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**EXPLORING NEW
APPROACHES IN
AML TREATMENT**

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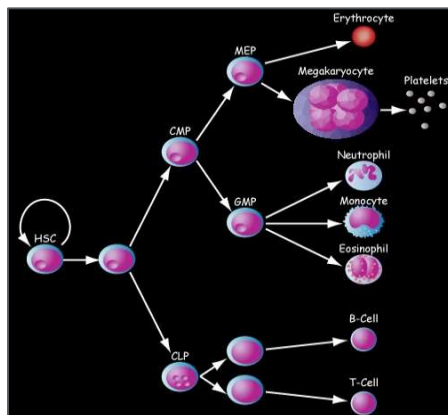
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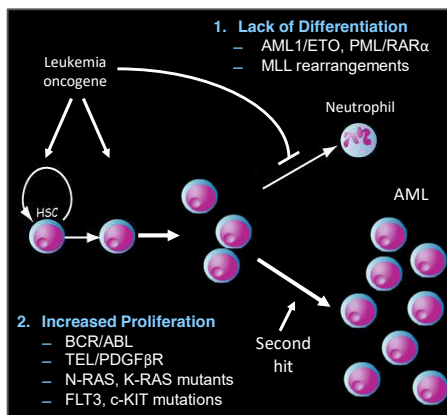
- Diagnosing and classifying acute myeloid leukemia (AML)
- Recently approved therapies for AML
- Role of clinical trials
- Communication with healthcare team

Development of Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Normal Blood Production

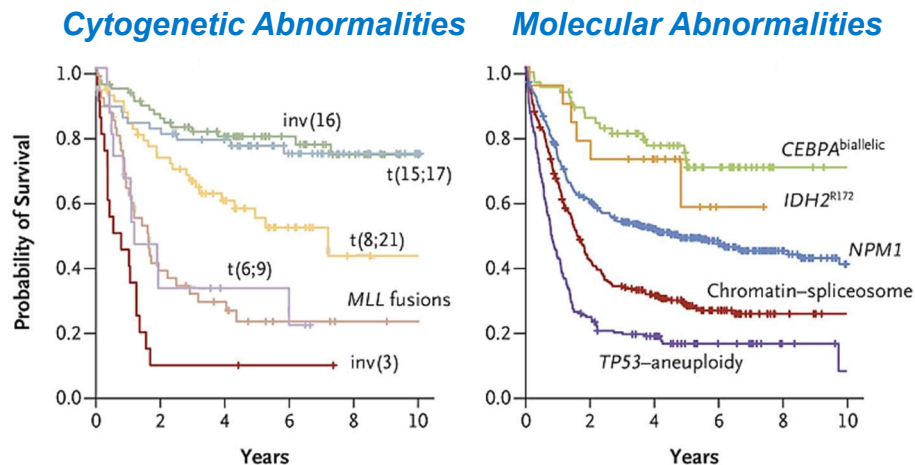


Development of AML



Abbreviations: HSC, hematopoietic stem cell; CMP, common myeloid progenitor; MEP, megakaryocyte-erythroid progenitor; GMP, granulocyte-macrophage progenitor; CLP, common lymphoid progenitor.

Cytogenetic and Molecular Abnormalities Determine Survival



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Classification of AML

FAB Classification

- M0** Minimally differentiated
- M1** Myeloblastic leukemia without differentiation
- M2** Myeloblastic leukemia with differentiation
- M3** Acute promyelocytic leukemia
- M4** Myelomonocytic leukemia
- M5** Monocytic leukemia
- M6** Erythroleukemia
- M7** Megakaryoblastic leukemia

2016 WHO Classification

AML with recurrent genetic abnormalities

- AML with t(8;21); *RUNX1-RUNX1T1*
- AML with inv(16); *CBFB-MYH11*
- APL with t(15;17); *PML-RARA*
- AML with t(9;11); *MLLT3-KMT2A*
- AML with t(6;9); *DEK-NUP214*
- AML with inv(3) or t(3;3); *GATA2, MECOM*
- AML (megakaryoblastic) with t(1;22); *RBM15-MKL1*
- AML with mutated *NPM1*
- AML with biallelic mutations of *CEBPA*
- Provisional entity: AML with *BCR-ABL1*
- Provisional entity: AML with mutated *RUNX1*

AML with MDS-related changes

Therapy-related myeloid neoplasms

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Arber DA *et al.* *Blood* 2016; 127:2391-2405.

