

# Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Lung Cancer

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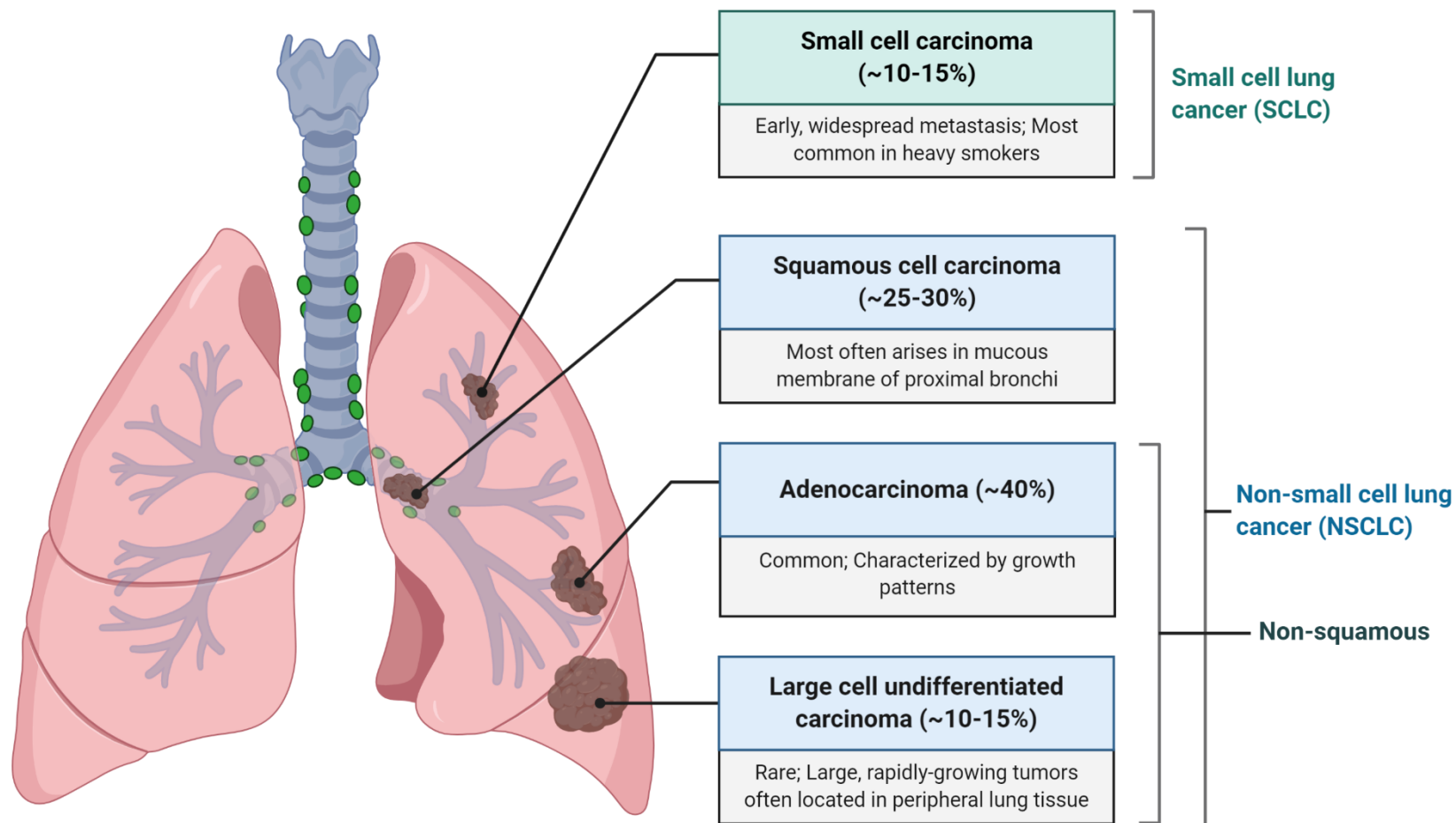
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# Lung cancer



# Treatment options for NSCLC

## Local disease

- Surgery
- Stereotactic body radiation therapy
- Chemotherapy

## Stage III unresectable disease

- Concurrent chemo-radiation
- Immunotherapy

## Metastatic disease

- Chemotherapy
- Targeted therapies
- Immunotherapy
- Radiation therapy

# Metastatic NSCLC treatment options overview

Drug type	Molecular format	Administration route	Example for NSCLC	Typical dosing regimen
Chemotherapy	Small molecule	Intravenous, occasionally oral	Nab-paclitaxel	100 mg/m <sup>2</sup> on days 1, 8, 15 of 21-day cycle
Targeted therapy	Small molecule	Oral	Osimertinib (kinase inhibitor)	80 mg tablet once a day
Targeted antibody therapy	Antibody	Intravenous	Bevacizumab (VEGF-A inhibitor)	15 mg/kg Q3W
Immune checkpoint inhibitor	Antibody	Intravenous	Pembrolizumab (PD-1 inhibitor)	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W

# Immune checkpoint inhibitors in lung cancer

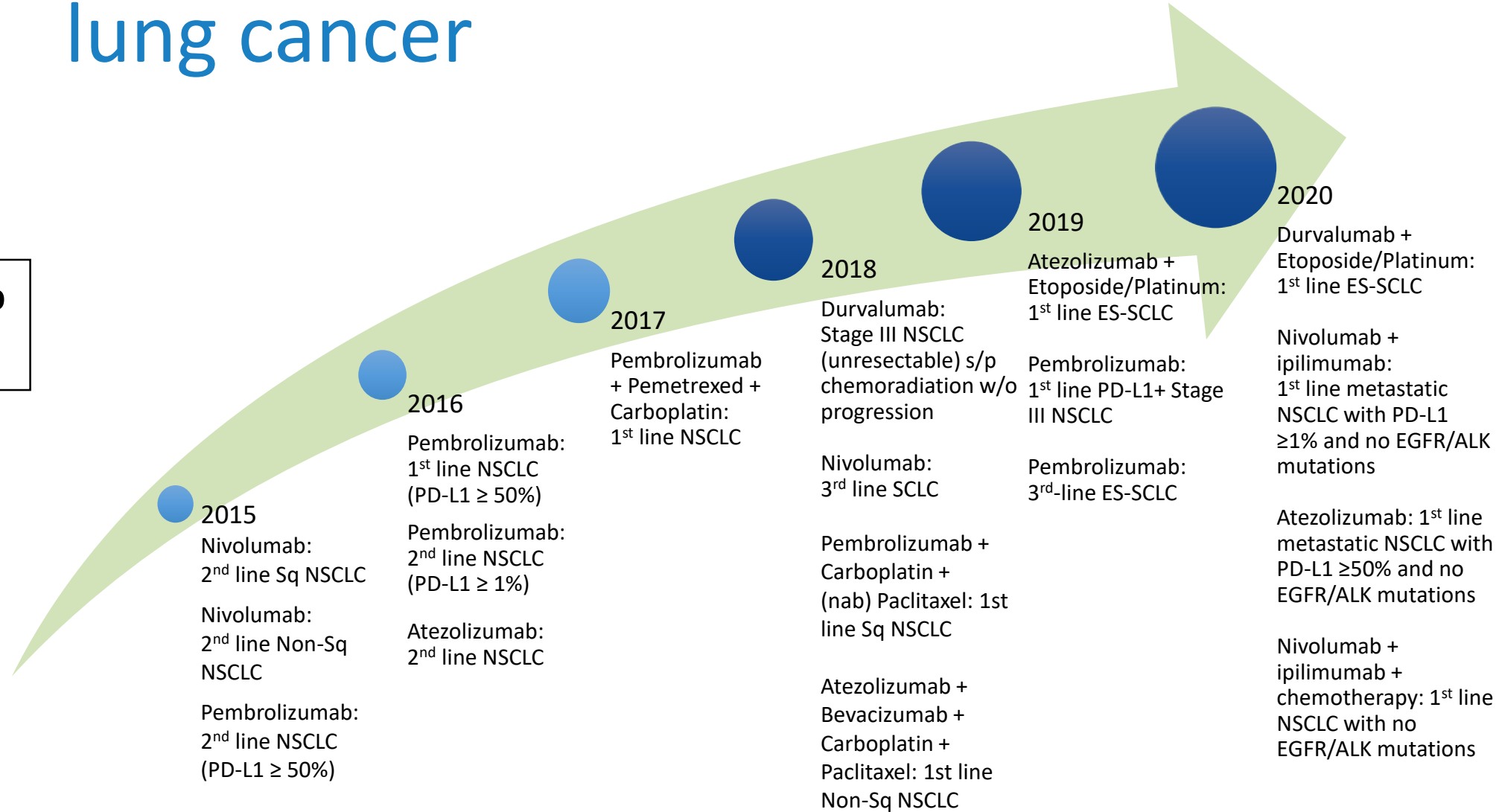
**Nivolumab**  
Y → PD-1

**Pembrolizumab**  
Y → PD-1

**Atezolizumab**  
Y → PD-L1

**Durvalumab**  
Y → PD-L1

**Ipilimumab**  
Y → CTLA-4



# Outline

- Non-small cell lung cancer
  - Front-line – PD-L1-selected and unselected
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# Immunotherapy for first-line treatment of metastatic NSCLC

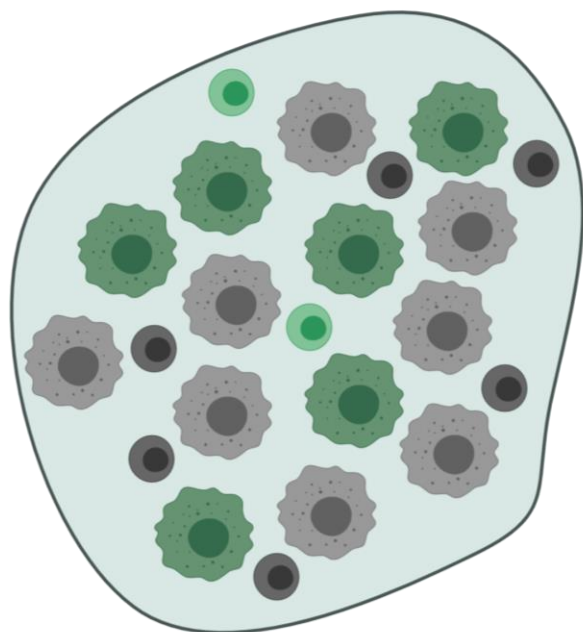
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Atezolizumab	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic NSCLC with <b>PD-L1 ≥ 50% of tumor cells or ≥ 10% of immune cells</b> with no EGFR/ALK mutations	840 mg Q2W, 1200 mg Q3W, or 1680 mg Q4W
Nivolumab + ipilimumab	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic NSCLC with <b>PD-L1 ≥ 1%</b> and no EGFR/ALK mutations	Nivolumab 3 mg/kg Q2W + ipilimumab 1 mg/kg Q6W
Nivolumab + ipilimumab + platinum-doublet chemotherapy	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic NSCLC with no EGFR/ALK mutations	Nivolumab 360 mg Q3W + ipilimumab 1 mg/kg Q6W + 2 cycles of chemotherapy
Pembrolizumab + pemetrexed + platinum	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic non-squamous NSCLC with no EGFR/ALK mutations	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
Pembrolizumab + carboplatin + paclitaxel/nab-paclitaxel	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic squamous NSCLC	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
Atezolizumab + bevacizumab + paclitaxel + carboplatin	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic non-squamous NSCLC with no EGFR/ALK mutations	For 4-6 cycles: atezolizumab 1200 mg Q3W + chemotherapy + bevacizumab; Maintenance: 840 mg Q2W, 1200 mg Q3W, or 1680 mg Q4W
Atezolizumab + nab-paclitaxel + carboplatin	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic non-squamous NSCLC with no EGFR/ALK mutations	For 4-6 cycles: atezolizumab 1200 mg Q3W + chemotherapy Maintenance: 840 mg Q2W, 1200 mg Q3W, or 1680 mg Q4W





