

# The Role of ADT

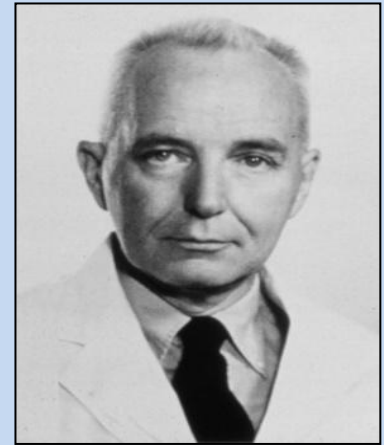
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# Role of Testosterone in Prostate Cancer-

Over seventy years ago, Huggins demonstrated that castration reduced the prostate cancer markers, acid and alkaline phosphatase.

These results established androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) as the mainstay of management of advanced prostate cancer

And so our relationship with androgens and the androgen receptor began!



Charles Huggins  
1901 – 1997  
Winner of 1966  
Nobel Prize

<sup>1</sup> Huggins and Hodges Cancer Res  
1941;1:293-7

# Early history of hormonal treatment – previous mainstay of first line therapy for advanced/metastatic Prostate Cancer

Surgical castration  
established by Huggins for  
the treatment of pts with  
prostate cancer

1941

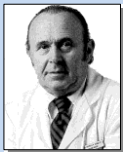


Charles  
Huggins

1970 Medical castration investigated

**GnRH agonists – Schally** 1982  
demonstrated tumour  
growth inhibition in pts  
treated with LHRH  
agonists

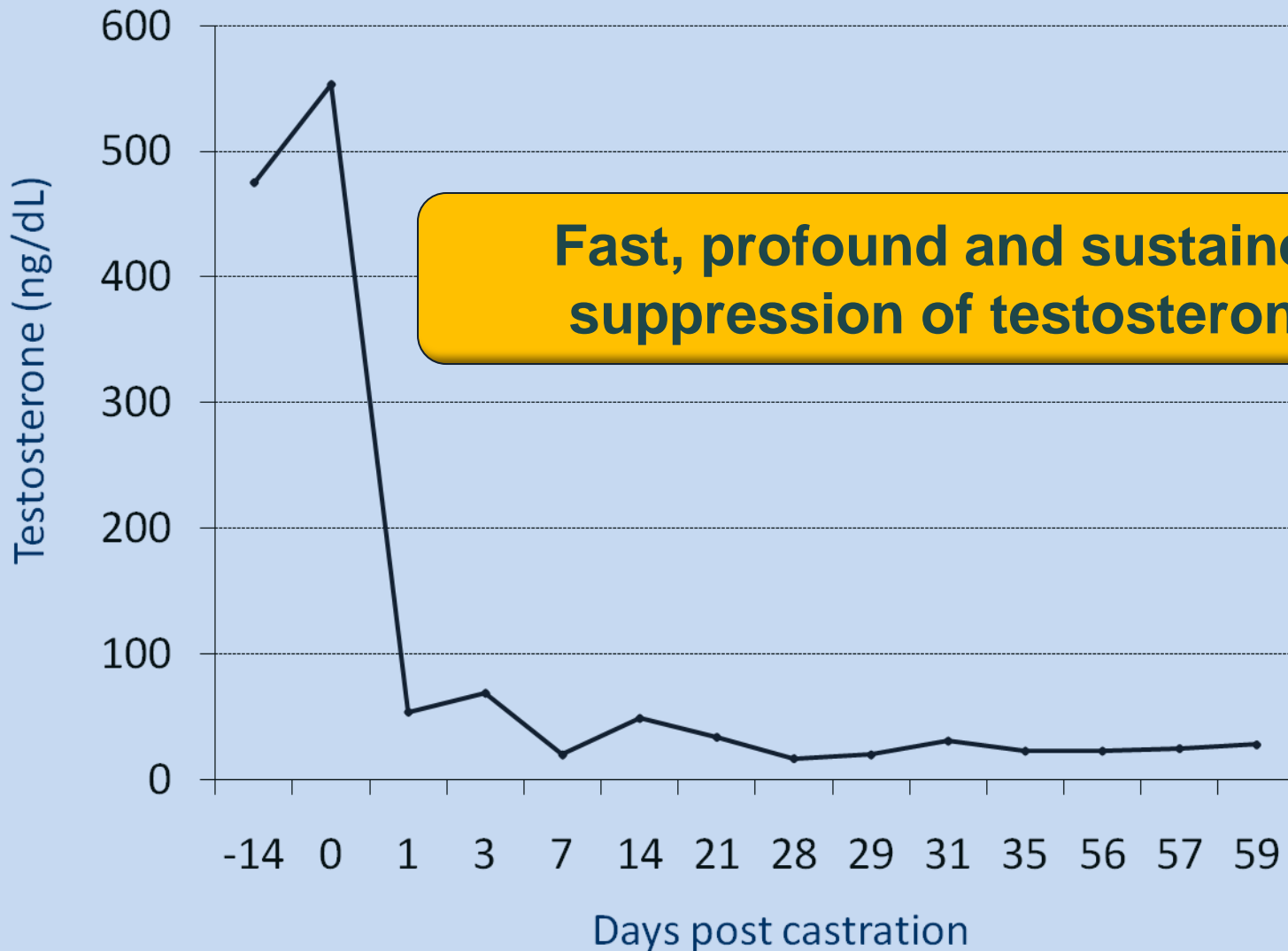
1977 Oestrogen treatment with DES  
demonstrated a comparable  
efficacy to castration but  
resulted in cardiovascular side-  
effects



Andrew Schally

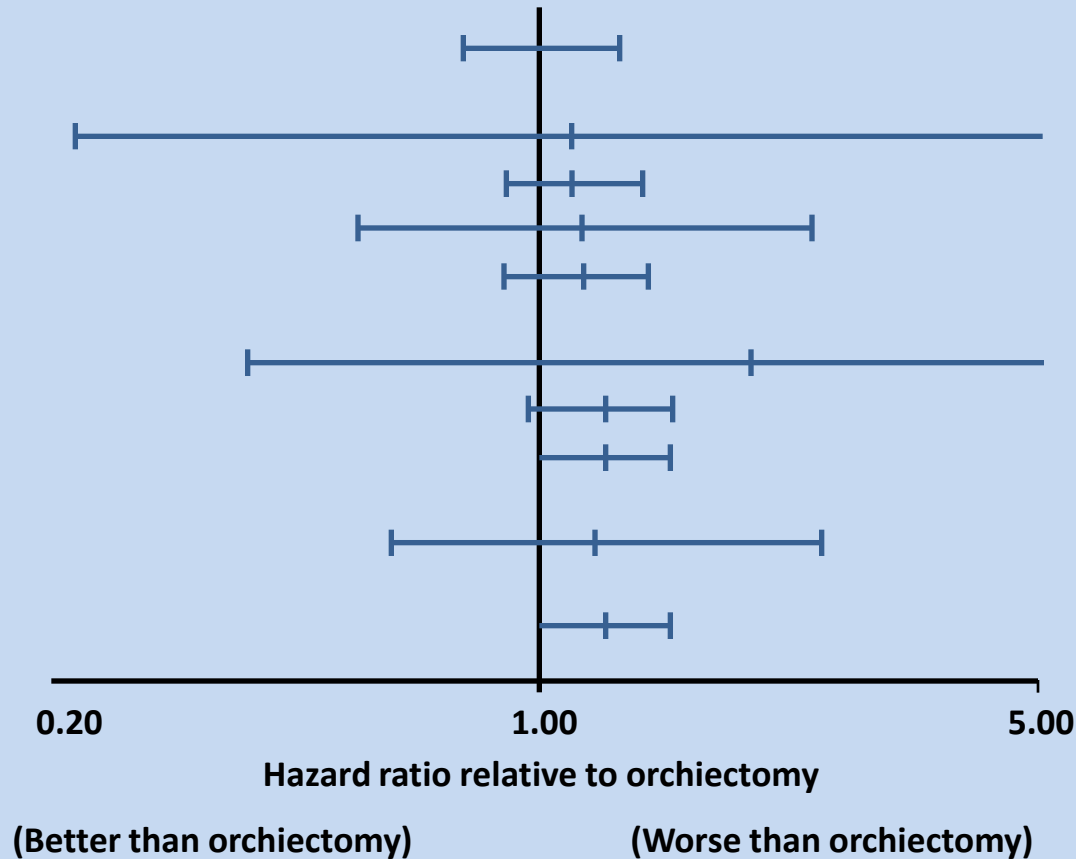
1985-9 Leuprolide and goserelin  
registered for treatment

