

What's Next for Cancer Immunotherapy?

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History of Cancer Therapy

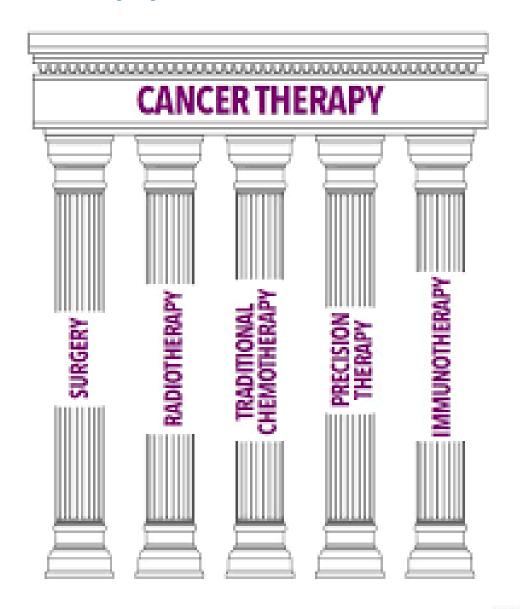
• Surgery 1600 BC

Radiation therapy 1895

Chemotherapy 1942

Targeted Therapy 2004

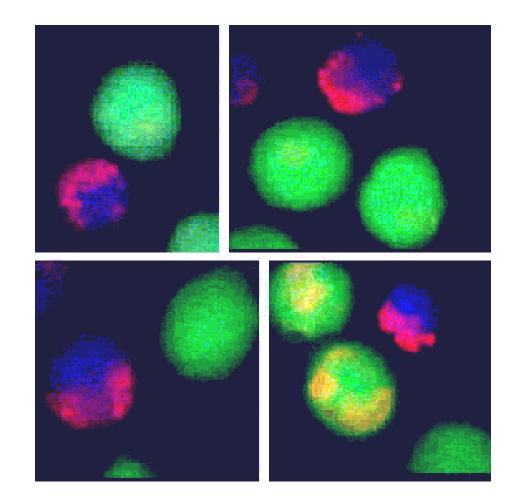
• Immunotherapy 2015





Why Immunotherapy?

