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PROGRAMMA TRAPIANTI E TERAPIE CELLULARI ALBERTO MARMONT

Il ruolo attuale del trapianto allogenico

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UO Ematologia e Terapie Cellulari

Agenda

- Il trapianto allogenico
- Ruolo attuale
- Recenti avanzamenti

Prime esperienze

- Il **15 Ottobre 1958**, in un incidente nucleare in Jugoslavia (a Vinca) sei Fisici rimasero irradiati (400 rads) e svilupparono rapidamente aplasia midollare.
- A Parigi, Georges Mathe, offrì a questi fisici la possibilità di una terapia di salvataggio. Trasferiti nella sua unità sterile a Villejuif, ricevettero infusioni multiple di midollo osseo da parenti. Il sistema HLA non era noto e la funzione del sistema linfocitario non era ben conosciuta.
- Cinque individui sopravvissero. Essi mostrarono veloce recupero della emopoiesi (provata allogenica almeno in un caso per genotipo eritrocitario) seguita da ricostituzione autologa senza GvHD.
- Questo evento rimane la prima volta che il trapianto di midollo osseo allogenico è stato usato con intento terapeutico e con successo e rimane una pietra angolare nella storia del trapianto nell'uomo.

Nel 1957 E.D. Thomas iniziò a descrivere i primi trapianti di cellule staminali emopoietiche midollari nell'uomo

(Thomas ED, Lochte HL, Jr., Lu WC, Ferrebee JW. Intravenous infusion of bone marrow in patients receiving radiation and chemotherapy. N Engl J Med 1957;257:491-6.)



Of one thing I am sure, the last word has not been written on the subject

Robert Good. *Lancet* 1968;2:1366-9.

Nel 1968 due bambini furono sottoposti con successo a trapianto di cellule staminali emopoietiche da donatore familiare identico:



Il primo affetto da una immunodeficienza legata al cromosoma X

Gatti RA, Meuwissen HJ, Allen HD, Hong R, Good RA. Immunological reconstitution of sex-linked lymphopenic immunological deficiency. Lancet 1968;2:1366-9.)

Il secondo affetto dalla sindrome di Wiskott-Aldrich *(Bach FH, Albertini RJ, Joo*

P, Anderson JL, Bortin MM. Bone-marrow transplantation in a patient with the Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome. Lancet 1968;2:1364-6 17).

Haematopoietic Stem cells Transplantation (HSCT)

ORIGINAL ARTICLE [FREE PREVIEW](#) [ARCHIVE](#)

Intravenous Infusion of Bone Marrow in Patients Receiving Radiation and Chemotherapy

1957

E. Donnall Thomas, M.D.[†], Harry L. Lochte, Jr., M.D.[‡], Wan Ching Lu, Ph.D.[§], ;

American Journal of Pathology • Volume 108, Issue 2, Pages 196 - 205 • 1982



E. Donnall Thomas, Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, 1990.

“For their discoveries concerning organ and cell transplantation for the treatment of human diseases”

Acute and chronic graft-versus-host disease in dogs given hemopoietic grafts from DLA-nonidentical littermates. Two distinct syndromes

[Atkinson K.](#); [Shulman H.M.](#); [Deeg H.J.](#); [Weiden P.L.](#); [Graham T.C.](#); [Thomas E.D.](#); [Storb R.](#)

Graft-versus-host disease: a review

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Keywords: graft-versus-host disease, T cells, marrow transplant, immune recovery

Presidential Address to Section of Pathology, 10 January 1986

Historical background

Graft-versus-host reactions (GVHR) after bone marrow transplantation were first observed in mouse recipients of bone marrow and spleen from donor mice of different strains. The condition was described by Barnes and Loutit in 1954¹: affected mice would survive the initial period of myelosuppression following irradiation (primary disease) and later, between three to six weeks after transplantation, develop a debilitating, wasting condition initially called secondary disease. For some years there was a debate about the nature of the GVHR because it was not clear whether the disease was a host-versus-graft or graft-versus-host effect. After a series of conflicting experiments, the demonstration by van Bekkum² that GVHR severity was directly related to the num-

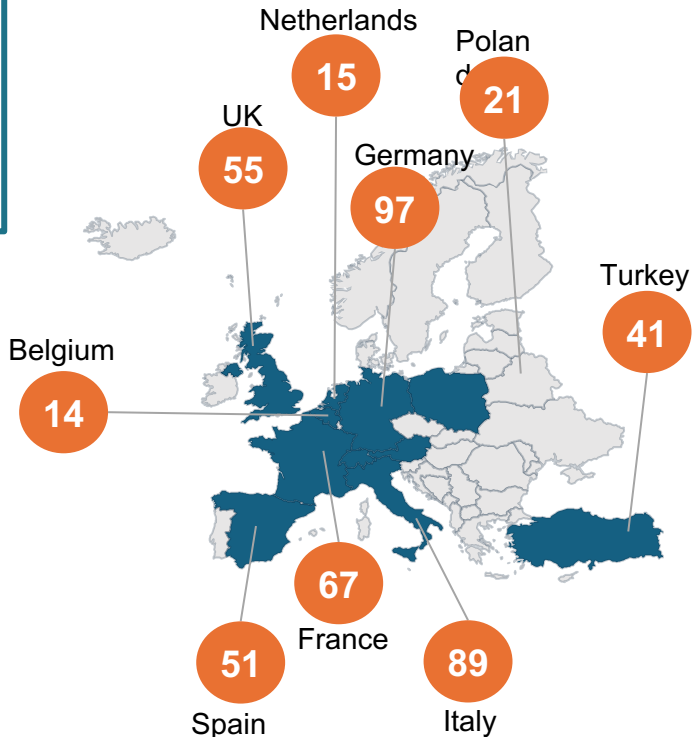


Figure 1. Rash of acute GVHD

The EBMT is a not-for-profit, international collaboration of healthcare professionals



Top 10 countries in terms of number of centres

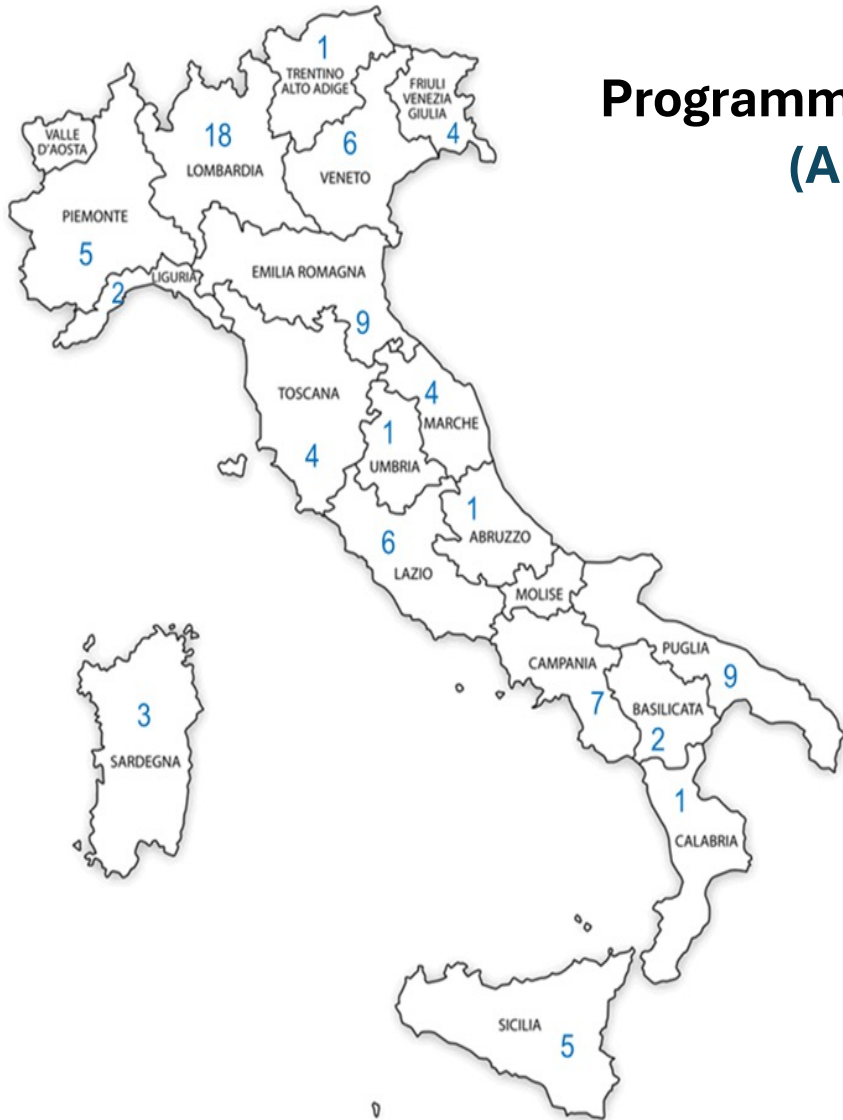


- Established in 1974
- 7209 members and 681 centres located in 78 different countries
- Centres contribute data voluntarily
- Currently in the database
 - >740,000 HSCT total (2020)¹
 - >40,000 new HSCT per year
 - >3,000 CAR T-cell therapies (Feb 22)²

¹ EBMT annual report 2023

² EBMT Registry February 2022

* Not shown on the map: 30 centres from China



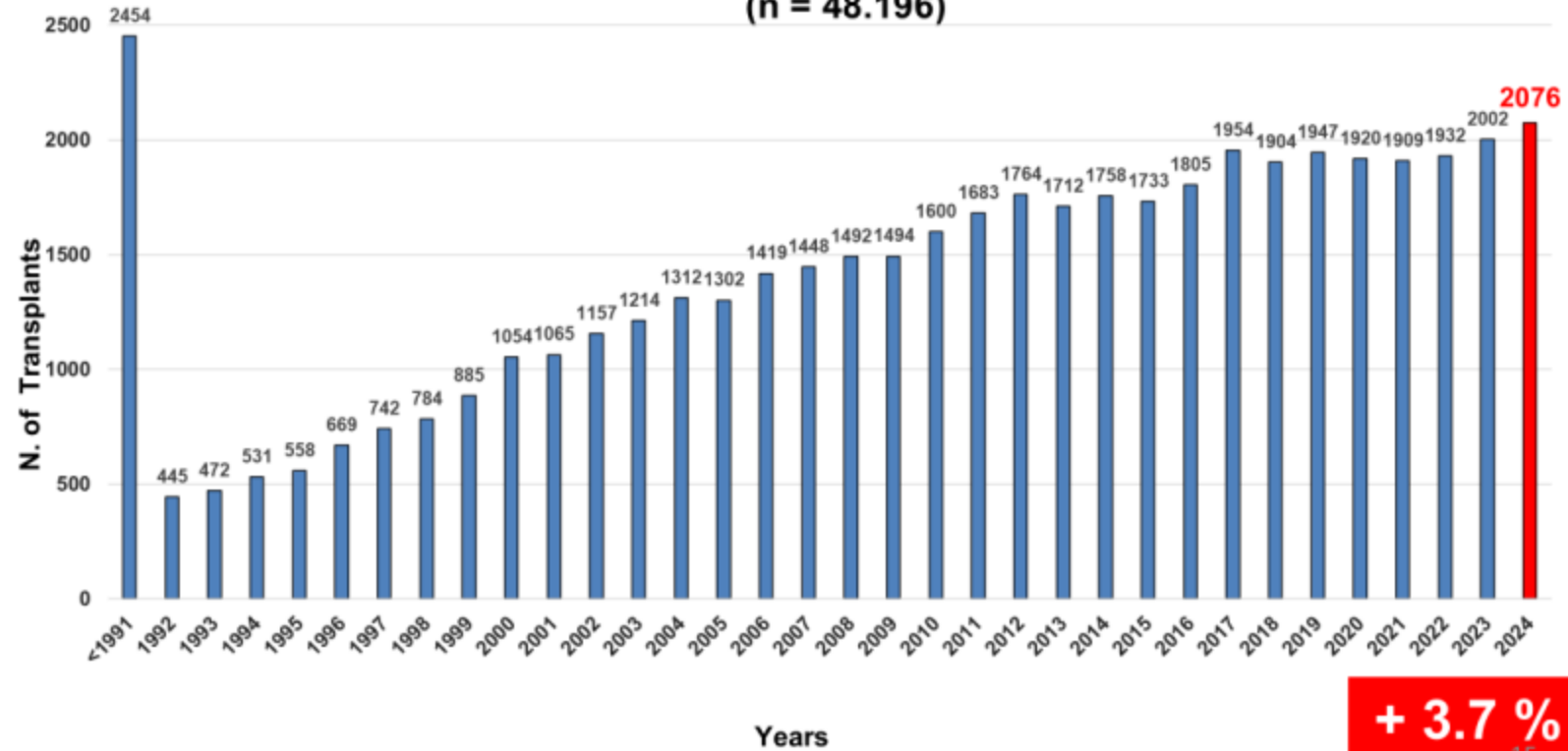
Programmi Trapianto 88 (Allo 61)



A screenshot of the GITMO website. The top navigation bar is dark blue with white text for various menu items: 'ASSOCIAZIONE', 'AREA INFERMIERI', 'LIBRO GITMO E REPORT ANNUALI', 'HANDBOOK GITMO', 'NEWS', 'FORMAZIONE', 'ISCRIZIONI', 'SOP GITMO E MODULISTICA', 'TRIAL OFFICE', and 'OPPORTUNITA' DI LAVORO'. Below the navigation bar is a hero section with a background image of red blood cells. A blue text box on the left contains the text: 'Gruppo Italiano per il Trapianto di Midollo Osseo, cellule staminali emopoietiche e terapia cellulare' and a 'Scopri' button with a right-pointing arrow.

