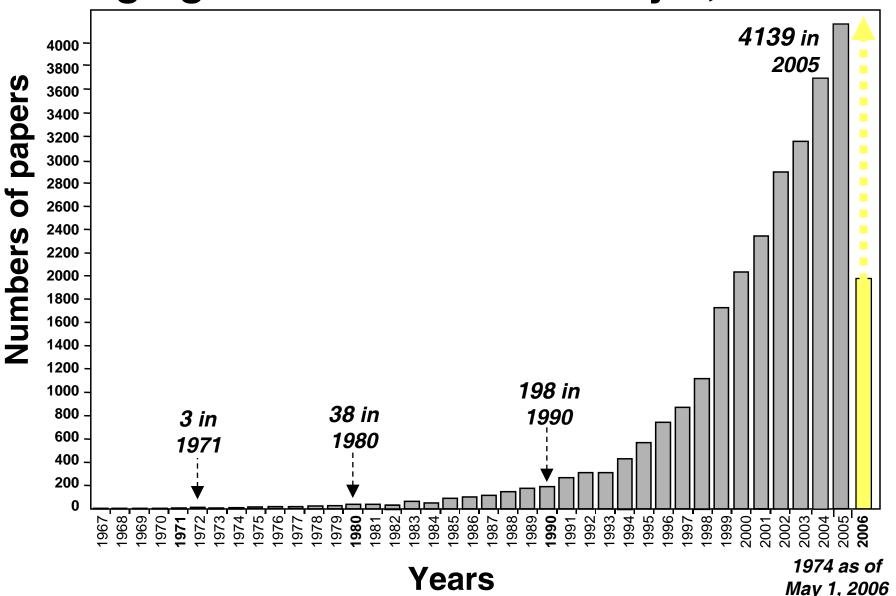
New England Journal of Medicine, 285:1182-1186, **1971**

TUMOR ANGIOGENESIS: THERAPEUTIC IMPLICATIONS

JUDAH FOLKMAN, M.D.

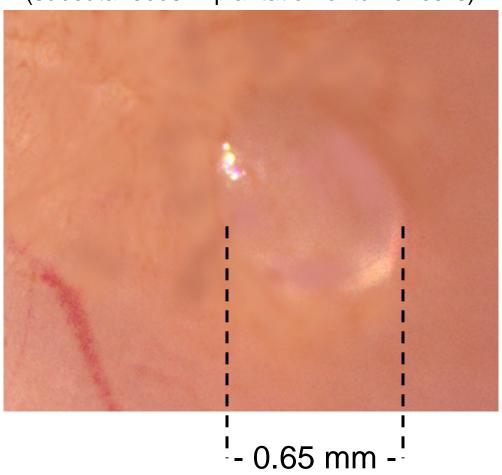
- 1. "solid tumors are **dependent** upon **new** capillary sprouts. . ."
- 2. "without neovascularization solid tumors might become completely **dormant**..."
- 3. "the term "<u>anti-angiogenesis</u> is proposed to mean the prevention of new vessel sprouts from penetrating into an early tumor implant."
- 4. "this hypothesis predicts the possible future discovery of **angiogenesis inhibitors**,.."
- 5. "an <u>antibody</u> to a tumor angiogenic factor (TAF) could be therapeutic."

26,751 papers published on angiogenesis from 1971 - May 1, 2006.

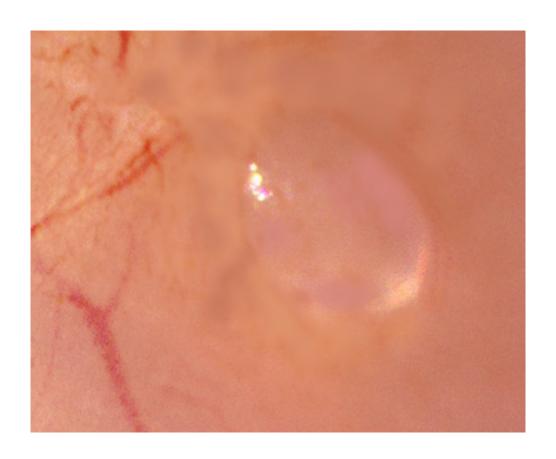


Non-angiogenic, dormant chondrosarcoma (rat).

(subcutaneous implantation of tumor cells)



The angiogenic switch begins.



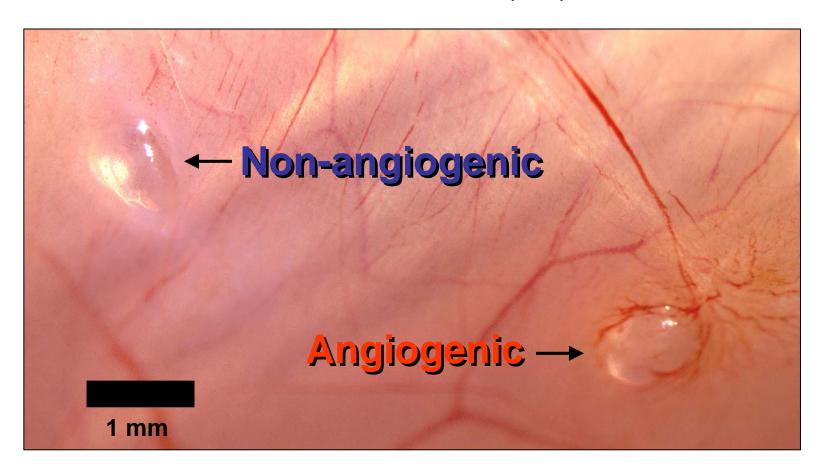
The angiogenic switch



Day 12

"Angiogenic switch," Hanahan & Folkman, Cell 1996."

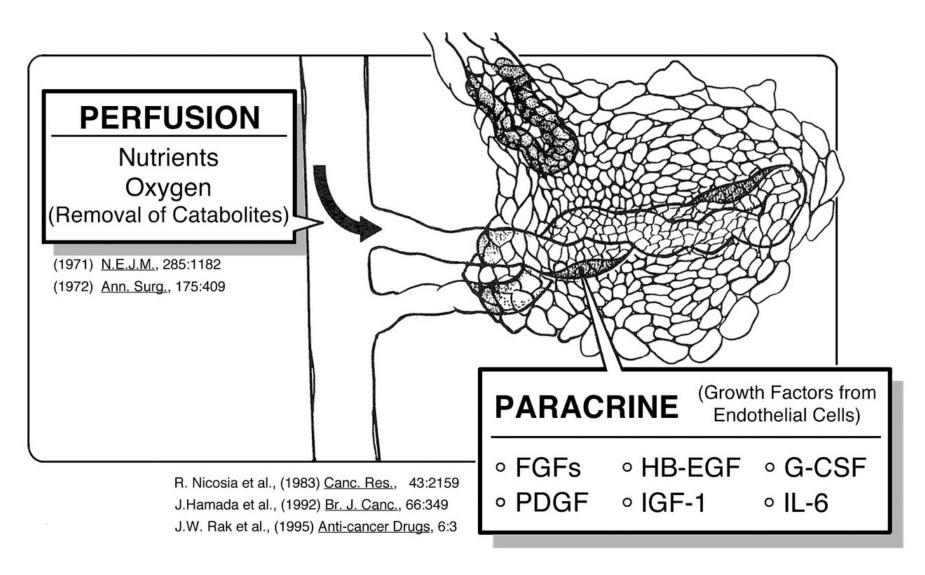
Non-angiogenic and angiogenic chondrosarcomas (rat).



