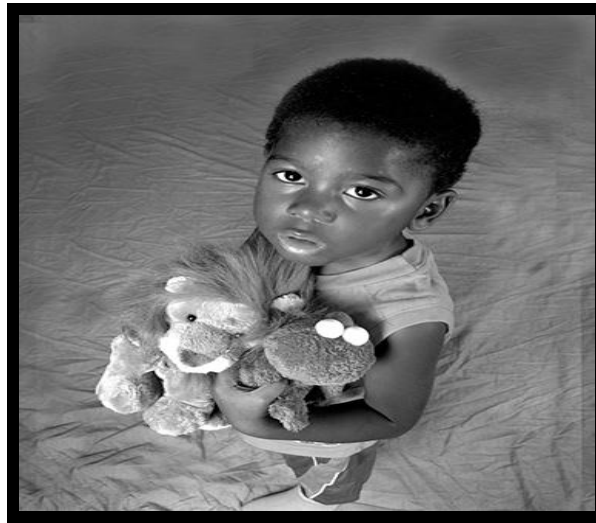




# Pediatric Cancer

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Department of Pediatrics

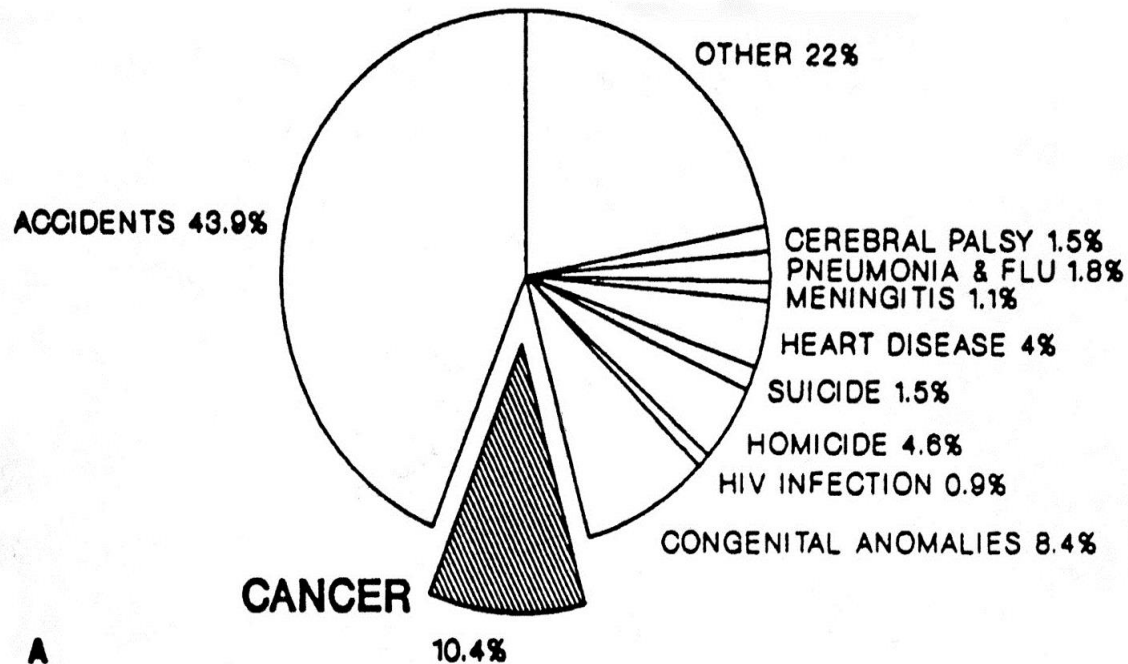
# Fast Facts on Childhood Cancer



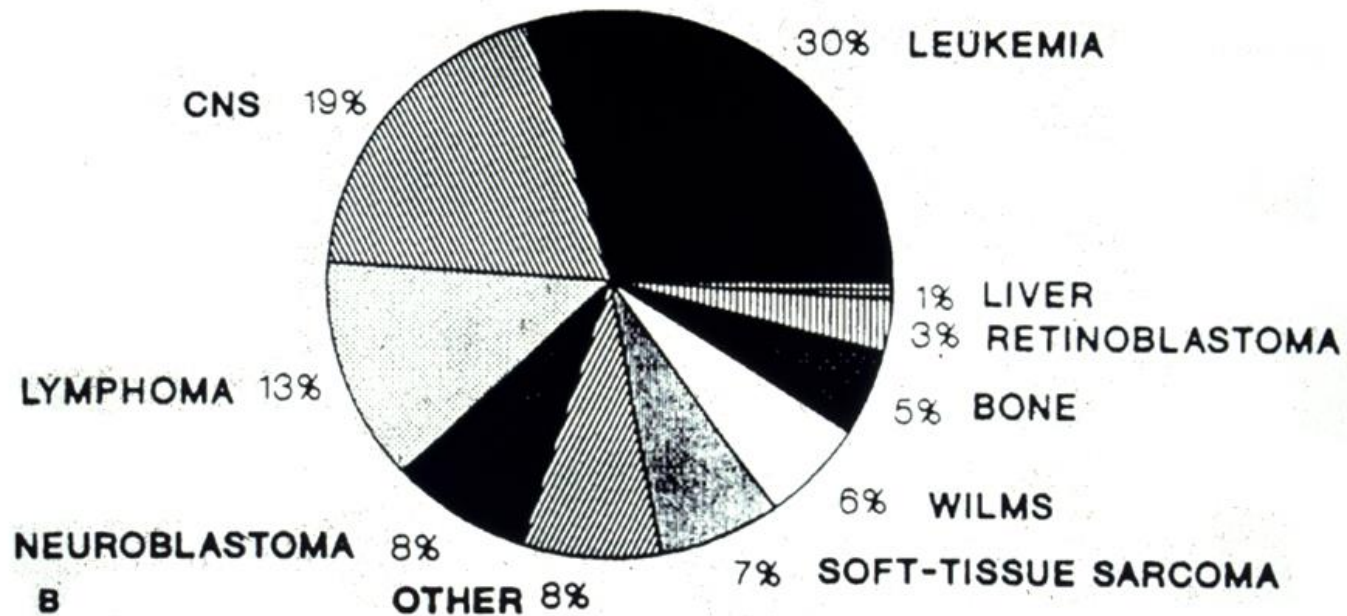
- **Every day 46 children are diagnosed with cancer.**
- **One in 330 children will develop cancer by age 20.**
- **Although the 5 year survival rate is steadily increasing, one quarter of children diagnosed will die.**
- **Cancer remains the leading cause of death by disease in America's children - more than Cystic Fibrosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Asthma and AIDS combined.**

***-Candlelighter's Childhood Cancer Foundation***

# Leading Causes of Death in Children



# Types of Cancer Distribution



# Etiology

- **Unknown**
- **Genetics**
  - some chromosomal abnormalities
  - identical twins - 20% concordance rate for leukemia if < 6 yrs
- **Environmental - prenatal vs post natal**
  - radiation
  - chemical carcinogens
  - diet - no evidence in children
- **Viral Oncogenesis**
  - EBV in Burkitt's, Hodgkin's
- **Immune deficiency**
  - increase in lymphoid malignancies with congenital immunodeficiency
  - cancer in AIDS patients

