



Ask the Experts Patient Education Program

Autoimmune Liver Diseases

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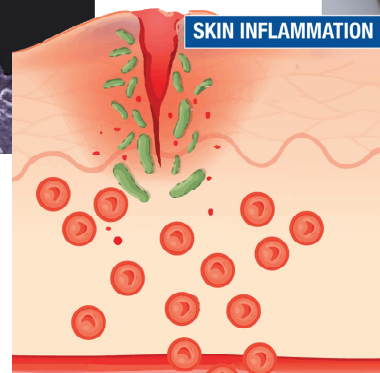
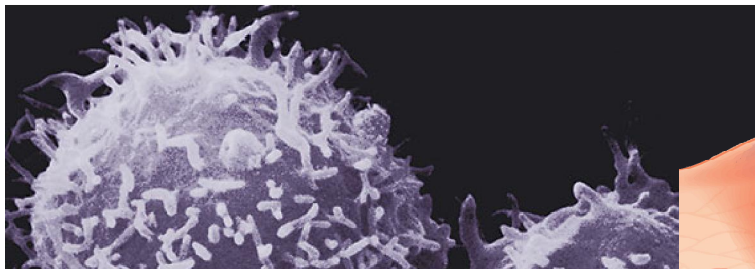
LIVER FUNCTIONS

Liver is made of liver cells, with well defined functions, bile duct cells responsible for draining the bile, and eliminating cholesterol, toxins and certain metals



Injury and Healing

- Immune system to heal and clean up and repair the injured site
- Immune systems is triggered by insult causes injury and cell death in normal cases
- Shuts off as soon as the repair process is over



Injury and Healing

- Autoimmune liver diseases occur when the immune system does not recognize a liver component as self and starts attacking it
- Injury, inflammation, cell death, liver dysfunction, healing scar tissue deposition (fibrosis) leading to cirrhosis

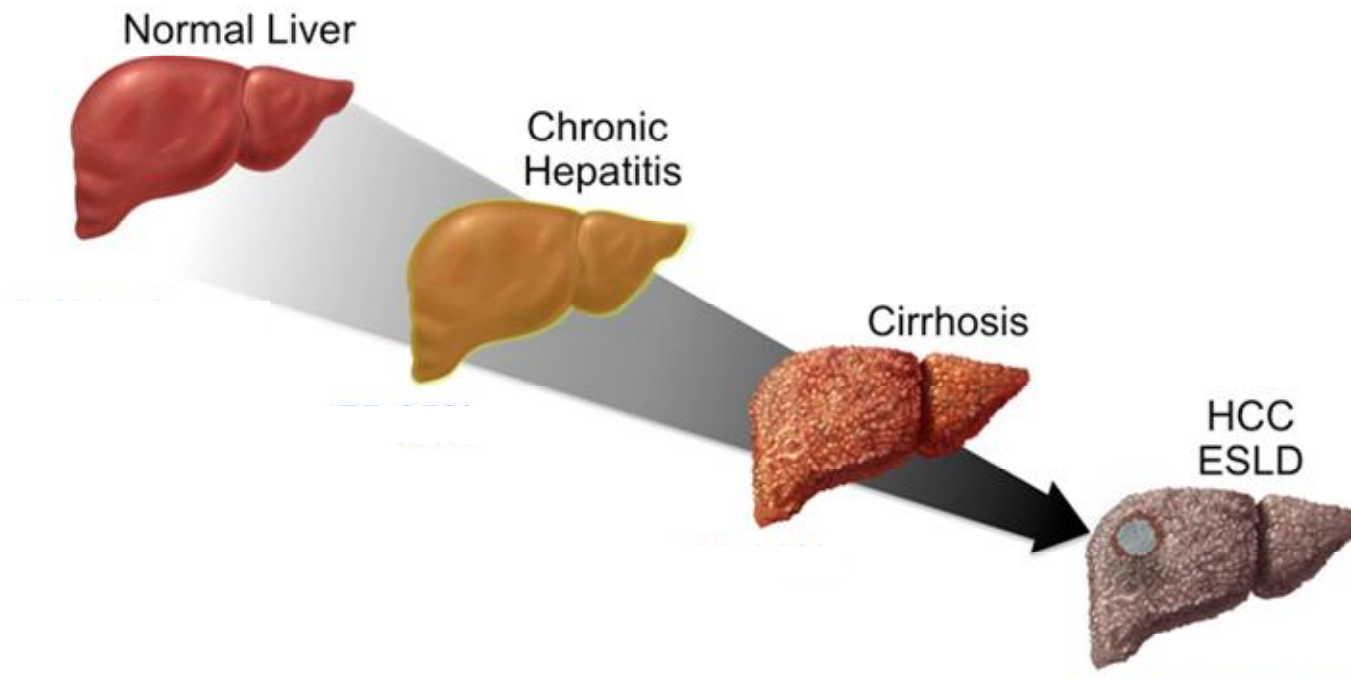


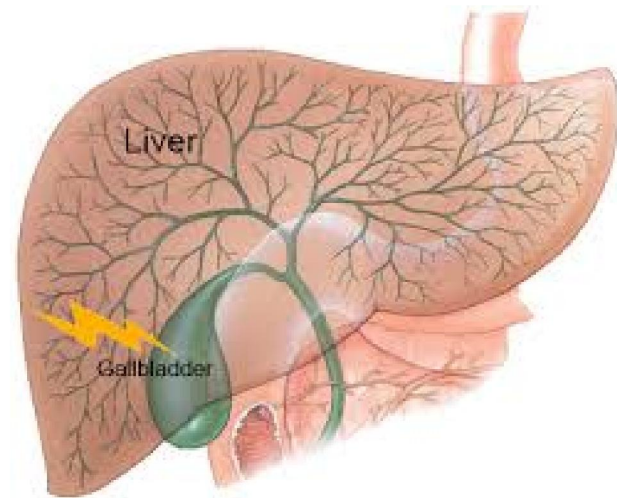
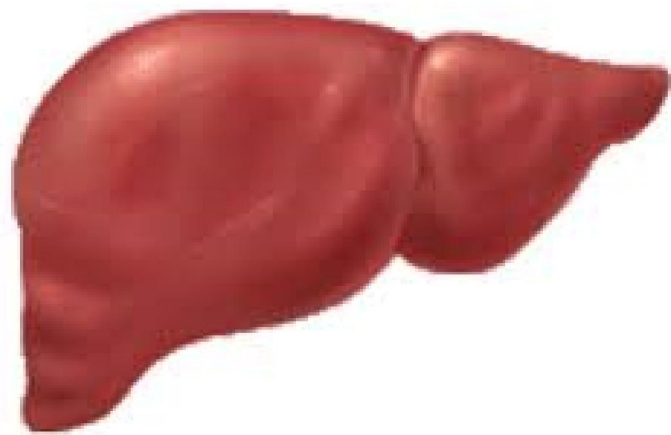
What is Autoimmune Liver Disease

- Autoimmune hepatitis is a long lasting disease
- Body's **immune** system attacks the liver and **causes** inflammation and damage (mainly scarring)
- Autoimmune hepatitis is a serious condition that may worsen over time if not treated.
- Autoimmune hepatitis can lead to cirrhosis and liver failure.



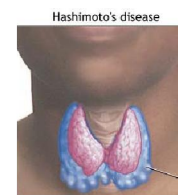
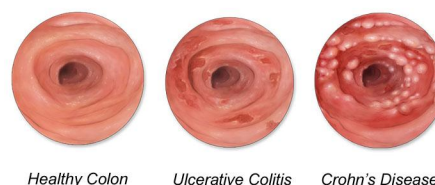
Disease Progression





Disease Type and Treatment

- 4 major Categories
 - Autoimmune hepatitis (AIH)
 - Primary Biliary Cholangitis (PBC)
 - Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (PSC)
 - Combination of the above
- Prevalence: 2-3/100,000
- Females (8x) >>>> male (except in PSC)
- Associated with other conditions
 - Thyroiditis
 - Rheumatoid Arthritis
 - Inflammatory bowel diseases
 - Vitiligo



Disease Type and Treatment

Treatment is effective especially in early stages (except PSC)

- Immunosuppression
- Bile Acid
- Liver transplantation





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Liver Transplantation

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Milestones

1954 – kidney transplant

1966 – pancreas transplant

1967 – liver transplant

1981 – heart / lung

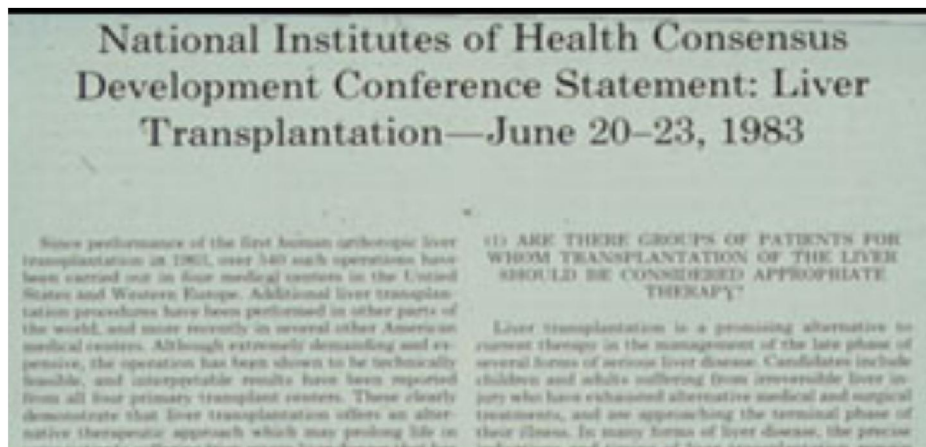
1983 – cyclosporin approved

1983 – single lung transplant

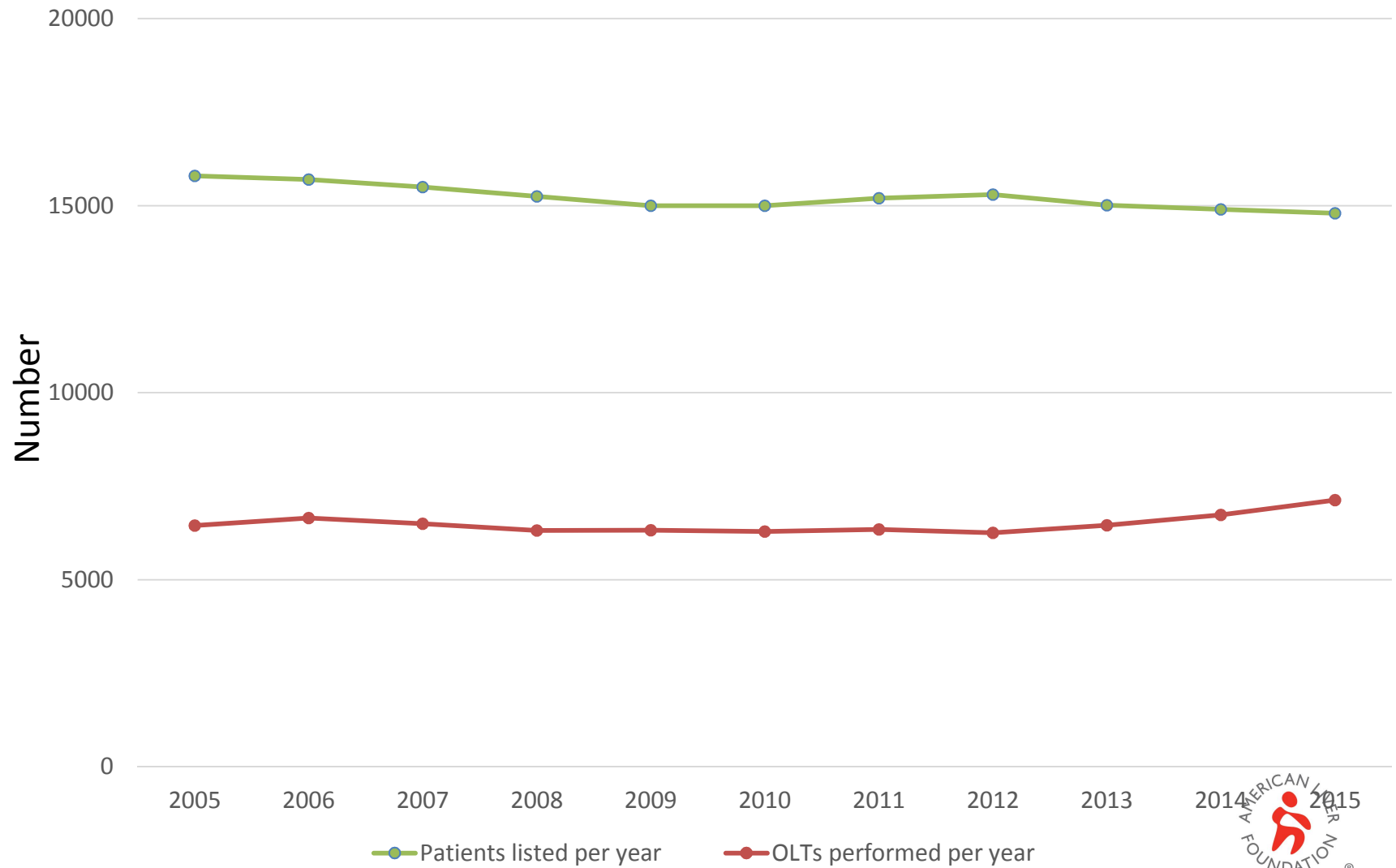


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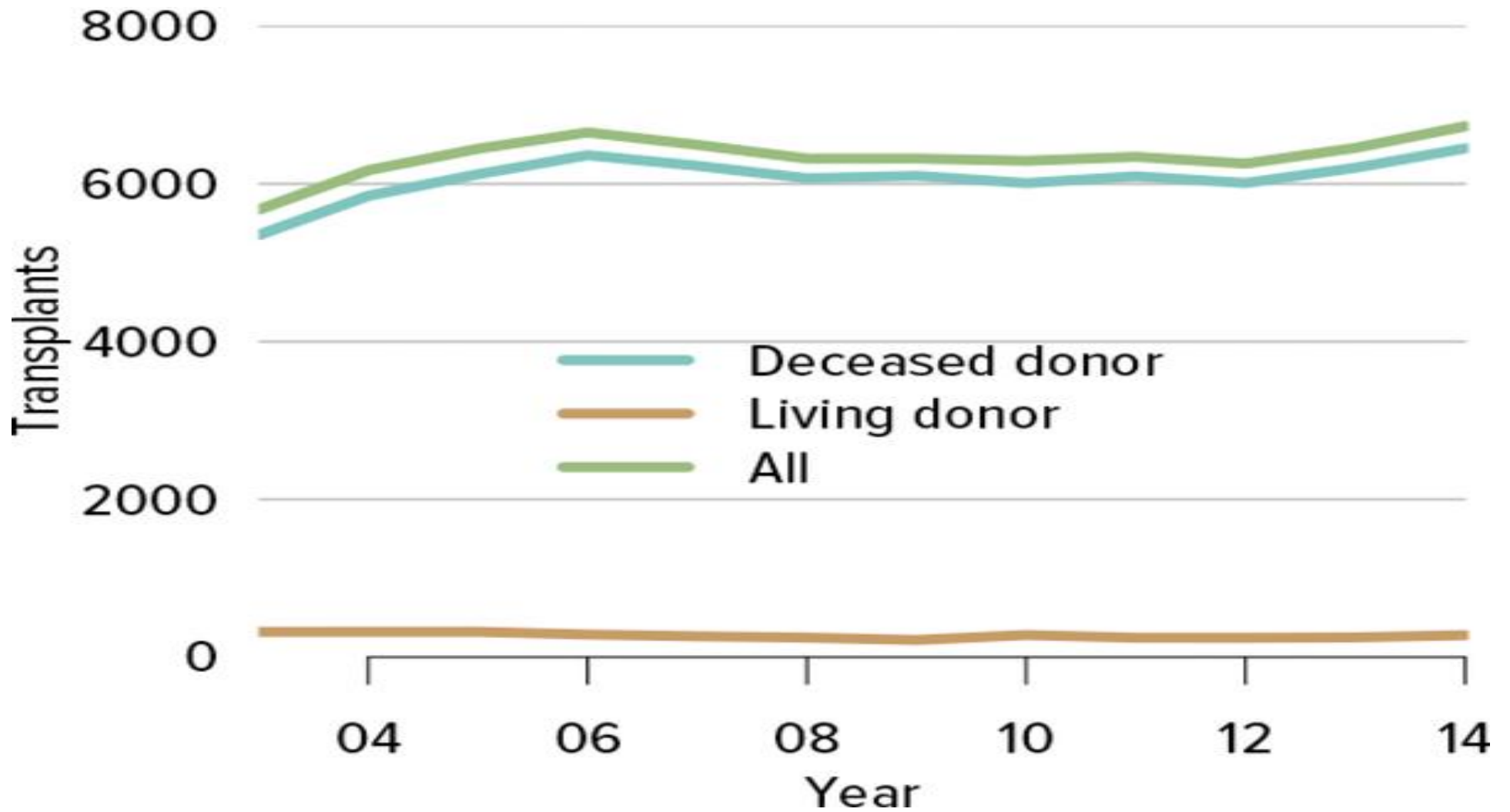
Liver transplantation is approved as a therapeutic modality by NIH Consensus Conference



