

# Living Beyond Breast Cancer Bone Metastases

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# Outline for presentation

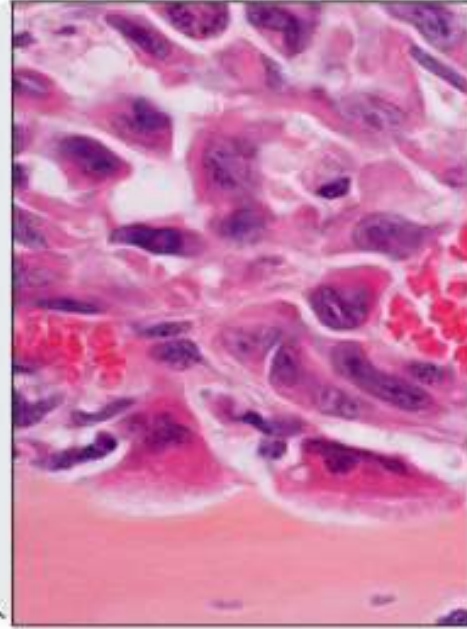
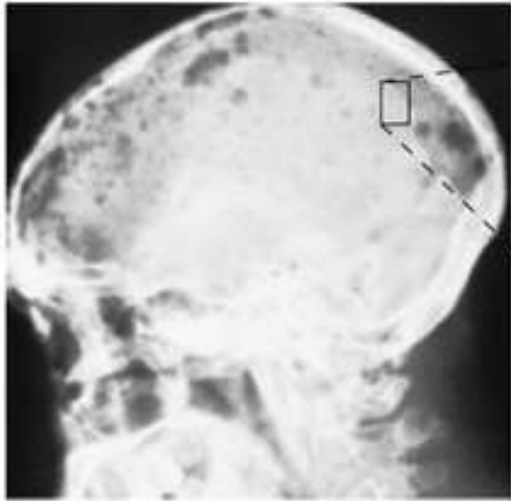
- Introduction to bone as an organ
- Epidemiology of bone metastases
- Clinical management of bone metastases
  - Imaging
  - Interventions
- Potential side effects from bone directed therapies
- Research directions
- Dialog together, questions and answers

# Importance of Bone Integrity

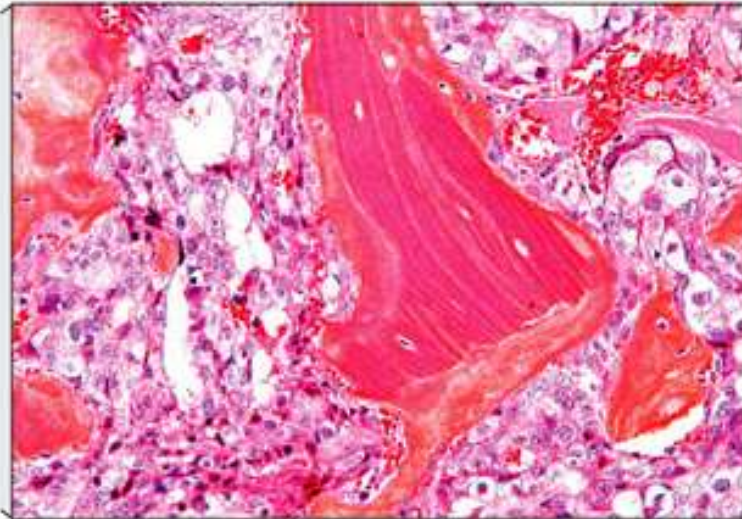
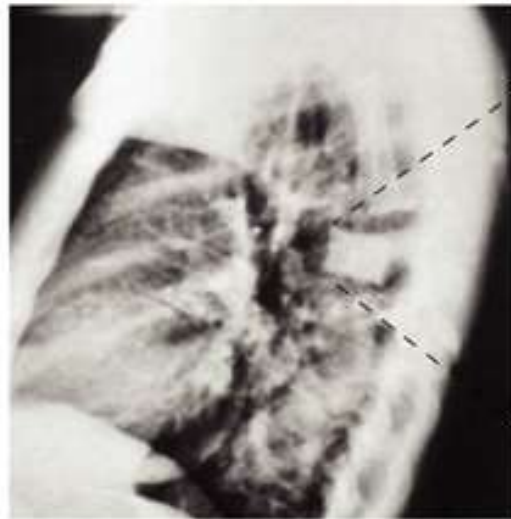
- Structural framework
- Mineral balance
- Bone marrow cells
- Bone metastases: morbidity & mortality:
  - ◊ Pain
  - ◊ Anemia
  - ◊ Compromised mobility
  - ◊ Skeletal Related Events (SRE)
  - ◊ Bone matrix elaborates growth factors that may promote cancer growth



