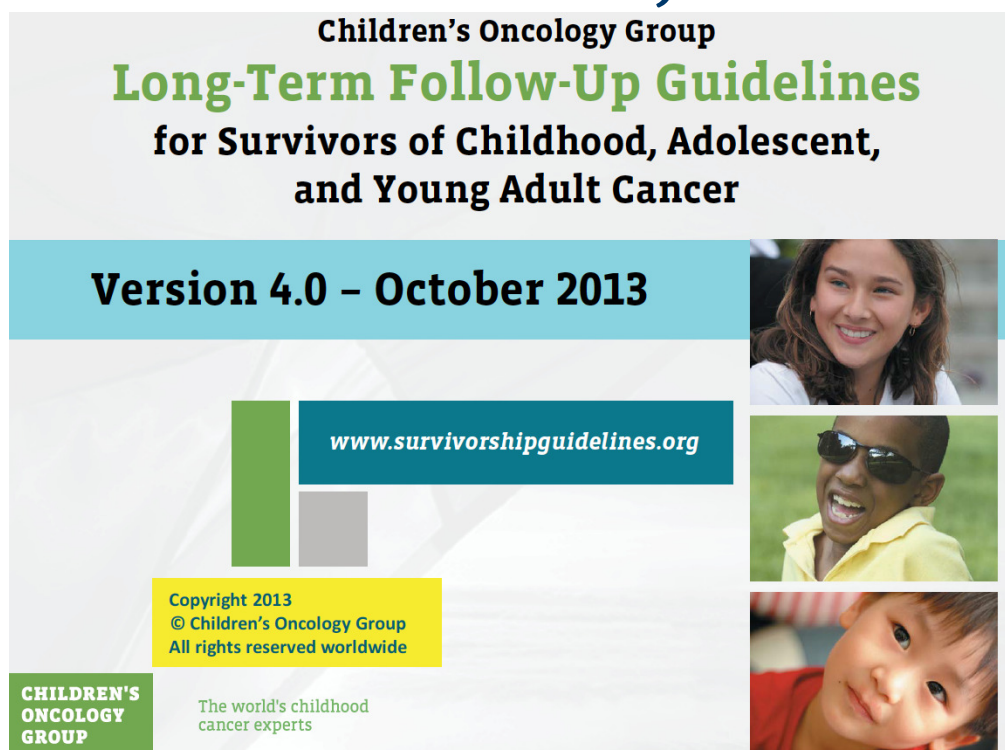


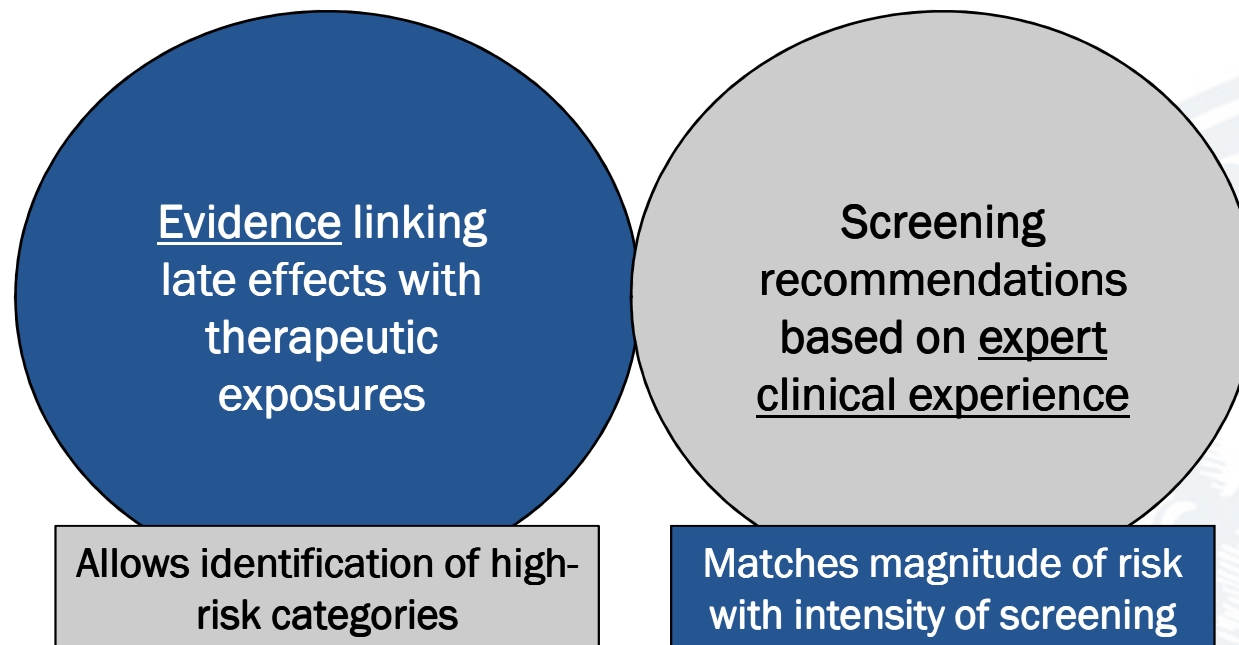
# Children's Oncology Group Long-Term Follow-Up Guidelines for Survivors of Childhood, Adolescent, and Young Adult Cancers

