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Causes of pain in cancer patients

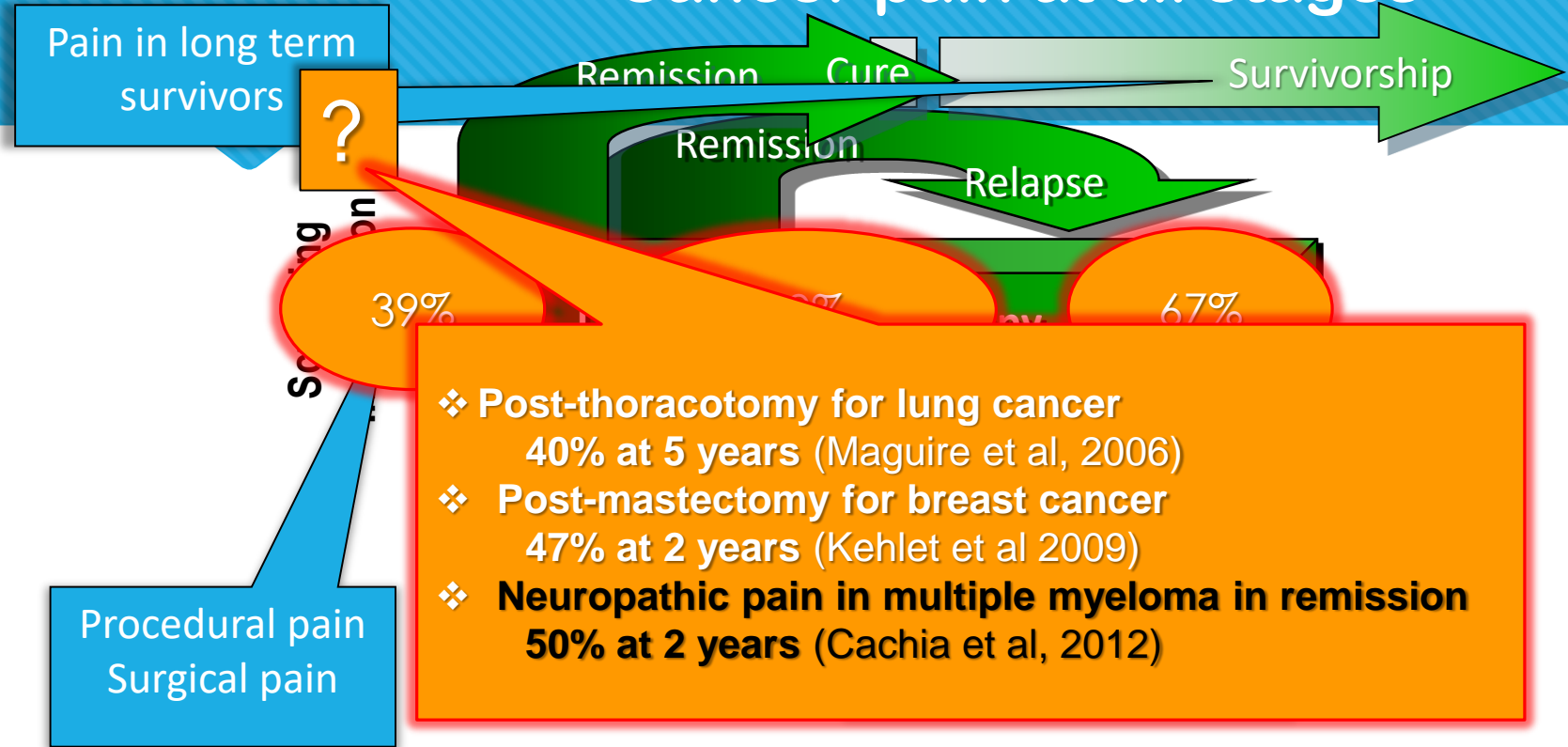
- Somatic
 - Bone
 - Soft tissue/myofascial
- Visceral
- Neuropathic
- Unknown



Latest research using animal models shows that the conventional distinctions between somatic, neuropathic, bone etc pains – at cellular and molecular levels - are more complex

Sheffield model of supportive care

Cancer pain at all stages



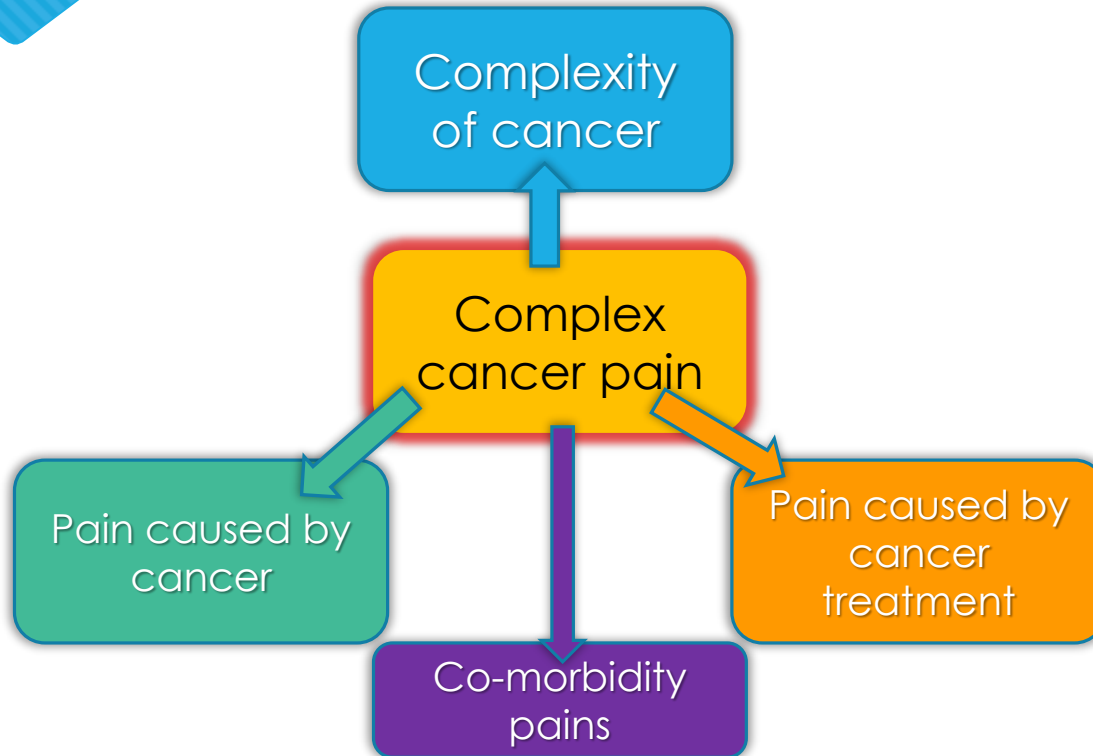
adapted from: Ahmedzai, Walsh *Seminars in Oncol* 2000

van den Beuken-van Everdingen et al, *J Pain Symptom Manage* 2016

Painful cutaneous graft-versus-host disease in patient 'cured' of myeloma



Cancer pain is much more complex than we thought!





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Table 1. Main types of treatment for cancer survivors

System

Surgery

Chemotherapy (including anti-hormonal agents and targeted therapies)

Radiation

Haematopoietic stem cell transplantation (including autologous and allogeneic)

I beat Cancer

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...surviving cancer, or living with disease, can arise from the anticancer treatments, or

...psychological mechanisms of perpetuation of persistent pain are

...cancer survivors needs a holistic medication (especially opioids) on education, empowerment of self-management.

...cancer survivors grows, clinicians will need to adapt and learn patients with persistent pain.

