

Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Genitourinary Malignancies

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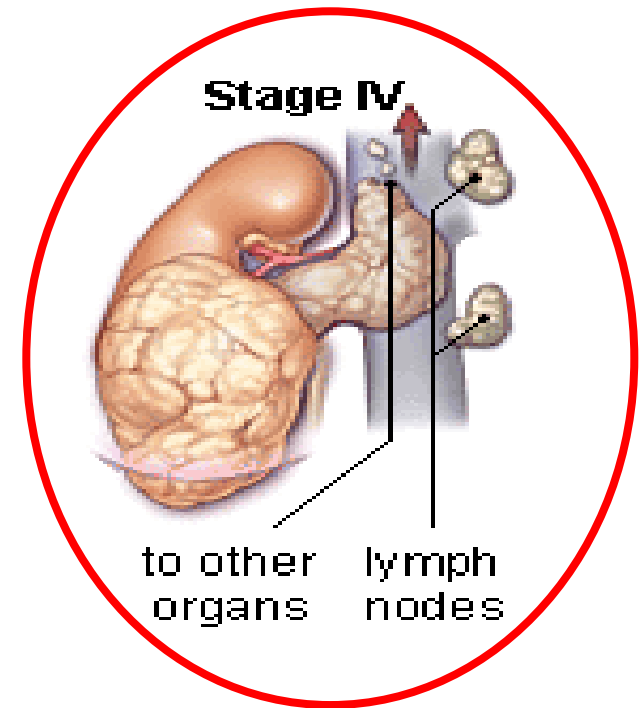
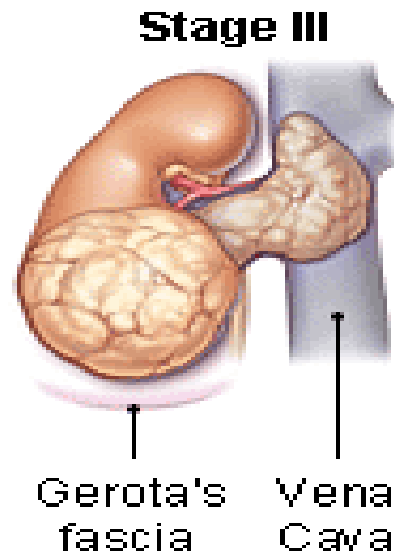
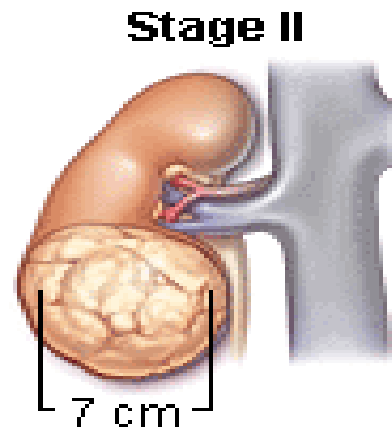
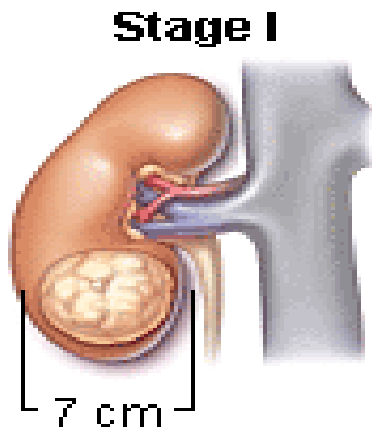
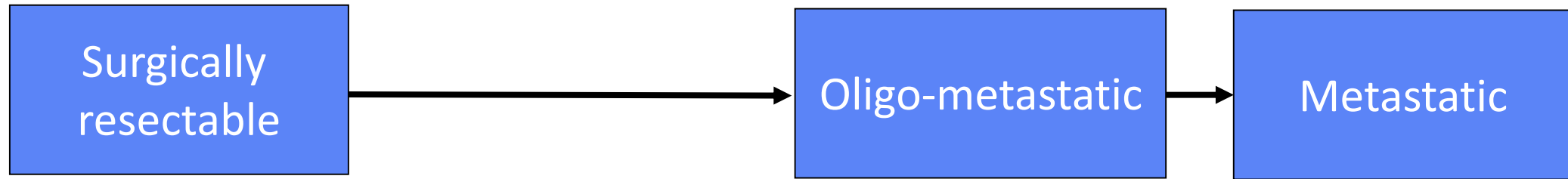
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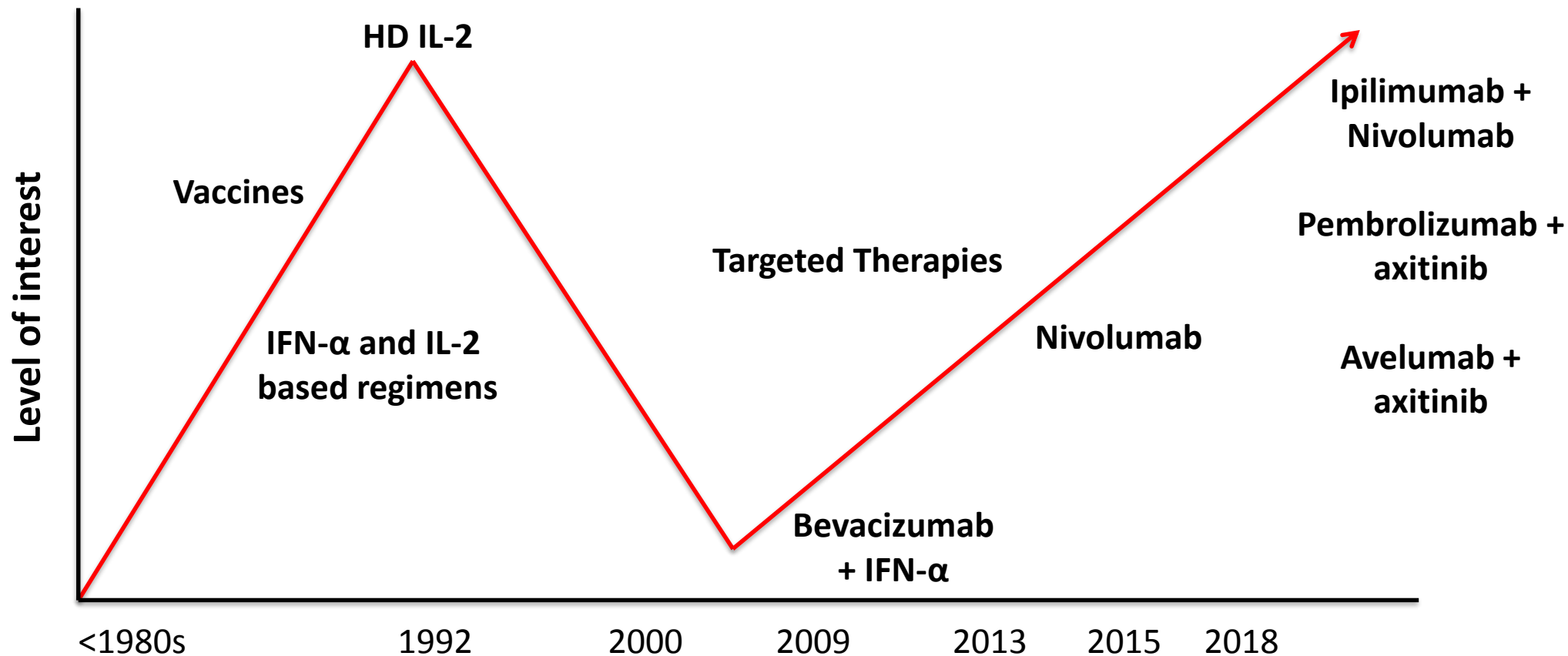
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- I will be discussing non-FDA approved indications during my presentation.

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



History of Immunotherapy in mRCC



Resurgence of interest in immunotherapy

FDA-approved Immunotherapies for mRCC

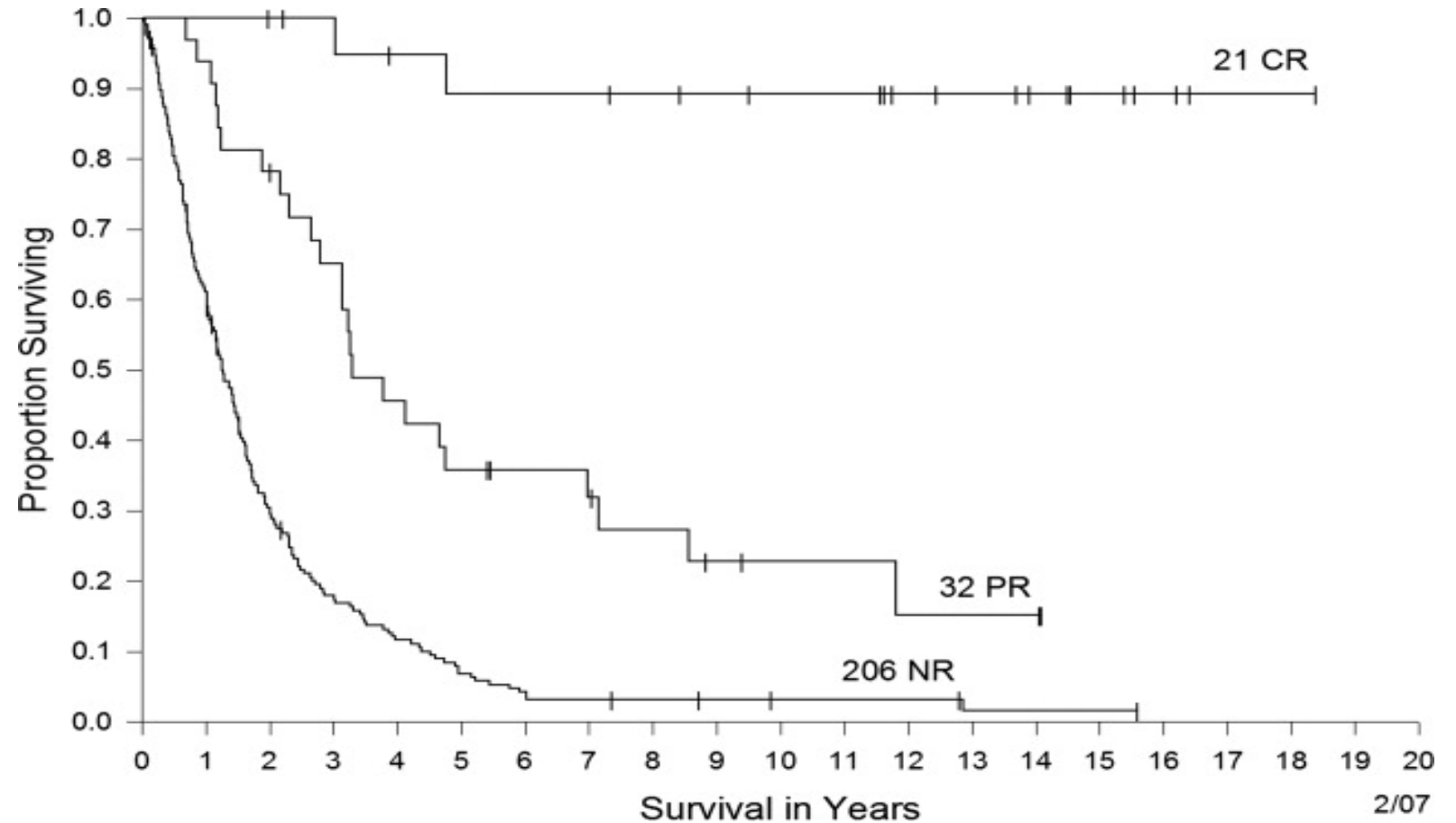
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High Dose IL-2 is Active in mRCC

- N=259
- ORR = 20%
 - 9% CR
 - 12% PR
- Median duration of response = 15.5 months
- Median OS = 19 months

