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**RADIOTERAPIA TORÁCICA E ENVOLVIMENTO  
CARDÍACO – AINDA HÁ RISCO?**

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# Introdução

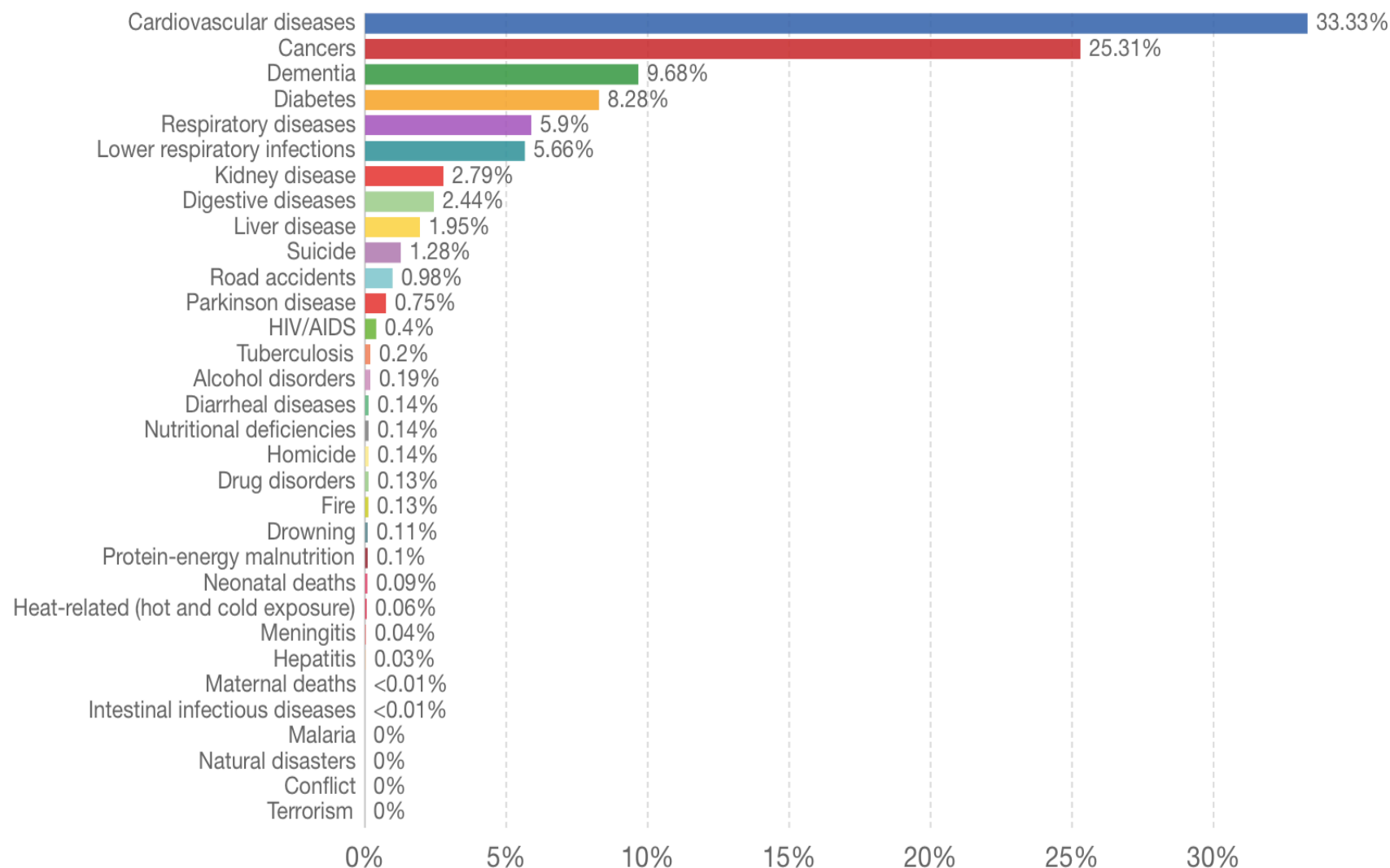


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## Share of deaths by cause, Portugal, 2016

Data refers to the specific cause of death, which is distinguished from risk factors for death, such as air pollution, diet and other lifestyle factors. This is shown by cause of death as the percentage of total deaths.

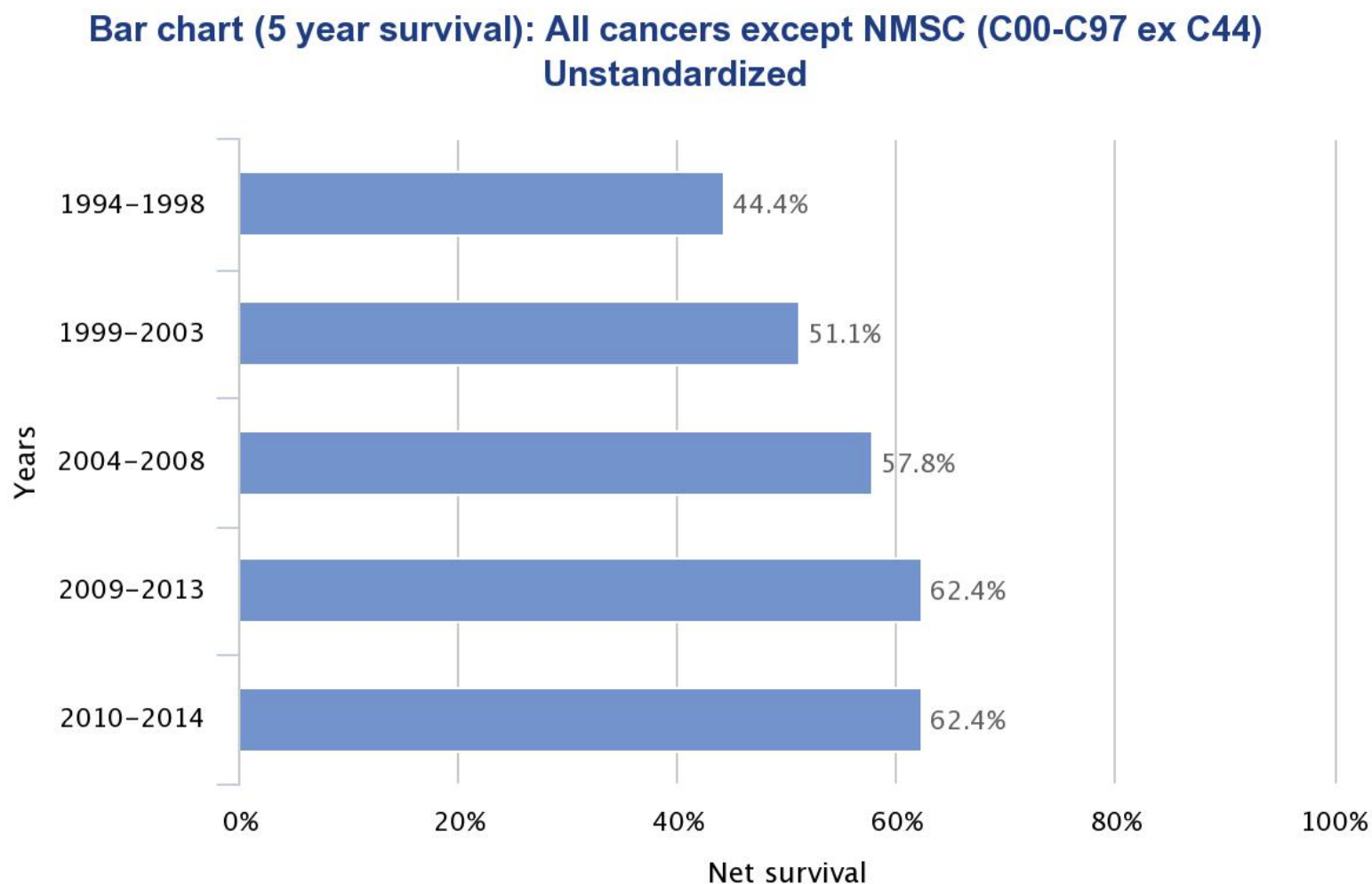
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Source: IHME, Global Burden of Disease

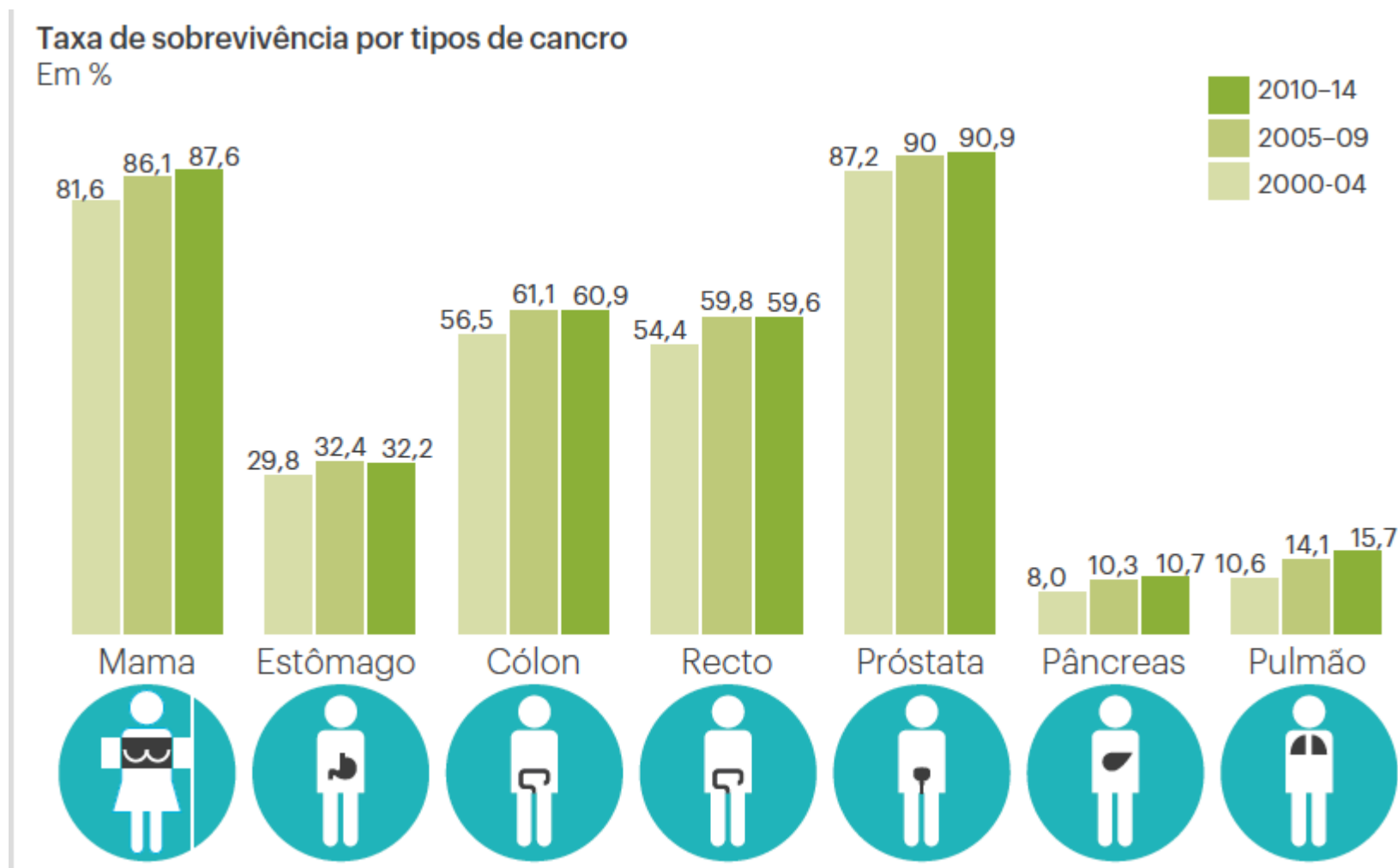
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## Taxa global de sobrevivência de cancro



