



# Multiple Myeloma Precursor Conditions

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# Speakers



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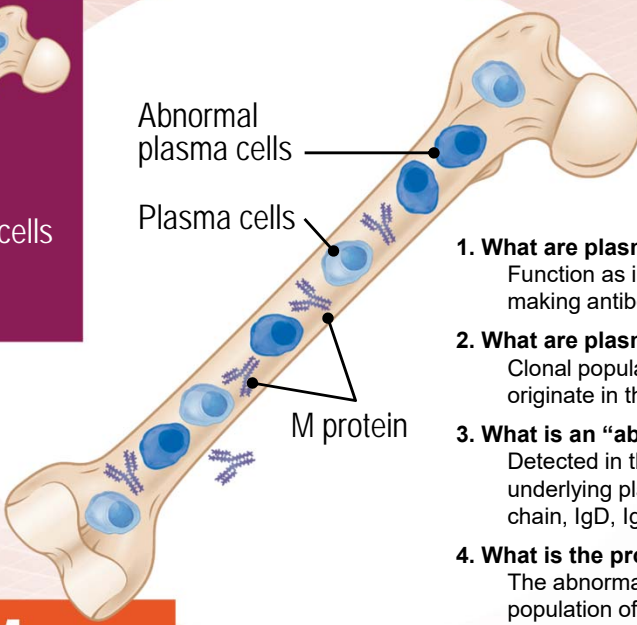
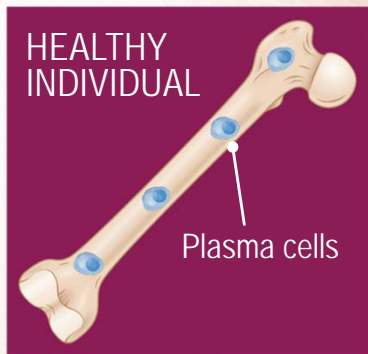
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# Overview of Multiple Myeloma Precursor Conditions

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### FAQs

- 1. What are plasma cells?**  
Function as immune cells responsible for making antibodies
- 2. What are plasma cell disorders?**  
Clonal population of abnormal plasma cells that originate in the bone marrow
- 3. What is an “abnormal protein” in my blood?**  
Detected in the blood when searching for underlying plasma cell disorder (IgG, IgA, light chain, IgD, IgM)
- 4. What is the problem?**  
The abnormal protein and the abnormal population of cells can lead to organ damage in multiple myeloma.

**MGUS/SMM**



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# Plasma Cell Disorders: Classification

## Updated IMWG criteria for diagnosis of multiple myeloma

MGUS	Smoldering myeloma	Multiple myeloma
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• M protein &lt;3 g/dL</li><li>• Clonal plasma cells in bone marrow &lt;10%</li><li>• No myeloma-defining events</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• M protein ≥3 g/dL (serum) or ≥500 mg/24 hrs (urine)</li><li>• Clonal plasma cells in bone marrow ≥10% to 60%</li><li>• No myeloma-defining events</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Underlying plasma cell proliferative disorder</li></ul> <b>AND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 or more myeloma-defining events</li><li>• ≥1 CRAB* feature</li><li>• Clonal plasma cells in bone marrow ≥60%</li><li>• Serum free light chain ratio ≥100</li><li>• &gt;1 MRI focal lesion</li></ul>

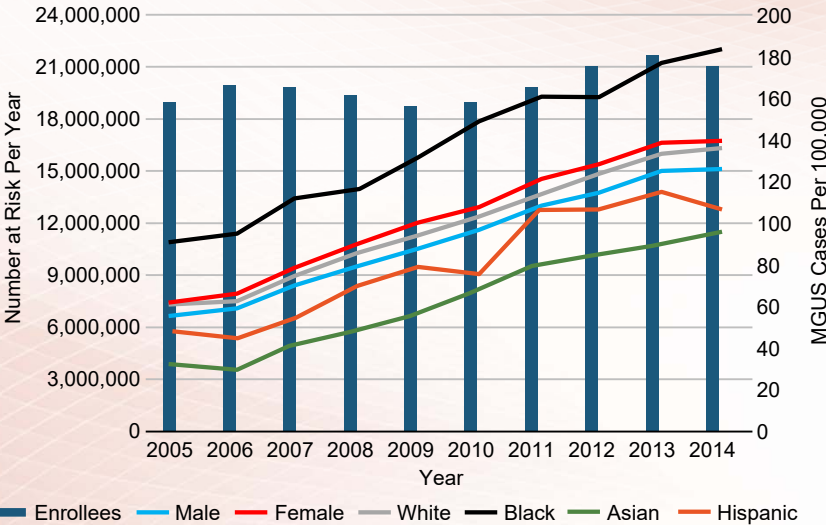
\*C: Calcium elevation (>11 mg/dL or >1 mg/dL higher than ULN)  
R: Renal insufficiency (creatinine clearance <40 mL/min or serum creatinine >2 mg/dL)  
A: Anemia (Hb <10 g/dL or 2 g/dL < normal)  
B: Bone disease (≥1 lytic lesions on skeletal radiography, CT, or PET-CT)

Rajkumar SV et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2014;15:e538.



