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Welcome and Introduction

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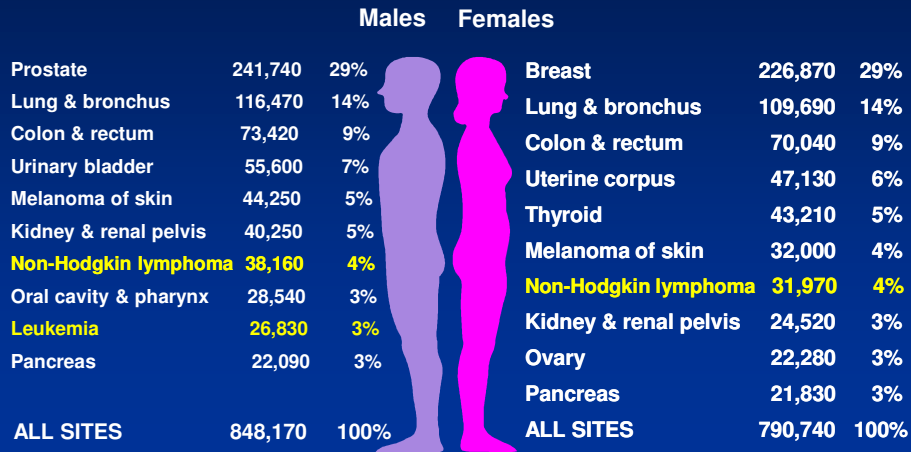


Advancing the possibilities...



Anyone can get blood cancer

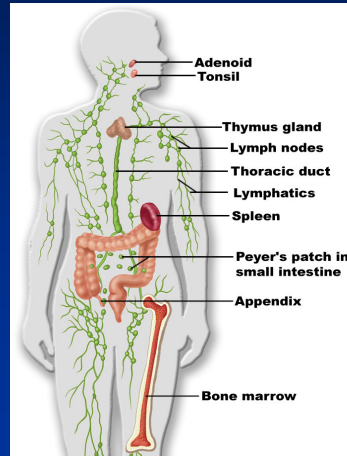
One million North Americans affected per year
2012 Estimated New Cancer Cases in United States



CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians, Vol. 62, January/February 2012.

Lymphomas/Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

- Cancers of the cells of the immune system: Lymph system
- Classified by source of the cancer cell
- The causes for most lymphomas and CLL are unknown
- Usually start in the lymph nodes, but can involve tissues in the spleen, skin, GI tract, liver, bone marrow, or other sites
- May spread to these areas



Common Symptoms

63 yo man over the last 3 months:

- Feeling worn down, unable to go to work
- Sweats at night
- Lost 17 lbs
- Noticed a lump in his groin that keeps getting bigger
 - Now has lumps under left arm and left neck too
- Feels itchy all over

Common Symptoms

- painless swelling of the lymph nodes
 - Nodes are movable and nontender
 - Unexplained fever
 - Night sweats
 - Unexplained weight loss (>10% body weight)
 - Constant fatigue
 - ETOH causes immediate pain @ involved site.
 - Itchy skin
 - Reddened patches on the skin
- } **B Symptoms**

Diagnostic Evaluation

- Medical History
- Physical exam
- Laboratory:
 - Complete Blood Count (CBC), Metabolic Panel
 - Lactate Dehydrogenase (LDH), B₂ Microglobulin
- Lymph Node Biopsy
- Computed Tomography (CT) scan
- Positron Emission Tomography (PET)
- Bone Marrow Biopsy

WHO Classification

B-cell

- Precursor B-cell neoplasms
 - B-acute lymphoblastic leukemia (B-ALL)
 - Lymphoblastic lymphoma (LBL)
- Peripheral B-cell neoplasms
 - B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma
 - B-cell prolymphocytic leukemia
 - Lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma/immunocytoma
 - Mantle cell lymphoma
 - Follicular lymphoma
 - Extranodal marginal zone B-cell lymphoma of MALT type
 - Nodal marginal zone B-cell lymphoma
 - Splenic marginal zone lymphoma
 - Hairy cell leukemia
 - Plasmacytoma/plasma cell myeloma
 - Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma
 - Burkitt's lymphoma

