

# Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Genitourinary Malignancies

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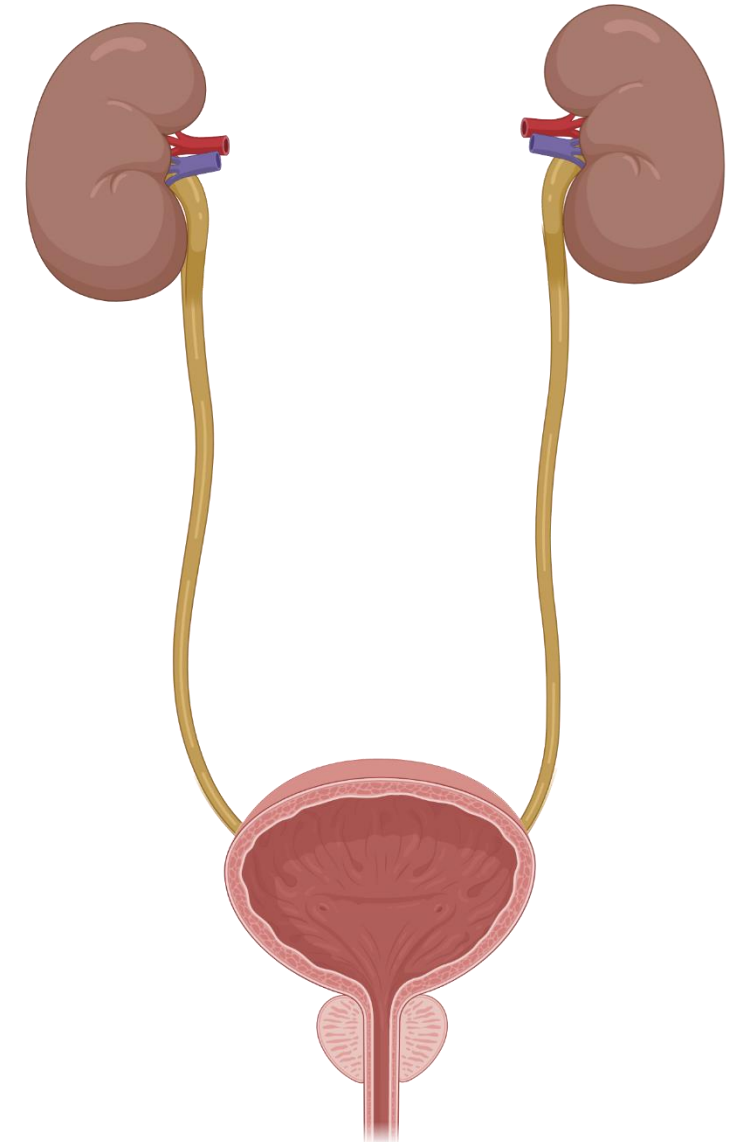
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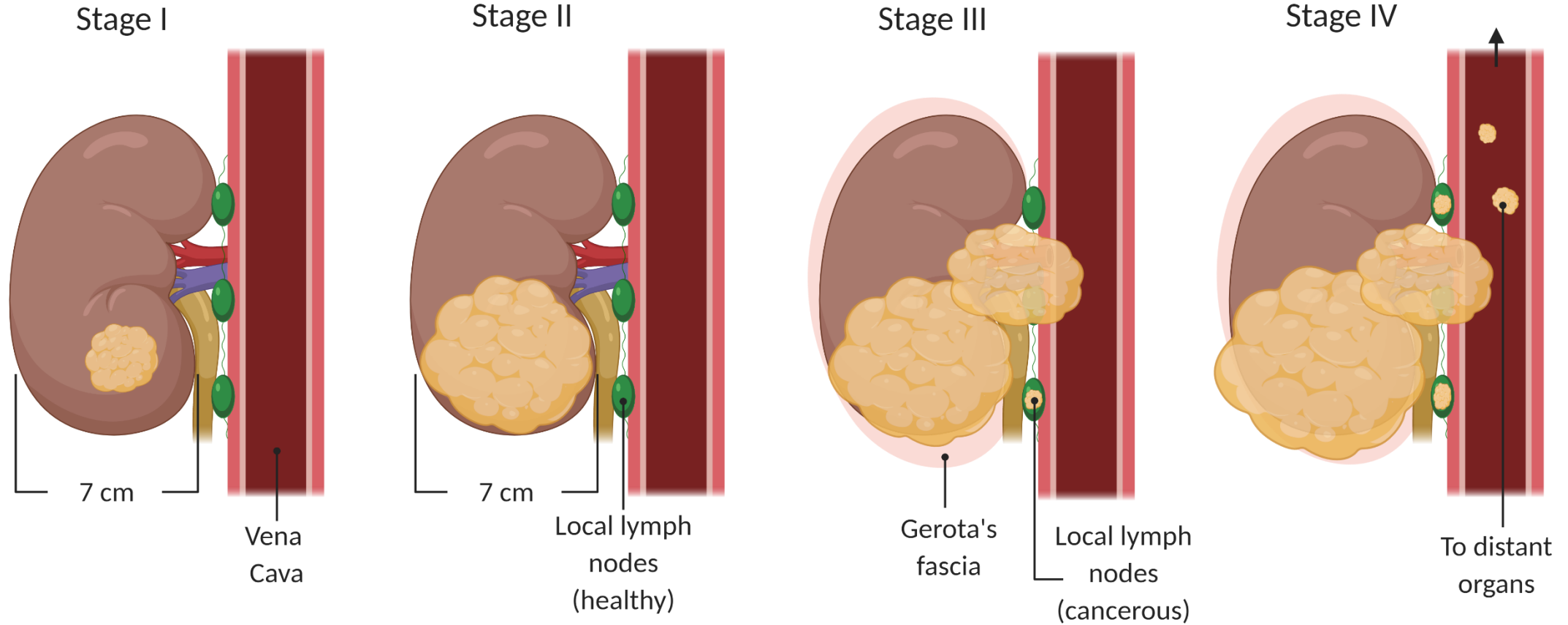
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# Renal cell carcinoma (RCC)



# FDA-approved immunotherapies for mRCC

Drug	Indication	Dose
High dose Interleukin-2	Metastatic RCC	600,000 International Units/kg (0.037 mg/kg) IV q8hr infused over 15 minutes for a maximum 14 doses, THEN 9 days of rest, followed by a maximum of 14 more doses (1 course)
Interferon- $\alpha$ + bevacizumab	Clear cell RCC	IFN 9 MIU s.c. three times a week + bevacizumab 10 mg/kg Q2W
Nivolumab	Clear cell RCC refractory to prior VEGF targeted therapy	240 mg Q2W or 480 mg Q4W
Nivolumab + ipilimumab	Clear cell RCC, treatment naïve	3 mg/kg nivo plus 1 mg/kg ipi Q3W x 4 doses then nivo maintenance at flat dosing
Pembrolizumab + axitinib	Advanced RCC, Treatment naïve	200 mg pembro Q3W or 400 mg Q6W + 5 mg axitinib twice daily
Avelumab + axitinib	Advanced RCC, Treatment naïve	800 mg avelumab Q2W + 5 mg axitinib twice daily
Nivolumab + cabozantinib	First-line advanced RCC	240 mg nivolumab Q2W or 480 mg Q4W + cabozantinib 40 mg daily

