



# Global Lung Cancer Academy

**Sharing Best Practices to Optimize  
Patient Care**

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# Welcome and Meeting Overview

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# Meet the faculty

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# Objectives of the program

Discuss current evidence-based practices in the diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer

Learn about current genomic testing practices and how these results inform treatment decisions

Understand advances made in immunotherapy for lung cancer and how these agents are being used in clinical practice

Gain insights into the latest developments in targeted therapies used for lung cancer

Promote best practice cancer care via the review of clinical patient cases

Recognize the major clinical trials underway to further develop treatment in lung cancer

Learn about the regional challenges and differences in lung cancer treatment patterns in Latin America and Canada



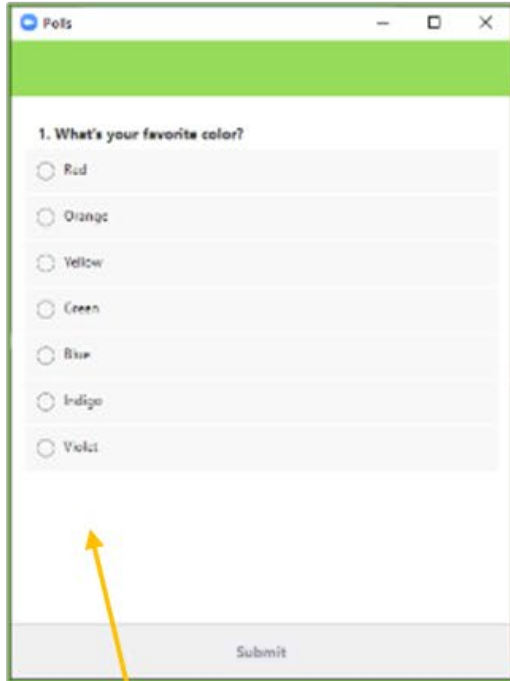
# Day 2: Plenary Sessions

Monday, 24 October 2022 from 4.00 PM – 7.00 PM EDT

Time (EDT)	Title	Speaker
4.00 PM – 4.10 PM (10 min)	<b>Session Open</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ARS questions</li></ul>	Corey Langer and Carlos Barrios
4.10 PM – 4.40 PM (30 min)	<b>Interactive Discussion: Regional Challenges in NSCLC Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interactive discussion and Q&amp;A</li></ul>	Moderator: Carlos Barrios All faculty
4.40 PM – 5.00 PM (20 min)	<b>Current Diagnostic Options and Initial Management of Early-Stage NSCLC in Latin America</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of currently available diagnostic methods and treatment options for early-stage NSCLC (resectable vs unresectable)</li></ul>	William William
5.00 PM – 5.20 PM (20 min)	<b>Current Treatment Options for Metastatic NSCLC in Latin America</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of currently available treatment options for metastatic NSCLC</li></ul>	Carlos Barrios
5.20 PM – 5.50 PM (30 min)	<b>Tumor Board Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patient case 1 (10 min)</li><li>• Patient case 2 (10 min)</li><li>• Discussion and Q&amp;A (10 min)</li></ul>	Moderator: Carlos Barrios Caio Abner Leite Alvaro Guimaraes Paula All faculty
5.50 PM – 6.00 PM (10 min)	<b>Break</b>	
6.00 PM – 6.20 PM (20 min)	<b>Monitoring and Managing Immunotherapy-Related AEs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Optimal monitoring and managing of the most common AEs associated with immunotherapy</li></ul>	Edgardo S. Santos
6.20 PM – 6.50 PM (30 min)	<b>Tumor Board Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patient case (10 min)</li><li>• Discussion and Q&amp;A (20 min)</li></ul>	Moderator: Corey Langer Barbara Melosky All faculty
6.50 PM – 7.00 PM (10 min)	<b>Session Close</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ARS questions</li></ul>	Carlos Barrios

# Introduction to Voting

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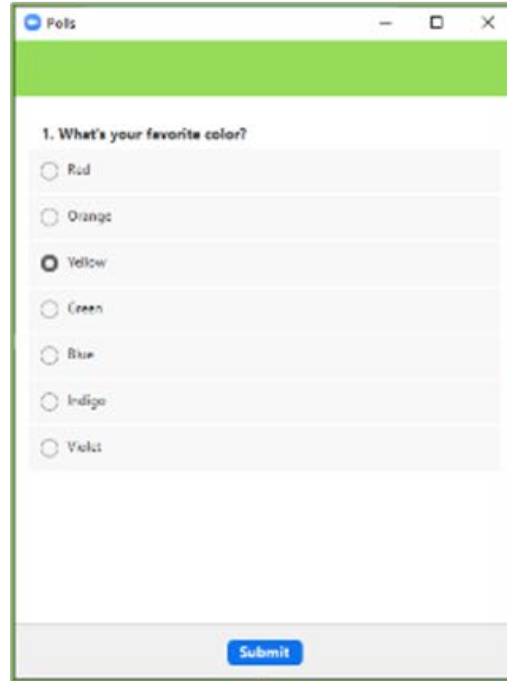
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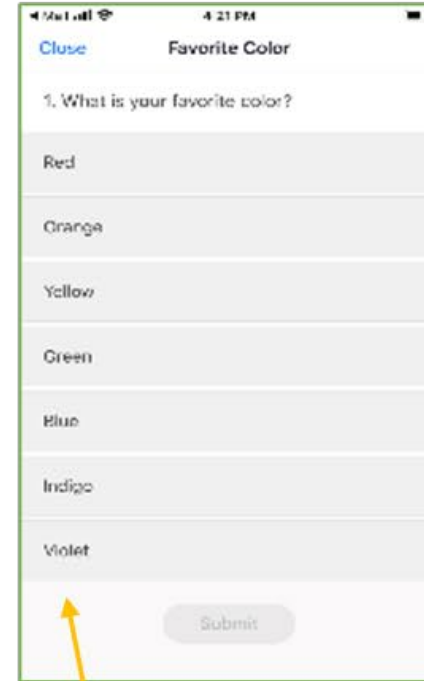
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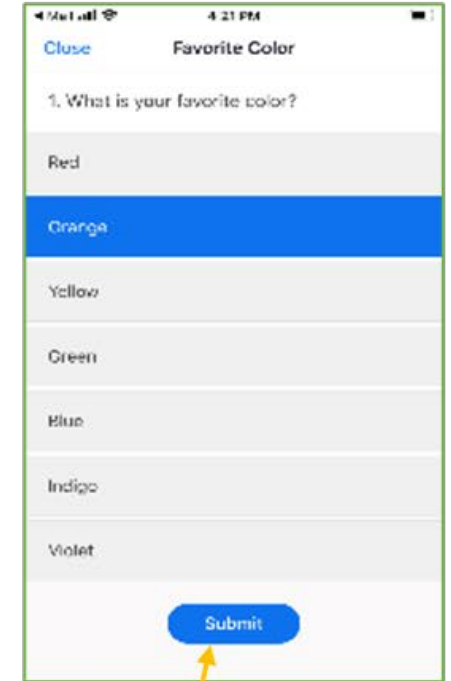
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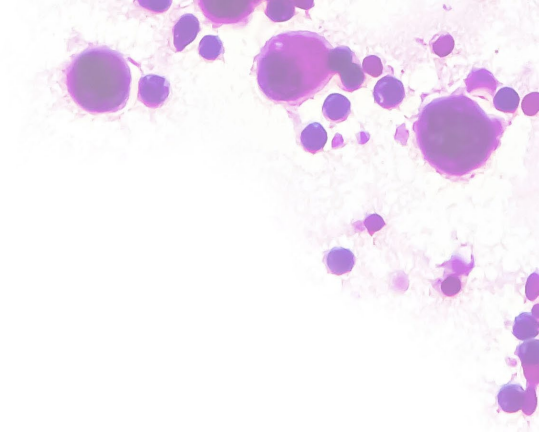
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# Question 1

In which country do you currently practice?

- 1. Argentina
- 2. Brazil
- 3. Canada
- 4. Colombia
- 5. Chile
- 6. Mexico
- 7. Peru
- 8. Other country in LATAM
- 9. Other country outside LATAM

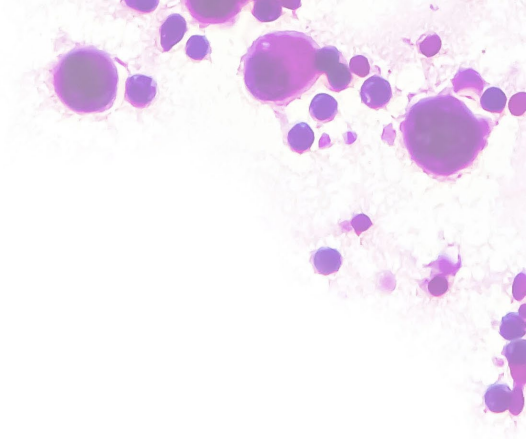




## Question 2

How would you describe your specialty?

- 1. General oncologist
- 2. Lung oncologist
- 3. General internal medicine
- 4. Fellow
- 5. Other





## Question 3

Which immunotherapy-associated adverse events have you observed in your patients?  
*(Select all that apply.)*

- 1. Fatigue
- 2. Infusion-related reactions
- 3. Cytokine release syndrome
- 4. Dermatologic and mucosal toxicity
- 5. Diarrhea/colitis
- 6. Hepatotoxicity
- 7. Pneumonitis
- 8. Endocrinopathies
- 9. Opportunistic infections
- 10. Other





## Question 4

Do you continue immunotherapy after progression in metastatic NSCLC?

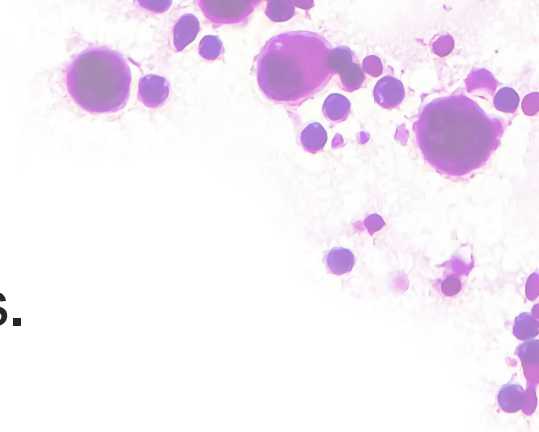
1. No, I stop
2. Yes, I continue with the same drug
3. Yes, but I would consider switching to another immunotherapy
4. This completely depends on the situation
5. Other



# Question 5

I feel comfortable diagnosing and treating immune-related side effects.

- 1. Not at all
- 2. Sometimes
- 3. In general
- 4. Most of the time
- 5. Always



# Interactive Discussion: Regional Challenges in NSCLC Management

Carlos Barrios, MD



# Discussion Topics

- > Which steps have you taken to optimize multidisciplinary care coordination in your centers? What are your learnings/recommendations from this process?
- > How have you organized identification and management of IO and other oncology drug-related AEs with your emergency unit? What are your recommendations to improve this process?
- > Is clinical research in lung cancer in LATAM optimally organized, and what are the options to further improve the involvement in important studies?
- > Do you have access to CPIs in the 1L setting? Is access restricted to 2L?
- > What have been your strategies to get accelerated access to new diagnostics and drugs?
- > Do you have access to liquid biopsy?
- > How do you approach diagnostic and treatment barriers for patients with limited insurance?
- > Should there be more neoadjuvant approaches in your region? If yes, how can this be organized? Do barriers exist? Are your surgeons on board?
- > What strategies have you used to optimize management of patients in remote areas?
- > Others

# Current Diagnostic Options and Initial Management of Early-Stage NSCLC in Latin America

William William, MD







# Management of Early-Stage NSCLCs in Latin America

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# Let's Discuss

How often do you participate in multidisciplinary tumor boards?

- A. Never
- B. Once per week
- C. Once every 2 weeks
- D. Once per month
- E. Less than once per month



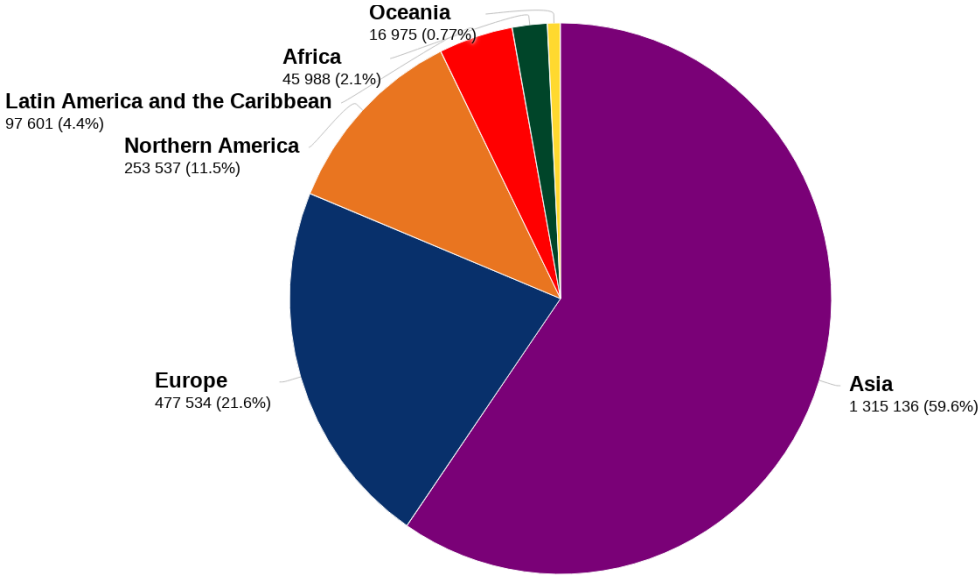
# Let's Discuss

How many of your locally advanced NSCLC cases are discussed in tumor boards?

- A. 0
- B. 0%–25%
- C. 26%–50%
- D. 51%–75%
- E. 76%–100%

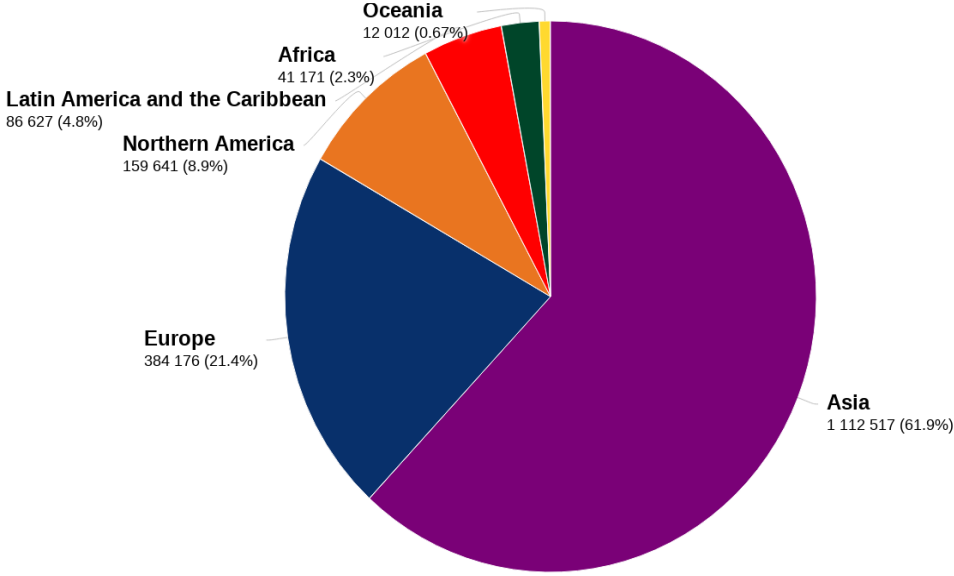
# GLOBOCAN Incidence and Mortality

Estimated number of new cases in 2020, lung, both sexes, all ages



Total : 2 206 771

Estimated number of deaths in 2020, lung, both sexes, all ages



Total : 1 796 144

# Leading Cause and Cancer Mortality in Men





# Risk Factor: Tobacco

Smoking rates in selected countries from Latin America, Europe, Asia, and North America.

Country	Population Smoking Rate (%)
Chile	40
Cuba	40
Argentina	27
Brasil	17
Colombia	19
Russia	37
Estonia	36
Latvia	36
Lithuania	34
Kuwait	37
Bangladesh	37
Indonesia	36
China	33
Canada	19.9
Mexico	19.8
United States of America	16.8

## Uruguay:

Important decrease seen, based on an effective antitobacco law and an increase in cigarettes cost

## Brazil:

Implemented all recommendations by the WHO to reduce tobacco use

### Panel 3: Anti-tobacco measures in Latin America

#### Countries who have ratified the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control:

Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Ecuador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela

#### Countries with smoking bans:

Argentina, Barbados, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela

#### Countries with regulations on packaging and labelling of tobacco products:

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Venezuela, Peru

#### Countries with bans on tobacco advertising, promotion, and sponsorship:

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Panama, Uruguay

#### Countries with a tax share of at least 50% of the total price of cigarettes:

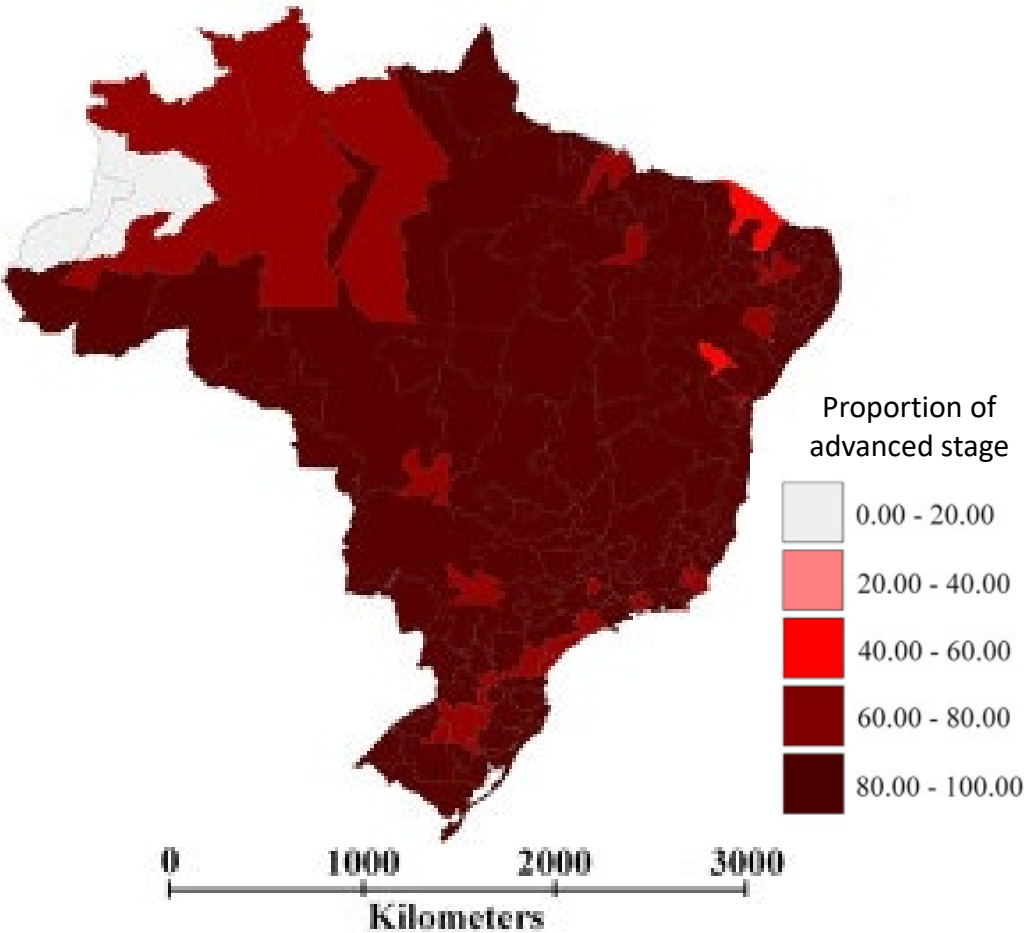
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# Lung Cancer Stage at Diagnosis

Distribuição proporcional dos dez tipos de câncer mais incidentes estimados para 2020 por sexo, exceto pele não melanoma\*

Localização primária	Casos	%		Localização primária	Casos	%
Próstata	65.840	29,2%	<div><div>Homens</div><div>Mulheres</div></div>	Mama feminina	66.280	29,7%
Cólon e Reto	20.520	9,1%		Cólon e Reto	20.470	9,2%
Traqueia, Brônquio e Pulmão	17.760	7,9%		Colo do útero	16.590	7,4%
Estômago	13.360	5,9%		Traqueia, Brônquio e Pulmão	12.440	5,6%
Cavidade Oral	11.180	5,0%		Glândula Tireoide	11.950	5,4%
Esôfago	8.690	3,9%		Estômago	7.870	3,5%
Bexiga	7.590	3,4%		Ovário	6.650	3,0%
Linfoma não Hodgkin	6.580	2,9%		Corpo do útero	6.540	2,9%
Laringe	6.470	2,9%		Linfoma não Hodgkin	5.450	2,4%
Leucemias	5.920	2,6%		Sistema Nervoso Central	5.220	2,3%

\* Números arredondados para múltiplos de 10



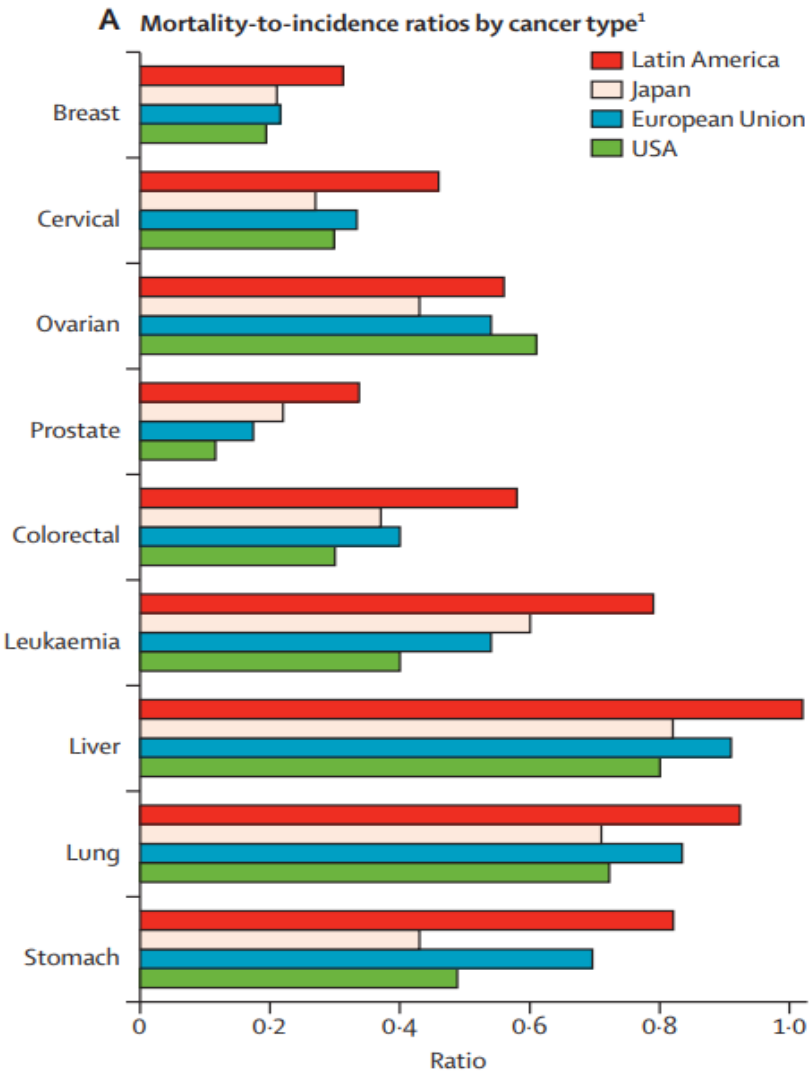
# Lung Cancer Screening

Study	Patients With Cancer, No. (%)	Biopsy Procedures, No. (%)	Lung Cancer Diagnosed, No. (%)
NLST	7,191 (27.0)	758 (2.8)	270 (1.0)
ELCAP	233 (23.0)	28 (2.8)	27 (2.7)
PluSS	1,477 (41.0)	90 (2.5)	36 (1.0)
DLCST	594 (29.0)	25 (1.2)	17 (0.8)
LUSI	540 (27.0)	31 (1.5)	22 (1.1)
DANTE	199 (15.0)	52 (4.1)	28 (2.2)
ITALUNG	426 (30.0)	22 (1.6)	21 (1.5)
LSS	325 (21.0)	57 (3.6)	30 (1.9)
Depiscan	152 (45.2)	NA	8 (2.4)
NELSON	493 (6.5)	NA	200 (2.6)
BRELT1	312 (39.5)	25 (3.1)	10 (1.3)

NOTE. Adapted from dos Santos et al.<sup>2</sup>

Abbreviations: BRELT1, First Brazilian Lung Cancer Screening Trial; DANTE, Randomized Study of Lung Cancer Screening with Spiral Computed Tomography; Depiscan, French randomized pilot trial of lung cancer screening comparing low-dose computed tomography scan and chest radiography; DLCST, Danish Lung Cancer Screening Trial; ELCAP, Early Lung Cancer Action Project; ITALUNG, Italian Lung Cancer Screening Trial; LSS, Lung Screening Study; LUSI, German Lung Cancer Screening Intervention Trial; NA, not available; NELSON, Netherlands-Belgian Lung Cancer Screening trial; NLST, National Lung Screening Trial; PluSS, The Pittsburgh Lung Screening Study.

# All Cancer Mortality to Incidence Ratio



# Unmet Needs

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Multidisciplinary  
care



# Multidisciplinary Care Models

- United States
  - Integral piece of patient management and outcomes
- United Kingdom
  - Regulated by the NHS
- Brazil (and perhaps Latin America)
  - Standardized approach lacking in most services
  - Fragmented care



# Multidisciplinary Care Models

- Format: meetings/conferences, formal referral systems, integrated clinics
- Members



# Why Provide Multidisciplinary Care?

- Better patient care (staging and treatment planning)
- Adherence to guidelines
- Development of local algorithms
- Continuing medical education
- Professional satisfaction
- Increased referral to clinical trials
- Rational use of resources
- Increased survival (?)