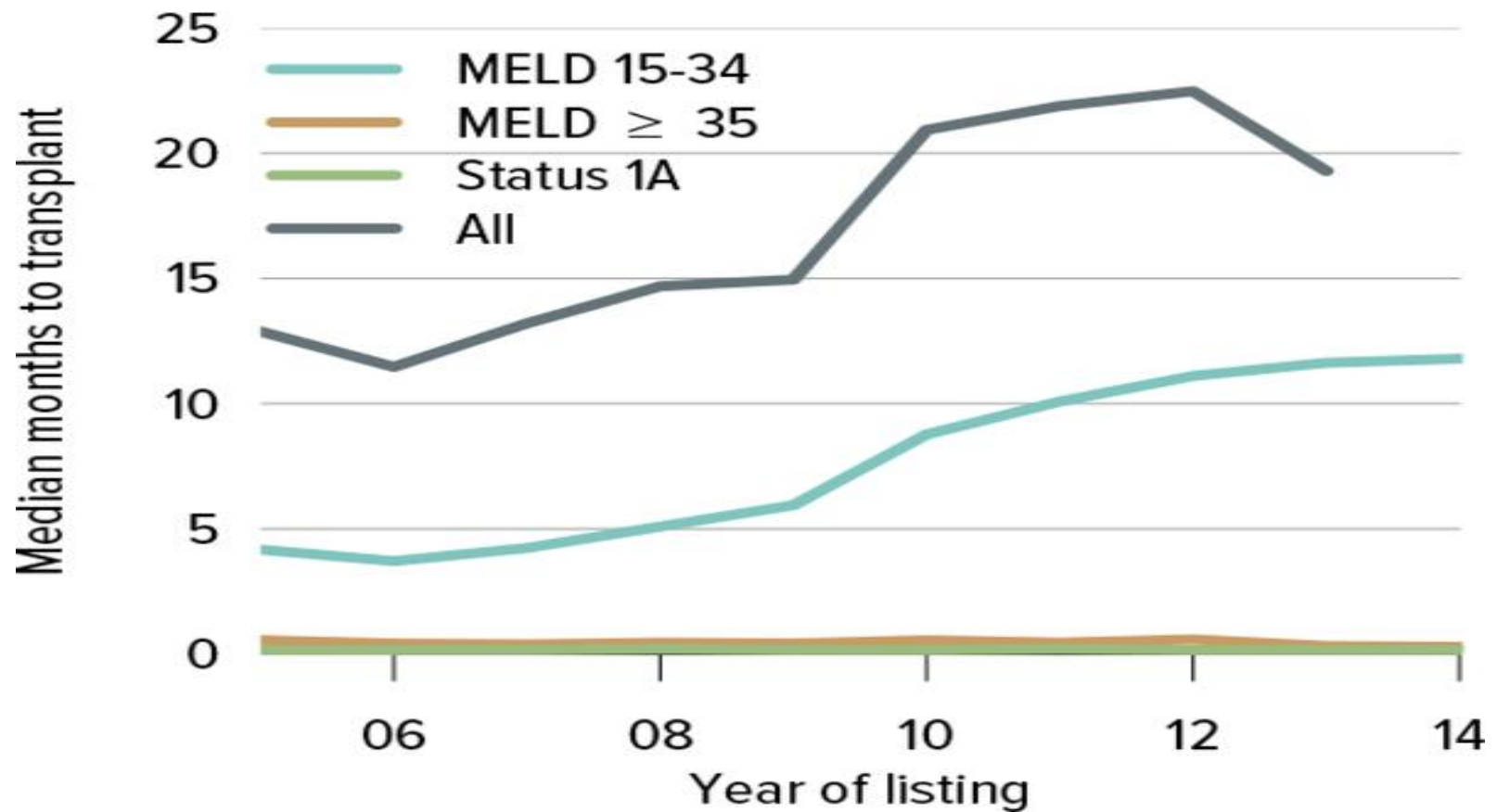
Waiting list



Transplants



Waiting time



Liver Transplantation

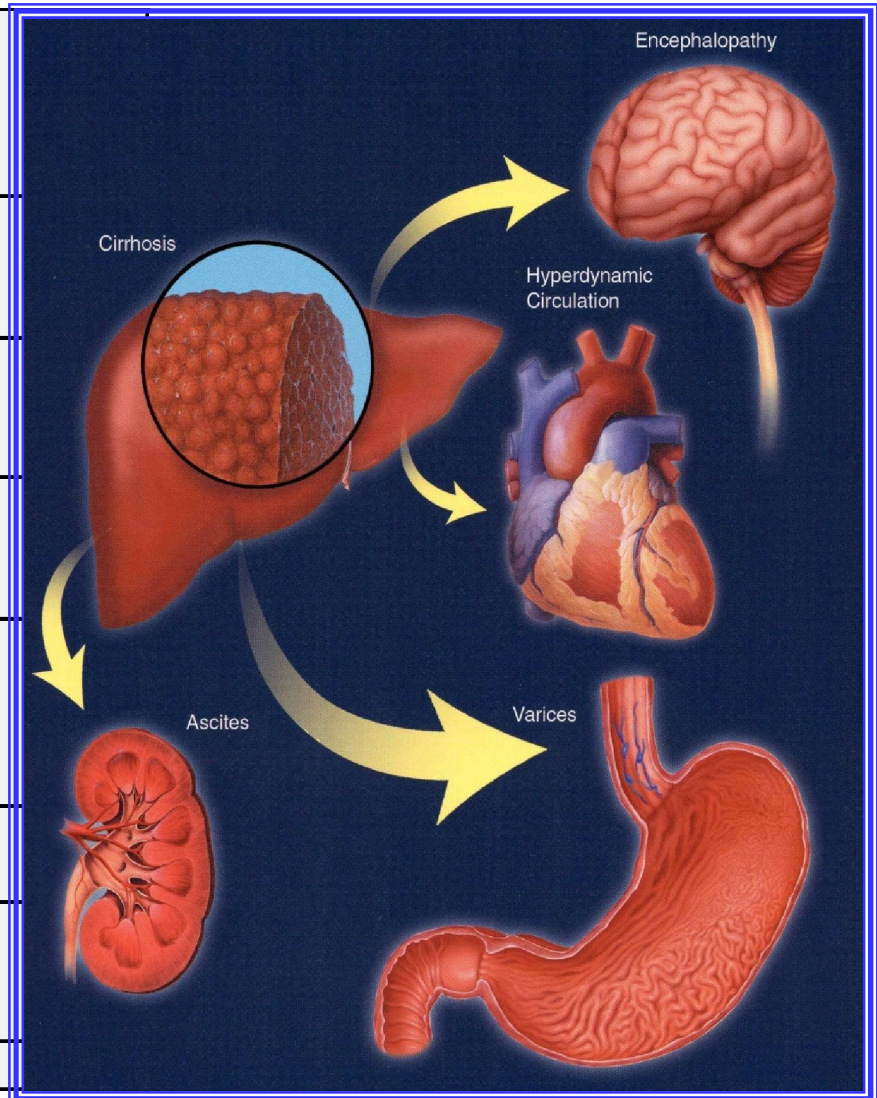
Liver transplantation should be reserved to those that have exhausted standard medical and surgical therapies.

Liver transplantation is a form of treatment, and as such was designed for those with **life threatening** complications of end stage liver disease.



Complications of Liver Dysfunction and Cirrhosis

<p>Portal hypertension</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Esophageal varices Ascites Splenomegaly
<p>Cardiovascular dysfunction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cardiomyopathy Hyperdynamic circulation
<p>Pulmonary dysfunction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arterial hypoxemia from pulmonary shunts Pulmonary hypertension
<p>Synthetic dysfunction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coagulopathy Hypoalbuminemia
<p>Renal dysfunction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hepatorenal syndrome Platelet dysfunction and coagulopathy Electrolyte disturbances
<p>Neurologic dysfunction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hepatic encephalopathy
<p>Excretory dysfunction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jaundice Pruritis
<p>Risk of malignancy</p>



Indications for LTX

- **Fulminant or sub-fulminant liver disease**
 - Hepatitis B
 - Acetaminophen toxicity
 - Idiosyncratic drug toxicity
 - Hepatitis A
 - Adenovirus
 - Mushroom toxicity
 - Acute Wilson's disease
 - Acute Budd-Chiari syndrome
 - Trauma or iatrogenic injury
 - Acute failure of previously transplanted liver



Indications for LTx

- **Chronic end-stage liver disease**
 - Chronic Hepatitis C
 - Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH)
 - Alcoholic liver disease
 - Autoimmune hepatitis
 - Primary biliary cirrhosis
 - Secondary biliary cirrhosis
 - Primary sclerosing cholangitis
 - Biliary atresia
 - Cryptogenic cirrhosis
 - Chronic Hepatitis B