Allogeneic Transplants (n. 45.111)

Allogeneic Transplants (n = 48.196)



Diseases requiring allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation with curative intent.

Hematologic Malignancies (~75–80%)

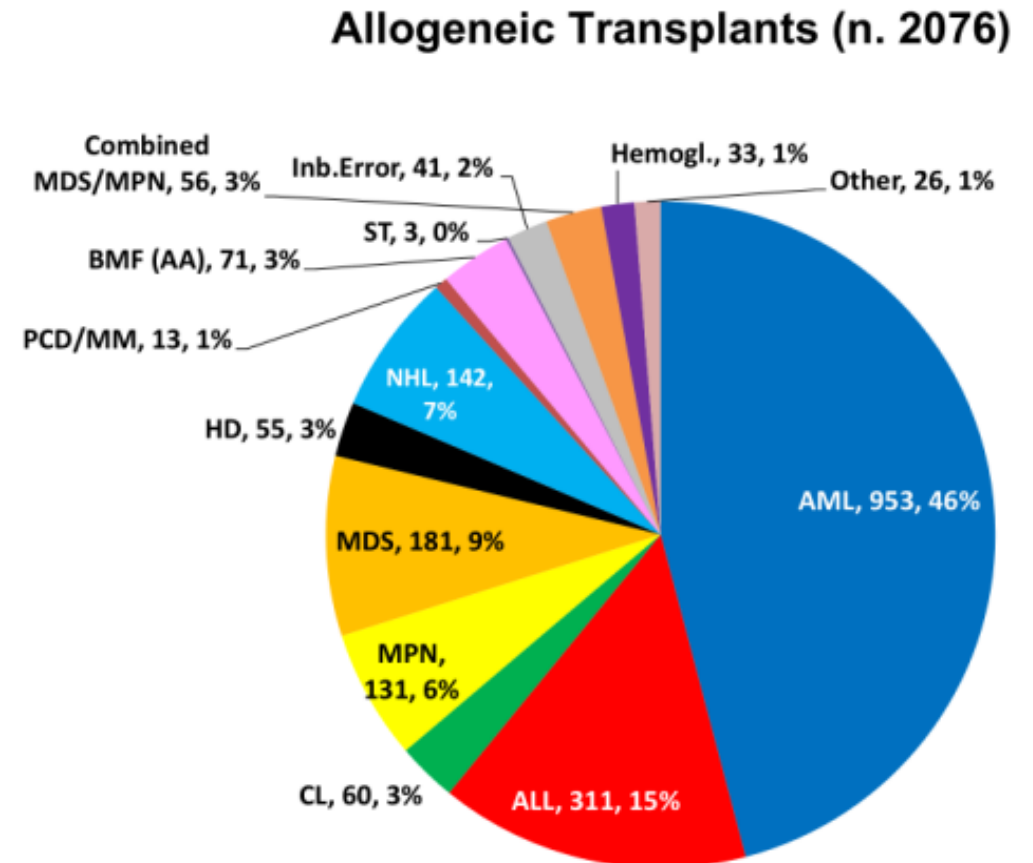
- Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) — ~35–40%
- Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) — ~15–20%
- Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS) — ~10–12%

Non-malignant Hematologic Diseases (~15–20%)

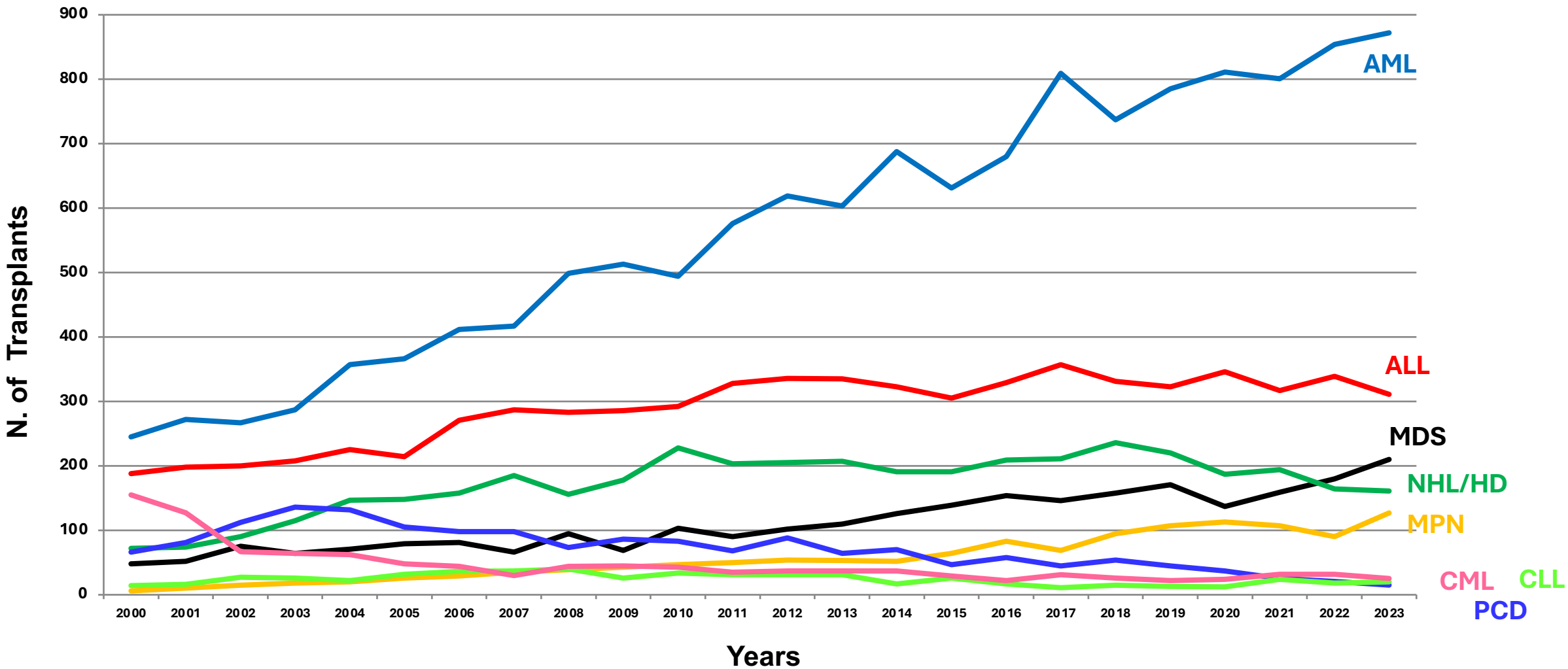
- Aplastic anemia — ~6–8%
- β -thalassemia — ~3–5%
- Sickle cell disease — ~2–4%

Inherited Metabolic Disorders (~3–5%)

- Hurler syndrome (MPS I)
- Adrenoleukodystrophy



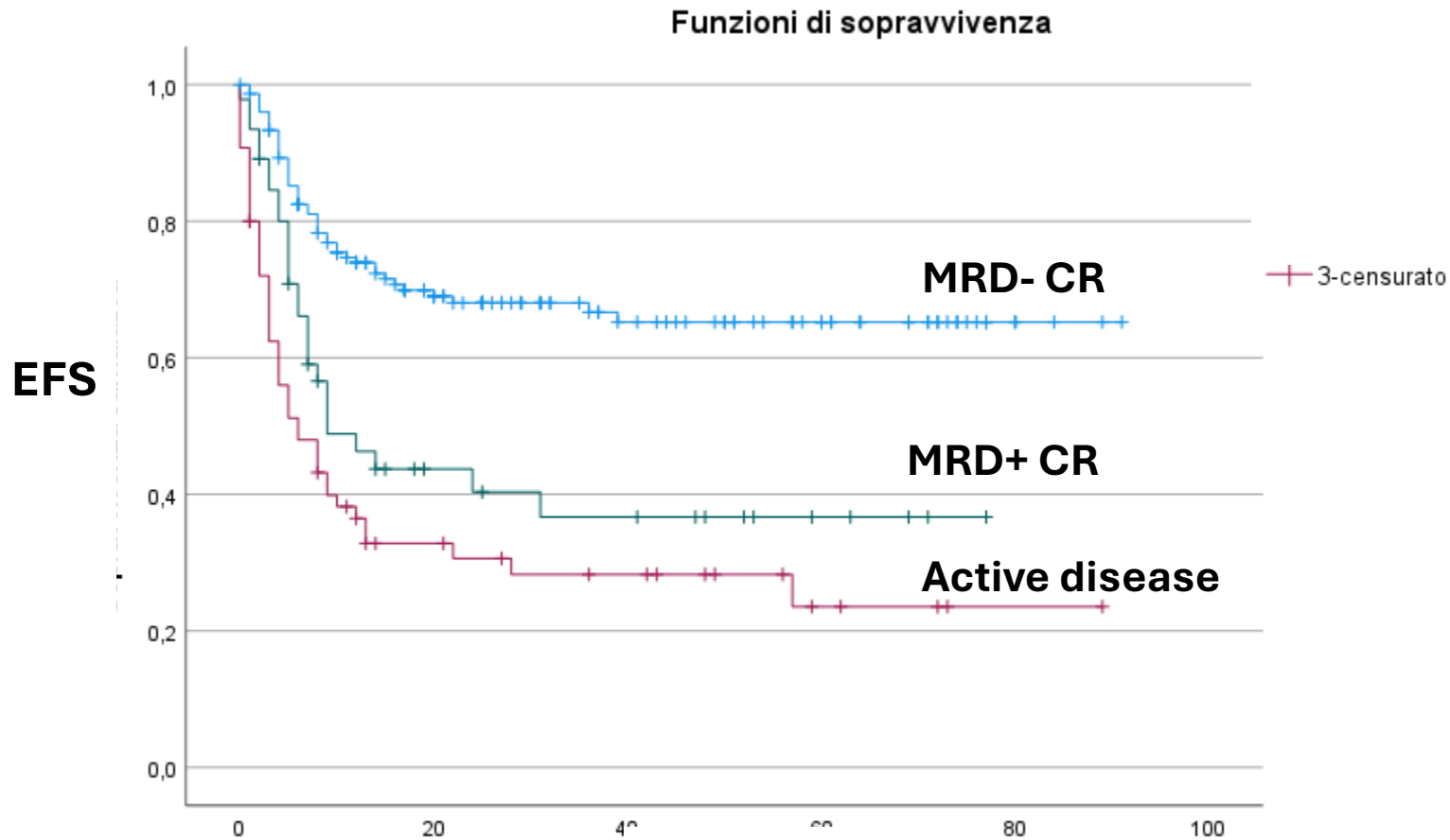
GITMO data: Number of Allogeneic HCTs in Italy by Selected Disease



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Terapia di consolidamento / ruolo in malattia attiva



Confronti pairwise

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	RCDEEP	Chi-quadrato	Sign.	Chi-quadrato	Sign.	Chi-quadrato	Sign.
Log Rank (Mantel-Cox)	1			12,971	<,001	39,979	<,001
	2	12,971	<,001			2,785	,095
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Recent and ongoing progresses



