

Predicting Chemotherapy Toxicity in Older Adults

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Older adults are at risk for cancer therapy toxicity

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**Rather than putting out fires...
Can we anticipate and prevent them?**



The Past:

Risk Factors for Chemotherapy Toxicity

➤ Patient Factors

- Age
- ECOG PS/KPS
- Labs

➤ Tumor and Treatment Factors

- Cancer Type
- Chemotherapy

We Can Anticipate Toxicity?



Moving Beyond Prediction:

Using Geriatric Assessment in Oncology Practice
to Guide Practical Interventions

The Present: Geriatric Assessment Items Predictive of Chemotherapy Toxicity

Risk Factors	Aaldriks	Aparicio	Extermann	Freyer	Hurria	Kanesvaran	Soubeyran	Puts
Daily Activities (ADL & IADLs)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hearing (Fair or Deaf)					X			X
Nutrition	X		X			X	X	X
Cognition	X	X	X			X	X	X
Psychological Status	X	X		X		X	X	X
Social Activities					X			X

Aaldriks et al, Crit Rev Oncol Hematol 2011
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 Puts et al, Ann Oncol 2014

Development of a Touchscreen Geriatric Assessment



- Computerized geriatric assessment
- Validated in multiple languages
- Understand the needs of:
 - patients
 - their caregivers



Meet the Researchers	U13 Meeting	CARG Studies	Grants/Job Opportunities	Educational Resources	Resources for the Older Adult	Geriatric Assessment Tools	Geriatric Oncology Events	R25 Nursing Grant	URCC GA Studies	CARG Advocacy	Contact Us
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GERIATRIC ASSESSMENT TOOLS

Chemotherapy Toxicity Tool and Geriatric Assessment Tool

The Chemo-Toxicity Calculator

The Chemo-Toxicity Calculator is a pre-chemotherapy assessment that captures sociodemographics, tumor/treatment variables, laboratory test results (hemoglobin, creatinine clearance), and geriatric assessment variables (function, comorbidity, cognition, psychological state, social activity/support, and nutritional status). The Chemo-Toxicity Calculator is based on the results of a study which enrolled 500 patients across seven participating institutions, in order to identify factors that predict risk of severe chemotherapy-related side effects in older adults with cancer (Hurria et al. JCO 2011). The results from this study were identified by the American Society of Clinical Oncology's as one of the Clinical Cancer Advances in 2012. Having this predictive model that incorporates geriatric and oncologic correlates of vulnerability to chemotherapy toxicity in older adults could help both the healthcare provider and the patient weigh the benefits and risks of chemotherapy treatment. Our ultimate goal is to utilize this Chemo-Toxicity Calculator in clinical practice, where it can be used as a part of shared decision-making.

[Chemo Toxicity Calculator](#)

Geriatric Assessment Tool

A geriatric assessment is utilized to capture information about a patient's medical history as well as functional, cognitive, and psychosocial status, which can then be used by treating physicians to identify the most vulnerable patients (for example, those at high risk for chemotherapy toxicity). However, these assessments have not been routinely used in oncology practice because of the time and resources required for their administration. A geriatric assessment tool (that can be completed primarily by patients) was developed for incorporation into oncology clinical trials and routine care settings.^{1,2} The domains that are assessed include functional status, comorbidities, medications, nutritional status, cognitive function, and psychosocial status.

