

# GOING BEYOND the TREATMENT GUIDELINES:

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This program will review current and emerging therapies for the management of HER2-positive gastric cancer.

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Upon the completion of this program, attendees should be able to:

- Review HER2-status in advanced gastric cancers and associated biomarker interpretation and clinical application
- Discuss current clinical practice guideline recommendations for HER2-directed therapy for those
   patients with HER2-positive advanced gastric cancer
- Describe clinical trial data for emerging options in heavily treated patients with HER2-positive advanced gastric cancer

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Optimizing Therapy in Patients Progressing

# **Program Agenda**

- I. Advanced Gastric Cancers – A Disease Primer
  - a. Profile of the patient with advanced disease
    - i. Age does not affect either PFS or OS
  - b. Characterization of disease
    - i. HER2 expression versus amplification test result use and interpretation of levels of expression
  - c. Need for treatment in heavily treated patients
    - i. Extending overall survival
  - d. The multi-disciplinary team and required expertise to address complexity
    - i. Surg onc, med onc, rad onc, gastroent, radiology, and pathology
- NCCN Guideline Evidence-Based Recommendations to Optimize Treatment for Advanced Gastric Cancer II. After Progressing Through Trastuzumab
  - a. Targeting HER2 overexpression
    - i. Prevalence of HER2 overexpression in gastric cancer
    - ii. Evaluation and utility of HER2 testing
  - b. Clinical trial data on trastuzumab efficacy, safety
  - c. Evaluation of the patient after progression through trastuzumab
  - d. Lack of standard of care second line options for HER2 disease
- Emerging Options in Heavily Treated, HER2-Positive Patients III.
  - a. Second-line regimens
    - i. Treatment considerations
      - 1. Patient goals
      - 2. Response to prior therapy
      - 3. Performance status
      - 4. Comorbidities
    - ii. Targeted agents and chemotherapy options
      - 1. Antibody-drug conjugate agents
    - iii. Criteria for mono or combination therapy
    - iv. Management of adverse events
- IV. **Case Study**
- Conclusions ٧.
- VI. **Questions and Answers**

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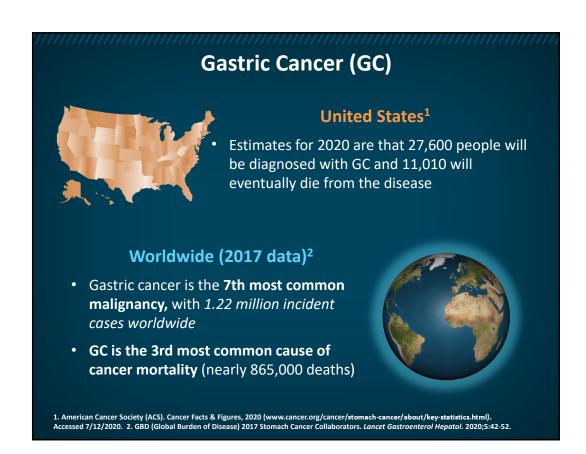
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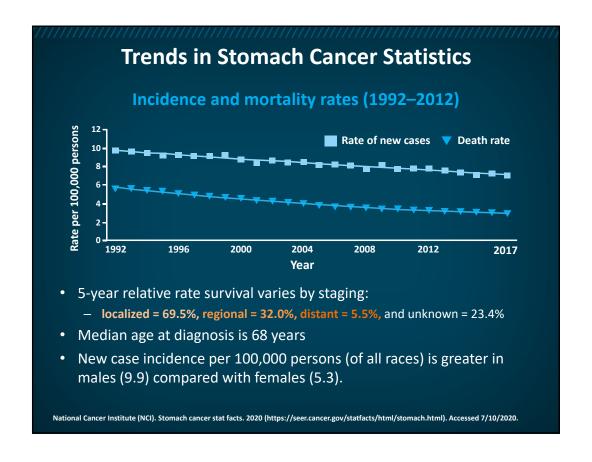
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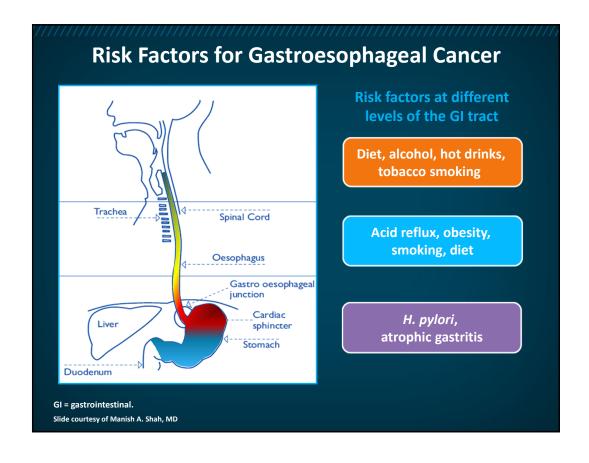
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# Advanced Gastric Cancer: An Overview







# **Barrett's Esophagus**

- Principal risk factor: GERD<sup>1,2</sup>
- Cancer will develop in only <1% to 3% of patients<sup>2,3</sup>
- Assessed endoscopically, histologically<sup>3</sup>
  - Segment length
  - Dysplasia grade
    - Low grade: medical antireflux therapy, followed by endoscopic surveillance every 6–12 mo
    - *High grade:* medical antireflux therapy, followed by repeat endoscopic assessment and specialist review
      - Potential role for EMR, ablative therapy, surgery

GERD = gastroesophageal reflux disease; EMR = endoscopic mucosal resection; mo = month(s).

1. Jemal A, et al. CA Cancer J Clin. 2011;61:69-90. 2. Schnell TG, et al. Gastroenterology. 2001;120:1607-1619. 3. Spechler SJ, et al; American Gastroenterological Association (AGA). Gastroenterology. 2011;140:1084-1091.

