

THE IMPACT OF BONE METASTASES IN DRIVING MORTALITY

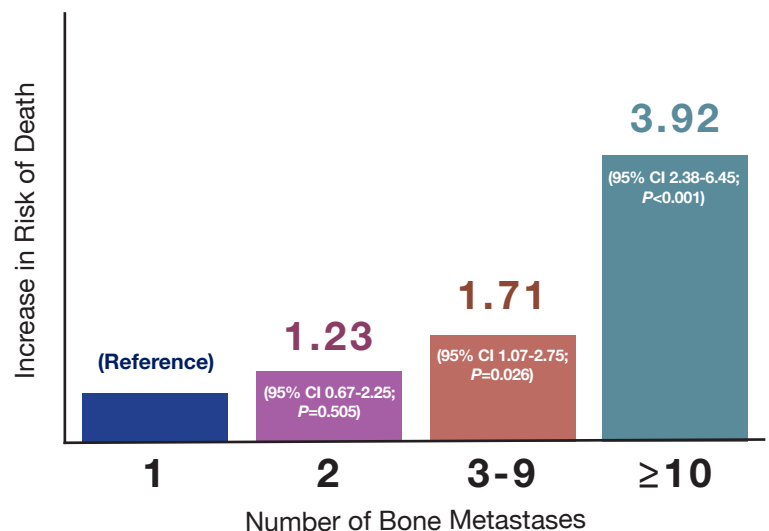
in Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer

AS THE NUMBER OF BONE METASTASES INCREASES, SURVIVAL DECREASES¹

Bone metastases are both highly prevalent and highly prognostic in metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC).^{1,2} More than 90% of men with mCRPC will develop bone metastases,² and survival in those patients decreases as the number of bone metastases increases.¹

The inverse relationship between number of bone metastases and survival was documented in a retrospective study of 205 men with mCRPC.¹ Univariate analysis found that men with 10 or more bone metastases had an almost 4-fold increase in risk of death compared with men with one bone metastasis (hazard ratio [HR] for death: 3.92; 95% confidence interval [CI] 2.38-6.45; $P < 0.001$).

In mCRPC, More Bone Metastases Mean a Greater Risk of Death¹



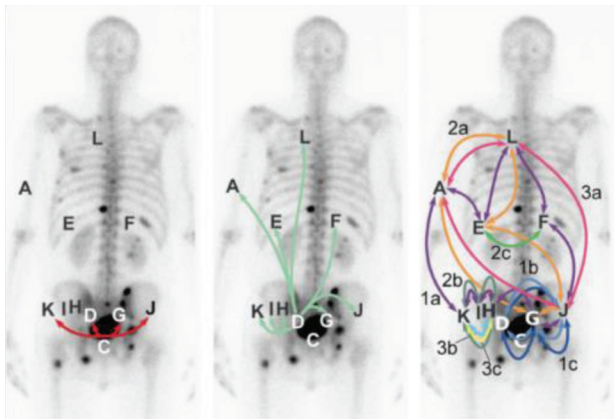
**Bone metastases significantly impact
mortality in mCRPC.¹**

In Advanced Prostate Cancer, BONE METASTASES SPAWN MORE METASTASES³

Metastases may spread between distant sites, rather than in separate waves from the primary tumor, in advanced prostate cancer.³

That insight into the dissemination of metastases comes from a study in which researchers performed whole genome sequencing on 51 tumors from 10 men with metastatic prostate cancer.³ The authors observed, “A picture emerges of a diaspora [or migration] of tumor cells, sharing a common heritage, spreading from one site to another, while retaining the genetic imprint of their ancestors.”³

