

# **Opening Remarks**

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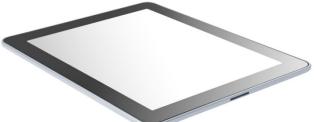






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# **Program Faculty**



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# Objectives

- Increase your understanding of lab tests and what the results mean
- Know the standard treatment options available for your stage of the myeloma journey
- Make more-informed treatment decisions to better manage your myeloma
- Discuss with your care team whether a clinical trial is a good option for you
- Be aware of and utilize resources provided by the MMRF and other reputable sources

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# Summit Agenda

Time (ET)	Topic	Speakers
5:00 - 5:15 PM	Introduction to MMRF	Anne Quinn Young, MPH
5:15 – 5:30 PM	Welcome	Melissa Alsina, MD Rachid Baz, MD
5:30 - 5:45 PM	Treatment for Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma	Melissa Alsina, MD
5:45 - 6:00 PM	Treatment for Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma: Early Relapse	Rachid Baz, MD
6:00 - 6:20 PM	Town Hall Q&A	Speaker panel
6:20 - 6:35 PM	Break	
6:35 – 6:50 PM	Treatment for Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma: Late Relapse	Ivan Borrello, MD
6:50 - 7:05 PM	Managing Symptoms and Side Effects	Kenneth Shain, MD, PhD
7:05 – 7:25 PM	Town Hall Q&A	Speaker panel
7:25 – 7:40 PM	Patient journey	Lucy Rebelo
7:40 – 7:45 PM	Closing Remarks	Veronica Bohorquez-Medd, MA



# MMRF Introduction

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## Framework for Our 5-Year Strategic Plan

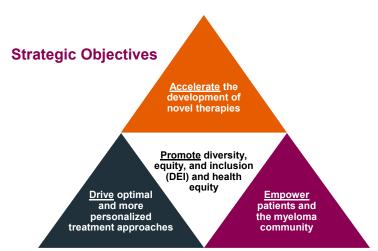
Our 5-year strategic plan is anchored by three strategic objectives, with a centralized focus on DEI and health equity.

#### **Our Vision**

A world free of multiple myeloma

#### **Our Mission**

To accelerate a cure for each and every multiple myeloma patient



# Unprecedented results

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We've helped bring 15 different multiple myeloma drugs into the market. 80+

We've opened over **80 clinical trials.** 

10+

Our work and collaboration has helped patient survival rates increase from 3 years to 10.

90%

90% of our expenses go to research and related programming.



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## **Accelerating New Therapies**

The MMRF is committed to acting with urgency to ensure that patients always have effective treatments available when they need them.



# Investing in companies with early-stage assets

Investing capital in small private and midsize public companies with promising early-stage assets through the Myeloma Investment Fund.



# Advancing new clinical programs and speeding trials

Providing funding and infrastructure to speed trials of novel agents and combinations through our clinical network of 13 sites—the Multiple Myeloma Research Consortium; sponsor multiarm platform studies in specific patient populations with unmet need (for example, Horizon). **Horizon 1 is now open!** 

## **Driving Personalized Treatment Approaches**

The MMRF continues to lead in the creation, sharing, and analysis of large data sets, as well as in catalyzing collaborative research to answer critical questions and drive precision medicine approaches.



# Spearheading targeted, collaborative initiatives

Deploying resources and funding to catalyze collaborative, multiomic research focused in areas of high unmet need and generating hypotheses for clinical exploration (for example, TRU and MAC).



#### Analyzing and sharing MMRFgenerated large data sets

Building data sets and making all MMRF-generated and/or supported data available to researchers and driving analysis to inform new hypotheses and more personalized treatment approaches (Virtual Lab).

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## **Empowering and Activating the Community**

The MMRF is committed to ensuring that the entire myeloma community has the information, resources, and tools to increase survival and improve the quality of life of every myeloma patient, on the path to a cure.



# Delivering best-in-class hub for support and education

Providing high-quality education to patients, caregivers, and healthcare providers, with a strong focus on addressing the needs of traditionally underserved patients.



# Supporting the careers of BIPOC researchers and clinicians

Creating a fellowship program and supporting other initiatives to increase the number of BIPOC (especially Black) researchers and clinicians in the myeloma field.



Welcome!

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# Question

Are you a...

