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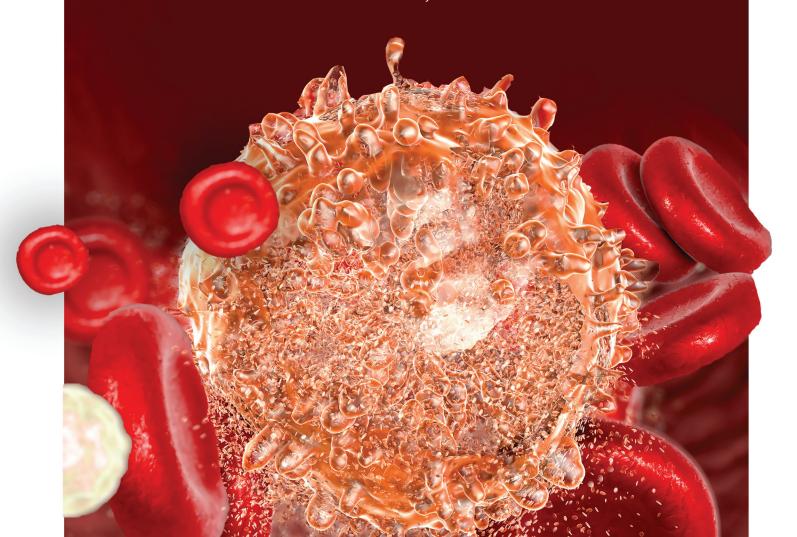
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A FOCUS ON CLL

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This case-based live virtual activity is designed to help community oncologists and the multidisciplinary care team choose the optimal treatment for chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) based on patient and disease characteristics, including performance status, organ function, comorbidities, drug interactions, and genetic and molecular biomarkers; monitor for and manage adverse events; and implement SDM into clinical practice to improve patient care and QoL.

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This multi-modular educational initiative is intended for US-based hematologists, medical oncologists, and other healthcare providers involved in the management of patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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

- Determine how genetic and molecular markers aid in determining treatment strategies for patients with CLL
- Differentiate therapy for the treatment of newly diagnosed or relapsed/ refractory (R/R) CLL based on disease- and patient-specific factors and communicate treatment plans using shared decision-making strategies
- Distinguish adverse events associated with CLL treatment to appropriately prevent and/or manage potential effects

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AGENDA

I. Prognostication and Prediction

- a. Fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH)
- b. IgHV mutational status

II. Treatment Paradigms in CLL

- a. FCR vs BR
- b. BTK inhibition
- c. Venetoclax
- d. P13K inhibitors
- e. Other approaches

III. Applying Shared Decision-Making in CLL (Selected Case Studies from the Lightning Round)

- a. Considering goals of care and patient preferences in the management of CLL
- b. Applying shared decision making to clinical practice

IV. Case Studies and Questions and Answers

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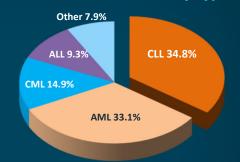
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Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) 2021 expected

Definition of CLL—IWCLL (2008)¹

- Small, monomorphic, mature B-cells
- At least 5000/μL B-cells
- Co-express CD5 and CD23

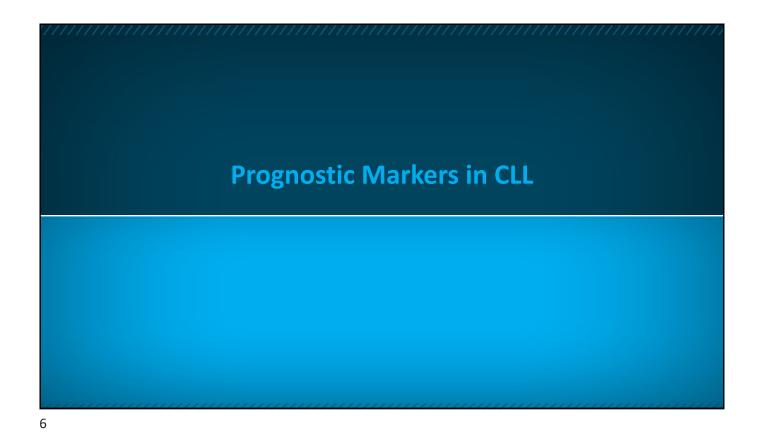
2021 expected new cases of leukemia in the US by type²

