

# Case Panel: Testicular & Paratesticular Tumors

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**HPI:** 25 year old man with new testicular lump

**PMH:** Otherwise healthy

**PE:** Gen: Alert, in good spirits, NAD

Abd: Benign

GU: Firm but not fixed scrotal mass separate from the

testis, ~7 cm, normal contralateral testis

Staging CT reveals no signs of metastasis What next?





- Management: Left scrotal orchiectomy
- **Final Diagnosis:** Embryonal rhabdomyosarcoma, positive cord margin
- Subsequently referred to your friendly local COG center





 However, if the margins were negative, he would be LOW risk (less chemo, no XRT, better prognosis)

- Option 1: Treat per intermediate risk protocol now (RPLND, VAC/VI, XRT)
- Option 2: Make the margins negative and downgrade treatment (less chemo, no XRT)

Treatment: RPLND, cord excision, scar re-excision





# Case #1: Epilogue



- Currently 9 years out from treatment
- Recurrence-free, doing well
- Married last fall, no word on fertility yet ...



#### Robotic RPLND

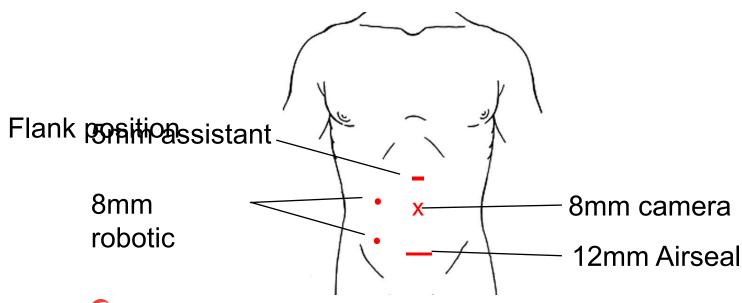


- First described in 2006
- Improved blood loss
  - Open: 184-450 ml vs. Lap: 75ml vs. Robot: 50-75ml
- Improved length of stay
  - Open: 6.6 days vs. Lap: 3.3 days vs. Robot: 1 day
- Reduced postoperative ileus
  - Open: 18% **vs.** Robot: 2%