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Risk Status Based on Genetic Abnormalities

Risk Category	Genetic Abnormality
Favorable	t(8;21)(q22;q22.1); RUNX1-RUNX1T1 inv(16)(p13.1q22) or t(16;16)(p13.1;q22); CBFB-MYH11 Mutated NPM1 without FLT3-ITD or with FLT3-ITD ^{low} Bilallelic mutated CEBPA
Intermediate	Mutated NPM1 and FLT3-ITD ^{high} Wild-type NPM1 without FLT3-ITD or with FLT3-ITD ^{low} (without adverse-risk genetic lesions) t(9;11)(p21.3;q23.3); MLLT3-KMT2A Cytogenetics abnormalities not classified as favorable or adverse
Adverse	t(6;9)(p23;q34.1); DEK-NUP214 t(v;11q23.3); KMT2A rearranged t(9;22)(q34.1;q11.2); BCR-ABL1 inv(3)(q21.3q26.2) or t(3;3)(q21.3;q26.2); GATA2, MECOM(EV11) -5 or del(5q); -7; -17/abn(17p) Complex karyotype, monosomal karyotype Wild-type NPM1 and FLT3-ITD ^{high} Mutated RUNX1 without favorable-risk genetic lesions Mutated ASXL1 without favorable-risk genetic lesions Mutated TP53

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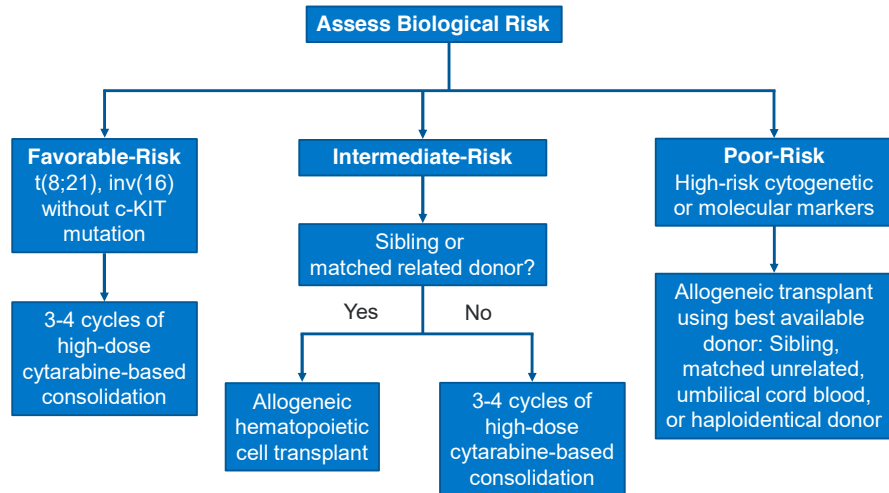
Phases of AML Therapy

- **Induction:** restore normal blood production
 - Cytarabine + daunorubicin or idarubicin
- **Postremission:** prevent relapse
 - Consolidation: high-dose cytarabine
 - Allogeneic stem cell transplant
 - Maintenance: lower doses of chemotherapy or targeted agents over a longer period

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Algorithm for Allogeneic Hematopoietic Cell Transplant

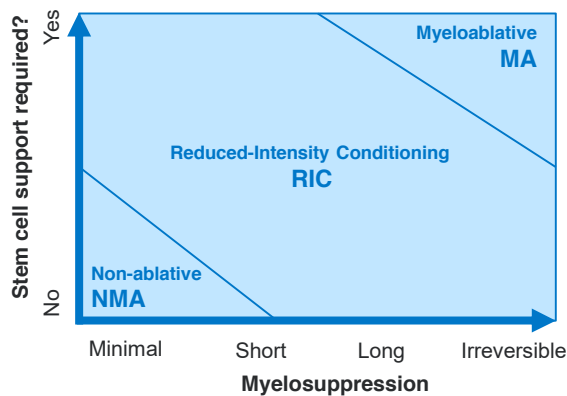


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Conditioning Regimens and Stem Cell Sources for Allogeneic HCT



Stem Cell Sources

- Sibling donor (HLA-matched)
- Matched unrelated donor
- Haploidentical donor
- Umbilical cord donor

