



# SPOTLIGHT ON AGGRESSIVE NON-HODGKIN LYMPHOMAS

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## DISCLOSURES

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### Aggressive Lymphomas: Agenda

- What is Diffuse Large B cell Lymphoma?
- Signs and Symptoms
- Current Treatment Options
- New Important Treatment Advances
- Burkitt Lymphoma
- What do I need to remember?

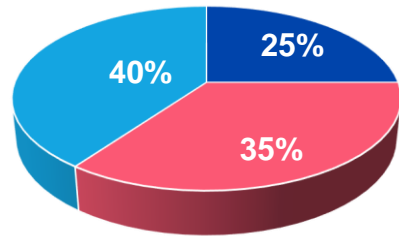
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## DLBCL IS THE MOST COMMON NHL SUBTYPE

### United States patients with DLBCL

- Newly diagnosed ~30,000 per year
  - ~2/3 of newly diagnosed cured with 1L
- Relapsed/Refractory ~10,000 per year
  - 2/10 of r/r are cured

NHL prevalence in the US

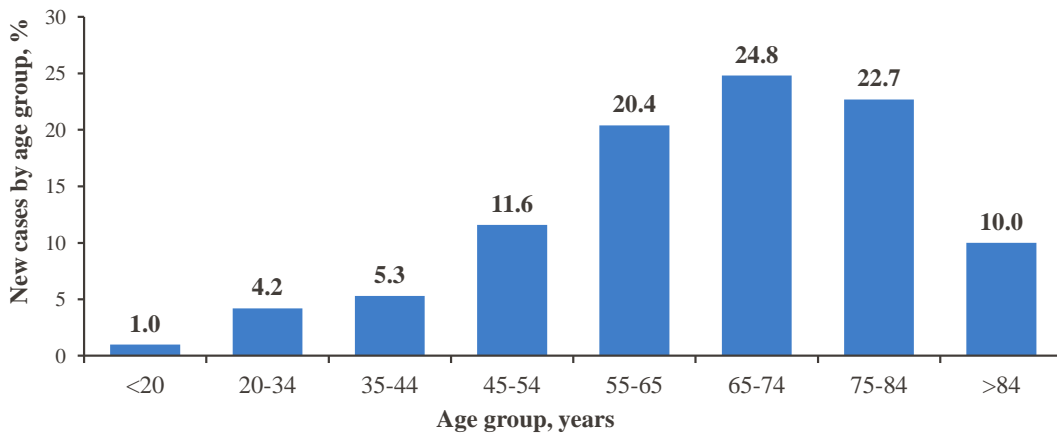


- DLBCL
- Follicular lymphoma
- All other subtypes

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## DLBCL INCIDENCE INCREASES WITH AGE

Average patient at diagnosis is 60-65 years of age (median age = 69 years), where most are not fit for HDC/ASCT



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## Lymphoma Facts:

### Estimated New Cases

		Males	Females			
Prostate	161,360	19%		Breast	252,710	30%
Lung & bronchus	116,990	14%		Lung & bronchus	105,510	12%
Colon & rectum	71,420	9%		Colon & rectum	64,010	8%
Urinary bladder	60,490	7%		Uterine corpus	61,380	7%
Melanoma of the skin	52,170	6%		Thyroid	42,470	5%
Kidney & renal pelvis	40,610	5%		Melanoma of the skin	34,940	4%
<b>Non-Hodgkin lymphoma</b>	<b>40,080</b>	<b>5%</b>		<b>Non-Hodgkin lymphoma</b>	<b>32,160</b>	<b>4%</b>
Leukemia	36,290	4%		Leukemia	25,840	3%
Oral cavity & pharynx	35,720	4%		Pancreas	25,700	3%
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	29,200	3%		Kidney & renal pelvis	23,380	3%
<b>All Sites</b>	<b>836,150</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>All Sites</b>	<b>852,630</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## Lymphoma Facts:

### Estimated Deaths

		Males	Females			
Lung & bronchus	84,590	27%		Lung & bronchus	71,280	25%
Colon & rectum	27,150	9%		Breast	40,610	14%
Prostate	26,730	8%		Colon & rectum	23,110	8%
Pancreas	22,300	7%		Pancreas	20,790	7%
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	19,610	6%		Ovary	14,080	5%
Leukemia	14,300	4%		Uterine corpus	10,920	4%
Esophagus	12,720	4%		Leukemia	10,200	4%
Urinary bladder	12,240	4%		Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	9,310	3%
<b>Non-Hodgkin lymphoma</b>	<b>11,450</b>	<b>4%</b>		<b>Non-Hodgkin lymphoma</b>	<b>8,690</b>	<b>3%</b>
Brain & other nervous system	9,620	3%		Brain & other nervous system	7,080	3%
<b>All Sites</b>	<b>318,420</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>All Sites</b>	<b>282,500</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## Lymphoma Facts:

Estimated New Cancer Cases and Deaths by Sex, United States, 2017\*

	ESTIMATED NEW CASES			ESTIMATED DEATHS		
	BOTH SEXES	MALE	FEMALE	BOTH SEXES	MALE	FEMALE
<b>Lymphoma</b>	<b>80,500</b>	<b>44,730</b>	<b>35,770</b>	<b>21,210</b>	<b>12,080</b>	<b>9,130</b>
Hodgkin lymphoma	8,260	4,650	3,610	1,070	630	440
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	72,240	40,080	32,160	20,140	11,450	8,690
<b>Myeloma</b>	<b>30,280</b>	<b>17,490</b>	<b>12,790</b>	<b>12,590</b>	6,660	<b>5,930</b>

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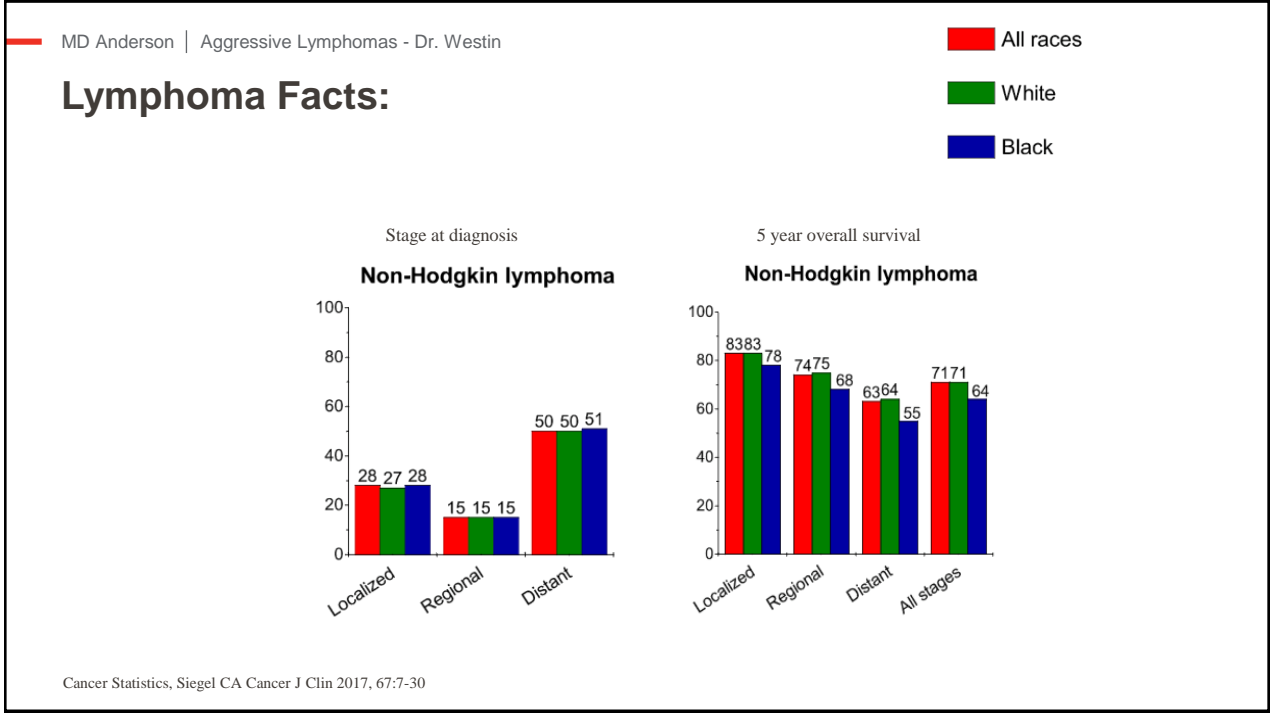
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TABLE 8. Probability (%) of Developing Invasive Cancer Within Selected Age Intervals by Sex, United States, 2011 to 2013\*

