

# Opening Remarks Mary DeRome, MS MMRF

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## Summit Agenda

Time (PT)	Topic	Speakers
9:00 — 9:15 AM	MMRF Introduction	Mary DeRome, MS
9:15 – 9:30 AM	Welcome	Ajai Chari, MD
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma: Diagnosis and Induction Therapy Sagar Lonial, MD	
10:00 – 10:30 AM	High-Dose Chemotherapy and Stem Cell Transplantation, Maintenance Therapy, and Treatment Goals  Ajai Chari, MD	
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma	Thomas G. Martin, III, MD
11:00 — 11:30 АМ	Town Hall Q&A	All Faculty
11:30 АМ — 12:00 РМ	Supportive Care	Nancy S. Wong, RN, MSN-FNP
12:00 — 12:15 РМ	Patient Speaker	Mike Smith
12:15 — 12:30 РМ	Hot Topic 1: Multiple Myeloma Precursor Conditions	Sagar Lonial, MD
12:30 — 12:45 РМ	Hot Topic 2: Clinical Studies	Ajai Chari, MD
12:45 — 1:00 РМ	Hot Topic 3: Personalized Medicine	Jeffrey L. Wolf, MD
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Town Hall Q&A	All Faculty
2:00 – 2:15 PM	Closing Remarks	Mary DeRome, MS



# MMRF Introduction Mary DeRome, MS MMRF

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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.



## We accelerate new treatments

Bringing next-generation therapies to patients faster



## We drive precision medicine

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



## We empower patients

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

#### 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 are followed for at least 8 years

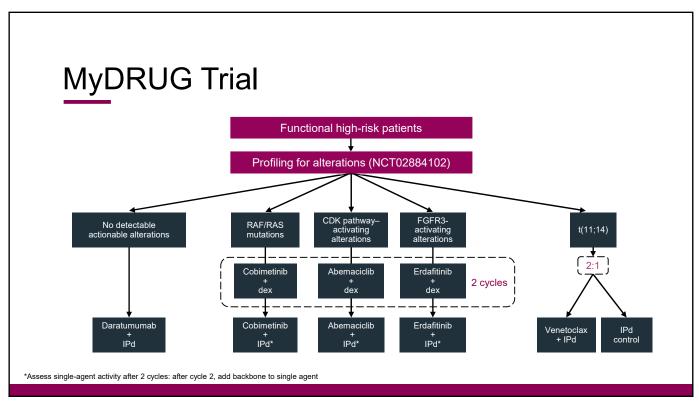
All participants undergo a type of detailed DNA testing called <u>genomic sequencing</u> at diagnosis and each relapse.



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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
      - o 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



#### MMRF Research Initiatives

- 1. MMRF Myeloma Accelerator Challenge (MAC) Grants
  - Broad, multi-institutional research grants designed to advance clinical trial concepts in the areas of
    - High-risk newly diagnosed multiple myeloma (NDMM)
    - High-risk smoldering myeloma (SMM)
  - Each research network will be funded up to \$10M over 3 years
- 2. MMRF Horizon Adaptive Platform Trials
  - · Paired with MAC grants
  - Done in collaboration with 13 MMRC sites
  - Trials in relapsed/refractory myeloma, high-risk NDMM, high-risk SMM

For more information, visit themmrf.org

# 2023 Myeloma Accelerator Challenge Program Grant Recipients



Transforming Treatment of High-Risk Myeloma

Network includes Tisch Cancer Center at Mt Sinai, Albert Einstein Medical College, Hackensack University Medical Center, Stanford University Medical Center, UCSF, Washington University of Saint Louis



Pieter Sonneveld, MD, PhD

A Systems Biology Approach to High-Risk Myeloma

Network includes Erasmus Medical Center, Rotterdam; Amsterdam University Medical Centers; Julius Maximilian University of Wurzburg; University of Turin; University of Salamanca



Each network will receive \$7M over 3 years for a total \$21M investment by the MMRF, meant to foster collaboration and advance compelling hypotheses that are ready for rapid testing in clinical trials.



Sagar Lonial, MD

Clinical and Multi-Omics Platforms to Define High-Risk Smoldering Myeloma

Network includes Emory University, Atrium Health Levine Cancer Institute, Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai, Mass General Hospital, Mayo Clinic, MSKC Institute, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

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Welcome!

**Ajai Chari, MD**University of California, San Francisco
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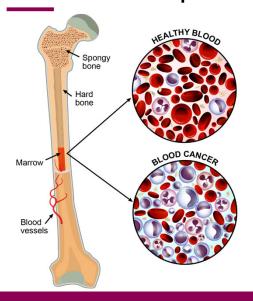


# Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma: Diagnosis and Induction Therapy

**Sagar Lonial, MD**Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University Atlanta, Georgia

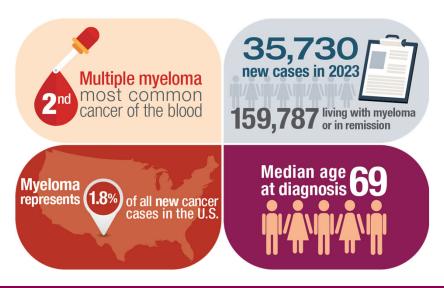
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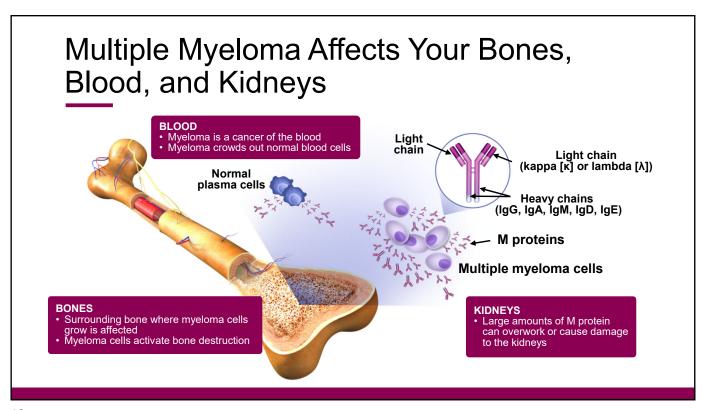
#### What is multiple myeloma?



- 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

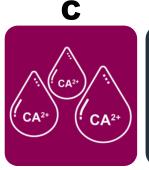
## How common is multiple myeloma?





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

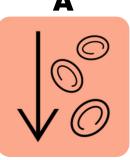
The clinical features that are characteristic of multiple myeloma



High levels of **c**alcium in the blood



Decreased kidney (renal) function



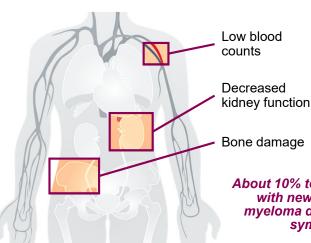
Low amount of red blood cells (**a**nemia)



Presence of **b**one damage

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- Low blood counts
- Weakness
- Fatigue Infection
- 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

# 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: 2× incidence in African Americans

Family history

- One first-degree relative with multiple myeloma
- Relatives of multiple myeloma patients have more monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)
- Current recommendation is to <u>not</u> screen families

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

# Following the Right Track Will Help Patients Get 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



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



Seek a second opinion at any point in your journey



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

**Available resources** 



Contact the MMRF Patient Navigation Center: themmrf.org/resources/patient-navigation-center

1-888-841-6673

# The Right Tests: Common Tests Conducted in Myeloma Patients



 Confirms the type of myeloma or precursor condition

## Bone marrow biopsy



- Confirms diagnosis of myeloma
- Determines how advanced the myeloma or precursor condition is

#### Imaging tests

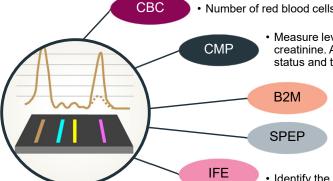


 Detects the presence and extent of bone disease and the presence of myeloma outside of the bone marrow

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## Learn Your Labs!

#### **Blood Tests**

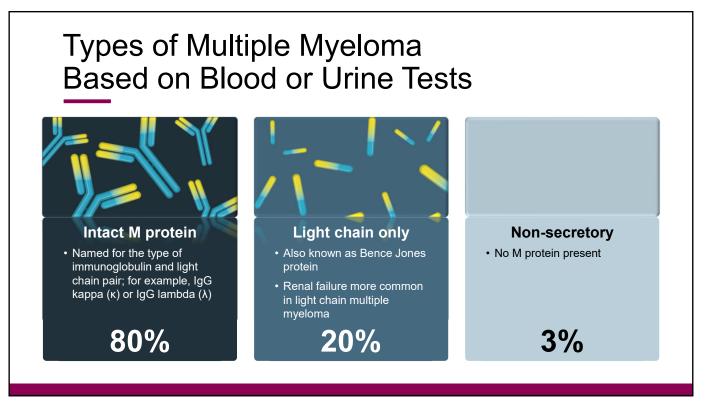


**SFLC** 

- · Number of red blood cells, white blood cells, and platelets
  - Measure levels of albumin, calcium, LDH, BUN, and creatinine. Assess function of kidney, liver, and bone status and the extent of disease
    - Determine the level of a protein that indicates the presence/extent of multiple myeloma and kidney function
    - Detect the presence and level of M protein
  - Identify the type of abnormal antibody proteins
- Freelite test measures light chains (kappa or lambda)

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; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; BUN, blood urea nitrogen

# Learn Your Labs! Urine Tests UPEP • Detect Bence Jones proteins (otherwise known as myeloma light chains) • Determine the presence and levels of M protein and Bence Jones protein and Bence Jones protein



## **Know Your Imaging Tests!**

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

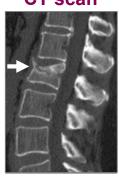
X-ray



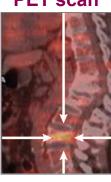
**MRI** 



CT scan

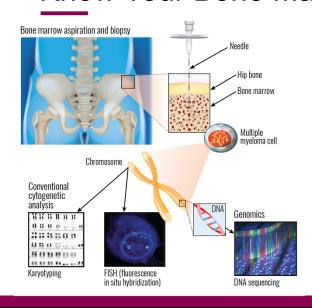


**PET scan** 



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**Translocation** 

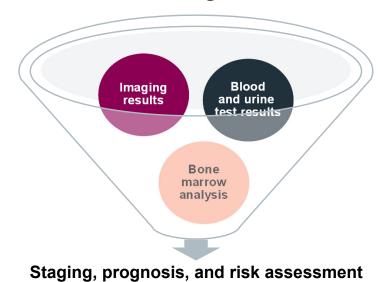


Types of chromosomal abnormalities



Gain or amplification

#### Putting the Results Together



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## Multiple Myeloma Prognosis and Risk

Revised International Staging System (R-ISS)

R-ISS stage	Laboratory measurements
I	<ul> <li>Serum β2M level &lt;3.5 mg/L</li> <li>Serum albumin level ≥3.5 g/dL</li> <li>No high-risk CA*</li> <li>Normal LDH level</li> </ul>
II	All other possible combinations
III	• Serum β2M level ≥5.5 mg/L • High-risk CA* or high LDH level

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

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 mutationgain 1q
- R-ISS Stage 3
- High plasma cell S phase
- GEP: high-risk signature
- *Double-hit myeloma*: any two highrisk genetic abnormalities
- Triple-hit myeloma: three or more high-risk genetic abnormalities

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#### Standard risk

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

β2M; beta-2 microglobulin; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; GEP, gene-expression profiling 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.

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

#### 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 R-ISS

Standard risk



- Serum β2M level <3.5 mg/L
- Serum albumin level ≥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 β2M level ≥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)
R-ISS, Revised International Staging System; β2M; beta-2 microglobulin; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; FISH, fluorescence 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.

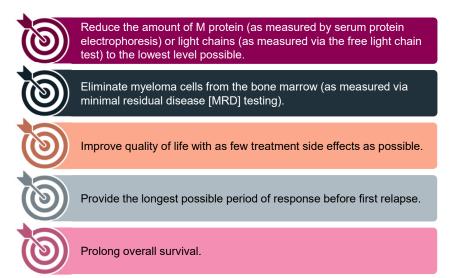


Clearly communicate your treatment goals and concerns to the care team.



Find clinical trials that are right for you.