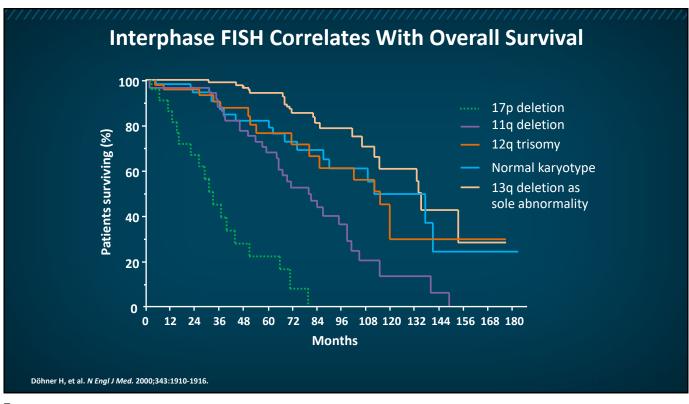


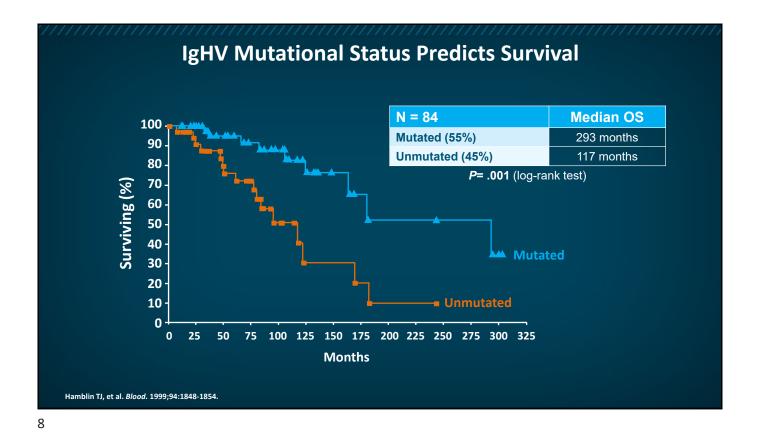
- In the US in 2021, an estimated 21,250 patients will be diagnosed with CLL²
- Average age of CLL at diagnosis = ~70 years³

IWCLL = International Workshop on Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia; CD = cluster of differentiation; ALL = acute lymphocytic leukemia; CML = chronic myeloid leukemia.

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Prognostic Markers

- Interphase cytogenetics by FISH
- IgHV mutational status
- TP53 mutation analysis



Cytotoxic chemotherapy

Chemo-immunotherapy

Small-molecule inhibitors





FCR vs BR—CLL10 GCLLSG Trial

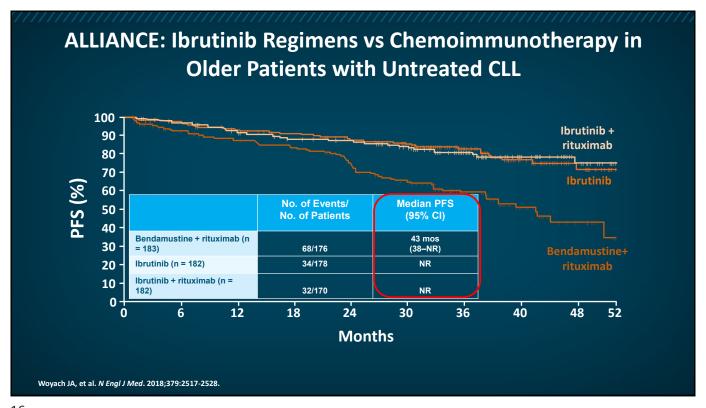
	FCR n = 282	BR n = 279	P value
ORR (%)	95	96	NS
CR (%)	40	31	.034
Median PFS (months)	55.2	41.7	.003
OS at 3 yrs (%)	91	92	NS
Severe neutropenia (%)	84	59	<.001
Severe infections (%)	39	25	.001
TRM (%)	5	2	_

FCR = fludarabine + cyclophosphamide + rituximab; BR = bendamustine + rituximab; GCLLSG = German CLL Study Group; ORR = overall/objective response rate; CR = complete response/remission; PFS = progression-free survival; yr(s) = year(s); TRM = treatment-related mortality; NS = not significant.

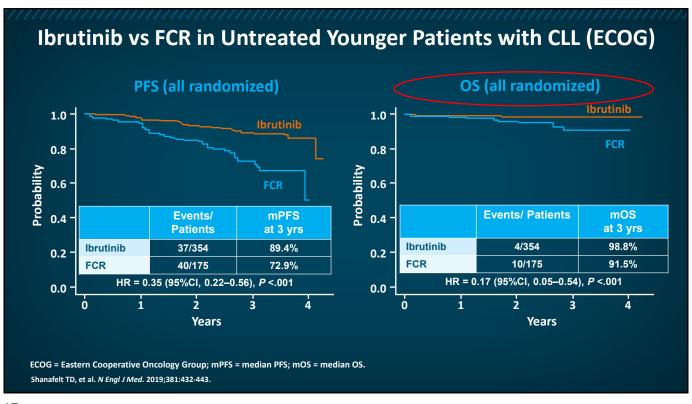
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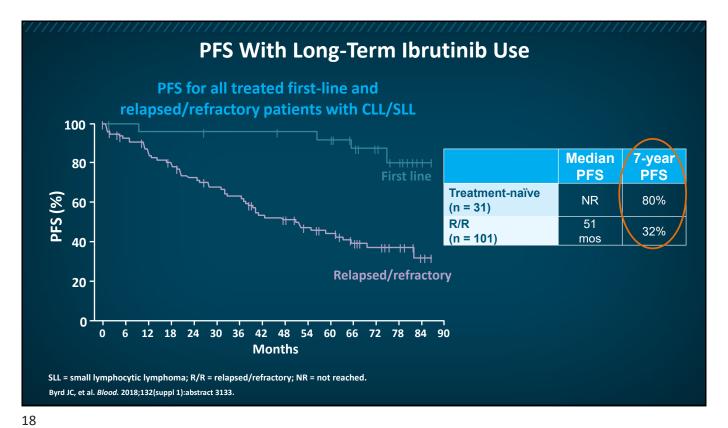