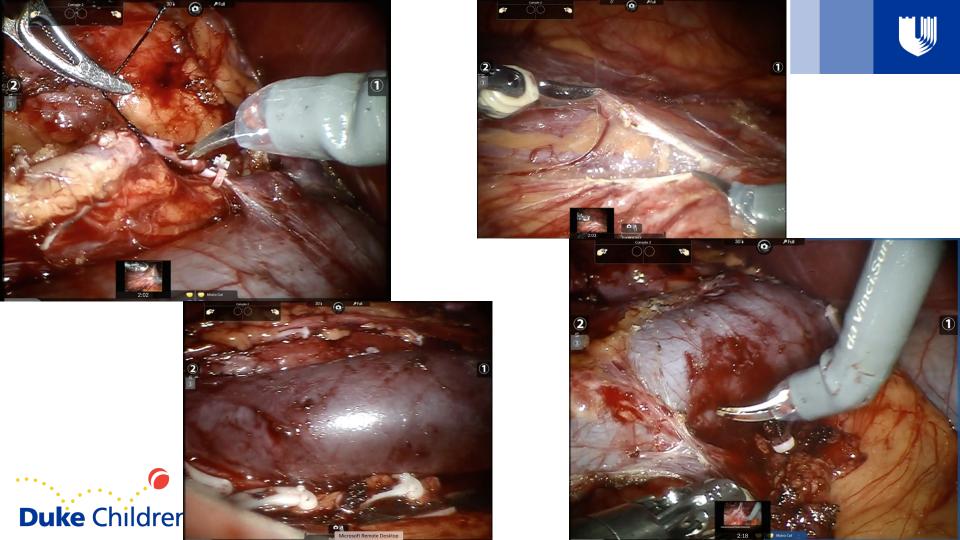


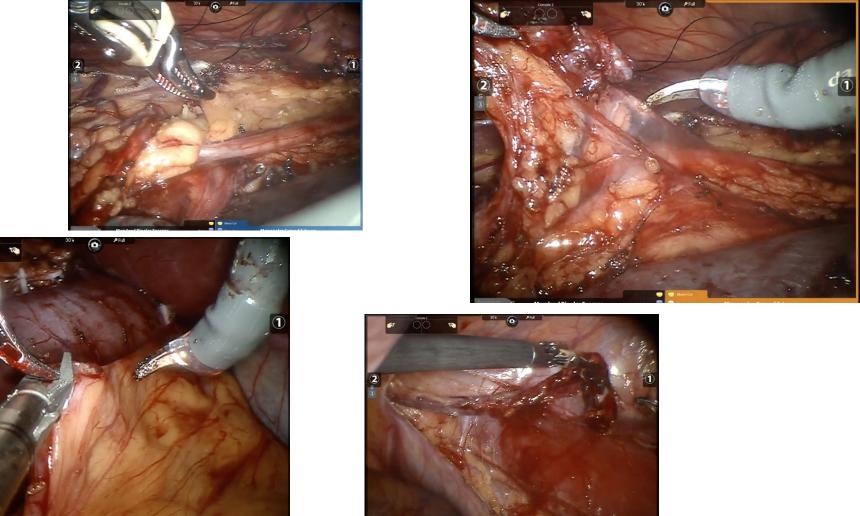
## **Port Placement (Si)**











Mono Cut



**HPI:** 14 year old boy with back & abdominal pain

**PMH:** Otherwise healthy

**PE:** Gen: Alert, NAD

Abd: palpable epigastric mass

GU: Large, firm scrotal mass, ~10 cm, not readily distinguishable from testis, normal contralateral testis

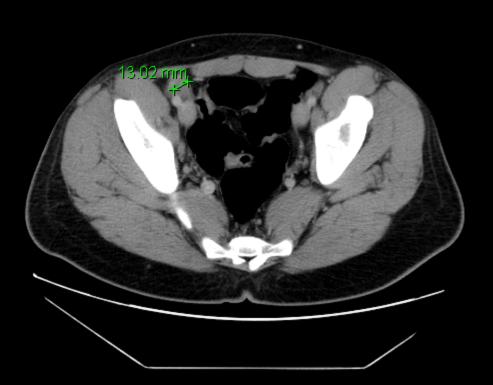
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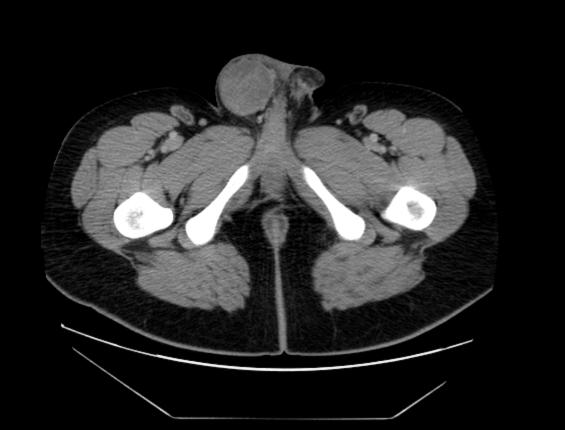


# Case 2 – 14 year old













- Radical orchiectomy
  - Path reveals embryonal RMS
  - Stage III, Group 3, Intermediate risk
- What next?

