

# TREATING MULTIPLE MYELOMA WITH T-CELL DIRECTED THERAPY: BISPECIFIC ANTIBODIES

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## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After completing this activity, the participant should be better able to:

- Explain treatment options and provide an overview of the latest developments in therapy for patients with myeloma, focusing on refractory disease
- Interpret the clinical significance of new and emerging data regarding T-cell therapy
- Identify patients who are candidates for bispecific antibody therapy
- Explain the HCP's role in preparing the patient for therapy, administering treatment, and monitoring for and managing side effects
- List education and support resources for patients and caregivers and how to access them



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## SPEAKER



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## DISCLOSURES

- **Research funding:** Amgen, Array Biopharma, BMS, Celgene, GSK, Janssen, Merck, Pharmacyclics, Sanofi, Seattle Genetics, SkylineDX, Takeda.
- **Consulting:** Abbvie, Amgen, BMS, Celgene, EdoPharma, Genentech, Gilead, GSK, Janssen, Oncopeptides, Sanofi, Seattle Genetics, SecuraBio, SkylineDX, Takeda, TeneoBio.
- **Speaker:** Amgen, BMS, Janssen, Sanofi.



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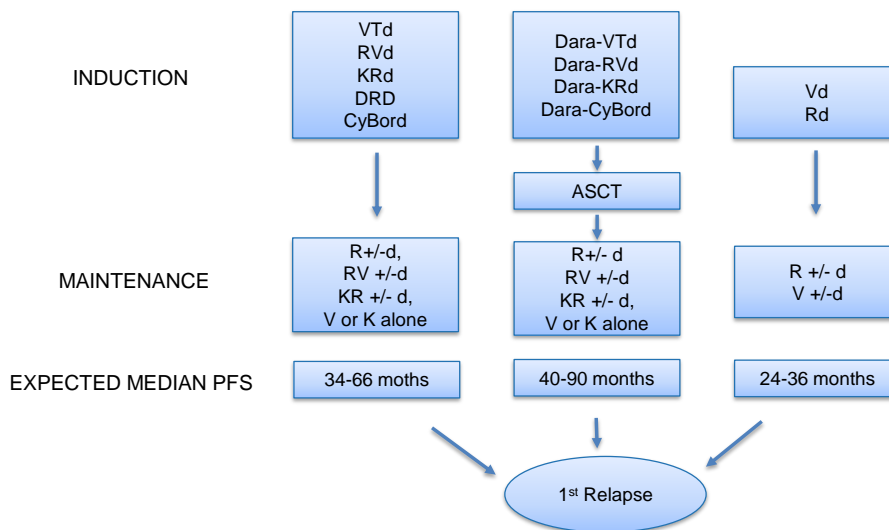
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## JOURNEY TO THE FIRST RELAPSE



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## FACTORS IN SELECTING RELAPSED THERAPY

Patient	Disease	Treatment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age</li> <li>• Performance status</li> <li>• Renal insufficiency</li> <li>• Poor marrow reserve</li> <li>• Neuropathy</li> <li>• Comorbidities               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardiac disease</li> <li>• Diabetes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk Status</li> <li>• Cytogenetics</li> <li>• del [17p], t(4;14), t(14;16)</li> <li>• Rapidity of relapse               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rate of rise</li> <li>• Organ damage</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Extramedullary disease</li> <li>• Plasma cell leukemia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previous therapy               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depth</li> <li>• Duration</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Route of administration</li> <li>• Single or combination</li> <li>• Cost</li> <li>• Toxicity               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Myelosuppression</li> <li>• Neuropathy</li> <li>• Thrombosis</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Risk of SPM</li> </ul>

SPM: secondary primary malignancy

Dimopoulos MA, et al. *Nat Rev Clin Oncol* 2015;12(1):42-54; Baz R, et al. *Support Care Cancer* 2015;23(9):2789-2797; Agarwal A et al. *Clin Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk*. 2017;17(2):69-77.



