

GU Cancers: Best of ASCO

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Lecture Objectives

- Describe recent advances using antiandrogen therapy in patients with nonmetastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (nmCRPC).
- Discuss the use of novel combination therapy approaches with immune checkpoint inhibitors in metastatic renal cell cancer.
- Review the evolving landscape of immunotherapy in patients with advanced bladder cancer.



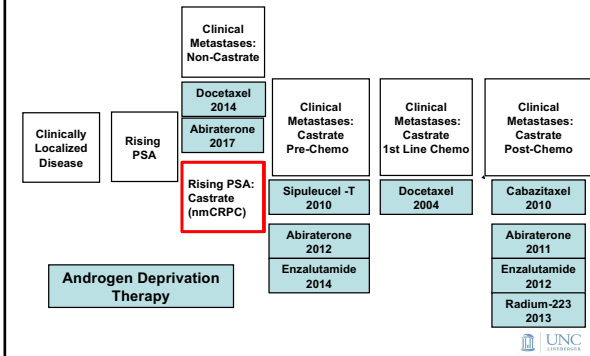
Poll

Genitourinary cancers account for what percent of new cancer cases in the United States?

- A. 60%
- B. 40%
- C. 20%
- D. 5%



Prostate Cancer Clinical States



Poll

A shorter PSADT in nmCRPC is associated with which of the following?

- A. Increased risk for metastasis
- B. Increased risk for prostate cancer specific mortality
- C. Decreased overall survival
- D. A and B
- E. All of the above



Background

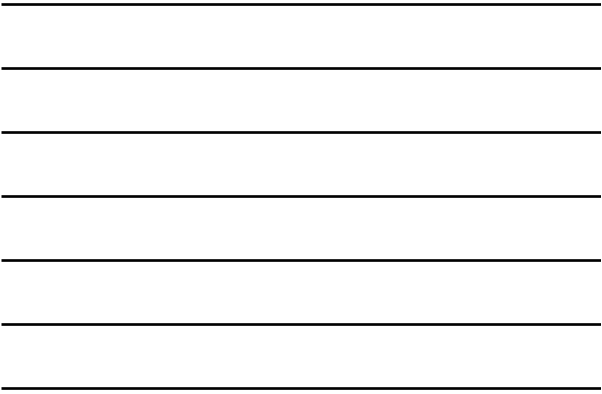
- Androgen signaling inhibitors (ASI) prolong survival in men with mCRPC¹⁻⁴
- Apalutamide is a next-generation ASI under development for the treatment of prostate cancer⁵
- In a phase 2 study, apalutamide led to a \approx 50% PSA decline in 89% of high-risk nmCRPC patients⁶

Patients (n = 51) with nmCRPC⁶
PSA response at 12 weeks

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SPARTAN — Overall Study Design

Phase 3 Placebo-Controlled, Randomized International Study

Eligibility

- nmCRPC
- Pelvic nodes \leq 2 cm below
- Local relapse (N1) allowed
- PSADT \leq 10 months

On-Study Requirement

- Continuous ADT

Stratifications

- PSADT $>$ 6 mo or \leq 6 mo
- Bone-sparing agents, y/n, NO or N1

Randomization (2:1, N=1207)

Apalutamide (APA) 240 mg QD + ADT (n=806)

Placebo (PBO) + ADT (n=401)

MFS

Second Rx at ICD's discretion including open-label ABIRPRED

PROGRESSION

Metastasis-free survival (primary end point)

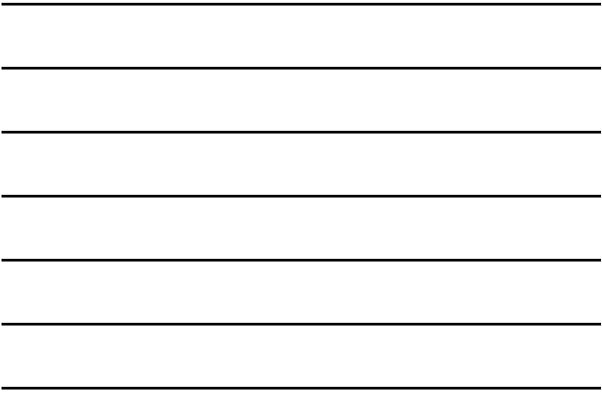
2nd progression-free survival (PFS2)

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ABIRPRED, abiraterone acetate plus prednisone; nmCRPC, nonmetastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer; MFS, metastasis-free survival.

