

### Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Lung Cancer

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#### Lung cancer



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### Treatment options for NSCLC

#### Local disease

- Surgery
- Stereotactic body radiation therapy
- Chemotherapy

#### Metastatic disease

- Chemotherapy
- Targeted therapies
- Immunotherapy
- Radiation therapy

#### Stage III unresectable disease

- Concurrent chemo-radiation
- Immunotherapy



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## Metastatic NSCLC treatment options overview

Drug type	Molecular format	Administration route	Example for NSCLC	Typical dosing regimen
Chemotherapy	Small molecule	Intravenous, occasionally oral	Nab-paclitaxel	100 mg/m <sup>2</sup> on days 1, 8, 15 of 21-day cycle
Targeted therapy	Small molecule	Oral	Osimertinib (kinase inhibitor)	80 mg tablet once a day
Targeted antibody therapy	Antibody	Intravenous	Bevacizumab (VEGF-A inhibitor)	15 mg/kg Q3W
lmmune checkpoint inhibitor	Antibody	Intravenous	Pembrolizumab (PD-1 inhibitor)	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W

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### Immune checkpoint inhibitors in lung cancer



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## Immunotherapy for first-line treatment of metastatic NSCLC

Drug	Indication	Dose
Pembrolizumab	$1^{st}$ line metastatic NSCLC with <b>PD-L1 TPS </b> $\ge$ <b>1%</b> and no EGFR/ALK mutations	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
Atezolizumab	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic NSCLC with <b>PD-L1 ≥ 50% of tumor cells or ≥</b> <b>10% of immune cells</b> with no EGFR/ALK mutations	840 mg Q2W, 1200 mg Q3W, or 1680 mg Q4W
Nivolumab + ipilimumab	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic NSCLC with <b>PD-L1 ≥1%</b> and no EGFR/ALK mutations	Nivolumab 3 mg/kg Q2W + ipilimumab 1 mg/kg Q6W
Nivolumab + ipilimumab + platinum- doublet chemotherapy	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic NSCLC with no EGFR/ALK mutations	Nivolumab 360 mg Q3W + ipilimumab 1 mg/kg Q6W + 2 cycles of chemotherapy
Pembrolizumab + pemetrexed + platinum	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic non-squamous NSCLC with no EGFR/ALK mutations	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
Pembrolizumab + carboplatin + paclitaxel/nab-paclitaxel	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic squamous NSCLC	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
Atezolizumab + bevacizumab + paclitaxel + carboplatin	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic non-squamous NSCLC with no EGFR/ALK mutations	For 4-6 cycles: atezolizumab 1200 mg Q3W + chemotherapy + bevacizumab; Maintenance: 840 mg Q2W, 1200 mg Q3W, or 1680 mg Q4W
Atezolizumab + nab-paclitaxel + carboplatin	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic non-squamous NSCLC with no EGFR/ALK mutations	For 4-6 cycles: atezolizumab 1200 mg Q3W + chemotherapy Maintenance: 840 mg Q2W, 1200 mg Q3W, or 1680 mg Q4W

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#### Brief aside: PD-L1 TPS vs CPS

 $TPS = \frac{\# of \text{ PD-L1 positive tumor cells}}{number of viable tumor cells} \times 100$ 







#### Treatment Naïve Regimens: Competing Strategies in NSCLC by biomarker status

PD-L1-selected	PD-L1-unselected
Nivolumab + ipilimumab	Nivolumab + ipilimumab + platinum-doublet
CheckMate 227	<i>CheckMate 9LA</i>
Pembrolizumab	Pembrolizumab + chemotherapy
KEYNOTE-024, -042	KEYNOTE-189, -407
Atezolizumab	Atezolizumab + bevacizumab + chemotherapy
IMpower110	IMpower150
	Atezolizumab + chemotherapy Impower130



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#### CheckMate 227: Ipilimumab + nivolumab vs chemotherapy for 1L NSCLC





#### KEYNOTE-024: Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy for PD-L1 ≥ 50% NSCLC



#### Reck, J Clin Oncol 2019.

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#### KEYNOTE-042: Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy for PD-L1 ≥ 1% NSCLC





Survival benefit seemed to be driven by the TPS ≥ 50% subset with little benefit witnessed in the subset TPS = 1 - 49%



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#### IMpower110: Atezolizumab vs chemotherapy in 1L NSCLC



	Atezo (n = 107)	Chemo (n = 98)
mOS, mo	20.2	13.1
HR⁵	0.5	59
(95% CI)	(0.40, 0.89)	

#### SP142 (TC1/2/3 or IC1/2/3-WT)<sup>a</sup>



	Atezo $(n = 277)$	Chemo $(n = 277)$
mOS, mo	17.5	14.1
HR <sup>b</sup>	0.	83
(95% CI)	(0.65, 1.07)	

TC3	TC <u>&gt;</u> 50%
IC3	IC <u>&gt;</u> 10%
TC2/3	TC <u>&gt;</u> 5%
IC2/3	IC <u>&gt;</u> 5%
TC1/2/3	TC <u>≥</u> 1%
IC1/2/3	IC <u>≥</u> 1%

#### Herbst, ESMO-IO 2019.











# Treatments <u>not</u> reliant on PD-L1 expression

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#### CheckMate 9LA: Nivolumab/Ipilimumab + limited chemo



	NIVO + IPI + chemo (n = 361)	Chemo (n = 358)
ORR, n (%)	138 (38)	89 (25)
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1. (1.4	.9 -2.6)
BOR, n (%) CR PR SD	8 (2) 130 (36) 164 (45)	4 (1) 85 (24) 185 (52)
PD	32 (9)	45 (13)
DCR, n (%)	302 (84)	274 (76)

Reck M et al, ASCO 2020.

