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## **Long term follow up post-transplant**

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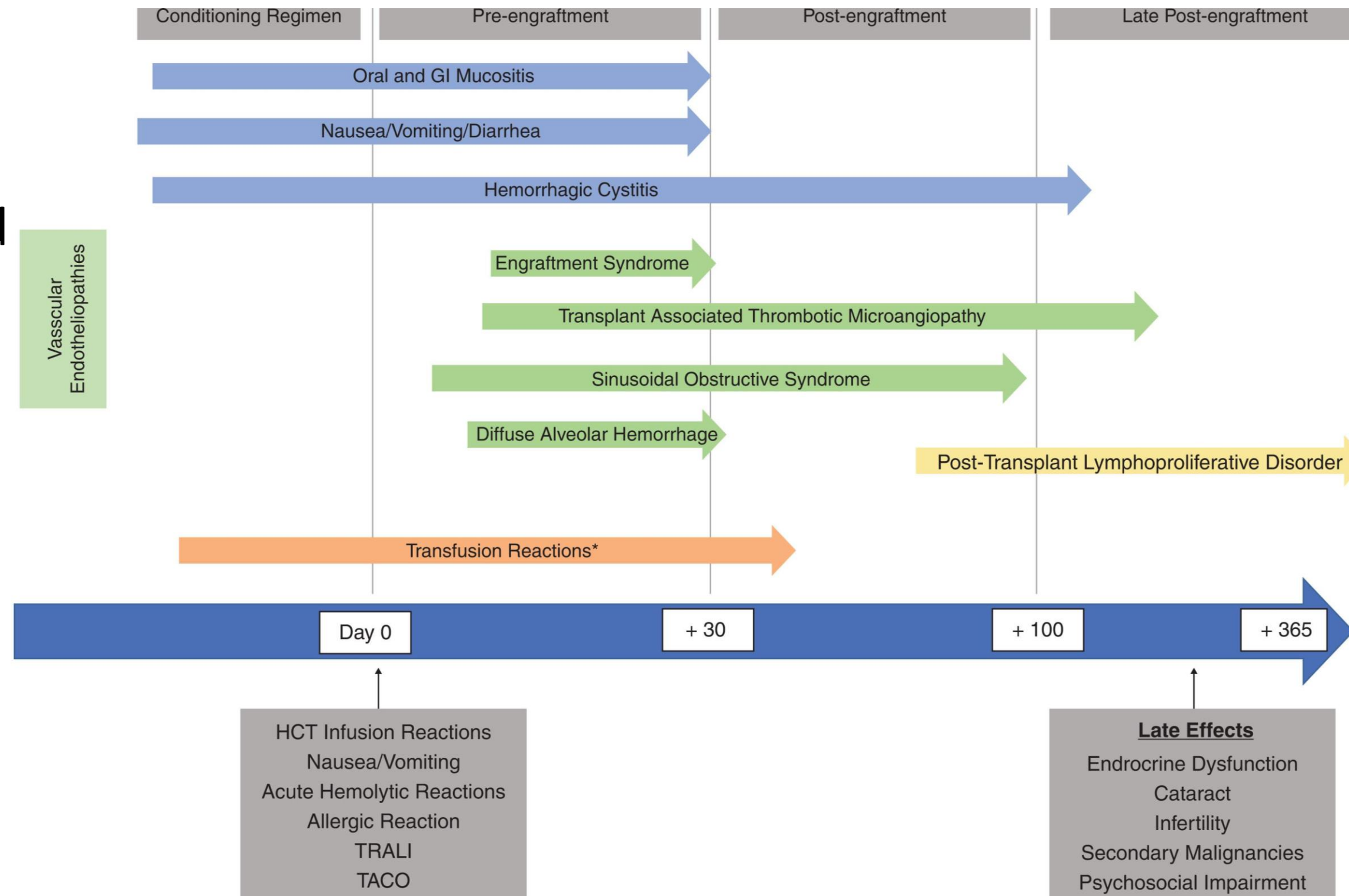
# Objectives

To understand

- Need to monitor HSCT patients
- Case based learning
- Risk-adapted/ exposure related screening
- Limitations in setting up clinics

