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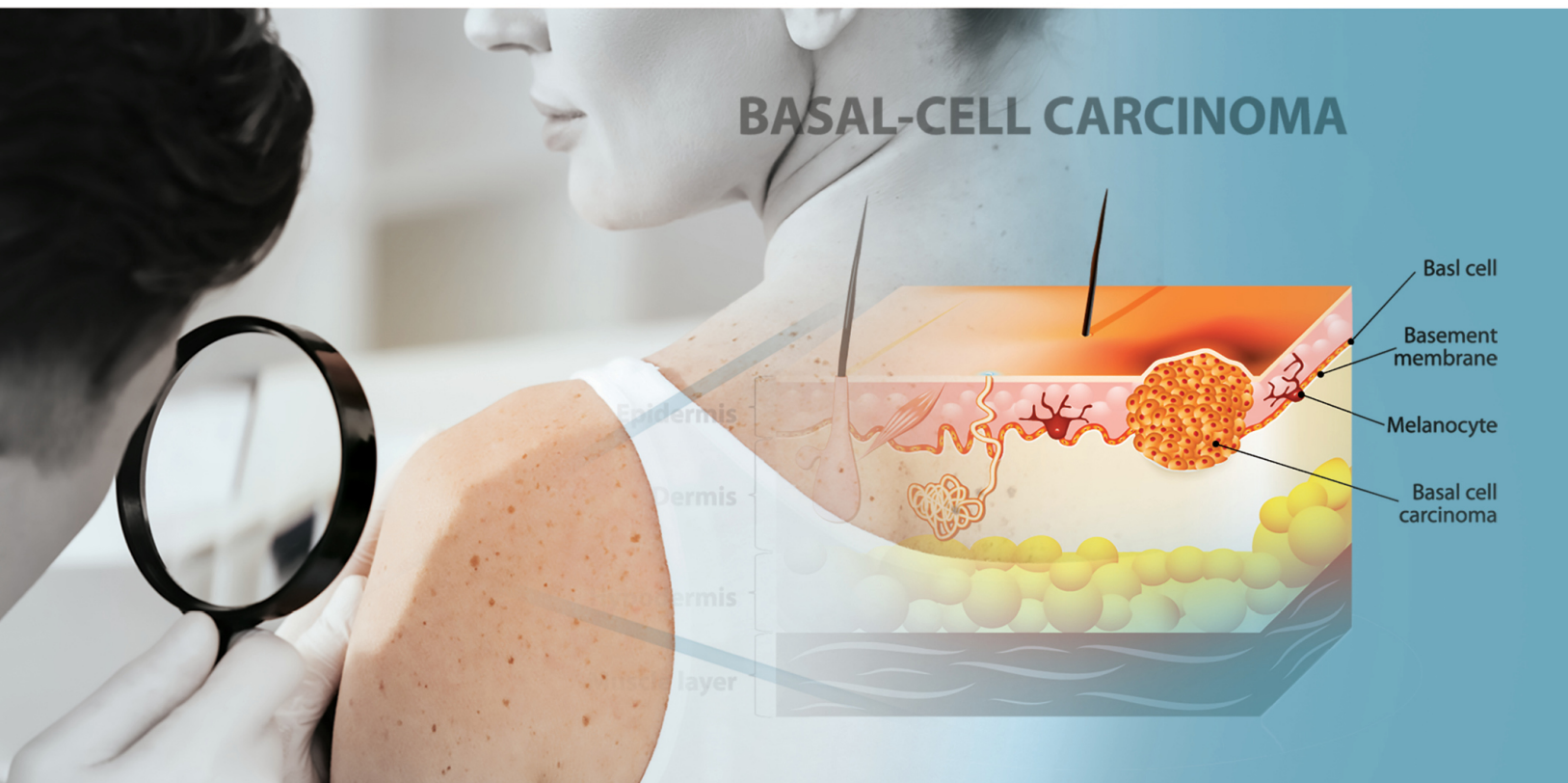
The Multi-Disciplinary Approach to the Patient  
with **Locally Advanced/Metastatic BCC**

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## BASAL-CELL CARCINOMA





## AGENDA

- Basal Cell Carcinoma: Introduction
  - Epidemiology/statistics
  - Prognostic factors
  - Staging
  - NCCN guidelines
  - Considerations for aggressive BCC
- BCC Failing or Not Amenable to Surgery or Radiation
  - Sonic hedgehog pathway
    - Vismodegib and sonidegib
  - Hedgehog side effects
  - Alternate dosing regimens
- When Disease Progresses on Hedgehog Inhibition
  - Immunotherapy and immune checkpoints
    - Cemiplimab, pembrolizumab, etc.
- Case Study Presentation
- Conclusions

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

- Discuss the pathogenesis of metastatic BCC and the attendant involvement of both aberrant pathways and immune dysfunction
- Examine the epidemiology of basal cell carcinoma including prevalence, risk factors, and disease burden
- Apply NCCN practice guidelines for a multi-disciplinary approach to treatment of locally advanced and metastatic BCC
- Explore the clinical trial data for emerging immunotherapy agents in the treatment of advanced or metastatic basal cell skin cancer

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# *TeleECHO Series: Principles of Treatment: The Multidisciplinary Approach to the Patient With Locally Advanced/Metastatic BCC*

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## Learning Objectives

- Discuss the pathogenesis of metastatic BCC and the attendant involvement of both aberrant pathways and immune dysfunction
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- Apply practice guidelines for a multidisciplinary approach to the treatment of locally advanced and metastatic BCC
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## Aggressive BCC

Is there such a thing?

## Does BCC have a Risk of Metastasis?

- Rates of .0028% to 0.55% reported<sup>1-3</sup>
- In 1 study of predictive factors: 11,905 BCCs diagnosed between 2000 and 2009 at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General were screened<sup>3</sup>
- 248 cases  $\geq 2$  cm assessed for risk factors and metastasis/death<sup>3</sup>
- 248 cases  $< 2$  cm randomly selected for comparison<sup>3</sup>

1. von Domarus H, Stevens PJ. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 1984;10(6): 1043-1060. 2. Snow SN, et al. *Cancer.* 1994;73(2):328-335. 3. Morgan F, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2020;83:832-838.

### Factors predictive of recurrence, metastasis, and death from primary basal cell carcinoma 2 cm or larger in diameter

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#### Multivariable logistic regression of $\geq 2$ cm BCC tumors

Variable	Local Recurrence		Metastasis and/or Death	
	OR (95% CI)	P	OR (95% CI)	P
Location				
Other	1 (reference)		1 (reference)	
Head and neck	9.7 (3.0-31.3)		5.3 (1.2-23.2)	.026
Diameter				
Other	—	—	1 (reference)	
$\geq 4$ cm	—		11.9 (2.4-59.4)	.003
Tumor depth				
Other	1 (reference)		1 (reference)	
Beyond fat	3.1 (1.0-9.6)	.049	28.6 (6.7-121.0)	<.001
Treatment modality				
Other	1 (reference)		—	—
Mohs micrographic surgery	0.14 (.04-0.5)	.002	—	—

BCC  $> 4$  cm on the head and neck, and invading beyond subcutaneous fat, may warrant more aggressive follow-up and radiologic imaging.