# **Gastric Cancer: Risk Factors**

- H pylori infection (cagA strain only)1
  - OR = 2.54, 95% CI 1.77-3.66 $^{1}$ 
    - ? Role of host (genetic polymorphisms)<sup>2</sup>
      - IL-1, IL-10, IL-4<sup>3-5</sup>
    - Bone marrow-derived stem cells<sup>6</sup>
- Tobacco use<sup>1</sup>
  - OR = 1.91, 95% CI 1.25-2.93<sup>1</sup>
- Family history of GC<sup>1</sup>
  - OR = 3.67, 95% CI 2.01-6.71 $^{1}$

OR = odds ratio; CI = confidence interval; IL = interleukin.
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# Genetic Predisposition Syndromes (10–15% of All Gastric Cancers)

- Hereditary diffuse gastric cancer (~3–5%)
- Lynch syndrome (~1–2%)
  - Germline mutations in MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS1, or PMS2
  - Stomach cancers occur in ~11% of Lynch syndrome families
- Familial adenomatous polyposis (~1%)
  - Germline mutation in APC
  - Fundic gland polyps
- Li Fraumeni's syndrome (<1%)
  - p53 mutation
- Peutz-Jeghers syndrome (<1%)</li>
  - Autosomal dominant, hamartomatous polyps of GI tract and mucocutaneous melanin deposits
  - Germline mutations in STK11

APC = adenomatous polyposis coli; STK11 = serine threonine kinase 11.

Lynch HT, et al. J Surg Oncol. 2005;90:114-133. Lott PC, Carvajal-Carmona LG. Lancet Gatroenterol Hepatol. 2018;3:874-883.

# Criteria for Testing for E-cadherin Gene Mutation

# 2010 IGCLC Recommendations\*

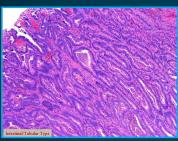
- ≥2 documented gastric cancer cases in first-degree relatives; at least 1 documented case diagnosed before 50 years of age
- ≥3 documented cases of diffuse gastric cancer in first- or seconddegree relatives, independent of age at onset
- Diffuse gastric cancer before 40 years of age without family history
- Families with diagnoses of both diffuse gastric cancer and lobular breast cancer; 1 case before 50 years of age

\*Consider genetic testing in cases where expert pathologists detect carcinoma *in situ* adjacent to diffuse-type gastric cancer.

IGCLC = International Gastric Cancer Linkage Consortium.

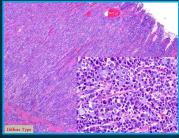
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# **Intestinal vs Diffuse Gastric Cancer**



# Intestinal gastric cancer

- Glandular appearance
- Spreads through wall as part of tumor mass
- "Epidemic-type" because more common to high-risk areas (ie, China, Japan)
- Possibly responsible for racial/ethnic disparity of disease
- Gastritis → metaplasia → dysplasia → malignancy

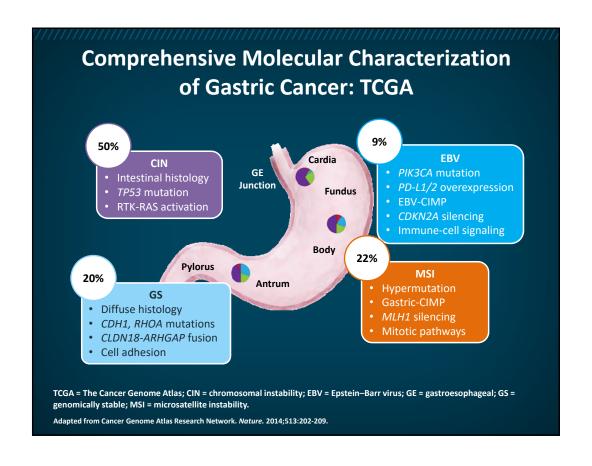


# Diffuse gastric cancer

- Spreads as discohesive individual cells throughout stomach wall
- No regional variance
- Less common than intestinal type, though incidence rising (0.3 (cardia) – 1.7 (non-cardia)/100K)

Shah MA, Kelsen DP. J Natl Compr Canc Netw. 2010;8:437-447. Jácome AA, et al. World J Gastroenterol. 2016;22:1160-1171. Atlas of Pathology. 3rd Edition. 2004-2016 (http://www.pathologyatlas.ro/gastric-carcinoma-intestinal-type-gastrointestinal-pathology.php). Accessed July 24, 2020. Wu H, et al. Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev. 2009;18:1945-1952.



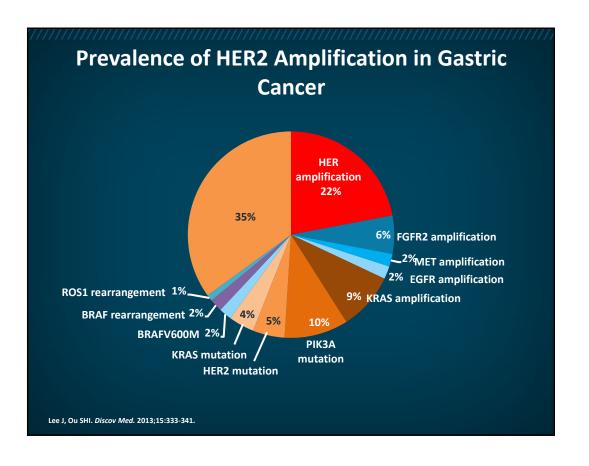


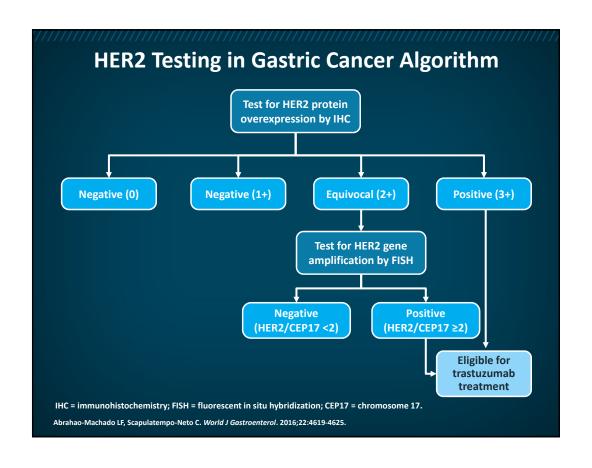
# **Role of HER2 in Gastric Cancer**

- EGFR receptors are associated with tumor cell proliferation, apoptosis, adhesion, migration, and differentiation<sup>1</sup>
- HER2 amplified or overexpressed in an average of ~20% of GE junction and gastric adenocarcinomas<sup>1</sup>
- Prognostic significance of HER2 positivity remains controversial<sup>2</sup>

