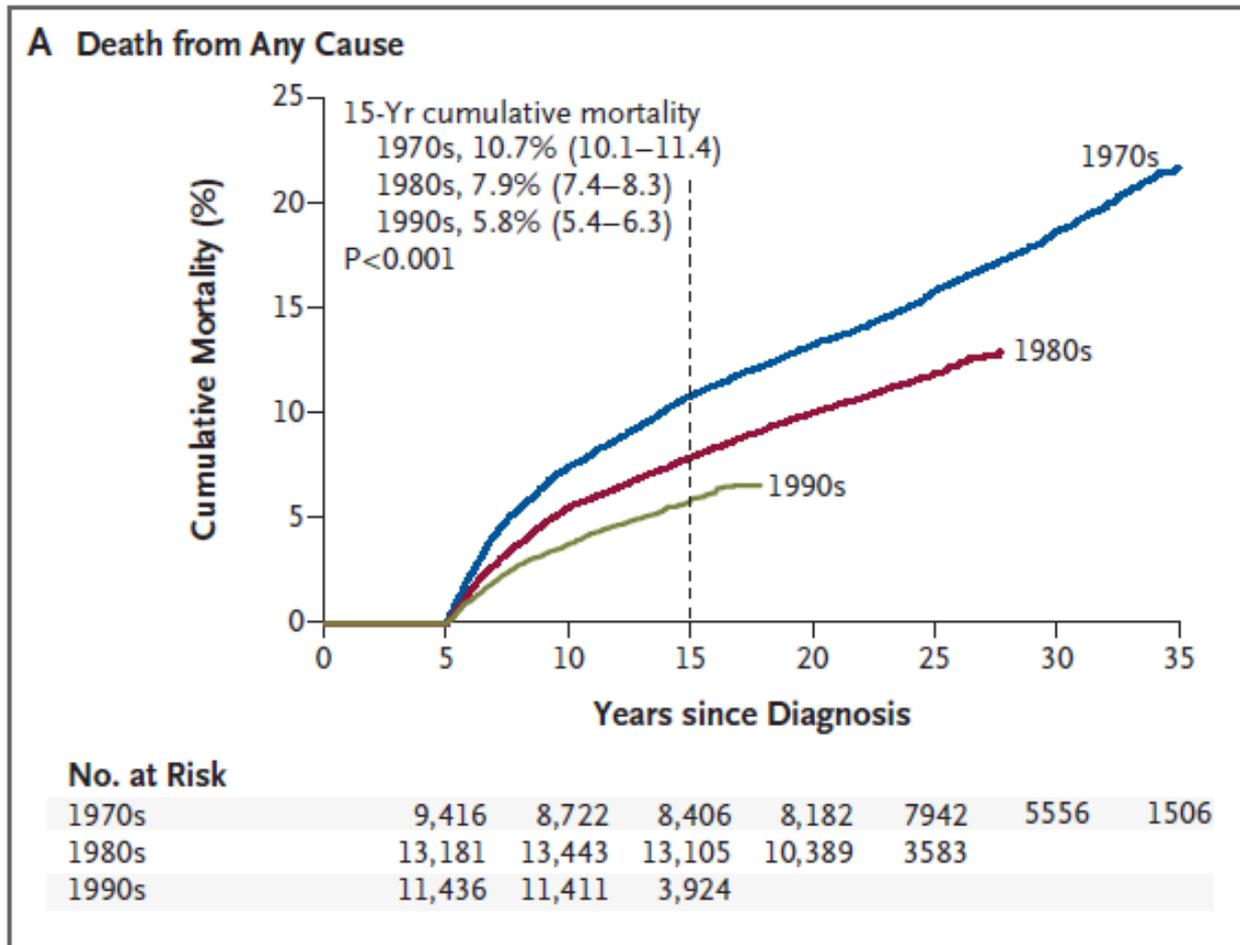


Primary and Secondary Prevention Strategies have reduced late mortality

CCSS:

- Initial cohort: Patients diagnosed with childhood cancer between 1970-1986 and alive at least 5yrs from diagnosis
- New expanded cohort to include patients diagnosed between 1987-1999
 - 10,004 patients

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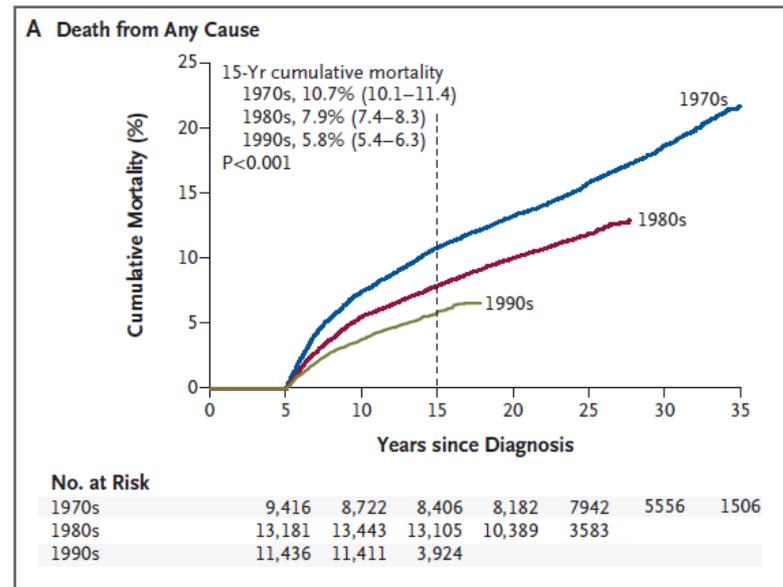
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Challenges facing Childhood/Young Adult Cancer Survivor

