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# Case Study Discussions on the Nurse's Role in Caring for Patients With Hematologic Malignancies

**Saturday, April 25, 2015**  
12:00–1:30 PM

Hyatt Regency Orlando  
Plaza D-H Ballroom  
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Orlando, FL 32819



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## WELCOME



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Dear Symposium Participant,

On behalf of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), thank you for joining us for ***Case Study Discussions on the Nurse's Role in Caring for Patients With Hematologic Malignancies***, a continuing education symposium held in conjunction with the Oncology Nursing Society's 40th Annual Congress.

We also thank our esteemed speakers for volunteering their time and expertise. The important role of nurses in the care of patients with hematologic malignancies will be discussed through a presentation of case studies. Please participate in the discussion of the case studies at your roundtable, ask questions of the presenters, and share your thoughts to enhance this interactive learning opportunity. Our goal is to help you improve patient care by utilizing the information and best practices shared at this symposium.

Please **complete the evaluation form at the back of this workbook** and return it to the staff as you leave today to receive **1.5 continuing education contact hours**. A certificate of completion will be issued to you within 30 days after submission of the evaluation. We hope this symposium provides an informative and useful learning opportunity for you.

Thank you,

Lauren Berger, MPH  
*Senior Director, Professional Education & Engagement*  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

**12:00–12:05 PM**

**Welcome and Overview**

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**12:05–1:25 PM**

**Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia (APL)**

*Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia: Case Study*  
Emily Bennett, RN, BSN

**Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)**

*Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia: Case Study*  
Lynn Rich, ANP-BC, OCN

**Multiple Myeloma (MM)**

*Multiple Myeloma: Case Study*  
Beth Finley, RN, BSNc, OCN

**Follicular Lymphoma (FL)**

*Follicular Lymphoma: Case Study*  
Lynn Rich, ANP-BC, OCN

**1:25–1:30 PM**

**Summary and Conclusion**

## Target Audience

This activity has been designed to meet the educational needs of nurses involved in the care of patients with hematologic cancers.

## Program Goal

This symposium will provide an opportunity for nurses to expand their knowledge of caring for patients with hematologic malignancies through case studies.

## Program Overview

This symposium provides nurses with an opportunity to expand their knowledge about managing patients with blood cancer. Through a presentation of case studies and interactive audience discussion, best practices for nursing management will be shared. Important themes will be highlighted throughout each case, including treatment, side effect management, and effective communication tools for educating patients on clinical trials. A Q-&-A session and small group discussion will also be included. While two cases will be discussed in detail during the session, all four scenarios developed by our expert panel are included in this participant workbook as an ongoing reference, which will be available as a virtual lecture on The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's website by late spring 2015.

## Education Objectives

*At the conclusion of this program, participants should be able to:*

- Identify two newly approved therapies for the treatment of patients with blood cancer
- List two factors used to assess and establish individualized treatment plans
- Explain methods for managing two potential treatment-related side effects
- Describe communication strategies for educating patients on treatment adherence
- Identify resources for addressing treatment and survivorship challenges

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## Fee Information

There is no fee for this education activity.

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### **Emily Bennett, RN, BSN**

*Nurse Navigator*

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Emily Bennett, RN, BSN, is a Nurse Navigator at Winship Cancer Institute at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Emily graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Prairie View A&M University and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Texas at Arlington. Working as a licensed vocational nurse for 10 years allowed Emily to develop an extensive and well-rounded nursing career. Emily's experience ranges from working as a medical surgical nurse, a case manager for transplant and oncology patients, and a home health care nurse to functioning as a clinical nurse and surgery scheduler for the Head and Neck Cancer Center at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. These experiences have innovatively encouraged her nursing transition into hematology and oncology. At Winship Cancer Institute at Emory University, Emily is working with a distinctive population of patients with blood disorders and blood cancers such as acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL). Emily's top priority is to make a difference in each of her patient's lives throughout their journey with cancer, while emphasizing the importance of maintaining a healthy balance between life and diagnosis. She would like to thank her colleagues, Dr. Jillella and Dr. Kota, and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for their continued dedication and support in making a difference in the lives of patients. In her spare time, Emily enjoys spending time with her family, as they are the foundation to her success, and shopping as a break from her busy schedule.

## FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES

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### **Beth Finley, RN, BSNC, OCN**

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Beth Finley, RN, BSNC, OCN, is a Primary Nurse at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Florida. Beth graduated with her Associate of Science in Nursing degree in 2006. She continues her education through the University of South Florida (USF) and will be graduating with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in May 2015. For more than seven years, she has focused her nursing career on patients diagnosed with multiple myeloma (MM) and other plasma cell dyscrasias. Beth loves working with elderly patients with MM and will further her education upon acceptance into the Geriatric Nurse Practitioner Program at USF. She would like to thank The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for their commitment and support toward helping patients with blood cancers. Beth enjoys being a wife and mother of four children.




### **Lynn Rich, ANP-BC, OCN**

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Lynn Rich, ANP-BC, OCN, is a Nurse Practitioner at the JP Wilmot Cancer Center at the University of Rochester in New York. Lynn graduated with a Master's degree from the University of Rochester's Adult Nurse Practitioner program in 2009. Prior to that, Lynn worked as a Registered Nurse for 20 years, gravitating towards patients with hematology disorders. This background allowed her to easily transition into her Nurse Practitioner role in caring for patients with lymphoma and chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL). For the past six years, Lynn has dedicated herself to this special population while working at the JP Wilmot Cancer Center at the University of Rochester. Lynn was also featured in a Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) video on non-Hodgkin lymphoma. She is passionate about making a difference in each patient's life as they strive for health and balance throughout their journey with cancer. She thanks the LLS for their dedication and support in this important cause. In her spare time, Lynn enjoys hiking and practicing yoga. Her husband, son and teenage daughter keep her smiling.



