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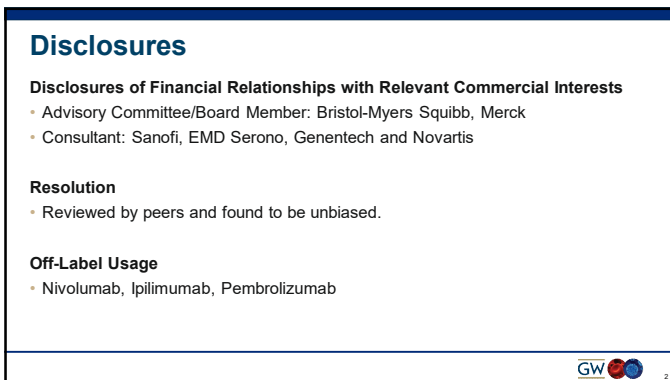
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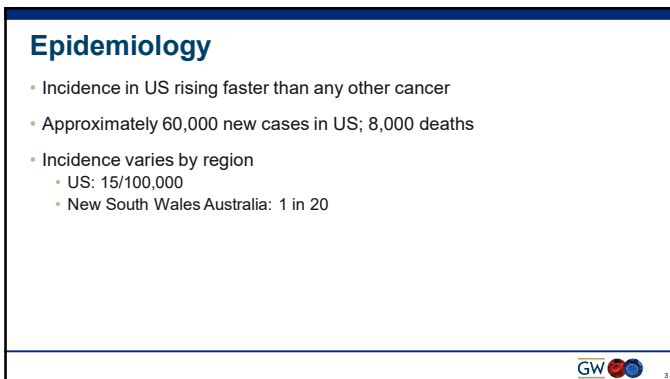
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### Melanoma Risk Factors

- Outdoor leisure (RR 1-2)
- History of sunburn (RR 1.5-3)
- Intense intermittent sun (RR 2-3)
- Fair skin (RR 2-5), blonde or red hair (RR 1.5-5)
- Family History: 8-12%
- Five or more painful sunburns (RR 2-6)
- Sun Exposure
  - Degree and Intensity
  - Ultraviolet Radiation, especially UV-B (290-320 nm)



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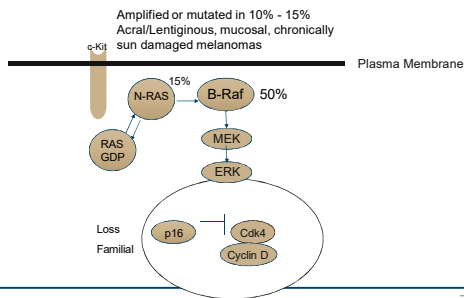
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### Molecular Changes



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### Clinical Features of Cutaneous Melanoma

- A. Asymmetry
- B. Border
- C. Color
- D. Diameter

Any changing lesion



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### Prognostic Features

- Thickness (mm)
- Ulceration
- Mitoses (per mm<sup>2</sup>)
- Anatomic location
- Histologic subtype
- LVI
- Microsatellites

Sabiston Textbook of Surgery, 17th ed., 2004 Saunders

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### MAP/PI3: Genetic Variations Correlation with Causative Factor

Sun Exposure  
 CSD-chronic sun damage

Category	KIT (%)	RAS (%)	BRAF (%)
noCSD	0	0	~75
CSD	~40	~10	~10
acral	~55	~10	~10
mucosal	~45	~10	~10

Curtin et al., JCO, 2006

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### Melanoma Surgical Margins

- In situ: 0.5 cm
- Primary <1.0 mm: 1 cm
- Primary >1.0 mm: 2 cm
- Anatomy must be taken into consideration for surgical margins, e.g. face
- Randomized trials have not shown a benefit for larger surgical procedures

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### Sentinel Lymph Node Sampling

- Indication: Melanoma > 1mm or melanoma < 1 mm with ulceration or Clark's level IV or V (20% will have positive SLN)
- No evidence that SLN improves survival
- Important prognostic indicator
- Requires surgical expertise for accurate results (sensitivity and specificity)
- Recommendation for completion lymphadenectomy has changed

Morton et al NEJM, 2006



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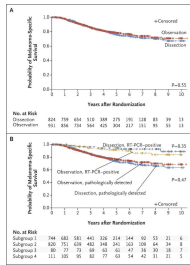
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### Completion Lymph Node Dissection Does Not Improve Survival in Patients with Positive Sentinel Lymph Node



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Faries MB et al. N Engl J Med 2017;376:2211-2222.