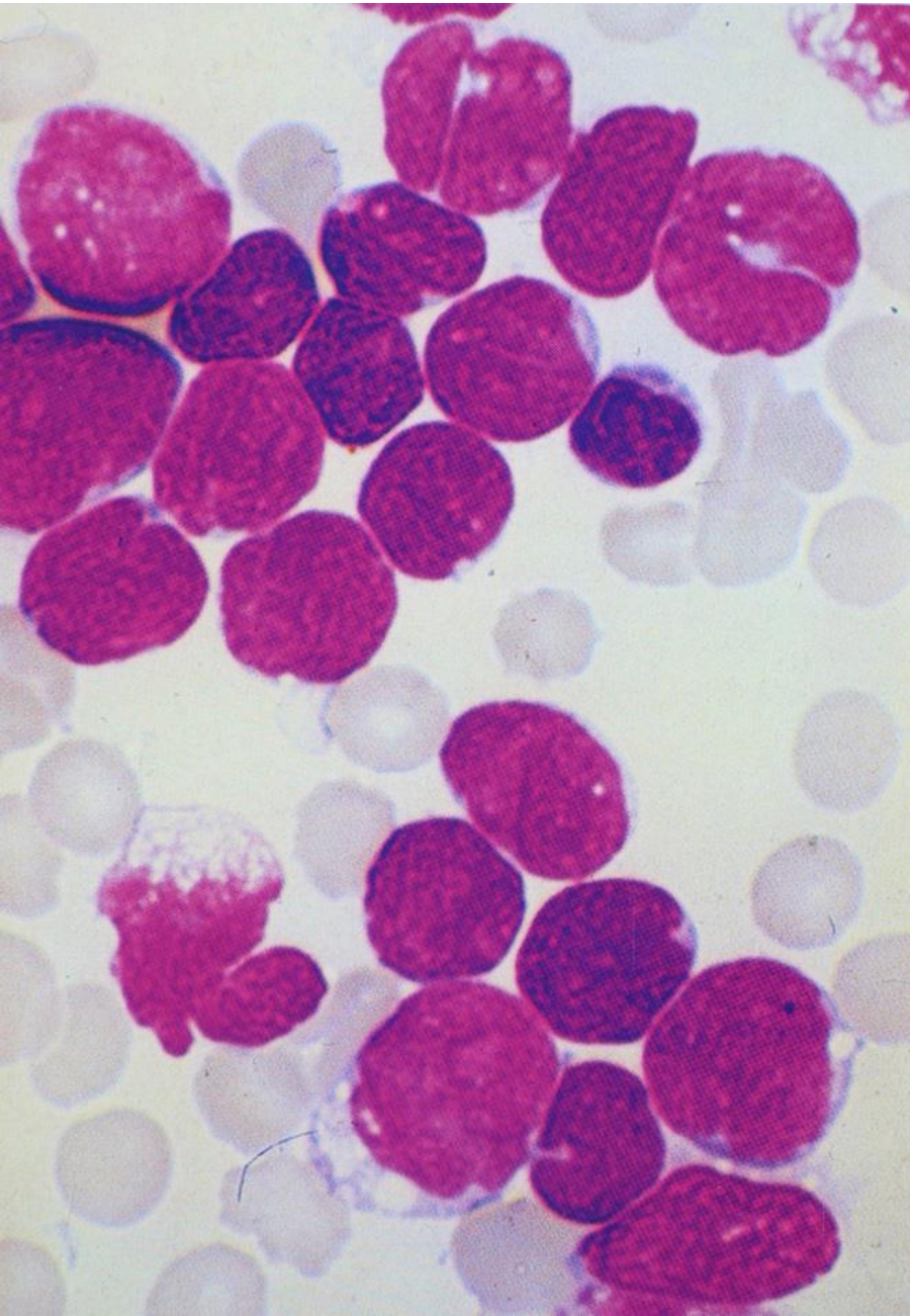
# Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

- Most common pediatric malignancy
- 80% of pediatric leukemias
- 1/25,000
- peaks at 3-5 years
- boys > girls