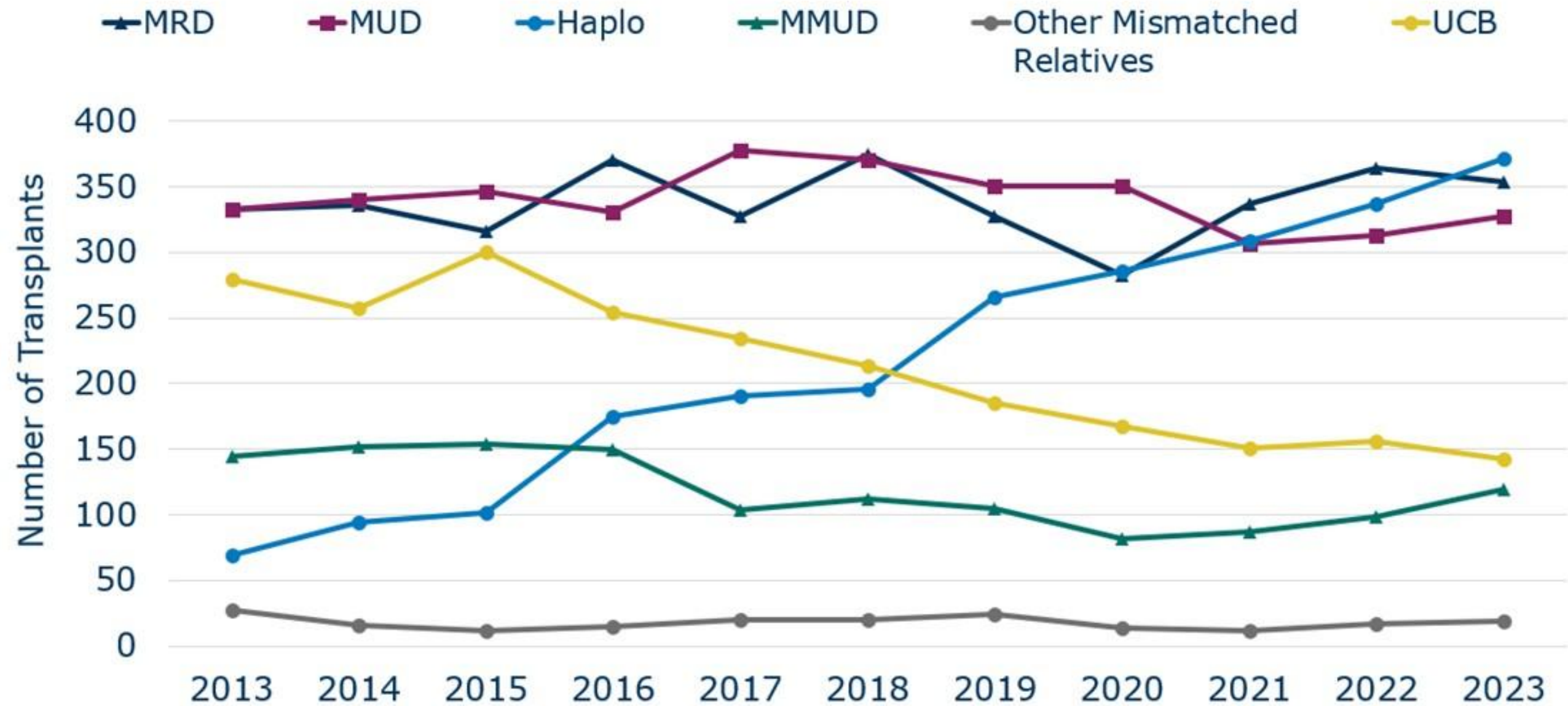
# Introduction

- HSCT =curative intent
- Increasing number of survivors
- Cumulative exposure (compared to non-HSCT gp)
  - Increasing morbidity
  - Wide range of adverse effects
  - Poor QoL
  - Premature mortality
  - Long latency between HSCT and morbidities

