## Chronic Graft-versus-Host Disease and Hematopoietic Cell Transplant Survivorship Care Models

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Ibrutinib is the only FDA approved therapy for chronic GVHD that failed corticosteroids





#### Outline

- What is chronic Graft-versus-Host Disease (GVHD)
- Challenges of patients with chronic GVHD
- Quality of life and functional of hematopoietic cell transplant (HCT) recipients with chronic GVHD
- Quality of life and functional of caregivers of transplant recipients
- HCT Survivorship Care Models

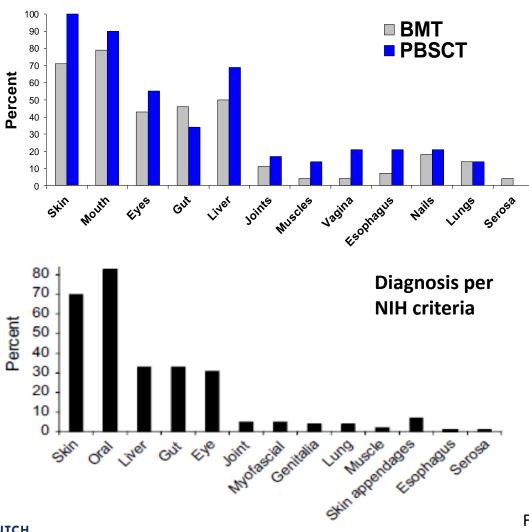


### Chronic Graft-versus-Host-Disease (GVHD)

- Major barrier of otherwise successful allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HCT)
- Results from an immunological assault of the allogeneic "graft" against the transplant recipient (host)
- ~40 % cumulative incidence by 1 year after transplant
- Median onset 6 months after HCT (10% > 1 year after HCT)
- Median duration of treatment 2 -3 years (some cases require systemic immunosuppression beyond 10 years)
- Associated with poor quality of life
- Associated with lower risk of relapse of original malignancy



## Sites affected by chronic GVHD At time of initiation of systemic treatment





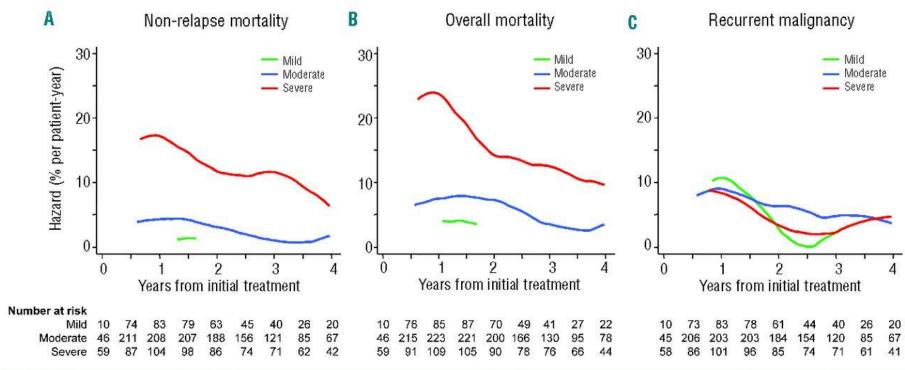


#### What are the severe manifestations of cGVHD

- Severe ocular sicca (eyes)
- Sclerotic features (skin)
- Joint contractures/Fasciitis (muscle/joint)
- Esophageal stricture (difficult swallowing)
- Bronchiolitis obliterans (lungs)
- Severe oral sicca and ulcers (mouth)



## Impact of severity of chronic GVHD on NRM, OS and *Graft-vs.-Leukemia*



NIH global	Non-relapse mortality			Overall mortality			Recurrent malignancy		
score	N. of patients*	HR† (95% CI)	P	N. of patients*	* HR† (95% CI)	P	N. of patients*	HR‡ (95% ČI)	P
Mild	196	1.00 (reference)		196	1.00 (reference)		194	1.00 (reference)	
Moderate	455	4.27 (0.99-18.4)	0.051	455	2.79 (1.24-6.30)	0.013	447	1.26 (0.68-2.35)	0.46
Severe	320	17.1 (4.12-71.3)	< 0.001	320	7.59 (3.42-16.9)	< 0.001	314	$1.27\ (0.64-2.52)$	0.49

<sup>\*</sup>Total number of patients contributing to the category at one or more visits. Models were adjusted for time after transplantation, transplant center, patients' age, stem cell source, disease risk, cytomegalovirus status, HLA and donor type, gender mismatch, conditioning intensity, prior acute GVHD and thrombocytopenia at the visit. Models were adjusted for time after transplantation, transplant center and disease risk.