# Introdução

## Portugal no Top 10 da sobrevivência do cancro





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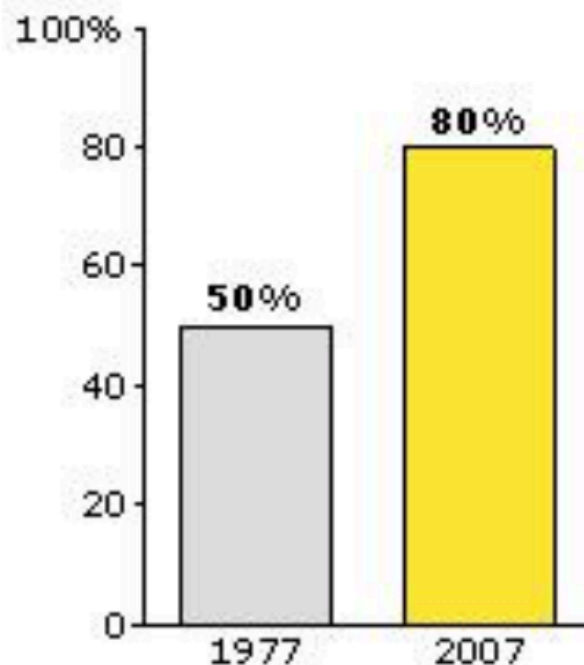


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**Treatment efficacy has improved, but survivors pay a high price in side effects**

## Efficacy has improved...

5 year survival rates



## ...but side effects are increasingly damaging

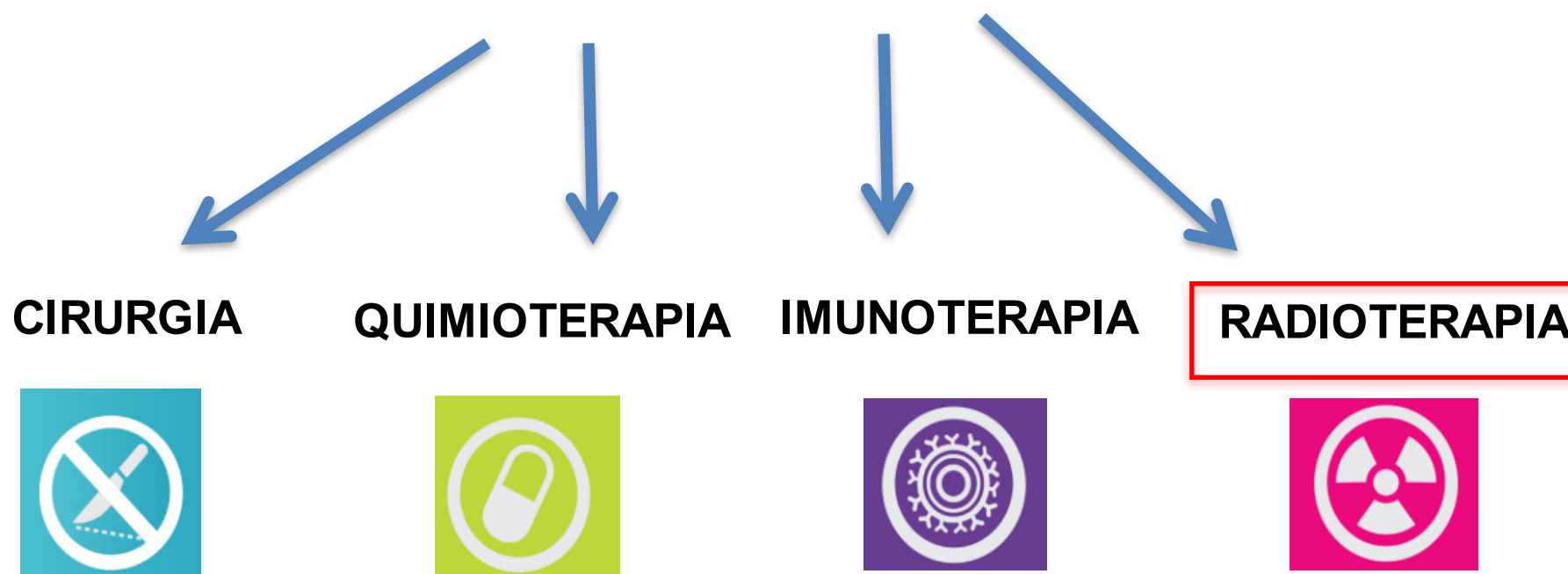
- Secondary cancers
- Heart damage
- Lung damage
- Infertility
- Chronic hepatitis
- Alterations in growth and development
- Impaired cognitive abilities and psycho-social impact



**Two-thirds of survivors** experience at least one of these side effects

## Modalidades terapêuticas

### CANCRO



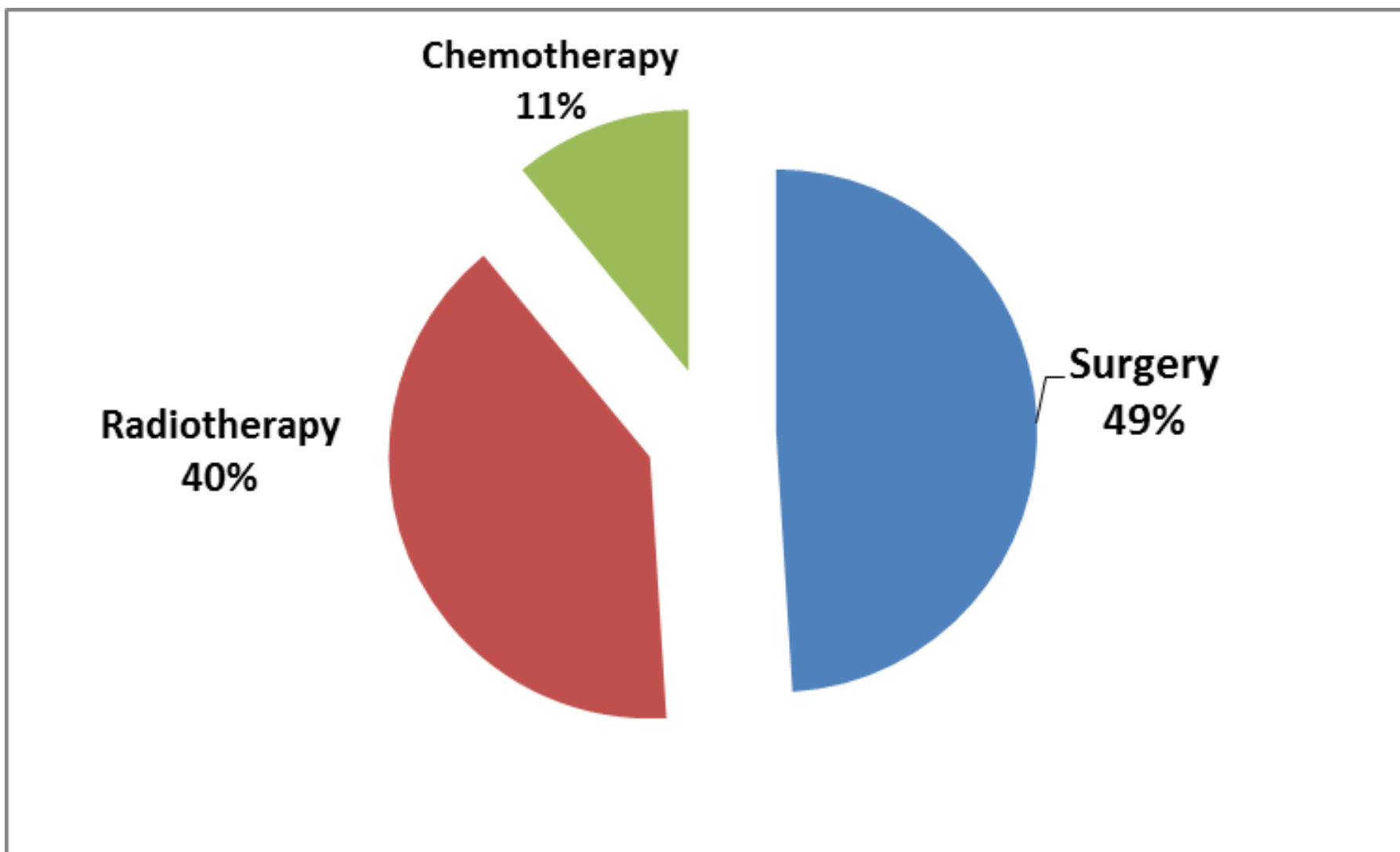
- **Cerca de 15 milhões de novos casos/ano**
- **Cerca de 50% fazem radioterapia**