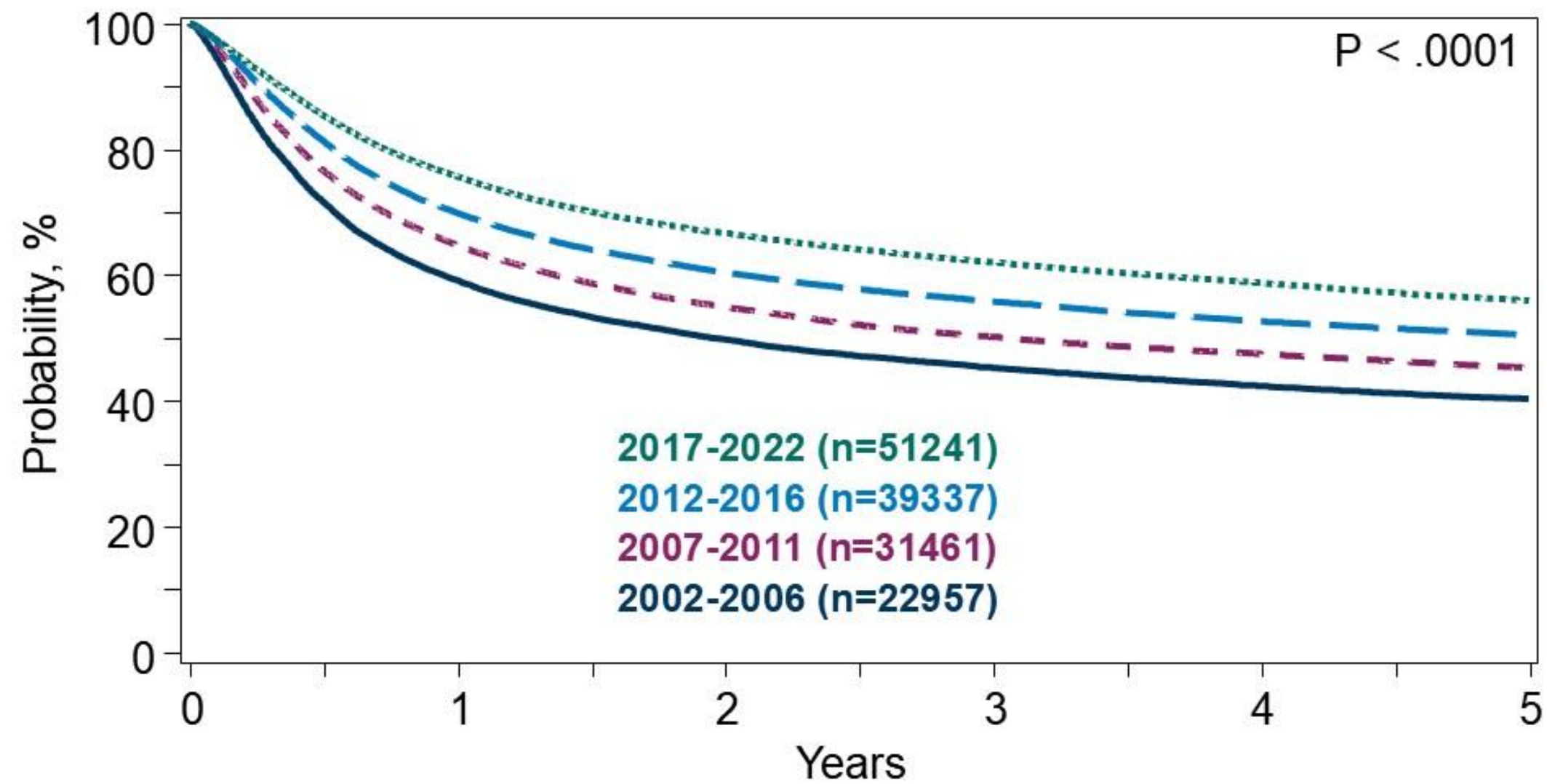


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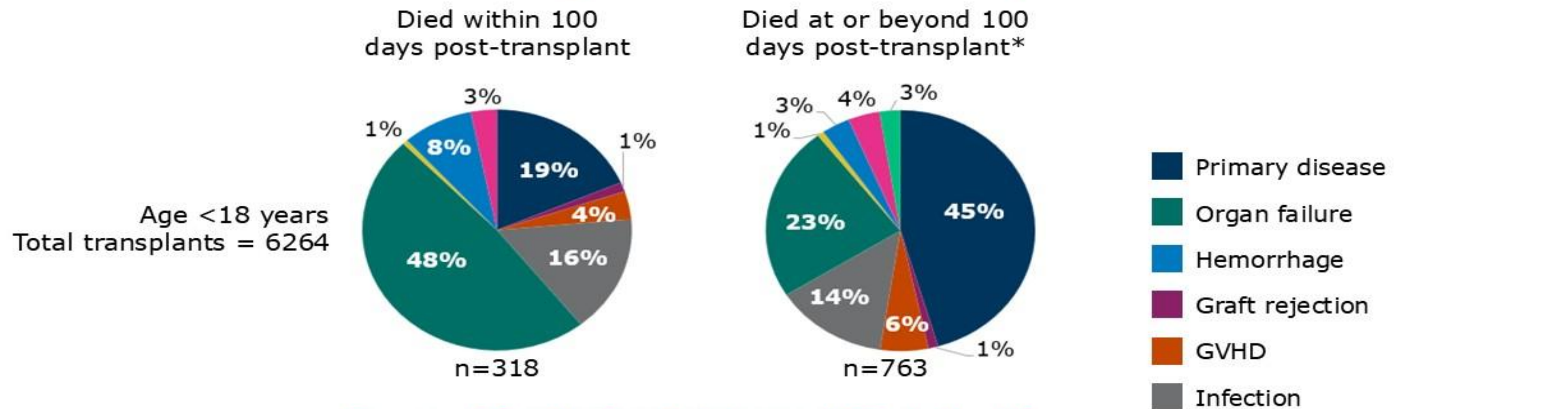
## Number of Allogeneic HCTs in the US by Donor Type, Pediatrics



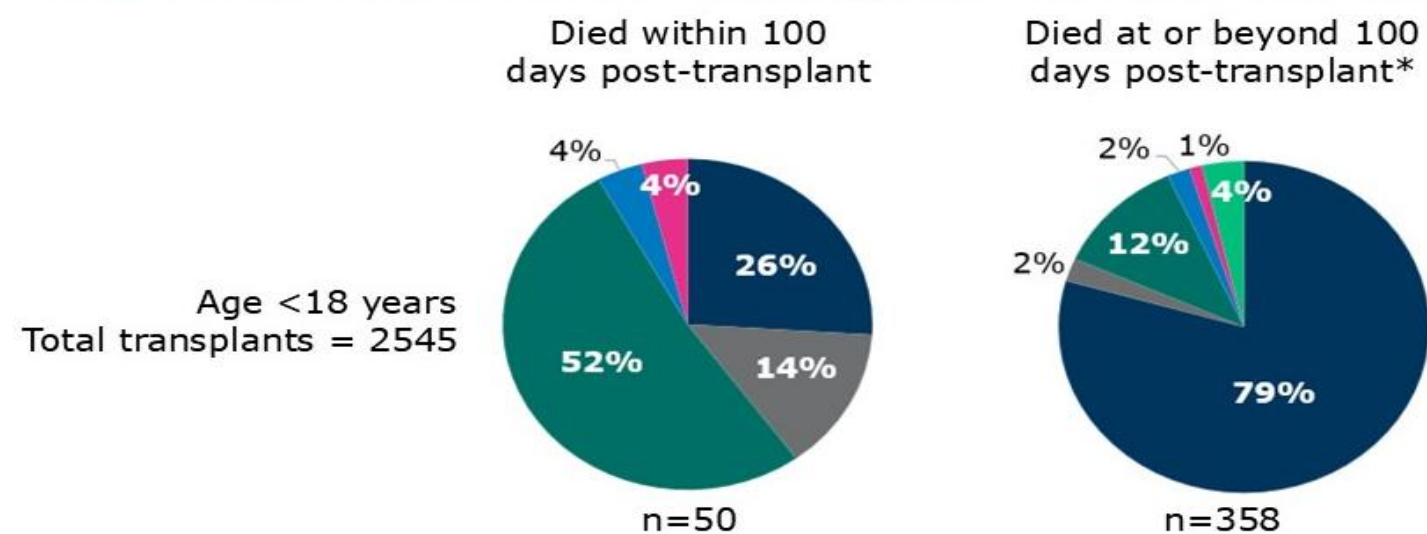
## Trends in Survival after Allogeneic HCTs, in the US, 2002-2022