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## Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia (APL): Case Study

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### Outline

- Leukemias and outcomes
- History of APL
- Epidemiology
- Treatment and outcomes in large trials
- What happens outside of a trial
- High mortality outside of a trial
- What is involved in our co-management

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### Leukemias and Outcomes

<b>Chronic Leukemias</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML)</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Imatinib (Gleevec) ≥90% survival</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Indolent disease in the elderly</li><li>– Wide array of treatments is available</li></ul></li></ul>	<b>Acute Leukemias</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL)</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Generally pediatric disease with ≥80% cure rate</li><li>– Cure rates are approximately 40%–50% in adults</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Acute myelogenous leukemia (AML)</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Generally seen in older patients</li><li>– M1 to M7: 50% cure rate across the spectrum</li></ul></li><li>• <b>M3 – Acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL)</b></li></ul>
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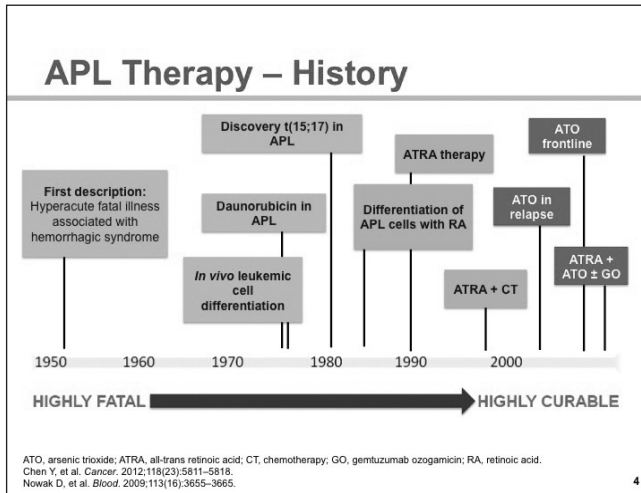
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### APL Diagnosis – Pathology

- Pancytopenia – low counts
- DIC common
- Bruising – typical complaint
- Bleeding – quite serious
  - Serious bleeds with normal lab findings
- CNS bleeds – common
  - Most likely reason for patient deaths due to bleeding

CNS, central nervous system; DIC, disseminated intravascular coagulation.  
Sanz MA, et al. *Blood*. 2009;113(9):1875–1891.

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### APL – Epidemiology

- APL is an uncommon disease with approximately 1000 new cases per year in the US
- Rare below 10 years of age
- Most common between the ages of 20 and 60 years
- Historically, this is the first disease for which targeted treatment was developed
- Highly effective and curable treatments
  - All-trans retinoic acid (ATRA), arsenic trioxide (ATO), and anthracyclines

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## APL Treatment and Outcomes in Large Trials

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## APL Survival in Large Cooperative Group Trials

OS, overall survival.

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## Australasian APML4 (adding ATO to ATRA/chemo)

EFS, DFS and OS - Comparison of APML4 with APML3

CI, confidence interval; DFS, disease-free survival; EFS, event-free survival; HR, hazard ratio; OS, overall survival.

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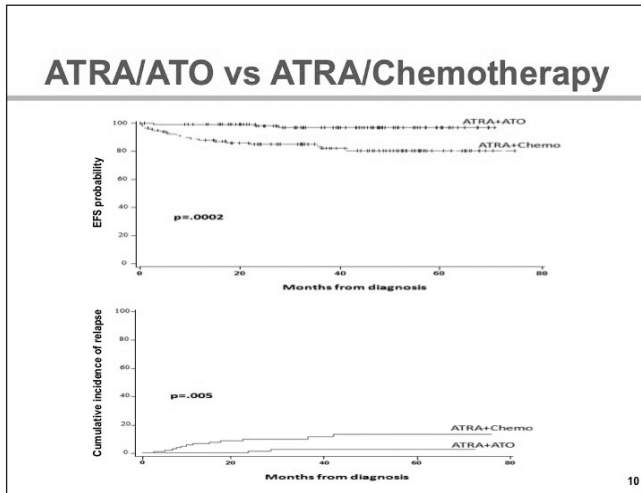
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## What Happens Outside of a Trial

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### Case Study – Real-World Patient

- 56-year-old female; Jehovah's Witness
- Current diagnosis of flu, normal CBC (early December), treated with Tamiflu; DVT (late December), repeat CBC showing pancytopenia
- Subsequent work-up resulted in a diagnosis of APL
- Refused blood transfusions, so she was supported with cryoprecipitate, Aranesp, Procrit and G-CSF, which was approved by her congregation

CBC, complete blood count; DVT, deep vein thrombosis; G-CSF, granulocyte colony-stimulating factor.

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**Population-Wide Survival in the US**

- Survival of 90% in multicenter trials is not a reflection of the outcome in the general population. **Death rate of 5% to 10% is an underestimate**
- Recent analysis of US SEER data from 2000–2008 by investigators from MD Anderson showed 71% survival at 1 year and 64% at 5 years
- Current trials that are changing sequence, adding new drugs, and/or withholding maintenance will only have a minimal effect on the survival
- Biggest impact will be made by decreasing early deaths

Chen Y, et al. Cancer. 2012;118(23):5811–5818.

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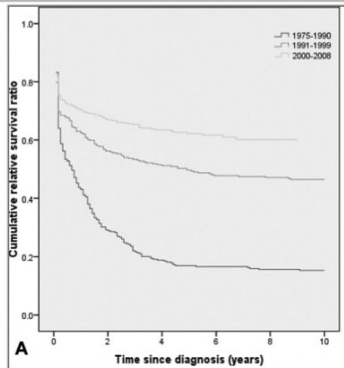
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**SEER Data (1975–2008)**



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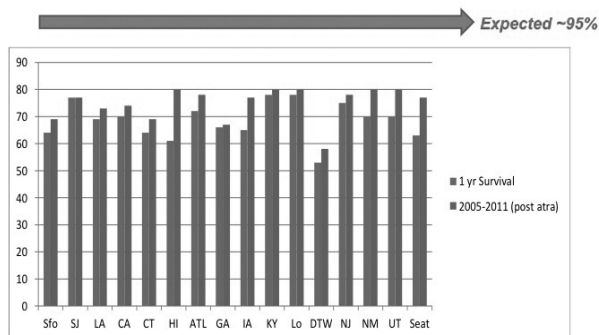
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**Survival Data From SEER Registries**



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### Early Deaths in APL (Days 1 to 30)

Study	Total patients	Patients died	Mortality rate	Percentage of patients with hemorrhage in early death
Brazil (2007) <sup>60</sup>	134	43	32%	66
Ankara & Samsun Turkey (2010)(12)	49	20	40%	65
Swedish registry (2011) <sup>61</sup>	105	30	29%	41
SEER data(2011) <sup>62</sup>	1400	238	17%(24% in <math>\leq 55\text{yr}</math>)	Not discussed
AIIMS , India	33	6	18.1	58% in total patients during induction
Stanford (2012) <sup>63</sup>	70	19	26%	54
GRU (our center)	19	7	37%	57
ASCO 2012				
German, <math>\sim 60</math> years. (2013)	91	24	26%	Not discussed
Japan <math>\sim 65</math> years Hiroshima(2013)	32	7	21.9%	Not discussed

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## Why Is There High Mortality Outside of a Trial?