# Front-line immunotherapy treatments for RCC

Study	Treatment arm(s)	Patient selection criteria	N	ORR	Median PFS (months)	Median OS (months)
CheckMate 214	Nivolumab + ipilimumab*	Untreated, advanced clear cell RCC (poor/intermediate risk)	550	42%	12.0	47.0
	Sunitinib		546	26%	8.3	26.6
KEYNOTE-426	Pembrolizumab + axitinib*	Untreated, advanced clear cell RCC	432	60%	15.4	NR
	Sunitinib		429	40%	11.1	35.7
JAVELIN Renal 101	Avelumab + axitinib*	Untreated, advanced clear cell RCC	442	52.5%	ITT: 13.3 PD-L1+: 13.8	ITT: NE PD-L1+: NE
	Sunitinib		444	27.3%	ITT: 8.0 PD-L1+: 7.0	ITT: NE PD-L1+: 25.6
IMmotion151	Atezolizumab + bevacizumab	Untreated, advanced clear cell or sarcomatoid RCC	454	ITT: 37% PD-L1+: 43%	ITT: 11.2 PD-L1+: 11.2	ITT: 33.6 PD-L1+: 34.0
	Sunitinib		461	ITT: 33% PD-L1+: 35%	ITT: 8.4 PD-L1+: 7.7	ITT: 34.9 PD-L1+: 32.7

\*FDA-approved IO regimen

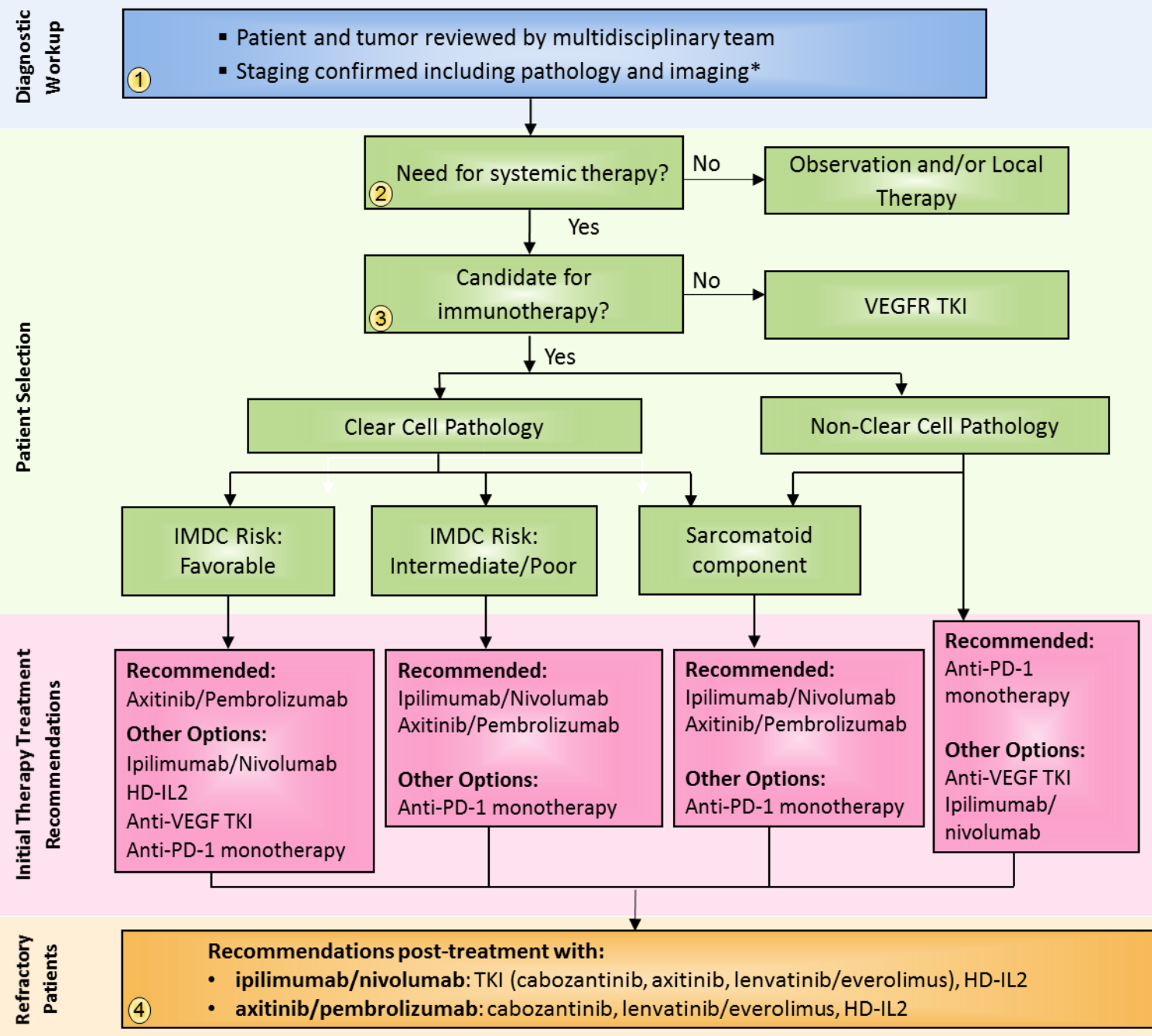
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# SITC Cancer Immunotherapy Guideline for advanced renal cell carcinoma

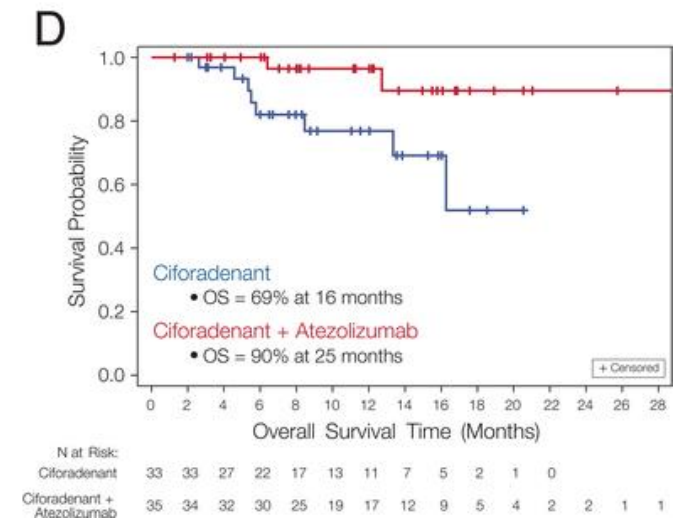
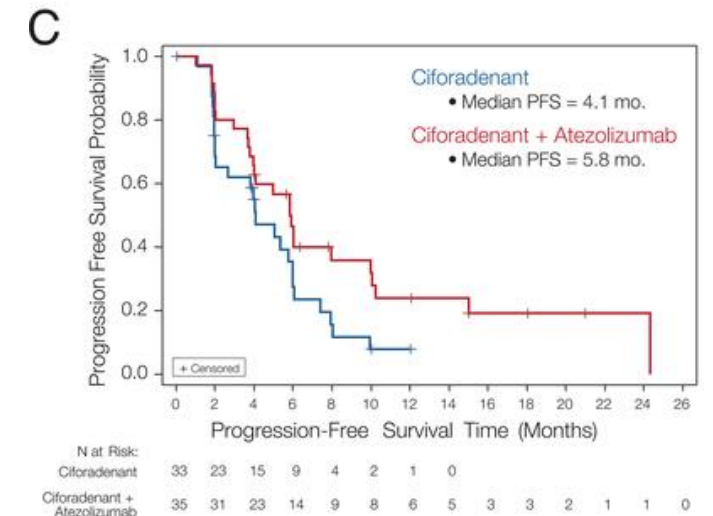


\*Baseline imaging recommendations discussed in figure legend.

Notes: 1) Clinical Trials are always an option for any patient, in any category. 2) This recommendation may change as data matures.