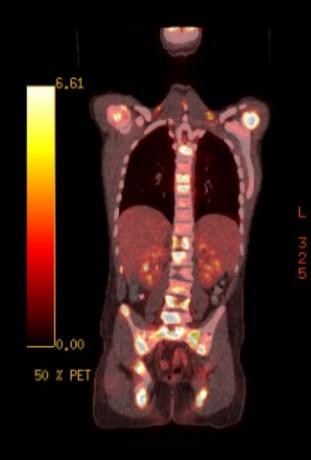




After much tumor board discussion: RPLND

- Technically challenging, but R0 resection
- 2 weeks postop, called in complaining of parasthesias and back pain
  - Serum Ca 22





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## Case #2: Epilogue



- Started on bisphosphonates, VAC
- Did not tolerate VAC, transitioned to hospice
- Died 2 months later





- HPI: 17-year-old male with abdominal pain
- **PMH**: otherwise healthy
- ROS: 15-lb weight loss
- PE:
  - Gen: uncomfortable
  - Abd: palpable midline mass
  - GU exam: small firm nodule in right testis, normal left testis
- Next steps?



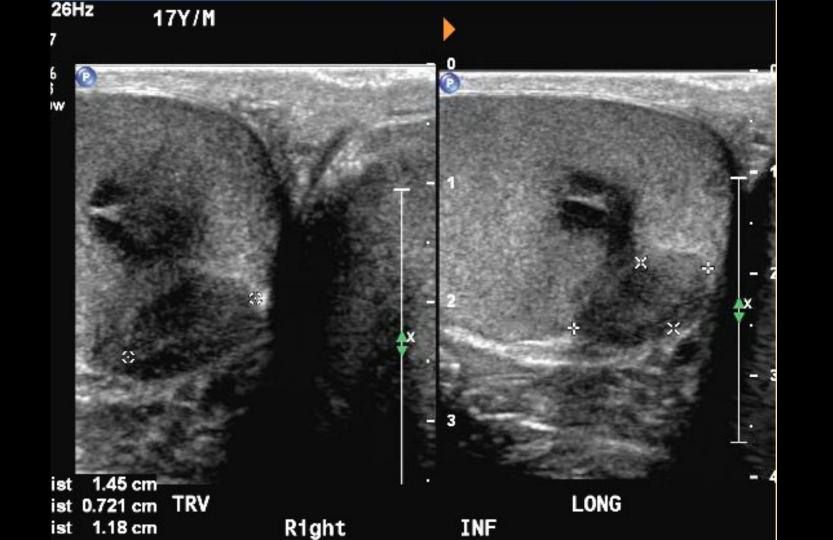
#### Case #4 - labs

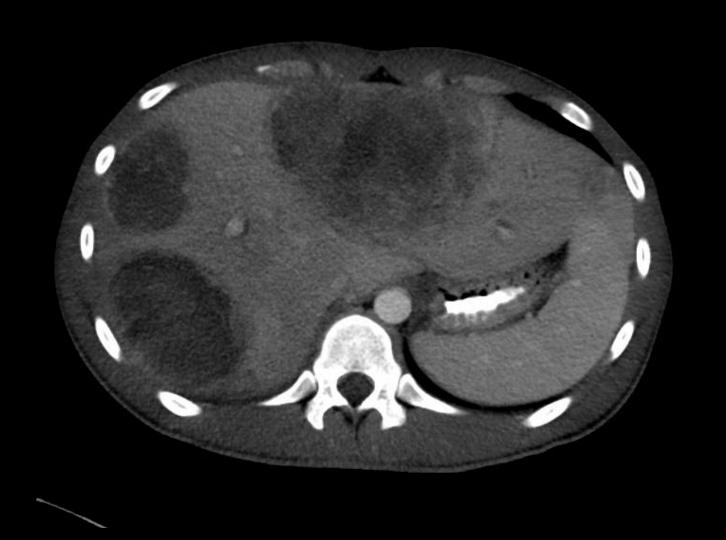


- LDH 2,013
- β-HCG 246
- AFP 35,042















- Management:
  - Right Radical (Inguinal) Orchiectomy
- Diagnosis: Non-seminomatous germ cell tumor
- What next?