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### AJCC 8th Edition T Categories

T CLASSIFICATION	THICKNESS (mm)	ULCERATION STATUS/MITOSIS	T Category	Thickness	Ulceration Status
T1	≤1.0	a: w/o ulceration and mitoses <1/mm <sup>2</sup> b: with ulceration or mitoses ≥1/mm <sup>2</sup>	T1	≤1.0 mm	Unknown or unspecified
T2	1.01-2.0	a: w/o ulceration b: with ulceration	T1a	<0.8 mm	Without ulceration
T3	2.01-4.0	a: w/o ulceration b: with ulceration	T1b	<0.8 mm	With ulceration
T4	>4.0	a: w/o ulceration b: with ulceration	T2	≥0.8-1.0 mm	With or without ulceration
			T2a	>1.0-2.0 mm	Without ulceration
			T2b	>1.0-2.0 mm	With ulceration
			T3	>2.0-4.0 mm	Unknown or unspecified
			T3a	>2.0-4.0 mm	Without ulceration
			T3b	>2.0-4.0 mm	With ulceration
			T4	>4.0 mm	Unknown or unspecified
			T4a	>4.0 mm	Without ulceration
			T4b	>4.0 mm	With ulceration

Gershenwald J et al. "Melanoma of the Skin". Chapter in AJCC Cancer Staging Manual, 8th Ed. 2017.



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**M Category: Important Changes**

- New fourth M category M1d: Distant metastasis to CNS
  - Poorest prognosis
  - Poor response to novel therapies
  - Exclusion from clinical trials
- Serum LDH levels are now part of each M category
  - Suffix (0) if normal
  - Suffix (1) if elevated
  - No suffix implies unknown

Gershengwald J et al. "Melanoma of the Skin". Chapter in AJCC Cancer Staging Manual, 8th Ed. 2017. GW  23

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**Staging work-up**

<p><b>Stage I/II</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CXR<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Additional imaging if specific signs/symptoms</li></ul></li><li>• CBC with diff, hepatic panel, LDH</li><li>• Full skin exam</li></ul>	<p><b>Stage III/IV</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CT C/A/P or PET/CT whole body<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Additional imaging if specific signs/symptoms</li></ul></li><li>• Brain MRI with and without gadolinium</li><li>• CBC with diff, hepatic panel, LDH</li><li>• Full skin exam</li></ul>
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**Stage IV Melanoma**

- Median Survival: 11 months
  - Wide Range: Dependent upon site(s) of disease, LDH
- Treatments:
  - Chemotherapy
  - Cytokines
  - Biochemotherapy
  - Vaccines/Immunotherapy
  - Targeted Small Molecules
  - Combinations

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### Single Agent Chemotherapy

- Dacarbazine (DTIC): approved single agent
  - RR 8-25%
  - CRs 2%
  - 31% durable
  - Temozolomide
- Nitrosoureas: BCNU, CCNU RR 12-17%
- Taxanes: RR15-20%
- Platinum compounds: RR 20%



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### Combinations with Chemotherapy does not improve OS

Regimen	RR	CR	Median Survival
DTIC	9.9%	0%	6.3 months
Dartmouth (CVD/Tam)	16.8%	0%	7.7 mos
P value		0.13	0.52

#### Chemotherapy vs. Biochemotherapy

- Three randomized studies presented at ASCO 2003
- Varying chemo/biochemo doses and regimens
- Biochemotherapy better RR, more toxicity, no statistically significant difference in survival

Chapman et al., JCO 1999



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### IL-2 in Melanoma

- 374 patients at NCI Surgery Branch
- 15.5% response rate (58/374)
- 5.1% CR, 10.4% PR
- Skin only metastases RR 53.6% (15/28)
- Skin and lymph node RR 32.5% (26/80)
- All other sites of disease RR 9.2% (32/348)
- Patient selection likely influences RR
- TIL therapy