# Osseous Metastases

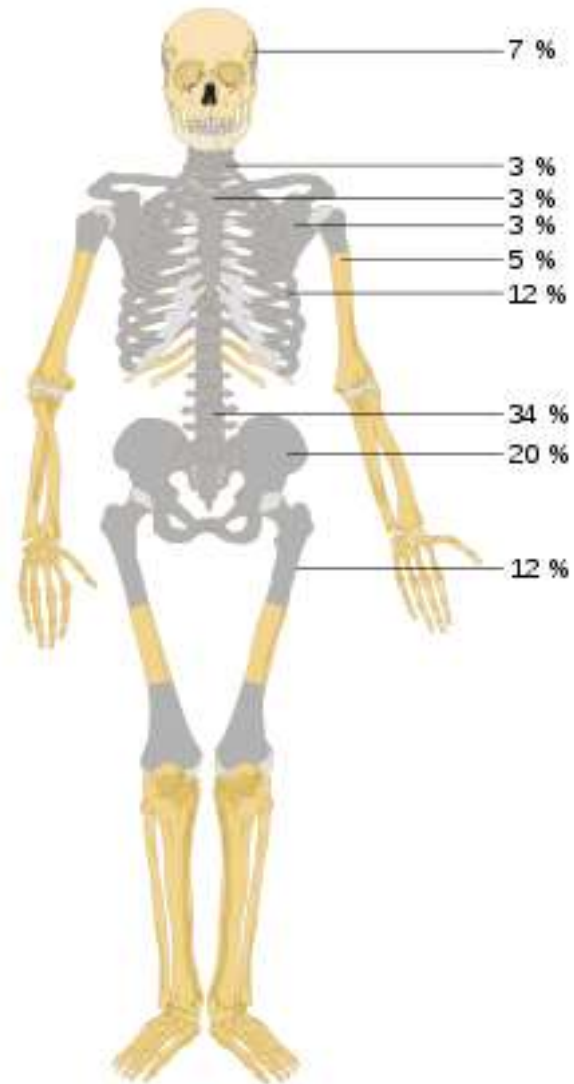


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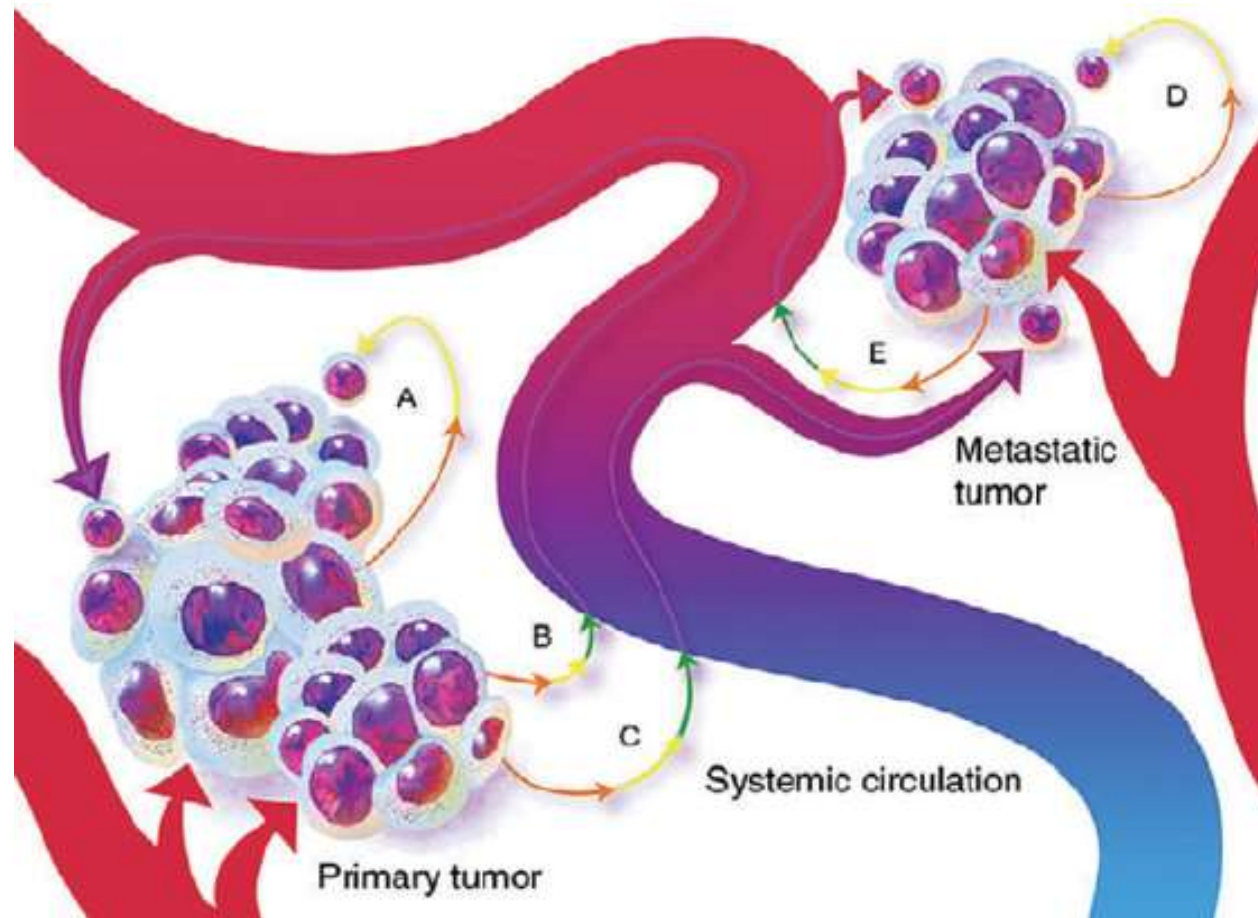


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# Common Sites of Bone Metastases



# How did the breast cancer get to the bone?



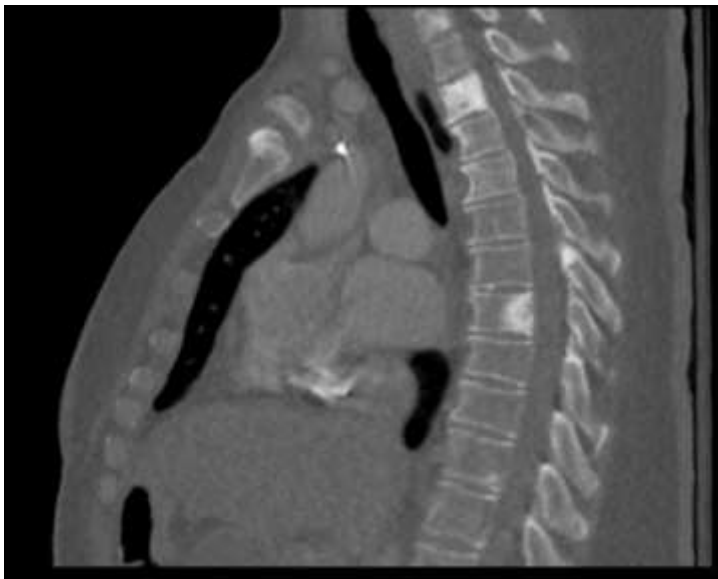
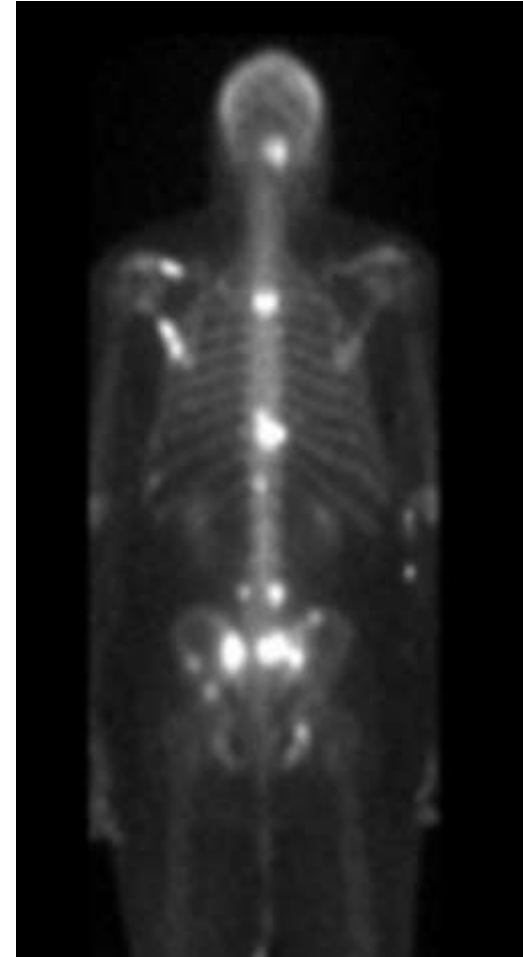
- Pre-metastasis Niche in Organ-specific Metastasis ?
- Homing by what mechanisms?
- Osteomimicry?

Is cancer a disease of self-seeding?

