



Childhood Cancer Survivor Study

Epidemiology/Biostatistics Working Group

Epidemiology/Biostatistics Working Group Report

**CCSS Investigators Meeting
June, 2015**

1995

- CCSS had 0 publication
- Dial-up access to Internet
- Amazon.com sold its 1st book online
- I was a new PhD who got the great opportunity to work with CCSS founders



2001

- CCSS had published 5 papers
- Amazon.com turned its first profit

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THE LANCET **Oncology**

Risk of late effects of treatment in children newly diagnosed with standard-risk acute lymphoblastic leukaemia: a report from the Childhood Cancer Survivor Study cohort

Stefan Essig, Qiaozhi Li, Yan Chen, Johann Hitzler, Wendy Leisenring, Mark Greenberg, Charles Sklar, Melissa M Hudson, Gregory T Armstrong, Kevin R Krull, Joseph P Neglia, Kevin C Oeffinger, Leslie L Robison, Claudia E Kuehni, Yutaka Yasui, Paul C Nathan

	Contemporary protocols for ALL therapy						Eligible dose range
	COG-AALL0932 average risk group A		SJCRH Total Therapy XV study low risk		DFCI protocol (2012)	AIEOP-BFM ALL (2009)	CCSS
	Female	Male	Female	Male			
Dexamethasone (mg/m ²)	908	1298	1160	1160	1020	210 (plus tapering)	Any
Prednisone (mg/m ²)						ng)	Any
Asparaginase (IU/m ²)							Any
Doxorubicin (mg/m ²)							Cumulative anthracycline 0-120
Daunorubicin (mg/m ²)							Cumulative anthracycline 0-120
Cyclophosphamide (mg/m ²)							0-1000
Cytarabine (mg/m ²)							Any
High-dose methotrexate							Any
Methotrexate iv (mg/m ²)							Any
Methotrexate oral (mg/m ²)							Any
Mercaptopurine (mg/m ²)							Any
Thioguanine (mg/m ²)							Any
Vincristine (mg/m ²)							Any
Intrathecal chemotherapy (number of doses)						positive; 13	Any
Radiation (Gy)	0	0	0	0	0	0 (18 Gy for CNS positive)	0

- Anthracycline
0-120 mg/m²
- Cyclophosphamide
0-1000 mg/m²
- No radiation

COG=Children's Oncology Group. ALL=acute lymphoblastic leukaemia. SJCRH=St Jude Children's Research Hospital. DFCI=Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. AIEOP-BFM=Associazione Italiana Ematologia Oncologia Pediatrica- Berlin-Frankfurt-Münster. CCSS=Childhood Cancer Survivor Study. iv=intravenous. im=intramuscular. PEG=polyethylene glycol. IT=intrathecal. CNS2/TLP+=CNS status \leq 5 white blood cells per μ L cerebrospinal fluid with blasts/traumatic lumbar puncture positive.

Table 1: Cumulative doses of chemotherapy and radiation in present protocols for treatment of standard-risk ALL and definition of dose ranges for inclusion for CCSS subcohort of ALL survivors

	Deaths	Rate*	SMR (95% CI)
All deaths	28	2.5	3.5 (2.3–5.0)
Sex			
Female	11 (39%)	1.8	4.2 (2.1–7.5)
Male	17 (61%)	3.4	3.1 (1.8–5.0)
Time after diagnosis (years)			
5–9	7 (25%)	2.5	8.1 (3.2–16.7)
10–14	10 (36%)	3.7	5.6 (2.7–10.3)
15–19	7 (25%)	2.6	3.0 (1.2–6.2)
≥20	4 (14%)	1.4	1.3 (0.4–3.3)

Data are N or n (%), unless otherwise indicated. SMR=standardised mortality ratio. *Deaths per 1000 person-years.

Table 3: Late mortality in survivors

	Survivors (n=556)	Siblings (n=2232)
Overall chronic health disorders‡§		
Any disorder, grade 1-5	192 (48%)	1058 (51%)
Any disorder, grade 3-5	51 (10%)	157 (7%)
More than one disorder, grade 1-5	156 (32%)	598 (27%)
Multiple disorder, grade 3-5	6 (1%)	18 (1%)

RR or OR (95% CI)*	p value	Number needed to harm (95% CI)†
1.3 (1.1 to 1.6)	0.0005	107 (81 to 193)
2.0 (1.4 to 2.8)	<0.0001	415 (376 to 939)
1.6 (1.4 to 2.0)	<0.0001	136 (126 to 236)
1.8 (0.7 to 4.8)	0.21	..

