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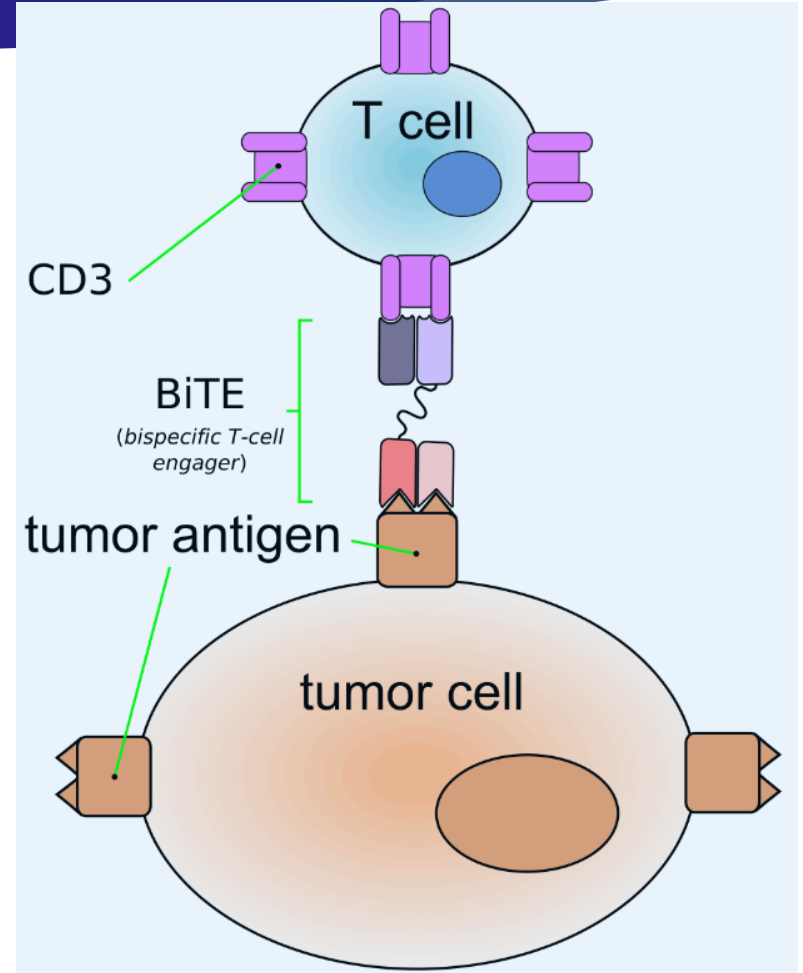


# Bi-Specific Antibodies in Hematologic Malignancies



## NEW DRUGS IN DEVELOPMENT

- Bi-Specific Antibodies: T-Cell Engagers in Lymphoma
- Glofitamab
- Mosunetuzumab (FDA Approved for Follicular Lymphoma)
- Odronextamab
- Epcoritamab
- Bi-Specific Antibodies: T-Cell Engagers in Myeloma
- Teclisimab (FDA Approved for Multiple Myeloma)
- Talquetamab
- Elranatamab
- Cevostamab
- Bi-Specific Antibodies: T-Cell Engagers in Leukemia
- Blinatumomab







# ACUTE LEUKEMIA

- What is Acute Leukemia ?
- Diseases caused by the maturation arrest of bone marrow stem cells at a very early stage
- Subtypes:
- Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia(ALL)
- Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)

# ACUTE MYELOID LEUKEMIA

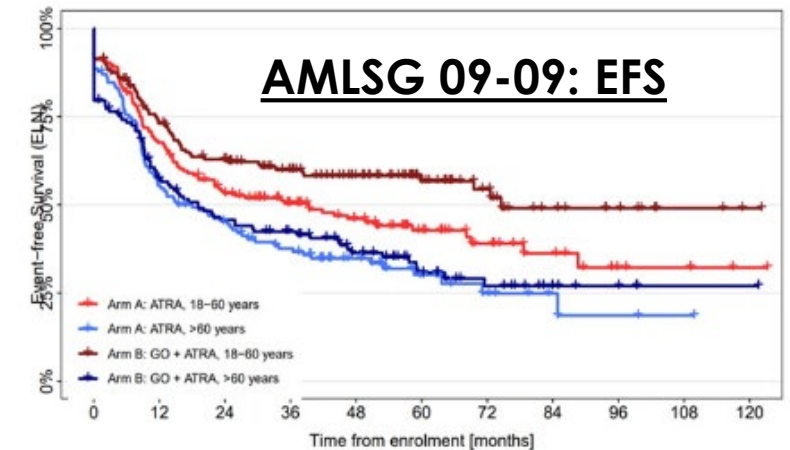


## AMLSG 09-09: Phase III, Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin Plus Intensive Chemotherapy in NPM1-Mutant AML, N=588

- Similar overall survival, but event free survival (EFS) trend to benefit in favor of GO.
- Age subgroup analysis: Significant beneficial effect of GO on EFS and cumulative relapse (CIR) for ages 18 to 60 years but similar OS.

