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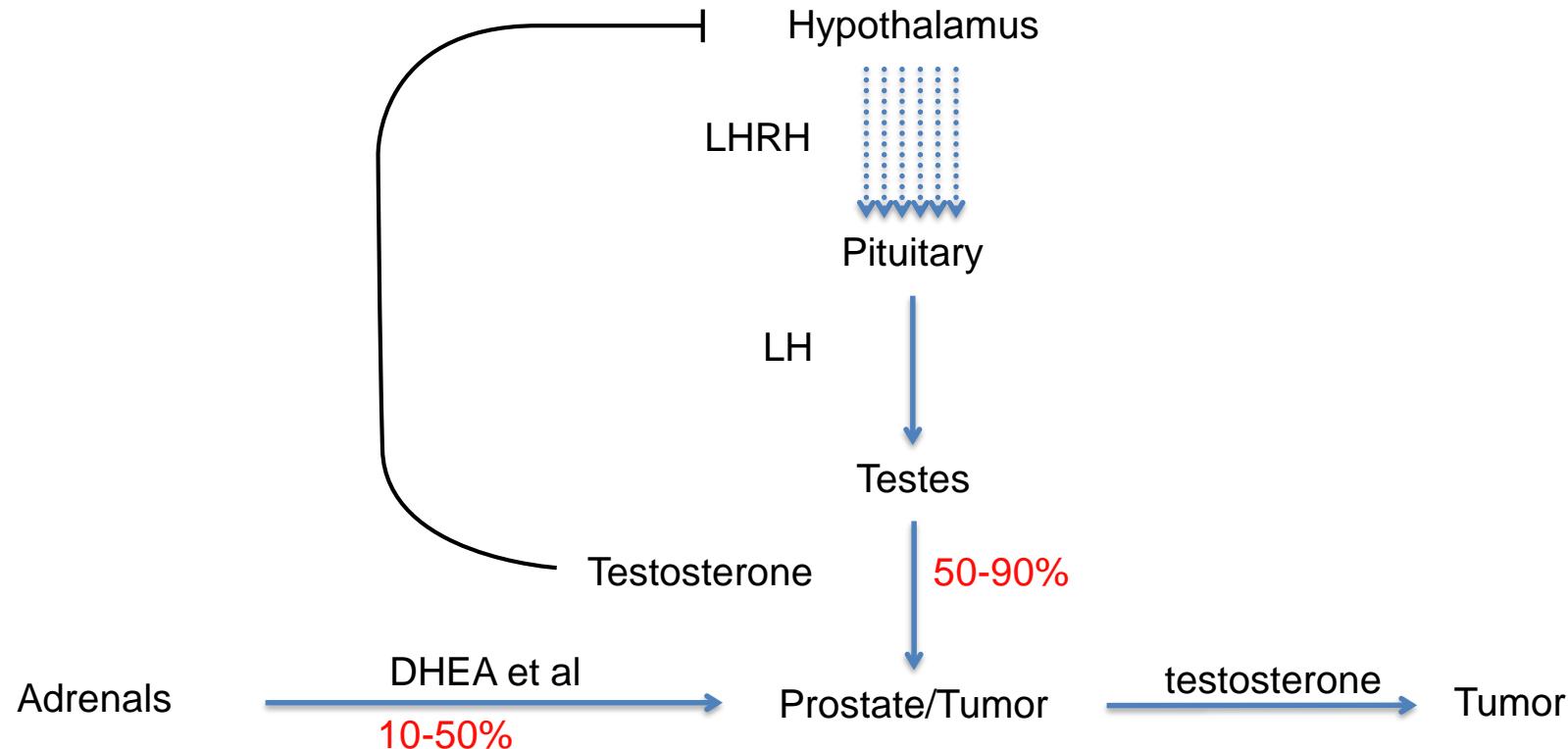
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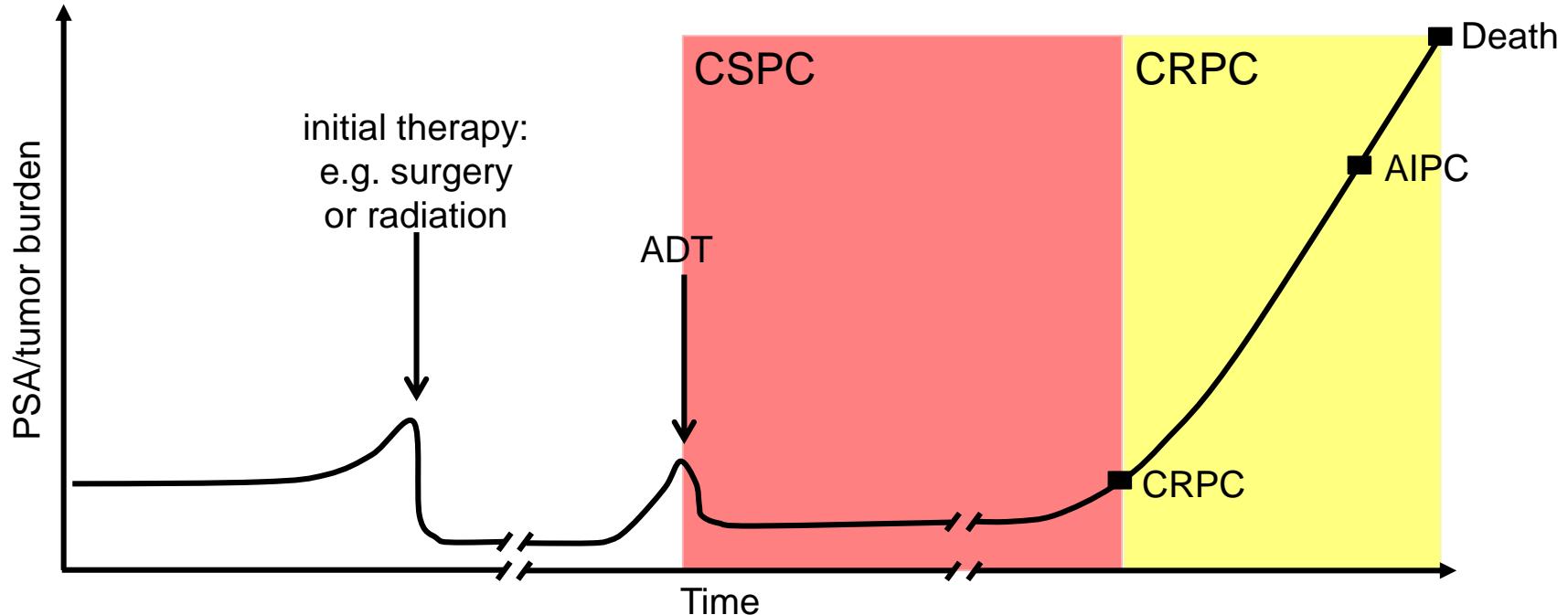
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# Androgen production