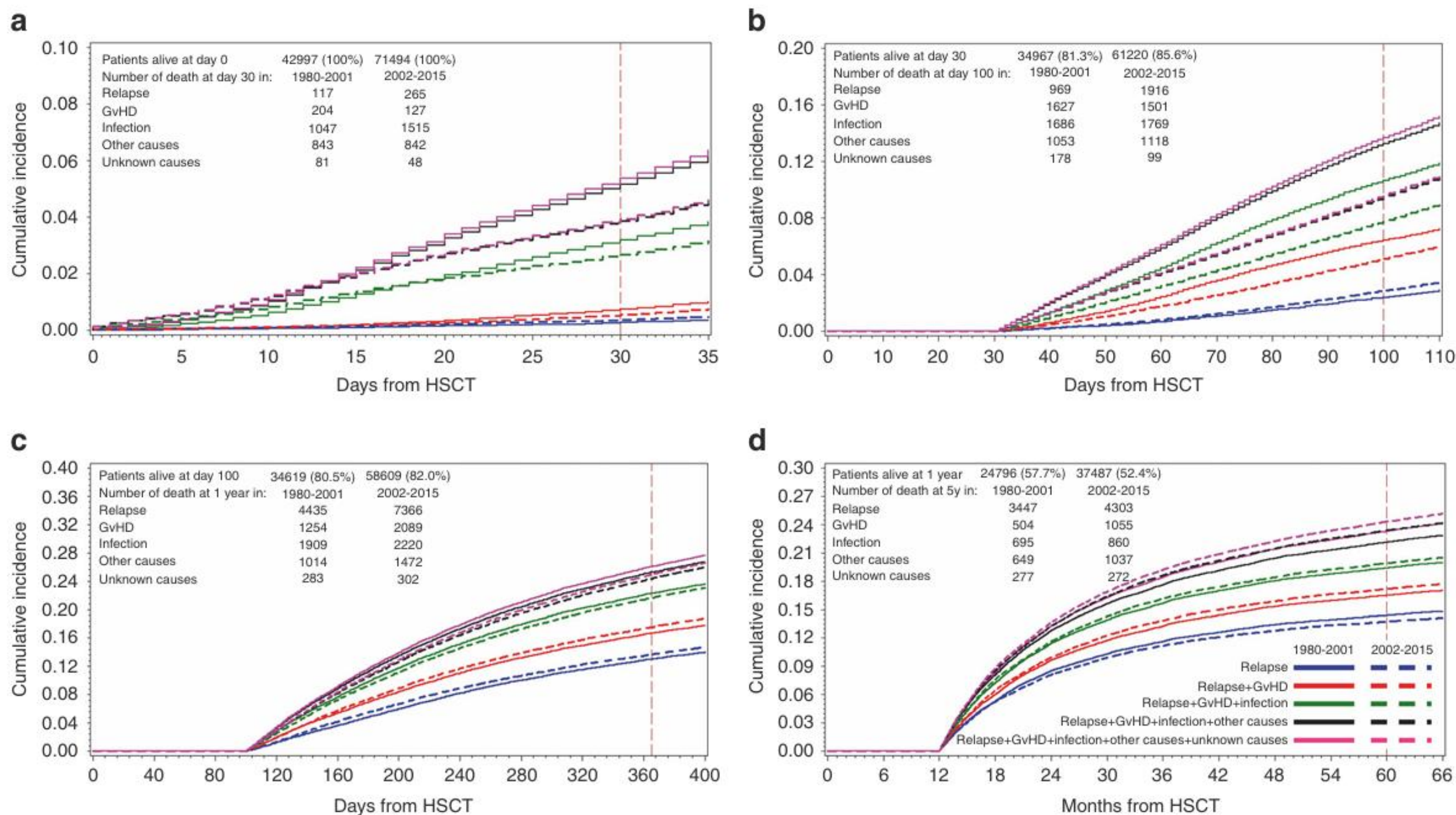
## Causes of Death after Allogeneic HCTs in the US, 2019-2023



## Causes of Death after Autologous HCTs in the US,



\*Data reflects 10-year mortality.