- Specificity
- Memory
- Adaptability





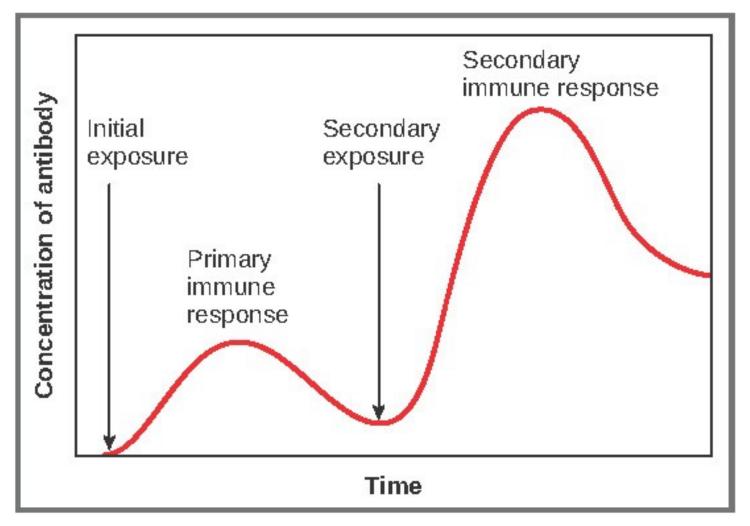








The kinetics of immune responses





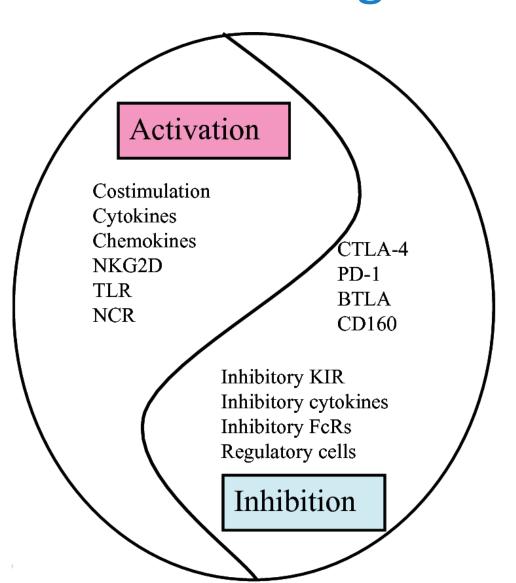


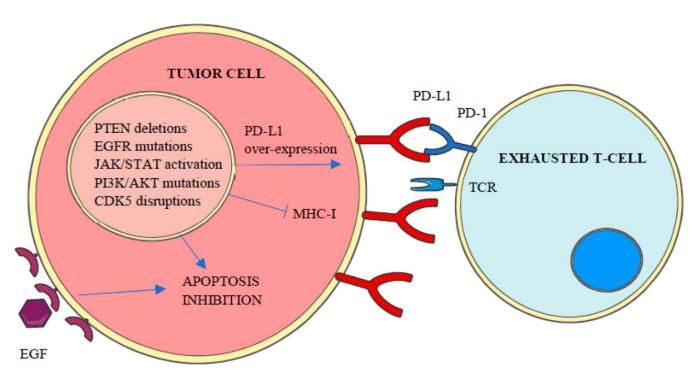






The immune system is highly regulated





Zheng et al Cell Mol Immunol 2009 Garcia-Aranda and Redondo IJMS 2019



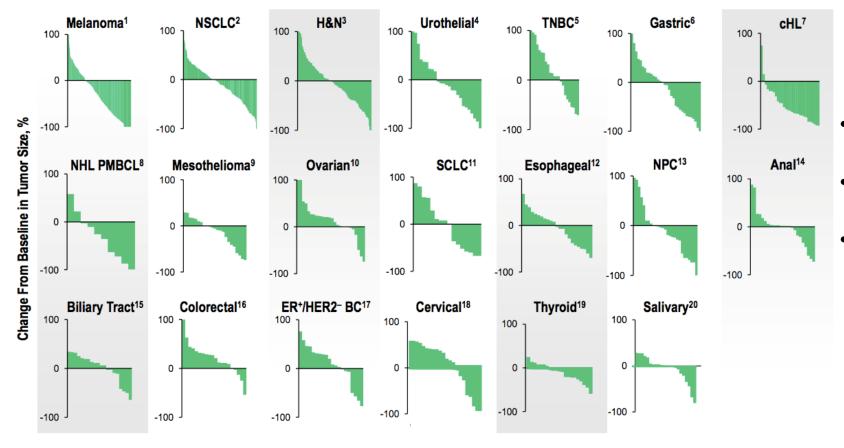








Immune checkpoint blockade has revolutionized cancer treatment



- Overall ORR 15-40%
- Innate and acquired resistance occur
- So, what's next?

1. Daud A et al. ASCO 2015; 2. Garon EB et al. ESMO 2014; 3. Seiwert T et al. ASCO 2015; 4. Plimack E et al. ASCO 2015; 5. Nanda R et al. SABCS 2014; 6. Bang YJ et al. ASCO 2015; 7. Moskowitz C et al. ASH 2014; 8. Zinzani PL et al. ASH 2015; 9. Alley EA et al. AACR 2015; 10. Varga A et al. ASCO 2015; 11. Ott PA et al. 2015 ASCO; 12. Doi T et al. ASCO 2015; 13. Hsu C et al. ECC 2015; 14. Ott PA et al. ECC 2015; 15. Bang YJ et al. ECC 2015; 16. O'Neil B et al. ECC 2015; 17. Rugo HS et





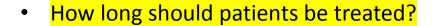






Unresolved clinical issues associated with immune checkpoint blockade

KEYNOTE-006 provides the best, though admittedly indirect, evidence that you don't need to continue to treat patients forever who respond or are stable.— *Jeffrey S. Weber, MD, PhD, ASCO 2018*



THE NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Prolonged Survival in Stage III Melanoma with Ipilimumab Adjuvant Therapy

A.M.M. Eggermont, V. Chiarion-Sileni, J.-J. Grob, R. Dummer, J.D. Wolchok, H. Schmidt, O. Hamid, C. Robert, P.A. Ascierto, J.M. Richards, C. Lebbé, V. Ferraresi, M. Smylie, J.S. Wober, M. Maio, L. Bastholt, L. Mortier, L. Thomas, S. Tahir, A. Hauschild, J.C. Hassel, F.S. Hodi, C. Taitt, V. de Pril, G. de Schaetzen, S. Suciu. and A. Testori

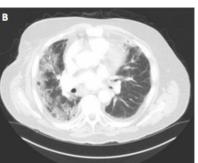
 What is the natural history of patients treated with adjuvant checkpoint blockade?





How to manage toxicity?







