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# Common Malignancies



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# Objectives:



- ◆ **Prevalence of Cancers**
- ◆ **Risk Factors**
- ◆ **Treatment strategy**
- ◆ **Monitoring the patients**

# Neoplastic Disorders:



- ◆ **Introduction:**
- ◆ **Cancer (neoplasm, tumor, malignancy):**
- ◆ **Uncontrolled growth & spread of abnormal cells**
- ◆ **Cancer cells: poorly differentiated or immature**
- ◆ **Metastases: travel through the blood or lymph (new tumors)**
- ◆ **Stimulate the formation of new blood vessels (angiogenesis)**

# Prevalence of Various Cancer



- ◆ Prostate (33%) (28), Gastric Breast (32%) (28)
- ◆ Lung (14%) (15), Bladder Lung (12%) (14)
- ◆ Colon & rectum (11%) (9) Colon (11%) (10)
- ◆ Urinary bladder (6%) (7) Uterine (6%) (6)
- ◆ Melanoma of skin (4%) (5) Thyroid (3) (5)
- ◆ NHL (4%) (4) NHL (4%) (4)
- ◆ Kidney (3%) (4) Melanoma of skin (3%) (3)
- ◆ Oral cavity (3%) (3) Kidney (3) (3)
- ◆ Leukemia (3%) (3) Ovary (4%) (3)
- ◆ Pancreas (2%) (3) Pancreas (2%) (3)
- ◆ All other sites (17%) All other sites (20%)

# Cancer death:



- ◆ **Lung & bronchus (M/F): 31/15%,  
(29/26), Gastric**
- ◆ **Prostate: 10%**
- ◆ **Colorectal: 10%**
- ◆ **Pancreas: 5%**
- ◆ **NHL: 4%**
- ◆ **Breast: 15%**
- ◆ **11%**
- ◆ **6%**
- ◆ **Ovary: 5%**

# Common Malignancies



- ◆ **Breast Cancer**
- ◆ **Colon Cancer**
- ◆ **Bladder cancer**
- ◆ **Prostate Cancer**

# Breast Cancer:

- ◆ Most common in women (26%)
- ◆ Greatest Risk: after age > 65
- ◆ < 39 yr: < 1%
- ◆ Risk factors:
  - ◆ Early menarche ( $< 12$ ), late menopause ( $> 55$ )
  - ◆ Late first pregnancy ( $> 35$ ) greater than no
  - ◆ Advancing age
  - ◆ Strong family history



# Breast Cancer:



- ◆ **Possible risk factors:**
- ◆ **Obesity**
- ◆ **High fat diet**
- ◆ **Long-term use of estrogens**
- ◆ **Alcohol**

# Screening:



- ◆ Annual mammography screening at age 40 (older recommendation)
- ◆ Annual mammograms before 50, should be individualized
- ◆ Largest benefit annual mammogram: ages 50-74
- ◆ Mammogram After 75: insufficient data
- ◆ \*Annual mammography & MRI at age 30yrs in high risk patients

# Breast Cancer:



- ◆ **Treatment:**
- ◆ **Surgery**
- ◆ **Endocrine therapy for post menopause**
- ◆ **Chemotherapy for pre menopause**

# Breast Cancer:



- ◆ **Endocrine Therapy:**
- ◆ **Tamoxifen**
- ◆ **Anastrozole, letrozole**
- ◆ **Equally effective**
- ◆ **Exemestane: irreversible AI (second line)**
- ◆ **AIs: more tolerable, few adverse effects:**  
**Mild nausea, hot flashes, fatigue**
- ◆ **Megesterol: third line**

# Breast Cancer:



- ◆ **Combination chemotherapy:**
- ◆ **Doxorubicin:** one of the most active agents
- ◆ **Doxorubicin + Cyclophosphamide + Paclitaxel**
- ◆ **FAC: 5FU, Doxo, Cyclo**
- ◆ **CMF: cyclophosphamide, MTX, 5FU**
- ◆ **TAC: Docetaxel, Doxo, Cyclo**

# Breast Cancer:



- ◆ **Metastatic:**
- ◆ **Rarely curable**
- ◆ **Trastuzumab + chemotherapy**
- ◆ **Trastu.+ paclitaxel,  
(vinorelbine, docetaxel)**

# Breast Cancer:



- ◆ **Metastatic:**
- ◆ **New drugs:**
- ◆ **Lapatinib**
- ◆ **Bevacizumab**

# Breast Cancer:



- ◆ **Bony metastases:**
- ◆ **Bisphosphonate**
- ◆ **1) Pamidronate (90mg in 2 hrs inf.)**
- ◆ **2) Zoledronic acid (4mg in 15 min. inf.)**
- ◆ **↓ pain, ↓ hypercalcemia, ↓ pathologic fracture**