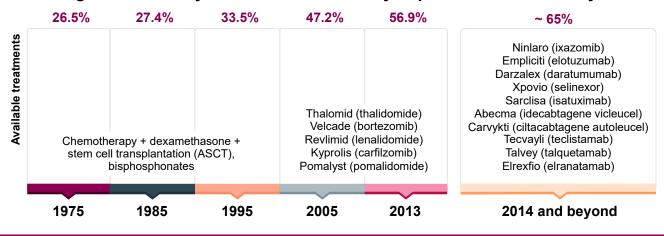
## Getting the Right Treatment: Goals of Multiple Myeloma Therapy



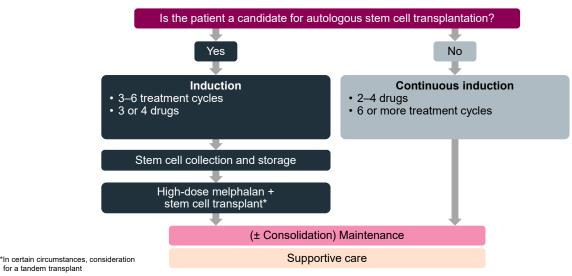
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# Myeloma Survival Has Improved Over Time, Mainly Due to Novel Agents and Immune Therapies (including mAbs)

The percentage of people expected to survive 5 years or more after being diagnosed with myeloma has dramatically improved in the last 20 years

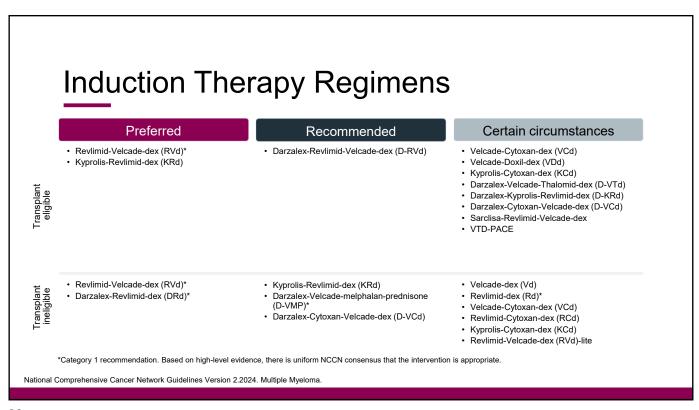


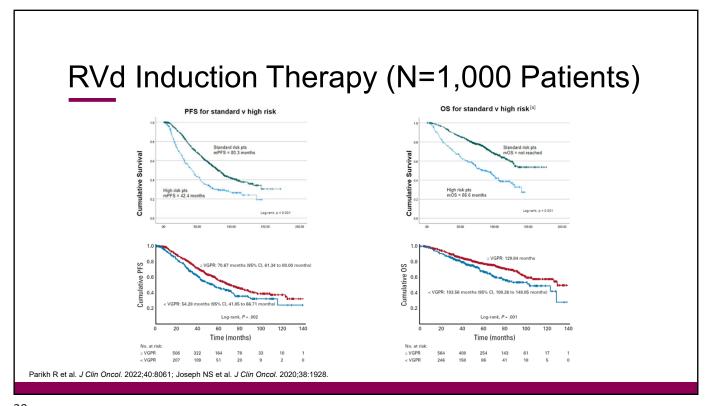
# Overview of Treatment Approach for Active Multiple Myeloma

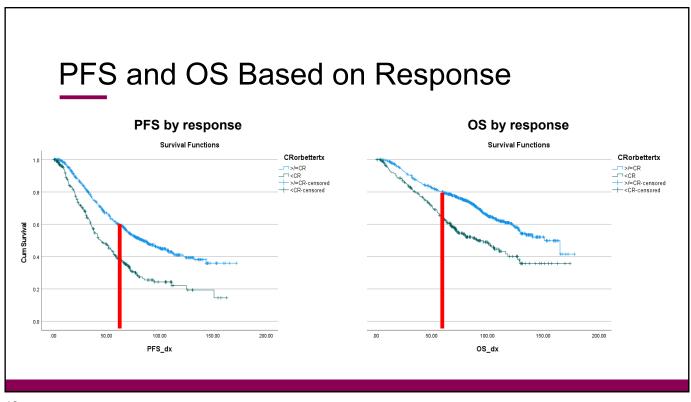


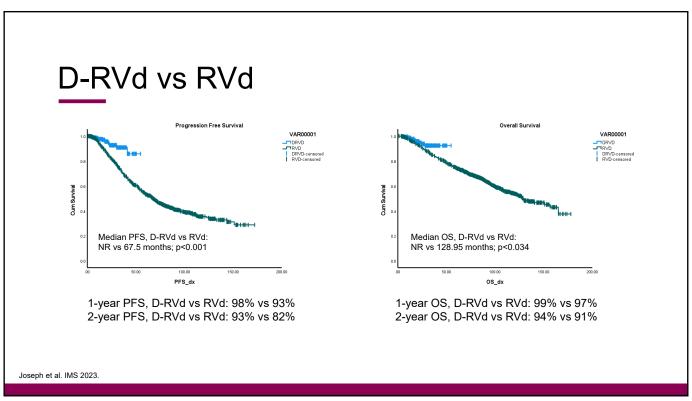
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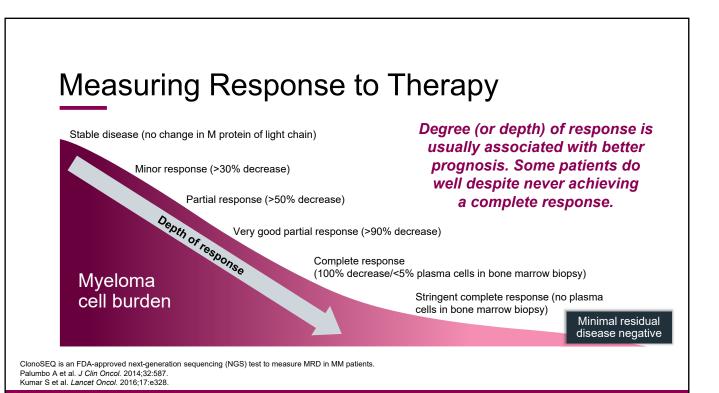
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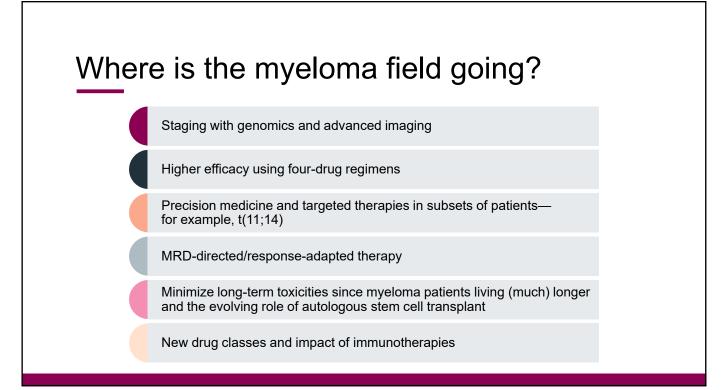












#### Summary

- Multiple myeloma is a rare blood cancer that can negatively affect the bones, kidneys, and bone marrow, leading to lowered blood counts.
- The prognosis of multiple myeloma depends on the genetic makeup of the myeloma cell and its chromosomes; R-ISS is used for staging in multiple myeloma.
- Survival rates are improving because of new drugs and new combinations of drugs, including immune therapies and especially monoclonal antibodies.
- The treatment paradigm will continue to change with the approval of additional novel agents.
- Nowledge is power: right team, right test, right treatment.

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

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# High-Dose Chemotherapy and Stem Cell Transplantation, Maintenance Therapy, and Treatment Goals

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# High-Dose Chemotherapy and Stem Cell Transplantation

- Remission lasts longer
- Can be done early on or later (or both)
- Some patients will not qualify
  - Older/frail patients
  - Comorbidities
- Dose reduced melphalan
  - Age >75
  - Kidney disease



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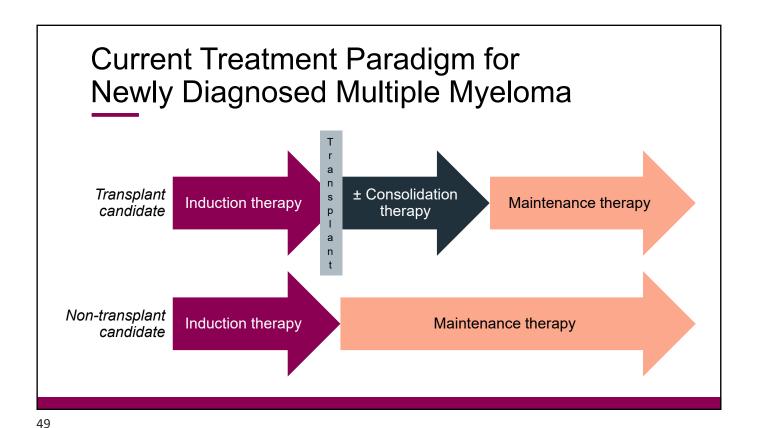
#### What does transplant mean?

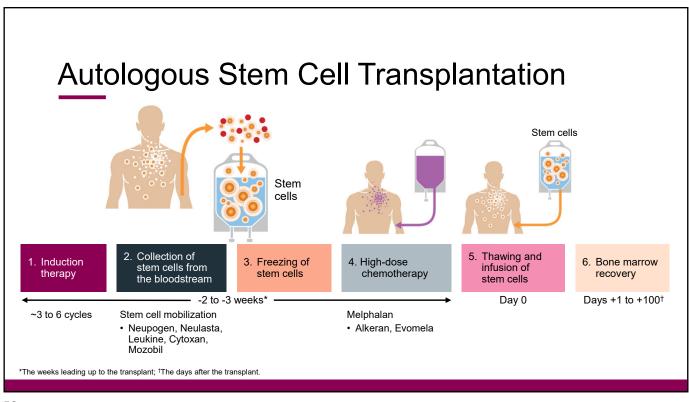
Understanding the basics of autologous stem cell transplantation

Blood-forming stem cells are collected from the patient's own blood. Stem cells are frozen and stored.

Patient gets high-dose chemotherapy: melphalan. Most myeloma cells are destroyed; some normal cells (hair follicles, taste buds, and blood cells) are also temporarily destroyed.

The previously collected stem cells are given back by IV infusion. Stem cells restore blood cells with fewer myeloma cells. Other cells (hair follicles and taste buds) recover.





### Side Effects of High-Dose Chemotherapy

#### **Fatigue**

- Expected
- May last 1-3 months

#### Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea

- Symptoms much more manageable with newer antiemetics
- Try to prevent nausea
- May include stomach cramping
- Encourage small amounts of food, more often
- Avoid milk, milk products, high-fiber foods

#### Mucositis

- Pain, sores in mouth; sore throat
- Pain meds, mouth swishes
- Avoid tart, acidic, salty, spicy foods
- Soft food better tolerated

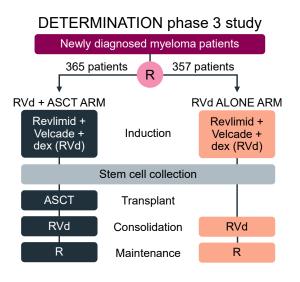
#### Low blood counts

- Low white blood cells count (risk for infection)
- Hemoglobin drop (fatigue)
- Platelet count drop (bleeding risk)
- · Blood transfusion
- Platelet transfusion
- Antibiotics
- White blood cells and platelets recover in 2 weeks

Hair loss

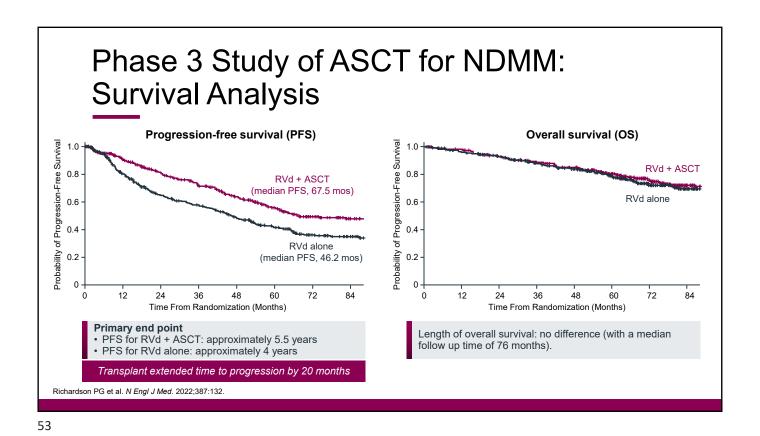
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# Is transplant still required in newly diagnosed myeloma?



Q: Should I get a transplant up front or not?

Richardson PG et al. N Engl J Med. 2022;387:132.



Phase 3 Study of ASCT for NDMM: Best Response to Treatment and Duration of Response P=0.55 ■ RVd-alone P=0.99 97.5 **Duration of** ■RVd+ASCT 100 response RVd + ASCT **RVd** alone P value 82.7 90 79.6 80 Response rate (%) P=0.99 Median 70 0.003 duration of 56.4 38.9 60 ≥PR, months 46.8 50 42 40 5-year 30 duration of 60.6 52.9 0.698 20 ≥CR, % 10 0 ≥PR ≥VGPR ≥CR Richardson PG et al. N Engl J Med. 2022;387:132.

# Phase 3 Study of ASCT for Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma: Side Effects

Side effect (%)	RVd alone (N=357)	RVd + ASCT (N=365)
Any	78.2	94.2
Fatal side effects	0.3	1.6*
Low blood counts	60.5	89.9
Very low white cell count	42.6	<mark>86.3</mark>
Low platelet count	19.9	<mark>82.7</mark>
Low white cell count	19.6	39.7
Anemia	18.2	29.6
Lymphopenia	9.0	10.1
Infections with low WBC	4.2	9.0
Fever	2.0	5.2
Pneumonia	5.0	9.0
Diarrhea	3.9	4.9
Nausea	0.6	6.6
Mouth sores	0	5.2
Fatigue	2.8	6.0
Numbness, tingling nerve	5.6	7.1

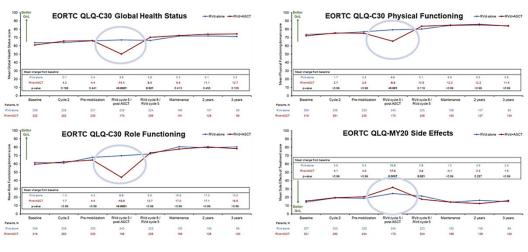
Severe side effects were more common with transplant.

\*Includes one death related to ASCT

Richardson PG et al. J Clin Oncol. 2022;40. Abstract LBA4. Richardson PG et al. N Engl J Med. 2022;387:132.

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# Phase 3 Study of ASCT for NDMM: Quality of Life



Richardson PG et al. J Clin Oncol. 2022;40. Abstract LBA4. Richardson PG et al. N Engl J Med. 2022;387:132

# Phase 3 Study of ASCT for NDMM: Subsequent Therapy and Rate of ASCT in RVD-Alone Arm (Late ASCT)

Subsequent therapy in patients off protocol therapy (%)	RVd alone (N=279) late transplant	RVd + ASCT (N=276) early transplant	
Any treatment*	79.6	69.6	
Subsequent therapy	n=222	n=192	
Any immunomodulatory drug	55.9	58.3	
Pomalyst (pomalidomide)	30.2	29.2	
Revlimid (lenalidomide)	25.7	29.2	
Any proteasome inhibitor	55.9	50.0	
Velcade (bortezomib)	27.5	25.5	
Kyprolis (carfilzomib)	21.2	16.7	
lxazomib	8.1	7.8	
Marizomib	0	0.5	
Any monoclonal antibody	16.2	27.6	
Darzalex (daratumumab)	11.3	21.4	
Empliciti (elotuzumab)	4.5	6.3	
Sarclisa (isatuximab)	0.5	0	
*Including IMiDs, PIs, mAbs, HDACi (panobinostat), ASCT, chemotherapy, RT, steroids, other			

Only 28.0% of RVdalone (late transplant) patients had received ASCT at any time following end of study treatment

Richardson PG et al. J Clin Oncol. 2022;40. Abstract LBA4. Richardson PG et al. N Engl J Med. 2022;387:132.

