

THE IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY REVOLUTION:

A Guide for Health-System Pharmacists in Renal Cell Carcinoma



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Welcome and Opening Comments

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Agenda



Examining the Clinical Benefits of Immuno-Oncology Agents for Renal Cell Carcinoma

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Care Management Strategies to Enhance Overall Outcomes for Patients Requiring Immuno-Oncology Agents for RCC

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Case Studies

Faculty Panel

Moderated Faculty Panel Discussion and Audience Q&A

Faculty Panel

Adjournment

Educational Objectives



At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to demonstrate improved ability to:

- Review current and emerging treatments for advanced RCC
- Discuss the rationale for consideration of IO combination therapies in the treatment of advanced RCC
- Identify when immunotherapy should be considered as a treatment option for patients with advanced RCC including patient selection, optimal drug combinations, and sequencing
- Employ early detection and management strategies for treatment-emergent adverse events in patients with advanced RCC

Pathophysiology



- Arises in proximal renal tubular epithelium
- Hereditary and sporadic forms, both related to chromosome 3 alterations
- Affected genes include *VHL*, *TSC* and *MET*

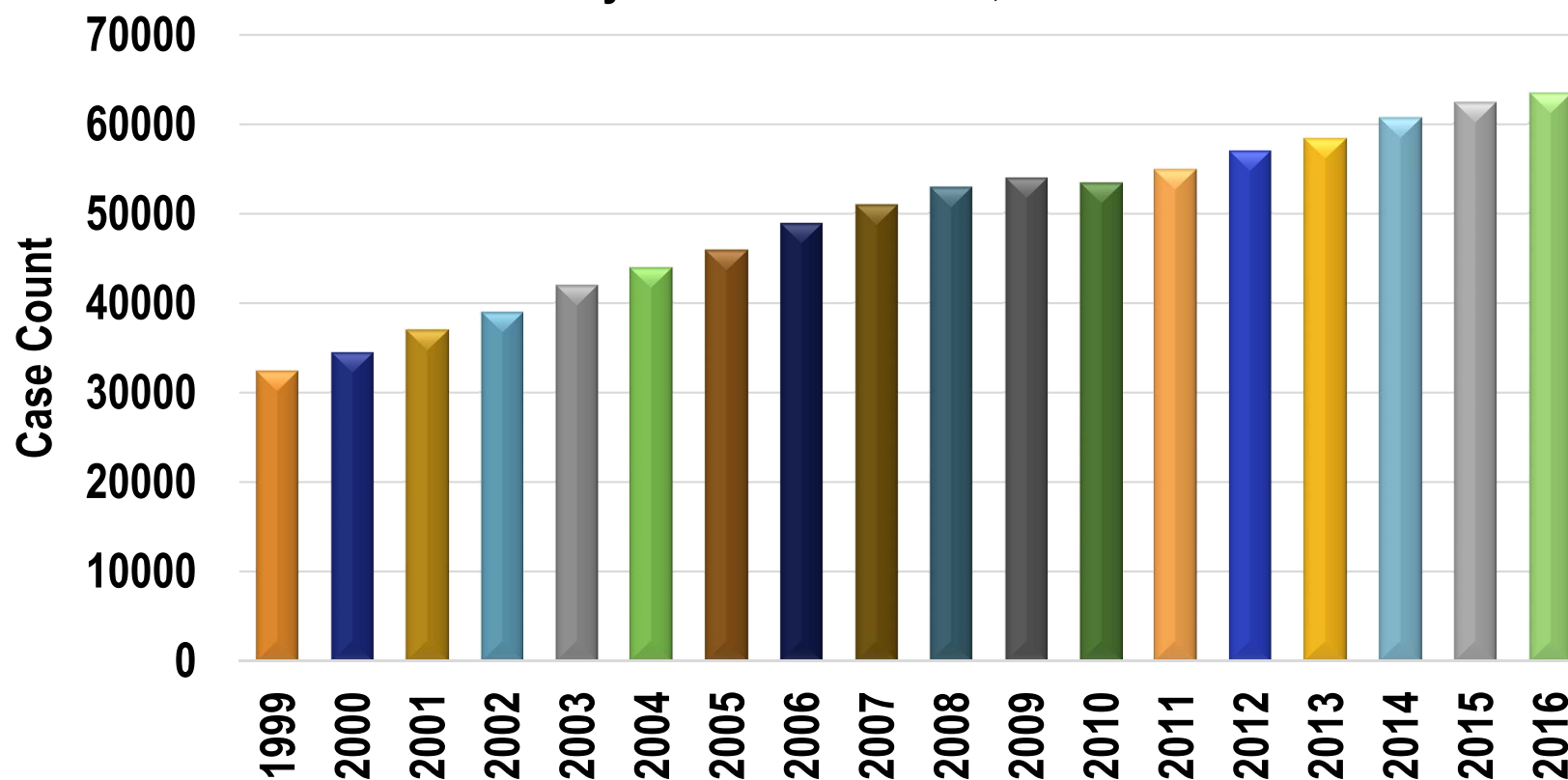


Kidney Cancer Epidemiology

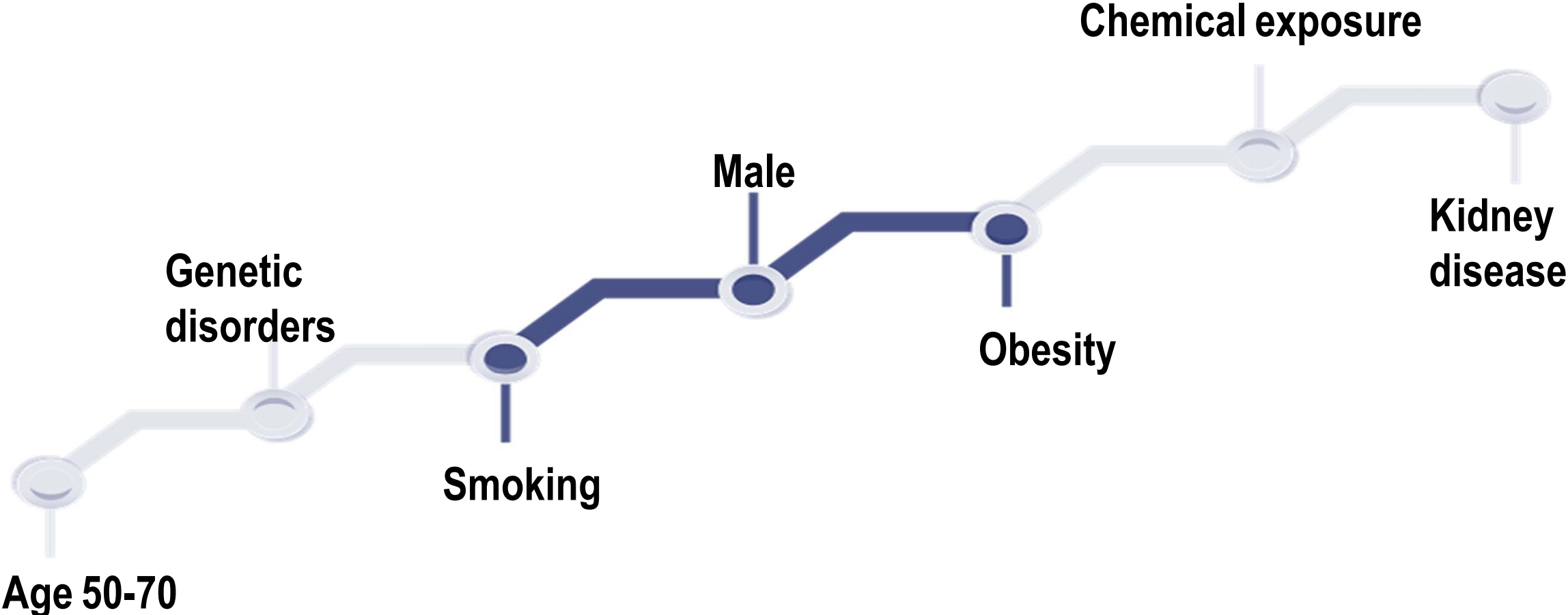


- New diagnoses: 44,120 men and 29,700 women
- 14,770 deaths
- 59,000 will have RCC, primarily clear cell RCC
- Incidence rates climbed from 12.2/100,000 in 1999 to 16.8/100,000 in 2016

Annual Number of New Cancers, 1999-2016
Kidney and Renal Pelvis, United States



Risk Factors

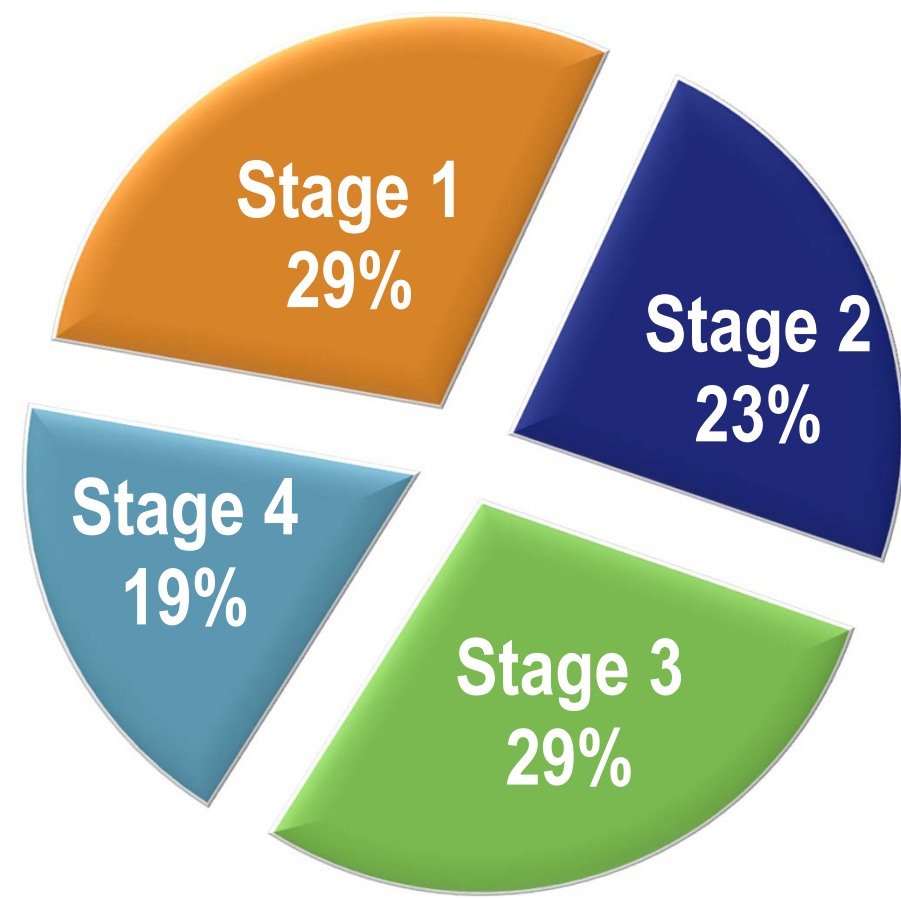


Stage and Prognosis



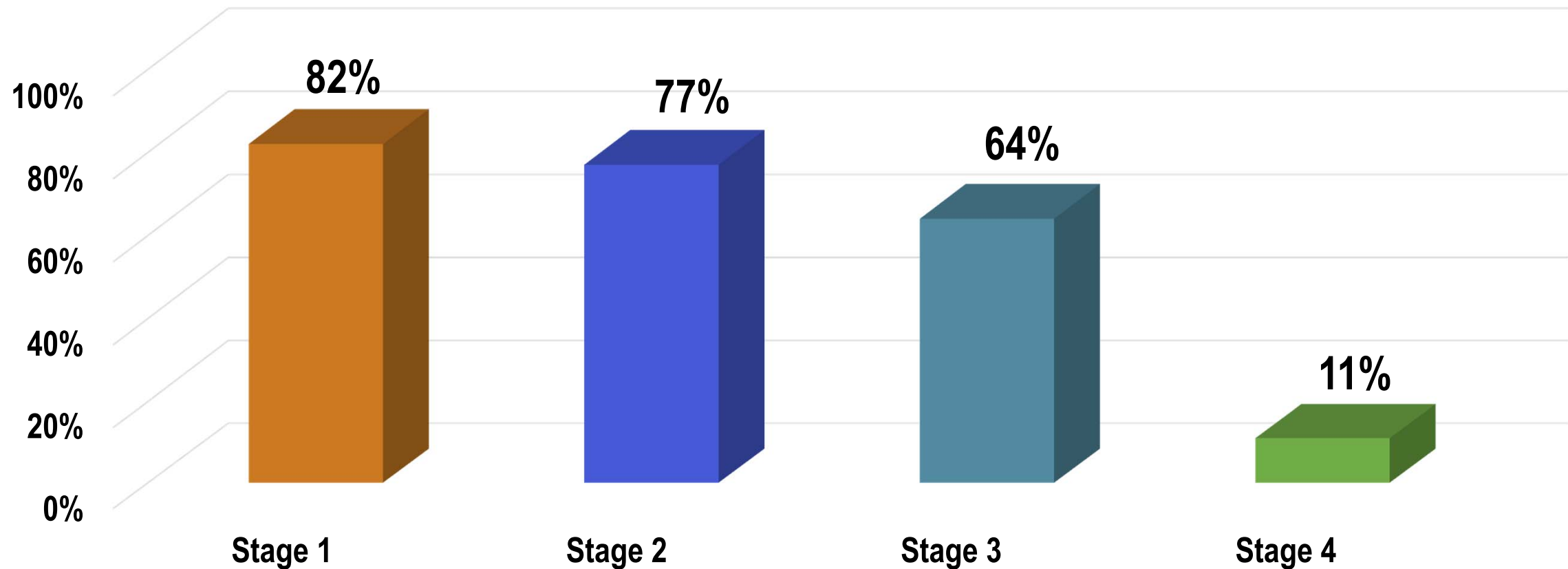
- In US, nearly 1 in 5 has metastatic disease at presentation

Stage at Diagnosis¹



1. Datamonitor 2018 (US); American Cancer Society.

Five-year Survival Rates by Stage at Diagnosis



Source: Goodman M. Cancer: The team that's doubling survival rates. University of Texas southwestern Medical Center website. <https://utswmed.org/medblog/team-s-doubling-cancer-survival-rates>. Nov 9, 2018. Accessed November 2019.