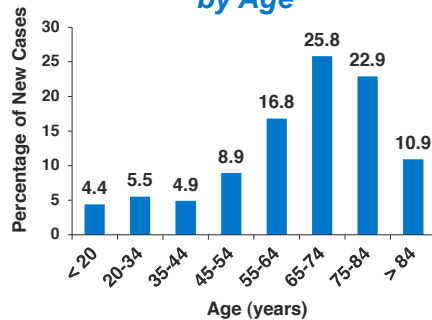
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Treatment for Older AML Patients

Incidence of AML by Age¹



Treatment Options for Older Patients

Regimen	Overall Response Rate	Median Survival (months)
LDAC ²	18%	~ 5
Decitabine ³	18%	7.7
Azacitidine ⁴	28.3%	9.6

Abbreviations: LDAC, low-dose cytarabine; HMA, hypomethylating agent; CR, complete remission; CRi, CR with incomplete count recovery; OS, overall survival.

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New Agents for AML

Drug	Target	Indication	Year Approved
Oral azacitidine ¹	HMA	Maintenance therapy	2020
Gilteritinib ²	FLT3	Relapsed FLT3-mutated AML	2018
Ivosidenib ³	IDH1	IDH1-mutated AML	2018
Venetoclax ⁴	BCL2	Untreated older AML patients unfit for intensive therapy with HMA or LDAC	2018
Glasdegib ⁵	Hedgehog	Untreated older AML patients unfit for intensive therapy with LDAC	2018
Enasidenib ⁶	IDH2	Relapsed IDH2-mutated AML	2017
Gemtuzumab ozogamicin ^{7,8}	CD33	Untreated AML with chemotherapy, relapsed AML	2017
CPX-351 ⁹	NA	Untreated poor-risk or secondary AML	2017
Midostaurin ¹⁰	Pan-kinase	Untreated FLT3-mutated AML with chemotherapy	2017

Abbreviations: HMA, hypomethylating agent; FLT3, fms-like tyrosine kinase-3; IDH1, isocitrate dehydrogenase-1; BCL2, B-cell lymphoma 2; IDH2, isocitrate dehydrogenase-2; HMA, hypomethylating agent; LDAC, low-dose cytarabine.

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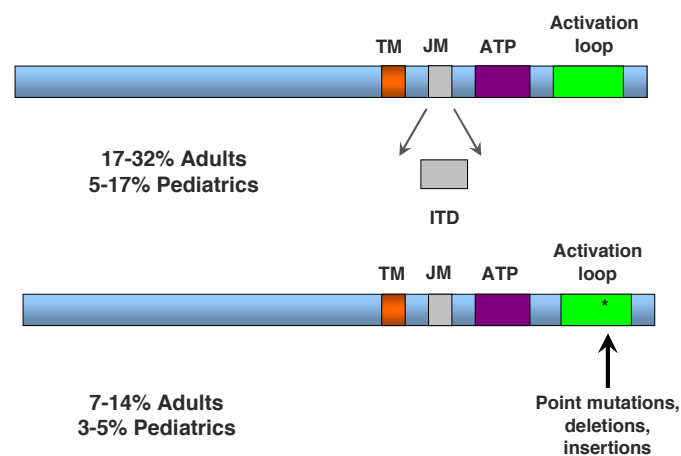
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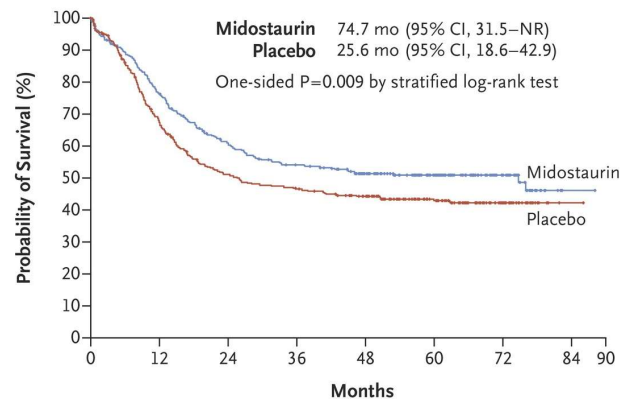
Small Molecule Inhibitors for AML

- FLT3 inhibitors
- IDH inhibitors
- BCL-2 inhibitor

FLT3 Mutations in AML



Midostaurin + Chemotherapy for Newly Diagnosed FLT3-Mutated AML



No. at Risk

Midostaurin	360	269	208	181	151	97	37	1
Placebo	357	221	163	147	129	80	30	1

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Gilteritinib for Relapsed FLT3-Mutated AML