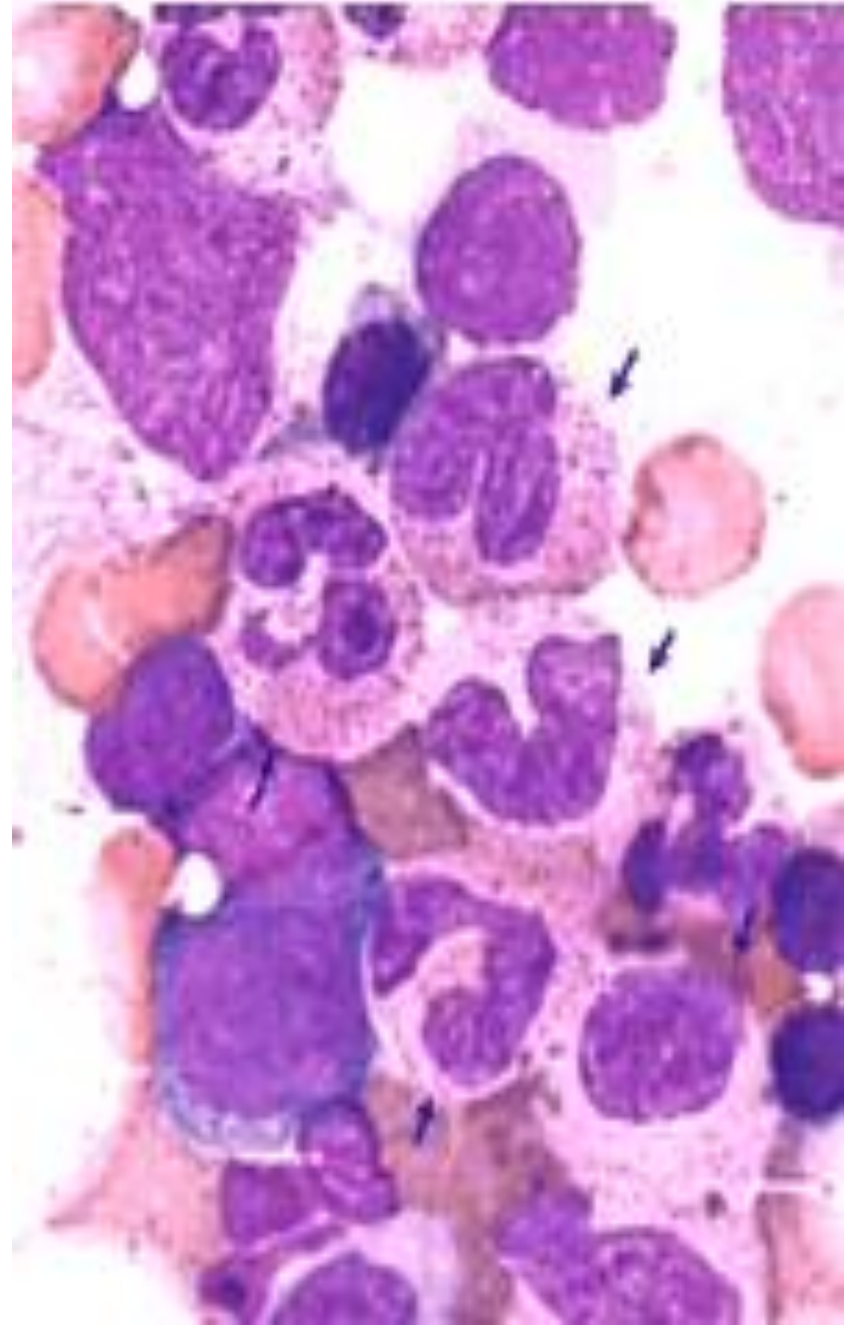


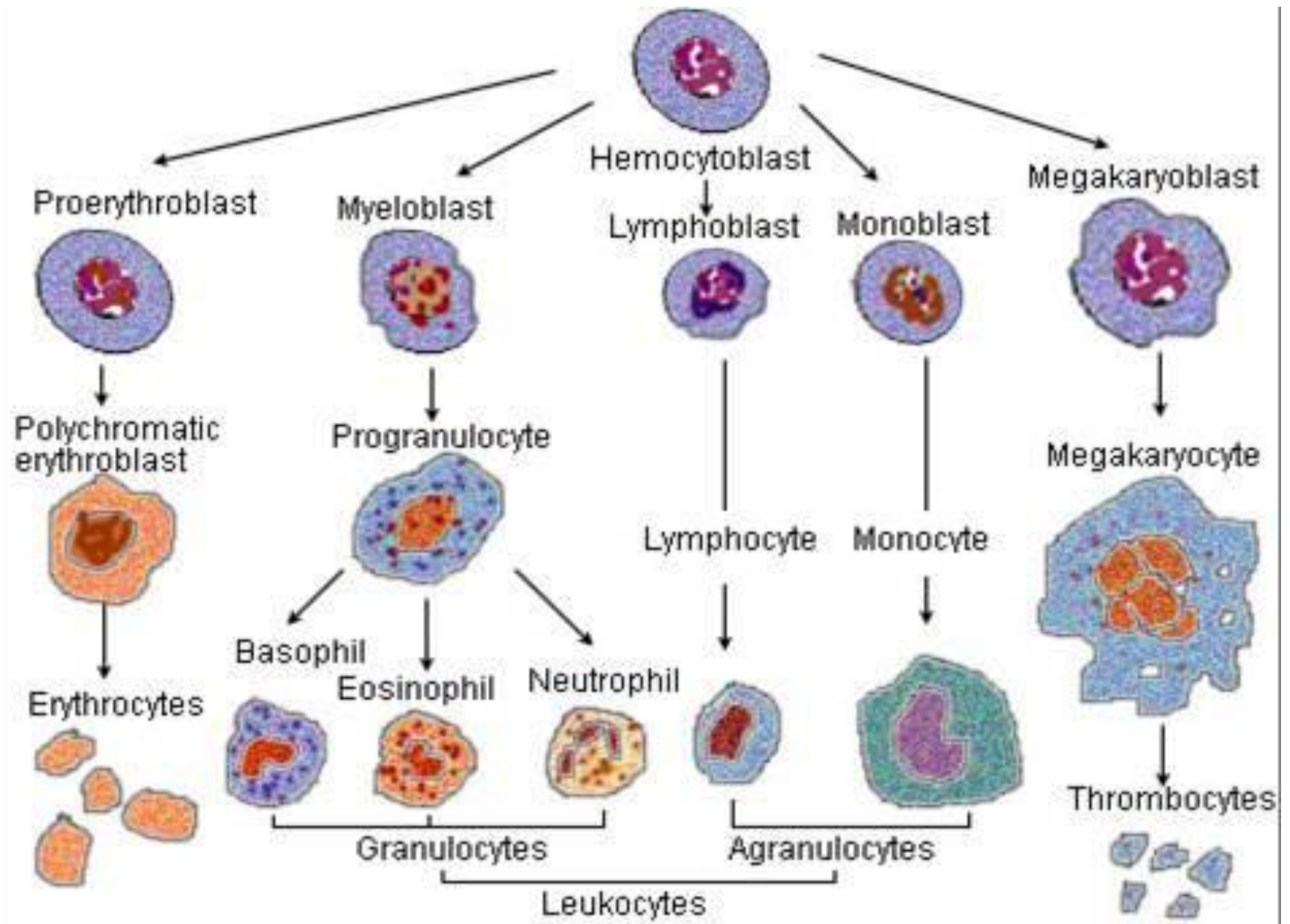


Lymphoblasts



Normal Bone Marrow





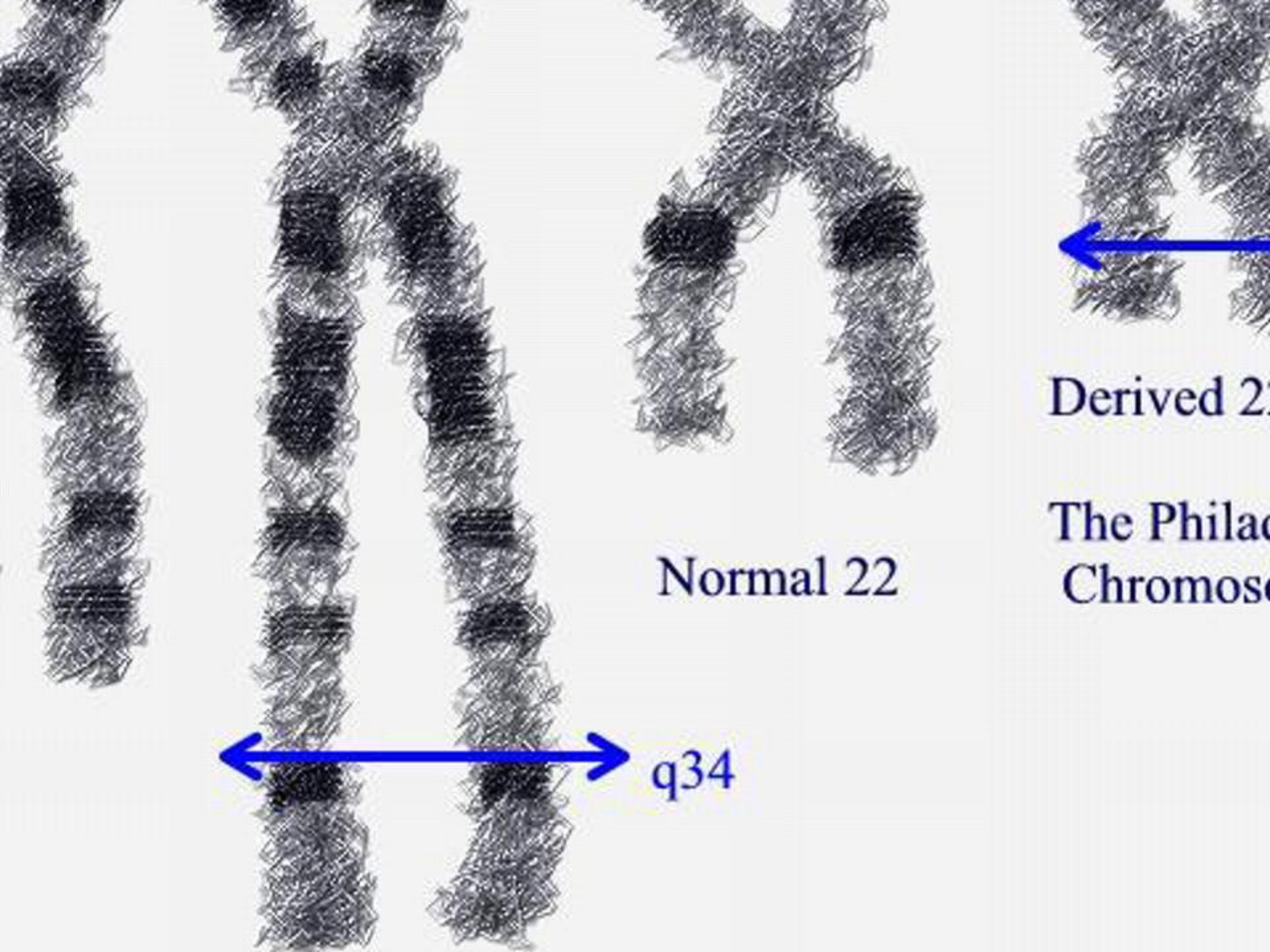


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- Presentation
  - Related to bone marrow not functioning properly: High or low WBC (bone pain), anemia, thrombocytopenia (petechiae, epistaxis), elevated LDH, elevated uric acid
  - CNS disease Headaches, blurred vision
  - Testicular disease, swelling, mass
- Differential diagnosis
  - Mono, CMV, ITP, JRA, aplastic anemia, neuroblastoma,

# ALL

- Diagnosis - bone marrow aspirate
  - morphology, histochemistry, flow cytometry, cytogenetics
- LP for CNS disease - prognosis poorer, prophylaxis for low/standard risk
- Prognosis
  - WBC > 50K, age <1 or >10 high risk
  - DI  $\geq$  1.16 favorable
  - Chromosomes favorable vs. unfavorable



Normal 22

q34

Derived 22

The Philadelphia Chromosome

CD10+ / HLA-DR +

This flow cytometry plot shows a population of cells in the top-right quadrant, characterized by high CD10 expression (red) and high HLA-DR expression (white). The plot is divided into four quadrants by a vertical and a horizontal white line. The top-right quadrant contains a dense cluster of red and white dots, indicating a high concentration of CD10+ / HLA-DR+ cells. The other three quadrants (top-left, bottom-left, and bottom-right) contain very few or no cells, appearing mostly black.

CD10- /  
HLA-DR-

This flow cytometry plot shows a population of cells in the bottom-left quadrant, characterized by low CD10 expression (red) and low HLA-DR expression (white). The plot is divided into four quadrants by a vertical and a horizontal white line. The bottom-left quadrant contains a dense cluster of red and white dots, indicating a high concentration of CD10- / HLA-DR- cells. The other three quadrants (top-left, top-right, and bottom-right) contain very few or no cells, appearing mostly black.

# ALL

Markers - Tcell, B cell, B-lineage

Treatment based upon risk

standard vs. high risk vs. very high risk (ph+)

- Induction - clear marrow of evidence of leukemia (MRD)
  - 3 drug - VCR, pred, asp
  - 4 drug - add anthracycline for high risk



