

Epidemiology/Biostatistics Working Group Report

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Childhood Cancer
Survivor Study



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Scope of Research

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- To lead and support investigations on **population sciences** relevant to CCSS including:
 - Mortality
 - Cost-effectiveness
 - Characterization of primary treatment exposures (including temporal changes, radiation dosimetry)
 - Minority populations
- To encourage and support **methodological research** associated with enhancing the follow-up and evaluation of the CCSS cohort

Working Group Membership: CCSS Weekly Call

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Meetings to maintain the integrity of CCSS methods, including sampling and recruitment, survey design, and analysis

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

- Greg Armstrong (CCSS PI)
- Kumar Srivastava (Statistics & Data Center)
- Yutaka Yasui
- Sadie Mirzaei Salehabadi
- Kendrick Li
- Yan Chen
- Shani Alston
- Chris Vukadinovich
- Mingjuan Wang
- Zhuo Qu
- Grace Zhuo
- Nivya George
- Vikki Nolan
- Aaron McDonald

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

- Wendy Leisenring (WG Co-Chair)
- Kayla Stratton

University of Minnesota

- Cindy Im (WG Co-Chair)

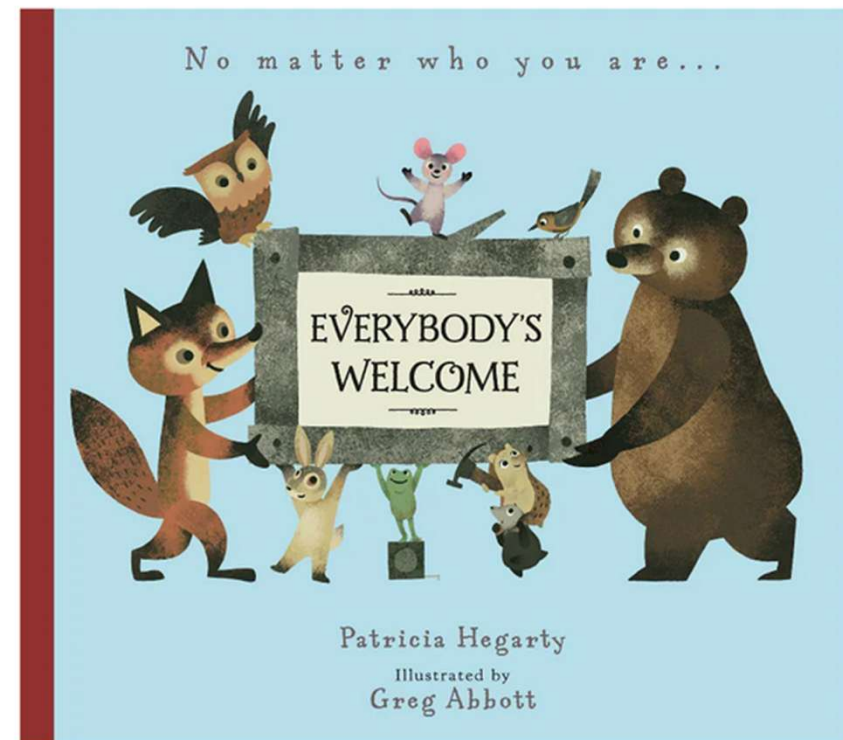
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

- Rebecca Howell (Radiation Dosimetry Center)
- Susan Smith

Working Group Membership: Active Methodological Projects

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- Greg Armstrong, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- James Bates, Emory University
- I-Chan Huang, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Rebecca Howell, MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Cindy Im, University of Minnesota
- Xu Ji, Emory University
- Anne Kirchhoff, University of Utah
- Wendy Leisenring, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center
- Arin Madenci, Boston Children's Hospital
- Sadie Mirzaei Salehabadi, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Chaya Moskowitz, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
- Kiri Ness, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Kumar Srivastava, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Lennie Wong, City of Hope
- Yutaka Yasui, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Jennifer Yeh, Boston Children's Hospital
- Yan Yuan, University of Alberta



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Working Group Progress

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- 15 Published/In Press Manuscripts (since 1/1/2023)
- 6 Currently Submitted Manuscripts
- 11 Analysis/Manuscript in Process
- 2 Concepts approved
- 4 New AOIs (where Epi/Biostats is primary; total since 1/1/2023)

Highlights of recently completed research and ongoing analyses

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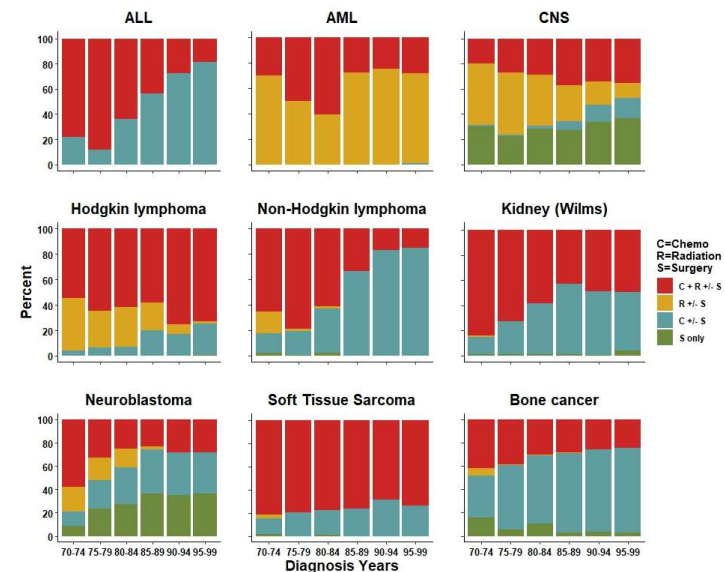
Methods: CCSS Cohort Methodology Paper

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Temporal Changes in Treatment of Childhood Cancer 1970-1999: Study Design and Cohort Characteristics of the Childhood Cancer Survivor Study Cohort

Wendy Leisenring, Yutaka Yasui, Kayla Stratton, Vikki Nolan, Aaron McDonald, Cindy Im, Greg Armstrong et al.

- Eligible and participant cohort characteristics
- Treatment changes across three decades
- Response and ongoing engagement
- Statistical approaches to reduce bias due to dropout / non-participation



Methods: CCSS Cohort Methodology Paper

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Participation and continuing engagement

Baseline participation more likely:

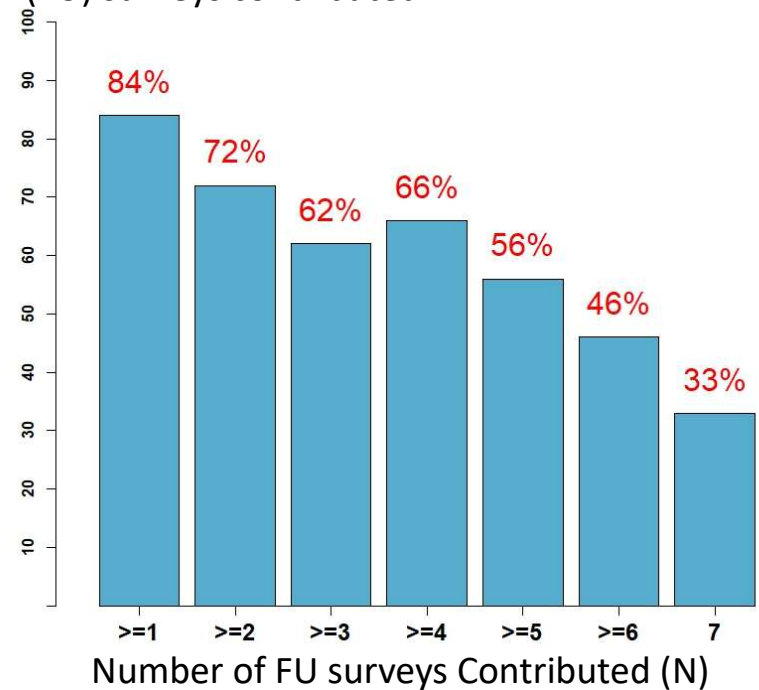
- Females
- Older survivors
- Alive at baseline
- Later diagnosis years (vs. 1970-1986)
- Some variations by diagnosis and institution

Higher FU Survey completion(s) associated with **same variables** plus:

- Higher Socioeconomic status (income, education, health insur)
- Fewer severe chronic conditions
- Better self-reported health status (perception of health)
- Healthier behaviors

Paper describes use of Inverse Probability Weighting to account for participation bias

Percent of Survivors with at least N Follow-up (FU) surveys contributed*



*Among those eligible to contribute at least N FU surveys

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Methods: Approaches to reduce bias in CCSS analyses

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Statistical analysis of self-reported health conditions in cohort studies:
handling of missing onset age

Sedigheh Mirzaei^{a,*}, José Miguel Martínez^b, Shizue Izumi^c, Motomi Mori^a,
Gregory T. Armstrong^d, Yutaka Yasui^d

**Journal of
Clinical
Epidemiology**

Published online 9 July 2024



Sedigheh (Sadie) Mirzaei, PhD
(St. Jude)

- Practical methods to analyze self-reported time-to-event data when onset age is missing can lead to bias
 - E.g., complete-data analysis; simple replacement with survey age
- Interval-censored regression: Shown to result in measures of association with reduced bias and smaller SDs

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Linkage: Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant (CIBMTR)

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Objective: Supplement hematopoietic cell transplantation (HCT) data

Longitudinal outcomes for US/international patients who receive cellular therapies

- Center reporting for all allogeneic HCTs has been mandatory in US since 2008
- Voluntary center reports for autologous HCT, CART, gene therapy; covers >80%

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Chronic conditions, late mortality, and health status after childhood AML: a Childhood Cancer Survivor Study report

Lucie M. Turcotte,¹ Jillian A. Whitton,² Wendy M. Leisenring,² Rebecca M. Howell,³ Joseph P. Neglia,¹ Rachel Phelan,^{4,5}
Kevin C. Oeffinger,⁶ Kirsten K. Ness,⁷ William G. Woods,⁸ E. Anders Kolb,⁹ Leslie L. Robison,⁷ Gregory T. Armstrong,⁷ and Eric J. Chow²

- CIBMTR data used to assess chronic graft-versus-host disease (matched 114/238 survivors)