## **Tipos de Radioterapia**

**Radical: Para curar a doença**

**Paliativa: para aliviar sintomas**

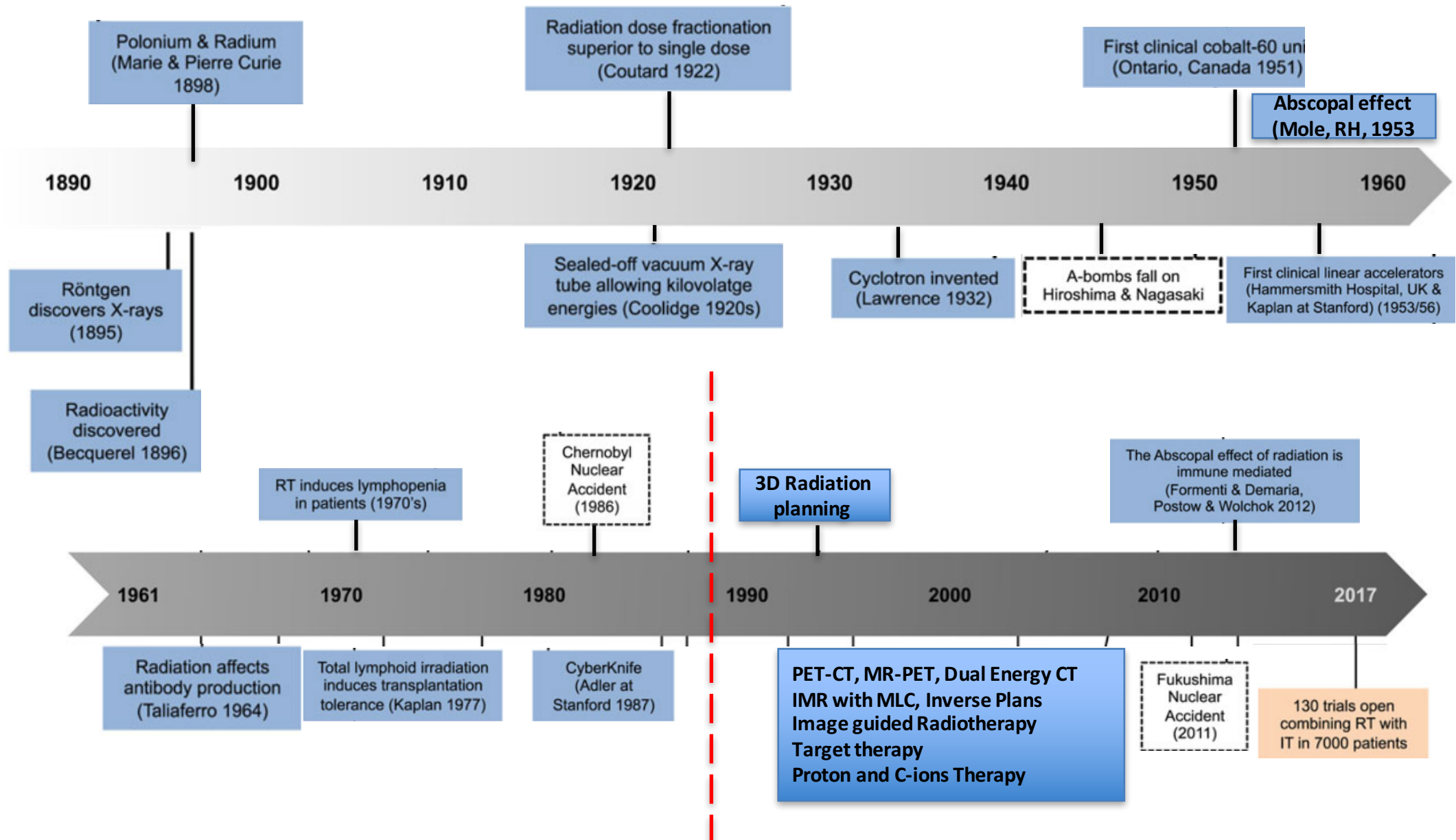
## Taxas de cura



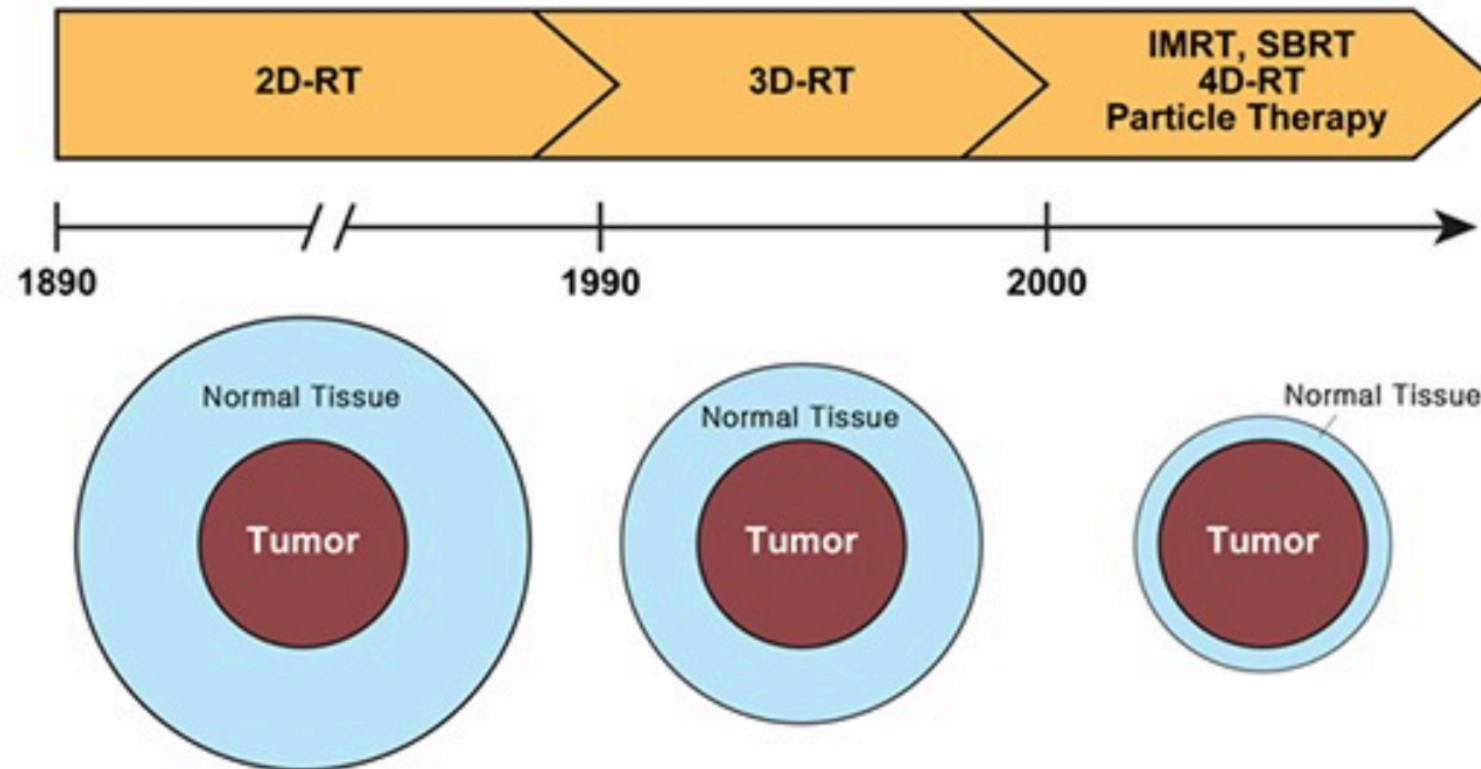
# Milestones



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## EVOLUTION OF MODERN RADIOTHERAPY



Modern radiotherapy is characterized by minimizing the volume of normal tissue being unnecessarily irradiated



# Novos Protocolos



**Real-time position (RPM)**



**Active Breathing Coordinator (ABC)**



**Voluntary Breath-hold Technique**

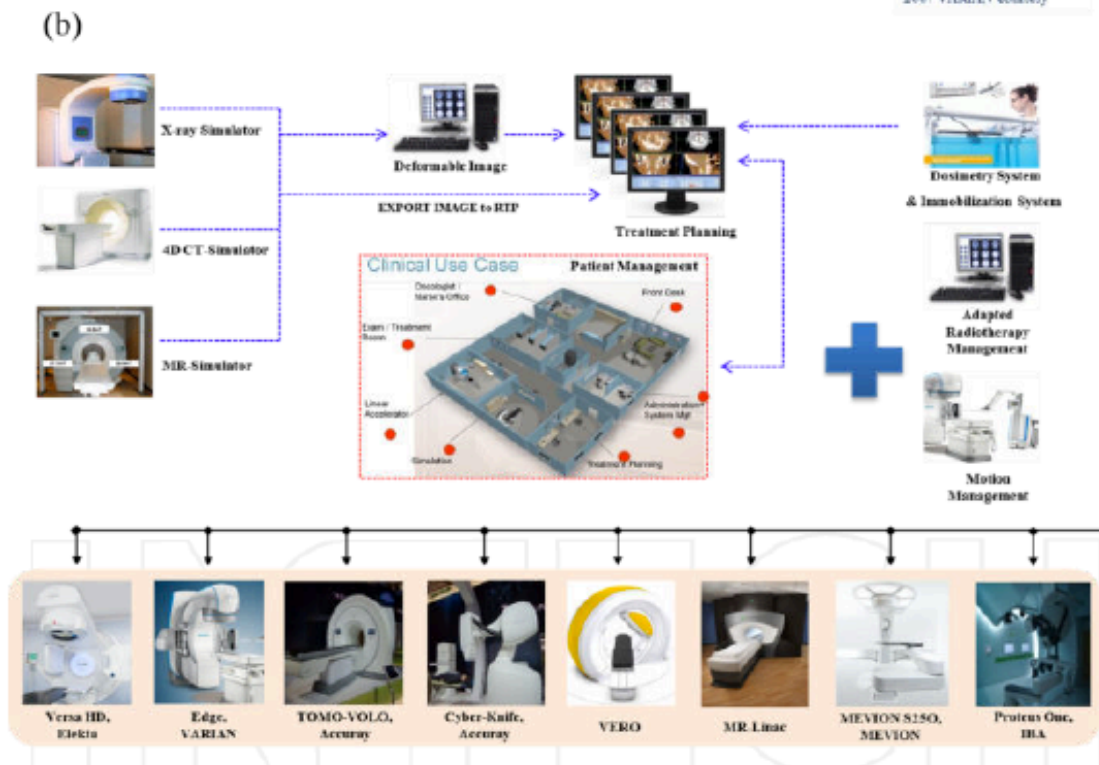
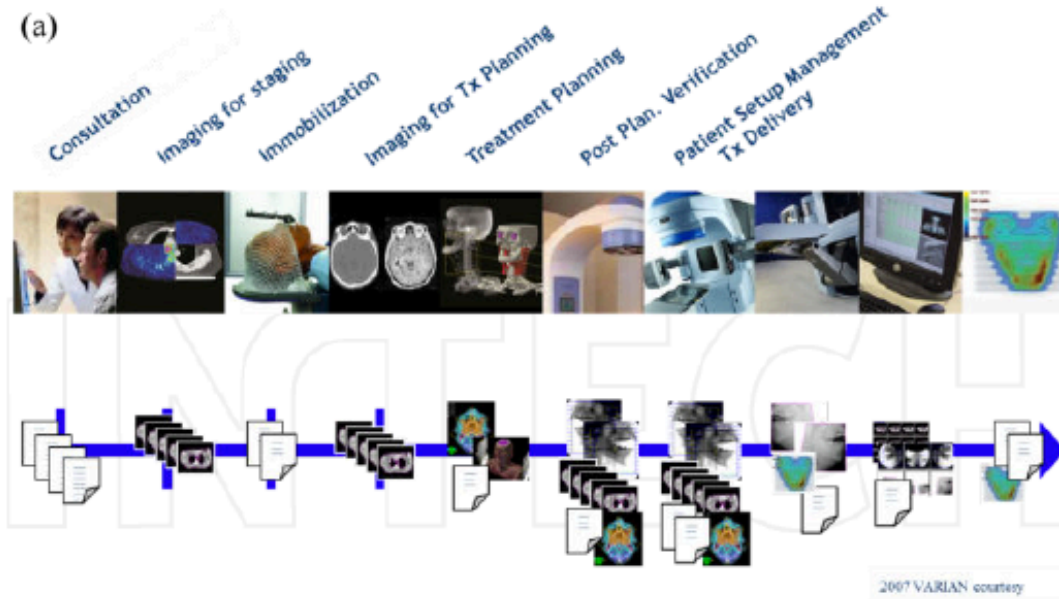


Latty D, et al. *J Med Radiat Sci.* 2015  
Swanson T et al. *AM J Clin Oncol* 2013  
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# Radioterapia XXI