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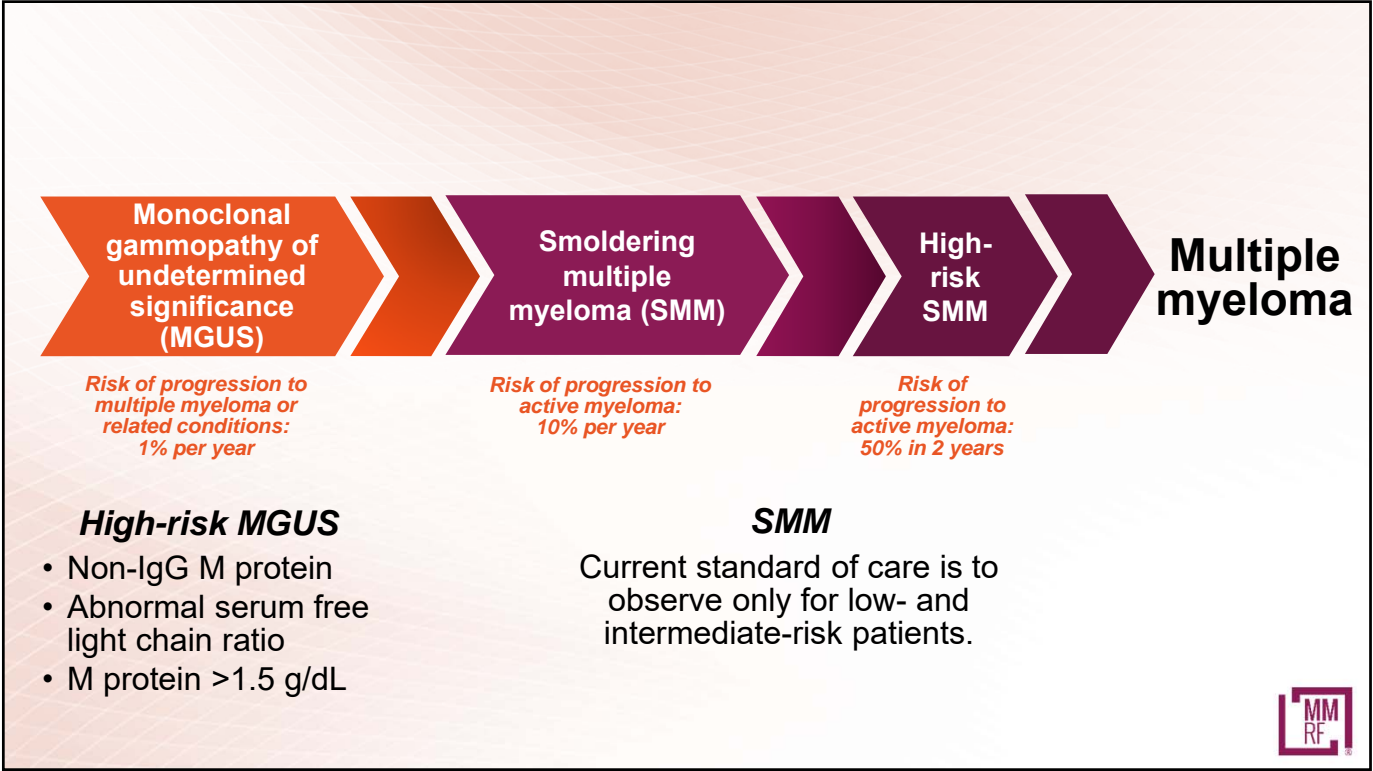
# MGUS is a Very Common Condition



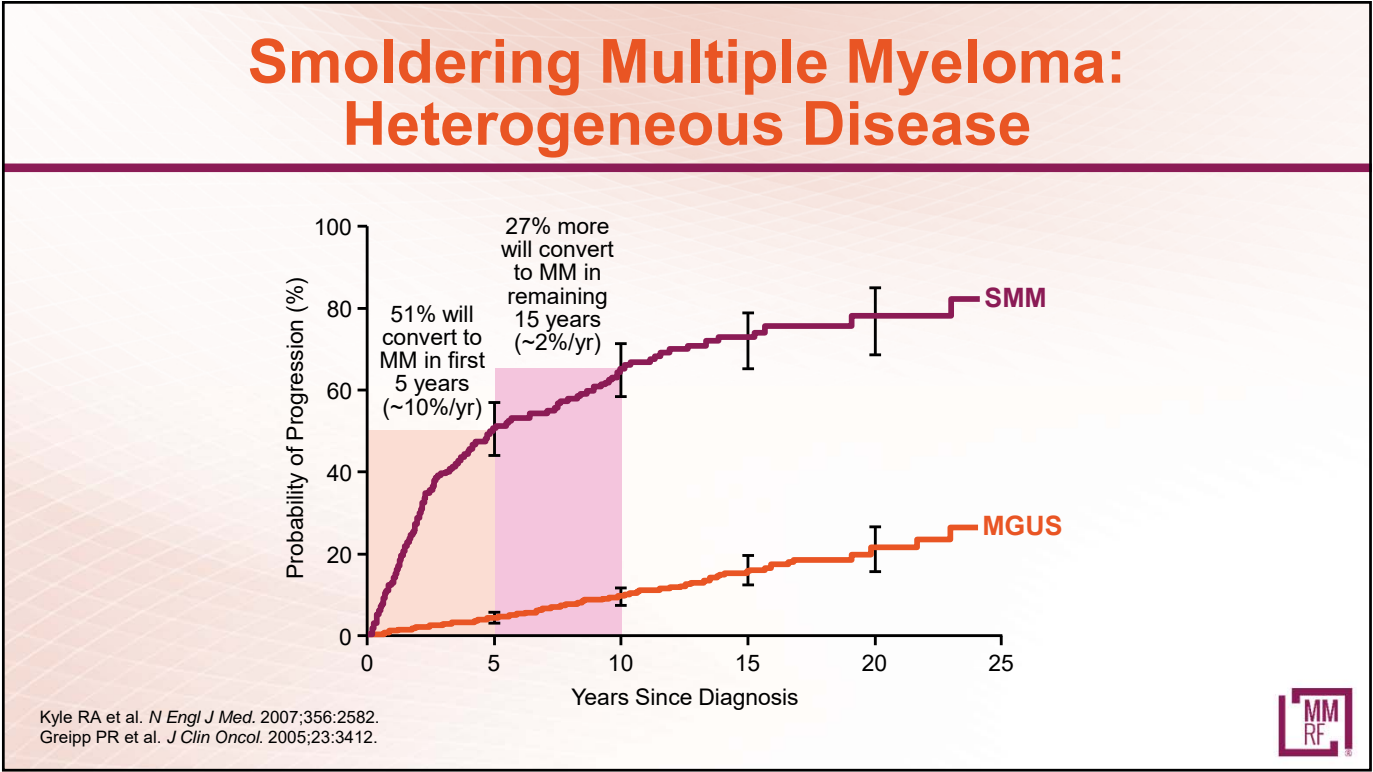
Go RS et al. *Leukemia.* 2016;30:1443.



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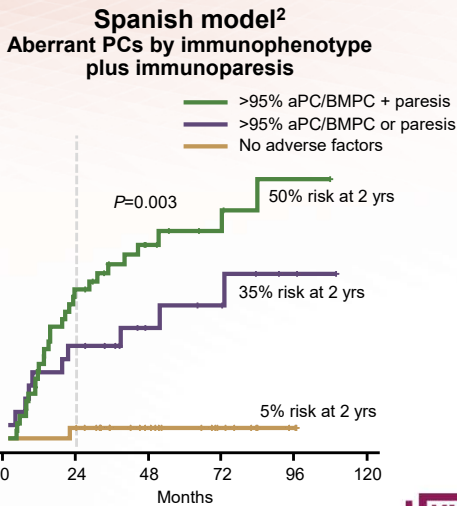
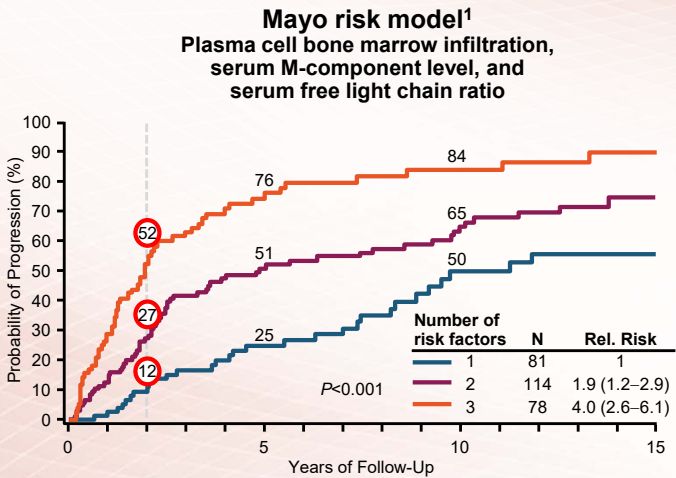


