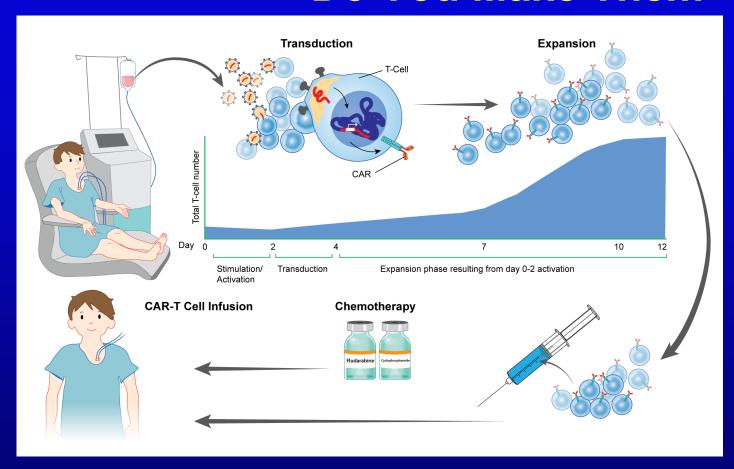
# CAR-T Cell Therapy and Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation Current Status and Future Directions

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## What are CAR-T-Cells and How Do You Make Them



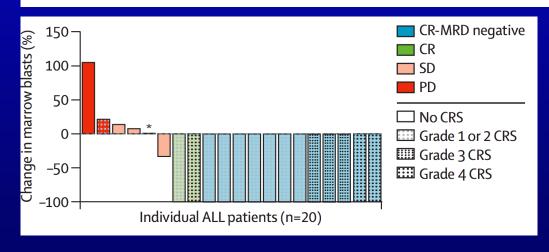
- 1. Apheresis
- 2. Stimulation and Transduction
- 3. Expansion
- 4. Lympho-depletion
- 5. Infusion

- Retains the functionality of a T-cell with the antigen recognition properties of antibody
- Recognize cell surface antigens independent of MHC, have co-stimulatory signals integrated

## CD19 CAR Clinical Updates (NCI-POB)

T cells expressing CD19 chimeric antigen receptors for acute lymphoblastic leukaemia in children and young adults: a phase 1 dose-escalation trial

Daniel W Lee, James N Kochenderfer, Maryalice Stetler-Stevenson, Yongzhi K Cui, Cindy Delbrook, Steven A Feldman, Terry J Fry, Rimas Orentas, Marianna Sabatino, Nirali N Shah, Seth M Steinberg, Dave Stroncek, Nick Tschernia, Constance Yuan, Hua Zhang, Ling Zhang, Steven A Rosenberg, Alan S Wayne, Crystal L Mackall



Lee et al. Lancet 2015 67% CR rate (intention to treat) All responders with CRS

## CD19 CAR Clinical Updates (Novartis)

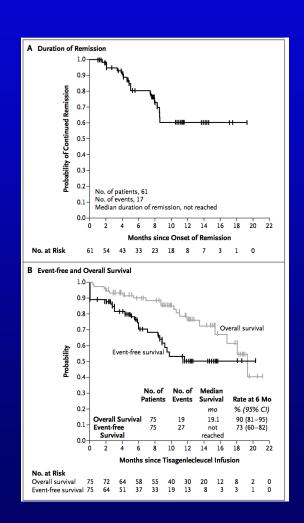
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#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

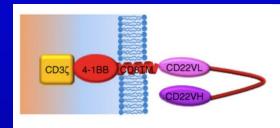
#### Tisagenlecleucel in Children and Young Adults with B-Cell Lymphoblastic Leukemia

S.L. Maude, T.W. Laetsch, J. Buechner, S. Rives, M. Boyer, H. Bittencourt, P. Bader, M.R. Verneris, H.E. Stefanski, G.D. Myers, M. Qayed, B. De Moerloose, H. Hiramatsu, K. Schlis, K.L. Davis, P.L. Martin, E.R. Nemecek, G.A. Yanik, C. Peters, A. Baruchel, N. Boissel, F. Mechinaud, A. Balduzzi, J. Krueger, C.H. June, B.L. Levine, P. Wood, T. Taran, M. Leung, K.T. Mueller, Y. Zhang, K. Sen, D. Lebwohl, M.A. Pulsipher, and S.A. Grupp

