

# Strategies for Treating AML

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# Welcome and Introductions

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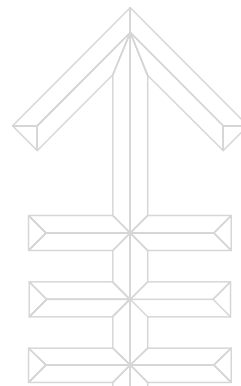
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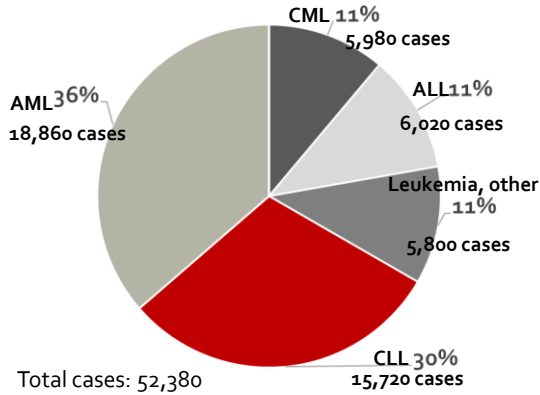
## Acute Myeloid Leukemia

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## Leukemia – United States

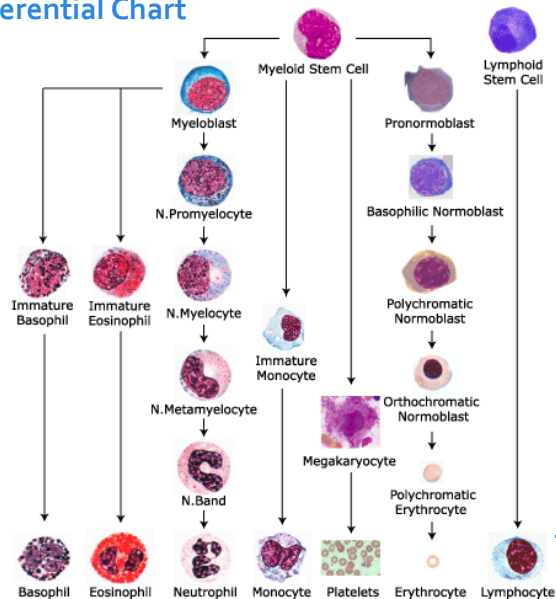
Estimated Proportion of New Cases (%) in 2014 for Types of Leukemia, Adults and Children\*



- Acute Myeloid Leukemia
  - Projected incidence of 18,860 cases in the United States in 2014
  - Approximately 10,500 patients will succumb to their disease

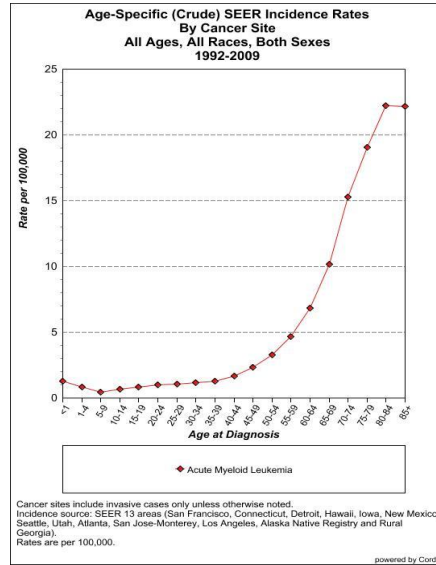
\*Total is less than 100% due to rounding in the calculation of individual percentages.