# Multidisciplinary Tumor Boards and Quality Measures

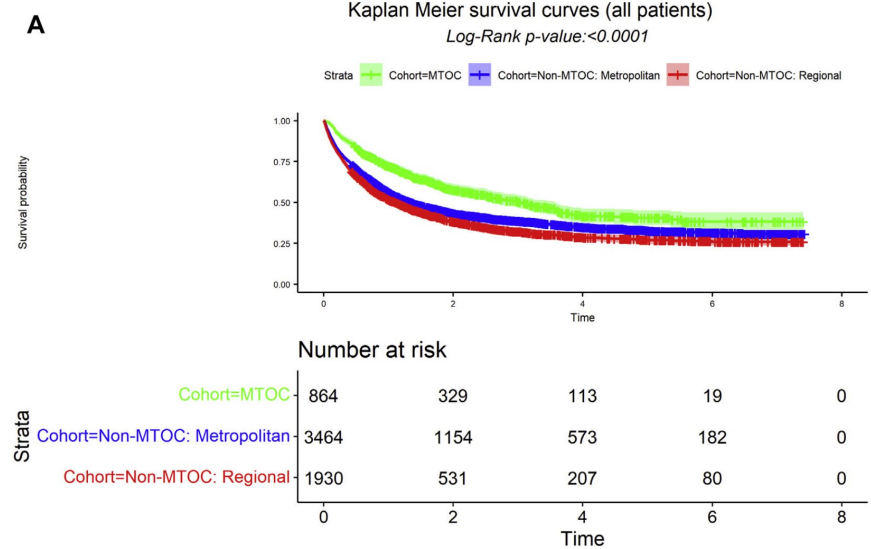
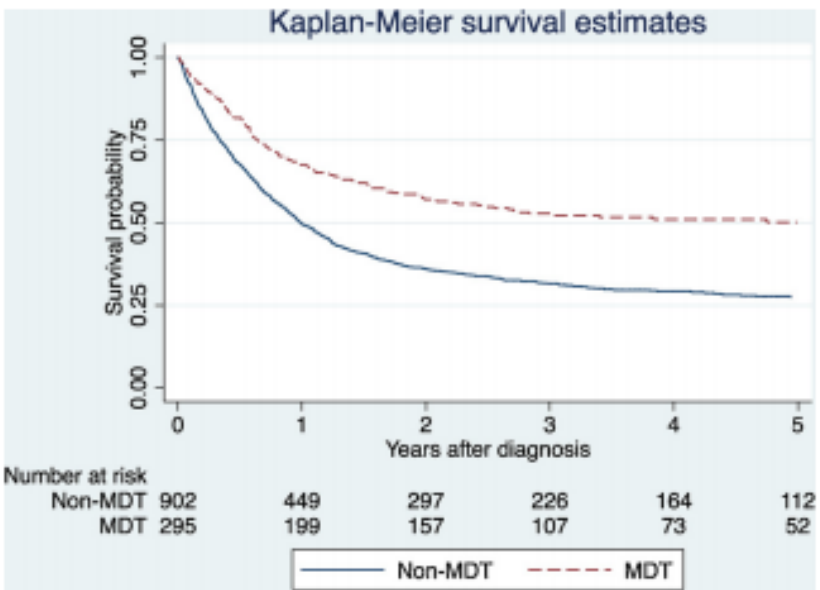
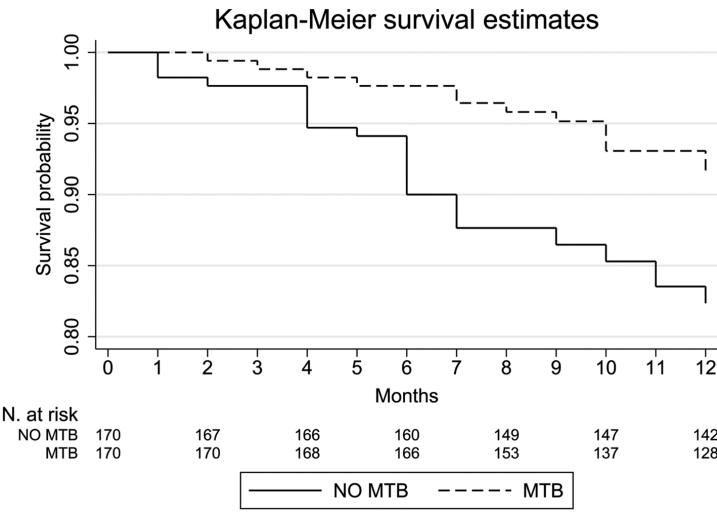
*Table 2. Comparison of Patients With and Without Multidisciplinary Conference Care*

Variable <sup>a</sup>	MDC (n = 6,627)	Non-MDC (n = 6,627)	p Value
Complete staging	6,031 (91)	4,572 (67)	< 0.0001
Multispecialty evaluation	5,898 (89)	3,446 (52)	< 0.0001
Diagnosis to treatment, d	19 ± 8	32 ± 11	< 0.0001
NCCN guidelines	5,832 (88)	4,705 (71)	< 0.0001
Research participation	1,127 (17)	398 (6)	< 0.0001
Palliative/hospice care	596 (9)	266 (4)	< 0.0001
Chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy without a tissue diagnosis	199 (3)	331 (5)	< 0.0001
Nontherapeutic surgical intervention	133 (2)	265 (4)	< 0.0001
Mean cost of care, diagnosis and staging, \$	7,212.00	10,213.00	< 0.0001

<sup>a</sup> Continuous data are presented as mean ± standard deviation and categorical data as number (%).

MDC = multidisciplinary conference; NCCN = National Comprehensive Cancer Network.

# Multidisciplinary Tumor Boards



# Stepwise Approach

**Decentralized care**



Motivated group

Continuing medical education

Multidisciplinary tumor boards

Integrated clinics

**Multidisciplinary care**



# Team Up: 423 Physicians



# Challenges: Is Latin America Ready?

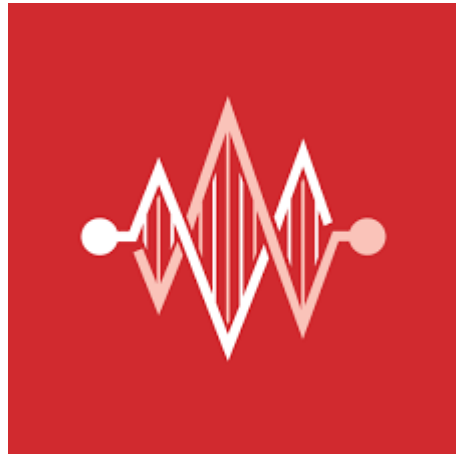
- Lack of time
- Lack of institutional support
- Lack of resources (included, but not limited to, financial resources)
- Lack of motivation
- Lack of coordinated health care system



# Challenges: Is Latin America Ready?

- Lack of time
- Lack of institutional support
- Lack of resources (included, but not limited to, financial resources)
- Lack of motivation
- Lack of coordinated health care system
- Can we blame (underserved area) physicians who are not able to provide multidisciplinary care?
- How can we help?

# Challenges: Is Latin America Ready?



# Conclusions

- Many barriers to improve lung cancer care in Latin America
- Multidisciplinary care is one of the key components of adequate management of early-stage/locally advanced lung cancer
- Implementation of multidisciplinary care is challenging, lengthy, and may not be feasible in all settings
- Opportunity for innovative approaches

Obrigado!!!

Discussion

# Current Treatment Options for Metastatic NSCLC in Latin America

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# Status of Metastatic Lung Cancer Therapy in 2002

## Regimens

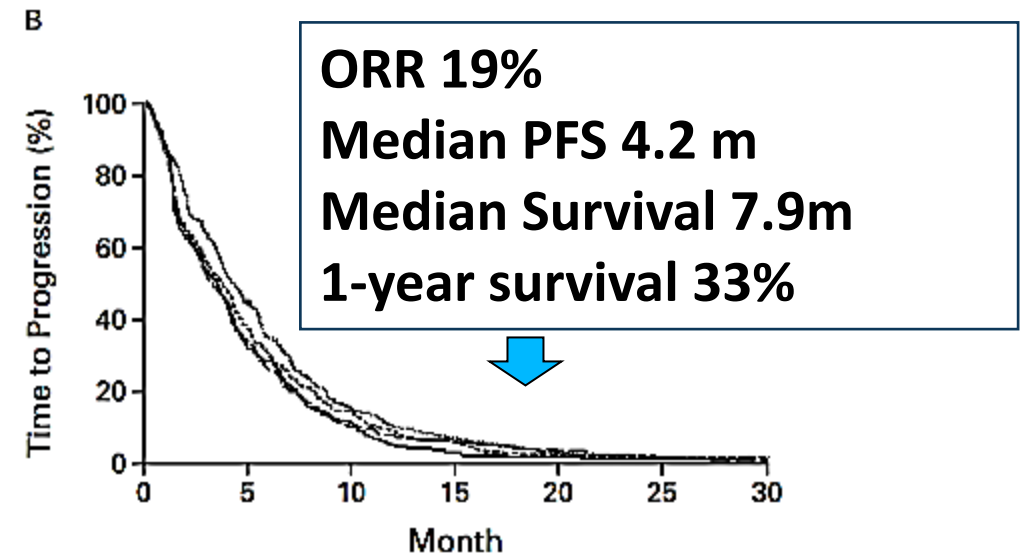
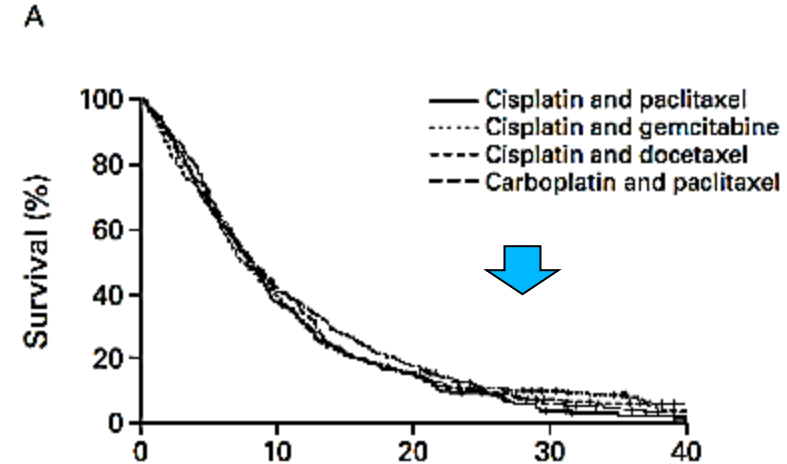
Cisplatin plus paclitaxel  
paclitaxel, 135 mg/m<sup>2</sup> over 24-hr period on day 1  
cisplatin, 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on day 2  
3-wk cycle

Cisplatin plus gemcitabine  
gemcitabine, 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on days 1, 8, and 15  
cisplatin, 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on day 1  
4-wk cycle

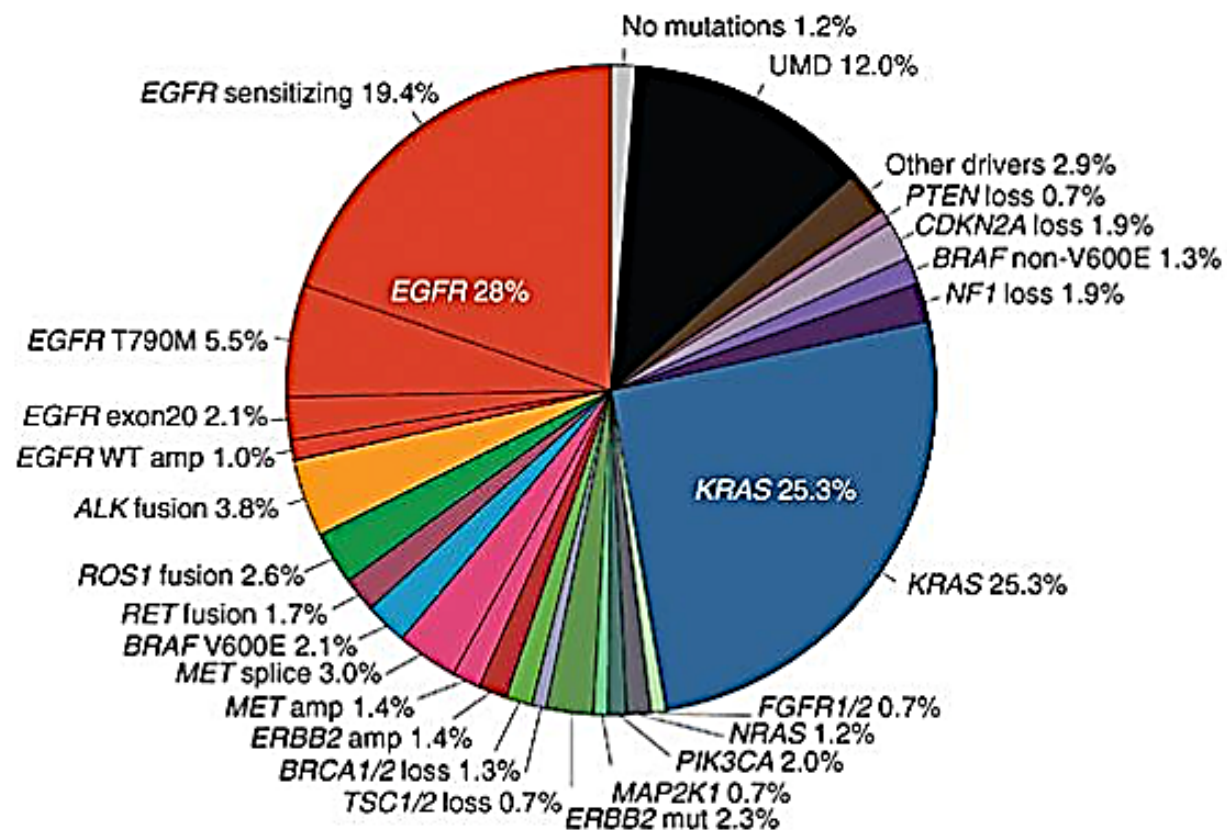
Cisplatin plus docetaxel  
docetaxel, 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on day 1  
cisplatin, 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on day 1  
3-wk cycle

Carboplatin plus paclitaxel  
paclitaxel, 225 mg/m<sup>2</sup> over 3-hr period on day 1  
carboplatin, AUC 6.0 mg/ml/min on day 1  
3-wk cycle

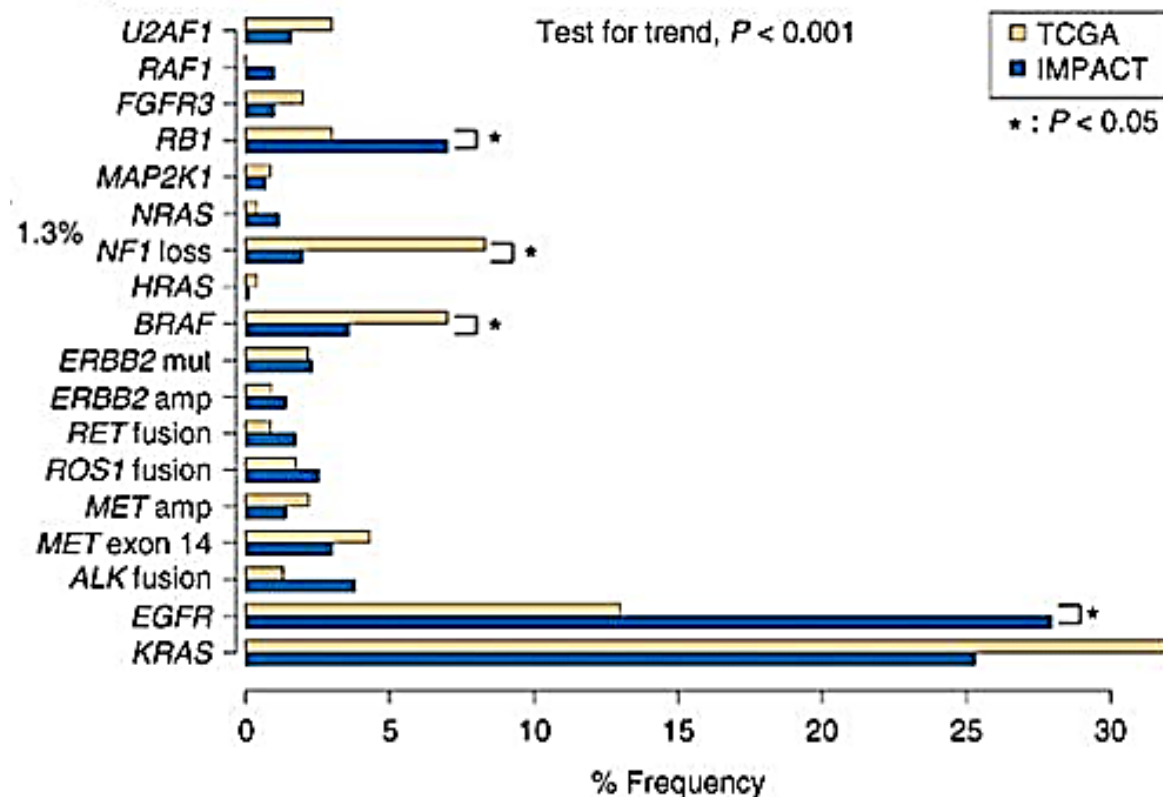
- Platinum chemotherapy improved survival
- All doublets have similar efficacy
- No predictive factors identified
- All regimens with significant toxicity



# Potentially Actionable Oncogenic Drivers Identified by MSK-IMPACT

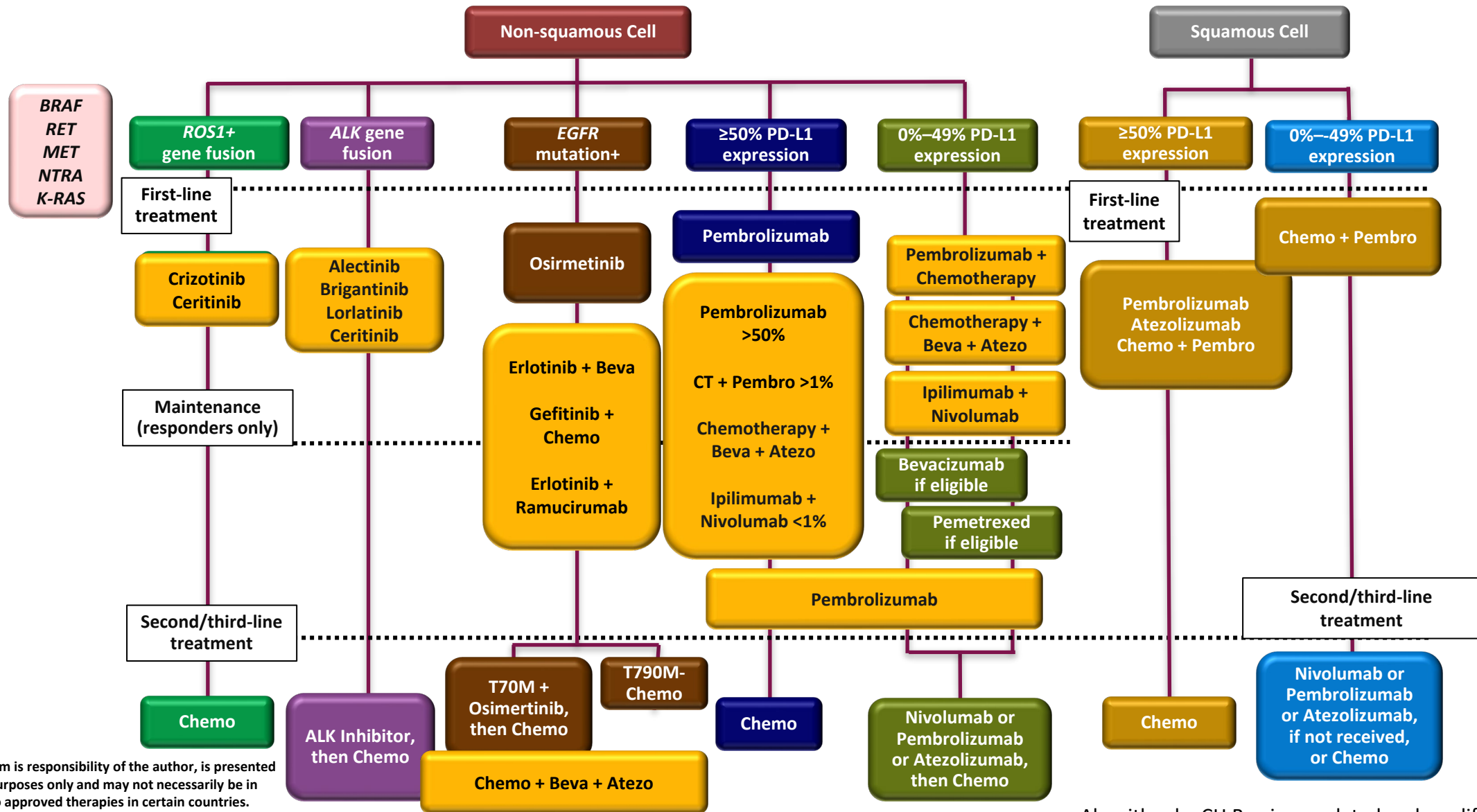


Spectrum of oncogenic drivers assigned to 860 patients with lung adenocarcinoma identified by MSK-IMPACT.



Comparison of selected gene alteration frequencies in the MSK-IMPACT and TCGA.

# Proposed Standard of Care Treatment Algorithm for Patients With Advanced NSCLC – 2022\*

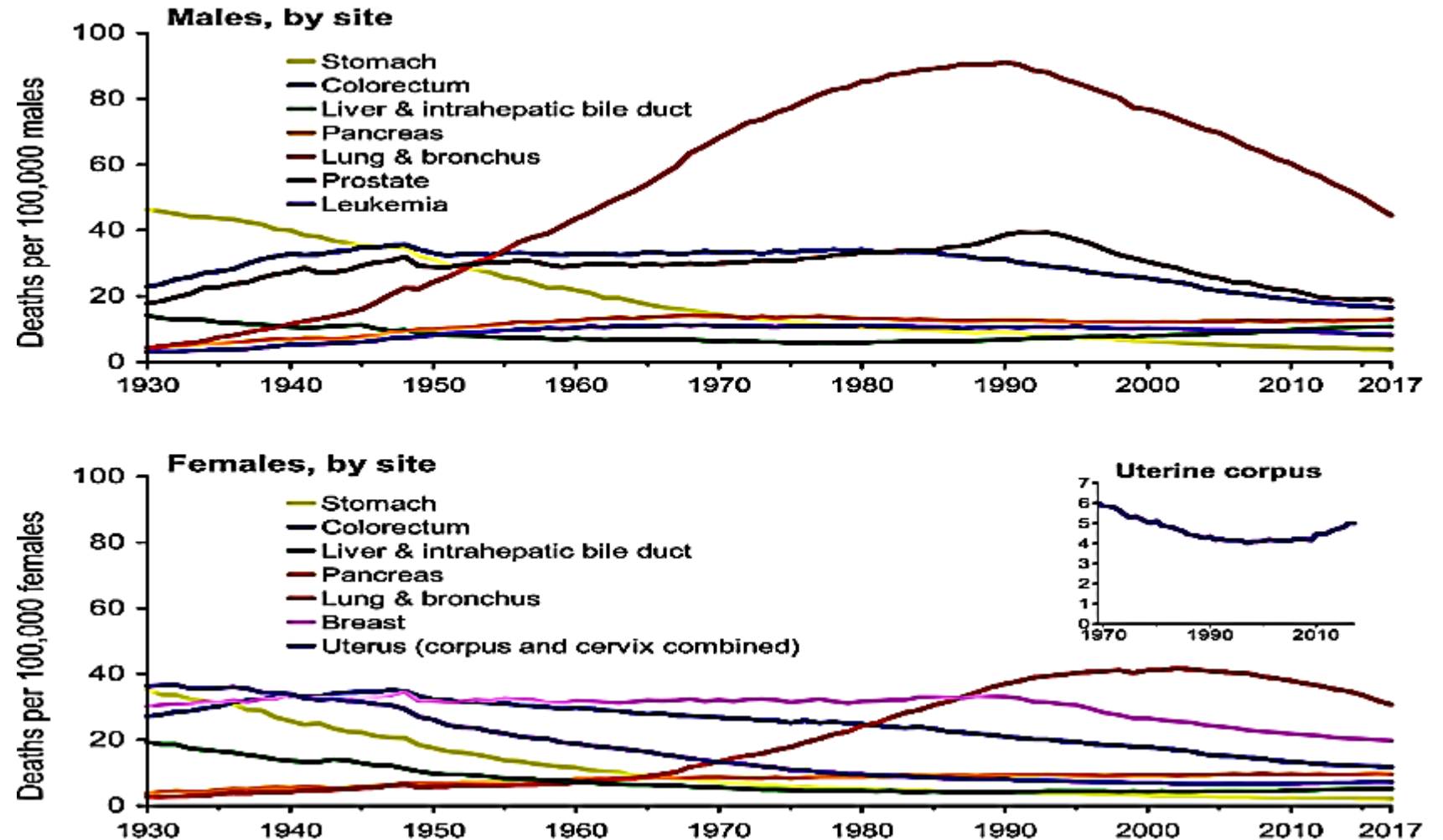


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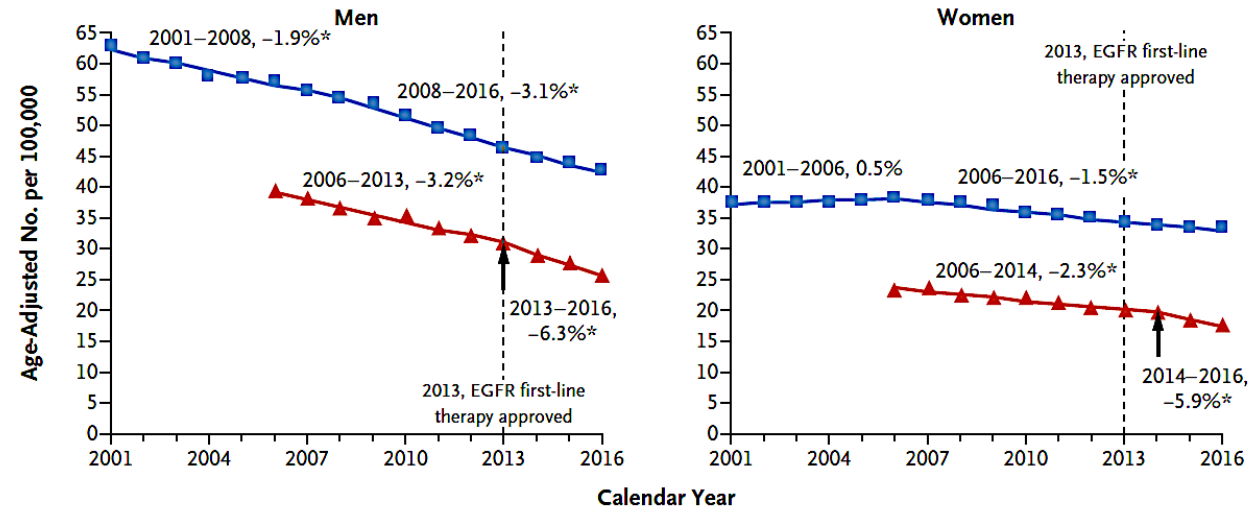
Algorithm by CH Barrios, updated and modified from Karen Kelly.

