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This activity will cover the treatment and management of patients locally-advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma.

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

On completing the program, attendees should be able to:

- Develop treatment plans that appropriately sequence chemotherapy and immunotherapy in patients with locally-advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma (UC)
- Evaluate evidence for the use of maintenance immunotherapy as first-line therapy for metastatic UC
- Identify patients with locally advanced or metastatic UC who are candidates for second-line treatment
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Agenda

I. Locally Advanced or Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma: An Overview

- a. Epidemiology
- b. Histology
- c. Evolution of treatment strategies

II. Sequencing Strategies for Locally Advanced or Metastatic UC

- a. Clinical trial data on the use of immune checkpoint inhibitors in the second-line setting
- b. FDA-approved immune checkpoint inhibitors in the second-line setting
- c. Cisplatin-ineligible MIBC and metastatic UC
- d. Immunotherapy in the first-line setting
- e. Assays for PD-L1 expression in UC
- f. Maintenance therapy for UC
 - i. Resistance to chemotherapy and the rationale for the use of maintenance therapy
 - ii. Clinical trial data on the use of maintenance therapy in the first-line setting
- g. Chemotherapy vs immunotherapy in the first-line
- h. Review of differences between upfront treatment and sequencing strategies for the management of patients with locally advanced or metastatic UC

III. Immune-Related Adverse Events Secondary to ICI Therapy

- a. Types of irAEs associated with immunotherapies for the treatment of advanced HCC
- b. Pathophysiologic basis for irAEs
- c. Surveillance and management of most common irAEs

IV. COVID-19 and Cancer

- a. Malignancy as a risk factor for infection
- b. Studies of clinical impacts of COVID-19 on patients with cancer
- c. Effect of infection-risk on immunotherapy selection/initiation/continuation
- d. Symptoms consistent with irAEs and COVID-19
- e. Managing bladder cancer in the era of COVID-19

VI. Case study

VII. Conclusions

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An Overview

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Urothelial Bladder Cancer: Epidemiology

- In US, an estimated 83,730 new cases and 17,200 deaths in 2021
- Median age at diagnosis is 73 years
- Male:female ratio of 4:1 in new cases
- Smoking is the strongest risk factor
 - Chemical industry (aromatic amines, aniline dyes)
 - <5% are hereditary</p>
- Panurothelial disease, ie, concern for synchronous or metachronous disease
 - Field cancerization vs monoclonality
- 75–80% superficial, 25% muscle invasive, and 5% metastatic

American Cancer Society (ACS). Cancer Facts & Figures 2021 (www.cancer.org/content/dam/cancer-org/research/cancer-facts-and-statistics/annual-cancer-facts-and-figures/2021/cancer-facts-and-figures-2021.pdf). ACS. Bladder cancer (www.cancer.org/cancer/bladder-cancer/). National institutes of Health (NIH) bladder cancer (https://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/urinb.html). All URLs accessed 1/27/2021.

Anatomy and Histology of Bladder Cancer Kidney **Bladder Cancer** (inside view) **Types** Incidence Urothelial/ Renal pelvis transitional-cell ~90% carcinoma Ureter-(UC/TC)* Squamous cell ~5% carcinoma Bladder Adenocarcinoma ~1% Opening of ureter Small-cell ~1% (ureteral orifice) Internal sphincter carcinoma -External sphincter *UC/TC of the bladder, ureter, and renal pelvis (5–10% of all renal tumors) have a similar natural history, and similar management principles may be applied to each type. Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC). Types of bladder cancer. (www.mskcc.org/cancer-care/types/bladder/types).

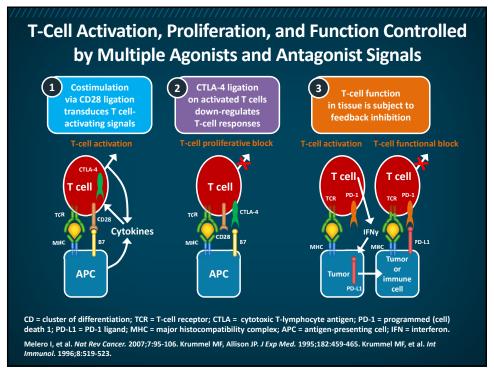
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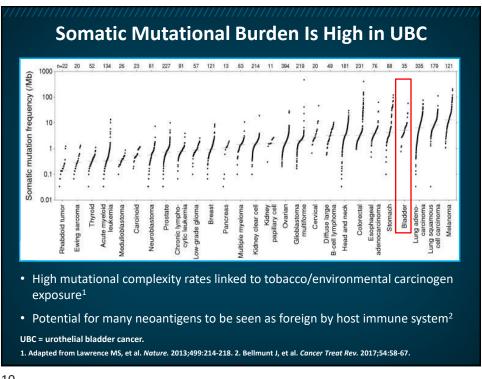
Metastatic Urothelial Cancer Historical Perspective