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## WHICH FACTOR IS NOT AS IMPORTANT IN SELECTING RELAPSED THERAPY?

- A. Caregiver support**
- B. Performance status**
- C. Cytogenetics**
- D. Previous therapy**



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## WE HAVE MANY OPTIONS!

### Lenalidomide combinations

- Carfilzomib, lenalidomide, dexamethasone (KRd)
- Ixazomib, lenalidomide, dexamethasone (IRd)
- Elotuzumab, lenalidomide, dexamethasone (EloRd)
- Daratumumab, lenalidomide, dexamethasone (DRd)

### Pomalidomide combinations

- Carfilzomib, pomalidomide, dexamethasone (KPd)
- Elotuzumab, pomalidomide, dexamethasone (EloPd)
- Daratumumab, pomalidomide, dexamethasone (DPd)
- Isatuximab, pomalidomide, dexamethasone (IsaPd)

### Carfilzomib combinations

- Daratumumab, carfilzomib, dexamethasone (DKd)
- Isatuximab, carfilzomib, dexamethasone (IRd)
- Carfilzomib, dexamethasone (Kd) with or without cyclophosphamide

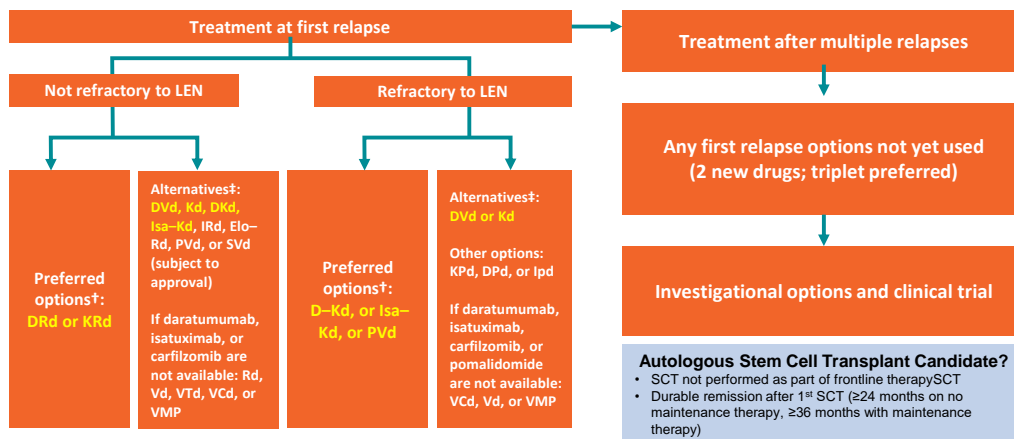
### Other notable combinations

- Selinexor, bortezomib, dexamethasone (SVd)
- Off-label use of venetoclax, dexamethasone for translocation (11;14) (VenD)



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## IMWG GUIDELINES: TREATMENT AT RELAPSE



Moreau P et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2021; 22: e105–18.

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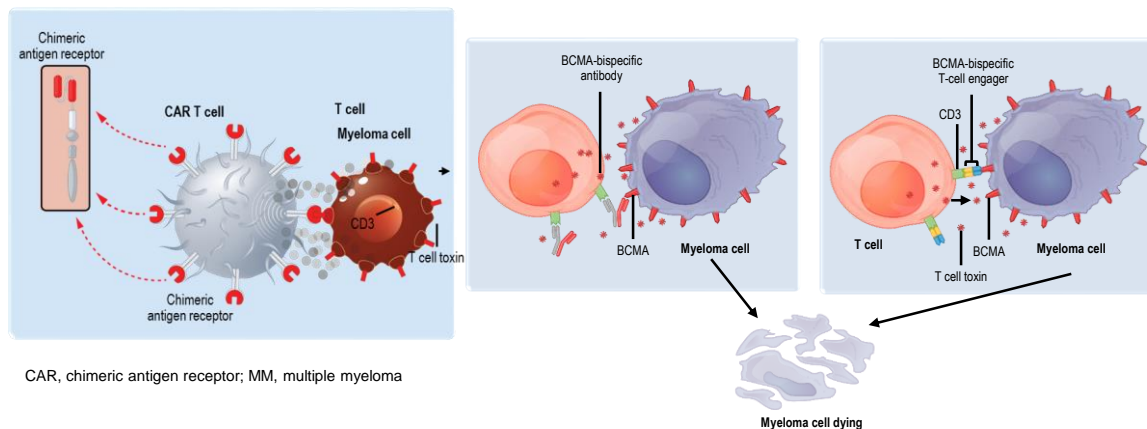
## BISPECIFIC MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES

- Concept originated in the early 1960s. [Nisnoff A et al. *Science* 1960;132:1770-1].
- Human trials:
  - 1990: GBM, specificity for glioma antigen and T-cell receptor
  - 1995: NHL, CD19 x CD3, no clinical response and first recognition of CRS
  - 1997: HL, CD30 x CD16 (NK cell activating) showed clinical responses
  - 2001: Blinotumumab, a CD19x CD3 bispecific antibody enters clinical trials – trial terminated due to CRS
  - 2004: Blinatumomab phase I escalation trial begins in 2004 with first clinical responses at 15 mg/m2/day dosing.
  - 2006-2008: Compassionate use program begins for heavily pre-treated pediatric ALL, clearance of CD19+ peripheral blood and BM at very low doses.
  - 2014: Blinotumumab becomes the first FDA and EMA approved bispecific construct for the treatment of relapsed and refractory (r/r) ALL. Full Approval in 2017.
  - 2022: > 200 Bispecific constructs in development, 7 that are FDA/EMA approved.



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## THIS IS THE AGE OF IMMUNE THERAPY IN MM THERAPEUTICS – OUR COLLECTIVE AIM IS CURE.



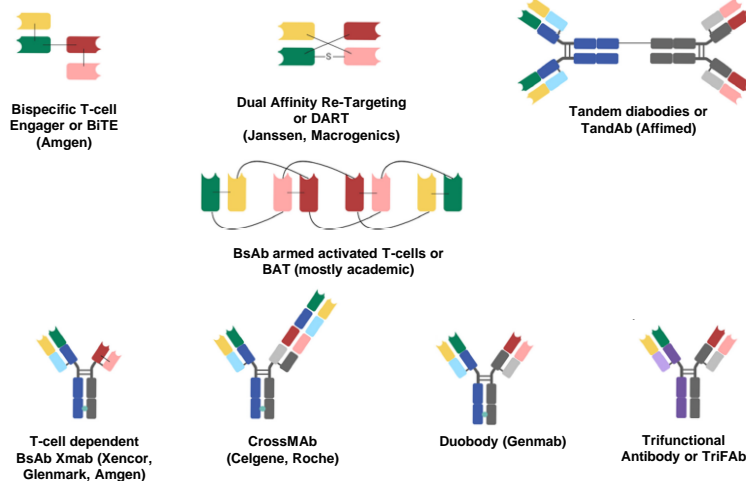
CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; MM, multiple myeloma

Adapted from Cho S-F et al. *Front Immunol.* 2018;9:1821.

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## BISPECIFIC ANTIBODIES (BSABS) – MANY DIFFERENT PLATFORMS



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## PROS/CONS OF BISPECIFICS

### Pros:

- Off the shelf
- Low grade cytokine release syndrome (CRS)
- Low incidence of neurotoxicity (NT)
- Many targets: BCMA, GPRC5D, FCRH5
- Ability to combine with other mechanisms of actions

### Cons:

- Not every patient is responding to BsAbs.
- Continuous therapy model associated with infection risk
  - Hypogammaglobulinemia requiring IVIg administration
  - VZV/PJP Prophylaxis
- Logistic challenges for community at large during first cycle of monitoring and managing CRS/NT

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## WHAT IS ONE PRO TO BISPECIFIC THERAPY?