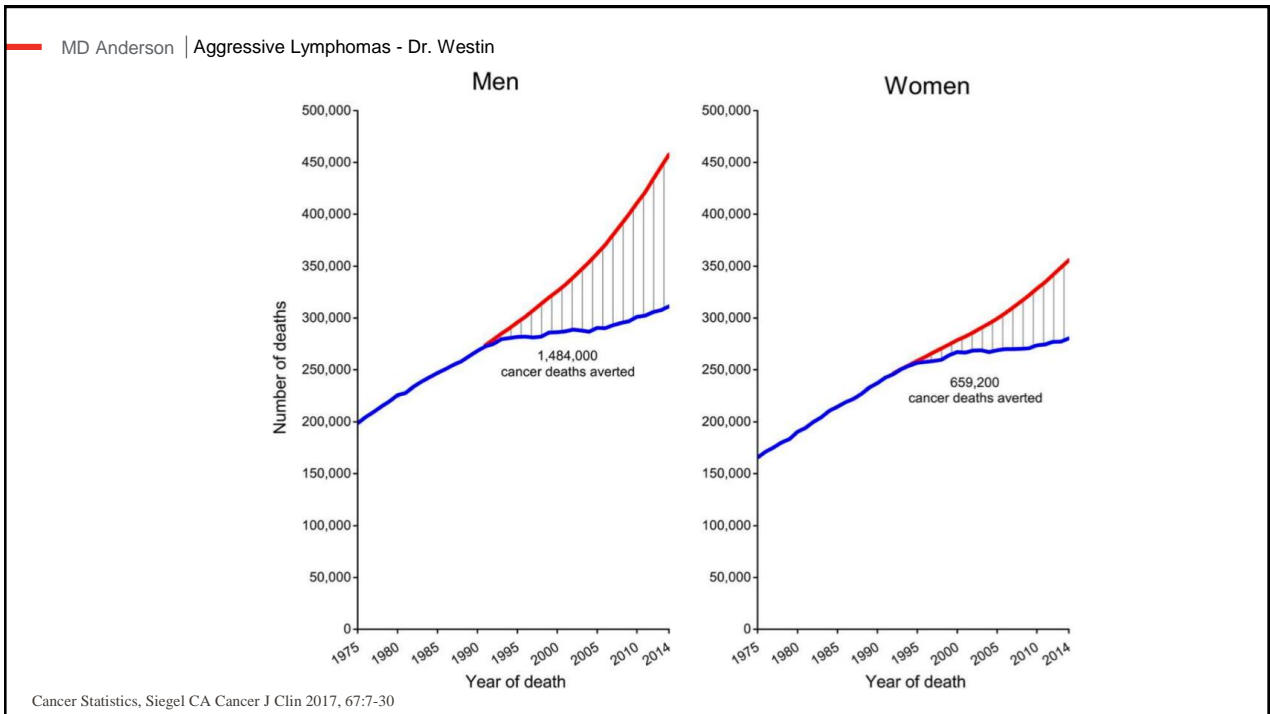
		BIRTH TO 49	50 TO 59	60 TO 69	≥70	BIRTH TO DEATH
<b>All sites†</b>	Male	3.4 (1 in 30)	6.3 (1 in 16)	14.0 (1 in 7)	33.3 (1 in 3)	40.8 (1 in 2)
	Female	5.4 (1 in 18)	6.0 (1 in 17)	10.0 (1 in 10)	25.9 (1 in 4)	37.5 (1 in 3)
<b>Breast</b>	Female	1.9 (1 in 52)	2.3 (1 in 44)	3.5 (1 in 29)	6.8 (1 in 15)	12.4 (1 in 8)
<b>Colorectum</b>	Male	0.3 (1 in 294)	0.7 (1 in 149)	1.2 (1 in 84)	3.5 (1 in 28)	4.6 (1 in 22)
	Female	0.3 (1 in 318)	0.5 (1 in 198)	0.8 (1 in 120)	3.2 (1 in 31)	4.2 (1 in 24)
<b>Kidney &amp; renal pelvis</b>	Male	0.2 (1 in 457)	0.3 (1 in 289)	0.6 (1 in 157)	1.3 (1 in 75)	2.1 (1 in 48)
	Female	0.1 (1 in 729)	0.2 (1 in 582)	0.3 (1 in 315)	0.7 (1 in 135)	1.2 (1 in 83)
<b>Leukemia</b>	Male	0.2 (1 in 410)	0.2 (1 in 574)	0.6 (1 in 259)	1.4 (1 in 72)	1.8 (1 in 57)
	Female	0.2 (1 in 509)	0.1 (1 in 901)	0.4 (1 in 447)	0.9 (1 in 113)	1.2 (1 in 81)
<b>Lung &amp; bronchus</b>	Male	0.2 (1 in 643)	0.7 (1 in 149)	1.9 (1 in 53)	6.2 (1 in 16)	7.0 (1 in 14)
	Female	0.2 (1 in 598)	0.6 (1 in 178)	1.5 (1 in 68)	4.8 (1 in 21)	6.0 (1 in 17)
<b>Melanoma of the skin‡</b>	Male	0.5 (1 in 220)	0.5 (1 in 198)	0.9 (1 in 111)	2.5 (1 in 40)	3.5 (1 in 28)
	Female	0.6 (1 in 159)	0.4 (1 in 275)	0.5 (1 in 212)	1.6 (1 in 57)	2.5 (1 in 44)
<b>Non-Hodgkin lymphoma</b>	Male	0.3 (1 in 385)	0.3 (1 in 353)	0.4 (1 in 175)	1.8 (1 in 55)	2.4 (1 in 42)
	Female	0.2 (1 in 547)	0.2 (1 in 483)	0.2 (1 in 245)	1.3 (1 in 74)	1.9 (1 in 54)
<b>Prostate</b>	Male	0.3 (1 in 354)	1.9 (1 in 52)	5.4 (1 in 19)	9.1 (1 in 11)	12.9 (1 in 8)
<b>Thyroid</b>	Male	0.2 (1 in 533)	0.1 (1 in 799)	0.2 (1 in 620)	0.2 (1 in 429)	0.6 (1 in 163)
	Female	0.8 (1 in 127)	0.4 (1 in 275)	0.3 (1 in 292)	0.4 (1 in 258)	1.8 (1 in 57)
<b>Uterine cervix</b>	Female	0.3 (1 in 371)	0.1 (1 in 868)	0.1 (1 in 899)	0.2 (1 in 594)	0.6 (1 in 161)
<b>Uterine corpus</b>	Female	0.3 (1 in 352)	0.6 (1 in 169)	1.0 (1 in 105)	1.3 (1 in 76)	2.8 (1 in 36)

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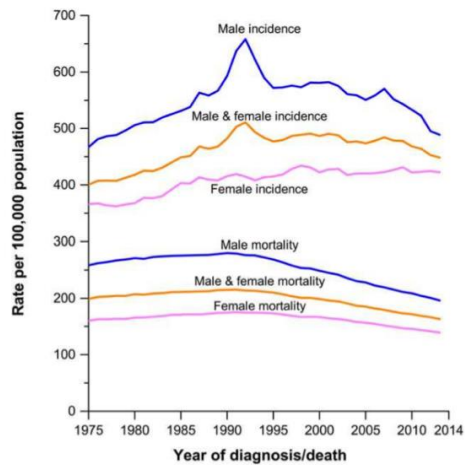
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## How is Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma diagnosed?

A new lump in the neck, under the arm, in the groin

A new pain that lacks explanation

Significant and worsening fatigue

None of the above (serendipity)

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## How is Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma diagnosed?

- A biopsy is required for diagnosis
- Radiology reports may say “suspicious for lymphoma”
  - Not good enough
- Usually a core needle or surgical biopsy is required
- Fine needle aspiration gives a smear of cells – not good enough for subtyping lymphoma

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## Clinical Case

63F without significant past medical history has a new mass under her left arm. She feels ok but has lost 5 pounds over the past month without trying.

On exam, she has bilateral small LN, a PET Scan and biopsy are ordered.

LDH is up, labs otherwise normal



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## We have the biopsy – now what?

### THE UPDATED WHO CLASSIFICATION OF HEMATOLOGICAL MALIGNANCIES

#### The 2016 revision of the World Health Organization classification of lymphoid neoplasms

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## How do we classify Lymphomas?

1. The type of lymphocyte the lymphoma started from
2. How the lymphoma looks under the microscope
3. The presence of genetic and protein changes of the lymphoma

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## DLBCL Diagnosis

Lymph Node core or excisional biopsy (NOT FNA)

Immunohistochemistry for B-cell markers

- Cell of Origin (WHO recommends)
- MYC and BCL protein expression
- CD19 is usually assessed

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- MYC followed by BCL2 and BCL6