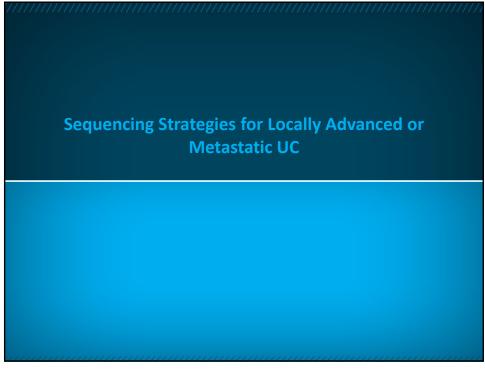
- Urothelial cancer (UC) is a chemotherapy-sensitive disease
 - Cisplatin, carboplatin, methotrexate, doxorubicin, vinblastine, ifosfamide*, gemcitabine, paclitaxel, and docetaxel
- Cisplatin and methotrexate have highest response rates as single agents¹
 - Basis for combination regimens (eg, MVAC, CISCA, etc)
- A small proportion of patients can be cured with cisplatin-based chemotherapy
- Cisplatin-based therapy is associated with significant toxicity

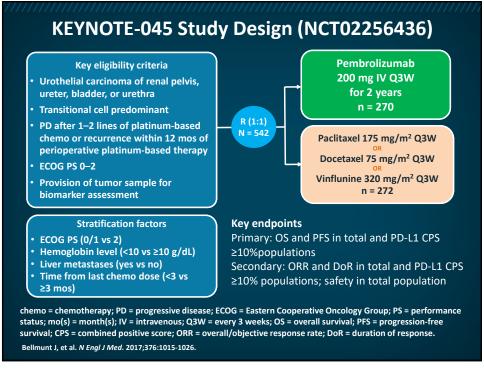
*Ifosfamide and cyclophosphamide are off-label use for bladder cancer.

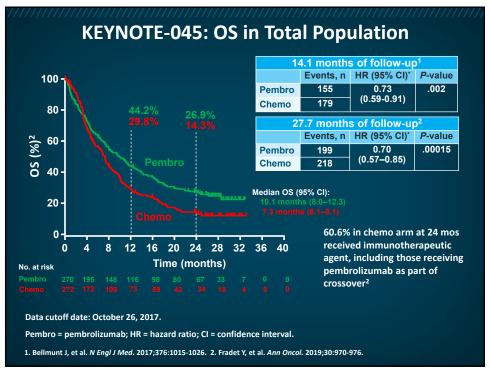
MVAC = methotrexate, vinblastine, adriamycin, cisplatin; CISCA = cisplatin, cyclophosphamide*, doxorubicin. Yagoda A. Cancer. 1987;60:574-585.