- 1. Patient
- 2. Caregiver (family member or friend who helps patient manage his or her disease)
- 3. Other



## Question

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

- 1. Newly diagnosed
- 2. Relapsed/refractory
- 3. Remission: still on therapy
- 4. Remission: not on therapy
- 5. MGUS or smoldering myeloma not currently requiring treatment
- 6. Other
- 7. I don't know.

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## Question

Have you had a stem cell transplant?

- 1. No, but I will soon!
- 2. No, but I am considering one (or my doctor is discussing with me).
- 3. No, my doctor tells me I am not a candidate.
- 4. Yes
- 5. Not applicable



## Question

Do you know if you had any molecular characterization performed on your bone marrow biopsy sample, such as FISH, cytogenetics, or DNA sequencing?

- 1. No
- 2. Yes, I had FISH.
- 3. Yes, I had cytogenetics.
- 4. Yes, I had sequencing.
- 5. Yes, I had more than one of these tests performed.
- 6. I don't know.

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## Question

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

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. I don't know.



# Treatment for Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma

Melissa Alsina, MD

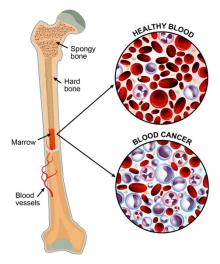
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# **Objectives**

At the conclusion of this presentation, you should be better able to:

- Know the first steps to take after receiving a myeloma diagnosis
- Understand the routine lab and imaging tests used to diagnose, assess and monitor your myeloma
- Know the standard of care treatments for newly diagnosed multiple myeloma
- Access information that will support an informed decision about treatment selection

# Multiple Myeloma Affects Your Bones, Blood, and Kidneys



#### 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 does it affect the body?



Large amounts of M protein can overwork or damage the kidneys.

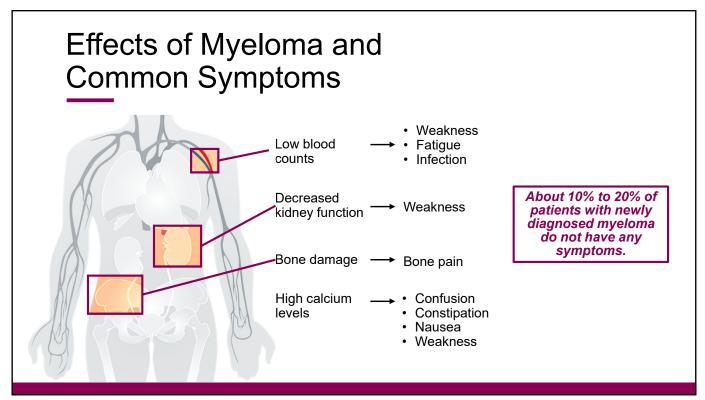


Myeloma cells can activate bone destruction.



Abnormal plasma cells can crowd out normal blood cells.

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# Get on the Right Track

Key steps for the best possible care for myeloma patients.

#### THE RIGHT TRACK



#### **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**

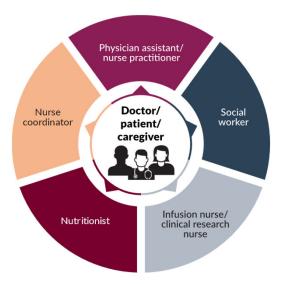
Work with your team to decide on the best treatment plan and identify clinical trials that are right for you

#### Share at Every Step

You can help yourself while helping others.

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# The Right Team



# The Right Tests: Common Tests Conducted in Myeloma Patients

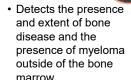
## Blood tests Urine tests

- Confirms the type of myeloma or precursor condition
- Includes complete blood count, comprehensive metabolic profile, beta-2 microglobulin, quantitative immunoglobulins, and urinalysis, among others

# Bone marrow biopsy

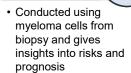
- Confirms diagnosis of myeloma
- Determines how advanced the myeloma or precursor condition is

#### Imaging tests



 Includes x-ray, MRI, CT scan, and PET scan

#### Genetic tests



 Includes karyotyping, FISH, and DNA sequencing

MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; CT, computed tomography; PET, positron emission tomography; FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridization; DNA, deoxyribonucleic acid

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# Multiple Myeloma Prognosis and Risk Is Determined by Staging

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



- · Blood test results
  - Low β2M level
  - High albumin level
  - Normal LDH level
- · Bone marrow biopsy results
  - No high-risk chromosomal abnormality\*

