

Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Hematologic Malignancies

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Outline: Major immunotherapies under development

- Immune checkpoint inhibitors
- Antibody-drug conjugates
- Bispecifics
- Cellular therapies





Immunotherapy in Hematologic Malignancies

Disease	Immunotherapy	FDA Approved
Hodgkin Lymphoma	Checkpoint inhibitors/Immunoconjugates	Y/Y
Primary mediastinal B cell lymphoma	Checkpoint inhibitors/CAR T	Y/Y (Breyanzi,Yescarta)
DLBCL	Immunoconjugates/CAR T	Y/Y (Breyanzi, Yescarta, Kymriah)
B-ALL	Bi-specifics	Υ
AML	Immunoconjugates(CD33) /Bi-specifics	Y/ N
Myeloma	Immunoconjugates /Bi-specifics/CAR T	Y/N/N



Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer Immune checkpoint inhibitors **ADVANCES IN** IMMUNOTHERAPY Anti-PD-1 **TCR/MHC** interaction CD80/CD28 interaction **Tumor** T cell cell



Anti-PD-L1



FDA-approved checkpoint inhibitors: lymphoma

Drug	Indication	Dose
Nivolumab	Classical Hodgkin lymphoma , relapsed after HSCT and brentuximab vedotin or ≥3 previous therapies	240 mg Q2W or 480 mg Q4W
Pembrolizumab	Adult relapsed/refractory classical Hodgkin lymphoma Pediatric refractory cHL or cHL relapsed	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W adults 2 mg/kg (up to 200 mg) Q3W
	after <a>2 lines of therapy	(pediatric)
Pembrolizumab	Adult/pediatric refractory primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma or relapsed after 2 previous therapies**	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W adults 2 mg/kg (up to 200 mg) Q3W (pediatric)

**Not recommended for patients with PBMCL that require urgent cytoreductive therapy.





Efficacy of approved checkpoint inhibitors: lymphoma

Study	Treatment	Patient population	Overall response rate	Complete response rate	Landmark OS
CheckMate 205	Nivolumab	Brentuximab vedotin-naïve cHL	65%	29%	1-year: 92%
		Bretuximab vedotin after auto-HCT cHL	68%	13%	1-year: 93%
		Bretuximab vedotin before/after auto-HCT cHL	73%	12%	1-year: 90%
KEYNOTE-087	Pembrolizumab	cHL progressed after ASCT and BV	78.3%	26%	3-year: 86.3%
		cHL after salvage chemo and BV, ineligible for ASCT	64.2%	26%	3-year: 85.7%
		cHL progressed after ASCT without BV treatment	71.7%	31.7%	3-year: 87.6%
KEYNOTE-013	Pembrolizumab	PMBCL with relapse/ineligible for ASCT	48%	33%	1-year: 65%
KEYNOTE-170	Pembrolizumab	PMBCL ineligible for ASCT with progression on <u>></u> 2 previous therapies	45%	13%	1-year: 58%

cHL: Classical Hodgkin lymphoma; PMBCL: primary mediastinal B cell lymphoma

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In development: Immune checkpoint inhibitors in AML

Study	Population	Treatment(s)	ORR	Median OS (months)	Status
NCT02775903	Untreated AML	Azacitidine + durvalumab	20%	13.0	Active, not recruiting
		Azacitidine	23%	14.4	recruiting
NCT02397720	Relapsed/refractory AML	Azacitidine + nivolumab	33%	6.4	Recruiting
		Azacitidine + nivolumab + ipilimumab	44%	10.5	
NCT02768792	Relapsed/refractory AML	HiDAC followed by pembrolizumab	46%	8.9	Active, not recruiting
NCT02845297	Relapsed/refractory AML	Azacitidine + pembrolizumab	31%	10.8	Recruiting
	Newly diagnosed AML, <u>>65</u> years of age		70.5%	13.1	

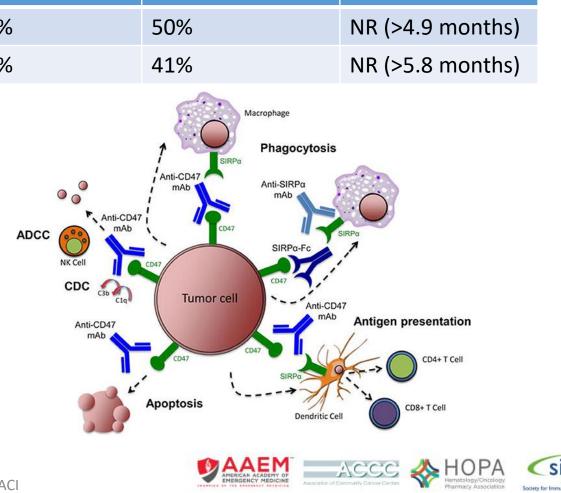




In development: Macrophage checkpoint: CD47

Treatment	Populations	ORR	CRR	Median DOR
Azacitidine +	Untreated MDS	91.7%	50%	NR (>4.9 months)
magroliumab	Untreated AML	63.6%	41%	NR (>5.8 months)

