

**IMMUNOTHERAPY** 

#### Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Genitourinary Malignancies

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- I will be discussing non-FDA approved indications during my presentation.





#### Immunotherapy for Metastatic Kidney Cancer (Renal Cell Carcinoma; RCC)





### History of Immunotherapy in mRCC



#### **Resurgence of interest in immunotherapy**



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## FDA-approved Immunotherapies for mRCC

Drug	Approved	Indication	Dose
High dose Interleukin-2	1992	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-a + bevacizumab	2009	Clear cell RCC	IFN 9 MIU s.c. three times a week + bev 10 mg/kg Q2W
Nivolumab	2015	Clear cell RCC refractory to prior VEGF targeted therapy	3mg/kg or 240mg IV Q2W or 480mg IV Q4W
Nivolumab +ipilimumab	2018	Clear cell RCC, treatment naïve	3mg/kg nivo plus 1mg/kg ipi Q3W x 4 doses then nivo maintenance at flat dosing
Pembrolizumab + axitinib	2019	Advanced RCC, Treatment naïve	200 mg pembro Q3W + 5 mg axitinib twice daily
Avelumab + axitinib	2019	Advanced RCC, Treatment naïve	800 mg avelumab Q2W + 5 mg axitinib twice daily





### High Dose IL-2 in mRCC

- 20 year analysis of 259 patients
- ORR = 20%
  - 9% CR (n = 23)
  - 12% PR (n = 30)
- Median duration of response = 15.5 months
- Median OS = 19 months







## Second-Line Nivolumab in mRCC

- CheckMate 025 Phase III trial
- Metastatic, clear-cell disease
- One or two previous antiangiogenic treatments
- Nivolumab (3 mg/kg IV Q2W) vs everolimus (10 mg daily)





#### Second-Line Nivolumab in mRCC PD-L1 subgroups

#### <u>PD-L1 ≥ 1%</u>



#### <u>PD-L1 < 1%</u>





## First-line Nivolumab + Ipilimumab in mRCC



Nivolumab = anti-PD-1 antibody Ipilimumab = anti-CTLA-4 antibody IMDC = International Metastatic RCC Database Consortium



## First-line Nivolumab + Ipilimumab in mRCC by IMDC Risk: overall survival





### First-line Pembrolizumab + axitinib in advanced RCC: overall survival

#### **KEYNOTE-426: OS in the ITT Population**



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# First-line avelumab + axitinib in mRCC: progression-free survival

- Primary Endpoint: PFS and OS in PD-L1+
- Median PFS 13.8 mo vs
  7.2 mo (HR 0.61; 95% Cl, 0.47–0.79)
- ORR: 61.9% vs 29.7
- OS data: immature

#### **JAVELIN 101 : PFS in the PD-L1+ Population**







Immotion151

## **In Development:** First-line atezolizumab + bevacizumab in PD-L1+ mRCC



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#### In Development: First-line atezolizumab + bevacizumab: molecular signatures



Identification of gene signatures based on association with clinical outcome

- T<sub>eff</sub>: CD8a, IFNG, PRF1, EOMES, CD274
- Angio: VEGFA, KDR, ESM1, PECAM1, CD34, ANGPTL4



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#### In Development: First-line atezolizumab + bevacizumab: molecular signatures





### Front-line phase 3 trials with immunotherapy agents (efficacy summary)

	CheckMate 214	KEYNOTE-426	JAVELIN 101	IMmotion151
Intervention	Ipilimumab + Nivolumab	Pembrolizumab + Axitinib	Avelumab + Axitinib	Atezolizumab + Bevacizumab
Comparator	Sunitinib	Sunitinib	Sunitinib Sunitinib	
Primary Endpoint	OS, PFS, ORR in int/poor risk	OS, PFS	PFS, OS in PD-L1+	PFS in PD-L1+; OS
mOS, months	NR vs 37.9 (30 mo min followup)	NR vs NR (median 12.8 mo followup)	Not reported	<b>33.6 vs 34.9</b> (median 24 mo followup)
PFS, months	9.7 vs 9.7	15.1 vs 11.1	13.8 vs 7.2	11.2 vs 7.7
ORR (ITT), %	41% vs 34%	59.3% vs 35.7%	51.4% vs 25.7%	37% vs 33%
CR rate (ITT)	10.5% vs 1.8%	5.8% vs 1.9%	3.4% vs 1.8%	5% vs 2%

IIT: Intent-to-Treat; PFS: progression-free survival; ORR: overall response rate; OS: overall survival

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## Ongoing front-line phase 3 trials with immunotherapy agents for front-line ccRCC