All other possible combinations of the test results

#### High risk



- High β2M level
- High-risk chromosomal abnormality\* <u>or</u> high LDH level

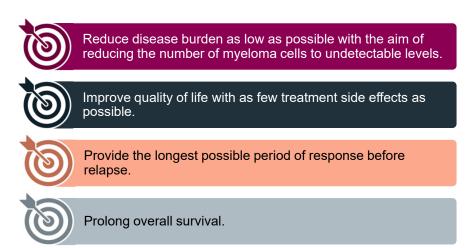
 $^{\star}\text{High-risk}$  chromosomal abnormality by FISH: del(17p) and/or t(4;14) and/or t(14;16)

R-ISS, Revised International Staging System; β2M, beta-2 microglobulin; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; R2-ISS, second revision of the International Staging System

R-ISS

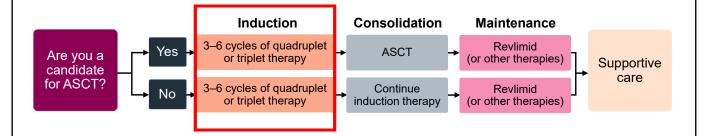
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# Getting the Right Treatment: Goals of Multiple Myeloma Therapy



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# Overview of Treatment Approach for Active Multiple Myeloma



ASCT, autologous stem cell transplantation

Induction, initial treatment given to a newly diagnosed patient; consolidation, treatment given to a patient after initial treatment to target remaining cancer cells; maintenance, treatment given over a long period to patients in remission to reduce the risk of relapse

# Introduction to Myeloma Medications

# Proteasome inhibitors

- Velcade (bortezomib), under the skin injection
- Kyprolis (carfilzomib), infusion
- · Ninlaro (ixazomib), pill

# Immunomodulatory drugs

- Revlimid (lenalidomide), pill
- Pomalyst (pomalidomide), pill

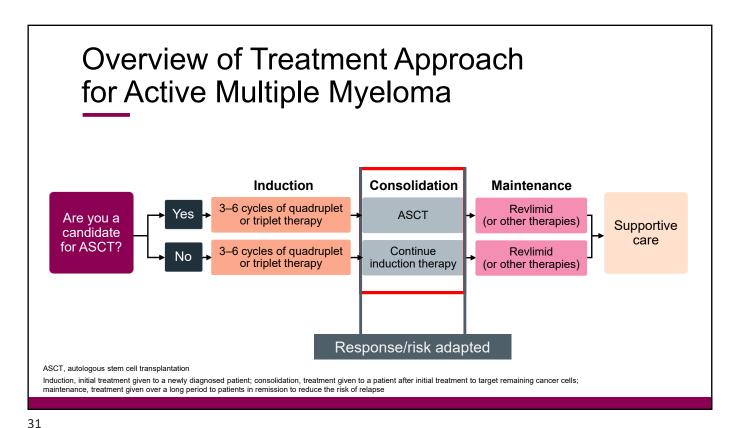
# Anti-CD38 monoclonal antibodies

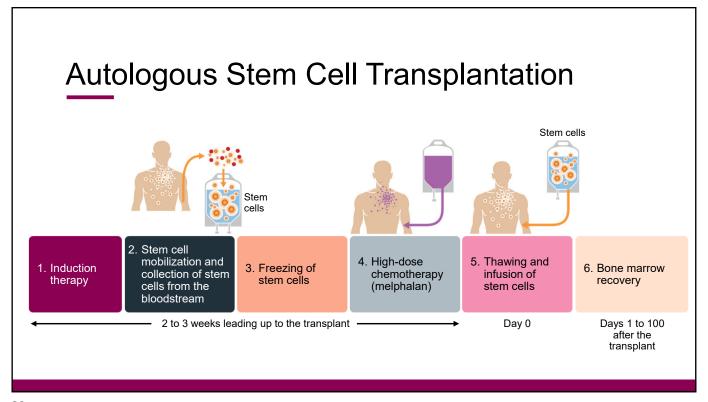
- Darzalex (daratumumab), under the skin injection
- Sarclisa (isatuximab), infusion

Dexamethasone

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# Induction Therapy Regimens: Main Triplets and Quadruplets Velcade Revlimid dexamethasone Sarclisa Expression Sarclisa





