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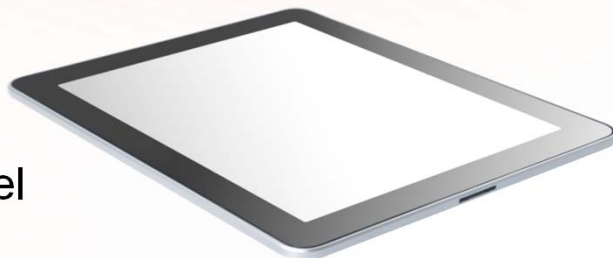
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# Summit Agenda

Time (ET)	Topic	Speakers
9:00–9:15 AM	Introduction to the MMRF and Introduction to Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis	Mary DeRome, MS Bettina F. Drake, PhD, MPH
9:15–9:25 AM	Welcome	Ravi Vij, MD, MBA
9:25–10:05 AM	The State of Myeloma Care and MM and Health Care Disparities	Craig Emmitt Cole, MD
10:05–10:35 AM	What's New in MGUS and Smoldering Multiple Myeloma?	Omar Nadeem, MD
10:35–11:05 AM	Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma	Andrew D. Kin, MD
11:05–11:35 AM	Town Hall Q&A	Panel
11:35 AM–12:05 PM	CAR T-Cell Therapy and Bispecific Antibodies	Ravi Vij, MD, MBA
12:05–1:05 PM	Lunch and Patient Journey	Jerome Berry
1:05–1:35 PM	Town Hall Q&A	Panel
1:35 PM	Closing Remarks	Mary DeRome, MS



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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.

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## 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

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## 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](http://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.

## PROGRESS TOWARDS GOAL



870

Patients enrolled (i)



605

Patient samples sequenced (i)



247

Patient health records pulled (i)

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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.

### DEMOGRAPHICS BY SEX (i)



Male  
Female  
Not Recorded

### DEMOGRAPHICS BY AGE (i)



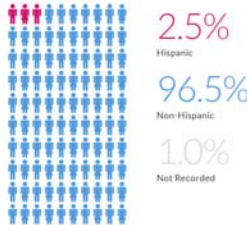
Percentage of Patients

### DEMOGRAPHICS BY RACE (i)



African American/Black  
White  
Asian  
Other  
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### DEMOGRAPHICS BY ETHNICITY (i)



2.5%

Hispanic

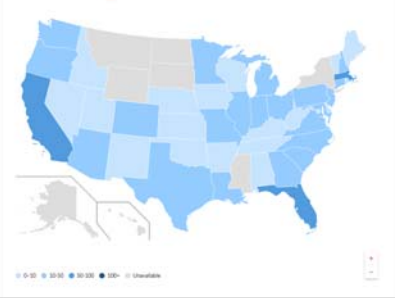
96.5%

Non-Hispanic

1.0%

Not Recorded

### PATIENT ENROLLMENT BY REGION (i)



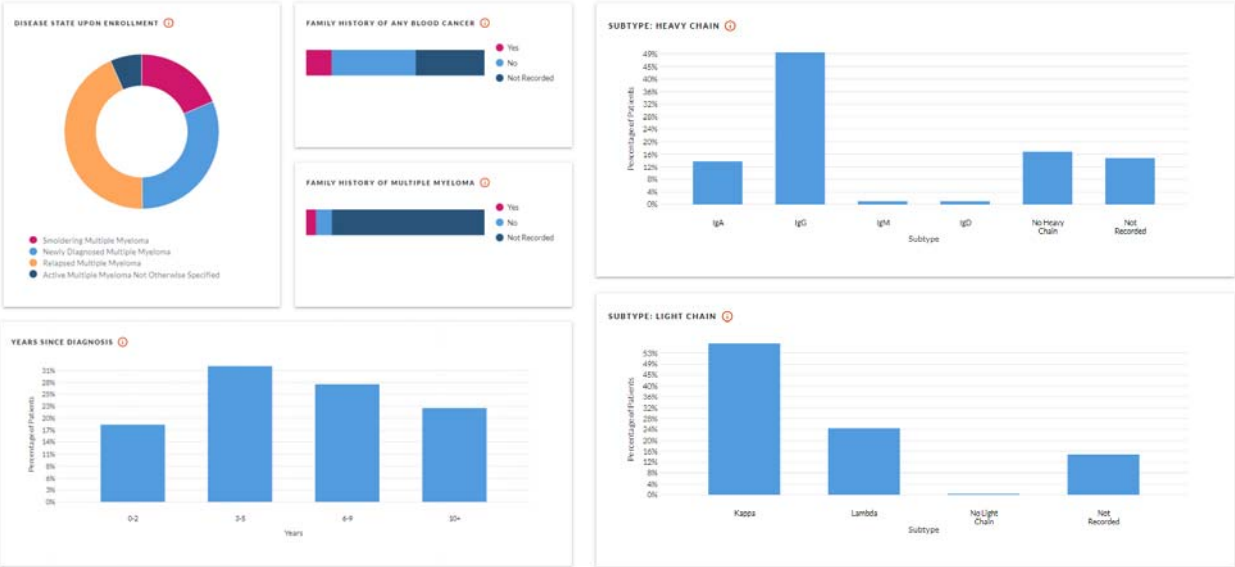
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Clinical

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.



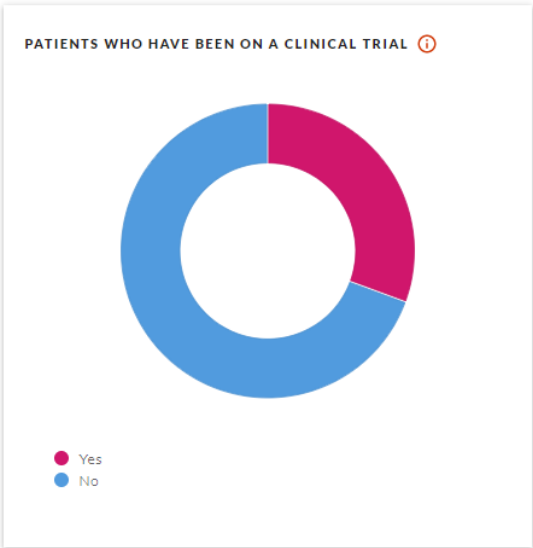
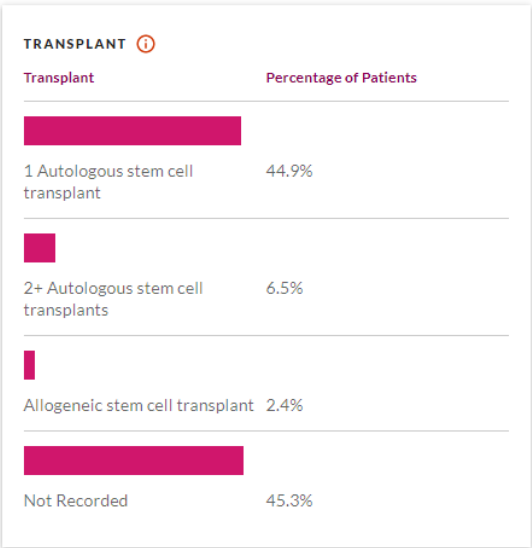
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# Therapy


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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# Washington University Participant Engagement and Cancer Genome Sequencing

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ON BEHALF OF THE WU-PE-CGS TEAM







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## 2015 – Cancer Moonshot



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## Why Did Moonshot Prioritize Participant Engagement in Rare Cancers?

- There are understudied and rare cancers that affect underrepresented populations
- Goal: increase recruitment of these populations to research so we can learn more about the genetics of these cancers  
→ improve future healthcare
- The project will mostly benefit future patients, but also may have some benefit to patients through return of results

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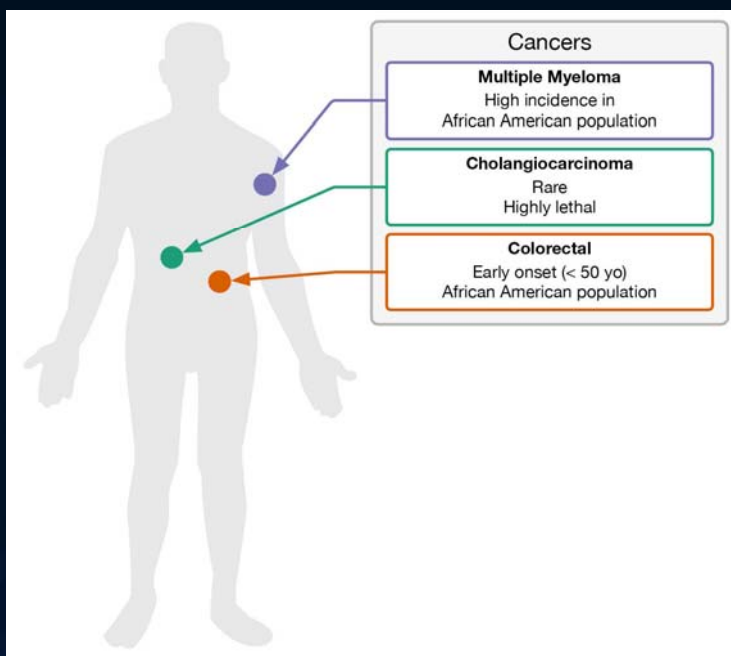
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## Aims

- Engage participants with continuous evaluation and research to study disparities in rare cancers
- Conduct comprehensive genomic testing and follow up participants long term
- Address cancer disparities by improving the ability for disadvantaged populations to benefit from genomic sequencing
- Share findings to broaden understanding of genomic characterizations of tumors



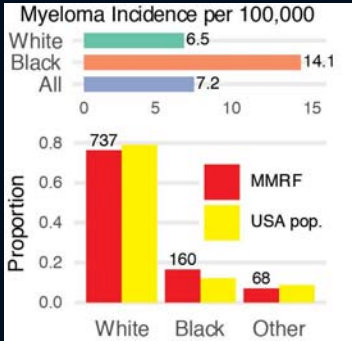
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# Multiple Myeloma in Black Americans

- Little is known about the genetic variability of multiple myeloma among Black Americans
- Progress is limited by underrepresentation of Black Americans in genomic research
- The ultimate goal is to improve treatment and care



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# Leadership



**Graham A. Colditz, MD, DrPH**  
• Public Health Sciences



**Li Ding, PhD**  
• Cancer Genomics



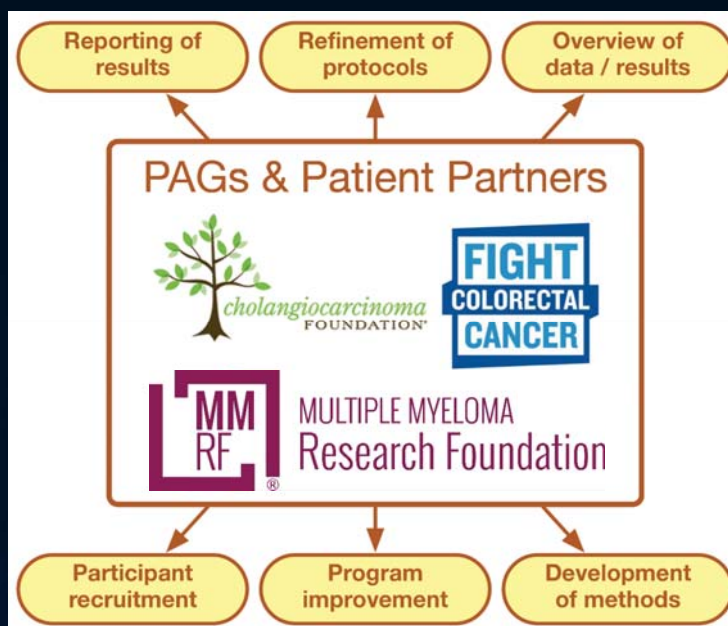
**Bettina Drake, PhD**  
• Public Health Sciences



**Ryan Fields, MD**  
• Surgical Oncology

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## How to Participate

- Complete 2 surveys over 6 months (online or by phone), interviews, and provide feedback
- Allow us to review your previous medical records and treatment
- Decide what results you want to receive
- No need for in-person visits, new biopsies, or procedures
- We will:
  - Use your previous biopsy or surgery specimens for genome sequencing
  - Share what we learn with you

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# Welcome!

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## 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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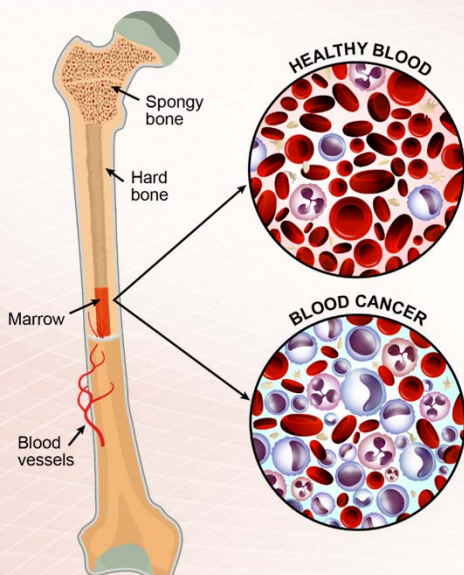


# The State of Multiple Myeloma Care

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## What is multiple myeloma?