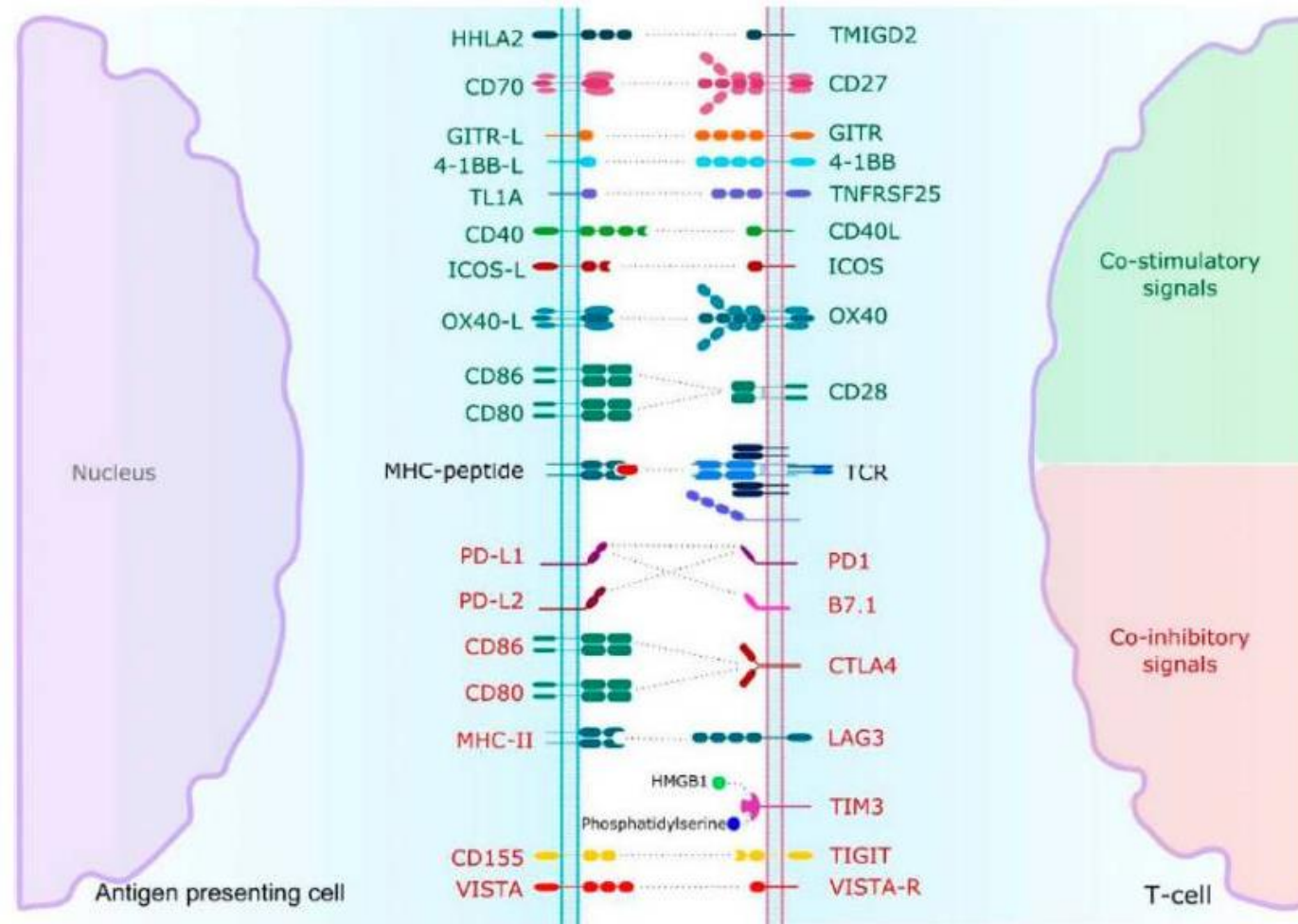
# In development: A2AR antagonist + anti-PD-L1

Treatment arm	N	ORR	6-month disease control
Ciforadenant	33	3%	Naïve: 0% Prior ICI: 25%
Ciforadenant + atezolizumab	35	11%	Naïve: 50% Prior ICI: 35%



