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# **Novel Approaches in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer - Immunotherapy and Others**

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# Agenda

- ☐ Introduction
- ☐ Immunotherapy (IO) for resectable NSCLC
- ☐ Update in the treatment of locally advanced NSCLC
- ☐ First-line IO for metastatic disease
- ☐ Second-line IO
- ☐ Immunotherapy in EGFR/ALK-positive patients
- ☐ Progression after 1<sup>st</sup> line IO with or without chemo
- ☐ Conclusions



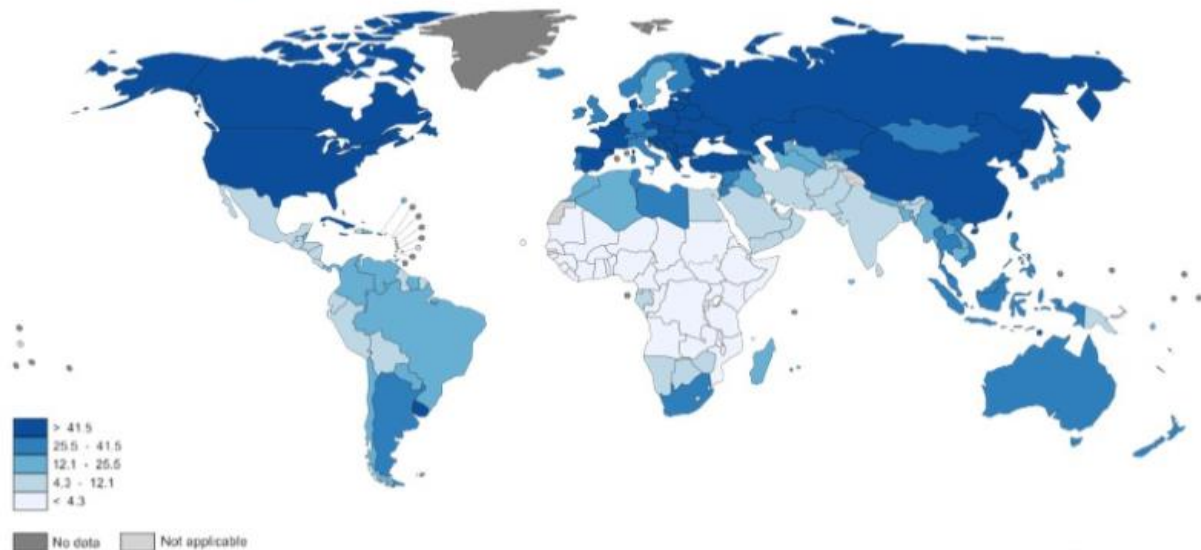
# Introduction

- Statistics in 2012 identified lung cancer as the most common cancer worldwide contributing 13% of the total number of new cases
- Worldwide more than 1 in 10 of all cancers diagnosed in men are lung cancers
- Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related deaths worldwide
- Properly staging the extent of disease at diagnosis influences the approach to treatment and prognosis
- Despite ostensibly curative therapy for stage I–III NSCLC, 30–60% of patients go on to develop metastatic disease
- Very heterogeneous disease

# Lung Cancer Statistics

## The lung cancer epidemic - men

▲ Estimated Lung Cancer Incidence Worldwide in 2012: Men

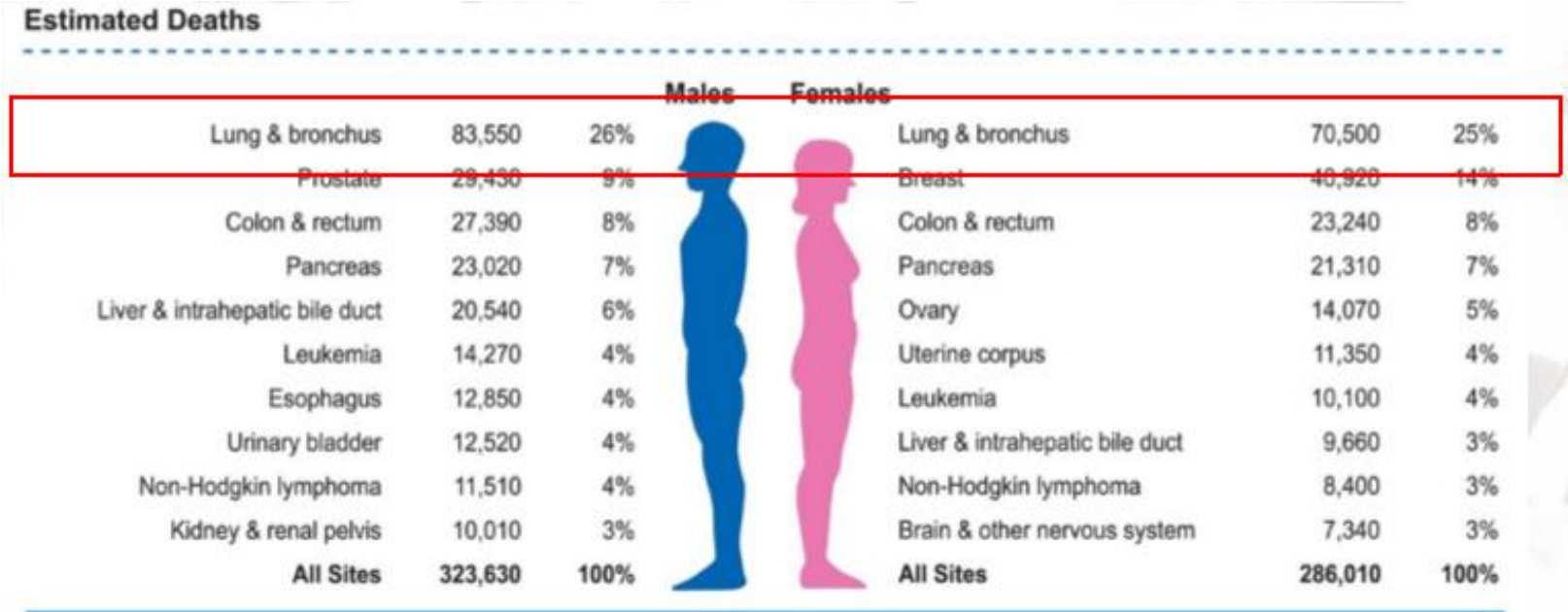


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# Lung Cancer Mortality

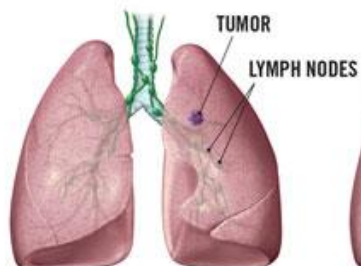


Ten Leading Cancer Types for the Estimated New Cancer Deaths by Sex, United States, 2018

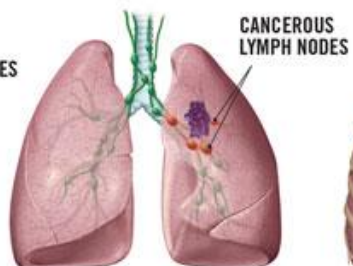


# Staging

**STAGE 1**



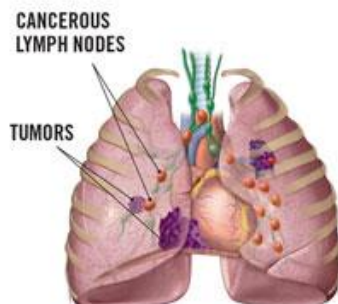
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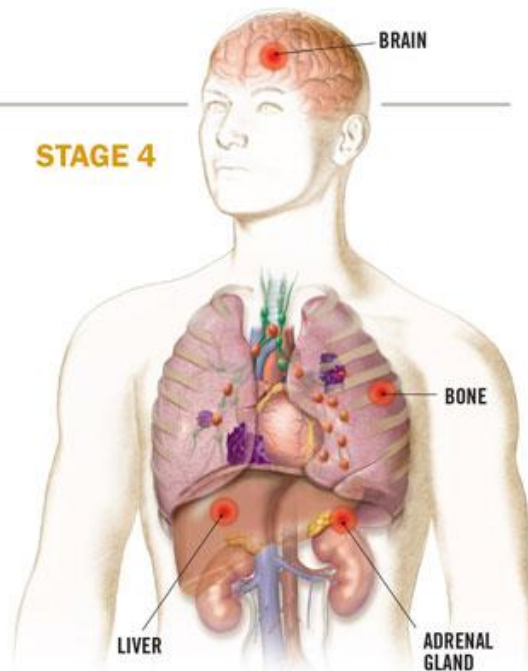
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**STAGE 3B**