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# Risk Assessment in Smoldering Myeloma



1. Dispenzieri A et al. *Blood*. 2008;111:785.  
2. Perez-Persona E et al. *Blood*. 2017;110:2586.



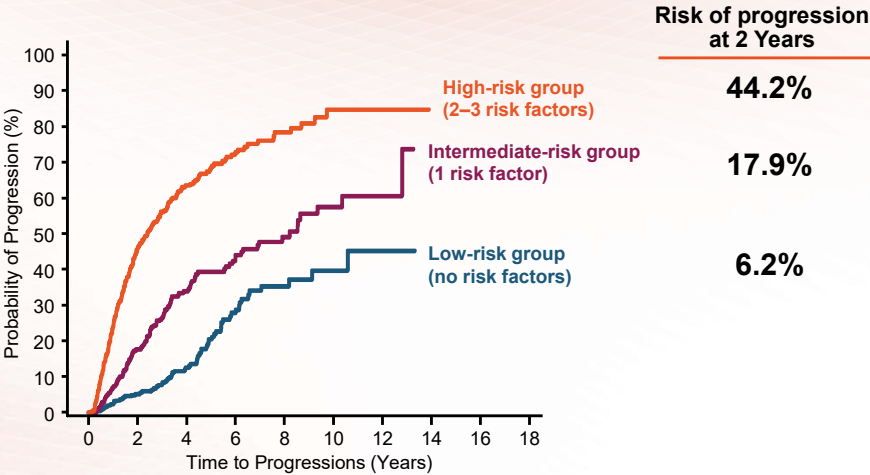
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# 2/20/20 Model to Identify High-Risk SMM Patients

**2/20/20  
Risk assessment  
for SMM**

- 2** >2 g/dL M protein
- 20** >20 free light chain ratio
- 20** >20% bone marrow plasma cells

Model does not include any biological or immune factors that may account for interpatient heterogeneity.



Mateos MV et al. *Blood Cancer J*. 2020;10:102.



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# Can we identify everyone who has a precursor condition?



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# Identifying Patients Who Have Myeloma Precursor Conditions

## Nationwide Screening Studies

### Iceland



### United States and Canada

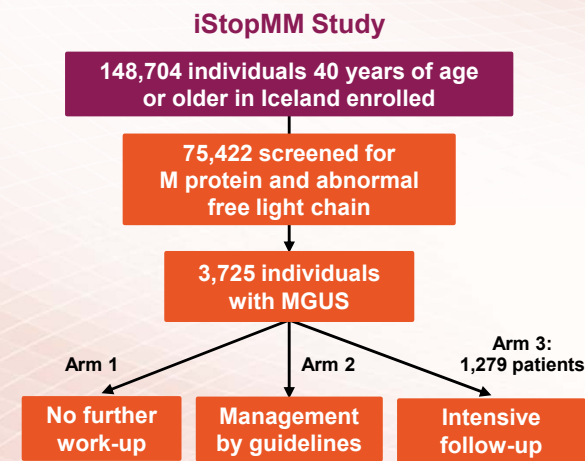
THE PROMISE STUDY



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# Prevalence of MGUS and SMM



4.9% of individuals screened have MGUS

10.8% of individuals screened have SMM; SMM prevalence is 0.53%

One third of SMM patients have an intermediate or high risk\* of progression to myeloma

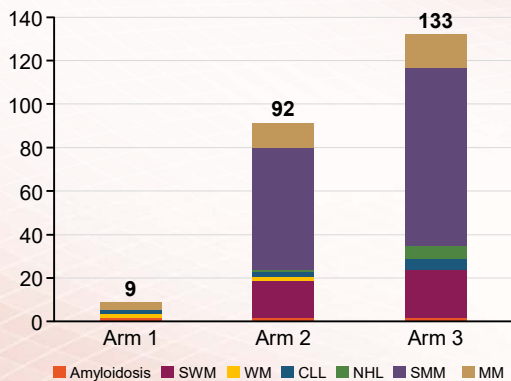
*High prevalence of SMM has implications for future treatment policies and underlines the need for accurate risk stratification in SMM.*

\*Based on the 2/20/20 risk stratification model where three risk factors are associated with progression to active myeloma: (1) M protein levels, (2) free light chain ratio, and (3) the number of plasma cells in the bone marrow.  
Thorsteinsdottir S et al. *Blood*. 2021;138. Abstract 151.



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# Additional iStopMM Study Findings



After 3 years of follow-up, active screening identifies a significantly higher number of individuals with malignancies and smoldering disease.

Kristinsson SY et al. *Blood*. 2021;138. Abstract 156.

MGUS was not associated with COVID-19 susceptibility or COVID-19 severity.

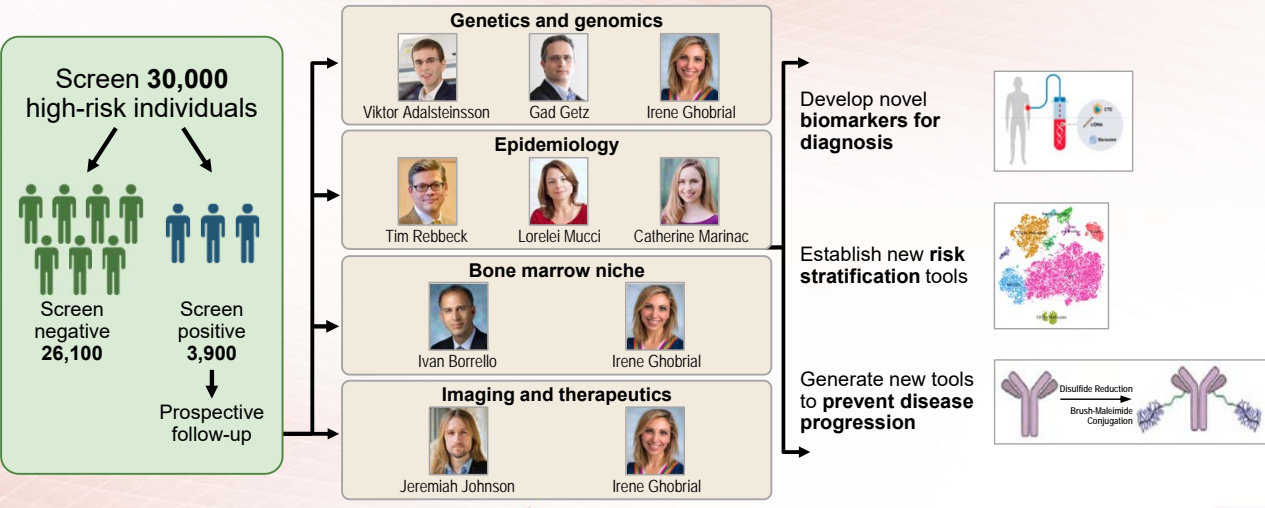
These findings suggest that immunosuppression in MGUS is different than in myeloma.