### **Challenges Faced by Patients with Chronic GVHD**

#### Neuropsychologic effects

- Depression, anxiety
- · Post-traumatic stress disorder
- · Neurocognitive deficits

#### Pulmonary diseases -

- · Bronchiolitis obliterans syndrome
- Cryptogenic organizing pneumonia
- Pulmonary hypertension

#### Kidney diseases

- Thrombotic microangiopathy
- · Nephrotic syndrome
- Idiopathic CKD
- Persistent acute kidney injury
- BK virus nephropathy

#### Impact on quality of life

#### Bone diseases -

- Osteopenia
- Osteoporosis
- · Avascular necrosis

#### **Endocrine diseases**

- Thyroid dysfunction
- · Gonadal dysfunction
- Diabetes
- Dyslipidemia
- · Metabolic syndrome
- Adrenal insufficiency

#### Solid cancers

- Oral cavity
- Skin
- Breast
- Thyroid
- · Other sites

#### Cardiovascular diseases

- Cardiomyopathy
- · Congestive heart failure
- Valvar dysfunction
- Arrhythmia
- Pericarditis
- · Coronary artery disease

#### Liver diseases

- · Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, liver cirrhosis
- Nodular regenerative/focal nodular hyperplasia

#### Gonadal dysfunction/infertility

#### Infectious diseases

- · Pneumocystis jirovecci
- Encapsulated bacteria
- Fungi
- Varicella-zoster virus
- Cytomegalovirus
- Respiratory syncytial virus
- Influenza virus
- · Parainfluenza virus



# Chronic GVHD impacts overall health and quality of live (QOL) after transplantation



## Patient-reported outcomes and health status associated with chronic GVHD

### **Study objectives:**

- Describe the quality of live (QOL) scores and health status of patients with chronic GVHD of differing severity compared to those with resolved chronic GVHD or those who had never had chronic GVHD.
- Investigate the PROMIS\* measures in chronic GVHD relative to established measures of QOL in long-term transplant survivors.

<sup>\*</sup>Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System is a set of person-centered measures that evaluates and monitors physical, mental, and social health.



## Patient-reported outcomes and health status associated with chronic GVHD

- We surveyed allogeneic transplant recipients about their quality of life, symptoms, health status, comorbid conditions and medication.
- Of 3027 surveys sent to recipients surviving ≥ 1 year after transplantation, 1377 (45%) responded.



## Patient-reported outcomes and health status associated with chronic GVHD

- Of 1377 responders, they reported their chronic GVHD as
  - Mild (18.7%)
  - Moderate (8.0%)
  - Severe (1.8%)
- Another 377 (27.4%) never had chronic GVHD
- And 280 (20.3%) had chronic GVHD but it had resolved.