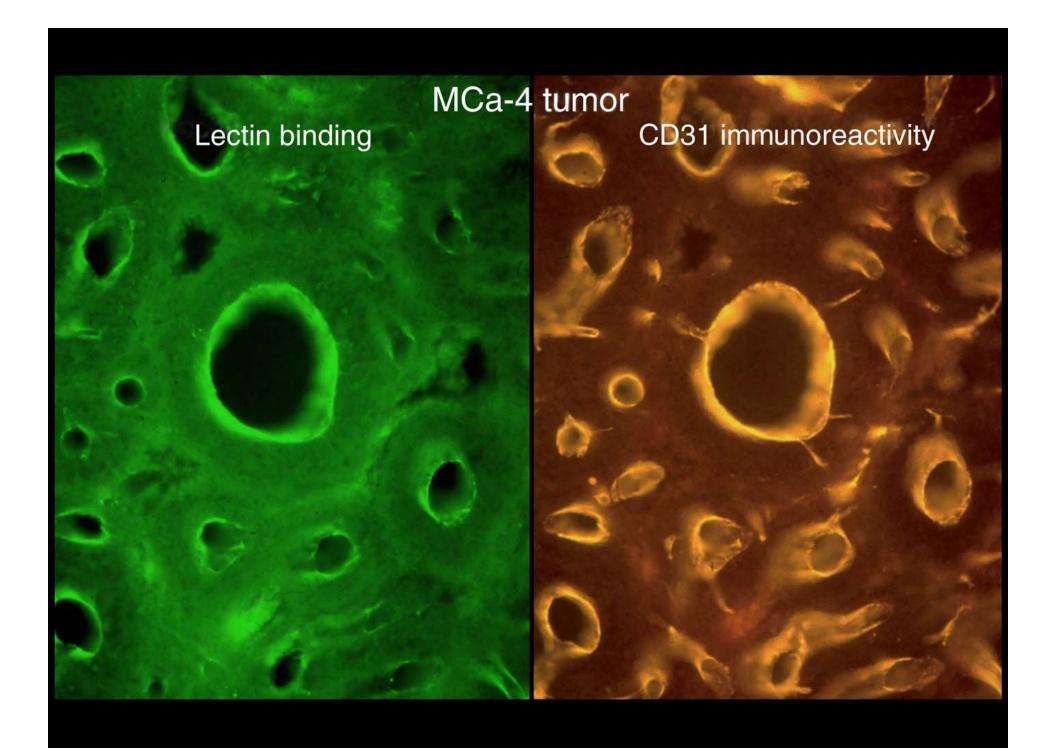




Tumor Neovascularization







Ethylene vinyl-acetate copolymer (ELVAX), implanted within rabbit cornea



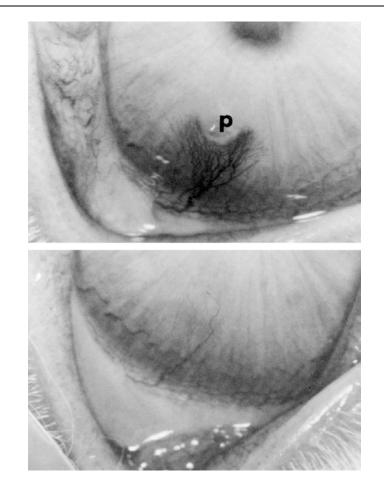


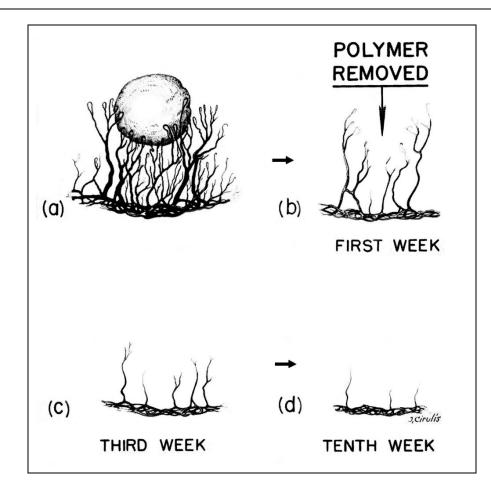


Laboratory Investigation, 1978

The Sequence of Events in the Regression of Corneal Capillaries

DIANNA H. AUSPRUNK, Ph.D., KENNETH FALTERMAN, M.D., AND JUDAH FOLKMAN, M.D.

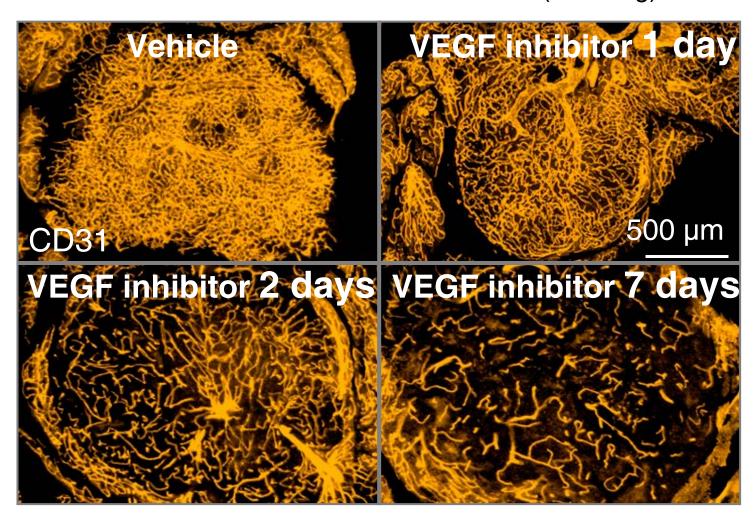




Angiogenesis inhibitors

Anti-angiogenic therapy - capillary dropout:

Regression of blood vessels in a spontaneous murine islet cell carcinoma (RIP-Tag)



Angiogenesis inhibitors approved for clinical use.

Date approved	Drug	Place	Disease
May 2003	Velcade (Bortezomib)	U.S. (FDA)	Multiple myeloma
December 2003	Thalidomide	Australia	Multiple myeloma
February 2004	Avastin (Bevacizumab)	U.S. (FDA)	Colorectal cancer
November 2004	Tarceva	U.S. (FDA)	Lung cancer
December 2004	(Erlotinib) Avastin	Switzerland	Colorectal cancer
December 2004	Macugen	U.S. (FDA)	Macular degeneration
January 2005	Avastin	European Union (25 countries)	Colorectal cancer
September 2005	Endostatin (Endostar)	China (SFDA)	Lung cancer
December 2005	Nexavar (Sorafenib)	U.S. (FDA)	Kidney cancer
December 2005	Revlimid	U.S. (FDA)	Myelodysplastic syndrome
January 2006	Sutent (Sunitinib)	U.S. (FDA)	Gastric (GIST), kidney cancer

Phase III angiogenesis inhibitors in clinical development.