# PD-L1 Assays: TPS vs Ventana Assay

$$TPS = \frac{\# \text{ of PD-L1 positive tumor cells}}{\text{number of viable tumor cells}} \times 100$$

$$TPS = \frac{6 \text{ positive tumor cells}}{14 \text{ total tumor cells}} \times 100 = 43\%$$

Example below PD-L1 low (1-49%) by TPS



-  PD-L1-positive immune cell
-  PD-L1-negative immune cell
-  PD-L1-positive tumor cell
-  PD-L1-negative tumor cell

Looks at both the tumor cell and immune cell expression of PD-L1

$$TC = \frac{6 \text{ positive tumor cells}}{14 \text{ total tumor cells}} \times 100 = 43\%$$

$$IC = \frac{2 \text{ positive immune cells}}{8 \text{ immune cells}} \times 100 = 25\%$$

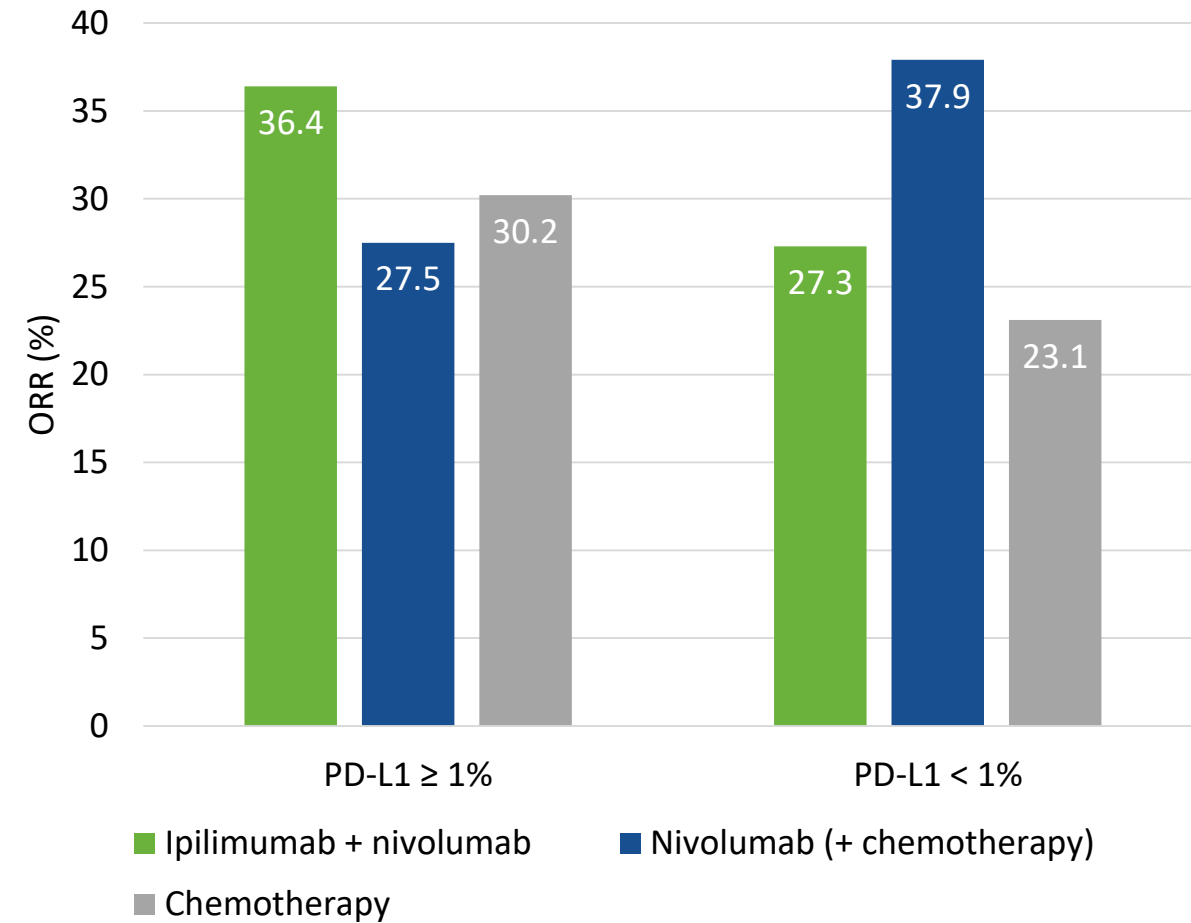
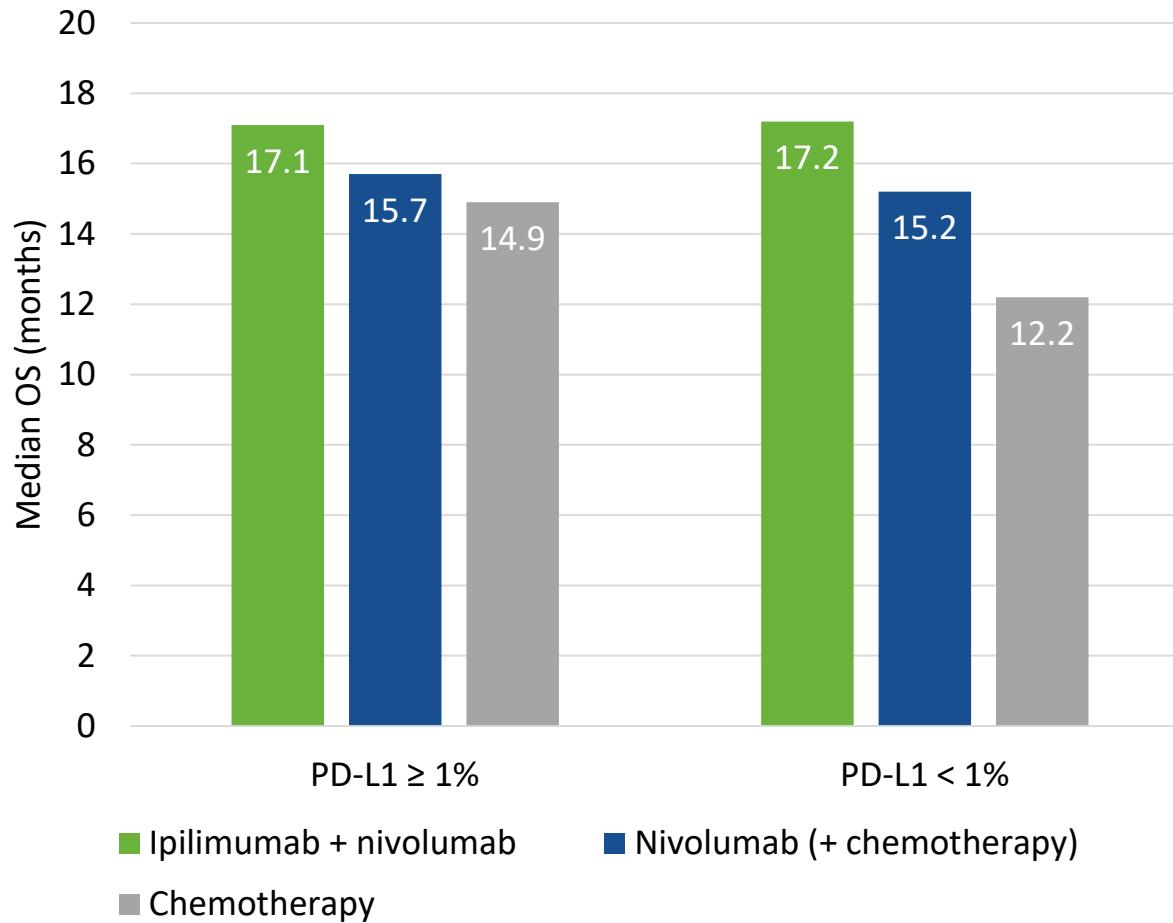
Example would be in IC3, or immune high category

<b>TC3</b> <b>IC3</b>	TC ≥ 50% IC ≥ 10%
<b>TC2/3</b> <b>IC2/3</b>	TC ≥ 5% IC ≥ 5%
<b>TC1/2/3</b> <b>IC1/2/3</b>	TC ≥ 1% IC ≥ 1%

