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### Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Breast & Gynecologic Cancers Erika Hamilton, MD Director, Breast and Gynecologic Research Program Sarah Cannon Research Institute









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





## Immunotherapy in breast and gynecologic cancers

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- Standard-of-care treatment usually involves surgery, chemotherapy, radiation
- Immunotherapy has not been standard of care like other tumor types (melanoma, lung, bladder, etc.) and we are just getting approvals now.

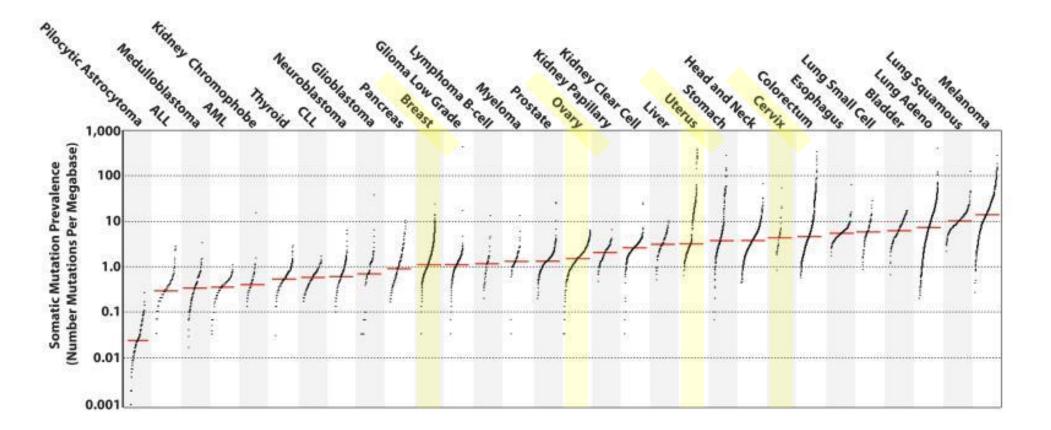
Breast	268,600	30%
Lung & bronchus	111,710	13%
Colon & rectum	67,100	7%
Uterine corpus	61,880	7%
Melanoma of the skin	39,260	5%
Thyroid	37,810	4%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	33,110	4%
Kidney & renal pelvis	29,700	3%
Pancreas	26,830	3%
Leukemia	25,860	3%
All sites	891,480	

#### Female

Lung & bronchus	66,020	23%
Breast	41,760	15%
Colon & rectum	23,380	8%
Pancreas	21,950	8%
Ovary	13,980	5%
Uterine corpus	12,160	4%
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	10,180	4%
Leukemia	9,690	3%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	8,460	3%
Brain & other nervous system	7,850	3%
All sites	285,210	



# Immunotherapy in breast and gynecological cancers







## **Current** approvals

Drug	Approved	Indication	Dose
HPV vaccination	2006 and many subsequent	Prevention of HPV infection	Depends on product
Pembrolizumab	2017	MSI-H/dMMR <b>advanced cancer</b> with progression on previous treatment (includes especially <b>endometrial</b> )	200 mg Q3W
Pembrolizumab	2018	Recurrent/metastatic <b>cervical cancer</b> with PD- L1 (CPS ≥1) and progression on previous therapy	200 mg Q3W
Atezolizumab + nab- paclitaxel or paclitaxel protein-bound	2019	Advanced/Metastatic <b>TNBC</b> with PD-L1 ≥1%	840 mg atezolizumab + 100 mg/m <sup>2</sup> paclitaxel
Pembrolizumab + lenvatinib	2019	Endometrial cancer – not MSI-H/dMMR, after progression on systemic therapy	Pembrolizumab 200 mg Q3W + lenvatinib 20 mg daily

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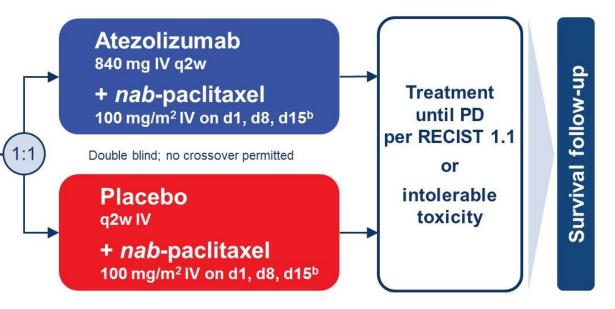


### Clinical Data – IMpassion130 PD-L1+ TNBC

Patients with metastatic or inoperable, locally advanced TNBC without prior therapy for advanced TNBC<sup>a</sup>