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# Evidence-Based Guidelines for Childhood Cancer Survivors: A Hybrid Model



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## “Categories of Consensus”

- **Category 1** – Uniform consensus of the panel that: (1) there is high-level evidence linking the late effect with the therapeutic exposure and (2) the screening recommendation is appropriate based on the collective clinical experience of panel members
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- Organized around risk-based exposure and appropriate follow-up care
- Exposure specific sections can be found, with corresponding agents listed



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- “Info Links” are interspersed to clarify components of individual sections
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Lastly, the level of evidence is scored according to the National Comprehensive Cancer Network “Categories of Consensus”



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## Pertinent Upcoming CV Revisions

- Cardiomyopathy surveillance for at risk survivors
- Doxorubicin equivalent anthracycline doses
- Pregnancy related cardiomyopathy surveillance
- Approach to exercise in at risk survivors (discussed separately)



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# Cardiomyopathy Surveillance in at Risk Survivors

RECOMMENDED FREQUENCY OF ECHOCARDIOGRAM (or comparable cardiac imaging)			
Age at Treatment*	Radiation with Potential Impact to the Heart <sup>§</sup>	Anthracycline Dose <sup>†</sup>	Recommended Frequency
<1 year old	Yes	Any	Every year
	No	< 200 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Every 2 years
		≥ 200 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Every year
1-4 years old	Yes	Any	Every year
	No	<100 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Every 5 years
		≥100 to <300 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Every 2 years
		≥300 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Every year
≥5 years old	Yes	<300 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Every 2 years
		≥300 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Every year
	No	<200 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Every 5 years
		≥200 to <300 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Every 2 years
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Any age with decrease in serial function			Every year
*Age at time of first cardiotoxic therapy (anthracycline or radiation [see Section 80], whichever was given first)			
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†Based on doxorubicin isotoxic equivalent dose [see conversion factors on previous page, "Info Link (Dose Conversion)"]			

