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# WELCOMING REMARKS

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This CE activity is intended for hematologist/oncologists, oncology nurses, social workers, and other healthcare professionals involved in the care of patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

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- Describe the types and subtypes of chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)
- · Identify tests used to diagnose disease and monitor treatment
- Explain approved and emerging treatment options for CLL
- Describe strategies to manage treatment side effects as well as long-term and late effects of treatments
- Review vaccination strategies, the impact of COVID-19, and importance of screening for secondary cancers
- Describe the role of the multidisciplinary healthcare team in managing patients with CLL



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# Advances in Treatments for Patients with CLL/SLL

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# **Important for Selecting Treatment in CLL**

- IGHV mutation status (for first line): does not change1
- del(17p) status by FISH: can change<sup>2</sup>
  - Know % of cells with deletion.
- TP53 mutation status: can change<sup>2</sup>
- Age and comorbidities are considerations
- BTK and PLCG2 mutation status (in BTKi treated): can change<sup>3</sup>

1. Crombie. Am J Hematol. 2017;92:1393. 2. Chauffaille. Hematol Transfus Cell Ther. 2020;42:261. 3. Hallek. Am J Hematol. 2019;94:1266

# BTKi- vs. BCL-2i-based Treatment

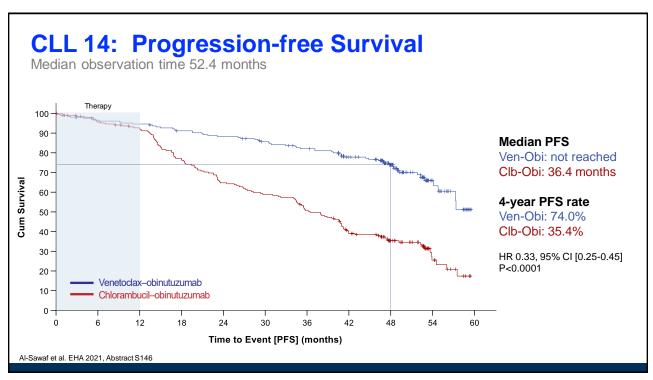
# BTK Inhibitor<sup>1-4</sup>

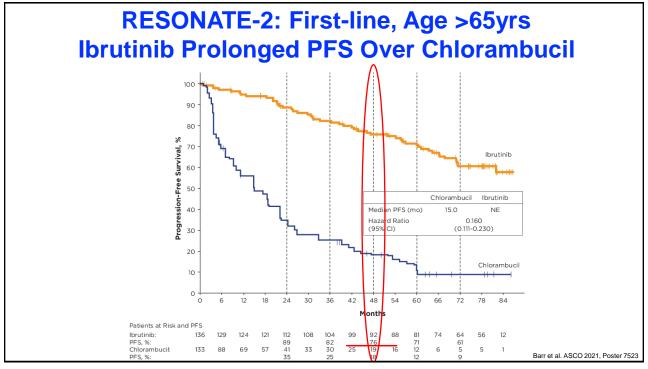
- · Easy initiation
- Continuous and indefinite therapy
- Very low TLS risk
- More cardiac risk
- Some favor in del(17p)/ mutated-TP53
- · Activity in nodal disease

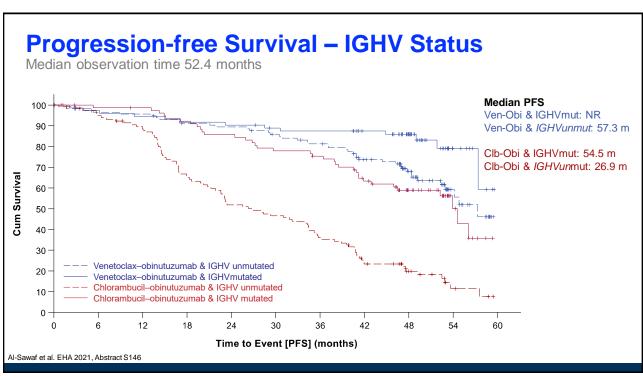
# **BCL-2** Inhibitor<sup>4,5</sup>

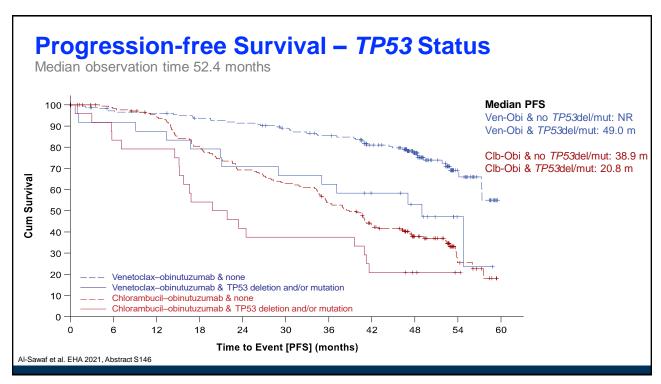
- Risk for TLS requires monitoring for initiation
- Includes CD20 mAb immunosuppression
- Fixed duration
- GFR sensitivity
- Concern for del(17p)/mutated-TP53
- · Activity in BM and blood

1. Acalabrutinib Pl. 2. Ibrutinib Pl. 3. Zanubrutinib Pl. 4. Awan. Am Soc Clin Oncol Educ Book. 2020;40:1.5. Venetoclax Pl.



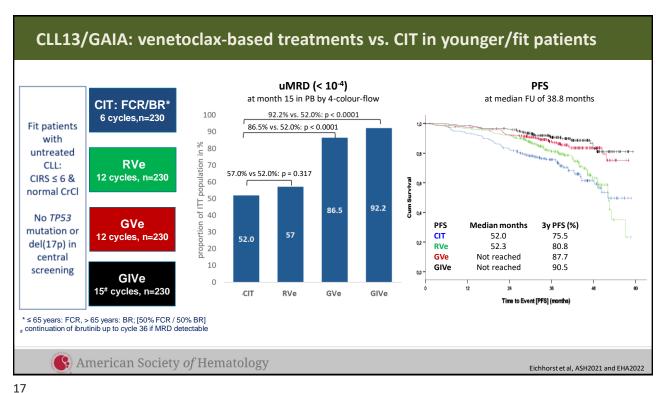






# Predictors of Outcomes with VEN-based Combinations (CLL13/GAIA)

 Response (ORR and uMRD) for all subgroups; independent association of U-IGHV, NOTCH1, BRAF/NRAS/KRAS mutations, hCKT (≥5 abberations), and chromosome translocations with shorter PFS



# GAIA/CLL13: Multivariate analysis for CIT and RVe/GVe/GIVe

Full trial analysis for PFS						
	HR	95%CI	р			
GVe vs. CIT	0.42	0.27-0.65	<0.001			
GIVe vs. CIT	0.33	0.21-0.52	< 0.001			
U-IGHV	2.43	1.70-3.47	< 0.001			
CKT	1.98	1.42-2.77	< 0.001			
Binet B/C vs. A	1.55	1.06-2.27	0.03			
NOTCH1mut	1.46	1.05-2.05	0.03			

U-IGHV, CKT and NOTCH1 mutations were independent prognostic factors for CIT and RVe/GVe/GIVe.