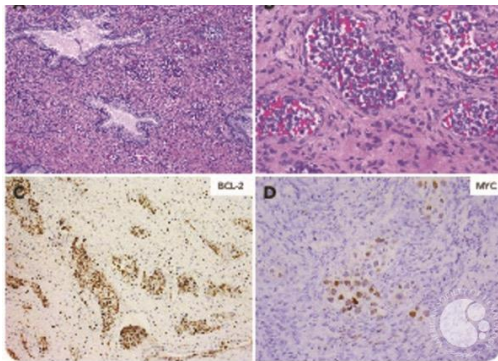
Bone Marrow biopsy

- Sometimes not done if PET – but controversy

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## Clinical Case

A core needle biopsy shows



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Table 1. 2016 WHO classification of mature lymphoid, histiocytic, and dendritic neoplasms	Table 1. (continued)
<b>Mature B-cell neoplasms</b>	<b>Micromorphic epithelioid intestinal T-cell lymphoma*</b>
Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma	Indolent T-cell lymphoproliferative disorder of the GI tract†
Monoclonal B-cell lymphocytosis*	Histiocytosis/T-cell lymphoma
B-cell prolymphocytic leukaemia	Subcutaneous panniculitis-like T-cell lymphoma
Splenic marginal zone lymphoma	Mycosis fungoides
Hairy cell leukaemia	Stazy syndrome
Splenic B-cell lymphoma/leukemia, unclassifiable	Primary cutaneous CD30+ T-cell lymphoproliferative disorders
Splenic follicle and capillary small B-cell lymphoma	Lymphomatoid papulosis
Hairy cell leukaemia variant†	Primary cutaneous anaplastic large cell lymphoma
Lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma	Primary cutaneous $\gamma\delta$ T-cell lymphoma
Waldenström macroglobulinemia	Primary cutaneous CD8+ aggressive epidermotropic cytotoxic T-cell lymphoma
Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS), IgM*	Primary cutaneous $\alpha\text{CT}^+$ T-cell lymphoma†
$\mu$ heavy-chain disease	Primary cutaneous CD4+ small/medium T-cell lymphoproliferative disorder*
$\lambda$ heavy-chain disease	Peripheral T-cell lymphoma, NOS
Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS), IgG/A*	Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma
Plasma cell myeloma	Follicular T-cell lymphoma*
Softary plasmacytoma of bone	Nodal peripheral T-cell lymphoma with <i>TFH</i> phenotype*
Extramedullary plasmacytoma	Anaplastic large-cell lymphoma, ALK-*
Monoclonal immunoglobulin-deposition diseases*	Anaplastic large-cell lymphoma, ALK+*
Estradiol marginal zone lymphoma of mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue (MALT) lymphoma	Bleat implant-associated anaplastic large-cell lymphoma†
Nodal marginal zone lymphoma	
Padiatic nodal marginal zone lymphoma	<b>Hodgkin lymphoma</b>
Follicular lymphoma	Nodular lymphocyte predominant Hodgkin lymphoma
In situ follicular neoplasia*	Classical Hodgkin lymphoma
Ductal-type follicular lymphoma*	Nodular sclerosing classical Hodgkin lymphoma
Polycyclic-type follicular lymphoma†	Lymphocyte-rich classical Hodgkin lymphoma
Large B-cell lymphoma with <i>IRF4</i> rearrangement*	Mixed cellularity classical Hodgkin lymphoma
Primary cutaneous follicle center lymphoma	Lymphocyte-depleted classical Hodgkin lymphoma
Mantle cell lymphoma	
In situ mantle cell neoplasia*	<b>Primary cutaneous lymphoproliferative disorders (PTLD)</b>
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL), NOS	Plasmacytic hyperplasia PTLD
Germinal center B-cell type†	Icteric monoclonal PTLD
Activated B-cell type†	Fluid follicular hyperplasia PTLD*
T-cell/histiocyte-rich large B-cell lymphoma	Polymorphic PTLD
Primary DLBCL of the central nervous system (CNS)	Monomorphic PTLD (B- and T-NK-cell types)
Primary cutaneous DLBCL, leg type	Classical Hodgkin lymphoma PTLD
EBV+ DLBCL, NOS	
EBV+ mucocutaneous type*	<b>Histiocytic and dendritic cell neoplasms</b>
DLBCL associated with chronic inflammation	Histiocytic sarcoma
Lymphomatoid granulomatosis	Langerhans cell histiocytosis
Primary mediastinal (thymic) large B-cell lymphoma	Langerhans cell sarcoma
Intravascular large B-cell lymphoma	Blasticoid dendritic cell tumor
ALK+ large B-cell lymphoma	Interdigitating dendritic cell sarcoma
Plasmablastic lymphoma	Follicular dendritic cell sarcoma
Primary effusion lymphoma	Fibroblastic reticular cell tumor
HRH+ DLBCL, NOS*	Disseminated juvenile xanthogranuloma
Burkitt lymphoma	Erdheim-Chester disease*
Burkitt-like lymphoma with <i>t(11q) aberration†</i>	
High-grade B-cell lymphoma, with <i>MYC</i> and <i>BCL2</i> and/or <i>BCL6</i> rearrangements*	
High-grade B-cell lymphoma, NOS†	
B-cell lymphoma, unclassifiable, with features intermediate between DLBCL and	
<b>Mature T and NK neoplasms</b>	
T-cell prolymphocytic leukaemia	
T-cell large granular lymphocytic leukaemia	
Chronic lymphoproliferative disorder of NK cells	
Aggressive NK-cell leukaemia	
Systemic EBV+ T-cell lymphoma of childhood*	
Hypoxic vasculitis-like lymphoproliferative disorder*	
Adult T-cell leukaemia/lymphoma	
Extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma, nasal type	
Extranodal-associated T-cell lymphoma	

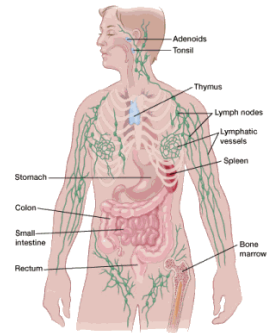
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## What are Lymphocytes?

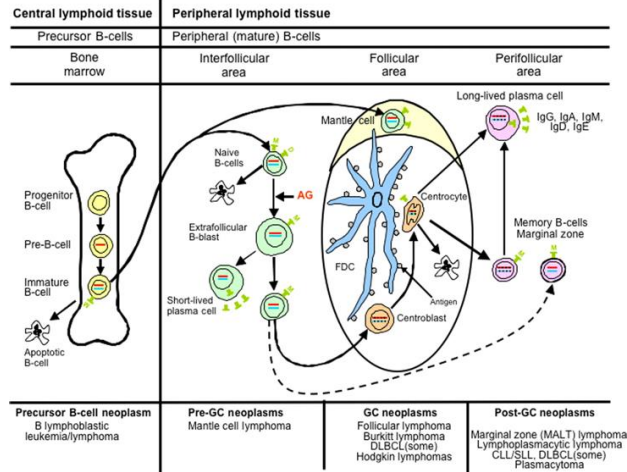
- Latin: *lympha* = water
- Lymphatic system
  - circulatory system for lymphocytes and fluid
- Lymphocytes are also called white blood cells

## What are the types of lymphocytes?

- B cells (antibodies)
- T cells (kill infection or abnormal cells, help/hurt other immune cells)
- NK cells ("natural killer" cells)



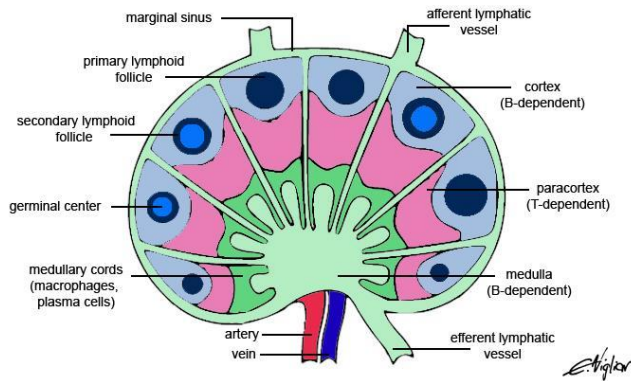
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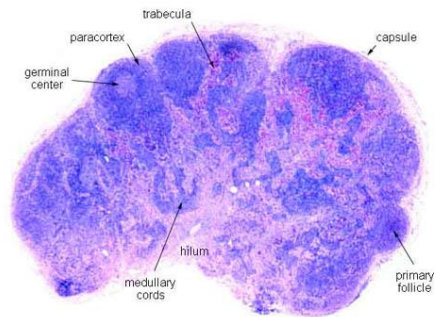
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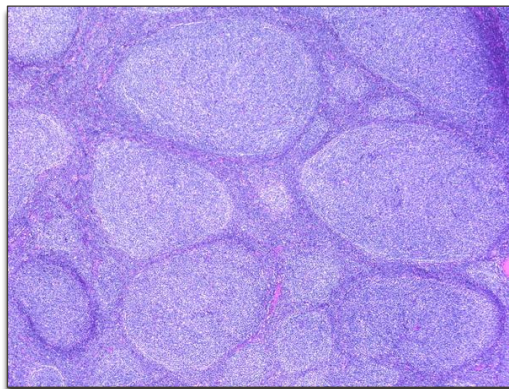
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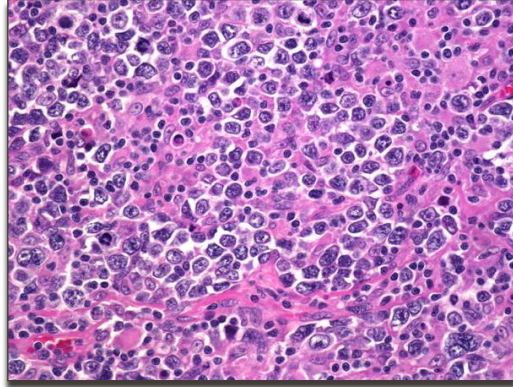
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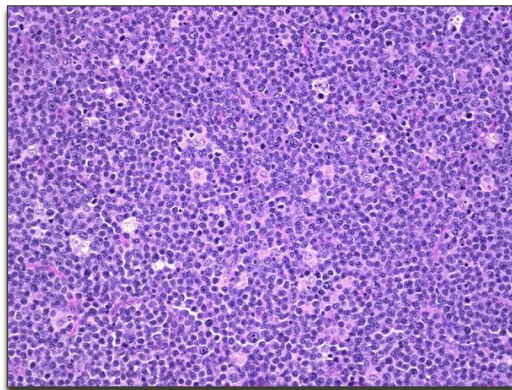
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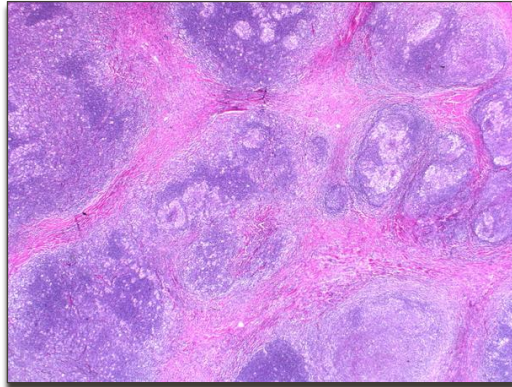
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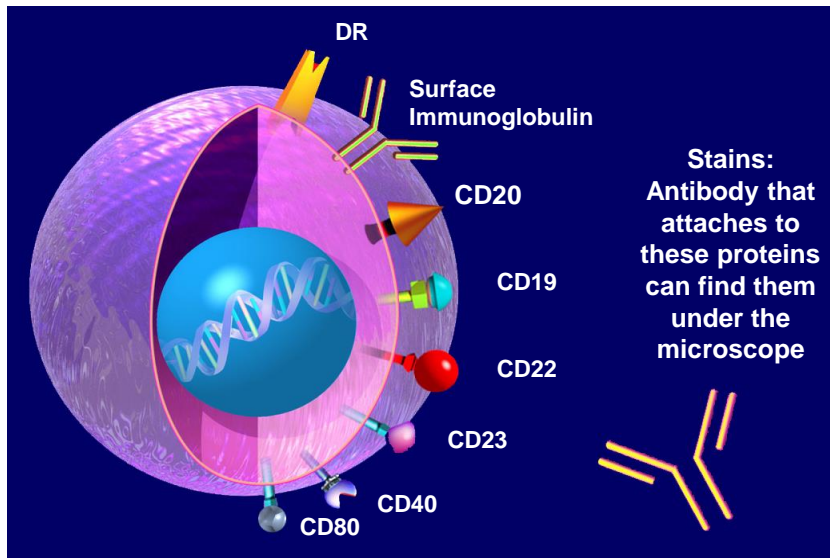
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## Examples of Various Proteins Associated with Various B-Cell Lymphomas



CD = Cluster of Differentiation

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## “Markers” That Make a Difference in Diagnosis of Some Lymphomas

- “Markers” are sugar/protein complexes that are produced by cells
- They can be produced by both cancer cells and normal cells
- These can be studied under the microscope to identify certain types of lymphomas

Marker	FL	SLL/CL L	MCL	MZL	T Cell
CD20	Pos	Pos	Pos	Pos	Neg
CD10	Pos	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg
CD5	Neg	Pos	Pos	Neg	Pos
CD23	Neg	Pos	Pos	Neg	Neg
Cyclin D1	Neg	Neg	Pos	Neg	Neg
Cytogenetics	t(14;18)	Various	t(11;14)	Various	Various

- CD: Cluster of Differentiation
- Not all are absolute: There are often variations in positivity/negativity
- Note: The genetics are only in the cancer cells

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## Signs and Symptoms of Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma

Could have any (or none) of below:

Tired

”Don’t feel well”

Night sweats

Unintentional Weight Loss

Pain

A new swelling or lump

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## What happens after diagnosis?