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Examining the Clinical Benefits of Immuno-oncology Agents for RCC

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Conventional Treatment



Surgery

- Potentially curative
- Used for palliation

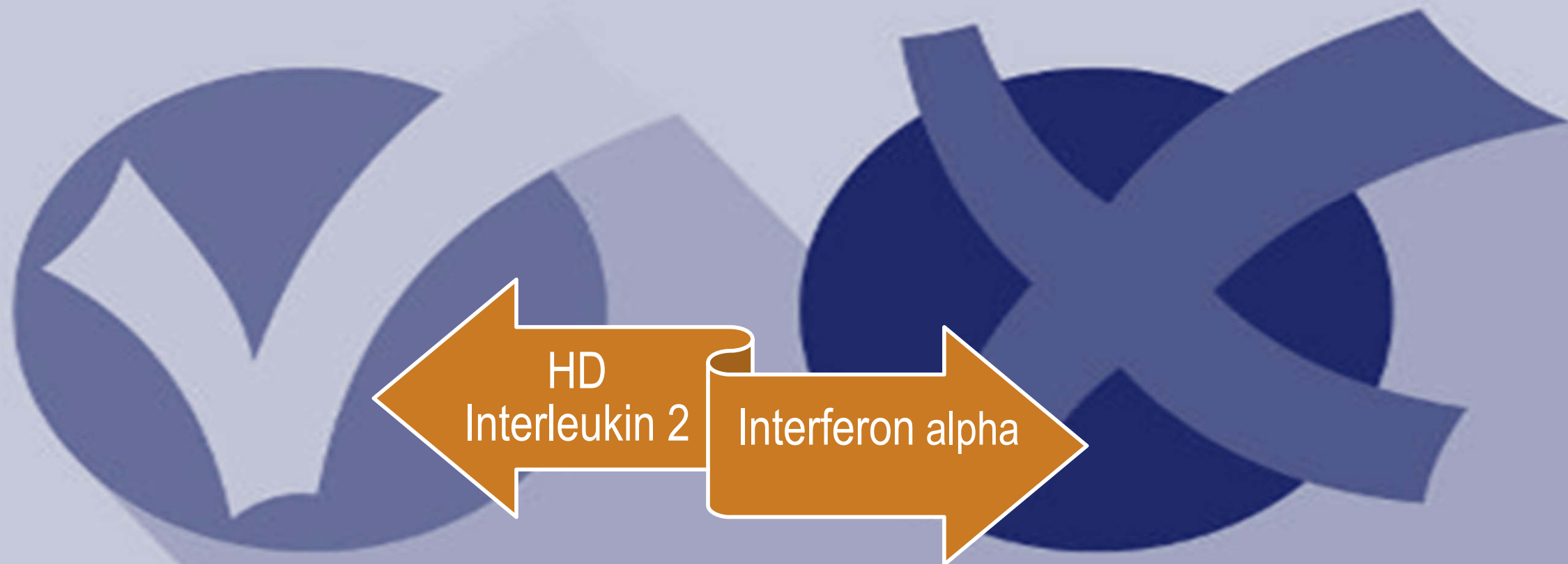
Radiofrequency Ablation

- Nonresectable patients
- Smaller lesions

Chemotherapy

- Chemo and endocrine therapies not standard of care
- ORR < 15%, not durable

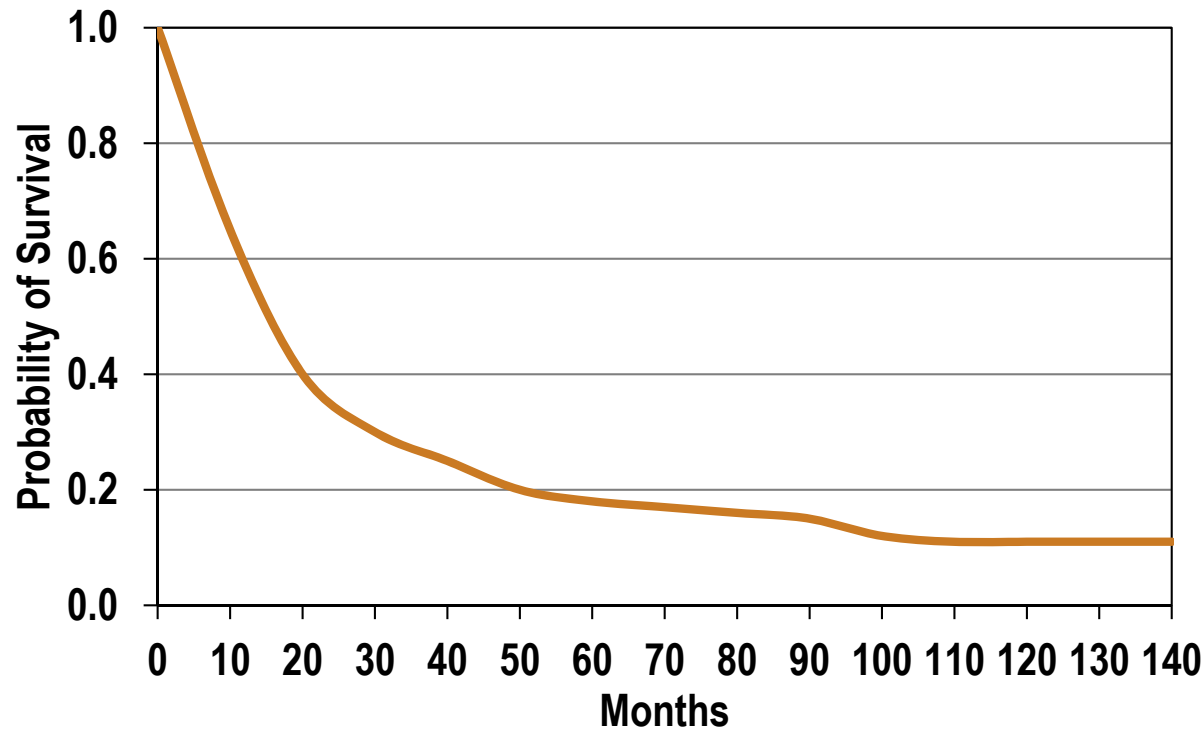
First I-O Therapies: Cytokines—a Hit and a Miss



High Dose Interleukin 2 Offers Very Durable Response or Cure for Some Patients

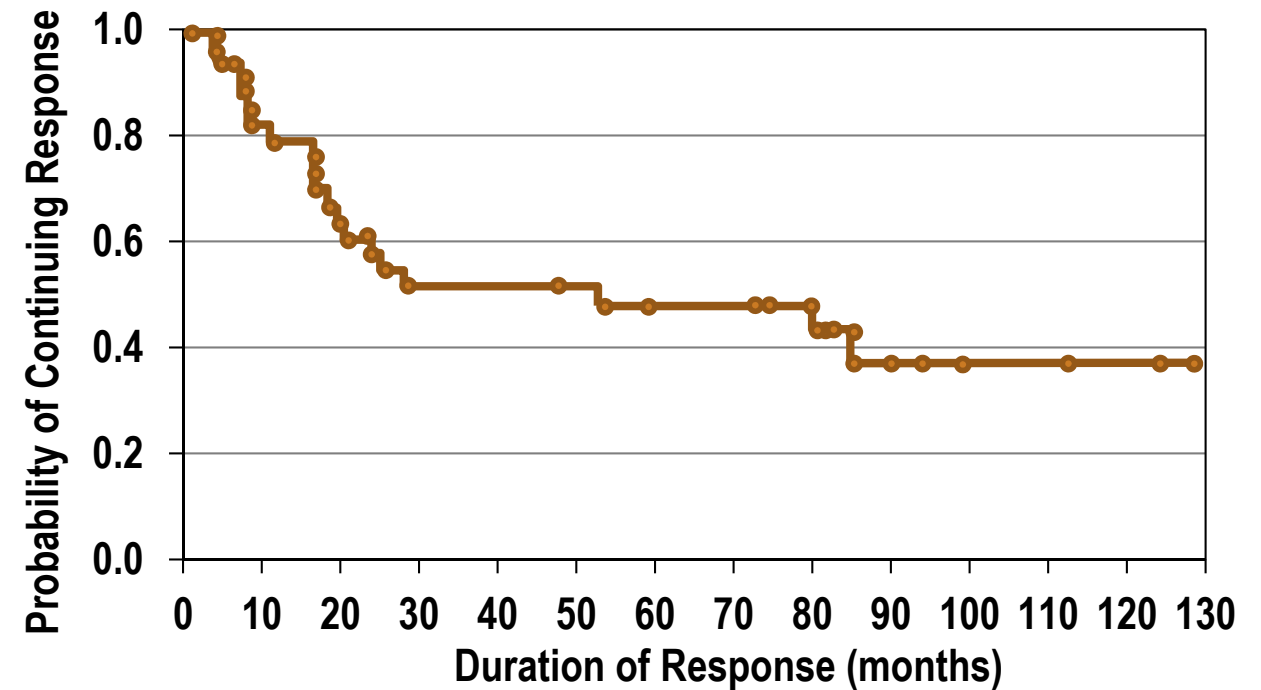


15% of All Patients Treated with HD IL-2 Survive More than 10 Years



Survival of 255 Patients Treated With High Dose IL-2

Nearly 40% of HD IL-2 Responders Continue to Respond for More Than 10 Years



For all 37 responders out of 255 patients treated with high dose IL-2

Targeted Therapy Approvals



VEGFR inhibitors and multi-kinase TKIs

Sorafenib (2005)
Sunitinib (2006)
Pazopanib (2009)
Axitinib (2012)
Lenvatinib mesylate +
everolimus (2016)
Cabozantinib (2017)

mTOR inhibitors

Temsirolimus (2007)
Everolimus (2009)

Monoclonal antibody targeting VEGF

Bevacizumab + interferon alfa-2b
(2010)

Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors Revolutionize Treatment



PD-1 inhibitors

- Nivolumab (2015)
- Pembrolizumab + *axitinib* (2019)

PD-L1 inhibitors

- Avelumab + *axitinib* (2019)

CTLA-4 inhibitor

- Ipilimumab + *nivolumab* (2018)

IMDC/Heng Risk Score (www.mdcalc.com)



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Platelets > upper limit of normal Normal: 150,000 to 400,000	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No 0	<input type="radio"/> Yes +1

0 points
Favorable prognosis
Median survival: 43.2 months

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2 points
Intermediate prognosis
Median survival: 22.5 months

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3 points
Poor prognosis
Median survival: 7.8 months

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International Metastatic RCC Database Consortium/Heng Risk Score for RCC calculates overall survival risk, validated in mRCC patients treated with VEGF-TKIs.

CheckMate 214: Nivolumab + Ipilimumab vs Sunitinib



959 Patients

- Treatment-naïve advanced or metastatic clear-cell RCC
- Measurable disease
- KPS $\geq 70\%$
- Tumor tissue available for PD-L1 testing

Randomize 1:1

Stratified by

- IMDC prognostic score (0 vs 1–2 vs 3–6)
- Region (US vs Canada/Europe vs Rest of World)

Treatment

Arm A

3 mg/kg nivolumab IV +
1 mg/kg ipilimumab IV
Q3W for four doses, then
3 mg/kg nivolumab IV Q2W

Arm B

50 mg sunitinib orally once
daily for 4 weeks
(6-week cycles)

**Treatment until
progression or
unacceptable
toxicity**

Checkmate 214

OS: IMDC Intermediate/Poor Risk

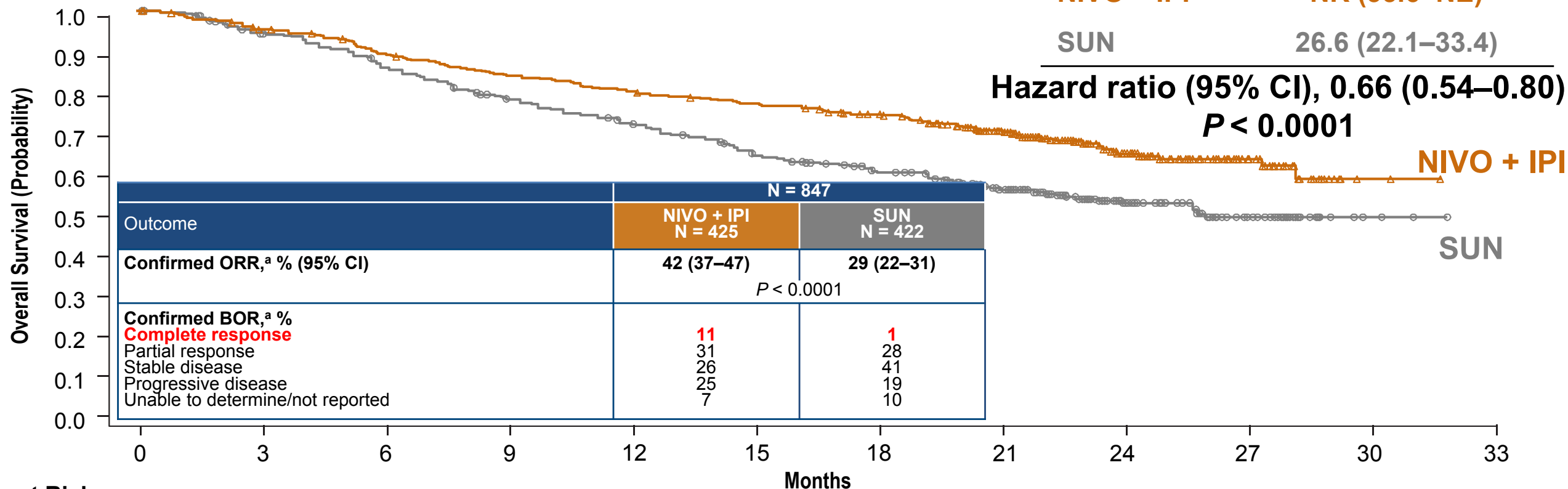


Co-primary endpoint

Median OS, months (95% CI) at median follow up of 32.4 months

NIVO + IPI NR (35.6–NE)
SUN 26.6 (22.1–33.4)

Hazard ratio (95% CI), 0.66 (0.54–0.80)
P < 0.0001



No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
NIVO + IPI	425	399	372	348	332	318	300	241	119	44	2	0
SUN	422	387	352	315	288	253	225	179	89	34	3	0

Tannir NM, Frontera OA, Hammers HJ, Carducci MA, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2019;37 (Suppl; abstr 547).