# Natural history of prostate cancer



ADT = Androgen Deprivation Therapy

CSPC = castration-sensitive prostate cancer

CRPC = castration-resistant prostate cancer

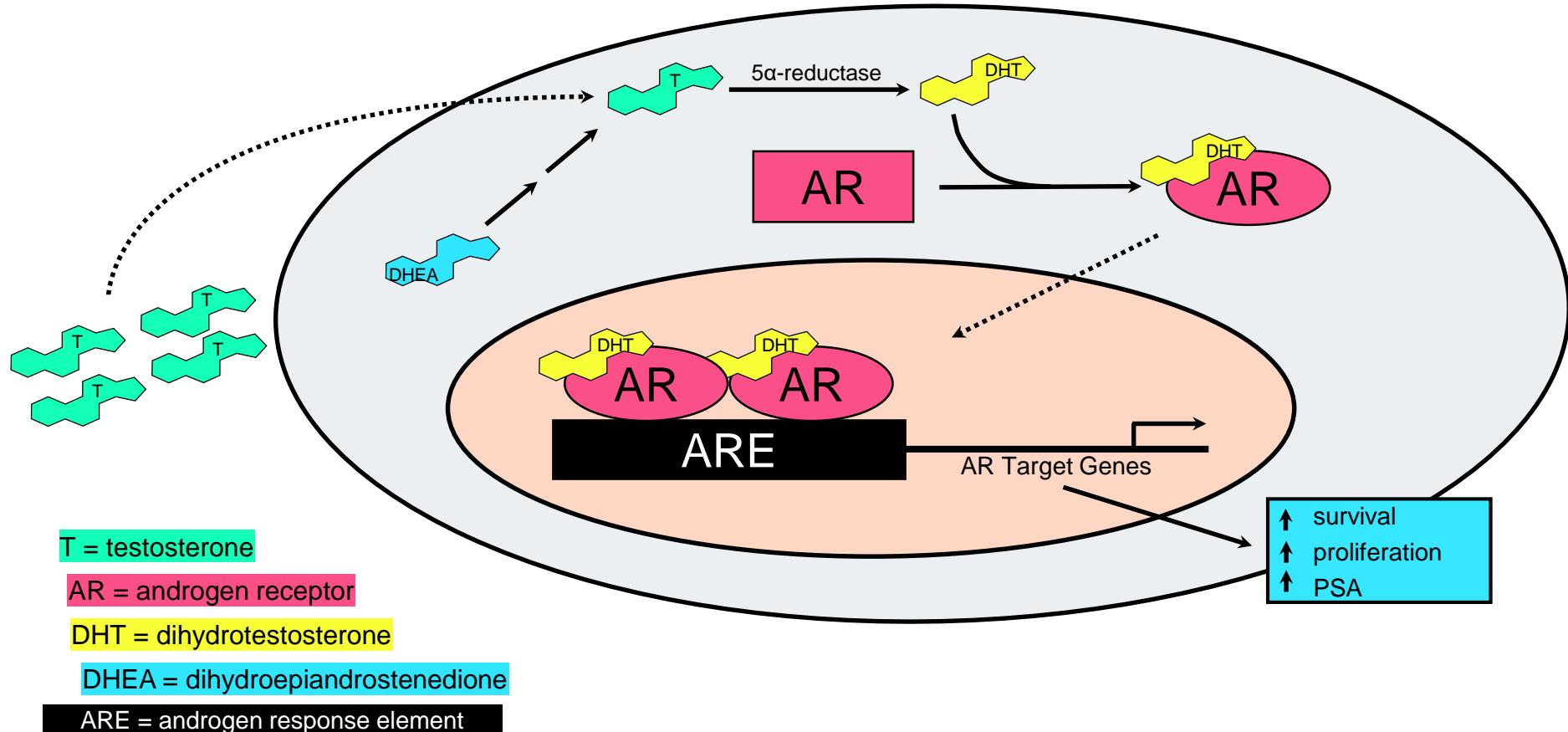
# ADT side effects

side effect	prevalence (%)
osteopenia	39 (at 2 years)
osteoporosis	53 (at 2 years)
bone fracture	15.1-19.4
metabolic-like syndrome	55
central weight gain	75
muscle loss	20.0-22.8
cardiovascular disease	poorly defined
hot flashes	44-80
gynecomastia	12.7-13.3
mastodynia	19
decreased libido	58.0-91.4
decrease in genital size	93
fatigue	poorly defined
cognitive changes	19-48
depression	13
anemia	13 (>25% decrease)

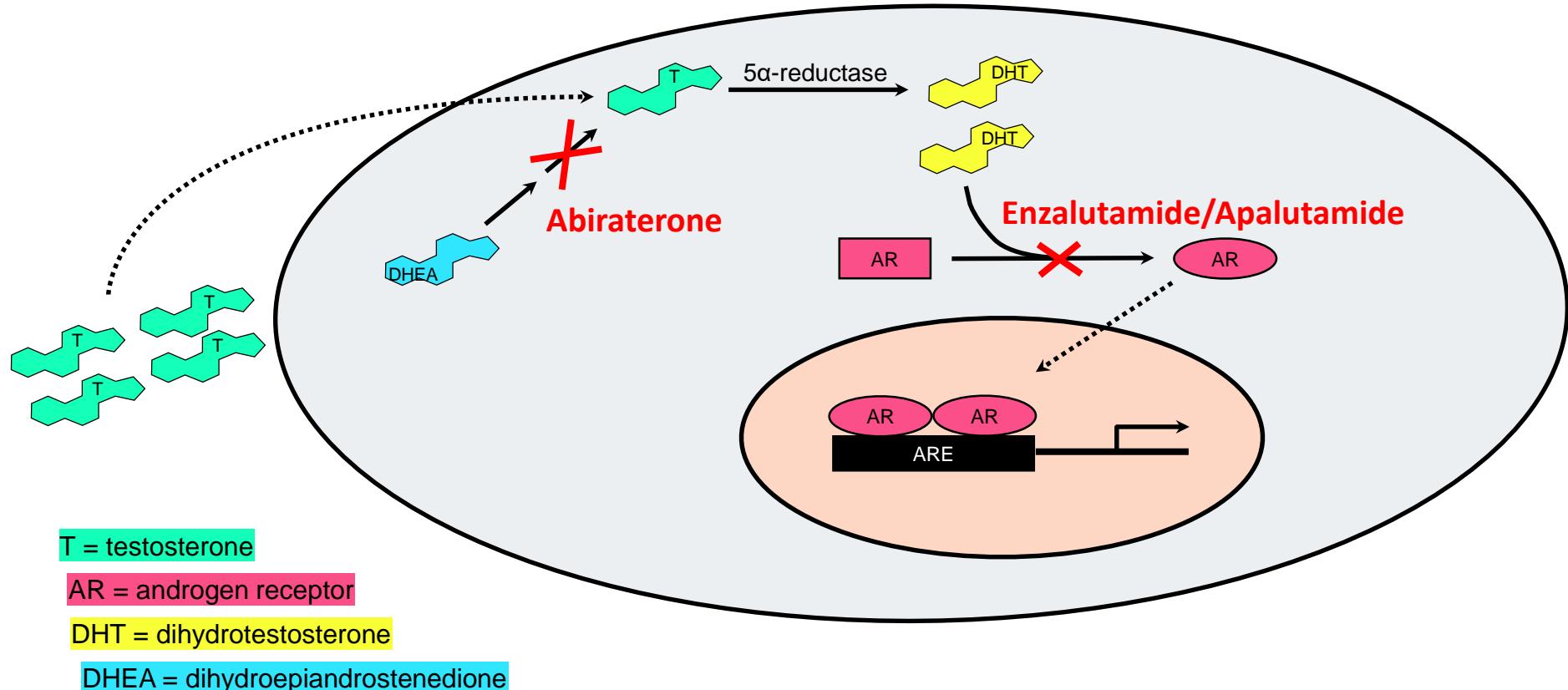
Walker et al, Clin Genitourinary Cancer 2013

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# Androgen receptor signaling



# Secondary hormonal agents



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# Comparing Overall Survival Across Studies

	Median OS			3 yr OS rate	
	HR (95% CI)	Control (months)	Rx (months)	Control	Rx
LATITUDE	0.62 (0.51-0.76)	34.7 mo	NR	49%	66%
STAMPEDE	0.63	not reached (0.52 – 0.76)			
CHAARTED High Volume	0.63 (0.50-0.79)	34.4 mo	51.2 mo	~50%*	~65%*

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# M0 disease: GnRH agonist + androgen receptor blockade

## SPARTAN trial<sup>1,2</sup>

### Eligibility

- nmCRPC
  - Pelvic nodes < 2 cm below iliac bifurcation (N1) allowed
- PSADT ≤ 10 months