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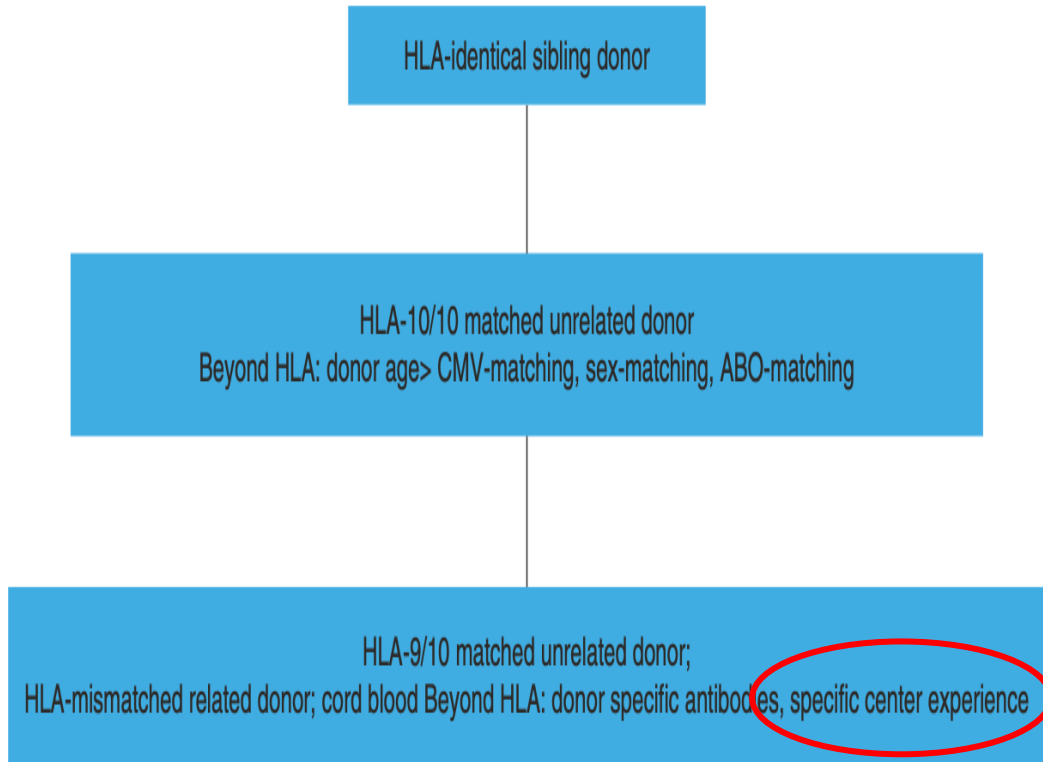


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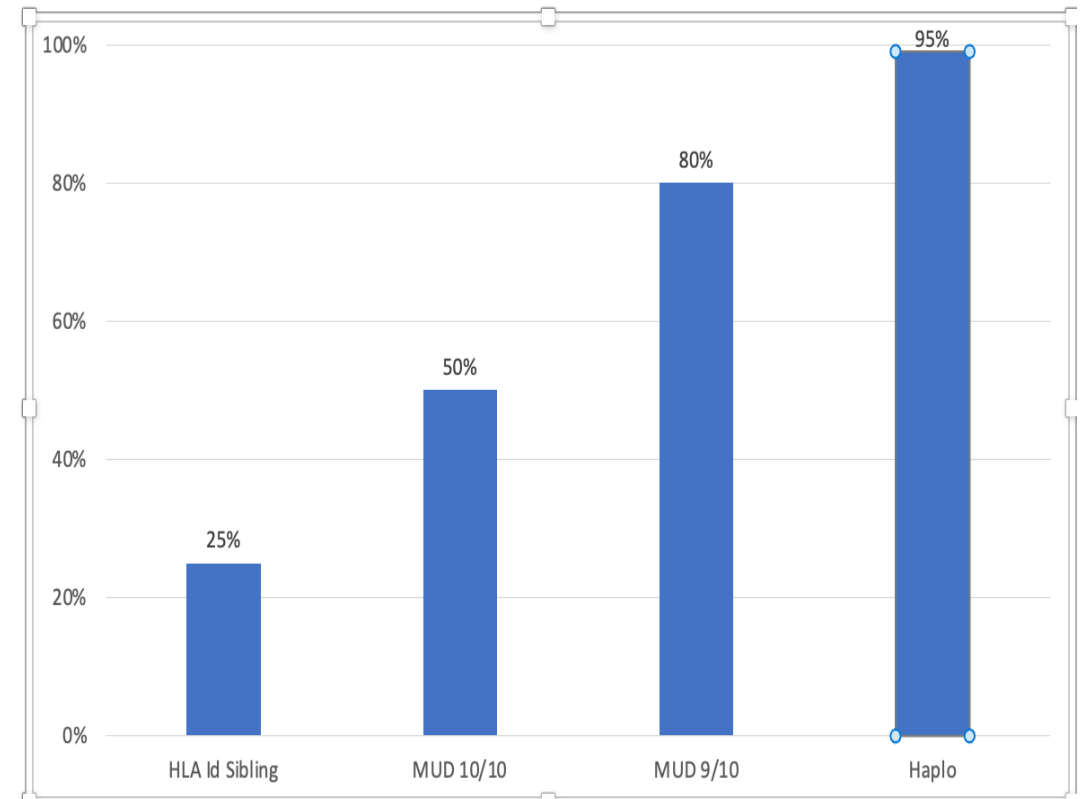


DONOR

Algorithm for donor selection for adult patients with hematological malignancies

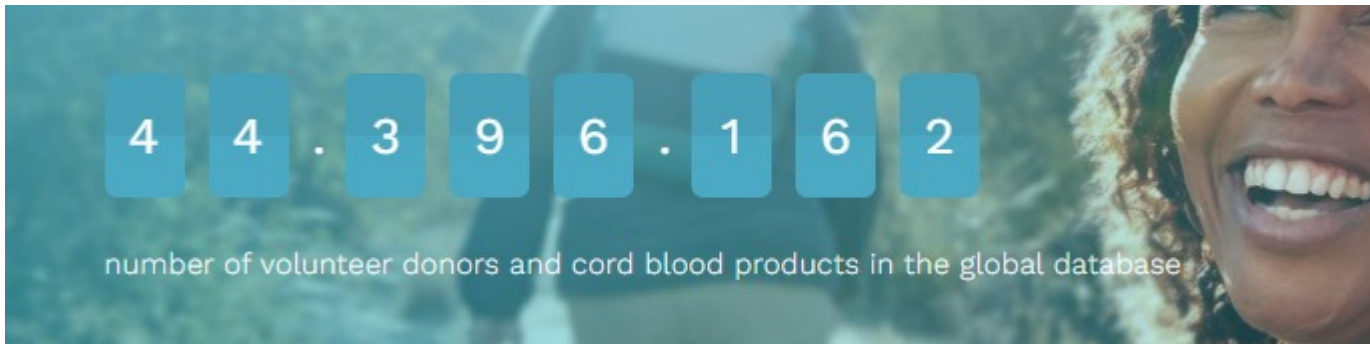
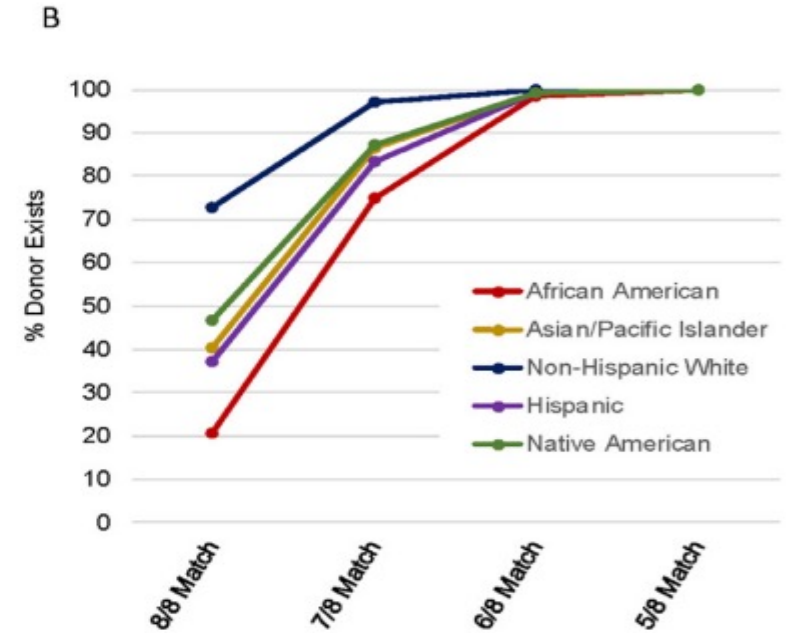
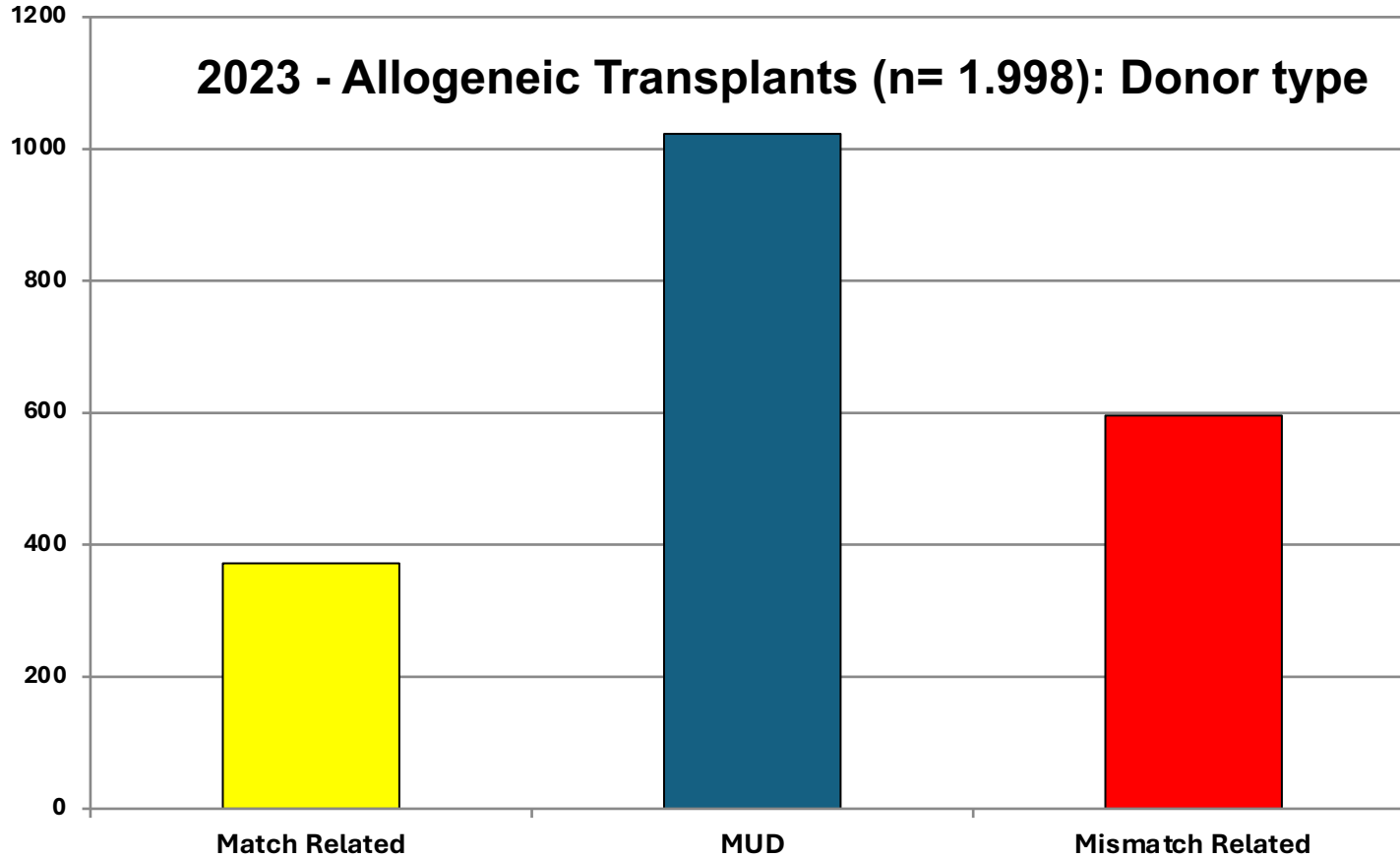