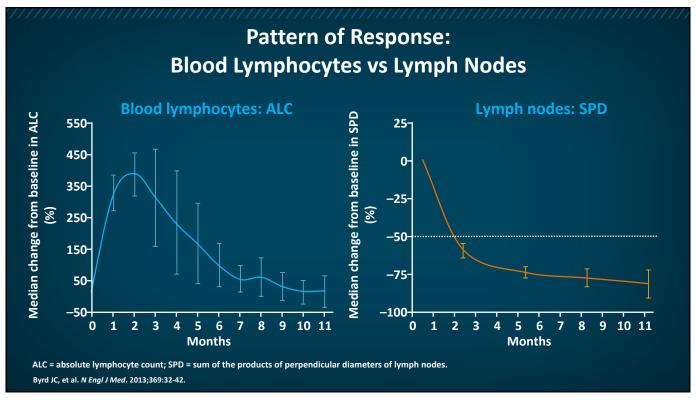


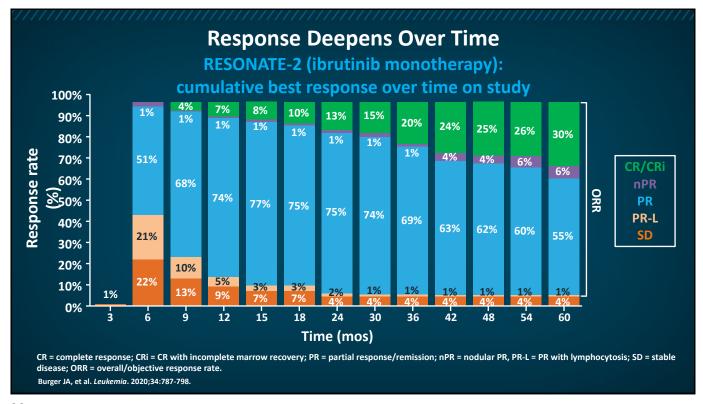












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Understanding Spectrum of Grade 3/4 AEs With Ibrutinib Extended Follow-Up

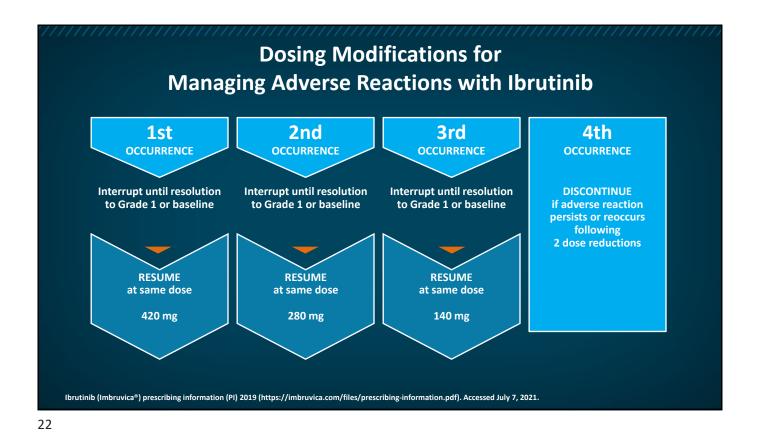
Adverse event, %	≤1 year	>1-2 years	>2-3 years	>3-4 years	>4-5 years	>5–6 years	>6-7 years	Overall study
Hypertension	9	8	19	15	16	16	5	28
Pneumonia	11	10	7	10	6	6	3	24
Neutropenia	11	3	2	1	2	2	0	18
Thrombocytopenia	6	3	2	1	0	0	0	9
Atrial fibrillation	2	3	1	5	5	0	0	9
Diarrhea	3	3	1	3	2	2	0	7
Cellulitis	2	1	6	3	0	2	0	7
Sepsis	2	5	0	3	2	2	0	8
Fatigue	3	2	0	3	0	0	0	6
Decreased lymphocyte count	0	2	6	4	3	6	0	7

Dose reductions due to AEs = 14%; discontinuation due to AEs = 26%

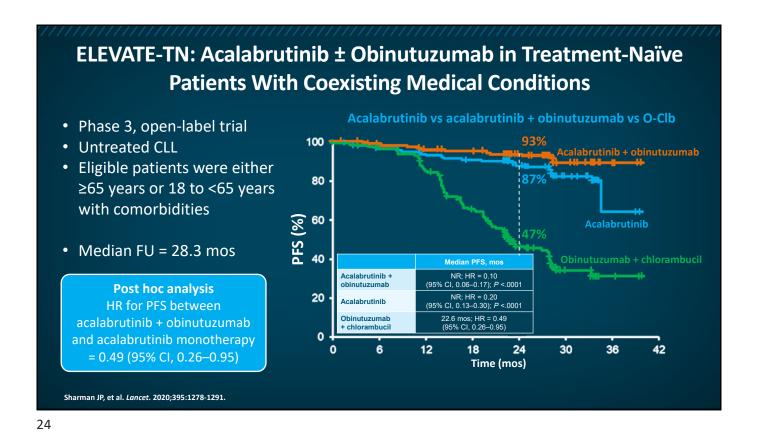
Consider risks and benefits in patients on anticoagulants; monitor for bleeding, fever, infections (evaluate promptly)