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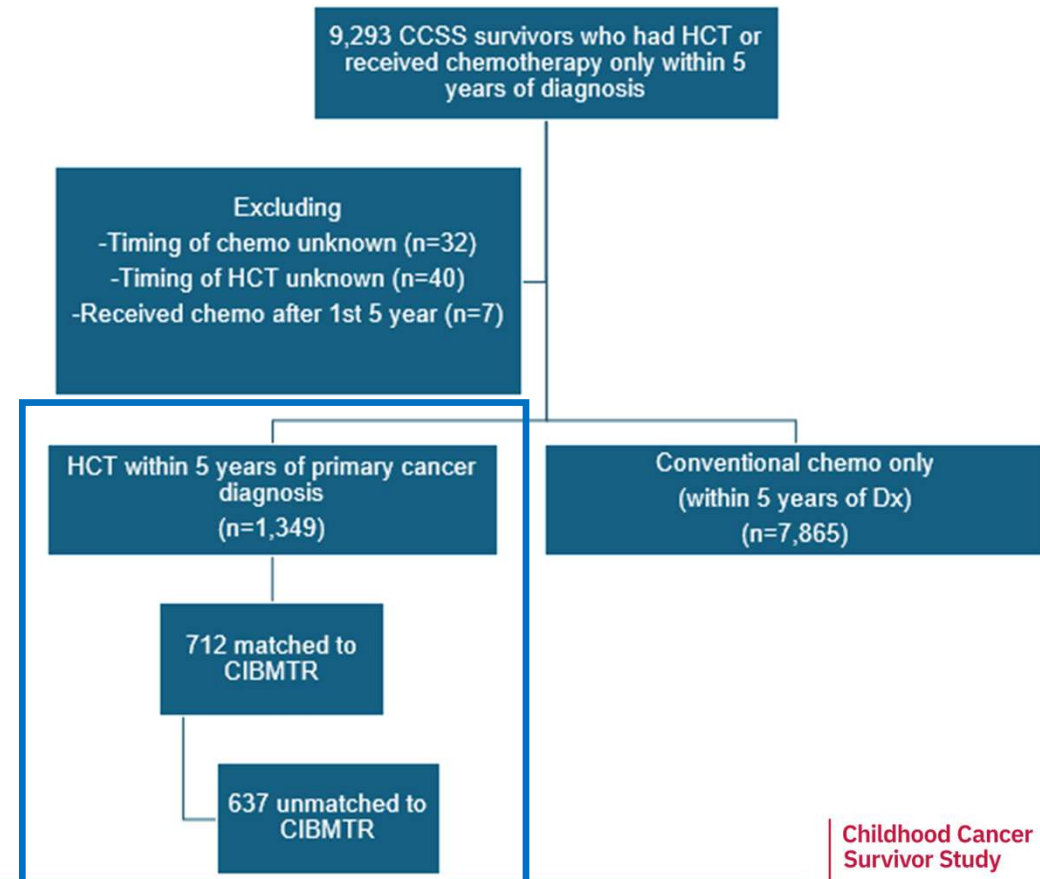
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Cardiovascular risk factors in survivors of childhood HCT and their role in development of cardiovascular disease:
A CCSS-CIBMTR Analysis



Danielle Friedman, MD
(MSKCC)

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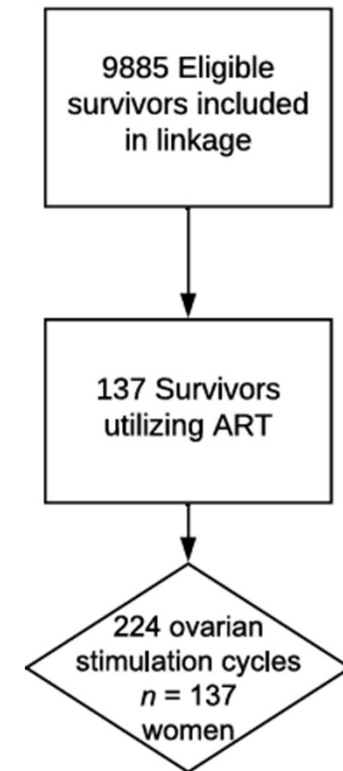
Linkage: Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology Clinic Outcome Reporting System (SART CORS)

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Assisted reproductive technology use and outcomes in childhood cancer survivors

Cancer. 2024;130:128–139.

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Elizabeth S. Ginsburg MD¹



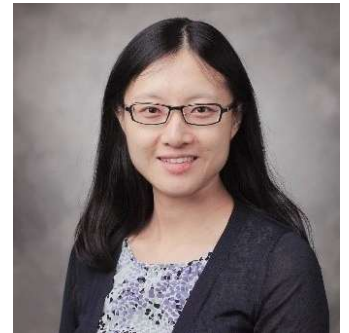
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Linkage: Medicaid administrative claims data

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CCSS ancillary studies:

- 1) Examine Medicaid uptake, coverage continuity, longitudinal patterns of health service utilization, and associated policy/system level factors (**NCI R03 CA267456**)
- 2) Assess survivor experiences with insurance and care within the Medicaid system, and identify sources of disparities (**NIMHD K01 MD018637**)



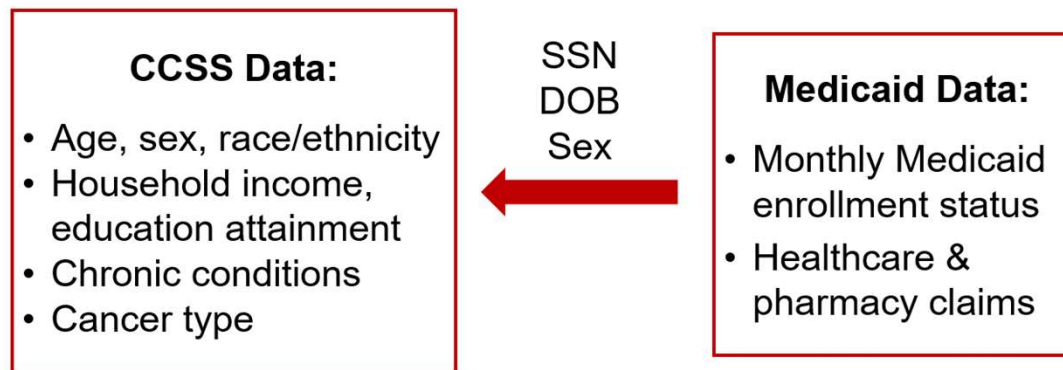
Xu Ji, PhD (Emory)

Linkage: Medicaid administrative claims data

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Ji et al.: Medicaid enrollment changes among adult survivors of childhood cancer following Medicaid expansion: a report from the Childhood Cancer Survivor Study
(In revision, *JCO Oncology Practice*)

Established linkage of CCSS participants with 100% national Medicaid claims:



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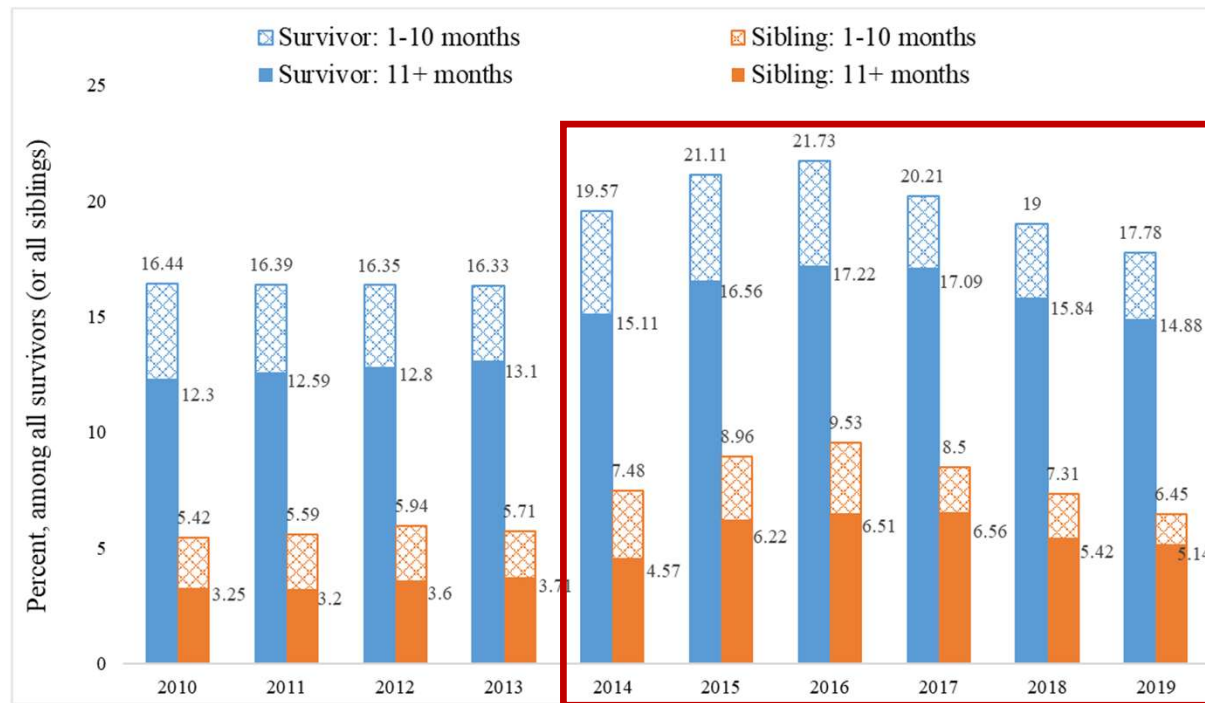
Analysis: **13,355** survivors and **1,752** siblings

Linkage: Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion

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Trends in Medicaid enrollment, by annual coverage duration

- Continuous (11-12 months) vs. non-continuous (≤ 10 months)



- ACA Medicaid expansion associated with increased Medicaid participation and coverage among survivors vs. siblings
- Benefit greatest for survivors in minority racial and ethnic groups, with lower SES

Ji et al, 2025 (in revision, *JCO Oncol Pract*)

Linkage: Other studies among Medicaid-enrolled survivors

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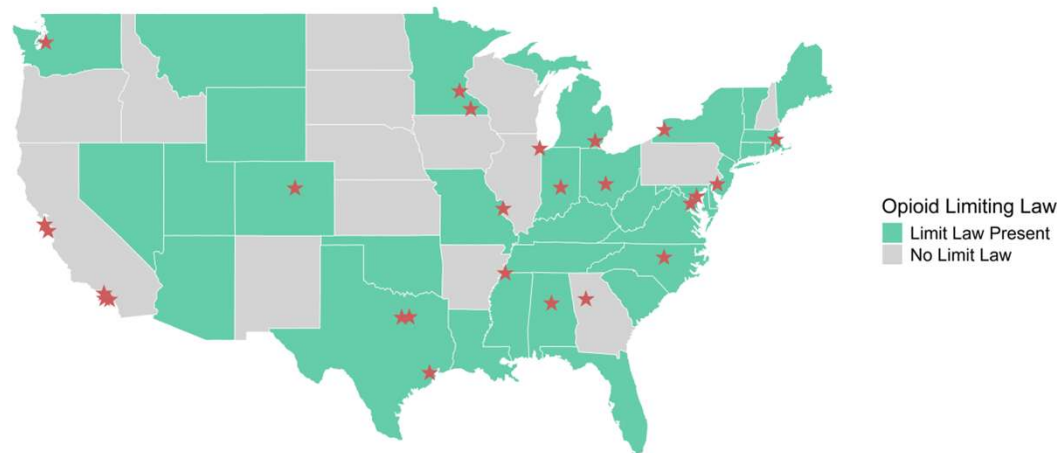