Checkmate 214

ORR and PFS: IMDC Favorable Risk



Exploratory endpoint

Outcome	N = 249 ^a	
	NIVO + IPI N = 125	SUN N = 124
Confirmed ORR, ^b % (95% CI)	29 (21–38)	52 (43–61)
	<i>P</i> = 0.0002	
PFS, ^c median (95% CI), months	15.3 (9.7–20.3)	25.1 (20.9–NE)
	HR (99.1% CI) 2.18 (1.29–3.68)	
	<i>P</i> < 0.0001	

Checkmate 214 Patient Disposition: All Treated Patients



	NIVO + IPI N = 547	SUN N = 535
Treatment discontinuation, %	77	82
Reasons for treatment discontinuation, %		
Disease progression	42	55
Study drug toxicity	24	12
Adverse event unrelated to study drug	6	6
Other	4	9
Median duration of therapy (95% CI), months	7.9 (6.5–8.4)	7.8 (6.4–8.5)
Median doses received (range), no.		
Nivolumab	14 (1–63)	NA
Ipilimumab	4 (1–4)	NA
Median daily dose (range), mg/day	NA	31 (14–50)

- In the NIVO + IPI arm, 79% of patients received all four doses of IPI
- Median follow-up was 25.2 months

Checkmate 214

Treatment-related AEs: All Treated Patients



Secondary endpoint

Event, %	NIVO + IPI N = 547		SUN N = 535	
	Any grade	Grade 3–5	Any grade	Grade 3–5 ^a
Treatment-related adverse events in ≥25% of patients	93	46	97	63
Fatigue	27	4	49	9
Pruritus	1	0	1	0
Diarrhea	1	0	1	0
Nausea	1	0	1	0
Hypertension	2	<1	40	16
Decreased appetite	14	1	25	1
Dysgeusia	6	0	33	<1
Stomatitis	4	0	28	3
Hypertension	2	<1	40	16
Mucosal inflammation	2	0	28	3
Palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome	1	0	43	9
Treatment-related AEs leading to discontinuation, %	22	15	12	7
Treatment-related deaths	n = 7^b		n = 4^c	

60% of patients treated with NIVO + IPI required systemic corticosteroids for an adverse event

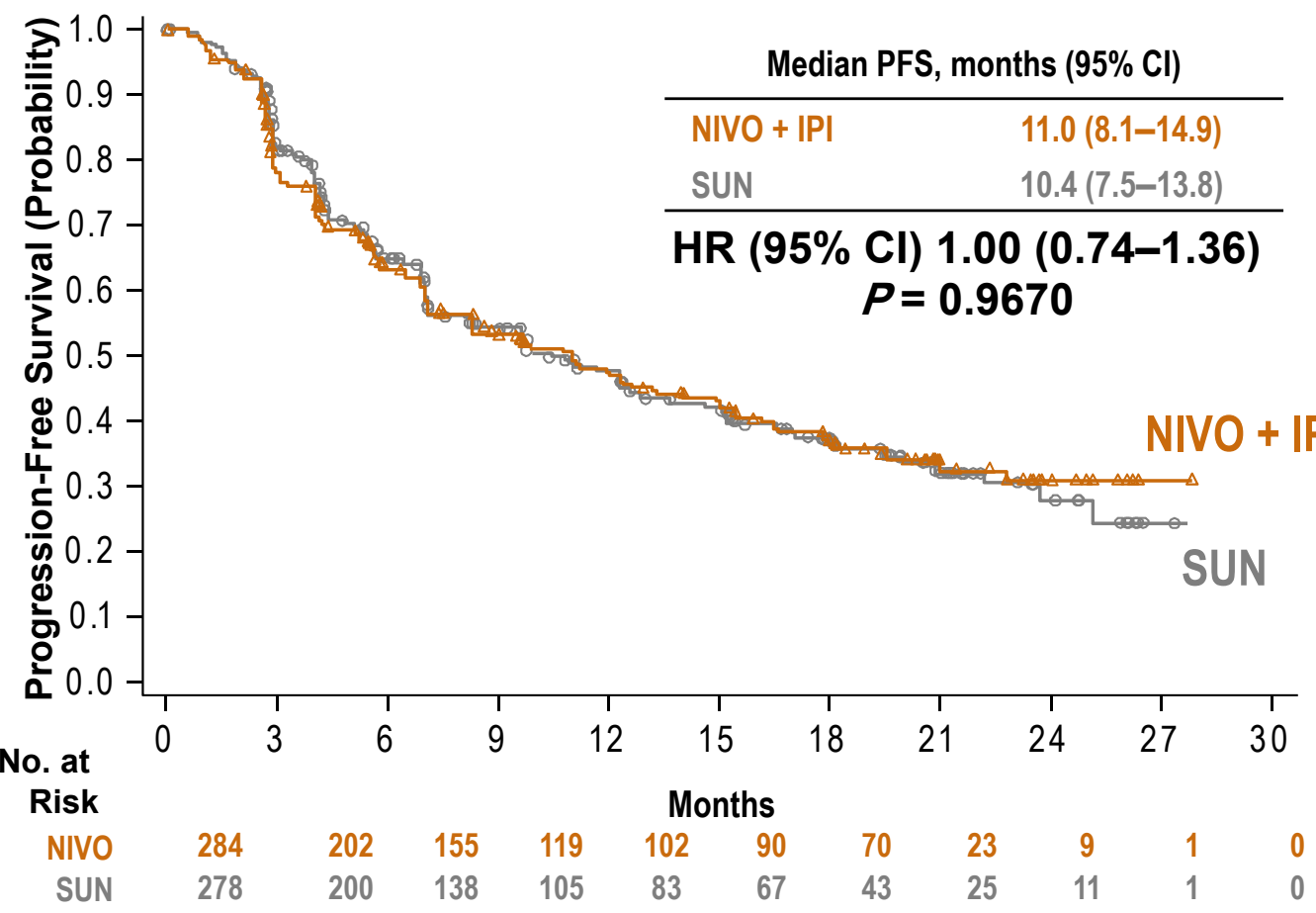
^aTwo patients had grade 5 cardiac arrest. ^bPneumonitis, immune mediated bronchitis, lower GI hemorrhage, hemophagocytic syndrome, sudden death, liver toxicity, lung infection. ^cCardiac arrest (n = 2), heart failure, multiple organ failure

Checkmate 214 PFS by PD-L1 Expression: Intermediate/Poor Risk

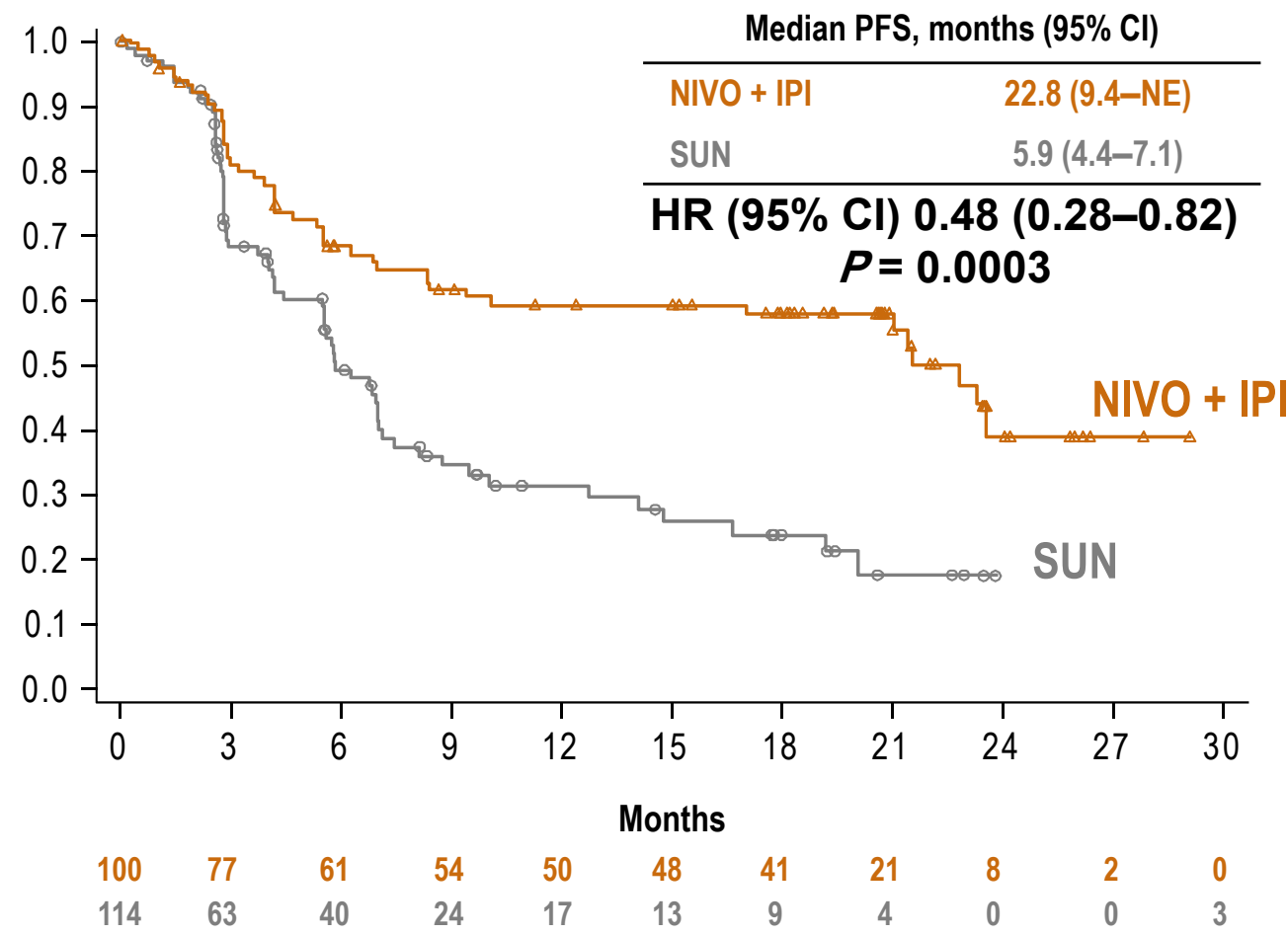


Exploratory endpoint

PD-L1 <1% (n = 562)