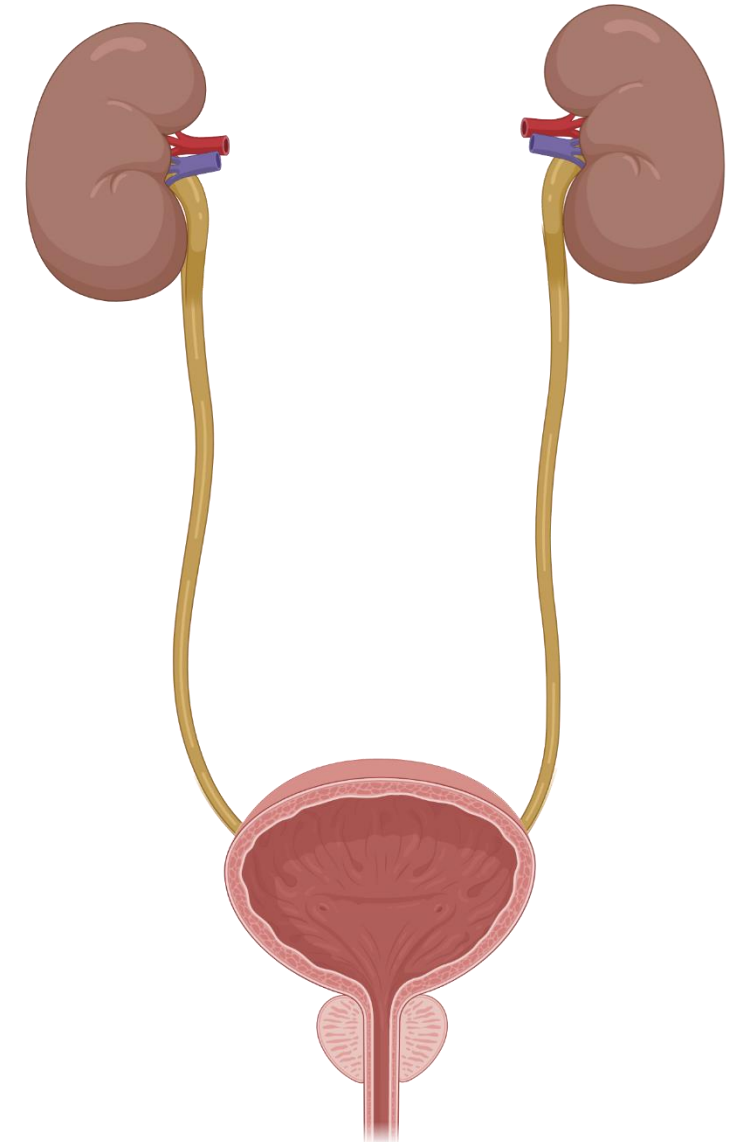


# In development: additional immunotherapy approaches

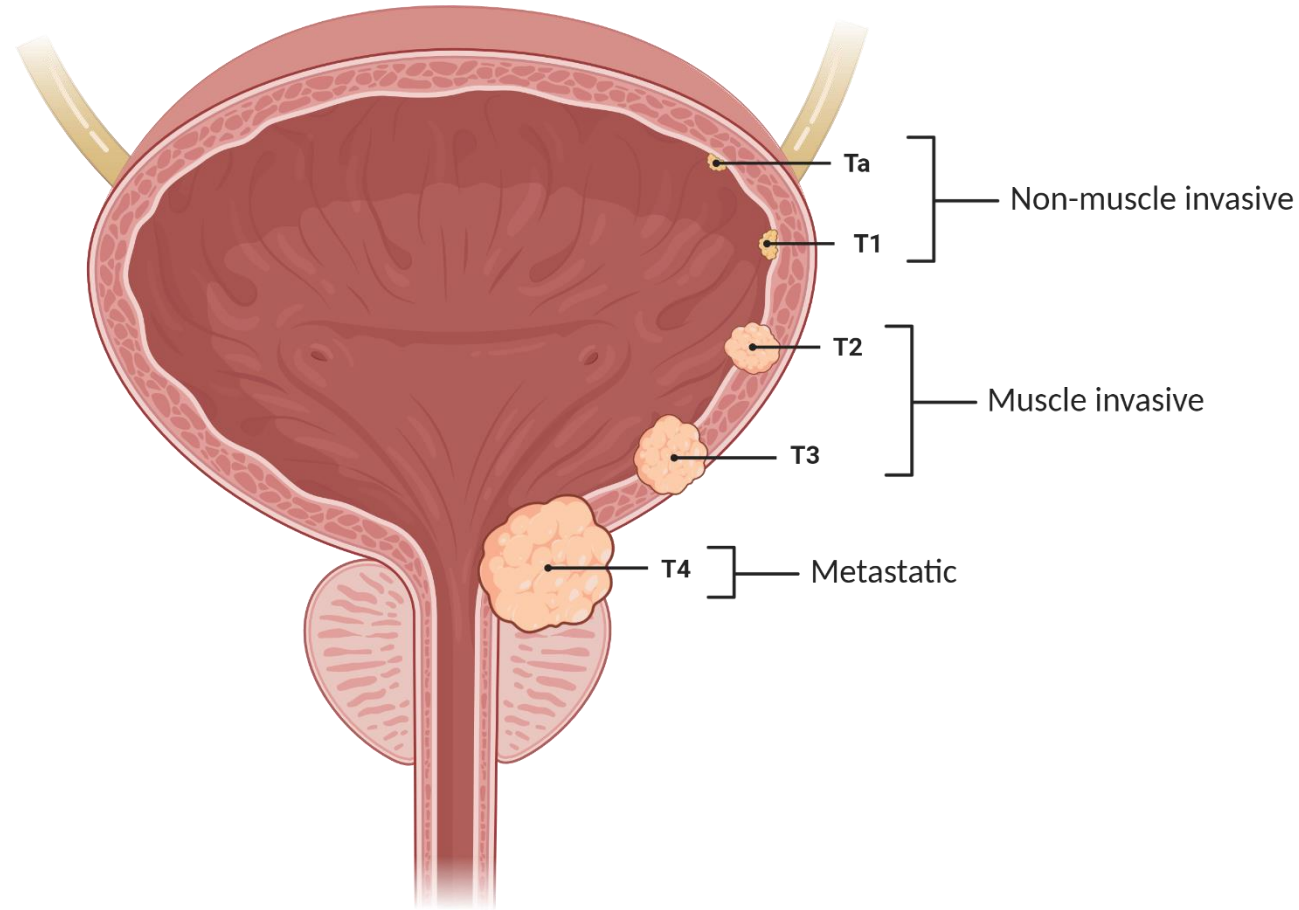


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# Urothelial carcinoma (UC)



# Approved checkpoint inhibitor for non-muscle invasive bladder cancer

Drug	Indication	Dose
Pembrolizumab	BCG-unresponsive, high-risk NMIBC, with or without papillary tumors and ineligible for cystectomy	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W

Response, n (%)	KEYNOTE-057 cohort A (n=97)
Complete response	40 (41.2)
Non-complete response	56 (57.7)
Persistent	40 (41.2)
Recurrent	6 (6.2)
NMIBC stage progression	9 (9.3)
Progression to T2	0
Extravesical disease	1 (1.0)
Non-evaluable	1 (1.0)

# Approved checkpoint inhibitors for mUC – *cisplatin refractory*

Drug	Indication	Dose
Avelumab	Advanced/metastatic UC	10 mg/kg Q2W
Nivolumab	Advanced/metastatic UC	240 mg Q2W or 480 mg Q4W
Pembrolizumab	Advanced/metastatic UC	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W

# Approved checkpoint inhibitors for mUC – *cisplatin ineligible*

Drug	Indication	Dose
Atezolizumab	Advanced/metastatic UC (PD-L1 $\geq 5\%$ )	1200 mg Q3W
Pembrolizumab	Advanced/metastatic UC (PD-L1 CPS $\geq 10$ )	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W

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## FDA limits the use of atezolizumab and pembrolizumab for some urothelial cancer patients

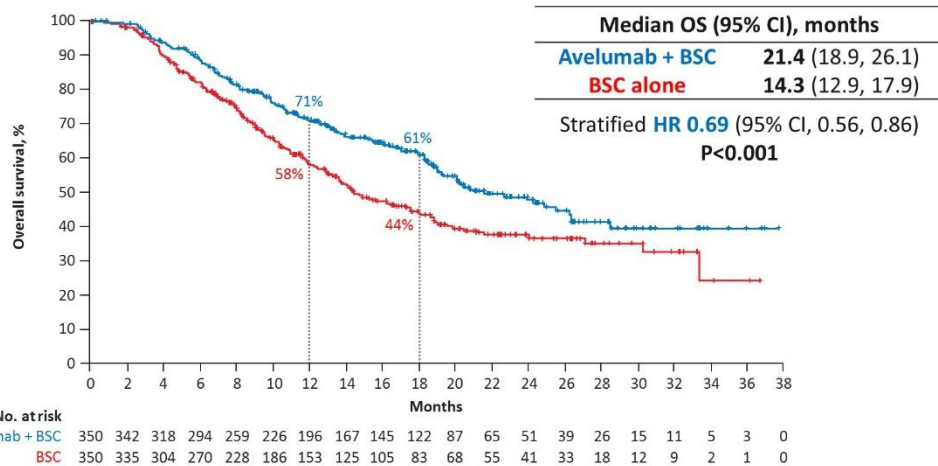
- Locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma and ineligible for cisplatin-based chemo and with detectable PD-L1 expression in tumor (CPS  $\geq 10$ , pembro; IC  $\geq 5\%$  tumor area, atezo)
- Patients ineligible for any platinum-containing chemotherapy regardless of PD-L1 status



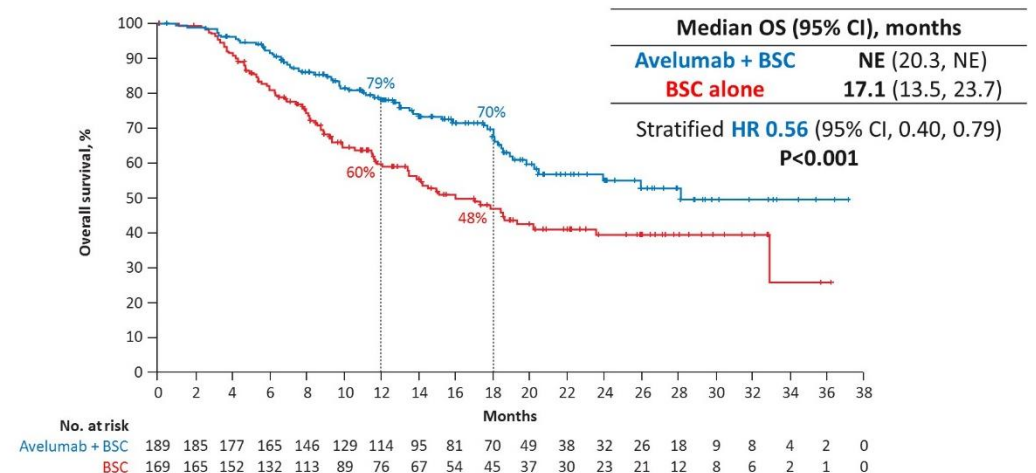
# Approved checkpoint inhibitor for maintenance treatment

Drug	Indication	Dose
Avelumab	Maintenance of locally advanced/metastatic UC without progression on first-line Pt chemotherapy	800 mg Q2W