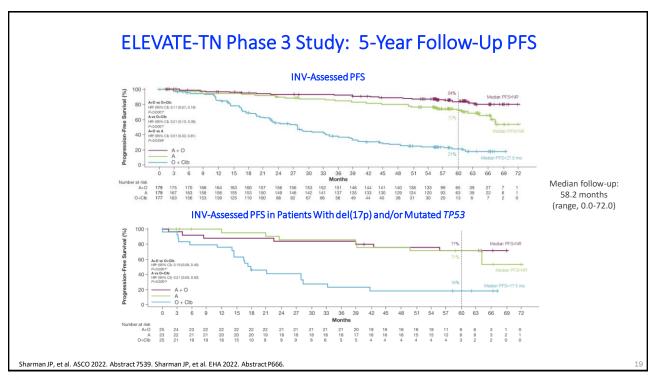
RAS/RAF mutations were only prognostic with venetoclax therapy.

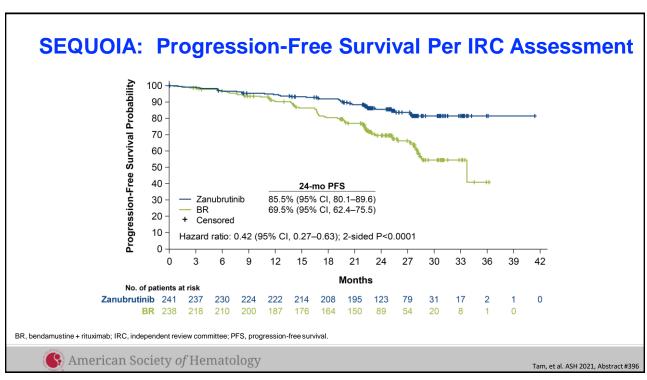
CIT for PFS					
	HR	95%CI	р		
U-IGHV	3.08	1.55-6.12	0.001		
>65 years	2.26	1.34-3.83	0.002		
NOTCH1mut	2.12	1.16-3.88	0.01		
del(11q)	1.89	1.06-3.36	0.03		
CKT	1.87	1.06-3.27	0.03		

RVe/GVe/GIVe for PFS						
	HR	95%CI	р			
U-IGHV	1.85	1.20-2.84	0.005			
RAS/RAFmut	1.87	1.14-3.06	0.01			
CKT	1.66	1.07-2.56	0.02			
b2MG>3.5mg/L	1.56	1.03-2.36	0.04			
NOTCH1mut	1.54	1.02-2.33	0.04			

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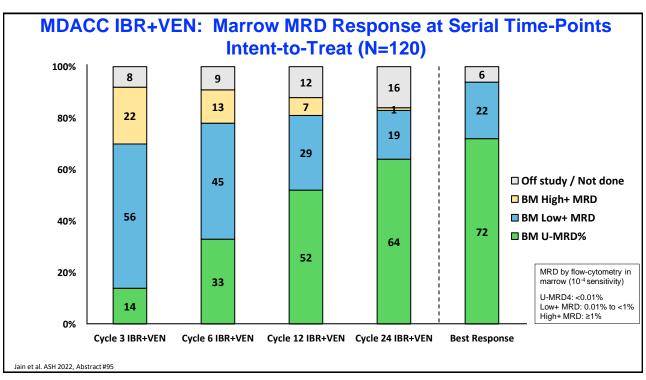


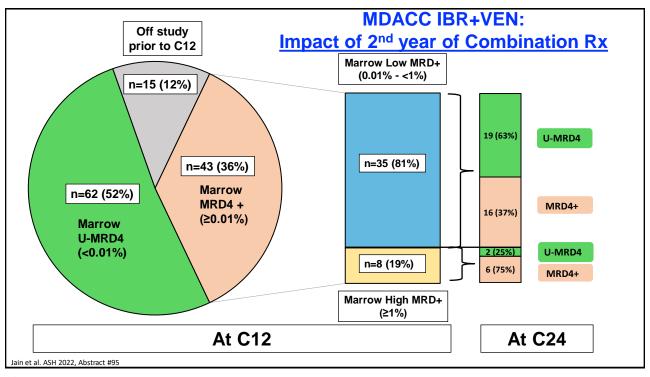


# First-line Ibrutinib + Venetoclax (MDACC / CAPTIVATE / GLOW / FLAIR)

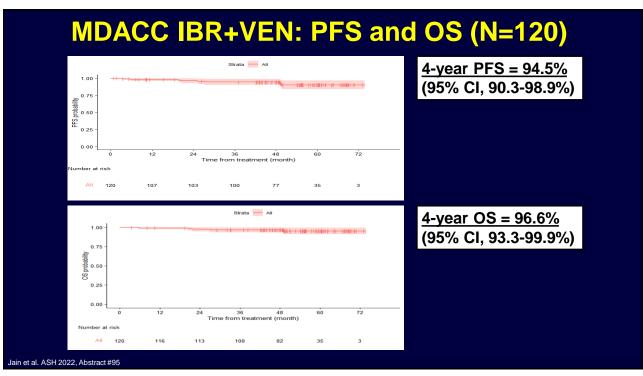
- Deep remissions with IBR+VEN for most, long remissions for all uMRD (All studies)
- Higher uMRD rate for IGHV-unmutated (MDACC, GLOW, FLAIR)
- Optimal duration of treatment still unclear (longer treatment slow responders?)

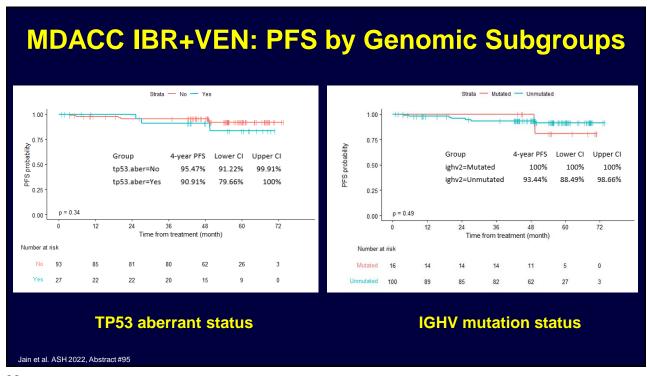
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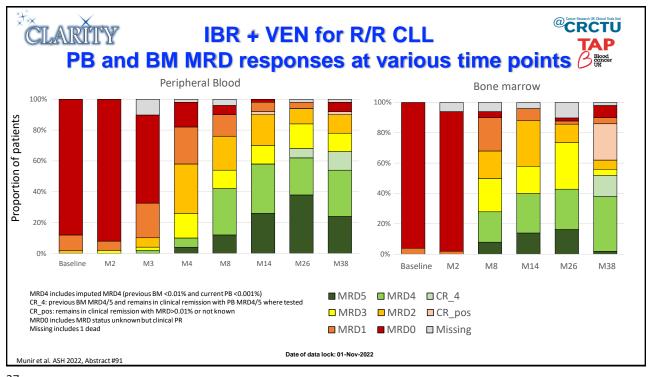