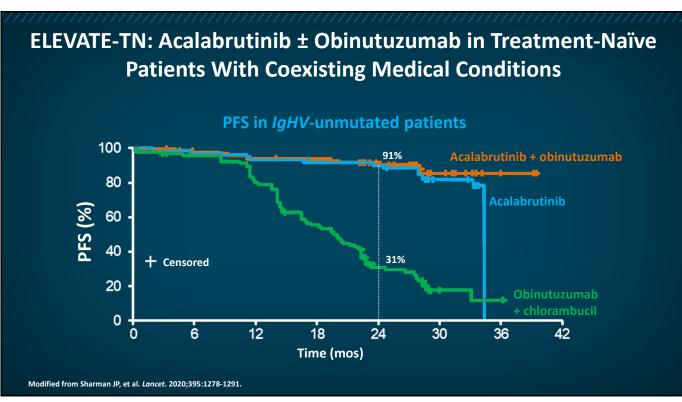
AE = adverse event.

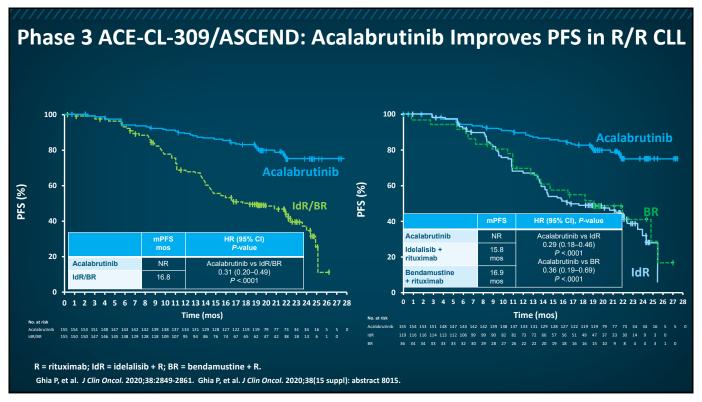
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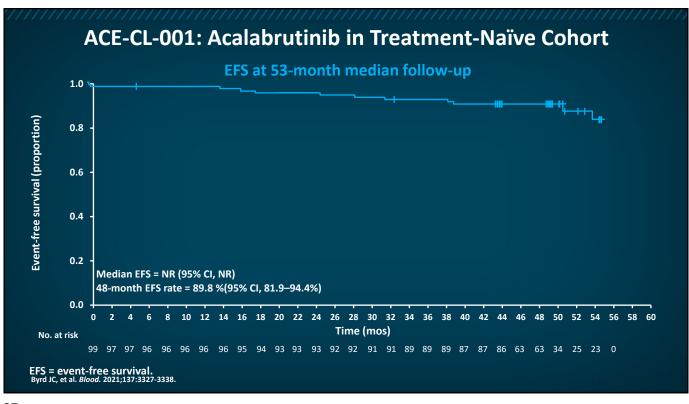
Acalabrutinib (ACP-196) Acalabrutinib is more selective for BTK with less offtarget kinase inhibition compared with ibrutinib in vitro **Recombinant Kinase Inhibition Assays** Acalabrutinib Ibrutinib IC₅₀ (nM) **Kinase** Acalabrutinib **Ibrutinib BTK** 5.1 1.5 **TEC** 93.0 7.0 >1000 4.9 ITK Kinase **BMX** 46 8.0 selectivity TXK 368 2.0 profiling **EGFR** >1000 5.3 at 1 μM ErbB2 ~1000 6.4 16 3.4 ErbB4 **BLK** >1000 0.1 >1000 32 JAK3 Larger red circles represent stronger inhibition IC₅₀ = half-maximal inhibitory concentration; TEC = tyrosine kinase (TK) expressed in hepatocellular cancer; ITK = IL2-inducible T-cell kinase; BMX = bone marrow TK on chromosome X; TXK = tyrosine-protein kinase; EGFR = epidermal growth factor receptor; ErbB = erythroblastic oncogene B; BLK = B lymphocyte tyrosine kinase; JAK = Janus kinase. Herman SEM, et al. Clin Cancer Res. 2017;23:2831-2841. Byrd JC, et al. N Engl J Med. 2016;374:323-332 and supplement.