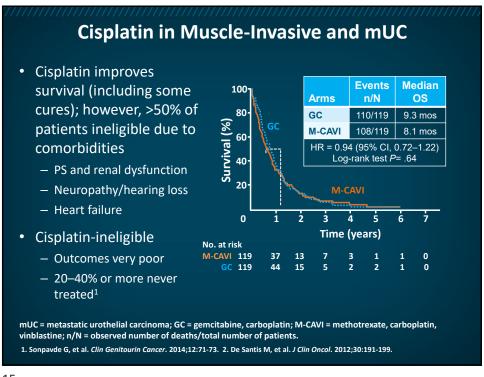


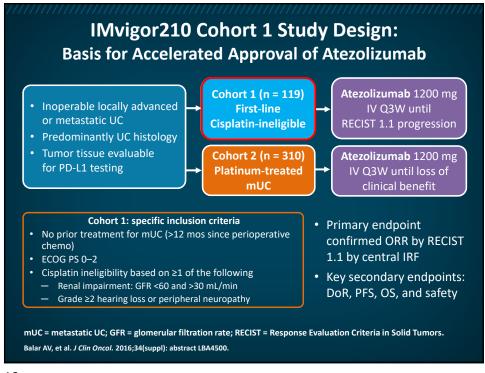


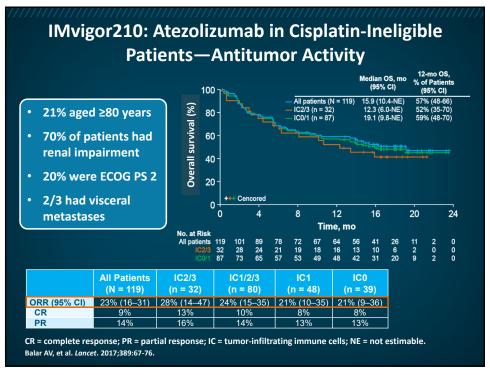


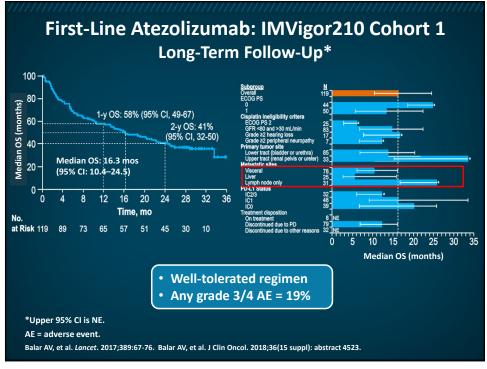


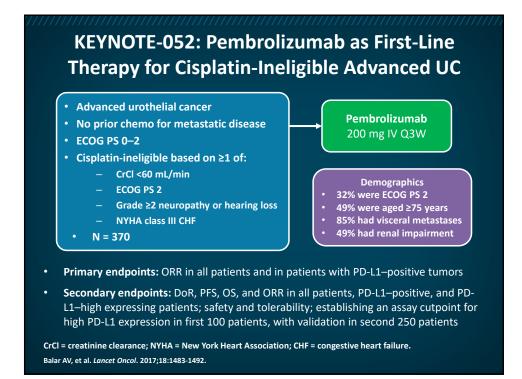
	Atezolizumab ¹			
	(Imvigor210, cohort 2)	310	15%	7.9 months
Platinum- pretreated (second- line)	Nivolumab ² (CheckMate 275)	265	20%	8.74 months
	**Durvalumab ³ (Study 1108)	201	17.4%	10.5 months
	Avelumab ⁴ (JAVELIN Solid Tumor)	249	17%	6.5 months
	Pembrolizumab ⁵ (KEYNOTE-045 [Ph 3])	270*	21%	10.3 months



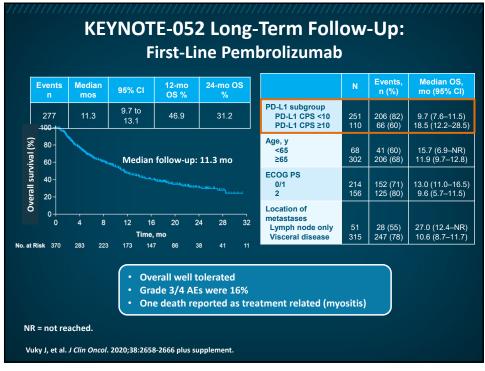








KEYNOTE-052—Confirmed ORR With Pembrolizumab Responses in Total Population* (N = 370)With longer follow-up:† Response % 95% CI 5% increase in ORR **ORR** 106 29 24-34 CR 33 9 6–12 16 additional CRs **PR** 73 20 16-24 1 additional PR SD 67 18 14-22 PD 157 42 37-48 *As of data cutoff: September 26, 2018. Assessed per RECIST v1.1 by independent radiology review. Additional 31 patients had no postbaseline tumor assessment because of no available postbaseline imaging data. †Compared with September 1, 2016 data cutoff. SD = stable disease. Vuky J, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2020;38:2658-2666. Balar AV, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2017;18:1483-1492. O'Donnell PH, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2017:35(suppl): abstract 4502



Immunotherapy (IO)	Atezolizumab¹	Nivolumab ²	Pembrolizumab ³	Durvalumab ⁴	Avelumab⁵
Detection antibody	SP142	28-8	22C3	SP263	73-10
IHC platform	Ventana	Dako	Dako	Ventana	Dako
Cell types scored for UC	ıc	тс	TC + IC	IC + TC	IC + TC
Cut-off definitions for UC	PD-L1+ (IC2/3) as ≥5% of ICs PD-L1+	PD-L1+ ≥1% TC expression	PD-L1+ ≥10% TC and IC staining	PD-L1+ as ≥25% of ICs and TCs with membrane PD-L1 staining	PD-L1+ as ≥5% TC staining or ≥10% IC staining
Estimated PD-L1 prevalence in UC trials	~32%	~37%	~30%	~54%	~34%

Regulatory Updates for PD-1/PD-L1 Therapy in Advanced Cisplatin-Ineligible UC

Requires the use of an FDA-approved companion diagnostic test to determine PD-L1 levels in tumor tissue

- Pembrolizumab is indicated for treating patients with locally advanced or metastatic UC not eligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy and whose tumors express PD-L1 (CPS ≥10) as determined by an FDA-approved test, or in patients not eligible for any platinum-containing chemotherapy, regardless of PD-L1 status.
- Atezolizumab is indicated for treating patients with locally advanced or metastatic UC not eligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy and whose tumors express PD-L1 (PD-L1—stained tumor-infiltrating immune cells covering ≥5% of the tumor area), as determined by an FDA-approved test, or in patients not eligible for any platinum-containing therapy, regardless of PD-L1 status

Pembrolizumab (Keytruda*) prescribing information (PI) 2020 (www.merck.com/product/usa/pi_circulars/k/keytruda/keytruda_pi.pdf). Atezolizumab (Tecentriq*) PI 2020(www.gene.com/download/pdf/tecentriq_prescribing.pdf). 2.US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) (www.fda.gov/drugs/resources-information-approved-drugs/fda-limits-use-tecentriq-and-keytruda-some-urothelial-cancer-patients). URLs accessed 2/4/2021.