As of February, 2006. (Not yet FDA approved)

Agent	Vascular target	Туре	Phase of Clinical trial
PTK787 (Novartis)	VEGFR-1,-2 PDGFR	RTKI (oral	Phase III
AZD2171 (AstraZeneca)	VEGFR-1,-2,-3 PDGFR	RTKI (oral)	Phase III
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RAD 001 (Novartis)	VEGFR	MTOR inhibitor	Phase III
BMS-275291 (Bristol Myers Squib)		MMP inhibitor	Phase III
CCI-779 (Wyeth)	VEGFR, Inhibit HIF-2a	MTOR inhibitor	Phase III
AE941 (Neovastat) (Aeterna Zentaris)	VEGF, MMPs		Phase III

From Folkman, Heymach & Kalluri, Cancer Medicine, 7th edition., 2006

Phase II angiogenesis inhibitors in clinical development.

Agent	Vascular target	Туре	Phase of Clinical trial
ZD6474 (AstraZeneca)	VEGFR-2 EGFR	RTKI (oral)	Phase II
EMD 121974 (EMD Pharm)		Alpha v-integrin antagonist	Phase II
AP23573 (Ariad)	VEGF	MTOR inhibitor	Phase II
AMG706 (Amgen)	VEGFR, PDGFR KITR, RetR	Multi-kinase inhibitor	Phase II
Combretastatin (Oxigene)	Endothelial cells disrupt VE-cadherin		Phase II
Tetrathiomolybdinate (TM)	VEGF	Copper depleting agent	Phase II
PxD 101 (CuraGen)		Histone deacetylase inhibitor	Phase II
ABT-510 (Abbott)	Thrombospondin-1 Receptor (CD36)	Thrombospondin-1 fragment	Phase II
Ag-013736 (Agouron)	VEGFR-2	RTKI (oral)	Phase II

Phase I angiogenesis inhibitors in clinical development.

Agent	Vascular target	Туре	Phase of Clinical trial
XL880 (Exelixis)	VEGFR-2 (KDR) MET inhib	Spectrum selective Kinase inhibitor	Phase I
CHIR-258 (Chiron)	FGFR-3	Tyrosine kinase inhibitor	Phase I
CI-1033 (Pfizer)	VEGF bFGF TGF alpha	Tyrosine kinase inhibitor	Phase I
E7820 (Eisai)	bFGF	Inhibits integrin alpha2 subunit on endothelium	Phase I
PPI-2458 (Praecis)	Methione amino peptidase-2	METAP2 inhibitor	Phase I
IMC-1221B (Imclone)	VEGR-2	Monoclonal antibody	Phase I
VEGF Trap (Regeneron)	VEGF PIGF	VEGF receptor-based fusion protein	Phase I

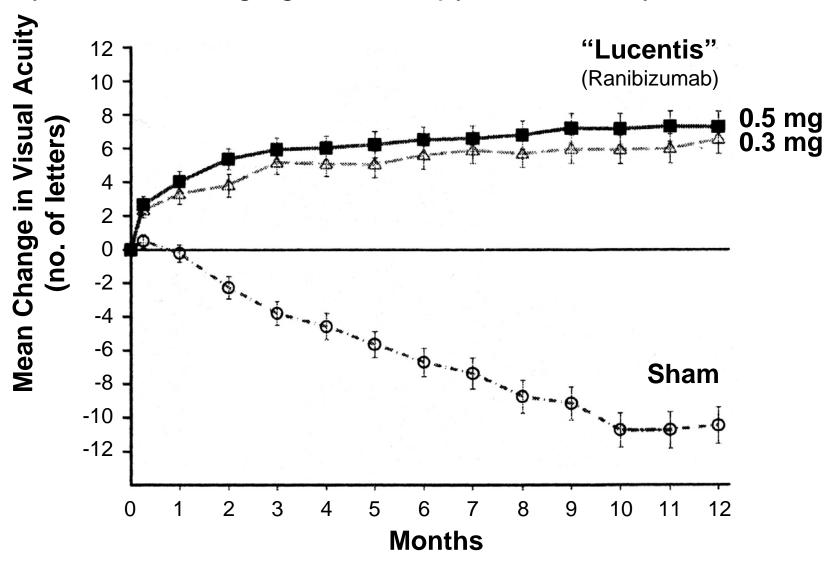
From Folkman, Heymach & Kalluri, Cancer Medicine, 7th ed., 2006.

July 19, 2005 (Lucentis trials reported by Joan Miller, MD, Professor and Chair of Ophthalmology, Mass General Hospital, Harvard.

- 95% of patients with macular degeneration (= 716) <u>retained</u> their vision during the year long study disease arrested..
- 40% <u>improved sight</u> up to 20/40 or better, (from previous 20/300), by the 12th month).
- Dr. Miller said "20/40 is an important level of vision because some can drive a car".
- The average patient who received the drug <u>gained</u> an ability to read an additional 7 letters (gained 7 letters of sight (lines).
- This compared with a vision <u>loss</u> of 10.5 letters among those who received sham injections.

Macular degeneration

1 year of anti-angiogenic therapy with monthly Lucentis.



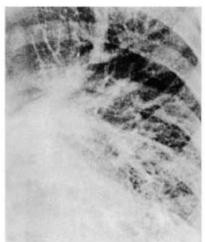
Philip J. Rosenfeld et al., Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, from his lecture on internet, 2005.

Angiogenesis inhibitors discovered in the Folkman lab (1980 - 2005).

1980	Interferon alpha new activity	(Brouty-Boye, D. and Zetter, B.R. Science 208: 516-518, 1980)
1982	Platelet factor 4, Protamine	(Taylor, S. and Folkman, J. <i>Nature</i> 297: 307-312, 1982)
1985	Angiostatic steroids	(Crum, R. et al. (Folkman) Science 230: 1375-1378, 1985)
1990	TNP-470 a fumagillin analogue	(Ingber, D. et al. (Folkman) Nature 348: 555-557, 1990)
1994	Angiostatin	(O'Reilly, M. et al. (Folkman) Cell 79: 315-328, 1994)
1994	Thalidomide	(D'Amato R.J. et al., (Folkman) PNAS 91: 4082-4085, 1994)
1994	2-methoxyestradiol	(D'Amato, R.J. et al. (Folkman) PNAS 91:3964-3968, 1994)
1997	Endostatin	(O'Reilly, M. et al. (Folkman) Cell 88: 277-285, 1997)
1999	Cleaved antithrombin III	(O'Reilly, M. et al. (Folkman) Science 285:1926-1928, 1999)
2002	3-amino thalidomide	(Lentzsch, S. et al. (D'Amato) Cancer Res 62: 2300-2305, 2002)
2003	DBP-maf	(Kisker, O. et al. (Folkman) Neoplasia 5: 32-40, 2003)
2005	Caplostatin	(Satchi-Fainaro, R. et al. (Folkman) Cancer Cell 7: 251-261, 2005)

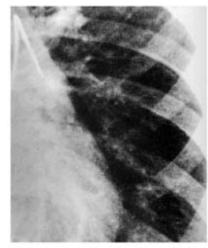
Pulmonary hemangiomatosis treated by Interferon alpha-2a.

