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Strategies to Assist Patients With Treatment Decision Making and Managing Adverse Events of Multiple Myeloma

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Agenda

- Diagnosis and staging
 - Recent advances in MM treatment
 - Identifying and managing AEs associated with new treatment approaches and complex combination regimens
 - Patient adherence issues, comorbidities, frailties, psychosocial support
 - Strategies and resources for educating patients and their families about their treatment options at each stage of disease
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Online Treatment Decision Aid for MM

- Enter specific patient and disease characteristics by answering a series of multiple choice questions and get recommendations for your specific patient case from 5 hematologic cancer experts

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Patient and Disease Characteristics

What is the treatment setting for your patient?

☐ Induction [?](#)

☐ Maintenance [?](#)

☒ Relapsed/refractory [?](#)

How many previous lines of therapy has your patient received? [?](#)

☐ 1-3

☒ > 3

Which of the following best reflects your patient's treatment history? [?](#)

☐ Refractory to lenalidomide and bortezomib

☒ Refractory to lenalidomide, bortezomib, and carfilzomib

☐ Refractory to lenalidomide, bortezomib, and ixazomib

☐ Refractory to lenalidomide, bortezomib, and pomalidomide

☐ Refractory to lenalidomide, bortezomib, and daratumumab

☐ Refractory to lenalidomide, bortezomib, and elotuzumab

☐ Refractory to lenalidomide, bortezomib, carfilzomib, and pomalidomide

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Which of the following treatment-related toxicities or comorbidities does your patient have? [?](#)

☐ Renal insufficiency [?](#)

☐ Peripheral neuropathy [?](#)

☐ Cardiac dysfunction [?](#)

☐ None of the above

SUBMIT (AFTER COMPLETING QUESTIONS ABOVE)

Recommendations

	Recommendations	Comments
Expert 1	Daratumumab/pomalidomide/dexamethasone	
Expert 2	Daratumumab/pomalidomide/dexamethasone	Consider daratumumab/carfilzomib/dexamethasone, CAR T-cell therapy, or enrollment on clinical trials as alternative treatment approaches
Expert 3	Daratumumab/pomalidomide/dexamethasone	Also consider daratumumab/carfilzomib/dexamethasone or carfilzomib/pomalidomide/dexamethasone
Expert 4	Carfilzomib/cyclophosphamide/dexamethasone	Also consider carfilzomib/dexamethasone
Expert 5	Daratumumab/pomalidomide/dexamethasone	Also consider carfilzomib/cyclophosphamide/dexamethasone
Dose adjust lenalidomide based on level of renal impairment		
CASE SUMMARY		

Available at: clinicaloptions.com/MyelomaTool



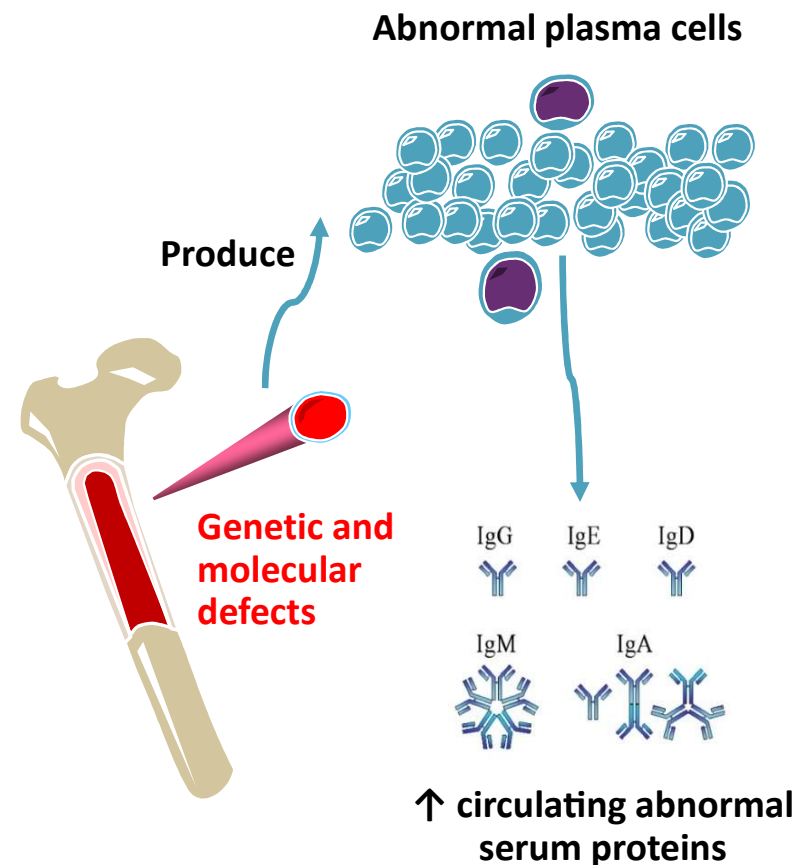
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Multiple Myeloma: Overview and Diagnosis



What Is Multiple Myeloma?

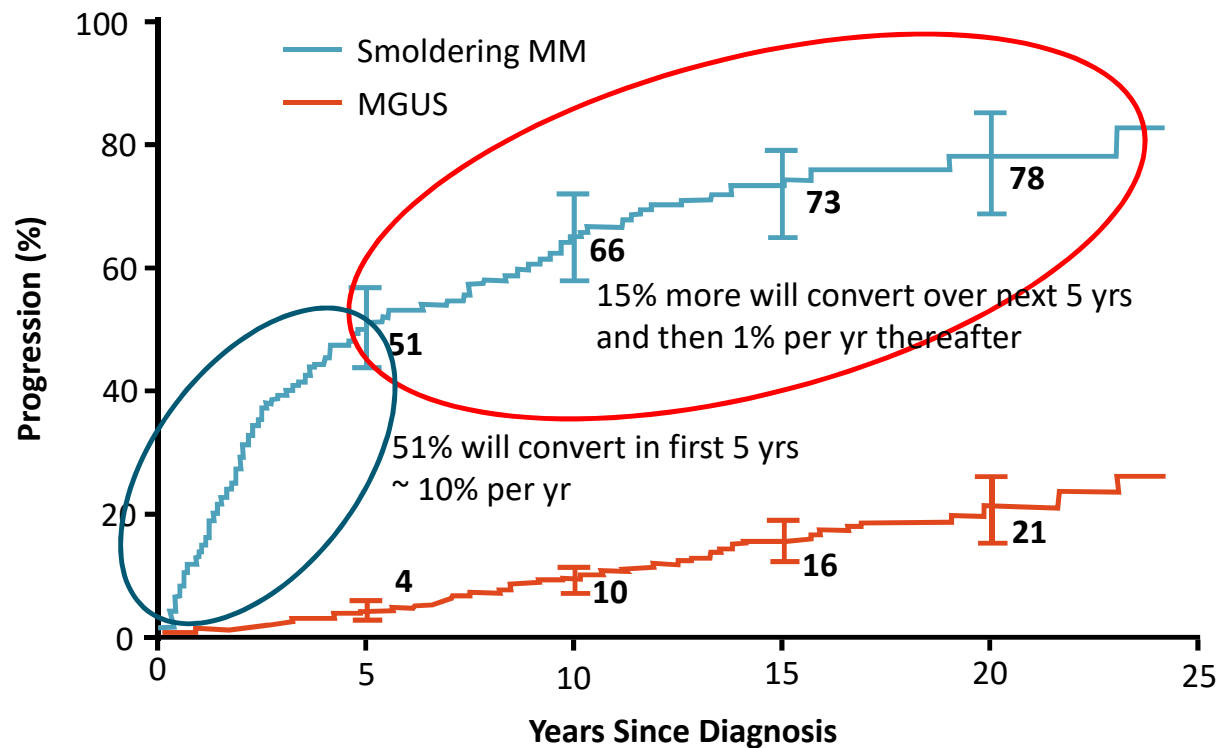
- Cancer of the plasma cells
- 2019: 32,110 new cases
- Median age: 69 yrs
- Risk factors include advanced age, AA, race, environmental and genetic factors
- 17% may never need another treatment



Faiman B, et al. Multiple myeloma. In: Hematologic malignancies in adults. ONS Publishing. 2014.
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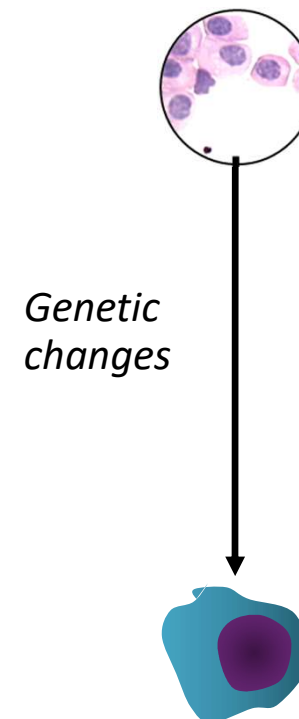
Progression to Symptomatic Myeloma



Strategy: Identify patients with high risk of progression; suggest early treatment before organ damage occurs

Diagnostic Workup

- Lab tests
 - Serum protein electrophoresis (SPEP), urine protein electrophoresis (UPEP), complete metabolic panel (CMP), CBC + differential, plasma ratio of free kappa/lambda light chains, serum and urine immunofixation electrophoresis
- Bone marrow biopsy
 - FISH, cytogenetics, and gene expression profiling (GEP)
- Imaging:
 - Skeletal survey, MRI/CT, PET scan ± MRI, CT



Ghobrial IM, et al. Blood. 2014;124:3380-3388. Rajkumar SV, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2014;15:e538-3548.
Faïman B. Clin Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk. 2014;14:436-440.