Probability to Find a Donor



Role of anti HLA ab

Donors



Global stem cell donor registries

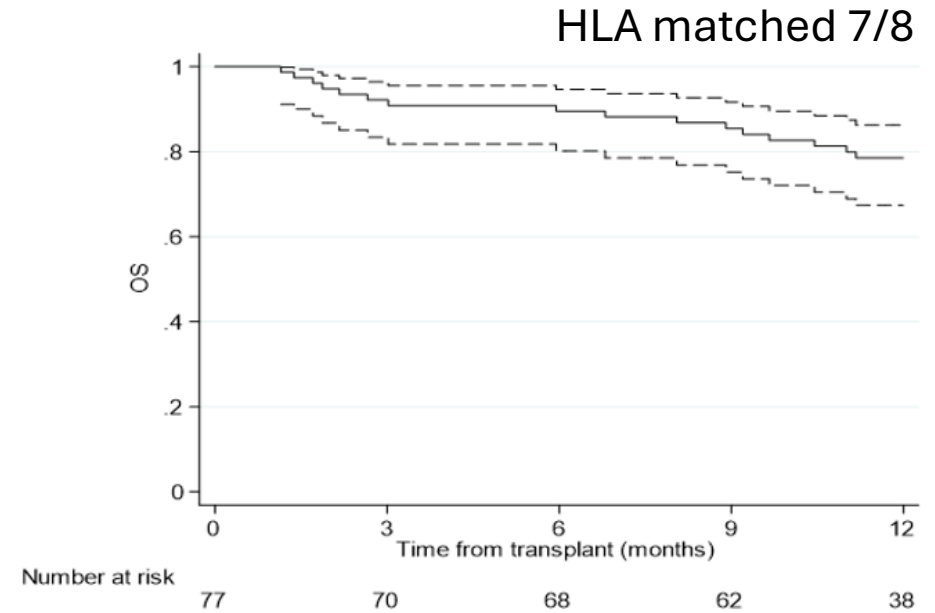
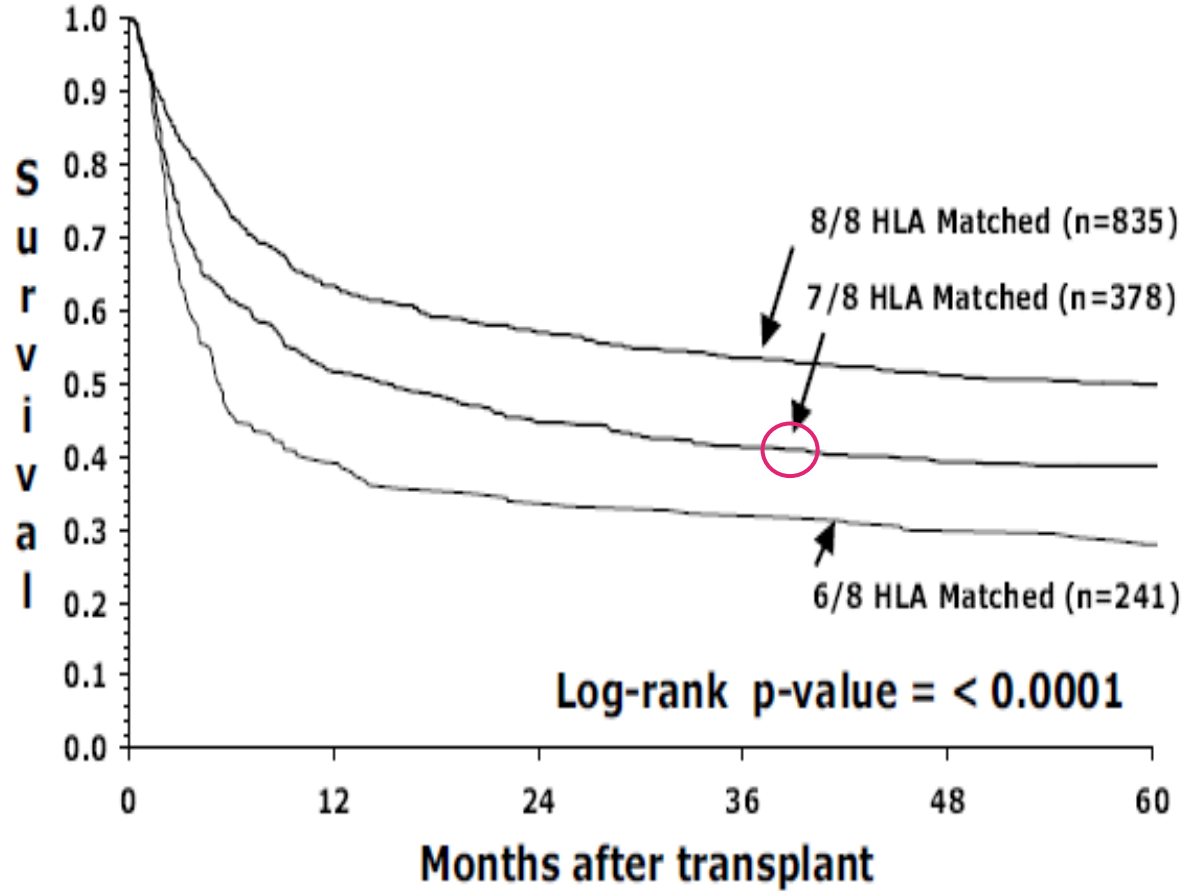
- ~ 43–44 million registered volunteer donors worldwide
- ~ 750,000 cord blood units
- registries in >55 countries

Global database coordinated by the World Marrow Donor Association (WMDA)

OVERALL SURVIVAL 1 LOCUS MISMATCHED

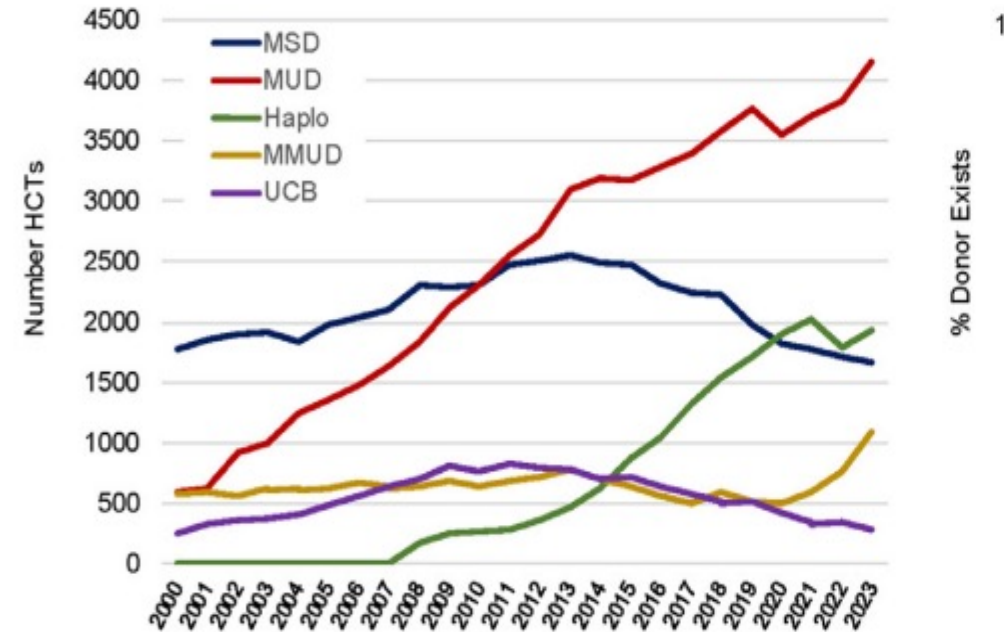
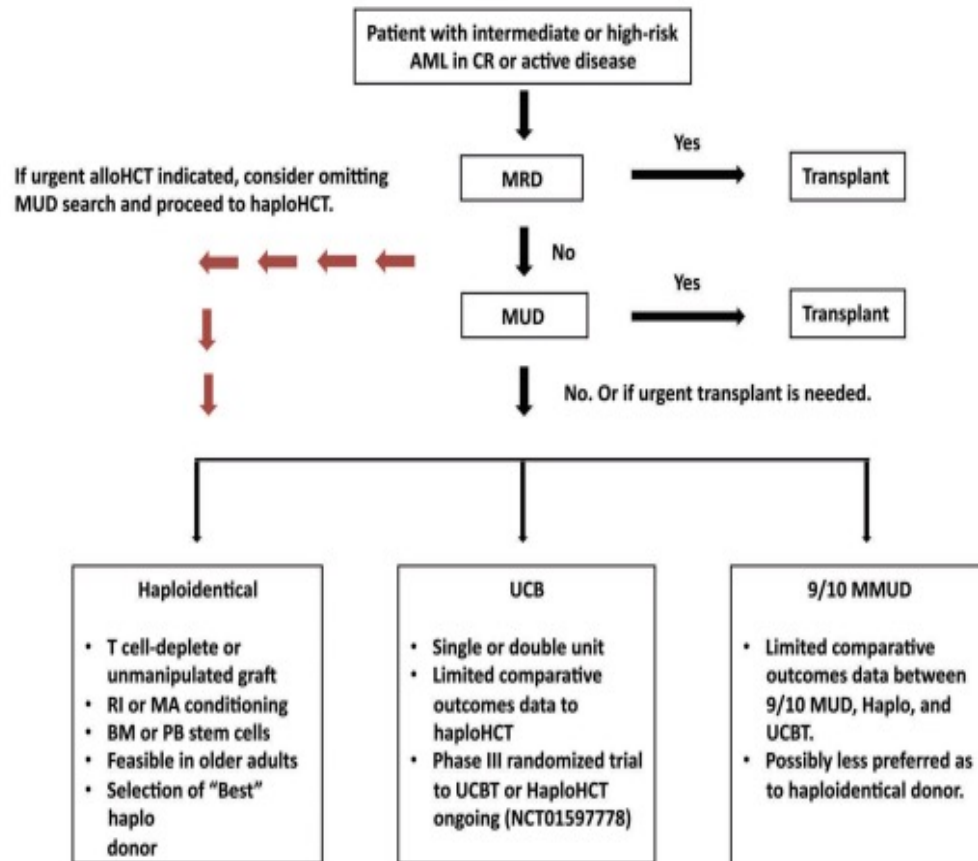
2007

2025



The 1-year overall survival was 78.5%
(95%CI: 67.4-86)

Donor: Selection



Ciceri et al Haematologica 2017, Jimenez et al, Transplantation and cellular therapy 2025

Si sta accumulando evidenza che l'età del donatore possa essere importante come (forse di più) del grado di compatibilità

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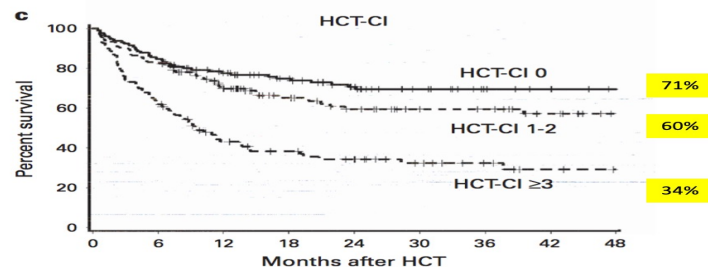
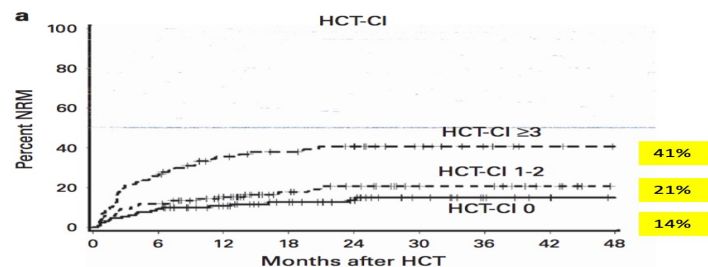
COMORBIDITIES

Hematopoietic cell transplantation (HCT)- specific comorbidity index

Blood 2005;106:2912-9

Comorbidity	Definitions of comorbidities included in the new HCT-CI	HCT-CI weighted scores
Arrhythmia	Atrial fibrillation or flutter, sick sinus syndrome, or ventricular arrhythmias	1
Cardiac‡	Coronary artery disease,§ congestive heart failure, myocardial infarction, or EF ≤ 50%	1
Inflammatory bowel disease	Crohn disease or ulcerative colitis	1
Diabetes	Requiring treatment with insulin or oral hypoglycemics but not diet alone	1
Cerebrovascular disease	Transient ischemic attack or cerebrovascular accident	1
Psychiatric disturbance†	Depression or anxiety requiring psychiatric consult or treatment	1
Hepatic, mild‡	Chronic hepatitis, bilirubin > ULN to 1.5 × ULN, or AST/ALT > ULN to 2.5 × ULN	1
Obesity†	Patients with a body mass index > 35 kg/m ²	1
Infection†	Requiring continuation of antimicrobial treatment after day 0	1
Rheumatologic	SLE, RA, polymyositis, mixed CTD, or polymyalgia rheumatica	2
Peptic ulcer	Requiring treatment	2
Moderate/severe renal‡	Serum creatinine > 2 mg/dL, on dialysis, or prior renal transplantation	2
Moderate pulmonary‡	DLco and/or FEV ₁ 66%-80% or dyspnea on slight activity	2
Prior solid tumor‡	Treated at any time point in the patient's past history, excluding nonmelanoma skin cancer	3
Heart valve disease	Except mitral valve prolapse	3
Severe pulmonary‡	DLco and/or FEV ₁ ≤ 65% or dyspnea at rest or requiring oxygen	3
Moderate/severe hepatic‡	Liver cirrhosis, bilirubin > 1.5 × ULN, or AST/ALT > 2.5 × ULN	3