Rögnvaldsson S et al. *Blood*. 2021;138. Abstract 154.



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# Nationwide Study of Myeloma Screening and Prevention: PROMISE



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# Promise Study Eligibility Criteria



2 groups of U.S. adults, age 30 or older, qualify for a free screening:

1. **African Americans**
- AND / OR
2. **People of Any Race Who Have a Parent, Sibling, or Child with:**  
**Multiple myeloma**, another blood cancer, OR one these related conditions:
  - Monoclonal Gammopathy of Undetermined Significance (MGUS)
  - Smoldering Multiple Myeloma
  - Waldenström Macroglobulinemia

We are also enrolling individuals who are 18 years of age or older and have a strong family history of blood cancer (2 or more first- and second-degree relatives).

Please sign up for the study if you qualify.

Note: The PROMISE study is for people who may have higher risks, but have not been diagnosed with any of these conditions.

If you have been diagnosed with one of these conditions, please visit our [PCROWD study](#), a sister project for people with precursor conditions.

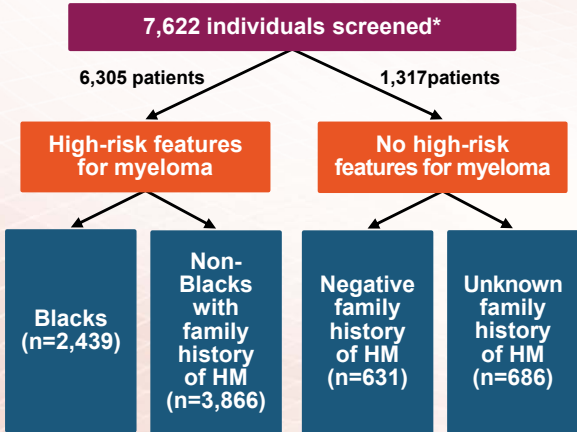
PCROWD



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# High Prevalence of Monoclonal Gammopathy in a Population at Risk

## The PROMISE Study



MGUS estimated in 13% to 17% of a high-risk screened population (rates increase with age).

Higher detection rates of free light chains by mass spectrometry than conventional methods.

Older adults who are Black or have a first-degree relative with a HM have an increased prevalence for MGUS.

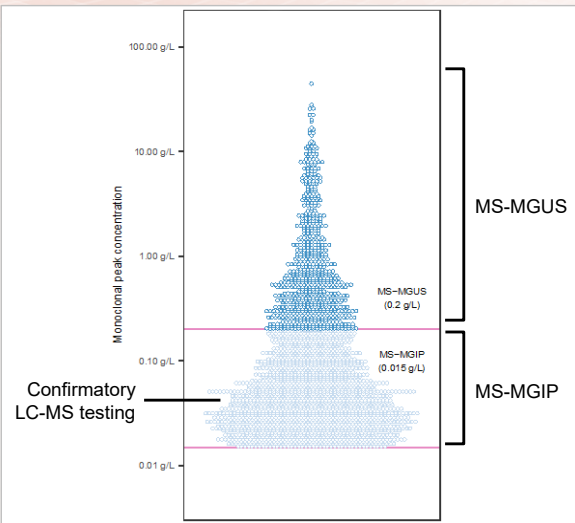
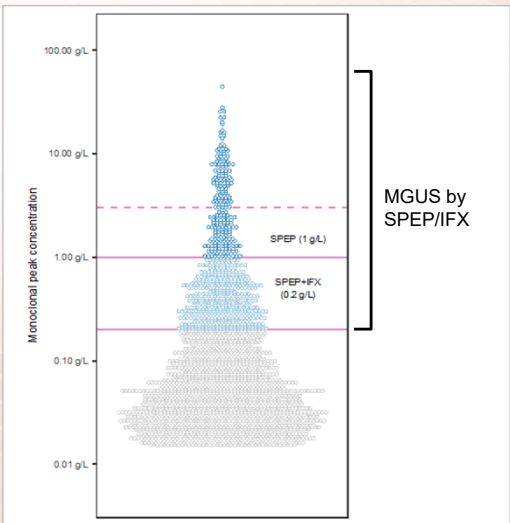
*Older individuals who are Black or have a first-degree relative with a HM may benefit from screening to allow for early detection and possible clinical intervention.*

\*The PROMISE study and Mass General Brigham Biobank—detected by mass spectrometry.  
HM, hematologic malignancy  
El-Khoury H et al. *Blood*. 2021;138. Abstract 152.



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# Defining Outcomes and Results



SPEP, serum protein electrophoresis; IFX, immunofixation; MS-MGUS, mass spectrometry-monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance; MS-MGIP, mass spectrometry-monoclonal gammopathies of indeterminate potential; LC-MS, light chain mass spectrometry

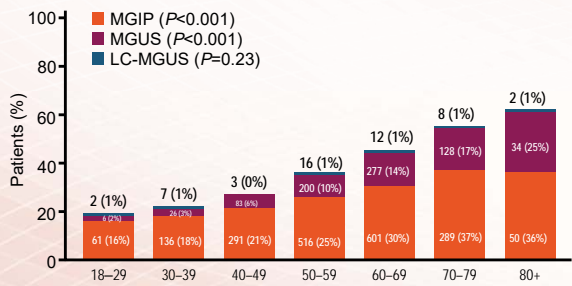


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# High Prevalence of Monoclonal Gammopathy in a Population at Risk

**Rates of all monoclonal gammopathies\* increase with age**

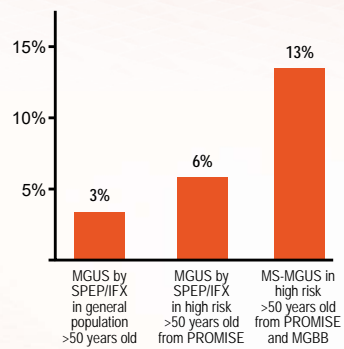


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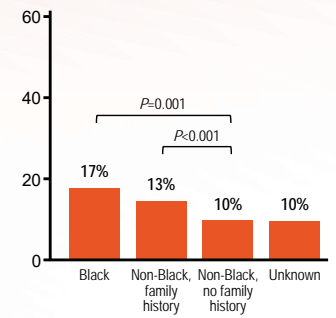
HM, hematologic malignancy; MGUS, monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance; MGIP, monoclonal gammopathies of indeterminate potential; LC, light chain; SPEP, serum protein electrophoresis; IFX, immunofixation; MS, mass spectrometry; MGBB, Mass General Brigham Biobank

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**MGUS more prevalent in individuals older than 50 years at risk**



**Higher rates of MGUS\* in Blacks or individuals with a family history of HM and older than 50 years at risk**



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## Summary

- Precursor plasma cell disorders are characterized by the presence of abnormal clonal plasma cells without any end organ damage.
- MGUS is a common condition; prevalence increases with age.
- There is variable risk of progression from MGUS and SMM to overt myeloma; several risk models can help predict who is at risk of progression.
- Screening efforts, particularly in high-risk populations, are under way.