1988



Age 12 years. Left pulmonary 7 months on angiogram. Before IFN α -2a.

1989



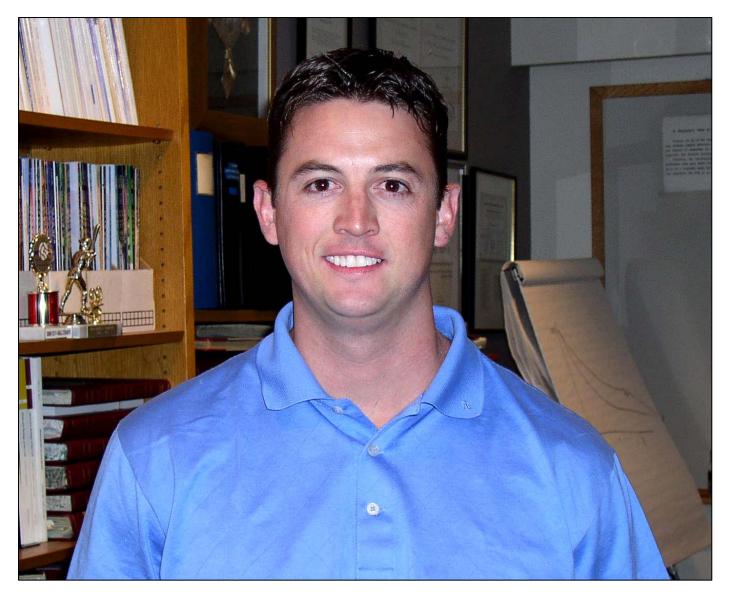
Age 13. IFN α-2a.

2000



Age 24 years. 5 years off IFN α -2a.

- 1. Carl W. White et al., NEJM, 1989; 320: 1197.
- 2. J. Folkman, NEJM, 1989; 320: 1211.



May 2003. 8 years off interferon alpha.

Oncology Reports 2000; 7:145.

Interferon \$\alpha\$-2b at low doses as long-term antiangiogenic treatment of a metastatic intracranial hemangioendothelioma: A case report

GIOVANNELLA PALMIERI, LILIANA MONTELLA, ANGELO MARTIGNETTI and ANGELO RAFFAELE BIANCO

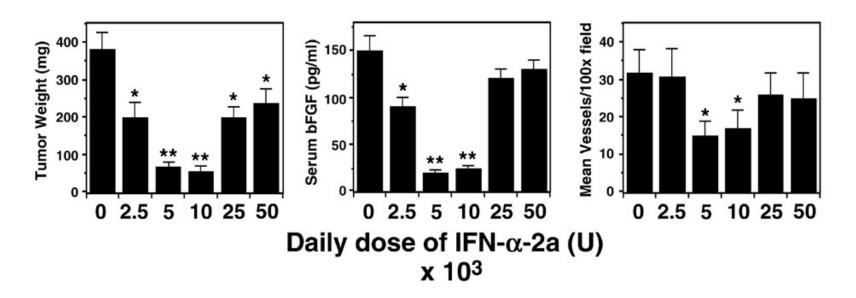
Department of Molecular and Clinical Oncology and Endocrinology, University 'Federico II', Naples, Italy

"We describe a case of metastatic intracranial hemangioendothelioma in a <u>20-year</u> old female patient who presented severe neurological symptoms and relapsed after two surgical interventions."

"Low dose interferon-alpha therapy led to complete tumor regression. She recovered daily function and work activity. She is now tumor free 2.5 years."

Low dose interferon alpha is better than high dose

for anti-angiogenic therapy of human bladder cancer in the bladder of nude mice.

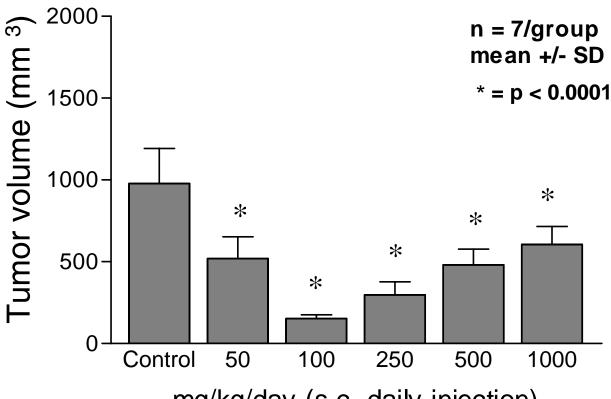


Slaton, J.W., Perotte, P., Inoue, K., Dinney, C., and Fidler, I.J., Clinical Cancer Research, 5:2726-2734, 1999.

U-shaped dose - efficacy curve:

Treatment of human pancreatic cancer (BxPC-3) in SCID mice with human endostatin.

Treatment day 20 (PCNA = 60 %)

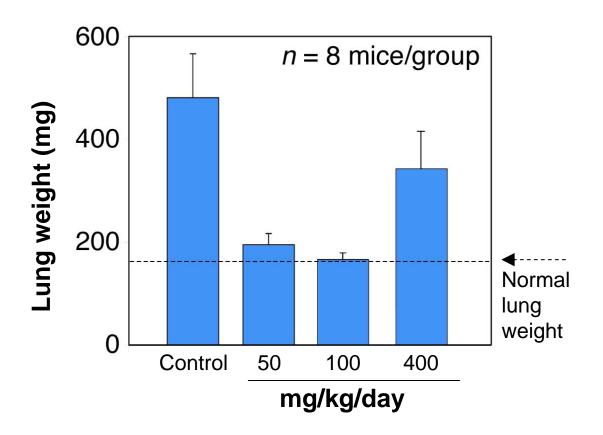


mg/kg/day (s.c. daily injection)

Celik et al (Folkman), Cancer Research 2005, 65:11044.

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Systemic therapy with **rosiglitazone** (Avandia), (a PPAR_γ ligand), prevents lung metastases after removal of a primary Lewis lung carcinoma.



Panigrahy et al., (Kaipainen), (Folkman), J. Clin. Invest, 2002.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2005

Studies Find 2 Drugs May Prevent Cancer

Promise Is Seen, but Experts Say Further Research Is Needed

By LAWRENCE K. ALTMAN and ANDREW POLLACK

ORLANDO, Fla., May 14 — A drug now used to treat breast cancer might be able to prevent prostate cancer in men with a precancerous condition, doctors said here Saturday. Another study suggested that the widely used cholesterol-lowering drugs called statins might stave off breast cancer.

But experts cautioned that more studies were needed before the drugs were prescribed to prevent prostate and breast cancer.