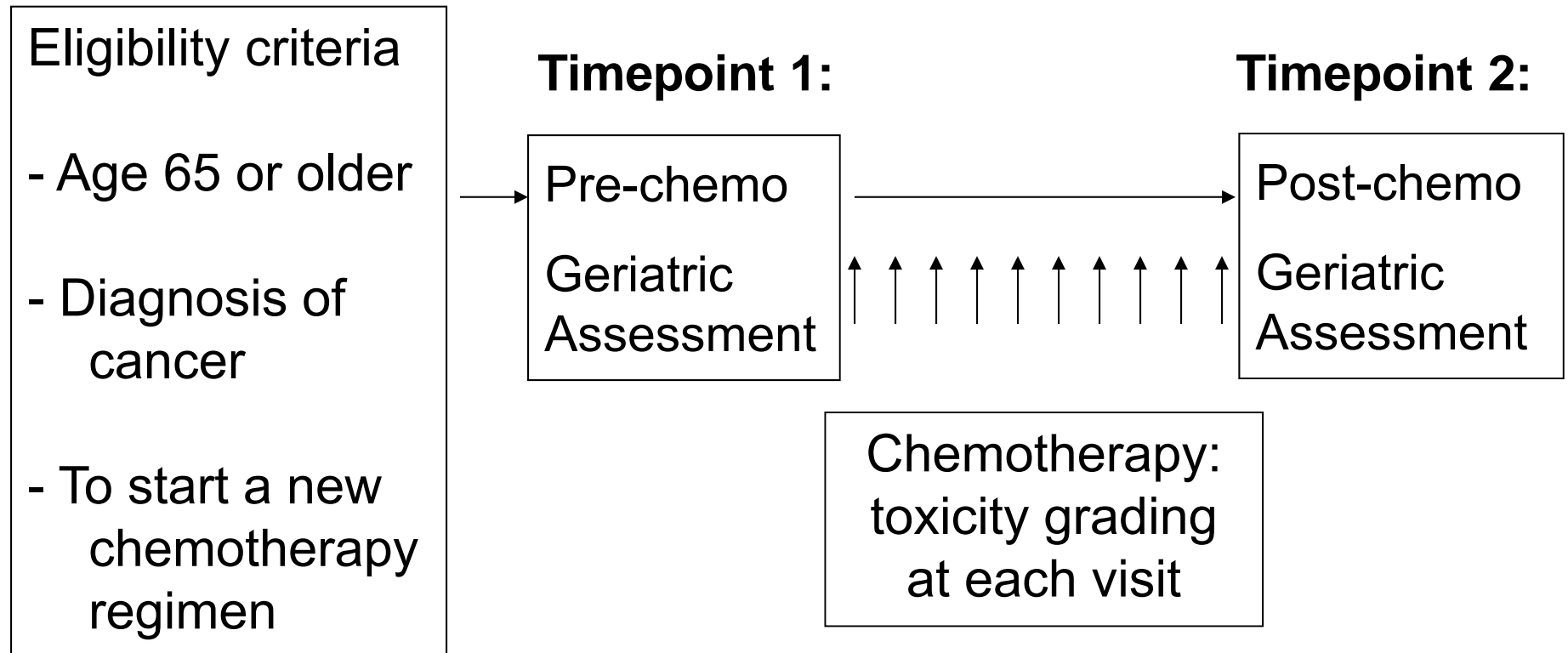
Please click on the below for more information regarding the geriatric assessment tool:

¹Hurria et al. Cancer 2005

²Hurria et al. JCO 2011

[Geriatric Assessment in English](#)

Can Geriatric Assessment Predict Chemo Toxicity? (PI: Hurria)



- Sample size: 750 patients (Chemo alone)
- 10 participating institutions (Cancer and Aging Research Group)

Predictors of Toxicity

➤ Age \geq 72 years

➤ GI/GU Cancer

➤ Standard Dose

➤ Polychemotherapy

➤ Hemoglobin (male: <11 , female: <10)

➤ Creatinine Clearance (Jelliffe-ideal wt <34)

➤ Fall(s) in last 6 months

➤ Hearing impairment (fair or worse)

➤ Limited in walking 1 block (MOS)

➤ Assistance required in medication intake (IADL)

➤ Decreased social activity (MOS)