CCSS Career Development Award (mentor: Xu Ji)

Association Between State Opioid Limiting Laws and Opioid Prescription Among Medicaid-enrolled Survivors of Childhood Cancer:
A CCSS-Medicaid Analysis

Xin Hu, PhD (Emory)

U.S. States with Opioid Limiting Laws as of 2019
(Reddish stars = CCSS Institutions)



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Linkage: Neighborhood-level social determinants of health (SDOH)

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Objective: Look beyond individual-level risk factors and supplement CCSS participant data with [neighborhood-level](#) SDOH classifications

Approved CCSS Concepts:

- Chronic health conditions (C. Howell, 20-07)
- Sleep health (M. Navarrette, 24-07)
- Subsequent neoplasm risk (T. Ghosh, 24-14)
- Healthcare utilization, health status, and rurality (L. Strange, 24-07)
- Late mortality (C. Im, 24-08)

Linkage: SDOH classification in CCSS

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Eligible CCSS 5-year survivors
N=34,204

Completed baseline survey
N=25,725

Geocoded residential address available
for ≥ 1 time point
N=22,700

- Baseline (N=19,446)
- Any follow-up (N=17,447)
- Both (N=14,193)



I-Chan Huang, PhD (St. Jude)

CCSS-SDOH classifications among survivors:

- Social Vulnerability Index (SVI): N=20,912
- Area Deprivation Index (ADI): N=18,751
- Persistent poverty: N=19,446
- Rural Urban Commuting Area Codes (RUCA): N=17,560

Among CCSS siblings:

- 5,045 with baselines; 4,086 have geocodes

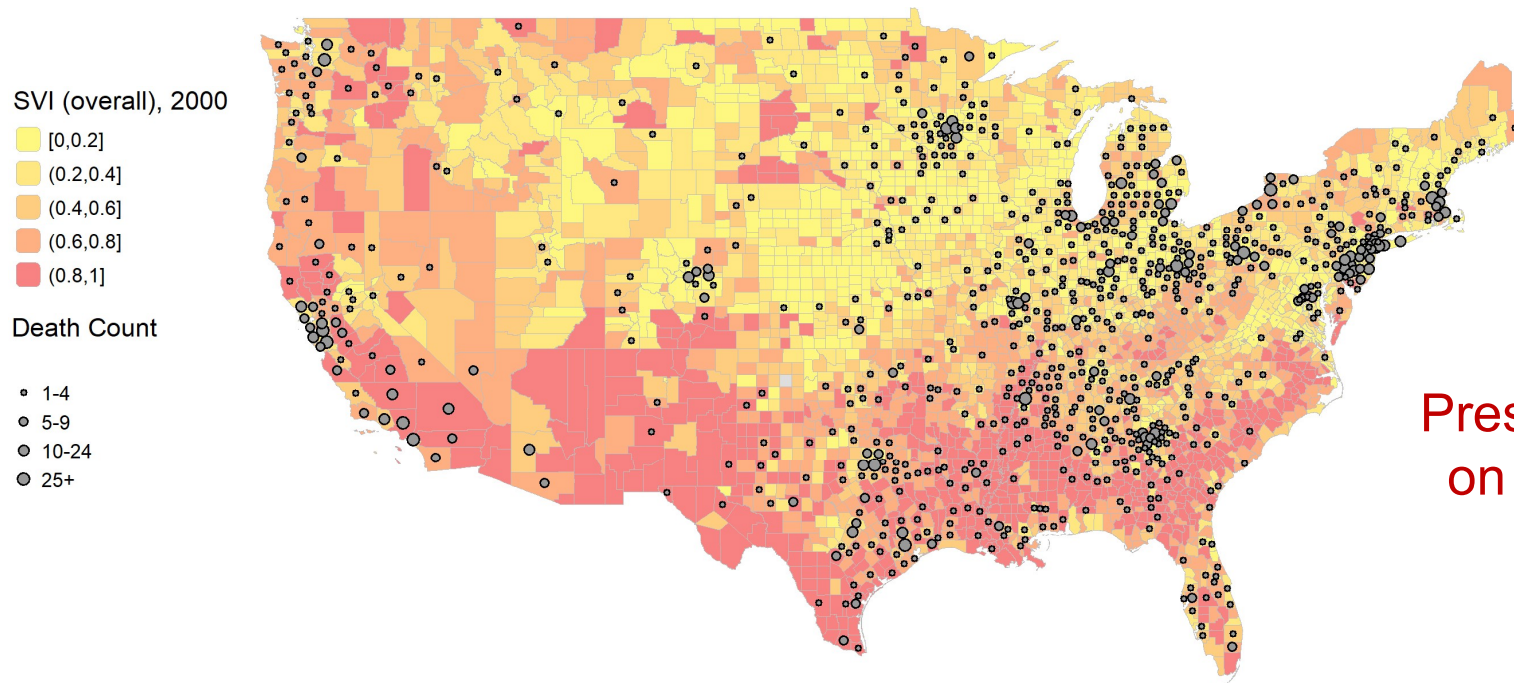
Linkage: Neighborhood-level social determinants of health (SDOH)

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SDOH and late mortality among survivors of childhood cancer: a report from the Childhood Cancer Survivor Study



Cindy Im, PhD



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Risk prediction: Development and validation of novel late effects risk stratification tools

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Medical Risk Calculators

Acute Ovarian Failure Risk
Prediction Calculator

[Learn More](#)

Breast Cancer Probability
Calculator

[Learn More](#)

Cardiomyopathy Risk Calculator
(derived using SJLIFE data)

[Learn More](#)

Cardiovascular Risk Calculator

[Learn More](#)

Kidney Failure Calculator

[Learn More](#)

Primary Ovarian Insufficiency
Risk Calculator

[Learn More](#)

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Risk prediction (+linkage!): Estimate kidney failure risk by age 40y

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Journal of Clinical Oncology

Development and Validation of a Prediction Model for Kidney Failure in Long-Term Survivors of Childhood Cancer

Natalie L. Wu, MD, MS^{1,2,3}; Yan Chen, MMath⁴; Bryan V. Dieffenbach, MD⁵; Matthew J. Ehrhardt, MD, MS⁶; Sangeeta Hingorani, MD, MPH^{2,3}; Rebecca M. Howell, PhD⁷; John L. Jefferies, MD⁸; Daniel A. Mulrooney, MD, MS⁶; Kevin C. Oeffinger, MD⁹; Leslie L. Robison, PhD⁶; Brent R. Weil, MD, MPH⁵; Yan Yuan, PhD⁴; Yutaka Yasui, PhD⁶; Melissa M. Hudson, MD⁶; Wendy M. Leisenring, ScD³; Gregory T. Armstrong, MD, MSCE⁶; and Eric J. Chow, MD, MPH^{2,3}



Natalie Wu, MD
UCSF Benioff
Children's
Hospitals



Eric Chow, MD
Fred Hutchinson
Cancer Center

ORIGINAL REPORTS | February 16, 2023

Model development data: 25,483 CCSS survivors (204 cases)

- 50/52 kidney transplants corroborated by OPTN (through 12/31/2013)
- NDI used to ascertain death related to chronic kidney disease or kidney failure

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Risk prediction: POI risk estimates by ages 21y through 40y

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Oncology

Development and validation of age-specific risk prediction models for primary ovarian insufficiency in long-term survivors of childhood cancer: a report from the Childhood Cancer Survivor Study and St Jude Lifetime Cohort

Cindy Im, Zhe Lu*, Sogol Mostoufi-Moab, Angela Delaney, Lin Yu, Jessica L Baedke, Yutong Han, Yadav Sapkota, Yutaka Yasui, Eric J Chow, Rebecca M Howell, Smita Bhatia, Melissa M Hudson, Kirsten K Ness, Gregory T Armstrong, Paul C Nathan†, Yan Yuan†*

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R01CA216354, MPI: Y Yasui, J Zhang



Yan Yuan, PhD
University of
Alberta



Paul Nathan, MD
SickKids, University
of Toronto

Model development data: 7,891 CCSS female survivors (922 cases)

Predictors: Race/ethnicity, age at cancer diagnosis, 20 different chemotherapy agents, HCT, TBI, abdominal/pelvic RT (ovarian RT)

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Health outcome comparative modeling : Accelerated Aging in Survivors

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JAMA Oncology | Original Investigation

Accelerated Aging in Survivors of Childhood Cancer— Early Onset and Excess Risk of Chronic Conditions

Jennifer M. Yeh, PhD; Zachary J. Ward, PhD; Kayla L. Stratton, MS; Mercedes V. McMahon, MPH;
Chelsea S. Taylor, BA; Gregory T. Armstrong, MD, MSCE; Eric J. Chow, MD, MPH; Melissa M. Hudson, MD;
Lindsay M. Morton, PhD; Kevin C. Oeffinger, MD; Lisa R. Diller, MD; Wendy M. Leisenring, ScD

Published online March 20, 2025.