# Lung Cancer Mortality Is Improving . . .

Mortality rates have declined by 51% since 1990 for men (and 26% since 2002 in women) **due to reductions in smoking (associated with a decrease in incidence)**

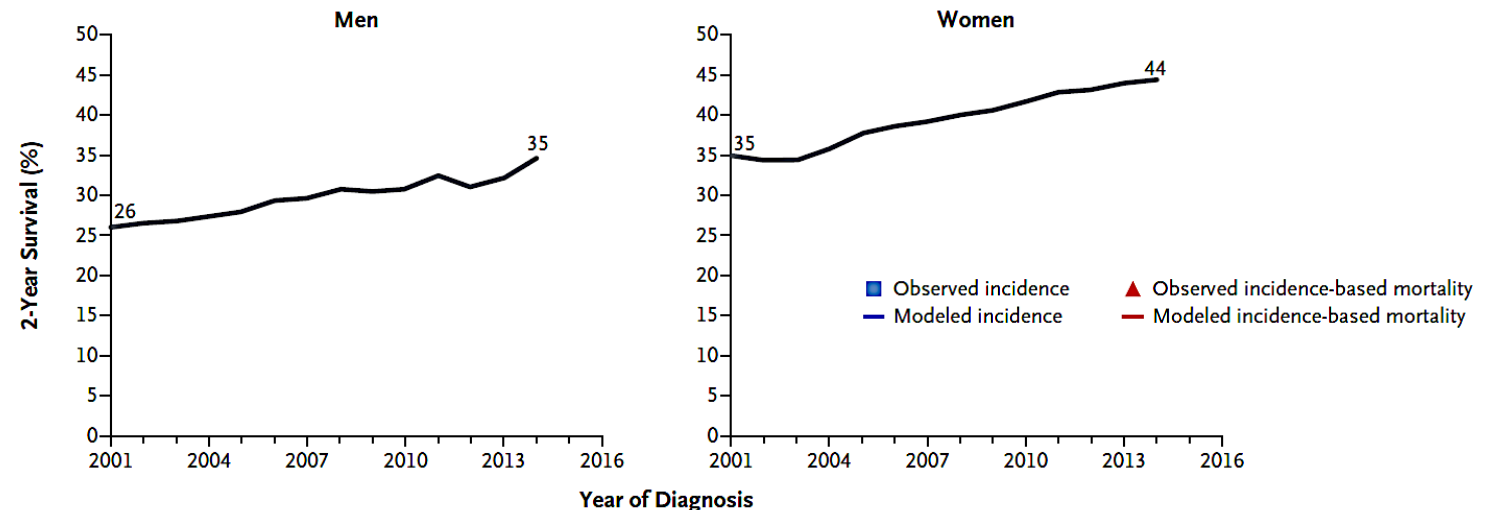


# NSCLC Incidence, Incidence-Based Mortality, and Survival Trends among Men and Women



		Average annual percent change
Males	Incidence (2011–15)	-2.6
	Mortality (2012–16)	-4.3
Females	Incidence (2011–15)	-1.2
	Mortality (2012–16)	-3.1

**B Trends in Lung-Cancer-Specific Survival**



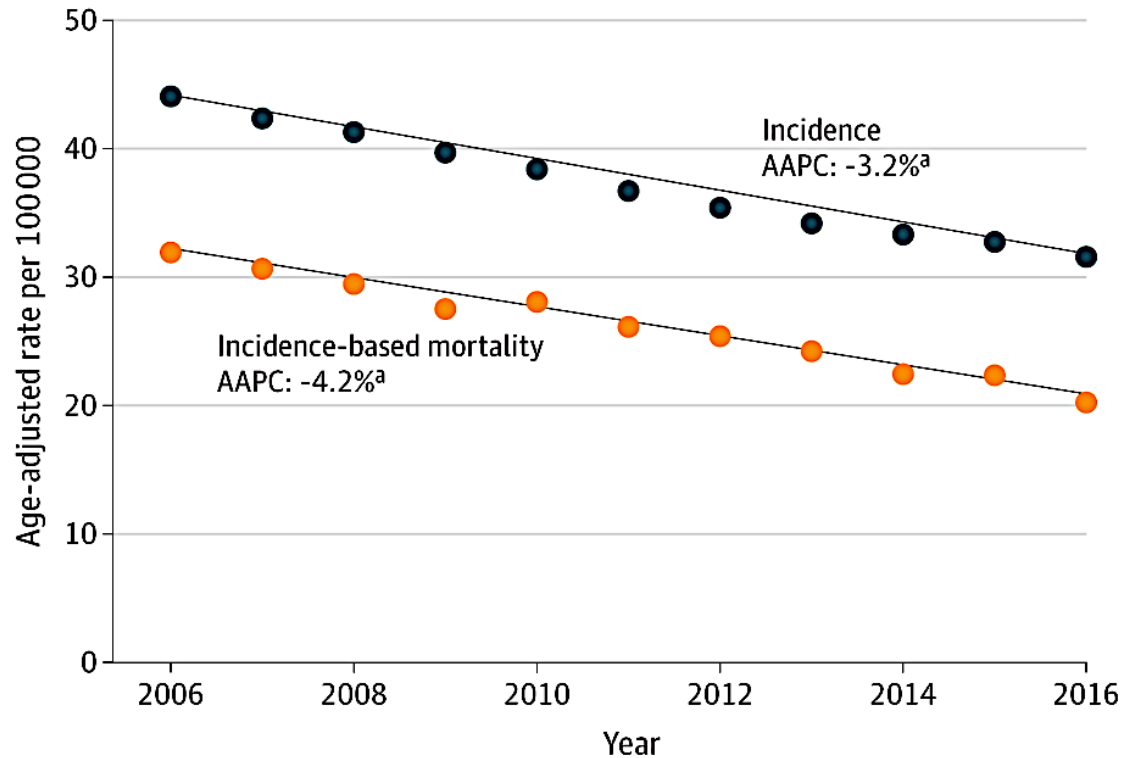
Incidence: age standardized, delay-adjusted rate.

Mortality: age-standardized rate.

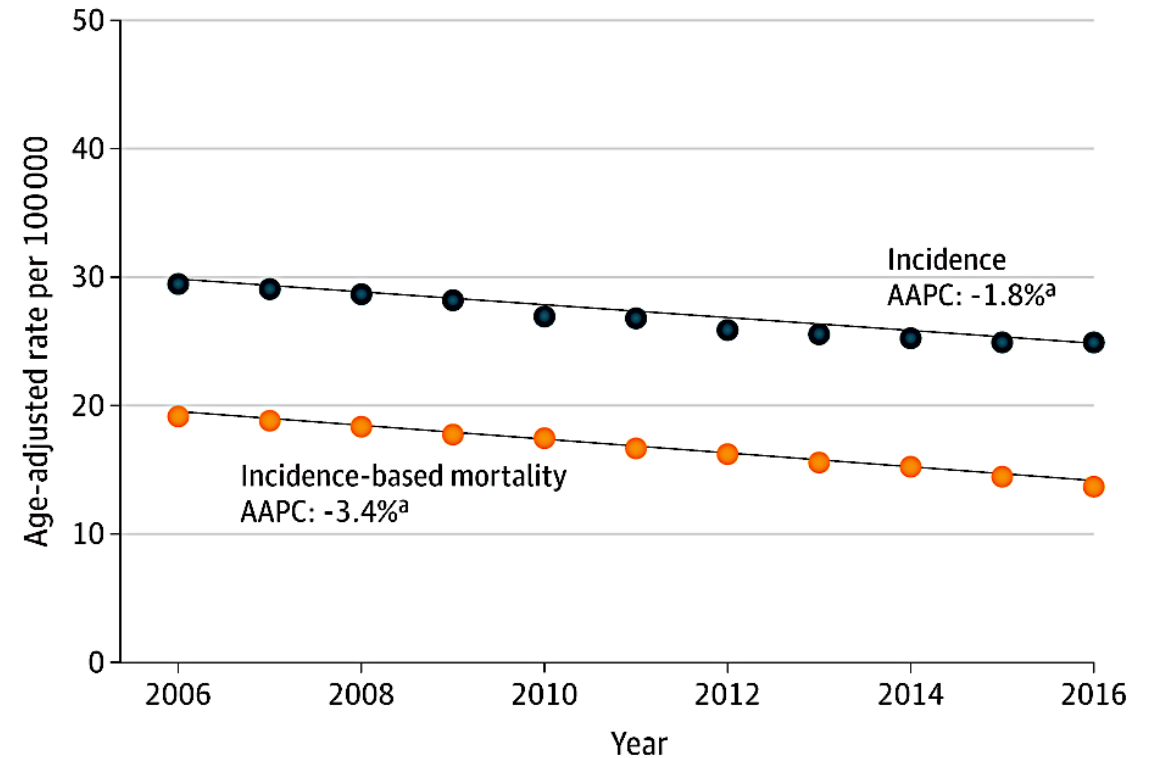
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# Lung Cancer Mortality Is Improving . . .

**A** Male patients



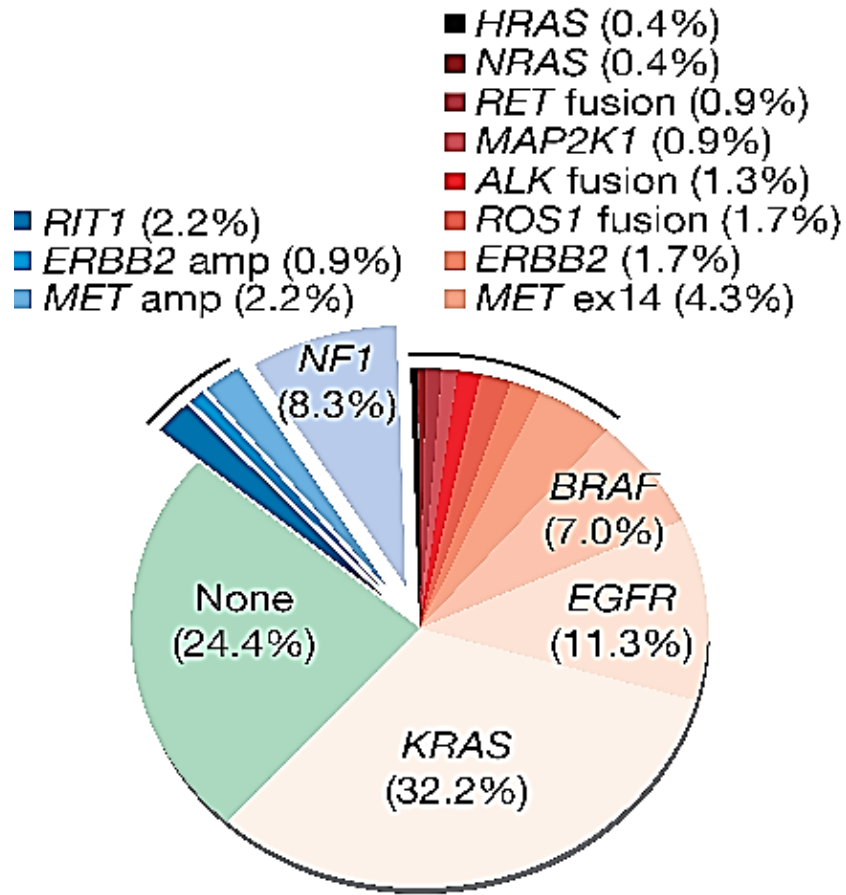
**B** Female patients



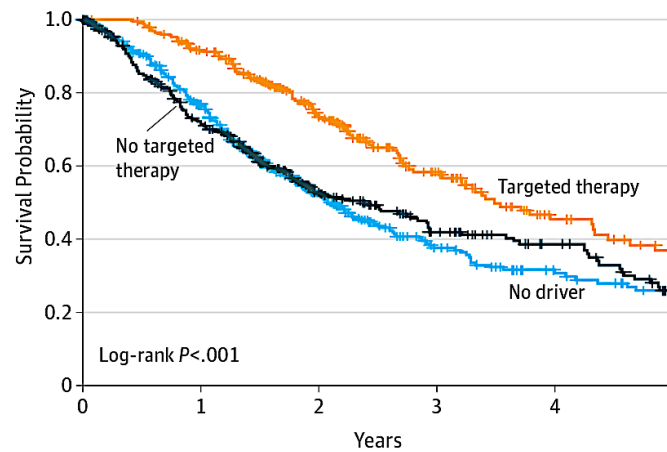
Population-level mortality for NSCLC has decreased from 2006 to 2016. Although advances in treatments, particularly targeted therapeutics, have played a role in affecting mortality, this analysis suggests that decreased mortality is also associated with a diagnostic shift from later to earlier stage lung cancer and a histology shift to adenocarcinoma.



# Targeted Therapy Revolution

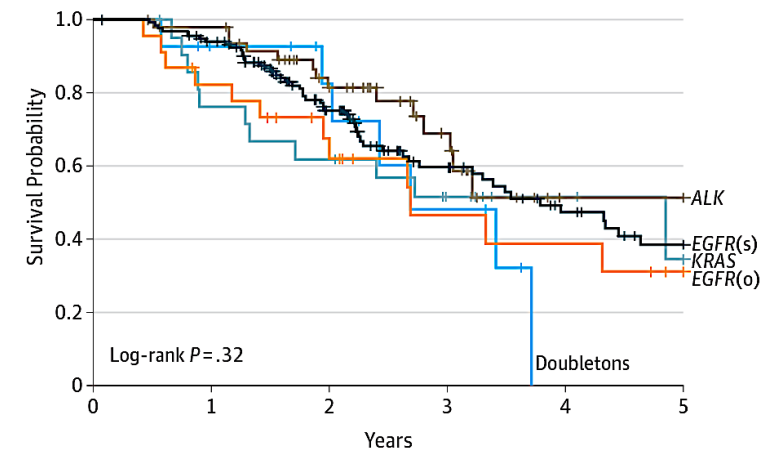


**A** Patients with an oncogenic driver mutation who did and did not receive targeted therapy, and patients without an oncogenic driver



No. at risk						
Patients with oncogenic driver						
No targeted therapy	318	205	110	64	43	20
Targeted therapy	260	225	143	72	36	23
Patients with no driver						
	360	250	122	59	36	23

**B** Patients with the 5 most frequent oncogenic driver mutations who received targeted therapy



No. at risk by oncogenic driver						
EGFR(s)	136	122	72	38	24	16
EGFR(o)	23	18	12	6	5	2
ALK	49	46	31	14	2	2
KRAS	22	16	13	8	4	2
Doubletons	14	11	8	4		

# Immunotherapy Options for Advanced NSCLC With High PD-L1 expression Across Histologies

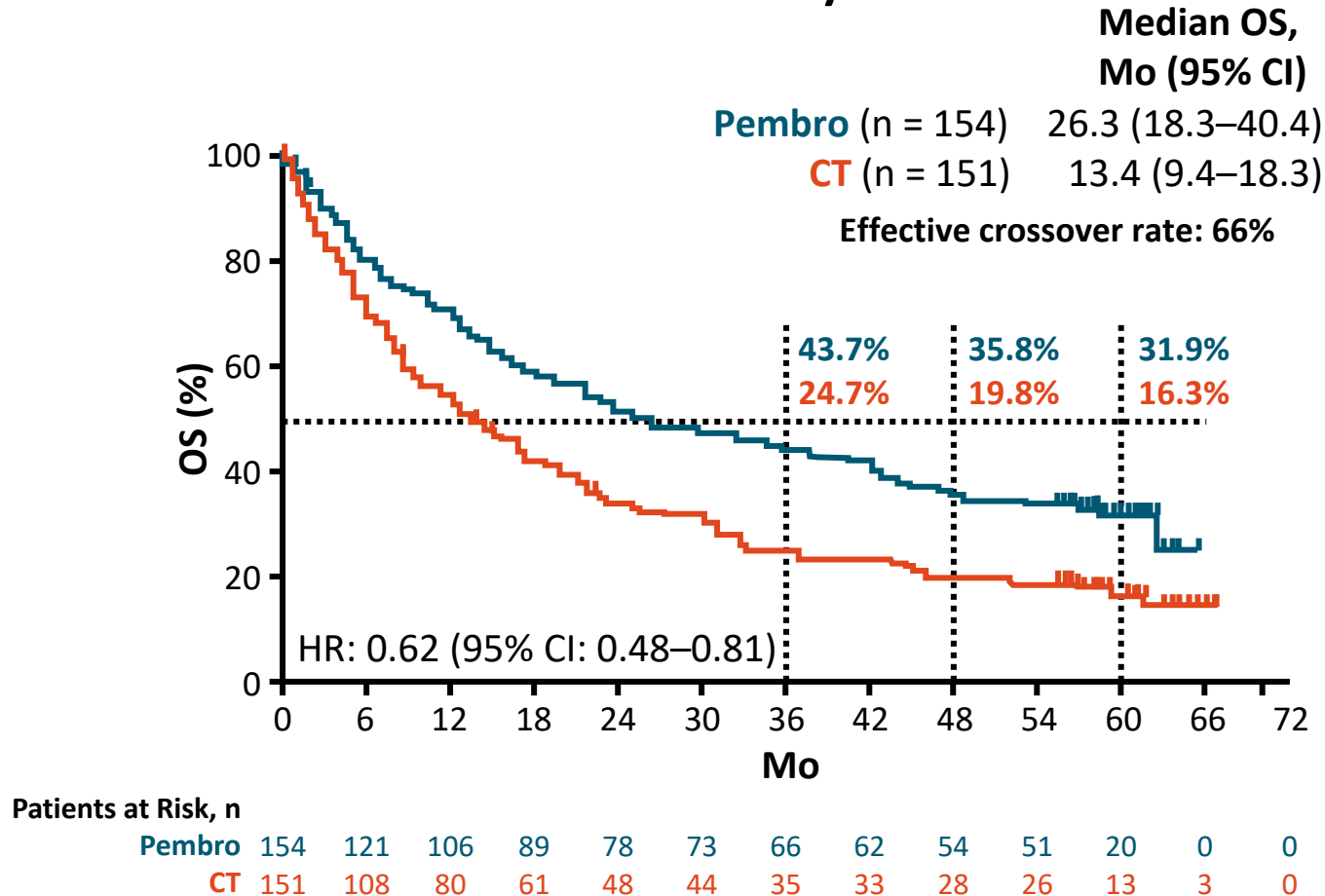
Parameter	KEYNOTE-024: pembrolizumab (n = 154) <sup>1</sup>	IMpower110: atezolizumab (n = 107) <sup>2</sup>	EMpower-Lung 1: cemiplimab (n = 283) <sup>3</sup>	CheckMate 227: Nivo-Ipi (n = 205) <sup>4</sup>	CheckMate 9LA: Nivo-Ipi + CT (n = 76) <sup>5</sup>
PD-L1+ definition	TPS ≥50%*	TC3 or IC3 <sup>†</sup>	TPS ≥50%*	TPS ≥50% <sup>‡</sup>	TPS ≥50% <sup>‡</sup>
ORR, %	46.1	40.2	39.0	45.4	38
Median DoR, mo	29.1	38.9	16.7	31.8	26.0
Median PFS, mo	7.7 (HR: 0.50)	8.2 (HR: 0.59)	8.2 (HR: 0.54)	6.7 (HR: 0.60)	7.5 (HR: 0.59)
Median OS, mo	26.3 (HR: 0.62)	20.2 (HR: 0.76)	NR (HR: 0.57)	21.2 (HR: 0.66)	18.9 (0.67)

\*By PD-L1 22C3 IHC assay. <sup>†</sup>Staining of ≥50% tumor cells (TC3) or ≥10% tumor-infiltrating immune cells (IC3) by PD-L1 SP142 IHC assay. <sup>‡</sup>PD-L1 28-8 IHC assay. Caution needs to be taken when comparing data across trials.



# Immunotherapy in PD-L1+ Advanced NSCLC: Long-term Survival, **Cure?**

## KEYNOTE-024: 5-yr OS



## PD-1/PD-L1 Immunotherapy

- Pembrolizumab
- Nivolumab
- Atezolizumab
- Durvalumab
- Cemiplimab

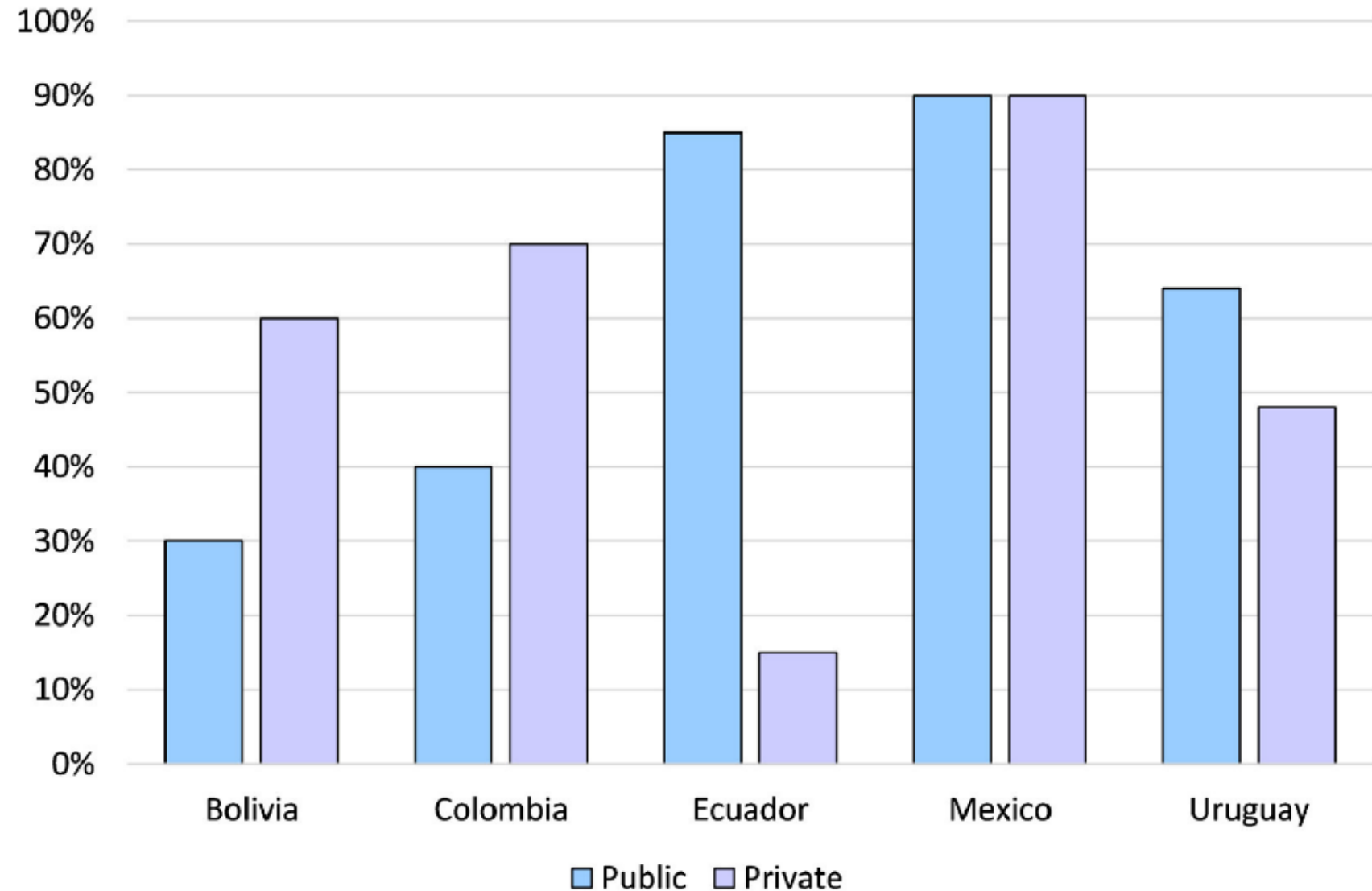
## Patient Features

- ✓ Females
- ✓ Smokers
- ✓ No oncogenic driver mutation

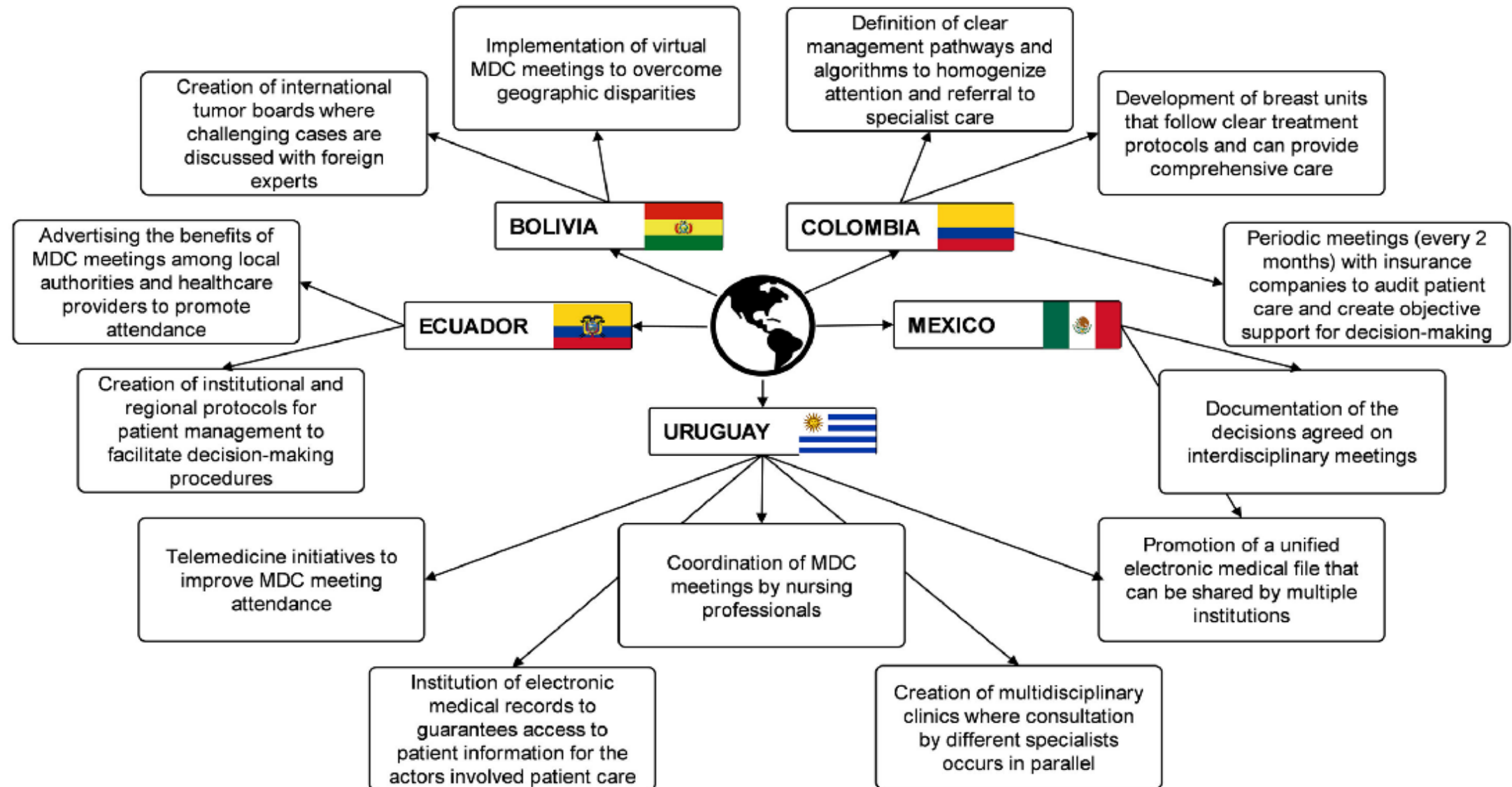
# Challenging Insights – NSCLC Latin America