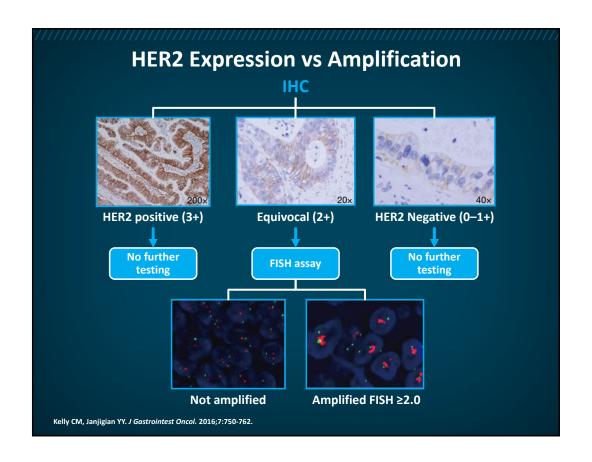
HER2 = human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; EGFR = epidermal growth factor receptor

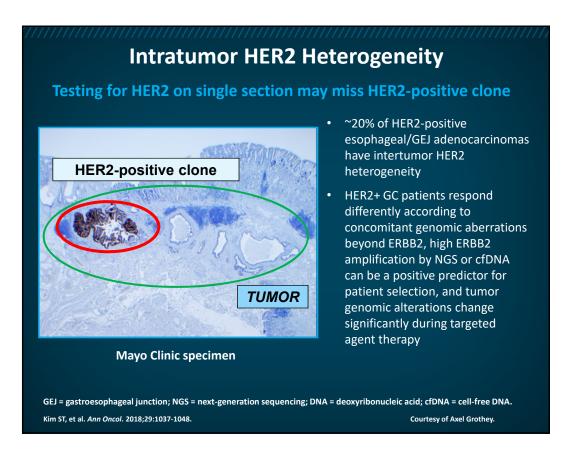
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Analysis	Parameter	Gastric Cancer	Breast Cancer
Immunohistochemistry (IHC) scoring	Extent	Biopsy specimens ≥5 cells	≥10%
	(Area cut-off)	Resection specimens ≥10%	Resection specimens ≥10%
	Circularity	Mostly absent (often only lateral in IHC 2+/3+)	Required in IHC 2+/3+
FISH	Cell number	20 cohesive tumor cells showing highest gene count	20 cohesive tumor cells showing highest gene count
	Amplification	Ratio ≥2.0	Ratio ≥2.0
Patient selection	IHC vs FISH	IHC more predictive than FISH	IHC and FISH equally predictive





# Systemic Therapy for Gastric Cancer- 1st line

2-drug cytotoxic regimens are preferred because of lower toxicity

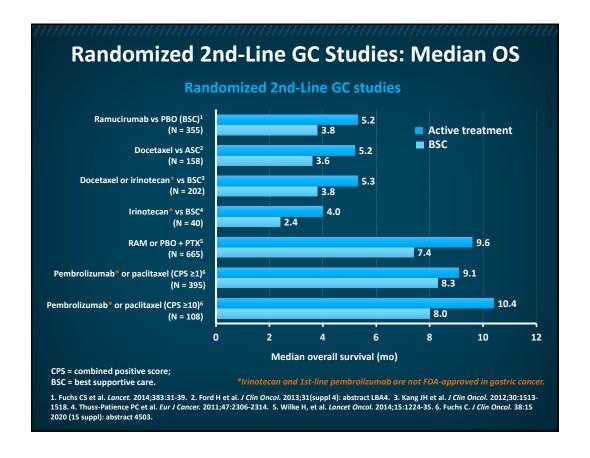
# **Preferred regimens**

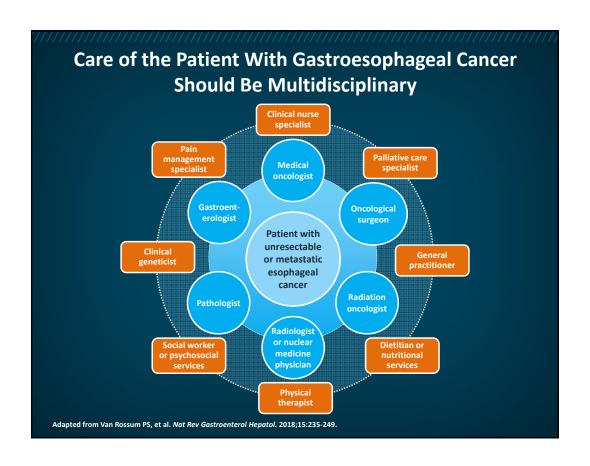
- 5-FU (or capecitabine) and cisplatin (or oxaliplatin)
- HER2+ disease: trastuzumab + cisplatin/5-FU (FOLFOX + trastuzumab is a commonly used regimen)

# Other recommended regimens

- · Paclitaxel with cisplatin or carboplatin
- · Docetaxel with cisplatin
- DCF modifications (docetaxel, cisplatin, 5-FU)
- ECF modifications (epirubicin, cisplatin, 5-FU)\*
- 5-FU and irinotecan
- Single-agent fluoropyrimidine (5-FU or capecitabine) or taxane
- Regimens should be chosen in the context of performance status, comorbidities, toxicity profile, and biomarker status

\*Practical note: epirubicin is not commonly used due to CALGB 80403/E1206 clinical trial findings
National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN). Guidelines for gastric Cancer, V2.2020





# **Multidisciplinary Management** Relevant disciplines **Special considerations** Surgical oncology for GC patients Medical oncology Nutrition Gastroenterology Gastric outlet obstruction Radiation oncology Bleeding Radiology Nausea/vomiting Pathology Ascites Nutritional services Fatigue Social workers · Pain management Nursing Physical therapy Palliative care specialists Psychosocial Other supporting disciplines NCCN guidelines recommend a multidisciplinary team approach to treatment decision-making in gastric cancer. "The NCCN Panel believes in an infrastructure that encourages multidisciplinary treatment decision-making by members of all disciplines taking care of this group of patients." NCCN. Guidelines for gastric cancer, V2.2020

# NCCN Guidelines®: Multidisciplinary Team Approach

### PRINCIPLES OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM APPROACH FOR ESOPHAGOGASTRIC CANCERS

Category 1 evidence supports the notion that the combined modality therapy is effective for patients with localized esophagogastric cancer. The NCCN Panel believes in an infrastructure that encourages multidisciplinary treatment decision-making by members of all disciplines taking care of this group of patients.