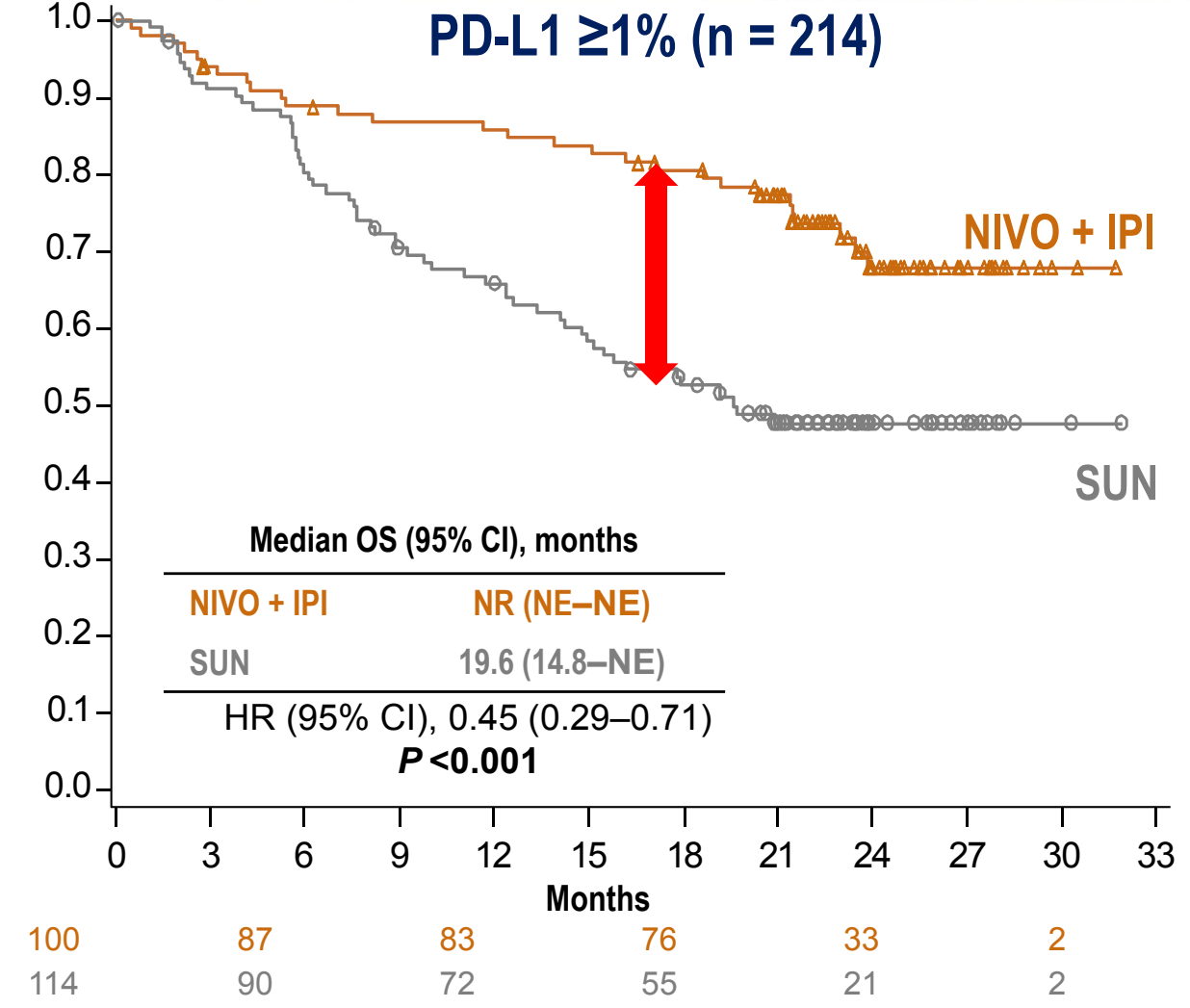
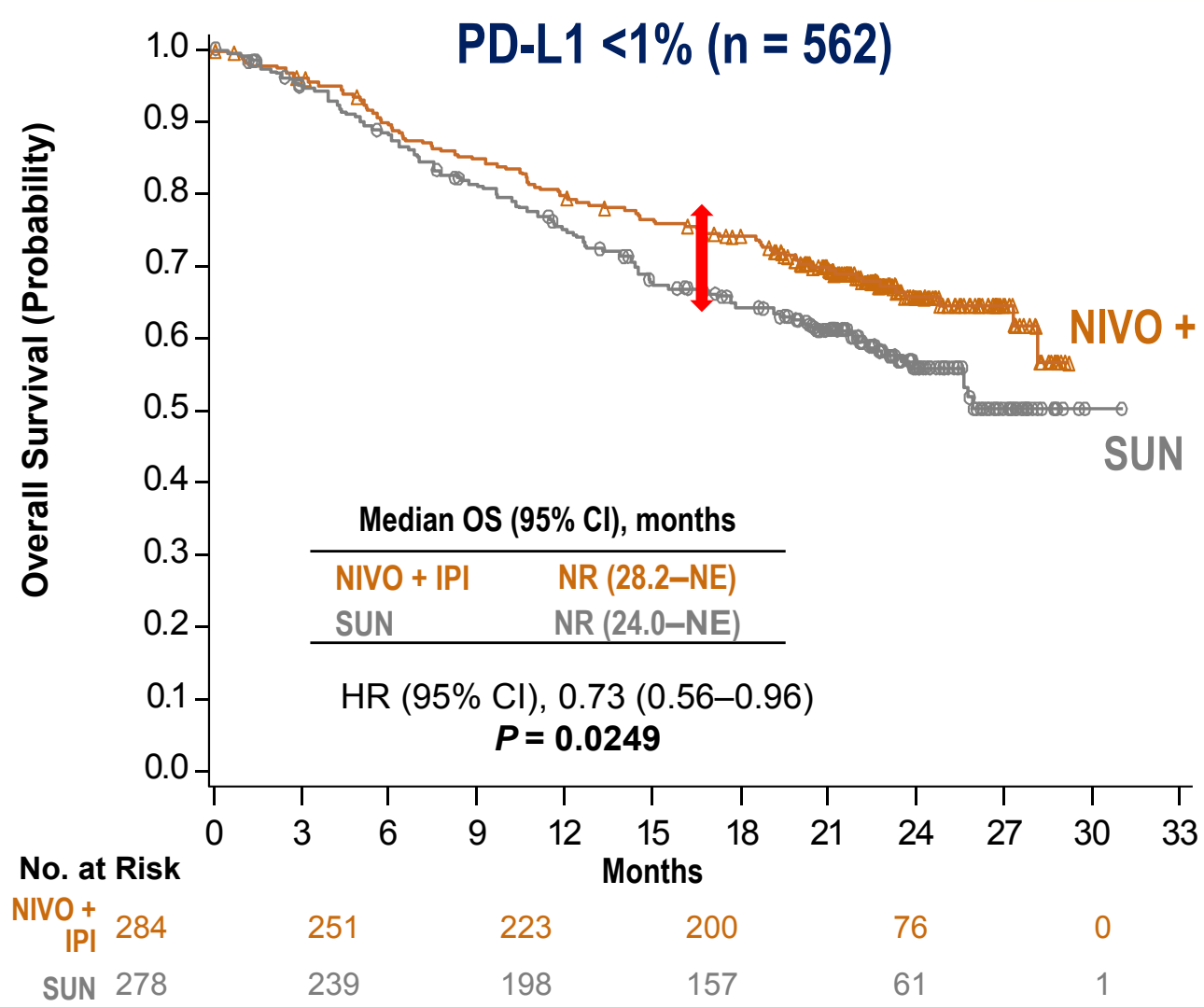


PD-L1 ≥1% (n = 214)



Motzer RJ, Tannir NM, Mcdermott DF, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2018;378(14):1277-1290.

OS by Tumor PD-L1 Expression: IMDC Intermediate/Poor Risk



Motzer RJ, Tannir NM, McDermott DF, Frontera OA, Melichar B, Plimack ER, et al. Abstract 038 presented at SITC 2017. <https://jitc.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s40425-017-0297-3>. Accessed November 2019.

New Standard of Care Combo: Nivolumab + Ipilimumab for Intermediate/Poor-risk



Nivolumab +Ipilimumab approved by FDA for first-line treatment of *intermediate/poor-risk* treatment-naïve patients with advanced RCC in April 2018.



KEYNOTE-426: Pembrolizumab + Axitinib vs Sunitinib



861 Patients

- **Stage 4 ccRCC**
- **Systemic treatment naïve**
- **Karnofsky performance status >70**
- **Measurable disease per RECIST v1.1**
- **Tumor sample**
- **Adequate organ function**

Randomize 1:1

- Stratified by**
- **IMDC prognostic score (favorable vs intermediate/poor)**
 - **Region (North America vs Europe vs Rest of World)**

Treatment

Arm A

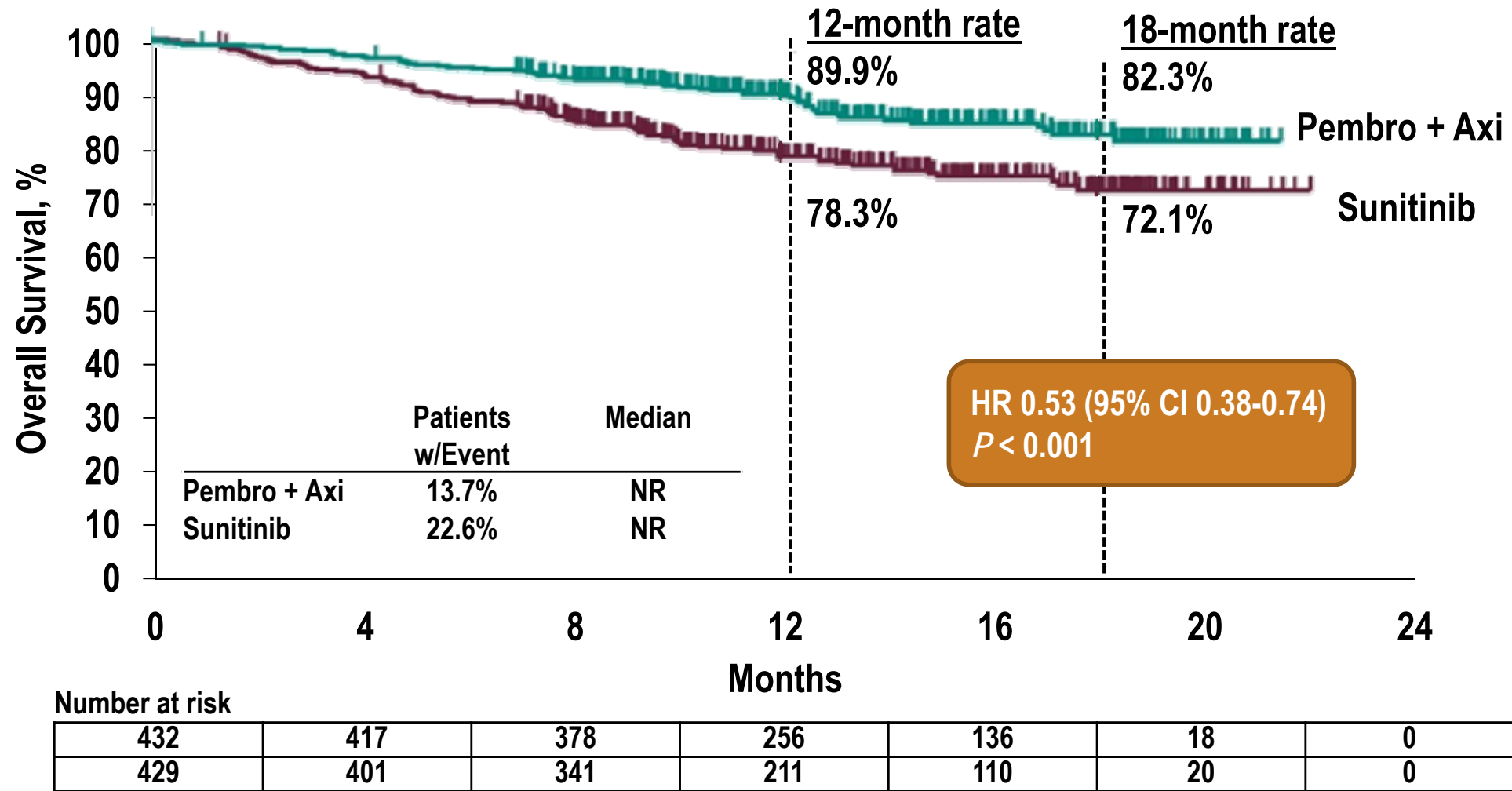
200 mg pembrolizumab IV Q3W up to 35 cycles + axitinib 5 mg orally twice daily

Arm B

50 mg sunitinib orally once daily for 4 weeks (6-week cycles)

Treatment until progression or unacceptable toxicity

KEYNOTE-426: Pembrolizumab + Axitinib Superior to Sunitinib



New Standard of Care Combo: Pembrolizumab + Axitinib



FDA approved pembrolizumab + axitinib for first-line treatment of patients with advanced RCC in March 2019.



JAVELIN Renal 101: Avelumab + Axitinib vs Sunitinib



Patients

- **Advanced ccRCC**
- **Systemic treatment naïve**
- **ECOG PS 0 or 1**
- **Measurable disease per RECIST v1.1**
- **Tumor sample**
- **Adequate organ function**

Randomize 1:1

Stratified by

- **ECOG PS 0 vs 1**
- **Region (North America vs Europe vs Rest of World)**

Treatment

Arm A

Avelumab 10 mg/kg IV
Q2W +
Axitinib 5 mg PO BID
(6-week cycles)

Arm B

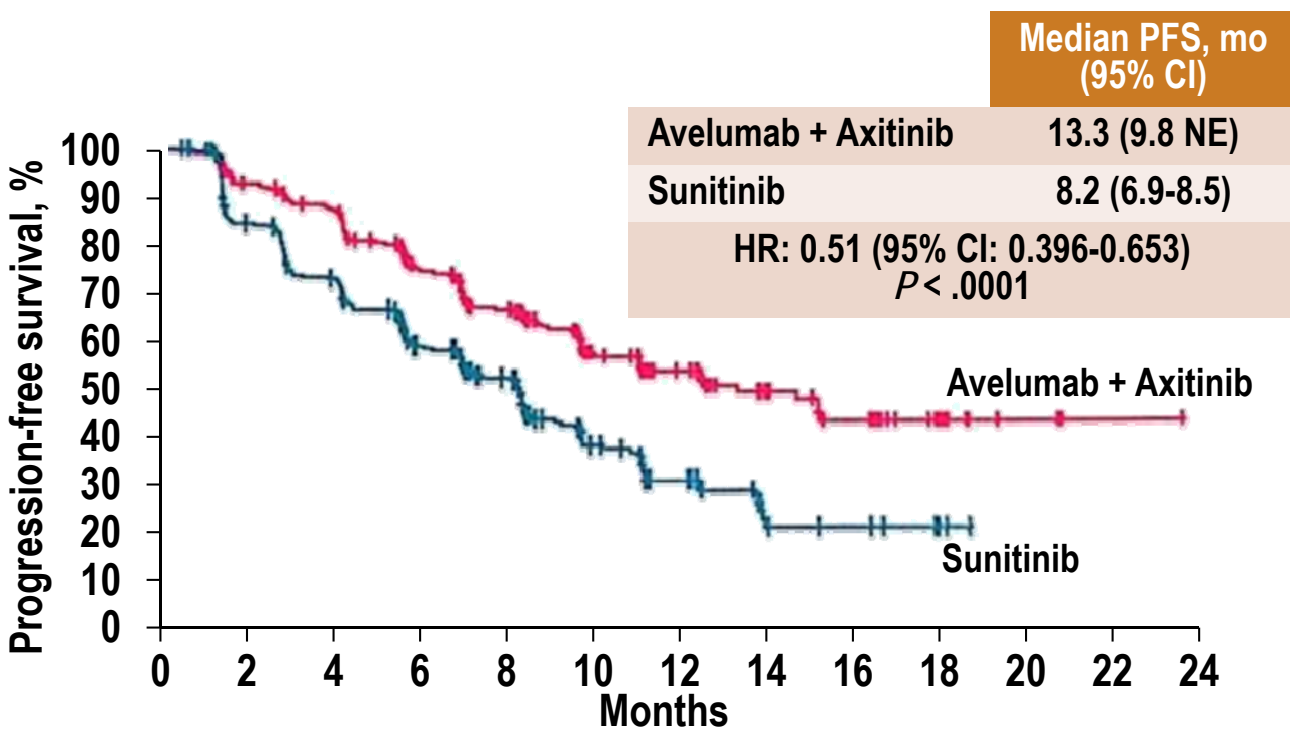
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Treatment until
progression or
unacceptable toxicity