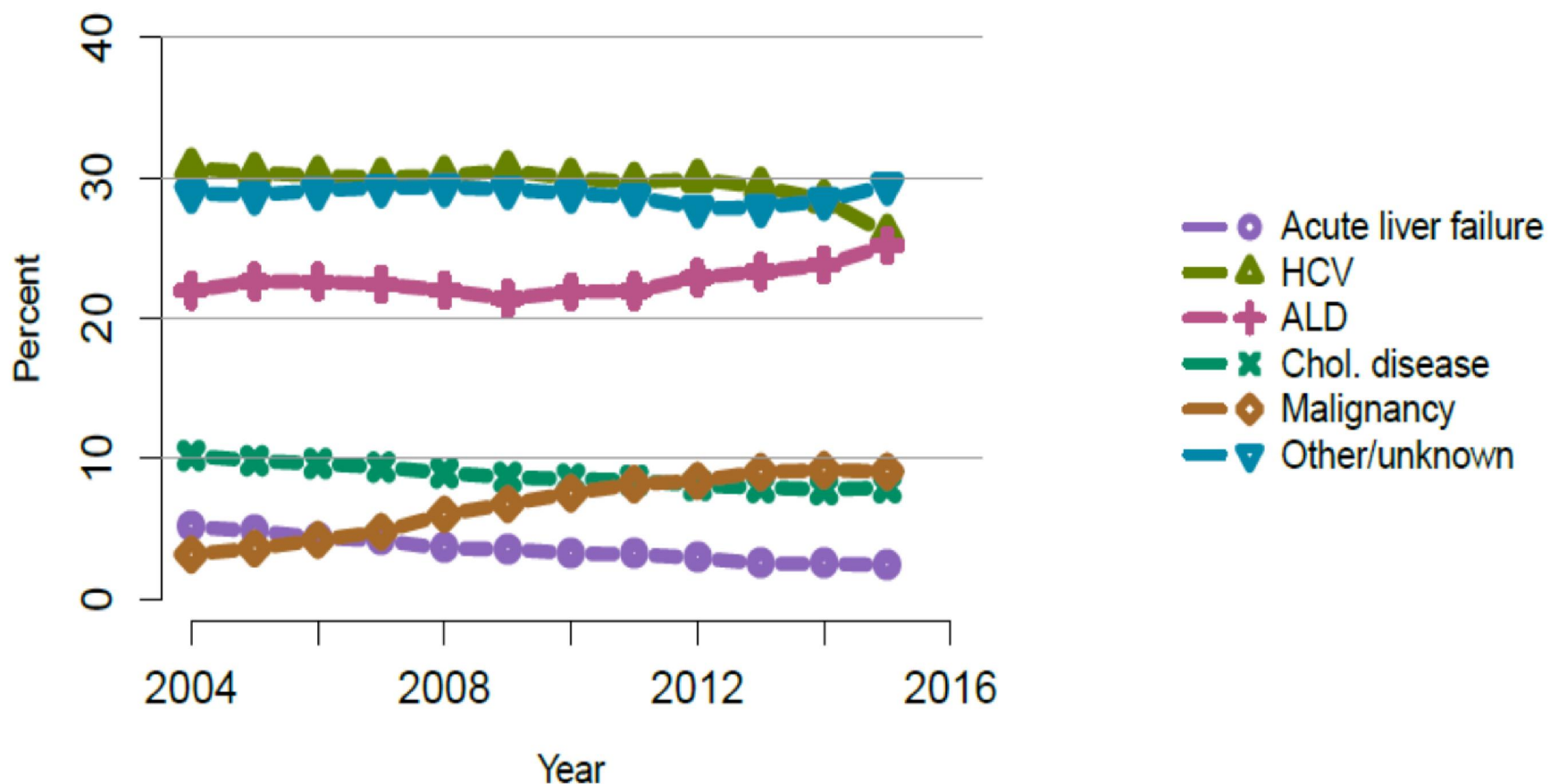


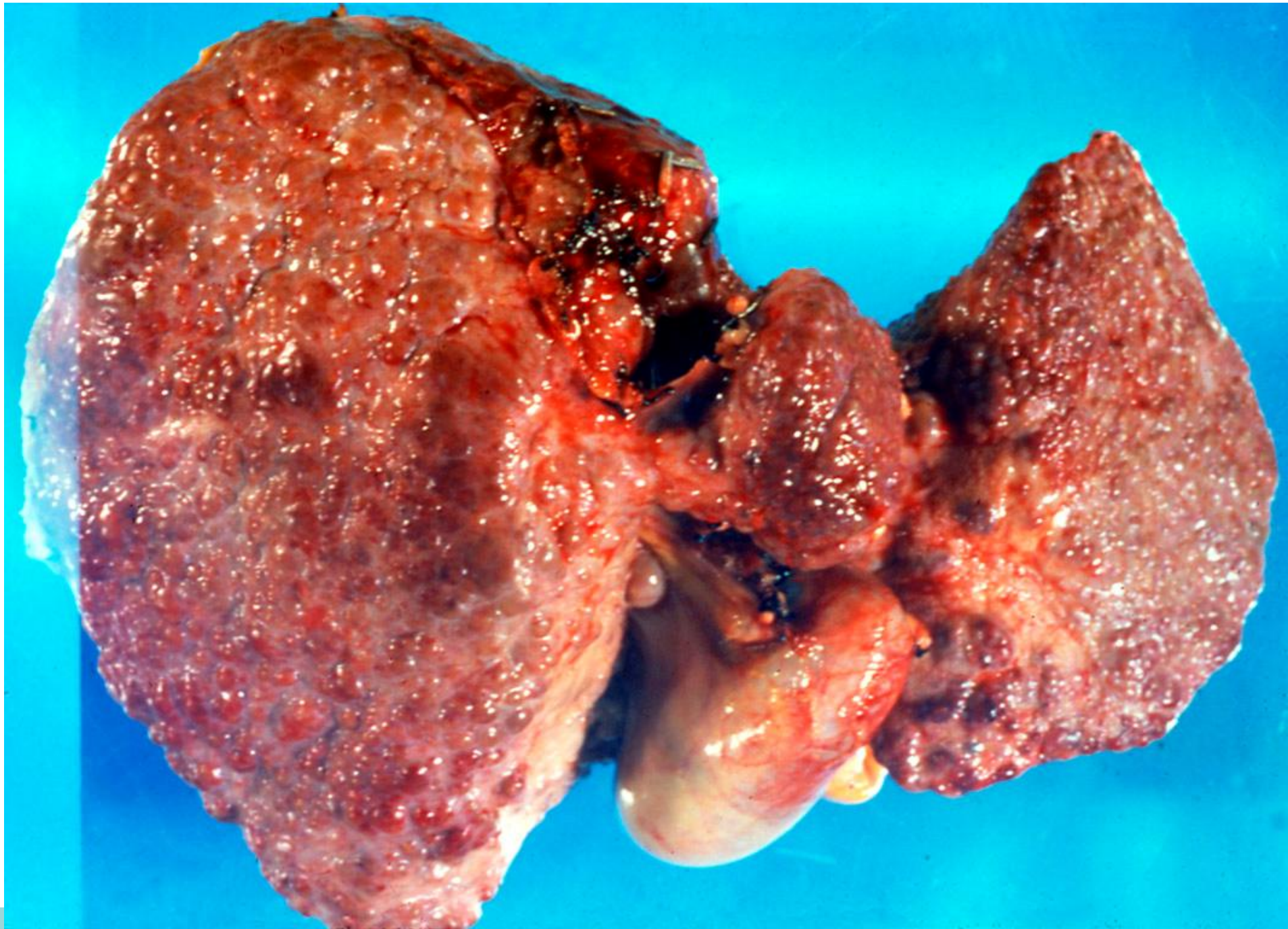
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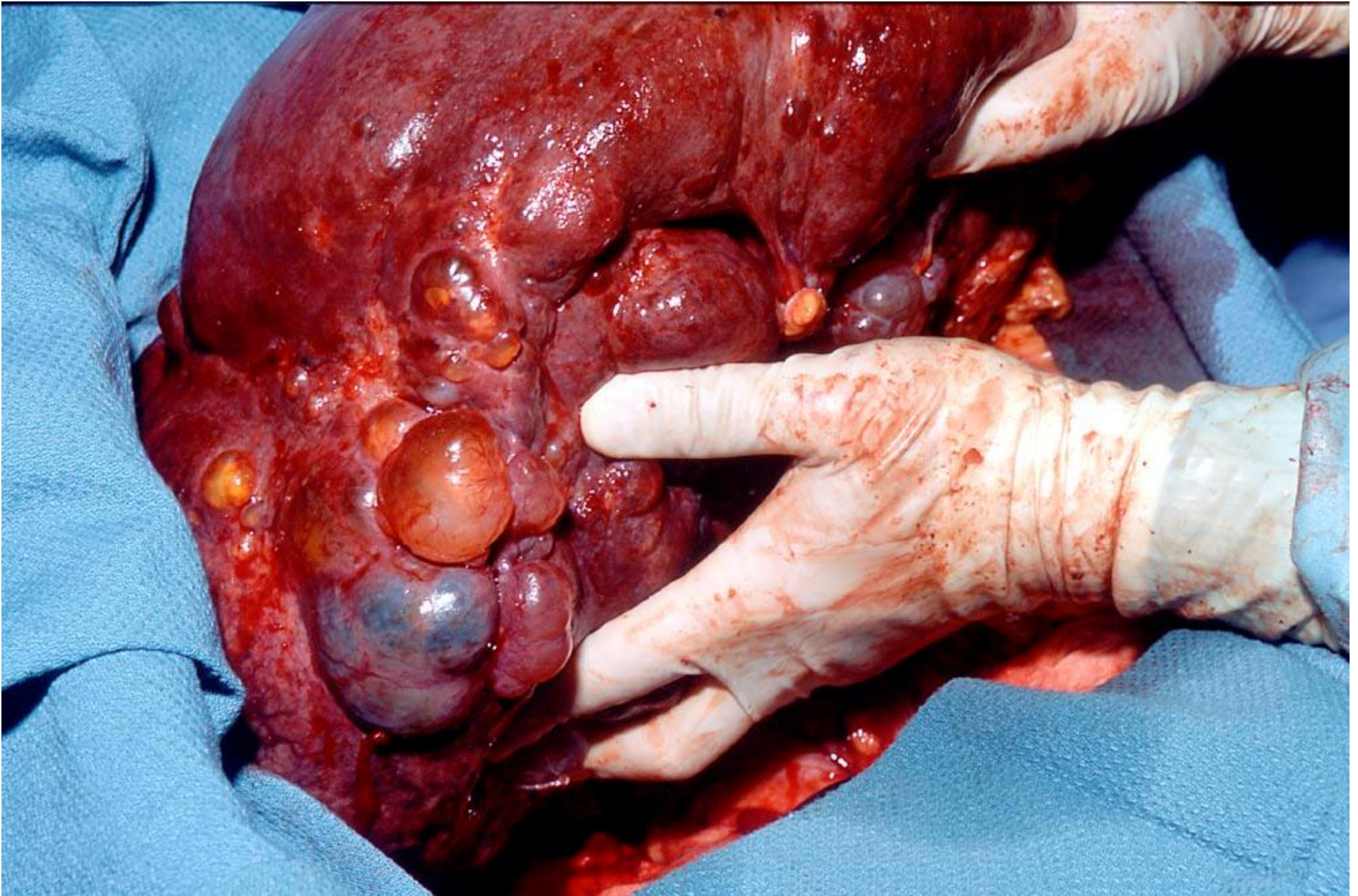
- **Metabolic liver disease**
 - Wilson's disease
 - Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency
 - Hemochromatosis
 - Tyrosinemia
 - Hyperoxalosis
 - Familial polyneuropathy - amyloidosis
 - Crigler-Najjar syndrome
- **Malignancies**
 - Hepatocellular carcinoma
 - Metastatic neuroendocrine tumors
 - Hepatic Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma
 - Cholangiocarcinoma
 - Metastatic colorectal cancer to the liver!!!!



Waiting list by diagnosis







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Contraindications for LTx

- Extrahepatic sepsis
- Advanced cardiopulmonary failure
- Multisystem organ failure
- Inability or unwillingness to comply with post-transplant medical therapy
- Active substance abuse ?
- Advanced age (physiologic) ?
- Extrahepatic malignancy (except for skin/colorectal) ?



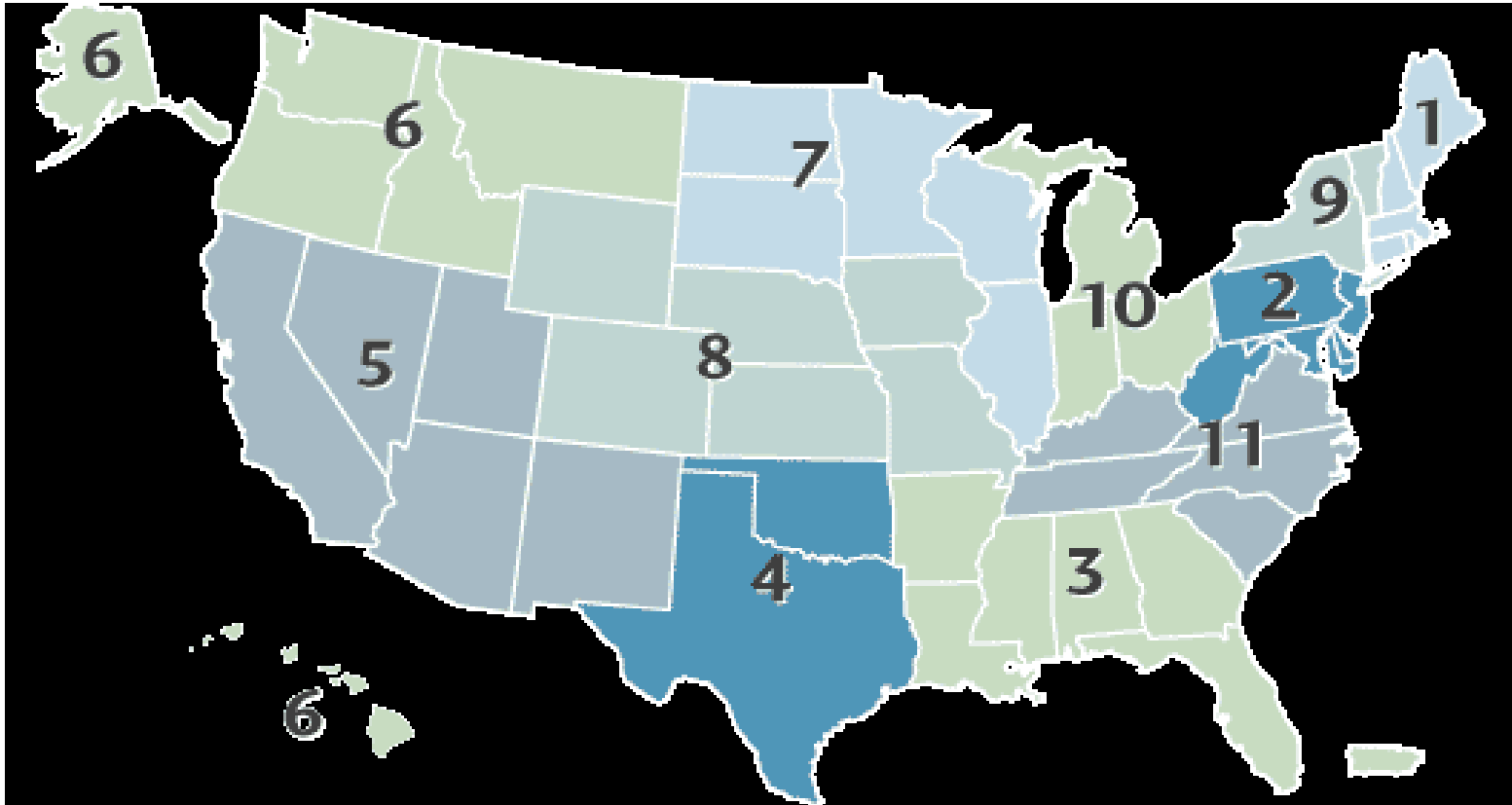
Model for End-Stage Liver Disease (MELD)

- MELD - predict mortality while waiting for LTx
- Based on four objective clinical lab values:
Bilirubin, INR, creatinine, Na