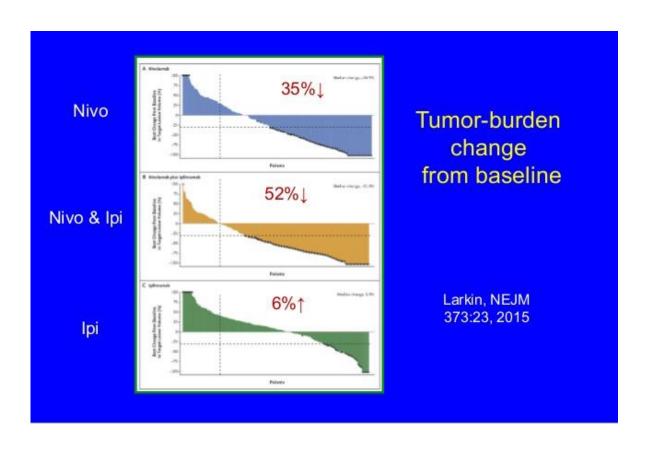


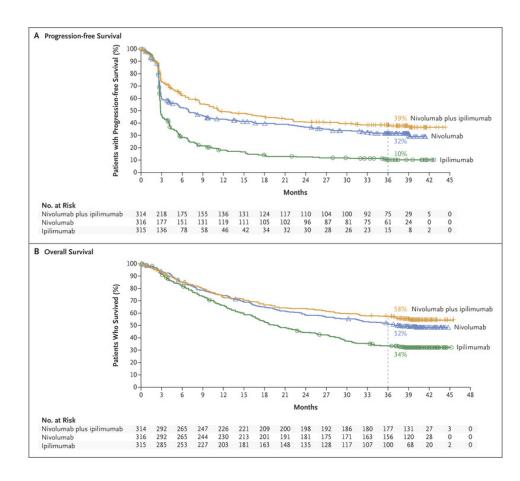






Combination checkpoint blocakde





Wolchok et al. NEJM 2017



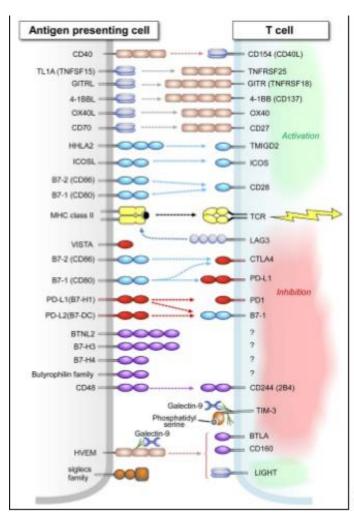








Other checkpoints and potential combination therapy approaches



ICI Combinations

- Where to begin?
- Diverse targets and cell types
- Inhibitory and activating pathways
- Known and unknown biology

How do you approach this complexity?

Arasanz et al. Oncotarget 2017



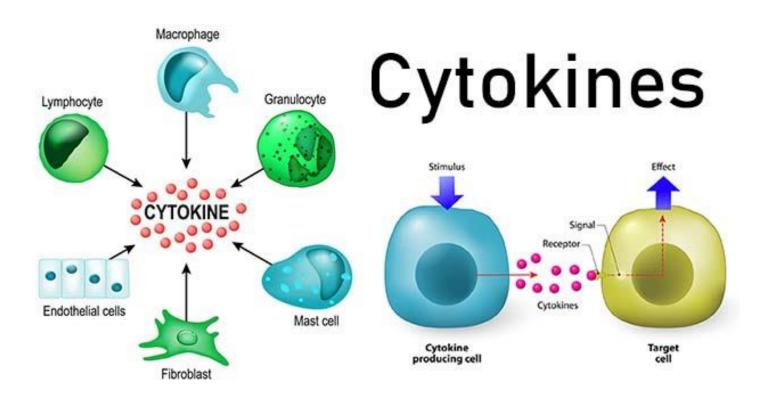


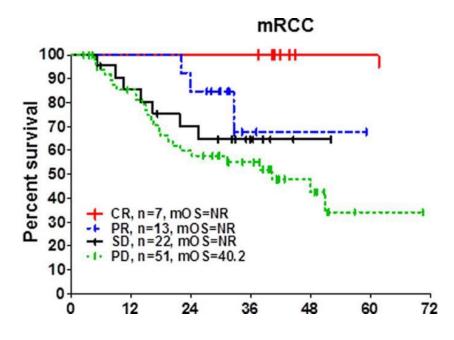






What about cytokines?