# Colon Cancer:



- ◆ Second leading cause of cancer death in the US
- ◆ **Risk factors:**
  - ◆ 1) Family history
  - ◆ 2) Age > 50
  - ◆ 3) High fat, low fiber diet
  - ◆ 4) Obesity
  - ◆ 5) IBD
  - ◆ 6) History of polyps

# Colon Cancer:



- ◆ **Continuous Aspirin or other NSAIDs:** may prevent development of colorectal cancer
- ◆ **Celecoxib:** ↓ size & number of polyps
- ◆ **Other potential preventive measures:**
- ◆ **Calcium supplement, high fiber diet**

# Colon Cancer:



- ◆ **Screening:**
- ◆ **Current recommendations:**  
fecal occult blood testing
- ◆ **Depend on risk:**  
sigmoidoscopy or total colonic examination
- ◆ **60-90%** of metastatic & recurrent colorectal cancer: ↑ **CEA** or **CA-19-9**

# Colon Cancer:



- ◆ **Prognosis:**
- ◆ **In early stage: curable with surgery**
- ◆ **Relapses: most important problem after surgery**
- ◆ **Peritoneal seeding**
- ◆ **Metastasis to the liver: most common site**
- ◆ **Lung metastases (without liver): rare**

# Colon Cancer:



- ◆ *Adjuvant chemotherapy is recommended for all patients with stage C & high-risk stage B disease*

# Colon Cancer:



- ◆ **Treatment:**
- ◆ **Adjuvant therapy:**
- ◆ **Chemotherapy:**
- ◆ **1) Single agent**
- ◆ **5FU**
- ◆ **Irinotecan**
- ◆ **Oxaliplatin**
- ◆ **Capecitabine**

# Colon Cancer:



- ◆ **5FU 425mg/m<sup>2</sup> + leukovorin 20mg/m<sup>2</sup> for 5 consecutive days q4wk for 6 mon.**
- ◆ **6 mon. vs 12 mon: better compliance**

# Colon Cancer:



- ◆ **5FU + Leucovorin for 6 mon.**
- ◆ **Toxicities:**
- ◆ **Leukopenia**
- ◆ **Severe diarrhea**
- ◆ **Stomatitis**



# Colon Cancer:



- ◆ **Comparisons between 5FU regimens:**
- ◆ **Contin. Inf vs bolus:**
- ◆ ↑ response, ↑ overall survival, ↑ hand foot synd. With contin. Inf.
- ◆ ↑ bone marrow suppression with bolus

# Colon Cancer:



- ◆ **2) Combination chemotherapy:**
- ◆ **FOLFOX:** Folini. 5FU. Oxali.
- ◆ **FOLFIRI:** Folini. 5FU. Irino.

# Colon Cancer:



- ◆ **Follow up care:**
- ◆ **History, physical examination**
- ◆ **Recurrent Disease:**
- ◆ **More than 50%, ↑ CEA level**
- ◆ **CEA level q 3mon. For first 3 yrs, then q 6mon. For 2 yrs, then annually**
- ◆ **Colonoscopy is repeated annually for several years & every 3-5 years**
- ◆ **Chest radiography (metastases)**
- ◆ **Abdominal & pelvic CT, LFTs**

# Bladder Cancer:



- ◆ **Risk Factors:**
- ◆ **Age > 60 yrs**
- ◆ **Cigarette smoking**
- ◆ **Drugs (cyclophosphamide)**
- ◆ **Male gender**
- ◆ **Occupational exposure**
- ◆ **Chronic UTI**

# Bladder Cancer:



- ◆ **Clinical presentations:**
- ◆ **Microscopic or gross hematuria,**
- ◆ **flank pain,**
- ◆ **constipation,**
- ◆ **lower extremity edema,**
- ◆ **bladder irrigation**

# Bladder Cancer:



- ◆ **Treatment:**
- ◆ **Resection: 30-85% recurrence**
- ◆ **Intravesical therapy:**
- ◆ **Thiotepa**
- ◆ **Doxorubicin**
- ◆ **Valrubicin: resistant to BCG**
- ◆ **Mitomycin**
- ◆ **BCG**
- ◆ **MITO>BCG>DOXO**

# Bladder Cancer:



- ◆ Dilute with sterile saline or water (**60-75ml**)
- ◆ For **2hrs** in empty bladder
- ◆ Initial weekly for **6wk**, monthly maintenance
- ◆ Up to **12 mon.**
- ◆ **New treatment:**
- ◆ Intravesical gemcitabine, docetaxel

# Bladder Cancer:



- ◆ **Side effects:**
- ◆ **BCG: dysuria, hematuria, urinary frequency, fever, chills, joint pain**
- ◆ **Mito, doxo: chemical cystitis**