JAVELIN Renal 101: Avelumab + Axitinib



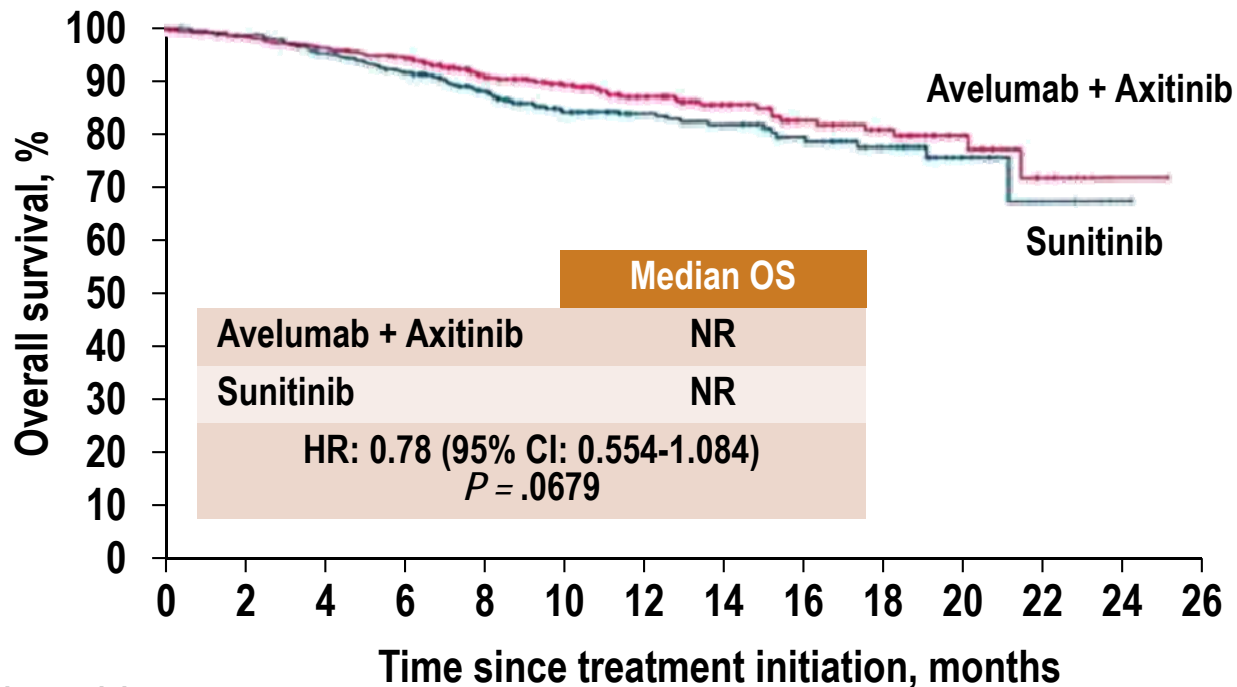
PFS in PD-L1 positive Patients



Number at risk

Months	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Avel+Axite:	270	235	216	166	127	78	57	36	25	15	4	1	0
Sunitinib:	290	227	191	138	100	51	32	12	10	5	0		

OS in Intent-to-Treat Cohort (Results pending)



Number at risk

Months	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
Avel+Axite:	442	426	412	396	319	252	187	121	93	70	27	8	1	0
Sunitinib:	444	426	401	373	295	224	175	113	84	59	17	5	1	0

Motzer R, Penkov K, Haanen JBAG, Rini BI, Albiges L, Campbell MT, et al. Abstract presented October 21, 2018 at ESMO 2018. <https://oncologypro.esmo.org/Meeting-Resources/ESMO-2018-Congress/JAVELIN-Renal-101-a-randomized-phase-3-study-of-avelumab-axitinib-vs-sunitinib-as-first-line-treatment-of-advanced-renal-cell-carcinoma-aRCC>

New Standard of Care Combo: Pembrolizumab + Axitinib



FDA approved
avelumab + axitinib for
first-line treatment of
patients with advanced
RCC in May 2019.



Other Phase 3 IO Combination Clinical Trials



Trial Name	Drugs	Interim Results
Immotion 151 ¹ 915 patients	Atezolizumab + Bevacizumab vs Sunitinib	ITT pop PFS: A+B 11.2 vs 8.4 Sun mos OS: A+B 33.6 vs 34.9 Sun mos, HR 0.93 (95%:0.76, 1.14) PD-L1+ pop PFS: A+B 11.2 vs 7.7 mos Sun OS: A+B 34 vs 32.7 mos Sun HR 0.84 (95%: 0.6,-1.15)
CLEAR ² 735 patients	Lenvatinib + Everolimus/ Lenvatinib + Pembrolizumab vs Sunitinib	Lenvatinib + everolimus approved for mRCC Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab promising in Phase 2 Results not yet reported

1. Rini BI, Powles T, Atkins MB, et al. Lancet. 2019; Jun 15;393(10189):2404-2415.

2. Grunwald V, Powles T, Choueiri TK, et al. Future Oncology 15(9). <https://www.futuremedicine.com/doi/10.2217/fon-2018-0745> Published January 28 2019.

Other Notable Phase 3 IO Combination Clinical Trials



Trial Name	Drugs	Interim Results
PIVOT-09 600 patients	Bempegaldesleukin + nivolumab vs cabozantinib or sunitinib	Now enrolling
Cosmic-313 676 patients	Cabozantinib + nivolumab + ipilimumab vs nivolumab + ipilimumab	Intermediate/poor-risk only Launched May 2019.

2020 NCCN First-line ccRCC Recommendations



Risk	Preferred	Alternate	Useful in Some Circumstances
Favorable	Axitinib + Pembrolizumab Pazopanib Sunitinib	Axitinib + avelumab Ipilimumab + nivolumab, followed by nivolumab Cabozantinib (cat 2b)	Active surveillance Axitinib (cat 2b) High dose IL-2
Poor/Intermediate	Axitinib + Pembrolizumab (cat 1) Ipilimumab + nivolumab (cat 1), followed by nivolumab Cabozantinib	Axitinib + avelumab Pazopanib Sunitinib	Axitinib (cat 2b) High dose IL-2 Temsirrolimus

2020 NCCN Recommendations for Subsequent Therapy for ccRCC



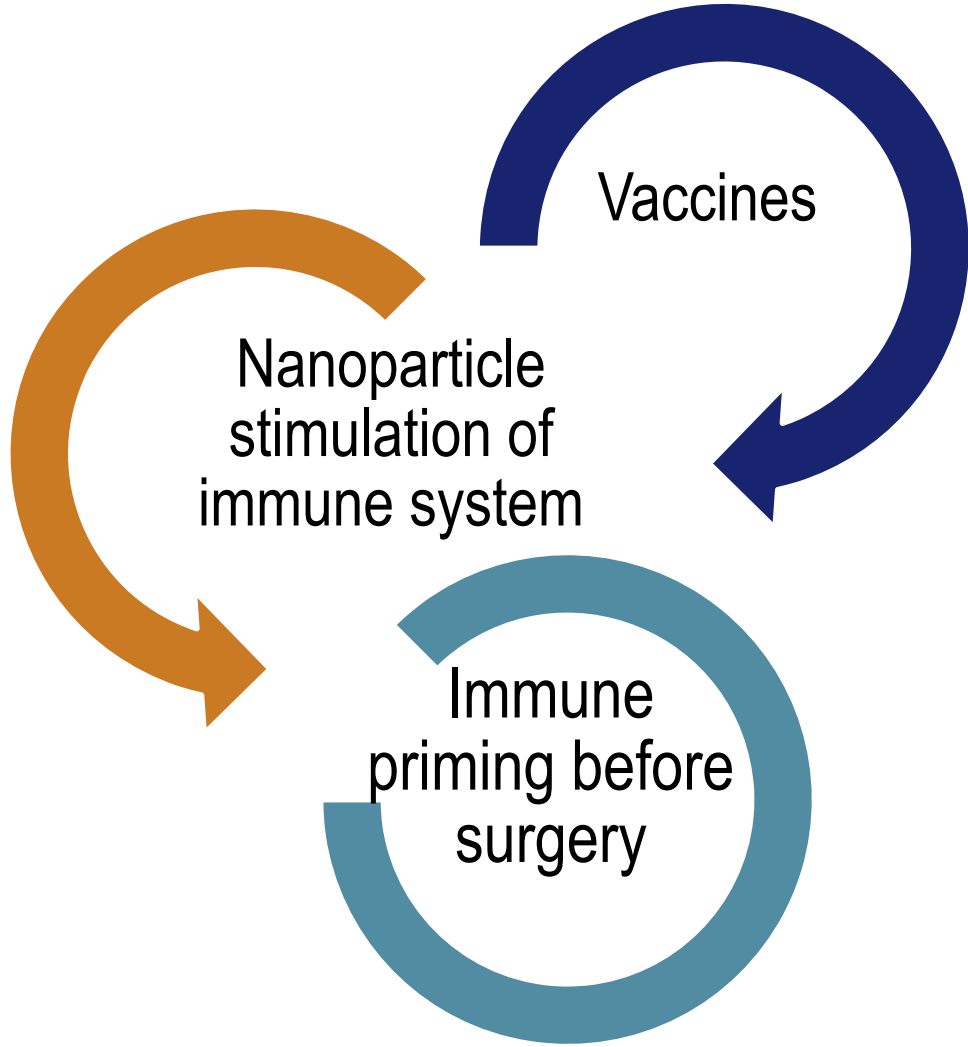
Preferred	Alternate	Useful in Some Circumstances
<p>Cabozantinib (cat 1) Nivolumab (cat 1) Ipilimumab + nivolumab</p>	<p>Axitinib (cat 1) Lenvatinib + everolimus (cat 1) Axitinib + pembrolizumab Everolimus Pazopanib Sunitinib Axitinib + avelumab (cat 3)</p>	<p>Bevacizumab or biosimilars (cat 2b) High dose IL-2 (cat 2b) Sorafenib (cat 2b) Temsirolimus (cat 2b)</p>

2020 NCCN Recommendations for Advanced Non-ccRCC



Preferred	Other Options	Options in Some Cases
<p>Clinical Trial (preferred) Sunitinib</p> <p><i>Pembrolizumab (may become an option)</i></p>	<p>Cabozantinib Everolimus</p>	<p>Axitinib Bevacizumab or biosimilar Bevacizumab + everolimus (advanced papillary RCC and HLRCC) Bevacizumab or biosimilar + everolimus Erlotinib Gemcitabine + carboplatin (only for collecting duct or medullary subtypes) Gemcitabine + cisplatin (only for collecting duct or medullary subtypes) Lenvatinib + everolimus Nivolumab Paclitaxel + carboplatin Pazopainb Temsirrolimus (cat 1 for poor risk, 2A otherwise)</p>

New Applications of Immune-oncology in RCC





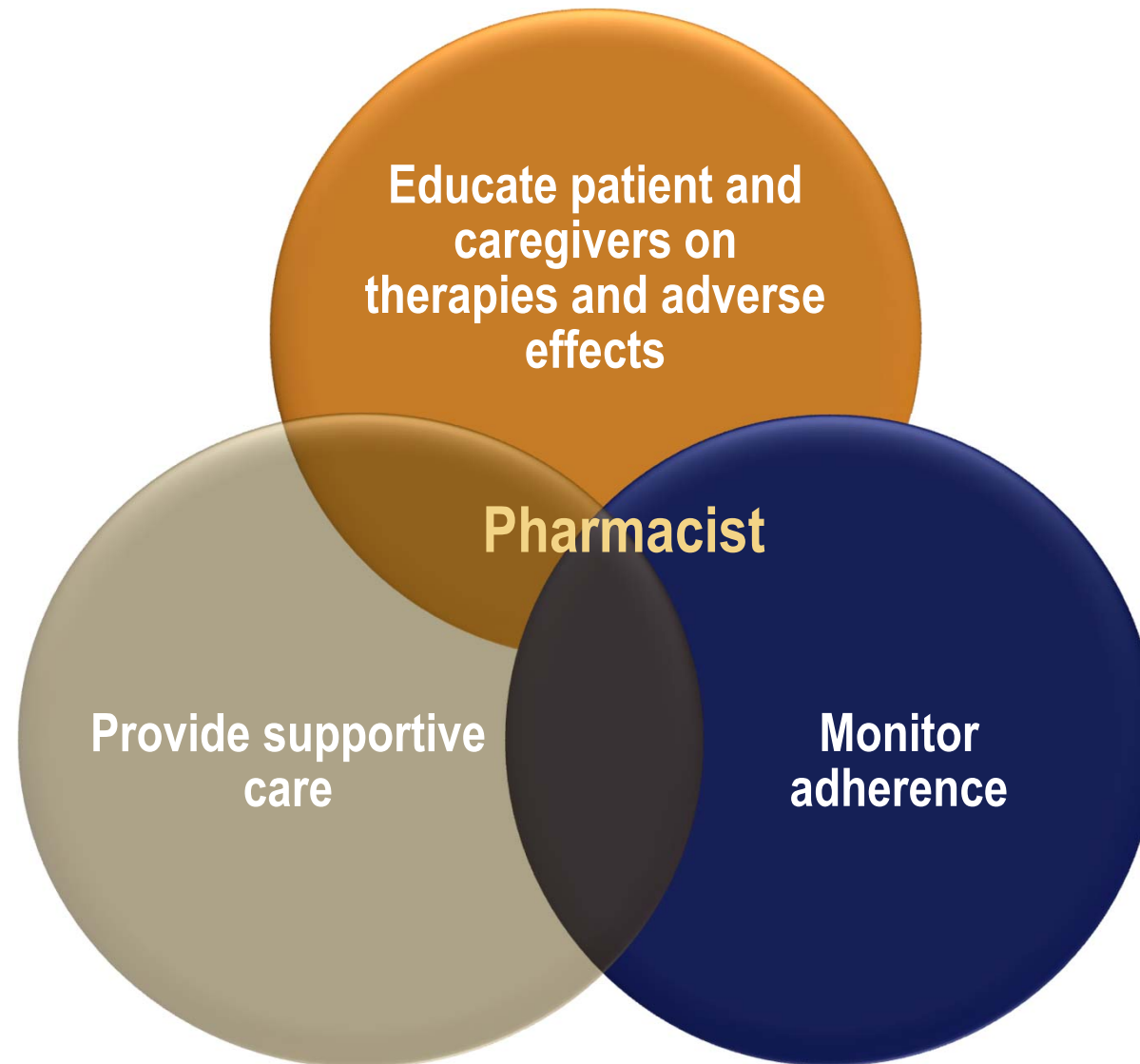
Care Management Strategies to Enhance Overall Outcomes for Patients Requiring Immuno-oncology Agents for RCC