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IMWG Criteria for Diagnosis of Multiple Myeloma

MGUS	Smoldering Myeloma	Active or Symptomatic Multiple Myeloma
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ M protein < 3 g/dL▪ Clonal plasma cells in BM < 10%▪ No myeloma-defining events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ M protein \geq 3 g/dL (serum) or \geq 500 mg/24 hrs (urine)▪ Clonal plasma cells in BM \geq 10% to 60%▪ No myeloma-defining events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Underlying plasma cell proliferative disorder▪ AND \geq 1 SLiM-CRAB* feature

***S**: Sixty percent clonal bone marrow plasma cells

Li: Serum free **L**ight chain ratio \geq 100 (involved kappa) or \leq .01 (involved lambda)

M: **M**RI studies with > 1 focal lesion (> 5 mm in size)

C: Calcium elevation (> 11 mg/dL or > 1 mg/dL higher than ULN)

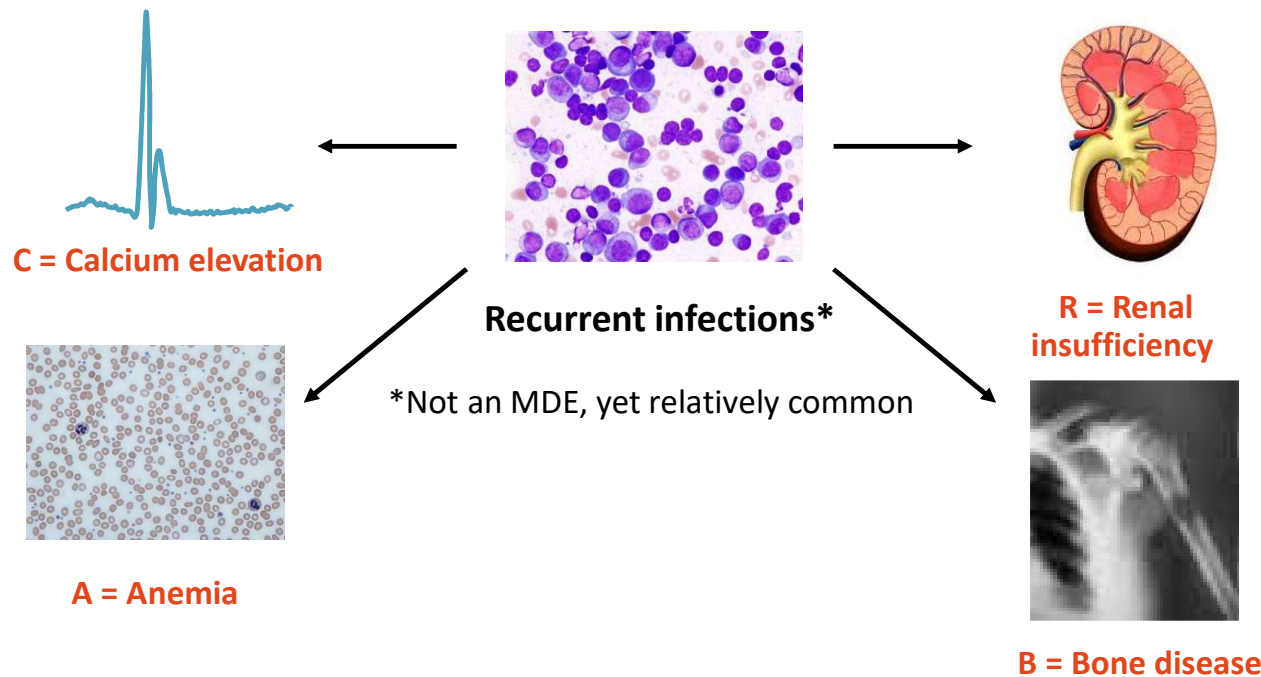
R: Renal insufficiency (CrCl < 40 mL/min or serum creatinine > 2 mg/dL)

A: Anemia (Hb < 10 g/dL or 2 g/dL < normal)

B: Bone disease (\geq 1 lytic lesions on skeletal radiography, CT, or PET/CT)

Multiple Myeloma: Clinical Manifestations

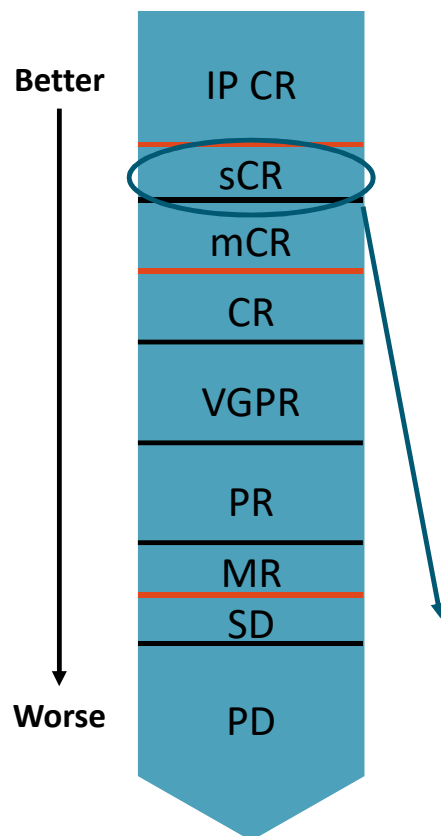
- Series of genetic mutations, translocations, normal cell turns malignant
- Hallmarks of myeloma: CRAB (also known as myeloma-defining events)
- “SLiM CRAB” is the new criteria when treatment is recommended



SLiM:

- > 60% bone marrow plasma cells
- Serum FLC ratio K:L >100
- MRI >1 focal lesion > 5mm

Diagnosis AND Monitoring Disease Are Essential: IMWG Myeloma Response Criteria



Category	Response Criteria
sCR	Normal FLC ratio; no clonal BM plasma cells
CR	Negative IFX and < 5% BM plasma cells
VGPR	Positive IFX and negative SPEP; ≥ 90% urine protein decrease; urine M-protein level < 100 mg/24 hrs
PR	≥ 50% decrease serum M-protein and ≥ 90% decrease in 24-hr urinary M-protein
SD	Not meeting criteria for CR, VGPR, PR, or progressive disease

- IP CR: sCR AND BM negative by next gen flow (10^{-6})
- sCR: CR AND normal FLC ratio, BM negative by flow, 2 measures
- mCR: CR AND negative PCR (10^{-5})
- CR: negative IFX; < 5% PC in BM; 2 measures

When and Why Should a Clinical Trial Be Considered?

- Before organ damage occurs (preferred)
- Clinical trials (preferred)
 - A Cancer Moonshot Initiative priority area of the BRP recommendations
 - Emphasize benefits of clinical trials
 - Access to new drugs
 - Collect information in logical manner
 - Can benefit patient and others
 - Risks also exist and should be discussed with patients and caregivers
 - Stringent monitoring, placebo, etc.

Current Treatment Options in Newly Diagnosed Myeloma



Therapeutic Options in Myeloma: The Current Landscape

Immuno-modulatory Drugs	Proteasome Inhibitors	XPO-1 inhibitor	Chemotherapy Alkylators	Steroids	Histone Deacetylase Inhibitor	Monoclonal Antibodies
Thalidomide (PO)	Bortezomib (IV/SC)	Selinexor (PO)	Cyclophosphamide (IV, PO)	Dexamethasone (IV, PO)	Panobinostat (PO)	Elotuzumab (IV)
Lenalidomide (PO)	Carfilzomib (IV)		Bendamustine (IV)	Prednisone (PO)		Daratumumab (IV)
Pomalidomide (PO)	Ixazomib (PO)		Melphalan (IV, PO)			TQ25

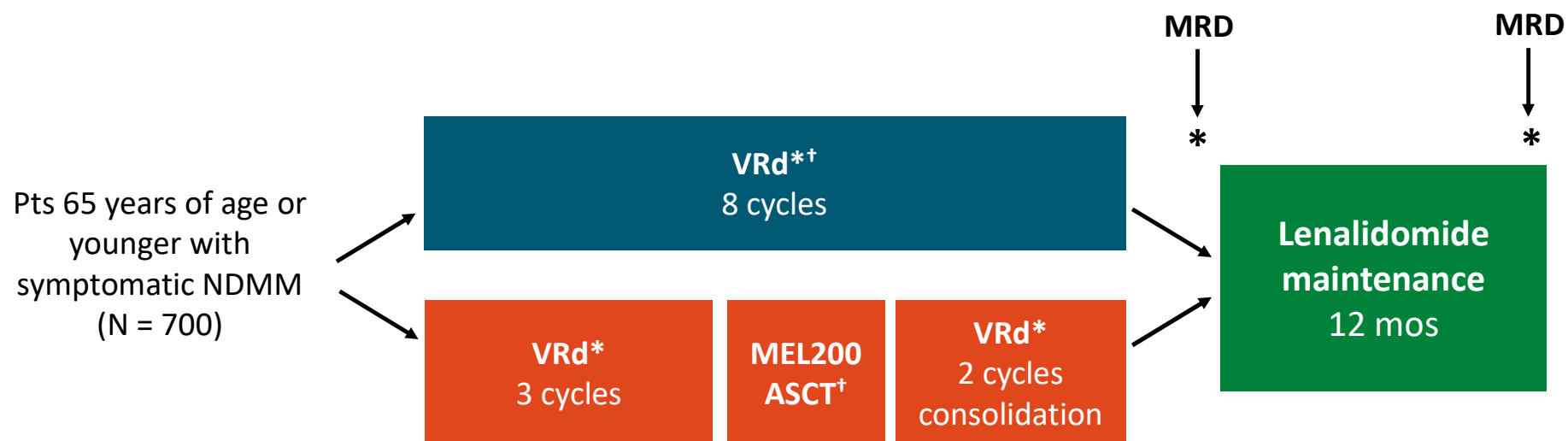
Supportive care drugs should be integrated at diagnosis and throughout:

- Bone modifying agents (denosumab, pamidronate, and zoledronic acid)
- Antibiotics (acyclovir/valacyclovir, sulfamethoxazole, and trimethoprim)
- Palliative care should be integrated at diagnosis and throughout (aggressive control of symptoms)

Induction and Maintenance Therapy for Patients With Transplant-Eligible Myeloma

Treatment Phase	Preferred Regimens	Other Regimens
Initial therapy (induction) for transplantation-eligible patients (response assessment after cycle 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ VRd▪ CyBorD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bort/dox/dex▪ KRd▪ Ird
Maintenance therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Lenalidomide▪ Ixazomib	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bortezomib