The combined modality therapy for patients with localized esophagogastric cancer may be optimally delivered when the following elements are in place:

- The involved institution and individuals from relevant disciplines are committed to jointly reviewing the detailed data on patients on a regular basis. Frequent meetings (either once a week or once every two weeks) are encouraged.
- Optimally at each meeting, all relevant disciplines should be encouraged to participate and these may include: surgical oncology, medical oncology, gastroenterology, radiation oncology, radiology, and pathology. In addition, the presence of nutritional services, social workers, nursing, palliative care specialists, and other supporting disciplines are also desirable.
- All long-term therapeutic strategies are best developed after adequate staging procedures are completed, but ideally prior to any therapy that is rendered
- · Joint review of the actual medical data is more effective than reading reports for making sound therapy decisions.
- A brief documentation of the consensus recommendation(s) by the multidisciplinary team for an individual patient may prove useful.
- The recommendations made by the multidisciplinary team may be considered advisory to the primary group of treating physicians of the particular patient.
- Re-presentation of select patient outcomes after therapy is rendered may be an effective educational method for the entire multidisciplinary team.
- A periodic formal review of relevant literature during the course of the multidisciplinary meeting is highly encouraged.

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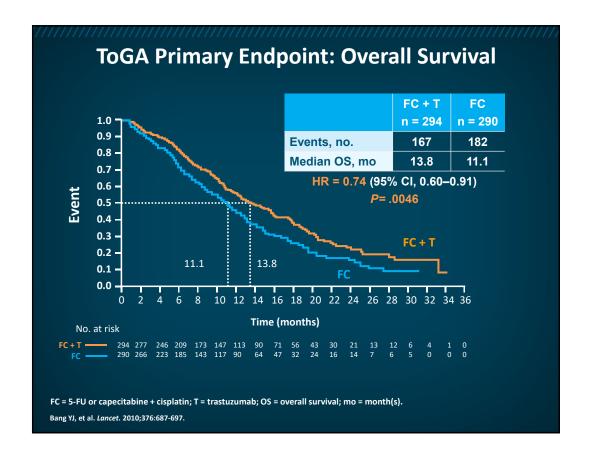
# **Nutrition Counseling**

- The American Cancer Society (ACS) recognizes that "nutrition is an important thing to consider when...getting cancer treatment," suggesting that patients "talk with your...dietitian if you have questions about certain foods or amounts."
- In gastric cancer patients, early nutritional feeding and effective nutritional intervention with a proper nutritional screening tool are suggested to promote clinical outcomes and reduce complications
- Early identification of nutritional status in patients may prevent malnutrition and provide benefits in increasing their survival rates

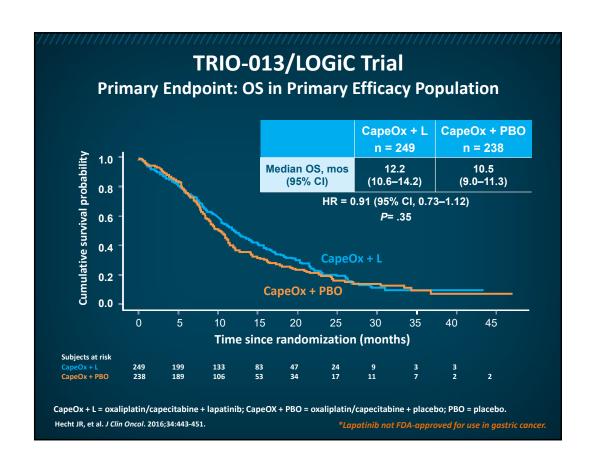
ACS. Nutrition for people with cancer (www.cancer.org/content/dam/CRC/PDF/Public/6711.00.pdf). Accessed 7/16/2020. Shoi WJ, Kim J. Clin Nutr Res. 2016;5:65-78.

# Clinical Trials in HER2-Positive Advanced Gastric Cancer

Clinical Trial	Regimen	Stratification
ToGA <sup>1</sup> HER2-positive (n = 594)	5-FU or capecitabine + cisplatin + trastuzumab  5-FU or capecitabine + cisplatin	<ul> <li>Advanced vs metastatic</li> <li>GC vs GEJ cancer</li> <li>Measurable vs non-measurable</li> <li>ECOG PS 0–1 vs 2</li> <li>Capecitabine vs 5-FU</li> </ul>
TRIO-013/LOGiC <sup>2</sup> HER2-positive (FISH+ or IHC 3+) (n = 545)	Capecitabine + oxaliplatin + lapatinib Capecitabine + oxaliplatin	Geographic region of the world     Prior neoadjuvant and/or adjuvant chemotherapy
JACOB <sup>3</sup> HER2-positive (ISH+ and IHC 2+ or 3+) (n = 780)	Capecitabine or 5-FU + cisplatin + trastuzumab + pertuzumab  Capecitabine or 5-FU + cisplatin + trastuzumab	<ul> <li>Geographic region (Japan vs North America/Western Europe/Australia vs Asia [excluding Japan] vs South America/Eastern Europe</li> <li>Prior gastrectomy</li> <li>HER2-positivity (IHC 3+ vs IHC 2+ and ISH +)</li> </ul>

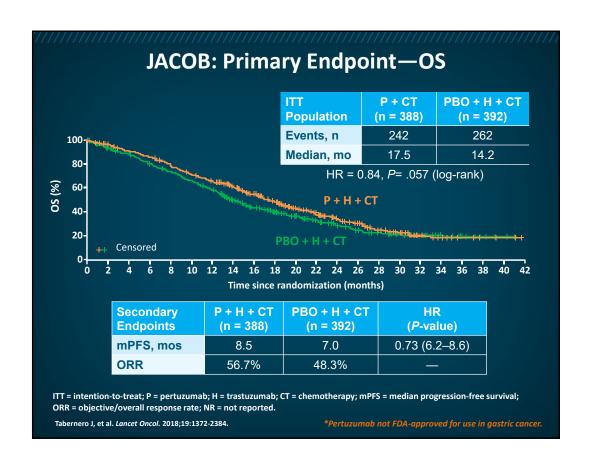


# Moving Toward Evidence-Based Management of Advanced GC and GJC NCCN guidelines for first-line therapy recommend: • HER2-positive disease — Trastuzumab with 5-FU (fluoropyrimidine) and cisplatin (category 1 evidence)<sup>1,2</sup> • HER2-negative disease — Fluorouracil + leucovorin + oxaliplatin\* has reduced toxicity compared with fluorouracil + leucovorin + cisplatin.³ — Fluorouracil + leucovorin + irinotecan\*4 GIC = gastroesophageal junction cancer. \*Not FDA-approved. 1. Ajani JA, et al. J Natl Compr Canc Netw. 2016;14:1286-1312. 2. Bang YJ, et al. Lancet. 2010;376:687-697. 3. Al-Batran Sc, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2014;32:3520-3526. NCCN Guidelines. Gastric Cancer. Version 2.2020.