- ✳️ Three quarters of young cancer survivors hope to have children in the future
- ✳️ Risk of infertility depends on the specific cancer diagnosis and treatments provided:
 - Certain chemotherapy agents
 - Radiation
 - Gonads
 - Cranial irradiation (pituitary)

Best Risk Assessment of Subfertility after Current Treatment for Childhood/AYA Cancer

Low risk (<20%)

Acute lymphoblastic leukaemia
Wilms' tumour
Soft-tissue sarcoma: stage I
Germ-cell tumours (with gonadal preservation and no radiotherapy)
Retinoblastoma
Brain tumour: surgery only, cranial irradiation <24 Gy

Medium risk

Acute myeloblastic leukaemia (difficult to quantify)
Hepatoblastoma
Osteosarcoma
Ewing's sarcoma: non-metastatic
Soft-tissue sarcoma: stage II or III
Neuroblastoma
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma
Hodgkin's disease: alternating treatment
Brain tumour: craniospinal radiotherapy, cranial irradiation >24 Gy

High risk (>80%)

Whole-body irradiation
Localised radiotherapy: pelvic or testicular
Chemotherapy conditioning for bone-marrow transplantation
Hodgkin's disease: treatment with alkylating-drugs
Soft-tissue sarcoma: stage IV (metastatic)
Ewing's sarcoma: metastatic