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- ### Possible Reasons
- Selection bias: possible reason
  - Delayed treatment
    - Delay in ATRA treatment is commonly cited but not the case
  - Decreased supportive care?
    - Probably the biggest reason
      - Prior to ATRA, early deaths in GIMEMA were <math>< 10</math>
      - They have a network of treatment centers that follow written guidelines
      - MD Anderson had 5/44 early deaths in their clinical trial but 9/40 after the trial closed

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## Can We Do Something Different?



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## Strategy (at GRU)

- Developed a simple 1.5-page treatment algorithm
- Quick diagnosis
- Ad hoc meeting and treatment planning
- Rapid initiation of therapy
- Aggressive management of coagulopathy
- Prevention of differentiation syndrome; early recognition and management of ATRA syndrome
- Prophylaxis and aggressive treatment of infections
- Implemented in 2010

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## Methods Used to Decrease Early Deaths

- Reviewed the literature
- Reviewed all patient charts
- Attended national meetings and talked to experts
- Attended the International APL meeting in Rome
- Obtained an external consultant to review our death charts
- Identified the three main causes of death in the first month: **BLEEDING, DIFFERENTIATION SYNDROME AND INFECTION**
- Implemented a proactive, simple program to decrease early deaths—at a point when the rest of the country did not recognize this as a problem

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## What Is Involved in Our Co-Management

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### Treatment Outside Our Center

- Co-manage patients
- Text or email has worked very well
- Discuss day-to-day care in case they are more complicated
- Idea is to get them through induction

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### APL – Workup

- Quick diagnosis
- Rapid initiation of therapy
- Aggressive management of coagulopathy
- Prevention of differentiation syndrome; early recognition and management of ATRA syndrome
- Prophylaxis and aggressive treatment of infections  
**(APL IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY. TREATMENT WITH ATRA SHOULD BE STARTED ASAP)**
- Labs, BMBX, ECHO, PICC (no invasive procedures)

BMBX, bone marrow biopsy; ECHO, echocardiogram; PICC, peripherally inserted central catheter.

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## Supportive Care

- Tumor lysis prophylaxis
- Antibacterial prophylaxis – Levofloxacin 500 mg QD
- Antifungal prophylaxis – Voriconazole 200 mg PO BID or posaconazole 200 mg PO TID
- Antiviral prophylaxis – Acyclovir 400 mg BID
- Keep hemoglobin in the 8 range
- **APL IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY. TREATMENT WITH ATRA SHOULD BE STARTED ASAP**

BID, twice daily; PO, orally; QD, daily; TID, three times daily.

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## Treatment of Coagulopathy

- Coagulopathy is a major problem. Procoagulants released by leukemia cells and fibrinolysis
- Intracranial, pulmonary and GI bleeding
- Treatment with ATRA should start ASAP
- Keep platelets above 50,000
- Keep fibrinogen above 150
- If there is clinical evidence of bleeding, give FFP twice a day as you are starting ATRA and chemotherapy until bleeding resolves
- After all clinical and lab coagulopathy resolves, blood product support is like any other leukemia

FFP, fresh frozen plasma; GI, gastrointestinal.

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## Differentiation Syndrome

- Dyspnea, unexplained fever, weight gain, ARF, CHF, pleuropericardial effusions and interstitial pulmonary infiltrates
- Meticulous monitoring of intake and output. Daily weights
- Keep I/O matched (**SHOULD BE METICULOUS**)
- Diuretics should be used if there is evidence of fluid retention and weight gain
- Dexamethasone 10 mg BID should be started as soon as symptoms are noted
- In patients with a WBC >10,000, dexamethasone 10 mg BID could be started before initiating ATRA
- Temporary discontinuation of ATRA or ATO is indicated only in case of severe APL differentiation syndrome

ARF, acute renal failure; BID, twice daily; CHF, congestive heart failure; WBC, white blood count.

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## Treatment: AIDA Regimen Example

- Induction
  - **Low-risk patients**
    - WBC <10,000 and platelet count >40,000
    - GIMEMA protocol. ATRA on day 1 followed by idarubicin 12 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on days 2, 4, 6 and 8 (**AIDA**)
  - **Intermediate-risk and high-risk patients**
    - WBC >10,000 and platelet count <40,000
    - ATRA to be started as soon as diagnosis is suspected
    - Idarubicin to be started on the same day and given per the GIMEMA protocol on days 1, 3, 5 and 7. Even if genetic results are unavailable, it is reasonable to give anthracycline
    - Older patients (individualized)

WBC, white blood count.

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## Older Patients With APL

- Need to individualize
- Maybe begin with single-agent ATRA
- Dose reduction of ATO
- Meticulous supportive care

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## Nursing Considerations

- Meticulous monitoring of patient during the first 10 days during which 70% of deaths occur
- Primary goal is to decrease early deaths within the first month; three main causes of death in the first month: BLEEDING, DIFFERENTIATION SYNDROME AND INFECTION
- Rapid initiation of therapy
- Aggressive management of coagulopathy
- “Normal” laboratory values can still cause bleeding
- Prevention or early recognition and management of ATRA syndrome
- Prophylaxis and aggressive treatment of infections
- Outpatient consolidation, provide calendars, dialogue with patient and family

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## Strategy to Decrease Early Deaths at Main and Affiliate Sites

- Primary goal: prospectively assess 30-day mortality; Secondary goal: collect survival date
- Widespread education of hematologists, oncologists and nursing staff about early deaths and the need for rapid diagnosis and treatment
- At main sites: Ad hoc meeting at patients' admission with physicians, residents and nurses and rapid initiation of therapy
- At affiliate sites: An Investigator will help manage patients at affiliate sites using the same algorithm as outlined in the strategy we have used so far
- Decrease induction mortality to 5%–8%