Phase III IFM/DFCI 2009: VRd ± ASCT in Newly Diagnosed Myeloma

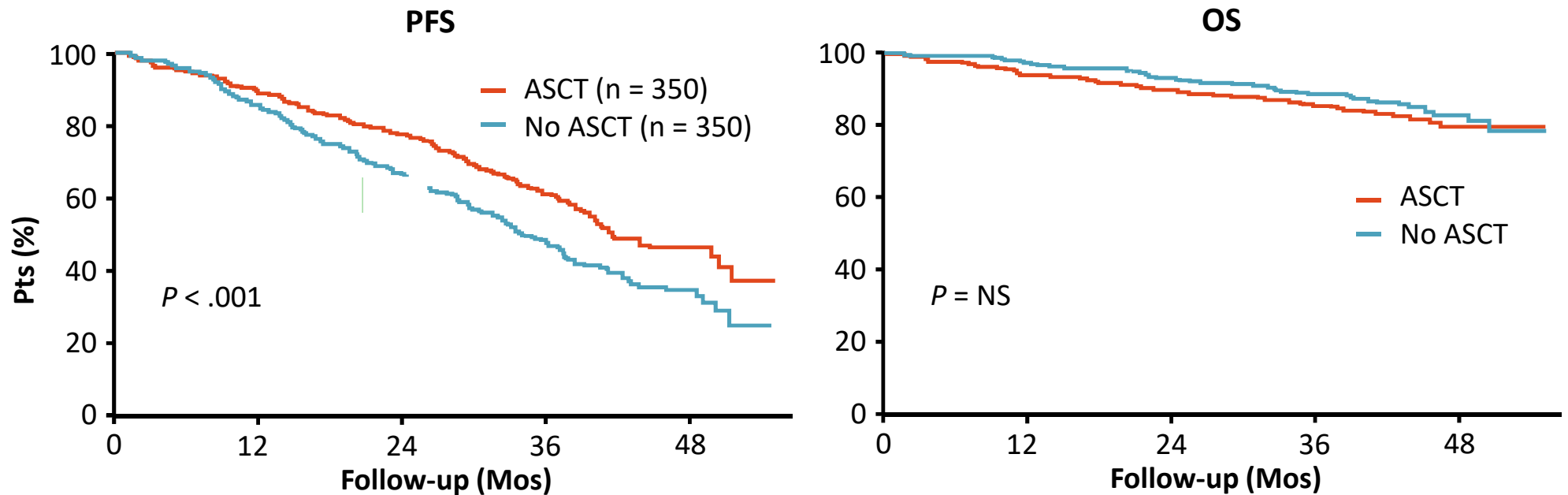


*VRd: bortezomib 1.3 mg/m² IV on Days 1, 4, 8, 11 + lenalidomide 25 mg on Days 1-14 + dexamethasone 40 mg on Days 1, 8, 15.

[†]Included PBSC collection with cyclophosphamide 3 g/m² + G-CSF after cycle 3.

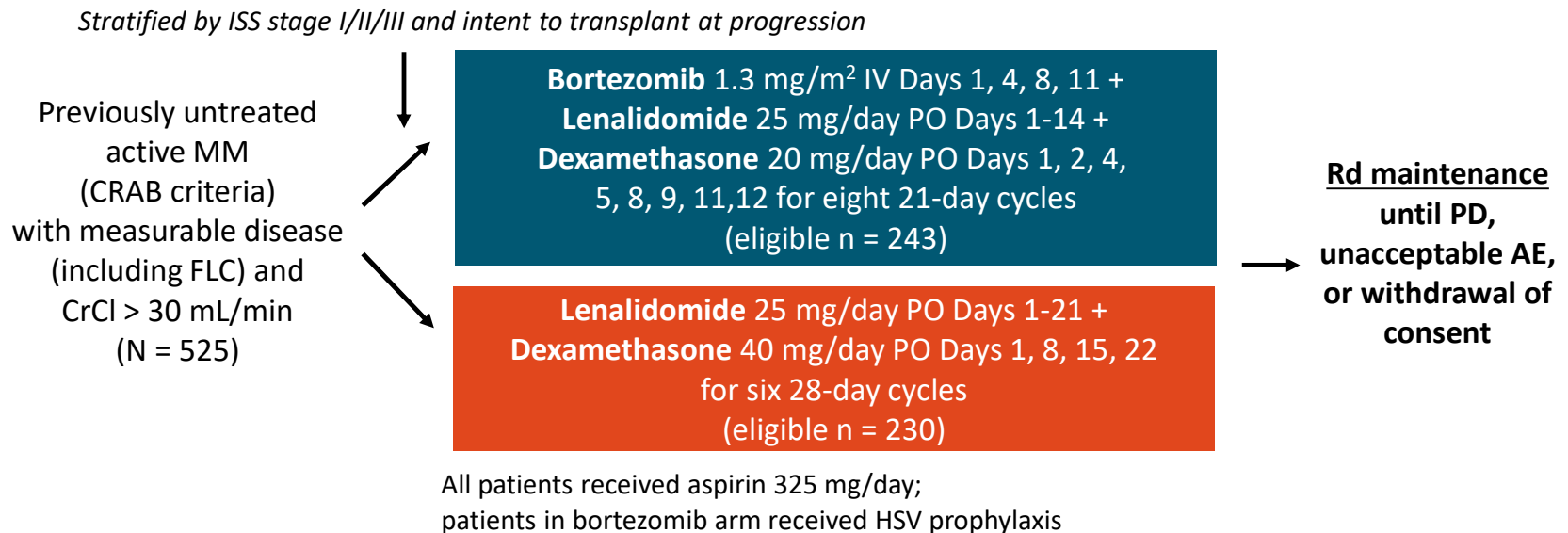
- Primary objective: PFS
- Secondary objectives: ORR, MRD, TTP, OS, safety

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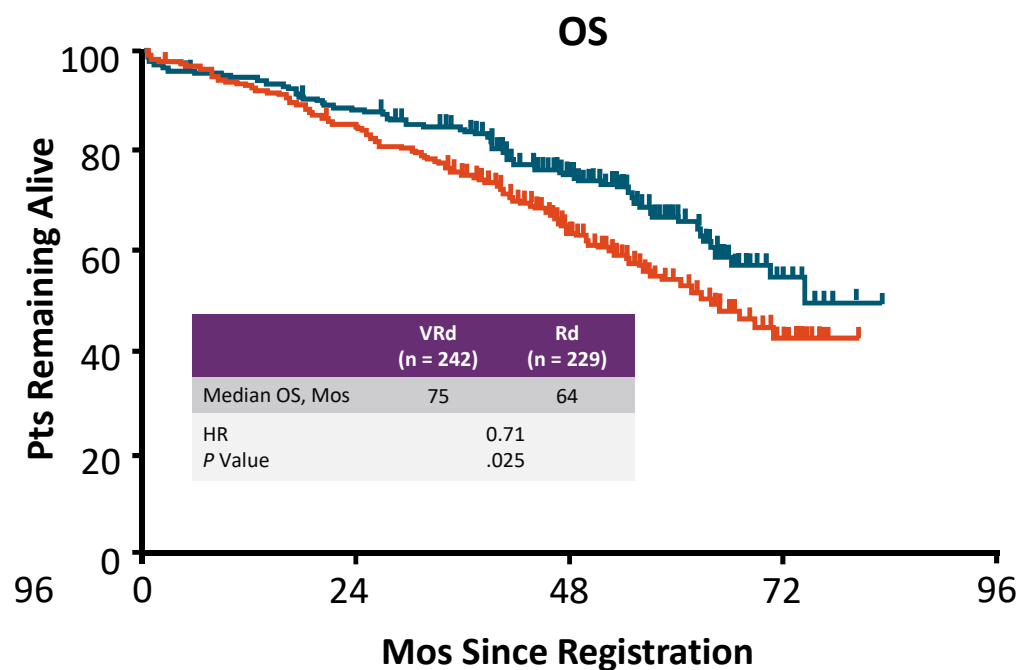
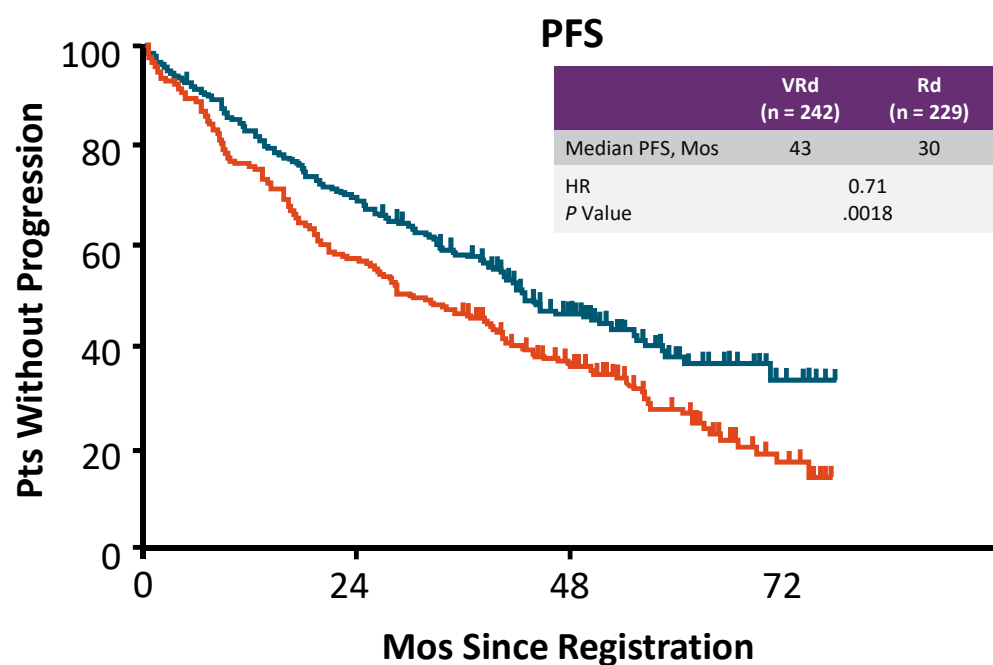
Phase III SWOG 0777: Len/Dex ± Bortezomib in Newly Diagnosed MM With Delayed ASCT