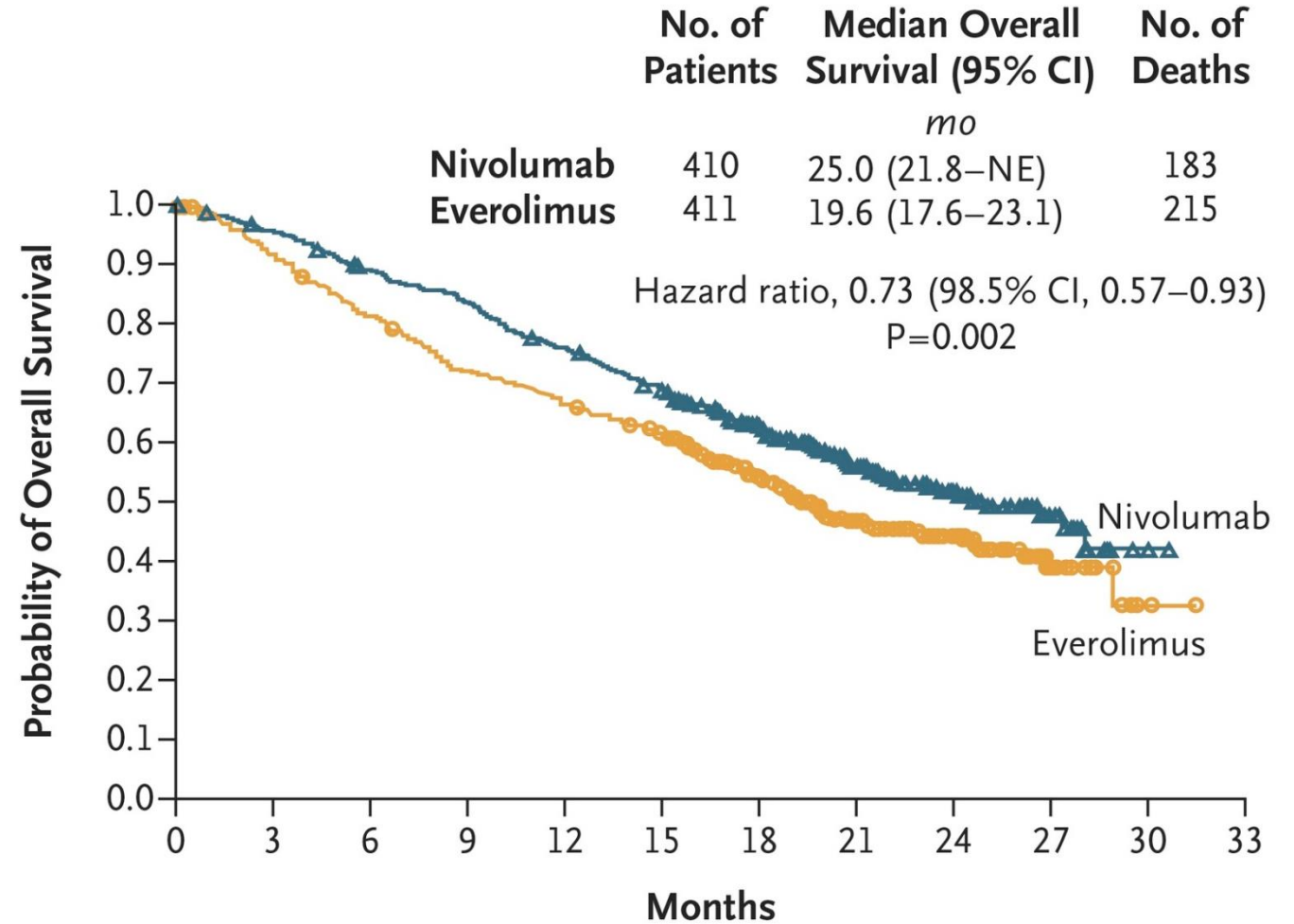


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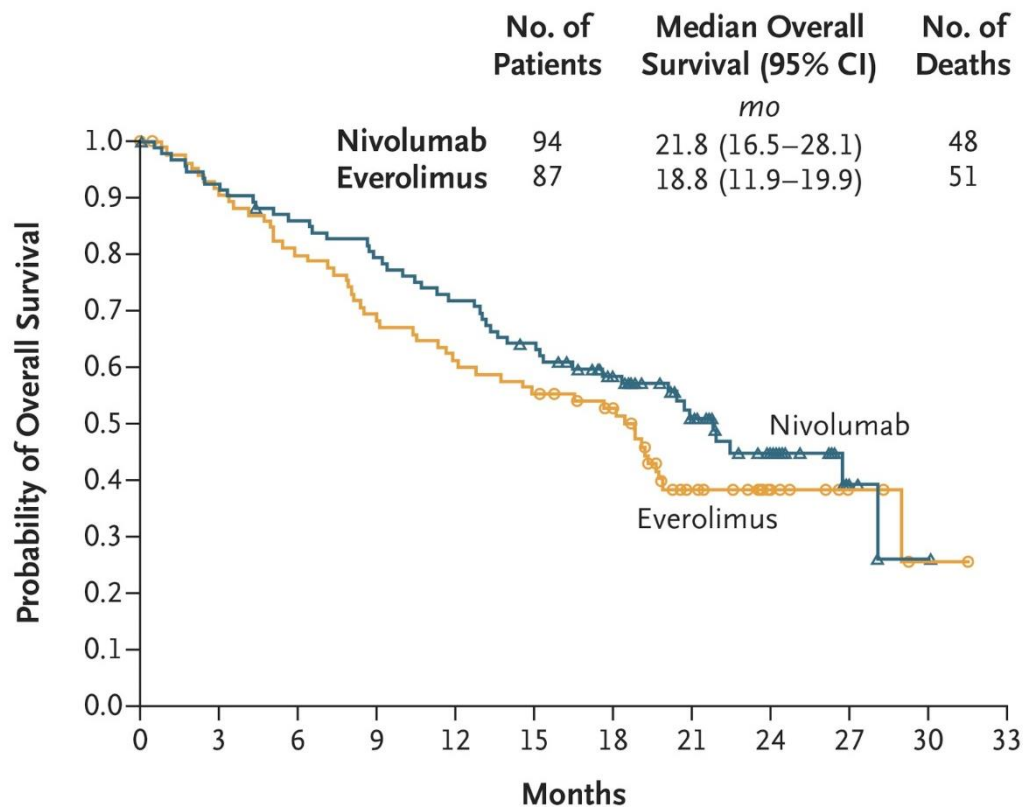
Second-Line Nivolumab in mRCC

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

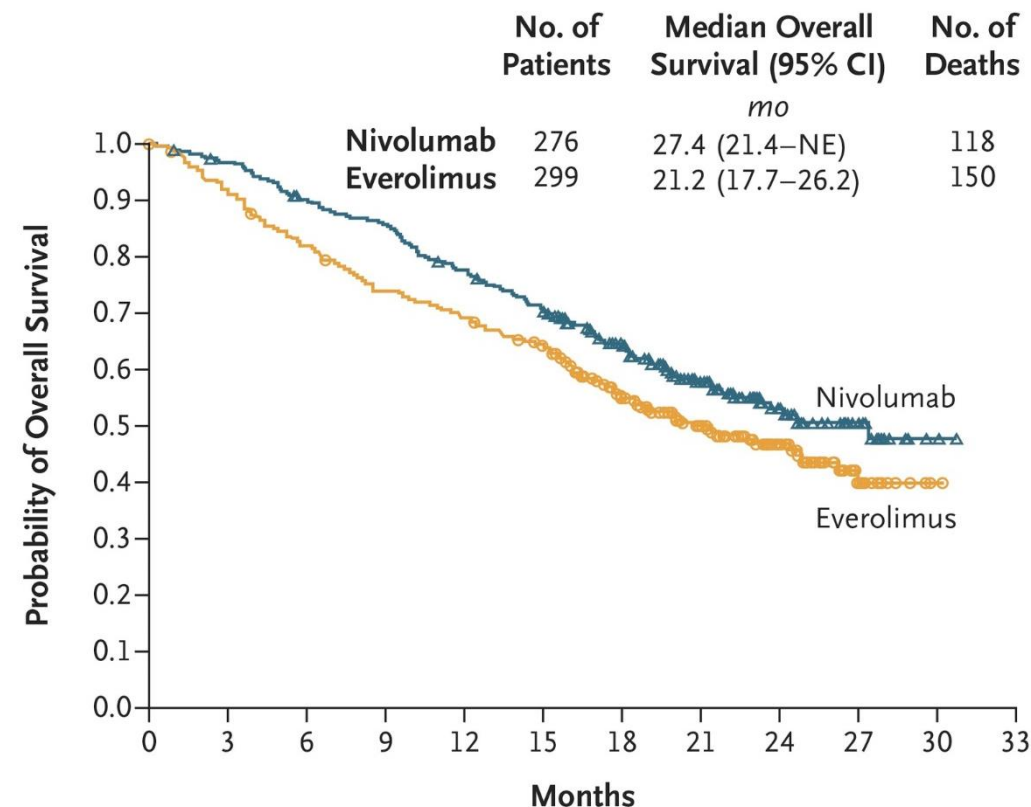


PD-L1 Not a Useful Biomarker in RCC

PD-L1 \geq 1%



PD-L1 < 1%



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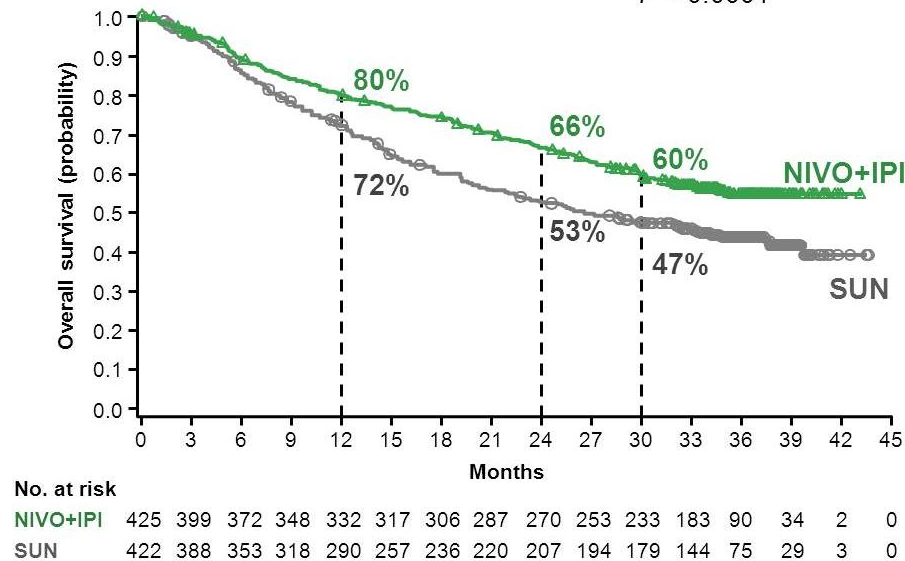
First-line Nivolumab + Ipilimumab in mRCC: Overall Survival

Intermediate/poor risk

Median OS, months (95% CI)

NIVO+IPI NR (35.6–NE)
SUN 26.6 (22.1–33.4)

HR (95% CI), 0.66 (0.54–0.80)
 $P < 0.0001$



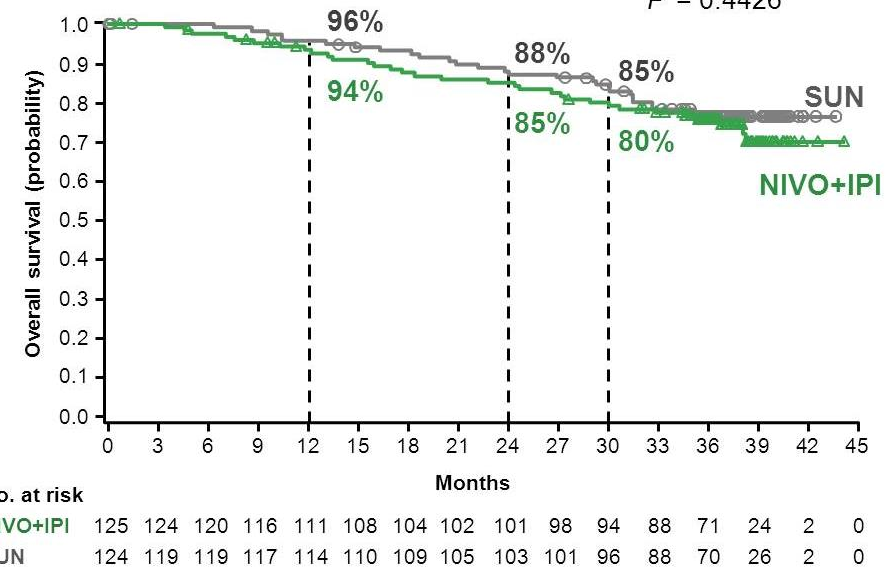
Favorable risk

Follow-up
= 30 months

Median OS, months (95% CI)

NIVO+IPI NR (NE)
SUN NR (NE)

HR (95% CI), 1.22 (0.73–2.04)
 $P = 0.4426$

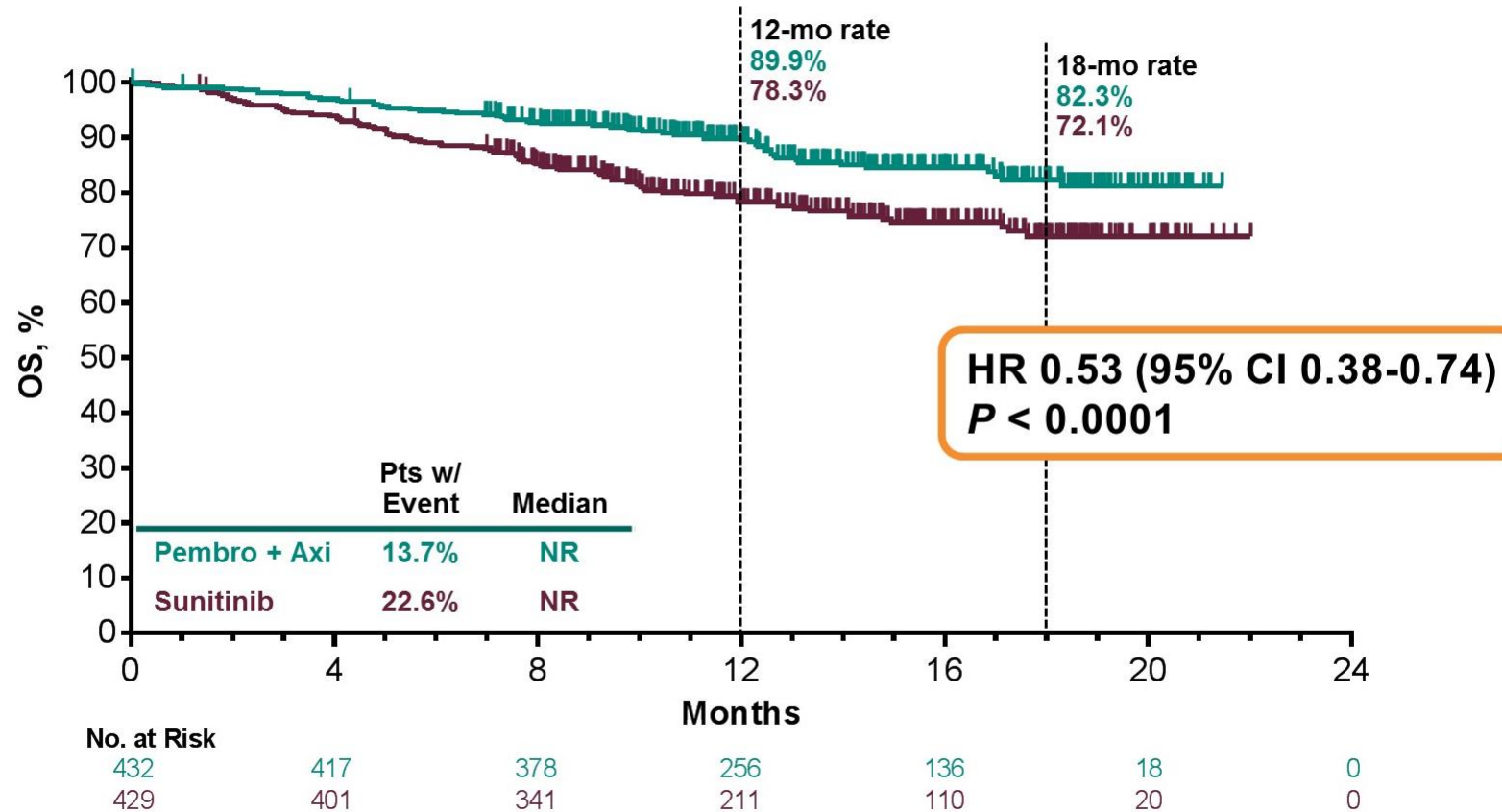


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First-line Pembrolizumab + axitinib in advanced RCC: overall survival