#### Stratification factors:

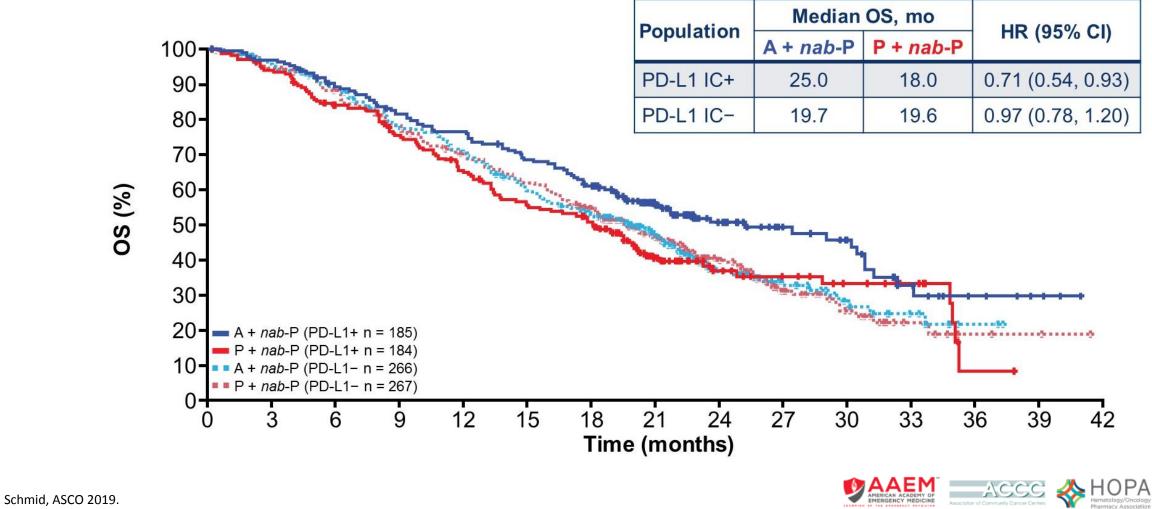
- Prior (curative setting) taxane use (yes vs no)
- · Liver metastases (yes vs no)
- PD-L1 IC status (positive [≥ 1%] vs negative [< 1%])<sup>c</sup>



- Co-primary endpoints in ITT and PD-L1 IC+: PFS and OS<sup>d</sup>
- Pre-specified hierarchical testing of OS in ITT and, if significant, in PD-L1 IC+ patients
- In both treatment arms, 41% of patients were PD-L1 IC+



#### Clinical Data – IMpassion130 PD-L1+ TNBC



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#### Performance of PD-L1 IHC assays -IMpassion 130

IMpassion-130: Atezolizumab + nab-paclitaxel demonstrated clinical benefit in PD-L1+ mTNBC vs placebo/nab-paclitaxel

 PD-L1 expression on immune cells (IC) was evaluated using the VENTANA PD-L1 SP142 IHC assay with a ≥ 1% cutoff

The SP 142 assay has been clinically validated and FDA-approved to identify patients with mTNBC for treatment with atezolizumab + *nab*-paclitaxel

 Dako 22C3a and VENTANA SP263 are 2 other commercially available PD-L1 IHC assays approved for non-TNBC indications