## **ASCT Considerations**

Suitability for ASCT is based on overall health

You will need a caregiver after ASCT

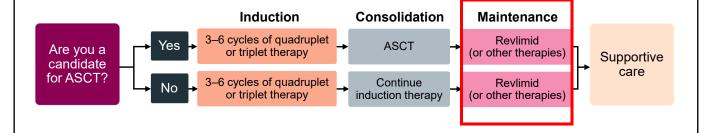
Recovery takes several months



ASCT, autologous stem cell transplantation

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# Maintenance Therapy Following a Stem Cell Transplant

A prolonged and often less-intensive treatment after achieving a 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 (MRD)

Based on response and risk

#### Options

- Revlimid alone or with:
  - Kyprolis
  - Darzalex
  - Velcade
- Ninlaro

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# Measuring Response to Therapy

Response to treatment is measured in terms of the reduction of myeloma cells

Responses range from stable disease (no change in the number of myeloma cells) to stringent complete response (no myeloma cells)

Degree (or depth) of response is usually associated with better prognosis

Some patients do well despite never achieving a complete response

Requires blood tests and bone marrow biopsy

# MRD Testing Requires Bone Marrow Biopsy + Imaging Tests

#### **TEST RESULTS**

If standard tests find no myeloma remaining in your body, your doctor may test you for the presence of MRD. MRD positive



Myeloma cells are still detected

MRD negative



Myeloma cells are **not** detected

MRD negativity has been associated with longer time until disease progression and longer survival.

MRD, minimal residual disease

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# Questions to Ask Your Care Team About Treatment



What tests do I need before we can decide on treatment?



What are my treatment options?



If my myeloma is considered high risk, what are the preferred treatment options?



Will I experience any side effects from my treatment?



How are the treatments administered (infusion, injection, or pill)?



How long should I expect to be on this treatment?



Is there a clinical trial that might be appropriate for me?



Am I eligible for a stem cell transplant? If so, should I get one?

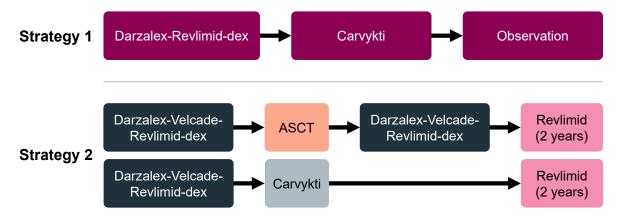
# Summary

- Patients are living longer because of new drugs and new combinations of drugs.
- Quadruplet regimens are becoming the new standard treatment for newly diagnosed myeloma patients.
- Maintenance therapy helps patients extend time before relapse.
- The outlook for patients with myeloma will continue to improve with the approval of additional new agents.

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# Future Directions for Treatment of Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma Being Studied in Clinical Trials

Incorporating immunotherapy (CAR T or bispecific antibodies) in the treatment of newly diagnosed myeloma





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Treatment for Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma: Early Relapse Rachid Baz, MD

# **Objectives**

At the conclusion of this presentation, you should be better able to:

- Know what is considered relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma
- Know the options available to treat relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma patients who have had fewer than four lines of treatment
- Know what to expect on CAR T-cell therapy for relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma

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

- Relapsed: recurrence (reappearance of disease)
- Refractory: treatment no longer works
- Progression: increase in M protein/light chain values
- Line of therapy: change in treatment that is not working or has unmanageable side effects
  - Note: initial (or induction) therapy + stem cell transplant + consolidation/maintenance therapy = 1 line of therapy



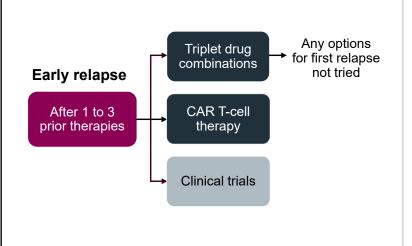
# Classes of Drugs

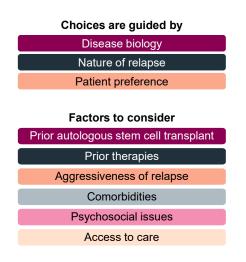
Proteasome inhibitors	Velcade	Kyprolis	Ninlaro
Immunomodulatory agents	Revlimid	Pomalyst	
Monoclonal antibodies	Darzalex	Sarclisa	Empliciti
CAR T-cell therapy	Abecma	Carvykti	
Bispecific antibodies	Tecvayli	Elrexfio	Talvey
Small-Molecule inhibitors	Xpovio	Venetoclax*	

\*Not approved for treatment of patients with multiple myeloma

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# Treatment Choices for Relapse After 1 to 3 Prior Therapies





## Treatment Choices for Relapse After 1 to 3 Prior Therapies Triplet Drug Combinations

When compared to doublet regimens, triplet regimens results in more patients...