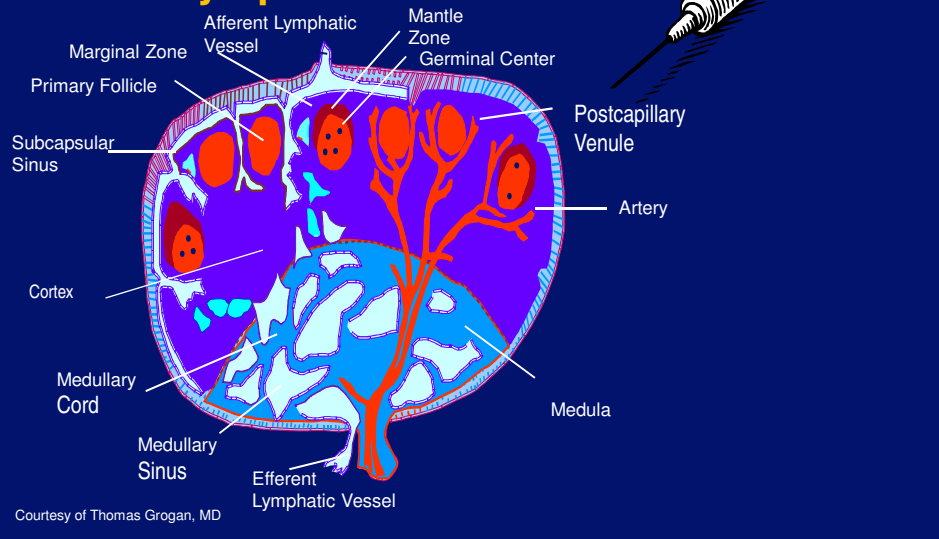
T-cell/NK-cell

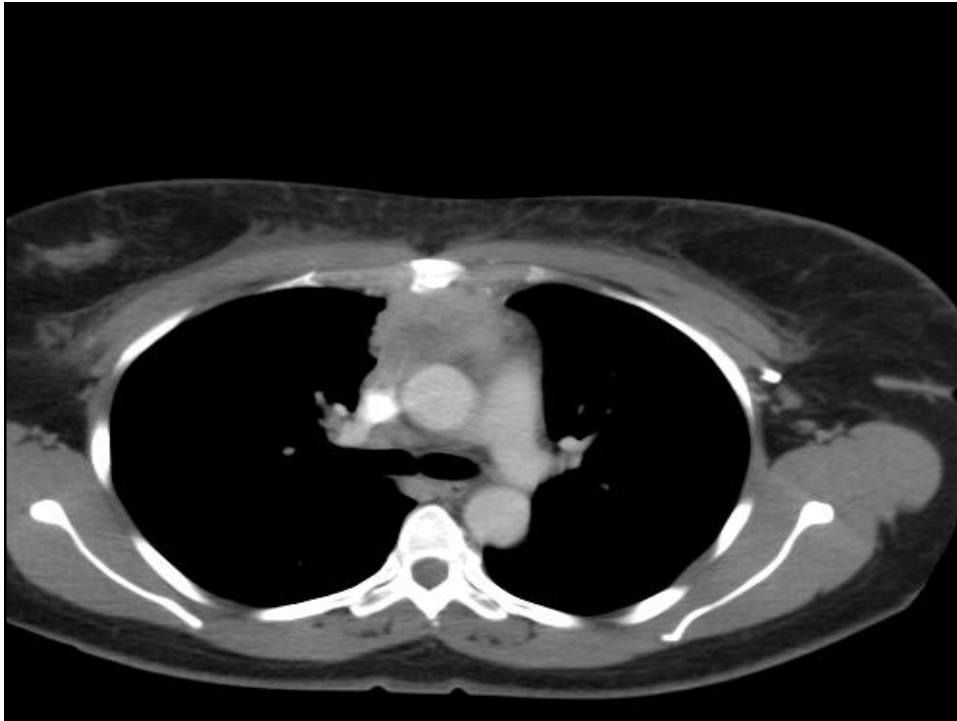
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 - Extranodal T-/NK-cell lymphoma, nasal type
 - Enteropathy-type intestinal T-cell lymphoma
 - Adult T-cell lymphoma/leukemia (HTLV1+)
 - Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, primary systemic type
 - Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, primary cutaneous type
 - Aggressive NK-cell leukemia

Fisher et al. In: DeVita et al, eds. *Cancer: Principles and Practice of Oncology*. 2005:1967.
 Jaffe et al, eds. *World Health Organization Classification of Tumours*. 2001.

Excisional Biopsy Improves Accurate Diagnosis

Lymph Node





Ann Arbor Staging System

- I. Involvement of 1 lymph node (I) or 1 extralymphatic organ or site (I_E)
- II. Involvement of ≥ 2 lymph nodes on same side of diaphragm or localized extralymphatic organ or site and ≥ 1 involved lymph node on same side of diaphragm (II_E)
- III. Involvement of lymph nodes on both sides of diaphragm (III) or same side with localized involvement of extralymphatic site (III_E), spleen (III_S), or both (III_{S+E})
- IV. Diffuse or disseminated involvement of ≥ 1 extralymphatic organ or tissues with or without lymph node enlargement

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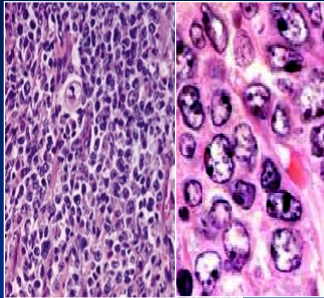
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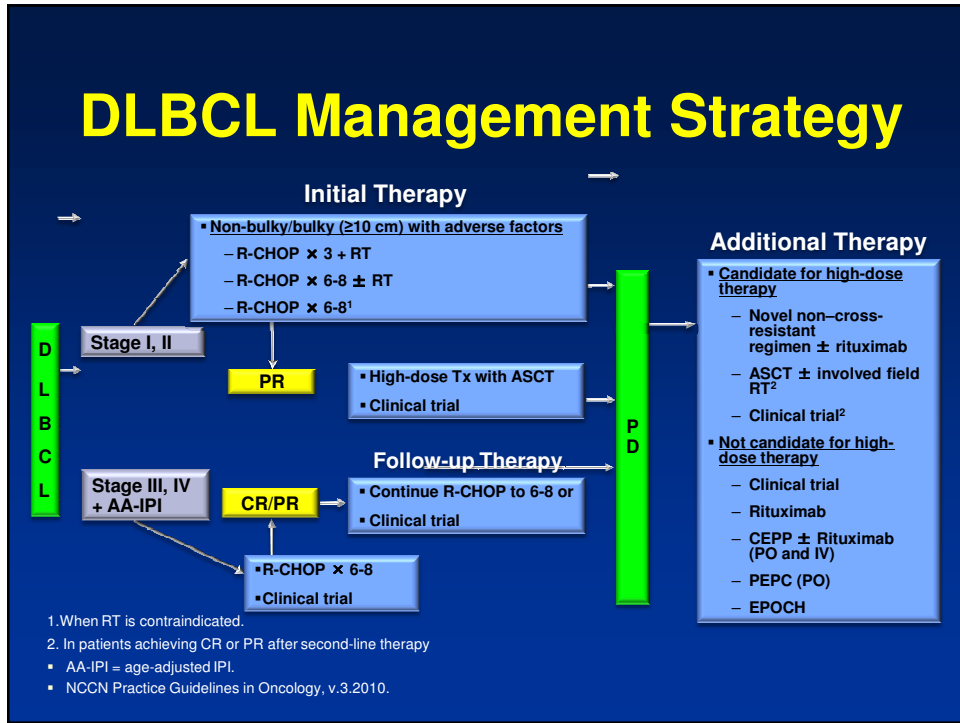
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Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