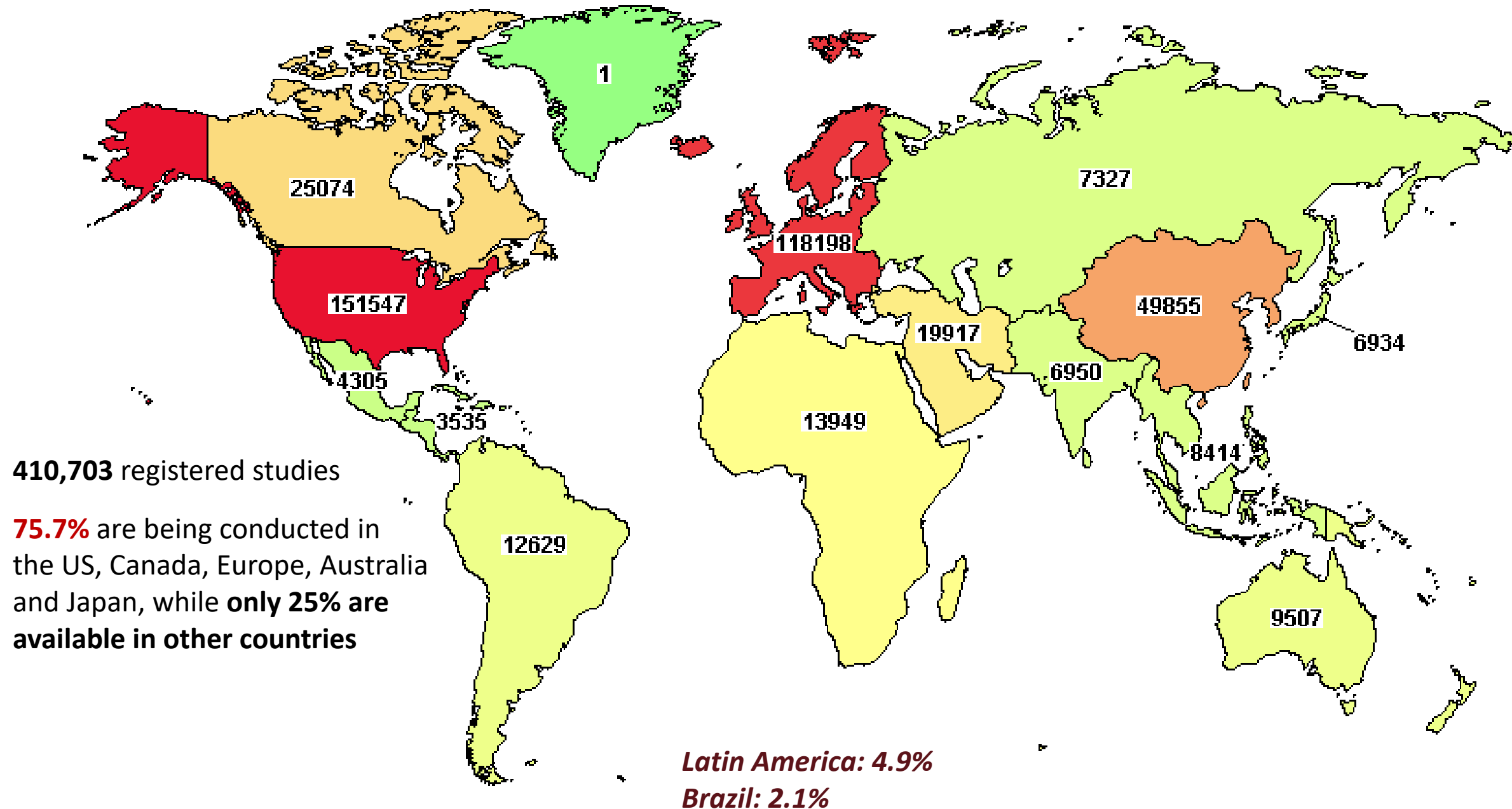
- Multidisciplinary care
- Clinical research
- Access to diagnosis and drugs

# Barriers and Strategies for Multidisciplinary Cancer Care in Latin America

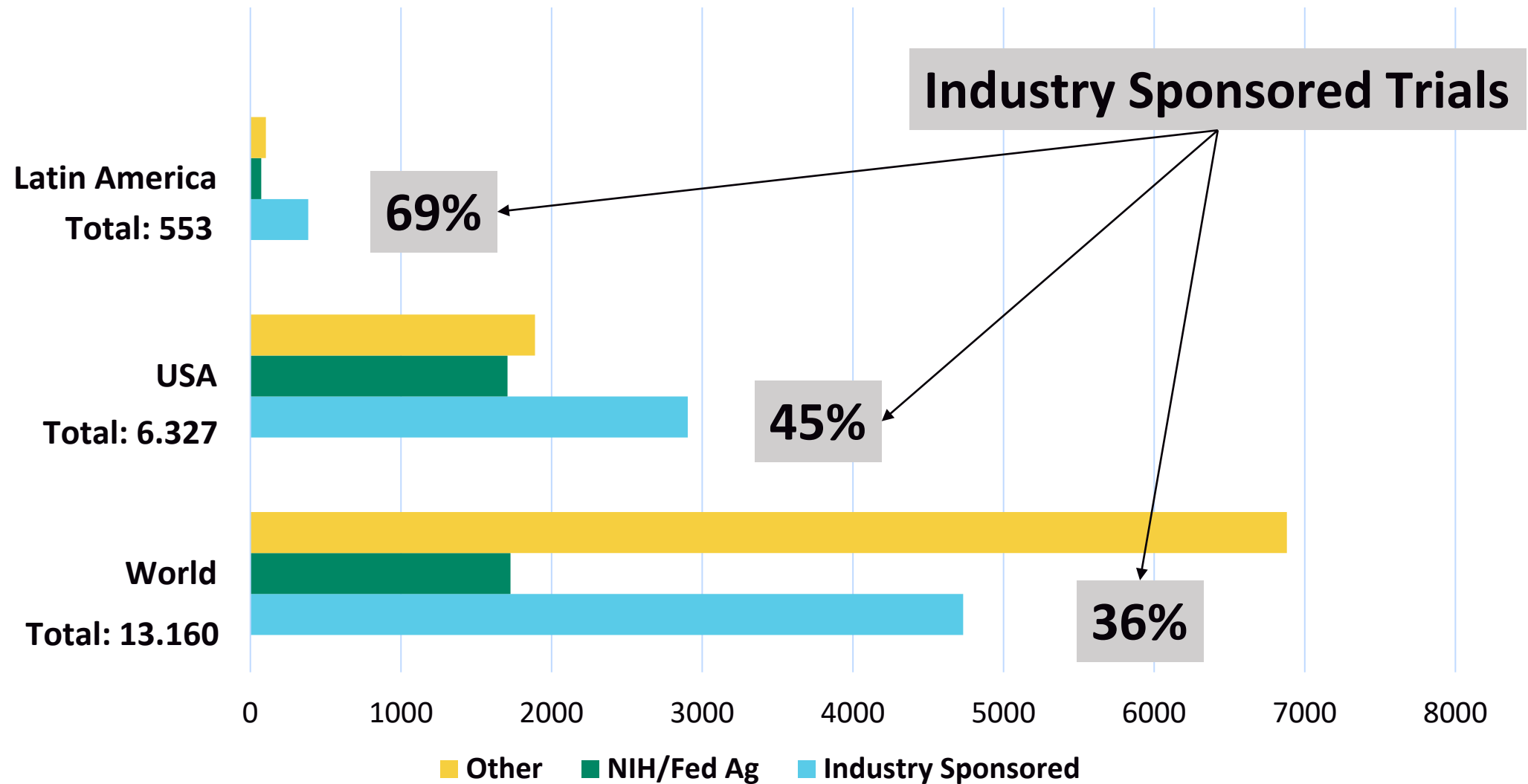


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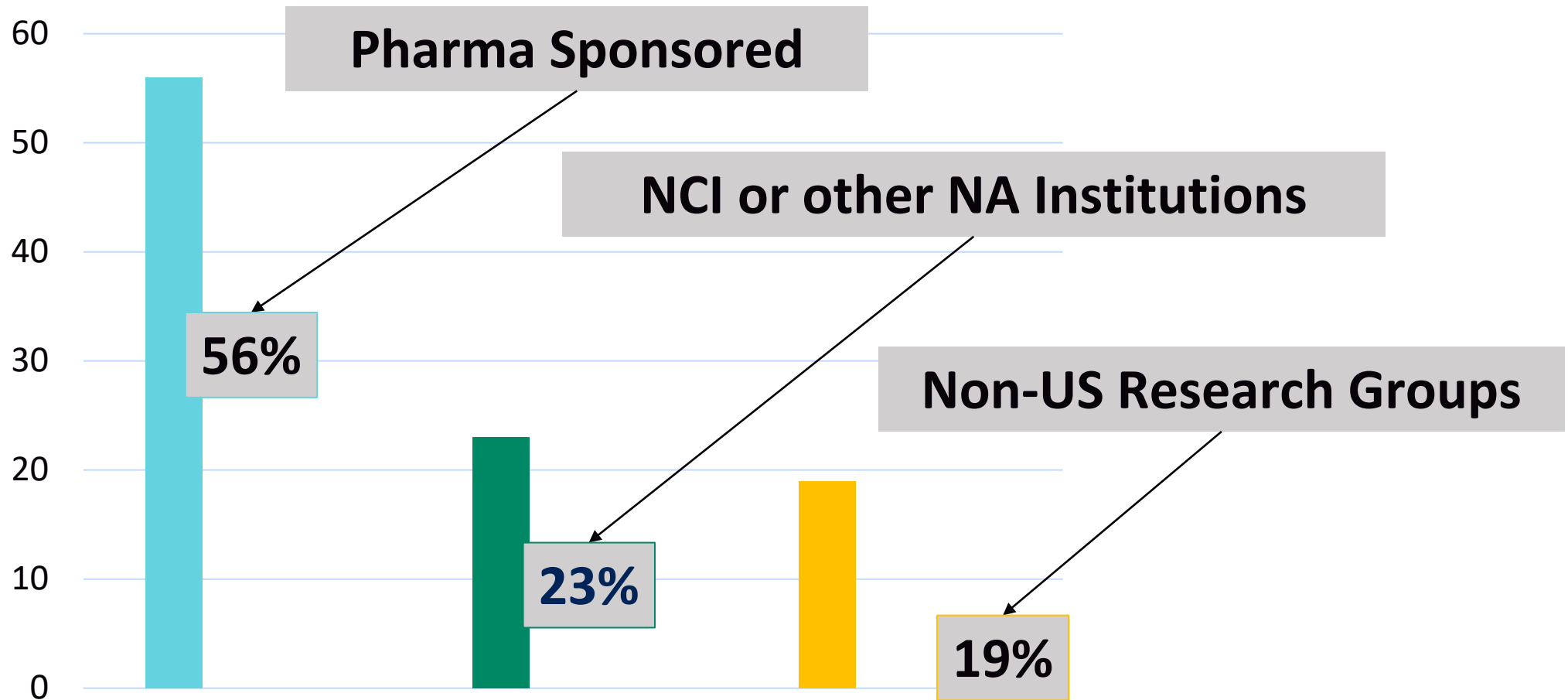


# “Sponsor” “Cancer” “Intervention” “Recruiting” Trials



# Research Presented at ASCO's Plenary Session

2000–2020





# Registry of Metastatic NSCLC in Latin America

## LATINO Lung (LACOG 0116)

- To describe the overall survival of advanced NSCLC in Latin America
- Demographic and socioeconomic characteristics
- Diagnostic methods, pathological profile, and disease stage at diagnosis
- Describe treatment practice patterns
- Patient experience of advanced NSCLC and identify unmet needs in their diagnosis and treatment
- 731 patients from Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, Argentina

Clinical Stage of Cancer at Initial Diagnosis (8th Edition)	
IA	2 (0.3%)
IA1	0 (0%)
IA2	2 (0.3%)
IA3	0 (0%)
IB	2 (0.3%)
IIA	0 (0%)
IIB	1 (0.1%)
IIIA	26 (3.7%)
IIIB	23 (3.3%)
IIIC	12 (1.7%)
IV	141 (20.2%)
IVA	188 (26.9%)
IVB	300 (43.0%)

# Registry of Metastatic NSCLC in Latin America

## LATINO Lung (LACOG 0116)

Primary Tumor Histology	
Adenocarcinoma	419 (57.3%)
Squamous cell carcinoma	116 (16.0%)
Mixed	2 (0.3%)
Large cell carcinoma	4 (0.5%)
Not other specified (NOS)	18 (2.5%)
Other	14 (1.9%)
Missing	154 (21.2%)

# Registry of Metastatic NSCLC in Latin America

## LATINO Lung (LACOG 0116)

**Was an evaluation of mutations performed?**

Yes	486 (66.8%)
No	209 (28.7%)
Unknown	32 (4.4%)

**Why was the evaluation of mutations NOT performed?**

Lack of enough tissue	12 (5.7%)
Long turnaround time for testing and results	2 (1.0%)
Poor performance status	4 (1.9%)
Do not have access to the test (eg, refund, logistics)	9 (4.3%)
Patient clinical characteristics (eg, smoking status, gender)	29 (13.9%)
Unknown	153 (73.2%)

# Registry of Metastatic NSCLC in Latin America

## LATINO Lung (LACOG 0116)

Only for Those Who Have Evaluation of Mutations Performed (N = 333)

Which sample was used for this analysis?

Primary tumor	295 (88.6%)
Metastatic site	19 (5.7%)
Liquid biopsy	13 (3.9%)
Missing	6 (1.8%)

Was *EGFR* status tested?

Yes	295 (88.6%)
No	22 (6.6%)
Unknown	16 (4.8%)

What was the result of *EGFR* test?

Mutated	116 (39.3%)
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# Registry of Metastatic NSCLC in Latin America

## LATINO Lung (LACOG 0116)

### Was *ROS1* status tested?

Yes	142 (42.6%)
No	165 (49.6%)
Unknown	26 (7.8%)

### Was *ALK* status tested?

Yes	231 (69.4%)
No	85 (25.5%)
Unknown	17 (5.1%)

### What was the result of *ROS1* test?

Mutated	0 (0.0%)
Wild type	133 (93.7%)
Unknown	9 (6.3%)

### What was the result of *ALK* test?

Mutated	28 (12.1%)
Wild type	193 (83.6%)
Unknown	10 (4.3%)

# Registry of Metastatic NSCLC in Latin America

## LATINO Lung (LACOG 0116)

### Was PDL1 status tested?

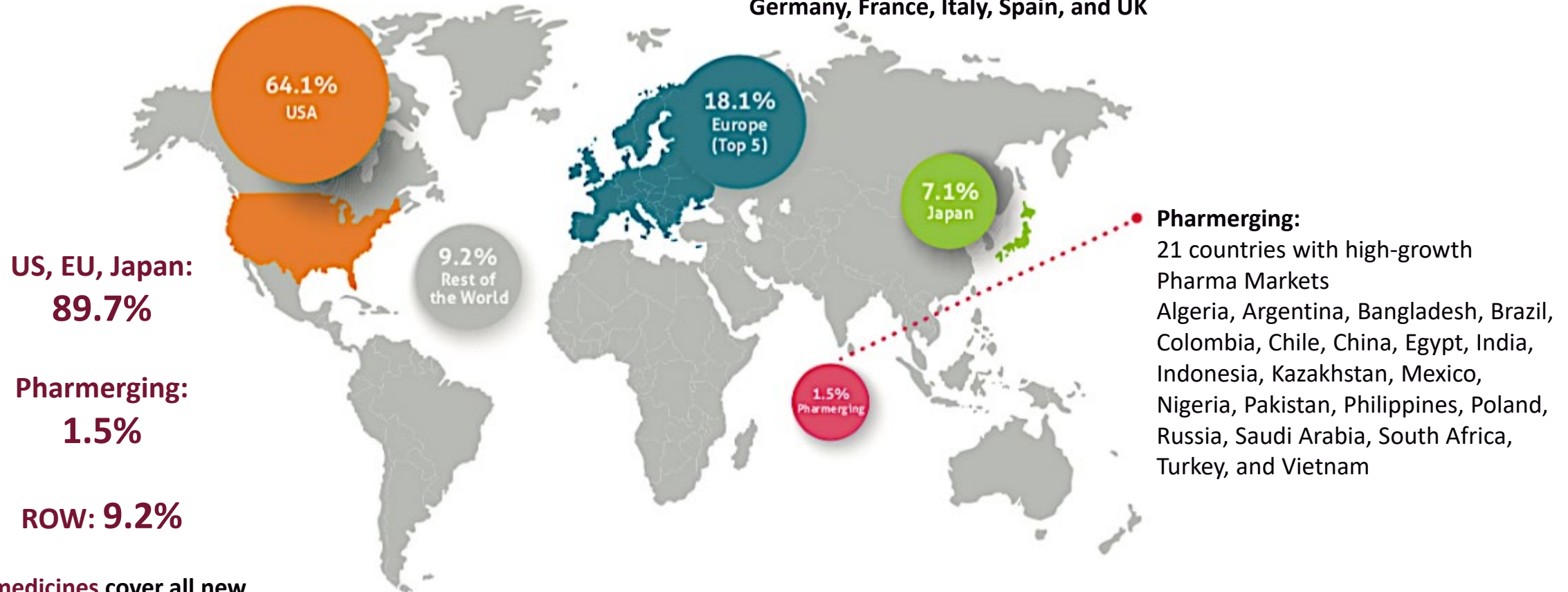
Yes	367 (75.5%)
No	97 (20.0%)
Unknown	22 (4.5%)

### PD-L1 status

<1%	152 (41.4%)
1%–49%	116 (31.6%)
≥50%	74 (20.2%)
Inconclusive	1 (0.3%)
Unknown	24 (6.5%)

# Distribution of **New Medicines** Sales in the Last 5 Years

Europe Top 5:  
Germany, France, Italy, Spain, and UK



**New medicines** cover all new active ingredients marketed for the first time during the period 2012–2017



# Real-world evaluation of molecular testing and treatment patterns for EGFR mutations in non-small cell lung cancer in Latin America

	Argentina (n=195)	Colombia (n=96)	Chile (n=64)	Uruguay (n=76)	Total (n=431)
<b>Testing rate, %</b>	<b>78.8</b>	<b>64.6</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>65.7</b>
PDL-1 testing, %	91.2	87.5	75.0	98.7	89.1
Turnaround time in days, mean	9.9	20.4	10.0	13.5	12.4
Blood (plasma/serum)	4 (2.0)	6 (6.2)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	10 (2.3)
Cytology	0 (0.0)	2 (2.1)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.5)
Formalin fixed paraffin embedded tissue	134 (68.7)	44 (45.8)	41 (64.1)	21 (27.6)	240 (55.7)
Fresh frozen tissue	4 (2.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (1.6)	0 (0.0)	5 (1.2)
Unknown/no treatment, n (%)	52 (26.8)	44 (45.8)	22 (34.4)	55 (72.4)	173 (40.1)

**Molecular testing frequency for treatment-naïve patients.**



## Interactive Question

*In your opinion, what is the percentage of first line NSCLC patients with an indication for immunotherapy receive it in Latin America.*

1. Less than 5%
2. From 10-20%
3. From 20-30%
4. Approximately 50%
5. More than 80%

# Real-world evaluation of molecular testing and treatment patterns for EGFR mutations in non-small cell lung cancer in Latin America

	Argentina (n=195)	Colombia (n=96)	Chile (n=64)	Uruguay (n=76)	Total (n=431)
<b>Chemotherapy</b>					
First line	107 (54.9)	41 (42.7)	41 (64.1)	31 (40.8)	<b>219 (51.0)</b>
Second line	14 (7.2)	6 (6.3)	6 (9.4)	3 (3.9)	24 (5.6)
<b>Immunotherapy, n (%)</b>					
First line	12 (6.2)	1 (1.0)	3 (4.7)	0 (0.00)	<b>16 (3.7)</b>
Second line	16 (8.2)	3 (3.1)	7 (10.9)	5 (6.6)	29 (6.7)
<b>Targeted therapy, ALK/ROS1 inhibitors</b>					
First line	6 (3.1)	2 (2.1)	2 (3.4)	0 (0.0)	<b>10 (2.3)</b>
Second line	1 (0.5)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.2)

# Take Home

- While still an imperfect exercise, over the last 20 years, clinical research and drug development in lung cancer have impacted patient outcomes in a significant way
- A substantial portion of current clinical research is pharma sponsored; therefore, a number of specific regional problems and important patient outcome questions remain unexplored

# Take Home

- Significant discrepancies in access to diagnostic tests, new drugs and clinical trials are identified globally and remain as significant and challenging problems in Latin America
- Collaborative strategies involving government, society, pharma, and academic investigators are mandatory to continue this scientific effort and further improve treatment results

October 2022

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# Current Treatment Options for Metastatic NSCLC in Latin America

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**Carlos H. Barrios, M.D.**

Latin American Cooperative Oncology Group (LACOG)

Grupo Oncoclínicas

Porto Alegre, Brazil

# Tumor Board Discussion

Moderator: Carlos Barrios, MD

Case presenter: Caio Abner Leite, MD, and  
Alvaro Guimaraes Paula, MD



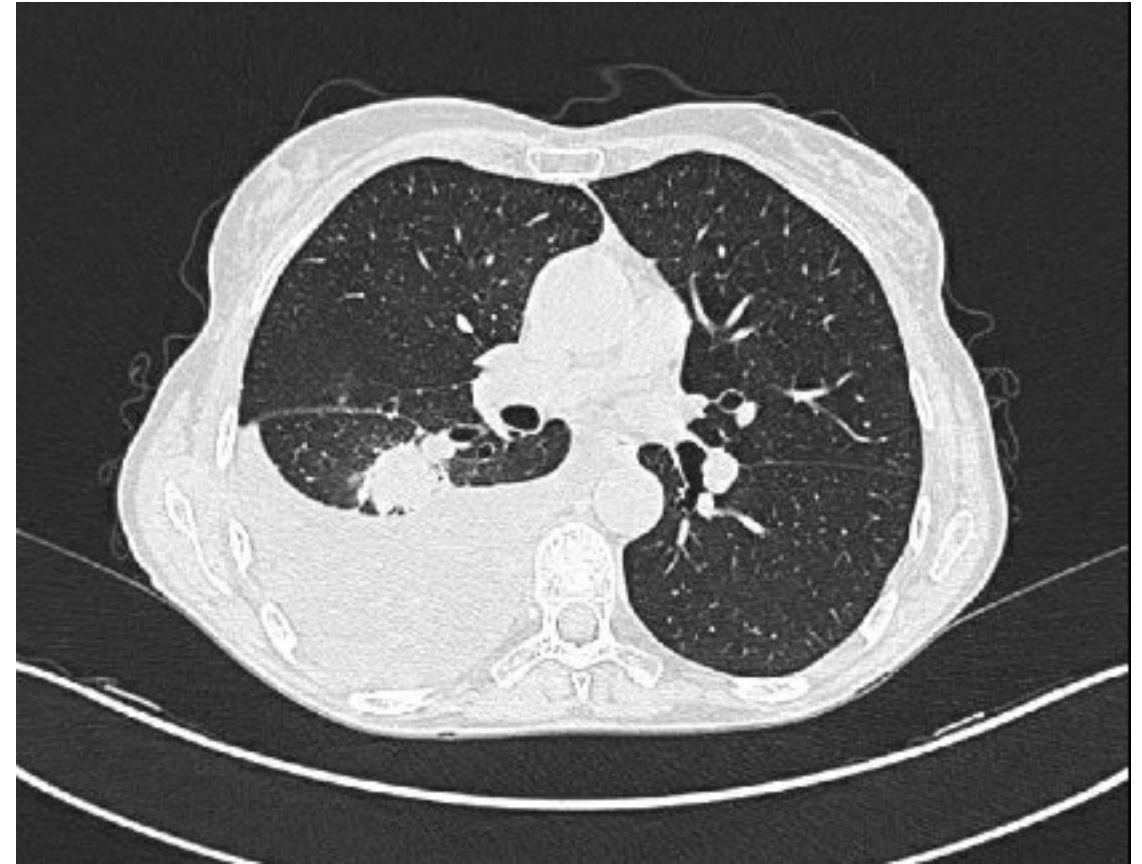
# Patient Case 1

Dr Caio Abner Leite

Medical Oncology Fellowship at Beneficência  
Portuguesa de São Paulo

# Case Background

- > 72-year-old woman
- > No smoking history, no comorbidities
- > June 2019: asthenia and dyspnea
- > 16 June 2019: computed tomography showing a >3-cm mass in right lower lobe, right pleural effusion, enlargement of thoracic lymph nodes

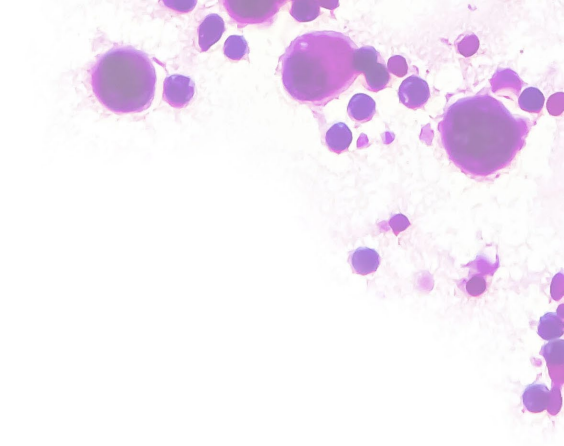


# Case Background

- > 19 June 2019: biopsy of 3-cm mass evidencing lung adenocarcinoma
- > 21 June 2019: relief pleural drainage with malignant positive cells
- > 24 June 2019: PET-CT evidencing 3-cm right lower lobe and right pleural thickening. No brain mets by MR
- > 29 July 2019: next-generation sequencing showing *EGFR* exon 19 deletion, *RB1* exon 18 inversion, and *TP53* mutant

# Challenge in LATAM

- > Access to PET scan for staging NSCLC
- > Access to NGS

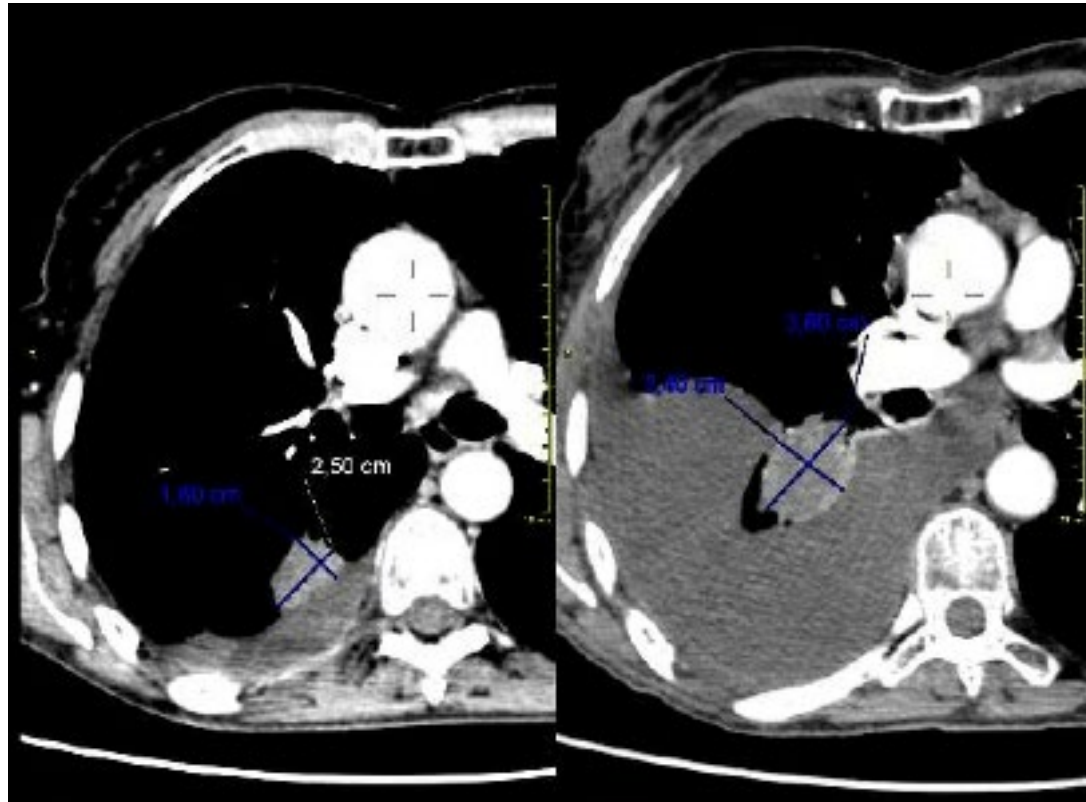


# Treatment

> 27 August 2019: start of osimertinib

Oct 2019

Jun 2019



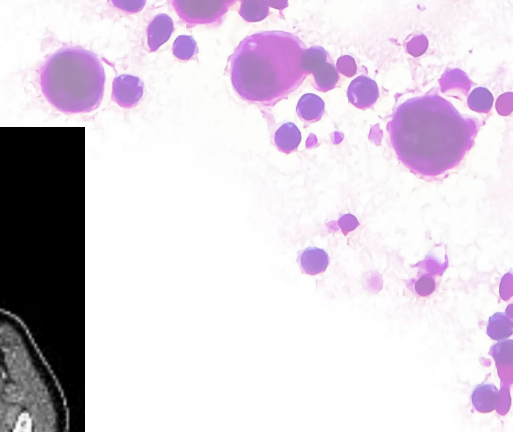
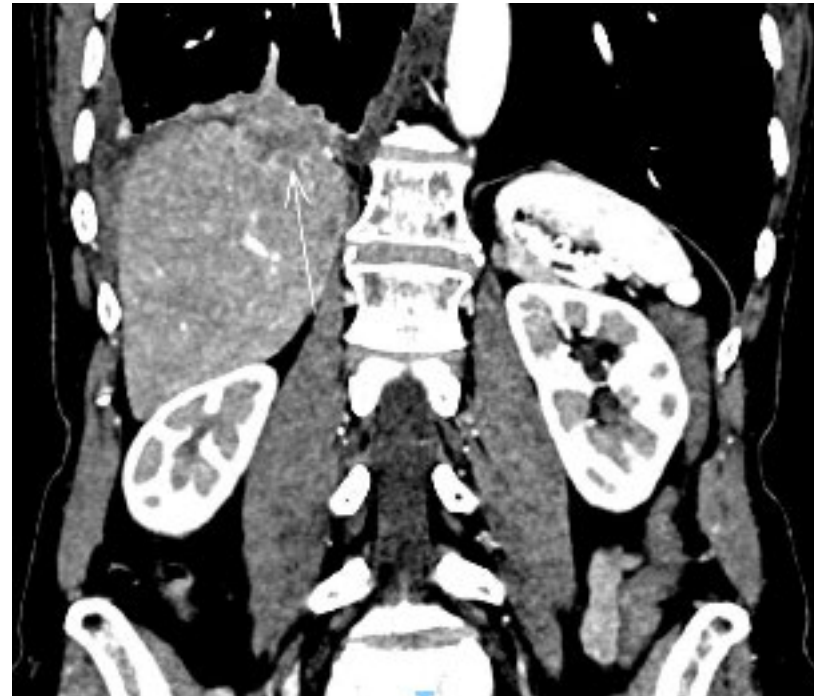
# Challenge in LATAM

