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Management and Mitigation of irAEs for Immunotherapy Prescribers

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Nivolumab versus Everolimus in Advanced Renal-Cell Carcinoma

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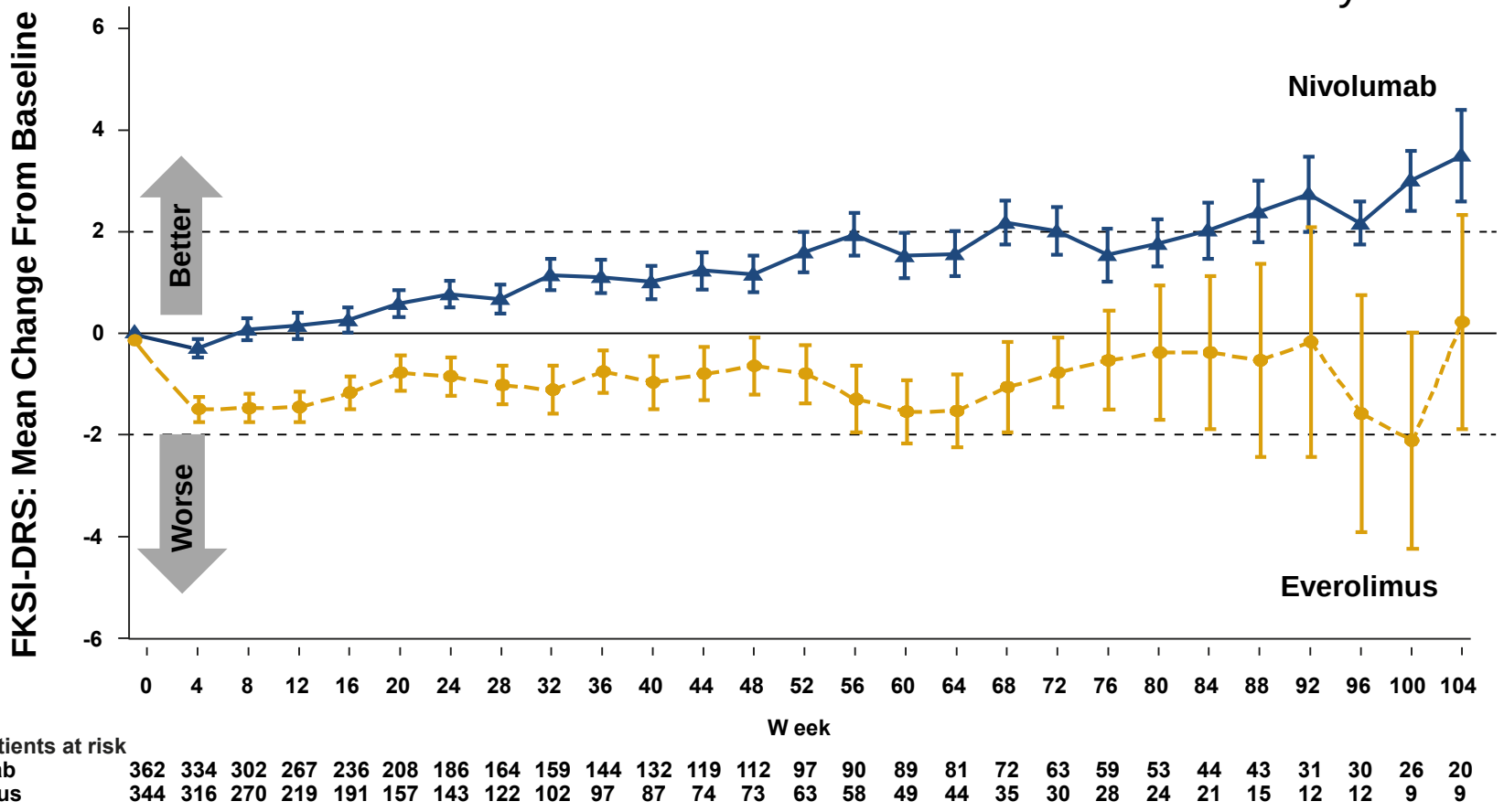
Change from baseline in quality of life scores on FKSI-DRS

- A clinically meaningful and statistically significant improvement in QoL was seen with nivolumab versus everolimus for the duration of the study



No. of patients at risk

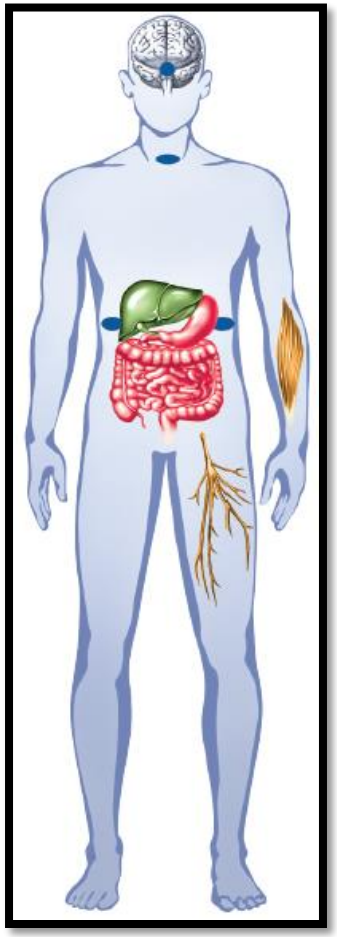
Nivolumab	362	334	302	267	236	208	186	164	159	144	132	119	112	97	90	89	81	72	63	59	53	44	43	31	30	26	20
Everolimus	344	316	270	219	191	157	143	122	102	97	87	74	73	63	58	49	44	35	30	28	24	21	15	12	12	9	9

Questionnaire completion rate: ≥80% during the first year of follow-up

Toxicity with immunotherapy agents

Activation of the immune system against tumors can result in a novel spectrum of immune-related Adverse Events (**irAEs**)

- May be due to cytokine release by activated T cells
- May be unfamiliar to clinicians
- Requires a multidisciplinary approach
- Can be serious
- Requires prompt recognition and treatment
- Requires patient and HCP education



irAEs occur in certain organ systems:

- Skin
- Endocrine system
- Liver
- Gastrointestinal tract
- Nervous system
- Eyes
- Respiratory system
- Hematopoietic cells
- Musculoskeletal