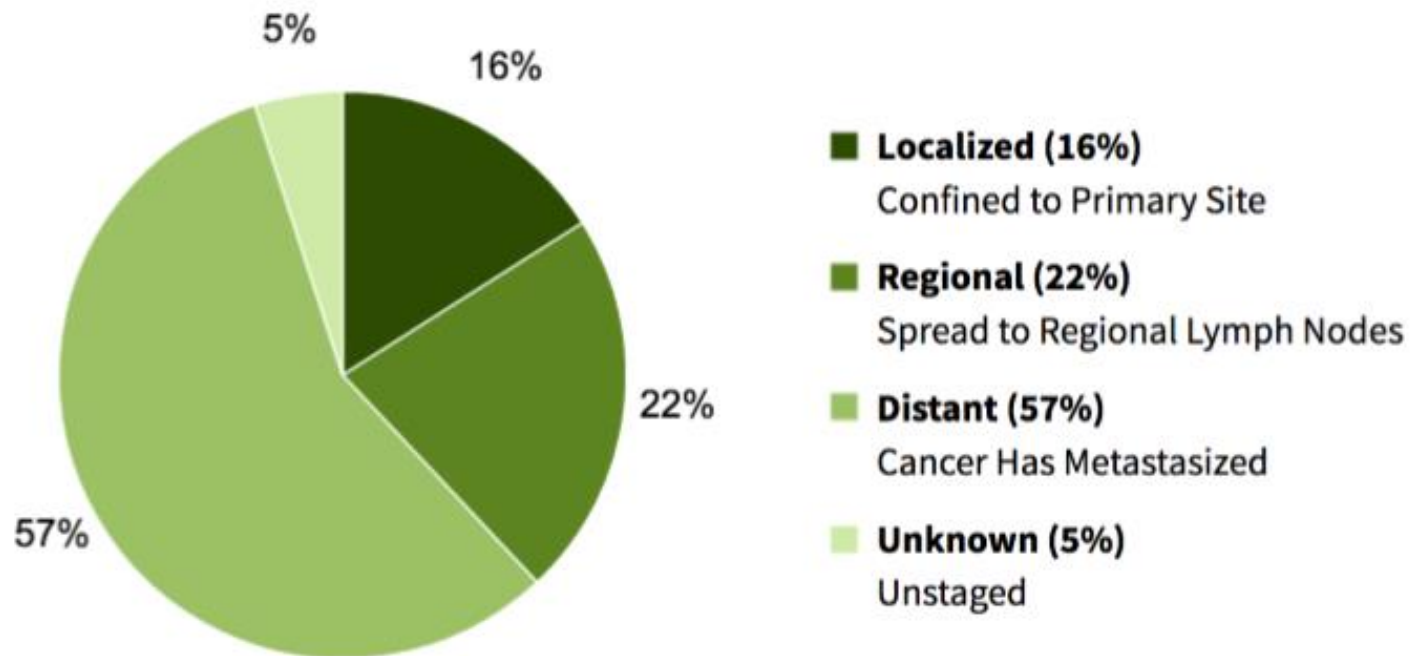


**STAGE 4**





# Stage at Diagnosis



# Late diagnosis

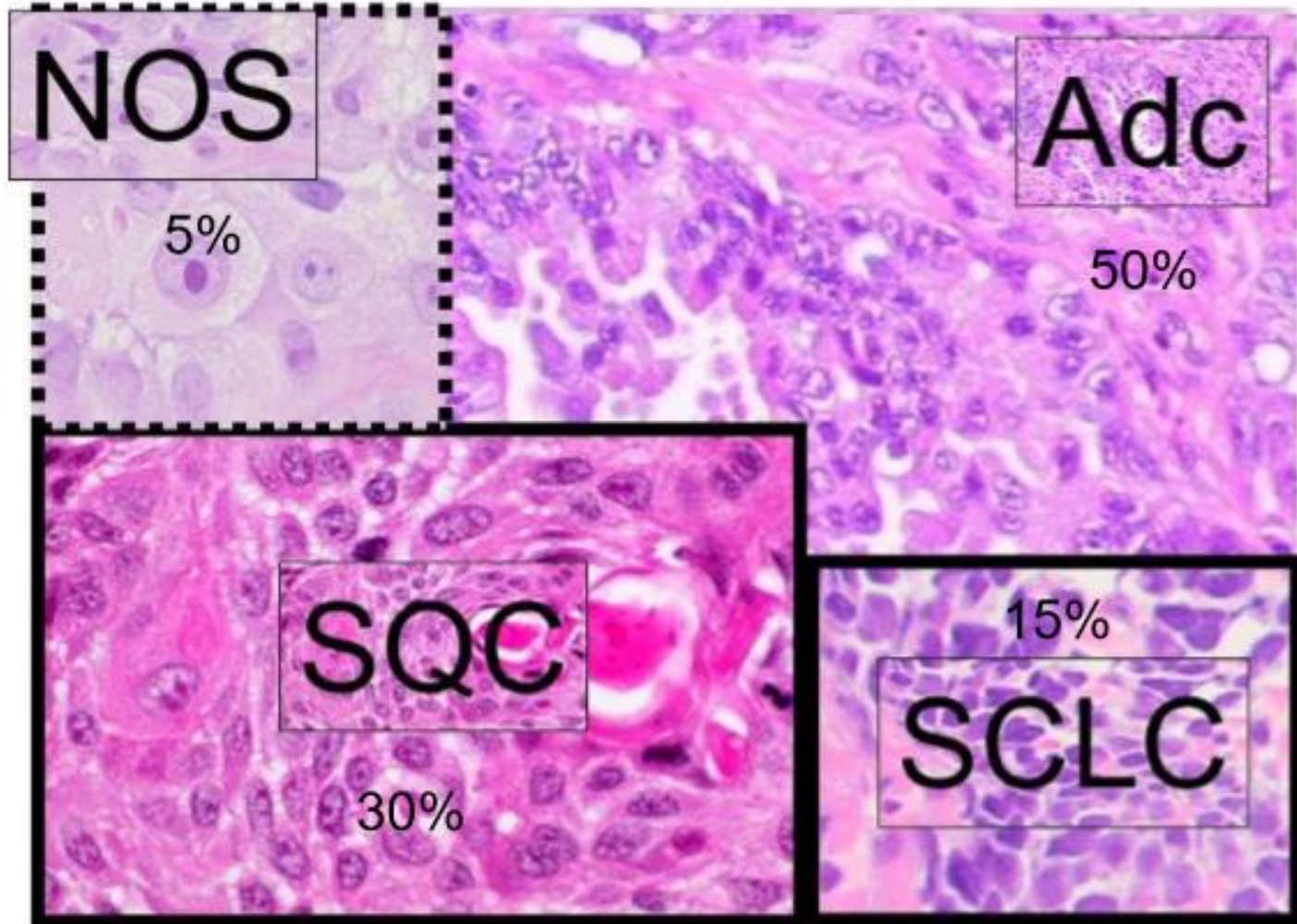


## Care in the Emergency Department UK (BLF 2015)

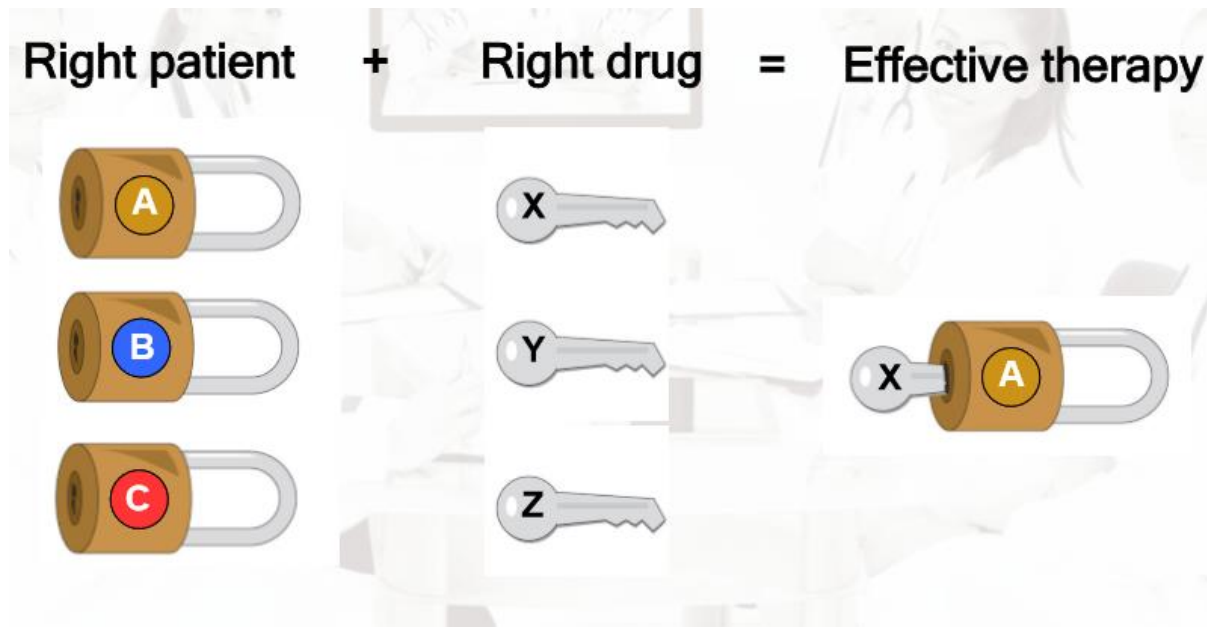
“The fact that 34% of lung cancer patients\* are diagnosed as a result of an emergency presentation may come as a surprise to many doctors working in Emergency Departments (ED).”

\*Public Health England. (September 2015). Routes to Diagnosis 2006-2013; preliminary results. A National Cancer Intelligence Network short report. Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cancers-are-being-diagnosed-earlier-in-england>.