## Hematopoiesis Maturation and Differential Chart



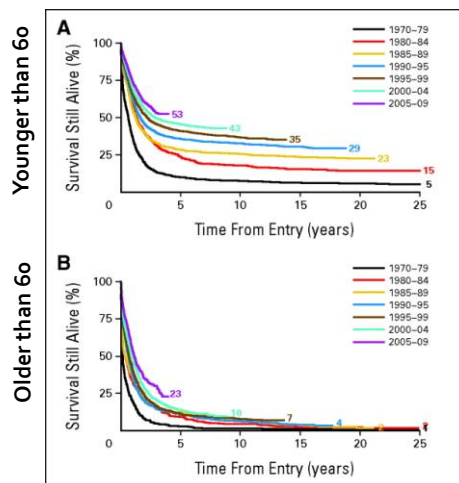
## Basic Facts

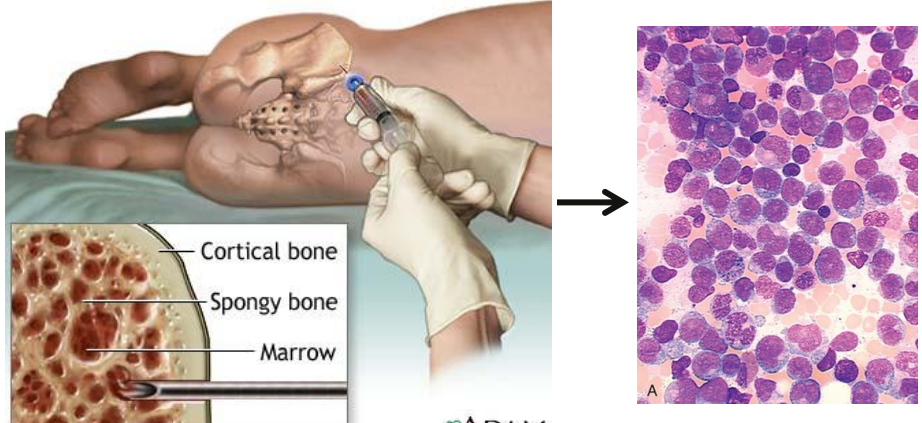
- Most patients diagnosed over age 60
- Median age of 66 years at diagnosis
- Rapidly rising incidence over age 50
  - De Novo
  - Secondary
    - MDS/MPN
    - Therapy-related



## Overall Survival in AML

### European Experience



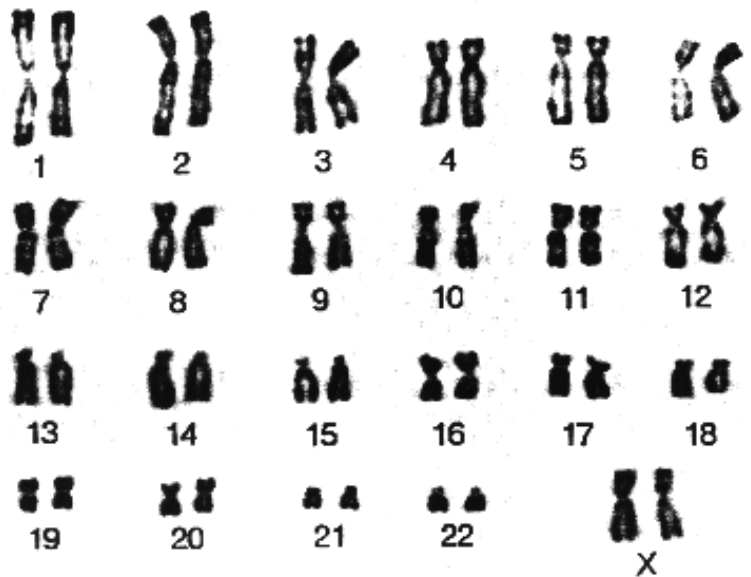


The diagram illustrates the process of bone marrow aspiration. On the left, a hand in a white glove uses a syringe to aspirate marrow from the spongy bone of a human hip. An inset shows a cross-section of the hip bone with labels for 'Cortical bone', 'Spongy bone', and 'Marrow'. An arrow points from the aspiration site to a histology slide on the right, labeled 'A', which shows a dense population of purple-stained cells.

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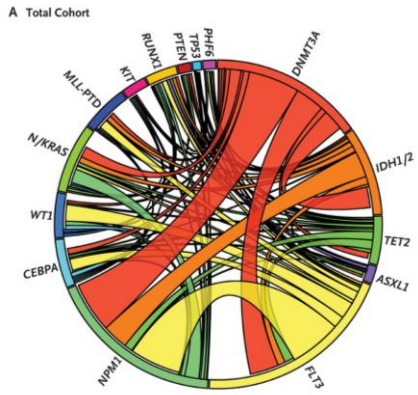
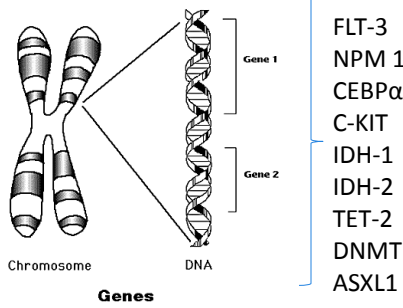
**M1 → M7**



