

# Immuno-Oncology The 4<sup>th</sup> Pillar of Cancer Therapy:

How does it work and managing adverse events

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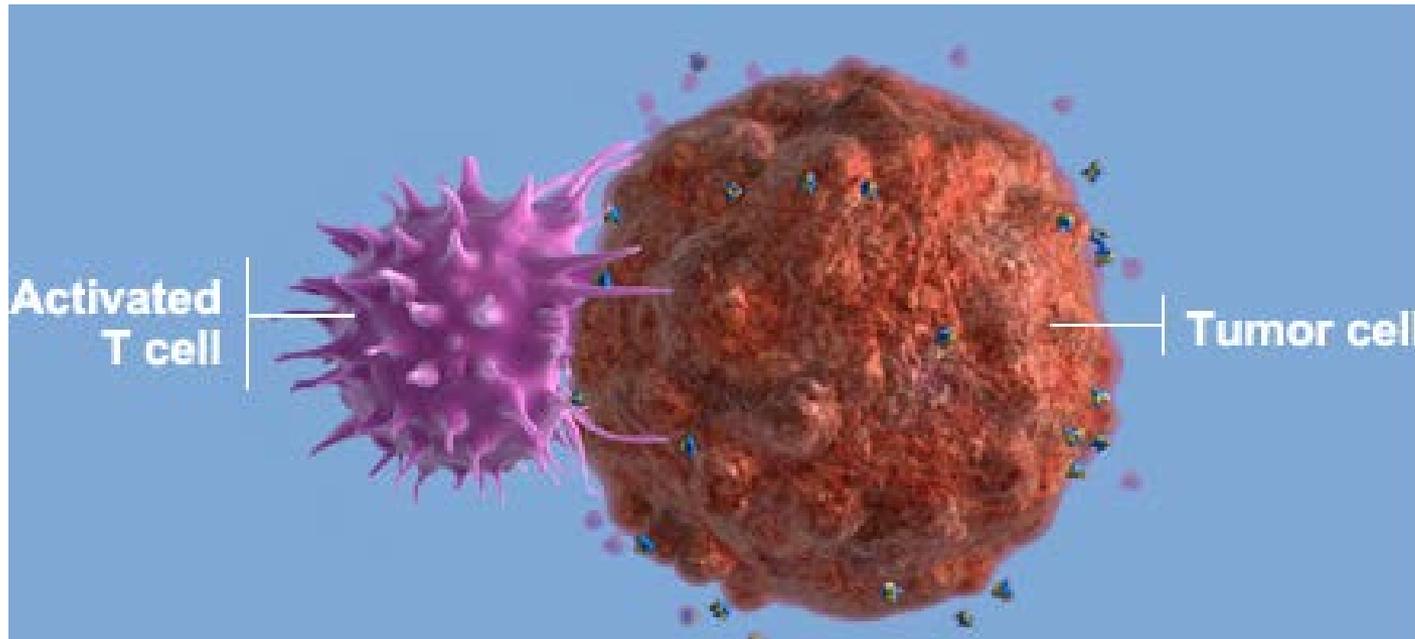
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# Overview

- Review how the immune system targets cancer.
- Review the mechanisms of action and efficacy of checkpoint inhibitors
  - CTLA4 antagonists
  - PD1 inhibitors
- Review the patterns of response to checkpoint inhibitors.
- Review the standard AE and how to manage them.

# Immuno-Oncology

## Helping Your Immune System Fight Cancer



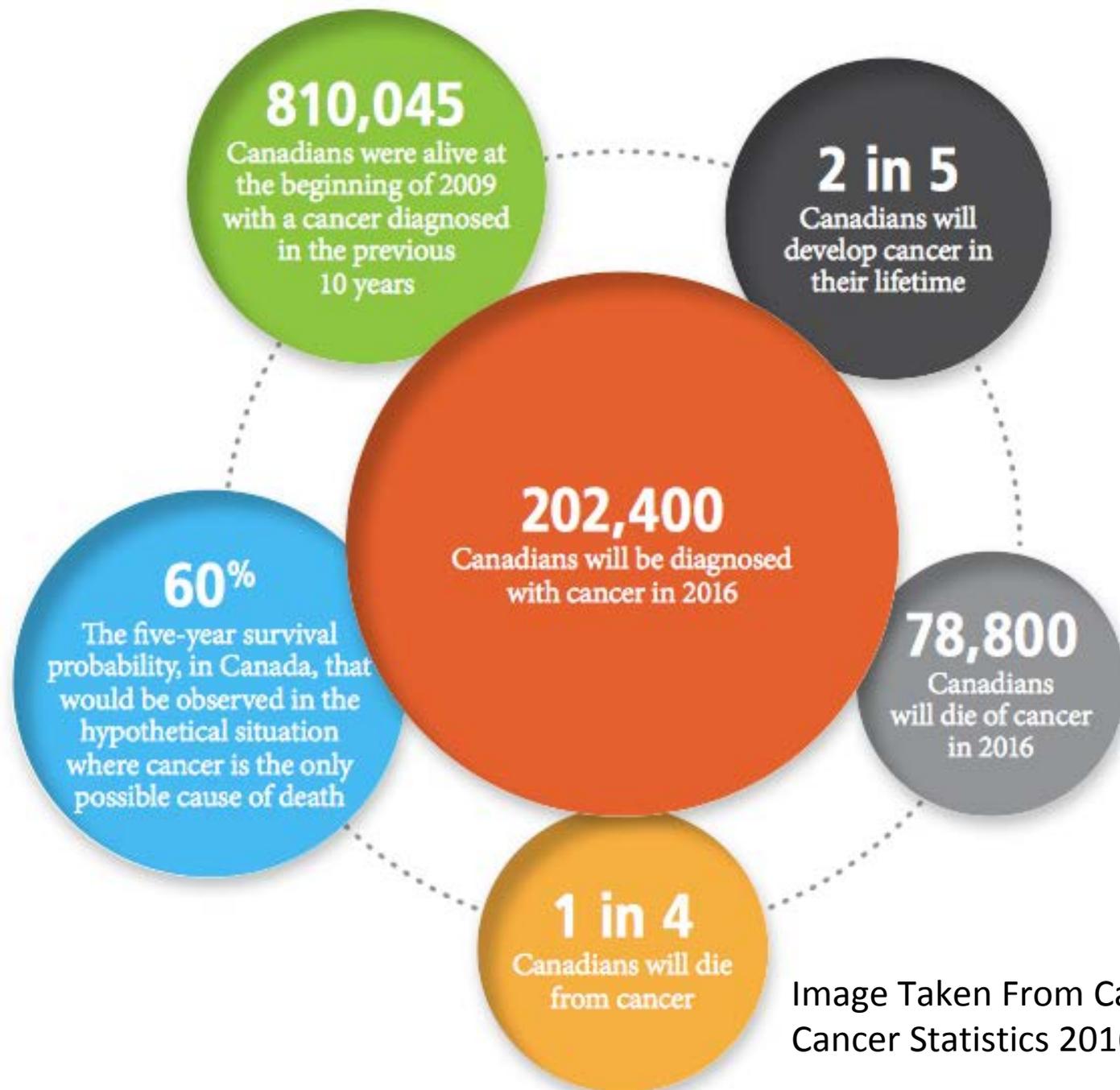
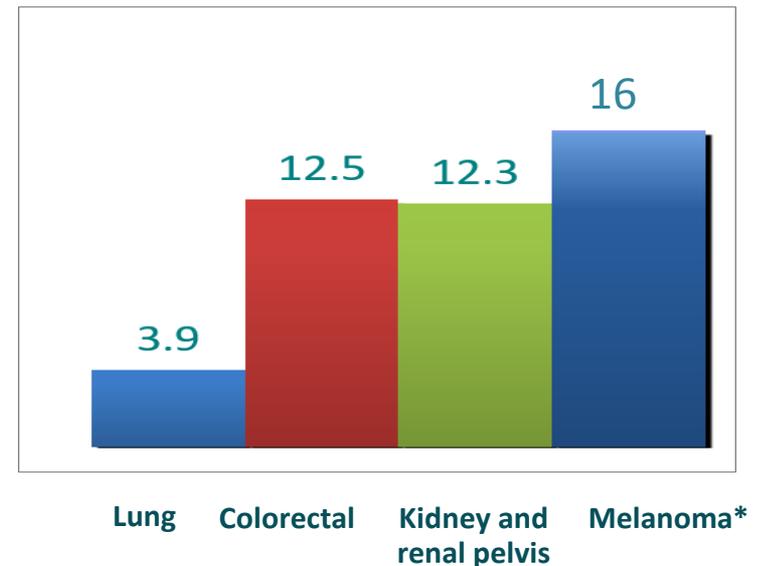


Image Taken From Canadian Cancer Statistics 2016

# Long-term Survival Remains a Challenge in Some Advanced Cancers

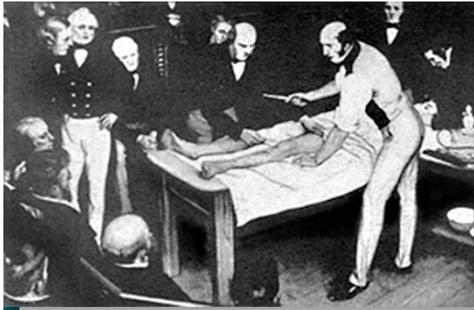
- Five-year survival remains poor for many patients with metastatic solid tumours<sup>1</sup>
- There is a need for new treatments and therapeutic modalities for patients with advanced cancers<sup>2</sup>

Five-year survival (%) 2010 data<sup>1</sup>



**Immuno-oncology (I-O) therapies are being investigated in an attempt to fill the unmet need for improving clinical outcomes in advanced cancer**

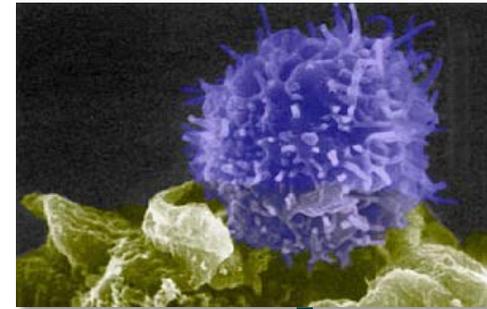
# Evolution of Cancer Therapy: Treatment Modalities



**Surgery**  
1846



**Chemotherapy**  
1946

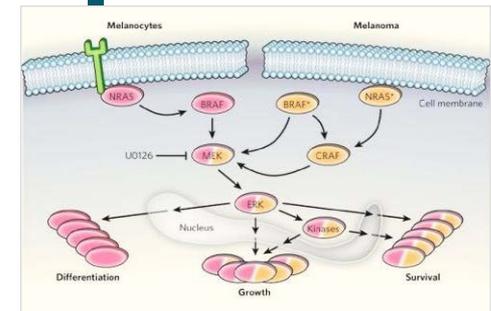
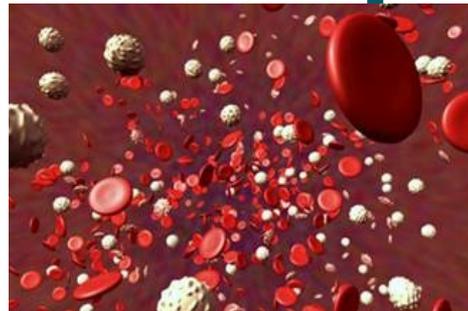


**Immuno-oncology**  
Sipuleucel-T 2010  
Ipilimumab 2011

**Radiation Therapy**  
1901

**Immunotherapy**  
Interferon- $\alpha$  1995  
Interleukin-2 1998

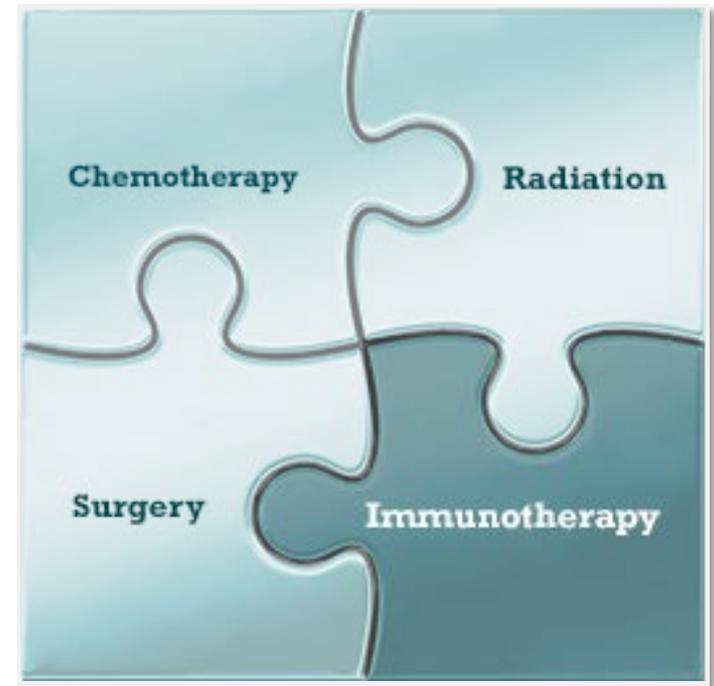
**Targeted Therapy**  
1997



# Immuno-oncology (I-O) Is an Emerging Therapeutic Modality

- Traditional therapies for advanced cancer targets the tumour and include<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Surgery, radiation and cytotoxic/targeted therapy
- Immunotherapy harnesses the body's own immune system to fight diseases<sup>3</sup>
- Immuno-oncology (I-O) uses immunotherapy to treat cancer.<sup>1,2</sup>

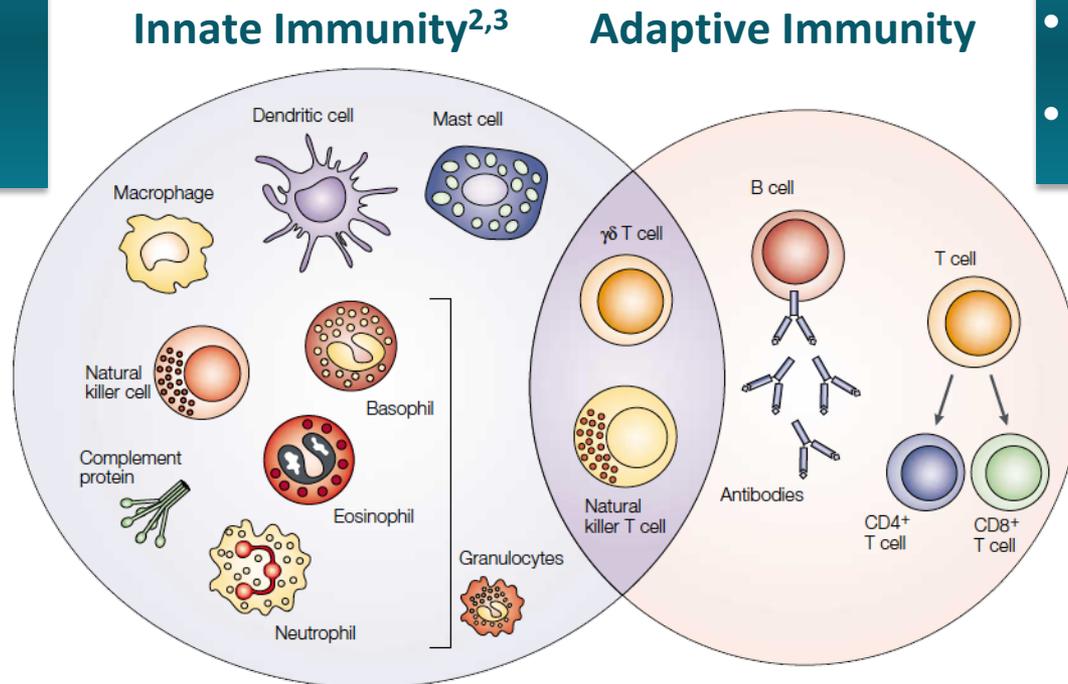
## Pillars of Cancer Therapies





# The Immune System is Comprised of Two “Arms”: Innate and Adaptive<sup>1</sup>

- Immediate
- First line of immune defense
- Not antigen-specific response



- Slow response
- Antigen-specific response
- Memory

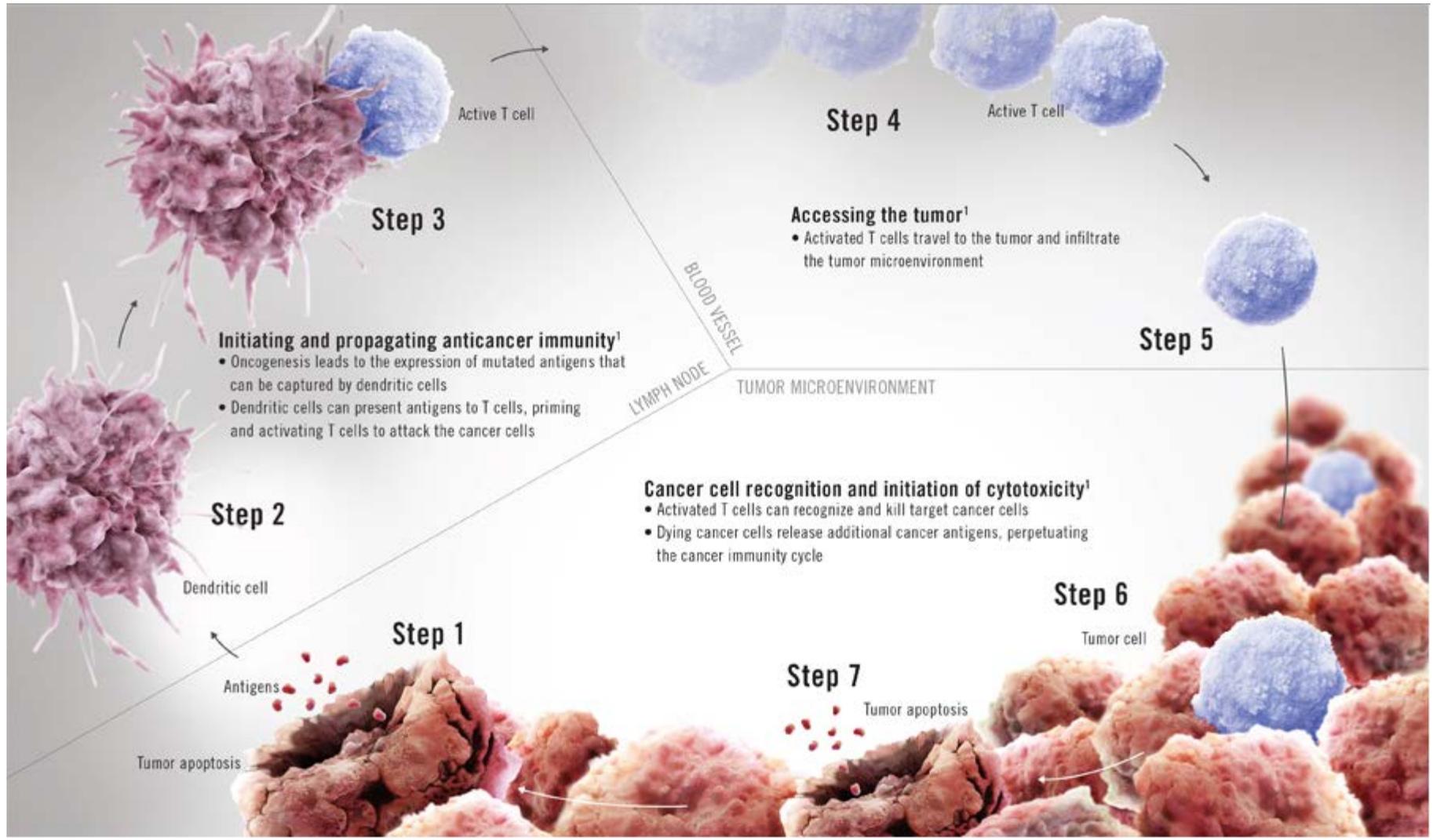
- External threats: viruses, parasites, protozoa, fungi, bacteria, toxins
- Internal threats: cancer