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- In every 415 survivors, there will be **one excess of Grade 3-5 chronic conditions annually**
- In every 107 survivors, there will be **one excess of chronic conditions (Grade 1-5) annually**

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ORIGINAL RESEARCH |

Annals of Internal Medicine

Cost-Effectiveness of the Children's Oncology Group Long-Term Follow-up Screening Guidelines for Childhood Cancer Survivors at Risk for Treatment-Related Heart Failure

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Schedule for Echocardiogram or MUGA Scans

Age at treatment*	Chest radiation	Total anthracycline dose**	Recommended frequency of ECHO or MUGA***
< 1 year	Yes	Any	Every year
	No	< 200 mg/m ²	Every 2 years
		≥ 200 mg/m ²	Every year
1 to 4 years old	Yes	Any	Every year
	No	< 100 mg/m ²	Every 5 years
		≥ 100 to < 300 mg/m ²	Every 2 years
		≥ 300 mg/m ²	Every year
≥ 5 years old	Yes	< 300 mg/m ²	Every 2 years
		≥ 300 mg/m ²	Every year
	No	< 200 mg/m ²	Every 5 years
		≥ 200 to < 300 mg/m ²	Every 2 years
		≥ 300 mg/m ²	Every year

*age at first treatment with anthracycline or chest radiation (whichever was given first)

**based on total doses of doxorubicin/daunorubicin or the equivalent doses of other anthracyclines

MUGA scans may be used for patients who received anthracycline chemotherapy without radiation; ***Echocardiograms are the preferred test for those who received radiation involving the heart because the test provides more detailed information regarding structural issues, including valve structures.

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- **Research Question**

Is the COG guideline for screening asymptomatic left ventricular dysfunction (AVLF) cost effective?

- **Measure of cost effectiveness**

**Incremental Cost Effectiveness Ratio
[\$ / QALY]**

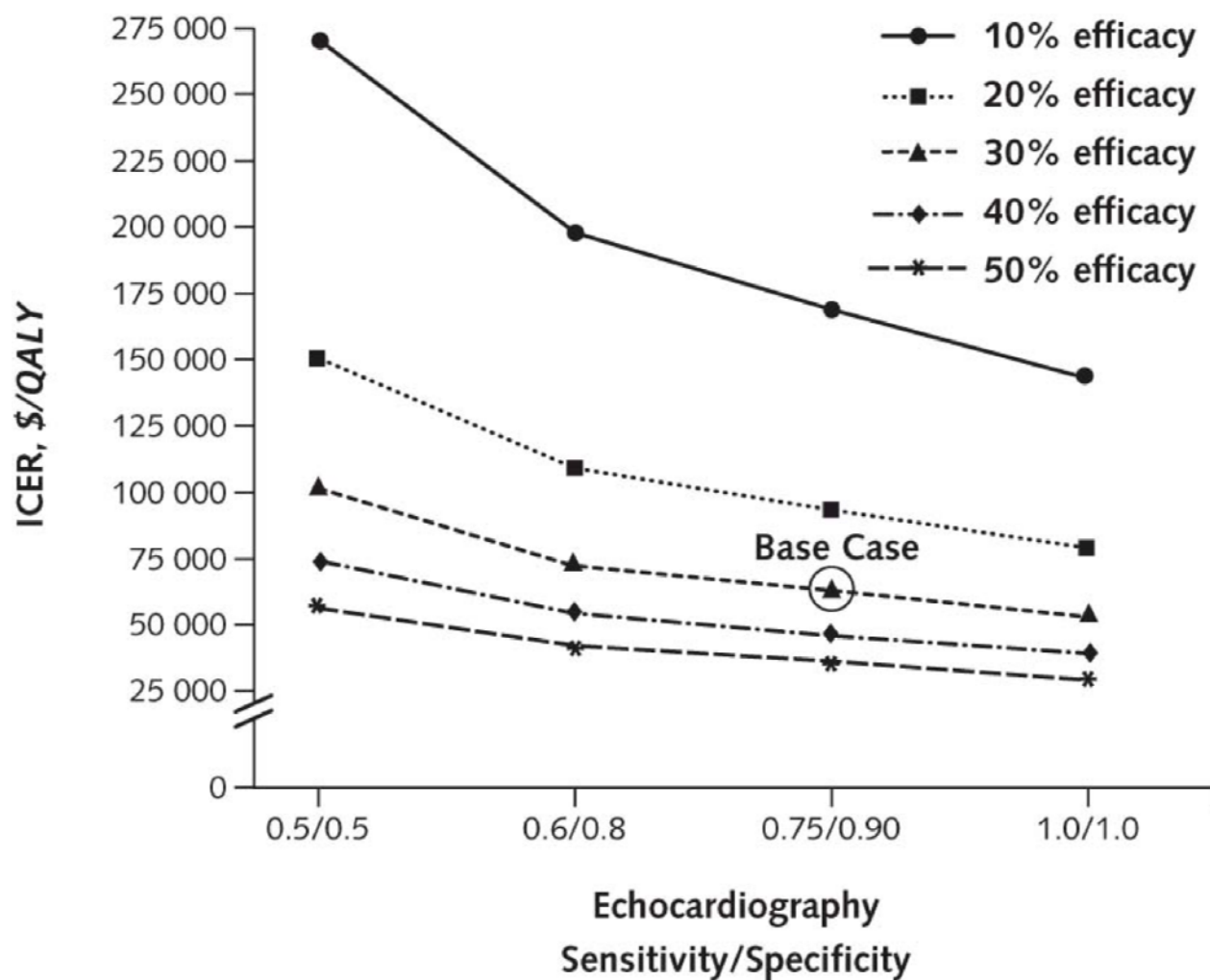
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- **Complex Mathematical Modeling/Simulation using Markov State Transition Models**
- **Used CCSS as the realistic cohort of childhood cancer survivors**