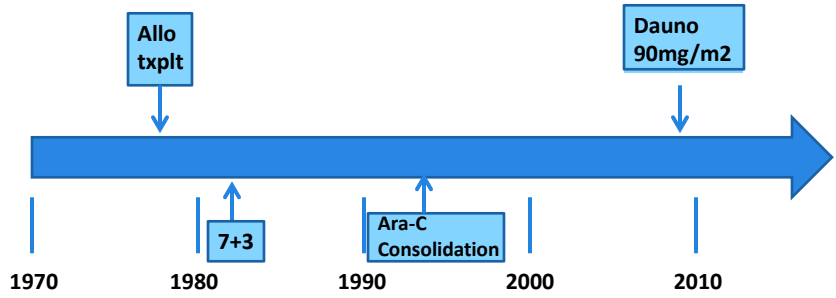
A karyotype showing 22 pairs of autosomes and X chromosomes. The chromosomes are arranged in four rows: the first row contains pairs 1-6, the second row contains pairs 7-12, the third row contains pairs 13-18, and the fourth row contains pairs 19-22 and a pair of X chromosomes. Each pair is numbered or labeled below.

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## Where Have we Made Definite Progress?

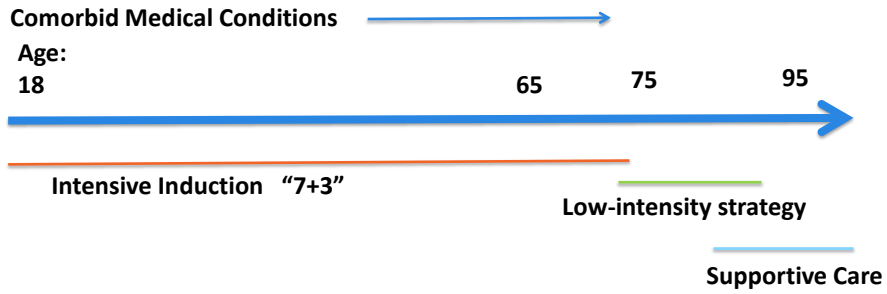