Jennifer Yeh, Ph.D.
Boston Children's Hospital
Harvard Medical School

Illustrates accelerated aging in terms of early onset and excess risk at age 65

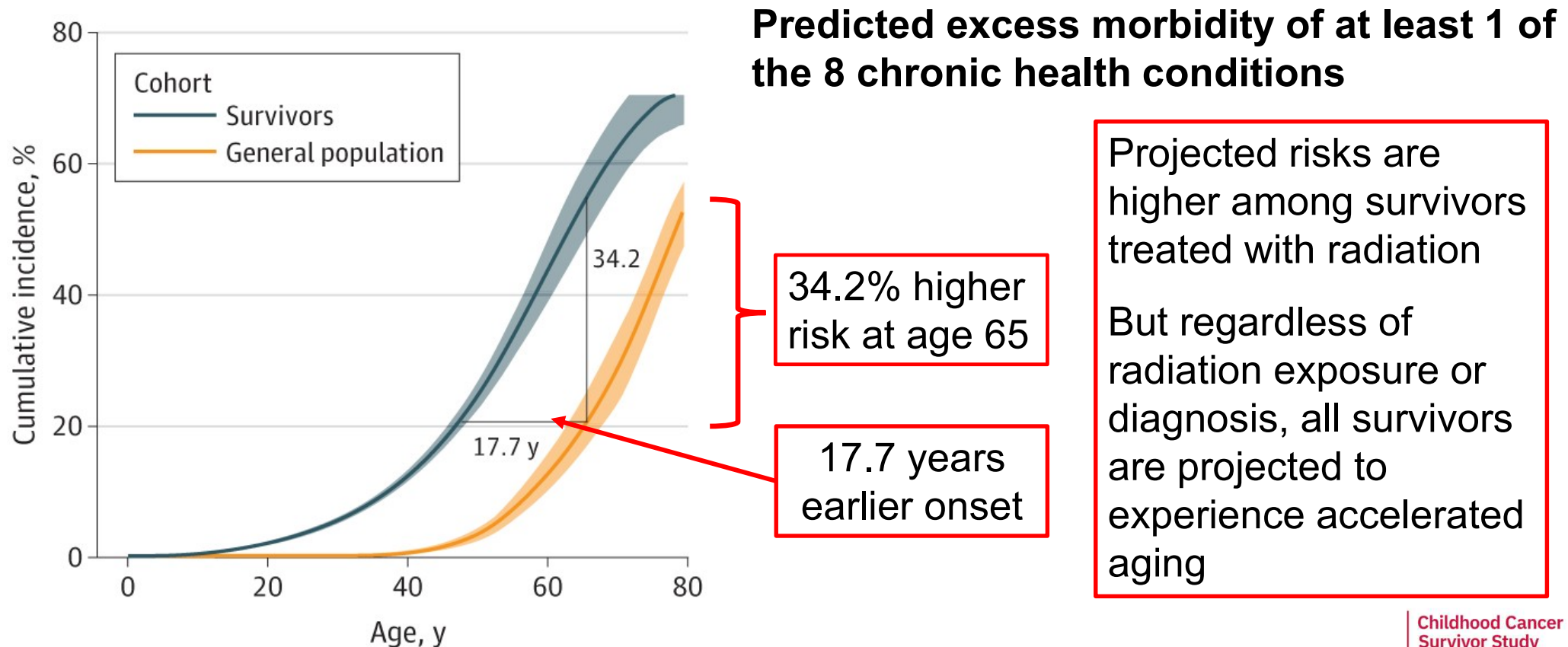
- COMPASS model: Simulation model based on CCSS data and population-based databases to estimate lifetime risks of 8* treatment-related CHCs & mortality
- Relative risks, excess risks compared with general population

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*6 aging-related conditions (breast cancer, colorectal cancer, heart failure, MI/CAD, valvular disease, stroke) and 2 common, life-threatening SMN among survivors (sarcoma, glial tumors)

Health outcome comparative modeling : Accelerated Aging in Survivors

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Health outcome comparative modeling : Trends in outcomes among ALL survivors

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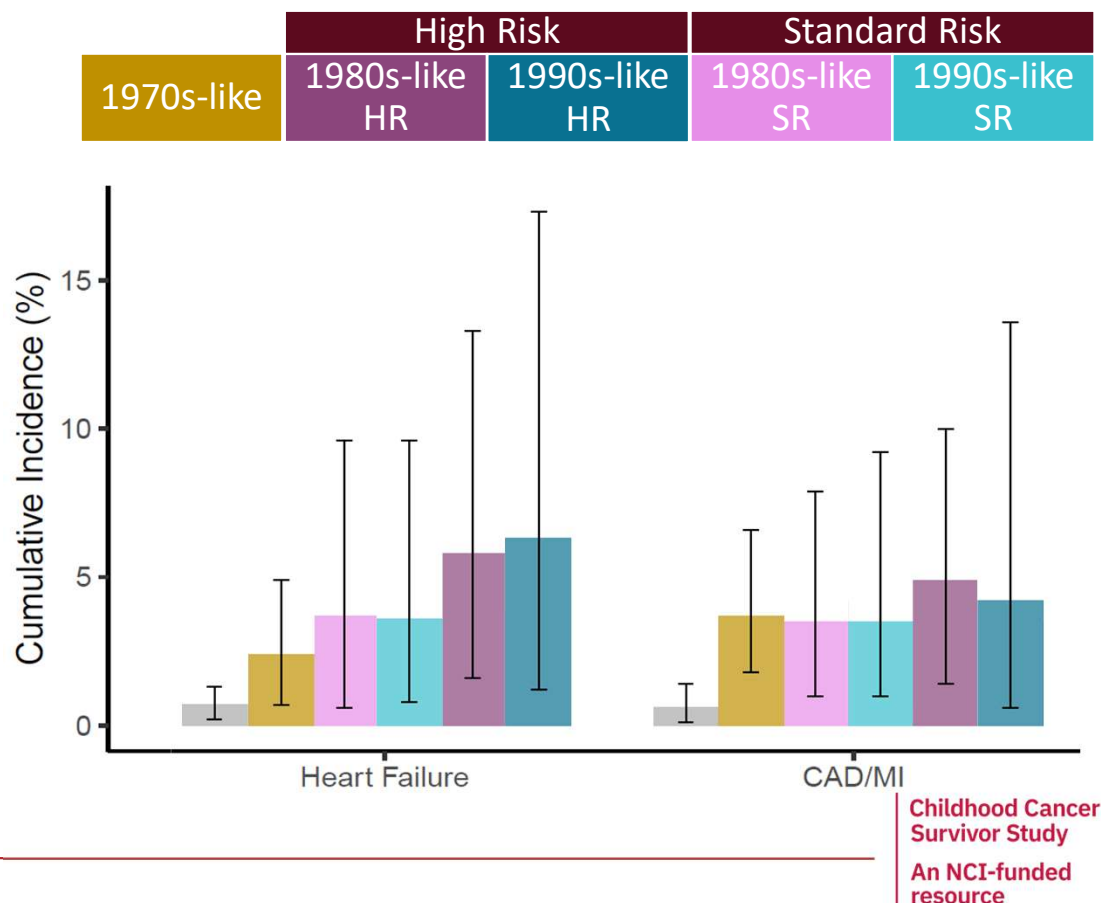
Project long-term outcomes for ALL treatment exposure subgroups using the COMPASS model

- Presented at ASPHO 2025

Trend toward higher cumulative incidence of cardiac late-effects among HR subgroups, particularly for heart failure

Additional papers to examine:

- HL survivors by treatment (breast cancer, CV)
- Medulloblastoma survivors (stroke)



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Mortality after major cardiovascular events

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Mortality After Major Cardiovascular Events in Survivors of Childhood Cancer



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Wendy Bottinor, MD
VCU

Mortality risk of childhood cancer survivors after 1st major CV event is comparable to individuals in the general population who are >20 years older

Median age at first major CV event:

- CCSS survivors: 31 years
- CARDIA: 57 years

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Mortality after subsequent breast cancer

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nature communications

Article

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-025-58434-w>



Lucie Turcotte, MD
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Treatment, toxicity, and mortality after subsequent breast cancer in female survivors of childhood cancer

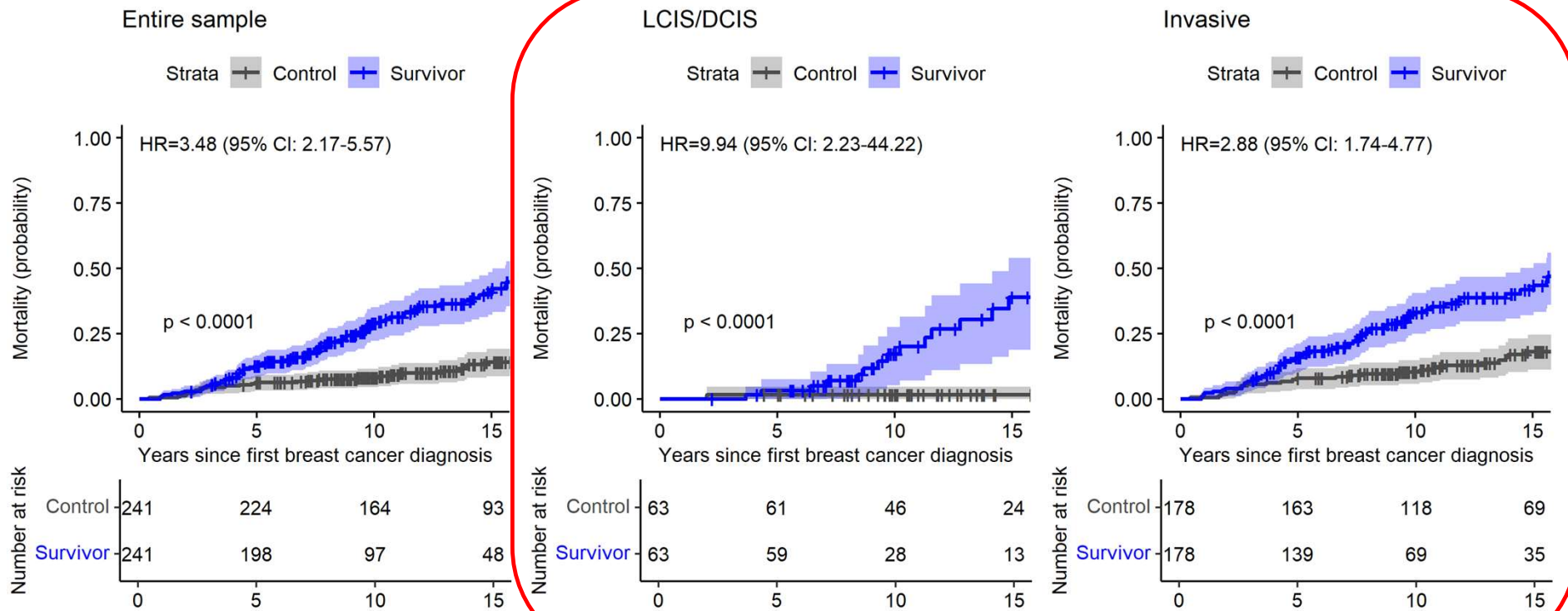
Cindy Im¹, Hasibul Hasan¹, Emily Stene¹, Sarah Monick², Ryan K. Rader³, Jori Sheade⁴, Heather Wolfe⁵, Zhanni Lu¹, Logan G. Spector¹, Aaron J. McDonald⁶, Vikki Nolan⁶, Michael A. Arnold⁷, Miriam R. Conces⁸, Chaya S. Moskowitz⁹, Tara O. Henderson¹⁰, Leslie L. Robison⁶, Gregory T. Armstrong⁶, Yutaka Yasui⁶, Rita Nanda¹¹, Kevin C. Oeffinger¹², Joseph P. Neglia¹, Anne Blaes¹³ & Lucie M. Turcotte¹✉