- CD47 is expressed on some cancer cells
- CD47 signaling through SIRPα prohibits macrophage phagocytosis of cancer cells – "don't eat me"
- Blocking interaction of CD47 and SIRPα promotes adaptive immune responses and boosts tumor cell phagocytosis







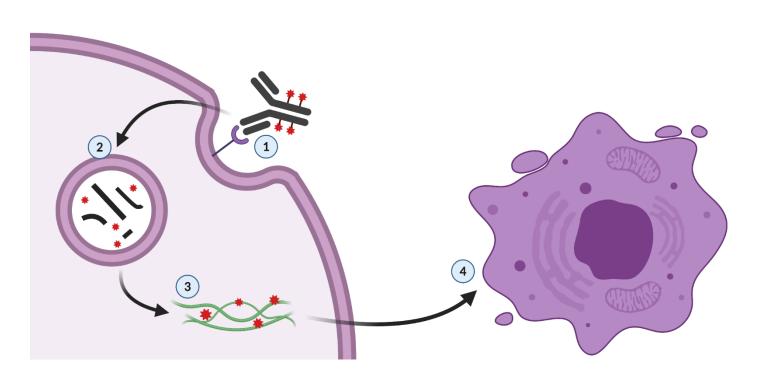
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Antibody-drug conjugates

- 1. Antibody binds to receptor on tumor cell
- 2. ADC is internalized and broken down
- 3. Drug payload performs its MOA (here, microtubule disruption)
- 4. Apoptosis is induced in target cell







FDA-approved antibody-drug conjugates

Drug	Target antigen	Indication	
		Classical Hodgkin lymphoma, relapsed after HSCT or ≥2 previous therapies	
Brentuximab vedotin	CD30	Cutaneous anaplastic large cell lymphoma or CD30+ mycosis fungoides ≥ 1 previous therapies	
		Classical Hodgkin lymphoma - first line with combination chemo	
		Classical Hodgkin lymphoma consolidation after auto-HSCT	
Inotuzumab ozogamicin	CD22	Relapsed/refractory/MRD+ B-cell ALL	
Polatuzumab vedotin (w/ bendamustine & rituximab)	CD79b	DLBCL ≥ 2 previous therapies	
Gemtuzumab ozogamicin	CD33	R/R or newly-diagnosed CD33+ AML in adults or pediatric patients	
Belantamab mafodotin	BCMA	R/R multiple myeloma after <u>></u> 4 prior therapies	

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Efficacy of approved ADCs – brentuximab vedotin

33%	5-year: 41%
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56%	5-year: 60%
2-year modified PFS rate: 82.1%	
2-year modified PFS rate: 77.2%	
.9 months	
1.1 months	
d P d P 2.9	PFS rate: 8 PFS rate: 7 months

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Efficacy of approved ADCs

Study	Treatment(s)	Patient population	Key outcomes
INO-VATE	Inotuzumab ozogamicin Standard-of-care chemo	Relapsed/refractory B cell precursor ALL	CR/CRi rate: 73.8% vs 30.9% Median OS: 7.7 vs 6.2 months 2-year OS: 22.8% vs 10%
GO29365	Polatuzumab vedotin + bendamustine & rituximab Bendamustine & rituximab	Relapsed/refractory DLBCL	CRR: 40.0% vs 17.5% Median PFS: 9.5 vs 3.7 months Median OS: 12.4 vs 4.7 months
ALFA-0701	Gemtuzumab ozogamicin + daunorubicin + cytarabine Daunorubicin + cytarabine	De novo acute myeloid leukemia	CR/CRp rate: 81.5% vs 73.6% Median OS: 27.5 vs 21.8 months Median EFS: 17.3 vs 9.5 months
DREAMM-2	Belantamab mafodotin	R/R multiple myeloma after IMiD, PI, and anti-CD38	ORR: 31% Median PFS: 2.9 months

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In development: Novel ADCs in clinical trials

Trial	Indication	Treatment(s)	ADC target antigen	Phase
NCT03544281	R/R multiple myeloma	GSK2857916 + lenaolidomide + dexamethasone	BCMA	2
		GSK2857916 + bortezomib + dexamethasone		
NCT03386513	CD123+ AML, BPDCN or ALL	IMGN632	CD123	1/2
NCT03424603	R/R B cell malignancies	STRO-001	CD74	1
NCT03682796	R/R B cell lymphoma	TRPH-222	CD22	1
NCT04240704	CLL or NHL	JBH492	CCR7	1
NCT03833180	Pre-treated hematologic malignancies	VLS-101	ROR1	1