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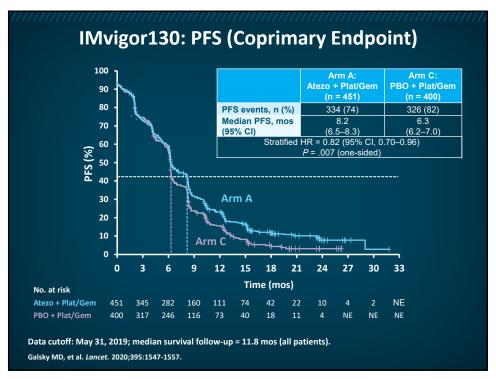
IMvigor130: Atezolizumab ± Platinum-Based Chemotherapy In Previously Untreated mUC Arm A Locally advanced or mUC Atezolizumab + Plat/Gem · No prior systemic therapy in metastatic setting • ECOG PS ≤2 Arm B Atezolizumab monotherapy • First-line platinum eligible • Randomized 1:1:1 Arm C N = 1213 PBO + Plat/Gem Stratification factors - PD-L1 status (IC0 vs IC1 vs IC2/3) Bajorin risk factor score, including KPS <80% vs ≥80% and presence of visceral metastases Investigator choice of platinum/gemcitabine (cisplatin + gemcitabine or carboplatin + gemcitabine) • Coprimary endpoints: INV-assessed PFS and OS (arm A vs C), OS (arm B vs C, hierarchical approach) • Key secondary endpoints: INV-ORR and DoR, PFS and OS (arm B vs C; PD-L1 IC2/3 subgroup), and safety

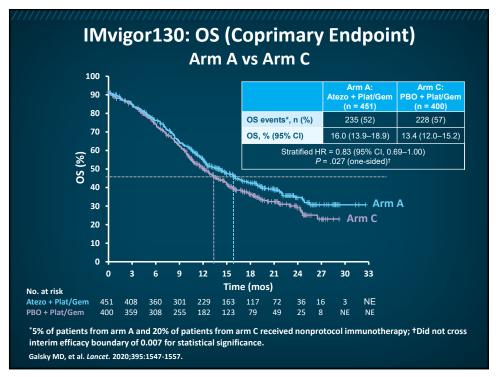
PBO = placebo; Plat = platinum; Gem = gemcitabine; KPS = Karnofsky performance status; INV = investigator.

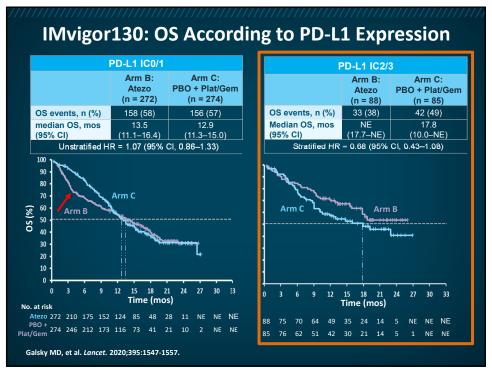
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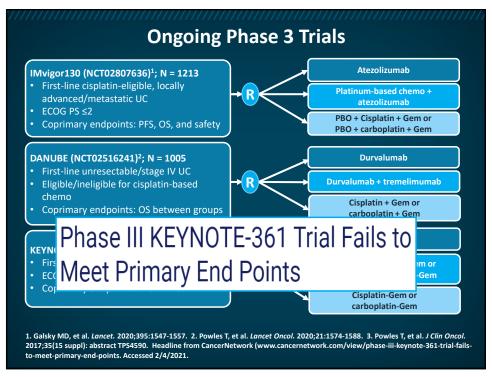
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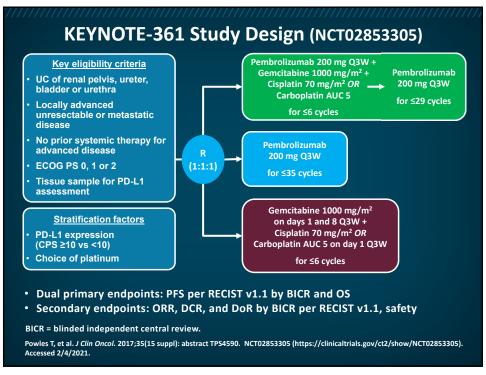
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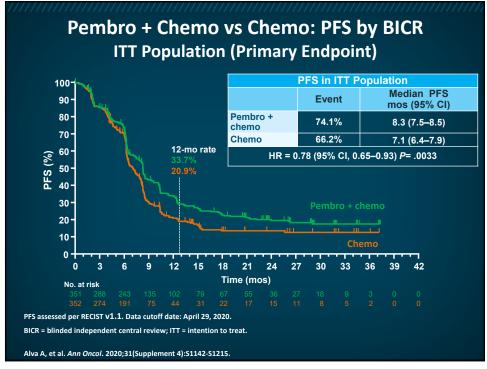