1. Abbas AK, et al. *Cellular and Molecular Immunology*. 7th ed. Philadelphia, PA: Elsevier Saunders; 2012;

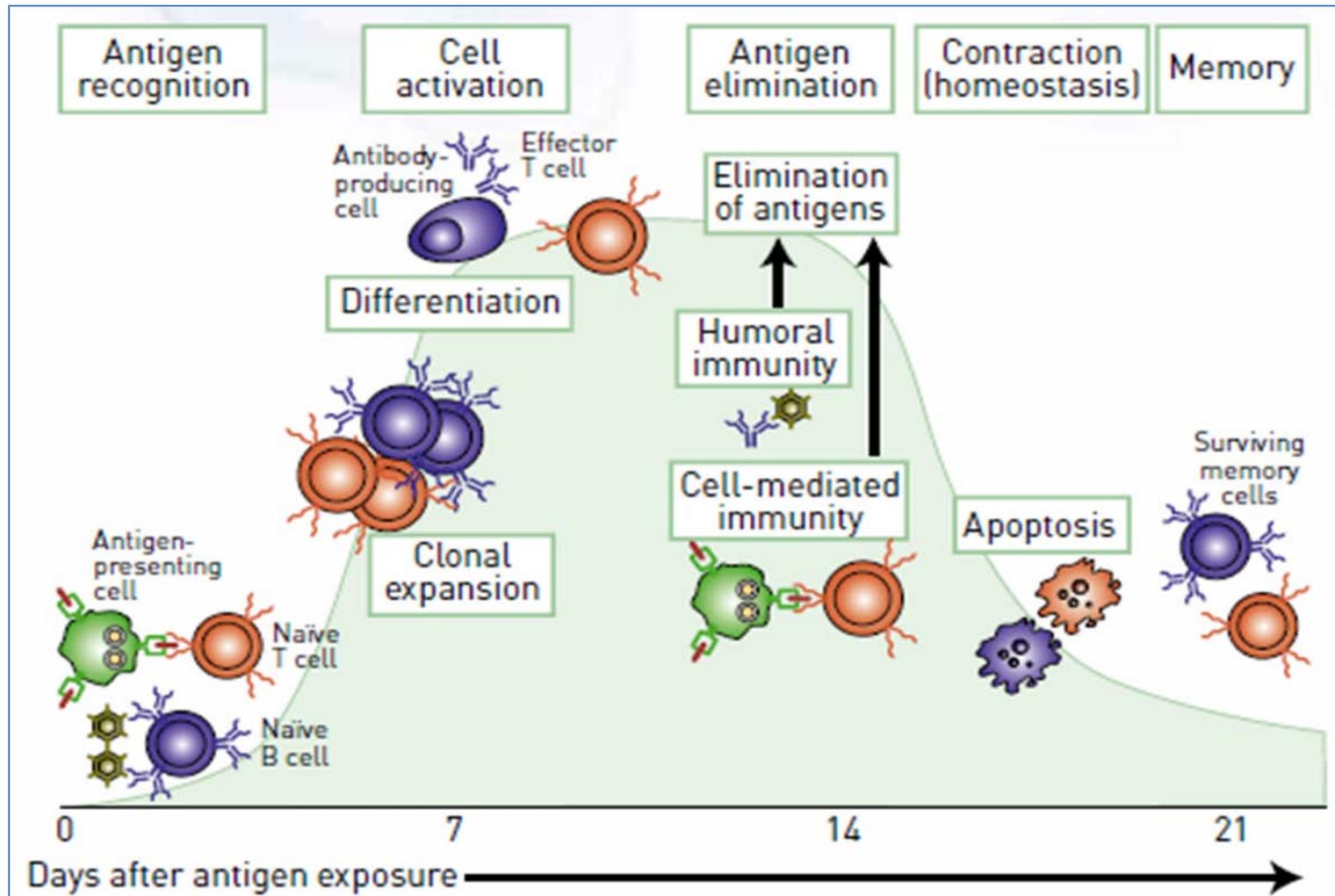
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# Activating T Cells Against Cancer

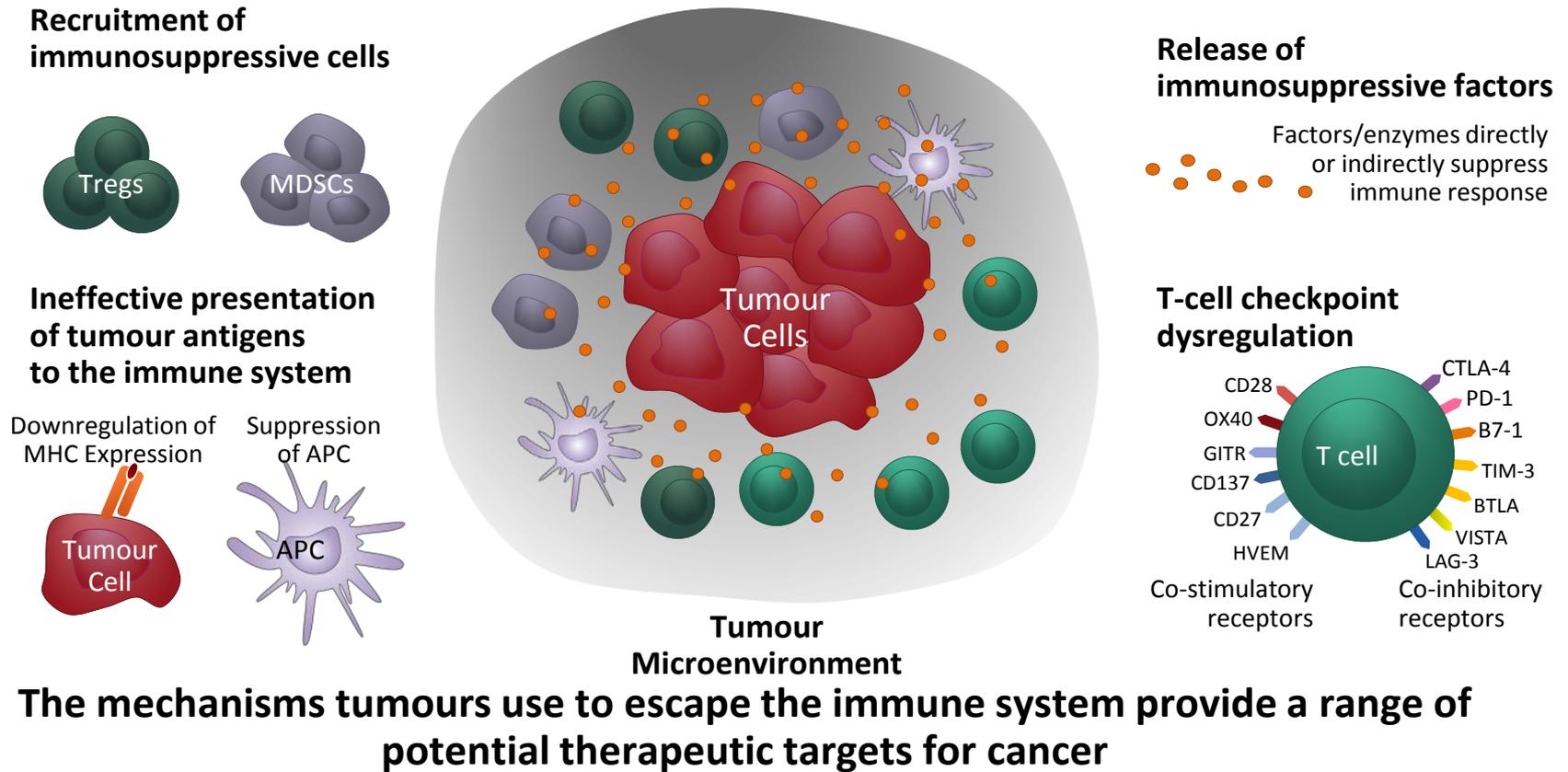


# Adaptive Immune Response



# Immune Escape in Cancer

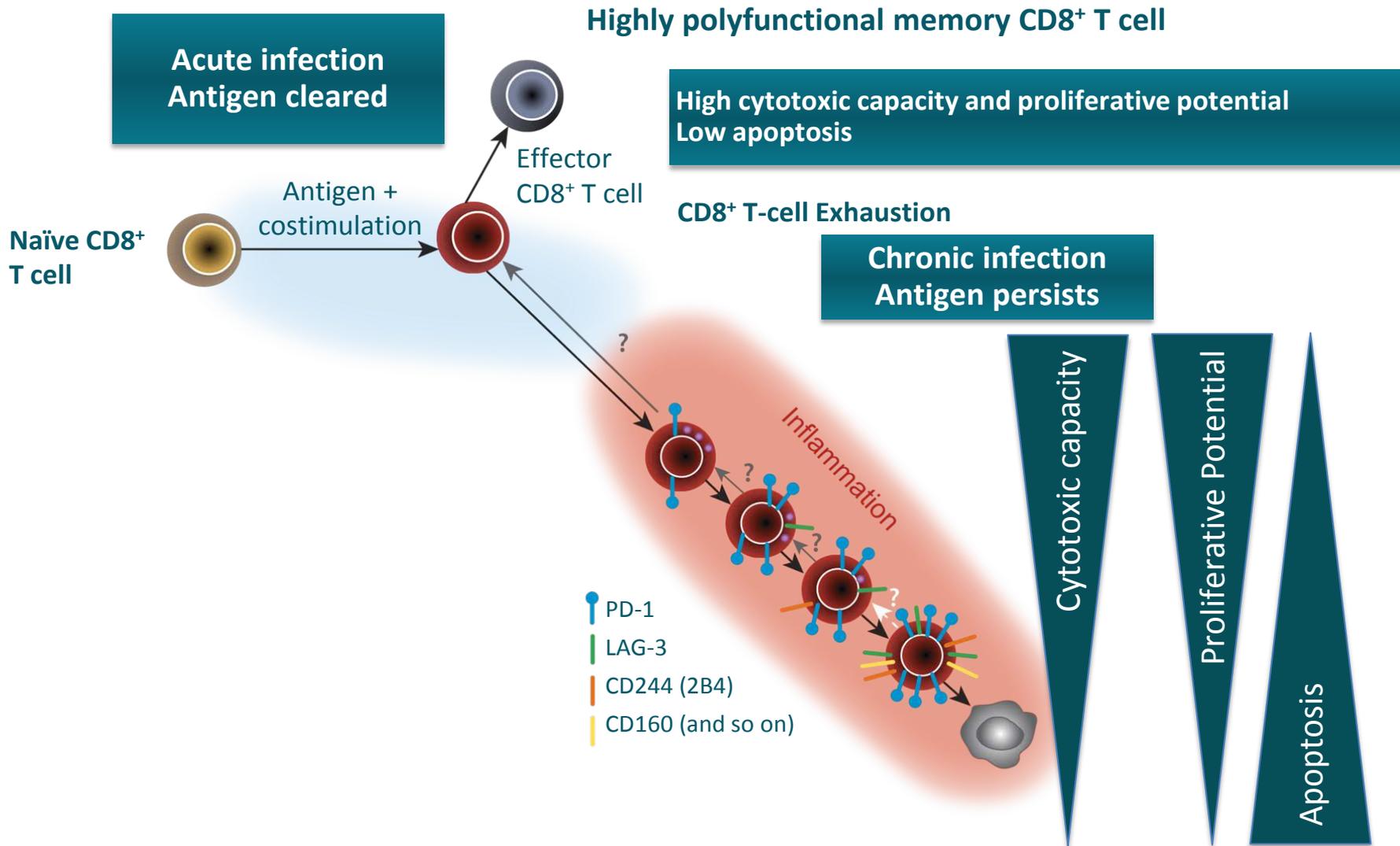
Many tumours escape the immune response by creating an immunosuppressive microenvironment that prevents an effective antitumour response<sup>1,2</sup>



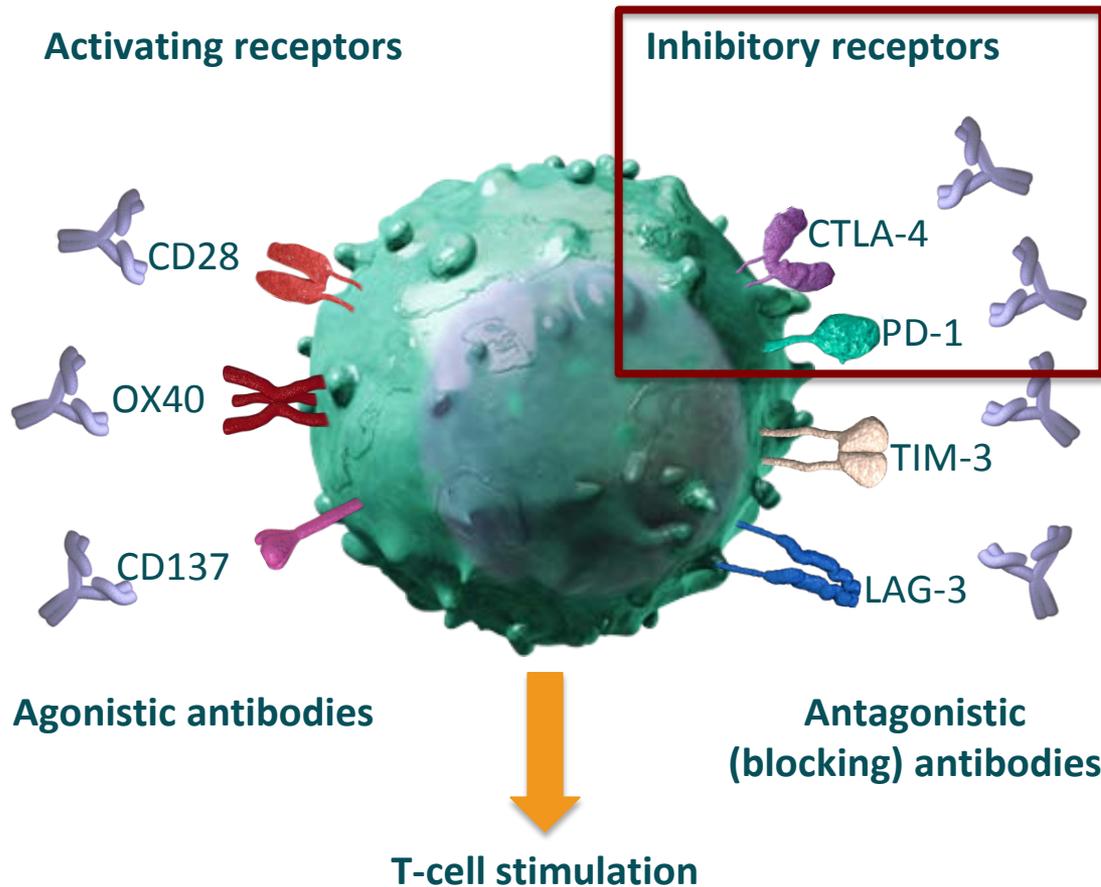
APC=antigen-presenting cell; MDSC=myeloid-derived suppressor cell; MHC=major histocompatibility complex; Treg=regulatory T cell.

1. Bremnes RM *et al.* *J Thorac Oncol.* 2011;6:824-833. 2. Jadus MR *et al.* *Clin Dev Immunol.* 2012:160724.

# CD8+ T-cell Exhaustion Due to Chronic Antigen Simulation: Model Based on Viral Infections

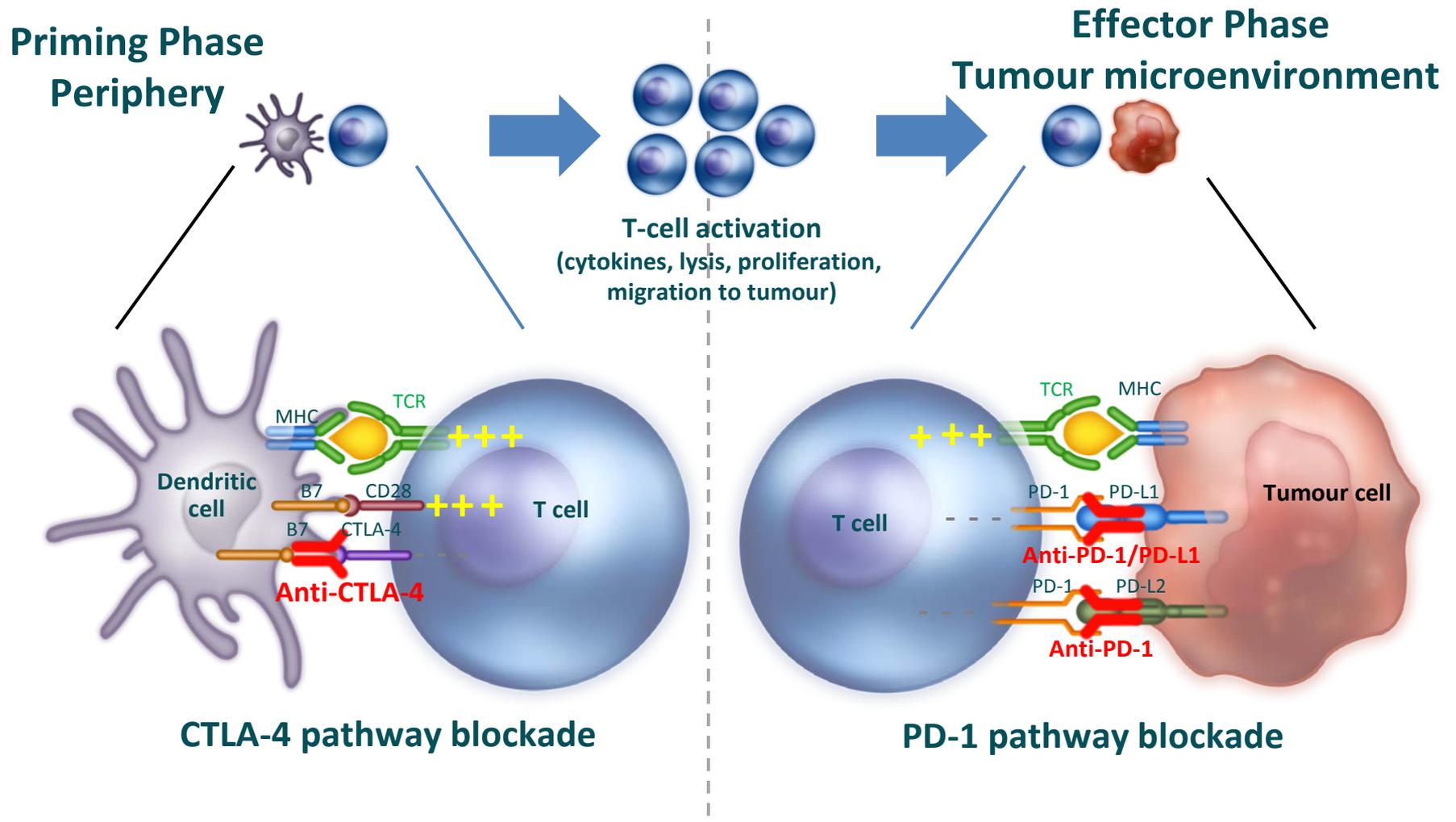


# T-Cell Checkpoint Regulation is an Evolving Approach to Cancer Therapy



- T-cell responses are regulated through a complex balance of inhibitory (“checkpoint”) and activating signals
- Tumours can dysregulate these pathways, and consequently the immune response
- Targeting these pathways is an evolving approach to cancer therapy

# Immuno-oncology: Blocking CTLA-4 and PD-1 Pathways with Monoclonal Antibodies

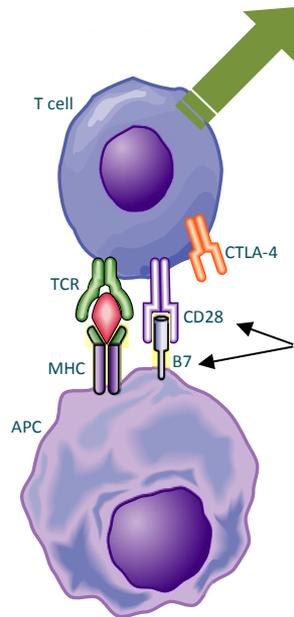


Proof of Concept –  
Efficacy of Checkpoint Blockade:  
CTLA-4 and PD-1 Inhibition



