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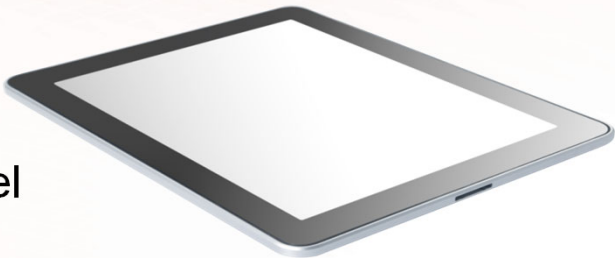
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Summit Agenda

Time (CT)	Topic	Speakers
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9:10–9:20 AM	Welcome	Andrzej J. Jakubowiak, MD, PhD Benjamin A. Derman, MD
9:20–9:50 AM	Myeloma 101: Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Risk	Jing Christine Ye, MD
9:50–10:20 AM	Frontline Myeloma and The Emerging Role of MRD	Andrzej J. Jakubowiak, MD, PhD
10:20–10:50 AM	Treating Early Relapsed and Refractory Myeloma	Monique Hartley-Brown, MD
10:50–11:05 AM	Break	
11:05–11:35 AM	Emerging Treatment Options for Refractory Myeloma – CAR T, Immunotherapy, and Precision Medicine	Benjamin A. Derman, MD
11:35 AM–12:05 PM	Town Hall Q&A	Panel
12:05–1:05 PM	Lunch, Patient Journey	Louise Kraft
1:05–1:20 PM	Clinical Trials	Andrzej J. Jakubowiak, MD, PhD
1:20–1:50 PM	Town Hall Q&A	Panel
1:50 PM	Closing Remarks	Veronica Bohorquez, MA



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MMRF Introduction

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The Work of the MMRF

The MMRF does three things in relentless pursuit of its mission to accelerate a cure for each and every myeloma patient.

1

We accelerate new treatments

Bringing next-generation therapies to patients faster

2

We drive precision medicine

Using data to deliver better answers and more precise treatments for patients

3

We empower patients

Putting them on The Right Track and guiding them to the right team, tests, and treatments to extend their lives

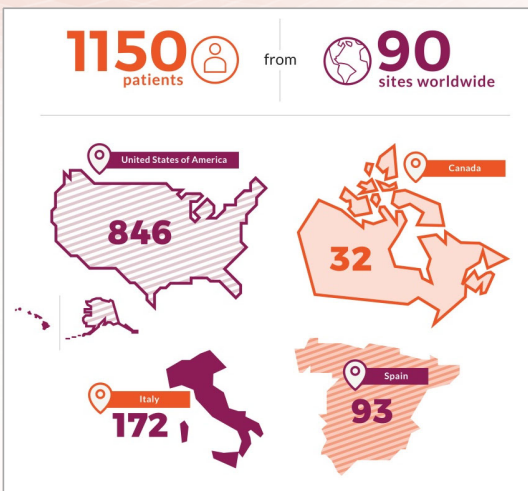


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MMRF CoMMpass Study: Advancing Personalized Medicine Research

- Landmark study focusing on the genomics of myeloma
- Goals
 - Learn which patients respond best to which therapies
 - Identify new targets and new hypotheses
- Newly diagnosed patients will be followed for at least 8 years

All participants undergo a type of detailed genetic testing called *genomic sequencing*.



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CoMMpass Is a Trial of Discovery

- CoMMpass data has
 - Provided the myeloma community with information on
 - Frequency of genetic abnormalities
 - How genetic abnormalities play a role in myeloma
 - Drive multiple myeloma cell growth and survival
 - Contribute to drug resistance
 - May predict which patients respond to which therapy
 - Genetic abnormalities that help refine risk assessment
 - Led to conception of the MyDRUG trial

All patients in CoMMpass had genomic sequencing from diagnosis to relapse. The resulting data provides detailed genetic profiles for every myeloma patient at every stage of their disease!



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MMRF CureCloud®



It starts with you.

The MMRF CureCloud® is the first research study including at-home genomic testing for myeloma patients. As a participant, you receive free tests and resources that enable more productive and informed conversations with your multiple myeloma care team.



Genomic test

Get a free state-of-the-art genomics test, using the first liquid biopsy for multiple myeloma.



Personal report

Receive a free report on the genetic variations in your multiple myeloma cells.



Coming soon: Smarter treatment options

You and your care team can identify more informed treatment paths based on other patient data.

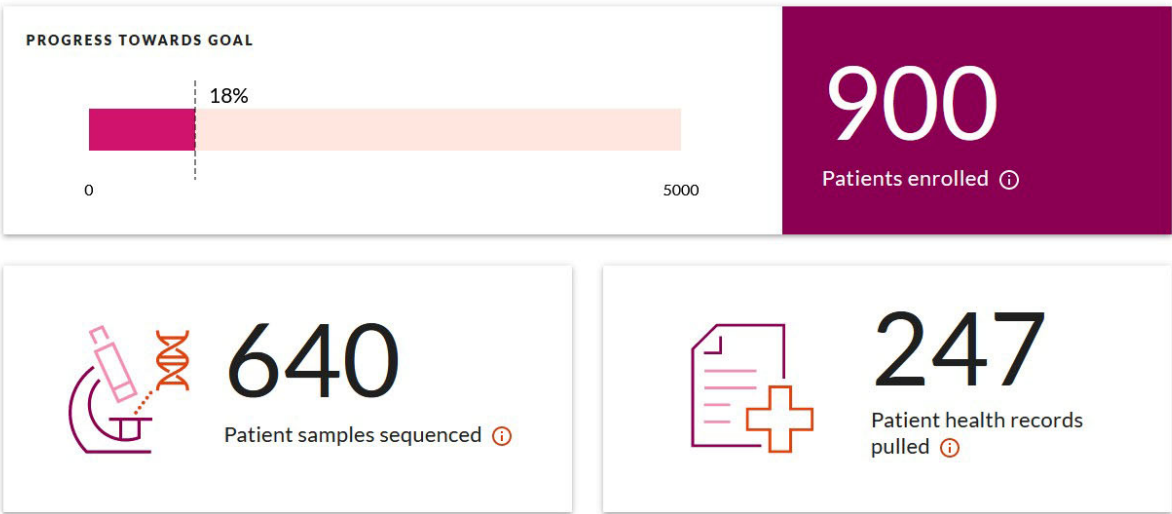
Join now — visit mmrfcurecloud.org or call 1-888-841-MMRF (6673)



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CureCloud Enrollment Tracker

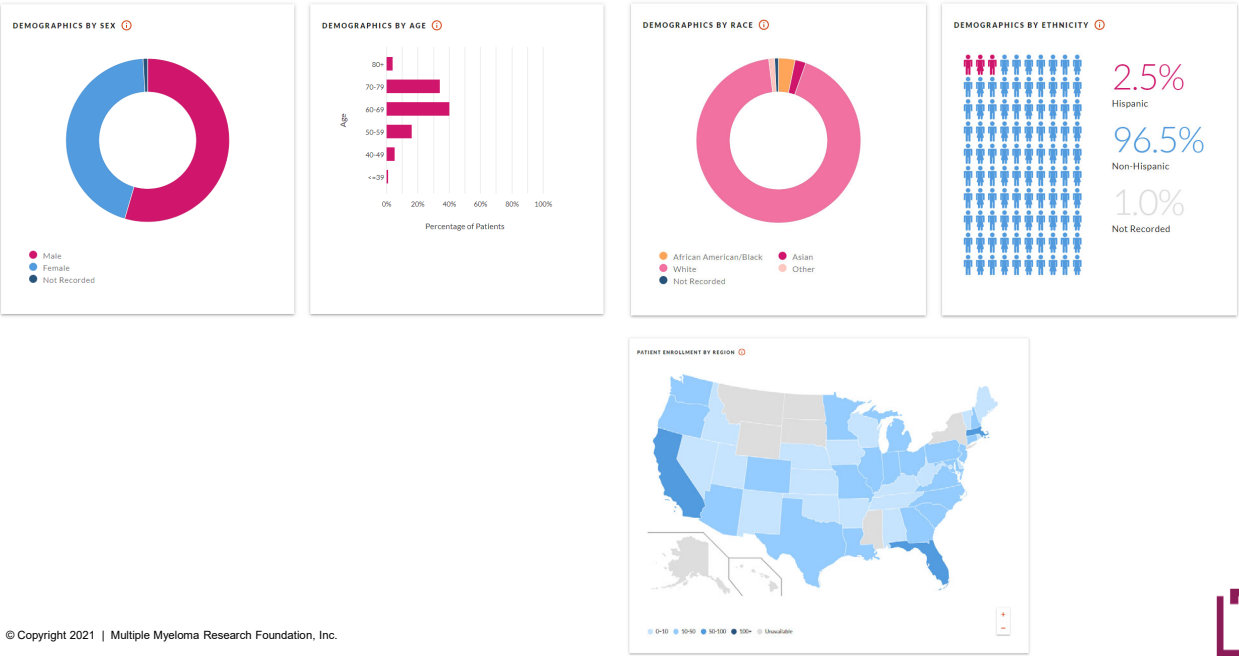
This is the total number of patients who have enrolled in the CureCloud study. Monitor enrollment progress as we work toward our goal of 5,000 patient participants over 5 years. Explore anonymous CureCloud patient data below and find more information about each section in the (i) icon.



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Demographics

Learn about CureCloud study participant demographics by sex, age, ethnicity, race and region. Use the filter tool to find patients like you.



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Clinical

Explore clinical information from CureCloud study participants, including disease state, family history, staging information, years since diagnosis and subtype. Use the filter tool to see results relevant to the specifics of your multiple myeloma.



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Genomics

Learn about the percentage of CureCloud study participants whose DNA tests identified cytogenetic abnormalities and/or genetic mutations.

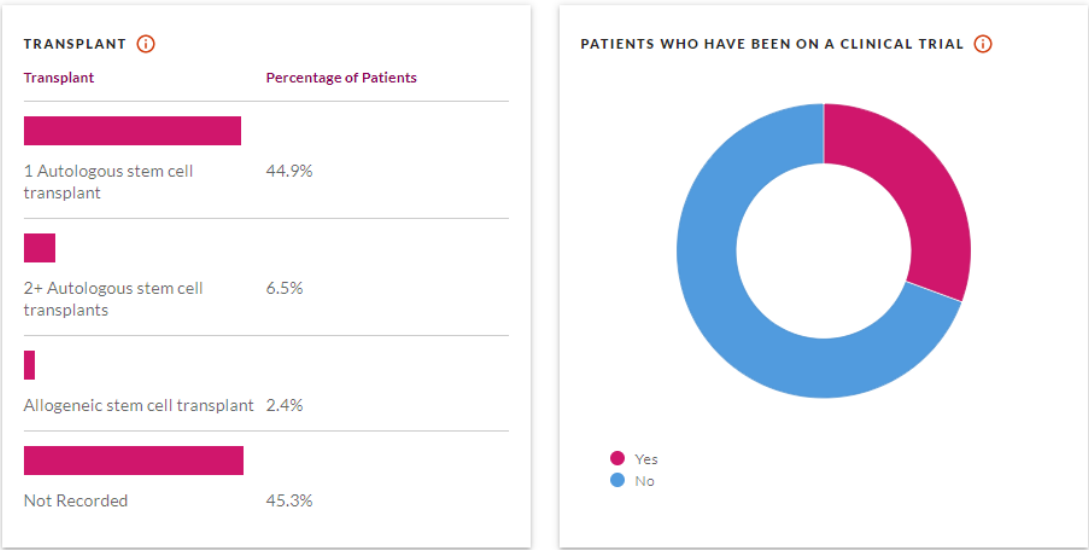


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Therapy

View the percentage of CureCloud study participants who have undergone a stem cell transplant and/or participated in a clinical trial.



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Welcome!

Question



Are you a...

- A. Patient
- B. Caregiver (family member or friend who helps patient manage his or her disease)
- C. Other



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Question



At what stage is your myeloma? (If you are a caregiver, what is the stage of the patient's myeloma?)

- A. Newly diagnosed
- B. Relapsed/refractory
- C. Remission: still on therapy
- D. Remission: not on therapy
- E. MGUS or smoldering myeloma not currently requiring treatment
- F. Other
- G. I don't know.



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Question

Have you had a stem cell transplant?

- A. No, but I will soon!
- B. No, but I am considering one (or my doctor is discussing with me).
- C. No, my doctor tells me I am not a candidate.
- D. Yes
- E. Not applicable



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Question

Do you know if you had any molecular characterization performed on your tumor, such as FISH, cytogenetics, or sequencing?

- A. No
- B. Yes, I had FISH.
- C. Yes, I had cytogenetics.
- D. Yes, I had sequencing.
- E. Yes, I had more than one of these tests performed.
- F. I don't know.



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Question

Have you and your care team ever discussed the possibility of you joining a clinical trial that you are eligible for? (If you are a caregiver, do you know if joining a clinical trial has ever been discussed?)

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I don't know.



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Question

Do you have access to reliable high-speed Internet (wifi) at your home?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I don't know.



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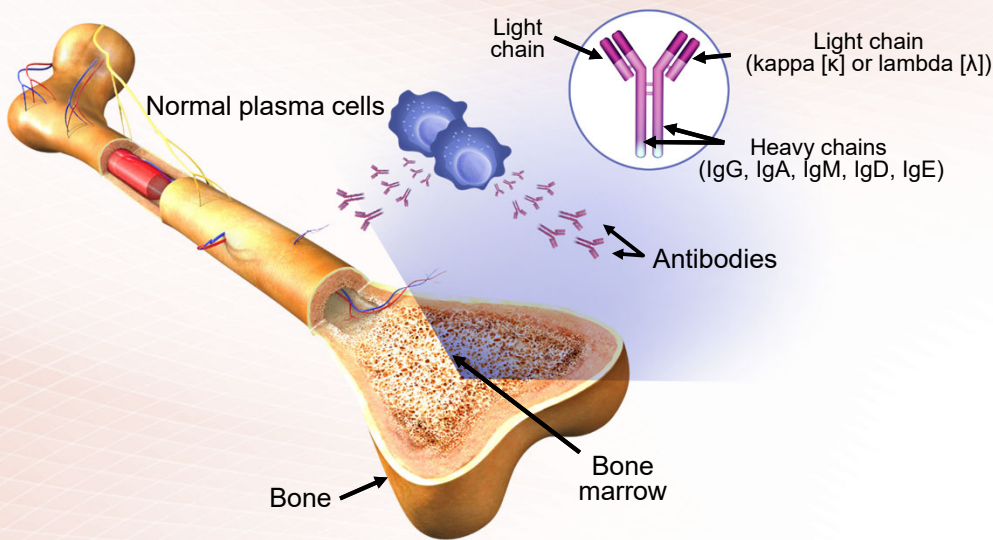


Myeloma 101: Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Risk

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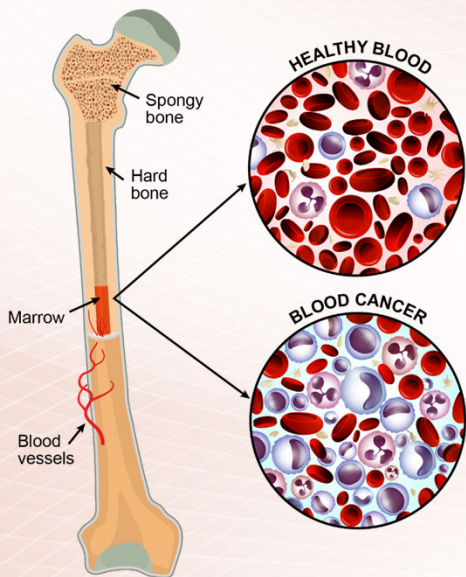
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Normal Bone Marrow



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What is multiple myeloma?