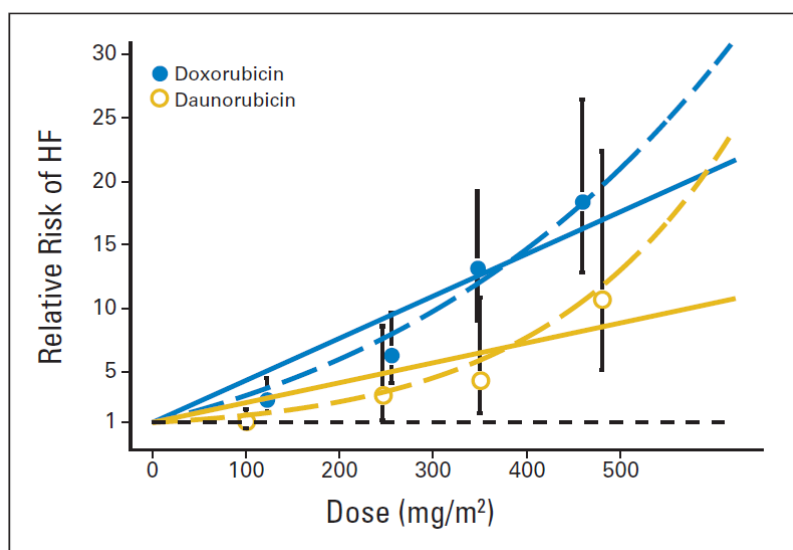


	Anthracycline dose	Chest radiation dose	Anthracycline + chest radiation
High	≥250 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	≥35 Gy	≥100 mg/m <sup>2</sup> (anthracycline) + ≥15 Gy (radiation)
Moderate	100 to <250 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	≥15 to <35 Gy	..
Low	<100 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	..	..

**Table 3: Definitions of cardiomyopathy risk groups**

Armenian et al, *Lancet Oncol* 2015; Blanco et al, *J Clin Oncol* 2012; Chow et al, *J Clin Oncol* 2015; Haddy, *Circ* 2016; Mulrooney, *Br Med J* 2009; Mulrooney, *Ann Intern Med* 2016; Ramjaun et al, *Pediatr Blood Cancer* 2015; Wong et al, *Ann Intern Med* 2014; Yeh et al, *Ann Intern Med* 2014

# Doxorubicin Equivalent Anthracycline Doses



Feijen et al, *J Clin Oncol* 2015

Model and Dose Category	Daunorubicin-to-Doxorubicin Ratio			
	Ratio	95% CI	Mean	95% CI
Primary model*			0.45	0.23 to 0.73
None	—			
≤ 0.1 to < 200 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	0.39	0.04 to 0.78		
≤ 200 to < 300 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	0.50	0.00 to 1.12		
≤ 300 to < 400 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	0.33	0.03 to 0.62		
≤ 400 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	0.58	0.09 to 1.12		
Secondary model†			0.41	0.29 to 1.28‡
None	—			
≤ 0.1 to < 150 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	0.34	0.14 to 2.60‡		
≤ 150 to < 300 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	0.30	0.21 to 1.37‡		
≤ 300 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	0.58	0.25 to 1.08‡		



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# Pregnancy Related Cardiomyopathy Surveillance

- Women with no prior history of cardiac dysfunction and normal cardiac function at the outset of pregnancy are at low risk to develop pregnancy-induced cardiomyopathy
  - Hines et al, J Cancer Surviv 2016; van Dalen et al, Eur J Cancer 2006



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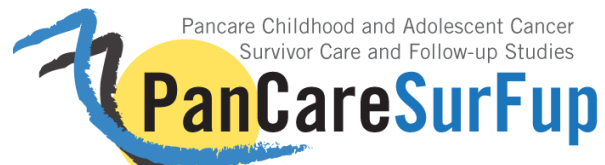


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- Echocardiogram at pre- or early-pregnancy baseline for patients who received: 1)  $\geq 250$  mg/m<sup>2</sup> anthracyclines, 2)  $\geq 35$  Gy chest radiation, or 3) any dose of anthracycline plus any dose of chest radiation who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant
- If no prior abnormalities and normal pre-/early-pregnancy echo, follow-up echocardiograms may be obtained at the treating provider's discretion
- Those with abnormalities prior to pregnancy or on pre-/early-pregnancy baseline echo are at highest risk for pregnancy-associated cardiomyopathy and should be monitored periodically during pregnancy and during labor and delivery due to risk of cardiac failure



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