

# Sepsis on early period after allogeneic haematopoietic stem cell transplantation



## BACKGROUND (I)

- Ecuatorian 28-year old man
- Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML) in chronic phase (CP)

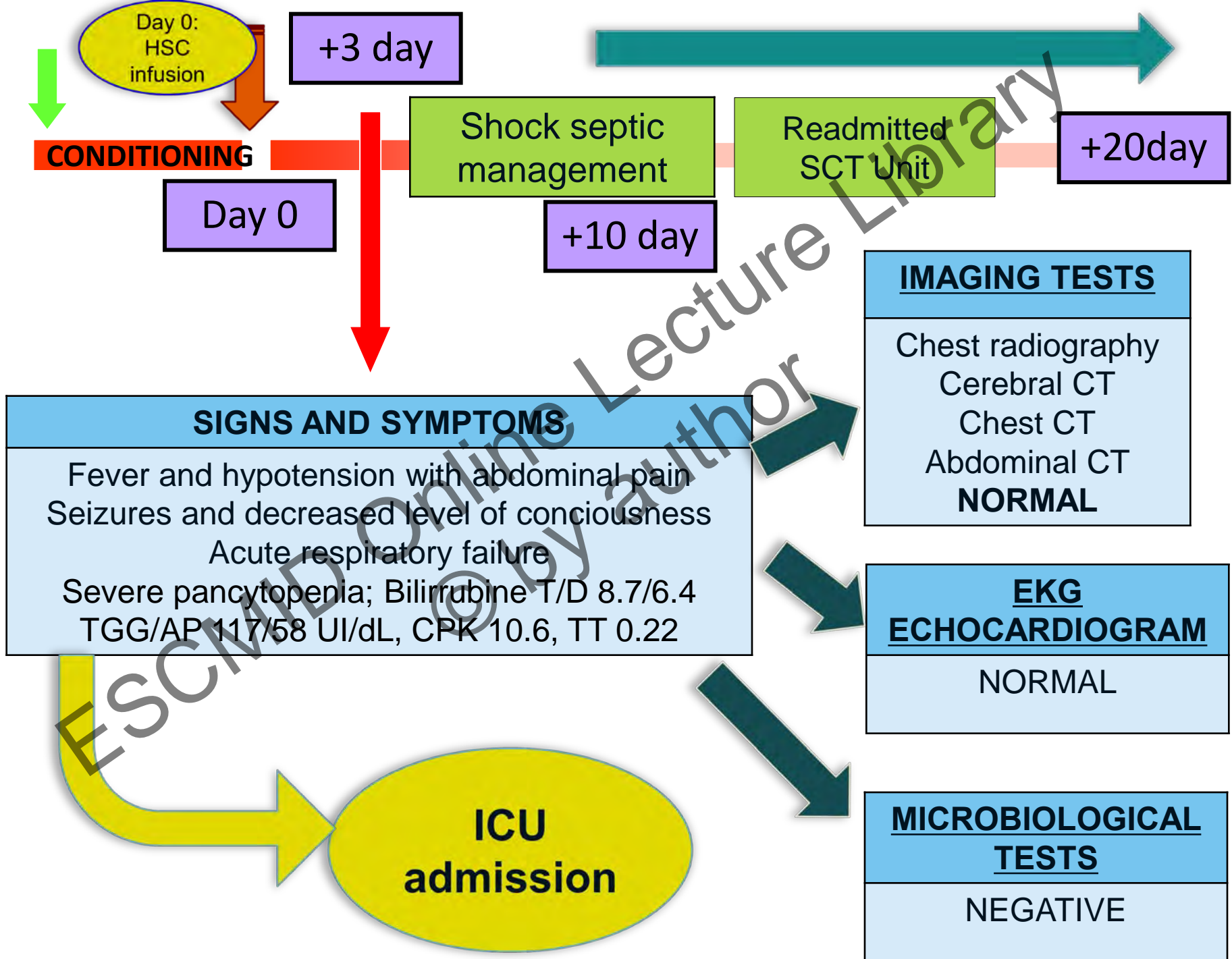
✓ resistant to Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors

 underwent allo-HSCT from *ex vivo* expanded umbilical cord blood

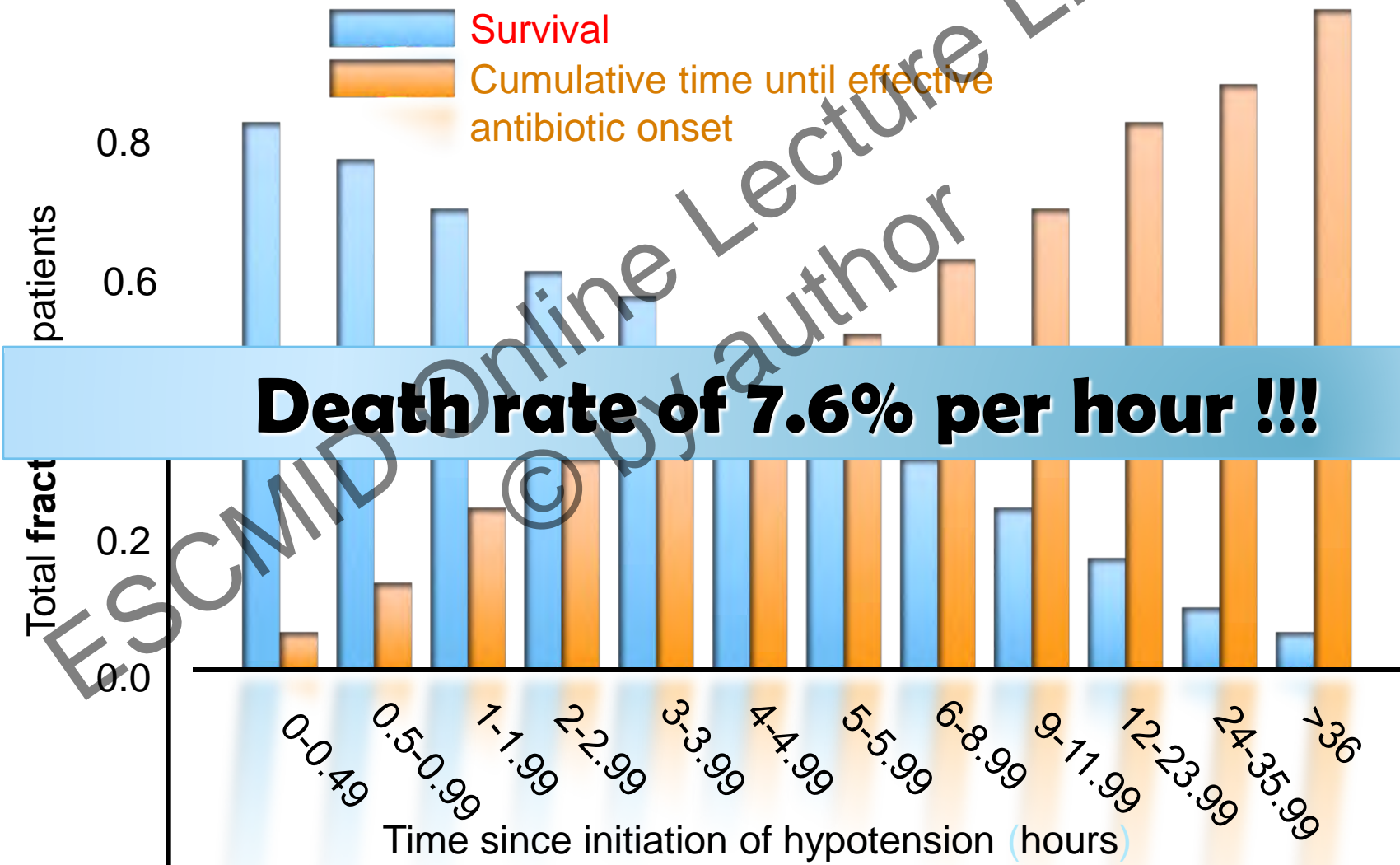
## BACKGROUND (II)

PRE-TRANSPLANT SEROLOGIES	
<b>PATIENT</b>	<p>IgG CMV IgG EBV IgG <i>T. gondii</i> } POSITIVES</p> <p>IgG <i>T. cruzi</i> IgG <i>Histoplasma</i> IgG <i>Strongiloides</i> } NEGATIVES</p>
<b>DONOR (CORD BLOOD UNIT)</b>	<p>IgG CMV POSITIVE IgG EBV IgG <i>T. gondii</i> } NEGATIVES</p>