"We are not ready to recommend statins for those patients who do not have lipid abnormalities," said Dr. Vikas Khurana of Louisiana State University, an author of the statin study, referring to people with high cholesterol.

The findings were discussed here at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, a group of cancer specialists. The group, which is dedicated mainly to treating cancer, has recently acknowledged that preventing cancer could be every bit as important.

The statin study analyzed the medical records of 40,000 women in the database of the Veterans Affairs medical system. It found that women who used statins were only half as likely to develop breast cancer as those who did not. But such studies looking back at medical records are not as reliable as clinical trials.

The prostate cancer study was a randomized clinical trial involving 514 men with precancerous lesions analogous to polyps for colon cancer. The condition is called prostate intraepithelial neoplasia, or P.I.N.

No effective treatment exists for the problem, which can be diagnosed only by a pathologist who examines prostate tissue removed in a biopsy. The condition does not always lead to prostate cancer, but men who have it are advised to undergo periodic blood tests and biopsies. at the University of Tennessee, theorized that blocking estrogen might provide a treatment or a preventative with fewer side effects.

So Dr. Steiner started a company, GTx, with financial backing from one of his patients, J.R. Hyde III, the founder of the AutoZone chain of car parts stores. GTx, based in Memphis, has the rights to toremifene and financed the clinical trial.

Dr. Peter Scardino, chief of urology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan, said that the study was well designed and the findings surprising, but that confirmatory studies were needed.

"We are approaching a time when chemo-prevention with hormonal

A study and a clinical trial give hope for blocking breast and prostate career.

manipulations that are not equivalent of full castration will be feasible," Dr. Scardino said in an interview.

One mystery that needs explaining, he said, is that in the trial the lowest dose of drug worked best. Two higher doses did not produce a statistically meaningful reduction in cancer risk.

In the trial, side effects seemed small, doctors said. To win approval of the drug, the company has begun a larger study in which 1,500 men will be followed for at least two years.

The breast cancer study involved female veterans at 10 V.A. centers in four states. The study compared statin use among 556 women with a history of breast cancer and among 39,865 who did not have the disease.

After statistically controlling for a number of factors like age, smoking and diabetes, the researchers found a 51 percent lower risk of breast carrier among the statin users, Dr. Khurana said. He said data on the specific statins that were prescribed have not been analyzed yet.

There have been several studies suggesting that statins might prevent cancer, but other studies have shown no effect. The studies are "all over the board," said Dr. Barnett S, Kramer of the Office of Disease Prevention at the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Robert J. Mayer of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston said it was time for a company or the government to sponsor a forward looking clinical trial that could answer the question more definitively than can tantalizing but inconclusive studies that look back at medical records. "I think we do need to move the statins to a fish-or-cut-bait situation," Dr. Mayer said.

Another study of medical records suggested that the drug raloxifene might lower the risk of endometrial cancer, a disease of the lining of the uterus, while confirming previous studies that tamoxifen might raise the risk

Raloxifene, sold by Eli Lilly & Company as Evisfa, is approved for osteoporosis. But a trial is now under way testing it against tamoxifen for breast cancer prevention.

Also at the conference, a new study found that the drug gemcitabine can reduce the recurrence of pancreatic cancer when used after surgery to remove a tumor. The drug, sold as Gemzar by Eli Lilly, is now approved for treating pancreatic cancer after surgery is no longer possible.

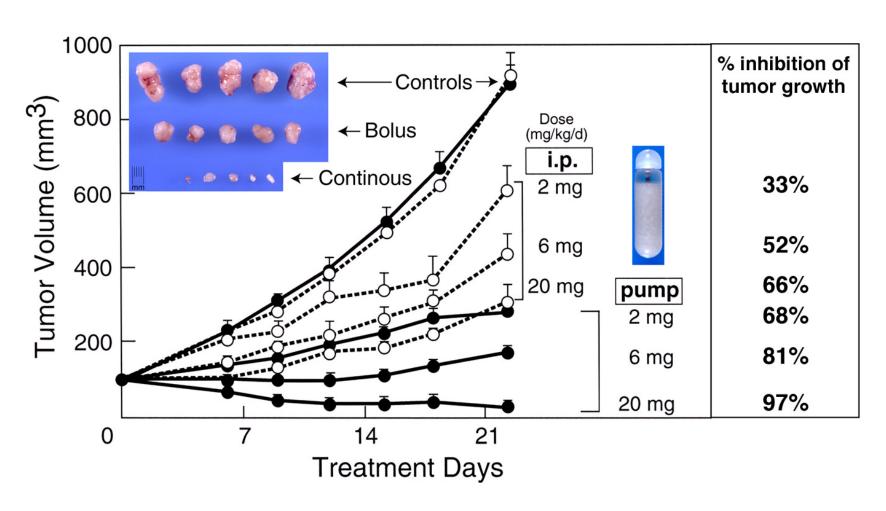
But the finding might apply to only about 20 percent of patients, since most cases of pancreatic cancer are diagnosed after it is too late for surgery, said Dr. Michael Arning, medical director for the drug at Lilly.

"53% lower risk of breast cancer in statin users."

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"Two higher doses did not produce a statistically meaningful reduction in cancer risk."

Human recombinant endostatin: Continuous vs. bolus therapy of human pancreatic cancer (BxPC3).