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#### Early vs Late Transplant Pros and Cons



#### **Pros**

#### Early ASCT

- Deeper and more durable response
- Youngest/healthiest you are going to be
- Allows for fewer cycles of induction treatment

#### **Late ASCT**

- PFS may be shorter, but currently appears OS is the same
- · Less side effects without high-dose chemotherapy
- Conserve quality of life in the early part of disease journey

#### Cons

#### **Early ASCT**

- No proven impact on overall survival
- 20% of patients still relapse within 2 years
- More side effects including a small risk of serious life-threatening complications
- 3 months to full clinical recovery

#### Late ASCT

- Need more cycles of induction
- May need next treatment sooner, including (late) transplant
- Not all patients relapsing are able to undergo salvage ASCT

#### Early vs Late ASCT Summary

- ASCT is a standard of care for frontline therapy of myeloma.
- ASCT safety has been established and it induces long progression-free survival.
- Decision of ASCT should be individualized in every patient and deserves a thorough discussion between the patient and provider.
- Emerging data suggests patients with an extremely good response (that is, CR and ideally minimal residual disease negative) to induction therapy may have a long PFS. Studies are ongoing to determine whether these patients require ASCT.

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## What is maintenance therapy?

A prolonged, and often low-dose, less-intensive treatment given to myeloma patients after achieving a desired response to initial therapy

To prevent disease progression for as long as possible while maintaining favorable quality of life

To deepen responses by reducing minimal residual disease or maintaining the response achieved, reducing the risk of relapse, and prolonging survival

## Successful Maintenance Therapy Must...



Be convenient



Be safe and well tolerated long term



Not interfere with the use of other future treatments

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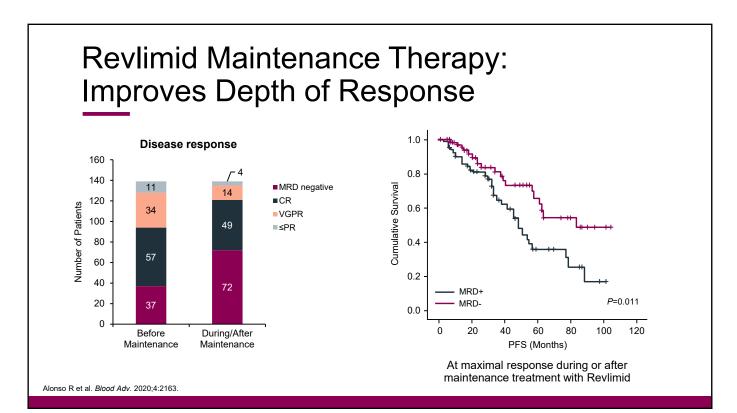
#### Maintenance Therapy

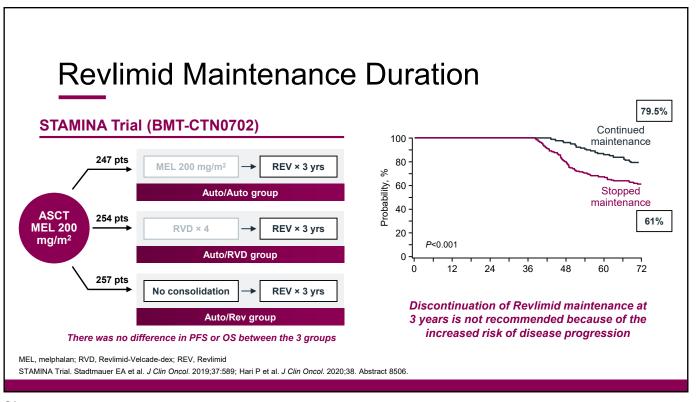
The preferred FDA-approved maintenance therapy following transplant is Revlimid (lenalidomide).

Other maintenance options are Velcade (bortezomib) or Darzalex (daratumumab) (or Ninlaro [ixazomib]\*).

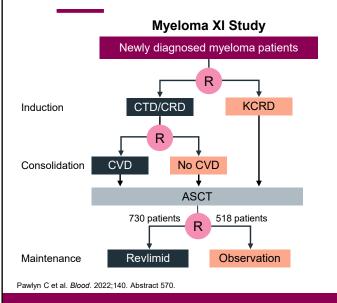
In certain high-risk cases, maintenance therapy may include Revlimid plus Velcade or Kyprolis (carfilzomib), with or without dexamethasone.

\*Results from interim analyses of TOURMALINE MM3 and MM4 trials of ixazomib in the maintenance setting suggest a potential decrease in overall survival.





#### **Maintenance Duration**



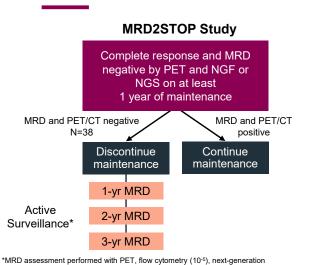
Median PFS	At time of randomization to maintenance therapy (median follow up 44.7 mos)	
(mos)	All patients*	
Revlimid	64	
Observation	32	
Hazard ratio	0.52	
P Value	<0.001	

\*PFS benefit across all patient subgroups on Revlimid maintenance therapy: standard risk; molecular high risk, which included the presence of del(17p), gain(1q), t(4;14), t(14;16), or t(14;20); MRD positive; and MRD negative.

More evidence for the benefit of longer duration of Revlimid maintenance in patients who are MRD positive than MRD negative. And evidence of ongoing benefit beyond 2–3 years for patients with both standard- and high-risk disease.

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# Using MRD Negativity to Guide Discontinuation of Maintenance Therapy



sequencing (10-6), and CD138-selected next-generation sequencing (10-7)

Derman BA et al. Blood. 2022;140. Abstract 870.

MRD negativity (at 10<sup>-6</sup> and 10<sup>-7</sup>) is sustained even after discontinuation of maintenance therapy.

MRD resurgence occurred in 13% of patients

(2 patients had resurgence of M protein and

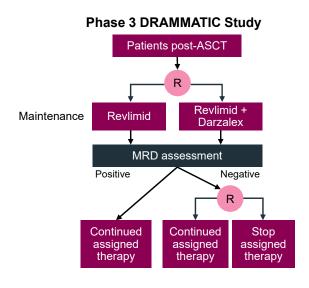
After median follow-up of 14 months, 89% remain on

study (5% with PD, 6% withdrew).

disease progression).

MRD-guided discontinuation of maintenance may carry significant cost savings.

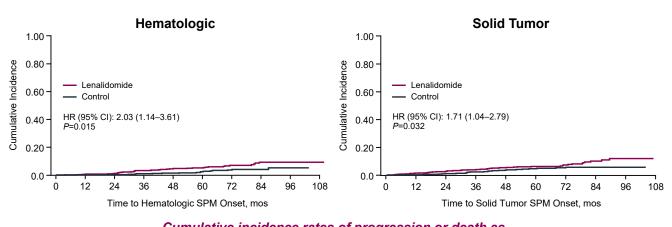
# Ongoing Study Using MRD Results to Direct Therapy



clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04071457

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# Revlimid Maintenance: Cumulative Incidence of Second Primary Malignancies



Cumulative incidence rates of progression or death as a result of myeloma were all higher with placebo

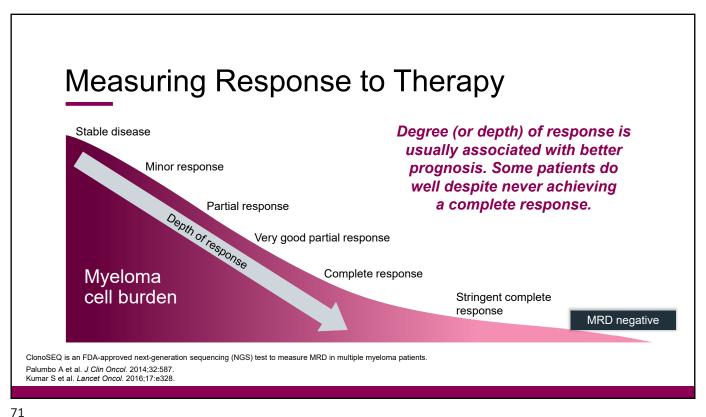
McCarthy PL et al. J Clin Oncol. 2017;35:3279.

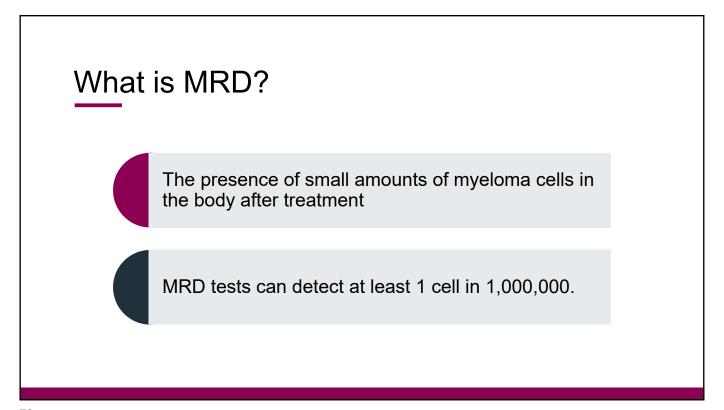
#### **Maintenance Therapy Summary**

- The body of evidence from phase 3 trials indicates that maintenance therapy improves PFS and likely OS.
- Most patients should receive maintenance who are thought to be Revlimid responsive and able to tolerate the side effects. High-risk patients may benefit from two-drug maintenance regimen.
- For patients who are unable to tolerate Revlimid, there are other agents such as Ninlaro, Kyprolis, and Darzalex that are effective but are not yet FDA approved for use as maintenance. Several clinical trials are under way.
- When you are in remission and receiving maintenance (or being observed off treatment), it is important to continue your regular health checks (colonoscopy, breast screening, PSA, mole checks, etc).

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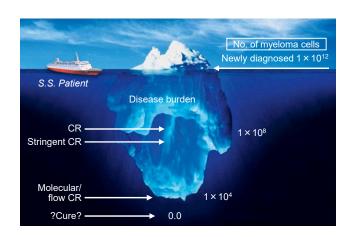
# Reduce the amount of M protein (as measured by serum protein electrophoresis) or light chains (as measured via the free light chain test) to the lowest level possible. Eliminate myeloma cells from the bone marrow (as measured via MRD testing). Improve quality of life with as few treatment side effects as possible. Provide the longest possible period of response before first relapse. Prolong overall survival.



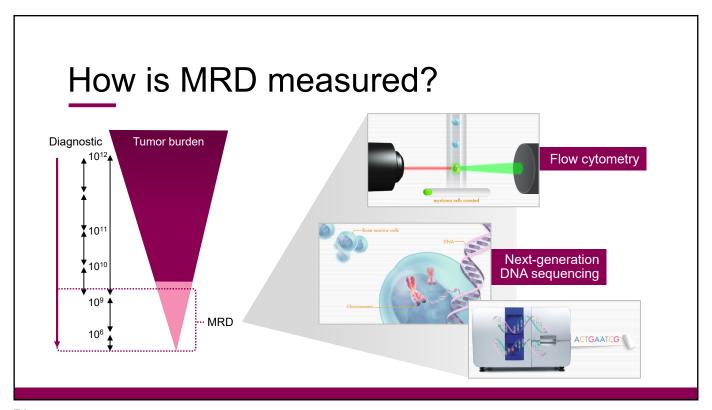


## Why do we need to measure MRD?

- With new and more effective treatments, more patients achieve 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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## Comprehensive Response Assessment

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



What about other areas of the body?

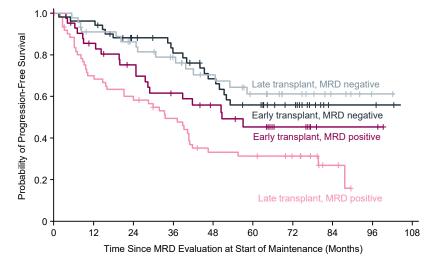
Imaging (with PET/CT scan) is also required to detect residual disease outside of the bone marrow



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# Why is it important to achieve MRD negativity?

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



MRD by next-generation sequencing (sensitivity 1 ×10<sup>-5</sup>)

Determination Study. Richardson PG et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2022;387:132.

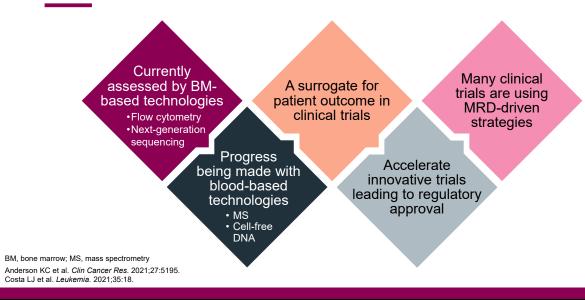
## MRD Negativity in the Bone Marrow is Just One Tool!

- Not as important if disease persists in blood, urine, or imaging
- MRD negativity must be sustained over time so repeated testing essential
- Prognostic value depends on
  - Treatment used: chemotherapy vs bispecifics vs transplant vs CART
  - Patient (eg, history of MGUS/SMM, high-risk, extramedullary disease)

Need blood-based MRD testing!

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# MRD Is Important for Clinical Care and New Drug Registration



### **MRD Summary**

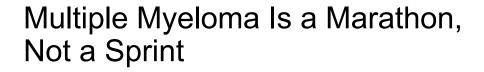
- MRD is the deepest response after myeloma treatment, including bone marrow MRD and imaging MRD. NGF and NGS are the two most commonly used marrow MRD tests. Blood-based MRD is in exploration.
- MRD has been associated with longer PFS and OS to predict lower risk of progression. Modern combination therapies show increasingly higher MRD negativity rates.
- MRD response—directed therapy has been applied in more and more clinical trials to explore how to guide treatment decisions in myeloma.
- MRD is also useful as an end point in clinical trials helping to expedite new drug approval in myeloma.