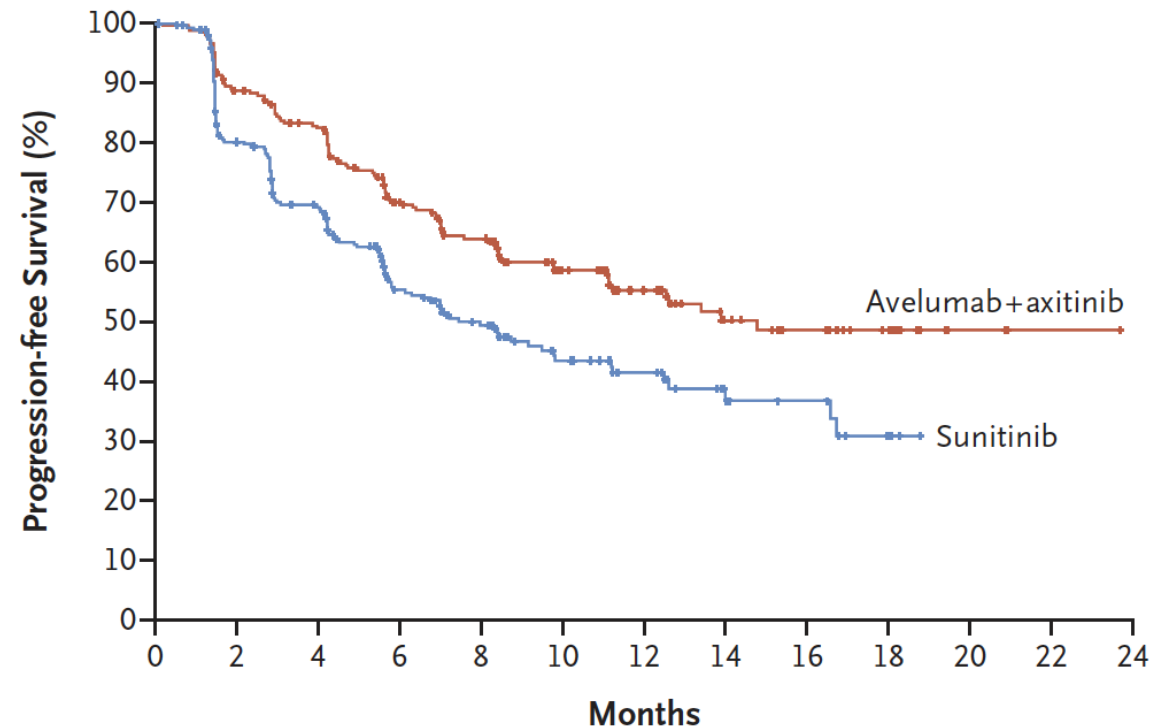
KEYNOTE-426: OS in the ITT Population



First-line avelumab + axitinib in mRCC

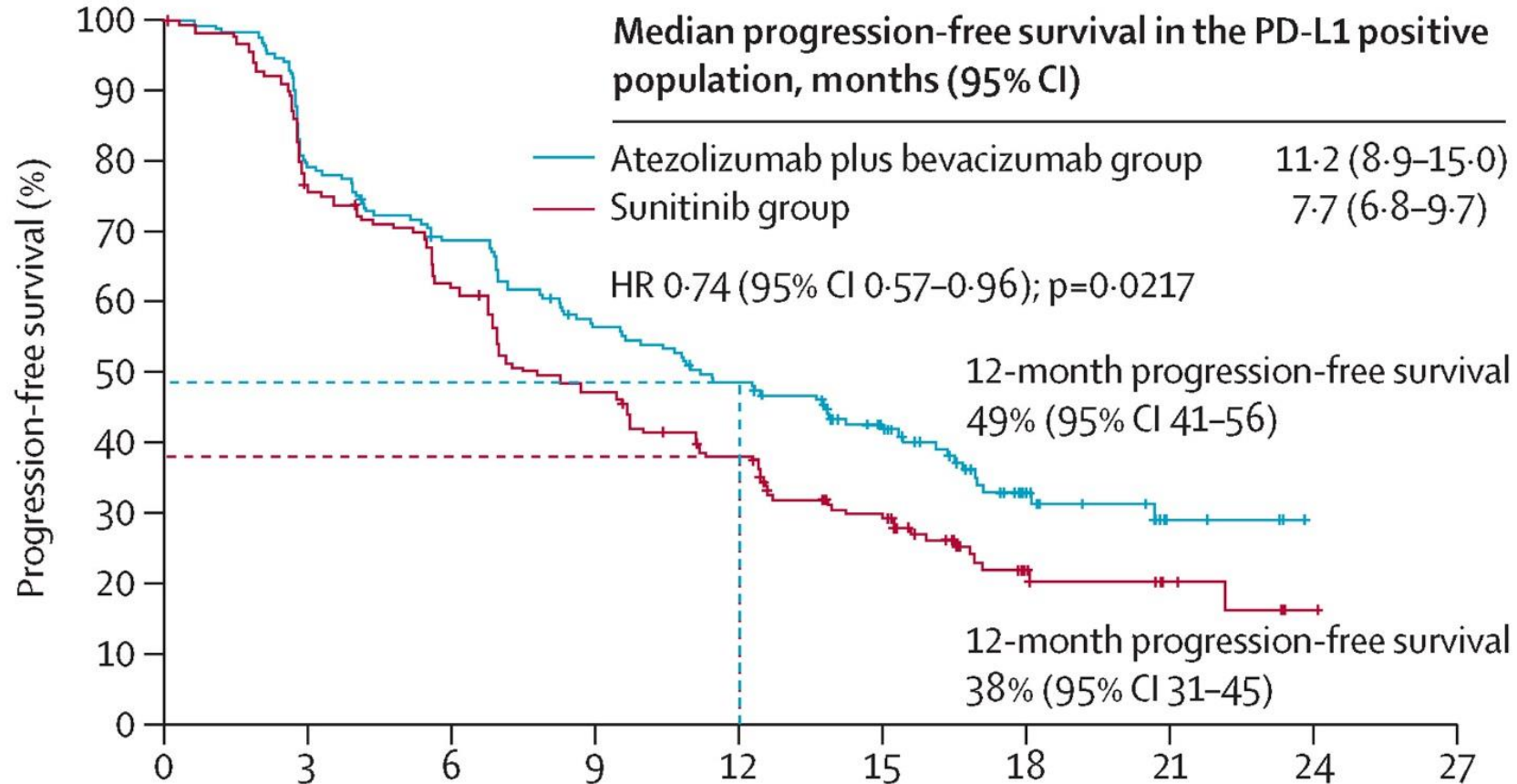
- Primary Endpoint: PFS and OS in PD-L1+
- Median PFS – 13.8 mo vs 7.2 mo (HR 0.61; 95% CI, 0.47–0.79)
- ORR: 61.9% vs 29.7
- OS data: immature

JAVELIN 101 : PFS in the PD-L1+ Population

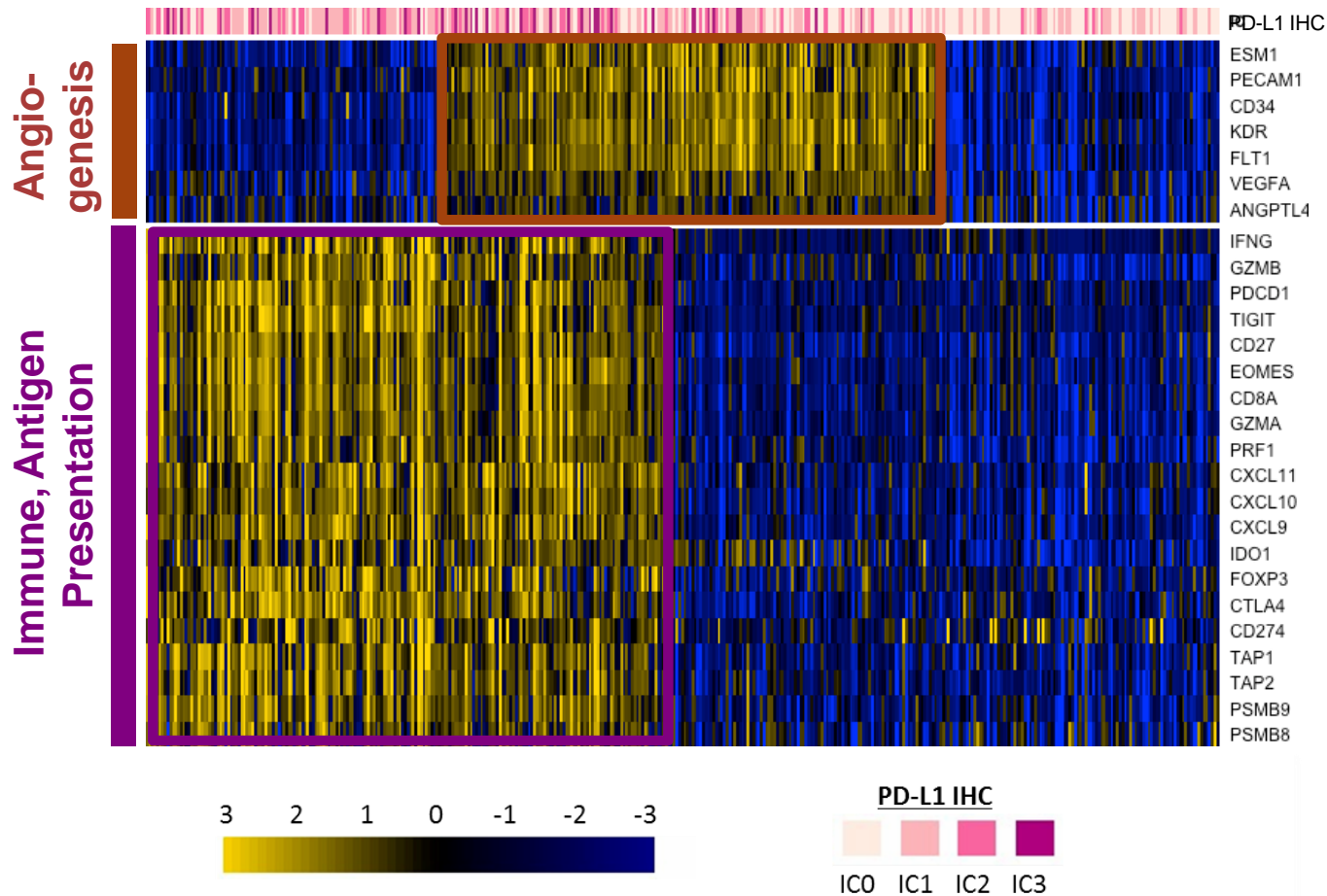


In Development?: First-line atezolizumab + bevacizumab

Immotion151



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

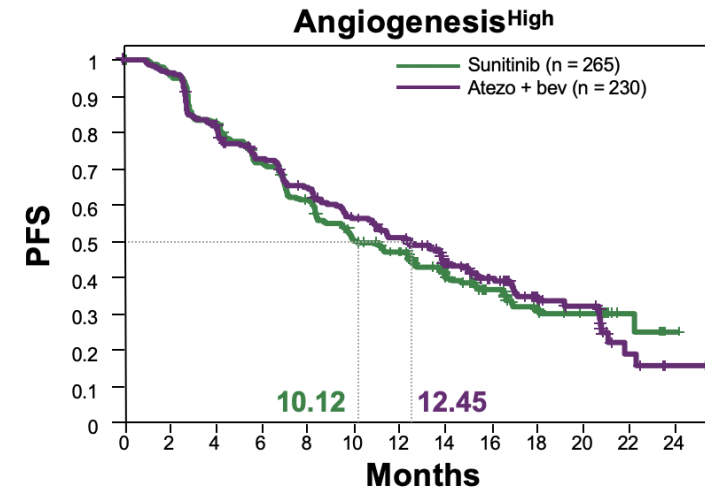
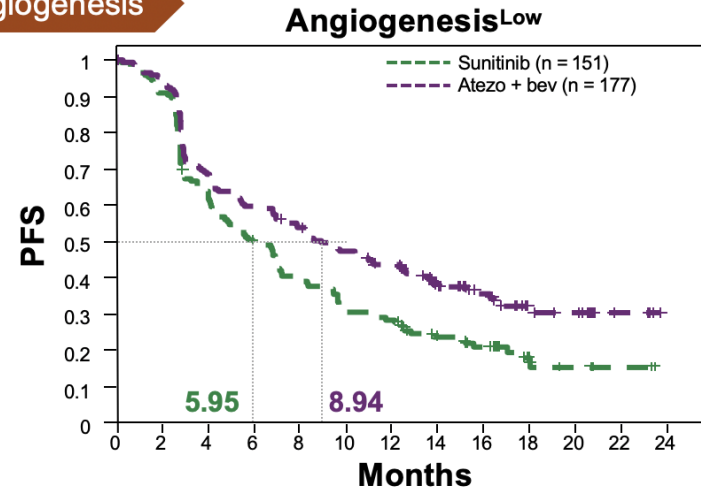


Identification of gene signatures based on association with clinical outcome

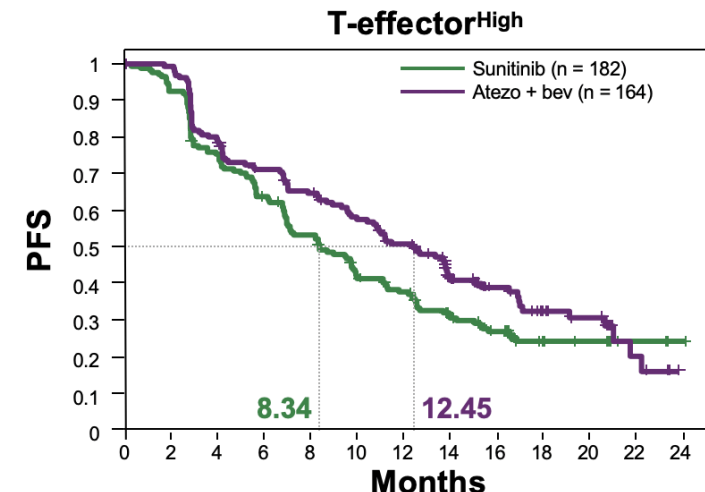
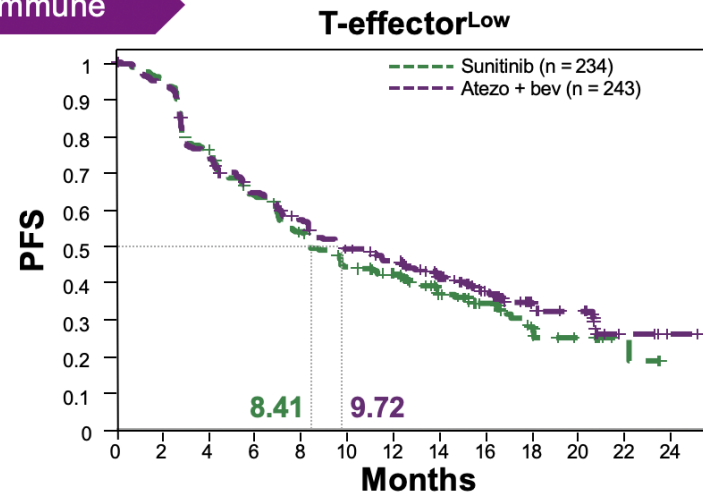
- T_{eff} : *CD8a*, *IFNG*, *PRF1*, *EOMES*, *CD274*
- Angio: *VEGFA*, *KDR*, *ESM1*, *PECAM1*, *CD34*, *ANGPTL4*

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

Angiogenesis



Immune



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	33.6 vs 34.9 (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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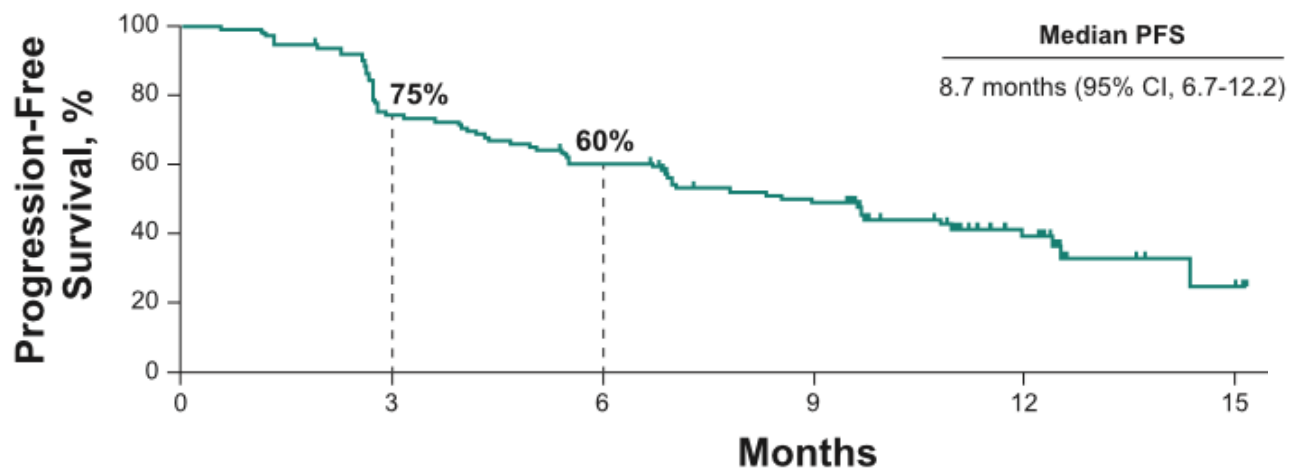
Ongoing front-line phase 3 trials with immunotherapy agents for front-line ccRCC