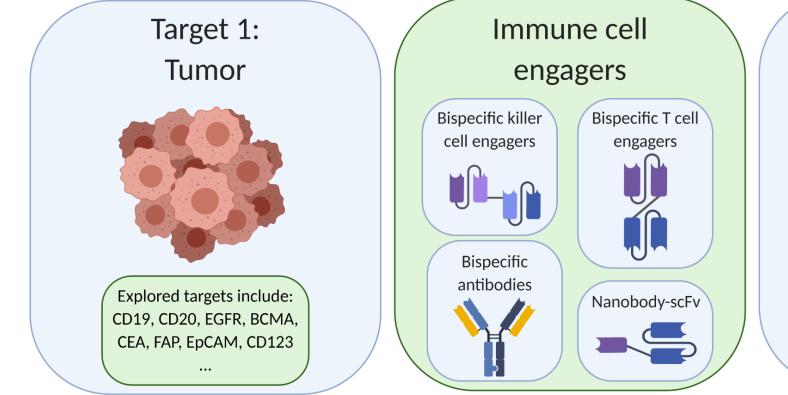


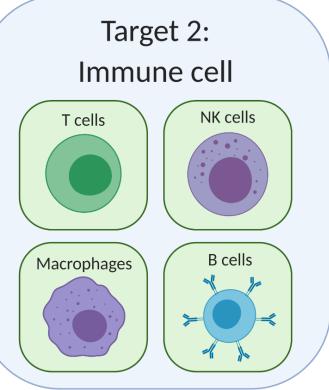
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Bispecifics in immunotherapy





Commonly CD3 on T cells, CD16 for NK and macrophages, etc





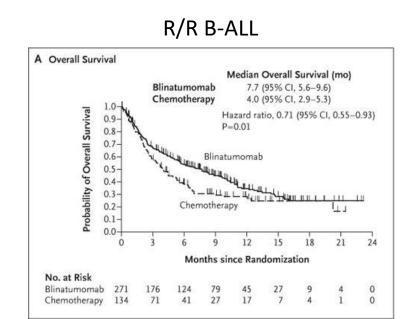
Clinical use of immune cell engagers

Drug	Indications	CD19
	Relapsed/refractory B-ALL	
Blinatumomab	B-ALL in 1 st or 2 nd complete response with MRD ≥ 0.1%	CD3



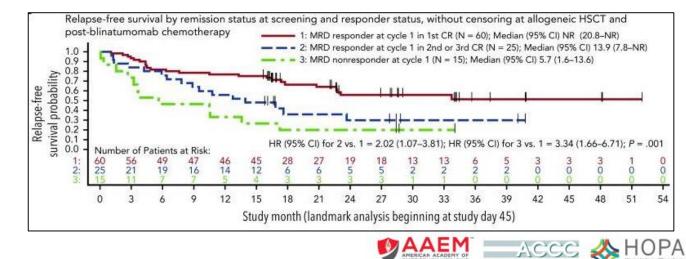


Blinatumomab in R/R B-ALL



Trial	Patient population	Treatment	Key outcomes
NCT02013167	Adults with R/R B-ALL	Blinatumomab	Median OS: 7.7 vs 4.0 months
		Chemotherapy	Median DOR: 7.3 vs 4.6 months
NCT01207388	Adults with MRD+ B-ALL	Blinatumomab	Complete MRD response rate: 78% Median OS: 36.5 months

MRD+ B-ALL



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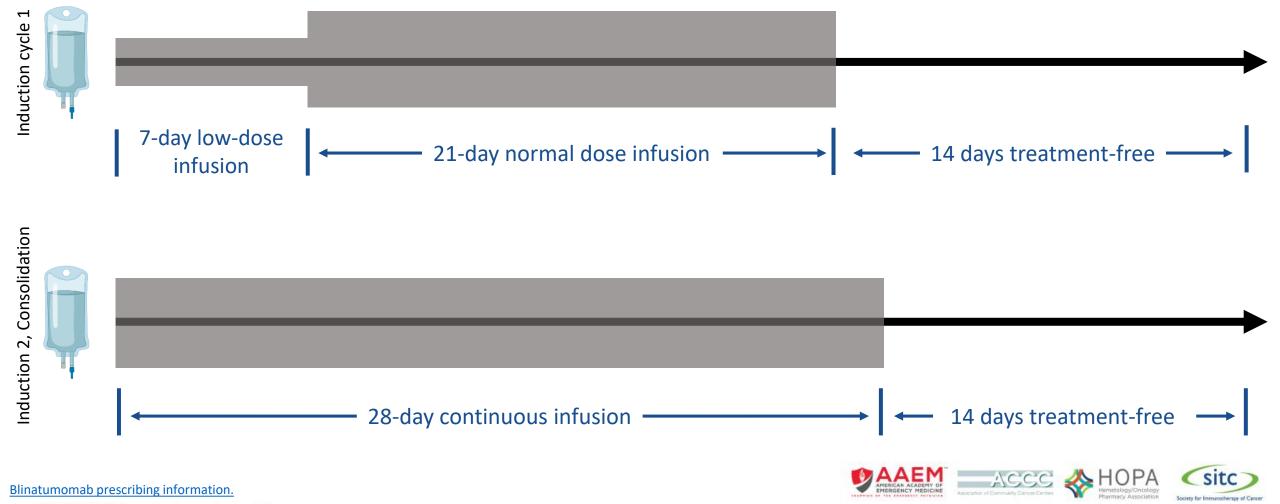
Dosing regimens for blinatumomab