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#### KEYNOTE-189: Pembrolizumab/chemotherapy vs Chemotherapy Alone for Advanced Non-Squamous NSCLC





Gadgeel, J Clin Oncol 2020.

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#### KEYNOTE-407: Pembrolizumab/Chemotherapy vs Chemotherapy Alone for Advanced Squamous-Cell NSCLC



Subgroup	No. of Events/ No. of Patients	Hazard Ratio for De	ath (95% CI)
Overall	205/559	_ <b></b>	0.64 (0.49-0.85
Age			
<65 yr	88/254	<b>_</b>	0.52 (0.34-0.80
≥65 yr	117/305	<b></b>	0.74 (0.51-1.0)
Sex			
Male	167/455		0.69 (0.51-0.94
Female	38/104	<b>e</b>	0.42 (0.22-0.8)
ECOG performance-status sc	ore		
0	48/163		0.54 (0.29-0.9)
1	157/396		0.66 (0.48-0.9
Region of enrollment			
East Asia	34/106		0.44 (0.22-0.89
Rest of the world	171/453		0.69 (0.51-0.93
PD-L1 tumor proportion scor	e		
<1%	73/194		0.61 (0.38-0.98
≥1%	129/353		0.65 (0.45-0.92
1-49%	76/207		0.57 (0.36-0.9
≥50%	53/146	<b></b>	0.64 (0.37-1.10
Taxane-based drug			
Paclitaxel	140/336		0.67 (0.48-0.93
Nab-paclitaxel	65/223		0.59 (0.36-0.98
		0.1 0.5 1.0	
		Pembrolizumab Combination Pla Better	acebo Combination Better



Paz-Ares et al, N Engl J Med 2018.

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#### IMpower150: Atezolizumab/Carboplatin/ Paclitaxel/Bevacizumab vs Carboplatin/Paclitaxel/ Bevacizumab in Advanced Non-Squamous NSCLC





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Socinski et al, NEJM 2018

EE15 https://www.abstractsonline.com/pp8/#!/9045/presentation/10719 Emily Ehlerding, 7/27/2020



#### IMpower130: Atezolizumab + chemo vs chemo alone for non-squamous NSCLC



	A tez olizumab plu	tezolizumab plus chemotherapy group		roup		Hazard ratio (95% CI)
	Events/number of patients	Median overall survival, months	Events/number of patients	Median overal survival, mont	l ths	
Sex						
Female	83/185	21.4	52/94	12-8		0.66 (0.46-0.93)
Male	143/266	16-0	79/134	14-2		0.87 (0.66-1.15)
Age						100 00 1 × 100 00 00 00
<65 years	108/227	19-2	63/114	16-6	-	0.79 (0.58-1.08)
≥65 years	118/224	16-1	68/114	12-6		0.78 (0.58-1-05)
ECOG PS*						
0	88/189	20-8	45/91	19-7		0.85 (0.59-1.22)
1	138/261	15-2	85/136	11-9		0.77 (0.58-1.00)
2	-	NA	1/1	NA		NA
Tobacco use history						
Never	21/48	28-2	10/17	19-5		0.55 (0.26-1.19)
Current or previous	205/403	18-1	121/211	13-9		0.81 (0.65-1.02)
No liver metastasis	174/382	21.1	109/197	15-2		0.73 (0.57-0.92)
at enrolment					-	
Liver metastasis at enrolment	52/69	10-0	22/31	8-8	· • •	1-04 (0-63-1-72)
PD-L1-high	43/88	17-3	23/42	16-9	· •	0.84 (0.51-1.39)
PD-L1-low	54/128	23.7	33/65	15.9		0.70 (0.45-1.08)
PD-L1-negative	129/235	15-2	75/121	12-0	·-◆-+	0.81 (0.61-1-08)
Intention-to-treat wild-type population	226/451	18-6	131/228	13-9	+++	0-79 (0-64-0-98)
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West, Lancet 2019

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#### Immunotherapy for relapsed/refractory NSCLC

Drug	Indication	Dose
Nivolumab	Metastatic squamous or non- squamous NSCLC with progression after chemotherapy (2 <sup>nd</sup> line)	240 mg Q2W or 480 mg Q4W
Pembrolizumab	Metastatic NSCLC with progression after chemotherapy and <b>PD-L1 ≥ 1%</b>	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
Atezolizumab	Metastatic NSCLC with progression after Pt-chemotherapy and targeted therapy if EGFR/ALK mutation- positive	840 mg Q2W, 1200 mg Q3W, or 1680 mg Q4W