Biomedicine 2018 Kaufman et al. JITC 2014



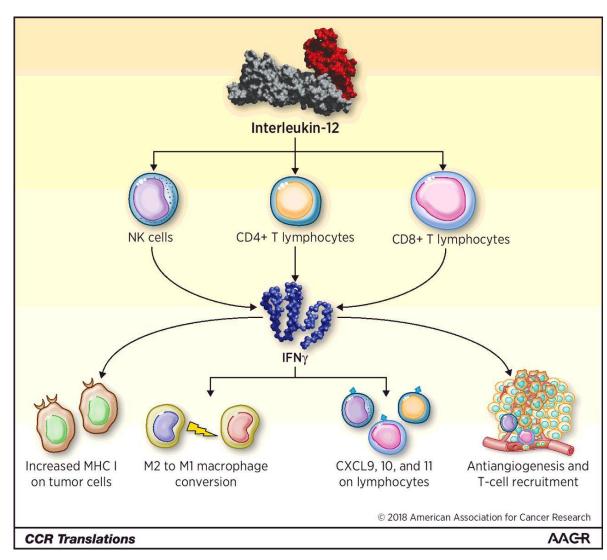


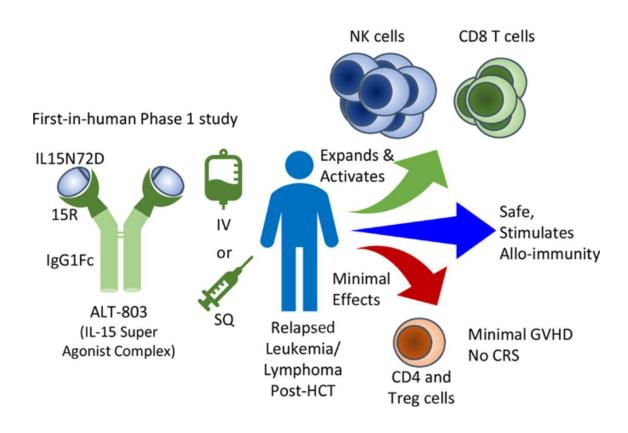






Interleukin-12 and Interleukin-15





Berraondo et al. CCR 2018 Romee et al. Blood 2018









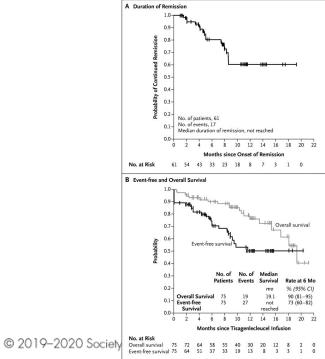


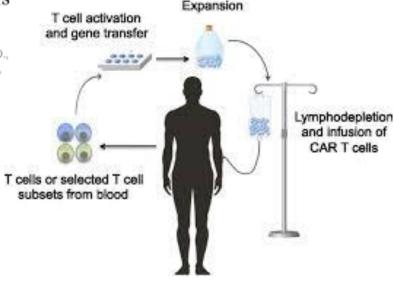
CAR T cells and adoptive T cell therapy for cancer

BRIEF REPORT

Chimeric Antigen Receptor–Modified T Cells for Acute Lymphoid Leukemia

Stephan A. Grupp, M.D., Ph.D., Michael Kalos, Ph.D., David Barrett, M.D., Ph.D., Richard Aplenc, M.D., Ph.D., David L. Porter, M.D., Susan R. Rheingold, M.D., David T. Teachey, M.D., Anne Chew, Ph.D., Bernd Hauck, Ph.D., J. Fraser Wright, Ph.D., Michael C. Milone, M.D., Ph.D., Bruce L. Levine, Ph.D., and Carl H. June, M.D.





Rosenberg and Dudley Curr Opin Immunol 2009 Grupp et al. NEJM 2013 Srivastava and Riddell J Immunol 2018 Maude et al. NEJM 2018

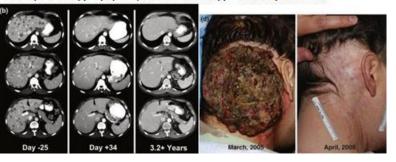
Tumor-infiltrating lymphocyte (TIL) adoptive therapy is promising therapy for melanoma, in case with adequate expansion of active T-cell ex vivo Melanoma might have many mutations, which could be recognized by CTLs

Development of strong immune cell therapy for various cancer in Japan

Adoptive cell therapy for the treatment of patients with metastatic

Steven A Rosenberg and Mark E Dudley (Current Opinion in immunology 2009, 21:233-240)

TIL adoptive therapy + lymphodepletion (chemotherapy + total body irradiation)