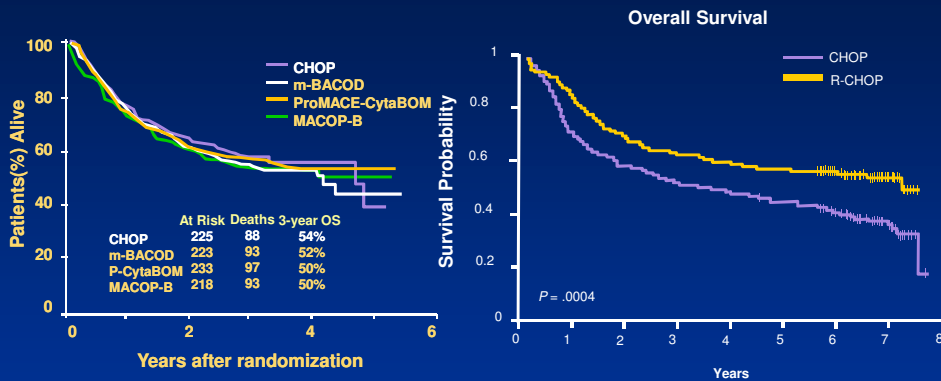
- Most common NHL: 31%
 - Average survival: weeks to months if not treated
 - Curable in 50% or more of cases
 - **Clinical outcomes highly variable**
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- 30% to 40% present with rapidly enlarging, mass with B symptoms
 - May present outside of lymph nodes (stomach, brain, skin, other)
 - Large cells with diffuse growth pattern (loss of follicle structure)

Michallet AS, et al. *Blood Rev*. 2009;23:11-23.

DLBCL Management Strategy



Advances in Treatment Improve Survival for Patients with Lymphoma



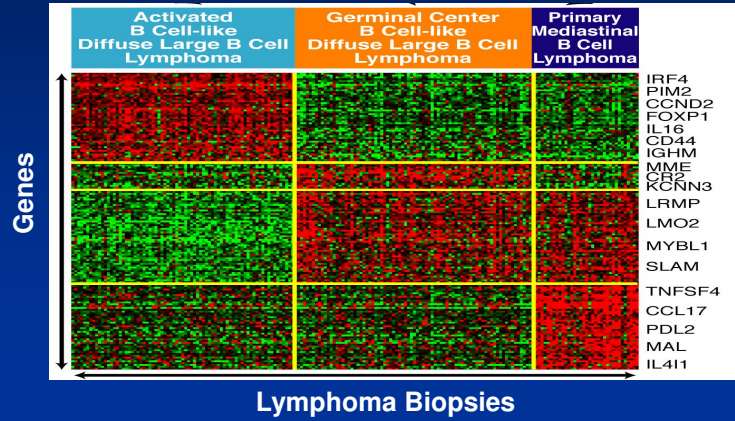
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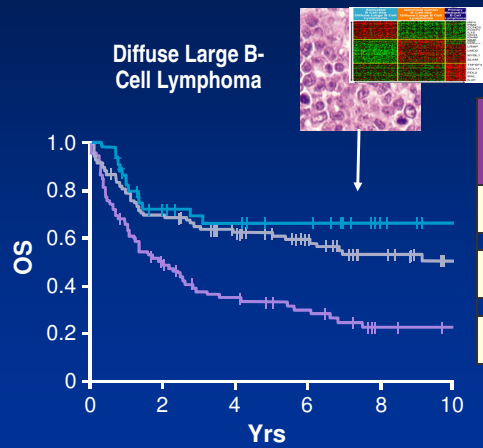
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Genetic Testing Identifies Biologic and Clinically Different Types of DLBCL

Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

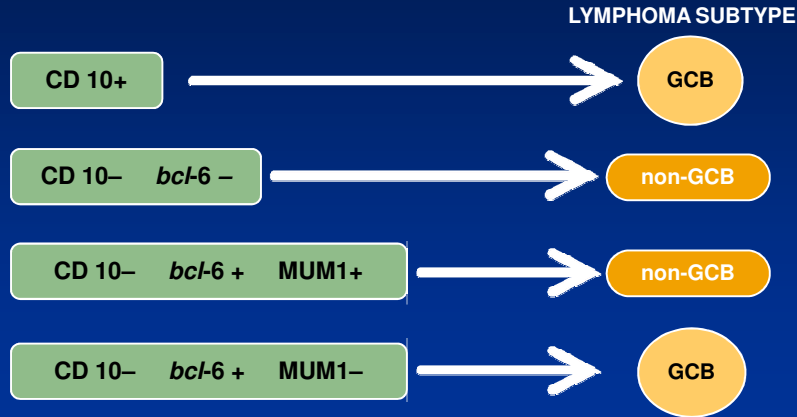


Gene Expression Defines Molecularly and Clinically Distinct Subgroups in DLBCL



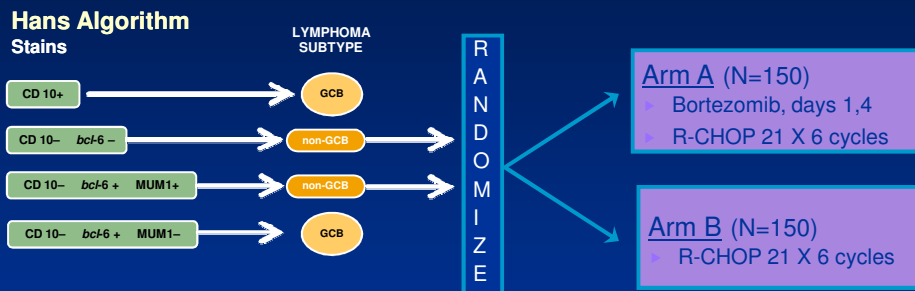
DLBCL Subgroup	5-Yr OS, %
PMBL	64
GCB DLBCL	59
ABC DLBCL	30

GCB vs Non-GCB Subtypes of DLBCL: Using Pathology Stains



Hans et al. *Blood*. 2004;103:275.