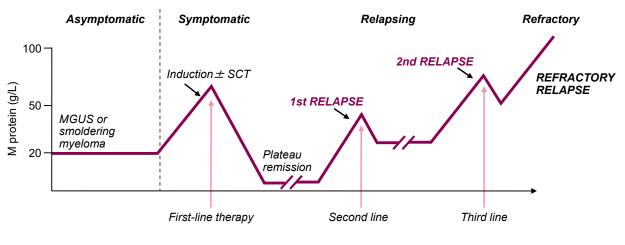
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# Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma

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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: increase 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



## 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 many factors

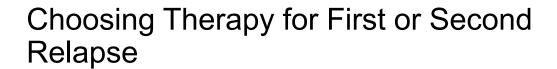
#### Clinical

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



Requires immediate initiation/escalation of therapy

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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

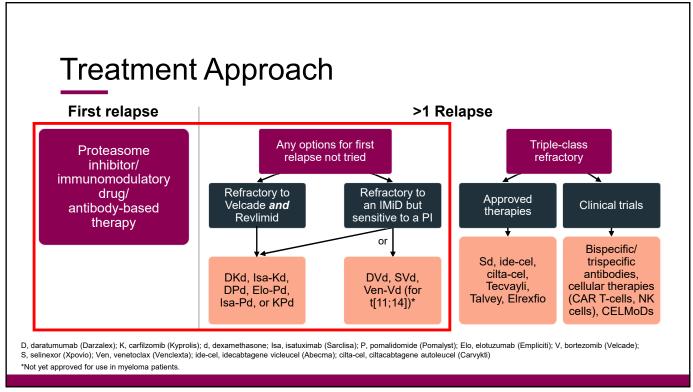
Access to care

## Options for Relapsed/Refractory Disease Continue to Increase

IMiDs	Proteasome inhibitors	Chemotherapy anthracyclines	Chemotherapy alkylators	Steroids	Other mechanisms of action	Monoclonal and bispecific antibodies	Cellular therapy
Thalomid (thalidomide)	Velcade (bortezomib)	Adriamycin	Cytoxan (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			Sarclisa (isatuximab)	
						Tecvayli (teclistamab) <sup>†</sup>	
						Talvey (talquetamab) <sup>†</sup>	
						Elrexfio (elranatamab)†	

\*Not yet FDA-approved for patients with multiple myeloma; †Bispecific antibody

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





## Triplet Regimens for Early Relapse

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

Drug	Formulation		Approval
Darzalex (daratumumab)	<b>9</b>	SC once a week for first 8 weeks, then every 2 weeks for 4 months, then monthly	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 <b>relapsed/refractory</b> 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 <b>relapsed/refractory</b> myeloma as a triplet with Pomalyst or Kyprolis and dexamethasone

IV, intravenous; SC, subcutaneous

## Currently Available Agents for One to Three Prior Lines of Therapy

Drug	Formulation	Approval
Velcade (bortezomib)	<ul><li> IV infusion</li><li> SC injection</li></ul>	For relapsed/refractory myeloma
Kyprolis (carfilzomib)	IV infusion     Weekly dosing	<ul> <li>For relapsed/refractory myeloma as a single agent, as a doublet with dexamethasone, and as a triplet with Revlimid or Darzalex plus dexamethasone</li> </ul>
Ninlaro (ixazomib)	Once-weekly pill	For <b>relapsed/refractory</b> myeloma as a triplet with Revlimid and dexamethasone
Revlimid (lenalidomide)*	Once-daily pill	For relapsed/refractory myeloma in combination with dexamethasone
Pomalyst (pomalidomide)*	Once-daily pill	For relapsed/refractory myeloma in combination with dexamethasone
XPOVIO (selinexor)	Once-weekly pill	For <b>relapsed/refractory</b> 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

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## Monoclonal Antibody–Based Regimens for Early Relapse: Darzalex

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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 PFS favored	DRd: 45 vs 18 months	• DVd: 17 vs 7 months	• DKd: 29 vs 15 months	• DPd: 12 vs 7 months
Clinical considerations	Consider for relapses from non-Revlimid–based maintenance     DRd associated with more upper respiratory infections, low blood white blood cell counts, and diarrhea	Consider for patients who are Revlimid-refractory without significant neuropathy     DVd associated with more low blood cell counts	Consider for younger, fit patients who are double-refractory to Revlimid and Velcade     DKd associated with more respiratory infections	Consider in patients who are double-refractory to Revlimid and a proteasome inhibitor (Velcade, Kyprolis, Ninlaro) Severe low white blood cell counts

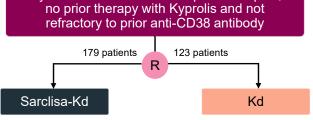
## Monoclonal Antibody–Based Regimens for Early Relapse: Sarclisa and Empliciti

	ELOQUENT-2	ELOQUENT-3	ICARIA-MM	IKEMA
Regimens compared	Empliciti-Revlimid-dex vs Rd	Empliciti-Pomalyst-dex vs Pd	Sarclisa-Pomalyst-dex vs Pd	Sarclisa-Kyprolis-dex vs Kd
Median PFS favored	Empliciti-Rd: 19 vs 15 months	Empliciti-Pd: 10 vs 5 months	Sarclisa-Pd: 12 vs 7 months	Sarclisa-Kd: 42 vs 21 months
Clinical considerations	Consider for non-Revlimid refractory, frailer patients     Empliciti-Rd associated with more infections	Consider for patients refractory to Revlimid and a proteasome inhibitor (Velcade, Kyprolis, Ninlaro)	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	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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## Sarclisa After Early or Late Relapse

## IKEMA Study Patients with relapsed/refractory myeloma who received 1–3 prior therapies,



Data evaluated according to patients who experienced an early\* versus late† relapse.

	Early rel	Early relapse		pse
	Sarclisa -Kd	Kd	Sarclisa -Kd	Kd
Median PFS (months)	24.7	17.2	42.7	21.9
Overall response rate (%)	82	82.6	90.4	86.1
≥VGPR rate (%)	67.2	52.2	76	58.3
MRD negativity rate (%)	24.6	15.2	37.5	16.7
MRD-negative CR rate (%)	18	10.9	30.8	13.9

Regardless of early or late relapse, RRMM patients benefit from the use of isa-Kd with respect to depth of response and prolonged PFS.

\*<12 months from initiation of most recent line of therapy (for patients who had ≥2 lines of therapy); <18 months (for patients who had 1 prior line of therapy) and <12 months from ASCT †≥12 months from initiation of most recent line of therapy (for patients who had ≥2 lines of therapy; ≥18 months for patients who had 1 prior line of therapy)
Facon T et al. Haematologica. 2023;Aug 17 [Epub ahead of print].

### Proteasome Inhibitor— and Immunomodulatory Drug—Based Regimens for Early Relapse

	OPTIMISMM	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 PFS 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	<ul> <li>IRd an oral regimen</li> <li>Gastrointestinal toxicities and rashes</li> <li>Lower incidence of peripheral neuropathy</li> </ul>	XPO-Vd associated with nausea, vomiting, weight loss, low platelet counts and fatigue with triplet, but less neuropathy than the Vd

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#### Treatment Approach First relapse >1 Relapse Any options for first Triple-class Proteasome relapse not tried refractory inhibitor/ immunomodulatory Refractory to Refractory to drug/ Approved an IMiD but Velcade and Clinical trials antibody-based therapies Revlimid sensitive to a PI therapy or Bispecific/ Sd, ide-cel, trispecific cilta-cel, DVd, SVd, DKd, Isa-Kd, antibodies, Tecvayli, Ven-Vd (for DPd, Elo-Pd, CAR T cells, Talvey, Elrexfio Isa-Pd, or KPd t[11;14])\* CELMoDs D, daratumumab (Darzalex); K, carfilzomib (Kyprolis); d, dexamethasone; Isa, isatuximab (Sarclisa); P, pomalidomide (Pomalyst); Elo, elotuzumab (Empliciti); V, bortezomib (Velcade); S, selinexor (Xpovio); Ven, venetoclax (Venclexta); ide-cel, idecabtagene vicleucel (Abecma); cilta-cel, ciltacabtagene autoleucel (Carvykti) \*Not yet approved for use in myeloma patients.

### **Triple-Class Refractory**

 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

## Proteasome inhibitors

- Velcade (bortezomib)
- · Kyprolis (carfilzomib)
- · Ninlaro (ixazomib)

## Immunomodulatory drugs

- Revlimid (lenalidomide)
- Pomalyst (pomalidomide)

## Anti-CD38 monoclonal antibodies

- Darzalex (daratumumab)
- Sarclisa (isatuximab)

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# Currently Available Drugs for Triple-Class Refractory Myeloma

Class	Drug	Formulation		Approval
Nuclear export inhibitor	XPOVIO (selinexor)		Twice-weekly pill	For relapsed/refractory myeloma in combination with dexamethasone (after at least 4 prior therapies and whose disease is refractory to at least 2 PIs, at least 2 IMiDs, and an anti-CD38 mAb

XPOVIO + dexamethasone in relapsed/refractory myeloma	No. patients with ≥PR (%)¹
Total	32 (26)
Previous therapies to which the disease was refractory, n (%)	
Velcade, Kyprolis, Revlimid, Pomalyst, and Darzalex	21 (25)
Kyprolis, Revlimid, Pomalyst, and Darzalex	26 (26)
Velcade, Kyprolis, Pomalyst, and Darzalex	25 (27)
Kyprolis, Pomalyst, and Darzalex	31 (26)

Additional analyses showed clinical benefit with XPOVIO regardless of patient age and kidney function.<sup>2,3</sup>

1. STORM Trial. Chari A et al. N Engl J Med. 2019;381:727. 2. Gavriatopoulou M et al. Presented at the 17th International Myeloma Workshop; September 12-15, 2019. Abstract FP-110. 3. Vogl DT et al. Presented at the 17th International Myeloma Workshop; September 12-15, 2019. Abstract FP-111.

## Currently Available Drugs for Triple-Class Refractory Myeloma

Class	Drug	Formulation
Chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cell	Abecma (idecabtagene vicleucel)*	300 to 460 × 10 <sup>6</sup> genetically modified autologous CAR T cells in one or more infusion bags
CAR T cell	Carvykti (ciltacabtagene autoleucel)†	$0.5$ to $1.0 \times 10^6$ genetically modified autologous CAR T cells/kg of body weight
Bispecific antibody	Tecvayli (teclistamab)‡	Step-up dosing§ the first week then once weekly thereafter by subcutaneous injection
Bispecific antibody	Talvey (talquetamab)‡	Step-up dosing§ the first week then once weekly thereafter by subcutaneous injection
Bispecific antibody	Elrexfio (elranatamab)‡	Step-up dosing <sup>1</sup> the first week then once weekly thereafter by subcutaneous injection

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; hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis/macrophage activation syndrome (HLH/MAS); prolonged cytopenia

syndrome (HLH/MAS); prolonged cytopenia ‡Black box warning: cytokine release syndrome; neurologic toxicities

§Patients are hospitalized for 48 hours after administration of all step-up doses.

Patients are hospitalized for 48 hours after administration first step-up dose and for 24 hours after second step-up dose

Abecma, Carvykti, Tecvayli, Talvey, and Elrexfio are available only through a restricted distribution program.

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## **CAR T-Cell Therapy**

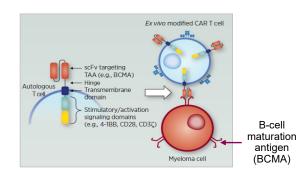
Genetically modified T cells are designed to recognize specific proteins on myeloma cells.

CAR T cells are activated once in contact with the myeloma cell and can destroy it.

CAR T cells can persist for long periods 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.

CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; BCMA, B-cell maturation antigen Cohen A et al. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2020;26:1541.



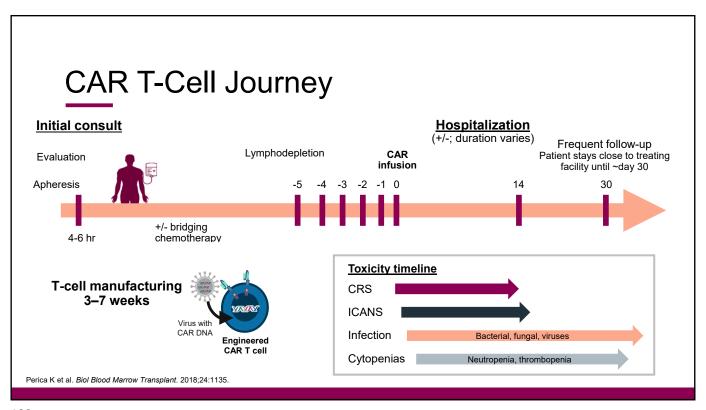
#### Two CAR T-cell therapies approved!

- · Abecma (ide-cel)
- · Carvykti (cilta-cel)

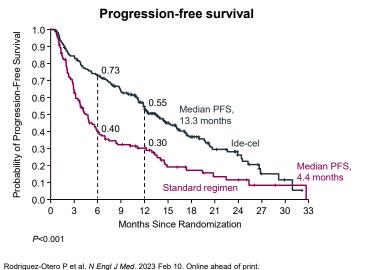
#### Abecma and Carvykti in Relapsed and Refractory Multiple Myeloma **Abecma** Carvykti **ORR 97.9%** 100 100 90 90 80 80 **ORR 73%** 70 70 Patients (%) 26 60 60 82.5 Average PFS 27-month PFS 50 50 9 months 55% 40 40 20 30 30 20 20 10 10 21 12.4 <del>-</del> 3 0 0 Ide-cel (n=128) Cilta-cel (n=97) ■PR ■VGPR ■CR or sCR and MRD NE ■CR or sCR and MRD-■PR ■VGPR ■sCR

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. J Clin Oncol. June 4, 2022 [Epub ahead of print].