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

PFS: progression-free survival; ORR: overall response rate; OS: overall survival

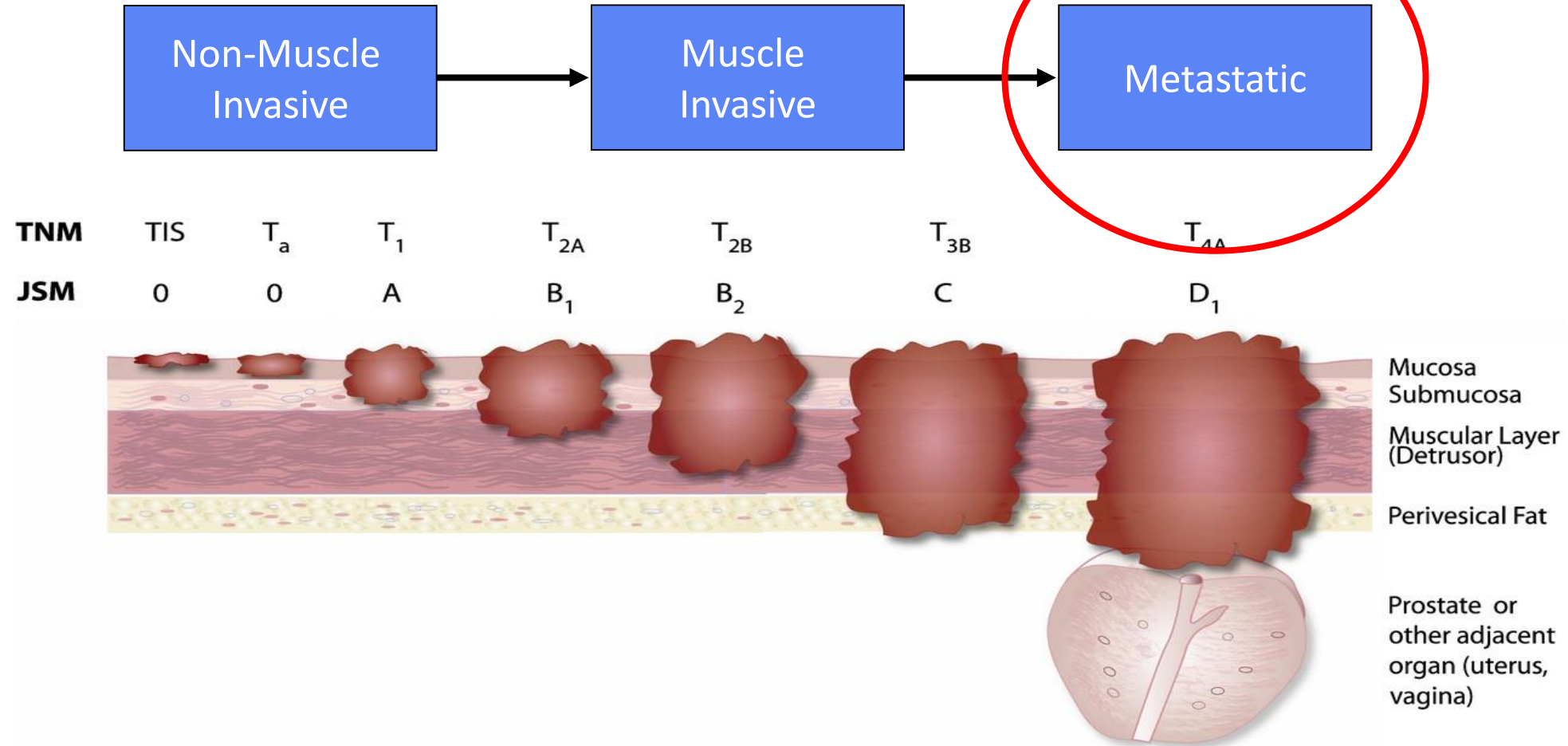
In Development: First-line pembrolizumab monotherapy in mRCC KEYNOTE – 427

Clear cell and Non-Clear Cell RCC



	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

Immunotherapy for Metastatic Bladder Cancer (Urothelial Carcinoma; UC)



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*

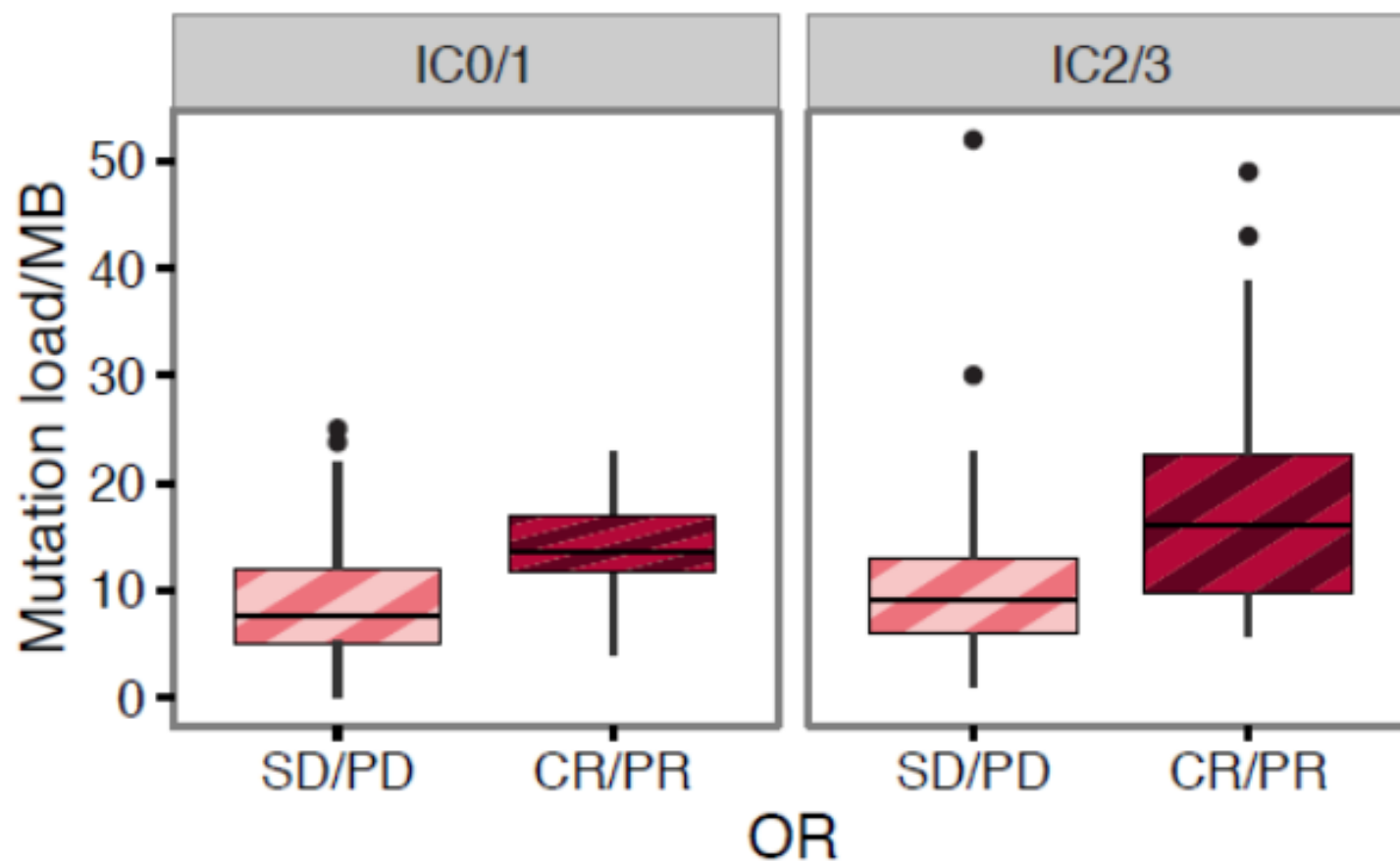
Drug	Approved	Indication	Dose
Atezolizumab	2017 (2018)	Advanced/metastatic UC (PD-L1 $\geq 5\%$)	1200 mg Q3W
Pembrolizumab	2017 (2018)	Advanced/metastatic UC (PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10)	200 mg Q3W

June 2018

FDA limits the use of Tecentriq and Keytruda for some urothelial cancer patients

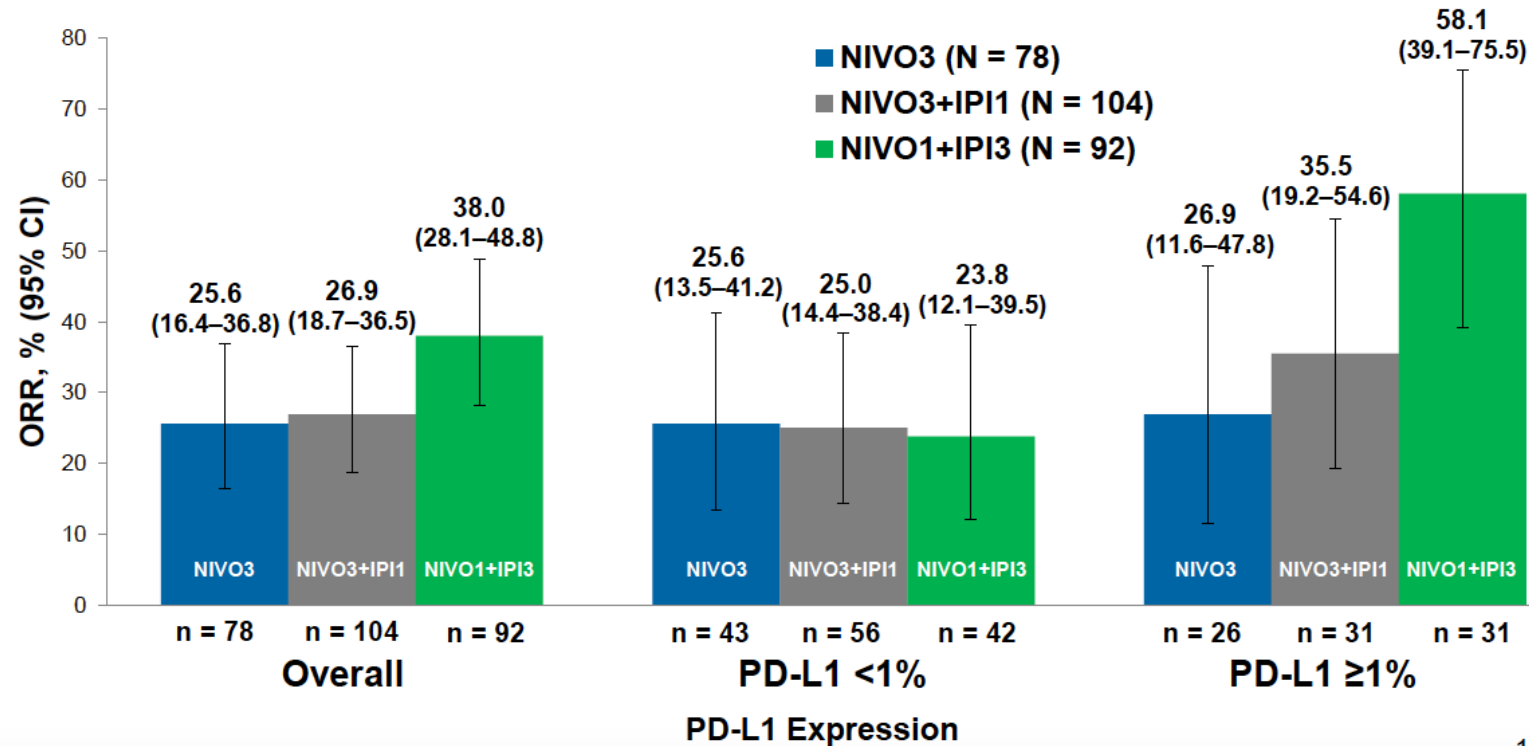
- Locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma and ineligible for cisplatin-based chemo and tumor PD-L1 (CPS ≥ 10 , pembro; IC $\geq 5\%$ tumor area, atezo)
- Patients ineligible for any platinum-containing chemotherapy regardless of PD-L1 status

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



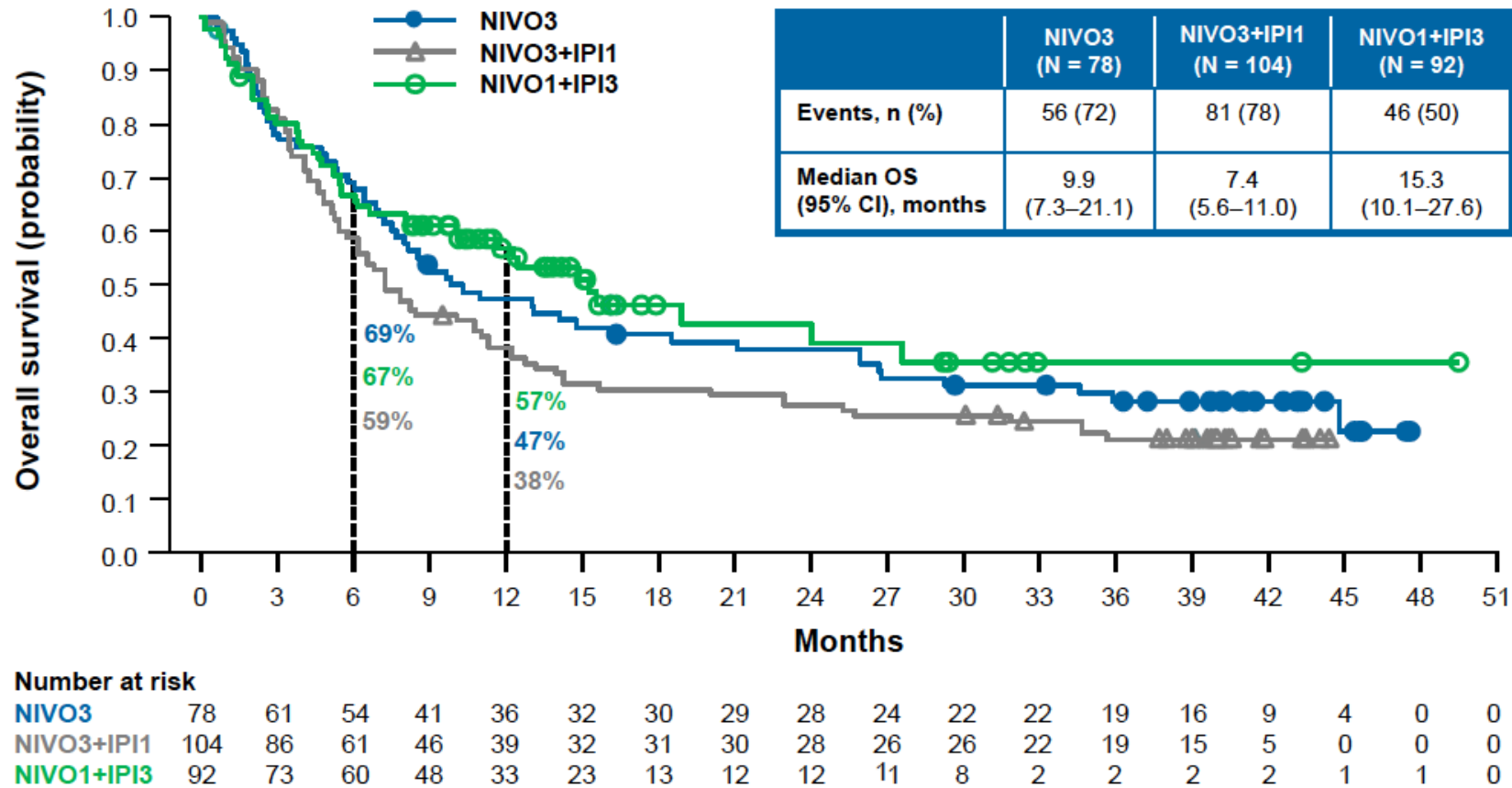
In development: Ipilimumab + Nivolumab CheckMate 032