	Cycle		Patients weighing 45 kg or more (Fixed-dose)	Patients weighing less than 45 kg (BSA-based dose)
MRD-	Induction cycle 1	Days 1-28	28 mcg/day	15 mcg/m ² /day (not to exceed 28 mcg/day)
positive B	-	Days 29-42	14-day treatment-free interval	14-day treatment-free interval
ALL	Consolidation cycles 2-4	Days 1-28	28 mcg/day	15 mcg/m ² /day (not to exceed 28 mcg/day)
		Days 29-42	14-day treatment-free interval	14-day treatment-free interval
	Cycle		Patients weighing 45 kg or more (Fixed-dose)	Patients weighing less than 45 kg (BSA-based dose)
Ir	Induction cycle 1		9 mcg/day	5 mcg/m ² /day (not to exceed 9 mcg/day)
		Days 8-28	28 mcg/day	15 mcg/m ² /day (not to exceed 28 mcg/day)
		Days 29-42	14-day treatment-free interval	14-day treatment-free interval
R/R B-	Induction cycle 2	Days 1-28	28 mcg/day	15 mcg/m ² /day (not to exceed 28 mcg/day)
ALL		Days 29-42	14-day treatment-free interval	14-day treatment-free interval
	Consolidation cycles 3-5	Days 1-28	28 mcg/day	15 mcg/m ² /day (not to exceed 28 mcg/day)
		Days 29-42	14-day treatment-free interval	14-day treatment-free interval
	Continued therapy cycles	Days 1-28	28 mcg/day	15 mcg/m ² /day (not to exceed 28 mcg/day)
	6-9	Days 29-42	56-day treatment-free interval	56-day treatment-free interval
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Dosing regimens for blinatumomab – R/R B-ALL



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Common side effects of T cell engagers

Cytokine release syndrome

- Characterized by initial flu-like symptoms, which progress into a shock-like syndrome with elevation in cytokine levels
- Patients display fever, vascular leakage, and organ dysfunction
- Variable onset and course
- Pre-treatment with dexamethasone required
- Management:
 - IL-6 and IL-6R antagonism
 - Corticosteroids
 - Other cytokine receptor antagonists

B cell aplasia

- Due to current clinical agents targeting CD19, which is expressed by both normal and neoplastic B cells
- May result in hypogammaglobulinemia
- Increased risk of infection
- Managed through administration of intravenous immunoglobulin

Stay tuned: more information on toxicity management later in this program

Neurotoxicity

- Also known as "immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome" (ICANS)
- Manifests as confusion, delirium, seizures, cerebral edema
- Largely unknown mechanisms
- Incidence increases with more doses, increased age, more prior therapies
- Management:
 - Supportive care for low-grade
 - Corticosteroids for highergrade









In development: Novel immune cell engagers in clinical trials

Trial	Indication	Treatment	Target antigens	Phase
NCT03214666	HR myelodysplastic syndromes, R/R AML, systemic mastocytosis	GTB-3550 (TriKE)	CD16, IL-15, CD33	1/2
NCT03516591	High-risk myelodysplastic syndromes	AMV564	CD33, CD3	1
NCT03739606	CD123+ R/R blood cancers	Flotetuzumab	CD123, CD3	2
NCT02730312	CD123+ R/R blood cancers	XmAb14045	CD123, CD3	1
NCT03888105	R/R B cell NHL	Odronextamab	CD20, CD3	2
NCT03309111	Previously treated multiple myeloma	GBR 1342	CD38, CD3	1/2
NCT03761108	R/R multiple myeloma	REGN5458	BCMA, CD3	1/2







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Comparing T cell engagers and CAR T therapy

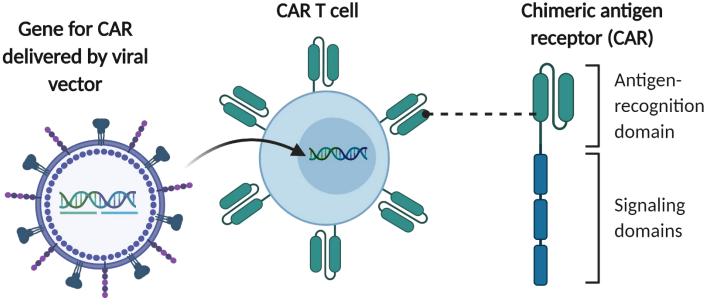
	CAR T cells	T cell engagers (BiTEs)
Structure	Synthetic gene construct encoding an scFv against tumor antigen linked to activation/costimulatory motifs	Recombinant protein with two specificities: one for tumor antigen and one for T cell antigen (usually CD3)
Effector cell types	Engineered CD8+ and CD4+ T cells	Endogenous CD8+ and CD4+ T cells
Immune synapse	Atypical	Typical
Serial killing	Yes	Yes
Killing mechanisms	Perforin and granzyme B, Fas-Fas-L, or TNF/TNF-R	Perforin and granzyme B
Trafficking	Active	Passive
Clinical applications	Pre-treatment lymphodepletion followed by a single infusion	No lymphodepletion; repeat administration and continuous infusions.
Specificity	Manufactured for each patient	"Off-the-shelf"





