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# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Patient & Caregiver Ed Forum

November 16, 2022

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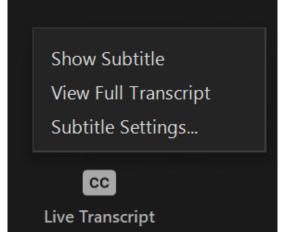


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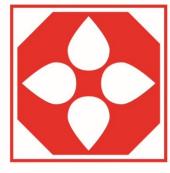
# CLL Society Programs and Resources



- CLL Society Patient & Caregiver Support Groups
- Expert Access<sup>™</sup> Program Free, online, 2nd opinion from a CLL expert physician
- Webinars / Virtual Community Meetings
- Weekly Email Newsletter
- COVID-19 & CLL-specific Updates, Expert Interviews & Conference News
- Ask the Expert
- Patient Centric Research
- Test Before Treat™ Campaign

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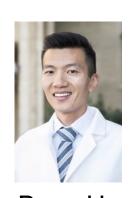
#### **Doctors**



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**Deborah Stephens** 



Boyu Hu



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# Agenda, Speakers, and Moderator







Harsh, Shah, DO



Deborah Stephens, DO



Stephen Feldman



Brian Koffman, MDCM (retired), MS Ed



Agenda — Ag		
10:30 AM MT Program Welcome and Overview	Drs. Koffman and Stephens	
10:35 AM Patient Self-Advocacy, Support, and Education	Stephen Feldman	
10:45 AM CLL Basics	Dr. Boyu Hu	
11:00 AM What to Watch While You Wait	Dr. Harsh Shah	
11:15 AM CLL Treatments and Clinical Trials	Dr. Deborah Stephens	
11:30 AM Huntsman Foundation	Brandon Plewe	
11:32 AM Audience Q&A	All Speakers	
12:00 PM Program Close	Dr. Brian Koffman	



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# Stephen Feldman

- CLL Patient
- Senior Support Group Facilitator
- Member: CLL Society Patient Advisory Board





## The Patient Experience: Taking the Lead in Learning from Experts









#### Why Advocate?

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not." - Dr. Seuss, The Lorax



# Lead and Follow, Follow and Lead: Sharing Knowledge & Experience





- You charted a course to this education forum.
- You're listening to and learning from experts in the field.
- You're listening to and learning from *patients* and *caregivers*.
- Smart patients learn from and pass along knowledge to smart patients.

# The CLL Society Experience



- Community: We're in this together, patients and physicians
- Premier resource for reliable, current, physician-curated information
- Stay connected
  - Join one of our patient-led support groups
  - Stay current: register to receive our weekly newsletter
- Explore our website and resources

#### **CLL Society Resources: the clickables**





**QUICK LINKS** 

UPCOMING CLL SOCIETY
EVENTS SUPPORT GROUPS

LIST OF
CLL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS
OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND GUIDELINES

CLL SOCIETY
IN THE NEWS

ADVOCACY

# Important Takeaways from CLL Society



- Watch & Wait is your friend Time to get up to speed
- Wisdom and advice from those who traveled the path
- Clinical trials
- CLL Society's "Prime Directive":
  - OHave a CLL specialist on your team, accept no substitutions!
- CLL Society's Expert Access™ Program can help with 2<sup>nd</sup> opinions

# **Last Thoughts**



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- This is also not your father's CLL
- You can (and will likely) live a LONG (and healthy) time with bad news
- Major paradigm shift: Growing arsenal of powerfully effective targeted, non-chemo treatment options



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# Thank you!