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Results

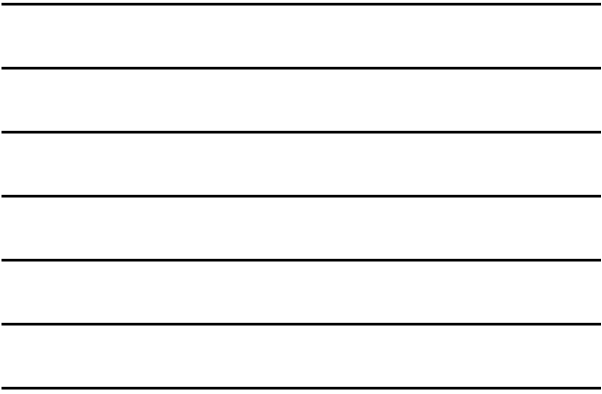
Patient Demographics and Disease Characteristics

	APA (n = 806)	PBO (n = 401)
Median age, yrs	74.0	74.0
Median time from initial diagnosis to randomization, yrs	7.95	7.85
Median PSADT, mos	4.40	4.50
PSADT, %	71	71
\leq 6 mos	71	71
$>$ 6 mos	29	29
Bone-sparing agent use, %		
Yes	10	10
No	90	90
Nodal status at study entry, %		
NO	83	84
N1	17	16
Prior prostate cancer therapy, %		
Definitive local therapy	77	77
GRH agonist	97	97
First-generation antiandrogen	73	72

GRH, gonadotropin-releasing hormone.

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Background, cont.

- Enzalutamide significantly improved OS and radiographic progression-free survival (rPFS) in men with chemotherapy-naïve M1 CRPC (PREVAIL trial)¹
- Enzalutamide was superior to bicalutamide in improving rPFS in the subgroup of patients with chemotherapy-naïve M0 CRPC (STRIVE trial)²

Hypothesis:

Enzalutamide will delay metastases development in men with M0 CRPC and rapidly rising PSA (PSA doubling time ≤ 10 months)

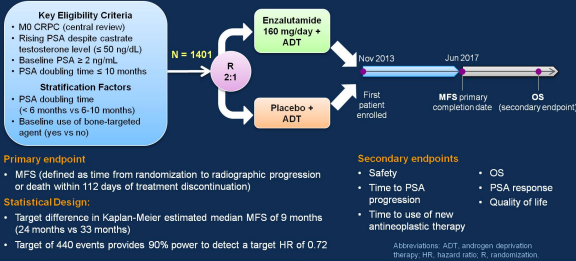
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PROSPER Study Design



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Baseline Patient Characteristics (N = 1401)

Characteristic	Enzalutamide + ADT (n = 933)	Placebo + ADT (n = 468)
Median age (range), y	74 (50-95)	73 (53-92)
ECCOG PS, no. (%)		
0	747 (80%)	362 (82%)
1	185 (20%)	85 (18%)
Median serum PSA (range), ng/mL	11.1 (0.8-1071.1)	10.2 (0.2-487.5)
Median PSA doubling time (range), mo	3.8 (0.4-37.4)	3.6 (0.5-71.8)
PSA doubling time category, no. (%)		
< 6 mo	715 (77%)	361 (77%)
≥ 6 mo	217 (23%)	107 (23%)
Baseline use of bone targeting agent, no. (%)		
No	828 (89%)	420 (90%)
Yes	105 (11%)	48 (10%)

- Median duration of therapy was 18.4 (range, 0-41.9+) months for enzalutamide and 11.1 (range, 0-42.8+) months for placebo
 - Patients on treatment as of 28 June 2017 (cutoff date): 634 patients (68%) on enzalutamide and 176 patients (38%) on placebo
- Abbreviation: ECCOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status.

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Conclusions

- APA and ENZA delay MFS in men with nmCRPC by two years.
- A delay in the onset of disease-related symptoms (SPARTAN) represents a clinical benefit.
- Side effects
 - More deaths from other causes within 3 months of progression on ENZA
 - Falls and fractures with APA
- No survival benefit (yet).
 - Is MFS a surrogate for OS in nmCRPC?