# What is Surgical Castration ?



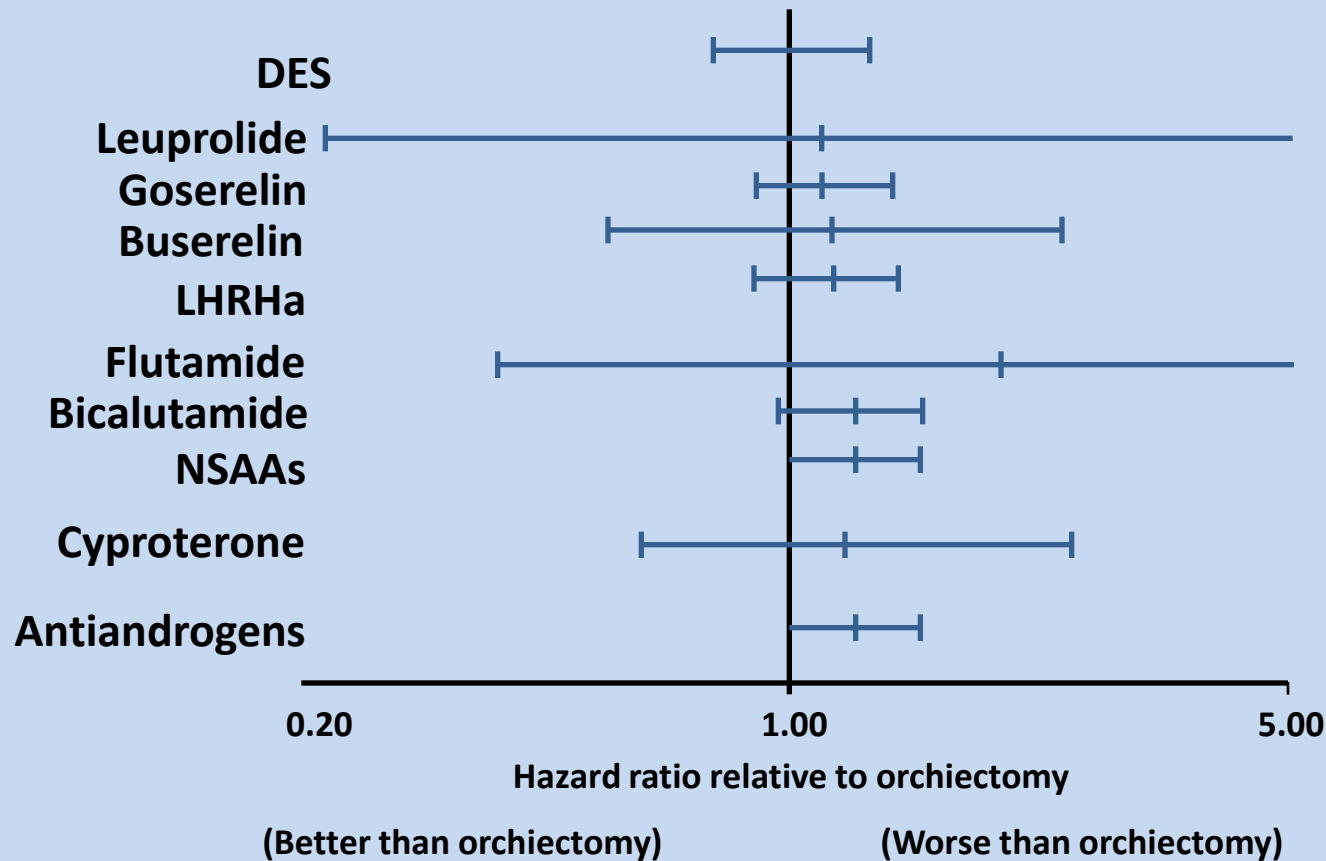
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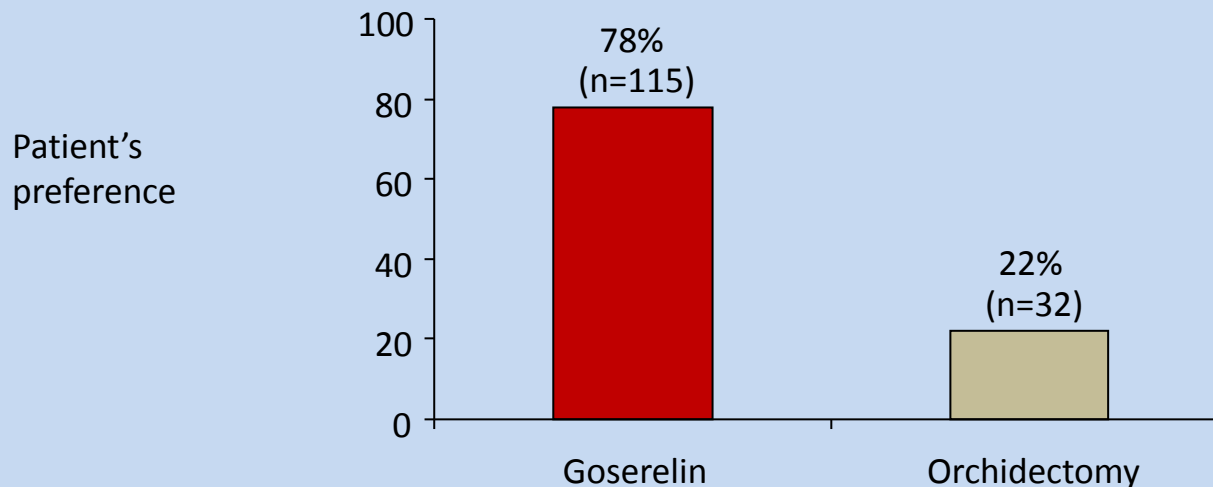
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# LHRH agonists are now widely used to suppress androgen production

- **Patients prefer injections of LHRH agonists (medical castration)**
  - 147 patients with previously untreated metastatic prostate cancer were asked to choose between a monthly injection of an LHRH agonist or surgical castration



# Findings from the PCTCG meta-analysis (27 trials, n=8275)

5-year survival favoured CAB vs castration  
(25.4% vs 23.6%)



Outcome dependent on choice of anti-androgen



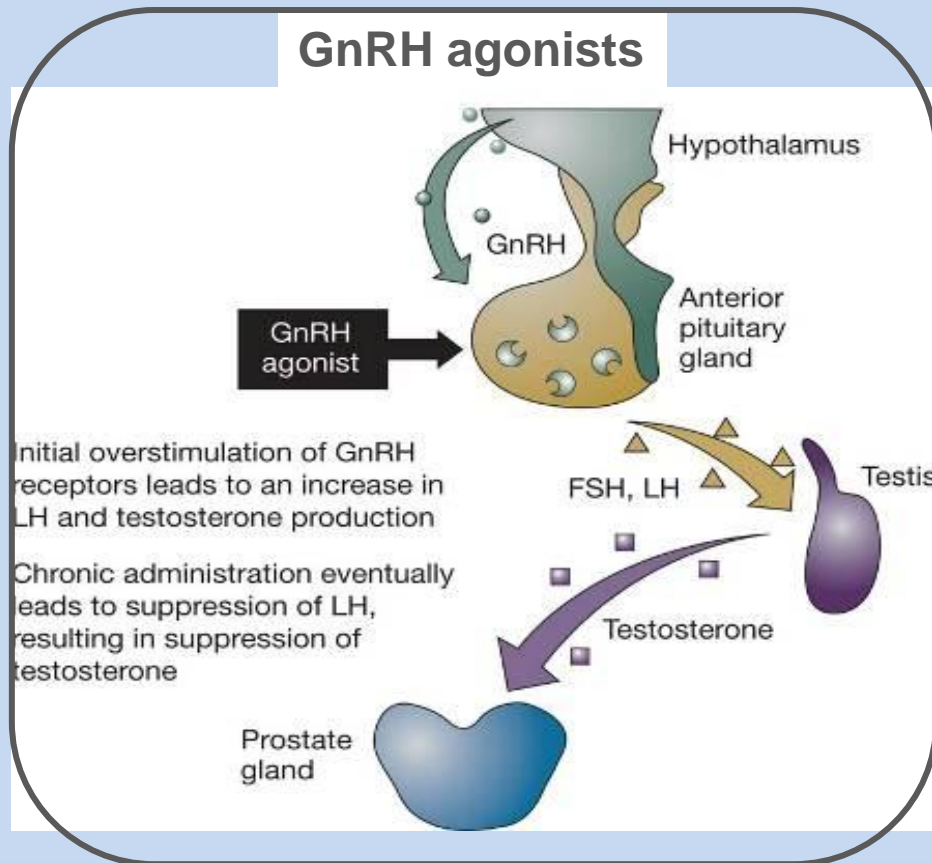
With non-steroidal anti-androgens (flutamide or nilutamide), there was a significant 8% reduction in the risk of death ( $p=0.005$ )



With steroidal anti-androgens (cyproterone acetate [CPA]), there was a significant 13% increase in the risk of death ( $p=0.04$ )



# Mechanism of action of LHRH/GnRH agonists



- Acute pituitary effects
  - ➔ Surge in FSH, LH and testosterone
- Chronic pituitary effects
  - ➔ LH and testosterone suppression, but microsurges on repeat injection ('acute-on-chronic')

# Testosterone is the major “male” hormone

## Skin

Hair growth, balding, sebum production

## Liver

Synthesis of serum proteins

## Bone

Accelerated linear growth, closure of epiphyses

## Male sexual organs

Penile growth, spermatogenesis, prostate growth and function

## Brain

Libido, mood

## Muscle

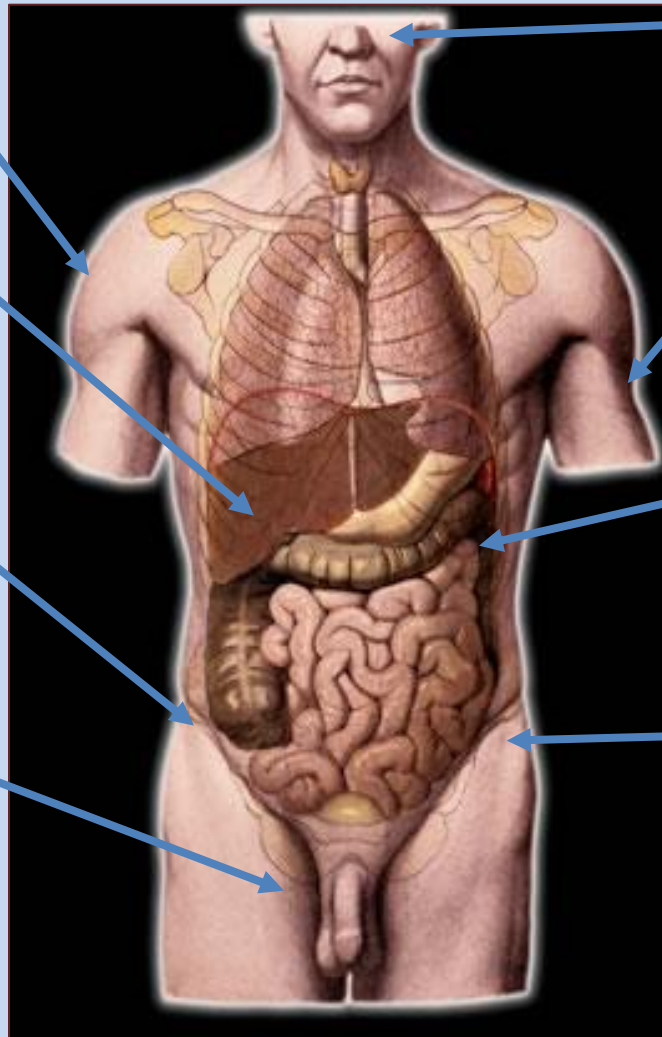
Increase in strength and volume

## Kidney

Stimulation of erythropoietin production

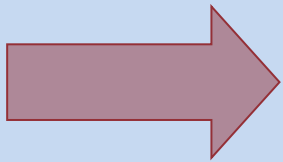
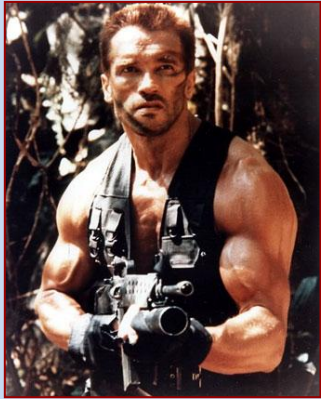
## Bone marrow

Stimulation of stem cells



# Short-term side effects of ADT

## The castration syndrome



Castration



- Loss of libido and sexual interest, erectile dysfunction, impotence
- Fatigue
- Hot flashes
- Decline in intellectual capacity, emotional liability, depression
- Decrease in muscular strength
- Decline in physical activity and general vitality