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- **The COG Guidelines = Cost effective
ICER \$61,500/QALY**
- **A screening with approximately 1/2 the
frequency of the COG guidelines:
ICER \$33,200/QALY**

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Cancer



Original Article

Conditional Survival in Pediatric Malignancies: Analysis of Data From the Childhood Cancer Survivor Study and the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program

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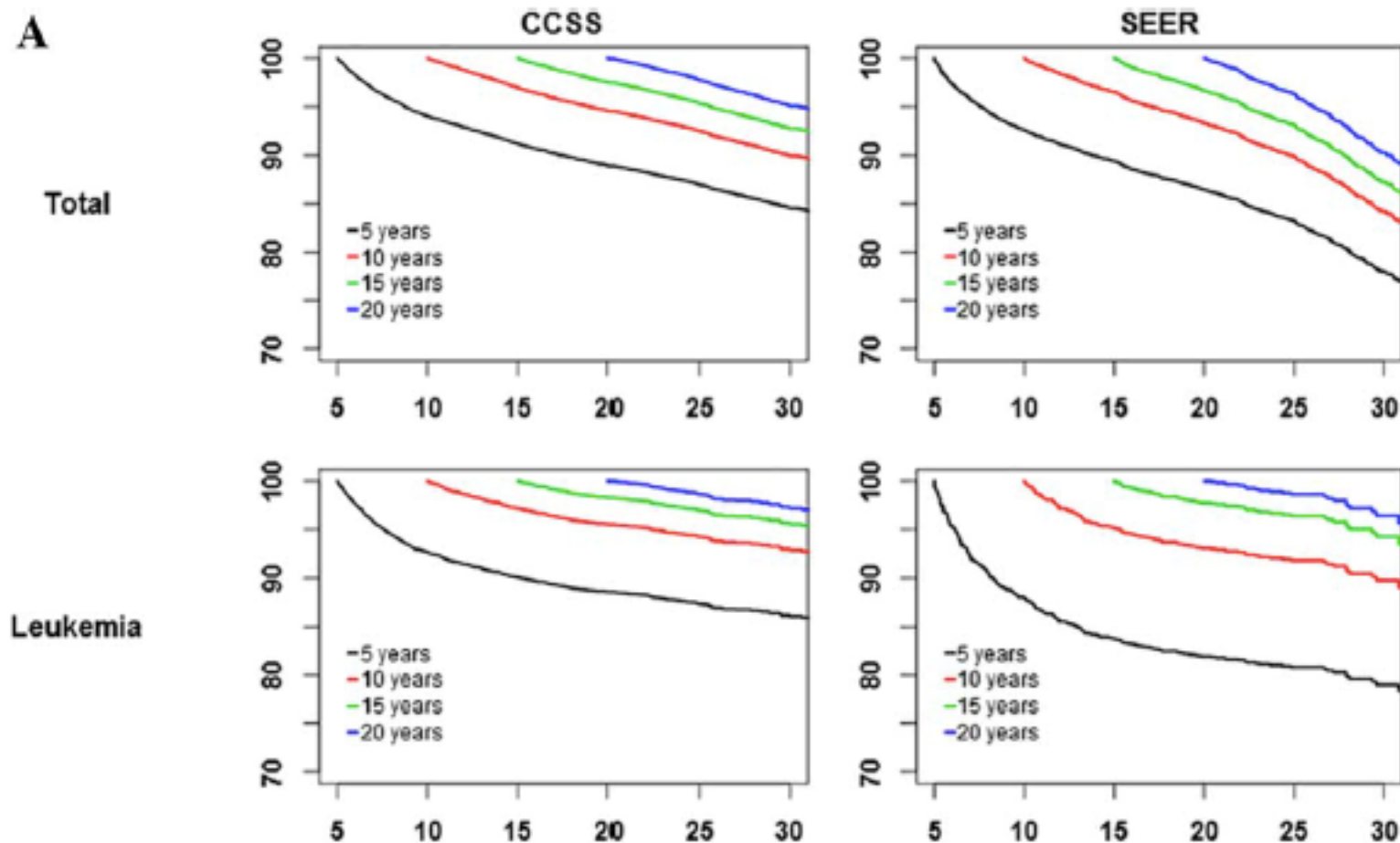