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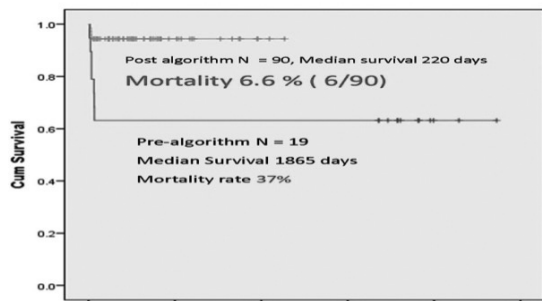
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## Survival Pre- and Post-Algorithm



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## Cancer Death Rates in GA and SC

Cancer Type	GA Death Rate	SC Death Rate
Lung	20th highest lung cancer death rate in the US	16th highest lung cancer death rate in the US
Breast	8th highest breast cancer death rate in the US	26th highest breast cancer death rate in the US
Prostate	16th highest prostate cancer death rate in the US	9th highest prostate cancer death rate in the US
Oral Cavity	24th highest oral cavity cancer death rate in the US	2nd highest oral cavity cancer death rate in the US

Goal: Reduce GA and SC APL Mortality Rate to Lowest in Nation

GA, Georgia, SC, South Carolina.

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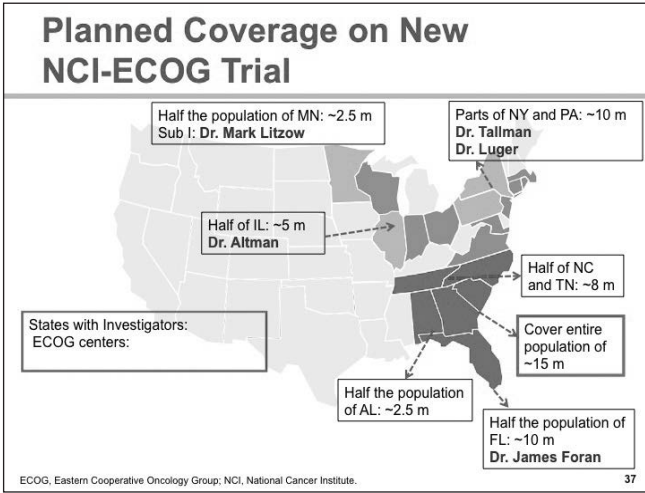
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- ### Resources
- Difficult obtaining patient assistance for drug
  - Very expensive
  - No patient assistance programs for drug cost
  - The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Information Resource Center (refer to support and financial assistance programs)
  - Limited pharmaceutical assistance program
  - Social work (prescription plans, financial, transportation)
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- ### Conclusions
- Early deaths can and **SHOULD** be prevented in APL
  - This concept was already validated in Latin America—Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Mexico. Decreased early deaths from 32% to 15%
  - Expedite diagnosis and treatment
  - Proactively manage the three main causes of death
  - Treating oncologists may be unaware of the problem
  - Minimize complications from the presence of thrombocytopenia/bleeding/infection
  - APL is a curable disease amongst the leukemias
- Rego EM, et al. *Blood*. 2013;121(11):1935–1943.
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## Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia: Case Study

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### Outline

- Define disease
- Describe how CLL/SLL is different from leukemia: acute vs chronic leukemia
- Natural history of disease
- Epidemiology
- Rai staging
- Goal of treatment
- Case study

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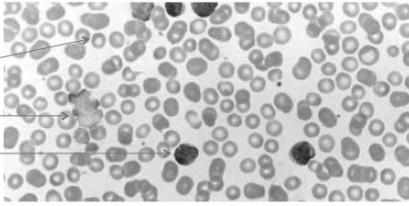
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### What Is CLL?

- Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) is a cancer of the lymphocytes that normally work as immune cells to protect against infections



Red Blood Cells

Smudge Cell

CLL Cell

Image courtesy of JP Wilmot Cancer Institute, Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) Booklet.

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## CLL

- CLL is caused when a single B lymphocyte becomes abnormal because of damage (mutation) to its DNA
- Once this occurs, the body no longer controls this cell, so it continues to divide and lives longer than it should
- This abnormal cell becomes CLL



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## CLL vs SLL

- Small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL) is a variant of the disease in which there are not a lot of abnormal lymphocytes in the blood
- World Health Organization (WHO) classification considers the two diseases to be identical—one disease at different stages

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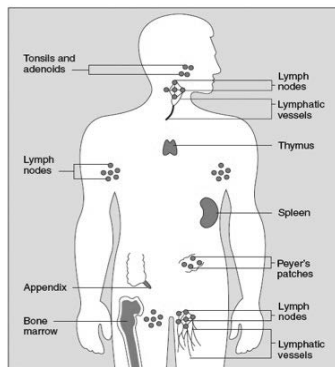
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CLL – Lymphocyte dysfunction is in the bone marrow  
SLL – There is more lymph node and lymphoid tissue involvement (vs bone marrow)

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## CLL vs Acute Leukemia

- Chronic leukemias usually **progress slowly**, and there are a greater number of **mature cells** that can generally carry out normal function
- Acute leukemias are diseases that **progress rapidly** and affect cells that are **not fully developed**

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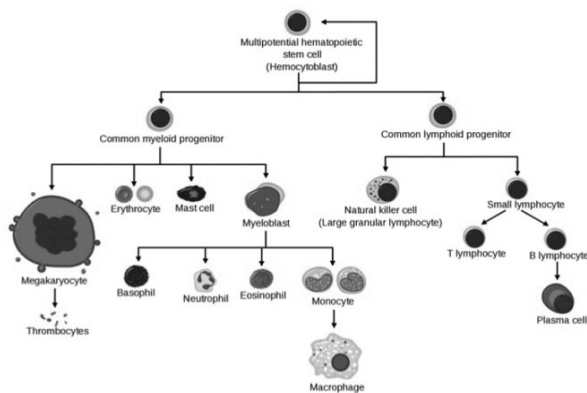


Image courtesy of JP Wilmut Cancer Institute, Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) Booklet.

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## How Is CLL Diagnosed?

- Often found on random complete blood count (CBC) by primary
- Notice an elevated white blood count (WBC), specifically elevated lymphocytes

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## Case Study: Maria S.

- 76-year-old widowed female in reasonably good health; no other comorbidities
- Retired bus driver
- Lived in upstate NY
- March 2011: went to primary
  - Fatigue; “just did not seem right”
- Noted to have elevated WBC: 30 (normal 4–10)
- Was sent to local community oncologist



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## Normal CBC

- WBC – normal 4–10
- Differential:
  - Neutrophils: 1.8–5.4 K/uL (ANC)
  - Lymphocytes: 1.3–3.6 K/uL (ALC)
  - Monocytes: 0.3–3.6 K/uL
  - Eosinophils: 0–0.5 K/uL
- ALC >5.0 – **criteria to meet CLL** (lymphocytosis)  
must show clonality on peripheral blood
- 2008 update of the National Cancer Institute guidelines

ALC, absolute lymphocyte count; ANC, absolute neutrophil count.