...pain prediction, persistent

SURGERY

CHEMO, HORMONES

RADIATION

STEM CELL TRANSPLANT

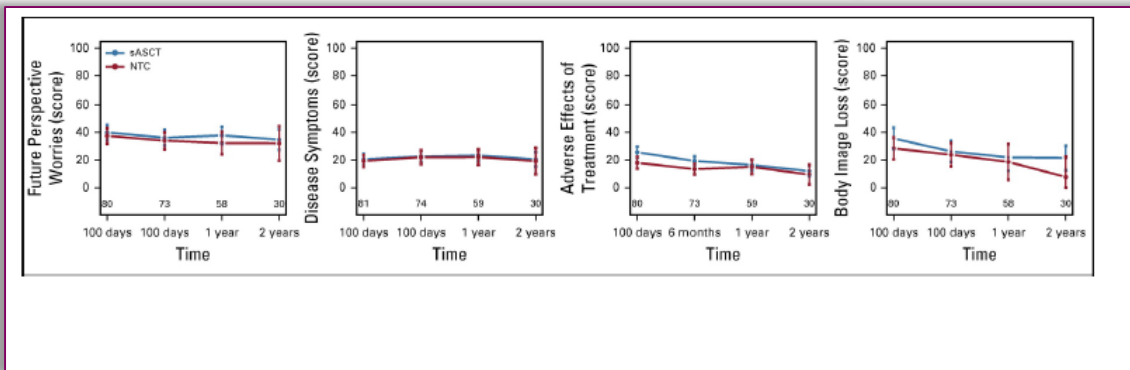
Patient-Reported Outcome Results From the Open-Label, Randomized Phase III Myeloma X Trial Evaluating Salvage Autologous Stem-Cell Transplantation in Relapsed Multiple Myeloma

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consequences after treatment (salvage ASCT)

(J Clin Oncol 2014) – second (salvage) relapse multiple myeloma improves survival from Myeloma X now published

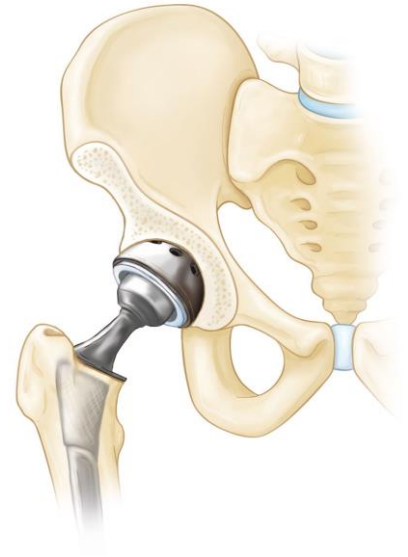
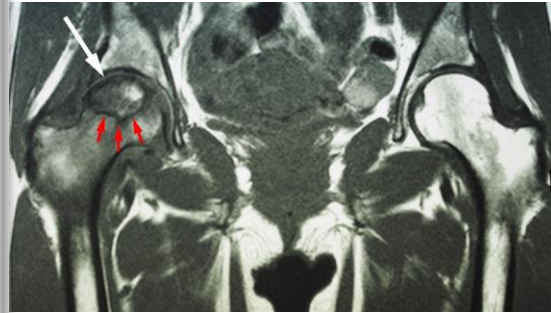
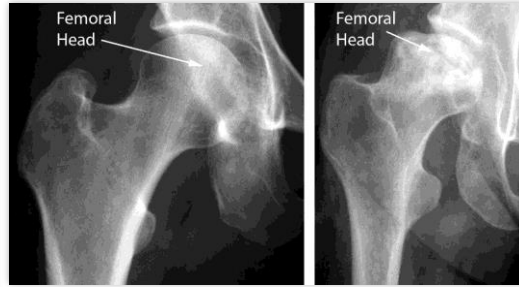
- ❖ Pain and QoL *initially worse after salvage transplant – up to 2 years – then better outcomes compared to non-transplant treatment*
- ❖ *Patients who had lower adverse effects after transplant had survival advantage*



Late effects after intensive treatment with steroids

Avascular osteonecrosis of bones and joints

NB: More commonly seen in children / TYA



Clinical Advances in Myeloma 2020

Complex pain in myeloma patients

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Pain management in long-term cancer survivors

Cancer survivors are trying to return to normal daily life

- Prefer not to keep coming back to hospital
- Prefer not to be 'drugged up', suffer longterm side-effects - especially constipation, sedation
- Want to carry on driving
- Want to return to work and hobbies

Solution is multimodal analgesia with minimal opioids, access to interventional techniques and focus on exercise and self-management approaches

Balanced multimodal analgesia in myeloma patients – *Sheffield approach*

	Younger	Older	Survivors
Opioids	++	+	(+)
Pregabalin	+++	+	+
Duloxetine	++	++	+
Clonazepam (night-time only)	++	+	(+)
Ketamine (short burst only)	+++	++	-
Exercise and diet	+++	+++	+++++

When opioids get to morphine equivalent dose of 120mg/day in younger or 60mg/day in elderly patients -> refer to specialist! (Snowden, Ahmedzai et al BSH 2011)

Neuropathic pain in myeloma patients

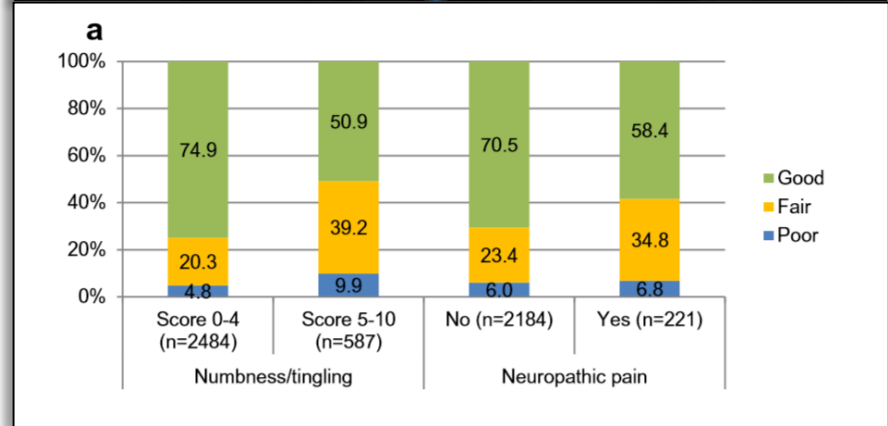
- First – look for **co-morbidities!** (pre-existing, eg diabetes - or arising from post-treatment metabolic dysfunctions)
- Common drug causes – **bortezomib, thalidomide**
- Worse pain & greater impact on functioning and quality of life
- Impairment of balance, leading to falls
- Chemo-related neuropathic pain – risk of reduced doses or early cessation of treatment

Chemotherapy-induced neuropathic pain

“I get sharp electric shocks that shoot up my legs”

“When I walk it feels as I have sharp stones in my shoes”

“My feet feel like they’re burning / blocks of ice”



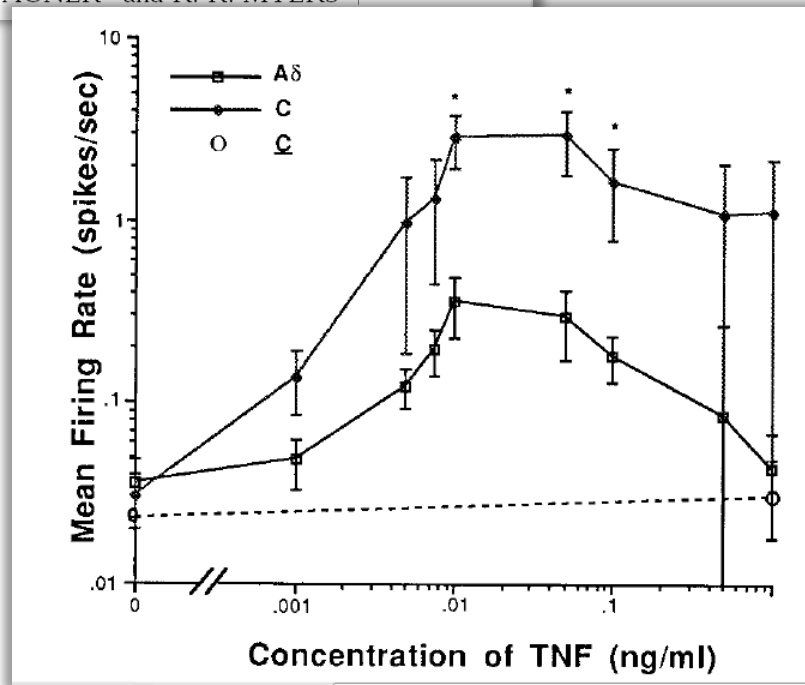


Neurosci 1997

TUMOUR NECROSIS FACTOR- α INDUCES ECTOPIC ACTIVITY IN NOCICEPTIVE PRIMARY AFFERENT FIBRES

L. S. SORKIN,*‡ W.-H. XIAO,* R. WAGNER* and R. R. MYERS*†

- Known for long time that inflammatory molecules – eg TNF1 alpha, IL-6 - sensitise neurones, increase pain sensitivity



Cancer pain experience in myeloma patients is related to inflammatory mediators (Boland et al, 2013)