## Advances in the Treatment of AML

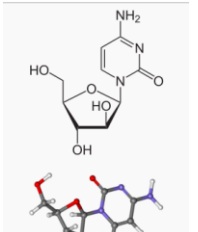



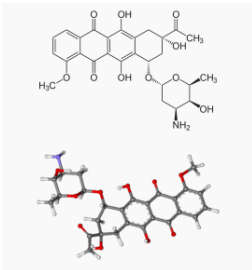

•Practice changing treatments in AML: 4

## Current Paradigms for Treating Newly Diagnosed AML




## When Does 7+3 Not Equal 10?


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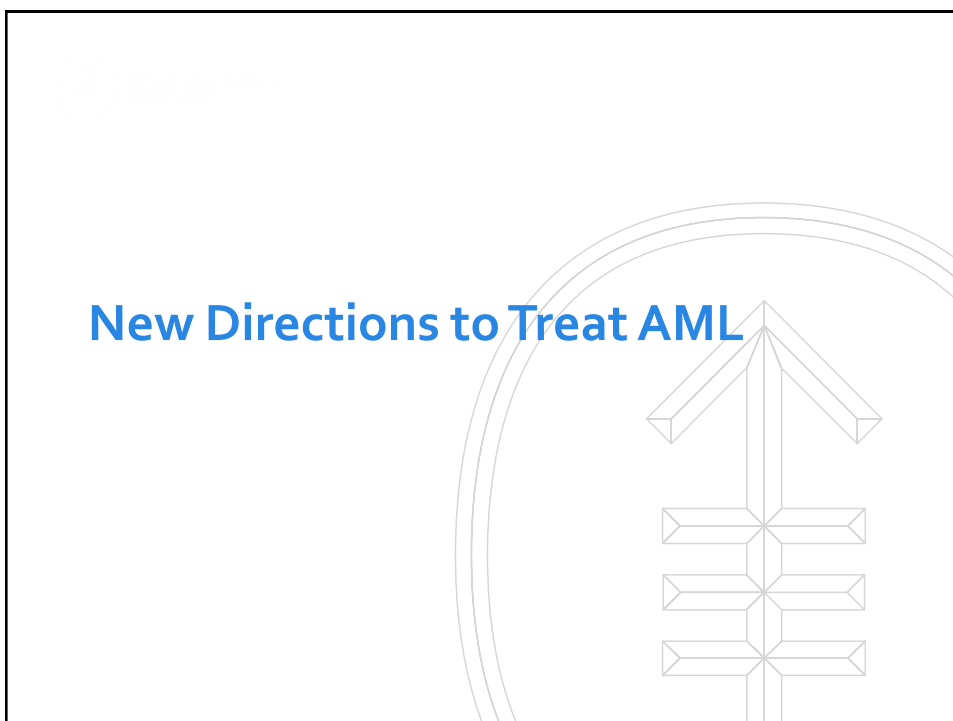
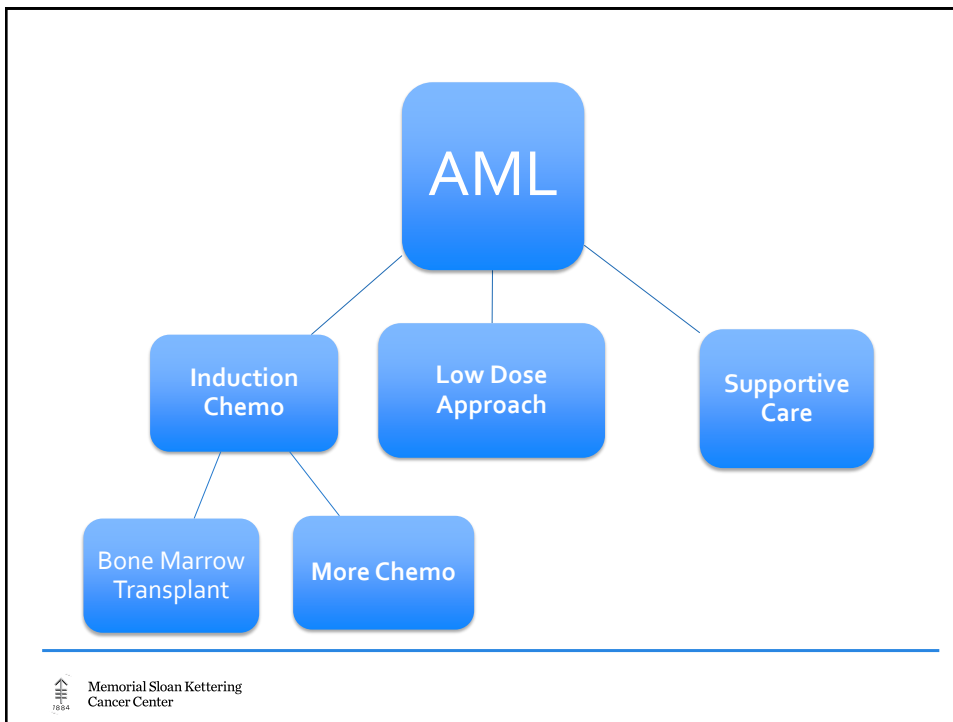


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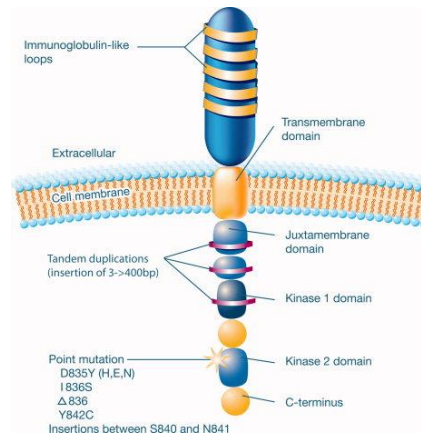
## After Complete Remission...