Morgan F, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2020;83:832-838.

## BCC Prognostic Factors

- < 2 cm group had no metastasis/death
- In  $\geq 2$  cm group, 3 significant predictors of metastasis/death:
  - Diameter  $\geq 4$  cm or larger
  - Depth beyond subcutaneous fat
  - Head/neck location

Morgan F, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2019;83:832-838.

## Staging BCC

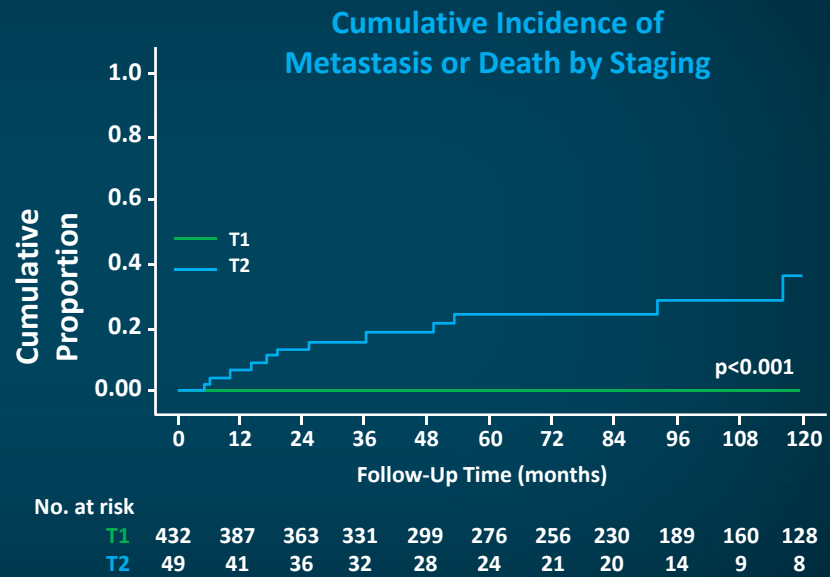
Tumor Staging System	Definition
<b>AJCC 8<sup>th</sup> Edition T Staging for Cutaneous Carcinoma of the Head and Neck</b>	
T1	< 2 cm in greatest diameter
T2	$\geq 2$ cm but < 4 cm in greatest diameter
T3	$\geq 4$ cm in greatest diameter or minor bone invasion or perineural invasion or deep invasion
T4a	Tumor with gross cortical bone and/or marrow invasion
T4b	Tumor with skull bone invasion and/or skull base foramen involvement
<b>BWH T Staging for BCC</b>	
T1	Tumor diameter < 2 cm or tumor diameter $\geq 2$ cm with 0-1 risk factors
T2	Tumor diameter $\geq 2$ cm with 2-3 risk factors

Morgan F, Schmults C, et al. *JAAD*, in press.

## Staging BCC

- BWH T2 BCC:
  - Local recurrence: 47% (28%-70%)
  - Metastasis/death: 37% (21%-60%)

BWH T2:  
 ≥ 4 cm + depth beyond fat  
 ≥ 4 cm + head/neck  
 ≥ 2 cm + depth beyond fat  
 + head/neck



Morgan F, Schmultz C, et al. JAAD, in press.

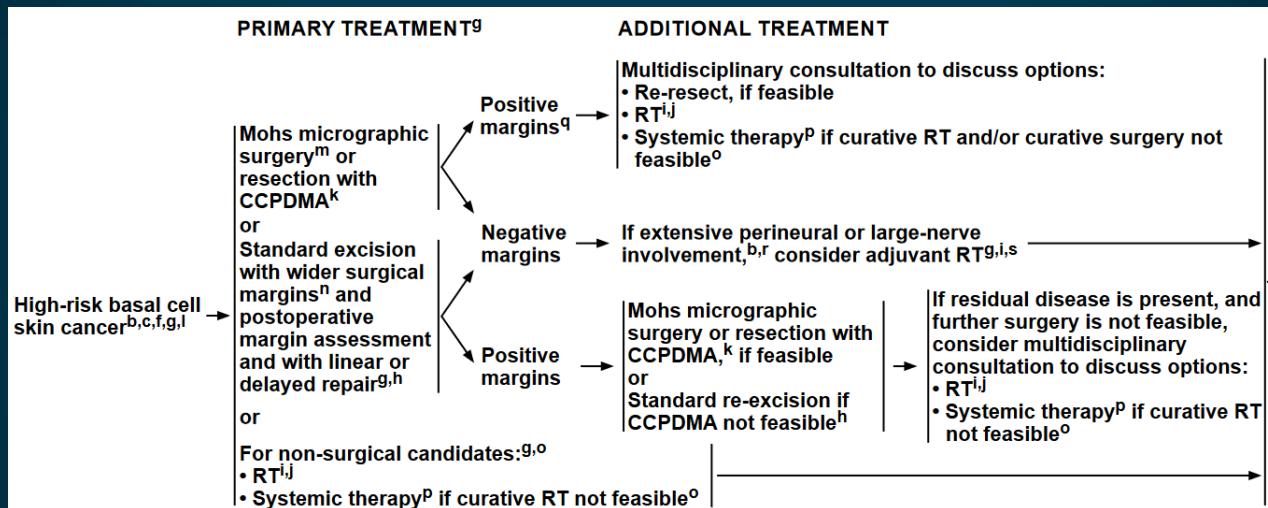
## CCPDMA Cuts Recurrence Risk in Half for High-Risk BCC

	Recurrence Risk: Recurrent BCC, n (%)	Recurrence Risk: Aggressive Subtype BCC, n (%)
<b>CCPDMA</b>	132/2911 (4.5%)	97/3149 (3%)
<b>SA</b>	32/263 (12%)	17/234 (7%)
<b>p value</b>	p < .001	P < .001
<b>Risk Ratio</b>	.37 [.26-.54]	.42 [.26-.70]

CCPDMA = complete circumferential peripheral and deep margin assessment; SA = Standard Margin Assessment (vertical sections)

Fraga S, Waldman A. Complete marginal assessment in surgically excised keratinocyte carcinoma: A systematic review. Under review.

## NCCN: Algorithm for High-Risk BCC



Schmults C, et al. NCCN Guidelines Version 1.2020: Basal Cell Skin Cancer. Available at: [https://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician\\_gls/pdf/nmsc.pdf](https://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/pdf/nmsc.pdf). Please see NCCN page above for footnotes and additional information/context for these guidelines.