Living With Advanced But Stable Multiple Myeloma: A Study of the Symptom Burden and Cumulative Effects of Disease and Intensive (Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Based) Treatment on Health-Related Quality of Life

JPSM
2013

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Table 2

Quality of Life From the EORTC QLQ-C30

Components	Median (IQR)	Mean (SD)
Functional scales		
Physical functioning	60 (41.7–80.0)	60.6 (25.4)
Role functioning	67 (33.0–79.0)	55.2 (31.2)
Emotional functioning	71 (44.0–92.0)	68.8 (23.9)
Cognitive functioning	83 (50.0–95.7)	71.8 (25.9)
Social functioning	50 (33.0–67.0)	46.9 (28.3)
QoL/global health status		

Chronic inflammatory mediators – especially IL-6 – are important factors in pain, depression and appetite suppression

Components	IL-6 (P-value; r)	TNF- α (P-value; r)
Functional scales		
Physical functioning	0.03; -0.38	0.62; -0.09
Role functioning	0.07; -0.33	0.63; 0.09
Emotional functioning	0.85; 0.03	0.93; -0.02
Cognitive functioning	0.61; -0.09	0.39; 0.16
Social functioning	0.81; -0.04	0.22; 0.22
QoL/global health status		
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Symptom scales/items		
Pain	0.02; 0.41	0.84; 0.04
Fatigue	0.37; 0.16	0.89; 0.25
Insomnia	0.02; 0.40	0.47; 0.13
Appetite loss	0.02; 0.41	0.09; 0.30
Dyspnea	0.20; 0.23	0.66; 0.08
Nausea and vomiting	0.28; 0.20	0.31; 0.18
Constipation	0.57; 0.34	0.16; 0.26
Diarrhea	0.37; -0.16	0.51; -0.12

Insomnia	33 (0–67.0)	33.4 (30.3)
Appetite loss	33 (0–33.0)	27.0 (31.0)
Dyspnea	33 (0–67.0)	33.3 (30.6)
Nausea and vomiting	0 (0–17.0)	11.1 (17.3)
Constipation	0 (0–33)	14.4 (24.2)
Diarrhea	0 (0–25)	10.4 (19.7)

Table 5

Correlations of Serum Cytokines With BPI-SF

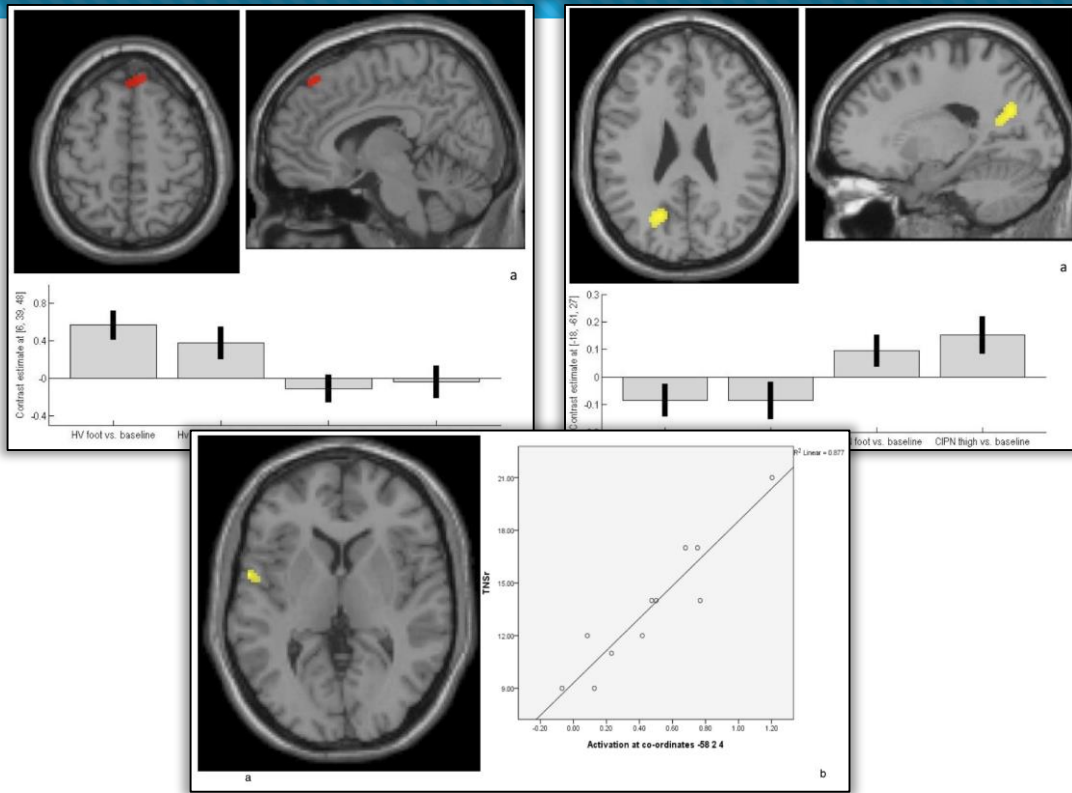
BPI-SF	Components	
	IL-6 (P-value; r)	TNF- α (P-value; r)
Average pain	0.03; 0.38	0.15; 0.27
Pain interference	0.003; 0.52	0.46; 0.14

Central Pain Processing in Chronic Chemotherapy-Induced Peripheral Neuropathy: A Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging Study

PLOS 2014

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Boland et al, 2014



In patients with CIPN after multiple myeloma treatment –

Unusual pattern of brain activity:

- Activation of precuneus area
- Hypoactivation of anterior cingulate gyrus

Management of neuropathic pain in cancer patients

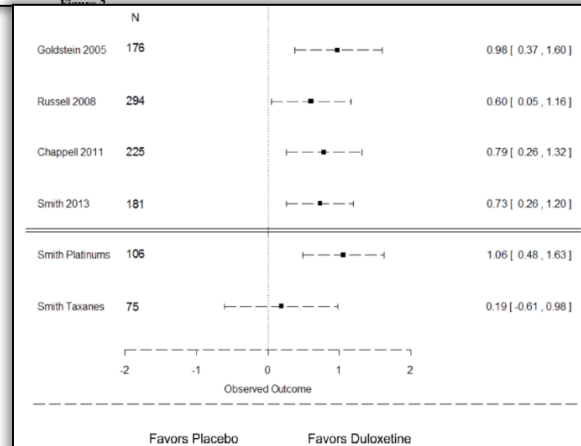
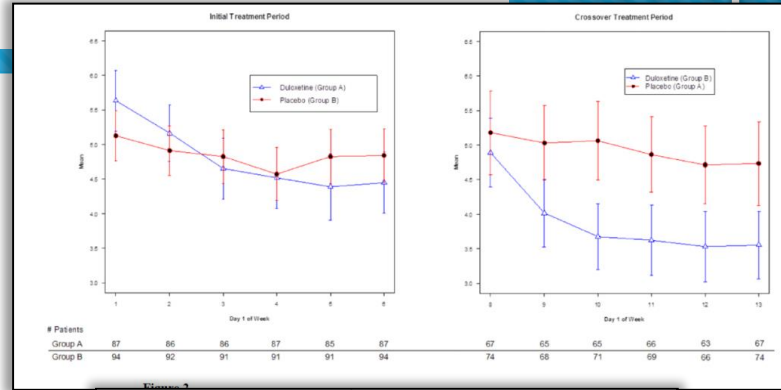
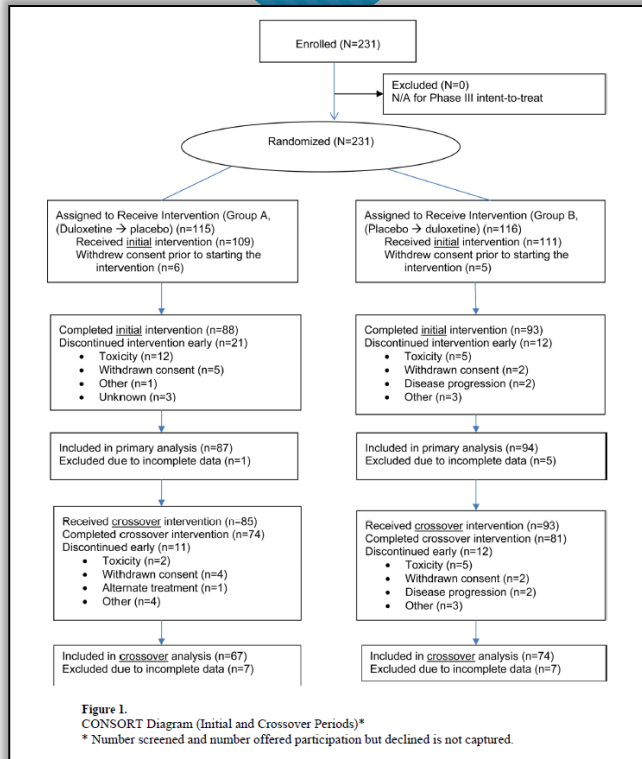
- Very little high quality evidence for specific treatment approaches
- Only **Duloxetine** has good evidence in RCT and meta-analysis for CIPN
- Best policy – multimodal analgesia with minimal opioids, adrenergic drugs, topical treatments
- Sheffield regime – topical Capsaicin or Menthol cream
- Future – NGF antibody (Tanezumab)?