- Randomized phase III trial of VRd vs Rd



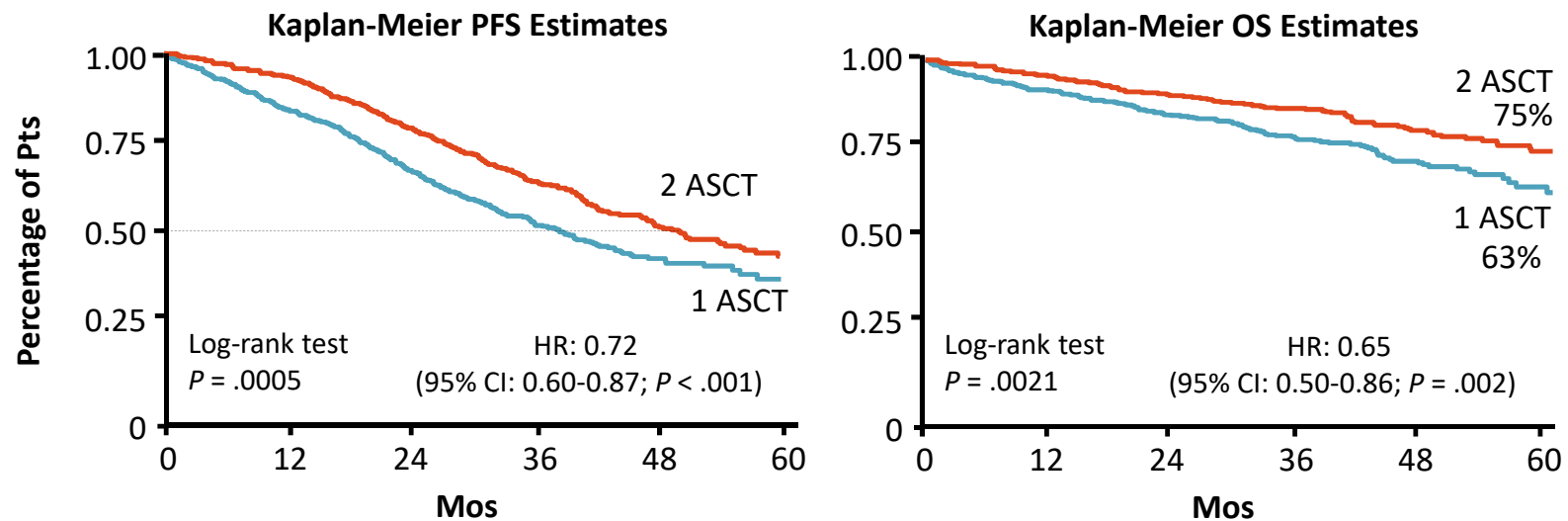
- Primary endpoint: PFS
- Secondary endpoints: ORR, OS, safety

Phase III SWOG 0777: Len/Dex ± Bortezomib in Newly Diagnosed MM



— VRd
— Rd

Single vs Double ASCT: Analysis of 3 Studies



- Compilation of European phase III studies
- Median PFS: 2 ASCT, 50 mos; 1 ASCT, 38 mos
- Maximum benefit in pts with high-risk disease, especially del(17p) and t(4;14)

Induction and Maintenance Therapy for Transplantation-Ineligible Patients With Myeloma

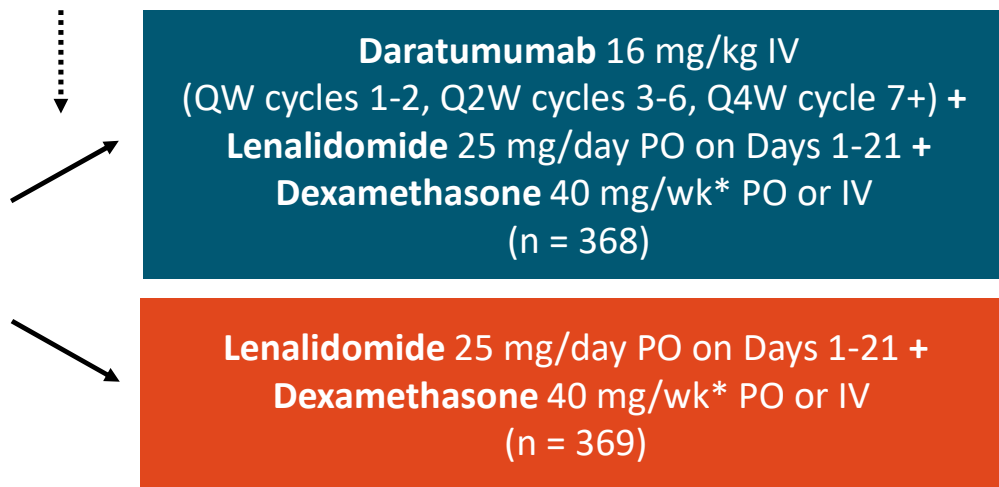
Treatment Phase	Preferred Regimens	Other Regimens
Initial therapy (induction) <i>Response assessment after cycle 2</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ VRd ▪ Rd ▪ CyBorD ▪ Dara + VMP ▪ Dara/Rd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ KRd ▪ KCd ▪ IRd
Continuous (maintenance) therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lenalidomide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bortezomib

MAIA: Study Design

- Randomized phase III trial

*Stratified by ISS (I vs II vs III), region (N America vs other),
age (< 75 vs ≥ 75 yrs)*

Patients with ASCT-
ineligible NDMM,
ECOG PS 0-2,
CrCl ≥ 30 mL/min
(N = 737)

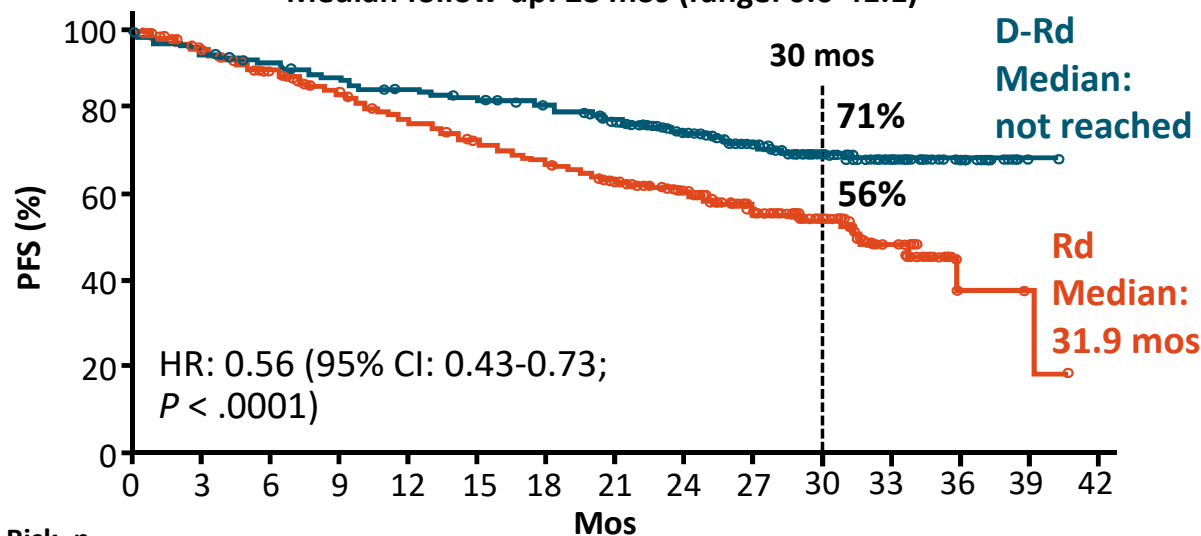


*Reduced to 20 mg/wk if > 75 yrs of age or BMI < 18.5.

- Primary endpoint: PFS
- Secondary endpoints : ≥ CR rate, ≥ VGPR rate, MRD negativity, ORR, OS, safety

Phase III MAIA Trial: Survival With DaraRd vs Rd in Older or ASCT-Ineligible Patients

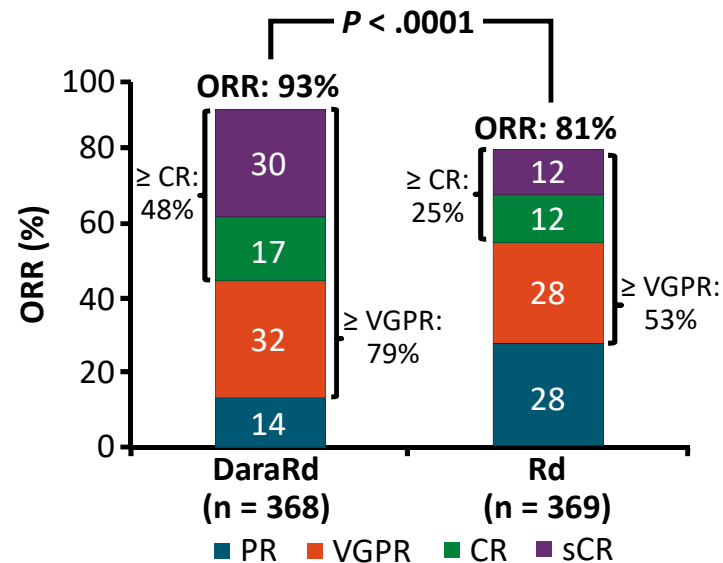
Median follow-up: 28 mos (range: 0.0-41.1)



Pts Risk, n

Rd	369	332	307	280	254	236	219	200	149	94	50	18	3	2	0
DaraRd	368	347	335	320	309	300	290	271	203	146	86	35	11	1	0

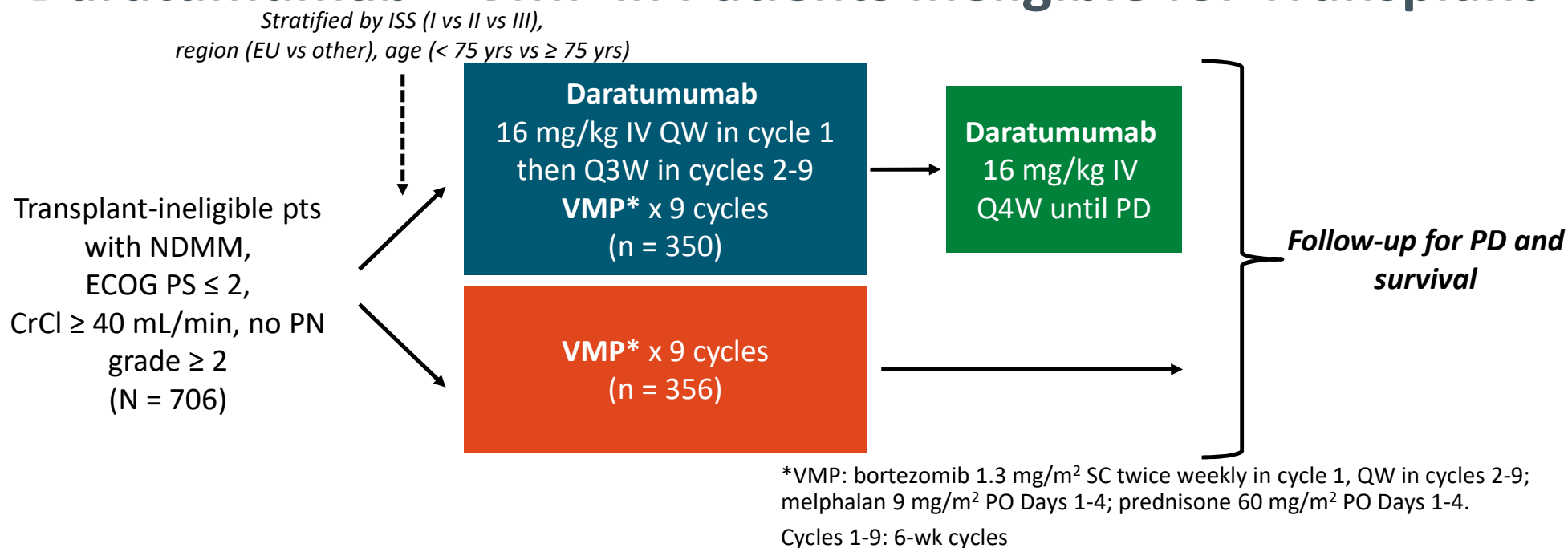
- Daratumumab treatment favored in most subgroups analyzed, including age, race, ISS stages, ECOG PS scores
- Reduced risk of progression or death with MRD negativity in both arms