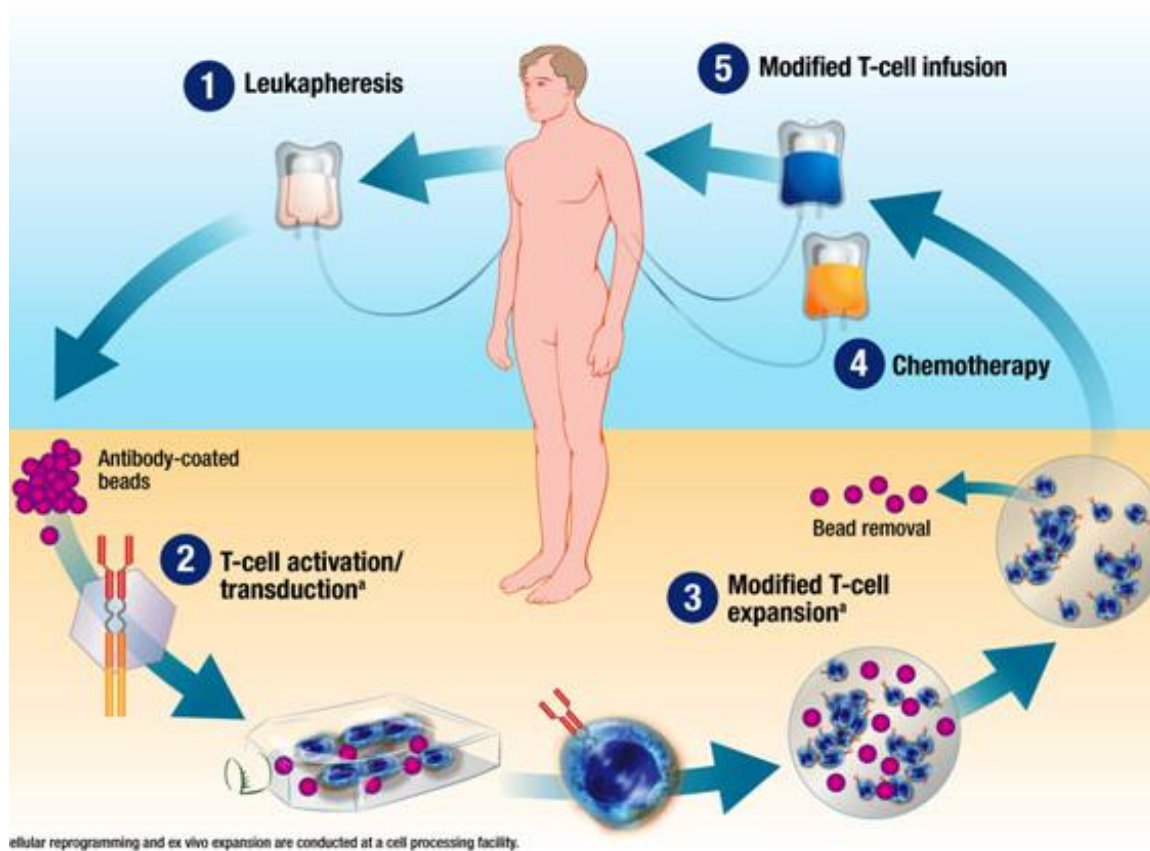
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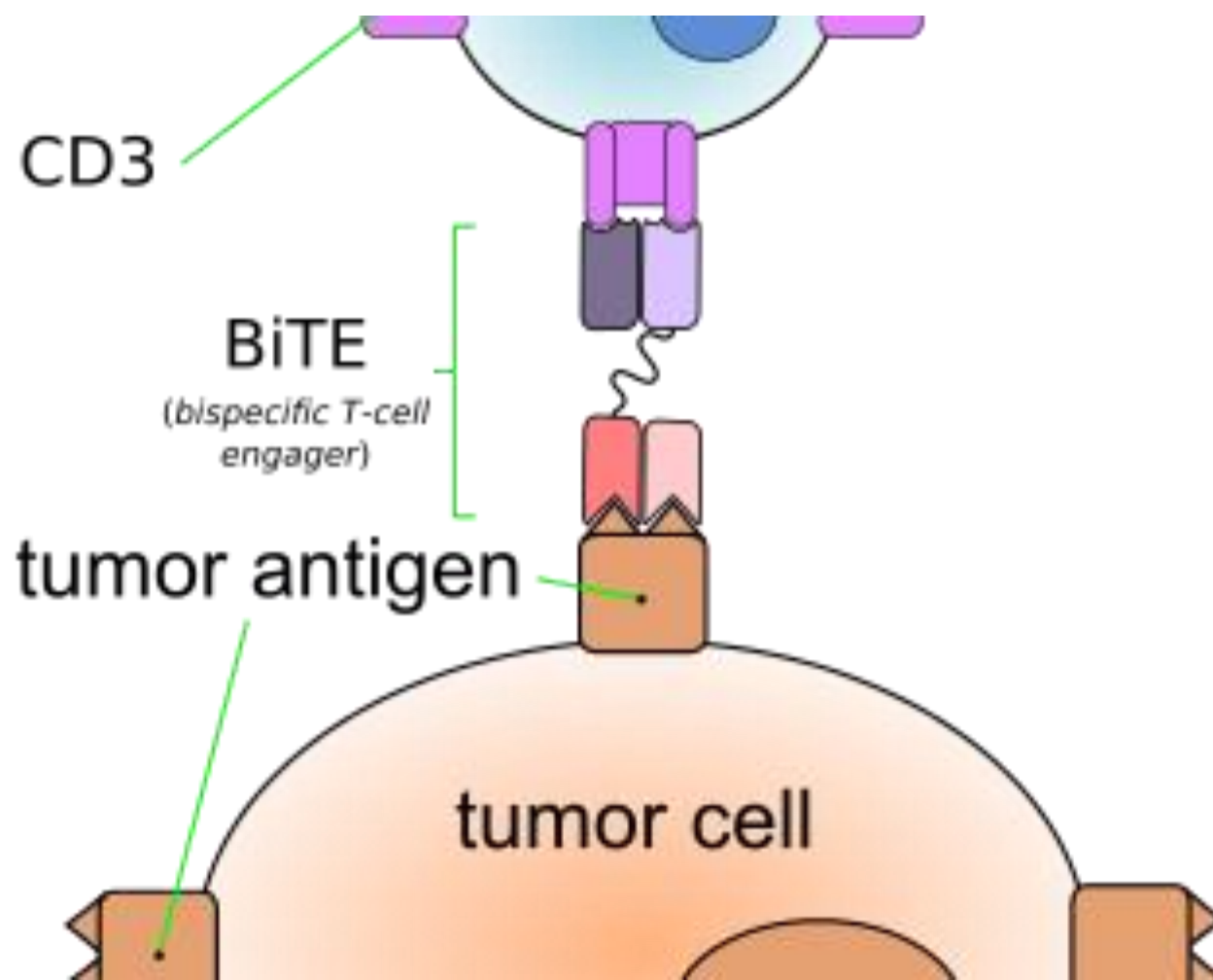
- Intensification/Consolidation
- Maintenance outpatient
- CNS prophylaxis - IT meds vs. Cranial RT
- Treatment 2 ½ yrs girls 3 yrs boys
- 80% cure overall

# What to do when you refractory or relapse?

- Additional chemotherapy
- Transplant – depends on timing of relapse
- Where you come in – novel therapy
  - CarT cells
  - Blinatumomab – antibody with two binding sites: a [CD3](#) site for T cells and a [CD19](#) site for the target B cells
  - Targeted therapy based on mutations – Gleevac, dasatinib



## Car T Cells



**Blinatumomab**

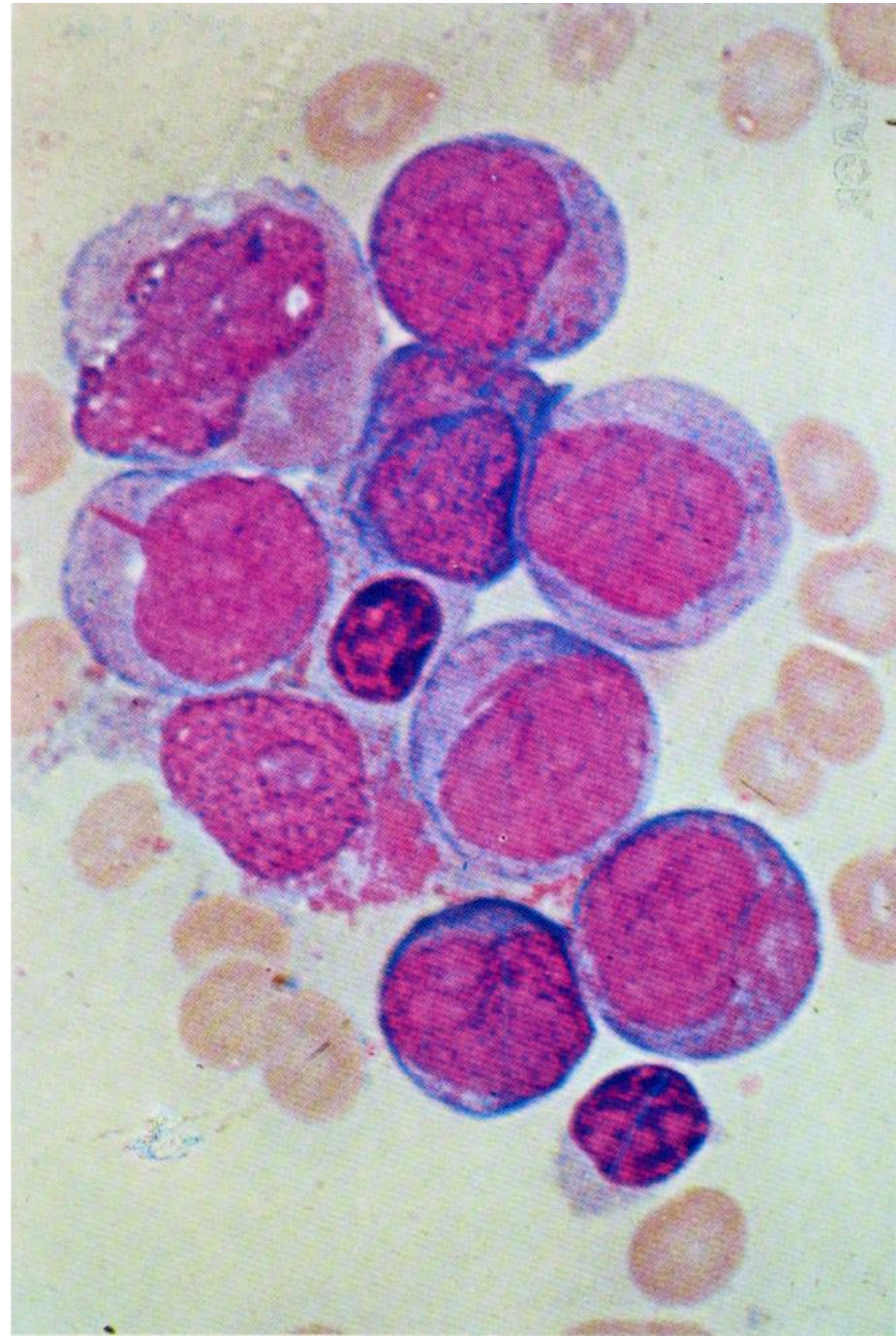
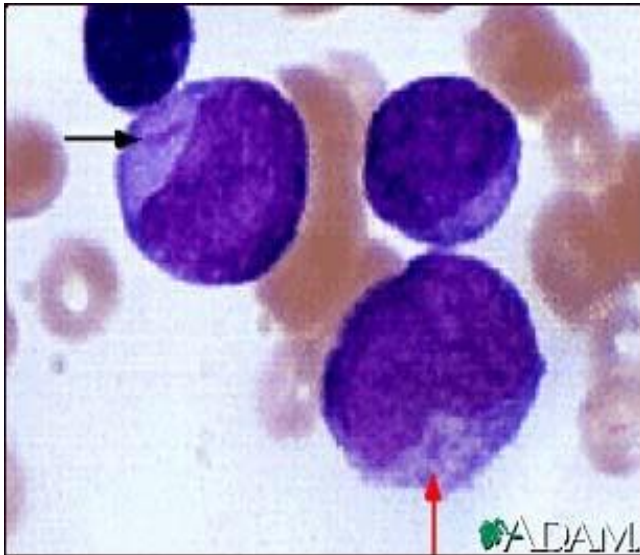
# Acute Myelogenous Leukemia