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#### **CLL Basics**

Boyu Hu, MD

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Huntsman Cancer Institute / University of Utah

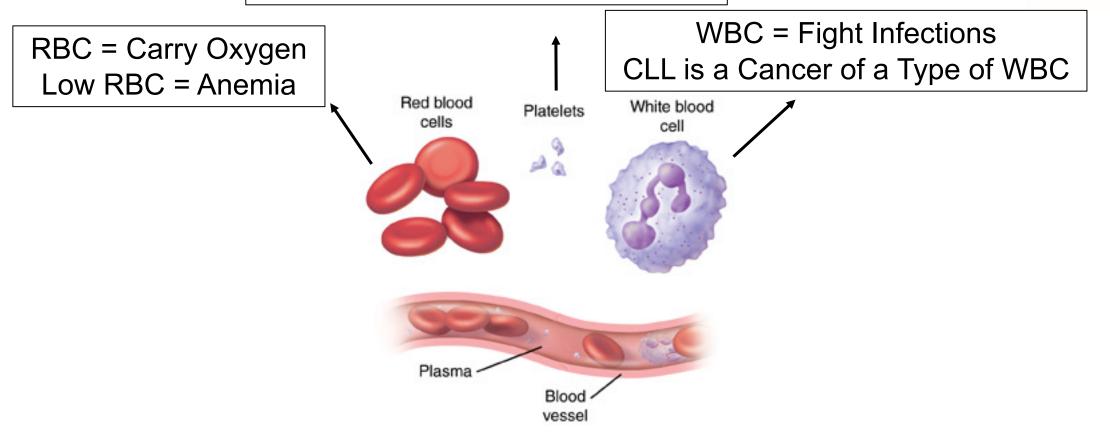
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#### What is CLL?

(Usually) slow growing blood cancer

Platelets = Make Blood Clots Low platelets = Thrombocytopenia

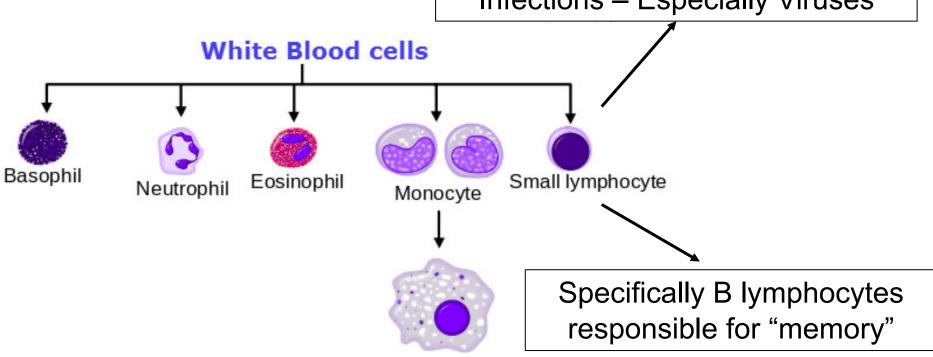




#### What is CLL?

CLL is a cancer of lymphocytes

Lymphocytes Normally Help Fight Infections – Especially Viruses







Macrophage

# **CLL Epidemiology**



- CLL is the most common adult leukemia
  - One third of new leukemia cases
- In 2019, American Cancer Society estimates:
  - 20,940 new cases of CLL
  - 4,510 deaths from CLL
- Average person's lifetime risk of getting CLL is 1:175
- Average age at diagnosis is 70
- More common in men (2:1)

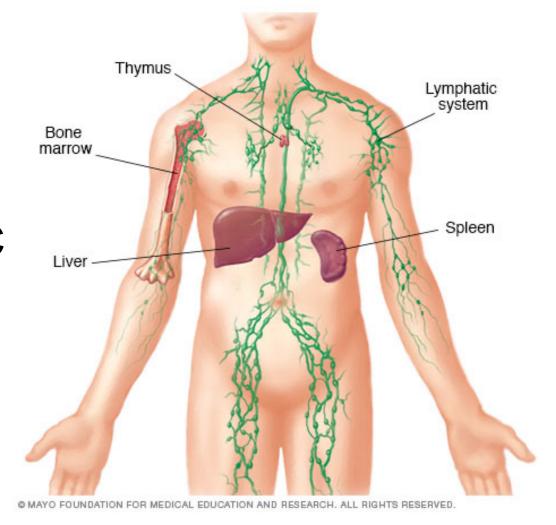
# **Typical Clinical Course**

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- Prolonged periods with no symptoms
  - 40% of patients are diagnosed because of an unexpected finding on routine blood work
- Initial Symptoms
  - Lymph node swelling
  - Fatigue
  - "B" symptoms (fevers, drenching night sweats, weight loss)
- Findings on exam
  - Enlarged lymph nodes
  - Enlarged liver and/or spleen