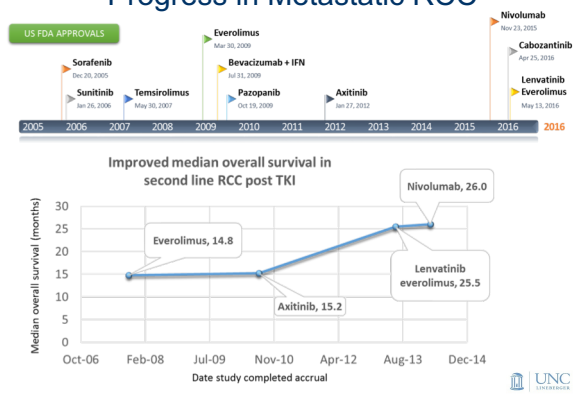
Poll

The use of novel antiandrogens in nmCRPC is associated with a significant benefit in which of the following?

- Metastasis-free survival
- Time to PSA progression
- Time to symptomatic progression
- All of the above



Progress in Metastatic RCC



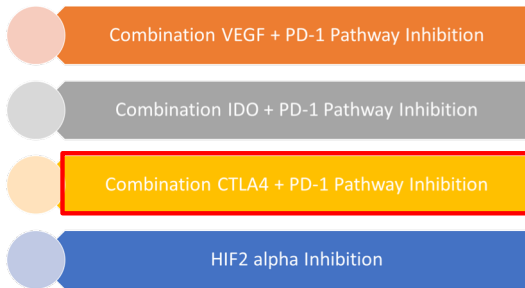
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The use of combination VEGF targeted therapy is associated with which outcome in metastatic RCC?

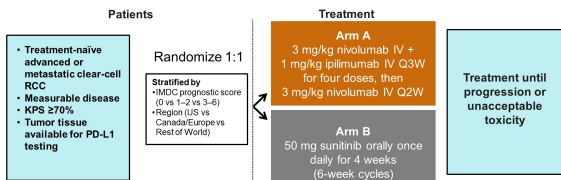
- A. OS benefit
- B. PFS benefit
- C. Significant toxicity
- D. All of the above



Emerging Therapeutic Strategies in Metastatic RCC



CheckMate 214: Study design



Escudier et al ESMO 2017



Study Objectives

- A randomized Phase III study of atezolizumab + bevacizumab vs sunitinib was conducted in patients with treatment-naïve advanced or metastatic RCC
- **Primary Endpoints**
 - PFS by investigator-assessment in PD-L1+ patients, defined as $\geq 1\%$ expression on tumor-infiltrating immune cells (IC) as determined by immunohistochemistry (IHC)^a
 - OS in ITT
- **Key Secondary Endpoints**
 - PFS in ITT
 - OS in PD-L1+
 - ORR and DOR
 - Independent radiology committee (IRC)-assessed PFS and ORR
 - Patient-reported outcomes
 - Safety

DOR, duration of response; ITT, intent-to-treat; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; ^a Using SP142 IHC assay.

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Study Design

Key Eligibility:

- Treatment-naïve advanced or metastatic RCC
- Clear cell and/or sarcomatoid histology
- KPS ≥ 70
- Tumor tissue available for PD-L1 staining

Stratification:
 +MSKCC risk score
 +Liver metastases
 +PD-L1 IC IHC status
 (< 1% vs $\geq 1\%$)^a

N = 915

R
1:1

Atezolizumab 1200 mg IV q3w^b
 +
 Bevacizumab 15 mg/kg IV q3w^b

Sunitinib 50 mg/day orally
 (4 wk on, 2 wk off)

^a $\geq 1\%$ IC, 40% prevalence using SP142 IHC assay; ^bNo dose reduction for atezolizumab or bevacizumab.