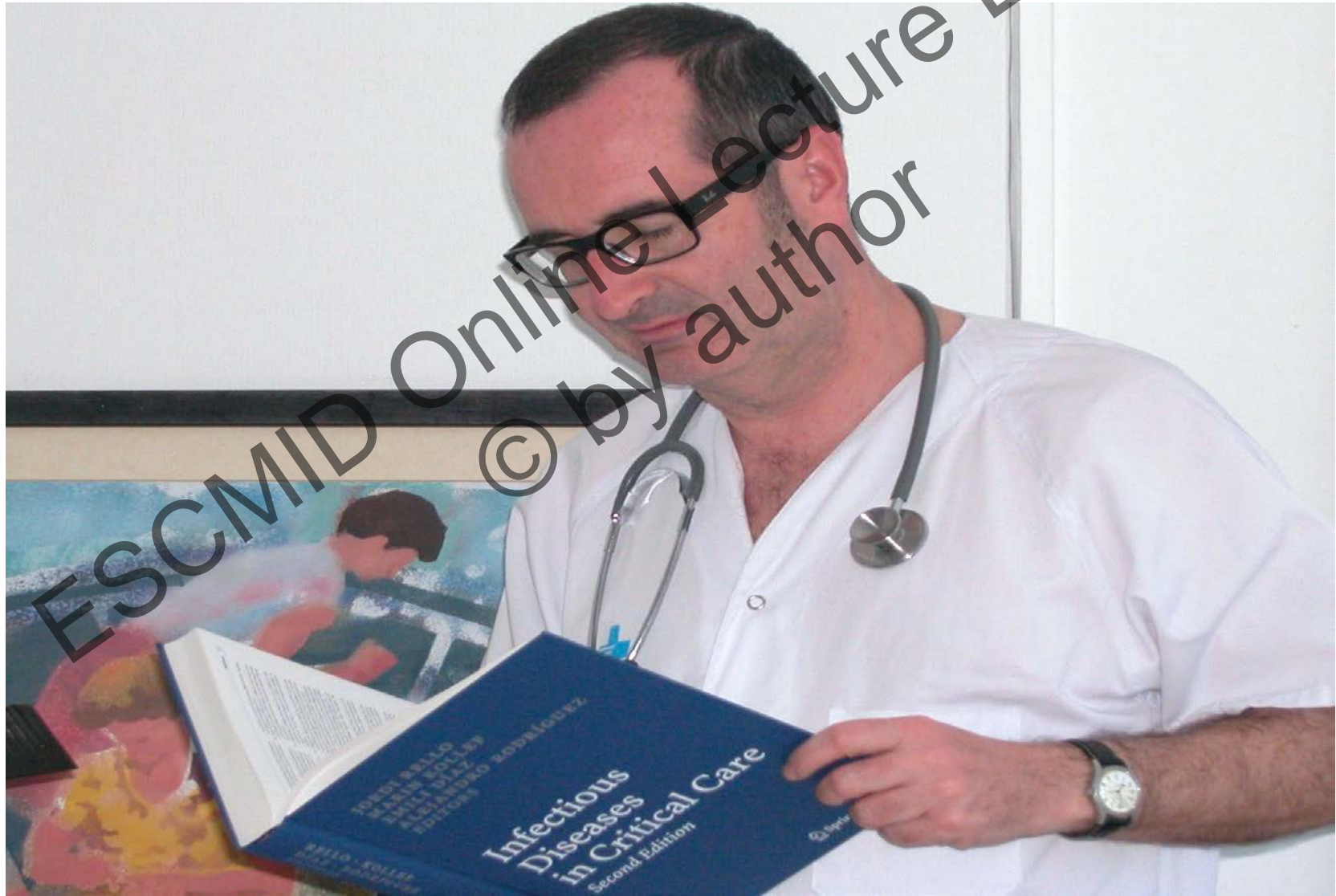
**INFECTIOUS PROPHYLAXIS:** ciprofloxacin, posaconazole, acyclovir and inhaled pentamidine



# Septic shock, correct antibiotic initiation and mortality rate



# How to re-evaluates patient's condition when antimicrobial therapy failed



# Identifying severe sepsis and Septic shock

## Cardiovascular:

PAS  $\leq$  90 or PAM  $\leq$  70

plus

Volume infusion

Or vasopressors for PAs  $\geq$  90

## Respiratory:

PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub> < 200.

PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub> < 250  
If different from lung

## Metabolic:

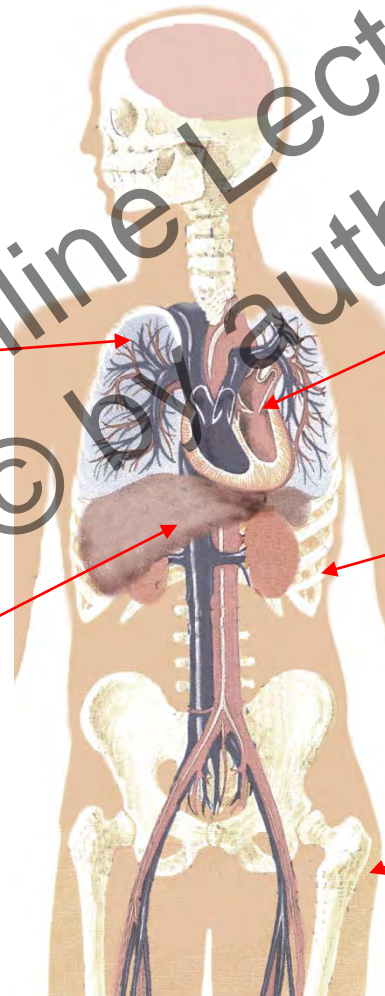
pH < 7,30 or BE < - 5mEq  
with lactate > 1,5

## Kidney:

Diuresis < 0,5 ml/Kg/h  
1 h after resuscitation.

## Hematologic:

Plat < 80.000mm<sup>3</sup> or  
< 50% from last 72 hours



+20 d

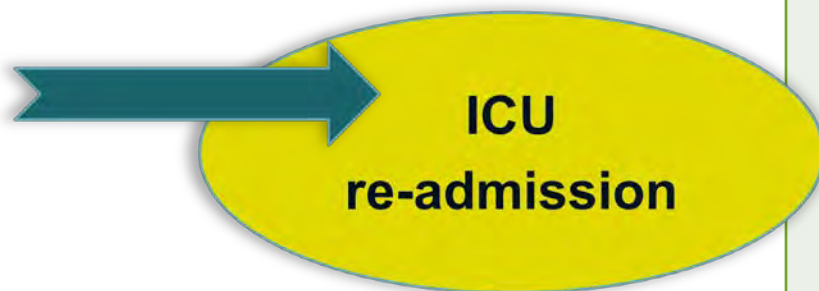
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Hypotension, Fever, Hemoptysis  
Severe acute respiratory insufficiency