## ASAP TRIAL: Remission Induction Chemotherapy (RISC) followed by AlloHSCT vs Immediate AlloHSCT (DISC) in R/R AML, Phase III, N=281

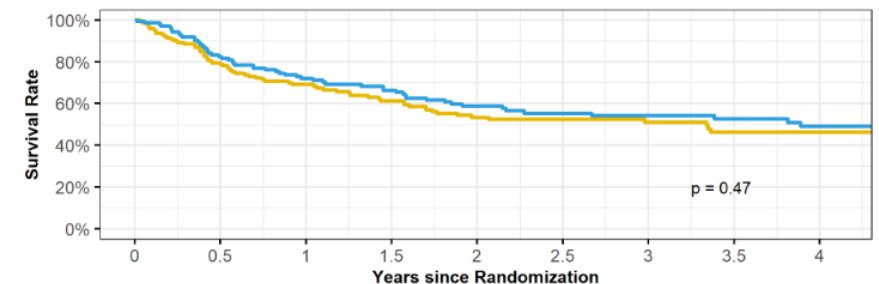
- Primary End Point: Non-Inferiority CR@day56 after alloHCT.
- Secondary End Points: OS and Leukemia free survival (LFS) from CR@day56.
- At 37 mo f/u: OS @1-year: 69.1% vs. 71.9% and 3-years OS 51.0% vs 54.2% in the DISC vs RIST arms, respectively (LR p=0.47)



|                               |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|
| Arm A: ATRA, 18-60 years      | 165 | 110 | 83 | 63 | 49 | 31 | 19 | 11 | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Arm A: ATRA, >60 years        | 131 | 72  | 56 | 41 | 27 | 16 | 8  | 4  | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Arm B: GO + ATRA, 18-60 years | 160 | 110 | 81 | 74 | 60 | 37 | 23 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| Arm B: GO + ATRA, >60 years   | 132 | 70  | 55 | 47 | 33 | 21 | 13 | 6  | 4 | 1 | 1 |

## ASAP TRIAL: RISC versus DISC

B) Overall survival from randomization according to the intention to treat



# ACUTE LYMPHOBLASTIC LEUKEMIA

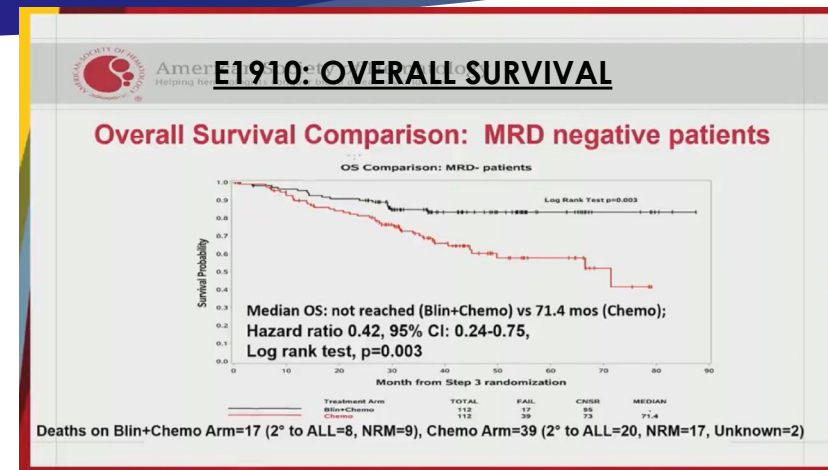


## ECOG-ACRIN E1910: Phase III, Consolidation Chemo ± Blinatumomab in MRD<sup>-</sup>Neg, BCR<sup>-</sup>Neg B-ALL, N=488

- Median overall survival (OS): NR vs 71.4mo, HR: 0.42, p=0.003 (**58% improvement in overall survival**)
- mRFS: NR vs 22.4mo, HR: 0.46, p=0.004 (54% improvement)
- 3.6-year OS: 83 vs 65%
- Deaths: 17 vs 39 – 50% of deaths due to relapse

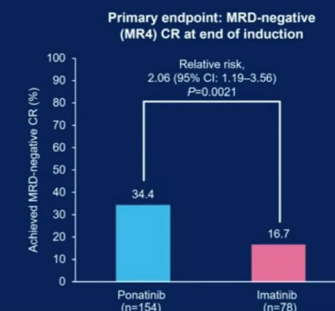
## PhALLCON: Ponatinib vs imatinib plus RIC in ND Ph+ALL, Phase III, N=245, median Age 54y, 37% ≥60y

- Composite Primary Endpoint: minimal residual disease negative complete response for 4 wks at EOI: 34.4% vs 16.7%; p=0.0021, similar toxicities.
- EFS: HR=0.652, 95% CI 0.385–1.104, TTF: HR=0.455



## PhALLCON: MRD-negative CR and MRD-negativity

- Primary endpoint: MRD-negative CR at the end of induction: hematologic CR (for ≥4 weeks) + MRD negativity (≤0.01% BCR::ABL1)







# CHRONIC LEUKEMIA

- What is Chronic Leukemia?
- Disease of blood and bone marrow associated with abnormal mature white blood cells.
- 2 major subtypes:
- Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML)
- Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)
  