<http://www.hctci.org/Home/Calculator>
Sorrer, Blood 2013



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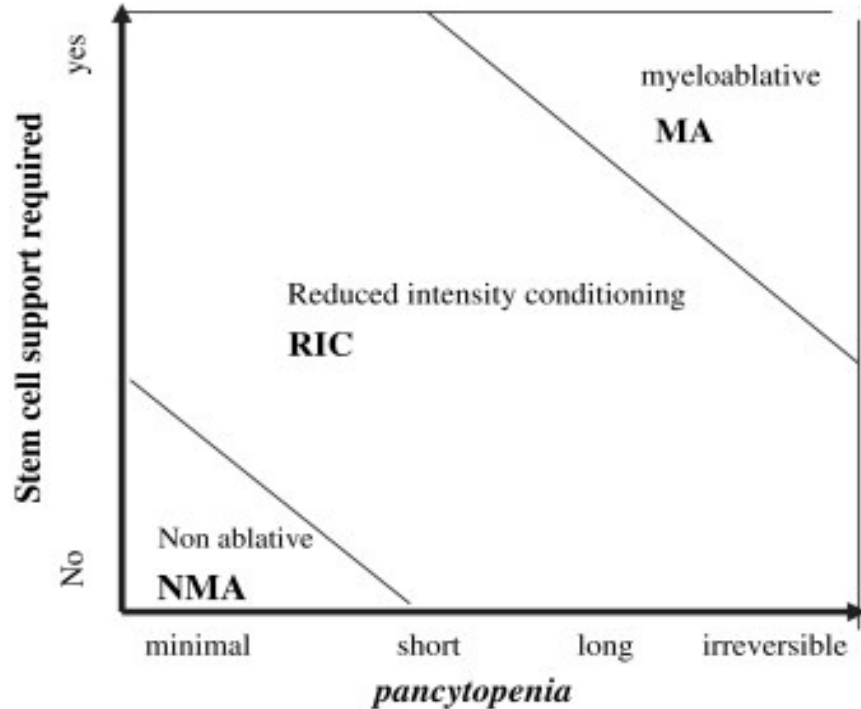
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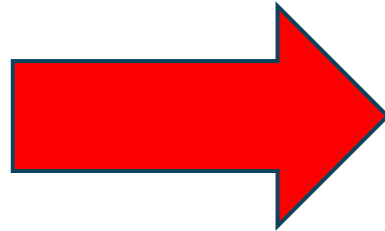
3) Reduced intensity (RIC) and reduced toxicity regimen (RTC) have been utilized in patients ineligible for standard myeloablative HSCT