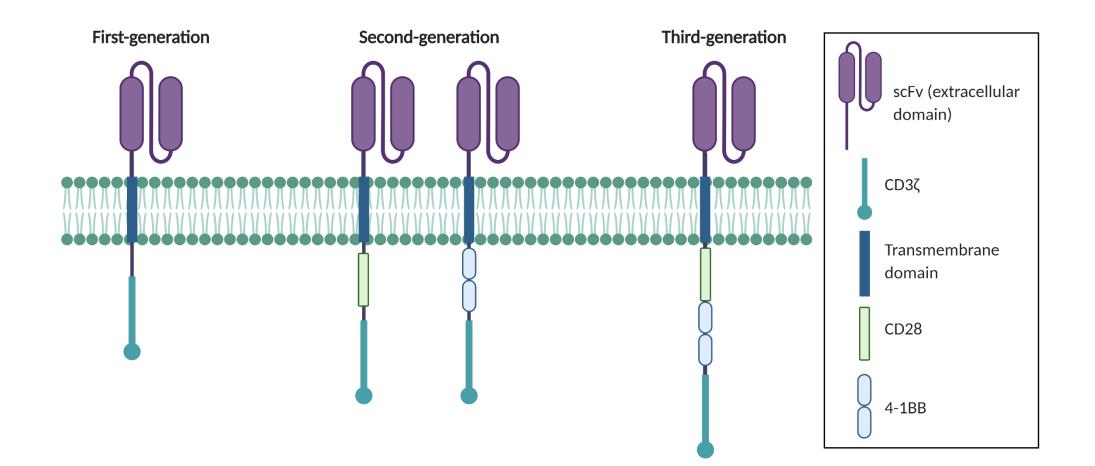
Chimeric antigen receptors

- Overcome immune tolerance
- Targets surface molecules in native conformation
- Independent of antigen presenting cell and MHC complex





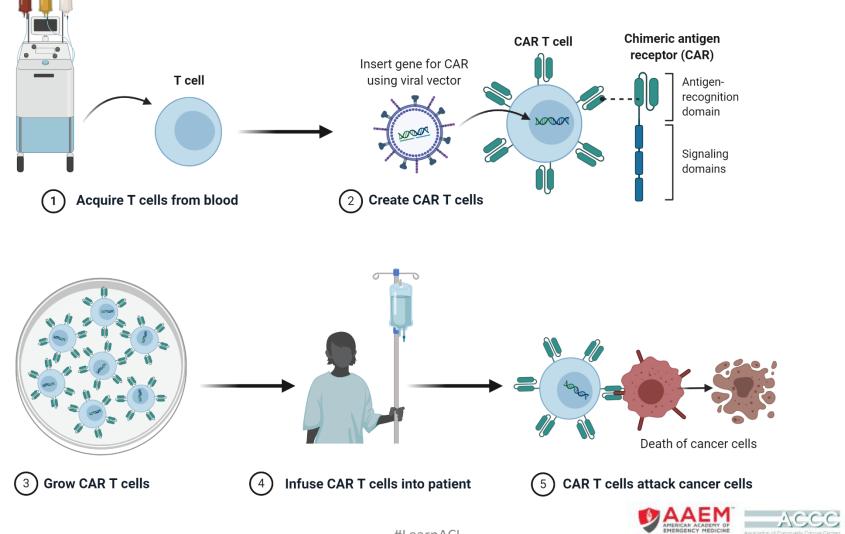
Evolution of CAR constructs







CAR T manufacturing and administration



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FDA-approved CAR T cell therapies