# What Are Lymph Nodes?

- Part of the lymphatic system
- Vital part of the immune system
- Contains WBCs
- Transports infection-fighting WBC to site of infections
- Contains 500-700 lymph nodes



Cell Surface Protein Expression for Diagnosis



CD20 CD5 **CLL Cell** 

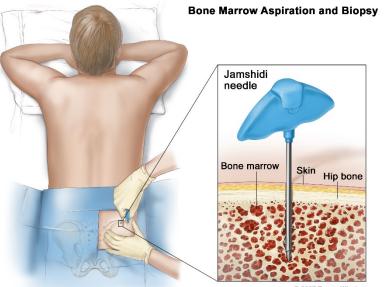
Must also be negative for:

- CD10
- Cyclin D1

The number of these CLL cells in the blood must be ≥5000

# Further Work Up

- Not required (but may be indicated):
  - Bone marrow Biopsy
  - CT Scan
  - PET Scan









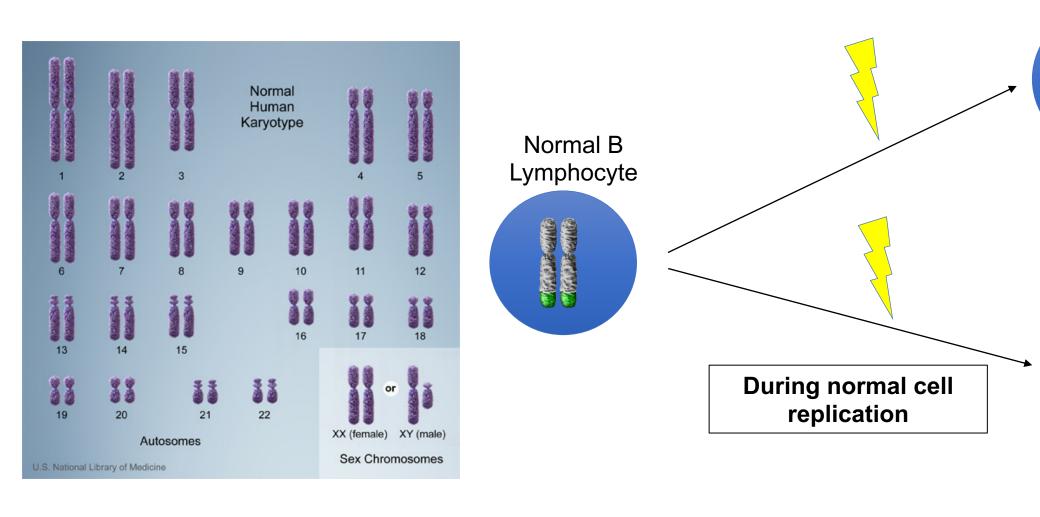
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# **CLL Prognostic Factors**



- Usually changes in DNA or genes that are only found in the CLL cells
- Most Prognostic
  - FISH
  - Immunoglobulin Heavy Chain Variable (IGHV or IGVH) Region mutational status
  - Karyotype
  - CLL gene mutations

### CLL FISH – What does it mean?



Loss of a part of a chromosome

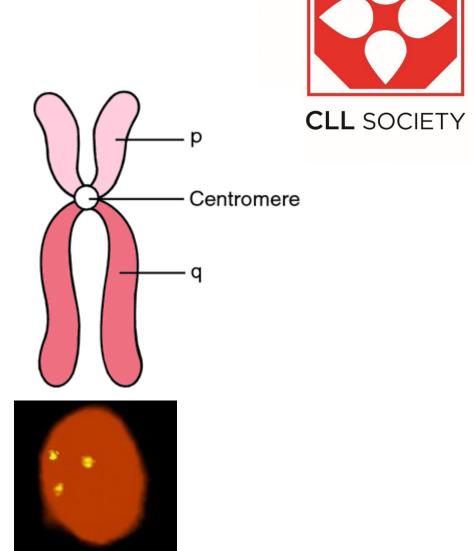
**Duplication of** 

a chromosome

## FISH Panel

FISH used to probe for common/significant chromosome changes found in CLL cancer cells (not all of your cells).

