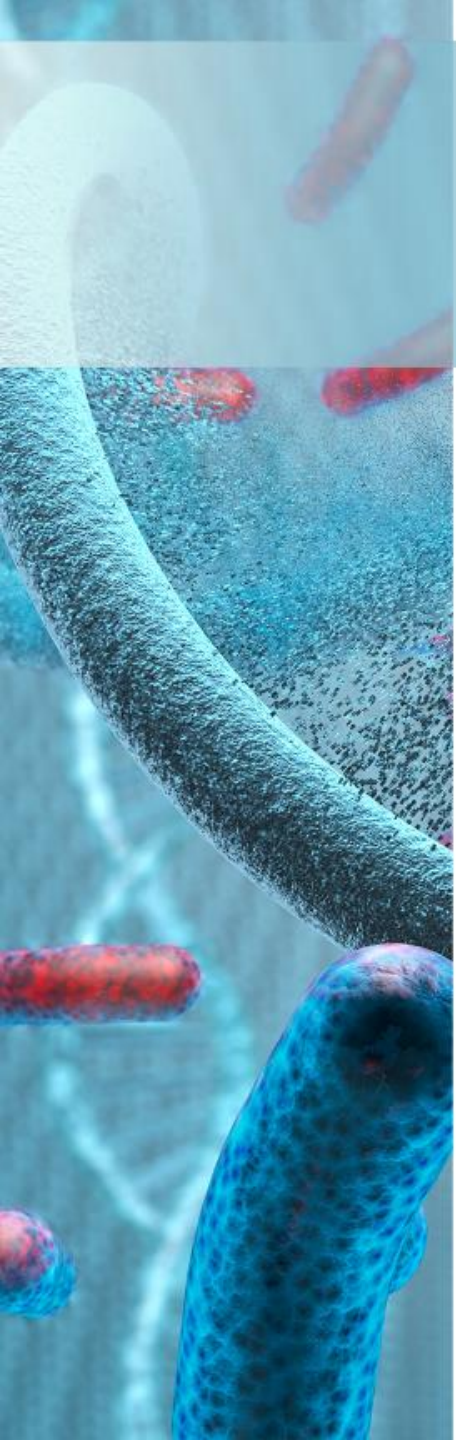




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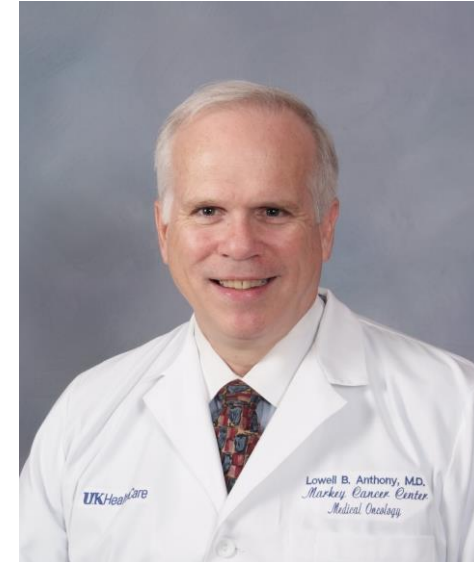
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# Learning Objectives

- **Assess** adverse events associated with immune checkpoint inhibitors and their unique management strategies
- **Identify** issues and strategies to improve the quality of life for patients on immune checkpoint inhibitors
- **Recognize** effective communication strategies and gaps in communication and the need for both upfront and follow-up communication to improve outcomes
- **Formulate** strategies to overcome barriers to treatment, including financial and access issues

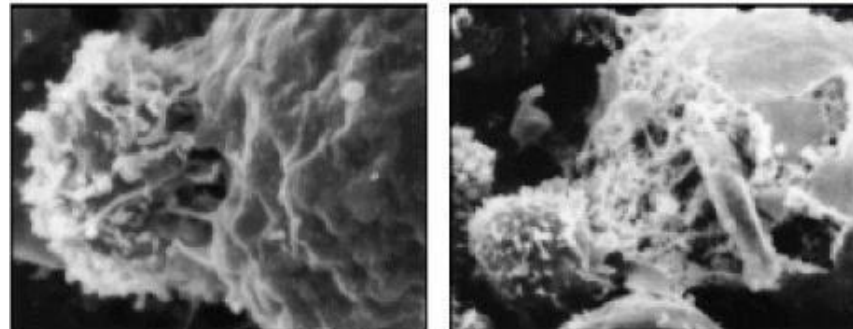
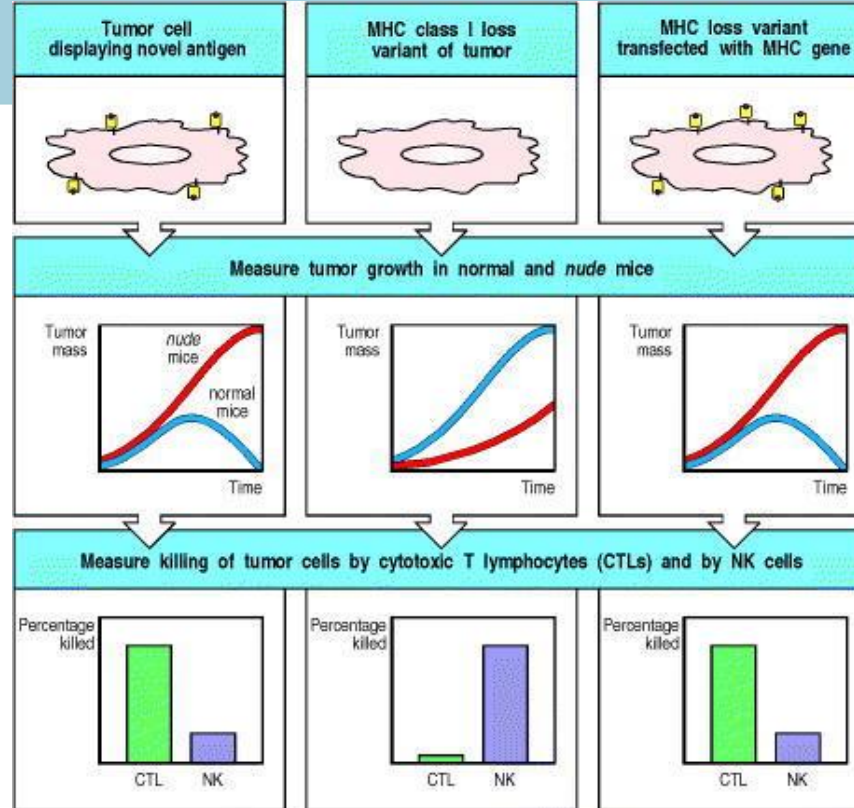


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# The Next Chapter in Cancer Treatment

- Chapter 1 – Cytotoxic chemotherapy - non-specifically killed cells
  - Normal cells were more resistant and recovered faster from toxicity than tumor cells
  - Derived from natural products
- Chapter 2 – Targeted anti-tumor agents
  - Determine molecular drivers stimulating cancer growth and block with signaling pathway
- **Chapter 3 – Immunotherapy**
  - Augment the immune system's ability to kill cancer cells

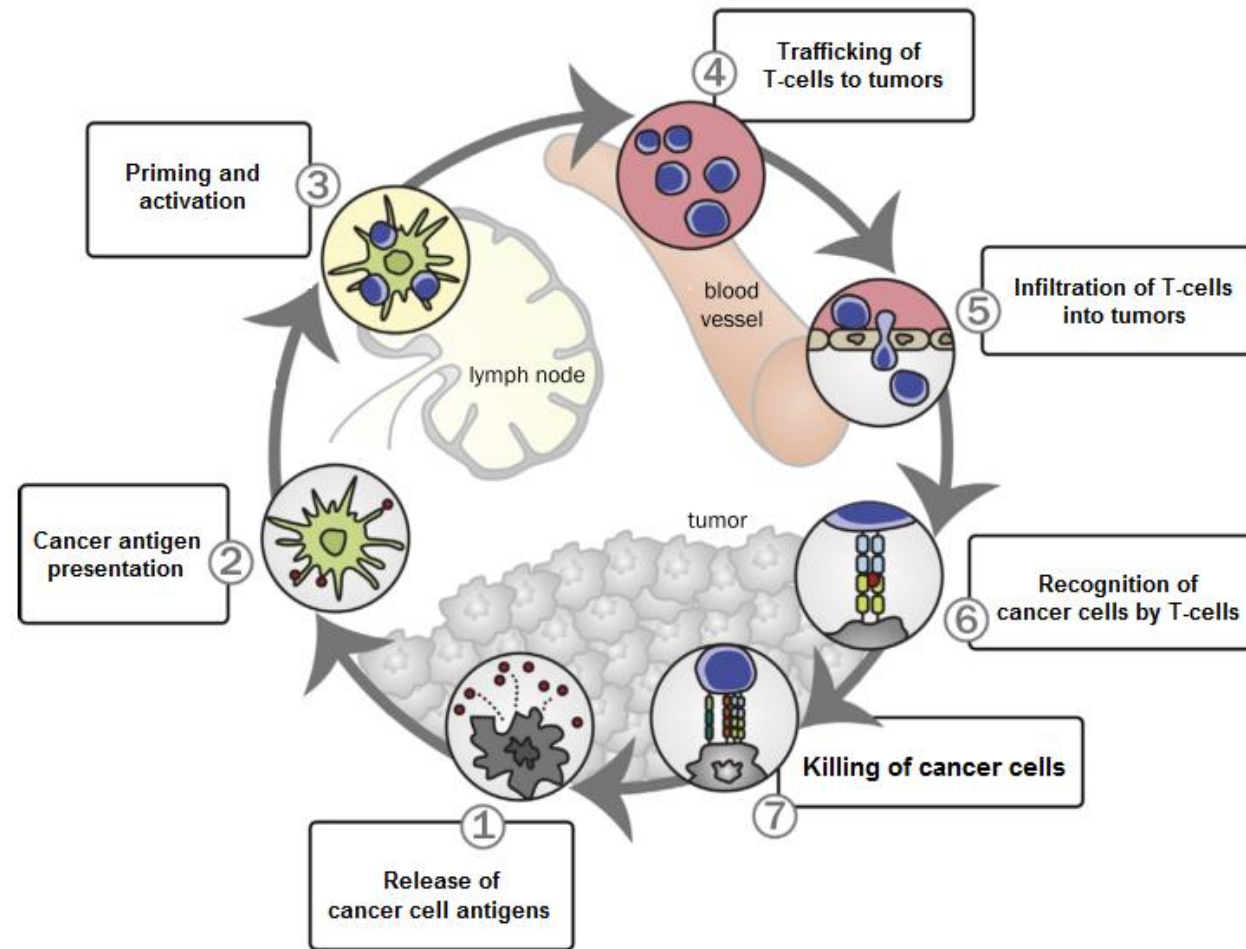
# Cytotoxic T-cell and Tumor Cell Interactions