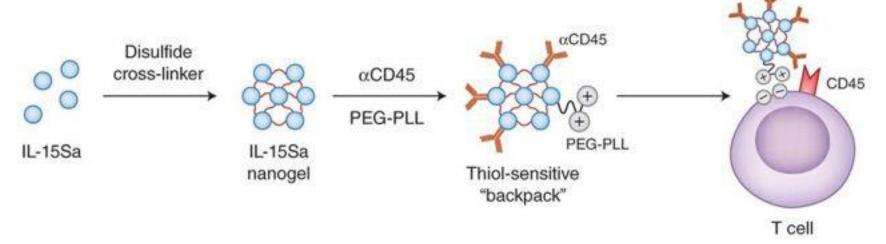


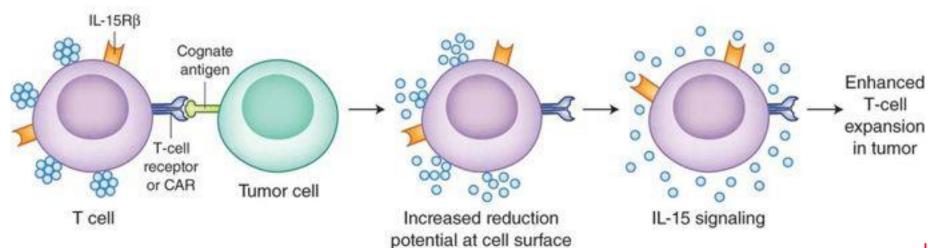






T cell backpack technology





Shum and Heslop Nature Biotechnol 2018











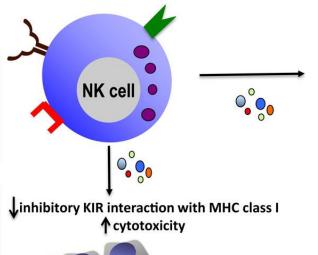
Is there a role for NK cells?

Enhanced CD16-mediated ADCC

- Engineered Fc Ab (DLE-HuM195)
- Mogamulizumab
- anti-CD137 mAb + Rituximab
- Obinutuzumab

Inhibitory KIR blockade

- Anti-KIR mAb
- Anti-KIR mAb + Lenalidomide

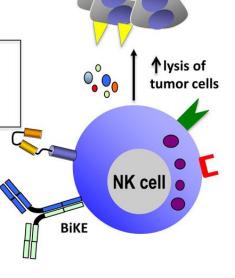


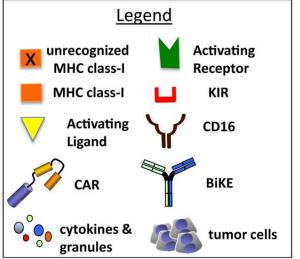


Tlysis of mAb-coated tumor cells

Genetic Modification

- Chimeric Antigen Receptors
- Bi/Tri-specific Engagers
- NK-92 cell line





Rezvani and Rouce Front Immunol 2015



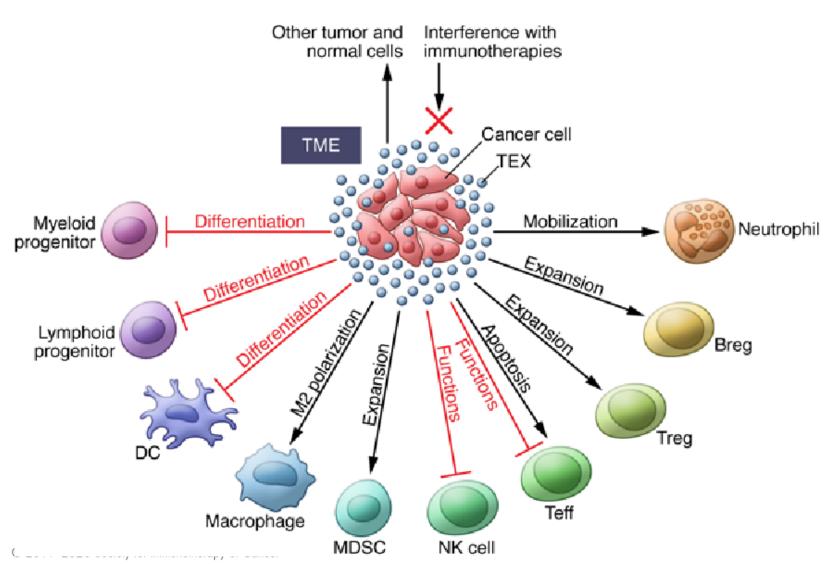








Dealing with immune suppression



Soluble factors:

- IL-10
- TGF-beta
- VEGF
- Exosomes

Whiteside JCI 2016





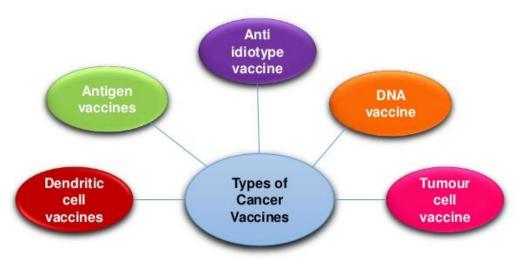


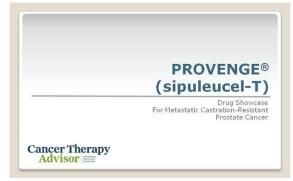


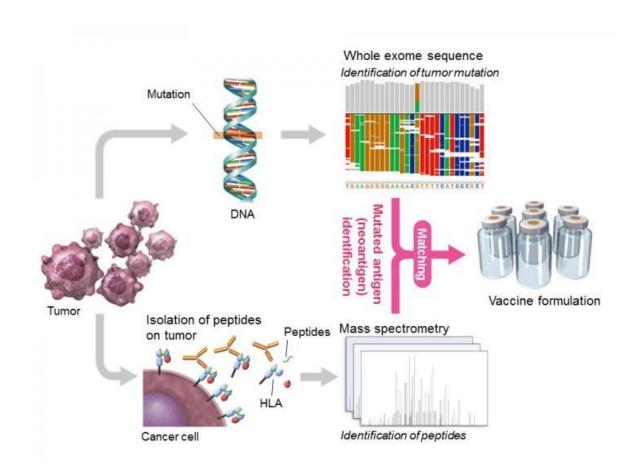


Vaccines: The new (and old) frontier

TYPES OF CANCER VACCINES:









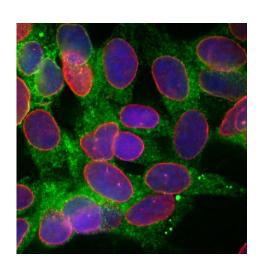


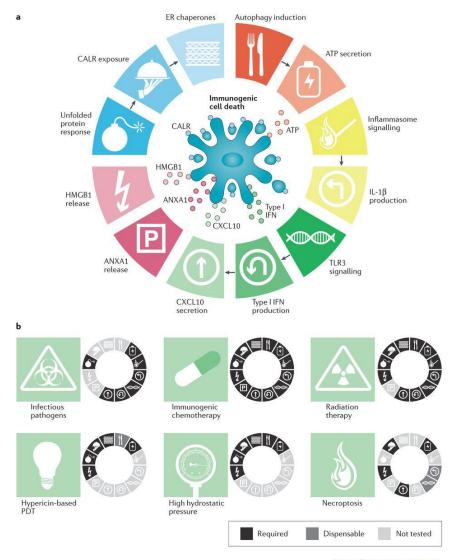




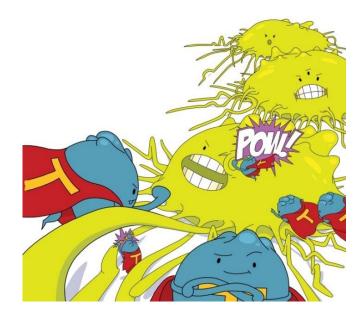


Immunogenic Cell Death





"How is your cancer cell dying?"



Galluzzi et al. Nature Rev Immunol. 2017



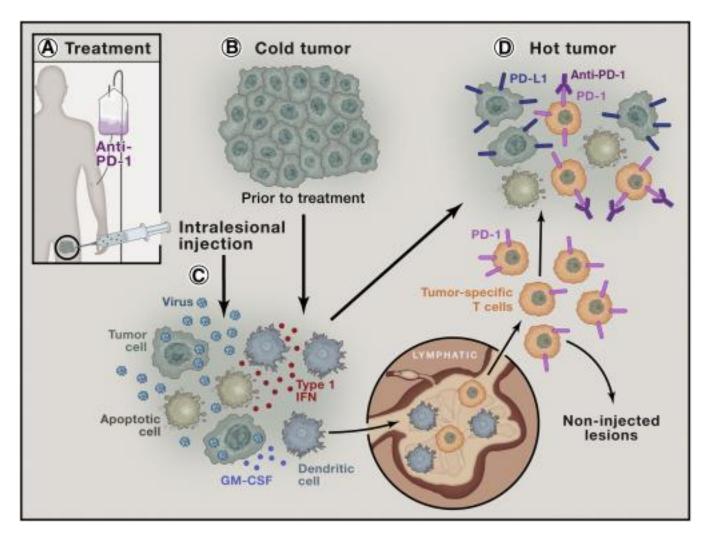








Intra-lesional cancer therapy



- Oncolytic viruses
- TLR agonists
- STING agonists
- Cytokines
- Monoclonal antibodies
- Electroporation