Metastasis-to-Metastasis Seeding in Advanced Prostate Cancer³



A - L humerus BM
D - Sem. vesicle
C - Prostate
E - L adrenal

F - R adrenal
G - Bladder
H - Pelvic LN
I - L pelvic LN

J - R pelvic LN
K - L pelvic LN
L - L media. LN

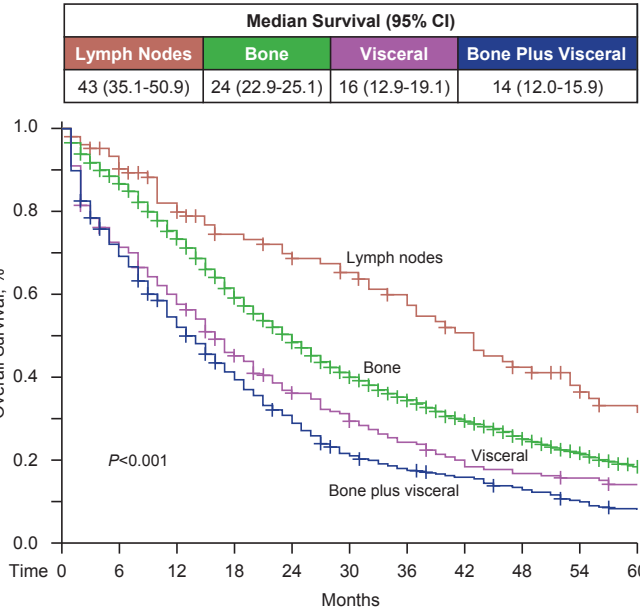
In this body map of a man with metastatic prostate cancer in the genomic sequencing study, arrows show how metastases seed other metastases.³

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Bone has long been recognized as a preferential site for the development of metastases in prostate cancer.⁴ These findings show that it is also an important “point of departure” to visceral tissues.³

The spread of metastases from bone to visceral tissue is significant because a study involving 3857 patients with metastatic prostate cancer found that those with bone plus visceral metastases had shorter median overall survival than those with lymph node-only, bone-only, or visceral-only metastases.²

Survival Declines With Progression From Bone-Only to Bone-Plus-Visceral Metastases²



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Unaddressed, bone metastases may migrate to multiple sites, negatively impacting survival.³

In Advanced Prostate Cancer, BONE METASTASES DRIVE MORTALITY⁵

Examining How Bone Metastases Drive Mortality in mCRPC⁵

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“Cross-talk” between malignant cells and the bone microenvironment leads to release of cytokines⁶

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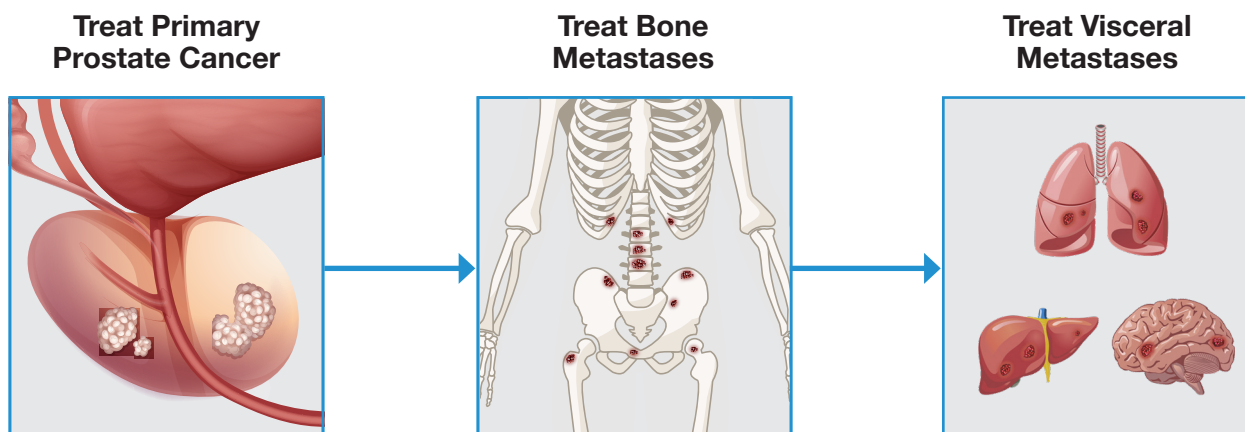
Proinflammatory cytokines play a central role in the pathogenesis of cachexia⁷

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Cachexia increases the risk of death through multiple pathophysiologic processes⁸⁻¹⁰

Bone metastases drive mortality in mCRPC through processes set in motion by “cross-talk” between malignant cells and the bone microenvironment.⁵⁻¹⁰

When Prostate Cancer Spreads to the Bone, **RECONSIDER YOUR TREATMENT APPROACH TO FOCUS ON BONE METASTASES**



- As the number of bone metastases increases, survival declines¹
- In prostate cancer, metastases may spread between distant sites—not as separate waves from the primary tumor—with bone serving as a preferential site for development of metastases and as an important “point of departure” to visceral tissues^{3,4}
- Survival decreases with progression from bone-only to bone-plus-visceral metastases²
- Bone metastases drive mortality in mCRPC through processes set in motion by “cross-talk” between malignant cells and the bone microenvironment⁵⁻¹⁰

When cancer spreads to the bone—as it does in 90% of men with mCRPC²—reconsider your treatment approach to focus on bone metastases.

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