

Treatment of breast cancer diagnosed during pregnancy (BCP)



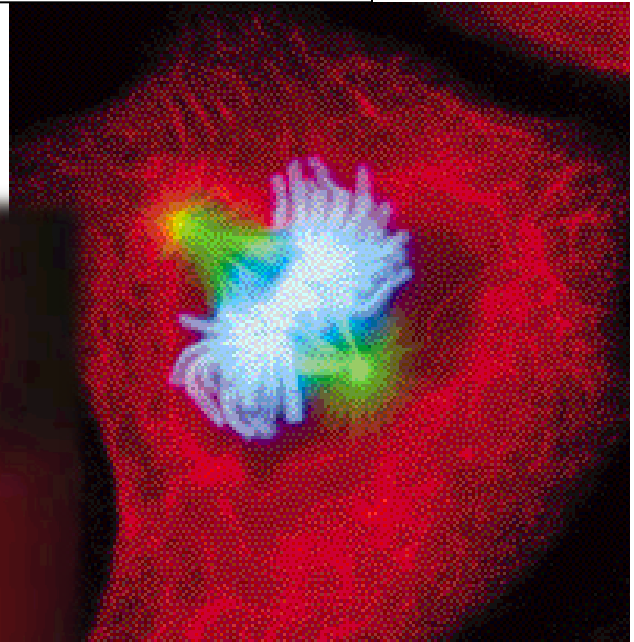
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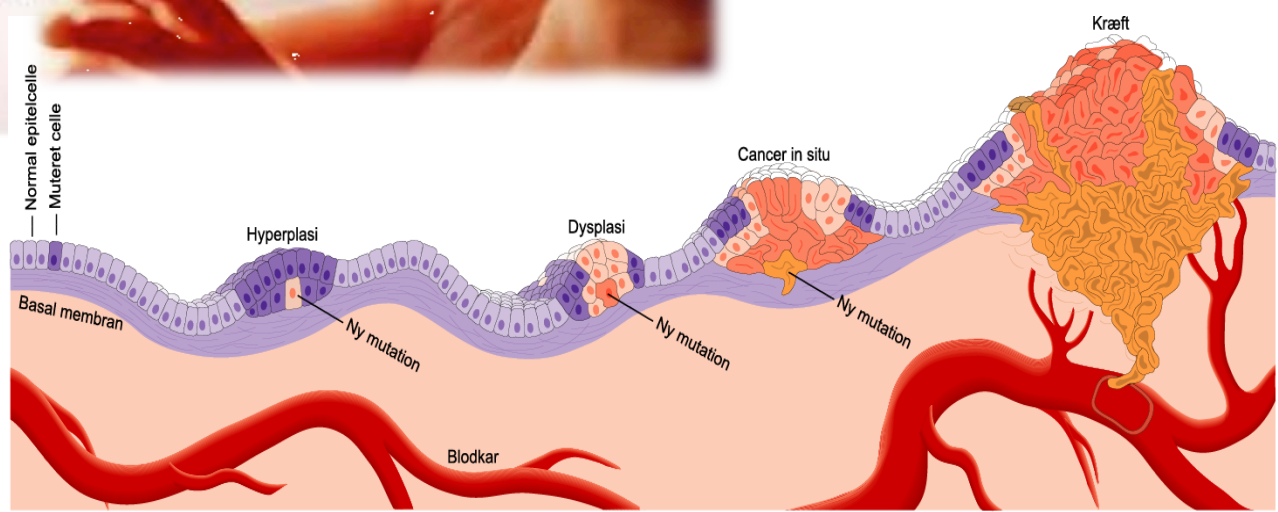
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DBCG



INCIP 

ESGO International Network on Cancer, Infertility and Pregnancy



Incidence of cancer during pregnancy

- **Cancer during pregnancy 1 : 2000**
- **About 40% is ass. with breast-cancer**
- **BC in Age 25-29 , 20% are ass.to pregn.**
- **19% diagn. in 1.trim.**
- **10-15 pat./year in DK.**
- **2-5 pat./ year in Vejle.**
- **31 pat.2002-2016.(DB)**
- **5 patients 2015.**
- **Currently 3 in treatment**



What to do with breast cancer during pregnancy?

Past:

Termination of pregnancy or preterm delivery
→ oncologic treatment afterwards

NICU admission
Respiratory distress
Metabolic: hypoglycemia
Hyperbilirubinaemia
Feeding problems, GI complications
Apnea
Susceptibility to infections
Neuropsychological outcome



What to do with breast cancer during pregnancy?

Present:

Treatment during pregnancy as similar as possible to that for nonpregnant women with breastcancer

Avoid preterm birth

A baby's brain at 35 weeks weighs only two-thirds of what it will weigh at 39 to 40 weeks.



35 weeks



39 to 40 weeks



Maternal prognosis

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ORIGINAL REPORT

Prognosis of Women With Primary Breast Cancer Diagnosed During Pregnancy: Results From an International Collaborative Study

Frédéric Amant, Gunter von Minckwitz, Sileny N. Han, Marijke Bontenbal, Alistair E. Ring, Jerzy Giermek, Hans Wildiers, Tanja Fehm, Sabine C. Linn, Bettina Schlehe, Patrick Neven, Pieter J. Westenend, Volkmar Müller, Kristel Van Calsteren, Brigitte Rack, Valentina Nekljudova, Nadia Harbeck, Michael Untch, Petronella O. Witteveen, Kathrin Schwedler, Christoph Thomssen, Ben Van Calster, and Sibylle Loibl

Multicentric European cohort study

Period 2000-2011

Median follow-up 61 months

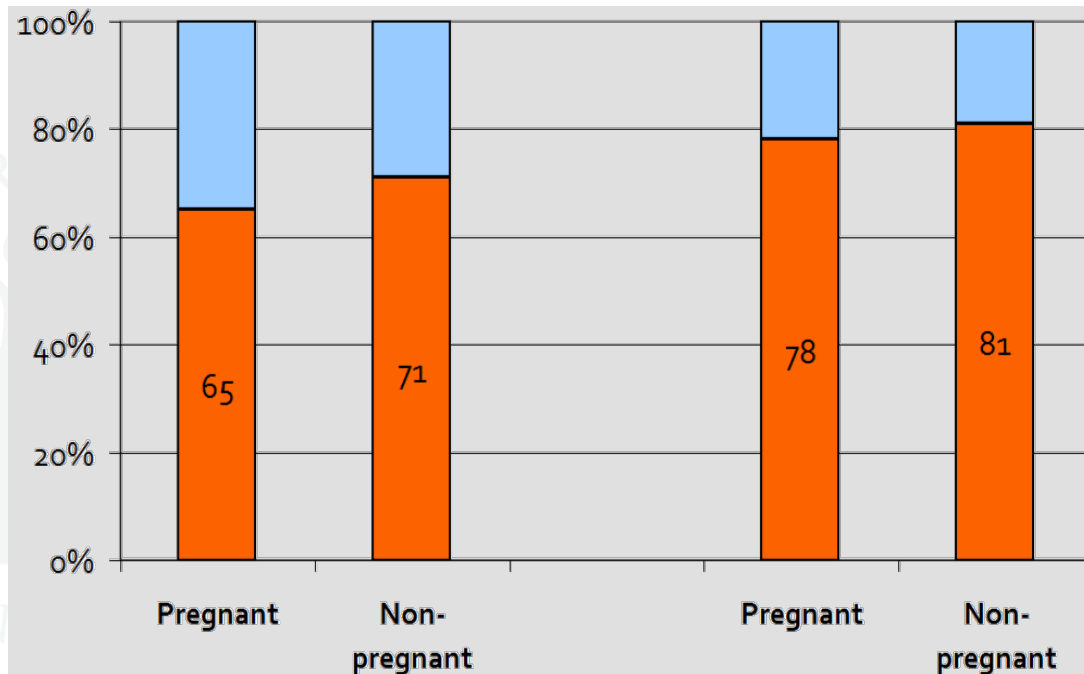
311 pregnant patients vs 865 controles (1:3)

Cox proportional hazards regression

Effect of pregnancy

Outcome, analysis	Coefficient	SE	HR (95% CI)	P
<u>DFS</u>				
Main analysis: IPW on age	0.289	0.197	1.34 (0.93 – 1.91)	0.14
<u>OS</u>				
Main analysis: IPW on age	0.173	0.261	1.19 (0.73 – 1.93)	0.51

DFS



OS

Adjusting for age, stage, grade, hormone receptor status, HER2 status, histology, type of treatment



Comparison with outcome in literature

Table 4. Outcome Rates of Breast Cancer During Pregnancy As Reported in Literature Since 1985*