Mutation	%	Good or Bad
Del(13q)	30-45	Good
Trisomy 12	~20	In between
Del(11q)	17-20	Bad
Del(17p)	7-10	Bad

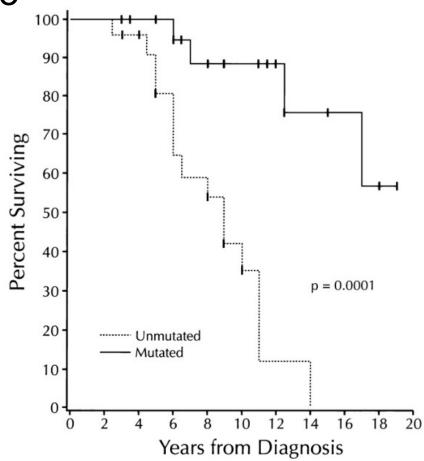


Trisomy 12

#### IGHV Mutational Status

- Tests for a gene that is normally mutated to produce immune cells
- ~60% of CLL considered unmutated
- Does not change over time
- Mutated = OS ~ 25 years
  - ~80% No therapy
- Unmutated = OS ~9 years
  - ~20% No therapy

Survival outcomes for *IGHV* mutated and unmutated patients are now about the same in the era of targeted therapies.



#### **CLL Gene Mutations**



- Most common: TP53, ATM, SF3B1, NOTCH1
- Less common: BTK, PLCG2, BCL2, XPO1, POT1
- HCI has a 27 gene mutation panel specific to CLL that we will send out (takes 2-3 weeks to result)

## When Do We Send These Tests?



- Most of the time at diagnosis
- After some treatment and before the next line of treatment
  - IGHV mutational status is "static" does not change with time or treatment
  - FISH (i.e. deletion 13q, trisomy 12, deletion 11q and deletion 17p), karyotype and mutations can change over time with treatment

# **CLL Basic Takeaways**



- CLL is the most common adult leukemia that affects mainly the blood, bone marrow and lymph nodes.
  - Monoclonal B lymphocytosis is a pre-cursor state to CLL and is when the number of CLL cells in the blood are <5000.</li>
- There are many imaging and genetic tests we may choose to perform at diagnosis and relapse.
  - Gives us both prognostic data and also may guide treatment selection.



## Thank You and Questions at the End



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# Watch & Wait in CLL

Harsh Shah, DO

November 16, 2022

#### When Do We Treat CLL



- Evidence of progressive marrow failure ("low counts")
- Constitutional symptoms (fever, night sweats or weight loss)
- Massive lymph nodes
- Symptomatic enlarged spleen (splenomegaly)

#### **Vaccinations**

- Avoid Live Vaccines
- TdAP every 10 years
- Pneumonia series (Two options)
  - PCV15 followed by PPSV23 (8 weeks later)
  - Single dose of PCV20\*\*\*\*
  - PROTECT CLL trial at HCI (NCT05183854)
- Shingrix after age 50
- Annual flu vaccine



# Cancer Screening with CLL



- Age/sex appropriate cancer screenings
  - Colon cancer screening starting at 45 years old
  - Yearly mammograms for females 40 and older
  - Pap smears for women (usually every 3-5 years)
  - Annual skin exams
    - Increased risk of Melanoma (3-5%) and Non-Melanoma Skin Cancers (10-15%)
      - Nicotinamide study at HCI in patients with history of Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer within last 5 years
      - Sunscreen (SPF15 or higher)

# **Diet and Lifestyle**

- Stay healthy!
  - Most patients with CLL die from something else
  - Heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, obesity, diabetes are still more likely to occur in patients who live in the Western World
  - Sunscreen and skin protection
- Follow the AHA guidelines for diet and exercise
  - Diet and lifestyle:
  - The American Heart Association Diet and Lifestyle Recommendations | American Heart **Association**







#### **COVID-19 Prevention**



- Bivalent COVID-19 Booster
  - Protects against original strains of virus (beta and delta)
  - Additional protection against Omicron variant (BA.4 and BA.5)
- Approved for individuals 6 years of age and older as a single booster dose administered at least 2 months after either:
  - Completion of primary vaccination with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine, or
  - Receipt of the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine

## **Evusheld** (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis)



- Cocktail of two COVID-19 monoclonal antibodies, tixagevimab and cilgavimab
- Recommended at the dose of 300mg every six months
- Provides protection against BA.5 (~50% of COVID-19 variants in the USA and the number is falling)
- All CLL patients qualify as they are immunocompromised

## **Outpatient Treatment of COVID-19**



- Antivirals (target specific parts of the virus to stop it from multiplying in the body, helping to prevent severe illness and death)
  - Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir co-packaged with ritonavir) (Pill)
    - Approved for mild to moderate COVID-19
    - Reduces hospitalization by 90%
    - Interaction with CLL medications, so they should be held during treatment
  - Veklury (remdesivir) (IV)
    - 3 days of IV infusion outpatient
  - Lagevrio (molnupiravir) (Pill)
    - Alternate oral option when Paxlovid is not available
- Monoclonal antibody (help the immune system recognize and respond more effectively to the virus)
  - Bebtelovimab (IV) may not be effective against new strains
    - Single infusion

## **General Criteria for Outpatient COVID- 19 Treatment**



- You test positive for SARS-CoV-2 (virus that causes COVID-19)
- You currently have <a href="COVID-19 symptoms">COVID-19 symptoms</a> that began within the last 5-7 days
- You are not newly on oxygen or on an increased oxygen supply
- You are not hospitalized
- You are at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19 due to your age and certain medical conditions, including being severely immunocompromised (all CLL patients meet this criteria)

#### Conclusions



- Work with your health care team in making sure that watch and wait does not lead to increased anxiety and stay informed about your disease
- Get up-to-date on routine vaccines
- Yearly skin exam is essential
- Eat healthy and exercise
- Get COVID-19 bivalent booster
- Evusheld every six months (at least for now)

#### **CLL Treatments and Clinical Trials**

Deborah Stephens, DO November 16, 2022









## Current Treatment Options

## General Cancer Treatment Options



- Surgery:
  - No
- Radiation:
  - Rarely
  - Palliation
- Chemotherapy:
  - Usual choice
  - Blood cancer = treat all blood
  - Classic, Immunotherapy, Targeted



### Classic Chemotherapy

- Non-specific killing of growing cells
- Fludarabine
- Cyclophosphamide
- Bendamustine
- Pentostatin
- Chlorambucil
- Short-term: Nausea, hair loss, fatigue, low blood counts, infection, nerve pain, rash, blood in urine
- Long-term: Bone marrow damage