OS in the overall population



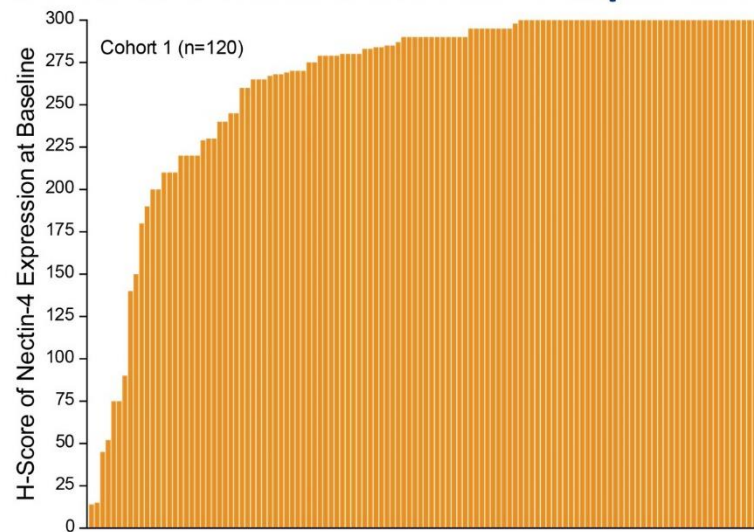
OS in the PD-L1+ population



# Approved antibody-drug conjugate for mUC

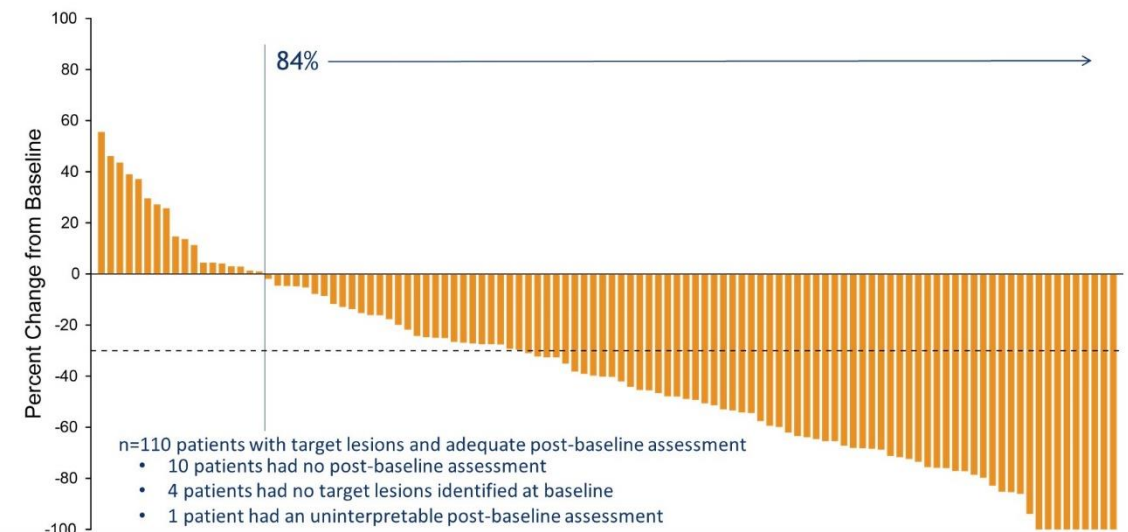
Drug	Indication	Dose
Enfortumab vedotin	Locally advanced/metastatic UC with <b>previous <math>\alpha</math>PD-1/PD-L1</b> and Pt-based chemotherapy	1.25 mg/kg IV on days 1, 8, and 15 of each 28-day cycle

EV-201: Cohort 1 Nectin-4 Expression



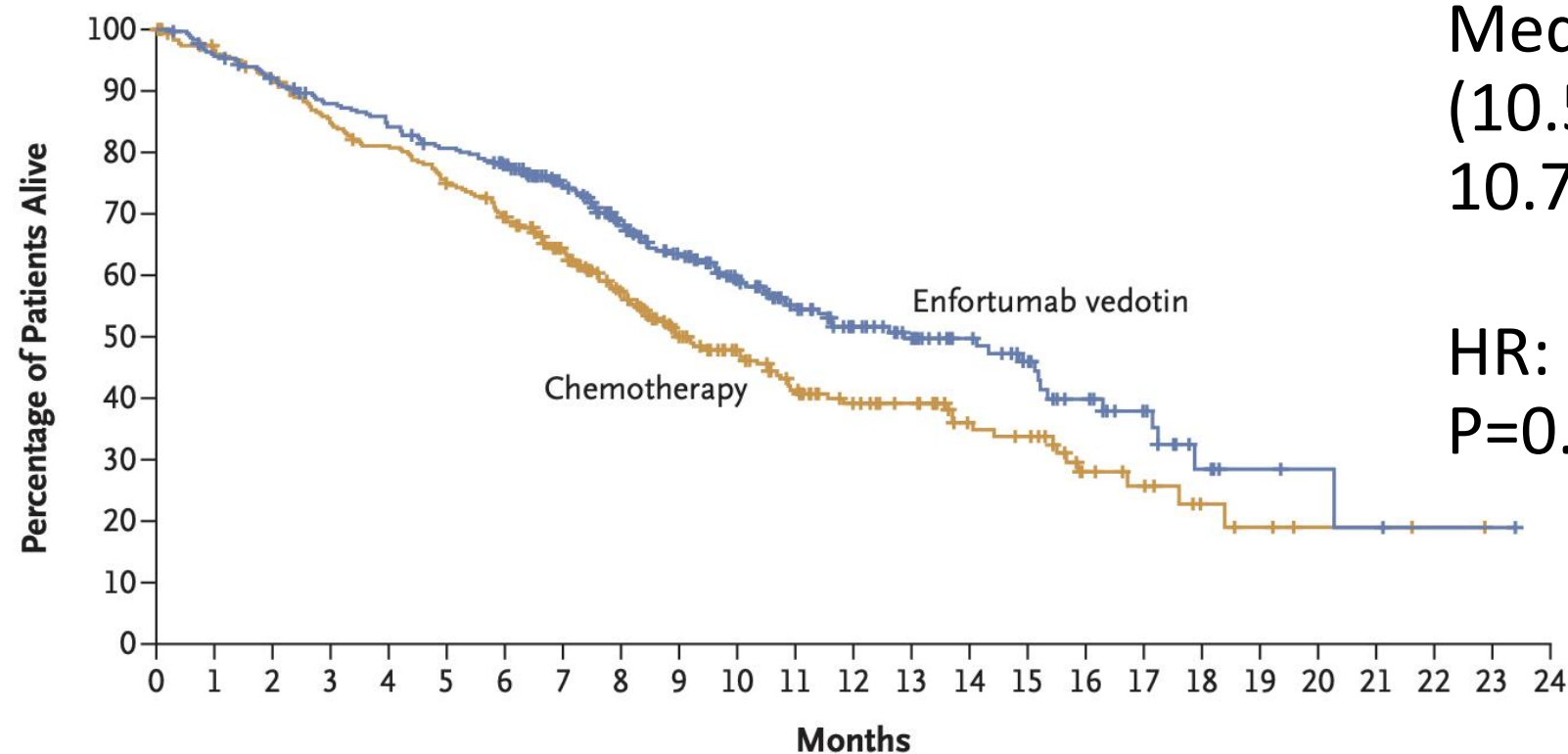
<sup>1</sup> Five patients did not have adequate tissue for Nectin-4 testing

EV-201: Cohort 1 Change in Tumor Measurements per BICR



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# Enfortumab vedotin vs. Chemotherapy



Median OS (95% CI): 12.88  
 (10.58-15.21) vs. 8.97 (8.05-  
 10.74) months

HR: 0.70 (95% CI: 0.56-0.89),  
 P=0.001

## No. at Risk

Enfortumab vedotin	301	286	272	257	246	234	222	190	158	130	105	85	63	52	42	33	23	15	7	4	3	2	1	1	0
Chemotherapy	307	288	274	250	238	219	198	163	131	101	84	66	51	44	32	29	16	11	6	4	2	2	1	0	0