Age

Tumor/
Treatment
Variables

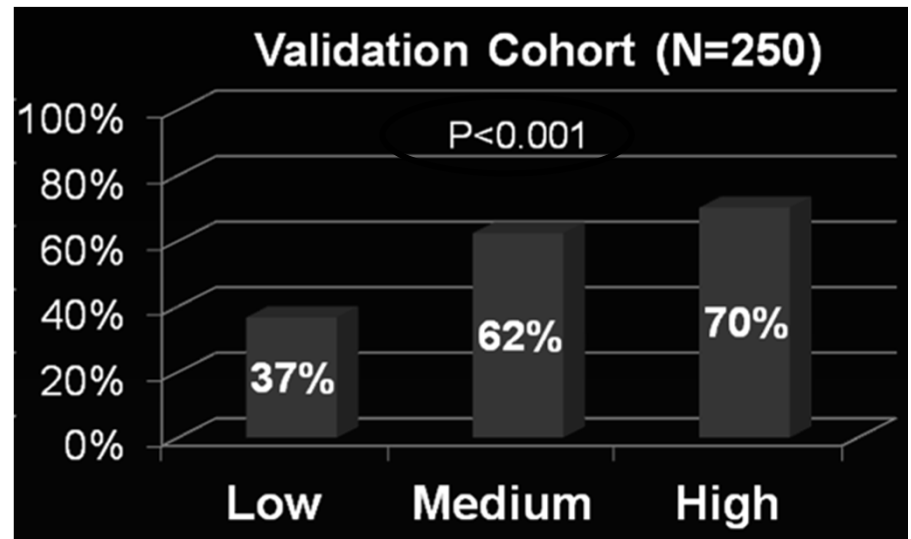
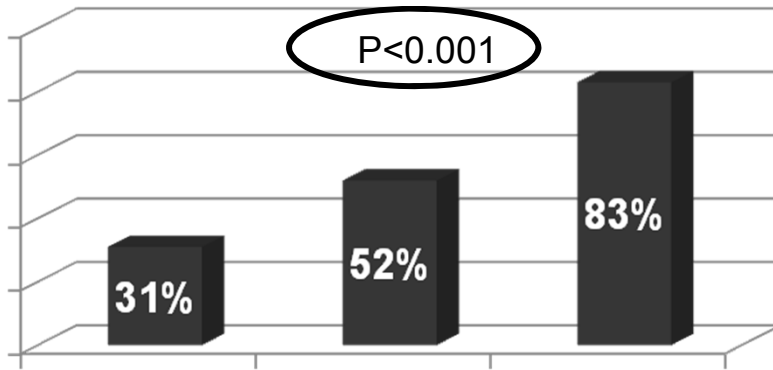
Labs

Geriatric
Assessment
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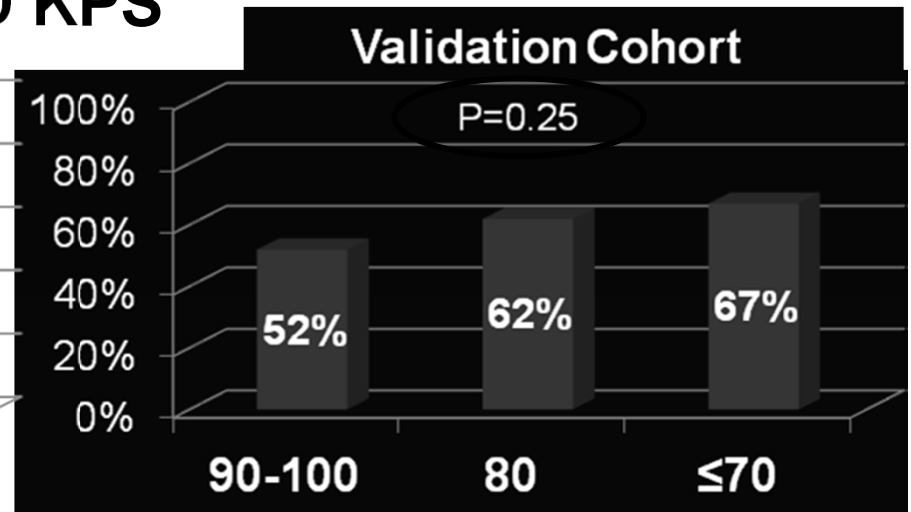
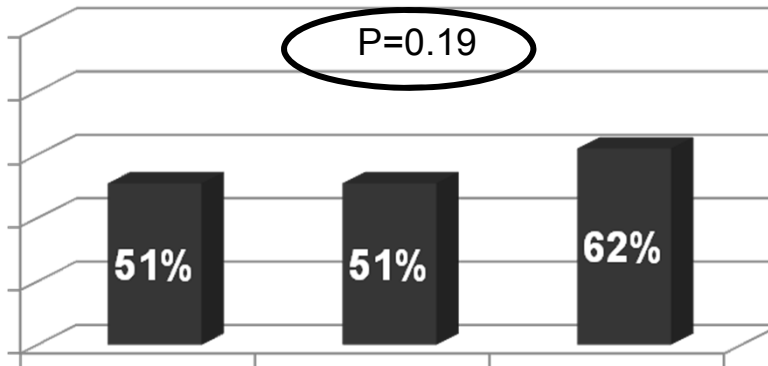
MD-rated KPS vs. Predictive Model