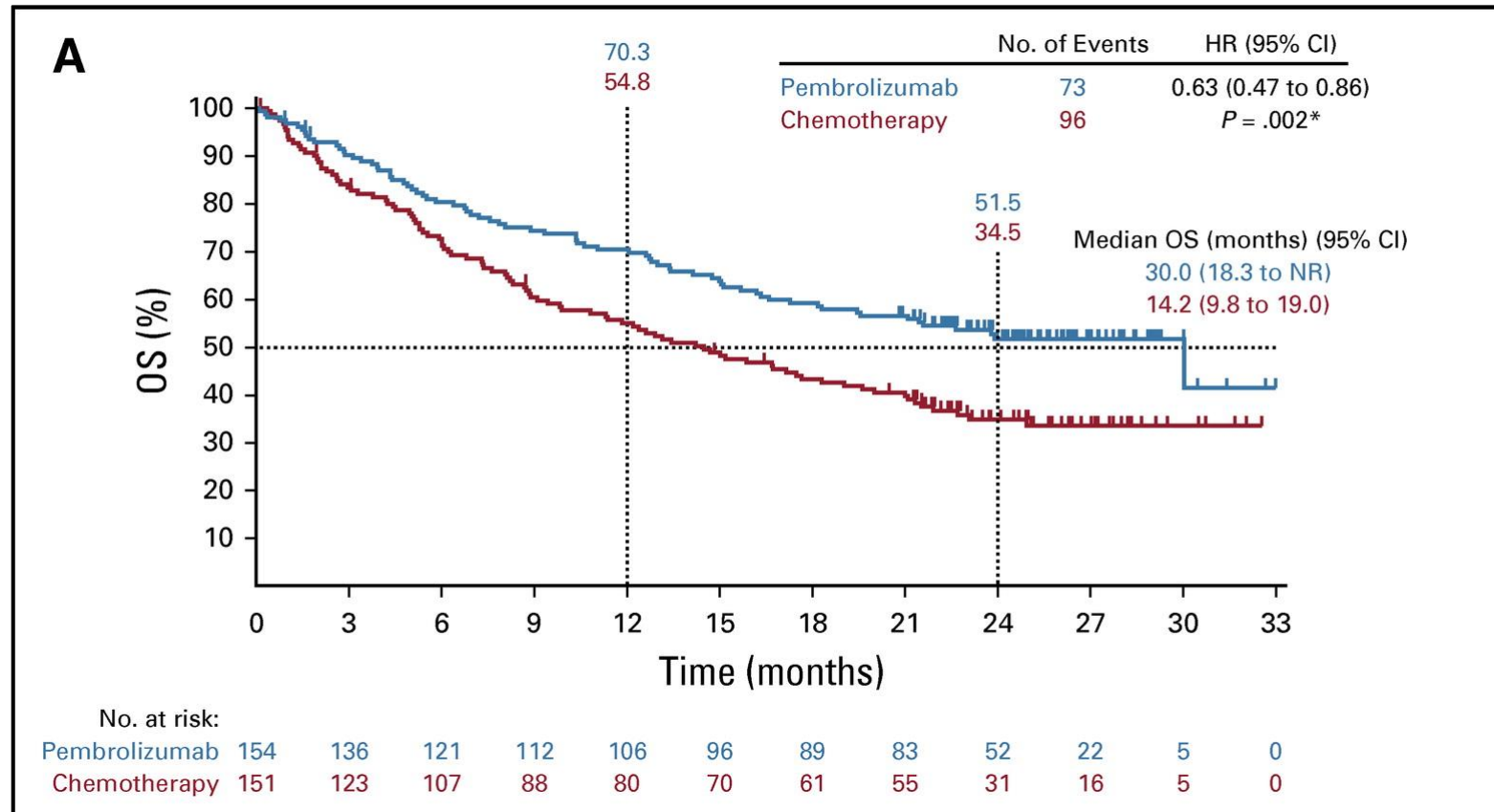
# Treatment Naïve Regimens: Competing Strategies in NSCLC by biomarker status

PD-L1-selected	PD-L1-unselected
Nivolumab + ipilimumab <i>CheckMate 227</i>	Nivolumab + ipilimumab + platinum-doublet <i>CheckMate 9LA</i>
Pembrolizumab <i>KEYNOTE-024, -042</i>	Pembrolizumab + chemotherapy <i>KEYNOTE-189, -407</i>
Atezolizumab <i>IMpower110</i>	Atezolizumab + bevacizumab + chemotherapy <i>IMpower150</i>
	Atezolizumab + chemotherapy <i>IMpower130</i>

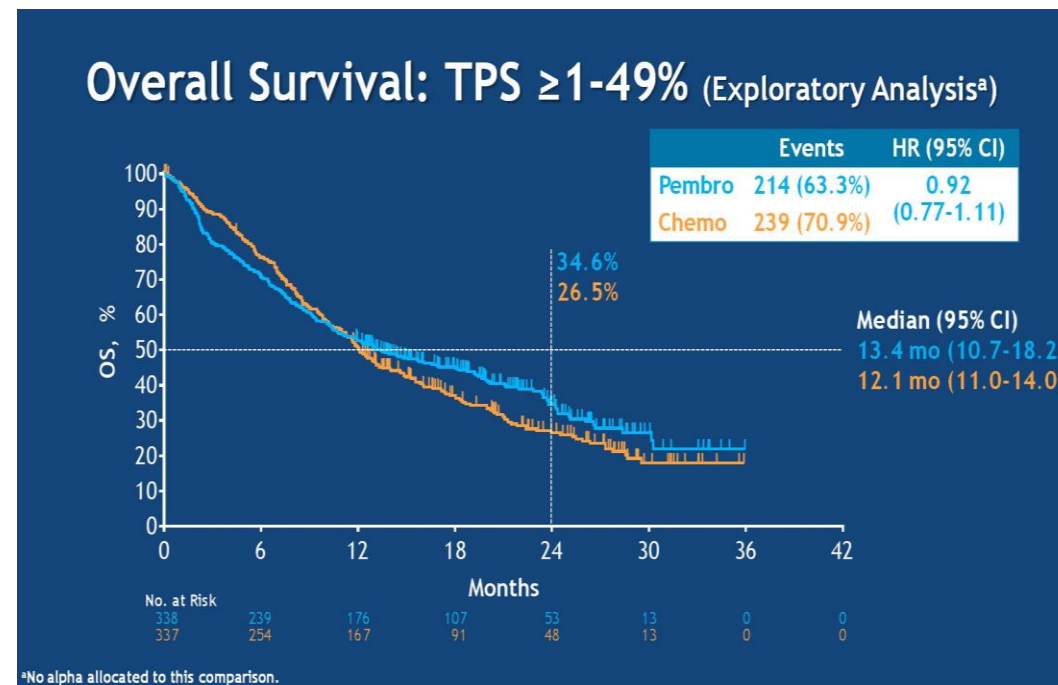
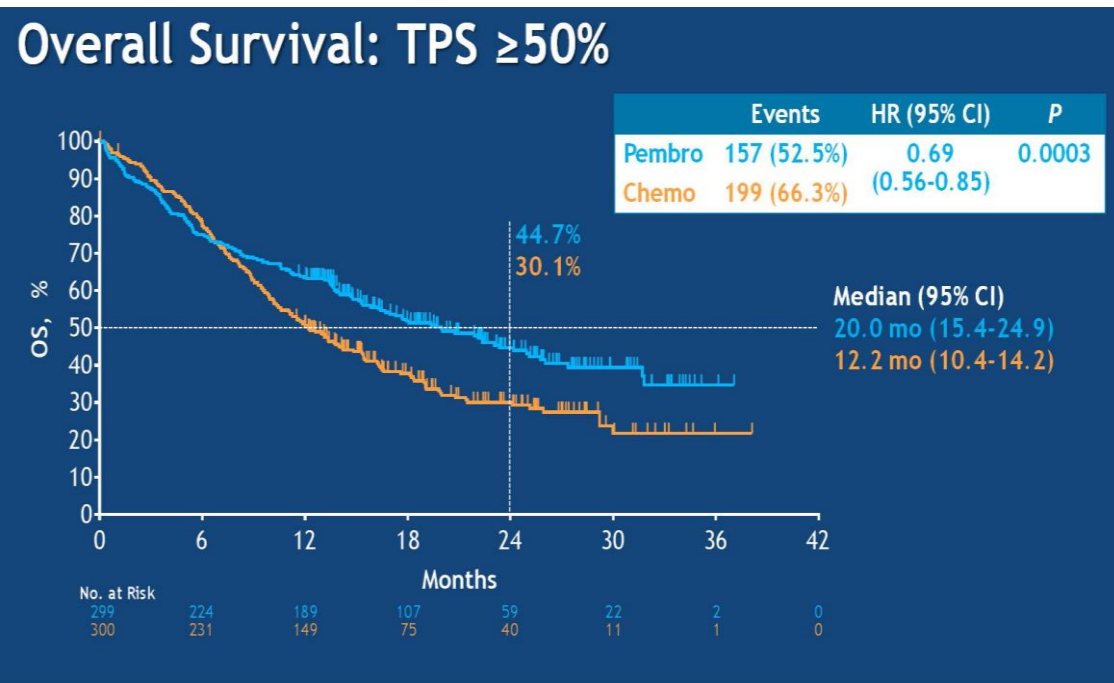
# CheckMate 227: Ipilimumab + nivolumab vs chemotherapy for 1L NSCLC



# KEYNOTE-024: Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy for PD-L1 $\geq 50\%$ NSCLC



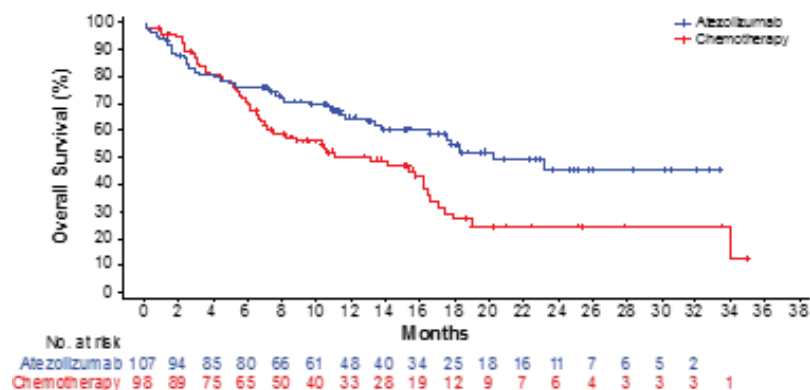
# KEYNOTE-042: Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy for PD-L1 $\geq 1\%$ NSCLC



Survival benefit seemed to be driven by the TPS  $\geq 50\%$  subset with little benefit witnessed in the subset TPS = 1 - 49%

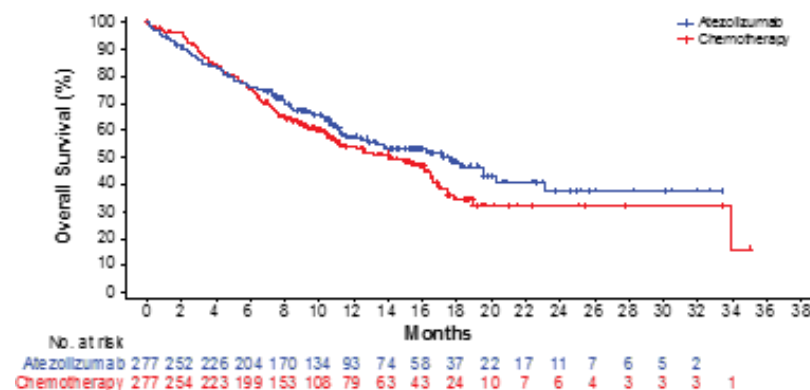
# IMpower110: Atezolizumab vs chemotherapy in 1L NSCLC

SP142 (TC3 or IC3-WT)<sup>a</sup>



	Atezo (n = 107)	Chemo (n = 98)
mOS, mo	20.2	13.1
HR <sup>b</sup> (95% CI)	0.59 (0.40, 0.89)	