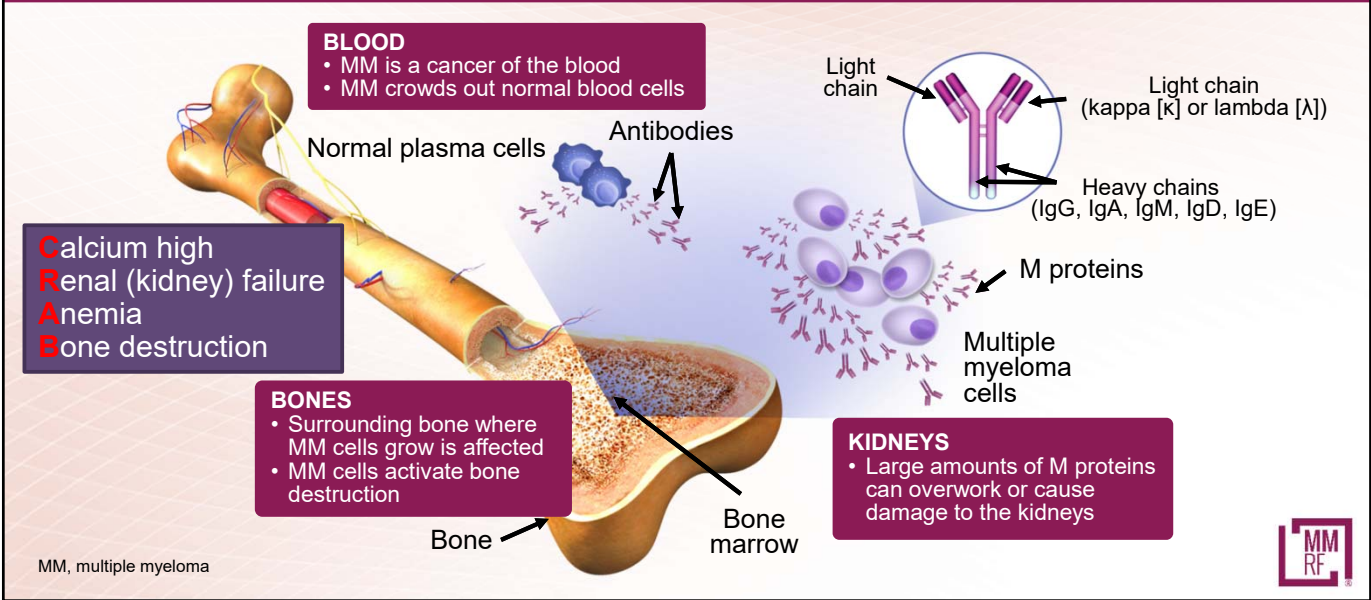
- Multiple myeloma is a **blood cancer** that starts in the **bone marrow**, the place where all **blood cells** are produced
- Multiple myeloma is caused when a type of **white blood cell** called a **plasma cell** becomes cancerous and grows out of control



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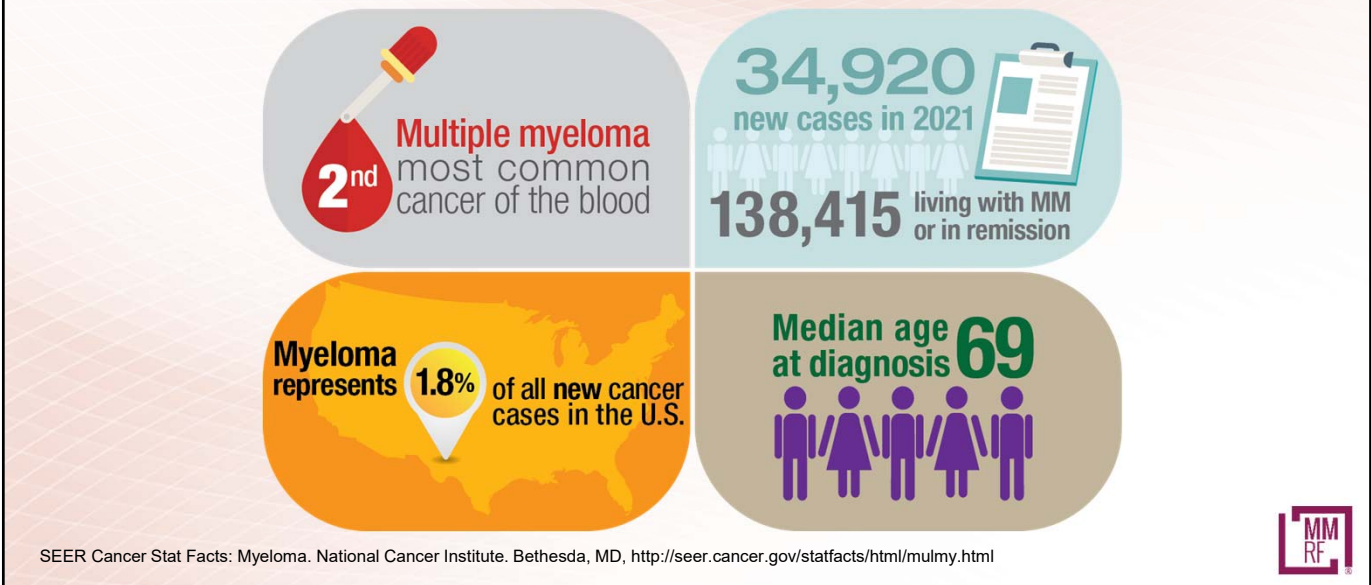


# Multiple Myeloma Affects Your Bones, Blood, and Kidneys: CRAB



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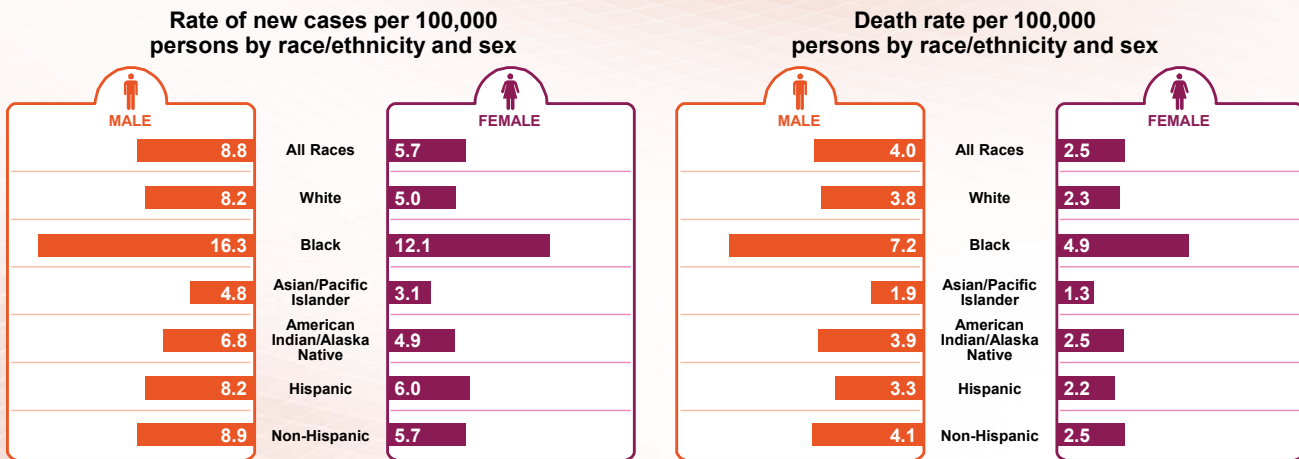
# How common is multiple myeloma?



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# Multiple Myeloma Is Twice as Common—and Twice as Deadly—in Black Patients



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U.S. 2015-2019, Age-Adjusted

SEER Cancer Stat Facts: Myeloma. National Cancer Institute. Bethesda, MD, <http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/mulmy.html>



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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

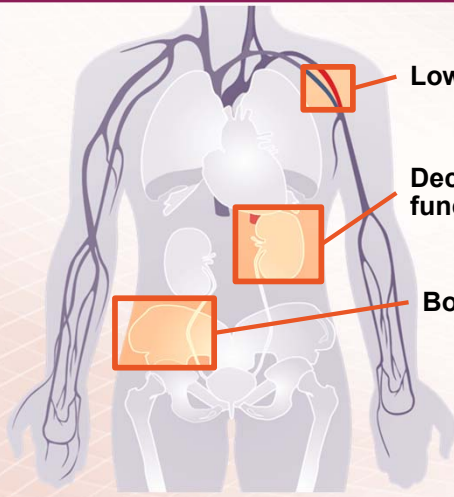
Relatives of multiple myeloma patients have more monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)

Schinasi LH et al. *Br J Haematol.* 2016;175:87. Blood Advances. 14 Nov 2017 x Vol 1, Number 24 DOI 10.1182/bloodadvances.2017007609.



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# Effects of Myeloma and Common Symptoms



**Low blood counts** →

- Weakness
- Fatigue
- Infection

**Decreased kidney function** → **Weakness**

**Bone damage** → **Bone pain**

*About 10% to 20% of patients with newly diagnosed myeloma do not have any 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

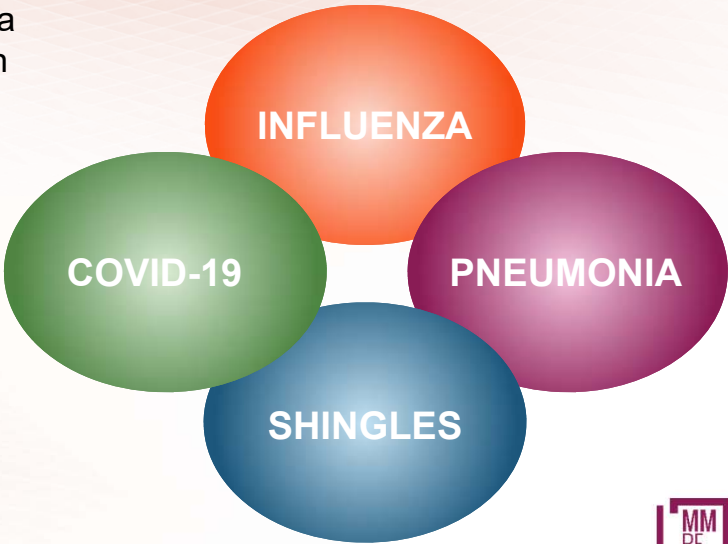
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# Infections and Vaccinations in Multiple Myeloma

- 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
  - Antibiotics
  - Growth factors
  - Vaccines/ pre-exposure antibodies
  - Other precautions: hand-washing, avoiding sick contacts



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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](https://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](https://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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# 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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# Therapeutic Options in Myeloma: The Current Landscape

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

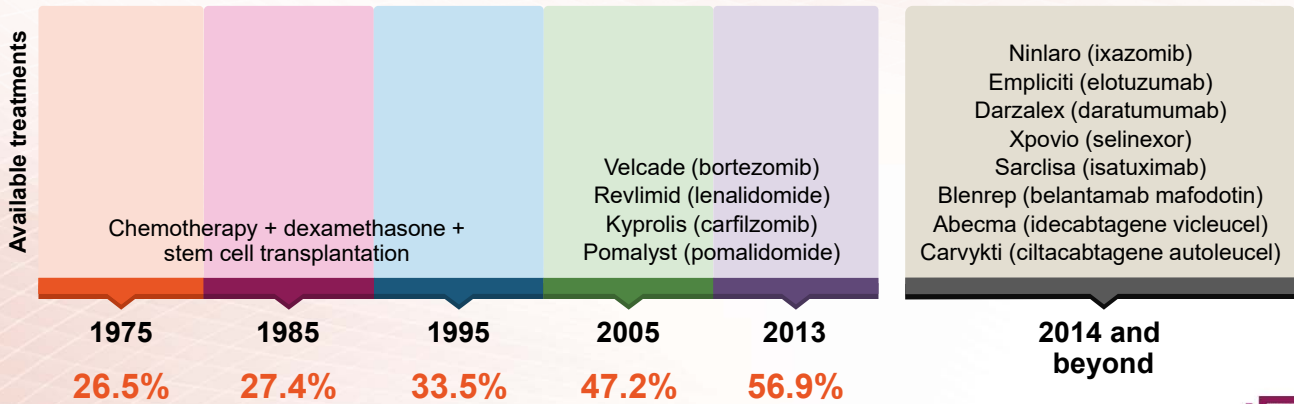
\*Not yet FDA-approved for patients with multiple myeloma  
†Antibody-drug conjugate



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# Myeloma Survival Has Improved Over Time Mainly Due to Current Drugs

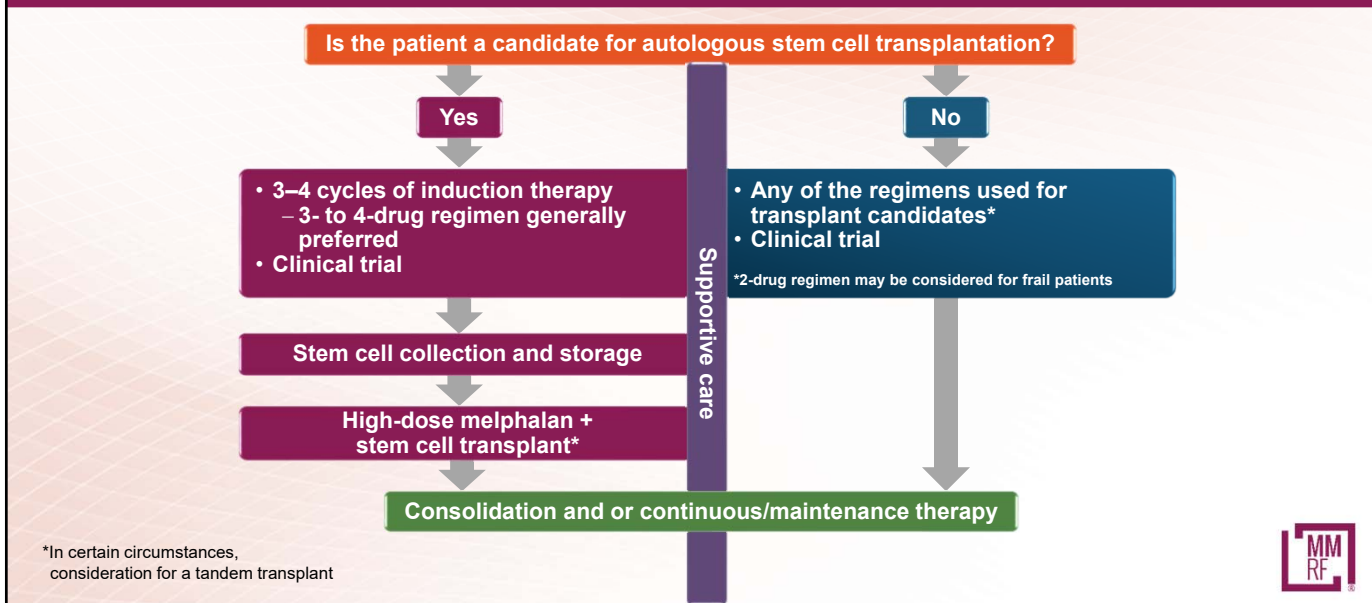
The percentage of people expected to survive 5 years  
or more after being diagnosed with myeloma



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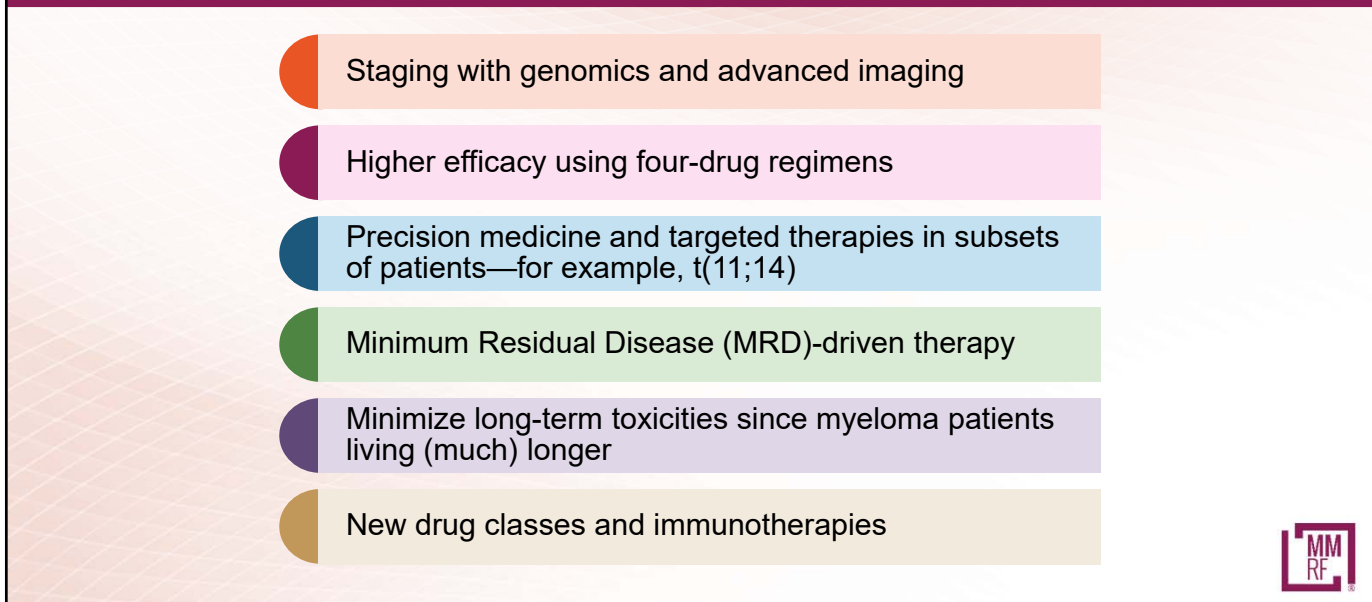


# Overview of Treatment Approach for Active Multiple Myeloma



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# Where is the myeloma field going?