Chemotherapy Toxicity Predictive Model

% with Grade 3-5 Toxicity



MD KPS



Hurria et al. JCO 2011

Hurria et al. JCO 2016

CRASH Score

<https://www.moffitt.org/eforms/crashscoreform/>



TakeCharge!
TOTAL CANCER CARE

CRASH Score Calculator

This score stratifies patients in 4 risk categories of severe toxicity. Reference for derivation and validation results: Extermann et al. Cancer, Epub Nov 9,2011 <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22072065>. Formal clinical applications of the score still need to be studied.

*** Please click on each link to view/close help on assigning scores**

Chemotherapy risk

Chemotherapy risk ▼

Hematologic Risk Factors

Diastolic blood pressure ▼

IADL ▼

LDH ▼

Non-Hematologic Risk Factors

ECOG PS ▼

MMS ▼

MNA ▼

Case Example

- 76 yo with stage IV NSCLC (mets to the bones)
- Lives with wife, ambulatory with cane
- Comorbidities: COPD, HTN, CAD, s/p CABG, osteoporosis, hard of hearing
- 5'10", 160 lbs, BMI 20, BP 136/72, 124/68, HR 96
- Albumin 3.5, Hgb 10.8, Creatinine 1.2

Case Example

- ADLs: independent
- IADLS: wife does shopping, cooking, cleaning & meds, he drives & pays the bills
- Less socially active than before due to health
- Timed up & go test: 10 s
- Fell 6 months ago (tripped outside on the curb)
- MMSE 29/30