## Lack of Adherence to NCCN for High-Risk BCC/SCC

- Survey study of physicians from the 23 NCCN institutions
- ~50% response, N = 57
- Use of CCPDMA in a majority of NCCN high-risk cases
  - 14/15 Mohs surgeons
  - 10/16 other surgeons, dermatologists, radiation oncologists
  - 2/6 pathologists
- Reasons for not using CCPDMA
  - Surgeons defer to pathologists to determine appropriate margin assessment methods
  - Logistical difficulties (time-consuming, overnight stays, open wounds)

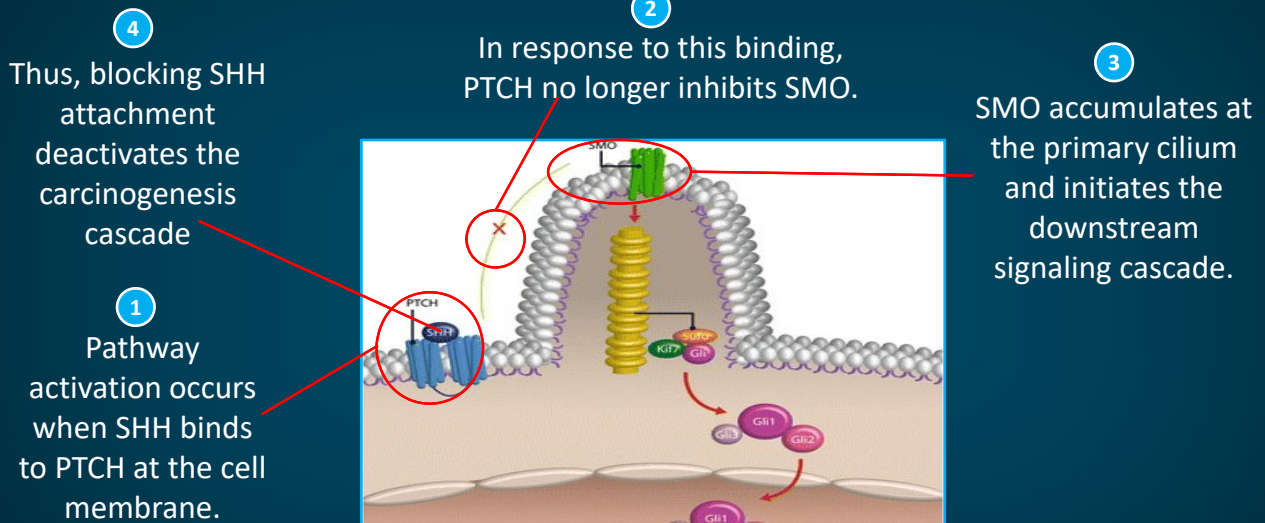
NCCN = National Comprehensive Cancer Network; SCC = squamous cell carcinoma.  
Danes M, et al. *Dermatologic Surgery*. 2020;46:1473-1480.

## Conclusions: Aggressive BCC

- BWH T2 BCC may have a risk of local recurrence and metastasis in excess of 20%
  - $\geq 4$  cm + depth beyond fat
  - $\geq 4$  cm + head/neck
  - $\geq 2$  cm + depth beyond fat + head/neck
- Do Mohs surgery (or CCPDMA if needed, OR resection)
- Beware of multiply recurrent BCC
- Radiologic surveillance for recurrence
- Consider off-label adjuvant systemic therapy in extreme or multiply recurrent cases

## BCC Failing or Not Amenable to Surgery and Radiation

## Sonic Hedgehog Pathway



SHH = Sonic hedgehog; PTCH = Patched (a multitransmembrane protein); SMO = Smoothened (a key transmembrane protein).  
 Carballo G, et al. *Cell Commun Signal*. 2018;16:11.

## Vismodegib

- Indications
  - Metastatic BCC
  - Locally advanced BCC that has recurred following surgery, or in those who are not candidates for surgery/radiation
- Dosage: oral; 150 mg once daily
- Contraindications: none
- Boxed warning: embryo-fetal toxicity

	mBCC (n = 33)	laBCC (n = 63)
<b>ORR</b>	30.3%	42.9%
Complete Response	0%	20.6%
Partial Response	30.3%	22.2%
<b>Median Response Duration</b>	7.6 months	7.6 months

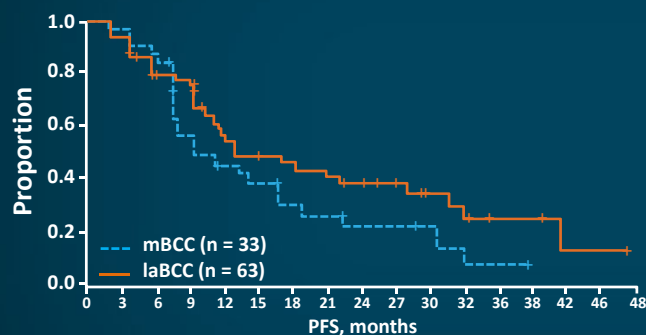
mBCC = metastatic BCC; laBCC = locally advanced BCC; ORR = objective response rate.

Sekulic A, et al. *N Eng J Med*. 2012;366:2171-2179. Vismodegib (Erivedge®) PI 2020 ([https://www.gene.com/download/pdf/erivedge\\_prescribing.pdf](https://www.gene.com/download/pdf/erivedge_prescribing.pdf)). Accessed December 10, 2020.



## Vismodegib: ERIVANCE BCC Trial

Progression Free Survival (PFS)



No. at risk

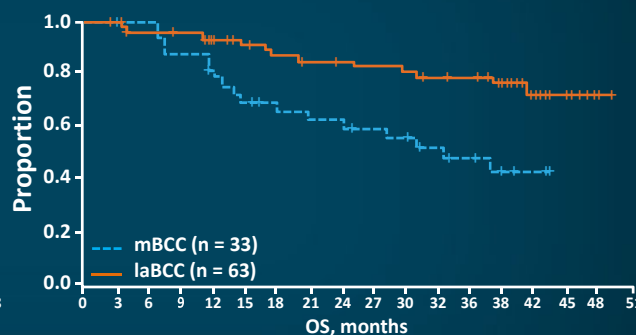
Metastatic

Locally

Advanced

33 31 26 16 12 10 7 6 4 4 3 1 1 0 0 0 0  
63 55 42 38 24 19 17 16 13 10 7 5 3 3 1 1 0

Overall Survival (OS)



33 33 33 29 25 22 20 18 18 16 15 12 10 7 2 0 0 0  
63 61 58 56 52 48 45 43 42 41 40 38 37 25 13 8 2 0

Sekulic A, et al. *BMC Cancer*. 2017;17:332.

## Sonidegib

- Indications
  - Locally advanced BCC that has recurred following surgery, or in those who are not candidates for surgery/radiation
- Dosage: oral; 200 mg once daily
- Contraindications: none
- Boxed warning: embryo-fetal toxicity

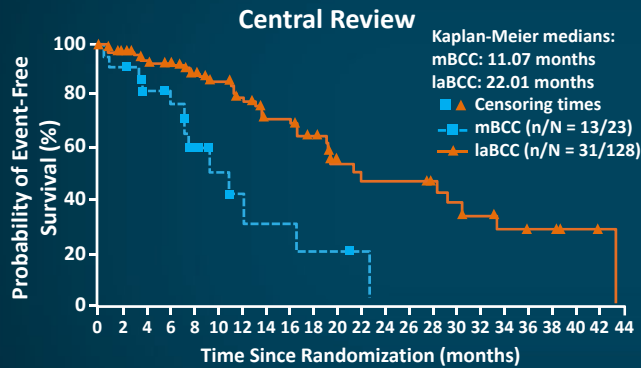
	laBCC (n = 66)
<b>ORR</b>	56.0%
Complete Response	5%
Partial Response	52%
<b>Median Response Duration</b>	26.1 months

Sonidegib (Odomzo®) PI 2019 (<https://www.odomzo.com/themes/custom/odomzo/global/pdfs/pi.pdf>).