# Abecma or Standard Regimens in Relapsed and Refractory Multiple Myeloma



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	Abecma (n=254)	Standard regimen (n=132)				
Overall response (%)*	71	42				
Complete response (%)	39	5				
Best overall response (%)						
Stringent complete response	35	5				
Complete response	3	1				
Very good partial response	22	10				
Partial response	11	27				
Minimal response	2	7				
Stable disease	12	36				
Progressive disease	9	8				
Median duration of response (mos)	14.8	9.7				

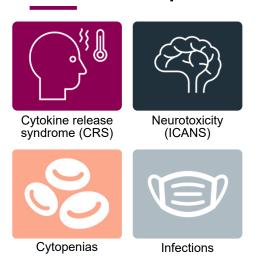
Treatment response

\*P<0.001

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#### Carvykti in Earlier Use of Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma Wk8 **CARTITUDE-4 Phase 3 Study** ■VGPR CR ■sCR 100 84.6% 90 Percentage of Patients Surviving 90 Relapsed/refractory myeloma Without Disease Progression 80 80 patients with 1-3 prior lines of Patients Responding (%) 67.3% 70 therapy and refractory to 70 Cilta-cel group 60 15.2 Revlimid 60 58.2 50 6.6 50 40 40 211 patients 208 patients 23.7 30 30 20 20 14.9 Bridging PVd Pomalyst + Standard-care group 10 218 10 8.2 Velcade + dex 0 (PVd) <u>or</u> Carvykti Arm Standard of 12 15 18 21 24 27 30 Darzalex + Pd Carvykti (DPd) Data from this trial was recently used to submit a Biologics STANDARD OF CARVYKTI License Application to the US Food and Drug Administration CARE ARM **ARM** for the earlier treatment of patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma. San-Miguel J et al. N Engl J Med. June 5, 2023 [Epub ahead of print].

## **CAR T: Expected Toxicities**

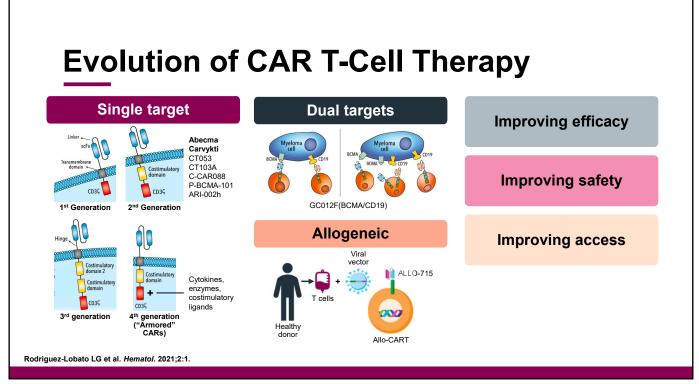


	CRS	ICANS
Onset	1–9 days after CAR T-cell infusion	2–9 days after CAR T-cell infusion
Duration	5–11 days	3–17 days
Symptoms	<ul> <li>Fever</li> <li>Difficulty breathing</li> <li>Dizziness</li> <li>Nausea</li> <li>Headache</li> <li>Rapid heartbeat</li> <li>Low blood pressure</li> </ul>	Headache     Confusion     Language disturbance     Seizures     Delirium     Cerebral edema
Management	Actemra (tocilizumab)     Corticosteroids     Supportive care	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

ICANS, immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome

Xiao X et al. J Exp Clin Cancer Res. 2021;40(1):367; Lee DW et al. Biol Blood Marrow Transplant. 2019;25:625; Shah N et al. J Immunother Cancer. 2020;8:e000734.



### **Bispecific Antibodies**

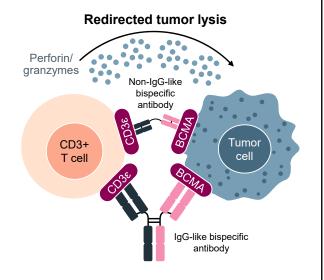
Bispecific antibodies are also referred to as dual-specific antibodies, bifunctional antibodies, or *T-cell engaging antibodies*.

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; three approved for use in myeloma!

Availability is off-the-shelf, allowing for immediate treatment.

Cohen A et al. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2020;26:1541. Singh A et al. *Br J Cancer*. 2021;124:1037.



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## Bispecific Antibodies Under Investigation

Bispecific antibody	Target (on MM cell × T cell)	Status	
Tecvayli (teclistamab)	BCMA × CD3	Approved for use in myeloma patients	
Elrexfio (elranatamab)	BCMA × CD3	Approved for use in myeloma patients	
Linvoseltamab	BCMA × CD3	Clinical studies	
Alnuctamab	BCMA × CD3	Clinical studies	
ABBV-383	BCMA × CD3	Clinical studies	
Talvey (talquetamab)	GPRC5D × CD3	Approved for use in myeloma patients	
Forimtamig (RG6234)	GPRC5D × CD3	Clinical studies	
Cevostamab	FcRH5 × CD3	Clinical studies	

#### **BCMA**

- Highly expressed only on the surface of plasma cells
- Myeloma patients have significantly higher serum BCMA levels than healthy individuals

#### **GPRC5D**

- Highly expressed on myeloma cells in the bone marrow
- · Lowly expressed on hair follicles but not on other healthy cells
- · Expression on myeloma cells is independent of BCMA

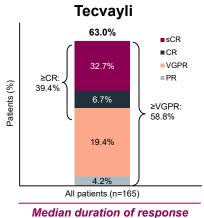
#### FcRH5

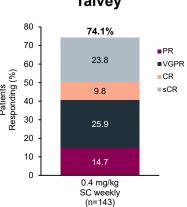
• Selectively expressed on B cells and plasma cells

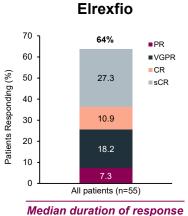
CD3: a T-cell receptor

GPRC5D, G protein-coupled receptor family C group 5 member D

### Now Approved: Three Bispecific **Antibodies!** Tecvayli **Talvey**







17.1 months

MajesTEC-1 Study. Moreau P et al. N Engl J Med. 2022;387:495. Chari A et al. N Engl J Med. 2022;387:2232. Schinke CD et al. J Clin Oncol. 2023;41. Abstract 8036.

18.4 months

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### **Expected Toxicities With T Cell—Activating** Therapies (CAR T and Bispecific Antibodies)



Cytokine release syndrome (CRS)







Cytopenias



Neurotoxicity (ICANS)

Off-target effects (with GPRC5D-targeted agents)



Cytokeratin changes/rash Dysgeusia

ICANS, immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome

### **GPRC5D-Associated Side Effects**

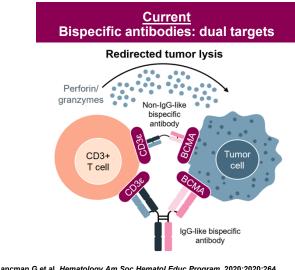
Affected		
area	Symptoms and effects	Management
Skin	Rash, skin peeling	Relatively benign, not painful, self-limiting, and manageable with emollients
Nails	Nail thinning and loss	Mostly aesthetic but take time to resolve
Oral	Difficulty swallowing, dry mouth, taste changes	Can lead to weight loss; have longer duration and can affect quality of life. Most successfully managed with dose modification. Supportive measures may be used (eg, NaCl mouth rinse, artificial saliva spray, diet modification)

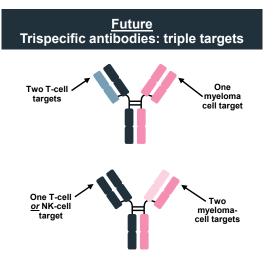
Myeloma patients respond well to treatment, and GPRC5D-associated side effects improve over time, becoming more tolerable; notable reduction in side effects is seen with dose modification

Catamero D et al. Clin Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk. 2023;23. Abstract NSP-03.

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## **Evolution of Bispecific Antibodies**





Lancman G et al. Hematology Am Soc Hematol Educ Program. 2020;2020:264.

### 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, patient, and caregivers and are based on many decision points.
- Combinations of proteasome inhibitors with either immunomodulatory drugs or selinexor improve PFS.
- We have three different monoclonal antibodies that improve PFS when added to other standard therapies without significantly increasing side effects.
- CAR T and bispecific antibodies are very active even in heavily pre-treated patients with unprecedented response rates and durations of response.

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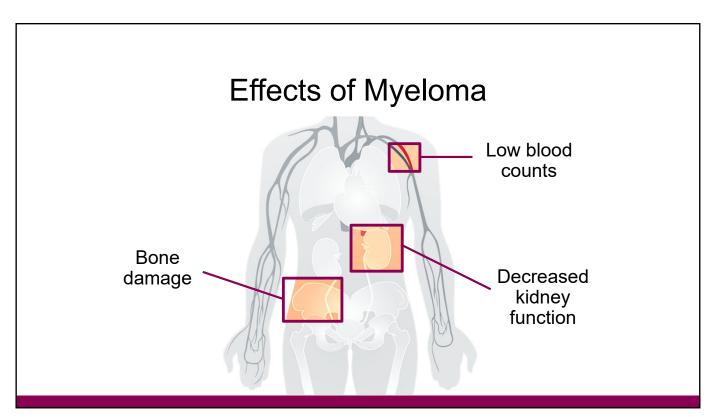
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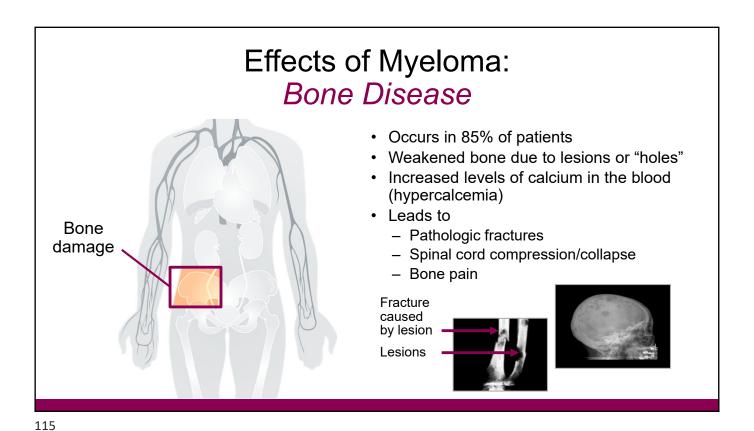


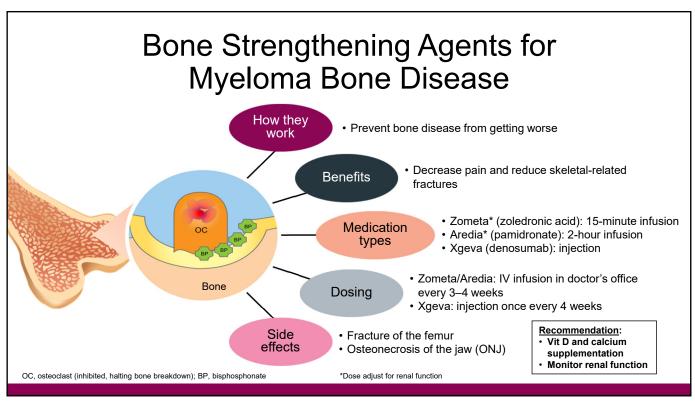
## **Supportive Care**

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## Recommendations for Reducing the Risk of ONJ and Infection

- Complete major dental work before beginning treatment for bone disease
- · Practice good oral hygiene
- Schedule regular dental visits/antibiotic prophylaxis
- Let your dentist know that you are receiving treatment for bone disease
- Keep your doctor informed of dental issues/need for dental work
- Be attentive! ONJ seems to be related to the length of time patients are on treatment for bone disease

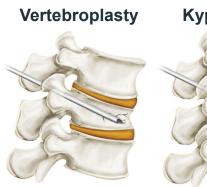


ONJ, osteonecrosis of the jaw

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# Orthopedic Procedures to Stabilize the Spine

- Minimally invasive procedures
- Can be performed without hospitalization
- Small incision
- · Cement filler stabilizes bone
- Potential for relatively rapid symptom relief (approximately 1 month with kyphoplasty)



Kyphoplasty



### Radiation Therapy for Pain Management

#### Purpose

- Destroy myeloma cells and stop further bone destruction
- Pain control

#### Limitations

Targeted and localized therapy

#### Risks

· Can affect bone marrow function



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## Pain Management Medications

## Acetaminophen (Tylenol)

Will not hurt your kidneys; high dosage can hurt your liver

#### NSAIDs (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs)

Prefer to avoid with multiple myeloma due to increased risk of kidney injury

#### Opioids

Will not hurt kidneys, liver, stomach; potential for constipation, sedation, confusion, dependence, addiction

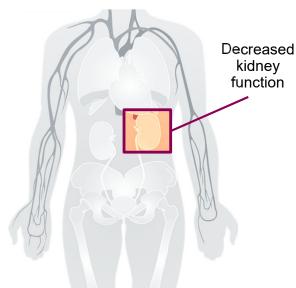
## Corticosteroids (dexamethasone, prednisone)

Will not hurt kidneys; can raise blood sugar; short- and long-term effects

#### GABA analogues (gabapentin and Lyrica)

Potential for drowsiness and dizziness

## Effects of Myeloma: Decreased Kidney Function

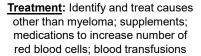


- Detection
  - Decreased amount of urine
  - Increase in creatinine and other proteins
- Other causes beside myeloma
  - Hypertension
  - Diabetes
  - Some medications
- Treatment
  - Fluids
  - Avoid nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as Aleve, Advil/Motrin
  - Plasmapheresis
  - Treat other causes
  - Dialysis (severe)

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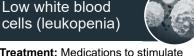
### Effects of Myeloma: Low Blood Counts

- Symptoms
  - Fatigue; weakness; difficulty breathing; rapid heartbeat; dizziness
- · Other causes
  - Low levels of iron, folate, and vitamin B12
- Low red blood cells (anemia)



- Symptoms
  - Fatigue; frequent infections
  - Other causes
  - Radiotherapy
  - Infection

Low white blood



Treatment: Medications to stimulate production of white blood cells; antibiotics; antifungal medications; infection prevention