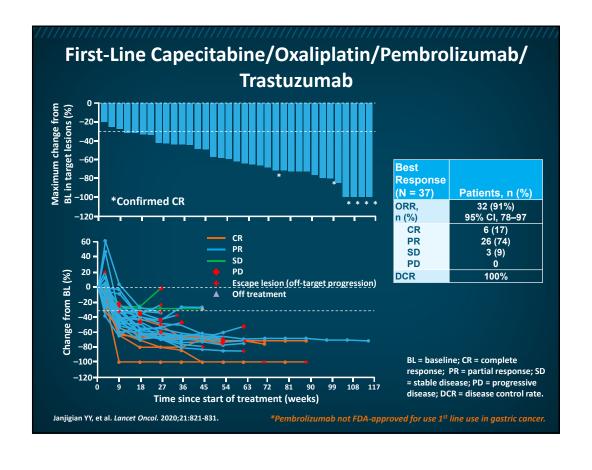


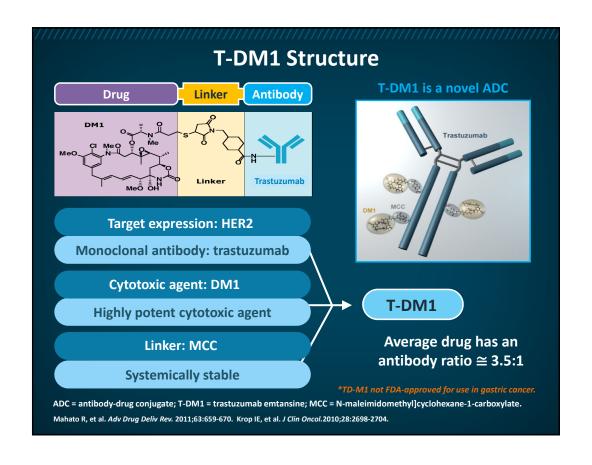


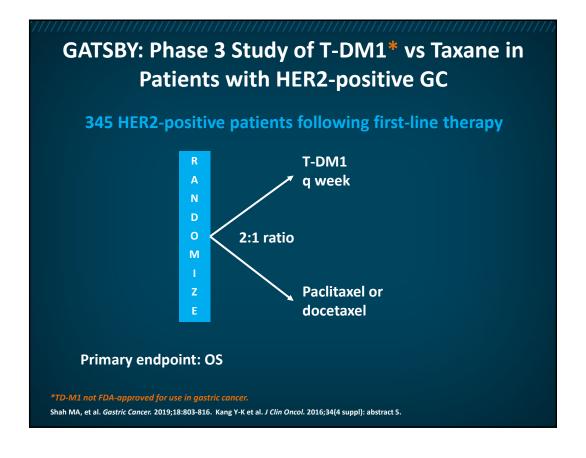
# Activates antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity<sup>1</sup> Enhances HER2 internalization<sup>2</sup> Inhibits shedding and, therefore, formation of p95<sup>3</sup> Inhibits angiogenesis<sup>4</sup> 1. Reprinted from Hubbard SR. Cancer Cell. 2005;7:287-288 (with permission from Elsevier). 2. zum Büschenfelde CM, et al. Cancer Res. 2002;62:2244-2247. 3. Molina MA, et al. Cancer Res. 2001;61:4744-4749. 4. Petit AM, et al. Am J Pathol. 1997;151:1523-1530. 5. Scheuer W, et al. Cancer Res. 2009;69:9330-9336.

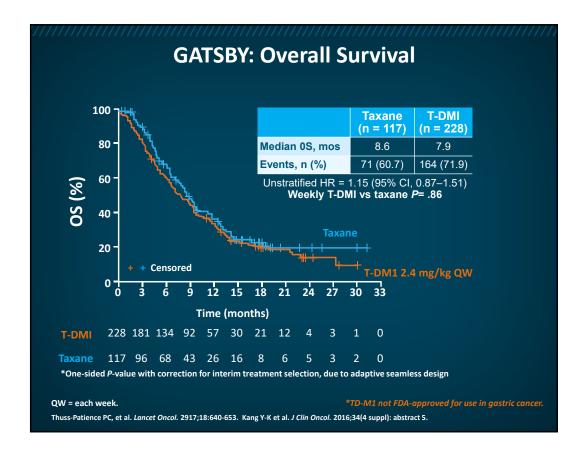


### First-Line HER2-Directed Clinical Trials: OS Clinical mOS HR Regimen P-value Trial (95% CI) mo **ToGA** 5-FU or capecitabine + cisplatin + 13.8 0.74 .0046 trastuzumab (0.60-0.91) 5-FU or capecitabine + cisplatin 11.1 TRIO-013/ Capecitabine + oxaliplain + 12.2 0.91 .3492 (0.73-1.12)lapatinib **LOGiC** Capecitabine + oxaliplain 10.5 Capecitabine or 5-FU + cisplatin + 17.5 0.84 **JACOB** .057 trastuzumab + pertuzumab (0.71-1.00)Capecitabine or 5-FU + cisplatin + 14.2 trastuzumab mOS = median overall survival. 1. Bang YJ, et al. Lancet. 2010;376:687-697. 2. Hecht JR, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2016;34:443-451. 3. Tabernero J, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2018;19:1372-1384.









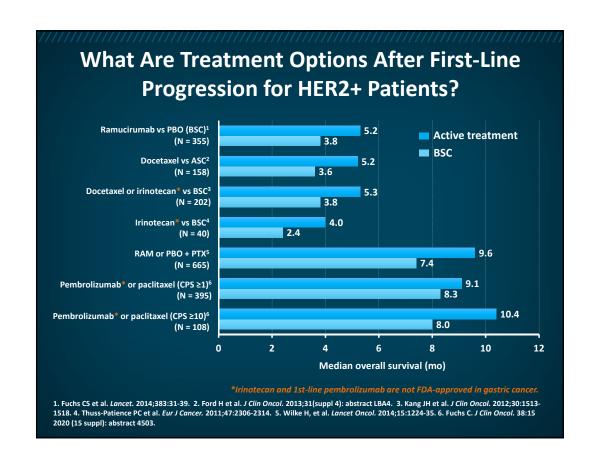
# Paclitaxel (P) ± Trastuzumab (T) in HER2-positive GC and GEJ Cancers Refractory to T + 5-FU + Platinum WJOG7112G (T-ACT)