## Sonidegib: BOLT Study

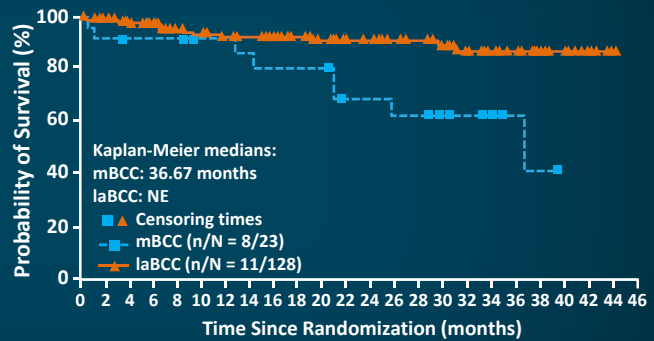
### Progression Free Survival



No. of patients still at risk

	23	21	16	15	9	6	4	3	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Metastatic	23	21	16	15	9	6	4	3	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Locally	128	98	80	69	57	45	39	30	29	23	15	14	13	13	11	9	7	5	4	2	1
Advanced																					

### Overall Survival



	23	21	20	20	20	17	17	16	15	15	15	11	11	10	10	8	6	5	3	2	0	0	0
Metastatic	23	21	20	20	20	17	17	16	15	15	15	11	11	10	10	8	6	5	3	2	0	0	0
Locally	128	123	113	101	91	83	77	75	71	66	61	55	54	50	47	43	32	28	23	16	11	5	1
Advanced																							

BOLT = Basal Cell Carcinoma Outcomes With LDE225 Treatment.  
Lear JT, et al. *J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol*. 2018;32(3):372-381.

### Efficacy, safety, and comparison of sonic hedgehog inhibitors in basal cell carcinomas: A systematic review and meta-analysis

Pingxing Xie, MD, PhD, and Philippe Lefrançois, MD, PhD  
Montreal, Canada

- 16 studies: quantitative meta-analysis of safety and efficacy
- Locally advanced BCC
  - Overall Response Rate: comparable for vismodegib and sonidegib (69% vs 57%)
  - Complete Response Rate: superior for vismodegib (31% vs 3%)
- Metastatic BCC
  - Overall Response Rate: superior for vismodegib (39% vs 15%)
- Side effects (combined prevalence)
  - 67%, 54%, and 58% for muscle spasms, dysgeusia, and alopecia, respectively; comparable for sonidegib and vismodegib
  - Upper GI distress more common in sonidegib than in vismodegib use
- Vismodegib favored over sonidegib in clinical practice

Xie P, Lefrançois P. *J Am Acad Dermatol* 2018;79:1089-1100.

## Hedgehog Side Effects

- Hedgehog inhibitor side effects are not life-threatening but are nearly universal and often severe
- High rate of discontinuation in clinical trials (20%-50%)
  - Debilitating muscle pain/cramping
  - Loss of taste leading to major weight loss
  - Hair loss is often severe
- Alternatives to daily dosing are often used (though minimally studied)
  - A dosing regimen of 1 to 2 weeks on, 1 week off, is what we employ
  - Impact on efficacy unknown but such modifications are often needed to remain on treatment

Migden M, et al. *Lancet Oncology*. 2015;16:716-728. Dummer R, et al. *Br J Dermatol*. 2020;182(6):1369-1378. Sekulic A, et al. *BMC Cancer*. 2017;17:332. Sekulic A, et al. *N Eng J Med*. 2012;366:2171-2179. Villani A, et al. *Dermatol Ther*. 2020;10:401-412.

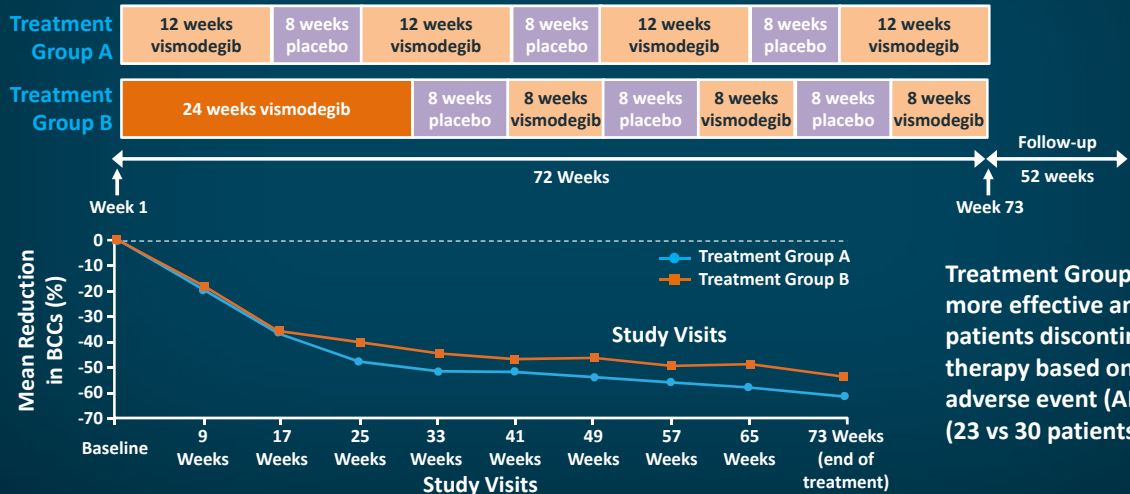
## Alternate Dosing Regimens

- More tolerable than continuous therapy, with comparable effectiveness
- Impact on secondary resistance undefined
- BCC managed using hedgehog inhibitor (HHI) is comparable to chronic disease management or palliation
- May take months, weeks, or days off without loss of effectiveness



## Two intermittent vismodegib dosing regimens in patients with multiple basal-cell carcinomas (MIKIE): a randomised, regimen-controlled, double-blind, phase 2 trial

Brigitte Dréno, Rainer Kunstfeld, Axel Hauschild, Scott Fosko, David Zloty, Bruno Labeille, Jean-Jacques Grob, Susana Puig, Frank Gilberg, Daniel Bergström, Damian R Page, Gary Rogers, Dirk Schadendorf



Dréno B, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2017; 18:404-412.