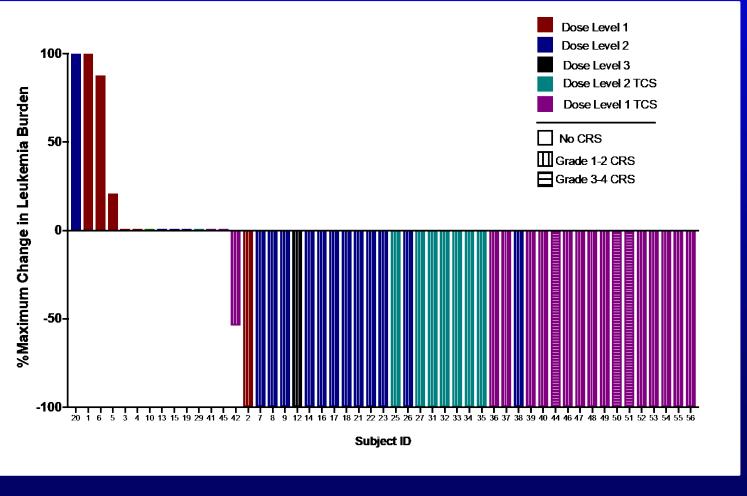
81% Complete remission rate (not intention to treat)



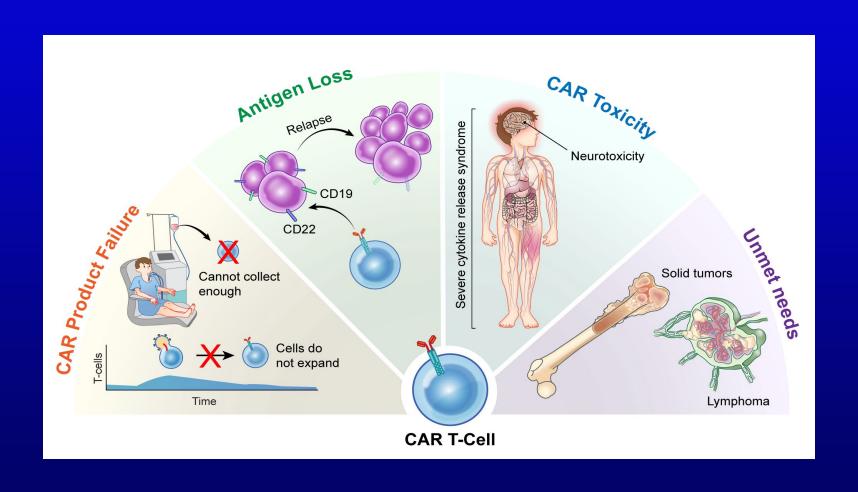
## CD22 CAR Results (NCI POB)