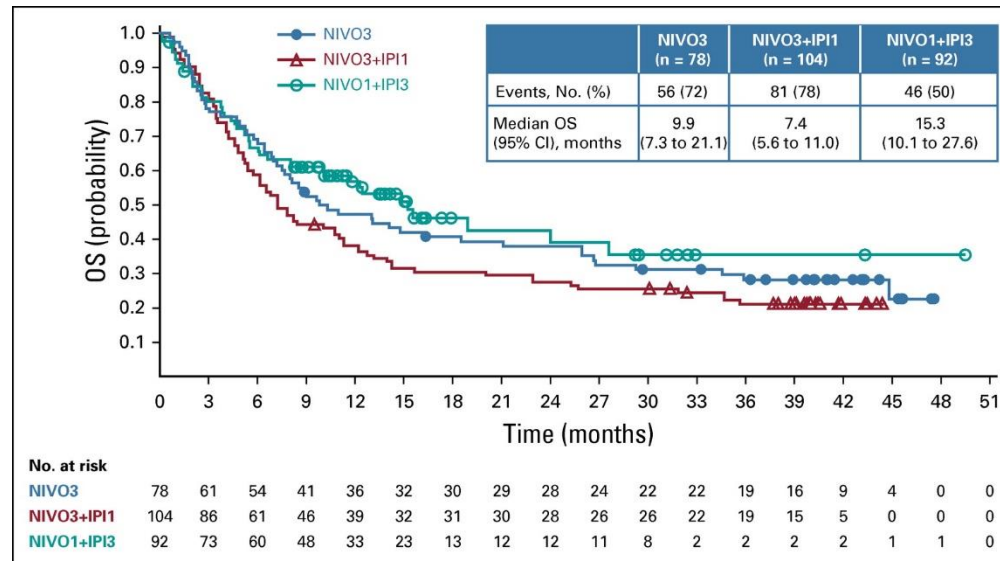
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# In development: Ipilimumab + Nivolumab CheckMate 032

Treatment arm	n	ORR	Median PFS	Median OS	Grade 3-4 TRAEs
Nivolumab 3 mg/kg Q3W	78	ITT: 25.6% PD-L1+: 26.9%	2.8 months	9.9 months	26.9%
Nivolumab 3 mg/kg + ipilimumab 1 mg/kg	104	ITT: 26.9% PD-L1+: 35.5%	2.6 months	7.4 months	30.8%
Nivolumab 1 mg/kg + ipilimumab 3 mg/kg	92	ITT: 38.0% PD-L1+: 58.1%	4.9 months	15.3 months	39.1%

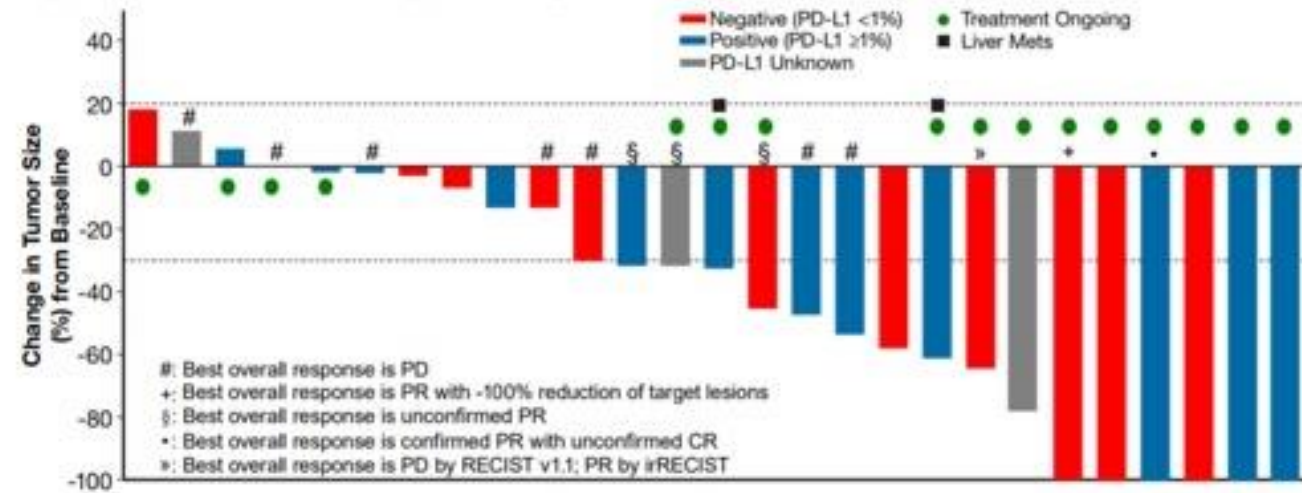


# In development: NKTR-214 + nivolumab

Treatment	n	ORR
NKTR-214 + nivolumab	27	48%

After treatment, 70% of patients with PD-L1-negative tumors converted to PD-L1-positive.

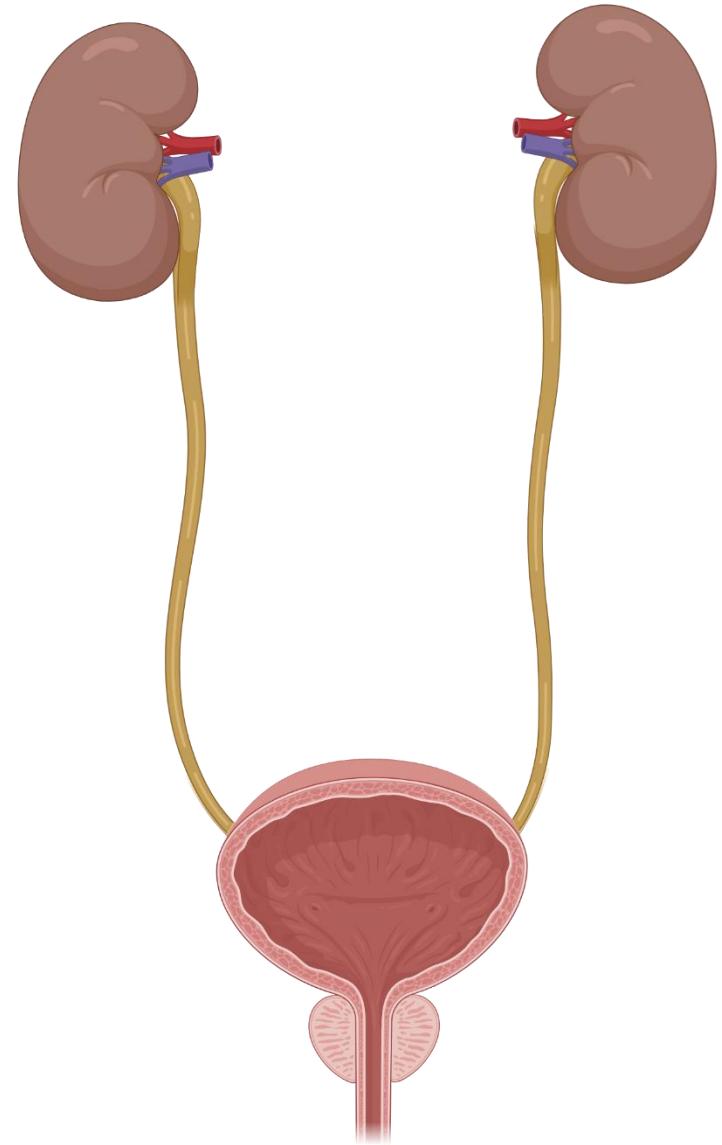
Figure 2. Best Percentage Change from Baseline in Target Lesions