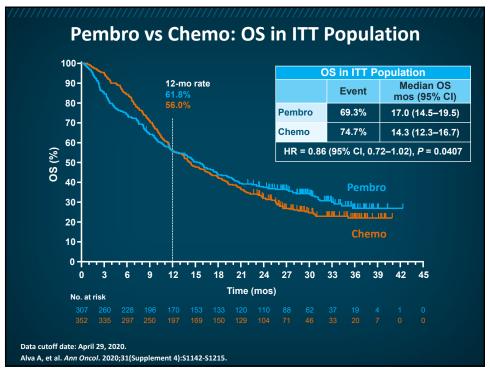


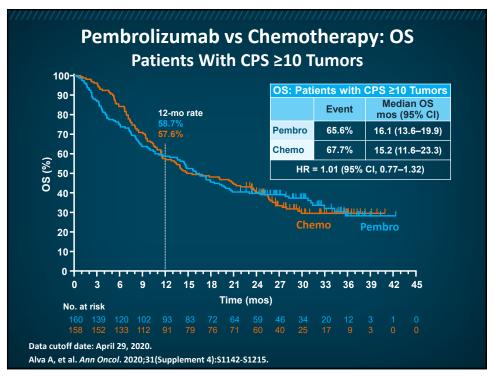


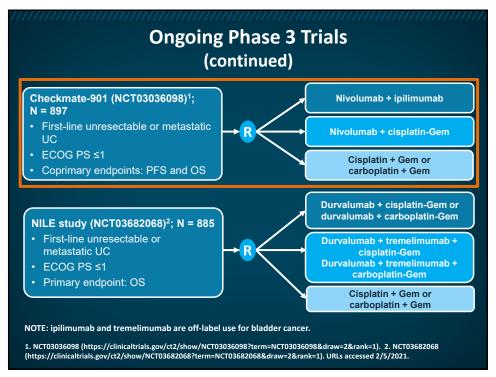


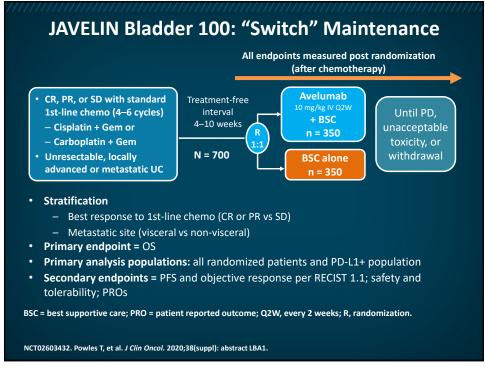


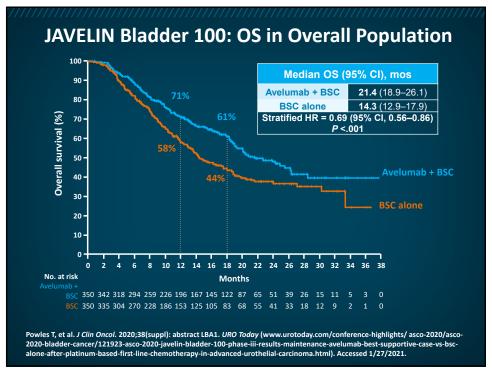


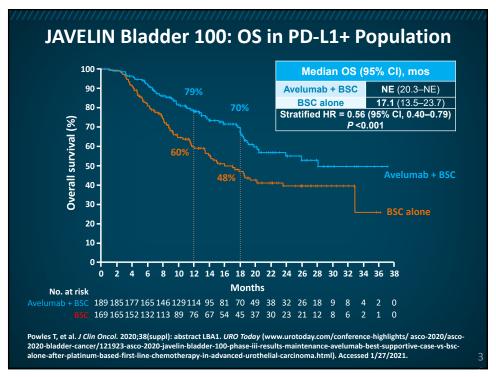


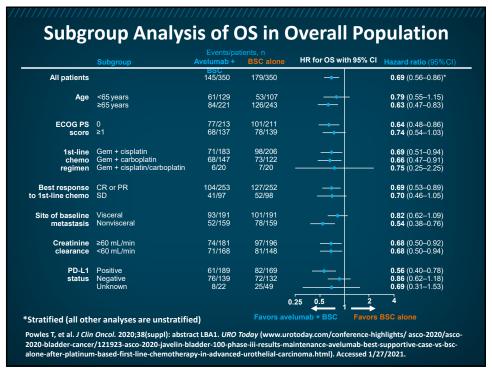












JAVELIN Bladder 100 Subsequent Anticancer Therapy Subsequent Anticancer Therapy or Lack of Treatment Subgroup **Overall population** Discontinuing study therapy due to PD **BSC Avelumab BSC Avelumab** Subsequent therapy or alone lack of treatment (n = 350)(n = 189) (n = 350)(n = 263)Discontinued and received subsequent 75.3% 42.3% 61.7% 70.4% drug therapy PD-L1/PD-1 inhibitor 6.3% 43.7% 9.0% 52.9% 3.0% Fibroblast growth factor-receptor inhibitor 2.6% 2.3% 4.8% 67.2% Any other drug 40.0% 34.0% 41.8% Discontinued with no subsequent drug 33.4% 30.9% 29.6% 24.7% therapy 24 3% 7.4% Study treatment ongoing Note: some patients received >1 category of subsequent therapy. Powles T, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2020;38(suppl): abstract LBA1. URO Today (www.urotoday.com/conference-highlights/ asco-2020/asco-2020-bladder-cancer/121923-asco-2020-javelin-bladder-100-phase-iii-results-maintenance-avelumab-best-supportive-case-vs-bscalone-after-platinum-based-first-line-chemotherapy-in-advanced-urothelial-carcinoma.html). Accessed 1/27/2021.

