# Prostate Cancer Managing side effects of ADT



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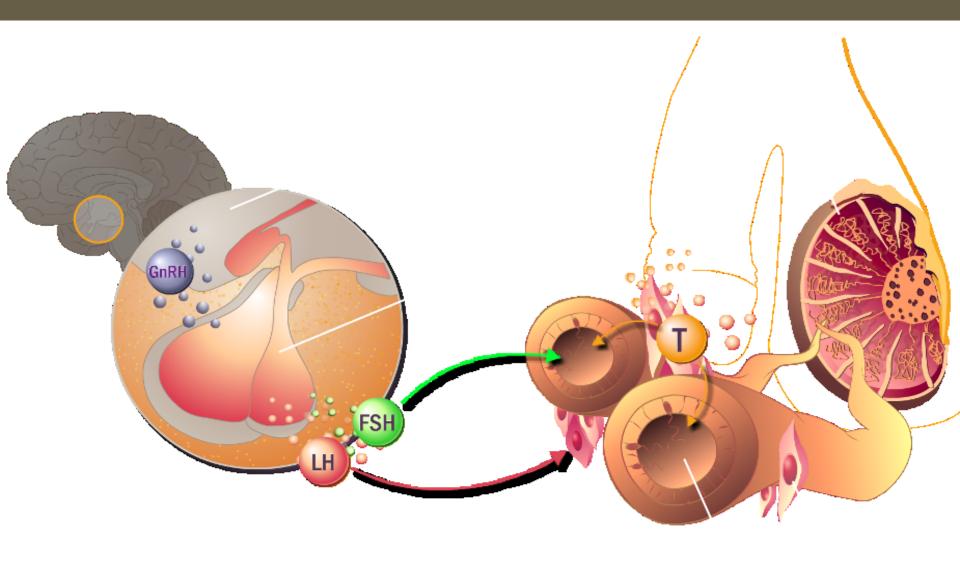




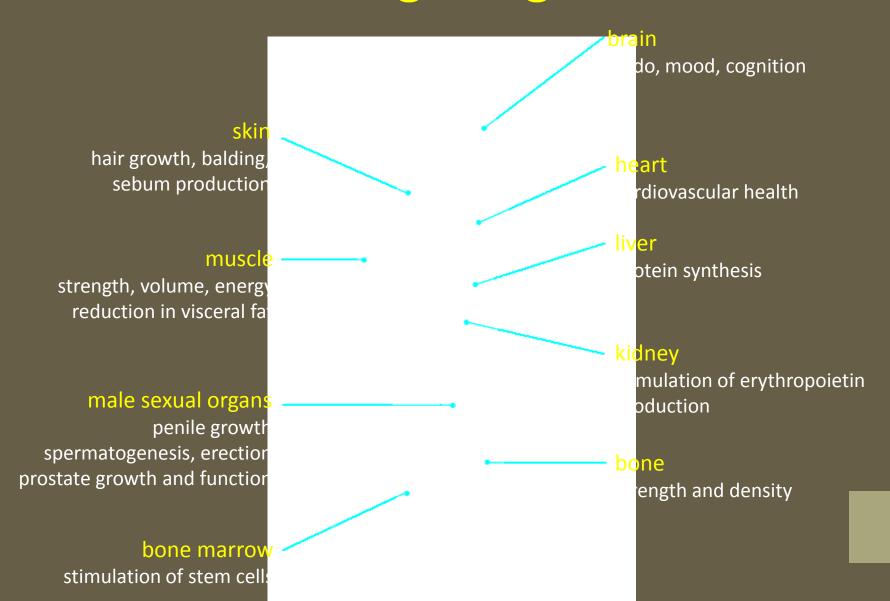
## Objectives

- Discuss the history of androgen axis based agents in prostate cancer
- 2. Discuss current androgen axis agents and their mechanisms of action
- 3. Identify side effects associated with these therapies
- 4. Highlight methods to reduce the burden of these side effects for patients
- Highlight implementation of these methods in a busy office

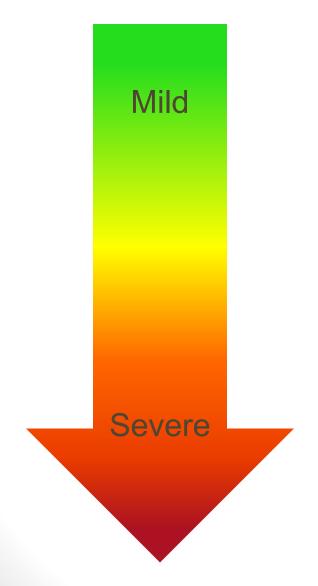
## Testosterone Biosynthesis



### **Testosterone: Target Organs**

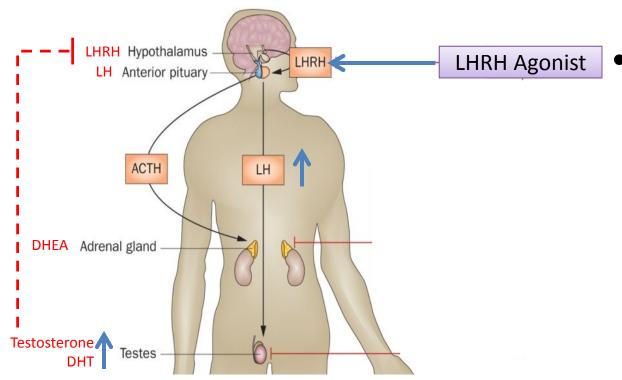


## Order of appearance of signs and symptoms as testosterone levels fall



- Decreased libido
- Decreased vitality
- Fatigue
- Mood changes
- Insomnia
- Anemia
- Delayed ejaculation
- Flushes
- Erectile dysfunction
- Decreased muscle mass
- Increased visceral body fat
- Testicular atrophy
- Weakness
- Osteopenia/osteoporosis
- Thinning of facial hair, loss of axillary and pubic hair