Study	Year	Total Patients					Follow-Up Period	DFS (%)		OS (%)		Authors' Conclusion	
		Pregnant		Postpartum		Nonpregnant		Pregnant	Nonpregnant	Pregnant	Nonpregnant		
		No.	%	No.	%								
Nugent and O'Connell ¹⁷	1985	19				155			57	66	No difference in OS		
Greene ¹⁸	1988	8				36			87.5	81.7	No difference in OS		
Trotti et al ¹³	1988	20	57	15	43	40			15	60	Worse survival for BCP		
Guinee et al ¹²	1994	26				139			40	74	Worse survival for BCP		
Ezzat et al ¹⁹	1996	28				84		37	33	57	61	No difference in DFS or OS	
Ibrahim et al ²⁰	2000	72				216				67	58	No difference in DFS or OS	
Bladström et al ¹¹	2003	94				7,779				43.9	68.6	Worse DFS and OS for BCP	
Middleton et al ²⁵	2003	39						43 months	56	80	—		
Ring et al ²⁶	2005	28						40.5 months	63	67	—		
Hahn et al ²⁷	2006	57						38.5 months	70.2	77	—		
Mathelin et al ¹⁵	2008	18	45	22	55	61				72	97	Worse DFS and OS for BCP	
Stensholm et al ²²	2008	59	56	46	44	13,106				56	68	No difference in OS	
Boadle et al ²¹	2009	51	49	53	51	668				62.6	64.4	No difference in OS	
Haleska et al ²³	2009	16	50	16	50	32			81.3	62.5	87.5	71.6	No difference in DFS or OS
Cardonick et al ²⁸	2010	130										Stage I, 100; stage II, 86; stage III, 86; stage IV, 0	Survival for stages I to III seems similar to nonpregnant survival rates according to American Cancer Society Surveillance Research
Johansson et al ¹⁶	2011	107	10	1,003	90	14,611							Worse survival for BCP
Azim et al ¹⁴	2012	65				130			52.1	74.3	79.6	88.4	Significantly poorer DFS for BCP; no difference in OS observed
Current study		311				865			65	71	78	81	No difference in DFS or OS

NOTE. Table shows 17 studies with survival outcome of patients with BCP published since 1985; for studies making subdifferentiation between breast cancer during and after pregnancy (percentages specified), results of DFS and OS for postpartum and lactating patients with breast cancer are not shown, because this was not the aim of our study.^{12,15,16,21-23}

Abbreviations: BCP, breast cancer during pregnancy; DFS, disease-free survival; OS, overall survival.

*Postpartum breast cancer excluded.

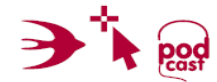
Conclusion on prognosis

- **Similar survival for patients diagnosed with breast cancer during pregnancy compared to non-pregnant patients**
- **no difference for patients who received chemotherapy during vs after delivery**
- **Termination of the pregnancy does not change the maternal prognosis.**
- **This supports the option to start treatment with continuation of pregnancy provided that standard treatment is administered.**

Is in accordance with the DBCG-guideline

Prognosis for the child

Articles



Long-term cognitive and cardiac outcomes after prenatal exposure to chemotherapy in children aged 18 months or older: an observational study

Frédéric Amant, Kristel Van Calsteren, Michael J Halaska, Mina Mhallem Gziri, Wei Hui, Lieven Lagae, Michèl A Willemsen, Livia Kapusta, Ben Van Calster, Heidi Wouters, Liesbeth Heyns, Sileny N Han, Viktor Tomek, Luc Mertens, Petronella B Ottevanger

70 children

Belgium, The Netherlands, Czech Republic

**Follow-up: median 22,3 months (range
16,8-211months)**

Methods:

Test moments: 18m, 3y, 6y, 9y, 12y, 15y, 18y

General

Clinical exam by pediatrician, biometric data, questionnaire on general health status, school performance, recreation and social situation.

Cardiac

Blood pressure, ECG, echocardiography for structural and functional assessment

Neurodevelopmental

age-adapted test battery for the assessment of intelligence, verbal and non-verbal memory, attention, working memory, and executive functions

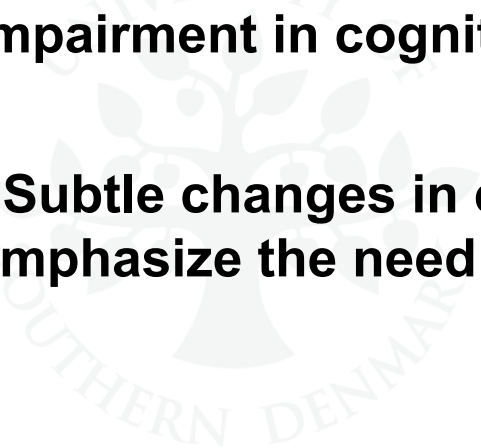
Conclusion

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After prenatal exposure to chemotherapy:

- Child's growth and development was comparable to the general population.
- There was normal cardiac outcome
- Prematurity was frequently encountered, and associated with impairment in cognitive development.
- Subtle changes in cardiac and neurocognitive measurements emphasize the need for longer follow up.



Malformations

Chemoterapy is contraindicated during first trimester.

-Prevalence 14-16% when given in 1 trimester.

-Prevalence 2-3 % when given in 2. and 3. trimester

-Prevalence in general population 2-3%

Amant F Lancet 2012

Murthy RK BCR 2014

Chardonick AJOG 2015

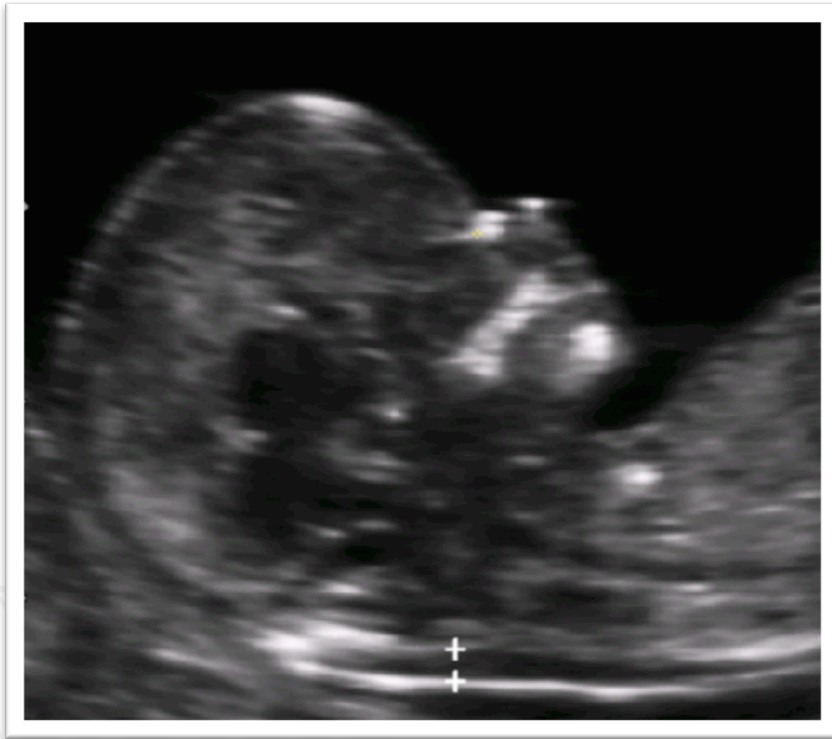


Treatment during pregnancy???



Cancer during pregnancy

-2 patients-



Multidisciplinary team: gynecologist, oncologist, surgeon, general physician, pediatrician, radiologist, radiotherapist, pathologist, nurse, midwife, physiotherapist, psychologist, etc...



Fetal malformations
Intrauterine growth restriction

**Neuropsychologic -
dysfunktion**

Cardiac toxicity

Second cancers

Fertility problems



Delay in diagnosis and treatment

Suboptimal staging and treatment

More aggressive tumor biology?

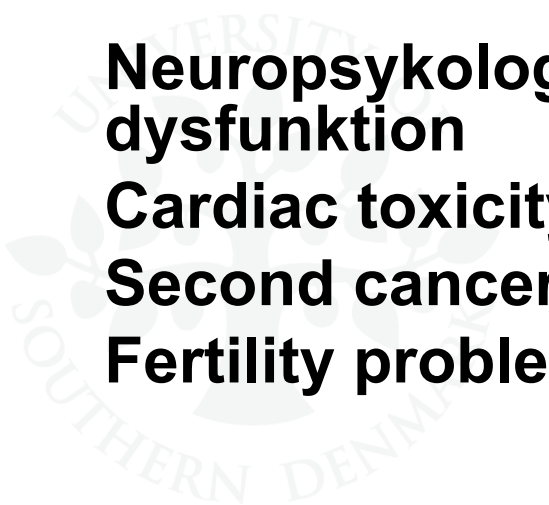
Change in:

-Immune system

-Pharmacokinetics

-Hormonal milieu

→ Worse prognosis



DIAGNOSIS

Local:

- Ultrasound (Sen. 93%)
- Mammography (Sens. falls to 68%)

Biopsi:

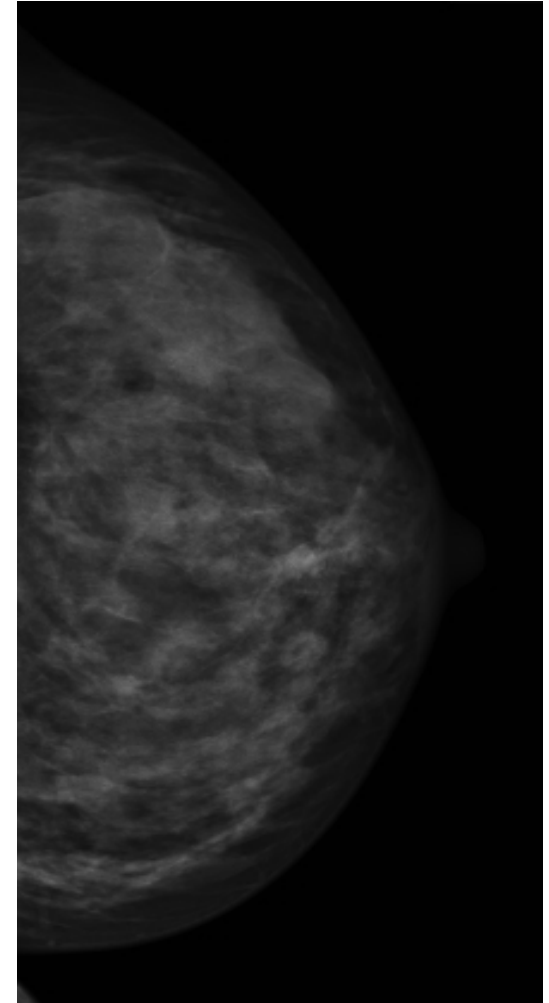
- Core biopsy

Distant:

- Chest X-ray
- Liver ultrasound
- (Whole body MRI)
- Whole body diffusion weighted MRI

BRCA:

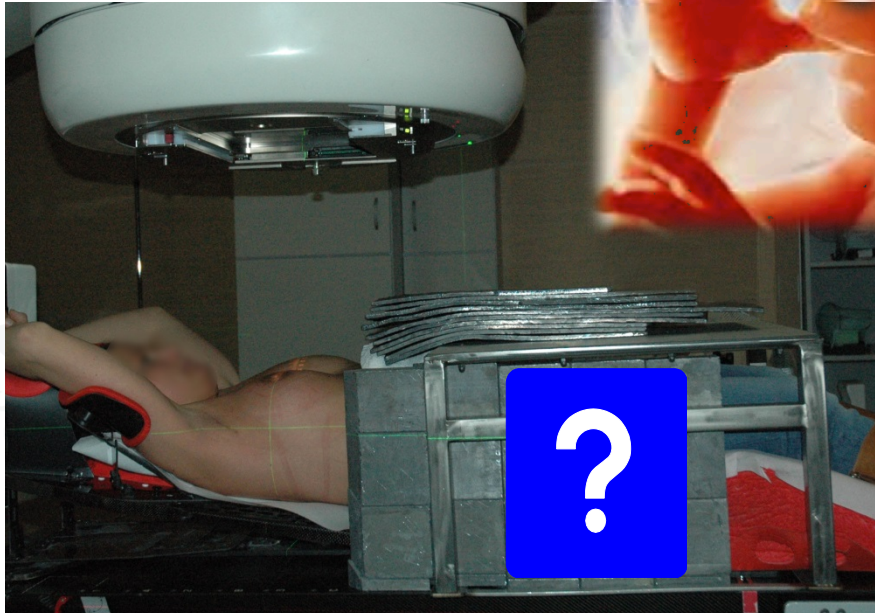
- Always test (20% pos.)





Standard

With limitations



Surgery during pregnancy

- Surgical approach as for nonpregnant
- Mastectomy or breast conserving surgery
- Axillary lymph node dissection (ALND) or sentinel lymph node biopsy (SLNB)
- Obs No radiotherapy
- Immediate breast reconstruction is not recommended
- Tissue expander can be used



Chemotherapy during pregnancy

Recommended regimes :


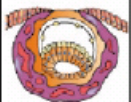











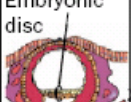




EC, Taxanes



Timing is everything



Potential effects of cytotoxic treatment on the fetus

Period of dividing zygote, implantation, and bilaminar embryo (weeks)		Main Embryonic Period (weeks)						Fetal Period (weeks)			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	16	32	38
											
		Neural-tube defects		Mental retardation				CNS			
		TA, ASD, and VSD			Heart						
		Amelia, meromelia		Upper limb							
		Amelia, meromelia		Lower limb							
			Cleft lip		Upper lip						
		Low-set malformed ears and deafness						Ears			
		Microphthalmia, cataracts, glaucoma						Eyes			
				Enamel hypoplasia and staining			Teeth				
				Cleft palate			Palate				
				Masculinisation of female genitalia			External genitalia				
Death of embryo and spontaneous abortion common		Major congenital anomalies						Functional defects and minor anomalies			

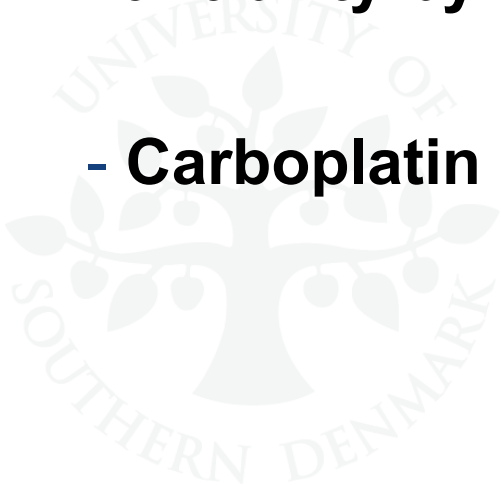


Chemoterapy and timing

- Chemotherapy is contraindicated in first trimester(15-20%)
- Start in week 14-16.(organogenesis w 13 ,Throphob. W 15)
- 1 course of chemotherapy is planned so last course of chemo. can be given in week 35.
- Start with EC but if there is significant emesis - start with a taxane(paclitaxel)
- The remaining chemoterapy or remaining treatment will start 1 week after delivery
- Vaginal delivery is most optimal