### RESEARCH LETTER

## A Novel Alternate Dosing of Vismodegib for Treatment of Patients With Advanced Basal Cell Carcinomas

### Vismodegib Dosing Regimen, Response, and Adverse Effects

Patient No./Sex	BCC History	IVT Regimen (with/without medication = no. of cycles)	Length of Follow-Up, mo	BCC Response	Adverse Effects
1/M	>50 BCCs	1 wk/1 wk x 8 cycles; 1 wk/3 wks x 12 cycles	20	Decrease in number and size of lesions	Fatigue, arthralgia, arthritis, and alopecia; resolved after decreasing dose
2/M	Basal cell nevus syndrome	1 wk/2 wks x 10 cycles	12	Decrease in number and size of lesions	Fatigue, dysgeusia, and muscle aches
3/F	Multiple BCCs on the face	1 wk/1 wk x 6 cycles; 1 wk/2 wks x 7 cycles; 1 wk/3 wks x 14 cycles	24	Resolution	Alopecia; resolved with decreased dosage
4/M	Multiple recurrent and aggressive BCCs on face	1 wk/1 wk x 8 cycles; 1 wk/2 wks x 1 cycle; 1 wk/3 wks x 9 cycles	19	Resolution	Fatigue, dysgeusia, muscle spasms, and hand arthritis; improved with lowered dosage
5/F	Large periorbital BCC	1 wk/1 wk x 6 cycles; 1 wk/2 wks x 5 cycles	12	Decrease in BCC size	Fatigue, dysgeusia, muscle aches, and alopecia
6/M	Large BCC on nose	1 wk/1 wk x 6 cycles	7	Decrease in BCC size, followed by MMS	Fatigue, dysgeusia, diarrhea, and constipation
7/M	Incompletely excised periorbital BCC	1 wk/3 wks x 5 cycles	9	Resolution	Fatigue

7 patients: 1 week on/1 to 3 weeks off based on tolerability; 3 BCC clinically resolved, 4 decreased in size  
No patients discontinued therapy based on adverse effects.

IVT = intermittent vismodegib therapy; MMS = Mohs micrographic surgery.  
Becker LR, et al. *JAMA Dermatol.* 2017; 153:321-322.

## Outcomes for Basal Cell Carcinoma Treated With Vismodegib Extended Alternate Day Dosing

- 8 patients
- Vismodegib 150 daily x 3 months, then extended alternate day dosing as tolerated
  - Every other day to once weekly dosing
  - Mean reduction in tumor size: ~50%
  - 4 patients experienced no side effects, 4 experienced mild side effects that
    - improved/resolved with further extended alternate day dosing



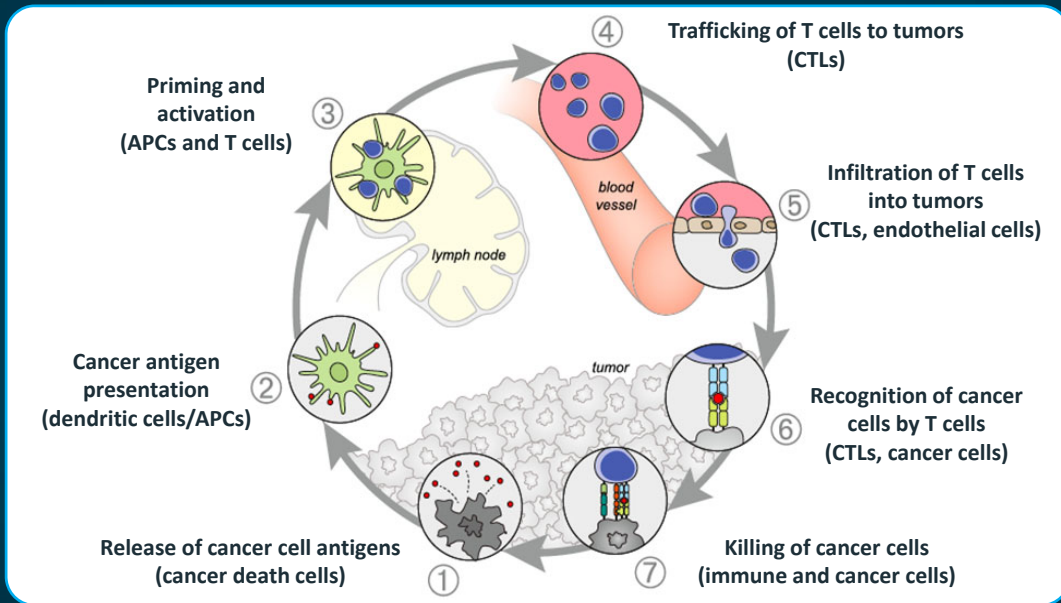
Before

Every 4 days x 10 months

Roult E, Ratner D. *Dermatol Surg.* 2020;46:1109-1112.

## When Disease Progresses on Hedgehog Inhibition?

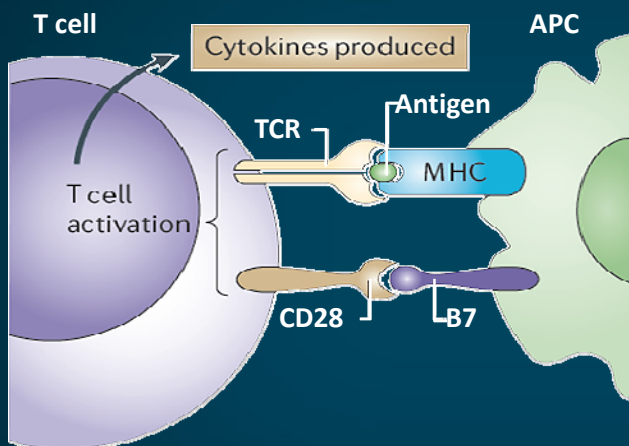
## Immunotherapy: The Cancer-Immunity Cycle



APCs = antigen-presenting cells; CTLs = cytotoxic T lymphocytes.  
Chen DS, Mellman I. *Immunity*. 2013;39:1-10.

## Immune Checkpoints

### Activation of T lymphocytes

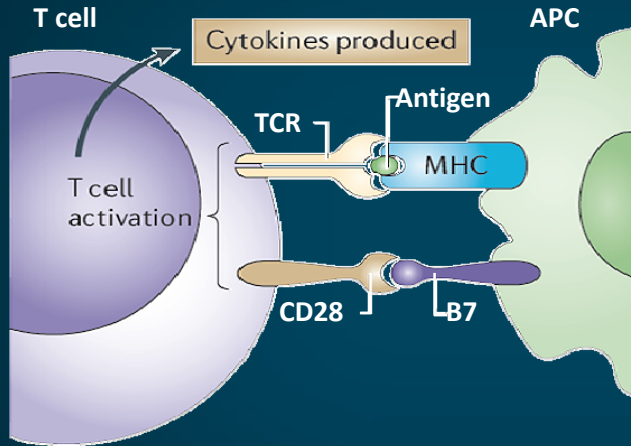


CTLA4 = cytotoxic T lymphocyte-associated protein 4; PD1 = programmed cell death 1; PDL1 = PD1 ligand 1; TIM3 = T cell immunoglobulin and mucin domain-containing protein 3; VISTA = V-domain immunoglobulin suppressor of T cell activation.  
Sharma P et al. *Nat Rev Cancer*. 2011;11:805-812.