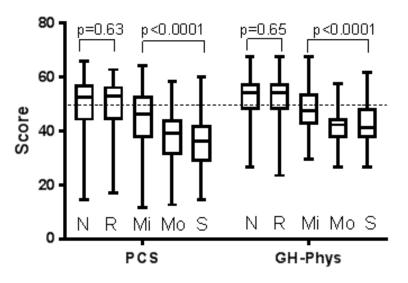


## Patient-reported outcomes and health status (n = 1377)

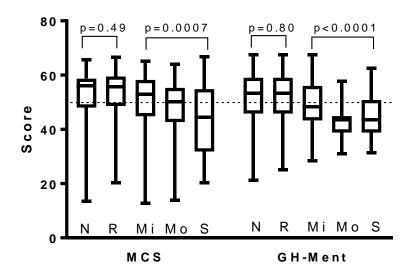
Population characteristics									
	Never (n=377)	Resolved (n=280)	Mild (n=257)	Moderate (n=110)	Severe (n=25)	P-value			
Female, n (%)	209 (55.4)	135 (48.2)	113 (44.0)	49 (44.5)	9 (36.0)	0.02			
Age, mean years (SD)	53.9 (13.5)	58.8 (12.3)	57.2 (12.6)	58.3 (10.8)	57.6 (15.0)	<0.001			
Matched related	212 (56.2)	136(48.6)	88 (34.2)	40 (36.4)	7 (28.0)	<.001			
Mismatched related	16 (4.2)	19 (6.8)	4 (1.6)	1 (0.9)	1 (4.0)				
Haplo-identical related	11 (2.9)	7 (2.5)	10 (3.9)	2 (8.1)	1 (4.0)				
Matched unrelated	95 (25.2)	81 (28.9)	114 (44.4)	54 (49.1)	11 (44.0)				
Mismatched unrelated	17 (4.5)	33 (11.8)	31 (12.1)	13 (11.8)	4 (16.0)				
Cord	19 (5.0)	4 (1.4)	9 (3.5)	0	0				
Syngeneic	6 (1.6)	0	1 (0.4)	0	0				
Peripheral blood, n (%)	150 (39.8)	110 (39.3)	187 (72.8)	97 (88.2)	20 (80.0)	<.001			
Myeloablative, n (%)	309 (82.0)	242 (86.4)	172 (66.9)	64 (58.2)	14 (56.0)	<.001			
High dose TBI, n (%)	133 (35.3)	131 (46.8)	59 (23.0)	18 (16.4)	3 (12.0)	<.001			
Years since HCT, mean,									
(SD)	14.9 (11.3)	17.5 (8.4)	8.4 (7.5)	7.2 (5.8)	9.0 (8.1)	<.001			



# SF-36 Physical (PCS) and Mental (MCS) Component Score and PROMIS Global Health Health Physical (GH-Phys) and Mental score (GH-Ment)



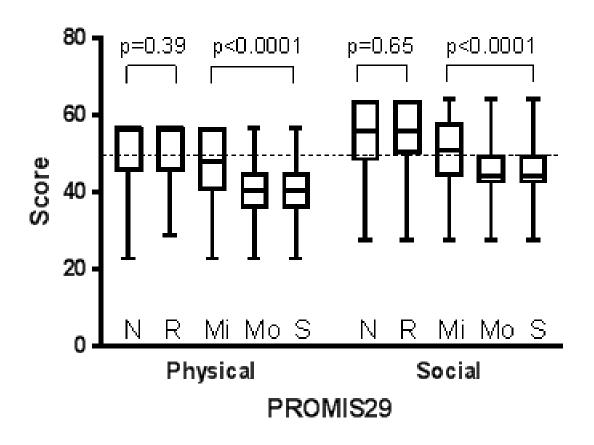
Physical functioning scales



Mental Functioning



### PROMIS 29 subscales of physical and social functioning





#### **Conclusions**

- Patients with moderate or severe cGVHD reported worse quality of life, lower performance status, a higher symptom burden and were more likely to be taking prescription medications for pain, anxiety and depression compared to those with resolved cGVHD.
- Self-reported measures were similar between patients with resolved cGVHD and those who never had it.
- Our data suggest that the PROMIS measures can replace the SF-36 in cGVHD assessment.
- Between 26.7-39.4% of people with active cGVHD were unable to work due to health reasons, compared with 12.1% whose cGVHD had resolved and 15.4% who never had cGVHD.
- Mouth, eye and nutrition symptoms persisted after resolution of cGVHD.
- These results show that better prevention of and treatment for cGVHD is needed to improve survivorship after allogeneic transplantation



### **Quality of live of Caregivers of Recipients of Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation (HCT)**



## Quality of Life of Caregivers of Hematopoietic Cell Transplant (HCT) Recipient

- Caregiver burden is a well-recognized problem when patients have chronic illnesses.
- Caregiver burden is defined as the emotional, physical, social, and financial suffering that they experience as a result of providing care.
- Studies have found that early after HCT, caregivers experience significant levels of distress and burden and declining quality of life (QOL).
- Given the complex care needs and prolonged recovery for transplant recipients, effects on caregiver health and QoL are expected.
- We surveyed allogeneic transplant recipients about their quality of life, symptoms, health status, comorbid conditions and medication.