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# Therapeutic Intervention for Myeloma Precursor Conditions

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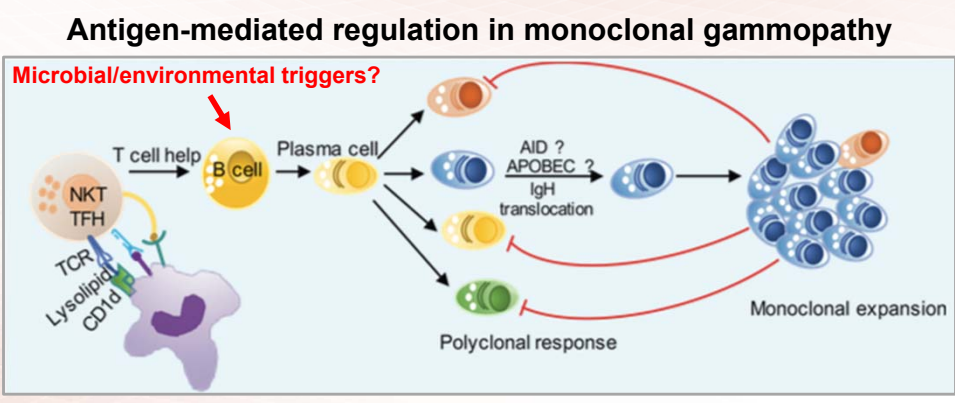
Winship Cancer Institute  
Emory University School of Medicine  
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# Preventing Evolution of Gammopathies to Prevent Myeloma

- Diet
- Lifestyle
- Microbiome



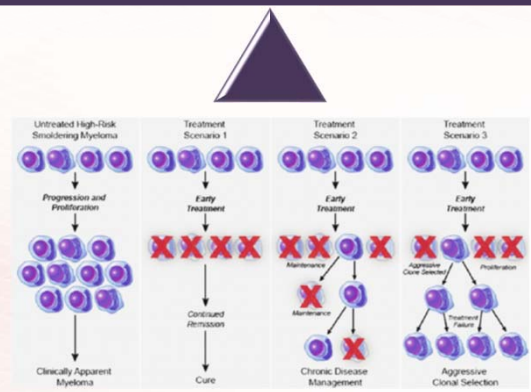
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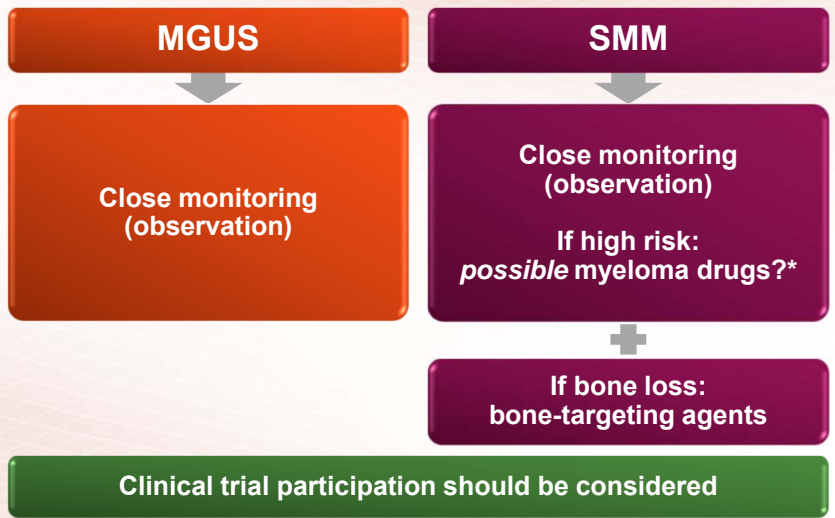
# SMM, to treat or not?

- Delaying symptomatic progression
  - Maintain/increase quality of life by treating early
  - Possibility of cure?
- Selection of resistant clone?
  - Toxicity
  - Costs of treatment
  - Overtreatment



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# Overview of Current Treatment Approach



\*Promising but only available as clinical trials.



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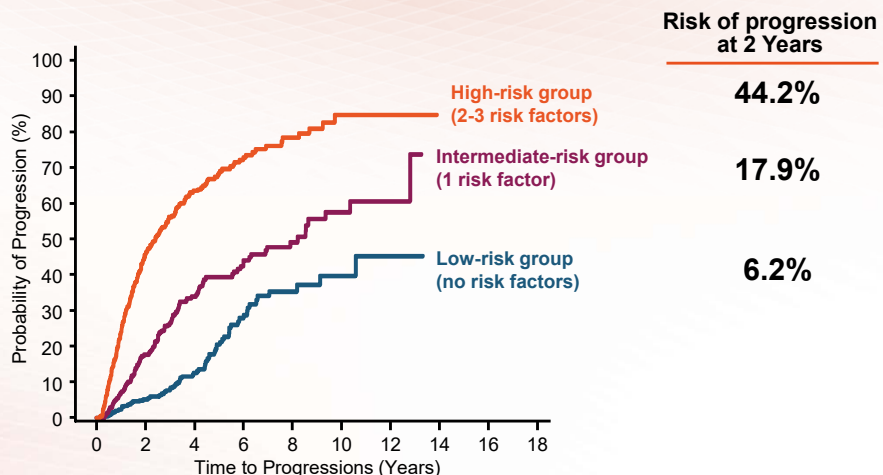
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# Approaches to SMM