	Gilteritinib (N = 247)	Chemotherapy (N = 124)
Overall response rate	34.0%	15.3%
Median overall survival	9.3 months	5.6 months

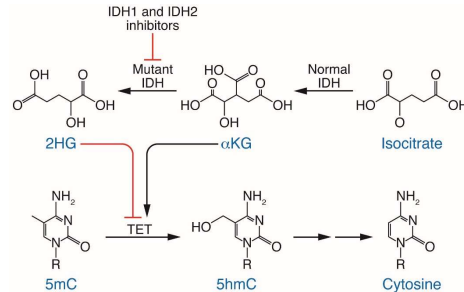
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Inhibiting IDH in AML

- IDH1 and 2 are enzymes generate energy for cells.
- Mutated IDH alters genetic programming of cells.
 - Causes cells to remain immature and grow quickly.¹
- Ivosidenib is approved for newly diagnosed² and relapsed/refractory IDH1-mutated AML.³
- Enasidenib is approved for relapsed/refractory AML.

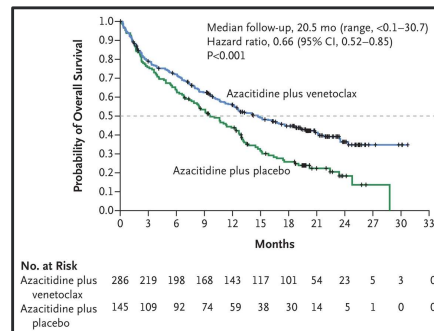
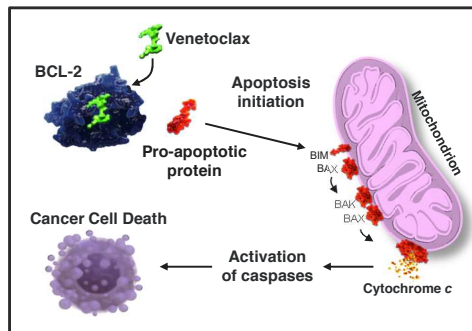


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BCL-2 Inhibition in AML



- BCL-2 overexpression allows cancer cells to evade apoptosis.
- Venetoclax binds to BCL-2, freeing pro-apoptotic proteins.
- Azacitidine-venetoclax compared to azacitidine produced superior response rates (66% vs. 28%) and survival (median, 14.7 vs. 9.6 months).

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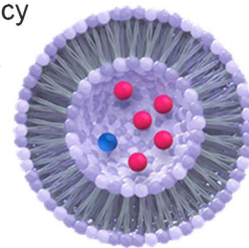
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Side Effects of Targeted Agents

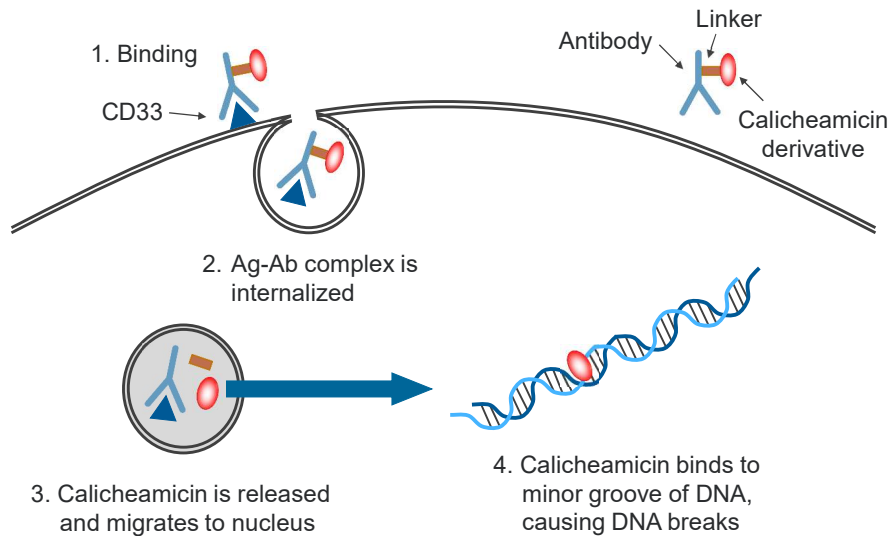
- Elevated white blood count
- Differentiation syndrome
- ECG changes
- Tumor lysis syndrome