Chemotherapy and dosing

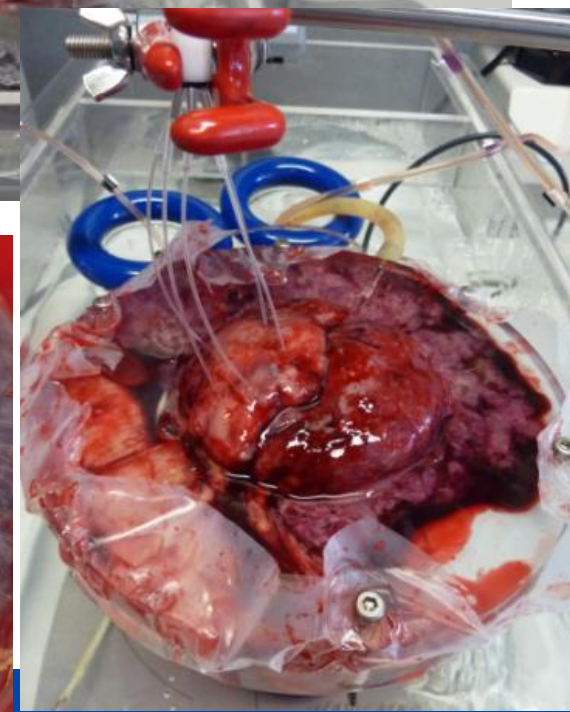
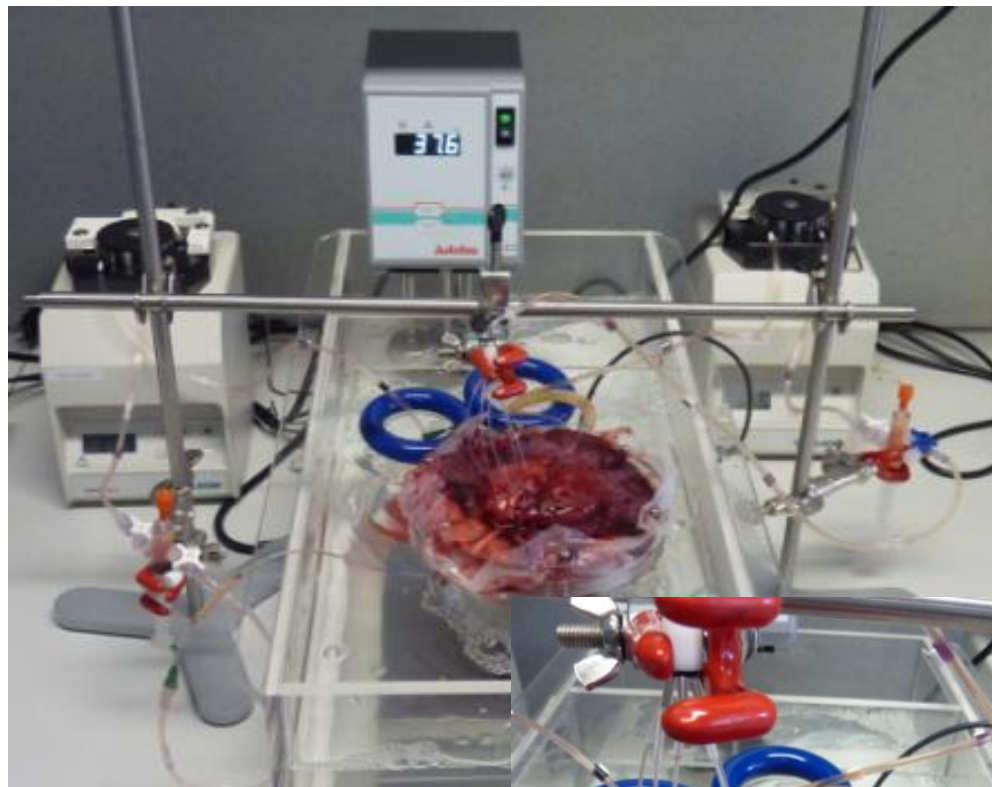
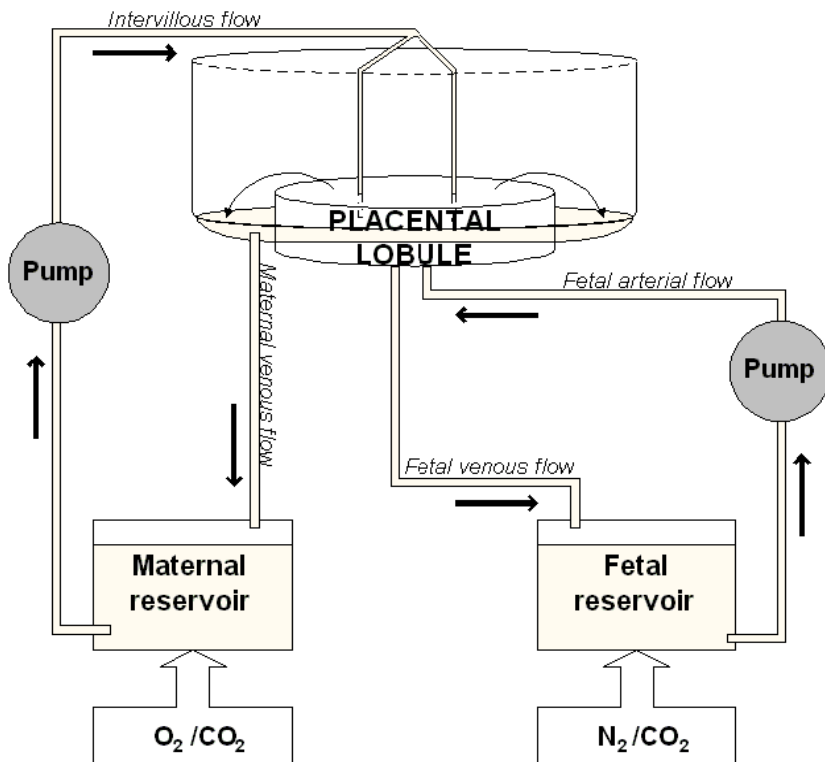
- **Use conventional dosis**
- **Dose according to aktual body weight**
- **Weekly paclitaxel is choice of taxan(interpatient variability by Docetaxel)**
- **Carboplatin and methtreat is not recommended**



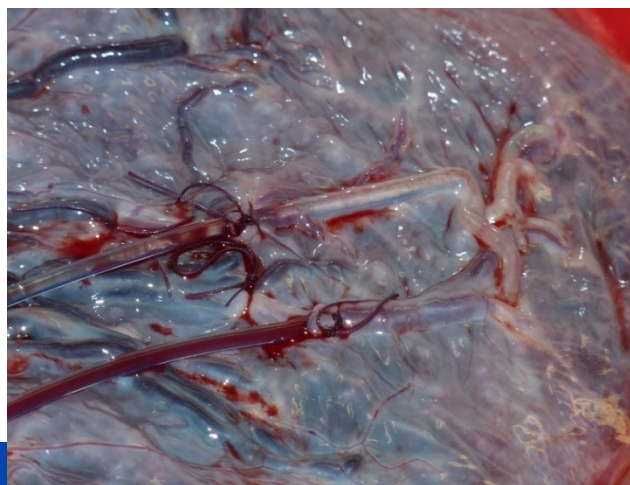
Placenta perfusion model

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Epirubicin	4-6 %
Cyklophosphamide	22-28%
Paclitaxel	1-2%
Doctaxel	2-15%
Carboplatin	50-60%



Supportive care

- 5-HT3 antagonists can be used (granisetron)
- no data for palonosetron (aloxi).
- NK 1 inhibitors can not be recommended (no data)

- H1-antagonist can be used
- H2 antagonist can be used

- Metoclopramide can be used
- Motilium can not be recommended (no data)

- Methylprednisolon is the preferred corticosteroid (metabolised in placenta)

- Avoid Picc-line and PAC if possible (DVT-risk)

Anti-HER2 Treatment

- trastuzumab
- Pertuzumab
- Lapatinib

-Are contraindicated in BCP

-mainly due to reports of oligohydramnios and anhydramnios (33%)



Endocrin therapy

Tamoxifen is contraindicated in BCP

- Due to reports of malformations**
- must be used after delivery.**

Zoladex is contraindicated in BCP

- No data.**

Bisfonates are contraindicated in BCP

- No data**



Radiotherapy

- Is contraindicated during 2.-and 3.trimester.
- is relatively contraindicated during 1.trimester.
- due to risk of long term risk of cancer and fertility for the child.



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Embracing
patient
partnership



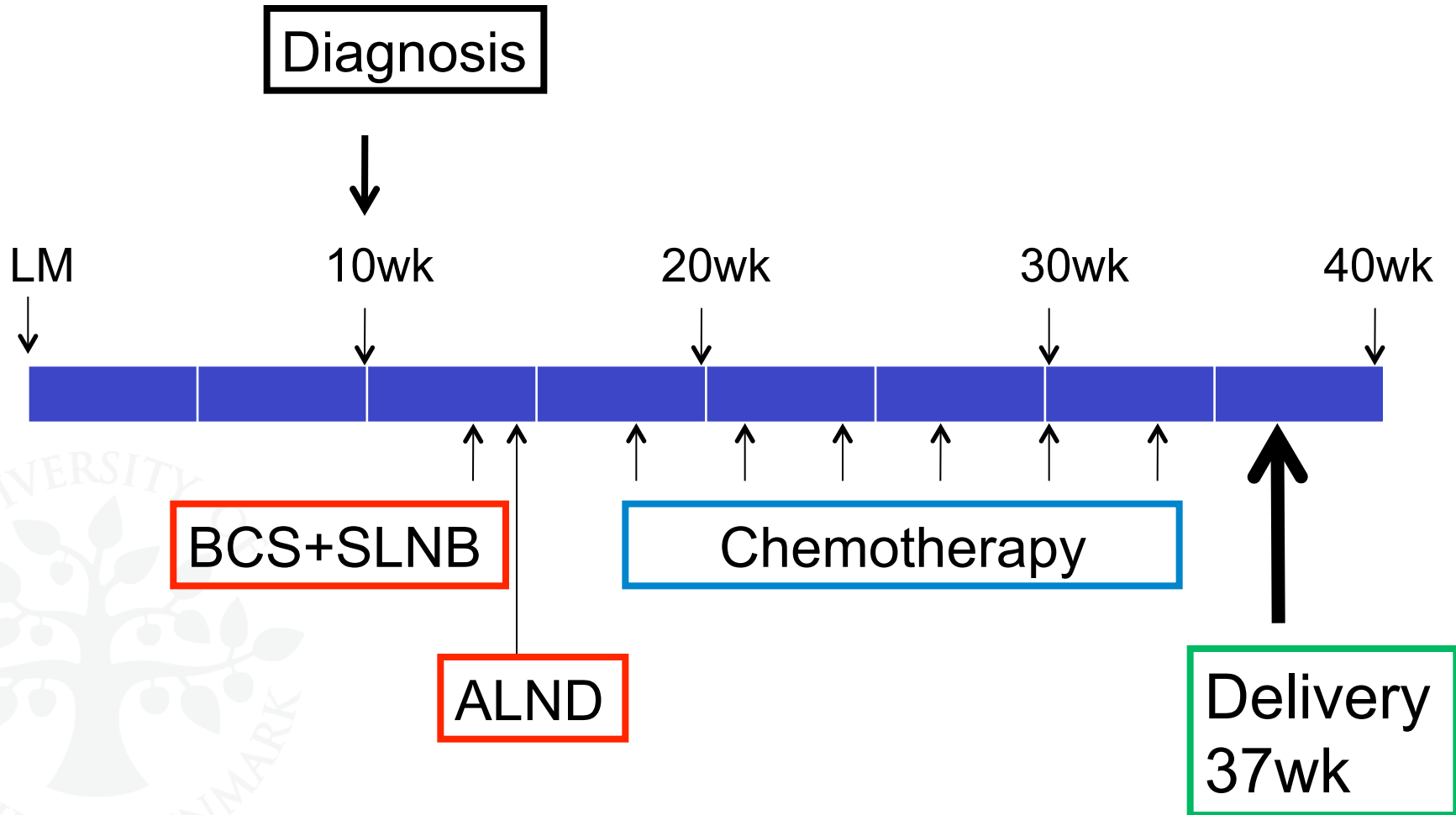
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DECISION
MAKING**