- Chronic Leukemia can transform into acute leukemia or aggressive lymphoma



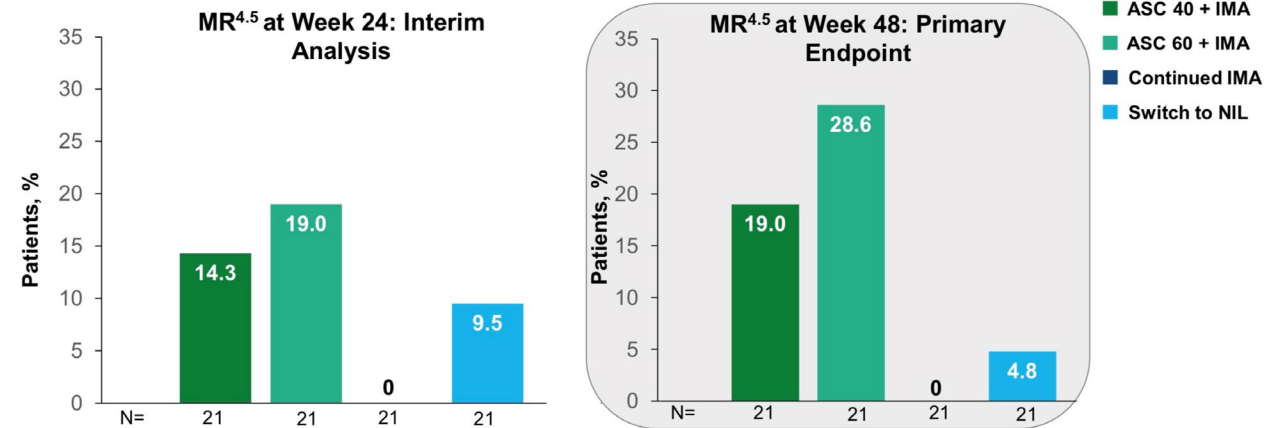
# CHRONIC MYELOID LEUKEMIA



- **ASC4MORE: Imatinib+ Asciminib Add-on vs Continued Imatinib vs Switch to Nilotinib in CML Not Achieving Deep Molecular Responses With  $\geq 1$  Yr of Imatinib Therapy, Randomized Phase II, N=44**
- Asciminib: First-in-class ABL1 inhibitor to target the ABL Myristoyl Pocket (STAMP)
- Pts enrolled after 1L IMATINIB 400 mg QD for  $\geq 1$  y with BCR::ABL1IS  $>0.01\%$  to  $\leq 1\%$  at randomization
- **MR4.5 for  $\geq 48$  wks:**
- 40mg ASC Add-on; 60.0%,
- 60mg ASC Add-on: 80.0%,
- NIL Add-on; 66.7%
- **Increased AEs with Add-ons; Toxicities leading to discontinuations:** 40-mg add-on; 4.8%, 60-mg ASC add-on; 14.3%, IMA; 0, and NIL; 23.8%

## ASC4MORE

### MR<sup>4.5</sup> at Weeks 24 and 48



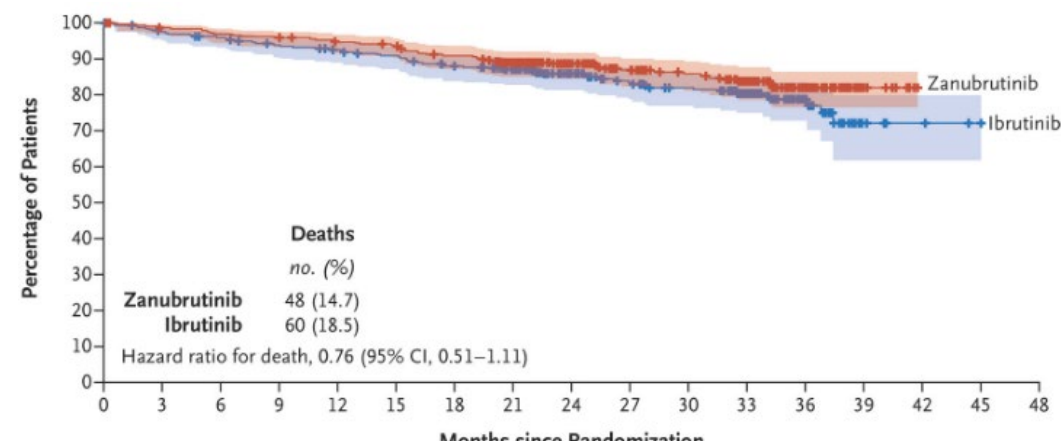
- More patients were able to achieve MR<sup>4.5</sup> with **asciminib add-on** to imatinib vs continued **imatinib** or switch to **nilotinib**
- No patients in the continued **imatinib** arm were in MR<sup>4.5</sup> at week 48, although more patients in this arm were in MMR at baseline than in the **asciminib add-on** arms

# CHRONIC LYMPHOCYtic LEUKEMIA



- **ALPINE: Zanubrutinib vs Ibrutinib for R/R CLL/SLL, Final analysis: Phase III, N=652**
- Primary End-Point: Inv-Assessed ORR; 83.5% vs. 74.2%, Neutropenia: 29.3% (Z) vs 24.4% (I)
- Cardiac events: 21.3% (Z) vs 29.6% (I)
- **GLOW: MRD with First-line FD Ibrutinib + Venetoclax vs Chlorambucil + Obinutuzumab, Phase III, N=211**
- 3.5 yr F/U: I+V improved PFS (74.6%) vs (24.8%) Clb+O (HR: 0.214);  $p < 0.0001$ .
- Improved OS vs Clb+O (HR 0.487).
- I+V: uMRD rates higher and earlier in pts with uIGHV CLL vs mIGHV CLL.
- uMRD status from EOT+3 to EOT+18: Ibr+Ven; 77.6% vs 12.2% in the Clb+O.