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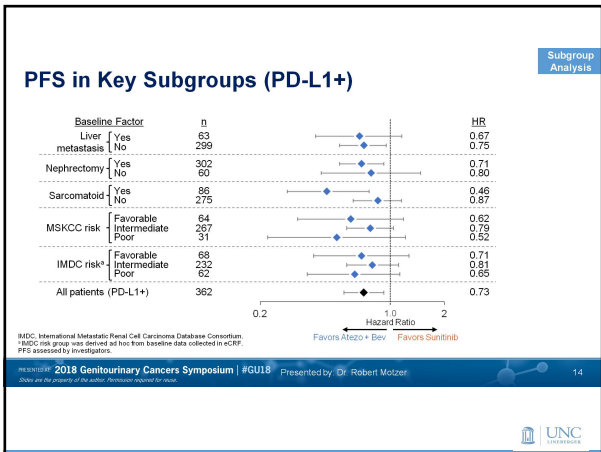
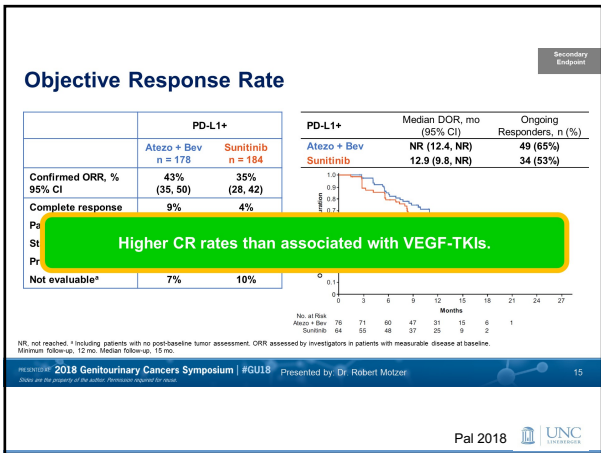
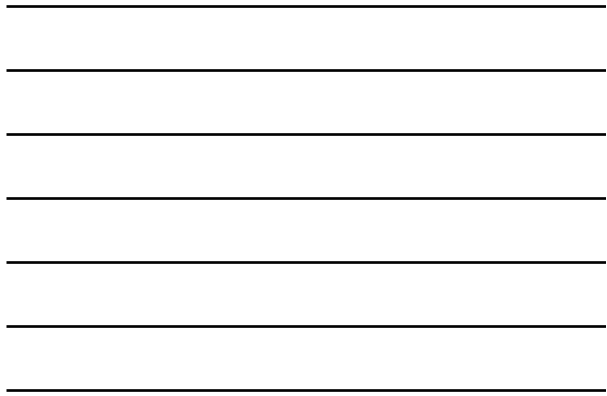
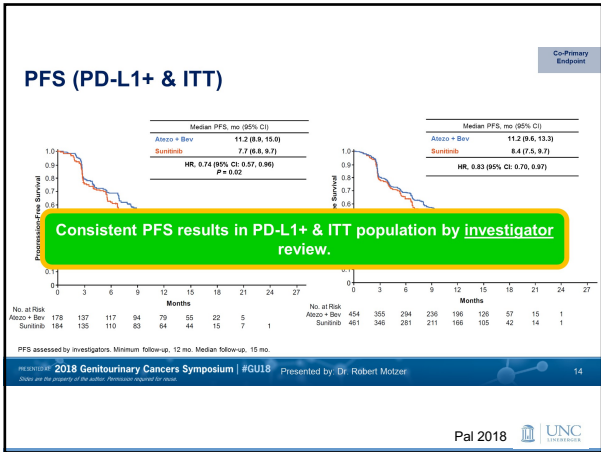
Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic	PD-L1+ (n = 362)		ITT (N = 915)	
	Atezo + Bev n = 178	Sunitinib n = 184	Atezo + Bev n = 454	Sunitinib n = 461
Age, median (range)	62 y (33-84)	59 y (23-80)	62 y (24-88)	60 y (18-84)
Male	67%	79%	70%	76%
KPS ≥ 80	95%	95%	91%	92%
Liver metastasis	17%	18%	17%	18%
Prior nephrectomy	84%	83%	74%	72%
Predominant clear cell histology	92%	87%	93%	92%
Sarcomatoid component	20%	27%	15%	16%
$\geq 1\%$ of IC expressing PD-L1 (PD-L1+)	-	-	39%	40%
MSKCC risk category				
Favorable (0)	17%	18%	20%	20%
Intermediate (1 or 2)	74%	73%	71%	70%
Poor (≥ 3)	8%	9%	10%	10%

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Study Design and Endpoints

- This open-label phase Ib, multicenter study* consisted of 2 phases:
 - Dose-finding phase to estimate the maximum tolerated dose (MTD)
 - Dose-expansion phase

Primary endpoint (dose-finding phase)

- Dose-limiting toxicity during the first 2 cycles (6 weeks)


Secondary endpoints (dose-expansion phase)

- Safety, objective response rate, progression-free survival, overall survival, pharmacokinetics, and biomarkers

* ClinicalTrials.gov identifier: NCT02133742.