**Nothing
about me
without me!**

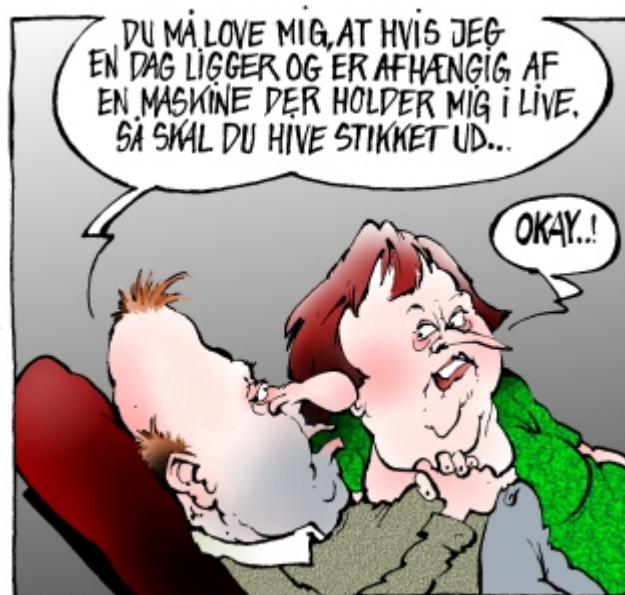
Mrs A, 33y, T2N1M0, IDC III, ER+HER2+ positive



RT, trastuzumab and tamoxifen postpartum



END



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Forløb

- **Vi vil gerne have patienten henvist ved diagnosestart**
Obs der skal foreligge grovnålsbiopsi
- **Alternativt efter operation efter forudgående konf.**
præoperativt.(mast/lump/Gentest/amning?)
- **Hvis præop.- Diskuteres på MDT.**
- **alle får lavet klin mammografi,rt-thorax/ul hepar + evt**
helkrops MR(begrundet mistanke)
- **Behandlingforløb/plan fastlægges.**

Forløb

- Patienten indformeres om plan.
- Patienten tilknyttes 2 specialesgp.
- Patienten henvises til obstetrisk afd.-primært Århus med plan for kemoforløb og forventet/ønsket fødselstidspunkt.
- Patienten ses hver 3. uge med læge vurdering og journalkopi til obstetrisk afd.
- Ved komplikationer kontaktes onkologisk afd primært.Der konf med team1 bagvagt.
- Ønsket fødselstidspunkt - til termin - ved postop behandling helst 37-38 uge mhp start på samt/behandling 1 uge efter fødsel.
- - Om muligt foretrækkes vaginal fødsel.
- Ved plan om postop. behandling stoppes mælkeproduktion v fødsel.

Opfølgning

- **Alle patienter følges til de bliver 50**
- **Alle børn følges samme tid (problemregistrering)**
- **Data indgår i database.**



Timing

- Vi starter helst kemoterapi efter 16. uge - og aldrig før 14.uge.(organudvikling(13.uge) samt throphoblast udvikling(18.-19.uge).**
- Start på 1.kemoterapi planlægges så sidste forventede serie kemoterapi gives i 35-36.uge.afh. af regime.**
- Der startes sædvanligvis med EC men ved svær emesis startes med ugentlig paclitaxel.**
- Resterende planlagt kemoterapi gives umiddelbart 1uge efter forløsning-Afh. Af fødselsforløb og kemoregime.**

Dosering

Doseres efter overflade på starttidspunkt.

Der tages ikke hensyn til farmakokinetiske ændringer under graviditet(enzymaktivering,albuminændringer) – heller ikke ved taxaner.

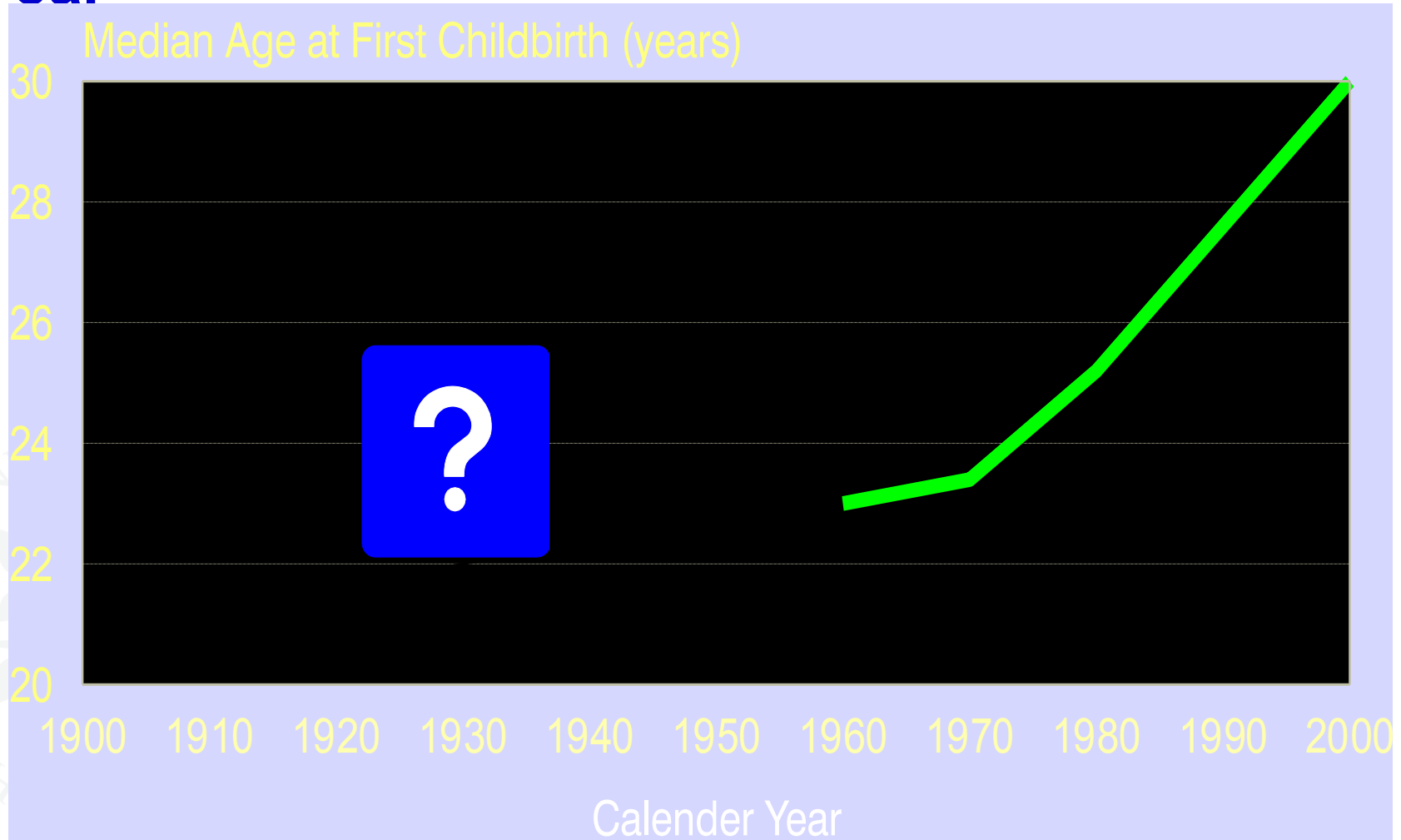
Vi anvender ugentlig paclitaxel da studier af placenta viser stor variabilitet i konc af docetaxel i placenta og maternel serum.

GCSF anvendes efter vanlige retningslinier.