## Quality of Life (QoL) of Caregivers of Hematopoietic Cell Transplant (HCT) Recipient

- In this study we surveyed 4446 caregiver-recipient pairs in the post-HCT period to describe their QoL and its determinants.
- Survey was sent between July 2015 to July 2016
- 849 caregiver-recipient pairs at a median of 6 years (range, 0.4 to 44) after autologous or allogeneic HCT responded (~20%).



### **Characteristics of Caregiver Population**

Characteristics	Recipient	Caregiver
Age, median (range) years	62 (18-87)	63 (18-90)
Sex, n (%)		
Male	502 (56)	290 (33)
Female	390 (44)	594 (67)
<b>Ethnicity</b>		
Non-Hispanic	863 (97)	764 (86)
Hispanic	15 (2)	14 (2)
Missing	14 (2)	114 (13)
<b>Education</b>		
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2 year college/trade degree		97 (11%)
4 year college/trade degree		228 (26%)
Graduate degree		254 (28%)
Missing		24 (3%)
2 year college/trade degree		97 (11%)

### **Characteristics of Caregivers Population (Continue)**

Characteristics	
Caregiver relationship, n (%)	
Spouse	698 (78)
Live in partner	21 (2)
Parent	92 (10)
Child	28 (3)
Other	33 (4)
Friend	9 (1)
Paid caregiver	2 (0)
Missing	9 (1)
Caregiver still living with HCT recipient, n (%)	
Yes	760 (85)
Missing	21 (2)
Caregiver still providing care of HCT recipient, n (%)	
Yes	608 (68)
Missing	32 (4)

### Quality of Life (QoL) of Caregivers of HCT Recipient Results

- Of 849 responding caregivers, 67% were women and 68% were still providing care to the HCT recipient.
- Mean and median QoL measures of caregivers were at or above general population norms; but approximately 20% of reported poor QoL relative to general population norms.
- Multivariate analysis revealed that caregiver age, gender, and educational attainment, were important determinants of caregiver QoL.
- Other determinants of caregiver QoL were recipient QoL, relapse after autologous HCT, and ongoing use of immunosuppression after allogeneic HCT.
- Prevalence of depression and sleep disorders appeared to be higher in caregivers than in the general population.



### Quality of Life (QoL) of Caregivers of HCT Recipient Conclusions

- We identified a population of caregivers who may benefit from interventions aimed at improving QoL and health outcomes.
- HCT clinical practice should also consider caregiver well-being