- Have not shown direct overlap at all with SP142

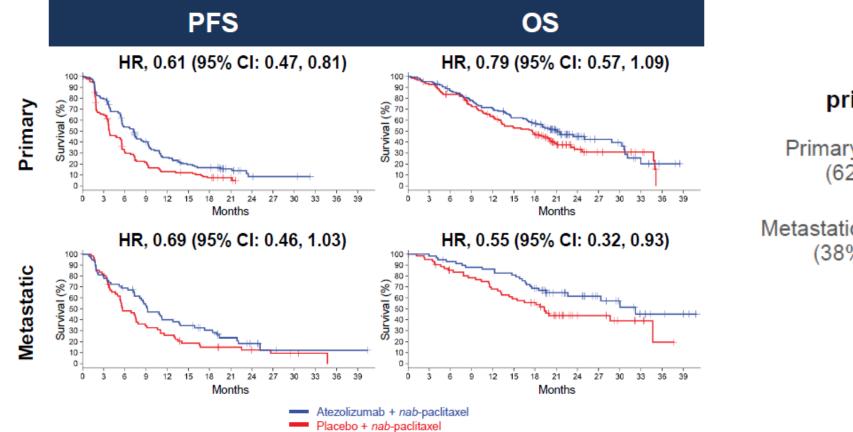
IC= Immune cells

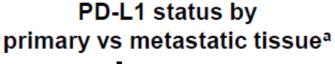


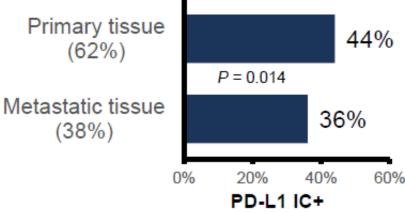


#### PD-L1 status in primary vs metastatic breast tissue

#### Efficacy in PD-L1 IC+





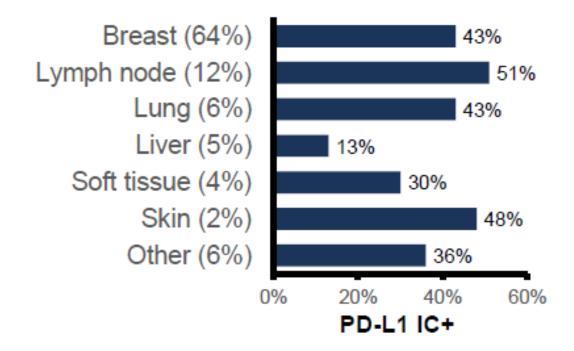


Median time of sample collection to randomization: 61 days





## PD-L1 status by anatomic location



PD-L1 status evaluated by Ventana SP 142 assay

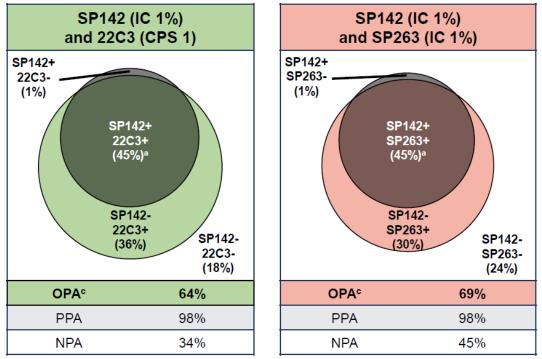
Hence evaluating PD-L1 expression from primary tumors or certain metastatic sites may be more informative





# PD-L1 IHC assays: Prevalence and analytical concordance

PD-L1+ prevalence 100% 81% 80% 75% PD-L1+ Cases 60% 46%<sup>b</sup> 40% 20% 0% SP142 22C3 SP263  $(IC \ge 1\%)$  (CPS  $\ge 1$ )  $(IC \ge 1\%)$ 



Overall agreement between SP142 and 22C3 and SP263 assays but the analytical concordance was subpar (<90%)

22C3 (CPS  $\ge$  1) and SP263 (IC  $\ge$  1%) PD-L1 assays identified a larger patient population of which SP142+ (IC  $\ge$  1%) is a subgroup

NPA, negative percentage agreement; OPA, overall percentage agreement; PPA, positive percentage agreement.

<sup>a</sup> > 97% of SP142+ samples included in 22C3+ or SP263+ samples. <sup>b</sup> Compared with 41% in ITT (Schmid, New Engl J Med 2018).

° ≥ 90% OPA, PPA and NPA required for analytical concordance.

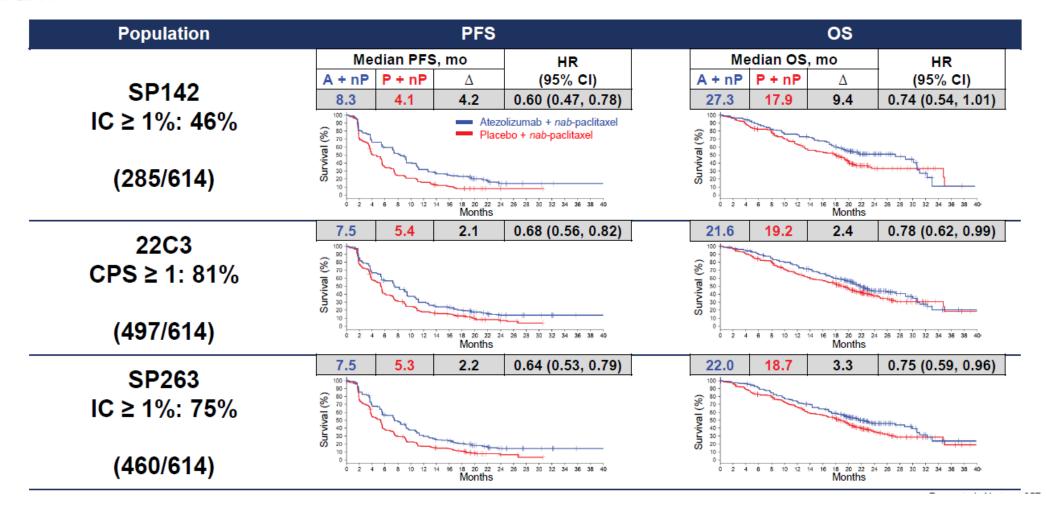




Rugo et al. ESMO 2019, Abstract 6571



## Clinical outcomes in PD-L1 + populations

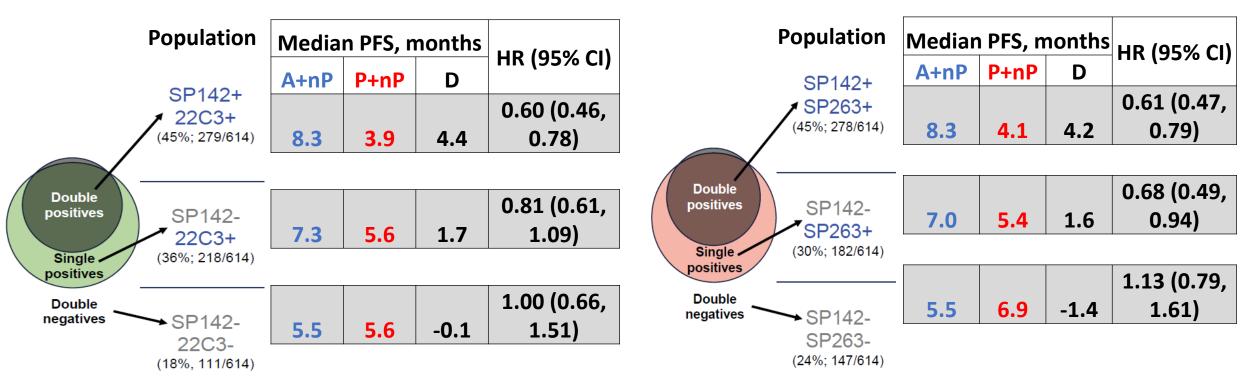


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#### **Clinical outcomes in BEP subpopulations**