CPX-351

- Consists of cytarabine and daunorubicin encapsulated in a liposome
- Ratio of drug concentrations maximizes efficacy
- Randomized trial of CPX-351 versus 7+3 was superior in terms of:
 - Overall survival
 - Event-free survival
 - Remission rates
 - Outcomes following allogeneic stem cell transplant
- Early mortality rates were lower in the CPX-351 arm and safety was comparable to 7+3



Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin



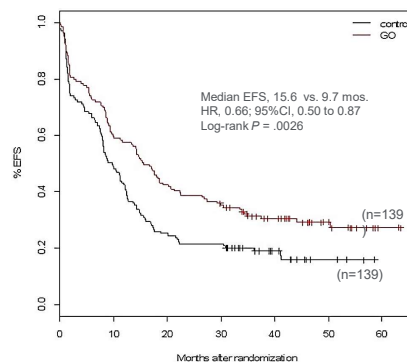
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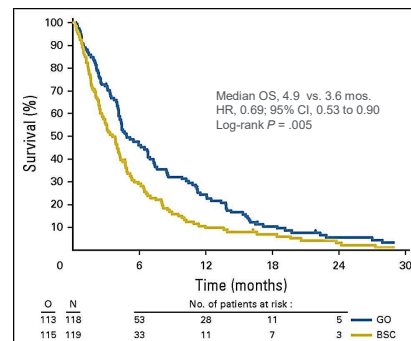
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Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin (GO) With and Without Chemotherapy

ALFA-0701: Chemo \pm GO in Patients Age 50-70 Years^{1,2}



AML-19: GO vs. Supportive Care in Patients Age > 60 Years³



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Oral Azacitidine (CC-486) Maintenance for AML in First Remission

	CC-486 (N = 238)	Placebo (N = 234)
Median relapse-free survival	10.2 months	4.8 months
Median overall survival	24.7 months	14.8 months

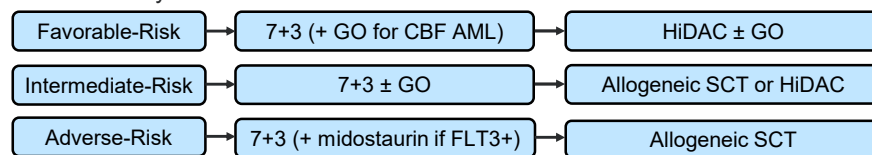
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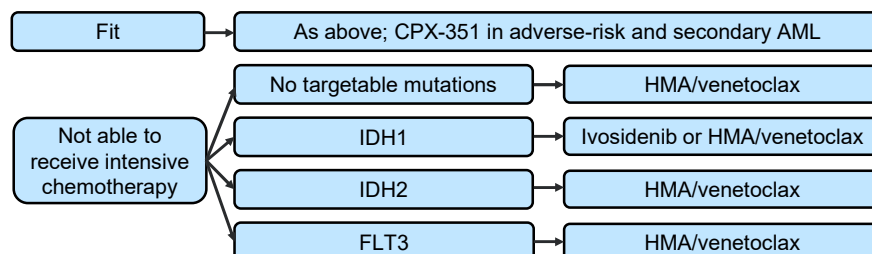
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Upfront Treatment Strategies for AML

Less than 60 years old:



60 years or older:



Abbreviations: GO, gemtuzumab ozogamicin; CBF, core-binding factor; HiDAC, high-dose cytarabine; SCT, stem cell transplant; HMA; hypomethylating agent.

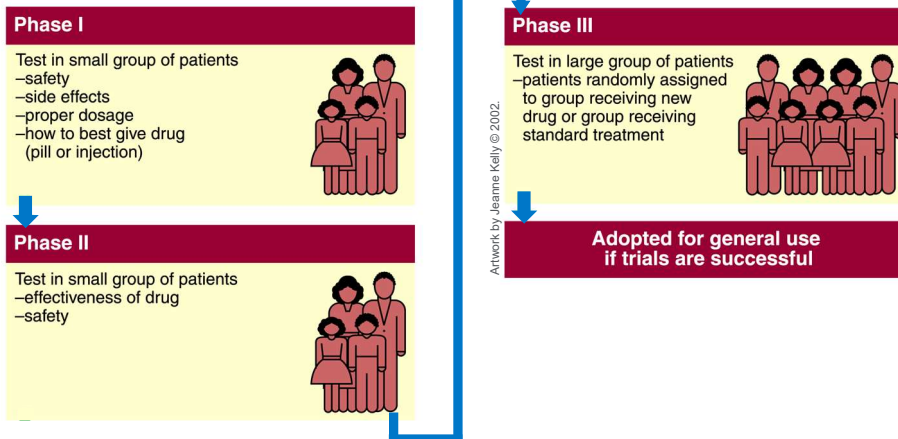
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Role of Clinical Trials in AML

- Clinical trials are the only way more progress can be made.
- Clinical trials allow us to determine if new treatments:
 - Are safe.
 - Are effective.
 - Work better than current treatments.
- They can also help us find new ways to prevent and detect cancer.
- They help us improve the quality of life for people during and after treatment.
- By taking part in a clinical trial, you add to our knowledge about leukemia and help improve care for future patients.