**Immunologic therapy**  
(prevention approach)

**Intensive therapy**  
(curative intent)



Len, Len/Dex, Dara

IRD, KRD, ERD

CESAR, ASCENT

**Pros**

- Fewer side effects
- More likely to induce long-term effects

**Cons**

- Low OR
- Does not eliminate the clone

**Pros**

- High ORR
- Deep responses

**Cons**

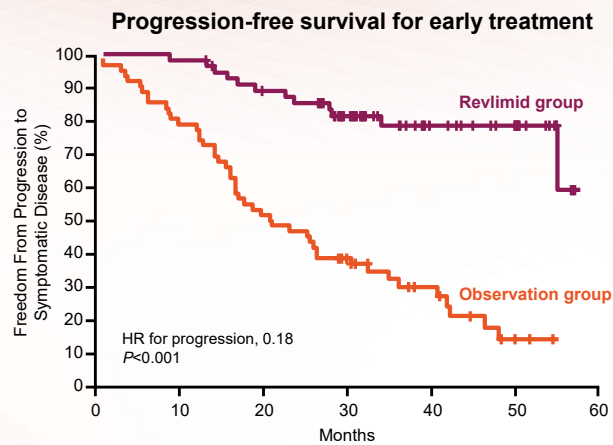
- Toxicity similar to myeloma treatment
- May result in resistant clones



# Early Therapeutic Intervention

## Lenalidomide plus Dexamethasone for High-Risk Smoldering Multiple Myeloma

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Pilar Giraldo, M.D., Javier de la Rubia, M.D., Felipe de Arriba, M.D., Ph.D.,  
Lucía López Corral, M.D., Ph.D., Laura Rosiñol, M.D., Ph.D.,  
Bruno Paiva, Ph.D., Luis Palomera, M.D., Ph.D., Joan Bargay, M.D.,  
Albert Oriol, M.D., Felipe Prosper, M.D., Ph.D., Javier López, M.D., Ph.D.,  
Eduardo Olavarria, M.D., Ph.D., Nuria Quintana, M.D., José-Luis García, M.D.,  
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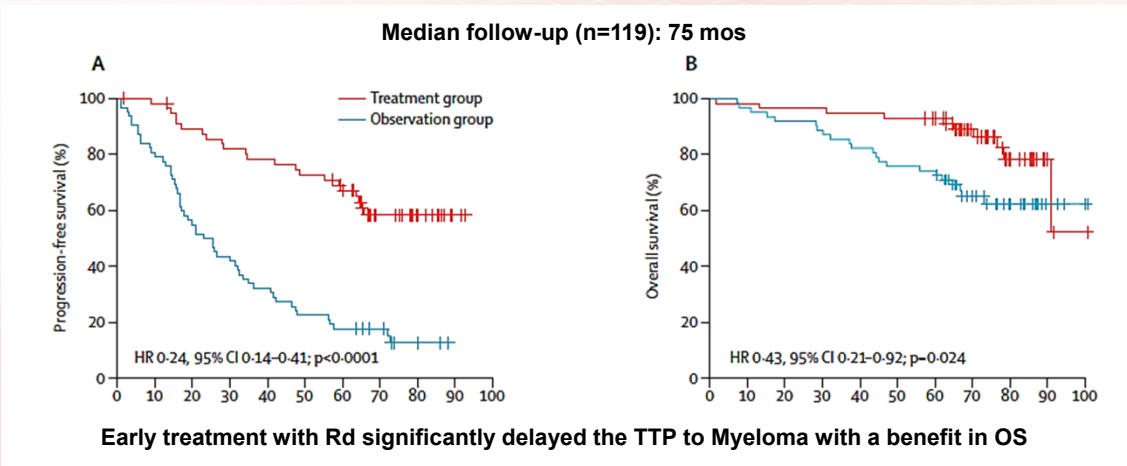


HR, hazard ratio  
Mateos MV et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2013;369:438.



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# QuiRedex Phase 3 Trial Len-dex vs No Treatment in High-Risk SMM



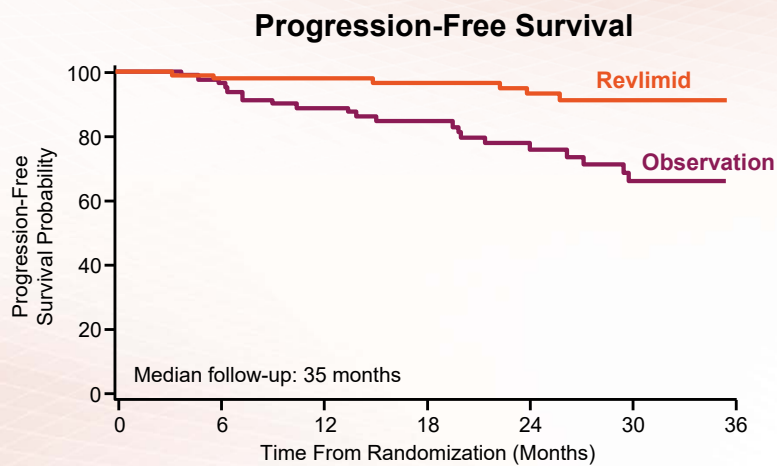
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Mateos MV et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 2016.



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# Revlimid vs Observation Alone in Patients With SMM

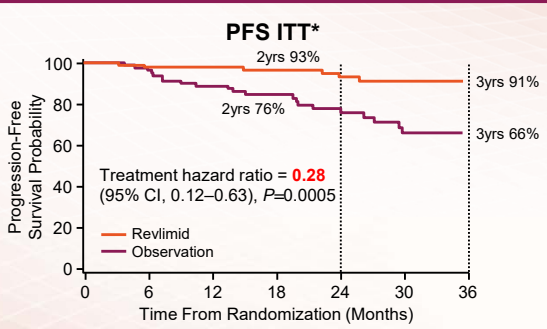


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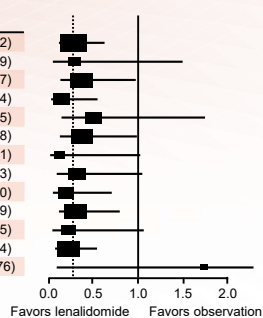


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# E3A06: Len vs Observation in Patients With Asymptomatic High-Risk SMM



Group	n	HR	95% ci
All patients	182	<b>0.28</b>	(0.12, 0.62)
Mayo 2008 risk high	29	<b>0.29</b>	(0.06, 1.49)
Mayo 2008 risk intermediate	104	0.37	(0.14, 0.97)
Mayo 2018 risk high	56	<b>0.09</b>	(0.02, 0.44)
Mayo 2018 risk intermediate	68	0.52	(0.15, 1.85)
Age <70	135	0.37	(0.14, 0.98)
Age ≥70	47	0.13	(0.02, 1.01)
Male	88	0.32	(0.10, 1.03)
Female	94	0.20	(0.06, 0.70)
ECOG PS 0	134	0.30	(0.12, 0.79)
ECOG PS 1–2	48	0.22	(0.05, 1.05)
White	140	0.22	(0.09, 0.54)
Black	31	1.73	(0.10, 30.76)