- MRD negativity increased with addition of daratumumab
 - DaraRD: 24% MRD negative
 - Rd: 7% MRD negative

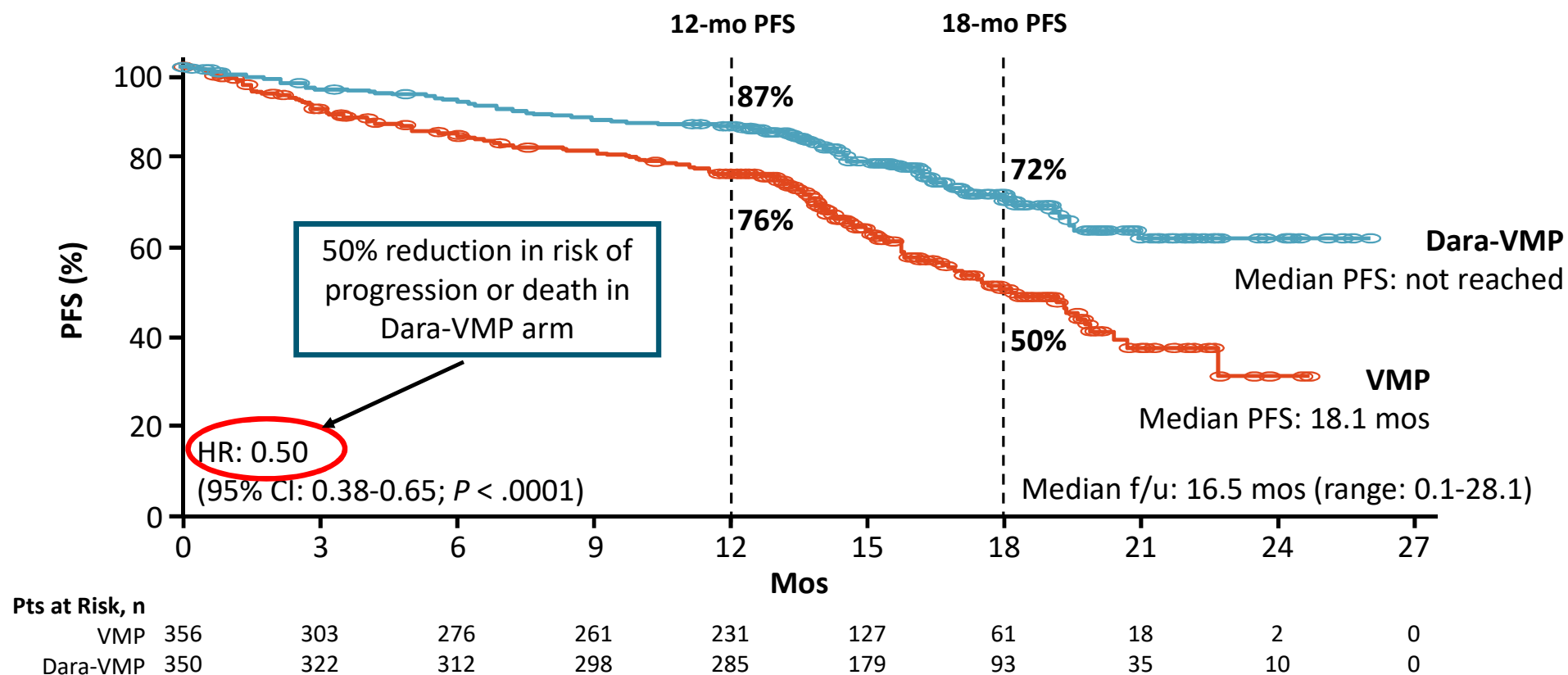
ALCYONE: Open-Label, Phase III Study Design

Daratumumab + VMP in Patients Ineligible for Transplant



- Primary endpoint: PFS
- Secondary endpoints: ORR, ≥ VGPR, ≥ CR, MRD, OS, safety
- Statistical analysis: 360 PFS events with 85% power for 8-mo improvement
- Interim analysis at ~ 216 PFS events

ALCYONE: PFS



Consistent PFS benefit across subgroups

Mateos MV, et al. N Engl J Med. 2018;378:518-528.

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Nursing Implications

- Patients receiving 3-4 drug regimens can experience better responses but more/greater severity AEs than 2 drugs (especially neuropathy)
 - Manage AEs proactively to keep patients on therapy
- Key points with DARA + VMP or DARA + Rd in transplant eligible patients w/ newly diagnosed MM:
 - DARA can lead to infusion reactions
 - Shingles prevention with proteasome inhibitors (valacyclovir, acyclovir)
 - Adherence with oral melphalan, prednisone (calendars, electronic reminders) in light of other indications
 - Aggressive management of symptoms

Maintenance in Myeloma



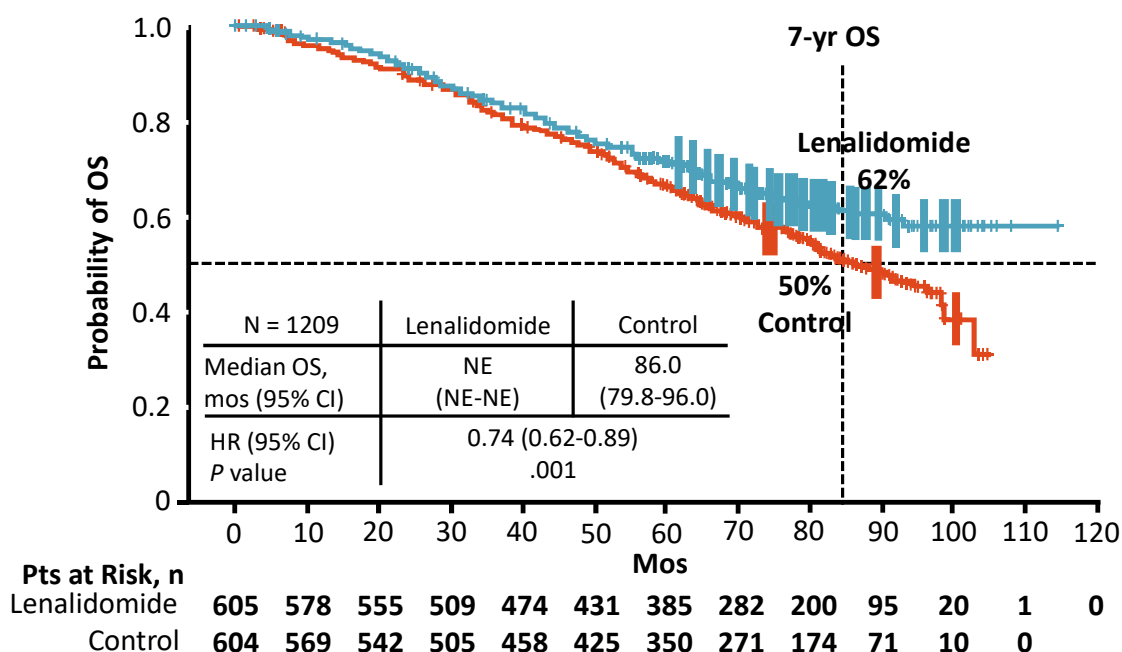
Summary of Lenalidomide and Bortezomib Maintenance Trials in Myeloma

Trial	Comparison Arms	Duration	Median Follow-up, Mos	PFS, Mos	OS
Lenalidomide					
IFM 2005-02 ^[1]	LEN vs PBO	Stopped after median 32 mos	45	Median: 41 vs 23 ($P < .001$)	3 yrs 80% vs 84% ($P = .7$)
CALGB-100104 ^[2]	LEN vs PBO	Until progression	48	Median: 50 vs 27 ($P < .001$)	NR vs 73% ($P = .008$)
RV-MM-PI-209 ^[3]	LEN vs No maintenance	Until progression	51	Median: 42 vs 22 ($P < .001$)	3 yrs 88% vs 79% ($P = .14$)
Bortezomib					
HOVON 65 MM/GMMG-HD4 ^[4]	BTZ vs THAL	2 yrs	91	96 mos 17% vs 10% ($P = .001$)	96 mos 48% vs 45% ($P = .22$)
PETHEMA/GEM ^[5]	VT vs THAL vs Interferon- α	3 yrs	35	2 yrs 78% vs 63% vs 49% ($P = .01$)	NS

1. Attal M, et al. N Engl J Med. 2012;366:1782-1791. 2. McCarthy PL, et al. IMW 2013. Abstract S15-5.
3. Palumbo A, et al. N Engl J Med. 2014;371:895-905. 4. Sonneveld P, et al. Blood. 2015;126:27.
5. Rosiñol L, et al. Blood. 2012;120:1589-1596.

Lenalidomide Maintenance After ASCT in Myeloma Improves OS (Meta-analysis)

- Trials: IFM 2005-02, CALGB 100104, GIMEMA RV-209 (N = 1209)
- Treatment: lenalidomide maintenance (n = 605) vs placebo or no maintenance (n = 604)
- At median follow-up of 80 mos, 26% ↓ in risk of death and 2.5-yr ↑ in median OS



OS, %	Lenalidomide	Control	P Value
OS at 5 yrs	71	66	.001
OS at 6 yrs	65	58	.001
OS at 7 yrs	62	50	.001

Risk of secondary primary malignancy post-ASCT higher in lenalidomide group (HR: 2.03; 95% CI: 1.14-3.61)

McCarthy PL, et al. J Clin Onc. 2017;35:3279-3289.

