

CHAPTER 8—Dr. Chas E. Myers' Weekly Videos

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Zytiga + CYP2D6 Testing

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Dr. Myer's latest vlog discusses how the presence or absence of the gene CYP2D6 affects the metabolism of Zytega (abiraterone). If the gene is absent, the drug will not be well metabolized and may reach toxic levels. On the contrary, if the enzyme that the gene encodes is overly active, Zytega will not be effective, since it will be metabolized too rapidly by the liver.

CYP2D6 is also involved in the metabolism of certain pain killers and the breast cancer drug Tamoxifen, and many labs are able to test for it. Dr. Myers is recommending that all his patients who are on Zytega be tested.

Statins + PCa

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Muscle weakness is the most common side effect. Hypothyroidism contributes; get this under control before tackling muscle weakness. Statin cardio benefit far outweighs muscle weakness risk. Physical fitness outweighs statin benefit.