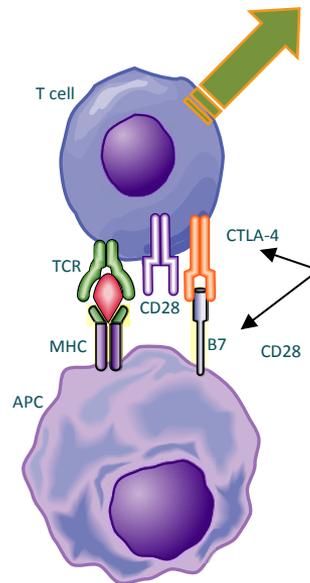
# Novel Immune Therapy: Targeting the Natural T-cell Braking System from CTLA-4

## T-cell activation



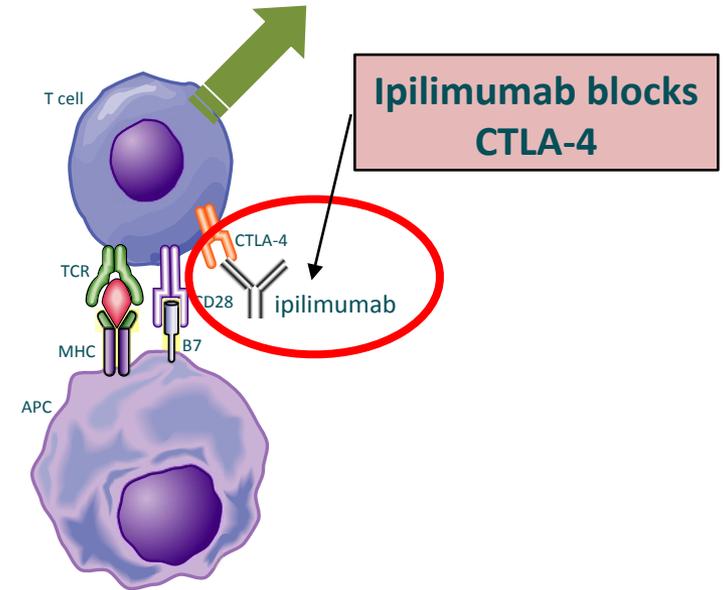
Antigen presentation and ligation of B7/CD28 co-activators results in T-cell activation

## T-cell inhibition



In the activated T cell, CTLA-4 competes with CD28 and acts as the brakes on T-cell activation by binding to B7

## T-cell activation and proliferation



By inhibiting CTLA-4, ipilimumab releases the natural braking system and restores T-cell activation, allowing T-cell proliferation to continue

B7: B7.1 (CD80) or B7.2 (CD86)

# Past Treatments for Metastatic Melanoma

## Treatment

### Dacarbazine (DTIC)

- In large randomized trials, Response rate (RR) of <15%

### Temozolomide

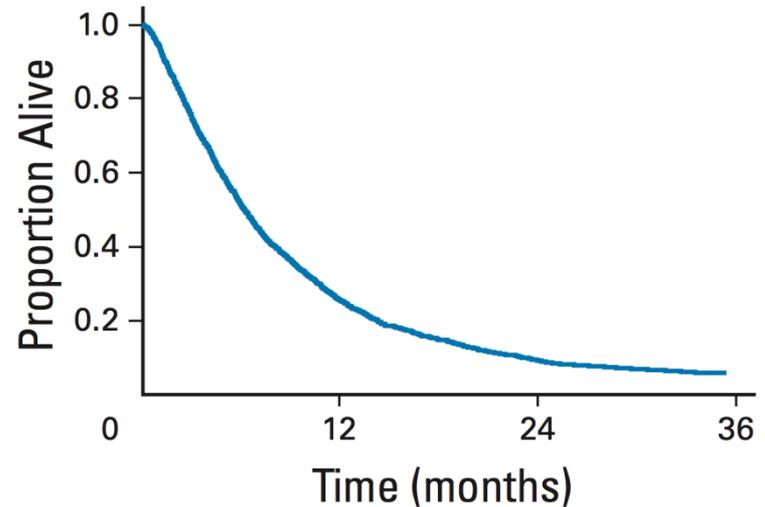
- Similar to DTIC

### IL-2

- RR of 15-20%
- A minority are durable responses
- Highly toxic treatment

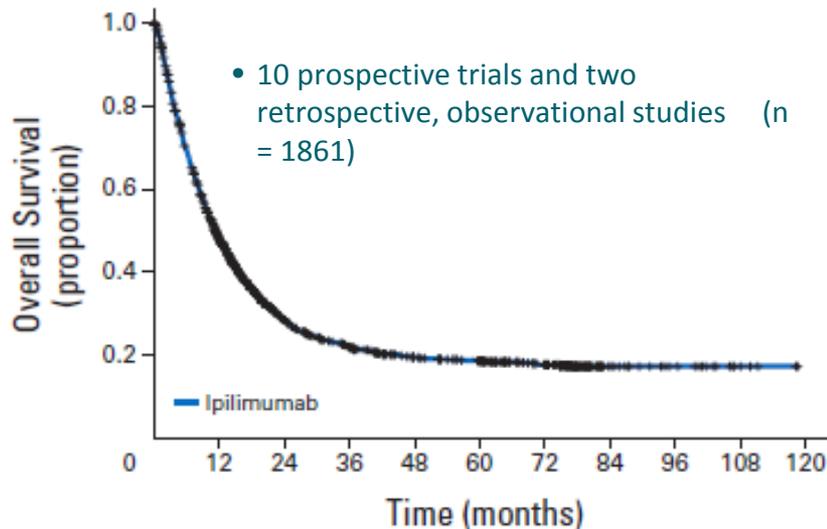
## Survival<sup>1</sup>

- Median OS: 6.2 months
- One year OS: 25.5% (95% CI, 23.6% to 27.4%)



# Long-Term Survival with Ipilimumab in Melanoma

## Pooled Analysis: Phase III and Phase II Trials

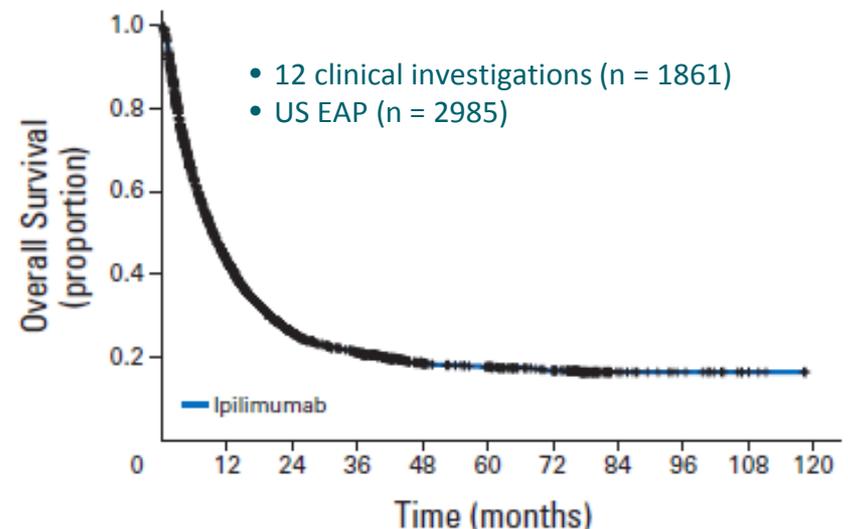


No. at risk  
Ipilimumab 1,861 839 370 254 192 170 120 26 15 5 0

**Median OS: 11.4 months**  
(95% CI, 10.7-12.1 months)

**3-year survival rate: 22%**  
(95% CI, 20% to 24%)

## Pooled Analysis: Phase III, Phase II Trials and EAP



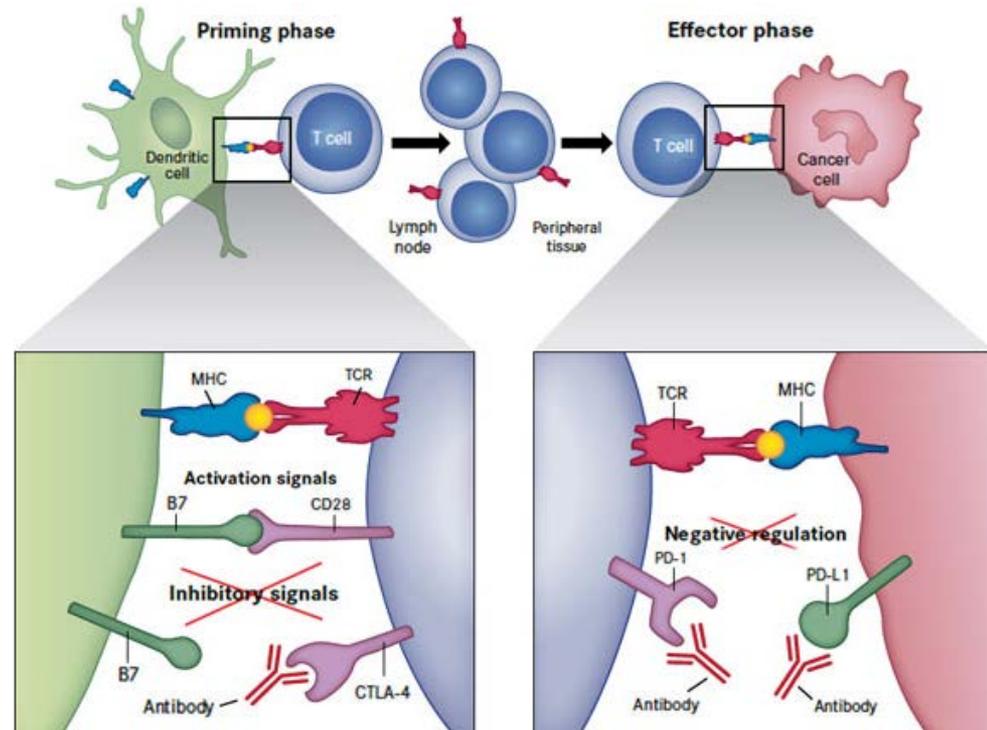
No. at risk  
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**Median OS: 9.5 months**  
(95% CI, 9.0-10.0 months)

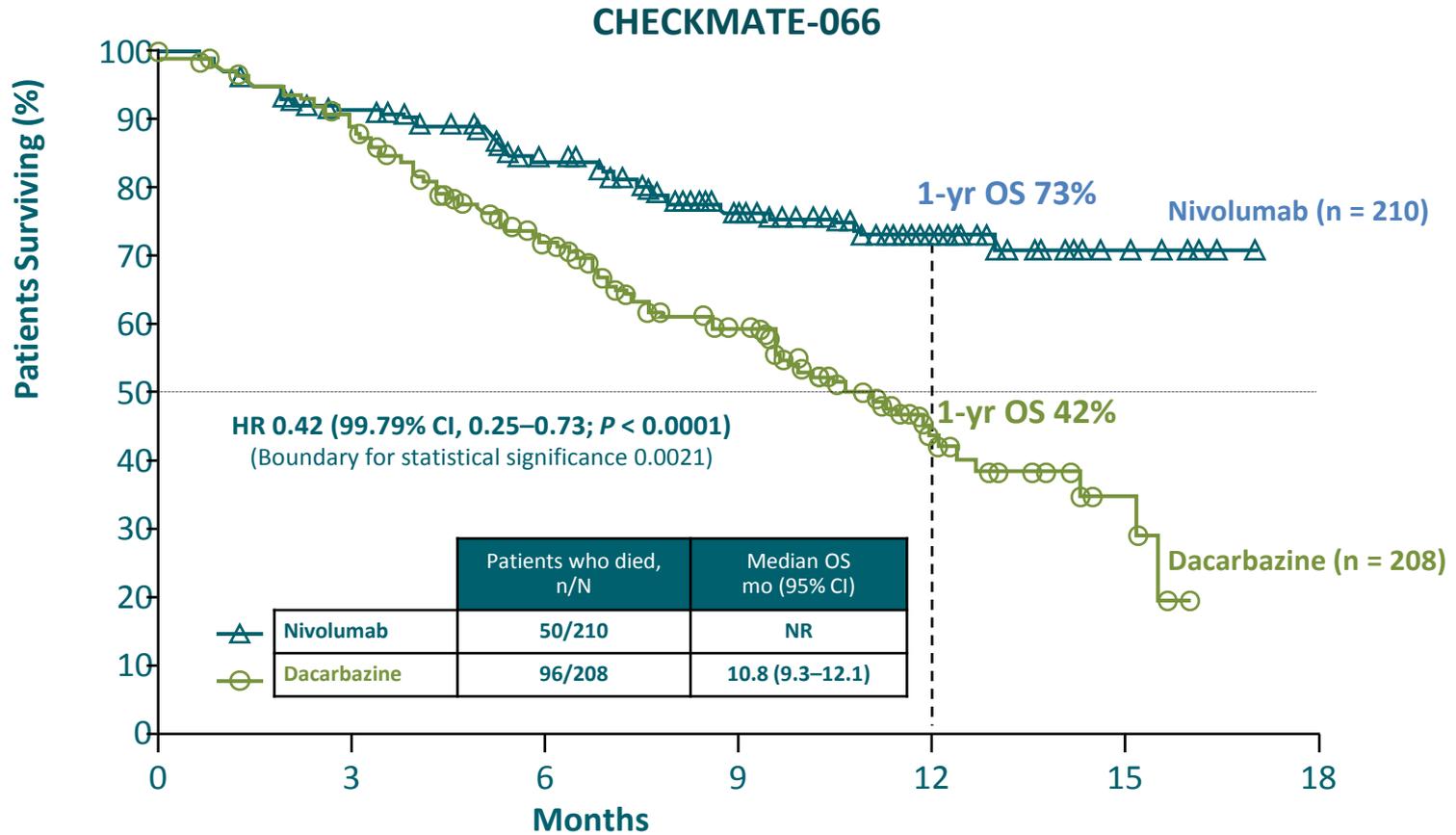
**3-year survival rate: 21%**  
(95% CI, 20% to 22%)

# PD-1 and PD-L1 Antibodies

- PD-1 – inhibitory receptor found on activated lymphocytes and monocytes and is associated with tumour immune escape
- Binds with PD-L1 on tumour cells
- Interaction between PD-1 and PD-L1 suppresses the cytotoxic T-cell response



# Nivolumab Improved Overall Survival vs. Dacarbazine in Melanoma



Follow-up since randomization: 5.2–16.7 months.

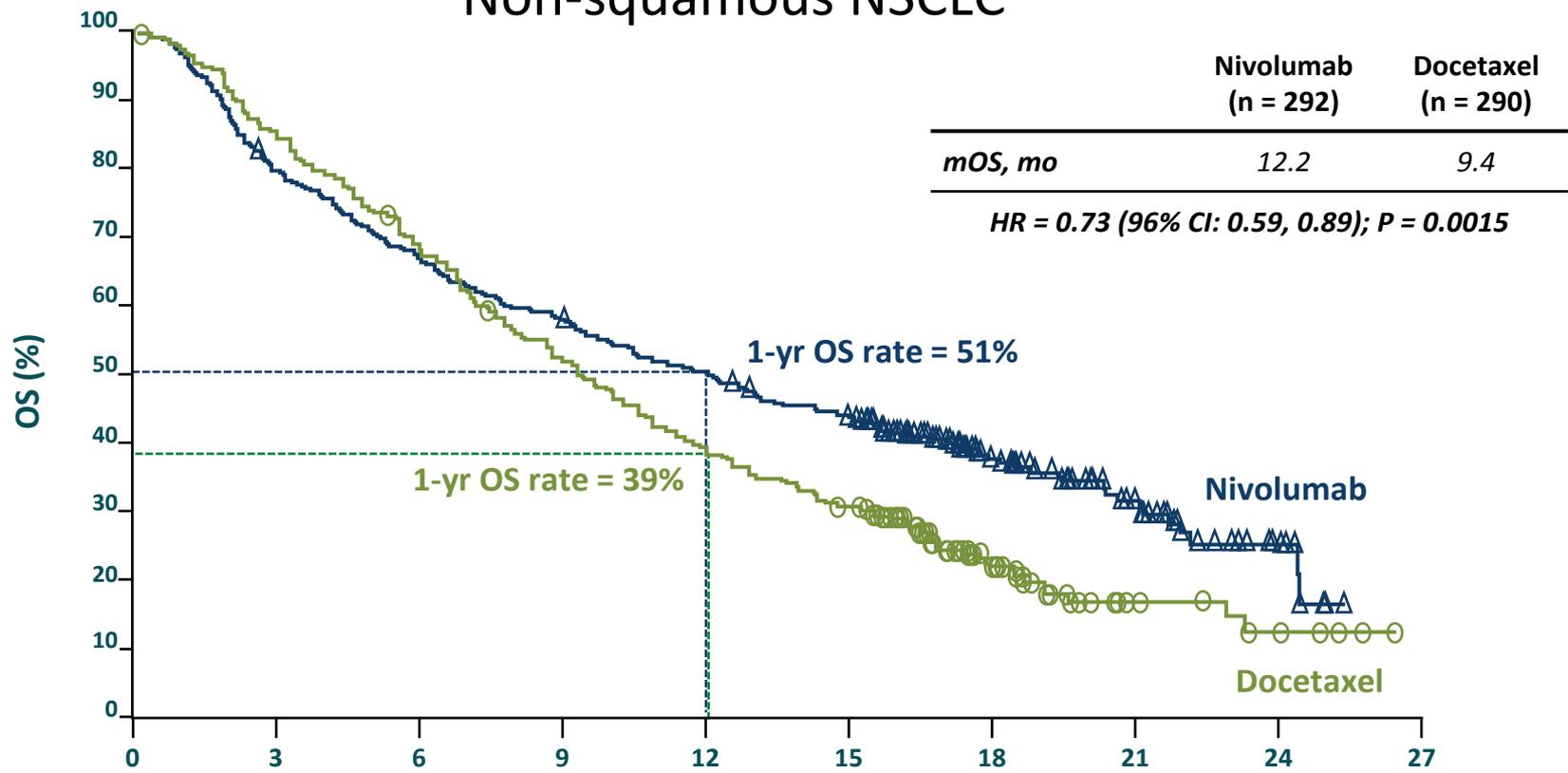
**Patients at Risk**

Nivolumab	210	185	150	105	45	8	0
Dacarbazine	208	177	123	82	22	3	0

NR = not reached.

Based on 5 August 2014 database lock.

# Nivolumab Demonstrated 51% 1-Year Overall Survival as 2nd-line Treatment for Non-squamous NSCLC



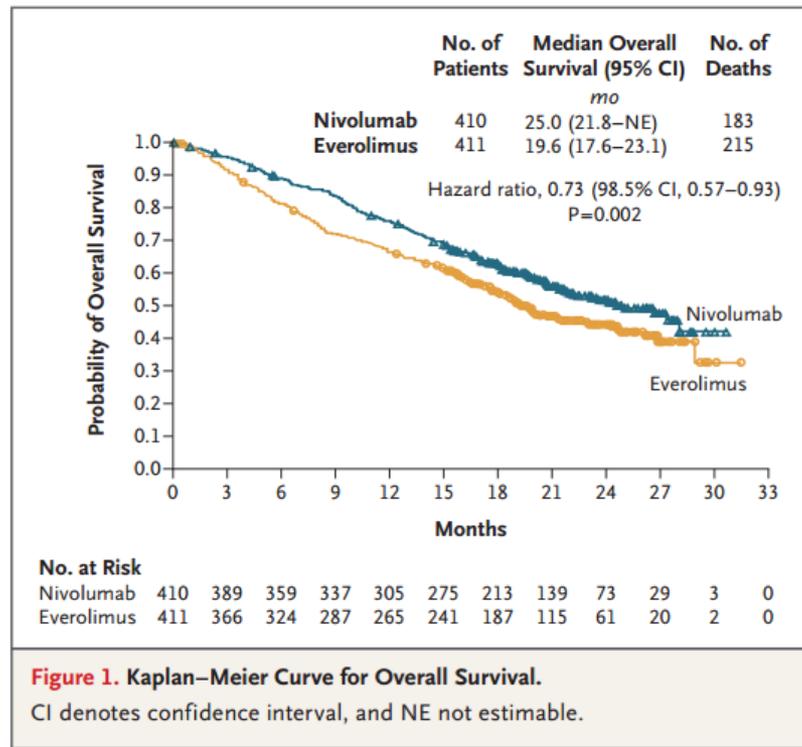
**Number of Patients at Risk**

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
Nivolumab	292	232	194	169	146	123	62	32	9	0
Docetaxel	290	244	194	150	111	88	34	10	5	0

Symbols represent censored observations.