ORR by Baseline Tumor PD-L1 Expression per Investigator

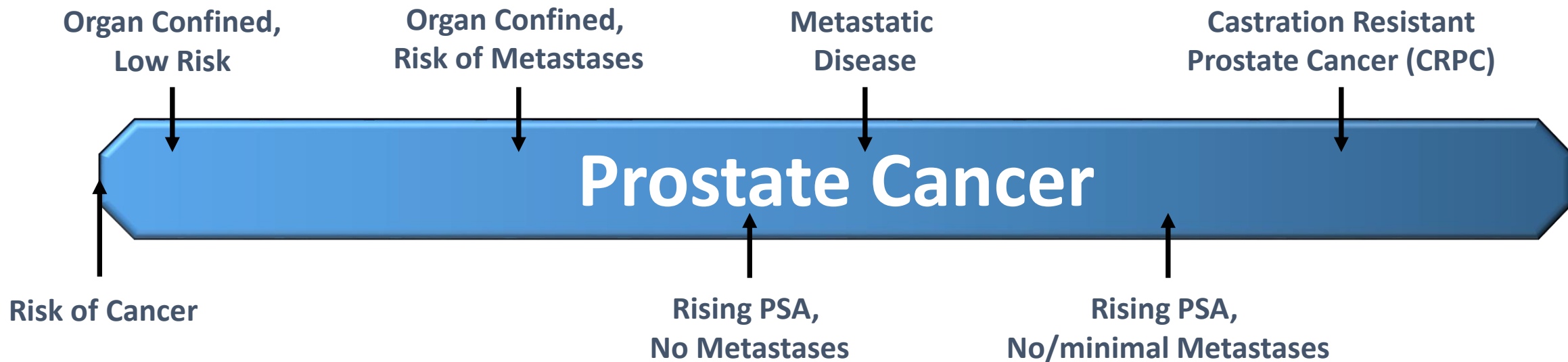


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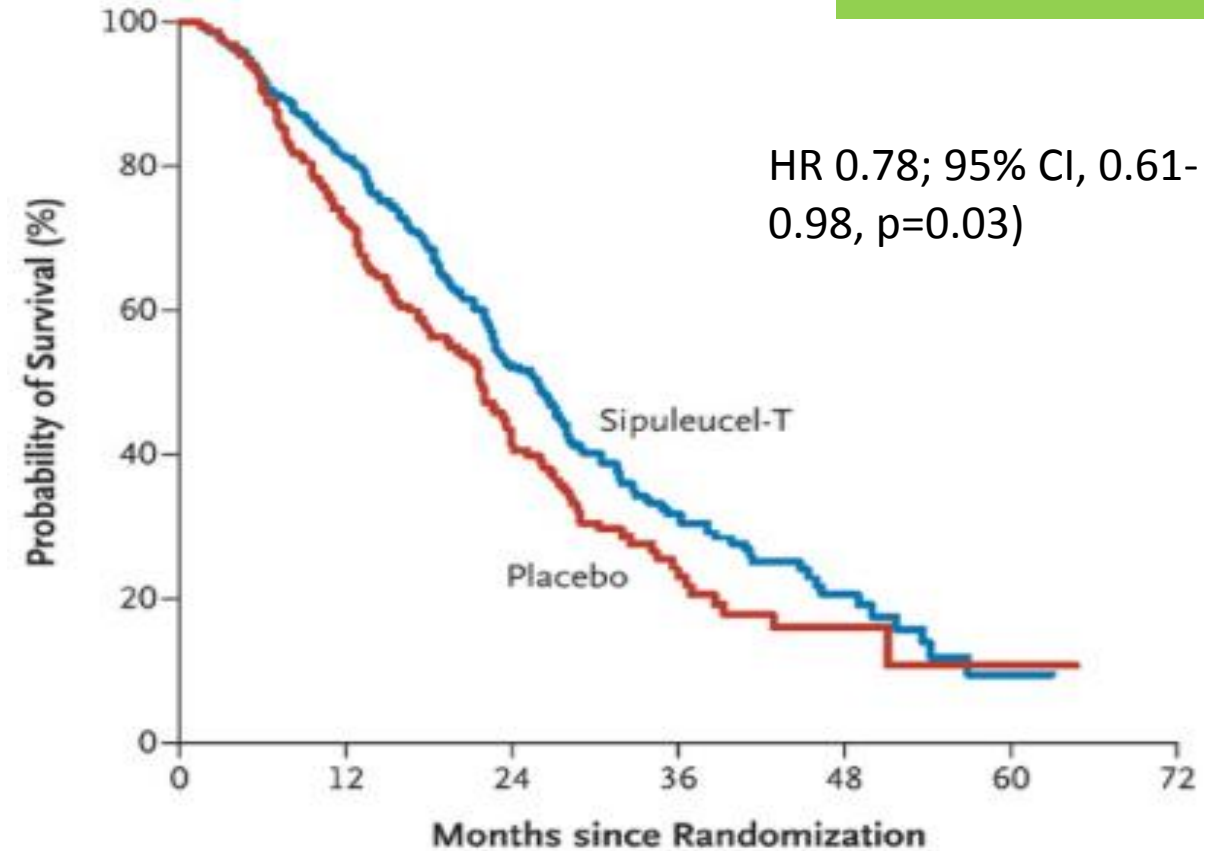
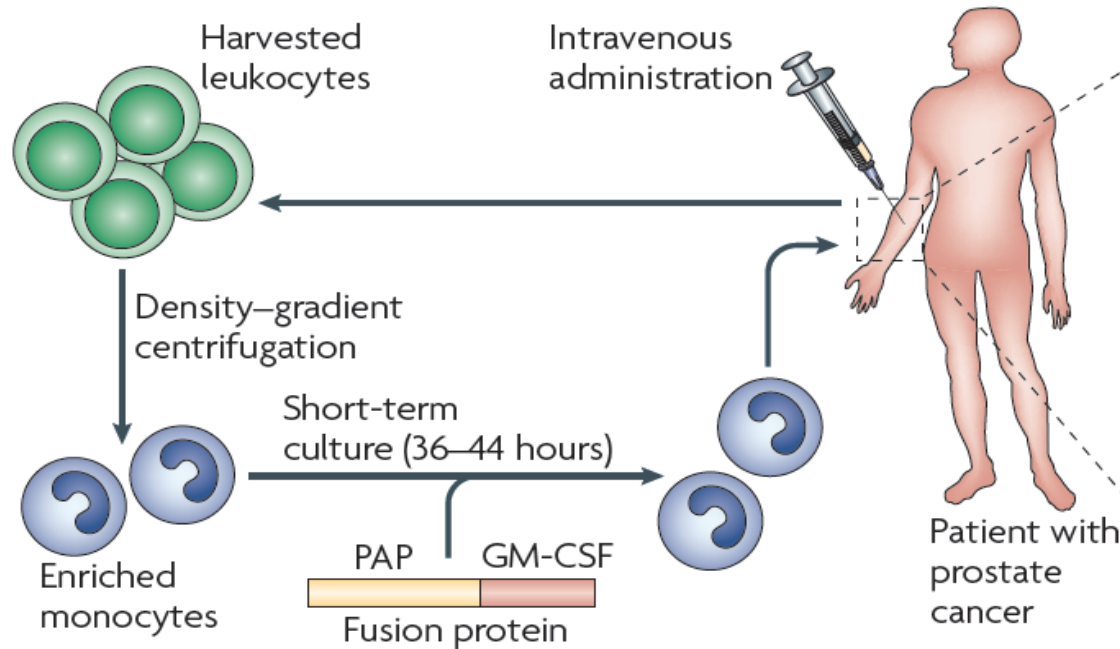
The Spectrum of Prostate Cancer



Sipuleucel-T in mCRPC

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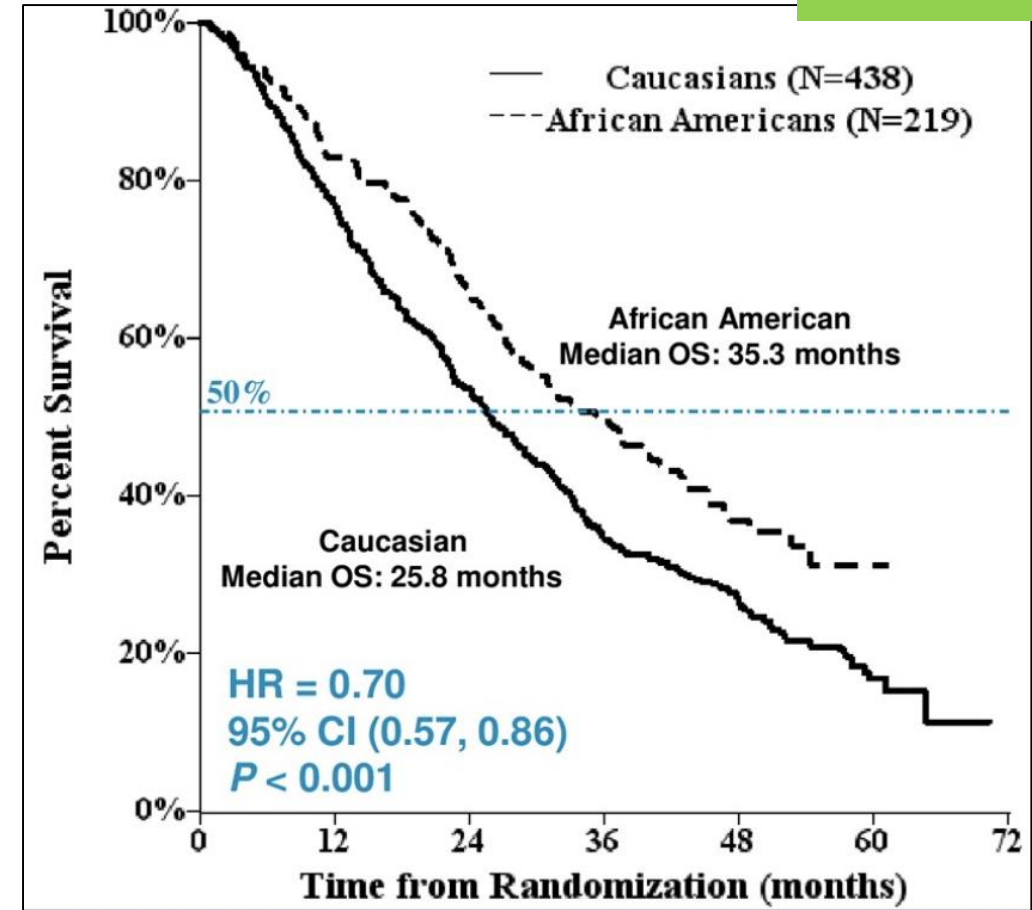
First anti-cancer therapeutic vaccine



Sipuleucel-T in mCRPC

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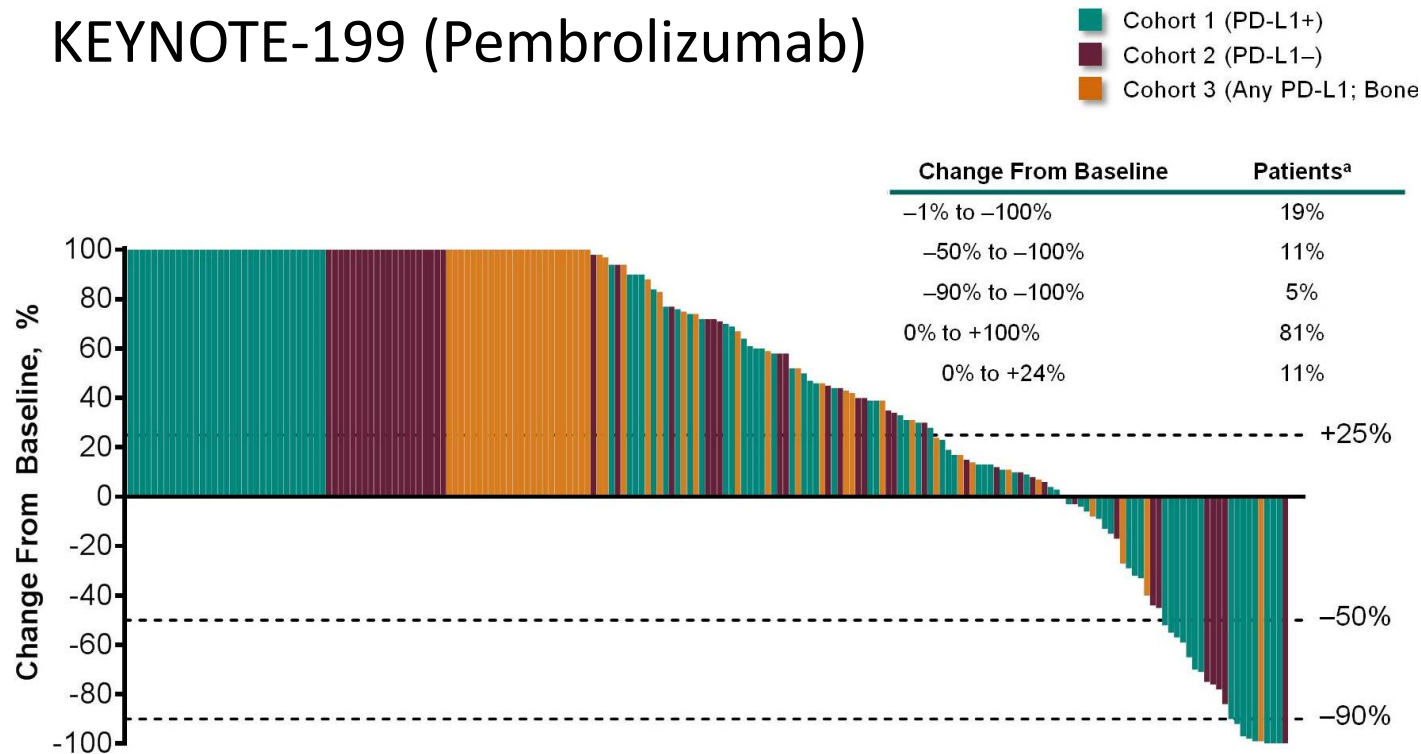
- Post-hoc analysis of Phase 3 trial PROCEED (N = 1902 mCRPC patients)
- African-Americans (AA) = 438; Caucasians (CAU) = 219
- Median OS = 35.2 (AA) vs 29.9 mo (CAU); HR 0.81, 95% CI 0.68–0.97; $p = 0.03$.
- AA race was independently associated with prolonged OS on multivariate analysis (HR 0.60, 95%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



Limited efficacy of Checkpoint Inhibitors in mCRPC

No FDA-approved CIs for mCRPC

KEYNOTE-199 (Pembrolizumab)