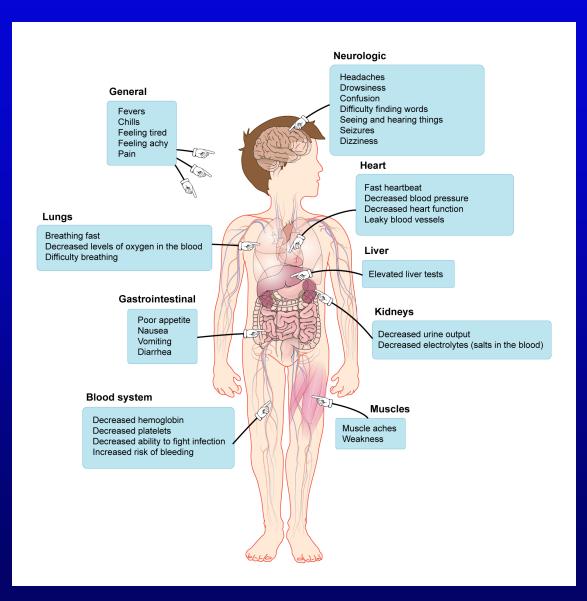
Salvage CAR for CD19 negative relapse

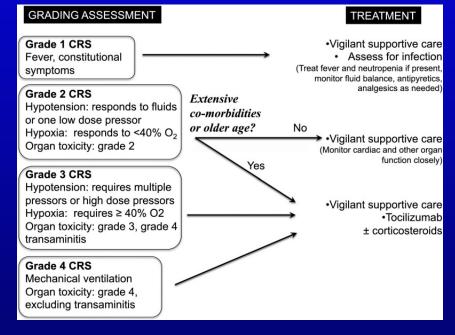


## Limitations to Durable CAR-T cell Induced Remissions



## Cytokine Release Syndrome



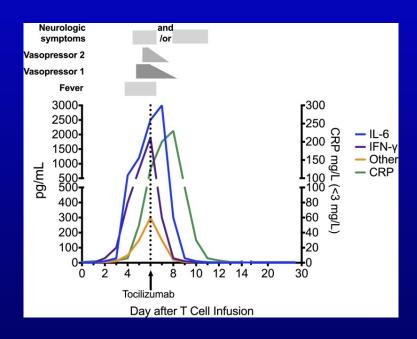


## **FDA Approvals**

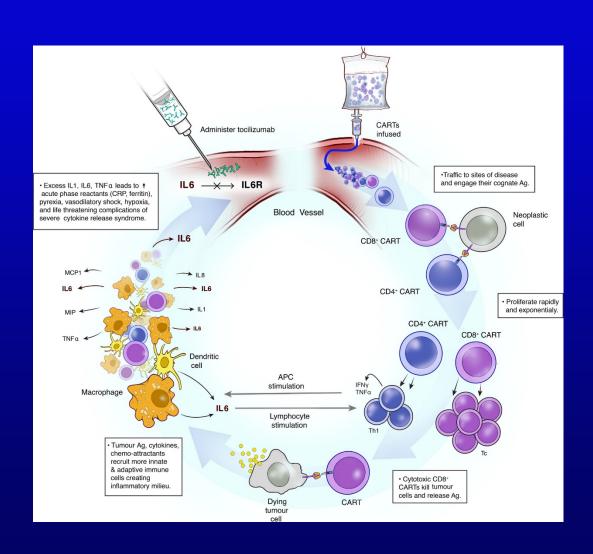
- Kymriah (Tisagenlecleucel, Novartis: For children up to age 25 with ALL (August 2017)
  - 81% complete remission rate
- Yescarta<sup>™</sup> (axicabtagene ciloleucel, KITE): For adults with Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (October 2017)
- Tocilizumab (anti-IL6 receptor blockade)
  - To treat CRS

## Targeting IL6 has demonstrated clinical efficacy in the treatment/prevention of severe CRS

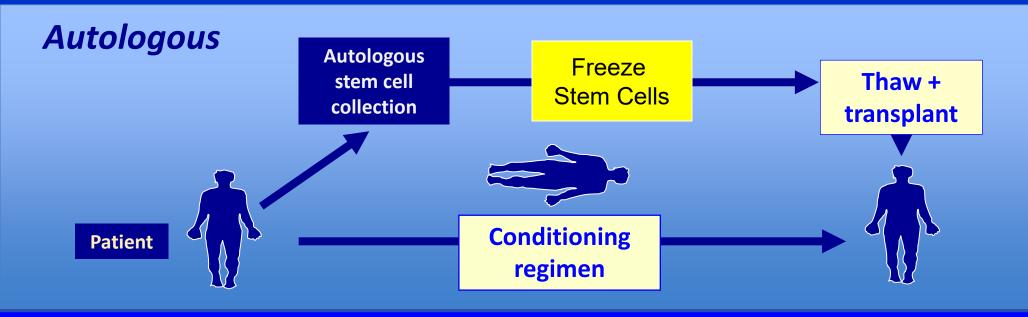
- Tocilizumab, FDA approved
  - IL6 receptor antibody



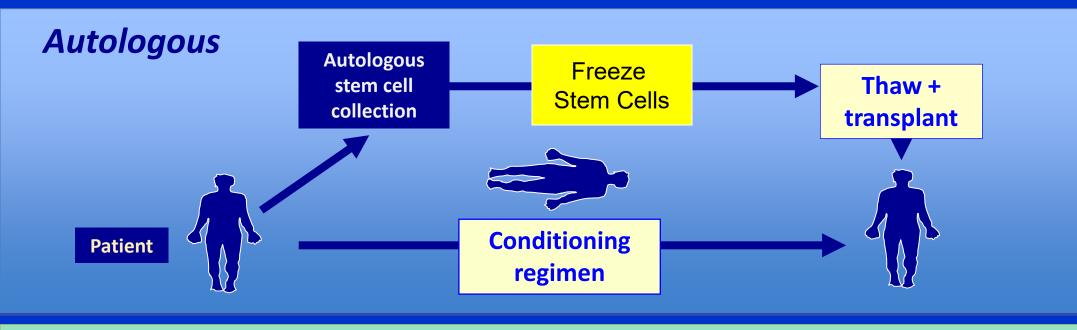
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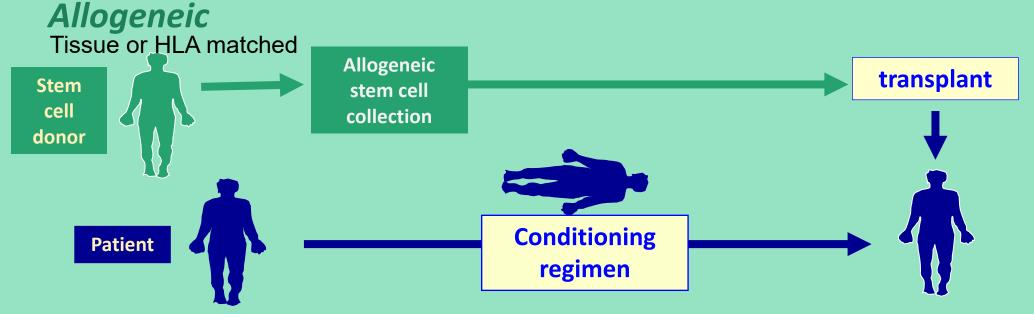