## Nivolumab versus Everolimus in Advanced Renal-Cell Carcinoma

R.J. Motzer, B. Escudier, D.F. McDermott, S. George, H.J. Hammers, S. Srinivas, S.S. Tykodi, J.A. Sosman, G. Procopio, E.R. Plimack, D. Castellano, T.K. Choueiri, H. Gurney, F. Donskov, P. Bono, J. Wagstaff, T.C. Gauler, T. Ueda, Y. Tomita, F.A. Schutz, C. Kollmannsberger, J. Larkin, A. Ravaud, J.S. Simon, L.-A. Xu, I.M. Waxman, and P. Sharma, for the CheckMate 025 Investigators\*



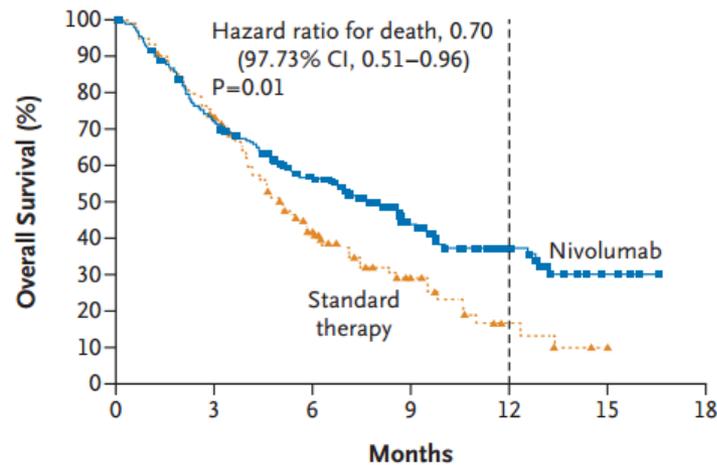
## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Nivolumab for Recurrent Squamous-Cell Carcinoma of the Head and Neck

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## A Overall Survival

	No. of Patients	No. of Deaths	1-Yr Overall Survival Rate % (95% CI)	Median Overall Survival mo (95% CI)
<b>Nivolumab</b>	240	133	36.0 (28.5–43.4)	7.5 (5.5–9.1)
<b>Standard Therapy</b>	121	85	16.6 (8.6–26.8)	5.1 (4.0–6.0)



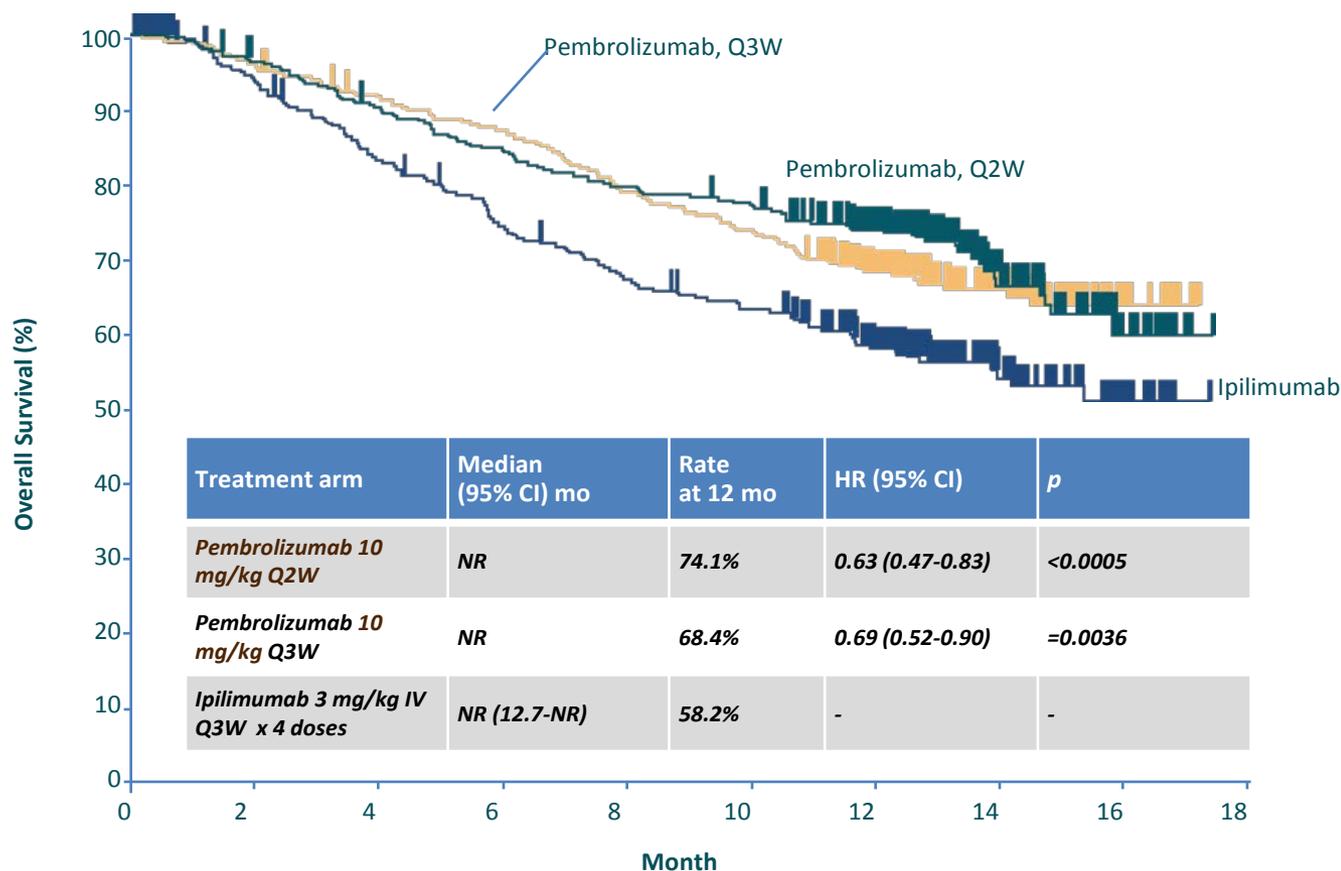
### No. at Risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18
Nivolumab	240	167	109	52	24	7	0
Standard therapy	121	87	42	17	5	1	0



# Pembrolizumab Showed Improved OS (RECIST v1.1) vs. Ipilimumab at the First Interim Analysis

## B Overall Survival



### No. at Risk

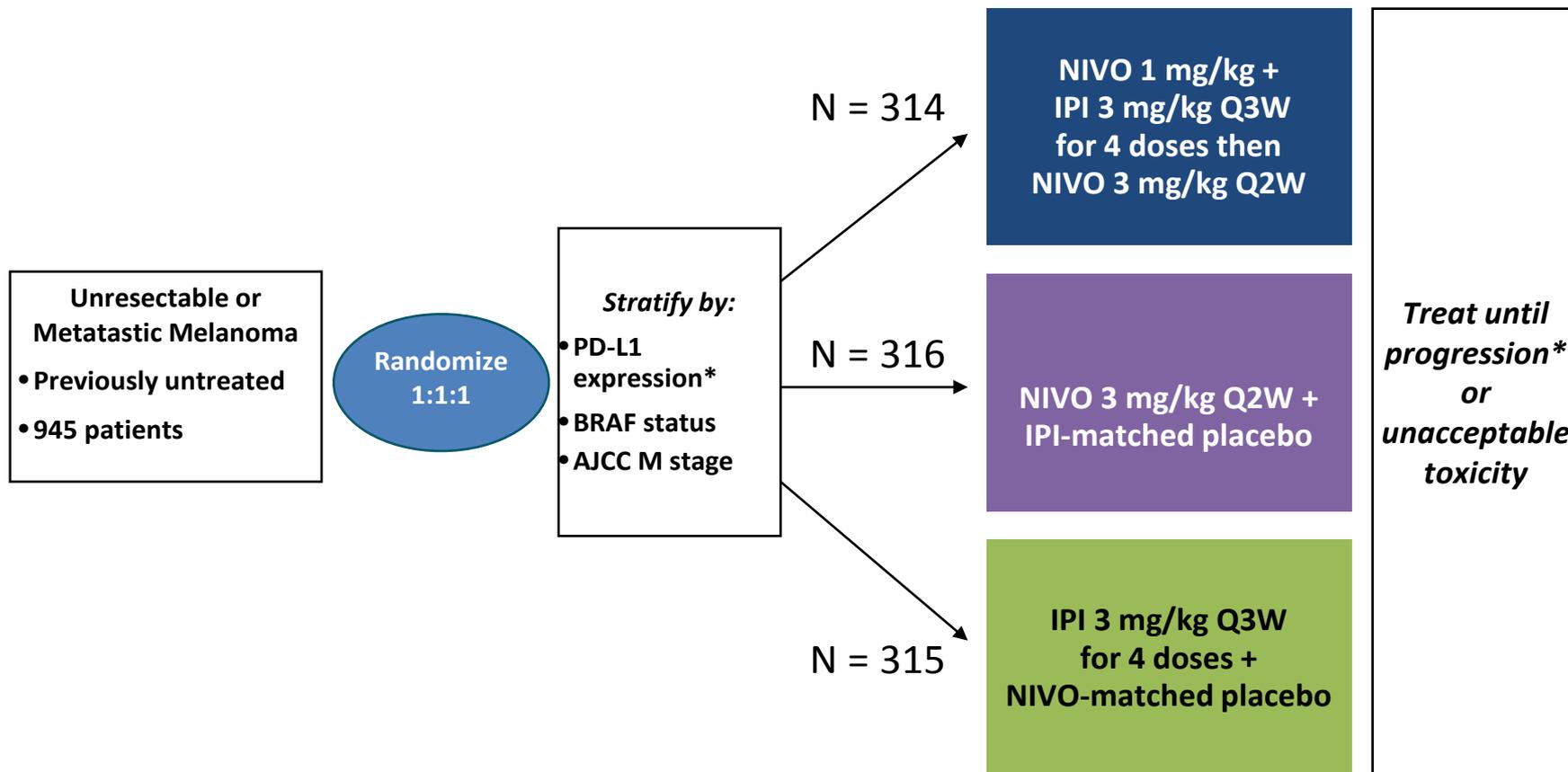
	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
Pembrolizumab, Q2W	279	266	248	233	219	212	177	67	19	0
Pembrolizumab, Q3W	277	266	251	238	215	202	158	71	18	0
Ipilimumab	278	242	212	188	169	157	117	51	17	0

# 73-80% of Patients Experienced Treatment-related AEs with Pembrolizumab

	Pembrolizumab 10 mg/kg Q2W n = 279	Pembrolizumab 10 mg/kg Q3W n = 277	Ipilimumab 3 mg/kg x 4 doses n = 278
<i>Days on therapy, mean (range)</i>	163.9 (1-336)	151.5 (1-332)	49.9 (1-92)
<i>No of doses, median (range)</i>	13 (1-20)	9 (1-16)	4 <sup>a</sup> (1-4)
<i>&gt;1 Treatment-related AE</i>			
<i>Any grade</i>	79.5%	72.9%	73%
<i>Grade 3-4</i>	13.3%	10.1%	19.9%
<i>Death</i>	0%	0%	0.4%
<i>Discontinuation</i>	4.0%	6.9%	9.4%

<sup>a</sup> 56% of patients received all 4 ipilimumab doses

# Efficacy and Safety with Nivolumab Alone or Combined with Ipilimumab vs. Ipilimumab Alone in Treatment-naïve Patients: Study Design



\*This study was not powered to compare the combination Ipi + Nivo to Nivo alone

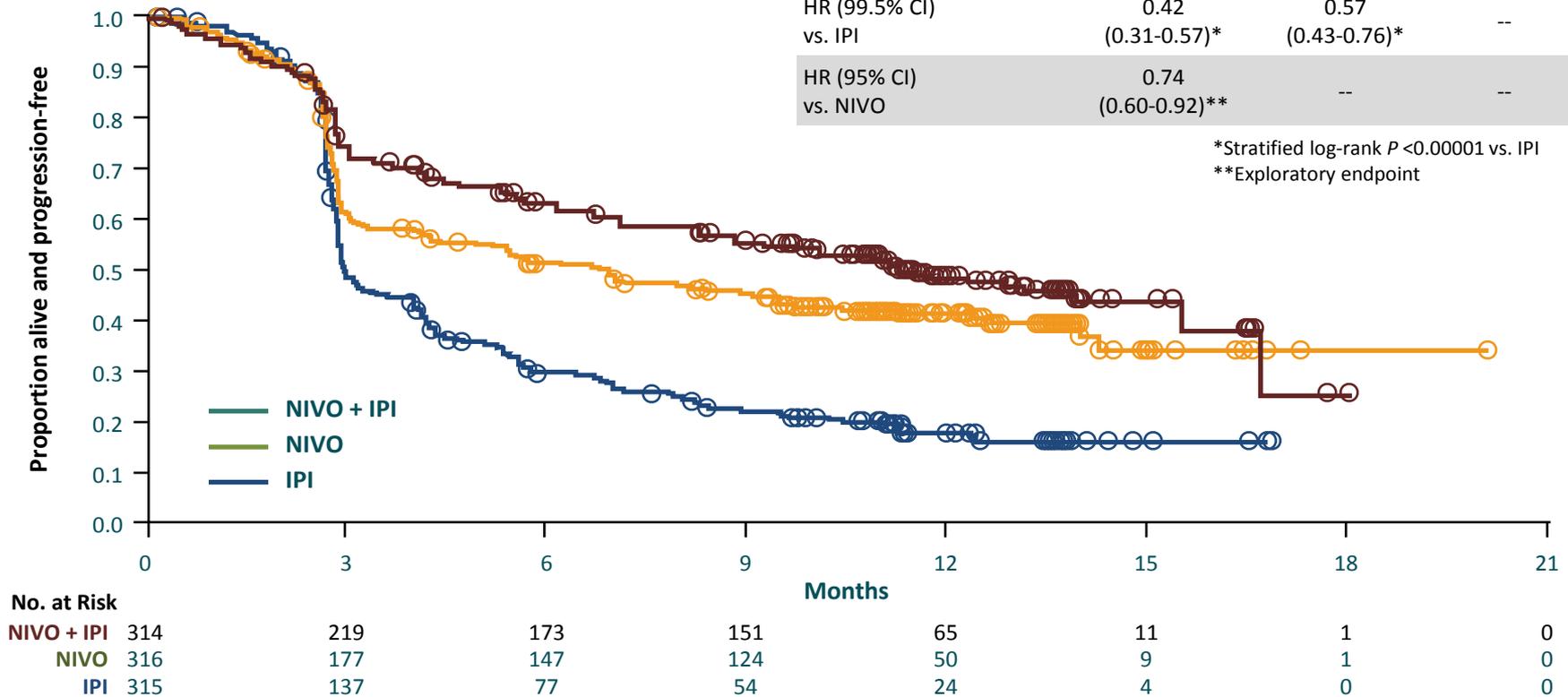
\*\*Verified PD-L1 assay with 5% expression level was used for the stratification of patients; validated PD-L1 assay was used for efficacy analyses.

\*\*\*Patients could have been treated beyond progression under protocol-defined circumstances.

# PFS (Intent-to-Treat) was Improved with Nivo + Ipi vs. Either Alone

	NIVO + IPI (N = 314)	NIVO (N = 316)	IPI (N = 315)
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	11.5 (8.9-16.7)	6.9 (4.3-9.5)	2.9 (2.8-3.4)
HR (99.5% CI) vs. IPI	0.42 (0.31-0.57)*	0.57 (0.43-0.76)*	--
HR (95% CI) vs. NIVO	0.74 (0.60-0.92)**	--	--

\*Stratified log-rank  $P < 0.00001$  vs. IPI  
 \*\*Exploratory endpoint



# Safety Summary

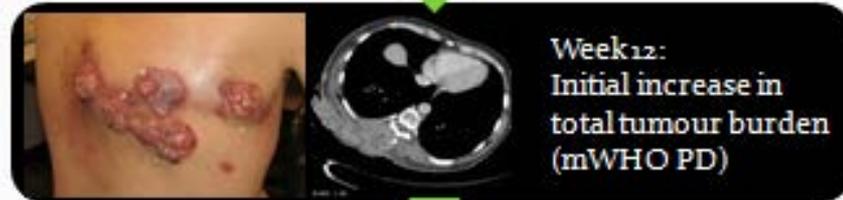
Patients Reporting Event, %	NIVO + IPI (N = 313)		NIVO (N = 313)		IPI (N = 311)	
	Any Grade	Grade 3-4	Any Grade	Grade 3-4	Any Grade	Grade 3-4
<b>Treatment-related adverse event (AE)</b>	95.5	55.0	82.1	16.3	86.2	27.3
<b>Treatment-related AE leading to discontinuation</b>	36.4	29.4	7.7	5.1	14.8	13.2
<b>Treatment-related death*</b>	0		0.3		0.3	

67.5% of patients (81/120) who discontinued the NIVO + IPI combination due to treatment-related AEs developed a response.

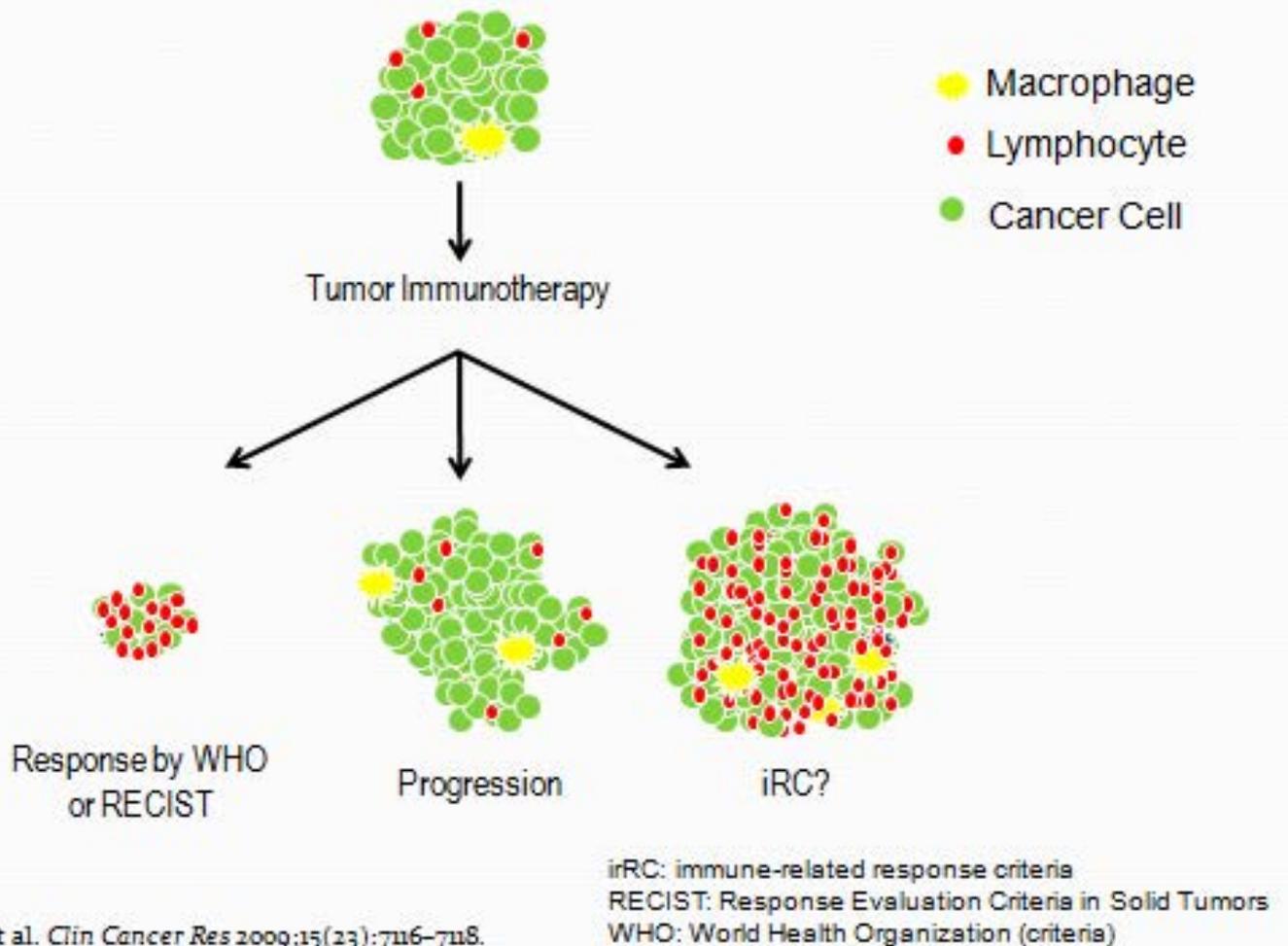
\*One reported in the NIVO group (neutropenia) and one in the IPI group (cardiac arrest).