**BEP: Biomarker evaluable population (N=614)** 

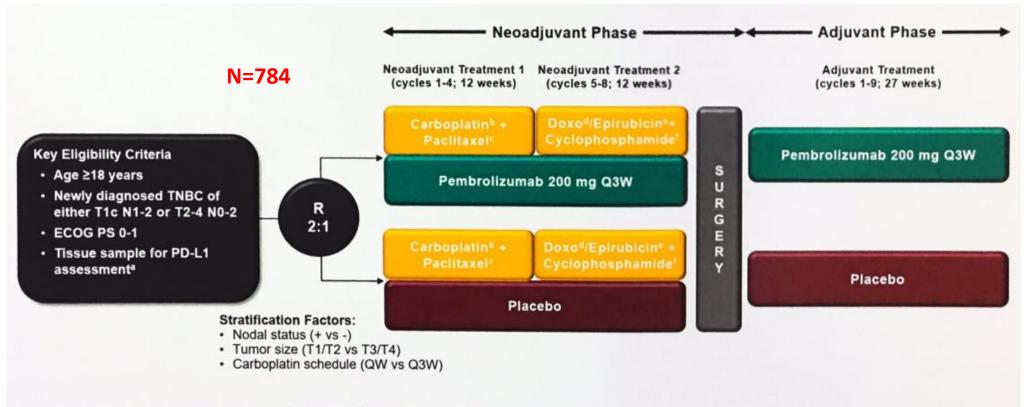


Clinical benefit in 22C3+ and SP263+ subgroups driven by the SP142+ subgroup





#### KEYNOTE-522: Neoadjuvant Pembrolizumab + chemo for TNBC



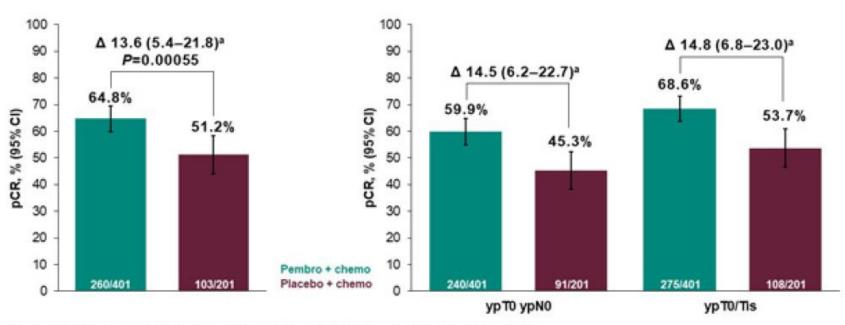
Neoadjuvant phase: starts from the first neoadjuvant treatment and ends after definitive surgery (post treatment included) Adjuvant phase: starts from the first adjuvant treatment and includes radiation therapy as indicated (post treatment included)





# KEYNOTE-522: Primary and secondary endpoints

13% improvement in pCR rate with addition of pembro to standard chemo (64.8% vs 51.2%, p 0.00055)



Estimated treatment difference based on Miettinen & Nurminen method stratified by randomization stratification factors. Data cutoff date: September 24, 2018.