Treatment-related AEs occurring in ≥10% of patients in either arm

Event	Nivolumab N = 406		Everolimus N = 397	
	Any grade	Grade 3 or 4	Any grade	Grade 3 or 4
Treatment-related AEs, %	79	19	88	37
Fatigue	33	2	34	3
Nausea	14	<1	17	1
Pruritus	14	0	10	0
Diarrhea	12	1	21	1
Decreased appetite	12	<1	21	1
Rash	10	<1	20	1
Cough	9	0	19	0
Anemia	8	2	24	8
Dyspnea	7	1	13	<1
Edema peripheral	4	0	14	<1
Pneumonitis	4	1	15	3
Mucosal inflammation	3	0	19	3
Dysgeusia	3	0	13	0
Hyperglycemia	2	1	12	4
Stomatitis	2	0	29	4
Hypertriglyceridemia	1	0	16	5
Epistaxis	1	0	10	0

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PD-1 Pathway Blockade Based ImmunoRx: Unanswered Questions

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  - **Will rare but serious toxicities occur?**
  - Will late toxicity emerge?
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Case Study #1

- A 66-year-old male previously treated mRCC enrolled in a clinical trial of anti-PD-L1 Ab therapy
- Approximately two weeks after his second dose of anti-PD-L1 antibody, he presented with sudden onset of double vision, along with a 10-day history of muscle pain and weakness, joint aches and generalized malaise.
- Neurologic exam was notable for near complete opthalmoplegia, fatigability of his deltoids, otherwise non-focal. Labs were notable for transaminitis and myositis.

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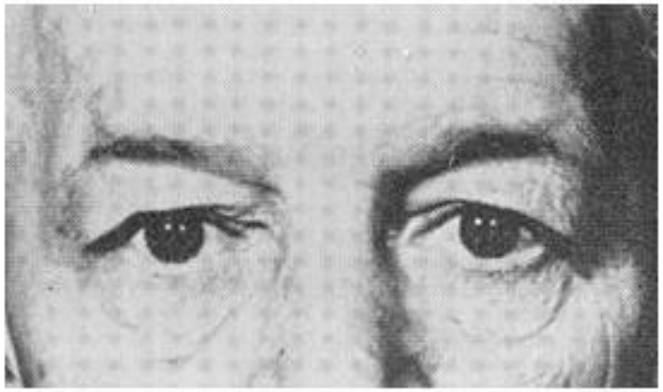

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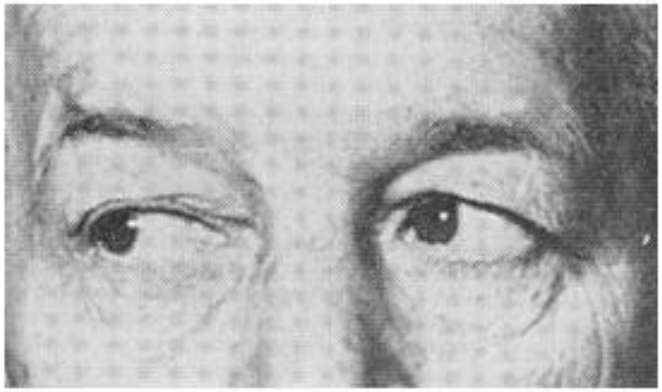

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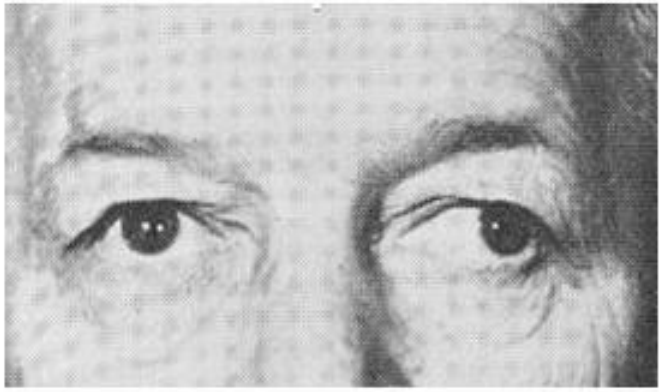

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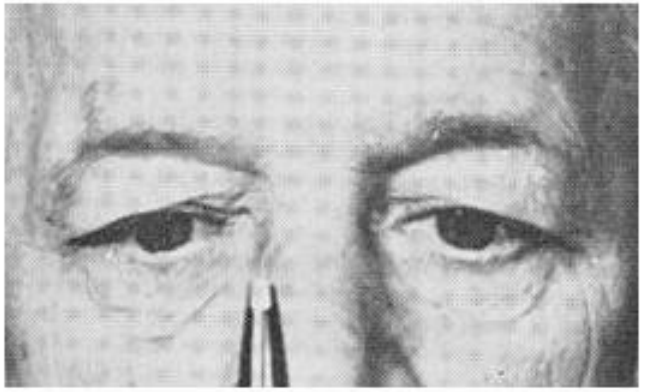

http://www.etsu.edu/com/medicalmystery/IOP.aspx

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Case Description: 65-Year-Old Male (continued)

- This patient was diagnosed with drug-induced myasthenia gravis by serologic testing:
  - Antibody titer detected in pretreatment sample at lower level.

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Case Description: 65-Year-Old Male (continued)

- Neurologic symptoms resolved on steroids.
- Patient was taken off study, then developed disease progression three months later.
- Patient subsequently received VEGF TKI therapy.

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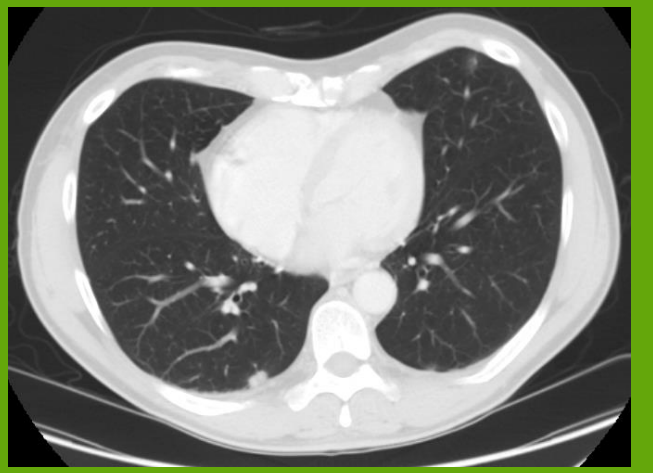
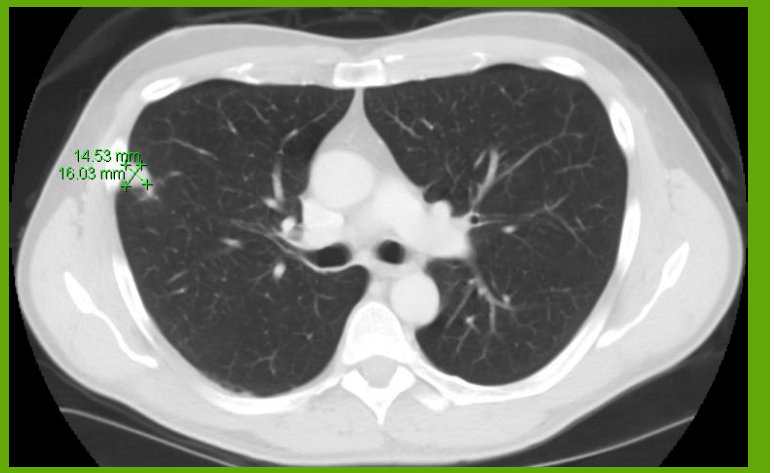
Case Study #2