TABLE 2. Probability of Death Within the Next 10 Years for CCSS Patients Who Survived 5 Years After Their Cancer Diagnosis by Cause of Death and Cancer Type

Diagnosis Group	Survival Probability		Cause-Specific Death ^a					
			All-Cause of Death		Neoplasms		Infectious	
	%	95% CI	%	95% CI	%	95% CI	%	95% CI
Total	91.2	90.8-91.6	8.8	8.4-9.2	6.3	6.0-6.7	0.3	0.2-0.4
Leukemia	90.1	89.3-90.9	9.9	9.1-10.7	7.4	6.7-8.1	0.4	0.2-0.5
Kidney tumors	97.4	96.5-98.2	2.6	1.8-3.5	1.5	0.9-3.9	0	–
CNS	87.1	85.8-88.5	12.9	11.5-14.2	9.5	8.3-10.7	0.3	0.1-0.5
Lymphoma	93.1	92.3-94.0	6.9	6.0-7.7	4.4	3.7-5.1	0.3	0.1-0.5
Neuroblastoma	95.8	94.6-97.0	4.2	3.0-5.4	2.9	1.9-3.9	0.1	0-0.3
Soft tissue sarcoma/Ewing sarcoma	89.2	87.8-90.6	10.8	9.4-12.2	8.1	6.8-9.3	0.2	0-0.3
Osteosarcoma/Other bone tumors	90.5	88.7-92.4	9.5	7.6-11.3	6.7	5.1-8.2	0.4	0-0.8

Diagnosis Group	Cause-Specific Death ^a							
	Cardiac/Vascular		External		Other		Unknown	
	%	95% CI	%	95% CI	%	95% CI	%	95% CI
Total	0.3	0.2-0.4	0.5	0.4-0.6	0.4	0.3-0.5	1.0	0.9-1.1
Leukemia	0.1	0-0.2	0.3	0.2-0.5	0.4	0.3-0.6	1.3	1.0-1.6
Kidney tumors	0.4	0.1-0.8	0.3	0-0.6	0.3	0-0.6	0.1	0-0.2
CNS	0.2	0-0.3	0.6	0.3-0.9	0.6	0.3-0.9	1.7	1.3-2.3
Lymphoma	0.7	0.4-1.0	0.6	0.3-0.8	0.4	0.2-0.6	0.5	0.3-0.8
Neuroblastoma	0.2	0-0.4	0.4	0-0.7	0.2	0-0.4	0.4	0-0.9
Soft tissue sarcoma/Ewing sarcoma	0.5	0.2-0.8	0.5	0.2-0.9	0.4	0.2-0.9	1.1	0.6-1.5
Osteosarcoma/Other bone tumors	0.4	0-0.8	0.8	0.3-1.4	0.3	0-0.7	0.9	0.3-1.5