Using DLBCL Biological Subtype to Choose Treatment



- Patients: 300, non-GCB DLBCL (by IHC)
- Primary Endpoint: PFS at 1 year; 80% power to detect an increase from 67% to 78%

Treatment Strategies - Non-Hodgkin Lymphomas
New Challenges in the Management of Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

a report by **Christopher R. Flowers, Loretta J. Nastoupil, Leon Bernal-Mizrachi, Adam C. Rose and Rajni Sinha**
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Treatment strategies for patients with diffuse large B-cell lymphoma: past, present, and future

Review

Novel agents for diffuse large B-cell lymphoma

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Management Strategies for Elderly Patients with Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

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Improving Outcomes for Patients with Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

CA CANCER J CLIN 2010;60:393-405
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Research Article

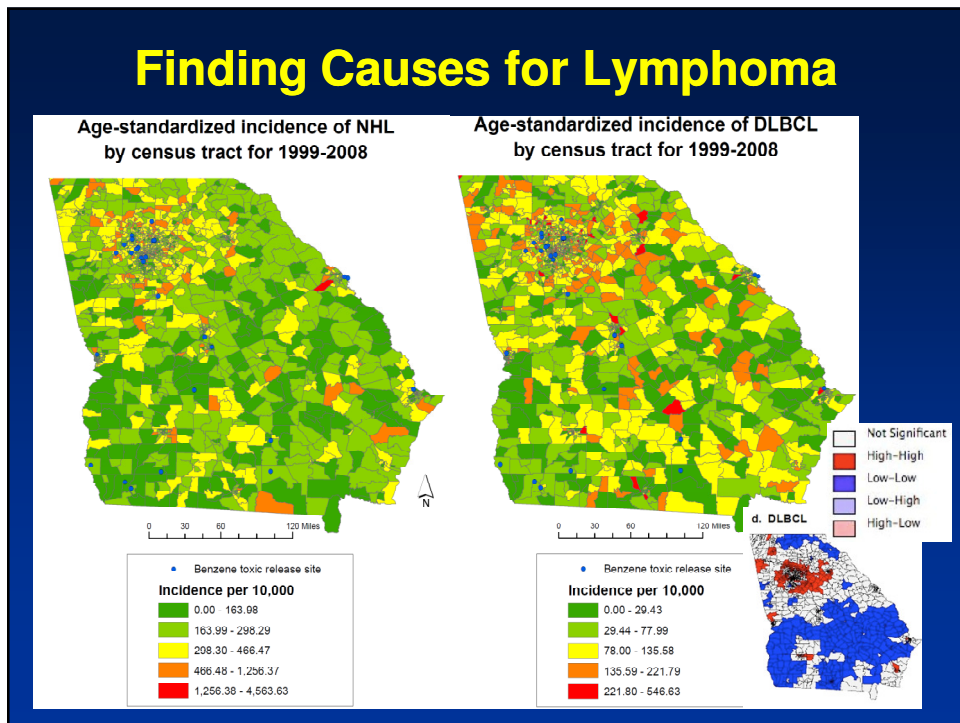
Disparities in the Early Adoption of Chemoimmunotherapy for Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma in the United States

Christopher R. Flowers^{1,2}, Stacy A. Fedewa¹, Amy Y. Chen^{2,4}, Loretta J. Nastoupil^{1,2}, Joseph Lipscomb^{2,5}, Otis W. Brawley^{2,5}, and Elizabeth M. Ward¹

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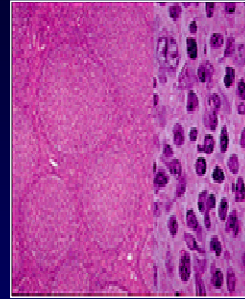
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Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention

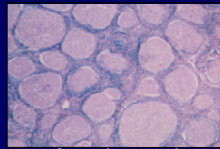


Follicular Lymphoma (FL)

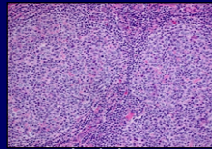
- Most common indolent NHL, accounts for ~22%-25% of NHL in North America
- Variable presentation and prognosis, but typically advanced stage at presentation
- Often asymptomatic
- Advanced stage FL not curable with standard therapy
- Median survival was about 10 years, but has increased with new treatments
- Multiple therapies: no standard, how best to sequence
- Many new therapies in development



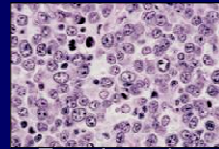
Follicular Lymphoma



Accelerated
10% to 15%



Indolent
40% to 65%

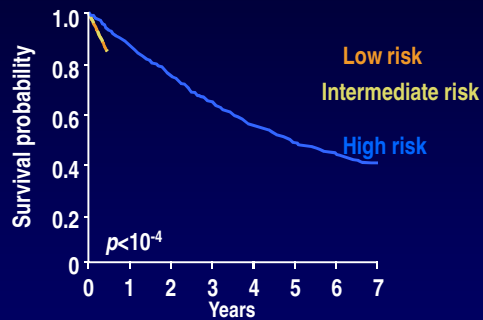


Transformation
20% to 60%

Modified from Skarin AT, Dorfman DM. *CA Cancer J Clin.* 1997;47:351-72.