Breast Cancer Etiology

Age at First Childbirth According to Calendar Year



Potential effects of cytotoxic treatment on the fetus

1/timing

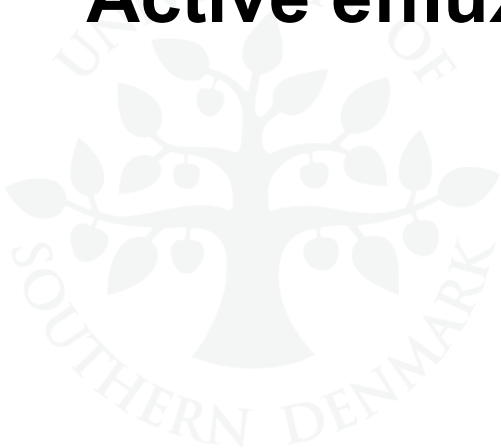
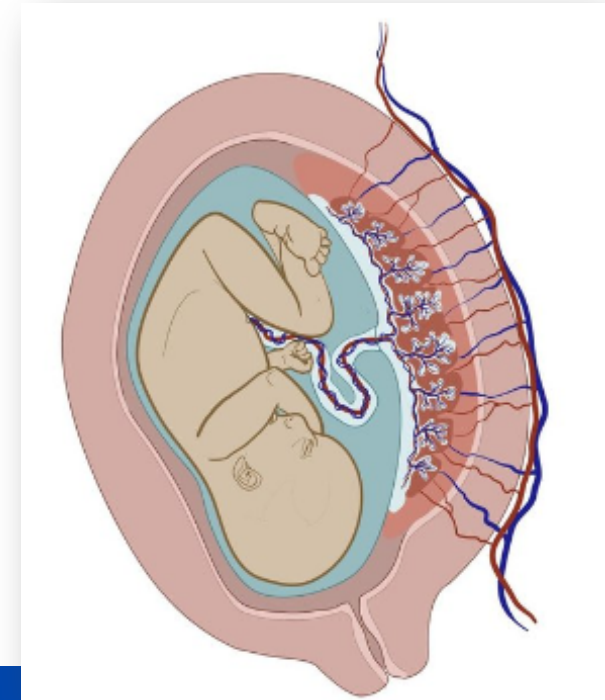
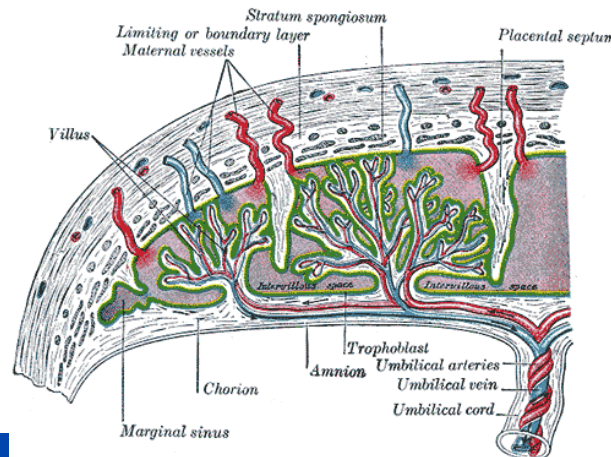
2/transplacental transfer

Fysico-chemical properties: molecular weight, fat solubility, polarity

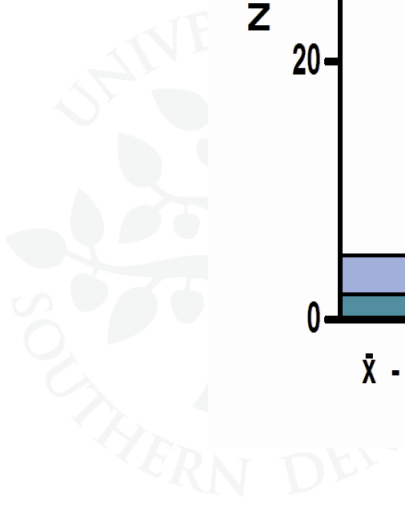
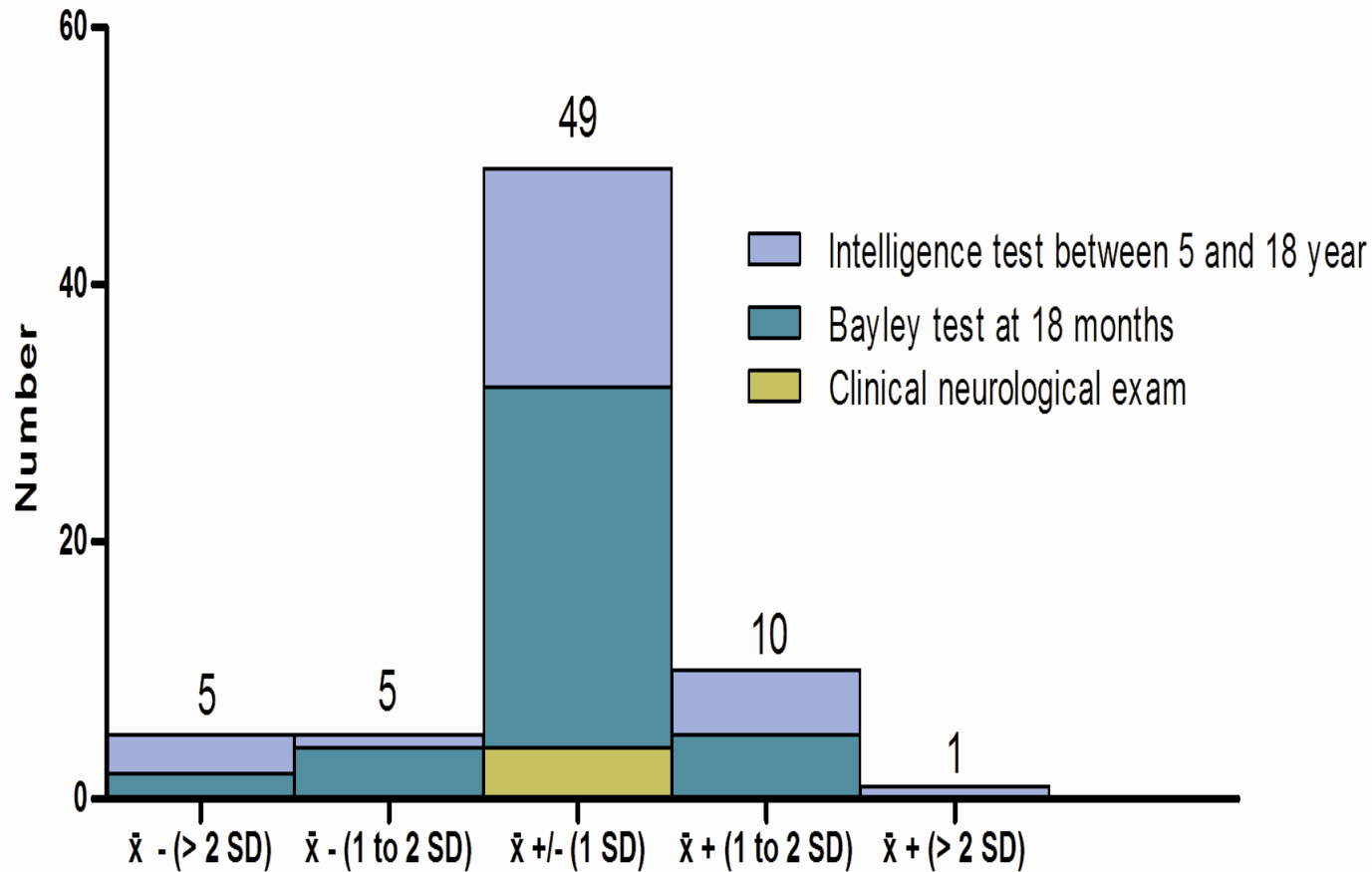
Concentration gradient and blood flow