## Androgen Deprivation Therapy (ADT)



#### Agonists

-Over-stimulate the hypothalamus-pituitary-adrenal-testes axis stopping the production of testosterone and DHT via a feedback loop

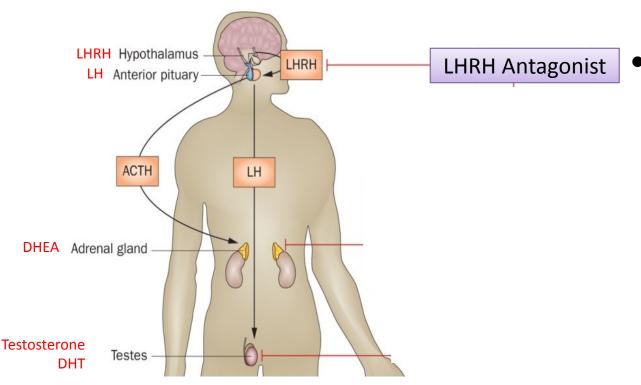
-Goserelin, Leuprolide

-Flare phenomenon





### Androgen Deprivation Therapy (ADT)



Antagonists

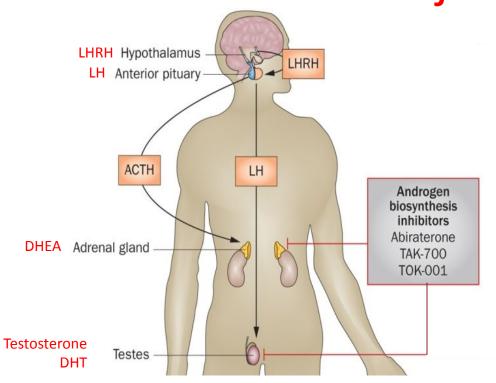
-Inhibit
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entire axis
reducing the
production of
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DHT

-Degarelix





## Androgen Deprivation Therapy (ADT) Adjuncts

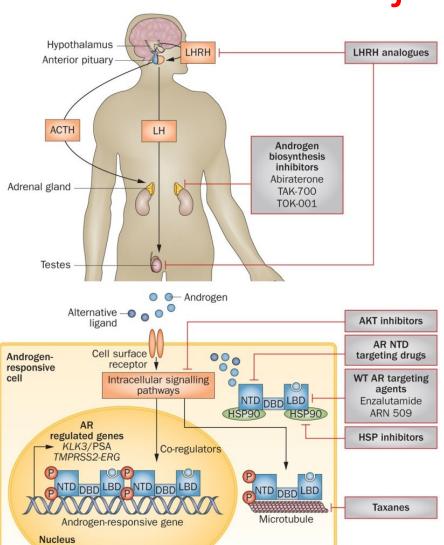


- Androgen biosynthesis inhibitors
  - Ketoconazole,Abiraterone,TAK-700, TOK-001



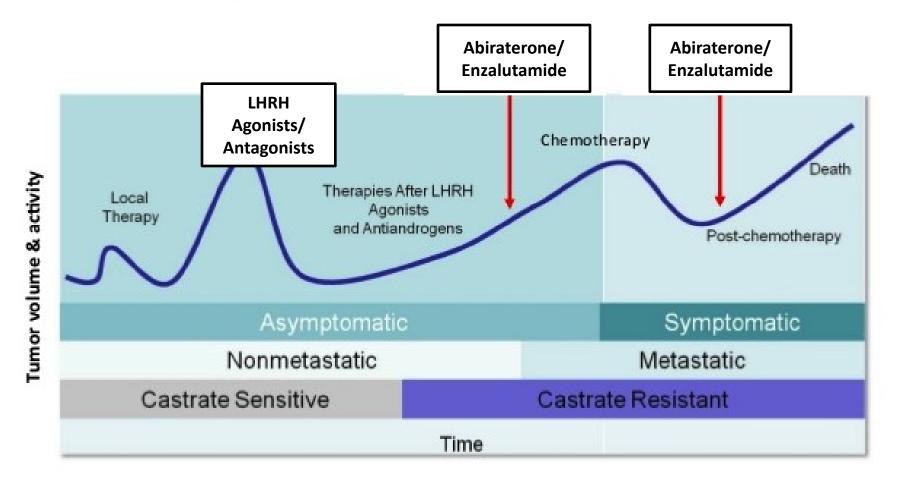


## Androgen Deprivation Therapy (ADT) Adjuncts



- Androgen receptor inhibitors
  - Bicalutamide,
     Nilutamide,
     Flutamide
     Enzalutamide