SP142 (TC1/2/3 or IC1/2/3-WT)<sup>a</sup>

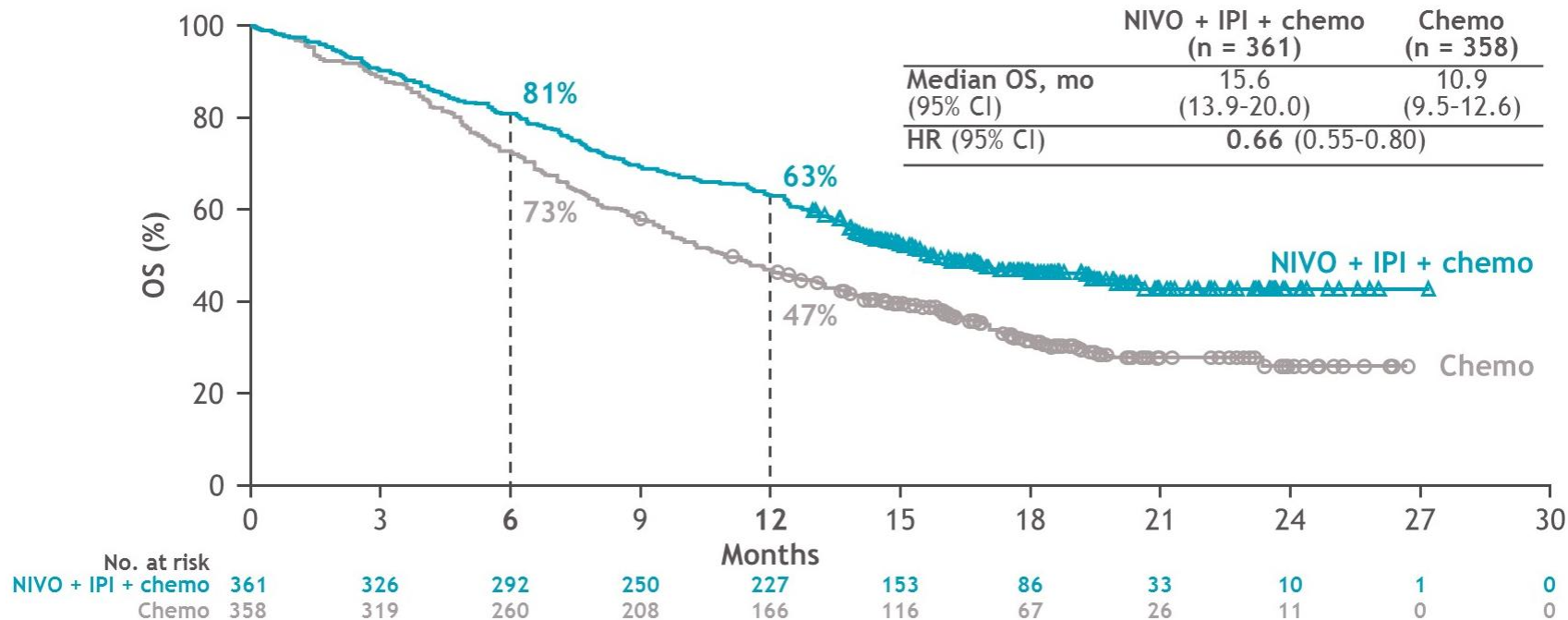


	Atezo (n = 277)	Chemo (n = 277)
mOS, mo	17.5	14.1
HR <sup>b</sup> (95% CI)	0.83 (0.65, 1.07)	

TC3 IC3	TC ≥ 50% IC ≥ 10%
TC2/3 IC2/3	TC ≥ 5% IC ≥ 5%
TC1/2/3 IC1/2/3	TC ≥ 1% IC ≥ 1%

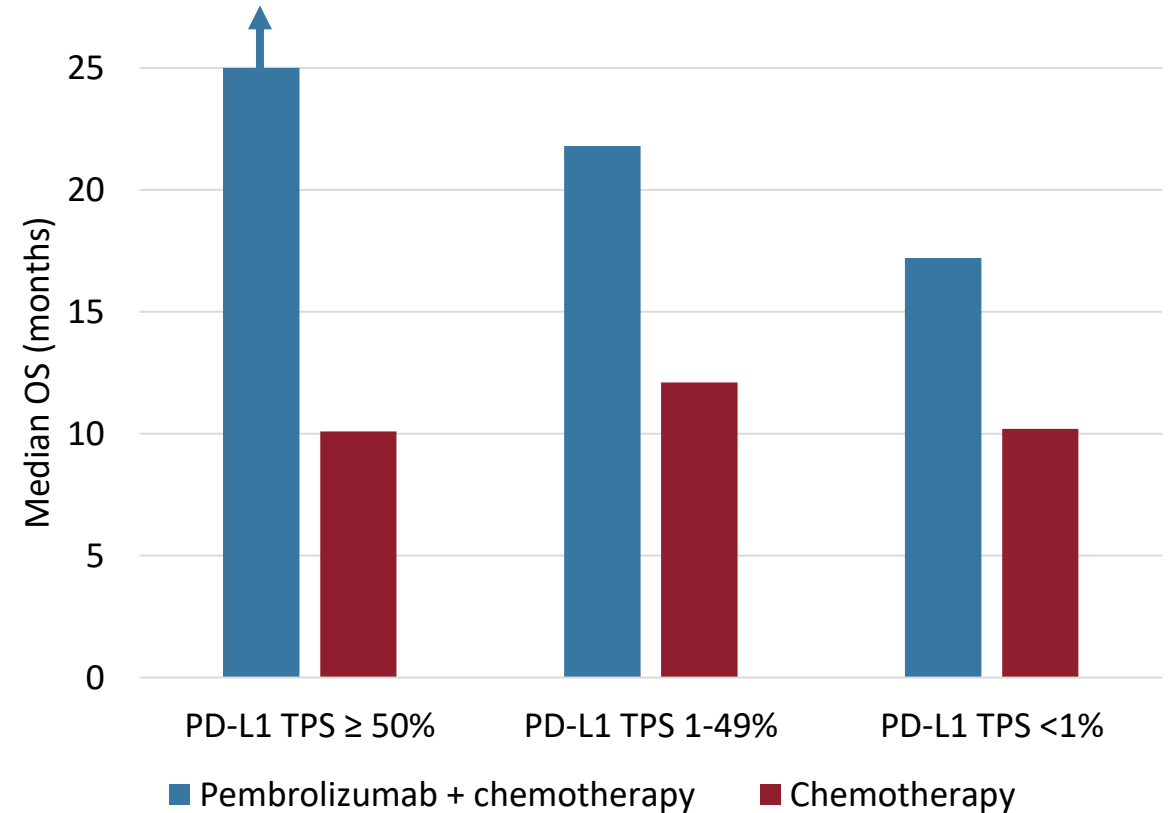
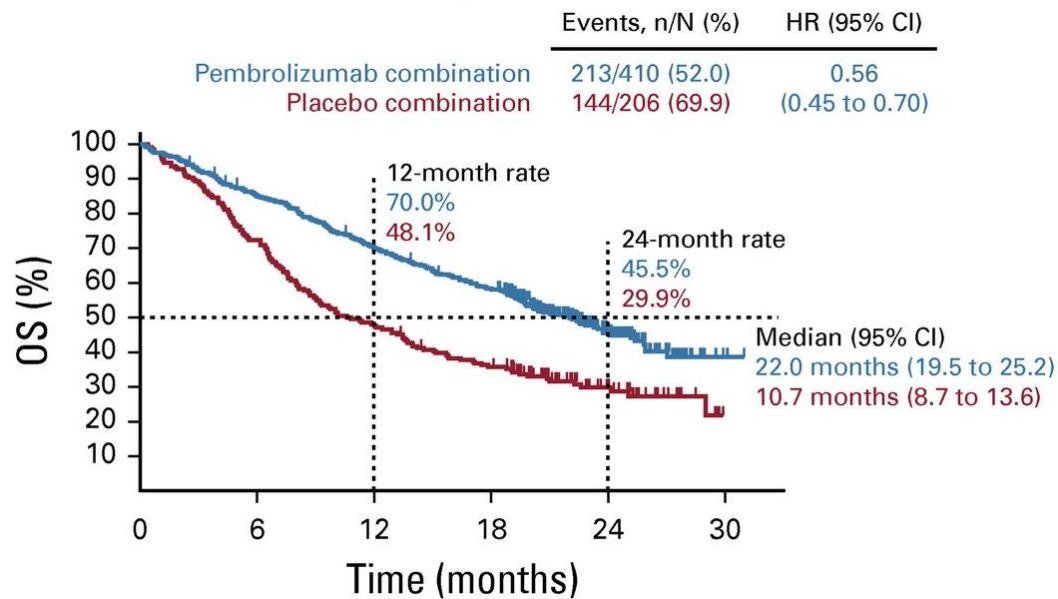
# Treatments not reliant on PD-L1 expression

# CheckMate 9LA: Nivolumab/Ipilimumab + limited chemo



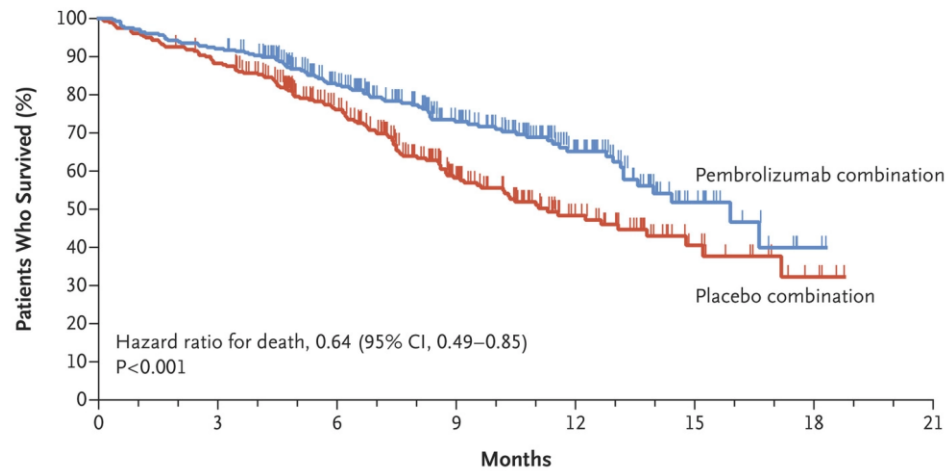
	NIVO + IPI + chemo (n = 361)	Chemo (n = 358)
ORR, n (%)	138 (38)	89 (25)
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.9 (1.4-2.6)	
BOR, n (%)		
CR	8 (2)	4 (1)
PR	130 (36)	85 (24)
SD	164 (45)	185 (52)
PD	32 (9)	45 (13)
DCR, n (%)	302 (84)	274 (76)