Protein binding

Active efflux transporters

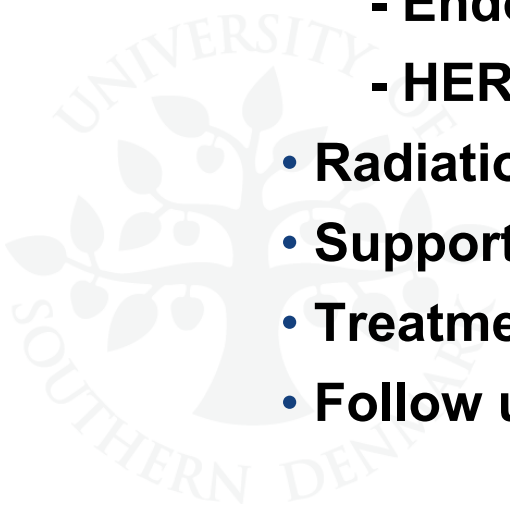


Results: Cognitive function



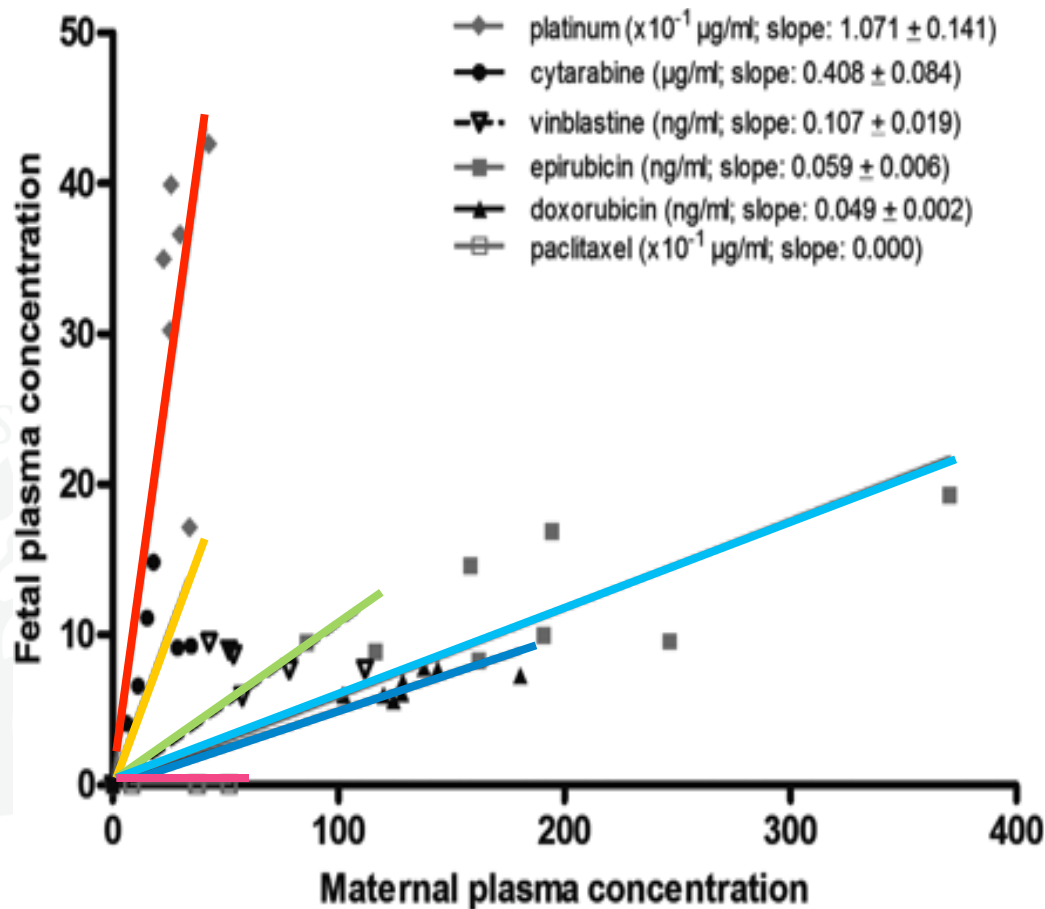
BREAST CANCER DURING PREGNANCY (BCP)

- **Epidemiologi**
- **Prognoses**
- **Diagnosis**
- **Surgical treatment**
- **Systemic Therapy**
 - **Chemotherapy**
 - **Endocrine Therapy**
 - **HER2 –targeteret treatment**
- **Radiation Therapy**
- **Supportive Treatment**
- **Treatment overview**
- **Follow up**



Transplacental transfer mouse model

C57Bl6J mice, i.v. chemotherapy on day 18.5
+90' fetal + maternal blood sample
HPLC / AAS measurement



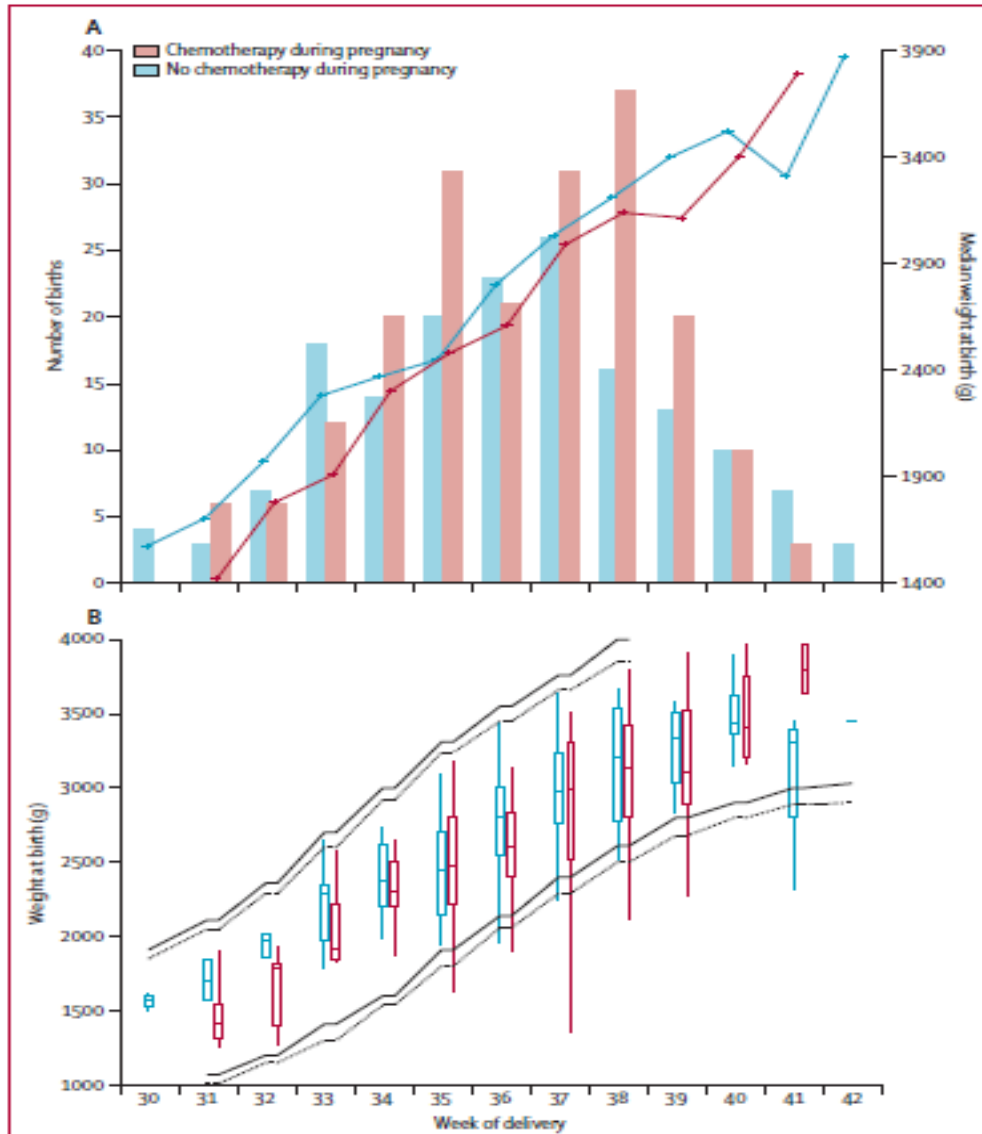
Van Calsteren et al.
Reprod. Sci ,2011.



Type of treatment

Treatment	Pregnant patients N=311	%	Non-pregnant patients N=865	%
Surgery				
- None	2	0,6	10	1,2
- Breast conserving	140	45,0	433	50,1
- Mastectomy	147	47,3	422	48,8
Chemotherapy setting				
- None	4	1,3	219	25,3
- Adjuvant	208	66,9	544	62,9
- Neoadjuvant	99	31,8	102	11,8
- During pregnancy	200	64,3	-	-
Taxanes	169	54,3	247	28,6
Trastuzumab	76	24,8	140	17,0
Radiotherapy	205	73,3	768	88,8
Endocrine therapy	117	41,5	580	67,1

Intrauterine growth



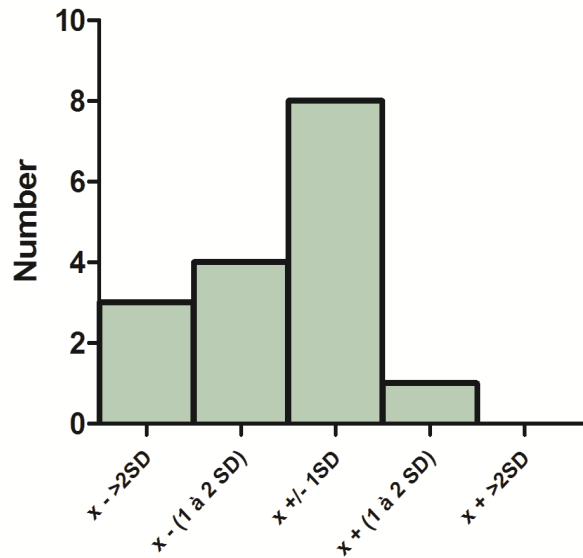
Birth weight:

No significant difference in the frequency of intrauterine growth restriction between fetuses exposed to chemotherapy and those without exposure ($p=0,069$).