## Timeline for agent use in prostate cancer progression







## Summary of ADT and adjuncts

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|------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Category                     | Examples   | Mechanism of action  | When to use  | Coverage in Canada  |
| LHRH agonists                | Buserelin,<br>Goserelin,<br>Histrelin,<br>Leuprolide,<br>Triptorelin         | Over-stimulate the hypothalamus-<br>pituitary-adrenal-testes axis stopping the<br>production of testosterone and DHT via a<br>feedback loop            | Rising PSA despite local<br>therapy; CaP that cannot<br>be treated with local<br>therapy | Buserelin-yes<br>Goserelin-yes<br>Histrelin- no in BC<br>Leuprolide-yes<br>Triptorelin-no in BC |
| LHRH antagonists             | Degarelix,<br>Cetrorelix,<br>Ganirelix,<br>Abarelix                          | Inhibit activation of the entire axis reducing the production of testosterone and DHT  | Rising PSA despite local<br>therapy; CaP that cannot<br>be treated with local<br>therapy | Degarelix-yes<br>Cetrorelix unknown<br>Ganirelix unknown<br>Abarelix unknown                    |
| Androgen<br>biosynthesis     | Abiraterone,<br>Ketoconazole,<br>Cyprotereone<br>acetate,<br>TAK-700,TOK-001 | Inhibit the production of adrenal and intra-tumoral synthesis of testosterone  | CRPC with evidence of metastasis or rising PSA on ADT                                    | Abiraterone- yes<br>Ketoconazole- yes<br>Cyprotereone acetate- yes                              |
| Androgen receptor            | Bicalutamide,<br>Flutamide,<br>Nilutamide,<br>Enzalutamide                   | Inhibit the activation of the androgen receptor  | CRPC with evidence of metatastasis or rising PSA on ADT; occasionally adjunct to ADT     | Bicalutamide- yes<br>Flutamide- yes<br>Nilutamide- yes<br>Enzalutamide-*yes (special authority) |
| 5 alpha-reductase inhibitors | Dutasteride,<br>Finasteride  | Inhibit the conversion of testosterone to more potent androgen DHT via blockade of 5 alpha reductase   | ВРН  | Dutasteride- yes<br>Finasteride- yes  |
| Chemotherapy                 | Docetaxel,<br>Cabazitaxel,<br>Mitoxantrone                                   | Interferes with cell division  | CRPC or rising PSA on ADT or adjunct to ADT  | Docetaxol-yes;<br>Carbazetaxol is restricted in BC<br>Mitoxantrone unknown                      |
| Bone targeting agents        | Zoledronic acid,<br>Denosumab  | Zoledronic acid is a bisphosphonate Denosumab is a RANK ligand inhibitor Treat/prevent osteoporotic fracture; Prevent or delay sketetal related events | Treat/prevent<br>osteoporotic fracture;<br>Prevent or delay skeletal<br>related events   | Zoledronic acid- yes (palliative)<br>Denosumab- yes   |
| Immunotherapies              | Sipuleucel-T   | Induces immune response targeted against PAP, an antigen expressed in most CaP   | CRPC with metastasis and no or minimal symptoms  | Sipuleucel-T-no, Health Canada approval pending   |
| Radio-<br>pharmaceuticals    | Radium-223   | Calcium mimetic that gives off alpha radiation when taken up in bone   | CRPC with bone metastasis  | Radium-223- no  |

### What are the side effects of ADT drugs?

#### *If testosterone affects.....*

- Sexual function
- Mood and cognition
- Bone density
- Muscle bulk and strength
- Erythropoiesis (anemia)
- Autonomic function (sweating)
- Cardiovascular health
- Metabolic parameters
- Energy

Then side effects of castrate levels of testosterone are predictable but diverse and individualized





## The %

| Adverse Effects                      | Prevalence Rate (%) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Genital shrinkage: penile length lo  | 93%                 |
| Cessation of sexual activity         | 80-93%              |
| Mild anemia                          | 82%                 |
| Erectile dysfunction/impotence       | 73-95%              |
| Weight gain                          | 70%                 |
| Hyperglycemia                        | 65%                 |
| Concern about body image             | 60%                 |
| Loss of libido/sexual interest/drive | 58-91%              |
| Metabolic syndrome (risk as early    | 55%                 |
| Hypertriglyceridemia                 | 55%                 |
| Osteoporosis 2 years on ADT          | 53%                 |
| Perceived loss of masculinity        | 50%                 |
| Hot flashes                          | 44-80%              |
| Decline in executive functioning     | 38-48%              |
| HDL cholesterol < 40mg/dL            | 35%                 |
| Fatigue or decreased energy          | 33-47%              |
| Decline in spatial ability           | 24-47%              |
| Breast swelling                      | 25%                 |
| Decline in verbal memory             | 19-48%              |
| Breast tenderness                    | 19%                 |
| Average increase in arterial stiffen | 17%                 |
| Osteoporosis 10 years on ADT         | 15-81%              |
| Depression                           | 14%                 |
| Bone fracture                        | 14%                 |
| Gynecomastia                         | 13%                 |
| Average HDL rise at 3 months         | 9-20%               |
| Diabetes type II risk                | 9%                  |
| Night sweats                         | 5%                  |
| Mood swings                          | 2%                  |
|                                      |                     |

## Potential Complications from ADT: Patient Perspective

| What physicians commonly tell you | What you feel                         | What you see  | What you don't see               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Loss of libido                    | Fatigue or loss of energy, initiative | Weight gain   | Loss of bone mineral density     |
| Erectile dysfunction              | Aches and pains                       | Loss of muscle mass and strength                          | Changes in lipids                |
| Hot flashes                       | Low spirits,<br>depression            | Increased subcutaneous tissue, especially hips and thighs | Glucose intolerance,<br>diabetes |
|                                   | Emotional lability                    | Gynecomastia  | Anemia                           |
|                                   | Cognitive changes                     | Decrease in testicular size and penile length             | Increased cardiovascular risk?   |
|                                   |                                       | Loss of body hair   |                                  |