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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.
- Multiple myeloma compromises the immune system; therefore, infection prevention is key.
- Survival rates are improving because of new drugs and new combinations of drugs.
- Treatment paradigm will continue to change with the approval of additional novel agents.

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



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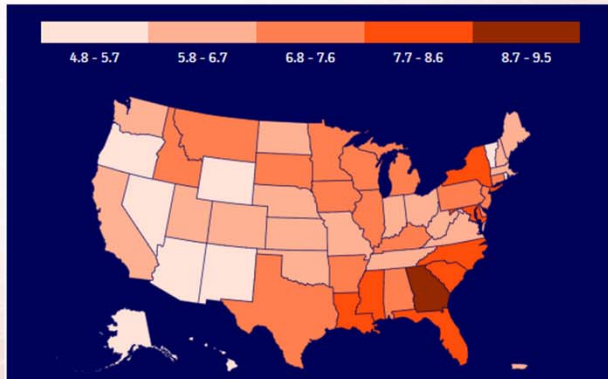


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# Health Care Disparities in Multiple Myeloma

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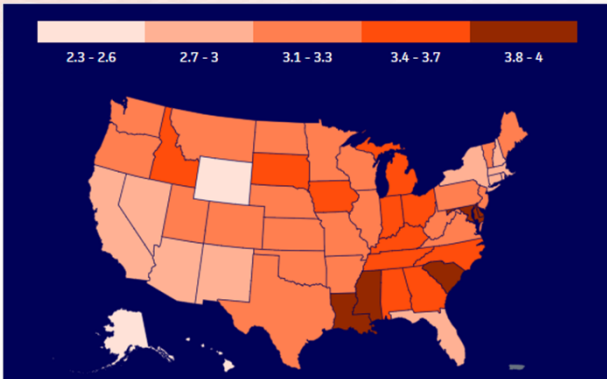
Incidence rates, 2014–2018  
Myeloma, by state



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



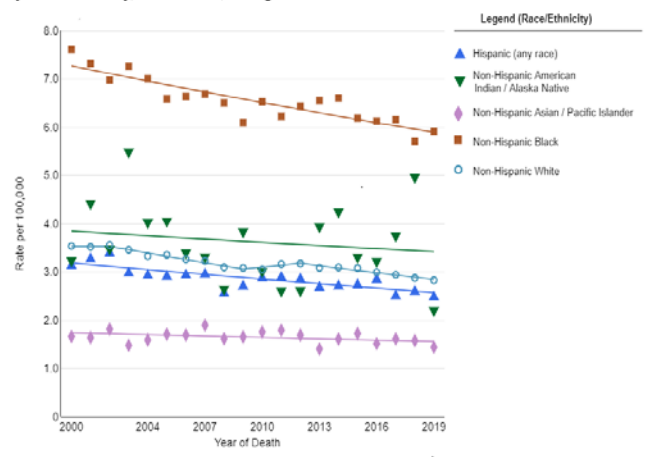
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Multiple Myeloma  
Incidence and Mortality by Race/ Ethnicity

Myeloma  
Recent Trends in SEER Age-Adjusted Incidence Rates, 2000-2019  
By Race/Ethnicity, Delay-adjusted SEER Incidence Rate, Both Sexes, All Ages, All Stages



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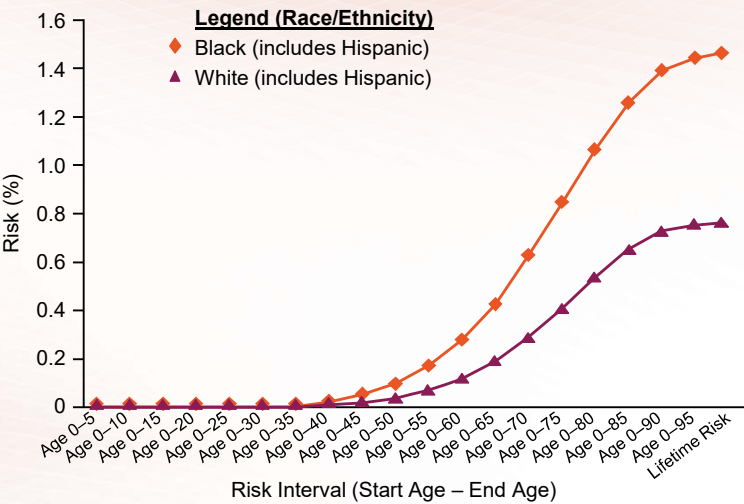
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# Risk of Myeloma Diagnosis Over Time

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



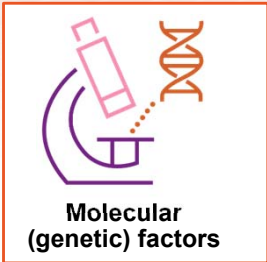
### Demographics

- ↑ Myeloma prevalence (2× White patients)<sup>1</sup>
- Older adults have ↑ prevalence of the myeloma precursor condition MGUS<sup>2</sup>
- Younger<sup>3-5</sup>



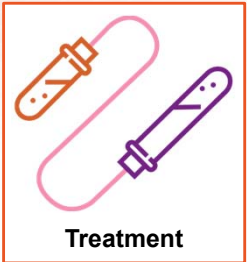
### Clinical factors

- ↑ Comorbidities<sup>3,6</sup>
- ↑ Incidence of all myeloma-defining events (for example, hypercalcemia, renal dysfunction, anemia, dialysis) except bone fractures<sup>7</sup>



### Molecular (genetic) factors

- Significant differences in the frequency of certain chromosomal abnormalities:
  - High risk cytogenetics including del17p are seen less frequently<sup>8</sup>
  - Some other mutations seen more frequently but significance not known<sup>9</sup>



### Treatment

- Significantly lower stem cell transplant utilization<sup>7,9-13</sup>

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# Disparities in Care in Black Multiple Myeloma Patients

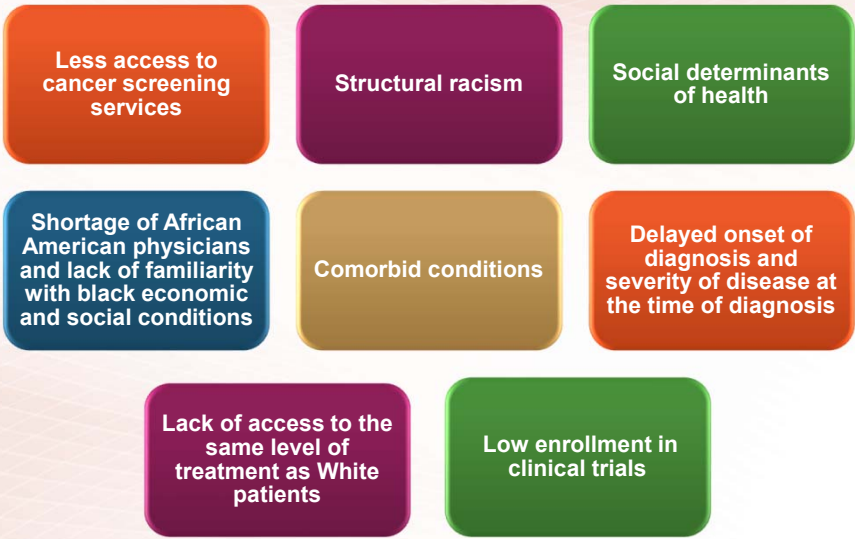
- Several studies have shown that the use of standard therapies tends to be significantly lower in Black patients
- However, with equal access to standard therapy, the outcome in Black patients is equal or superior to that of White patients

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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## What's New in MGUS and Smoldering Multiple Myeloma?

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# Plasma Cell Disorders: Classification

## Updated IMWG criteria for diagnosis of multiple myeloma

### MGUS

- M protein <3 g/dL
- Clonal plasma cells in bone marrow <10%
- No myeloma-defining events

### Smoldering myeloma

- M protein ≥3 g/dL (serum) or ≥500 mg/24 hrs (urine)
- Clonal plasma cells in bone marrow ≥10% to 60%
- No myeloma-defining events

### Multiple myeloma

- Underlying plasma cell proliferative disorder
- AND**
- 1 or more myeloma-defining events
  - ≥1 CRAB\* feature
  - Clonal plasma cells in bone marrow ≥60%
  - Serum free light chain ratio ≥100
  - >1 MRI focal lesion

\*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)

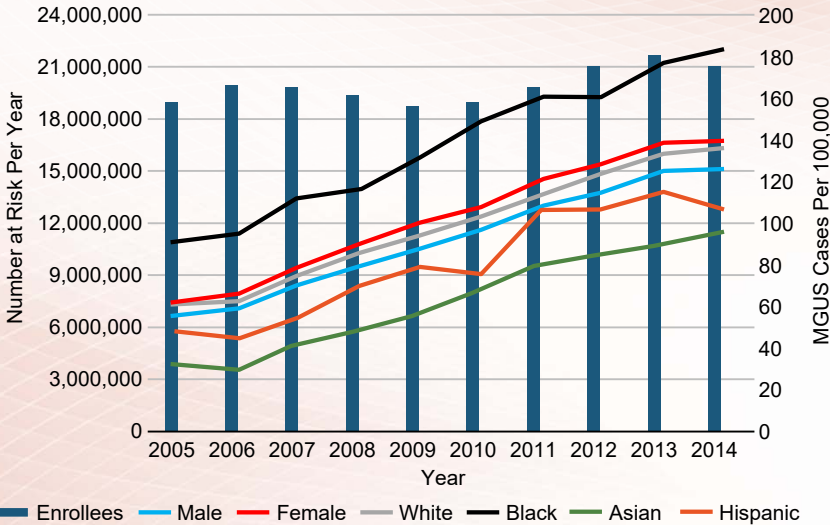
B: Bone disease (≥1 lytic lesions on skeletal radiography, CT, or PET-CT)

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



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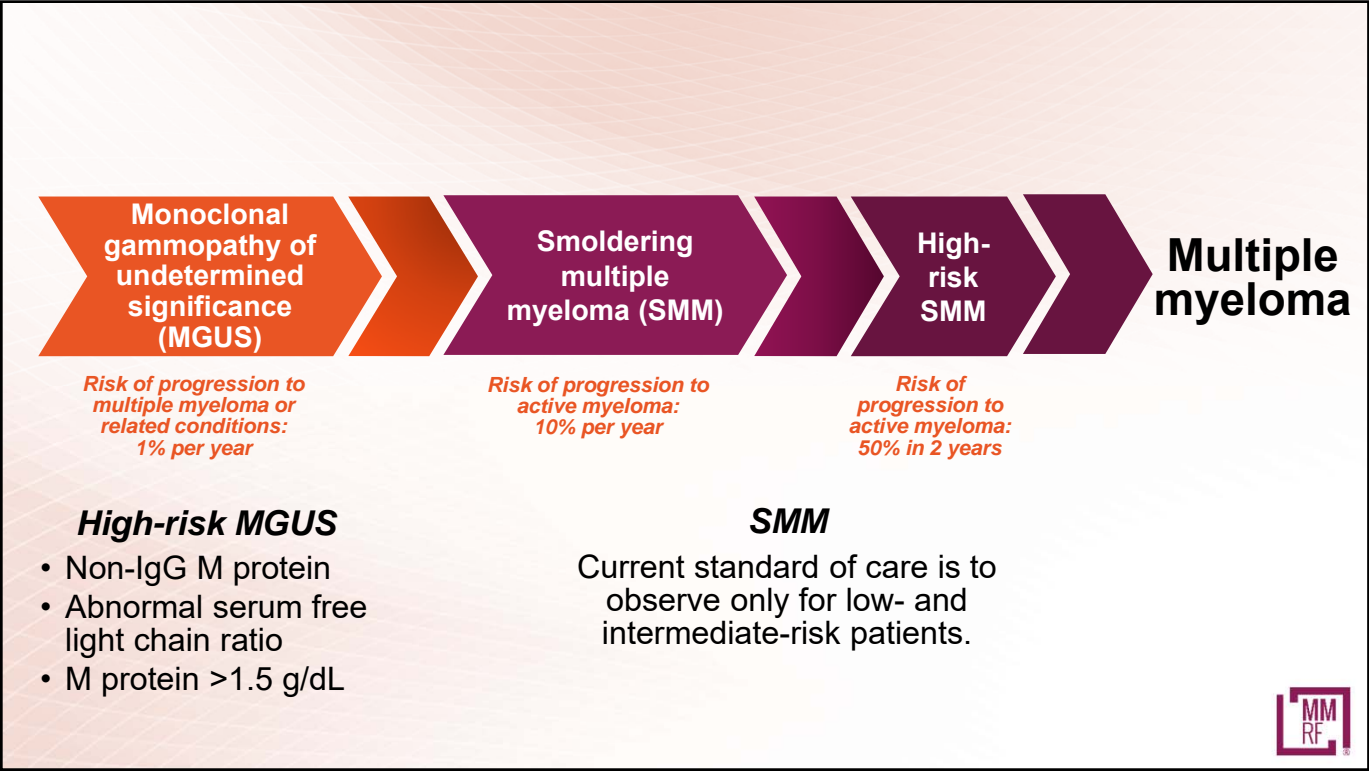
# MGUS is a Very Common Condition



