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Bridging to Transplant in the Modern Era of AML Treatment

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Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

- Address clinician- and patient-specific barriers to transplantation in older patients with relapsed or refractory AML
- Utilize appropriate strategies for bridging older patients with relapsed or refractory AML to transplant after discussing the risks and benefits with older patients and their families
- Refer appropriate older patients residing in Florida and Georgia to geographically available clinical trials evaluating bridging strategies from relapsed or refractory AML to transplant, providing information and resources that address specific concerns about trial participation

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Introduction

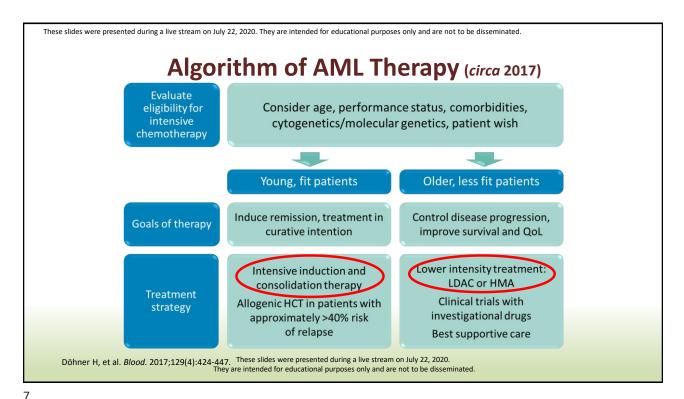
- Although AML is one of the most common types is leukemia and although it can occur in patients younger than 45 year, it is most often seen in older patients
- Florida has a population approaching 20 million, and people over 60 make up nearly 23 percent of that population
- The average age of people when they are first diagnosed with AML is about 68, so it is not surprising that the incidence of AML in Florida is one of the highest in the country

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Introduction (cont)

- Since allogeneic transplant is the only curative option for AML patients, including elderly patients, the major challenge is how to bridge these individuals to transplant while obtaining remission, but also while maintaining good condition and avoiding severe complications
- This program will focus on the current guidance regarding the treatment of older AML patients and the available clinical trials in Florida and the Southeastern region that investigating ways to bridge these patients to transplant



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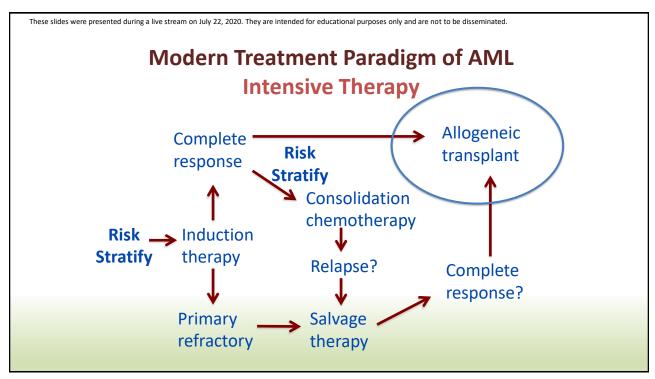
Goals of Therapy: AML in Older Adults

Intensive Therapy

- Fitter patients
- · Finite, curative intent
- Consolidation strategy favors AlloBMT if adverse risk

Low Intensity Therapy

- Improve survival, but non-curative
- Lower remission rates historically better with AZA/Ven
- Indefinite duration of therapy until intolerance or failure
- Some patients may become eligible for curative therapy