Overall Survival According to FLIPI: Clinical Prognosis Factors

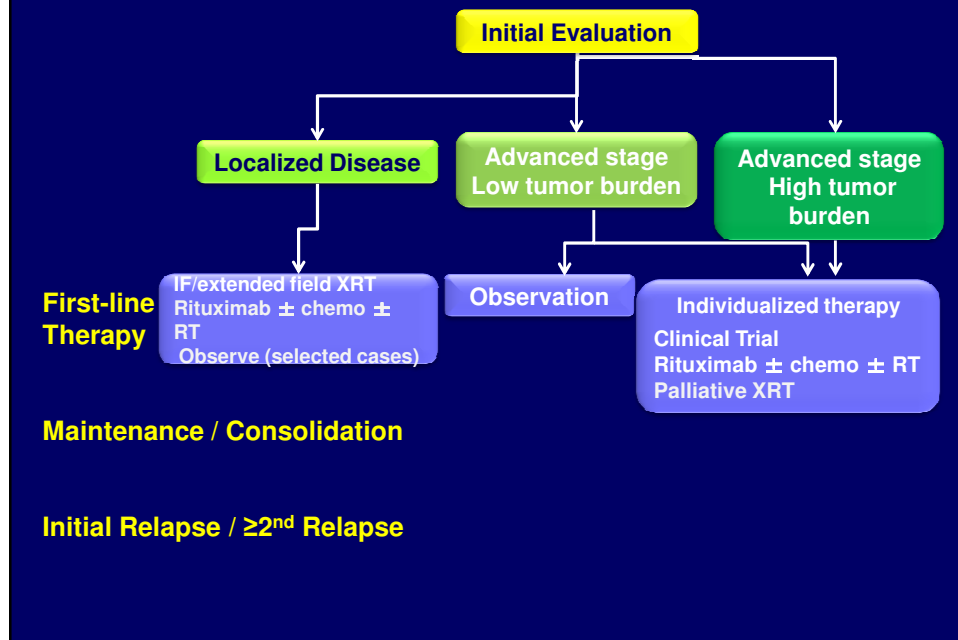
- N** No Nodal regions >4
- L** LDH increased
- A** Age ≥60
- S** Stage III/IV
- H** Hemoglobin <120 g/L



Risk Group	No. of Factors	% of Pts	5-y OS (%)	10-y OS (%)
Low	0-1	36	90.6	70.7
Intermediate	2	37	77.8	50.9
High	3-5	27	52.5	35.5

Adapted from Solal-Celigny P, et al. *Blood.* 2004;104:1258-65.

A Management Approach for FL



Criteria for Initiation of Treatment: Indolent NHL

GELF

- ≥ 3 nodal sites each with diameter ≥ 3 cm
- Any nodal/extranodal mass with diameter ≥ 7 cm
- B symptoms (fevers, night sweats, weight loss)
- Enlarged spleen
- Pleural effusions/ascites
- WBC $< 1.0 \times 10^9/\text{L}$ or platelets $< 100 \times 10^9/\text{L}$
- Leukemia ($> 5.0 \times 10^9/\text{L}$ malignant cells)

NCCN

- GELF criteria
- Symptoms (fatigue, pain, fevers...)
- Threatened end-organ function/compressive syndrome
- Steady progression
- Elevated LDH or $\beta 2$ -microglobulin
- Patient preference

J Natl Compr Canc Netw. 2010 8(3):288-334.

Rituximab (R) Compared with a “Watch and Wait” Strategy in Patients with Stage II-IV Asymptomatic, Nonbulky FL

Strategy	Observe	R x 4 weeks	R x 4 weeks
Maintenance	---	---	R q 2 mos. x 2 years
Number	187	84	192
CR/PR (%)	2/3	43/30	54/33
3-year PFS	33%	60%	81%
Time to next treatment	33 months	Not reached	Not reached

- Patients had: stage II–IV, asymptomatic, non-bulky low-grade FL
- Improved PFS in rituximab arms ($p \leq 0.001$)
- Time to initiation of new treatment in the rituximab arms
 - 33 months vs. not reached at 4 years ($p \leq 0.001$)
- No difference in OS ($p \geq 0.5$)
- Quality of life no different

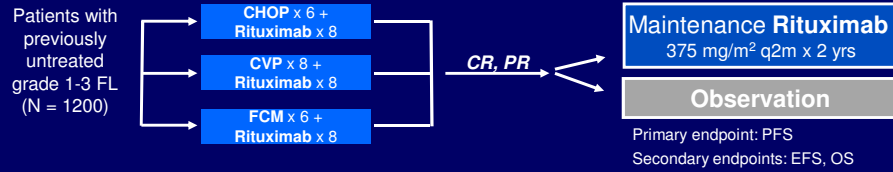
Ardeshna KM, et al. *ASH 2010*. abstr 6 (oral, Plenary Session).

Adding Rituximab to Front-Line Chemo for High Tumor Burden FL Improves Response Rates & Survival

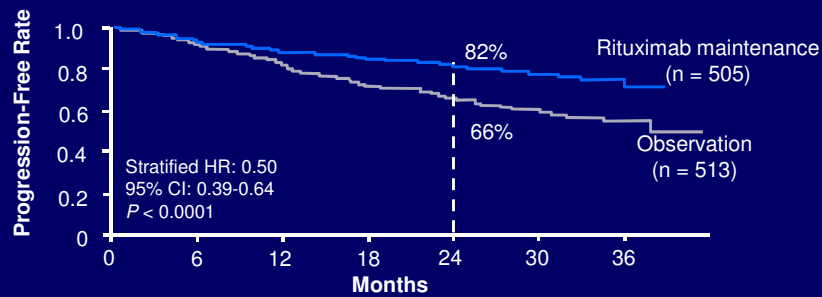
Regimen	N	Complete Response %		Endpoint, Years	Overall Survival %	
		R-Chemo	Chemo		R-chemo	Chemo
CHOP ¹	428	44	35	2	95*	90
CHVP-IFN ²	358	63*	34	5	84	79
CVP ³	321	41*	10	4	83*	77
MCP ⁴	201	50*	25	4	87*	74

1. Hiddemann et al. *Blood*. 2005;106(12):3725-3732. 2. Salles et al. *Blood*. 2008;112(13):4824-4831. 3. Marcus et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2008;26(28):4579-4586. 4. Herold et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2007;25(15):1986-1992.

Rituximab Maintenance vs Observation in FL GELA PRIMA Phase III Study



PROGRESSION-FREE SURVIVAL



Salles et al. *Lancet*. 2011;377:42-51.