# The Androgen Deprivation Syndrome

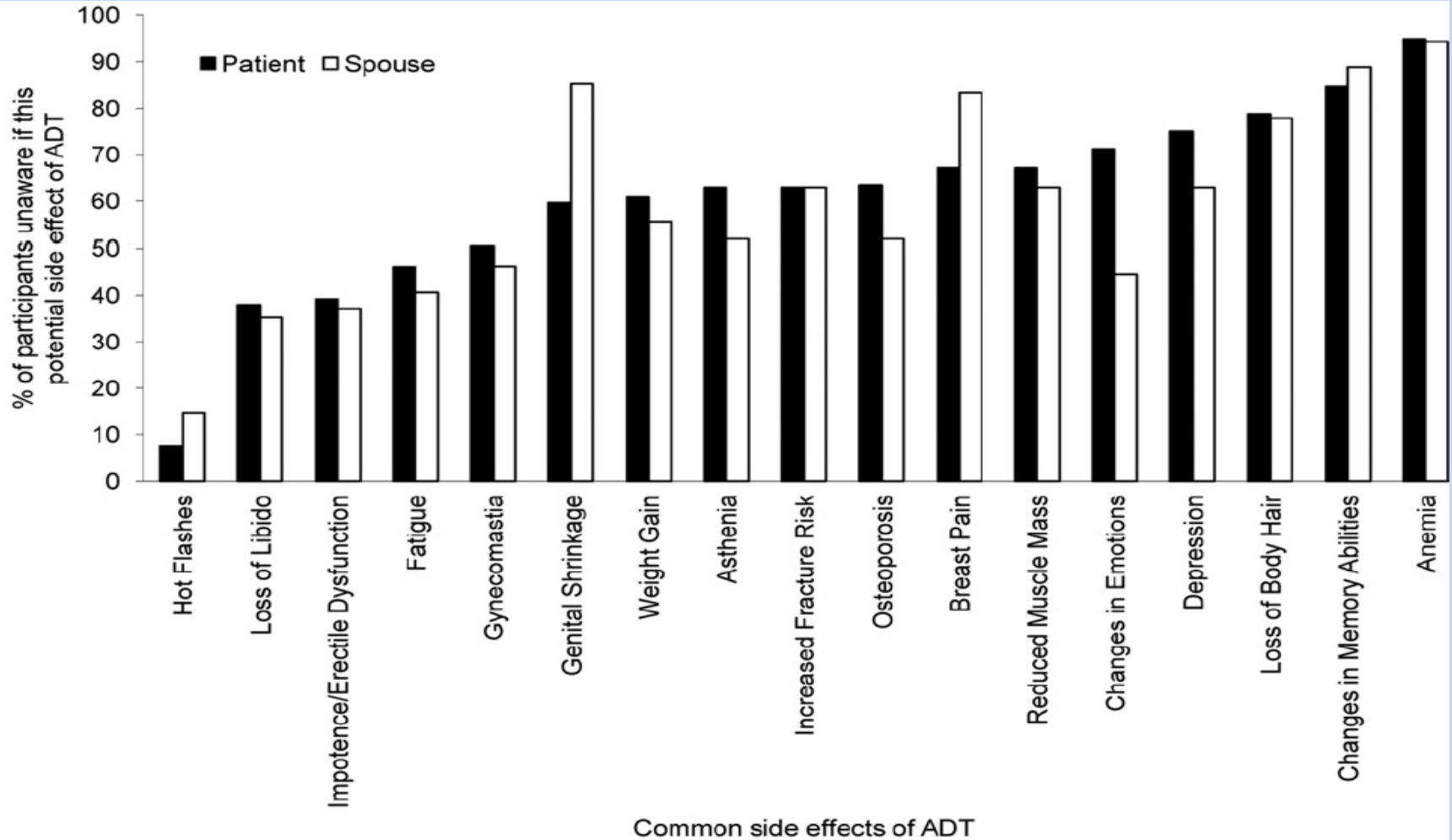
## What patients expect

- Loss of libido
- Erectile dysfunction (impotence)
- Decreased energy
- Hot flushes
- Gynaecomastia and mastalgia

## What they also get

- Metabolic syndrome
- Osteoporosis /fracture
- Loss of muscle mass
- Weight gain
- Anaemia
- Alteration in lipid profile
- Depression, personality change

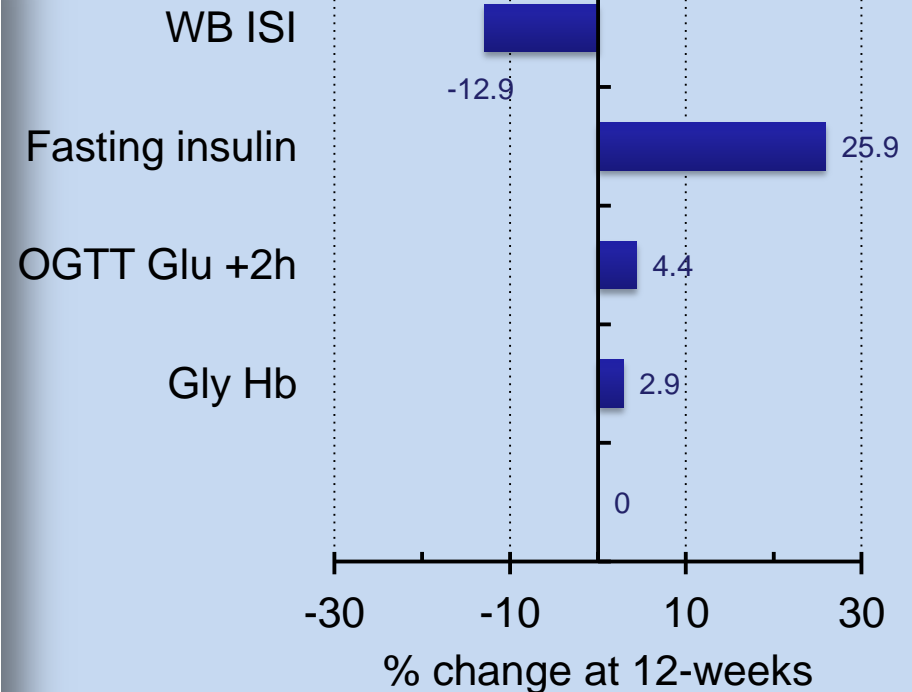
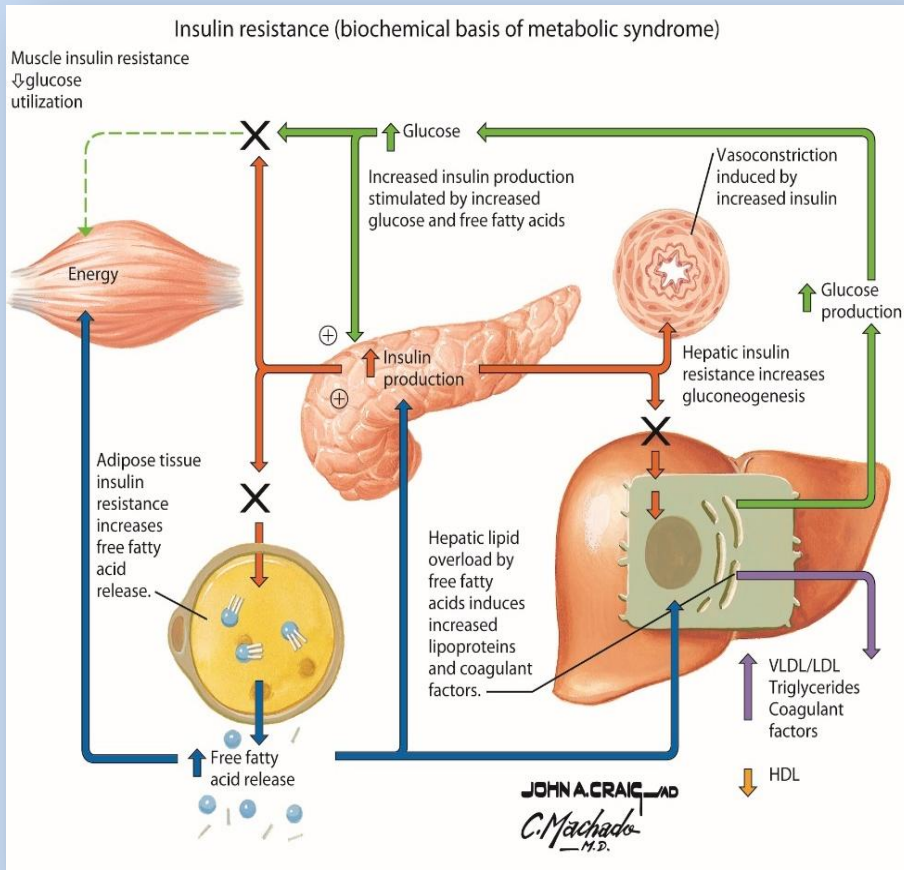
# Patients often don't know ADT's Side-



Walker, Urol Oncol 2011

# Long-term side effects of ADT

## *Peripheral insulin resistance*



Prospective 12-week study, 25 men with locally advanced or recurrent prostate cancer, LHRH agonists  
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# Metabolic Syndrome



