

# Welcome and Introductions

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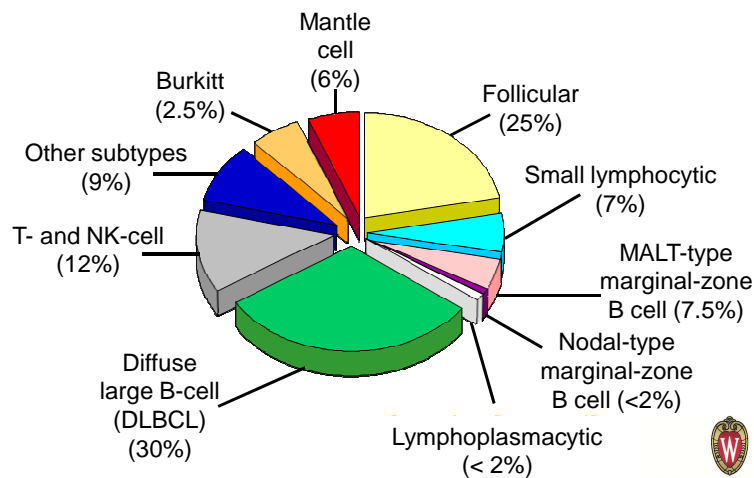
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## Mantle Cell Lymphoma: 6% of NHL Cases



## Mantle Cell Lymphoma

- First recognized as unique entity ~ 1994
  - Often misdiagnosed initially
  - Relatively easy to identify currently
- No standard treatment
  - Variety of effective treatments
  - Several breakthroughs in last few years



## Presentation

- Varies from patient to patient
  - B symptoms
    - Fever, night sweats, weight loss
  - Fatigue (anemia)
  - Pain from splenomegaly or nodal masses
  - Change in bowel habits
  - Enlarging lymph nodes
  - Detected in routine blood work



# Clinical Features

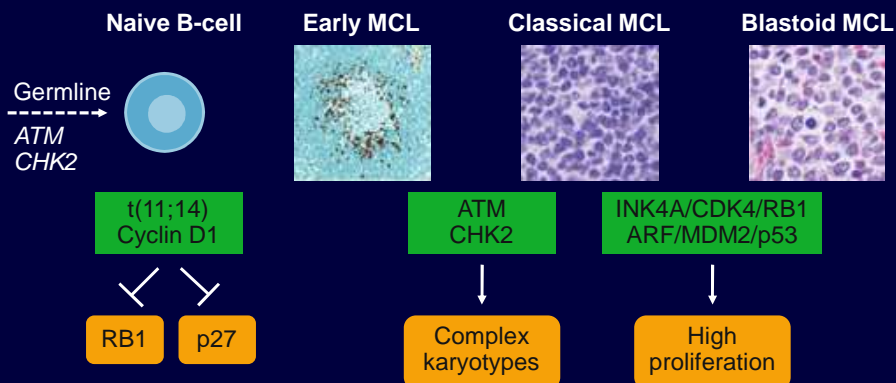
- Median age ~ 64
- Male:female ratio 4:1
- Typically advanced stage at presentation
- Extranodal involvement common
  - Marrow, blood
  - Colon (lymphomatous polyposis)
- ? curable with conventional therapy
- Moderately aggressive



Overcoming Barriers to Optimal Treatment of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma  
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## Proposed Model of MCL Pathogenesis



Jares P, et al. Nat Rev Cancer. 2007;7:750-762.

# Diagnosis of Mantle Cell Lymphoma

- Morphology**
  - Small-medium lymphoid cells with irregular to occasionally cleaved nuclei
  - Blastic variant

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- Cell of origin**
  - Mantle zone of the follicle

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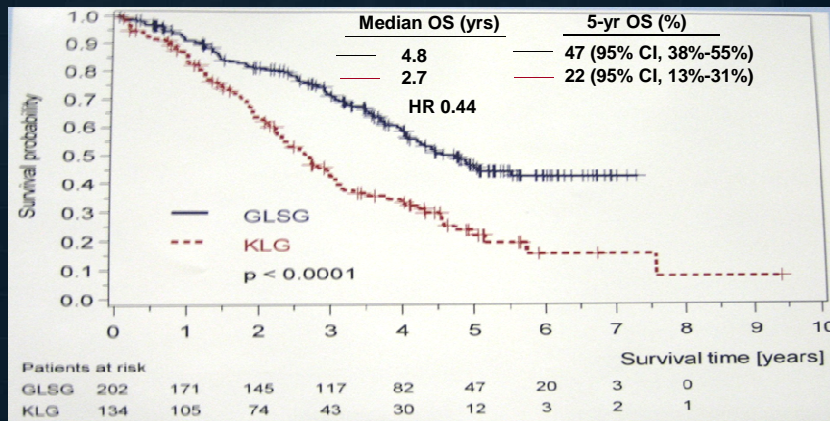
- Immuno-phenotyping**
  - CD5+, CD20 bright, CD23-, cyclin D<sub>1</sub>+, FMC7+
  - t(11;14) detectable by FISH