#### pCR rates were higher in the pembro group in both PD-L1 positive and negative subgroups

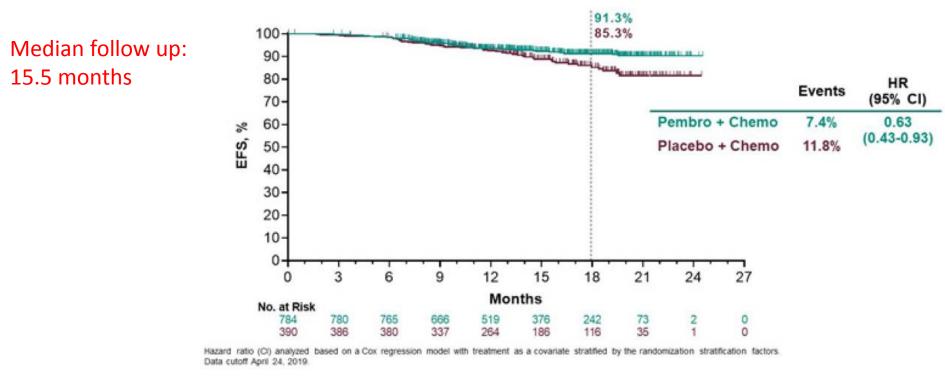
Primary Endpoint: ypT0/Tis ypN0



Secondary Endpoints: Other pCR Definitions



### **KEYNOTE-522: Event-free survival**



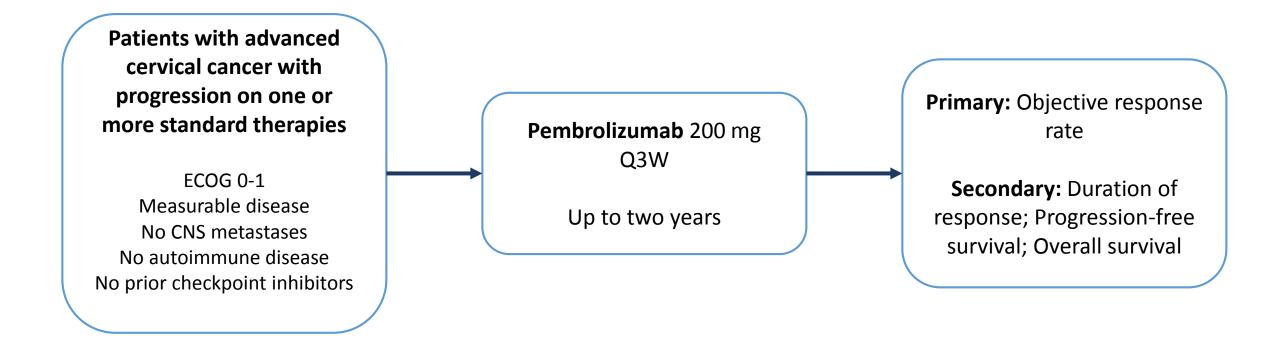
Favorable trend in EFS observed in pts treated with pembro+chemo as neoadjuvant therapy followed by adjuvant pembro

If this trends holds up, this regimen is likely to become SOC for neoadjuvant TNBC





### Clinical Data – KEYNOTE-158

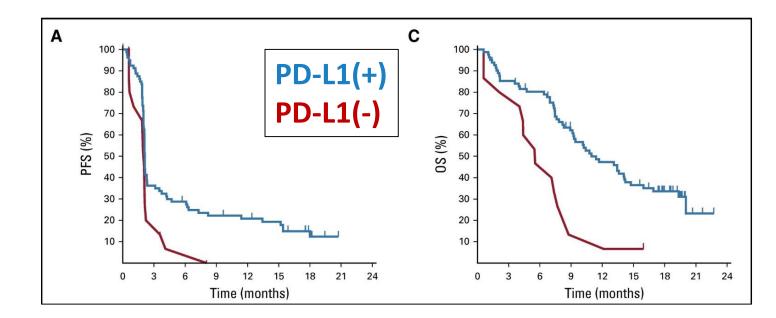






### Clinical Data – KEYNOTE-158 Cervical Cancer

- 82/98 were PD-L1(+)
- @10 months: ORR 14.6% (all in PD-L1(+) patients)

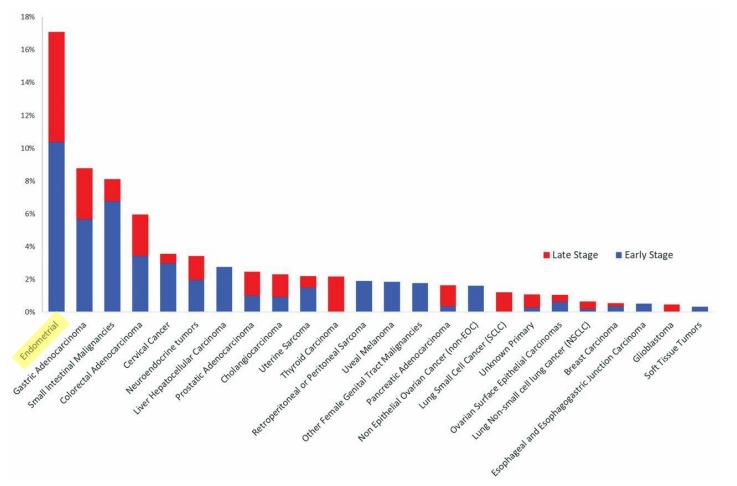


 mOS: 9.4 mo in total population; 11.0 mo in PD-L1(+)

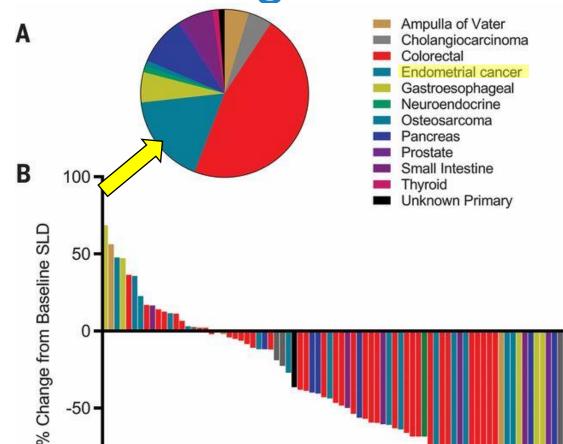




## Clinical Data – Pembrolizumab in MSIhigh endometrial cancer







- NCT01876511
- 12 cancer types with dMMR
- ORR: 53%
- CR: 21%



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## JAVELIN Ovarian 100

#### Randomized Phase 3 Study (NCT02718417)



Dec 21, 2018: Planned interim analysis did not support the study's initial hypothesis, and therefore a decision was made to terminate the trial in alignment with the independent Data Monitoring Committee.

https://www.emdgroup.com/en/news/javelin-ovarian-100-21-12-2018.html

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Primary Endpoint:	PFS		
Secondary Endpoints:	Maintenance PFS, OS, ORR, duration of response, pCR, PROs, safety, PK		

- Patients with SD or better will be allowed to continue to maintenance
- Chemotherapy: Choice of Q3W carboplatin-paclitaxel OR carboplatin + weekly paclitaxel
- Maintenance avelumab up to 2 years

ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival, pCR, pathological complete response; PFS, progression-free survival, PK, pharmacokinetics;

PROs, patient-reported outcomes; SD, stable disease.