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## Natural History of CLL

- Considered indolent (slow-growing) in nature
- Can watch for 5–10 years without intervening
- Life expectancy could be 10–20 years
- However, some patients need treatment quickly and aggressively
- How can we tell?



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## Further Staging: FISH (fluorescent *in situ* hybridization)

- 13 q = favorable (17-year median OS)
- Trisomy 12 and 11 q = less favorable (9–11 years)
- **17p** – associated with mutated TP53
  - **Poor response rate**
  - Short duration of response with standard treatment
  - Most unfavorable prognosis (7-year median OS)

Example: Combined 11q + 17p = more unfavorable

OS, overall survival.  
Wormsley SB, et al. *Blood*. 1990;76(1):123–130.

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## Case Study: CBC at Presentation

- WBC: 30
- ALC: 6.0
- What else is needed when initially diagnosed?
- Obtain CT staging scans
  - Assess for organomegaly, extent of lymphadenopathy
  - Patient did not have
- Obtain bone marrow biopsy
  - Assess for evidence of disease; if so, how much?
  - Patient had 85% CLL in bone marrow

ALC, absolute lymphocyte count; CT, computed tomography.

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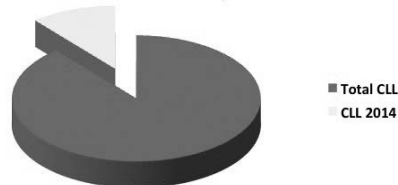
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## Epidemiology

- In 2013, an estimated **119,386** people in the United States were living with CLL
- **15,720** people were expected to be diagnosed with CLL in 2014



Total CLL expected in 2014: 120,000  
New CLL cases in 2014: 15,720

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. *Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia*. Revised 2014.

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**Epidemiology (cont'd)**

- The most common type of leukemia in Western countries
- Considered disease of the elderly
- Median age at diagnosis is 70 years
- However, not unusual to make this diagnosis in younger individuals from 30–39 years of age



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**Modified Rai Clinical Staging for CLL**

Risk	Stage	Description
Low	0	Lymphocytosis in blood or bone marrow
Intermediate	I	Lymphocytosis + enlarged lymph nodes
	II	Lymphocytosis + enlarged liver or spleen with/without lymphadenopathy
High	III	Lymphocytosis + anemia (Hgb <11), with/without enlarged liver, spleen or lymph nodes
	IV	Lymphocytosis + thrombocytopenia (<100) with/without anemia, enlarged liver, spleen or lymph nodes

Hgb, hemoglobin. International Workshop on CLL. *Ann Intern Med.* 1989;110(3):236–238.

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**Case Study: Patient**

- March 2011: Presented with intermediate Rai stage
- August 2011: Rituximab
- October 2011: Bendamustine/Rituximab
- January 2012: Increasing WBC, enlarging organomegaly
- Responded poorly: ALC from 30 to 100



- Referral made to CLL specialist at University of Rochester: clinical trial options

ALC, absolute lymphocyte count.

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## Bruton's Tyrosine Kinase (Btk) A Critical B-Cell Signaling Kinase

- B-cell antigen receptor (BCR) signaling is required for tumor expansion and proliferation
- Bruton's Tyrosine Kinase (Btk) is an essential element of the BCR signaling pathway
- Mutations in Btk prevent B cell maturation
- Inhibitors of Btk block BCR signaling and induce apoptosis

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## Ibrutinib: BTK

- 140-mg oral tablet:
  - CLL dose is 480 mg daily
  - FDA approved in 2014

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## Case Study: Treatment Course

- Significant lymphocytosis: WBC spikes within first month of treatment
- Usually takes 2–3 months for WBC to return to normal

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## Other Nursing Considerations

- Reasonably well tolerated
  - Not known to cause nausea
- Important side effect profile
- Bleeding and bruising
  - Should be considered “blood-thinning agent”
  - Hold 5–7 days prior to invasive procedure; restart 7 days after
- Known to cause some diarrhea
  - Typically can treat through; expect 1–2 bouts per day for first week. Patients usually recover quickly



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## Duration of Response

- Patients attain a complete remission
- How long will this last?
- Patients have been in remission for up to 3 years to date



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## Survivorship Issues

- Social workers and nursing: necessary to offer extensive emotional support
- During remission: often feel satisfied with response, but fearful of time because they wonder how long remission will last
- Secondly, ibrutinib is an expensive drug
  - Often need social work support to assist with financial assistance
  - Often turn to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for assistance with information gathering, as well as financial support



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## Multiple Myeloma: Case Study

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### Outline

- Understanding the Disease
  - Staging systems
  - Response criteria
- Case Study
- Treatment Strategy
  - Transplant vs non-transplant candidate
- Treatment Options
  - Newly diagnosed
- Nursing Considerations for Myeloma Patients
  - Bone health
  - Kidney health
  - Anemia
  - Preventing complications
- Multidisciplinary Team
  - Social worker
  - Physical and occupational therapist
    - Financial assistance

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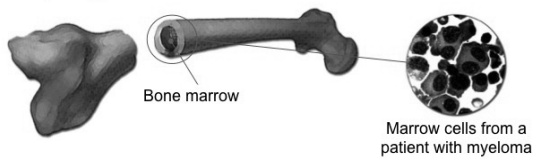
### What Is Myeloma?

**Cancer of plasma cells**

- An uncontrolled growth of plasma cells

**Myeloma begins in the bone marrow**

- Spongy tissue found in the center of bones



Bone marrow

Marrow cells from a patient with myeloma

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## "M-spike" – Monoclonal Paraproteins

**Myeloma Cell**  
- Produce Antibodies

**Antibody**  
- Heavy and light chain components

**Heavy Chain**  
- IgG > IgA >> IgD & IgE >> IgM

**Light Chain**  
- Kappa (κ) > lambda (λ)

**Intact Ig Myeloma**  
~80% MM  
Eg. IgG kappa

**Light Chain Myeloma**  
~15%–20% MM  
Eg. kappa

**Non-Secretory/Oligosecretory**  
~0.5%–5% MM  
Eg. kappa

Ig, immunoglobulin; MM, multiple myeloma.