- Symptoms
  - Easy or excessive bruising; superficial bleeding into the skin; prolonged bleeding from cuts; bleeding from the gums or nose; blood in urine or stool
- · Other causes
- · Viral infection; immune thrombocytopenia; medications

Low platelets (thrombocytopenia)



**Treatment:** Identify and treat causes other than myeloma; platelet transfusion; hold anticoagulation

## 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)
- 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 myeloma or its treatments

Central nervous system



- · Cardiovascular side effects (including high blood pressure or congestive heart failure) can occur with some myeloma drugs
- · Commonly used myeloma drugs may cause a variety of gastrointestinal problems, such as constipation, diarrhea, and nausea/vomiting

Cardiovascular



Gastrointestinal



Blood

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## Class: Immunomodulatory Drugs Side Effects and Management

#### Revlimid\*

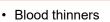


- · Potential for blood clots
- Reduced blood counts
- Rash
- Fatigue
- Muscle pain or muscle cramping
- Diarrhea
- · Small chance of second new cancers when given with melphalan

#### Pomalyst\*

- · Fatigue and weakness Reduced blood counts
- GI effects
- Shortness of breath
- Upper respiratory infection
- · Back pain
- Fever
- · Blood clots
- · Mental fogginess

#### Management



- Tonic water/increased fluid intake for cramps
- GI toxicity: avoid dairy; fibers (Metamucil); Imodium; colestipol; cholestyramine; dose reduction
- · Sleep hygiene, regular exercise, dose reduction for fatigue

\*Black box warning. GI, gastrointestinal



# Class: Proteasome Inhibitors Side Effects and Management

#### Velcade

- PN (numbness, tingling, burning sensations and/or pain due to nerve damage)
- · Low platelets
- GI problems: nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, loss of appetite
- Fatigue
- Rash

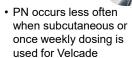
#### **Kyprolis**

- Fatigue
- Anemia
- Nausea
- Low platelets
- · Shortness of breath
- Diarrhea
- Fever
- Hypertension
- Cardiac toxicity

#### **Ninlaro**

- Diarrhea
- Constipation
- · Low platelets
- PN
- Nausea
- · Peripheral edema
- Vomiting
- · Back pain

#### Management



- · Other interventions
  - Vitamins and other supplements\*
  - Certain medications such as gabapentin, pregabalin, duloxetine, opioids
  - Acupuncture
  - Physical therapy
- · Shingles-prevention pills
- Blood thinners

\*Do not take any supplements without consulting with your doctor. PN, peripheral neuropathy; GI, gastrointestinal

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## Class: Monoclonal Antibodies Side Effects and Management

#### **Empliciti**

- · Low blood counts
- · Infusion reactions

#### Darzalex\*/ Sarclisa

- Infusion reactions
- Fatigue
- Upper respiratory tract infection

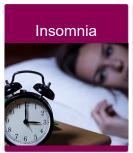
\*Now approved as subcutaneous injection with fewer side effects.

#### Management

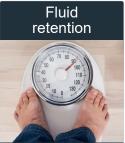
- Premedication in anticipation of infusion reactions
- Post-infusion medications (Darzalex)



### Side Effects of Steroids (Dexamethasone)



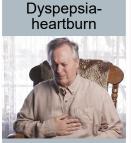
- · Healthy sleep habits
- Timing
- Medication to assist with sleeping as needed



- 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

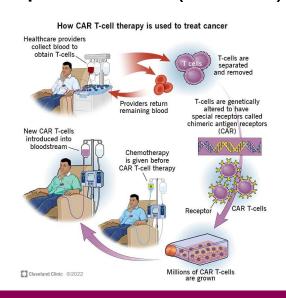


 Monitor glucose and refer/treat as needed

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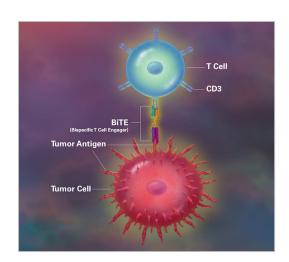
## Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cell (CAR T)

- Cytokine release syndrome (CRS)
- Neurotoxicity/ICANS
- · Low blood counts
- Infection risk



# Bispecific Antibodies: New Drug Class in Multiple Myeloma

- Cytokine release syndrome (CRS)
- Neurotoxicity/ICANS
- · Infection risk
- GPRC5D target: oral, skin, nail toxicities
- Interventions
  - Step-up dosing
  - Premedications and prophylactic medications
  - Acetaminophen, tocilizumab, dexamethasone
  - Supportive care (oral, skin, and nail care)
  - Patient wallet card



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### Bispecific Antibody Therapies: Risk of Infections

- Both viral and bacterial
  - Up to ⅓ of patients in clinical trials have serious infections (requiring IV antibodies or hospitalization)
  - Oral prophylactic antimicrobials; IVIG
- Increased risk of serious COVID complications despite history of vaccination
  - Immediate treatment with nirmatrelvir with ritonavir (Paxlovid) or alternative for patients with severe renal impairment
    - o Start as soon as possible; must begin within 5 days of when symptoms start

### Infection Prevention

Avoid crowds

Ensure handwashing, hygiene

Growth factors

IVIG for hypogammaglobulinemia

Immunizations (no live vaccines)

COVID-19 prevention

Zoster and PJP prophylaxis

Consider CMV monitoring

IVIG, intravenous immunoglobulin; PJP, *Pneumocystis jirovecii* pneumonia; CMV, cytomegalovirus

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# Symptom Management: Constipation vs. Diarrhea

#### Constipation

- · Stimulants:
  - Senna/sennoside (Senokot)
  - Bisacodyl (Dulcolax)
- Osmotics: gentle, pulls water into the intestine
  - Lactulose
  - Miralax
- Bulking agents
  - Soluble fiber: psyllium (Metamucil)
- Dried prunes, prune juice

#### Diarrhea

- Loperamide (Imodium)
- Diphenoxylate/atropine (Lomotil)
- Cholestyramine (Questran, Prevalite)
- · Tincture of opium
- BRAT diet

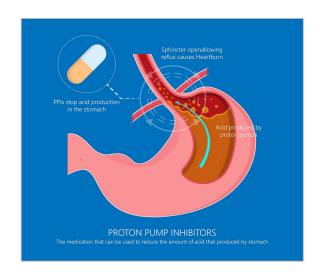


### Symptom Management: Acid Reflux/Heartburn

- Our stomachs make a powerful acid (hydrochloric acid) to digest food
- Hydrochloric acid can also digest our stomach lining, which leads to gastritis and ulcers

#### A few ways to treat

- Decrease the amount of acid the stomach is making
  - a) Famotidine (Pepcid)
  - b) Prilosec, Prevacid, Protonix, Nexium
- Absorb excess acid: Tums, Maalox, Mylanta
- 3. Coat stomach: Carafate
- 4. Lifestyle and dietary changes



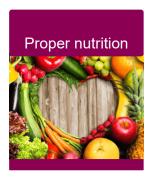
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### Symptom Management: Insomnia

- Causes: anxiety, stress, meds dexamethasone
- Sleep hygiene
  - Routine: go to bed, wake up at routine times
  - Exercise
  - No TV or screens when trying to sleep
  - Relaxation training; meditation, yoga, Reiki, breathing exercises
  - Counseling support
- Medications: useful but with potential side effects
  - Lorazepam (Ativan)
  - Zolpidem (Ambien)
  - Trazodone
  - Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)



## **Daily Living**









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## Taking Care of Yourself



Talk to your provider about side effects... there is usually a way to make treatment tolerable.



Pay attention to your own needs and don't be afraid to ask for help.



Learn more about multiple myeloma.



Look for the positive.



## Patient Experience

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## Multiple Myeloma Precursor Conditions

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## The Multiple Myeloma Disease Spectrum

Almost all patients diagnosed with multiple myeloma have had a preceding phase of disease that is characterized by changes in the bone marrow.

Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)

Smoldering multiple myeloma (SMM) High-risk SMM

Multiple myeloma

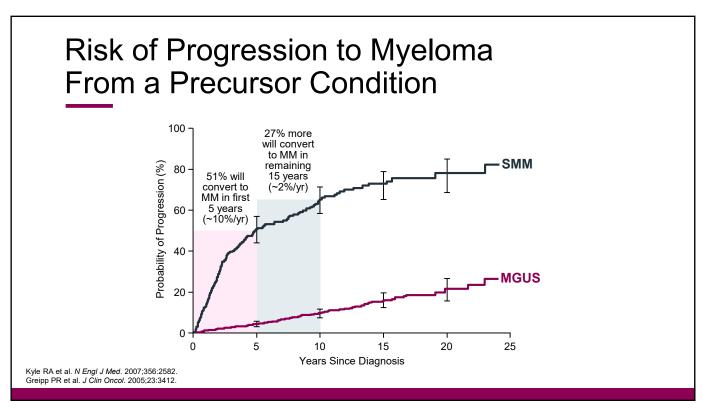
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## Blood, Urine, Bone Marrow, and Imaging Tests Used to Identify MGUS, SMM, or Active Multiple Myeloma

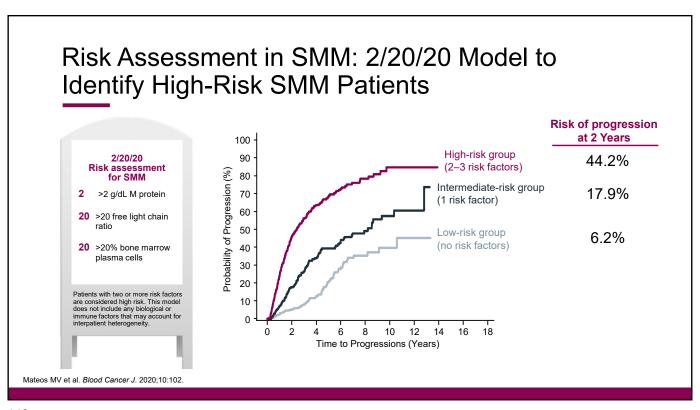
	MGUS	SMM	Active MM
M protein	<3 g/dL in blood	≥3 g/dL in blood <u>or</u> ≥500 mg/24 hrs in urine	≥3 g/dL in blood <u>or</u> ≥500 mg/24 hrs in urine
Plasma cells in bone marrow	<10%	≥10%–60%	≥60%
Clinical features	No myeloma- defining events*	No myeloma- defining events*	≥1 myeloma-defining event*, including either: • ≥1 CRAB feature  or • ≥1 SLiM feature

<sup>\*</sup>CRAB, calcium elevation, renal insufficiency, anemia, bone disease; SLiM, >60% plasma cells in bone marrow, free light chain involved to uninvolved ratio >100, >1 focal lesion on MRI

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







## Personalized Progression Prediction in Patients With MGUS or SMM (PANGEA)

A new model to assess risk of progression using accessible, time-varying biomarkers

Biomarkers tested include monoclonal protein concentration, free light chain ratio, age, creatinine concentration, and bone marrow plasma cell percentage + hemoglobin trajectories.

Improves prediction of progression from SMM to multiple myeloma compared with the 20/2/20 model

Cowan A et al. Lancet Haematol. 2023;10:e203

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Can we identify everyone who has a precursor condition?

#### Studies Focusing on Myeloma Precursor Conditions

#### Large ongoing precursor studies

#### **Iceland**



Focus: role of population screening

#### **United States and Canada**



Focus: racial disparities and familial aggregation

#### **United States**

TRANSFORMM study

Focus: genomic markers of progression

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#### Prevalence of MGUS and SMM

#### iStopMM Study

148,704 individuals 40 years of age or older in Iceland enrolled

75,422 screened for M protein and abnormal free light chain

3,358 individuals with MGUS

#### SMM<sup>1</sup>

- SMM prevalence is 0.53% in individuals 40 years or older
- One third of SMM patients have an intermediate or high risk\* of progression to myeloma

#### **Key Observations**

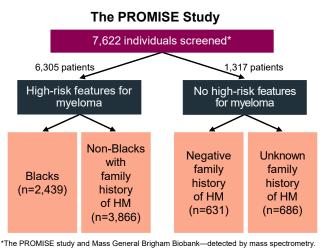
#### MGUS<sup>2-4</sup>

- 3.9% of individuals screened have MGUS (5% in individuals over 50 years of age)
- MGUS subtypes: 57% IgG; 21% IgM; 12% IgA. IgA prevalence rises slowly with age and plateaus after age 70.
- Risk categories\*: 43% low; 40.4% low-intermediate; 16.3% high-intermediate; and 0.3% high.
- No evidence of MGUS progression following SARS-CoV-2 vaccination
- A prediction model created to identify patients with MGUS that have ≥10% bone marrow plasma cells to help clinicians determine which of their MGUS patients may defer a bone marrow biopsy.

\*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.

1. Thorsteinsdottir S et al. Blood. 2021;138. Abstract 151. 2. Love TJ et al. Blood. 2022;140. Abstract 103. 3. Palmason R et al. Blood. 2022;140. Abstract 105. 4. Eythorsson E et al. Blood. 2022;140. Abstract 107.

#### 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.

HM, hematologic malignancy

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

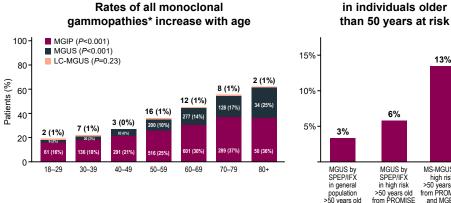
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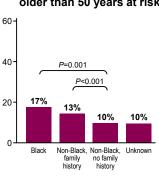
MGUS more prevalent

13%

high risk >50 years old from PROMISE



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



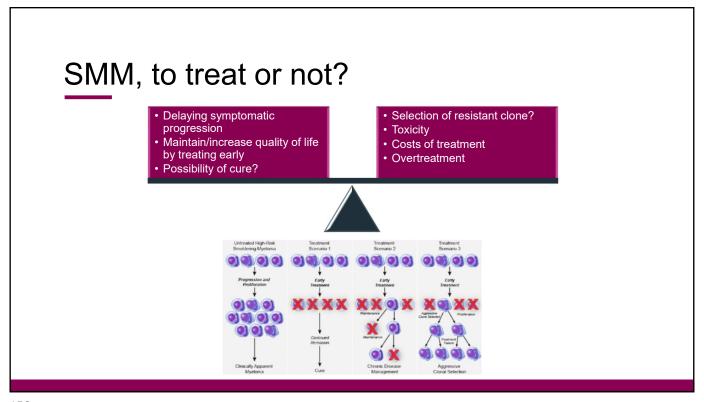
\*Free light chains detected by mass spectrometry.