Trial number	Trial Name	Treatment Arm	Comparator Arm	Population Size	Primary End Point
NCT03141177	CheckMate 9ER	Cabozantinib + Nivolumab	Sunitinib	630	PFS
NCT02811861	CLEAR	Lenvatinib + Pembrolizumab or Everolimus	Sunitinib	1050	PFS
NCT03729245	CA045002	NKTR-214 + Nivolumab	Sunitinib	600	ORR, OS
NCT03937219	COSMIC-313	Cabozantinib + Ipilimumab + Nivolumab	Sunitinib	676	PFS
PFS: progression-free survival; ORR: overall response rate; OS: overall survival					





#### **In Development:** First-line pembrolizumab monotherapy in mRCC KEYNOTE - 427



	N = 110
Confirmed ORR, % (95% CI)	36.4
CR, %	3 (3)
PR, %	37 (34)
DCR, %	57 (47-67)
DOR, median (range), mo	Not Reported
DOR ≥ 6 mo (responders), %	77



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#### Immunotherapy for Metastatic Bladder Cancer (Urothelial Carcinoma; UC)

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## Approved checkpoint inhibitors for mUC – *cisplatin refractory*

Drug	Approved	Indication	Dose
Atezolizumab	2016 (2018)	Advanced/metastatic UC	1200 mg Q3W
Avelumab	2017	Advanced/metastatic UC	10 mg/kg Q2W
Durvalumab	2017	Advanced/metastatic UC	10 mg/kg Q2W
Nivolumab	2017	Advanced/metastatic UC	240 mg Q2W or 480 mg Q4W
Pembrolizumab	2017 (2018)	Advanced/metastatic UC	200 mg Q3W





## Approved checkpoint inhibitors for mUC – *cisplatin ineligible*

Drug	Approved	Indication	Dose
Atezolizumab	2017 (2018)	Advanced/metastatic UC (PD-L1 ≥5%)	1200 mg Q3W
Pembrolizumab	2017 (2018)	Advanced/metastatic UC (PD-L1 CPS ≥10)	200 mg Q3W

June 2018

#### 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 tumor PD-L1 (CPS ≥ 10, pembro; IC ≥ 5% tumor area, atezo)
- Patients ineligible for any platinum-containing chemotherapy regardless of PD-L1 status





Tumor Mutational Burden (TMB) May Signal Responses with PD-1 Blockade Atezolizumab in mUC





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#### **In development:** Ipilimumab + Nivolumab CheckMate 032

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#### **ORR by Baseline Tumor PD-L1 Expression per Investigator**



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### The Spectrum of Prostate Cancer







### Sipuleucel-T in mCRPC



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## Sipuleucel-T in mCRPC

- Post-hoc analysis of Phase 3 trial PROCEED (N = 1902 mCRPC patients)
- African-Americans (AA) = 438; Caucasians (CAU) = 219
- Median OS = 35.2 (AA) vs 29.9 mo (CAU); HR 0.81, 95% CI 0.68–0.97; p = 0.03.
- AA race was independently associated with prolonged OS on multivariate analysis (HR 0.60, 95% CI 0.48–0.74; p < 0.001)</li>





### Limited efficacy of Checkpoint Inhibitors in mCRPC

Cohort 1 (PD-L1+)

#### No FDA-approved CIs for mCRPC



- Pembrolizumab is approved for all Microsatellite Instability-High (MSI-H) solid tumors
- MSI-H incidence is low in PC
  - Localized PC ~2%
  - Autopsy series of mCRPC ~12%
- MSI testing may offer pembrolizumab as an option

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## In development: nivolumab + ipilimumab in mCRPC

- Checkmate 650
- Nivo 1 mg/kg + Ipi 3 mg/kg Q3W for 4 doses, then Nivo 480 mg Q4W
- Progressed after 2nd-gen hormonal: 26% response @ 11.9 mo, 2 CR
- Progressed after chemo+hormonal: 10% response @ 13.5 mo, 2 CR
- Higher ORR in:
  - PD-L1 > 1%
  - DNA damage repair deficient
  - homologous recombination deficiency
  - high tumor mutational burden



### Future Combinations in mCRPC to Engage Immune System

- Hormonal therapy
- Radiation
- Radium-223
- PARP inhibitors
- Chemotherapy
- New targets





#### irAEs with Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors in GU Cancers - Meta-analysis of 8 studies

Similar
incidence
overall

Adverse event	Incidence, any grade (GU only trials) (%)	Incidence, grades 3– 5 (GU only trials) (%)	Incidence any grade (non-GU clinical trials) (%)	Incidence, grades 3– 5 (non-GU clinical trials) (%)
Hypothyroid/ thyroiditis	0.8–9	0–0.6	3.9–12	0–0.1
Diabetes/DKA	0–1.5	0–0.7	0.8–0.8	0.4–0.7
LFT changes/ hepatitis	1.5–5.4	1–3.8	0.3–3.4	0.3–2.7
Pneumonitis	2–4.4	0–2	1.8–3.5	0.25–1.9
Encephalitis	NR	NR	0.2–0.8	0.0–0.2
Colitis/diarrhea	1–10	1–10	2.4–4.1	1.0–2.5
Hypophysitis	0–0.5	0–0.2	0.2–0.9	0.2–0.4
Renal Dysfunction/ nephritis	0.3–1.6	0–1.6	0.3–4.9	0.0–0.5
Myositis	0.8–5	0–0.8	NR	NR