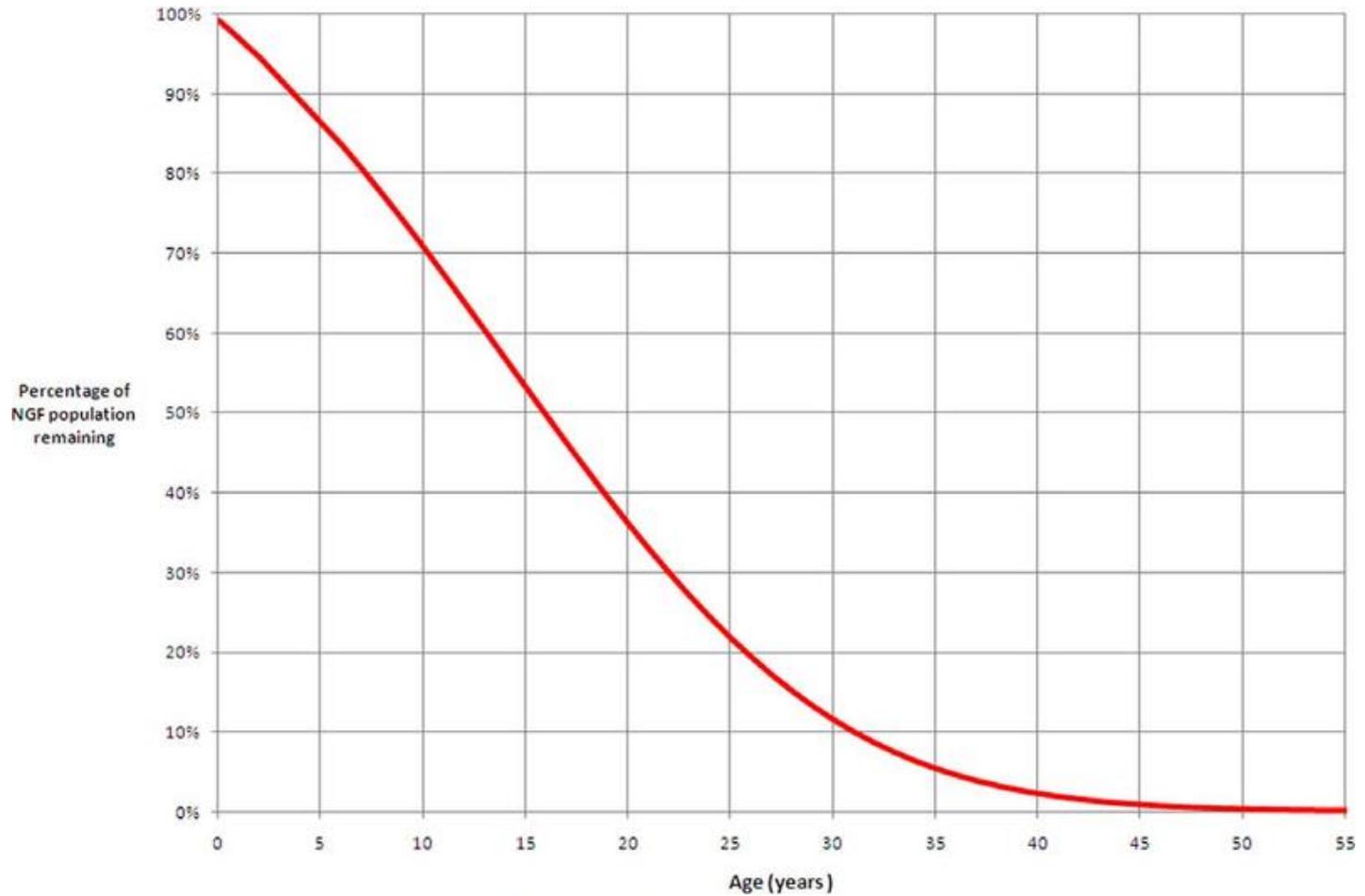
Females



Brief review of physiology:

- Females have a finite number of eggs (“oocytes”), most of which naturally die off
 - Fetus: about 5 million
 - Birth: 600,000-800,000
 - Puberty: about 180,000
- Only about 400 oocytes mature and are ovulated in the typical female lifespan

Oocyte Depletion



Fertility: Females

- ✿ Effects of treatment are therefore dependent upon the age at which therapy is given
- ✿ Early menopause an issue:
 - 42% of female patients treated with chemotherapy and radiation before age 20 had reached menopause by age 31 years¹

¹Byrne et al. 1992.

Fertility Preservation Options: Females

-  Embryo cryopreservation
-  Oocyte cryopreservation
-  Surgically displace ovaries outside of the radiation field
-  Hormonal suppression of ovulation
-  Ovarian tissue cryopreservation

Fertility Preservation Options: Females

Embryo cryopreservation

- Ovarian stimulation, egg retrieval, fertilization, storage (freezing), and transfer of embryo into the uterus
- Requires a male partner or sperm donor at time of procedure
- Requirement for hormonal stimulation and time may preclude use due to need to embark on therapy

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Oocyte cryopreservation

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Mitigating effects of radiation:

- Surgically displace ovaries outside of the radiation field
- Shielding ovaries from radiation



Preserving Oocytes: Hormonal suppression of ovulation

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Ovarian tissue cryopreservation

- Surgery to remove part or all of an ovary
- Tissue frozen
- After treatment, surgically re-implanted with hopes of regaining ovarian function
- Still experimental: 130 live births as of June 2017
- Advantage: immediacy of procedure, little delay in treatment
- Limited availability: About 100 centers worldwide
 - Children's Hospital Orange County; Texas
 - Children's, Houston; Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago; University of Pittsburgh

Fertility Effects: Males



Risks:

- Irradiation
- Chemotherapy
- Disease itself may effect sperm count (Hodgkin lymphoma)

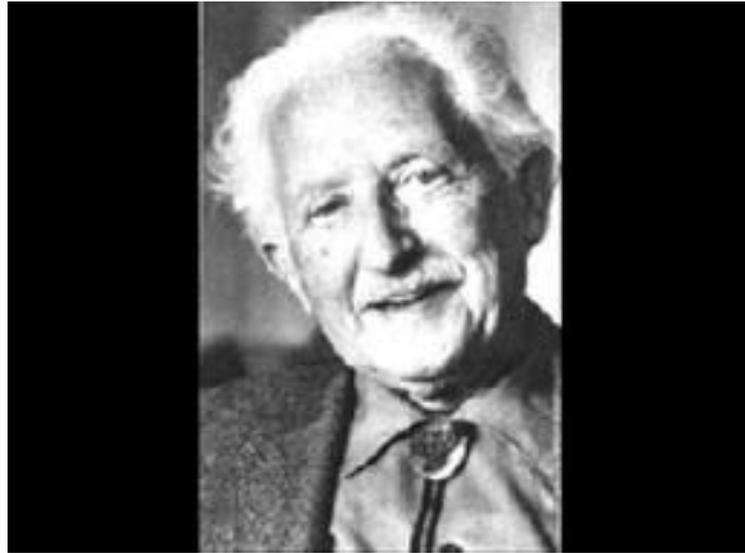
Challenges of a Young Adult Cancer Survivor: Fertility

 Fertility preservation options: Males:

- Sperm banking
 - Viability for decades
 - Adolescents less successful



Challenges of a Childhood/AYA Cancer Survivor: Psychosocial



Erik Erikson: 1902-1994

Erik Erikson's Stage of Psychosocial Development

- 🏔️ Adolescence (age 13-19yrs): Identity
- 🏔️ Young Adulthood (20-39yrs): Intimacy
- 🏔️ Middle Adulthood: (25-64yrs): Generativity

Challenges of a Young Adult Cancer Survivor: Psychological

 Prevalence of symptoms among adult survivors of childhood cancers:

- Learning/memory problems: 26.9%
- Anxiety: 13.1%
- Depression: 15.8%
- Somatization: 19.3%

Huang et al. 2013.

Summary

- ✳️ Primary and Secondary Prevention Strategies have reduced late mortality from childhood cancers
- ✳️ Still much work to be done
- ✳️ Specific issues of emotional importance
 - Fertility
 - Psychosocial



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