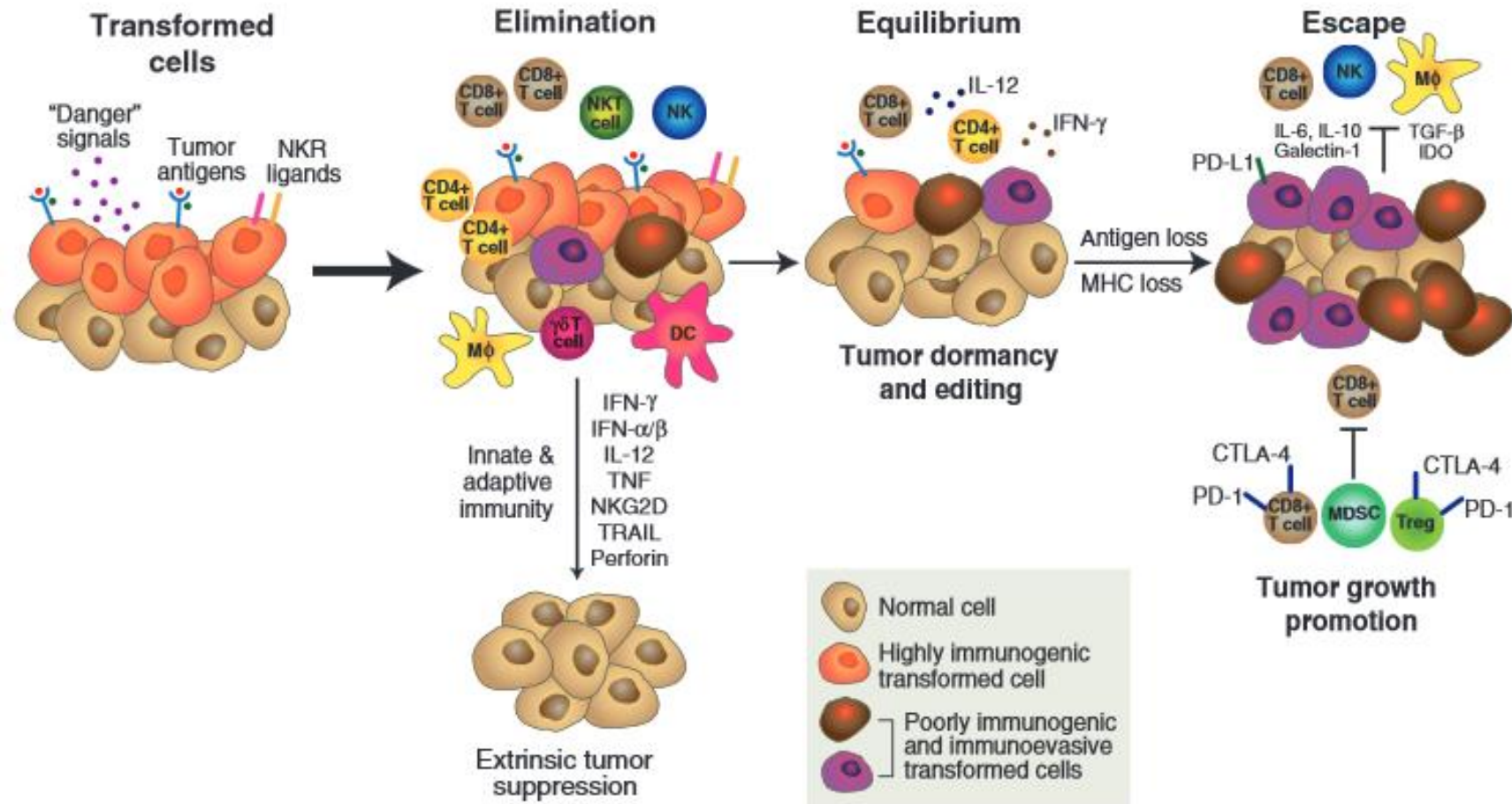
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CTL, cytotoxic T-lymphocytes;  
MHC, major histocompatibility complex; NK, natural killer cells.

# Immune System Recognition of Cancer

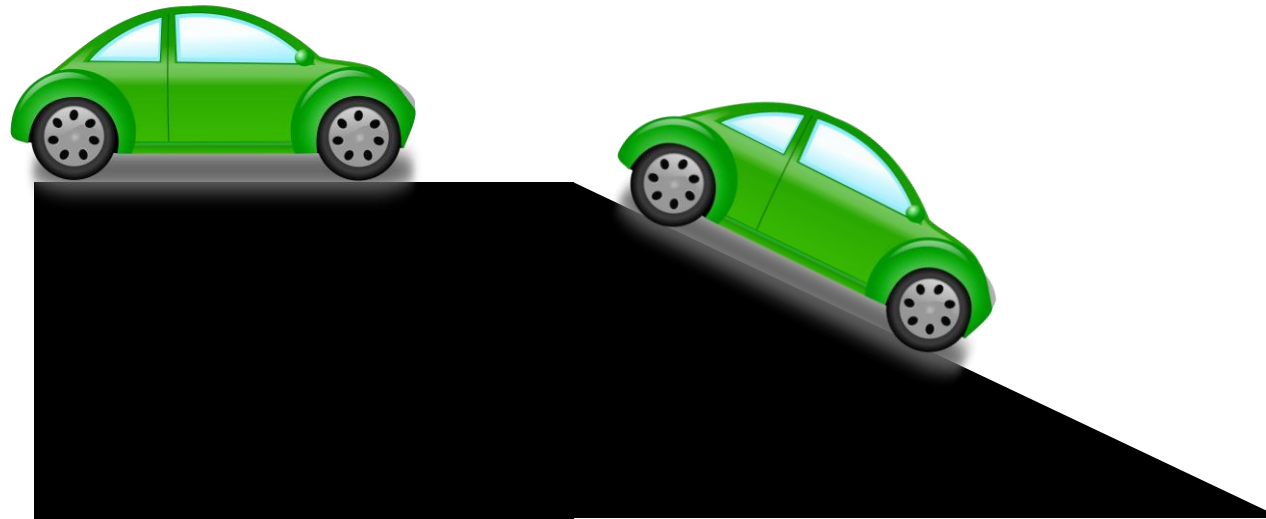


# Avoiding Immune Surveillance



# Getting T-Cells Moving

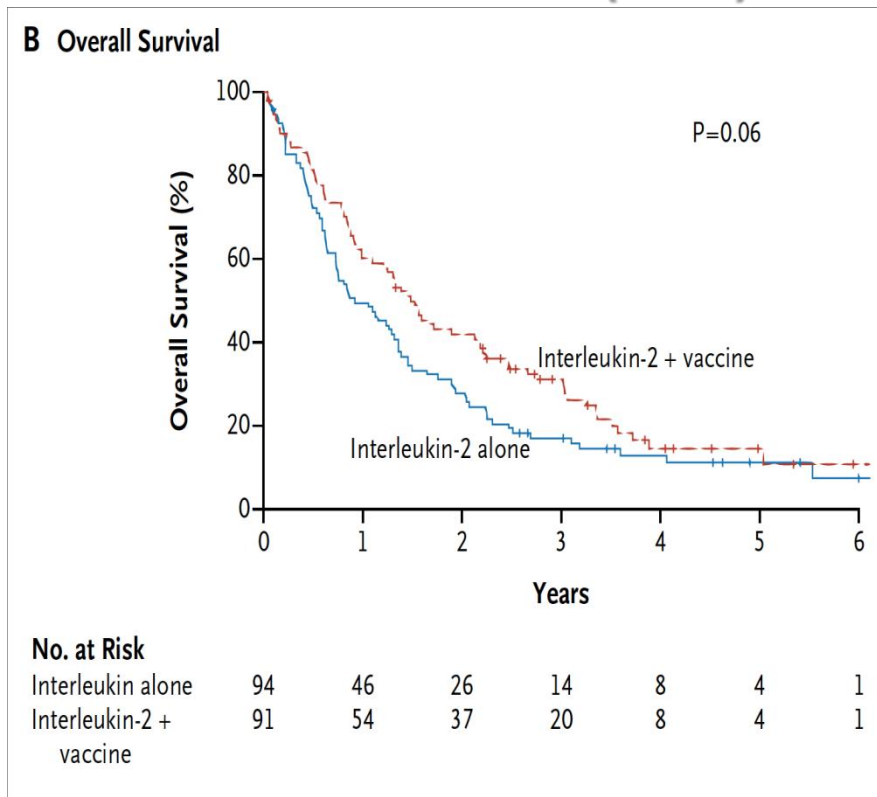
Put on the gas (activate)  
or  
Take off the brakes (checkpoint inhibitors)