- > Treatment with osimertinib
  - Public services have access only to first-generation TKI
  - Difficulties to evaluate response



# Disease Progression

- > September 2020: disease progression with right diffuse pleural nodular thickening
- > September 2020: right pleural biopsy, small cell lung cancer



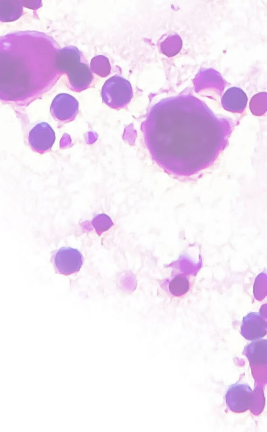
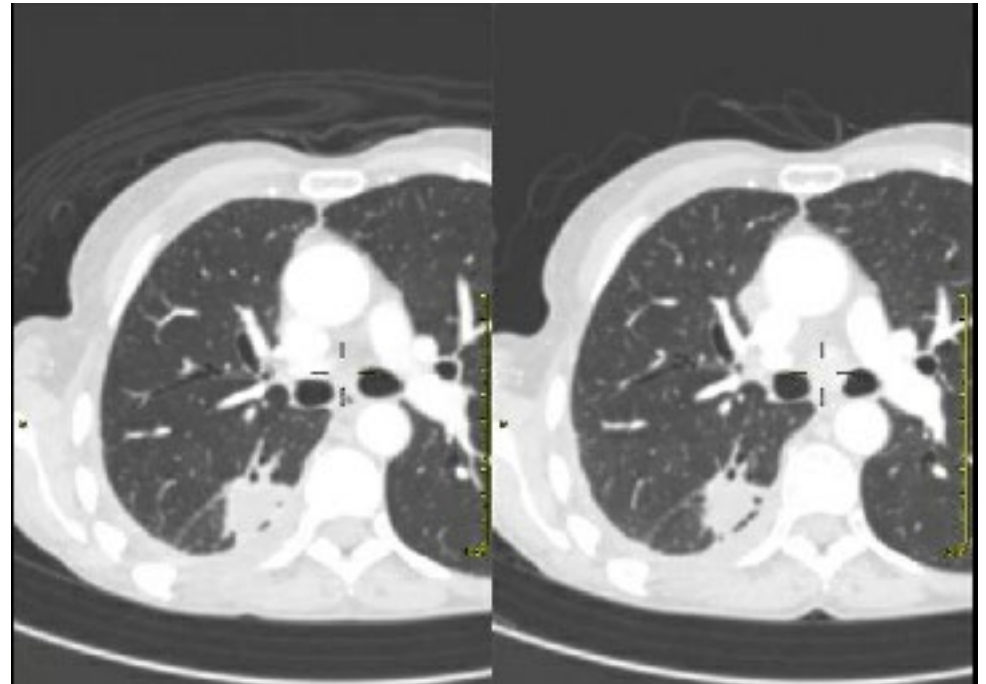
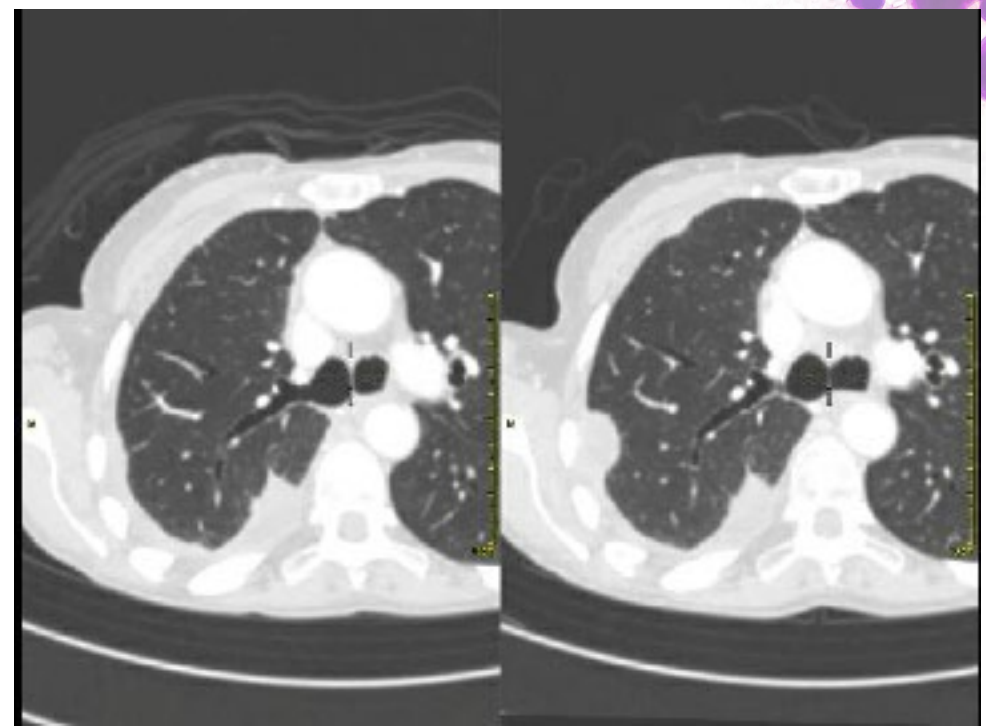


# Challenge in LATAM

- > Genetic evaluation to study resistance mechanisms
  - NGS
  - Liquid biopsy

# SCLC Treatment

- > September 2020: carboplatin and etoposide
- > November 2020: after 3 cycles, reduction of pleural nodules and stability of primary lesion. This response was maintained after 6 cycles



# Challenge in LATAM

- > After best response in SCLC, which treatment should be maintained?
  - Osimertinib?

# Patient Outcome

- > January 2021: rib antalgic, palliative radiotherapy
- > January 2021: patient died of femur fracture complications

# Patient Case 2

Dr Álvaro Guimarães Paula

Clinical Oncology Fellow - A Beneficência  
Portuguesa de São Paulo

## Warning

**Trastuzumab deruxtecan does not yet have approval for *HER2*-mutant metastatic lung cancer in Brazil**



# Woman, 56 Years Old, ECOG 0, Never Smoker

**2017:** occasional finding in a chest CT: upper lobe nodule in the left lung

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S/P nodule biopsy: lung adenocarcinoma, TTF1 positive, napsin-A positive

S/P lobectomy + mediastinal lymphadenectomy

S/P adjuvant chemo for 4 cycles (cisplatin + pemetrexed)

S/P mediastinal adjuvant radiotherapy

**March 2018:** started follow-up



# Woman, 56 Years Old, ECOG 0, Never Smoker

**2021:** multiple new nodules suspicious for malignancy

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S/P upper R lobe biopsy: adenocarcinoma

PD-L1 (22c3): 60%

NGS: *ERBB2* A775\_G776insYVMA mutation





Mirante

Woman, 56 Years Old, ECOG 0, Never Smoker



**What would be your first-line approach for this patient?**

- A. Chemotherapy + immunotherapy**
- B. Immunotherapy**
- C. T-DM1**
- D. Trastuzumab deruxtecan**

# Woman, 56 Years Old, ECOG 0, Never Smoker

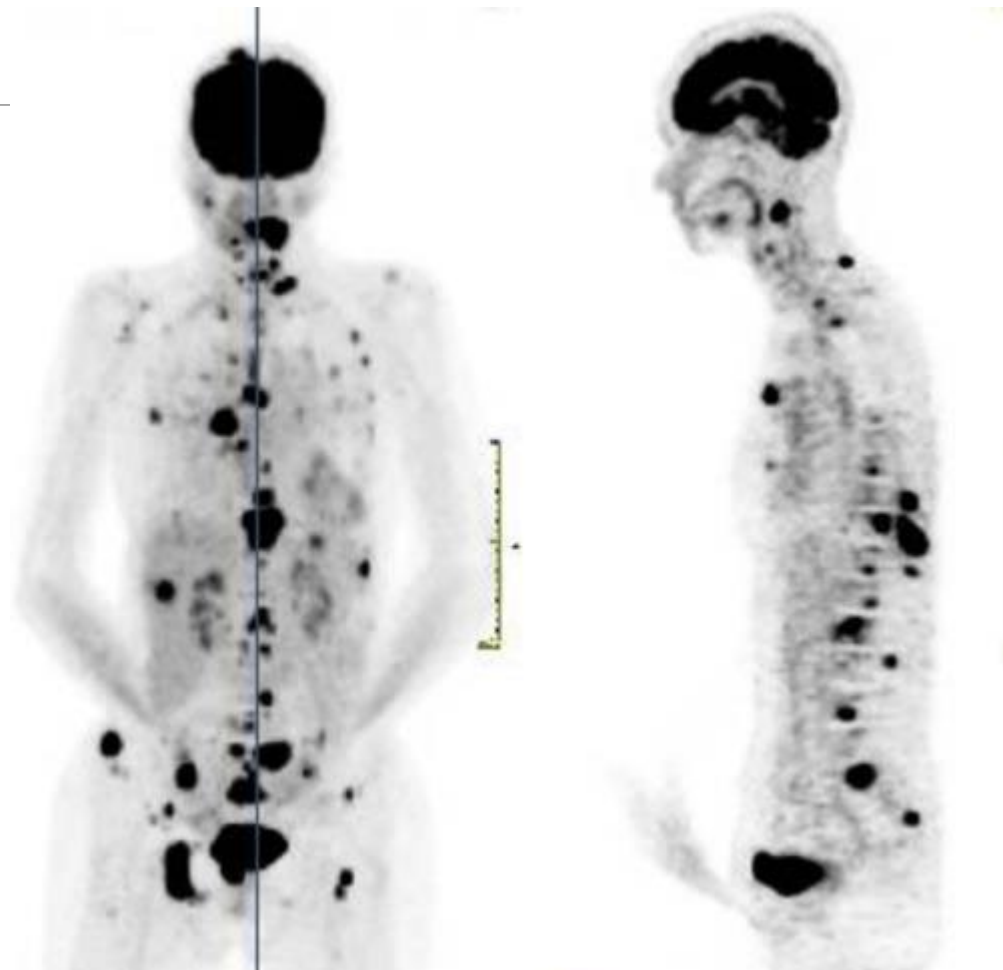
**June 2021–April 2022:** pembrolizumab 200 mg/every 3 weeks,  
with disease control for 10 months

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**May 2022:** disease progression (lungs, lymph nodes, and bones)



**May 2022**



**May 2022**



Mirante

Woman, 56 Years Old, ECOG 0, Never Smoker



**After receiving IO, when is the best time for a patient to receive trastuzumab deruxtecan treatment?**

- A. 3 weeks**
- B. 6 weeks**
- C. 12 weeks**
- D. 6 months**

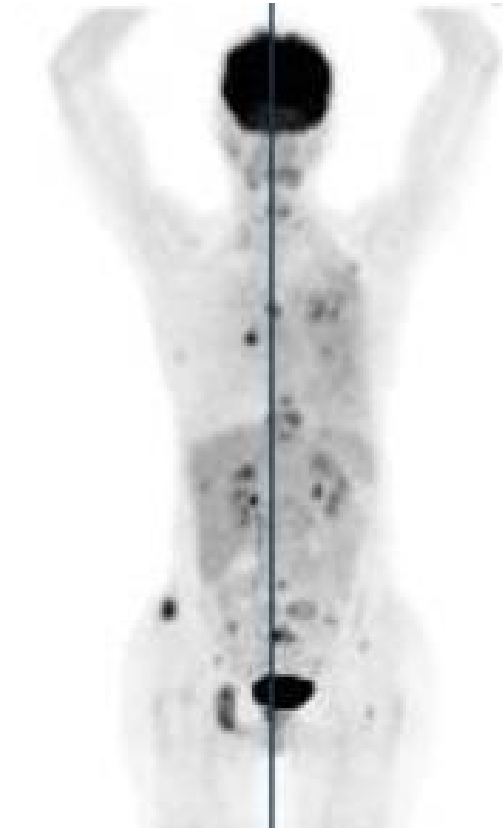
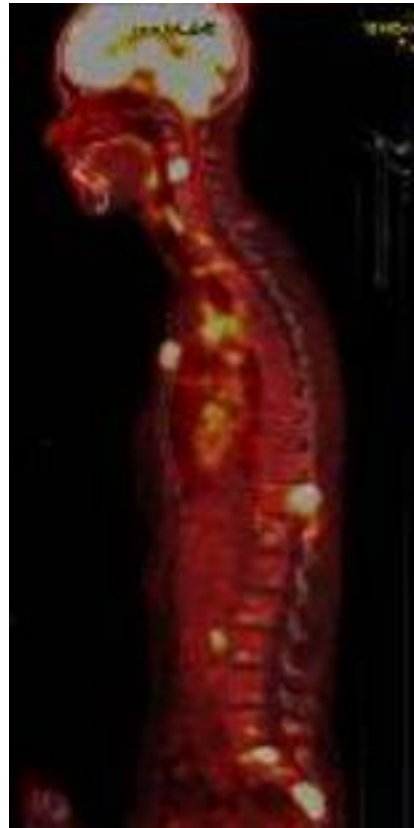
# Woman, 56 Years Old, ECOG 0, Never Smoker

**May 2022:** patient was started on trastuzumab deruxtecan, with an excellent response

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**May 2022**



**July 2022**

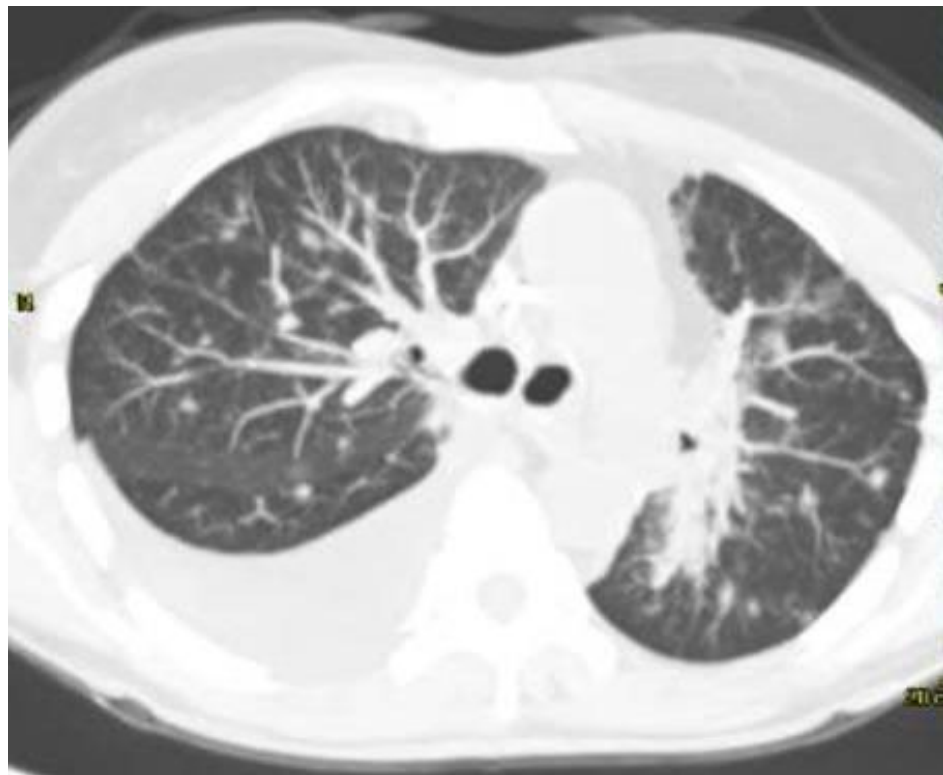


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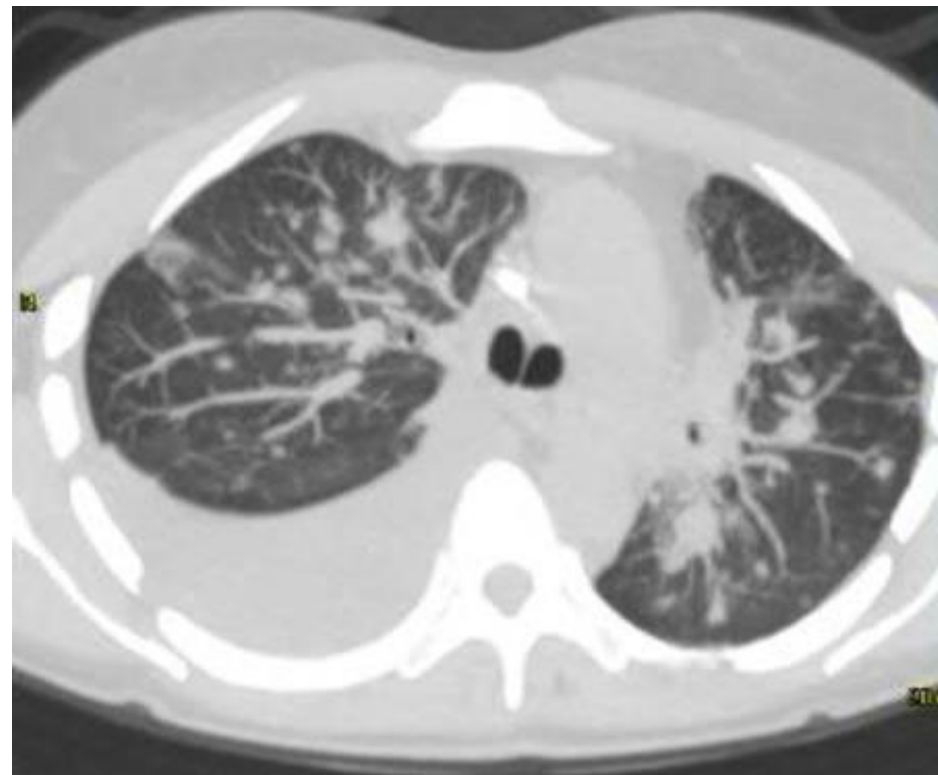
**August 2022:** patient developed cough and dyspnea. The chest CT showed pneumonitis G2

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**July 2022**



**August 2022**

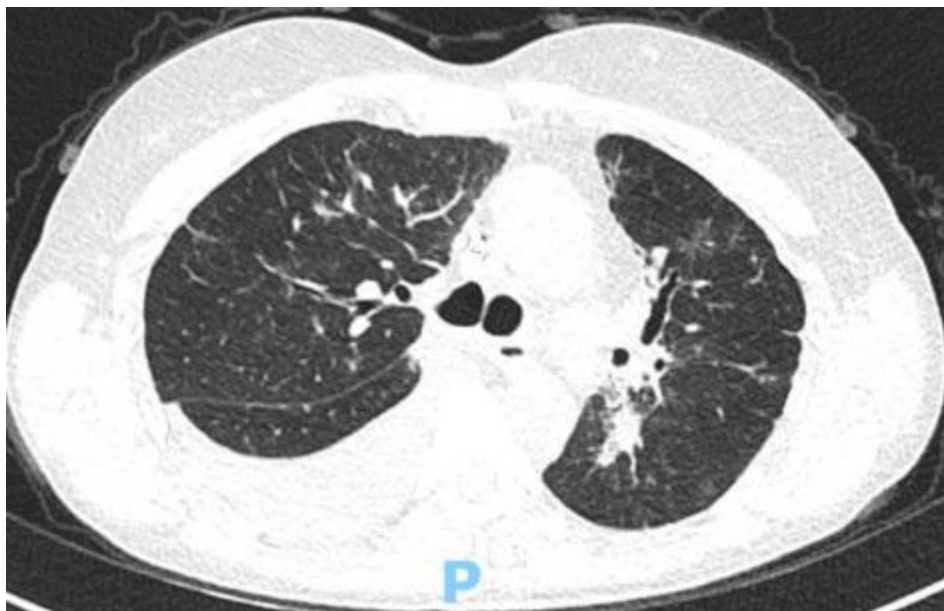


# Woman, 56 Years Old, ECOG 0, Never Smoker

**September 2022:** patient has recovered from pneumonitis after steroids treatment but presented progressive disease

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**September 2022**



**September 2022**







Mirante

Woman, 56 Years Old, ECOG 0, Never Smoker

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**Is there any role for trastuzumab deruxtecan re-exposition?**

**A. Yes**

**B. No**





# Tumor Board Discussion

Moderator: Carlos Barrios, MD

All faculty

## SAVE THE DATE

### Sharing Best Practices to Optimize Patient Care in Lung Cancer in Europe

November 7 and 14, 2022

VIRTUAL MEETING

Monday, November 7, 2022

15.00 – 19.00 CET (Central European Time)

Monday, November 14, 2022

16.00 – 19.00 CET (Central European Time)

REGISTER NOW

This 2-day interactive virtual meeting with  
global experts will focus on the management  
of patients with lung cancer in Europe.

**DAY 1** Follow presentations on the optimal  
management of early-stage NSCLC, join a  
debate on neoadjuvant vs adjuvant therapy, and  
engage with the faculty in panel discussions

**DAY 2** Learn about treatment strategies for patients  
with metastatic NSCLC and attend patient  
case-based panel discussion exemplifying  
these strategies

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# BREAK

## Coming up

## – GLCA Europe (7 and 14 November 2022)

# Monitoring and Managing Immunotherapy-Related AEs

Edgardo S. Santos, MD





# Monitoring & Managing Immunotherapy-related Adverse Events (ir-AEs)

**Edgardo S. Santos, M.D., FACP**

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**Medical Director of Research Services/GC Hematology-Oncology**

**Thoracic Oncology**

**Clinical Associate Professor**

**Charles E. Schmidt School of Medicine/Florida Atlantic University**

**Treasurer, FLASCO & President, FLASCO Foundation**

**October 24, 2022**



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# Sharing Best Practices to Optimize Patient Care in Lung Cancer

October 21 and 24, 2022

VIRTUAL MEETING

Friday, October 21, 2022

4.00 PM – 8.00 PM EDT

Monday, October 24, 2022

4.00 PM – 7.00 PM EDT



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## Outline

- Diagnosing an ir-AEs
- Timing of ir-AEs
- Monitoring for ir-AEs
- Therapy of ir-AEs
- ir-AE risk in Special Populations
- ICI rechallenge after ir-AE
- Prognostic implications of ir-AE



# Global Lung Cancer Academy

Sharing Best Practices to Optimize Patient Care

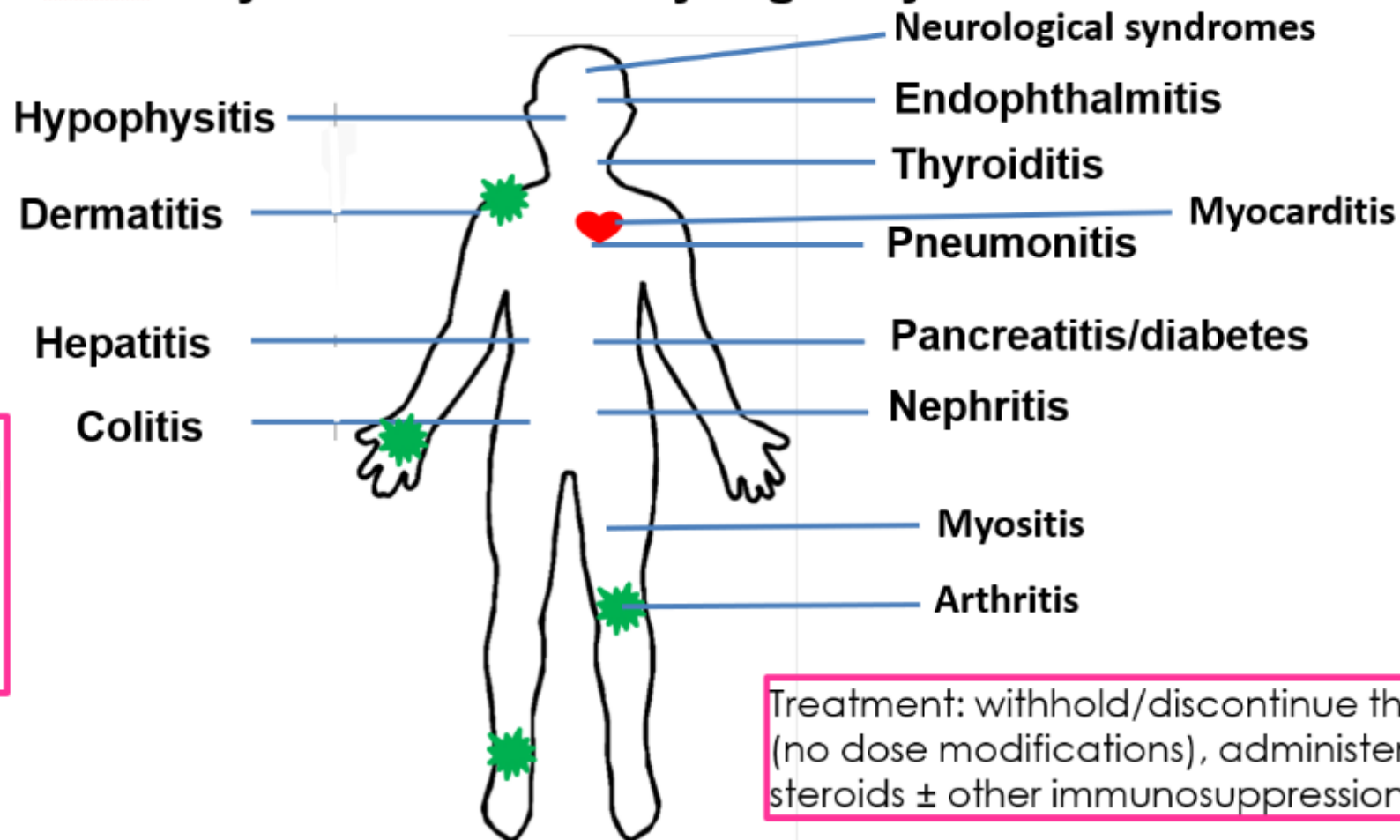
21 & 24 October – LATAM and Canada

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## Diagnosing an ir-AES

# Checkpoint Inhibitors (CPI) may induce Unpredictable, Potentially Severe, and possibly Permanent ir-AEs ....

irAE may affect almost any organ system



Pre-existing active auto-immune diseases requiring immune suppression generally considered contraindication to CPI (or at least ineligible for trials)

Treatment: withhold/discontinue therapy (no dose modifications), administer steroids  $\pm$  other immunosuppression

Courtesy Edgardo S. Santos, MD., FACP

# Clinical case.

## Question:

72-year-old man with metastatic NSCLC and COPD coming in to restart maintenance atezolizumab and bevacizumab (Impower 150) after completing course of steroids for pneumonitis. He complains of overwhelming fatigue and general malaise. His vitals are: BP-74/56, P-98, RR-18, T-99.2F.