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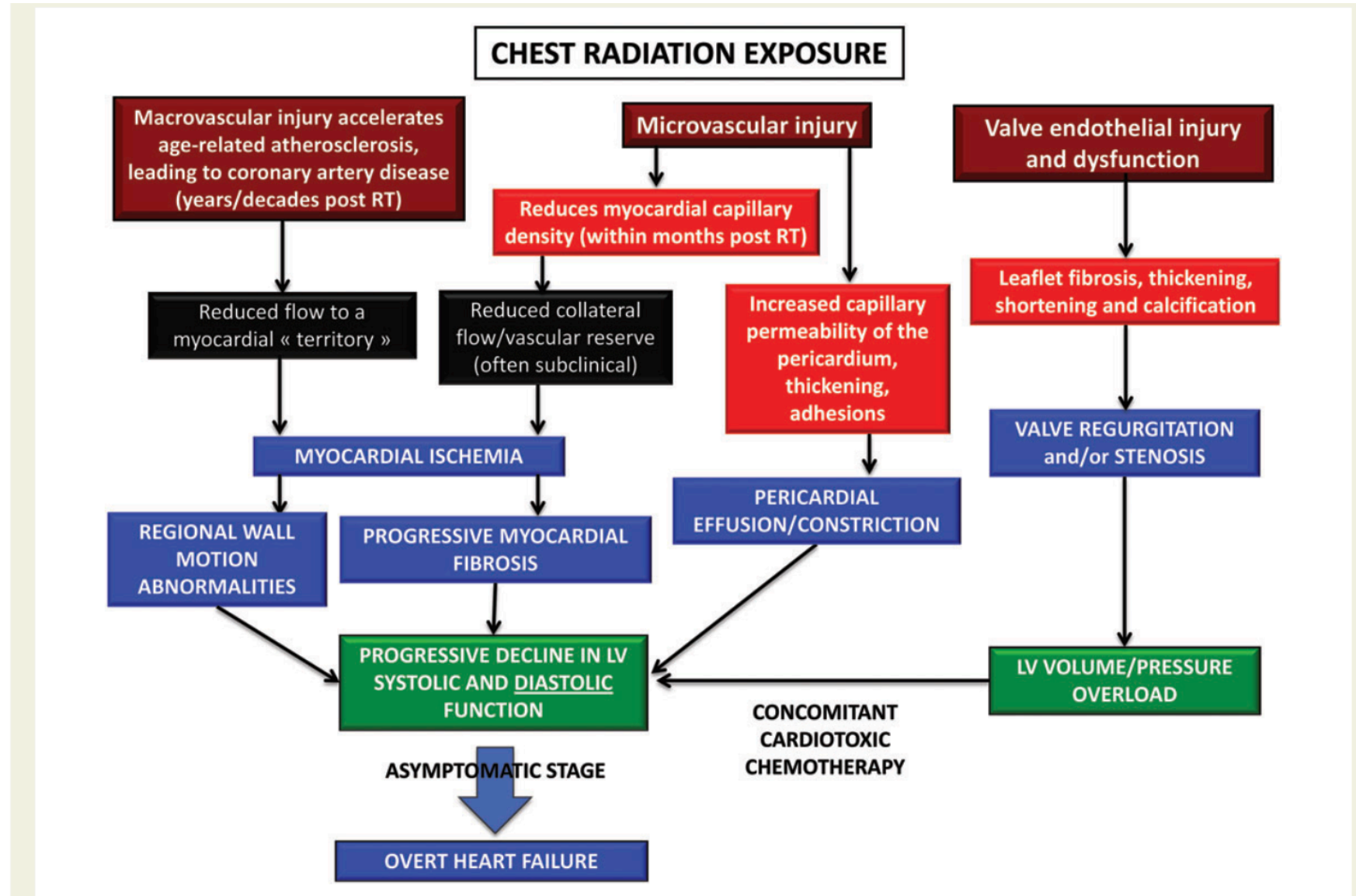




# Cardiotoxicidade



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**Figure 1** Pathophysiological manifestations of radiation-induced heart disease for different radiosensitive structures within the heart. LV: left ventricle; RT: radiotherapy.



**Table 2 Risk factors of radiation-induced heart disease**

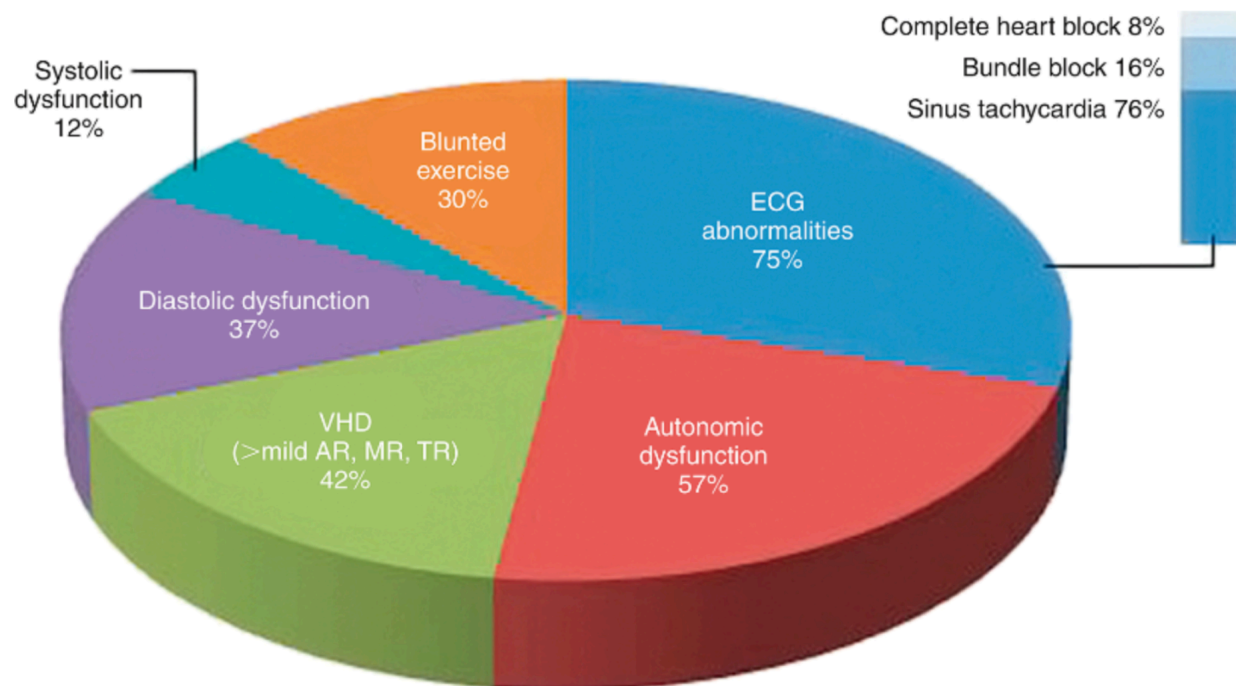
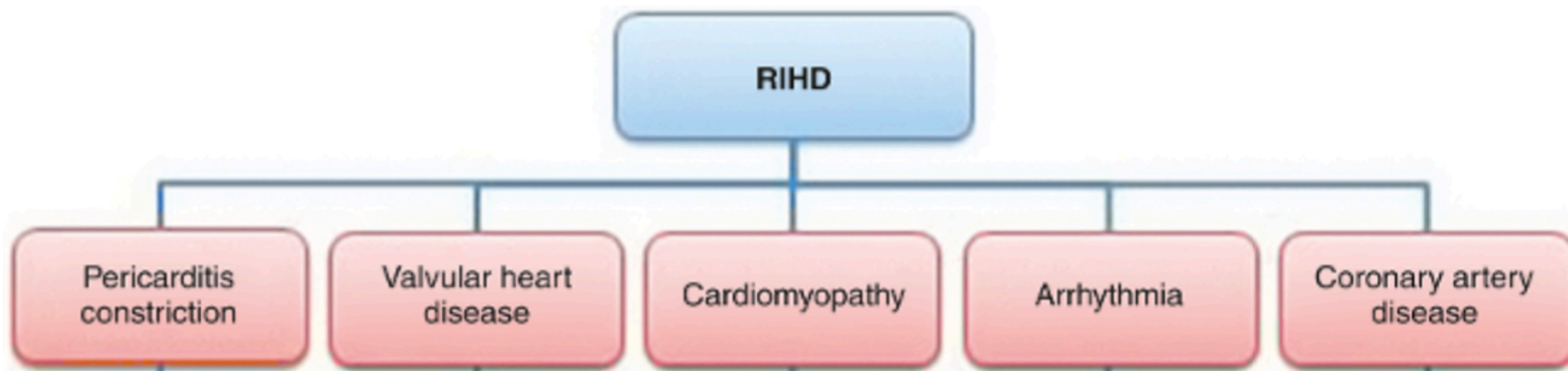
Anterior or left chest irradiation location  
High cumulative dose of radiation ( $> 30$  Gy)  
Younger patients ( $< 50$  years)  
High dose of radiation fractions ( $> 2$  Gy/day)  
Presence and extent of tumour in or next to the heart  
Lack of shielding  
Concomitant chemotherapy (the anthracyclines considerably increase the risk)  
Cardiovascular risk factors (i.e. diabetes mellitus, smoking, overweight,  $\geq$  moderate hypertension, hypercholesterolaemia)  
Pre-existing cardiovascular disease

High-risk patients definition: anterior or left-side chest irradiation with  $\geq 1$  risk factors for RIHD.