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- Nodal Architecture**
  - Nodular
  - Diffuse
  - Mantle Zone growth

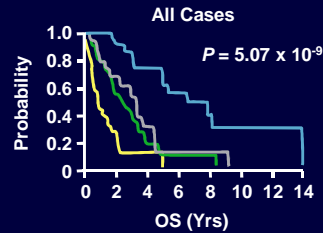
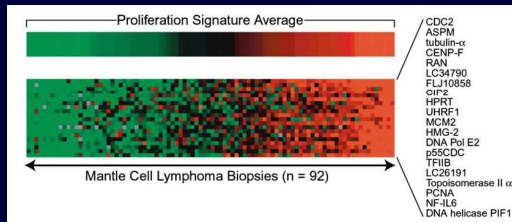
Skarin AT, Dorfman DM. *CA Cancer J Clin.* 1997;47:351-372. Harris NL et al. *Hematology.* 2001:194-220.

## Improvement of OS in MCL During the Last Decade: GLSG Cohort (1996-2004) vs KLG Cohort (1975-1986)



## Prognostic Factors: Molecular Signature

The proliferation gene expression signature is a quantitative integrator of oncogenic events that predicts survival in MCL

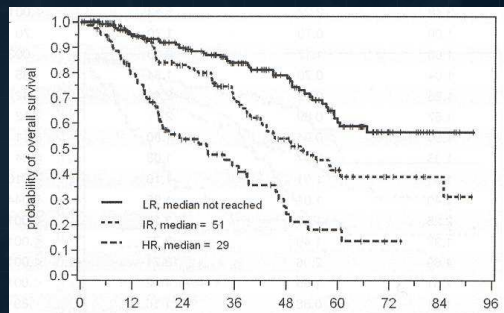


Median OS varies from 0.7-8.0 yrs!

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## Clinical Prognostic Features: MIPI

- Four factors independently associated with OS
  - Age
  - PS
  - LDH
  - WBC
- Risk distribution
  - Low 44% ( score < 5.7)
  - Int 35% (score 5.7-6.1)
  - High 21% (score > 6.1)



Formula for calculating MIPI:

$$[0.03535 \times \text{age (years)}] + 0.6978 \text{ (if ECOG > 1)} + [1.367 \times \log_{10}(\text{LDH/U/LN})] + [\log_{10}(\text{WBC count})]$$

## Treatment

- No universally accepted first-line treatment
- I ask the following questions with a new diagnosis?
  - Is the patient a candidate for intensive treatment?
  - Should watch and wait be contemplated?

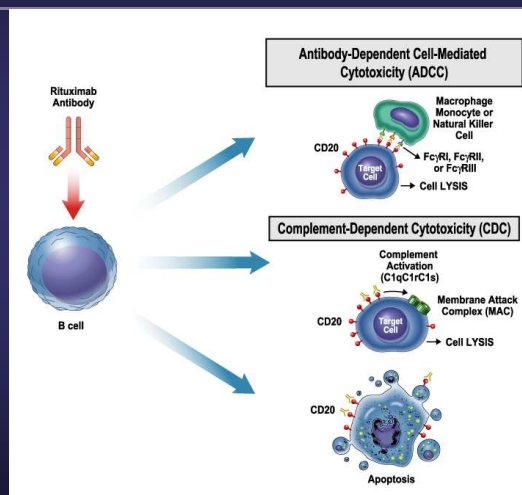
## Intensive Treatments

- Generally reserved for patients 65 and under
  - R-CHOP with alternating R-DHAP for 6 cycles followed by autologous stem cell transplantation
  - R-HyperCVAD with alternating R-MTX/AraC for 6-8 cycles
  - Nordic regimen
- Average remission length ~ 5 years

## Non-intensive Treatments

- Generally considered for older patients or younger patients with comorbidities
  - R-CHOP for 6-8 cycles
  - R-bendamustine for 6 cycles
- Followed by maintenance rituximab

## Rituximab: Anti-CD20 moAb



Anderson et al. *Biochem Soc Trans* 1997; 25:705-8; Golay et al. *Blood* 2000; 95:3900-8; Reff et al. *Blood* 1994; 83:435-45; Clynes et al. *Nat Med* 2000; 6:443-6; Shan et al. *Cancer Immunol Immunother* 2000; 48:673-83.