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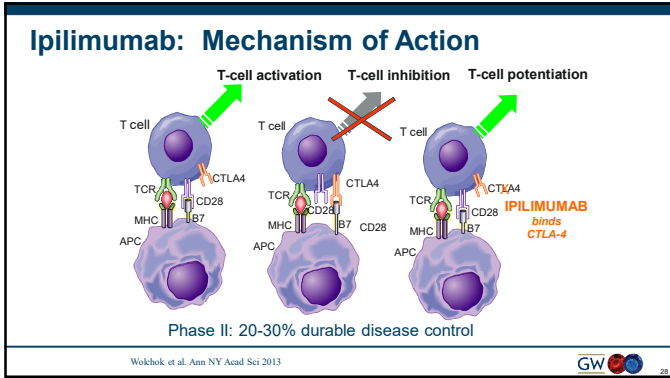
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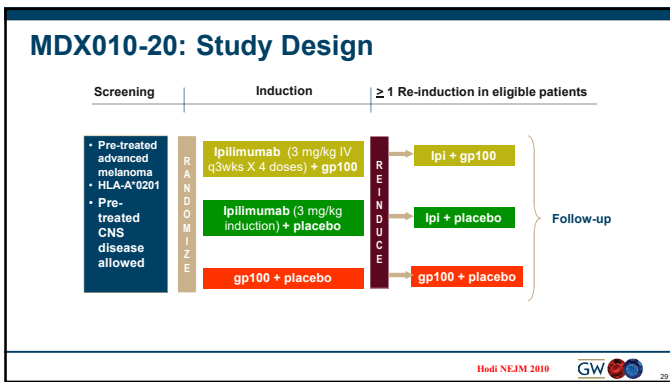
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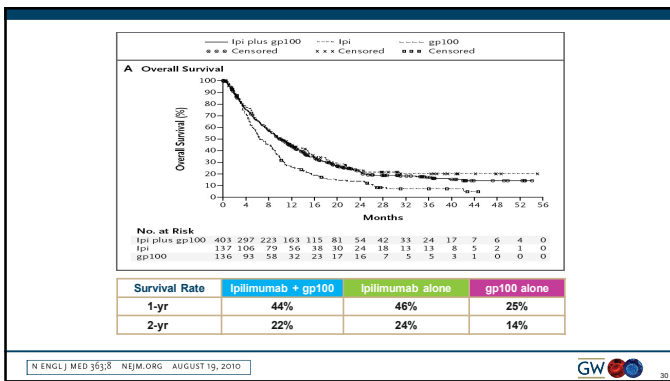
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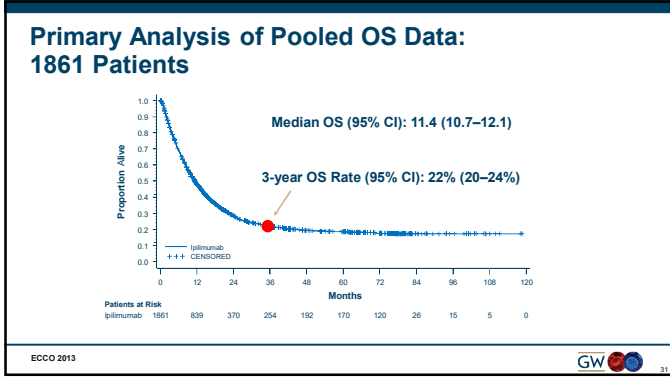
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### Ipilimumab

- FDA approved 2011
- Indication- stage IV melanoma or unresectable stage III melanoma.
- Approved dose- 3 mg/kg IV over 90 minutes q 3 weeks for a total a 4 doses
- Silent regarding maintenance, NCCN guidelines
- Reinduction; approximately 35% response

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### Ipilimumab Assessment of response

- Conventional response criteria may not adequately assess the effect of immunotherapy
- Anti-tumor responses may be delayed and scans may show progression before response (immune mediated response criteria)