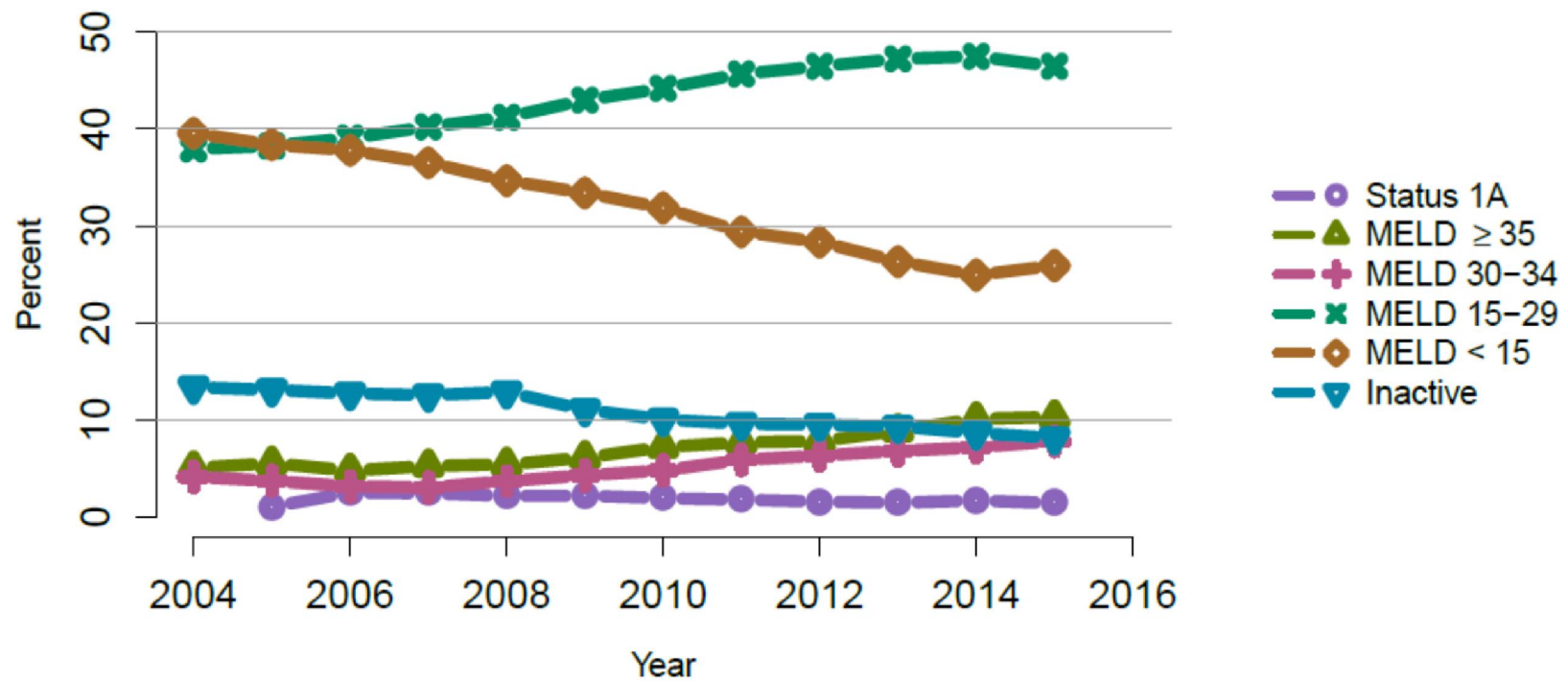


UNOS regions

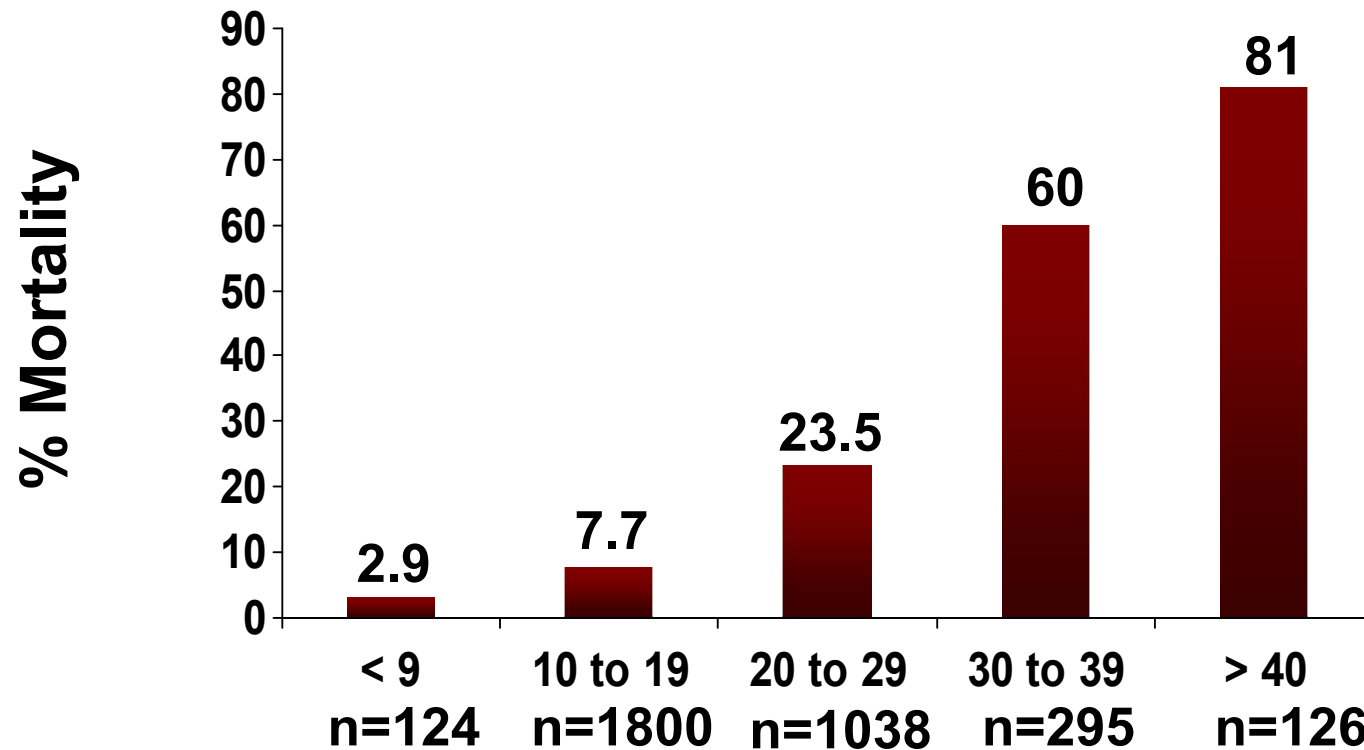
United Network for Organ Sharing



Waiting list by MELD score



3-Month Mortality Based on Listing MELD Score



MELD Score

Wiesner R. Gastroenterology 2003;124:91-96



MELD Exceptions

- HCC
- Hepatopulmonary syndrome
- Cholangiocarcinoma
- Cystic fibrosis
- Familial amyloid polyneuropathy
- Portopulmonary hypertension
- Primary hyperoxaluria



UNOS criteria for OLT for HCC (Milan Criteria)

- Single tumor less than 5 cm
- Three or less tumors each less than 3 cm
- Absence of macrovascular invasion or distant metastases

Mazzaferro V, et al. *N Engl J Med.*
1996;334:693-699.



Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC)

- The **most common primary liver malignancy**, the sixth most common cancer worldwide, and the third most common cause of cancer death.
- Affects 3.7 men per 100,000 per year and 2.0 women per 100,000 per year in the United States.
- Since the 1980s, the incidence of HCC in the US has tripled.
- The age distribution has shifted to a younger age: the greatest increases are in the age group 45 – 60 years old.

Elserag HB, Kanwal F. *Hepatology*. 2014; 60(5):1767-75
Ferlay J, et al. *Int J Cancer*. 2010; 127(12):2893-2917



Management of Early HCC

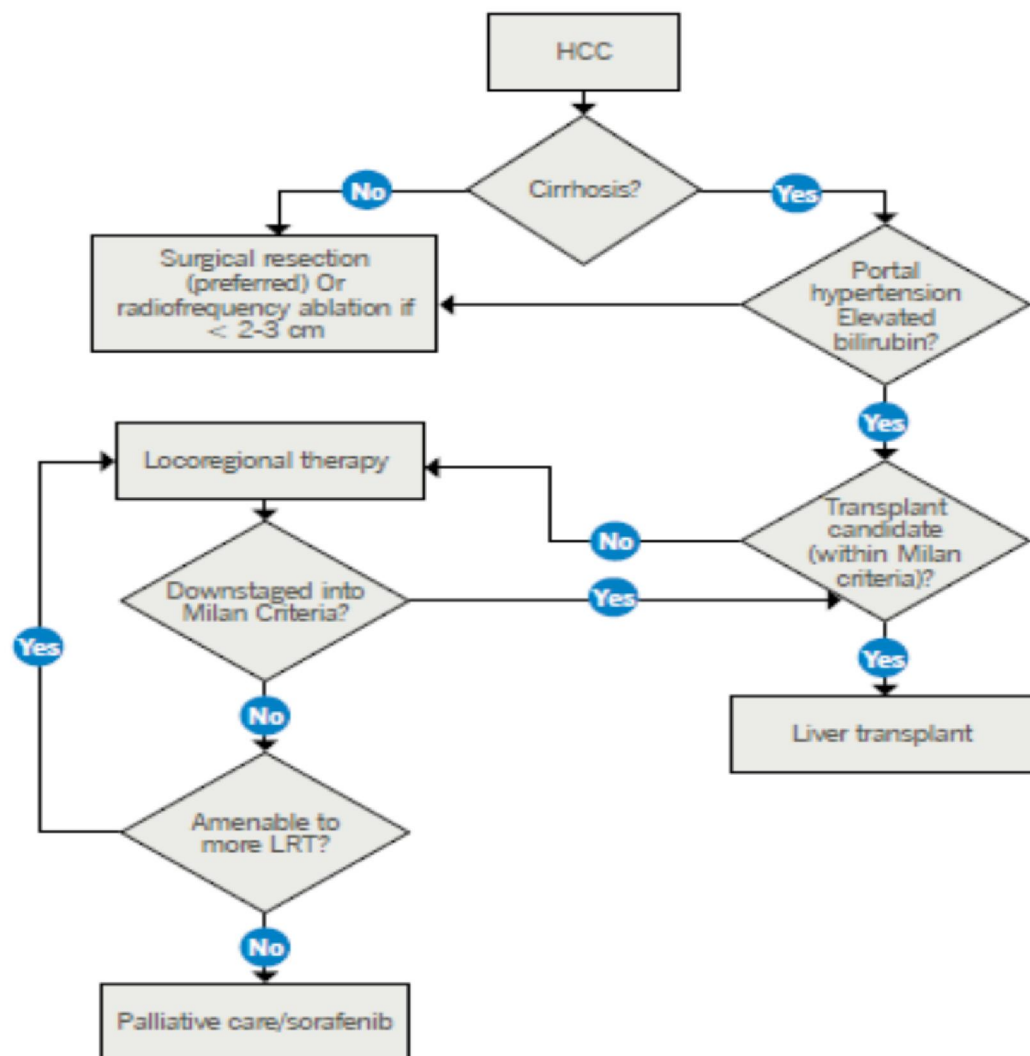
- As outlined by the BCLC staging classification: Treatment options are defined by disease characters and functional capacity.
- Curative options for HCC include: Resection, RFA, and transplantation
- Resection is considered safe: Perioperative mortality is in the order of less than 1%, however outcomes are limited by the high recurrence rates.
- Transplantation is limited by the paucity of available organs.

Sapisochin G, et al. *World J Hepatol.* 2014;6(11):766-75

Llovet JM, et al. *Lancet.* 2003; 362(9399):1907-17.



Simplified management for HCC



LIVER TRANSPLANTATION FOR HCC (within Milan Criteria)

- 1 year survival 80-90 %
- 5 years survival 65-75 %
- Recurrence rates were 6.1%, 12.7%, and 15% at 1- , 3- , and 5- years respectively

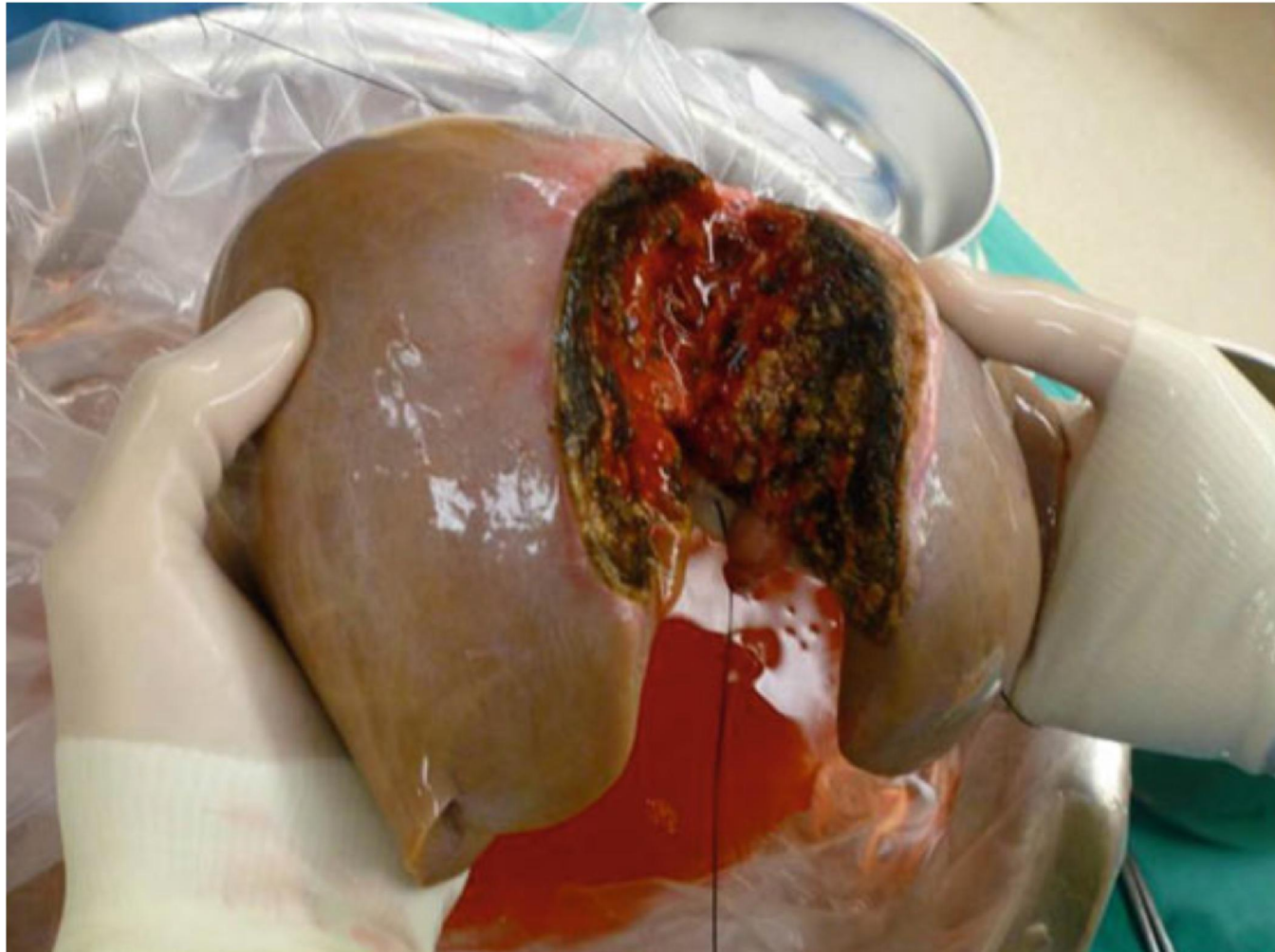


Liver Transplantation

- Deceased donor
 - Whole
 - Split
- DCD donor
- Domino donor
- Living related donor
- HCV +ve donor



Left lateral, tri-segment split



LDLT vs. cadaveric graft

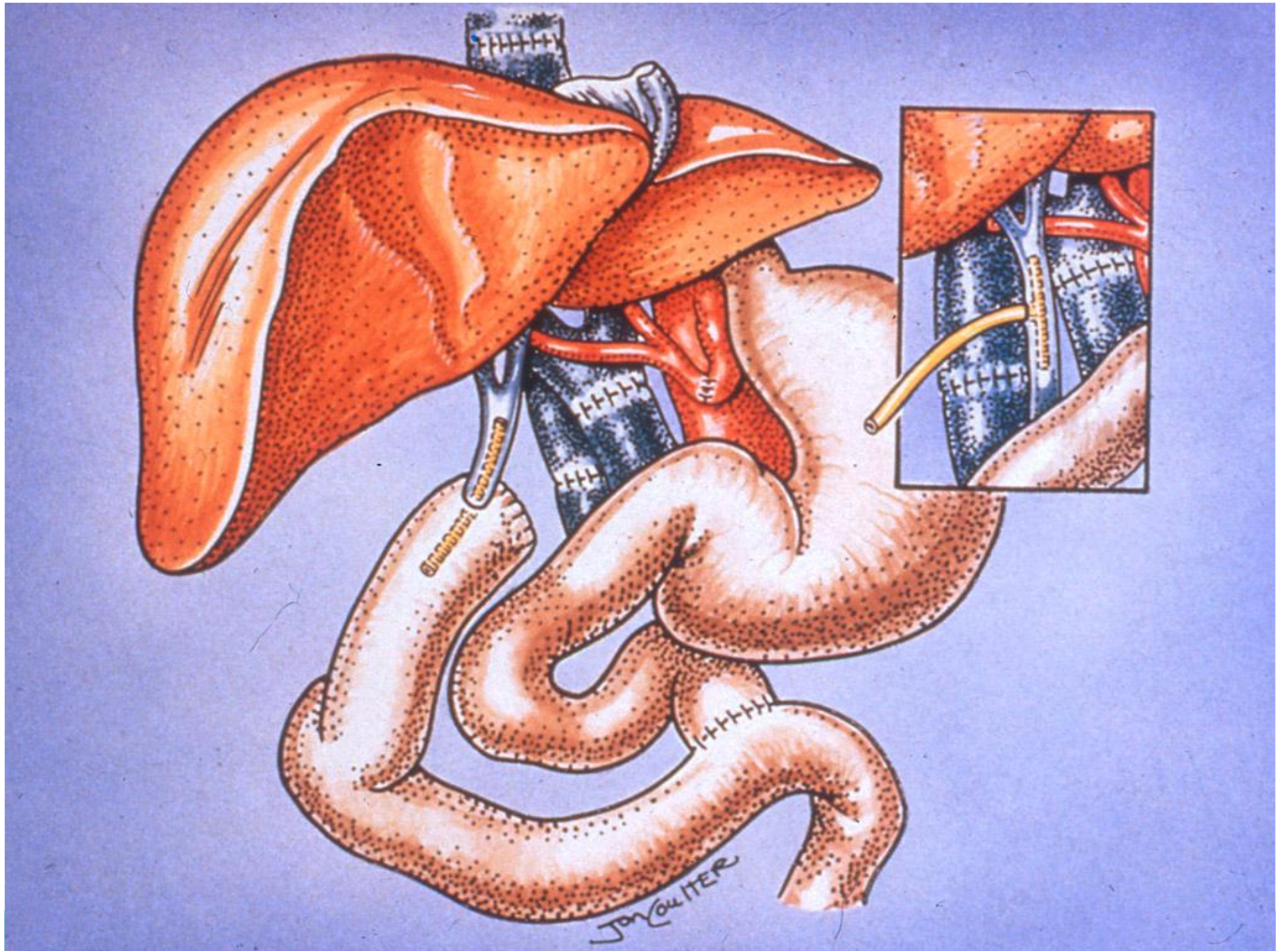
Advantages

- Assures a healthy organ with minimal preservation damage
- Independence from long cadaveric waiting list
- Optimizes the timing of transplantation
- Helps alleviate the severe shortage of cadaveric livers and death on the waiting list