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Regression analysis of mixed recurrent-event and panel-count data

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Regression Analysis of Mixed Recurrent-Event and Panel-Count Data with Additive Rate Models

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$$L_n(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left\{ e^{-\Lambda(C_i)} e^{X_i' \beta} e^{K_i X_i' \beta} \prod_{j=1}^{K_i} \lambda(T_{ij}) \right\}^{r_i} \left[e^{N_{iK_i} X_i' \beta} e^{-\Lambda(T_{iK_i})} e^{X_i' \beta} \prod_{j=1}^{K_i} \{\Lambda(T_{ij}) - \Lambda(T_{ij-1})\}^{\Delta N_{ij}} \right]^{1-r_i},$$

where $T_{i0} = 0$, $N_{iK_i} = N_i(T_{iK_i})$, and $\Delta N_{ij} = N_i(T_{ij}) - N_i(T_{ij-1})$ for $j = 1, \dots, K_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. Correspondingly, the log-likelihood function has the form

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{K_i} r_i \log \lambda(T_{ij}) + \sum_{i=1}^n \left[-r_i \Lambda(C_i) e^{X_i' \beta} + r_i K_i X_i' \beta + (1 - r_i) N_{iK_i} X_i' \beta \right. \\ \left. - (1 - r_i) \Lambda(T_{iK_i}) e^{X_i' \beta} + \sum_{j=1}^{K_i} (1 - r_i) \Delta N_{ij} \log \{\Lambda(T_{ij}) - \Lambda(T_{ij-1})\} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

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- **N=3,966 CCSS pregnancy questionnaire: one or more pregnancies => a detailed questionnaire**
- **697 did not return the pregnancy questionnaire: we only know **counts of pregnancies (panel-count data)****
- **3269 returned the detailed questionnaire, providing **calendar times of pregnancies (recurrent-event data)****
- **Regression analysis on associations**

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J Cancer Surviv (2014) 8:460–471
DOI 10.1007/s11764-014-0353-7

Noncancer-related mortality risks in adult survivors of pediatric malignancies: the childhood cancer survivor study

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Gregory T. Armstrong • Les L. Robison**

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- **Nested case-control study**
- **445 cases: Died from causes other than recurrence or non-health-related events**
- **Matched on primary diagnosis, age at baseline questionnaire, time from diagnosis to baseline questionnaire, and time at-risk**
- **Adjust for treatment exposures & demogr.**

	OR (95 % CI)	<i>P</i> value
Physical activity		
0 days per week	1.72 (1.27–2.34)	<0.001
1–2 days per week	1.65 (1.17–2.31)	0.004
3+ days per week	1.00	
Health worry and concern^b		
Current health status		
Good or excellent	1.00	
Fair or poor	1.98 (1.45–2.71)	<0.001

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BMI

Underweight	2.58 (1.55–4.28)	<0.001
Normal	1.00	
Overweight	1.12 (0.84–1.50)	0.43
Obese	1.03 (0.71–1.49)	0.88

Smoking status was not associated.