#### Second-line use of ICIs in NSCLC

Study	Treatment arms	ORR	Median PFS (months)	Median OS (months)
CheckMate 017 and	Nivolumab	19%	2.56	11.1
CheckMate 057	Docetaxel	11%	3.52	8.1
KEYNOTE-010	Pembrolizumab	18%	4.0	12.7
(PD-L1 TPS ≥ 1%)	Docetaxel	9%	4.0	8.5
ΟΑΚ	Atezolizumab	14%	2.8	13.8
	Docetaxel	13%	4.0	9.6

Vokes, Ann Oncol 2018. Herbst, Lancet 2016. Fehrenbacker, J Thorac Oncol 2018.



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### Immunotherapy for stage III NSCLC

Drug	Indication	Dose
Durvalumab	Stage III NSCLC, ineligible for surgery and without progression after chemoradiation	10 mg/kg Q2W
Pembrolizumab	1 <sup>st</sup> line stage III NSCLC (not candidate for resection or definitive chemoradiation) with <b>PD-L1 TPS ≥ 1%</b>	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W







## PACIFIC: durvalumab consolidation therapy for stage III NSCLC





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### Small cell lung cancer

- Median survival 1-2 years after diagnosis
- Until recently, only one FDA-approved 2<sup>nd</sup> line option: topotecan – DOR: 3.3 months
- Recent approvals of immunotherapies mark the first progress in decades







### Approved checkpoint inhibitors in SCLC

Drug	Indication	Dose
Nivolumab	Metastatic small cell lung cancer with progression on Pt-chemotherapy and one other therapy ( <b>3<sup>rd</sup> line</b> )	240 mg Q2W
Pembrolizumab	Metastatic small cell lung cancer with progression on Pt-chemotherapy and one other therapy ( <b>3<sup>rd</sup> line</b> )	200 mg Q3W
Atezolizumab + carboplatin + etoposide	<b>1</b> <sup>st</sup> line extensive stage SCLC	For 4 cycles: atezolizumab 1200 mg + carboplatin + etoposide Q3W Maintenance: 840 mg Q2W, 1200 mg Q3W, or 1680 mg Q4W
Durvalumab + etoposide + carboplatin/cisplatin	<b>1</b> <sup>st</sup> line extensive stage SCLC	For 4 cycles: 1500 mg durvalumab Q3W + chemotherapy; Maintenance: 1500 mg durvalumab Q4W

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#### **Front-line ICIs in SCLC**





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#### Later-line ICIs in SCLC



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- Timing of different treatments and combinations
- Emerging toxicities radiation and ICIs



Axillary radiation treatment field from September-October 2017 demonstrating overlap with peripheral lung.

Schoenfeld, J Immunother Cancer 2019. © 2020–2021 Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer Chest CT performed 5 months after completing right axillary radiotherapy (March 2018) and 1.5 months after initiating nivolumab therapy









- NSCLC has been a proving ground for checkpoint inhibitors
- Many front-line options available for NSCLC
- Clear-cut biomarkers still lacking
- SCLC is beginning to benefit from immune checkpoint inhibitor treatments





#### Resources











#### **Case Studies**

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### Case Study 1

- 59 year old female is diagnosed with stage IIIA NSCLC and is treated with definitive chemotherapy and radiation with weekly carboplatin and paclitaxel. Her scans post treatment show a very nice partial response. She is started on Durvalumab Consolidation therapy. After 5 months of therapy she presents with mild SOB, no hypoxia noted. CT scan shows bilateral infiltrates/ GGOs.
  - 1. What would you do?
    - 1. Consult pulmonary
    - 2. Initiate high dose steroids
    - 3. Initiate antibiotics





#### **Continue Case Study 1**

- Patient's workup rules out infection, Bronchoscopy and BAL suggests checkpoint induced pneumonitis. Patient is started on 1mg/kg po prednisone, with clinical improvement.
  - How long would you continue steroids?
    - 1.2 weeks
    - 2.4 weeks
    - 3. 12 weeks
    - 4. Continue current dose until symptoms are back to baseline, then start slow taper





#### Case Study 2

 64 year old never smoker is diagnosed with stage IVB adenocarcinoma of the lung after presenting with rib pain. She has a RLL lung mass, mediastinal lymphadenopathy and three bony mets including a rib lesion. Her PDL1 expression by TPS is 50%. What would you do?

1.Start her on pembrolizumab alone

2.Start her on carboplatin and pemetrexed

3.Start her on carboplatin and pemetrexed and pembrolizumab

4.Await mutational analysis and rule out driver mutations prior to initiating therapy





### Case Study 2 Continued

- What are the potential risks of initiating a checkpoint inhibitor prior to a targeted treatment?
  - 1.Lower response rate
  - 2.Potential increased toxicities, including -itis
  - 3.No risk





#### Thank you for your attention

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