## Managing your patients with ADT side effects

#### The common complaints

- Hot flashes
- Fatigue/weight gain
- Low libido/erectile dysfunction
- Mental and cognitive effects

#### The big risk factors

- Cardiovascular events
- Metabolic changes
- Bone fractures

The reality: living with a partner on ADT





## ADT adverse effects on sex, weight and hot flashes

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| Mild anemia                                 | 82%                 |
| Cessation of sexual activity                | 80-93%              |
| Erectile dysfunction/impotence              | 73-95%              |
| Weight gain                                 | 70%                 |
| Hot flashes                                 | 44-80%              |

## "Doctor I can't keep taking this stuff...I hate the hot flashes"

Efficacy of venlafaxine, medroxyprogesterone acetate, and cyproterone acetate for the treatment of vasomotor hot flushes in men taking gonadotropin-releasing hormone analogues for prostate cancer: a double-blind, randomised trial



Jacques Irani, Laurent Salomon, Rostand Oba, Philippe Bauchard, Nicolas Mattet

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Gabapentin for the Management of Hot Flashes in Prostate
Cancer Survivors: A Longitudinal Continuation Study – NCCTG
Trial N00CB<sup>1</sup>

Amanda R. Moraska, M.S.<sup>2</sup>, Pamela J. Atherton, M.S.<sup>2</sup>, Daniel W. Szydlo<sup>2</sup>, Debra L. Barton, Ph.D.<sup>2</sup>, Philip J. Stella, M.D.<sup>4</sup>, Kendrith M. Rowland Jr, M.D.<sup>5</sup>, Paul L. Schaefer, M.D.<sup>6</sup>, James Krook, M.D.<sup>7</sup>, James D. Bearden III, M.D.<sup>8</sup>, and Charles L. Loprinzi, M.D.<sup>2</sup>

### Hot Flashes with ADT

- True incidence has not been measured (but ...55% - 80%)
- Do not necessarily abate over the course of therapy
- Agents utilized:
  - gabapentin 300 mg at hs or 300 mg q 8 hrs and titrate
  - venlafaxine helps hot flashes and depressive symptoms (Effexor 12.5 mg and 25 mg Effexor XR)

### Hot Flashes with ADT continued...

- cyproterone acetate reduces subjective symptoms related to hot flashes
- diethylstilbestrol (DES) is oral (not good) while other estrogens (compounded) gels and patches reduce thrombotic risk: best is topical estradiol\*
- medroxyprogesterone acetate 85% effective but can be associated with PSA increase (reversed with withdrawal)
- acupuncture +/- , soy ?
- clonidine shown not to be useful as compared to placebo

### ADT adverse effects on energy and fatigue

| Adverse Effects             | Prevalence Rate (%) |  |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Fatigue or decreased energy | 33-47%              |  |
| Mild anemia                 | 82%                 |  |

## Medications for ADT fatigue

- Use of Amantadine (in fatigue in MS, TBI etc. for its dopaminergic and adrenergic activity) and Modafinil (traditionally for sleep disorders) used to decrease fatigue and depression not been studied in ADT
- Although the single site clinical trial was closed early due to poor accrual Richard et al. demonstrated that methylphenidate (Ritalin and Concerta) was associated with improved fatigue as compared to placebo (p=0.0220 and also improved QOL (p=0.04)
- Bottom Line: no useful drugs known to date





## ADT fatigue: exercise works

- Cormie et al. randomized 63 men scheduled to receive ADT to a 3-month supervised exercise program or usual care and found that those in the exercise program had better preserved fatigue (p=0.042), social functioning (p=0.015) and mental health (P=0.022)
- Gardner et al. conducted a literature review of and found that exercise training demonstrated benefits in fatigue amongst other side effects of ADT

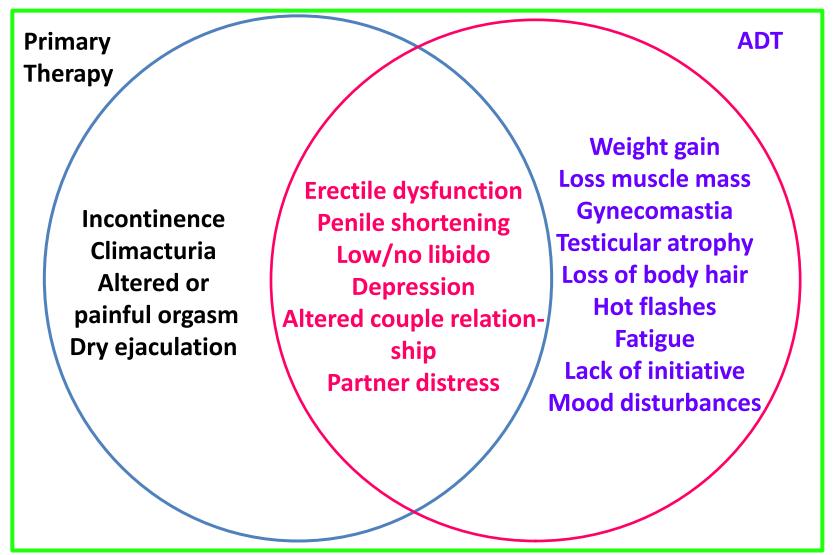
## Doctor I just can't have sex...

- My erection is gone...
- I don't have the old desire but I want to be intimate – I miss my partner...