# Bladder Cancer:



- ◆ **Metastatic disease:**
- ◆ **In 40%**
- ◆ **Poor prognosis (distant sites)**
- ◆ **Most common sites:**
- ◆ **Lymph nodes**
- ◆ **Liver**
- ◆ **Lung**
- ◆ **Bone**

# Bladder Cancer:



- ◆ **Metastatic disease:**
- ◆ **Combination chemotherapy:**
- ◆ **M-VAC:** MTX, Vinblastin, Doxo, Cisplatin
- ◆ **Cisplatin+ gemcitabine:**  
higher response, fewer neutropenic sepsis,  
mucositis compared to **MVAC**

# Prostate Cancer:



- ◆ **Most common malignancy in adult males**
- ◆ **Median age: 66yrs (<40: rare)**
- ◆ **Cause: unknown**
- ◆ **Highest incidence: African-American men**

# Prostate Cancer:



- ◆ **Risk factors:**
- ◆ **Age**
- ◆ **Family history**
- ◆ **Textile workers & other industrial chemicals**
- ◆ **High fat diets**
- ◆ **High level of testosterone**
- ◆ **Prostatic hyperplasia**

# Prostate Cancer:



- ◆ **Screening:**
- ◆ **PSA**
- ◆ **Not specific for cancer**
- ◆ **Routine evaluation of PSA in men  $> 50$  yr has become the standard of care**

# Prostate Cancer:



- ◆ **PSA:**
- ◆ **NOT** sensitive screening tool alone
- ◆ **Finasteride,**
- ◆ **Prostate manipulation,**
- ◆ **Biopsy,**
- ◆ **Digital rectal examination** → ↑ **PSA**

# Prostate Cancer:



- ◆ **Treatment:**
- ◆ **Surgery (radical prostatectomy)**
- ◆ **Radiation therapy**
- ◆ **Hormonal manipulation**

# Prostate Cancer:



- ◆ **Treatment (hormonal manipulations):**
- ◆ **1) Orchiectomy: ablation of androgen sources**
- ◆ **2) Inhibition of testosterone production:  
LHRH analogs (leuprolide, goserelin)**
- ◆ **3) Antiandrogens:  
flutamide, nilutamide, bicalutamide**



# Prostate Cancer:



- ◆ **LHRH analogs:**
- ◆ **Testosterone surge: during 10-14d, ↑pain**
- ◆ **Add androgen antagonist before or during LHRH analog until 1mon. after**
- ◆ **Side effects of long-term use:**
  - ◆ **Anemia**
  - ◆ **Fatigue**
  - ◆ **Osteoporosis**

# Prostate Cancer:



- ◆ Leuprolide & gosereline:
- ◆ **Long-act**
- ◆ Q1 or 3-4mon.
- ◆ **Until disease progression?**
- ◆ **During life-time?**

# Prostate Cancer:



- ◆ **Anti androgens:**
- ◆ **Sexual function is maintained**
- ◆ **Metastatic: alone?**
- ◆ **With castration**
- ◆ **Combined complete hormonal blockade:**
- ◆ **Leuprolide + flutamide OR**
- ◆ **Orchiectomy + nilutamide**

# Prostate Cancer:



- ◆ **Choice of Therapy:**
- ◆ **Bilateral orchiectomy**
- ◆ **Side effects:**
- ◆ **Impotence**
- ◆ **Hotflashes**

# Prostate Cancer:



- ◆ **Adjuvant Therapy:**
- ◆ **Bicalutamide: 150mg/d**
- ◆ **Side effects: gynecomastia, breast tenderness, GI disturbances, liver function abnormalities**
- ◆ **Goserelin acetate: 3.6mg q 28d**

# Prostate Cancer:



- ◆ **Monitoring Therapy:**
- ◆ **1) PSA serial measurements:**
  - Less expensive
  - More sensitive **THAN** imaging techniques  
(CT scan, bone scan)
- ◆ **2) Pain control**
- ◆ **3) Quality of life**

# Prostate Cancer:



- ◆ **Second line:**
- ◆ **1) Aromatase inhibitors:**  
**Aminoglutethimide, 250mg/BID to QID**  
Response to therapy after **4-6wk**  
Side effects: lethargy, ataxia, rash (**self-limited**)
- ◆ **2) ketoconazole: 400mg q 8hrs**

# Prostate Cancer:



- ◆ **Ketoconazole:**
- ◆ **Inhibit steroids synthesis → physiologic replacement of glucocorticoids IS ESSENTIAL**
- ◆ **Side effects:**
- ◆ **GI intolerance, Impotence , Gynecomastia**
- ◆ **↑LFT (transient)**
- ◆ **Skin pigmentation, weakness, lethargy**