# Molecular classification starts with histology

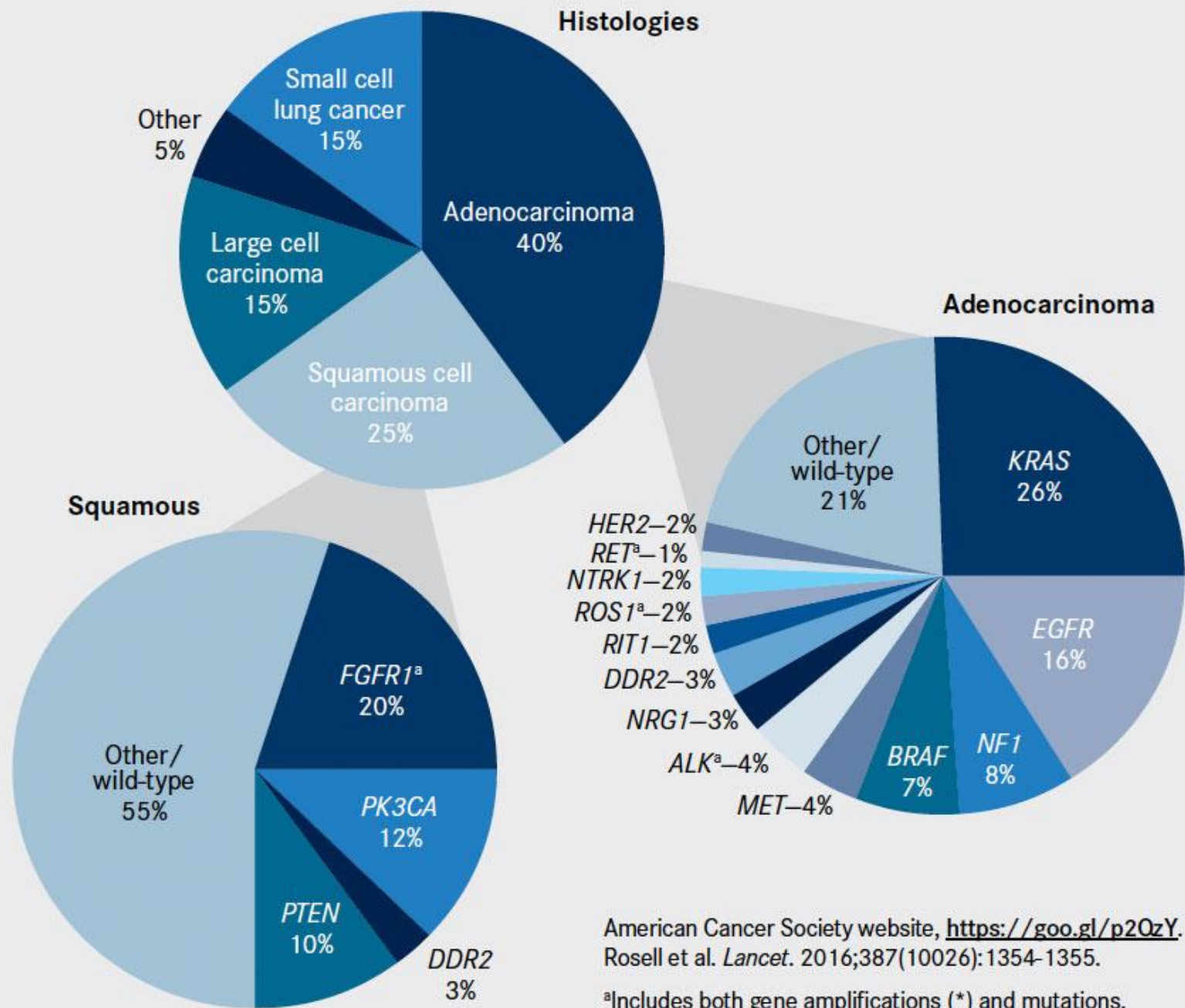


# Why do we care about the molecular classification?





# Lung Cancers and Their Molecular Drivers

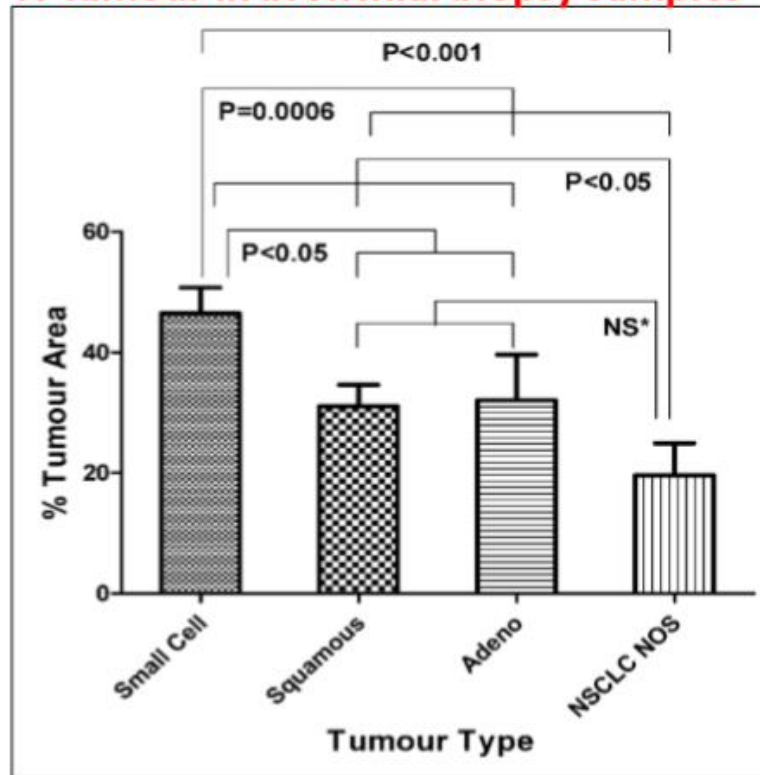


American Cancer Society website, <https://goo.gl/p2QzY>.  
 Rosell et al. *Lancet*. 2016;387(10026):1354-1355.

<sup>a</sup>Includes both gene amplifications (\*) and mutations.

# The issue is the Tissue!

**% tumour in bronchial biopsy samples**



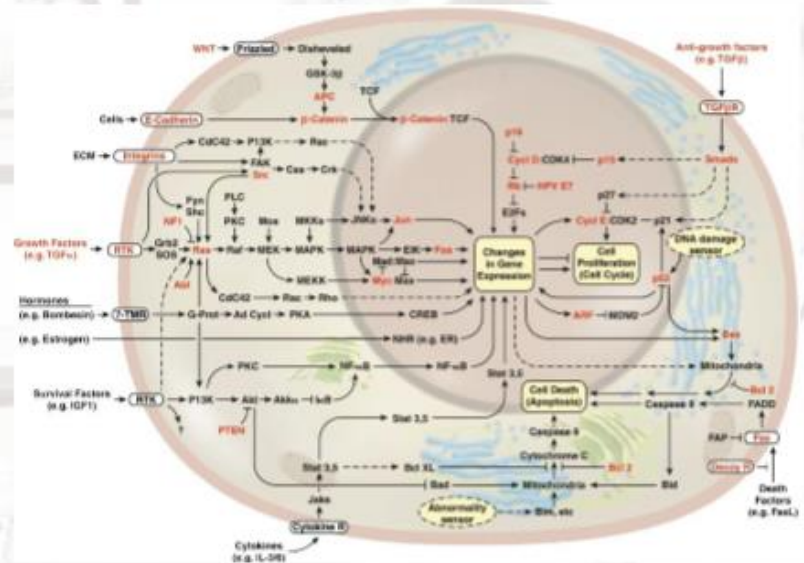
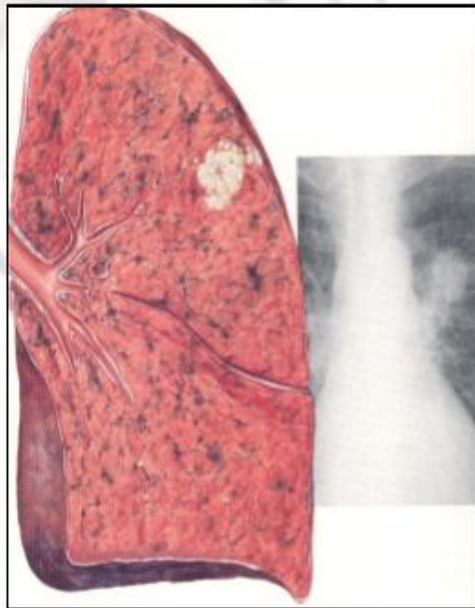
Coghlin CL et al, JTO 2010, 5:448-452

➤ A surgical specimen is available in ~25% of the patients

➤ Bronchial biopsy samples are available in ~50% of the cases, and usually contain low percentage of tumor cells