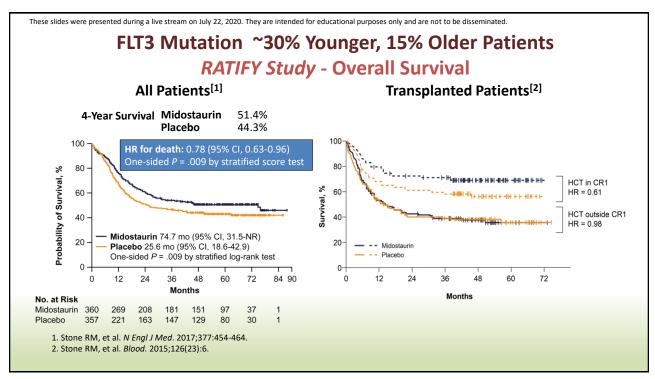


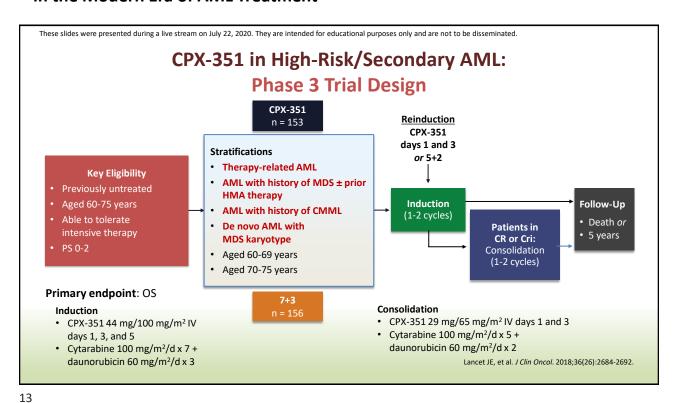
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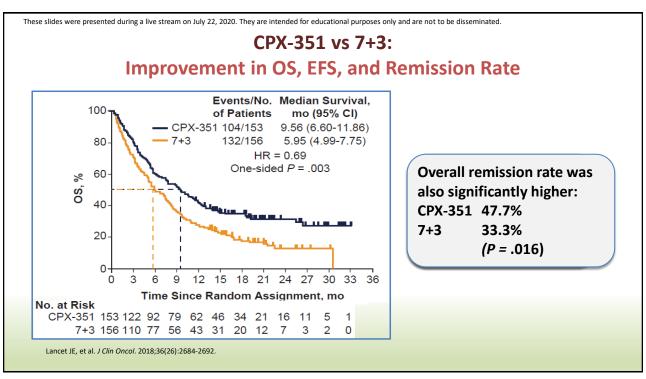
AlloBMT in 1st Remission of AML Impact in Higher Risk Groups

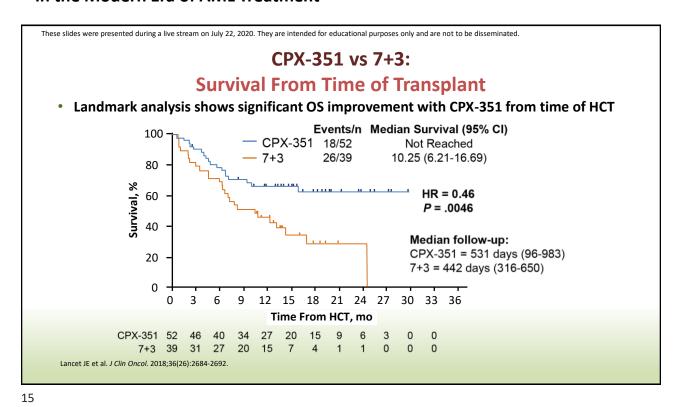
- FLT3 mutation after induction with 7+3 and Midostaurin
- Secondary AML after CPX-351 (VyxeosTM)
- TP53 mutations after decitabine induction
- Low intensity therapy (ie, not curative intent)
- A Bridge to Transplant

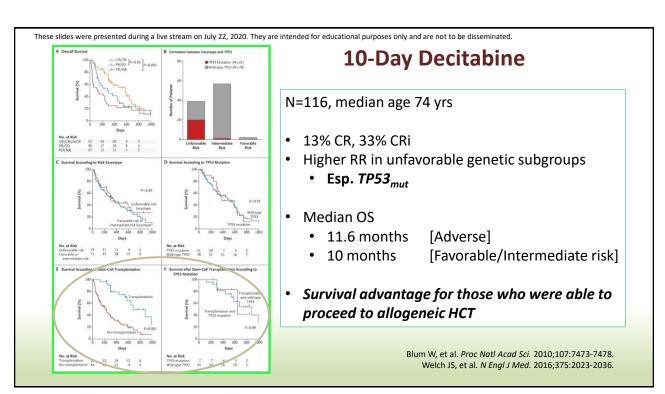
(ie, induction as a bridge to AlloBMT with curative intent, when standard therapy itself does not provide long-term DFS for most)











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Older Adults with AML Low Intensity Therapy

- Most not candidates for intensive therapy
- Survival advantage of LDAC and HMA therapy (esp. azacitidine) over supportive care
- Addition of venetoclax (with AZA), or glasdegib (with LDAC) improves overall survival
- Problems:
 - Not curative
 - Cytopenias and supportive care
 - Many still do not achieve remission