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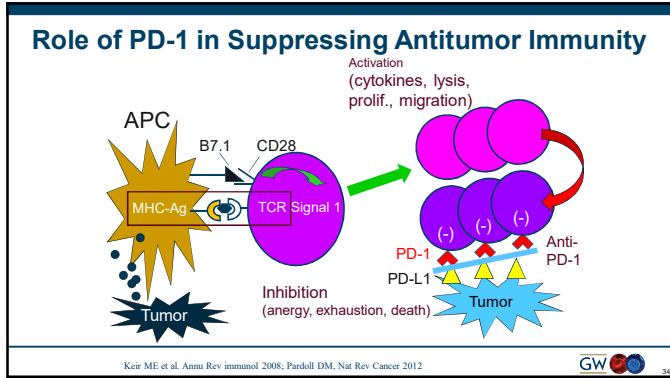
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### Nivolumab-Related Adverse Events

Drug-Related Adverse Event	All Grades		Grades 3-4	
	Tot Pop*	MEL	Tot Pop	MEL†
	No. (%) of Patients, All Doses			
Any adverse event	207 (70)	82 (79)	41 (14)	21 (20)
Fatigue	72 (24)	30 (29)	5 (2)	2 (2)
Rash	36 (12)	21 (20)	—	—
Diarrhea	33 (11)	18 (17)	3 (1)	2 (2)
Pruritus	28 (9)	15 (14)	1 (0.3)	—
Nausea	24 (8)	9 (9)	1 (0.3)	1 (1)
Appetite ↓	24 (8)	7 (7)	—	—
Hemoglobin ↓	19 (6)	7 (7)	1 (0.3)	1 (1)
Pyrexia	16 (5)	5 (5)	—	—

\*AEs occurring in ≥5% of the total population.  
†Common grade 3-4 AEs also included lymphopenia (3 pts) and abdominal pain and lipase increased (2 each). An additional 27 grade 3-4-related AEs were observed and one or more occurred in a single patient.

Topalian et al. NEJM 2012

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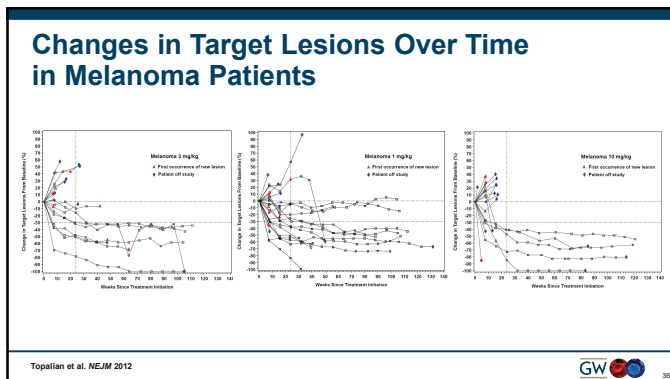
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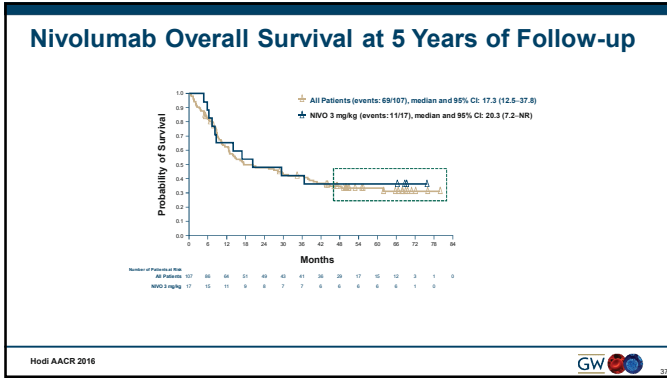
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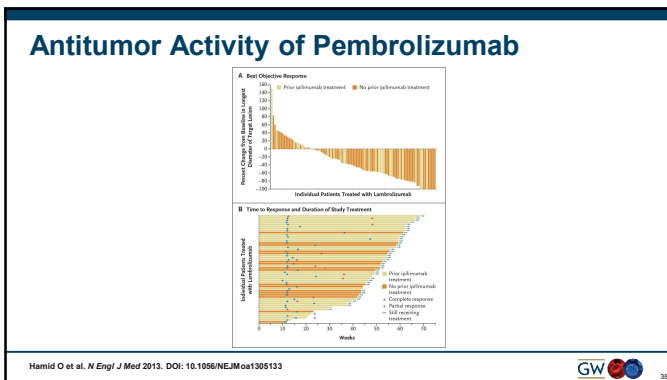
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### Immunotherapy: Toxicity = irAE