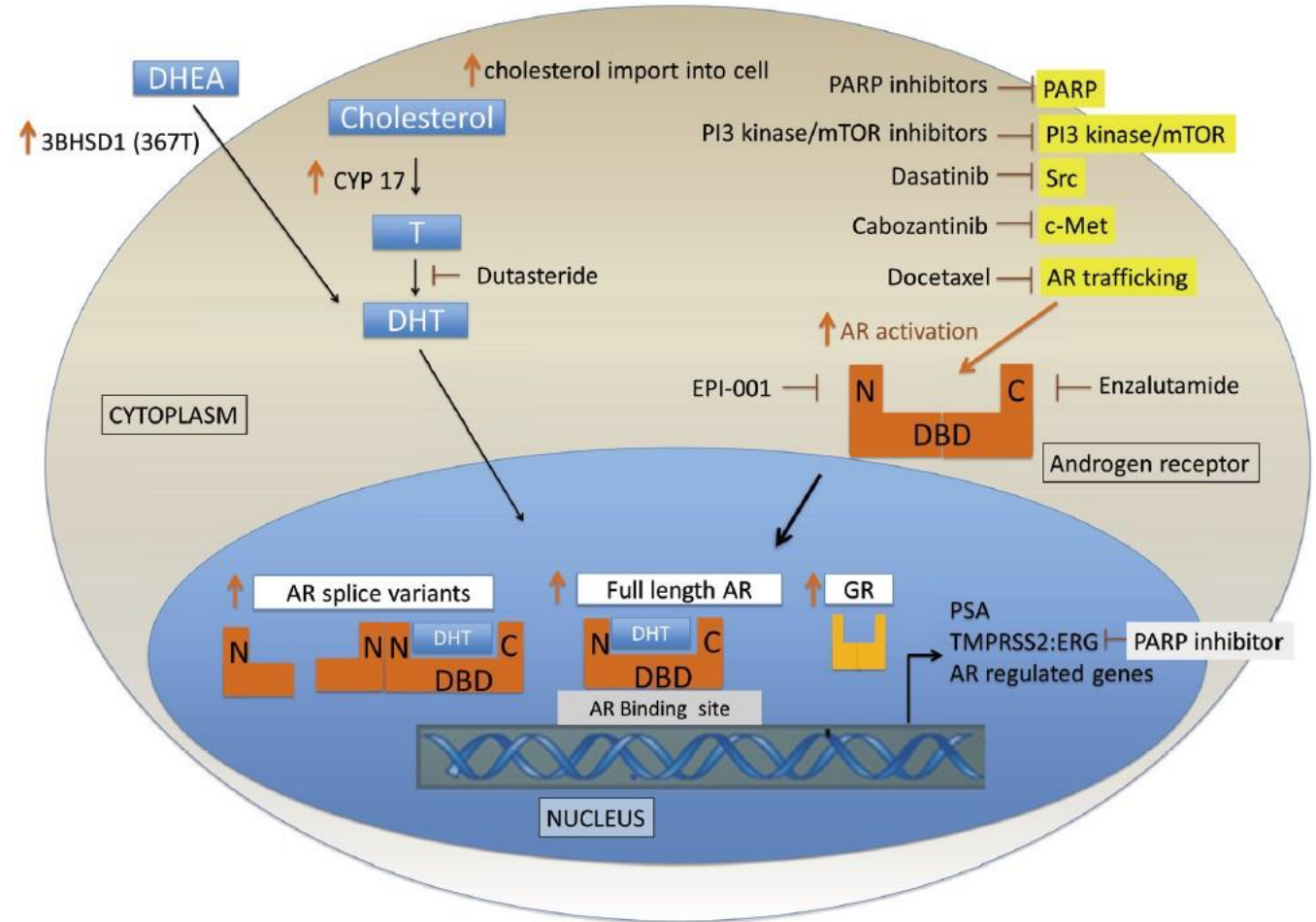
- Pembrolizumab is approved for all Microsatellite Instability-High (MSI-H) solid tumors
- MSI-H incidence is low in PC
 - Localized PC ~2%
 - Autopsy series of mCRPC ~12%
- MSI testing may offer pembrolizumab as an option

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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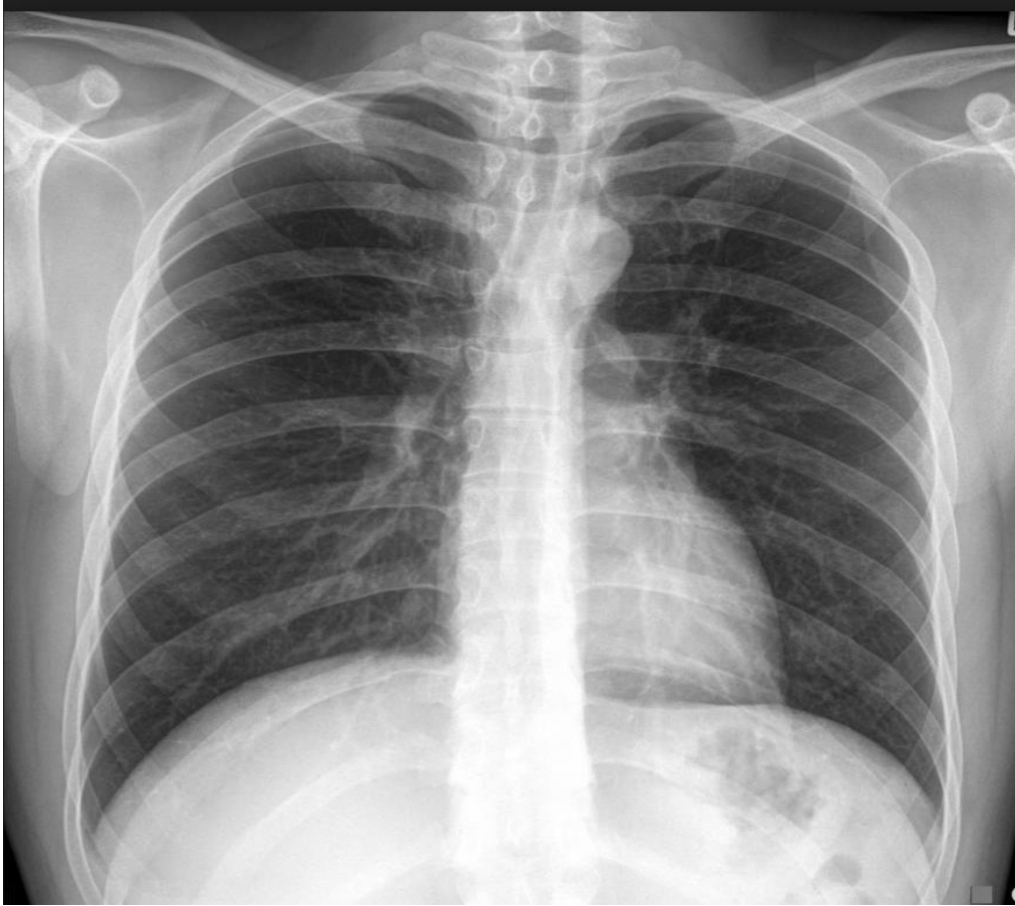
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Case Studies

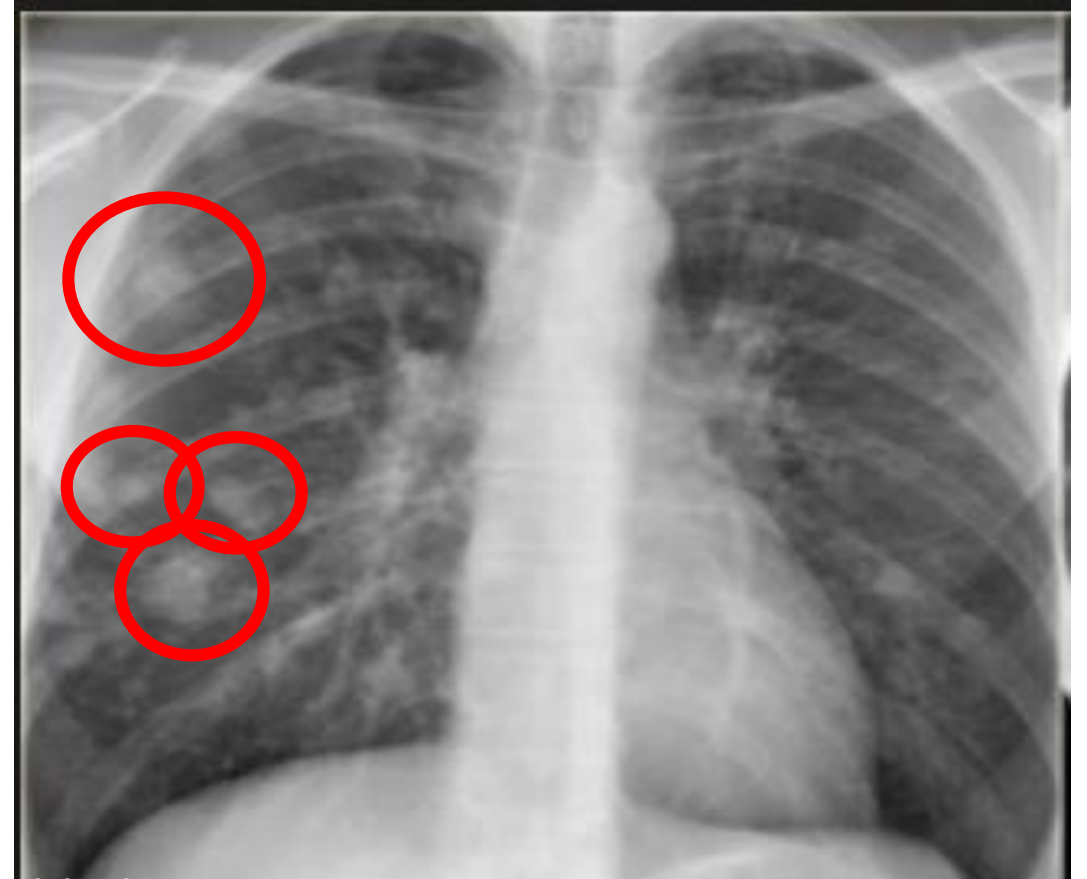
Case 1 – New back pain

- 55 year old woman
- History of rheumatoid arthritis
 - No regular medicines needed
- New back pain over 2 months, new “lump” in the left neck, just above collarbone
- No improvement with tylenol, heat, stretching.





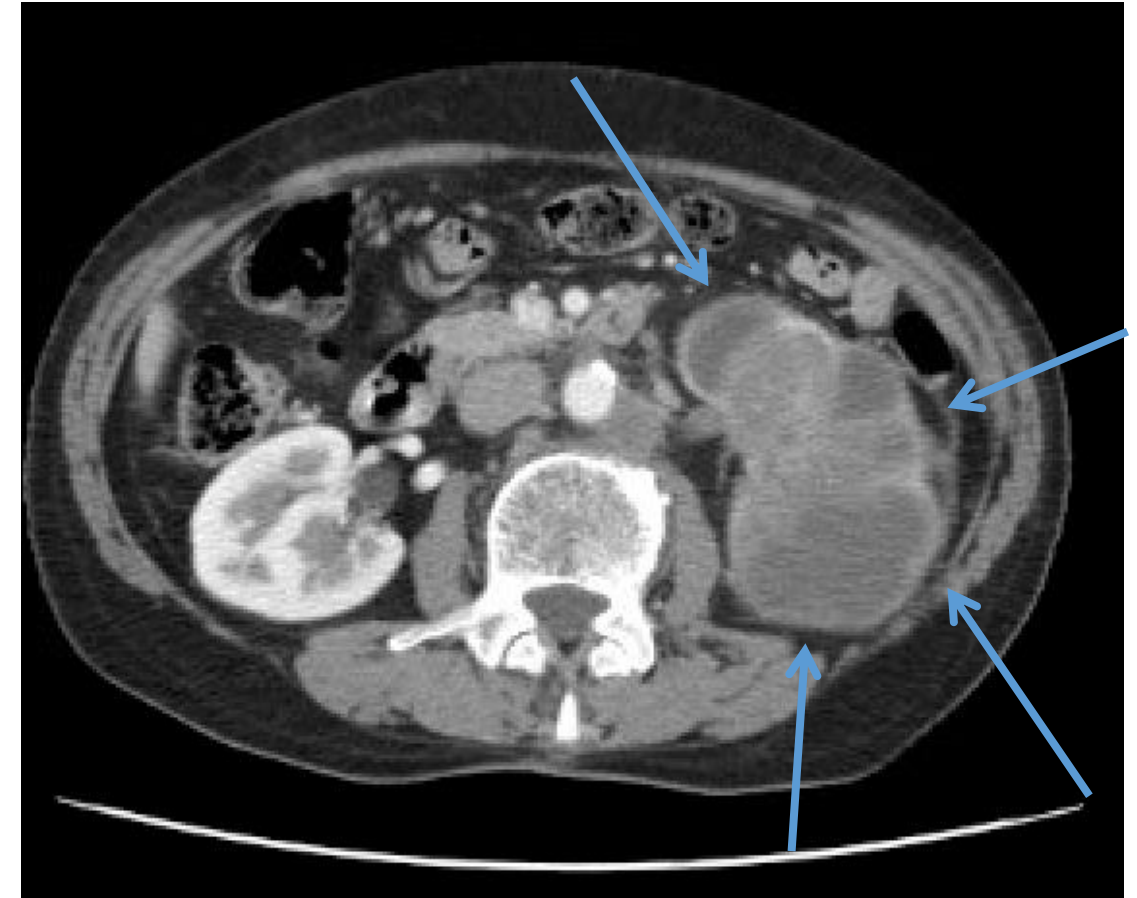
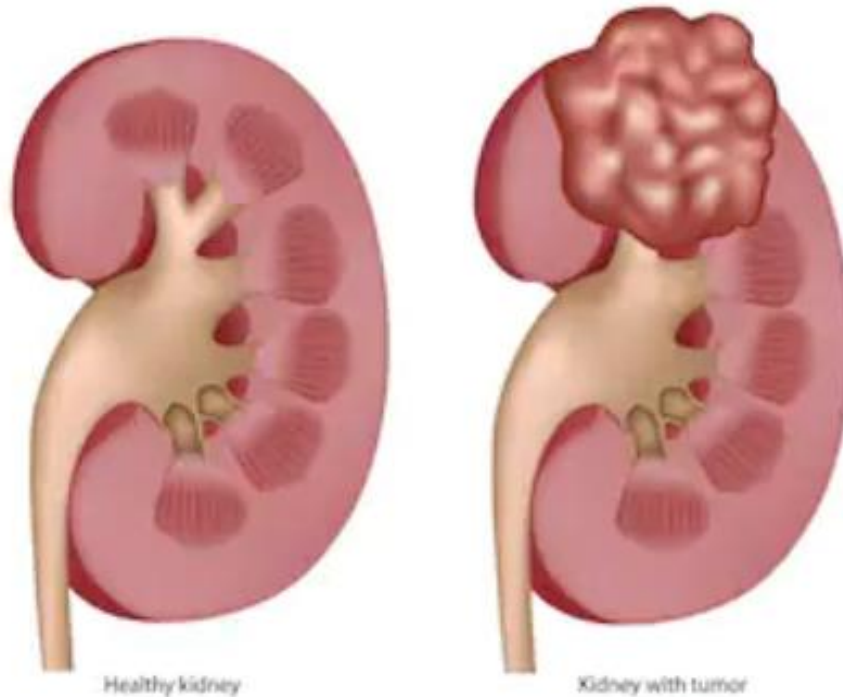
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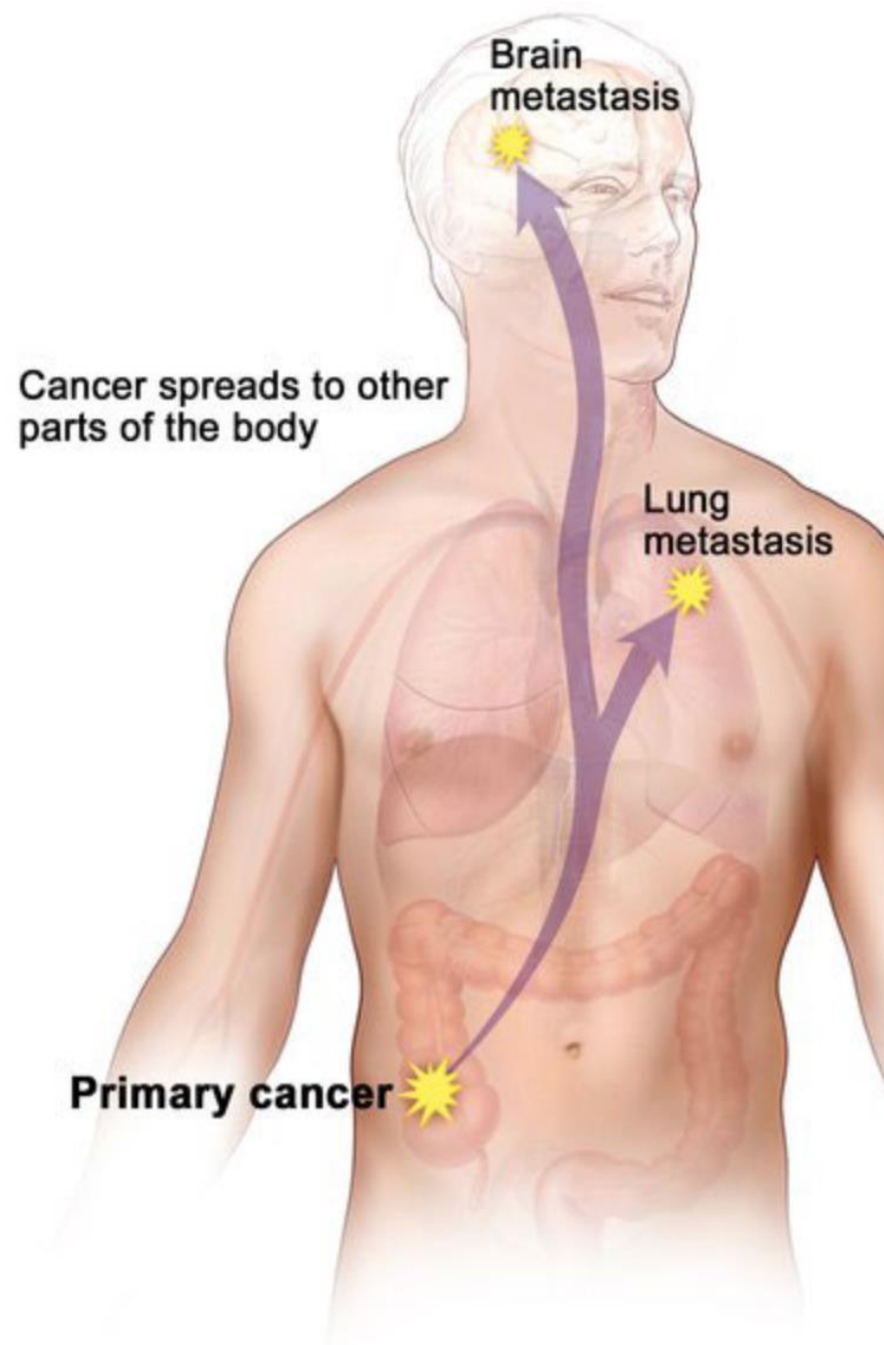
2018