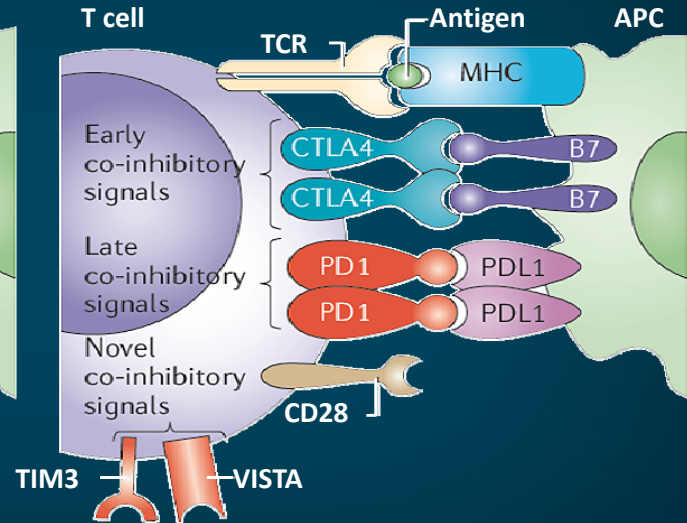


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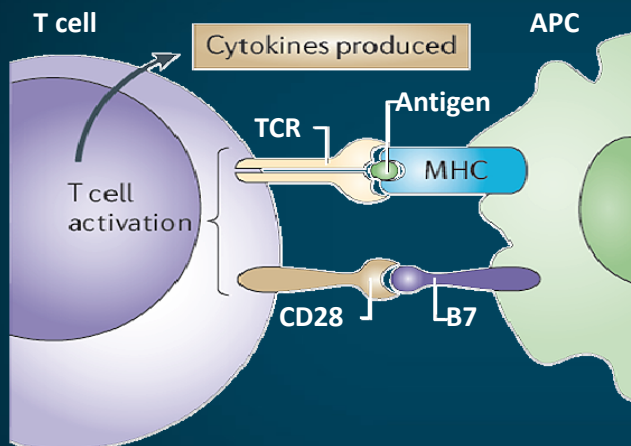
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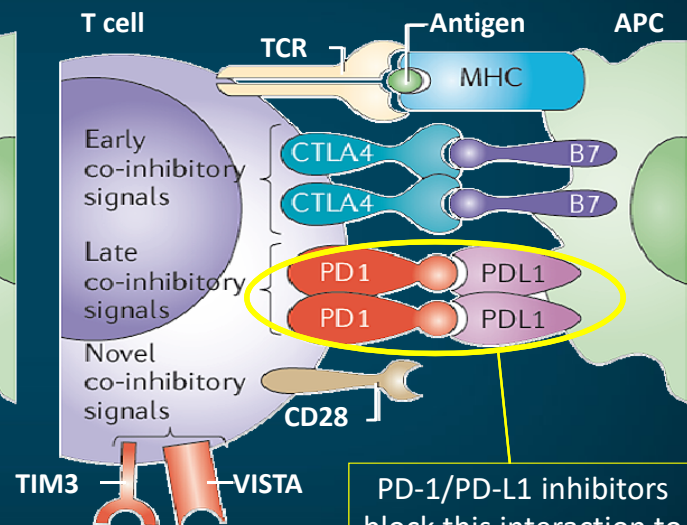
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PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitors block this interaction to activate immune cells

## Cemiplimab

- Feb 9, 2021: First FDA-approved immunotherapy for BCC (advanced cases previously treated with HHI)
  - Also indicated for metastatic cutaneous SCC and laSCC

Trial of cemiplimab for those not tolerating or progressing on HHI

	laBCC (n = 84)
<b>ORR</b>	31.0%
Complete Response	6.0%
Partial Response	25.0%
<b>Response</b>	85% responses ongoing at 12 months
<b>Estimated PFS (all patients)</b>	19 months

Stratigos AJ, et al. *Ann Oncology*. 2020;31:S1175-S1176.

## Cemiplimab

- Median baseline TMB: 58.2 (responding; n = 18) and 23.5 (non-responding; n = 38) mutations/Mb
- Responses occurred at all TMB levels
- Downregulation of MHC-I expression identified as an immune evasion mechanism in non-responding BCCs with high TMB
- Adverse events: fatigue (30%), diarrhea (24%) and pruritus (21%)
- 17% of patients discontinued due to AEs

TMB = tumor mutational burden; MHC = major histocompatibility complex.  
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## Pembrolizumab With/Without Vismodegib for Advanced BCC

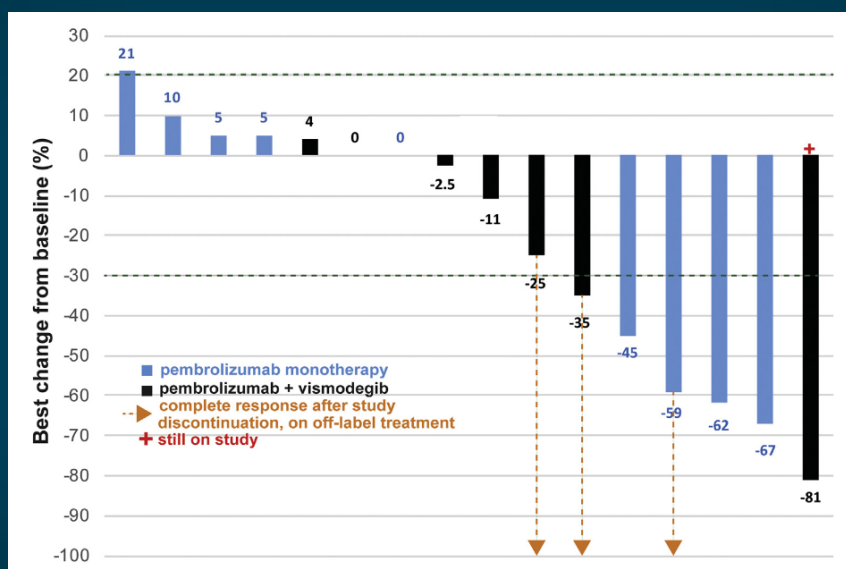
	All Participants (N = 16)	Pembrolizumab (n = 9)	Pembrolizumab + Vismodegib (n = 7)
ORR	38%	44%	29%
1-yr PFS	70%	62%	83%
1-yr OS	94%	89%	100%

- No life-threatening AEs or deaths during the study
- 3 grade 3 AEs occurred out of 98 AEs from 16 participants (1 case of hyponatremia attributed to pembrolizumab)
- 23 immune-related AEs (grade 1/2 dermatitis and fatigue most common)

Chang A, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2019;564-566.