- A 56-yr-old male with stage 4 RCC was treated with high dose IL-2
- After progression, he was enrolled in clinical trial for nivolimab at 3 mg/kg
  - Patient developed a dry cough and came in for an exam

Scan at Mo 6



Subsequent Scan at Mo 8



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- Patient underwent biopsy to confirm disease progression
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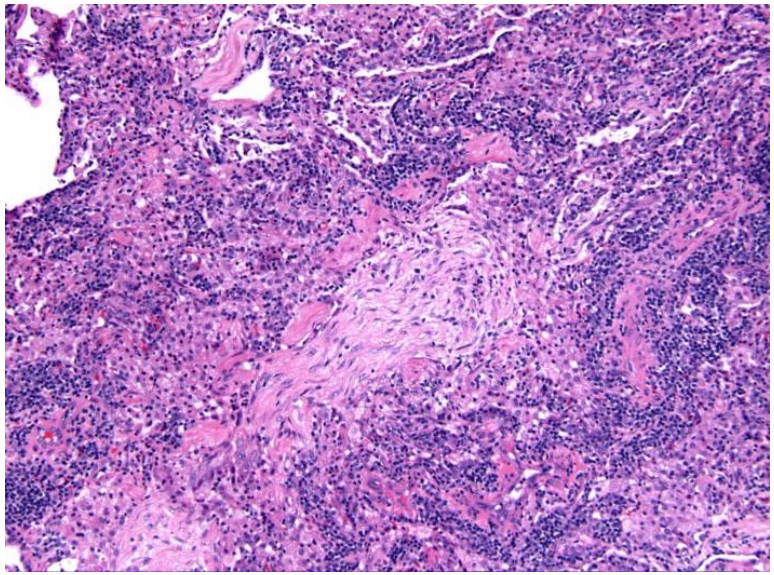

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Patient underwent biopsy to confirm disease progression, and the biopsy suggested bronchiolitis obliterans.

How would you manage this patient?

1. Continue nivolumab and start steroid treatment.
2. Continue nivolumab and start broad-spectrum antibiotics.
3. Discontinue nivolumab and start steroid treatment.
4. Discontinue nivolumab and start broad-spectrum antibiotics.

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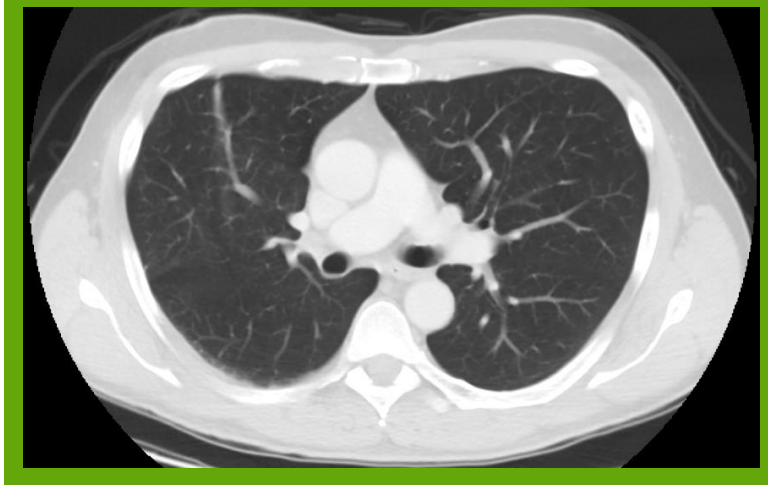
Case Study #2

- Symptoms and lung lesions resolved with initiation of steroid therapy
- Nivolumab treatment was discontinued, and disease is currently stable off all therapy x two years

Lung Lesions Resolved



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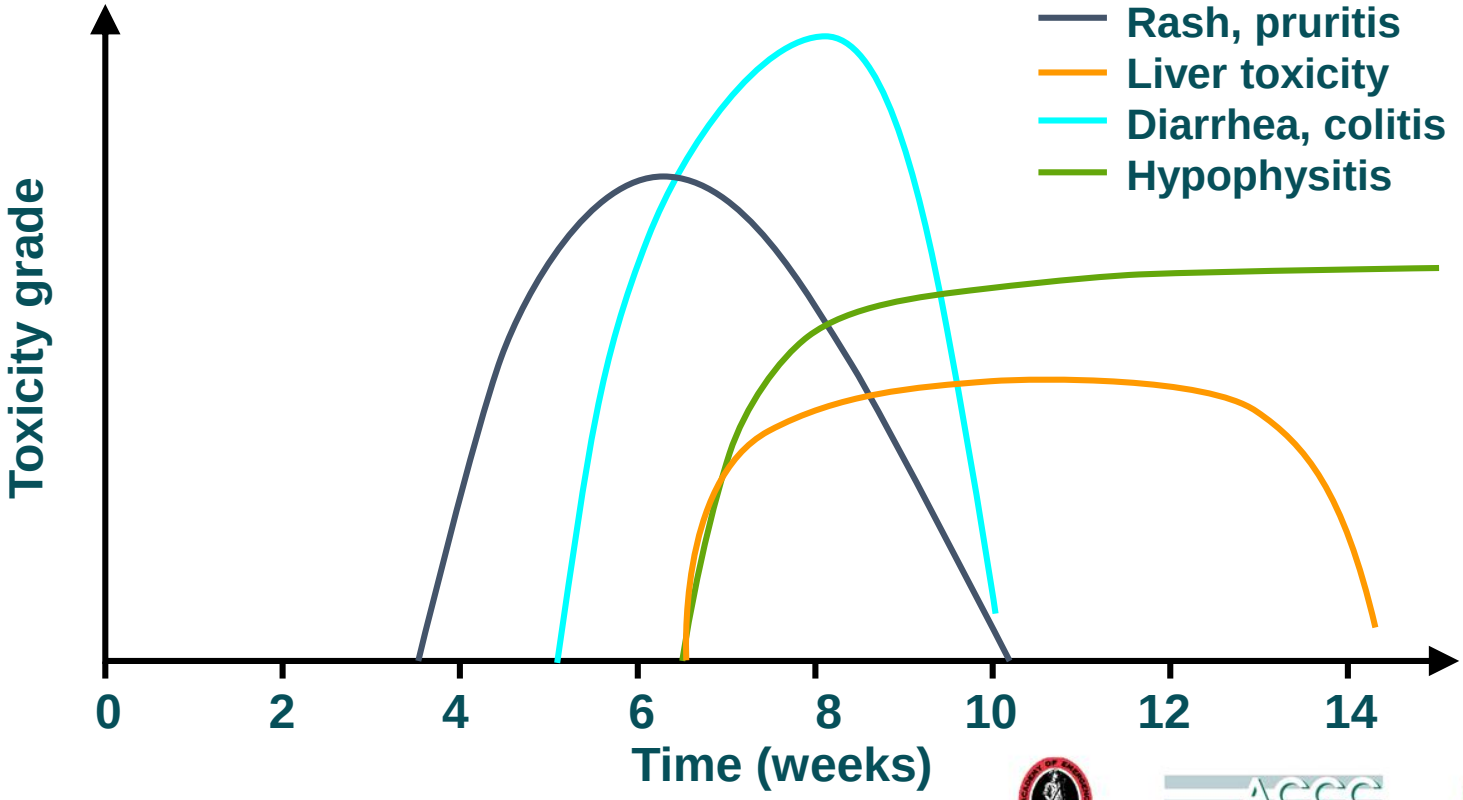
Immune checkpoint inhibitors: immune-related adverse event (irAE) onset