# Metabolic Syndrome vs. ADT Syndrome

## ADT syndrome

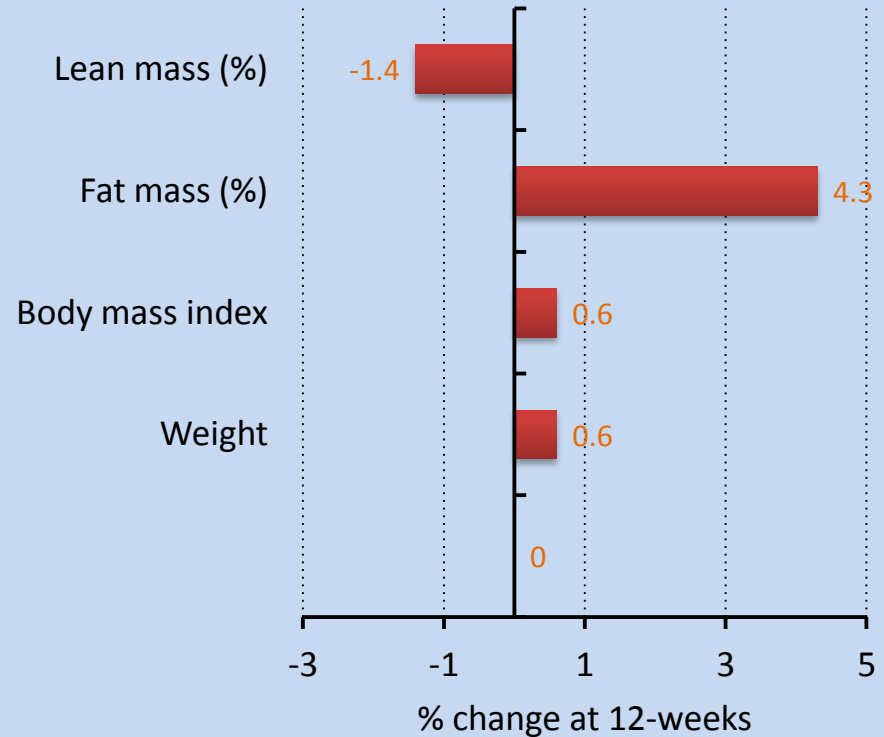
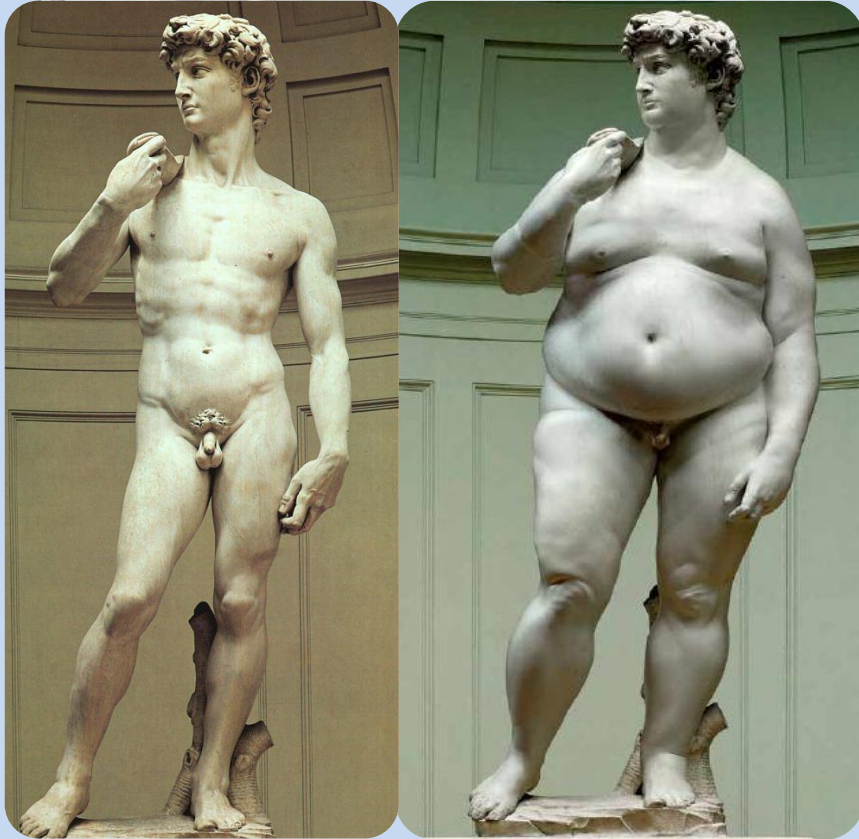
- Central obesity
- High blood pressure
- High triglycerides
- High HDL-cholesterol
- Insulin resistance





# Long-term side-effects of ADT

## *Sarcopenic obesity*



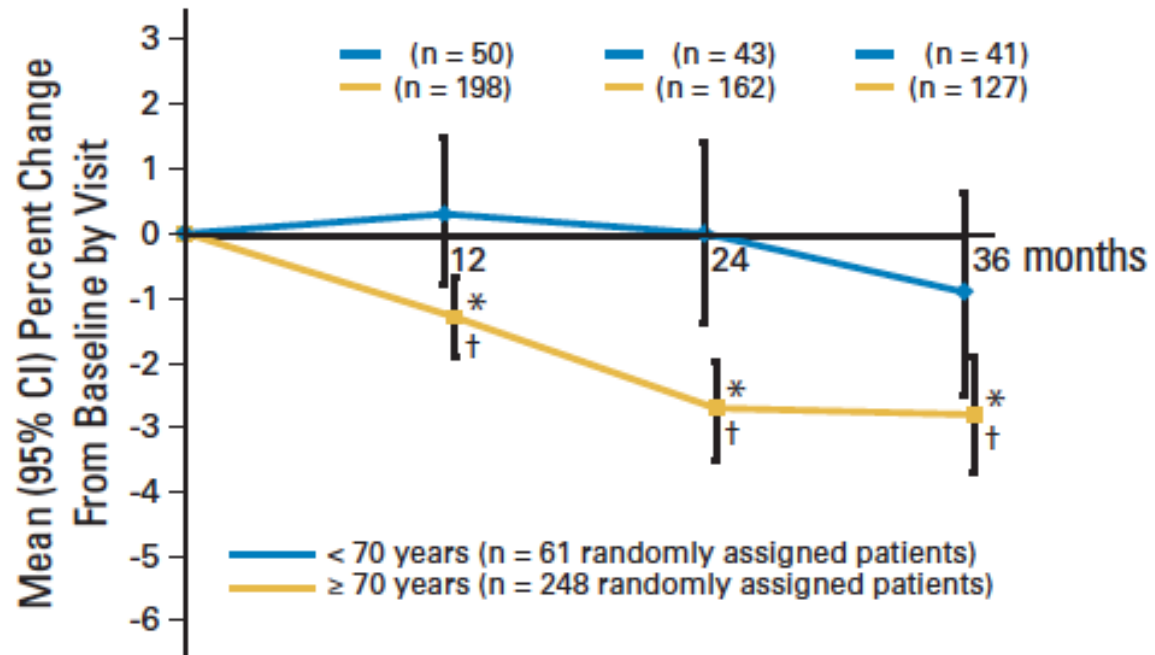
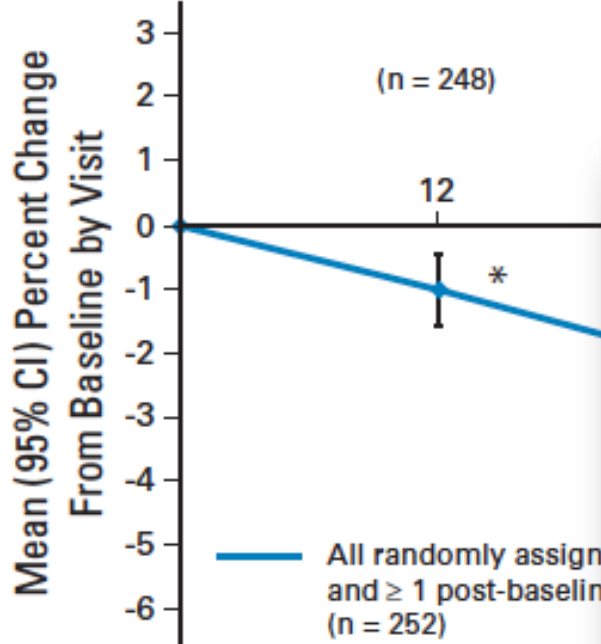
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# Sarcopenia (Sarcopenia is the degenerative loss of skeletal muscle mass, quality, and strength) during androgen-deprivation therapy for prostate cancer -

*Smith MR et al. J Clin Oncol 2012 May 29*

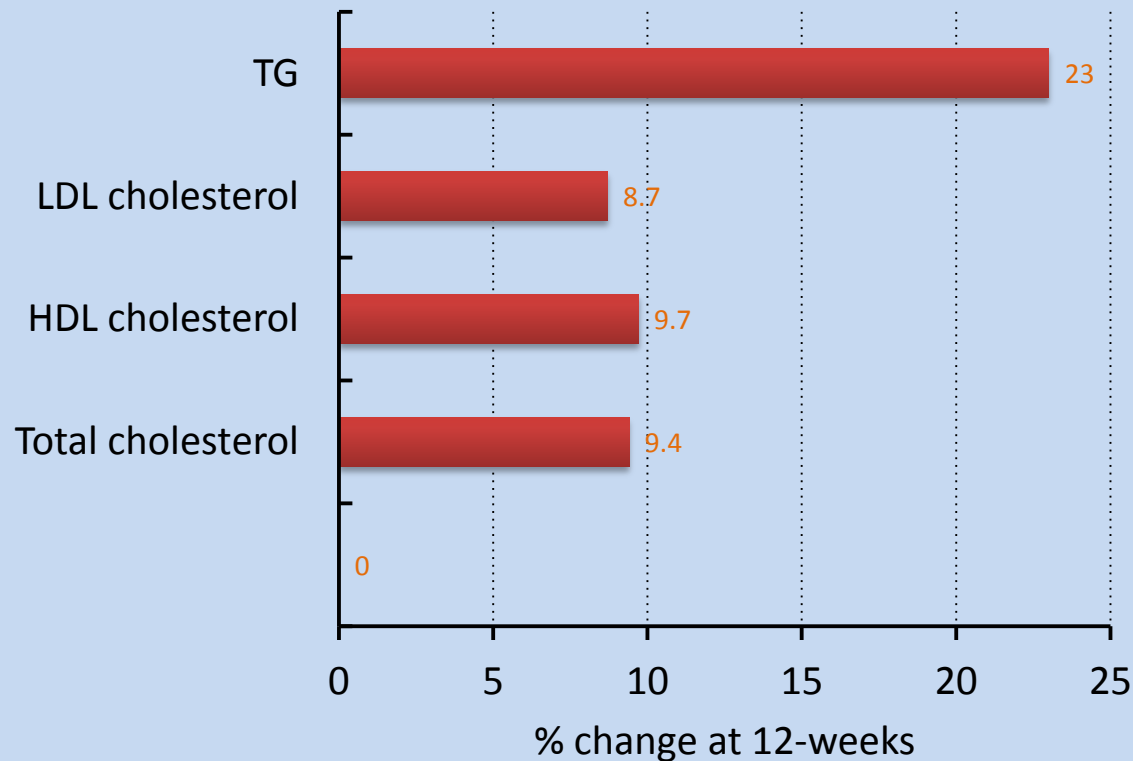
- 252 patients from the denosumab osteoporotic fracture prevention trial (132 denosumab; 120 placebo), followed by whole lean body mass

assessment



# Dyslipidaemia and ADT

- Prospective 12-week study, 25 men with locally advanced or recurrent prostate cancer, LHRH agonists



# Exercise reduces metabolic changes

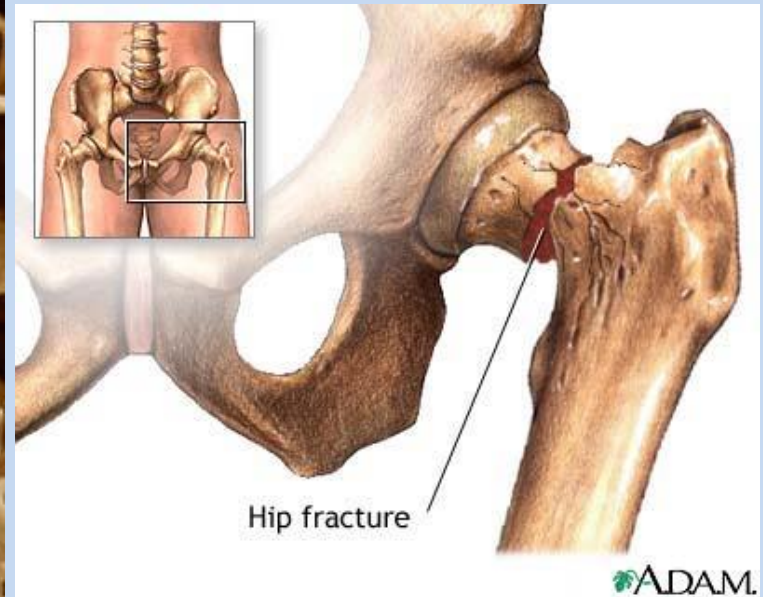
Problem	Intervention	Study	Patients, <i>n</i>	Outcome
Metabolic syndrome	Resistance training	Segal et al. [40]	155	Increase in upper and lower body fitness; no effect on BMI or waist circumference
	Resistance vs aerobic exercise	Santa Mina et al. [41]	66	Aerobic-training group engaged in significantly more physical activity than the resistance-training group
	Cognitive-behavioral therapy for exercise	Carmack Taylor et al. [42]	134	No increase in exercise or QOL
	Metformin and exercise	Nobes et al. [39]	40	Decrease in abdominal girth, BMI, weight, and systolic BP