## Watch and Wait

- Why even consider this?
- Data from Cornell

## Novel Treatments for Mantle Cell Lymphoma

## Targeting Intracellular Pathways

Potential Targets	Agent
• Proteasome	→ Bortezomib
• mTOR	→ Temsirolimus
• ???	→ Lenalidomide
• PI3 kinase	→ Idelalisib
• BTK	→ Ibrutinib
• BCL-2	→ ABT-199



## Bortezomib

- FDA approved for R/R MCL
  - 1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV days 1, 4, 8, 11 q 21 days
  - SQ dosing now an option
- Pinnacle Trial (n = 155)
  - ORR 33%
  - mDOR 9.2 months, mTTP 6.2 months
  - Peripheral neuropathy main toxicity
    - 55% any grade, 13% > grade 3

Fisher et al, JCO 2006



## Temsirolimus

- EU approval for R/R MCL
  - 175 mg IV weekly x 3, then 75 mg IV/week
- Tem vs. investigator choice (n = 54 vs. 53)
  - ORR 22% vs. 2%
  - mPFS 4.8 months vs. 1.9 months
  - Major toxicities
    - Thrombocytopenia 59% grade 3-4
    - Asthenia 63% any grade

Hess et al, JCO 2009



## Lenalidomide

- FDA approved for R/R MCL after 2 prior therapies, one including bortezomib
  - 25 mg po days 1-21 q 28 days
- Emerge Study (n = 134)
  - ORR 28%
  - mDOR 16.6 months; mPFS 4.0 months
  - Major toxicities
    - Neutropenia (19%) and low plts (17%) - grade 3-4
    - Fatigue (34%), diarrhea (31%), nausea (30%) - any grade