# Put on the Gas or Take off the Brakes?

## Gas On

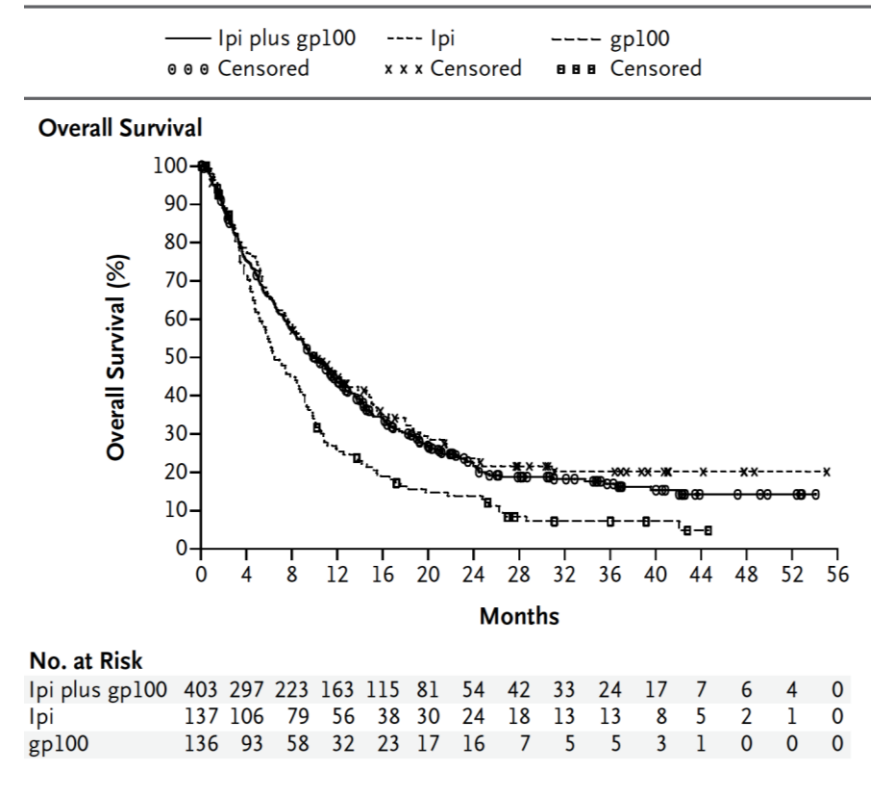
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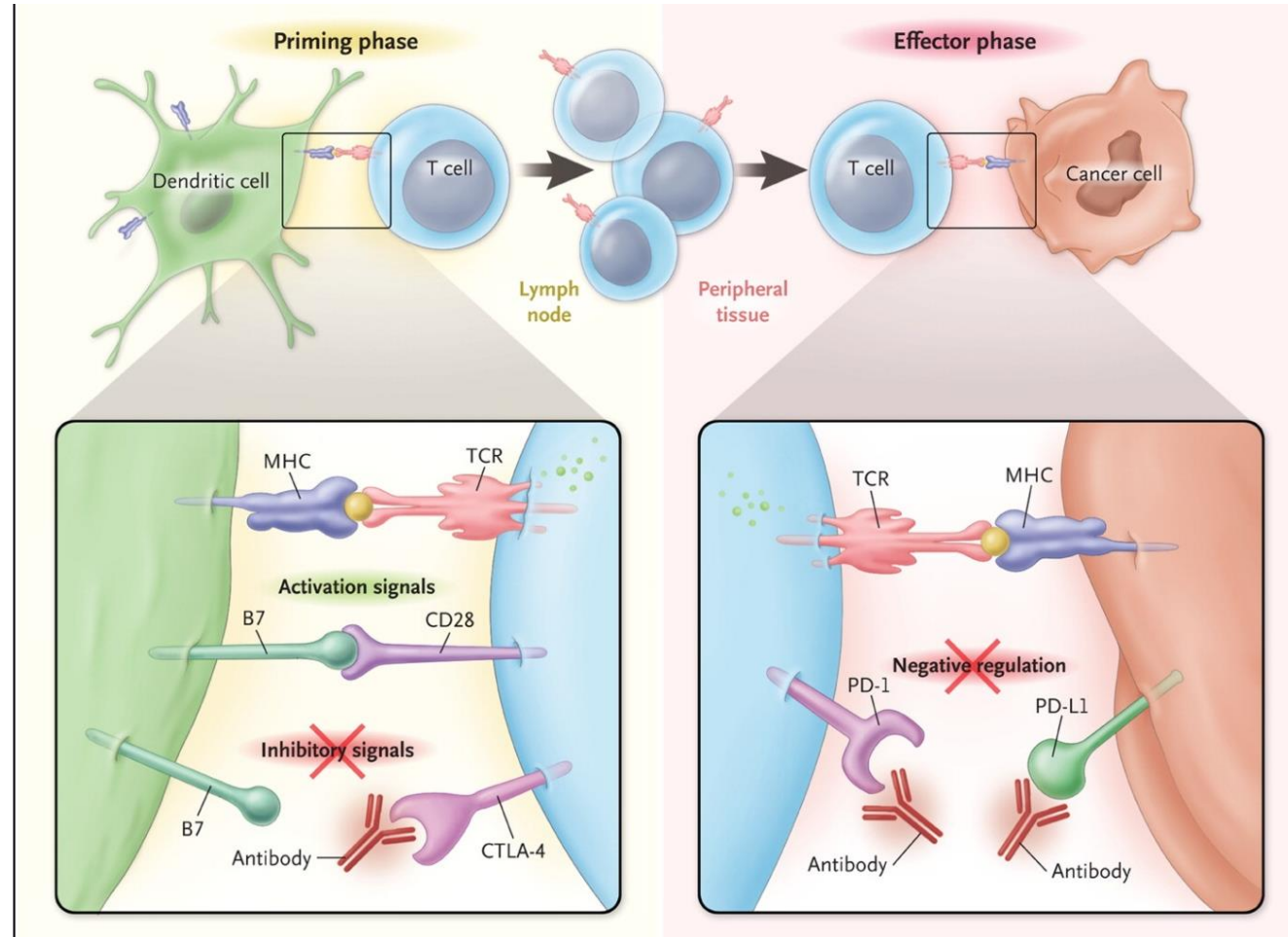
## Brake Off

### Ipilimumab (Ipi)



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# CTLA-4 and PD-1/L1 Checkpoint Blockade



# The Goal of Checkpoint Inhibitors



Immuno-oncology is focused on “unleashing” T-cells that recognize cancer so they can “chase” it down



# Checkpoint Inhibitors

Drug	Indications (see prescribing information for details)
Atezolizumab (PD-L1i)	NSCLC, <b>bladder CA</b> , SCLC, breast CA (TNBC), HCC
Avelumab (PD-L1i)	<b>Merkel cell carcinoma</b> , <b>bladder CA</b> , renal cell CA
Durvalumab (PD-L1i)	NSCLC, <b>bladder CA</b> , <b>SCLC</b>
Nivolumab (PD-1i)	Melanoma, NSCLC, SCLC, renal cell CA, Hodgkin lymphoma, head and neck CA, <b>bladder CA</b> , MSI-H/dMMR colorectal CA, hepatocellular CA
Pembrolizumab (PD-1i)	Melanoma, NSCLC, SCLC, Hodgkin lymphoma, head and neck CA, <b>bladder CA</b> , MSI-H/dMMR CA, gastric CA, NHL, esophageal CA, cervical CA, hepatocellular CA, <b>Merkel cell carcinoma</b> , renal cell CA, endometrial CA, TMB-H, HCC
Cemiplimab-rwlc (PD-1i)	Cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma
Ipilimumab (CTLA-4i)	Melanoma, renal cell CA, MSI-H/dMMR colorectal CA, HCC, NSCLC

CA, cancer; CTLA-4i, cytotoxic T-lymphocyte-associated protein 4 inhibitor; dMMR, mismatch repair deficient; HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma; IV, intravenously; MSI-H, microsatellite instability-high; NHL, non-Hodgkin lymphoma; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; PD-1i, programmed cell death protein 1 inhibitor; PD-L1i, programmed death-ligand 1 inhibitor; SCLC, small cell lung cancer; TMB-H tumor mutation burden – high; TNBC, triple-negative breast cancer.

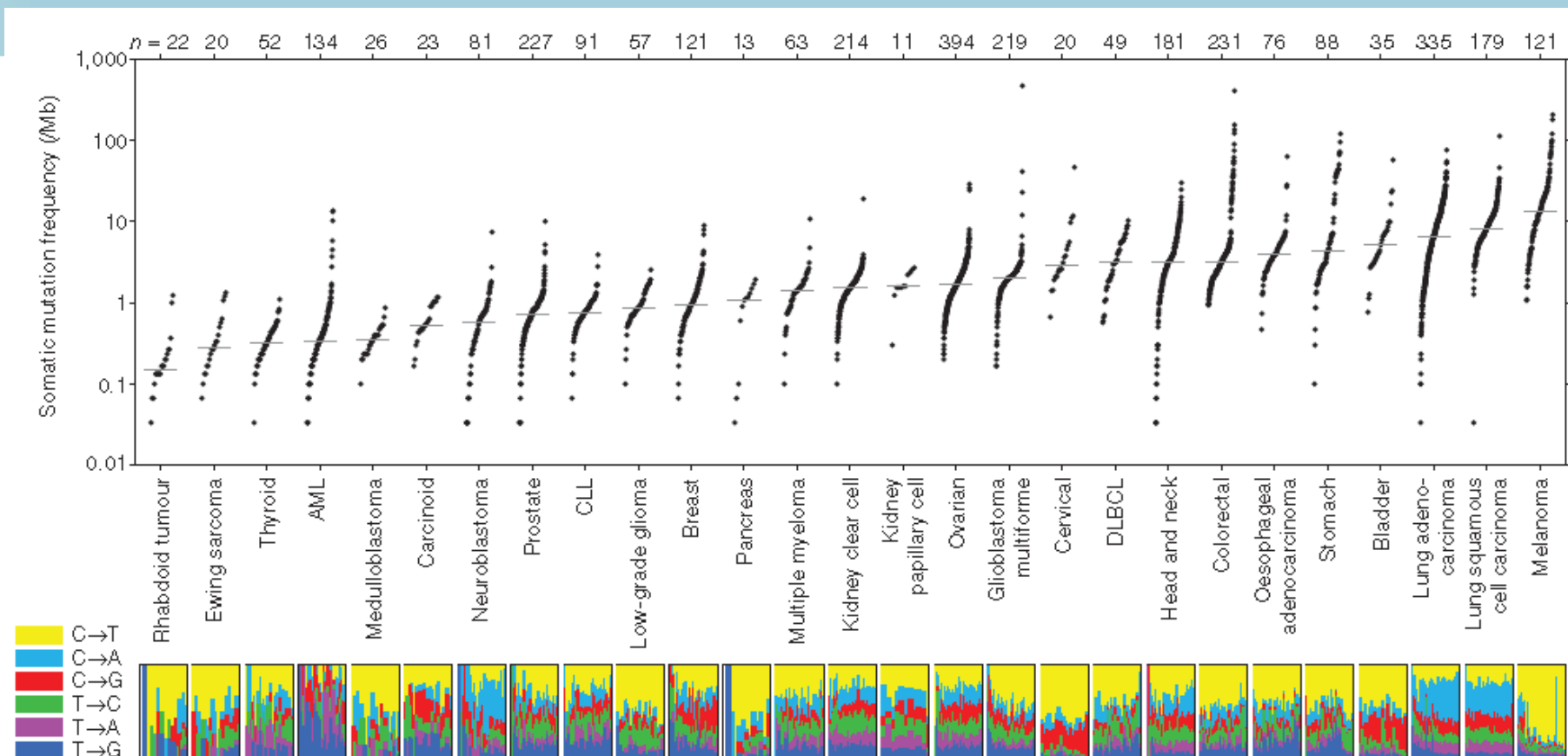
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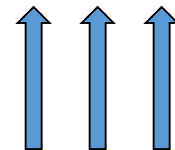
# Contraindications to Checkpoint Inhibitors

- The prescribing information for all 7 agents list “NONE” under contraindications
- Essentially all studies excluded patients with autoimmune disease
- Real-world evidence suggests that the likelihood of exacerbating the underlying autoimmune condition (a flare) is common, but it is usually caught early and successfully managed
- Most trials prohibited baseline corticosteroids, and real-world evidence suggests that it impairs efficacy of treatment