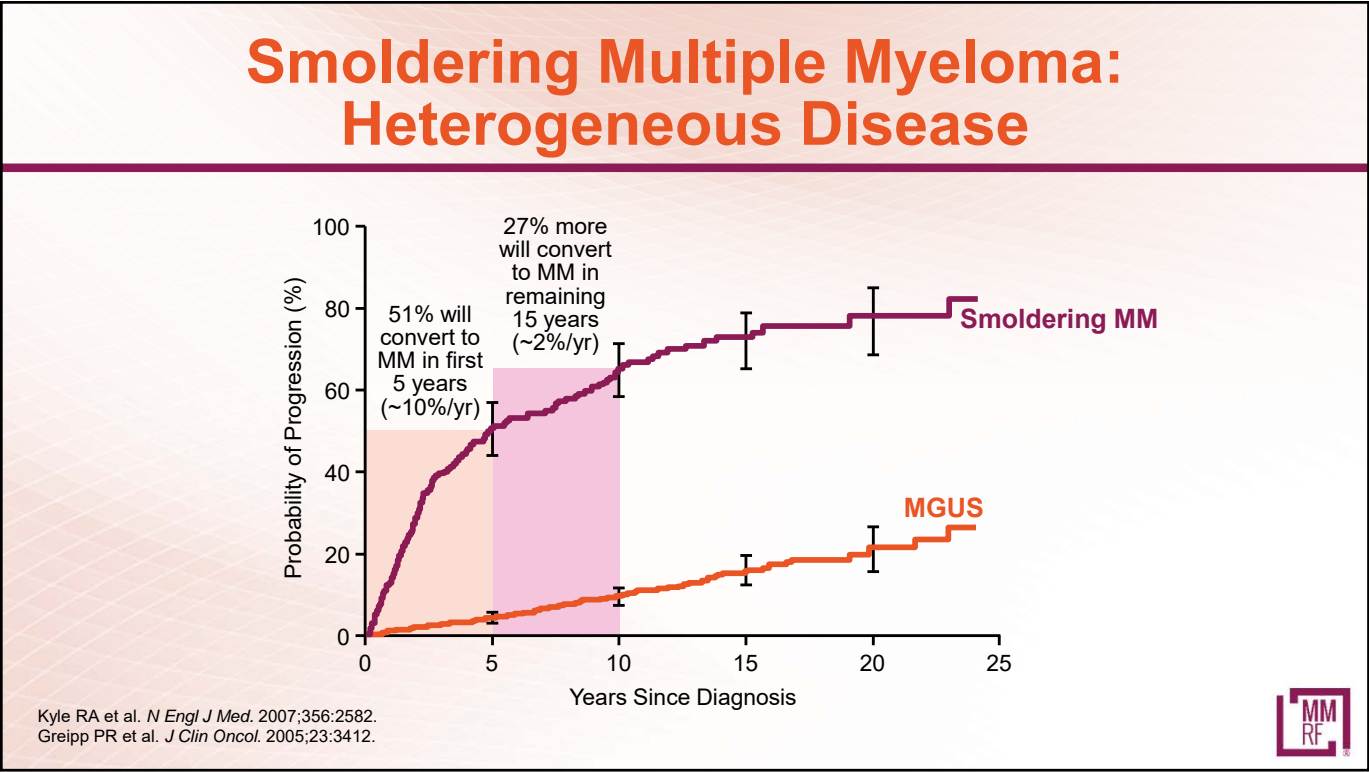
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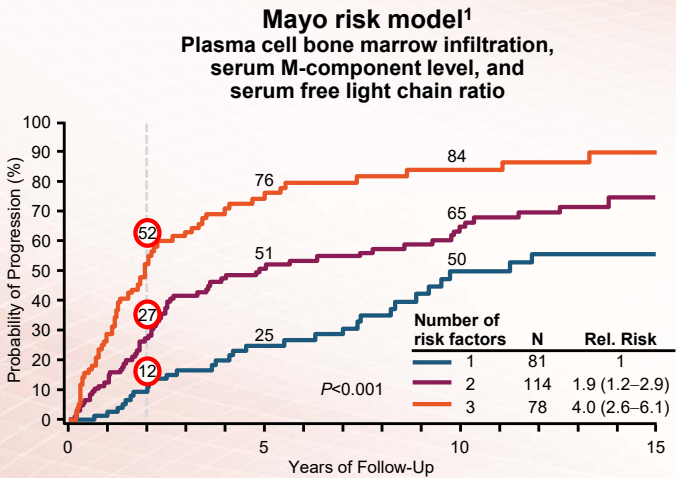


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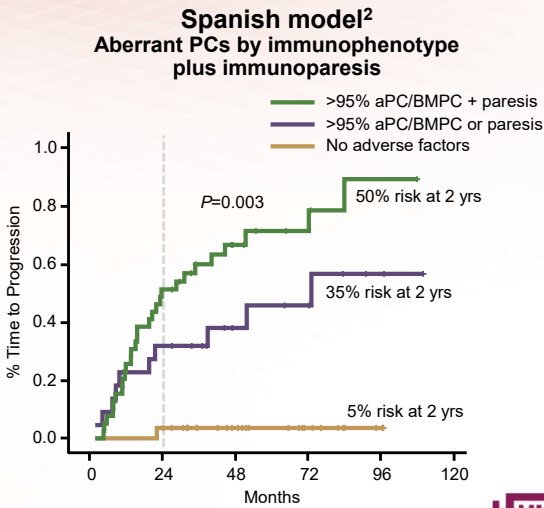


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# Risk Assessment in Smoldering Myeloma



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



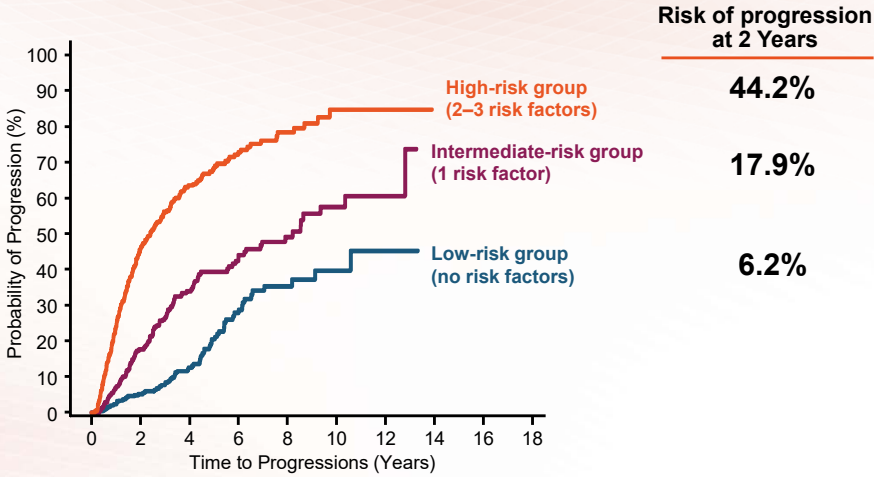
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# 2/20/20 Model to Identify High-Risk SMM Patients

**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 With Myeloma Precursor Conditions

## Nationwide Screening Studies

### Iceland



### United States and Canada

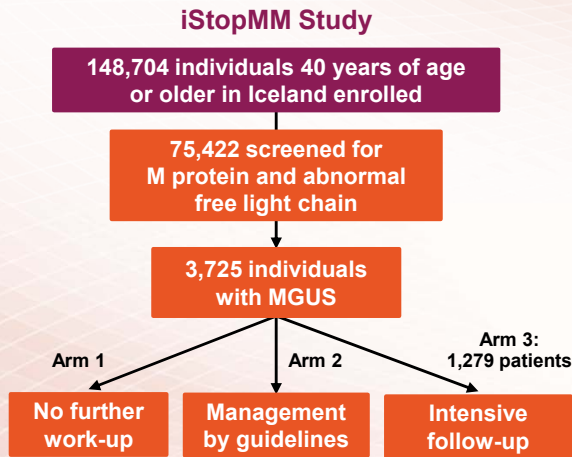
THE PROMISE STUDY



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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

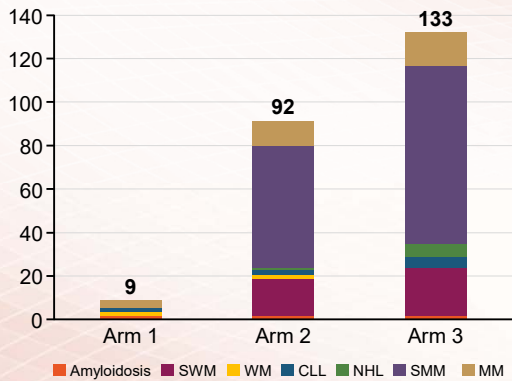
*High prevalence of SMM has implications for future treatment policies and underlines the need for accurate risk stratification in SMM.*

\*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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# 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) <sup>1</sup>
  - Smoldering Multiple Myeloma <sup>2</sup>
  - Waldenström Macroglobulinemia <sup>3</sup>

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.

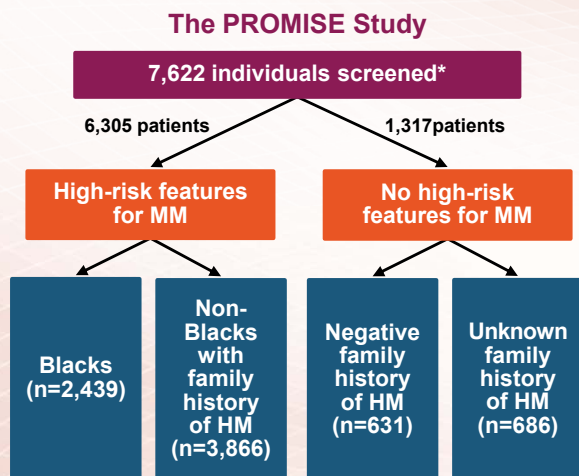
If you have been diagnosed with one of these conditions, please visit our [PCROWD study](#) a sister project for people with precursor conditions

PCROWD



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# High Prevalence of Monoclonal Gammopathy in a Population at Risk



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.

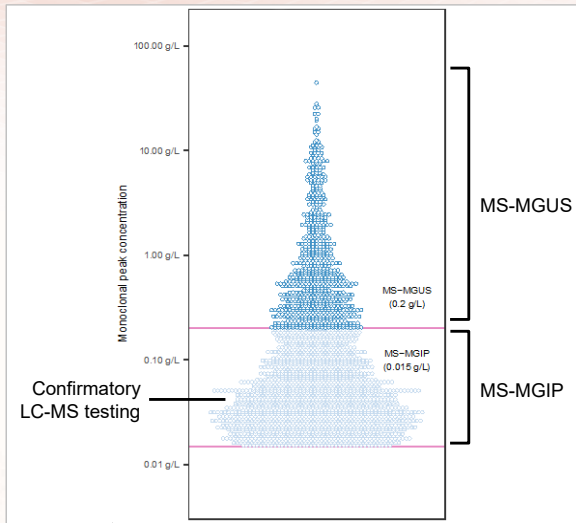
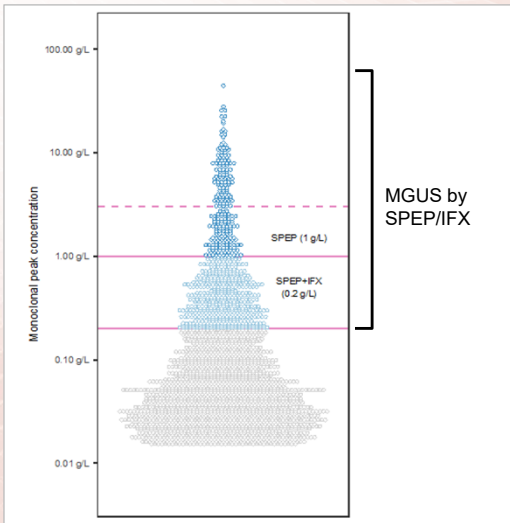
HM, hematologic malignancy

El-Khoury H et al. *Blood*. 2021;138. Abstract 152.



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# Defining Outcomes and Results

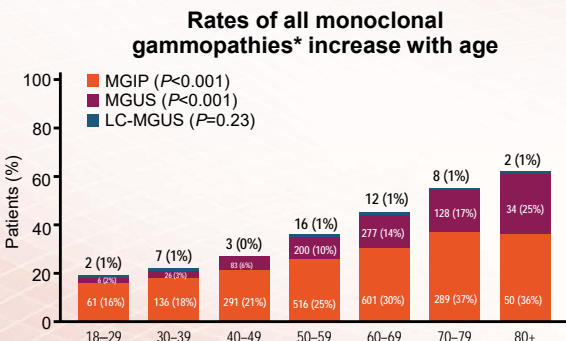


SPEP, serum protein electrophoresis; IFX, immunofixation; MS-MGUS, mass spectrometry-monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance; MS-MGIP, mass spectrometry-monoclonal gammopathies of indeterminate potential; LC-MS, light chain mass spectrometry

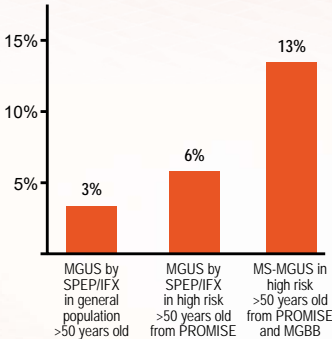


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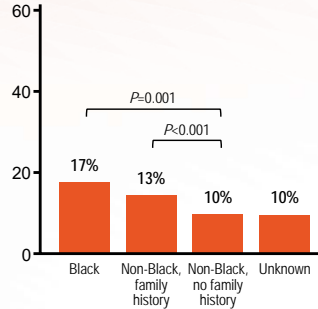
# High Prevalence of Monoclonal Gammopathy in a Population at Risk



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



\*Free light chains detected by mass spectrometry.

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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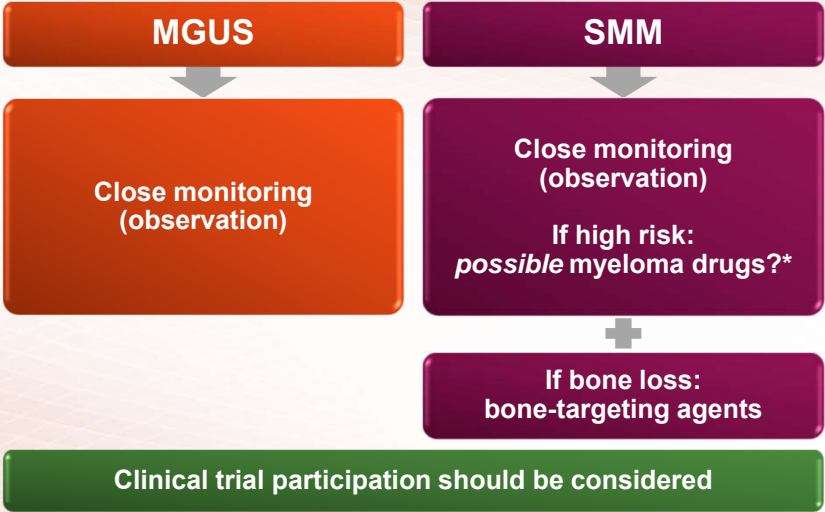
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# Therapeutic Intervention for SMM



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## Overview of Treatment Approach



\*Promising but only available as clinical trials.



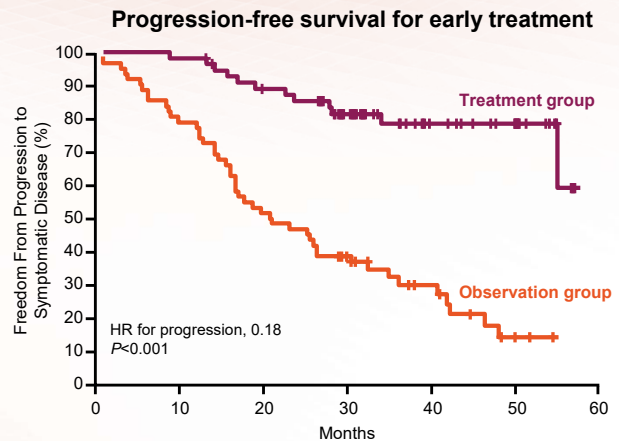
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# Early Therapeutic Intervention

## 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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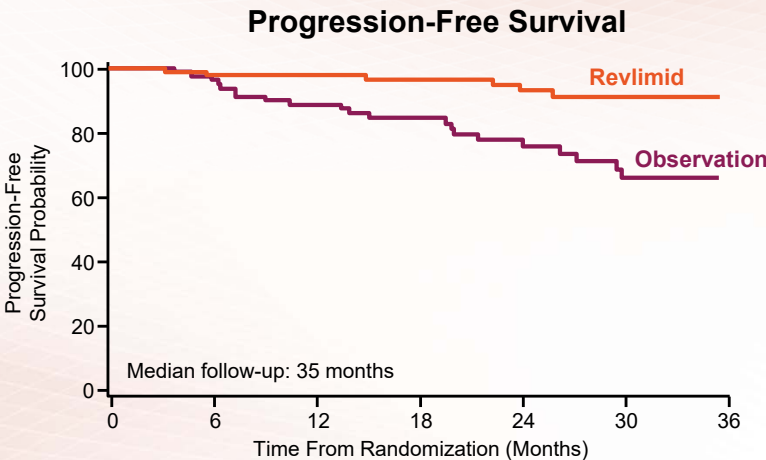


HR, hazard ratio  
Mateos MV et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2013;369:438.



