

## 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

- QoL assessed using Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy Kidney Symptom Index–Disease-Related Symptoms (FKSI-DRS) scoring algorithm
- A clinically meaningful and statistically significant improvement in QoL was seen with nivolumab versus everolimus for the duration of the study FKSI-DRS: Mean Change From Baseline **Nivolumab** -2

52 56 92 96 100 104 Week No. of patients at risk Nivolumab 362 334 302 267 236 208 186 164 159 144 132 119 112 12 15 12 26 20 **Everolimus** 344 316 270 219 191 157 143 122 102 97 87 74 73 

Questionnaire completion rate:  $\geq$ 80% during the first year of follow-up

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**Everolimus** 

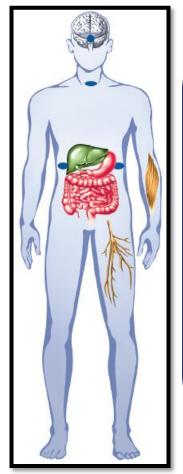




## Toxicity with immunotherapy agents

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







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

E 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	





### PD-1 Pathway Blockade Based ImmunoRx: Unanswered Questions

- Will toxicity management prove challenging?
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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.

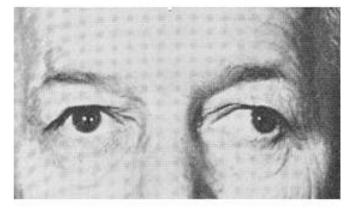




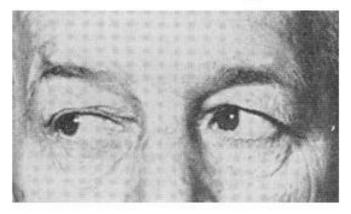
#### "Look at me"



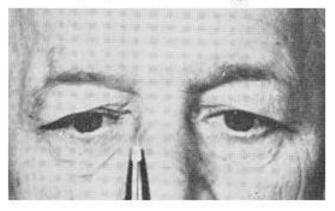
#### "Look to the left"



#### "Look to the right"



#### "Look at this object"











#### Case Description: 66-Year-Old Male (continued)

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







# Case Description: 66-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.

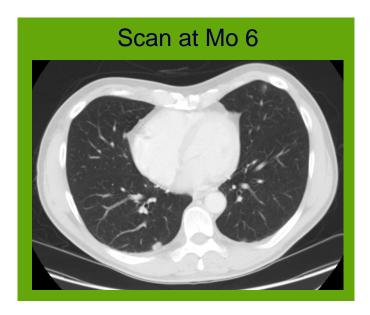


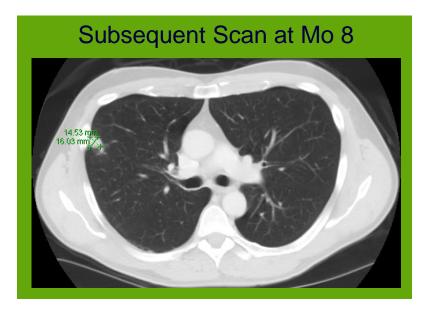




#### Case Study #2

- 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



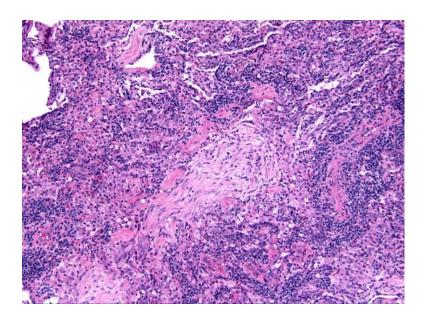






#### Case Study #2

- Patient underwent biopsy to confirm disease progression
  - Biopsy suggested bronchiolitis obliterans











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.