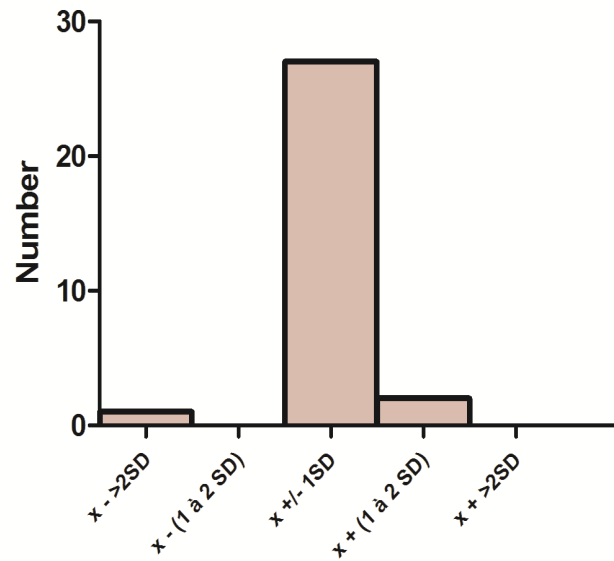
Cognitive function:

- Prematurity vs IQ score

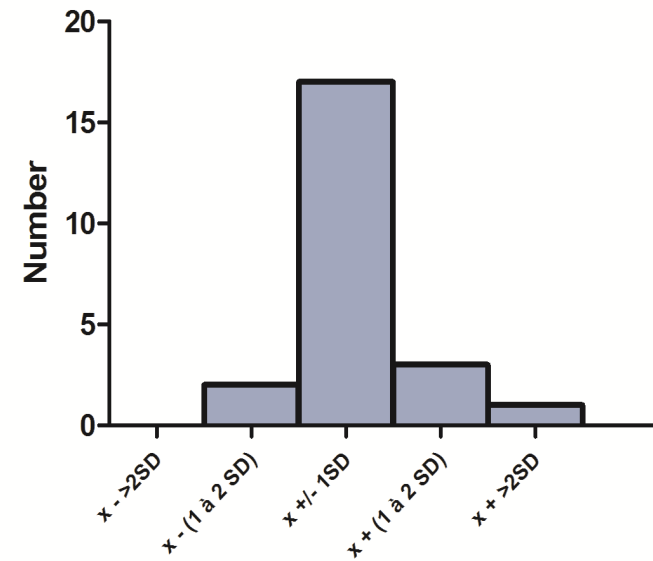
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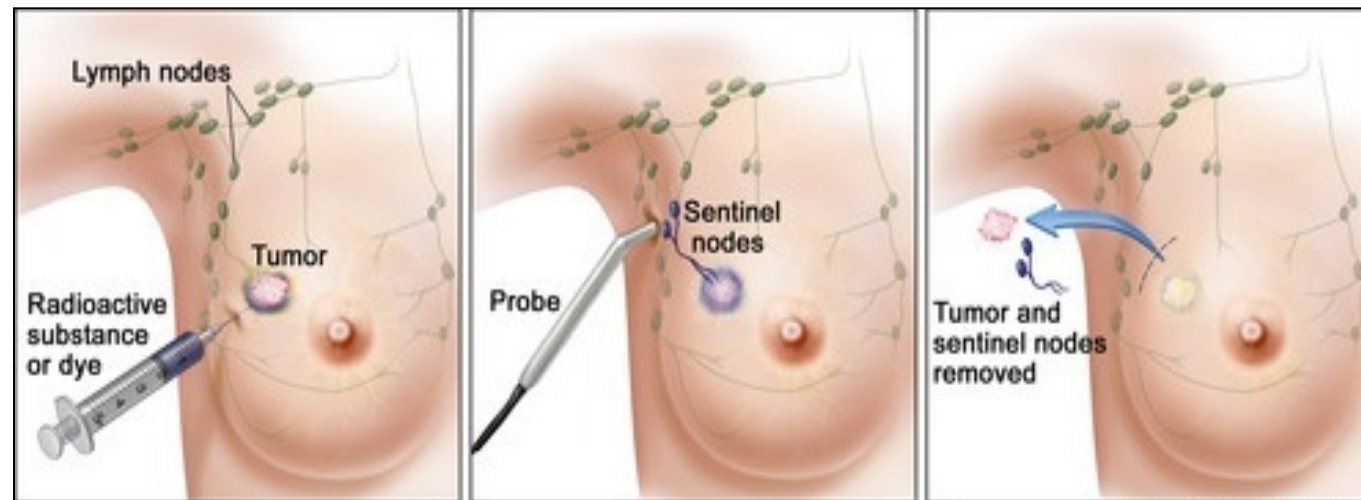
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SLN biopsy during pregnancy: to do or not to do?

Pro: Lower morbidity rate

Contra: Are lymphatic pathways altered during pregnancy? Effect on survival, regional control, morbidity, and accuracy?



Conclusion

- **SLN biopsy during pregnancy has a low axillary recurrence rate**
- **This staging method should be used during pregnancy instead of standard ALND for early stage, clinically node negative breast cancer**
- **It is recommended to do tracer injection on the op.-day**
- **Blue dye is not recommended in BCP**

Han SN, Amant F, Loibl S, et al.

- **This is in accordance with up-coming DBCG-guideline.**

Conclusions on survey of current clinical practice

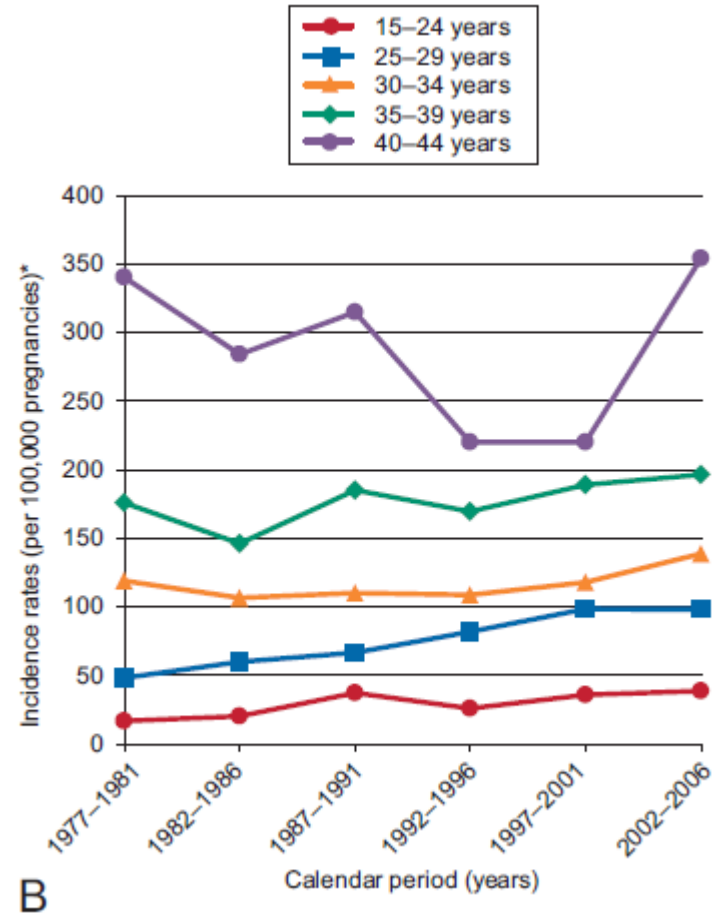
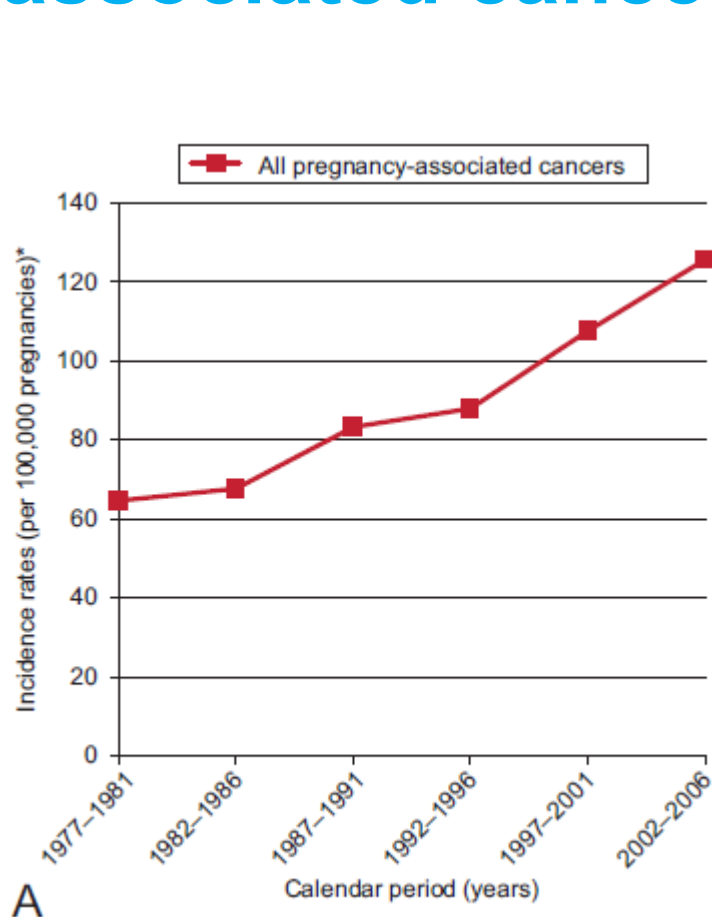
Termination of pregnancy, delay of treatment and iatrogenic preterm delivery are frequently applied strategies in the management of pregnant breast cancer patients

This is not in line with current evidence and recommended treatment strategies

Centralization of treatment is needed



Rising incidence of pregnancy associated cancer



Incidence rates of pregnancy-associated cancer among Danish patients aged 15-44 years during 1977-2006.

Eibye et al. *Obstet Gynecol* 2013