## Effects of primary therapy and ADT on sexuality and intimacy



## What happens to sexual function when testosterone levels decline?

Erectile capacity in response to visual stimulation is less sensitive to androgen than is sexual interest, fantasy and cognitive sexual activities

1<sup>st</sup>: sexual drive /libido changes

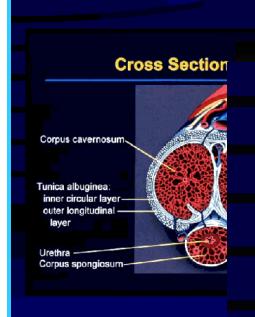
2<sup>nd</sup>: ejaculatory changes\*

3<sup>rd</sup>: loss of nocturnal erections

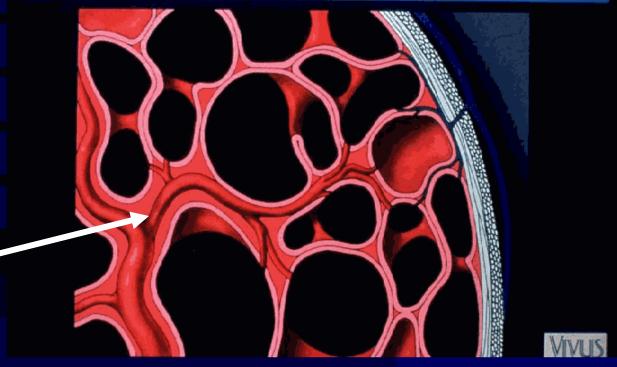
4<sup>th</sup>: loss of daytime/erotic erections

Younger verses older man

Intermittent vs continuous ADT









Tonic smooth muscle contraction

**Smooth muscle relaxation** 

### Castration: what happens to the genitals?

- Changes the critical balance of trabecular smooth muscle (apoptosis) and connective tissue (increase in intracellular matrix)
- Accumulation of fat containing cells just below the tunica, contributing to the impaired veno-occlusive mechanism.
- Penile fibrotic changes may be permanent: philosophy of penile rehabilitation.

**Translation: loss of erectile capacity** 

The genitals shrink: penis length, girth and testicular volume

Penile rehabilitation plays a role in preservation





### **Assisting with Sexual Side Effects**

- Take the complete sexual history (\sqrt{erection, no ejaculate,}
  orgasmic delay, potential pain with orgasm, body image
  difficulties, sexual self-esteem) and not just focus on erection
  enhancement
- Men may not know erection not required for orgasm
- Can be a dissociation between lack of libido and the need to have an erection—don't assume men on ADT don't wish to have an erection if libido is low
- Men wish to remain sexual for intimacy purposes, just like their partners (positive affirmation of life)





## Sexual decline: How can you help?

- Exercise, lifestyle improvements are the substrates of sexual energy and motivation
- Medical therapies for erection improvement
- most often ED in older men is comorbid with vascular issues
- below a threshold of testosterone of <u>10.4 nmol/L</u>, the efficacy of PDE5i is suboptimal
- often require penile injection therapy (PGE1 may or may not be tolerated)
   or vacuum erection device
- past quality of sexual life and partner involvement best + predictors
- Deal with orgasmic problems—refer?
- Psychological and/or relationship counseling
- Access: specialized sexual health services in BC

## Mental and cognitive effects of ADT

- ADT causes alterations in cognition with specific effects on memory in some men (conflicting studies)
- Can be described as a "brain fog" or generalized forgetfulness, lack of motivation, noted effects on visuomotor processing
- +/- improvement with estrogen\*
- Can affect work and partner relationships
- Can alter self esteem, usual assertiveness and in some cases lead to depression

## Cognition effects: what to do?

- Acknowledge emotional lability is to be expected
- Cognitive workshops may have a benefit (under investigation)
- Exercise is the most important
- Utilize "brain food" and antioxidants
- Reduce alcohol and other depressants
- Lack of androgens the issue—some help in some men with other hormones (estrogens\*)
- Monitor and treat for major depression

## Depression and ADT

- Known correlation with lowered testosterone, hypogonadism and depression risk
- ADT patients had higher depression rates than men with radical prostatectomy alone or noncancer controls at initial intake (28%, 12%,5%) and 6 months later (39%, 11%, 9%)\*

 ADT patients should receive particular focus in depression screening and intervention

## CV and Metabolic ADT Adverse Effects

| Adverse Effects             | Prevalence Rate (%) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Metabolic syndrome          | 55%                 |
| Osteoporosis 2 years on ADT | 53%                 |
| Bone fracture               | 14%                 |
| Diabetes type II risk       | 9%                  |

## "Doctor, I can't lose weight and my sugars are always high..."

review

Annals of Oncology 22: 2556-2580, 2011 doi:10.1093/annonc/mdr037 Published online 18 March 2011

#### Metformin in prostate cancer: two for the price of one

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A prospective, randomized pilot study evaluating the effects of metformin and lifestyle intervention on patients with prostate cancer receiving androgen deprivation therapy

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Foundation Trust, Guildford, UK
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### Body composition and lipid changes on ADT

- Most gain between 2.3 6.0 kg
- Fat increases, lean body mass decreases
- Increases appetite, insulin levels, increased visceral fat
- Weight gain from ADT not readily lost
- Lipids increase in unpredictable ways
- Lipid changes associated with increases in insulin levels and central arterial pressure
- Increases risk of metabolic syndrome and diabetes
- Key
  - Nutritional counseling
  - Supervised exercise program (can also help with bone loss and fatigue)
  - No evidence for starting metformin in non-diabetic /non-MetS