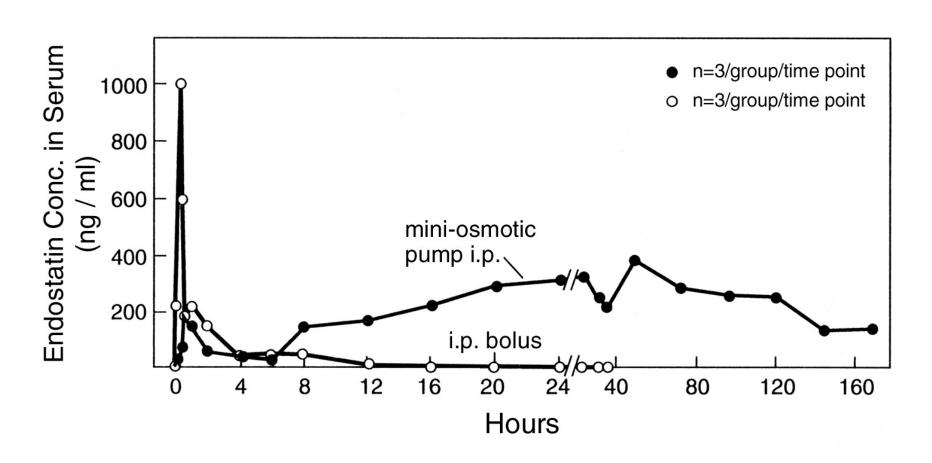


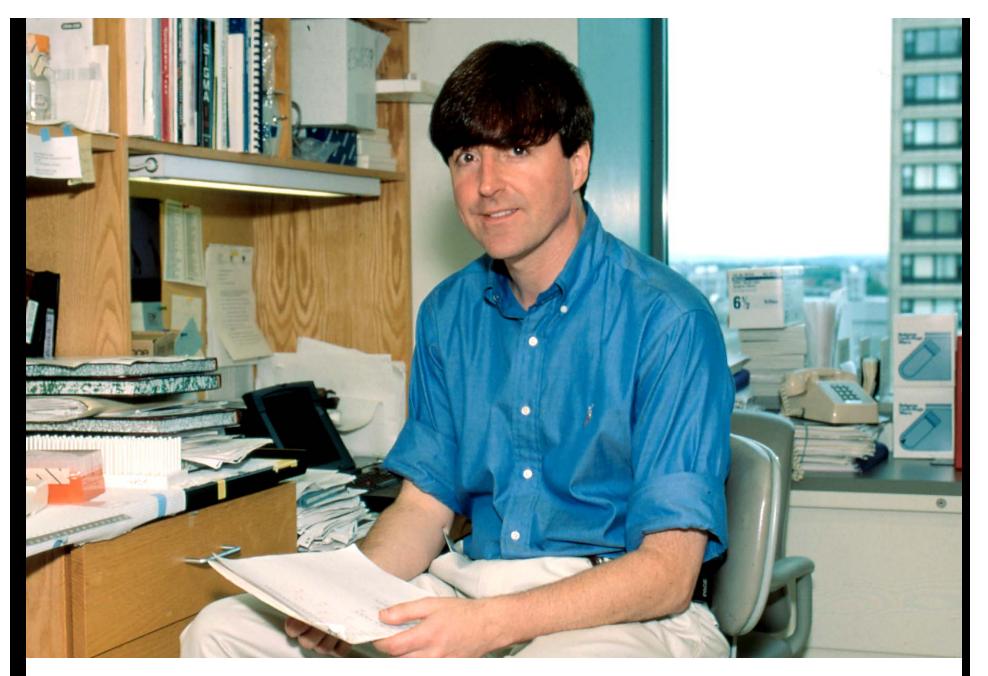
Kisker et al., (J. Folkman) Cancer Research, October 15, 2001.

(This tumor is p53 ^{-/-} [Furuwatari et al. Am J Clin Pathol, 1998])

Serum levels of endostatin:

Same dose Bolus vs. Continuous

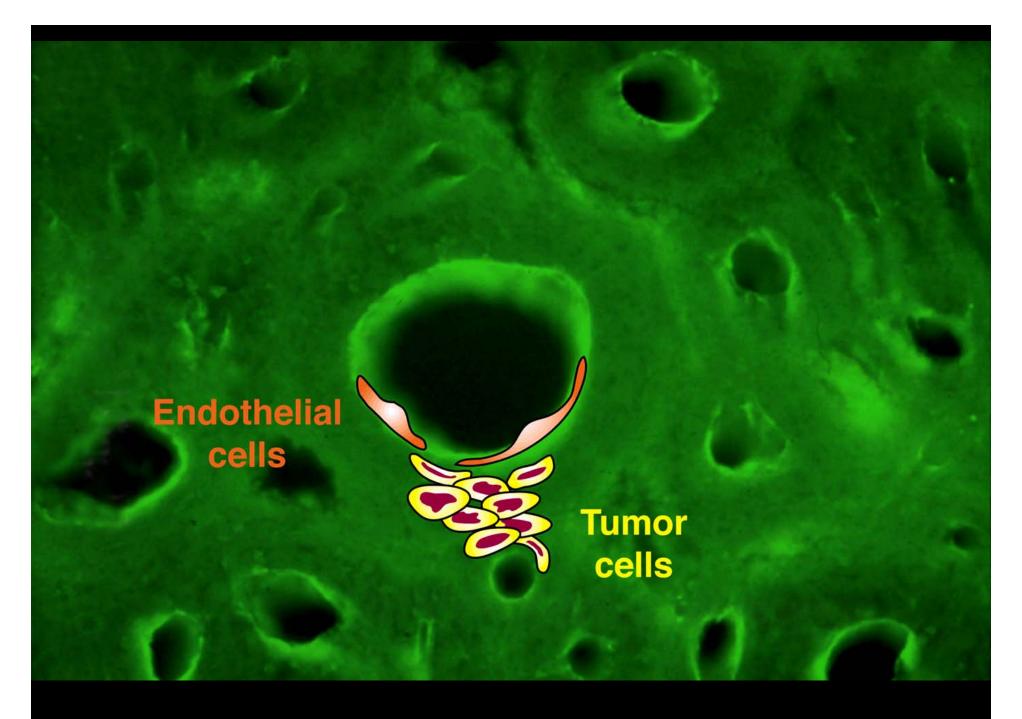




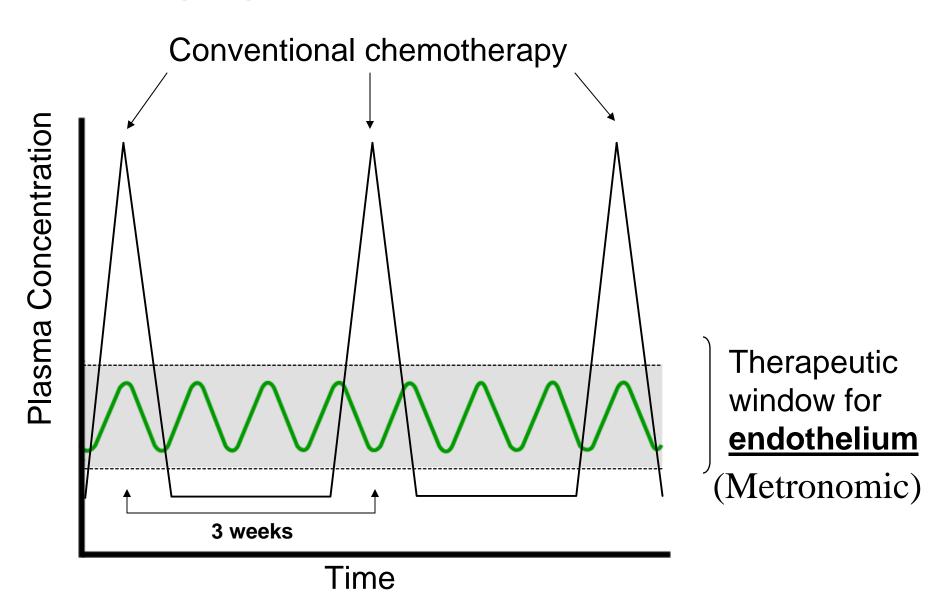
Timothy M. Browder, M.D.