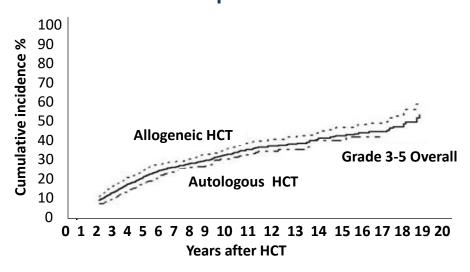


## Autologous and Allogeneic HCT survivors have higher risk of chronic health problems compared with siblings



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#### Chronic problems



Sun CL et al, Blood 2010

### Relative risk (RR) compared with HCT siblings

Chronic problems	RR	95% CI
Overall	1.88	1.39-2.11
Grade 3-5	3.52	2.31-5.38



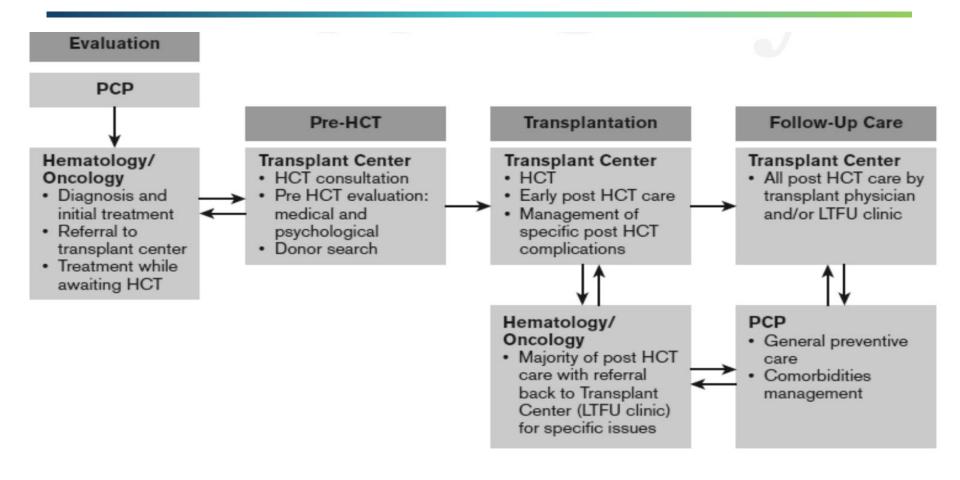


### Gaps in the Care of HCT survivors

- Lack of evidence of care delivery models for HCT survivors
- Models of care delivery for HCT survivors vary and depend on many factors.



#### Phases in the HCT continuum and Main stakeholders





### **Opportunities in HCT Survivorship Care**

- Patient-centered care coordination in hematopoietic cell transplantation has been reviewed<sup>1</sup>
- ASBMT Practice Guidelines Committee Survey on Long Term Follow-Up Clinics for HCT Survivors has recently been published<sup>2</sup>

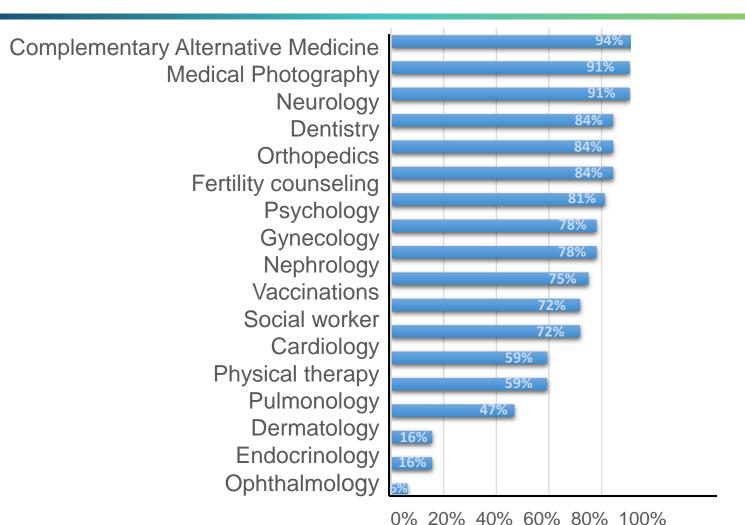


## Survey on Long-Term Follow-Up Clinics for Hematopoietic Cell Transplant Survivors

- Among 77 programs (38.5%) that responded, 45% indicated that they had a LTFU clinic, however, their care models varied with respect to services provided, specialist availability, type of patients served, and staffing.
- Among 55% of programs without an LTFU clinic, 100% agreed that allogeneic HCT survivors have unique needs separate from graft-versus-host disease and that complications could arise during the transition of care either from pediatric to adult settings or away from the HCT center.
- Obstacles identified to establish HCT survivorship care clinic included lack of expertise, logistics and financial issues.



### Availability of specialty services at centers with already established HCT-LTFU Clinics





## Results of Survey among HCT Centers with Etablished LTFU Clinics

Statements	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly Agree
Helpful in providing preventive ASBMT guidelines for HCT survivors (n=34)	3%	6%	6%	32%	53%
Advance practice practitioners (NP/PA) are essential part of LTFU Clinic (n=34)	3%	3%	6%	18%	70%
All allogeneic HCT survivors are seen/followed lifelong (n=32)	6%	9%	9%	31%	44%
All Autologous HCT survivors are seen/followed lifelong (n=32)	16%	31%	25%	16%	12%
Provides survivorship care plans for longitudinal care and transitional of care of HCT survivors (n=33)	3%	6%	3%	45%	44%