### On-Study Requirement

- Continuous ADT

### Stratifications

- PSADT > 6 mo or ≤ 6 mo
- Bone-sparing agents, y/n
- N0 or N1

2:1  
(N = 1207)

Apalutamide  
(APA)  
240 mg QD  
+ ADT  
(n = 806)

Placebo (PBO)  
+ ADT  
(n = 401)

## PROSPER trial<sup>3</sup>

### **Key Eligibility Criteria**

- M0 CRPC (central review)
- Rising PSA despite castrate testosterone level ( $\leq 50$  ng/dL)
- Baseline PSA  $\geq 2$  ng/mL
- PSA doubling time  $\leq 10$  months

### **Stratification Factors**

- PSA doubling time (< 6 months vs 6-10 months)
- Baseline use of bone-targeted agent (yes vs no)

N = 1401

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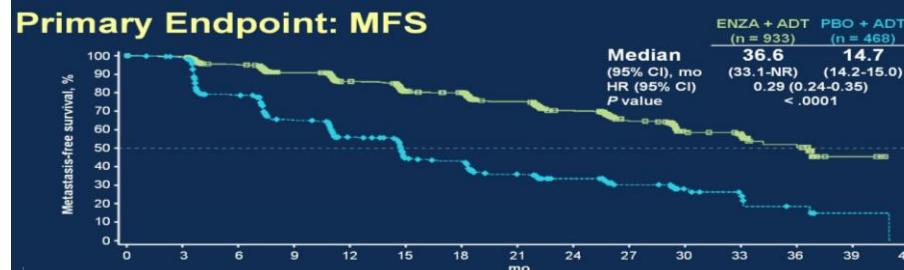
Enzalutamide  
160 mg/day +  
ADT

Placebo +  
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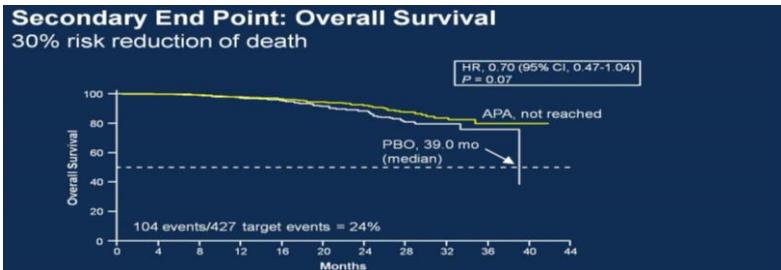
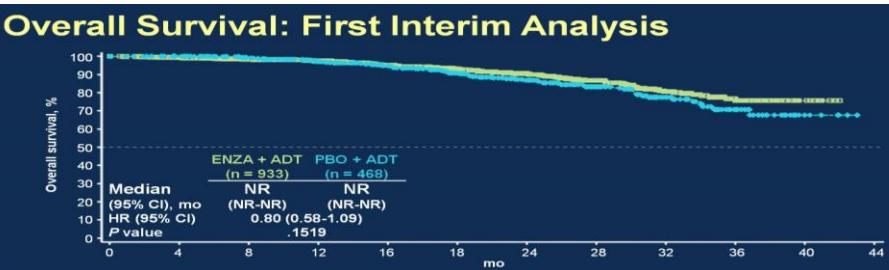
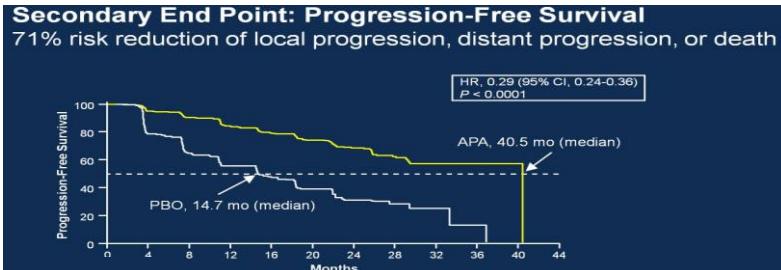
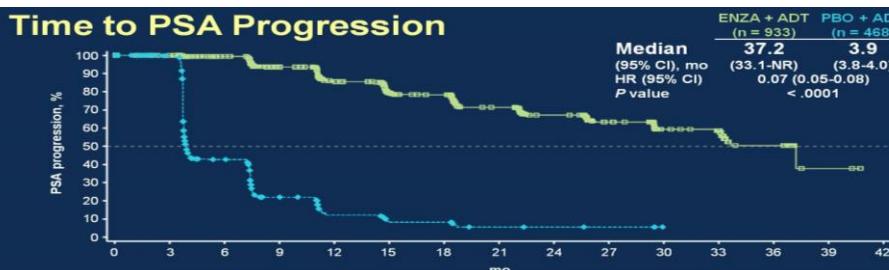
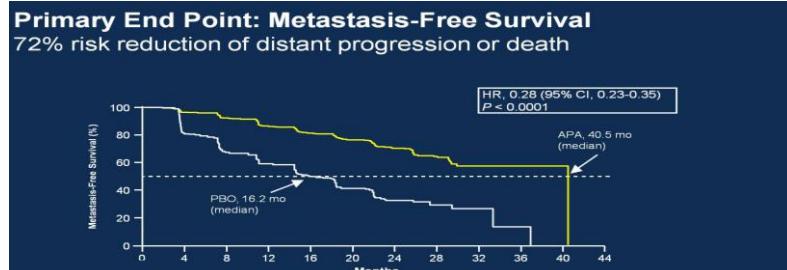
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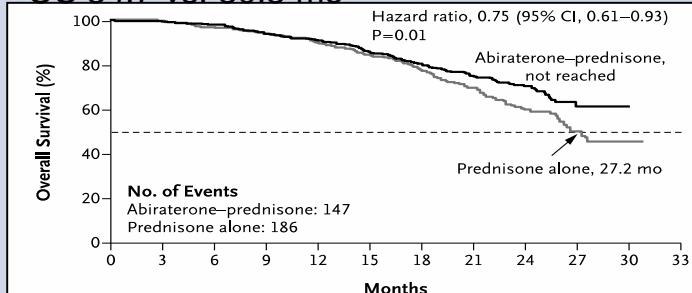
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# mCRPC: secondary hormonal therapy