RARELY RECOMMENDED DUE TO SIDE EFFECTS AND NEW OPTIONS





"At least yours will

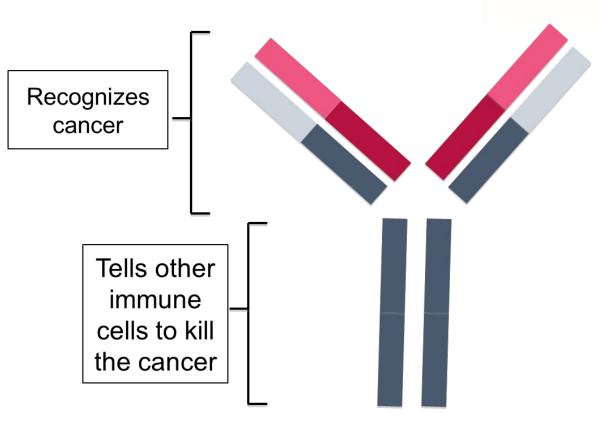
### Immunotherapy

 Specifically targeting something that lives on the outside of a CLL cell

#### Antibodies (CD20):

- Rituximab
- Ofatumumab
- Obinutuzumab

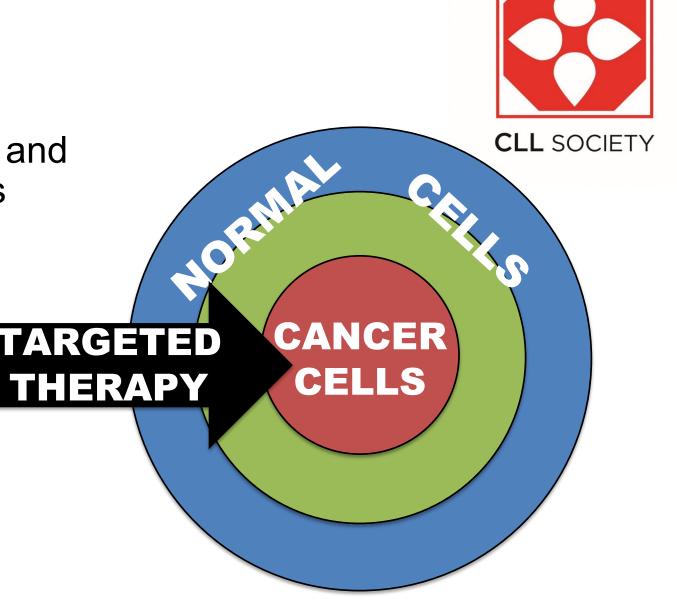




### Targeted Therapy

 Avoids killing normal cells and goes after the cancer cells

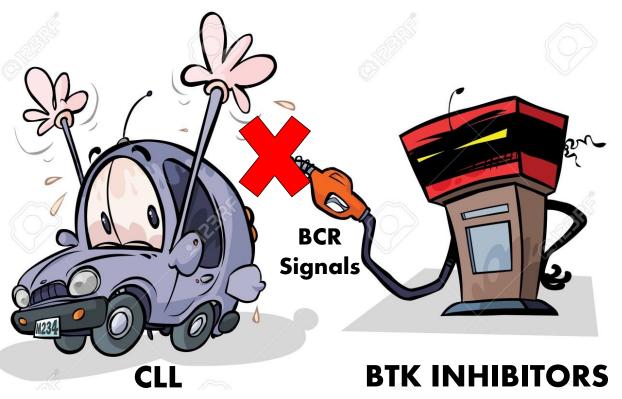
• Ibrutinib, acalabrutinib, zanubrutinib, idelalisib, venetoclax....



## Bruton's Tyrosine Kinase (BTK) Inhibitors

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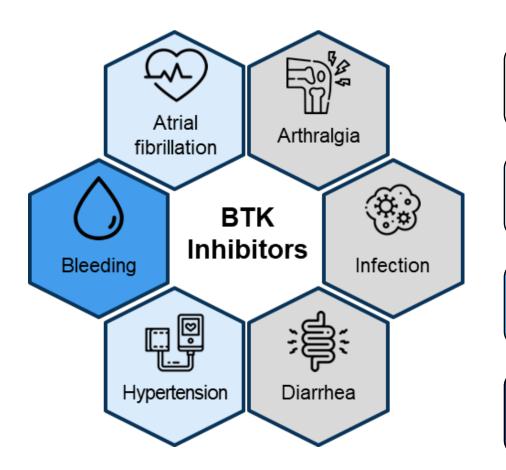
- Block cancer survival signals (Bcell receptor pathway)
- Like taking gas out of your car
- Ibrutinib: Approved all CLL patients
- Acalabrutinib: Approved all CL patients
- Zanubrutinib: Coming soon...



## Common Toxicities with BTK Inhibitors



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Early: Goes Away with Time

Later: Risk Increases with Time

Any Time: Always a Risk

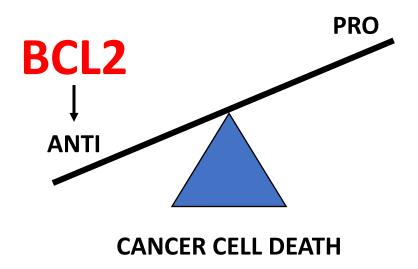
NOTE: Less toxicity with Acalabrutinib or Zanubrutinib

#### Venetoclax

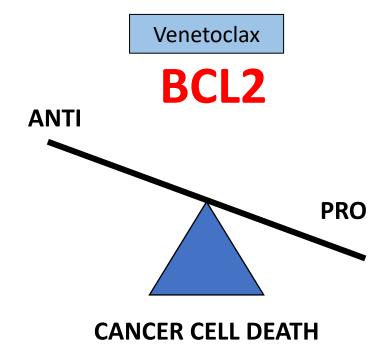
Venetoclax = Approved for all CLL patients in combination with anti-CD20



**CLL Cells Increase BCL2 to Live Longer** 



**Venetoclax Blocks BCL2 and Promotes Cell Death** 



### Venetoclax: Toxicities and Management





#### **Tumor Lysis Syndrome:**

-Hydration, drugs to prevent uric acid build-up, hospitalization?