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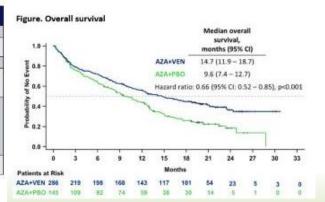
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VIALE-A: Phase 3 randomized study of AZA/Venetoclax vs AZA/Placebo

- AML ineligible for intensive therapy, or age >75 yrs
- N=431 patients
- Median age 76 years (range 49-91)

	AZA+VEN (n=286)	AZA+PBO (n=145)	p-value
CR + CRi rate, % (95% CI)	66.4 (60.6-71.9)	28.3 (21.1-36.3)	< 0.001
CR+CRI by initiation of cycle 2, % (95% CI)	43.4 (37.5-49.3)	7.6 (3.8-13.2)	<0.001
CR rate, % (95% CI)	36.7 (31.1-42.6)	17.9 (12.1-25.2)	< 0.001
TI, % (95% CI) Red blood cells Platelets	59.8 (53.9-65.5) 68.5 (62.8-73.9)	35.2 (27.4-43.5) 49.7 (41.3-58.1)	<0.001
CR+CRi rates in molecular subgroups, % (95% CI) IDH1/2 FLT3 NPM1 TP53	75.4 (62.7-85.5) 72.4 (52.8-87.3) 66.7 (46.0-83.5) 55.3 (38.3-71.4)	10.7 (2.3-28.2) 36.4 (17.2-59.3) 23.5 (6.8-49.9) 0	<0.001 0.021 0.012 <0.001
Event free survival, months (95% CI)	9.8 (8.4–11.8)	7.0 (5.6-9.5)	<0.001

AZA+VEN: Azacitidine+Venetoclax: AZA+PBO: Azacitidine+Placebo; CR: Complete remission; CRi: CR with incomplete marrow recovery; CRh: CR with partial hematologic recovery; TI: Transfusion independence (defined as 2.56 days with no RBC or platelet transfusion between first and last day of treatment)



New Standard of Care in Older Adults with AML

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Outcomes after stem cell transplant in older patients with acute myeloid leukemia treated with venetoclax-based therapies

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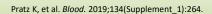
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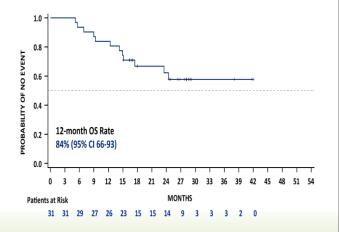
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Outcomes of SCT in Patients After VEN-based Regimens

- 10% 31 of 304 patients received SCT
 - 26/31 in CR/CRi
- 68% (21/31) of patients remained alive at 12 months post-transplant
- 55% (17/31) of all patients that had SCT had posttransplant remission of ≥12 months
 - 71% (12/17) of those patients remained in remission for ≥2 years

VEN-based regimens, even in patients deemed unfit for intensive induction, may provide a path to curative SCT





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Older Adults with AML

Allogeneic Transplantation in 1st Remission

- Results of E2906 phase III study support the use of intensive induction therapy for patients age ≥ 60 years who are fit for treatment^[1]
 - Median survival almost 14 months, evidence of prolonged LFS
 - High risk of relapse remains a significant barrier to curative therapy
- Allogeneic transplantation with Bu-Flu-ATG reduced intensity conditioning (RIC) is feasible in older adults in first remission
 - 48% survival and 42% DFS at 2-years in phase 2 study^[2]
 - Low rates of acute GVHD (10%) & transplant-related mortality (15%)
- Prospective study of AlloBMT in remission in patients age ≥60 years
 - Embedded in E2906 phase III trial
 - Incorporated upfront from time of diagnosis and induction therapy

Foran JM, et al. *Blood*. 2019;134(Supplement_1):115. Devine SM, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2015;33:4167-4175.