- Each irAE has different kinetics of onset
- Rash first, followed by colitis, hypophysitis and finally hepatitis



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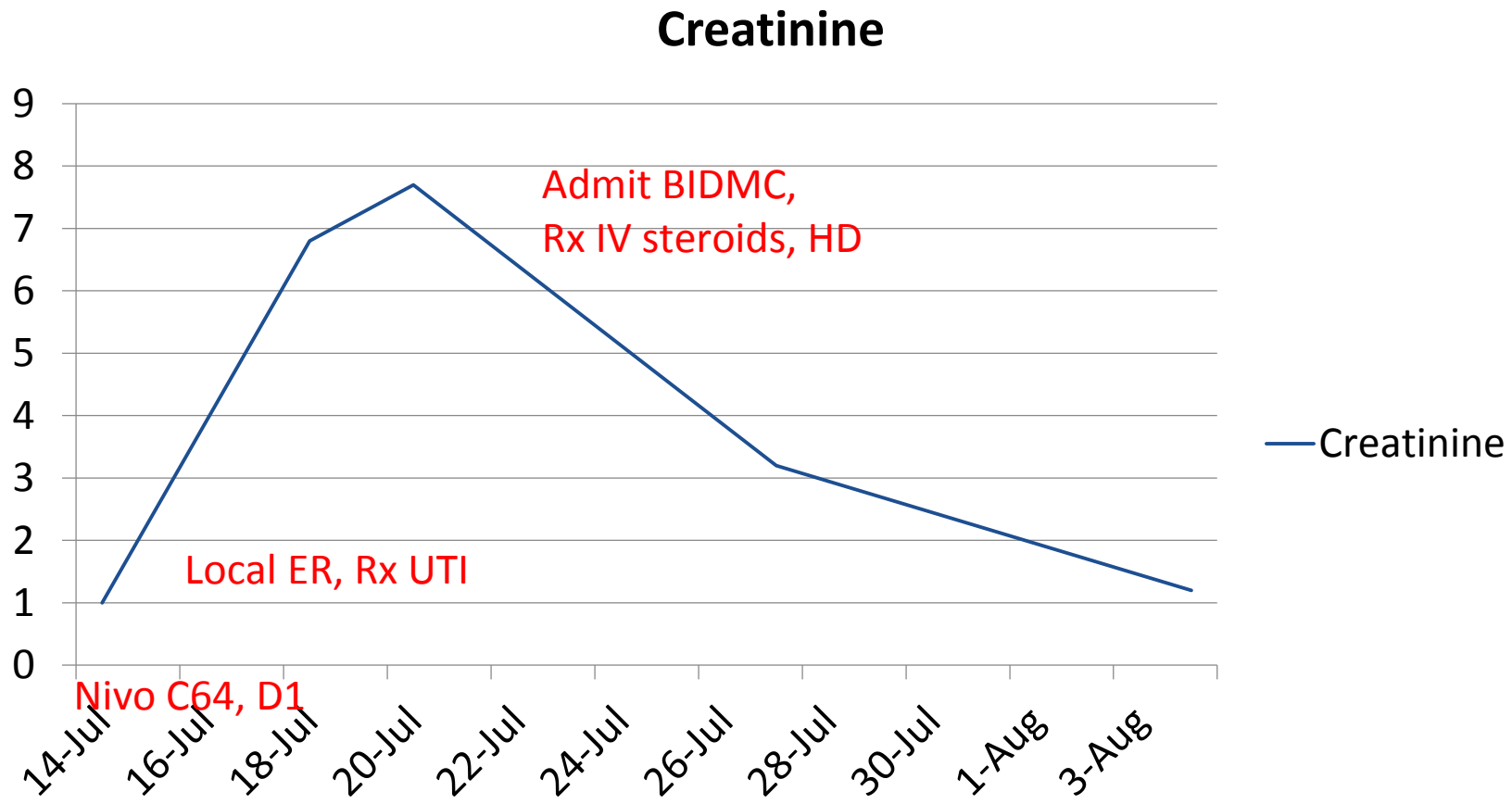
Late PD-1 Toxicity?: Acute Renal Failure



74 yo female, mRCC, s/p sunitinib, enrolled in Nivo P2 trial

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    - (e.g. nephritis, hepatitis, pneumonitis)
  - Will history of autoimmunity limit application?