- A. High incidence of neurotoxicities and CRS**
- B. Off the shelf**
- C. Cannot combine with other agents**



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## TECLISTAMAB – 1ST EMA/FDA APPROVED BSAB FOR MM

Teclistamab, a B-cell maturation antigen×CD3 bispecific antibody, in patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma (MajesTEC-1): a multicentre, open-label, single-arm, phase 1 study *Lancet* 2021; 398: 665-74



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Median FUP (months, m)	14.1 m	10.4 m	4.1 m	4.3 – 8.0m	14.9 – 8.6 m	8.8 m	8.0m
Overall, n (%)	126 (76.4)	82 (66.7)	23 (34)	38 (32)	57.3%-50.3%	45%	26 (45.6)
Grade 3-4, n (%)	74 (44.8)	43 (35)	6 (9)	20 (17)	16.8%-11.7%	ND	15 (26.4)
Bacterial	ND	ND	ND	ND		ND	ND
Fungal	ND	ND	ND	ND		ND	ND
Viral	ND	ND	ND	ND		ND	ND
Opportunistic infections						ND	ND
1. PJP	6 patients	6 (4.9)	ND	ND	5(3.5%)–4(2.8%)		
2. CMV	NR	10 (8.1)	ND	ND	ND		
	(*1 patients with Adenoviral pneumonia)				3 patients		
COVID infections, n (%)						ND	
Overall	29 (17.6)	31 (25.2)	ND	ND	13(9.1) – 16(11)		12 (24.6)
Grade 3-4	20 (12.1)	14 (11.4)	ND	ND	0.7% - 2.1%		2 (3.6)
Infectious death, n (%)	16/27	NR	ND	4 pts	NR	ND	ND

Moreau P et al. NEJM 2022; Lesokhin A et al. ASH 2022. ; Wong S et al. ASH 2022; Voorhees PM et al. ASH 2022; Chari A et al. NEJM 2023; Carlo-Stella et al. ASH 2022; Trudel S et al. ASH 2021



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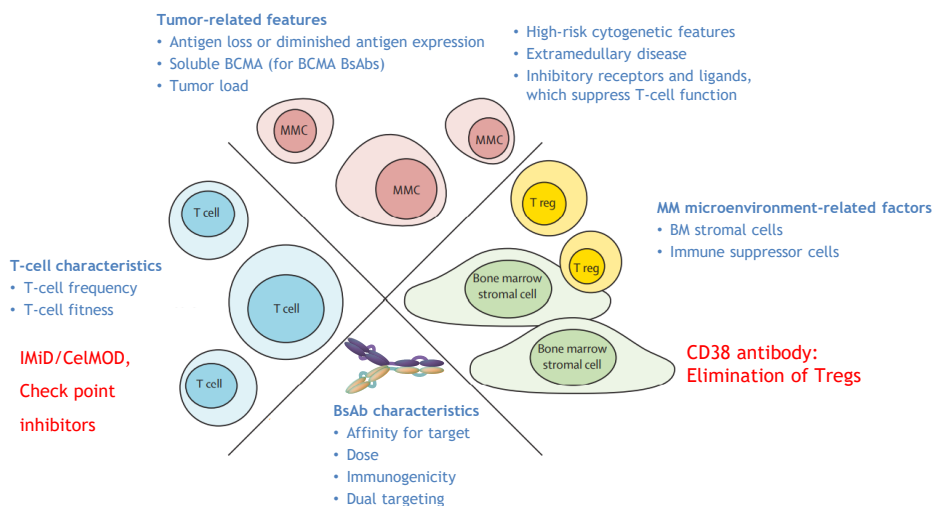
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## MECHANISMS OF RESISTANCE TO BSABS