- Occur in approximately 60% of patients
- Grade 3/4 in approximately 10-15% of patients
- Any organ system can be involved
  - **Gastrointestinal** – enterocolitis, abdominal pain, diarrhea, bowel perforation (e.g. CTLA-4)
  - **Pulmonary** – pneumonitis (e.g. PD-1)
  - **Endocrinopathy**-thyroid (TSH before cycle), pituitary, adrenal insufficiency
  - **Hepatitis**-elevated AST or ALT or bilirubin
  - **Dermatitis**-rash, pruritus, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis
  - **Neurologic**-neuropathy, Guillain-Barré
  - Other- ocular manifestations

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### Checkpoint Blockade Treatment of immune adverse reactions

- Rule out infections or other etiologies
- Corticosteroids-
  - High grade: IV methylprednisolone
  - PO
  - Steroids tapered slowly over one month
  - Rarely need infliximab (mycophenylate liver inflammation)




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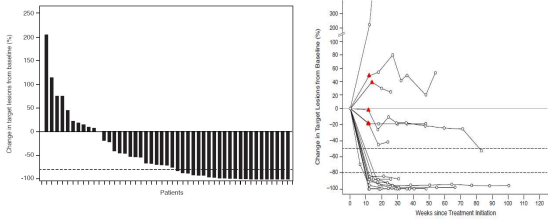
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### Ipilimumab + Nivolumab Best Responses in All Evaluable Patients



Wolchok et al. *NEJM* 2013




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### Treatment-Related Select Adverse Events Occurring in ≥1 Patient

Select Adverse Event	Concurrent Regimen All Cohorts (n=53)		Sequenced Regimen All Cohorts (n=33)	
	All Gr	Gr 3-4	All Gr	Gr 3-4
Pulmonary	3 (6)	1 (2)	1 (3)	0
Renal	3 (6)	3 (6)	0	0
Endocrinopathies	7 (13)	1 (2)	3 (9)	2 (6)
Uveitis	3 (6)	2 (4)	0	0
Skin	37 (70)	2 (4)	8 (24)	0
Gastrointestinal	20 (38)	5 (9)	3 (9)	0
Hepatic	12 (23)	8 (15)	1 (3)	0
Infusion reaction	1 (2)	0	0	0
Lipase	10 (19)	7 (13)	4 (12)	2 (6)
Amylase	8 (15)	3 (6)	1 (3)	1 (3)