## 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











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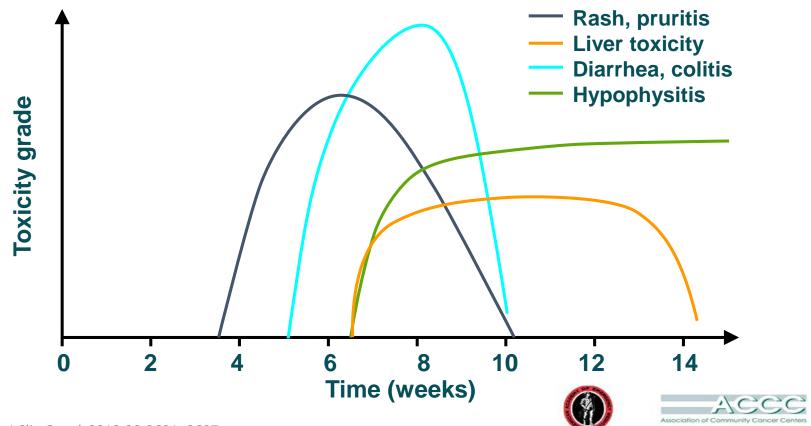
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Immune checkpoint inhibitors: immune-related adverse event (irAE) onset

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

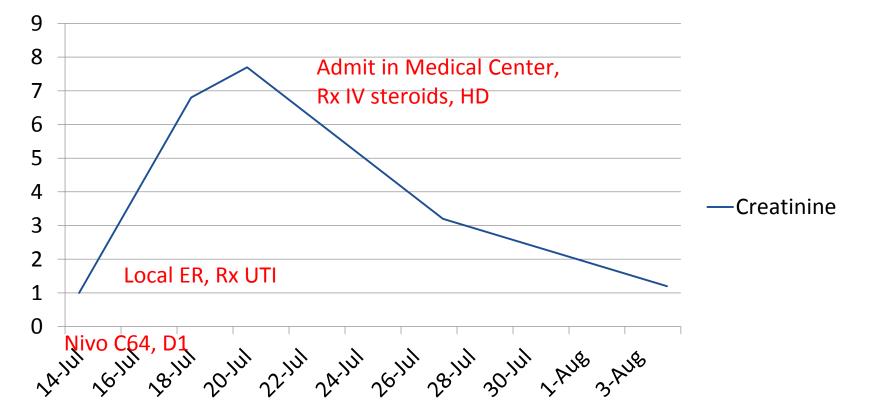






### Late PD-1 Toxicity?: Acute Renal Failure

#### Creatinine



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







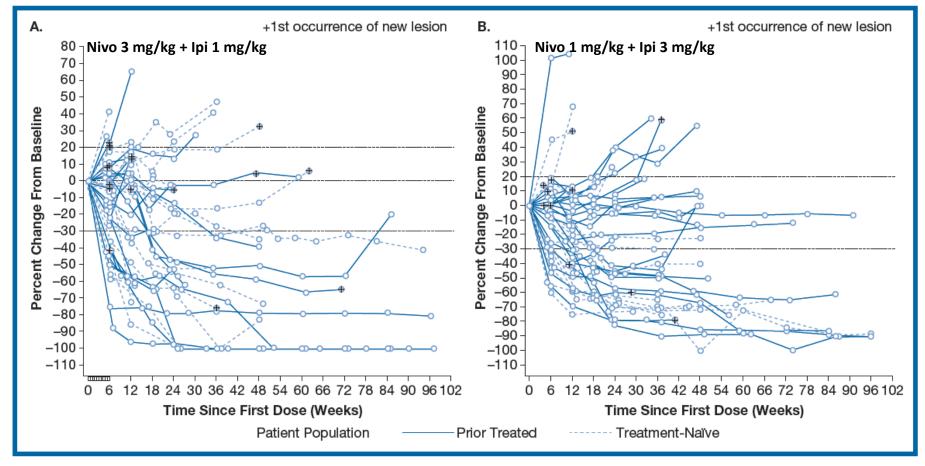
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    - (e.g. nephritis, hepatitis, pneumonitis)
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### PD-1 + CTLA-4 Blockade RCC Results: Tumor burden