#### 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
- Low immune engagement in prostate cancer has limited the application of immunotherapy in this disease





#### **Additional Resources**



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#### **POSITION ARTICLE AND GUIDELINES**



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#### **Case Studies**







 A 62 year old male walks into your office. He has had a 40 pound weight loss over the past 6 months and CT scan of the chest, abdomen and pelvis shows a 10 cm right renal mass invading the inferior vena cava as well as multiple pulmonary metastases which are 2-3 cm each. A recent needle biopsy of the kidney mass shows clear cells nuclear grade 4 with extensive necrosis and sarcomatoid features. He is interested in treatment for his newly diagnosed kidney cancer.





#### Case Study 1

- Which of the following are appropriate first line treatment approaches for this patient?
- A. nephrectomy followed by high dose interleukin 2
- B. Pembrolizumab 200mg IV every 3 weeks and axitinib 5 mg orally twice daily
- C. Nivolumab 480mg IV every 4 weeks
- D. None of the above





#### Case Study 1

- Answer is B. Pembrolizumab 200mg IV every 3 weeks and axitinib 5 mg oral twice daily is approved in the use of first line metastatic renal cancer.
- Cytoreductive nephrectomy preceding sunitinib therapy was found to be inferior to sunitinib therapy alone in the Carmena trial. This approach using cytoreductive nephrectomy has yet to be tested using immune checkpoint inhibitors
- Single agent nivolumab is approved in the second line setting.





### Case Study 1, question2

- Which of these is true about the immune checkpoint inhibitors in metastatic kidney cancer?:
- A. single agent nivolumab, axitinib and pembrolizumab and ipilimumab with nivolumab all showed in improvement in overall survival compared to sunitinib.
- B. single agent nivolumab, and the combinations of axitinib and pembrolizumab and ipilimumab with nivolumab all showed in improvement in overall survival compared to the controls of everolimus or sunitinib
- C. there are six immunomodulatory treatments FDA approved for metastatic kidney cancer
- D. Both B and C.





#### Case 1 question2

- D. is correct
- High dose Interleukin-2, Interferon-a + bevacizumab, Nivolumab, Nivolumab +ipilimumab, Pembrolizumab + axitinib, and Avelumab + axitinib are all approved for metastatic kidney cancer.
- The combination of nivolumab and ipililumab and the cobination of pembrolizumab and axitinib both showed an improvement in overall survival compared to sunitinib therapy.
- Single agent nivolumab showed an improvement in overall survival compared to everolimus in the second line setting of advanced kidney cancer.





#### Case Study 2

• You are seeing a 72 year old male with prostate cancer metastatic to the bones and lymph nodes. He initially presented with a rising PSA of 8.6 ng/dL in 2011 and was found at that time to have stage III Gleason 7 (4+3) prostate cancer involving the seminal vesicles and one lymph node. At the time, he was treated with 2 years of androgen deprivation therapy with leuprolide and intensity modulated radiation therapy to the prostate grand. His PSA nadired to undetectable he stopped the leuprolide in 2013. The PSA began to rise in 2018. In November 2018, the PSA rose to 150 mg/dL and he was found to have disease in multiple ribs, vertebral bodies and the left femur. He began leuprolide with abiraterone and prednisone. The PSA initially decreased to 7.5 but is now increased to 200mg/DL. He wants to know if he can get "some of that new immune therapy".





#### Case Study 2

- Which of these statements is true?
- A. Sipuleucil is approved for use in metastatic prostate cancer but immune checkpoint inhibitors are not approved in prostate cancer
- B. A PDL marker positive is required for the use of pembrolizumab or atezolizumab in metastatic urothelial cancer
- C. Pembrolizumab is approved for use in cancer that have high MSI (microsatellite instability)
- D. All are true







D. All are true

FDA approvals for ATZ and Pembro were updated in 2018 to include PD-L1 criteria, because of data indicating that patients with low PD-L1 expression and previous chemotherapy had lower survival rates (<u>https://www.fda.gov/drugs/resources-information-approved-drugs/fda-limits-use-tecentriq-and-keytruda-some-urothelial-cancer-patients</u>) Sipuleucil T is FDA approved for use in prostate cancer