- **500 new cases per year**
- **No age, sex preference**
- **presentation –anemia, thrombocytopenia (bruising, epistaxis), elevated/low WBC, DIC, gingivitis, hepatosplenomegaly**
- **20% with WBC > 100,000**
- **Bone marrow aspirate/biopsy**
- **LP CNS disease less common than ALL**





# Myeloblasts



# AML

- Treatment
  - induction -Dauno, AraC, 6TG
  - intensification - HD AraC
  - Allogeneic BMT vs chemo
- Cure rates - 60-70%  
sib allo BMT vs. 30-40% chemo only



# So where do you come?

- Tyrosine Kinase inhibitors
  - Sorafanib and FLt3-ITD
- Histone deacteylase Inhibitors
  - Valproic acid, new agents, combination
- DNA-hypomethylating agent
  - 5-azacitadine, decitabine
- Targeted therapy
- Immune Modulation

# Hodgkins Disease

- Peaks in adolescence, 20's in US, rare < 5 years
- More common in immunodeficiency
- Pathology - 4 types, NS most common
- Painless adenopathy -supraclavicular, cervical, axillary nodes
- firm, rubbery nodes
- 2/3 mediastinal involvement





# Hodgkins Disease

- Spreads via contiguous nodal groups
- Lungs, pleura, pericardium
- Spleen/liver enlarged, marrow involvement
- “B” symptoms -fever, weight loss, night sweats
- Stage with CT neck/chest/abdomen, PET scan
- Stage I-IV determines treatment

# Hodgkins Disease

- Bone marrow aspirate/biopsy if advanced disease
- Therapy
  - Trend toward low dose chemo + low dose XRT in local disease
  - Advanced stage more aggressive chemo and involved field radiation
  - Recurrence Autologous BMT

# Where do you come in?

- **Brentuximab Vedotin**
  - Anti CD 30 linked to antitubulin agent monomethyl auristatin E
- **Lintuzumab anti-CD33**
  - a humanized IgG1 anti-CD33 antibody
  - inhibit tumor associated macrophage function (thought to promote tumor growth)

# Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma

- Very different from adults - nearly all high grade
- Small noncleaved (undifferentiated) - Burkitt's
- Lymphoblastic
- Large cell



# NHL

## Small non-cleaved - “Burkitt’s”

- B cell, express surface immunoglobulin,
- abdominal mass +/- ascites, pain
- May have inguinal, iliac adenopathy
- Fast growing triplicates in 24 hours

Differential diagnosis: intussusception, right iliac fossa mass, confused with appendicitis

## Large cell

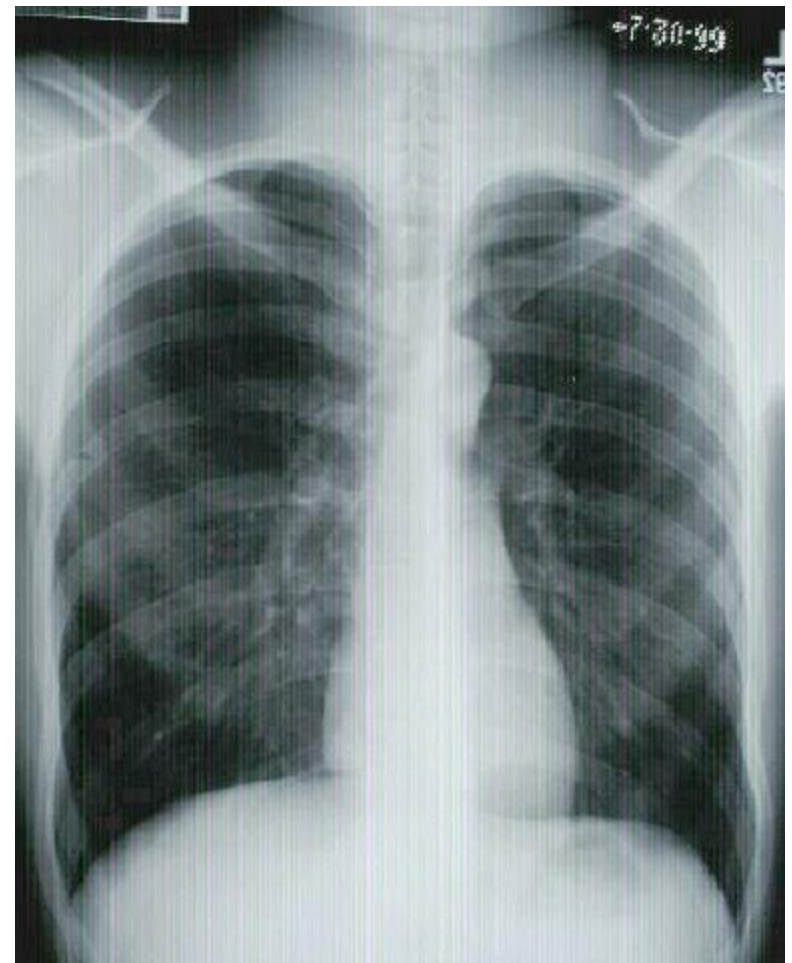
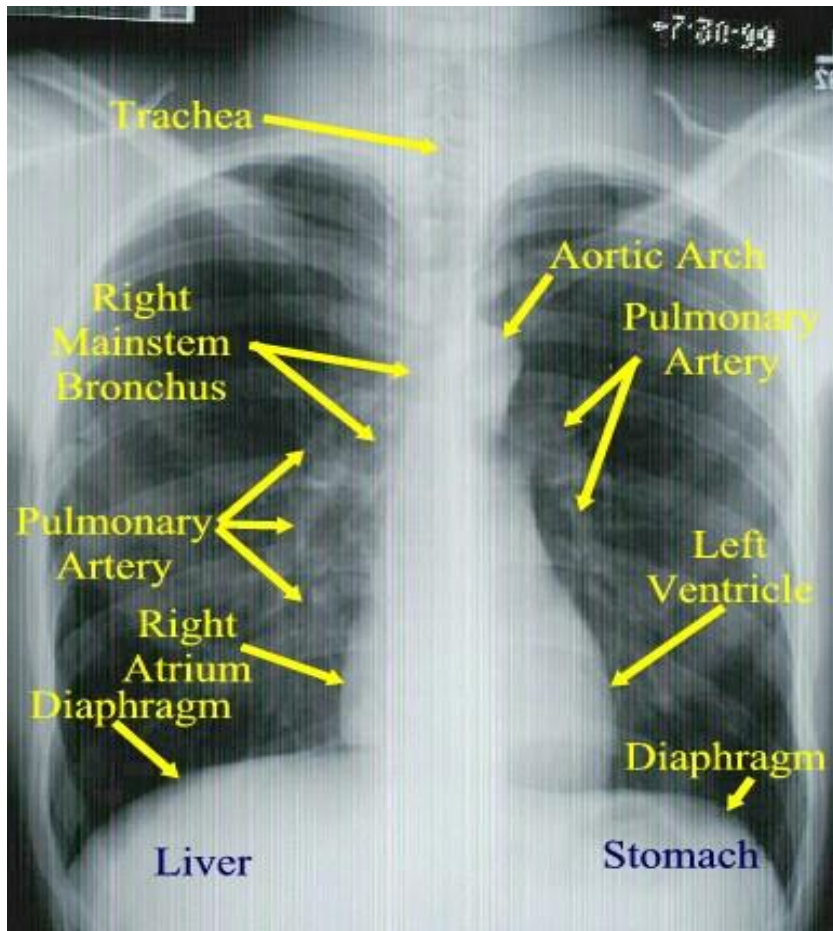
- usually B cell phenotype
- presentation similar to small noncleaved