Clinicaltrials.gov. Accessed October 11, 2016.



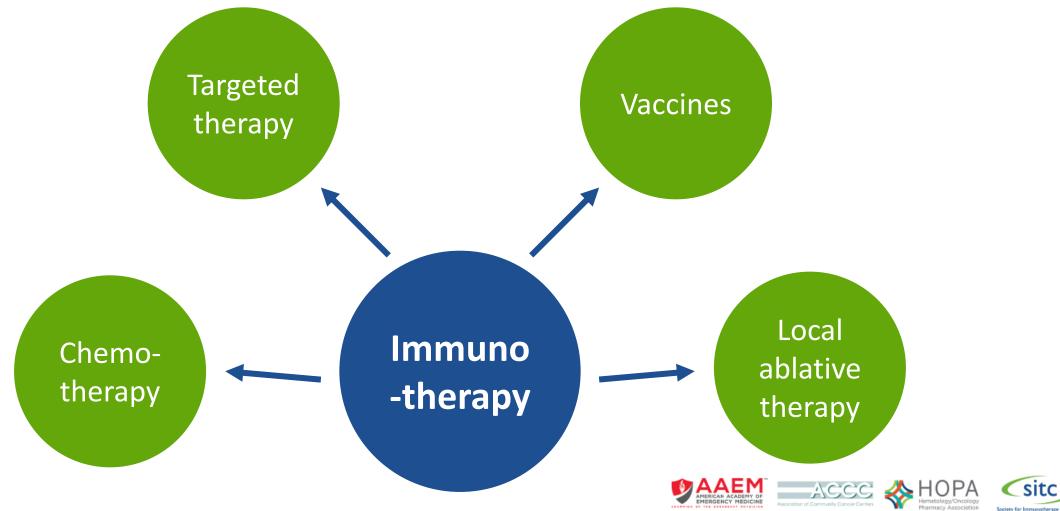


#### **Future Directions**





# In development: Breast cancer immunotherapy



Adams, JAMA Oncol 2019. © 2019–2020 Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer



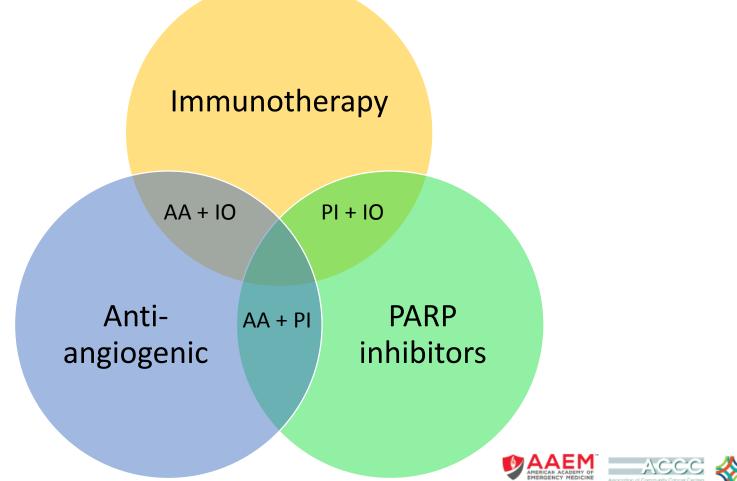
# **Next Directions:** Breast cancer immunotherapy

Trial	Population	Arms	Status
NCT03199885	1 <sup>st</sup> line HER2+ metastatic breast cancer	<ul> <li>Pertuzumab + trastuzumab + paclitaxel + atezolizumab</li> <li>Pertuzumab + trastuzumab + paclitaxel + placebo</li> </ul>	Recruiting
KEYNOTE-756	Neoadjuvant ER+/HER2- breast cancer	<ul> <li>Pembrolizumab + chemo → pembrolizumab + endocrine therapy</li> <li>Placebo + chemo → placebo + endocrine therapy</li> </ul>	Recruiting
NCT03804944 /CBCV	Postmenopausal ER+/HER2- newly diagnosed breast cancer	<ul> <li>Hypofractionated RT</li> <li>Hypofractionated RT + pembrolizumab</li> <li>Hypofractionated RT + Ftl-3 ligand</li> <li>Hypofractionated RT + Ftl-3 ligand + pembrolizumab</li> </ul>	Planned
And many more	2		