#### Diarrhea and Nausea:

-Antidiarrhea and nausea medications, taking dose at night



#### Low infection fighting WBC (neutrophils) or platelets:

-Doctor to monitor, growth factor injections



#### **Infections/Lack of Vaccine Response:**

-Vaccines before starting treatment, antibiotics, monitor for fever



## New Treatment Approaches

Currently available on clinical trials

### Combinations of New Drugs



Pick 2 or 3 good drugs and combine them

Bruton's Tyrosine Kinase (BTK) Inhibitor		BCL2 Inhibitor	U	Anti-CD20 Antibody Treatment
Ibrutinib		Venetoclax		Obinutuzumab
Acalabrutinib	_	? Other new drug?		Rituximab
Zanubrutinib				Ublituximab

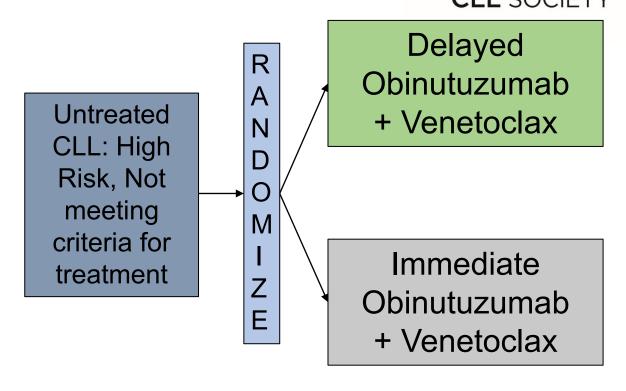
 Advantages: Deeper or Longer Lasting Responses, Shorten Treatment Length

### **Early Treatment**

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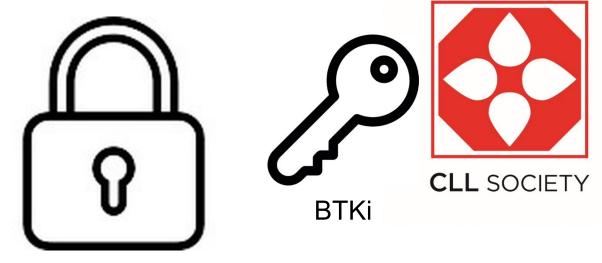
- S1925 EVOLVE CLL Study
- High risk: Del(17p) or combination of clinical and genetic risks
- Must have new diagnosis of CLL within the last year

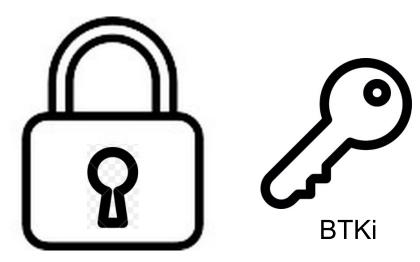
Accrual Ongoing



## When a BTKi Doesn't Work Anymore....

- ▲ BTK (C481S)
- ▲ Still fits, but doesn't block well KEYHOLE: SPOT ON CLL WHERE
- ▲ Rapid progression after BTKi d/c
- ▲ DO NOT D/C BTKi without another plan!
- ▲ Applies to ibrutinib, acalabrutinib, and zanubrutinib