Criteria: PCBM ≥10% and sFLC ratio >8 or <0.125

Mayo2008: PCBM ≥10% + MC ≥ 3g/dL  
Mayo 2018: 2/20/20

- N=182, intermediate/high-risk SMM (BMPC% ≥10% and aberrant (FLC) ratio (<0.26 or >1.65))
- 1:1 randomization lenalidomide 25 mg day 1 to 21 in 28-day cycle vs observation
- Median FU 35 mnd, median time on len 23 cycles, len discontinued in 51% of patients

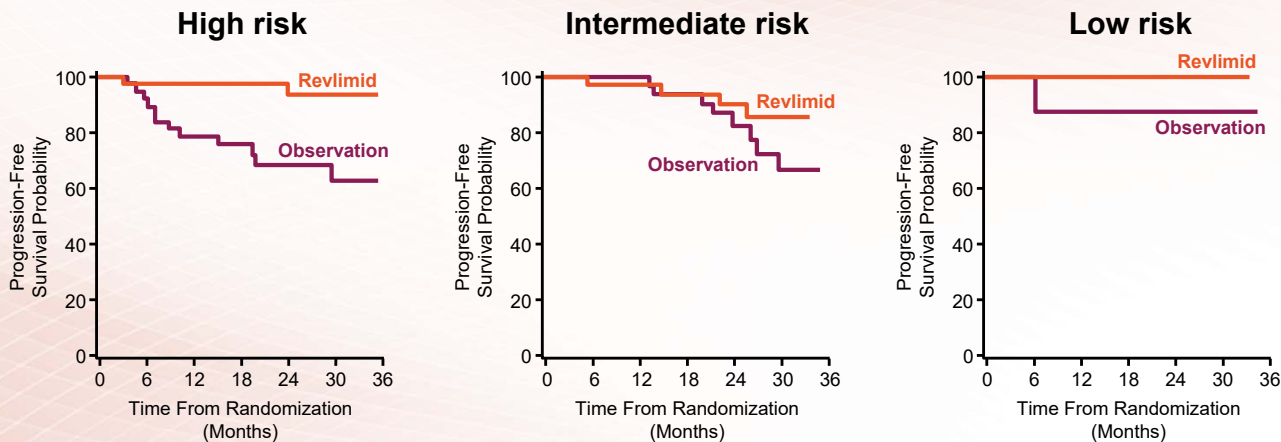
Early treatment with R significantly prevented the progression to MM, especially in the high-risk subgroup.

Lonial S et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2019;38:1126.



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# Phase 3 Progression-Free Survival by Mayo 2018 Risk Criteria



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# Ongoing Clinical Studies for SMM/MGUS Patients

## Phases 1–3 or Observational

### SMM patients at high risk of disease progression

- Revlimid + dex ± Darzalex
- Ninlaro + Revlimid + dex
- Darzalex (sc)
- Kyprolis + Revlimid + dex
- Empliciti + Revlimid + dex (E-PRISM Trial)
- Leflunomide
- Ninlaro + dex
- Pembrolizumab
- Kyprolis + Revlimid + Darzalex + dex (ASCENT trial)
- Ibrandomide ± dex
- Darzalex + Revlimid + Velcade + dex (PRISM Trial)
- Sarclisa alone or + Revlimid
- Metformin
- Revlimid + dex ± Kyprolis
- Darzalex + Kyprolis + dex
- Blenrep
- Vaccines: PVX-410, DKK1, custom-made
- Xgeva

### SMM/MGUS

- PO antibiotic trial (Emory)
- Predictors of progression (PROMISE study)
- Genomic and molecular predictors of progression (MD Anderson study)
- MMRF CureCloud
- Darzalex

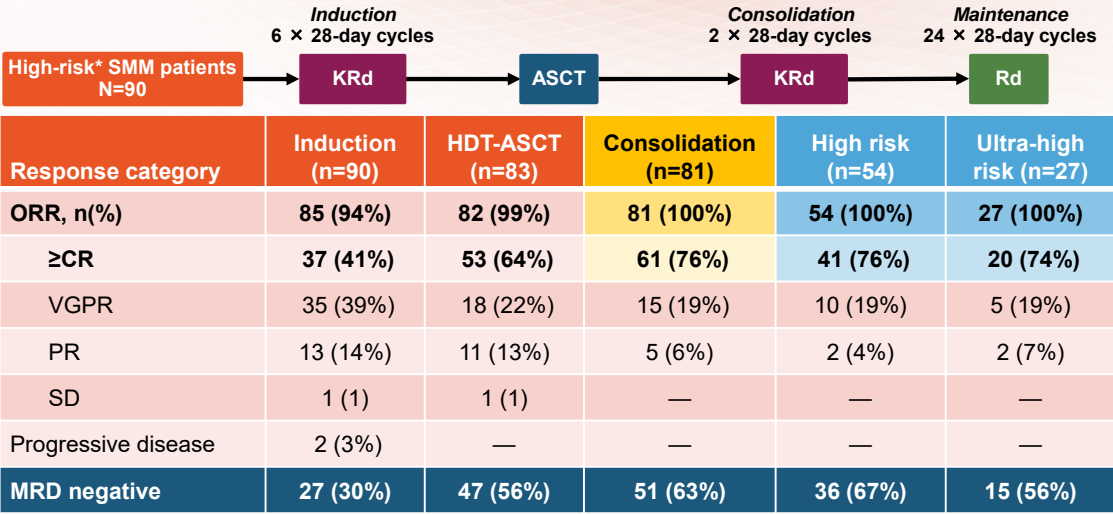
**Ask your doctor about whether you are a candidate for a clinical trial.**

Trials found at [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov)



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# GEM-CESAR: Multicenter, Open-Label, Phase 2 Trial of Kyprolis-Revlimid-dex



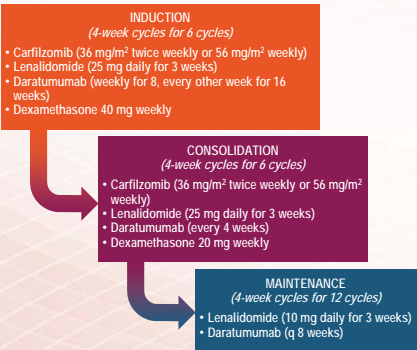
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# ASCENT: KRd-D

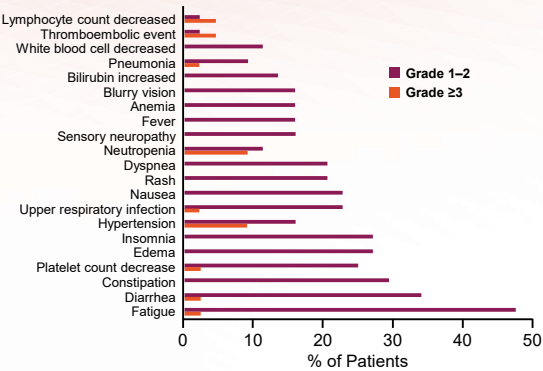
## Study design



**Primary end point: Rate of confirmed sCR**  
**Secondary objectives: Safety, PFS, OS, MRD negativity**

- Results to date:**
- 54 patients accrued
  - Median patient age 63 years
  - 6% have completed maintenance, 56% consolidation, 80% induction, and 17% in induction phase
  - ≥1 patient needed a dose modification
  - ≥ grade 3 AE seen in 43% of patients