# Potential Clinical Response Patterns With I-O Therapeutic Approaches

# Example of Evolution of Response to CTLA-4 Inhibitor



# Immune Response Criteria for Tumour Immunotherapy?





# Pseudo-progression: Inflammation Causes Swelling, May Appear as Tumour Growth or New Lesions Upon Imaging<sup>1</sup>

## Considerations when evaluating true progression vs. pseudo-progression

	May indicate progression	May indicate pseudo-progression
<i>Performance status</i>	<i>Deterioration of performance</i>	<i>Remains stable or improves</i>
<i>Systemic symptoms</i>	<i>Worsen</i>	<i>May or may not improve</i>
<i>Symptoms of tumour enlargement</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>May or may not be present</i>
<i>Tumour burden</i> <i>Baseline</i> <i>New lesions</i>	<i>Increase</i> <i>Appear and increase in size</i>	<i>Increase followed by response</i> <i>Appear then remain stable and/or subsequently respond</i>
<i>Biopsy may reveal</i>	<i>Evidence of tumour growth</i>	<i>Evidence of T-cell infiltration</i>

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# Key Principles of Managing Immune Mediate Adverse Events (irAE)

# Systemic Oncology Therapies

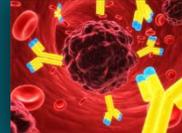
## CHEMOTHERAPY

Target: rapidly dividing tumour and normal cells  
Adverse events: diverse due to non-specific nature of therapy



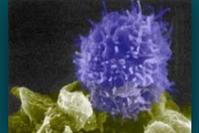
## TARGETED THERAPIES

Target: specific molecules involved in tumour growth and progression  
Adverse events: reflect targeted nature



## I-O THERAPIES

Target: immune system  
Adverse events: unique events can occur as a result of immune-system activity



Different spectrum of adverse events with each type of therapy

Although adverse events may have different etiologies, some adverse events with I-O may present like those with other therapies

Require different management strategies

# I-O Therapy May Induce Inflammation in Certain Organ Systems

## I-O therapy–associated AEs target certain organ systems<sup>1</sup>

**Skin**<sup>1-6</sup>

**Endocrine system**<sup>2,4,6,7-10</sup>

**Liver**<sup>2,6,11-12</sup>

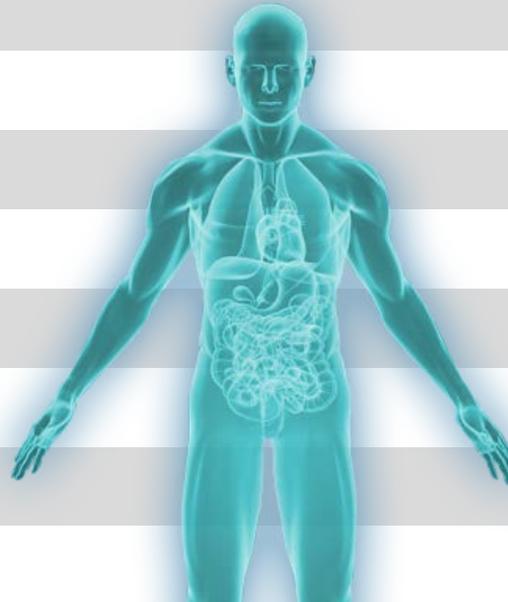
**Gastrointestinal tract**<sup>2,6,9,13</sup>

**Nervous system**<sup>6,10,14,15</sup>

**Eyes**<sup>1,4,16-18</sup>

**Respiratory system**<sup>1,5,6,10,15,19</sup>

**Hematopoietic cells**<sup>6,9,12,20-22</sup>



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# Organ Specific Immune-related Adverse Events

1 GI

2 SKIN

3 HEPATIC

4 ENDOCRINE

5 NEUROLOGICAL

6 PULMONARY

7 RENAL

## Incidence \*

- *All grades: 10-25%*
- *Grades 3-4: 1-5%*

## Symptoms

- *Diarrhea*
- *Stomach pain*
- *Nausea/vomiting/pain*
- *Blood in stool*
- *Constipation*
- *Abdominal cramping*



## Assessment

- *Number of BM/day*
- *Presence of watery diarrhea*
- *Blood or mucus in stool*

## Management

- *Most cases respond to symptomatic treatment or high-dose steroids with a long taper (over a month)*
  - *Infliximab is used in steroid-refractory cases*
- *Consider GI consultation in patients with moderate to severe symptoms*
- *In patients symptomatic for enterocolitis, rule out infectious etiologies and consider endoscopic evaluation for persistent or severe symptoms*

\*I-O monotherapy (pembrolizumab, ipilimumab, nivolumab)

If not vigilant, may result in more serious immune-related adverse events

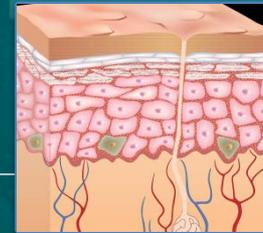
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# Infliximab for the Management of I/O-Associated Colitis

<b>Dosing</b>	5 mg/kg IV induction regimen at 0, 2 and 6 weeks followed by 5 mg/kg IV every 8 weeks thereafter as required
<b>Contraindications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Severe infections (e.g., sepsis, abscesses, tuberculosis and opportunistic infections)</li> <li>• Moderate or severe (NYHA Class III/IV) congestive heart failure</li> </ul>
<b>Most common adverse events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infections</li> <li>• Allergic reactions</li> <li>• Infusion-related reactions</li> </ul>
<b>Considerations for co-administration with other agents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not administer concurrently with another biologic (e.g., abatacept, rituximab, tocilizumab)</li> <li>• Live vaccines should not be given concurrently (acetaminophen and antihistamines may be used to manage reactions).</li> <li>• Monitor the effects/concentration of drugs with a narrow therapeutic index metabolized through CYP450</li> </ul>

# Organ Specific Immune-related Adverse Events

1 GI	2 SKIN	3 HEPATIC	4 ENDOCRINE	5 NEUROLOGICAL	6 PULMONARY	7 RENAL
<b>Incidence*</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>All grades: 7-25%</i></li> <li>• <i>Grades 3-4: 1&lt;1%</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Most cases are grade 1-2</i></p>				
<b>Symptoms / Assessment</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Itchiness</i></li> <li>• <i>Redness</i></li> <li>• <i>Presence of rash or pruritus</i></li> <li>• <i>Peeling</i></li> <li>• <i>Skin excoriations</i></li> </ul>				
<b>Management</b>		<p><i>Most cases are grade 1/2 and treatable with:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Symptomatic therapy (e.g., antihistamines), and</i></li> <li>• <i>Topical therapy (e.g., moisturizing creams and topical steroids)</i></li> <li>• <i>Generally reversible</i></li> <li>• <i>Important to evaluate and identify alternative etiologies not attributable to I-O therapy (e.g., viral/bacterial infection)</i></li> <li>• <i>Do not administer I-O therapy if moderate-to-severe rash is present</i></li> </ul>				



\*I-O monotherapy (pembrolizumab, ipilimumab, nivolumab)

If not vigilant, may result in more serious immune-related adverse events

# Skin/Dermatologic Adverse Events of I-O Therapy

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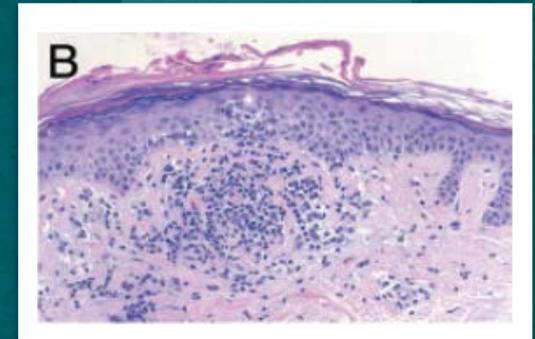
Example of ipilimumab-associated rash in a patient with advanced melanoma



Reticular erythematous rash

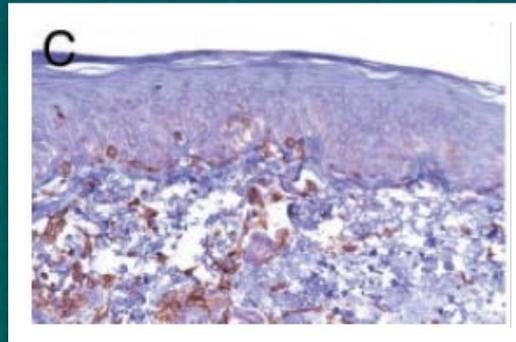


Immune-related maculopapular rash  
in a patient receiving ipilimumab

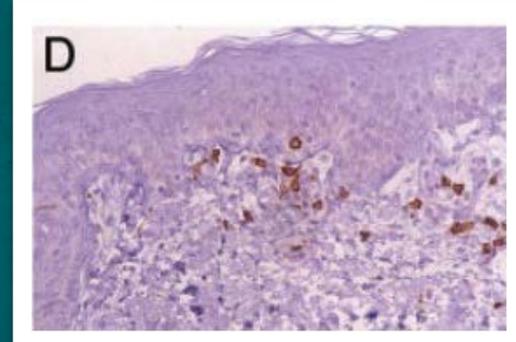


Perivascular lymphocyte infiltrate extending  
into epidermis. Magnification: x125

Ipilimumab-  
stimulated  
melanocyte  
immune  
recognition



CD4+ T cells apposed to dying  
melanocytes. Magnification: x250



CD8+ T cells apposed to dying  
melanocytes. Magnification: x250

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# Organ Specific Immune-related Adverse Events

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## Incidence\*

- **All grades: 6.4-7.1%**
- **Grades 3-4: 1.6-2.6%**

## Symptoms

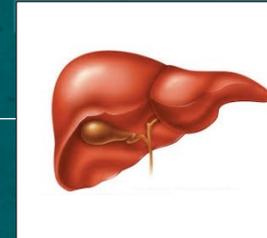
- **Jaundice**
- **Tiredness**
- **Nausea, vomiting**
- **Abdominal pain**

## Assessment

- **Liver function tests before each dose of I-O agents**

## Management

- **Delay I-O therapy if grade 2, discontinue if grade 3-4**
- **Increase frequency of monitoring**
- **Consider IV steroids if grade 3-4**
- **Add prophylactic antibiotics for opportunistic infections**
- **Consult gastroenterologist**



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ALT: alanine aminotransferase  
 AST: aspartate aminotransferase  
 irAE: immune-related adverse event  
 LFT: liver function test

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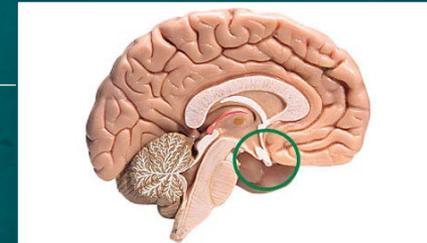
7 RENAL

## Incidence\*

- **All grades: 10.9-14.4%**
- **Grades 3-4: 0.6-2.3%**

## Symptoms

- **Headaches**
- **Visual changes**
- **Fever**
- **Fatigue/weakness**
- **Mental status changes, confusion**
- **Hypotension**
- **Abdominal pain and/or unusual bowel habits**



## Assessment

- **Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of hypophysitis, adrenal insufficiency (including adrenal crisis), and hyper- or hypothyroidism**

## Management

- **Delay I-O therapy if grade 2, discontinue if grade 3-4**
- **Consider IV steroids if grade 3-4**
- **Monitor thyroid function tests and clinical chemistries at the start of treatment, before each dose, and as clinically indicated based on symptoms.**

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## *Incidence\**

- *Grades 3-4: 0-0.4%*

## *Symptoms*

- *Sensory or motor neuropathy*
- *Muscle weakness*
- *Fatigue*
- *Difficulty waking up*

## *Assessment*

- *Monitor signs and symptoms indicative of motor or sensory neuropathy such as:*
- *Unilateral or bilateral weakness*
- *Sensory alterations*
- *Paresthesia*

## *Management*

- *Consider IV steroids*



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## Incidence\*

- **All grades: 2%**
- **Grades 3-4: <1%**

## Risk factors

- **No underlying factor identified to date**
- **No apparent relationship to tumor type**

## Symptoms

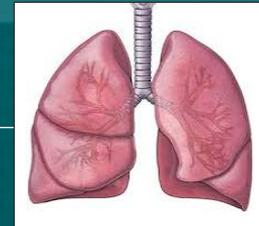
- **Cough, SOB/Dyspnea (rest or exertion), fever**
- **Asymptomatic radiographic changes**

## Assessment

- **Pulse oximetry (rest and exertion)**
- **CXR and/or CT**

## Management

- **Delay I-O therapy dosing**
- **Corticosteroids**
- **if not improving in 48 hrs or worsening, add immunosuppressants (e.g., infliximab, cyclophosphamide, IVIG, or mycophenolate mofetil)**



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## Incidence\*

- *< 1% of subjects treated with nivolumab or pembrolizumab monotherapy have experienced a related SAE of acute renal failure*
- *Case reports of renal dysfunction associated with ipilimumab have also been reported*



## Onset

- *Most commonly present with elevations in serum creatinine*

## Management

- *Steroids generally lead to clinical improvement/resolution*

## Renal biopsy

- *May help distinguish inflammatory versus non-inflammatory etiologies*

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SAE= serious adverse event

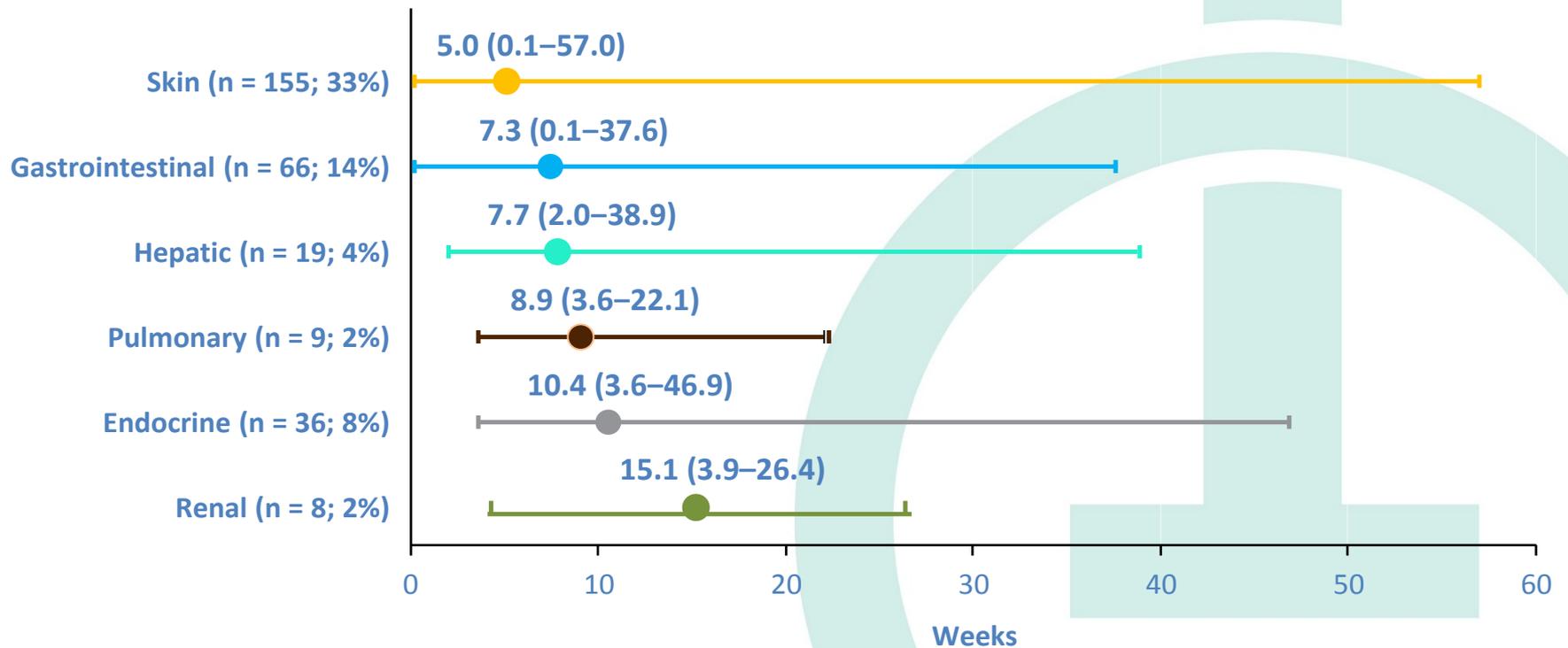
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# Kinetics of irAEs: Example for Nivolumab

Time to onset of select treatment-related AEs (any grade; n = 474)

Median time to onset for treatment-related select AEs ranged from 5.0 weeks for skin AEs to 15.1 weeks for renal AEs



# Stepwise Approach to Using I-O Agents in Clinic

## 1 BASELINE ASSESSMENT

## 2 EDUCATION

## 3 MONITORING

## 4 EARLY RECOGNITION

## 5 irAE Management

- Medical History
  - Specific questions on organ function which may be affected by immune related adverse reactions, for example:
    - Shortness of breath on exertion?
    - Rash?
    - Bowel function?
    - Previous history of autoimmune disease?
- Physical examination
  - Vital signs (with oximetry when clinically indicated), physical exam, weight, other significant findings
- Laboratory investigations
  - CBC, biochemistry, renal function, LFT, TSH, other endocrine function evaluation when appropriate

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1. Patient education\*
2. Multidisciplinary team (nurse, pharmacist, emergency, etc.)
3. Involve specialists
  - Gastroenterologist
  - Endocrinologist
  - Dermatologist
  - Pulmonologist
  - Ophthalmologist
  - Etc.



\*Patient tools are available



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5 IIAE Management

- Initiate treatment according to prescribing Product Monograph
- Careful ongoing clinical assessment is necessary for early identification of irAEs
- irAEs can be severe or life-threatening if not identified early
- irAEs can occur any time
- Keep in mind that toxicity does not equal response
- Early recognition is key
- Consider all symptoms and signs as potential irAE
- Refer to organ-specific algorithms for the management of irAEs

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The majority of immune-related AEs are manageable and reversible with drug interruption  $\pm$  corticosteroid.