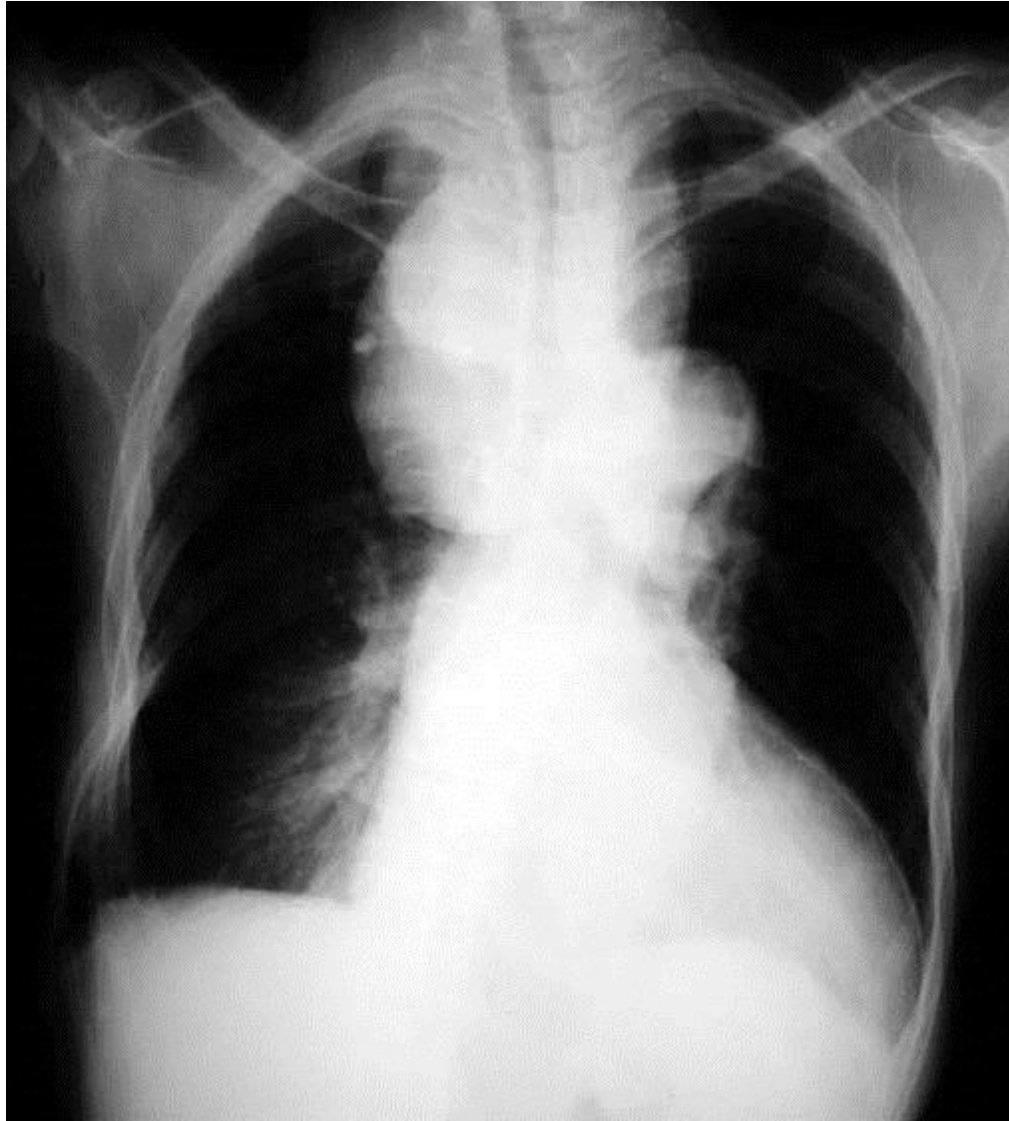
# NHL

- Lymphoblastic
  - T cell phenotype
  - mediastinal mass, pleural effusion
  - SVC syndrome, dyspnea, often ICU admit
  - cervical adenopathy
  - abdominal involvement uncommon
- Staging - CT chest/abdomen/pelvis, bone marrow, LP
- Prognosis - tumor burden

# Normal Chest X-Ray



# Mediastinal Mass



# NHL

- Therapy –  
Chemotherapy
  - Radiation no benefit except in emergencies
  - chemo differs, based on cell type
  - intensive, multiagent chemotherapy
  - CNS prophylaxis: intrathecal chemotherapy and cranial radiation.



# Brain Tumors

- **Most common solid tumor (1200 per year)**
- **Presentation dependent upon site of origin, not histology**
- **Obstructing, increased ICP - classic triad:**
  - morning headaches, -
  - nausea/vomiting,
  - diplopia



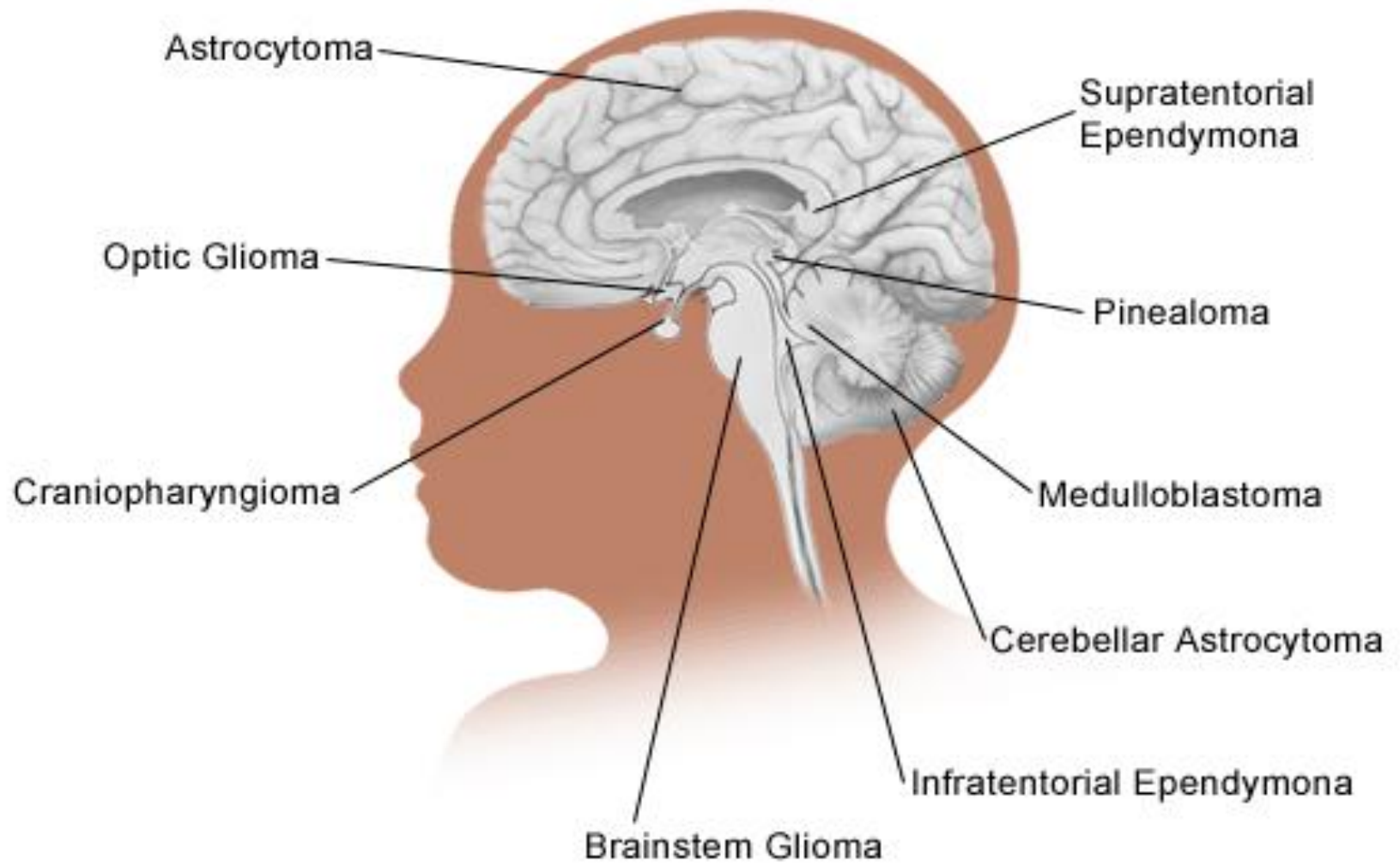
# Brain Tumors

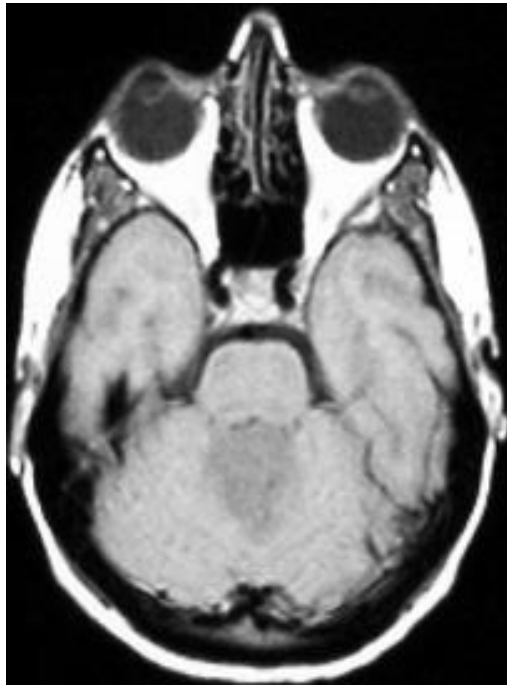
- Subacute ICP - poor school performance, fatigue, personality change, Headaches
- Infants, toddlers - irritable, anorexia, developmental delay, loss of milestones, optic pallor, macrocephaly
- Infratentorial -balance, truncal instability, difficulty with coordination, gait disturbance (ataxia)
- Supratentorial - seizure, hemiparesis, hemisensory loss, visual field defect