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High-Risk MM: RVD Maintenance-Consolidation Improved Survival vs Bortezomib, Lenalidomide

Outcome	RVD Maintenance-Consolidation in High-Risk MM ^[1]	Bortezomib Maintenance in del(17p) MM ^[2]	Lenalidomide in High-Risk Cytogenetics MM ^[3]
3-yr OS, %	93	69	--
Median PFS, mos	32	26.2	27

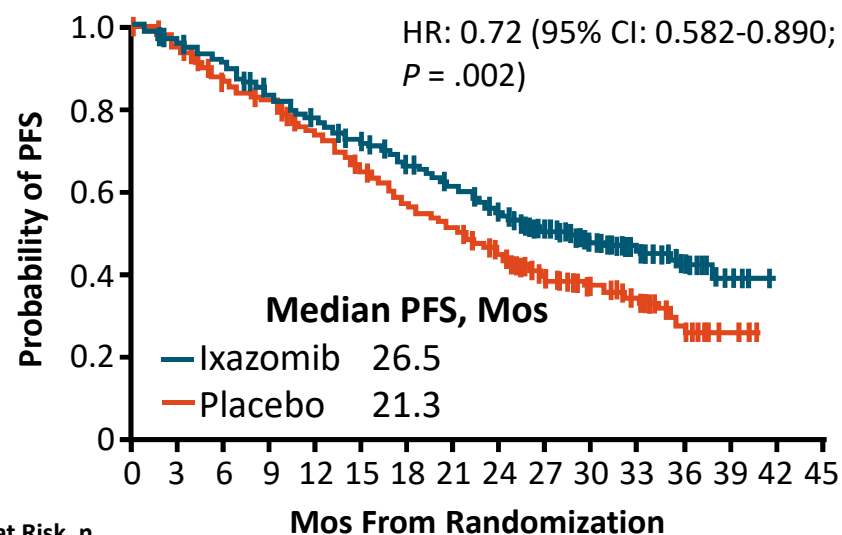
- Overall population and del(17p) subgroup had similar OS, PFS benefits with RVD

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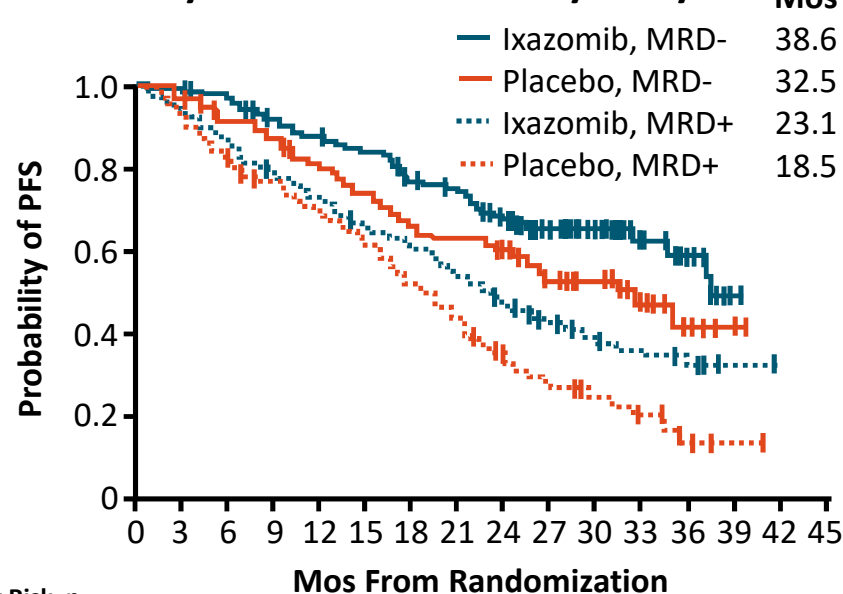
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TOURMALINE-MM3: PFS

PFS: Overall (Primary Endpoint)



PFS: By MRD Status at Study Entry



- At median follow-up of 31 mos, median OS not reached in either treatment arm

How Do (Should) We Use MRD in the Clinic Today?

Flow Cytometry

- Defined: absence of clonal plasma cells in bone marrow aspirate using next-gen flow cytometry
- Sensitivity: 10^{-4} to 10^{-6}
- Need for specialized, validated equipment

Next-Gen Sequencing

- Defined: absence of clonal plasma cells in BM aspirate with < 2 identical DNA sequence reads
- Sensitivity: 10^{-4} to 10^{-6}
- Sent to lab for evaluation (clonoSEQ)

Imaging

- Defined: disappearance of areas of tracer uptake at baseline PET/CT or decrease to $<$ normal surrounding tissue
- Sensitivity: high (?)
- Can be used as monitoring along with other assays

- ClonoSEQ FDA approved for MRD testing in acute lymphoblastic leukemia or myeloma
- **BUT there are currently no data on altering length of induction therapy, need for ASCT and/or consolidation, or maintenance based on MRD results**



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Recently Approved Agents and Combination Regimens for R/R MM



Factors in Selecting Treatment for Relapsed/Refractory Myeloma

- Disease-related factors
 - Duration of response to initial therapy
 - High-risk vs low-risk status
 - Molecular disease progression vs symptomatic progression
 - Other comorbid conditions, patient frailty
- Treatment-related factors
 - Previous therapy exposure (relapsed or refractory)
 - Toxicity/tolerability of previous regimen (combination vs single agent)
 - Mode of administration (ie, PO or IV)
 - Cost and convenience (out-of-pocket copays for IV vs PO)
- PATIENT PREFERENCE: Control may be more desirable than cure at relapse

Recommended Regimens for Pts With Relapsed/Refractory Myeloma

Preferred Regimens	Other Regimens
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bortezomib/lenalidomide/dex ▪ Carfilzomib (twice weekly)/dex ▪ Carfilzomib/lenalidomide/dex ▪ Daratumumab/bortezomib/dex ▪ Daratumumab/lenalidomide/dex ▪ Elotuzumab/lenalidomide/dex ▪ Ixazomib/lenalidomide/dex 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bendamustine/bortezomib/dex ▪ Bendamustine/lenalidomide/dex ▪ Bortezomib/liposomal doxorubicin/dex ▪ Bortezomib/cyclophosphamide/dex ▪ Carfilzomib (weekly)/dex ▪ Cyclophosphamide/lenalidomide/dex ▪ Bortezomib/dex ▪ Daratumumab ▪ Daratumumab/pomalidomide/dex ▪ Elotuzumab/bortezomib/dex ▪ Elotuzumab/pomalidomide/dex ▪ Ixazomib/dex ▪ Ixazomib/pomalidomide/dex ▪ Lenalidomide/dex ▪ Panobinostat/bortezomib/dex ▪ Panobinostat/carfilzomib ▪ Panobinostat/lenalidomide/dex ▪ Pomalidomide/cyclophosphamide/dex ▪ Pomalidomide/dex ▪ Pomalidomide/bortezomib/dex ▪ Pomalidomide/carfilzomib/dex ▪ Selinexor/dex

How to Make the Best Choice for Therapy in R/R MM

PD While Not on Lenalidomide Maintenance

Triplets (with Rd as backbone)

Daratumumab + Rd

Carfilzomib + Rd

Ixazomib + Rd

Elotuzumab + Rd

PD On Lenalidomide Maintenance (Len-Refractory)

Triplets (with other backbones)

Daratumumab + Vd

Daratumumab + PomD

Daratumumab + KD

Carfilzomib + PomD

Ixazomib + PomD

Elotuzumab + PomD

Other options: Kd, PomD, selinexor/dex, clinical trial

Continue with triplet combinations with ≥ 1 new agent at each relapse



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Recently Approved Agents and Regimens for Relapsed/Refractory Myeloma

Treatment	Number of Previous Lines of Therapy
Carfilzomib (IV proteasome inhibitor) + lenalidomide + dexamethasone	1-3
Ixazomib (PO proteasome inhibitor) + lenalidomide + dexamethasone	≥ 1
Panobinostat (PO HDAC inhibitor) + bortezomib + dexamethasone	≥ 2
Elotuzumab (IV anti-SLAMF7 antibody) + lenalidomide + dexamethasone	1-3
Elotuzumab (IV anti-SLAMF2 antibody) + pomalidomide + dexamethasone	≥ 2
Daratumumab (IV CD38-targeted antibody) monotherapy	≥ 3
Daratumumab (IV CD38-targeted antibody) + dexamethasone + either lenalidomide, bortezomib, or pomalidomide	≥ 1
Selinexor + dexamethasone	≥ 3

New Agents in Relapsed MM: Lenalidomide-Based Studies

Outcomes	POLLUX DRd vs Rd ^[1]	ASPIRE KRd vs Rd ^[2]	ELOQUENT-2 ERd vs Rd ^[3,4]	TOURMALINE-MM1 IRd vs Rd ^[5]
PFS HR (95% CI)	0.37 (0.27-0.52)	0.69 (0.57-0.83)	0.73 (0.60-0.89)	0.74 (0.59-0.94)
ORR, %	93	87	79	78
≥ VGPR, %	76	70	34	48
≥ CR, %	43	32	5	14
DoR, mos	NE	28.6	20.7	20.5
OS HR (95% CI)	0.64 (0.40-1.01)	0.79 (0.63-0.99)	0.77 (0.61-0.97)	NE

1. Dimopoulos M, et al. EHA 2016. Abstract LB238. 2. Stewart AK, et al. N Engl J Med. 2015;372:142-152.
 3. Lonial S, et al. N Engl J Med. 2015;373:621-631. 4. Dimopoulos MA, et al. Blood. 2015;126. Abstract 28. 5. Moreau P, et al. N Engl J Med. 2016;374:1621-1634.