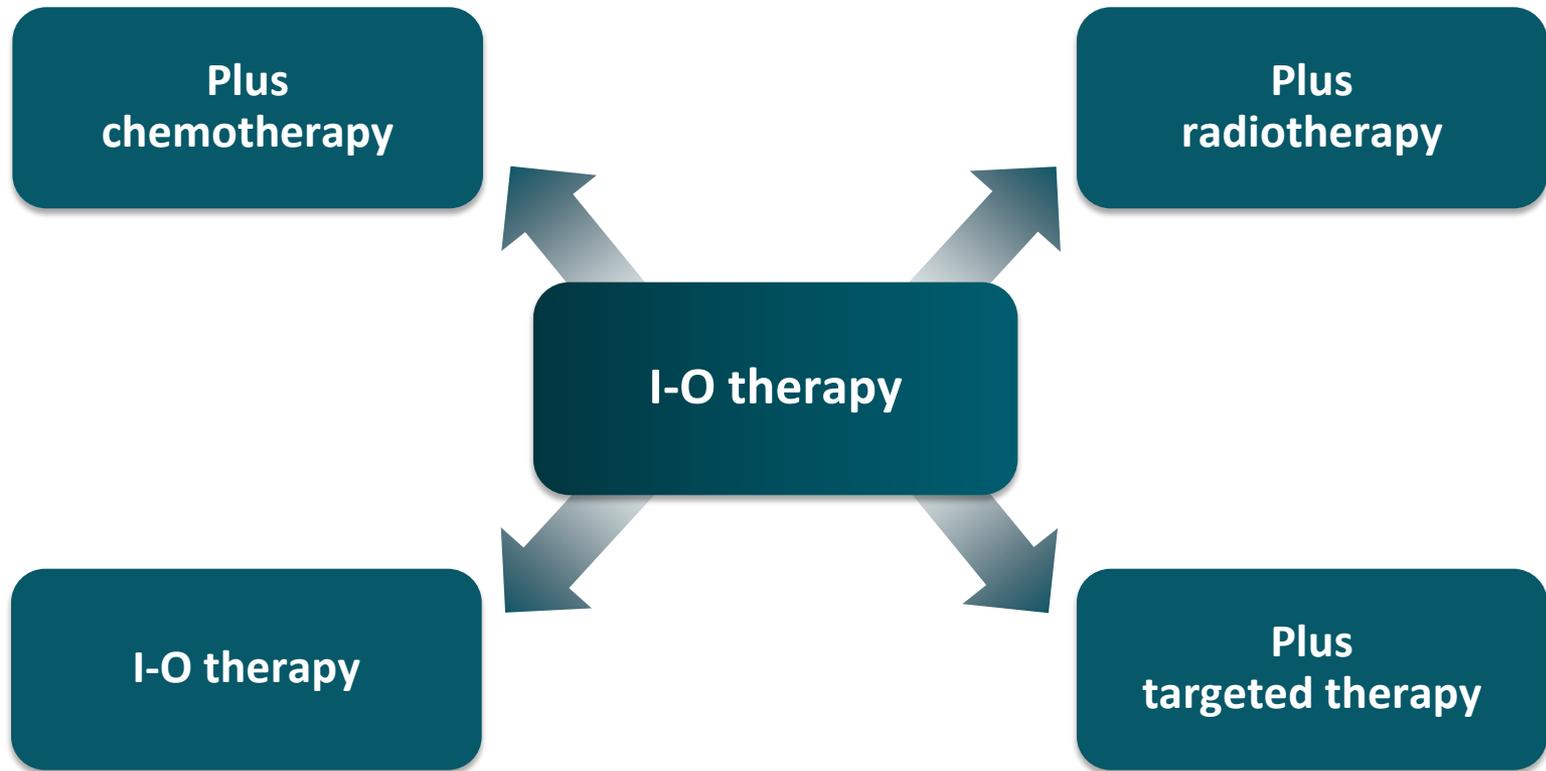
**Steroid taper is generally required over at least one month.**

Grade	Management	Continue the drug?
<b>Low (gr 1)</b>	Monitor closely	Continue (except for pneumonitis consider delay)
<b>Moderate (gr 2)</b>	Symptomatic management Monitor closely Oral corticosteroids	Delay the dose Resume IO drug when AEs resolve to grade $\leq$ 1 or baseline
<b>High (gr 3-4)</b>	Administer high dose IV Corticosteroids Symptomatic management Monitor closely Involve specialist consultant*	Discontinue I-O Drug permanently (Delay in some situations)

\* In the event of grade 3 or 4 toxicity for practitioners in non-tertiary centres, consult with an oncologist or consider transfer to a tertiary centre

# I-O Therapies have the Potential to be Used as Monotherapy or Part of Combination Regimens

I-O research and development will continue to inform future strategies, including new targets and rationale for drug combinations and sequencing.



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## Re-challenging with Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors after irAEs:

- irAEs can be re-challenged with immune checkpoint inhibitors once  $\leq$  grade 1
- irAEs should NOT be re-challenged in grade 3-4 with the exception of some situations (e.g., skin, perhaps diarrhea)

# Key Considerations on Management of Immune-related Events

Result from enhanced or excessive immune activity

Early diagnosis and appropriate management is essential

Health care team and patient education for early recognition

Can be severe or life-threatening, may involve various organs

Delayed irAE may occur

Multidisciplinary team approach is required for optimal management

Unless an alternate etiology has been identified, consider all symptoms and signs as potential irAE

Systemic high-dose corticosteroids\* may be required for severe events

\*with or without additional immunosuppressive therapy

Bristol-Myers Squibb. YERVOY (ipilimumab) Immune-related Adverse Reactions (IrAR) Management Guide and online Tool at <https://www.yervoy.co.uk/>;

Bristol-Myers Squibb. YERVOY (ipilimumab) SmPC updated July 2013, available at <http://www.ema.europa.eu>.

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**Important safety information** This guide is intended to provide information about the management of the important identified risks of prescribing OPDIVO for melanoma, NSCLC and RCC including immune-mediated endocrinopathies, gastrointestinal, hepatic, pulmonary, renal, rash, neurological and other adverse reactions, as well as infusion reactions.

All patients receiving treatment with OPDIVO must be given a Patient Alert Card to educate them about the symptoms of immune-mediated adverse reactions and the need to report them to their treating doctor immediately. Treating doctors should also advise their patients to keep the Patient Alert Card with them at all times and show it to any healthcare professional who may treat them.

For more information, please refer to OPDIVO Product Monograph available at Bristol-Myers Squibb Canada website at: <http://www.bmscanada.ca>

## Explore the Following Sections to Learn More About Managing Immune-Mediated Adverse Reactions:

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## What is OPDIVO?

OPDIVO® (nivolumab) is a medicine that helps the immune system to attack and destroy cancer cells.

Binding of the PD-1 ligands, PD-L1 and PD-L2, to the PD-1 receptor found on T-cells, inhibits T-cell proliferation and cytokine production. Upregulation of PD-1 ligands occurs in some tumours and signaling through this pathway can contribute to inhibition of active T-cell immune surveillance of tumours. Nivolumab is a human immunoglobulin G4 (IgG4) monoclonal antibody that binds to the PD-1 receptor and blocks its interaction with PD-L1 and PD-L2, releasing PD-1 pathway-mediated inhibition of the immune response, including the anti-tumour immune response. In syngeneic mouse tumour models, blocking PD-1 activity resulted in decreased tumour growth.

### Common adverse reactions



#### Melanoma

- In patients who received 3 mg/kg OPDIVO monotherapy in studies CA209066 and CA209037, the most frequently reported adverse reactions (occurring at  $\geq 15\%$ ) were fatigue, nausea, diarrhea, pruritus and rash.<sup>1,2</sup>



#### NSCLC

- In patients who received 3 mg/kg OPDIVO monotherapy in studies CA209017 and CA209057, the most frequently reported adverse drug reactions (occurring in  $\geq 10\%$ ) were fatigue, nausea, rash and decreased appetite.<sup>4,5</sup>
- In patients who received 3 mg/kg OPDIVO monotherapy in study CA209063, the most frequently reported adverse drug reactions (occurring in  $\geq 10\%$ ) were fatigue, decreased appetite, nausea, diarrhea and rash.<sup>6</sup>



#### RCC

- In patients who received 3 mg/kg OPDIVO monotherapy in study CA209025, the most frequently reported adverse drug reactions (occurring in  $\geq 10\%$ ) were fatigue, nausea, diarrhea, rash, pruritus and decreased appetite.<sup>7</sup>

## Recognize and Manage Adverse Reactions Associated With Therapy

OPDIVO (nivolumab) is associated with immune-mediated adverse reactions.

- Early identification of adverse reactions and intervention are an important part of the safe use of OPDIVO.
- Patients should be monitored continuously as an adverse reaction with OPDIVO may occur at any time during OPDIVO therapy. Adverse reactions are sometimes delayed and may develop weeks or months after the last dose of OPDIVO.

If immunosuppression with corticosteroids is used to treat an adverse reaction, a taper of at least 1-month duration should be initiated upon improvement.

- Rapid tapering may lead to worsening of the adverse reaction.
- Non-corticosteroid immunosuppressive medications should be added if there is worsening or no improvement despite corticosteroid use.
- Prophylactic antibiotics should be used to prevent opportunistic infections in patients receiving immunosuppressive medications.

**Do not resume OPDIVO while the patient is receiving immunosuppressive doses of corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive medications.**

**Permanently discontinue treatment with OPDIVO for:**

- Any Grade 4 immune-mediated adverse reactions;
- Grade 3 or 4 infusion reaction;
- Grade 3 hypophysitis, Grade 3 adrenal insufficiency, Grade 3 pneumonitis, Grade 3 serum creatinine elevation, Grade 3 aspartate aminotransferase (AST), alanine aminotransferase (ALT) or total bilirubin elevations;
- Any Grade 3 immune-mediated adverse reactions that persist despite treatment modifications;
- Any Grade 3 immune-mediated adverse reactions that recur;
- Any Grade 2 or 3 immune-mediated adverse reactions that persist despite treatment modifications;
- Any immune-mediated encephalitis;
- Inability to reduce corticosteroid dose to 10 mg prednisone or equivalent per day.

## Immune-Mediated Endocrinopathies

Data for the following immune-mediated adverse reactions are based on patients who received nivolumab 3 mg/kg monotherapy in clinical studies across tumour types (melanoma, NSCLC and RCC), and includes the melanoma indication based on studies CA209066, CA209037, CA209067, CA209017, CA209057, CA209063 and CA209025, approved with conditions. Although the rates of immune-mediated adverse reactions were generally similar across tumour types, hepatic and renal adverse reactions occurred most commonly in RCC (11.3% and 6.9%, respectively); gastrointestinal and skin adverse reactions occurred most commonly in melanoma (17.7% and 38.4%, respectively); and pulmonary reactions, specifically pneumonitis occurred most commonly in RCC and NSCLC (3.9% and 3.6%, respectively).<sup>1-7</sup>

- Severe endocrinopathies, including hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism, adrenal insufficiency, hypophysitis, diabetes mellitus and diabetic ketoacidosis, have been observed with OPDIVO (nivolumab) treatment.
- Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of endocrinopathies (see below).
- In patients treated with nivolumab monotherapy, the incidence of thyroid disorders, including hypothyroidism or hyperthyroidism, was 8.6% (149/1728). The majority of cases were Grade 1 or 2 in severity reported in 3.6% (62/1728) and 4.9% (85/1728) of patients, respectively. Grade 3 thyroid disorders were reported in 0.1% (2/1728) of patients. Hypophysitis (one Grade 1; one Grade 2; and three Grade 3), adrenal insufficiency (one Grade 1; five Grade 2; and four Grade 3), diabetes mellitus (one Grade 2) and diabetic ketoacidosis (two Grade 3) were reported. No Grade 4 or 5 cases were reported in these studies.

### Endocrinopathies

#### Signs and symptoms

- Fatigue
  - Weight change
  - Headache
  - Mental status change
  - Abdominal pain
  - Increased frequency of bowel movements
  - Hypotension
  - Visual disturbances
  - Thirst
  - Need to urinate more often
  - Increased appetite with a loss of weight
  - Feeling weak, sleepy, irritable or forgetful
  - Dizziness or fainting
  - Other non-specific symptoms
- If signs or symptoms are present, complete endocrine function evaluation.

### Unresectable or Metastatic Melanoma, Metastatic NSCLC and Metastatic RCC (monotherapy):

Median time to onset:	Median time to resolution:	Cases resolved:
2.8 months (range: 0.4-14.0)	66.6 weeks (range: 0.4-96.1+)	74 patients (45.0%)

## Managing Immune-Mediated Endocrinopathies

Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of endocrinopathy such as fatigue, weight change or headache, mental status changes, abdominal pain, unusual bowel habits, and hypotension, or nonspecific symptoms which may resemble other causes such as brain metastasis or underlying disease, changes in blood glucose levels and thyroid function.

### Symptomatic Hypothyroidism and Symptomatic Hyperthyroidism:

		For Symptomatic Hypothyroidism	For Symptomatic Hyperthyroidism
<b>Nivolumab (treatment) modification</b>	Withhold OPDIVO until symptoms resolve	Grade 2 (moderate) Grade 3 (severe)	Grade 2 (moderate) Grade 3 (severe)
	Permanently discontinue OPDIVO	Grade 4 (for life-threatening situations)	Grade 4 (for life-threatening situations)
<b>Hormone replacement</b>		Initiate thyroid hormone replacement	Initiate anti-thyroid therapy
<b>Steroids</b>			Consider initiating corticosteroids at a dose of 1 to 2 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone IV or oral equivalents for severe symptoms
<b>Monitoring</b>	Monitoring of thyroid function should continue to ensure appropriate hormone replacement is utilized		

## Follow-up

### Grade 2 or 3

**Upon improvement,** treatment may be resumed after corticosteroid taper, if needed

# APPENDIX: Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (NCI-CTCAE) v4.0 GRADING DEFINITIONS

	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>Grade 5</b>
<b>General</b>	Mild; asymptomatic or mild symptoms; clinical or diagnostic observations only; intervention not indicated.	Moderate; minimal, local or non-invasive intervention indicated; limiting age-appropriate instrumental ADL.*	Severe or medically significant but not immediately life-threatening; hospitalization or prolongation of hospitalization indicated; disabling; limiting self-care ADL.**	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated.	Death related to AE.

<b>Endocrine Disorders</b>	<b>Grade</b>		
<b>Adverse Event</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Adrenal insufficiency</b>	Moderate symptoms; medical intervention indicated	Severe symptoms; hospitalization indicated	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated
<b>Hyperglycemia</b>	Fasting glucose value >160-250 mg/dL; Fasting glucose value >8.9-13.9 mmol/L	>250-500 mg/dL; >13.9-27.8 mmol/L; hospitalization indicated	>500 mg/dL; >27.8 mmol/L; life-threatening consequences
<b>Hypothyroidism</b>	Symptomatic; thyroid replacement indicated; limiting instrumental ADL	Severe symptoms; limiting self-care ADL; hospitalization indicated	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated
<b>Hyperthyroidism</b>	Symptomatic; thyroid suppression therapy indicated; limiting instrumental ADL	Severe symptoms; limiting self-care ADL; hospitalization indicated	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated

<b>Gastrointestinal Disorders</b>	<b>Grade</b>		
<b>Adverse Event</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Colitis</b>	Abdominal pain; mucus or blood in stool	Severe abdominal pain; change in bowel habits; medical intervention indicated; peritoneal signs	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated
<b>Diarrhea</b>	Increase of 4-6 stools per day over baseline; moderate increase in ostomy output compared to baseline	Increase of ≥7 stools per day over baseline; incontinence; hospitalization indicated; severe increase in ostomy output compared to baseline; limiting self-care ADL	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated

<b>Hepatic Disorders</b>	<b>Grade</b>		
<b>Adverse Event</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Alanine aminotransferase (ALT) increased</b>	>3.0-5.0 x ULN	>5.0-20.0 x ULN	>20.0 x ULN
<b>Aspartate aminotransferase (AST) increased</b>	>3.0-5.0 x ULN	>5.0-20.0 x ULN	>20.0 x ULN
<b>Blood bilirubin (TBIL) increased</b>	>1.5-3.0 x ULN	>3.0-10.0 x ULN	>10.0 x ULN

<b>Pulmonary Disorders</b>	<b>Grade</b>		
<b>Adverse Event</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Pneumonitis</b>	Symptomatic; medical intervention indicated; limiting instrumental ADL	Severe symptoms; limiting self-care ADL; oxygen indicated	Life-threatening respiratory compromise; urgent intervention indicated (e.g., tracheotomy or intubation)

<b>Renal Disorders</b>	<b>Grade</b>		
<b>Adverse Event</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Creatinine increased</b>	>1.5-3.0 x baseline; >1.5-3.0 x ULN	>3.0 baseline; >3.0-6.0 x ULN	>6.0 x ULN

<b>Skin Disorders</b>	<b>Grade</b>		
<b>Adverse Event</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Rash acneiform</b>	Papules and/or pustules covering 10-30% BSA, which may or may not be associated with symptoms of pruritus or tenderness; associated with psychosocial impact; limiting instrumental ADL	Papules and/or pustules covering >30% BSA, which may or may not be associated with symptoms of pruritus or tenderness; limiting self-care ADL; associated with local superinfection with oral antibiotics indicated	Papules and/or pustules covering any % BSA, which may or may not be associated with symptoms of pruritus or tenderness and are associated with extensive superinfection with IV antibiotics indicated; life-threatening consequences
<b>Rash maculo-papular</b>	Macules/papules covering 10-30% BSA with or without symptoms (e.g., pruritus, burning, tightness); limiting instrumental ADL	Macules/papules covering >30% BSA with or without associated symptoms; limiting self-care ADL	-
<b>Toxic epidermal necrolysis</b>	-	-	Skin sloughing covering $\geq 30\%$ BSA with associated symptoms (e.g., erythema, purpura or epidermal detachment)

<b>Neurological Disorders</b>	<b>Grade</b>		
<b>Adverse Event</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Encephalitis infection</b>	-	IV antibiotic, antifungal or antiviral intervention indicated; severe changes in mental status; self-limited seizure activity; focal neurologic abnormalities	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated
<b>Encephalopathy</b>	Moderate symptoms; limiting instrumental ADL	Severe symptoms; limiting self-care ADL	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated

#### Activities of Daily Living (ADL)

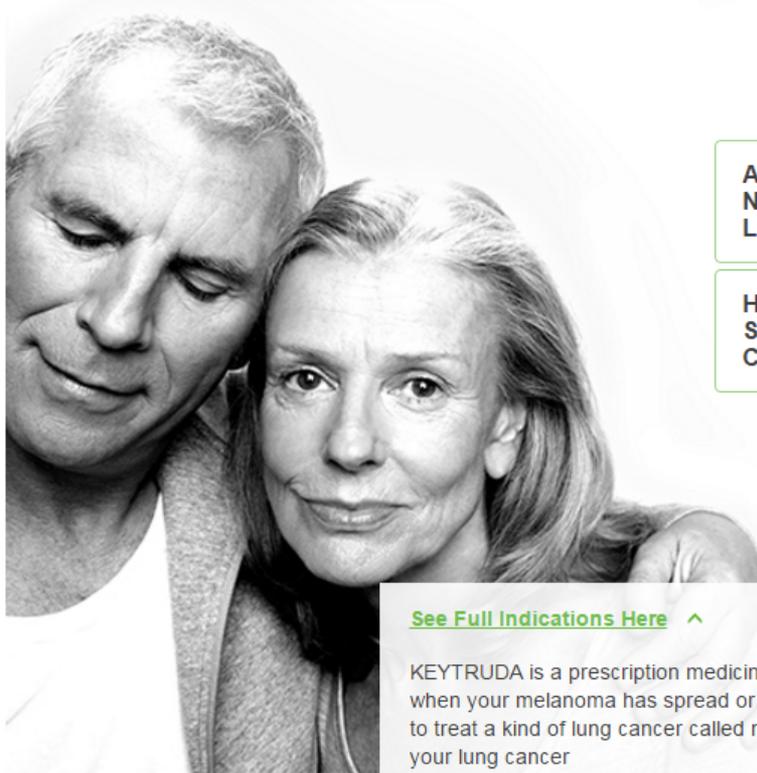
\*Instrumental ADL refer to preparing meals, shopping for groceries or clothes, using the telephone, managing money, etc.

\*\*Self-care ADL refer to bathing, dressing and undressing, feeding self, using the toilet, taking medications, and not bedridden.



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- has spread (advanced NSCLC) **and**,
- tests positive for "PD-L1"\* **and**,
  - you have not received chemotherapy to treat your advanced NSCLC and your tumor does not have an abnormal "EGFR" or "ALK" gene\* **or**
  - you have received chemotherapy that contains platinum to treat your advanced NSCLC, and it did not work or is no longer working **and**
  - if your tumor has an abnormal "EGFR" or "ALK" gene,\* you have also received an EGFR or ALK inhibitor medicine and it did not work or is no longer working.

It also is used to treat a kind of cancer called head and neck squamous cell cancer (HNSCC). KEYTRUDA may be used when your HNSCC has returned or spread (advanced HNSCC) **and** you have received chemotherapy that contains platinum to treat your advanced HNSCC, and it did not work or is no longer

Full indication for patients with advanced melanoma

KEYTRUDA is indicated for the treatment of patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma.