Risk Status (Live or Die)	Chromosomal Abnormalities	
Better-Risk	inv (16) or t(16;16) t(8;21)	} Chemotherapy
Intermediate-Risk	Normal Cytogenetics (46 XX or 46 XY) Trisomy 8 t(9;11)	
Poor-Risk	Inv (3) or translocation (3;3) More than 3 chromosomal abnormalities Deletions of chromosome 5 or 7 t(6;9) t(9;22)	} Allogeneic Transplant



## FLT3 Inhibitors in the Treatment of Acute Myeloid Leukemia

- FLT-3 ITD found in 30% of cytogenetically normal AML
- Constitutive activation of FLT-3 receptor
- Confers a poor prognosis
- Multiple attempts to target FLT-3



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## A Phase III Randomized Double-blinded Study Of Chemotherapy +/- Midostaurin (PKC412) In Newly Diagnosed Adults aged 18-60 with FLT3 Mutated Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)

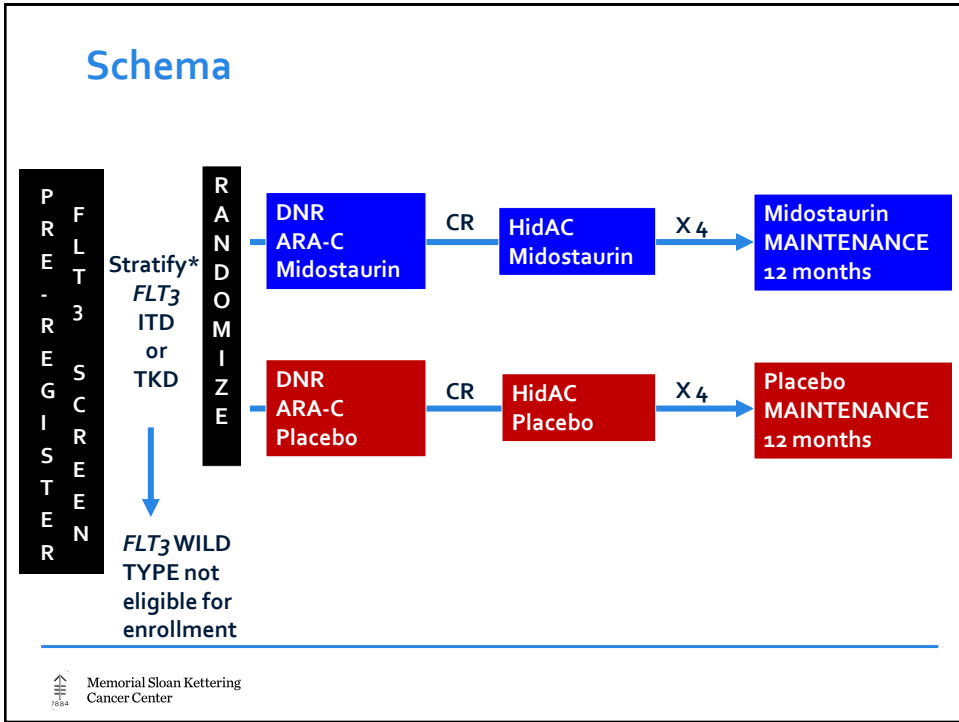
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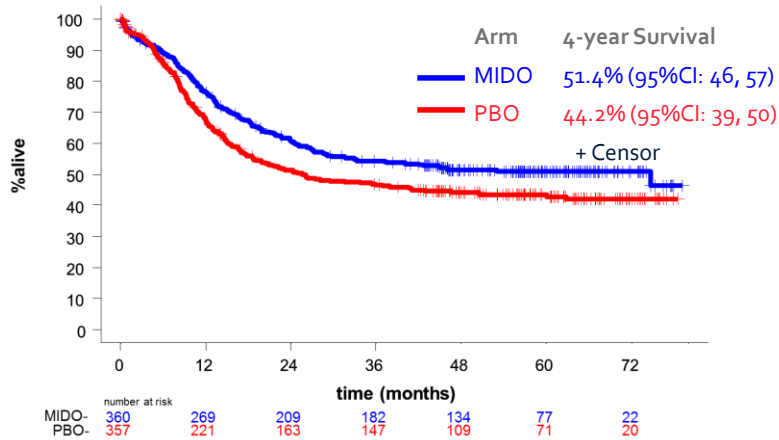
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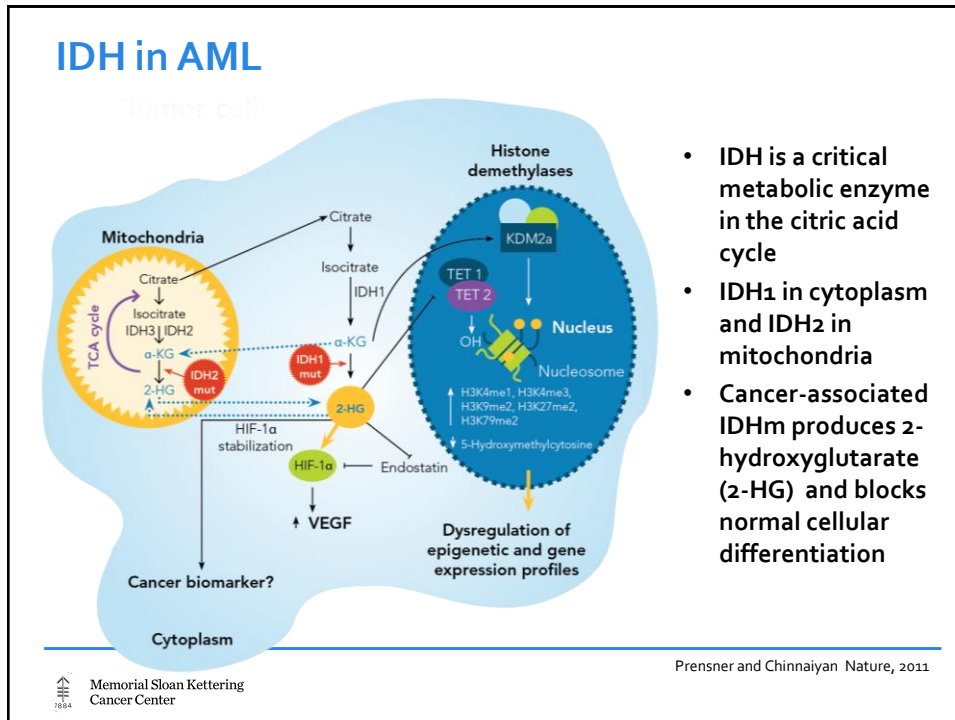
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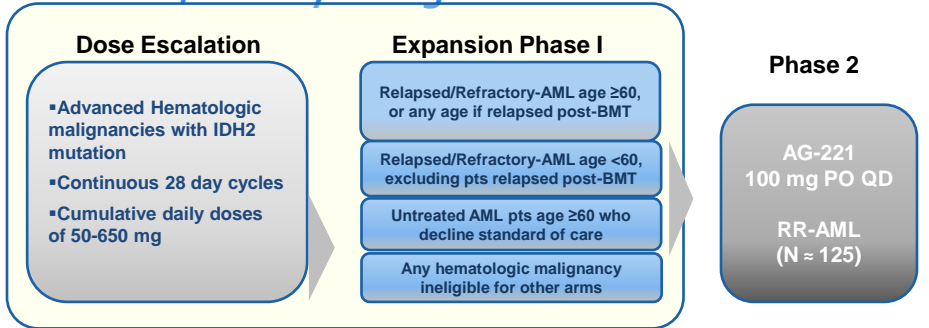
## Overall Survival (Primary Endpoint)