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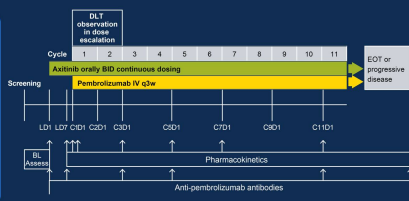
Study Design

Key inclusion criteria

- Clear-cell advanced RCC with primary tumor resected
- Mandatory archival tumor biospecimen
- ≥1 measurable lesion, as defined by RECIST v1.1
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- Controlled hypertension

Key exclusion criteria

- Prior systemic therapy for advanced RCC




The diagram illustrates the study design timeline. It starts with a 'Screening' phase (Day 1) including LD1, LD7, C1D1, C2D1, C3D1, C4D1, C5D1, C6D1, C7D1, C8D1, C9D1, C10D1, and C11D1. A 'DLT observation in dose escalation' period is shown from Cycle 1 to Cycle 11. 'Axitinib orally BID continuous dosing' and 'Pembrolizumab IV q3w' are indicated as ongoing treatments. 'BL Assess' (baseline assessment) occurs at Day 1, and 'Pharmacokinetics' assessments are performed at various points. 'Anti-pembrolizumab antibodies' are also noted. The study concludes with 'EOT or progressive disease'.

Arrows indicate dosing. BID=twice daily; BL assess=baseline assessment; C=cycle; D=day; DLT=dose-limiting toxicity; ECOG PS=Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; EOT=end of treatment; IV=intravenous; LD1=lead-in Day 1; LD7=lead-in Day 7; q3w=every 3 weeks; RCC=renal cell carcinoma; RECIST=Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors

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Results: DLTs

- 11 patients were treated during the dose-finding phase, all at DL1.
- 3 DLTs were reported
 - 1 patient had transient ischemic attack
 - 2 patients were unable to complete ≥75% of planned axitinib dose due to treatment-related toxicity (grade 2/3 headache; and grade 2 headache, fatigue, asthenia, and dehydration)
- MTD was estimated to be axitinib 5 mg BID + pembrolizumab 2 mg/kg q3w
- These 11 patients were included in the dose-expansion analysis

BID=twice daily; DLT=dose-limiting toxicity; q3w=every 3-week cycle; MTD=maximum tolerated dose

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Baseline Characteristics

- 52 treatment-naïve patients with advanced RCC were enrolled and received treatment:
 - 11 patients in the dose-finding phase
 - 41 patients in the dose-expansion phase

Characteristic, n (%)	Axitinib + Pembrolizumab N=52
Age, median (range) years	63.0 (29-75)
Male / Female, n (%)	41 (78.8) / 11 (21.2)
ECOG PS, n (%)	
0	39 (75.0)
1	10 (19.2)
Not reported	3 (5.8)

IMDC Criteria risk group, n (%)	
Favorable	24 (46.2)
Intermediate	23 (44.2)
Poor	3 (5.8)
Unknown	2 (3.8)
Fuhrman grade, n (%)	
1	2 (3.8)
2	12 (23.1)
3	18 (34.6)
4	14 (26.9)
Not done	6 (11.5)
Duration since initial pathologic diagnosis	
n	46
Mean, months	43.6
Median, months (range)	20.3 (0.9-166.6)
Unspecified, n	6

ECOG PS=Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; IMDC=International Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma Database

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Adverse Events, Safety Analysis Set (N=52)

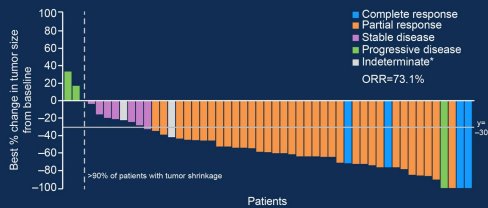
Adverse Event, n (%)	Treatment-related* AE Grade ≥3 in 22 Patients	Immune-related AE Grade ≥3
Any AE	34 (65.4)	11 (21.1)
Hypertension	12 (23.1)	0
Fatigue	5 (9.6)	2 (3.8)
Diarrhea	5 (9.6)	4 (7.7)
ALT increased	4 (7.7)	2 (3.8)
AST increased	2 (3.8)	2 (3.8)
γ-glutamyltransferase increased	2 (3.8)	0
Headache	2 (3.8)	0
Hypophosphatemia	2 (3.8)	0
Lymphocyte count decreased	2 (3.8)	1 (1.9)
PPE	2 (3.8)	0
Weight decreased	2 (3.8)	1 (1.9)

* Related to axitinib and/or pembrolizumab. One (1.9%) patient had grade 4 hypericemia event. No grade 5 treatment-related AEs were reported.
 † Patients received steroids for presumed immune-related AEs.
 AEs=adverse event; ALT=alanine aminotransferase; AST=aspartate aminotransferase; PPE=palmoplantar erythrodysesthesia