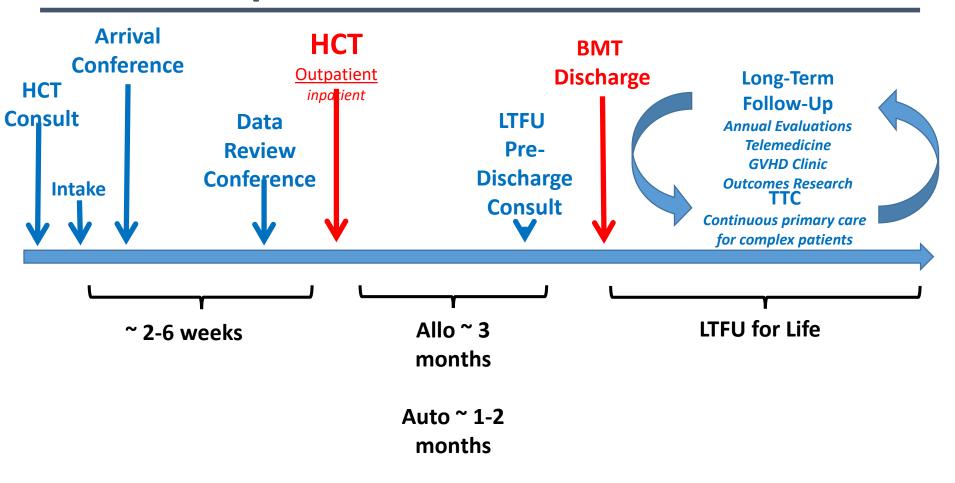


### Survey on Long-Term Follow-Up Clinics for HCT Survivors Conclusions

- Results of this survey hopefully will help policymakers, HCT providers, and institutions in establishing HCT survivorship care models.
- Many studies have documented substantial morbidity and mortality from late effects after HCT, thus, delivering recommended screening and expert management of any detected late effects is paramount in HCT survivors.
- The American Society of Blood and Marrow Transplantation (ASBMT) Clinical Practice Committee recommends that delivering guidelines-driven screening and expert management of late effects is the goal of first-rate HCT survivorship care.



# Fred Hutch/ SCCA Transplant Timeline - Clinical Care







### HCT Long-Term Follow Up (LTFU) Survivorship Clinical Care and Research Model

Fred Hutch/ SCCA

Model

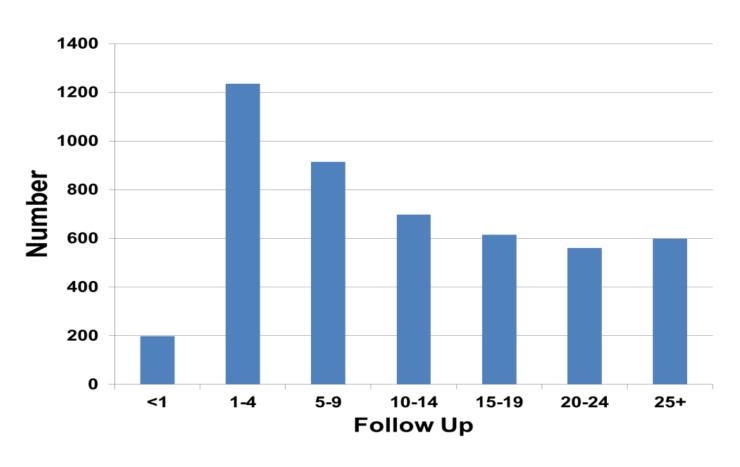
Research

Clinical Service





### Fred Hutch/SCCA LTFU Population in 2014 N = 4,819





### LTFU Patients currently being followed\*

#### **Time interval from treatment (years)**

Diagnoses	< 1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25+	Total
Acute Leukemias	40	331	274	223	127	118	2889	1402
Aplastic Anemia	9	39	24	22	12	23	175	304
MDS	26	124	101	87	69	41	31	479
CML	3	19	22	60	181	181	278	744
Lymphoma	44	275	274	188	93	79	67	1020
Multiple Myeloma	55	299	214	77	33	6	3	687
CLL	0	7	16	12	10	2	1	48
Solid Tumors	4	27	23	16	35	49	7	161
Other**	8	81	81	30	29	7	24	260
Multiple diagnoses	0	24	40	10	6	5	0	85
Total	189	1226	1069	725	595	511	875	5190