23% Reduced Risk of Death in the Mido Arm





## Phase 1/2 Study Design



### Key Endpoints:

- **Safety, tolerability, MTD (maximum tolerated dose) DLTs (dose limiting toxicities)**
- **Response rates as assessed by local investigator per IWG (International Working Group) criteria**
- **Assessment of clinical activity**

## Response

	RR-AML (n = 159)	Untreated AML (n = 24)	MDS (n = 14)	All (N = 209)
<b>Overall Response (CR, CRp, CRi, mCR, PR)</b>	<b>59 (37%)</b> [95%CI: 30%, 45%]	<b>10 (42%)</b> [22%, 63%]	<b>7 (50%)</b> [23%, 77%]	<b>79 (38%)</b> [31%, 45%]
<b>CR</b>	<b>29 (18%)</b> [95%CI: 13%, 25%]	<b>4 (17%)</b> [5%, 37%]	<b>3 (21%)</b> [5%, 51%]	<b>37 (18%)</b> [13%, 24%]
CRp	1 (1%)	1 (4%)	1 (7%)	3 (1%)
CRi	3 (2%)	0	0	3 (1%)
mCR	9 (6%)	1 (4%)	3 (21%)	14 (7%)
PR	17 (11%)	4 (17%)	0	22 (11%)
SD	72 (45%)	9 (38%)	6 (43%)	96 (46%)
PD	10 (6%)	1 (4%)	0	11 (5%)
Not evaluable	18 (11%)	4 (17%)	1 (7%)	23 (11%)