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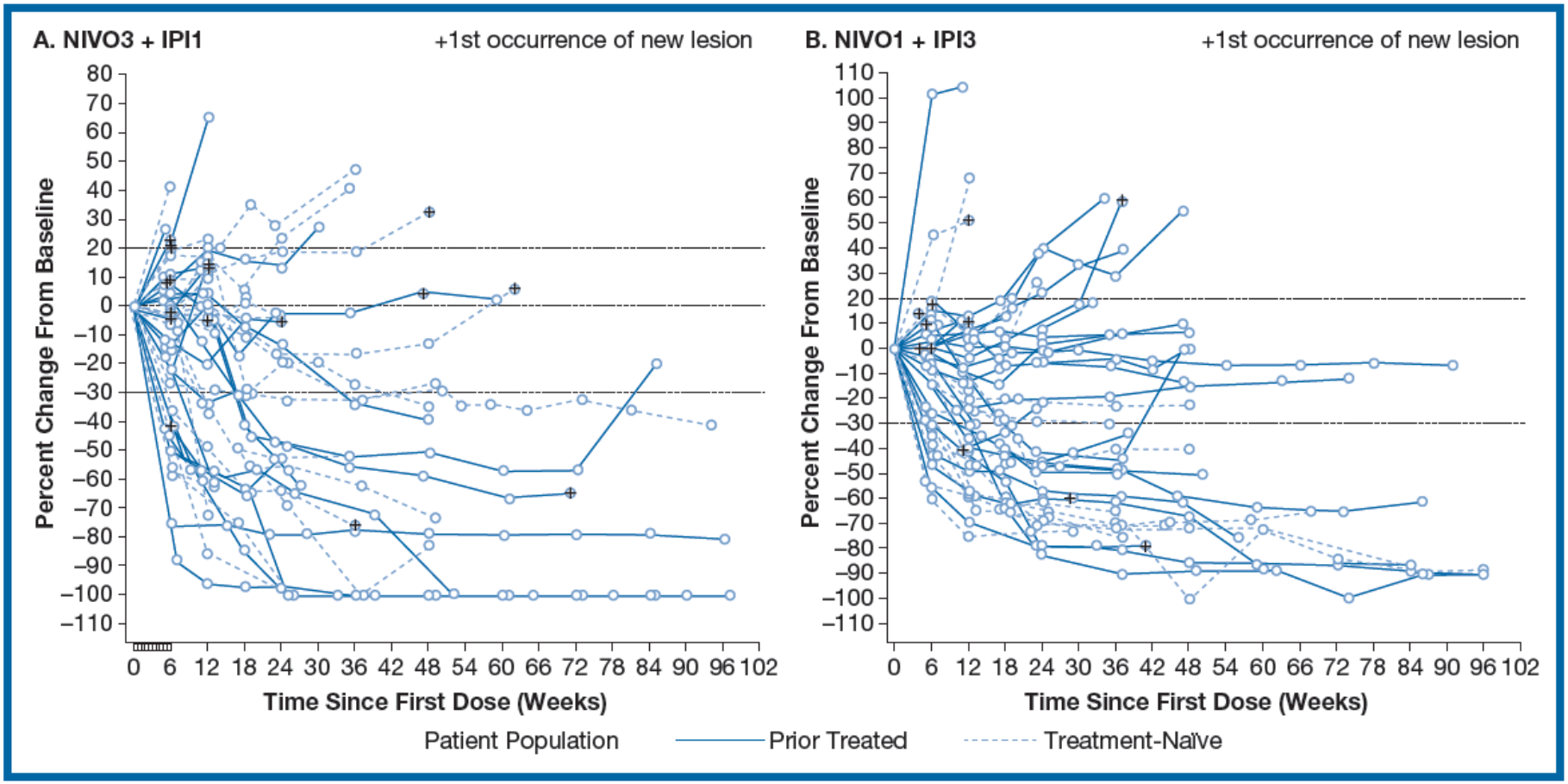
PD-1 + CTLA-4 Blockade
RCC Results: Tumor burden



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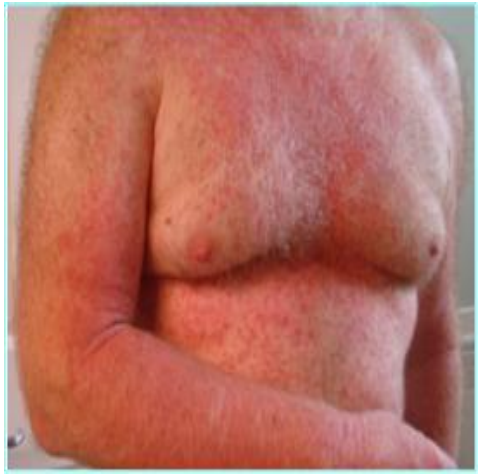
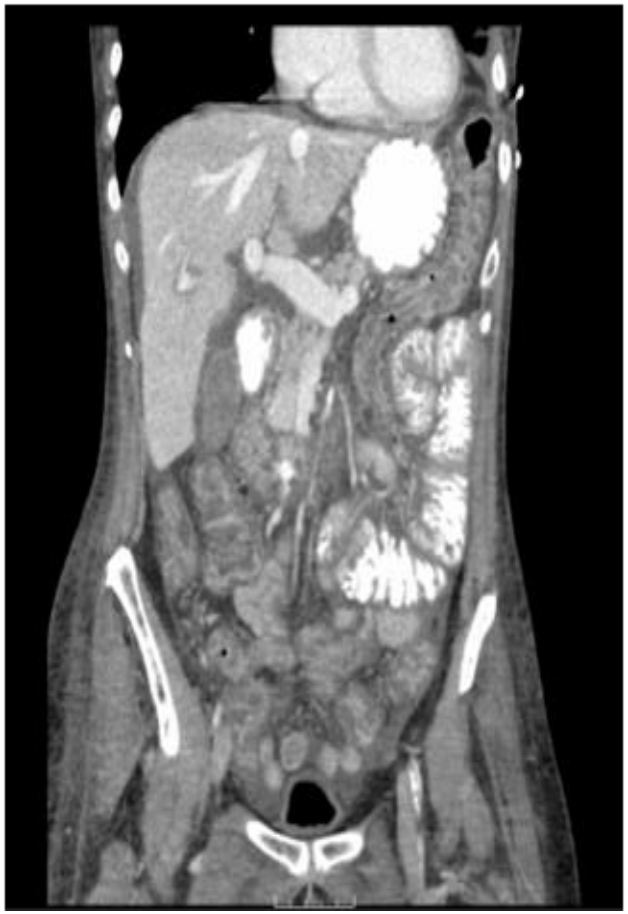
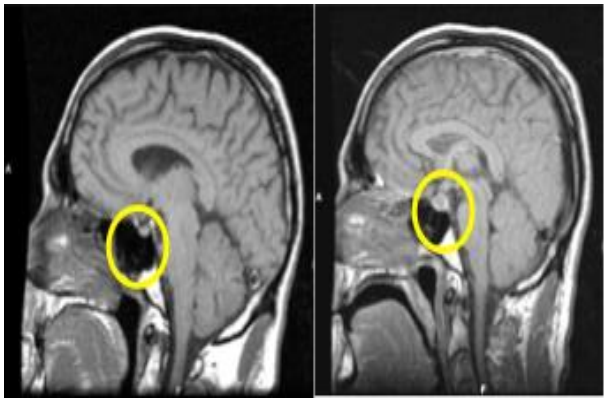
Improving Immune Activation: The Consequences - CTLA4 Antibodies