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# Revlimid vs Observation Alone in Patients With SMM



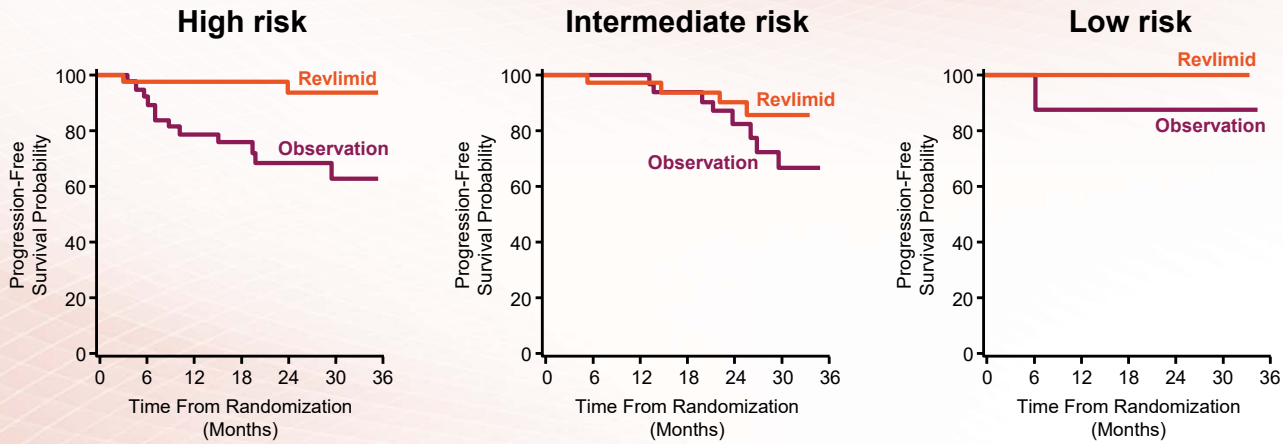
E3A06 Trial. Lonial S et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2020;38:1126.



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



E3A06 Trial. Lonial S et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2020;38:1126.



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## Lessons Learned

- Early intervention improves PFS
- OS benefit seen in Spanish study
- Response rates of ~50% with lenalidomide alone leads to impressive PFS of >90% at 2 years
  - Does response matter as much in SMM?
- Many patients on observation also do quite well
  - How to identify them?
- Long-term therapy has toxicity implications and high rates of discontinuation

## The Unknowns

- Would addition of a third (or fourth drug) in SMM lead to same benefit seen in NDMM?
  - Some high-risk patients with SMM are essentially MM patients
  - Deeper response should lead to better outcomes
- Is shorter but more intensified therapy better to limit long-term toxicity?
- What is the best intervention?  
Immunomodulatory drugs? Monoclonal antibodies? Proteasome inhibitors? Immunotherapy?



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# Ongoing Clinical Studies for SMM 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)
- Ixerdomide ± 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
- Bispecifics
- Xgeva

### SMM/MGUS

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

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

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

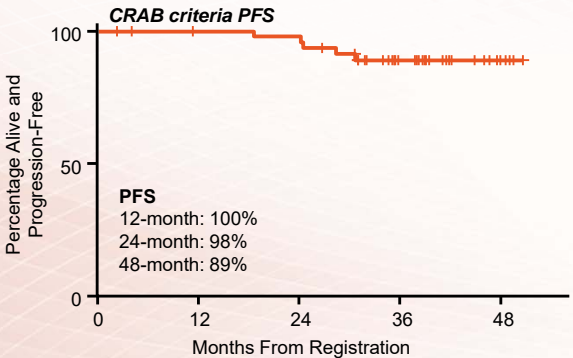


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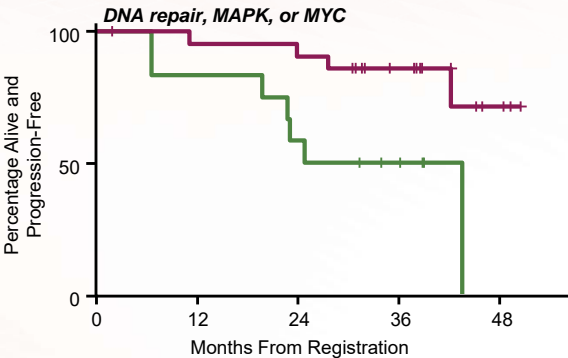
# Precision Intervention With Empliciti in Smoldering Myeloma

## Phase 2 Trial of Combination of Empliciti, Revlimid, and Dexamethasone in High-Risk Smoldering Multiple Myeloma (With Whole-Genome Sequencing of Patient Samples)

### PFS in All Patients



### PFS by High-Risk Mutations



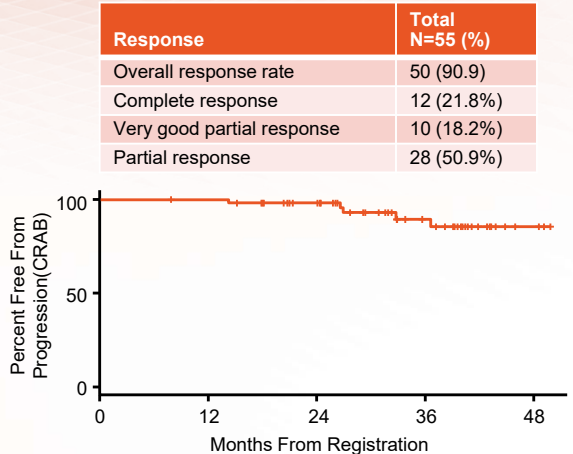
E-PRISM Trial. Liu C-J et al. *Blood*. 2018;132: Abstract 154.



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# Ninlaro, Revlimid + Dex for High-Risk SMM

- ➔ A novel approach that builds on PFS of RD vs observation for those with SMM, and NCT01217957 data showing efficacy and tolerability in the NDMM setting
- ➔ Ninlaro is a potent proteasome inhibitor that, when combined with RD, shows promising PFS with better tolerability than Velcade. This all-oral combination will further improve compliance and quality of life for participants with high-risk SMM who have risks of progression at 5 years of 51% for intermediate risk and 76% for high-risk individuals who have 1, 2, or 3 risk factors respectively.

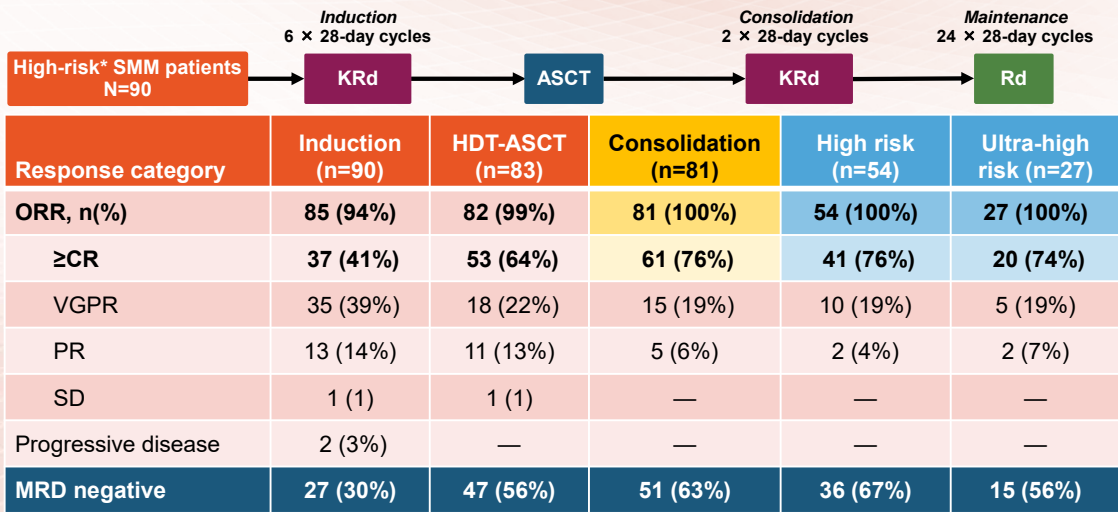


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# GEM-CESAR: Multicenter, Open-Label, Phase 2 Trial of Kyprolis-Revlimid-dex



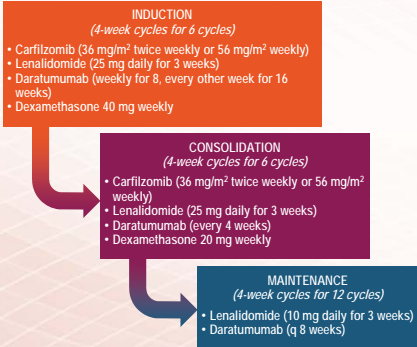
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# ASCENT: KRd-D

## Study design

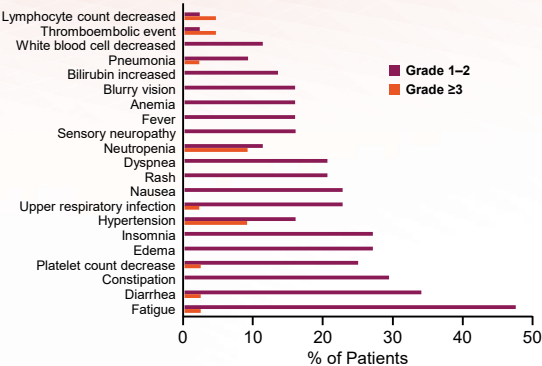


**Primary endpoint:** Rate of confirmed sCR  
**Secondary objectives:** Safety, PFS, OS, MRD negativity

### 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



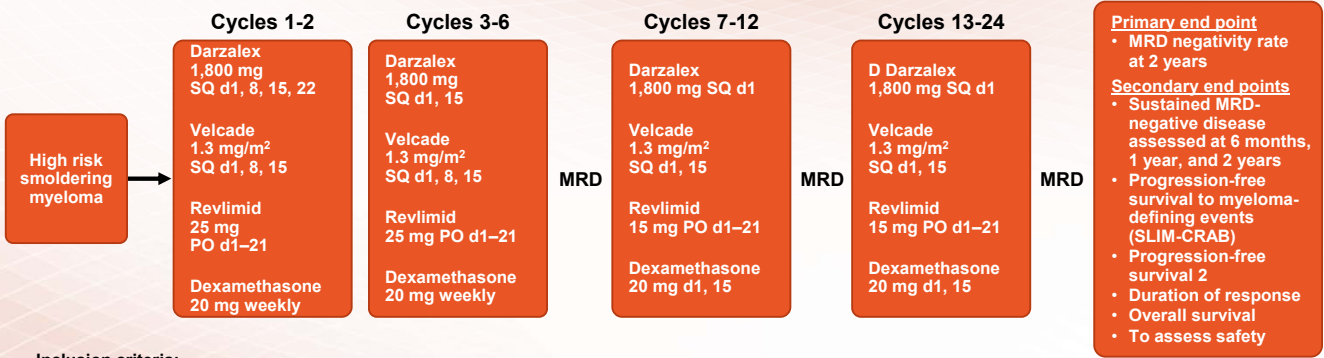
**Quadruplet regimen KRd-D is well tolerated in high-risk SMM**

AE, adverse event; CR, complete response; 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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# A Phase 2 Study of Darzalex, Velcade, Revlimid and Dexamethasone in High-Risk Smoldering Multiple Myeloma (B-PRISM)



### Inclusion criteria:

**High-risk SMM defined as having one of the following two criteria:**

1. **High risk per "20-20"** Criteria defined as presence of any two of the following:

- Serum M spike ≥2 gm/dL
- Involved to uninvolved free light chain (FLC) ratio ≥20
- Bone marrow PC% ≥20%

OR **total score** of 9 using the following scoring system:

- FLC ratio: >10-25 = 2, >25-40 = 3, >40 = 5
- Serum M Protein (g/dL): >1.5-3 = 3, >3 = 4
- BMPC%: >15-20 = 2, >20-30 = 3, >30-40 = 5, >40 = 6
- FISH abnormality t(4,14), t(14,16), 1q gain, or del13q = 2

2. **Presence of ≥10% BMPC and at least one of the following:**

### Evolving pattern

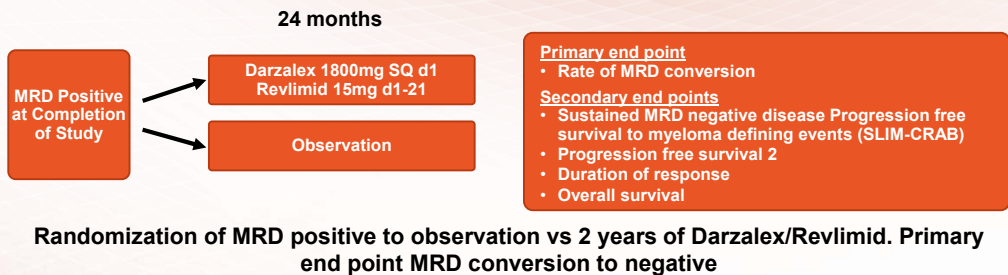
- **Abnormal PC immunophenotype** (≥95% of BMPCs are clonal) and reduction of ≥1 uninvolved immunoglobulin isotype. (Only IgG; IgA and IgM will be considered)
- **High-risk cytogenetics** defined as presence of t(4;14), t(14;16), t(14;20), 17p deletion, TP53 mutation, 1q21 gain



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## Phase 2 Study of Darzalex, Velcade, Revlimid, and Dexamethasone in High-Risk Smoldering Multiple Myeloma: Part 2



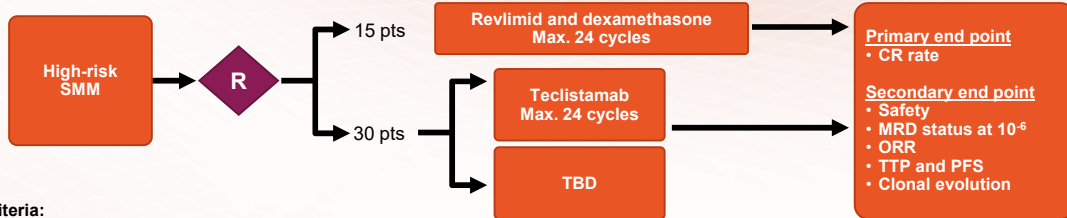
### ASCO 2022 Update

- 20 patients have been enrolled with a median follow up of 6 months and median age of 58 years old (range 40-73).
- Sixteen out of 20 (80%) patients met high risk criteria per Mayo 2018 model with median plasmacytosis of 20%, median M protein value of 2.6 g/dl and median FLC ratio of 28.2.
- Seven patients had high-risk FISH: 5 with 1q duplication, 2 with t(4;14).
- The overall response rate is 90% with 40% PR, 25% VGPR and 25% CR. All patients have achieved at least a MR and 50% achieved VGPR or greater with responses deepening over time. No patients have progressed on treatment.
- MRD was evaluable in 16 out of 20 and 8 patients have undergone MRD testing, with MRD negativity rate of 50% (4/8) and 25% (2/8) at thresholds of  $10^{-5}$  and  $10^{-6}$ , respectively.
- Most common grade 3 toxicities included neutropenia (15%), ALT increased (5%), thrombocytopenia (5%), hyperglycemia (5%), hypertension (5%), diarrhea (5%), syncope (5%). No patients discontinued therapy due to toxicity.
- Stem cells were successfully collected in all patients with mean stem cell yield of  $5.78 \times 10^6$  CD34+/kg cells.