**Fig. 1** Cumulative incidences of mortality after HSCT over four post-transplant phases and from cohort 1 to cohort 2. The stacked curves for the four post-transplant phases for the two cohorts combined in

landmark analysis are presented: **a** 30-day mortality; **b** 100-day mortality (for patients alive at day 30); **c** 1-year mortality (for patients alive at day 100); **d** 5-year mortality (for patients alive at 1 year)

# Introduction

- 15-year cumulative incidence of severe or life-threatening chronic health conditions ~40%
- Need for longitudinal monitoring: recommendations for LTFU
  - Based on childhood cancer survivors
- Definition:
  - $\geq 2$  years off therapy in childhood cancer
  - $\geq 1$  yr post HSCT
- Risk-based and exposure-related screening <sup>8</sup> recommended
- Early identification and appropriate intervention
  - reduces burden of morbidity

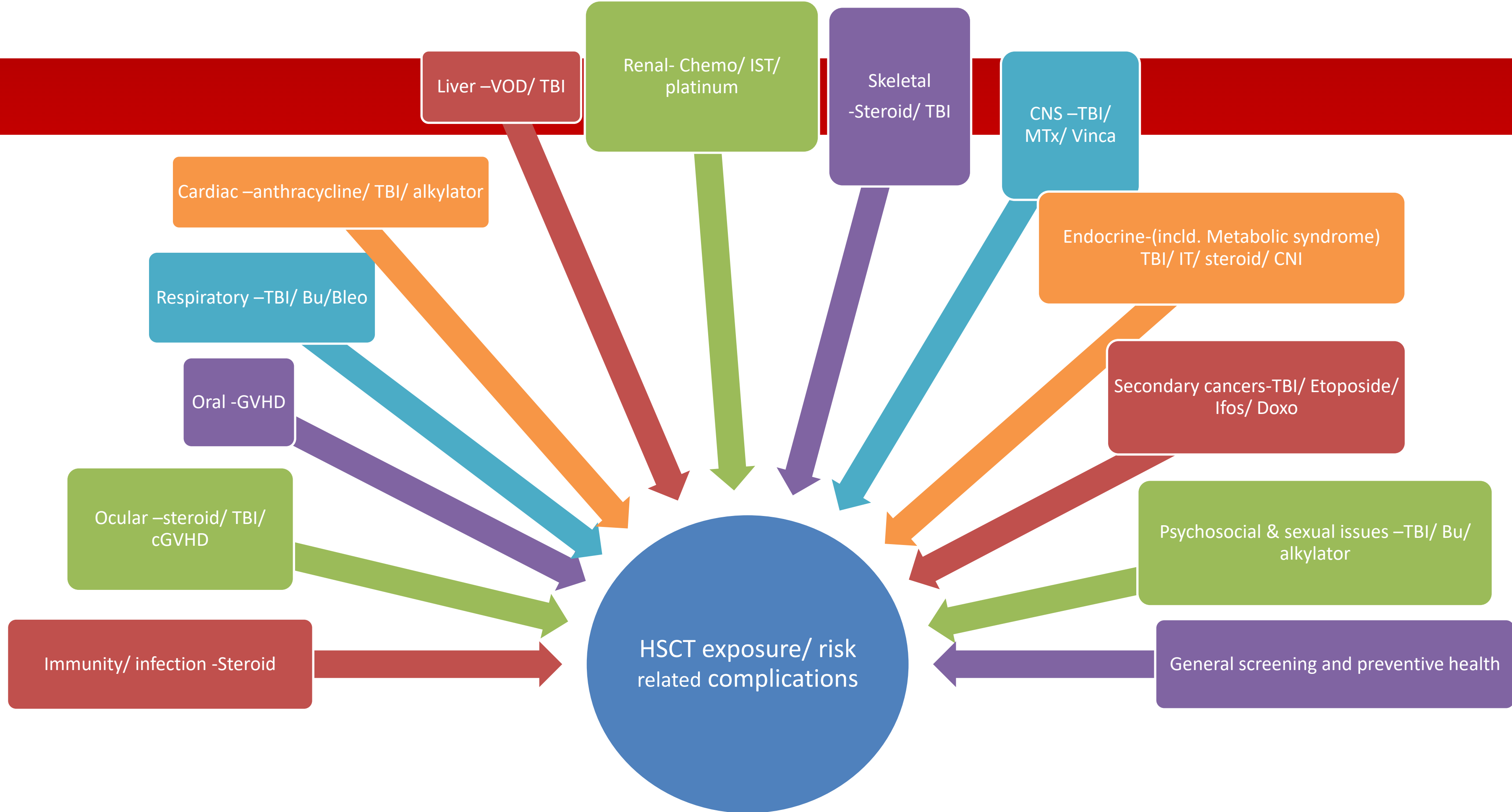
Overview of existing long-term follow-up guidelines with relevance to survivors of pediatric hematopoietic cell transplantation.