Responding (with many patients achieving a complete response)

Living longer before their disease progresses

Achieving the deepest response possible (MRD negativity)—depending on the specific triplet regimen used

MRD, minimal residual disease

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# **CAR T-Cell Therapy**

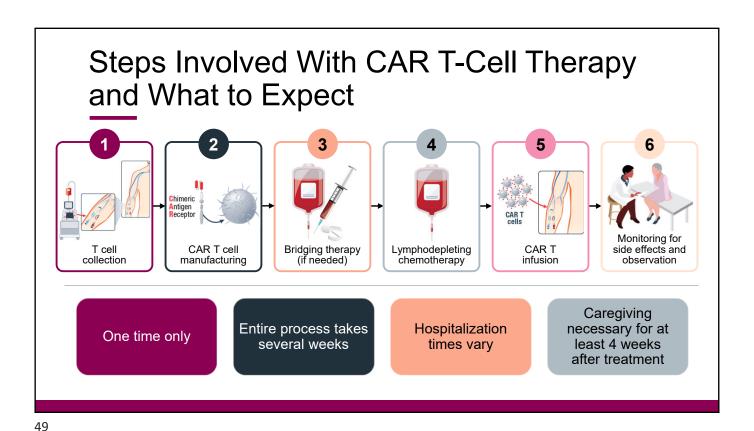
Your body's own T cells are modified to find and destroy myeloma cells

Targets BCMA on myeloma cells

Approved CAR T-cell therapies include: Abecma and Carvykti

Carvykti can be used in Revlimid-refractory patients with 1 to 3 prior lines of therapy

Abecma can be used in patients who have received 2 to 4 prior lines of therapy



# CAR T: Expected Toxicities and Management

Side Effect	Symp	otoms	Onset After CAR T-Cell Infusion	Duration	Treatments
Cytokine release syndrome (CRS)	<ul><li>Fever</li><li>Difficulty breathing</li><li>Dizziness</li><li>Nausea</li><li>Headache</li></ul>	Rapid heartbeat     Low blood pressure	1–9 days	5–11 days	Actemra (tocilizumab)     Corticosteroids     Supportive care
Neurotoxicity (ICANS)	Headache     Confusion     Language     disturbance	<ul><li>Seizures</li><li>Delirium</li><li>Brain swelling</li></ul>	2–9 days	3–17 days	<ul><li>Antiseizure medications</li><li>Corticosteroids</li></ul>

#### CAR T-cell therapy can lower white blood cells needed to fight off infection







Preventive medicines (such as monthly intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) treatment or growth factor injections

# Which CAR T-cell agent to choose?

Most patients respond to treatment

Carvykti may have higher effectiveness, side-effect profiles are similar

Carvykti can be used earlier in relapsed patients (after 1 prior line of therapy) than Abecma (after 2 or more prior lines of therapy)

Monitoring for side effects is critical for patients on either therapy

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# Myeloma Clinical Trials at Moffitt

# Newly diagnosed multiple myeloma

- CARTITUDE 6
- ADVANCE
- Maintenance
- · Iberdomide vs lenalidomide
- DRAMMATIC

# Relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma

- ABBV-383 + combinations
- MONUMENTAL 3

# CAR T-cell therapy

- CARSgen
- CARTITUDE 2 (cohort G)
- GPRC5D CART
- BCMA/GPRC5D dual targeting CAR T

## Summary

- We have many different options for relapsed myeloma depending on patient and myeloma factors at relapse.
- Therapy choices will require teamwork between physician, patient, and caregivers and are based on factors.
- Combinations of many different drugs with differing mechanisms of action improve time until disease progression.
- CAR T cells result in high response rates even in patients who have received several prior therapies.
- Patients are encouraged to discuss with their doctor if participation in a clinical trial is a good option for their disease.