# Brain Tumors

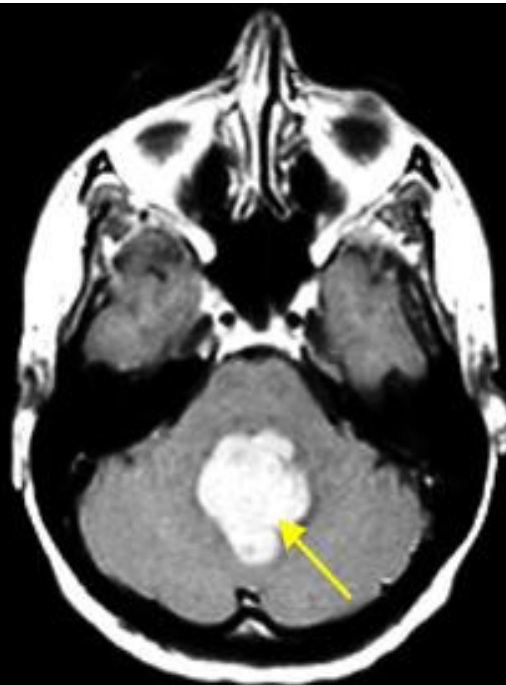
- Staging - MRI brain, spine for mets, LP for cytology, bone marrow aspirate/biopsy
- Treatment - SURGERY -prognosis better
- Craniospinal radiation
- Chemo - less of role for many types
  - advanced, metastatic
  - attempt to decrease XRT dose due to long term effects



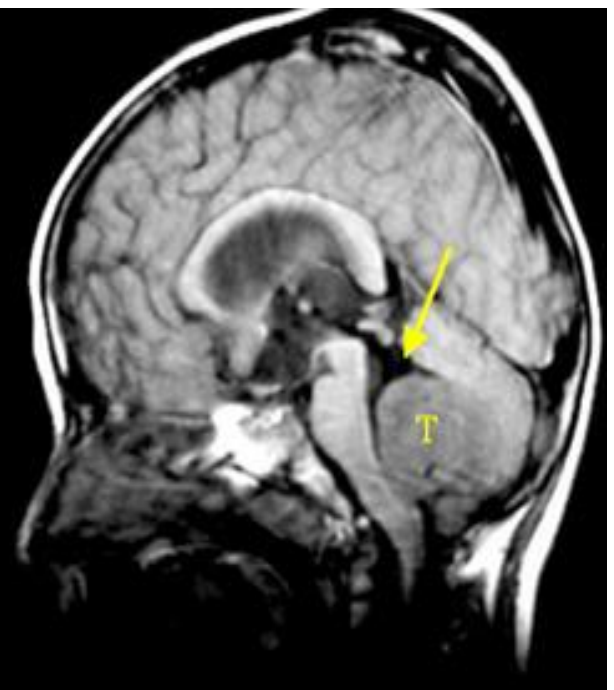




Pre-contrast axial T1 Wtd MRI



Post-contrast axial T1 Wtd MRI



Pre-contrast sagittal T1 Wtd MRI

### Findings:

An enhancing tumor (yellow arrow in B) seen posterior to the IV ventricle. Pre-contrast sagittal T1-weighted MR image (figure c) shows tumor (T) and its location posterior inferior to the IV ventricle (yellow arrow).

### Diagnosis:

#### **MEDULLOBLASTOMA**

- Common pediatric brain tumor
- Common location is posterior to the IV ventricle, involving the vermis.

☑ • Tumor enhances with contrast.



<p><b>WNT</b> (10%)</p> <p><i>CTNNB1</i> mutation Monosomy 6</p> <p>WNT signaling</p> <p><i>MYC</i> +</p> <p>5y OS 94%</p> <p>Rare M+</p>	<p><b>SHH</b> (30%)</p> <p><i>PTCH1/SMO/SUFU</i> mutation <i>MYCN</i> amplification</p> <p>SHH signaling PI3K signaling</p> <p><i>MYCN</i> +</p> <p>5y OS 87%</p> <p>Uncommon M+</p>	<p><b>Group 3</b> (25%)</p> <p><i>MYC</i> amplification <i>PVT1-MYC</i> fusion</p> <p>Photoreceptor/GABAergic signaling TGF-<math>\beta</math> signaling</p> <p><i>MYC</i> +++</p> <p>5y OS 32%</p> <p>Very frequent M+</p>	<p><b>Group 4</b> (35%)</p> <p><i>CDK6</i> amplification Isochromosome 17q <i>SNCAIP</i> duplication</p> <p>Neuronal/Glutamatergic signaling NF-<math>\kappa</math>B signaling</p> <p>Minimal <i>MYC/MYCN</i></p> <p>5y OS 76%</p> <p>Frequent M+</p>
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# Wilm's Tumor

- Most common malignant renal tumor in children
- 460 cases per year
- Mean age 3-4 yrs
- WAGR Syndrome - del 11p13
- Beckwith-Wiedemann



# Wilm's Tumor

- Abdominal swelling mass
- Abdominal pain, hematuria, fever
- Imaging
  - US, abdominal CT
  - MRI for caval patency
  - CXR for pulmonary mets



# Wilm's Tumor

- Surgery upfront - nephrectomy
- Chemotherapy - VCR, actino +/- doxo
- XRT for advanced stages
- 65-90% RFS, overall 80%
- 5-7% bilateral





# Neuroblastoma

- **Most common extracranial solid tumor (525 cases per year)**
- **Histology**
  - **Small round blue cell tumor**
  - **derived from post ganglionic sympathetic neuroblasts**
- **Arise in any site along sympathetic chain**





# Neuroblastoma

- Most primaries - abdomen (adrenal)
- Infants - thoracic, cervical
- Most cases < 5yrs, rare > 10 yrs
- Metastasis - lymphatic, hematogenous
- Infants more localized vs older children more metastatic
- Cytogenetic chromosomal abnormalities

# Neuroblastoma

- Surgery - pivotal role
- Chemotherapy - aggressive, multiagent
- radiation for advanced stages
- High-dose chemo with auto BMT? - delay recurrence?



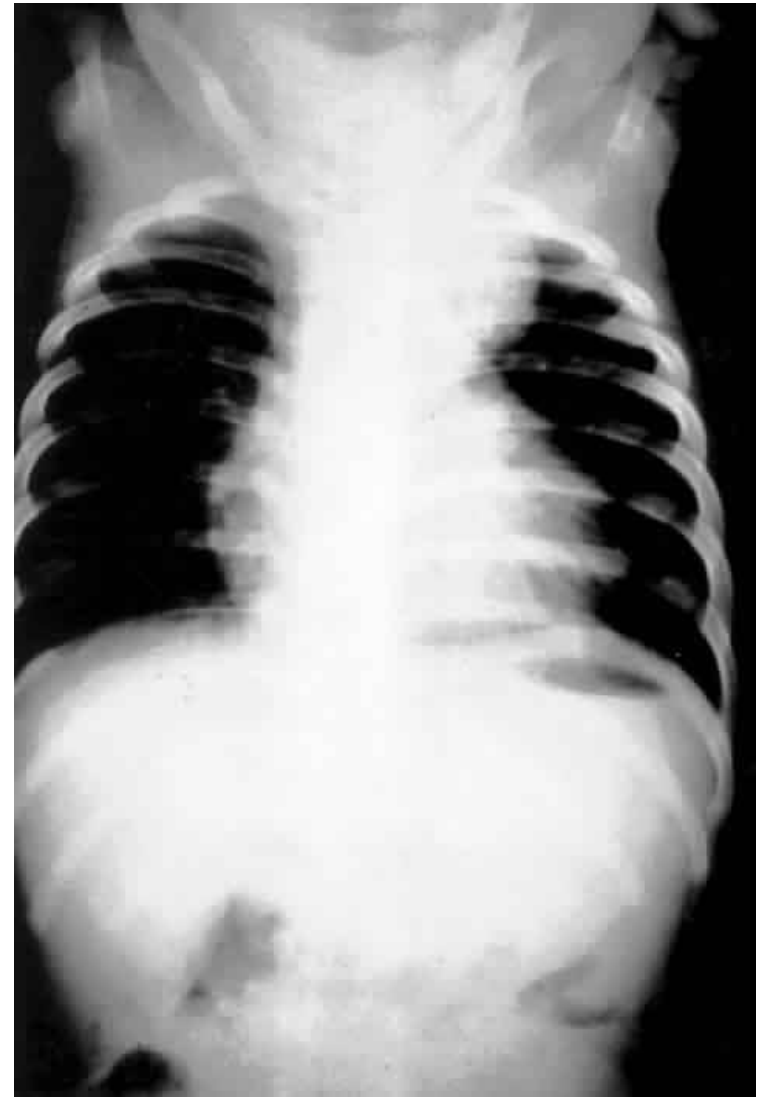
# What science as done and what we still need to do

- Immune modulation and antibody therapy
- Teasing the disease apart to decrease toxicity and increase cure.