# **In development:** Therapeutic strategies in ovarian cancer





## Clinical trials in ovarian cancer – Angiogenesis inhib + IO

Trial	Population	Arms	Status
IMaGYN050	Neo-adjuvant St III/IV ovarian, peritoneal, fallopian tube	<ul> <li>Bevacizumab + chemo + placebo</li> <li>Bevacizumab + chemo + atezolizumab</li> </ul>	Recruiting
ATALANTE	Recurrent, Pt-sensitive ovarian	<ul> <li>Bevacizumab + chemo + placebo → placebo</li> <li>Bevacizumab + chemo + atezolizumab → atezolizumab</li> </ul>	Recruiting
NRG-GY009	Recurrent, Pt-resistant ovarian	<ul> <li>PLD + atezolizumab</li> <li>PLD + atezolizumab + bevacizumab</li> <li>PLD + bevacizumab</li> </ul>	Scheduled interim monitoring





### Clinical trials in ovarian cancer – PARP + IO

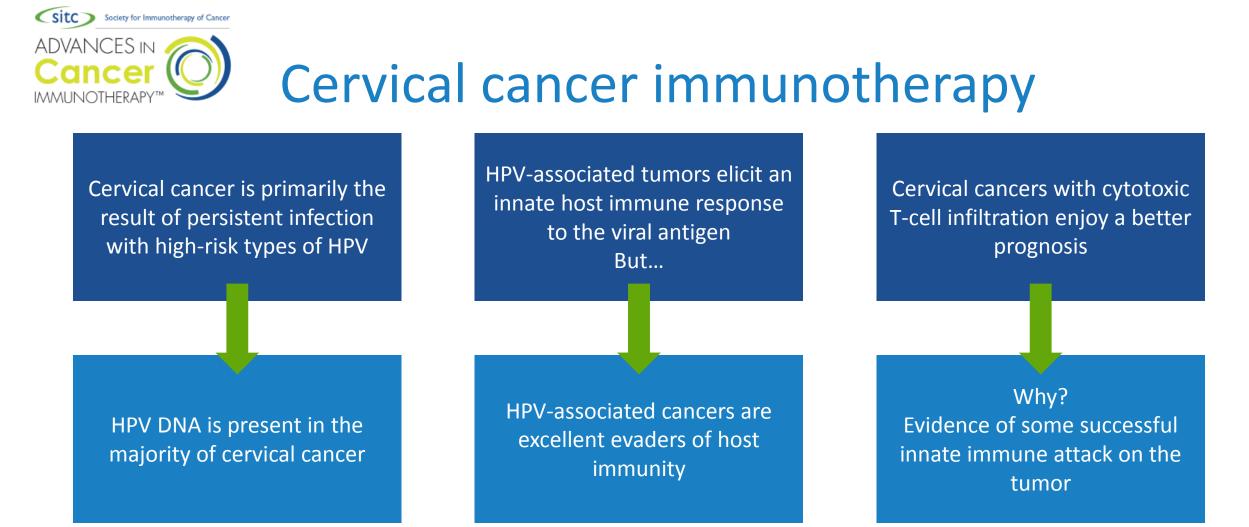
Trial	Population	Arms	Status
JAVELIN Ovarian 100 PARP	Untreated St III/IV ovarian	<ul> <li>Chemo + avelumab → avelumab + talazoparib</li> <li>Chemo → talazoparib</li> <li>Chemo + bevacizumab → bevacizumab</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Discontinued in 3/2019:</li> <li>Poor outcomes in JAVELIN ovarian 100 in unselected patients</li> <li>Approval of PARP inhibitor in frontline maintenance</li> </ul>
ATHENA	St III/IV ovarian, peritoneal, fallopian tube – only previous treatment 1 <sup>st</sup> line Pt		Recruiting
ANITA	Recurrent ovarian, peritoneal, fallopian tube	<ul> <li>Chemo + placebo → Niraparib + placebo</li> <li>Chemo + atezolizumab → Niraparib + atezolizumab</li> </ul>	Recruiting
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# Clinical trials in ovarian cancer – PARP + angiogenesis inhibitors + IO

Trial	Population	Arms	Status
FIRST	Newly diagnosed ovarian	<ul> <li>Chemo + placebo ± bevacizumab → placebo ± bevacizumab</li> <li>Chemo + placebo ± bevacizumab → niraparib + placebo ± bevacizumab</li> <li>Chemo + anti-PD-1 ± bevacizumab → niraparib + anti-PD-1 ± bevacizumab</li> </ul>	Recruiting
ENGOT- ov46/DUO-O	Newly diagnosed ovarian	<ul> <li>Chemo + placebo + bevacizumab → bevacizumab + placebo</li> <li>Chemo + bevacizumab + durvalumab → bevacizumab + durvalumab + placebo</li> <li>Chemo + bevacizumab + durvalumab → bevacizumab + durvalumab + olaparib</li> </ul>	Recruiting
ENGOT-ov43	1 <sup>st</sup> line ovarian	<ul> <li>Pembrolizumab + olaparib ± bevacizumab</li> <li>Pembrolizumab + placebo ± bevacizumab</li> <li>Placebo ± bevacizumab</li> </ul>	Recruiting





#### **Cervical cancer immunotherapy opportunities:**

- Inhibit the tumor-induced immunosuppression
- Stimulate HPV-targeted immune response

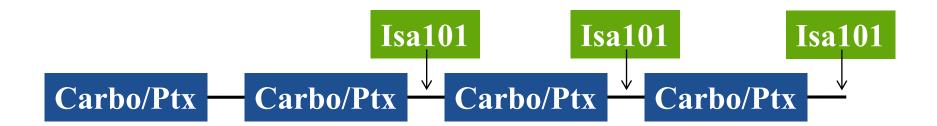
Jun-Han, BioDrugs 2010. Piersma, Cancer Res 2007.