New CCSS ancillary study data: subsequent breast cancer treatment and outcomes

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Im et al., Nat Commun (2025)

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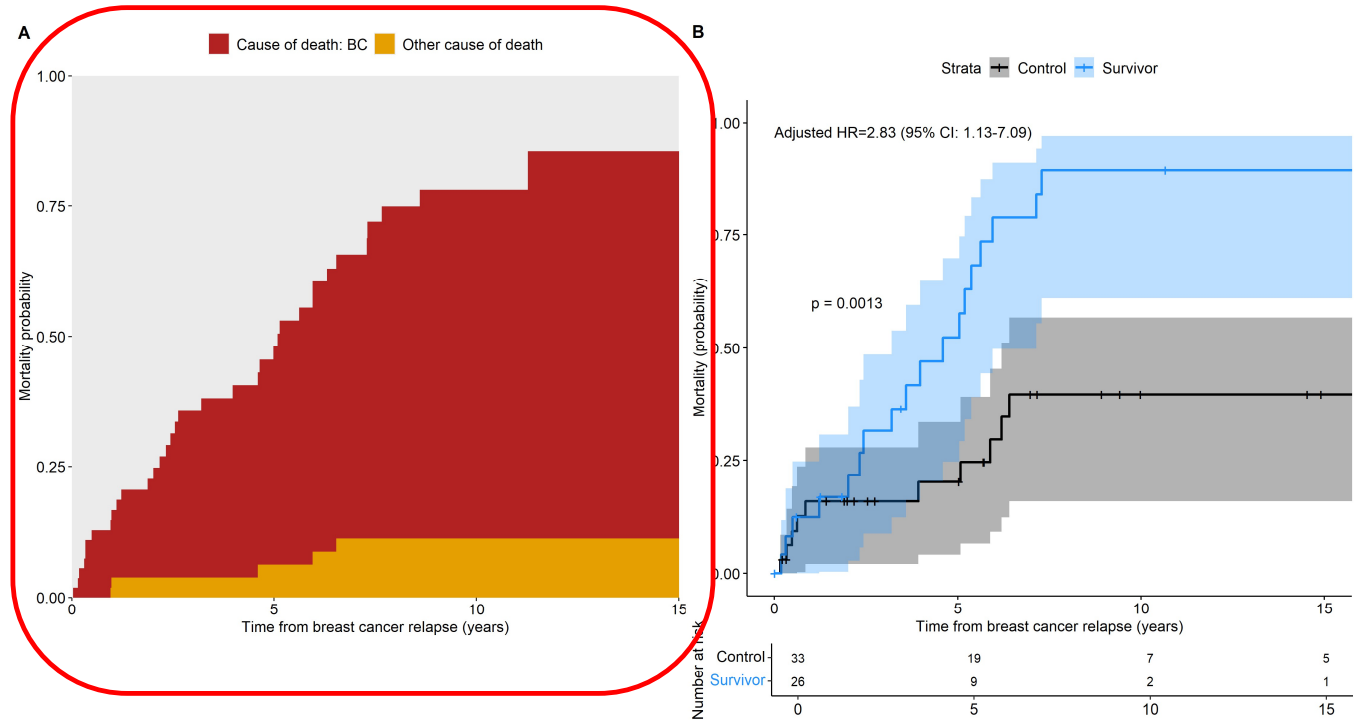
Mortality after breast cancer recurrence

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Mortality after subsequent thyroid cancer

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Oral abstract at ASCO 2025; Poster will be presented at ISLCCC!

Mortality in survivors of childhood cancer diagnosed with subsequent thyroid cancer: A report from the Childhood Cancer Survivor Study

Dana Barnea, Qi Liu, Emily Tonorezos, Paul Nathan, Sogol Mostoufi-Moab, Shizue Izumi, Joseph P. Neglia, Gregory T. Armstrong, Kevin Oeffinger, Yutaka Yasui, Lucie M. Turcotte

Ancillary Studies: Recently completed or ending in 2025

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PIs	Ancillary studies
Xu Ji Emory University	NCI R03 CA267456 (completed): Understanding the impact of the Affordable Care Act on healthcare coverage, utilization, and outcomes for childhood cancer survivors
Jennifer Yeh Boston Children's Hospital	NCI R01 CA227576 (ending 8/2025): Genetic testing to guide pediatric cancer care and follow up: using anthracycline-associated cardiac toxicity as a model for the future (ending 8/2027) • Cancer Outcomes Microsimulation: Pediatric and Adolescent SurvivorShip (COMPASS) model
Cindy Im University of Minnesota Yan Yuan University of Alberta	NCI R21 CA261833 (ending 8/2025): Treatment-specific genetic risk scores for late effects prediction in childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer survivors

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Ancillary Studies: Ongoing or new

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PIs	Ancillary studies
Rebecca Howell University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Daniel Mulrooney Yutaka Yasui St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	NCI R01 CA261750 (ending 4/2026): Personalized Risk Prediction to Reduce Cardiovascular Disease in Childhood Cancer Survivors
Jennifer Yeh Boston Children's Hospital	NCI R01 CA261874 (ending 8/2027): Can risk-reducing medications improve breast cancer prevention in childhood and adolescent cancer survivors? Comparative modeling to inform care • BrEAst Cancer Outcomes iNsight (BEACON) study
Xu Ji Emory University	NIMHD K01 MD018637 (ending 1/2028): Disparities in Quality Healthcare Among Childhood Cancer Survivors: Role of Medicaid
Yadav Sapkota St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Cindy Im University of Minnesota	R01HL173881 (ending 4/2028): Developing and validating race-specific cardiomyopathy risk prediction models in African American survivors of childhood cancer

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PIs	Ancillary studies
Rebecca Howell University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Daniel Mulrooney Yutaka Yasui St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	NCI R01 CA261750 (ending 4/2026): Personalized Risk Prediction to Reduce Cardiovascular Disease in Childhood Cancer Survivors

Predicting valvular heart disease in adult survivors of childhood cancer:
a report from the Childhood Cancer Survivor Study and St. Jude
Lifetime Cohort



Daniel Mulrooney, MD
St. Jude

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Utilizing FU7 Frozen Data

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- **Population-level burden of morbidity** among survivors of childhood cancer in the United States
Led by AnnaLynn Williams, Cindy Im, Wendy Leisenring
- **Attribution of neighborhood-level social determinants of health** on late mortality
Led by Cindy Im, Greg Armstrong, I-Chan Huang
- **Disability Adjusted Life Years (DALYs)** in childhood cancer survivors
Led by Lennie Wong and Greg Armstrong

Plan for Concept Development Using FU8 Survey Data Focused on Aging

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- Analysis approaches to [multiple Short Surveys](#) (Full Survey OR 3 versions of Short Survey)
 - Response rate differences across 3 Short Surveys ([insights on types of questions for higher response rates](#))
- [Novel analyses of unmet needs of survivors](#) (a new section re: Health Services)
- [Drop-out/Participation analysis](#) (continued evaluation of weighted analyses)

Opportunities for Collaboration with Other Working Groups

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We interact with all WGs

Our WG is a secondary assignment for many concepts

Value Added and Special Considerations to our WG by a 2000-2025 Cohort Expansion

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Solving methodological challenges that will arise...

- Sampling efficiency to meet Aims of the study
- Maximizing the participation rate
- Evaluation for early late effects (including mortality) of new therapies (small sample sizes, shorter follow-up)
- Different methods of collecting data (e.g., VPR or registry linkage in general; EHR) => Impact on analyses (comparability between old and new methods)

Future Top Priorities

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- Shorter surveys, rotating survey content
- VPR (Virtual Pooled Registry) cancer incidence data utilization
- Maximizing and maintaining other registry data linkages (e.g., Medicare, CIBMTR, OPTN)
- Analysis of new BIG personal digital health data (wearables, mobile health)
- LEAP protocol (COG-CCSS partnership)

Major updates: St. Jude Cloud Survivorship Portal

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St. Jude Survivorship Portal: Sharing and Analyzing Large Clinical and Genomic Datasets from Pediatric Cancer Survivors

Gavriel Y. Matt ; Edgar Sioson ; Kyla Shelton ; Jian Wang ; Congyu Lu ; Airen Zaldivar Peraza ; Karishma Gangwani ; Robin Paul ; Colleen Reilly ; Aleksandar Acic ; Qi Liu ; Stephanie R. Sandor ; Clay McLeod ; Jaimin Patel ; Fan Wang ; Cindy Im ; Zhaoming Wang ; Yadav Sapkota ; Carmen L. Wilson ; Nickhill Bhakta ; Kirsten K. Ness ; Gregory T. Armstrong ; Melissa M. Hudson ; Leslie L. Robison ; Jinghui Zhang ; Yutaka Yasui ; Xin Zhou

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CCSS Statistical Center (Kumar Srivastava's Team)
Seattle Group (Wendy Leisenring's Team)



St. Jude Epidemiology & Cancer Control Data Wranglers (Kyla Shelton's Team)



St. Jude Computational Biology (Xin Zhou's Team)