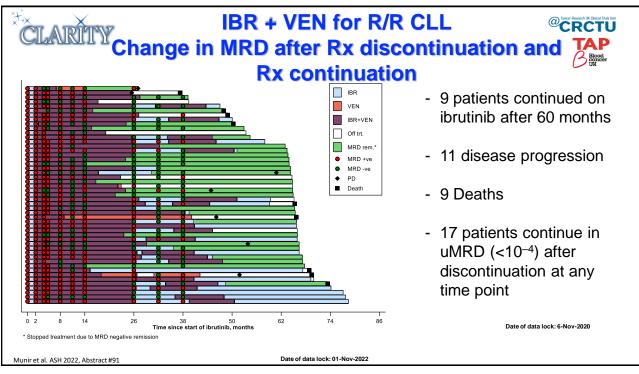


MDACC IBR+VEN: Baseline Variables and U-MRD4 Over Time						
	U-MRD at 6 m	no IBR+VEN	U-MRD at 12 n	no IBR+VEN	U-MRD as be	st response
Variables	Odds ratio	P-value	Odds ratio	P-value	Odds ratio	P-value
Age	1	0.91	0.98	0.25	0.98	0.25
IGHV-M	0.41	0.19	0.37	0.09	0.25	0.01
FISH [del(17p) vs others)	0.46	0.29	1.17	0.81	0.65	0.42
Cyto (CK vs others)	0.68	0.53	1.38	0.56	0.97	0.96
Del(17p) / <i>TP53</i> -m	0.39	0.08	0.83	0.68	0.56	0.21
<i>SF3B1</i> -m	1.7	0.24	0.77	0.56	1.36	0.55
NOTCH1-m	0.76	0.53	0.62	0.24	1.16	0.75
Jain et al. ASH 2022, Abstract#95						









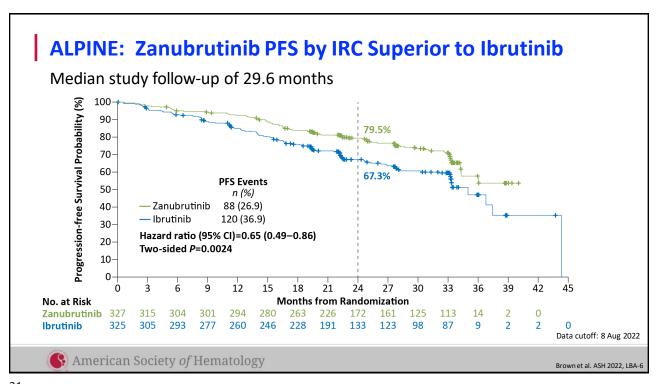
# **Select Ongoing First-line Phase III Clinical Trials**

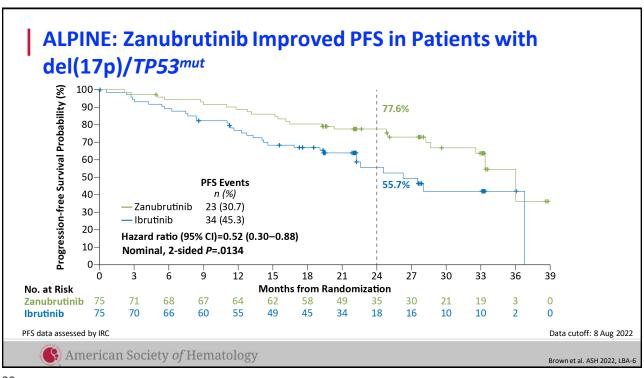
Trial	Subgroup	N	Status*	MRD		Treatment	Arms	
GAIA/CLL13 (NCT02950051)	Fit pts	926	Enrolled	Co-Primary	IbrVenOb	VenOb	VenR	FCR/BR
EA9161 (NCT03701282)	Fit, 18-69 yo	720	Enrolled	Secondary	IbrVenOb	lbrOb		
A041702 (NCT03737981)	≥70 yo	454	Enrolled	Secondary	IbrVenOb	lbrOb		
ACE-CL-311 (NCT03836261)	All pts	780	Enrolling	Secondary	AcaVenOb	AcaVen		FCR/BR
CRISTALLO (NCT04285567)	Fit pts [no del(17p)]	165	Enrolling	Primary	VenOb			FCR/BR
CLL17 (NCT04608318)	All pts	897	Enrolling	Secondary	IbrVen	VenOb	lbr	
GCLLSG (NCT05197192)	High-risk	650	Enrolling	Secondary	AcaVenOb	VenOb		
MAJIC (NCT05057494)	All	600	Enrolling	Secondary	AcaVen	VenOb		
*Status as of Septem	her 2022							

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# Advances in Treatments for Rel / Ref CLL ASH 2022

- ALPINE: Zanubrutnib superior PFS and ORR over ibrutinib in R/R CLL
- Venetoclax consolidation feasible in patients on IBR ≥12 months with potential for clinical benefit (discontinue treatment, long remission)
- Pirtobrutinib effective for prior BTKi-treated CLL, including with C481 mutation
- BTK-degrader (NX-2127) tolerated with activity novel mechanism of action
- New BCL2 inhibitors (BGB-11417 and Lisaftoclax) have activity and being combined with cBTKi and CD20 mAb
- Protein kinase C-beta inhibitor (PKCβi) MS-553 tolerated with activity in BTKi-treated CLL being evaluated alone and in combinations





# Venetoclax added to ibrutinib in high-risk CLL **MRD** results 100 -- MRD detection threshold %MRD in bone marrow 0.1 0.01 Time (Mo)

- CLL/SLL on IBR ≥12 mo with measurable MRD, no PD, ≥1 high-risk feature:
  - Del(17p) and/or TP53-m
  - Del(11q)
  - Complex karyotype
  - Elevated B2M
- 17/45 pts (38%) post-C6 and 26/45 (57%) post-C12 achieved U-MRD4.
- 6/16 patients MRD+ at C12 converted to U-MRD4 at C24
- Best cumulative rate of U-MRD4 in bone marrow was 33/45 (73%)
- 32/45 (71%) had U-MRD4 at the completion of venetoclax