## "Doctor what does this drug do to my heart..."



Critical Reviews in Oncology/Hematology 86 (2013) 42-51



The cardiovascular risk of gonadotropin releasing hormone agonists in men with prostate cancer: An unresolved controversy

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Platinum Priority – Prostate Cancer Editorial by Derek J. Rosario, Liam Bourke and Nancy L. Keating on pp. 574–576 of this issue

#### Cardiovascular Morbidity Associated with Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone Agonists and an Antagonist

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### Metabolic and Cardiovascular Effects of Hypogonadism versus ADT

|   | Hypogonadism                | ADT  |
|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Definition by T level                       | T < 325 ng/dL (11.3 nmol/L) | T < 50ng/dL (1.7 nmol/L) or <20 ng/dL (0.7 nmol/L)             |
| Time to reach low T levels                  | years                       | hours to days  |
| Metabolic syndrome                          | yes                         | metabolic abnormalities  |
| Insulin resistance/diabetes                 | yes                         | yes, at 3 mos  |
| Obesity                                     | yes                         | yes  |
| Lipid abnormalities                         | yes                         | triglycerides up   |
| Hypertension                                | yes                         | no   |
| Cardiovascular death increased <sup>1</sup> | yes                         | depends <sup>2,3</sup>   |
| Increased all cause mortality <sup>1</sup>  | yes                         | yes in selected high risk:<br>Previous hx CHF, MI <sup>4</sup> |

T, testosterone; hx, history; CHF, congestive heart failure; MI, myocardial infarction

#### ADT and cardiovascular disease 2014

- Patients with pre-existing cardiovascular disease\* are at increased risk for CV events when treated with ADT
- GnRH antagonists may be associated with less risk than GnRH agonists
  - requires prospective evaluation
- Patients should be advised to follow lifestyle interventions to reduce risk

#### ADT and cardiovascular disease 2014

- Meta- analysis of 129,802 ADT users, and 165,605 controls\*
   which showed ADT increased the overall cardiovascular risk
- Controversy is for who?: pre-existing CVD is at consistently higher risk maybe due to involvement of T—lymphocytes (very prevalent in mature plaques more prone to rupture and secondly are activated by GnRH?)
- Risk primarily due to LHRH drugs (heart may have LHRH receptors?) not to antiandrogens or castration but not proven.

Bottom Line: starting CVD patients (i.e., prior MI or CHF) on ADT will lead to increased risk of CV events

## "Doctor did this drug cause my bone fracture....could it have been prevented? ..."

DOI:http://dx.doi.org/10.7314/APJCP.2013.14.5.3337 Bisphosphonates for Osteoporosis in Androgen-deprivation PCa Cases

#### RESEARCH ARTICLE

Bisphosphonates for Osteoporosis in Nonmetastatic Prostate Cancer Patients Receiving Androgen-deprivation Therapy: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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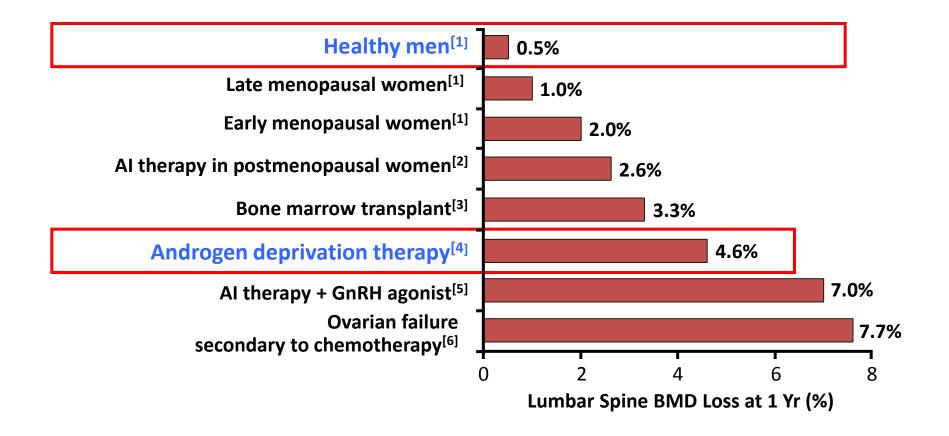
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REVIEW ARTICLE

Bone Health in Adult Cancer Survivorship

Maryam B. Lussberg, Raquel E. Retnbols, and Charles L. Shaptro

### **ADT-associated bone loss**



### How does ADT affect bone health?

- Loss of bone mineral density (BMD)
  - Rapid loss in first 6-12 months, slower thereafter
- Increased risk of fracture
  - 19.4% in ADT treated men versus 12.6% no ADT
- Loss of muscle mass and strength
  - Risk for fall and fracture