Testing to see where the lymphoma exists in the body

- PET/CT scan
- Bone Marrow Biopsy
- Blood tests

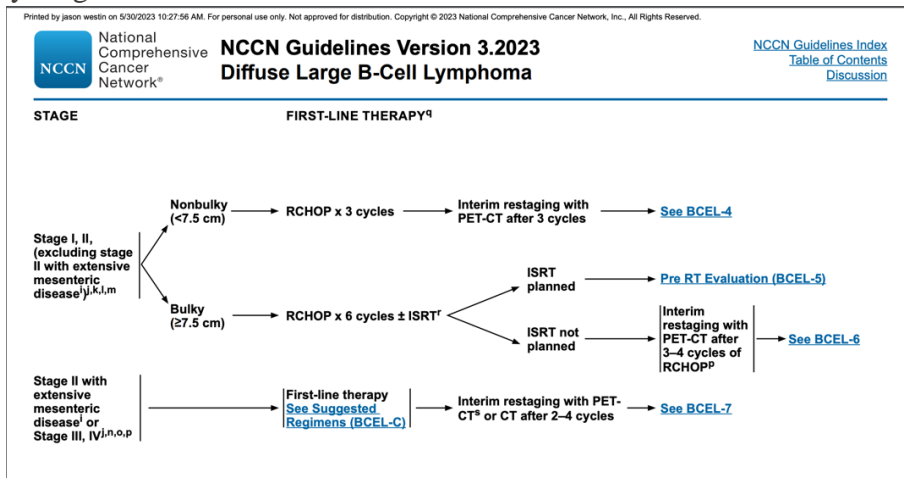
Testing to see if any limitations on treatment due to other medical problems

- Echocardiogram
- EKG
- Blood tests

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## What are the current treatment options for Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma?

For newly diagnosed disease:



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## Current Therapy

RCHOP

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TABLE 1. CHOP-HOP Chemotherapy for Non-Hodgkin's  
Lymphoma

C	Cyclophosphamide	750 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	d1
H	Adriamycin	50 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	d1
O	Vincristine	1.4 mg/m <sup>2</sup> (max 2 mg)	d1
P	Prednisone	100 mg daily × 5	d1-5
H	Adriamycin	80 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	d1
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P	Prednisone	100 mg daily × 5	d1-5

Courses repeated every 2-3 weeks

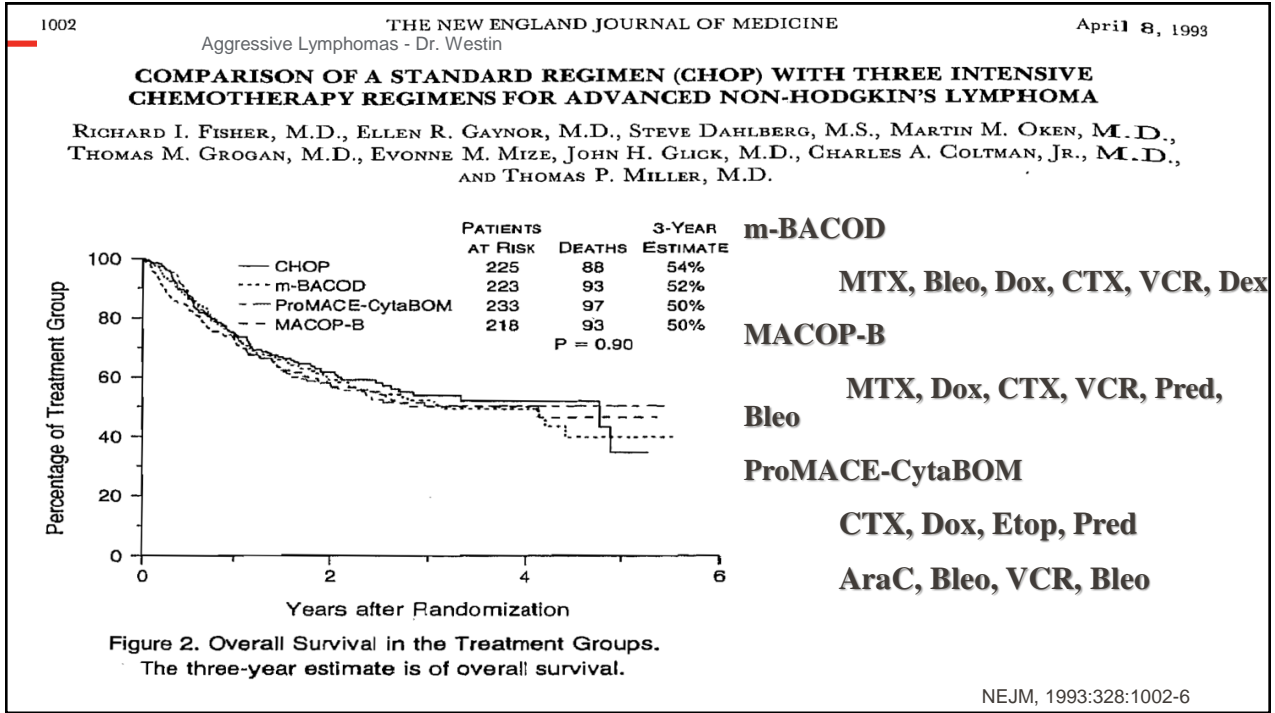
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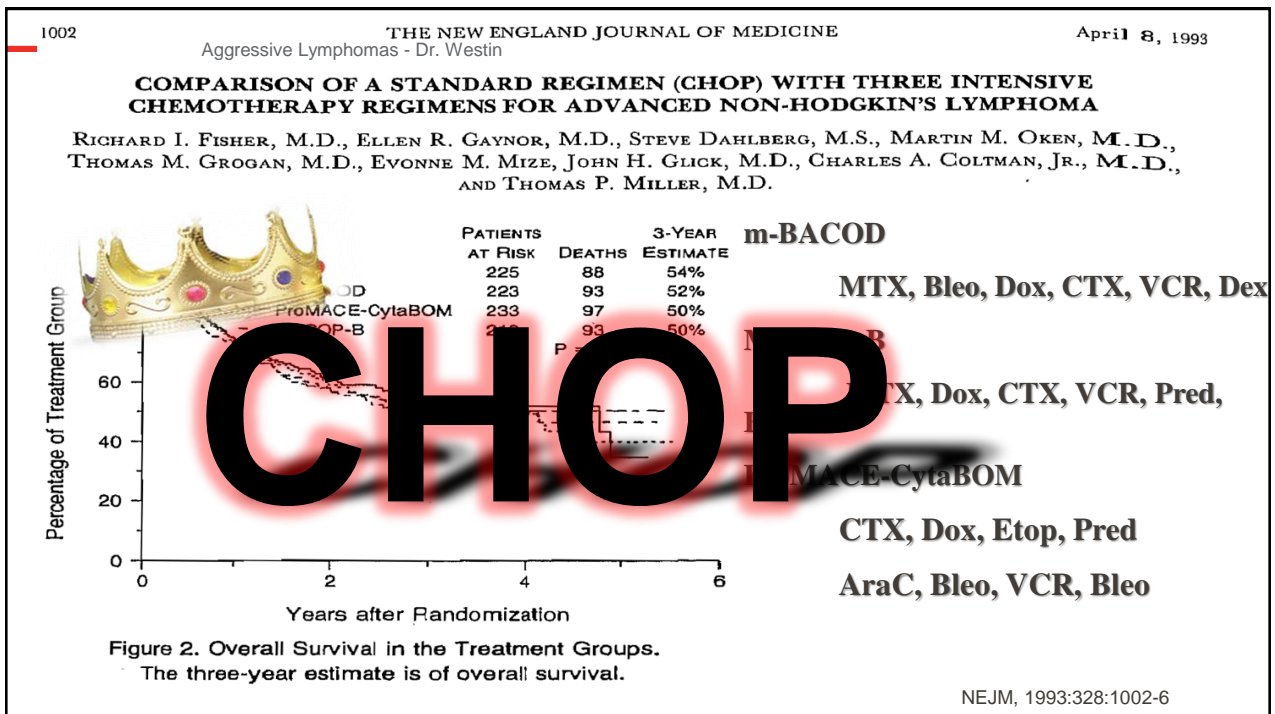
**COMPARISON OF A STANDARD REGIMEN (CHOP) WITH THREE INTENSIVE  
CHEMOTHERAPY REGIMENS FOR ADVANCED NON-HODGKIN'S LYMPHOMA**

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## How is RCHOP given?

IV usually via port or PICC

- Drugs are vesicants

IV portion is over 1 day every 3 weeks

Oral is daily for 5 days, every 3 weeks from start date

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## What are the main side effects of RCHOP?

Fatigue

Nausea

Infection risk

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## What are rare but serious side effects of RCHOP?

Low chance of heart failure

Low chance of bone marrow problems like myelodysplasia or leukemia

Low chance of bleeding from the bladder

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## How likely is RCHOP to work?