Avelumab Receives FDA Approval for UC Maintenance

FDA approves avelumab for urothelial carcinoma maintenance treatment



On June 30, 2020, the Food and Drug Administration approved avelumab (BAVENCIO, for maintenance treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma (UC) that has not progressed with first-line platinum-containing chemotherapy.

FDA (www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-approvals-and-databases/fda-approves-avelumab-urothelial-carcinoma-maintenance-treatment). Accessed 1/27/2021.

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Immunotherapy vs Platinum Platinum-Based Chemotherapy in the First-Line

- Pros
 - High probability of achieving disease control (41% to 49%)¹⁻⁴
 - Allows rapid transition to maintenance immunotherapy after 4–6 cycles, which could improve access compared with waiting until progression.^{5–10}
 - Ideal for symptomatic or rapidly progressive disease or high disease burden
- Cons
 - Short duration of response^{2,3}
 - Chemotherapy-related toxicity and not all patients eligible⁶

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Immunotherapy vs Platinum – Immunotherapy in the First-Line

- Pros
 - Responses higher in the first-line (as compared with second-line)
 - Responses very durable (sometimes years)
 - Improved QoL over chemotherapy (second-line)
 - Biomarker helps treatment decision making
- Cons
 - Lower-likelihood of response (compared with platinum-based chemotherapy)
 - Risk of disease progression and early death in randomized studies (compared with platinum-based chemotherapy)

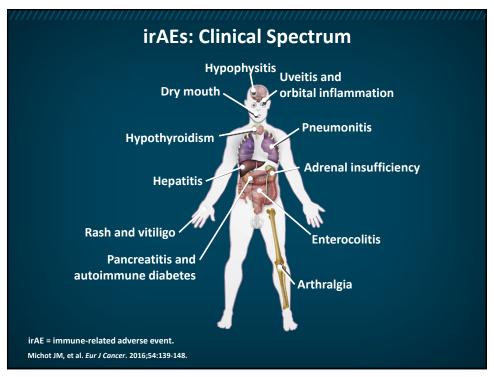
QoL = quality of life.

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Current Status of Novel Therapeutics in mUC (July 2020) Newly diagnosed Prior platinum chemo or relapse (cisplatin-ineligible, PD-L1+ OR any platinum-ineligible) **Newly diagnosed** within 1 year of perioperative/adjuvant cisplatin (cisplatin-eligible) **FDA Approvals** Regimens still under Immunotherapy (CPIs) Immunotherapy (CPIs) investigation Pembrolizumab (category 1)* Dual checkpoint blockade Atezolizumab CheckMate 901 Avelumab Phase 1b data but NOT approved Durvalumab Immunotherapy + ADC combinations Nivolumab Enfortumab vedotin + pembrolizumab FGFR inhibitor Erdafitinib (FGFR2/3 alterations) ADC Enfortumab vedotin (after prior tx with a PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor and platinum-based chemo) Switch maintenance $Chemotherapy \to checkpoint$ blockade as switch maintenance ADC = antibody-drug conjugate; CPI = immune checkpoint inhibitor; tx = treatment. *NCCN. Bladder Cancer. V5.2020 (www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/PDF/bladder.pdf). Accessed 1/27/2021.





Management of irAEs Based on CTCAE Severity Grade

Severity CTCAE Grade	Patient Care Setting	Steroids	Other Immunosuppressive Drugs	Immunotherapy and Subsequent Approach
1	Ambulatory	Not recommended	Not recommended	Continue
2	Ambulatory	Not recommended up front Topical steroids or systemic steroids oral 0.5–1 mg/kg/d for persistent grade 2	Not recommended	Suspend* temporarily
3	Hospitalization	Systemic steroids oral or IV 1–2 mg/kg/d for ≥3 d then taper over 4–6 weeks	Consider for patients with lack of improvement after 2–3 d of steroid course Organ specialist advised	Suspend and discuss resumption based on risk/benefit ratio with patient
4	Hospitalization; consider ICU	Systemic steroids IV methylprednisolone 1–2 mg/kg/d and switch to oral prednisone for ≥3 d with taper over 4–6 weeks	Consider for patients with lack of improvement after 2–3 d of steroid course Organ specialist advised	Discontinue permanently

*Outside of skin or endocrine disorders, where immunotherapy can be maintained. CTCAE = Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events; ICU = intensive care unit.

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Managing Grade 1/2 irAEs Continue immunotherapy (or consider temporary delay) Grade Symptomatic therapy **Patient with** grade 1/2 Withhold immunotherapy events on PD-1/PD-L1 • Corticosteroids if symptoms do not therapy... resolve in 1 wk (prednisone 0.5 to 1 mg/kg/d or equivalent) Grade Taper corticosteroids over ≥1 mo to reduce recurrence Redose if toxicity resolves to grade ≤1 Postow MA. Am Soc Clin Oncol Educ Book. 2015:76-83. Postow MA, et al (www.uptodate.com/contents/toxicities-associated-with-checkpoint-inhibitor-immunotherapy. Weber JS, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2015;33:2092-2099. Brahmer J, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2018;36:1714-

Managing Grade 3 irAEs

Patient with grade 3/4 events on PD-1/PD-L1 therapy...