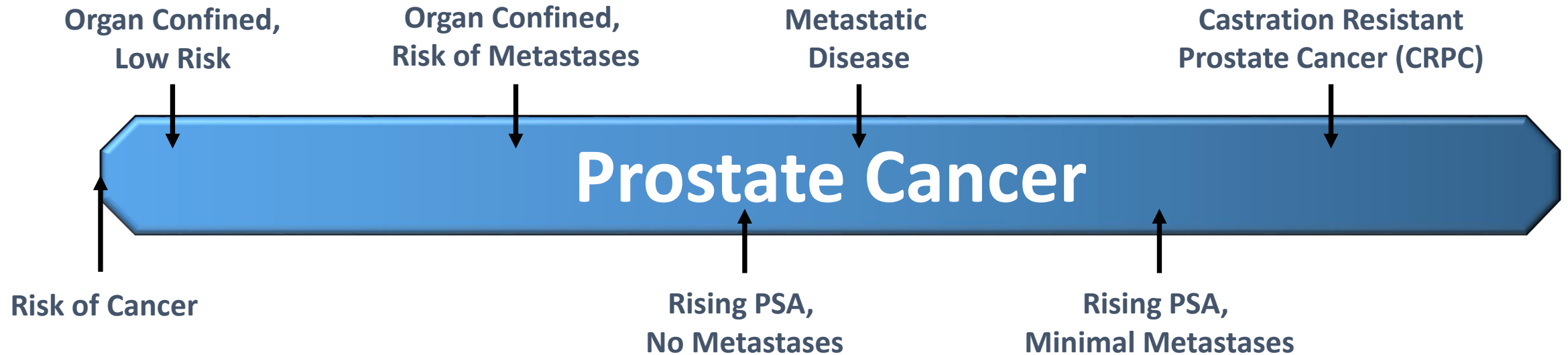
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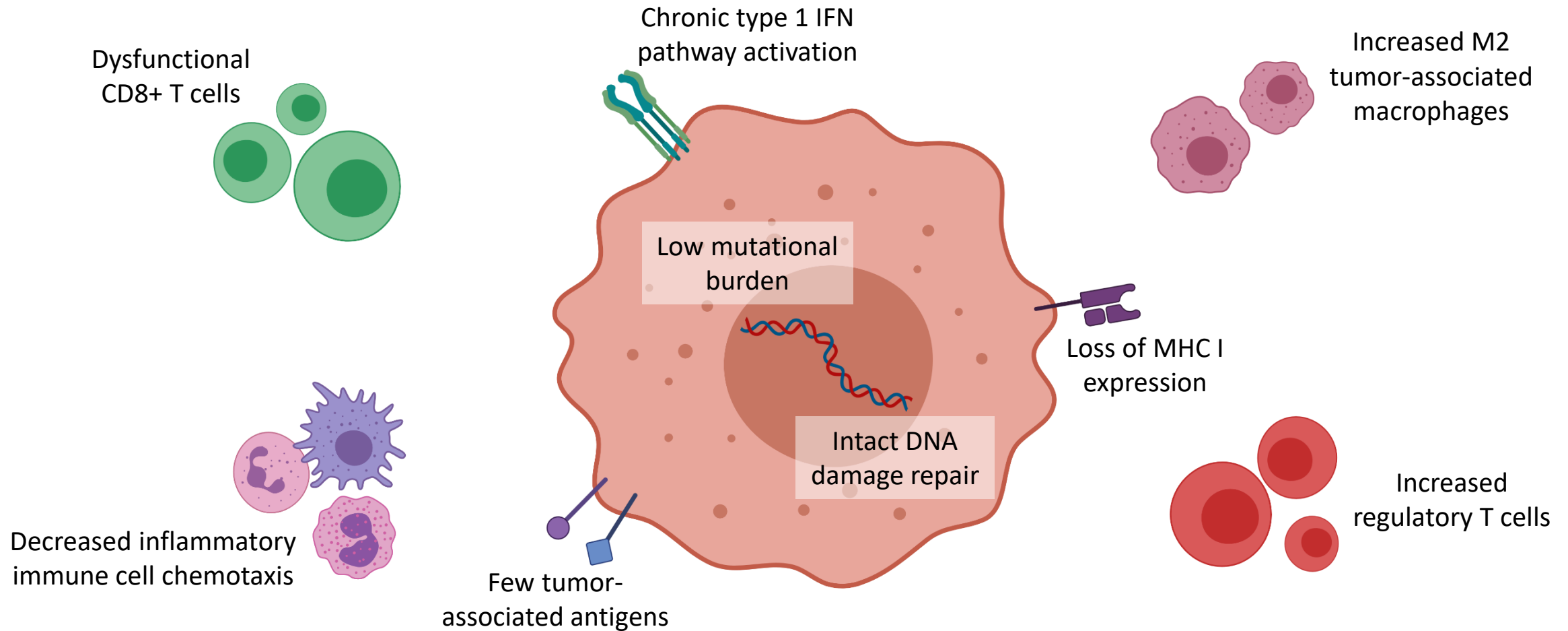




# The Spectrum of Prostate Cancer



# Immunology of prostate cancer



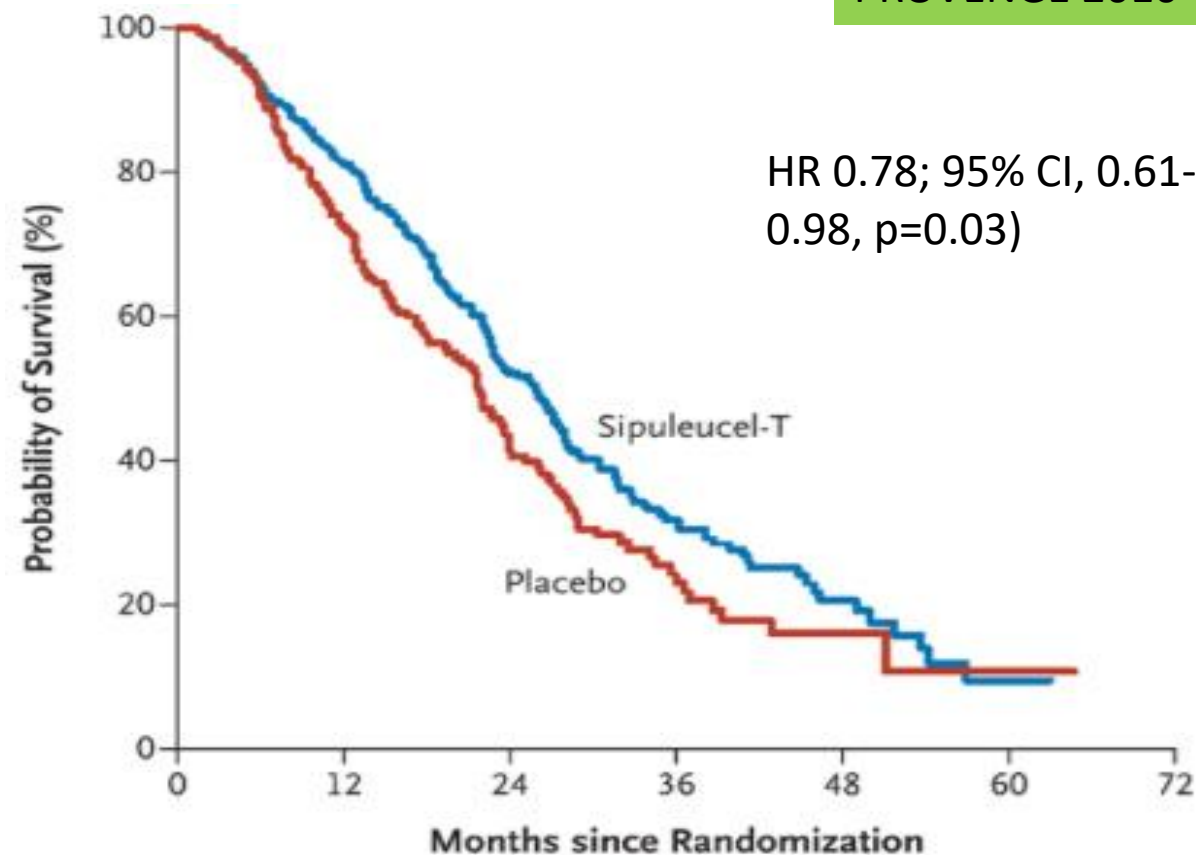
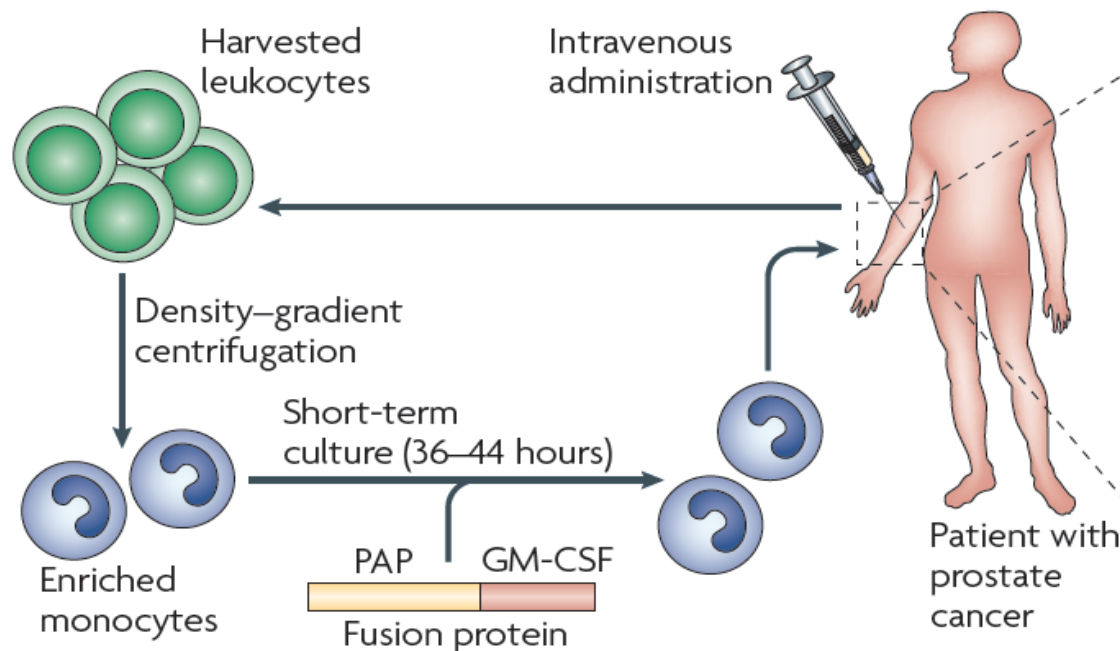
# Immunotherapy landscape in prostate cancer