Drug	Target/co- stimulatory domain	Indication	Dose
Axicabtagene ciloleucel	CD19/CD28	Adults with r/r large B-cell lymphoma, Including diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma, high-grade B-cell lymphoma, and DLBCL arising from follicular lymphoma	2 x 10 ⁶ CAR-positive, viable T cells per kg bodyweight (up to 2x10 ⁸)
Tisagenlecleucel	CD19/4-1BB	Patients ≤25 yr with refractory B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia or in 2+ relapse	0.2-0.5x10 ⁶ CAR-positive, viable T cells per kg if under 50 kg 0.1-2.5x10 ⁸ CAR-positive, viable T-cells if over 50 kg
Tisagenlecleucel	CD19/4-1BB	Adults with r/r large B-cell lymphoma after 2+ therapies Including DLBCL, high-grade B-cell lymphoma, DLBCL arising from follicular lymphoma	0.6-6.0 x 10^8 CAR-positive, viable T cells
Brexucabtagene autoleucel	CD19/CD28	Adults with mantle cell lymphoma (MCL) who have not responded to or who have relapsed following other treatments	2 x 10 ⁶ CAR-positive, viable T cells per kg bodyweight (up to 2x10 ⁸)
Lisocabtagene maraleucel	CD19/4-1BB	Adults with R/R large B-cell lymphoma after at least 2 prior therapies	50-110 x 10 ⁶ CAR-positive viable T cells (1:1 CD4:CD8)





Comparing clinical trials of CAR T therapies

Trial	Indication	Treatment(s)	ORR	Landmark OS	Grade 3+ toxicity rates
ZUMA-2	R/R mantle cell lymphoma	Brexucabtagene autoleucel (KTE- X19)	86% CRR: 57%	1-year: 86%	CRS: 18% NE: 46%
ZUMA-1	Refractory large B cell lymphoma	Axicabtagene ciloleucel	83% CRR: 58%	2-year: 50%	CRS: 11% NE: 32%
JULIET	R/R diffuse large B cell lymphoma	Tisagenlecleucel	52% CRR: 40%	1-year: 49%	CRS: 22% NE: 12%
ELIANA	R/R B cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia	Tisagenlecleucel	82% CRR: 62%	18-month: 70%	CRS: 48% NE: 13%

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CAR T side effects

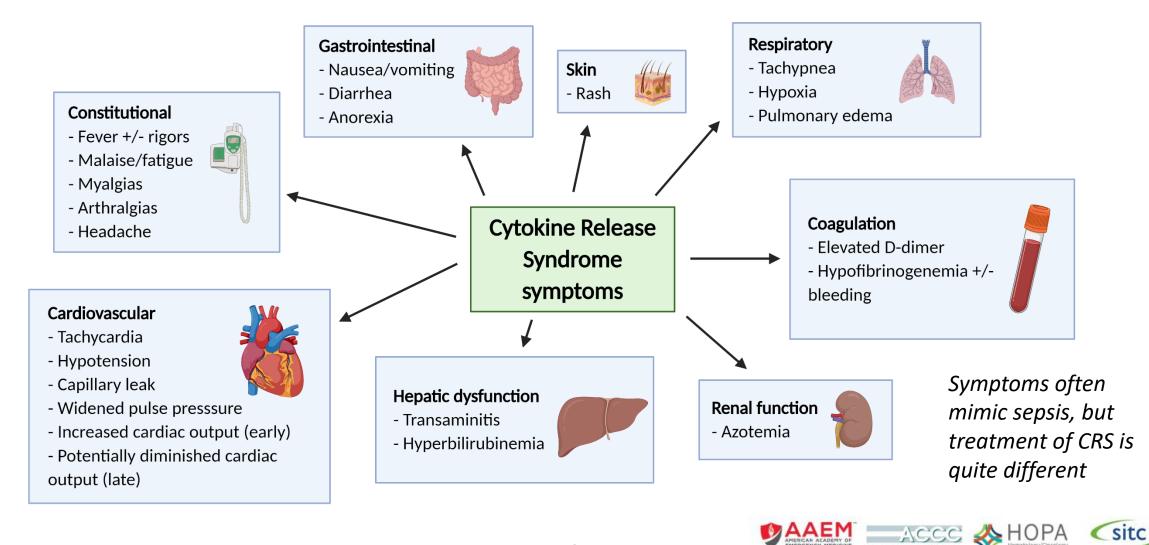
- Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)
- Neurotoxicity
 - ICANS: Immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome
 - NE: Neurologic events
- B cell aplasia
- Macrophage Activation Syndrome (MAS)/HLH

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CAR T side effects - CRS



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Eligibility considerations for CAR

- Disease
 - Relative stability during CAR T manufacturing (~2-6 weeks)
 - Bridging therapy (chemo, RT, steroids, lenalidomide, ibrutinib)
 - CNS control
- Patient
 - Adequate cell counts
 - DVT, bleeding, infection, neuro disorders
 - Functional status: at screen vs. day of CAR T infusion
- Other
 - Social support, reimbursement
 - Availability of tocilizumab for CRS management





In development: Novel CAR T therapies in clinical trials

Trial	Indication	Treatment	Target antigen	Phase
NCT03651128	R/R multiple myeloma	bb2121	BCMA	3
NCT03971799	R/R pediatric AML	CD33CART	CD33	1/2
NCT04186520	R/R B cell malignancies	CAR-20/19 T cells	CD19, CD20	1/2
NCT04109482	R/R BPDCN, AML, HR MDS	MB-102	CD123	1/2
NCT03287817	Diffuse large B cell lymphoma	AUTO3	CD19, CD22	1/2
NCT02690545	R/R HL and NHL	ATLCAR.CD30	CD30	1/2