### Stem cell transplantation



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### Stem Cells Source

Peripheral Blood

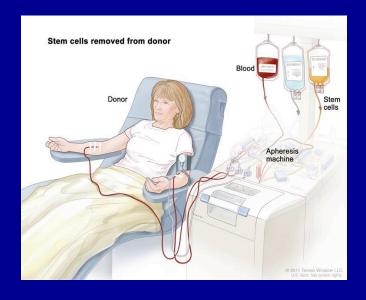
G-CSF subcutaneous injection for 5 days. Mononuclear cells collected by apheresis

Bone Marrow

Direct aspiration under general

Umbilical Cord Blood

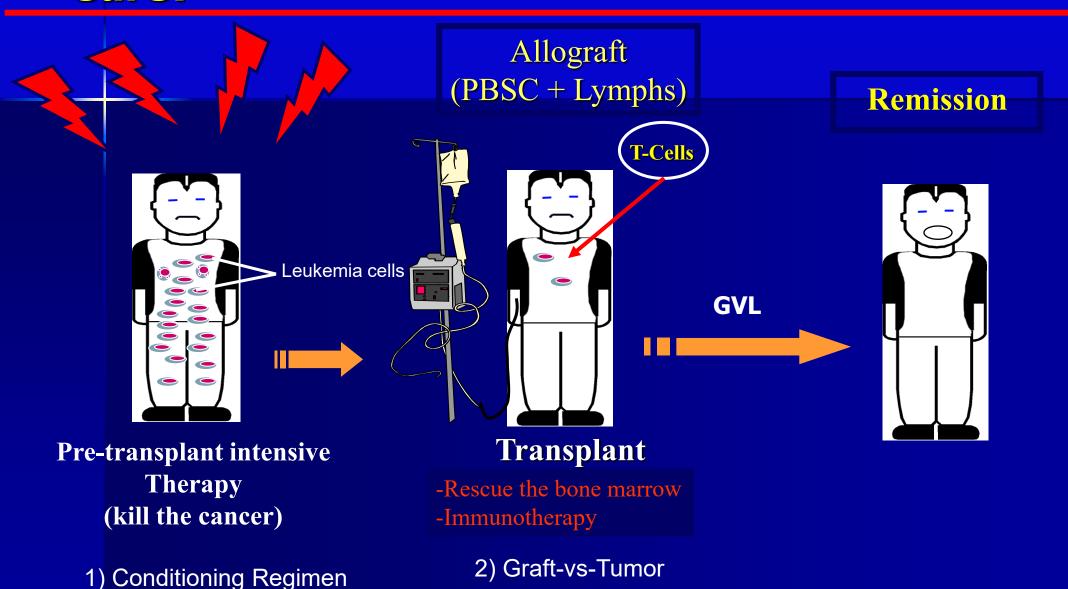
Placental blood directly drained into bag







## **How Does Myeloablative Allogeneic BMT Cure?**



## Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation: Can Cure Patients With Chemotherapy Refractory Hematological Malignancies

### T-cell Mediated Graft-Vs-Leukemia Effects Can Cure Chemotherapy Resistant Malignancies



May 2006
1 month
After transplant

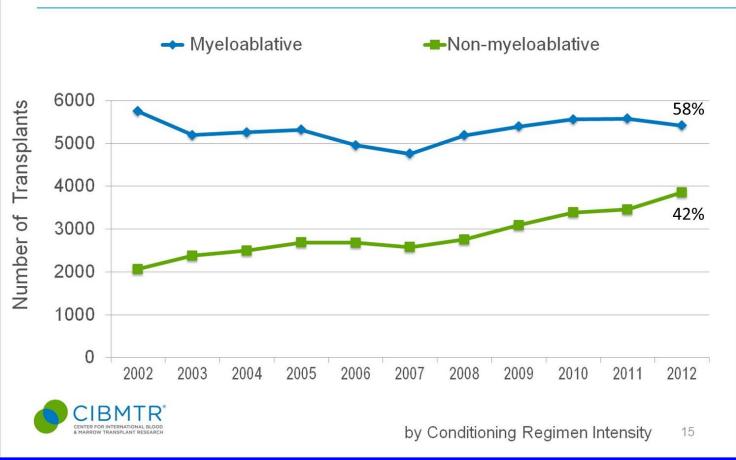
## Types of Allogeneic Transplants

- Conventional High Dose or Myeloablative Transplant
  - Conditioning fully eradicates the hosts bone marrow