Dermatitis

Colitis





Hypophysitis

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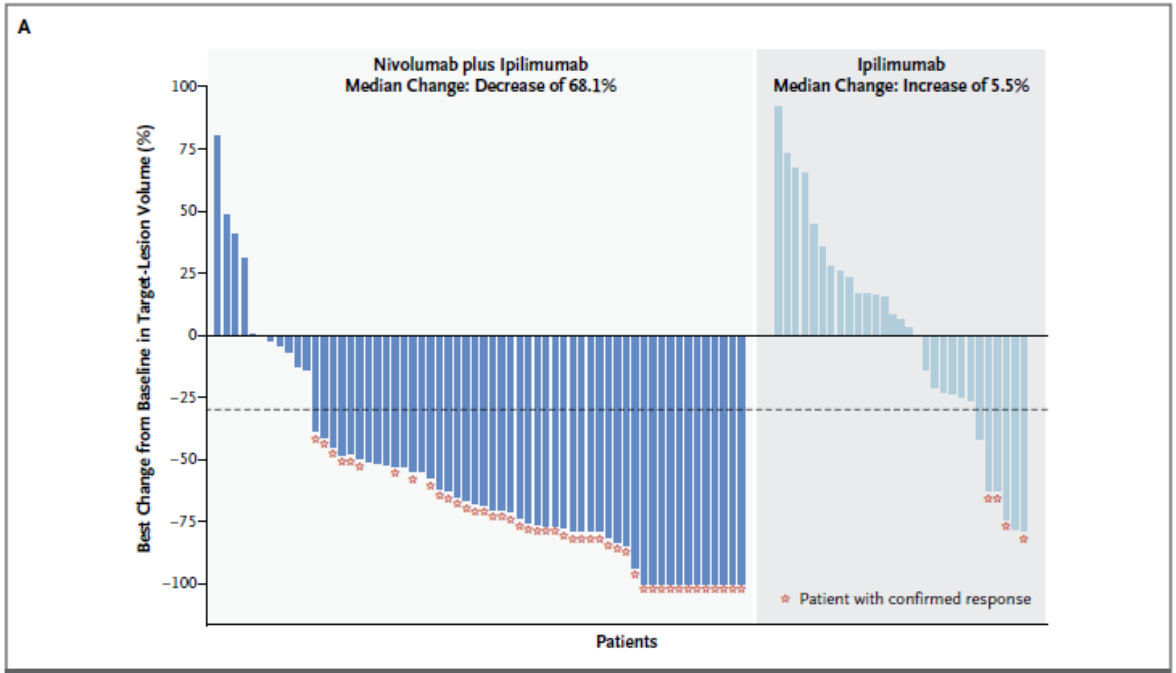

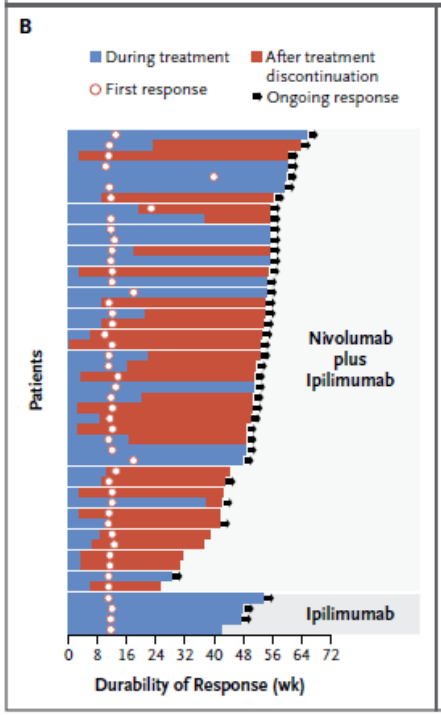

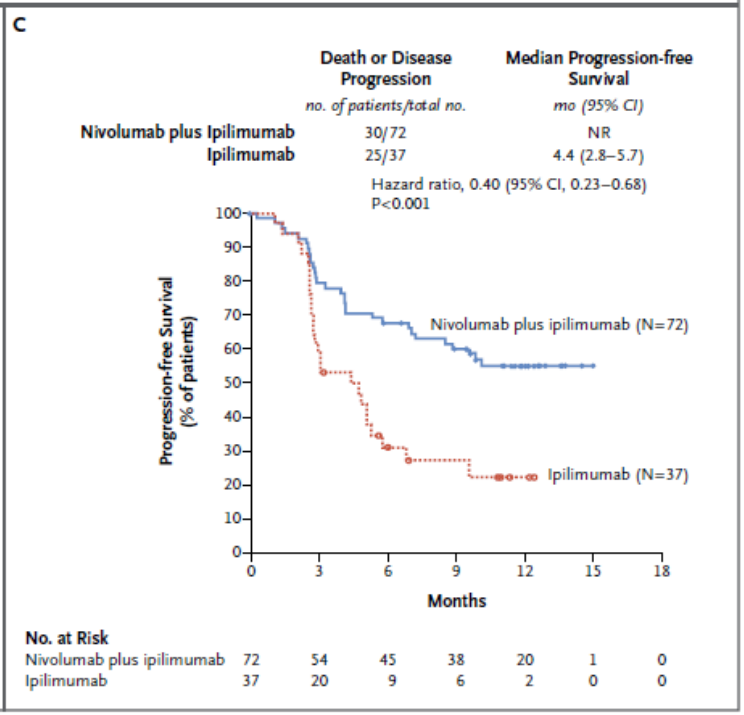

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Table 4. Select Adverse Events and Their Management with Immunomodulatory Medication (IMM), According to Organ Category.