# Case #4: Further mgmt



#### Chemotherapy (BEP)

 ~90% response with significant tumor remaining in the lung, retroperitoneum, liver

#### Management:

- Thoracoscopic tumor resection (fibrosis)
- Right hepatectomy (fibrosis)
- Retroperitoneal lymph node dissection (teratoma)



## Case #4: Epilogue



- 10 years out from surgery
- Continues to have anejaculation
- Married, undergoing fertility eval for possible TESE/ICSI



## **Survivorship Issues**

- ↑ survival means ↑ survivorship issues
  - Quality of life
  - Body image
  - Sexual function
  - Endocrine function
  - Fertility
- Orchiectomy, RPLND, Chemotherapy, XRT
  - All have significant impact on current & future testis function
- Testicular prosthesis
- Sperm vs tissue cryopreservation





- 4 yo M with L scrotal mass, progressively enlarging over past month. NT. No systemic symptoms. No other complaints.
- No medical or surgical history. Neg FHx.
- PCP ordered US which showed complex 2.5 cm mass without flow. This was entirely separate from the testes, which were normal.









## **Case #3: Management**



STMs normal, all other labs normal.

- Left inguinal exploration, delivered testis, draped per AGCT studies. Mass was well circumscribed, separate from testis/tunica vaginalis. Excised and sent for frozen.
- Frozen: benign appearing spindle cell tumor. Finished orchiopexy and closed.
- Final path benign maturing lipoblastoma



#### Case

- 17 yo Male presents with abdominal pain, weight loss and a right testicular mass.
  - Tumor Markers:
    - β-HCG = 90,500, AFP = 2,350, LDH = 1500
  - Staging Imaging:
    - Retroperitoneal, Supraclavicular, Pulmonary and Hepatic involvement
  - Right Inguinal Orchiectomy:
    - pT2 (+LVI): 40% Yolk Sac, 30% Embryonal Ca, 15% Choriocarcinoma,
      15% Teratoma
- COG Stage IV, AJCC Group Stage IIIc (no stage IV designation exists)





#### Case

- Underwent 4 cycles of BEP Chemotherapy
  - Treated by an outside Pediatric Oncologist
- Serum Tumor Markers normalized
- 2cm para-caval and 3cm inter-aorto-caval residual masses on CT
  - PET done Not PET avid
- Told by his Pediatric Oncologist that it could be observed . . .





#### What is the role for PET Scan in Germ Cell Tumors?

- a) Should be used routinely at the time of initial staging at diagnosis in all Germ Cell Tumors (GCTs).
- b) Should be used only for post chemotherapy assessment of residual masses in Seminoma GCTs.
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#### Role of PET in GCTs

- Non-seminoma GCTs often have occult Teratoma in the residual postchemotherapy mass.
  - Histology of post chemotherapy residual masses:

	Non-Seminoma	<u>Seminoma</u>
<u>Necrosis</u>	40% of cases	85% of cases
<u>Teratoma</u>	45% of cases	<1% of cases
<b>Active GCT elements</b>	15% of cases	15% of cases

- PET cannot reliably distinguish Teratoma from Necrosis
- Thus, all post-chemotherapy NS-GCT residual masses >1cm should be resected once serum markers have normalized.
- However, Seminoma GCT residuals have Teratoma <1% of cases so PET is able to distinguish Necrosis from Active Seminoma and is clinical useful.