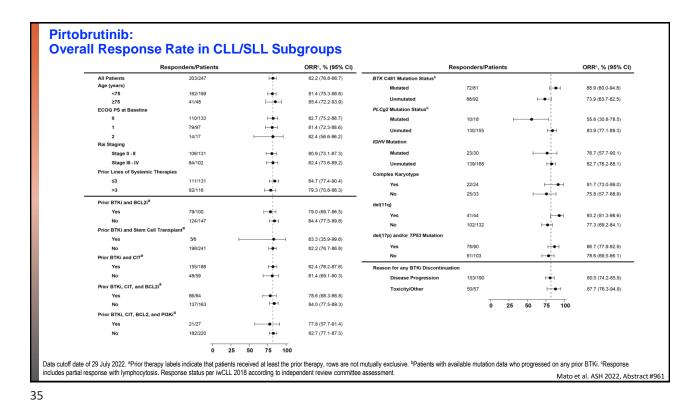
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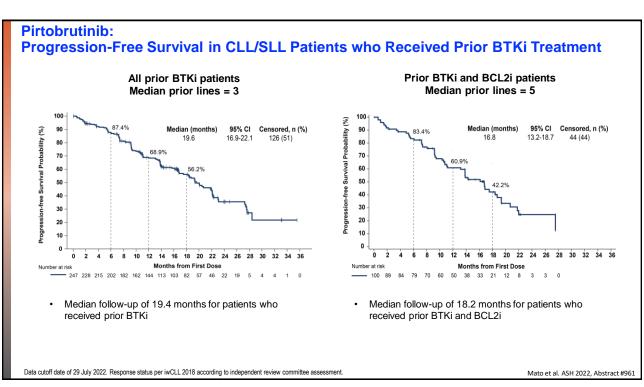
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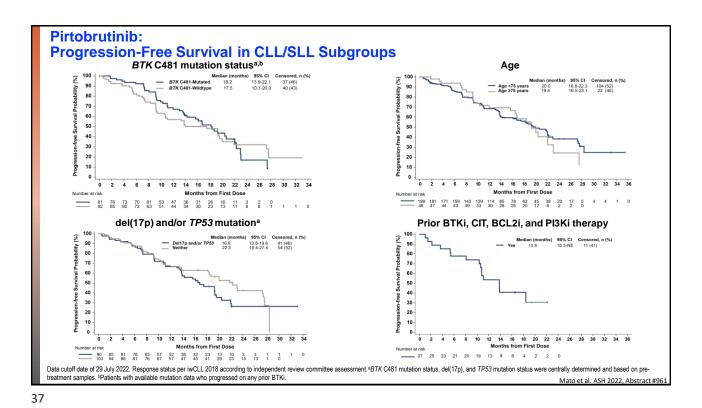
# Pirtobrutinib: Highly Selective, Non-Covalent (Reversible) BTK Inhibitor Plasma Exposures Exceeded BTK IC<sub>90</sub> Highly Selective for BTK<sup>6,7</sup> **Throughout Dosing Interval** Pirtobrutinib 200 mg QD Time (h) on Day 8 (Steady-State) Inhibits both wildtype and C481-mutant BTK with equal low nM potency, and has favorable oral pharmacology that enables continuous BTK inhibition

- throughout the dosing interval regardless of intrinsic rate of BTK turnover
- Pirtobrutinib is well tolerated and demonstrates promising efficacy in poor-prognosis B-cell malignancy patients following prior therapy, including prior

cBTKi, covalent Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitor. Mato et al, Lancet, 2021:397:892-901. 7Brandhuber et al. Clin. Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk. 2018:18:S216. Illustration reproduced courtesy of Cell Signaling Technology, Inc. (www.cellsignal.com).







**Pirtobrutinib: Safety Profile** 

	CLL/SLL (n=317)					
	Treatment-Emerge	ent AEs, (≥15%), %	Treatment-Re	elated AEs, %		
Adverse Event (AEs)	Any Grade	Grade ≥ 3	Any Grade	Grade ≥ 3		
Fatigue	31.5%	1.9%	3.5%	0.3%		
Neutropeniaª	32.5%	26.8%	19.6%	14.8%		
Diarrhea	26.5%	0.6%	8.8%	0.3%		
Contusion	24.3%	0.0%	16.4%	0.0%		
Cough	24.3%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%		
Covid-19	24.0%	5.0%	1.6%	0.0%		
Nausea	18.9%	0.0%	3.2%	0.0%		
Abdominal pain	18.0%	1.6%	2.2%	0.3%		
Dyspnea	17.4%	0.9%	0.6%	0.0%		
Headache	17.4%	0.6%	5.4%	0.3%		
Upper respiratory tract infection	16.4%	0.3%	3.5%	0.0%		
Back pain	16.1%	0.9%	0.9%	0.0%		
Anemia	15.1%	8.8%	4.7%	2.2%		
AEs of Special Interest <sup>b</sup>	Any Grade	Grade ≥ 3	Any Grade	Grade ≥ 3		
Bruising <sup>c</sup>	30.3%	0.0%	19.6%	0.0%		
Rashd	17.0%	0.3%	5.7%	0.3%		
Arthralgia	18.3%	0.9%	4.1%	0.0%		
Hemorrhage/Hematomae	12.3%	2.2%	4.1%	0.9%		
Hypertension	14.2%	3.5%	3.8%	0.3%		
Atrial fibrillation/flutter <sup>f,g</sup>	3.8%	1 3%	1 3%	0.3%		

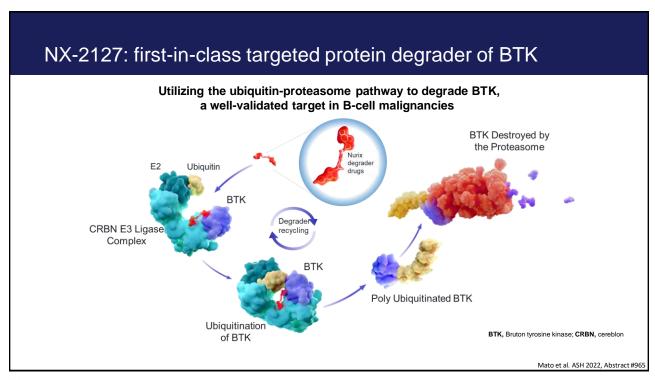
Median time on treatment for the CLL/SLL safety population was 16.5 months

Discontinuations due to treatment-related AEs occurred in 2.8% (n=9) of CLL/SLL patients

Dose reductions due to treatment-related AEs occurred in 4.7% (n=15) of CLL/SLL patients

Data cutoff date of 29 July 2022. \*Aggregate of neutropenia and neutrophil count decreased. \*AEs of special interest are those that were previously associated with covalent BTK inhibitors. \*Aggregate of contusion, petechiae, ecchymosis, and increased tendency to bruise. \*Aggregate of all preferred terms including hematoma or hemorrhage. \*Aggregate of atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter. \*Of 12 total affib/afflutter TEAEs in the CLU/SLL safety population, 3 occurred in patients with a prior medical history of atrial fibrillation.