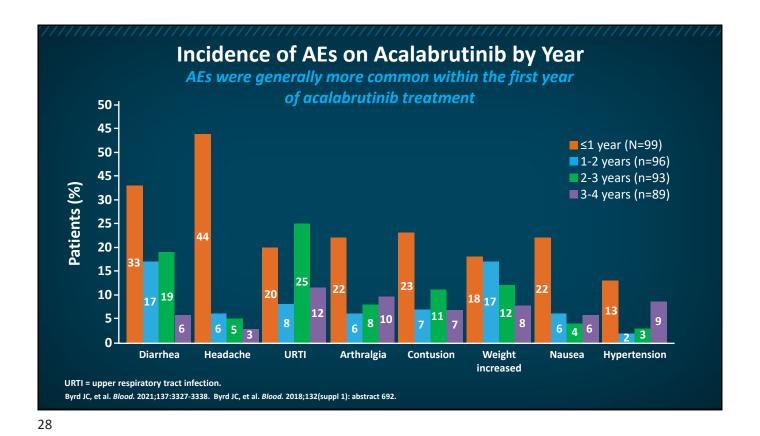


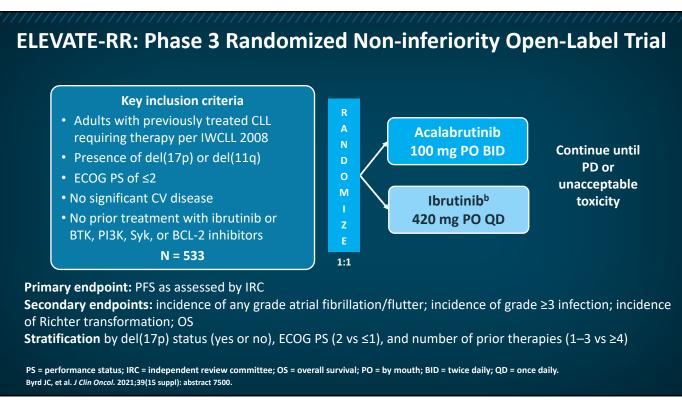












ELEVATE-RR: Patient Disposition

	Acalabrutinib	Ibrutinib
	(n = 268)	(n = 265)
Duration of follow-up, median (range), mos	41.1 (0.0–58.2)	40.7 (0.2–59.1)
Patients who received treatment	265 (98.9)	264 (99.6)
Patients continuing to receive treatment at data cutoff	124 (46.3)	109 (41.1)
Patients who discontinued treatment	141 (52.6)	155 (58.5)
Reasons for treatment discontinuation		
Disease progression*	82 (30.6)	68 (25.7)
Adverse event	40 (14.9)	59 (22.3)
Consent withdrawn	7 (2.6)	7 (2.6)
Death	5 (1.9)	6 (2.3)
Investigator decision	5 (1.9)	5 (1.9)
Other	2 (0.7)	10 (3.8)

Data cutoff date: September 15, 2020.
*Disease progression includes Richter's transformation.
Byrd JC, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2021;39(15 suppl): abstract 7500.

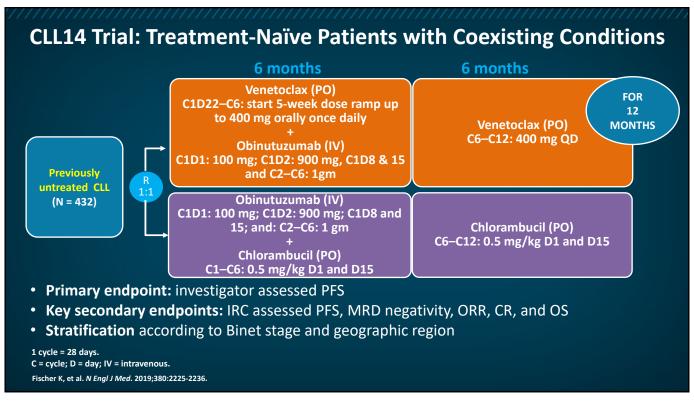
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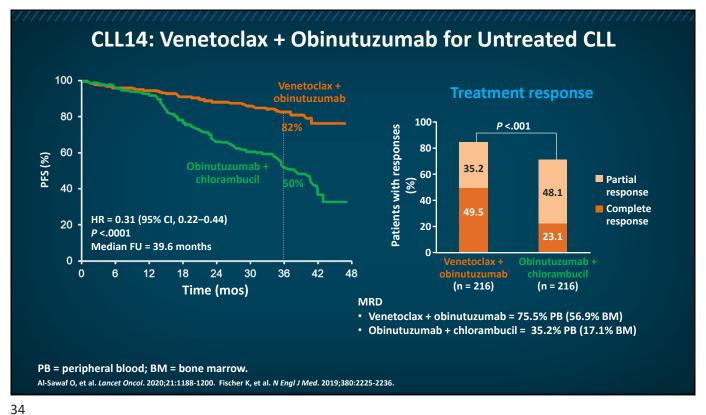
ELEVATE-RR: Most Common AEs