Effect of duloxetine on pain, function, and quality of life among patients with chemotherapy-induced painful peripheral neuropathy: a randomized clinical trial

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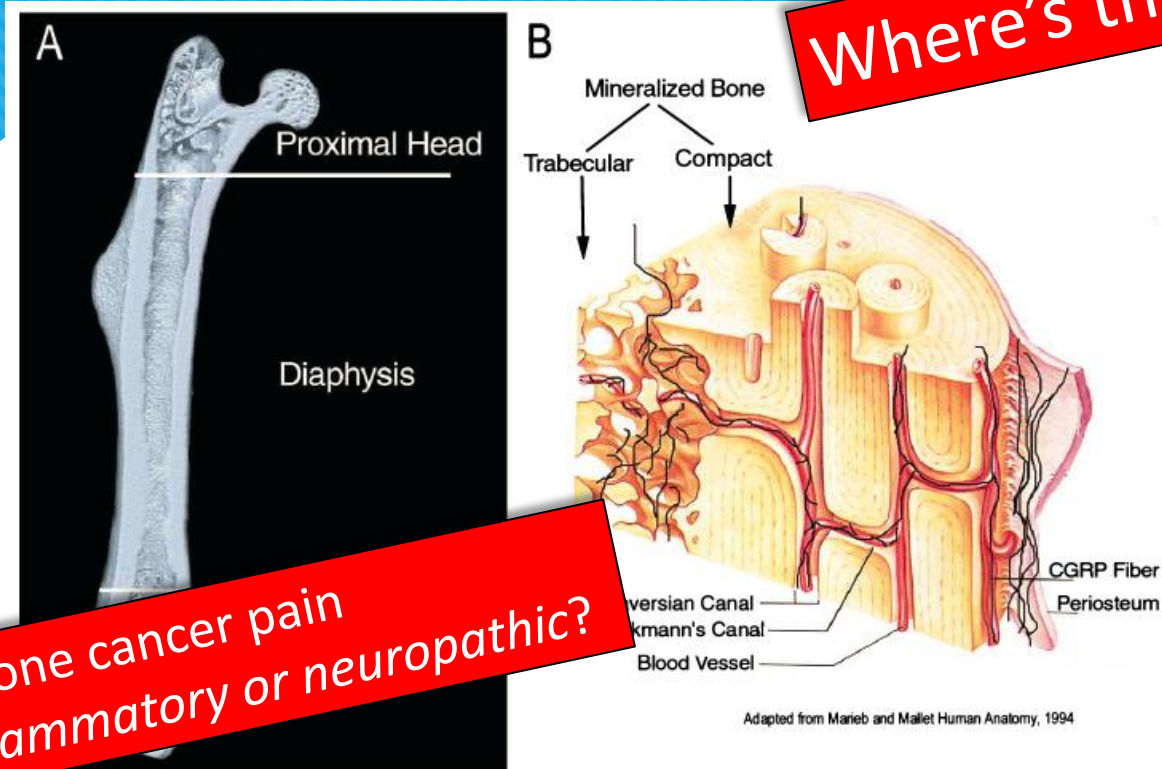
JAMA 2013

Duloxetine for chemo-induced neuropathy



Origin of bone cancer pain

Where's the pain?



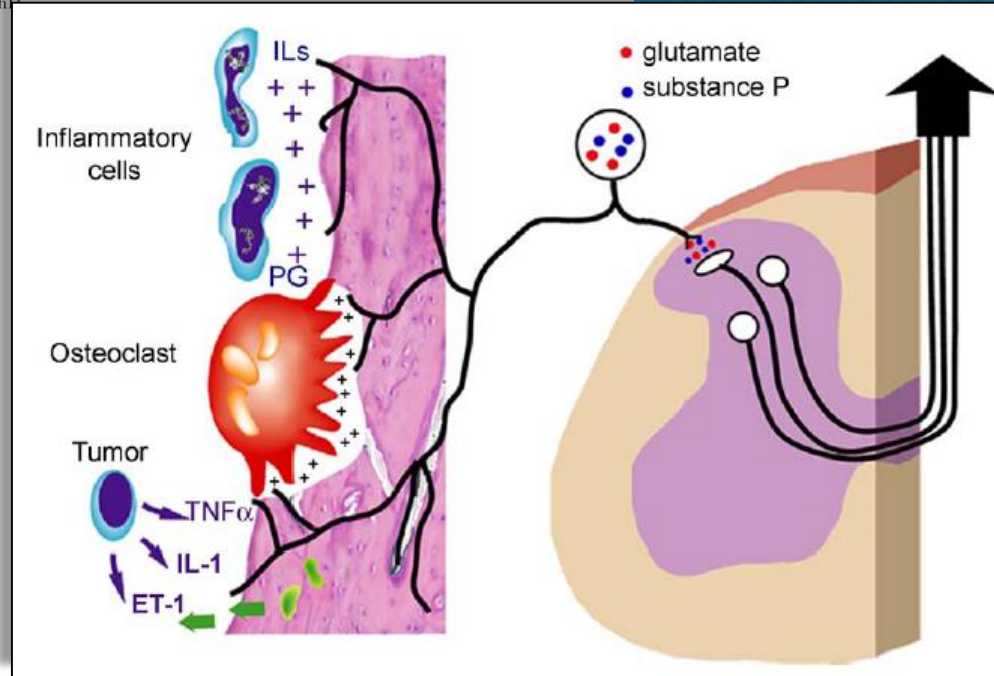
Is bone cancer pain inflammatory or neuropathic?

Luger NM et al. *J Pain Symptom Manage* 2005*Proceedings of the Symposium "Updates of the Clinical Pharmacology of Opioids with Special Attention to Long-Acting Drugs"*

Bone Cancer Pain: From Model to Mechanism to Therapy

Nancy M. Luger, BA, David B. Mach, BS, Molly A. Sevcik, BA,
and Patrick W. Mantyh, BS, JD, PhD

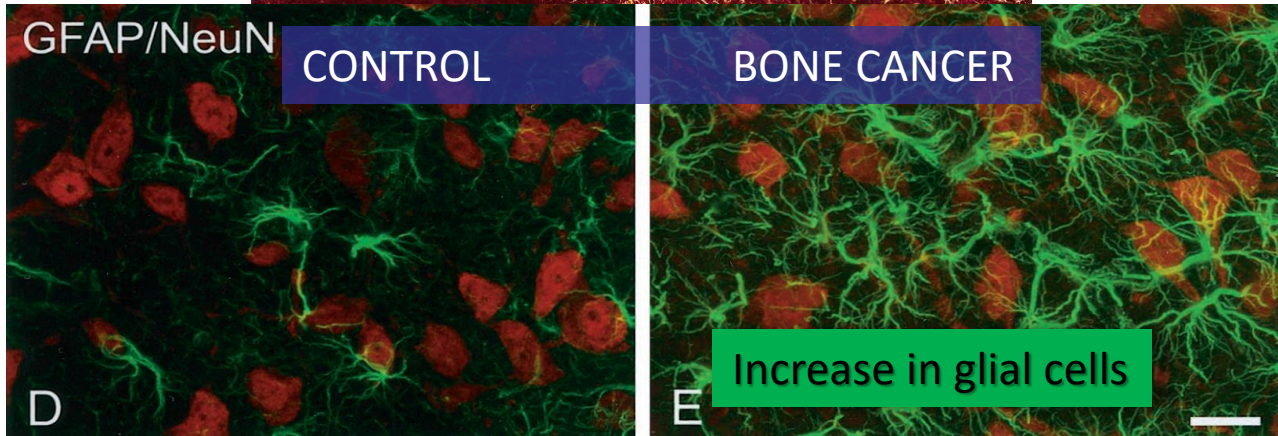
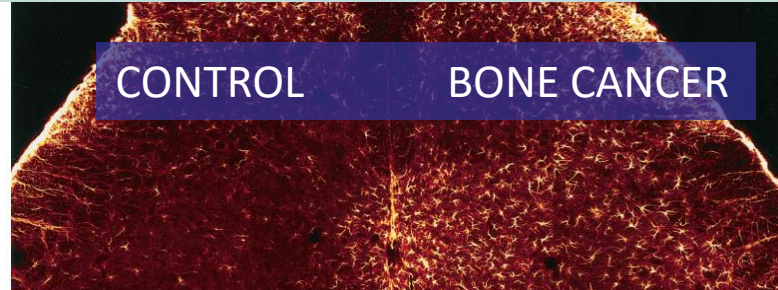
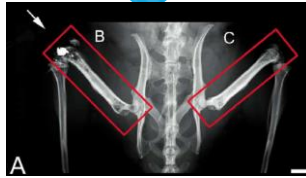
Cancer bone is a combination of inflammatory and neuropathic mechanisms