## ALPINE: OVERALL SURVIVAL and ADVERSE EVENTS



| TEAE by Preferred Term, n (%)     | Zanubrutinib (n=324) | Ibrutinib (n=324) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| ≥1 TEAE                           | 318 (98.1)           | 321 (99.1)        |
| COVID-19                          | 75 (23.1)            | 58 (17.9)         |
| Neutropenia                       | 74 (22.8)            | 59 (18.2)         |
| Hypertension                      | 71 (21.9)            | 64 (19.8)         |
| Upper respiratory tract infection | 68 (21.0)            | 46 (14.2)         |
| Diarrhea                          | 52 (16.0)            | 78 (24.1)         |
| Anemia                            | 49 (15.1)            | 51 (15.7)         |
| Arthralgia                        | 47 (14.5)            | 53 (16.4)         |
| Contusion                         | 44 (13.6)            | 34 (10.5)         |
| Cough                             | 38 (11.7)            | 34 (10.5)         |
| Pneumonia                         | 34 (10.5)            | 40 (12.3)         |
| Rash                              | 33 (10.2)            | 40 (12.3)         |
| Fatigue                           | 31 (9.6)             | 43 (13.3)         |
| Pyrexia                           | 27 (8.3)             | 33 (10.2)         |
| Atrial fibrillation               | 15 (4.6)             | 40 (12.3)         |
| Muscle spasms                     | 10 (3.1)             | 41 (12.7)         |

TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.



# LYMPHOMA

- ▶ Cancer of the lymph nodes and lymphatic system and bone marrow that usually manifest as enlarged lymph glands
- ▶ Divided into 2 types:
- ▶ Hodgkin lymphoma, named after the British physician Sir Thomas Hodgkin, who described it 1832 and is pathologically characterized.
- ▶ Non-Hodgkin lymphoma



# Lymphoma: Firstline Therapy for DLBCL



## REMoDL-B Trial: Bortezomib+R-CHOP, Phase III, N=1077

- Improved PFS, OS with RB-CHOP in ABC patients; PFS:54 vs 69%
- OS: 67% vs 80%: OS HR. No overall benefit on PFS or OS

## MATRIx/IELSG43: HDC+ ASCT vs CIT in PCNS NHL, Phase III, N=346

- 3-yr PFS: 79% HDC-ASCT vs. 53% R-DeVIC (HR 0.42; p=0.0003).
- 3-yr OS: 86 vs. 71% (HR 0.47; p=0.01). CR: 65% vs. 68%; p= 0.71.

## NEW DRUGS IN DEVELOPMENT

- Bi-Specific Antibodies: T-Cell Engagers
- Glofitamab+R-CHOP in Untreated DLBCL: N=56: ORR; 93.5%
- Mosunetuzumab in Elderly/Unfit DLBCL: N=54: ORR; 43%

### REMoDL-B

Figure 1: Progression free survival of ABC classified patients by treatment arm

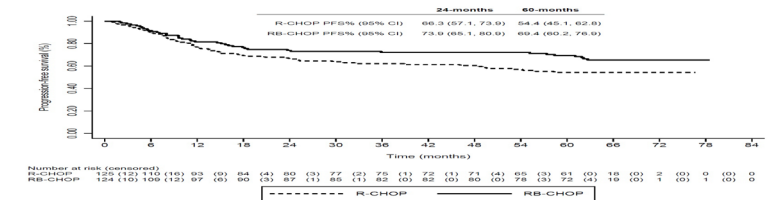
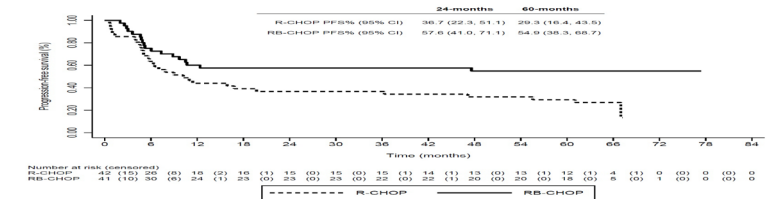
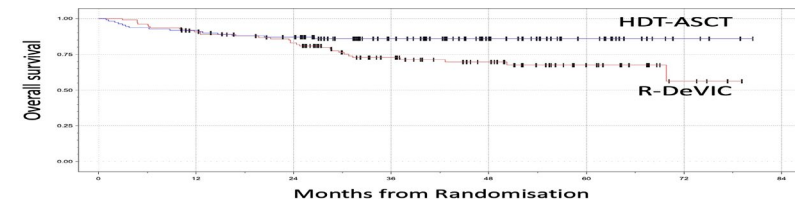
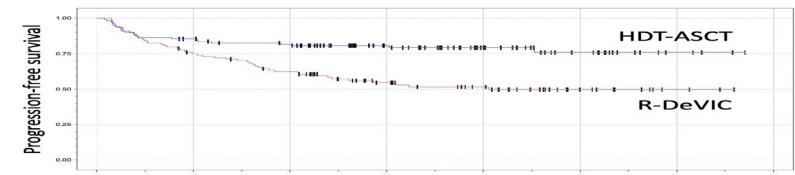


Figure 2: Progression free survival of MHG classified patients by treatment arm



### MATRIx/IELSG43



# Hodgkin's Lymphoma and Relapsed/Refractory Lymphoma



## TRIANGLE: Firstline Ibrutinib + CIT As Substitute for ASCT in Younger Patients with MCL, Phase III, N=870

- 3-year FFS 72% (A) vs. 86% (I);  $p=0.9979$ , HR: 1.77, A+I: 88% (A+I) vs. 72% (A);  $p=0.0008$ , HR: 0.52. OS: 86% (A) vs. 91% in A+I, and 92% (I)