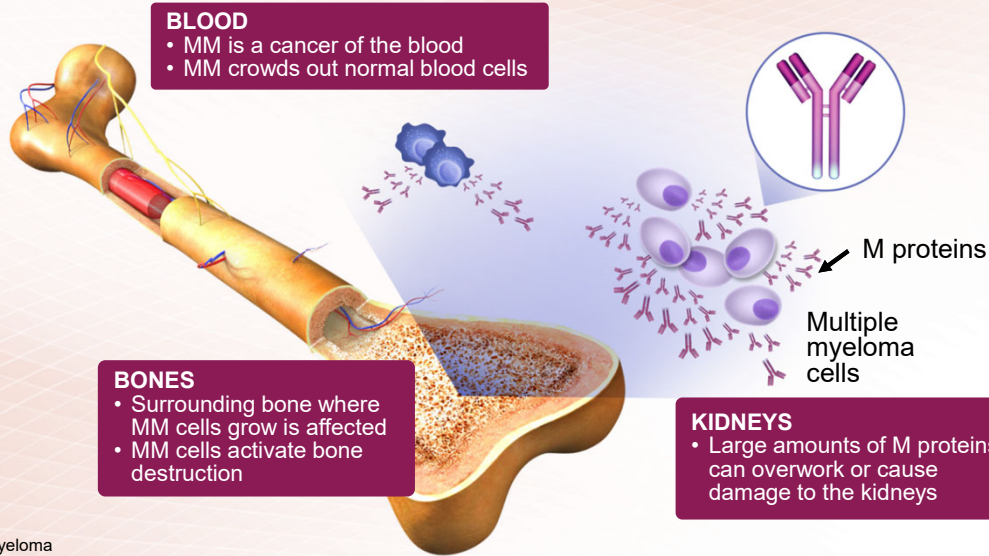


- Multiple myeloma is a **blood cancer** that starts in the **bone marrow**, the place where all **blood cells** are produced
- Multiple myeloma is caused when a type of **white blood cell** called a **plasma cell** becomes cancerous and grows out of control



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Multiple Myeloma Affects Your Bones, Blood, and Kidneys



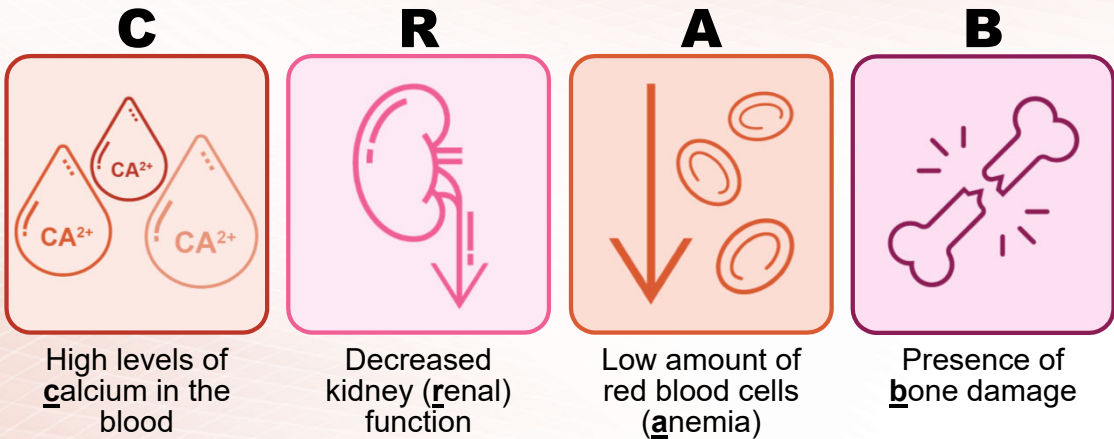
MM, multiple myeloma



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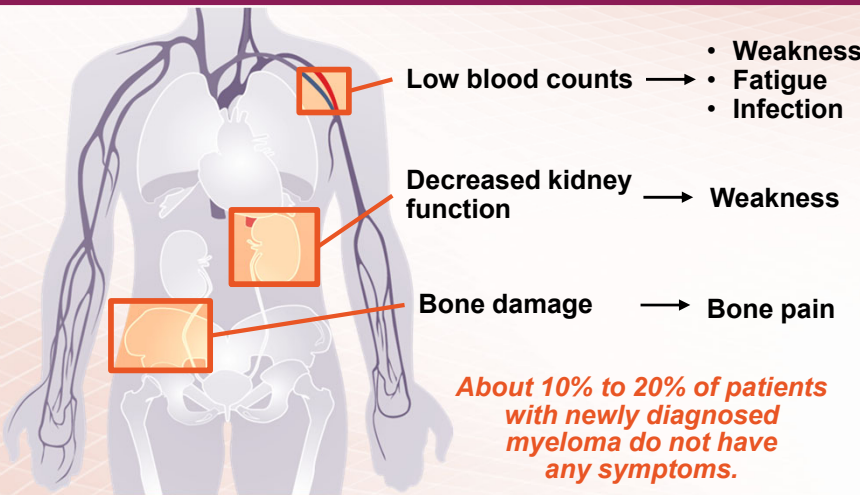
Multiple Myeloma Affects Your Bones, Blood, and Kidneys

The clinical features that are characteristic of multiple myeloma



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Effects of Myeloma and Common Symptoms



Disease presentation and myeloma-related complications after myeloma diagnosis are different in patients by race

More common in Black patients

- Hypercalcemia
- Kidney dysfunction
 - Hemodialysis
- Anemia

Less common in Black patients

- Bone fractures

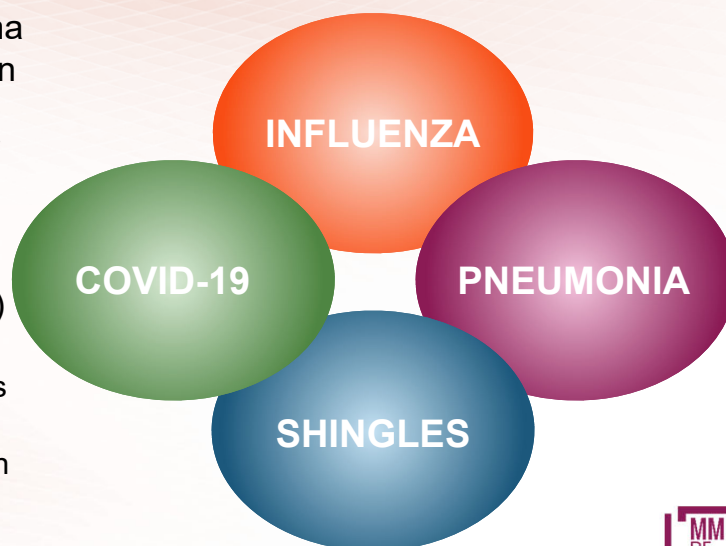
MMRF. Multiple myeloma symptoms, side effects, and complications. <https://themmrf.org/multiple-myeloma/symptoms-side-effects-and-complications/>. Campbell K. *Nurs Times*. 2014;110:12; Kyle R et al. *Mayo Clin Proc*. 2003;78:21; Ailawadhi S et al. *Cancer*. 2018;124:1710.



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Infections and Vaccinations in Multiple Myeloma

- Risk of infection higher for myeloma patients than for general population
- Types of infections include
 - Bacterial: pneumonia (an infection of the lungs), bacteremia
 - Viral: varicella zoster (shingles), influenza, COVID
- Preventive strategies (prophylaxis) are recommended
 - hand-washing, avoiding sick contacts
 - Vaccines/pre-exposure antibodies
 - Other precautions (antibiotics, growth factors)



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Demographic Risk Factors: Multiple Myeloma

- Older age
- Male sex
- Obesity
- Race
 - ↑ Blacks (2× Whites)
 - Ashkenazi Jews
 - Europe: Ireland
 - ↓ Asian

Family history risks

One first-degree relative with multiple myeloma

Relatives of multiple myeloma patients have more monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)

Schinaso LH et al. *Br J Haematol*. 2016;175:87.
Thordardottir M et al. *Blood Adv*. 2017;1:2186.



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Following the Proper Path Will Help Patients Obtain the Best Treatment and Results for Their Specific Type of Myeloma



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 decide on the best treatment plan and identify clinical trials that are right for you



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The Right Team

Available resources



Connect with a myeloma specialist—a doctor who diagnoses and treats a high number of myeloma patients



MMRF's online myeloma treatment locator: themmrf.org/resources/find-a-treatment-center



Seek a second opinion at any point in your journey



Contact the MMRF Patient Navigation Center: themmrf.org/resources/patient-navigation-center
1-888-841-MMRF (6673)



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The Right Tests

Common laboratory tests conducted

Blood tests



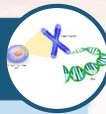
- Complete blood count (CBC)
- Complete metabolic panel (CMP)
- Chemistries
 - Calcium
 - Creatinine
 - Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH)
 - Beta-2 microglobulin
- Serum protein electrophoresis (SPEP) with immunofixation electrophoresis (IFE)
- Serum free light chain assay (SFLC)

Urine tests



- Urine protein electrophoresis (UPEP) with IFE
- 24-hour urine

Bone marrow biopsy



- Conventional
- Fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH)
- New
- Genomic sequencing

Imaging tests



- X-ray
- MRI
- Whole-body, low-dose CT scan
- PET scan
- Metastatic bone survey

Assess changes in the bone structure and determine the number and size of tumors in the bone



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Making the Diagnosis: The Right Tests

Common laboratory tests conducted

Blood and urine tests



- Confirms the type of myeloma

Bone marrow biopsy tests



- Determines how advanced the myeloma is and identifies the myeloma subtype

Imaging tests



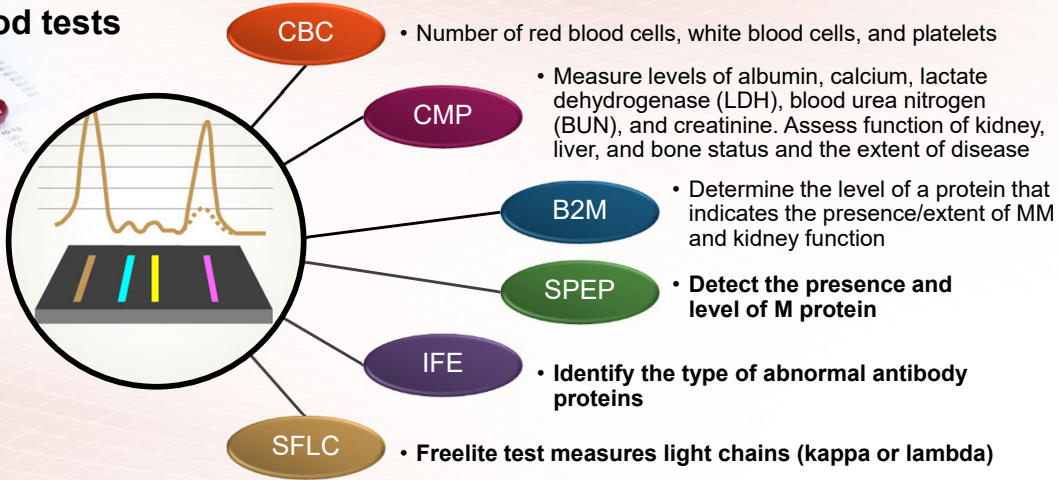
- Detects the extent of bone disease and the presence of myeloma outside of the bone marrow



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Learn Your Labs in Blood!

Blood tests



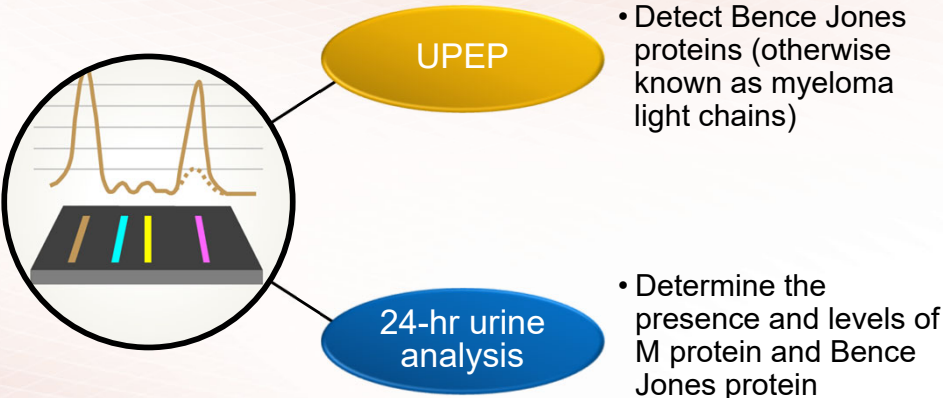
CBC, complete blood count; CMP, complete metabolic panel; B2M; beta-2 microglobulin; SPEP, serum protein electrophoresis; IFE, immunofixation electrophoresis; SFLC, serum free light chain assay



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Learn Your Labs in Urine!

Urine tests

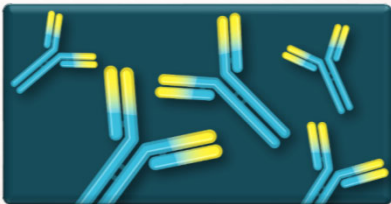


UPEP, urine protein electrophoresis



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Types of Multiple Myeloma Based on Blood or Urine Tests



Intact M protein

- Named for the type of immunoglobulin and light chain pair; for example, IgG kappa (κ) or IgG lambda (λ)

80%



Light chain only

- Also known as Bence Jones protein
- Renal failure more common in light chain multiple myeloma

20%



Non-secretory

- No M protein present

3%



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Know Your Imaging Tests!

Assess changes in the bone structure and determine the number and size of tumors in the bone

X-ray



Conventional x-rays reveal punched-out lytic lesions, osteoporosis, or fractures in 75% of patients.

MRI



CT scan



PET scan



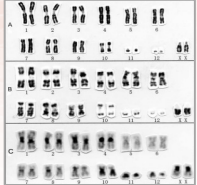
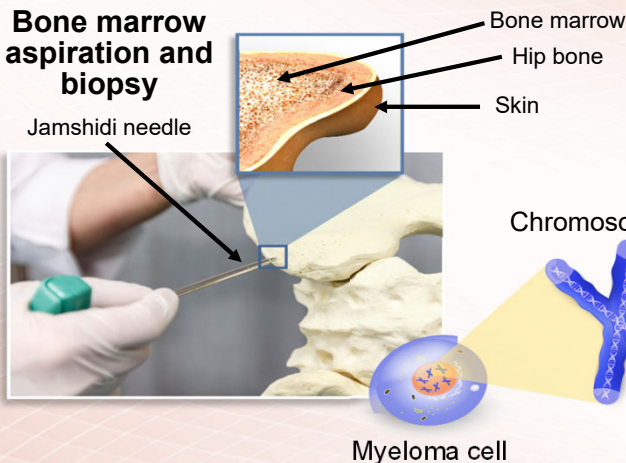
MRI and PET/CT appear to be more sensitive (85%) than skeletal x-rays for the detection of small lytic bone lesions.



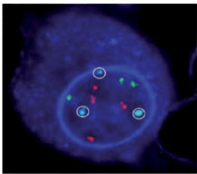
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Know Your Bone Marrow Tests!

Bone marrow aspiration and biopsy



Karyotyping



FISH (fluorescence in situ hybridization)

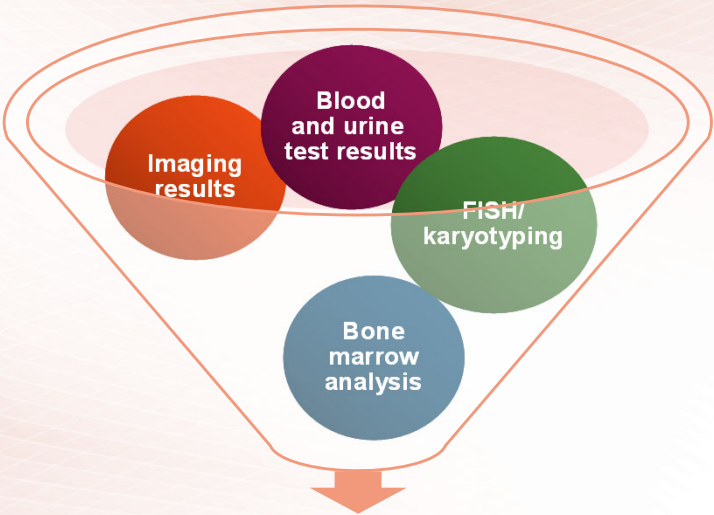


Genomic sequencing



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Putting the Results Together



Staging, prognosis, and risk assessment



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Multiple Myeloma Prognosis and Risk

Revised-International Staging System (R-ISS)

R-ISS stage	Laboratory measurements	5-year overall survival (%)	5-year progression-free survival (%)
I	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Serum β2M level <3.5 mg/LSerum albumin level \geq3.5 g/dLNo high-risk CA*Normal LDH level	82	55
II	All other possible combinations	62	36
III	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Serum β2M level \geq5.5 mg/LHigh-risk CA* or high LDH level	40	24

*High-risk chromosomal abnormality (CA) by FISH: del(17p) and/or t(4;14) and/or t(14;16)

β 2M; beta-2 microglobulin; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase
Greipp PR et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2005;23:3412.; Palumbo A et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2015;33:2863; Mikhael JR et al. *Mayo Clin Proc*. 2013;88:360.

Mayo Stratification of Myeloma and Risk-Adapted Therapy (mSMART) Consensus Guidelines

High risk

- High-risk genetic abnormalities
 - t(4;14)
 - t(14;16)
 - t(14;20)
 - Del 17p
 - p53 mutation
 - Gain 1q
- RISS Stage 3
- High plasma cell S-phase
- GEP: high-risk signature

- Double-hit myeloma: any two high-risk genetic abnormalities
- Triple-hit myeloma: three or more high-risk genetic abnormalities

Standard risk

- All others including:
 - Trisomies
 - t(11;14)
 - t(6;14)

Currently cannot identify with great certainty all high-risk patients.