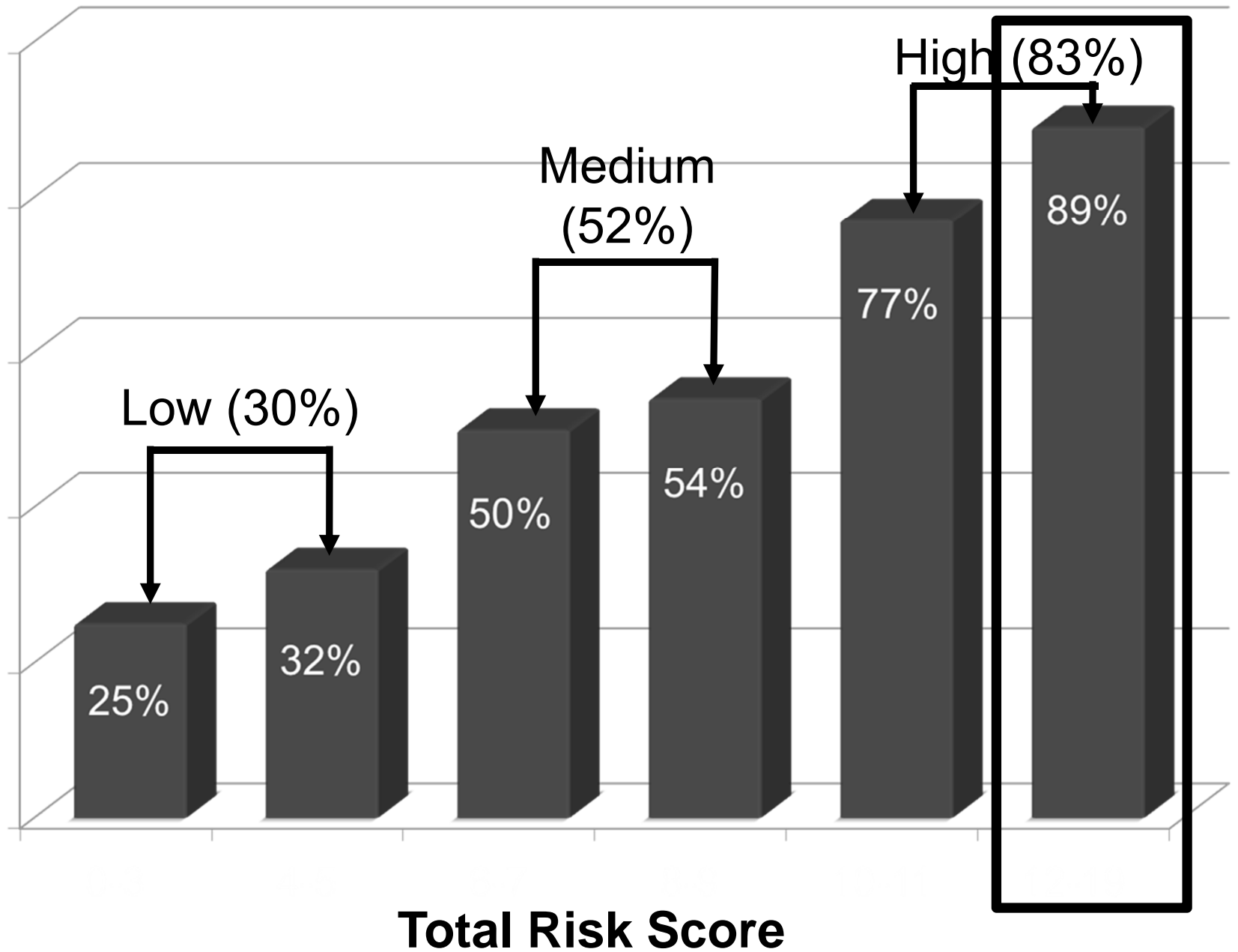
Predictive Model Applied to Our Case

	Toxicity Factor/Question	Value/Response	Score
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patient's Age	Age \geq 72	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cancer Type	Other	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dosage	Standard dose	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Number of chemotherapy agents	Mono-chemo therapy	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hemoglobin	<11 g/dL	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	How is your hearing (with a hearing aid, if needed)?	Poor	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Number of falls in the past 6 months?	1 or more	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Can you take your own medicines?	With some help (able to take medicine if someone prepares it for you and/or reminds you to take it)	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does your health limit you in walking one block?	Limited a little	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	During the past 4 weeks, how much of the time has your physical health or emotional problems interfered with your social activities (like visiting with friends, relatives, etc.)?	Some of the time	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Creatinine Clearance	49	0

Patient Total Risk Score: 16

Risk of Toxicity by Score

Grade 3-5 Toxicities



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Submit

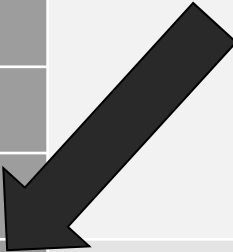
Results

Description	Score	Risk
Heme Score	3	Low
Non Heme Score	6	Med High
Combined Score	9	Med High

Example email sent to oncologist

We identified the following:

Recommendations for issues identified from the Geriatric Assessment	
Comorbidities (high blood pressure, diabetes)	Identify that the patient has a PCP and send a copy of these recommendations to the outside MD in Kingsburg, CA
19% weight loss (self-reported) Current weight: 148 Past weight: 183	Nutritionist consult
BMI = 33.83	
Patient reports problems with eating	
Toxicity score 9 of 19, risk 66%	Follow-up by geriatric oncology NP