- Reduced Intensity Conditioning (RIC)
  - Low dose or non-myeloablative transplant
  - Immunologically eradicates host bone marrow

## Use of Reduced Intensity Conditioning on the Rise





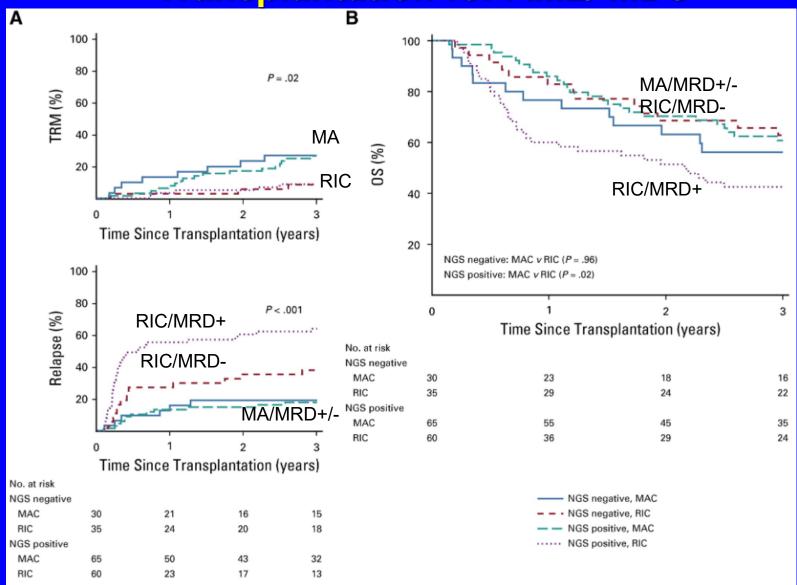
## Reduced Intensity Conditioning (RIC): Decreases Risk Of TRM But May Increase Risk of Relapse For Some Malignancies

Low intensity
Conditioning
(RIC)

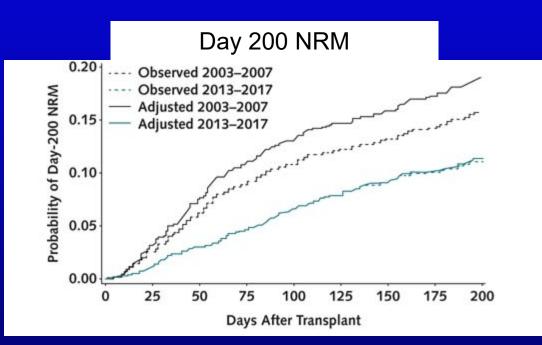
High intensity
TRM

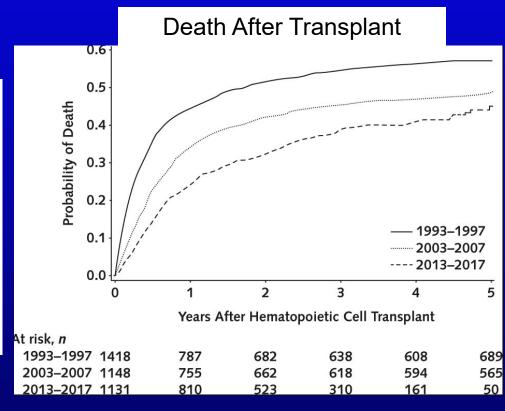
Possibility of increased risk of relapse (i.e. AML, MDS) with reduced intensity transplants