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Multiple Myeloma Prognosis and Risk

Many blood test and bone marrow biopsy test results can determine a patient's risk for myeloma that is aggressive (high risk) or not (standard risk) based on the revised-International Staging System (R-ISS)

Standard risk



- Serum β 2M level <3.5 mg/L
- Serum albumin level \geq 3.5 g/dL
- No high-risk chromosomal abnormality*
- Normal LDH level



All other possible combinations of the test results means that a patient is **R-ISS stage II**

High risk



- Serum β 2M level \geq 5.5 mg/L
- High-risk chromosomal abnormality* or high LDH level

*High-risk chromosomal abnormality by FISH: del(17p) and/or t(4;14) and/or t(14;16)
 β 2M; beta-2 microglobulin; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; FISH, fluorescent in situ hybridization



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The Right Treatment



Know the treatment options available to you based on your myeloma subtype at each stage of your disease



Be aware of the pros and cons of each option



Clearly communicate your treatment goals and concerns to the care team

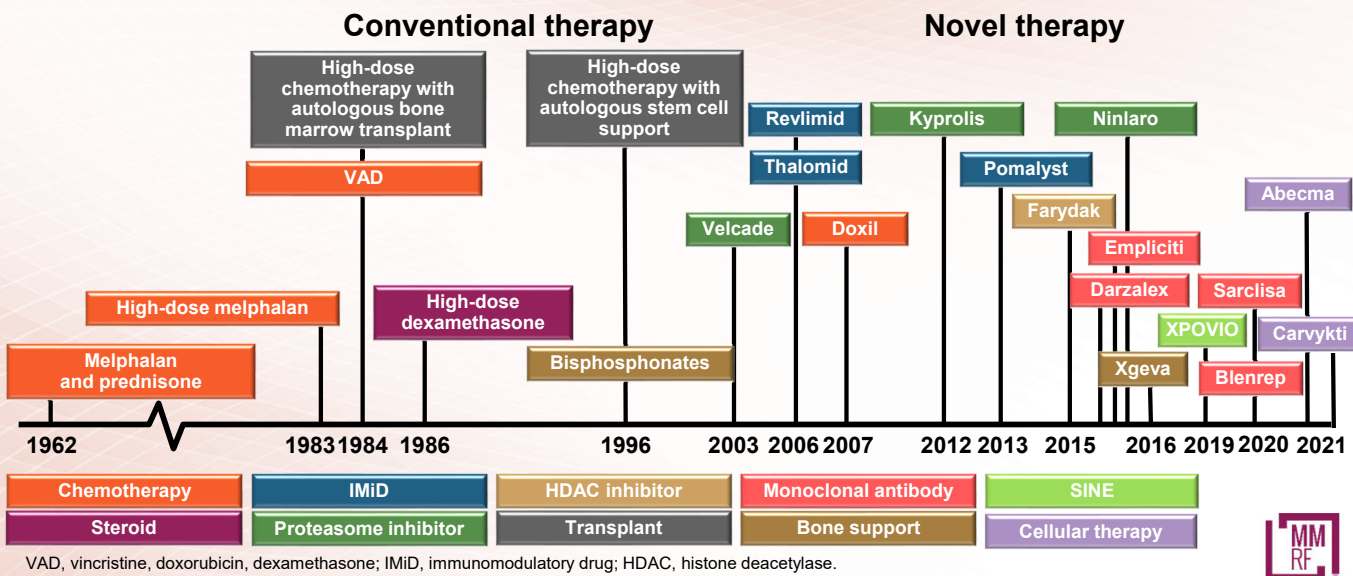


Find clinical trials that are right for you



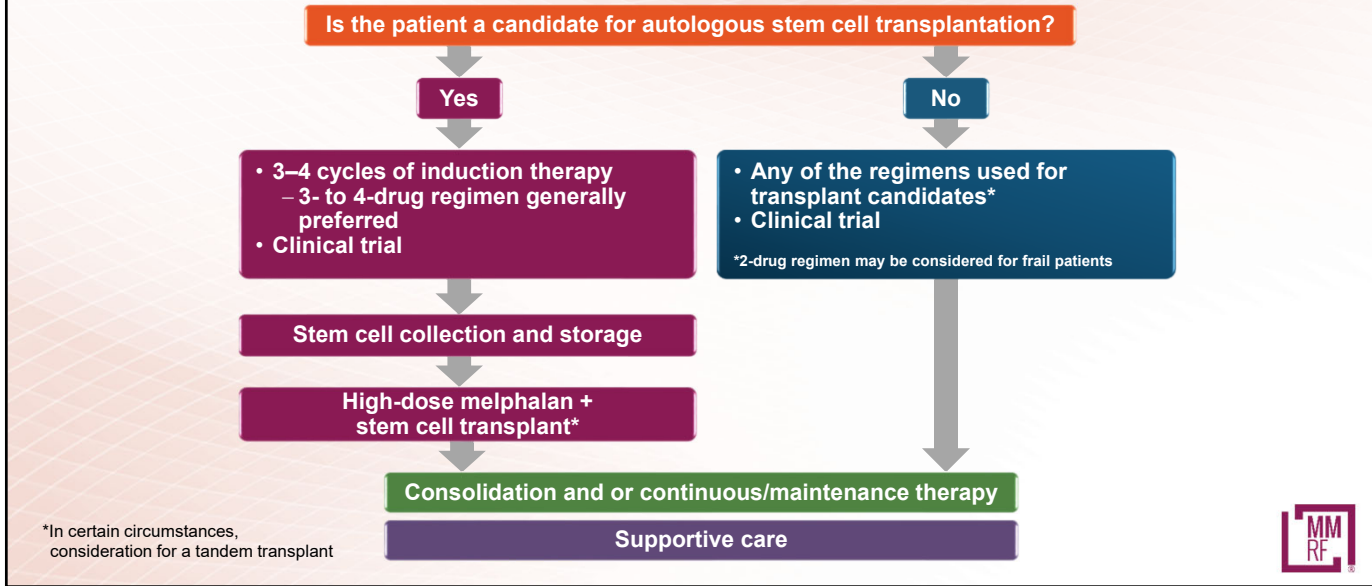
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Evolution of Multiple Myeloma Treatment: 16 New Drugs Approved in ≤18 Years



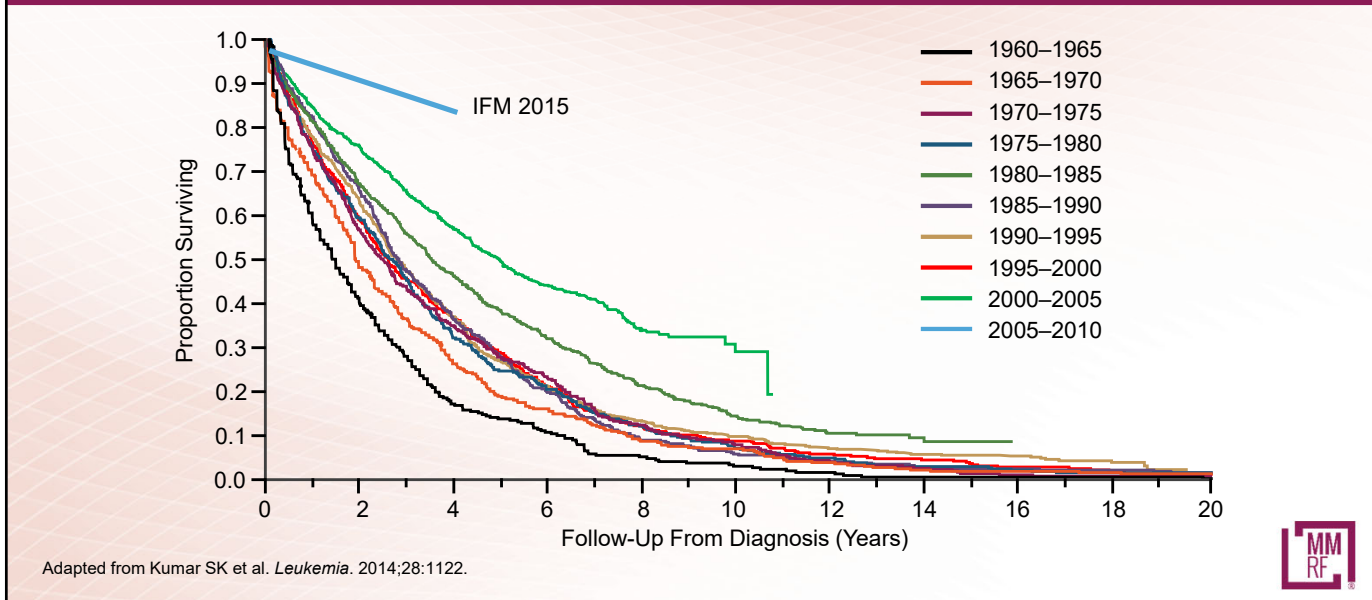
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Overview of Treatment Approach for Active Multiple Myeloma



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Current Drugs Have Improved Survival in MM



Adapted from Kumar SK et al. *Leukemia*. 2014;28:1122.

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Summary

- > Multiple myeloma is a rare blood cancer that can negatively affect the bones, kidneys, and the bone marrow, leading to lowered blood counts.
- > The prognosis of multiple myeloma depends on the genetic makeup of myeloma cell chromosomes; R-ISS is used for staging in multiple myeloma.
- > Myeloma patient survival has significantly increased.
- > Knowledge is power: right team, right test, right treatment.

Be an informed and empowered part of your health care team!



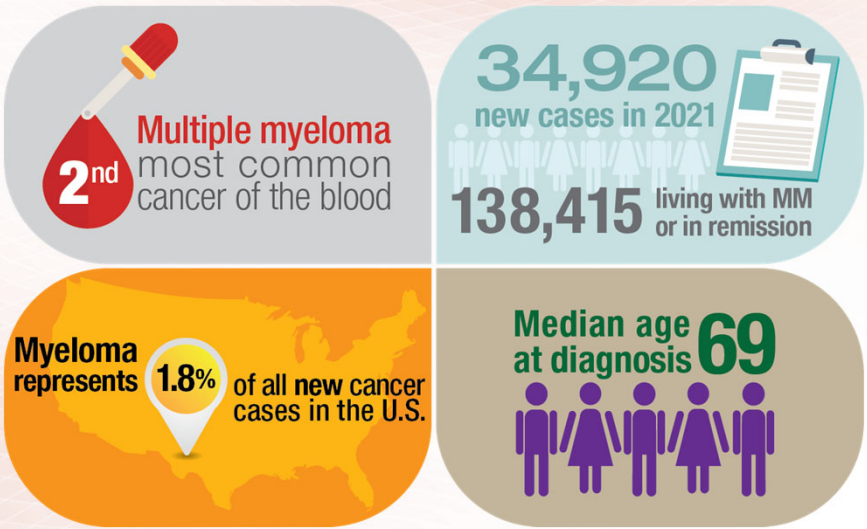
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Health Care Disparities in Multiple Myeloma

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How common is multiple myeloma?

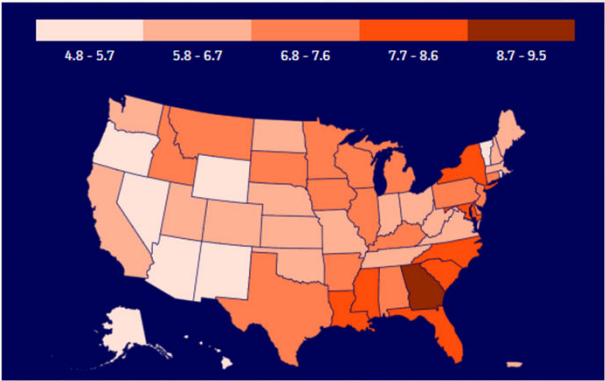


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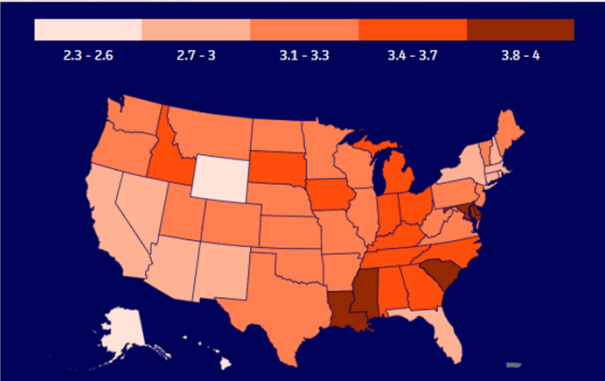
Incidence rates, 2014–2018 Myeloma, by state



Average annual rate per 100,000, age adjusted to the 2000 US standard population.

Data sources: North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR), 2021

Death rates, 2015–2019 Myeloma, by state



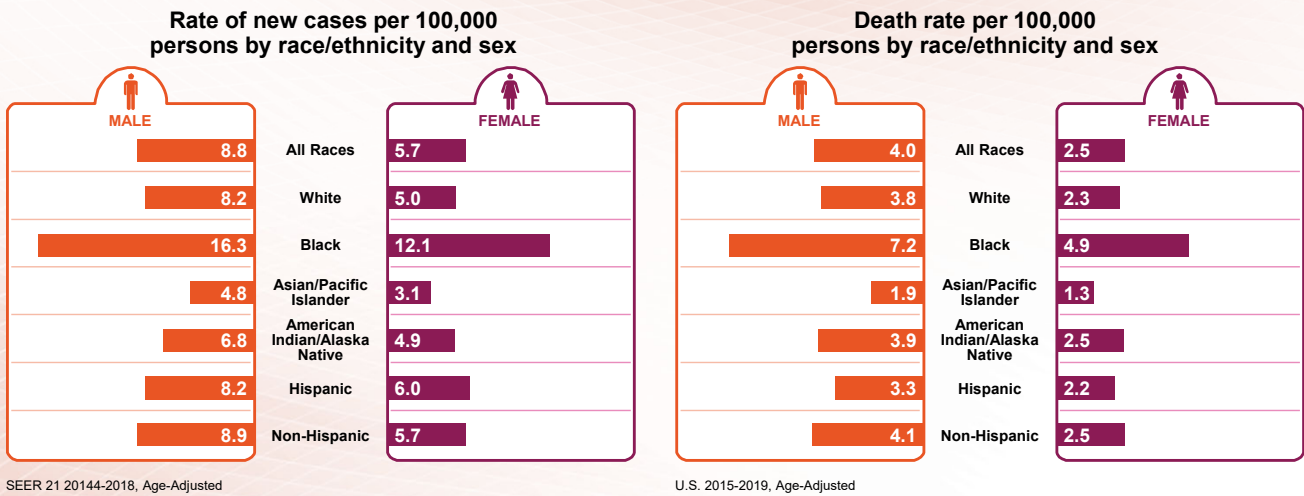
Average annual rate per 100,000, age adjusted to the 2000 US standard population.

Data sources: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2021



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Multiple Myeloma Is Twice as Common in Black Patients

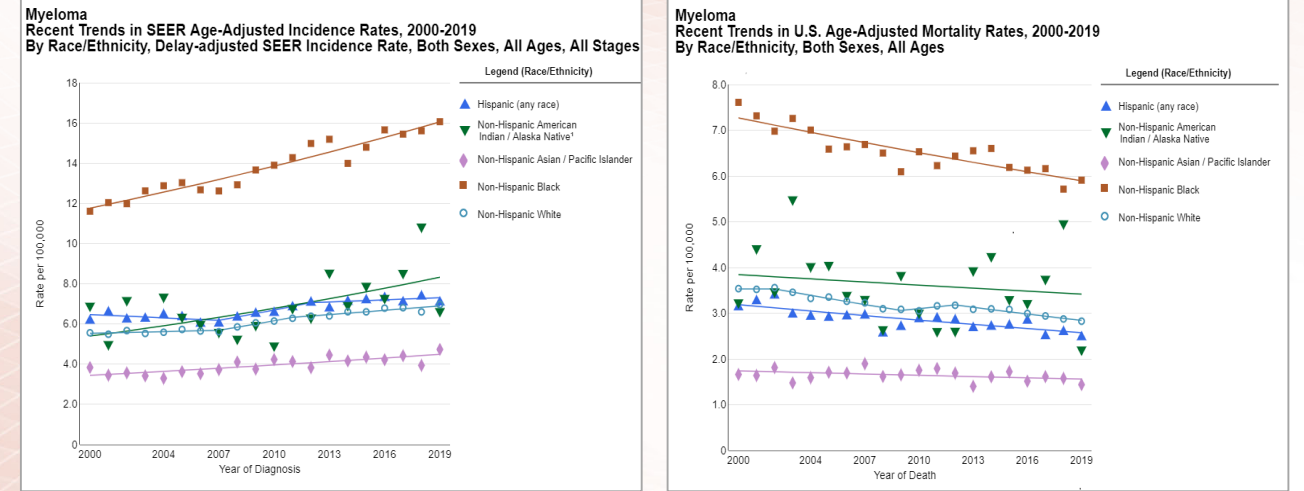


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Multiple Myeloma Incidence and Mortality by Race/Ethnicity



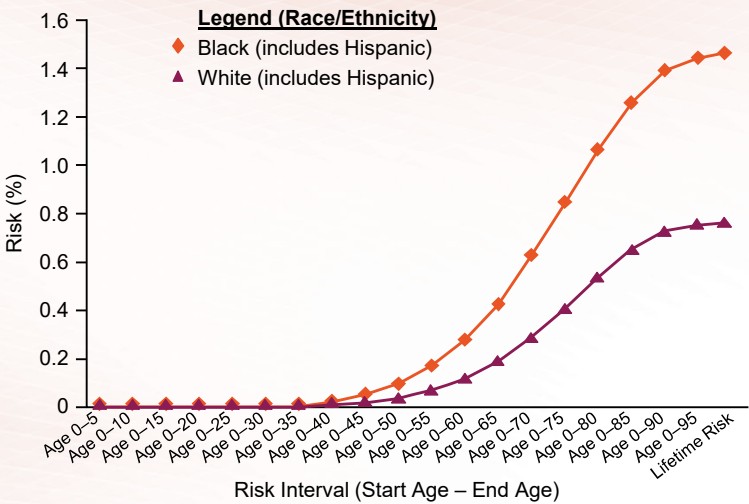
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Risk of Myeloma Diagnosis Over Time

Black patients are diagnosed at an earlier age and have a twofold risk of being diagnosed with multiple myeloma



Data from National Cancer Institute
Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program (SEER)



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Multiple Myeloma in Black Patients

Demographics

- ↑ Myeloma prevalence (2× White patients)¹
- Older adults have ↑ prevalence of the myeloma precursor condition MGUS²
- Younger³⁻⁵

Clinical factors

- ↑ Comorbidities^{3,6}
- ↑ Incidence of all myeloma-defining events (for example, hypercalcemia, renal dysfunction, anemia, dialysis) **except bone fractures**⁷

Molecular (genetic) factors

- Significant differences in the frequency of certain chromosomal abnormalities:
 - High risk cytogenetics including del17p are seen **less frequently**⁸
 - Some other mutations seen more frequently but significance not known⁹

Treatment

- Significantly lower stem cell transplant utilization^{7,9-13}

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Disparities in Care in Black Patients

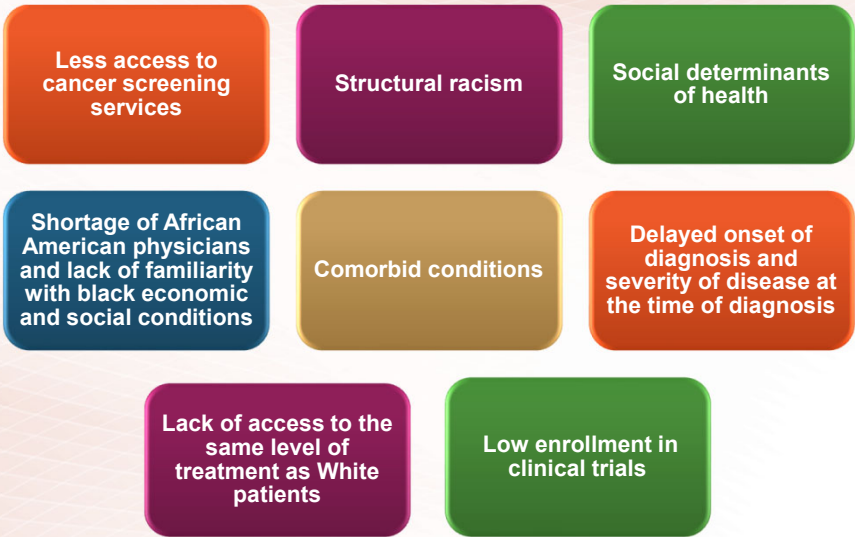
- Several studies have shown that the use of standard therapies tends to be significantly lower in Black patients
- However, with equal access to standard therapy, the outcome in Black patients is equal or superior to that of White patients