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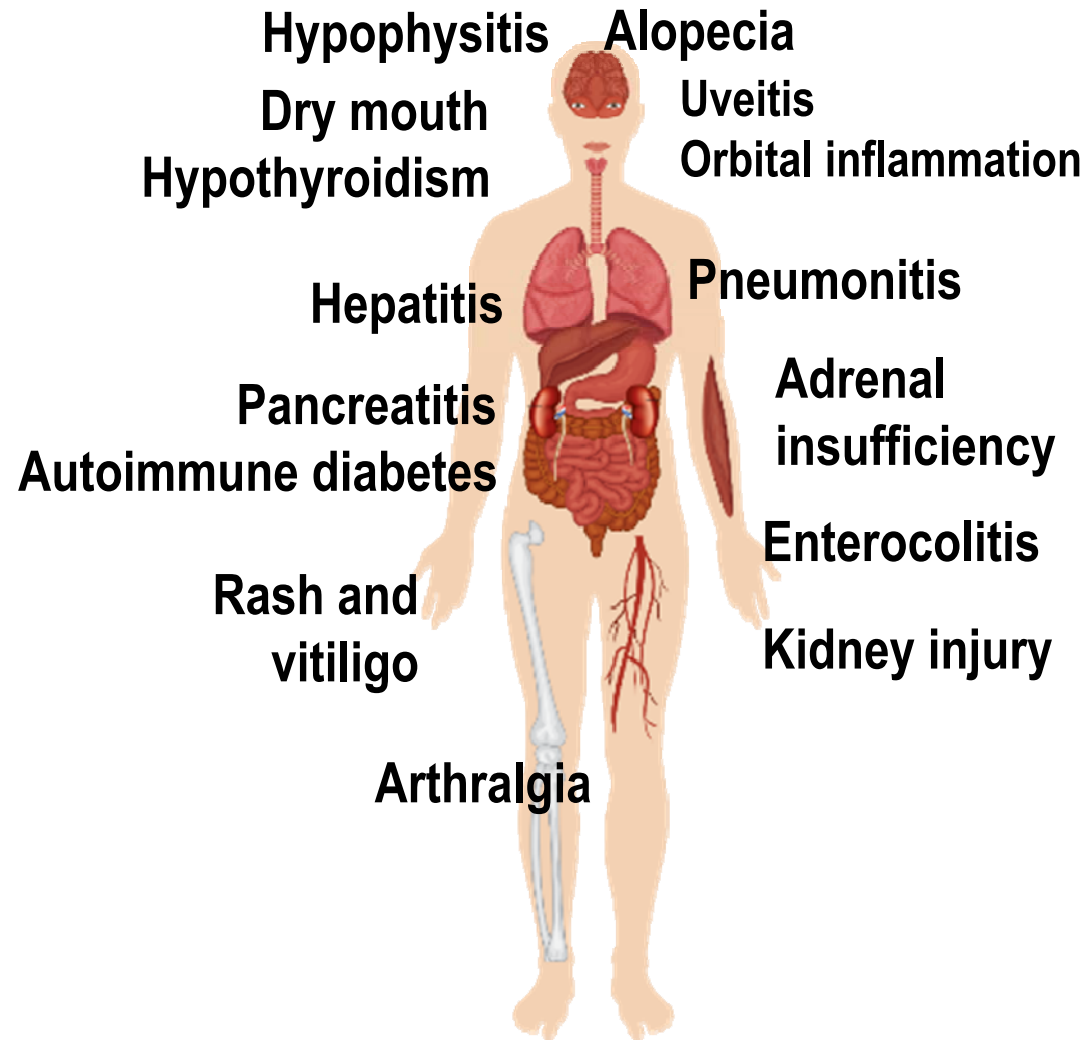
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Care Management Strategies



Immune-related Adverse Events Common with Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors (ICIs)



Frequency of Common Adverse Events for TKIs



Selected treatment-related adverse nonhematologic and nonlaboratory events reported in at least 10% of patients treated with sunitinib in the 3 mRCC studies.

Adverse event	% of patients from pooled phase 2 second-line studies		% of patients from randomized phase 3 first-line study	
	All grades	Grade 3 or 4	All grades	Grade 3 or 4
Gastrointestinal disorders				
Constipation	20.1	0.0	NS	NS
Diarrhea	49.1	3.0	53	5
Dyspepsia	40.8	0.6	NS	NS
Nausea	49.7	1.2	44	3*
Stomatitis	41.4	3.6	25	1*
Vomiting	30.8	1.2	24	1*
General disorders				
Fatigue	50.4	10.7	51	7*
Mucosal inflammation	17.8	0.6	20	2*
Infections and infestations	12.4	2.4	NS	NS
Cardiac Disorder				
Ejection fraction decreased	14.2	2.4	10	2*
Metabolism				
Anorexia	27.8	0.6	NS	NS*
Musculoskeletal				
Pain in extremity	12.4	0.6	11	1*
Nervous system disorders				
Dysgeusia	42	0.0	NS	NS
Headache	14.8	0.6	11	1*
Skin disorders				
Dry skin	13.0	0.0	15	1*
Erythema	11.8	0.0	NS	NS
Hair color changes	14.2	0.0	14	0
Palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome	12.4	3.6	20	5*
Rash	26.0	0.6	19	2
Skin discoloration	32.0	0.0	16	0
Vascular disorders				
Hypertension	16.6	4.1	24	8*

Kollmannsberger C, Soulieres D, Wong R, Scalera A, Gaspo R, Bjarnason G. *Can Urol Assoc J.* 2007;1(2 Suppl):S41-54.

Common Toxicities by Drug



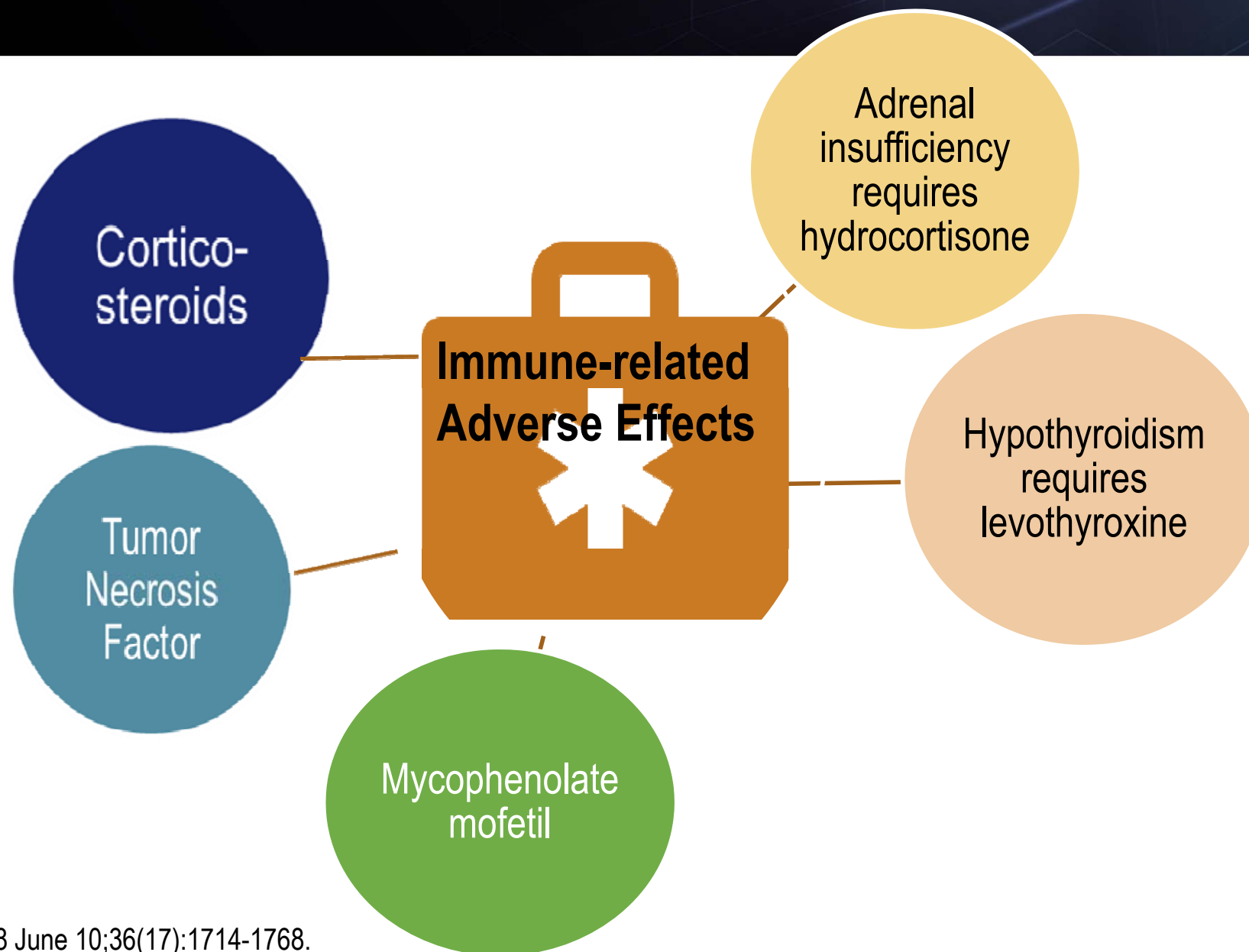
Drug/Regimen	Type Agent	Initial Dose/Schedule	Toxicity Profile (>20% of patients)
Sunitinib	Tyrosine kinase inhibitor	50 mg PO daily 4 weeks/2 weeks off every 6 weeks	Diarrhea, fatigue, hypertension, H/F syndrome, neutropenia, thrombopenia, ↑ hepatic function tests
Sorafenib	Multikinase inhibitor	400 mg PO twice daily	Fatigue, weight loss, rash/desquamation, hand-foot skin reaction, alopecia, diarrhea, anorexia, nausea, and abdominal pain
Pazopanib	Tyrosine kinase inhibitor	800 mg PO daily	Diarrhea, hypertension, nausea, hair color change, ↑ hepatic function tests, neutropenia, thrombopenia
Axitinib	Tyrosine kinase inhibitor	5 mg PO twice daily with dose escalation	Diarrhea, hypertension, fatigue, decreased appetite, nausea, dysphonia, hand-foot skin reaction, weight loss, stomatitis
Cabozantinib	Tyrosine kinase inhibitor (MET, AXL, VEGF)	60 mg PO daily	Diarrhea, hypertension, fatigue, H/F syndrome, nausea/vomiting, weight loss, stomatitis
Lenvatinib + Everolimus	Tyrosine kinase and mTOR inhibitors	Everolimus 5 mg PO daily + Lenvatinib 18 mg PO daily	Everolimus: stomatitis, infections, asthenia, fatigue, cough, diarrhea, and non-infections pneumonitis (11-14%) Lenvatinib: hypothyroidism, fatigue, diarrhea, HTN, proteinurea

Common Toxicities by Drug



Drug/Regimen	Type Agent	Initial Dose/Schedule	Toxicity Profile (>20% of patients)
Temsirolimus	mTOR inhibitor	25 mg IV weekly	Rash, asthenia, mucositis, nausea, edema, and anorexia, hyperglycemia, hyperlipidemia, hypertriglyceridemia, elevated serum creatinine, thrombocytopenia, elevated AST
Everolimus	mTOR inhibitor	10 mg PO twice daily	Stomatitis, infections, asthenia, fatigue, cough, diarrhea Non-infectious pneumonitis (11-14%)
Bevacizumab + IFN α	VEGF monoclonal antibody + cytokine	Bevacizumab 10 mg/kg IV every 2 weeks	Fatigue, hemorrhage, hypertension, fever, flu-like syndrome Additional adverse events: gastrointestinal perforations, surgical and wound healing complications, hemorrhage
Nivolumab	Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor	Nivolumab 240 mg IV every 2 weeks	Fatigue, nausea, pruritus, autoimmune events (e.g., colitis, pneumonitis, hepatitis; <5%)