## Polatuzumab Vedotin + R-ICE (PolaR-ICE) As Second-Line Therapy in R/R DLBCL, Phase II, N=42

- End of 3 cycles: ORR: 89% , CR: 61%, 21 pts proceeded to ASCT

## ELM-2: Odronextamab in R/R DLBCL: Pivotal Phase II N=121

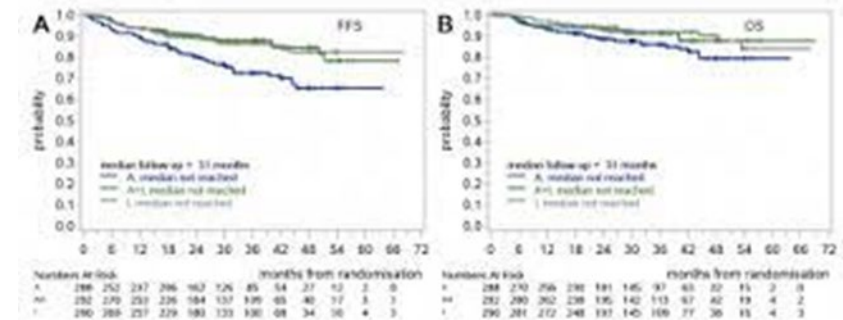
- ORR: 53%, CR: 53% (33/90)

## BRUIN: Pirtobrutinib in R/R Waldenström Macroglobulinemia, Phase I/II, N=78

- ORR: 68% ,VGPR: 24%, PR: 44%

## TRIANGLE: Firstline Ibrutinib + CIT

Figure 1A: FFS (primary outcome) and B: OS according to randomized trial arm A (R-CHOP/R-DHAP followed by ASCT), A+I (Ibrutinib-R-CHOP/R-DHAP followed by ASCT and Ibrutinib maintenance) and I (Ibrutinib-R-CHOP/R-DHAP followed by Ibrutinib maintenance)





# MULTIPLE MYELOMA

- What is Multiple Myeloma
- Cancer of the antibody producing cells of the bone marrow called plasma cells causing:
  - Antibody production
  - Increased blood calcium
  - Kidney failure
  - Low blood counts, particularly red blood cells
  - Destruction of the bone marrow
- EMERGING THERAPIES:
- Immune Engagers: “Immune Match Markers”
- CAR-T Therapy: Re-educated T cells directed at Cancer Cell Targets
- Immunomodulators: Targeting the Myeloma microenvironment



# Multiple Myeloma: NDMM



- **IFM 2017-03: Phase III, Daratumumab + Lenalidomide vs Len + Dex in Frail Patients with NDM, N=293 ( NO DEX IN ELDERLY)**
- ORR: 96% with DR vs 85% with Rd, Higher MRD negativity (MRD-10<sup>-5</sup>): 10% vs 3%, and rapid responses
- **DSMM XIII: Phase III Trial, Rd Induction + ASCT With MEL140 Followed by R Maintenance vs Continuous Rd in Patients 60-75 Yr of Age With NDMM, N=348:**
- 68 mo mFU: Rd + ASCT MEL140 + R: mPFS; 32mo vs. 38mo with continuous Rd, HR: 1.15; P = .32, NS.
- In the intention-to-treat population, MEL140 plus RD induction and lenalidomide maintenance was not superior to continuous lenalidomide/dexamethasone treatment, but only 66% of patients in the transplant arm received a transplant.
- **Myeloma XI: Phase III, Optimal Duration of Lenalidomide Maintenance After ASCT, N=1248**
- Continuing len maintenance for ≥3 yr beneficial. Impact of maintenance therapy decreases with time.
- Maintenance impact diminishes between 4 and 5 years in all patients, earlier in the subgroup that is MRD-ve after ASCT.
- MRD-positive patients benefit from continuing lenalidomide until disease progression
- **MM6: In-Class Transition (iCT) from Parenteral Bortezomib to Oral Ixazomib in NDMM, Phase II, N=140, (17% Black/AA)**
- Subset Analysis: Ages <75 and ≥75 Years: ORR; 60% at the end of 3 cycles of bortezomib-induction to 79% after iCT to Ird

## BiSpecific Antibody Therapy in R/R MM

- **MonumentAL-1: GPCR5D x CD3 Bispecific Antibody Talquetamab in RRMM, Phase I/II, N=288**
- ORR: 73.1-74.1%, 63% after prior T-cell redirection therapy, mDoR ≥9 mo in all groups; longer DoR in ≥ CR patients.