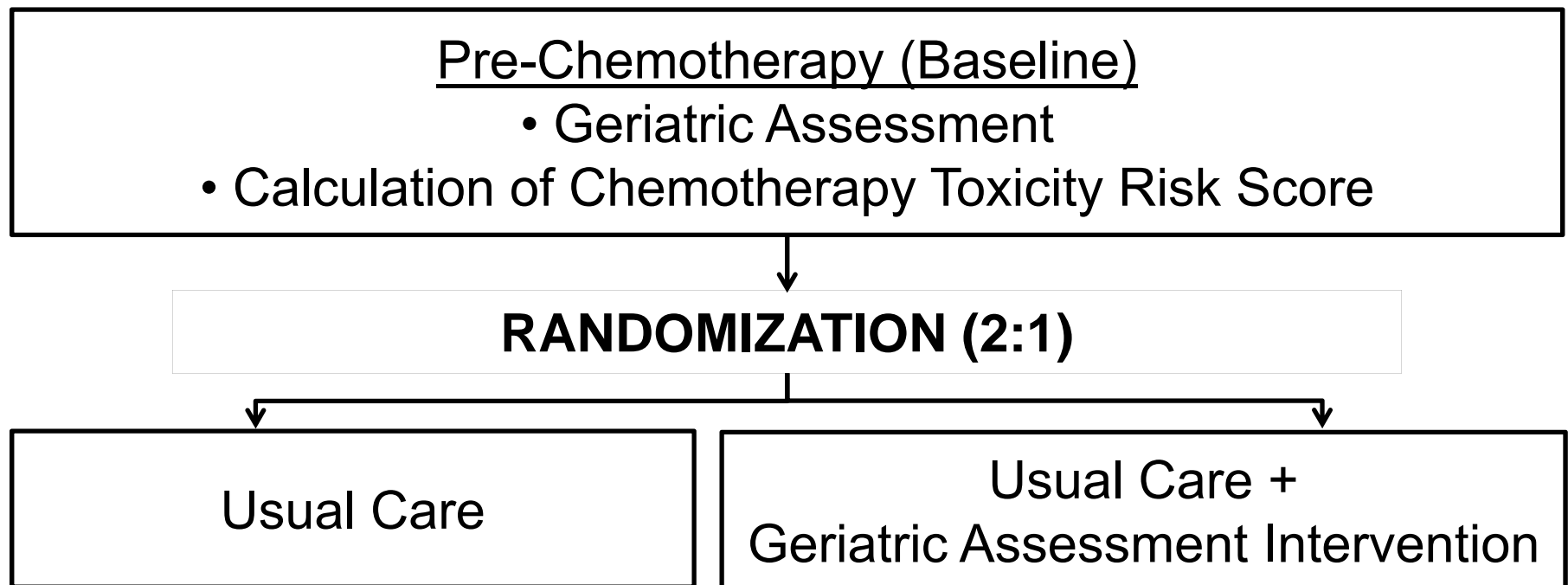


Follow up by Geriatric Oncology NP

- Patient's with medium or high risk on toxicity tool
- Phone calls
- Side effect review
- Clinic visits

Can We Intervene to Decrease the Risk? (UniHealth Grant, PI: Hurria)

Objective: To determine whether the geriatric assessment driven interventions will lead to improvement patient outcomes