Organ Category	Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab (N=94)				Ipilimumab (N=46)			
	Reported Adverse Event	Treatment with IMM	Resolution of Event after Treatment with IMM	Median Time to Resolution	Reported Adverse Event	Treatment with IMM	Resolution of Event after Treatment with IMM	Median Time to Resolution
	no. of patients	*no. of patients/total no. (%)*		*wk (95% CI)*	*no. of patients*	*no. of patients/total no. (%)*		*wk (95% CI)*
Skin								
Any grade	67	41/67 (61)	24/35 (69)	18.6 (9.3–35.1)	26	13/26 (50)	11/13 (85)	8.6 (3.3–22.0)
Grade 3 or 4	9	9/9 (100)	8/9 (89)	6.1 (0.9–24.1)	0	0	0	NE
Gastrointestinal								
Any grade	48	31/48 (65)	[illegible]	4.7 (3.0–6.7)	17	11/17 (65)	7/9 (78)	5.0 (1.4–12.1)
Grade 3 or 4	20	17/20 (85)	15/17 (88)	4.3 (1.4–10.7)	5	5/5 (100)	4/5 (80)	3.6 (0.7–5.0)
Endocrine†								
Any grade	32	14/32 (44)	2/14 (14)	NE (NE–NE)	8	3/8 (38)	1/3 (33)	NE (0.9–NE)
Grade 3 or 4	5	4/5 (80)	1/4 (25)	NE (5.6–NE)	2	2/2 (100)	1/2 (50)	NE (0.9–NE)
Hepatic								
Any grade	26	13/26 (50)	11/13 (85)	14.1 [illegible]	2	0/2	0	NE
Grade 3 or 4	14	12/14 (86)	10/12 (83)	8.3 (2.1–14.1)	0	0	0	NE
Pulmonary								
Any grade	11	8/11 (73)	6/8 (75)	6.1 (0.3–9.0)	2	2/2 (100)	2/2 (100)	3.2 (2.9–3.6)
Grade 3 or 4	3	3/3 (100)	2/3 (67)	9.0 (0.3–9.0)	1	1/1 (100)	1/1 (100)	3.6 (NE–NE)
Renal								
Any grade	3	2/3 (67)	2/2 (100)	0.4 (0.3–0.6)	1	0/1	0	NE
Grade 3 or 4	1	1/1 (100)	1/1 (100)	0.6 (NE–NE)	0	0	0	NE

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Original Investigation

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Table 2. Autoimmune Exacerbations and Grade 3 to 5 Immune-Related Adverse Events

Patient No.	Baseline Condition	Autoimmune Exacerbation	Treatment	Immune-Related Adverse Event	Treatment	Outcome Notes
2	Sarcoidosis	...	...	Glaucoma	Ocular steroids	
3	RA	Joint pain	As for hypophysitis	Hypophysitis	Prednisone 1 mg/kg tapered over 6 wk; now receiving 7.5 mg	Durable CR
4	RA	...	...	Thyroiditis	Prednisone 1 mg/kg tapered over 2 wk	
5	Psoriasis	Worsening plaques	As for colitis	Colitis	Methylprednisolone 2 mg/kg tapered over 6 wk	After 1 dose
6	Psoriasis, Graves disease	...	...	Hypophysitis	Prednisone 30 mg ×1 wk, transition to hydrocortisone over 5 d	PR
8	RA, polymyalgia rheumatica	Joint pain, myalgias	Prednisone 30 mg/d tapered over 1 mo	...	...	After 3 d
9	RA	Joint pain	Prednisone 15 mg/d down to 10 mg	...	...	After 7 mo
11	Transverse myelitis	...	...	Colitis	Prednisone 1 mg/kg tapered over 8 wk	
12	Crohn disease	...	...	Colitis	Methylprednisolone 1 mg/kg tapered over 8 wk	After 1 dose
14	Ulcerative colitis	Diarrhea, disease flare	Infliximab, dexamethasone 2 mg daily[a]	...	...	PR
15	Inflammatory arthritis[b]	Joint pain	As for colitis	Colitis	Prednisone 1 mg/kg tapered over 4 wk, infliximab	...
20	Psoriasis	...	...	Hypophysitis	Prednisone 50 mg ×1 dose, then 5 mg daily	...
23	Sarcoidosis	Hypercalcemia, renal insufficiency	Prednisone 25 mg/d, tapered to 20 mg after 4 wk	...	...	Ongoing SD
24	RA	Joint pain	Prednisone 10 mg/d, now receiving 8 mg/d	...	...	Ongoing PR
28	Psoriasis	...	...	Presumed colitis grade 5	Methylprednisolone 1 mg/kg	Patient died

Abbreviations: CR, complete response; ellipses, none; PR, partial response; RA, rheumatoid arthritis; SD, stable disease.

[a] Receiving dexamethasone for brain metastases; infliximab was added with onset of diarrhea.

[b] Patient developed a chronic, inflammatory-appearing arthritis during nivolumab therapy that improved with use of low-dose steroids and hydroxychloroquine.

Johnson et al, JAMA Oncology 2015

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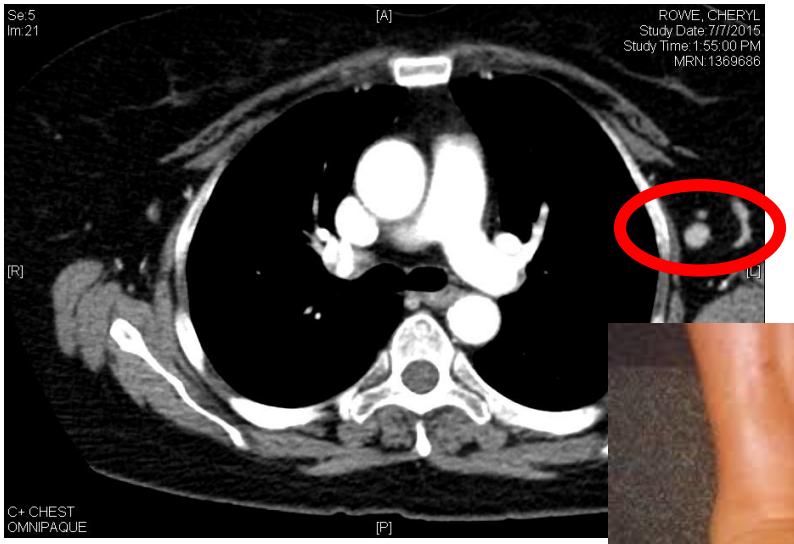
PD-1 Blockade in Patient with Autoimmune Disease