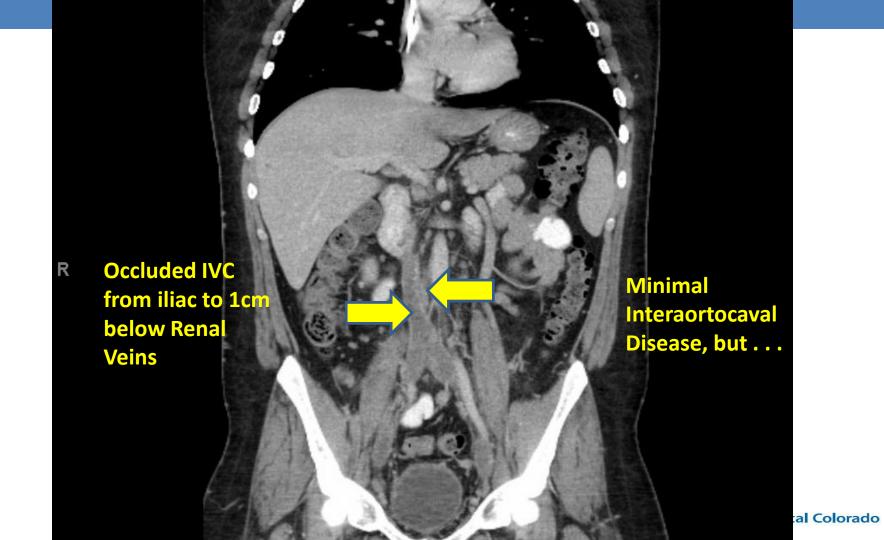


## 1 year later . . .

- Markers on the rise again . . .
  - β-HCG = 72, AFP = 222, LDH = 503
- Now, 3cm para-caval & 5cm inter-aorto-caval masses
- Received salvage chemotherapy (TIP x 3 cycles)
- Markers re-normalized
- Post-salvage chemotherapy imaging . . .







## Surgery

- Post-Chemotherapy Bilateral RPLND with intra-operative assessment of IVC
  Thrombus . . .
- Of note, patient has massive venous collaterals in abdominal skin on physical exam as well as venous collaterals seen on CT.





What is the best option for management of infra-renal IVC tumor thrombus in this case?

- a) Cavotomy with Tumor thrombectomy.
- b) Resection of Infra-renal IVC with deep vein reconstruction.
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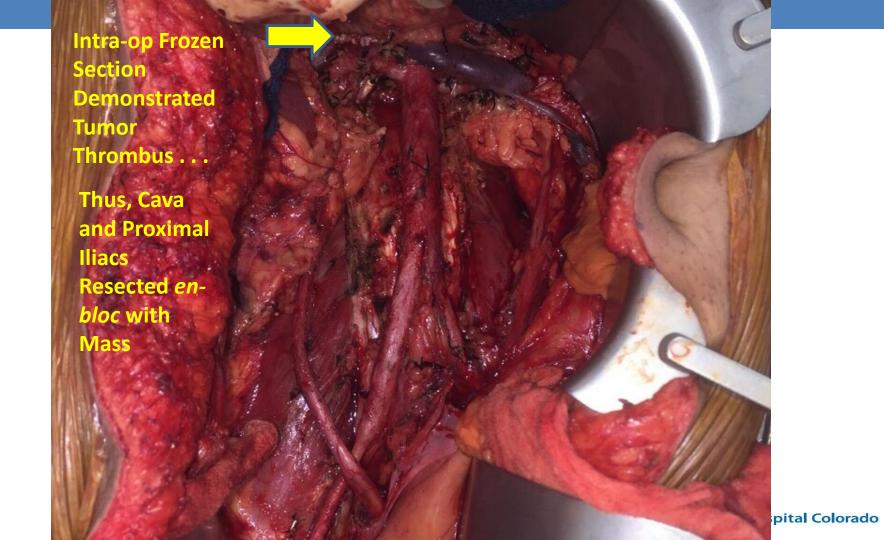