Defining the Intensity of Conditioning Regimens: a predictive numeric score

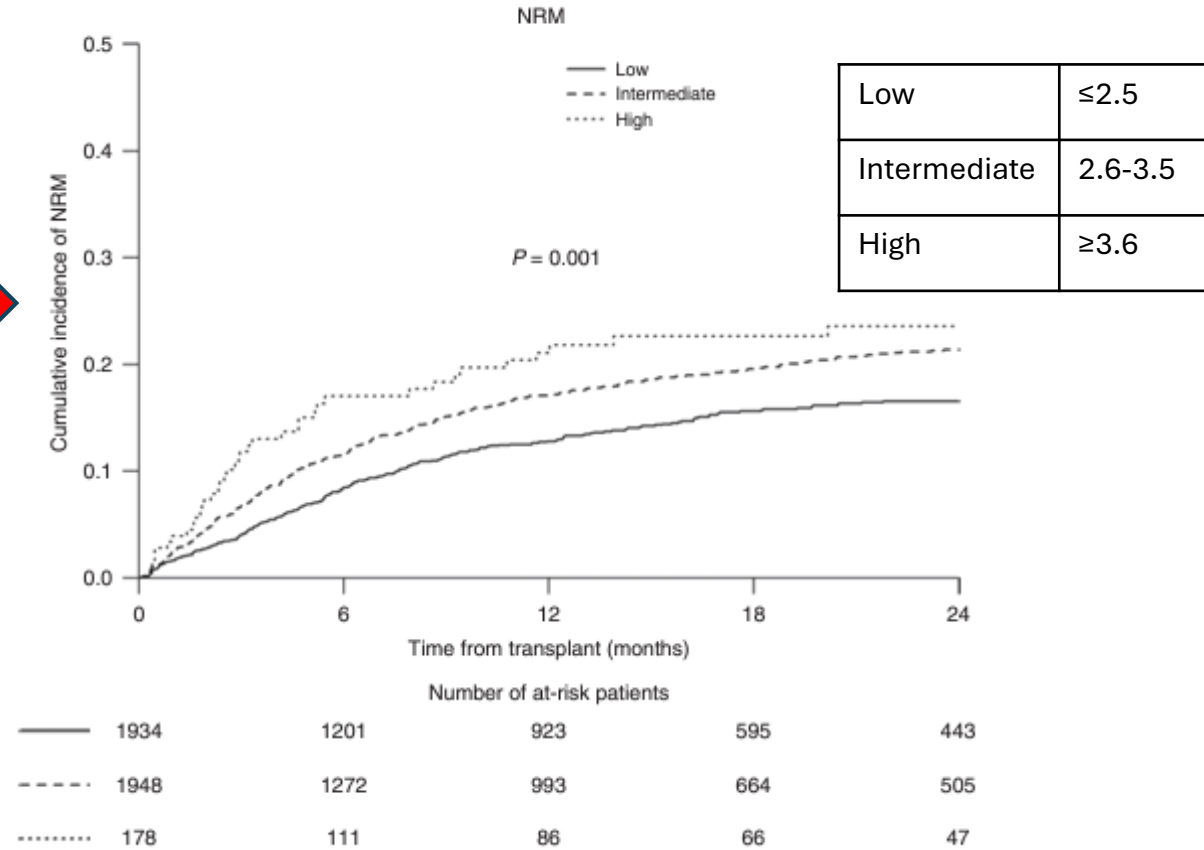
MAC RIC NMA



Bacigalupo et al. BMT 2009

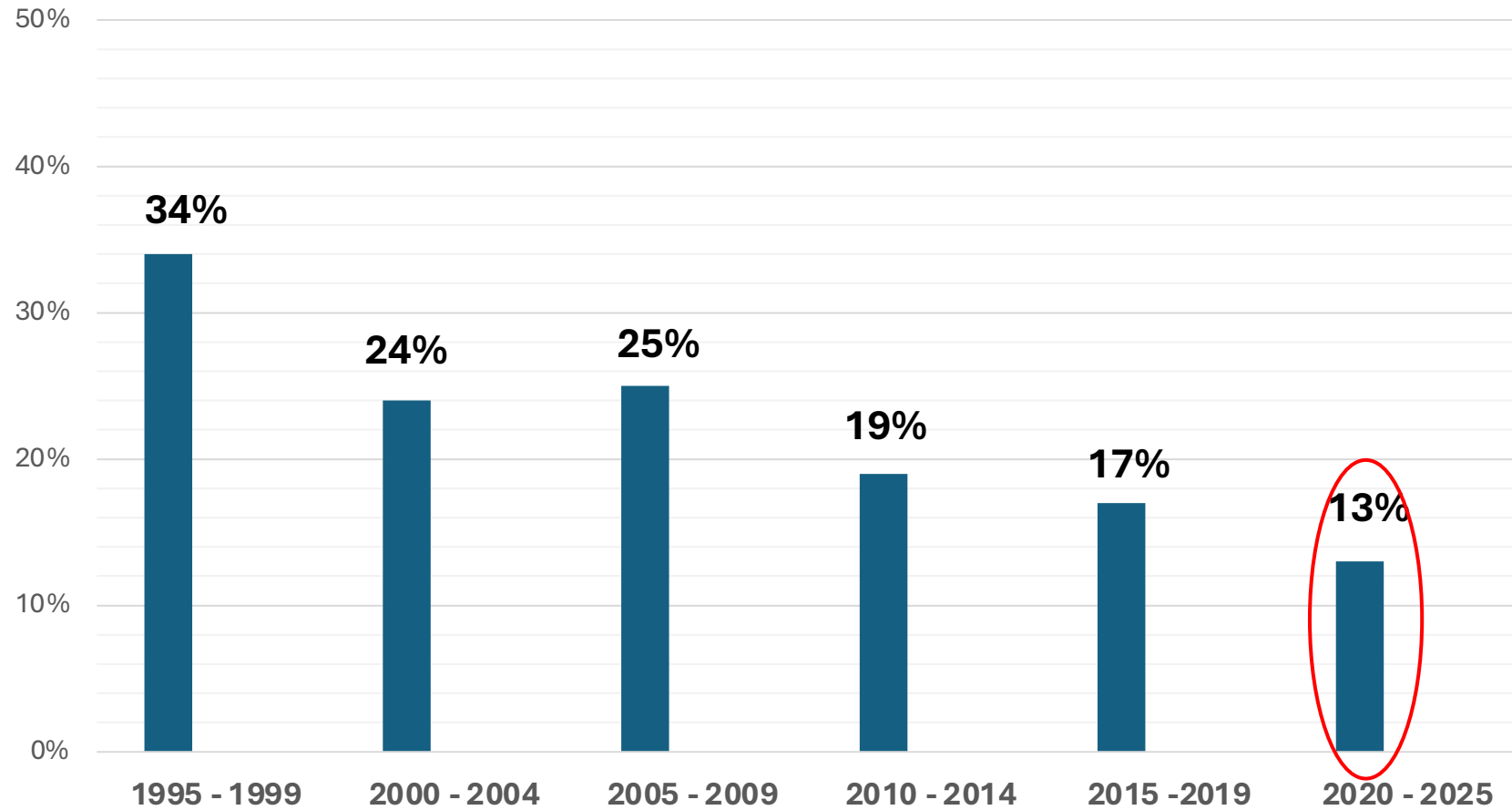


Transplant Conditioning Intensity: low, intermediate, high

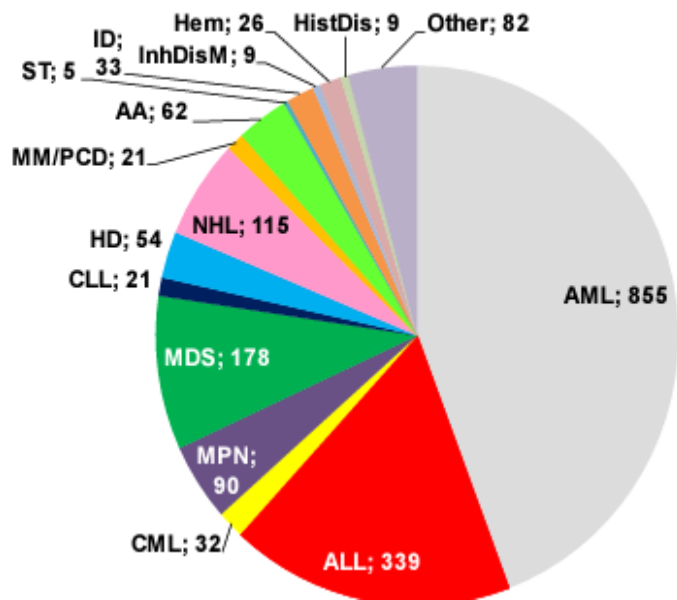


Spyridonitis et al. BMT 2020; 55: 1114-1125

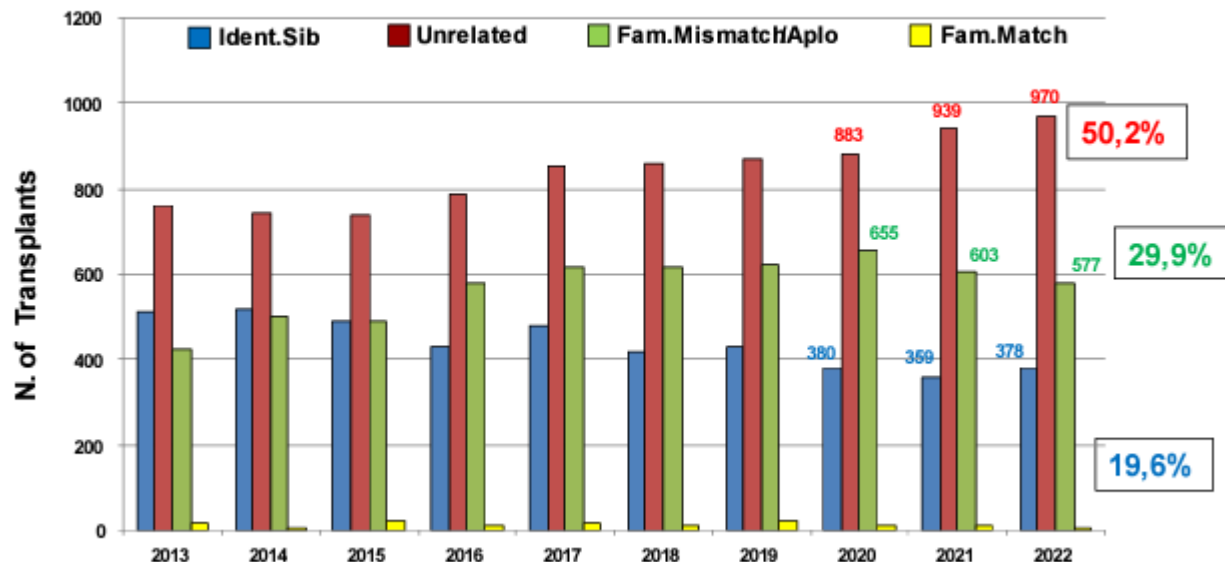
Non relapse mortality



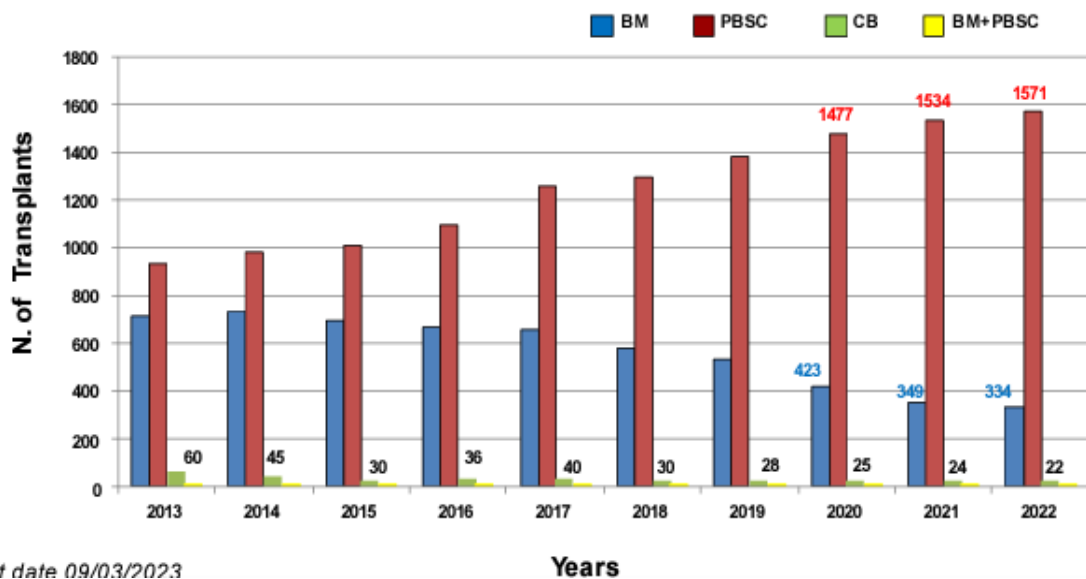
Allogeneic Transplants - Indications 2023



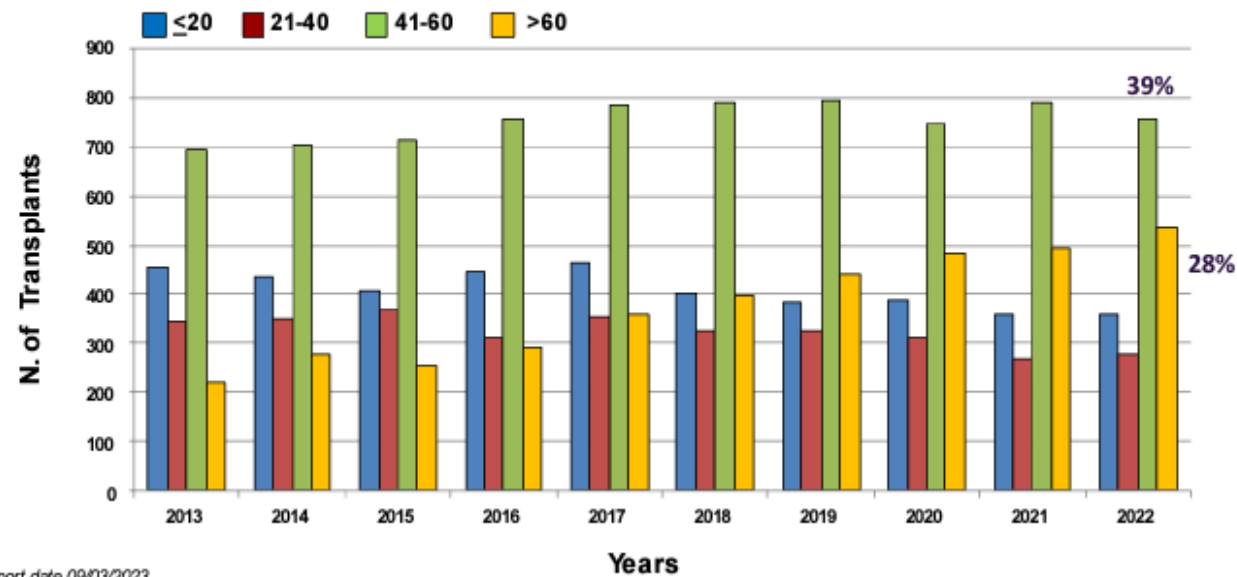
Allogeneic Transplants – Donor type



Allogeneic Transplants – Source of HSC



Allogeneic Transplants – Patient age at transplantation



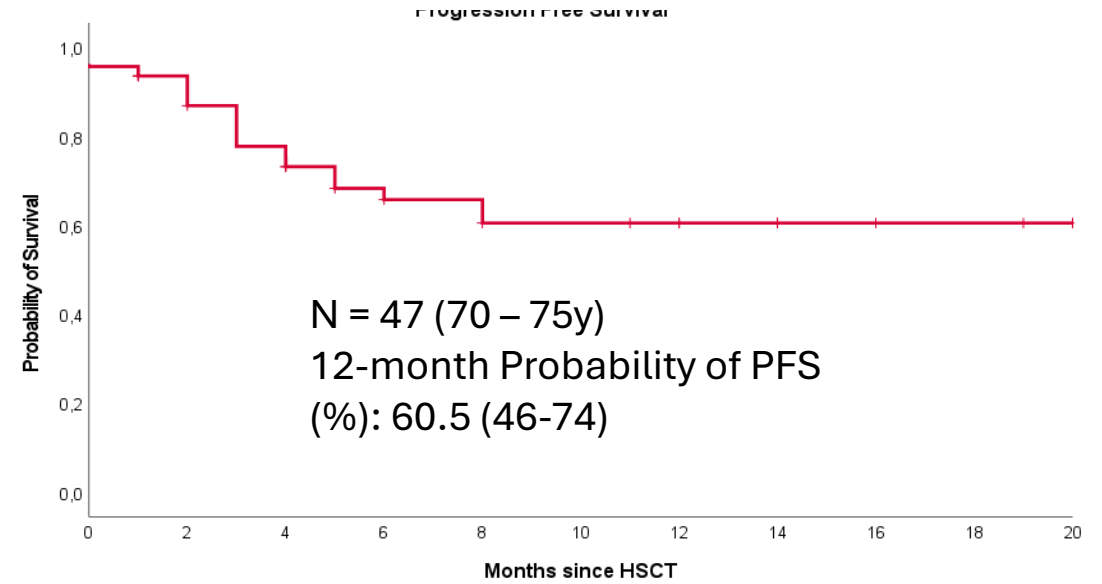
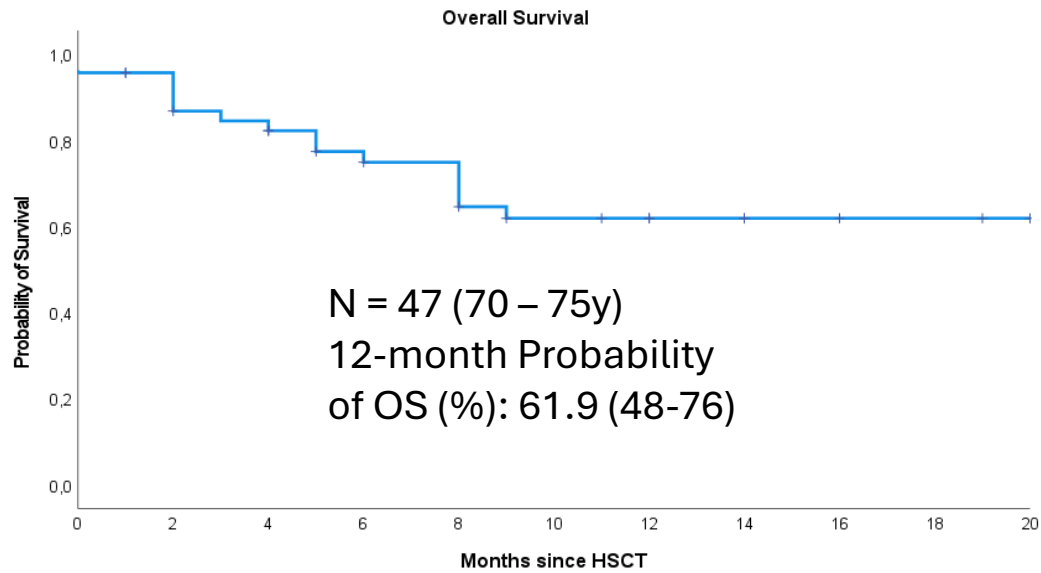
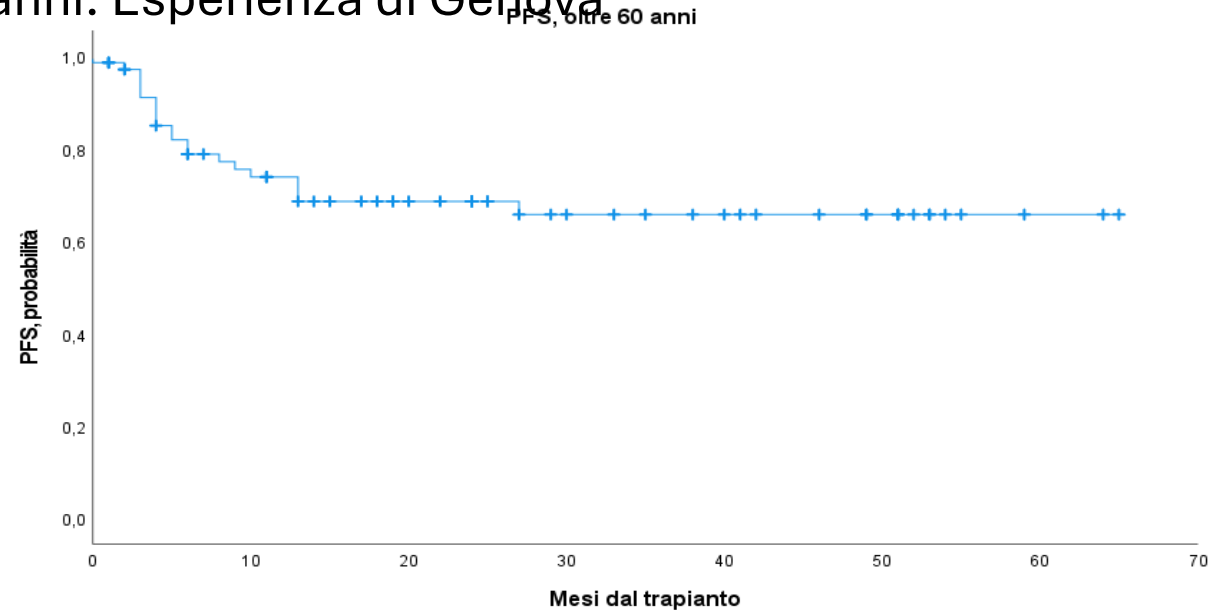
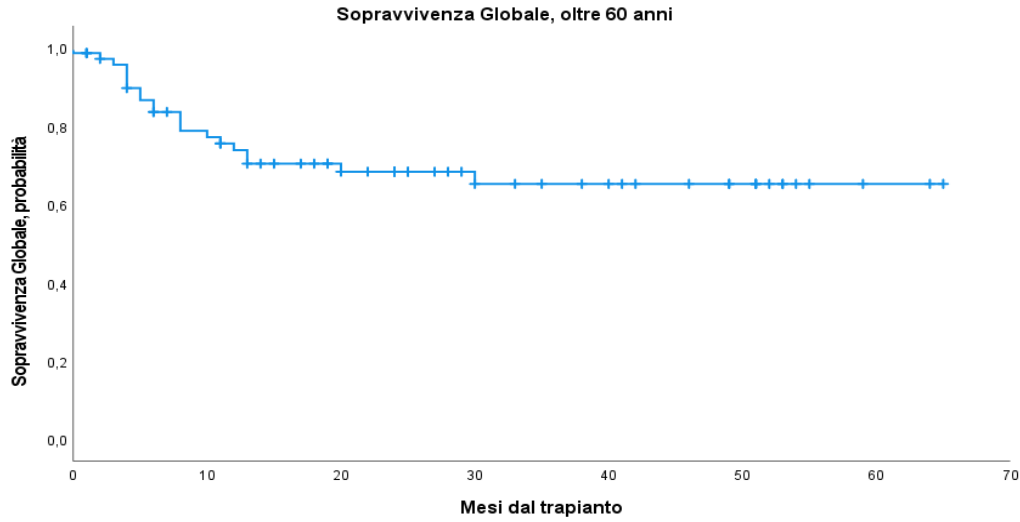
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Trapianto in Leucemia Mieloide acuta > 60 e > 70 anni. Esperienza di Genova