- CT scan of the abdomen = abnormal mass replacing most of the left kidney
 - “Suspicious for kidney cancer”

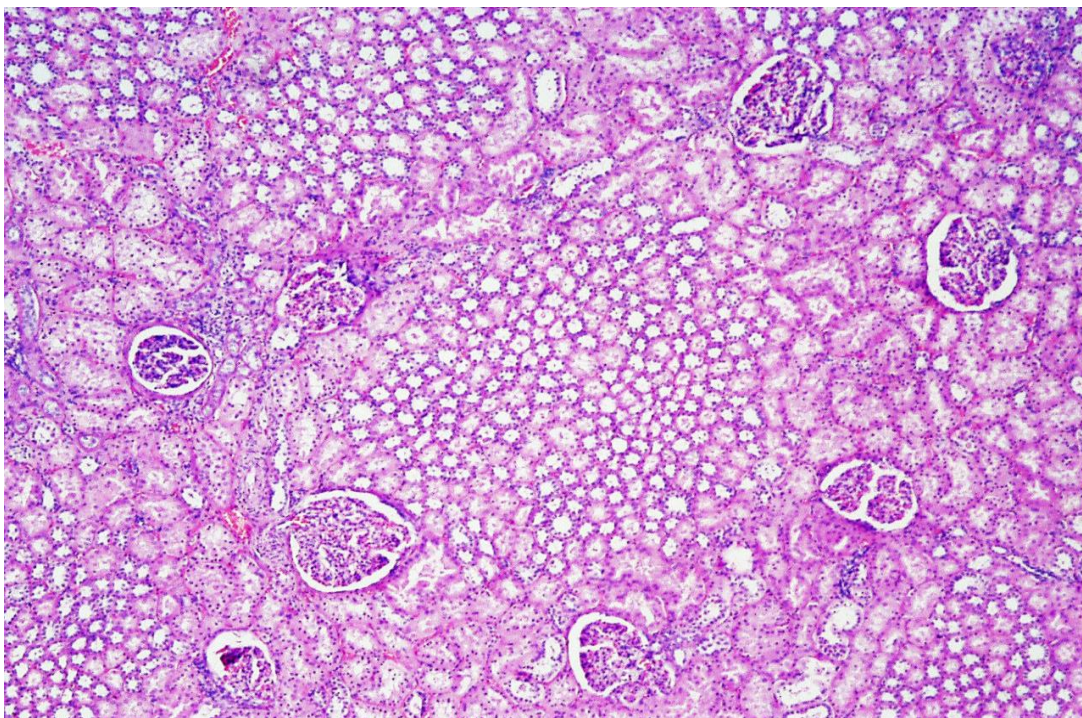
Kidney Cancer



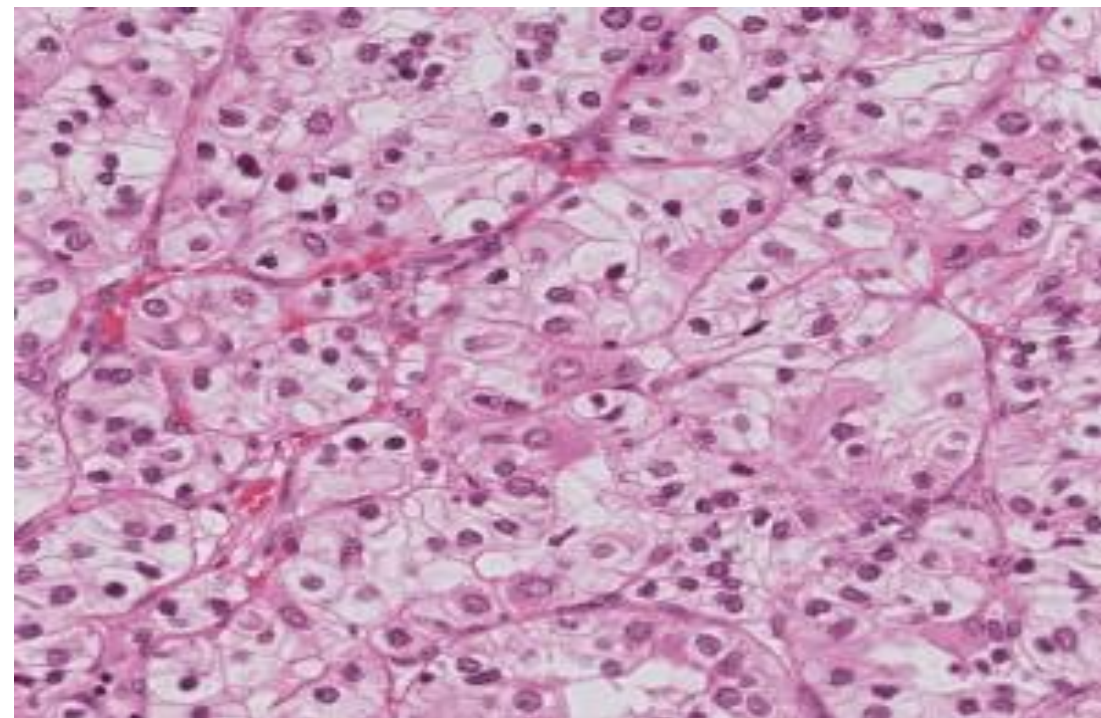
Metastasis



Neck biopsy confirms *Metastatic Kidney Cancer*



Normal kidney



**Kidney cancer
(Clear cell type)**

First meeting with Patient and husband

“I want to avoid getting chemotherapy, I hear it can have lots of side effects. Isn't it just toxic?”

“I hear there is a new treatment called immunotherapy. Can you tell me more about that?”

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All are approved, currently high-dose IL-2 is used much less frequently



- Starts Ipilimumab + Nivolumab immunotherapy
- 7 weeks later: “My hands feel very stiff, and I have some pain in the joints. It is hard to open a jar.”
- Exam shows swelling of the joints in the fingers (proximal > distal) and you suspect she has autoimmune arthritis

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Inflammatory Arthritis on Checkpoint Immunotherapy

- Occurs in up to 7% of patients
- Joint pain, stiffness, redness, warmth, swelling
- Early identification is key
- Treatment
 - Ibuprofen (NSAIDs)
 - Prednisone
 - Steroid injections
 - More potent immunosuppression (methotrexate, infliximab)



Inflammatory Arthritis on Checkpoint Immunotherapy

- Sees her rheumatologist (arthritis doctor)
- Starts around-the-clock ibuprofen
- Significant improvement in symptoms
 - No prednisone needed!



Question 3: Should we restart immunotherapy?

- a. Yes – Ipilimumab and Nivolumab
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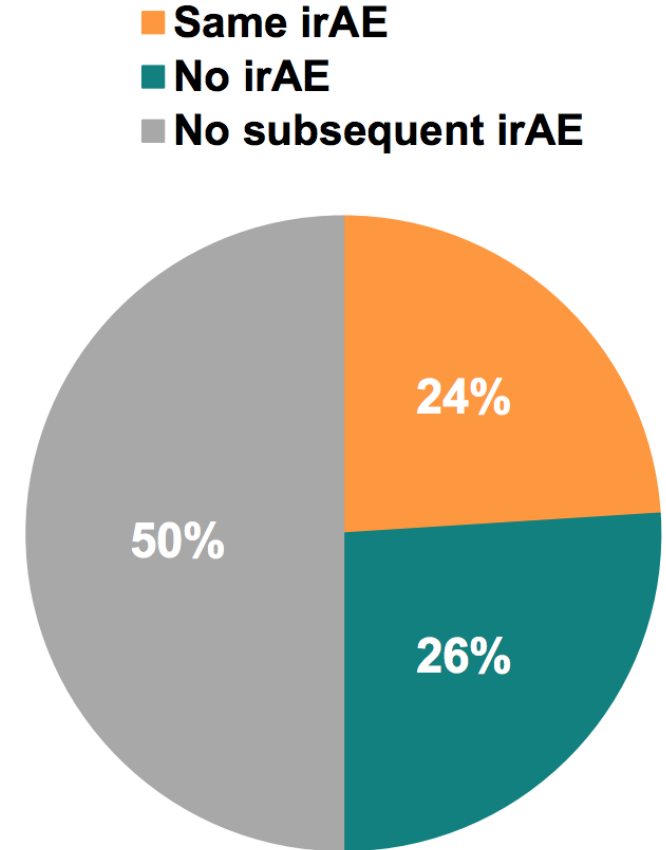
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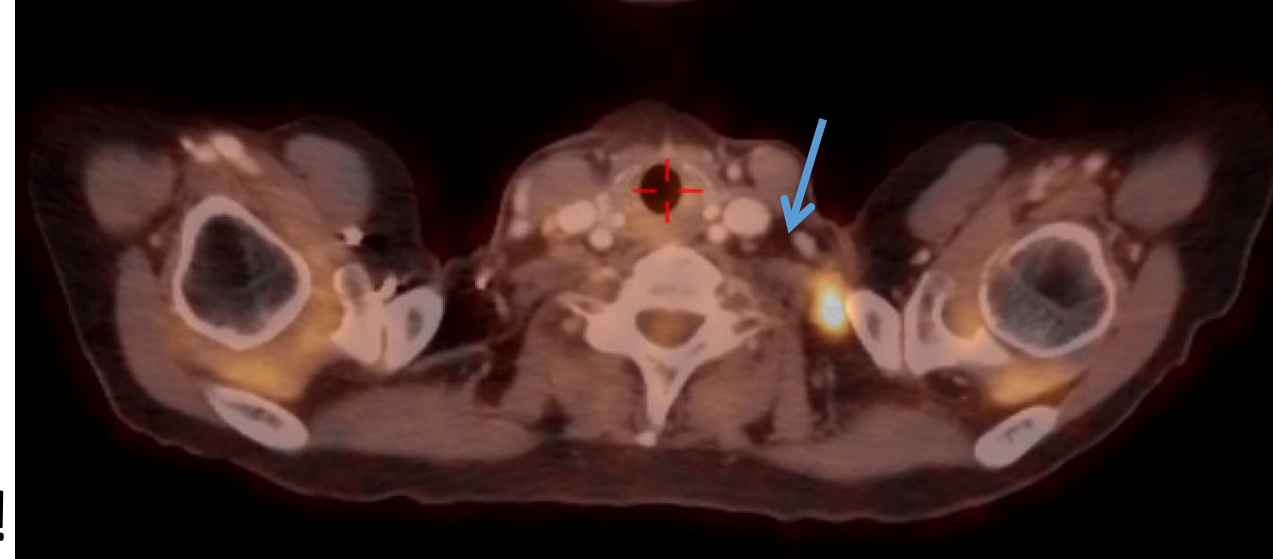
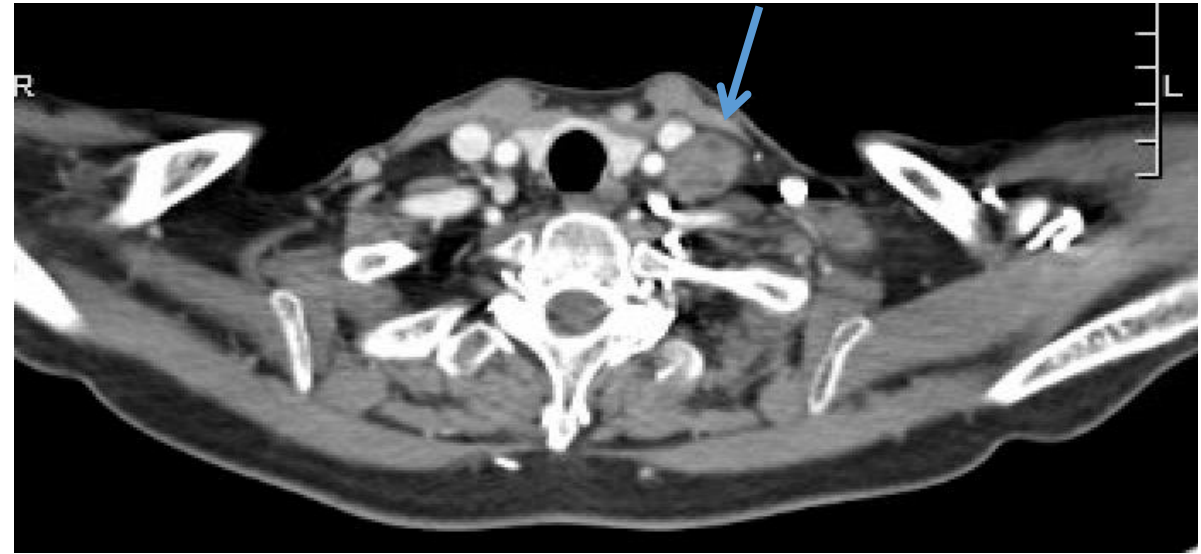


Continuation of immunotherapy after adverse events

- Only half of patients will have another autoimmune adverse event
- Often in a different organ system
- Importance of being vigilant