# BENIGN AND NON-MALIGNANT HEMATOLOGY



- **APPLY-PNH: Phase III: Iptacopan in PNH and Residual Anemia with Anti-C5 Therapy, N=97**

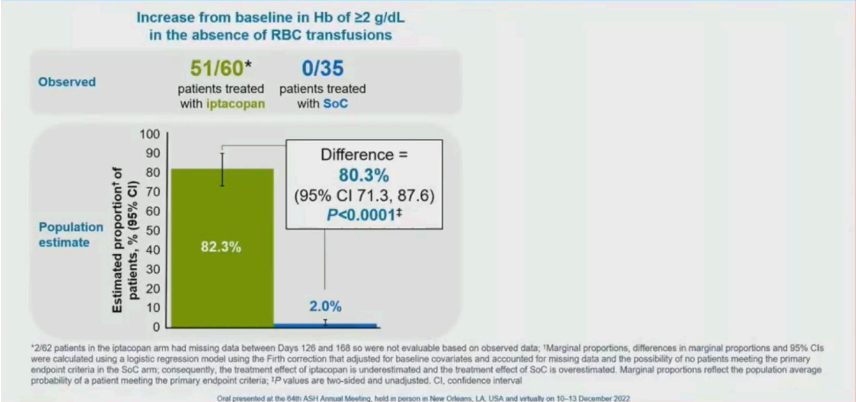
- IPTACOPAN: First-in-class oral, selective inhibitor of factor B: Increased rate of Hb  $\geq 2$  g/dL and Hb  $\geq 12$  g/dL without transfusions, well tolerated, with no serious breakthrough hemolysis.
- Improved transfusion independence, fatigue, resolved extravascular hemolysis and maintained control of intravascular hemolysis.

- **ADVANCE IV: Phase III: Efgartigimod in Adult Primary ITP, N=131**

- Human IgG1 Fc engineered for increased affinity to FcRn; FDA approved for Myasthenia Gravis.
- Sustained PLT  $\geq 50K$ : 21.8% vs 5.0% (P = .0316), Wks with PLTs  $\geq 50K$ , chronic ITP: 6.1 vs 1.5 wks (P = .0009)

## APPLY-PNH

Iptacopan monotherapy was superior to SoC for both primary endpoints



## ADVANCE IV: Efgartigimod in ITP

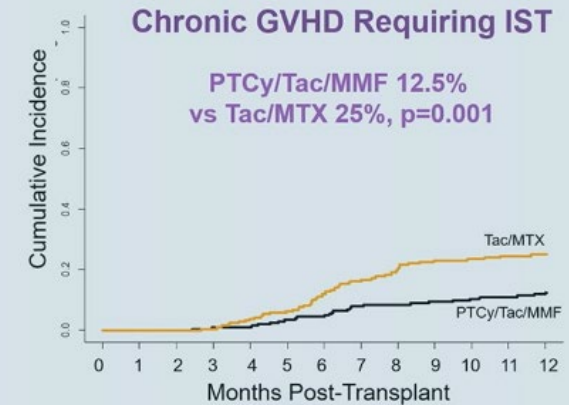
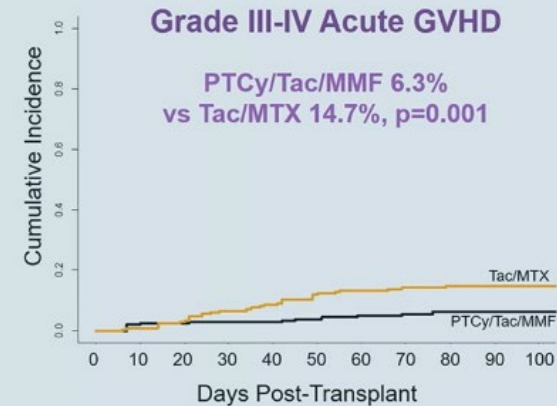
| Endpoint                                      | Population | Efgartigimod                | Placebo                     | P-value |
|---|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| <b>Primary endpoint</b>                       |            |                             |                             |         |
| Sustained platelet count response             | Chronic    | 17/78 (21.8%)               | 2/40 (5.0%)                 | .0316*  |
| <b>Key Secondary endpoints</b>                |            |                             |                             |         |
| Extent of disease control <sup>a</sup>        | Chronic    | 6.1 (7.66), 2.0 (0.0, 11.0) | 1.5 (3.23), 0.0 (0.0, 1.0)  | .0009*  |
| Sustained platelet count response             | Overall    | 22/86 (25.6%)               | 3/45 (6.7%)                 | .0108*  |
| Incidence of WHO bleeding events <sup>b</sup> | Overall    | 6.2 (6.39), 4.0 (1.0, 10.0) | 8.3 (8.01), 5.0 (2.0, 14.0) | .8287   |
| Durable sustained platelet count response     | Overall    | 19/86 (22.1%)               | 3/45 (6.7%)                 | .0265   |

# Hematopoietic Stem Cell and Cellular Therapy



- **BMT CTN 1703: Phase III; PTCy + TAC + MMF vs TAC + MTX for Prevention of GVHD Following Reduced-Intensity Conditioning AlloSCT, N=431, Primary End Point: 1-year GRFS**
- GRFS: 52.5% vs 34.9% (HR: 0.641; P <.001),
- Reduced severeGVHD with PTCy + TAC + MM and similar rates of relapse/progression
- Mildly delayed hematopoietic recovery and increased grade 2 but not grade 3 infections with PTCy + TAC + MM