abiraterone

Pre-docetaxel

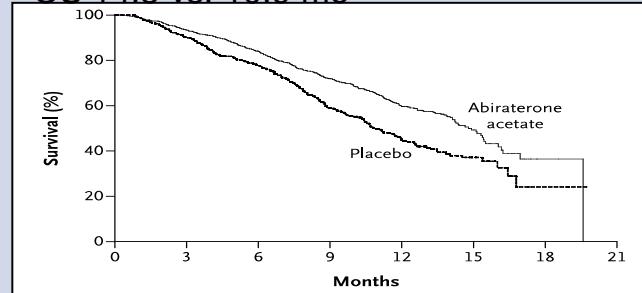
OS 34.7 vs. 30.3 mo



Ryan et al., NEJM 2013

Post-docetaxel

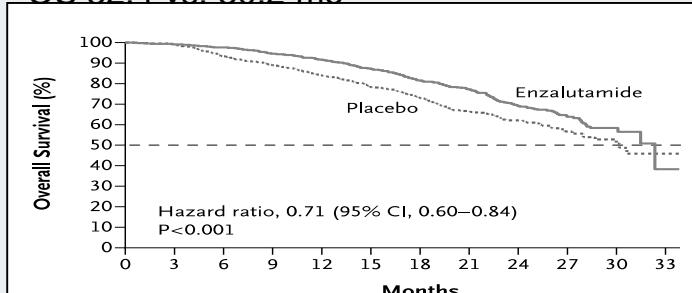
OS 14.8 vs. 10.9 mo



De Bono et al., NEJM 2011

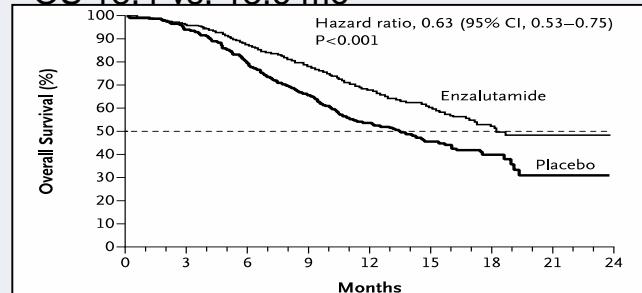
enzalutamide

OS 32.4 vs. 30.2 mo



Beer et al., NEJM, 2014

OS 18.4 vs. 13.6 mo



Scher et al., NEJM, 2012

# abiraterone acetate vs. enzalutamide

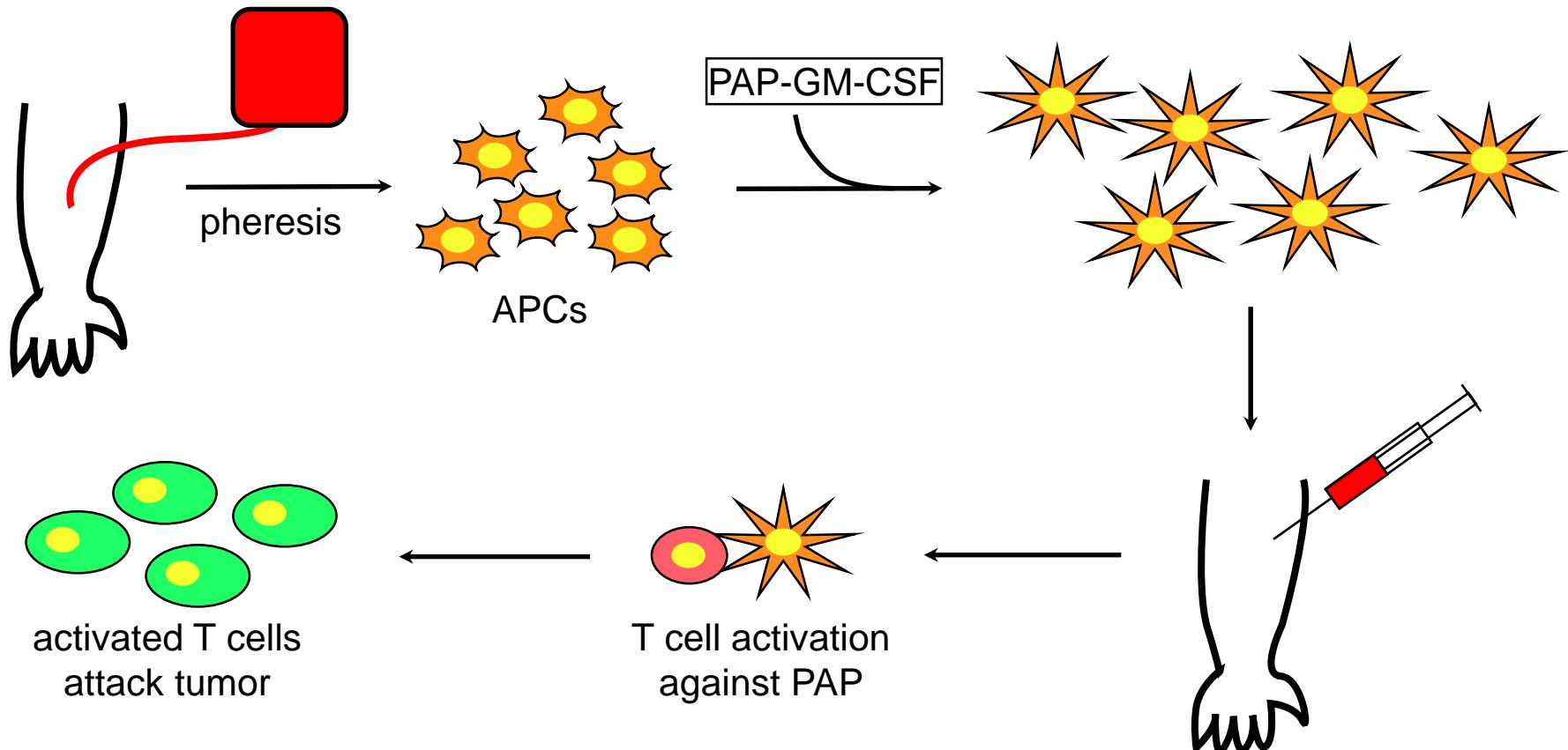
- Abiraterone:
  - Must be taken on an empty stomach
  - Requires low dose prednisone (5-10 mg daily)
- Enzalutamide:
  - Fatigue
  - Contraindicated in patients with seizure risk

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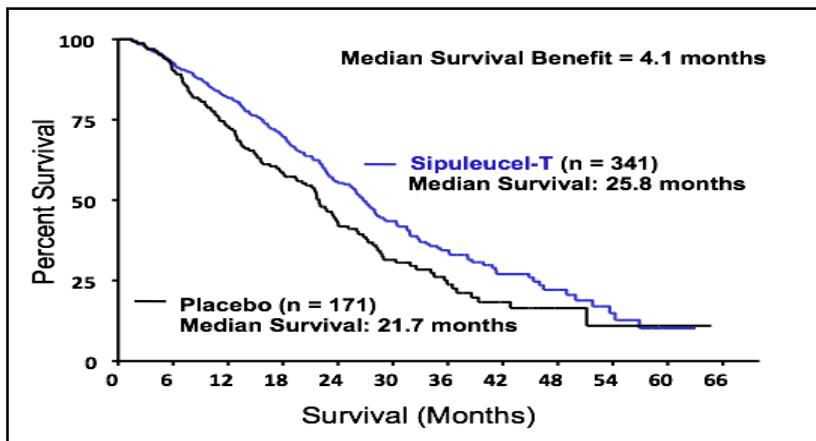
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# Sipuleucel-T: cellular immunotherapy

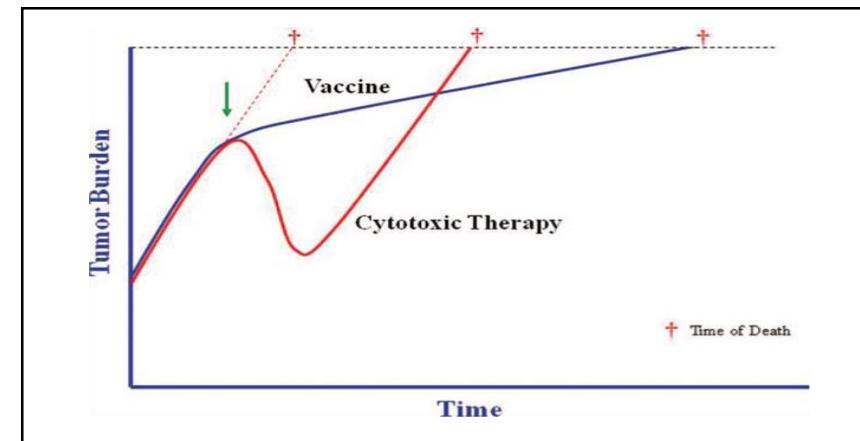


# Sipuleucel-T: cellular immunotherapy

- For minimally metastatic disease: rising PSA and asymptomatic or minimally symptomatic mets
- 2-week cycles x3
- No effect on PSA or progression but OS 25.8 vs. 21.7 mo
- Few side effects