Remember the IPI: APLES

- **A**ge >60
- **P**erformance status – impaired
- **L**DH – elevated
- **E**xtranodal sites  $\geq 2$
- **S**tage III/IV

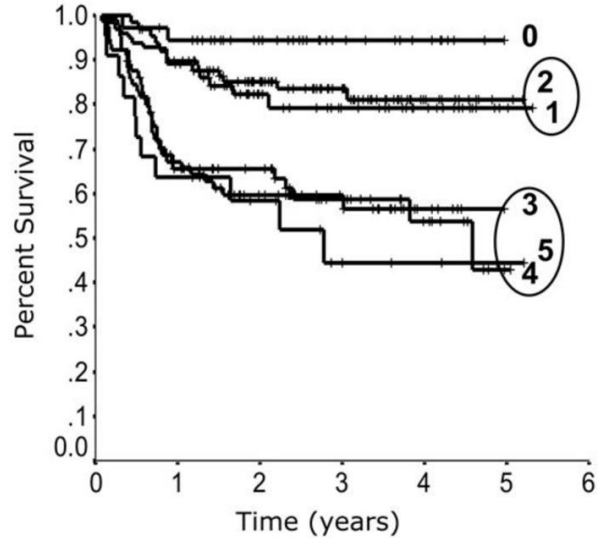
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### IPI vs progression free survival

0 = 90+%

1 & 2 = 80%

3/4/5 = 55%



Sehn et al, Blood 2007

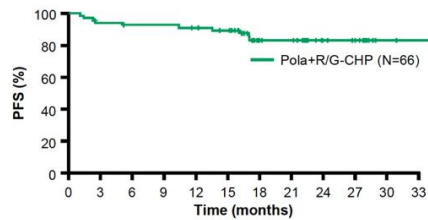
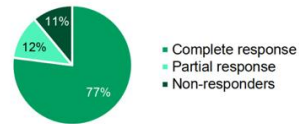
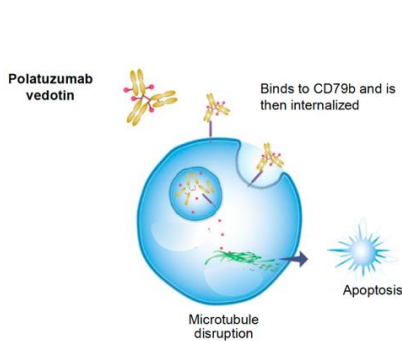
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### Polarix trial

## Polatuzumab vedotin is an ADC targeting CD79b

CD79b is ubiquitously expressed on DLBCL cells<sup>1-3</sup>

Pola+R/G-CHP demonstrated activity in first-line DLBCL<sup>4</sup>



ADC, antibody–drug conjugate; G, obinutuzumab.

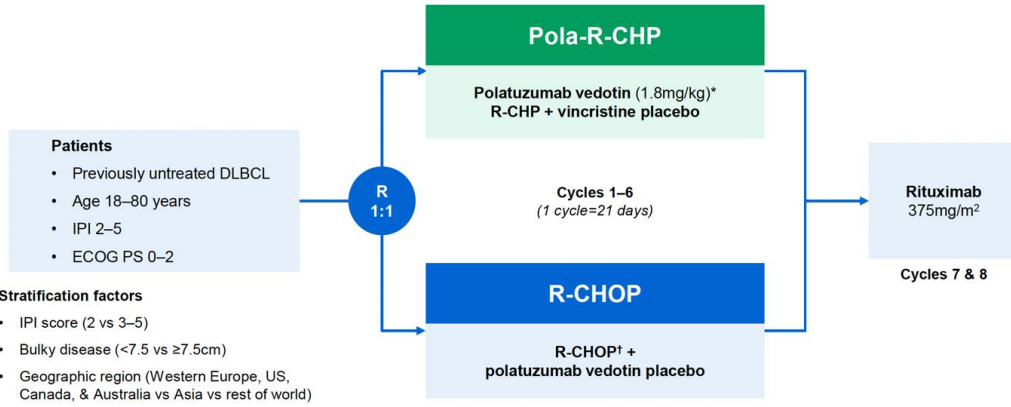
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Tilly et al, ASH 2021

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# POLARIX: A randomized double-blinded study

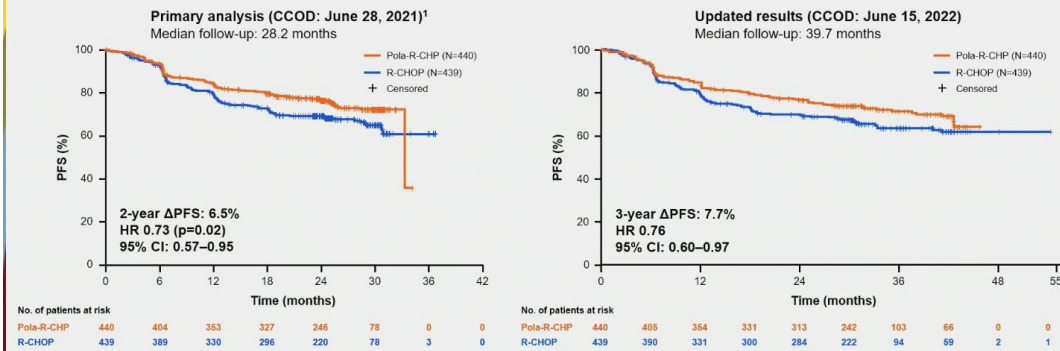


\*IV on Day 1; †R-CHOP: IV rituximab 375mg/m<sup>2</sup>, cyclophosphamide 750mg/m<sup>2</sup>, doxorubicin 50mg/m<sup>2</sup>, and vincristine 1.4mg/m<sup>2</sup> (max. 2mg) on Day 1, plus oral prednisone 100mg once daily on Days 1–5. IPI, International prognostic index; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; R, randomized.

Tilly et al, ASH 2021

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## PFS benefit with Pola-R-CHP vs R-CHOP was maintained with longer follow-up



Analysis based on the ITT population.  
ITT, intention-to-treat; NE, not evaluable; no., number.

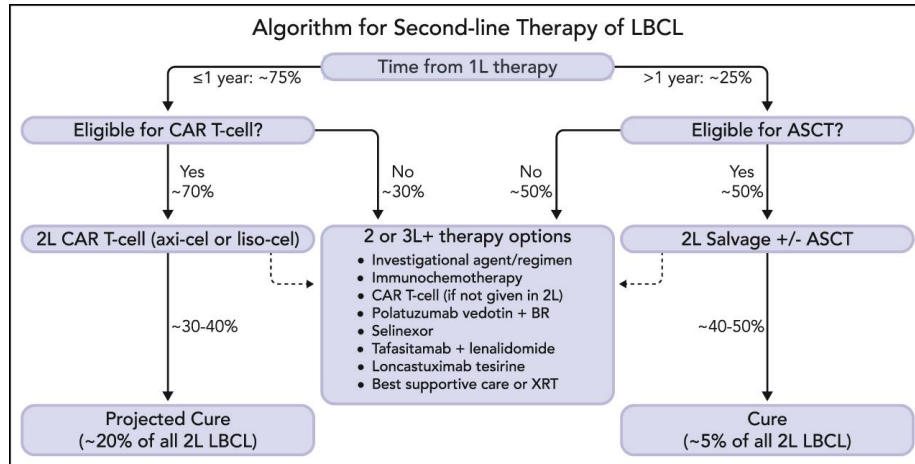
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Tilly et al, ASH 2021, Herrera et al, ASH 2022

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## What are the current treatment options for Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma?

For relapsed disease



Westin & Sehn, Blood 2022

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## What is an Autologous Stem Cell Transplant?

Intensive chemotherapy

If a good response

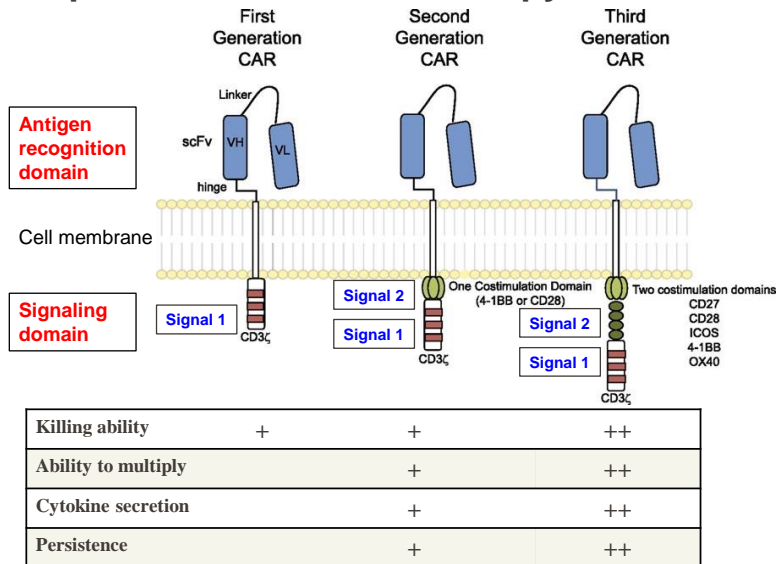
- Stem cells are collected
- Higher dose chemotherapy
- Stem cells are re-infused

If a bad response

- CAR T-cell

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## Development of CAR T cell therapy