# KEYNOTE-189: Pembrolizumab/chemotherapy vs Chemotherapy Alone for Advanced Non-Squamous NSCLC



# KEYNOTE-407: Pembrolizumab/Chemotherapy vs Chemotherapy Alone for Advanced Squamous-Cell NSCLC

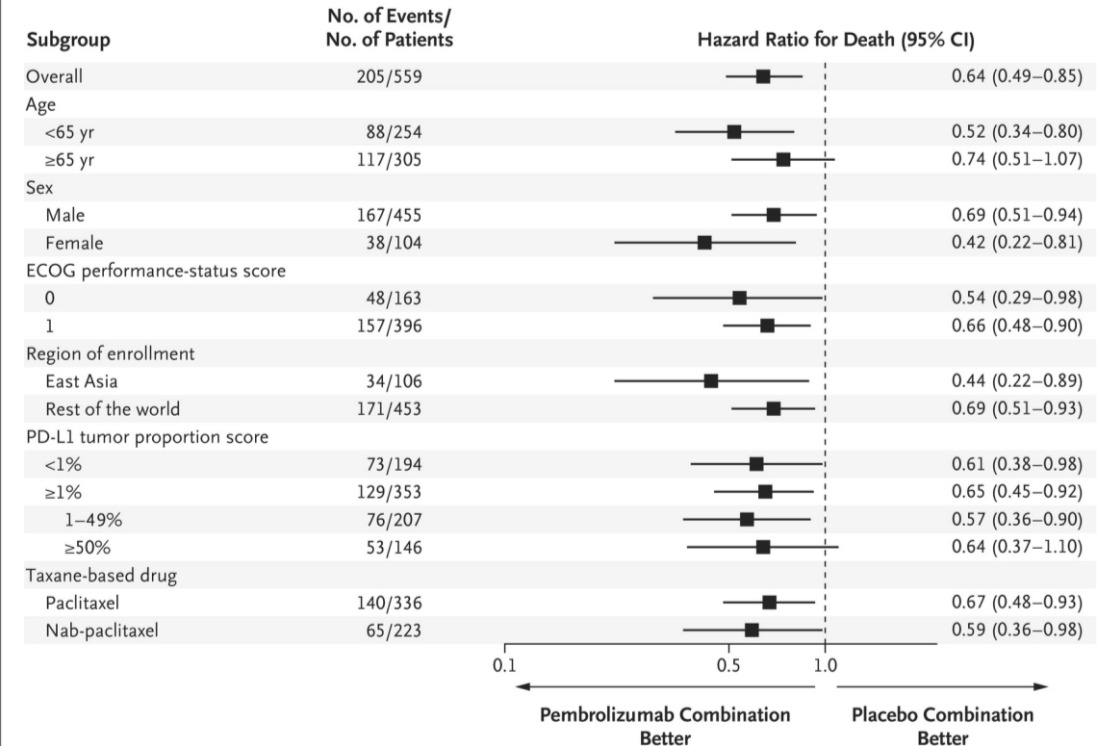
**A Overall Survival**



**No. at Risk**

Pembrolizumab combination	278	256	188	124	62	17	2	0
Placebo combination	281	246	175	93	45	16	4	0

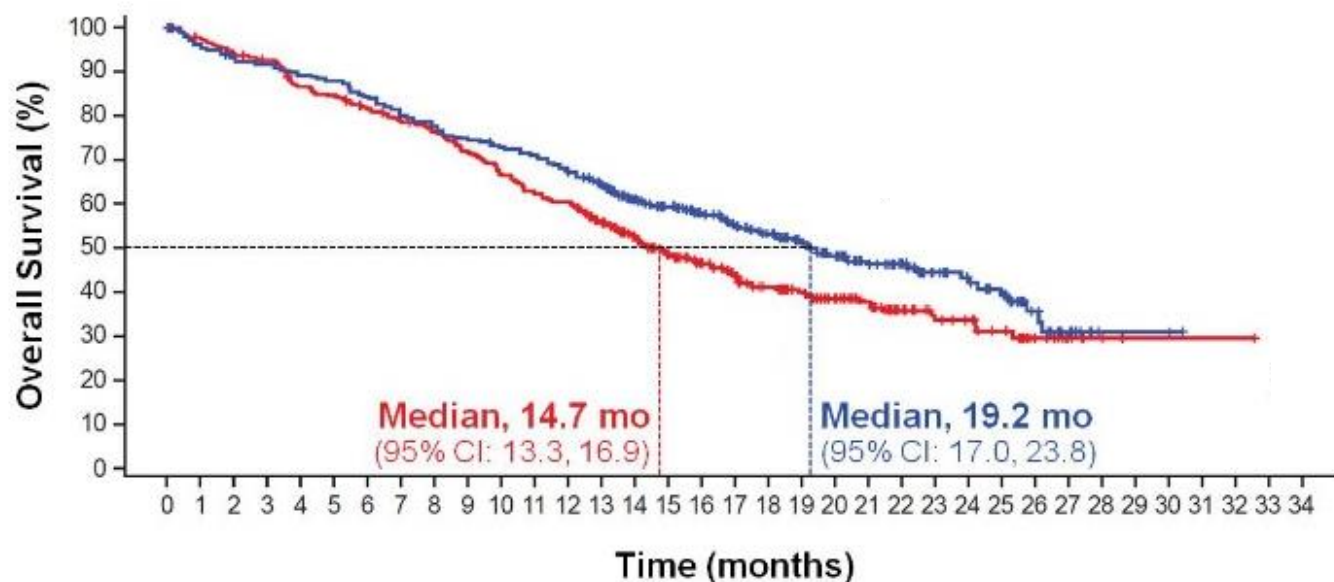
**B Subgroup Analysis of Overall Survival**



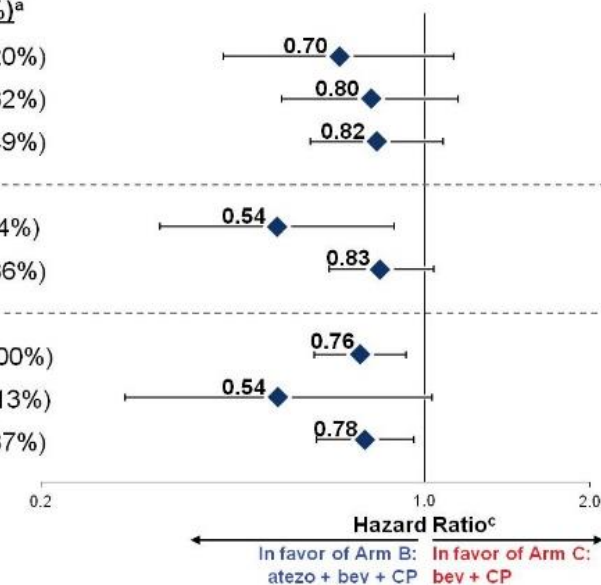
# IMpower150: Atezolizumab/Carboplatin/ Paclitaxel/Bevacizumab vs Carboplatin/ Paclitaxel/ Bevacizumab in Advanced Non-Squamous NSCLC

Landmark OS, %	Arm B: atezo + bev + CP	Arm C: bev + CP
12-month	67%	61%
18-month	53%	41%
24-month	43%	34%

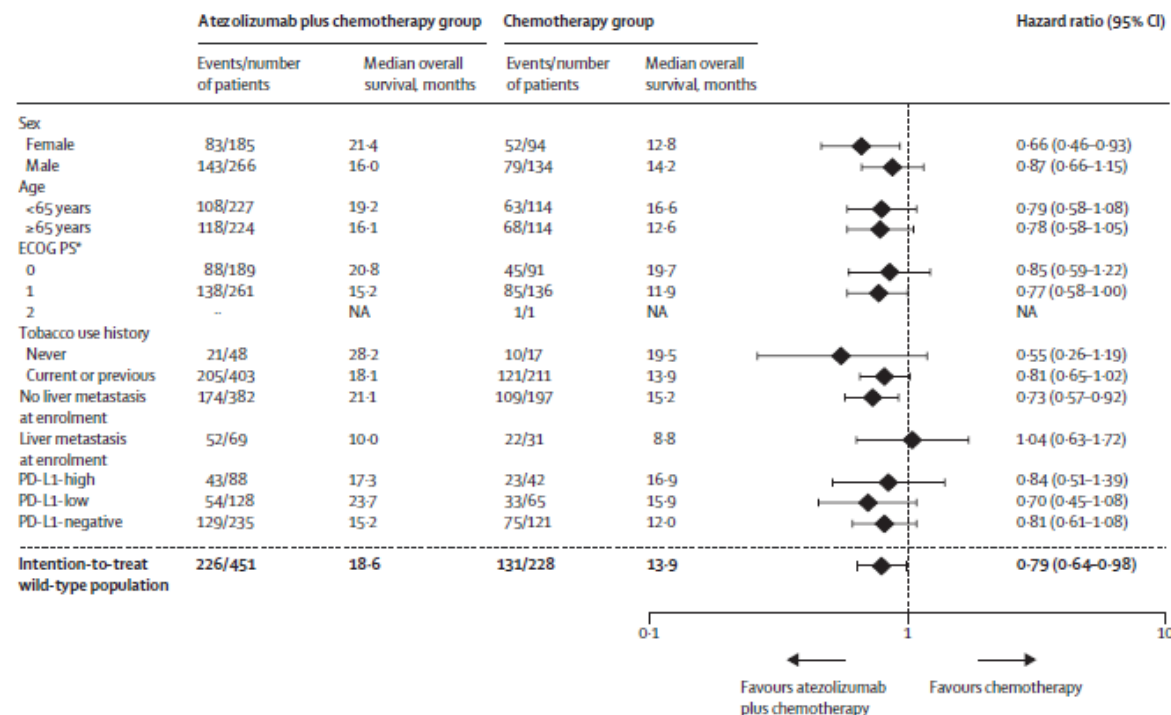
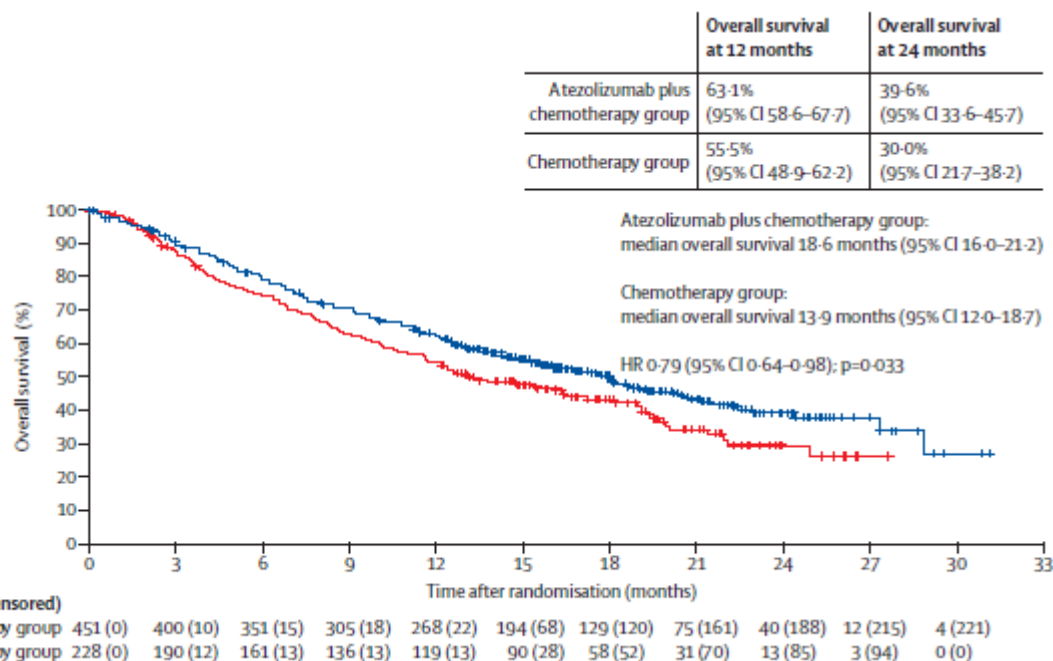
**HR<sup>a</sup>, 0.78**  
(95% CI: 0.64, 0.96)  
**P = 0.0164**  
Median follow-up: ~20 mo