# **In development:** HPV peptide therapeutic vaccination

- Advanced cervical cancer
- ISA101 vaccine = 13 overlapping HPV16 (E6&7) synthetic long peptides
- N = 60 patients at 4 dose levels
- mOS not reached at two highest dose levels

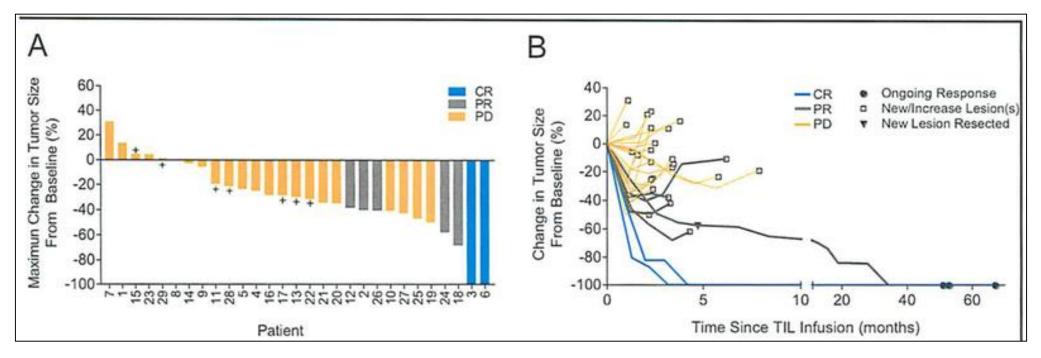






# **In development:** Cell therapies in HPV-associated cancers

- TIL treatment of HPV+ cancers, ~half cervical cancer
- 28% ORR in cervical, 18% non-cervical







Immunotherapy in breast cancer shows promise in certain subtypes

• For ovarian cancer, combinations seem to be the way to go

 Cervical cancer and HPV-associated cancers present unique treatment options





### **Case Studies**





Case Study 1

- Mrs. A is a healthy 52 year old female who palpated a lump in her right breast. She is evaluated by mammogram which shows a 2.5 cm mass and an enlarged 1.5 cm axillary lymph node.
- Biopsy of the breast and LN reveals triple negative breast cancer w/ ER0%, PR 0%, Her-2 1+ by ICH and ratio of 1.3 by FISH
- CT C/A/P and bone scan reveals several 1-2 cm liver lesions and enlarged mediastinal and hilar adenopathy, bone scan reveals lesions with the sacrum and bilateral ribs.
- Biopsy of the liver confirms TN metastatic breast cancer.







What would you do next?

- A) start a bone modifying agent
- B) start single agent chemotherapy
- C) Start combination chemotherapy
- D) Test for PD-L1
- E) Both A and D







- Correct answer is: E
- Ms. A should undergo testing for PD-L1 via Ventana's SP142 assay on immune cells.
- Bone modifying agent should be started due to presence of bone mets and utility in preventing fracture.





#### Case Study 1

What would you give her for systemic treatment?

- a) Capecitabine
- b) Gemcitabine/carboplatin
- c) Nab-paclitaxel if PD-L1 +







- Correct answer: C
- The addition of atezolizumab to nab-paclitaxel shows an improvement of overall survival for pts with TNBC that express PD-L1 via SP142 assay.





#### Case Study 2

You see Ms. C as a new consultation. She was diagnosed with a G2, stage II endometrial cancer 18 months ago and was treated with surgery and 6 cycles of carboplatin/taxol. She was having belly pain and CT A/P at an outside facility showed enlarged lymph nodes in her abdomen and some strand peritoneal thickening.





Case Study 2

- What would you do next?
- A) Get a surgical opinion re: removing all the lymph nodes and debulking again
- B) Start doxorubicin chemotherapy
- C) Molecular profiling to include MSI status
- D) hospice, endometrial patients don't respond well to chemotherapy







- Correct answer is: C
- Molecular profiling to include MSI status. Broad molecular profiling may be useful here as endometrial carcinomas also show an up to 40% PI3k mutation rate and drugs can be used off-label or on study to treat.





#### Case Study 2

- Molecular profiling shows MSI-H, p53 mutation, and an ARID1a amplification.
- How would you treat her:
- A) pembrolizumab
- B) Doxil
- C) carboplatin/taxol
- D) clinical trial with combination immunotherapy
- E) A or D







- Answer: E
- Immunotherapy would likely be most appropriate for this patient either with pembrolizumab which is approved or a combination immunotherapy clinical trial.