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

# Preventing Evolution of Gammopathies to Prevent Myeloma Antigen-mediated regulation in monoclonal gammopathy Lifestyle Microbial/environmental triggers? Microbial/environmental triggers? Plasma cell Interpretation of Gammopathy Microbial/environmental triggers? Monoclonal expansion Nair S et al. JCl Insight. 2018;3:e98259.

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# Overview of Current Treatment Approach MGUS SMM Close monitoring (observation) Close wonitoring (observation)

Clinical trial participation should be considered

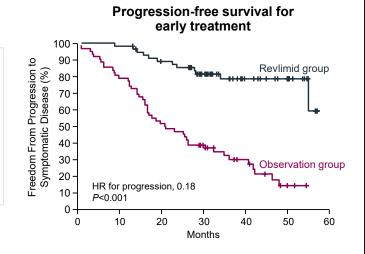
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#### Early Therapeutic Intervention

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

María-Victoria Mateos, M.D., Ph.D., Miguel-Teodoro Hernández, M.D., 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 Olavarría, M.D., Ph.D., Nuria Quintana, M.D., José-Luis García, M.D., Joan Bladé, M.D., Ph.D., Juan-José Lahuerta, M.D., Ph.D., and Jesús-F. San Miguel, M.D., Ph.D.



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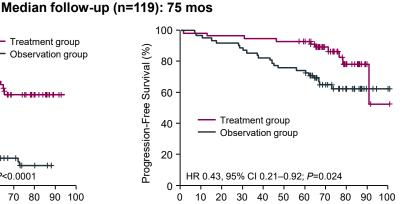
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#### QuiRedex Phase 3 Trial Len-dex vs No Treatment in High-Risk SMM

#### 100 Treatment group Observation group 80 60 40

40 50 60 70 80 90 100

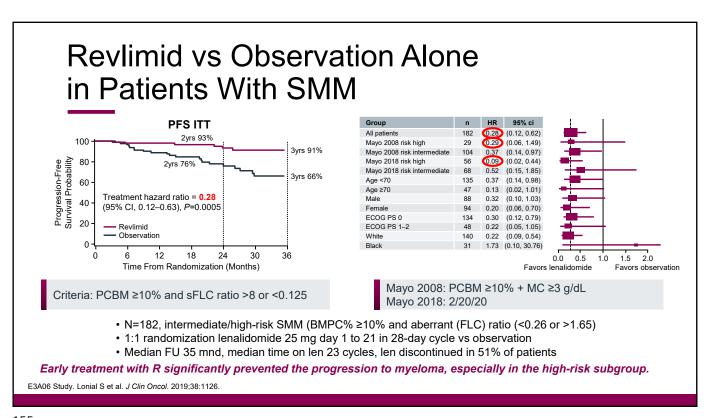
HR 0.24, 95% CI 0.14-0.41; P<0.0001

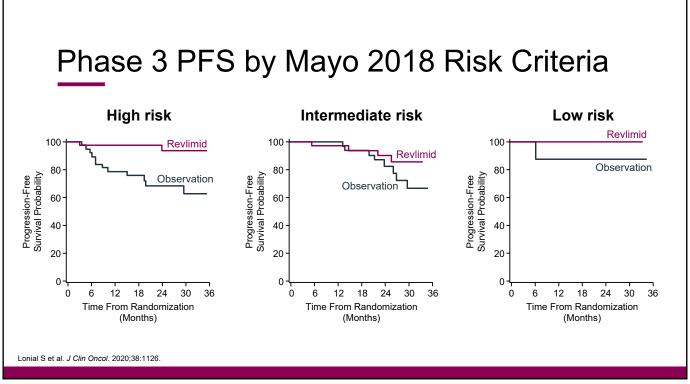


Early treatment with Rd significantly delayed the TTP to myeloma with a benefit in OS

Mateos MV et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2013. Mateos MV et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2016.

Progression-Free Survival (%)



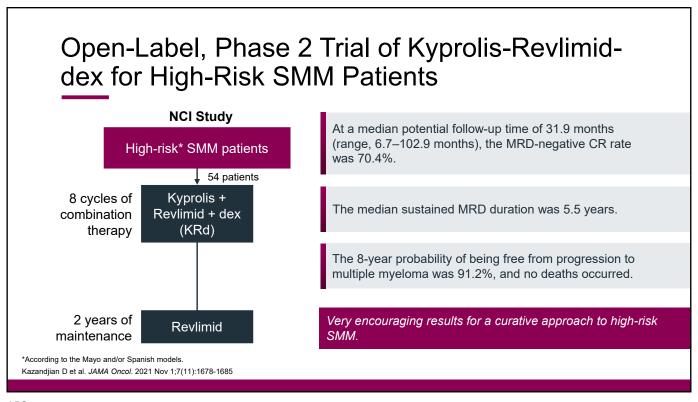


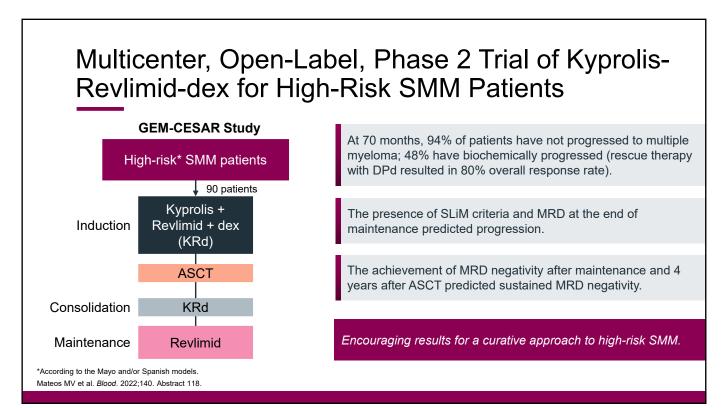
#### Phase 2 Trial of Darzalex for Intermediate- and **High-Risk SMM Patients** Intermediate **CENTAURUS Study** Short Long Median PFS including Not 74.1 84.4 Intermediate- and highextension (months) reached risk smoldering multiple 84-month OS rate (%) 88 1 89 5 81.3 myeloma patients Overall response rate (%) 37.5 53.7 58.5 ≥VGPR 20.0 24.4 29.3 R Median duration of response Not 72 7 83.4 (months) reached Grade 3/4 adverse events (%) 15.0 41.5 65.9 41 patients 41 patients 41 patients 5.0 24 122 ≥1 reasonably related to D Short Discontinued treatment due to 5.0 2.4 7.3 D once a week D once a week for D once a week for 1 cycle then adverse events (%) for 1 cycle 1 cycle then every every other week for 2 cycles other month for 19 ≥1 reasonably related to D 25 0 24 then every month for 4 cycles cycles + optional then every other month for 13 extension cycles + optional extension

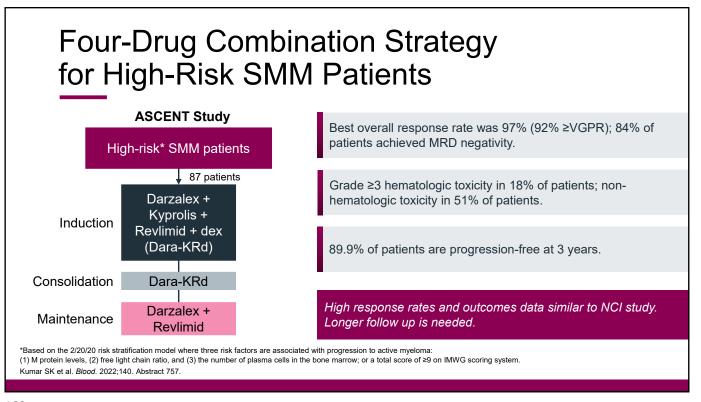
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Median follow-up ~7 years

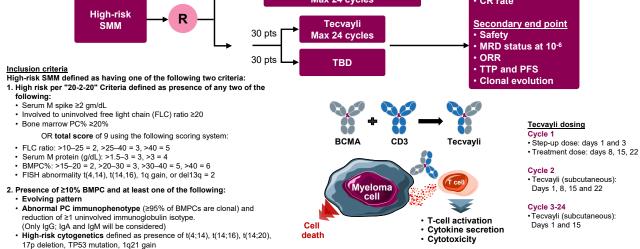
Landgren O et al. *Leukemia*. 2020;34:1840. Landgren CO et al. *Blood*. 2023. Abstract 210.







Immuno-PRISM (PRecision Intervention Smoldering Myeloma): A Randomized Phase 2 Platform Study of Select Immunotherapies for High-Risk Smoldering Myeloma (DFCI 22-154) Revlimid and dexamethasone Primary end point 15 pts Max 24 cycles High-risk Tecvayli SMM Secondary end point 30 pts Max 24 cycles Safety MRD status at 10-6 **ORR** 30 pts TBD TTP and PFS



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#### Is the malignant evolution in myeloma more like solid tumors and real estate? Location, location, location! Spatial regulation of immune infiltration and tumor growth in malignant transformation **MGUS** MM Immune exclusion Local +? systemic Clustered myeloid alterations growth Ports of entry Effector T cells Aq-specific T cells/ target recognition cDC1 Macrophages Agonistic signaling Tumors In-situ antigen (cross) presentation TCF1+ T cell Robinson, Villa ... Dhodapkar. Under review

#### Summary

- Precursor plasma cell disorders are characterized by the presence of abnormal clonal plasma cells without any end organ damage.
- MGUS is a common condition; prevalence increases with age.
- There is variable risk of progression from MGUS and SMM to overt myeloma; clinical risk models associated with risk of progression. We are still lacking molecular markers.
- Screening efforts are under way.
- Single arm study data show benefit with early intervention.
- Patients with high-risk 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. To identify molecular markers of progression vs stable disease.

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#### Clinical Studies

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#### Goal of Clinical Studies: 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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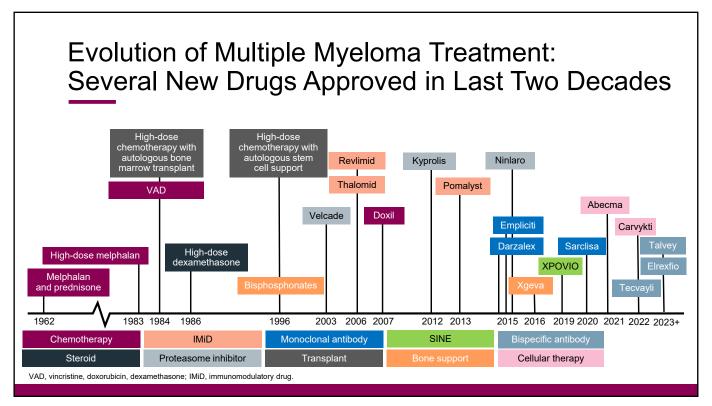
# Impact of Clinical Trials in Myeloma: Dramatic Improvements in Survival

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

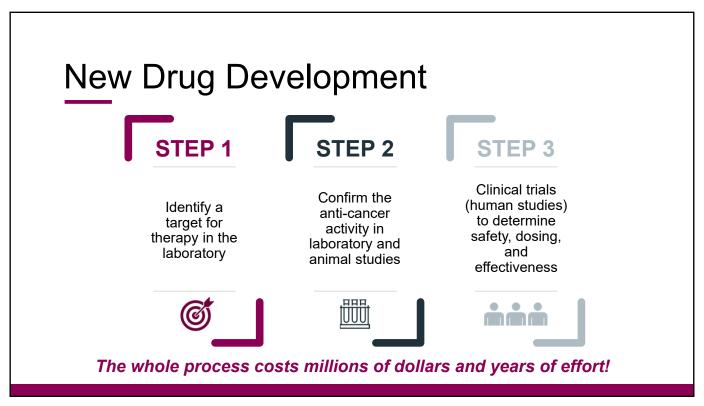
Many new drugs approved since 2003.

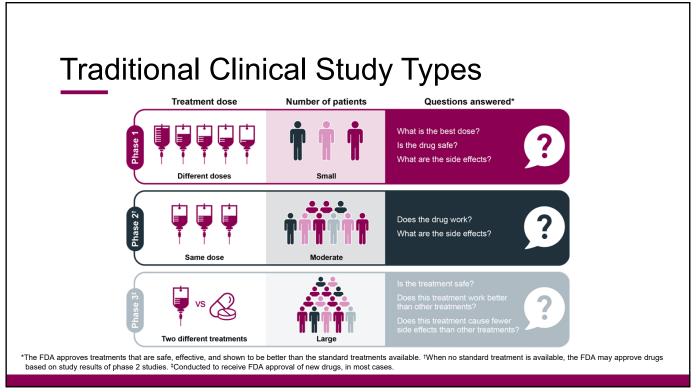
Many new drugs being studied in clinical trials.

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









#### Recent Agents Receiving Initial Accelerated vs Full Approval in Myeloma

Steroids	Conventional Chemotherapy	Immunomodulatory Drugs	Proteasome Inhibitors	HDAC Inhibitor	lmmunologic Approaches	XPO Inhibitor
Prednisone	Melphalan	Thalomid (thalidomide)	Velcade (bortezomib)	Farydak (panobinostat)	Darzalex (daratumumab; anti-CD38)	Xpovio (selinexor)
Dexamethasone	Pepaxto (melflufen)	Revlimid (lenalidomide)	Kyprolis (carfilzomib; low/high dose)		Sarclisa (isatuximab; anti-CD38)	
	Cyclophosphamide	Pomalyst (pomalidomide)	Ninlaro (ixazomib)		Empliciti (elotuzumab; anti-CS1)	
	Doxil (liposomal doxorubicin)				Blenrep (belantamab mafodotin; anti-BCMA + MMAF)	
	DCEP/D-PACE				Tecvayli (teclistamab; anti-BCMA × CD3 bispecific)	
	Carmustine				Abecma (idecabtagene vicleucel: anti-BCMA CART)	
	Bendamustine				Carvykti (ciltacabtagene autoleucel; anti-BCMA CART)	

- In the U.S., after Investigational New Drug Application (IND) filed, accelerated approval for life-threatening conditions for which no other drug treatment exists (ie, refractory or intolerant to all available agents)
  - Can be based on surrogate endpoints eg, ORR but requires subsequent confirmatory, randomized controlled trial (RCT)
- · In contrast, full approval requires RCTs with PFS as end point

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# Three Drugs Withdrawn From US Market What happened?