Kantoff et al., NEJM 2010

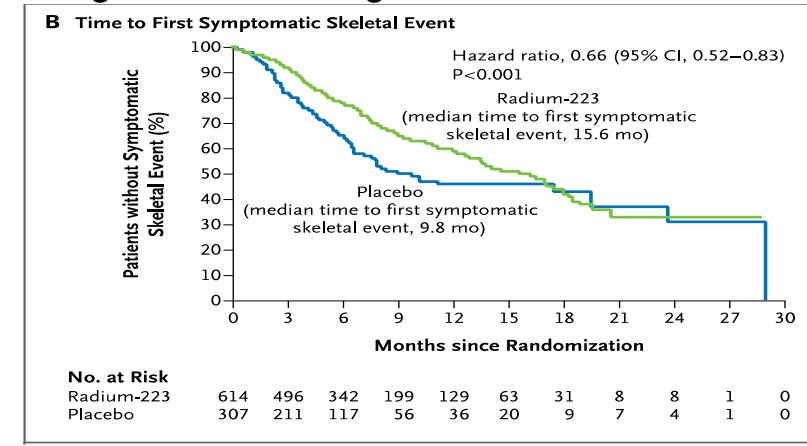
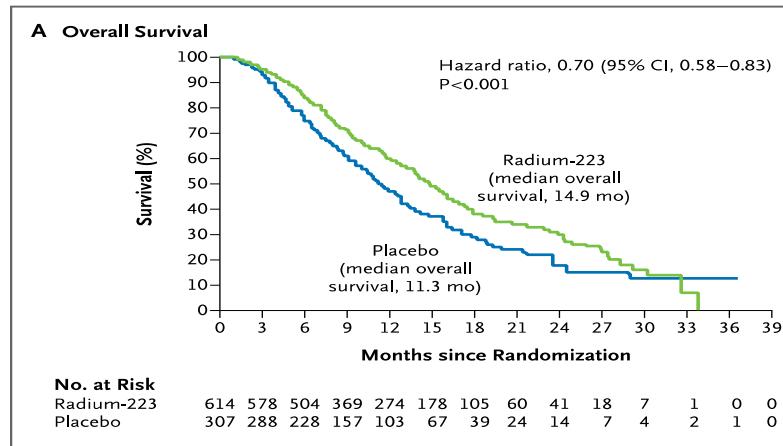


Madden et al The Oncologist 2010

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# $^{223}\text{Radium}$ dichloride

- $\alpha$ -emitting isotope that targets bony lesions
- pts with symptomatic bony mets requiring analgesic medications and no visceral disease
- 3.6 mo overall survival advantage (14.9 vs. 11.3 mo)
- 5.8 mo improvement to first skeletal event
- 56% of pts will have improvement in bone pain after 2 doses
- side effects minimal, but ... nausea, vomiting, anorexia, fatigue?



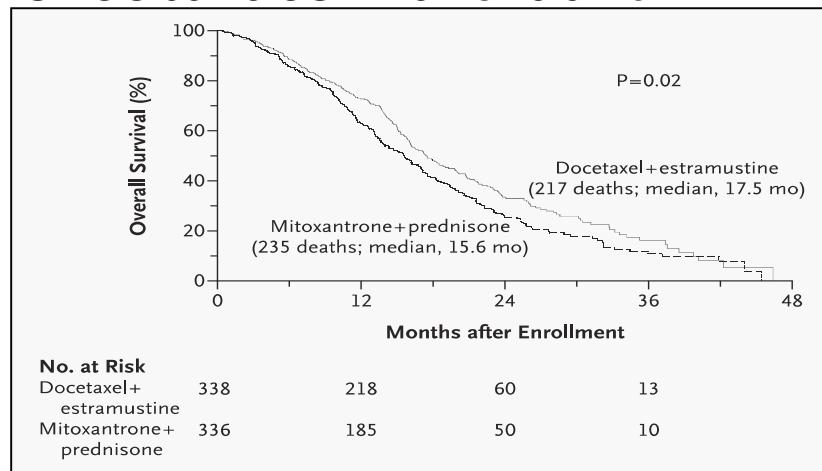
Parker et al., NEJM, 2013

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# chemotherapy: docetaxel

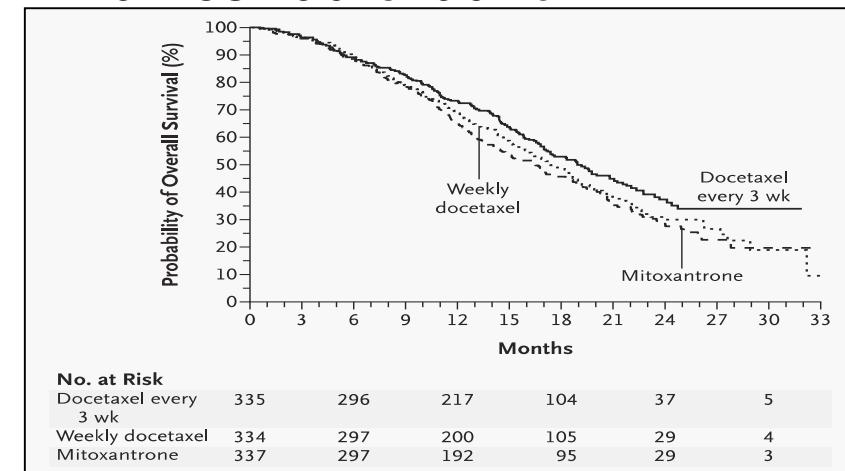
- stabilizes microtubules
- 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> every 3 weeks with 10 mg prednisone daily
- side effects: fatigue, neuropathy, hair loss, nausea

SWOG 99-16:OS: 17.5 v s 15.6 mo



Petrylak et al., NEJM, 2004

TAX327:OS: 18.9 vs 16.5 mo

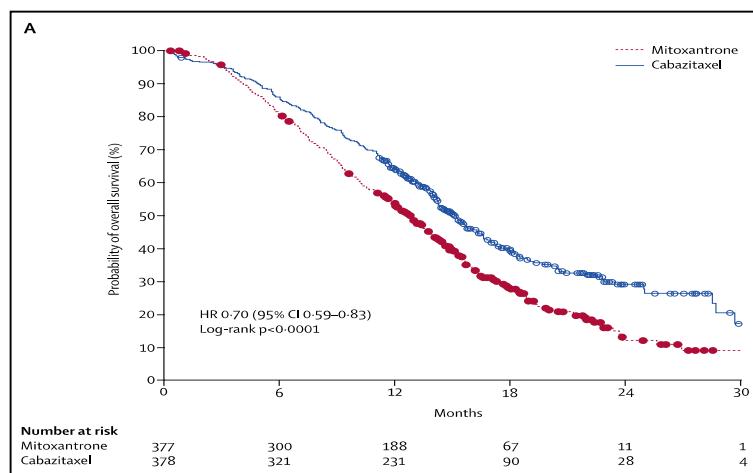


Tannock et al., NEJM, 2004

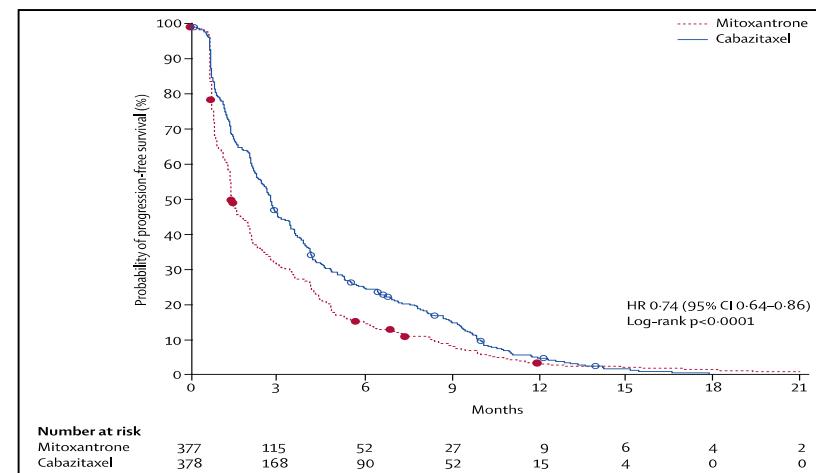
# chemotherapy: cabazitaxel after docetaxel (TROPIC trial)