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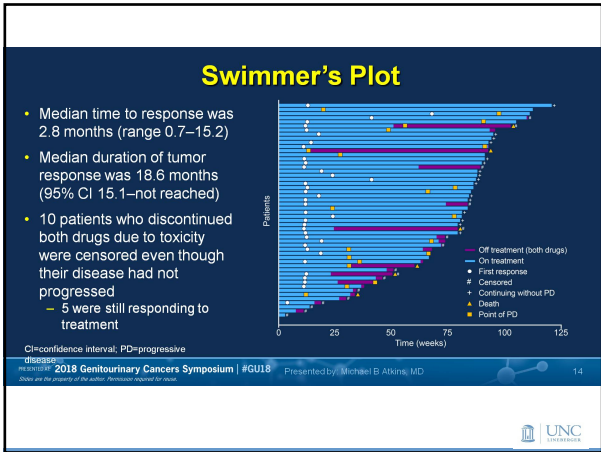
Tumor Response

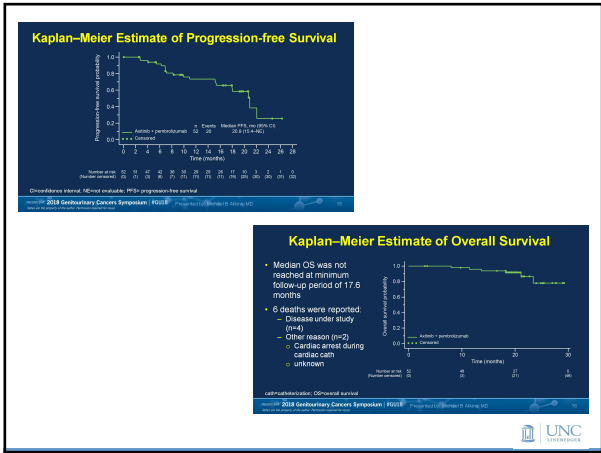


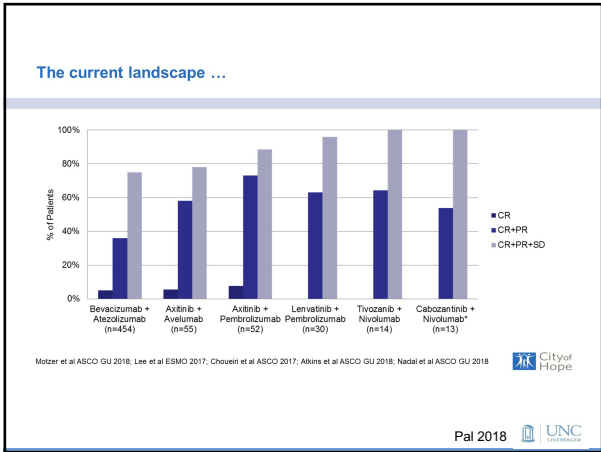
* Stable disease or partial response not confirmed, or no follow-up scans available.
 ORR=objective response rate

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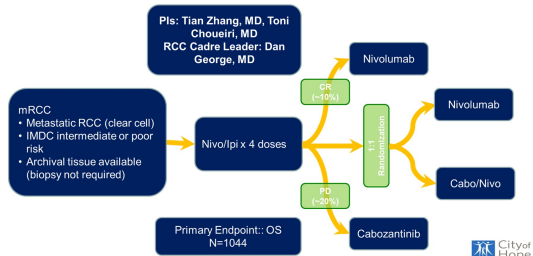
Phase III Assessments of VEGF + CPI Combinations in RCC

Control	Comparator
Sunitinib	Nivolumab/Ipilimumab
Sunitinib	Bevacizumab + Atezolizumab
Sunitinib	Axitinib + Pembrolizumab
Sunitinib	Lenvatinib + Everolimus vs Lenvatinib/Pembrolizumab
Sunitinib	Axitinib + Avelumab
Sunitinib	Cabozantinib/Nivolumab



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Forthcoming Phase III Trials



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Poll

Novel investigational approaches in metastatic RCC include?

- A. Immunotherapy-immunotherapy
- B. Immunotherapy-VEGF targeted therapy
- C. HIF2 alpha inhibition
- D. All of the above



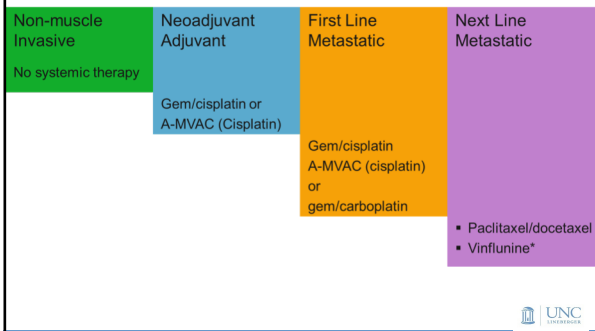
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Recent advances in the treatment of advanced bladder cancer include the approval of which of the following agents?