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## Diagnosing Myeloma

Blood and urine tests

Bone marrow biopsy or aspiration

Imaging tests

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## Diagnosis: "CRAB" Criteria

**Presentation:**

- Hypercalcemia (C)
- Renal Failure (R)
- Anemia (A)
  - Fatigue
- Fractures (B)
  - Bone pain
- Infections (I)

Durie BG, et al. Leukemia. 2006;20(9):1467–1473.

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## Durie-Salmon Staging System

### Stage I

*All of the following:*  
 Hemoglobin >10 g/dL  
 Serum calcium normal (<12 mg/dL)  
 Bone X-ray normal or solitary bone plasmacytoma only  
 Low M-protein production (IgG <5 g/dL; IgA <3 g/dL)  
 Urine light chain M-component on electrophoresis <4 g/24 hours

### Stage II

Fitting neither stage I nor III

### Stage III

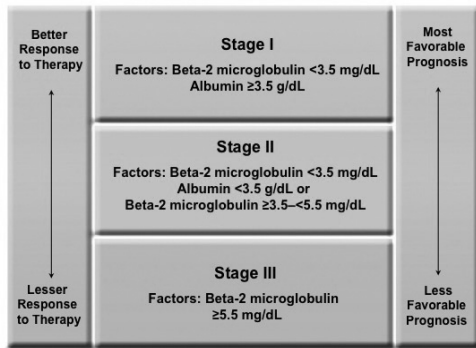
*One or more of the following:*  
 Hemoglobin <8.5 g/dL  
 Serum calcium >12 mg/dL  
 Advanced lytic bone lesions  
 High M-protein production rates (IgG >7 g/dL; IgA >5 g/dL; Bence-Jones protein >12 g/24 hours)

Ig, immunoglobulin.  
 Durie BG, et al. *Cancer*. 1975;36(3):842-854.

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## International Staging System (ISS)



Greipp PR, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2005;23(15):3412-3420.

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## MM Risk Stratification

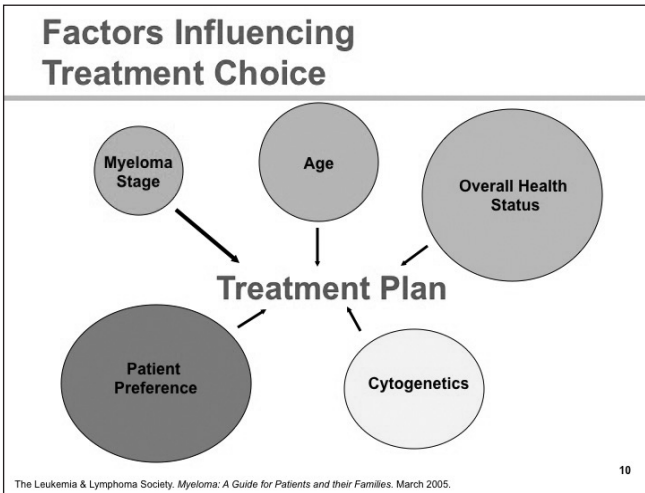
High Risk (25%)	Standard or Good Risk (75%)
t(4;14) by FISH t(14;16) or t(14;20) by FISH Deletion 17q13 by FISH Deletion 13 by metaphase analysis Aneuploidy by metaphase analysis Plasma cell labeling index >3.0 Beta-2 microglobulin >5.5 High-risk MyPRS™	Hyperdiploidy t(11;14) by FISH t(6;14) by FISH Beta-2 microglobulin <5.5 Labeling index <2.0

FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridization; MM, multiple myeloma; MyPRS, Myeloma Prognostic Risk Signature.

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### Response Criteria

Response Type	M Protein	Plasma Cells in Bone Marrow	Other
<b>Stringent complete response (sCR)</b>	None (blood/urine)	No abnormal plasma cells	No free light chains
<b>Complete response (CR)</b>	None (blood/urine)	<5%	Disappearance of soft tissue plasmacytoma
<b>Very good partial response (VGPR)</b>	>90% reduction (blood)	NA	NA
<b>Partial response (PR)</b>	>50% reduction in serum and >90% reduction in urine	NA	>50% reduction in the size of soft tissue plasmacytoma
<b>Minimal response (MR)</b>	25%–49% reduction in blood and reduction of 50%–89% in urine	NA	25%–49% reduction in the size of soft tissue plasmacytoma
<b>Stable disease (SD)</b>	Does not meet criteria for response or progressive disease		
<b>Progressive disease (PD)</b>	>25% increase (blood or urine)	>10%	New bone lesions, soft tissue plasmacytoma, high calcium levels

Durie BG, et al. *Leukemia*, 2006;20(9):1467–1473.

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### Case Study

- 61-year-old male
- Presentation
  - SPEP: 3.6
  - IgG: 6791
  - Serum free light chain - Lambda: 89.56
  - Beta-2 microglobulin: 2.3
  - Albumin: 3.2 g/dL
  - Calcium: 8.2 mg/dL
  - Creatinine: 0.8 mg/dL
  - Hemoglobin: 9.3 g/dL
  - UPEP: 156 mg/24 hours
- BMBX 70%–80% plasma cells
- Survey + lytic lesions
  - Skull
  - 8th rib fracture
  - FISH results
    - Hyperdiploidy
    - 13q deletion
    - t(11;14)
  - ISS II
  - Durie-Salmon Stage 2A

BMBX, bone marrow biopsy; FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridization; Ig, immunoglobulin; SPEP, serum protein electrophoresis; UPEP, urine protein electrophoresis.

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## Treatment Options for Transplant-Eligible Patient

- Transplant
  - Avoid melphalan
- RVD
  - Lenalidomide 25 mg, days 1–14
  - Bortezomib 1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, days 1, 4, 8, and 11
  - Dexamethasone 20 mg PO, days 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, and 12
- VDC
  - Bortezomib 1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, days 1, 4, 8, and 11
  - Cyclophosphamide 500 mg PO, days 1, 8, and 15
  - Dexamethasone 20 mg PO, days 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, and 12

Bisphosphonate Monthly

RVD, lenalidomide, bortezomib, and dexamethasone; VDC, bortezomib, dexamethasone, and cyclophosphamide.