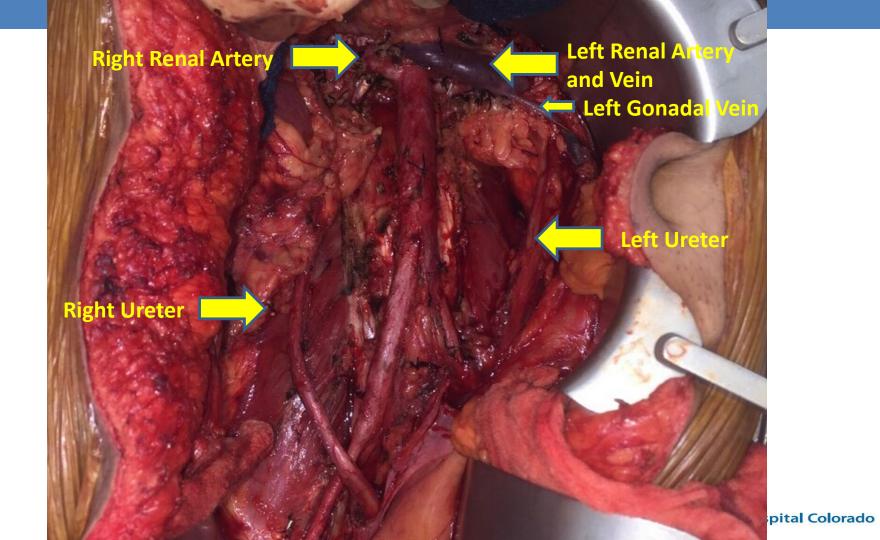


- Tumor thrombus was long-standing and likely unable to perform a thrombectomy.
- Given that the thrombus appeared infra-renal and there were massive collaterals, the plan was to resect the IVC without reconstruction but preserve all collaterals when possible.
- Theoretically will allow most complete oncologic resection.
- Most common tumors giving rise to IVC tumor thrombi?
  - #1 Renal Tumors
  - #2 Adrenal Tumors
  - #3 Gonadal Tumors



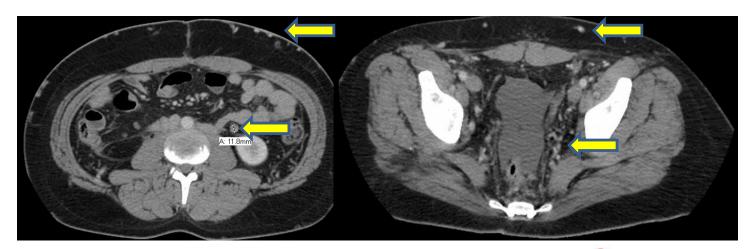






# **Teaching Point**

- Taking care to preserve collaterals
  - Patent lumbars
  - Left gonadal vein







## Pathology

- All resected tissue contained:
  - 40% Mature Teratoma including in the IVC Thrombus.
  - Remaining 60% was necrotic tumor without evidence of active Germ Cell elements.





## **Teaching Points**

Adolescent Germ Cell Tumors are particularly high-risk

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ORIGINAL REPORT

Revised Risk Classification for Pediatric Extracranial Germ Cell Tumors Based on 25 Years of Clinical Trial Data From the United Kingdom and United States

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Poor-Risk Group	IGCCC		
	No. of Patients	4-Year Kaplan-Meier EFS (%)	95% CI (%)
Both sexes age > 11 years (all sites)	65	74	61 to 83
Boys age > 11 years (all sites)	27	57	36 to 74
Boys age > 11 years (testicular site)	15	80	50 to 93
Boys age > 11 years (extragonadal site)	12	50*	21 to 74



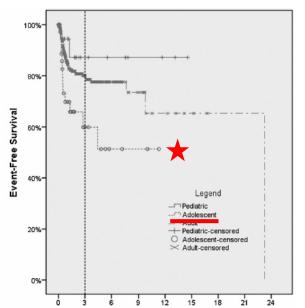


## **Teaching Points**

Pediatr Blood Cancer 2014;61:446-451

#### A Comparison of Pediatric, Adolescent, and Adult Testicular Germ Cell Malignancy

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## **Teaching Points**

- In NS-GCT, after chemotherapy if markers have normalized and there is residual disease on imaging, resection is indicated
  - Timely surgery can prevent relapse and the need for more extensive surgery
- PET cannot distinguish Necrosis/Fibrosis from Teratoma
  - Additionally, not all Germ Cell Elements are PET-avid
  - Thus, no role for PET in evaluating post-chemotherapy NS-GCT residuals
- With long-standing IVC occlusion and development of collaterals,
  no need for grafting of collaterals can be preserved.