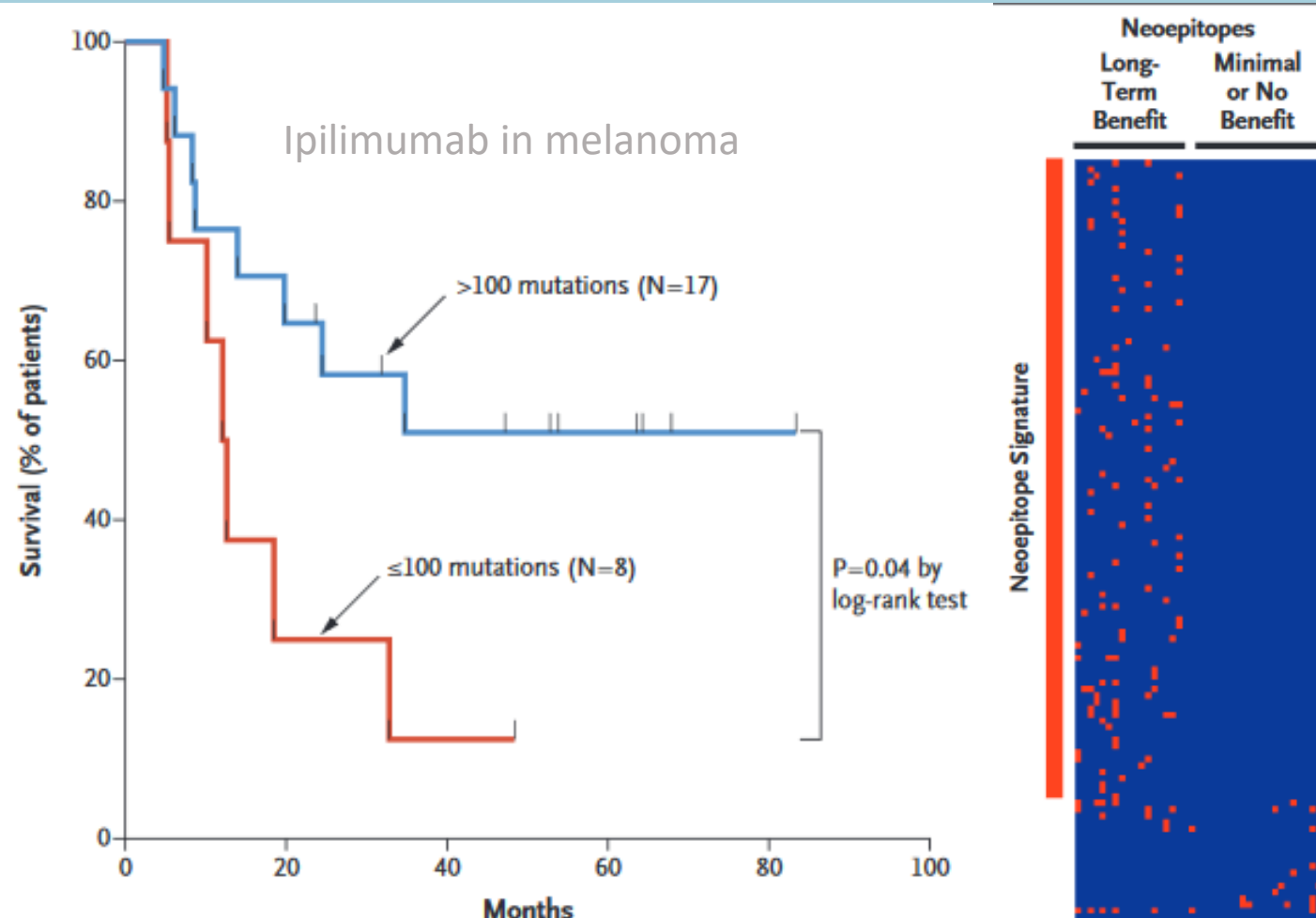
# Immunogenicity of Tumors



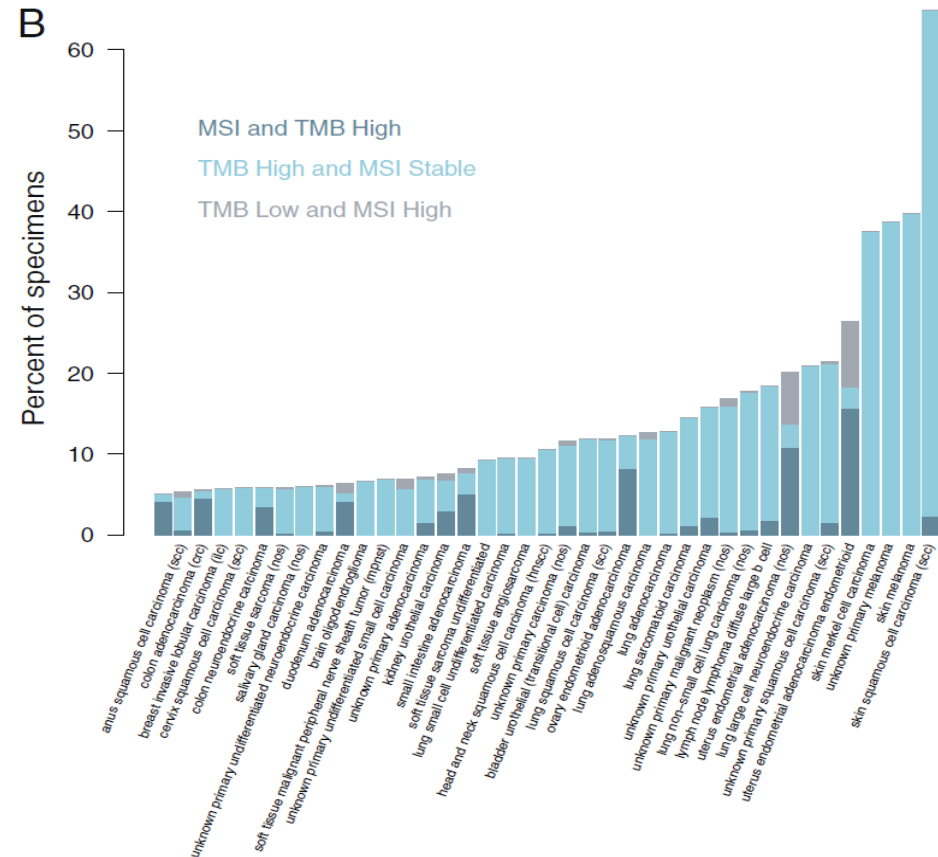
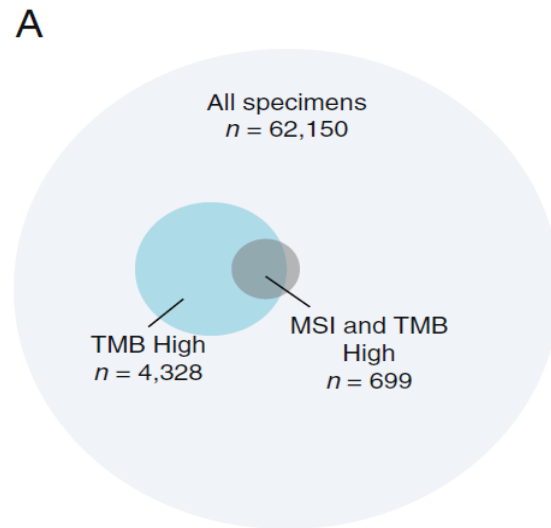
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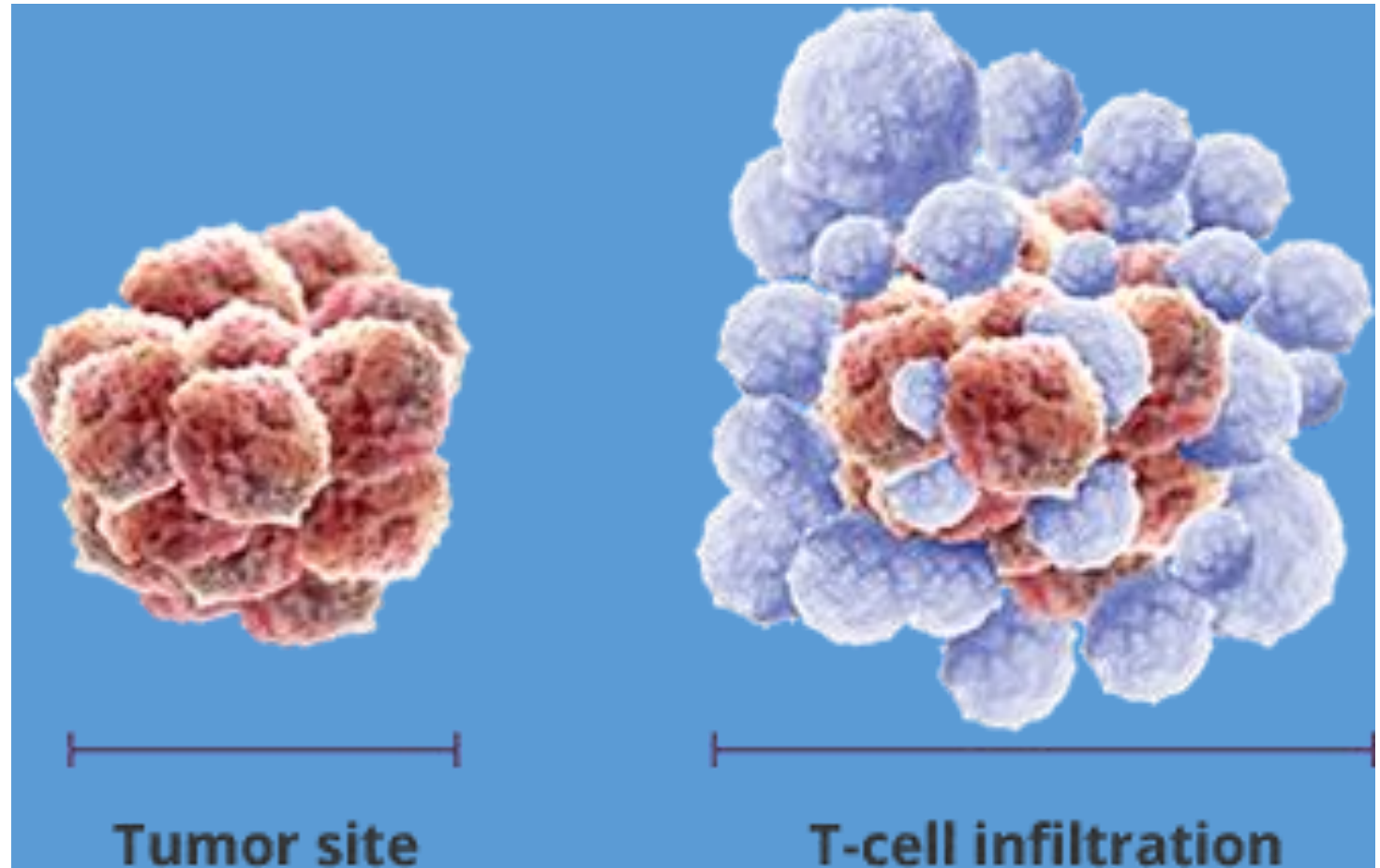
# Mutational Burden – Neoantigen