# Metformin + Exercise Trial

- RCT of 6 mos of metformin + exercise vs. observation in 40 men starting ADT
- Significant improvements in
  - abdominal girth ( $P = 0.05$ ),
  - weight ( $P < 0.001$ ), BMI ( $P < 0.001$ ), systolic BP ( $P = 0.01$ )
- No difference in the biochemical markers of insulin resistance

# Bone Health

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[www.webmd.com](http://www.webmd.com)

<http://www.healthcentral.com/osteoporosis/encyclopedia/hip-fracture-4004736/>

# Osteoporosis & fractures in prostate cancer

In newly presenting patients

– **40% osteopaenic;  $\geq$  14% osteoporotic at presentation<sup>1,2</sup>**

Fracture rate increased 3 to 12-fold in studies of castrate vs non-castrate age-matched men<sup>3-5</sup>

Risk of fracture resulting in hospitalization increases with no. of LHRHa doses<sup>6</sup>

1. Berrutti 2002 2. Hussain 2003 3. Daniell 1997  
4. Melton 2003 5. Townsend 1997 6. Shahinian 2005



# Fractures in prostate cancer, analysis of SEER database

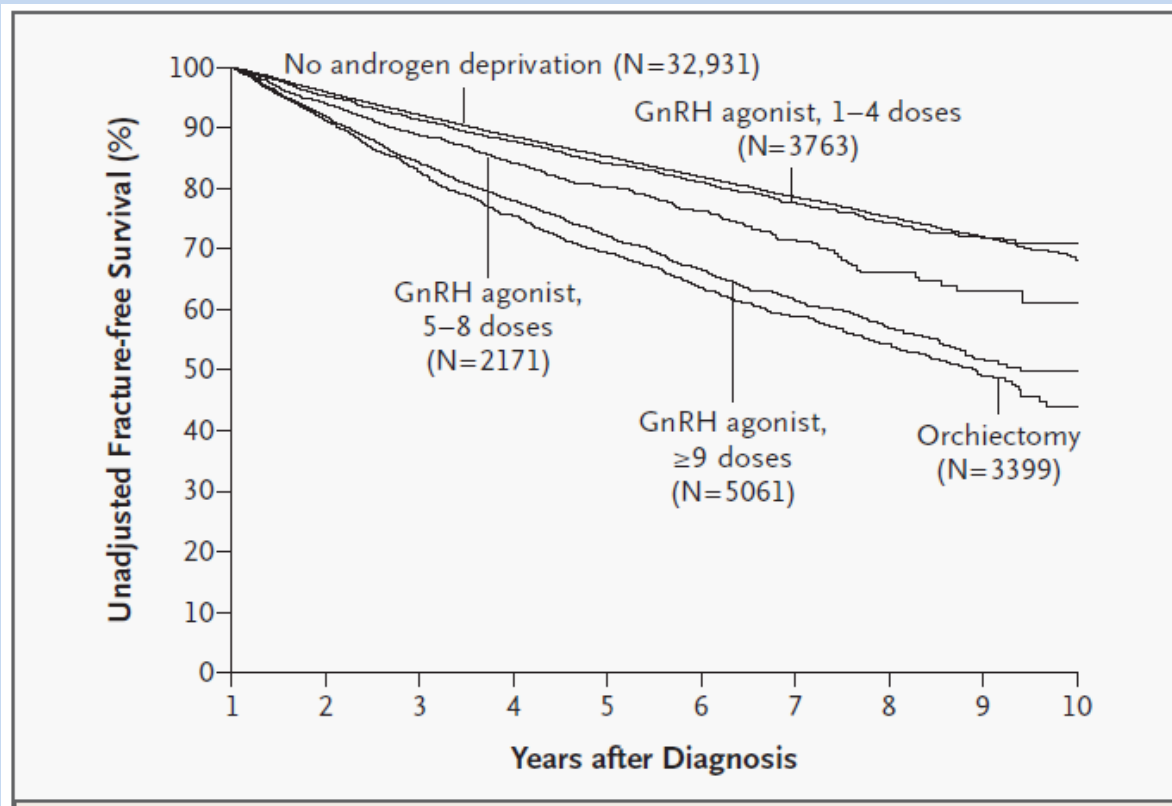
Records of 50,613 prostate patients analysed

- Fracture incidence over 5 years:-
  - # in 19.4% of patients given androgen deprivation
  - # in 12.6% of patients not androgen-deprived
- Fractures resulting in hospitalisation:- in 5.2% androgen-deprived, 2.4% of 'control' patients
- Relative risk of fractures increased with duration of LHRHa therapy

Shainian *et al* New Engl J Med 2005; 352: 154-164

# Fracture Risk, Especially w/ >1yr ADT

- 5-10% decrease in bone density in 1yr
- Large increase in fractures among 5-yr survivors
- (19.4% w/ADT vs. 12.6% no ADT)



Shahinian, NEJM 2005

# Treatments Demonstrating Improvement in Bone Mineral Density/Fracture Risk

Problem	Intervention	Study	Patients, <i>n</i>	Outcome
Bone health	Pamidronate	Smith et al. [15]	47	Prevents decrease in bone mineral density on ADT
	Risedronate	Choo et al. [16]	104	
	Zoledronic acid	Smith et al. [17]	106	Increase in bone mineral density while on ADT
	Alendronate	Greenspan et al. [18]	112	
		Klotz et al. [19]	191	
	Raloxifene	Smith et al., 22]	48	
	Denosumab	Smith et al. [21]	1468	Increase in bone mineral density while on ADT; decreased fracture risk
	Toremifene	Smith et al. [23]	1284	
				Increase in bone mineral density while on ADT; decreased fracture risk. Increased risk of DVT

Denosumab, Zoledronic Acid, Alendronate

Nguyen, Eur Urol, 2015

# NCCN/NOF Recommendations

- Calcium (1200mg/d) and Vitamin D (800-1000 IU) for all men on ADT
- Additional treatment (Denosumab, Zoledronic Acid, Alendronate) if
  - DEXA scan shows osteoporosis (T-score less than -2.5)
  - **FRAX Algorithm indicates:**
    - 10-year risk of hip fracture >3%
    - 10-year risk of major osteoporotic fracture >20%

# Calculation Tool

<https://www.shef.ac.uk/FRAX/>

Please answer the questions below to calculate the ten year probability of fracture with BMD.

ADT counts as  
secondary  
osteoporosis



Country: **US (Caucasian)**

Name/ID:

[About the risk](#)

## Questionnaire:

1. Age (between 40 and 90 years) or Date of Birth

Age:

Date of Birth:

Y:

M:

D:

2. Sex

☒ Male ☐ Female

3. Weight (kg)

4. Height (cm)

5. Previous Fracture

☒ No ☐ Yes

6. Parent Fractured Hip

☒ No ☐ Yes

7. Current Smoking

☒ No ☐ Yes

8. Glucocorticoids

☒ No ☐ Yes

9. Rheumatoid arthritis

☒ No ☐ Yes

10. Secondary osteoporosis

☐ No ☒ Yes

11. Alcohol 3 or more units/day

☒ No ☐ Yes

12. Femoral neck BMD (g/cm<sup>2</sup>)

T-Score



**BMI: 26.6**

The ten year probability of fracture (%)



**with BMD**

Major osteoporotic

**9.5**

Hip Fracture

**3.5**

If you have a TBS value, click here:

[Adjust with TBS](#)

## Weight Conversion

Pounds kg

## Height Conversion

Inches cm

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Individuals with fracture risk  
assessed since 1st June 2011

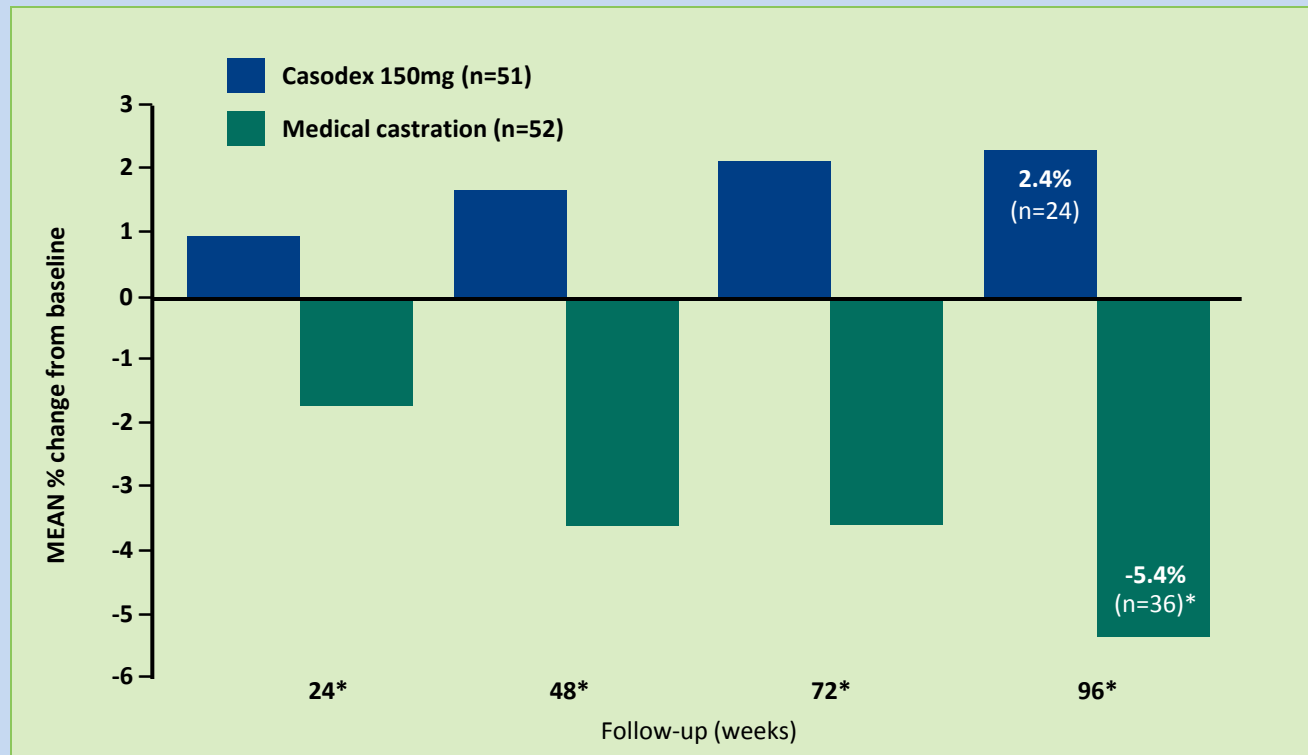
# How many men on ADT have a FRAX Hip Fracture risk >3% ?