Relapsed Follicular Lymphoma

- All patients eventually relapse
- Considerations for retreatment
 - Is treatment currently needed? (GELF, BNLI, NCCN)
 - What previous therapies were given?
 - How well did they work?
 - What is the current clinical situation?
 - Patient age / comorbidities
 - Disease-related symptoms
 - Tumor burden
 - Prognostic factors (eg, LDH, $\beta 2M$)
 - Patient's goals
- Options
 - Chemo \pm Rituximab
 - Radioimmunotherapy
 - High dose CT \pm SCT
 - Novel agent

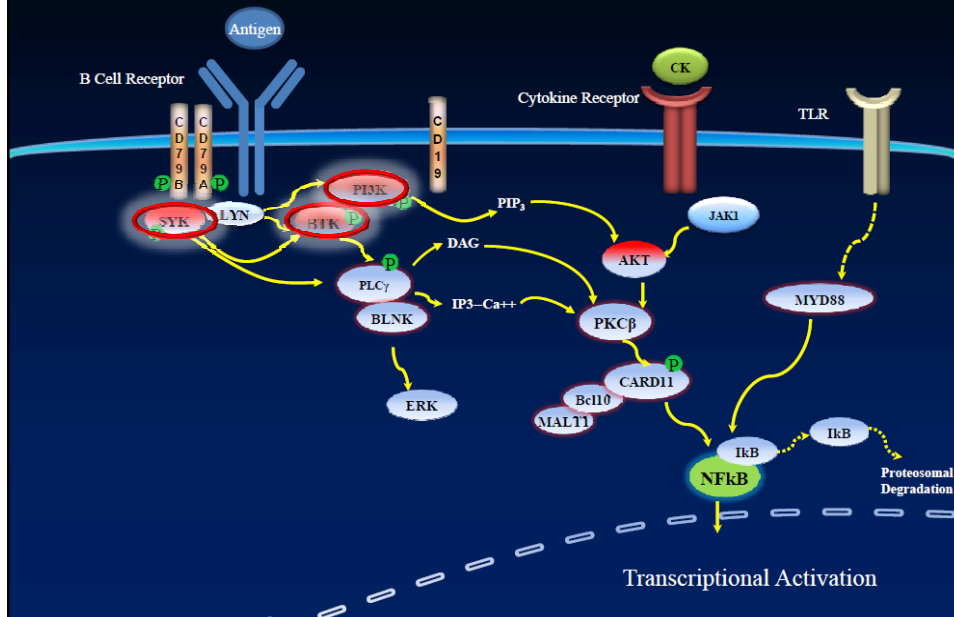
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Recurrent Follicular Lymphoma: Recommended Treatment

- Conventional strategies
 - Rituximab ± maintenance
 - Chemoimmunotherapy ± maintenance
 - Radioimmunotherapy
 - External-beam radiotherapy
 - Autologous transplantation
 - Allogeneic transplantation
- Novel strategies
 - Novel monoclonal antibodies
 - Bortezomib
 - Bendamustine
 - Lenalidomide
 - Others
- Clinical trial

NGCN. Available at: http://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/PDF/nhl.pdf.

B-Cell Receptor Signaling



Syk Inhibition: Phase I Results

Overall Response and PFS by Group

Response	Group 1, DLBCL		Group 2, FL (n = 21)	Group 3		
	De novo (n = 17)	Transformed (n = 6)		CLL/SLL (n = 11)	MCL (n = 9)	Other (n = 4)
CR, n	1	0	0	0	0	0
PR, n	3	1	2	6	1	0
SD, n	2	2	11	2	4	1
PD, n	8	3	7	3	4	2
Not evaluable, n	3	0	1	0	0	1
ORR (CR + PR), n (%)	4 (23.5%)	1 (16.7%)	2 (9.5%)	6 (54.5%)	1 (11.1%)	0
CR + PR + SD, n (%)	6 (35.3%)	3 (50.0%)	13 (61.9%)	8 (72.7%)	5 (55.6%)	1 (25.0%)
PFS, mo (95% CI)	— ^a	— ^a	4.6 (2.0-8.3)	6.4 (2.2-7.1)	3.8 (1.9-4.6)	1.9 (1.8-N/A)

- Most common adverse events were diarrhea, fatigue, cytopenias, hypertension, and nausea
 - 18% grade 3-4 neutropenia
 - 3% grade 3-4 thrombocytopenia

Friedberg J W et al. Blood 2010;115:2578-2585

Phase I Results BTK Inhibitor: PCI-32765

Histology	N	CR	PR	SD	PD	NE	ORR% ITT (n=56)	ORR% Eval (n=50)
CLL/SLL	16	1	10	3*		2	69%	79%
MCL	9	3	4	1	1		78%	78%
WM	4		3**	1			75%	75%
FL	16	3	3	3	4	3	38%	46%
MZL/MALT	4		1	1	1	1	25%	33%
DLBCL	7		2	1	4		29%	29%
TOTAL	56	7	24	9	10	6	55%	62%