### Skeletal Complications: Approach is related to stage of disease

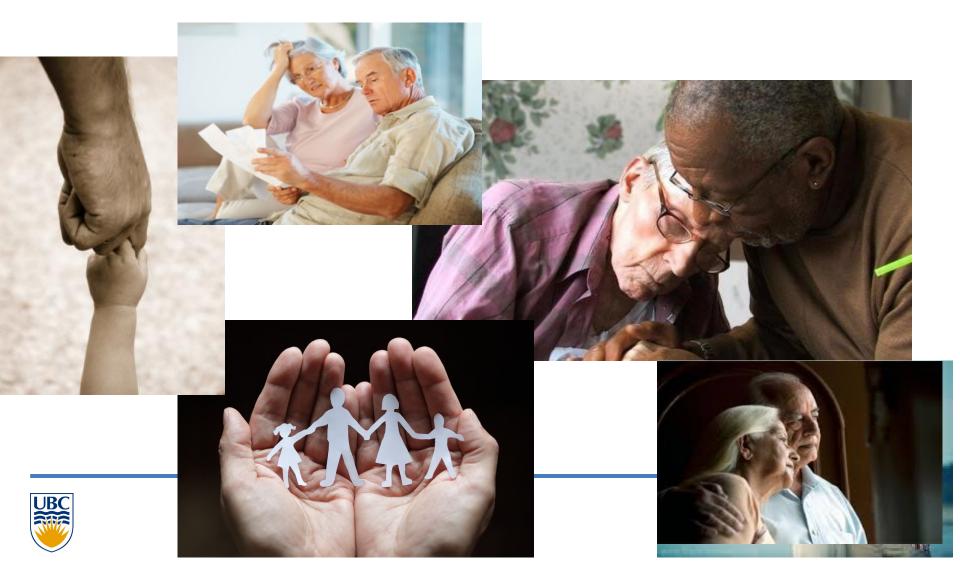
|                                   | Bone Health:<br>non-metastatic   | SRE Delay, Prevention:<br>metastatic  |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Bone scan                         | negative   | positive  |
| Goals of evaluation and treatment | Identify men at risk for<br>fracture,<br>Prevent fracture, morbidity,<br>mortality                 | Prevent SREs:<br>fracture, spinal cord<br>compression, radiation to<br>bone |
| Work-up                           | DXA, FRAX  | DXA not necessary if treating for SRE prevention                            |
| Treatment options                 | denosumab 60 mg q 6 mos* zoledronic acid 5 mg/year alendronatet risedronate raloxifene toremifene* | denosumab 120 mg q month zoledronic acid 4 mg q month                       |

<sup>\*</sup> Has been shown to reduce fracture risk

### ADT and bone health

- All patients should be on calcium and vitamin D supplements
  - 1,000 mg calcium and 800 IU vitamin D per day
- Men with moderate to high risk of 10-year risk of fracture should be offered pharmacologic therapy
  - moderate to high risk defined as over 50 who have had one fragility fracture, or those with a T score of −2.5 or lower at the lumbar spine, total hip or femoral neck
  - Denosumab is better than zoledronic acid for prevention of skeletal-related events
  - Note: when starting denosumab or zoledronic acid the patient must see a dentist to assess for dental hygiene\*

## Psychosocial and relationship issues: The Ripple Effect



# "Doctor ... I love him but he's becoming hard to live with..."

#### **Patients may experience**

- moodiness (shorter fuse)
- emotional lability (cry easily)
- depression (dysthymia or clinical depression)
- anxiety
- loss of confidence and/or assertiveness
- cognitive difficulties (esp. attention and memory)

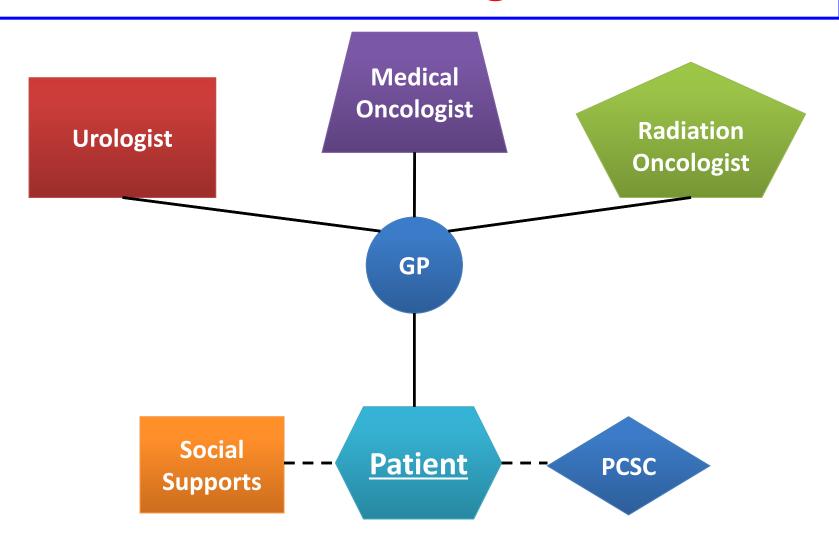
Higher risk if history of past depression??

Large social impact for patient and partner and huge impact on quality of life





## The GP in the management team



## How do you manage all this?

- Don't try to manage it all at once! Use your specialists.
- Treat it like an "ADT" work up—routine assessment of all factors (<u>longer visit</u>) with physical exam and associated follow up imaging or blood work.
- Shorter follow up visits to review:

Lipids, HbA1c, Hb, total testosterone,

- DEXA, Xray or other imaging
- Coordination with medical and rad oncologists

### How do you do this in a busy clinic?

- Utilize resources available to you:
  - Vancouver Prostate Centre Supportive Care Program's Module: Androgen Deprivation Therapy: An essential guide for prostate cancer patients and their loved ones
  - Lebret et al. created a educational tool kit for diet and physical exercise
  - Online access for patients and physicians:
    - <u>www.cancer.org/cancer/prostatecancer/detailedguide/prostate-cancer-treating-hormone-therapy</u>
    - www.medscape.com/viewarticle/738378
    - www.prostatecentre.com/patient-information/PCSC
    - www.Lifeonadt.com (patient blog)

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- 2. Managing the Impact of Prostate Cancer Treatments on Sexual Function
- 3. Lifestyle Management: exercise and nutrition
- 4. Adapting to Androgen Deprivation Therapy
- 5. Pelvic Floor Physiotherapy for Urinary Incontinence
- \* Patients or physicians: 604-875-4111, x 22946