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# NX-2127 safety summary (all participants) by dose

AEs: all grades, n (%)	All doses (n=36)	100 mg* (n=22)	200 mg (n=8)	300 mg (n=6)
Fatigue	19 (53)	13 (59)	5 (63)	1 (17)
Neutropenia <sup>a</sup>	14 (39)	5 (23)	5 (63)	4 (67)
Contusion <sup>b</sup>	10 (28)	4 (18)	3 (38)	3 (50)
Thrombocytopeniac	9 (25)	5 (23)	2 (25)	2 (33)
Hypertension	9 (25)	5 (23)	2 (25)	2 (33)
Anemia	8 (22)	6 (27)	2 (25)	0
Constipation	7 (19)	7 (32)	0	0
Dyspnea	7 (19)	4 (18)	3 (38)	0
Pruritis	7 (19)	5 (23)	1 (13)	1 (17)
Atrial fibrillation/Atrial flutterd	6 (17)	3 (14)	2 (25)	1 (17)
Diarrhea	6 (17)	5 (23)	1 (13)	0
Petechiae	6 (17)	4 (18)	1 (13)	1 (17)
Rash	6 (17)	5 (23)	1 (13)	0

<sup>a</sup>Aggregate of "neutropenia" and "neutrophil count decreased" <sup>b</sup> Includes episodes of bruising and other similar verbatim terms <sup>c</sup>Aggregate of "thrombocytopenia" and "platelet count decreased" <sup>d</sup>Cases were confounded by risk factors such as: age >80 years (4 cases), history of hypertension (4 cases), male sex (3 cases), and history of prior AF on ibrutinib (2 cases) \*18 of the 22 patients treated at the 100 mg qd dose had CLL

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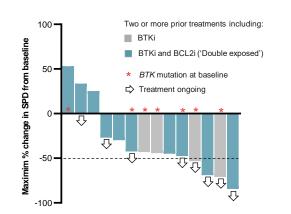
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# NX-2127 preliminary efficacy (patients with CLL)

Disease-evaluable patients	n=15
Objective response rate, <sup>a</sup> % (95% CI)	33 (12–62)
Best response, n (%)	
CR	0 (0)
PR	5 (33.3)
SD	5 (33.3)
PD	2 (13.3)
NE <sup>b</sup>	3 (20)

aObjective response rate includes CR + CRi + nPR + PR-L + PR

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Patients who discontinued after a single assessment of SD are considered as NE



\*One patient, not shown above, with prior BTKi and BCL2i treatment and with a *BTK* mutation detected at baseline, had no nodal disease at baseline. Their treatment is ongoing with a PR

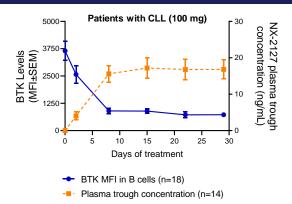
BCL2i, B-cell lymphoma-2 inhibitor; BTK, Bruton's tyrosine kinase; BTKi, BTK inhibitor; CR, complete response; CRi, complete response with incomplete count recovery; NE, not evaluable; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease

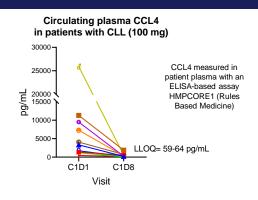
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# NX-2127 leads to robust BTK degradation and decrease in B-cell activation



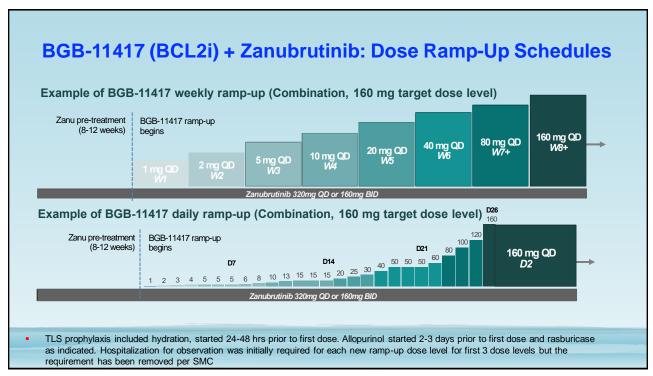


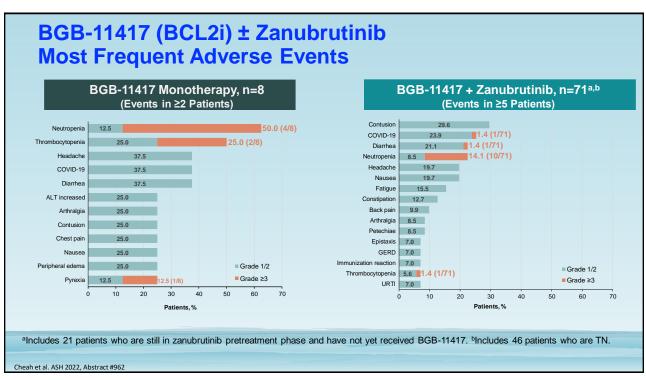
- Daily treatment with NX-2127 resulted in a fast and sustained suppression of BTK (CD19+) as measured in patient whole blood using a flow cytometry assay. BTK suppression target of 80% reached consistently (data not shown here)
- Robust decrease of plasma CCL4 by Cycle 1 Day 8 and suppression was maintained through Cycle 2 Day 1, consistent with clinically observed lymphocytosis occurring in majority of patients with nodal disease by Cycle 1 Day 8
- NX-2127 treatment also resulted in degradation of cereblon neo-substrate Ikaros

BTK, Bruton's tyrosine kinase; CCL4, C–C motif ligand 4; LLOQ, lower limit of quantification

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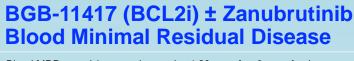
# BGB-11417 (BCL2i) ± Zanubrutinib Overall Response Rate

Response, n (%)	R/R BGB-11417 (n=8)	R/R BGB-11417 + zanubrutinib (n=25)	TN BGB-11417 + zanubrutinib (n=46)
Treated with BGB-11417	8	24	26
Efficacy evaluable	6	<b>20</b> <sup>a</sup>	11ª
ORR, n (%)	4 (67)	19 (95)	11 (100)
CR	2 (33) <sup>b</sup>	6 (30) <sup>c</sup>	2 (18) <sup>d</sup>
PR	2 (33)e	13 (65) <sup>f</sup>	9 (82) <sup>g</sup>
SD	2 (33)	1 (5)	0
PD	0	0	0
Median follow-up, months (range)	13.4 (1.4-21.9)	11.1 (2.2-18.6)	3.5 (0.4-9.7)