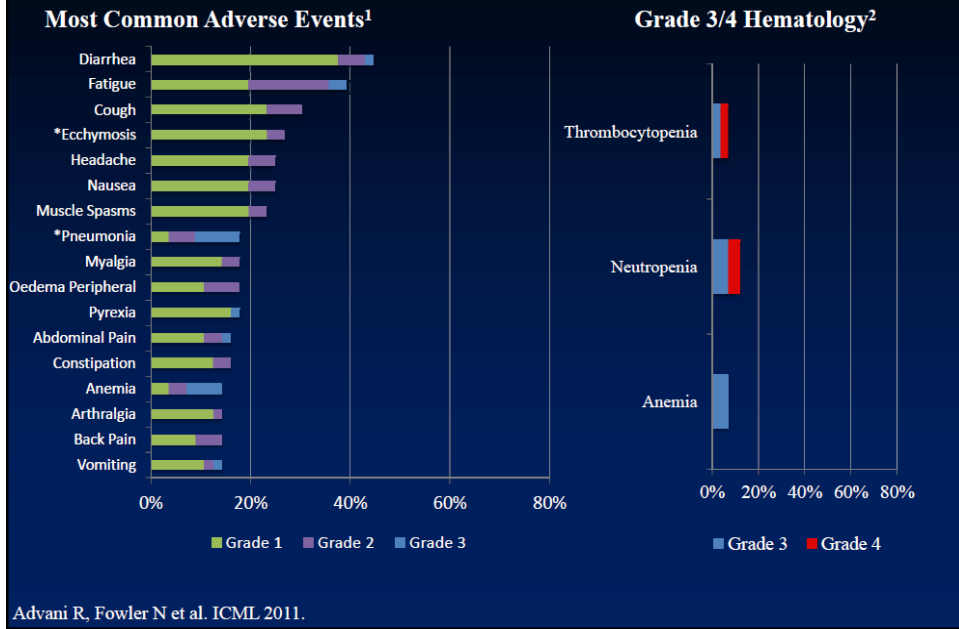
* 1 CLL pt had nodal response with lymphocytosis;

** Based on IgM

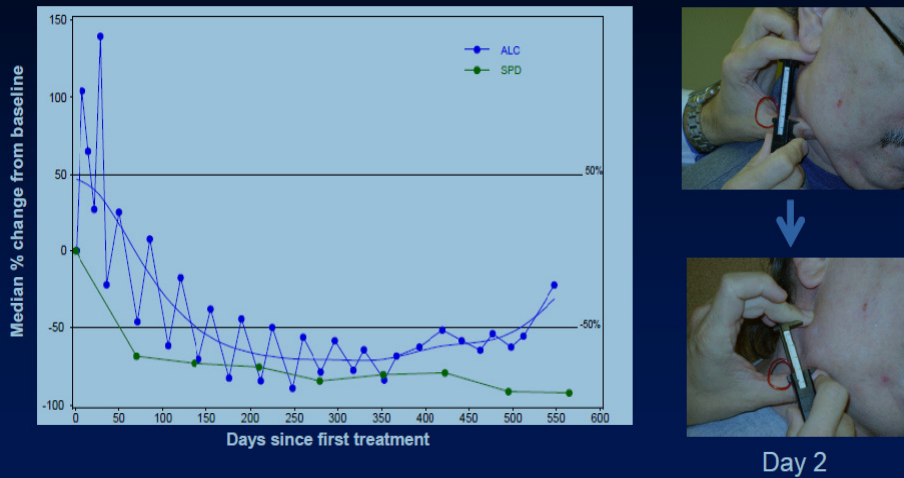
NE = not evaluable; *includes 1 Nodal Responder; ** via IgM

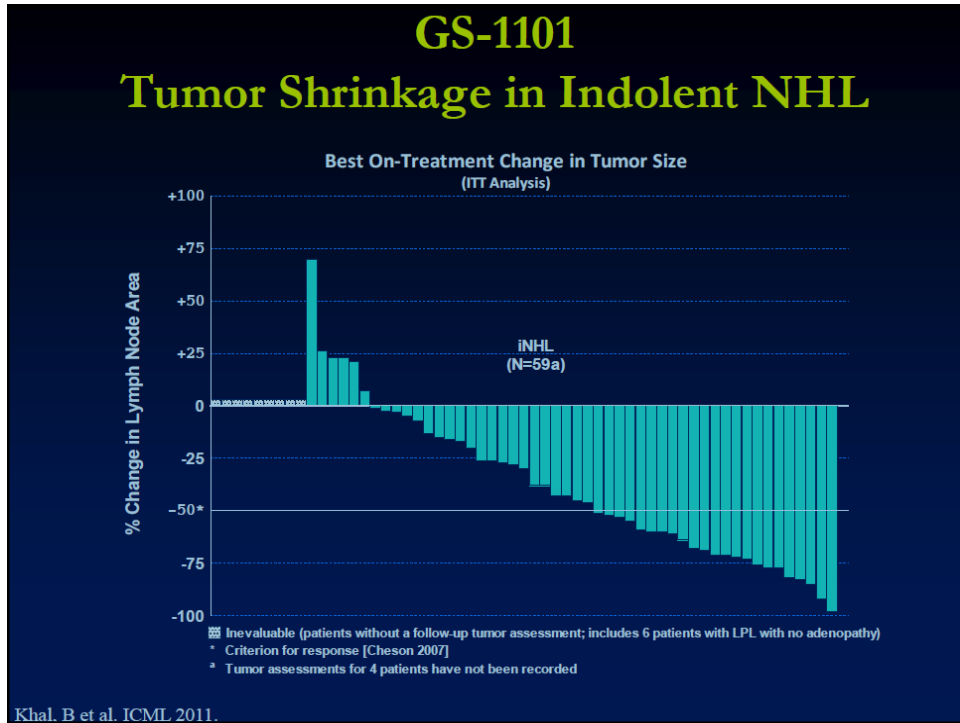
Advani R, Fowler N et al. ICML 2011.