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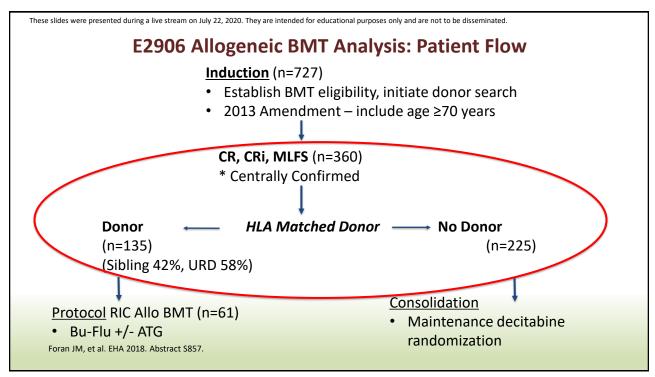
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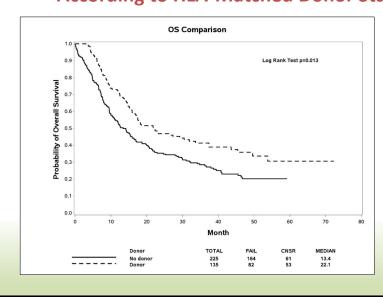
Older Adults with AML

AlloBMT with Reduced Intensity Conditioning

- Significantly lower non-relapse mortality, and improvement in overall survival with RIC^[1]
- No independent impact of age on outcomes from age 40-74 yrs^[2]
- Feasibility of RIC with busulfan-fludarabine alloBMT in prospective study in patients age 60-74 yrs^[3]
 - > Age alone is not a barrier to consideration allogeneic BMT
 - > Older patients have as much to gain and as much to lose
- Patient-centered decision based on disease risk, together with evaluation at BMT center
- 1. Gooley TA, et al. N Engl J Med. 2010;363:2091-2101.
- 2. McClune BL, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2010;28:1878-1887.
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Overall Survival of Patients Achieving CR, CRi, or MLFS **According to HLA-Matched Donor Status: Primary Analysis**



Overall Survival

Donor 22.1 mos No Donor 13.4 mos

P = .013

Median Follow-up 37.7 months

Foran JM, et al. EHA 2018. Abstract S857.

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Reasons to Evaluate for **Allogeneic Transplantation in Older Patients**

- Provides significant reduction in risk of relapse
 - Limitations of consolidation chemotherapy strategies
 - Focus on intermediate- and higher-risk groups
- Improved outcomes in Modern Era
 - High resolution/molecular HLA typing for URDs
 - Reduced intensity conditioning in older adults
 - Improvements in supportive care
 - *Older adults represent increasing proportion BMT recipients
- Increased availability of donor [unrelated and alternative]
 - Haplo-identical donors with novel immunosuppression (PTCy)

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Selection at BMT Center

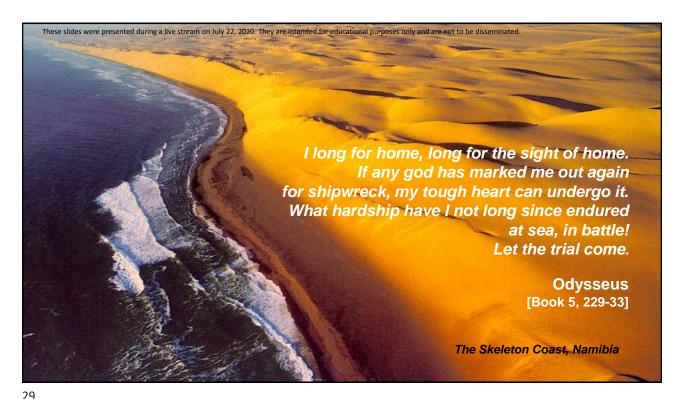
- Patient-centered evaluation
 - Discussion and decision together with BMT physicians
- Balance disease risks with risks/benefits of allogeneic BMT
 - Leukemia: disease risk and status
 - Patient: eligibility, HCTCI, psychosocial assessment, consent
 - System: donor availability, caregiver strategy/support, insurance
- Strict national standards, recognized indications^[1]
 - FACT [Foundation for Accreditation of Cellular Therapy], every 3 years
 - Stem Cell Therapeutic Outcomes Database^[2]
- 1. Majhail NS, et al. 2015;21:1863-1869. 2. * http://bloodcell.transplant.hrsa.gov

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Collaborative Care for Older Adults with AML