- decreased binding to P-glycoprotein (vs docetaxel)
- 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> every 3 weeks with prednisone daily
- pegfilgrastim standard after each dose
- side effects similar to docetaxel (less neuropathy/more grade 3-4 toxicity)
- 2.4 month OS advantage (15.1 vs. 12.7 mo)

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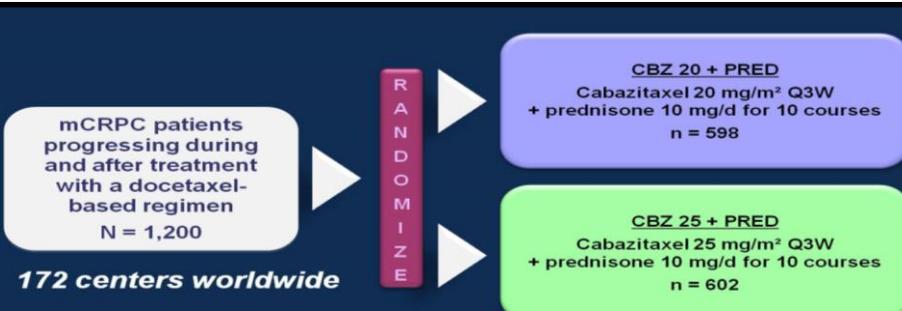


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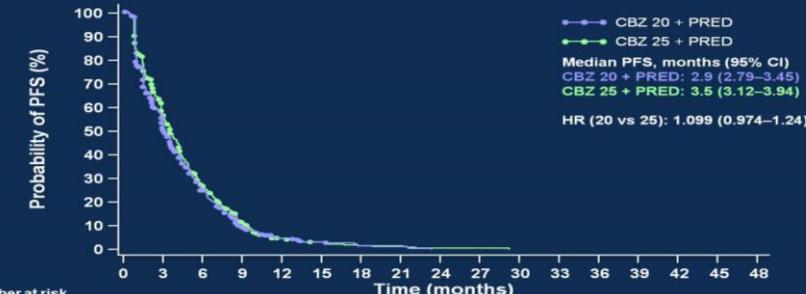


De Bono et al., Lancet, 2010

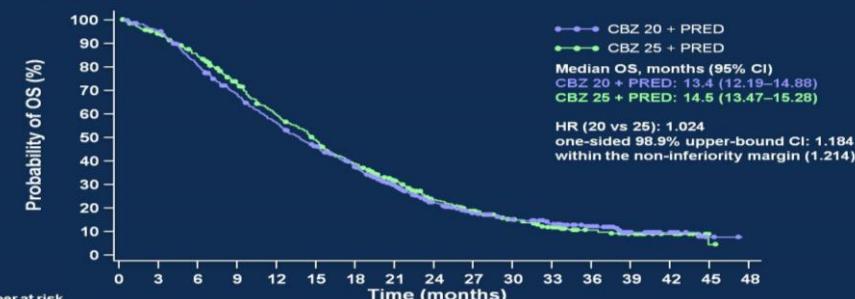
# cabazitaxel 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup> vs 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup>: PROSELICA trial



## PROSELICA: Progression-free Survival



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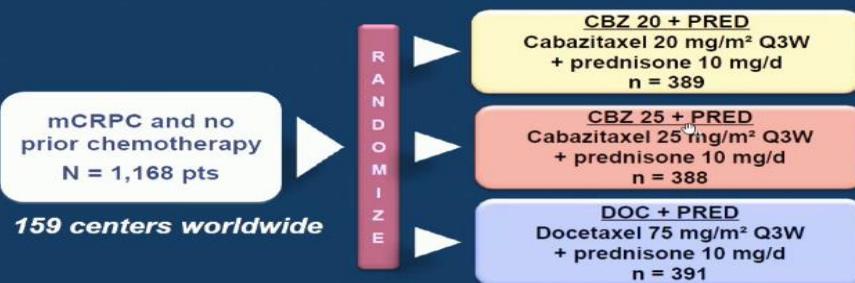


## PROSELICA: PSA Response

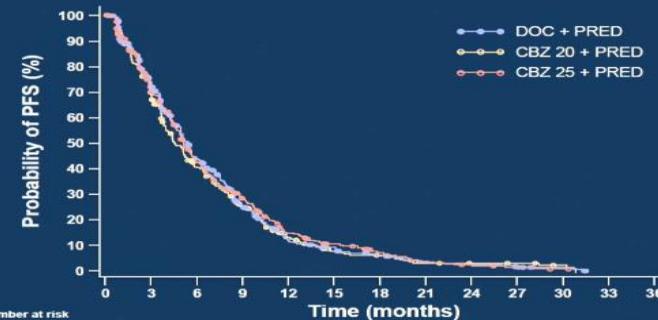


De Bono et al, ASCO 2016; Eisenberger et al, JCO 2017

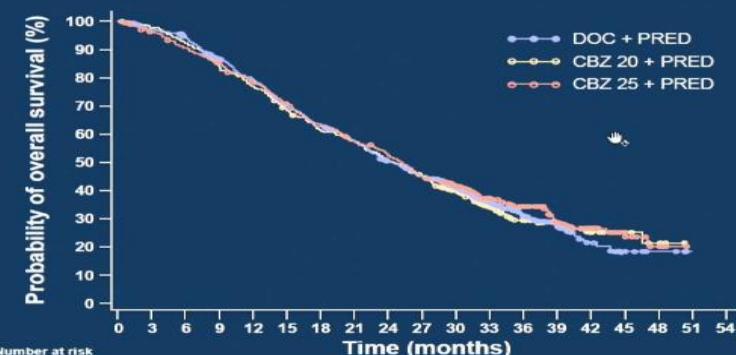
# docetaxel vs cabazitaxel: FIRSTANA trial



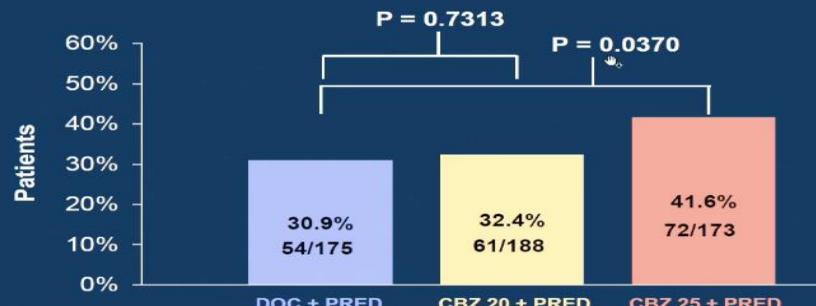
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## FIRSTANA: Tumor Response Rate (RECIST)



Sartor et al, ASCO 2016; Oudard et al, JCO 2017

# docetaxel vs cabazitaxel: side effects

## FIRSTANA: TEAEs in ≥ 5% of Patients cont.

TEAEs reported in ≥ 5% of patients, n (%)	DOC + PRED N = 387		CBZ 20 + PRED N = 369		CBZ 25 + PRED N = 391	
	All Grades	Grade 3–4	All Grades	Grade 3–4	All Grades	Grade 3–4
Peripheral sensory neuropathy	97 (25.1)	8 (2.1)	43 (11.7)	1 (0.3)	48 (12.3)	0
Paresthesia	24 (6.2)	0	25 (6.8)	0	14 (3.6)	0
Muscle spasms	15 (3.9)	0	28 (7.6)	0	13 (3.3)	1 (0.3)
Arthralgia	31 (8.0)	4 (1.0)	33 (8.9)	2 (0.5)	43 (11.0)	1 (0.3)
Bone pain	25 (6.5)	6 (1.6)	31 (8.4)	8 (2.2)	30 (7.7)	4 (1.0)
Edema peripheral	79 (20.4)	6 (1.6)	36 (9.8)	0	30 (7.7)	1 (0.3)
Weight decreased	19 (4.9)	1 (0.3)	17 (4.6)	0	40 (10.2)	3 (0.8)
Alopecia	151 (39.0)	0	33 (8.9)	0	51 (13.0)	0
Nail disorder	35 (9.0)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)	0	3 (0.8)	0