All drugs were granted accelerated approval by the FDA, which requires further clinical studies to verify a drug's clinical benefit.

Withdrawn 2021

#### Withdrawn 2022\*

#### Farydak (panobinostat)

 The required clinical studies were not completed within the FDA-specified time frame

#### Pepaxto (melflufen)

- The phase 3 OCEAN study compared Pepaxto-dex with Pomalyst-dex in patients with relapsed/refractory myeloma
  - OS with Pepaxto-dex was not improved vs Pomalyst-dex, which didn't pass the regulatory hurdles to confirm the accelerated approval in the U.S.

#### NEAN study common d Dancyte d

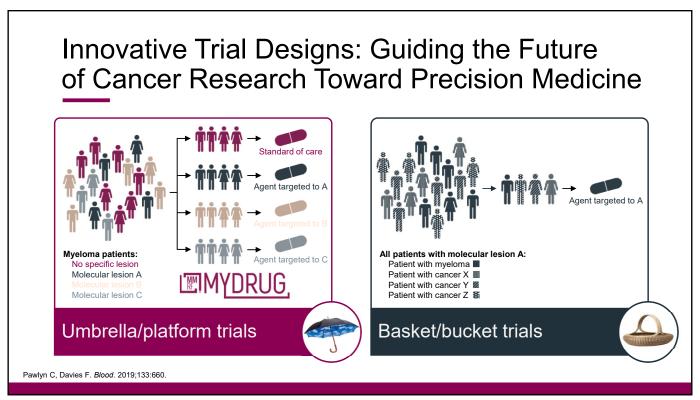
OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival
\*Marketing of Blenrep continues in other countries where it has been approved.

#### Blenrep (belantamab mafodotin)

- Results from the phase 3 DREAMM-3 study that compared Blenrep with Pomalyst-dex in patients with relapsed/refractory myeloma after at least two prior lines of therapy showed that PFS with Blenrep was not improved vs Pomalyst-dex
- The DREAMM clinical study program is continuing as a path forward for approval with two ongoing phase 3 studies (DREAMM-7 and DREAMM-8) testing Blenrep in combinations in an earlier treatment setting for patients who have tried at least one prior line of therapy
  - Results are anticipated in the first half of 2023



#### Innovative Study Design

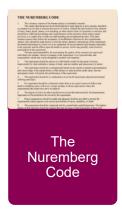


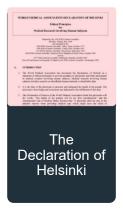


#### Participation in a Clinical Study

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#### Will I be treated like a guinea pig?









Three influential documents -

#### **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 the MMRF Patient Navigator Center at 1-888-841-6673
  - 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



#### **Key Points**

- Myeloma survival rates have nearly doubled; further improvements are expected.
- Many 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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#### Personalized Medicine

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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?

Personalized medicine

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#### Treatment of Multiple Myeloma

#### Where are we now?

- Standard induction with proteasome inhibitors and IMiDs, consolidation with ASCT, and maintenance therapy have benefited the majority of multiple myeloma patients
- A subset of myeloma patients still have poor outcome with standard therapy
- Personalized medicine approaches needed to address high-risk patients

#### What We Need

- Evolving definitions of high-risk, beyond historic markers such as translocation 4;14, deletion of chromosome 17p
- Advanced molecular diagnostics are key to revealing individual targets and therapies
- Immunotherapies are emerging as promising new weapons in the fight against multiple myeloma

IMiDs, immunomodulatory drugs; ASCT, autologous stem cell transplantation

# An Example of the Importance of Personalized Medicine

	CoMMpassMMRF2172	CoMMpassMMRF2250
Age	72	71
Ethnicity	Caucasian	Caucasian
ISS stage	II	II
Baseline treatment	VRD	VRD
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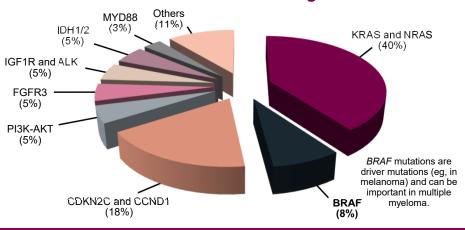
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Other Genetic Events	1q21, del17p + TP53 mut	No 1q21, No 17p or TP53 mut

#### Actionable Alterations in MM



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



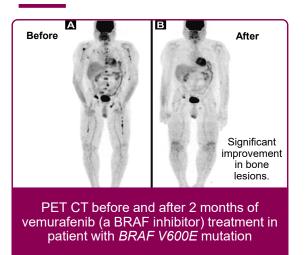
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# Personalized Medicine Agents Under Clinical Investigation

	Novel agents
Clinical phase	Personalized medicine
Phase 3	Venetoclax*
Phase 1, 2	Abemaciclib* Cobimetinib* Dabrafenib Enasidenib Erdafitinib* Idasanutlin Trametinib Vemurafenib

\*Being studied in the MyDRUG trial

#### **BRAF** and MEK



- · 12 patients treated with
  - BRAFTOVI (encorafenib)
  - MEKTOVI (binimetinib)
- 83% of patients responded to treatment
- Common side effects included blurred vision, macular edema, cramps, arthralgia, diarrhea, rash, and decreased left ventricular function
- Serious side effects included low blood counts and hypertension

A phase 2 study evaluating combined BRAF and MEK inhibition in relapsed/ refractory multiple myeloma patients with activating *BRAF V600E* mutations

GMMG-Birma Trial. Raab MS et al. Blood. 2020;136. Abstract 294.

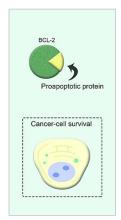
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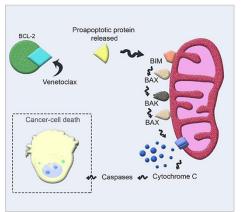
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#### Venetoclax and t(11;14)

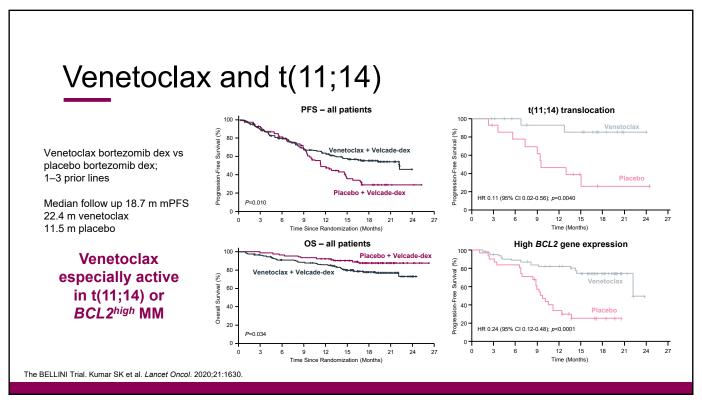
#### Venetoclax is a Bcl-2 inhibitor

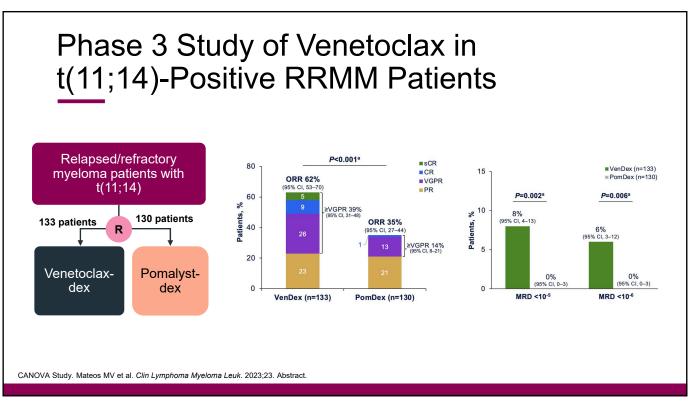
- BCL2 inhibitor
- · Induces cancer cell death
- t(11;14) multiple myeloma →
   ↑BCL2 and ↓MCL1
- t(11;14): first predictive marker in multiple myeloma, indicating susceptibility to BCL2 inhibition

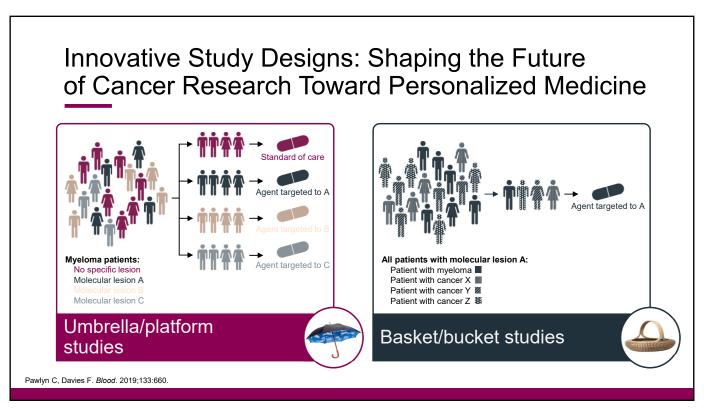


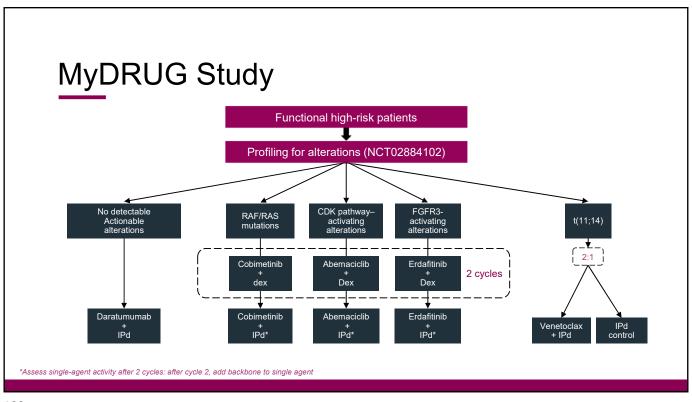


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# Precision Medicine in Myeloma: MyDRUG (NCT03732703)

Case study: Man, age 59

Treatments

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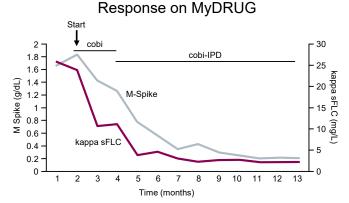
- VRd/KRd induction, ASCT, Rev maintenance
- · Best response: CR
- Progressed in 30 months (22 months post-ASCT/maint.)

#### 2nd Line

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

#### 3rd Line

MyDRUG



#### Genomics

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

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#### The Road Ahead

- Comprehensive translational and clinical research to find the best combinations of targeted and immune therapies for each group of myeloma patient
- Deliver on the promise of personalized medicine for every patient



#### Personalized 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.
- Participation in clinical studies to provide bone marrow and peripheral blood is paramount.
- Personalized medicine provides the right treatment at the right time for each myeloma patient.

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**Questions & Answers** 



Thank you!



#### Resources

- Resource tab includes
  - Speaker bios
  - Glossary
  - Copy of the slide presentation
  - Exhibit Hall

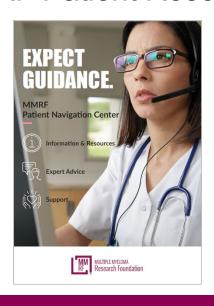
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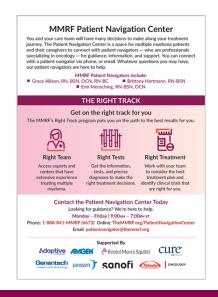
### Upcoming Patient Education Events Save the Date

Program	Date and Time (ET)	Speakers
Health Equities in Multiple Myeloma Livestream	Wednesday, January 24, 2024 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Craig Emmitt Cole, MD Amy E. Pierre, RN, MSN, ANP-BC
Bispecific Antibodies in Multiple Myeloma Webinar	Wednesday, February 14, 2024 2:00 Рм – 3:00 Рм	Noa Biran, MD Gurbakhash Kaur, MD

For more information or to register, visit https://themmrf.org/educational-resources

#### **MMRF** Patient Resources





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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.

#### Join the MMRF Community!

#### National Walk/Run Program



Atlanta | 10.26.24 Boston | 10.12.24 Chicago | 9.8.24 Dallas | 11.16.24 Houston | 11.23.24 Los Angeles | 8.17.24 National Virtual | 12.14.24

Philadelphia | 10.19.24 San Francisco | 8.24.24 Scottsdale | 12.7.24 Southeast Michigan | TBD Tampa | TBD Twin Cities | 9.14.24 Washington D.C. | 9.28.24



New York City | 10.5.24



#### **Other MMRF Event Programs**



Moving Mountains for Multiple Myeloma



Half and Full Marathons



Bike/Road to Victories



Create Your Own Fundraiser



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#### Need help with travel to a clinical study?

- The MMRF has partnered with the Lazarex Cancer Foundation to help provide more equitable access to clinical studies for multiple myeloma patients
- This partnership is one facet of the MMRF's commitment to improve diversity and representation in myeloma clinical trials
- MMRF has provided \$100,000 over 2 years to Lazarex to fund travel, lodging, and food for patients (and a travel companion) so that they can participate in clinical studies that are appropriate for them
- Patients are funded according to income guidelines and will be reimbursed for allowed expenses
- For more information on this program and to be connected with Lazarex, call our Patient Navigation Center at 1-888-841-6673