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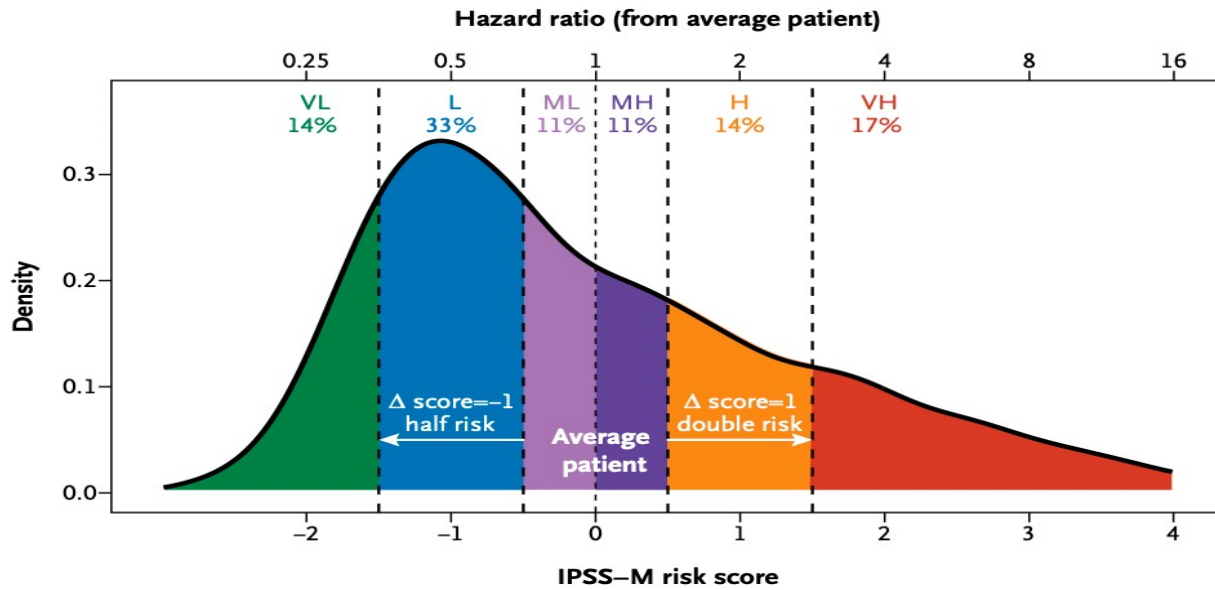


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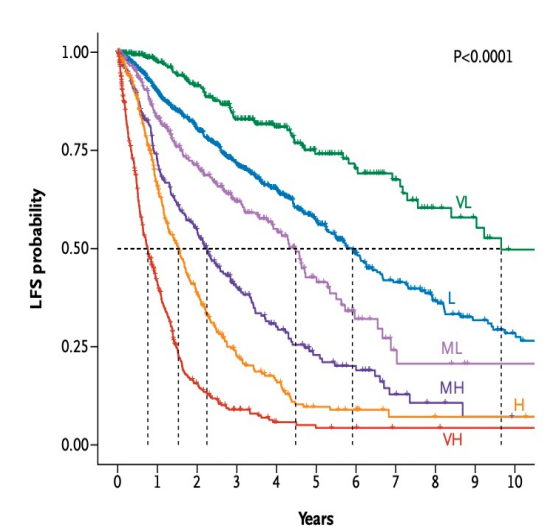
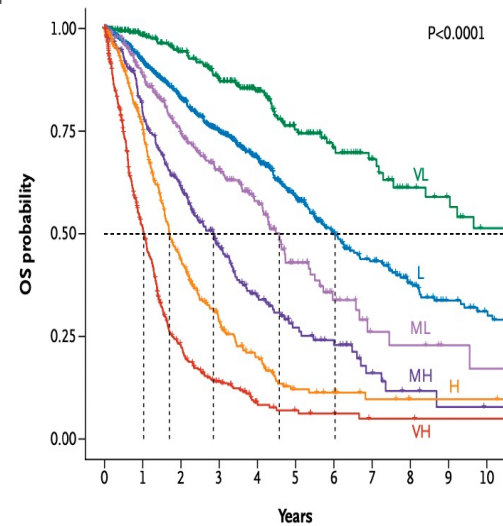
IPSS-Molecular



IPSS-M Categories:

- Very Low
- Low
- Moderate Low
- Moderate High
- High
- Very High

- Restratification of pts from IPSS-R to IPSS-M: 46% of pts change risk group
- 50% of int-risk shift to high risk



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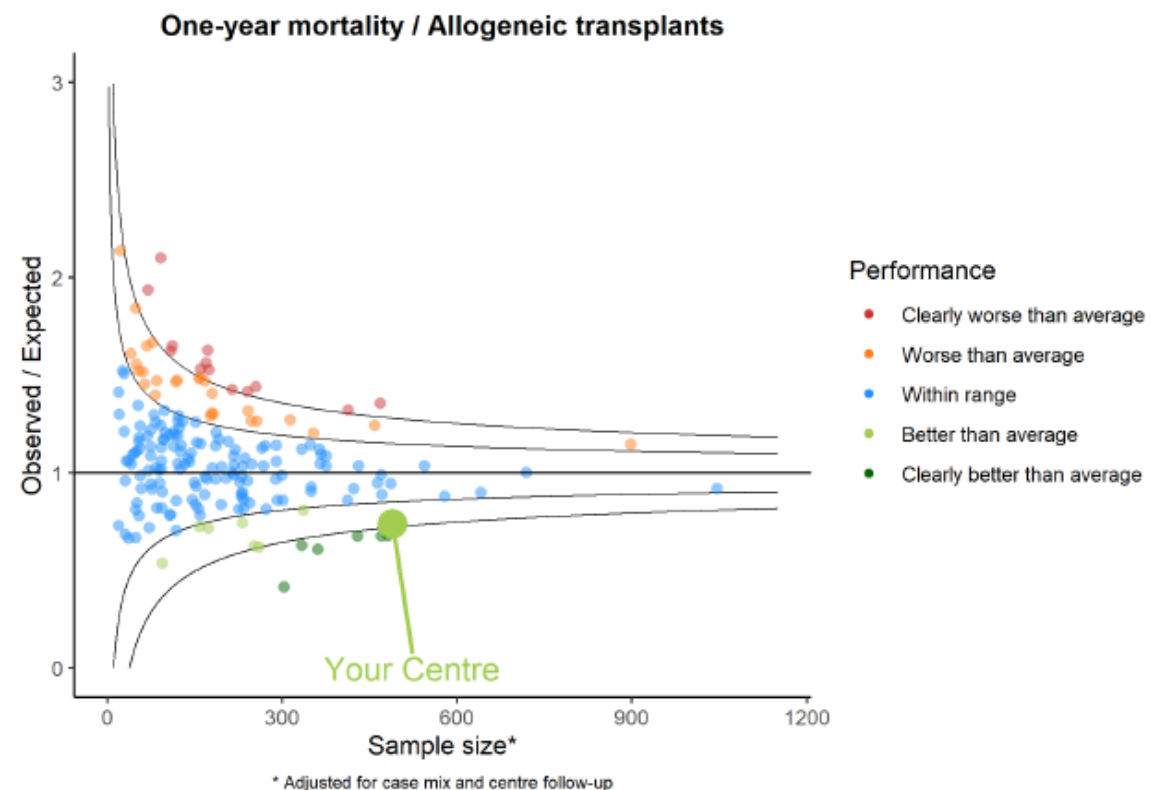
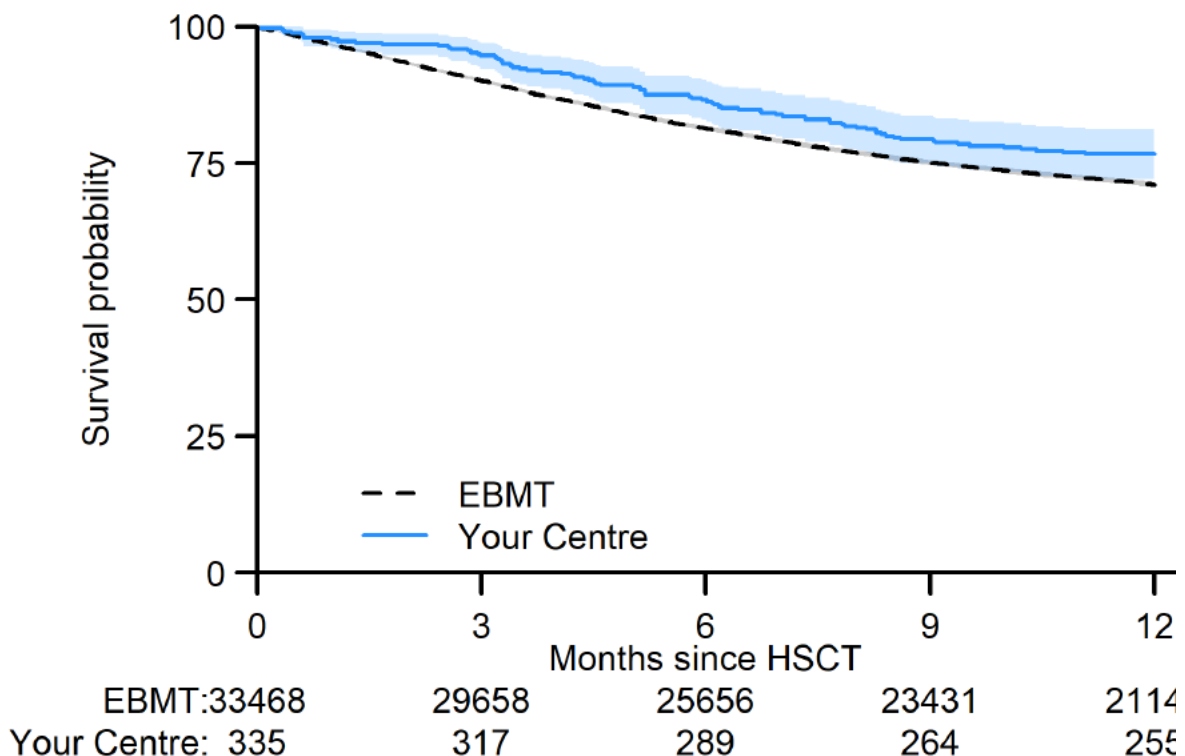


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EBMT-JACIE Benchmarking project.