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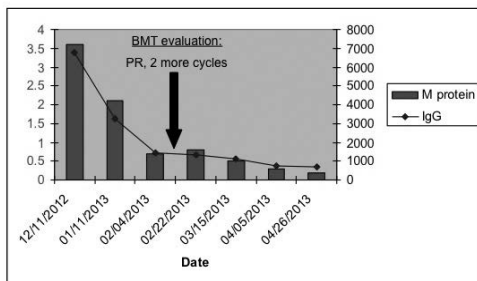
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## Response: VGPR



BMT, bone marrow transplant; Ig, immunoglobulin.

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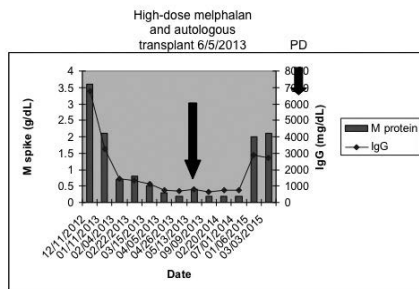
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## Disease Course



Ig, immunoglobulin.

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## Nursing Considerations

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## Managing Side Effects

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### Immunomodulatory Drugs (IMiDs)

	Thalidomide	Lenalidomide	Pomalidomide
Myelosuppression	Minimal	Yes	Yes
VTE	Yes	Yes	Yes
GI	Constipation	Diarrhea	Diarrhea
Rash	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sedation	Yes	No	No
Neuropathy	Yes	No	No

**Teratogens!**

GI, gastrointestinal; VTE, venous thromboembolism.

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### Proteasome Inhibitors

	<b>Bortezomib</b>	<b>Carfilzomib</b>
Schedule	Days 1, 4, 8, and 11 every 21 days	Days 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16 every 28 days
Modes of administration	IV/SC	IV
Myelosuppression/ thrombocytopenia	Yes	Yes
Neuropathy	Yes	No
Zoster	Yes	Yes
Dyspnea	No	Yes
Fatigue	Yes	Yes
GI	Yes	No
Cardiac/pulmonary (RARE)	No	Yes

GI, gastrointestinal; IV, intravenous; SC, subcutaneous.

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### Steroids (Dexamethasone/Prednisone)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mood Swings</li> <li>• Insomnia</li> <li>• Irritability</li> <li>• Hyperactivity</li> <li>• Edema</li> <li>• Flushing</li> <li>• Fatigue</li> <li>• Blurry vision</li> <li>• Cataracts</li> <li>• Dyspepsia                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– PPI</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muscle atrophy</li> <li>• Hyperglycemia</li> <li>• Acne</li> <li>• Muscle cramping</li> <li>• Taste changes</li> <li>• Ulcer</li> <li>• Weight gain</li> <li>• Hair loss</li> </ul>
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PPI, proton pump inhibitor.  
Fairman B, et al. Clin J Oncol Nurs. 2008;12(3):53-62.

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### Nurse's Role

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education and support                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Oral adherence to complex regimens</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Improving quality of life by helping to manage side effects</li> <li>• Navigating patients and their caregivers throughout the disease process</li> </ul>
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## Bone Health

- Bisphosphonates
  - Avoid invasive dental procedures
  - Prevent pathological fractures
    - Orthopedist
    - Neurosurgeon
- Pain control
  - Avoid NSAIDs
  - Narcotic education

NSAID, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.  
Miceli TS, et al. *Clin J Oncol Nurs*. 2011;15(4):9-23.

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## Renal Health

- Cast nephropathy (myeloma kidney)
- Hypercalcemia
  - Aggressive hydration and treatment
- Dehydration
  - IV fluids
- NSAIDS
- IV contrast
- Aminoglycoside antibiotics
  - Gentamycin, tobramycin, etc.
- Bisphosphonates

IV, intravenous; NSAID, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.  
Falman B, et al. *Clin J Oncol Nurs*. 2011;15(4):66-76.

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## Anemia

- Due to disease or treatment
- Supportive care
  - Erythropoietin-stimulating agents
    - Epoetin alfa
    - Darbepoetin alfa
  - PRBC transfusions
  - Fatigue
    - Treatment
    - Disease
    - Physical therapy

PRBC, packed red blood cell.

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## Safety and Mobility

- Exercise
  - Physical/Occupational therapy
- Nutrition and hydration
  - Consult from nutritionist
- Psychosocial well-being
  - Support system
  - Fatigue
  - Sleep disturbances
  - Anxiety
  - Depression

Rome SI, et al. *Clin J Oncol Nurs*. 2011;15(suppl):41–52.

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## Multidisciplinary Team Approach

- Social workers
  - Financial assistance programs
    - Non-profit organizations
      - The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
      - Chronic Disease Fund
      - Patient Network Access
    - Pharmaceutical companies
- Physical and occupational therapists
- Dietician
- Pharmacist
- Dentist

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## Summary

- Multiple myeloma is most often a chronic and complex disease
- Treatment decisions are individualized to the patient
- Managing side effects helps patients maintain quality of life
- A multidisciplinary team approach helps support patients and caregivers

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## Follicular Lymphoma: Case Study

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### Outline

- Define disease
- Epidemiology
- Natural history of disease
  - Indolent vs curable
- Approved treatment options
  - Rituxan maintenance vs observation
- Use of idelalisib
- Communication strategies: support of social workers
- Resources: survivorship challenges



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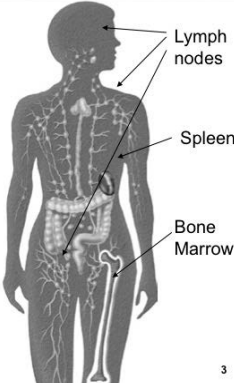
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### Lymphoma

General name given to a group of cancers that affect the lymphatic system

- Includes:
  - Lymph nodes
  - Plasma cells
  - Spleen
  - Lymphatic vessels
  - Bone marrow
  - Immunoglobulins
- Immune system helps protect against disease and infection



The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma. 2013.

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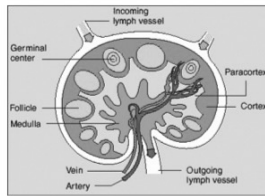
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## Lymphoma

Two distinct types:

- Non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL)
  - Approx. 50 different subtypes
- Hodgkin lymphoma (HL)
  - Approx. 5 different subtypes



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## Follicular Lymphoma (FL)

- B-cell NHL (vs T/NK-cell NHL)
- Damage to DNA of one of the parent B cells causes a malignant transformation resulting in uncontrolled and exaggerated growth of the lymphocyte

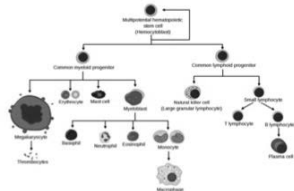


Image courtesy of JP Wilmut Cancer Institute; Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) Booklet.