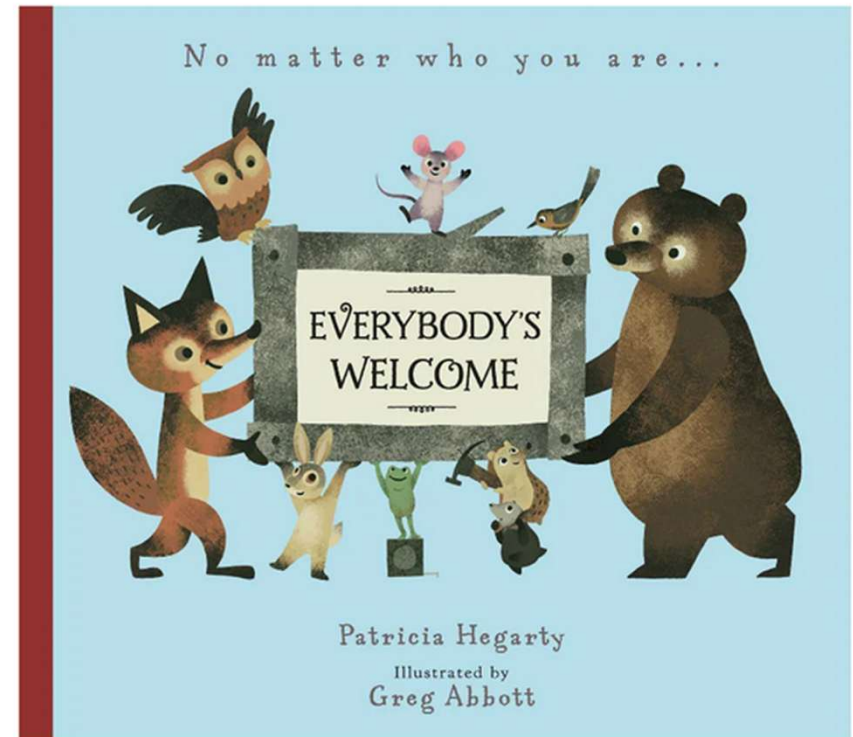


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Portal**

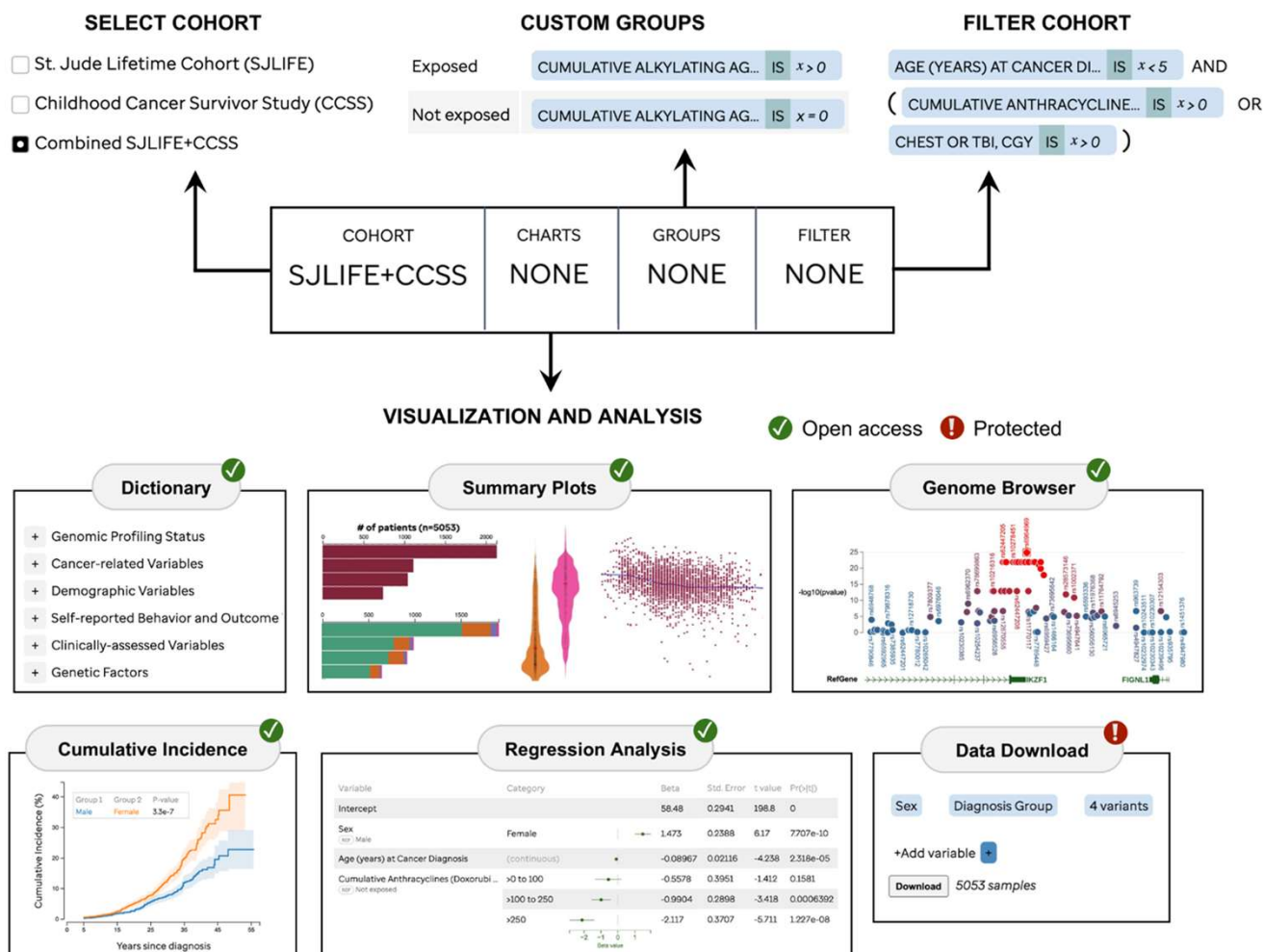
Select a survivor cohort and proceed to the "CHARTS" tab at the top to explore the data.

- ☐ St. Jude Lifetime Cohort (SJLIFE)
- ☐ Childhood Cancer Survivor Study (CCSS)
- ☒ Combined SJLIFE+CCSS*

Feature	St. Jude Lifetime Cohort Study	Childhood Cancer Survivor Study
Data freeze	December 2018	December 2023
Survivors on portal	5,053 (2,288 shared with CCSS)	25,735 (2,288 shared with SJLIFE)
Criteria for inclusion on portal	Availability of WGS data or campus visit	Completion of questionnaire
Survival duration	Survived $\geq$ 5 years since cancer diagnosis	Survived $\geq$ 5 years since cancer diagnosis
Cancer diagnosis	All diagnoses	Leukemia, CNS, HL, NHL, neuroblastoma, soft tissue sarcoma, Wilms, bone tumors
Year of cancer diagnosis	1962-2012	1970-1999
Age at cancer diagnosis	<25 years	<21 years
Cancer treatment	Chemotherapy, radiation, surgery	Chemotherapy, radiation, surgery
Study design	Retrospective cohort with prospective follow-up, hospital-based	Retrospective cohort with prospective follow-up, hospital-based
Institution(s)	St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	31 pediatric oncology institutions across the U.S. and Canada
Methods of contact	Clinic visits and surveys	Surveys
Methods for ascertainment of outcomes	Clinical assessments, medical records, self-report, NDI	Self-report, pathology reports (subsequent neoplasm), NDI
Source of sequenced germline DNA	Blood	Saliva or blood



Survivorship
Portal



PHENOTYPIC DATA

Demographics, 36 variables
Cancer diagnosis and treatment, 99 variables
Clinical assessments, 350 variables
Chronic health conditions, 400 variables
Self-reported and questionnaire, 776 variables
Over 8.6M data points



GENETIC DATA

Whole-genome sequencing
>400M genotyped variants
>81M polygenic risk scores for >500 traits
Genetically defined ancestries
Ancestry-specific PCs and LD
~1.5TB genotype data



Methods: Approaches to reduce bias in CCSS analyses

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Hazard ratios and 95% confidence intervals for associations with diabetes mellitus risk

Covariates	Observation-deletion (n=25,429)		Simple replacement (n=25,656)		Interval censored (n=25,656)	
	HR	95% CI	HR	95% CI	HR	95% CI
No pancreatic tail RT	Ref.		Ref.		Ref.	
Any to <10 Gy	0.94	(0.76, 1.17)	0.97	(0.82, 1.14)	1.03	(0.87, 1.23)
10 to <15 Gy	3.19	(2.36, 4.31)	2.23	(1.71, 2.91)	2.31	(1.74, 3.06)
15 to <20 Gy	2.77	(1.61, 4.77)	2.13	(1.32, 3.44)	2.34	(1.41, 3.91)
20 Gy or more	2.83	(1.81, 4.43)	2.21	(1.50, 3.26)	2.57	(1.75, 3.78)

Linkage: SDOH measures

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- **Social Vulnerability Index (CDC SVI) [2000, 2010, 2014, 2016, 2018]**
 - Score of 0-100 (national percentile ranks) where higher = more social vulnerability
 - Based on census tract of residence
 - Overall and 4 thematic domains: neighborhood-level SES, household composition/disability, minority status, housing/transportation
- **Area Deprivation Index (ADI) [2015, 2019]**
 - Focuses on overall neighborhood-level SES
 - Uses census block group
 - Limited to later baselines/follow-ups

Linkage: SDOH measures

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- **Persistent poverty [1980, 1990, 2000, 2007-2011]**
 - Neighborhood-level poverty across multiple time points
 - Counties with at least 20% of residents living below the federal income poverty level for ~30 years, using USDA Economic Research Service decennial census data
- **Rurality (RUCA) [2000, 2010]**
 - Urbanization measure using USDA Rural-Urban Commuting Codes
 - Based on census tract of residence

Health outcome comparative modeling : Tamoxifen for breast cancer prevention

CCSS

BEACON model (~CISNET + CCSS): Estimate clinical benefits and harms of adding tamoxifen to screening among survivors

Before age 50

Presented at ASCO 2024

Pediatric lymphoma survivors previously treated with mediastinal RT

No screening or tamoxifen

20% will develop breast cancer

2-3% will die of breast cancer

Annual mammo/MRI screening starting at age 25

56% of breast cancer deaths averted

Screening with addition of tamoxifen before age 35

67% of breast cancer deaths averted
<1% risk of serious side-effects
Reduction in childbearing years

Tamoxifen for 5 years further reduces breast cancer mortality when combined with recommended screening

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As CCSS Engages with Participants This Year What Would You Like to Learn From Them?

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- How to improve continued participation/engagement, in particular, among minorities/disadvantaged populations and sustain diversity (e.g., younger survivors)?
- How do survivors perceive their contribution to CCSS research and the survivorship community?