Treatment type	Use in black patients	Use in white patients	P value
Triplet therapy	47%	61%	.004
Stem cell transplantation	30%	40%	.034



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Reasons for Disparities in Outcomes for Black Americans With Multiple Myeloma and Other Cancers



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Key Points

- **Despite disparities in incidence and outcomes of multiple myeloma among Black patients**
- **Evidence suggests that these disparities can be overcome:**
 - ✓ **Ensure equal access to appropriate therapeutic options for Black patients.**
 - ✓ **Increase awareness of these disparities and their solutions to patients, physicians, and the communities.**



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**Please take a moment to answer
two questions about this
presentation.**



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Frontline Myeloma and the Emerging Role of MRD

Andrzej J. Jakubowiak, MD, PhD
University of Chicago Medical Center
Chicago, Illinois

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Multiple Myeloma Diagnosis

- Life-changing event
- Great strides in
 - Diagnostic and prognostic process
 - Availability of novel agents
- Treatment is for life



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The Right Treatment



Know the treatment options available to you based on your myeloma subtype at each stage of your disease



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Clearly communicate your treatment goals and concerns to the care team



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Getting the Right Treatment: Goals of Multiple Myeloma Therapy



Reduce the amount of M protein (as measured by serum protein electrophoresis) or light chains (as measured via the free light chain test) to the lowest level possible



Eliminate myeloma cells from the bone marrow (as measured via minimal residual disease [MRD] testing)



Improve quality of life with as few treatment side effects as possible



Provide the longest possible period of response before first relapse

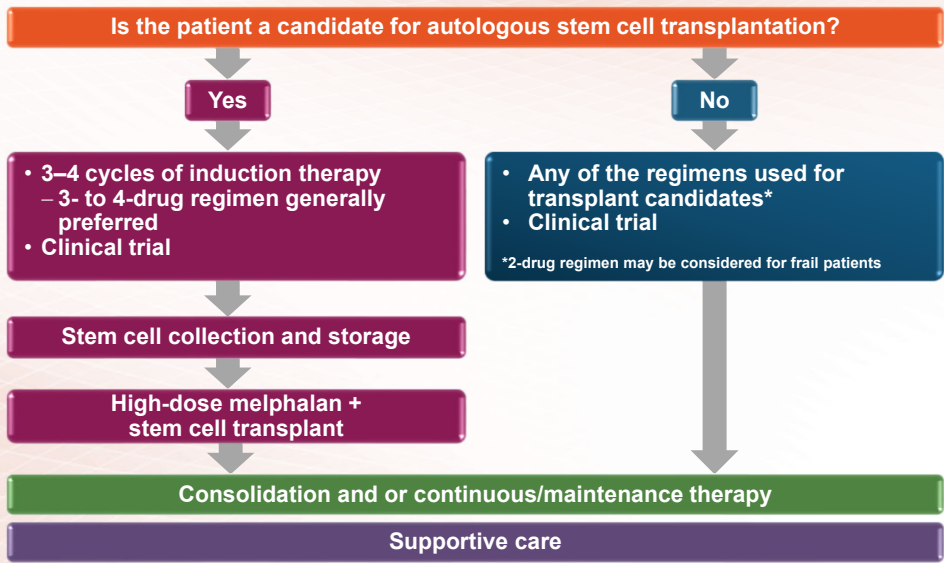


Prolong overall survival



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Overview of Treatment Approach for Active Multiple Myeloma



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Induction Therapy Regimens

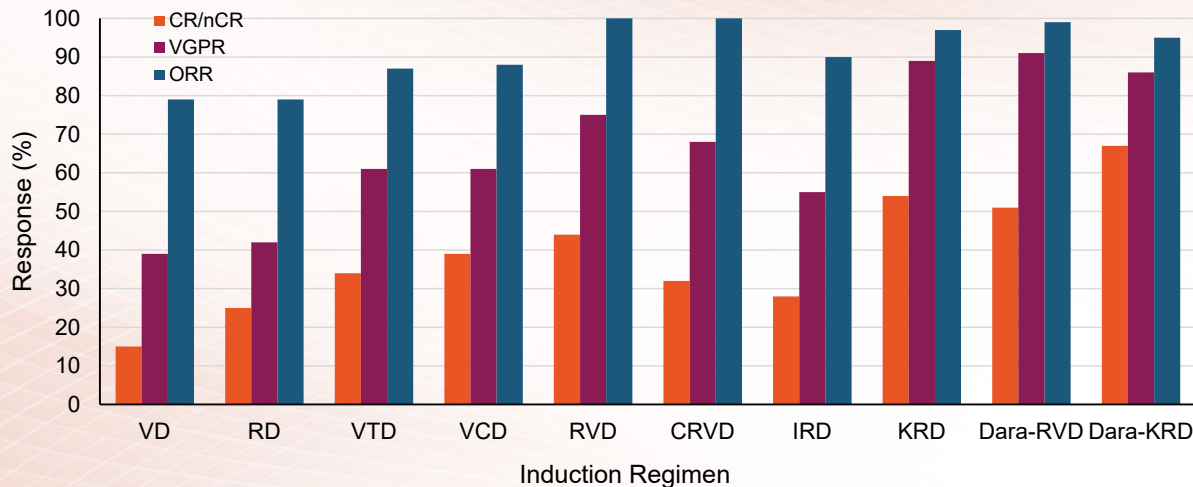
	Preferred	Recommended	Certain circumstances
Transplant eligible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revlimid-Velcade-dex (RVd)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kyprolis-Revlimid-dex (KRd)• Ninlaro-Revlimid-dex (IRd)• Darzalex-Revlimid-Velcade-dex (D-RVd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Velcade-Cytoxan-dex (VCd)• Kyprolis-Cytoxan-dex (KCd)• Ninlaro-Cytoxan-dex (ICd)• Revlimid-Cytoxan-dex (RCd)• Velcade-Thalomid-dex (VTd)*• Velcade-Doxil-dex (VDd)• Darzalex-Velcade-Revlimid-dex (D-VRd)• Darzalex-Kyprolis-Revlimid-dex (D-KRd)• Darzalex-Cytoxan-Velcade-dex (D-VCd)• Darzalex-Velcade-Thalomid-dex (D-VTd)• VTD-PACE
Transplant ineligible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revlimid-Velcade-dex (RVd)*• Darzalex-Revlimid-dex (DRd)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kyprolis-Revlimid-dex (KRd)• Ninlaro-Revlimid-dex (IRd)• Darzalex-Velcade-melphalan-prednisone (D-VMP)*• Darzalex-Cytoxan-Velcade-dex (D-VCd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Velcade-dex (Vd)• Revlimid-dex (Rd)*• Velcade-Cytoxan-dex (VCd)• Revlimid-Cytoxan-dex (RCd)• Kyprolis-Cytoxan-dex (KCd)• Revlimid-Velcade-dex (RVd)-lite

*Category 1 recommendation. Based upon high-level evidence, there is uniform NCCN consensus that the intervention is appropriate.
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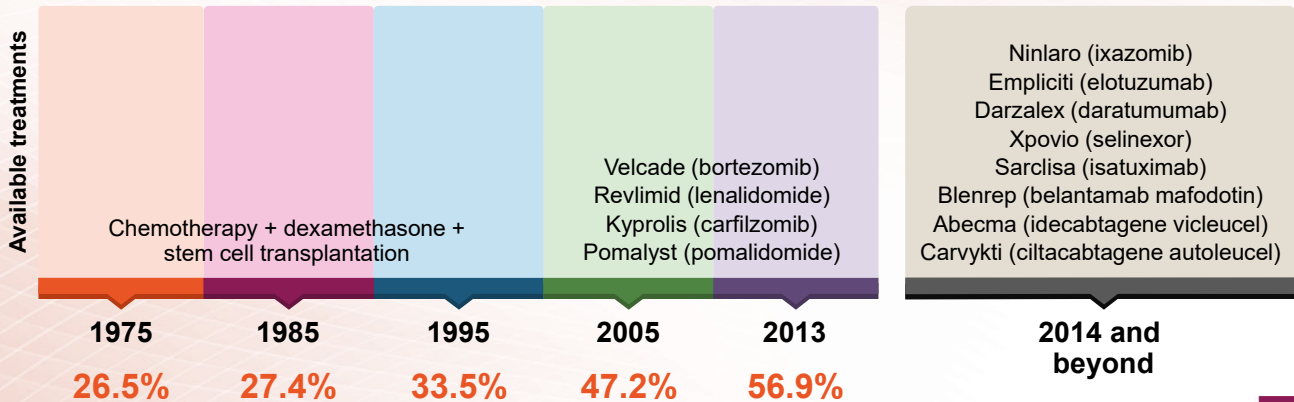
Induction Choices



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Myeloma Survival Has Improved Over Time Mainly Due to Current Drugs

The percentage of people expected to survive 5 years or more after being diagnosed with myeloma

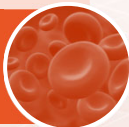


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Main Body Systems Affected by Myeloma Treatment

- Myeloma patients are at increased risk of developing blood clots
- Several myeloma drugs are associated with an increased risk of deep vein thrombosis (DVT)

Blood



- Peripheral neuropathy is a condition that affects the nerves, resulting in pain, tingling, burning sensations, and numbness in the hands and feet
- Peripheral neuropathy may be caused by multiple myeloma or its treatments

CNS



- Cardiovascular side effects (including high blood pressure or congestive heart failure) can occur with some multiple myeloma drugs

Cardio-vascular



- Commonly used multiple myeloma drugs may cause a variety of gastrointestinal problems, such as constipation, diarrhea, and nausea/vomiting

Gastro-intestinal



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Side Effects of Steroids (dexamethasone)

Insomnia



- Healthy sleep habits
- Timing
- Medication to assist with sleeping as needed

Fluid retention



- Monitor for swelling of extremities and "puffy" face
- Monitor weight changes/gain
- Reduce dose

Mood changes



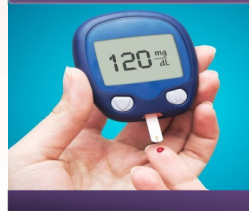
- Irritable, anxiety, difficulty concentrating
- Severe cases → depression, euphoria

Dyspepsia–heartburn



- Dietary modifications (spicy, acidic foods)
- Avoid NSAIDs
- Acid-blocking medications
- Take steroid with food; use enteric-coated aspirin with food

Elevation in glucose



- Monitor glucose and refer/treat as needed



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What does transplant mean?

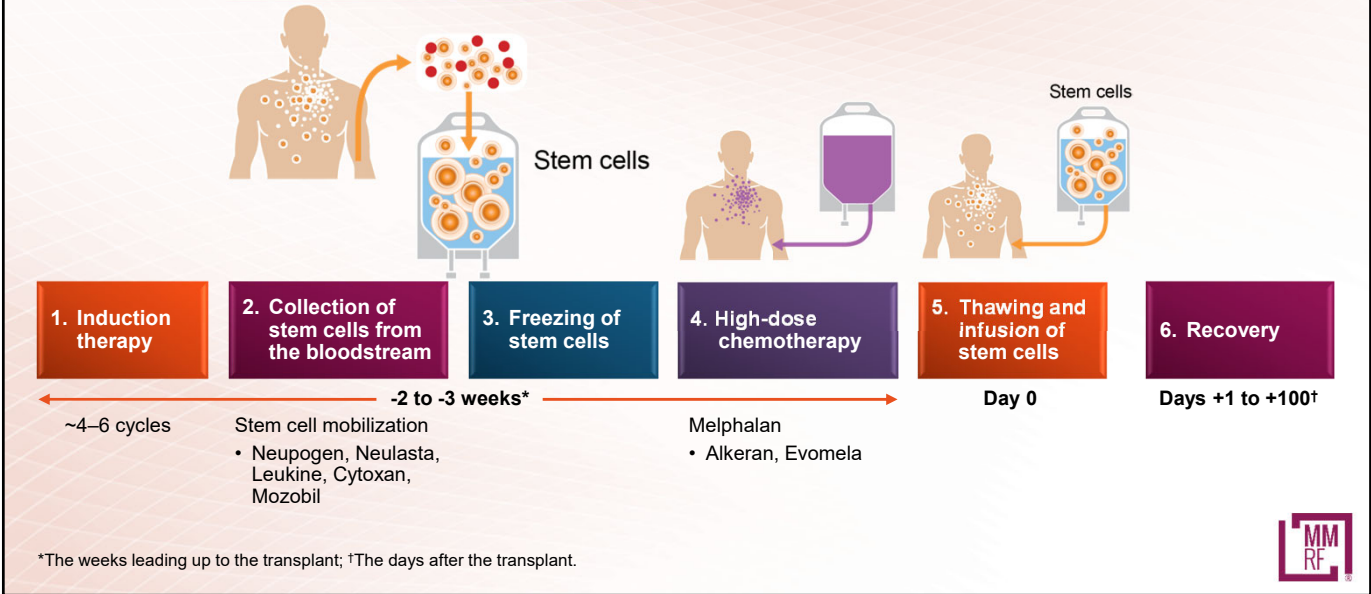
Understanding the basics of autologous stem cell transplantation

- Hematopoietic, or blood-forming, cells are stimulated to move to the bloodstream and are collected from the patient.
- The patient receives high-dose melphalan chemotherapy to eradicate myeloma cells in the blood and bone marrow.
- Because melphalan also reduces the normal cells in the bone marrow, causing immunosuppression, a stem cell transplant (or re-infusion) with the previously collected cells is the next step to replenish the bone marrow.



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Autologous Stem Cell Transplantation



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What is maintenance therapy?

- A prolonged, and often low-dose, treatment given to myeloma patients after their initial therapy (or transplant)
- To prevent disease progression for as long as possible while maintaining favorable quality of life
- To eliminate minimal residual disease (MRD) or maintain the absence of MRD, reduce the risk of relapse, and prolong survival



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Continuous or Maintenance Therapy Options

	Preferred	Recommended	Certain circumstances
Transplant eligible	• Revlimid*	• Ninlaro* • Velcade	• Velcade-Revlimid ± dex
Transplant ineligible	• Revlimid*	• Ninlaro* • Velcade	• Velcade-Revlimid

Additional agents under investigation: Darzalex, Empliciti, Kyprolis

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Measuring Response to Therapy



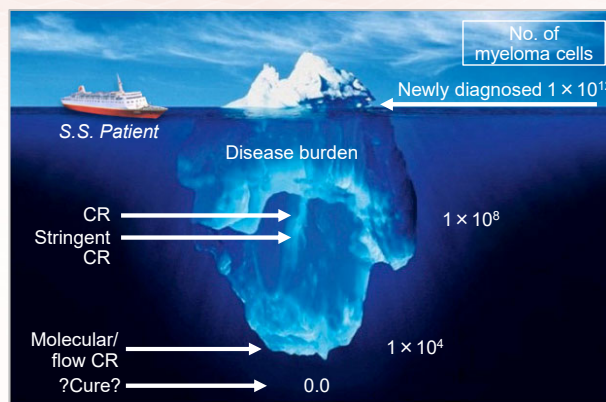
ClonoSEQ is an FDA-approved next-generation sequencing (NGS) test to measure MRD in MM patients
Palumbo A et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2014;32:587.
Kumar S et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 2016;17:e328.



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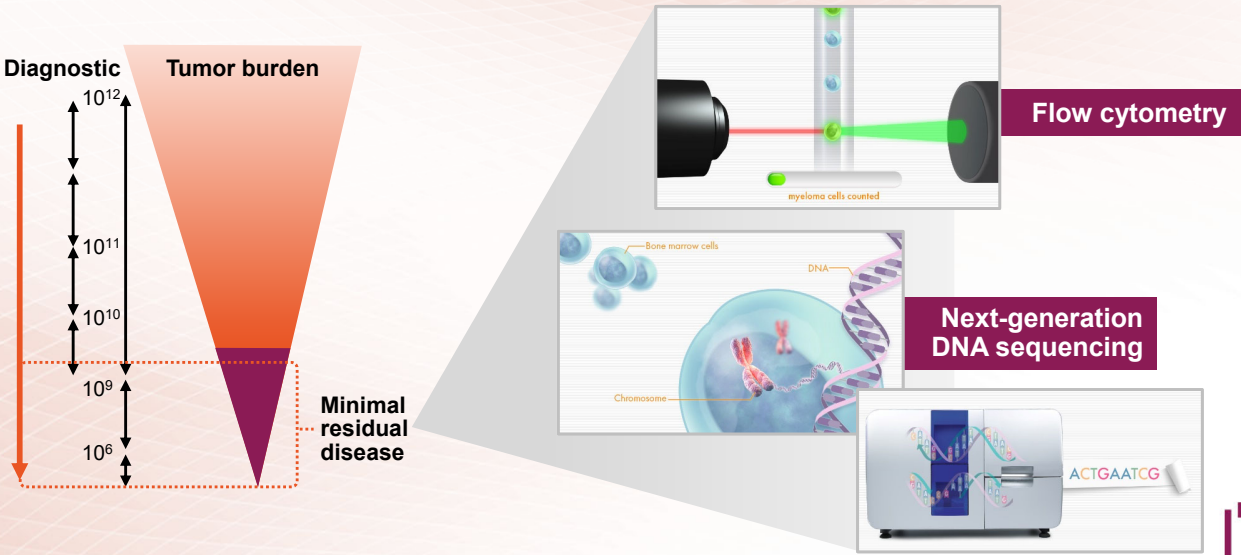
What is minimal residual disease (MRD)?