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# Treatment for Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma: Late Relapse

Ivan M. Borrello, MD

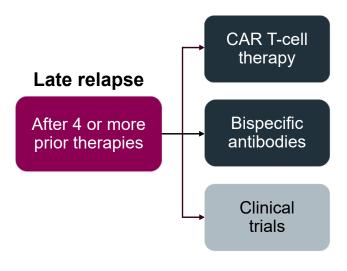
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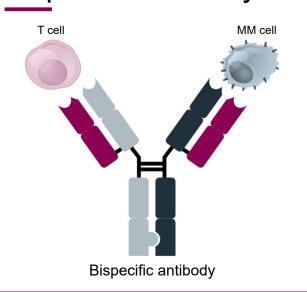
- Know the options available to treat relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma patients after four or more lines of treatment
- Know what to expect on bispecific antibody therapy for relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma

# Treatment Choices for Relapse After 4 or More Prior Therapies



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# Bispecific Antibody Therapy



Approved therapies and myeloma cell targets

#### **BCMA**

- Tecvayli (teclistamab)
- Elrexfio (elranatamab)

#### **GPRC5D**

• Talvey (talquetamab)

# Bispecific Antibodies What to Expect?

Available off the shelf, allowing for immediate treatment

Does not require lymphodepletion or other preparation

Administered by subcutaneous (under the skin) injection

To minimize side effects and to monitor patients closely, first two to three doses are administered in the hospital Requires ongoing administration until disease progression or unacceptable side effects

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# Bispecific Antibodies: Expected Toxicities and Management



Cytokine release syndrome (CRS)



Infections



Neurotoxicity (ICANS)



Low blood counts



Skin changes/rash Taste changes (dysgeusia)\*

#### **Talvey-Associated Side Effects**

Affected area	Symptoms and effects	Management
Skin	Rash, skin peeling	Not painful; self-limiting, and manageable with emollients
Nails	Nail thinning and loss	Takes 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)

\*Specific to Talvey

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

	CAR T-cell therapy	Bispecific antibody
Approved product	Abecma, Carvykti	Tecvayli, Elrexfio, Talvey
Efficacy	++++	+++
When given	After at least 1 (Carvykti) or 2 or more (Abecma) prior lines of therapy	After at least 4 prior lines of therapy
How given	One-and-done	IV or SC, weekly to every 4 weeks until progression
Where given	Academic medical centers	Academic medical centers
Notable adverse events	CRS and neurotoxicity, close monitoring required	CRS and neurotoxicity, close monitoring required
Cytokine release syndrome	+++	++
Neurotoxicity	++	+
Availability	Wait time for manufacturing	Off-the-shelf
Advantages	<ul><li>Personalized</li><li>Single infusion ("one and done")</li><li>Potentially persistent</li></ul>	<ul><li> Off the shelf</li><li> No lymphodepletion</li><li> Minimal steroids</li></ul>
Disadvantages	<ul> <li>FACT-accredited center required (hospitalization likely required)</li> <li>CRS and neurotoxicity</li> <li>Dependent on T-cell health (manufacturing failures)</li> <li>Requires significant social support; caregiver required</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Initial hospitalization required</li> <li>CRS and neurotoxicity</li> <li>Dependent on T-cell health (T-cell exhaustion)</li> <li>Requires continuous administration</li> </ul>

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# Should I get a CAR T or bispecific antibody?

Either option is acceptable for patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma.

Both are associated with the risk of certain side effects.

Wait time is a key difference between these two therapies.

Patient preference and logistics are considerations in deciding between either option.

Bispecific antibodies are often used as a bridge to CAR T-cell therapy.

- CAR T-cell therapy may be the better option if feasible
- A patient may find the "one-and-done" treatment more attractive than ongoing therapy

Treatment selection is part of a conversation with your doctor to determine which will best meet your unique circumstances.