Not currently FDA approved for BCC

## Pembrolizumab: Best % Change in BCC Diameter From Baseline



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## Summary

- Advanced BCC is best managed using multidisciplinary consultation
- Diameter > 4 cm, head/neck location, and/or invasion beyond subcutaneous fat significantly increase risk for local recurrence, metastasis, and death
- Vismodegib outperforms sonidegib in a recent meta-analysis on safety and efficacy
- Alternate dosing regimens increase tolerability without compromising efficacy
- Immune checkpoint therapy is now approved (cemiplimab) and is useful in cases of hedgehog inhibitor progression or intolerance

## *Cases*

## Case 2

### Locally Aggressive BCC: Case 2

Courtesy of Dr. Chrysalyne Schmults

- A 58-year-old healthy man with BCC on right nasal sidewall initially presented in 2012
- Status post (S/P) radiation as primary therapy “to avoid bone resection near eye”

## **Aggressive BCC**

- 2015 to 2016: 5 subsequent recurrences excised by plastic surgeon with in-office frozen sections read by pathologist as clear
- At sixth recurrence the patient is referred for salvage radiation
- Radiation oncologist, in turn, referred the patient to the cancer center

**What would be your next step in assessing this patient?**

## Aggressive BCC

- Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI): tumor abuts bone, no sinus/orbit/nerve invasion
- No metastasis on neck/chest computed tomography (CT)



## Mohs Pathology



- Mohs cleared all but nasal bone and turbinate mucosa (purple outline)
- Head/neck surgeon Dr. Jason Kass requested en face assessment of posterior resection





## Locally Aggressive BCC: Polling Question

The NCCN recommends which of the following at this point?

1. CCPDMA
2. Radiation
3. Systemic agent
4. Something else

- Mohs cleared all but nasal bone and turbinate mucosa (purple outline)
- Head/neck surgeon Dr Jason Kass requested en face assessment of posterior resection
- **NCCN: Recommends CCPDMA for high-risk BCC that can't be closed primarily**

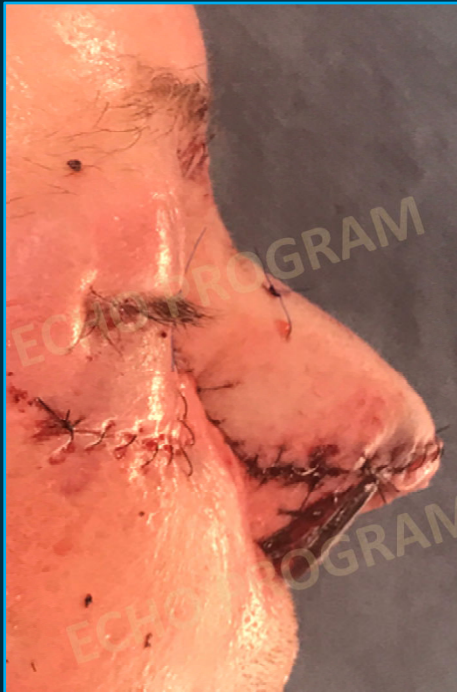




Margin clear but  
bony margin not  
processed en face



Septal bone graft  
(from radius) and  
free flap via  
Dr. Jason Kass



- Local recurrence: 47% (28%-70%)
- Metastasis: 37% (21%-60%)
- Adjuvant radiation?
  - No data on risk reduction
  - May compromise current reconstruction and make future surgery difficult
- Adjuvant vismodegib?
  - No data on risk reduction in adjuvant setting
  - Difficult side effect profile
  - Offered but declined
- Follow-up every 6 months with face MRI and neck CT every 2 to 3 years

At 1 year, the patient is doing well.



- At 1.5 years, notes nasal congestion, clotted blood
- Recurrent tumor focus, right ethmoid sinus, superior turbinate
- Recurred where couldn't complete Mohs resection
- Another OR resection planned



## **Despite Pre-Op Imaging and Multiple Scouting Biopsies to Aid Resection Planning, Margins Were Diffusely Positive**

- In bone, underside of prior flap, lacrimal duct
- Patient declined rhinectomy and further maxilla resection

## **Next Steps for This Patient**

- Vismodegib daily with complete response radiologically at 8 months but with extreme cachexia
- Tumor recurred during drug holiday
  - Again declined surgery
  - Currently weighing radiation vs vismodegib retreatment vs cemiplimab

## Case 3

### Case 3: Locally Aggressive and Metastatic BCC

Courtesy of Dr. Emily Ruiz



- A 60-year-old man, healthy except for ethyl alcohol (EtOH), sometimes undomiciled
- Diagnosis in July 2017
- Histology: infiltrating BCC
- Positron emission tomography (PET) CT: avid tumor, avid left axillary, pectoral, and supraclavicular lymph nodes
- MRI: tumor encasing multiple large nerves

## Locally Aggressive BCC: Polling Question

### What Do You Offer as Preferred Therapy?

- A. Observation as progression has been slow over many years
- B. Excision via forequarter amputation
- C. Definitive radiation therapy
- D. Oral hedgehog inhibitor therapy
- E. Anti-PD1 immunotherapy

## Locally Aggressive BCC: Polling Question

### What Do You Offer as Preferred Therapy?

- A. Observation as progression has been slow over many years  
—No, he's in pain and seeking care
- B. Excision via forequarter amputation  
—Nodal metastasis makes this unlikely to control disease
- C. Definitive radiation therapy  
—Field is too large
- D. Oral hedgehog inhibitor therapy
- E. Anti-PD1 immunotherapy



- Clinical response to vismodegib (July 2017-May 2018)
- MRI: progression of lymph node metastasis
- July 2018: patient switched to cemiplimab

**What do you do now?**

## Case 4

### **BCC With Distant Metastasis**

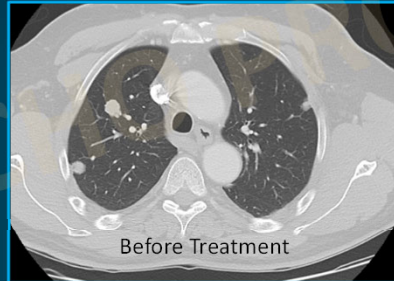
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- 60-year-old male
- 2000: initial treatment of BCC on left upper back with ED&C
- 2011: retreated with ED&C but lesion never healed
- 2013: second recurrence, biopsy-proven infiltrative BCC, treated with excision with frozen sections with negative margins on final sections
- 2017: developed axillary pain that was not worked up
- 2018: incidental lung tumors noted on CT scan performed for another chief complaint
- 2018: biopsy of axillary node confirmed diagnosis of metastatic BCC

ED&C: electrodesiccation and curettage

## BCC With Distant Metastasis: Failure

Case courtesy of Dr Emily Ruiz



## Locally Aggressive BCC: Polling Question

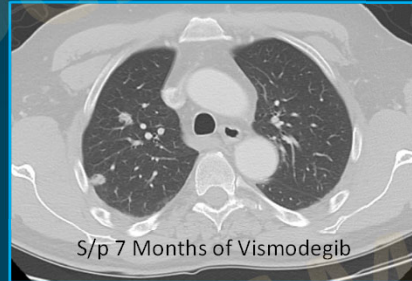
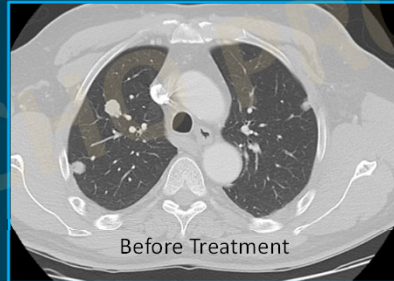
Which of the following options would you try at this point?