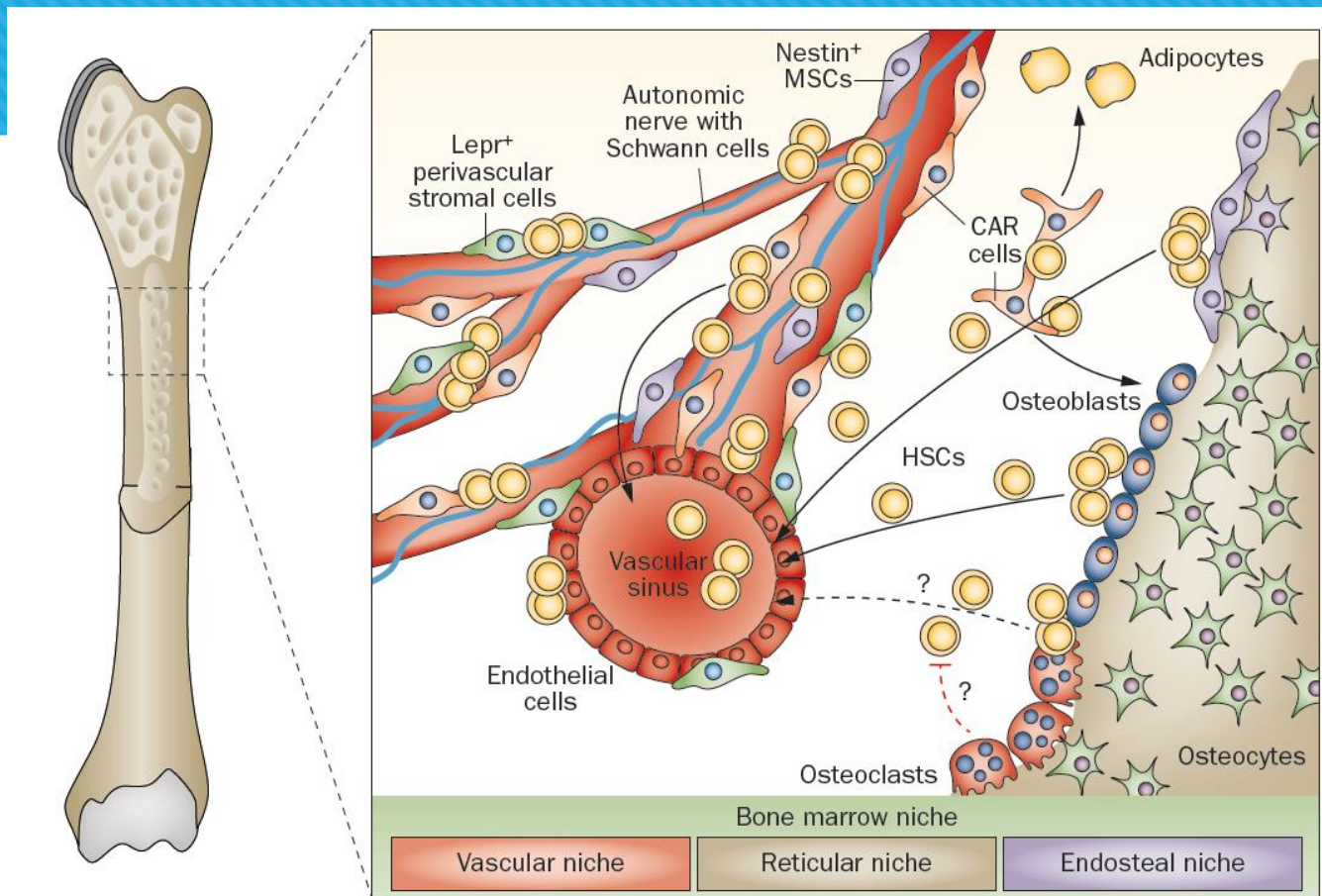
Cell damage at interface of tumour cells, immune cells and osteoclasts causes neuronal activation, induces neuropathic changes

Malignant bone disease and neuroplastic changes → spinal sensitisation

Cross-section of dorsal horn of spinal cord (mouse)



Neuro-vascular infrastructure of bone



Pathological Sprouting of Adult Nociceptors in Chronic Prostate Cancer-Induced Bone Pain

J NeuroSci 2010

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Bone cancer implantation leads to increased and branching CGRP sensory neurones (yellow/red) in bone marrow