Adverse Events: PCI-32765



Treatment-related Lymphocytosis: BTKi





CLL Staging Systems

<u>Rai</u>	<u>Findings</u>	<u>Survival (mo)</u>
0	Lymphocytosis only	> 120
I	Lymphocytosis + lymphadenopathy	95
II	Lymphocytosis + > spleen and/or liver	72
III	Lymphocytosis + anemia (Hgb < 11.0 g/dL)	30
IV	Lymphocytosis + platelets < 100	30

<u>Binet</u>	<u>Findings</u>	<u>Survival (mo)</u>
A	Hgb ≥ 10, Plts ≥ 100, < 3 involved areas*	> 120
B	Hgb ≥ 10, Plts ≥ 100, ≥ 3 involved areas*	84
C	Hgb < 10, or Plts < 100	24

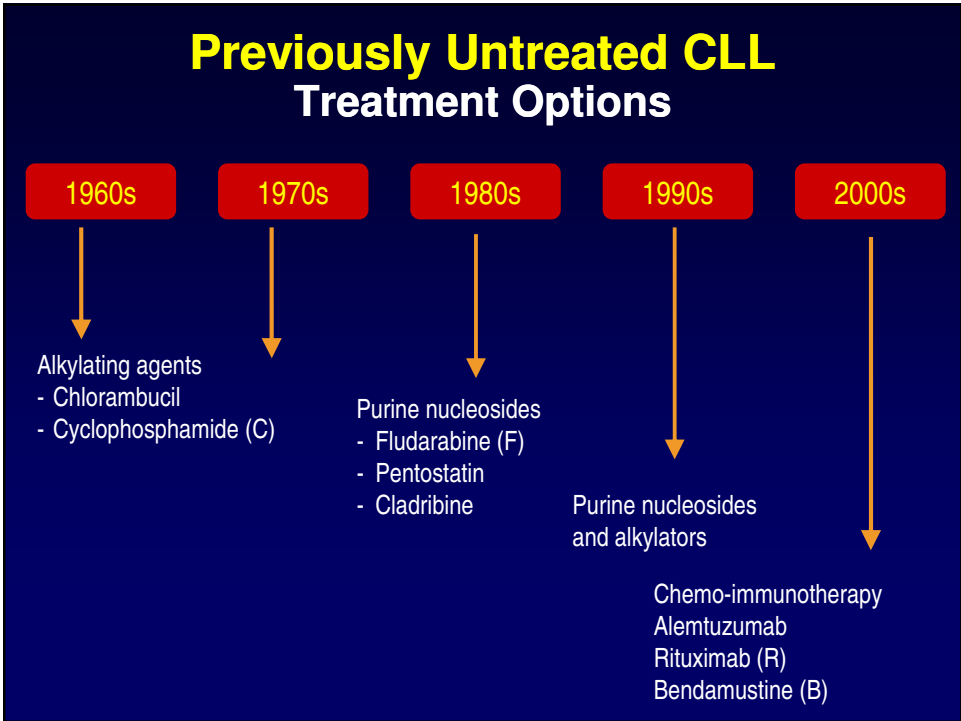
*Involved areas include cervical, axillary, or inguinal nodes, spleen, or liver.

Rai KR, et al. *Blood*. 1975;46:219-234; Binet JL, et al. *Cancer*. 1981;48:198-206.

Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Overall Survival in Months by Stage and Year of Diagnosis

Rai Stage	Characteristic	Original Report 1975 (N = 125)	Mayo Clinic 1995-2009 (N = 2397)
0	Lymphocytosis only	150	130
I	Lymphadenopathy	101	106
II	Organomegaly	71	88
III	Hemoglobin < 11 g/dL	19	58
IV	Platelet < 100 x 10 ⁹ /L	19	69

Rai KR, et al. *Blood*. 1975;46:219-234;
Shanafelt TD. *Hematology Am Soc Hematol Educ Program*. 2009;421-429.



Traditional Prognostic Factors

- Advanced stage at diagnosis
- Short lymphocyte doubling time
- Diffuse bone marrow infiltration
- Older age, males
- Cytogenetic abnormalities

Rozman C, Montserrat E. *N Engl J Med.* 1995;333:1052-1057;
Cheson BD, et al. *Blood.* 1996;87:4990-4997.

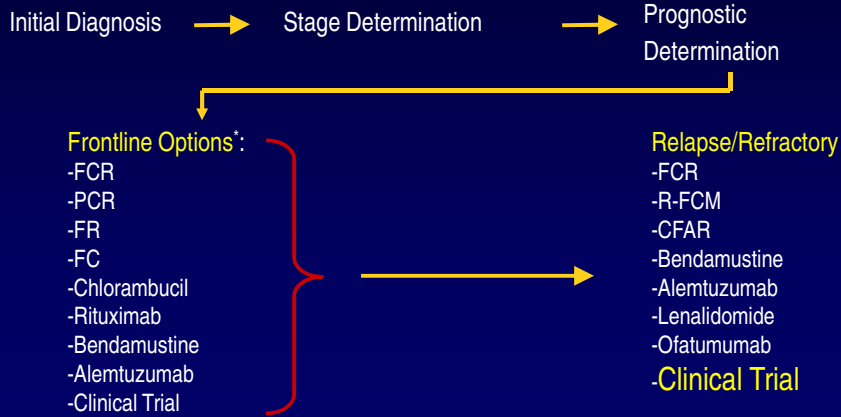
Newer Prognostic Factors

- FISH defects
 - 17p deletion
 - 11q deletion
 - 12q trisomy
 - Normal
 - 13q deletions
- } Hierarchy
- ↑ Unfavorable
- ↓ Favorable
- Immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region (IgVH) - $\leq 2\%$ mutation = unmutated
 - Survival 7.5 years for unmutated vs 27 years for mutated
 - CD38 status ($\geq 30\%$ = poor outcome)
 - ZAP-70 status ($\geq 20\%$ = poor outcome)
 - High serum β_2 -microglobulin and soluble CD23

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Newly Diagnosed and Relapsed / Refractory CLL Patients



*Large phase III trials lacking for most of these approaches.

New Side Effects with New Therapies: Tumor Flare Reaction

Occasional

- Fever
- Bone pain
- ↑ WBC / ALC



Baseline

Flare reaction

Post-treatment

Patient-Clinician Communication

- Use communication approaches tailored to individual patient needs according to health literacy and numeracy, living circumstances, language barriers and decision-making capacity.
- Receive/Provide clear written instructions about when and how to contact healthcare practitioners.
- Recognize that coordination of care among providers is essential for high quality care
- Receive/Give written and/or electronic copies of management plans

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- **TOLL-FREE PHONE:** (877) LLS-COPAY

For more information about NHL & CLL and other LLS programs, please contact an LLS Information Specialist.

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