Based on his symptoms, what is your first course of action?

- A. Resume prednisone 40 mg
- B. Give Rx for medrol dose pack
- C. Start IV Solumedrol in clinic



# Autoimmune Disease Occurs in a Substantial Minority of Patients With Cancer, and May Be Challenging to Diagnose

Table 1. Characteristics of Lung Cancer Patients With Autoimmune Disease

Patient Characteristics	All Patients, No.	With Autoimmune Disease, No. (%)	P Value <sup>a</sup>
Total	210 509	28 453 (13.5)	
Age			
<75	94 804	11 664 (12.3)	<.001
≥75 to <85	92 045	13 529 (14.7)	<.001
≥85	23 660	3260 (13.8)	<.001
Sex			
Female	97 494	16 374 (16.8)	<.001
Male	113 015	12 079 (10.7)	<.001
Stage (AJCC)			
I	36 152	6331 (17.5)	<.001
II	6758	1028 (15.2)	<.001
III	51 542	6692 (13)	<.001
IV	77 833	9302 (12)	<.001
Other	38 224	5100 (13.3)	<.001

Table 2. Prevalence of the 10 Most Common Individual Autoimmune Diseases Among 210 509 Patients With Lung Cancer

Autoimmune Disease	Prevalence, %
Rheumatoid arthritis	5.9
Psoriasis	2.8
Polymyalgia rheumatic	1.8
Addison disease	1.0
Systemic lupus erythematosus	0.9
Ulcerative colitis	0.8
Giant cell arteritis	0.8
Sicca syndrome	0.6
Regional enteritis	0.5
Ménière disease, unspecified	0.5
Total (any autoimmune disease)	13.5

## Estimated prevalence:

- ❑ **14%** (claims “rule-out” method: ≥2 outpt claims ≥30 days apart or ≥1 inpt claim)
- ❑ **25%** (more liberal method: ≥1 claim of any type)

Khan SA et al. *JAMA Oncol.* 2016;2(11):1507-1508.

# If Autoimmune Disease is Difficult to Diagnose, What About ir-AEs?

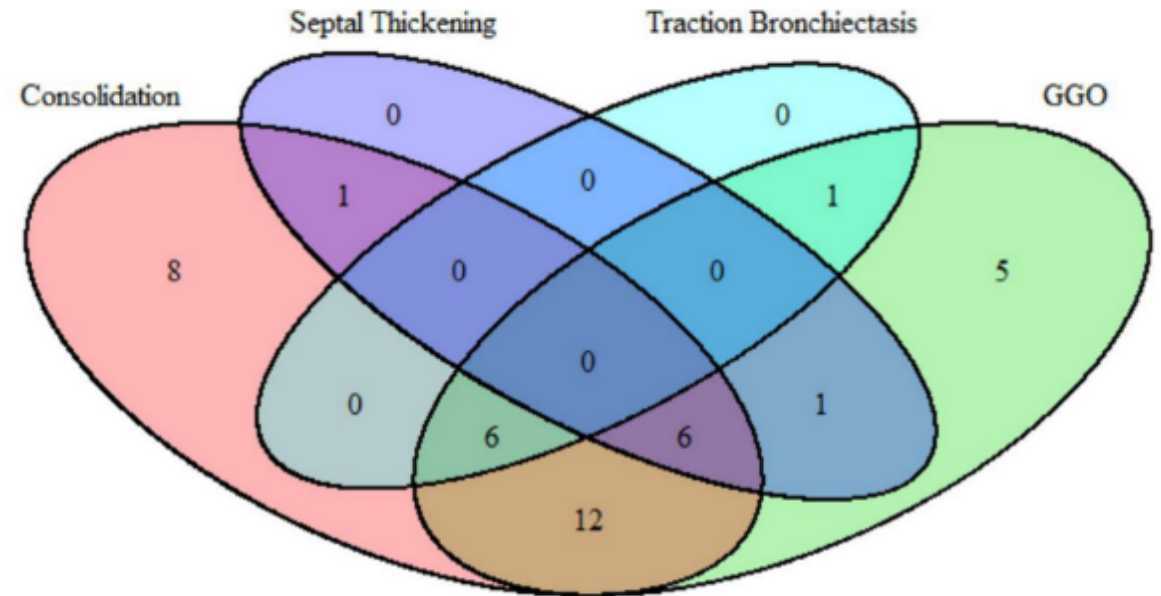
CheckMate 057: 4% pneumonitis

Select adverse event category	Nivolumab n = 287	
	Any Grade n (%)	Grade 3-4 n (%)
<b>Pulmonary</b>		
Pneumonitis	8 (3)	3 (1)
Interstitial lung disease	2 (1)	1 (<1)

Johns Hopkins: 19% pneumonitis

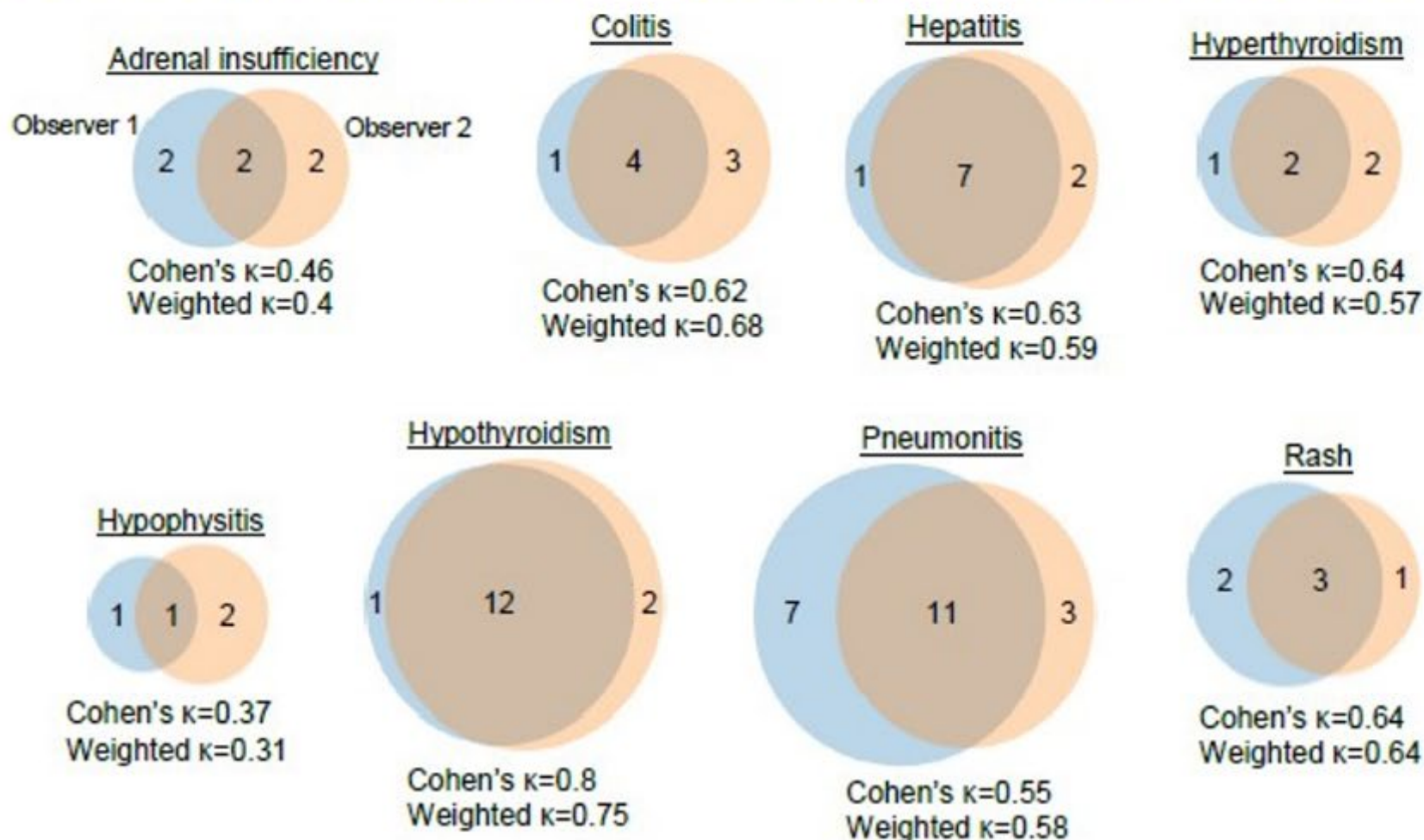
Table 1. Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic	CIP (n = 39)	No CIP (n = 166)	All Patients (N = 205)
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Borghaei H et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2015; 373(17):1627-39; Suresh K et al. *J Thorac Oncol*. 2018;13(12):1930-9.

# Inter-Observer Agreement is Poor ( $\kappa < 0.7$ ) for All ir-AE Except Hypothyroidism



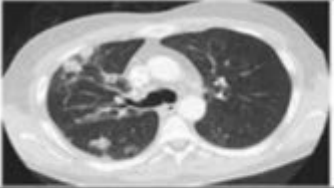


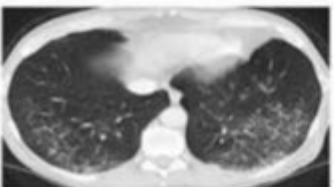

Agreement on immune-related AE grading similarly limited (weighted  $\kappa$  0.31-0.75)

Hsiehchen D et al. JAMA Netw Open. 2019;2(9):e1911519.

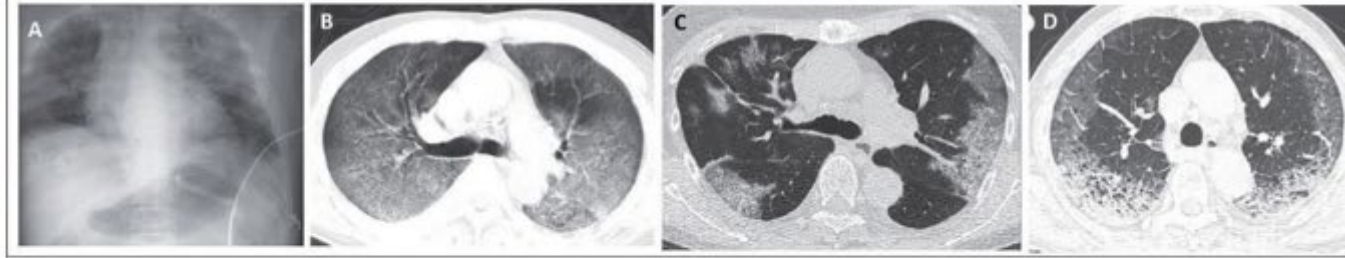


# Pulmonary Toxicity May Be Particularly Challenging to Diagnose, Even More So During a Viral Pandemic→

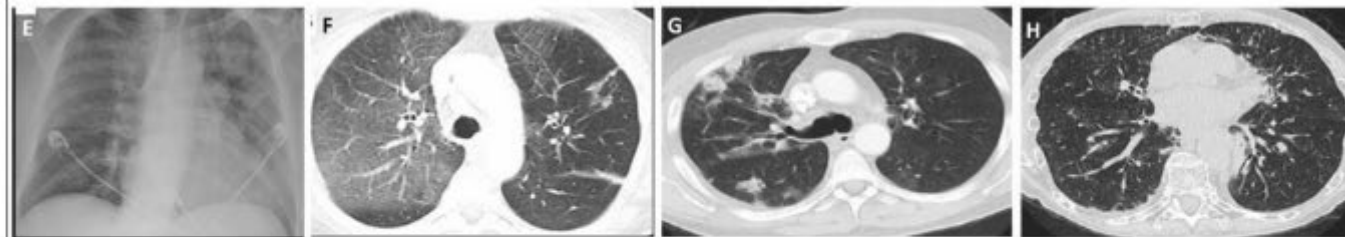
## Multiple Radiographic Subtypes

Radiologic Subtypes	Representative Image	Description
<b>Cryptogenic organizing pneumonia-like</b> (n = 5, 19%)		Discrete patchy or confluent consolidation with or without air bronchograms Predominantly peripheral or subpleural distribution
<b>Ground glass opacities</b> (n = 10, 37%)		Discrete focal areas of increased attenuation Preserved bronchovascular markings
<b>Interstitial</b> (n = 6, 22%)		Increased interstitial markings, interlobular septal thickening Peribronchovascular infiltration, subpleural reticulation Honeycomb pattern in severe patient cases
<b>Hypersensitivity</b> (n = 2, 7%)		Centrilobular nodules Bronchiolitis-like appearance Tree-in-bud micronodularity
<b>Pneumonitis not otherwise specified</b> (n = 4, 15%)		Mixture of nodular and other subtypes Not clearly fitting into other subtype classifications

## COVID-19



## Immune-Related Pneumonitis

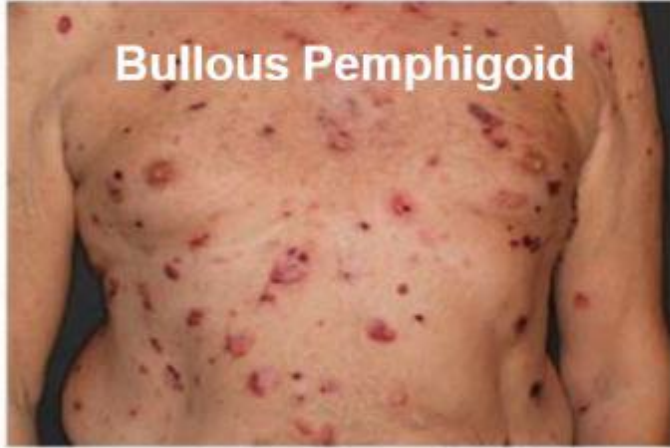


Chen Z et al. *Eur J Radiol.* 2020;126:108972.

Naidoo J et al. *J Immunother Cancer.* 2020;8(1):e000984.

# Dermatologic Toxicity is Also Highly Heterogeneous

**Bullous Pemphigoid**



**Lichenoid Dermatitis**



**Vitiligo**



**Pruritus**



**Psoriaform Dermatitis**

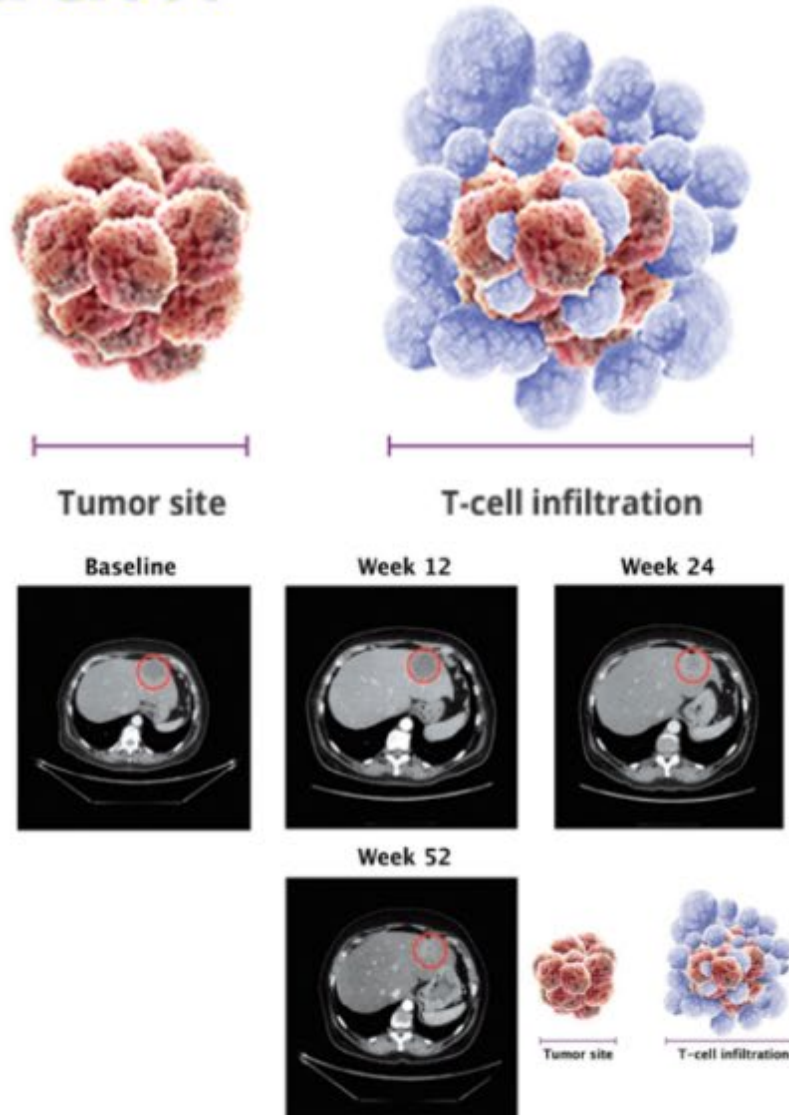


**Maculopapular Rash**





# Not all Inflammatory Rxs from CPI are bad...



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## Timing of ir-AES

# irAE Timing: Usually Later and Less Predictable Than Toxicities of Chemotherapy or Targeted Therapies →

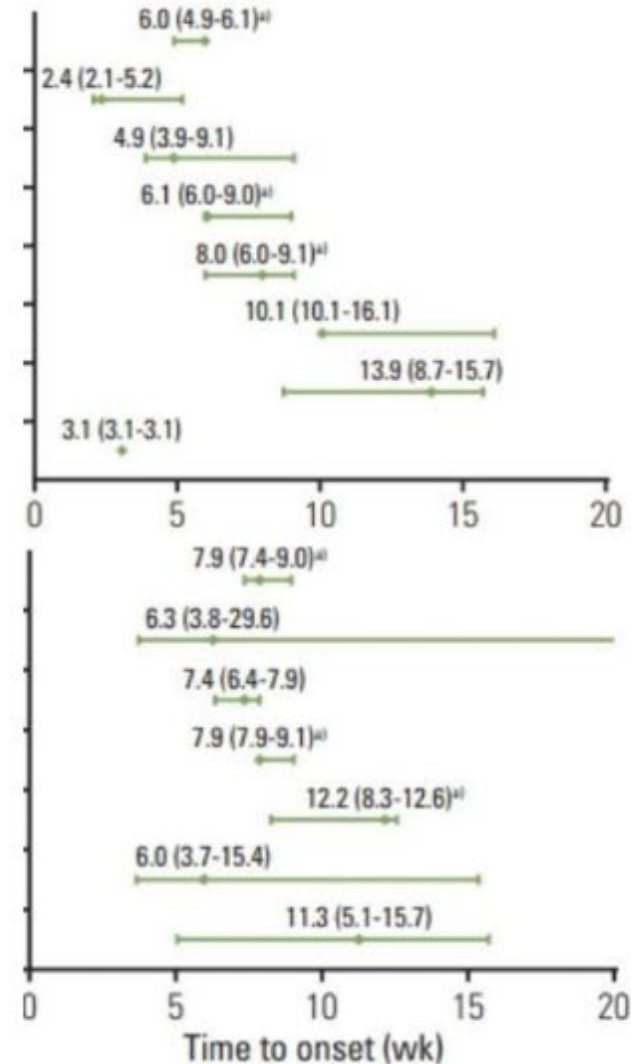
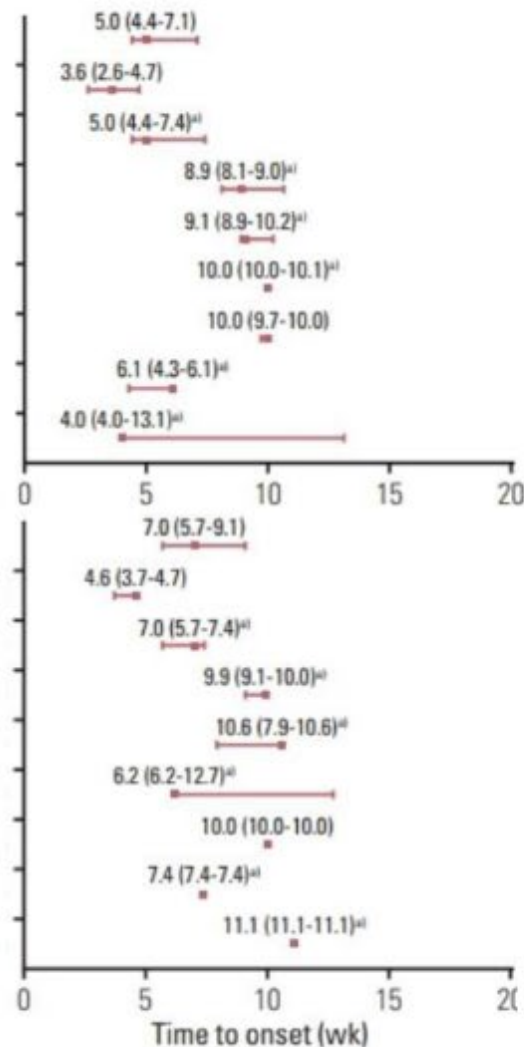
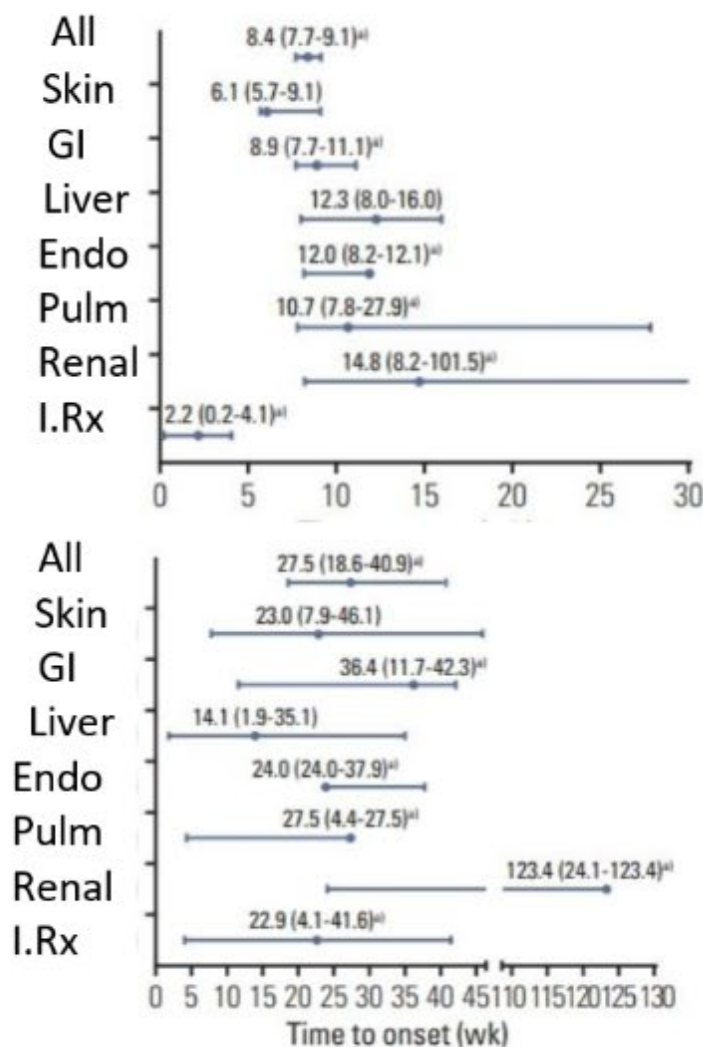
All Grades

Grade ≥3

Anti-PD1

Anti-CTLA4

Anti-PD1 + Anti-CTLA4





# Serial specimen collection may provide insight into the unusual and unpredictable timing of some irAEs →

## Raynaud's-like phenomenon 22 months after starting IO



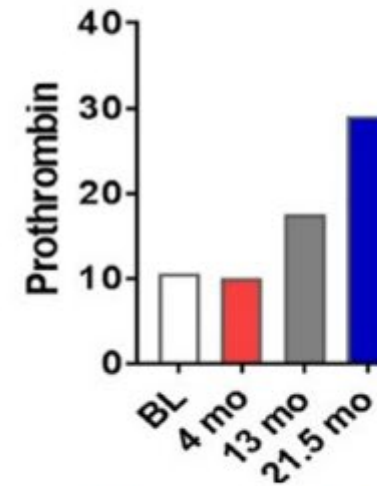
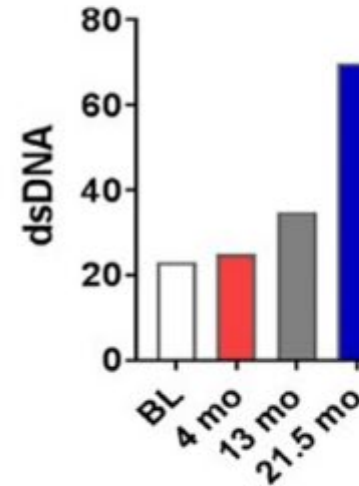
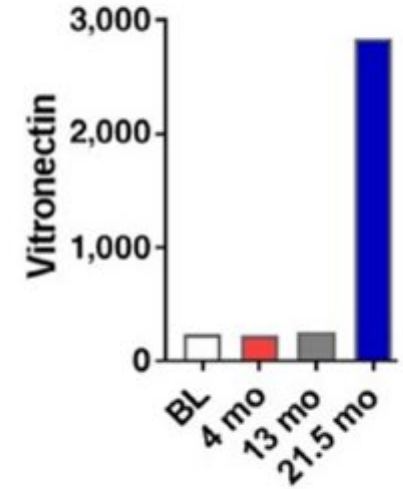
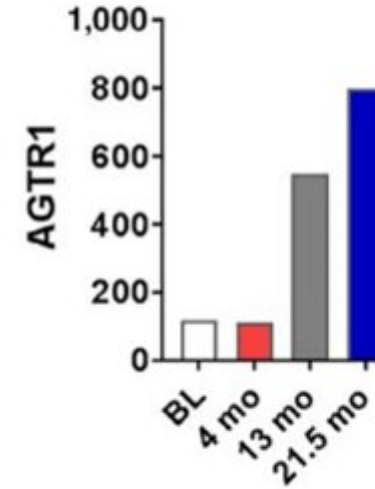
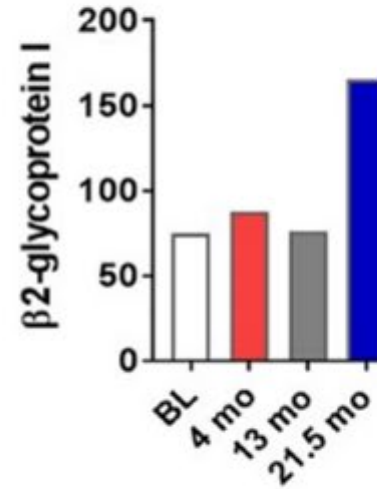
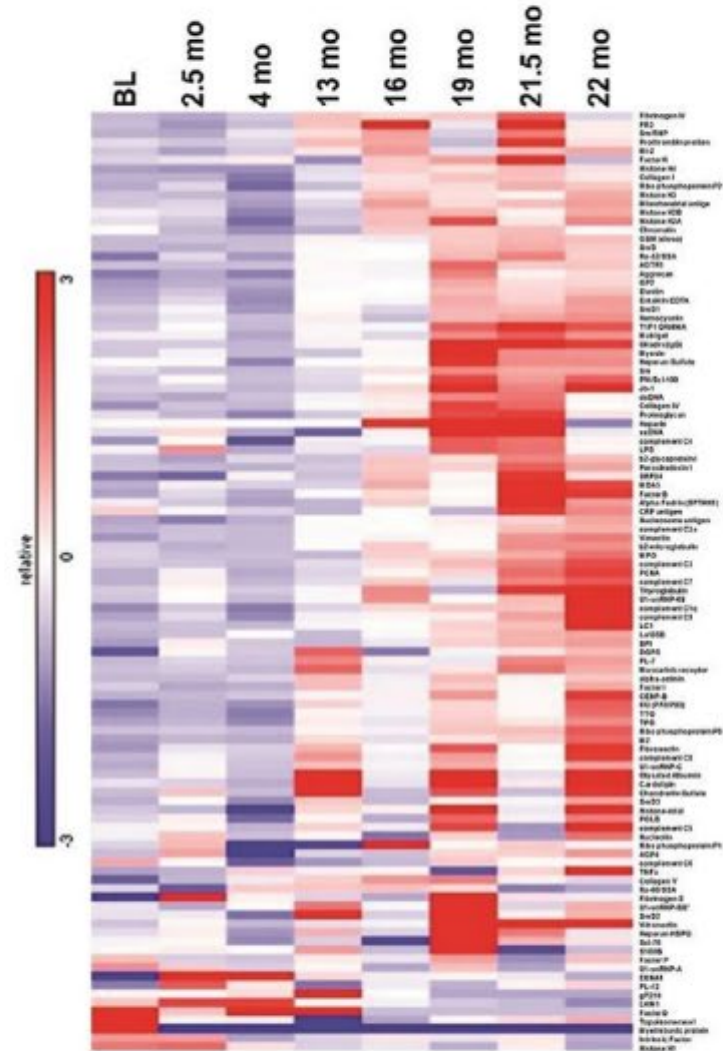
Painful, cold hands due to vasoconstriction



Intense erythema during recovery

*Khan S et al. Oncologist. 2020;25(5):e753-e757.*

# Raynaud's-associated Antibody levels did not increase until more than 1-yr after treatment started !!



Khan S et al. Oncologist. 2020;25(5):e753-e757.