Drug Development *Phases of Clinical Trials*



Risks and Benefits of Clinical Trials

Possible Benefits

- You will have access to a new treatment not available otherwise.
- The research team will watch you closely.
- If the new treatment is more effective than the standard treatment, you may be among the first to benefit.
- The trial may help us learn more about cancer and benefit people in the future.

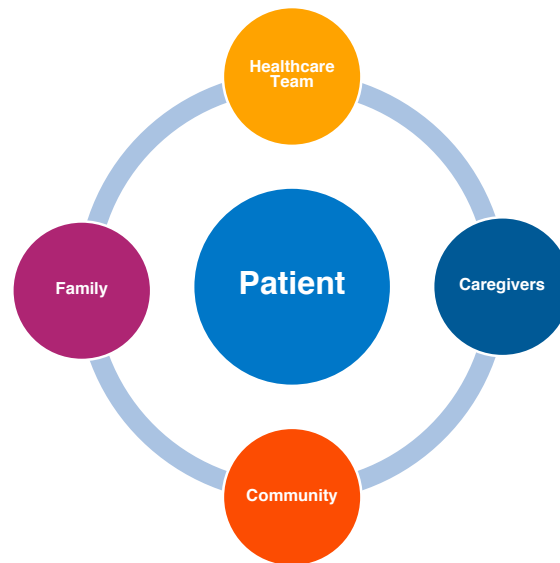
Possible Risks

- The new treatment may not be better than the standard treatment.
- New treatments may have unexpected side effects that could be worse than the standard treatment.
- You may be required to make more doctors visits than if you were receiving standard treatment.
- You may need extra tests.
- Even if a new treatment benefits some patients, it may not work for you.
- Health insurance may not cover all costs in a trial.

It Takes a Village to Treat AML

- Treating Physicians
 - Leukemia Physician
 - BMT Physician
- Consulting Physicians
 - Infectious Disease
 - Radiation Oncology
 - Others
- Diagnostic Services
 - Hematopathology
 - Cytogenetics
 - Molecular Diagnostics
 - Radiology
- Blood Bank
- Nursing
 - Inpatient
 - Outpatient
- Social Work
- Physical & Occupational Therapy
- Nutrition Service
- Pharmacy

Working Together Towards One Goal



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Conclusions

- AML is characterized by increased growth and impaired maturation of early blood cells.
- Chromosome and molecular abnormalities can determine prognosis and direct therapy:
 - Favorable-risk AML: Intensive chemotherapy, gemtuzumab, ozogamycin
 - Adverse-risk AML: Allogeneic stem cell transplant
 - Older patients: Lower-intensity chemotherapy, targeted therapies
- Molecular abnormalities can serve as targets for therapy.
- Clinical trials allow more progress to be made.
- Partnership among patients, caregivers, and healthcare team members is critical.

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Q&A SESSION

Exploring New Approaches in AML Treatment

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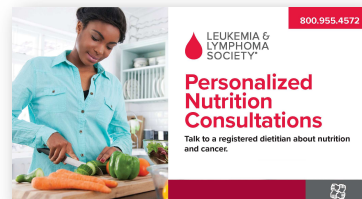
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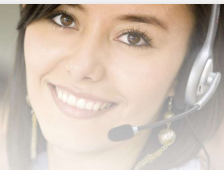
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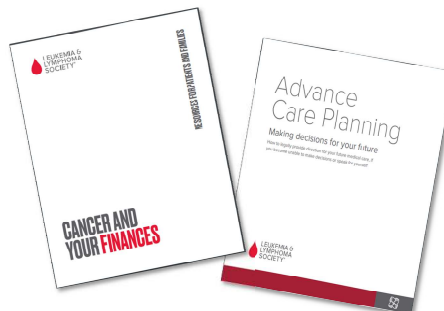
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