• Discontinue immunotherapy; hospitalization, multidisciplinary evaluation indicated

- High-dose corticosteroids (prednisone 1 to 2 mg/kg/d or equivalent)
- Taper high-dose corticosteroids over ≥1 mo until toxicity resolves to grade ≤1 (prednisone 1 to 2 mg/kg/d or equivalent)
- If no improvement or progression, consider additional immunosuppressant treatment, eg, anti-TNF therapy, infliximab, vedolizumab, or mycophenolate
- If >4 wk of corticosteroids or other immunosuppressants needed, administer antimicrobial/antifungal prophylaxis to prevent opportunistic infections
- ASCO recommendations on managing irAEs published (February 2018)

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COVID-19 and Cancer

Managing Bladder Cancer in Era of COVID-19

Patients with bladder cancer often have other medical comorbidities that may increase risk of serious symptoms of COVID-19

- · Lung disease: COPD, emphysema
- CKD
- Cardiovascular disease
- Weakened immune system from cancer treatments
- Active malignancy
- Immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy

COVID-19 = coronavirus disease 2019; COPD = chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; CKD = chronic kidney disease.

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Clinical Impacts of COVID-19 on Cancer Patients

Patients
with active
or previous
malignancy +
COVID-19

- Analyzed EMRs of patients with cancer and COVID-19 in the Mount Sinai Health System in New York City between March 1, 2020 and April 6, 2020
- 334 patients with COVID-19 and cancer (57 breast,56 prostate, 23 lung, 18 urothelial, 16 colon cancer)

Results

- Patients with cancer were intubated more frequently (RR = 1.89, 95% CI, 1.37—2.61), particularly those aged 66–80 years (RR = 1.76, 95% CI, 1.15–2.70)
- Patients <50 years with cancer had significantly higher mortality rate (RR = 5.01, 95% CI, 1.55–16.2)
- Mortality rates of COVID-19 in patients with cancer were lower than in noncancer patients in age groups older than 50 years; difference was not statistically significant

EMR = electronic medical record; RR = relative risk.

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Clinical Impacts of COVID-19 on Cancer Patients (continued 1)



- Analyzed EMRs of patients with cancer and COVID-19 in Montefiore Health System in New York City from March 18, 2020 to April 8, 2020
- 218 patients with COVID-19 and cancer (164 solid tumors, 54 hematologic malignancies)

Results

- Sixty-one (28%) patients died from COVID-19 at the time of analysis
- Mortality was 37% among patients with hematologic malignancies
- Mortality was 25% among patients with solid tumors
 - 67% pancreatic, 55% lung, 38% colorectal, 38% upper GI, 38% gynecologic malignancies, 15% genitourinary, 14% breast

GI = gastrointestinal.

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Clinical Impacts of COVID-19 on Cancer Patients (continued 2)

Patients
with active
or previous
malignancy +
COVID-19

- Data collected between March 17 and April 16, 2020 from 928 patients from COVID-19 and Cancer Consortium (CCC19) database of patients in USA, Canada, and Spain
- Composite endpoint was combination of death, severe illness requiring admission to hospital, admission to ICU, or mechanical ventilation

Cases meeting composite endpoint

- 23% solid tumors; 35% hematological malignancies; 31% multiple cancers
- 23% remission or no evidence of disease; 27% present, stable, or responding to treatment; 35% present, progressive disease
- ECOG performance status: 22% of 0 or 1; 43% of 2; 48% of 3 or 4

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Takeaway Points From Studies of Cancer and COVID-19

Increased risk of worse outcomes from COVID-19 may associated with:

- ECOG performance status of 2 or higher
- Active cancer, especially those with progressive disease
- Certain solid tumors (eg, pancreatic, lung)
- Hematologic malignancies

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COVID-19 and Immune CPIs (ICIs)

- ICIs could theoretically either mitigate or exacerbate COVID-19 severity¹
- Augmented immune response to infection secondary to ICIs¹
- ICIs, particularly PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitors, cause irAEs that can affect any organ, including life-threatening or fatal complications (ie, myocarditis or pneumonitis)^{1–3}
- ICIs could impact the course of COVID-19¹
 - Common pathological features included unrestrained immune and cytokine activation
- Data on effects of PD-1/PD-L1 inhibition on other viruses have been mixed^{1,4-10}

Sullivan RJ, et al. J Immunother Cancer. 2020;8:e000933.

Should Patients Initiate ICIs During This High-Risk Period?

- Given the lack of adverse data, ICIs should not be withheld in patients with metastatic disease without COVID-19
- Discretion may be used in other cases
 - Weigh advantages of relapse-free survival benefit against novel disadvantages
 - Risk of COVID-19 transmission between patient and infusion staff
 - Increasing use of healthcare resources

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Should ICI be Discontinued Early in Some Patients?