## Trial: Myeloablative vs. Reduced Intensity Allogeneic Transplantation for AML/ MDS



## Major Improvements in Transplant Safety Over the Past 2 Decades





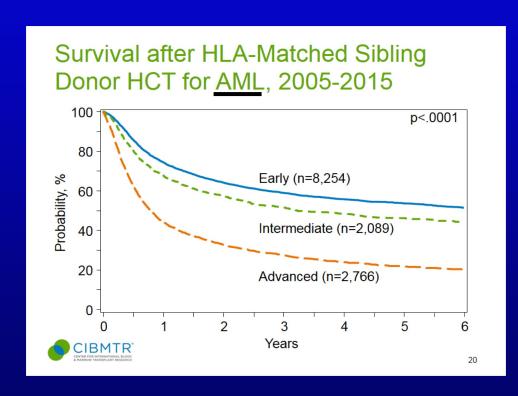
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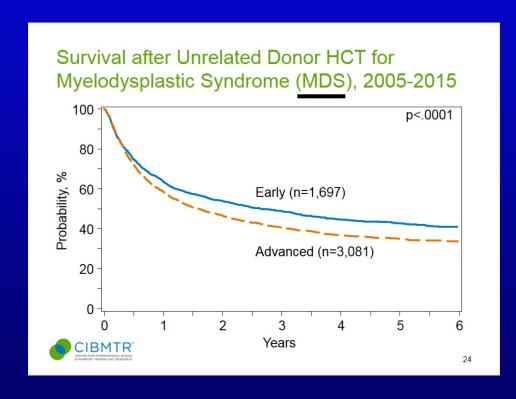
## In the era of precision medicine, why do we still perform these dangerous allogeneic transplants?

- Remains only curative modality for certain diseases associated with short survival with conventional therapy
  - Relapsed AML
  - Relapsed ALL
  - High Risk MDS
- Is the only curative modality for many non-malignant debilitating diseases
  - Sickle cell Anemia
  - Aplastic Anemia- Relapsed refractory to IST

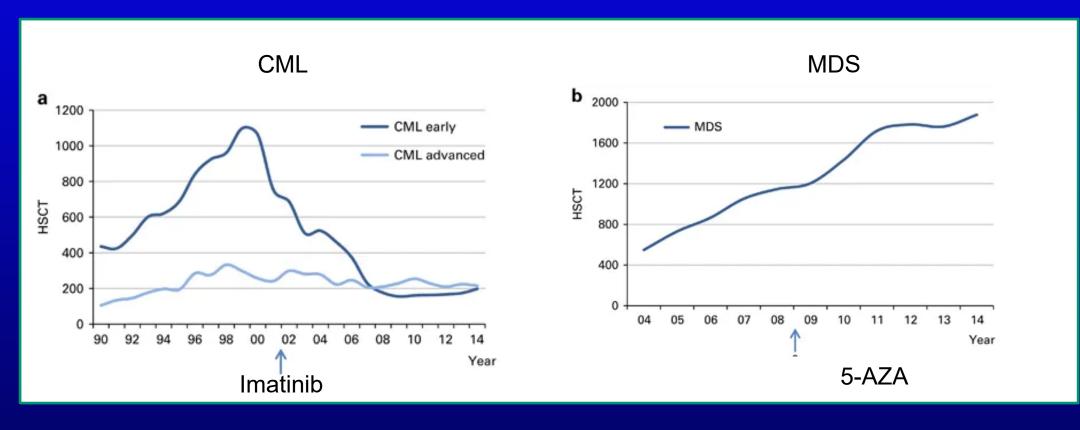


### Allogeneic Transplant For Hematological Malignancies

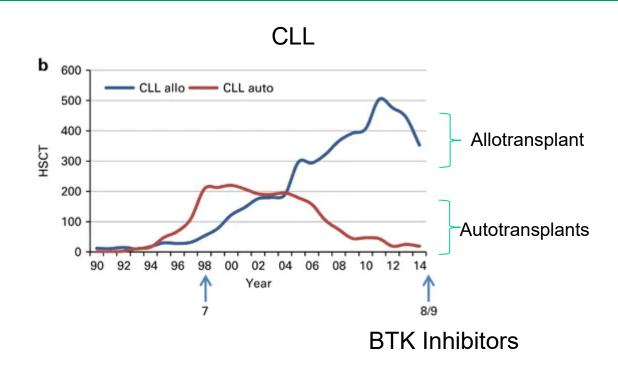




### Impact of Drug Advances On Transplant Numbers

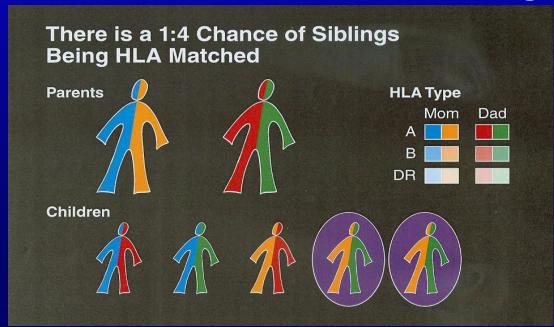


### **Impact of Drug Advances On Transplant Numbers**



# REQUIRMENTS FOR ALLOGENEIC TRANSPLANTATION

- An HLA compatible donor to donate stem cells
  - 25% each sibling will be HLA identical
  - In the U.S., there is approximately a 25% that a patients will have an HLA identical sibling