BCMA, B-cell maturation antigen; BM, bone marrow; BsAb, bispecific antibody; IMiD, immunomodulatory drug; MMC, multiple myeloma cell; Tregs, regulatory T-cells

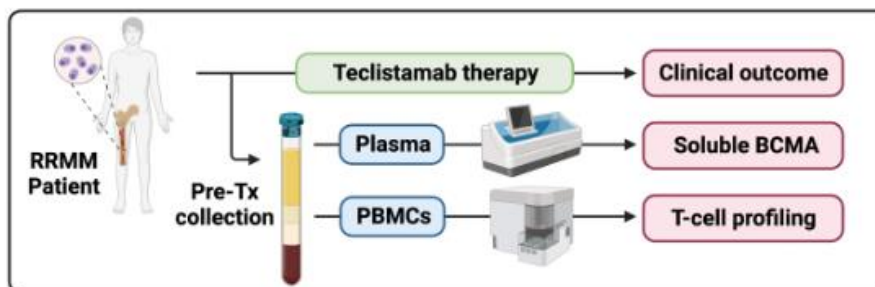


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Firestone R et al. ASCO 2023; Firestone R et al EHA 2023

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## THE IMMUNOTHERAPY QUADRAFECTA (BCMA CAR-T, BCMA BISPECIFIC, GPRC5D BISPECIFIC, FCRH5 BISPECIFIC)

IgA lambda plus lambda MM: Dx: 07/01/11 DS IIIA ISS unknown Cytogenetics 46, XX FISH unknown

Line 1: July 12, 2011: VelDex x 3 → VCD with VGPR followed by SCH. VRD x 3 cycles beginning January 2012  
ASCT 06/05/12

Maintenance len-dex Nov 2012 –March 2014

Line 2: March 2014 VRD

Line 3: 11/24/14 Panobinostat Rd

Line 4: 7/8/15 Dara/Pom/Dex

Line 5: 2/25/16 Carfilzomib/ibrutinib

Line 6: 12/14/16 Selinexor

Line 7: 6/10/17 VDCEP

Line 8: 7/10/17 BCNU 200 + mel 100 ASCT with pazopanib maintenance

Line 9: 1/11/18 **Talquetamab**

Line 10: 4/23/18 **BCMA CAR T**

Line 11: 8/17/20 **Teclistamab+Dara**

Line 12: 8/31/21 **Cevostamab**

Courtesy Dr. Joshua Richter



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**IMWG Guidelines in development, stay tuned!**

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## THE CASE FOR FIXED DURATION TREATMENT WITH BISPECIFIC ANTIBODIES

75 yo RRMM s/p 16 lines, diagnosed in 2001

Line 1: VAD induction, Mel-ASCT, PR

Line 2: Thal-Dex, PR

Line 3: Bor-Dex, PR

Line 4: Len-Dex, PR

Line 5: Bor-Dex, PR

Line 6: Cyclo-Dex, SD

Line 7: CyBorD, SD

Line 8: RVd, PR

Line 9: RVd-Cy, PR

Line 10: Bendamustine-Bor-Dex, SD

Line 11: Rd, MR

Line 12: Pom-Cy-Dex, SD

Line 13: Dara, MR

Line 14: Dara-Pom-Dex, PR

Line 15: Dara-Pom-Cy-Dex. PR

Line 16: Teclistamab in summer 2019.

- Off s/p 8 cycles due to recurrent URIs, last dosed 01/2020
- Remained off therapy until late 2022, MRD-ve by NGS and flow at  $10^{-5}$



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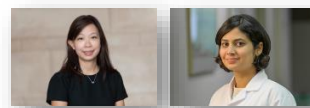
## WHAT IS ONE CON TO BISPECIFIC THERAPY?