Sponsor	Perceived strengths	Perceived limitations	Other comments
Children's Oncology Group (COG) <sup>8</sup> Children's Cancer Study Group (UK) <sup>9</sup>	Comprehensive, pediatric- focused with a HCT- specific section.	May be overly complex, not exclusive to HCT patients; primarily focused on patients treated for underlying malignancy (vs. non- malignant processes)	Exposure- based
CIBMTR, ASBMT, EBMT, APBMT, BMTSANZ, EMBMT, SBTMO <sup>10</sup>	HCT-focused, relatively concise	Not pediatric focused, less comprehensive compared with pediatric-specific guidelines; does not always fully account for pre-HCT exposures	Systems- based

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<https://www.survivorshipguidelines.org>



Immunity/  
Infection

- Assessment: T cell recovery
- Risk: cGVHD, TCD
- Anti-infective prophylaxis and Vaccination –including splenic prophylaxis

Ocular

- cGVHD/ TBI/ infection –including posterior chamber vasculopathy
- At risk: routine ophthal -yearly

Oral

- cGVHD/ Fanconi/ radiation to H&N region
- Xerostomia/ peri-oral fasciitis/ oral cancers/ dental issues
- Regular –yearly dental examination/ smoking and sugary beverages -AVOID

Respiratory

- TBI/ GVHD/ Bu/ BCNU/ IPS/ BOS/ BOOP
- Regular screening/ PFTs
- Health education –avoid risk

Cardiac

- TBI/ alkylators/ Anthracyclines/ iron overload
- Pre HCT assessment or risk and selection of conditioning
- Routine Echo -1 yr post and then risk based 2-5 yearly
- Healthy lifestyle and early aggressive treatment

## Liver

- VOD/ radiation/ Hepatitis/Iron overload/ cGVHD
- Urso/ IST
- Liver transplant

## Renal

- Platinum/ CNI/ Methotrexate/ TBI/ Hemorrhagic cystitis
- HTN screening/ urine routine-yearly for proteinuria
- Radiology screening as indicated
- 6 -12 monthly long term assessment for “at risk”

## Skeletal and Musculo skeletal

- TBI/ Steroid/ GVHD/hypogonadism secondary to conditioning
- Myopathy/ contractures/ osteopenia/ osteoporosis
- Physical activity/ Vit D and Calcium supplements, hormone replacement
- Screening of patients with no skeletal maturity–Ht, weight, BMI, tanner staging -6 monthly
- If abnormal growth –early endocrine referral for ? GH replacement

## CNS

- Drug-related/ infection/ TBI/ IT therapy
- Cognitive issues –maybe subclinical
- Assessment for all at 1 yr and then at risk population

### Endocrine & metabolic syndrome

- TBI/ Head and neck radiation –annual T4. TSH, pubertal development, Fasting glucose, lipid profile
- Hypopituitarism/ hypothyroidism, GH deficiency
- Yearly growth and development assessment
- Replacement therapy as indicated

### Psychosocial & Sexual issues

- TBI/ pelvic radiation/ alkylators/ Busulfan
- Chronic fatigue/ low mood/ loss of libido/ infertility/ premature ovarian failure
- Replacement therapy/ Fertility specialist referral

### Second cancers

- 2-3 fold increase of developing solid cancer
- RT/ IS/ cGVHD/ Fanconi anaemia/ cranial radiation/ alkylators/ topoisomerase II inhibitor therapy
- Avoidance of risk –UV rays, screening programs, smoking and tobacco avoidance

### General screening & preventative health

- Recommended screening for general population
- PAP smear, Breast Ca risk assessment and screening, Prostate for males
- Healthy lifestyle/ screening & treatment of metabolic syndrome

# Case scenario

- 26 year old young man presented to ER with h/o severe pain in right hip.
- PMH:
  - **Diagnosed and treated for Burkitt lymphoma at 15 years of age. Treated according to LMB protocol.**
  - Relapsed; ICE salvage chemotherapy: (<12 months post EoT)
  - Allogeneic HSCT –MSD:
    - Cy/TBI conditioning
    - **Chronic GVHD: treated with Sirolimus and Steroids for upto 24 months.**
    - In remission now
- Lost to follow up –due to logistics and financial constraints
- Xray : partial collapse of right head of femur and sclerosis



# Case scenario

Agent	Cumulative Dose
Cyclophosphamide	8.5 g/sq.m (LMB Protocol) + 3.2 g/sq.m (HSCT conditioning) = 11.7 g/sq.m
Methotrexate	32 g/sq.m
Etoposide	2.1 g/sq.m (LMB Protocol) + 1 g/sq.m (ICE salvage) = 3.1 g/sq.m
Cytarabine	17.5 g/sq.m
Doxorubicin	240 mg/sq.m
Prednisone	<sup>15</sup> 780 mg/ sq.m
Vincristine	8 mg/ sq.m
Ifosfamide	18 g/sq.m
Carboplatin	1.6 g/sq.m
Total Body Irradiation (TBI)	13.2 Gy (8 fractions)