### Availability of a Stem Cell Sources for Allogeneic Transplantation

#### **Chances of Finding a Stem Cell Donor**



Potential Candidates
For a Cord Blood Transplant or
A Haploidentical Transplant

### Graft Donor Sources- who to choose?

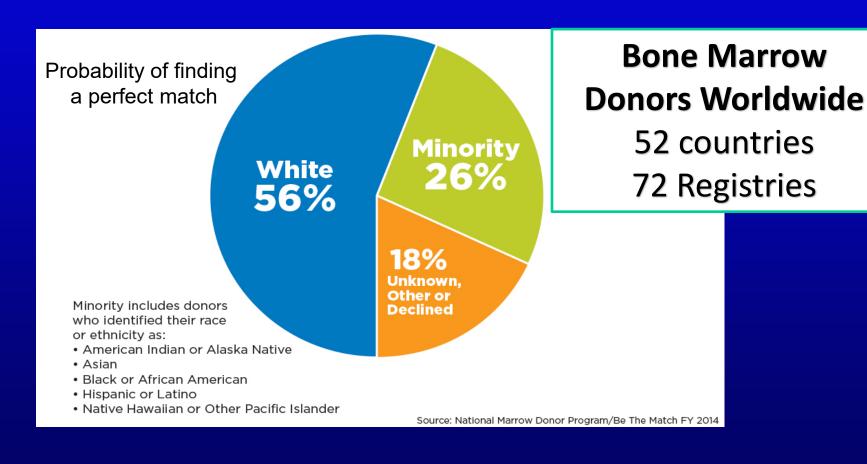
- 1) HLA Identical Sibling (SIB)- still best
- 2) 8/8 Allele Matched Unrelated Donor (MUD)- maybe still 2<sup>nd</sup> best
- 3) alternative donors:

HLA-Haploidentical related donor (Haplo)

Cord Blood transplant

7/8 Allele Matched Unrelated Donor (MMUD)

## Unrelated Donor Transplants: Diversity of Adult Donors on the Be The Match Registry® 2014



### **Unrelated Cord Blood Transplantation (UCBT)**

Unrelated Cord Blood (UCB) transplants are a transplant option for patients lacking an HLA identical donor:

- Cord blood is a rich source of Hematopoietic progenitor cells- more than human BM



60-80% of patients will have a cord unit in the public registry that could be used for a transplant



**Placenta** 

**Umbilical Cord** 

**Cord Blood Unit** 

#### **Advantages of Cord Blood**

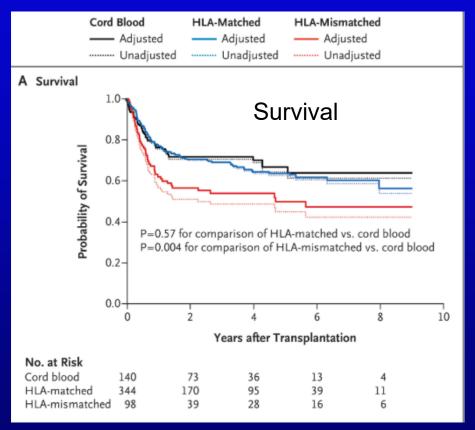
**Lower Graft vs. Host Disease (GVHD)** 

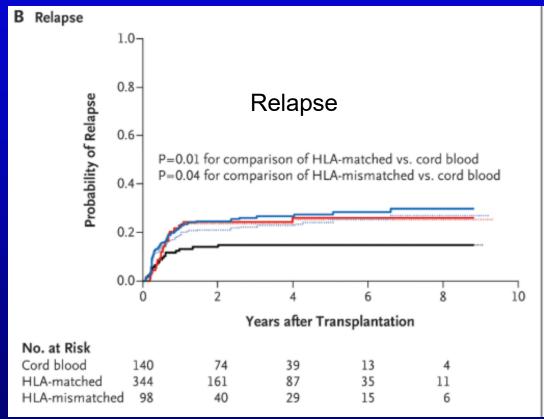
**HLA-mismatched Transplants Possible** 

Off the shelf product quickly available

**Cord Grafts available to Patients with Rare HLA Types And Ethnic Minorities** 

## Cord Transplants Compares Favorably with Matched Unrelated Donor Transplants





## **Haploidentical BM Transplants**

 Transplants that utilize stem cells collected from a relative who only matches for half of the HLA tissue antigens