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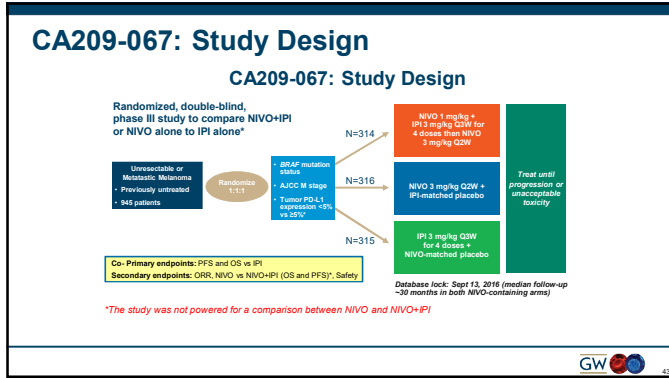
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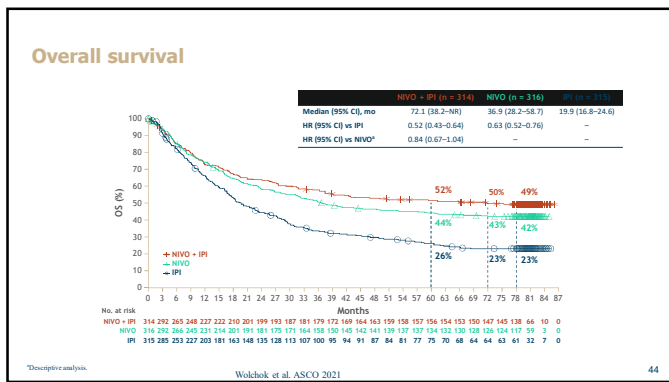
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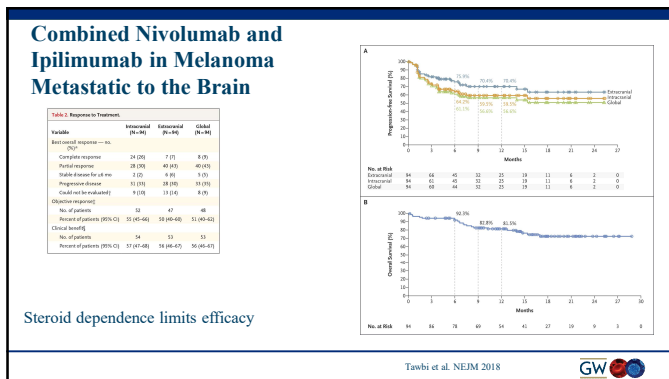
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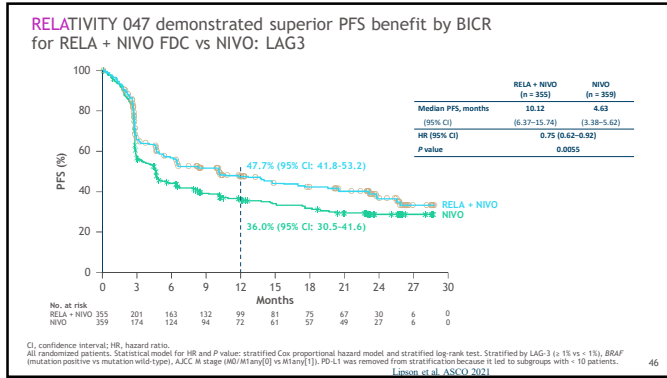
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### Conclusions

- Blockade of the PD-1 pathway represents basis for immune therapy for patients with melanoma
- Preliminary data correlating PD-L1 expression in pretreatment tumor biopsies with clinical outcomes will be further explored
- Pembrolizumab, Nivolumab, Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab approved
- NCCN recommendation PD-1 first line
- Combinations continue to be developed

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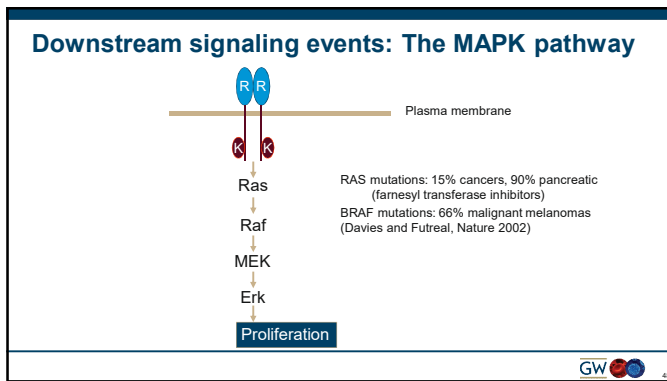
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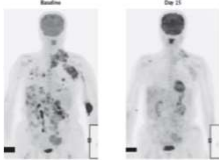
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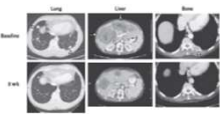
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### Vemurafenib: V600E BRAF Specific


**FDG-PET**



**Computed Tomography**



Flaherty et al NEJM 2010



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### Vemurafenib

- ORR of 53%
- OS at 6 months 77% (95% CI: 70, 85)  
12 months 58% (95% CI: 49, 67)
- Median duration of response 6.7 months
- 960 mg BID is manageable, with most AEs being reversible with dose modification or interruption



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### Phase III BRIM3 Study design