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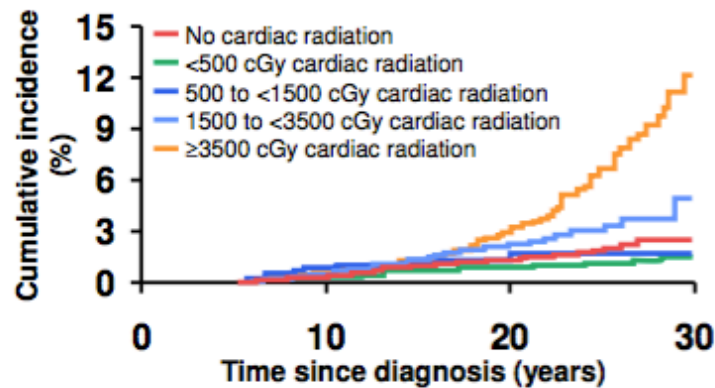


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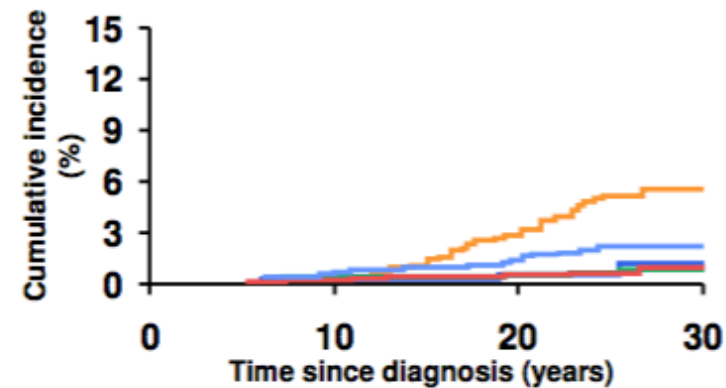


## Radiation-induced Heart Disease

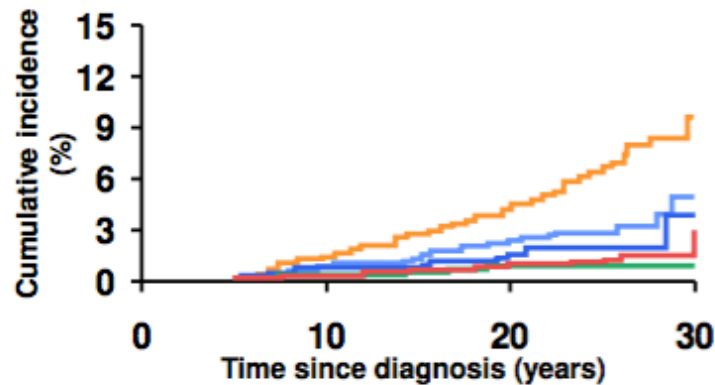
### Congestive heart failure



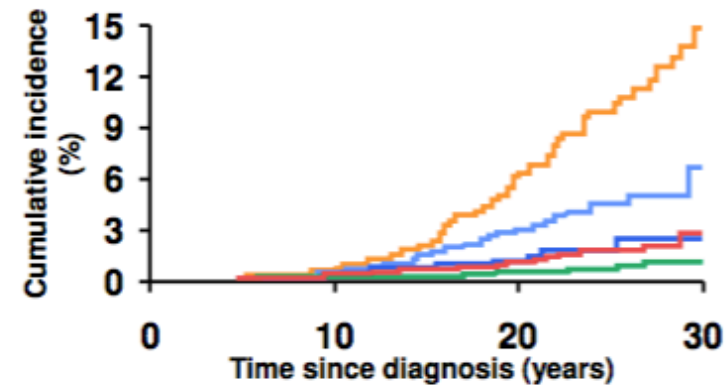
### Myocardial infarction



### Pericardial disease



### Valvular disease

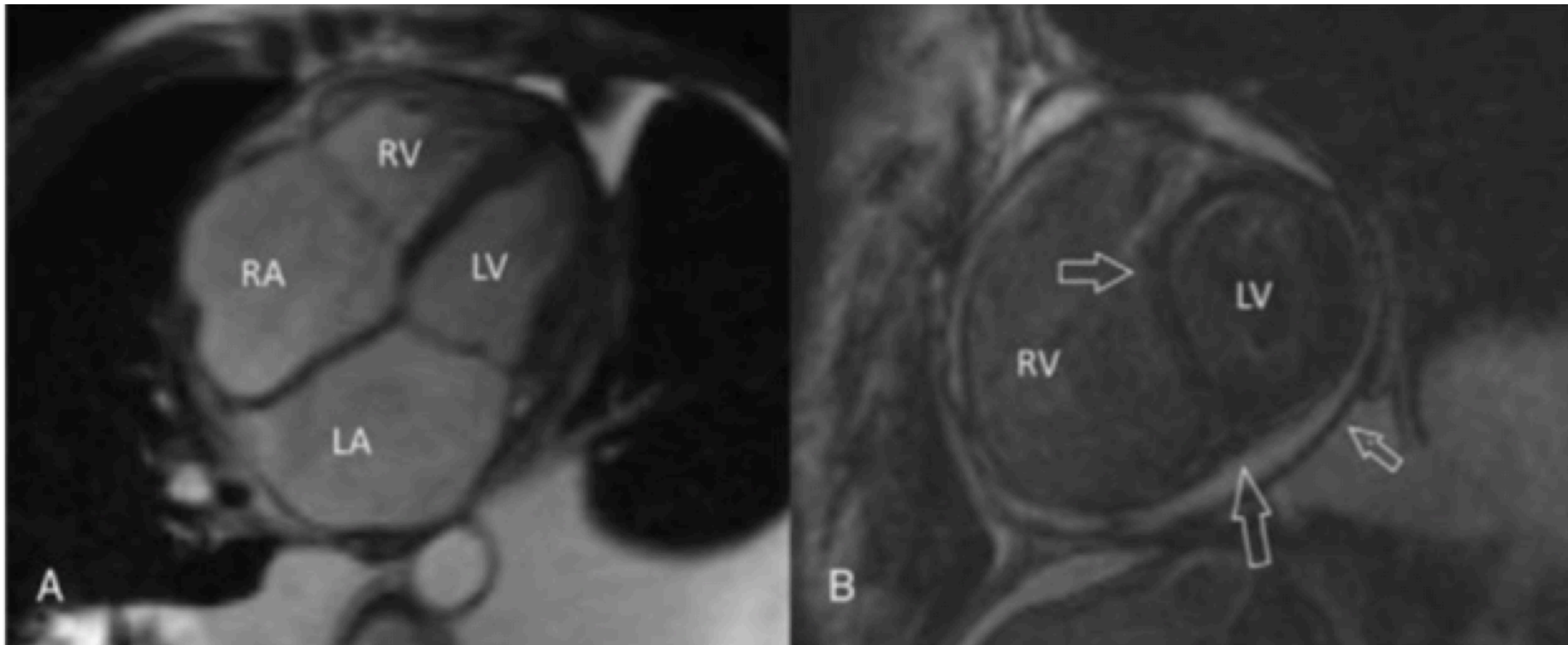




# Pericardial Disease

**Prevalence:** 6%–30%

**Description:** Pericarditis (acute or chronic), pericardial effusion, pericardial constriction.





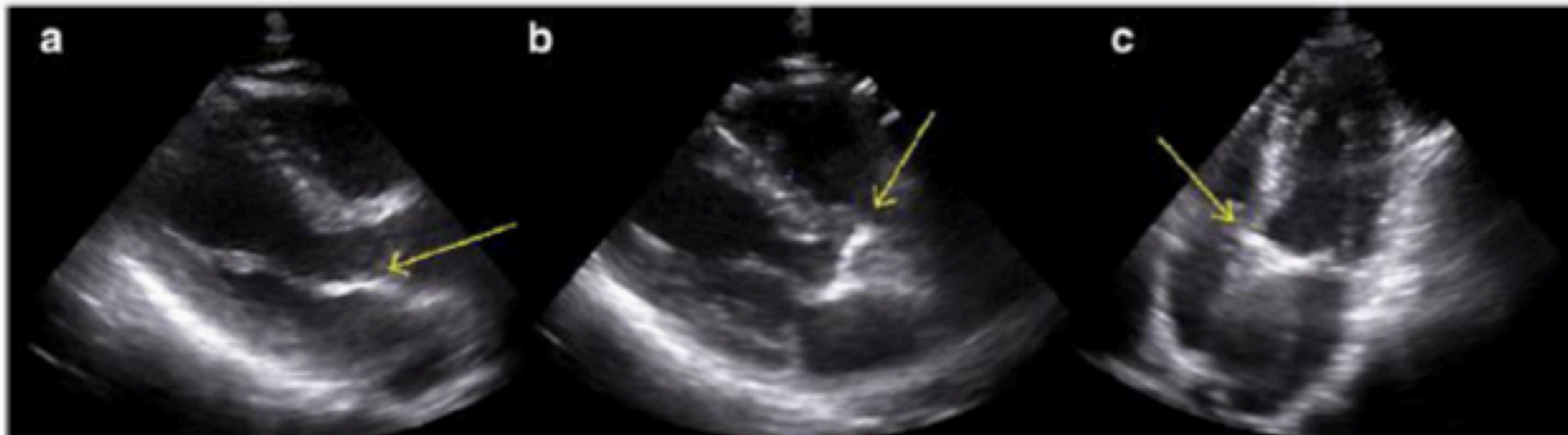
## Valvular Heart Disease

### Prevalence:

**10 yrs:** 26% AR, 39% MR, 16% TR, and 7% PR

**20 yrs:** 60% AR, 16% AS, 52% MR, 26% TR, and 12% PR

### Calcification of the Mitral-aortic Junction



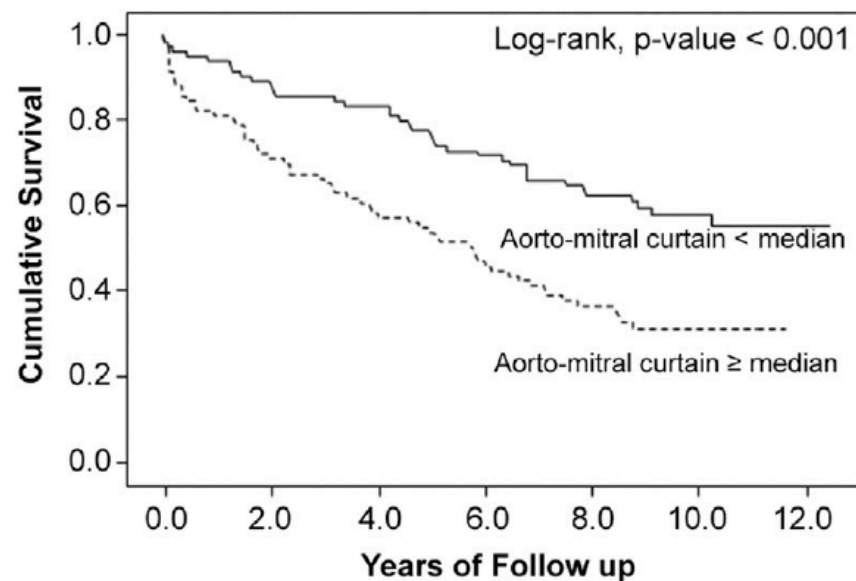


# Increased Aorto-Mitral Curtain Thickness Independently Predicts Mortality in Patients With Radiation-Associated Cardiac Disease Undergoing Cardiac Surgery

Milind Y. Desai, MD, Willis Wu, MD, Ahmad Masri, MD, Zoran B. Popovic, MD, PhD, Shikhar Agarwal, MD, MPH, Nicholas G. Smedira, MD, Bruce W. Lytle, MD, and Brian P. Griffin, MD

Heart and Vascular Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio

(Ann Thorac Surg 2014;97:1348–55)



Number at Risk:

|                               |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| Aorto-mitral curtain < median | 86 | 75 | 72 | 62 | 54 | 24 | 1 |
| Aorto-mitral curtain ≥ median | 87 | 62 | 50 | 40 | 32 | 6  | 0 |