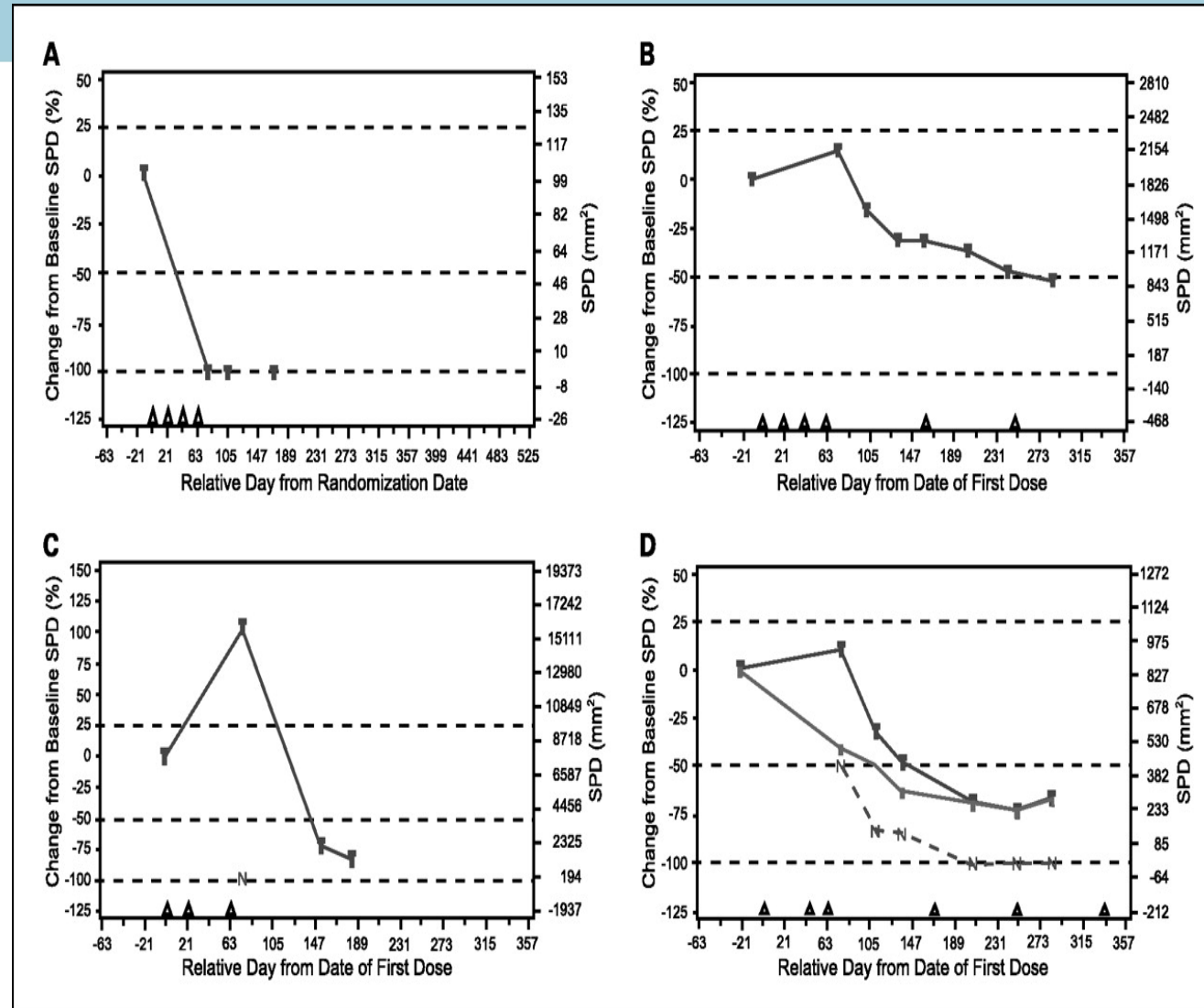
# Targeting Tumors on the Basis of Tumor Mutational Burden



# Challenges: Pseudoprogression



# Patterns of Response to Ipilimumab Observed in Advanced Melanoma



Wolchok JD, et al. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2009;15(23):7412-20.  
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SPD, sum of the product of perpendicular diameters.

# Immune-Related Response Criteria (iRECIST)

Comparison of RECIST 1.1 and iRECIST

	RECIST 1.1	iRECIST
Definitions of measurable and non-measurable disease; numbers and site of target disease	Measurable lesions are $\geq 10$ mm in diameter ( $\geq 15$ mm for nodal lesions); maximum of five lesions (two per organ); all other disease is considered non-target (must be $\geq 10$ mm in short axis for nodal disease)	No change from RECIST 1.1; however, new lesions are assessed as per RECIST 1.1 but are recorded separately on the case report form (but not included in the sum of lesions for target lesions identified at baseline)
Complete response, partial response, or stable disease	Cannot have met criteria for progression before complete response, partial response, or stable disease	Can have had iUPD (one or more instances), but not iCPD, before iCR, iPR, or iSD
Confirmation of complete response or partial response	Only required for non-randomised trials	As per RECIST 1.1
Confirmation of stable disease	Not required	As per RECIST 1.1
New lesions	Result in progression; recorded but not measured	Results in iUPD but iCPD is only assigned on the basis of this category if at next assessment additional new lesions appear or an increase in size of new lesions is seen ( $\geq 5$ mm for sum of new lesion target or any increase in new lesion non-target); the appearance of new lesions when none have previously been recorded, can also confirm iCPD
Independent blinded review and central collection of scans	Recommended in some circumstances —eg, in some trials with progression-based endpoints planned for marketing approval	Collection of scans (but not independent review) recommended for all trials
Confirmation of progression	Not required (unless equivocal)	Required
Consideration of clinical status	Not included in assessment	Clinical stability is considered when deciding whether treatment is continued after iUPD

"i" indicates immune responses assigned using iRECIST. RECIST=Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours. iUPD=unconfirmed progression. iCPD=confirmed progression. iCR=complete response. iPR=partial response. iSD=stable disease.

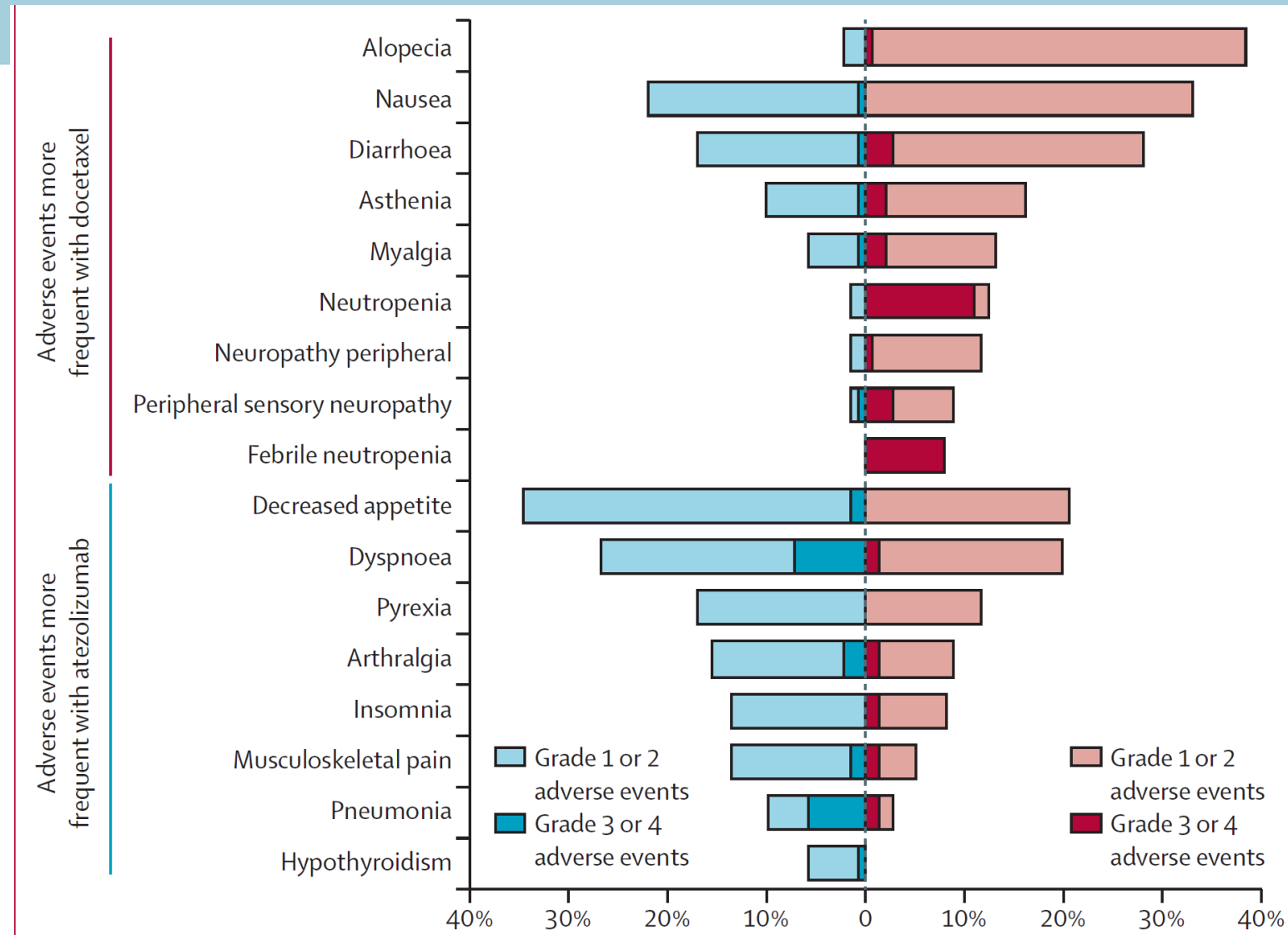


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# Altered Toxicity Profile

- Focus is immune-related adverse events (irAEs)
- Organs affected are similar
- Time relationship between immuno-oncology (IO) therapy and onset of toxicity is not apparent
- Delayed time to first toxic event
- Treat with steroids
- No dose reduction