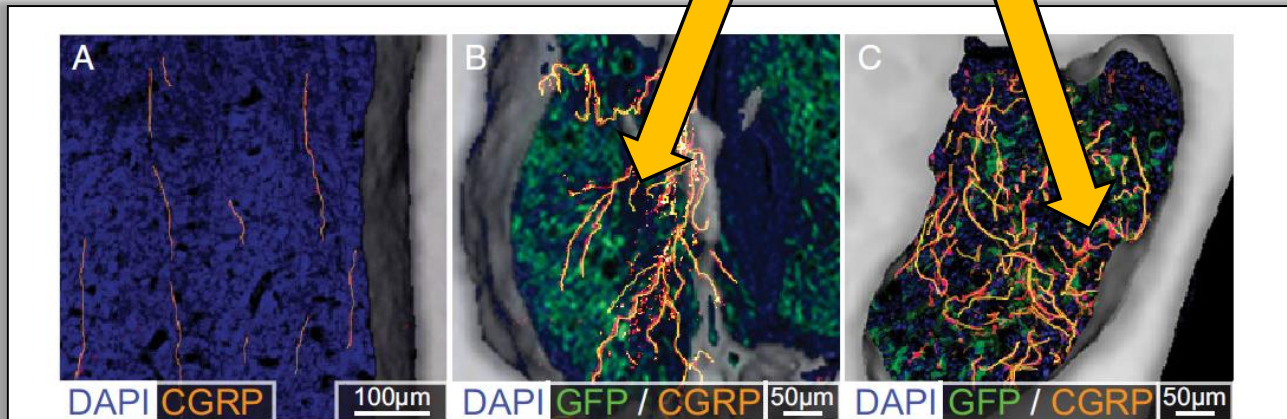


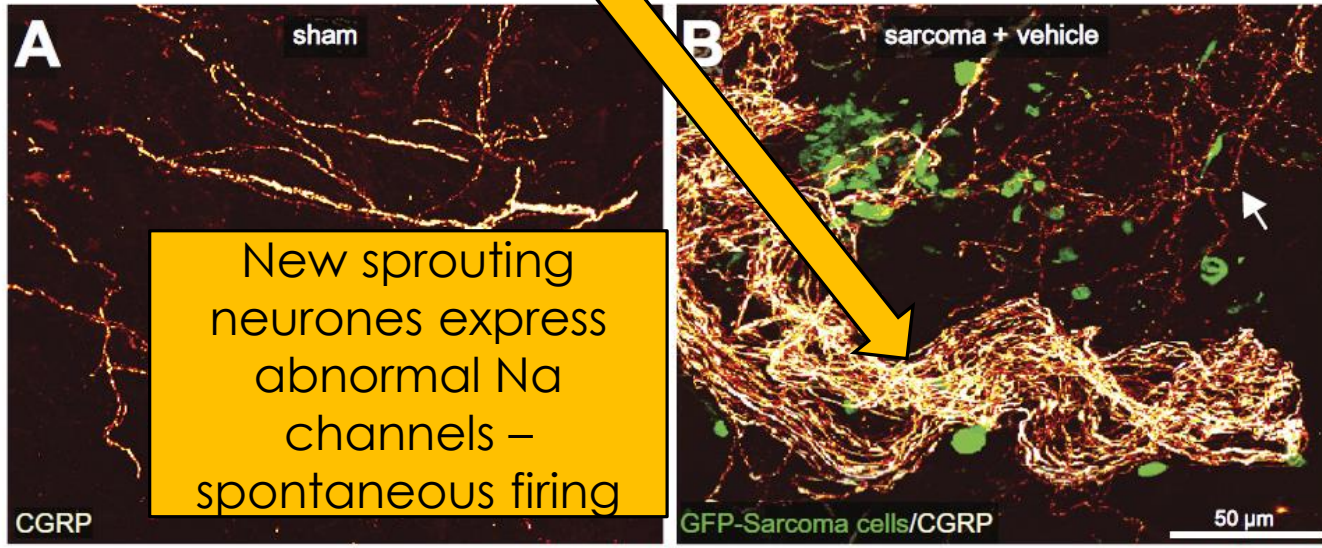
Figure 3. Prostate cancer cells induce sprouting of sensory nerve fibers. *A–C*, High-power μ CT cross sections of bone (100 μ m thick) overlaid with confocal images (20 μ m thick) of a sham femur (*A*) and tumor-bearing femur from mice killed at early (*B*) and more advanced stages of the disease (*C*). In these images the DAPI stained nuclei appear blue, the GFP-expressing prostate cancer cells appear green and the CGRP⁺ sensory nerve fibers appear yellow/red. Note that in the sham mice, CGRP⁺ nerve fibers that are present in the marrow space appear as single nerve fibers with a highly linear morphology. As GFP⁺ prostate tumor cells proliferate and form tumor colonies (*B*, *C*), the CGRP⁺ sensory nerve fibers undergo marked sprouting which produces highly branched sensory nerve fibers (*B*) and a high density of sensory nerve fibers (*C*) that is never observed in the normal marrow (*A*).

BLOCKADE OF NERVE SPROUTING AND NEUROMA FORMATION MARKEDLY ATTENUATES THE DEVELOPMENT OF LATE STAGE CANCER PAIN

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Neuroscience 2010

Sarcoma in bone (green) causes proliferation of CGRP neurones (yellow) in highly disorganised pattern

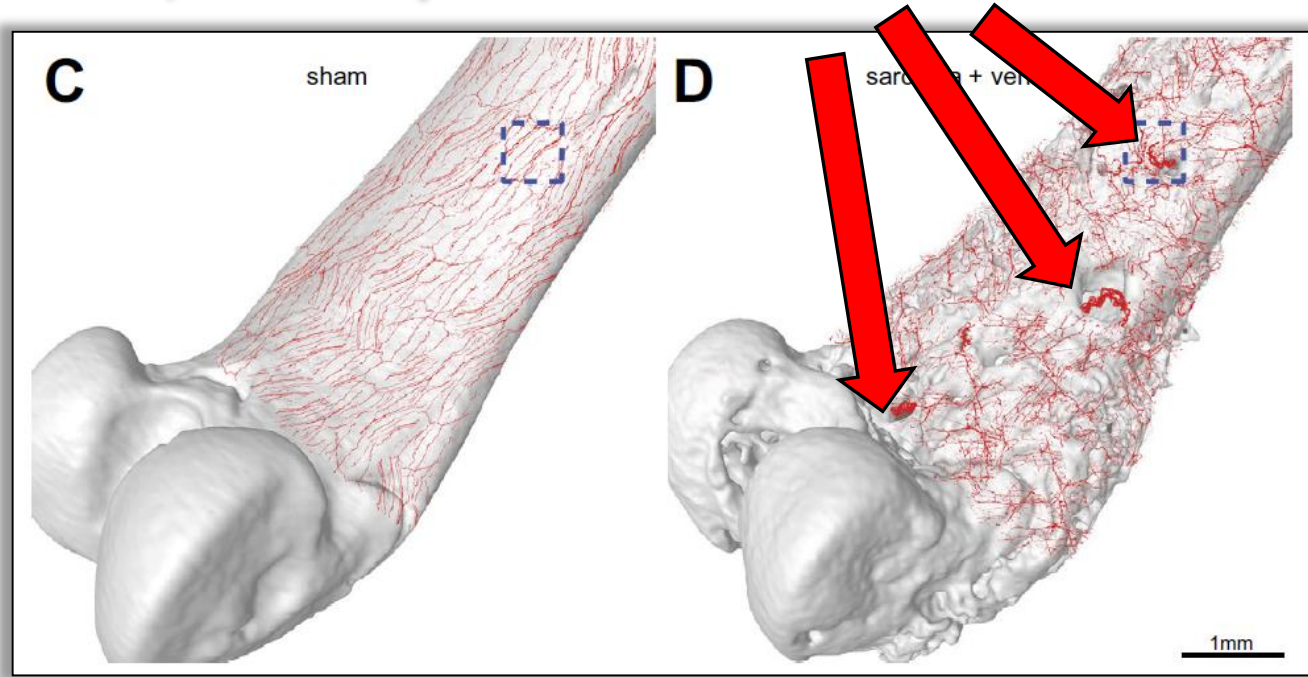


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Cancer in bone marrow later induces increased neurone expression in **periosteum** with **neuroma** formation

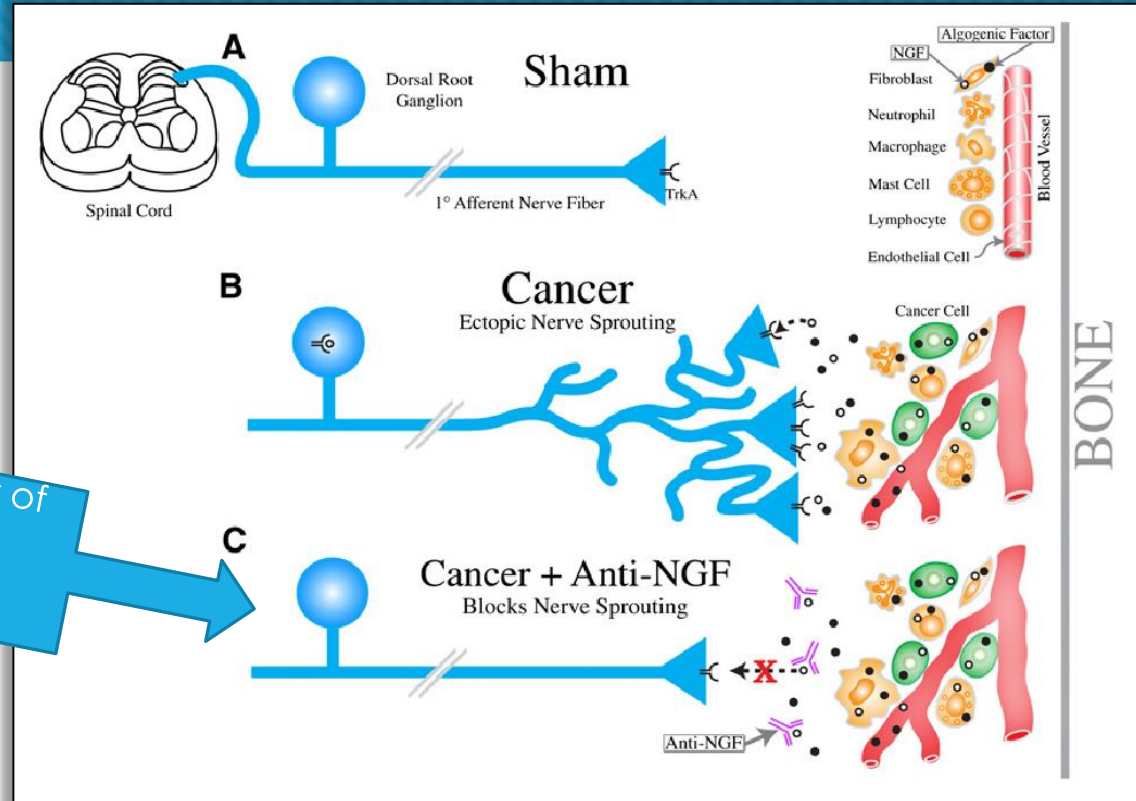


Breast Cancer-Induced Bone Remodeling, Skeletal Pain, and Sprouting of Sensory Nerve Fibers

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Blocking neuropathic damage

Clinical trials of anti-NGF antibody Tanezumab



Is morphine still the 'gold' standard for cancer-related pain?