# Primary Concern

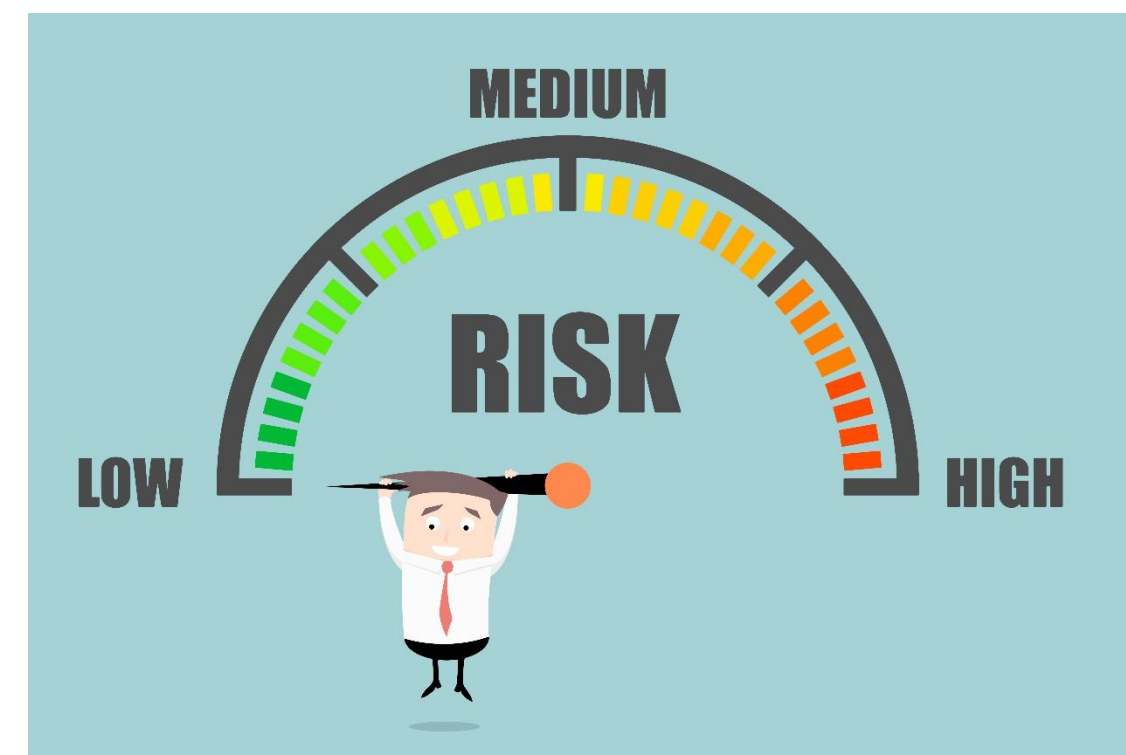
- Osteonecrosis of right femoral hip
- Allogeneic HSCT: 15% at 10 years; low risk –auto
- Femur > knee/ shoulder
- Risk factors:
  - Male
  - GVHD
  - TBI
- Management:
  - Clinical anticipation of risk/ supplements
  - Prompt radiology (Dexa scan for at RISK with Z-scores for paediatric patients)
  - Early intervention
  - Reduce burden of morbidity
  - Surgery!

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# Risk-adapted approach

- Identify potential risk
  - Cardiac toxicity (anthracycline/ TBI/ Cyclophosphamide)
  - Pulmonary toxicity
  - Renal (Calcineurin/ Methotrexate/ Ifosfamide/ Carboplatin/ TBI)
  - Peripheral neuropathy (Vincristine/ Carboplatin)
  - Hypothyroidism (TBI)
  - Neurocognitive effects (Intrathecal/ Methotrexate/ TBI/ Cytarabine)
  - Early cataracts (TBI/ steroids)
  - Secondary AML (alkylators, topoisomerase II inhibitors)<sup>17</sup>
  - Radiation related solid tumors
  - Gonadal dysfunction (Cyclophosphamide/ Ifosfamide/ TBI)



# Care plan for the patient

Care Aspect	Details/Actions
Initial Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete treatment summary</li> <li>- Baseline organ function tests (cardiac, pulmonary, renal, endocrine)</li> </ul>
Monitoring Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1st year: Frequent multidisciplinary assessments (3-6 monthly)</li> <li>- Years 2-5: Annual specialized screening</li> <li>- Beyond 5 years: Tailored screening based on risk and symptoms</li> </ul>
Organ-Specific Surveillance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cardiac: Echo, ECG for anthracycline &amp; TBI exposure</li> <li>- Pulmonary: PFTs for chemo/TBI exposure</li> <li>- Endocrine: Thyroid function, growth, gonadal status</li> <li>- Bone health: DEXA scan for osteonecrosis risk</li> </ul>
Immunosuppression & GVHD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitor and adjust immunosuppressants</li> <li>- Early intervention for chronic GVHD symptoms<sup>18</sup></li> </ul>
Psychosocial Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Counseling for mental health and cognitive effects</li> <li>- Lifestyle modifications (nutrition, exercise, smoking cessation)</li> </ul>
Patient Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Importance of adherence to follow-up</li> <li>- Signs/symptoms of late effects to report</li> </ul>
Coordination of Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transition plan to primary/community care</li> <li>- Shared survivorship care plan with all providers</li> </ul>

**SUMMARY OF CANCER TREATMENT**

This Survivorship Passport is a short summary extracted from the information reported in the medical record. It describes the disease and its clinical course as well the treatments you received. This document does not replace the medical record that is always available at our center.