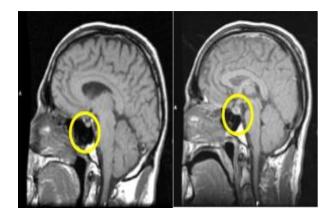
### Improving Immune Activation: The Consequences - CTLA4 Antibodies



Dermatitis

Colitis





Hypophysitis









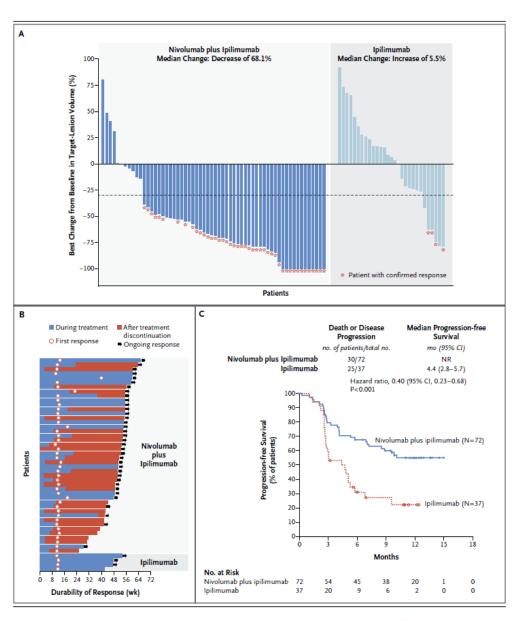
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	Table 4. Select Adverse Events and Their Management with Immunomodulatory Medication (IMM), According to Organ Category.								
IMMUNOTHER	Organ Category	Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab (N=94)				Ipilimumab (N=46)			
		Reported Adverse Event	Treatment 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 patient	s/total no. (%)	wk (95% CI)	no. of patients	no. of patients	s/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)	26/20 (03)	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 (2,1, 19,6)	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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		Autoimmune Exacerbation			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 dos
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 dos
14	Ulcerative colitis	Diarrhea, disease flare	Infliximab, dexamethasone 2 mg daily <sup>a</sup>			PR
15	Inflammatory arthritis <sup>6</sup>	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 SE
24	RA	Joint pain	Prednisone 10 mg/d, now receiving 8 mg/d			Opening PR
28	Psoriasis			Presumed colitis grade 5	Methylprednisolone 1 mg/kg	Patient died

RA, rheumatoid arthritis; SD, stable disease.

<sup>a</sup> Receiving dexamethasone for brain metastases; infliximab was added with

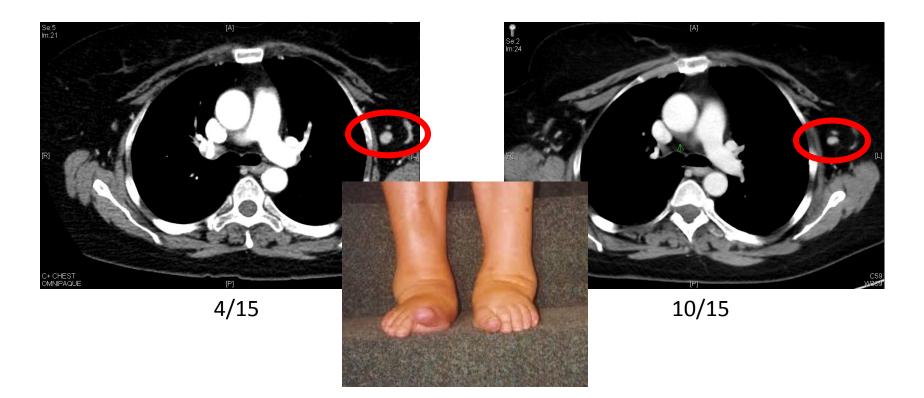
<sup>b</sup> Patient developed a chronic, inflammatory-appearing arthritis during nivolumab therapy that improved with use of low-dose steroids and hydroxychloroquine.



onset of diarrhea.



PD-1 Blockade in Patient with Autoimmune Disease



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









## PD-1 Pathway Blockade Based ImmunoRx: Unanswered Questions

#### 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