# Horner's Syndrome

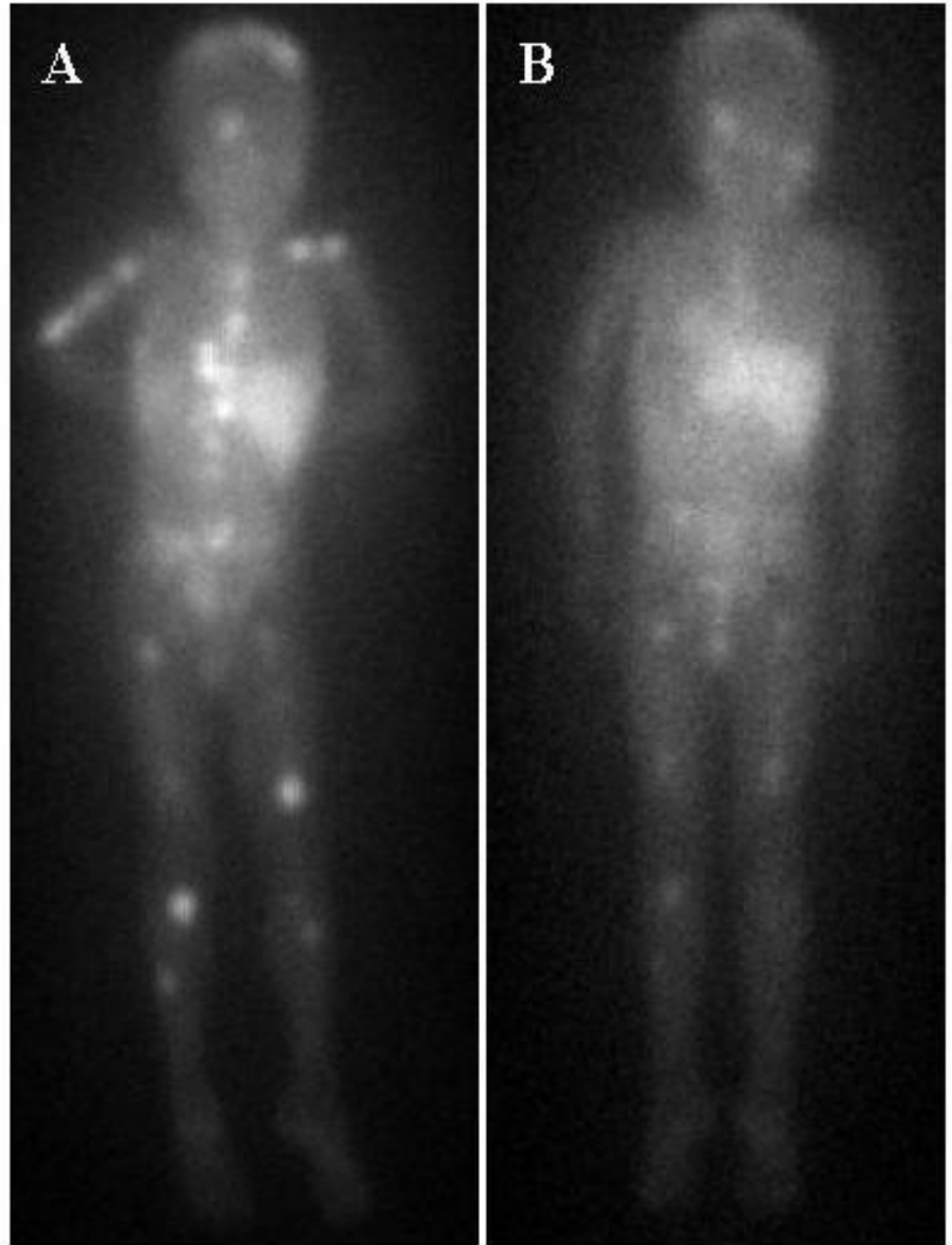


# Mediastinal mass in neuroblastoma



**MIBG**

**Bone  
metastasis**



# Bone Tumors Osteogenic Sarcoma

- 7th largest, 3rd largest group in adolescents
- Osteosarcoma
  - distal femur, proximal tibia, proximal humerus
  - Metaphysis of the bone
  - pain, soft tissue mass
  - 20% metastatic at diagnosis- lung, bone
  - “Codman’s triangle”
  - stage - MRI primary, CT chest, bone scan
  - Neo-adjuvant chemo - limb-sparing surgery
  - 80-90% RFS
  - Lung mets at diagnosis decrease survival rate





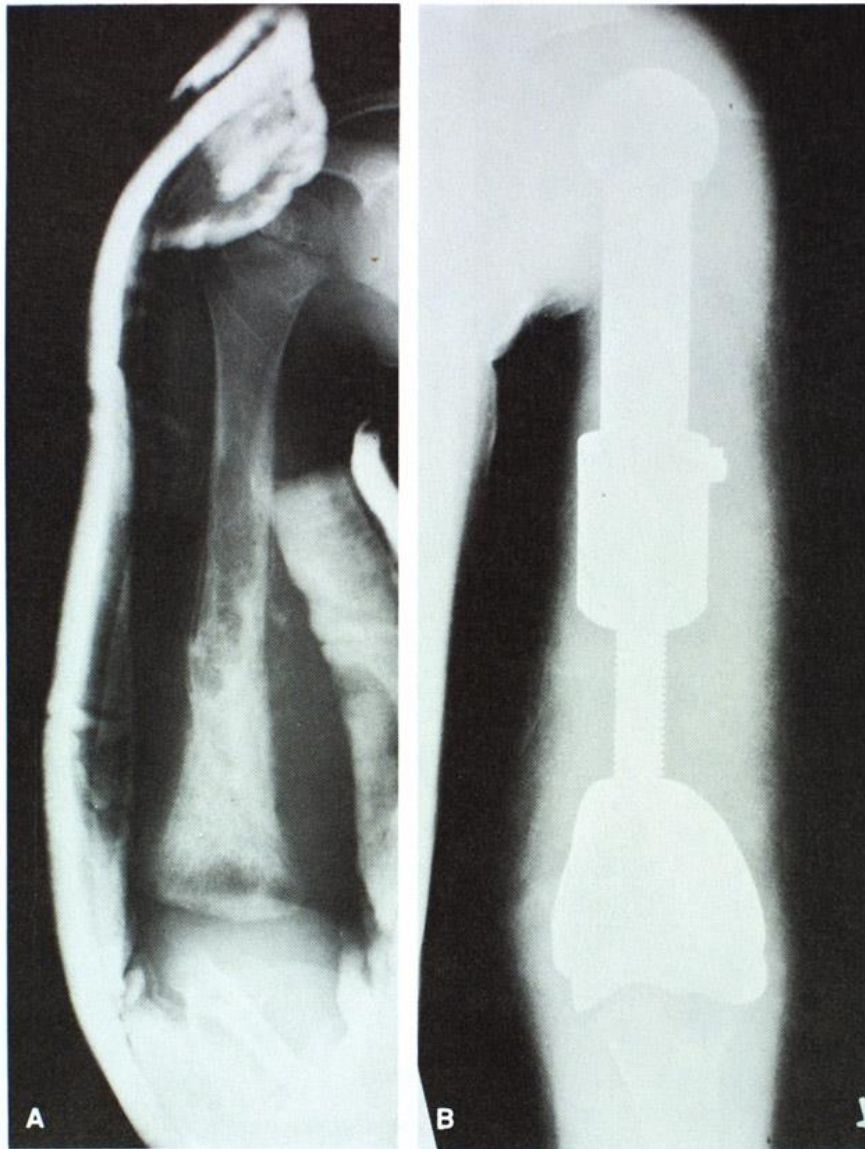


**FIGURE 35-3.** Radiographs (posteroanterior and lateral projections) of a conventional osteosarcoma involving the distal femur and extending up the shaft. The tumor demonstrates a mixed lytic and sclerotic appearance, a soft tissue mass with ossification apparent in the soft tissue, and periosteal reaction and the formation of Codman's triangle proximally.

# Bone Tumors Ewings Sarcoma



- Ewing's Sarcoma
  - any bone - pelvis, femur, tibia, fibula, scapula, spine, ribs (axial)
  - pain, swelling, fever
  - metastasis - lungs, bone, marrow
  - Plain film “onion skin” appearance
  - Chemo, radiation



**FIGURE 33-7.** **A.** A plain radiograph of Ewing's sarcoma of the humerus in a 4-year-old patient. This was treated by induction chemotherapy followed by resection of the entire humerus. All margins were negative. Radiation was not used due to the child's age. **B.** Postoperative radiograph showing an expandable, total humeral prosthesis. (Courtesy of Dr. J. Eckardt of UCLA)