Disadvantages

- Finite risk of donor morbidity and mortality
- Both operation are technically complex
- The program is extremely labor-intensive
- Reputational risk





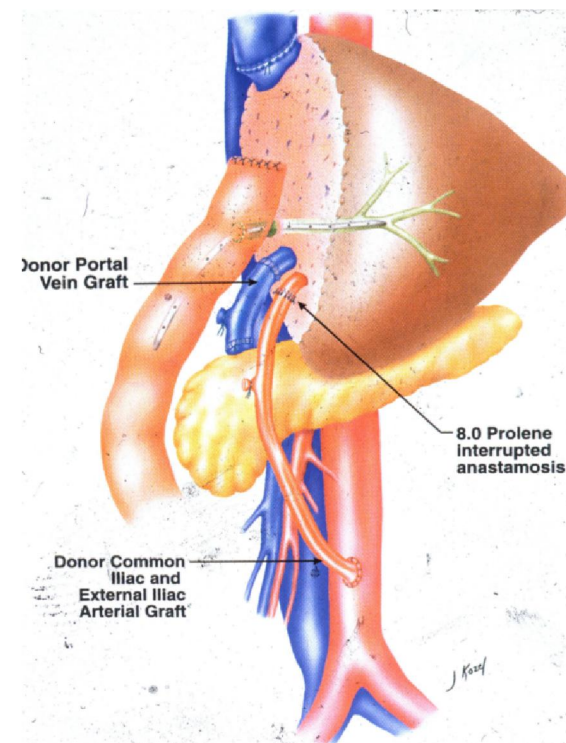
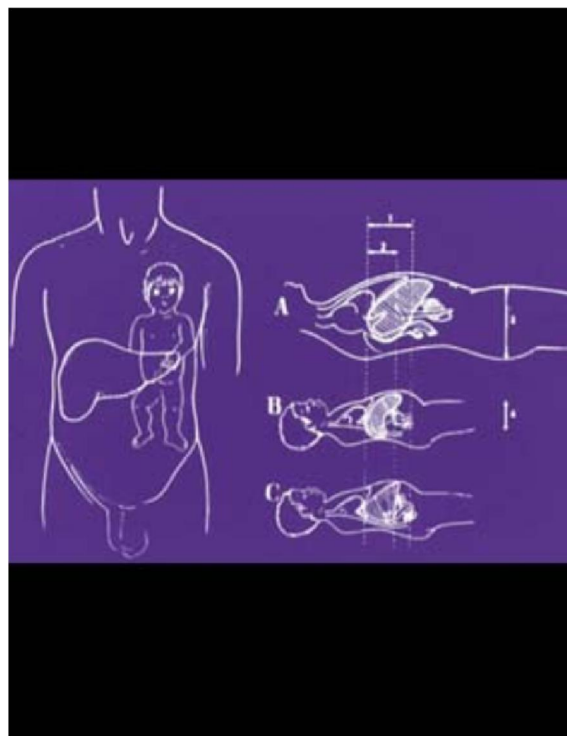
Live donor liver transplantation

1988

Raia in Brazil is first to perform living donor liver transplant - mother to child but unsuccessful

1989

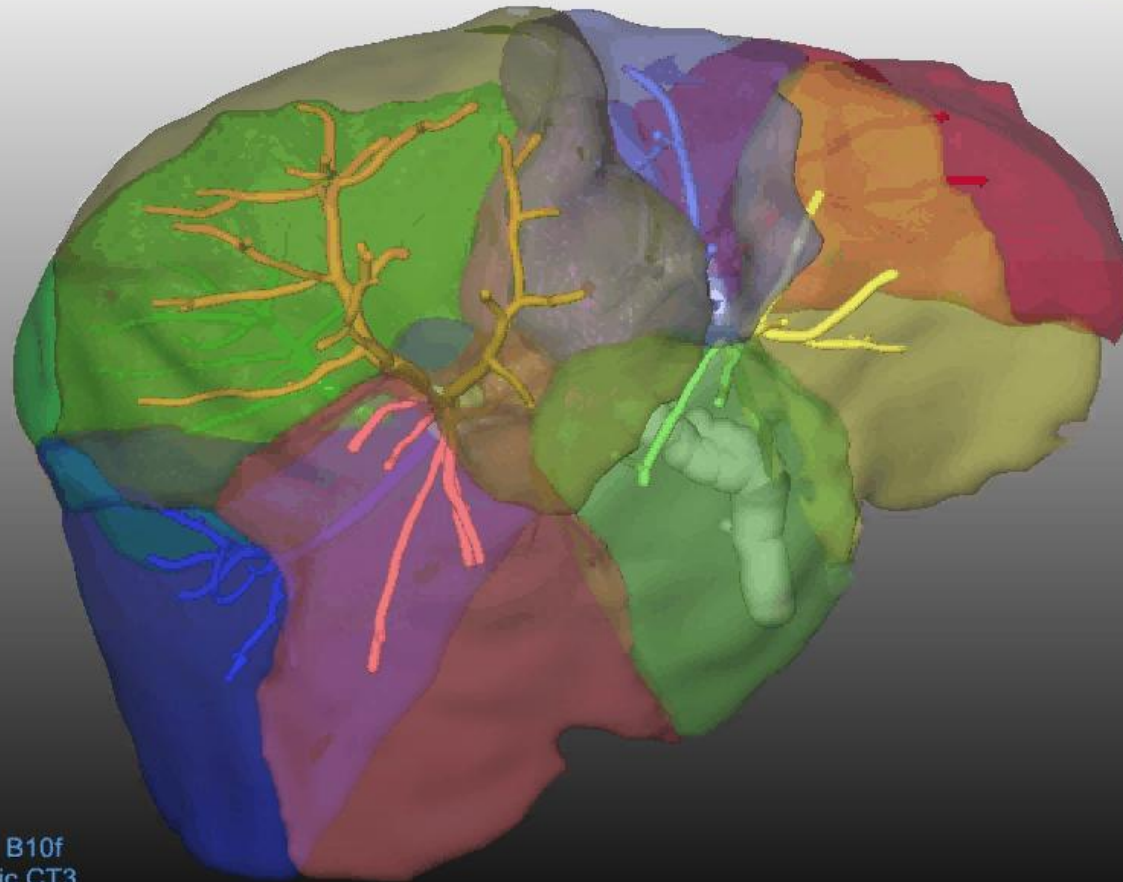
Strong and Lynch perform first successful LRD in Australia



Segmental Anatomy

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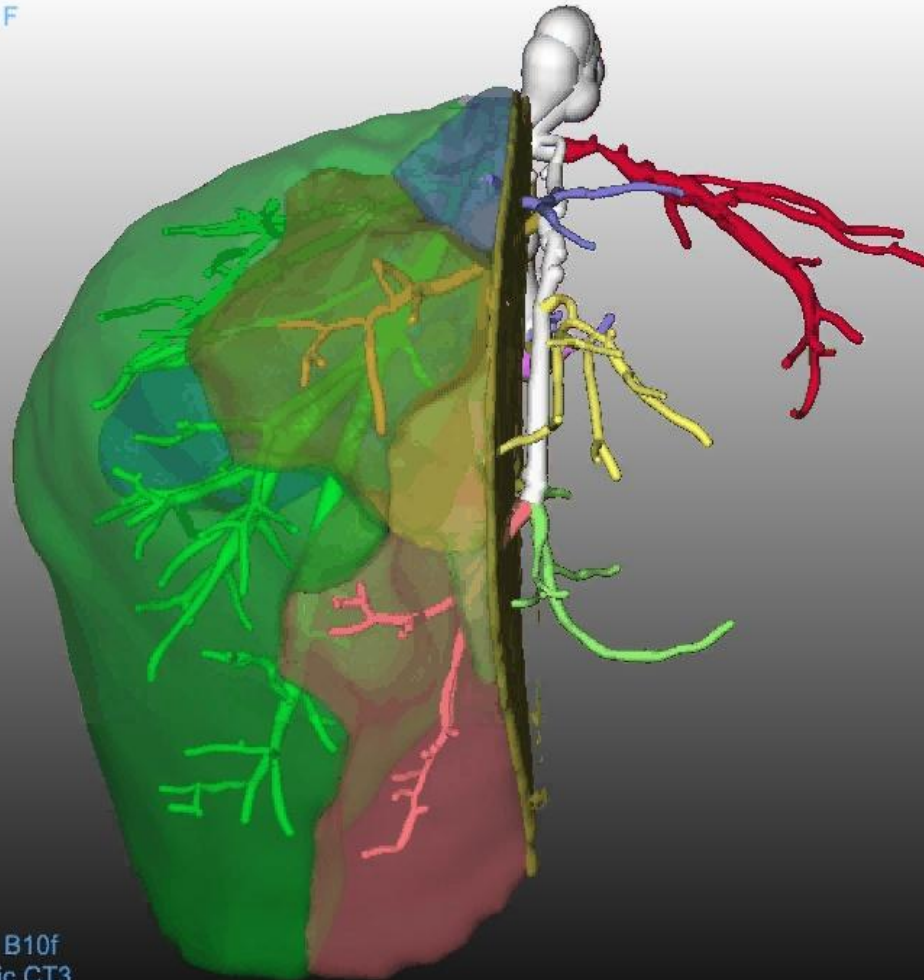
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Right liver graft

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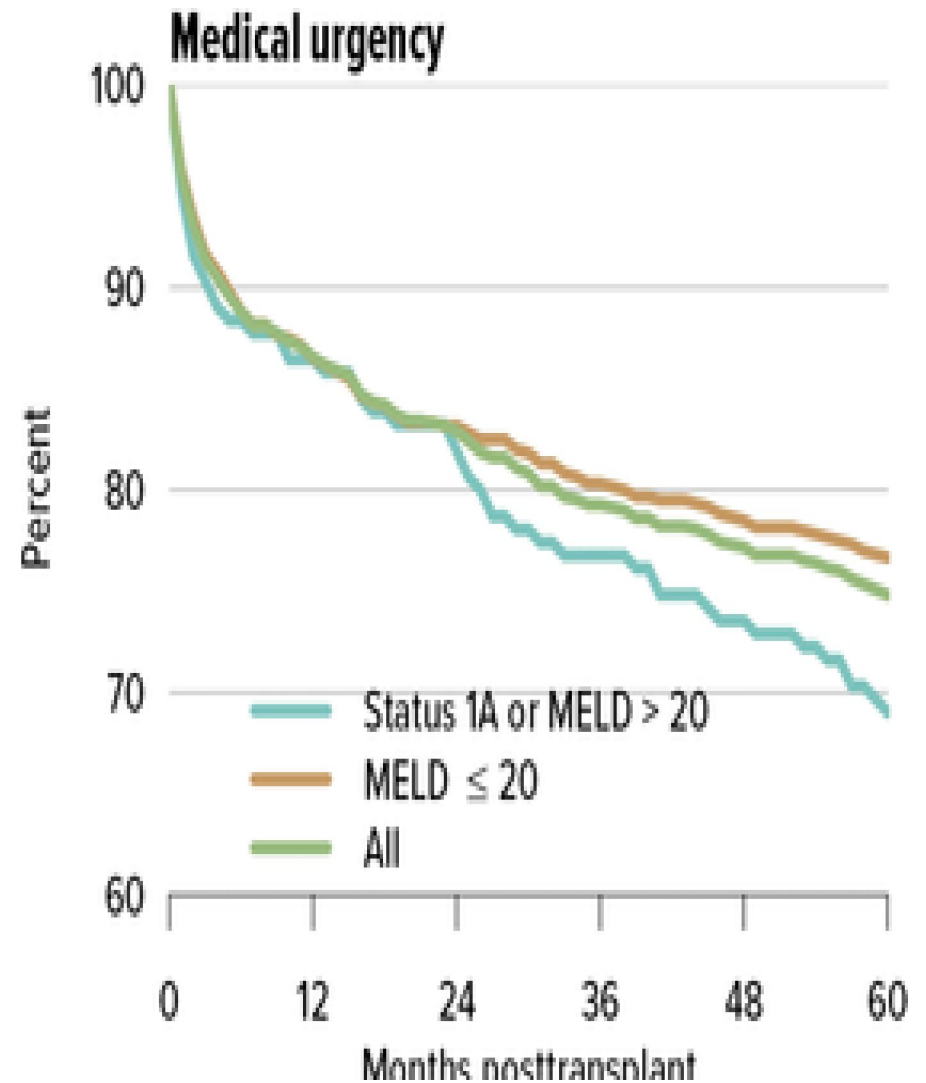
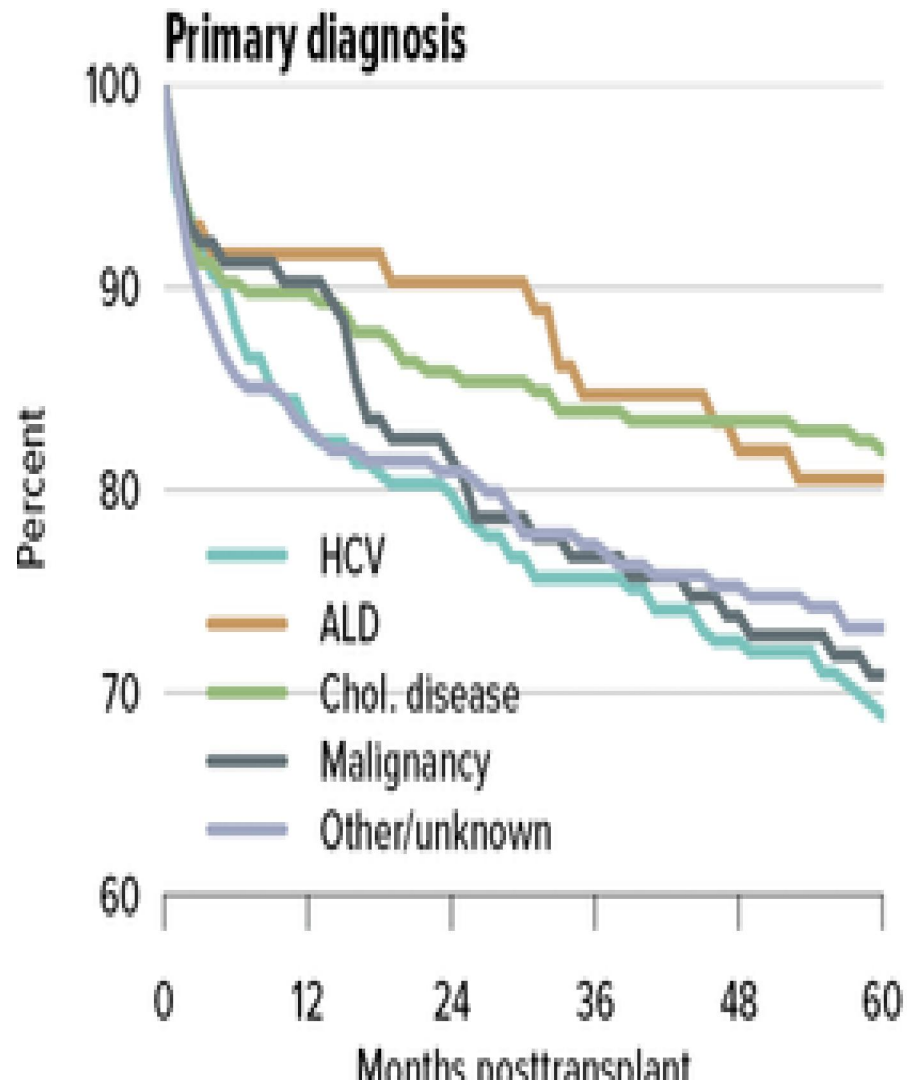
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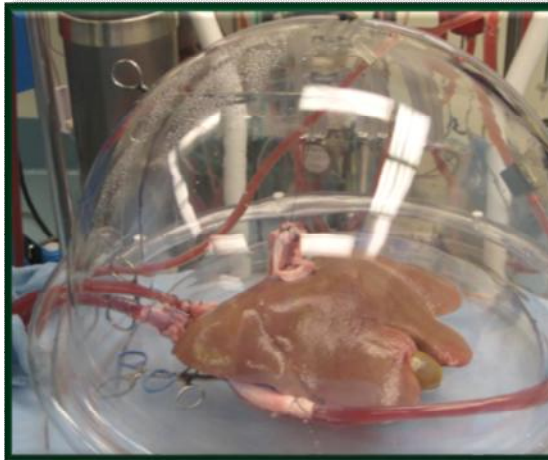
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Survival