# IO Toxicity Compared to Chemotherapy (NSCLC – Atezolizumab vs. Docetaxel)

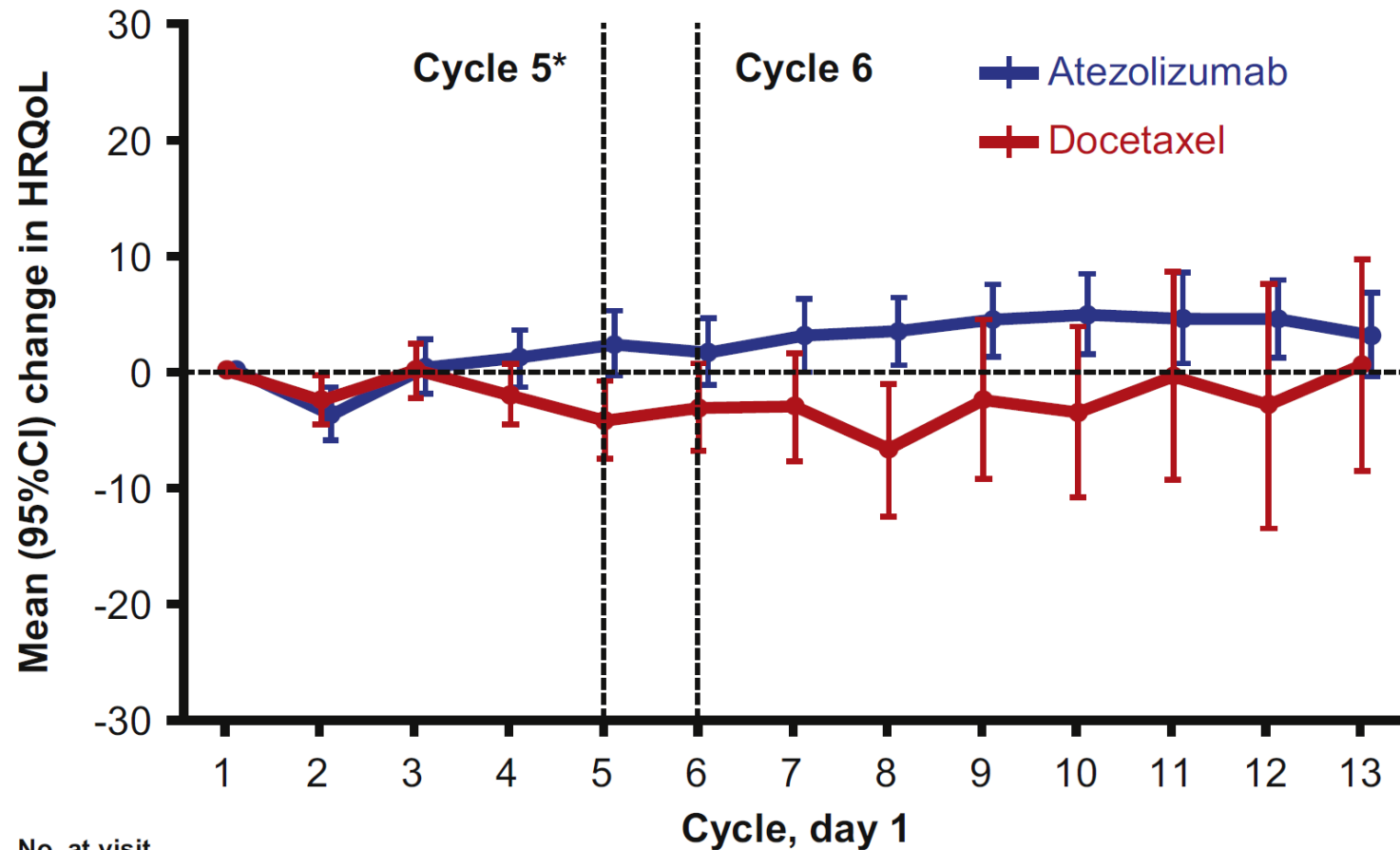


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ALT, alanine aminotransferase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase.

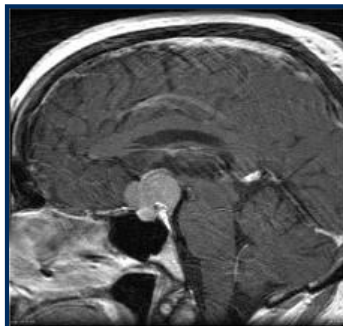
# Health-Related Quality of Life vs. Chemotherapy

Mean change from baseline in HRQoL (EORTC QLQ-C30)



No. at visit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Atezolizumab	410	361	304	279	235	223	187	169	152	145	133	131	124
Docetaxel	387	339	255	222	166	151	87	72	50	47	36	30	18

# Immune-Related Adverse Events by System



## **Pulmonary**

Pneumonitis, respiratory failure

## **Endocrine**

Thyroiditis, hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism, hypophysitis, hypopituitarism, adrenal insufficiency

## **Cardiac**

Pericarditis, myocarditis, vasculitis

## **GI**

Nausea, colitis, perforation, pancreatitis

## **Heme**

Red cell aplasia, pancytopenia, autoimmune neutropenia

## **Ocular**

Uveitis, iritis, conjunctivitis, scleritis, blepharitis

## **Skin**

Vitiligo, pruritus, rash, lichenoid deposits

## **Liver**

Transaminitis, hepatitis

## **Kidney**

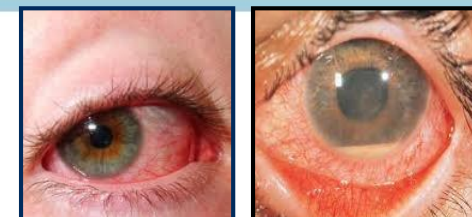
Nephritis, renal insufficiency

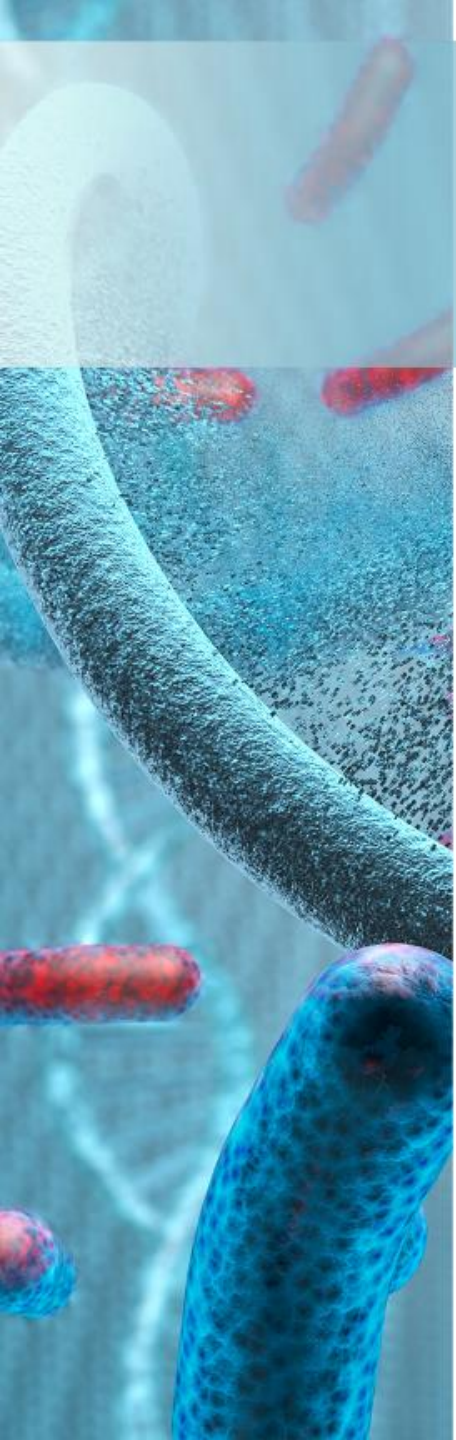
## **Musculoskeletal**

Arthralgias, myalgias

## **Neurologic**

Neuropathy, meningitis, Guillain-Barré syndrome, myasthenia gravis, temporal arteritis





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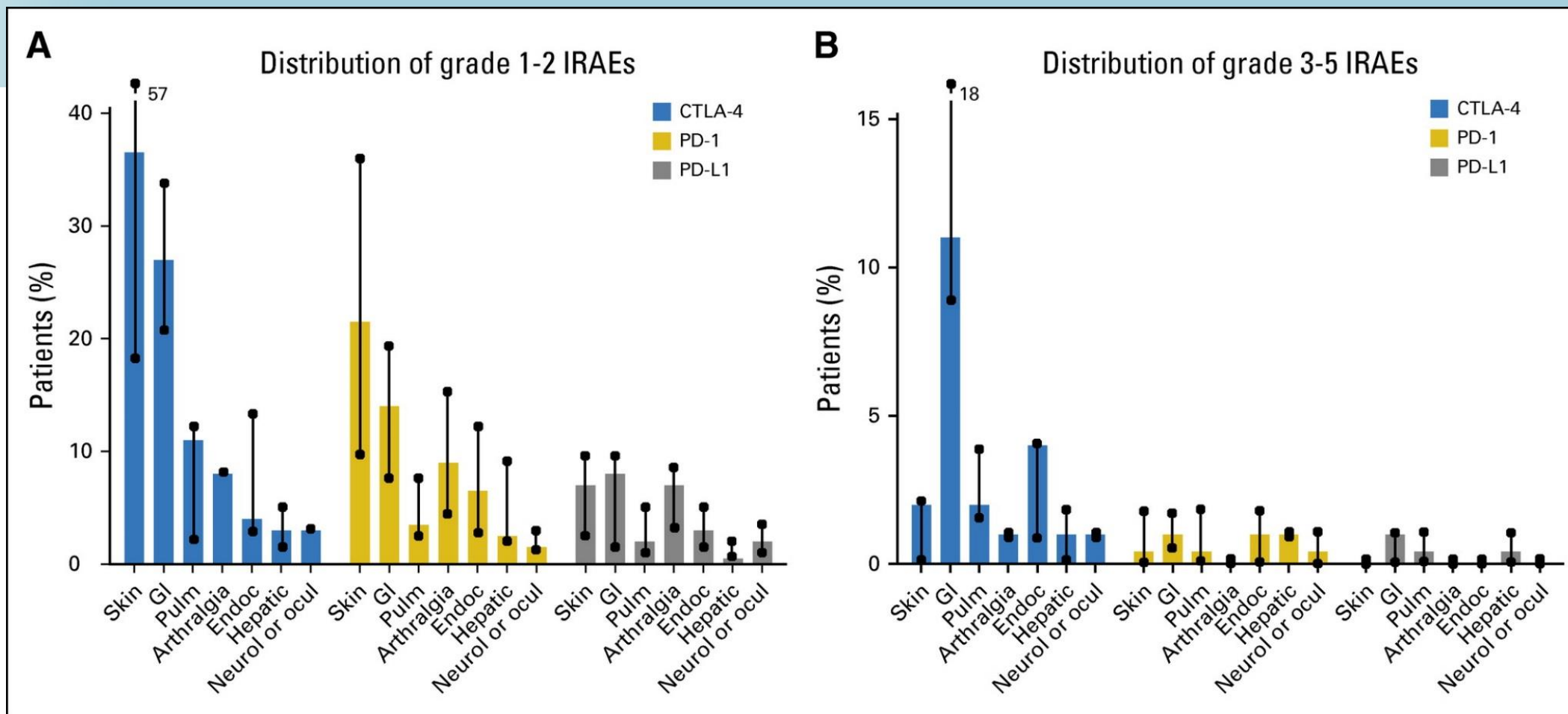
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## Management of Immune-Related Adverse Events in Patients Treated With Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Therapy: American Society of Clinical Oncology Clinical Practice Guideline