Subgroup	n (%) <sup>a</sup>
PD-L1–High (TC3 or IC3) WT	136 (20%)
PD-L1–Low (TC1/2 or IC1/2) WT	226 (32%)
PD-L1–Negative (TC0 and IC0) WT	339 (49%)
Liver Metastases WT	94 (14%)
No Liver Metastases WT	602 (86%)
ITT (including EGFR/ALK+)	800 (100%)
EGFR/ALK+ only	104 <sup>b</sup> (13%)
ITT-WT	696 (87%)



# IMpower130: Atezolizumab + chemo vs chemo alone for non-squamous NSCLC



# Immunotherapy for relapsed/refractory NSCLC

Drug	Indication	Dose
Nivolumab	Metastatic squamous or non-squamous NSCLC with progression after chemotherapy (2 <sup>nd</sup> line)	240 mg Q2W or 480 mg Q4W
Pembrolizumab	Metastatic NSCLC with progression after chemotherapy and <b>PD-L1 ≥ 1%</b>	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
Atezolizumab	Metastatic NSCLC with progression after Pt-chemotherapy and targeted therapy if EGFR/ALK mutation-positive	840 mg Q2W, 1200 mg Q3W, or 1680 mg Q4W

# Second-line use of ICIs in NSCLC

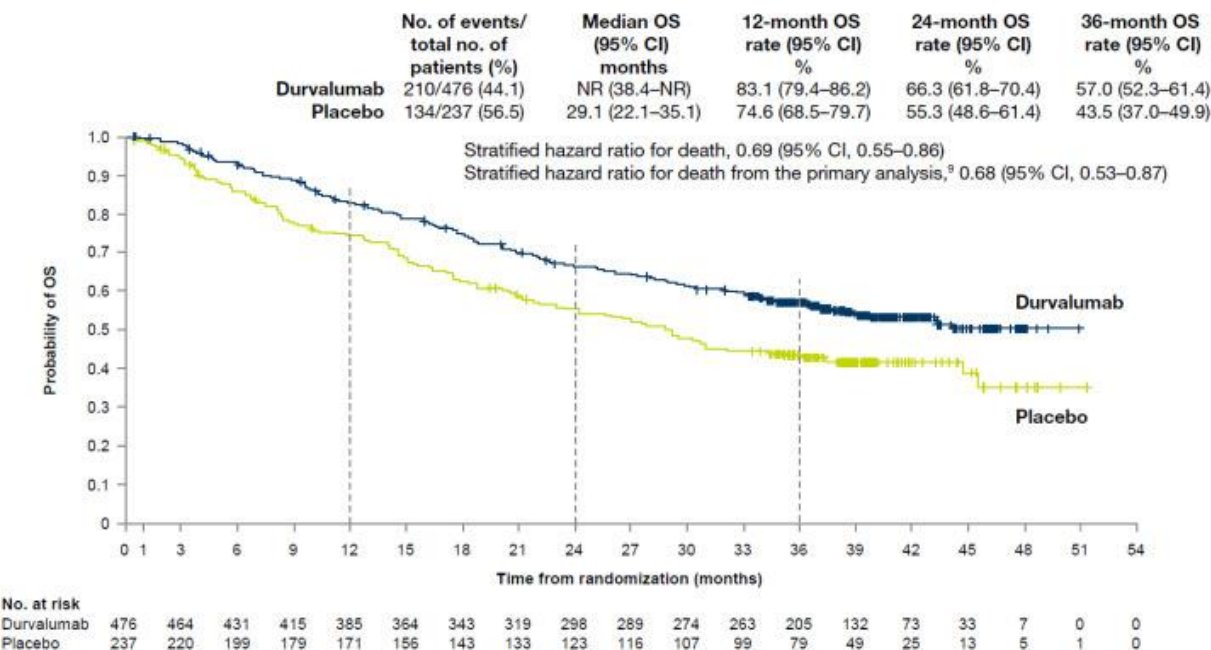
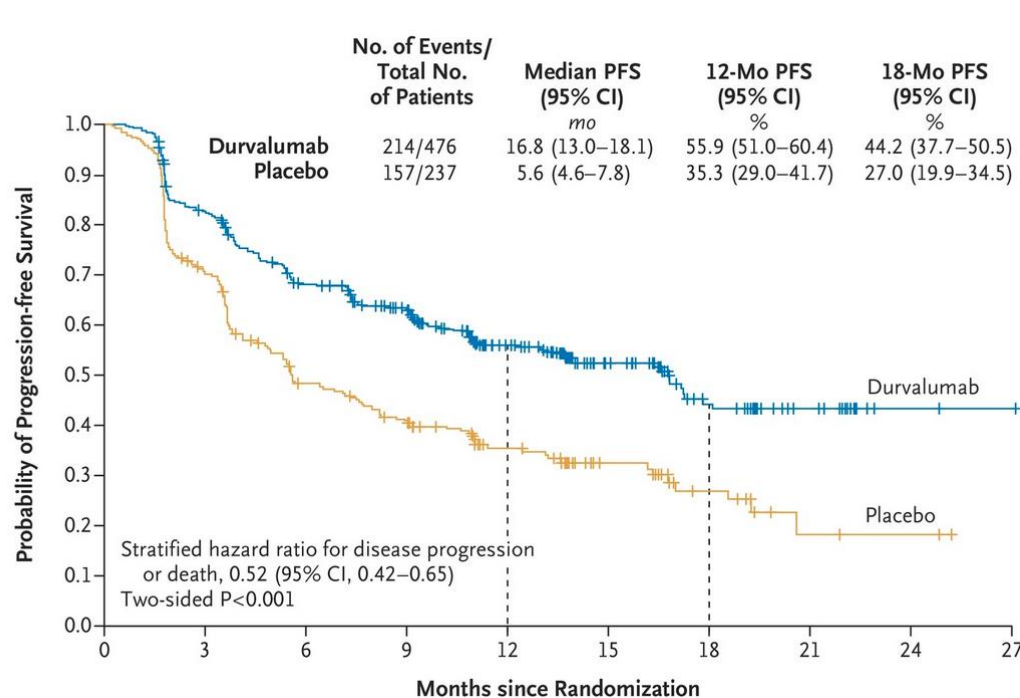
Study	Treatment arms	ORR	Median PFS (months)	Median OS (months)
CheckMate 017 and CheckMate 057	Nivolumab	19%	2.56	11.1
	Docetaxel	11%	3.52	8.1
KEYNOTE-010 (PD-L1 TPS ≥ 1%)	Pembrolizumab	18%	4.0	12.7
	Docetaxel	9%	4.0	8.5
OAK	Atezolizumab	14%	2.8	13.8
	Docetaxel	13%	4.0	9.6

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# Immunotherapy for stage III NSCLC

Drug	Indication	Dose
Durvalumab	Stage III NSCLC, ineligible for surgery and without progression after chemoradiation	10 mg/kg Q2W
Pembrolizumab	1 <sup>st</sup> line stage III NSCLC (not candidate for resection or definitive chemoradiation) with <b>PD-L1 TPS ≥ 1%</b>	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W

# PACIFIC: durvalumab consolidation therapy for stage III NSCLC



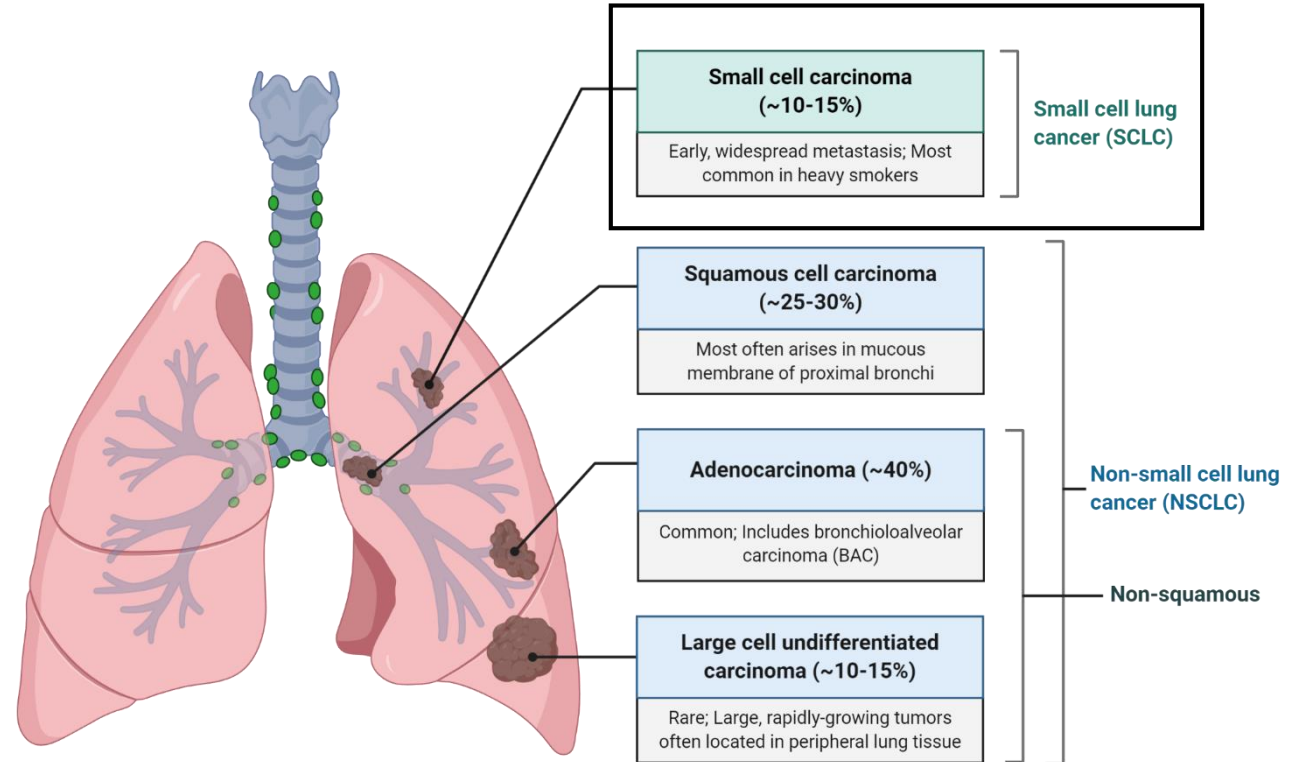
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# Small cell lung cancer

- Median survival 1-2 years after diagnosis
- Until recently, only one FDA-approved 2<sup>nd</sup> line option: topotecan – DOR: 3.3 months
- Recent approvals of immunotherapies mark the first progress in decades