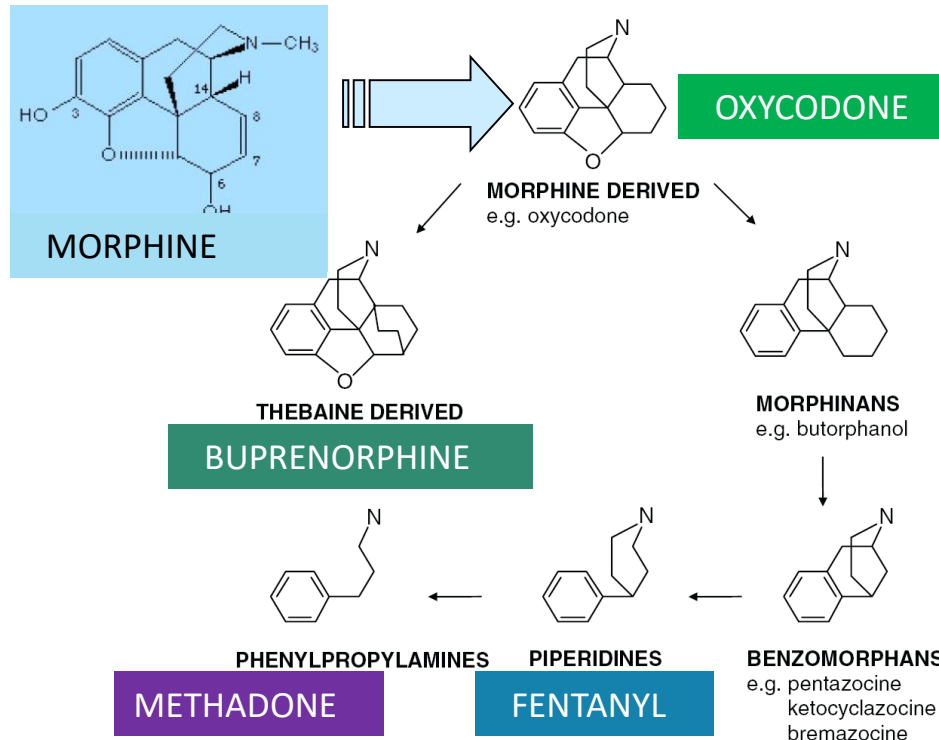
What makes the 'ideal' opioid for use in end of life care?

- **Reliable efficacy** – bioavailability and pharmacodynamics
- **Minimal side-effects** – minor and serious
- **Safe metabolism and elimination**
- **Range of routes** of administration and available formulations

Morphine fails on all these criteria!

Therapeutic opioids are not all the same – *development of improved synthetic opioids*

Corbett et al, *Brit J Pharmacol* 2006



Why do opioids cause so many adverse effects?

- Central nervous system
- Peripheral nervous system
- Gastrointestinal system
- Cardiovascular system
- Respiratory system
- Renal system
- Immune system
- Endocrine system
- Skin...

Opioid receptors are found throughout the human body so -

Opioid 'adverse effects' are actually just 'opioid effects'

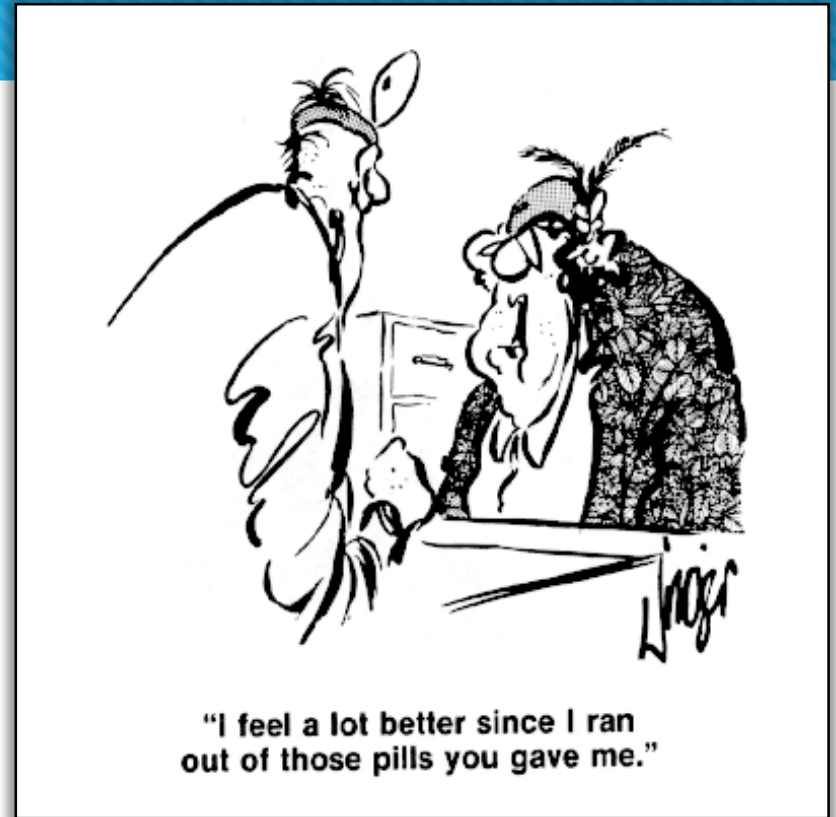
Opioid 'adverse effects'

Commonly recognised

- Constipation
- Dry mouth
- Nausea & vomiting
- Drowsiness
- Cognitive impairment & hallucinations
- Itching
- Urinary retention
- Respiratory depression

Less well recognised

- Endocrine suppression (testosterone, ACTH)
- Immunosuppression
- Opioid-induced hyperalgesia



Side effects of analgesia may significantly reduce quality of life in symptomatic multiple myeloma: a cross-sectional prevalence study

Supp Care Cancer 2014

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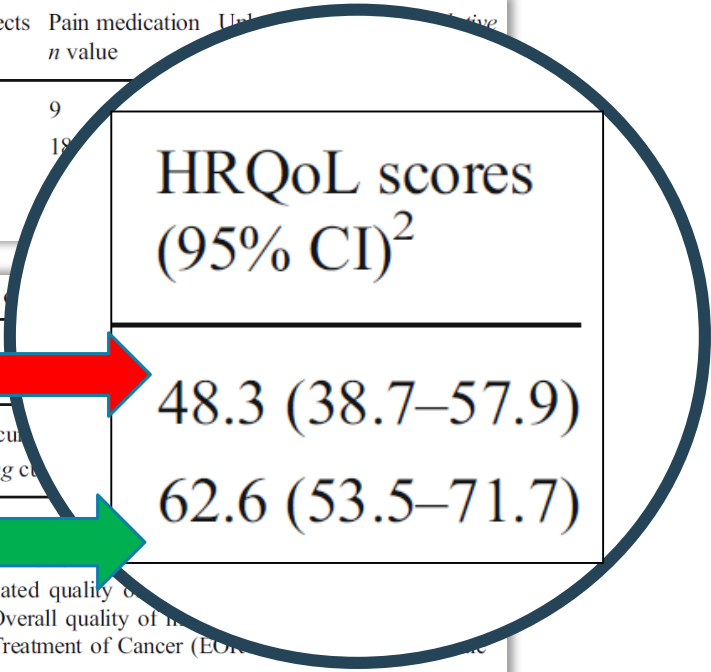
Analgesic side-effects adversely affect QoL

Side effects	Pain medication n value	Unknown cause n value	Cumulative n value
Constipation	10	7	17
Tiredness/fatigue	8	4	12
Dizziness	8	1	9
Drowsiness	5	4	9
Hallucinations	4	1	5
Nausea	1	4	5
Increased sweating	0	5	5
Feeling sad, depressed	3	1	4
Jerky movements	2	2	4
Dry mouth	1	3	4
Vomiting	2	1	3
Loss of interest in sex	1	2	3
Problems passing urine	0	3	3
Itching	1	1	2
ONJ	1	0	1
Flatulence	1	0	1
Withdrawal	1	0	1
Hot flushes	1	0	1
Flu symptoms	1	0	1
Swelling	1	0	1
Indigestion/heartburn	0	1	1
Itching	0	1	1
Skin rash	0	1	1
Total	52	42	94

Severity of side effects	Pain medication n value	Unknown cause n value	Cumulative n value
Mild	9	4	13
Moderate	18	10	28
Severe	1	1	2
Total	28	15	43

WITH analgesic side-effects

WITHOUT analgesic side-effects



with-related quality of life (HRQoL) (Overall quality of life) for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) scale from 0–100

Morphine versus oxycodone

	Morphine	Oxycodone
Oral bioavailability	16-68%	60-87%
Toxicity in renal failure	+++	+
CNS adverse effects	+++	+
Histamine adverse effects	++	(+)

Oxycodone: a 'strong opioid' with reduced CNS side-effects



“The data suggest that oxycodone offers similar levels of pain relief and overall adverse events to other strong opioids including morphine.