- With new and more effective treatments, more patients achieve complete response (CR)
- However, achieving a CR does not necessarily mean that all myeloma cells are gone
- Routine blood tests are not sensitive enough to detect these remaining cells



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How is MRD measured?



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Key Terms for MRD

**MRD positive or
MRD positivity
(MRD+)**

- Myeloma cells are still detectable

**MRD negative or
MRD negativity
(MRD-)**

- Myeloma cells are not detected

**Level of sensitivity can be different
depending on methodology used:
next-generation sequencing (NGS) or
next-generation flow cytometry (NGF).**



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Comprehensive Response Assessment

Right now, measurement of MRD depends on counting cells in bone marrow samples



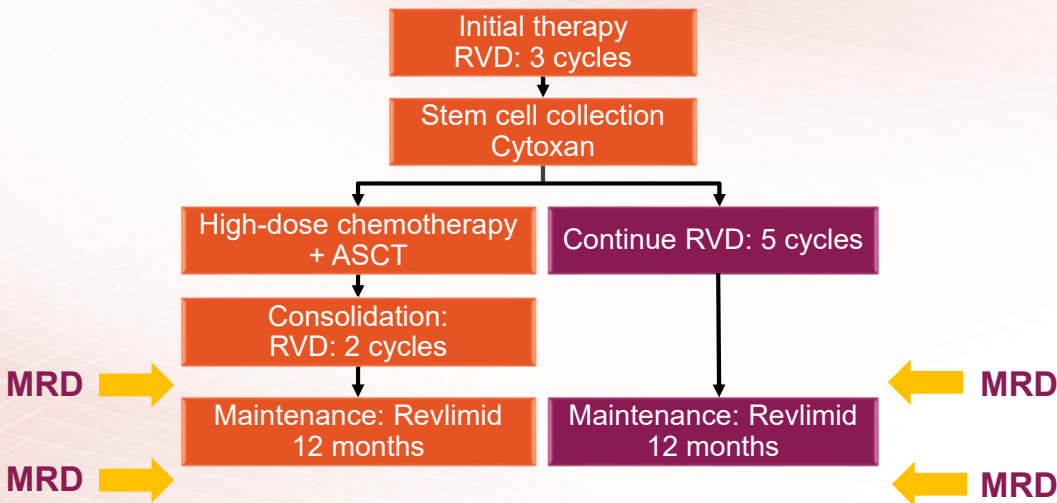
What about other areas of the body?

Imaging (with PET/CT scan) is also required to detect residual disease outside of the bone marrow



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Why is it important to achieve MRD negativity?



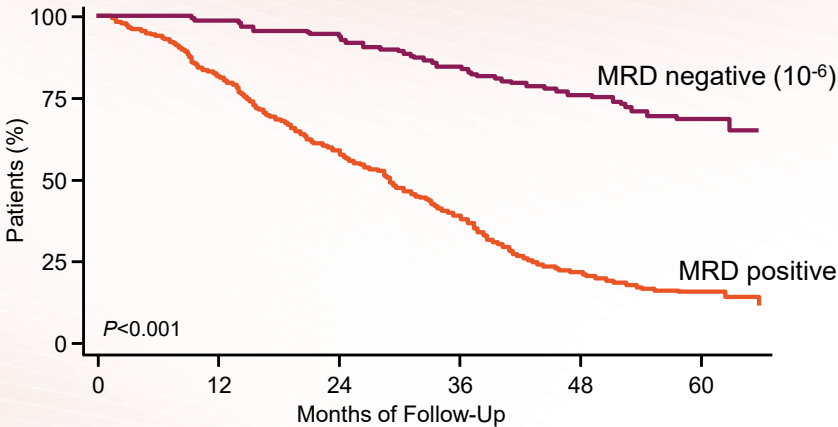
RVD, Revlimid, Velcade, dexamethasone; Cytosan, cyclophosphamide
Determination Trial (IFM 2009). Avet-Loiseau H et al. *Blood*. 2017;130: Abstract 435.



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Why is it important to achieve MRD negativity?

Patients who achieve MRD negativity following treatment experience longer remission than those who are still MRD positive after treatment



Perrot A et al. *Blood*. 2018;132:2456.



MRD-Negativity Achieved by Various Regimens

	Combination therapy	ASCT	MRD-negativity
Triplet regimen ^{1,2}	KRd 8 cycles	Yes	58%
	KRd 12 cycles	No	54%
	VRd × 6 cycles	Yes	20%
Quadruplet regimens ^{2,3}	VRd-daratumumab × 6 cycles	Yes	51%
	KRd-daratumumab × 8 cycles	No	71%

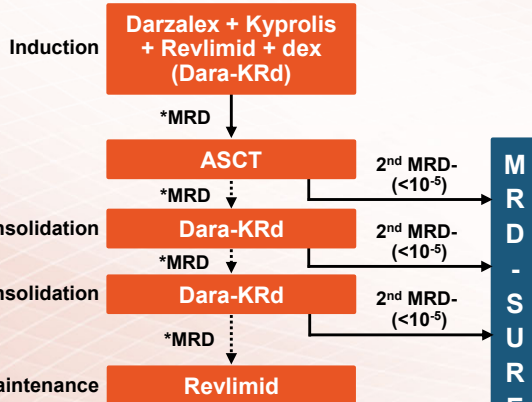
1. Gay F et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2019;37: Abstract 8002; 2. Voorhees PM et al. *Blood*. 2020;136:936; 3. Landgren O et al. *JAMA Oncol*. 2021;7:862



MRD Response-Adapted Consolidation and Treatment Cessation

MASTER Trial

Newly diagnosed myeloma patients



Treatment-free observation and MRD surveillance*

80% of patients achieved MRD negativity (at $<1 \times 10^{-5}$) and 66% achieved MRD negativity at $<1 \times 10^{-6}$.

86% of patients achieved a CR or better.

Responses deepened with each phase of treatment—and were similar in patients with zero, one, or two or more high-risk genetic abnormalities.

ASCT increased the rates of MRD negativity following induction therapy, benefitting patients with highest-risk disease features.

Nearly all patients with no or only one high-risk genetic abnormality and confirmed MRD negativity had no disease progression or MRD resurgence since stopping treatment.

*24 and 72 weeks after completion of therapy (by next-generation sequencing)

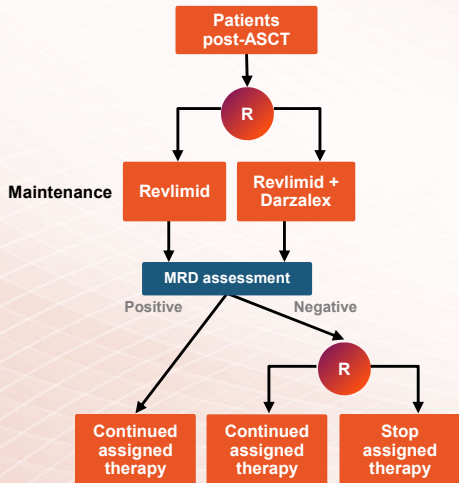
Costa LJ et al. *Blood*. 2021;138. Abstract 481; Costa LJ et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2021; Dec 13 [epub ahead of print].



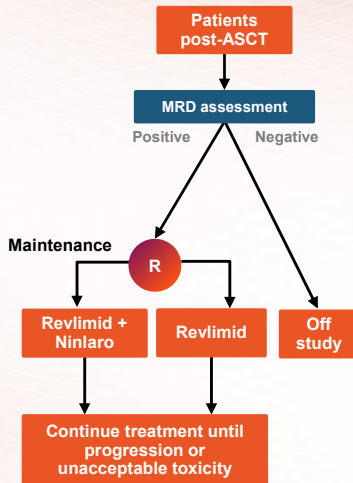
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Ongoing Studies Using MRD Results to Direct Therapy

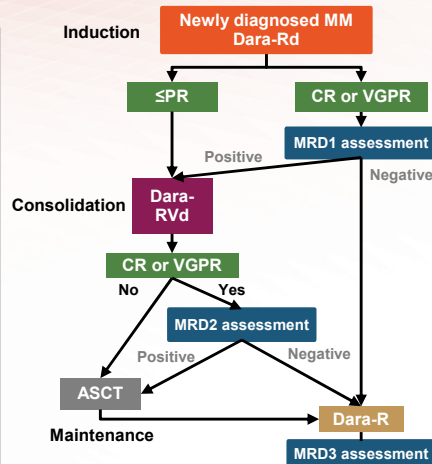
Phase 3 DRAMMATIC Study¹



Phase 3 OPTIMUM Study²



Phase 2 MAESTRO Study³



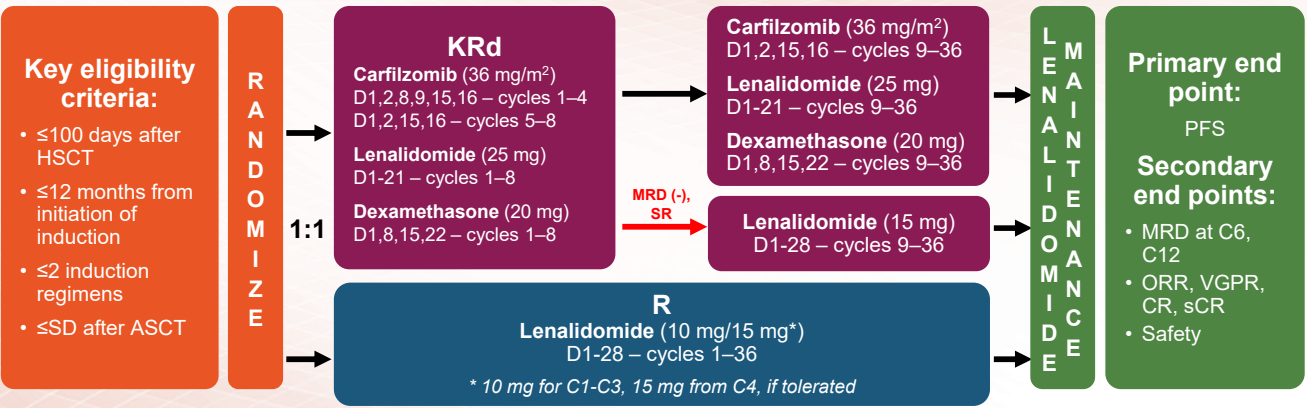
1. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04071457>; 2. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03941860>; 3. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04140162>.



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Study Design: Multicenter, Randomized, Open-Label, Phase 3 Study



Stratification factors:

- Post-ASCT response (≥VGPR vs <VGPR)
- Standard (SR) vs high risk (HR) cytogenetics
- Location of site (US vs Poland)

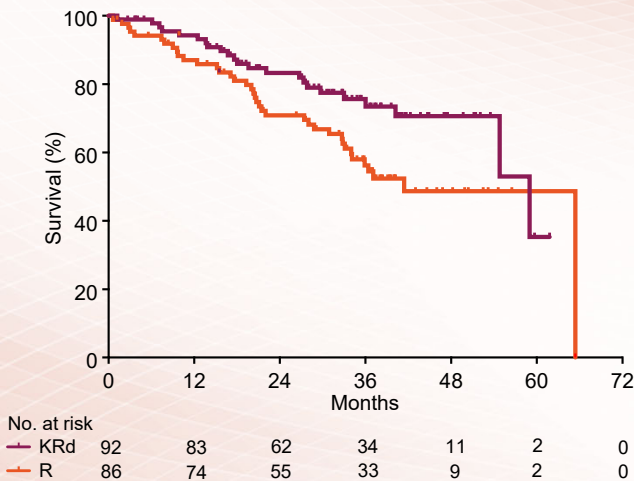
KRd patients with SR cytogenetics and IMWG MRD negativity¹ after C6 converted to R alone after C8



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Progression-Free Survival



After median follow-up of 33.8 months there were **61 PFS events**:

- **23 in the KRd arm**
- **38 in the R arm**

Median PFS

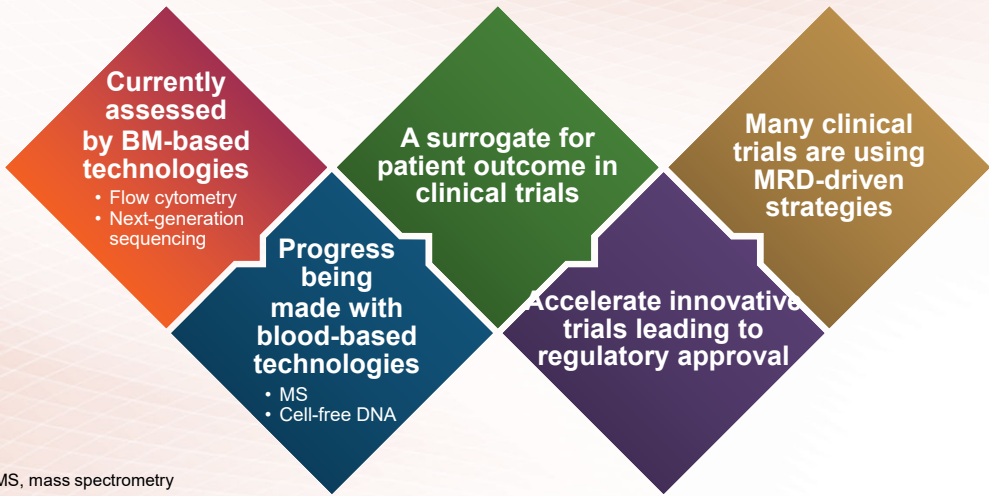
- **KRd 59.0 months (95% CI 52.5–NR)**
- **R 41.1 months (95% CI 33.4–65.4)**
- **HR 0.56 (95% CI 0.34–0.93); *P*=0.026**

This analysis was at 63% of 96 expected events for primary analysis, for which the *P* value criterion for significance (*P*=0.05) was not adjusted for the interim nature of the comparison. The primary analysis will be conducted at 4-year follow-up of last patient enrolled.



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MRD Is Important for Clinical Care and New Drug Registration

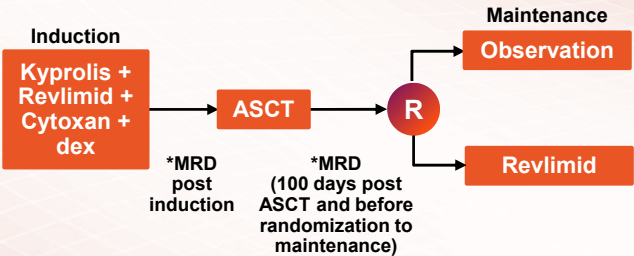


BM, bone marrow; MS, mass spectrometry
Anderson KC et al. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2021;27:5195.
Costa LJ et al. *Leukemia.* 2021;35:18.



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Potential Blood-Based MRD Testing: Mass Spectrometry



MRD is currently measured using a bone marrow sample; myeloma cells are detected using one of two methodologies: (1) flow cytometry or (2) next-generation sequencing.

Mass spectrometry (MS) is being evaluated as a method to detect free light chains (FLCs) in the blood as a potentially more sensitive test to detect MRD in patients after therapy.

MS positivity was associated with patients having a shorter time until disease progression compared to being MS negative.

In patients who achieved a CR or sCR, 16% to 34% were MS positive following induction, ASCT, or prior to maintenance; these patients also had a shorter time until disease progression compared to being MS negative and in CR/sCR.

Some patients who were MRD negative* and also MS positive also had a shorter time until disease progression compared to being MRD negative and MS negative.

MS may provide a useful alternative to bone marrow testing to detect MRD in patients and may even help to identify patients at increased risk of early relapse if they are MRD negative but MS positive during maintenance therapy.

*By flow cytometry at a sensitivity of 4×10^{-5}
Giles HV et al. *Blood.* 2021;138. Abstract 820; Derman BA et al. *Blood Cancer J.* 2021;11:19.



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Where is the myeloma field going?

- Staging with genomics and advanced imaging
- Higher efficacy using four-drug regimens
- Precision medicine and targeted therapies in subsets of patients—for example, t(11;14)
- Minimum residual disease (MRD)-driven therapy
- Minimize long-term toxicities since myeloma patients living (much) longer
- New drug classes and immunotherapies



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Summary

- > Blood and bone marrow tests give us key insights into the biology of your myeloma, and the genetic information we obtain from the bone marrow biopsy can provide prognostic information and help guide the optimal drug choice.
- > ASCT remains the standard of care for frontline therapy of myeloma for patients who are eligible; its safety has been established and it induces long remissions.
- > MRD is the deepest response after myeloma treatment, including bone marrow MRD and imaging MRD. NGF and NGS are the two most commonly used marrow MRD tests. MRD has been associated with longer progression-free and overall survival to predict lower risk of progression.
- > The body of evidence from phase 3 trials indicates that maintenance (or “continuous”) therapy improves PFS and likely OS and should be given until progression. Most patients who are thought to be Revlimid responsive and able to tolerate the side effects should receive maintenance.



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**Please take a moment to answer
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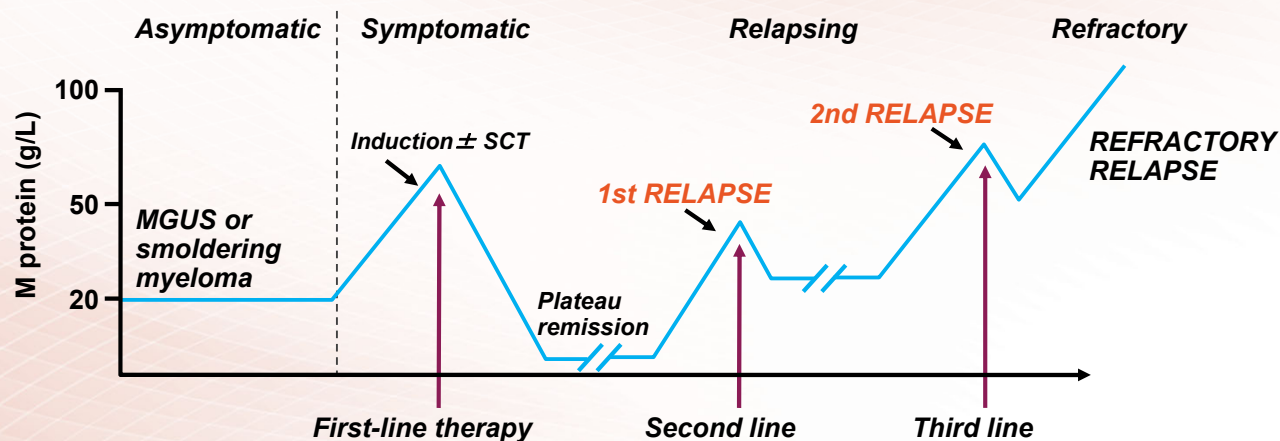


Treating Early Relapsed and Refractory Myeloma

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Multiple Myeloma Is a Marathon, Not a Sprint



Adapted from Borrello I. *Leuk Res.* 2012;36 Suppl. 1:S3.