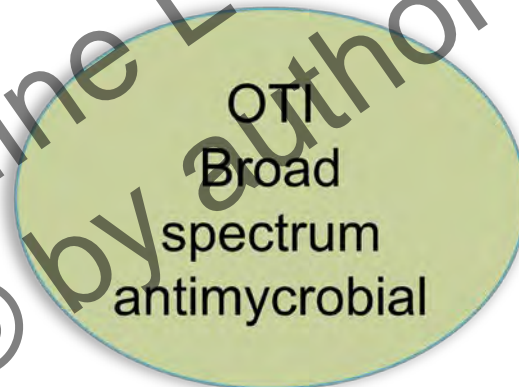


# EVOLUTION

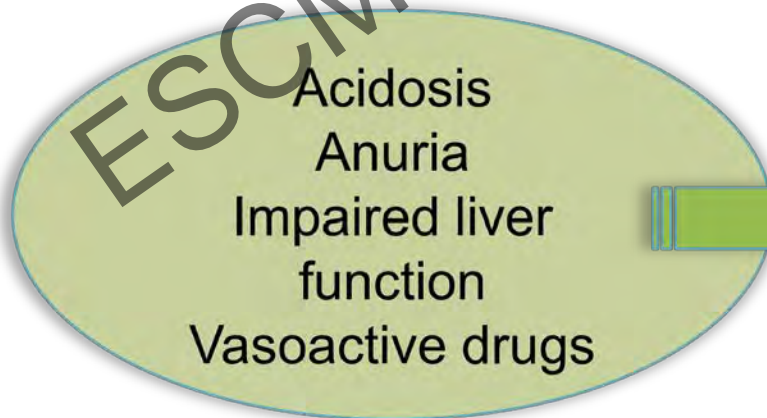


HEMOGRAM	BIOCHEMISTRY
Hb: 9 g/dL, L 0.3, PI: $13 \times 10^9/L$	ALT: 338 UI/L, AST: 398 UI/L BI T/D: 3.3/3.01 mg/dL
	MYOCARDIAL INJURY ENZYMES
	CK: 10.6, TT: 0.22

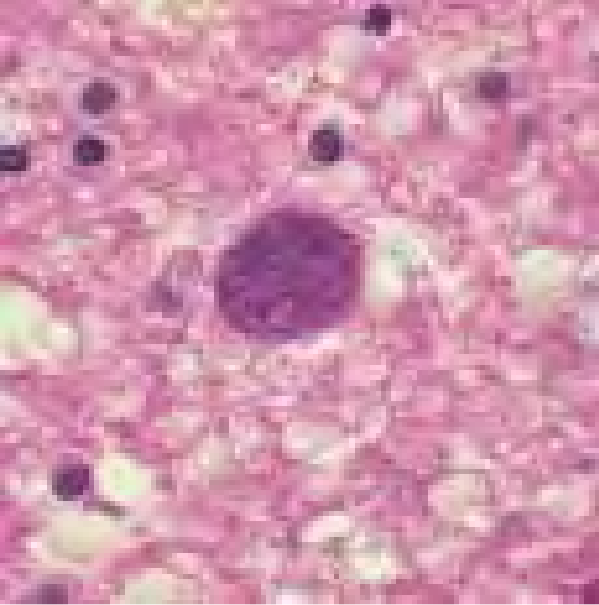
ECHOCARDIOGRAM
Nodal tachycardal 150 bpm EFLV 80% No structural lesions