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- KEYTRUDA can cause immune-mediated pneumonitis, including fatal cases. Pneumonitis occurred in 94 (3.4%) of 2799 patients receiving KEYTRUDA, including Grade 1 (0.8%), 2 (1.3%), 3 (0.9%), 4 (0.3%), and 5 (0.1%) pneumonitis, and occurred more frequently in patients with a history of prior thoracic radiation (6.9%) compared to those without (2.9%). Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of pneumonitis. Evaluate suspected pneumonitis with radiographic imaging. Administer corticosteroids for Grade 2 or greater pneumonitis. Withhold KEYTRUDA for Grade 2; permanently discontinue KEYTRUDA for Grade 3 or 4 or recurrent Grade 2 pneumonitis.

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Pr YERVOY™  
(ipilimumab)

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This leaflet is part III of a three-part "Product Monograph" published when YERVOY (ipilimumab) was approved for sale in Canada and is designed specifically for Consumers.

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What the medication is used for:

YERVOY (ipilimumab) is a prescription medicine used to treat melanoma (a kind of skin cancer) that has spread or cannot be removed by surgery. It is for the treatment of melanoma in adults.

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What it does:

YERVOY helps your immune system attack and destroy cancer cells by your immune cells.

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# CASES

# Case 1: Melanoma Skin – anti-CTLA-4

## 1 INITIAL PRESENTATION

## 2 TREATMENT

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- 57-year-old woman presented with a mole on left upper back
- Surgical pathology -T2b, N1a - 2.5mm, clark IV, 8mitosis/mm<sup>2</sup>
- 1 of 3 sentinel lymph node positive
- Healthy otherwise
- CT showed several small pulmonary nodules, suspicious for metastatic disease

# Case 1: Melanoma Skin – anti-CTLA-4

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Treatment

Ipilimumab  
3mg/kg



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2 weeks post  
cycle 1

Diffuse  
maculopapular  
skin rash >30%  
BSA (grade 3)



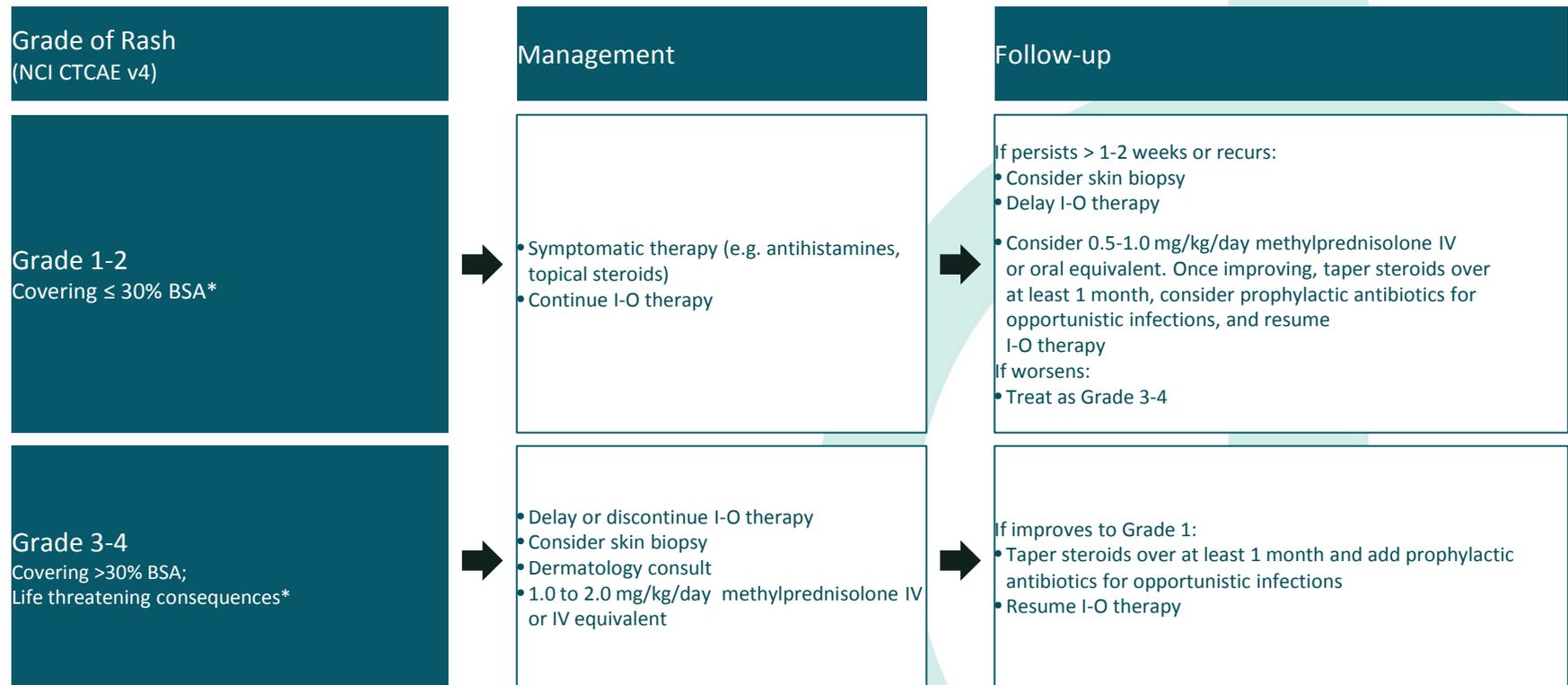
# Grading the Rash

Skin Disorders	Grade		
Adverse Event	2	3	4
<b>Rash acneiform</b>	Papules and/or pustules covering 10-30% BSA, which may or may not be associated with symptoms of pruritus or tenderness; associated with psychosocial impact; limiting instrumental ADL	Papules and/or pustules covering >30% BSA, which may or may not be associated with symptoms of pruritus or tenderness; limiting self-care ADL; associated with local superinfection with oral antibiotics indicated	Papules and/or pustules covering any % BSA, which may or may not be associated with symptoms of pruritus or tenderness and are associated with extensive superinfection with IV antibiotics indicated; life-threatening consequences
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# Skin Adverse Event Management Algorithm

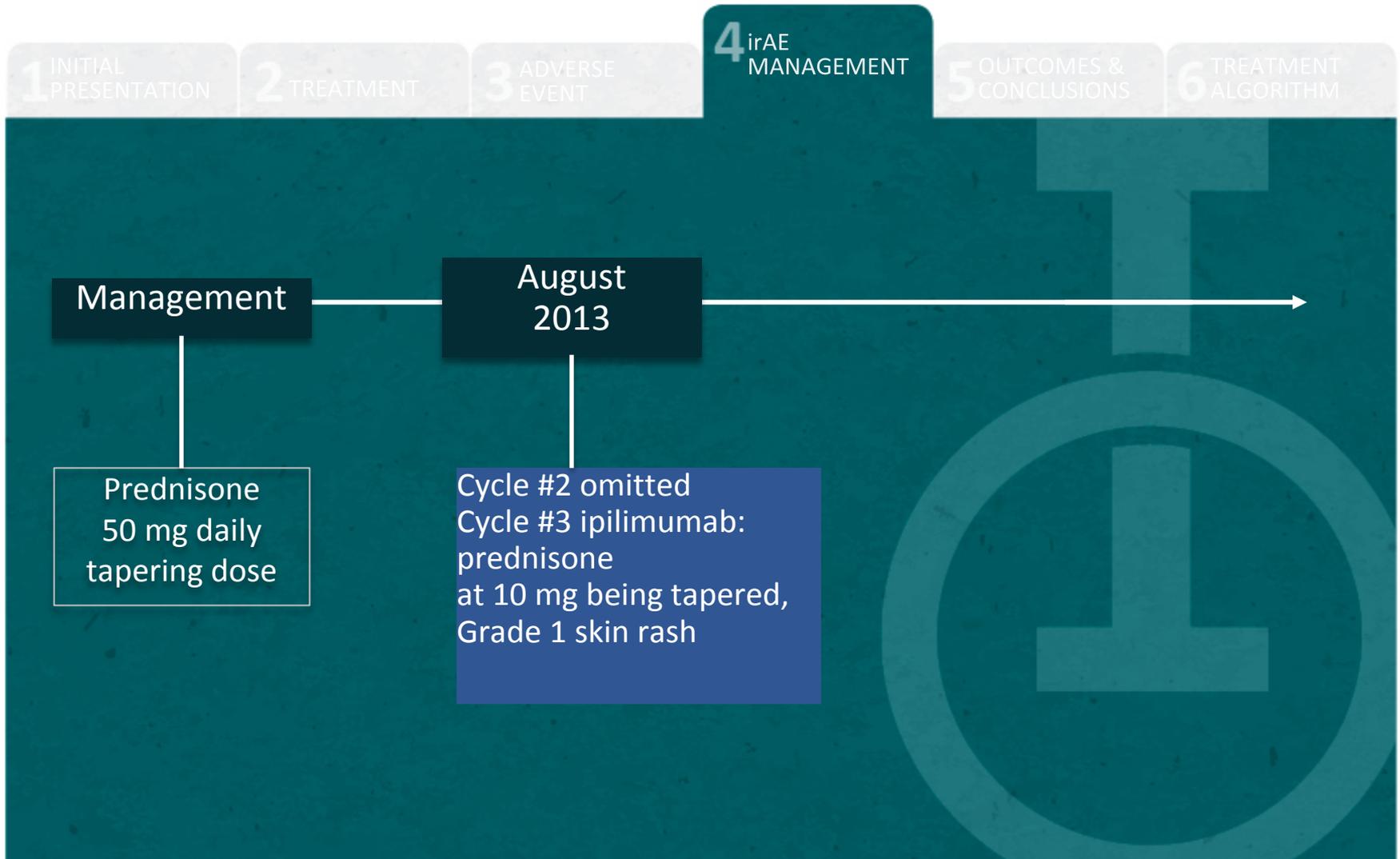
Rule out non-inflammatory causes. If non-inflammatory cause, treat accordingly and continue I-O therapy.



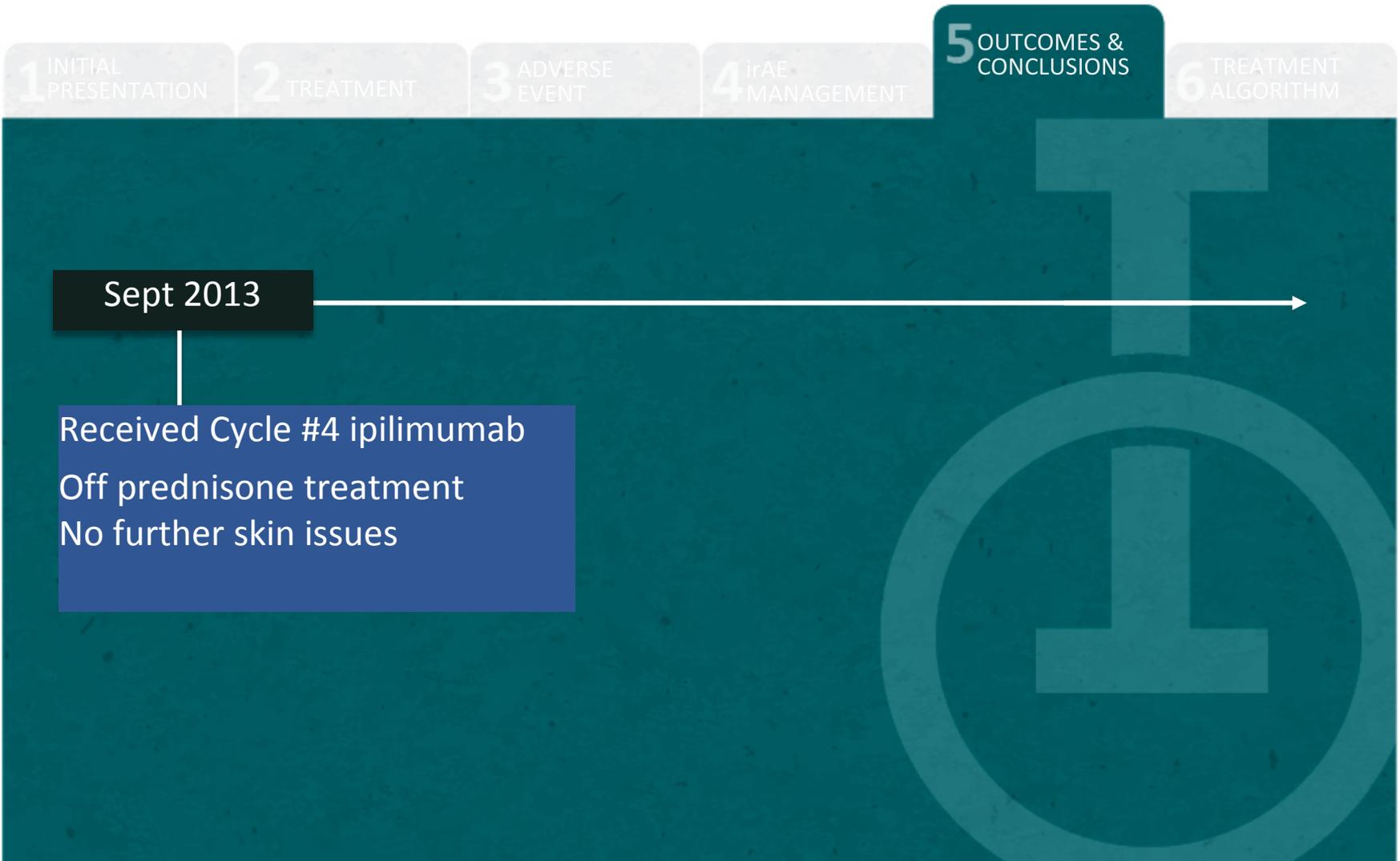
Patients on IV steroids may be switched to an equivalent dose of oral corticosteroids (e.g. prednisone) at start of tapering or earlier, once sustained clinical improvement is observed. Lower bioavailability of oral corticosteroids should be taken into account when switching to the equivalent dose of oral corticosteroids.

\* Refer to NCI CTCAE v4 for term-specific grading criteria.

# Case 1: Melanoma Skin – anti-CTLA-4



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# Case 2: Melanoma

## Endo – anti-PD-1

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2 TREATMENT

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- 54-year-old male
  - Metastatic melanoma to lungs
  - Asymptomatic from lung metastases, ECOG 0
  - PMHx: atrial fibrillation 1 year ago
  - Medications: ASA 81 mg po OD
- Randomized to pembrolizumab q2w  
on a clinical trial

# Case 2: Melanoma Endo – anti-PD-1

1 INITIAL PRESENTATION

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Jan 13, 2014

First dose of pembrolizumab

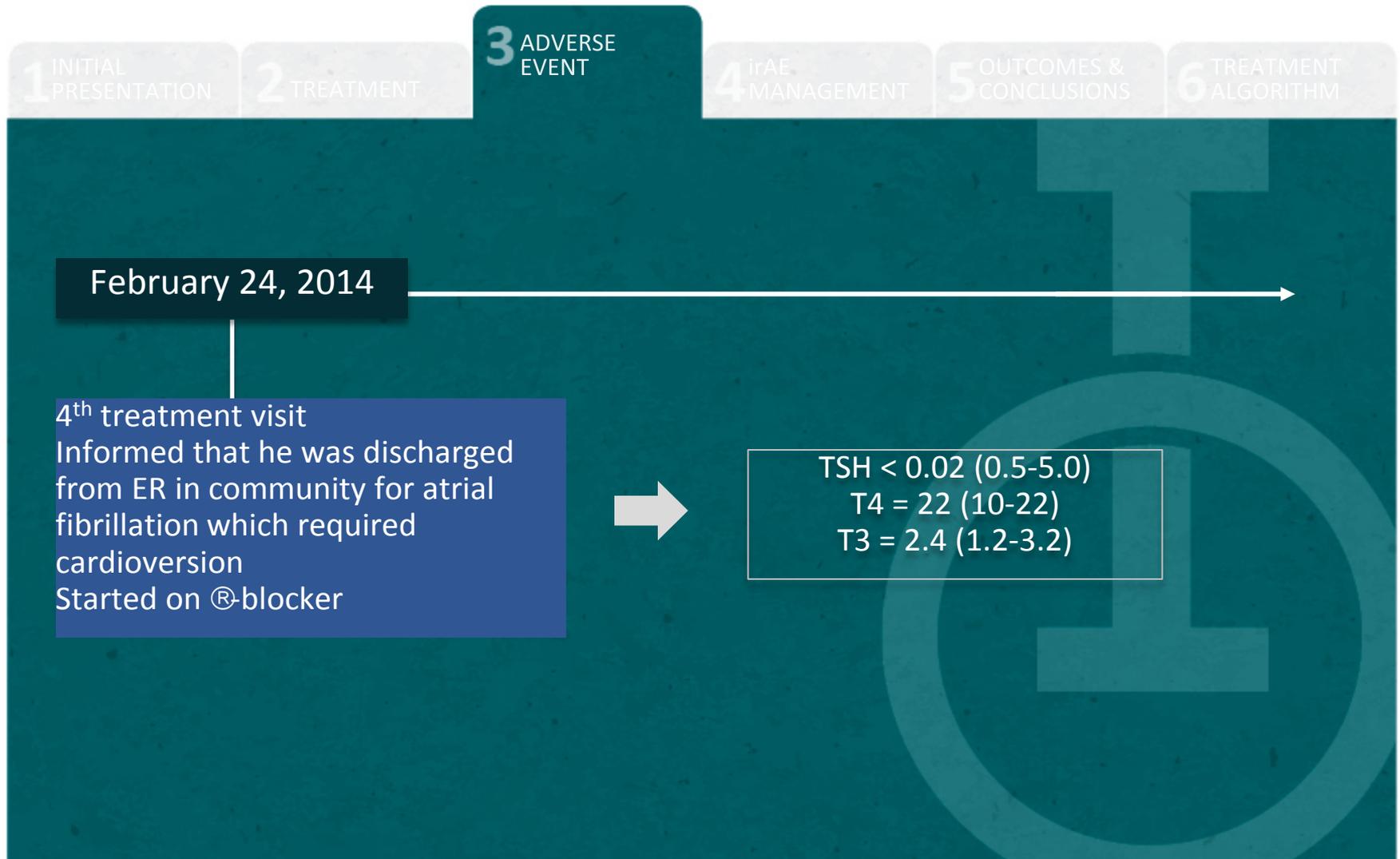
Thyroid function at start of PD1 was normal  
TSH = 2.42 (0.5-5.0)  
Free T4 = 15 (10-22)  
T3 = 1.3 (1.2-3.2)  
Tolerated PD1 well, exception grade 1 fatigue

February 24, 2014

4<sup>th</sup> treatment visit  
Informed that he was discharged from ER in community for atrial fibrillation which required cardioversion  
Started on  $\beta$ -blocker

# Case 2: Melanoma

## Endo – anti-PD-1



Endocrine Disorders	Grade		
	2	3	4
<b>Adrenal insufficiency</b>	Moderate symptoms; medical intervention indicated	Severe symptoms; hospitalization indicated	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated
<b>Hyperglycemia</b>	Fasting glucose value >160-250 mg/dL; Fasting glucose value >8.9-13.9 mmol/L	>250-500 mg/dL; >13.9-27.8 mmol/L; hospitalization indicated	>500 mg/dL; >27.8 mmol/L; life-threatening consequences
<b>Hypothyroidism</b>	Symptomatic; thyroid replacement indicated; limiting instrumental ADL	Severe symptoms; limiting self-care ADL; hospitalization indicated	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated
<b>Hyperthyroidism</b>	Symptomatic; thyroid suppression therapy indicated; limiting instrumental ADL	Severe symptoms; limiting self-care ADL; hospitalization indicated	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated

## Managing Immune-Mediated Endocrinopathies

Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of endocrinopathy such as fatigue, weight change or headache, mental status changes, abdominal pain, unusual bowel habits, and hypotension, or nonspecific symptoms which may resemble other causes such as brain metastasis or underlying disease, changes in blood glucose levels and thyroid function.