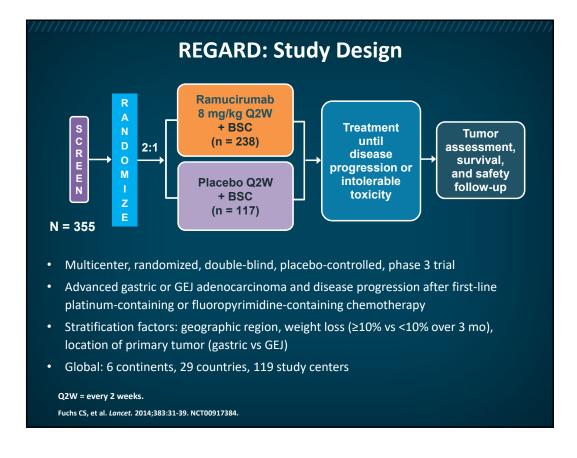
- Phase 2 (N = 91)
- Pts with HER2-positive advanced G/GEJ cancer progressing during first-line chemo with trastuzumab + 5-FU + platinum were randomized to receive either paclitaxel (P) (80 mg/m², day 1, 8, 15, Q4W) or P + trastuzumab (T) (initial T 8 mg/kg followed by 6 mg/kg, Q3W)
- Median PFS (primary endpoint) = 3.2 and 3.7 months in the P and PT arms, respectively; HR = 0.91 (95% CI, 0.67–1.22), P= .33
- Secondary endpoints (OS, ORR, DCR) also not significantly different between arms
- Safety was comparable between arms
- 69% (11/16) were found to have lost their HER2+ status

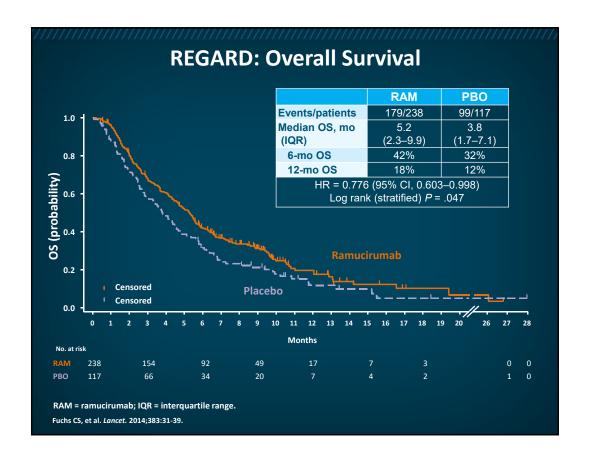
Q4W = every 4 weeks; Q3W = every 3 weeks; PFS = progression-free survival.

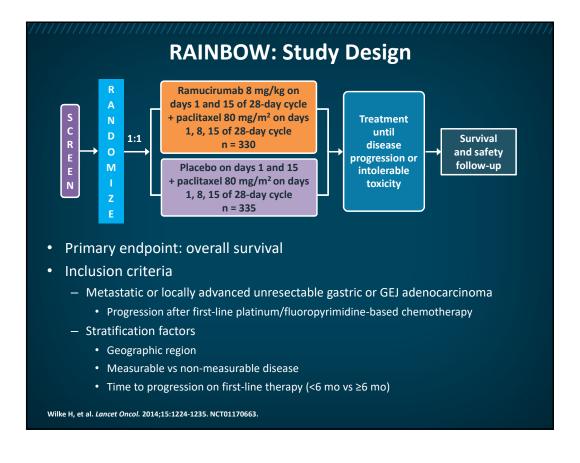
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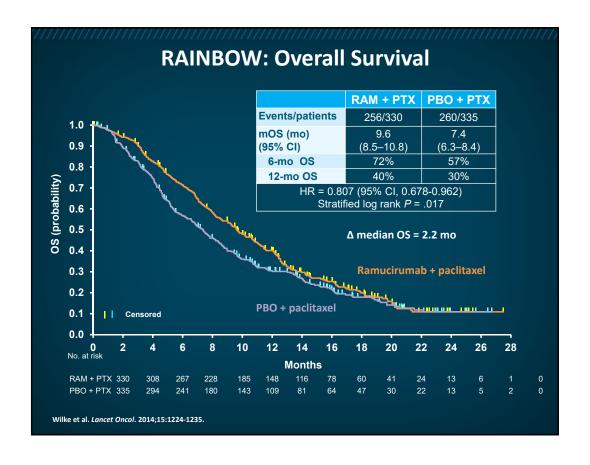
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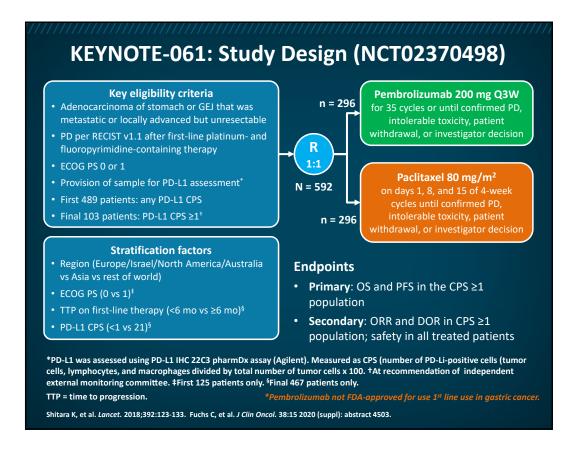