- Age<60: 0%
- Age 60-69: 4%
- Age 70-79: 77%
- Age>80: 98%

Saylor, J Urol 2011

# Loss of Bone Density with Antiandrogens

## Help maintain bone mineral density



Percentage change from baseline in lumbar spine bone mineral density over time<sup>6</sup>

Sieber PR, Keiller DL, Kahnoski RJ *et al* | Proc.ASCO 2002

\*Significant between treatment group change from baseline

(24 weeks p=0.0002; 48, 72, 96 weeks: p<0.0001)

# Cognition and Depression

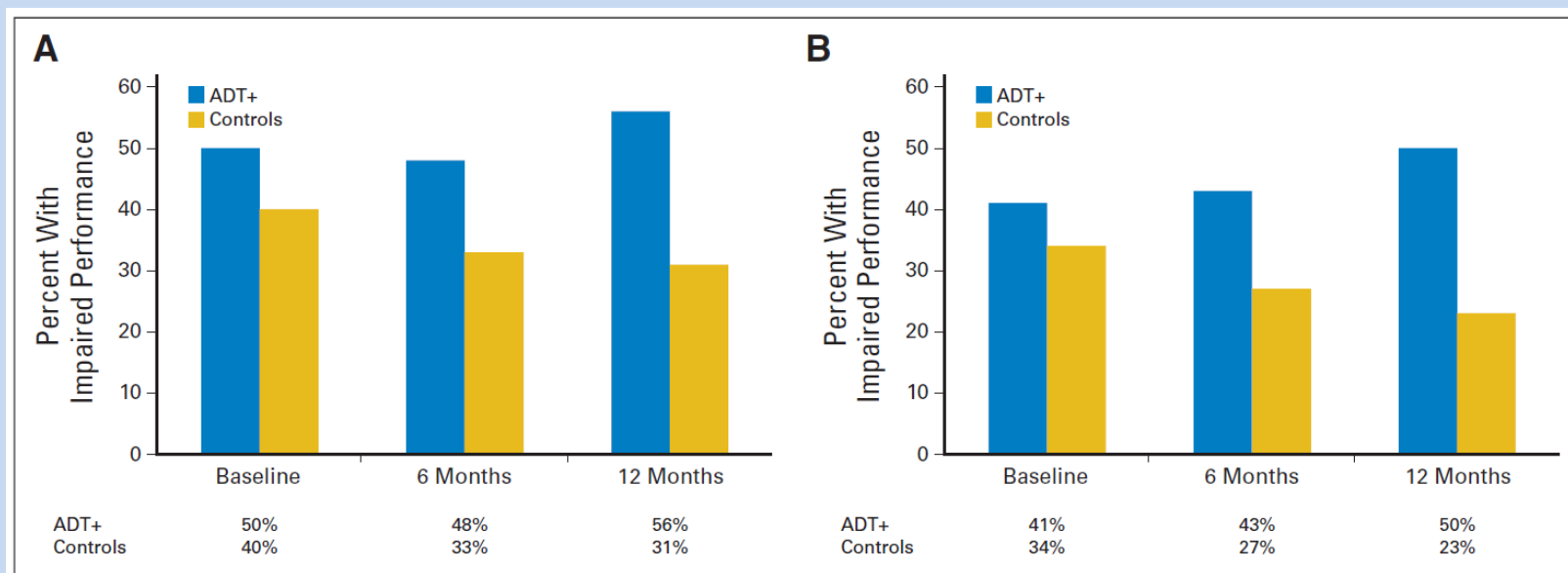


## Course and Predictors of Cognitive Function in Patients With Prostate Cancer Receiving Androgen-Deprivation Therapy: A Controlled Comparison

*Brian D. Gonzalez, Heather S.L. Jim, Margaret Booth-Jones, Brent J. Small, Steven K. Sutton, Hui-Yi Lin, Jong Y. Park, Philippe E. Spiess, Mayer N. Fishman, and Paul B. Jacobsen*

Listen to the podcast by Dr Slovin at [www.jco.org/podcasts](http://www.jco.org/podcasts)

- Evaluated 58 men at baseline, 6 months, and 12 months after starting ADT
- Cognitive performance compared against non-ADT controls

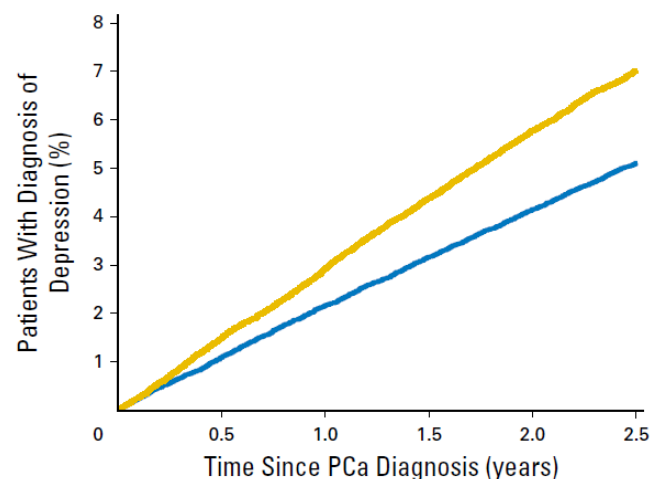


**Fig 1.** Observed rates of cognitive impairment in group of patients with prostate cancer receiving androgen-deprivation therapy (ADT+) and control group. Criteria for impaired cognitive performance: (A) scoring  $\geq 1.5$  standard deviations (SDs) below published norms on  $\geq$  two tests or 2.0 SDs below published norms on  $\geq$  one test (group differences in change over time  $P = .05$ ); (B) scoring  $\geq 2.0$  SDs below published norms on  $\geq$  one test (group differences in change over time  $P = .01$ ).

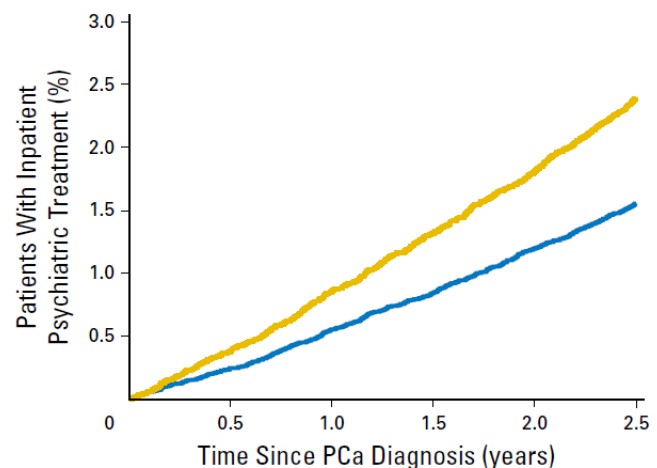
ADT patients had more cognitive impairment at 6 and 12 months

# Association of Androgen Deprivation Therapy With Depression in Localized Prostate Cancer

Kathryn T. Dinh, Gally Reznor, Vinayak Muralidhar, Brandon A. Mahal, Michelle D. Nezolosky, Toni K. Choueiri, Karen E. Hoffman, Jim C. Hu, Christopher J. Sweeney, Quoc-Dien Trinh, and Paul L. Nguyen



No. at risk						
ADT-	44,664	43,434	42,227	39,766	39,766	38,601
ADT+	33,882	32,723	31,495	28,947	28,947	27,690



No. at risk						
ADT-	44,664	43,796	42,904	41,908	40,926	39,973
ADT+	33,882	33,072	32,122	31,124	30,112	28,994

**Depression risk increased with longer duration ADT**

**<6mos HR 1.12**

**6-12mo HR 1.26**

**>12mo HR 1.37**

# Cardiovascular Health



Androgen-deprivation therapy in prostate cancer and cardiovascular risk: a science advisory from the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, and American Urological Association: endorsed by the American Society for Radiation Oncology.

*Levine et al. Circulation 2010;121;833-840;*

- Proven impact on standard CV risk factor
- Proven impact on CV events
- Disputable effect of CV death



**U.S. Food and Drug Administration**

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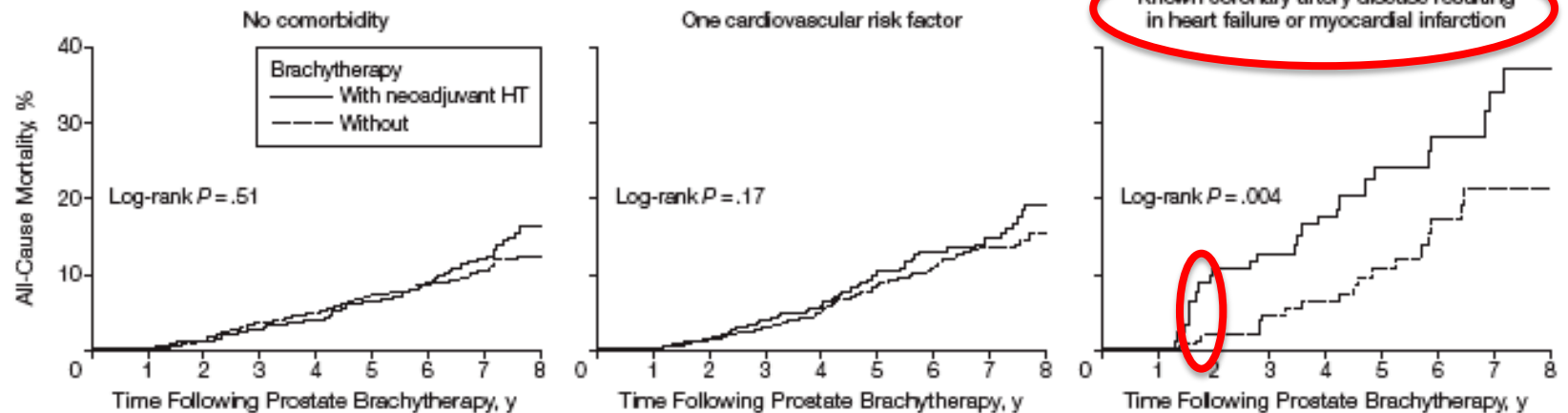
[10-20-2010] The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has notified the manufacturers of the Gonadotropin-Releasing Hormone (GnRH) agonists of the need to add new safety information to the Warnings and Precautions section of the drug labels. This new information warns about increased risk of diabetes and certain cardiovascular diseases (heart attack, sudden cardiac death, stroke) in men receiving these medications for the treatment of prostate cancer