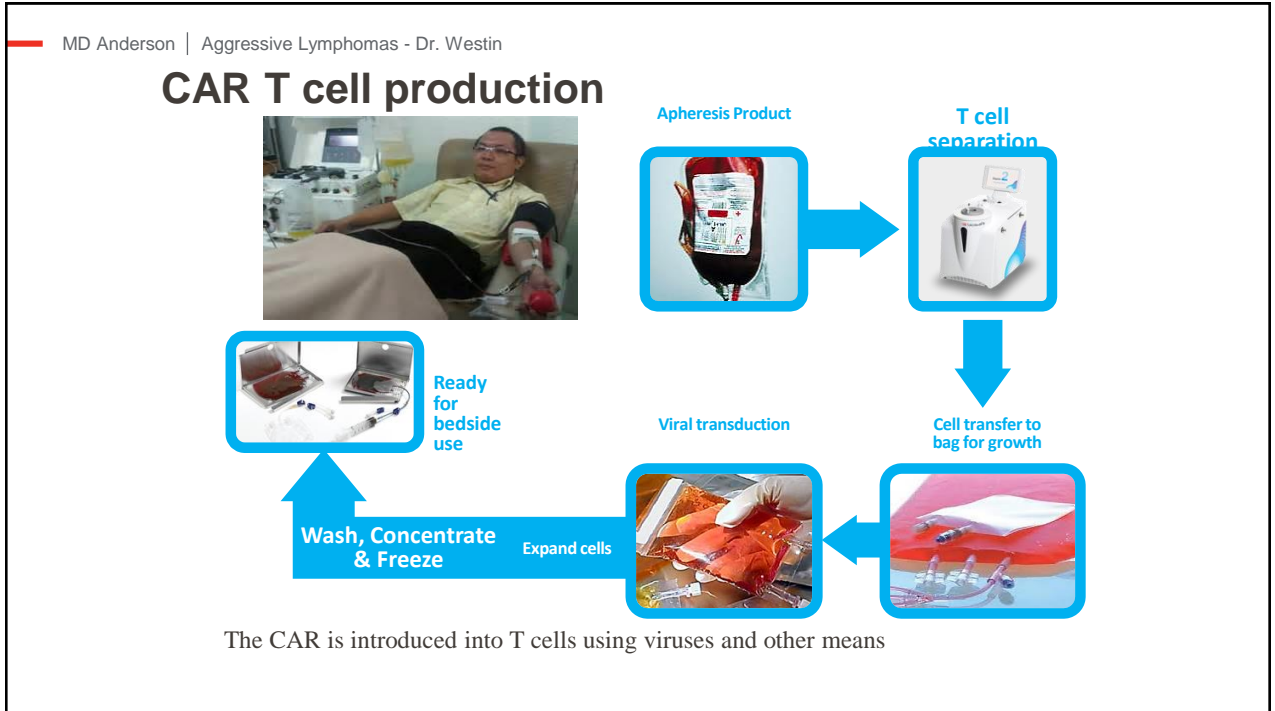
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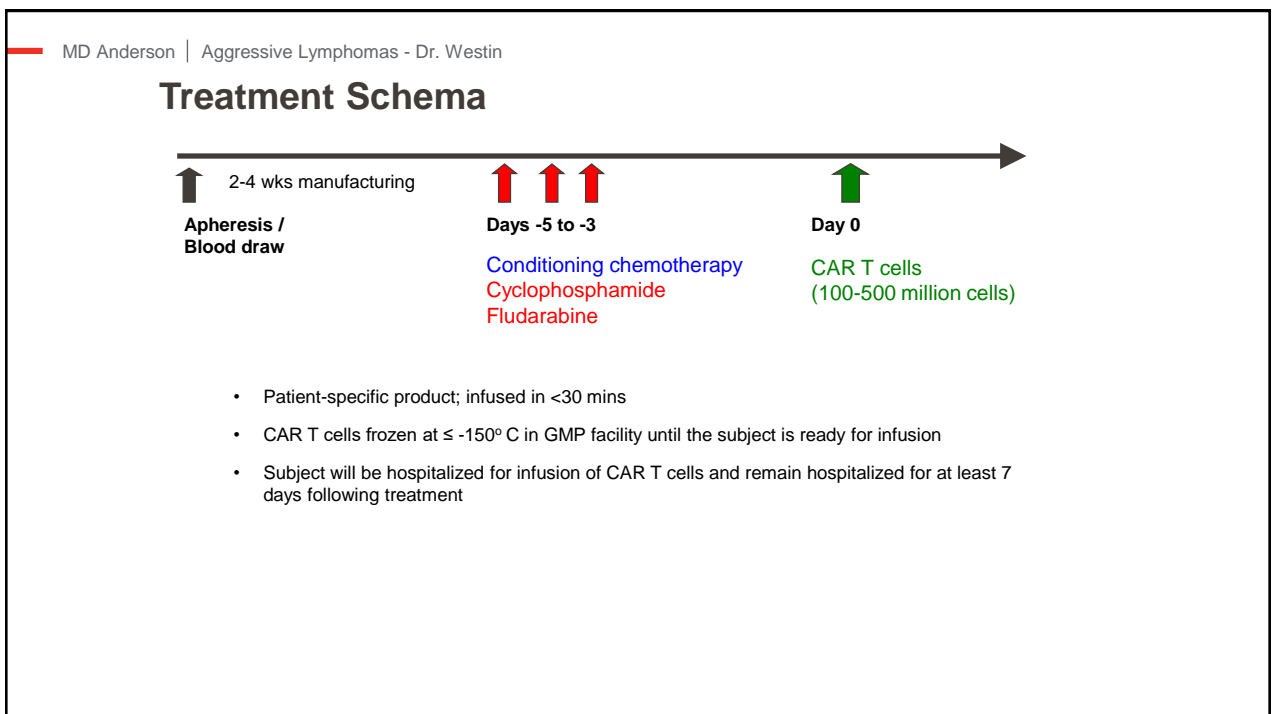
## CAR targets in development

Target(s)	Tumor
CD19, CD20, CD22, CD23	B cell leukemia/lymphoma
CD30	T cell leukemia/lymphoma, Hodgkin lymphoma
CD38, BCMA, SLAM-F7	Multiple myeloma
CD123	Acute myeloid leukemia
Mesothelin	Pancreatic carcinoma
$\alpha$ -folate receptor	Ovarian Carcinoma
CAIX	Renal Cell Carcinoma
CEA	Colon Carcinoma
Her2	Breast Carcinoma
GD2	Neuroblastoma
GD3	Melanoma
Lewis-Y	Colon Carcinoma
PSMA	Prostate Carcinoma

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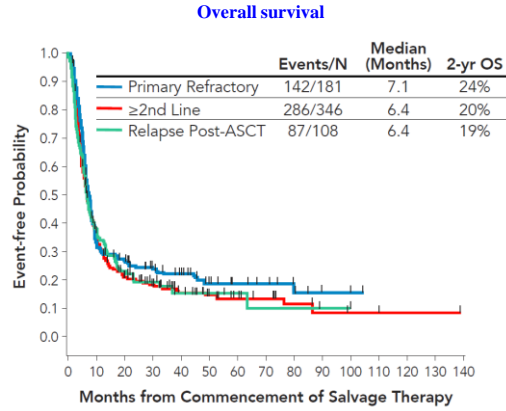


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## Outcomes poor in refractory aggressive B-cell NHL

(SCHOLAR - Retrospective Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma Research)

- Meta-analysis to evaluate the outcomes in chemorefractory DLBCL
- CORAL, CCTG-LY12, MDACC, Mayo-Iowa
- Chemorefractory patient population
  - ✓ SD/PD after primary or later-lines of therapy
  - ✓ Relapse ≤12 months after ASCT
- N = 635
- ORR = 26%; CR rate = 8%
- Median OS = 6.6 months



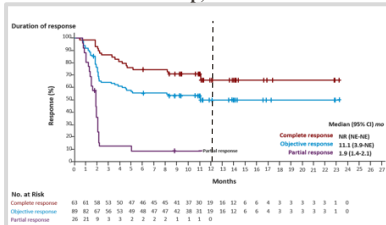
Crump, Westin, Neelapu et al, ASCO 2016

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## Efficacy – Duration of Response

**ZUMA-1<sup>1,2</sup>**

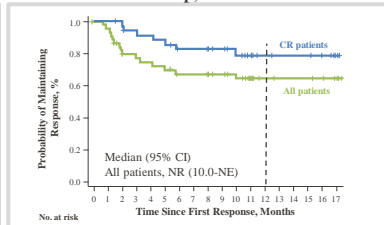
Median follow-up, 15.4 months



- 42% of patients had an ongoing response at long-term follow-up; 40% had CR
- 23 patients with either a PR (11/35) or SD (12/25) at the first tumor assessment (1 month post-Yescarta) achieved CR up to 15 months postinfusion without additional therapy
  - Median time to conversion from PR to CR: 64 days (range, 49-424 days)

**JULIET<sup>3</sup>**

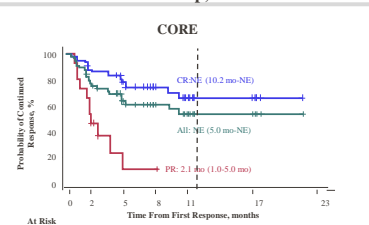
Median follow-up, 13.9 months



- 54% (13/24) patients converted from PR to CR, including 2 patients 9-12 months after initial response

**TRANSCEND<sup>4</sup>**

Median follow-up, 8 months



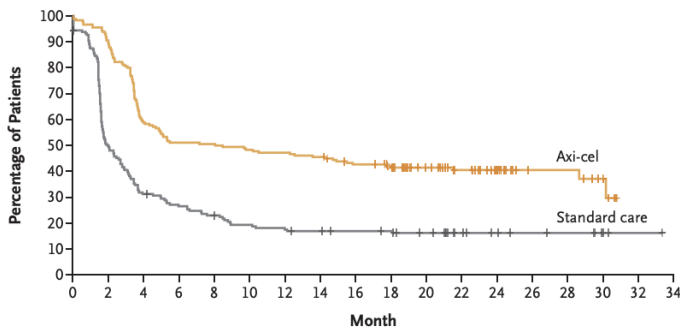
- In CORE group, 88% of patients with CR at 3 months stayed in CR at 6 months; 93% of patients in CR at 6 months had ongoing response  
 Full Group = Patients with relapsed or refractory DLBCL, HGBCL, PMBCL, or FL3B. CORE Group = Patients with r/r DLBCL or HGBCL.

<sup>1</sup>Neelapu SS, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2017;377(26):2531-2544. <sup>2</sup>Neelapu SS et al. ASH 2017. [abstract 578].  
<sup>3</sup>Borchmann P et al, EHA 2018. [abstract S799]. <sup>4</sup>Abramson JS et al, ASCO 2018. [abstract 7505].