Passport Number: IT12\*\*509\*\*85

**PERSONAL DATA**

Date of birth \*\*/\*\*/2002 Sex Female

**FIRST TUMOR**

**DIAGNOSIS**

Date of diagnosis 20/09/2005  
Institution Istituto "Giannina Gaslini", Genova  
Diagnosis Nephroblastoma, NOS  
Diagnosis description Wilms' Tumor  
Site Kidney, NOS  
Laterality Left  
Metastatic No

**OTHER DISEASES**

Hereditary Cancer Predisposition Syndrome or medical condition cancer associated No  
Other medical conditions, not cancer associated No

**FRONT LINE TREATMENT**

The treatment has been executed following Trial/Protocol: AIEOP TW 2003  
Group/Arm/Randomization 1A  
Summary of major treatments  
Chemotherapy Yes  
Stem Cell transplantation No  
Radiotherapy No  
Major Surgery Yes  
Progression/relapse during frontline treatment No  
Date of first elective end of treatment 04/11/2005

**RELAPSE AFTER FIRST ELECTIVE END OF TREATMENT**

N. 1  
Type of event Relapse  
Date 08/02/2006  
Type Local  
The salvage treatment has been executed following Trial/Protocol: AIEOP TW 2003  
Summary of major treatments  
Chemotherapy Yes  
Stem Cell transplantation Yes  
Radiotherapy Yes  
Major Surgery No  
Date of end of treatment 13/06/2006

**CHEMOTHERAPY**

**CLINICAL COURSE**

Start date	20/09/2005	End date	04/11/2005
<b>CLASSIC/TRADITIONAL ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS</b>			
Drug name	Total cumulative dose	Measure unit	
Vincristine	8.64 (Dose given)	mg/m2	
Dactinomycin	3.9 (Dose given)	mg/m2	
Intrathecal injections	No		
<b>OTHER ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS</b>			
Hormones	No		
Immunotherapy	No		
<b>OTHER TREATMENTS</b>			
Other treatments	No		

**RELAPSE AFTER FIRST ELECTIVE END OF TREATMENT N. 1**

Start date	08/02/2006	End date	13/06/2006
<b>CLASSIC/TRADITIONAL ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS</b>			
Drug name	Total cumulative dose	Measure unit	
Etoposide	1161.29 (Dose given)	mg/m2	

Ifosfamide	11.61 (Dose given)	gr/m2
Cyclophosphamide	1.29 (Dose given)	gr/m2
Melphalan	129.03 (Dose given)	mg/m2
Carboplatin	1725.81 (Dose given)	mg/m2
Doxorubicin	111.29 (Dose given)	mg/m2
Intrathecal injections	No	
<b>OTHER ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS</b>		
Hormones	No	
Immunotherapy	No	
<b>OTHER TREATMENTS</b>		
Other treatments	No	

**STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION**

RELAPSE AFTER FIRST ELECTIVE END OF TREATMENT N. 1  
N. 1  
Date of transplant 27/04/2006  
Type of donor Autologous

**RADIATION THERAPY EPISODE**

RELAPSE AFTER FIRST ELECTIVE END OF TREATMENT N. 1  
N. 1  
Type of radiotherapy External beam: Linac (Linear Accelerator) electrons  
Start date 29/05/2006 End date 13/06/2006  
Site (1) Flank / hemiabdomen (top of diaphragm to iliac crest) (left) Dose 20 Gy

**MAJOR SURGERY**

CLINICAL COURSE  
N. 1  
Date of surgery 20/09/2005  
Surgery description Left Nephrectomy

**OTHER INFORMATION AND RELEVANT CLINICAL EVENTS DURING TREATMENT**

RELAPSE AFTER FIRST ELECTIVE END OF TREATMENT N. 1  
N. 1  
CVC positioning Yes  
If yes, specify the site Right jugular vein  
Last transfusion date 05/05/2006

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FOLLOW-UP**

Because of the treatment you have had we have listed the tests recommended for you. This advice is because a few people who had the same treatment as you have developed problems which we hope can be picked up at an early and treatable stage.



- Cardiomyopathy Screening**  
We think that you need regular checks on how your heart is working.
- Premature Ovarian Insufficiency Surveillance**  
We think that you need regular checks to monitor your ovarian function.  
Although the risk is greater with higher doses of treatment, it is still possible for lower doses to cause premature ovarian insufficiency in a few females.

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Institution Istituto "Giannina Gaslini", Genova  
Date of issue 28/02/2018

Signature of the doctor in charge:



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## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FOLLOW-UP

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# Challenges to monitoring late effects

- Applicable to ALL SURVIVORS OF CANCER & HSCT
- “Moving” population
- Resource availability
  - Specialists
  - Procedures
  - Funding
  - Access to healthcare

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# Take home message

- HSCT survivors - significant long term risks due to cumulative chemo and RT exposure
- **Risk-adapted, exposure-focused, lifelong** monitoring helps detect and manage late effects early.
- **MDT** approach optimises survivor outcomes
- Comprehensive **care plans** /survivorship passports enhance **continuity** and quality of care for **transitions**
- Patient **education** to encourage adherence to follow up & promote healthy lifestyles

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## **Survivorship Guidelines (Must-Read)**

- National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) / CIBMTR Survivorship Guidelines.
- Children’s Oncology Group (COG) Long-Term Follow-Up Guidelines, HSCT sections.

# Quiz

- Which of the following is a leading cause of non-relapse mortality among long term BMT survivors
  - Second malignancies
  - Cardiovascular disease
  - Endocrine dysfunction
  - Chronic kidney disease
  
- Which conditioning regimen/ drug component is a major risk factor for several late effects including second malignancies, thyroid dysfunction and AVN?
  - Steroids
  - Alkylators
  - TBI
  - Etoposide