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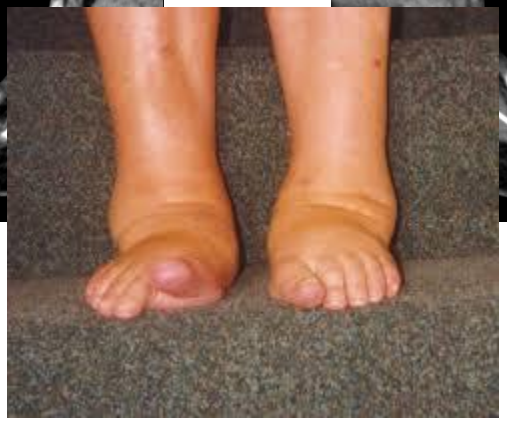

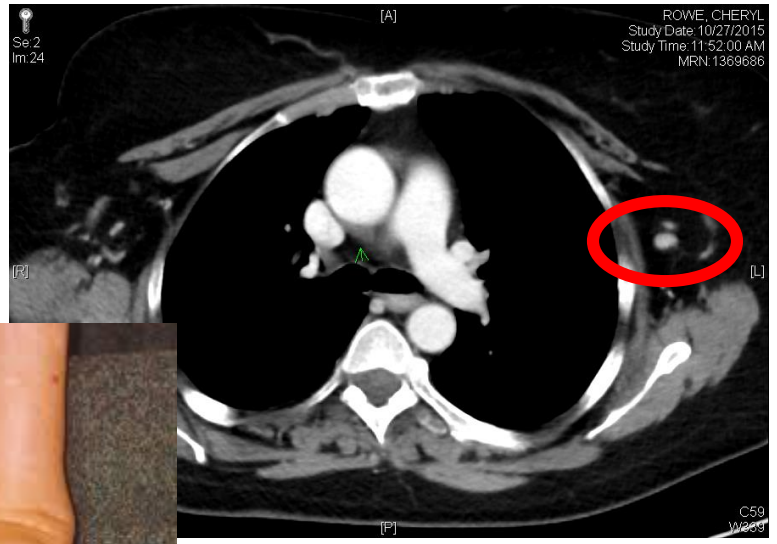

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62 y.o. female, met melanoma, psoriatic arthritis S/P HD IL-2
4/15 - PD-1 (pembro) x 4 doses
7/15 – CTs = SD, PA flared, pembrolizumab held, rx – apremilast
10/15 – CT = MR, PA improved, plan = observation

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- **Will toxicity management prove challenging?**
  - **Not to the informed**
  - Will rare but serious toxicities occur?
    - YES
  - Will late toxicity emerge?
    - YES
  - Will certain toxicities make combinations difficult?
    - Probably
  - Will history of autoimmunity limit application?
    - Yes, in some cases

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Case Study #3

- A 71-yr-old female with stage 3 superficial spreading melanoma of the left leg underwent wide excision and lymph node dissection
- After surgery, she was treated with adjuvant high dose iplimumab at 10 mg/kg every 3 weeks
- Two weeks after her third dose of anti-CTLA4 antibody, she developed grade 3 fatigue and grade 3 diarrhea, along with nausea, weakness, and generalized malaise.
- Labs were unremarkable, including normal CBC, CMP, TSH, LH, FSH, ACTH, GH, cortisol and prolactin. MRI brain was unremarkable

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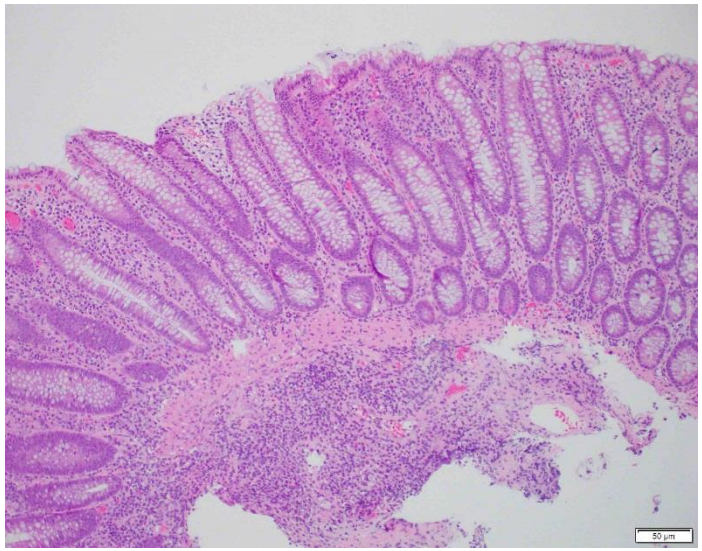
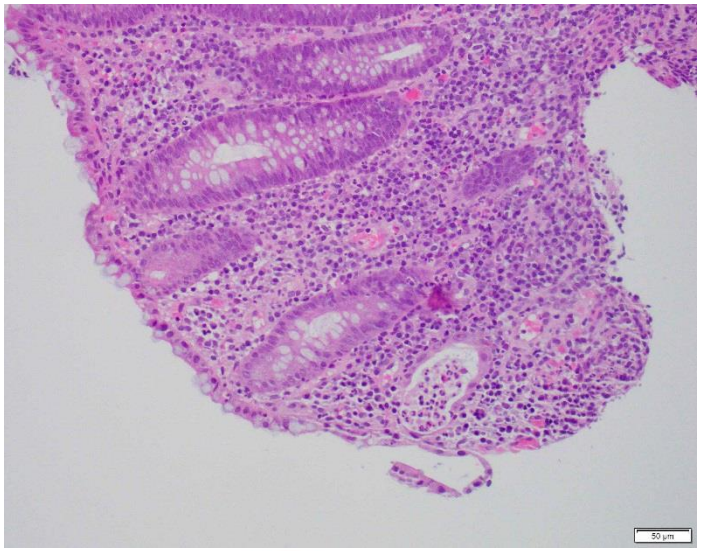
Case Study #3

- The patient was admitted for high dose steroids, hydration and GI work-up
- Colonoscopy with biopsy was performed to assess for colitis.
  - Biopsy was consistent with colitis





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The patient's biopsy suggested enterocolitis.

How would you manage this patient?

1. Continue ipilimumab, steroids and IV hydration treatment, and start antibiotics
2. Discontinue ipilimumab and continue steroids.
3. Discontinue ipilimumab, continue steroids and start infliximab.
4. Discontinue ipilumab, continue steroids and start mycophenolate mofetil.

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Case Study #3 (continued)

- The patient was started on infliximab, 5mg/kg IV, with resolution of diarrhea.
- All symptoms resolved, and the patient was slowly tapered to low dose steroids.
- The patient remains in remission with no evidence of disease.

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