# Additional CAR T Cells and Bispecific Antibodies Under Investigation



For more information contact the MMRF Patient Navigation Center at 1-888-841-6673



To final trial near you, go to the MMRF Clinical Trial Finder

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## Selected Emerging Immunotherapy Options

# Cerebion E3 ligase modulators (CELMoDs)

Related to the immunomodulatory drugs (IMiDs) but are more potent and may overcome resistance to IMiDs

Oral agents; common side effect is low blood counts

Investigational agents: iberdomide, mezigdomide

# Antibody-drug conjugates

Antibodies that are combined with a cancer-fighting substance, either a drug or a toxin

Eye toxicities are a common but manageable side effect

Investigational agent: belantamab mafodotin

## Additional bispecific antibodies

Another BCMA-targeted agent + a new target: FcRH5

Infections, CRS, and low blood counts are common side effects

Investigational agents: linvoseltamab, cevostamab

## Summary

- Bispecific antibodies are very active even in heavily pretreated patients.
- Side effects of bispecific antibodies include cytokine release syndrome, low blood counts, and confusion (rare)—all of which are treatable.
- Infections have emerged as a more challenging toxicity, but—with experience—strategies are forming to mitigate the risks.
- Bispecific antibodies represent an off-the-shelf immunotherapy option.
- Several additional bispecific antibodies and other immunotherapies are under clinical evaluation.

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Questions?

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Managing Symptoms and Side Effects Kenneth Shain, MD, PhD

# **Objectives**

At the conclusion of this presentation, you should be better able to:

- Recognize the main symptoms of multiple myeloma and how they are managed
- Recognize common side effects of multiple myeloma treatments and how they are managed
- Talk to your care team about symptoms or side effects that interfere with day-to-day activities

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# Symptom or Side Effect?

Symptom

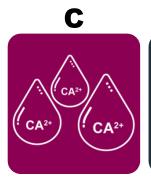
Something a person experiences that may indicate a disease or condition

Side effect

An unfavorable and unintended secondary development that is related to a medical treatment or procedure

# Multiple Myeloma Affects Your Bones, Blood, and Kidneys

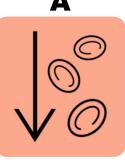
The clinical features that are characteristic of multiple myeloma



High levels of calcium in the blood



Decreased kidney (<u>renal</u>) function



Low amount of red blood cells (anemia)



Presence of **b**one damage

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# Effects of Myeloma Bone Disease

- Symptoms and signs
- Increased levels of calcium in the blood (hypercalcemia)
- Pain
- Pathologic fractures
- Spinal cord compression/collapse
  - Weakness of extremities, focal numbness/tingling, bowel and bladder dysfunction
- Loss of height
- Treatment
- Myeloma-directed therapy
- Medications that minimize/prevent bone loss:\*
   Zometa (zoledronic acid), Xgeva (denosumab)
- Bone health support
  - Vitamin D 600–1,000 IU daily + calcium
  - Calcium 1,000–1,200 mg daily

\*Risks: atypical and/or rebound fractures, osteonecrosis of the jaw (ONJ; a breakdown of bone in the jaw), kidney injury



# Recommendations for Reducing the Risk of Osteonecrosis of the Jaw (ONJ)

- Complete major dental work before beginning treatment for bone disease
- · Practice good oral hygiene
- · Schedule regular dental visits
- Let your dentist know that you are receiving treatment for bone disease
- Keep your doctor informed of dental issues/need for dental work; bone modifying agents will likely be held



ONJ, a breakdown of bone in the jaw

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# Adjuvant Procedures for Bone Involvement Surgical and Radiation Intervention

## **Surgical Intervention**

- · 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)

### Vertebroplasty

### **Kyphoplasty**





### Radiation



- · Destroys myeloma cells
- Stops bone destruction
- Pain control
- Targeted and localized therapy
- Can affect bone marrow function
- Can affect adjacent tissues

# Pain Management Medications

Acetaminophen (Tylenol)

NSAIDs (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs)\*

Opioids

Corticosteroids (dexamethasone, prednisone)

GABA analogues (gabapentin and Lyrica)

Discuss the right option with your health care team. Please let your care team know if you are experiencing any pain.

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

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# Effects of Myeloma Low Blood Counts

# Low red blood cells (anemia)



### Symptoms

- Fatigue; depression/mood changes; difficulty breathing; rapid heartbeat; dizziness
- Treatment
- Identify and treat causes other than myeloma; supplements; medications to increase number of red blood cells; blood transfusions

# Low platelets (thrombocytopenia)

### 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
- Treatment
- Identify and treat causes other than myeloma; platelet transfusion; hold blood thinners

# Low white blood cells (leukopenia)



### Symptoms

- Fatigue; frequent infections
- Treatment
  - Medications to stimulate production of white blood cells; antibiotics; infection prevention