- A. No risk of infection**
- B. No challenges to monitoring for neurotoxicities and CRS**
- C. Not every patient is responding to bispecifics**



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- **Oct-Nov 2022:** P/T Committee packet for institutional approvals, SOP development, staff training, REMS registration, etc.
- **Phase I (Nov 2022-March 2023):** Inpatient monitoring , assess safety data.
- **Phase II (April 2023-onwards):** Early discharge after step-up dosing all pts, early intervention with Toci for persistent fevers.
- **Phase III (June 2023-onwards):** All outpatient dosing for selected pts
- **Dosing schedule:** Response adapted reduction in dosing frequency.

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## CART VS BSAB: IT IS NOT A COMPETITION...

	CART	Bispecifics Ab
Data	Emerging Phase III data	?
Cost	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$
Manufacturing concerns	Yes	No
Available Globally	?	?
Non-relapse mortality	?	?
Long-term safety data	No, NT a concern	No, infections a concern

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## MSKCC MYELOMA SERVICE



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Checkpoint Inhibitors  
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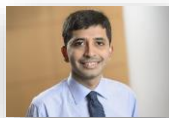
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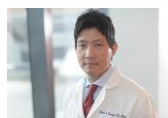
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## MSKCC MYELOMA TCT PROGRAM



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Allo/Auto HCT for  
MM  
New Regimens  
CAR T Cells



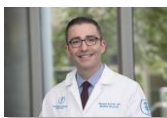
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Auto HCT + Vaccines  
MM Immunotherapies



**Gunjan Shah**  
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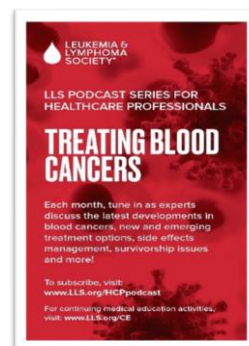


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- ❑ **Reach out Monday–Friday, 9 am to 9 pm ET**
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  - Live chat: [www.LLS.org/IRC](http://www.LLS.org/IRC)
  - Email: [infocenter@LLS.org](mailto:infocenter@LLS.org)
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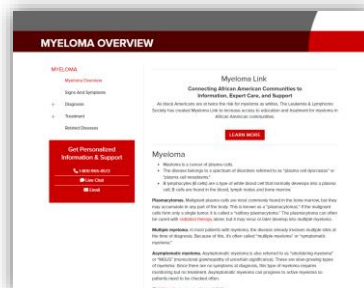
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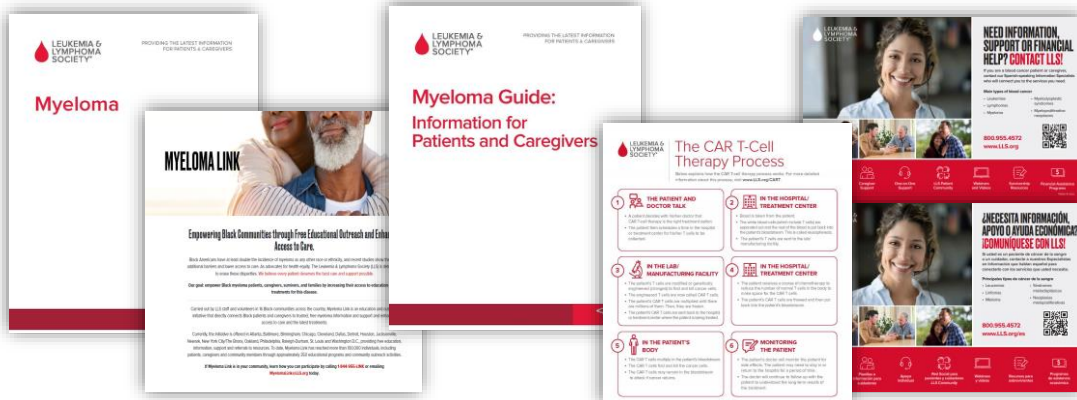
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