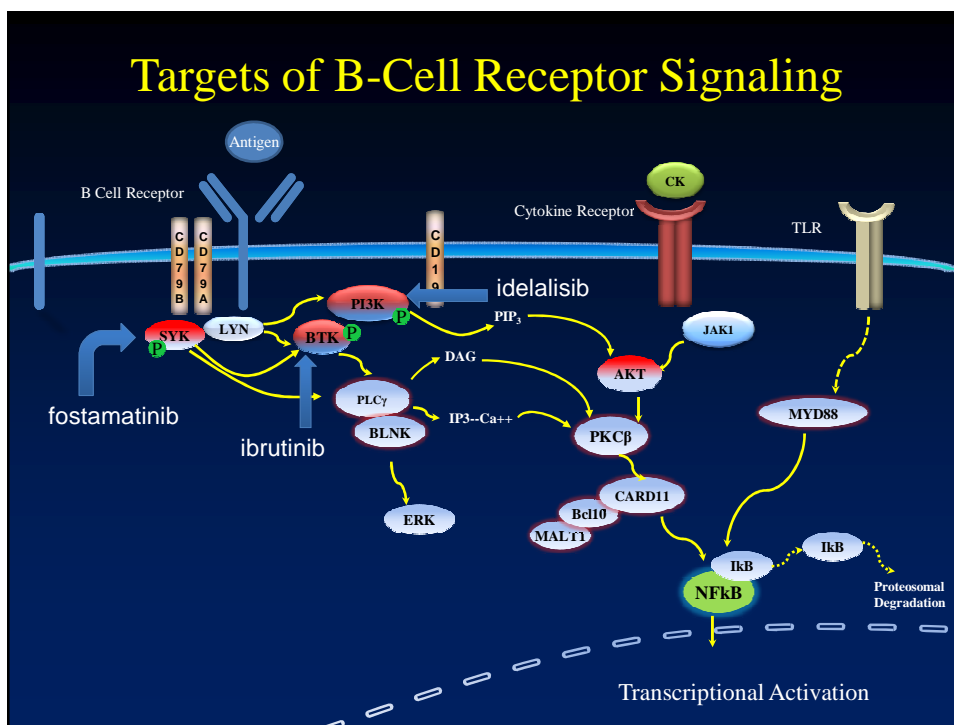
Goy et al, JCO, 2013



## Lenalidomide and Rituximab (R<sup>2</sup>)

- Not FDA approved in combination but both agents commercially available
- Phase I/II Study in R/R MCL (n = 52)
  - Phase II dose
    - Lenalidomide 20 mg po days 1-21 every 28 days
    - Rituximab 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> weekly x 4 on cycle 1
  - ORR 57%
  - mDOR 18.9 months; mPFS 11.1 months
  - Major toxicities
    - Neutropenia (66%) & low plts (23%) – grade 3-4
    - Fatigue (89%), diarrhea (50%), rash (48%) – any grade

Wang et al, Lancet Oncology, 2012



## Idelalisib

- Not FDA approved for MCL
  - Selective PI3k delta inhibitor
- Phase I experience in R/R MCL (n = 40)
  - Phase II dose of 150 mg po BID
  - ORR 40%; ORR at/above 150 mg BID 69%
  - mDOR 2.7 months; mPFS 3.7 months
  - Major toxicities
    - Transaminitis 60% any grade, 20% grade 3-4
    - Diarrhea 40% any grade, 18% grade 3-4

Kahl et al, Blood, 2014.



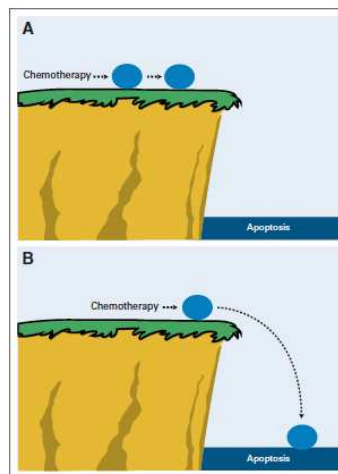
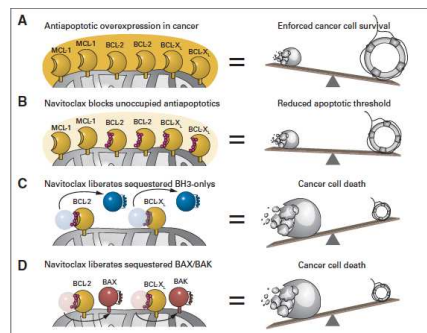
## Ibrutinib

- FDA approved for R/R MCL - Nov 2013
  - 560 mg po daily
- Phase II Trial (n = 111)
  - ORR 68%
  - mDOR 17.5 months; mPFS 13.9 months
  - Major toxicities
    - Neutropenia 16%, low plts 11% – grade 3-4
    - Diarrhea 50%, fatigue 41%, edema 28% - any grade

Wang et al, NEJM 2013



## BCL-2 Inhibitors



  
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## ABT-199

- Not FDA approved
  - Oral daily dosing
  - 400 mg po QD in CLL/SLL; ? In NHL
- Ongoing phase I update
  - MCL: ORR 82% (9/11); mDOR tbd
  - CLL: ORR 84%; (47/56); appears durable
  - Toxicities
    - Diarrhea 43%, nausea 40% - any grade
    - Tumor lysis syndrome in CLL/SLL

ASH abstracts: #872 (oral – Tue, Dec 10), #1789 (poster Sat, Dec 7)

  
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## How to sequence in R/R MCL

- Assume no clinical trial and using commercially available agents
  1. Ibrutinib
    - Most active and well tolerated
  2. Rituximab-Lenalidomide (R<sup>2</sup>)
    - Likely synergistic; tolerable
  3. Bortezomib
    - Useful agent for some; neuropathy



## The Future

- Rational combinations of targeted agents
  - In vitro data most supportive for a BCR pathway agent plus an agent outside pathway
- Ibrutinib plus....
  - ABT-199
  - Bortezomib or other proteasome inhibitor
  - Lenalidomide
  - Standard front-line therapy



## Conclusions

- **Prognosis appears to be improving for MCL patients**
- **May be due to new therapies and/or stem cell transplant strategies**
- **Clinical trials are essential**
- **We are gaining knowledge about MCL and are optimistic we can take advantage**
- **Several recent exciting breakthroughs**



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**Questions?**



## Question & Answer Session

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