Future





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Current Developments in Treatment and Care

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Liver Biopsy Without the Needle (FibroSCAN or ultrasound elastography)

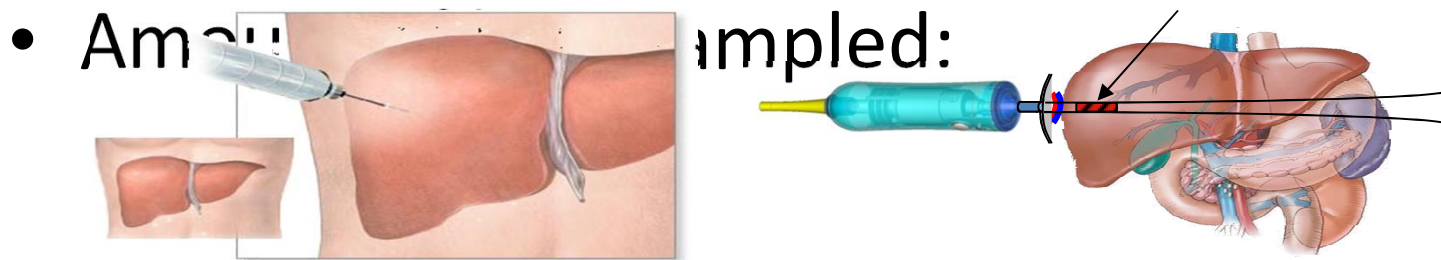


FibroScan slides courtesy of Sandhill Scientific, Inc.



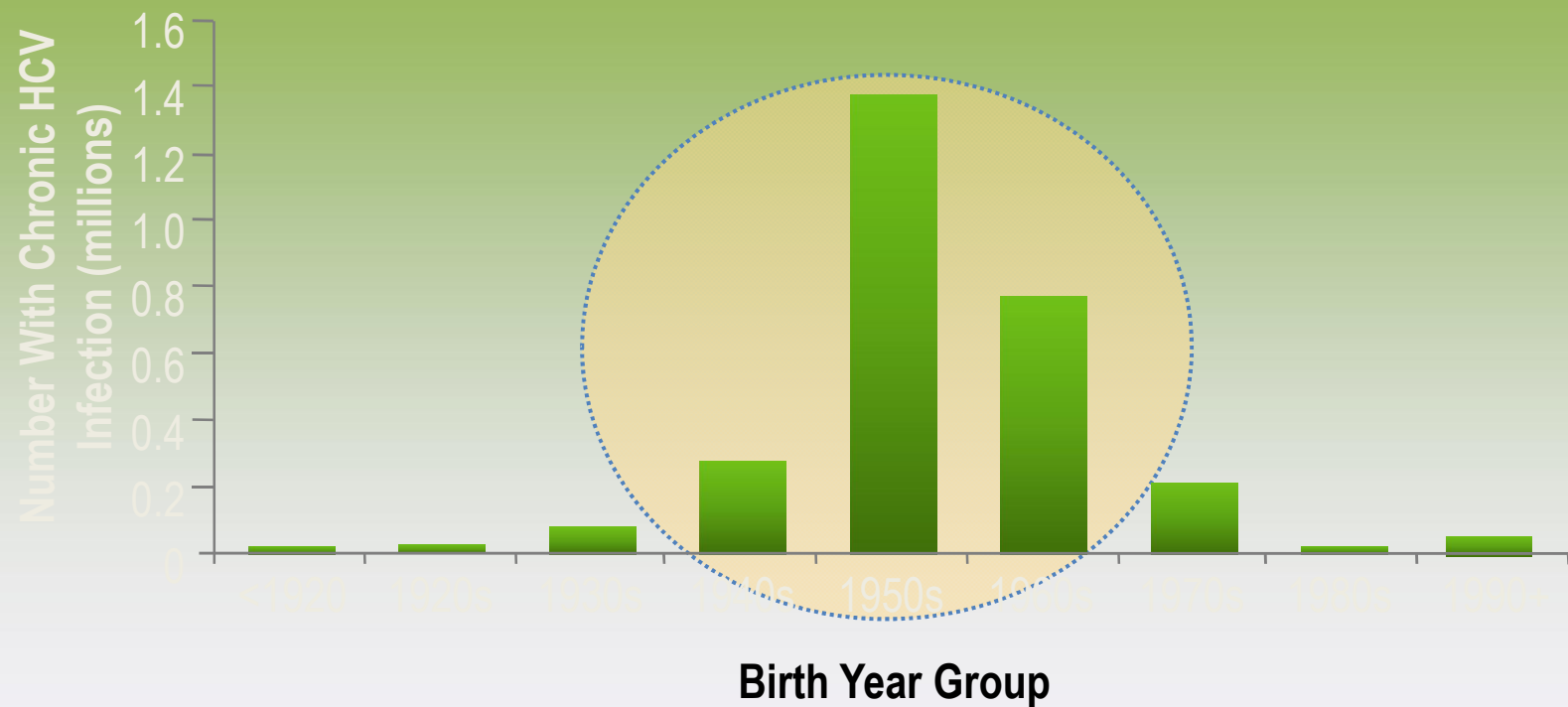
FibroScan Advantages

- Easy to use
- FDA-approved
- Can be done by trained RN's, MA's, techs, etc
- Can be used to follow serial exams



Baby Boomers Account for 70-80% of HCV

Estimated Prevalence by Age Group²

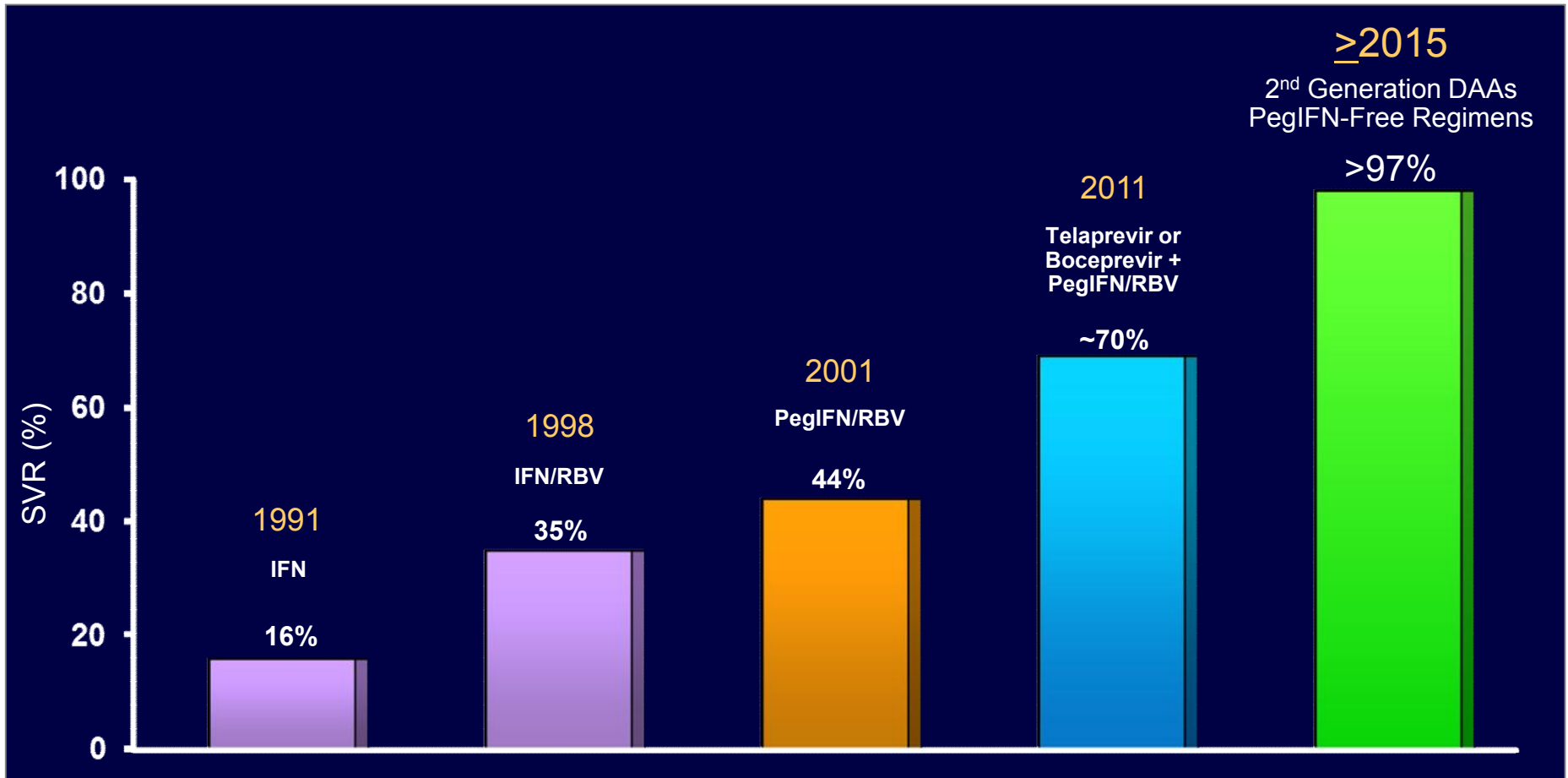


CDC Screening Guidelines for Hepatitis C

- **The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued draft guidelines recommending a one-time anti-HCV antibody test for all baby boomers (those born from 1945 through 1965) in an effort to identify these undiagnosed individuals.**



Chronic HCV Therapy (Genotype 1): Advances in Raising **Cure** Rates




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Hepatitis C

(Advances in **cure** rates, genotype 1)

Elbasvir + Grazeprevir (C-EDGE)	Sofosbuvir + Ledipasvir (ION1/3)	Dasabuvir, Ombitasvir, Paritaprevir/ ritonavir (Sapphire-1)	Simeprevir + Sofosbuvir (Optimist)	Sofosbuvir + Velpatasvir (Astral-1)	Daclatasvir + Sofosbuvir (Ally-2)
Zepatier	Harvoni	Viekira	Olysio/Sovaldi	Eplusa	Daklinza/Sovaldi
95%	97-99%	95%	97%	98%	96%



Curing Hepatitis C: The Benefits

- “Sustained viral response” or SVR or Cure
 - Durable
 - 99% stay HCV negative for >10 years
 - Biopsy can get better
 - Decreased risk of getting cirrhosis
 - Decreased risk of cirrhosis getting worse
 - Decreased risk of liver cancer
 - Decreased mortality



Hepatitis B

	Peg-IFN 2a 180 mcg qwk 48 wk	Lamivudine 100 mg qd 48-52 wk	Adefovir 10 mg qd 48 wk	Entecavir 0.5 mg qd 48 wk	Telbivudine 600 mg qd 52 wk	Tenofovir 300 mg qd 48 wk
Loss of serum HBV DNA	63%	60-73%	51%	90%	88%	93%
Normalization of ALT	38%	60-79%	72%	78%	74%	76%
Histologic improvement	59% (at 72 wks)	60-66%	64%	70%	67%	N/A



Fatty Liver and NASH

- The most common liver disease in the US
- Risk factors:
 - Obesity
 - Diabetes
 - High lipids (cholesterol/triglycerides)
- Treatments:
 - Weight loss, diet, exercise
 - Control of blood sugar
 - Control of lipids
 - ??



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LIVER WELLNESS

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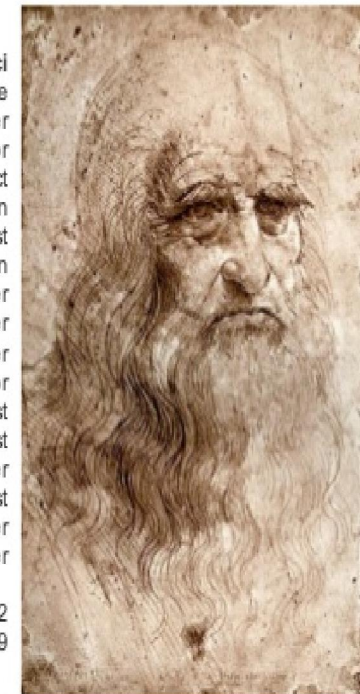
WELLNESS