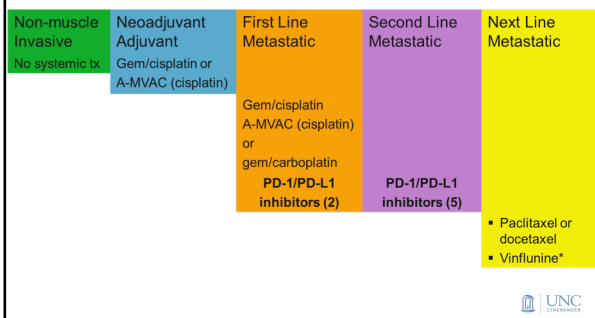
- A. Pembrolizumab
- B. Bevacizumab
- C. Everolimus
- D. Ramucirumab



Systemic Therapy for Bladder Cancer: pre-2016



Systemic Therapy for Bladder Cancer: Now



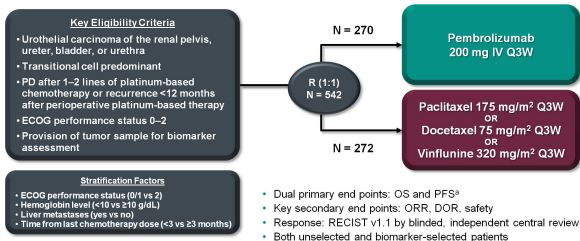
Two-year follow-up from the phase 3 KEYNOTE-045 trial of pembrolizumab versus investigator's choice (paclitaxel, docetaxel, or vinflunine) in recurrent, advanced urothelial cancer

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KEYNOTE-045 Study Design (NCT02256436)



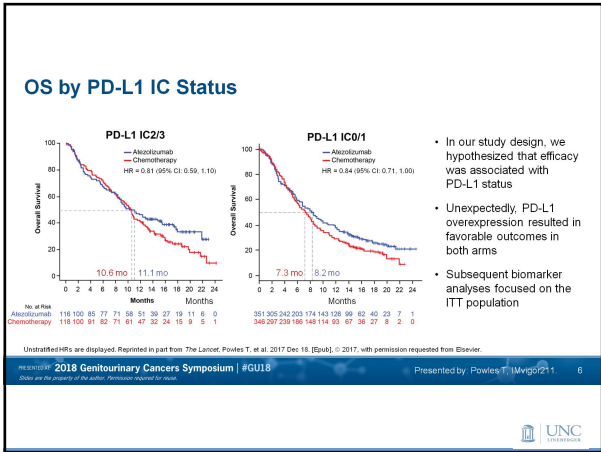
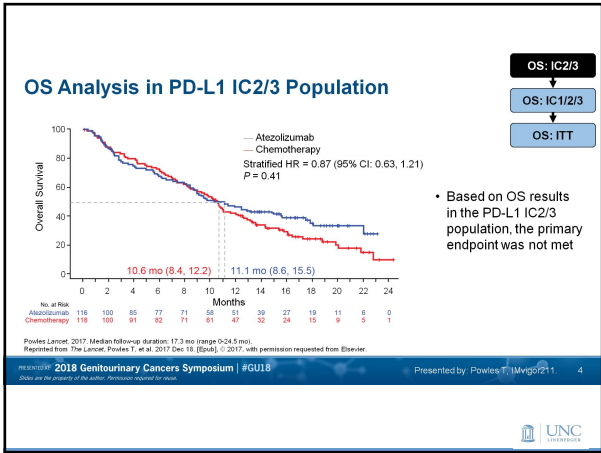
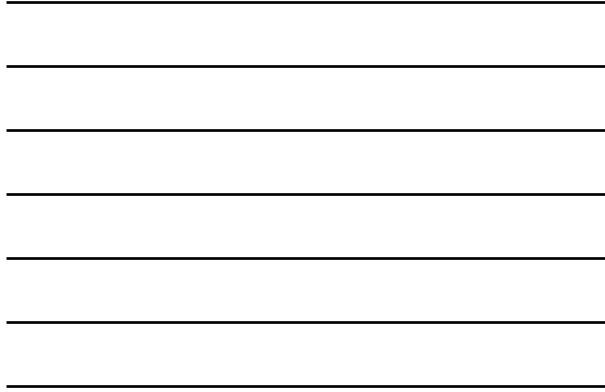
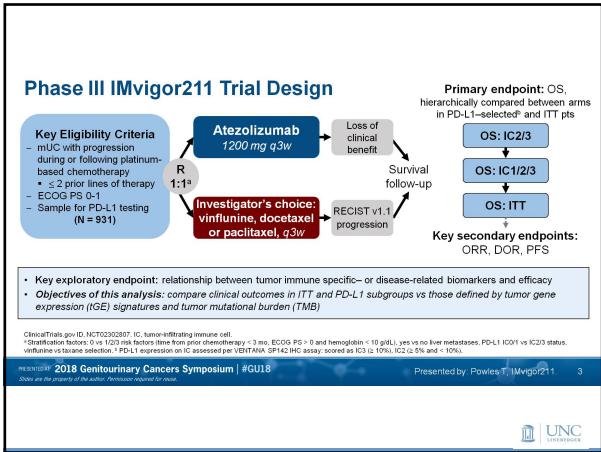
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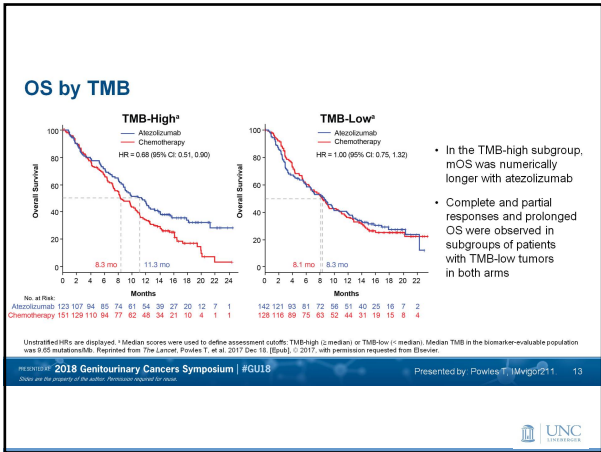
n (%)	Pembro (N = 270)	Chemo (N = 272)
Age, median (range), y	67 (29–88)	65 (26–84)
Men	200 (74.1)	202 (74.3)
Upper tract disease	38 (14.1)	37 (13.6)
Lower tract disease	232 (85.9)	235 (86.4)
ECOG PS ^a		
0	120 (44.4)	106 (39.0)
1	142 (52.6)	158 (58.1)
2	3 (1.1)	4 (1.5)
Visceral disease	241 (89.3)	235 (86.4)
Disease in lymph node only	28 (10.4)	37 (13.6)