## BMT CTN 1703: 2x Reduction in Severe Acute and Chronic GVHD





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# MULTIPLE MYELOMA

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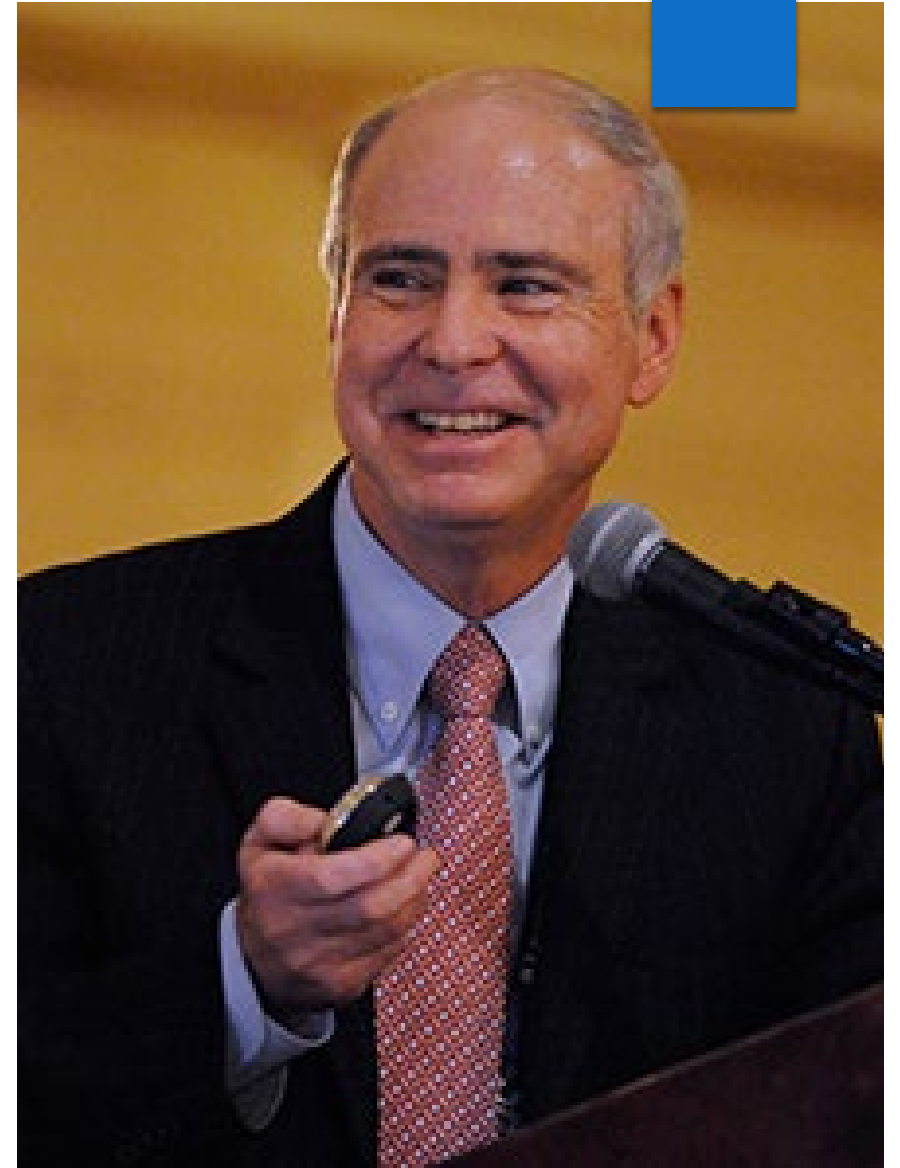
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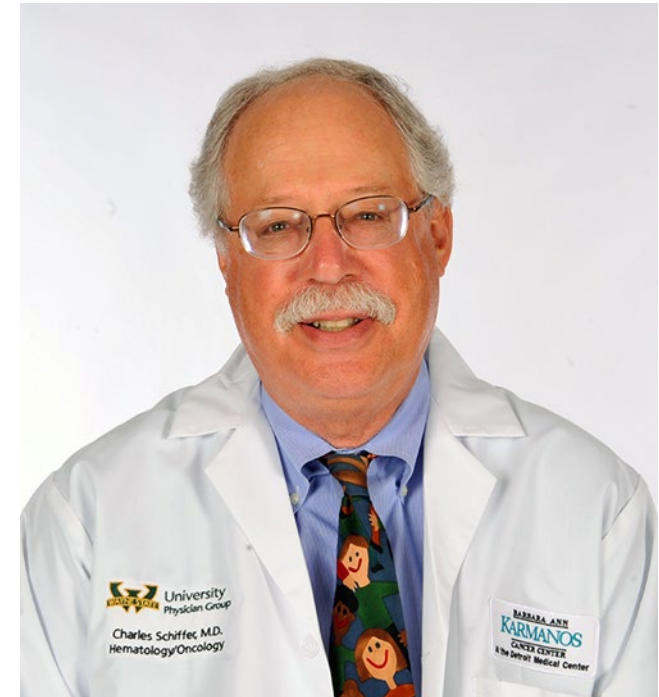
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# Acute Leukemias, Myelodysplastic Syndromes and Chronic Myeloid Leukemia

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# CHRONIC LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA

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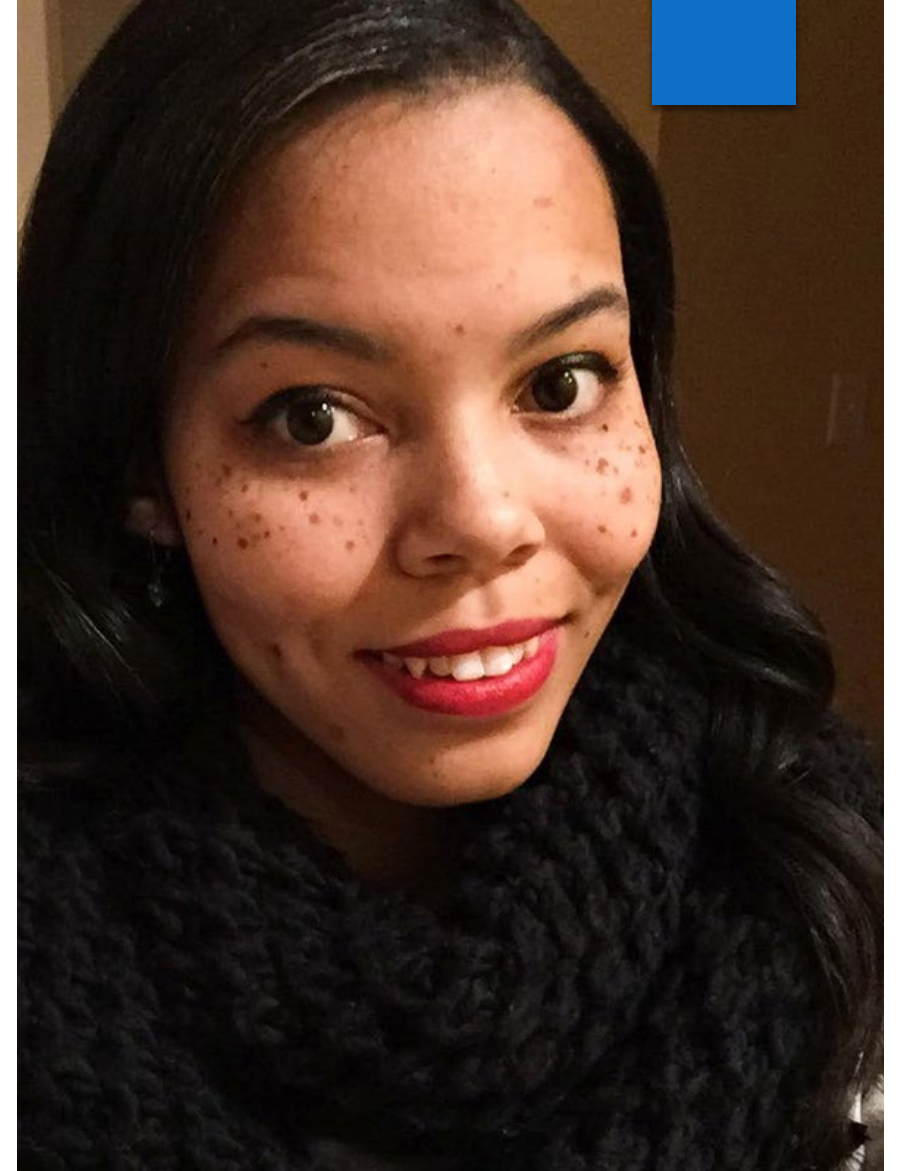
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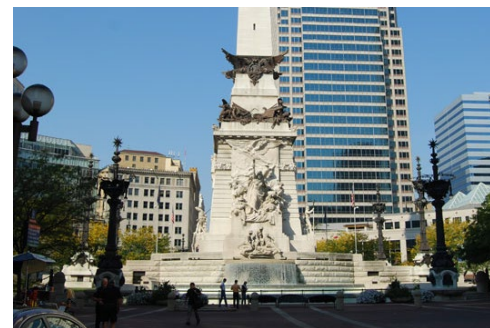
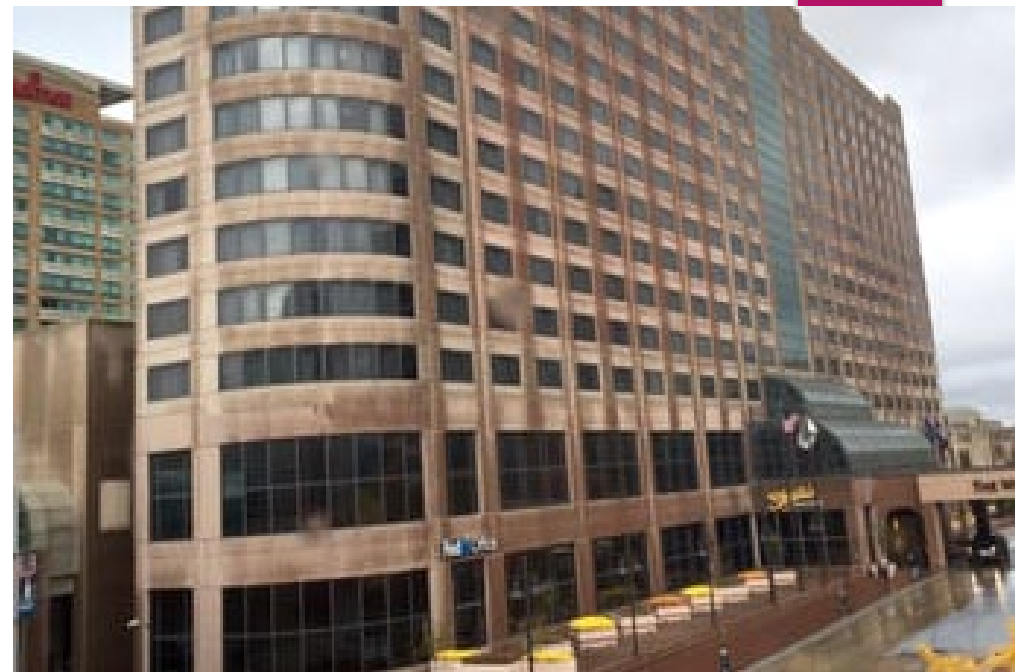
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