THINK POSITIVELY
and
EXERCISE DAILY
EAT HEALTHY
WORK HARD
STAY STRONG
BUILD FAITH
WORRY LESS
READ MORE
BE HAPPY

LEONARDO DA VINCI

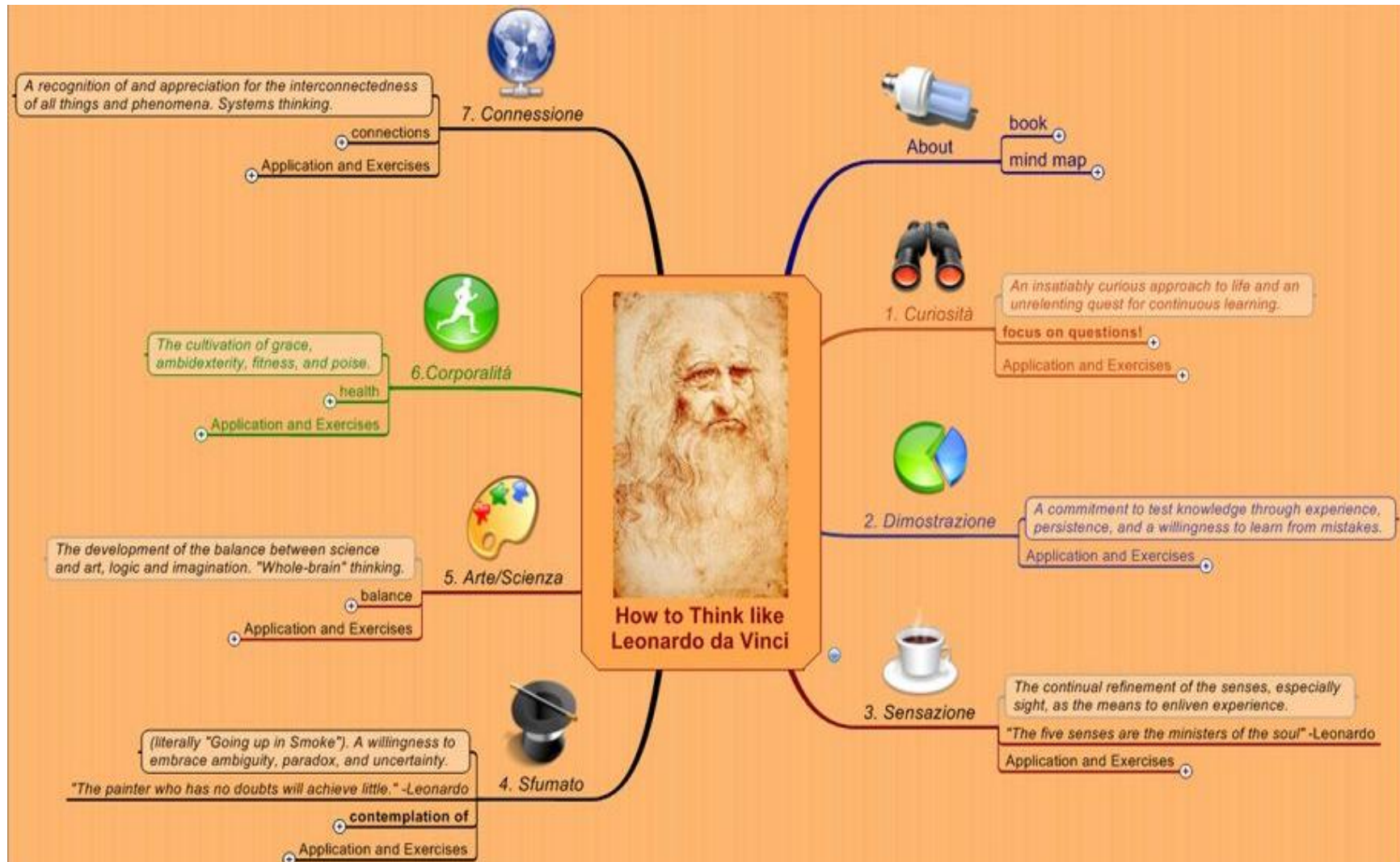
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Italian High Renaissance
painter
sculptor
architect
musician
scientist
mathematician
engineer
astronomer
designer
inventor
anatomist
geologist
cartographer
botanist
writer
and party planner

Born: April 15, 1452
Died: May 2, 1519



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Patient perspective

LIVER WELLNESS= WELLNESS

- HEALTHY DIET: *What to eat?*
Coffee?
Alcohol?
- EXERCISE: *How much?*
What type?
- Toxins : *Polypharmacy?*
over-the-counters?
Herbal supplements?



DOCTOR PERSPECTIVE

Liver Wellness

- Understanding genetic makeup
- Addressing environmental factors
- Predicting response to environmental factors based on genetic makeup
- Predicting response to therapy and intervention
- Predicting side-effects (hepatotoxicity)
- Discovering pre-clinical “silent” injury

Definitions

Pharmacogenomics(genetics): Application of knowledge of genetic variation to predict therapeutic response or adverse events to a particular medication. Generally applies to germ line mutations (some apply to somatic mutations in tumor tissue)

Personalized Medicine as it pertains to the field of PGx:
Right treatment in a right dose for right patient at right time.

Genetic variants

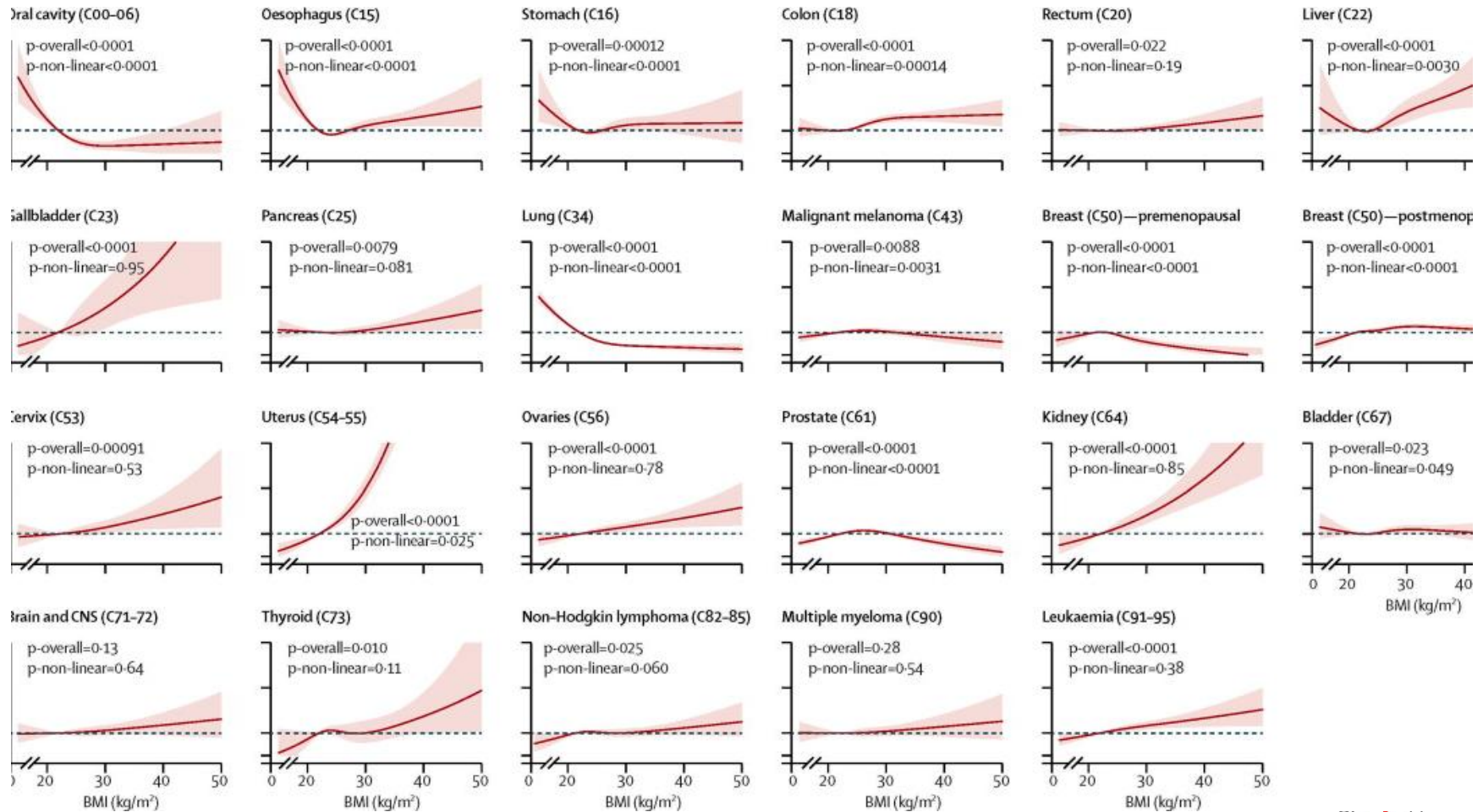
- **Can modify treatment response**
 - Some variants exhibit faster or greater response
 - Some variants exhibit less or no response
- **Can predict or cause adverse drug reactions**
 - Skin reactions
 - Drug induced liver injury
 - Hyperbilirubinemia

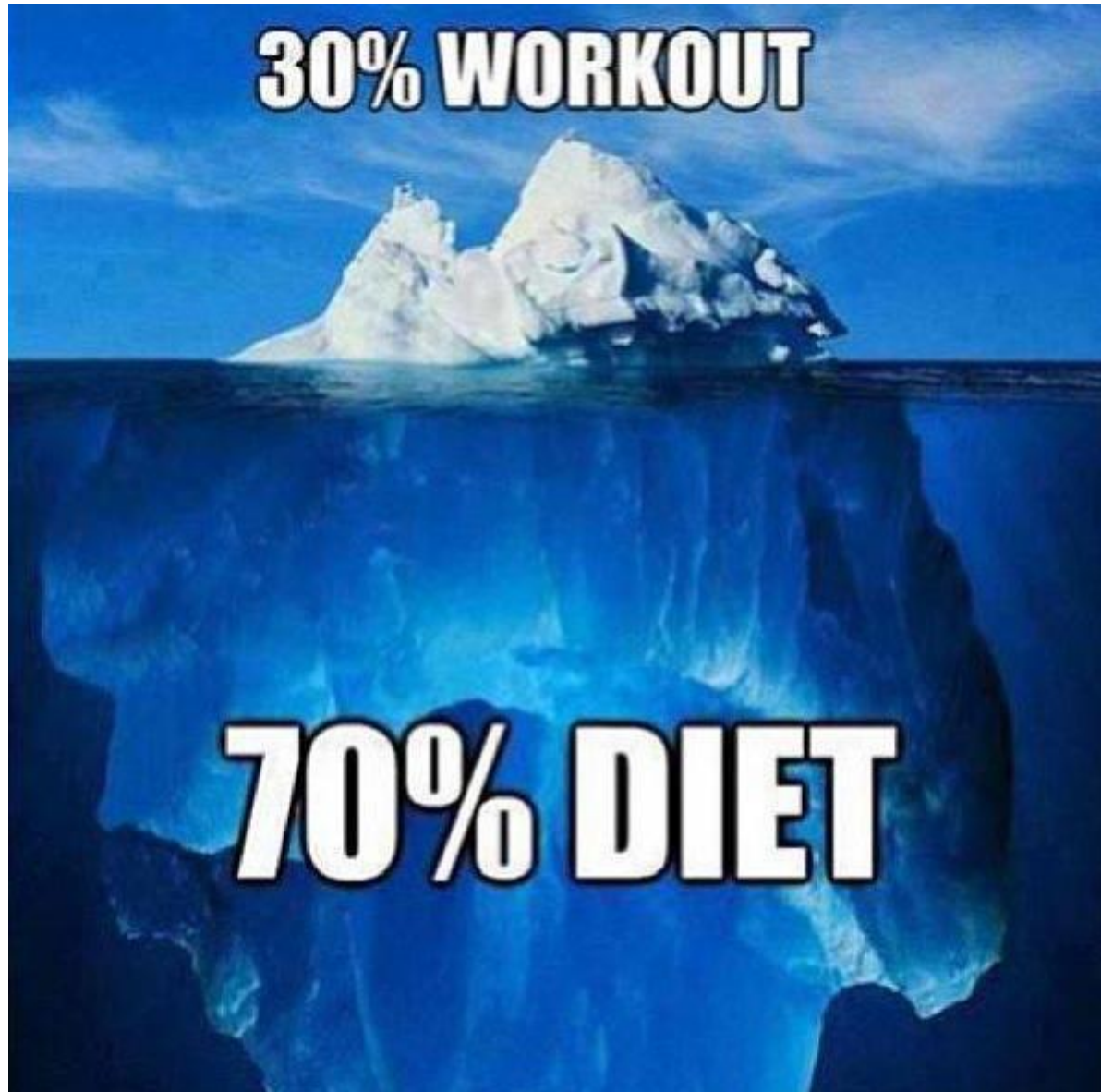
INCREASED BMI IS BAD FOR YOU!

- Coronary artery disease
- Hypertension
- Increased cholesterol and triglycerides
- Diabetes
- Atherosclerosis
- Strokes
- Peripheral vascular disease
- Dementia
- Fatty liver and Cirrhosis
- Arthritis
- Impotence
- Cancer of various organs



Body-mass index and incidence of cancer: a systematic review and meta-analysis of prospective observational studies.





EXERCISE



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Effect of aerobic exercise training dose on liver fat and visceral adiposity

Shelley E. Keating, Daniel A. Hackett, Helen M. Parker, Helen T. O'Connor, James A. Gerofi, Amanda Sainsbury, Michael K. Baker, Vivienne H. Chuter, Ian D. Caterson, Jacob George, Nathan A. Johnson

Journal of Hepatology, July 2015, Volume 63, Issue 1, Pages 174–182



Study Design

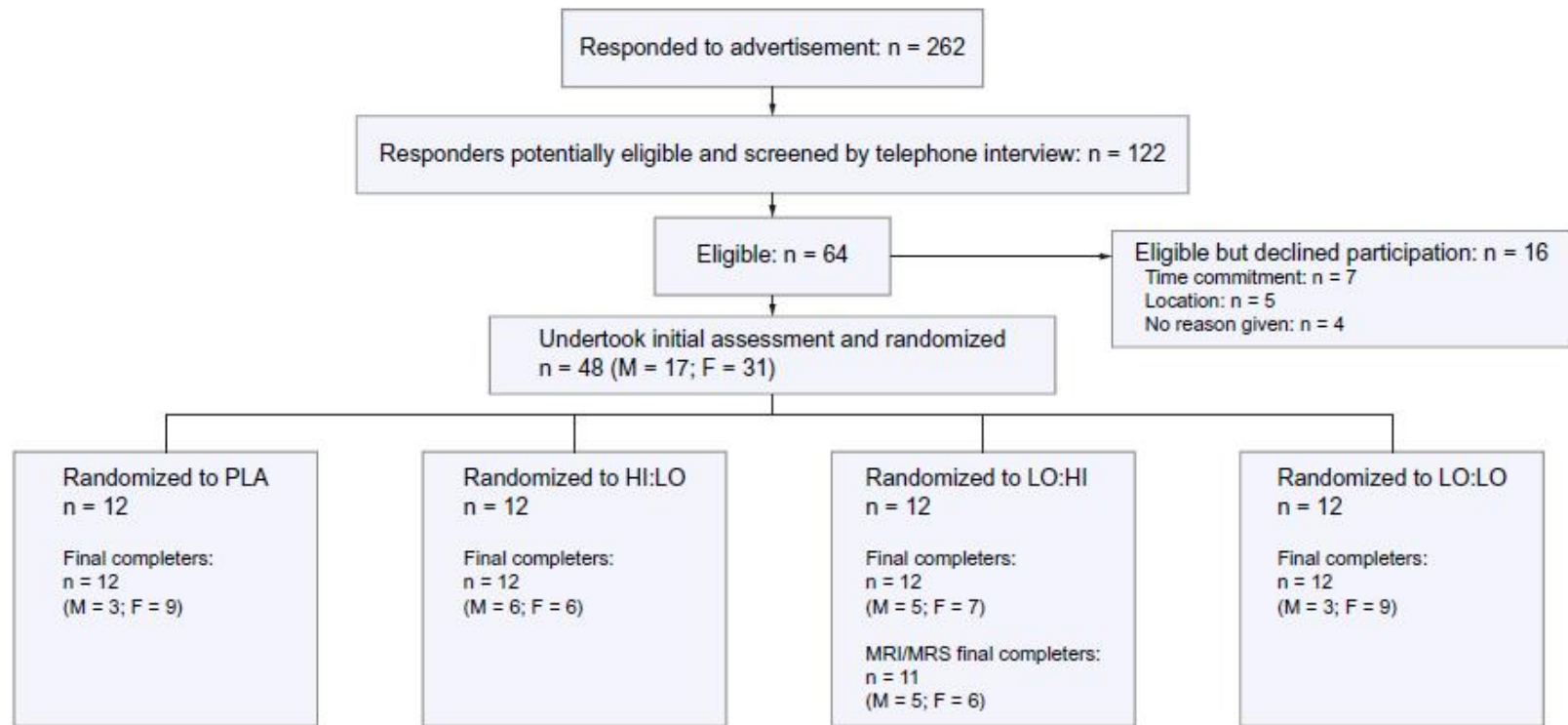


Fig. 1. Flowchart showing the study process. M, male; F, female; HI:LO, high intensity, low volume aerobic exercise; LO:HI, low to moderate intensity, high volume aerobic exercise; LO:LO, low to moderate intensity, low volume aerobic exercise; PLA, Placebo control group; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; MRS, magnetic resonance spectroscopy.