## Toxicity profile



**Quadruplet regimen KRd-D is well tolerated in high-risk SMM.**

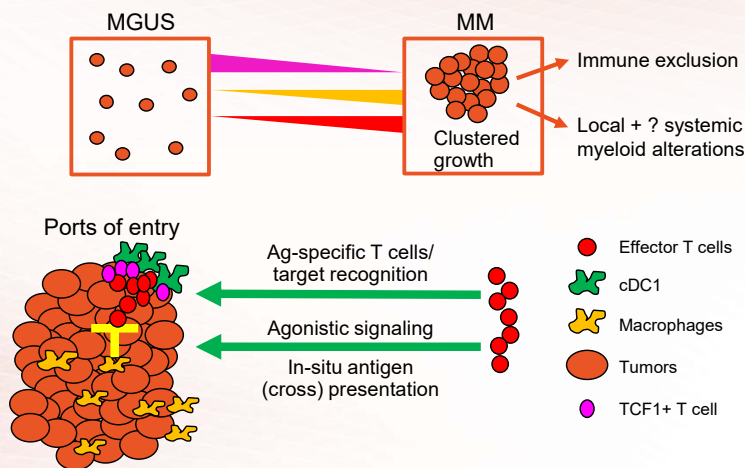
AE, adverse event; KRd-D, carfilzomib, lenalidomide, dexamethasone, daratumumab; MRD, minimal residual disease; sCR, stringent complete response  
Kumar SK et al. *Blood*. 2020;136. Abstract 2285.



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## Is the malignant evolution in myeloma more like solid tumors and real estate? Location, location, location!

### Spatial regulation of immune infiltration and tumor growth in malignant transformation



Robinson, Villa ...Dhodapkar. Under review



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## Summary

- Smoldering myeloma carries a variable risk of progression to overt myeloma.
- Several criteria to identify patients at high risk for progression
- Growing data for benefit with early intervention
- Patients with SMM should be offered treatment on clinical trials.
- Participation in observational/interventional studies is key to finding out which patients can benefit the most from early treatment and what is the best treatment to offer early.



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# Questions & Answers



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## MULTIPLE MYELOMA PRECURSOR CONDITIONS

Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance

MGUS

SMM

Smoldering multiple myeloma

Multiple myeloma



HEALTHY INDIVIDUAL

Plasma cells

Abnormal plasma cells

Plasma cells

M protein

MGUS/SMM



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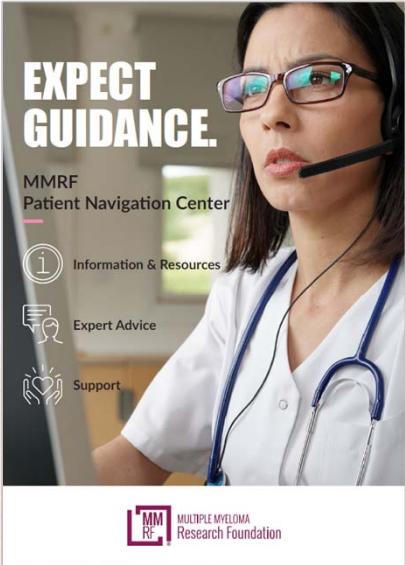
### CLINICAL TRIALS

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### AUTOLOGOUS STEM CELL TRANSPLANT

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# MMRF Patient Resources



**EXPECT GUIDANCE.**

MMRF Patient Navigation Center

- Information & Resources
- Expert Advice
- Support

**MMRF** MULTIPLE MYELOMA Research Foundation

**MMRF Patient Navigation Center**

You and your care team will have many decisions to make along your treatment journey. The Patient Navigation Center is a space for multiple myeloma patients and their caregivers to connect with patient navigators – who are professionals specializing in oncology – for guidance, information, and support. You can connect with a patient navigator via phone, or email. Whatever questions you may have, our patient navigators are here to help.

MMRF Patient Navigators include:

- Grace Allison, RN, BSN, OCN, RN-BC
- Brittany Hartmann, RN-BSN
- Erin Mensching, RN-BSN, OCN

**THE RIGHT TRACK**

Get on the right track for you

The MMRF's Right Track program puts you on the path to the best results for you.

**Right Team**

Access experts and centers that have extensive experience treating multiple myeloma.

**Right Tests**

Get the information, tests, and precise diagnoses to make the right treatment decisions.

**Right Treatment**

Work with your team to consider the best treatment plan and identify clinical trials that are right for you.

**Contact the Patient Navigation Center Today**

Looking for guidance? We're here to help.

Monday – Friday | 9:00AM – 7:00PM ET

Phone: 1-888-841-MMRF (6673) Online: [TheMMRF.org/PatientNavigationCenter](http://TheMMRF.org/PatientNavigationCenter)

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Myeloma Mentors® allows patients and caregivers the opportunity to connect with trained mentors. This is a phone-based program offering an opportunity for a patient and/or caregiver to connect one-on-one with a trained patient and/or caregiver mentor to share his or her patient journeys and experiences.

No matter what your disease state—smoldering, newly diagnosed, or relapsed/refractory—our mentors have insights and information that can be beneficial to both patients and their caregivers.

**Contact the Patient Navigation Center at 888-841-6673  
to be connected to a Myeloma Mentor or to learn more.**



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# MMRF Events

Our events are returning live and in-person, and there are so many ways to get involved. Most have a virtual option, too.  
Join us today!

### Endurance Events



### 5K Walk/Run Events



### Independent Events



**FIND AN EVENT AND JOIN US:** [themmrf.org/get-involved/mmr-f-events/](https://themmrf.org/get-involved/mmr-f-events/)



# Upcoming Patient Education Events *Save the Date*

Topic	Date and Time	Speakers
<i>Patient Summit</i> (live and online)	Saturday, August 20 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM St. Louis, Missouri	Ravi Vij, MD—Host
Facebook Live FAQs on Precursor Conditions	Wednesday, September 7 at 2:30 PM	C. Ola Landgren, MD, PhD Dennis Verducci, MSN, RN, NP-BC, OCN
<i>Patient Summit</i> (live and online)	Saturday, September 10 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Chicago, Illinois	Andrzej Jakubowiak, MD—Host Benjamin Derman, MD—Host
<i>Patient Summit</i> (live and online)	Saturday, October 22 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Nashville, Tennessee	Jesus Berdeja, MD—Host

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