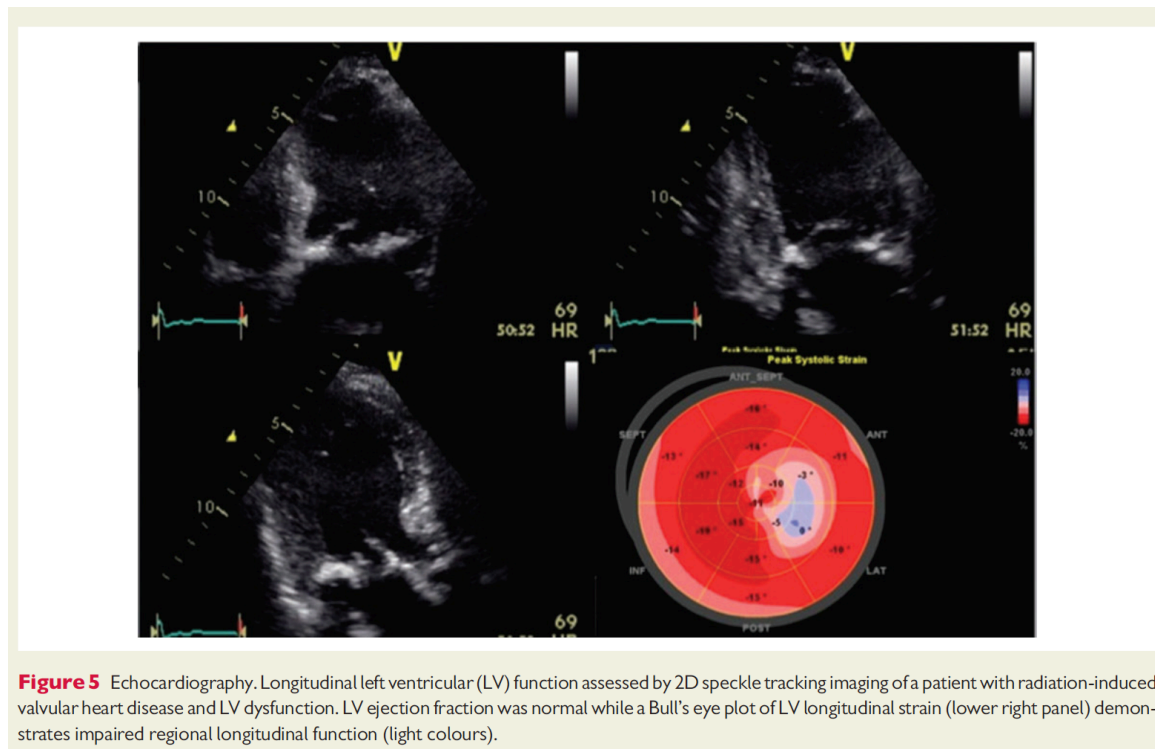


## Cardiomyopathy

**Prevalence:** Up to 10%

**Description:** Diastolic dysfunction > systolic dysfunction; right ventricle > left ventricle.

Increased fibrosis in all 3 layers of the ventricular walls (epicardium, myocardium, and endocardium). May lead to restrictive cardiomyopathy, and rarely to systolic dysfunction.



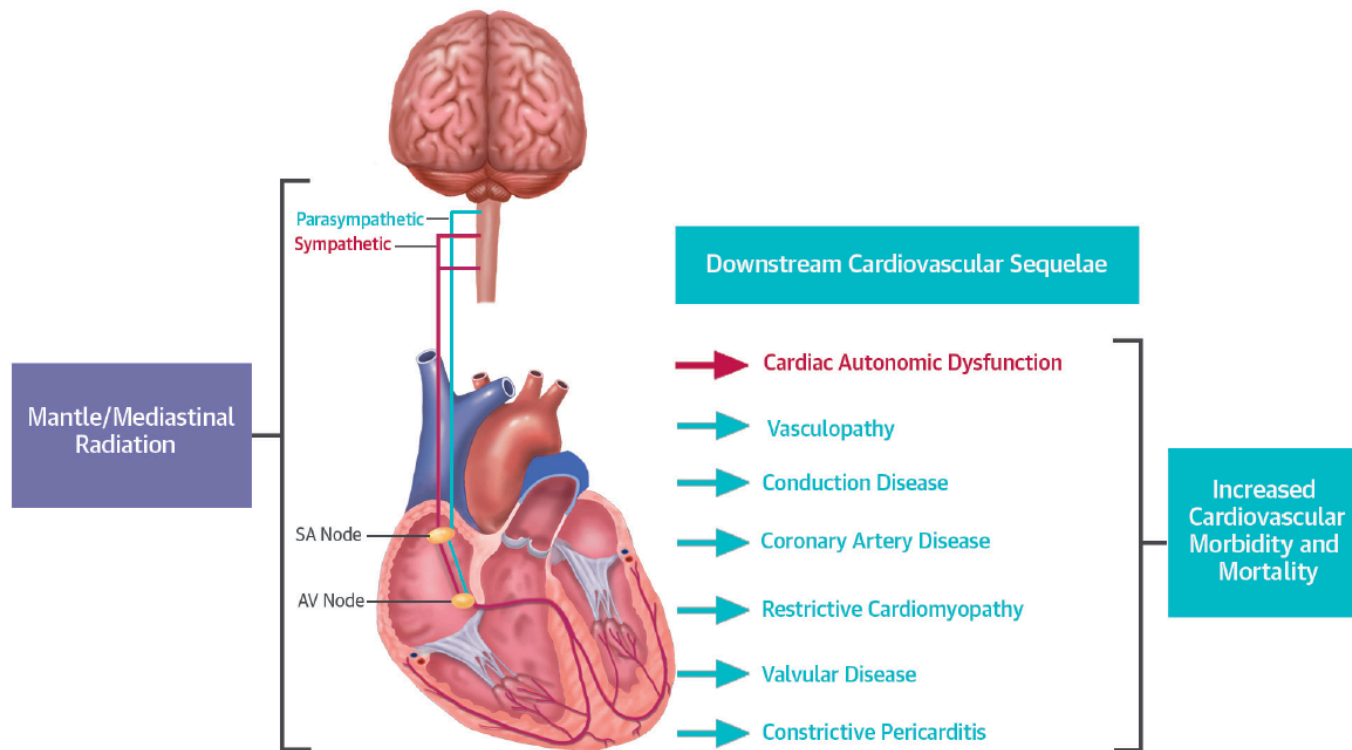
**Figure 5** Echocardiography. Longitudinal left ventricular (LV) function assessed by 2D speckle tracking imaging of a patient with radiation-induced valvular heart disease and LV dysfunction. LV ejection fraction was normal while a Bull's eye plot of LV longitudinal strain (lower right panel) demonstrates impaired regional longitudinal function (light colours).



# Abnormal Exercise Response in Long-Term Survivors of Hodgkin Lymphoma Treated With Thoracic Irradiation Evidence of Cardiac Autonomic Dysfunction and Impact on Outcomes

Groarke JD. J Am Coll Cardiol 2015;65:573–83

## CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION Autonomic Dysfunction in Radiation Survivors



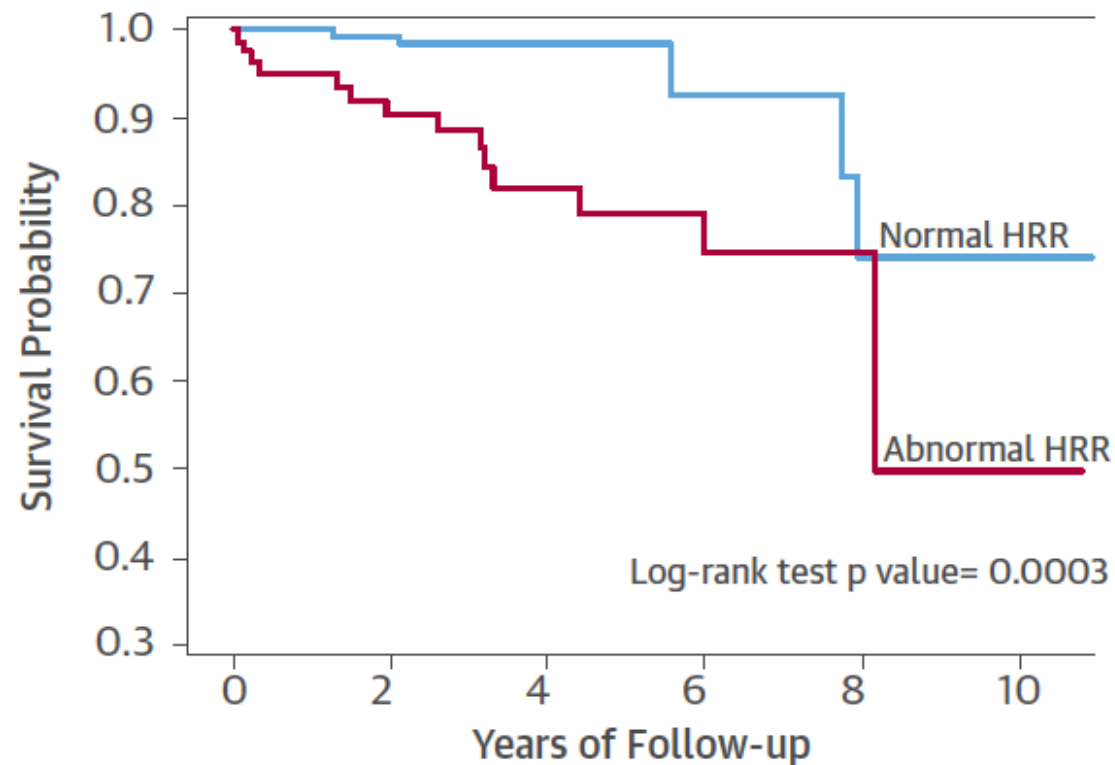
| OUTCOME                                                                                                          | ELEVATED RESTING HEART RATE* | ABNORMAL HEART RATE RECOVERY <sup>†</sup> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Exercise Duration                                                                                                | - 1.1 ± 0.3, p = 0.001       | - 1.0 ± 0.4, p = 0.006                    |
| Mortality, HR (95% CI)                                                                                           | 0.99 (0.40-2.45)             | 5.50 (1.97-15.36)                         |
| Relative to radiation patients without elevated resting heart rate*/with normal heart rate recovery <sup>†</sup> |                              |                                           |



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**FIGURE 4** Kaplan-Meier Cumulative Survival Curves



| Patients at risk<br>(n) |     |     |    |    |   |   |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|----|----|---|---|
| Normal HRR              | 179 | 123 | 57 | 16 | 7 | 7 |
| Abnormal HRR            | 84  | 53  | 31 | 18 | 3 | 3 |



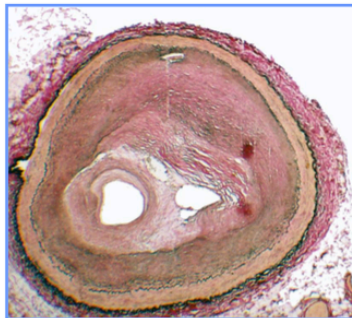
# Coronary Artery Disease

**Prevalence:** Up to 85%

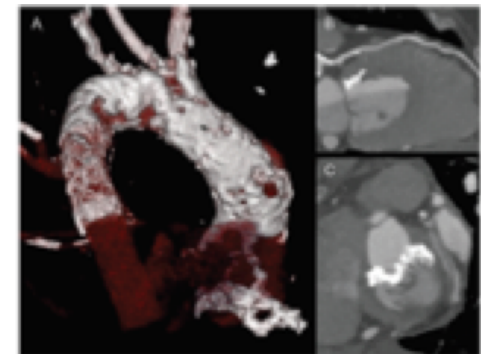
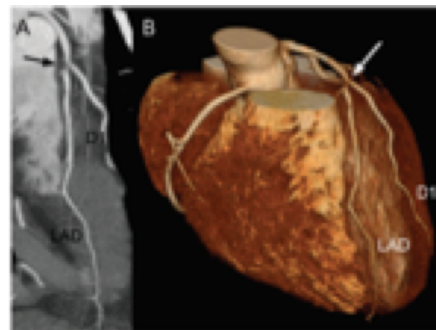
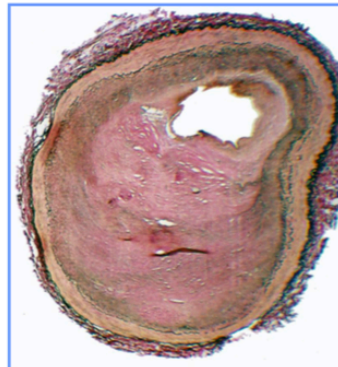
**Description:** Due to epicardial coronary arteries and microcirculatory damage, and sustained inflammation. Usually occurs 10 yrs after radiation therapy. Involves the LM, ostial LAD, and RCA. Lesions are longer, concentric, and tubular.