➤ ~25% of the patients are diagnosed on cytology samples

# From tissue to molecular signaling



## Outline

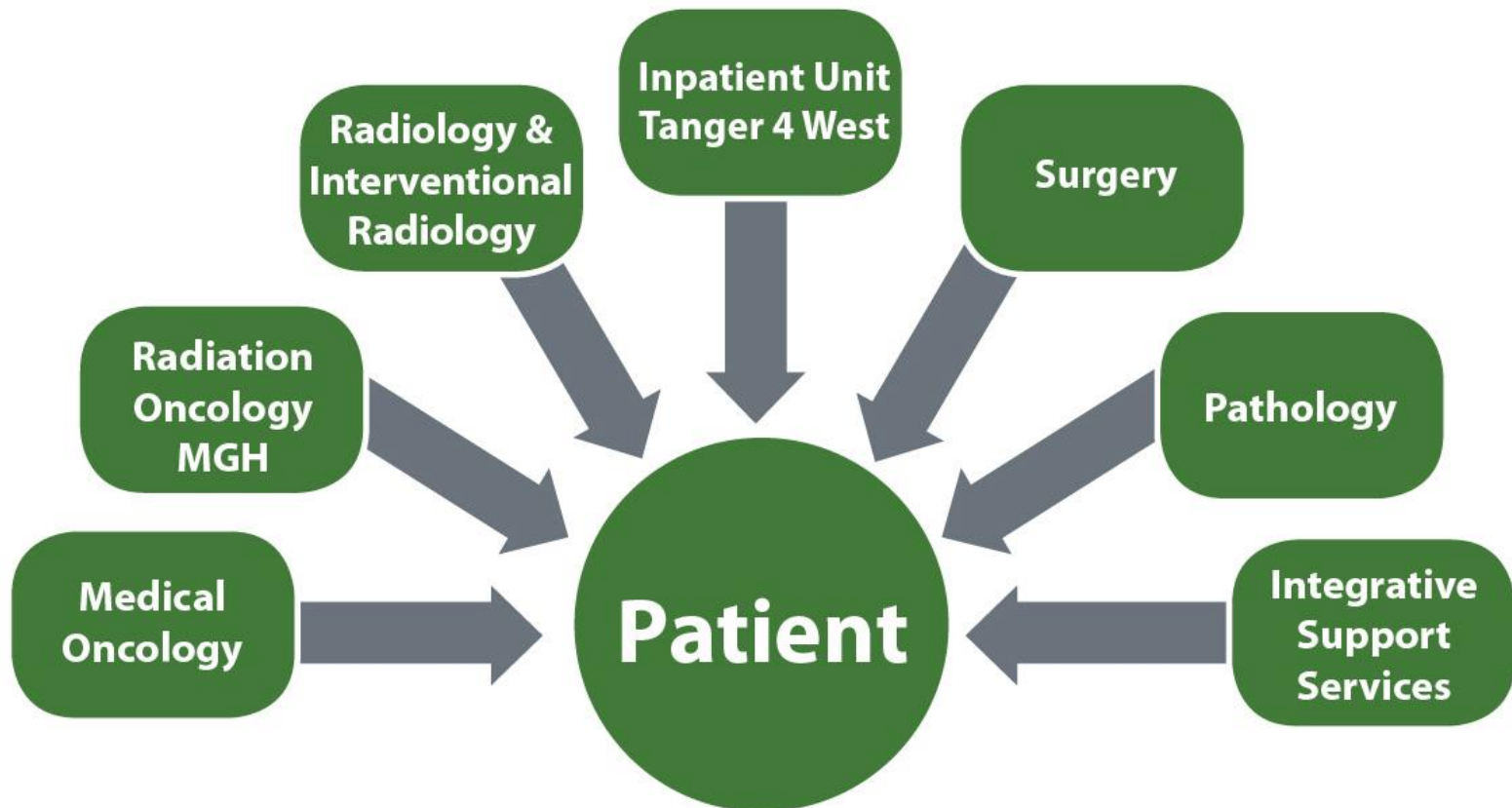
1. Lung cancer basics

2. Molecular classification

3. Precision medicine



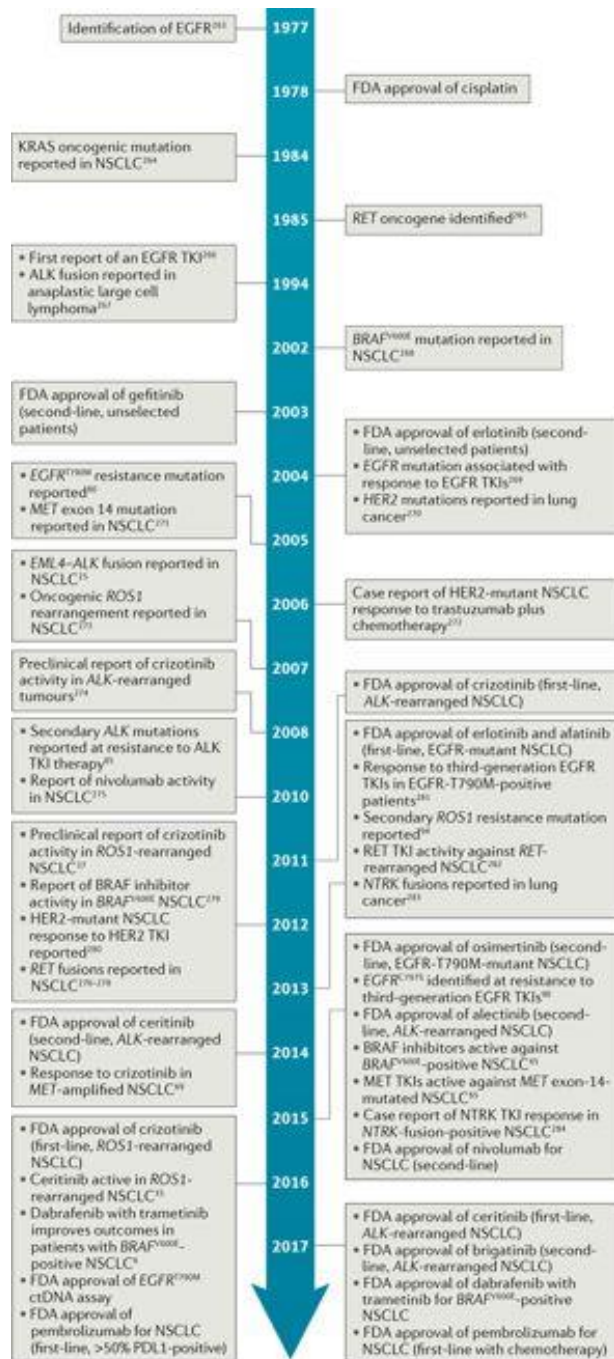
# MDT Team



Multidisciplinary team approach to care is necessary to make the best and most informed decision for the patient



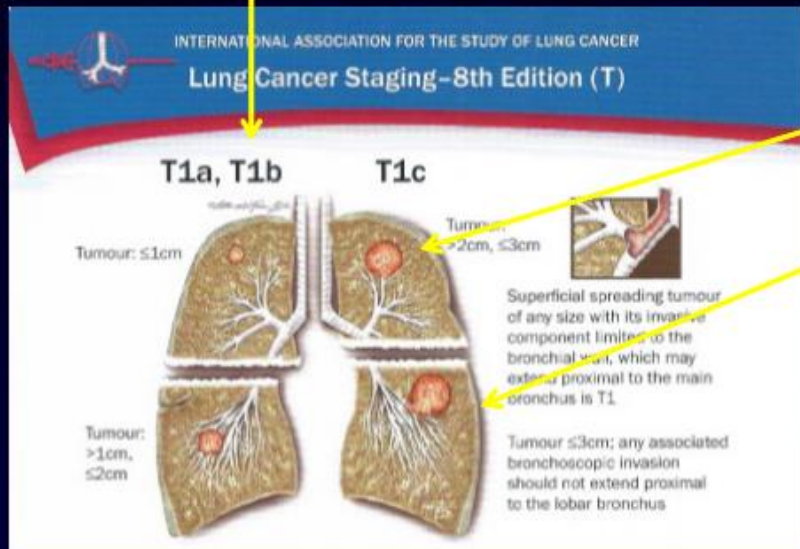
# Milestones in targeted therapy for NSCLC



# Surgery

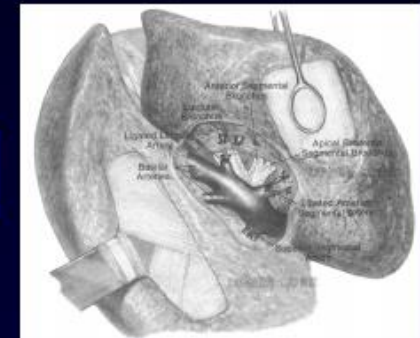
type of resection depends on local invasion  
(T factor)

wedge resection

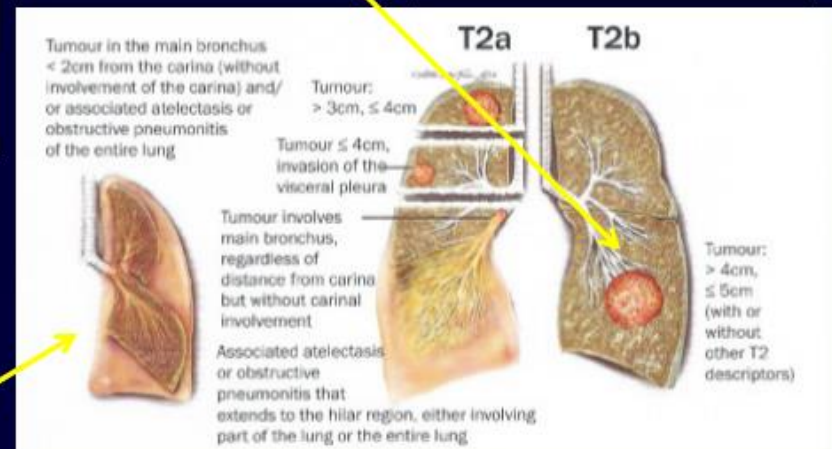


segmentectomy

lobectomy



pneumonectomy



*along with systematic en-bloc dissection of mediastinal lymph node stations!*

# Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy for resectable disease

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## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Neoadjuvant PD-1 Blockade in Resectable Lung Cancer

P.M. Forde, J.E. Chaft, K.N. Smith, V. Anagnostou, T.R. Cottrell, M.D. Hellmann, M. Zahurak, S.C. Yang, D.R. Jones, S. Broderick, R.J. Battaifarano, M.J. Velez, N. Rekhtman, Z. Olah, J. Naidoo, K.A. Marrone, F. Verde, H. Guo, J. Zhang, J.X. Caushi, H.Y. Chan, J.-W. Sidhom, R.B. Scharpf, J. White, E. Gabrielson, H. Wang, G.L. Rosner, V. Rusch, J.D. Wolchok, T. Merghoub, J.M. Taube, V.E. Velculescu, S.L. Topalian, J.R. Brahmer, and D.M. Pardoll