# Antileukemic Activity and Tolerability of ASP2215 $\geq 80$ mg in FLT3 Mutation-Positive Subjects with Relapsed or Refractory Acute Myeloid Leukemia: Results from a Phase 1/2, Open-Label, Dose-Escalation/Dose-Response Study

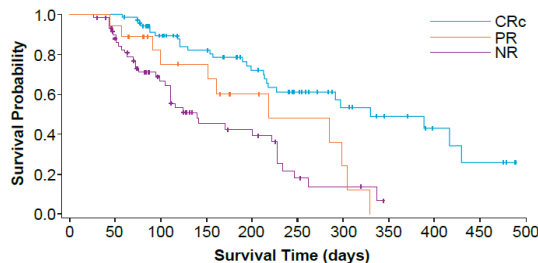
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## Overall Survival by Response in FLT3+ Subjects Treated with $\geq 80$ mg Gilteritinib

- Across all FLT3+ subjects treated with gilteritinib  $\geq 80$  mg:
  - Median duration<sup>a</sup> of response was 111 (range: 8–383) days
  - Median time to best response<sup>b</sup> was 32 (range: 26–364) days
  - Median overall survival was 218 (range: 12–430) days



Number of Subjects At Risk										
CRC	71	71	54	45	34	24	14	9	5	3
NR	60	50	30	16	14	5	3			
PR	18	17	12	10	6	4	2			



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<sup>a</sup> Duration of response was calculated from the first observed response of PR or better.  
<sup>b</sup> Time to best response was only evaluated for subjects who achieved best response of PR or better.




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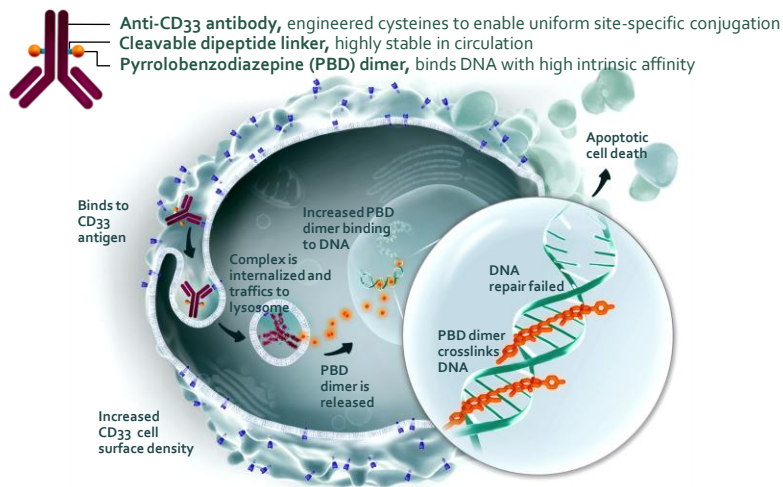
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## Vadastuximab Talirine (SGN-CD33A; 33A) Proposed Mechanism of Action in Combination with HMA



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## Best Clinical Response per Investigator

Efficacy Evaluable Patients	Azacitidine (N=11)	Decitabine (N=12)	Total (N=23)
CR	3	3	6
CRi (n)*	2	1	3
CRi (p)**	3	3	6
Resistant Disease	3	5	8
<b>Remission Rate</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>65%</b>

\* CRi (n)= CR with platelets  $\geq 100k$ , incomplete neutrophil recovery

\*\* CRi (p)= CR with ANC  $\geq 1000$ , incomplete platelet recovery

- **Time to remission ~2 cycles**
- **Durability and survival in patients with CR/CRi**
  - 14/15 (93%) alive at last follow-up
  - 13/15 (87%) maintain remission (range, 0.7+ to 33.6 weeks)
- **Responses achieved in higher-risk patients**
  - Underlying myelodysplasia (80%, n=10)
  - Adverse cytogenetics (89%, n=9)



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## A Phase 1b Study of Venetoclax (ABT-199/GDC-0199) in Combination with Decitabine or Azacitidine in Treatment-Naive Patients with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia Who Are $\geq 65$ Years and Not Eligible for Standard Induction Therapy