Trial	Treatment	Population	Key results
KEYNOTE-199	Pembrolizumab	RECIST-measurable PD-L1+ mCRPC	ORR: 5%
		RECIST-measurable PD-L1- mCRPC	ORR: 3%
		RECIST nonmeasurable mCRPC	DCR: 37%
KEYNOTE-365	Pembrolizumab + enzalutamide	Progression on previous hormonal and chemotherapies	PSA response rate: 21.8% Median OS: 20.4 months
	Pembrolizumab + olaparib		PSA response rate: 13% Median OS: 14 months
IMbassador250	Atezolizumab + enzalutamide	Progression on previous hormonal and chemotherapies	Median OS: 15.2 vs 16.6 months
	Enzalutamide		

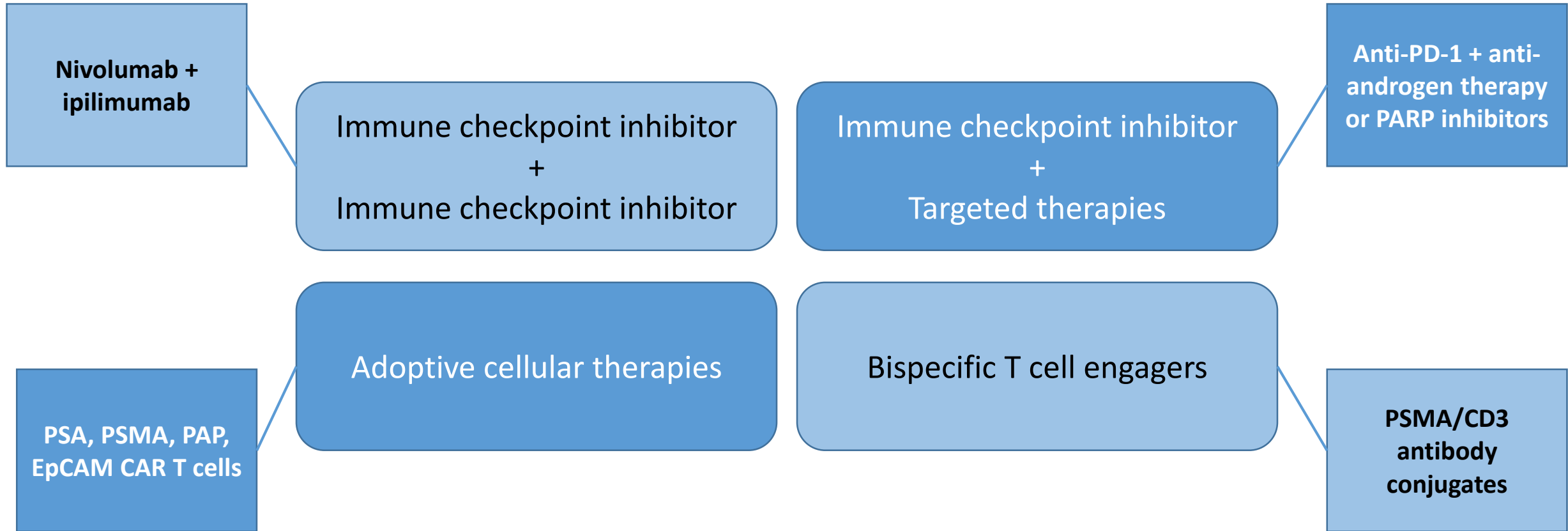
# Sipuleucel-T in mCRPC

PROVENGE 2010

## First anti-cancer therapeutic vaccine



# Future directions for prostate cancer immunotherapy



# In development: nivolumab + ipilimumab in mCRPC

Trial	Treatment	Population	ORR	Median OS
CheckMate 650	Nivolumab + ipilimumab, then nivolumab maintenance	Progression on hormonal therapy, no chemotherapy	25%	19 months
		Progression on chemotherapy	10%	15.2 months

- Higher ORR in:
  - PD-L1 > 1%
  - DNA damage repair deficient
  - homologous recombination deficiency
  - high tumor mutational burden



# Conclusions

- The role of immunotherapy in GU malignancies is increasing
- In RCC, many front-line checkpoint inhibitor options are approved
- Multiple checkpoint inhibitors approved for advanced/metastatic urothelial carcinoma, as well as other settings in UC
- Low immune engagement in prostate cancer has limited the application of immunotherapy in this disease

# Additional Resources

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# Case Studies

# Case summary

- Patient is a 74-year-old man with metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer currently receiving cabazitaxel.
- He has previously progressed on abiraterone and docetaxel and now presents with worsening bone pain, a rising PSA and scans showing 3 new bone lesions and enlarging liver metastases.
- You obtain next-generation sequencing, which reveals microsatellite instability (MSI-high) and a mutational load of 22 mutations/megabase.

# What would you do next?

- A. Initiate sipuleucel-t
- B. Initiate radium-223
- C. Suggest supportive care alone
- D. Initiate pembrolizumab



# What would you do next?

- A. Initiate sipuleucel-t → Patient has symptomatic disease.
- B. Initiate radium-223 → Patient has visceral disease.
- C. Suggest supportive care alone → He still has treatment options.
- D. Initiate pembrolizumab → Currently approved for all MSI-high/MMRd solid tumors without good alternatives**

# Case summary continued...

- Pembrolizumab initiated.
- Bone pain resolved and PSA declined to undetectable range.
- Continued on treatment for 2 years without disease progression.
- Repeat scans show resolution of soft tissue disease.

# Next steps?

- A. Continue pembrolizumab indefinitely.
- B. Stop pembrolizumab and monitor closely.

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No guidance on how to handle this situation for men with advanced prostate cancer. In other tumor types (e.g., melanoma), guidelines typically recommend cessation of therapy assuming they have not progressed after a prolonged time period.

## Case summary continued...

- Patient currently only on androgen deprivation therapy, with undetectable PSA 1 year after stopping pembrolizumab.