Norton & Massagué  
Nature Medicine 2006

# Imaging Bone Metastases

Xray



CT

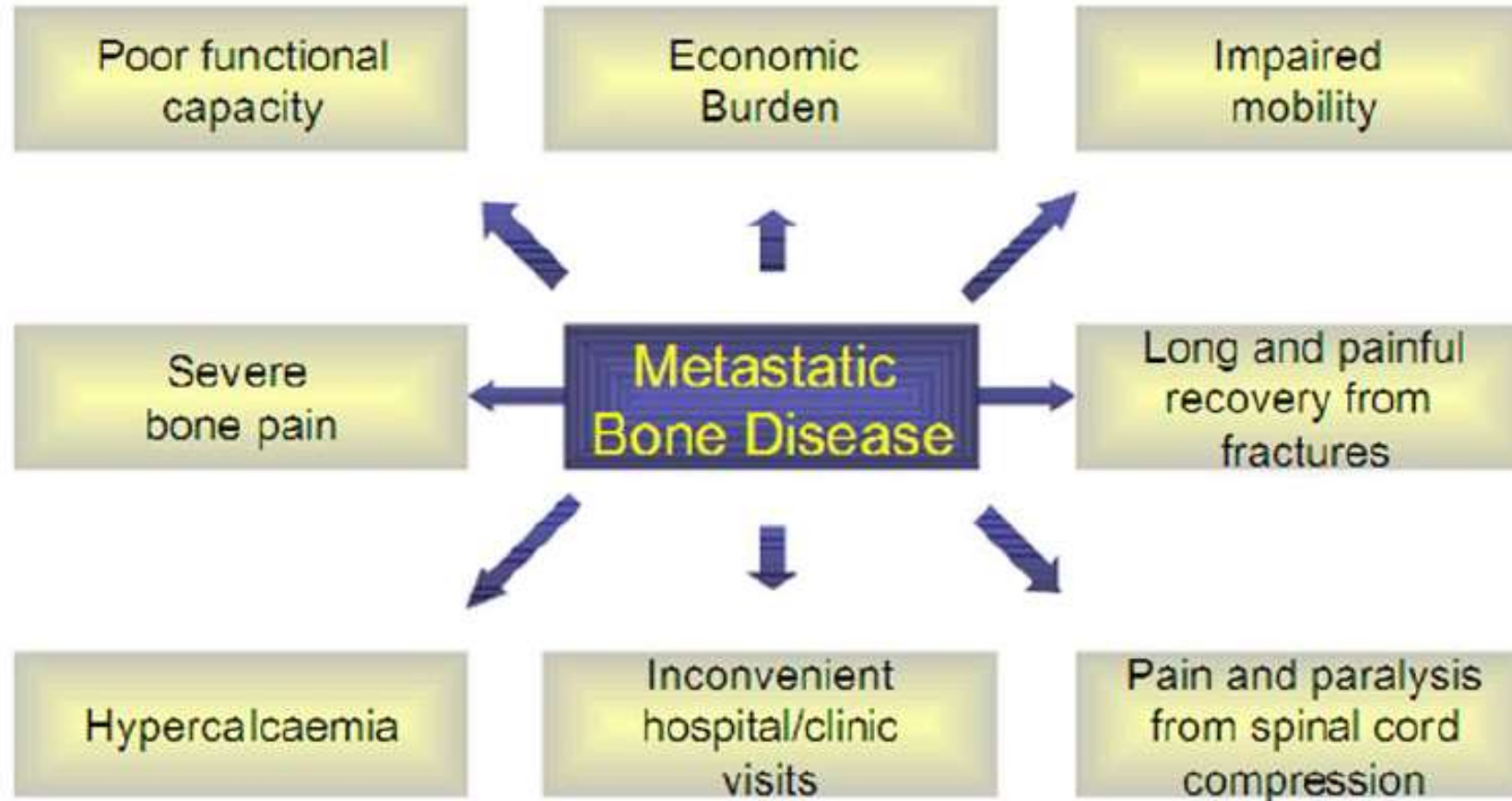
MRI

Bone Scan

PET-CT scan



# Personal Impact of Bone Metastases



# Bone Pain

- Often worsened by motion, weight bearing
- Fracture risk
- Interventions
  - Analgesics (NSAIDs, Tylenol, Opiates, Lidoderm, etc)
  - Physical therapy
  - Radiation therapy
  - Procedures (kyphoplasty, vertebroplasty, etc)
  - Bisphosphonates
  - Other

# Bone Metastases in Breast Cancer

## Skeletal Related Events (SREs)

- Fracture
- Need for radiation to bone
- Need for surgery to bone
- Spinal Cord Compression
- Hypercalcemia of malignancy