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Definitions: What is relapsed/refractory disease and a line of therapy?

- **Relapsed:** recurrence (reappearance of disease) after a response to therapy
- **Refractory:** progression despite ongoing therapy
- **Progression:** change in M protein/light chain values
- **Line of therapy:** change in treatment due to either progression of disease or unmanageable side effects
 - **Note:** initial (or induction) therapy + stem cell transplant + consolidation/maintenance therapy = 1 line of therapy



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Biochemical Relapse or Clinical Relapse

Biochemical

- Patients with asymptomatic rise in blood or urine M protein, free light chains, or plasma cells

Timing of therapy initiation/escalation dependent on numerous factors

Clinical

- Based on direct indicators of increasing disease and/or end-organ dysfunction

Mandates immediate initiation/escalation of therapy



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Choosing Therapy for First or Second Relapse

Choices are broadest and guided by

Disease biology

Nature of relapse

Patient preference

Factors to consider

Prior autologous stem cell transplant

Prior therapies

Aggressiveness of relapse

Comorbidities

Psychosocial issues

Access to care



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Options for Relapsed/Refractory Disease Continue to Increase

IMiDs	Proteasome inhibitors	Chemotherapy anthracyclines	Chemotherapy alkylators	Steroids	Novel mechanisms of action	mAbs	Cellular therapy
Thalomid (thalidomide)	Velcade (bortezomib)	Adriamycin	Cytosan (cyclophosphamide)	Dexamethasone	XPOVIO (selinexor)	Empliciti (elotuzumab)	Abecma (idecabtagene vicleucel)
Revlimid (lenalidomide)	Kyprolis (carfilzomib)	Doxil (liposomal doxorubicin)	Bendamustine	Prednisone	Venclexta (venetoclax)*	Darzalex (daratumumab)	Carvykti (ciltacabtagene autoleucel)
Pomalyst (pomalidomide)	Ninlaro (ixazomib)		Melphalan		Farydak (Panobinostat)†	Sarclisa (isatuximab)	
					Pepaxto (melfflufen)‡	Blenrep (belantamab mafodotin)‡	

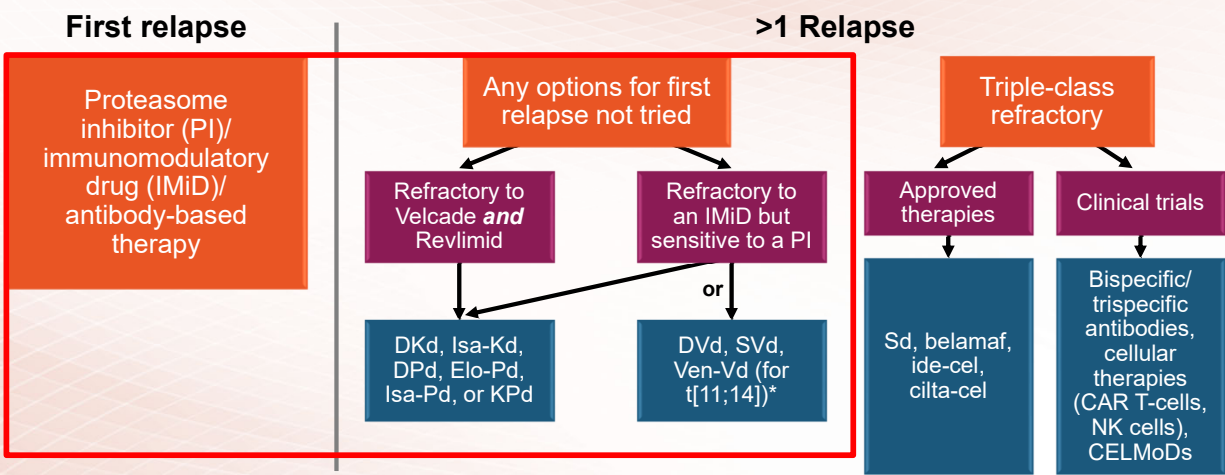
*Not yet FDA-approved for patients with multiple myeloma; †Withdrawn from the US market in 2021; ‡Antibody-drug conjugate

New formulations, new dosing, and new combinations, too!



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Treatment Approach



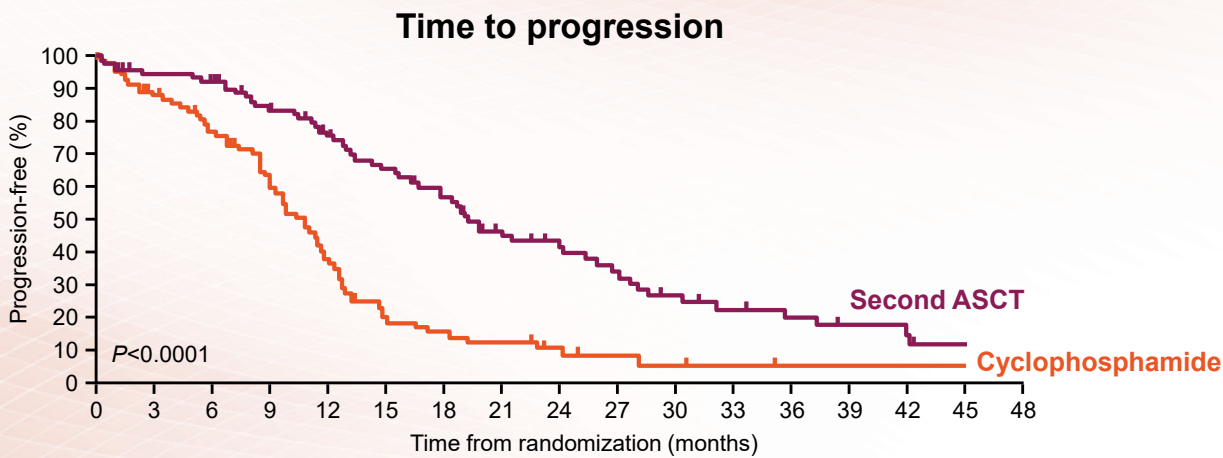
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*Not yet approved for use in myeloma patients



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Second ASCT an Option for Early Relapse



Cook G et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2014;15:874.









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Proteasome Inhibitor– and Immunomodulatory Drug–Based Regimens for Early Relapse



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Currently Available Agents for One to Three Prior Lines of Therapy

Drug	Formulation	Approval
Velcade (bortezomib)	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IV infusion• SC injection	• For relapsed/refractory myeloma
Kyprolis (carfilzomib)	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IV infusion• Weekly dosing	• For relapsed/refractory myeloma as a single agent, as a doublet with dexamethasone, and as a triplet with Revlimid or Darzalex plus dexamethasone
Ninlaro (ixazomib)	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once-weekly pill	• For relapsed/refractory myeloma as a triplet with Revlimid and dexamethasone
Revlimid (lenalidomide)*	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once-daily pill	• For relapsed/refractory myeloma in combination with dexamethasone
Pomalyst (pomalidomide)*	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once-daily pill	• For relapsed/refractory myeloma in combination with dexamethasone
XPOVIO (selinexor)	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once-weekly pill	• For relapsed/refractory myeloma as a triplet with Velcade and dexamethasone

*Black box warnings: embryo-fetal toxicity; hematologic toxicity (Revlimid); venous and arterial thromboembolism

IV, intravenous; SC, subcutaneous



Proteasome Inhibitor– and Immunomodulatory Drug–Based Regimens for Early Relapse

	OPTIMISM	ASPIRE	TOURMALINE-MM1	BOSTON
Regimens compared	• Velcade-Pomalyst-dex (VPd) vs Vd	• Kyprolis-Revlimid-dex (KRd) vs Rd	• Ninlaro-Rd (IRd) vs Rd	• XPOVIO-Velcade-dex (XPO-Vd) vs Vd
Median progression-free survival favored:	• VPd: 11 vs 7 months	• KRd: 26 vs 17 months	• IRd: 21 vs 15 months	• XPO-Vd: 14 vs 9 months



Important Considerations for Use of Proteasome Inhibitors

Velcade

- Risk of **peripheral neuropathy (PN)**; numbness, tingling, burning sensations and/or pain due to nerve damage
 - Avoid in patients with severe existing PN
 - Reduced with subcutaneous once-weekly dosing
- High risk of **shingles**
 - Use appropriate vaccination
- No dose adjustment for kidney issues; but adjust for liver issues

Kyprolis

- Less **PN** than Velcade
- High risk of **shingles**
 - Use appropriate vaccination
- Monitor for **heart, lung, and kidney side effects**
 - Use with caution in older patients with cardiovascular risk factors
- High blood pressure
- No dose adjustment for kidney issues; but adjust for liver issues

Ninlaro

- Less **PN** than Velcade
- High risk of **shingles**
 - Use appropriate vaccination
- Monitor for rashes and **gastrointestinal (GI)** side effects
 - GI effects occur early
- Needs to be taken at least 1 hour before or 2 hours after a meal

*Do not take any supplements without consulting with your doctor.



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Important Considerations for Use of Immunomodulatory Drugs

Revlimid*

- **Rash**
 - Consider antihistamines
- **Diarrhea**
 - Consider bile acid sequestrants
- Risk of **blood clots**
- Risk of second primary **malignancies**
- Dose adjustment based on kidney function

Pomalyst*

- **Low blood counts**
- Less **rash** than Revlimid
- Risk of second primary **malignancies**
- Risk of **blood clots**

*Black box warning.



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Important Considerations for Use of XPOVIO



Gastrointestinal

Begin prophylactic anti-nausea medications. Consult with your doctor if nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea occur or persist.



Low sodium (hyponatremia)

Maintain fluid intake. Salt tabs



Fatigue

Stay hydrated and active.



Low blood counts (cytopenias)

Report signs of bleeding right away. Report signs of fatigue or shortness of breath.

Chari A et al. Manuscript under preparation.



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Proteasome Inhibitor– and Immunomodulatory Drug–Based Regimens for Early Relapse

	OPTIMISMM	ASPIRE	TOURMALINE-MM1	BOSTON
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Median progression-free survival favored	• VPd: 11 vs 7 months	• KRd: 26 vs 17 months	• IRd: 21 vs 15 months	• XPO-Vd: 14 vs 9 months
Clinical considerations	• Consider for relapse on Revlimid • VPd associated with more low blood counts, infections, and neuropathy than Pd	• KRd associated with more upper respiratory infections and high blood pressure than Rd	• IRd an oral regimen • Gastrointestinal toxicities and rashes • Lower incidence of peripheral neuropathy	• XPO-Vd associated with low platelet counts and fatigue with triplet, but less neuropathy than the Vd






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Monoclonal Antibody–Based Regimens at Relapse



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Currently Available Naked Monoclonal Antibodies for One to Three Prior Lines of Therapy

Drug		Formulation	Approval
Darzalex (daratumumab)		IV once a week for first 8 weeks; then every 2 weeks for 4 months, then monthly <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The first prescribed dose may be split over 2 consecutive days• SC administration also available	• For relapsed/refractory myeloma as a single agent and as a triplet with Revlimid or Velcade or Kyprolis or Pomalyst plus dexamethasone
Empliciti (elotuzumab)		IV once a week for first 8 weeks; then every 2 weeks (or every 4 weeks with pom)	• For relapsed/refractory myeloma as a triplet with Revlimid or Pomalyst and dexamethasone
Sarclisa (isatuximab)		IV once a week for first 4 weeks; then every 2 weeks	• For relapsed/refractory myeloma as a triplet with Pomalyst or Kyprolis and dexamethasone

IV, intravenous; SC, subcutaneous



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Monoclonal Antibody–Based Regimens for Early Relapse: Darzalex

	POLLUX	CASTOR	CANDOR	APOLLO
Regimens compared	• Darzalex-Revlimide (DRd) vs Rd	• Darzalex-Velcade (DVd) vs Vd	• Darzalex-Kyprolis (DKd) vs Kd	• Darzalex-Pomalyst (DPd) vs Pd
Median progression-free survival favored	• DRd: 45 vs 18 months	• DVd: 17 vs 7 months	• DKd: 29 vs 15 months	• DPd: 12 vs 7 months



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Important Considerations for Use of Darzalex

Darzalex


- **Infusion reactions**
 - Less with SC use
- **Risk of shingles**
 - Use appropriate vaccination
- **Increased risk of hypogammaglobulinemia and URIs**
 - Bactrim prophylaxis
 - IVIG support



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Monoclonal Antibody–Based Regimens for Early Relapse: Darzalex


	POLLUX	CASTOR	CANDOR	APOLLO
Regimens compared	• Darzalex-Revlimid-dex (DRd) vs Rd	• Darzalex-Velcade-dex (DVd) vs Vd	• Darzalex-Kyprolis-dex (DKd) vs Kd	• Darzalex-Pomalyst-dex (DPd) vs Pd
Median progression-free survival favored	• DRd: 45 vs 18 months	• DVd: 17 vs 7 months	• DKd: 29 vs 15 months	• DPd: 12 vs 7 months
Clinical considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider for relapses from Revlimid or Velcade maintenance• DRd associated with more upper respiratory infections, low blood white blood cell counts, and diarrhea	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider for patients who are Revlimid-refractory without significant neuropathy• DVd associated with more low blood cell counts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider for younger, fit patients who are double-refractory to Revlimid and Velcade• DKd associated with more respiratory infections• Severe side effects (possibly fatal) in intermediate fit patients 65 and older	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider in patients who are double-refractory to Revlimid and a proteasome inhibitor (Velcade, Kyprolis, Ninlaro)• Severe low white blood cell counts



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Monoclonal Antibody–Based Regimens for Early Relapse: Empliciti and Sarclisa

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Important Considerations for Use of Monoclonal Antibodies

Empliciti

- Lower rate of **infusion reactions** than Darzalex or Sarclisa
- Risk of **shingles**
 - Use appropriate vaccination

Sarclisa

- **Infusion reactions**
- Risk of **shingles**
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Clinical considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider for non-Revlimid refractory, frailer patients• Overall survival benefit with Empliciti-Rd• Empliciti-Rd associated with more infections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider for patients refractory to Revlimid and a proteasome inhibitor (Velcade, Kyprolis, Ninlaro)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider for patients refractory to Revlimid and a proteasome inhibitor (Velcade, Kyprolis, Ninlaro)• Sarclisa-Pd associated with severe low white blood cell counts, more dose reductions, upper respiratory infections, and diarrhea	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider for patients refractory to Revlimid and Velcade• Sarclisa-Kd associated with higher MRD negativity rates• Sarclisa-Kd associated with severe respiratory infections



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Current and Emerging Therapies for Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma

Current therapies

Antibody-drug conjugates

- Blenrep
- Targets BCMA
- A monoclonal antibody conjugated by a protease-resistant linked to a microtubule-disrupting agent

Chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cells

- Abecma and Carvykti
- Targets BCMA
- Genetically modified autologous T cells that attack myeloma cells

Emerging therapies

Bispecific antibodies

- Teclistamab, elranatamab, and others
- Targets BCMA on myeloma cells and CD3 on T cells
- Redirects T cells to myeloma cells

Cereblon E3 ligase modulators (CELMoDs)

- Ixerdomide
- Targets cereblon
- Enhances tumoricidal and immune-stimulatory effects compared with immunomodulatory agents

Small molecule inhibitors

- Venetoclax
- Targets Bcl-2
- Induces multiple myeloma cell apoptosis



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Summary

- > We now have many different options for relapsed myeloma depending on patient and myeloma factors at relapse.
- > Therapy choices will depend on teamwork between physician and patient and caregivers and are based on multiple decision points.
- > Combinations of proteasome inhibitors with either immunomodulatory drugs or selinexor improve progression-free survival.
- > We have three different monoclonal antibodies that improve progression-free survival when added to other standard therapies without significantly increasing side effects.
- > In general, three-drug combinations are going to work better than two drugs.
- > Many other exciting immunotherapy options are in trials and look very promising.



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**CAR T-Cell Therapy and Bispecific
Emerging Treatment Options for
Refractory Myeloma: CAR T,
Immunotherapy, and Precision Medicine**

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Triple-Class Refractory

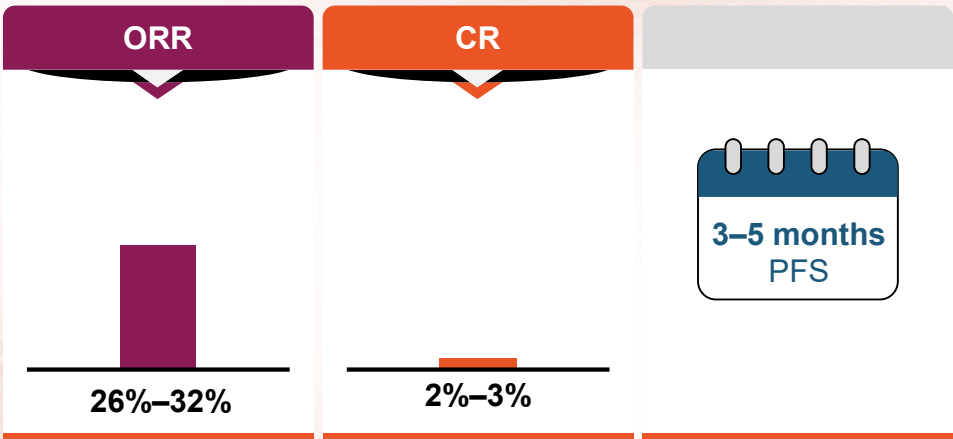
- For patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma who have received treatment with—and did not respond satisfactorily to, or progressed while on treatment with—the three main classes of drugs currently used to treat myeloma are...