### **Pearls**

- Ask your patients about fatigue, hot flashes, sexual and intimacy issues and partner well-being
- Discuss the importance of quality of life and methods to achieve this such as healthy diet and exercise with your patients
- Don't forget to screen for bone health, cardiovascular health and metabolic syndrome
  - Investigations: DEXA, testosterone, PSA, lipids, HbA1c





# How to help your patient on ADT and help yourself...

- Be proactive: do complete medical, psych history, physical and blood work prior to initiation of ADT as a baseline to identify pre-existing problems (eg hyperlipidemia, glucose intolerance, past depression) and for comparison over time
- <u>Educate patients</u> re: what side effects to expect from ADT and that the patient can play an active role in minimizing side effects, exercise and diet (ADT workbook, ADT educational session at the Vancouver Prostate Centre)





# How to help your patient on ADT and help yourself...

- Stress the importance of exercise as the single most beneficial therapy for ADT side effects and prevent the mental and metabolic snowball effect
- Monitor at regular intervals: prevention strategies, institute appropriate therapies (learn so you are prepared!)\* as needed (e.g., statins, metformin, antihypertensives)





# How to help your patient on ADT and help yourself...

- <u>Focus on QoL</u>: watch for medical AND psychological issues; encourage attendance at prostate cancer support groups
- <u>Listen to the patient:</u> what is most bothersome, symptomatically
- <u>Listen to the partner: he/she is</u> often the thermostat to the partner's wellbeing
- Use your <u>local and online resources</u> to help

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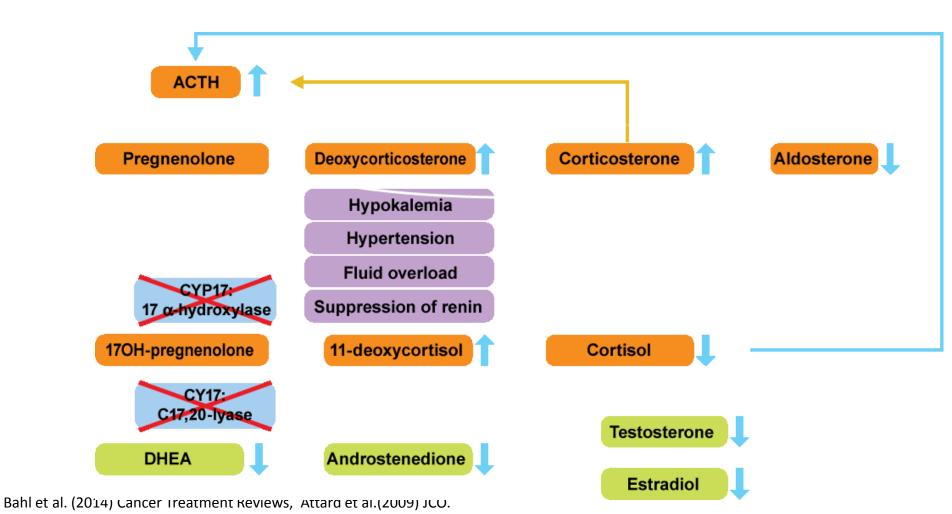
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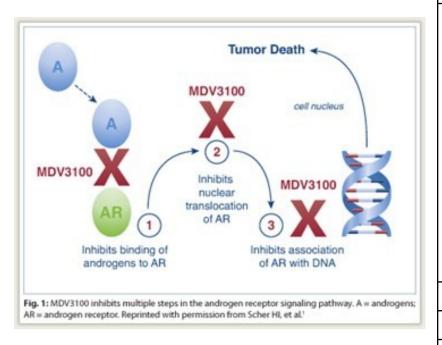
#### Abiraterone

- Order baseline CBC, liver enzymes, electrolytes, Cr, glucose
- Cycles 1-3 monitor BP, potassium, liver enzymes, bilirubin
- Do a MUGA scan or echo if cardiac history



### Enzalutamide

- Order baseline CBC, electrolytes, Cr, ECG (QT prolongation)
- Cycles 1-3 monitor BP



| DRUG INTERACTIONS   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Drugs that increase enzalutamide exposures  |  |  |  |
| CYP2C8 inhibitors   | i.e. gemfibrozil   |  |  |
| CYP3A4 inhibitors   | i.e. itraconazole  |  |  |
| Drugs that decrease enzalutamide exposures  |  |  |  |
| CYP2C8 inducers   | i.e. rifampin  |  |  |
| CYP3A4 inducers   |  |  |  |
| Drugs whose exposures may be decreased by enzalutamide  |  |  |  |
| CYP3A4, CYP2C9 and UGTAI substrates   |  |  |  |
| analgesics anticoagulants anti-epileptics anti-gout agents antipsychotics benzodiazepines B-blockers Calcium channel blockers corticosteroids anti-cancer agents HIV antivirals immune modulators macrobid statins thyroid agents | fentanyl, tramadol dabigitran, warfarin phenytoin, phenobarbitone colchicine haloperidol diazepam, mitazolam bisoprolol, propanolol diltiazem prednisone cabazitaxel indinavir, ritonavir cyclosporine |  |  |
| Drugs whose exposures may be increased by enzalutamide  |  |  |  |
| BCRP and MRP2 substrates  Drugs that sausa OT prolongation  |  |  |  |
| Drugs that cause QT prolongation  |  |  |  |