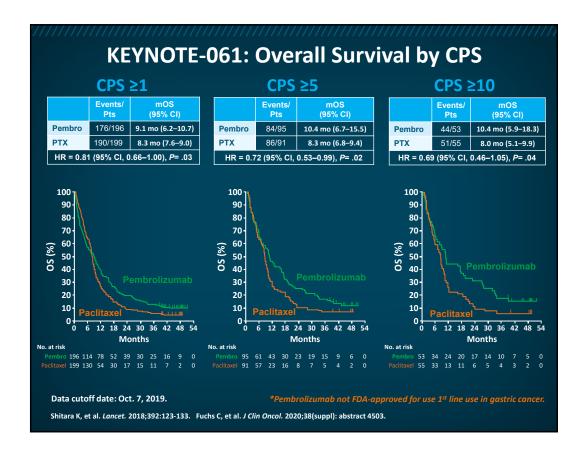








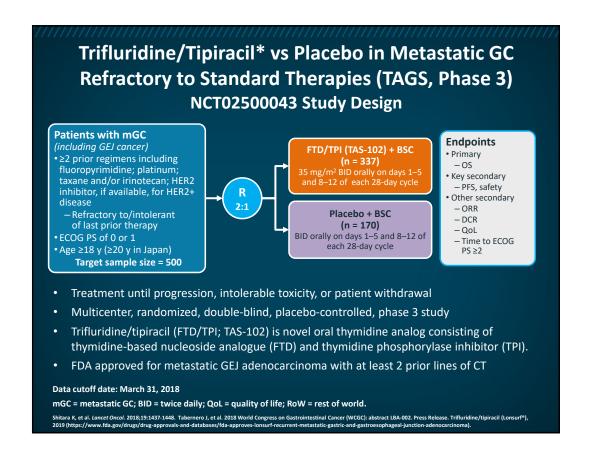


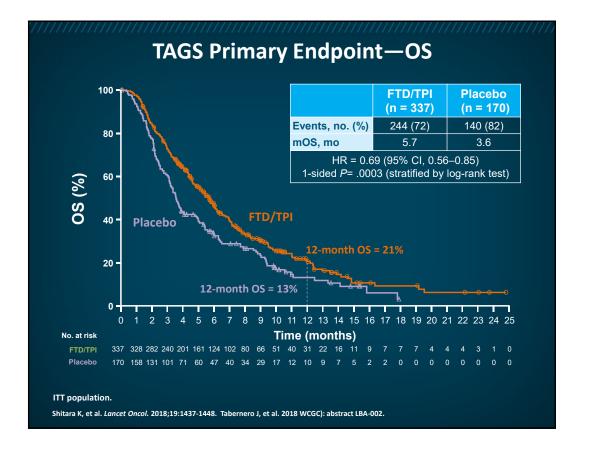


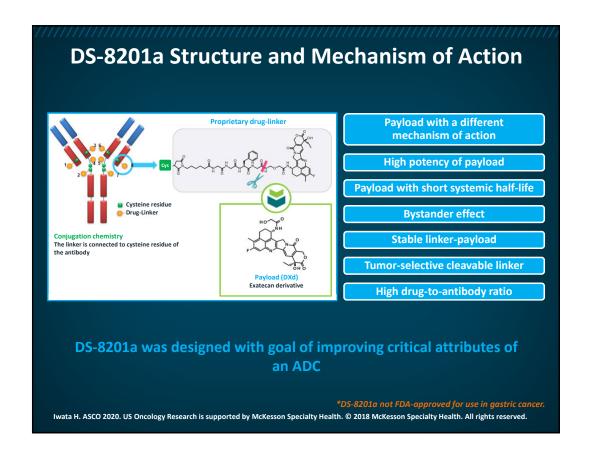
# **Current Treatment Options for Second-Line Therapy in HER2+ patients**

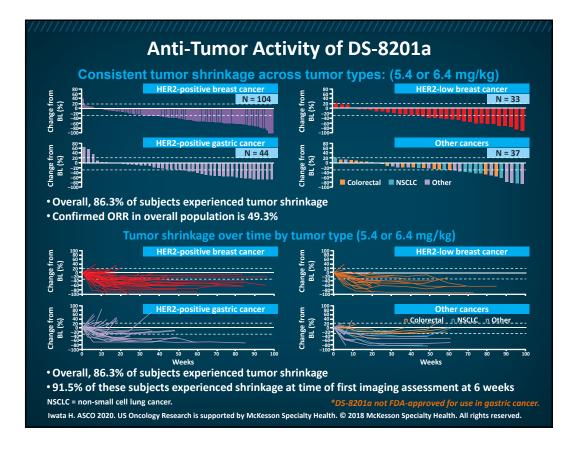
- Continuing trastuzumab past first-line progression has not shown significant improvement in outcomes
- Treatment options in line with HER2

   disease options
- Treatment choices based on PD-L1 status and patient/ provider decision
  - Toxicity profile of regimen
  - Patient performance status
  - Patient goals
  - Patient co-morbidities
- More options are clearly needed