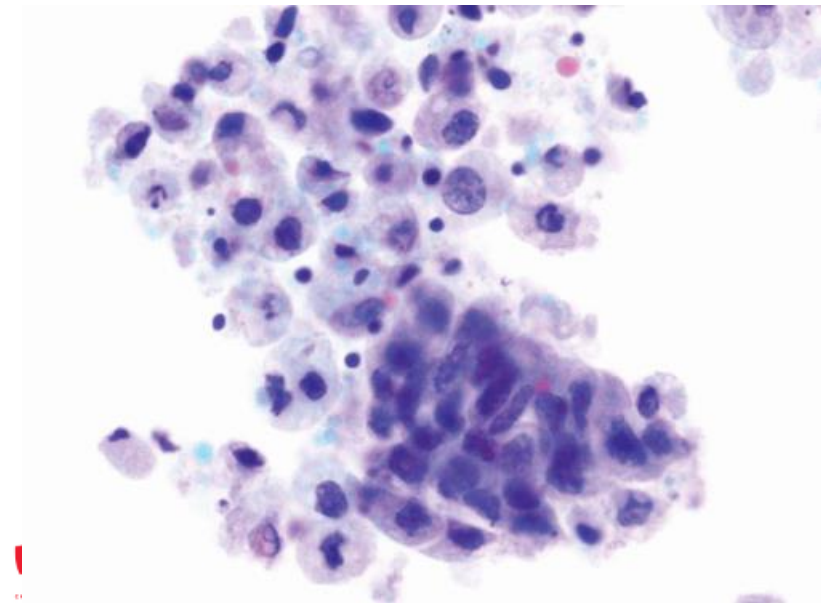
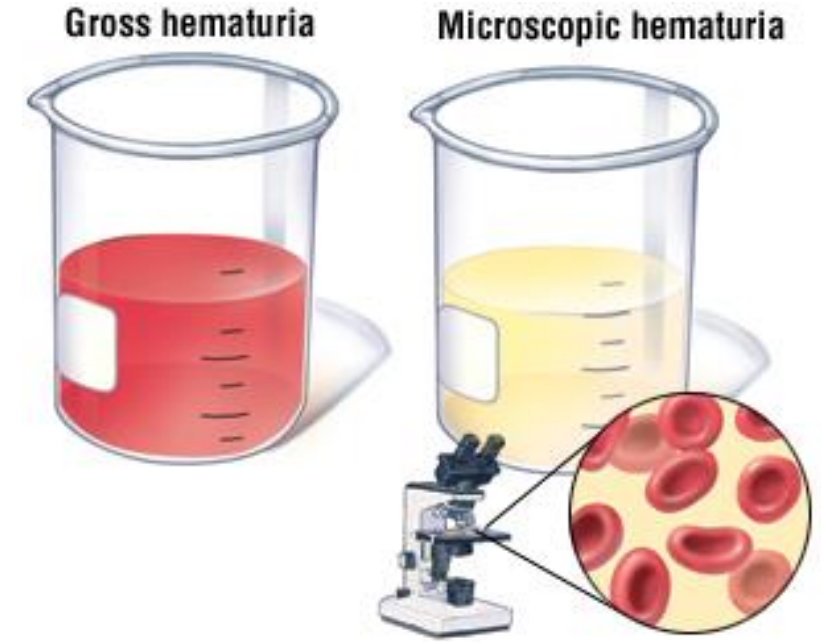


- Ipilimumab stopped. Nivolumab continued.
- Pt calls to report that she can no longer palpate the neck nodes
- PET CT:
 - Disappearance of the lymph node
 - Shrinkage of kidney mass
 - FDG uptake across multiple joints!



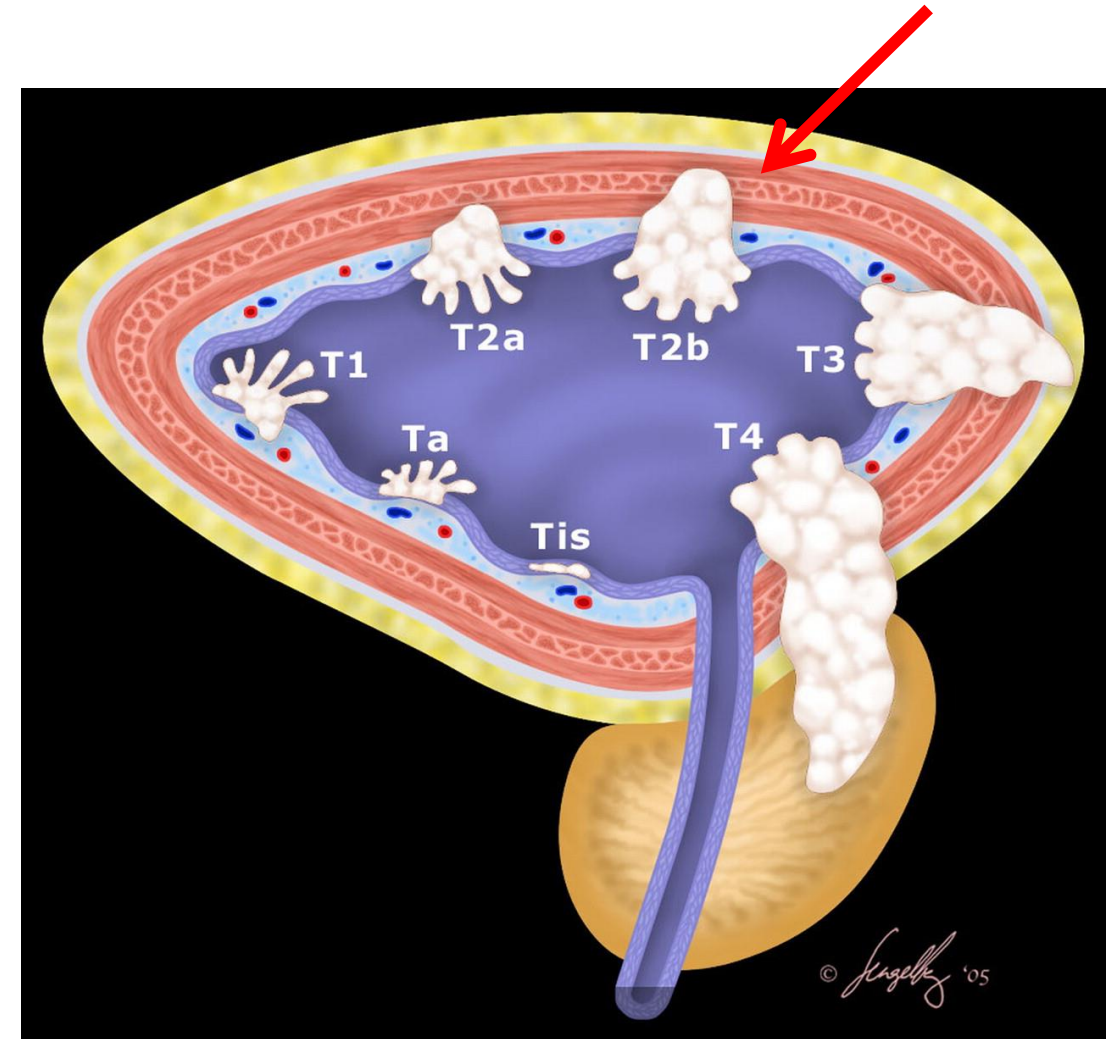
Case 2 - Hematuria

- 72 year old man - former smoker sees his Urologist
- “I’ve had a few episodes of red-colored urine”
- Exam, blood tests normal
- Urinalysis: +hemoglobin, many red blood cells
- Urine cytology: malignant



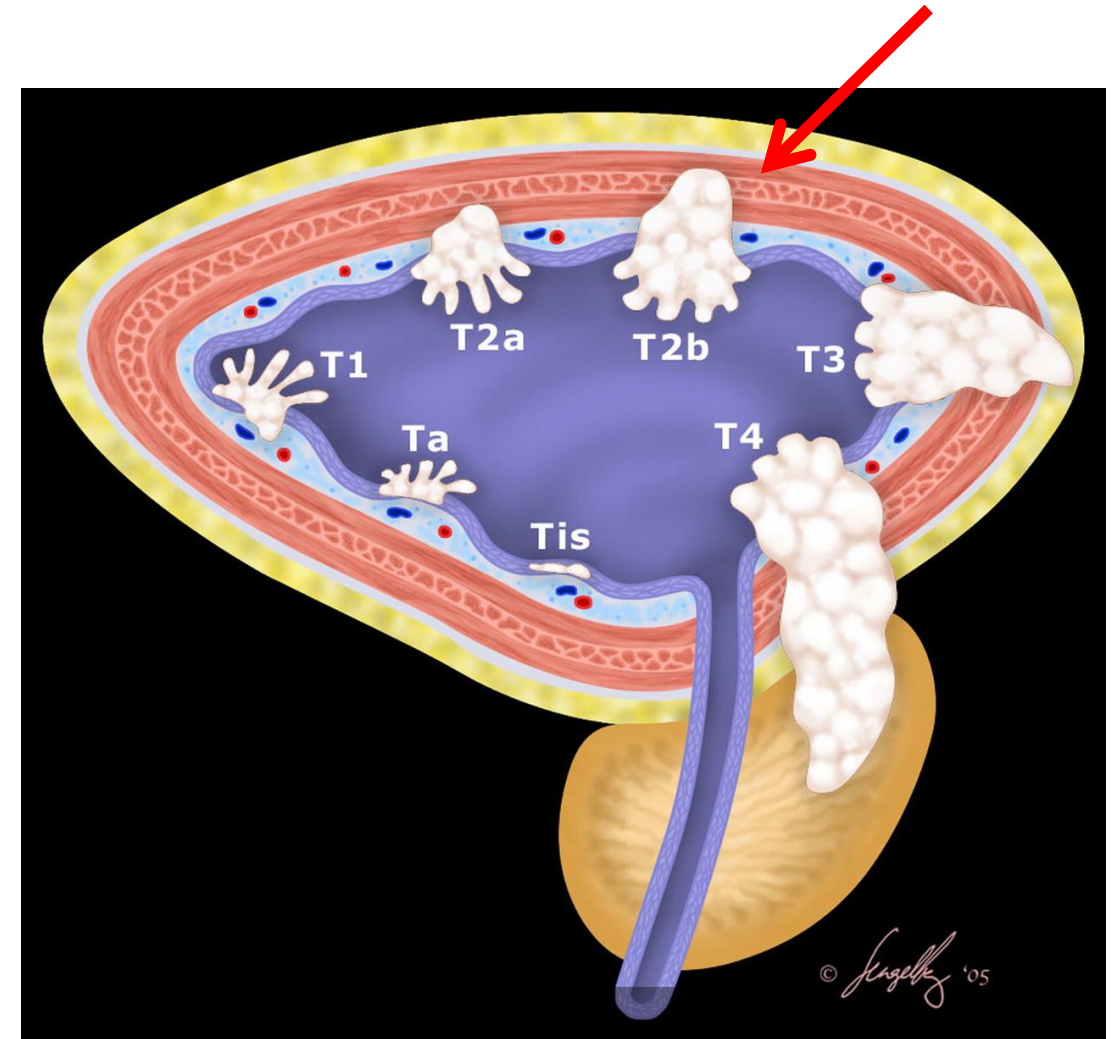
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- Cystoscopy (camera in the bladder) shows a suspicious mass
- Biopsy shows **urothelial cancer** (bladder cancer) invading the muscle wall of the bladder
- CT scans without metastases



Question 1: True or False?

“Immune checkpoint inhibitors are approved urothelial cancer in patients **without metastases**.”

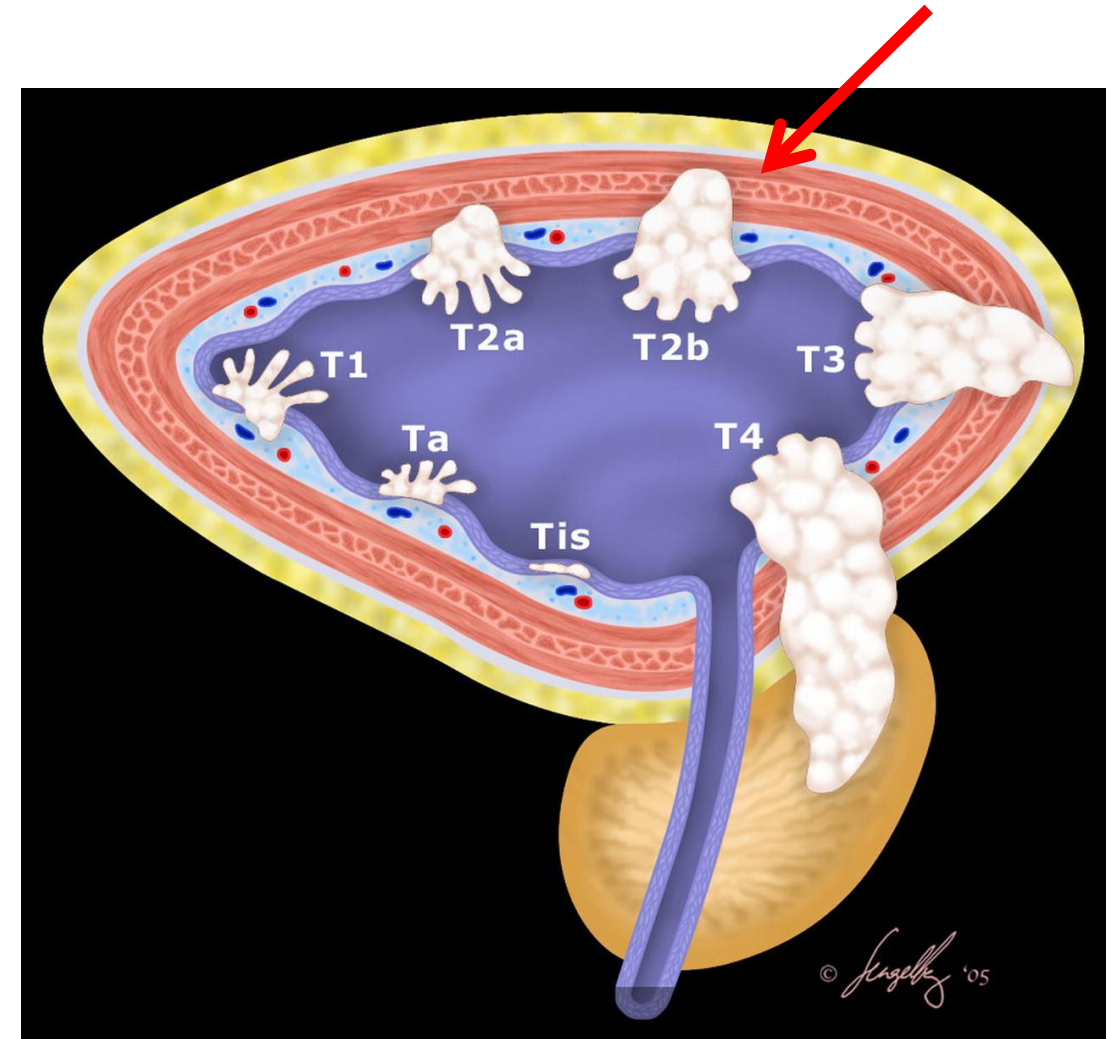


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FALSE

- Only approved for ***metastatic urothelial cancer.***
- Ongoing studies are investigating checkpoint inhibitors in non-metastatic urothelial cancer



Case 2

- Patient undergoes chemotherapy for 4 cycles, then has his bladder removed.
- Pathology shows an aggressive tumor with multiple lymph nodes involved.
- “I know it might come back but I don’t want to more chemotherapy now.”



Case 2

- Does well for 8 months
- CT scan of the lungs
- And Biopsy shows **metastatic urothelial cancer.**



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This combination is in trials, but not yet approved for urothelial cancer



Case 2

- Starts Pembrolizumab
- 1 month later
 - “I am urinating a lot at night”
 - “I am thirsty all the time”
 - “I am *very* tired”



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- Blood sugar 532 mg/dL!
 - Normal is <200 mg/dL
- Dx: Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus
 - RARE complication of immunotherapy
 - Destruction of insulin-producing cells in the pancreas



Should we stop immunotherapy?

- a. Yes
- b. No



- Treatment
 - Starts insulin
 - No corticosteroids given
 - Continues on immunotherapy
- Scans 1 month later
 - Partial response to therapy



Summary

- Multiple checkpoint inhibitors approved for Kidney and Bladder Cancer
 - Under investigation for prostate cancer
- Severe toxicity is uncommon and generally manageable
- Treatment does not need to be stopped unless severe or recurrent toxicities.