Allogeneic transplantation (288 centers, 49612 patients)

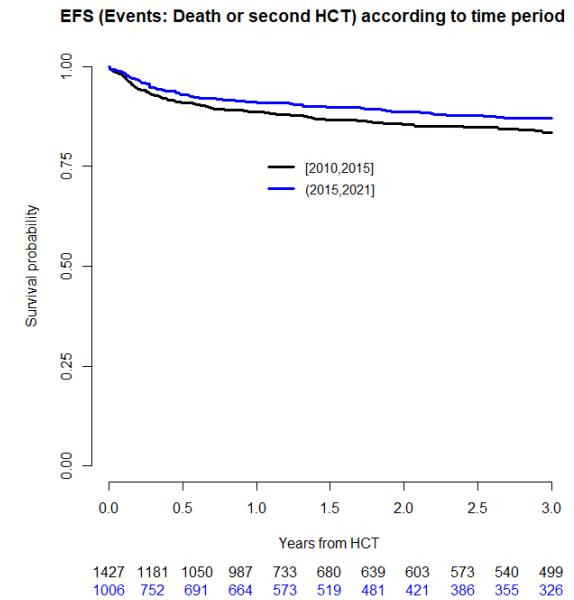
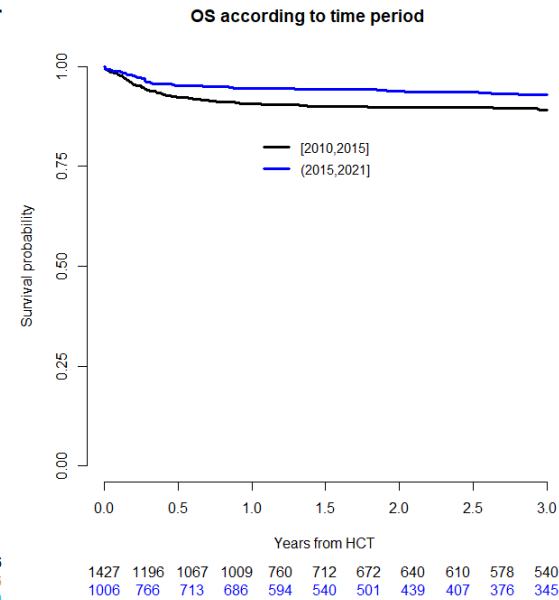
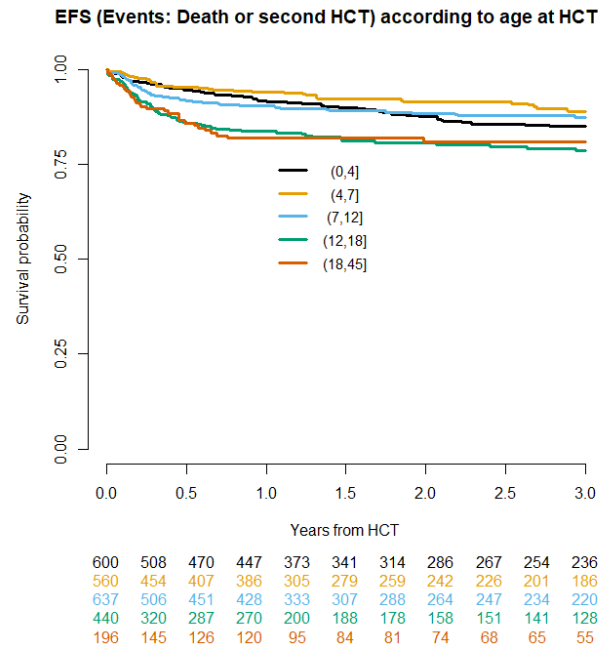
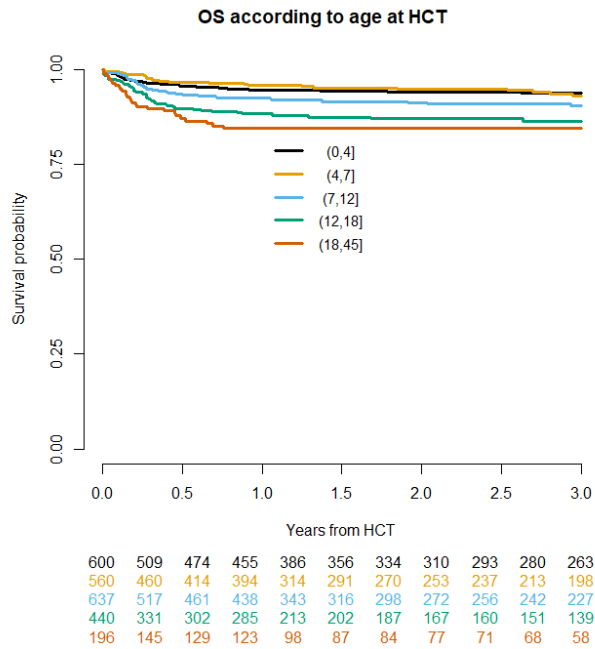


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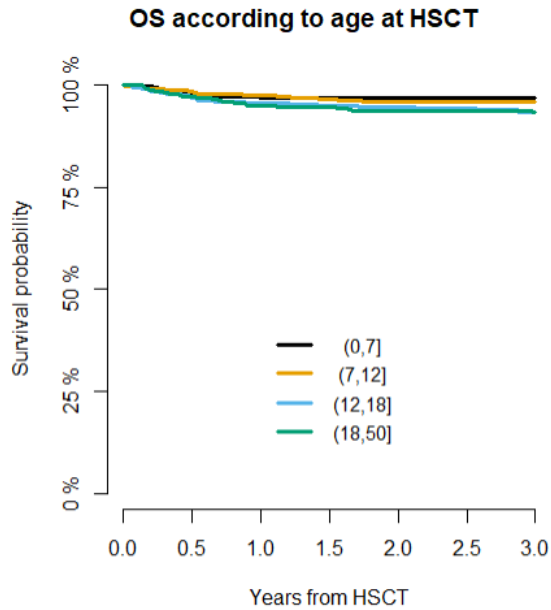
EBMT Hemoglobinopathies WP

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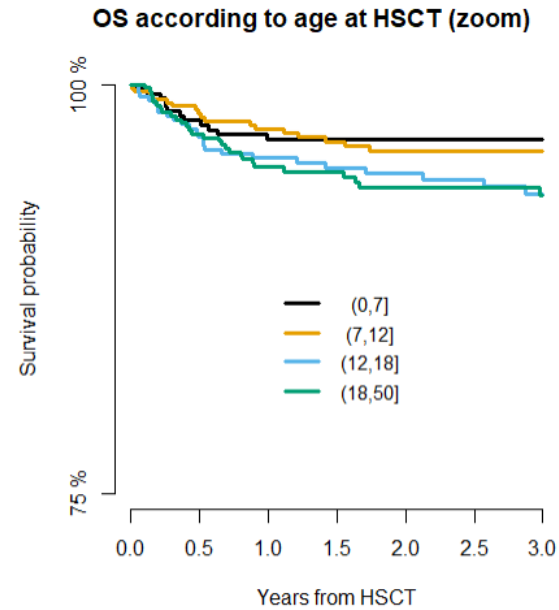


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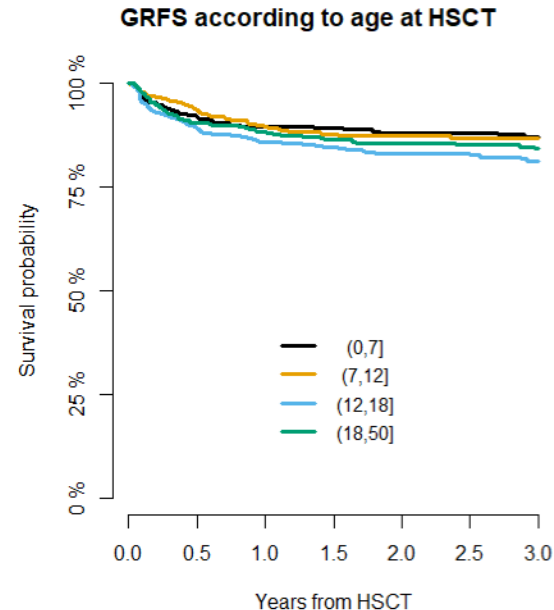
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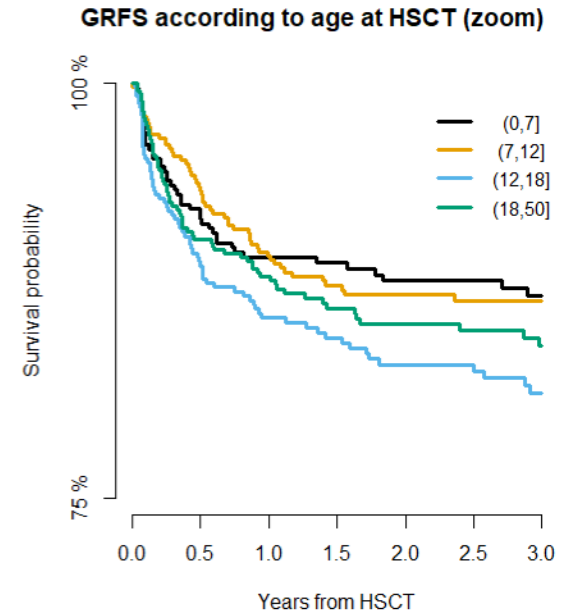
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age	OS	
	HR (95% CI)	p value
(0,4]	1	
(7,12]	1.27 (0.61-2.67)	0.52
(12,18]	2.01 (1.01-3.99)	0.047
(18,45]	2.47 (1.23-4.94)	0.01



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age	GRFS	
	HR (95% CI)	p value
(0,4]	1	
(7,12]	0.6 (0.29-1.23)	0.16
(12,18]	0.72 (0.36-1.44)	0.35
(18,45]	1.17 (0.62-2.2)	0.63

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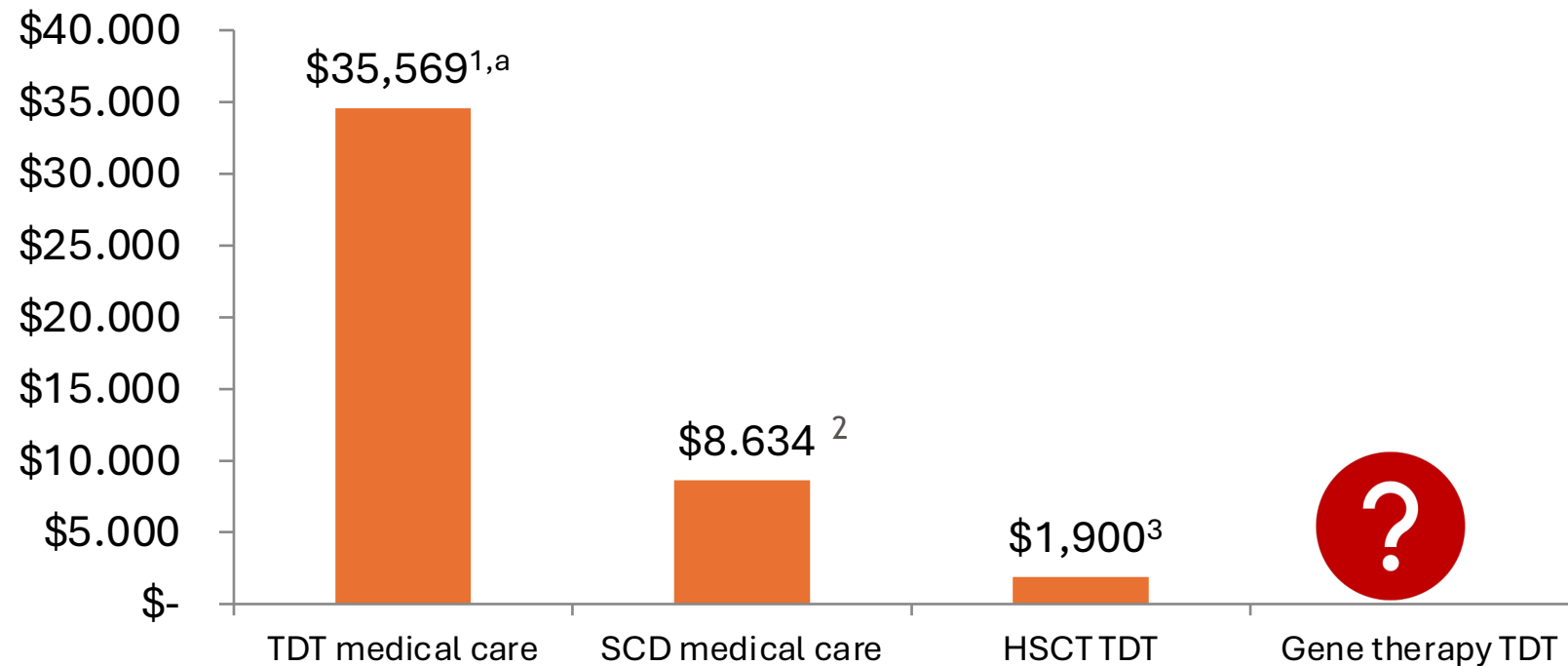


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Cost-effectiveness of HSCT vs. medical care in thalassemia and SCD USD per expected life year

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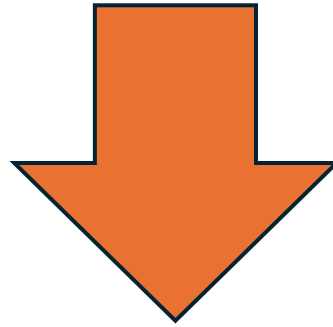


The wholesale acquisition cost of a single dose of gene therapy ranges from **\$2.2 million to \$2.8 million**⁴

^a USD calculated based on EUR values provided in source and may vary slightly. HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation; SCD, sickle cell disease; TDT, transfusion-dependent thalassemia. 1. Angelucci E, et al. Blood. 2017;130(Suppl.1):3368; 2. Kauf TL, et al. Am J Hematol. 2009;84:323-327; 3. Speaker's own expert opinion.

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