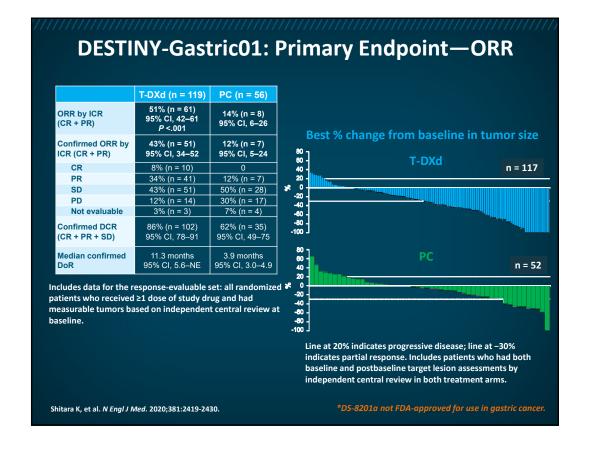


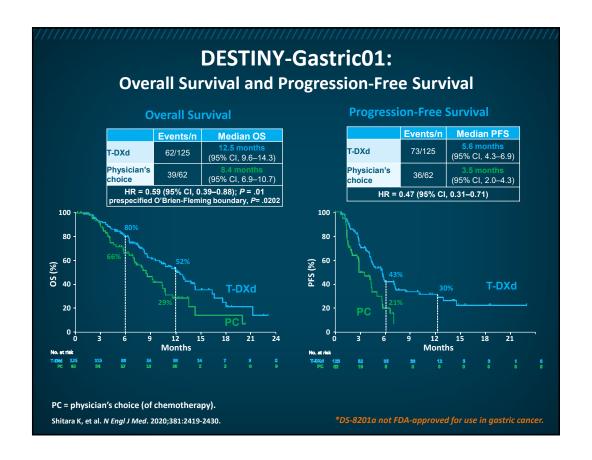


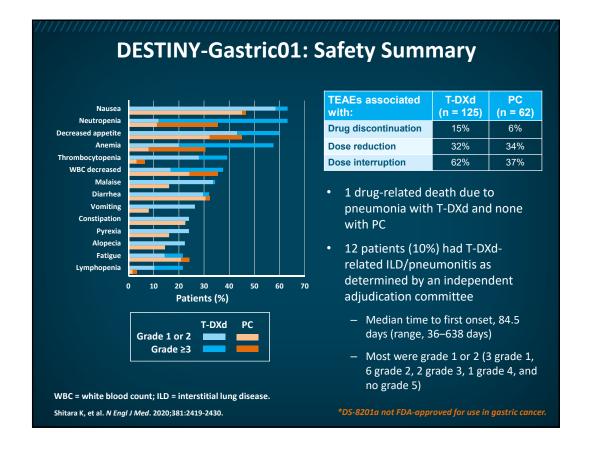




### **DESTINY-Gastric01** An open-label, multicenter, randomized phase 2 study Primary endpoint [IHC 3+ or IHC 2+/ISH+]] T-DXd is an antibody-drug REGISTRATIO • ORR by ICR conjugate consisting of an Secondary anti-HER2 antibody, R atients cleavable tetrapeptide- HER2-expressing advanced gastric or GEJ based linker, and cytotoxic topoisomerase I inhibitor Cohort 1: HER2 (IHC 2+/ISH-) payload and a platinum agent T-DXd (N ≈ 20) Previously, T-DXd 5.4 or Cohort 2: HER2 (IHC 1+) N T-DXd (N ≈ 20) 6.4 mg/kg in a phase 1 study demonstrated an \*OS was key secondary endpoint to be statistically evaluated hierarchically if primary ORR of 43.2% and mPFS of endpoint statistically significant (familywise type I error controlled at 0.05 for ORR and OS) 5.6 months in 44 patients with HER2-positive gastric 187 patients were randomized (T-DXd = 125; PC = 62) or GEJ cancer previously 77% of patients had HER2 IHC 3+ treated with trastuzumab Median number of prior systemic therapies was 2 (range, 2-9) (NCT02564900) 86% previously received taxanes, 72% ramucirumab, and 33% anti-Shown is the schema for PD1/-PD-L1 for primary cohort of DESTINY-Gastric01 At data cut-off (November 8, 2019), 22% and 5% of patients in the (NCT03329690) T-DXd and PC arms remained on treatment T-DXd = trastuzumab deruxtecan. Shitara K, et al. N Engl J Med. 2020;381:2419-2430. NCT03329690.







# DESTINY-Gastric01: HER2-Low Exploratory Cohorts

- Centrally confirmed HER2-low via IHC 2+/ ISH- (n = 20) or IHC 1+ (n = 24)
- Progressed on ≥2 prior lines of therapy; excluded if prior HER2 therapy
- Safety profile similar to HER2+ primary cohort

	IHC 2+/ ISH-	IHC 1+
Partial response	5/19	2/21
Stable disease	12/19	
Confirmed ORR (95% CI)	26.3% (5/19)	9.5% (2/21)
DCR (95% CI)	89.5%	71.4%
Median PFS (95% CI)	4.4 mo (2.7–7.1)	2.8 mo (1.5–4.3)
Median OS (95% CI)	7.8 mo (4.7–NE)	8.5 mo (4.3–10.9)
12-mo OS rate	40%	25.7%

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## **Case Study**

- A 64-year-old woman with no significant medical history and initial presentation of dysphagia and weight loss of 15 pounds
- A barium swallow revealed a mass at the gastroesophageal junction, which was biopsied via esophagogastroduodenoscopy
- Tumor pathology was notable for moderately differentiated adenocarcinoma, with molecular profile of HER2 IHC 3+, FISH positive, MSI-stable, and PD-L1 CPS <1</li>
- CT scan of the chest, abdomen, and pelvis was significant for multiple enlarged periaortic lymph nodes, the largest of which was 3 cm
- Nutritional services were consulted to assist her with dietary issues

CT = computed tomography; MSS = microsatellite stable

## **Case Study: Question 1**

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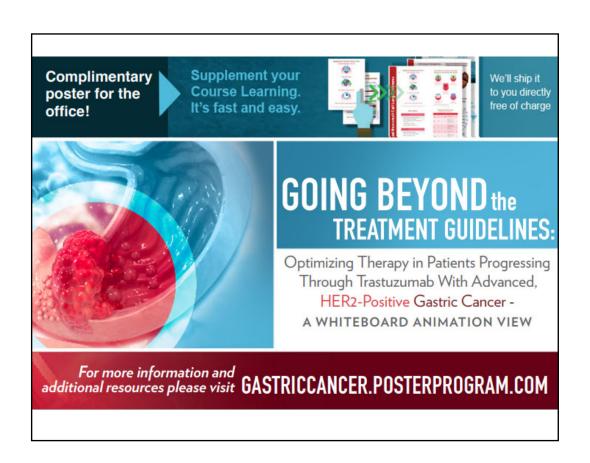
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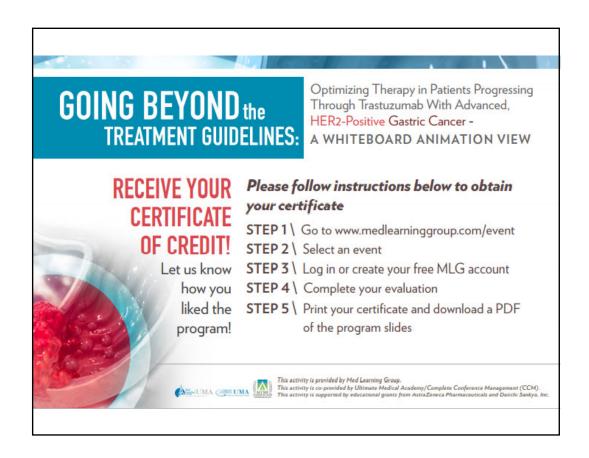
#### Case Study 2

- A 70-year-old male diagnosed with locally advanced gastric carcinoma (HER2 IHC2+/ ISH-) was found to have metastatic progression during neoadjuvant treatment with cisplatin + 5-FU. Additionally, he experienced multiple adverse events with systemic therapy including persistent neuropathy. When he presents for evaluation for his next line of therapy, he asks if there is a way to minimize potential adverse effects of treatment since his current symptoms significantly impact his quality of life and activities of daily living.
- What treatment strategy would you consider for this patient?
- a) Paclitaxel + carboplatin
- b) 5-FU + irinotecan
- c) Trastuzumab monotherapy
- d) Clinical trial with T-DXd

### **Conclusions**

- It should be standard practice to test patients with gastric cancer for HER2 status at initial diagnosis of advanced disease
- The requirements for HER2 positivity are different for gastric and breast cancers
- Eligible patients who are HER2-positive should receive trastuzumab in combination with chemotherapy in the first line setting
- As opposed to breast cancer, once patients with gastric cancer have progressed on first-line trastuzumab-based therapy, further anti-HER2 therapies have not shown success until recently
- There are promising new data of anti-HER2 ADC T-DXd in the refractory setting







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