#### ABSTRACT

##### Key patient inclusion criteria

- Newly diagnosed NSCLC
- Stage I (>2 cm), II, IIIA
- Resectable

(n=22) 21 pts were evaluable

Nivolumab  
3 mg/kg IV  
D14, 28

Resection  
D0

SOC

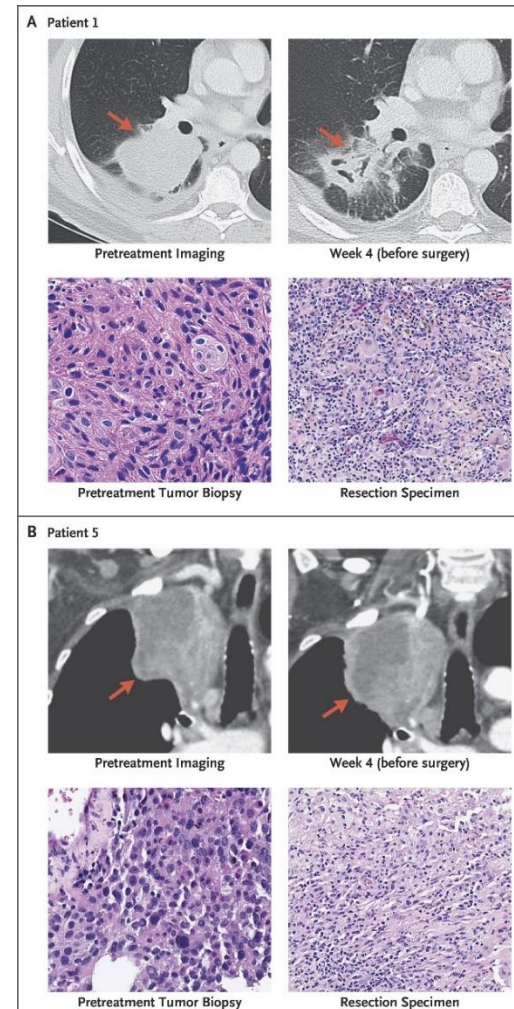
##### Primary endpoint(s)

- Safety, feasibility of resection without extended delays

##### Secondary endpoint

- Objective pathological response criteria

- ✓ Neoadjuvant nivolumab well tolerated and did not delay surgery.
- ✓ SD (18/21, 85%), PR- 2 (10%), PD 1 (5%)
- ✓ A major pathological response (<10% viable tumour cells in resection specimen) was achieved in 9/20 (45%) completely resected patients (independently of PD-L1 expression)



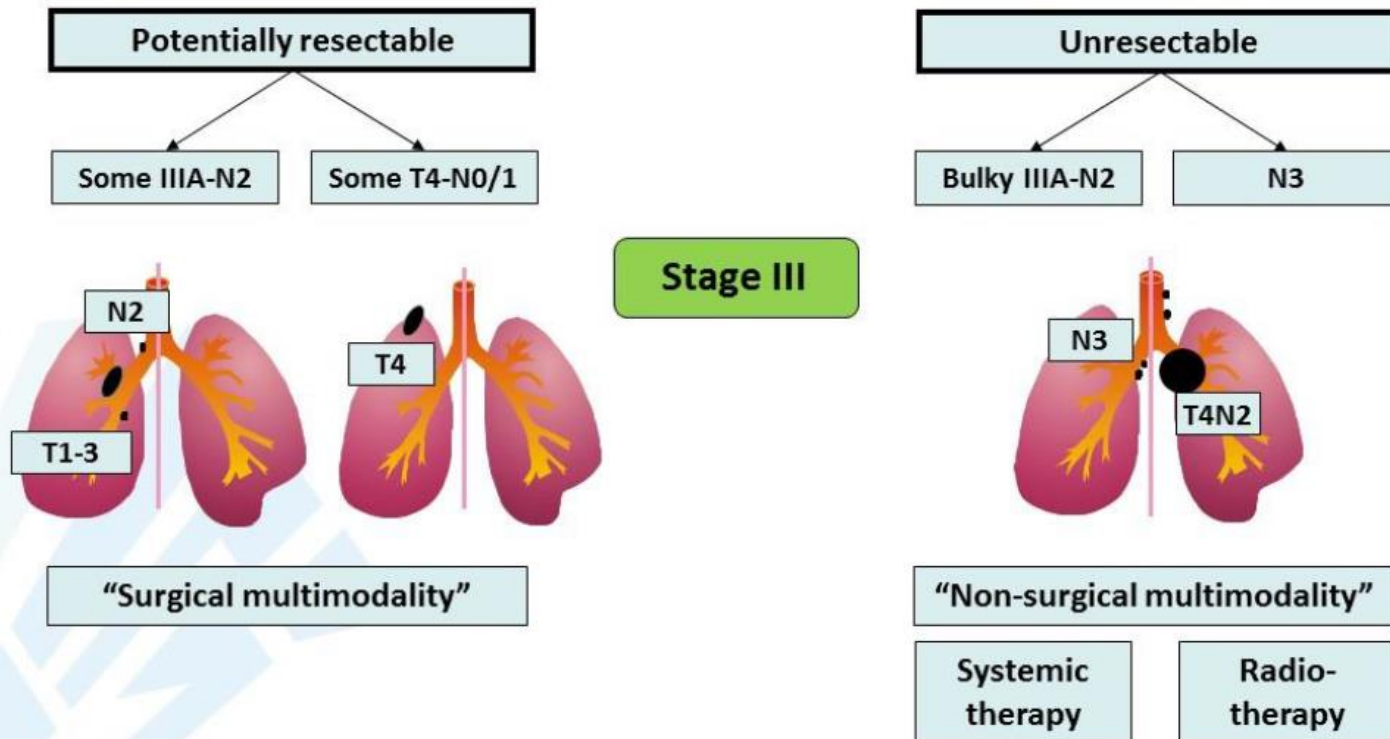




# Locally advanced NSCLC

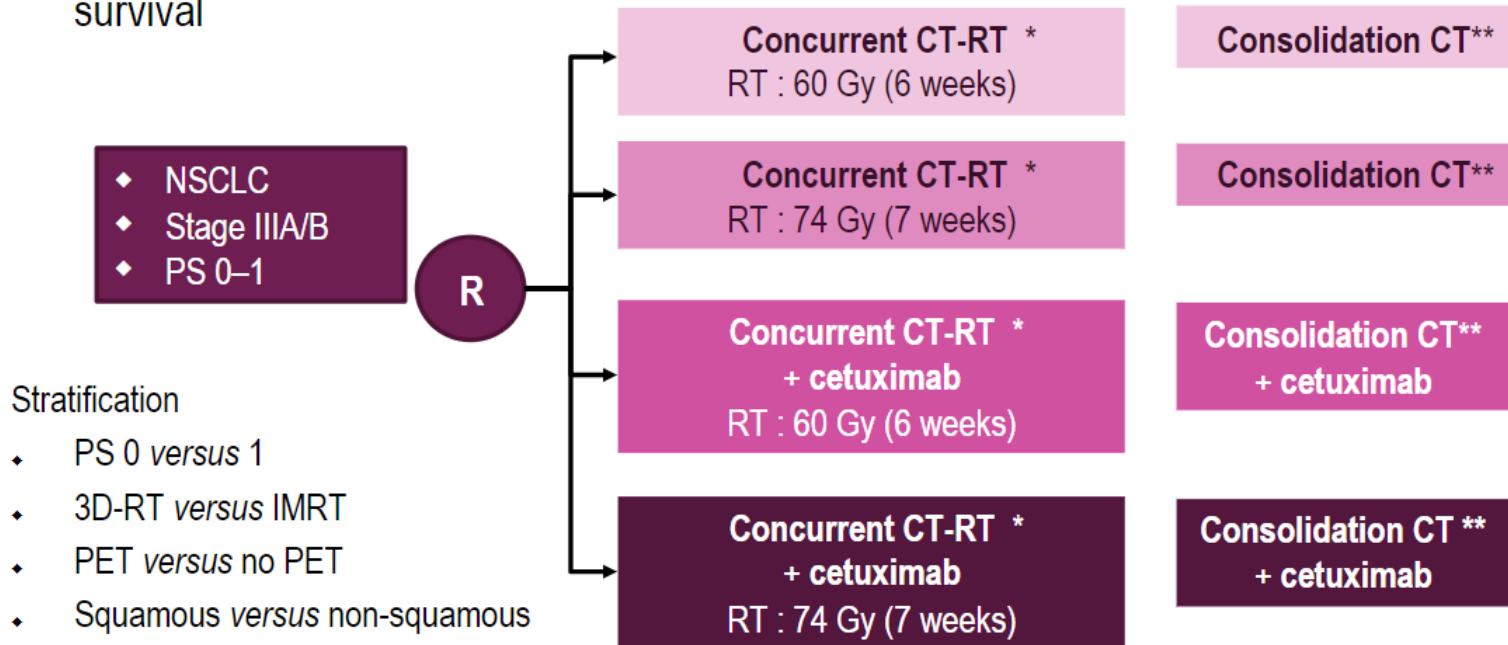
## Stage III NSCLC

> heterogeneous disease in TNM and resectability



# RTOG 06-17 Trial

- On the basis of encouraging phase II trials, the second aim of this phase III study was to show if addition cetuximab to concurrent standard chemo-therapy improved survival