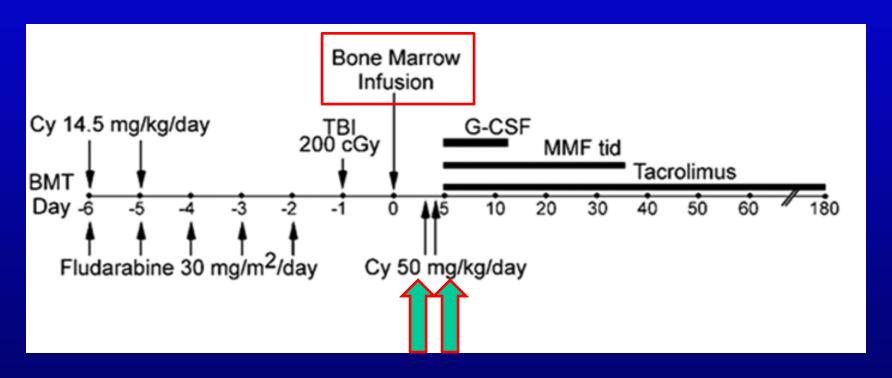
#### Advantages;

Virtually every patient will have a haplo-identical relative to serve as a stem cell donor

#### •Disadvantages:

- Higher incidence of graft versus host disease
  - Obligates use of T-cell depletion

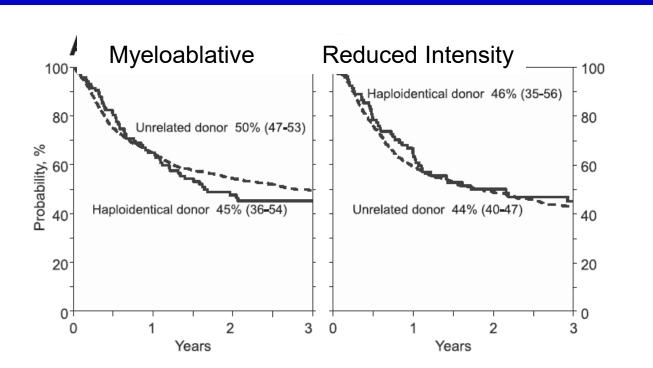
## Post Transplant Cyclophosphamide Following T-cell Replete Haploidentical Transplantation of BM or PBSC



Chemotherapy to kill cells
That cause graft-vs-host disease

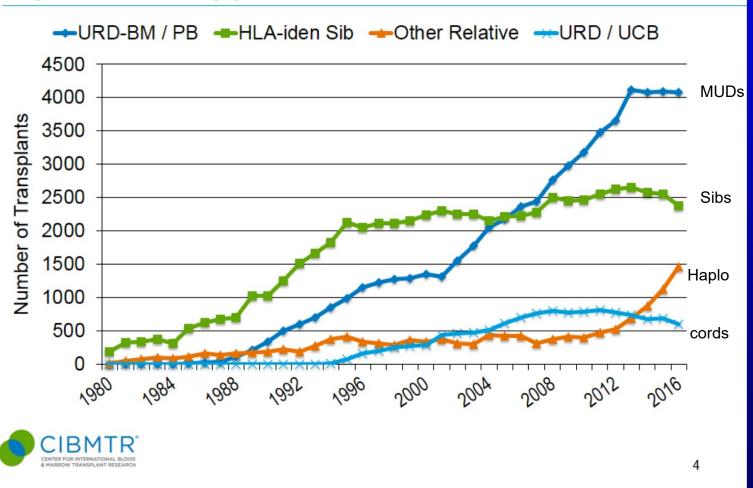
# Haploidentical Transplant With Post-Transplant Cyclophosphamide has similar outcome to matched unrelated transplants

#### Survival



**Figure 3. Overall survival.** (A) The probability of OS by donor type after myeloablative conditioning regimen, adjusted for age and disease risk index. (B) The probability of OS by donor type after reduced intensity conditioning regimen, adjusted for disease risk index and secondary AML.

## Allogeneic HCT Recipients in the US, by Donor Type



## **Questions To Be Answered**

- Does the potential benefit of a transplant justify the risk?

  (i.e. do I have a disease that chemotherapy can cure or make me live a long time or a disease where chemotherapy is unlikely to cure in contrast to a transplant that has a higher probability of cure
- Is my disease controlled sufficiently to where a transplant would help? Timing is everything!!
  - i.e. Acute leukemias should be in remission before transplant
- Do I Have a stem cell donor?
  - HLA tissue matched sibling
  - Matched Unrelated donor
  - Cord blood or haplo-identical donor
- What are the chances I could be harmed by a transplant?
  - Am I Healthy enough to go through the procedure?
  - Am I young enough?
  - Have prior treatments put me at increased risk for complications