Browder found that:

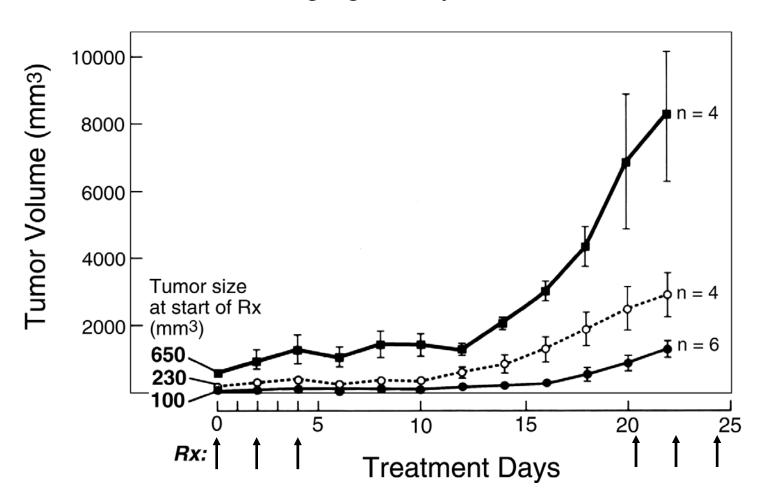
"Tumors made completely **drug-resistant** to maximum tolerated doses of a conventional cytotoxic chemotherapeutic agent, . .can be converted to **drug-sensitive** tumors by administering the same drug on a dose-schedule optimized for endothelial cells, but not tumor cells, i.e., . . . anti-angiogenic chemotherapy."



Conventional chemotherapy vs. anti-angiogenic chemotherapy (metronomic).

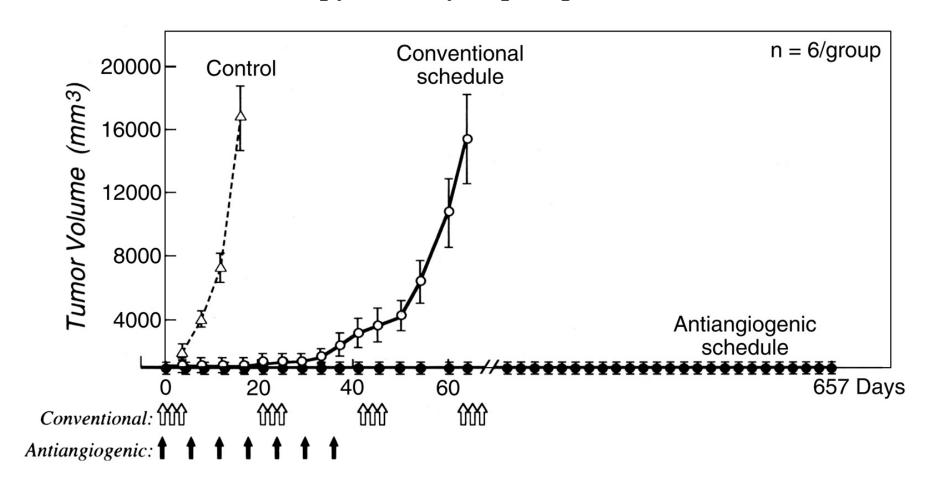


Cyclophosphamide Therapy of Lewis Lung Carcinoma (150 mg/kg on day 0, 2, and 4)



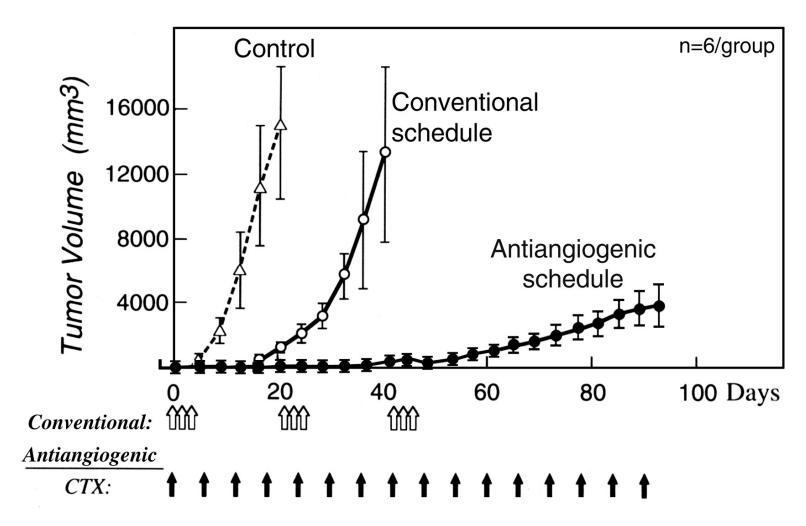
Browder, T. et al., Cancer Research, April 1, 2000.

DRUG-SENSITIVE Lewis Lung Carcinoma Therapy with Cyclophosphamide (CTX)



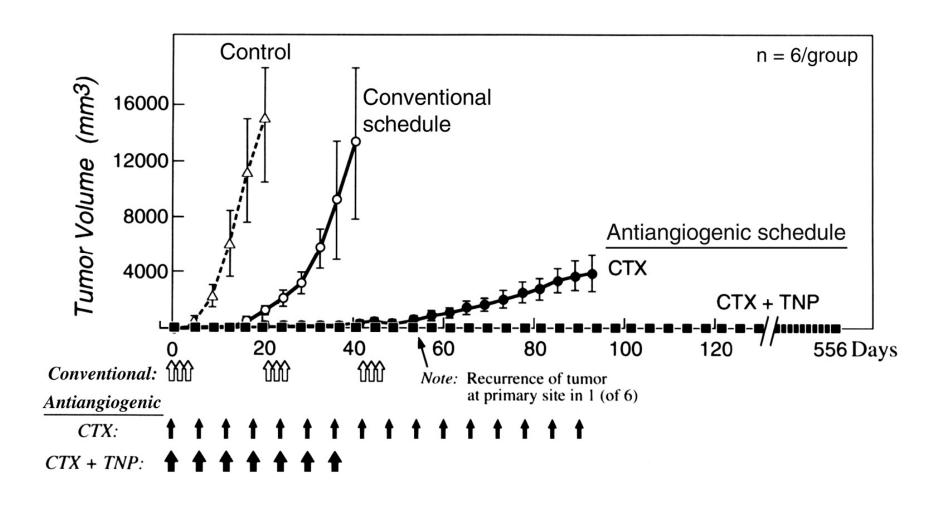
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Cancer Research, 60: 1878 - 1886 April 1, 2000.

Antiangiogenic Scheduling of Chemotherapy Improves Efficacy against Experimental Drug-resistant Cancer¹

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- 1. Clinical trials began in 2002.
- 2. This change in dose-scheduling **optimized** the **antiangiogenic** activity of conventional chemotherapy.
- 3. This regimen is now called, "metronomic" chemotherapy, . .
 - or "low dose" chemotherapy, . .
 - or "chemotherapy lite."

Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 100: 12917, October 28, 2003

Thrombospondin 1, a mediator of the antiangiogenic effects of low-dose metronomic chemotherapy

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- Low dose (metronomic) cyclophosphamide (25 mgm/kg/day) in the drinking water, potently inhibited angiogenesis and tumor growth in mice (>95% inhibition).
- 2. This regimen significantly increased circulating plasma **thrombospondin-1**.
- The anti-angiogenic and anti-tumor effects of low-dose continuous cyclophosphamide were lost in thrombospondin-1 <u>null</u> mice.