Study Conclusion

- All exercise doses (levels), irrespective of volume(minutes/week) or intensity(50-70% of maximum aerobic capacity) were effective in reducing liver fat and visceral adipose tissue by small but clinically important amount in previously inactive, overweight or obese adults.
- These changes were observed even without clinically significant weight loss.
- There was no difference between different exercise regimens for these benefits

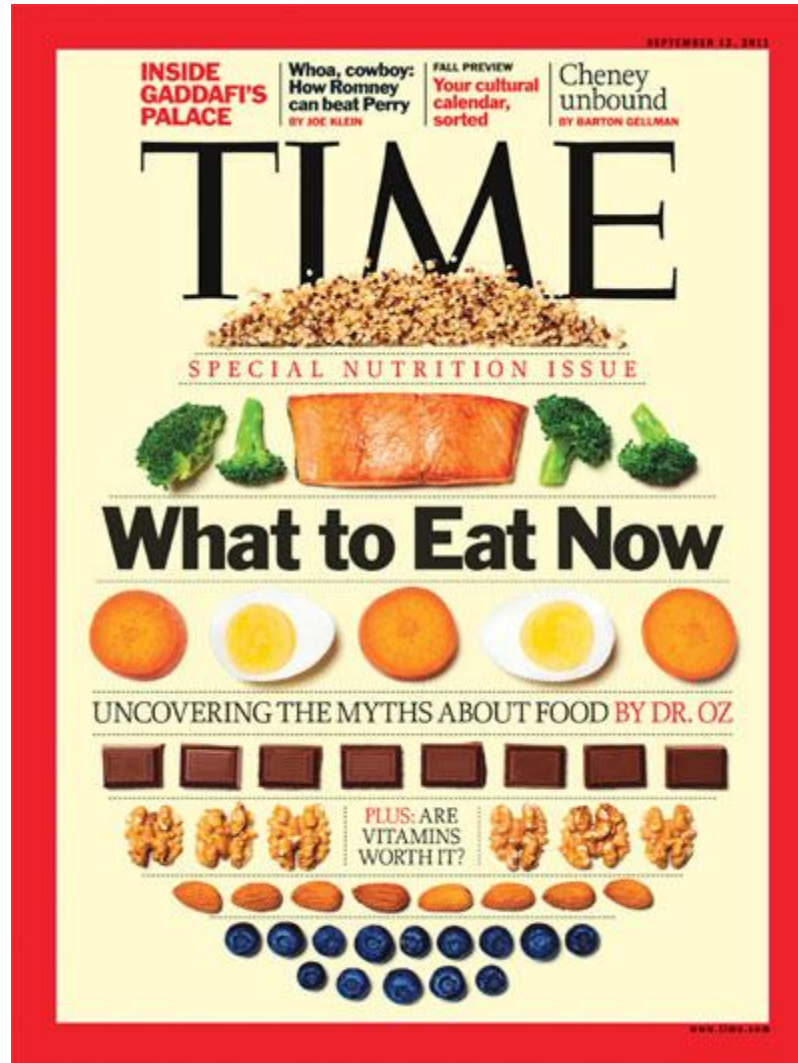


Exercise & Improvement of NAFLD: Practical Recommendations

- There is good quality evidence to support that **regular exercise** is beneficial in reducing the risk of NAFLD
- Both **aerobic and resistance training regimen are equally effective** in reducing liver fat in individuals with NAFLD even in the absence of weight loss
- There are no data to support that exercise alone without weight loss can improve or reverse **NASH**. *Hence, lifestyle interventions utilizing both exercise and caloric restriction inducing weight loss (losing approximately 5–10% of body weight) are needed to improve NASH.*
- The United States Department of Health and Human Services exercise recommendations may lower liver fat but based upon our expert opinion more stringent exercise regimen coupled with dietary interventions may be needed to induce improvement in liver histologic features associated with NASH.

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Western dietary pattern and fast food

- ↑ Consumption of fructose, soft drinks, meat, saturated fat
- ↓ Consumption of fiber, PUFA, fish or omega-3 and vitamins

In one study > twice a week = 4.5 kg extra body weight = ↑ two fold greater insulin resistance

In other study: 18 healthy young students with at least 2 fast food meals a day for 4 weeks
11 had elevated ALT at one week

❖ In clinical evaluations of subjects with ↑ ALT

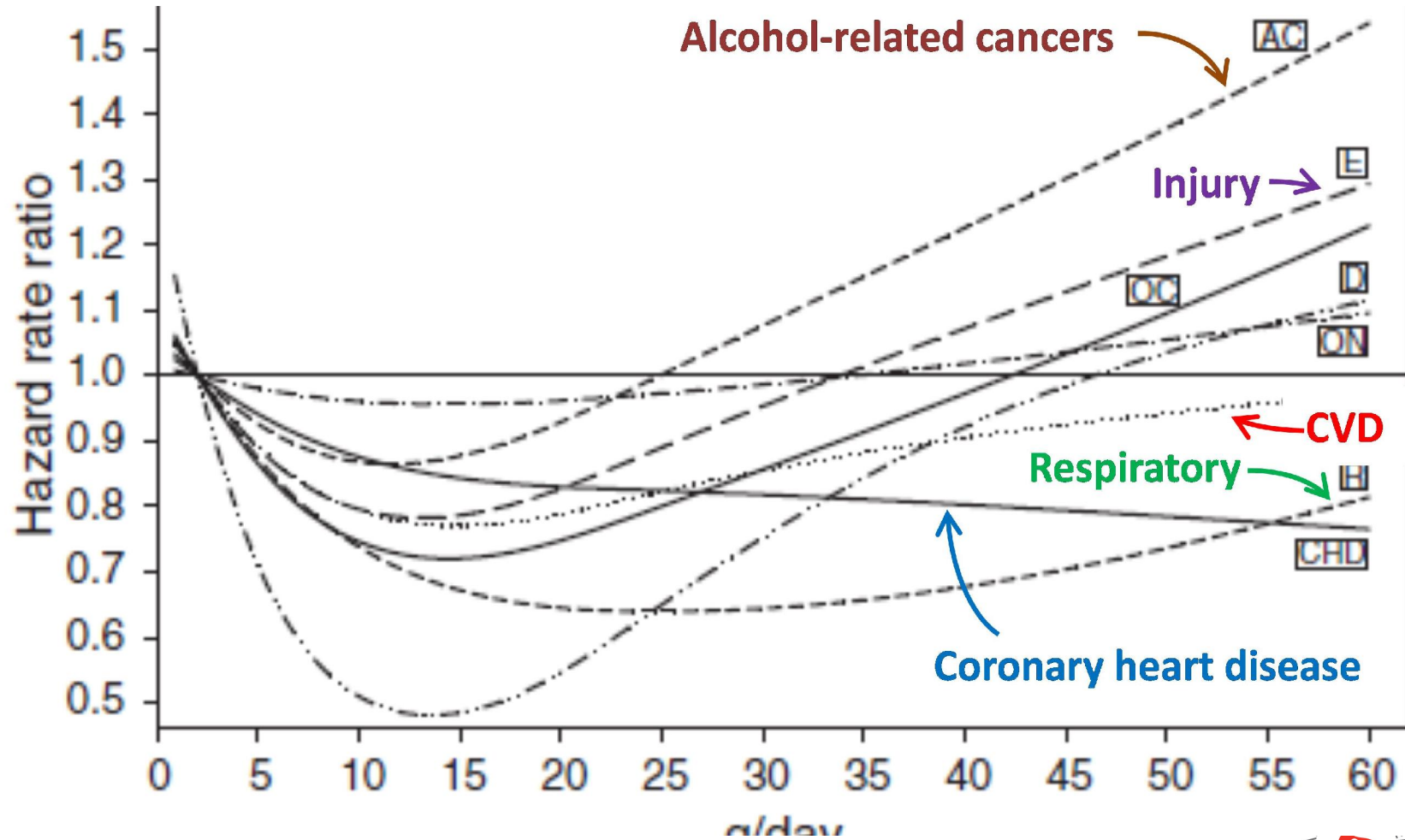
Questions about {
Alcohol and soft drink
Recent excessive intake of fast food



Mediterranean diet



ALCOHOL



Alcohol Consumption and the Risk of Cancer

A Meta-Analysis

Vincenzo Bagnardi, Ms.C., Marta Blangiardo, Ms.C., Carlo La Vecchia, M.D., and Giovanni Corrao, Ph.D.

- Alcohol consumption has been linked to an increased risk for various types of cancer.
- A combined analysis of more than **200 studies** assessing the link between alcohol and various types of cancer (i.e., a meta-analysis) sought to investigate this association in more detail.
- This meta-analysis found that alcohol most strongly increased the risks for cancers of the **oral cavity, pharynx, esophagus, and larynx**.
- Statistically significant increases in risk also existed for cancers of the **stomach, colon, rectum, liver, female breast, and ovaries**.
- **Concurrent tobacco use**, which is common among drinkers, enhances alcohol's effects on the risk for cancers of the upper digestive and respiratory tract.
- The analysis **did not identify a threshold level of alcohol consumption** below which no increased risk for cancer was evident.



What do we recommend our patients with NAFLD about alcohol use?

- Heavy alcohol consumption has many harmful effects including those on liver and should be discouraged regardless whether an individual has NAFLD or not.
- Emerging epidemiological data suggest that light to moderate drinking may have favorable effects from a liver standpoint. But most studies are cross-sectional in nature and utilized surrogates such as aminotransferases and liver imaging.



What do we recommend our patients with NAFLD about alcohol use?

- Furthermore, it is not clear if cardiovascular and metabolic benefits of light to moderate alcohol consumption observed in general population are extended to those with NAFLD and NASH.
- There are emerging studies to suggest that even light alcohol consumption may increase the risk of cancers (e.g., breast and colon).
- ***Until further data from rigorously conducted prospective studies become available, we believe that individuals with NAFLD should avoid alcohol consumption of any type or amount.***



AJG.2012July;107(7):976-978

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Coffee consumption and liver function



- Drinking moderate amounts of coffee may help to reduce the risk of liver cancer, and the risk of developing liver cancer falls as coffee consumption rises.
- Moderate coffee consumption may also be related to a slower progression of liver disease. Patients with a higher coffee consumption have been found to display a milder course of fibrosis, especially in alcoholic liver disease.
- The association between moderate coffee consumption and a slower rate of fibrosis has also been seen in patients with hepatic fibrosis, cirrhosis, non-alcoholic liver disease and Hepatitis C.
- It is not yet clear whether, and to what extent, caffeine may be responsible for the reduction in risk of developing these diseases.
- Several different coffee components are being investigated. Kahweol and cafestol, naturally-occurring compounds in coffee, are being studied for their anti-carcinogenic effects, while the anti-viral properties of chlorogenic and caffeic acids are also under investigation.

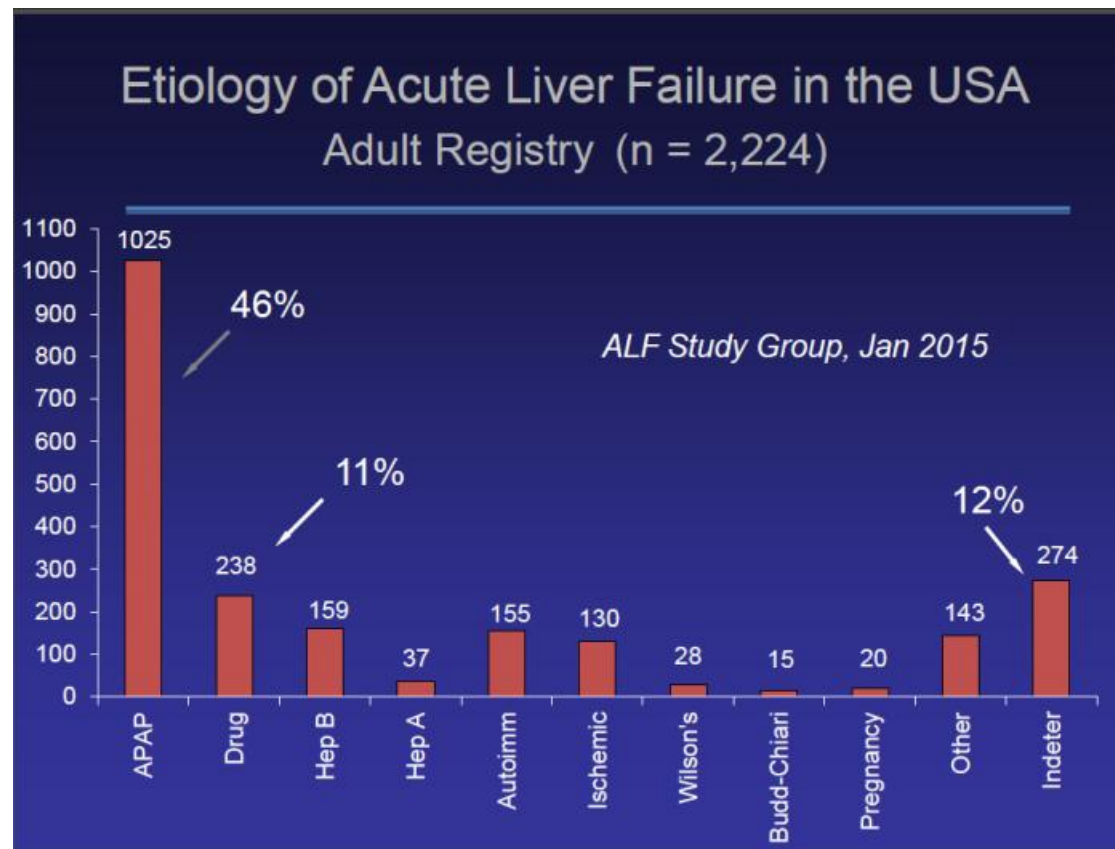




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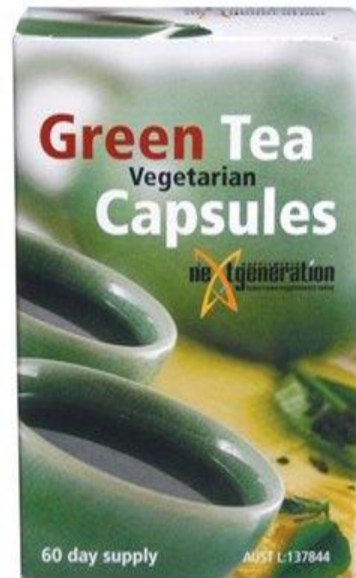
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- Mechanism of injury conjectural
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 - Viral hepatitis like picture
 - Very high ALT elevations
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- Inappropriate use
- Inherent toxicity
- Adulteration and contamination
- Herb-drug interactions
- Individual susceptibility