Adverse Effects: Immunosuppression

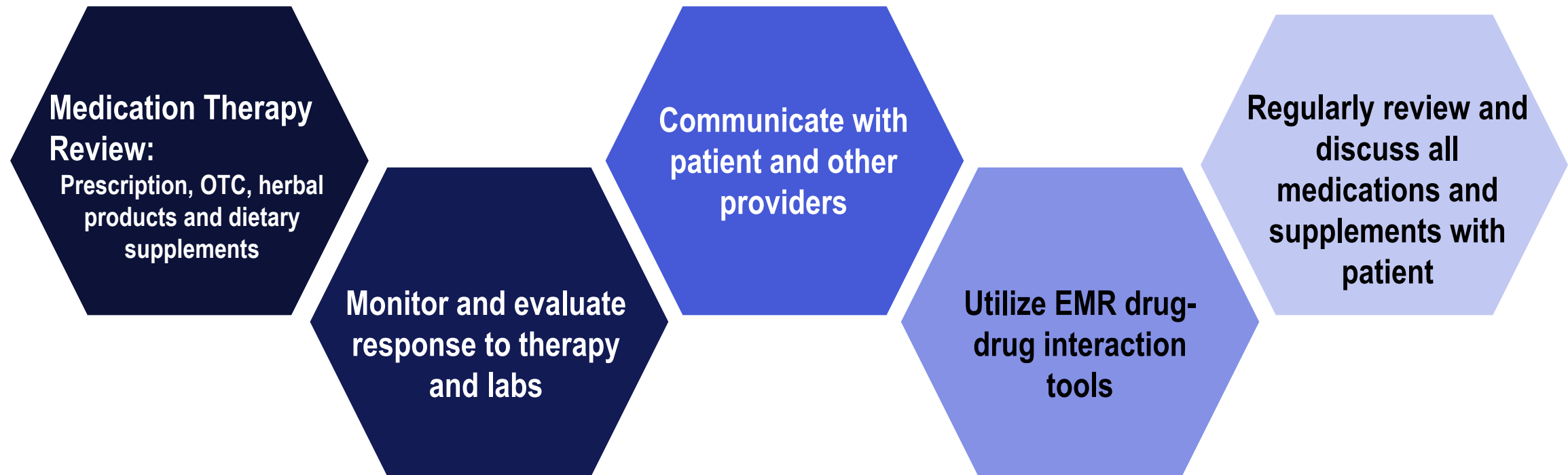


Adverse Events: ASCO General Recommendations



Toxicity Grade	Recommendation
All	Assume high level of suspicion that all adverse events are treatment related
Grade 1	Continue therapy with close monitoring, with some exceptions
Grade 2	Hold ICPI therapy. Consider 0.5-1.0 mg/kg/d of corticosteroids. Consider resuming therapy when symptoms or lab values revert to grade 1 or lower.
Grade 3	Initiate 1-2 mg/kg/d prednisone or methylprednisolone IV 1-2 mg/kg/d. If symptoms do not improve in 48-72 hours, consider adding infliximab. Taper steroids over 4-6 weeks. When symptoms or lab values revert to grade 1 or less, consider rechallenge with ICPI therapy. Proceed with caution.
Grade 4	Permanently discontinue therapy, unless toxicity is endocrinopathy that has been controlled by hormone replacement.

Minimizing Drug-Drug Interactions



Potential Interactions for TKIs



Drug	Interaction Drug Class	Potential Drug Interactions
Axitinib, cabozantinib, lenvatinib, pazopanib, sorafenib, sunitinib	CYP3A4 inducers	Efavirenz, dexamethasone, phenytoin, carbamazepine, phenobarbital, rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine, St. John's wort
	CYP3A4 inhibitors	Aprepitant, ketoconazole, itraconazole, clarithromycin, erythromycin, atazanavir, indinavir, nefazodone, nelfinavir, ritonavir, saquinavir, telithromycin, voriconazole, grapefruit juice
	P-glycoprotein inhibitors	Omeprazole and other proton pump inhibitors, amiodarone, cyclosporine, colchicine, diltiazem, quinidine

Potential Interactions for TKIs



Drug	Class	Potential Danger
Lenvatinib, pazopanib, sunitinib	Anticoagulants Antiarrhythmics Antipsychotics Antidepressants Opioids Macrolide antibiotics Quinolone antibiotics 5HT3 antagonists Domperidone	May prolong QT or QTc interval

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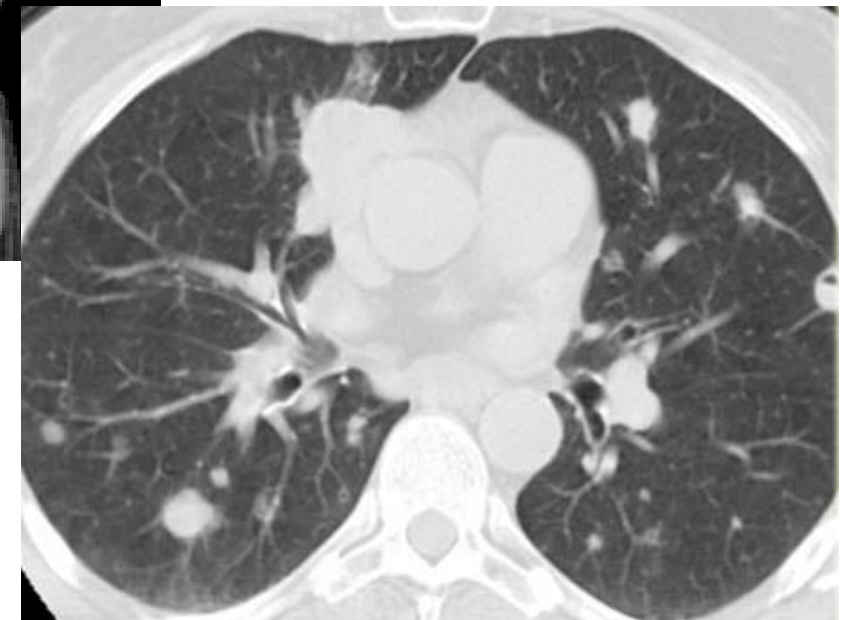
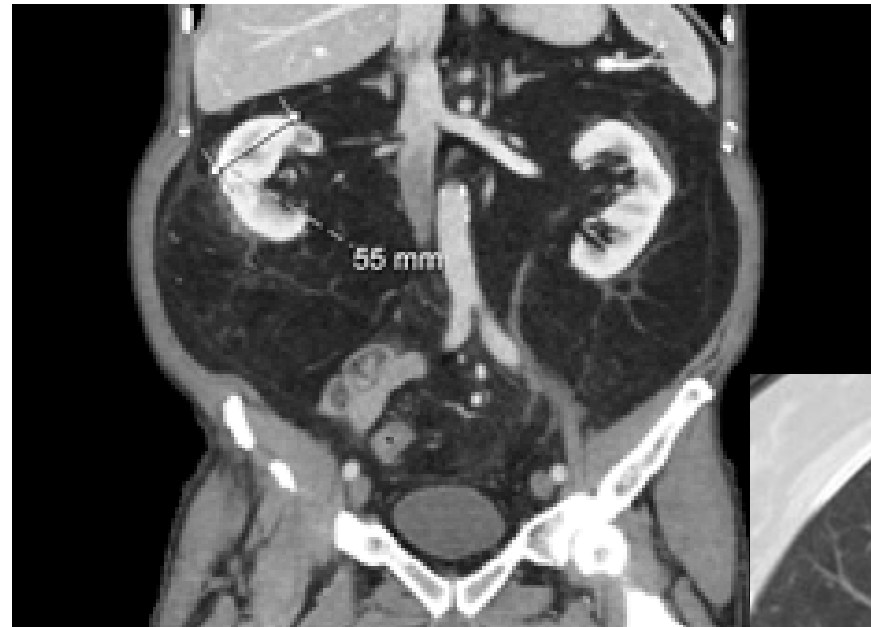
Case Studies

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Case 1: To Cut or Not to Cut



- 70-year-old male
- Limited past medical history
- Pt has a CT abdomen following car accident
- Imaging shows large, 6 cm renal mass
- Imaging also shows multiple pulmonary nodules up to 3 cm



Case 1: What would be your next step?



Biopsy

Cytoreductive nephrectomy

Cytoreductive nephrectomy with initiation of systemic therapy

Systemic therapy alone

Case 1: First Step



Biopsy

We can clarify the pathology and then decide what systemic therapy to offer.



**Case 1: It's clear cell RCC.
What systemic therapy would you offer?**



Cabozantinib

Axitinib with Avelumab

Axitinib with Pembrolizumab

Nivolumab with Ipilimumab

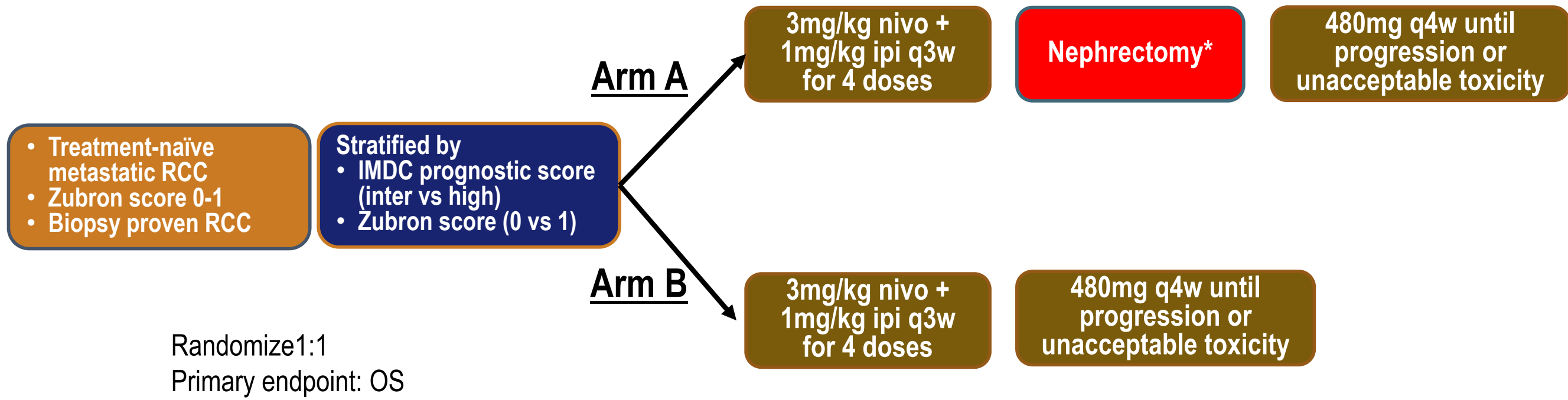
Case 1: Systemic Therapy for ccRCC



Nivolumab + ipilimumab

Irrespective of labs, he inherently has *intermediate or poor risk* disease. The patient has documented clear cell pathology and is a candidate for CN. Both Nivo+Ipi and Ax+Pembro are NCCN category 1 recommendations in this population. I'd prefer to save a VEGF inhibitor for a potential second line.

Case 1: SWOG PROBE Trial: Arm A or B?

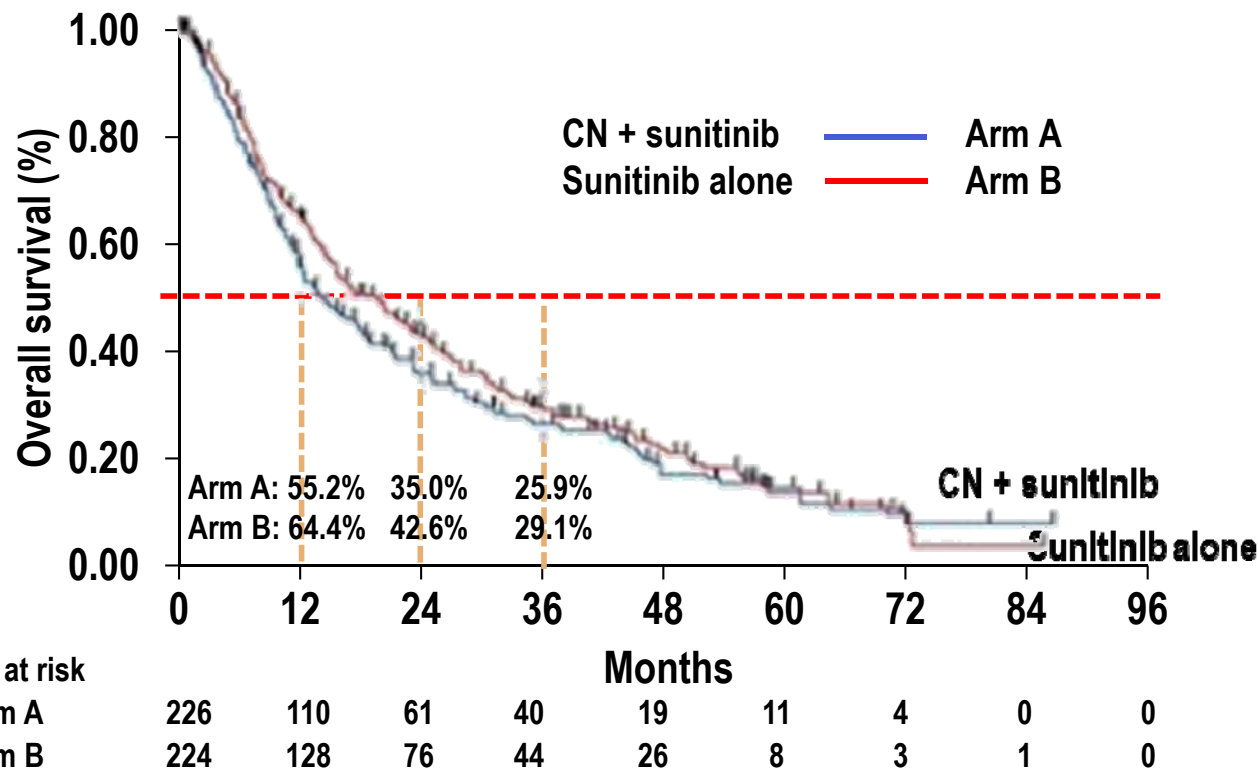


*Cytoreductive nephrectomy can be deferred for disease progression or performance score >1 during immune therapy.