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## Immuno-PRISM (PRecision Intervention Smoldering Myeloma): A Randomized Phase 2 Platform Study of Select Immunotherapies for High-Risk Smoldering Myeloma



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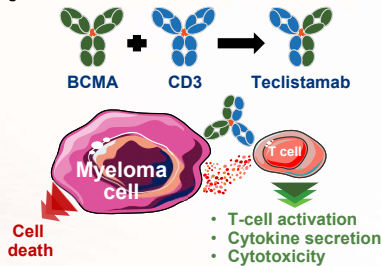
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### Teclistamab Dosing

#### Cycle 1

- Step-up dose: days 1 and 3
- Treatment Dose: days 8, 15, 22

#### Cycle 2:

- Teclistamab (subcutaneous): Days 1, 8, 15 and 22

#### Cycle 3-24

- Teclistamab (subcutaneous): Days 1 and 15



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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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## Question



How much of the information presented was new to you?

- A. All of it
- B. More than half
- C. Less than half
- D. None of it
- E. I don't know.



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## Question

Will you discuss any of this information further with your care team at your next office visit?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Maybe
- D. I don't know.
- E. Not applicable



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MULTIPLE MYELOMA  
Research Foundation

## Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma

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Andrew D. Kin, MD  
Karmanos Cancer Institute  
Wayne State University  
Detroit, Michigan

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## Multiple Myeloma Diagnosis

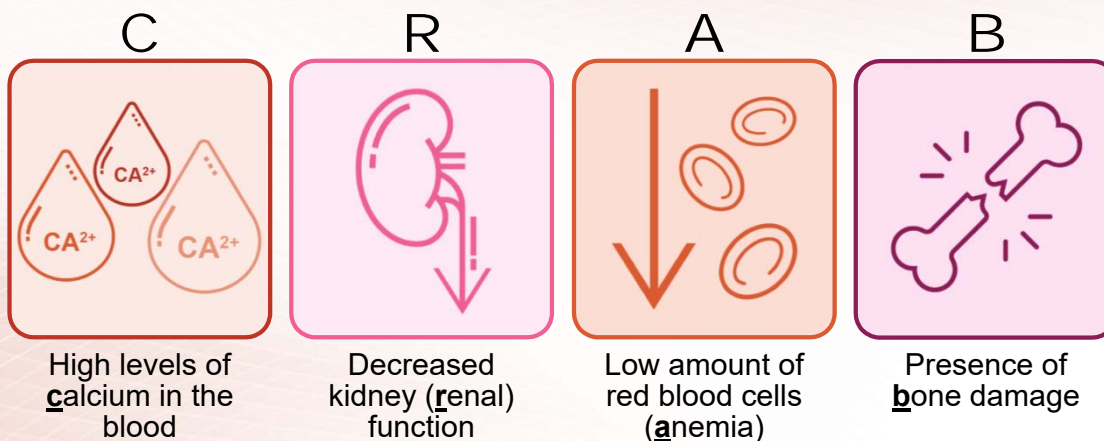
- Life-changing event
- Great strides in
  - Diagnostic and prognostic process
  - Availability of novel agents
- Treatment is for life



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## Multiple Myeloma Affects Your Bones, Blood, and Kidneys

The clinical features that are characteristic of multiple myeloma



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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



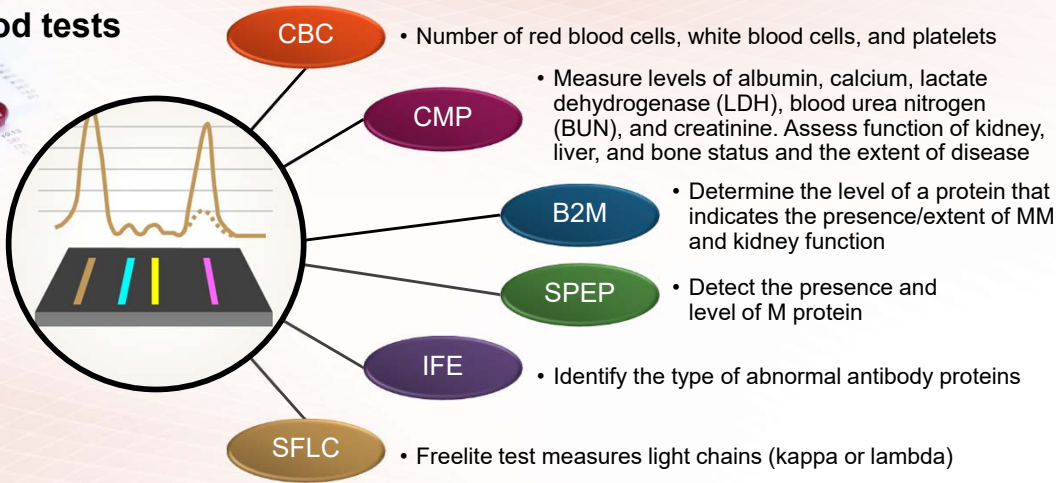
- Detects the extent of bone disease and the presence of myeloma outside of the bone marrow



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# Learn Your Labs!

## Blood tests



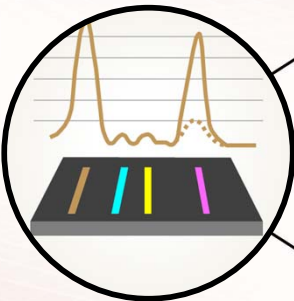
CBC, complete blood count; CMP, complete metabolic panel; B2M; beta-2 microglobulin; SPEP, serum protein electrophoresis; IFE, immunofixation electrophoresis; SFLC, serum free light chain assay



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# Learn Your Labs!

## Urine tests



UPEP

- Detect Bence Jones proteins (otherwise known as myeloma light chains)

24-hr urine analysis

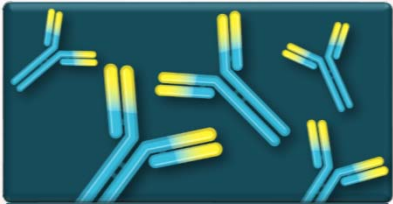
- Determine the presence and levels of M protein and Bence Jones protein

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)

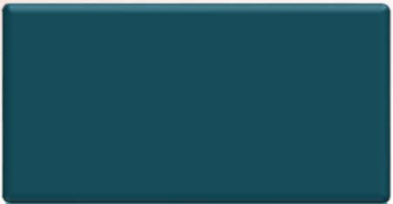
80%



## 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**

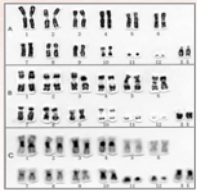
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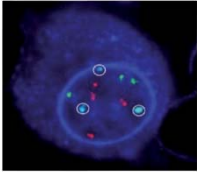
Myeloma cell

Chromosome

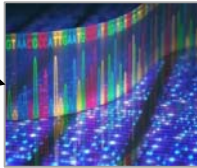
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Karyotyping



FISH (fluorescence in situ hybridization)



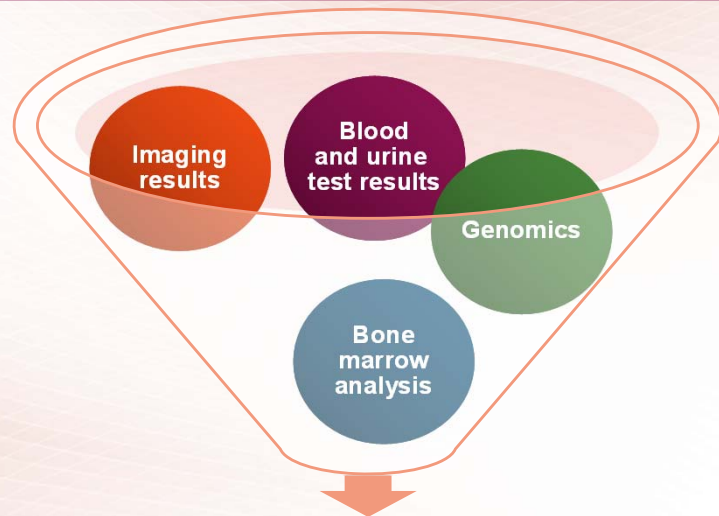
Genomic sequencing



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# Putting the Results Together



Staging, prognosis, and risk assessment



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# Multiple Myeloma Prognosis and Risk

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

R-ISS  
Stage I



- Serum  $\beta$ 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

R-ISS  
Stage III



- Serum  $\beta$ 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)  
 $\beta$ 2M; beta-2 microglobulin; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; FISH, fluorescent in situ hybridization



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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

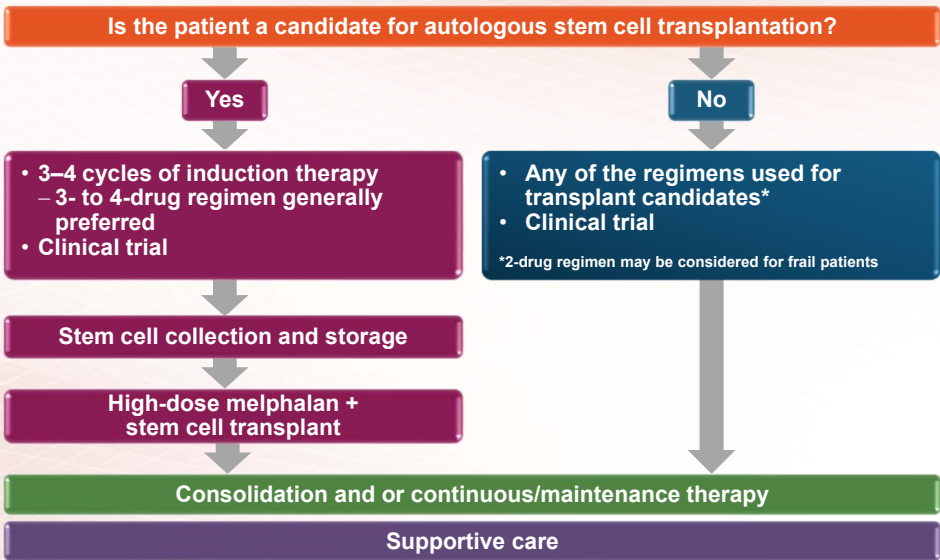


Prolong overall survival



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# Overview of Treatment Approach for Active Multiple Myeloma



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# Induction Therapy Regimens

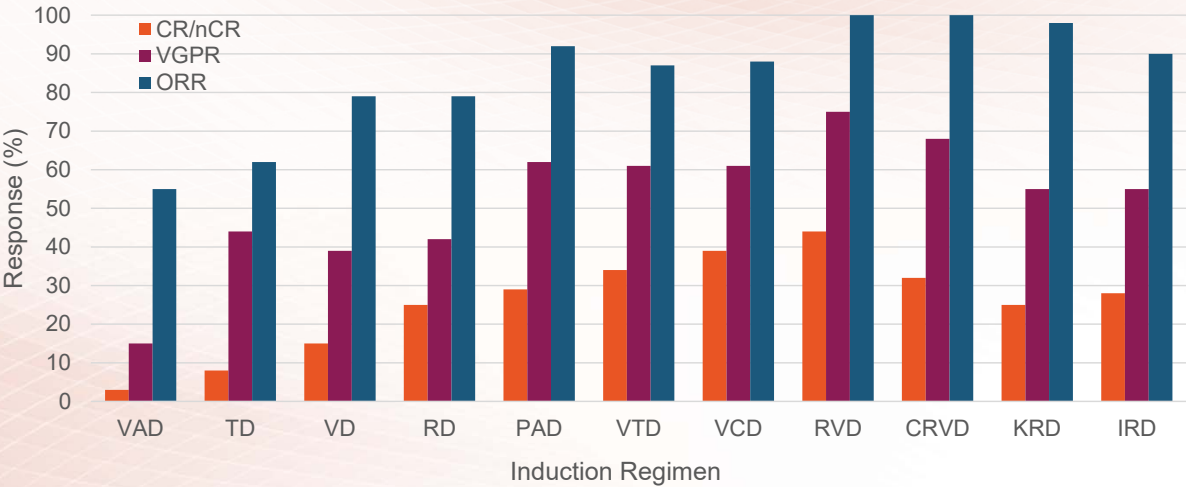
	Preferred	Recommended	Certain circumstances
Transplant eligible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revlimid-Velcade-dex (RVd)*</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kyprolis-Revlimid-dex (KRd)</li><li>• Ninlaro-Revlimid-dex (IRd)</li><li>• Darzalex-Revlimid-Velcade-dex (D-RVd)</li></ul>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

\*Category 1 recommendation. Based upon high-level evidence, there is uniform NCCN consensus that the intervention is appropriate.  
National Comprehensive Cancer Network Guidelines Version 1.2022. Multiple Myeloma.



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# Induction Choices



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# What does transplant mean?

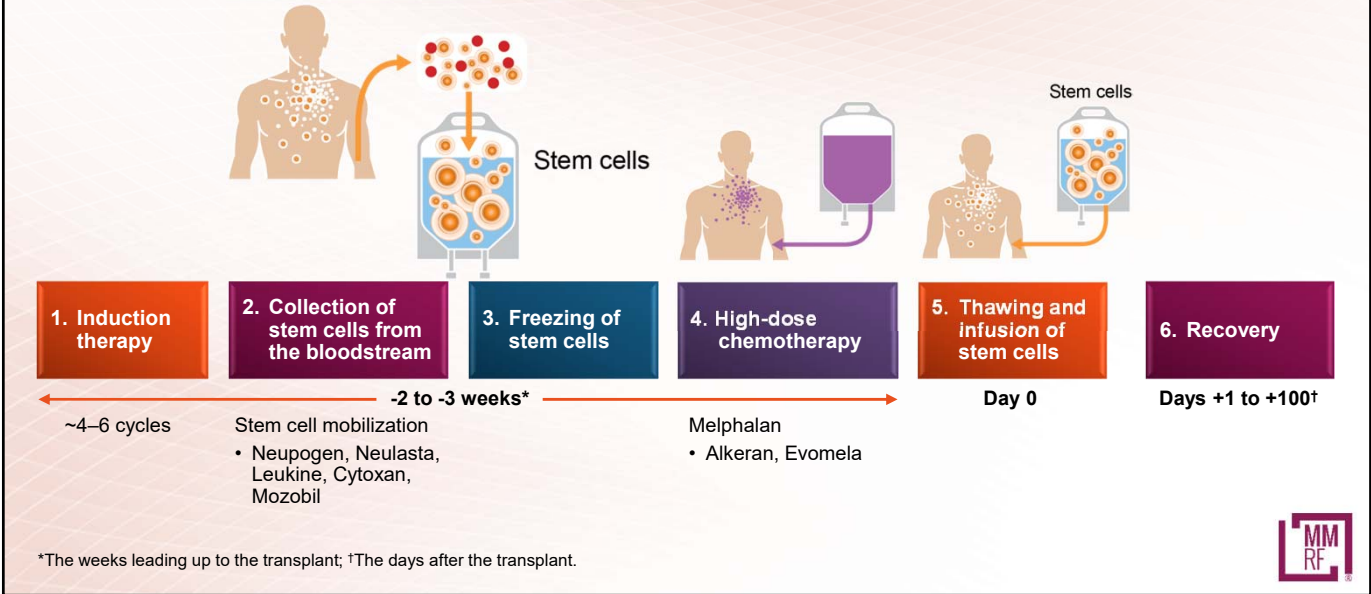
## Understanding the basics of autologous stem cell transplantation

- 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revlimid*</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ninlaro*</li><li>• Velcade</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Velcade-Revlimid ± dex</li></ul>
Transplant ineligible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revlimid*</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ninlaro*</li><li>• Velcade</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Velcade-Revlimid</li></ul>