# Effects of Myeloma Decreased Kidney Function



- Symptoms and signs
- Decreased amount of urine
- Increase in creatinine and other proteins
- Treatment
- Fluids
- Avoid substances that are toxic to kidneys
  - Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as Aleve, Advil/Motrin
- Plasmapheresis (plasma exchange)
- Treat other causes
- Dialysis (severe)

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Side Effects and Management of Multiple Myeloma Therapies

# Symptom or Side Effect?



Something a person experiences that may indicate a disease or condition



An unfavorable and unintended secondary development that is related to a medical treatment or procedure

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# Myeloma Therapies Steroid Side Effects and Their Management



- Timing steroids to be taken first thing in the morning
- · Split dosing
- Healthy sleep habits



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



- Practice self careexercise to boost mood; engage in hobbies that bring joy and relaxation
- Talk to friend, family member or support group
- Seek professional support



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



 Monitor glucose and refer/treat as needed

# Common Treatment Side Effects and Their Management



Blood

- Blood clots → blood thinners
- Low blood counts → close monitoring and/or dose adjustment, supportive care\*



- Hypertension → monitor closely, dose adjustment
- Shortness of breath → rule out blood clot; dose adjustment

\*Care for the prevention and management of treatment side effects

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# Common Treatment Side Effects and Their Management



 Peripheral neuropathy (disorder of the nerves that can disrupt sensation or cause burning/tingling in the hands and feet) → gabapentin, pregabalin, duloxetine, acupuncture, dose adjustment



- Constipation → stool softeners, laxatives, fiber
- Diarrhea → Imodium, cholestyramine\*, supportive care†, dose adjustment
- Nausea, vomiting → anti-nausea medications, dose adjustment

\*Specific to Revlimid; †Care for the prevention and management of treatment side effects

# Common Treatment Side Effects and Their Management



 Upper respiratory infections → antibiotics, antivirals, and/or supportive care\*



Skin

 Rash → topical treatments, Benadryl and Claritin, and/or dose adjustment



Other

- Fatigue → sleep hygiene, regular exercise, dose adjustment
- Infusion reactions → supportive care

\*Care for the prevention and management of treatment side effects

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# Avoid crowds Ensure handwashing, hygiene Growth factors IVIG for hypogammaglobulinemia COVID-19 prevention Zoster prophylaxis

# Beyond Myeloma Treatment: Taking Care of Yourself

### Proper nutrition

- Eating a healthy diet high in fiber-rich foods to boost energy and mood
- · Your team may recommend a nutritionist

### Exercise

• Getting regular exercise can improve your physical and mental health

### Mental health and emotional support

- · Support groups are available
- Stress-reducing activities like yoga and meditation can help reduce anxiety

### Sleep

 Practice good sleep hygiene (routines, no TV or phone screen close to bedtime)



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# Communicating With Your Care Team Side Effects and Support Services

Talk to your provider about side effects and how to make treatment more tolerable

# Questions to Ask What support services are available to me? What financial resources are available to me? Are there any myeloma patient support groups available to me? Are any in my area? What is the best way for me to contact you in case of emergency? Should I tell my other doctors/my dentist about my diagnosis?



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

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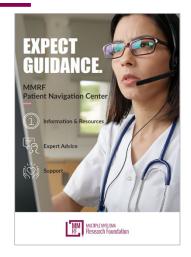
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# **MMRF 1:1 Patient Support Options**





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 myeloma journeys and experiences.



Contact the Patient Navigation Center at 888-841-6673 to learn more!



# **Upcoming Patient Education Events** Save the Date

Program	Date and Time	Speakers
Clinical Trials FAQs	Wednesday, November 20, 2024	Andrew Yee, MD
Livestream	4:00 PM ET	Emerentia Agyemang, C-NP
Understanding Targeted Therapies Webinar	Tuesday, December 3, 2024 6:00 PM ET	Cesar Rodriguez, MD Jing Christine Ye, MD, MSc
Highlights from the American Society of Hematology Webinar	Thursday, December 12, 2024 4:00 PM ET	Malin Hultcrantz, MD, PhD Shaji Kumar, MD
Understanding Targeted Therapies FAQs	Thursday, January 9, 2025	Ravi Vij, MD, MBA
Livestream	12:00 PM ET	Angela Vickroy, ANP-BC, OCN
American Society of Hematology FAQs	Monday, January 13, 2025	Hans C. Lee, MD
Livestream	2:00 рм ЕТ	Tiffany Richards, PhD, ANP, AOCNP

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