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## Follicular Lymphoma (FL)

- 2nd most common subtype of NHL
- Average age at diagnosis is 60 years
- Indolent: slow-growing disease
- Treatable, but not curable
  - Impact of deciding treatment



The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma. 2013.

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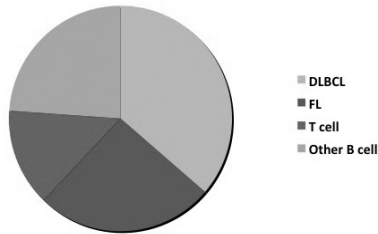
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## NHL: Epidemiology

Approximately 70,800 new cases of NHL in 2014



DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. *Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma*. 2013.

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## Case Study: MB

- 57-year-old married female
  - 3rd-grade elementary teacher
  - Symptom profile
    - Abdominal fullness
    - Sweats
    - Fatigue
    - Lymphadenopathy
  - Next step, stage?



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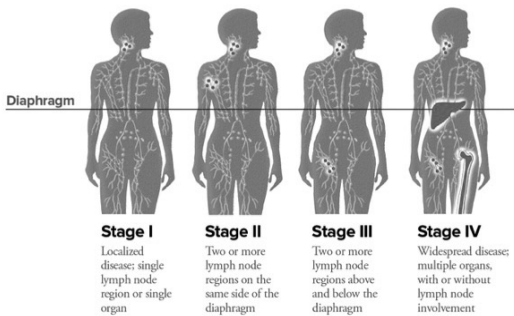
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## Ann Arbor Staging System



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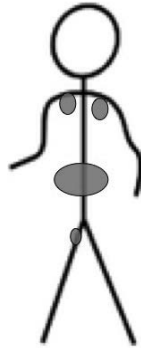
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## Case Study: MB

- Stage III
  - Bilateral axillary – small
  - Abdominal – 10-cm mass
  - Small inguinal node (groin node)
  - Bone marrow negative (would have been stage IV)



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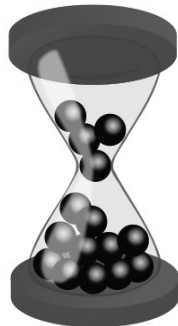
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## Treatment

- Watch and wait?
- Grade 1, 2, or 3?



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## Ready to Treat

- Criteria includes:
  - >3 sites of disease, 3 cm or more
  - 1 node measuring 7 cm
  - Cytopenias – refractory thrombocytopenia disease
  - Effusions
  - Symptoms of disease, or B symptoms
  - Threatened organ involvement
  - Elevated LDH



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LDH, lactate dehydrogenase.

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## Case Study: MB

- Treated with R-CHOP – completed 2007
  - Attained complete remission
- Consider maintenance with rituximab vs observation
  - Upfront vs consolidation
  - Things to consider:
    - Expected response
    - Impact on overall survival
    - Quality of life
    - Financial impact



R-CHOP, rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, and prednisone.

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## Case Study: MB

- No maintenance rituximab
- Relapsed in 5/2008
  - Concerning?
- What we did:
  - Salvage RICE×2, then autologous stem cell transplant
  - Complete remission 9/2008



RICE, rituximab, ifosfamide, carboplatin, and etoposide.

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## Case Study: MB

- Relapsed 12/2014
  - Essentially asymptomatic – mild abdominal fullness
  - However, CT of abdomen showed increased disease
- Is she ready for treatment?
  - What are the treatment options?

CT, computed tomography.

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## Idelalisib – What Is It?

- PI3K inhibitor
  - Phosphoinositide 3-kinase delta

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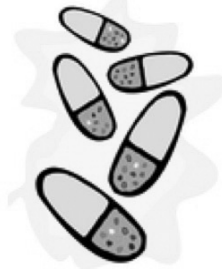
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## Idelalisib

- Oral agent
- FDA approved in 2014
- Used for CLL/SLL or FL
- In relapsed setting



CLL/SLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma.

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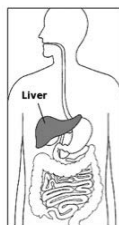
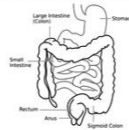
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## Side Effect Profile



- Concern for pneumonitis or colitis
  - What to look for
  - When concerned
  - How to follow
- Concern for evolution of liver function abnormalities
  - What to look for
  - When concerned
  - How to follow



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## Things to Consider

- Is this patient a good candidate?
  - Why wouldn't she be?
  - Why would she be?
- Bring in social worker
  - Help to assess medical literacy (implications)
  - Help with financial assistance
    - What are potential sources of assistance?



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## Communication Strategies

- Create a calendar with details
  - When to take pills, get blood drawn, etc.
- Dialogue with patient
  - Check in by phone
    - At least weekly initially
    - Consider MyChart®
- Eventually evolve to monthly visits, if tolerated



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## What Happened to MB?

- Began idelalisib 150 mg BID
- Well tolerated
- Held after 2 months for elevated LFTs
- Update to date...

BID, twice daily; LFTs, liver function tests.

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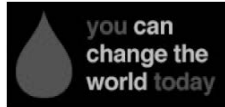
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## Resources – Survivorship Issues

- The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
  - [www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org)
  - Explore local chapter support groups
- YMCA – Exercise program
  - Explain cancer survivor
  - Describe health and fitness programs
- Look for specific related survivor support groups
  - [www.LLS.org/survivorship](http://www.LLS.org/survivorship)



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Circle one response for Questions 1-3:

1. The side effect profile for ibrutinib includes all of the following except:

- a) Nausea                      b) Bleeding                      c) Diarrhea                      d) None of these

2. For APL patients, bleeding, differentiation syndrome and infection are the three main causes of death:

- a) Within the first month of diagnosis      b) Within the first 3 months of diagnosis      c) Within the first 6 months of diagnosis

3. Which blood cancer is a cancer of the plasma cells?

- a) Acute promyelocytic leukemia      b) Chronic lymphocytic leukemia      c) Myeloma      d) Follicular lymphoma

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