**Additional agents under investigation: Darzalex, Empliciti, Kyprolis**

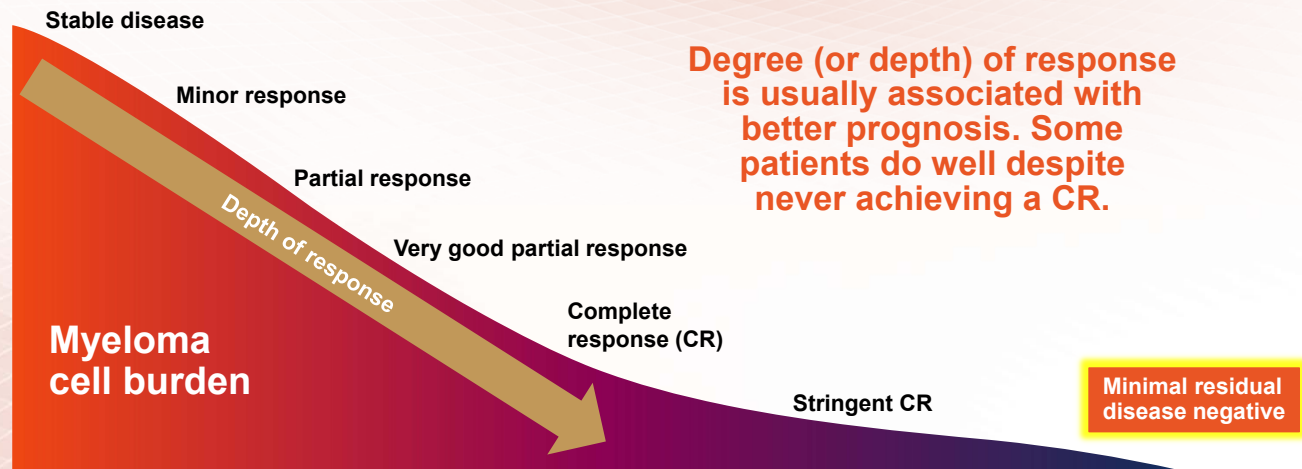
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# Measuring Response to Therapy



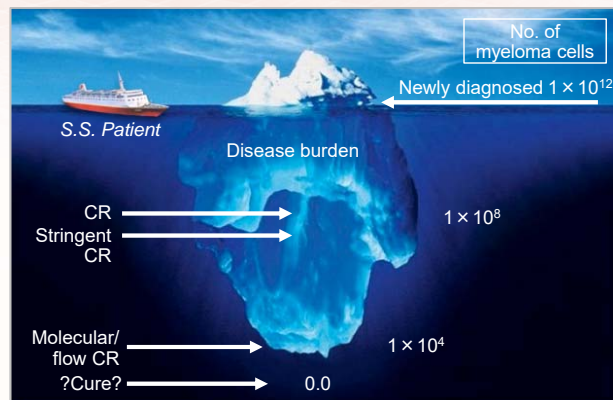
ClonoSEQ is an FDA-approved next-generation sequencing (NGS) test to measure MRD in MM patients  
Palumbo A et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2014;32:587.  
Kumar S et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 2016;17:e328.



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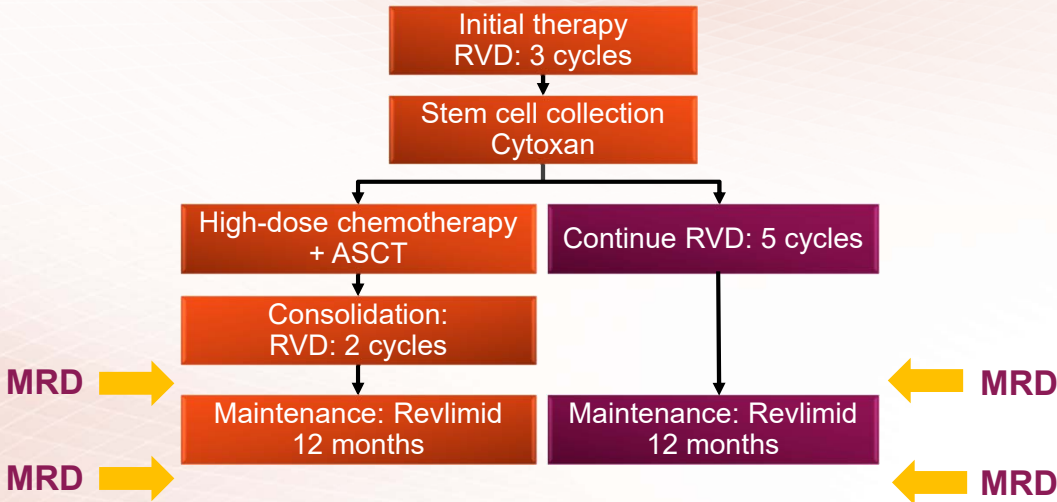
## What is minimal residual disease (MRD)?

- 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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# Why is it important to achieve MRD negativity?



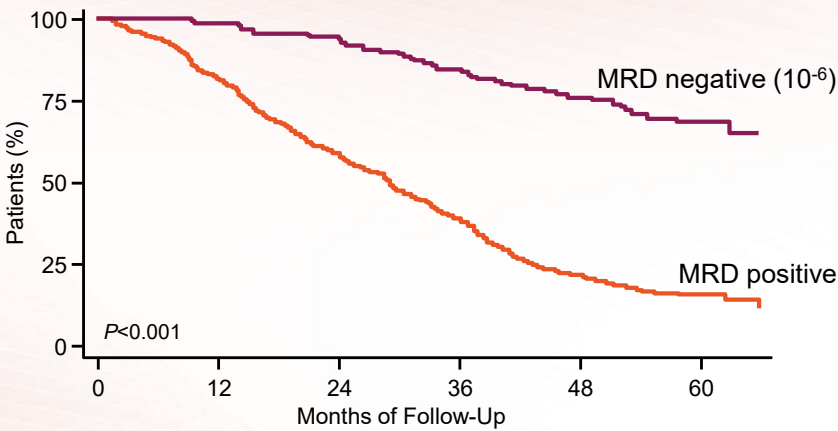
RVD, Revlimid, Velcade, dexamethasone; Cytosan, cyclophosphamide  
Determination Trial (IFM 2009). Avet-Loiseau H et al. *Blood*. 2017;130: Abstract 435.



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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.



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# MRD-Negativity Achieved by Various Regimens

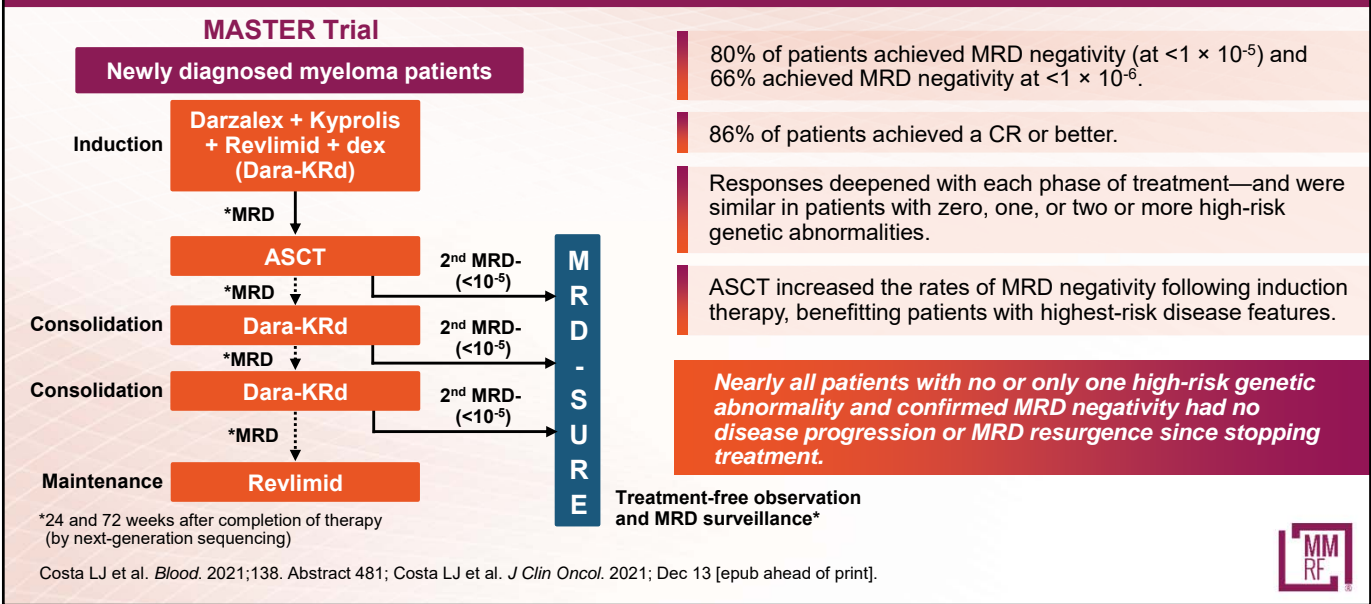
	Combination therapy	ASCT	MRD-negativity
Triplet regimen <sup>1,2</sup>	KRd 8 cycles	Yes	58%
	KRd 12 cycles	No	54%
	VRd × 6 cycles	Yes	20%
Quadruplet regimens <sup>2,3</sup>	VRd-daratumumab × 6 cycles	Yes	51%
	KRd-daratumumab × 8 cycles	No	71%

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



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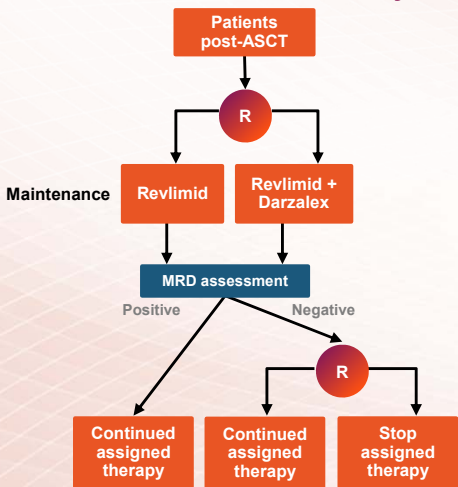
# MRD Response-Adapted Consolidation and Treatment Cessation



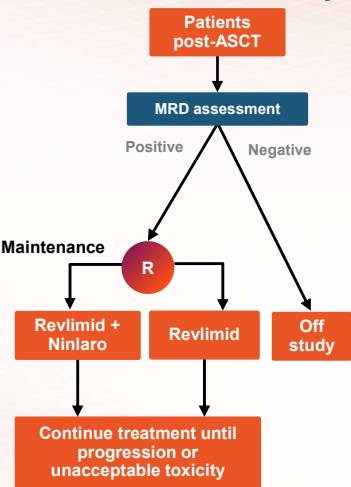
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# Ongoing Studies Using MRD Results to Direct Therapy

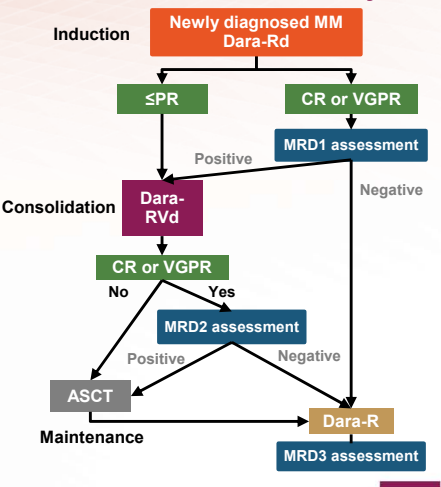
Phase 3 DRAMMATIC Study<sup>1</sup>



Phase 3 OPTIMUM Study<sup>2</sup>



Phase 2 MAESTRO Study<sup>3</sup>



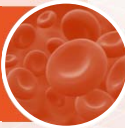
1. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04071457>; 2. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03941860>; 3. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04140162>.



# 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





# Side Effects of Steroids (dexamethasone)



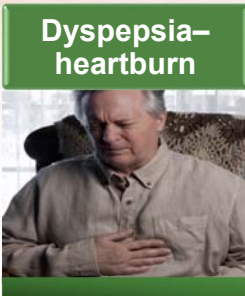
- Healthy sleep habits
- Timing
- Medication to assist with sleeping as needed



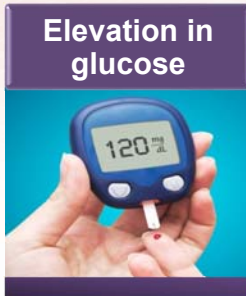
- Monitor for swelling of extremities and “puffy” face
- Monitor weight changes/gain
- Reduce dose



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



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



- Monitor glucose and refer/treat as needed



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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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# Town Hall Questions & Answers



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# CAR T-Cell Therapy and Bispecific Antibodies

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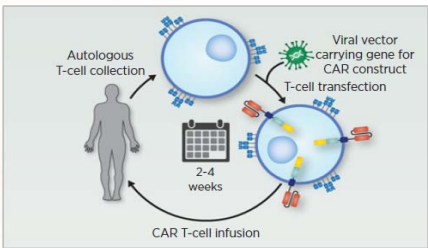
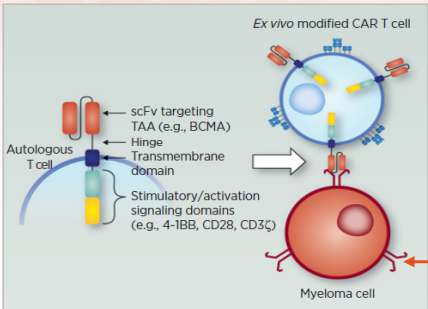
# CAR T-Cell Therapy

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



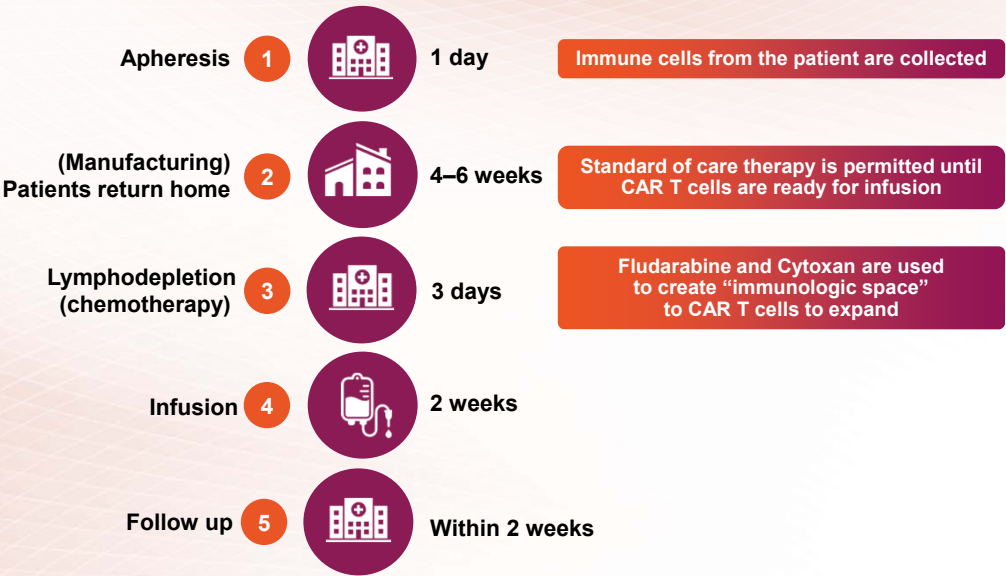
- Examples:
- Abecma (ide-cel)
  - Carvykti (cilta-cel)
  - CT103A
  - Gamma secretase inhibitor followed by CAR T-cells

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 <sup>6</sup> genetically modified autologous CAR T cells in one or more infusion bags	• For <b>relapsed/refractory</b> 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 <sup>6</sup> genetically modified autologous CAR T cells/kg of body weight	• For <b>relapsed/refractory</b> 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

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Abecma and Carvykti are available only through a restricted distribution program



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# Triple-Class Refractory

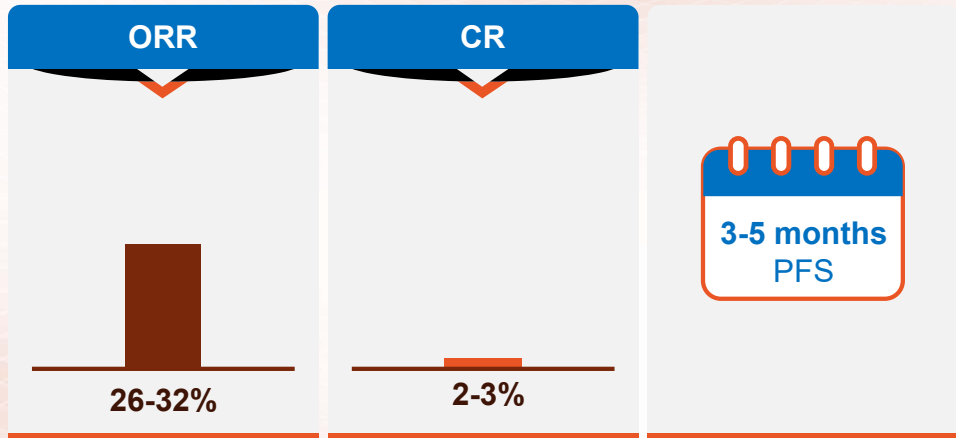
- For patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma who have received treatment with—and did not respond satisfactorily to, or progressed while on treatment with—the three main classes of drugs currently used to treat myeloma are...