The RR for **hallucinations was significantly lower after treatment with CR oxycodone compared to CR morphine (RR 0.52, 95% CI 0.28 to 0.97).”**

(Review)

Buprenorphine – a complex strong opioid

Multiple activities at opioid receptors

- 'Partial' agonist at mu (*but acts as full agonist in clinical doses*)
- Antagonist at kappa
- Agonist at ORL-1

This combination leads to

- Improved side-effect profile
- Anti-hyperalgesic effect

Largely misunderstood and ignored because of poor understanding of action

Buprenorphine induces ceiling in respiratory depression but not in analgesia

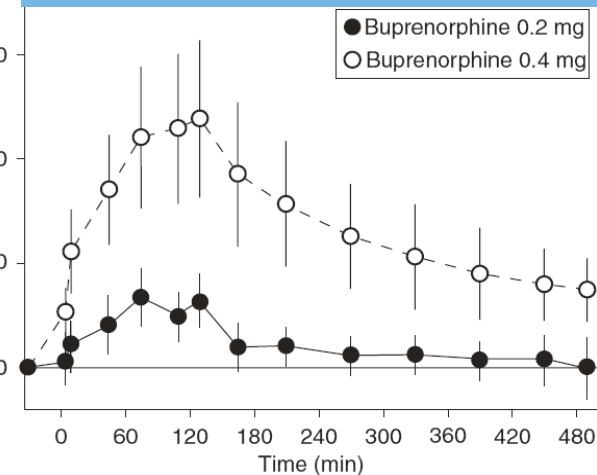
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Buprenorphine – unique safety feature

No ceiling to analgesic effect



Influence of i.v. buprenorphine, 0.2 and 0.4 mg (per 70 kg), on tolerance in healthy volunteers. Values are the increase in currents (relative to baseline pain tolerance currents). A significant increase in analgesia is observed going from buprenorphine 0.2 to 0.4 mg.

Buprenorphine: No dose adjustment needed for -

Elderly Patients



Renal Impairment







SR, 75 years, myeloma survivor



Multiple vertebral fractures over 2 years –
surgical stabilisation

Nearly killed by opioid overuse – switched
from fentanyl to **buprenorphine**

Implanted intrathecal management of pain
from vertebral fractures – 15 months survival

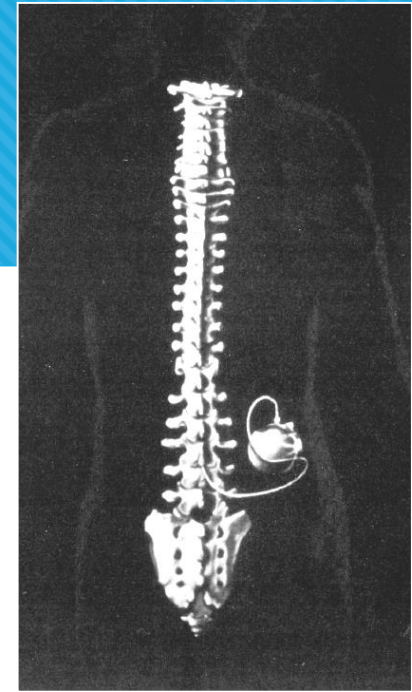
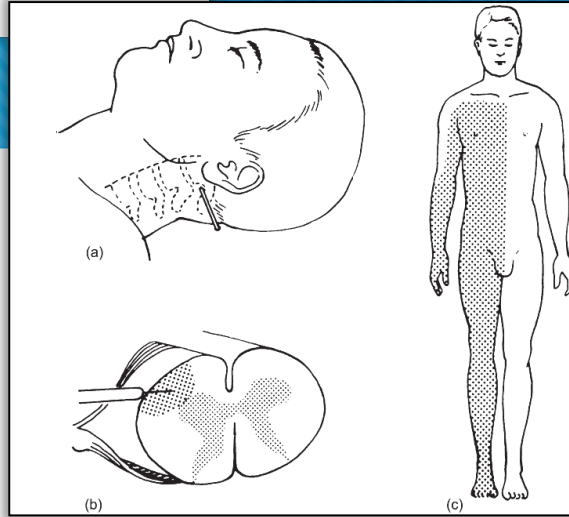
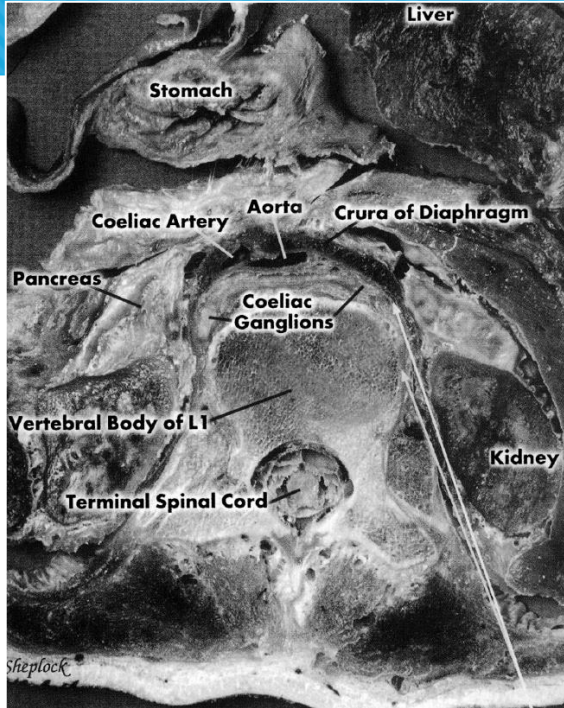
Daughter taught to give sc ketamine prn

Importance of family support for care at home

Acute and chronic pain management in palliative care

Best Practice & Research Clinical Obstetrics & Gynaecology
Vol. 15, No. 2, pp. 203–234, 2001

Vitaly Gordin MD



The rise of 'palliative care' coincided with decrease in use of targeted neurolytic blocks and spinal delivery of drugs for persistent cancer-related pain

Main principles

- ▶ Topical anaesthesia
- ▶ Systemic analgesia
- ▶ Nutritional support
- ▶ Mucosal protection
- ▶ (Prevention)



- Patients often need background pain control for pre-existing bony and neuropathic pathology
 - Preference for oral, transdermal, nasal routes
 - Potential myelosuppression from gabapentin – use Pregabalin
 - Avoidance of subcutaneous injections or infusions
- Topical treatments for pain
 - Benzydamine (Difflam)
 - Local anaesthetics
 - (Gelclair, Mugard)

- Rapid assessment and treatment
 - Patients seen <1 working day, and out of hours
- Evidence-based symptom management
 - Use of newer opioids and delivery systems
 - Transdermal opioids – esp buprenorphine
 - Nasal fentanyl (Pecfent™) for rapid analgesia
 - Topical sodium channel blockers ('local anaesthetics')
 - Oxetacaine
 - Lidocaine
- Holistic overview – nutritional support

NB: Above medications are unlicensed for this purpose

Do cannabis-based medicines have a role in pain management?

NICE NG144 guidance was published on 11 November 2019. The main recommendations with respect to pain were:

1.2 Chronic pain

1.2.1 Do not offer the following to manage chronic pain in adults:

- *nabilone*
- *dronabinol*
- *THC (delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol)*
- *a combination of cannabidiol (CBD) with THC.*

1.2.2 Do not offer CBD to manage chronic pain in adults unless as part of a clinical trial.

Conclusion:

Model for holistic pain management

Comprehensive, multimodal, evidence-based approach

- **Targeting the underlying disease** process
 - Cancer, inflammatory, neuropathic, degenerative
- **Pharmacological**
 - Targeting all available molecular mechanisms
- **Surgical, interventional techniques**
 - Local nerve blockade, kyphoplasty, longterm spinal drug delivery
- Biopsychosocial
 - **Psychological, exercise, nursing & AHP care**