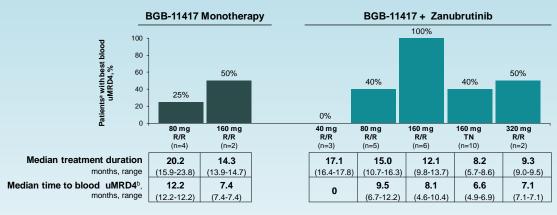
<sup>a</sup>n=2 (R/R) and n=11 (TN) have responded after zanubrutinib pretreatment but have not yet had response assessment on combination treatment: they are not included here. <sup>b</sup>40 mg: n=1; 80 mg: n=1, <sup>c</sup>40 mg: n=1; 80 mg: n=2; 160 mg: n=3, <sup>d</sup>160 mg: n=3. <sup>d</sup>160 mg: n=2. <sup>e</sup>40 mg: n=1; 80 mg: n=3; 160 mg: n=3; 320 mg: n=5. <sup>e</sup>160 mg: n=9. CR, complete response; ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease.

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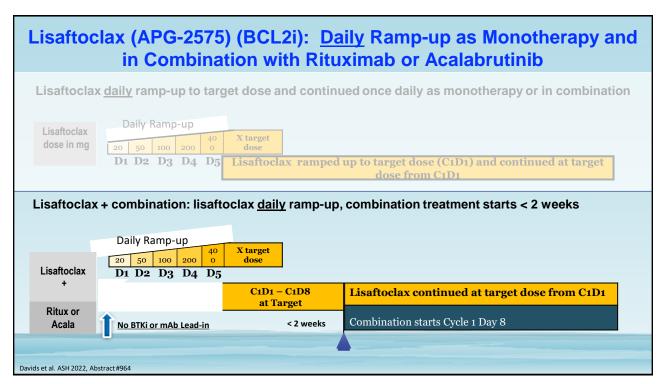
- Blood MRD negativity was observed at ≥80 mg after 6 months (mono and combo in R/R CLL/SLL)
- uMRD rate increased with longer follow-up and higher dose (160 mg and 320 mg are immature)

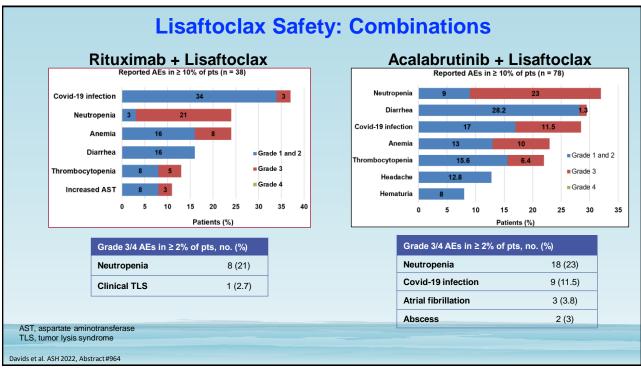


Data cutoff date: 29 October 2022.

MRD was measured by ERIC flow cytometry with 10-4 sensitivity. In MRD-evaluable population, which was defined as patients who tested at least 1 postbaseline MRD sample. From BGB-11417 first dose to first blood uMRD4; uMRD4 is defined as CLL cells out of total nucleated cells less than 10-4.

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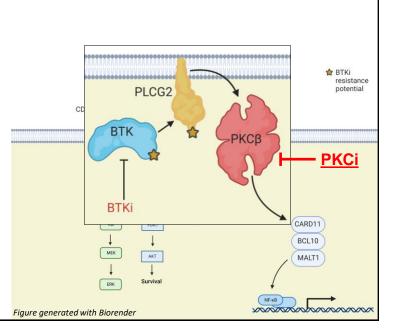


Lisaftoclax: Efficacy Summary					
	Monotherapy	Combined with rituximab	Combine acalabi		
Response Evaluable	R/R n=43	R/R n=34	R/R n=57	TN n=16	
Median (range) treatment duration	16.5 (1-36)	11 (1-21)	12 (1-24)	7 (5-11)	
Overall Response Rate n, (%)	29/43 (67)	27/34 (79)	56/57 (98)	16/16 (100)	
Biological Characteristics, no. (%)					
TP53-mutated and/or del(17p)	N/A	5/6 (83)	11/12 (92)	4/4 (100)	
Complex karyotype (≥ 3 abnormities)	N/A	5/5 (100)	15/16 (94)	7/7 (100)	
Unmutated IGHV	N/A	N/A	23/25 (92)	9/9 (100)	
Mutated IGHV	N/A	N/A	13/13 (100)	3/3 (100)	
BTKi resistant or intolerant	4/6 (67)	0/4 (0)	7/8 (88)	N/A	
*Data on iwCLL CR and MRD rates not yet ava	ailable*				

# **Protein Kinase C-beta Background**

Resistance mutations are upstream of PKCB

Inhibition of PKCβ has potential to overcome mutation-driven resistance



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# **PKC**βi (MS-553) Safety Profile in Depth

- 14 pts (33%) had Gr 3-4 TR-AE
- One Grade 4 related AE: Neutropenia
- One DLT occurred at 350 mg BID
- MTD was not reached
- RP2D of 250 mg BID was selected
- Six patients were dosed at above RP2D with drug withdrawn on 3 patients

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# PKCβi (MS-553) Efficacy

	R/R Mono				
Efficacy evaluable patients*	CLL/SLL N=23	Richter's N=3			
Best Response	n(%)				
CR	0	0			
PR	6 (26)	1 (33)			
PRL	5 (22) 48	0			
SD	11 (48)	0			

<sup>\*</sup> Efficacy evaluable patients are patients who have completed at least one cycle of study drug treatment or had at least one response assessment with data cutoff as of June 20, 2022

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# **Conclusions**

- Combined targeted therapy (BTKi + venetoclax ± CD20 mAb) in first-line results in deep remissions (uMRD) with finite-duration treatment
- Consolidation with venetoclax feasible in patients on IBR ≥12 months with potential clinical benefit
- Pirtobrutinib efficacy in prior BTKi-treated CLL
- BTK-degrader (NX-2127) tolerated with activity
- New BCL2 inhibitors (BCL2i) (BGB-11417 and Lisaftoclax) have activity and being combined with BTKi and CD20 mAb
- Protein kinase C-beta inhibitor (PKC $\beta$ i) MS-553 tolerated with activity in BTKi-treated CLL

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# **Supportive Care Strategies for CLL**

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# **Outline**

- 1 MANAGEMENT OF TREATMENT ADVERSE EFFECTS
- 2 VACCINATIONS
- 3 SCREENING FOR OTHER CANCERS

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#### **CLL Treatment Adverse Effects**

Early education, patient/caregiver engagement, and a multidisciplinary team approach are key for optimal management of treatment-related toxicities.