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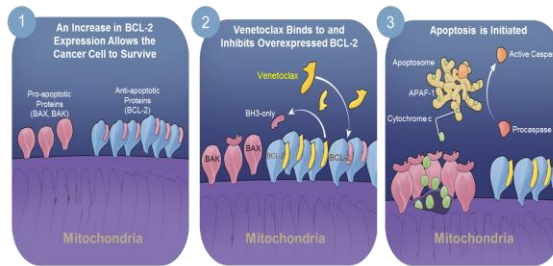
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## Venetoclax: Selective BCL-2 Inhibitor



- Venetoclax is a potent, orally bioavailable agent<sup>1</sup> with demonstrated single-agent activity in
  - AML cell lines and primary patient samples<sup>2</sup>
  - Heavily pretreated relapsed/refractory AML patients<sup>3</sup>
- Venetoclax was shown to synergize with HMA in preclinical models, suggesting that combination with HMA may be a promising approach in AML<sup>4</sup>
- Herein is reported an ongoing phase 1b, open-label, dose-escalation trial of venetoclax in combination with DEC or AZA in older ( $\geq 65$  years), treatment-naive AML patients (NCT02203773)

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## Best Responses in All Evaluable Patients in All Cohorts

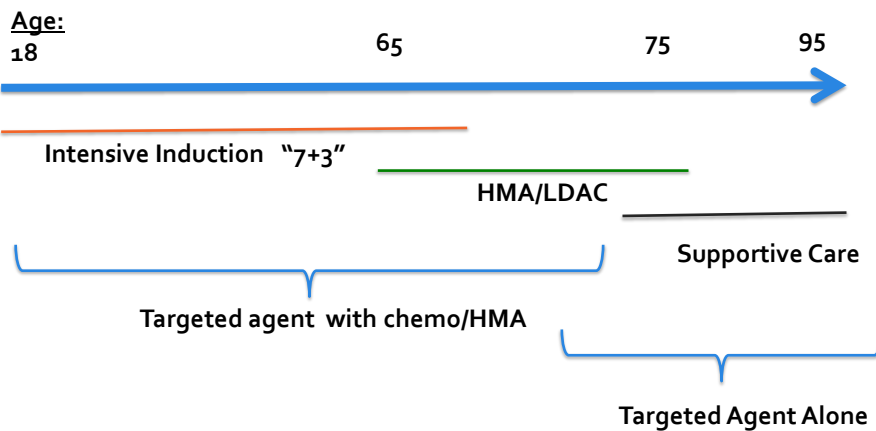
Best Response, n (%)	VEN + DEC 400 mg (n=6)	VEN + DEC 800 mg (n=12)	VEN + AZA 400 mg (n=4)	VEN + AZA 800 mg (n=12)	ITT Responses (N=34)
CR	2 (33)	2 (17)	3 (75)	5 (42)	12 (35)
CRi	1 (17)	6 (50)	1 (25)	4 (33)	12 (35)
PR	0	2 (17)	0	0	2 (6)
MLFS	0	1 (8)	0	0	1 (3)
RD	1 (17)	1 (8)	0	2 (17)	4 (12)
Not evaluable <sup>a</sup>	2 (33)	0	0	1 (8)	3 (9)
<b>ORR (CR/CRi/PR)</b>	<b>3 (50)</b>	<b>10 (83)</b>	<b>4 (100)</b>	<b>9 (75)</b>	<b>26 (76)</b>
<b>CR+CRi</b>	<b>3 (50)</b>	<b>8 (67)</b>	<b>4 (100)</b>	<b>9 (75)</b>	<b>24 (71)</b>

<sup>a</sup>Three of the 34 patients discontinued prior to the first disease assessment.

## The Future is Bright

- We increasingly understand the genetics of AML
- Novel targeted therapies are oral, well tolerated and lead to impressive response rates.
  - Inhibitors of FLT-3
  - Inhibitors of IDH1 and IDH2
  - Inhibitors of BCL-2
- Antibody-drug conjugates in combination with Decitabine or 5-aza show exciting promise

## Future Paradigm for Treating Newly Diagnosed AML



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## Resources to Make Informed Treatment Decisions



The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) offers:

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  - WEBSITE: [www.LLS.org/chat](http://www.LLS.org/chat)
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