**Screening**

- BRAF<sup>V600E</sup> mutation
- Stratification**
- Stage
- ECOG PS (0 vs 1)
- LDH level (↑ vs nI)
- Geographic region
- No active CNS disease

**Randomization N=675**

- Vemurafenib**  
960 mg po bid (N=337)
- Dacarbazine**  
1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> iv q3w (N=338)

Chapman et al. 2011



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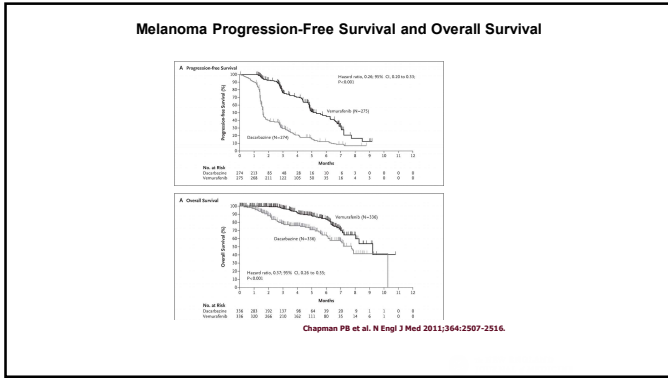
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**Selective B-Raf Inhibitors in Patients with Metastatic Melanoma: Safety**

Side effects:  
Rash, arthritis, diarrhea, squamous cell skin cancer, pancreatitis, keratoacanthoma, photosensitivity, LFTs, prolonged QTc. Visual changes.

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**BRAFi + MEKi: Overall Survival Improved Dabrafenib (BRAFi) + Trametinib (MEKi)**

- Increased incidence of pyrexia
- Decreased incidence of skin manifestations of BRAFi

Robert C et al. *N Engl J Med* 2015;372:30-39.

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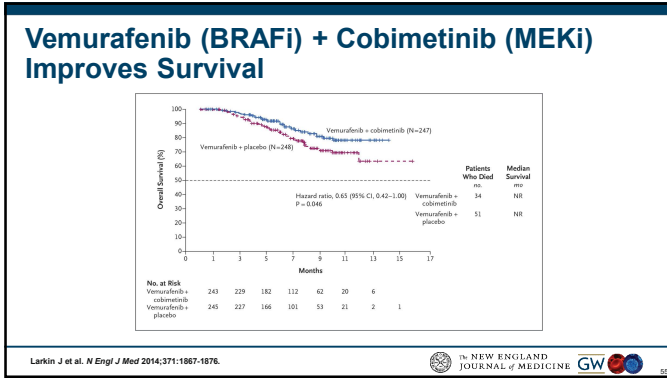
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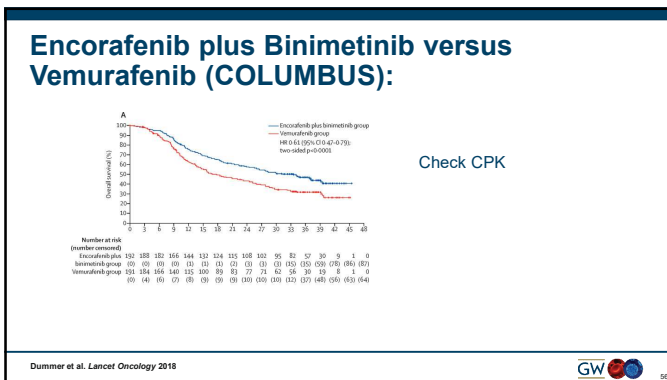
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### Targeting BRAF Mutant Melanoma

- Selective BRAF inhibitors are a breakthrough for melanoma.
- Benefit seen in all subgroups and baseline characteristics
- Combination of BRAF and MEK inhibition improves survival
- Pyrexia and less skin toxicity with BRAFi + MEKi combination
- Not indicated for wild type BRAF
- Side effects: rash, arthritis, diarrhea, squamous cell skin cancer, keratoacanthoma, photosensitivity, LFTs, prolonged QTc

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**Does the benefit of immune and targeted therapies in the metastatic setting offer benefit for adjuvant patients?**