# Hormonal therapy use for prostate cancer and mortality in men with coronary artery disease-induced congestive heart failure or myocardial infarction

*Nanda A et al. JAMA 2009;302(8):866–73*



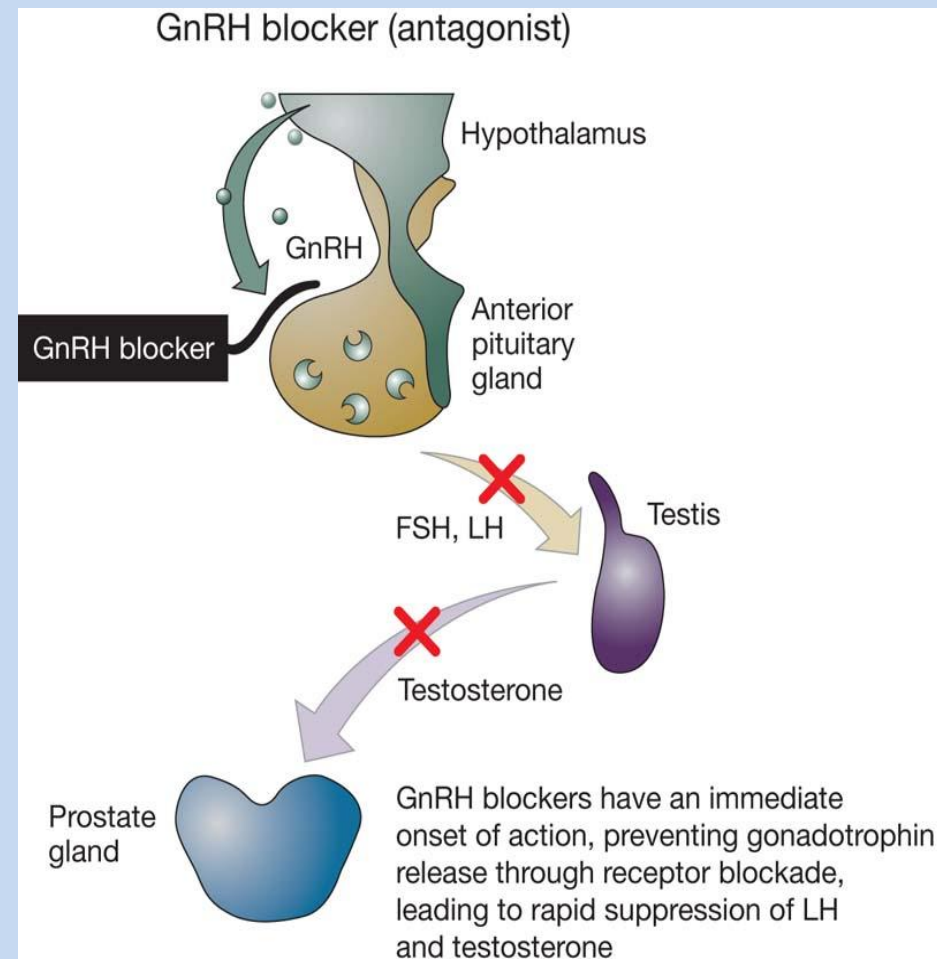
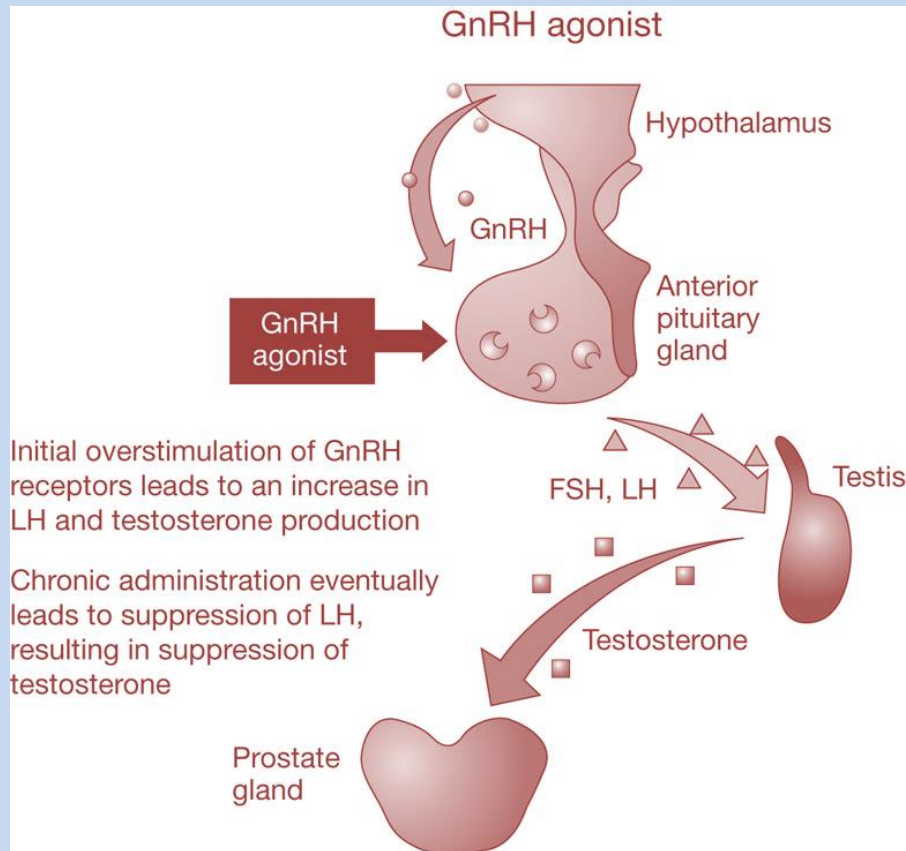
**Figure.** Risk of All-Cause Mortality in Men With Prostate Cancer Who Received Brachytherapy With or Without Neoadjuvant Hormonal Therapy (HT)



No. at risk																	
Brachytherapy																	
With neoadjuvant HT	780	699	532	288	98	646	566	373	176	55	95	79	58	30	8		
Without	1873	1582	1073	607	262	1522	1247	765	392	151	161	135	97	46	18		

There were 2653 men with no comorbidity; 2168 with 1 cardiovascular risk factor including diabetes mellitus, hypercholesterolemia, or hypertension; and 256 with known coronary artery disease resulting in congestive heart failure or myocardial infarction. After applying the Bonferroni correction,  $P$  values  $< .017$  are significant.

# A new class of agents - GnRH receptor agonists and blockers



Brawer M. Rev Urol 2001; 3(Suppl 3): S1-S9

FSH, follicle-stimulating hormone; LH, luteinising hormone;  
GnRH, gonadotrophin-releasing hormone

# Degarelix – GnRH Antagonist

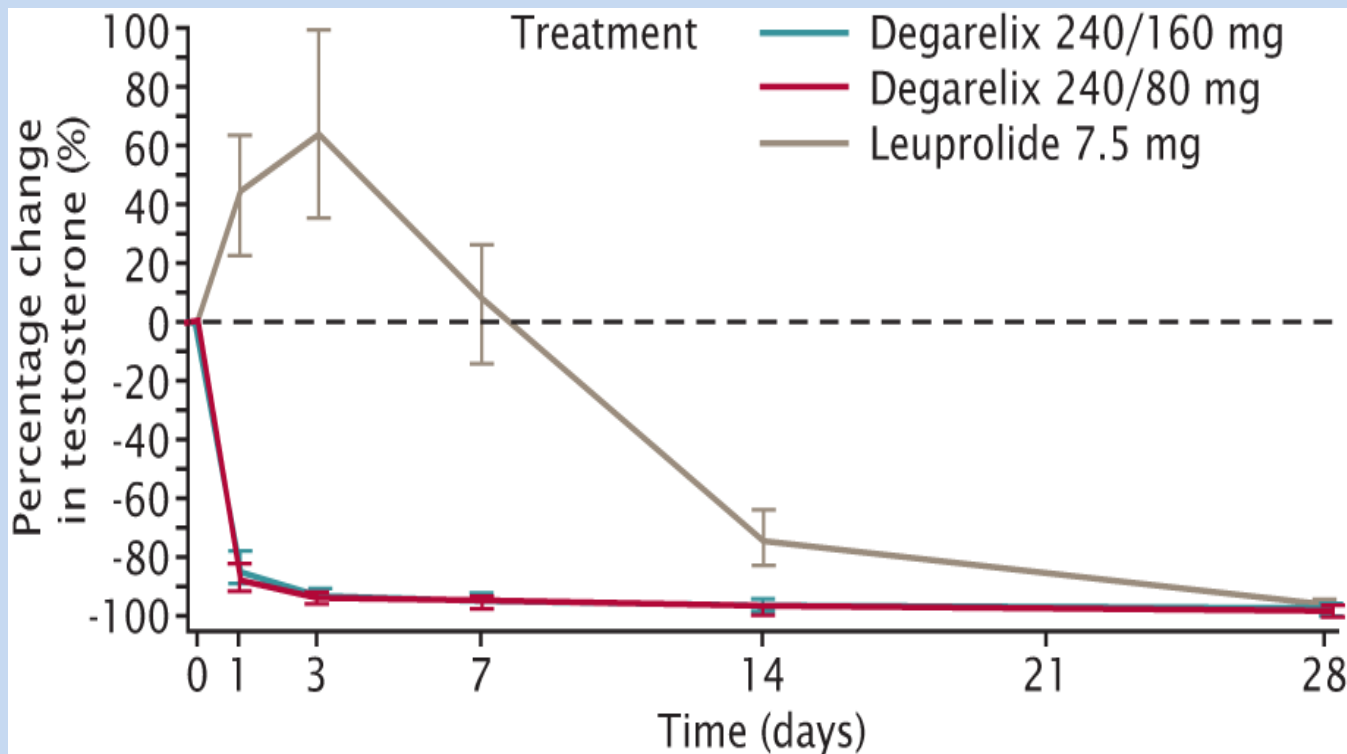
## Phase III CS21 Study

	Degarelix 240→160 mg	Degarelix 240→80 mg	Leuprolide 7.5 mg
Number of patients (ITT)	202	207	201
Age (years)	72.1	71.6	72.5
Weight (kg)	78.7	79.8	79.4
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	26.6	26.7	26.9
PCA stage			
Localised	29%	33%	31%
Loc. Advanced	31%	31%	26%
Metastatic	20%	18%	23%
Not classifiable	20%	18%	19%
Gleason Score			
2-4	11%	10%	12%
5-6	33%	33%	32%
7	28%	30%	31%
8-10	28%	27%	26%