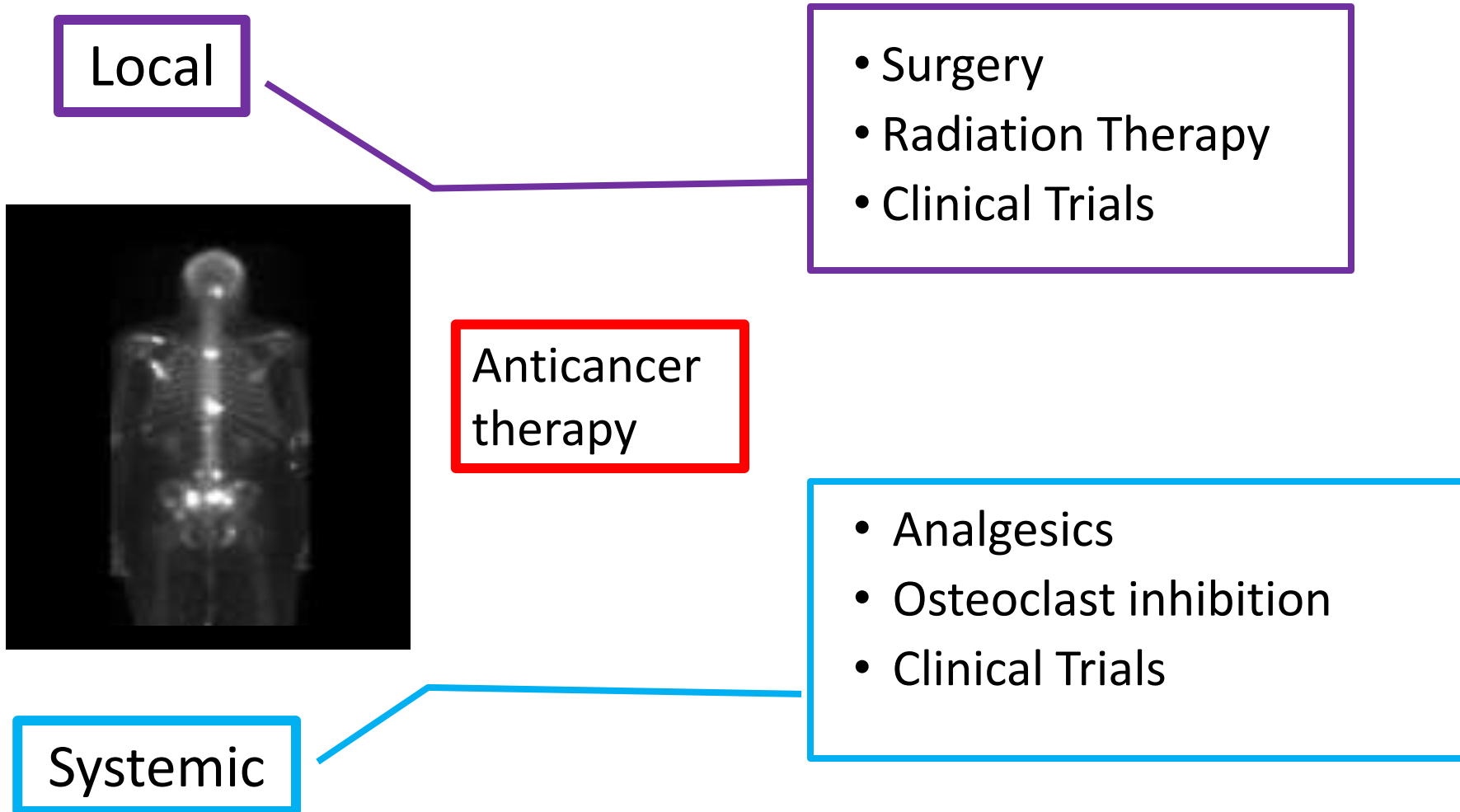


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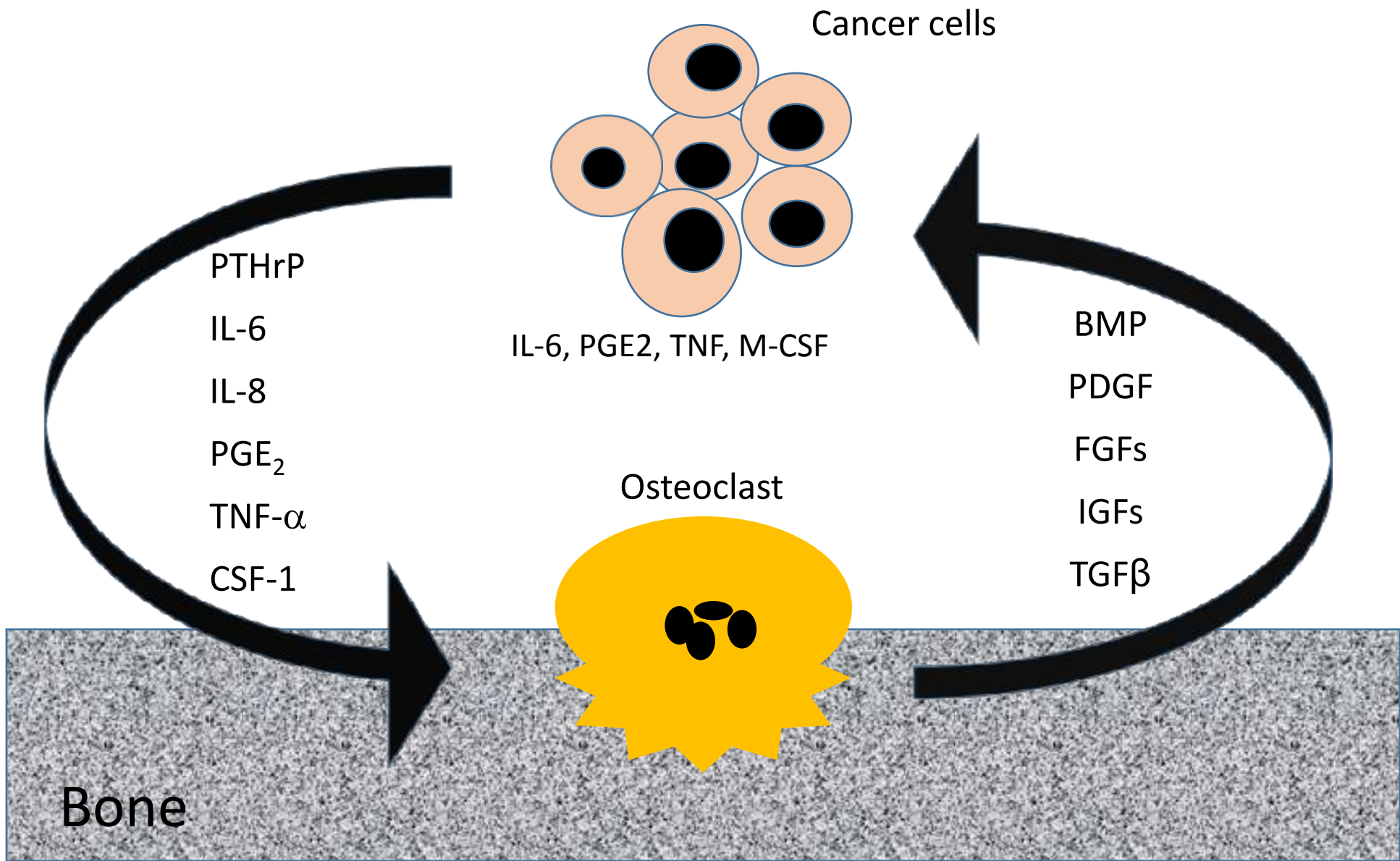
Bone metastases also effect:

- Pain
- Mobility
- Quality of life
- Anemia secondary to compromised marrow

# Cancer Induced Bone Disease

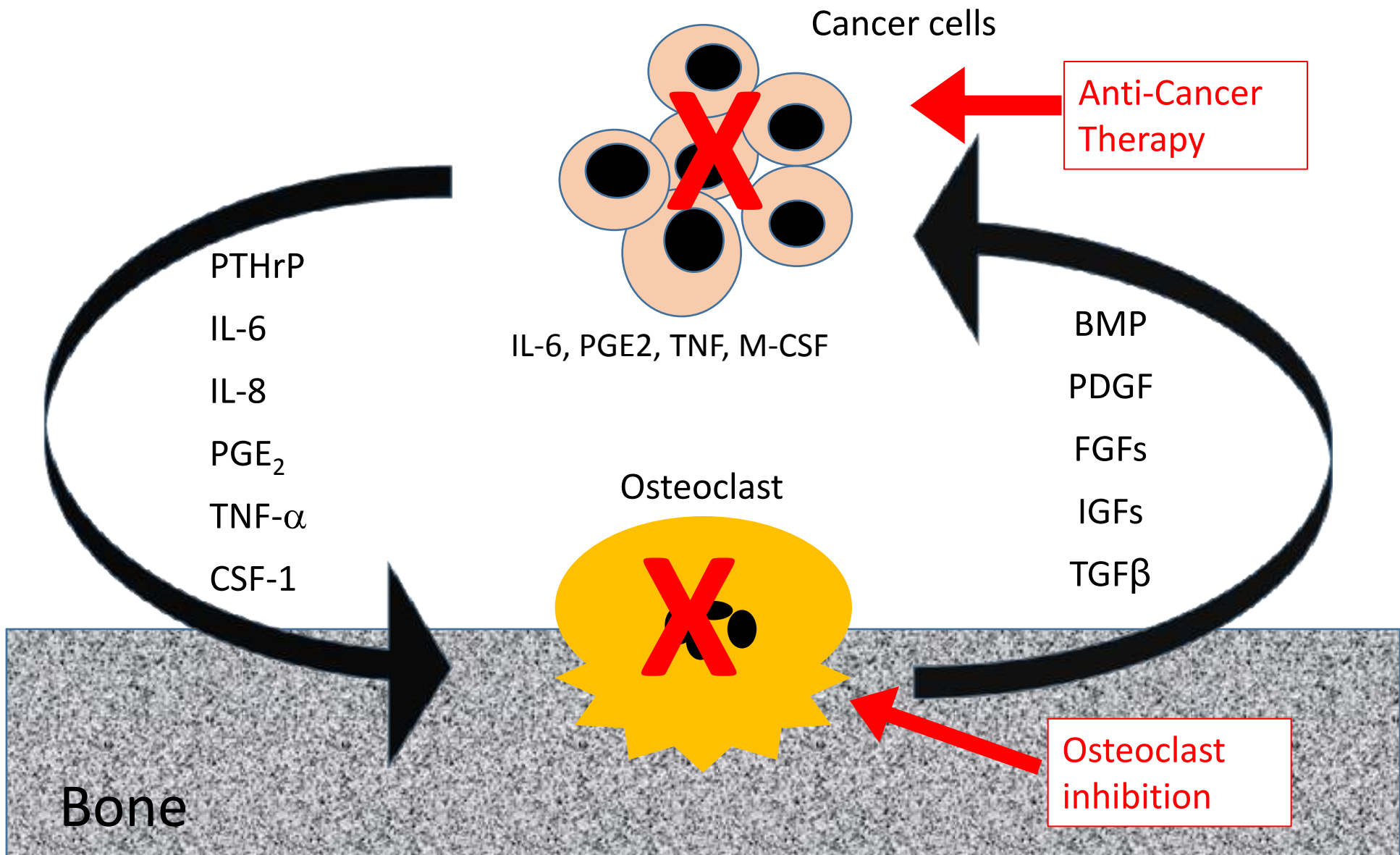


# Vicious Cycle (1)



# Vicious Cycle (2)

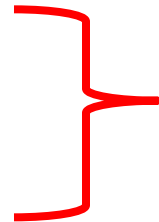
Roodman NEJM 2004



# Bone Modifying Agents (Metastatic Bone Disease Osteoclast Inhibitors)

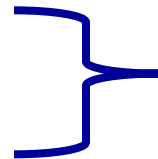
Skeletal Related Events (SRE) rates are reduced by BMA

- Denosumab
- Pamidronate (IV)
- Zoledronic acid (IV)



Approved in USA & outside of USA for MBD

- Clodronate (IV, oral)
- Ibandronate (IV, oral)



Approved for MBD Outside USA

Hypercalcemia of Malignancy (HCM):

Zoledronic acid > pamidronate (Major JCO 2001)

Denosumab for bisphosphonate refractory (HCM) (Hu JNCI 2013)

# SRE Efficacy of BMA in Metastatic Breast Cancer

Pamidronate versus **Placebo** (Hortobagyi NEJM 1996): SRE in 1 y

- 43% versus **56%** p = 0.046

Pamidronate versus Zoledronic acid (Rosen J.Cancer 2001)

- Breast chemotherapy SRE in 1 y: 44% versus 43%
- Breast hormonal therapy SRE in 1 y: 42% versus 47%

Zoledronic Acid versus **Placebo** (Kohno JCO 2005)

- SRE in 1 y
  - 29.9% versus **49.6%** p=0.003

Denosumab versus Zoledronic acid

- 0.45 events (denosumab) versus 0.58 events (zoledronic acid) per patient per year

Zoledronic acid every 4 weeks or every 12 weeks: CALGB 70604, ZOOM, & OPTIMIZE-2

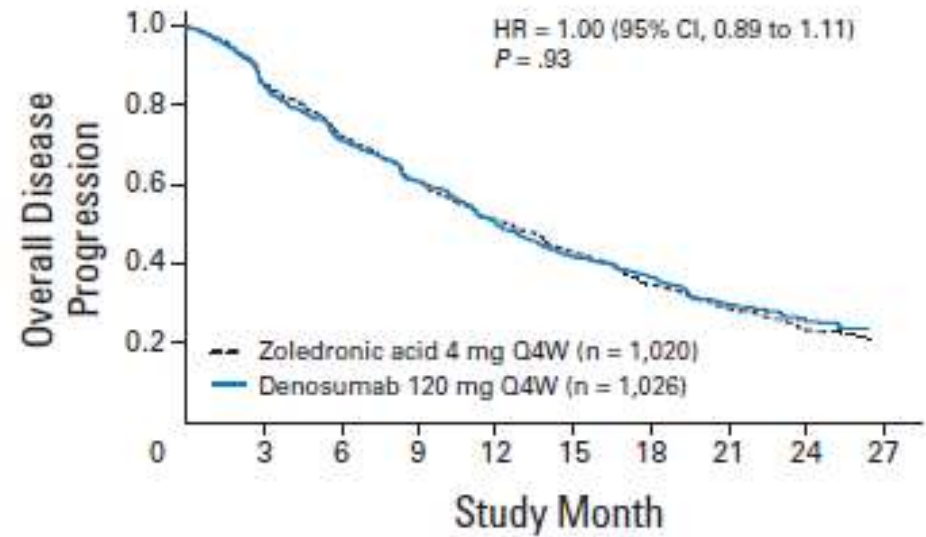
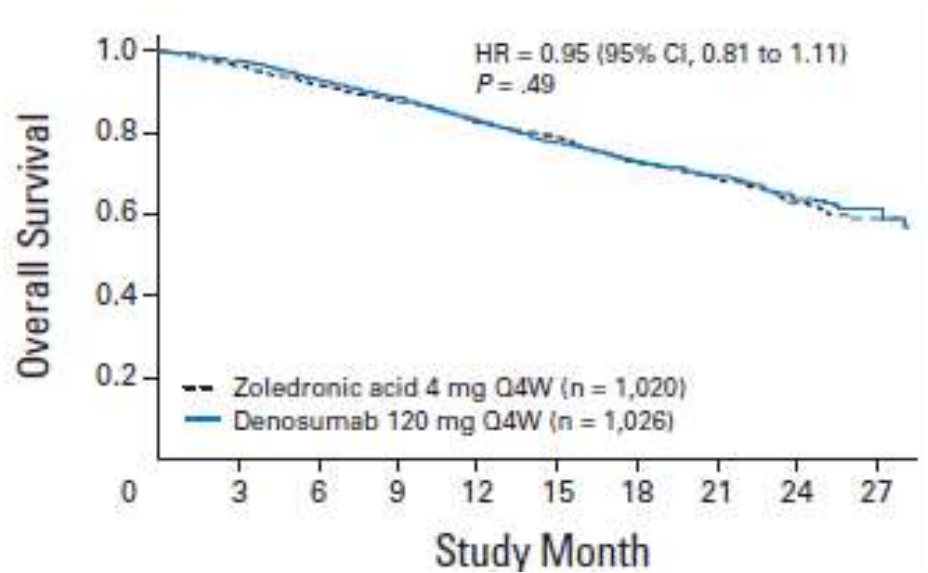
- SRE in 2<sup>nd</sup> y of dosing Ranges 15% to 29% p=0.004