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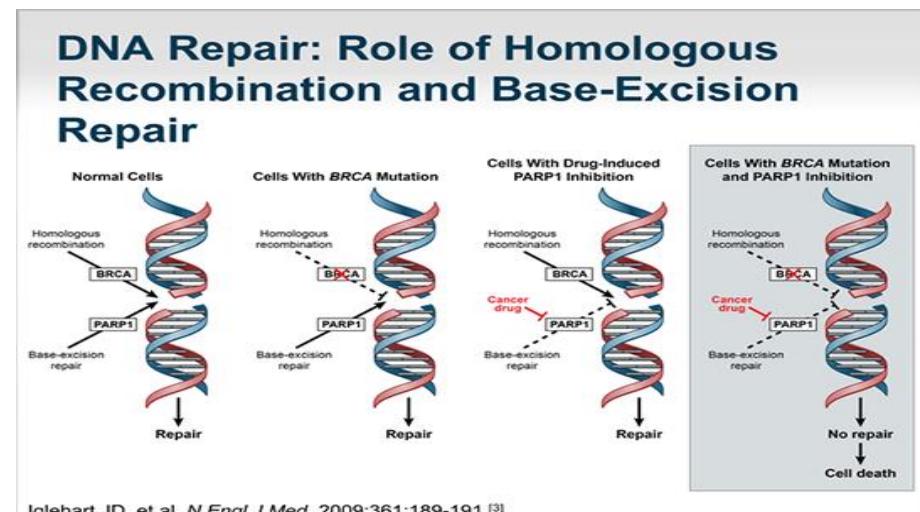
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# PARP inhibition in DNA-repair defective prostate cancers

- Olaparib monotherapy in heavily pretreated CRPC
- 16/49 pts had response (33%)
- 14/16 responders had defects in double-stranded DNA break repair
- Veliparib has also been studied (Feng et al, ESMO 2016, Abstract #730PD)

DNA repair defect	n	Response
-	33	6.1%
+	16	87.5%

Mateo et al, NEJM 2015



\*ART = abiraterone or enzalutamide

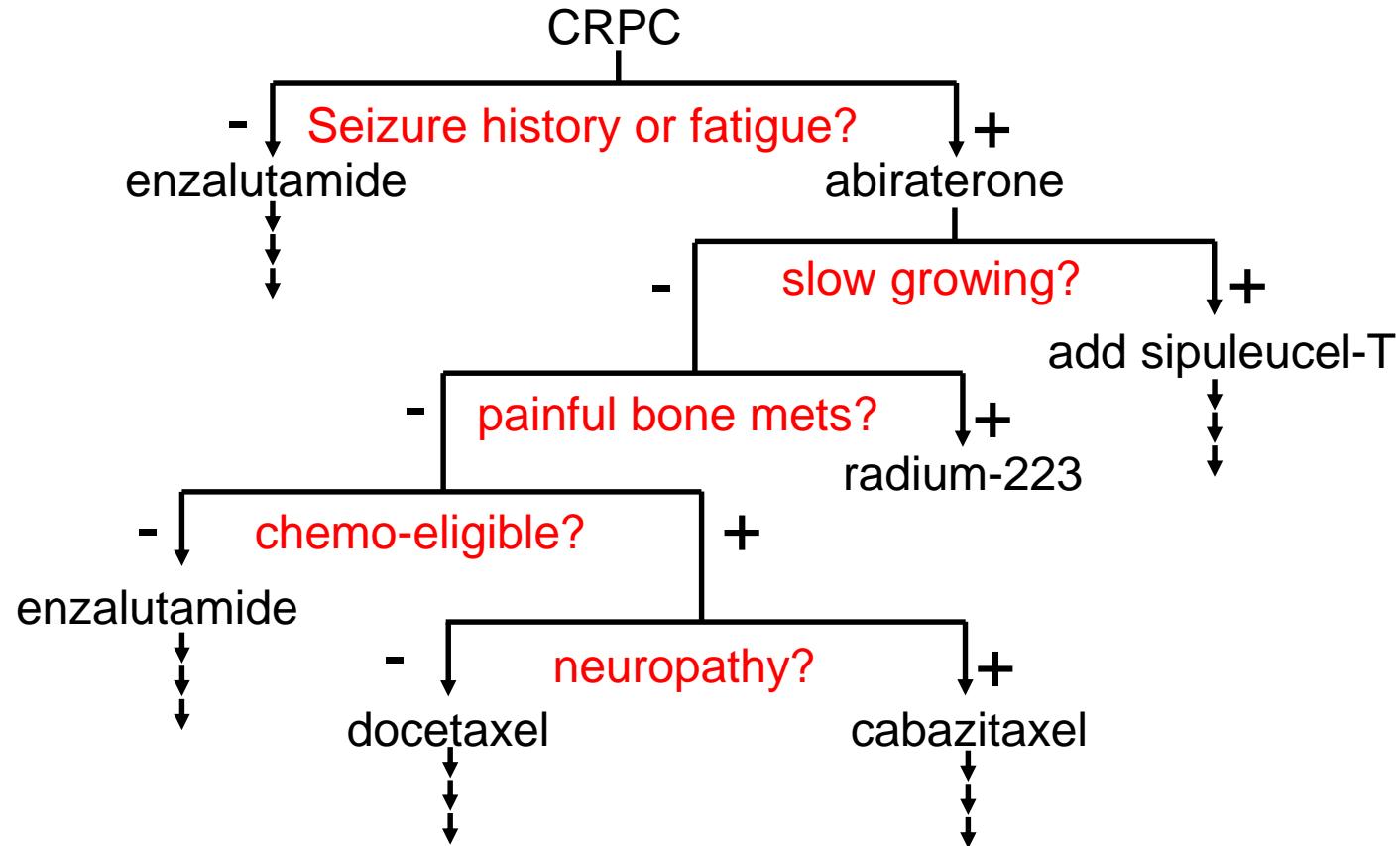
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# Considerations for sequencing of agents

agent	eligibility	Side effects
sipuleucel-T*	Slowly growing disease Minimally symptomatic	Minimal Has little/no effect on PFS
Radium-223*	Pain requiring analgesics No visceral disease	?nausea, vomiting, anorexia, fatigue
Abiraterone acetate	requires 10 mg prednisone qd	Exacerbates ADT Steroid side effects
enzalutamide	seizure history?	Exacerbates ADT Lowers seizure threshold Fatigue
docetaxel	adequate hematologic function adequate performance status	Hematologic Alopecia Neuropathy Fatigue Nausea
cabazitaxel	adequate hematologic function adequate performance status	More toxicity, less neuropathy than docetaxel

\*Can be given with abiraterone or enzalutamide safely though unknown if efficacy is equivalent in combination