1. Radiation
2. Surgery
3. Hedgehog inhibitor
4. Anti-PD1 inhibitor
5. Conventional chemotherapy
6. Observation



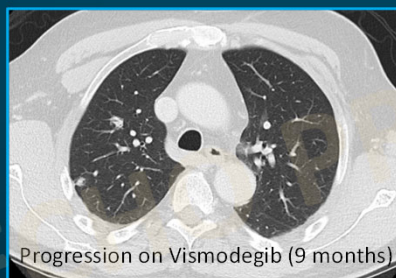
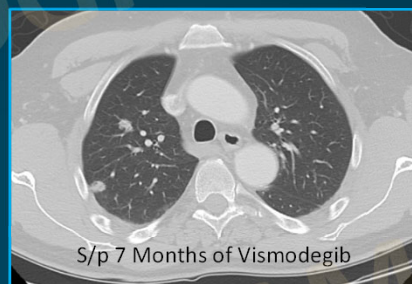
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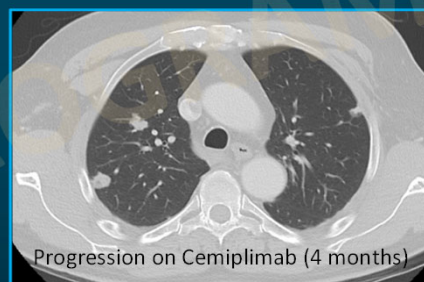
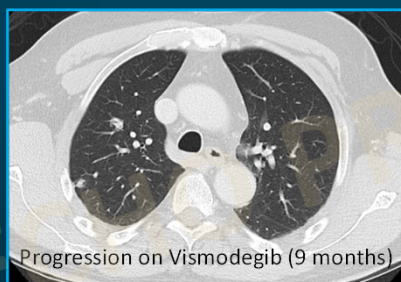
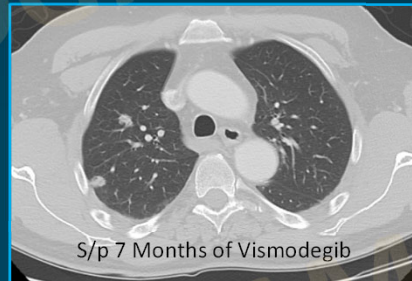
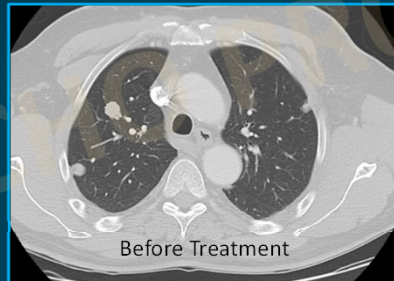
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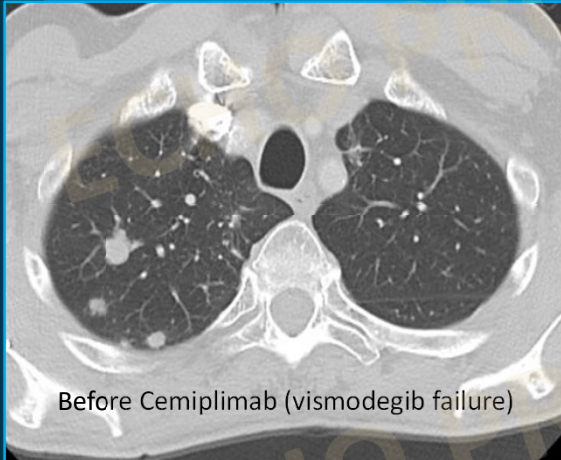


**What would you try next for this patient?**



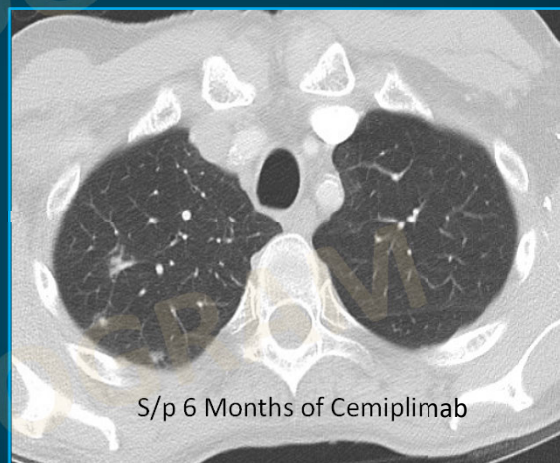
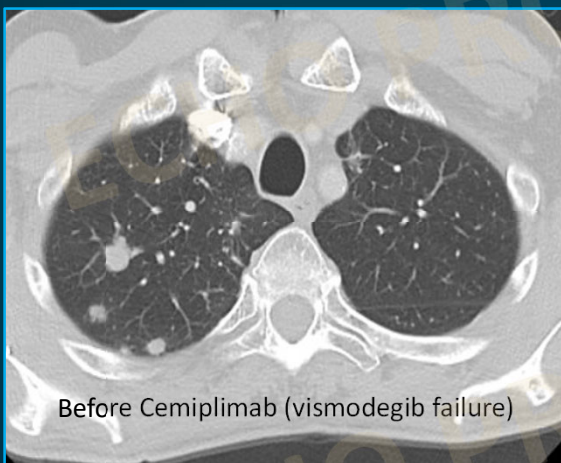
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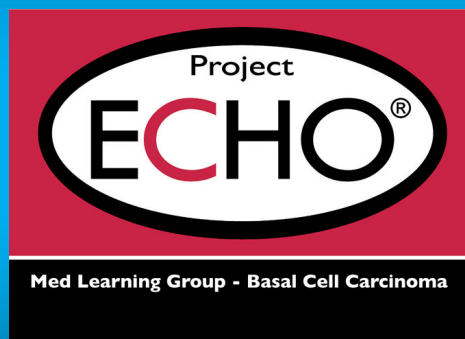
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## Conclusions

- BCC is the most common form of skin cancer worldwide
- BCCs are slow-growing and rarely metastasize; however, they are locally invasive and can be destructive
- BCC pathogenesis and the implications of aberrant pathways and immune dysfunction continue to be clarified
- Therapy selection depends on the patient's age and gender, along with site, size, and type of lesion
- Current mainstay of BCC treatment involves surgical modalities (excision, electrodesiccation and curettage [EDC], cryosurgery, Mohs surgery)
- Systemics include the HHIs vismodegib and sonidegib; there is now FDA-approved therapy for laBCC post-HHI (cemiplimab – Feb/2021); other PD1/PDL1 inhibitors are under investigation

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