# No Anticancer Efficacy of BMA in Metastatic Breast Cancer

Stopeck JCO 2010

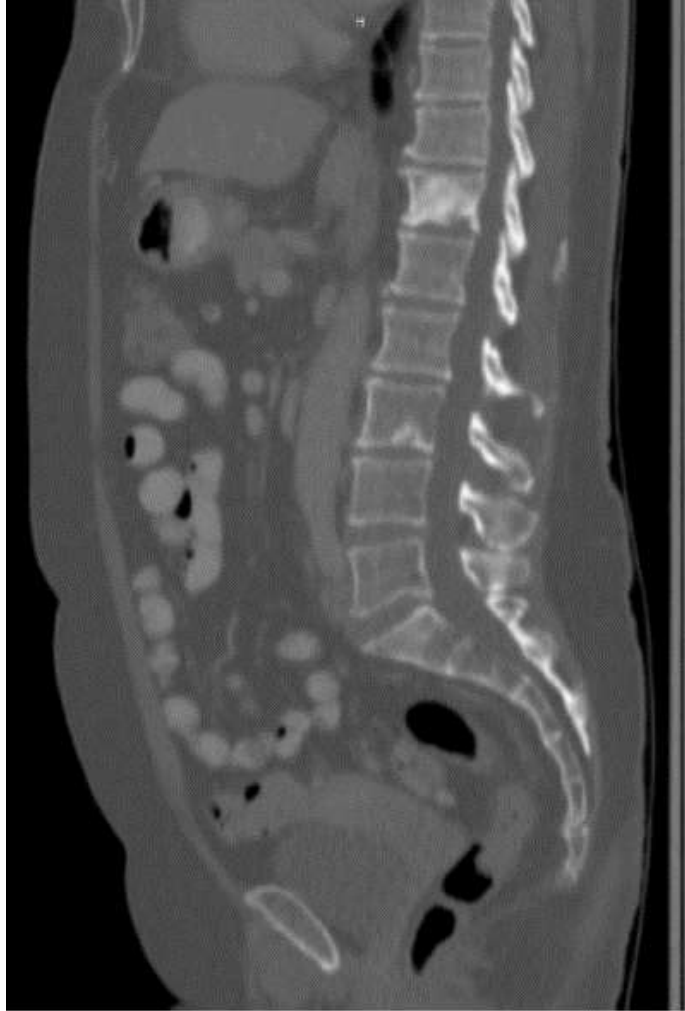
- No change to cancer outcomes in metastatic breast cancer
- No survival difference between zoledronic acid and denosumab



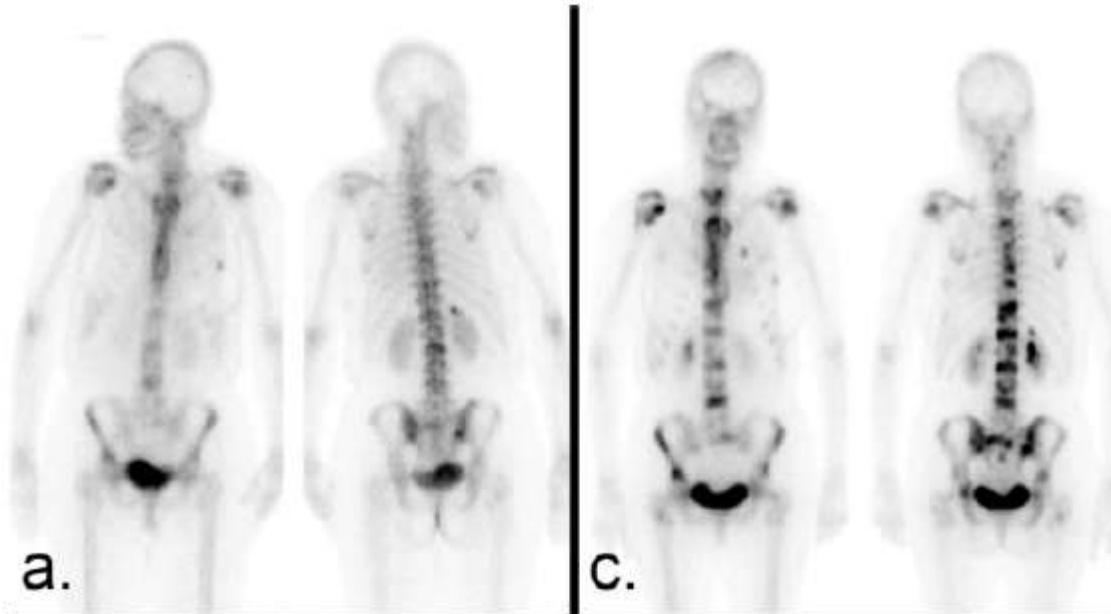
# Dose Interval Phase III/IV Breast Cancer Studies

Study name	Drug All intervals are 4w versus 12w	Tumor Type Prior BMA (yes/n0)	Primary Endpoint % SRE 4w/12w	Ref
ZOOM	Zol (open label) 4w v 12w Non-inferiority	MBC Yes, 9 dose pre-study exposure	SRE per patient per year (4w) 15 (12w) 15	Amadori Lancet Oncology 2013
Optimize 2	Zol (placebo) 4w v 12w Non-inferiority	MBC Yes, 9 dose pre-study exposure	SRE rate (4w) 22 (12w) 23.2	Hortobagyi JAMA Onc 2017
CALGB 70604	Zol (open label) 4w v. 12w Non-inferiority	MBC, MPCA, MM No prior BMA	SRE within 2 years (4w) 29.5 (12w) 28.6	Himmelstein JAMA 2017
SAKK 96 /12	Denosumab 4w v 12w	MBC, MPCA No prior BMA	Time to first SSRE	Open to enrollment, NCT 02051218