Proteasome inhibitors	Immunomodulatory drugs	Anti-CD38 monoclonal antibodies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Velcade (bortezomib)Kyprolis (carfilzomib)Ninlaro (ixazomib)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Revlimid (lenalidomide)Pomalyst (pomalidomide)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Darzalex (daratumumab)Sarclisa (isatuximab)



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Where We've Been: Outcomes for Later-Line Triple Class-Exposed Patients With RRMM



Exposed to an immunomodulatory imide drug, proteasome inhibitor, and CD38 monoclonal antibody
Source: Gandhi UH et al. *Leukemia*. 2019;33(9):2266. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6820050/>



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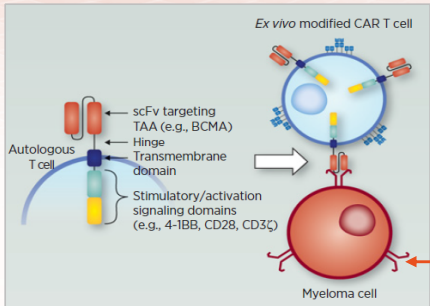
Where We're Going: CAR T-Cell Therapy

Genetically modified T cells designed to recognize specific proteins on MM cells

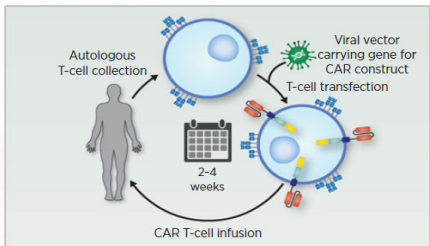
CAR T cells are activated once in contact with the MM cell and can destroy the MM cell

CAR T cells can persist for long periods of time in the body

CAR T cells are created from a patient's own blood cells, but the technology is evolving to develop "off-the-shelf" varieties



B-cell maturation antigen (BCMA)



Examples:

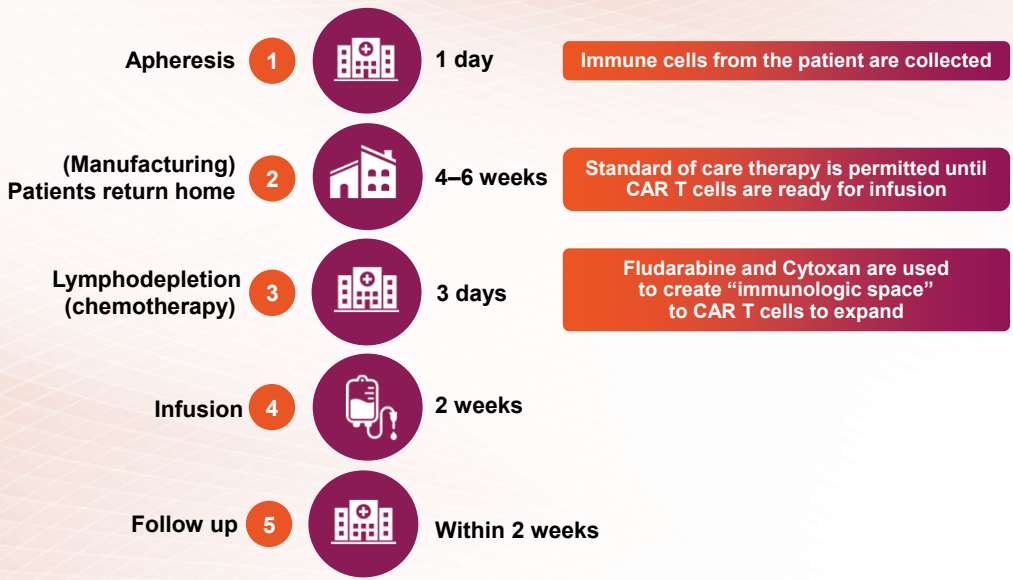
- Abecma (ide-cel)
- Carvykti (cilta-cel)
- CT103A
- Gamma secretase inhibitor followed by CAR T-cells

CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; MM, multiple myeloma
Cohen A et al. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2020;26:1541.





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CAR T-Cell Therapy Patient Journey



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Two CAR T-Cell Therapies Approved!

Drug		Formulation	Approval
Abecma (idecabtagene vicleucel)*		300 to 460 × 10 ⁶ genetically modified autologous CAR T cells in one or more infusion bags	• For relapsed/refractory myeloma (after 4 or more prior lines of therapy, including an IMiD, a PI, and an anti-CD38 mAb)
Carvykti (ciltacabtagene autoleucel)†		0.5 to 1.0 × 10 ⁶ genetically modified autologous CAR T cells/kg of body weight	• For relapsed/refractory myeloma (after 4 or more prior lines of therapy, including a PI, an IMiD, and an anti-CD38 mAb)

IMiD, immunomodulatory agent; PI, proteasome inhibitor; mAb, monoclonal antibody

*Black box warning: cytokine release syndrome; neurologic toxicities; hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis/macrophage activation syndrome (HLH/MAS); prolonged cytopenia

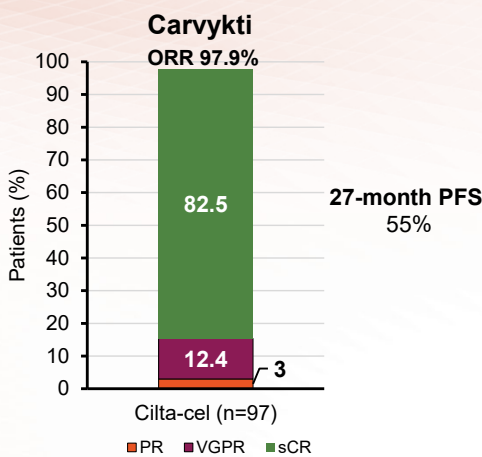
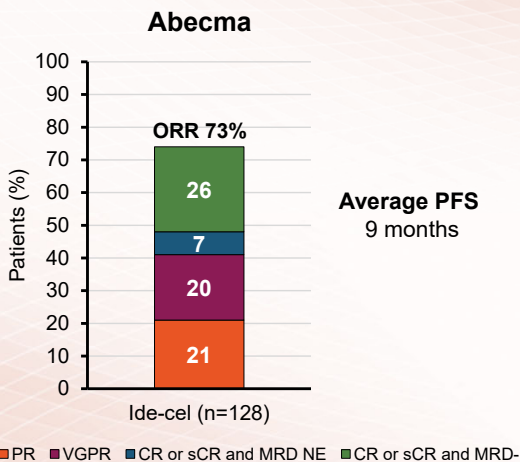
†Black box warning: cytokine release syndrome; neurologic toxicities; Parkinsonism and Guillain-Barré syndrome; HLH/MAS; prolonged cytopenia

Abecma and Carvykti are available only through a restricted distribution program



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Abecma and Carvykti in Relapsed and Refractory Multiple Myeloma



ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial response; VGPR, very good partial response; CR, complete response; sCR, stringent complete response; MRD, minimal residual disease; PFS, progression-free survival

KarMMa Trial. Munshi NC et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2021;384:705.
CARTITUDE-1 Trial. Berdeja JG et al. *Lancet*. 2021;398:314; Martin T et al. *JCO* 2022.



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One Product Better Than Another?

The “simple” answers

- We don’t know
- With limited availability at limited number of centers, **availability may be the best ability**.
- Waiting for cells to be manufactured has challenges, no matter the product

The more complicated answers

- Trials with CAR T-cell therapy select for patients who **CAN wait** for cells to be manufactured (= less aggressive disease)
- Patients enrolled in the studies with the different products are **different** – and results might look different
- Clinical trials are looking at “**off-the-shelf**” options or **quicker turnaround**.



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CAR-T: Expected Toxicities



Cytokine release syndrome (CRS)



Neurotoxicity (ICANS)



Cytopenias



Infections

	CRS	ICANS
Onset	1–9 days after CAR T-cell infusion	2–9 days after CAR T-cell infusion
Duration	5–11 days	3–17 days
Symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fever• Difficulty breathing• Dizziness• Nausea• Headache• Rapid heartbeat• Low blood pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Headache• Confusion• Language disturbance• Seizures• Delirium• Cerebral edema
Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Actemra (tocilizumab)• Corticosteroids• Supportive care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Antiseizure medications• Corticosteroids

*Based on the ASTCT consensus; †Based on vasopressor; ‡For adults and children >12 years; §For children ≤12 years; ¶Only when concurrent with CRS

Xiao X et al. Mechanisms of cytokine release syndrome and neurotoxicity of CAR T-cell therapy and associated prevention and management strategies. *J Exp Clin Cancer Res.* 2021;40(1):367. Article licensed under a [Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License](#); Lee DW et al. *Biol Blood Marrow Transplant.* 2019;25:625; Shah N et al. *J Immunother Cancer.* 2020;8:e000734.



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CAR T-Cell Therapy Themes: Myeloma



All patients were very heavily pretreated, at least six prior therapies. Many patients on the trials were considered *triple-class refractory*.



All have similar side effects, causing cytokine release syndrome (CRS), confusion, and low blood counts.



Most patients respond well to treatment, but the duration of response is 9+ months depending on the CAR T cell.



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Transplant vs CAR T Cells

Cellular therapies	CAR T-cell therapy	Autologous stem cell transplantation
Patient's cells collected	Yes	Yes
Types of cells collected	T cells*	Stem cells†
Collected cells are genetically engineered in a lab	Yes	No
Patient given chemotherapy before cells are infused back into patient	Yes, lymphodepleting therapy	Yes, melphalan
When in the course of myeloma is this usually done?	After multiple relapses	As part of initial treatment
Side effects of treatment	Cytokine release syndrome; confusion	Fatigue, nausea, diarrhea

*An immune cell that is the 'business end' of the system, in charge of maintaining order and removing cells.
†Precursor cells that give rise to many types of blood cells. We actually collect CD34+ve cells.

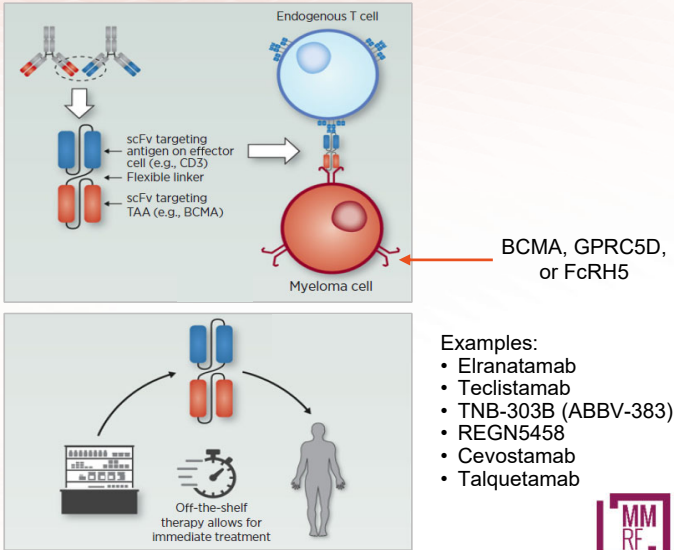


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Bispecific Antibodies

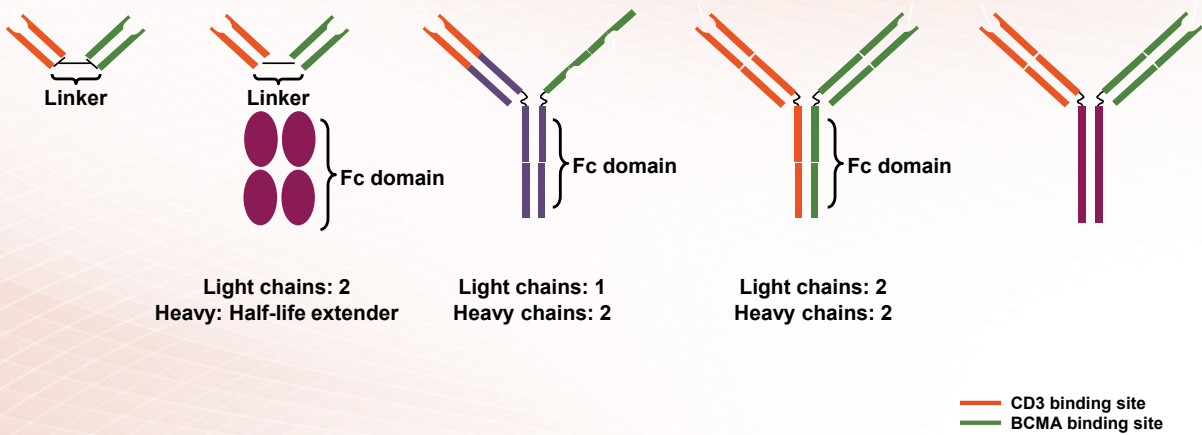
- Bispecific antibodies are also referred to as dual specific antibodies, bifunctional antibodies, or T-cell engaging antibody
- Bispecific antibodies can target two cell surface molecules at the same time (one on the myeloma cell and one on a T cell)
- Many different bispecific antibodies are in clinical development; none are approved for use in myeloma
- Availability is off-the-shelf allowing for immediate treatment

Cohen A et al. Clin Cancer Res. 2020;26:1541.



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There Are Different Types of Bispecific T-Cell Engagers/Antibodies



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Bispecific Antibodies: >20% Activity

Myeloma Cell Target	Bispecific Agent	Patients Responding*
BCMA	Teclistamab	65%
BCMA	REGN5458	73%
BCMA	Elranatamab	73%
BCMA	TNB383B	60%
BCMA	CC93269	89%
BCMA	AMG701	83%
GPCR5	Talquetamab	70%
FCRH5	Cevostamab	55%

*Based on a recent sampling



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Bispecific Antibodies: Expected Toxicities

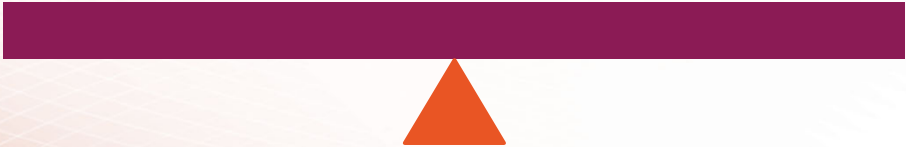
- Cytokine release syndrome (CRS)
- Neurotoxicity (ICANS)
 - Usually occurs within first 1–2 weeks
 - Frequency (all grade and grade 3–5) higher with CAR T
- Cytopenias
- Target unique: cytokeatin change/rash
- Infections
 - Incidence for bispecifics at RP2D not yet known
 - Viruses: CMV, EBV
 - PCP/PJP
 - Ongoing discussions regarding prophylactic measures
 - IVIG
 - Anti-infectives



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Bispecific Antibodies: Pros/Cons

- High rates of response
 - Off-the-shelf
 - Can be given as outpatient
- % responses < CAR T
 - Must be given continually
 - Must be started inpatient
 - Infections!



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Similarities and Differences Between CAR T-Cell Therapy and Bispecific Antibodies

	CAR T cell therapy	Bispecific antibody
Approved product	Abecma, Carvykti	None (several in phase 2)
Efficacy	++++	+++
How given	One-and-done	IV or SC, weekly to every 3 weeks until progression
Where given	Academic medical centers	Academic medical centers**
Notable adverse events	CRS and neurotoxicity	CRS and neurotoxicity
Cytokine release syndrome	+++	++
Neurotoxicity	++	+
Availability	Wait time for manufacturing	Off-the-shelf, close monitoring for CRS and neurotoxicity



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Key Points

- > CAR T and bispecific antibodies are very active even in heavily pre-treated patients.
- > Side effects of CAR T cells and bispecific antibodies include cytokine release syndrome (CRS), confusion, and low blood counts, all of which are treatable.
- > Abecma and Carvykti are only the first-generation CAR T cells and target the same protein. Different CARs and different targets are on the way.
- > Bispecific antibodies represent an “off-the-shelf” immunotherapy.
- > Several different bispecific antibodies are under clinical evaluation.



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Options on the Horizon

Clinical phase	Novel agents	
	Precision medicine	Novel mechanisms of action†
Phase 3	Venetoclax*	
Phase 1, 2	Abemaciclib* Cobimetinib* Dabrafenib Enasidenib* Erdafitinib* Idasanutlin Trametinib Vemurafenib	AMG-176 AMG-232 APG-2575 Azacitidine CFT7455 Citarinostat COM902 CYT-0851 Disulfiram Duvelisib

*Being studied in the MyDRUG trial; †More agents can be found at www.clinicaltrials.gov



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Multiple Myeloma Is Not Just One Disease!

Multiple myeloma is a heterogeneous disease even within cytogenetically defined molecular subtypes.



In the future, the goal is to go beyond a one-size-fits-all approach.