	Any grade		Grade ≥3		
Events, n (%)	Acalabrutinib (n = 266)	Ibrutinib (n = 263)	Acalabrutinib (n = 266)	Ibrutinib (n = 263)	
Diarrhea	92 (34.6)	121 (46.0)	3 (1.1)	13 (4.9)	
Headache	92 (34.6)	53 (20.2)	4 (1.5)	0	
Cough	77 (28.9)	56 (21.3)	2 (0.8)	1 (0.4)	
URTI	71 (26.7)	65 (24.7)	5 (1.9)	1 (0.4)	
Neutropenia	56 (21.1)	65 (24.7)	52 (19.5)	60 (22.8)	
Pyrexia	62 (23.3)	50 (19.0)	8 (3.0)	2 (0.8)	
Arthralgia	42 (15.8)	60 (22.8)	0	2 (0.8)	
Hypertension	23 (8.6)	60 (22.8)	11 (4.1)	23 (8.7)	
Anemia	58 (21.8)	49 (18.6)	31 (11.7)	34 (12.9)	
Fatigue	54 (20.3)	44 (16.7)	9 (3.4)	0	
Nausea	41 (17.7)	49 (18.6)	0	1 (0.4)	
Confusion	31 (11.7)	48 (18.3)	0	1 (0.4)	
Pneumonia	47 (17.7)	43 (16.3)	28 (10.5)	23 (8.7)	
Atrial fibrillation	24 (9.0)	41 (15.6)	12 (4.5)	9 (3.4)	
Thrombocytopenia	40 (15.0)	35 (13.3)	26 (9.8)	18 (6.8)	

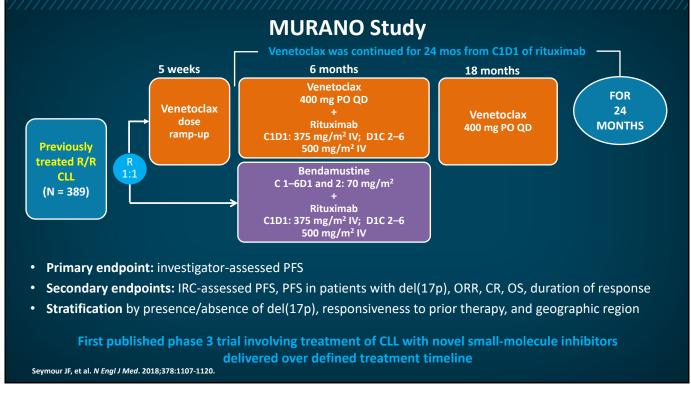
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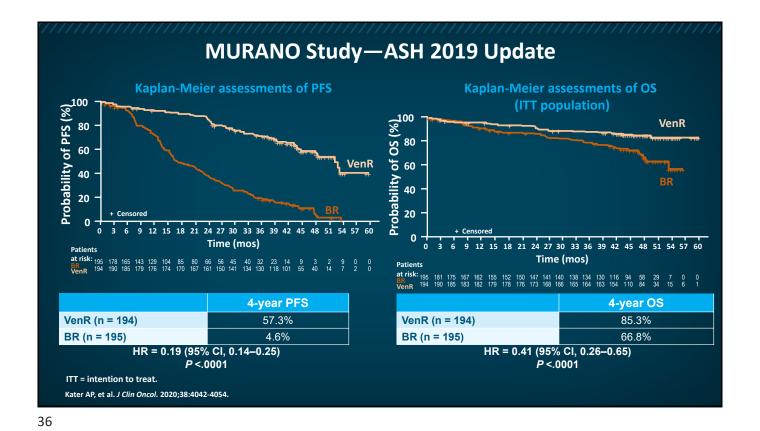