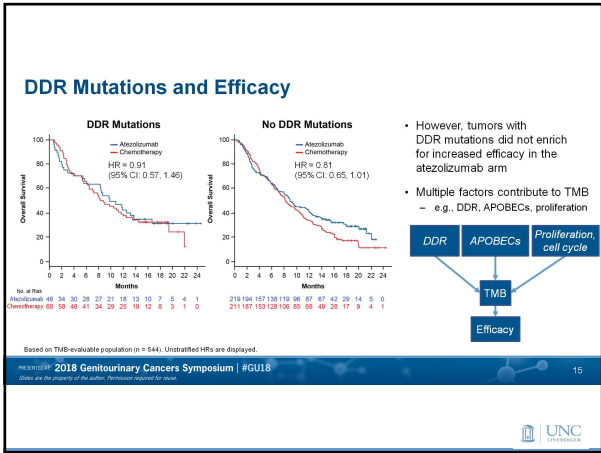
n (%)	Pembro (N = 270)	Chemo (N = 272)
Liver metastases	91 (33.7)	95 (34.9)
Hemoglobin <10 g/dL ^b	43 (15.9)	44 (16.2)
Time since completion of most recent prior therapy		
≥3 months	167 (61.9)	168 (61.8)
<3 months	103 (38.1)	104 (38.2)
Setting of most recent prior therapy		
Neoadjuvant	19 (7.0)	22 (8.1)
Adjuvant	12 (4.4)	31 (11.4)
First line	184 (68.1)	158 (58.1)
Second line	55 (20.4)	59 (21.7)
Third line	0	2 (0.7)

^aMissing for 5 patients in the pembrolizumab arm and 4 patients in the chemotherapy arm; ^bMissing for 7 patients in the pembrolizumab arm and 4 patients in the chemotherapy arm. Data cutoff date: October 26, 2017.









Poll

Which of the following biomarkers should be used to select patients with advanced bladder cancer for immunotherapy?

- PDL1 expression
- TMB
- RNA subtype
- None of the above

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