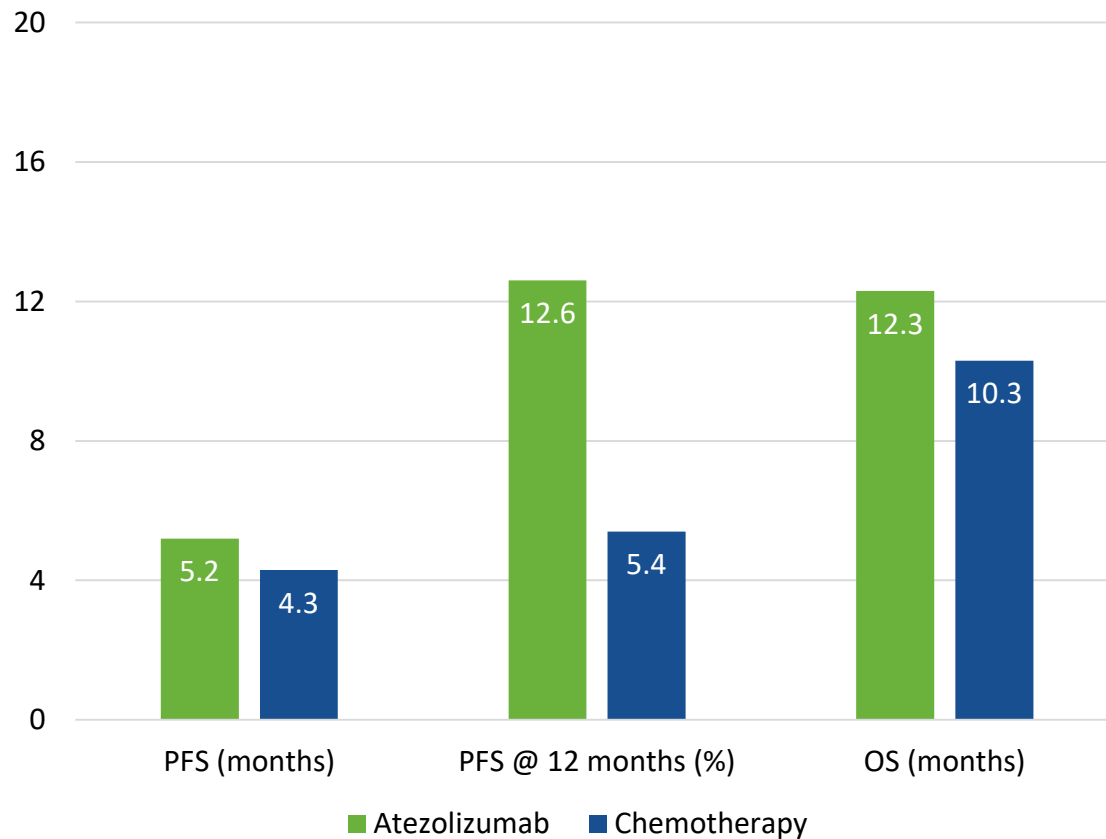


# Approved checkpoint inhibitors in SCLC

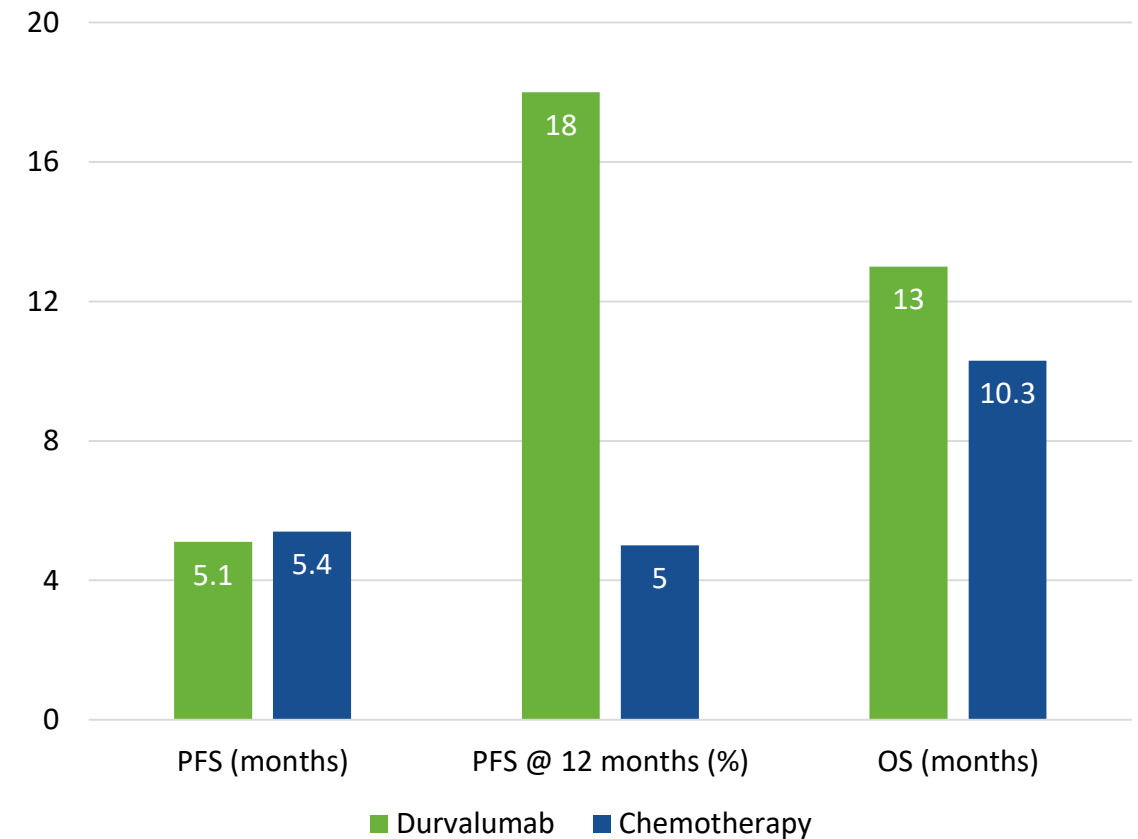
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<b>Pembrolizumab</b>	Metastatic small cell lung cancer with progression on Pt-chemotherapy and one other therapy ( <b>3<sup>rd</sup> line</b> )	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
<b>Atezolizumab + carboplatin + etoposide</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> line</b> extensive stage SCLC	For 4 cycles: atezolizumab 1200 mg + carboplatin + etoposide Q3W Maintenance: 840 mg Q2W, 1200 mg Q3W, or 1680 mg Q4W
<b>Durvalumab + etoposide + carboplatin/cisplatin</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> line</b> extensive stage SCLC	For 4 cycles: 1500 mg durvalumab Q3W + chemotherapy; Maintenance: 1500 mg durvalumab Q4W

# Front-line ICI in SCLC

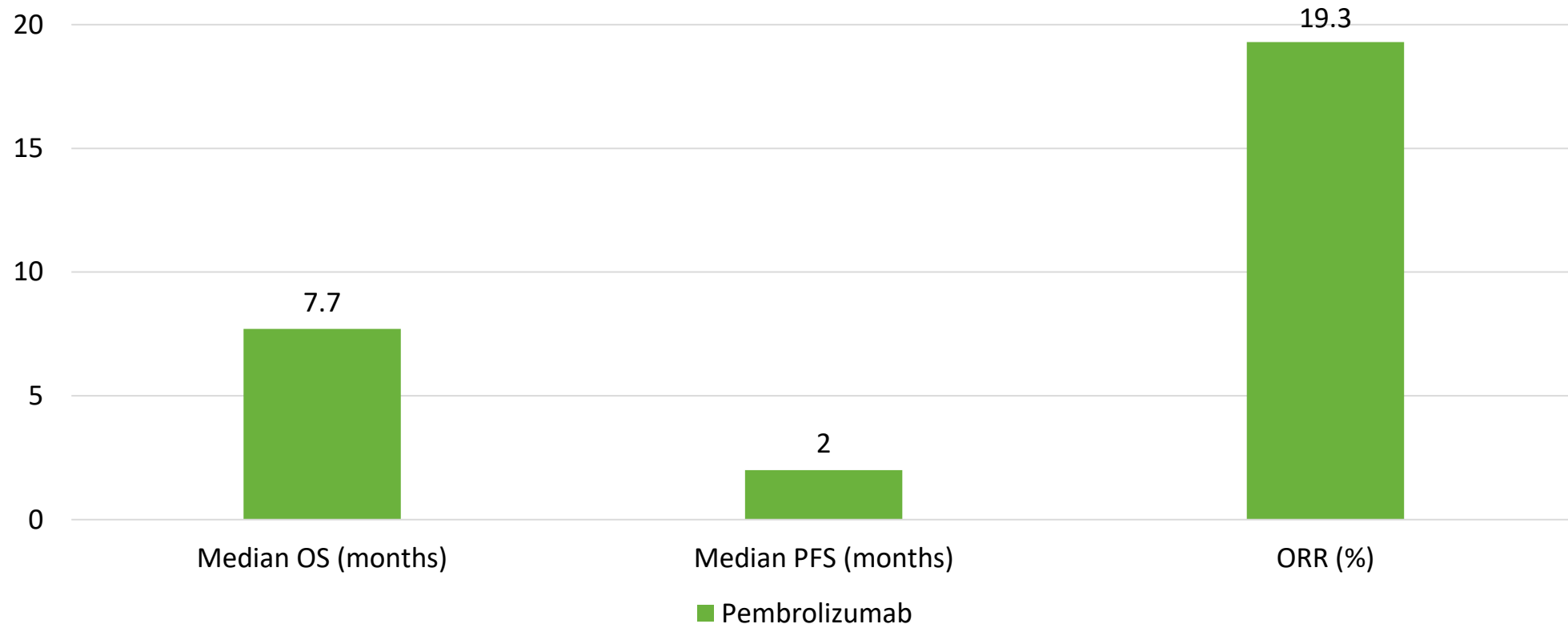
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# Later-line ICI in SCLC