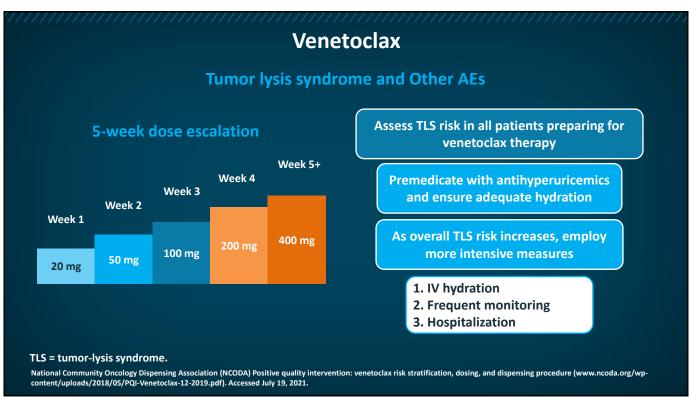


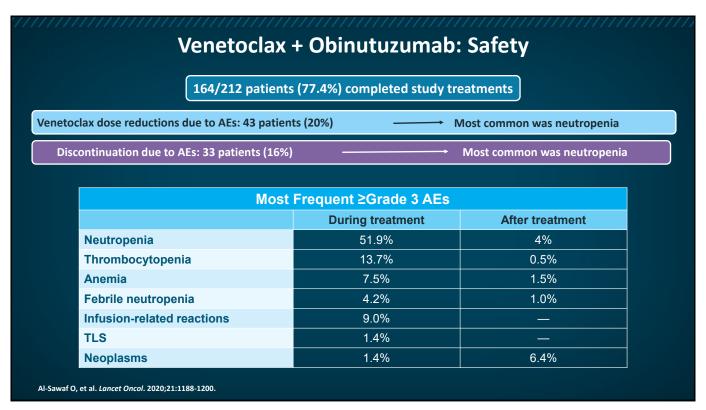




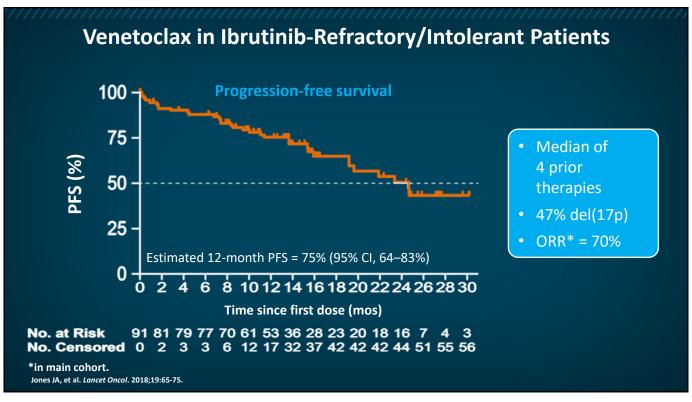


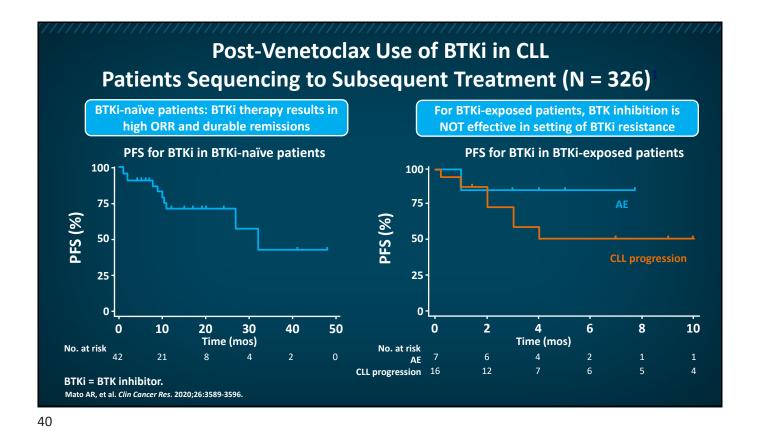












Treatment Paradigm in CLL

Continuous therapy

BTK inhibitors (ibrutinib, acalabrutinib)

Disease control
Prolonged PFS
Independent from response, MRD

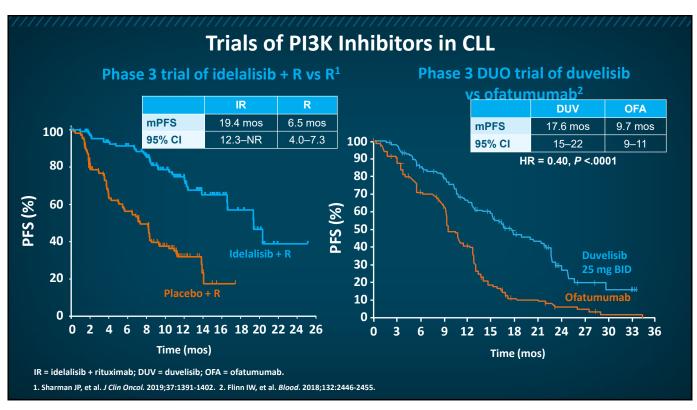
Fixed duration

Goal of therapy

Disease eradication
Prolonged PFS
Undetectable MRD

MRD = minimal residual disease; PFS = progression-free survival.





Adverse Events with Idelalisib and Duvelisib

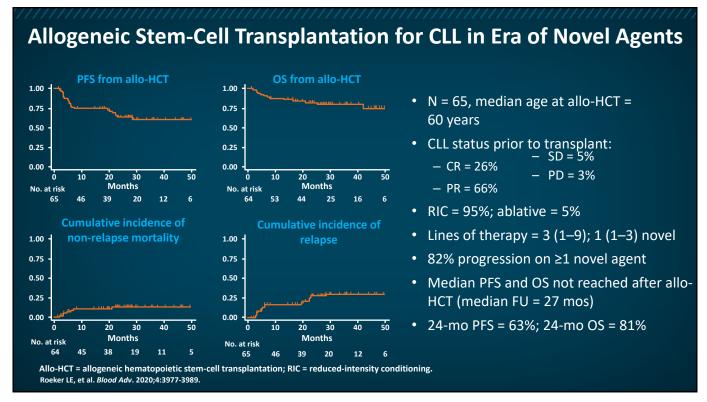
- Severe pneumonitis
 - Distinguish from infectious issues

Idelalisib: 4%Duvelisib: 5%

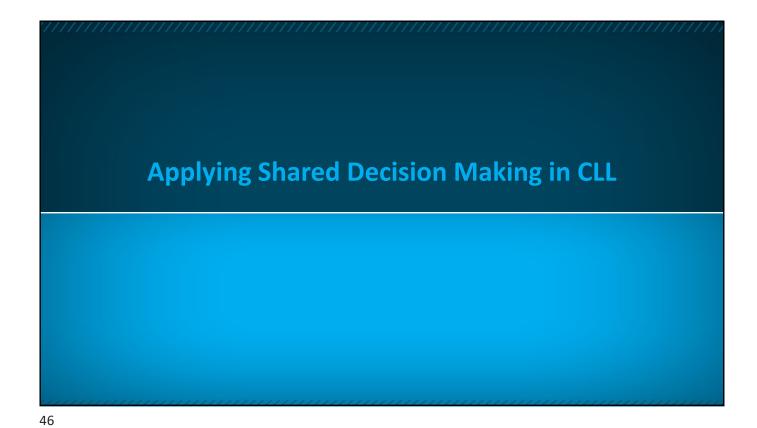
- Diarrhea
 - Can be early and/or late onset
 - Idelalisib: 32%; 11% Gr 3/4
 - Duvelisib: 50%; 23% Gr 3/4*
 - Colitis (secondary to T-cell activation)
 - Idelalisib: 14-20%†
 - Duvelisib: 50%; 23% Gr 3/4*