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



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# Outcomes for Later-line Triple Class-Exposed Patients With RRMM



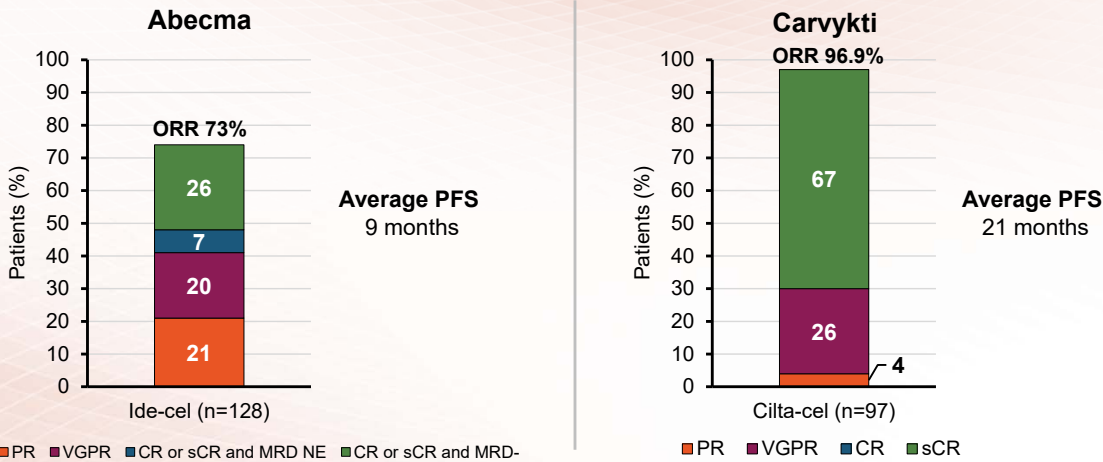
Exposed to an immunomodulatory imide drug, proteasome inhibitor, and CD38 monoclonal antibody

Source: American Cancer Society, Pomalyst & Darzalex labels; BMSene materials; <https://www.ascopost.com/issues/august-25-2019/selinexor-in-relapsed-or-refractory-multiple-myeloma/> <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30858549>



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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.



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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"><li>• Fever</li><li>• Difficulty breathing</li><li>• Dizziness</li><li>• Nausea</li><li>• Headache</li><li>• Rapid heartbeat</li><li>• Low blood pressure</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Headache</li><li>• Confusion</li><li>• Language disturbance</li><li>• Seizures</li><li>• Delirium</li><li>• Cerebral edema</li></ul>
Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Actemra (tocilizumab)</li><li>• Corticosteroids</li><li>• Supportive care</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Antiseizure medications</li><li>• Corticosteroids</li></ul>

<sup>\*</sup>Based on the ASTCT consensus; <sup>†</sup>Based on vasopressor; <sup>‡</sup>For adults and children >12 years; <sup>§</sup>For children ≤12 years; <sup>¶</sup>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 9–21 months depending on the CAR T-cell.



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# Transplant vs CAR T Cells

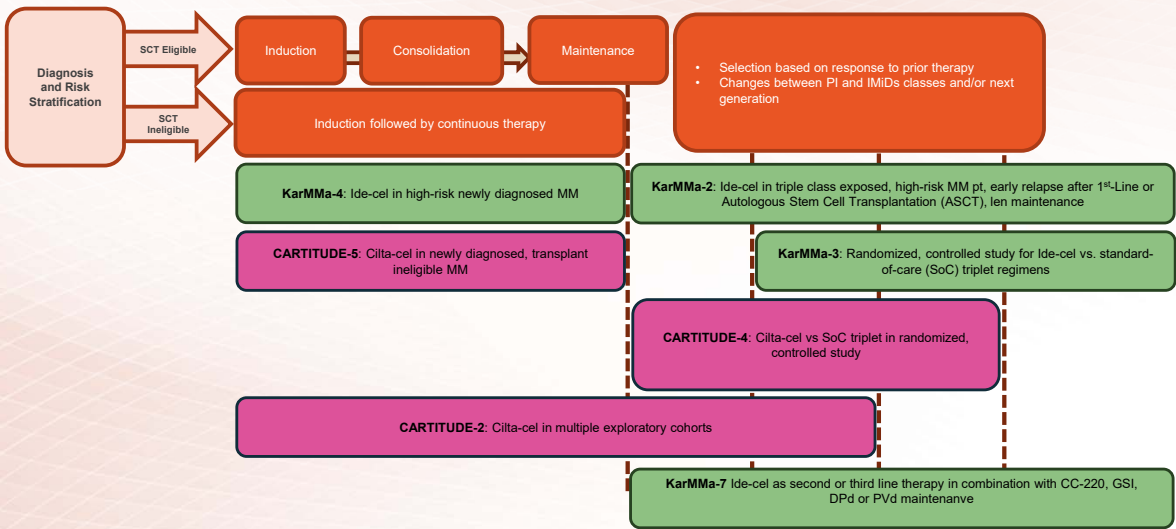
Cellular therapies	CAR T-cell therapy	Autologous stem cell transplantation
Patient's cells collected	Yes	Yes
Types of cells collected	T cells*	Stem cells†
Collected cells are genetically engineered in a lab	Yes	No
Patient given chemotherapy before cells are infused back into patient	Yes, lymphodepleting 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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# Moving CAR-T Upfront



\*Graphic adapted from ASCO 2021 Discussion Session – Created and presented by Yi Lin, MD, PhD – Mayo Clinic



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# Key Points

- > CAR T are very active even in heavily pre-treated patients.
- > Side effects of CAR T-cells include cytokine release syndrome (CRS), confusion, and low blood counts, all of which are treatable.
- > Two CAR T-cell therapies are approved for use in relapsed/refractory myeloma—Abecma (ide-cel) and Carvykti (cilta-cel)
- > 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.



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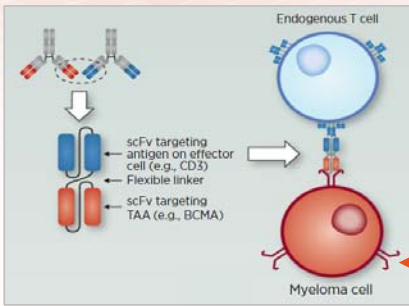
# Bispecific Antibodies

Bispecific antibodies are also referred to as dual specific antibodies, bifunctional antibodies, or T-cell engaging antibody

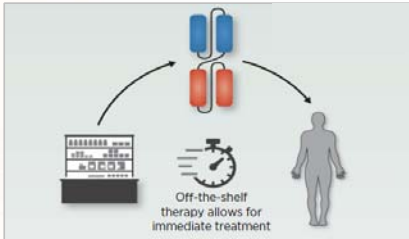
Bispecific antibodies can target 2 cell surface molecules at the same time (one on the myeloma cell and one on a T cell)

Many different bispecific antibodies are in clinical development; none are approved for use in myeloma

Availability is off-the-shelf allowing for immediate treatment



BCMA, GPRC5D, or FcRH5



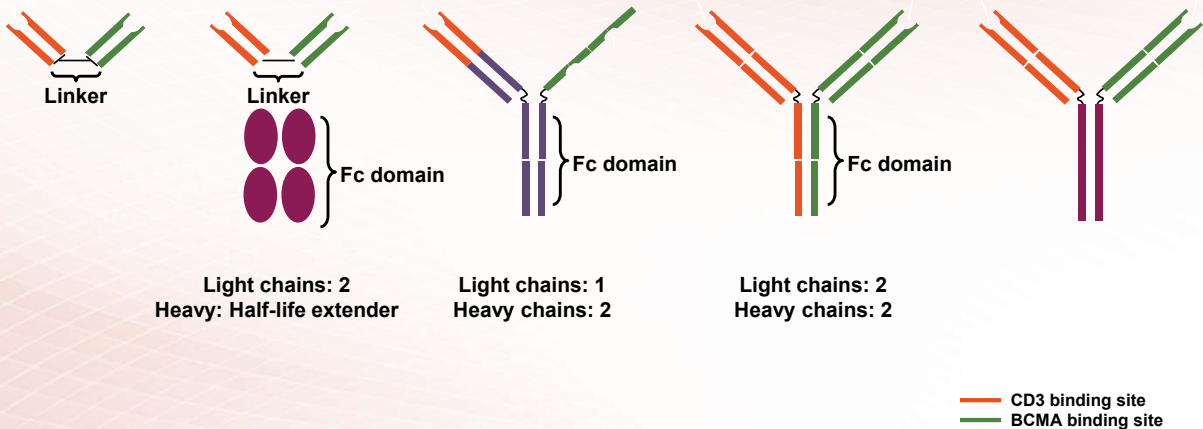
- Examples:
- Elranatamab
  - Teclistamab
  - TNB-303B (ABBV-383)
  - REGN5458
  - Cevostamab
  - Talquetamab



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	79%
BCMA	CC93269	89%
BCMA	AMG701	83%
GPCR5	Talquetamab	70%
FCRH5	Cevostamab	55%

\*Based on a recent sampling



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## Bispecific Antibodies on the Horizon

Study	MagnetisMM-1 (Phase 1)	MajesTEC-1 (Phase 1/2)	Phase 1	Phase 1	Phase 1	MonumenTAL-1 (Phase 1)
Agent	Elranatamab <sup>1</sup>	Teclistamab <sup>2</sup>	TNB-383B (ABBV-383) <sup>3</sup>	REGN5458 <sup>4</sup>	Cevostamab <sup>5</sup>	Talquetamab <sup>6</sup>
Targets	BCMA × CD3	BCMA × CD3	BCMA × CD3	BCMA × CD3	FcRH5 × CD3	GPRC5D × CD3
No. patients	55	165	118	73	161	55 at 2 RP2D
Median no. prior therapies	6 (2–15)	5 (2–14)	5 (1–15)	5 (2–17)	6 (2–18)	6 (2–17)
<b>Efficacy</b>						
Overall response rate (%)	69	62	81 (≥40 mg)	75 (200–800 mg)	56.7 (132–198 mg)	69
Complete response or better (%)	30	29	39	16	8	16
Median duration of response (mos)	Not reported	Not reached	Not reported	Not reached	11.5	Not reached
Median progression-free survival (mos)	Not reported	59% at 9 mos	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported
<b>Safety</b>						
CRS, all grades (G3/4), %	87 (0)	72 (1)	54 (3)	38 (0)	80 (1.2)	75 (5)
Neurotoxicity, all grades (G3/4), %	Not reported	13 (0)	Not reported	4 (0)	14 (1)	Not reported

RP2D, recommended phase 2 dose

1. Sebag M et al. *Blood*. 2021;138. Abstract 895; 2. Moreau P et al. *Blood*. 2021;138. Abstract 896; 3. Kumar SK et al. *Blood*. 2021;138. Abstract 900; 4. Zonder JA et al. *Blood*. 2021;138. Abstract 160; 5. Trudel S et al. *Blood*. 2021;138. Abstract 157; 6. Krishnan AY et al. *Blood*. 2021;138. Abstract 158.



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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: cytokeratin 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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# 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 or q2 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

- Bispecific antibodies represent a new wave of myeloma treatments that are highly active even in heavily pre-treated patients.
- Bispecific antibodies represent an “off-the-shelf” immunotherapy.
- Similar to CAR T-cell therapy, toxicities of bispecific antibodies mainly consist of cytokine release syndrome (CRS), immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome (ICANS), and low blood counts, all of which are treatable.
- Several different bispecific antibodies are under clinical evaluation.



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# Patient Experience

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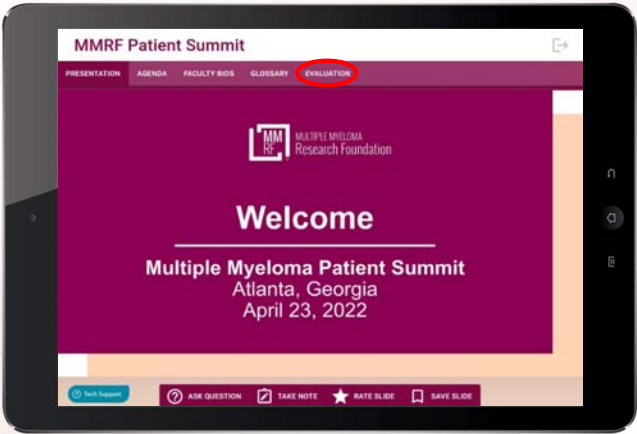
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# Upcoming Patient Education Events *Save the Date*

Topic	Date and Time (ET)	Speakers
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

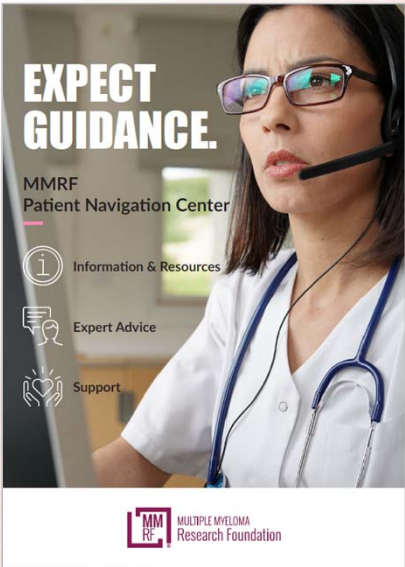
For more information or to register,  
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# MMRF Patient Resources



**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](https://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



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