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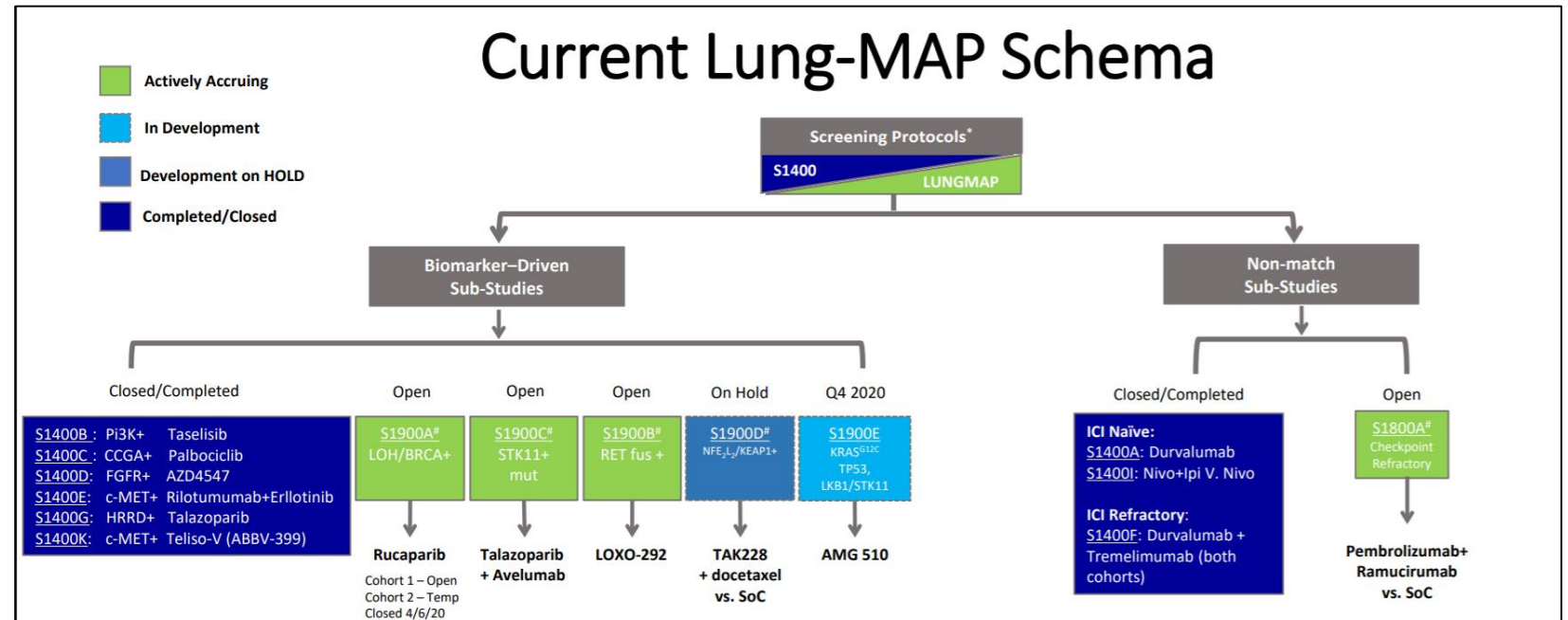
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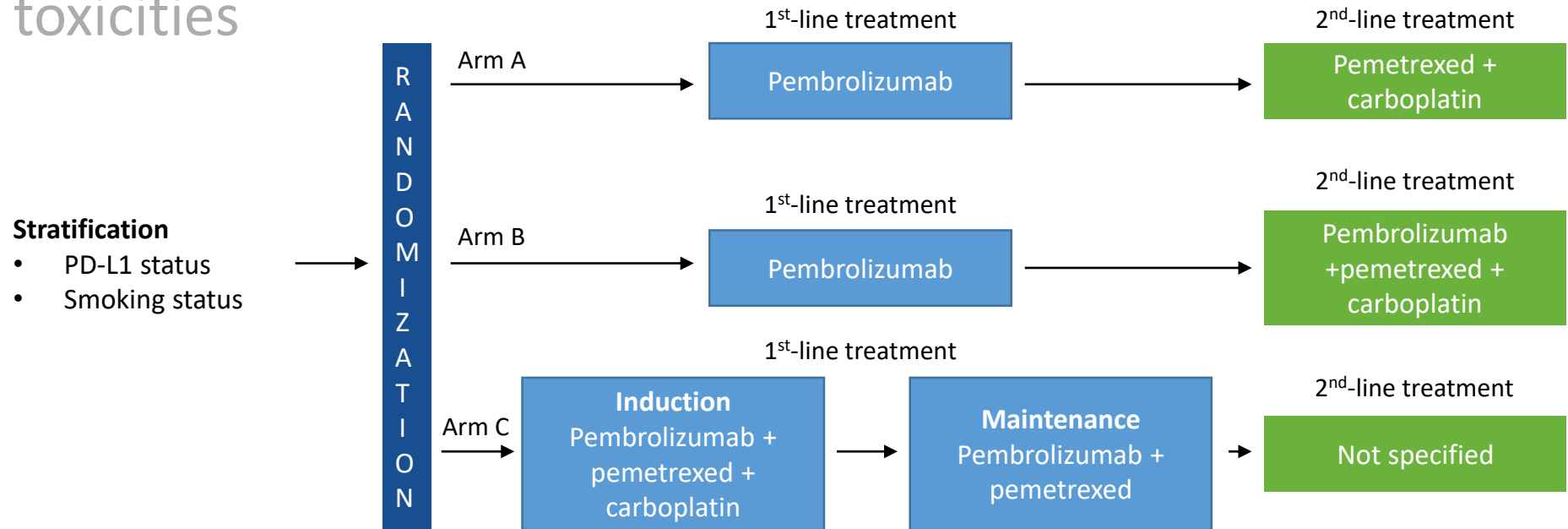
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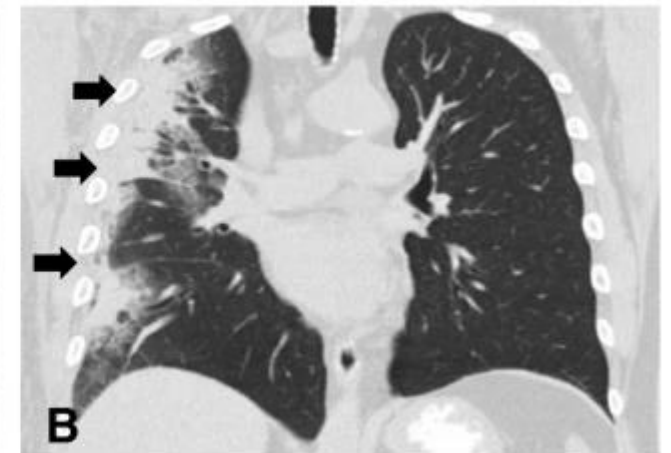
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- Timing of different treatments and combinations
- Emerging toxicities – radiation and ICIs



Axillary radiation treatment field from September-October 2017 demonstrating overlap with peripheral lung.

Chest CT performed 5 months after completing right axillary radiotherapy (March 2018) and 1.5 months after initiating nivolumab therapy



# Immunotherapy for mesothelioma

Drug	Indication	Dose
Nivolumab + ipilimumab	Frontline unresectable malignant pleural mesothelioma	Nivolumab 360 mg Q3W + ipilimumab 1 mg/kg Q6W

- Approval based on CheckMate 743
  - Nivolumab + ipilimumab vs platinum-based chemotherapy
  - Median OS: 18.1 months vs 14.1 months
  - 2-year OS: 41% vs 27%
  - Median PFS: 6.8 months vs 7.2 months
- First FDA approval for mesothelioma since 2004

# Conclusions

- NSCLC has been a proving ground for checkpoint inhibitors
- Many front-line options available for NSCLC
- Clear-cut biomarkers still lacking
- SCLC is beginning to benefit from immune checkpoint inhibitor treatments

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# Case Studies

# Instructions - Case Study 1

Please use the format below to present a case study with which you are familiar. Case studies that are written, should follow this format so that the case studies can be used as inquiry-based practice for clinicians both at the live ACI programs, as well as in the ACI online interactive courses.

## Case Study Format

1. A brief summary of the patient, age, gender, cancer and stage, prior treatment, what is happening now – why she is in your office at this point.
2. Question 1 about the case (What would you do?)
  - A. Option 1 (include written feedback about this option- correct/incorrect and why)
  - B. Option 2 (“)
  - C. Option 3 (“)
  - D. Option 4 (“)
3. Summary of the results of that decision.
4. Question 2 about the case (What is the next step?)
  - A. Option 1 (include written feedback about this option- correct/incorrect and why)
  - B. Option 2 (“)
  - C. Option 3 (“)
  - D. Option 4 (“)
5. Summary of the results of that decision and the final outcome for that patient.

\* If there are more treatment decisions that were made in the case, please just add subsequent steps to account for them, using the same format.

# Case Study 1

- Background: RT is a 68-year-old male former 40 pack year smoker with past medical history of hypertension, hypothyroidism, and benign prostatic hypertrophy. He comes to see you in follow-up for his stage III squamous cell carcinoma of the lung during the last week of concurrent chemo-radiotherapy, which he has tolerated well. Reflex PD-L1 testing was performed and shows that his TPS is 1%.
- Vitals: Temp 37.1 C, HR 76, RR 13, BP 143/87, Ht 178 cm, Wt 81 kg
- Labs:
  - WBC 5.8, Hgb 14.2, Plt 358
  - Na 139, K 4.6, CO2 21, BUN 12, SCr 0.65, Ca 9.2, Glu 122
  - AST 32, ALT 18, Alk Phos 280, Tbili 0.6
  - TSH 5.32 Free T4 1.12

# Case Study 1

Question: What is the most appropriate next step in management of this patient?

- A. Start surveillance imaging, avoiding immunotherapy due to the history of hypothyroidism
- B. Start surveillance imaging, avoiding immunotherapy as his PD-L1 TPS is 1% and patients with low PD-L1 did not respond to immunotherapy
- C. Obtain CT chest to ensure patient does not have progressive disease prior to starting durvalumab
- D. Obtain CT chest to ensure patient does not have progressive disease prior to starting pembrolizumab

# Case Study 1 Follow-up

Two months into therapy with durvalumab, RT presents to clinic for evaluation prior to the next cycle of durvalumab. He reports increasing cough and shortness of breath and oxygen saturation in 90% on room air, previously 97%. What should be done next?

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- A. Hold immunotherapy, and order CXR
- B. Continue durvalumab infusion as patient is not hypoxic and move up his surveillance CT scan
- C. Hold immunotherapy, obtain walking O2 assessment, and request urgent chest CT
- D. Hold immunotherapy, treat empirically with azithromycin and Medrol dose pack and recheck in clinic in 2 weeks

## Case Study 2

- Background: AS is a 63-year-old female former 20 pack year smoker, who presented to her primary care physician with non-productive cough and 15 lb unintentional weight loss. CXR showed a right lower lobe mass and subsequent CT scan showed a 5.2 cm right lower lobe mass with bilateral mediastinal lymphadenopathy. PET scan was obtained and in addition to FDG avid lesions noted above, it also showed 3 suspicious hypodense FDG-avid lesions ranging from 1-3cm in the liver. A liver lesion was biopsied and showed adenocarcinoma (TTF1+, Napsin A+) consistent with lung origin; PD-L1 TPS was low (1-49%). A brain MRI has been ordered and is pending.
- Vitals: Temp 36.8 C, HR 88, RR 15, BP 137/84, O2 saturation 96% on room air
- Labs: WBC 6.8, Hgb 11.6, Plt 285  
Na 143, K 3.9, CO2 22, BUN 13, SCr 0.74, Ca 8.8, Glu 94  
AST 22, ALT 28, Alk Phos 114, Tbili 0.4

## Case Study 2

Question: What is the most appropriate next step in management of this patient?

- A. Start carboplatin, pemetrexed, pembrolizumab based on Keynote-189 if brain MRI shows no evidence of metastatic disease
- B. Request molecular testing on the liver biopsy specimen and await results prior to starting therapy
- C. Start single agent pembrolizumab based on Keynote-042 now, there is no need to wait on brain MRI
- D. Start carboplatin, paclitaxel, atezolizumab, bevacizumab based on Impower-150 if brain MRI shows no evidence of metastatic disease