- AST/ALT elevations
 - Idelalisib: 28%/39%; 5%/9% Gr 3/4
 - Duvelisib: 37%/40%; 6%/8% Gr 3/4
- Infections
 - Frontline idelalisib trials discontinued due to increased deaths
 - PJP and CMV prophylaxis now considered standard
 - Occurs in <1%

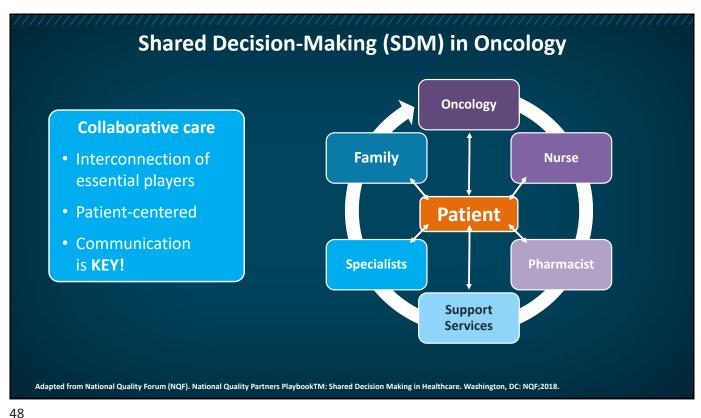
Gr = grade; AST = aspartate aminotransferase; ALT = alanine aminotransferase; PJP = Pneumocystis jirovecii pneumonia; CMV = cytomegalovirus. Idelalisib (Zydelig*) PI 2020 (www.gilead.com/~/media/Files/pdfs/medicines/oncology/zydelig/zydelig_pi.pdf FDA. 2016 (www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/ fda-alerts-healthcare-professionals-about-clinical-trials-zydelig-idelalisib-combination-other). Duvelisib (Copiktra*) PI 2019 (https://copiktra.com/pdf/verastem/COPIKTRA-PI-072019.pdf). Accessed July 19, 2021.



^{*}reported as diarrhea OR colitis; †did not report separately from severe diarrhea.







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Summary Points

- · Early results with small-molecule inhibitors are extremely promising
- Small-molecule inhibitors provide favorable treatment options for majority of CLL patients, most notably high-risk, elderly, and/or comorbid patients and those with relapsed disease
- Cost, prescription coverage, and long-term side effects may be issues
- Novel combinations delivered over defined treatment timelines offer hope for deep responses and long treatment-free intervals
- Important to incorporate SDM components when developing care plans with patients, family members, and/or caregivers

Case Study: Treatment Naïve Patient

- 64-year-old male veteran referred from PCP with elevated WBC and painful lymphadenopathy (LAD)
- Previously untreated
- IgHV-mutated
- FISH + del(11q)
- Other selected findings:
 - WBC: 117.3 X 109/L
 - Lymphocytes: 109.2 X 10⁹/L
 - Hgb: 9.6 g/dL
 - CT C/A/P: LAD above and below the diaphragm, largest node 4cm R inguinal node. Spleen 18cm.

How would you manage this patient?

WBC = white blood count; Hgb = hemoglobin; ANC = absolute neutrophil count.

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Case Study: Previously Treated

- 70-year-old female, previously treated with BR and then ibrutinib, but discontinued after 2 years due to rash
- · During routine follow-up, the patient reported increasing fatigue
- She has cervical lymphadenopathy on exam, ~4 cm, spleen is palpable 6 cm below the costal margin, and she has normal kidney function
- Laboratory results:
 - ALC: 112,000 cells/mL
 - Hgb: 10.8 g/dL
 - Platelets: 75,000 cells/mm³

What treatment option(s) should you consider?

Case Study: Second Opinion

- 77-year-old male presents for second opinion regarding his CLL. Local oncologist recommended BR. No prognostic workup done previously.
- Previously untreated
- IgHV-unmutated
- FISH + del(17p)
- Other selected findings:
 - WBC: 154 X 10⁹/L
 - Hgb: 9.2 g/dL
 - Platelets: 75,000 cells/mm3
 - Palpable LAD non painful LAD in the cervical and axillary chains

How would you manage this patient?

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Case Study: Symptomatic Progression

- 66-year-old male with CLL who has previously been treated with FCR, ibrutinib, and venetoclax + rituximab. Now with symptomatic progression.
- IgHV-unmutated
- FISH + del 17p and Tp53 mutated (new findings)
- Other selected findings:
 - WBC: 33 X 10⁹/L
 - Hgb: 8.9 g/dL
 - Plt: 87,000 cells/mm³
 - CT C/A/P: LAD above and below the diaphragm, largest node 6 cm R axillary node.
 Spleen 16cm.

What would you manage this patient?