Conclusions

- Many immunotherapy options for hematological malignancies
- Checkpoint inhibitors for Hodgkin lymphoma and PMBCL high response rate, excellent tolerance, durable responses if CR
- Blinatumomab and inotuzumab for ALL effective salvage, deeper remissions
- Polatuzumab vedotin for DLBCL effective salvage, potential to become frontline
- CAR T therapy ever-increasing indications; patient selection and toxicity management still concerns





Additional Resources









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Case Studies





CASE 1 DLBCL- 79 y.o. female

- -1/30/2018: Presented w/ severe abdominal pain, vomiting, KUB suggested possible SBO workup In ER creatinine 1.4, LDH 1500.
- right inguinal node biopsied- pt home waiting results
- Path:1/31/18 DLBCL high Ki-67 >80%, ABC type, neg DE, neg DH
- 2/6/2018: Presented again to the ER with spontaneous TLS- Rasburicase given for elevated uric acid. Required dialysis for acute kidney injury and volume overload. Bone marrow high-grade Lymphoma involving 50-60% of a 70% cellular marrow
- 2/8/2018: Full dose R-CHOP inpatient then finished outpt 6th cycle 5/31/2018
- On 6/14/2018 restaging PET/CT showed no evidence of lymphoma





DLBCL-Recurrent, 79 y.o. female

- 9/10/2018- (3M later)- LYMPH NODE L axilla biopsy shows recurrent lymphoma
- - second line therapy R-Gem/Ox on 11/6/2018 thru 2/13/2019
- 2/15/2019- PET CT-DISEASE PROGRESSION- on therapy
- SHE has disease progression on second line therapy with R-GEMOX.
- She therefore RELAPSED/REFRACTORY DLBCL.





Relapse / Refractory DLBCL



- 2/15/2019- PET CT-DISEASE PROGRESSION on therapy
- PET Enlargement of the left upper quadrant soft tissue mass adjacent to the descending colon and anterior to the spleen, hypermetabolic soft tissue mass in R buttock
- disease progression on R-GEMOX.



What to do for her ?

- She has high risk disease at presentation
- Rapidly progressed after first line therapy
- failed second line chemotherapy
- 1. Question 1 What would you do?
 - A. Offer High dose chemotherapy with Autologous stem cell transplant ?
 - B. Offer allogeneic bone marrow transplant?
 - C. Offer CAR –T cell therapy ?





Relapsed/ Refractory DLBCL

- 1. Question 1 What would you do?
 - A. Offer High dose chemotherapy with Autologous stem cell transplant (ASCT)
 - A. THERAPY R/R DLBCL is poor with ORR 26%, CR 7%, OS 6.3 MO
 - A. SCHOLAR-1 Blood. 2017;130(16):1800-1808)
 - B. Offer allogeneic bone marrow transplant
 - A. Actually Auto transplant is better than allo in DLBCL- Auto-SCT patients had lower TRM- "<u>Cell Transplant.</u> 2020 Jan-Dec; 29; PMID: <u>33238731</u>
 - B. At 79 she is not a candidate for allo transplant

C. Offer CAR –T cell therapy





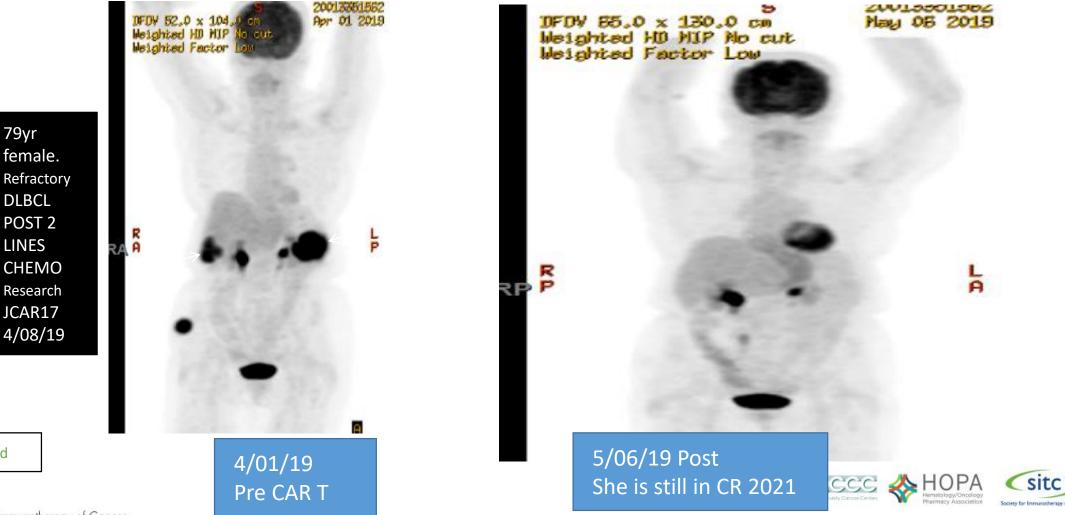
CAR T Therapy- On Trial

- ENROLLED IN CAR T trial JUNO 007 -
- "A Safety Trial of Lisocabtagene Maraleucel (JCAR017) for Relapsed and Refractory (R/R) B-cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (NHL) in the Outpatient Setting"
- Harvest /collection- 3/07/19-
- Infusion of CAR T cells on 4/08/19 as outpatient
- Day 28 PET 5/06/19 showed CR-