# CS21

## Median testosterone change from baseline from day 0 - 28



Leuprolide  
Testosterone  
day 3  
+70%

Degarelix  
Testosterone  
day 3  
- 96%

# CS21 Primary endpoint – results

Probability of testosterone  $\leq 0.5$  ng/mL from day 28 - 364

	Success criterion	Degarelix 240→160 mg	Degarelix 240→80 mg	Leuprolide 7.5 mg
Number of escapers		3/202	5/207	7/201
Response rate	FDA: CI $\geq 90$ %	<b>98.3 %</b> (94.8-99.4 %)	<b>97.2 %</b> (93.5-98.8 %)	<b>96.4 %</b> (92.5-98.2 %)
Difference to leuprolide	EMA: CI $\geq -10$ % points	<b>1.9 %</b> (-1.8 to 5.7%)	<b>0.9 %</b> (-3.2 to 5.0 %)	

# CS21

## Adverse Events

	Degarelix 240→160 mg	Degarelix 240→80 mg	Leuprolide 7.5 mg
<b>Any AE</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>78%</b>
Hot flush	26%	26%	21%
<b>Injection site AEs</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>
Weight increased	11%	9%	12%
ALT	8%	10%	5%
[ALT > 3 ULN (lab)]	7%	7%	6%
Back pain	6%	6%	8%
Arthralgia	3%	5%	9%
Hypertension	7%	6%	4%
Fatigue	6%	3%	6%
Urinary tract infection	1%	5%	9%
Nausea	5%	4%	4%

# GnRH antagonist degarelix appears to have less impact on CV events

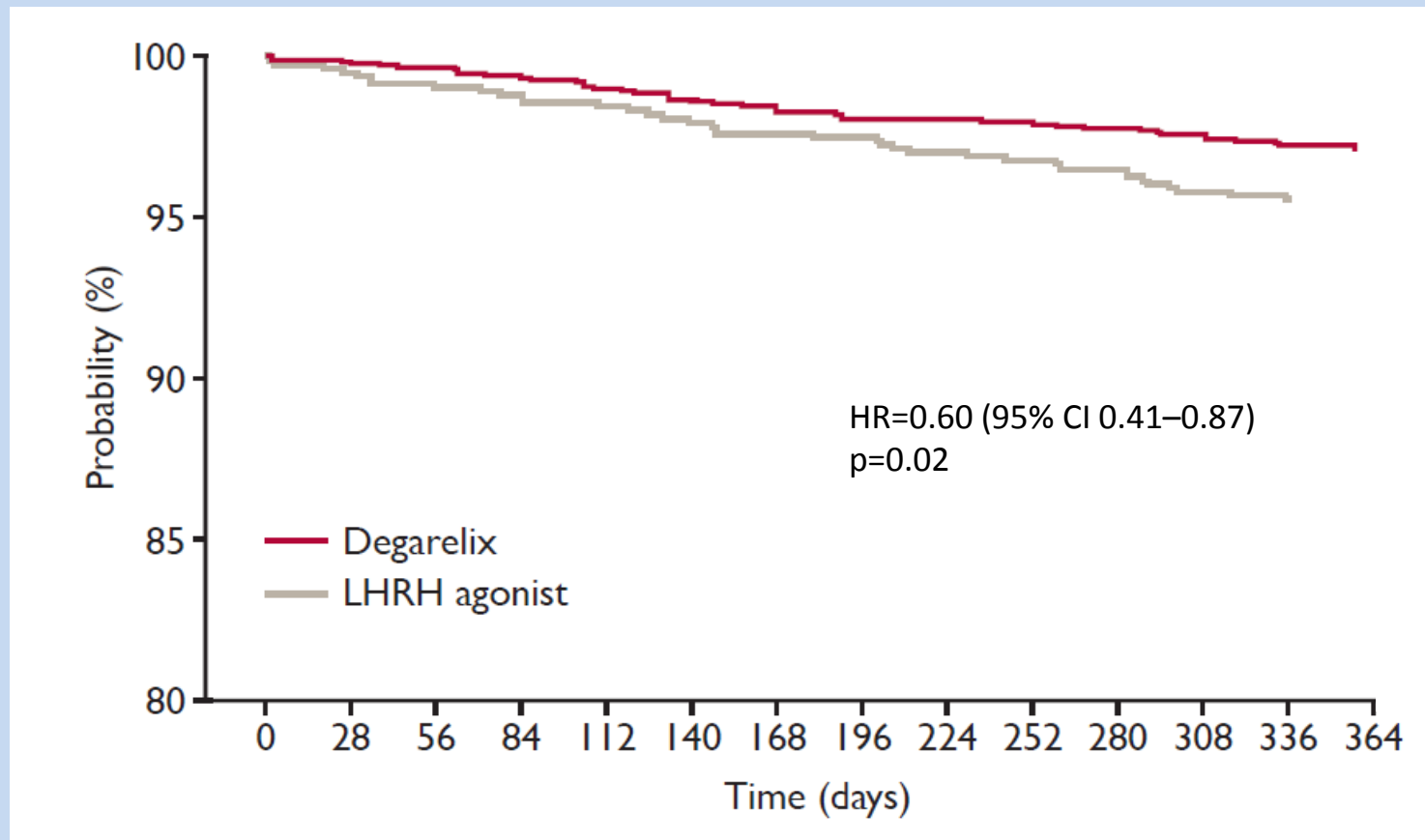
Comparison of the risk of cardiovascular events and death in patients treated with degarelix compared with LHRH agonists

*Albersten et al. J Clin Oncol 2013;31 (suppl 6; abstract 42)*

## **Materials, patients and methods**

- Data were pooled from 6 prospective, randomized trials (n=2,328) comparing degarelix and LHRH agonists
- Event analysis was based on death from any cause or occurrence of a serious CV event
- A serious CV event was an event considered life-threatening or that required hospitalisation
- The treatment groups were balanced for common baseline and CV characteristics

# Lower risk of CV event or death with degarelix (all patients)

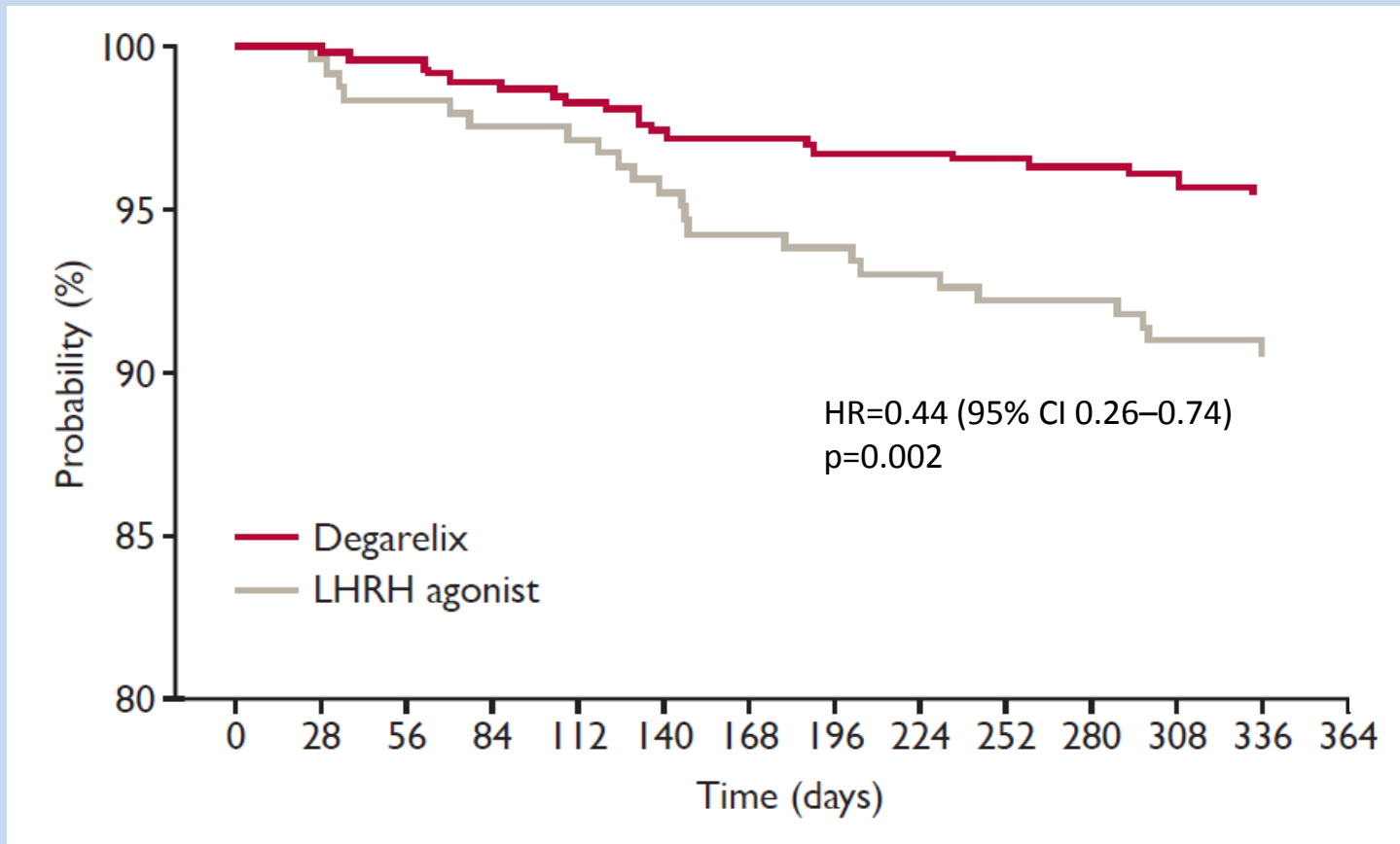


HR adjusted for common CV risk factors including age, statin use, hypertension and serum cholesterol by Cox regression

Albertsen PC et al. Euro Urol, submitted

Tombal B et al. EAU 2013, poster 677

# Lower risk of CV event or death with degarelix in men with baseline CVD



HR adjusted for common CV risk factors including age, statin use, hypertension and serum cholesterol by Cox regression

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# Conclusions

- Over one year of treatment, when patients with a history of CVD at baseline were treated with degarelix, they had:
  - A significantly lower probability of a serious CV event or death than those treated with a LHRH agonist.
  - A reduction in risk of experiencing a serious CV event of greater than 50% compared with those treated with a LHRH agonist.
- Men in need of ADT, especially those with a history of CVD, may have a significantly lower risk of CVD sequelae with the GnRH antagonist, degarelix, compared with a LHRH agonist.

# Monitoring of ADT-treated patients

- Blood pressure
- Fat mass (abdominal perimeter or impedance technique)
- Cholesterol total and HDL
- Fasting glucose/HbA1C
- Triglycerides
- Bone Density
- Psychological Assessment



Ferrari F1



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