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New Agents in Relapsed MM: PI-Based Studies

Outcomes	CASTOR DVd vs Vd ^[1]	ENDEAVOR Kd vs Vd ^[2]	Panobinostat PVd vs Vd ^[3,4]	Elotuzumab EVd vs Vd ^[5]
PFS HR (95% CI)	0.39 (0.28-0.53)	0.53 (0.44-0.65)	0.63 (0.52-0.76)	0.72 (0.59-0.88)
ORR, %	83	77	61	66
Median PFS, mos	NR	18.7	12.0	9.7
≥ VGPR, %	59	54	28	36
≥ CR, %	19	13	11	4
DoR, mos	NE	21.3	13.1	11.4
OS HR (95% CI)	0.77 (0.47-1.26)	0.79 (0.58-1.08)	0.94 (0.78-1.14)	0.61 (0.32-1.15)

1. Palumbo A, et al. N Engl J Med. 2016;375:754-766. 2. Dimopoulos MA, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2016;17:27-38. 3. San-Miguel JF, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2014;15:1195-1206. 4. San-Miguel JF, et al. Blood. 2015;126. Abstract 3026. 5. Jakubowiak A, et al. Blood. 2016;127:2844-2840.

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Selinexor

- A nuclear export inhibitor indicated in combination with dexamethasone for the treatment of adult patients with RRMM who have received at least 4 prior therapies and whose disease is refractory to at least 2 proteasome inhibitors, at least 2 immunomodulatory agents, and an anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody
- Ongoing studies in combination with bortezomib and other agents

Selinexor in Heavily Pretreated Patients With MM and 5 Prior Therapies

MM patients with a **median of 7 prior treatment regimens**; 5 prior therapies

- **ORR of 26.2%**, including 2 stringent CRs
 - 2 pts with stringent CR (sCRs were MRD negative at 10^{-6} and 10^{-4})
 - 2 pts with previous PD after CAR T-cell therapy achieved PR
- Median time to response was 1 month (range 1 to 14 weeks)
- Median OS: 8.6 mos
 - 15.6 mos in patients with \geq MR vs 1.7 mos in patients with PD/NE

Nursing implications:

- Most commonly occurring grade ≥ 3 AEs were hematologic, GI-related, constitutional symptoms, and hyponatremia; typically responsive to dose modification and standard supportive care agents
- Oral adherence, dosing
- Consideration in heavily pre-treated patients

Identifying and Managing Adverse Events Associated with MM Treatment



Major Considerations When Choosing Treatment for Individual Patients

- Financial, physical (patient frailty, comorbid illness)
- Can the patient take PO or IV? Transportation and frequency?
- *Consider effectiveness and patient preference*
 - Add proteasome inhibitor (PO, SC, or IV)
 - Add an antibody to Rd (eg, ERd, DRd) or to Vd (eg, DVd)
 - Switch to another IMiD (eg, pomalidomide), alone or in combination with a PI or antibody
 - Consider selinexor if progression after 4 or more therapies
- Discuss all options with patients and employ shared decision making (quality vs quantity of life, goals of care)

Management of Bone Disease: Supportive Care

- Bisphosphonates

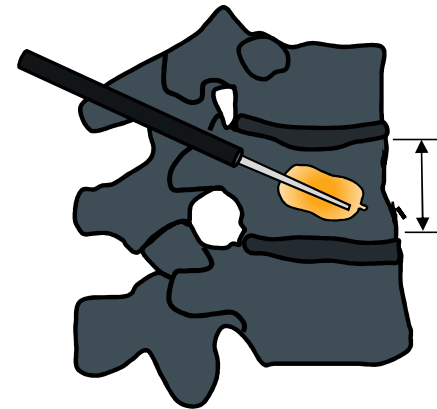
- Pamidronate
- Zoledronic acid
- Both require monitoring for renal function and osteonecrosis of jaw

- Denosumab

- Noninferior to zoledronic acid
- Administered SQ
- Requires monitoring for calcium levels, osteonecrosis of jaw

- Kyphoplasty/vertebroplasty

Kyphoplasty uses a “balloon” to create a cavity for bone cement to reduce vertebral fracture and pain



- Use of spinal support (braces) may be indicated
- Ongoing evaluation of bone health

Myelosuppression and Infection

- Myeloma and some treatment regimens associated with myelosuppression^[1]
 - Increased risk of infection, potential for decreased QoL and treatment interruption
 - Dose modification guidelines available in package inserts
- Infection prophylaxis^[2]
 - Patients should remain up to date on appropriate vaccinations
 - VZV prophylaxis when receiving PIs or daratumumab
 - IVIG/prophylactic antibiotics controversial; use only when warranted
 - Patient education emphasizing importance of alerting treating clinicians of potential infection can reduce unnecessary antibiotics

Use of Vaccinations for Patients With Myeloma

- Inactivated vaccines are safe for patients with myeloma
- All patients with myeloma should receive annual flu vaccine
- Consider pneumococcal vaccine every 5 yrs
 - Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine 13 (PCV13)
 - Then pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine 23 (PPV23) 2-3 mos later

- Vaccines post ASCT

4-6 Mos After

Flu

6-12 Mos After

Polio

Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis

Pneumococcal (PCV13, then PPV23 2-3 mos later)

H influenzae type B (Hib)

Meningococcal group C (often Hib/MenC combined, then MenACWY 1 mo later)

Meningococcal group B



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MM Treatment: Key AEs, Considerations

Drug Class	Name	Key Potential AEs	Nursing Considerations
Proteasome inhibitors	Bortezomib	PN, T, M, F	IV, SC; monitor platelets; safe in renal failure
	Carfilzomib	PN, C, M, F, DVT	Hydration, cardio/pulmonary
	Ixazomib	PN, T, GI, R	Reduce dose for hepatic/renal disease
Immunomodulatory agents	Lenalidomide	DVT, M, BD, R, D	ASA or LMWH if high risk for clots; weekly CBC x 8 wks
	Thalidomide	DVT, M, BD	As above
	Pomalidomide	DVT, M, BD, F	As above
Monoclonal antibodies	Daratumumab	IR, M, RD	Infusion reaction risk; pre/post med as directed; interrupt infusion if reaction
	Elotuzumab	IR, M, RD	As above
XPO-1 inhibitor	Selinexor	N, GI, T	Hyponatremia, GI, weight loss, oral adherence

BD, birth defects; C, cardiac; D, diarrhea; DVT, deep vein thrombosis; F, fatigue; GI, gastrointestinal toxicities; IR, infusion reaction; M, myelosuppression; N, nausea; PN, peripheral neuropathy; R, renal dose adjustment necessary; RD, response disruption; T, thrombocytopenia.

US Food and Drug Administration. FDA approved drug products.

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MM Treatment: Key AEs, Considerations

Drug Class	Name	Key Potential AEs	Nursing Considerations
Alkylating agents	Melphalan	M, N	CBC diff monthly; renal dose adjustment
	Cyclophosphamide	M, N	As above
Corticosteroids	Prednisone	H, MS	Monitor blood sugar, insomnia, weight gain
	Dexamethasone	H, MS	As above
HDAC inhibitors	Panobinostat	C, D	Baseline EKG and mag/K+ monitoring; loperamide for diarrhea

C, cardiac; D, diarrhea; H, hyperglycemia; M, myelosuppression; MS, metabolic syndrome; N, nausea.

Nursing Implications: IMiDs (lenalidomide, pomalidomide and thalidomide) TQ38

- Taken PO same time daily
 - Capsules swallowed whole with water
 - Special consideration on timing (with or without food, bedtime)
 - Capsules stored in original packaging
- Adverse Events
 - Embryonic/fetal toxicity
 - Venous thromboembolism
 - Fatigue
 - Rash
 - Thrombocytopenia
 - Neutropenia

Nursing Implications: IMiDs

■ Teratogenicity

- Drug available only through REMS Program
- Ensure compliance with REMS program requirements
 - Pregnancy testing
 - Contraception requirements
 - Females with childbearing potential: 2 methods of contraception
 - Males: use of condom during sexual intercourse; must not donate sperm
 - Participation in telephone surveys
 - Must not donate blood or blood products

■ Drug Interactions

- Drugs that affect kidney function (lenalidomide)
 - **Note: Pomalidomide can be used in patients with renal insufficiency at full dose 4 mg PO QD (25% dose reduction if on hemodialysis)^[1]**
- Drugs that may increase the risk of thrombosis
 - Erythropoietic agents
 - Estrogen-containing therapies

Nursing Implications—IMiDs: Prevention of Serious Adverse Events

■ Prevention of SAEs

- Ensure appropriate prophylactic anticoagulation (eg, ASA, warfarin, LMWH)
- Compliance to REMS program requirements
- Pt/caregiver education
- Monitor blood counts, neuropathy, response

■ Provide instructions to report signs and symptoms of SAEs to the healthcare team immediately

- DVT: unilateral leg swelling
- PE: sudden shortness of breath
- Thrombocytopenia: easy bruising or uncontrolled bleeding
- Neutropenia: fever or signs of infection

**Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis and Treatment
(ASCO clinical practice guideline update 2014)**

Prophylaxis with either LMWH or low-dose aspirin to prevent VTE

Nursing Implications—IMiDs: Patient Education

- Emphasize importance of adherence
 - Use of reminders: calendars, apps
 - Pill count during clinic visit
 - Online monitoring of monthly refills
- Infection prevention: MM patients have 7-fold increased risk of infection vs general population^[1]
- Refrain from smoking (reduces pomalidomide exposure)
- Protect renal health
 - Avoid NSAIDs, IV contrast, other drugs with renal interactions
- Hydration
- Strategies to manage fatigue

1. Blimark C, et al. Haematologica. 2015;100:107-113.

Nursing Implications: Bortezomib

Intravenous

- FDA approved in 2003

Subcutaneous

- FDA approved in 2012
- Equivalent efficacy as IV
- Reduced neuropathy, GI AEs

**Recommended injection sites:
thigh and abdomen**

Use “air sandwich” technique

- Higher risk for peripheral neuropathy
- Associated with higher incidence of herpes zoster infection—**administer prophylaxis for herpes virus**
- Advise pts against driving or operating machinery if they experience asthenic conditions
- Higher risk for gastrointestinal disturbance
- Pt monitoring and supportive care
- **Monitor for potential drug interactions**
 - Ketoconazole (increases plasma concentration)
 - Rifampin (decreases plasma concentration)
 - St John’s wort

Nursing Implications: Carfilzomib

- **Administration:** IV over 10 or 30 mins based on dose
 - Approved for 2 consecutive days/wk for 3 wks but multiple studies give weekly dosing (*ensure adherence to treatment schedule*)
- **Premedication:** 4-mg dexamethasone before each dose
- **Hydration:** 250-500 mL IV saline before carfilzomib for all doses in cycle 1 and in subsequent cycles (*monitor for fluid overload*)
- **Prophylaxis:** decrease risk of herpes zoster reactivation with acyclovir
- **Monitor:** signs of infection, blood counts (renal, liver function), TLS (*consider uric acid-lowering drugs*); cardiac eval: to prevent new onset or worsening of preexisting cardiac failure (eg, CHF, pulmonary edema, decreased ejection fraction)

Carfilzomib 28-Day Cycle						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Cycle 1: 20 mg/m²

Cycle 2+: 27 mg/m² · 56 **or 70mg/m²**

Patient Education

- Instruct pts to monitor and report symptoms (eg, dyspnea, fatigue, anemia, thrombocytopenia, TLS)
- Teach pt measures to prevent infection.