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**Adjuvant Therapy**

- High risk patients: thick primary melanomas > 4mm or node positive disease; 25-75% chance of dying from melanoma
- Multiple chemotherapy trials
  - Overall not improve survival
- Multiple biologics investigated
  - Interferon




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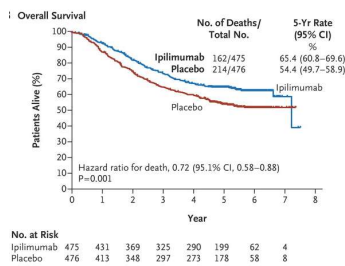
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**Overall Survival**



Eggermont et al NEJM 2016




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**Treatment options for patients with Stage III melanoma**

- Observation
- IFN
- Participation in a clinical trial
- Nivolumab, Pembrolizumab
- Dabrafenib plus Trametinib



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**Mucosal and Acral Melanomas**

- Clinical behavior different than cutaneous melanomas
  - Non Risk Factors for Cutaneous Melanomas
- Mucosal Melanoma
  - Vaginal, Anal, Sinus, Oropharynx
  - 400-600 Cases per year
- Acral (Non-Hair Containing Skin) Melanoma
  - Palms, Soles, and Nailbeds
  - 5% Melanomas
- 15-20% with KIT mutation and/or amplification



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**Four Weeks**

**Imatinib**

**Pre-treatment**      **Post-treatment**


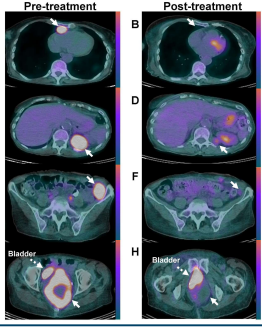
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### Imatinib in KIT Melanoma

- Phase II studies
- 8-12% KIT mutational rate of tumors
- Mutation +/- amplification
- RR 24%
- TTP 3 months
- PFS 9 months for patients who experience SD/PR



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### Ocular Melanoma

- Most common extra-cutaneous melanoma
- Most commonly involving choroid and ciliary body; conjunctival lesions are rare
- Recurrence over 5-10 years; surveillance not well defined
- Improving understanding of genetics (not BRAF)
  - In contrast to cutaneous lesions, 50% GNAQ mutations, 20% GNA11 mutations (G-coupled proteins)
- Local therapy: enucleation vs. external beam/radioactive rings
- Liver predominant organ for metastases



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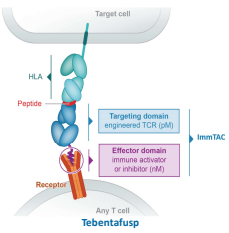
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### Tebentafusp



- Bispecific, soluble TCR therapeutic
- Affinity-enhanced TCR fused to anti-CD3
- Designed to redirect T cells to gp100+ melanocytic cells

ImmiTAC, immune mobilizing T cell receptor Against Cancer; TCR, T cell receptor.  
Piperno-Neumann, Hassel et al. AACR 2021



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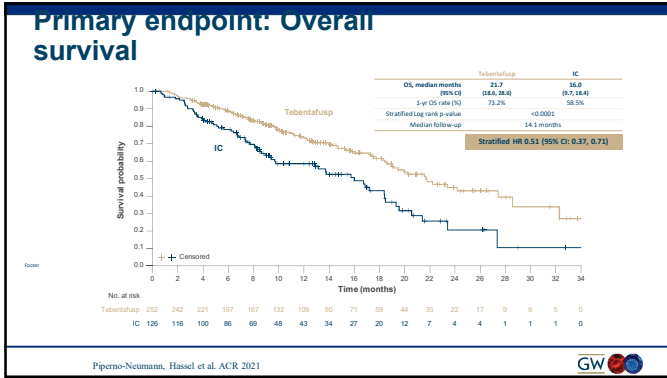
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- ### Treatment for Stage IV Disease: Summary
- Immune modulation
    - CTLA-4 blockade
    - PD-1 blockade
    - Anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1
  - Improved genetic understanding
    - BRAFi + MEKi
    - KIT
  - Combinatorial Approaches

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# Thank You

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