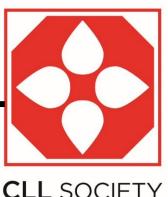




KEYHOLE: CHANGES AND BTKI DOESN'T FIT WELL

**BTKi BINDS** 

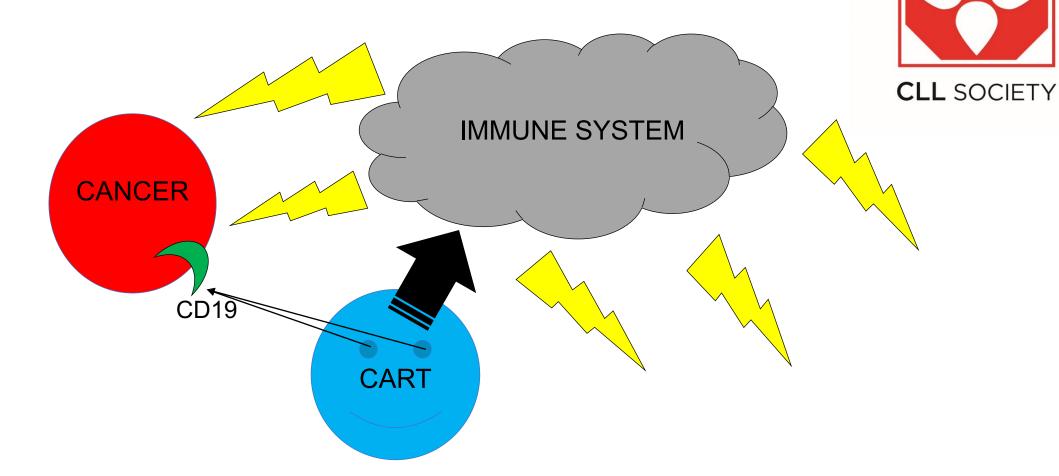
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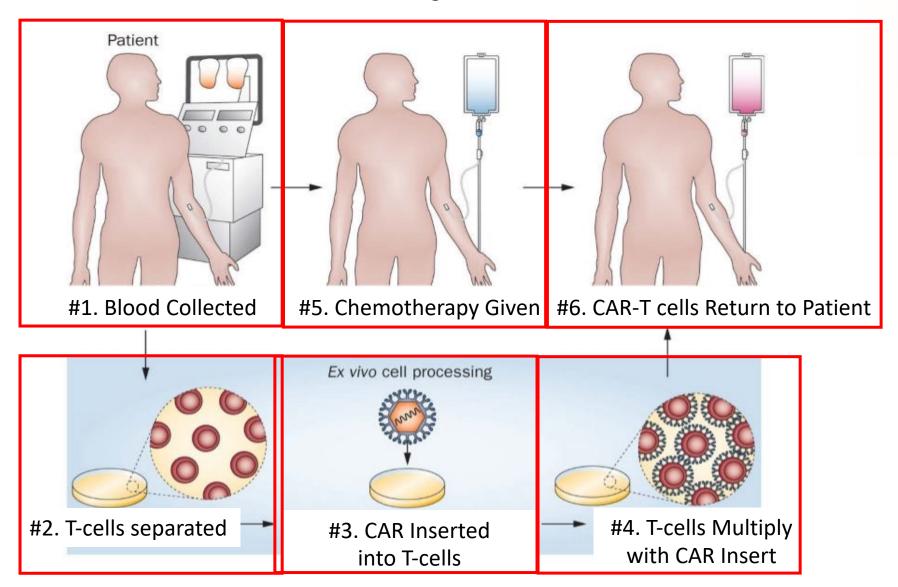
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Bruton's Tyrosine Kinase (BTK) Inhibitor						
Generation 1/2	Next Generation	Status				
Ibrutinib	Pirtobrutinib (LOXO-305)	Open clinical trials showing response in				
Acalabrutinib	ARQ-531	CLL after generation 1 & 2 BTKi with less side effects				
Zanubrutinib	LP-168	Clinical trial open! Now enrolling in Utah!				

## **CAR-T Cell Therapy**



## **CAR-T Cell Therapy**





Kochenderfer, Nat. Rev. Clin. Oncol. 2013

#### Review



- Current Treatment Options
  - Classic Chemotherapy
  - Immunotherapy
  - Targeted Agents
- New Treatment Approaches
  - Combinations of New Drugs
  - Early Treatment
  - New Targeted Agents
  - CART Therapy

## ASK YOUR DOCTOR IF YOU QUALIFY FOR A CLINICAL TRIAL TODAY!



## Questions?

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## Audience Questions & Answers

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