# Choice & Dosing of Bone Modifying Agent

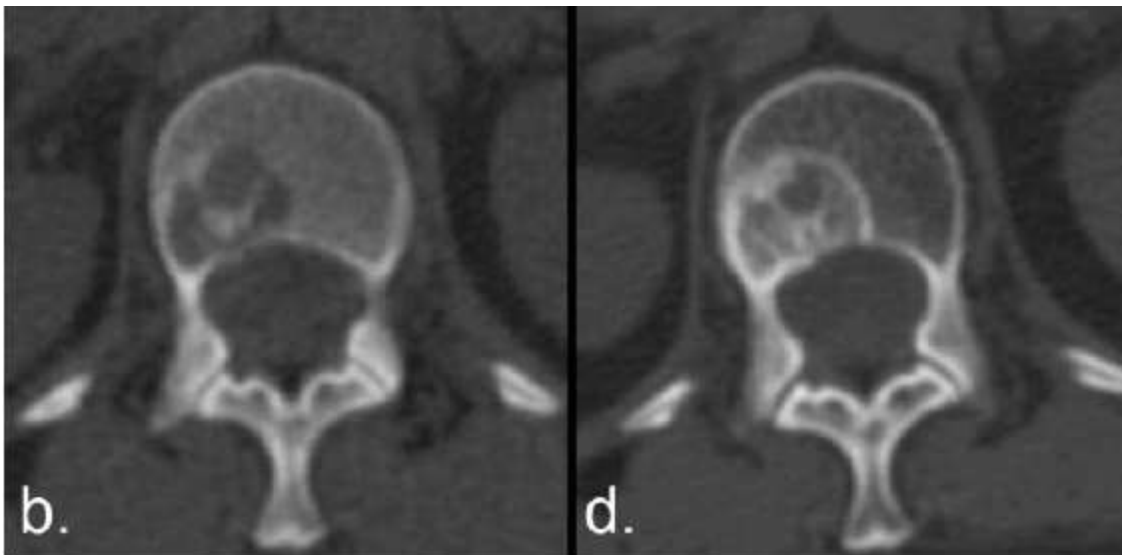


## Challenges in Evaluating Bone



### Bone Scan

- Flare (response) ?
- Progression?



### CT Vertebral Body

Lytic to sclerotic

- Healing?
- Progression?

# Osteoclast Inhibitors (cancer dosing)

## Side Effects

### IV administration (bisphosphonates):

- Acute phase reactions
- Hypocalcemia [5%  $\geq$  grade 2]
- Renal insufficiency
- Osteonecrosis of the jaw (ONJ) [1.3%]
- Atypical fracture [rare]

### Subcutaneous administration (denosumab)

- Hypocalcemia [12%  $\geq$  grade 2]
- Osteonecrosis of the jaw (ONJ) [1.8%]
- Atypical fracture [rare]

Uncommon Adverse Events Associated with Bone Modifying Agents  
but Cause(s) Unknown

Atypical Fractures



Osteonecrosis of the Jaw  
(ONJ)



# Vertebroplasty & Kyphoplasty: Compression Fracture

polymethylmethacrylate (PMMA)

## Vertebroplasty

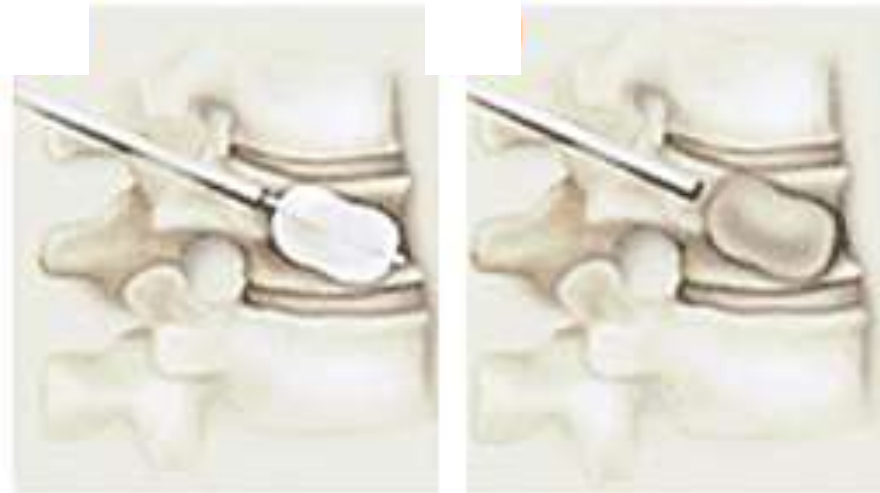
- Needle + Cement/PMMA



Vertebroplasty

## Kyphoplasty

- Balloon + Cement/PMMA



Kyphoplasty

# To Operate, Most Surgeons Consider:

Consider surgery:

- Size of lesion:  $\geq 2.5$  cm
- Lesion:  $\geq 50\%$  bone diameter
- Lesion is a Lesser trochanter avulsion
- Patient has  $\geq 6$  weeks life expectancy



Lesion  
At risk  
For Fracture

Scoring system to predict pathologic fractures: clinically not often used

Preemptive surgery for impending fracture vs. surgery for completed fracture (favors pre-fracture tx)

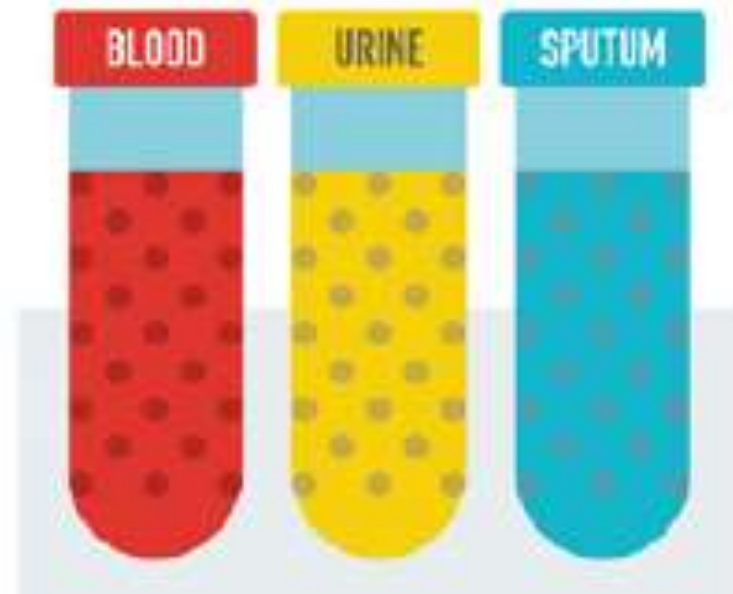
- Shorter hospital stays (7 vs 11 days)
- Greater likelihood of discharge home (vs extended care) (79% vs 56%)
- Greater likelihood of support-free ambulation (35% vs 12%)



# Research

## LIQUID BIOPSY

A new, noninvasive technique that can detect disease biomarkers in:



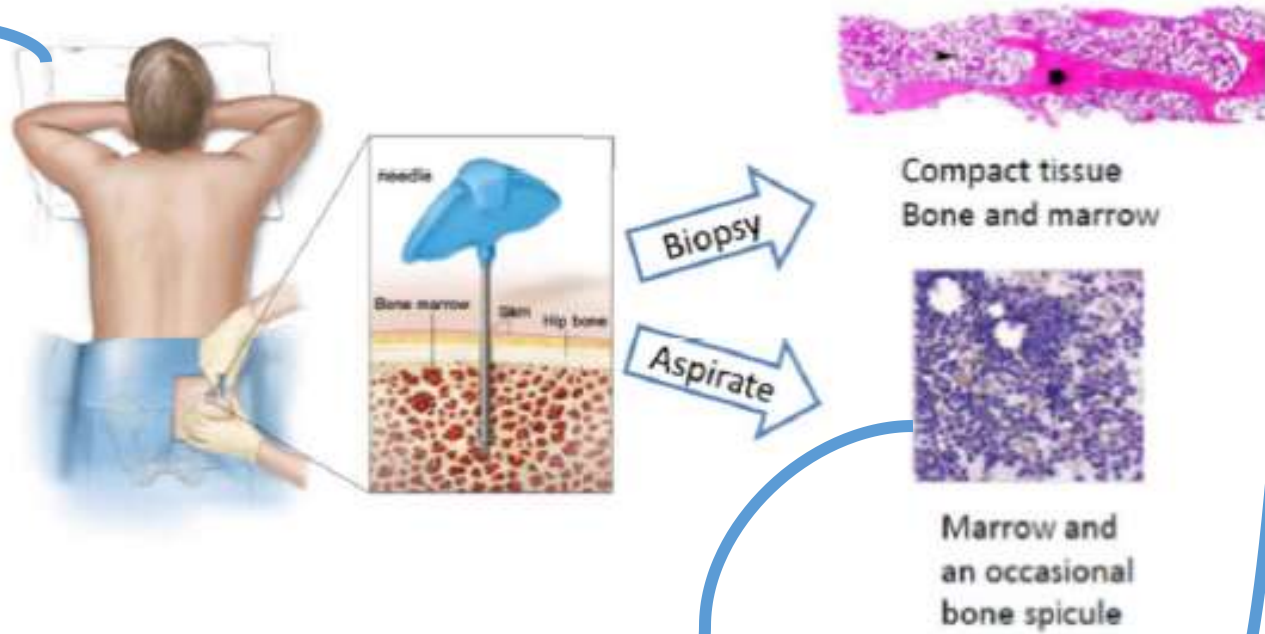
### LIQUID BIOPSY CAN BE USEFUL WHEN:

- not enough tissue sample is available
- not enough tumor tissue is in a sample
- a tumor is hard to reach
- regular monitoring is needed

### LIQUID BIOPSIES CAN BE ANALYZED FOR:

- the presence of cancer cells
- DNA
- other materials released by cancer cells

# Research



## Blood

- CTCs
- Plasma

## Marrow

- DTC
- Hematopoietic cells
- Aspirate fluids
- Bone cells

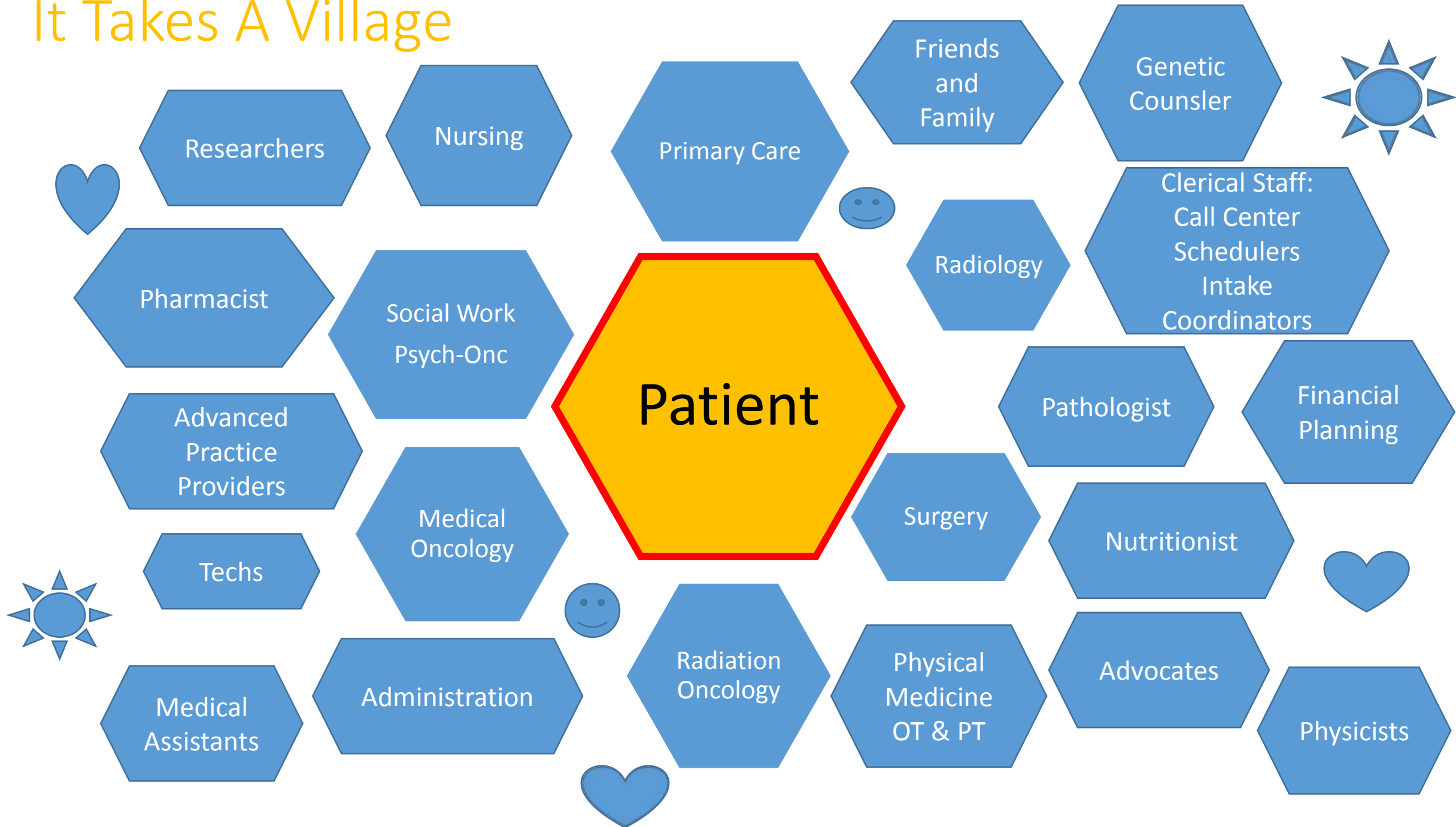
## Bone

- Bone cells
- Imaging bone
- Imaging Matrix
- Bone strength

# Take Home Points

- Metastatic Bone Disease → interdisciplinary approach
  - Pain control
    - RX: NSAIDs, Opiates
    - External beam radiation & Radiopharmaceuticals
    - Osteoclast inhibition (supportive therapy)
  - Skeletal Related Events
    - Can be emergencies
    - Can be prevented by use of a BMA
  - Quality of Life & Survival
    - SREs carry significant morbidity & mortality
    - Osteoclast inhibition has not been associated with increased survival
    - Duration of osteoclast inhibition therapy is generally indefinite
- Problems/questions remain → Design & participate in trials

# It Takes A Village



Thank you!

Now it's time for  
Questions