Case 1: CARMENA Challenges Nephrectomy by Default



Sunitinib Alone is Non-inferior to Nephrectomy Followed by Sunitinib for OS



Median follow-up was 50.9 months (range 0.0-86.6)

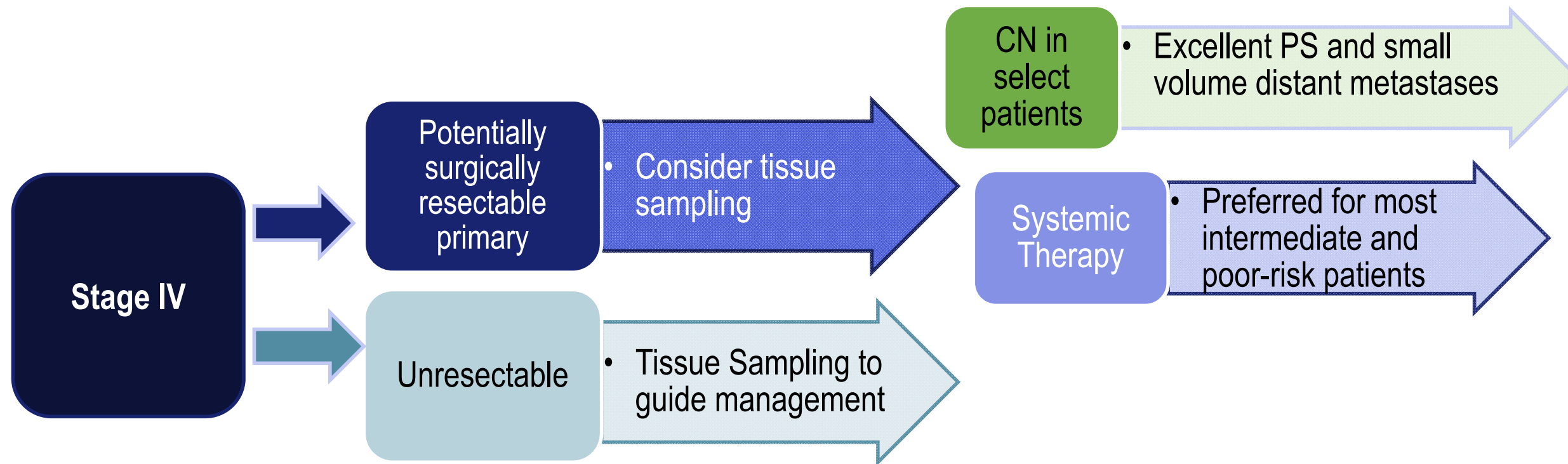
	Median OS, months (95% CI)	Arm A: CN + Sunitinib (n=226)	Arm B: Sunitinib alone (n=224)	HR (95%)
Overall		13.9 (11.8-18.3)	18.4 (14.7-23.0)	0.89 (0.71-1.10)
MSKCC intermediate risk		19.0 (12.0-28.0)	23.4 (17.0-32.0)	0.92 (0.6-1.24)
MSKCC poor risk		10.2 (9.0-14.0)	13.3 (9.0-17.0)	0.86 (0.62-1.17)

CN, cytoreductive nephrectomy; OS, overall survival

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NCCN Guidelines on Nephrectomy



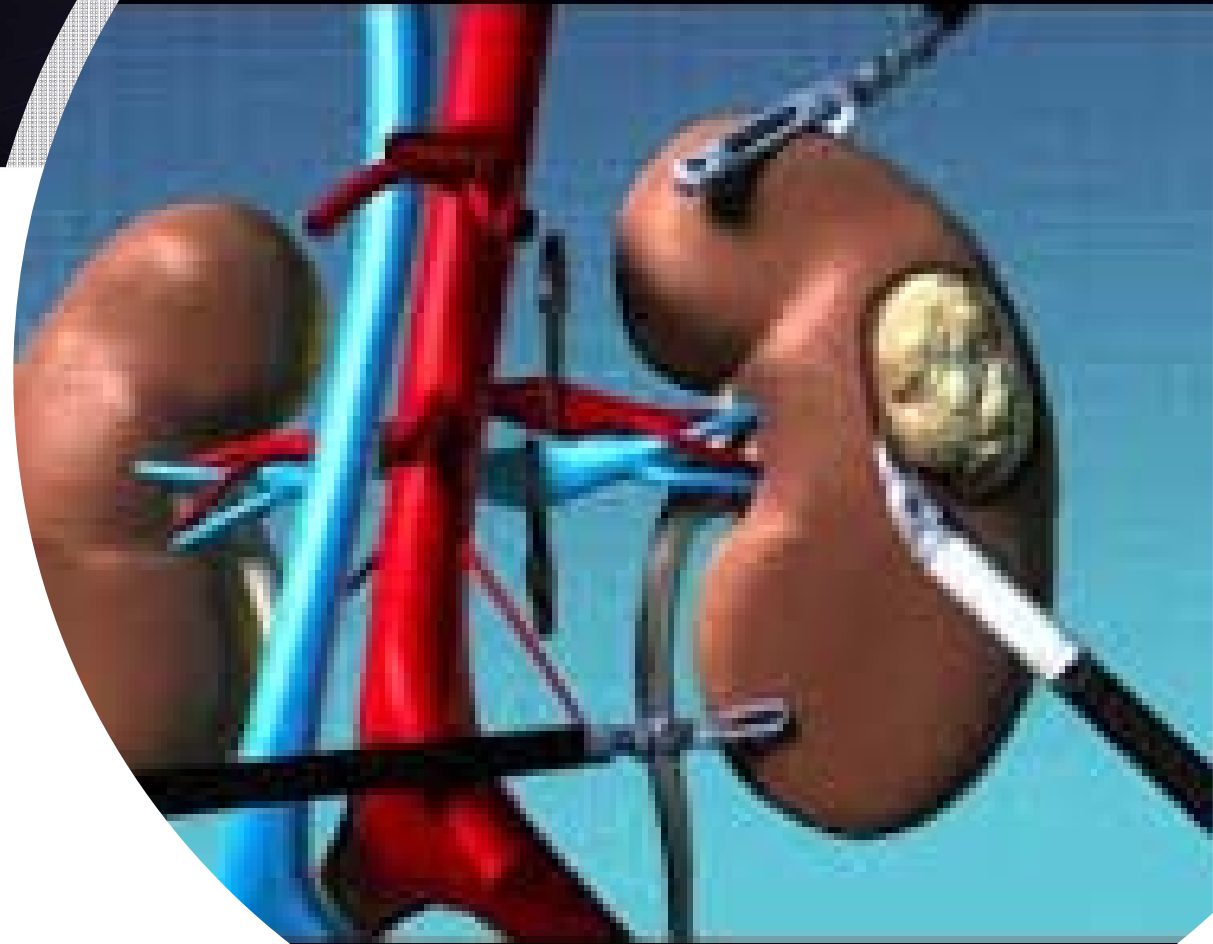
“New for the 2020 guidelines, systemic therapy is the preferred initial treatment option for patients with stage IV disease who have any poor-risk features, clear cell histology, and high-volume distant metastases, instead of cytoreductive nephrectomy followed by systemic treatment.”

~ NCCN Guidelines Insights: Kidney Cancer, Version 2.2020

Case 1: To Cut or Not?

Arm?

Based on CARMENA trial, cytoreductive nephrectomy no longer standard of care for mRCC—*except* in patients with excellent PS or intermediate-risk patients with only one IMDC risk factor.



**Case 2: Wait no – it's papillary.
What systemic therapy would you offer?**



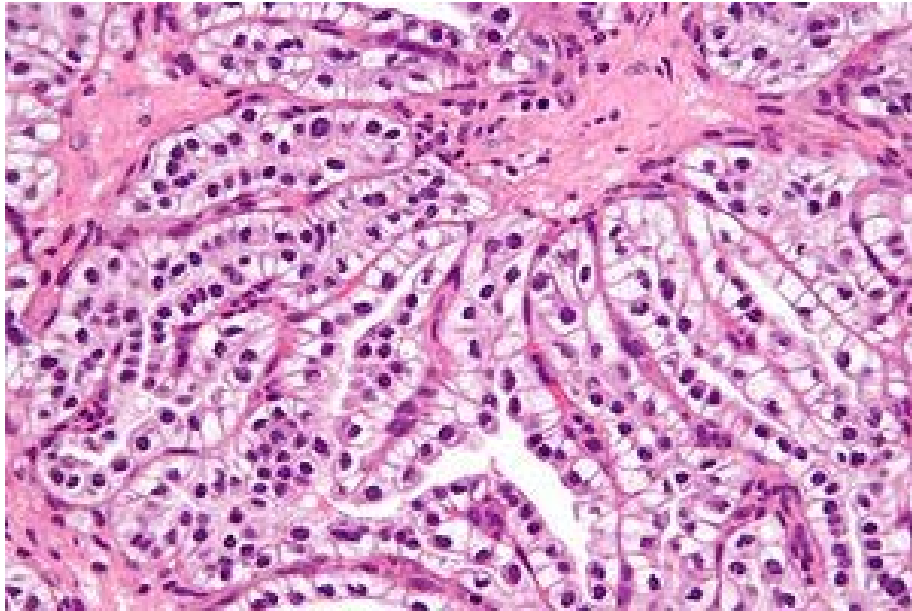
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Pembrolizumab

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Clinical Trial

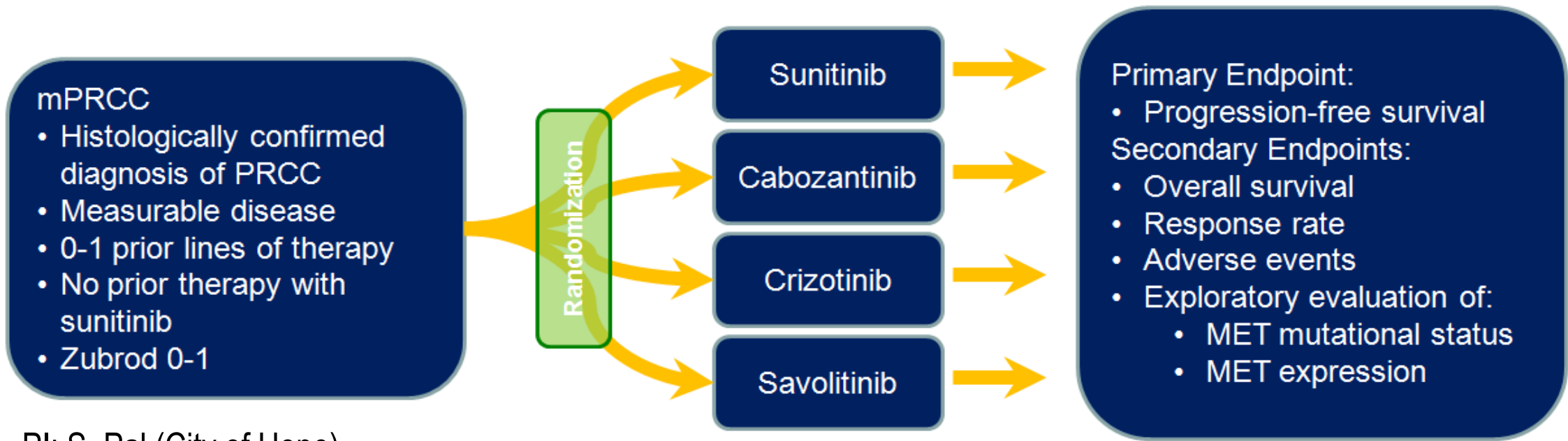
Case 2: Systemic Therapy for Papillary RCC?



Clinical trial.

No standard of care exists for PRCC. The PAPMET study compares sunitinib to cabozantinib – the original study design included two additional MET inhibitors.

Clinical Trial: SWOG 1500 for mPRCC



- PI: S. Pal (City of Hope)
- Translational PI: B. Shuch (Yale)
 - BISQFP funding for genomic characterization
- Requires 41 pts/arm → 164 pts total
- Assuming 10% ineligibility → 180 pts total

119 patients accrued!

NCT02761057: A Randomized, Phase II Efficacy Assessment of Multiple MET Kinase Inhibitors (Cabozantinib [NSC #761968], Crizotinib [NSC #749005], Savolitinib [NSC #785348], and Sunitinib [NSC #736511]) in Metastatic Papillary Renal Carcinoma (PAPMET)

Case 3: Clear cell RCC patient has autoimmune disease. Which do you choose?



Cabozantinib

Pembrolizumab

Nivolumab with Ipilimumab

Clinical Trial

DFCI Experience (ASCO GU 2019)



	RCC			UC		
	AD	No AD	P	AD	No AD	P
N	25	246		27	193	
Ad Exacerbation, N(%)						
• Overall	8(32)			12(44)		
• Grade 3/4	1(4)			4(15)		
New irAE, N (%)						
• Overall	12(48)	107(44)		9(33)	66(34)	
• Grade 3/4	2(8)	30(12)		3(11)	20(10)	
Cumulative incidence at 6mos, % (95%CI)						
• New irAE	50(28-69)	37(31-43)	0.69	27(11-45)	33(26-40)	0.64
CPI Discontinuation						
• For toxicity	12(3-29)	8(5-12)	0.84	16(5-32)	6(3-10)	0.48
• For progression	40(21-59)	39(32-45)	0.72	47(27-65)	56(48-63)	0.17
ORR, %(95%CI)	44(24-65)	31(25-37)	0.18	42(22-63)	32(24-39)	0.35
2yr OS, %(95%CI)	54(31-72)	55(47-63)	0.79	52(24-74)	35(26-44)	0.11

Case 3: Systemic Therapy for ccRCC with Autoimmune Disease



Cabozantinib

The patient has autoimmune disease. Worried about exacerbation of AD if I were to use immunotherapy.