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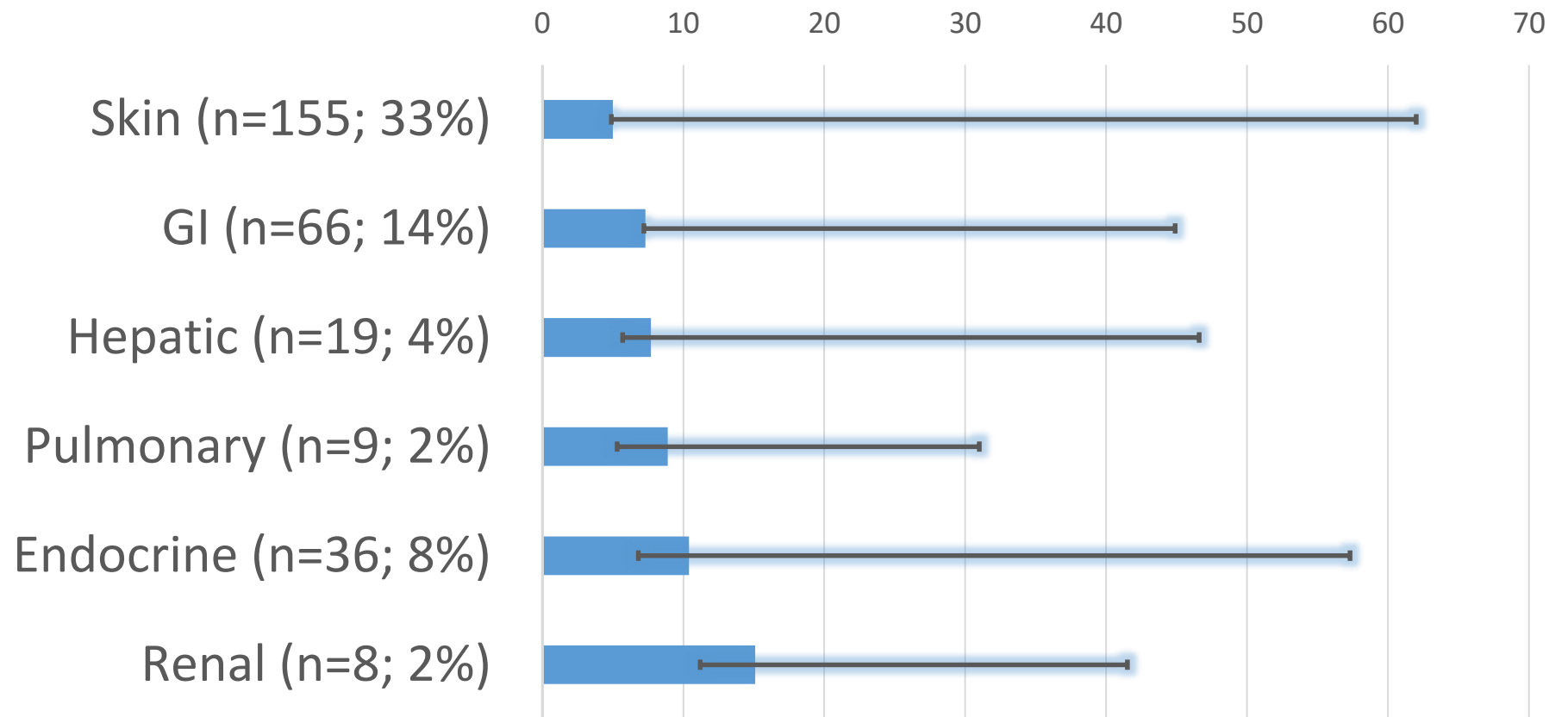
# Checkpoint Inhibitor Toxicity



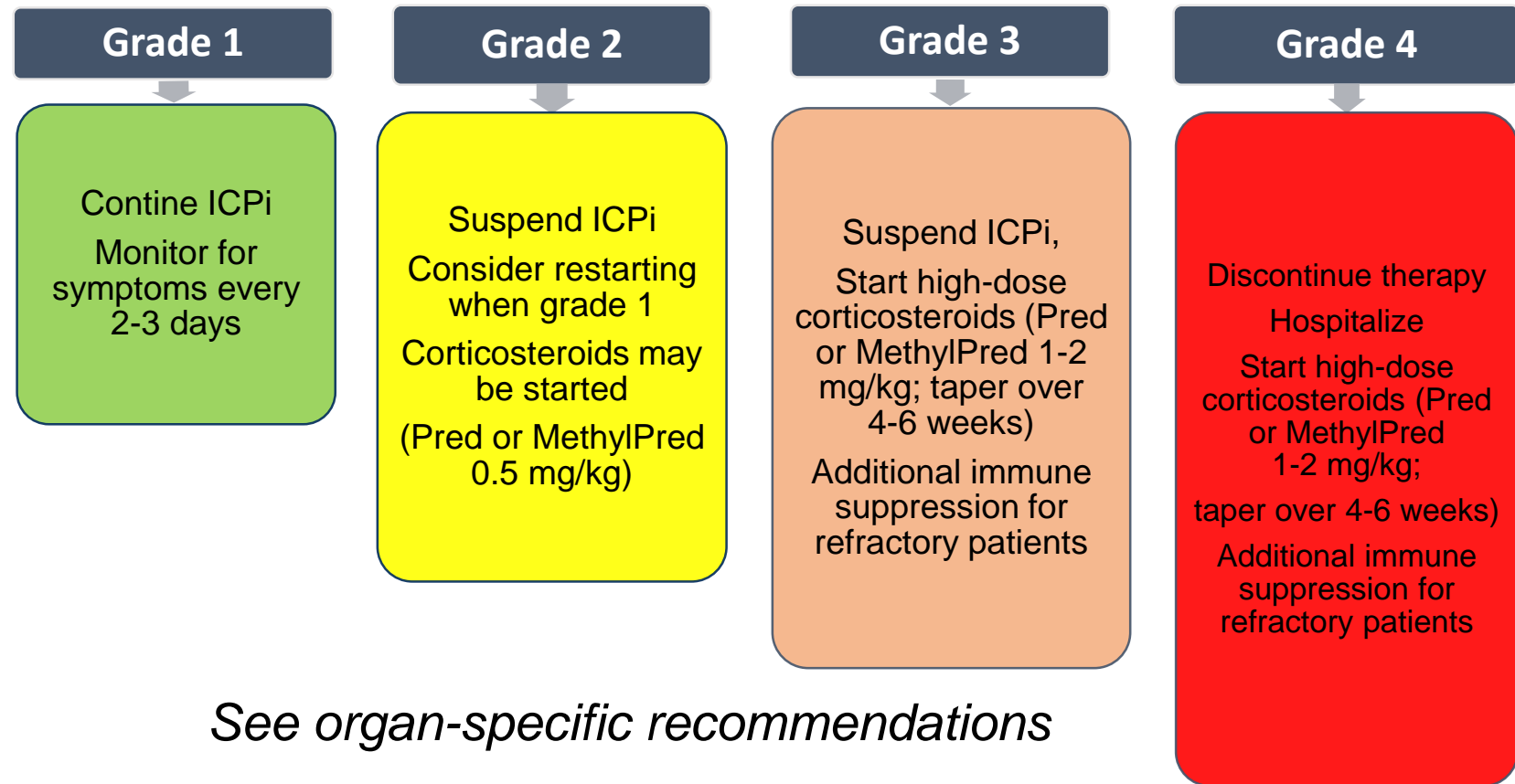
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# Immune-Related Toxicity

Time to onset (median in weeks and range)



# General Management



*See organ-specific recommendations*



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# Financial Toxicity

- Survey study of 105 patients receiving immunotherapy
- 48% were aware of financial difficulty
- 34% had pre-treatment finance discussion
- Difficulties:
  - 35% high medical co-pay
  - 33% decrease in income
  - 21% high medication co-pay
- Addressing the difficulties
  - 39% used personal finances
  - 28% trimmed private expenses
  - 24% got help from family and friends

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# Patient and Family Education

- Time to response from checkpoint inhibitors differs from standard therapy
  - Response in baseline lesions
  - Stable disease with slow decline in tumor volume
  - Response following initial increase in tumor volume or new lesion
  - Patients may develop signs of disease progression after treatment
    - Sudden and painful increase in tumor size, rash, low-grade fever, bone pain
    - Treatment can continue through this disease “pseudoprogression”

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# Patient and Family Education

- Different AE profile than chemotherapy
- Early recognition of AEs is essential to effective treatment
- Patients must notify their care provider if symptoms develop or they are admitted to local facility
- irAEs are related to the mechanism of action of immunotherapies
- irAEs are treatable and respond well to steroids

# Communication Tool

## IMMUNOTHERAPY WALLET CARD

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CANCER DX: \_\_\_\_\_

I-O AGENTS RCV'D:  CHECKPOINT INHIBITOR(S)

CAR-T  VACCINES  ONCOLYTIC VIRAL THERAPY

MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES

DRUG NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

IMMUNOTHERAPY TX START DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER CANCER MEDICATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: IMMUNOTHERAPY AGENTS ARE NOT CHEMOTHERAPY AND SIDE EFFECTS MUST BE MANAGED DIFFERENTLY. (SEE BACK)



## IMMUNOTHERAPY CARD

IMMUNE-MEDIATED SIDE EFFECTS\*, COMMON WITH CHECKPOINT INHIBITORS VARY IN SEVERITY AND MAY REQUIRE REFERRAL AND STEROIDS. PATIENTS HAVE A LIFETIME RISK OF IMMUNE-RELATED SIDE EFFECTS.