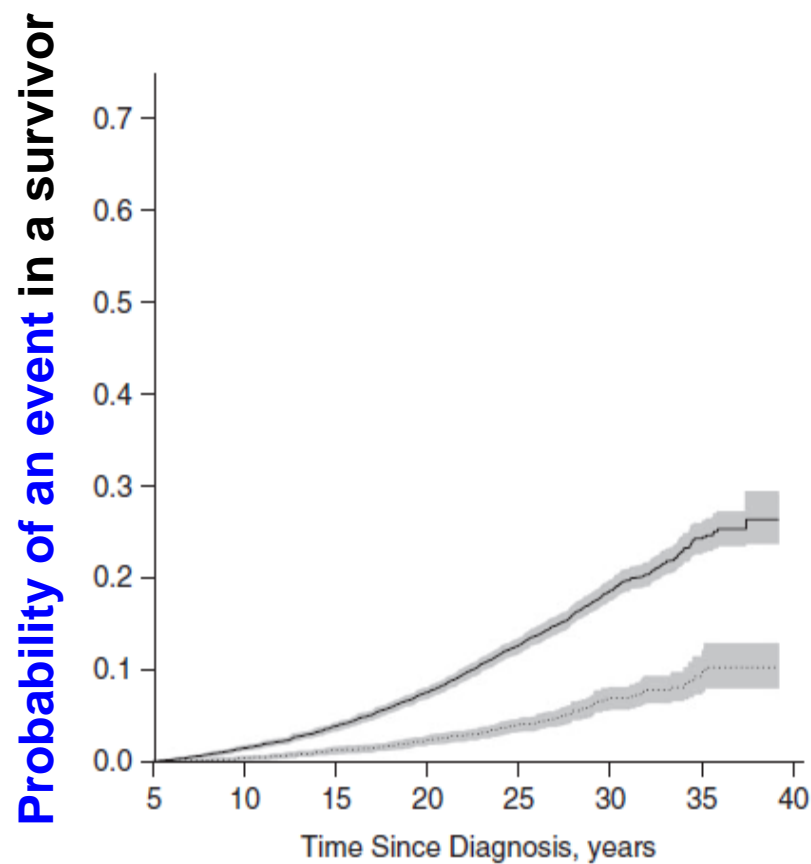
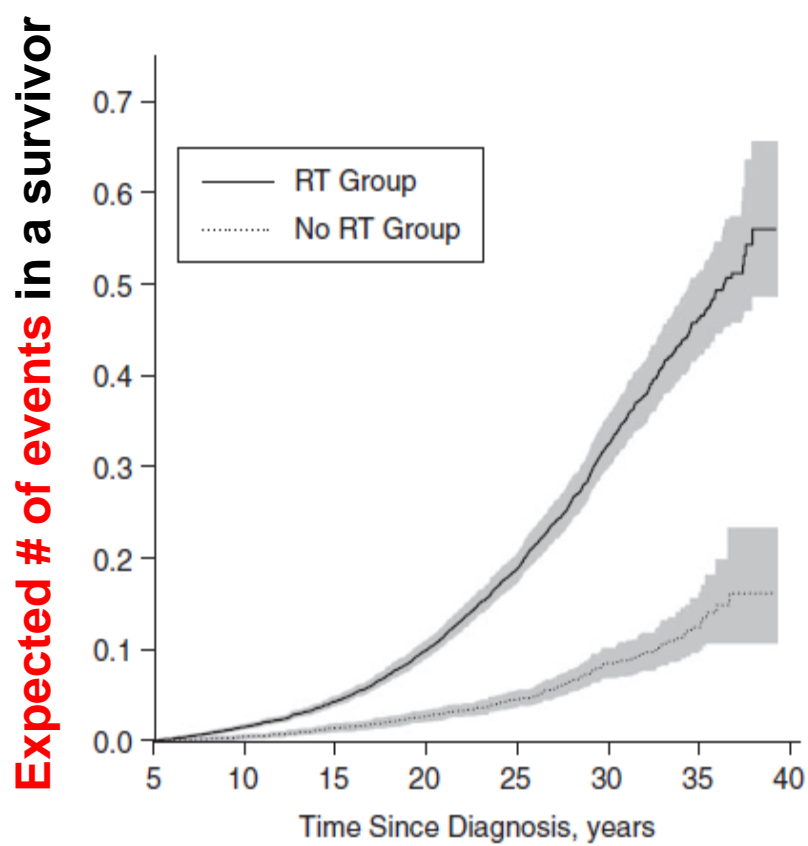
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American Journal of
EPIDEMIOLOGY

**Estimating the Burden of Recurrent Events in the Presence of Competing Risks:
The Method of Mean Cumulative Count**

Huiru Dong, Leslie L. Robison, Wendy M. Leisenring, Leah J. Martin, Gregory T. Armstrong, and
Yutaka Yasui*

Occurrence of Subsequent Neoplasms by RT



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- **Two estimates differ in the influence of censoring**

Ghosh and Lin (Biometrics 2000)
Our sum of CIs

- **Censoring after 1st SN**

In Ghosh and Lin, it affects CIs of 1st SN, 2nd SN, ...
in our sum of CIs, it affects CIs of 2nd SN, ...