Facilitating Quality Cancer Care

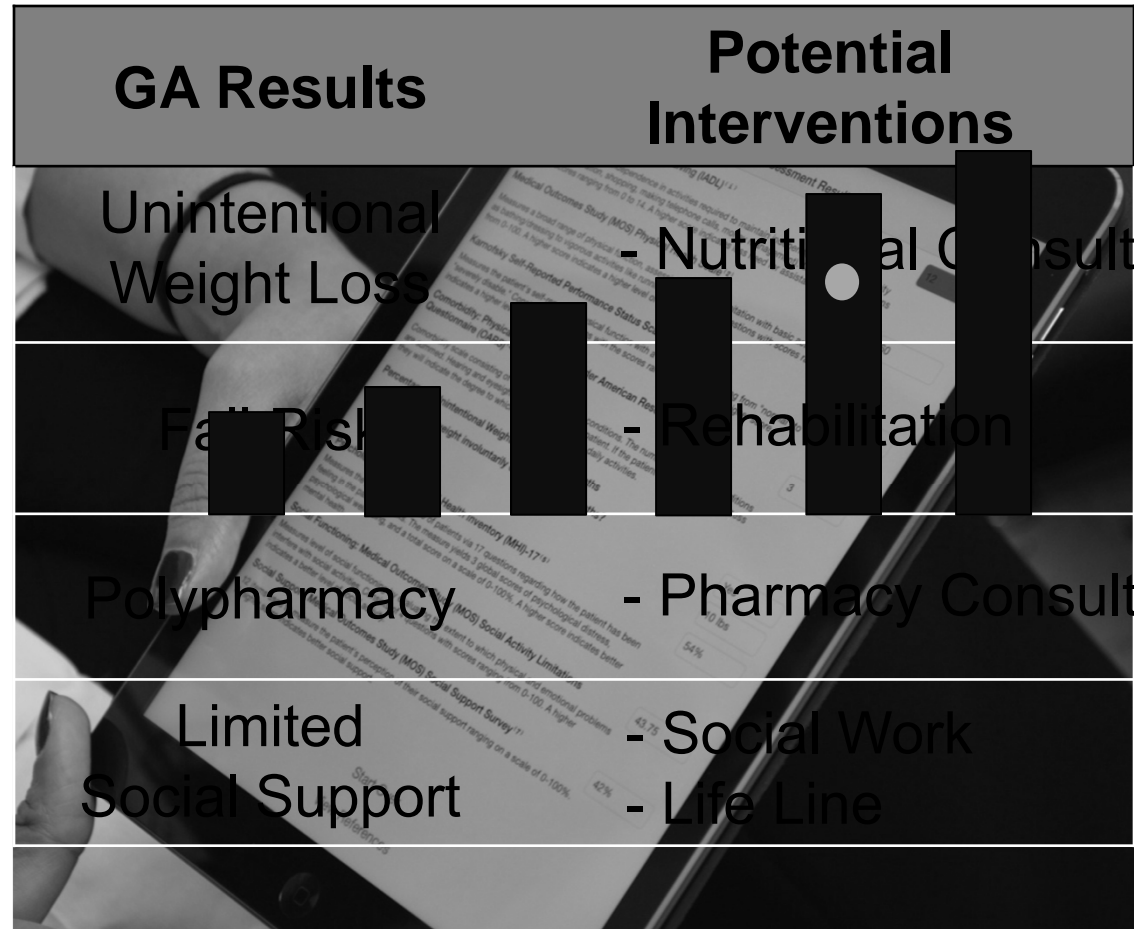


Approximately 20 min. later

Facilitating Quality Cancer Care

Information Provided to the Healthcare Team

- Geriatric Assessment Results
- List of Potential Interventions
- Chemotherapy Toxicity Risk Score is Generated



Facilitating Quality Cancer Care

**Facilitates Communication and Decision-Making
Between the Oncologist and Patient**



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PREDICTION TOOL

Gender:

Select ▼

Patient's Age:

Patient's Height
Select the Unit of Measure:

Select ▼

Select the Height

Select ▼

Patient's Weight:
Select the Unit of Measure:

Select ▼

Select the Weight

Submit

Creatinine Clearance:
44 **

Toxicity Score:
10

Risk of Chemotherapy Toxicity:
72%

What does this mean?

* Dose delivered with first dose for chemotherapy
** Jelliffe formula

<http://www.mycarg.org/mctc>

Practical Issues

- Validated in the outpatient setting
- Score does not suggest who not to give chemotherapy to
- Education of staff and providers on the use of a predictability tool and implications
- Follow up after use of tool is key

Conclusions

- The population is aging
- Cancer is a disease associated with aging
- “Chronological age” ≠ “Functional age”
- We need better tools to understand the risks and benefits of chemotherapy in older adults
- A melding of geriatric and oncology principles

Thank you!