*\*MAY PRESENT AS RASH, DIARRHEA, ABDOMINAL PAIN, COUGH, FATIGUE, HEADACHES, VISION CHANGES, ETC. – CONFER WITH ONCOLOGY TEAM BEFORE CHANGING I-O REGIMEN OR STARTING SIDE EFFECT TREATMENT.*

ONCOLOGY PROVIDER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ONCOLOGY PROVIDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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# Strategies to Manage IO Toxicity and Care Coordination

- Educate patients who have received or are receiving immunotherapy about **who to call** for toxicity issues
- Continuously **educate** providers, patients/caregivers, and non-clinical staff
- **Triage** patients on the basis of **symptoms**
- Developing **same-day care** models (e.g., via “quick clinics” or a symptom-management workspace)
- **Establish standard** of practice guidelines for irAE management

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# Finances of IO Therapy

- Typically injectables are under medical benefit
- Payers limited in ability to manage costs
- Tools commonly in place:
  - Prior authorization



# Patient G.W.

- 71 yo patient with metastatic bladder cancer who has received ~12 months of immunotherapy
- Current LABS:

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WBC: 7.17 / Hb: 12.6 / Hct: 39.3 / Plt: 233

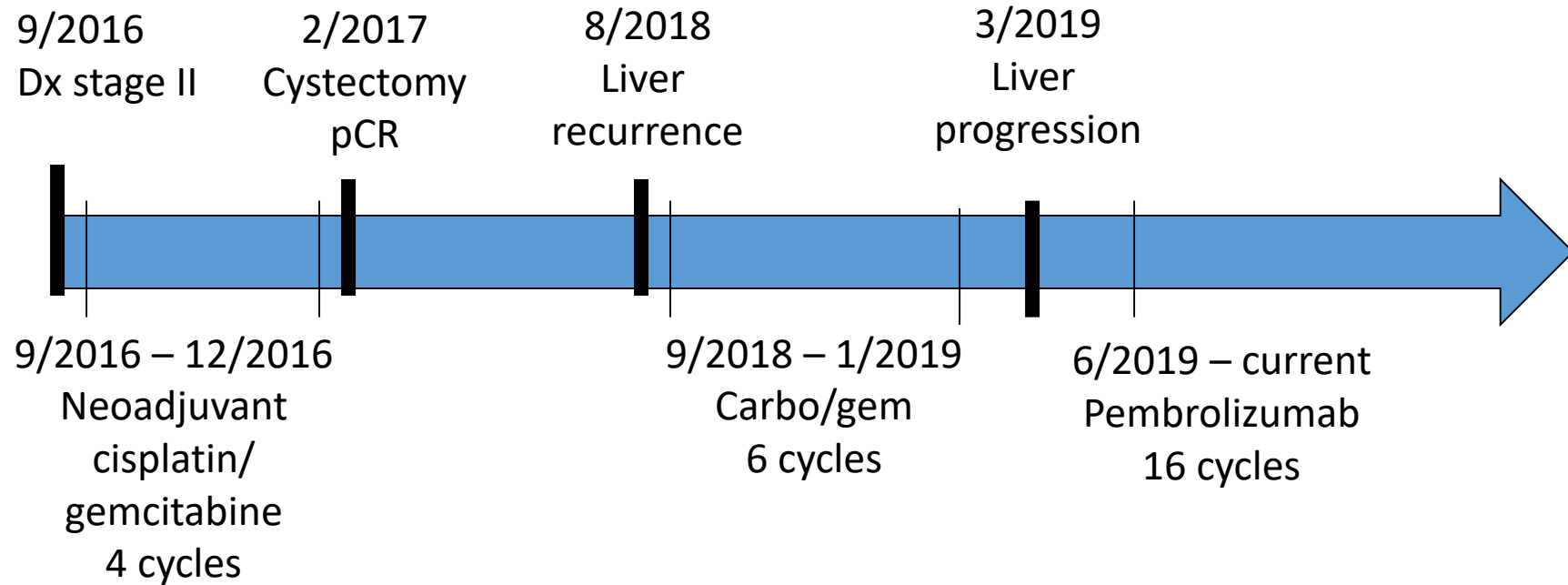
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# Patient G.W. – Medical History

Problem	Status
Bladder cancer	Stable disease on pembrolizumab
Giant cell arteritis	Controlled on prednisone
Bilateral hip pain – trochanteric bursitis	Topical treatment, bedtime ibuprofen, past intrabursal injection of steroid – pain much better
Cancer-related pain	Taken off narcotics – pain resolved
Thyroid	TSH low, clinically euthyroid – f/u lab normal

# Patient G.W. – Cancer History

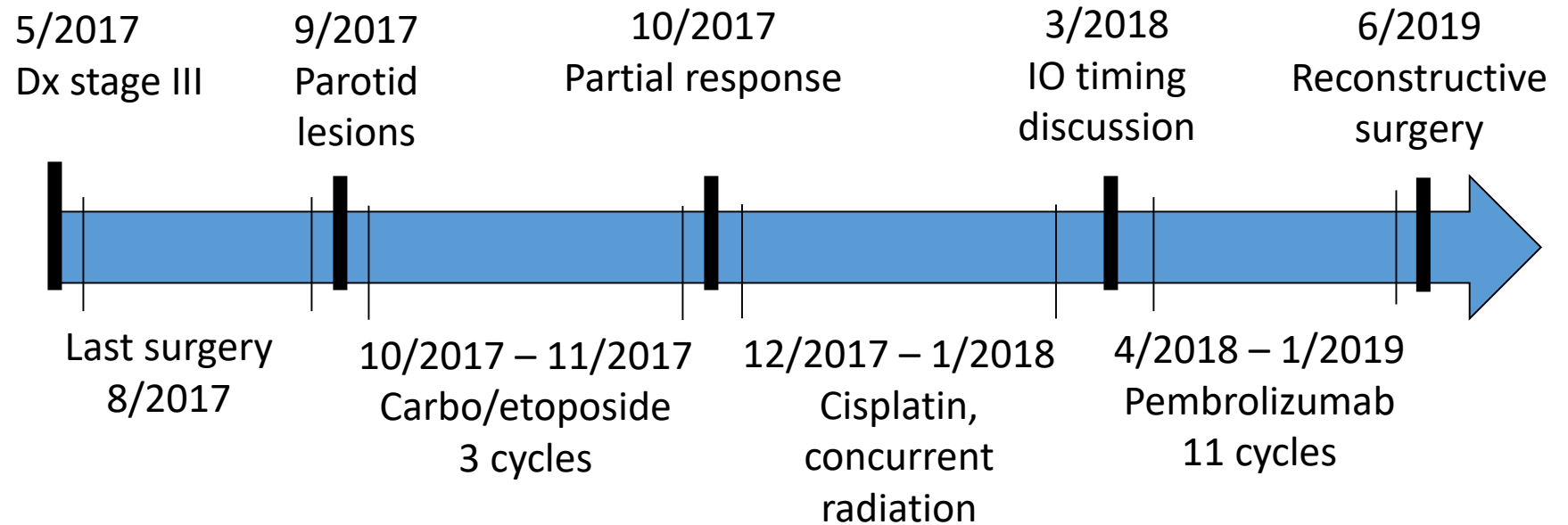




# Patient J.S.

- 61 yo patient with Merkel Cell cancer who has received ~9 months of immunotherapy
- History: Initially started in his nasal passageway and submandibular mass that was surgically removed. Then, a month later, enlarged parotid glands represented new disease.

# Patient J.S. – Cancer History



# Patient J.S. – Current Medications

## Outpatient Medication/Rx Writer:

PILOCARPINE HCL TABS 5MG: TAKE 1 TABLET THREE TIMES A DAY

ALPRAZolam 0.5 mg oral tablet: 1 tab(s) orally 2 times a day, As Needed -PRN anxiety

Atrovent 21 mcg/inh nasal spray: 2 spray(s) nasal once (at bedtime)

baclofen 10 mg oral tablet: 1 tab(s) orally 2 times a day

finasteride 5 mg oral tablet: 1 tab(s) orally once a day

traZODone 50 mg oral tablet: 1 orally once a day

Levitra 20 mg oral tablet: 1 tab(s) orally once a day

hydroCHLOROthiazide 25 mg oral tablet: 1 tab(s) orally once a day

salsalate 750 mg oral tablet: 1 tab(s) orally 2 times a day

amLODIPine 10 mg oral tablet: 0.5 tab(s) orally once a day

## Allergy, Intolerance, Adverse Event:

No Known Allergies:

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# Patient-Directed Questions

- Can you give us a summary of your cancer journey?
  - From an emotional standpoint, what has been the most challenging part of the journey?
  - What types of treatment have you had? Surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, immunotherapy?

Both  
Patients

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# Patient-Directed Questions

- Tell us about the early diagnostic process (e.g., surgery/biopsy).
  - Did you have any complications during the diagnostic work-up or initial treatment?
  - Who explained the potential toxicity you could experience with drug therapy?

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Patients

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# G.W. - Directed Questions

- How was the toxicity discussion about your first treatment (cisplatin and gemcitabine)?
  - Did you consent to treatment? Who went over the potential toxicity? Did you expect to have side effects? If so, what side effects?
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# G.W. - Directed Questions

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# J.S. - Directed Questions

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# J.S. - Directed Questions

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# Patient-Directed Questions

- How was the toxicity discussion about your third treatment regimen (pembrolizumab)?
  - Did you consent to treatment? Who went over the potential toxicity? Did you expect to have side effects? If so, what side effects?
  - How toxic would you say pembrolizumab is (your third and current regimen)? Tell us about your experience.

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- After the first cycle of pembrolizumab, you had fevers that led to a hospitalization. From your perspective, how did that go?
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- Let's talk about the logistics. Did you have any issues associated with getting cancer treatment?
  - You got a second opinion at MD Anderson. How did that go?
  - How did you get to the cancer center for treatment?
  - How and with whom were the finances discussed with you?
  - How were your interactions with the pharmacist?

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# Patient-Directed Questions

- More about the logistics:
  - Were you given instructions about what to do if you had problems (e.g., diarrhea, fatigue)?
  - Was the treatment team easy to contact for advice/information?
  - What could have been done differently by the healthcare team to make your journey easier?

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- After a couple of cycles of pembrolizumab, you had vision changes that required additional work-up. From your perspective, how did that go?
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The background of the slide is a complex, microscopic scene. It features a prominent, glowing blue DNA double helix structure that winds across the frame. Interspersed among the DNA are various forms of bacteria and other microorganisms. Some are red, rod-shaped, and appear to be in motion. Others are blue, with some showing internal structures or flagella. The overall color palette is dominated by cool blues and teals, with the red of the bacteria providing a sharp contrast. The lighting is soft and ethereal, giving the scene a sense of depth and scientific wonder.

**Thank you!**