<sup>\*</sup> As of 4/11/18, sent a PRQ since 2014

<sup>\*\*</sup> Neoplasms, disorders of hematopoietic or immunologic and metabolic inborn errors

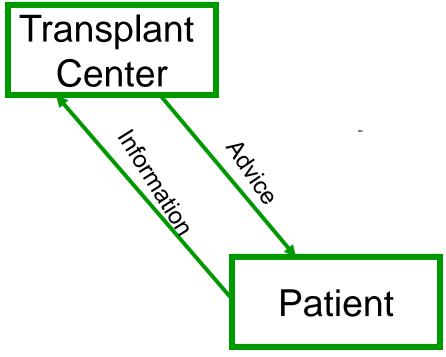
## Fred Hutch/SCCA HCT Survivorship Care Model

 Utilizes primary care providers and/or nontransplant hemo/oncologist in the care of HCT survivors but require coordination and collaboration.





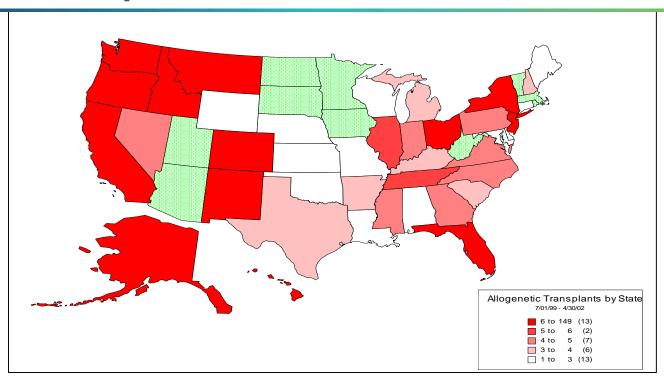
## **Traditional Management Model**







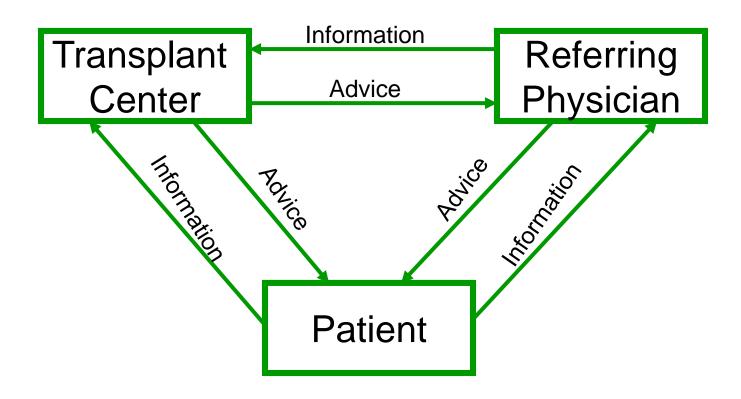
# **Geographic Dispersion of Patients Transplanted at Fred Hutch/SCCA**







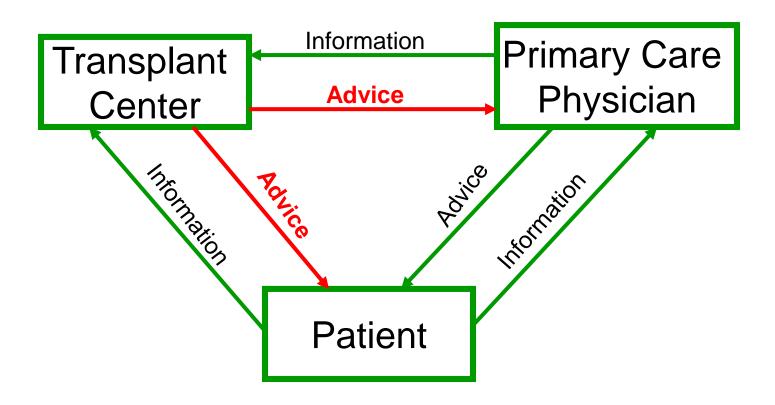
## **Collaborative Management Model**







#### **Collaborative Care Model**







## Fred Hutch / SCCA HCT Survivorship Care Delivery "Collaborative Care Model"

#### Consultation Service

- Pre-discharge Home LTFU Consultation Clinic (between days 80-100 posttransplant)
- Telemedicine consultation to patients and primary care providers
- Chronic GVHD Clinic
- Comprehensive annual evaluation