# For me, the most scaring and quick toxicity... unpredictable and either fatal or permanent → Neurological syndromes...

## Case Reports of Pembrolizumab-induced Acute Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy

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### Case report 1

A 73-year-old Caucasian male with a biopsy-proven diagnosis of stage IV poorly differentiated adenocarcinoma of the lung, epidermal growth factor receptor mutation negative, anaplastic lymphoma kinase translocation negative, and PD-L1 tumor proportion score of 20% was started on carboplatin, pemetrexed, and pembrolizumab. The patient was receiving the chemotherapy regimen every three weeks and prior to initiating cycle two, he developed generalized weakness. On presentation, he expressed subjective progressive weakness of the lower extremities (LEs) greater than the upper extremities (UEs). The physical exam was significant for 3/5 motor strength and absent deep tendon reflexes in the bilateral upper extremities (UEs) and LEs. Given the clinical presentation, an irAE secondary to an IO agent was suspected, with a differential diagnosis that included Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) versus myasthenia gravis-like syndrome. Lumbar puncture revealed albuminocytological dissociation in the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) of 68 g/L, which further supported AIDP. The paraneoplastic panel was negative. Infectious workup, including CSF cultures, cytogenetic

### Case report 2

An 81-year-old Caucasian male with a diagnosis of melanoma on the right anterior chest wall and a wide local excision was found to have a recurrence in the right lung four months after initial diagnosis. Pembrolizumab was initiated, however, treatment was switched to dabrafenib and trametinib once molecular studies confirmed positivity for the BRAF V600R mutation. Nine months after diagnosis, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the brain with and without contrast revealed multiple metastatic lesions in the brain (Figures 1-3), prompting the administration of the second cycle of pembrolizumab in addition to dabrafenib and trametinib. One month following the second cycle of pembrolizumab, the patient was admitted to the hospital with progressive weakness described as originating in the bilateral LEs and then spreading to his bilateral UEs. His neurological exam revealed a strength of 2/5 in the bilateral UEs and 0/5 in the bilateral LEs with areflexia and no bulbar muscle weakness. A lumbar puncture showed an albuminocytological dissociation with elevated CSF protein (56 g/L), which supported our diagnosis of AIDP. Electromyography was consistent with motor and sensory neuropathy. Infectious workup revealed negative CSF

Any new or worsening neurological symptom in a patient receiving an IO agent (regardless of the diagnosis) should prompt an immediate evaluation by neurology. Clinicians must be keen to recognize AIDP as a complication of IO therapy, as a misdiagnosis or delay in therapy could be fatal. Early intervention can potentially prevent complications such as respiratory failure and death. More research is needed to understand the development of these rare irAEs and attempt to ascertain risk factors, which may predispose cancer patients to these neurological syndromes.

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## Monitoring for ir-AES

# Ir-AEs are Unpredictable and Diverse..., How can we monitor for them?

## Baseline

- CBC + differential
- CMP
- TSH (+/- FT4)
- Consider UA
- Consider baseline EKG and/or Troponin if higher risk for myocarditis (eg, cardiac comorbidities, DM, planned anti-CTLA4 + anti-PD1)
- Consider CPK

## Intermittent

- CBC + differential
- CMP
- TSH (+/- FT4)

*SITC Guidelines. Brahmer et al. J Immunother Cancer. 2021;9(6):e002435.*

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## Therapy for ir-AES

# Steroid Dosing for irAE Management

- ❑ Consider evaluating for other causes of toxicities
- ❑ In general (exceptions often for endocrine irAE, which may be treated with physiologic replacement only):
  - Grade 2 irAEs: 0.5-1 mg/kg/day oral prednisone or IV methylprednisolone or equivalent.
  - Grade 3-4 irAEs: Hold IO; 1-2 mg/kg/oral prednisone or day IV methylprednisolone equivalent.
- ❑ Patients should have significant clinical improvement within the initial 2-3 days. If no improvement is observed either increase dose of steroids up to 2 mg/kg/day or add a second line immunosuppressive agent.
- ❑ Whenever second line immunosuppression is planned again re-evaluate for other causes of toxicities (GI, liver or other organs).
- ❑ For myocarditis and CNS toxicities, strongly consider higher dosage of methylprednisolone of 1 gm/day for 3-5 days; inter-consult; aggressive immunosuppressive management.

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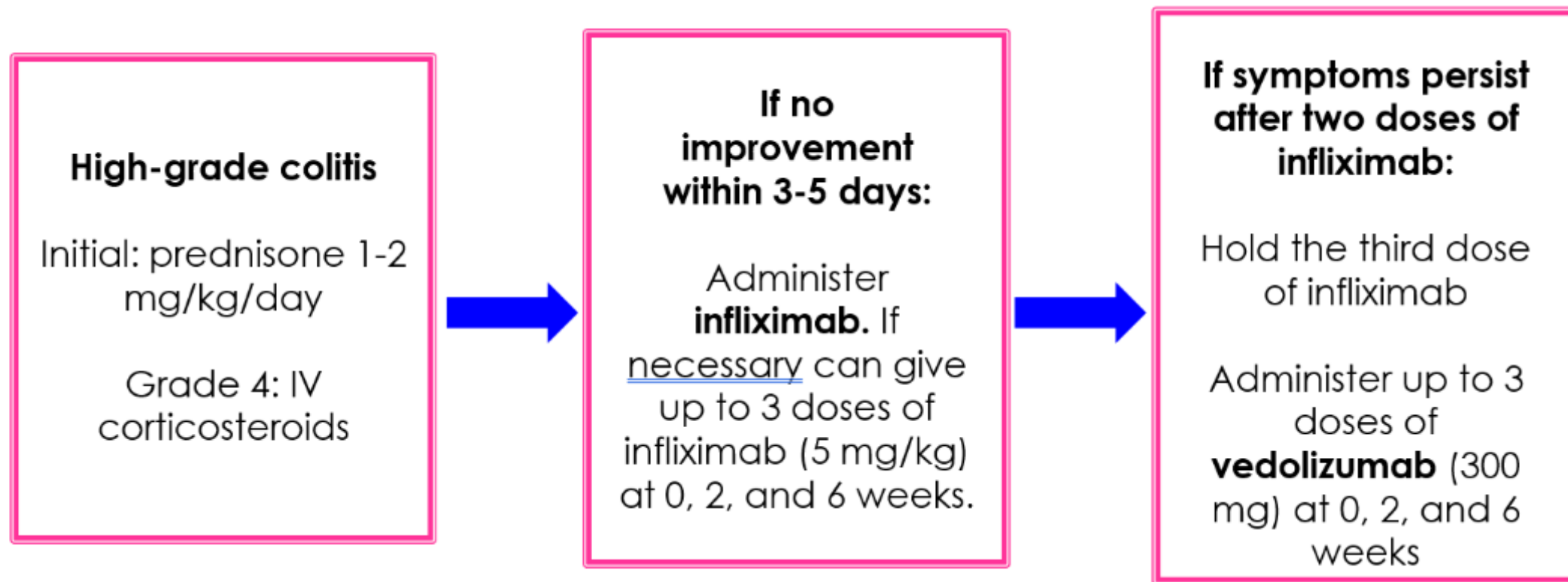
# Supportive Care and Early Taper Essential When Prescribing High-Dose, Prolonged Steroid Regimens →

- ❑ When beginning corticosteroid therapy, patients should be specifically counseled about potential toxicities, including hyperglycemia, mood disturbances, insomnia, gastritis, weight gain, and opportunistic infections.
- ❑ Infection prophylaxis may vary by institutional practice, but must be considered early on in steroid therapy.
- ❑ Steroids should be tapered as soon as possible after ir-AE symptoms have resolved.
- ❑ Consider a 4-6-week taper-off for most toxicities.
- ❑ Toxicities may recur upon taper. In these cases, consider adding a second immunosuppressive agent.

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# Management of Steroid-Refractory Colitis Centers on Anti-TNF Therapy



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# Steroid-Refractory Hepatitis: Avoid the Potential Hepatotoxicity of Anti-TNF Agents

## High-grade hepatitis

Grade 2 hepatitis  
Initial: IV or po  
prednisone 0.5-1.0  
mg/kg/day

Grade 3-4 hepatitis  
Initial prednisone  
1.0-2.0 mg/kg/day

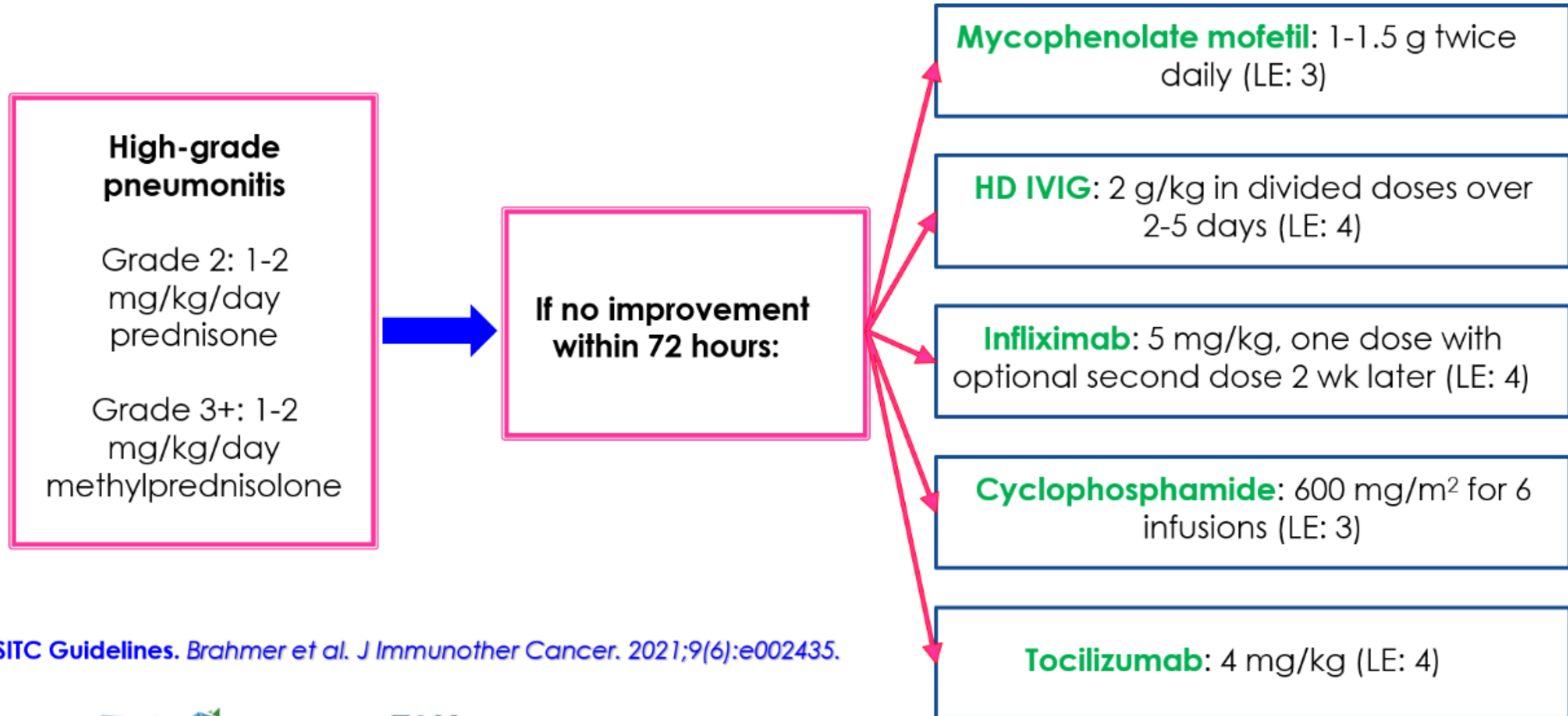


If no improvement  
within 3-5 days:

Administer  
**Mycophenolate  
mofetil**  
Initial at 500mg BID  
then 1000mg BID

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# Steroid-Refractory Pneumonitis: Multiple Potential Therapies:



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## ir-AE risk in Special Populations



# ICI use in stem cell and organ transplant populations complicated by GVHD and organ rejection

## ❑ Patients who relapse after allogeneic SCT:

- Ipilimumab: 32% response (10 mg/kg); 14% GVHD; 21% irAE
- Anti-PD-1: 77% response; 26% died due to new-onset GVHD

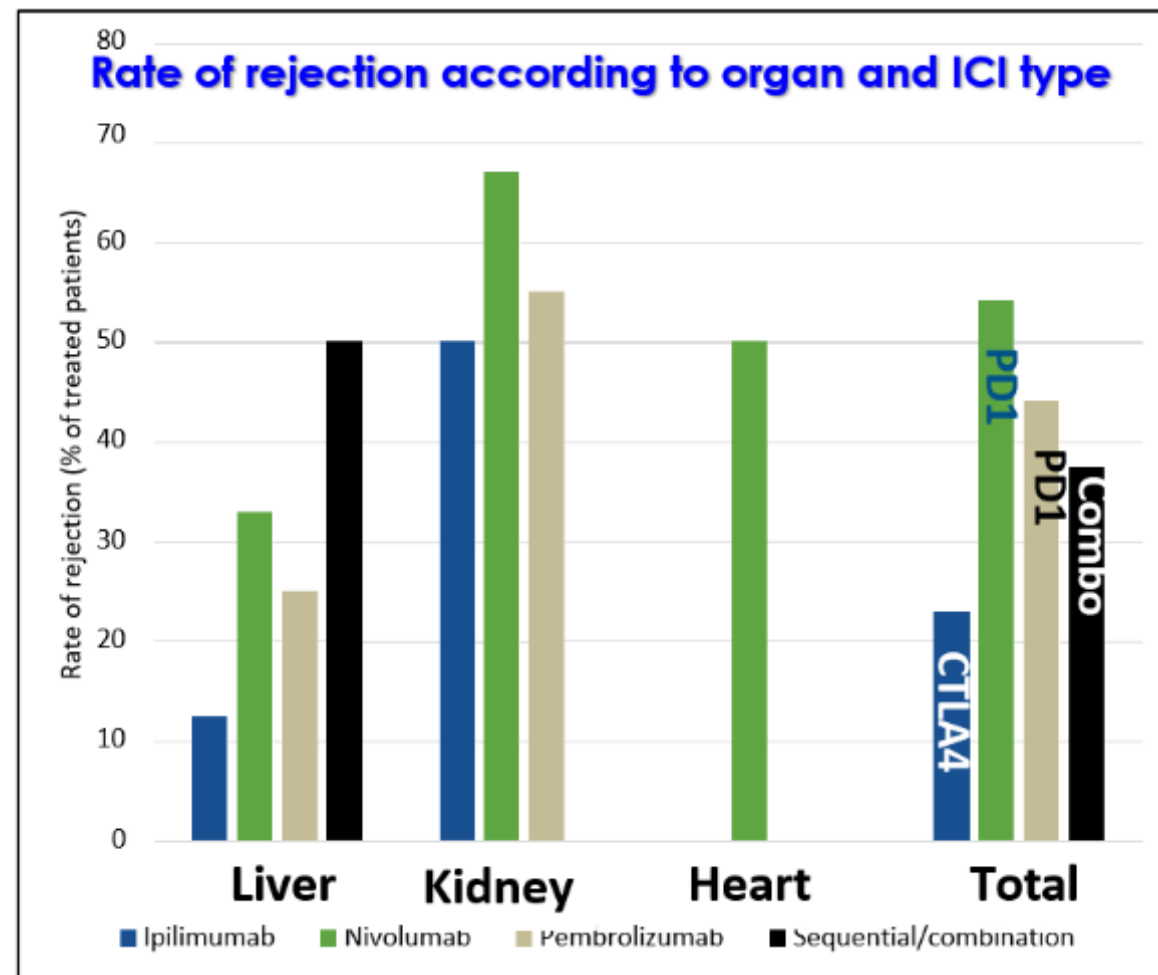
## ❑ Solid organ data is limited; most is in renal patients

- One retrospective study (n=39) reported graft loss in 81% and death in 46%
- Also reported rapid time to rejection with median onset of 21 days

## ❑ PD-1 pathway appears to be more critical in allograft immune tolerance compared to CTLA-4 pathway

Dauids MS et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2016;375(2):143-153. Haverkos BM et al. *Blood*. 2017;130(2):221-228. Abdel-Wahab N et al. *J Immunother Cancer*. 2019;7(1):106.

Kumar V et al. *Oncologist*. 2020;25(6):505–514.



# Clinical Case.

A 62-year-old male patient diagnosed with poorly differentiated squamous of the neck (base of the tongue) treated with HD cisplatin and radiation therapy on 4/2017. On 1/2018 PET scan showed lung metastases biopsy proven. Case was presented on tumor board and it was agreed to treat him with CPI single agent. Patient has a history of psoriasis under treatment with Apremilast, well controlled. After given him cycle # 2 of CPI patient developed an exacerbation of his psoriatic lesions.

## Question:

What will be your next step on treatment?

- a) Permanently discontinue CPI
- b) Continue CPI + steroids
- c) Hold CPI + reevaluate to decided further treatment



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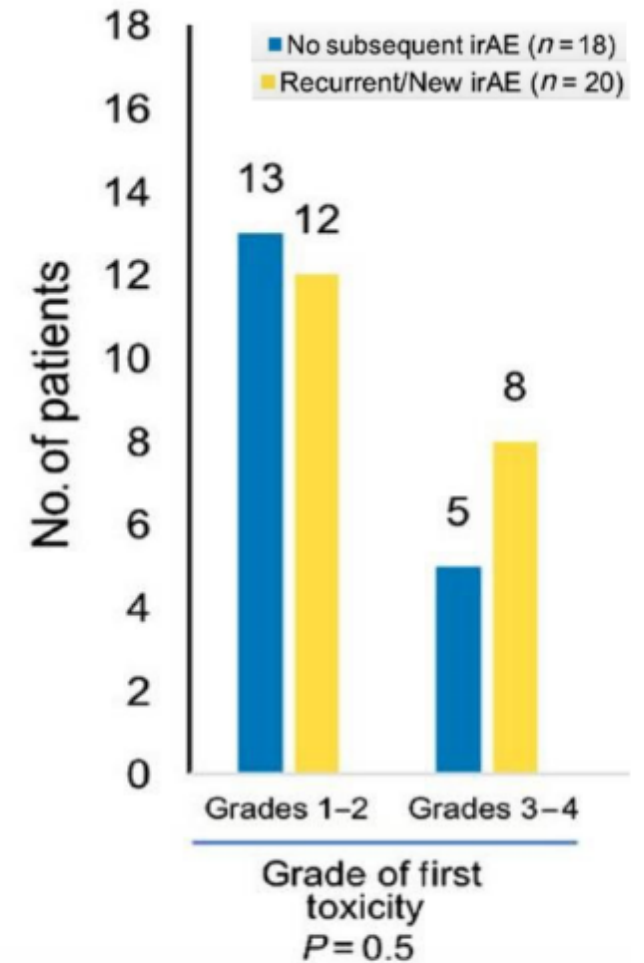
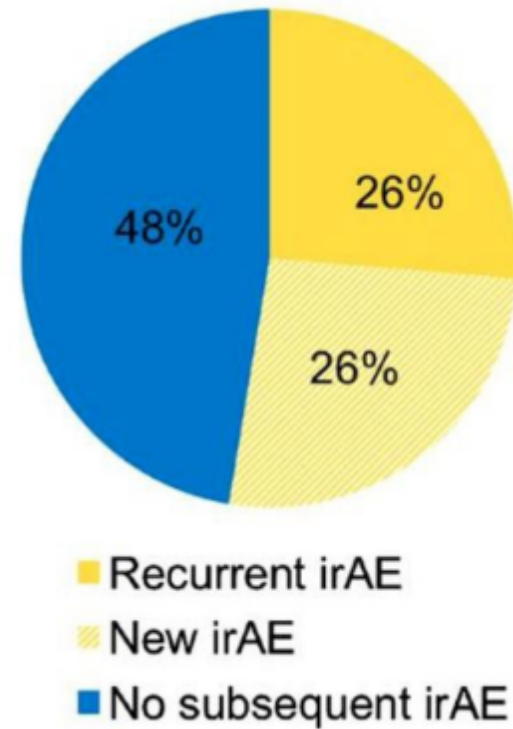
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## ICI rechallenge after ir-AE



# ICI Rechallenge After ir-AE May Be Feasible But Requires Caution

- Patients should not be re-challenged until ir-AE resolved to grade  $\leq 1$ .
- Re-challenge with anti-PD-1/L1 after anti-CTLA-4  $\pm$  anti-PD-1 likely safe.
- Caution in re-challenging with same ICI in patients who previously had grade 3-4 irAEs.



*Santini FC et al. Cancer Immunol Res. 2018;6(9):1093-9.*

## Re-Challenge with PD-(L)-1 After ir-AEs

- ✓ 482 lung cancer patients at MSKCC; 15% (70) patients developed ir-AEs.
- ✓ 38 (54%) were re-challenge.
- ✓ 24% developed same ir-Aes; 26% developed new ir-AEs.
- ✓ 16 were treated successfully; 2 (5%) deaths.
- ✓ Among patients who had response before ir-AEs, no difference whether ICP therapy re-started or not.

*Shirish Gadgeel, 2018 ASCO Annual Meeting*



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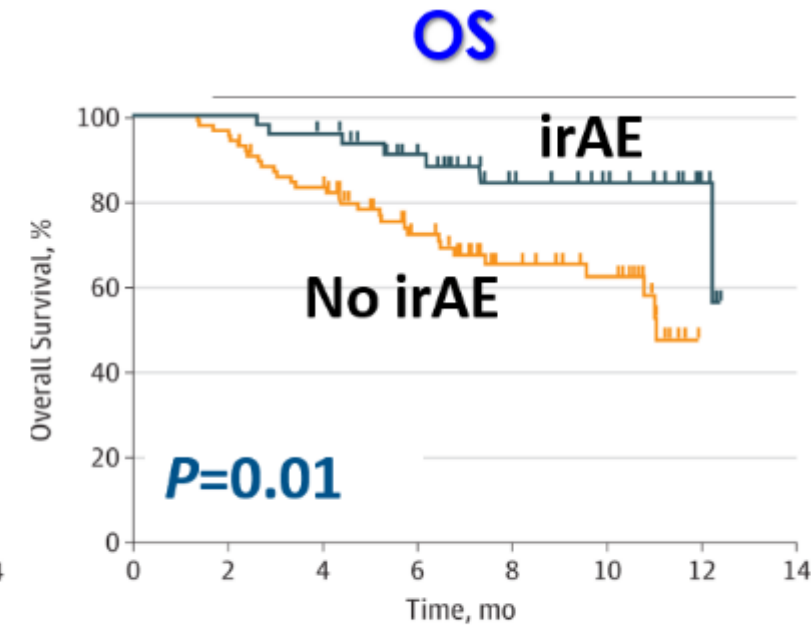
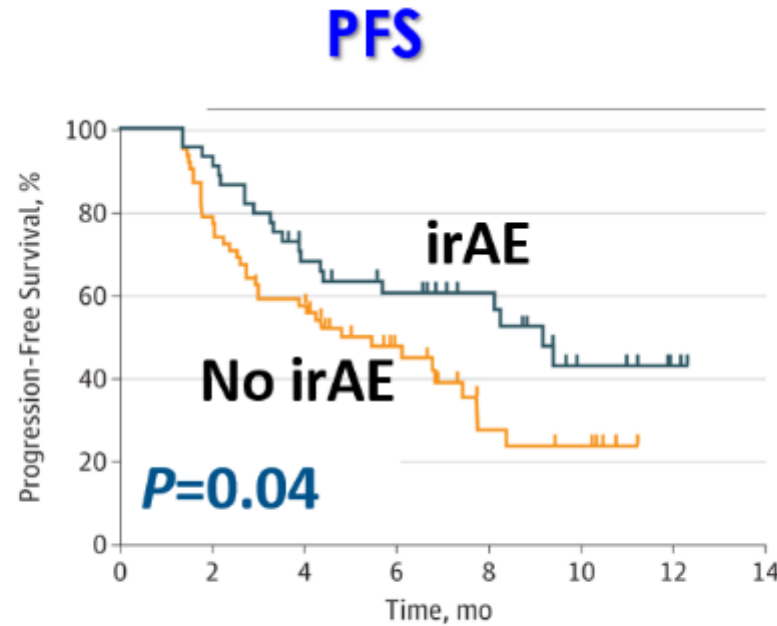
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## Prognostic implications of ir-AE

# ir-AE Development Has Been Associated With Favorable Outcomes

- Some studies associate irAE development with PFS or OS.
- Certain types of irAE may correlate more with outcomes.
- This trend is not consistent across settings, agents or studies.