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## Axi-cel in 2L therapy vs chemo/SCT

**A Event-free Survival**



	No. of Patients	Median Event-free Survival (95% CI) mo
Axi-cel	180	8.3 (4.5–15.8)
Standard Care	179	2.0 (1.6–2.8)

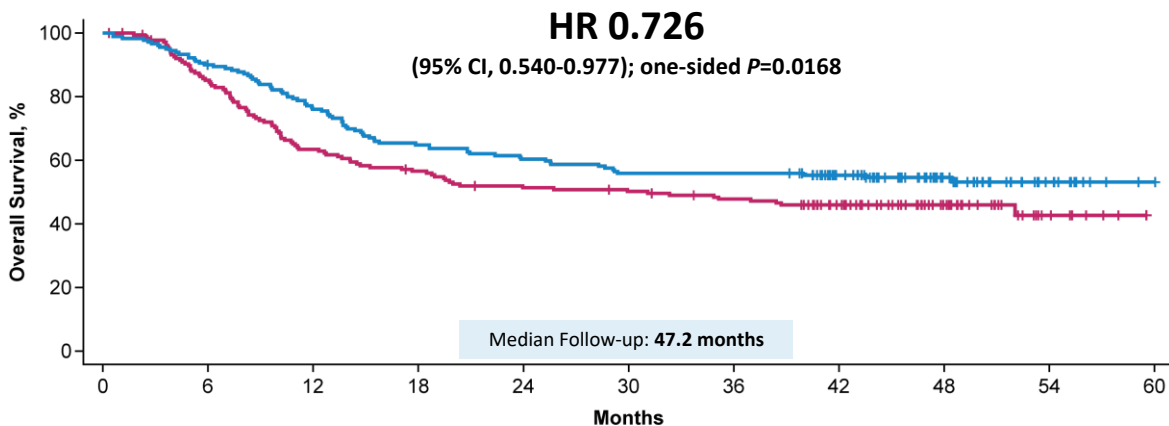
Stratified hazard ratio for event or death, 0.40 (95% CI, 0.31–0.51)  
P < 0.001

**No. at Risk**

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34
Axi-cel	180	163	106	92	91	87	85	82	74	67	52	40	26	12	12	6		
Standard care	179	86	54	45	38	32	29	27	25	24	20	12	9	7	6	3	1	0

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## Axi-Cel Improved Overall Survival Versus Standard of Care



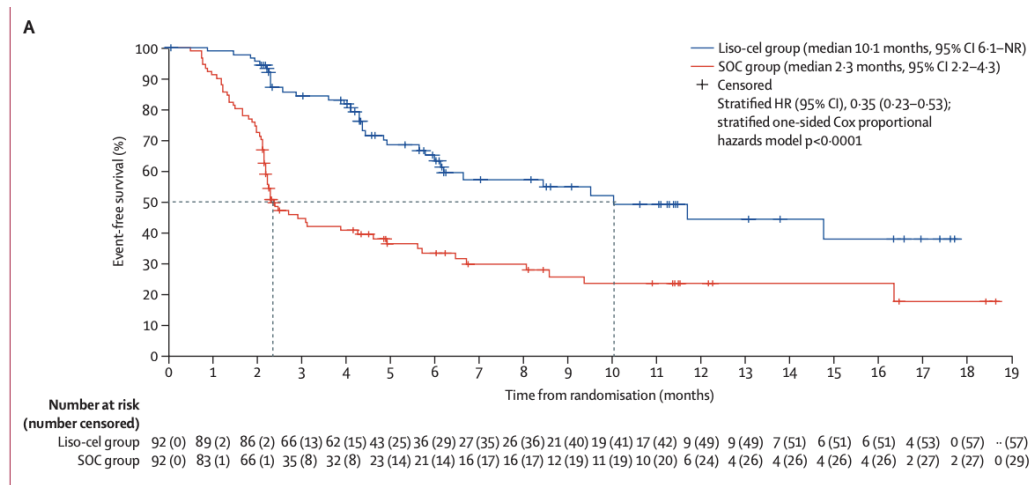
**No. at Risk**

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
Axi-Cel	180	161	136	116	108	100	100	80	41	14	1
SOC	179	149	111	98	88	85	79	63	31	7	0

Axi-cel, axicabtagene ciloleucel; HR, hazard ratio; SOC, standard of care.

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## Liso-cel in 2L therapy vs chemoSCT



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## What are the side effects of CAR T-cells?

### Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)

- Fever
- Hypotension
- Organ dysfunction
- Usually reversible but can be severe and require ICU care

### Neurologic toxicity

- Confusion
- Seizures
- Aphasia
- Tremor

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## What are the side effects of CAR T-cells?

### Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)

- Treated with supportive care when mild (tylenol, cooling blankets, etc)
- Treated with drugs targeting IL6 when moderate/severe (tocilizumab, siltuxumab)
- Treated with corticosteroids when severe

### Cell therapy Related Encephalopathy Syndrome

- Treated with supportive care when mild (re-orientation, avoid sedation)
- Treated with drugs targeting IL6 when moderate/severe with CRS (tocilizumab, siltuxumab)
- Treated with corticosteroids when severe

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## What do I need to know about being a CAR T cell patient?

### Risk of infection

- Immunosuppressed
- Bacterial infections
- PCP/PJP pneumonia
- HSV
- CMV

### Late cytopenias

Can relapse, but usually not after 6 months

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## What do I need to remember about Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma?

DLBCL is common, curable, and complicated

A biopsy is required for diagnosis

Treatment is chemotherapy with immune therapy

- 1L RCHOP or R-CHP-Pola
- 2L CAR T-cell for <12m, chemo/SCT for >12m

Many drugs approved for 3<sup>rd</sup> line treatment

Clinical trials are essential for future progress

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## Patient Story

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## Ongoing 15+mo CR in refractory DLBCL

Baseline

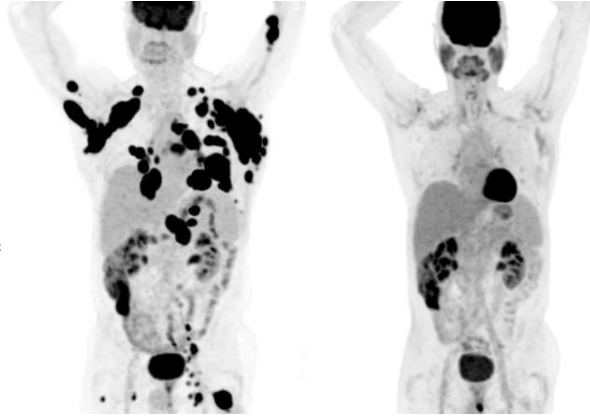
Day 90

62-yo M with DLBCL

Prior therapies

- R-CHOP
- R-GDP
- R-ICE
- R-lenalidomide

No response to last 3 lines of therapy



- Responses can be rapid, complete, and durable
- Antitumor responses may be observed in all parts of the body

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## Ongoing 12+ mo CR in refractory PMBCL

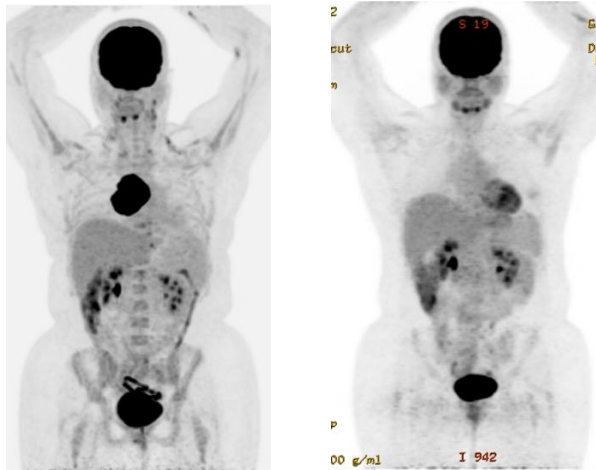
Baseline

6 months

28 y/o female

Prior therapies:

- R-CHOP
- R-ICE
- R-DHAP



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## New Drugs

### Polatuzumab

Antibody drug conjugate vs CD79B

### Tafasitamab

Antibody vs CD19

### Loncastuximab

Antibody drug conjugate vs CD19

### Epcoritamab (others coming soon)

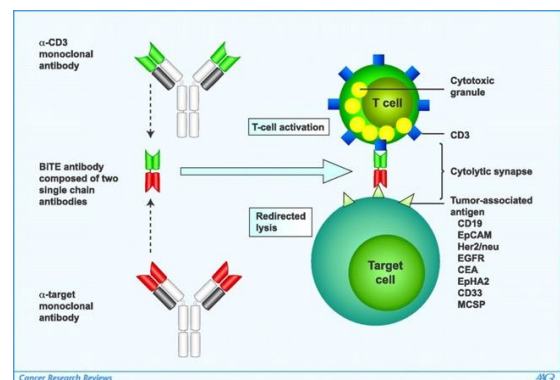
Bi-specific antibody vs CD20/CD3

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## Bispecific Abs

- BsAbs are protein constructs with specificity to 2 different antigens<sup>1</sup>
- Commonly bind a tumor-specific antigen and an immune effector cell antigen<sup>1</sup>
- BsAbs appose cytotoxic immune effector cells with a tumor cell via binding of a specific tumor antigen, creating an "immune synapse"<sup>2</sup>
- Antitumor activity is a result of activation of the immune effector cell and direct cytotoxic activity<sup>2</sup>
- Activation of T cells occurs only when BsAb also binds tumor antigen<sup>2</sup>

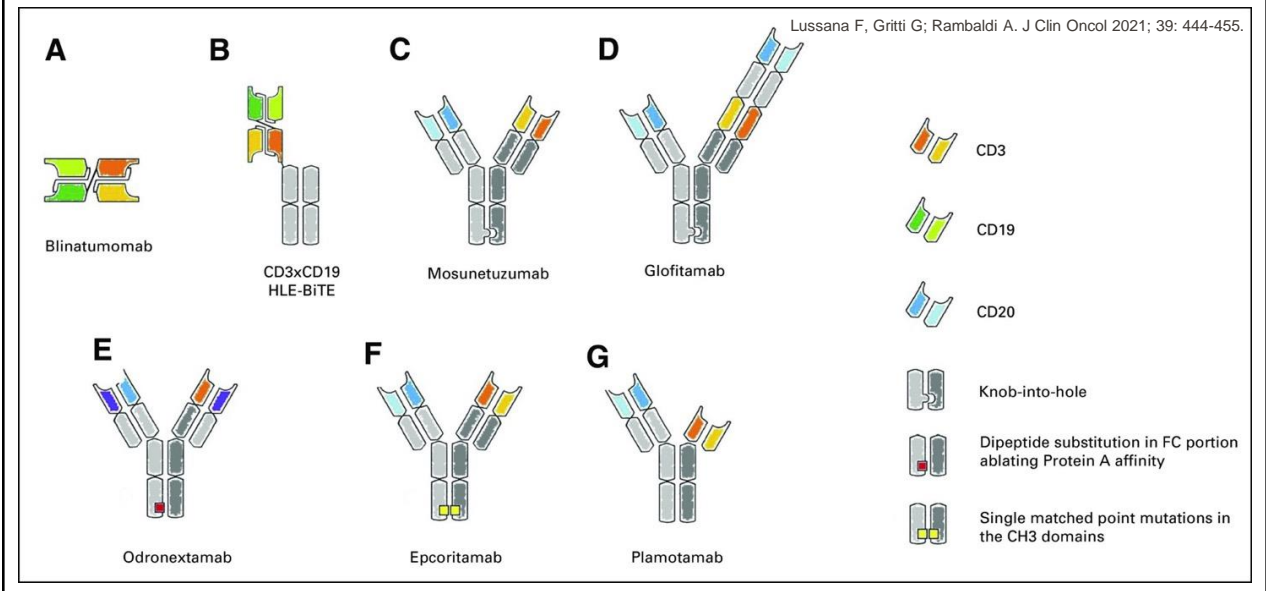
### Bispecific Antibody Principle<sup>2</sup>