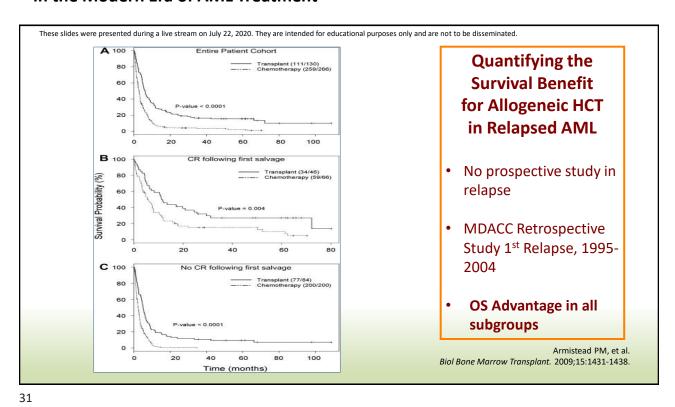
- More patients diagnosed and initiating practice in the community setting
 - Allow patients to receive treatment close to home
 - Consider transplant early in course of disease
- Relapse remains the greatest challenge
 - Goal of therapy : disease control, bridge to AlloHCT
 - Targeted therapy if candidate
- Value of clinical trials that allow access to BMT
 - Goal of improving OS in relapsed AML



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End of Life Care for AML Palliative and Supportive Care

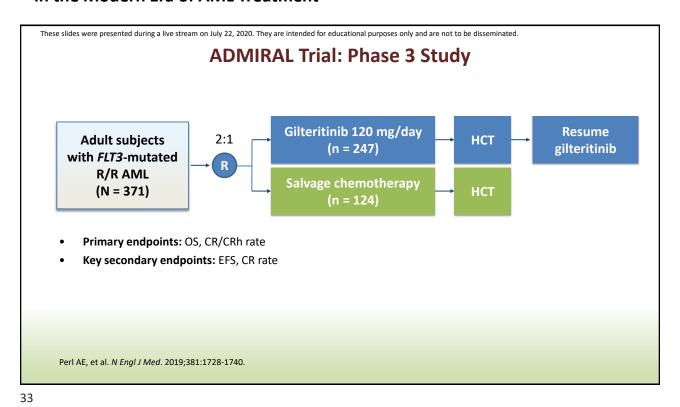
- · Difficult clinical management issues
 - Limitation in hospice care due to transfusion support
 - Inpatient care for infection, supportive care
 - Infection
 - Require continuation of care until end of life
- Care remains with primary oncologist
- Value of therapies that lessen transfusion burden and restore hematopoiesis, even if not curative

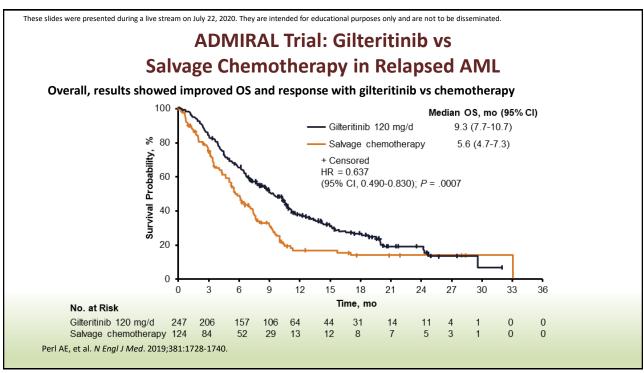


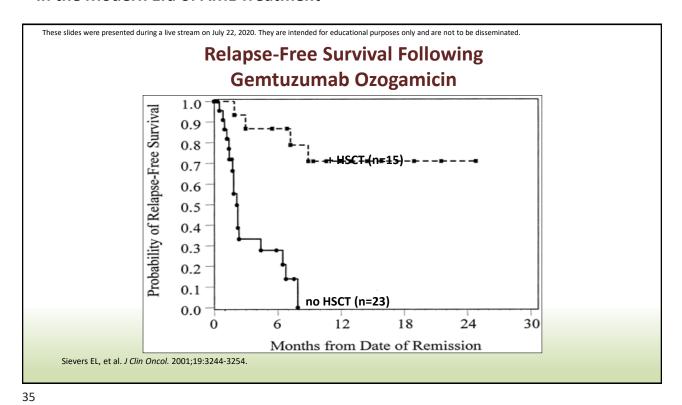
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AML: Intensive Strategies in Relapse

- Goal is to achieve CR2
 - No clear "best" 1st-line salvage chemotherapy
 - Very few long-term survivors esp. if relapse <6-12 mo
 - Ara-C efficacy vs poor in early relapse
 - CR not good surrogate for survival in relapse studies
 - → Targeted agents appear superior to salvage regimen to establish CR / disease control
 - → Goal is bridge to allogeneic transplantation







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Older Adults with Relapsed or Refractory AML: Barriers to Transplant - Myth or Reality