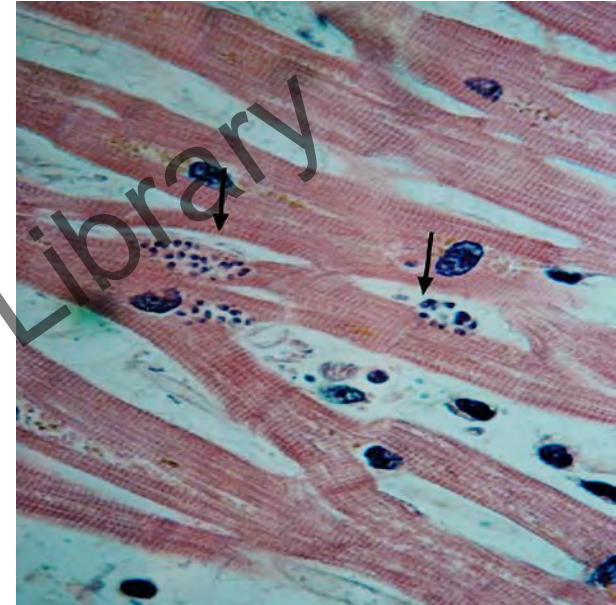
MICROBIOLOGICAL TESTS
NEGATIVES



+22day

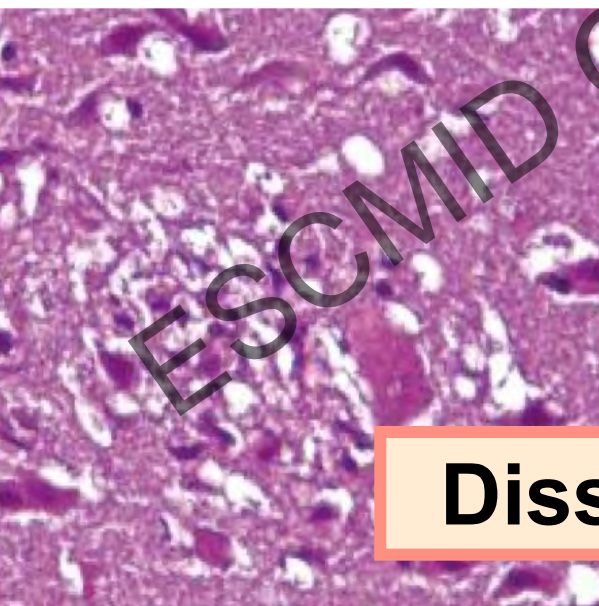


**BRAIN**

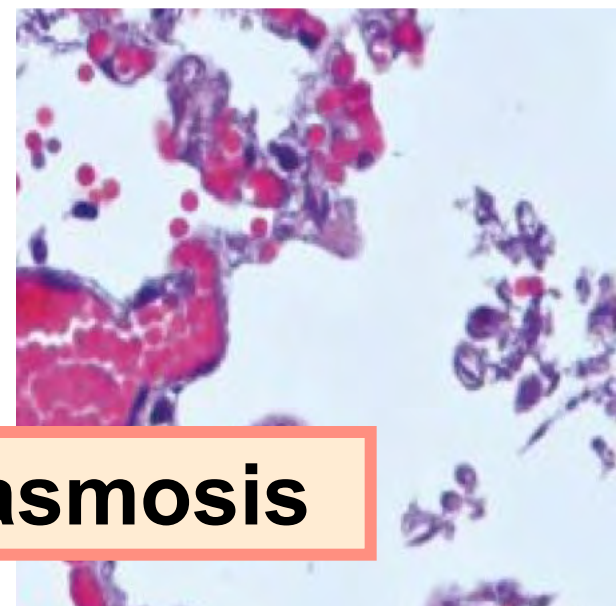


**MYOCARDIAL**

**HISTOLOGICAL  
FINDINGS  
NECROPSY**



**LIVER**



**PULMONARY**

**Disseminated toxoplasmosis**

# **Disseminated toxoplasmosis after HSCT**

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## EPIDEMIOLOGY

- *T. gondii*: ubiquitous
- 70-96% seropositive of population
- Incidence of toxoplasmosis after HSCT: 0.3-5%
- Reactivation of latent infection
- Median onset after HSCT: 2 months
- Poor prognosis: 90% mortality

# CLINICAL

✓ **Primary infection:** usually in healthy individuals → asymptomatic and recognized serologically

✓ **Symptomatic infection**

1

Lymphatic form  $\cong$  infectious mononucleosis

2

Chronic toxoplasmosis with retinochoroiditis

3

Acute fulminating disseminated infection

4

Single organ disease, usually encephalitis (pneumonitis, myocarditis, liver, nephritis)

## RISK FACTORS

### SEROLOGIES

POSITIVE serostatus **recipient** for  
*Toxoplasma*

NEGATIVE serostatus **recipient** with  
POSITIVE serostatus **donor**

UCBT, URDT, T cell depletion, immunosuppressors, GVHD



**IMPAIRED RECIPIENT IMMUNE RECONSTITUTION**

Pre-transplant *Toxoplasma*  
serologies screening

Clinically  
Imaging tests (MRI, CT)  
Histologic demonstration  
Invasive procedures → HIGH  
RISK

## DIAGNOSIS

*T.gondii* DNA PCR in blood  
NON INVASIVE  
→ Anticipate diagnosis

Possibility of PREEMPTIVE  
TREATMENT???

- **PROPHYLAXIS in HSCT setting: TMP-SMX**

- Recommended (for all seropositive recipients) but not standardized and limited supportive data after transplantation

- High dosage schedule vs. low dosage schedule

- high dosage more effective

- adverse effects

- Myelotoxicity → delayed of engraftment

- **Other prophylaxis alternatives:**

- pyrimetamine/sulphonamide, clindamycin or aerosilized pentamidine



Less effectivity



# Summary

Severe and rare opportunistic infection after HSCT

Pre-transplant **Donor/Receptor serostatus**  
→ potential risk evaluation

High mortality rates

Diagnosis often deferred

Main goal: diagnosis promptly

Monitoring blood  
*Toxoplasma* PCR in high risk  
patients to start preemptive  
treatment

**SEVERE  
DIFFICULTIES  
IN  
DIAGNOSIS**

**THANK YOU**

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