- Consider on a case-by-case basis, incorporating cancer-related risks and complications from COVID-19¹
- May be strongly considered in patients with (near) complete responses^{1–3}

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Symptoms Consistent With Either irAEs or COVID-19

COVID-19 can mimic commonly seen clinical presentations for patients with cancer

- Shortness of breath and cough (pneumonitis)
 - Radiographical appearance may be similar and include ground-glass opacities
- Elevated troponin or heart failure (myocarditis)
- Elevated liver function tests (hepatitis)
- Isolated fever
- Dry cough

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Resuming ICI in Patients Recovering From COVID-19

- Hold treatment in those who are being tested for infection
- Wait 2 weeks following resolution of symptoms to (re)start treatment
- When feasible, 2 consecutive negative PCR tests before restarting therapy could also be considered in order to:
 - Avoid treating infected patients
 - Limit exposure to healthcare workers and other patients

PCR = polymerase chain reaction.

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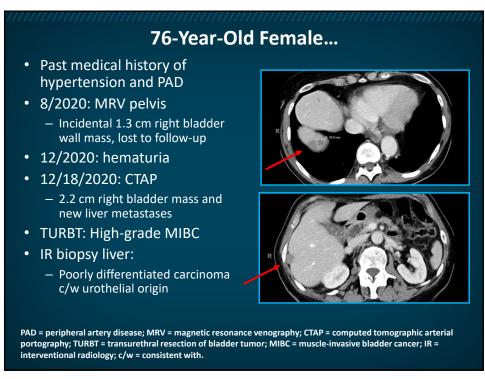
Managing Bladder Cancer in COVID-19 Era

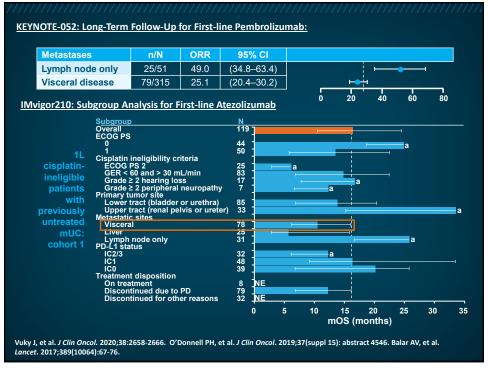
- Factors to consider
 - Screen asymptomatic individuals before cancer treatments
 - Increase surveillance and testing for COVID-19
 - Evaluate schedule and frequency of infusion visits (ie, nivolumab Q4W vs pembrolizumab Q6W)
 - Minimize "points of contact" with healthcare system
 - Monitor and address toxicity/side effects closely (ie, avoid unnecessary ED visits)
- COVID-19 vaccination
 - Patients with cancer were excluded from trials
 - Consensus in medical community is that benefits of vaccination outweigh risks

Q4W = every 4 weeks; Q6W = every 6 weeks; ED = emergency department.

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Case Study





76-Year-Old Female... (continued)

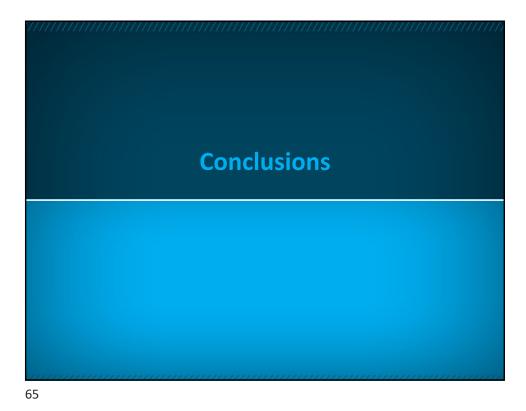
- ECOG PS = grade 1
- eGFR = 56 mL/min
- Tumor PD-L1 score
 - CPS 11
- Treatment options
 - Gemcitabine/carboplatin
 - Pembrolizumab or atezolizumab

eGFR = estimated GFR.

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Factors to Consider in First-Line Treatment in mUC

- Patient performance status, comorbidities
 - Tolerance of platinum-based chemotherapy
- Patient preference
 - Toxicity concerns, perceptions about chemotherapy
- PD-L1 status
- Other clinical biomarkers
 - Visceral metastatic disease
 - Patients with liver metastases do poorly with single-agent immunotherapy
- Platinum-based chemotherapy as first-line
 - Maintenance immunotherapy if stable disease or better



Summary of Available Data in Bladder Cancer

- Platinum-based chemotherapy and anti-PD1/L1 checkpoint blockade are firmly established as standards of care in advanced bladder cancer
- Completed and ongoing trials are refining role for anti-PD-1 vs platinum-based chemotherapy in first-line setting
 - Combination with platinum-based chemotherapy improves PFS but not yet OS in IMVigor130; KEYNOTE-361 was negative, but data are not yet presented
 - Monotherapy in PD-L1+ or platinum-ineligible (carboplatin or cisplatin) patients
 - Maintenance therapy with anti-PD1/L1 ICIs following disease control with platinum-based chemotherapy improves survival (Javelin 100)

Key Take-Aways

- Immunotherapies can produce durable responses in patients with bladder cancer
- Antitumor immune responses can be unconventional and may be delayed
- Adverse events are often highly manageable, especially if reported and addressed at their onset
- Grading symptoms → guided management

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Thank You!

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