Risk prediction: Estimate kidney failure risk by age 40y

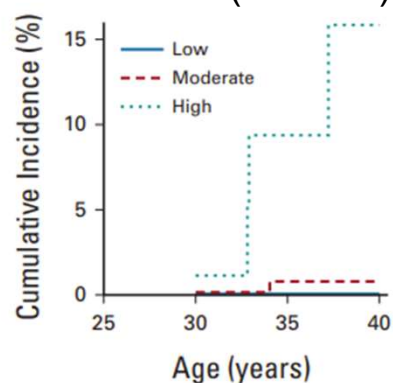
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Predictors: Race/ethnicity, age at cancer diagnosis, nephrectomy, nephrotoxic chemotherapy, abdominal RT (kidney RT dose), congenital genitourinary anomalies, hypertension (within 5y dx)

TABLE 3. Integer Risk Scores Associated With Late Kidney Failure and Corresponding Prediction Model Performance (continued)

Variable	Simple Model	Dose-Specific Model
SJLIFE (validation)		
AUC	0.83 (95% CI, 0.73 to 0.96)	0.88 (95% CI, 0.72 to 0.98)
C-statistic	0.86 (95% CI, 0.75 to 0.96)	0.88 (95% CI, 0.71 to 0.98)
NWTS (validation)		
AUC	0.62 (95% CI, 0.54 to 0.68)	0.67 (95% CI, 0.61 to 0.77)
C-statistic	0.63 (95% CI, 0.56 to 0.70)	0.64 (95% CI, 0.59 to 0.73)

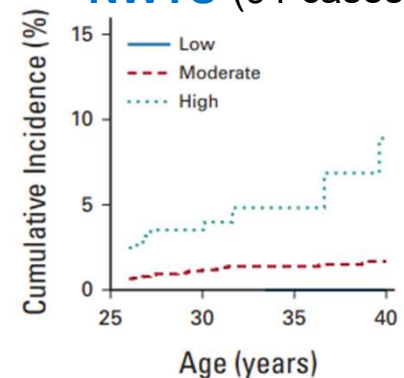
SJLIFE (8 cases)



No. at risk:

Low	1,750	457	327	212
Moderate	652	139	88	46
High	88	20	10	8

NWTS (91 cases)



No. at risk:

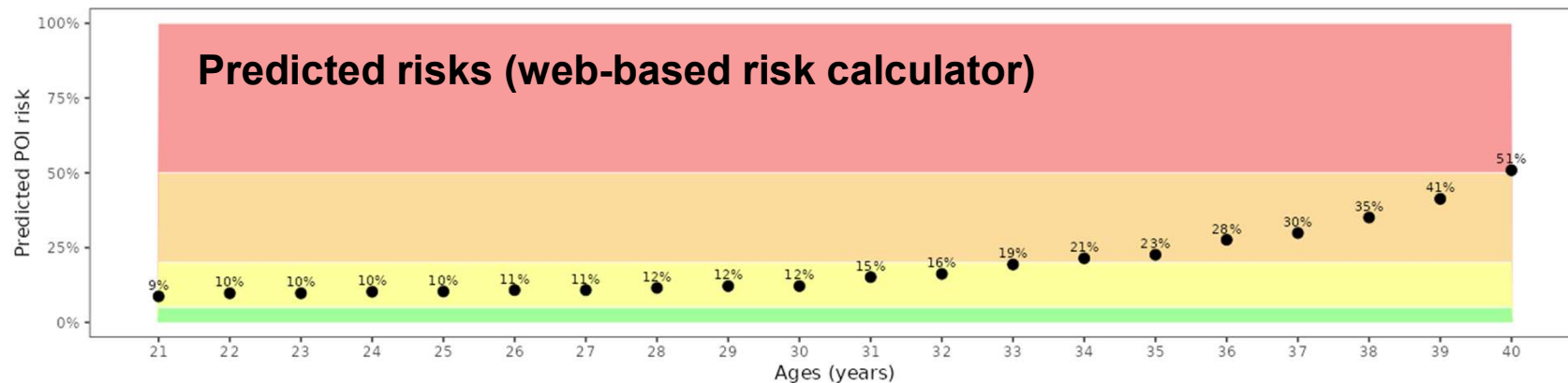
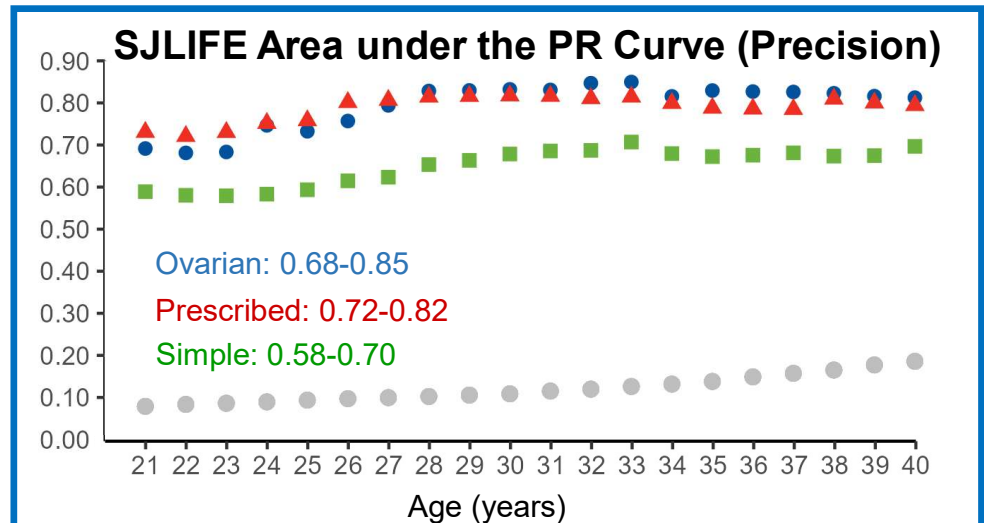
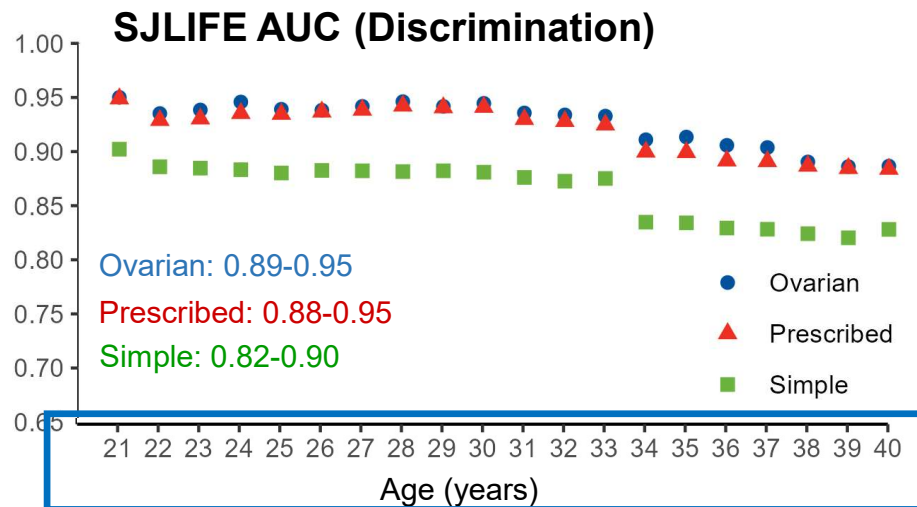
Low			65	44
Moderate	5,817	1,474	1,034	421
High	969	244	67	45

Wu et al., J Clin Oncol (2023)

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Risk prediction: Age-specific POI risk estimates

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Im et al., Lancet Oncol (2023)

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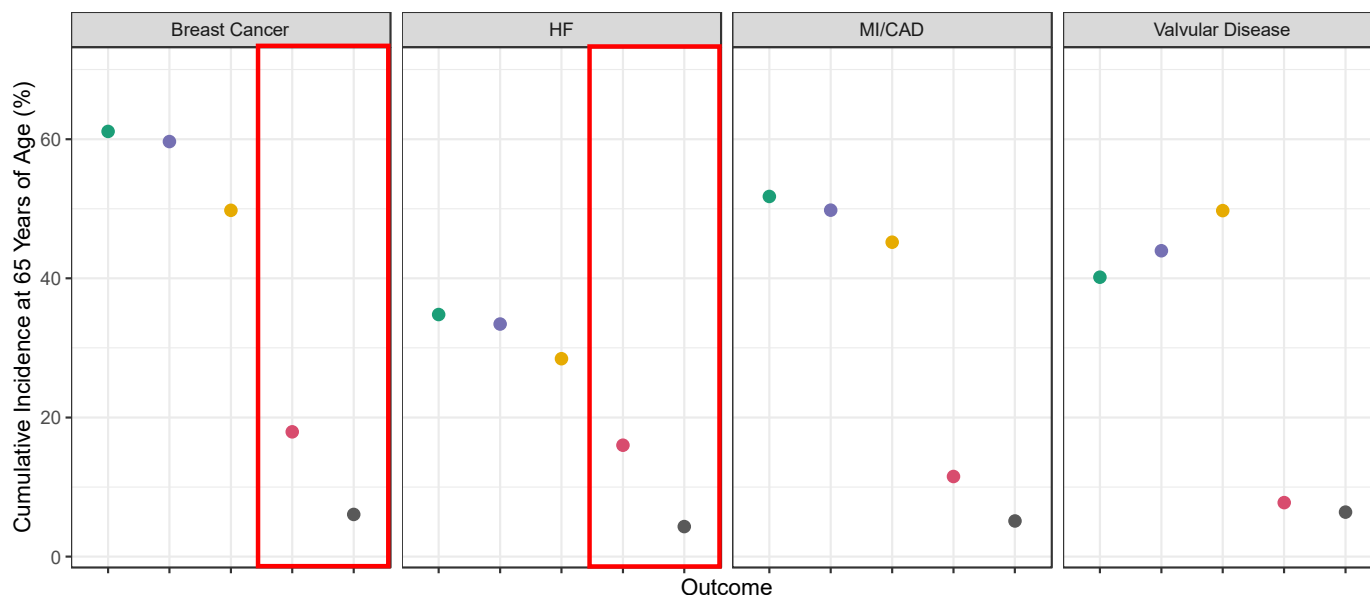
Health outcome comparative modeling : Trends in outcomes among HL survivors

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Building upon Oeffinger et al. (JCO 2021), project long-term outcomes for HL treatment exposure subgroups using the COMPASS model

- Presented at SMDM 2025

- Extended-field RT
- Chest RT ≥ 35 Gy
- Chest RT < 35 Gy
- Chemo Only
- General Population



Improved outcomes are projected for HL survivors treated without chest RT, but survivors will still face elevated risks for breast cancer and heart failure