## Radiation-induced Coronary Artery Disease

Acceleration Pattern



Fibrosis Pattern

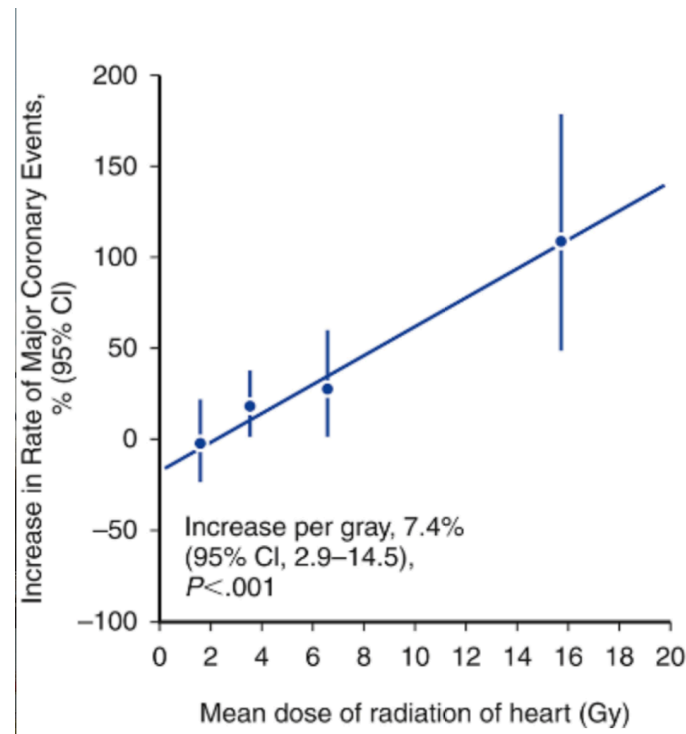


# Risk of Ischemic Heart Disease in Women after Radiotherapy for Breast Cancer

**Darby SC et al. N Engl J Med 2013;368:987-98.**

## CONCLUSIONS

Exposure of the heart to ionizing radiation during radiotherapy for breast cancer increases the subsequent rate of ischemic heart disease. The increase is proportional to the mean dose to the heart, begins within a few years after exposure, and continues for at least 20 years. Women with preexisting cardiac risk factors have greater absolute increases in risk from radiotherapy than other women. (Funded by Cancer Research UK and others.)

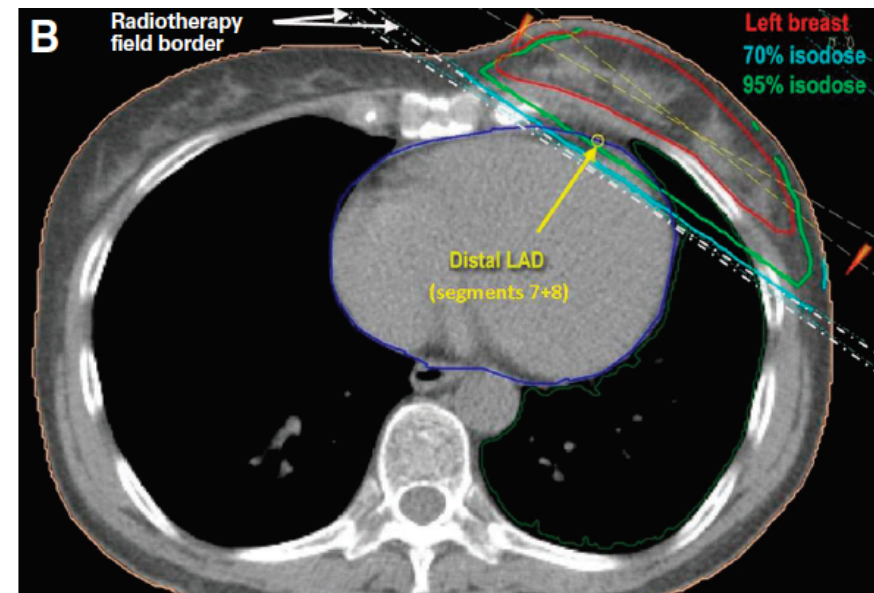
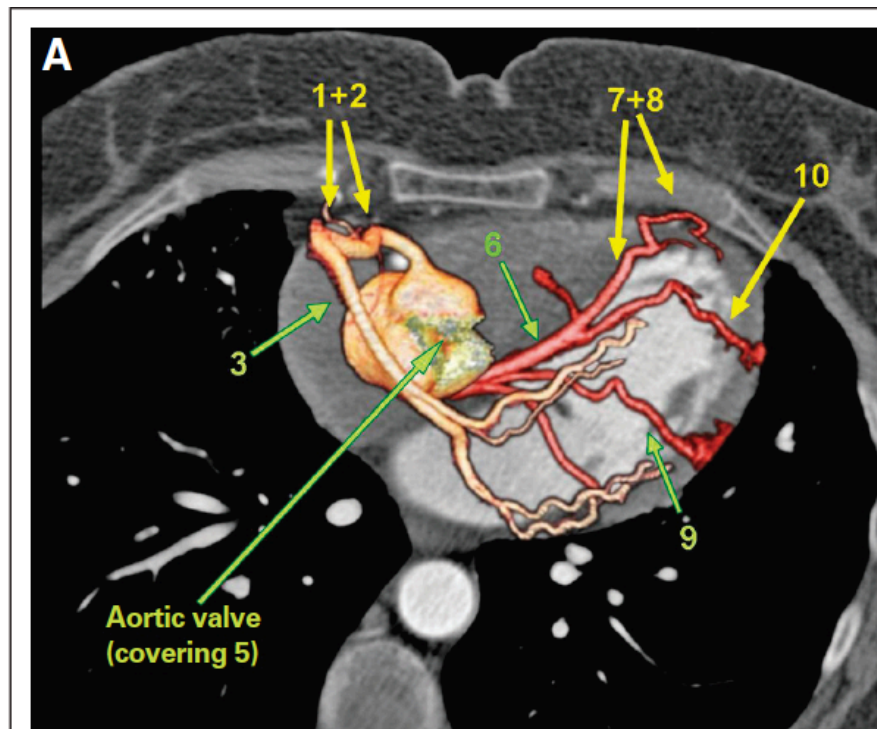






## Distribution of Coronary Artery Stenosis After Radiation for Breast Cancer

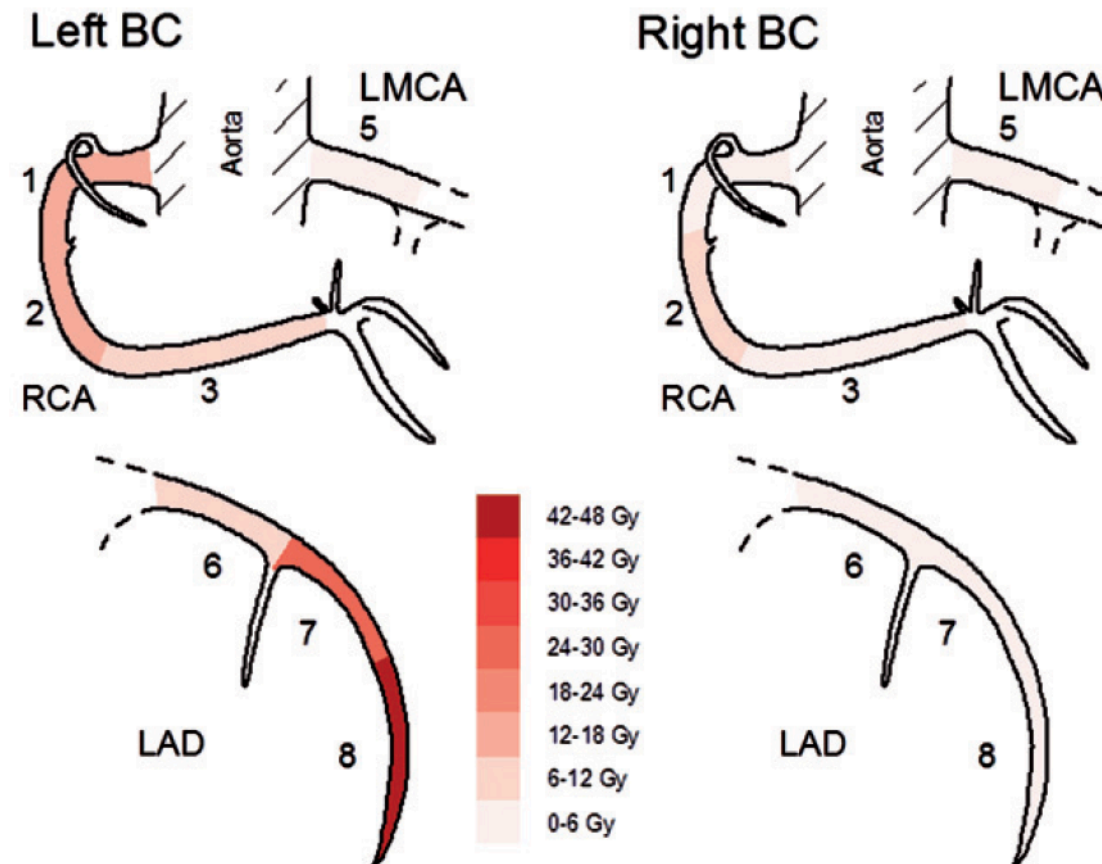
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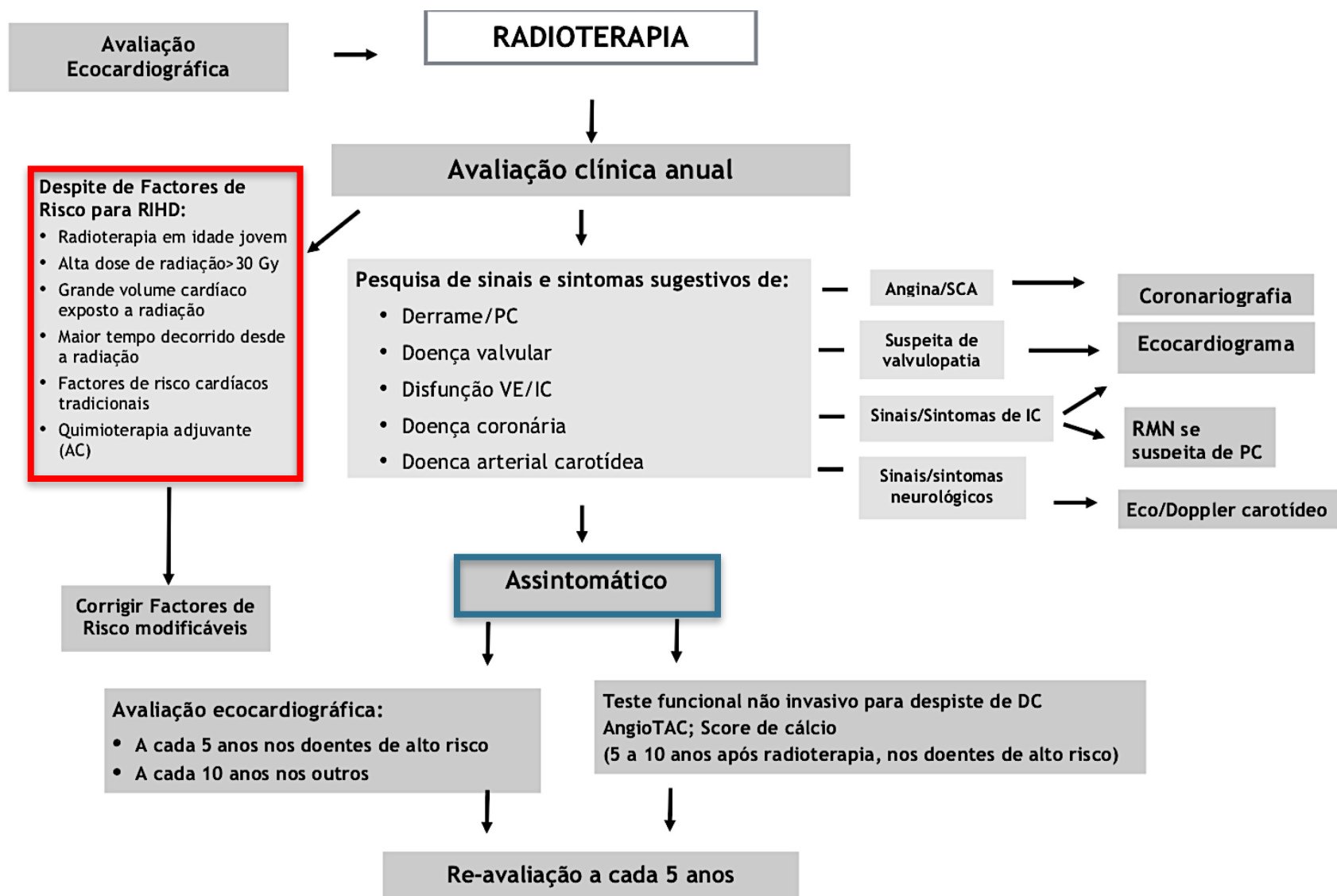