#### **Infections**

- · Infection prevention while on treatment
  - · Herpes virus prophylaxis (acyclovir or valacyclovir)
  - · Consider PJP prophylaxis while on treatment, particularly if using glucocorticoids
  - · If neutropenic, consider growth factor support and antibacterial/antifungal coverage
  - · Screen for HBV prior to starting anti-CD20 antibody treatment
- Recurrent Sinopulmonary infections replace IgG if <500 mg/dL
- Vaccinations: stay on top of recommended schedule; consider timing of vaccine doses in relation to treatment plans

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# **BTKi-Associated Adverse Effects and Management**

- Common AEs: GI distress, musculoskeletal pain, rash, fatigue
  - · Manage symptoms to optimize compliance
  - Close monitoring during first few months of therapy (labs and symptoms)
  - Follow recommended dose modifications for Gr≥3 Aes
- Rare but serious AEs: Hemorrhage/Bleeding
  - · If possible, avoid concomitant anticoagulant or antiplatelet therapy
  - · Consider holding BTKi before/after surgery

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# **BTKi-Associated Adverse Effects and Management**

- Atrial fibrillation/flutter (Gr≥3: 3-4% with ibrutinib, 1-2% with acalabrutinib and zanubrutinib)
  - · Baseline ECG prior to starting treatment
  - · Engage onco-cardiology early and often
  - · Use blood thinners WITH CAUTION
  - · Manage appropriately; NOT an absolute indication to d/c
  - · Avoid CYP3A4 inhibitors
- Hypertension (Gr≥3: 8% with ibrutinib)
  - Monitor regularly (clinic and home)
  - · Initiate/adjust antihypertensive therapies as needed

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# **Venetoclax-Associated Adverse Effects and Management**

- Tumor Lysis Syndrome: risk is 2% with 5-week dose escalation and appropriate risk-stratified management
  - Hydration, uric acid reduction (allopurinol or febuxostat; rare: rasburicase)
  - · Debulking prior to start of treatment
  - Vigilant lab monitoring (consider hospitalization if med/high risk)
  - · Interventions based on results (post-dose lab draw must be early enough for intervention if needed)
- Neutropenia (Gr 3-4: 63%)
  - · Monitor CBC regularly
  - · Dose modification
  - · Growth factor support
- GI distress (nausea, diarrhea)
  - · Manage through symptoms
  - · Dose modification if necessary

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# **CD20-Antibody Side Effects and Management**

- Infusion-related reactions (obinutuzumab: Gr≥3 20%)
  - · Infusion center should have protocol in place for reactions, to include pharmacologic interventions and dose/rate modifications
  - · Premedicate with acetaminophen, antihistamine, glucocorticoid (can de-escalate with subsequent doses)
- TLS
  - · Uric acid reduction
  - Hydration po/IV fluids
  - · Laboratory monitoring

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# **CD20-Antibody Side Effects and Management**

- HBV reactivation (1%)
  - · Screen for HBV prior to treatment
  - · Consider antiviral therapy if positive (consult ID); consider postponing treatment until viral load is negative
- Black box warning: PML (progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy)
  - · Progressive, usually fatal, demyelinating CNS infection
  - · Caused by reactivation of polyoma JC virus

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# **Vaccinations**

# Myth v. Fact

- People with CLL though act receive any vaccinations, ever.
- People with Condon's respond as well to vaccinations.
- People with CLL shouldn't receive vaccinations while in the middle of chemo/immunotherapy.
- Vaccines chy give you the infection you're trying to prevent (flu/Covid).

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# CLL patients should NEVER receive a live/attenuated vaccine.

# These include:

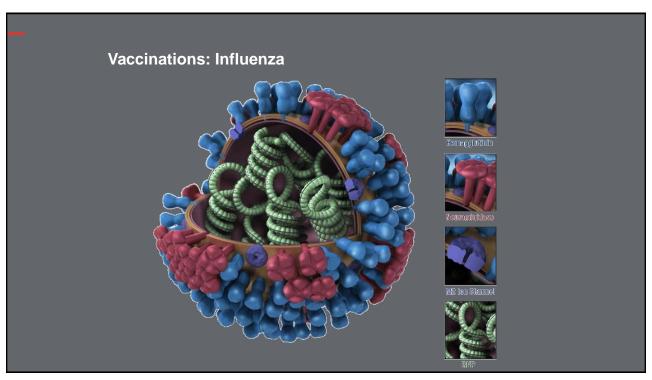
- MMR
- Rotavirus
- Smallpox
- Varicella
- Yellow fever
- Zostavax (Zoster)
- FluMist (nasal flu vaccine)

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# **Recommended Vaccinations (adults 19-64 with CLL)**

- Influenza (annually)
- Covid (annually??)
- Pneumococcal (new vaccines now available)
- Herpes Zoster (Shingrix x2)
- Td booster (every 10 years)
- Hib (HSCT only)

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## Vaccinations: Influenza

# **Types of Flu Vaccines**

- Inactivated or recombinant are safe and effective.
  - Flublok Quadrivalent (recombinant): only egg-free vaccine
  - Fluzone Quadrivalent: inactivated, protects against 2 Flu A and 2 Flu B viruses
  - Fluad Quadrivalent: inactivated with an adjuvant (MF59) to enhance immune response; approved for >65
- Live attenuated (or weakened; aka nasal spray/FluMist) is NOT safe for CLL patients.

## Regular v. High Dose

• Fluzone High Dose Quadrivalent (inactivated); contains 4x the antigen of standard-dose; approved for >65

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#### Vaccinations: Influenza

- Vaccinate by end of October each year.
- Don't vaccinate during an acute infection.
- If possible, don't vaccinate in the middle of treatment.
- It takes 2 weeks for antibodies to develop.
- No proven benefit to getting a "booster" mid-season.
- CDC has no official recommendation of one vaccine over another.

# Vaccinations: COVID-19

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# COVID-19 vaccination - YES, we are still recommending it for our patients!!!

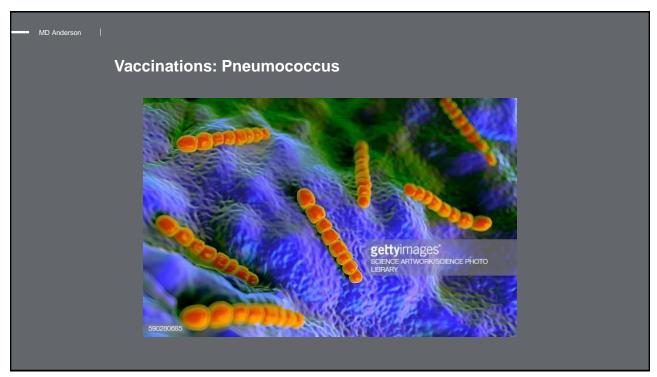
Protective response rate may be lower in CLL, regardless of treatment status, but especially those receiving CD20 antibody or on B-cell pathway inhibitors. Vaccine response rates improve with boosting. T cell activation by vaccination enhances viral clearance and minimizes severity of symptoms.