### Symptomatic Hypothyroidism and Symptomatic Hyperthyroidism:

		For Symptomatic Hypothyroidism	For Symptomatic Hyperthyroidism
<b>Nivolumab (treatment) modification</b>	Withhold OPDIVO until symptoms resolve	Grade 2 (moderate) Grade 3 (severe)	Grade 2 (moderate) Grade 3 (severe)
	Permanently discontinue OPDIVO	Grade 4 (for life-threatening situations)	Grade 4 (for life-threatening situations)
<b>Hormone replacement</b>		Initiate thyroid hormone replacement	Initiate anti-thyroid therapy
<b>Steroids</b>			Consider initiating corticosteroids at a dose of 1 to 2 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone IV or oral equivalents for severe symptoms
<b>Monitoring</b>	Monitoring of thyroid function should continue to ensure appropriate hormone replacement is utilized		

## Follow-up

### Grade 2 or 3

**Upon improvement,** treatment may be resumed after corticosteroid taper, if needed



# Case 2: Melanoma Endo – anti-PD-1

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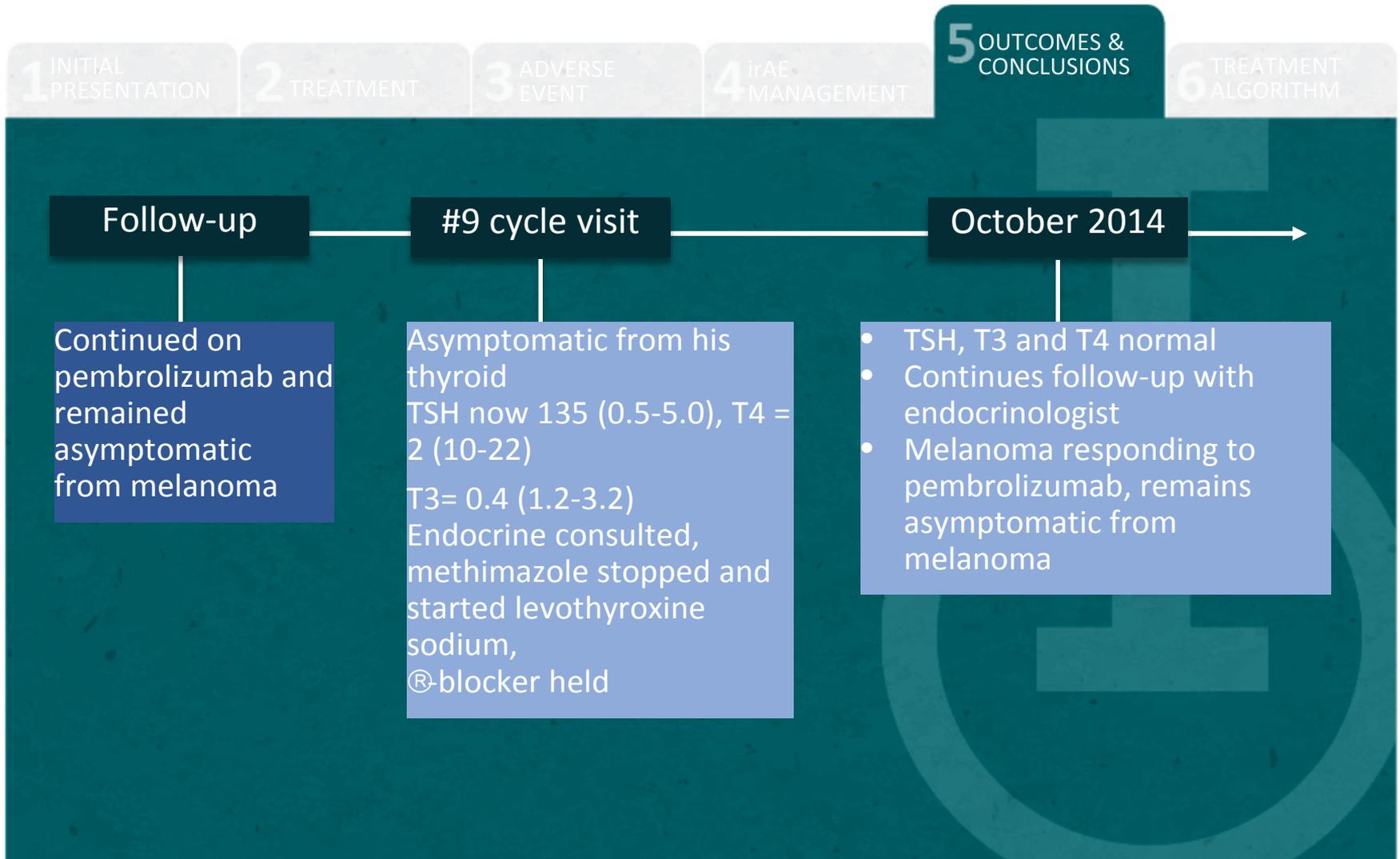
5 OUTCOMES & CONCLUSIONS

6 TREATMENT ALGORITHM

Management

Referred to endocrinology  
and started on methimazole

# Case 2: Melanoma Endo – anti-PD-1



# Case 3: Melanoma

## 1 INITIAL PRESENTATION

## 2 TREATMENT

## 3 ADVERSE EVENT

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## 5 OUTCOMES & CONCLUSIONS

## 6 TREATMENT ALGORITHM



- 78-year-old male
- T4bN2a acral lentiginous melanoma right toe 2008. BRAF WT.
- In transit mets to leg 2011 treated with limb perfusion and later surgery
- Relapse to base of tongue and cervical nodes
- Coughing up blood but ECOG 1.
- PMHx: HTN, acid reflux
- Medications: HCTZ, perinopril, tamsulosin, ranitidine.
- Started nivolumab by Access to Hope program

# Case 3: Melanoma Renal – anti-PD-1

1 INITIAL PRESENTATION

2 TREATMENT

3 ADVERSE EVENT

4 irAE MANAGEMENT

5 OUTCOMES & CONCLUSIONS

6 TREATMENT ALGORITHM

Mar 21, 2016

First dose of nivolumab

- Hgb 134, Cr 111. All other labs normal.
- Tolerated PD1 well, exception mild headache x 1 day

May 2, 2016

- 5<sup>th</sup> treatment visit
- He had mild diarrhea 1-2 loose stool daily.
- Lost 6 lbs.
- 4/10 chest pain x 1 week.
- Just had CT – no pneumonitis.
- ECG normal.
- Troponin 30.
- ECHO negative for pericarditis
- Cr 114.
- Cancelled treatment to work up.

# Case 3: Melanoma Renal – anti-PD-1

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EVENT

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ALGORITHM

May 16, 2016

- 5<sup>th</sup> treatment visit
- Mild flu like symptoms but not unwell.
- Cr 338, BUN 16
- Admitted to hospital for presumed nephritis.

# Grading Toxicity

<b>Renal Disorders</b>	<b>Grade</b>		
<b>Adverse Event</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Creatinine increased</b>	>1.5-3.0 x baseline; >1.5-3.0 x ULN	>3.0 baseline; >3.0-6.0 x ULN	>6.0 x ULN

## Managing Immune-Mediated Renal Adverse Reactions

Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of nephrotoxicity, including asymptomatic increase in serum creatinine and rule out disease-related etiologies.

Grade of serum creatinine elevation (NCI-CTCAE v4)	Grade 2 serum creatinine elevation	Grade 3 or 4 serum creatinine elevation
<b>OPDIVO treatment and monitoring</b>	Withhold OPDIVO until creatinine returns to baseline and management with corticosteroids is complete	Permanently discontinue OPDIVO
<b>Steroids</b>	Initiate corticosteroids at a dose of 0.5 to 1 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone equivalents	Initiate corticosteroids at a dose of 1 to 2 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone equivalents

NCI-CTCAE v4 – National Cancer Institute Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events Version 4.0

## Follow-up

### Grade 2 or 3 serum creatinine elevation

**Upon improvement** resume OPDIVO after corticosteroid taper

**If worsening or no improvement** occurs despite initiation of corticosteroids, increase dose to 1 to 2 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone equivalents and permanently discontinue OPDIVO

# Case 3: Melanoma Renal – anti-PD-1

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May 16, 2016

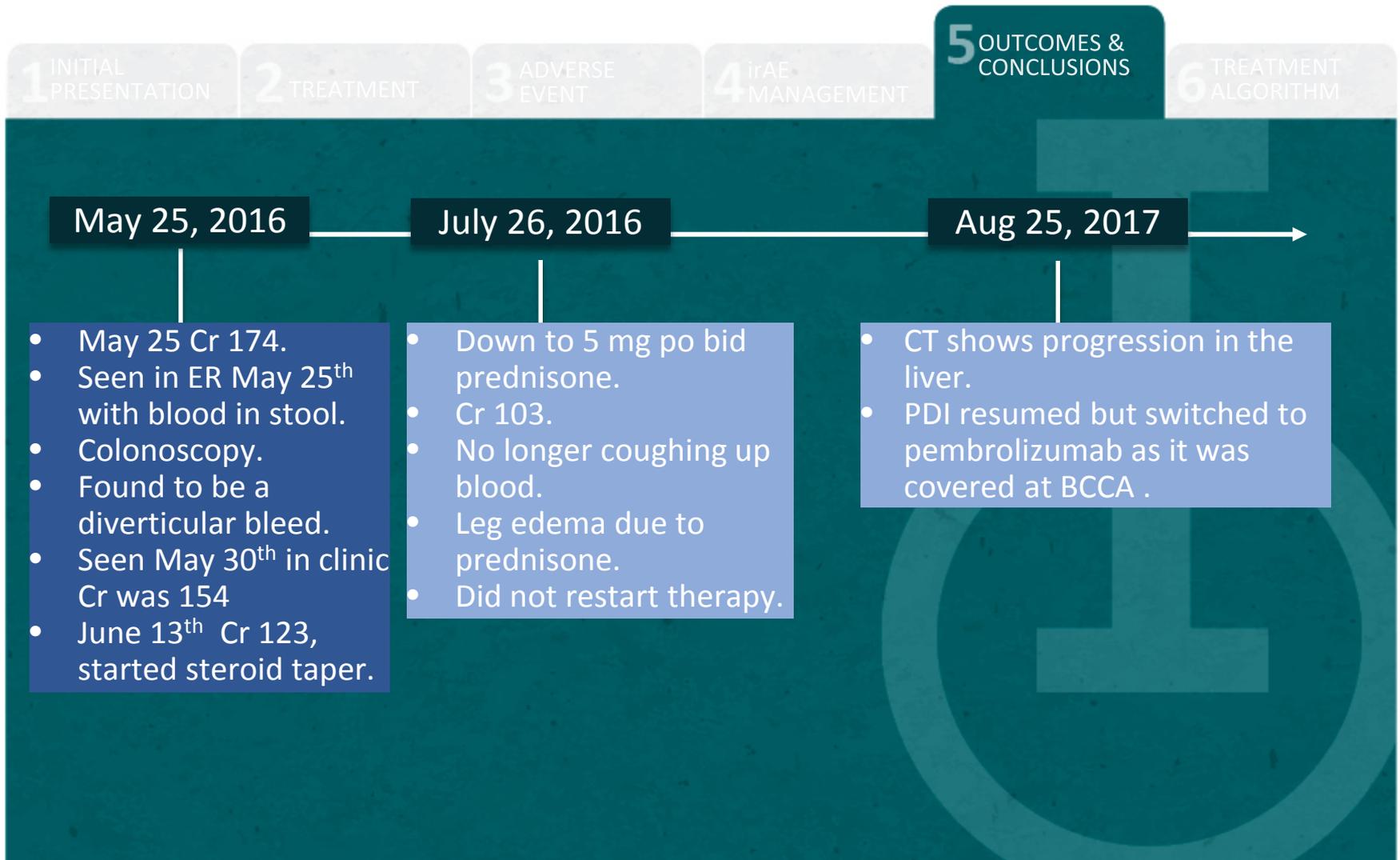
- 5<sup>th</sup> treatment visit
- Mild flu like symptoms but not unwell.
- Cr 338, BUN 16
- Admitted to hospital for presumed nephritis.
- Troponin was 61 (likely related to renal dysfunction)



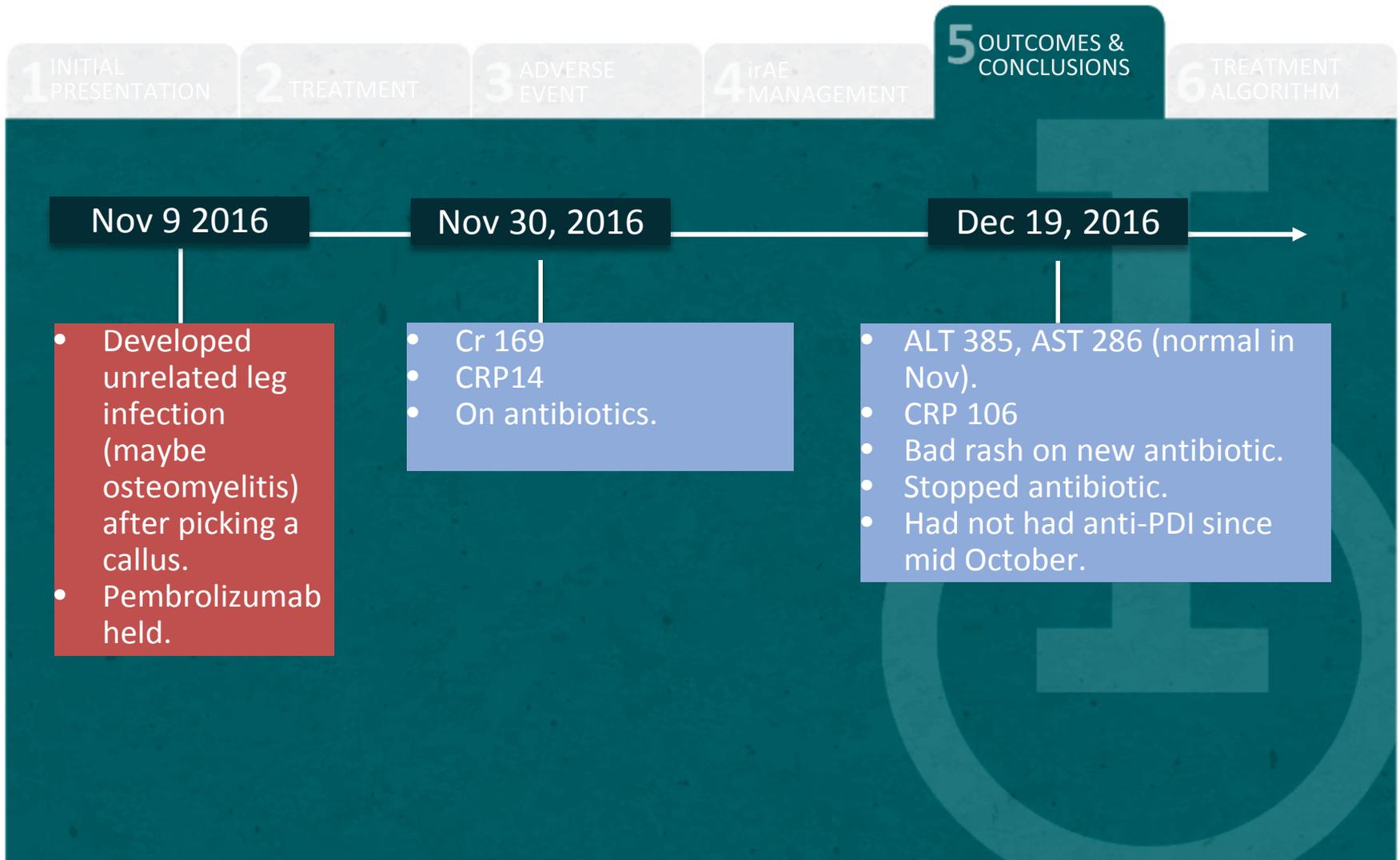
- Started on prednisone 1 mg/kg
- Nephrology consulted
- Renal biopsy shows nephritis.
- May 19 Cr 286
- May 20 Cr 239
- Discharged on May 20<sup>th</sup> on prednisone 100 mg po daily + sepra prophylaxis.



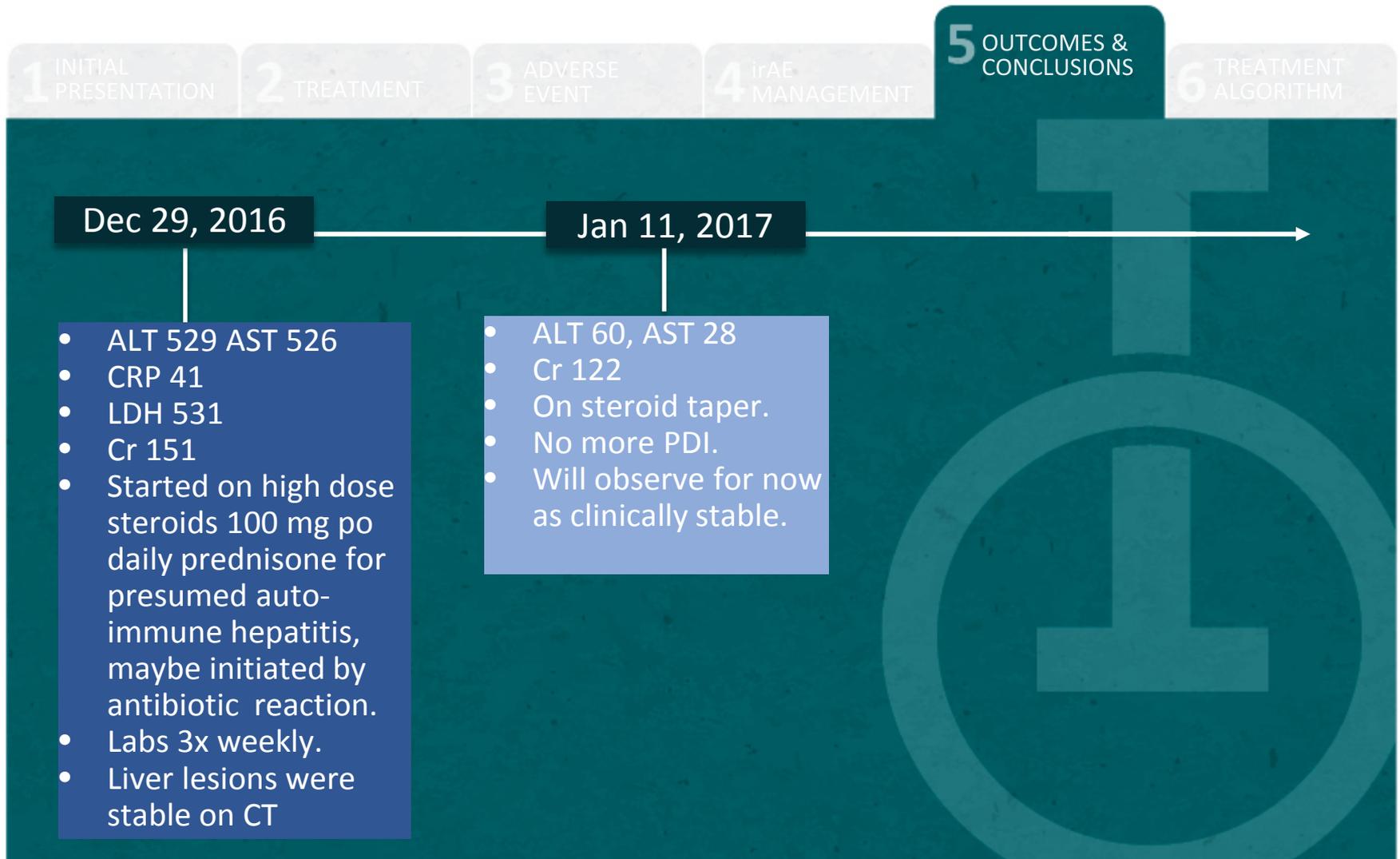
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# SUMMARY

- Immuno-oncology is a new corner stone of cancer therapy and is resulting in significant benefit in many cancers.
- Immunoncology agents have a new spectrum of adverse events, predominantly autoimmune in nature.
- Most of the immune-associated AEs are manageable with early recognition and treatment
- Optimal management of irAEs should involve multidisciplinary care team
- Remain vigilant throughout and after treatment
  - Educate and encourage patients to monitor for and report symptoms of immune-associated AEs
- Follow management guidelines for immune-associated AEs to give patients the best chance of therapeutic success