**Figure 1.** Segment-wise distribution of mean maximal radiation doses, of seven left- and eight right-sided women with breast cancer (BC). Gy: Gray; LMCA: left main coronary artery; LAD: left anterior descending artery; RCA: right coronary artery.

# Avaliação e



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RIHD: Cardiotoxicidade induzida pela radioterapia; AC: antraciclinas; PC: pericardite constrictiva; DC: doença coronária; IC: insuficiência cardíaca  
Definição de doentes de alto risco: irradiação torácica anterior ou à esquerda na presença de  $\geq 1$  para RIHD

# **MEDIRAD**

Implications of Medical Low Dose Radiation  
Exposure

**Teams and main researchers involved**

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Anne Crijn/Hans Langendijk , Radiation Oncologist

Rozemarijn Vliegenthart, Radiologist

**TUM-MED, Munich** (investigating center):

Stephanie Combs/ Daniela Schillings, Radiation Oncologist

**CCUL, Lisbon** (investigating center):

Manuela Fiuza, Cardiologist

Susana Constantino, Biologist

**ICO, Girona** (investigating center):

Arantxa Eraso / Feran Guedea, Radiation Oncologist

**UPDescartes, Paris** (Core center for reading Cardiac CT and Cardiac MR):

Elie Mousseaux, Radiologist

## **MEDIRAD EARLY-HEART:**

**early detection of cardiovascular changes after RT for breast cancer**

**MEDIRAD EARLY-HEART** is a multicenter prospective cohort study that will include 250 females (left-sided and right-sided) BC patients treated with post-operative RT alone after primary breast conserving surgery.

Patients will be followed for 2 years after RT, based on cardiac imaging and circulating biomarkers





# MEDIRAD EARLY-HEART

## Introduction problem:

Breast cancer (BC) radiotherapy (RT) leads to coincidental radiation of the heart, resulting in increased risk of a variety of heart diseases.

Late cardiac complications have a major impact on quality of life and lead to subsequent morbidity and increased mortality.

Identifying BC patients with the highest-risk of radiation-induced cardiac complications is crucial for developing strategies for primary and secondary prevention

Little has been done on the relationship between **dose distribution of the heart**, in particular to different anatomical cardiac structures, during RT and **early cardiovascular changes** that may lead to cardiac complications.



## Main study objectives:

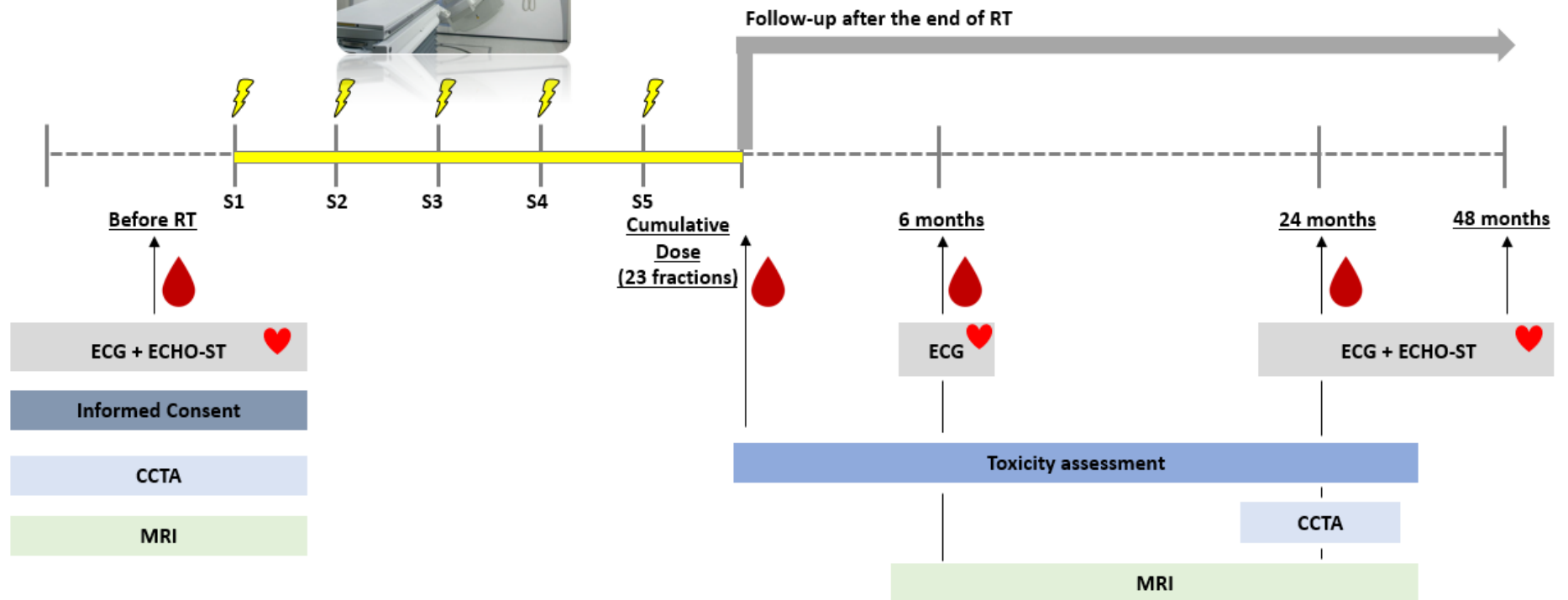
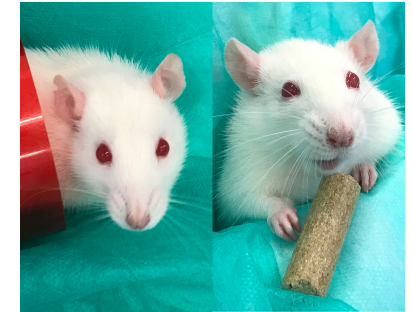
The **specific objective** of the MEDIRAD-EARLY HEART study is to gain more insight in the relationship between radiation dose distributions to the heart, to different anatomical cardiac substructures, during RT and early cardiovascular changes (within two years).

To **identify and validate** most important **cardiac imaging** (echography, CT and MRI) **and circulating biomarkers** of radiation-induced cardiovascular changes arising in the first 2 years after breast cancer radiotherapy.



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# EARLY-HEART STUDY



Legend



Blood collection

## Conclusões /Take home messages

### **Risco de cardiotoxicidade se RT mediastino/torácica $\geq 30\text{Gy}$**

(Doença coronária, Ins. cardíaca, Pericardite, Doença valvular, Disritmias)

### **Maioria dos eventos cardíacos são tardios (15 – 20 anos)**

### **Maioria estão descritos em doentes com longa sobrevivência**

(Tumores da Mama e Linfoma de Hodgkin)

### **Avanços na RT para minimizar cardiotoxicidade**

Definição dose de restrição/tolerância do coração

Uniformização de procedimentos (delimitação e relatório dosimétrico)

Melhoramento da tecnologia de → Exames de imagem,

→ Imobilização/posicionamento,

→ Planeamento/tratamento

### **Actualmente ainda há risco!**

- A mais longo prazo? Mais atenuado?
- Como lidar com as situações – CABG/PCI/TAVI...
- Risco das associações terapêuticas



# MEDIRAD EARLY-HEART

## Study endpoints

### *Secondary endpoints*

- Changes in myocardial function assessed by echocardiography 6 to 24 months after RT compared to baseline.
- Anatomical changes in coronary artery atherosclerosis (number of coronary segments containing any plaque/stenosis, and calcium score) by cardiac CT 24 months after RT compared with baseline. EP: 15% or greater changes.
- Myocardial changes by MRI 6 to 24 months after RT compared with baseline (morphology, function, tissue characterization by delayed enhancement and pre-/post-contrast T1 mapping). EP: increase of the mean pre-contrast T1 mapping value of at least 7%.
- Temporal changes in circulating biomarkers at the end of RT and 6 to 24 months after RT compared with baseline. EP: a statistically significant increase or decrease in each biomarker between time points.



# MEDIRAD EARLY-HEART

## Study endpoints

### *Primary endpoint*

A mean decrease in Global Longitudinal Strain or Global Longitudinal Strain Rate, determined by cardiac ECHO-ST, of at least 2.5% between baseline and 24 months after RT.