Anticancer Drugs, 1: 13-19, 2003

Paclitaxel at ultra low concentrations inhibits angiogenesis without affecting cellular microtubule assembly

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Abbott Laboratories, Abbott Park, Illinois

Inhibition of human microvascular endothelial cel
proliferation by chemotherapeutics

Compounds	IC ₅₀ (pM)
Paclitaxel	0.1
5-FU	5000.0
Camptothecin	10000.0
Doxorubicin	100000.0
Cisplatin	5000000.0

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Turning Point

Summer / Fall 2003

Research Notes

A relentless attack on tumor's blood supply

esearchers are combining a regimen of constant, low-dose chemotherapy with an antiangiogenesis drug to attack advanced breast cancer in a new clinical trial at Dana-Farber.

Both prongs of the attack are aimed at starving the cancer by destroying its Customarily, doctors administer chemotherapy for a limited time at the highest dose the patient can tolerate, then stop and allow the body to recover for several weeks. During this period, however, the tumor has a chance to rebuild the damaged blood supply network, aid-

eceive

metastatic cancer, meaning their disease is less advanced than in the previous trial. They will also be receiving the metronomic chemotherapy in addition to Avastin.

"We are very excited about this trial. The laboratory models suggest this is an effective way to combat cancer," says Dr. Burstein. "We think it is an innovative approach and expect it to be well tolerated by patients." Patients will also be treated at the Sarah Cannon Cancer Center in Nashville, Tenn.

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> has worked in the breast oncology group. Also collaborating in the trial is John Heymach, MD, PhD, a DFCI fellow currently doing research in the laboratory of Judah Folkman, MD, of Children's Hospital Boston, who pioneered the concept of antiangiogenic therapy.

Standard chemotherapy drugs are intended to poison the tumor, but they also damage its nourishing web of blood vessels, researchers have found.

of blood vessels around tumors. T cer community recently learned that drug had lengthened survival of me tic colon cancer patients in a Phase clinical trial. However, Avastin had been effective in a previous trial of patients with advanced breast canc

but "maybe that was because the patients Oncology Center, notes, "The trial is were treated too late in the course of their disease," suggests Dr. Burstein.

Patients entering the new trial will have had less prior treatment for their

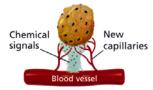
Avastin and **metronomic**

therapy are aimed at blocking the blood vessels a tumor develops to nourish its growth and spread.

innovative in its approach, rooted in solid laboratory science, and may help lead the way to a new approach to breast cancer treatment."

Dormant







Avastin and metronomic therapy are aimed at blocking the blood vessels a tumor develops to nourish its growth and spread.

Illustration by John DiGianni

Antiangiogenic (metronomic) chemotherapy.

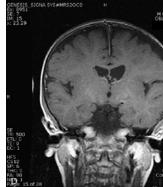
Bilateral supratentorial glioma diagnosed at age 6 months. 2 surgeries and 2 previous chemotherapies yielded remission of 24 weeks, after which tumors recurred.

Before therapy

Therapy: 2 years

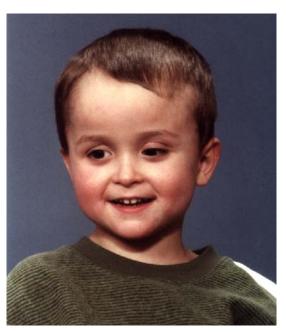
2 years off therapy







MRI with gadolinium



December 2003. Age 3 years. (On metronomic therapy 2 years.)

May 2006, age 6.... has been off therapy >2.5 years.

Kieran et al., (J. Folkman), J. Pediatr. Hematol. Oncol., 24: 573, 2005

"25% of all patients continue progression-free,
2.37 to 3.2 years from starting therapy" (No interference with height)

Diagnosis	24 weeks on study?	Progression-free survival (weeks)		
Optic glioma	Yes	>167	(3.2 years)	
Ependymoma	Yes	>152	(3 years)	Clayatad
Medulloblastoma	Yes	>126	(2.4 years)	Elevated Thrombospondin-
Ependymoma	Yes	>124	(2.39 years)	Tillollibospolidill
Ependymoma	Yes	>123	(2.37 years)	
Spindle cell	Yes	83	_	
Ependymoma	Yes	58		
Osteosarcoma	Yes	28		
Diffuse pontine glioma	No	23		
Primitive neuroectodermal tumor, then osteosarcoma	No	15		
Desmoplastic small round cell tumor	No	13		
Rhabdomyosarcoma	No	12		
Rhabdomyosarcoma	No	9		
High-grade glioma	No	9		
Osteosarcoma/retinoblastoma	No	5		
Glioblastoma	No	4		
Ependymoma	No	3		
Neurofibromatosis type 1; Glioblastoma muliforme	No	3		
Osteosarcoma	No	2 (0	lose-limiting toxi	city)

February 28, 2004

"Anti-angiogenic therapy can now be considered the 4th modality for cancer treatment," (in addition to surgery, radiation & chemotherapy).

Mark McClellan FDA Commissioner

May 18, 2004



NCI Cancer Bulletin

Eliminating the Suffering and Death Due to Cancer

Trans-Institute Angiogenesis Research Program Launched

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ation of TARP is an obvious ed step. Cancer researchers from diabetes researchers' angiogenesis and vice versa. is true for nearly any angiosearch—advances in one dismay fuel advances in others. with this initiative is simple: communicate, and make the ne resources available to us.

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"Angiogenesis research will probably change the face of medicine in the next decades, with more than **500 million people** worldwide predicted to benefit from pro- or anti-angiogenesis treatments."

Peter Carmeliet

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Comparative evaluation of the antitumor activity of antiangiogenic proteins delivered by gene transfer

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Serum level of endostatin: > 20,000 ng/ml

Molecular Therapy (April 2002) 5, 352.

Unfulfilled Promise of Endostatin in a Gene Therapy-Xenotransplant Model of Human Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia

Wolfgang Eisterer, ¹ Xiaoyan Jiang, ¹ Thomas Bachelot, ² Robert Pawliuk, ² Carolina Abramovich, ¹ Philippe Leboulch, ^{2,3,4} Donna Hogge, ^{1,5} and Connie Eaves^{1,6,*}

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Serum level of endostatin: > 700 ng/ml

Science (March 22, 2002) 295, 2918. Eliot Marshall

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Just as clinical trials of a widely heralded cancer treatment are about to be expanded, two groups report that they couldn't get it to work, indicating again how fickle and mysterious the compound remains

Setbacks for Endostatin

Cancer Gene Therapy, 9 (6): 513-21, June 2002.

Adeno-associated virus-mediated gene transfer of endostatin inhibits angiogenesis and tumor growth in vivo

Wenyin Shi, 1,† Christian Teschendorf, 2,† Nicholas Muzyczka and Dietmar W Siemann 1,3

1. An endostatin level of **35 - 40 ng/ml** was sufficient to inhibit tumor angiogenesis and to suppress both the inhibition and subsequent growth of human colorectal cancer in mice.

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