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## Bispecific CD3/CD20 antibodies in B-NHL



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## Burkitt Lymphoma

Curable with aggressive chemotherapy

REPOCH, CODOX-M/IVAC, HyperCVAD

Relapsed disease is dangerous

Clinical trials are best option

Should be seen at major cancer center

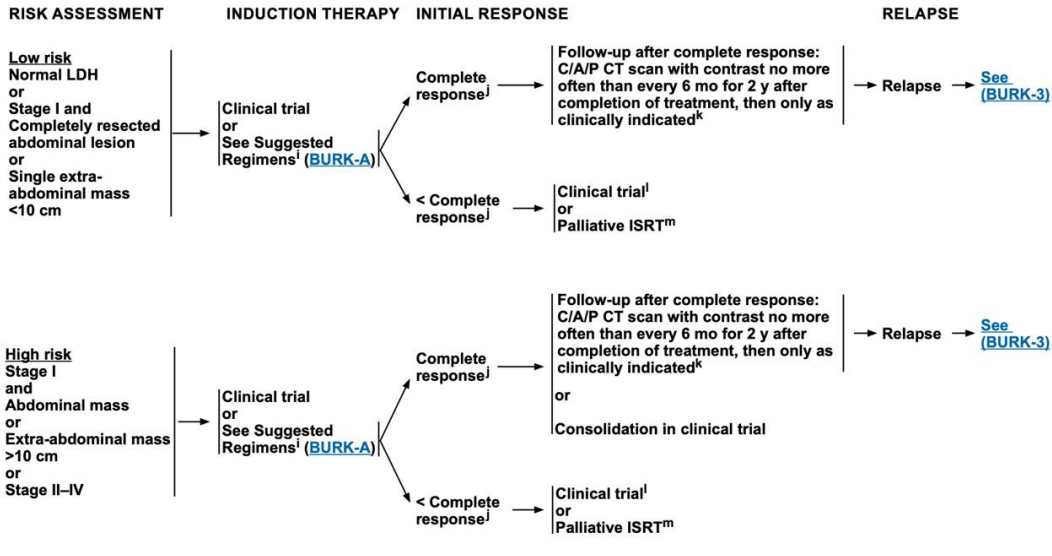
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**SUGGESTED TREATMENT REGIMENS<sup>a,b</sup>**

An FDA-approved biosimilar is an appropriate substitute for rituximab.

CHOP is not an adequate therapy.

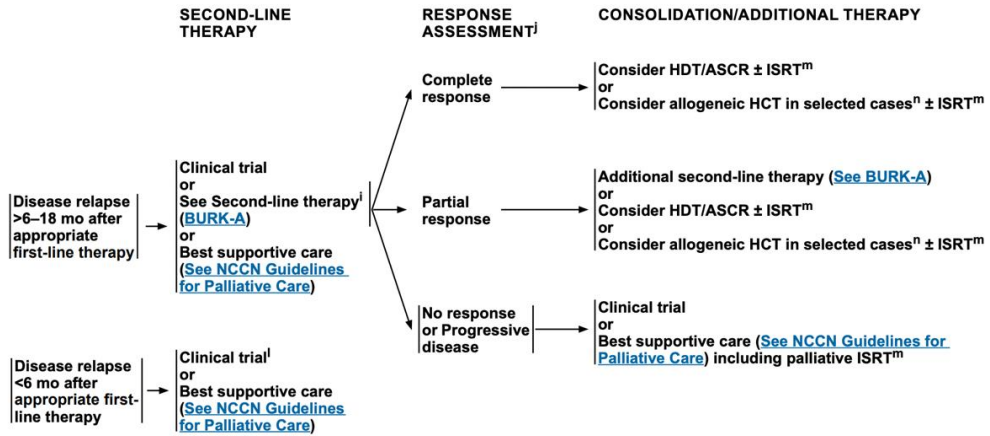
AGE	RISK	INDUCTION THERAPY
<60 y	Low Risk	<b>Preferred regimens (alphabetical order)</b> • CODOX-M (original or modified) (cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine with intrathecal methotrexate and cytarabine followed by high-dose systemic methotrexate) + rituximab (3 cycles) • Dose-adjusted EPOCH (etoposide, prednisone, vincristine, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin) + rituximab (minimum 3 cycles with one additional cycle beyond CR) (regimen includes intrathecal methotrexate) • HyperCVAD (cyclophosphamide, vincristine, doxorubicin, dexamethasone) alternating with high-dose methotrexate and cytarabine + rituximab (regimen includes intrathecal therapy)
	High Risk	<b>Preferred regimens (alphabetical order)</b> • High-risk patients presenting with symptomatic CNS disease should be started with the portion of the systemic therapy that contains CNS-penetrating drugs. • CODOX-M (original or modified) (cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine with intrathecal methotrexate and cytarabine followed by high-dose systemic methotrexate) alternating with IVAC (ifosfamide, cytarabine, etoposide, intrathecal methotrexate) + rituximab • HyperCVAD (cyclophosphamide, vincristine, doxorubicin, dexamethasone) alternating with high-dose methotrexate and cytarabine + rituximab (regimen includes intrathecal therapy) <b>Other recommended regimen</b> • Dose-adjusted EPOCH (etoposide, prednisone, vincristine, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin) + rituximab (for high-risk patients with baseline CNS disease not able to tolerate aggressive treatments) (regimen includes intrathecal methotrexate) (Data included patients with leptomeningeal CNS disease; patients with parenchymal CNS disease were excluded in the clinical trials of this regimen.)
≥60 y	Low and High Risk	<b>Preferred regimen</b> • Dose-adjusted EPOCH (etoposide, prednisone, vincristine, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin) + rituximab (minimum 3 cycles with one additional cycle beyond CR) (regimen includes intrathecal methotrexate) (Data included patients with leptomeningeal CNS disease; patients with parenchymal CNS disease were excluded in the clinical trials of this regimen.) ▶ In high-risk patients presenting with symptomatic CNS disease, the management of the CNS disease should be addressed with the initial regimen.

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**Mantle Cell Lymphoma**

# Three-Year Follow-Up of Outcomes With KTE-X19 in Patients With Relapsed/Refractory Mantle Cell Lymphoma in ZUMA-2

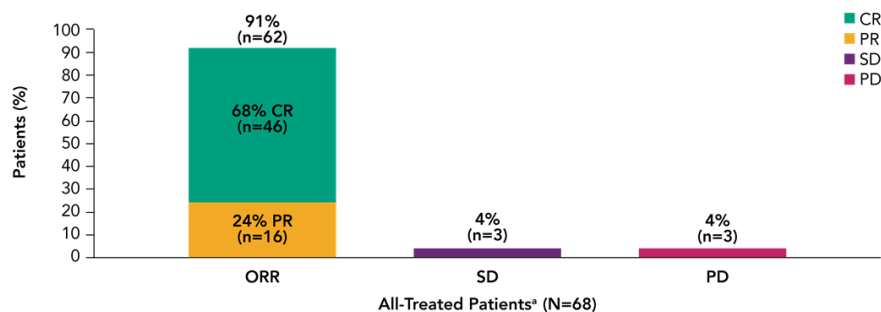
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## Objective Response Rate (ORR) in All Treated Patients (N=68)



After a median follow-up of 35.6 months (range, 25.9-56.3), the ORR (CR + partial response [PR]) was 91% (95% CI, 81.8-96.7), with a 68% CR rate (95% CI, 55.2-78.5) and a median DOR of 28.2 months (95% CI, 13.5-47.1)

In the ITT population, ORR was 84% (95% CI, 73.4-91.3), with a 62% CR rate (95% CI, 50.1-73.2)

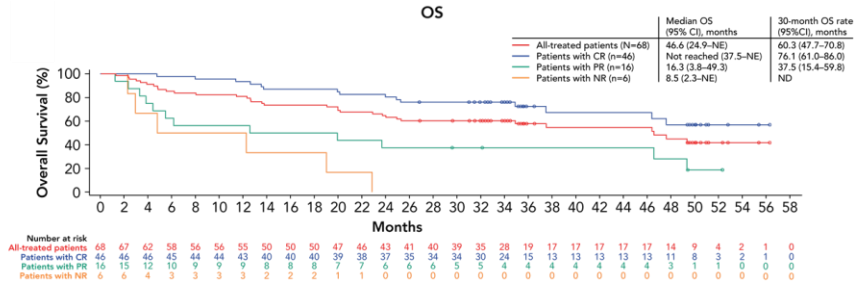
With 3-years of follow-up, these data demonstrate that a single infusion of KTE-X19 resulted in high rates of durable responses in R/R MCL.

Assessed by an IRRC according to the Lugano Classification.<sup>1</sup> \* Since the previous report,<sup>2</sup> IRRC review determined that 1 patient who was previously reported as best response of PR had no disease at baseline; this patient is reported as PD in the current report. 1. Cheson BD, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2014;32:3059-3068. 2. Wang M, et al. Blood. 2020;136(suppl 1):20-22.

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## Overall Survival (OS) in All Treated Patients (N=68)



- The median progression-free survival (PFS) was 25.8 months, as shown in the full poster
- In the ITT population (data not shown), the median PFS was 24.0 months and the median OS was 47.4 months

Median OS among treated patients was 46.6 months and was not reached among those who achieved CR.

Median follow-up 35.6 months.  
CR, complete remission; mo, month; NE, not estimable; NR, no response; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival.

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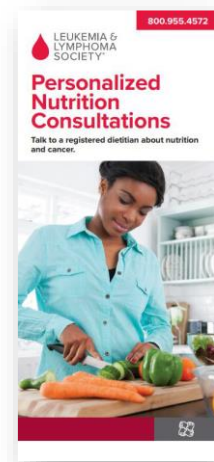
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