Haanen Cell 2017



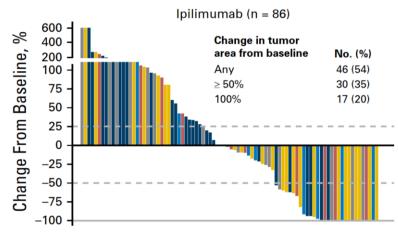


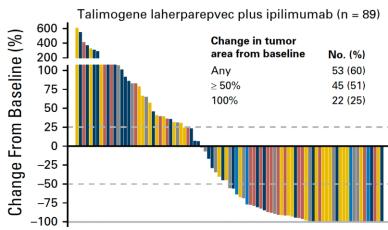


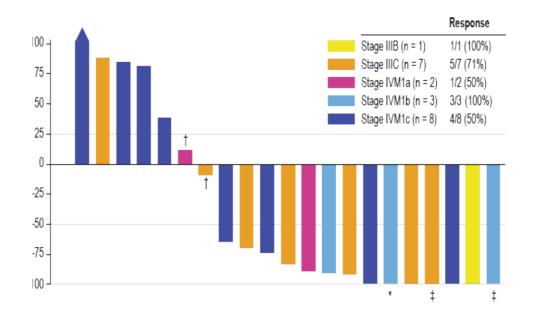




T-VEC and immune checkpoint blockade







Chesney et al. JCO 2017 Ribas et al. Cell 2017



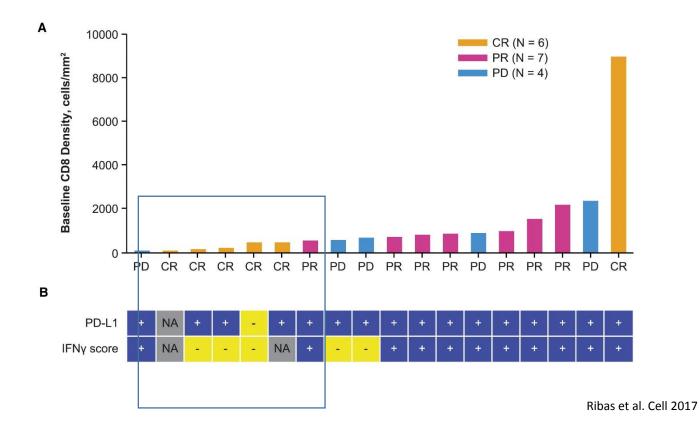








T-VEC + pembrolizumab induces CR in immunologically deserted tumors





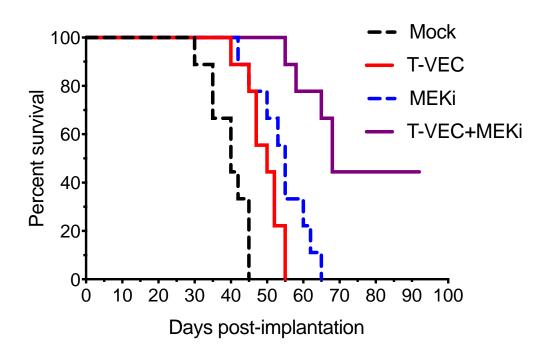


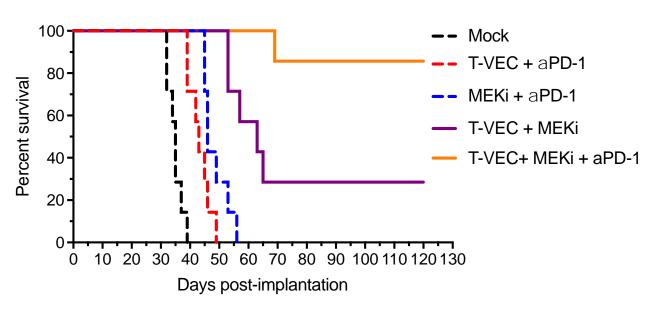






Triple Combination Therapy for Cancer





Bommareddy et al. Science Transl Med 2018











Managing IO-related toxicity

Table I. IIIIIIIulie-Related Adverse Reactions

Common (> 10%)

Dermatitis, pruritus

Fevers, chills, fatigue

Diarrhea/colitis

Infrequent (5%-10%)

Hepatitis/liver enzyme abnormalities

Endocrinopathies: hypophysitis, thyroiditis, adrenal insufficiency

Vitiligo

Rare (< 5%)

Arthritis

Dermatomyositis

Diabetes type 1

Encephalitis

Episcleritis/uveitis

Myocarditis

Nephritis

Neuropathies, Guillain-Barré, myasthenia gravis

Pancreatitis

Pericarditis

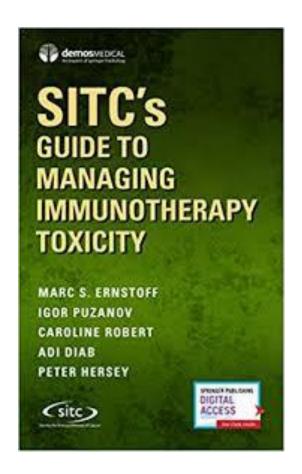
Pneumonitis

Thrombocytopenia

Toxic epidermal necrolysis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome

Vasculitis

Note. Information from Champiat et al. (2016).