- Older adults comprise majority of those with AML
 - Median age 70-72 yrs
 - Higher HCTCI (comorbidity) scores
- Lower complete remission rates
 - Tolerate salvage therapy less well, many do not receive therapy
 - Few become candidates for transplant
- Perception that older adults are not candidates for AlloBMT
 - Need for therapies for this population that are tolerable and establish disease control to allow engraftment and GvL effect
- Particularly relevant for Florida and Georgia, where the proportion of patients age
 >55 years is greater

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Clinical Trials in R/R AML for Older Adults

- · Low intensity therapy options
- · Targeted agents for select patients with targetable mutations
 - Non-cytotoxic
 - Advances in Precision Medicine
- · Bridge to transplant
 - Most studies are designed to establish response, then consolidate with AlloBMT with curative intent
- clinicaltrials.gov

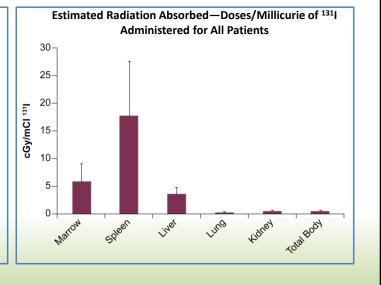
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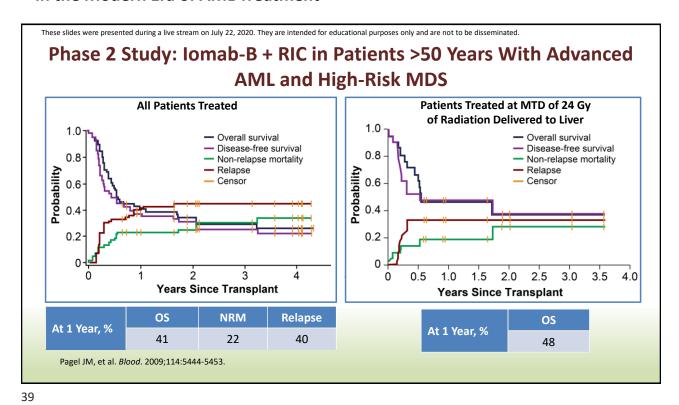
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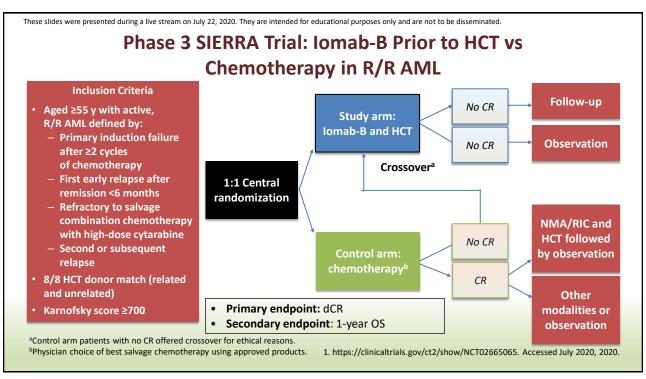
Iomab-B and CD45: Mechanisms and Biodistribution

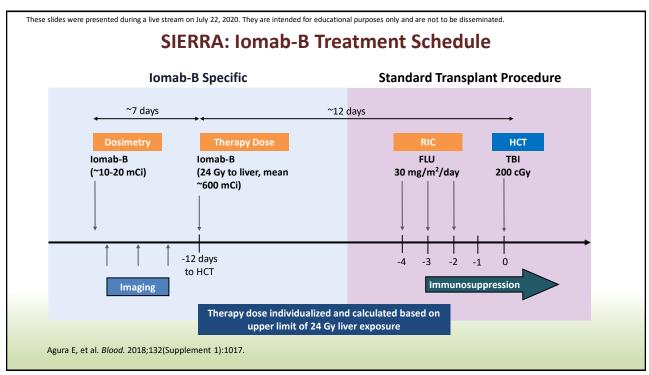
- CD45 antigen expressed on virtually all lymphocytes and 85%-90% of acute leukemias
- <u>Iomab-B</u>: combines anti-CD45 mAb that targets
 lympho-hematopoietic cells with γ particle—emitting radionuclide¹³¹I
- Offers target-specific ablation as a conditioning regimen prior to HCT
- Does not bind other normal tissues; directs radiation to leukemic and immune cells