How do we customize treatment?
Precision medicine



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An Example of the Importance of Personalized Medicine

	CoMMpassMMRF2172	CoMMpassMMRF2250
		
Age	72	71
Ethnicity	Caucasian	Caucasian
ISS stage	II	II
Baseline treatment	VRD	VRD
Cytogenetics	t(4;14), del13, del17p	t(4;14), del13, del17p
Time of progression	1 month	>18 months



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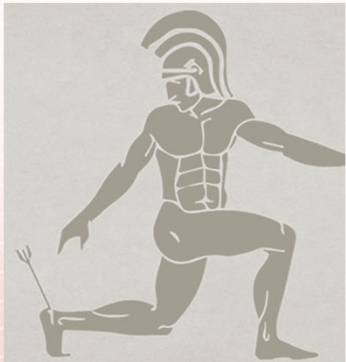
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p53 status	Mutated	Wild-type



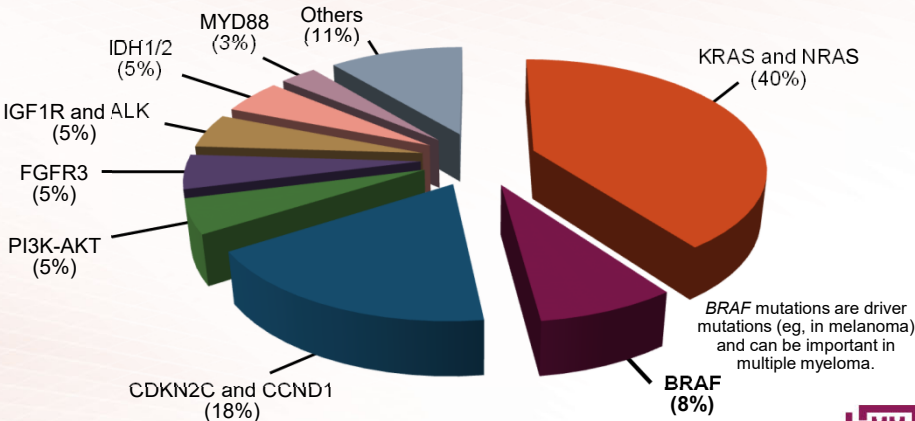
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Actionable Alterations in MM



These alterations may be the Achilles' heel of myeloma cells.

Precision medicine efforts have identified molecular alterations for which there are drugs in the clinic



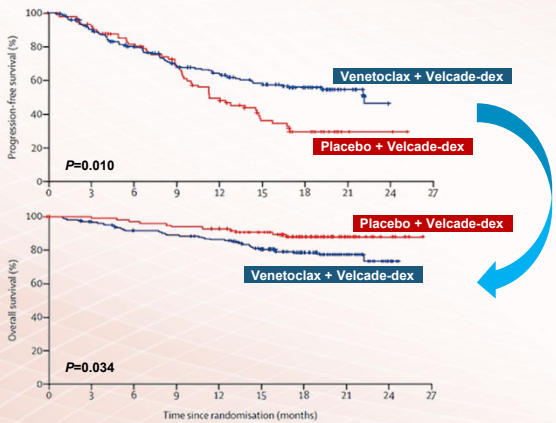
BRAF mutations are driver mutations (eg, in melanoma) and can be important in multiple myeloma.



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Venetoclax and t(11;14)

Venetoclax is a Bcl-2 inhibitor



Venetoclax especially active in t(11;14)
or BCL2^{high} multiple myeloma

The BELLINI Trial. Kumar SK et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2020;21:1630.

A phase 1b/2 study of MEK inhibition ± Bcl-2 (venetoclax) and PD-L1 Inhibition in patients with relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma

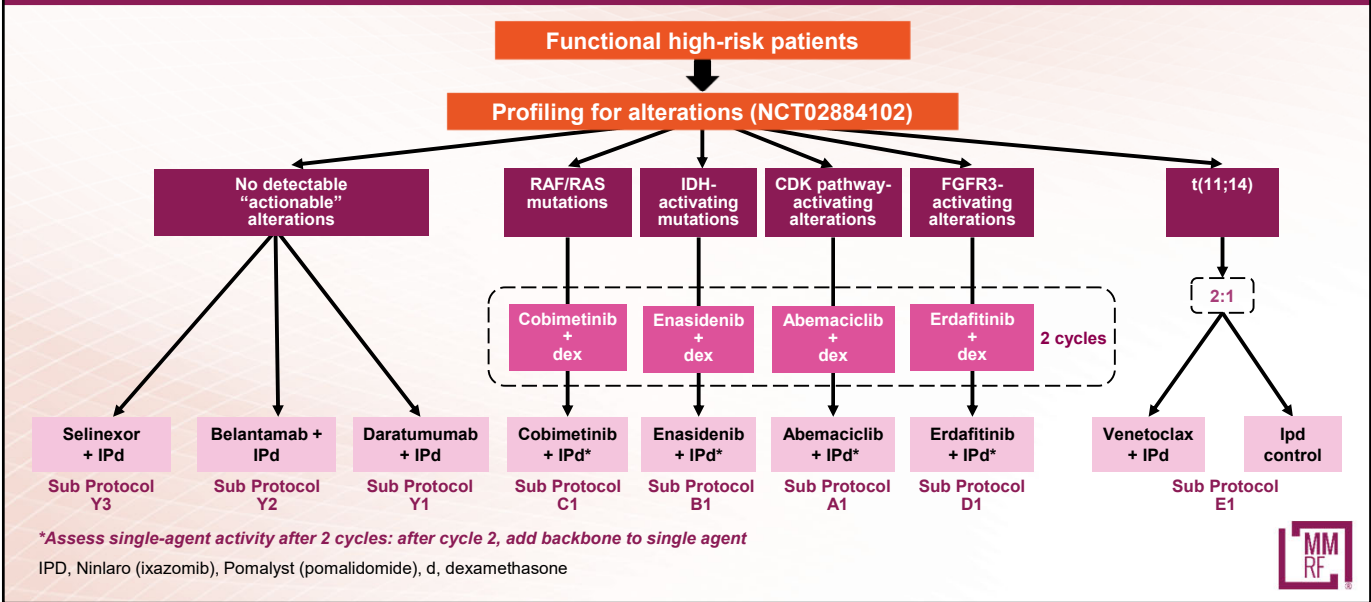
- 49 patients treated with COTELLIC (cobimetinib) alone or in combination with Venclexta (venetoclax) ± TECENTRIQ (atezolizumab)
- 51% had RAS mutations; 31% had high PD-L1 expression
- Overall response rates
 - 0% for COTELLIC alone
 - 27% for COTELLIC and Venclexta; **50% in t(11;14) patients**
 - 29% for COTELLIC, Venclexta, and TECENTRIQ; **100% t(11;14) patients**
- Common side effects included diarrhea, nausea, low blood counts, increase in blood creatine phosphokinase, and rash
- Serious side effects included low blood counts and pneumonia

Schjesvold F et al. *Blood.* 2020;136. Abstract 295.



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MMRF MyDRUG (NCT03732703) Treatment Arms



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Precision Medicine in Myeloma: MyDRUG (NCT03732703)

Case study: Man, age 59

Treatments

1st Line

- VRd/KRd induction, ASCT, Rev maintenance
- Best response: CR
- Progressed in 30 months (22 months post-ASCT/maint.)

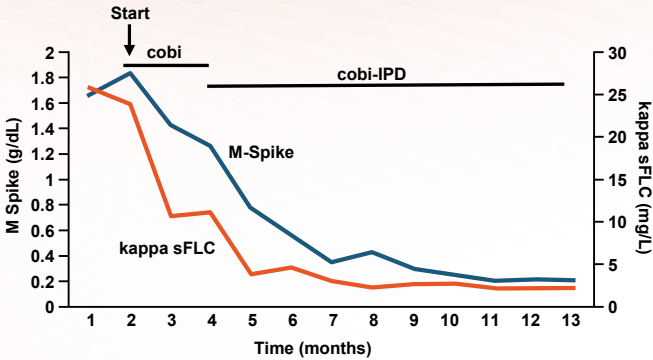
2nd Line

- EPd
- Best response: MR
- Progressed in 4 months

3rd Line

- MyDrug – C1

Response on MyDrug



Genomics

- Hyperdiploid, del13q, del1p, Myc ampl.
- NRAS Q61H, 56% allelic fraction



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Precision Medicine Summary

- Efforts are under way to better understand the nature of the disease and to provide patients with a more personalized approach to treatment.
- Genomic sequencing and data from myeloma patients are key to identifying subtype: our goal is to help individualize treatment for better outcomes.
- Continue to ask whether genetic mutation analysis is conducted by your doctor.
- Discuss with your doctor what genomic subtype of myeloma you have and what impact that may have on your treatment.
- Precision medicine provides the right treatment at the right time for each myeloma patient.



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Town Hall Questions & Answers



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Patient Experience

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Clinical Trials

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Goal of Clinical Trials: Making Progress Against Myeloma

Participants in clinical trials receive specific treatments according to the research plan or protocol created by the investigators to determine the safety and efficacy of the treatment.



Develop treatments and strategies to potentially lengthen lives

- Improve the way we use currently available drugs and regimens
- Develop new medications



Increase the understanding of the disease

- Identify rational selection of existing drugs



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Impact of Clinical Trials in Myeloma: Dramatic Improvements in Survival in <10 Years



Survival rates have nearly doubled; further improvements expected in near future.



15 new drugs approved since 2003.



Many new drugs being studied in clinical trials.

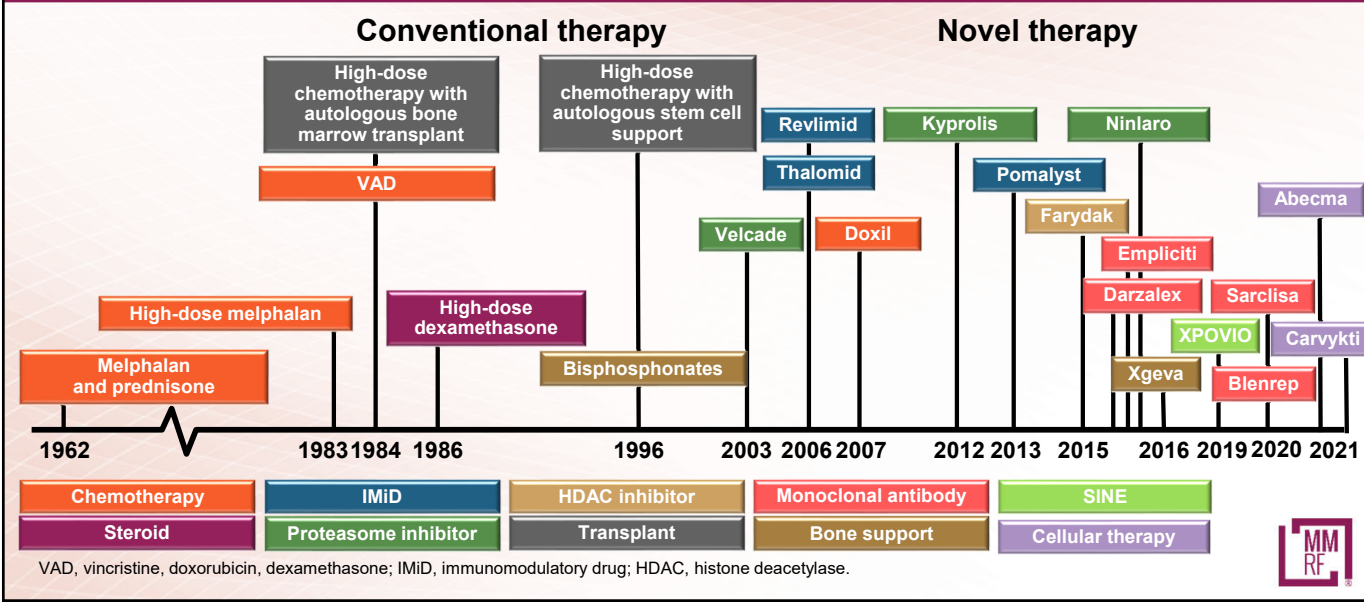


Understanding of the biology of myeloma improving, with the eventual goal of personalized medicine.



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Evolution of Multiple Myeloma Treatment: 16 New Drugs Approved in ≤18 Years



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Conventional Trial Design

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New Drug Development

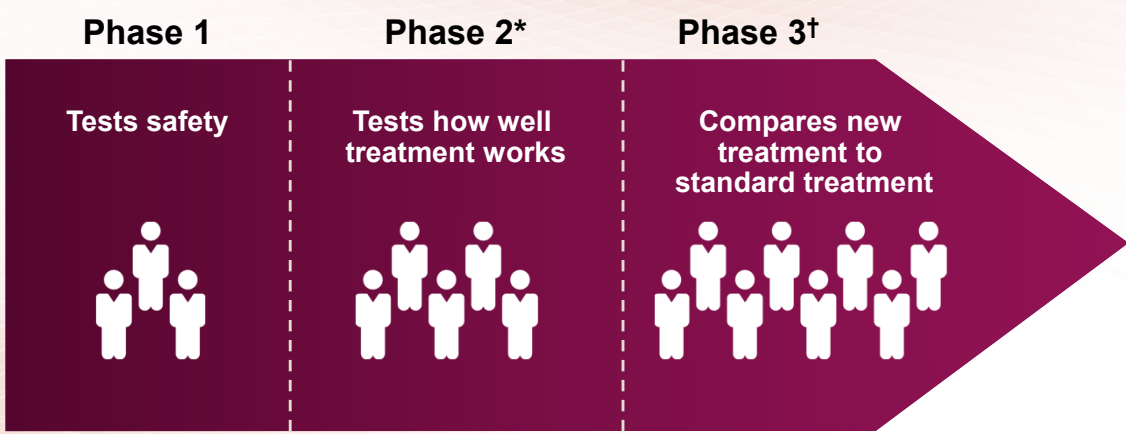


The whole process costs millions of dollars and years of effort!



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Conventional Clinical Trial Types



*When no standard treatment is available, FDA may approve drugs based on trial results
†Conducted to receive FDA approval of new drugs, in most cases



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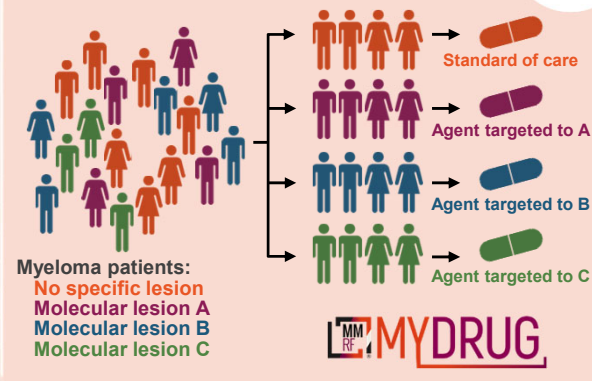
Innovative Trial Design



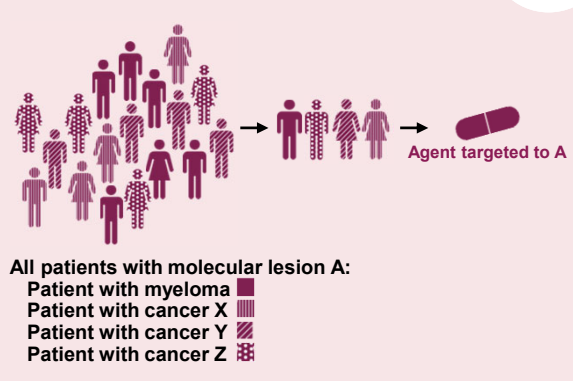
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Innovative Trial Designs: Guiding the Future of Cancer Research Toward Precision Medicine

Umbrella/platform trials



Basket/bucket trials



Pawlyn C, Davies F. *Blood*. 2019;133:660.



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Participation in a Clinical Trial



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Will I be treated like a guinea pig?

THE NUREMBERG CODE

The Nuremberg Code is a set of ethical principles for human experimentation. It was developed by the Nuremberg Military Tribunal in 1947, in response to the atrocities committed during the Holocaust. The code is a landmark document in the history of human rights and medical ethics.

1. The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential. This means that the person involved should have legal capacity to give consent; should be sufficiently informed of the nature of the experiment; and should not be subjected to experiment if it is clearly to be expected that the subject will be subjected to serious or lasting harm.

2. The experiment should be such as to yield fruitful results for the good of society, untriable by other means; the knowledge gained should be of direct benefit to the human condition or to the understanding of the disease.

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The Nuremberg Code

WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION DECLARATION OF HELSINKI

Ethical Principles for Medical Research Involving Human Subjects

Approved by the World Medical Association, Helsinki, Finland, 1964.

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The Belmont Report

**Office of the Secretary
Ethical Principles and Guidelines for the Protection of Human Subjects of Research**
The National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research
April 18, 1979

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Three influential documents



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Benefits of Clinical Trials

- You will have normal standard of care in terms of office visits, lab work, etc
- You may even have additional care and investigation as a part of the clinical trial
- You will generally see your health care providers and will also have a research coordinator involved in your care
- You will likely even have a higher standard of care than normal!



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Considering Entering Clinical Trials

- Find a clinical trial
 - Contact an MMRF Patient Navigator at 1-888-841-6673 or visit themmrf.org/resources/clinical-trial-finder/
 - Ask your treating hematologist/oncologist about any available trials
 - Check with any academic medical centers close to your home
- Talk to your doctor about your eligibility
- Meet with the research nurse to learn more
- Carefully review the informed consent paperwork



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Key Points

- **Myeloma survival rates have nearly doubled; further improvements are expected.**
- **15 new drugs approved since 2003.**
- **The drive of research and clinical trials has brought us to where we are.**
Clinical trials are available for patients at all stages of myeloma, including those who have precursor conditions, those who are newly diagnosed, and those who have received previous treatments and whose myeloma has relapsed.
- **No one is expected to be a guinea pig; research and clinical trials are under very tight supervision and standards.**
- **Open, clear communication between the physician and the patient is essential.**



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two questions about this
presentation.**



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Town Hall Questions & Answers



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Upcoming Patient Education Events

Save the Date

Topic	Date and Time (CT)	Speakers
Patient Summit (live and online)	Saturday, October 22 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Nashville, Tennessee	Jesus Berdeja, MD—Host
Patient Summit (live and online)	Saturday, December 9 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM New Orleans, Louisiana	Laura Finn, MD—Host

For more information or to register,
please visit themmrf.org/resources/education-program



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MMRF Patient Resources

EXPECT GUIDANCE.

MMRF Patient Navigation Center

- Information & Resources
- Expert Advice
- Support

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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

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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 CT

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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: <https://themmrf.org/get-involved/mmrf-events/>



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