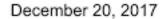


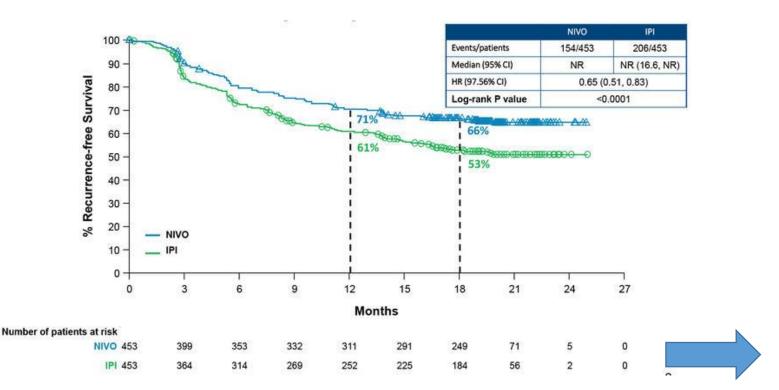






Adjuvant immunotherapy





FDA Approves Adjuvant Nivolumab for Melanoma

The FDA has approved nivolumab as an adjuvant treatment for patients with completely resected melanoma with lymph node involvement or metastatic disease.

- Neoadjuvant immunotherapy?
- How does this change the natural history?

Weber et al. NEJM 2017



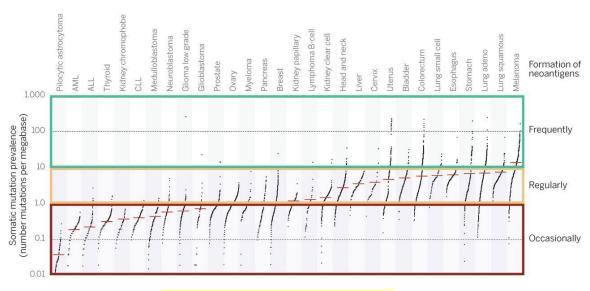




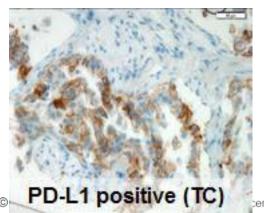




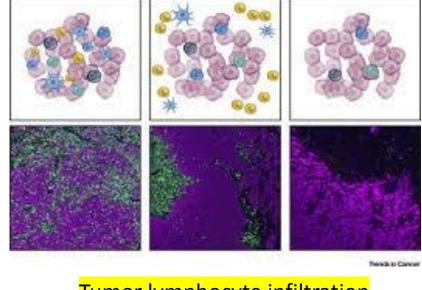
Validating Biomarkers for Immunotherapy Hot (inflamed) tumor Cold (excluded) tumor



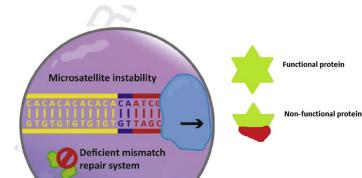
Tumor mutation burden Neoantigen repertoire



PD-L1 expression



Tumor lymphocyte infiltration



Microsatellite instability

Yarchoan et al. NEJM 2017
Van der Woude et al. Trends Cancer 2017
Westdorp et al. Cancer Letters 2017

Cold (ignored) tumor











Conclusions

- Immunotherapy has revolutionized cancer therapy
- Multiple types of immunotherapy are approved (and in development)
- Promising approaches for activating anti-tumor immunity
 - Cytokines, vaccines, intra-lesional approaches, T cell therapy
- Strategies for blocking immune suppression are needed
 - Cells (M2 macrophages, MDSC, Tregs, etc.)
 - Soluble factors (IL-10, TGF-beta, VEGF, exosomes, etc.)
- Impact of agents on tumor cell ICD may guide immunotherapy
- Combination strategies are a high priority for investigation
- Many questions remain:
 - When should immunotherapy start and stop?
 - What mediates toxicity and how should it be managed?
 - What are the best predictive biomarkers?
 - What are the optimal combinations or sequences?