# Strategies for treatment: an example



# abiraterone followed by enzalutamide (and vice versa)

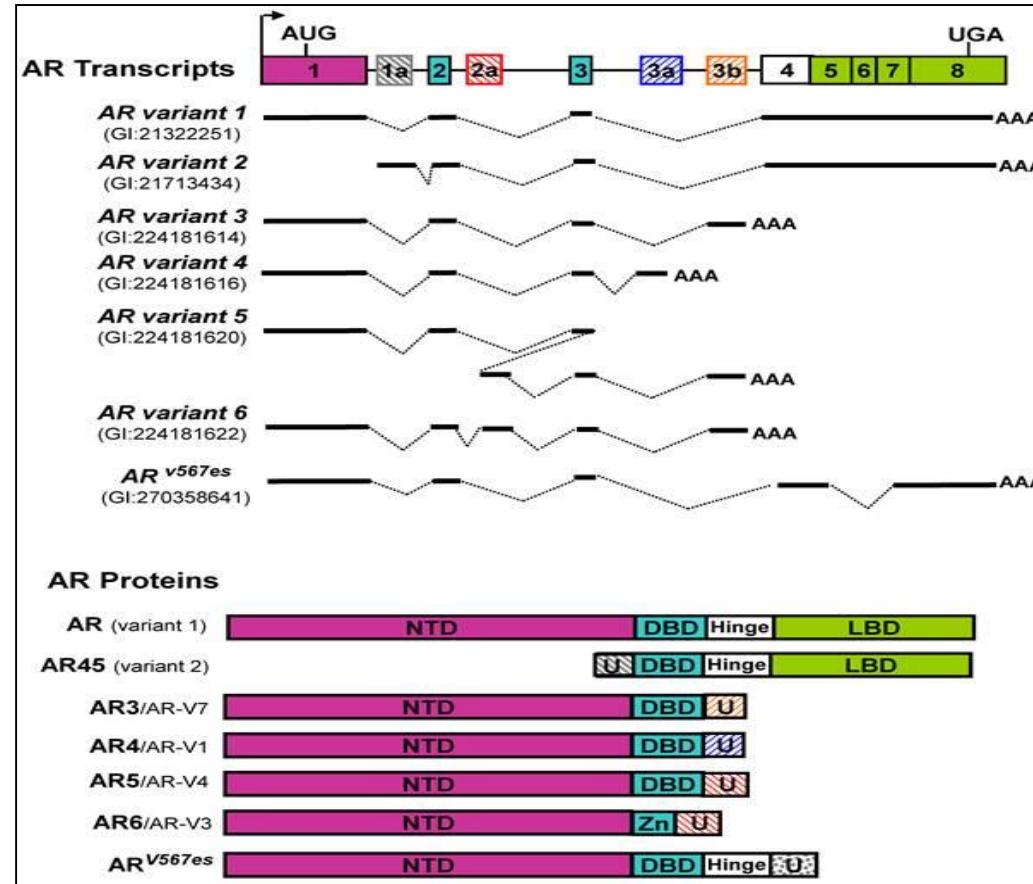
study	PSA response rate for secondary rx	PFS (1 <sup>st</sup> line)	PFS (2 <sup>nd</sup> line)	ref
35 pts; D -> abi -> enza	Abi-responsive: 43.8% Abi-unresponsive: 15.8%	9 mo	4.9 mo	1
126 pts; abi -> enza <b>or</b> enza -> abi	1 <sup>st</sup> line-responsive: 20% 1 <sup>st</sup> line-unresponsive: 25%		3.6 mo	2
30 pts, enza -> abi	10% overall	41 wks	15.4 wks	3
response to D in mCRPC in pts who initially received upfront ADT alone vs ADT + D	ADT alone: 70% (n = 17) ADT+D: 0% (n = 9)		6 mo 2.5 mo	4
Retrospective 560 pts, no statistically sig OS difference	D -> C -> ART*: 37.3 mo OS D -> ART -> C: 36 mo OS ART -> D -> C: 30.1 mo OS			5
Retrospective 4070 pts, network meta-analysis; no difference in OS	Compared different agents after docetaxel			6

D = docetaxel, abi = abiraterone acetate, enza = enzalutamide, ADT = androgen deprivation therapy

1. Schrader et al, European Urology 2014; 2. Nadal et al, Prostate 2016; 3. Noonan et al, Ann Oncol 2013; 4. Lavaud et al, ESMO 2016, Abstract #761P; 5. Angelergues et al, ESMO 2016; 6. Cherubini et al, ESMO 2016

- Biology of metastatic prostate cancer
- Androgen-directed therapy
- Other agents
- Sequencing of agents
- Novel agents and strategies

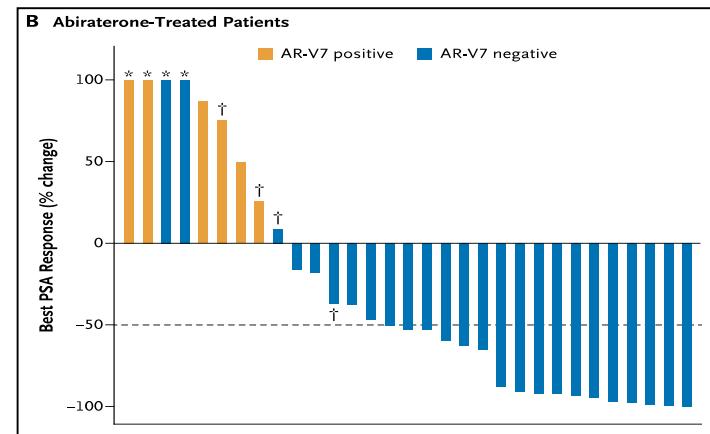
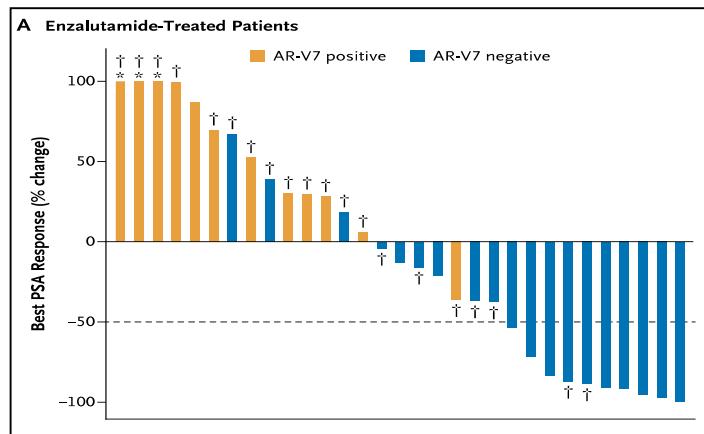
# AR splice variants drive resistance to hormonal therapies



Guo and Qiu, Int J Biol Sci, 2011

# AR-V7: effects on abiraterone/enzalutamide

- Clinical study of AR-V7 testing:
  - tumor cells circulating in peripheral blood were tested for AR-V7
  - if any AR-V7 RNA present, almost no response



Antonarakis et al., NEJM, 2014

# Mutations that drive resistance to hormonal therapies

mutation	Activated by:	Ref
L702H	glucocorticoids	1
V715M	Adrenal androgens (DHEA, androstenedione) and progesterone	2
H874Y	estradiol and progesterone	3
F876L	enzalutamide	4
T877A, T877S	estradiol and progesterone	3
T878A	Progesterone (3/18 pts who progressed on abi have mut)	5

1. Romanel et al, Sci Trans Med 2015; 2. Culig et al, Molec Endocrinol 1993; 3. Fenton et al, Clin Cancer Res 1997; 4. Joseph et al, Cancer Discovery 2013 and Korpel et al, Cancer Discovery 2013; 5. Chen et al, Clin Cancer Res 2015

# variant prostate cancer

## Features:

- Non-adenocarcinoma histology
- Exclusively visceral metastases
- Lytic bone lesions
- Bulky lymphadenopathy
- Low PSA
- Evidence of neuroendocrine differentiation
  - Synaptophysin
  - Chromogranin A
  - Malignant hypercalcemia
  - CEA
- Short time to androgen independence

## Treatment:

- Platinum-containing combinations:
  - Carboplatin/docetaxel
  - Cisplatin/etoposide

# Thank you