Nursing Implications: Ixazomib

Indication: MM and ≥ 1 prior therapy





Route: PO

- In combination with len/dex
- Once weekly at similar time
- Dose should be taken ≥ 1 hr before or ≥ 2 hrs after food

Adverse events: thrombocytopenia, GI toxicity, peripheral neuropathy

Drug interaction: rifampin, phenytoin, carbamazepine, St. John's Wort

Monitor: blood counts (renal, liver function at least monthly but consider more frequently during early cycles); dose reduction for hepatic/renal disease

Dosing Schedule (28-Day Cycle)						
 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
 22	23	24	25	26	27	28



Dexamethasone



Lenalidomide



Ixazomib

Nursing Implications: Daratumumab

- Daratumumab: human CD38-directed antibody, approved for myeloma as monotherapy and in combination with dexamethasone plus either lenalidomide or bortezomib
- Dosing
 - Monotherapy or with lenalidomide and low-dose dexamethasone: weekly in Wks 1-8, Q2W in Wks 9-24, then monthly until progression
 - Combination with bortezomib/dexamethasone: weekly in Wks 1-9, Q3W in Wks 10-24, then monthly until PD
- Premedication: corticosteroids (methylprednisolone for monotherapy, dexamethasone for combination treatment), antipyretics, antihistamine

Nursing Implications: Daratumumab (cont'd)

- Approximately 50% patients experience infusion reactions
- Postinfusion medication (monotherapy): oral corticosteroid for 2 days after infusion
 - Combination regimen: low-dose methylprednisolone day after infusion; may not be needed due to dexamethasone in regimen
 - Loratadine 10 mg/monteleukast 10 mg day before and for 3 days after first infusions
- Educate patients about infusion reactions (nasal stuffiness, hypertension)
- Administer herpes prophylaxis
- Interference with complete response, type can crossmatch issues
- Long infusion time (often 10 hrs first day); 90 mins after 2 doses

Nursing Implications: Elotuzumab

Dosing: Cycles 1 and 2 (28-Day Cycles)				
Day of cycle	1	8	15	22
Elotuzumab, mg/kg (IV)	10	10	10	10
Lenalidomide, 25 mg (PO)	QD (x 21 days)			
Dexamethasone, mg (PO/IV)	28/8	28/8	28/8	28/8
Dosing: Cycles 3 and Beyond (28-Day Cycles)* monthly 20mg/kg with Pomalidomide +Dex				
Day of cycle	1	8	15	22
Elotuzumab, mg/kg (IV)	10 (20)		10	
Lenalidomide, 25 mg (PO) (or POM 4mg)	QD (x 21 days)			
Dexamethasone, mg (PO/IV)	28/8	40/0	28/8	40/0

- Infusion reaction prevention: dexamethasone 28 mg 3-24 hrs prior; dexamethasone 8 mg IV 1 hr prior; H1, H2, and acetaminophen premed 45-90 mins prior
- HSV prophylaxis; DVT prophylaxis (lenalidomide)

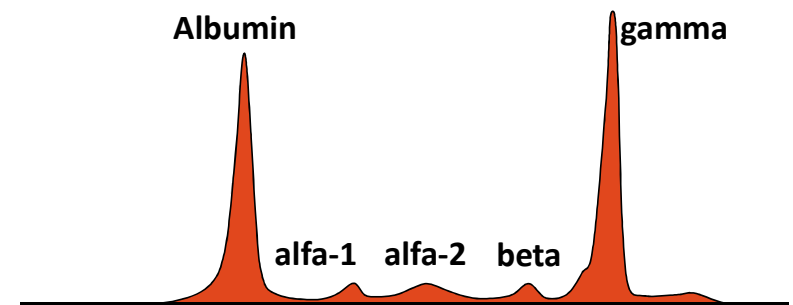
Understanding Interference in Laboratory Assays by Monoclonal Antibodies

Potential interference with laboratory tests

- Antibodies can be detected in the gamma region
- 50% of IgG kappa M bands co-migrate with daratumumab and elotuzumab, resulting in overestimation of M protein and underestimation of CR
- Interference reduces after completion of therapy

SPEP and immunofixation solutions

- Development of daratumumab interference reflex assay (DIRA assay)
- Shifts migration of daratumumab
- Performed in IgG kappa < 2 and deep response achieved
- New assays in development for elotuzumab, isatuximab



Proposed Drug Dosing by Frailty/Risk Score

Agent	Dose Level 0 (No Risk Factors)	Dose Level -1 (≥ 1 Risk Factor)	Dose Level -2 (≥ 1 Risk Factor + Grade 3/4 Nonheme AE)
Dexamethasone	40 mg/day Days 1,8,15, 22/4 wks	20 mg/day Days 1, 8, 15, 22/4 wks	10 mg/day Days 1, 8, 15, 22/4 wks
Melphalan	0.25 mg/kg or 9 mg/m ² Days 1-4/4-6 wks	0.18 mg/kg or 7.5 mg/m ² Day 1-4/4-6 wks	0.13 mg/kg or 5 mg/m ² Day 1-4/4-6 wks
Thalidomide	100 mg/day	50 mg/day	50 mg QOD
Lenalidomide	25 mg/day Days 1-21/4 wks	15 mg/day on Days 1-21/4 wks	10 mg/day Days 1-21/4 wks
Pomalidomide	4 mg/day Days 1-21/4 wks	Reduce dose to 3 mg/day or further due to hematologic toxicity, reduce dose by 50% with strong CYP1A2 inhibitor	
Bortezomib	1.3 mg/m ² 2x/wk Days 1, 4, 8, 11/3 wks	1.3 mg/m ² 1x/wk Days 1, 8, 15, 22/5 wks	1.0 mg/m ² 1x/wk Days 1, 8, 15, 22/5 wks
Ixazomib	4 mg/day Days 1, 8, 15/4 wks	First reduction: 3 mg Hold Tx if low blood counts or PN (resume at lower dose)	Second reduction: 2.3 mg/day; discontinue if grade 4 PN
Prednisone	60 mg/m ² Days 1-4 or 50 mg QD	30 mg/m ² Days 1-4 or 25 mg QD	15 mg/m ² Days 1-4 or 12.5 mg QD
Cyclophosphamide	100 mg/day Days 1-21/4 wks or 300 mg/m ² /day Days 1, 8, 15/4 wks	50 mg/day Days 1-21/ 4 wks or 150 mg/m ² /day Days 1, 8, 15/4 wks	50 mg/day Days 1-21/4 wks or 75 mg/m ² /day Days 1, 8, 15/4 wks

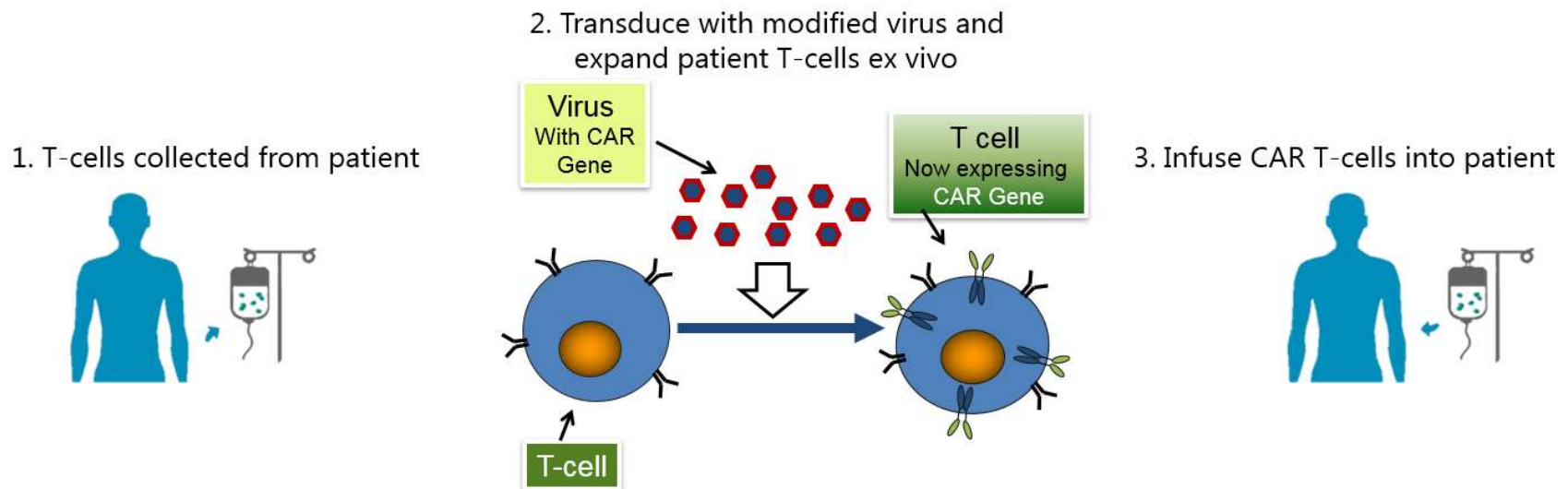
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The CAR T-cell Preparation Process

- Anti-BCMA-CAR T bb2121: optimized autologous T-cell product expressing chimeric antigen receptors specific to BCMA, which is expressed by nearly all MM cells^[1,2]



- 95.5% ORR in phase I trial with dose of $> 150 \times 10^6$ ($n = 22$)^[3]
 - All 16 patients with response to bb2121 evaluated for MRD were MRD negative at ≥ 1 time point
- 63% of pts experienced CRS; mostly low grade and manageable with tocilizumab and corticosteroids^[3]

1. Friedman KM, et al. Hum Gene Ther. 2018;29:585-601. 2. Ali SA, et al. Blood. 2016;128:1688-1700.

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Questions?