#### Primary care (Transitional Transplant Clinic)

- Transitional continuity of care to HCT survivors with severe or lingering complications that requires complex management by experts
- Alleviate the high burden of care by primary care providers





### FHCRC/SCCA HCT Survivors Care Delivery Model

- Multidisciplinary long-term hematopoietic stem cell transplant care model
- Consultation
- Primary care for complex health needs (transitional transplant clinic)
- Collaborative management with non-transplant primary care providers





## Reasons for HCT Survivorship Care Delivery Model Collaborative Management Model

- Geographical dispersion of HCT survivors
- Necessary for long-term follow up continuity of care
- Important for research



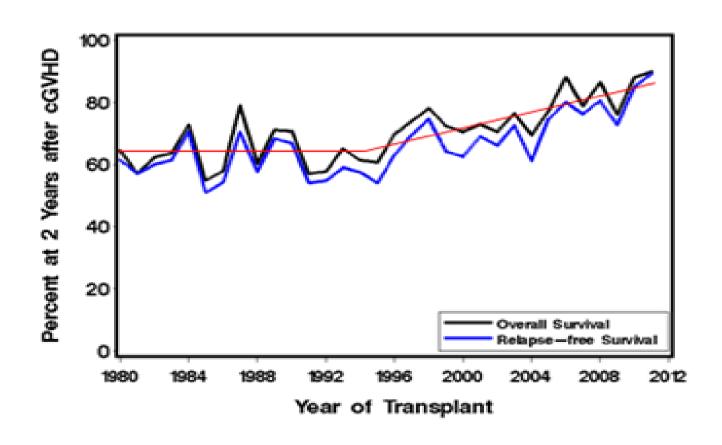




### Does a dedicated HCT-LTFU Model matter?

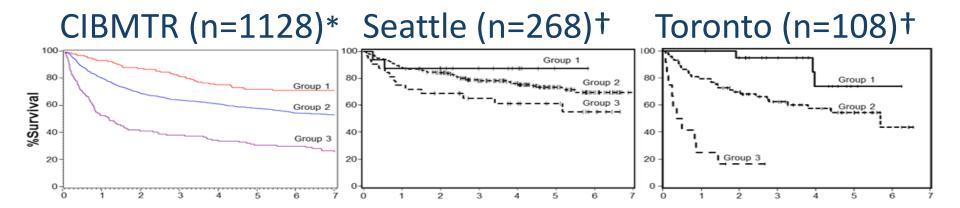


### Survival after chronic GVHD over time





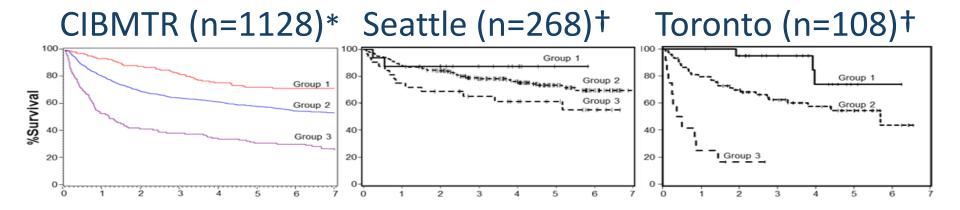
## What may account for difference in survival in patients with high risk CIBMTR chronic GVHD score?



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## What accounts for difference in survival in patients with high risk CIBMTR chronic GVHD score?



Could a dedicate LTFU service account for better survival?

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#### **Conclusions**

- Increased interest in HCT survivorship care in the past 5 years
- Future studies are needed to evaluate HCT survivorship care delivery models
- Severity of chronic GVHD needs to be considered when evaluating HCT survivorship care models
- Collaboration between the transplant center and patient PCP are important for care of HCT survivors



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