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Pediatric Blood & Cancer

Factors Associated With Recruiting Adult Survivors of Childhood Cancer Into Clinic-Based Research

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Motivators to participate

- Visiting with individuals involved in their care (77%)
- Wanting additional health information
 - Learning about health problems (35%)
 - How to communicate with primary care doctors (36%)
 - Information on health screening (51%)
- Altruistic factors
 - Helping other pediatric cancer survivors (76%)
 - Helping other children with cancer (76%)

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High Priority Expansion Studies

EPIDEMIOLOGY / BIOSTATISTICS

01.20.14	Late Mortality by Treatment Era	Armstrong/SJCRH
04.02.14	Differences in participant characteristics and changes in treatment characteristics from the original to the expanded cohorts	Mertens/Emory
01.14.14	Association between key therapeutic exposures and outcomes - gaps in knowledge	Bhatia/City of Hope
01.14.14	Risk of Cardiovascular disease and Second Malignancies attributable to therapeutic exposures by Treatment Era	Bhatia/City of Hope

High Priority Expansion Studies

ASSOCIATED PRESENTATION



Meeting: **2015 ASCO**

Annual Meeting

Presenter: **Gregory T.
Armstrong**

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Late Mortality by Treatment Era

Armstrong/SJCRH



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Differences in participant characteristics and changes in treatment characteristics from the original to the expanded cohorts

Mertens/Emory

The slide features a white background with a maroon header bar. The header bar contains the CCSS logo on the left and the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital logo on the right. The main title is centered in a large, bold, black font. Below the title, the authors' names are listed in a smaller black font. At the bottom, the Fred Hutch logo is displayed, followed by the text 'Cancer Prevention and Biostatistics' and 'Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center'.

Temporal Changes in Treatment Exposures in the Childhood Cancer Survivor Study

Wendy M. Leisenring, John Whitton, Joseph P. Neglia, Daniel M. Green, Todd M. Gibson, Marilyn Stovall, Melissa M. Hudson, Leslie L. Robison, Gregory T. Armstrong, Yutaka Yasui, Ann Mertens

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Association between key therapeutic exposures
and outcomes - gaps in knowledge

Bhatia/City of Hope

Risk of Cardiovascular disease and Second
Malignancies attributable to therapeutic
exposures by Treatment Era

Bhatia/City of Hope

Multiple concept proposals

Manuscripts Submitted/Circulated

- Derivation of anthracycline equivalence to doxorubicin in relation to late cardiotoxicity ([Lieke Feijen, JCO review](#))
- Direct and indirect effects of anthracycline exposure on cardiac outcomes ([Blythe Ryerson/Rebecca Williamson/Mertens](#))
- Access to Health Information Technology and Health Information Seeking ([Mechelle Claridy/Mertens](#))

Manuscripts Submitted/Circulated

- Inverse Probability Weighting to Adjust for Selection Bias and Drop Out (**Chongzhi Di/Leisenring**)
- Differences in Long-Term Outcomes by Race/Ethnicity in Childhood Cancer Survivors (**Qi Liu/Bhatia/Yasui, ASCO**)
- Handling Missing Data due to No Consent for Medical Record Abstraction by Multiple Imputation (**Leah Martin/Qi Liu/Yasui**)

Concepts Approved/Submitted

- Tiled study design: using temporal overlap as a method to extend longitudinal follow-up among carefully selected time-limited cohorts ([Chow](#))
- Use of an incentive to increase biologic sample (Oragene) return rate ([McDonald](#))
- Cost Effectiveness of COG Breast Cancer Screening Guidelines for Female Survivors of Pediatric Cancers ([Wong](#))
- Radiation dose reconstruction methods for intensity modulated radiation therapy ([Howell/Stovall](#))

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Enabling methodology work

- **Develop epi/biostat methods that enable promote (CCSS) late effects research**
- **Lead methodologically-involved investigations that provide a template**

Address key quantitative issues in (CCSS) late-effects research

- **Prediction modeling and its evaluation**
- **GWAS analysis framework**

**Gene sets/Pathway/Epistasis
methodologies**

G x T interaction evaluation

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Table 1: Summary of SNP-set interaction signals overlapping with WTCCC single-SNP strong signals and single-SNP meta-analysis signals[‡]

Disease	Logic-Based SNP-set Interaction	WTCCC single- SNP		Meta-Analysis	
	# of Strong Signals	# of Strong Signals	Overlap	# of Significant Loci	Overlap[*]
BD	13	1	0/1 (0%)	1	1/1(100%)
CAD	16	1	1/1 (100%)	23	7/23 (30%)
HT	15	0	NA	27	8/27 (30%)
RA	72	2	2/2(100%)	10	6/10 (60%)
T1DM	105	5	5/5(100%)	41	12/41 (29%)
T2DM	19	3	3/3 (100%)	7	4/7 (57%)

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