*Haratani K et al. JAMA Oncol. 2018;4(3):374-8.*



# Conclusions

- ❑ ir-AEs are unpredictable and potentially severe.
- ❑ Time to onset of ir-AE is more heterogeneous than onset of chemotherapy or targeted therapy toxicities.
- ❑ Due to variable presentation, lack of clear diagnostic methods, and overlapping presentation with other conditions, ir-AE may be difficult to diagnose.
- ❑ ICI interruption and steroids represent mainstay of ir-AE management.
- ❑ Have a low threshold for specialist consultation for ir-AE diagnosis and management.
- ❑ Occurrence of ir-AE may be associated with improved outcomes from ICI.



# Tumor Board Discussion

Moderator: Corey Langer, MD, FACP

Case Presenter: Barbara Melosky, MD, FRCP

# True Case

“Mr DS”

# Case

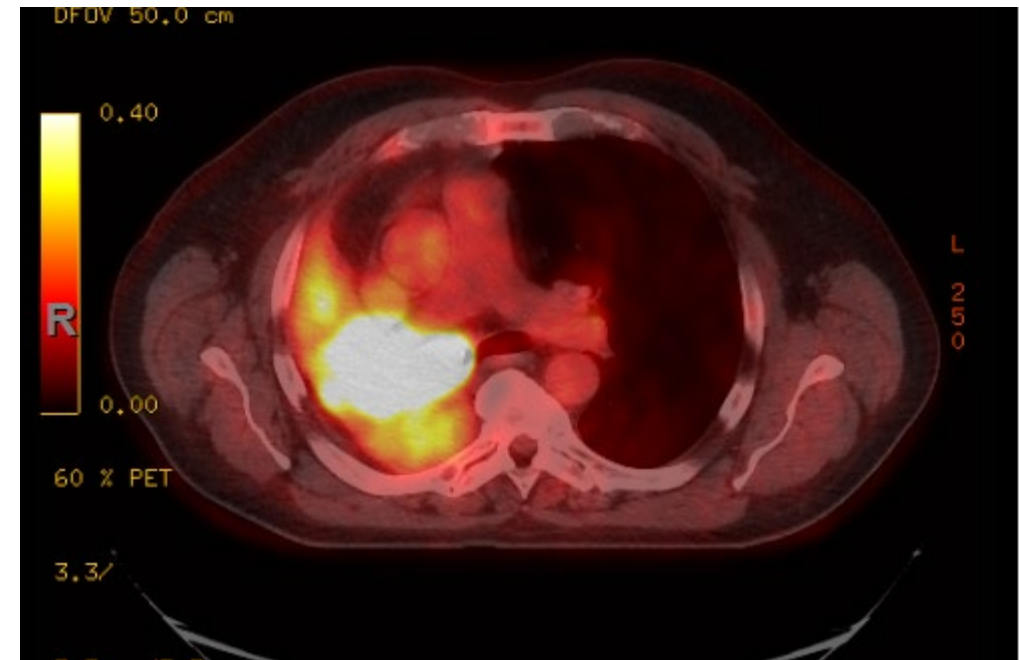
- 54-year-old man, 20 pack/year smoking history
- Increasing SOB, cough, and hemoptysis 2019
- 16-pound weight loss



# Diagnosis and Stage

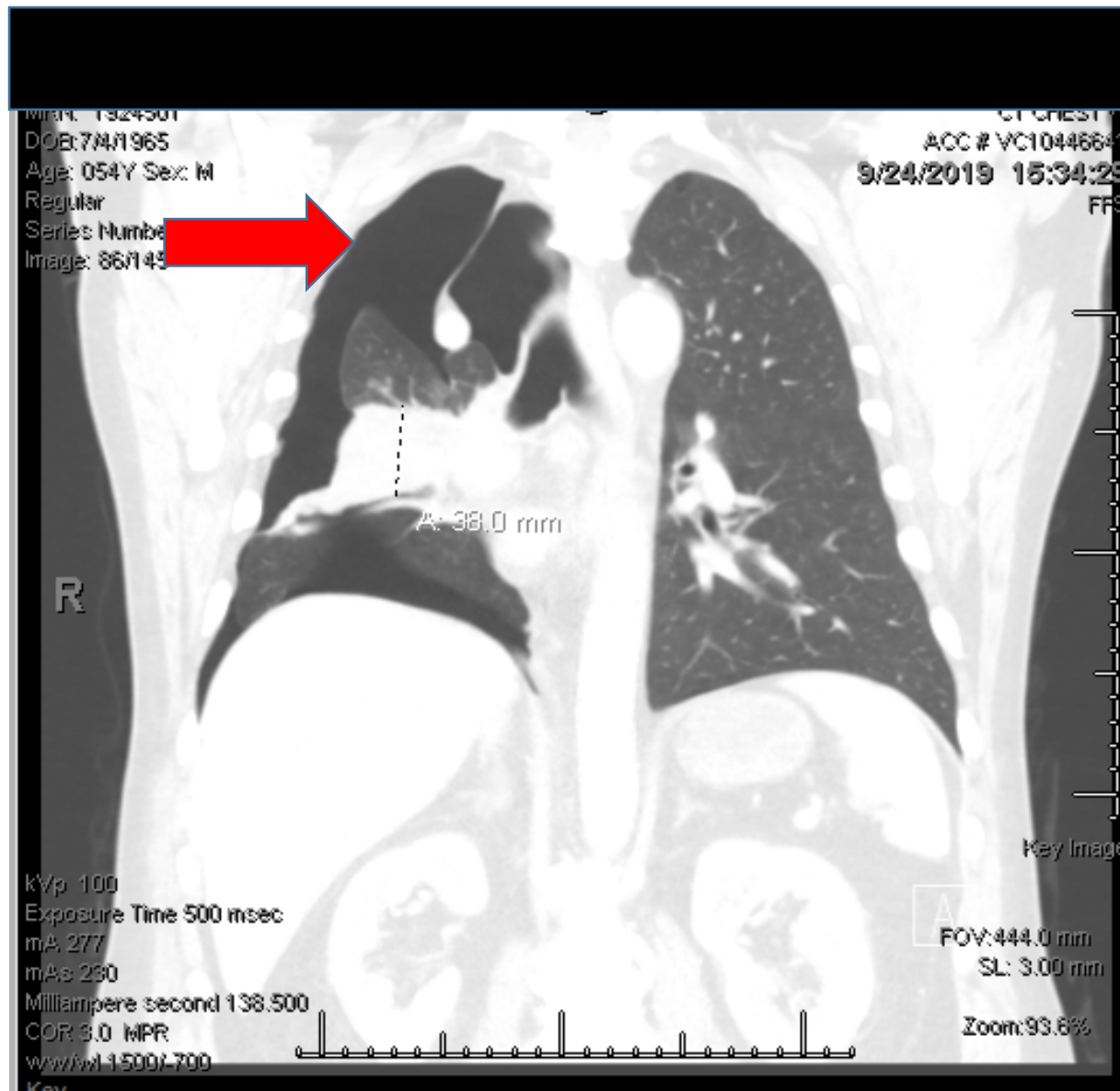
- CT: 6 × 4 × 4.7 cm mass RLL extending to mediastinum
- PET: 7.5-cm mass extending to mediastinum, invading R main stem bronchus, 4R node involved
- T4N2M0 = IIIB
- Squamous histology, PD-L1 1%–49%

# PET SCAN



# Course

- Chemo-rads started, 60 Gy with weekly paclitaxel-carboplatin
- Plan on September 9 is to start October 21, 2019
- September 16: spontaneous pneumothorax
- Treatment stopped after 7 fractions



September 24



# Question 1

Do you stop all treatment forever?

1. Yes
2. No

# Resolution of Pneumothorax



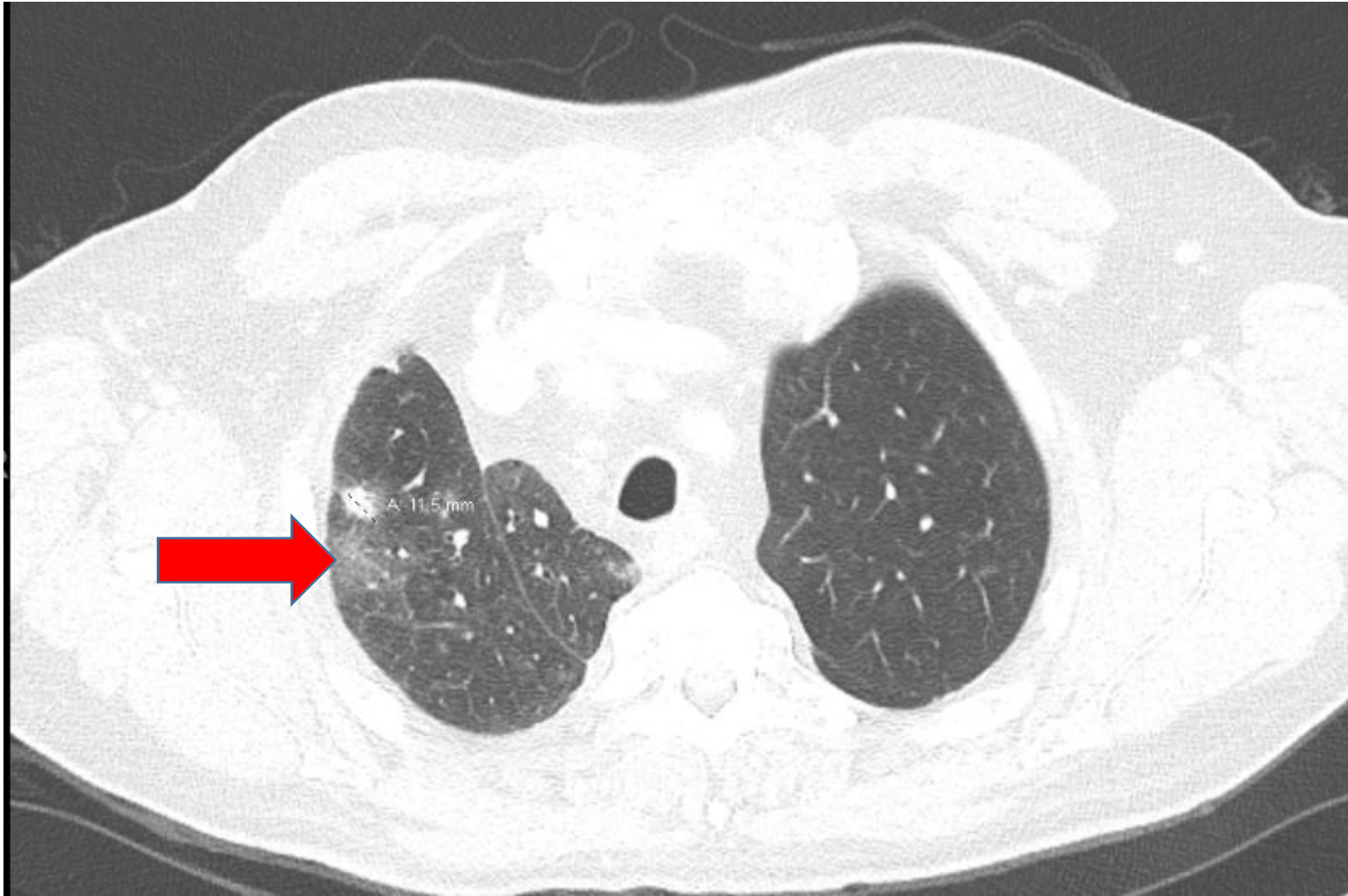
October 8, 2019



# Course

- Treatment resumed October 10
- Finished chemo-rads November 13
- Undesignated CAP request for durvalumab
- Denied, “CT showed metastatic disease”

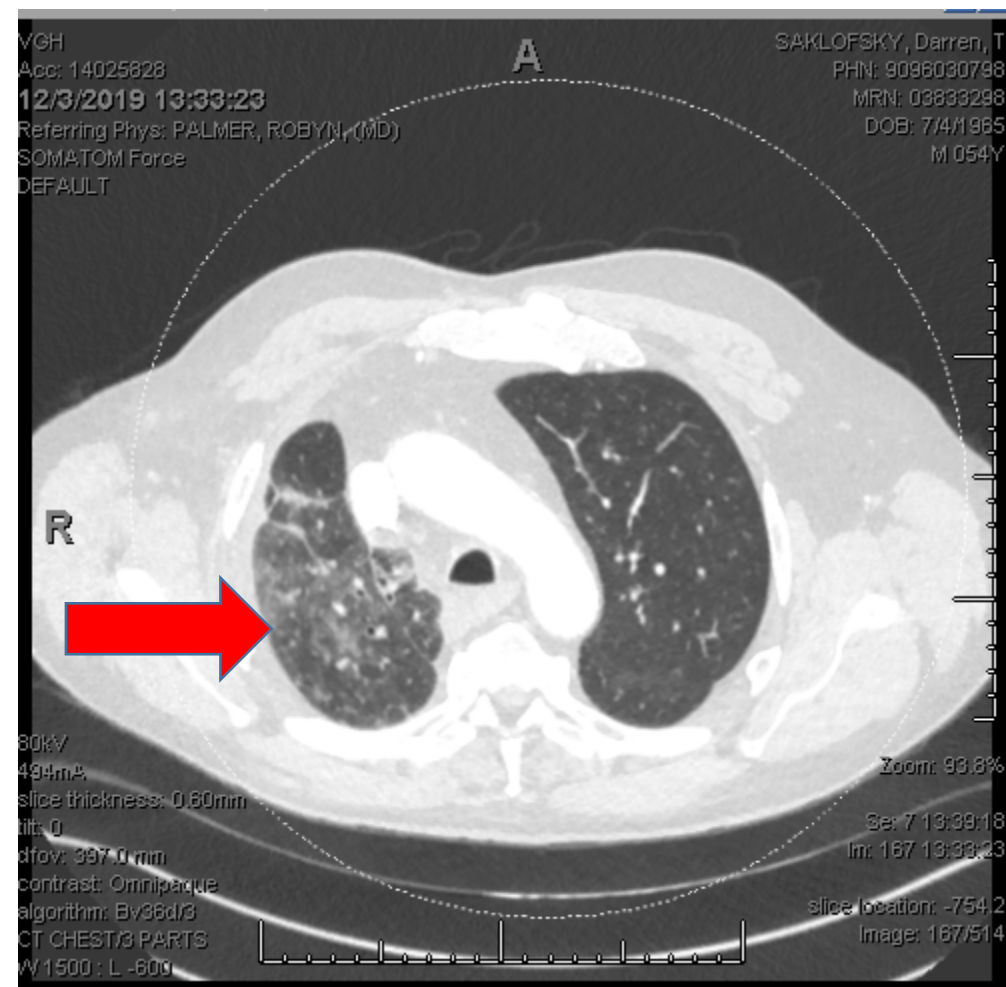
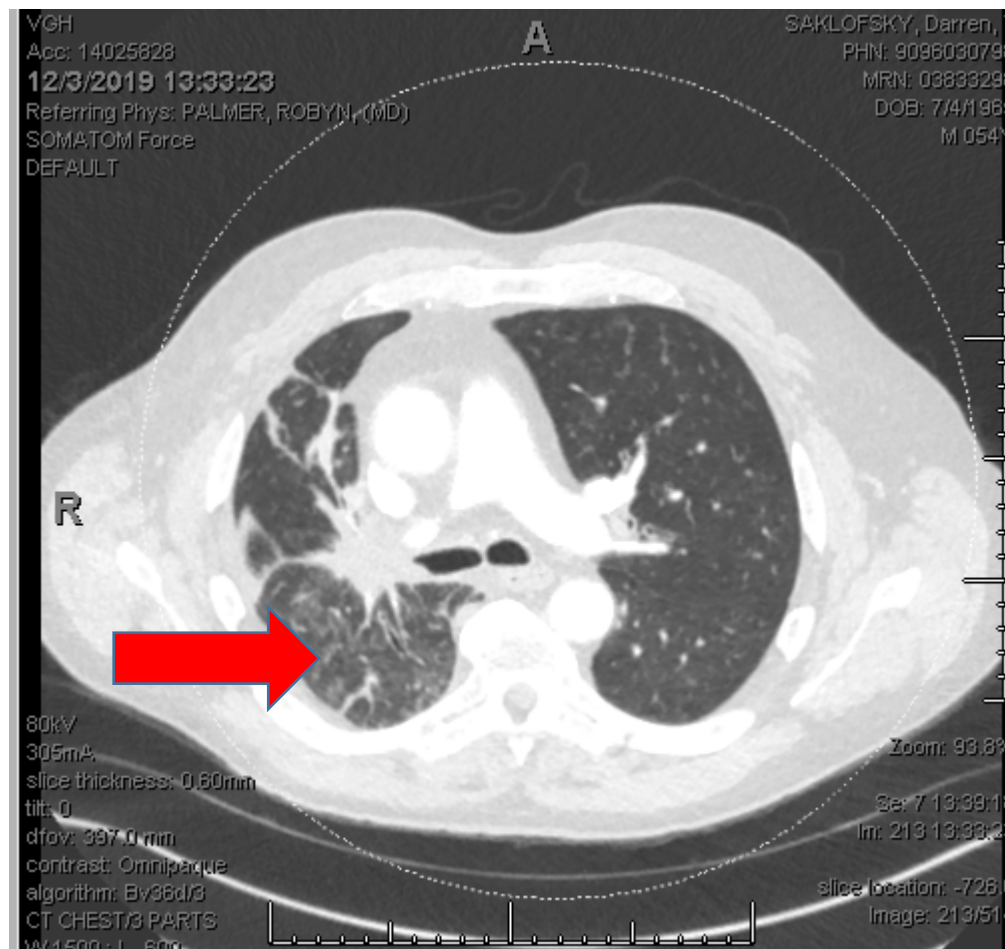
# Re-expansion Lung: ? Metastatic Disease



November 24, 2019

# Course

- CT December 8, to prove CAP was wrong
- CT significant pneumonitis
- Patient symptomatic
  - Tachycardic 139, hemoglobin 80



December 8, 2019



## Question 2

What do you do?

1. Steroids
2. Antibiotics
3. Both

# Treatment

- Radiation pneumonitis
- Given 4 weeks tapering steroids



# Course

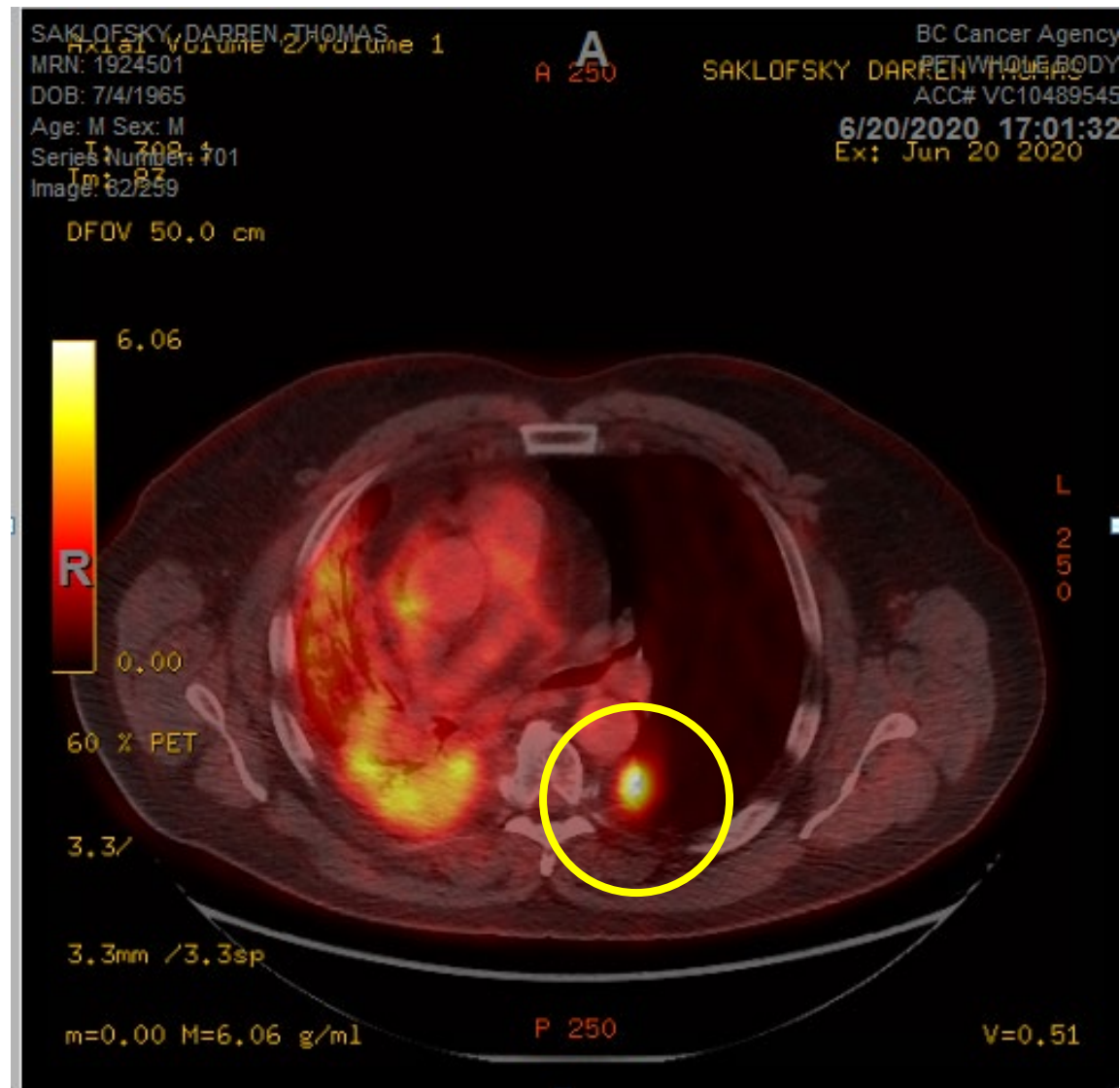
- Durvalumab started Jan 30, 2020 (radiation finished November 13)
- Seen prior to second dose: tomato-red hands
- Psoriasis age 13–18
  - Sent to dermatology
  - Recommended phototherapy and betamethasone .1%



February 21, 2020

# Course

- February 20, TSH 78
  - Started on Synthroid .50–200 ug
- June 3, came to clinic extreme SOB
  - Urgent CT and PET
  - Collapse of RUL (okay so what?)
  - **New infiltrate LLL 2.2 cm**



June 10, 2020

# Course

- CT-guided biopsy July 3

CLINICAL HISTORY>>::

Lung CA. FDG-avid consolidation. 3 x 20 G cores (sample also sent to microbiology).

FINAL DIAGNOSIS>>::

LUNG (LEFT, NODULE), NEEDLE CORE BIOPSY (20-GAUGE, CT-GUIDED, 3 CORES):  
- ORGANIZING PNEUMONIA. NEGATIVE FOR MALIGNANCY.

**Treatment: amoxicillin clavulanate 2 weeks**

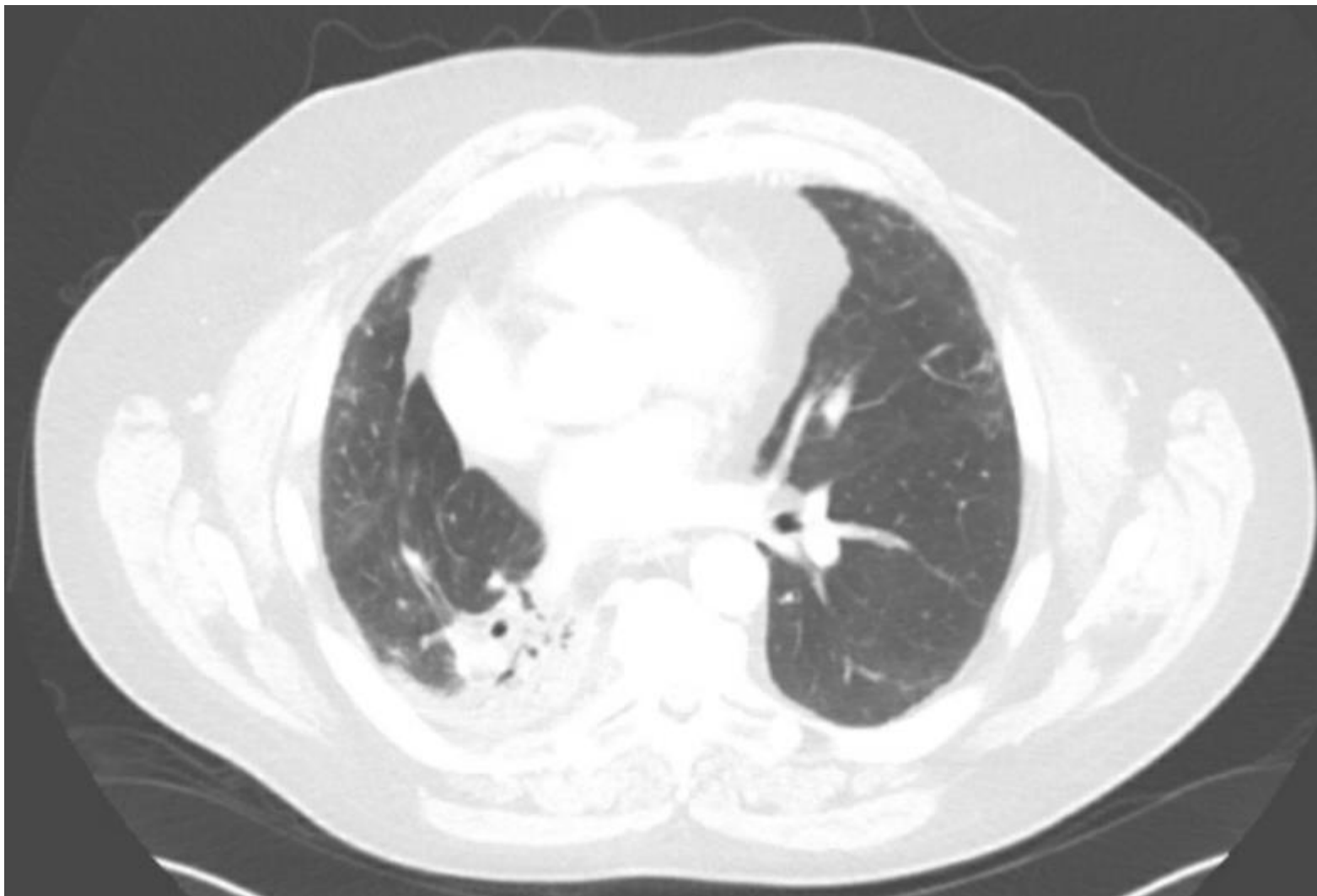
# Course

- 1 week later: increasing SOB
- Admitted to ICU, intubated
- “Organizing pneumonia” could be a side effect of checkpoint inhibitors
- Antibiotics and high-dose steroid 4 weeks, then taper next 4 weeks
- Extubated September 1





October 26, 2020



April 26, 2022

# Summary

- 54-year-old male, squamous carcinoma lung, T4N2 or IIIB
- Chemo-rads September 9–November 13
- Durvalumab January–June, 6 cycles
- Pneumothorax, psoriasis, hypothyroid, organizing pneumonia
- Alive today at age 57, crossing my fingers

# Tumor Board Discussion

Moderator: Corey Langer, MD, FACP

All faculty

# Session Close

Carlos Barrios, MD



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# Question 1

I feel comfortable diagnosing and treating immune-related side effects.

- 1. Not at all
- 2. Sometimes
- 3. In general
- 4. Most of the time
- 5. Always

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