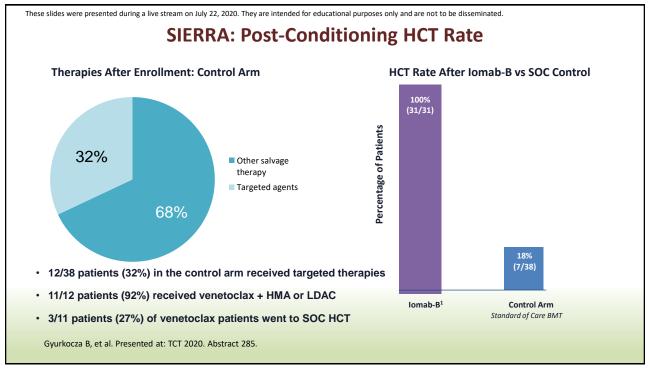
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SIERRA: Results at 50% Enrollment

Randomized to Study Arm (N=37)

Randomized to Conventional Care (N=38)

	Received Therapeutic Dose of Iomab-B, transplanted 100% (N=31/31)	Achieved CR and received standard of care transplant 18% (N=7/38)	Did not Achieve CR (N=31/38) ^a Crossed over, Iomab-B therapy and transplanted 100% (N=20/20) ^a
Days to ANC engraftment	15 (9-22) ^b	18 (13-82) ^c	14 (10-37) ^d
Days to platelet engraftment	20 (4-39) ^b	22 (9-35) ^c	19 (13-38) ^d
Days to HCT (post randomization)	30 (23-50)	67 (51-86)	64 (44-161) ^e

- Despite high blast counts,100% evaluable patients receiving therapeutic Iomab-B successfully engrafted^{c,e}
- 7/38 (18%) of patients achieved a CR on the control arm and received a SOC HCT
- 31/38 (82%) of patients did not achieve a CR and 20/31 (65%) of patients crossed over to receive Iomab-B + HCT
- If randomized to conventional care arm, time to HCT after cross over to Iomab-B is consistent with SOC transplant

Gyurkocza B, et al. TCT 2020. Abstract 285.

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SIERRA: 100 Days Post-Transplant NR

Randomized to Study Arm (N=37)

Randomized to Conventional Care (N=38)

	Received Iomab-B therapeutic dose, transplanted (N=31)	Achieved CR and received standard of care transplant (N=7)	Did not Achieve CR Crossed over to Iomab-B arm and transplanted (N=20)
100-Day Non-Relapse Transplant Related	2/31	2/7	2/20
Mortality	(6%)	(29%)	(10%)
Dose Delivered to Bone Marrow	15.5 (4.6-32) Gy 616 (366-1027) mCi	n/a	14.4 (6.3-30) Gy 560 (313-1008) mCi

- Lower 100-day non-relapse transplant related mortality rates observed in Iomab-B arm and cross over than control patients
- Iomab-B delivers high amounts of radiation to the site of disease but is well tolerated with minimal extramedullary toxicities due to its targeted mechanism of action

Low 100-day non-relapse transplant related mortality observed with Iomab-B

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^a 1 patient had unfavorable dosimetry. ^b 5 patients ineligible for transplant. ^c ANC engraftment data not available (n = 2); platelet engraftment data not available (n = 3). ^d n = 2 patients, platelet engraftment data not available. ^e 1 patient at 161 days had delayed transplant due to infection and respiratory failure, received lomab-B and transplant when stable.

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SIERRA: Summary

- 77% of all enrolled patients were able to receive transplant
 - Only 18% in the control arm achieved remission and were transplanted conventionally
- 100% engraftment and low TRM after Iomab-B/HCT (despite high pre-transplant median blast count of ~30%)
- · Low rate of mucositis, febrile neutropenia, and sepsis with Iomab-B
- Update: patients not responding to venetoclax/HMA are now eligible for SIERRA

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Therapy of R/R AML in Older Adults Conclusions

- Need for options for older adults
 - Few are eligible for or receive intensive salvage therapy
 - Targeted therapy available for only minority, not curative
- Area of need
- Iomab-B clinical trial option
 - Potential for anti-AML efficacy
 - Increased donor availability
 - Experience in non-ablative AlloBMT for older patients
- · Clinicaltrials.gov for options for patients in Florida/SE

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Resources

- HRSA Blood Stem Cell Website: https://bloodstemcell.hrsa.gov/
- SIERRA Trial: https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02665065