- Moderna or Pfizer: 3 primary doses (3-4 weeks apart), followed by bivalent booster dose at least 8 weeks following primary series.
- Novavax: 2 primary doses (3 weeks apart), followed by bivalent booster at least 8 weeks later.
- Janssen: if received J&J vaccine initially, should receive a second dose with monovalent mRNA vaccine (at least 4 weeks later), then bivalent booster at least 8 weeks later.

<u>Bivalent booster</u>: combines ancestral strain that originated in Wuhan, China, plus Omicron strains BA.4 and BA.5 (circulating in late summer 2022)

What about Evusheld??

As of Jan 26, 2023, Evusheld is no longer authorized for use in US as current SARS-CoV-2 variants are resistant.



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# **Vaccinations: Pneumococcus**

Protects against infection with *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, a significant human pathogenic bacterium.

- Pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV23; Pneumovax 23); since 1983 protection wanes over 5-6 years (induces immune response via release of immunoglobulins from B cells)
- Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13; Prevnar 13); since 2010 (T cell-dependent mechanism, resulting in durable memory B cell formation)
- Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine 15 (PCV15; Vaxneuvance); approved 2021; effective against same 13 serotypes as PCV13.
- Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine 20 (PCV20; Prevnar 20); approved 2021; effective against all serotypes of PCV13 and 6 of 7 serotypes in PPSV23.

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# Pneumococcal Recommendations for Immunocompromised Adults ("simplified" by ACIP in 10/2021)

- If no prior h/o pneumococcal vaccination (or is unknown) give either PCV15 or PCV20 (if PCV15, give PPSV23 at least 8 weeks later)
- If ONLY received PPSV23 previously give either PCV15 or PCV20 (if PCV15, then repeat PPSV23 in 5 years up to 3 doses [but no 3<sup>rd</sup> dose if 2<sup>nd</sup> dose was given >age 65])
- If ONLY received PCV13 previously give PCV20 at least 1 year later (or can give PPSV23 at least 8 wks later, then repeat every 5 years up to 3 doses)
- If received BOTH PCV13 and PPSV23 previously give PCV20 at least 5 yrs after last pneumococcal vaccine
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# **Vaccinations: Herpes Zoster/Shingles**

- Nearly 1/3 of Americans will develop shingles in their lifetime.
- Any type of cancer is associated with a 40% increased risk of developing shingles.
- Blood cancers had the highest risk: >3 times that of those without cancer.
- Shingles infection can be seen as a marker of underlying malignancy.

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# **Vaccinations: Herpes Zoster/Shingles**

- Painful, blistering rash; occurs unilaterally, following "dermatomal" (underlying nerve) distribution pattern.
- Results from reactivation of varicella-zoster virus from deep nerve roots.
- 10-13% of those who develop shingles will get post-herpetic neuralgia (PNH), lasting weeks to years following infection.

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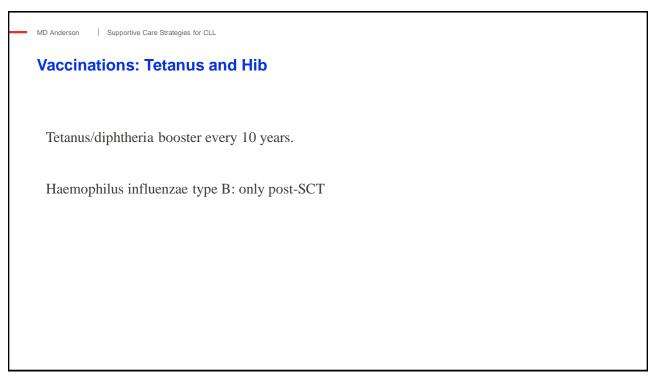
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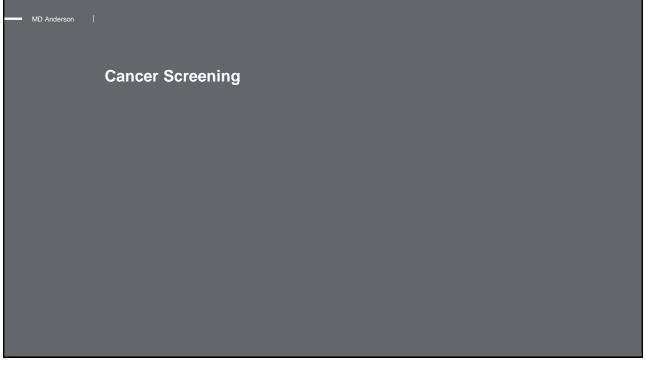
Shingrix (Recombinant Zoster Vaccine; RZV)

- Approved in 2017; recommended for immunocompetent adults 50 and older.
- Safer and more effective than Zostavax (ZVL); recommended regardless of prior Zostavax vaccination.
- Pooled efficacy of 2 large trials: 92% effective in preventing shingles
- · Antibody response in CLL patients may be slightly less for both treatment naïve and those on BTKi.

#### Administration

- Requires 2 doses, 2-6 months apart
- Can receive at same time as flu or pneumococcal vaccinations
- · Should not be given during acute shingles infection
- · No need to screen for prior varicella exposure





Cancer Screening
According to ACS, patients with CLL are at higher risk of skin cancer (all types), as well as cancers of larynx, lung, colon and soft tissue sarcoma. Following treatment with chemoimmunotherapy, risk of secondary MDS/AML is 5-6%.

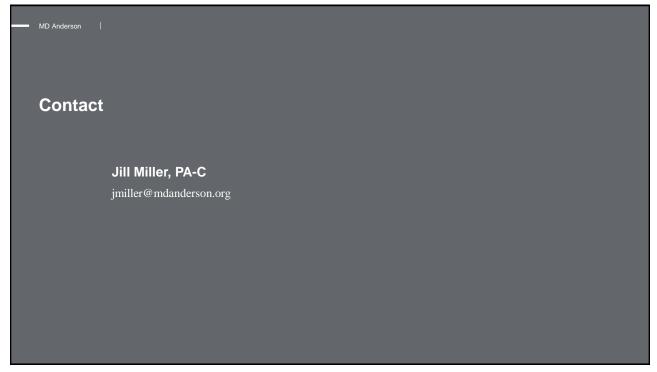
Skin cancer
Annual skin exams with a dermatologist

Breast cancer
Annual MMGs for women 45-54; every 2 years 55 and older

Colorectal cancer
Colonoscopy every 5-10 years (depending on risk and history)

Lung cancer
Low-dose CT scan recommended age 55-74 with 30-pk-yr history of smoking.

Prostate cancer
PSA and physical exam



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