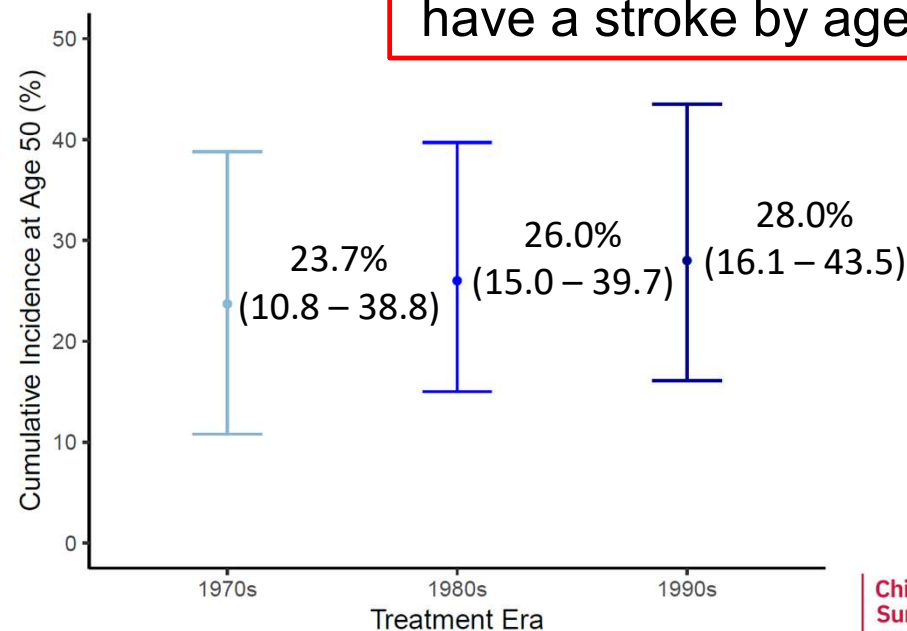
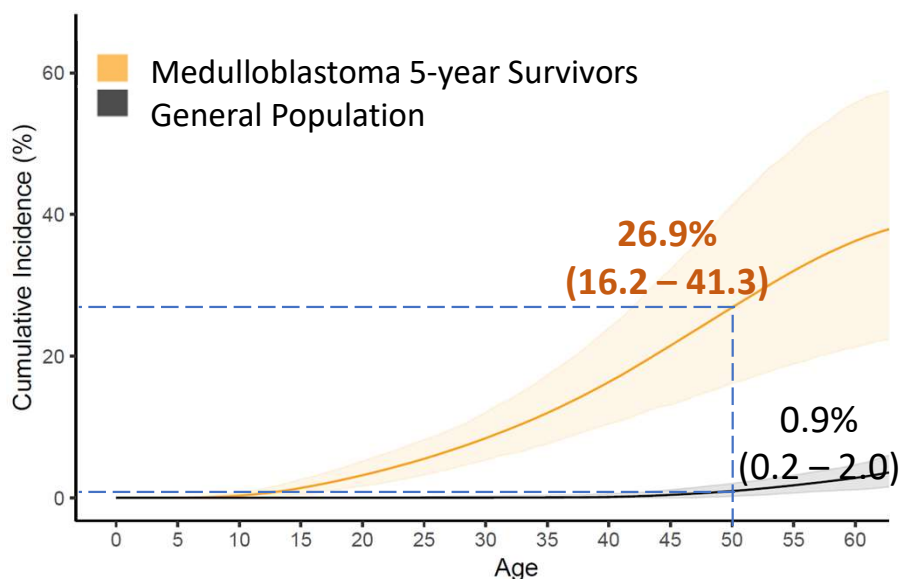
Health outcome comparative modeling : Trends in outcomes among medullo survivors

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Project long-term outcomes for medulloblastoma survivors based on treatment era using the COMPASS model

- Presented at SNO Pediatric-Neuro-Oncology 2025

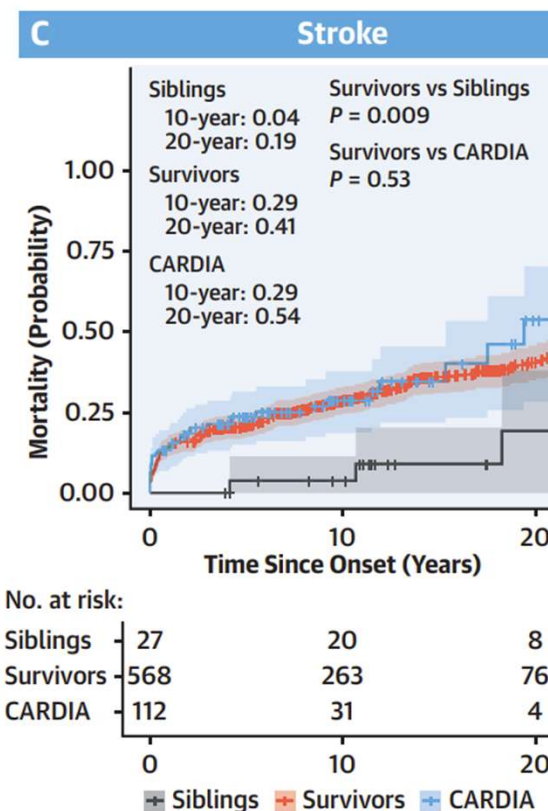
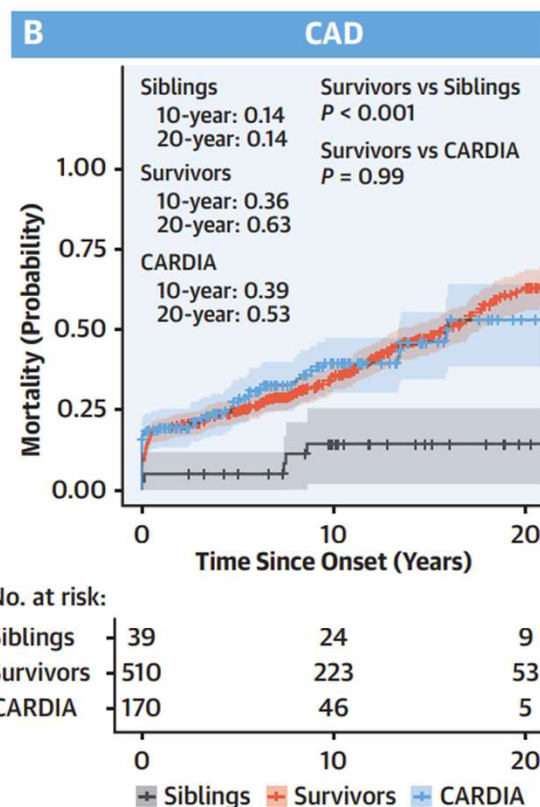
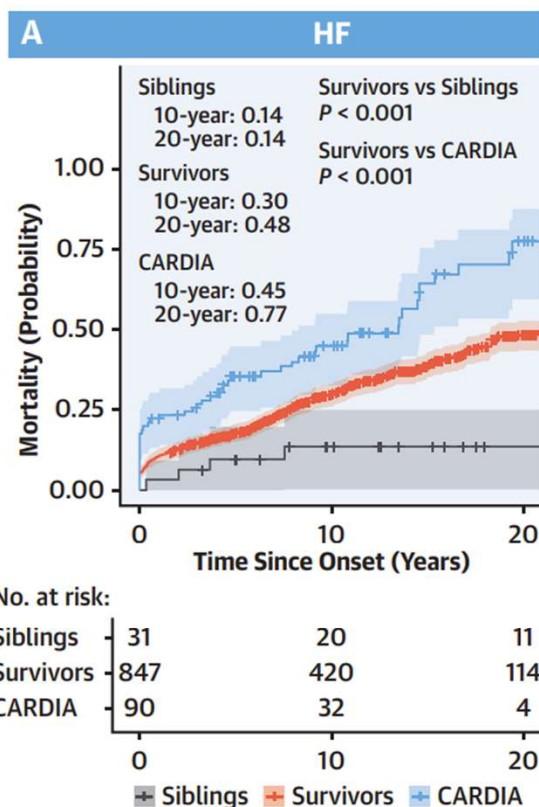
An estimated 1 in 4 survivors projected to have a stroke by age 50



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Mortality after major cardiovascular events: Comparison with CARDIA

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Bottinor et al., JACC (2024)

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Decision modeling: Subsequent breast cancer screening guidelines

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Health Benefits and Cost-Effectiveness of Children's Oncology Group Breast Cancer Screening Guidelines for Chest-Irradiated Hodgkin Lymphoma Survivors

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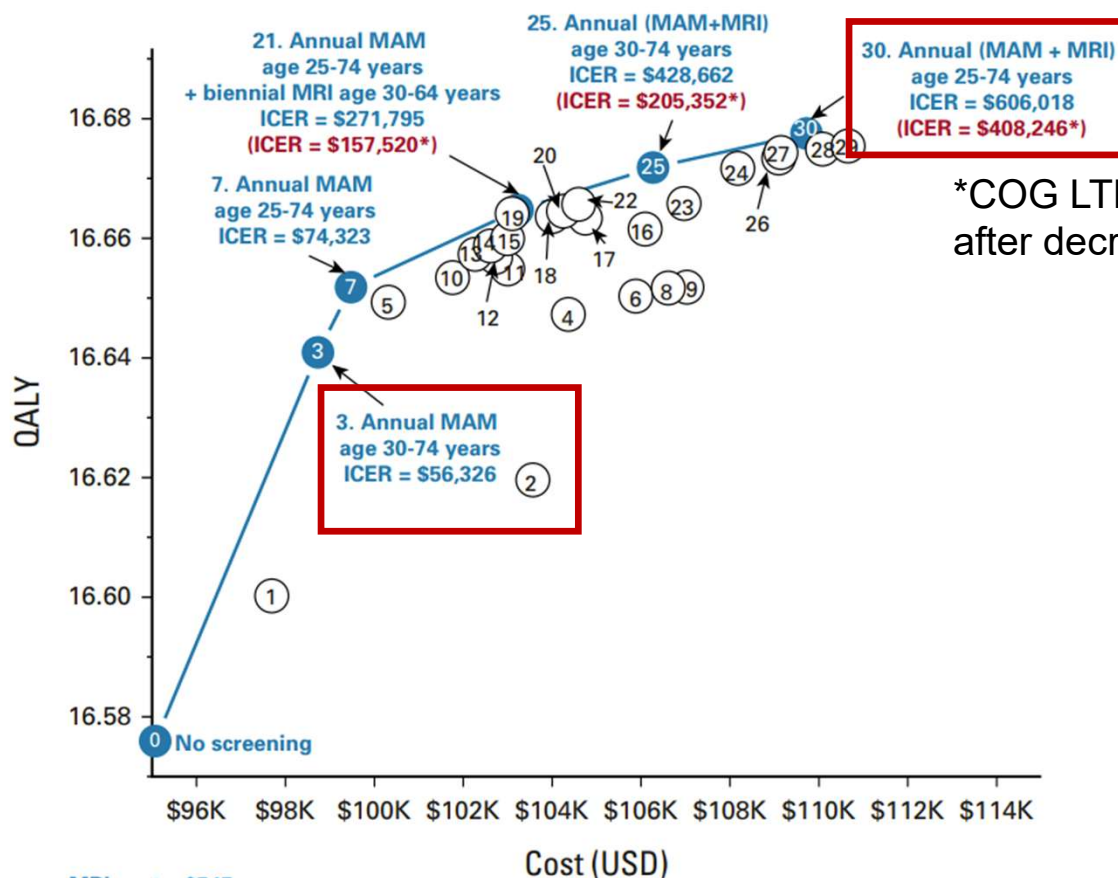
Evaluate multiple breast cancer screening strategies where RCT is not feasible

- Assess COG LTFU Guidelines: annual MAM + MRI at age 25y or 8y after chest RT
- Discrete-event microsimulation modeling using risk estimates from CCSS HL survivors

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*COG LTFU: not cost-effective even after decreasing breast MRI costs

MRI cost = \$545
* MRI cost = \$300

Wong et al., J Clin Oncol (2022)

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