Lisocabtagene Maraleucel* (liso-cel) Juno Therapeutics (Celgene)/BMS



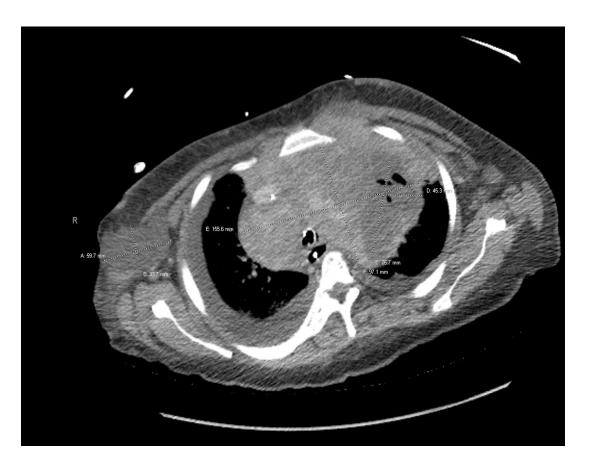
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CASE 2- Refractory Hodgkin Lymphoma

- 9 yr female transferred from Providence Seaside to PPMC 2/06/18- in ICU due to severe SOB- requiring intubation for tracheal decompression. CT SHOWED BULKY MASSIVE ADENOPATHY.
- AVD given on 2/09/18. Bleomycin held due to respiratory compromise.
- Focal radiation x 1 to expedite tumor shrinkage

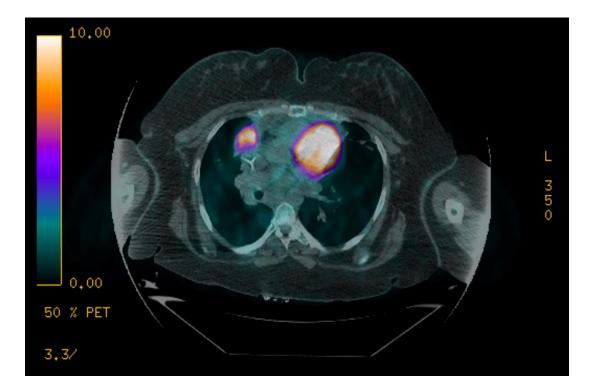






Primary Refractory Hodgkin Lymphoma

- PET/CT after completion of cycle 8- ABVD 10/10/18-RELAPSE/RESIDUAL DISEASEhypermetabolic mass in the anterior mediastinum
- Salvage therapy ICE
- After 2 cycles ICE disease worsening -







What Would You Offer as Next Therapy

- 1. What is the next step?
 - A. Choice 1- Autologous Stem cell transplant
 - A. Patients require chemosensitive disease to proceed to Autologous stem cell transplant- she has not responded to salvage
 - B. Choice 2- Brentuximab CD30 antibody drug conjugate (ADC)
 - A. Approved for Classical Hodgkin lymphoma (cHL) after failure of auto-HSCT or after failure of at least two prior multi-agent chemotherapy regimens in patients who are not auto-HSCT candidates
 - B. However the CR rate is <40%. This is improved in chemo-combinations.
 - C. BUT she has already failed an intense chemotherapy salvage
 - C. Choice 3- Single agent Checkpoint inhibitors-
 - A. Nivolumab-- Classical **Hodgkin lymphoma**, relapsed after HSCT and brentuximab vedotin or ≥3 previous therapies
 - B. Pembrolizumab- Relapsed /Refractory cHL
 - C. Responses 60 to 70% BUT CR only 15-20%
 - D. Clinical trial





Combination Immunotherapy in cHL

- Opted for clinical trial-
- "Randomized Phase II Study of the Combination of Ipilimumab, Nivolumab and Brentuximab Vedotin in Patients with Relapsed/Refractory Hodgkin Lymphoma"
- Randomized to arm L- TRIPLE THERAPY- Ipilimumab, Nivolumab and Brentuximab Vedotin
- Started on 1/10/19.
- PET after 4 cycles -- 3/28/19 **PET negative- Deauville 1= CR.** She has some residual PET neg mass in chest.
- After 2 yrs, she is off therapy with ongoing CR





Discussion And Close