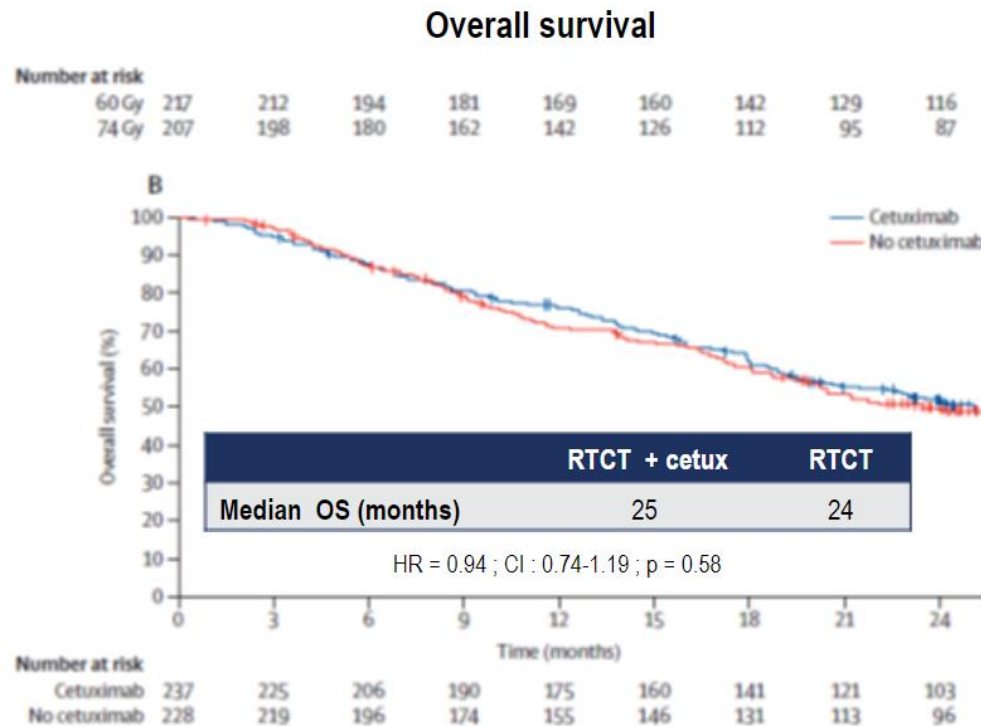
## \*CT-RT

Carboplatin AUC=2 + paclitaxel 45 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/week. (6 à 7 weeks)  
Cetuximab 400 mg/m<sup>2</sup> initial dose then 250 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/week.

## \*\*Consolidation CT

Carboplatin AUC=6 + paclitaxel 200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (2 cycles)  
Cetuximab 250 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/week

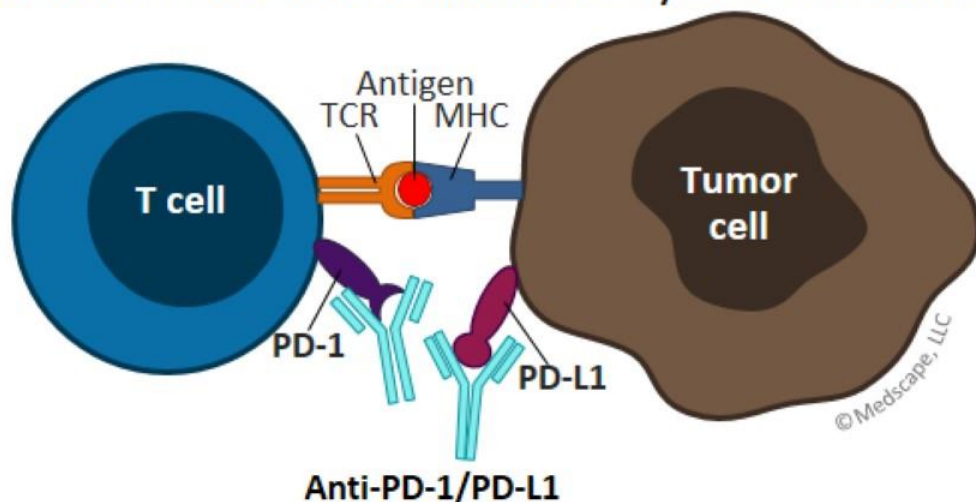
# RTOG 06-17 Trial



- ♦ Addition of cetuximab to concurrent CT-RT and consolidation treatment provided no benefit survival in stage III unresectable NSCLC

# Rationale for Immunotherapy After CRT

- SoC for locally advanced disease is inadequate
- Potential for neoantigen production with CRT
- Neoantigens are recognized as foreign leading to T-cell infiltration
- ... but the T cells are unable to eradicate the tumor because of checkpoint proteins that interfere with cytotoxic T-cell response (eg, PD-1/PD-L1)
- Checkpoint inhibitors allow the immune system to attack cancer cells





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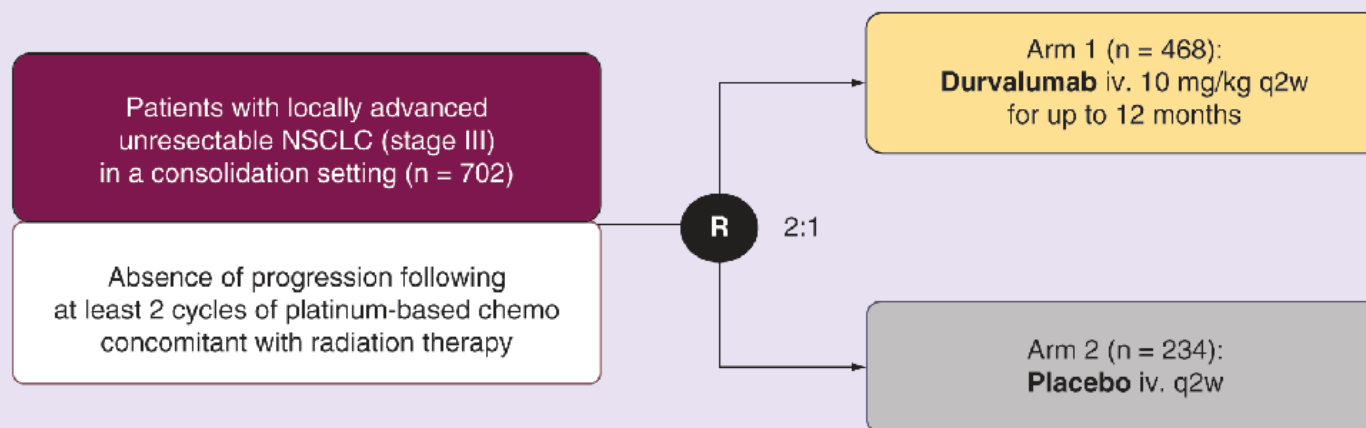
## Durvalumab after Chemoradiotherapy in Stage III Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer

S.J. Antonia, A. Villegas, D. Daniel, D. Vicente, S. Murakami, R. Hui, T. Yokoi, A. Chiappori, K.H. Lee, M. de Wit, B.C. Cho, M. Bourhaba, X. Quantin, T. Tokito, T. Mekhail, D. Planchard, Y.-C. Kim, C.S. Karapetis, S. Hiret, G. Ostoros, K. Kubota, J.E. Gray, L. Paz-Ares, J. de Castro Carpeño, C. Wadsworth, G. Melillo, H. Jiang, Y. Huang, P.A. Dennis, and M. Özgüroğlu, for the PACIFIC Investigators\*

### PACIFIC trial: Study design

NCT02125461

- Phase III, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter, global study (26 countries)



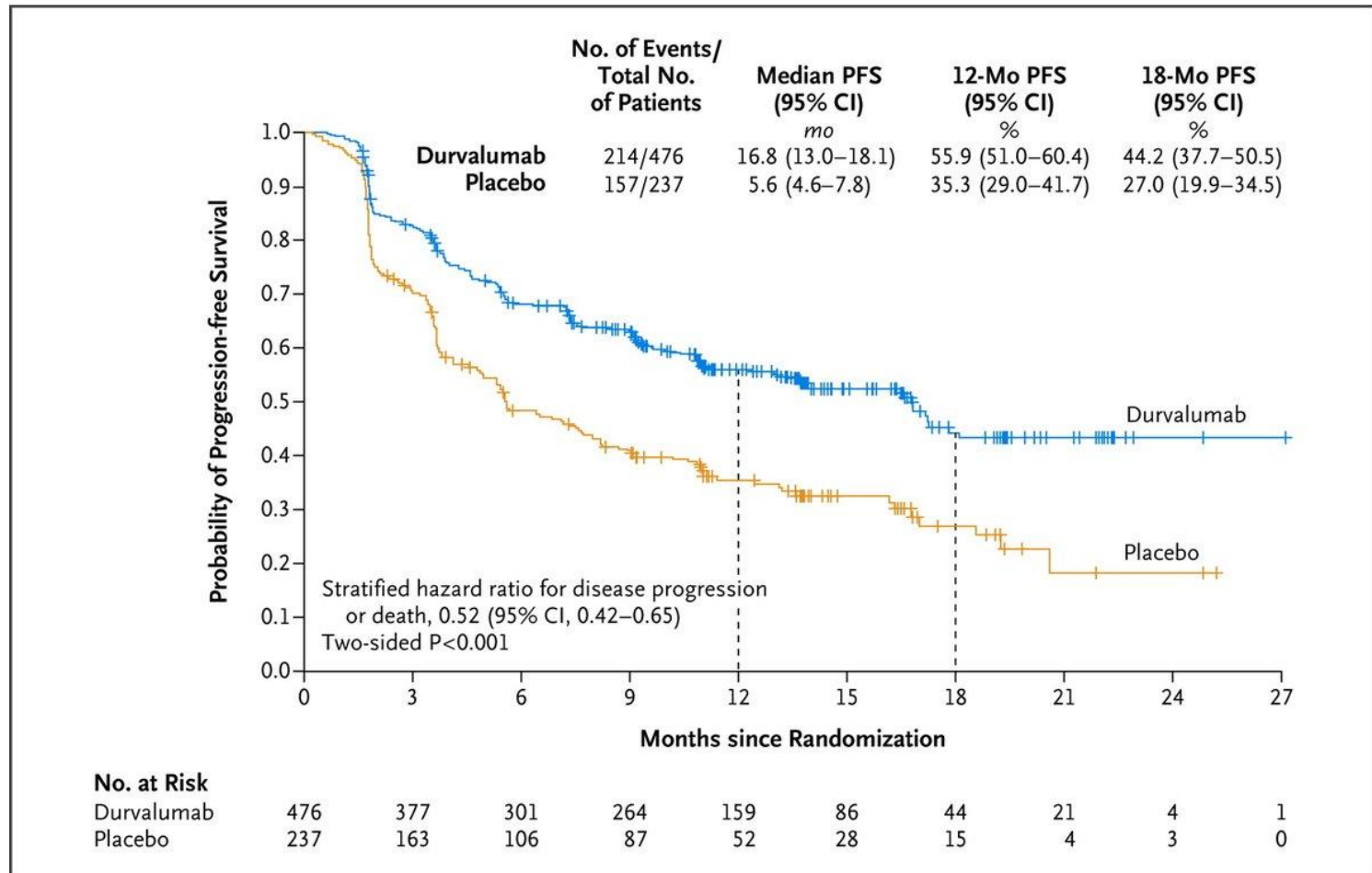
### Primary endpoints

- PFS, OS

### Secondary endpoints

- ORR, DoR, DSR
- Safety/tolerability
- PK, immunogenicity, QoL

# Results:PFS

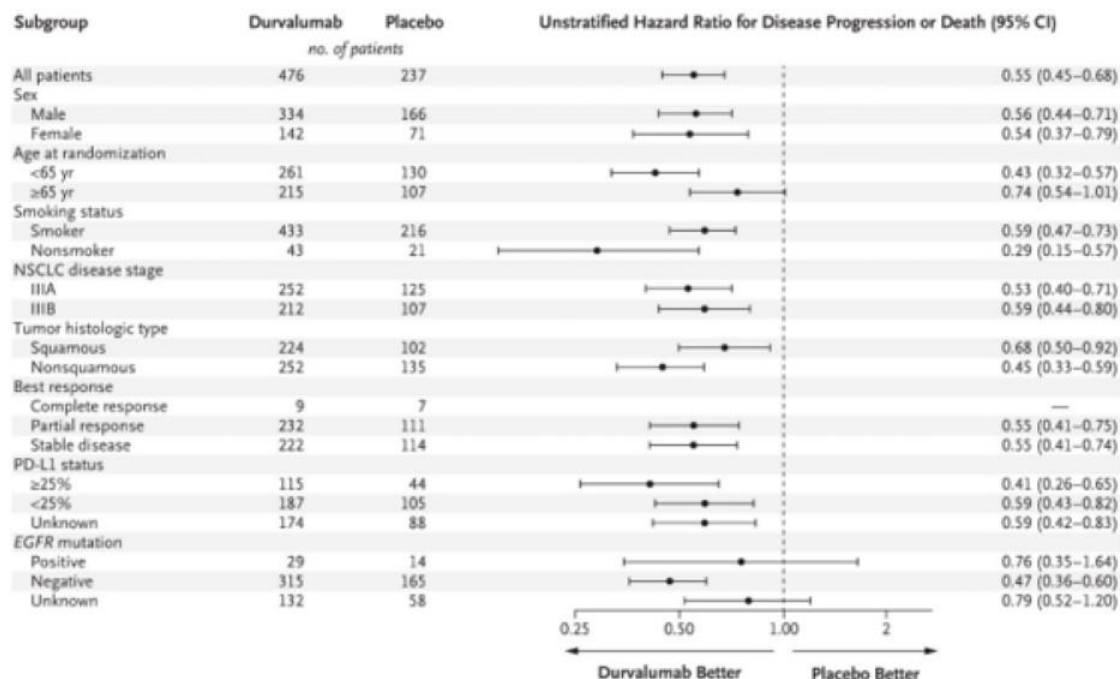


**PFS was significantly longer with durvalumab than with placebo  
(Median PFS: 16.8 mo with durvalumab and 5.6 mo with placebo)**

# PACIFIC Trial

## Subgroup Analysis of Prognostic Factors for PFS

### PFS Subgroup Analysis in the ITT Population



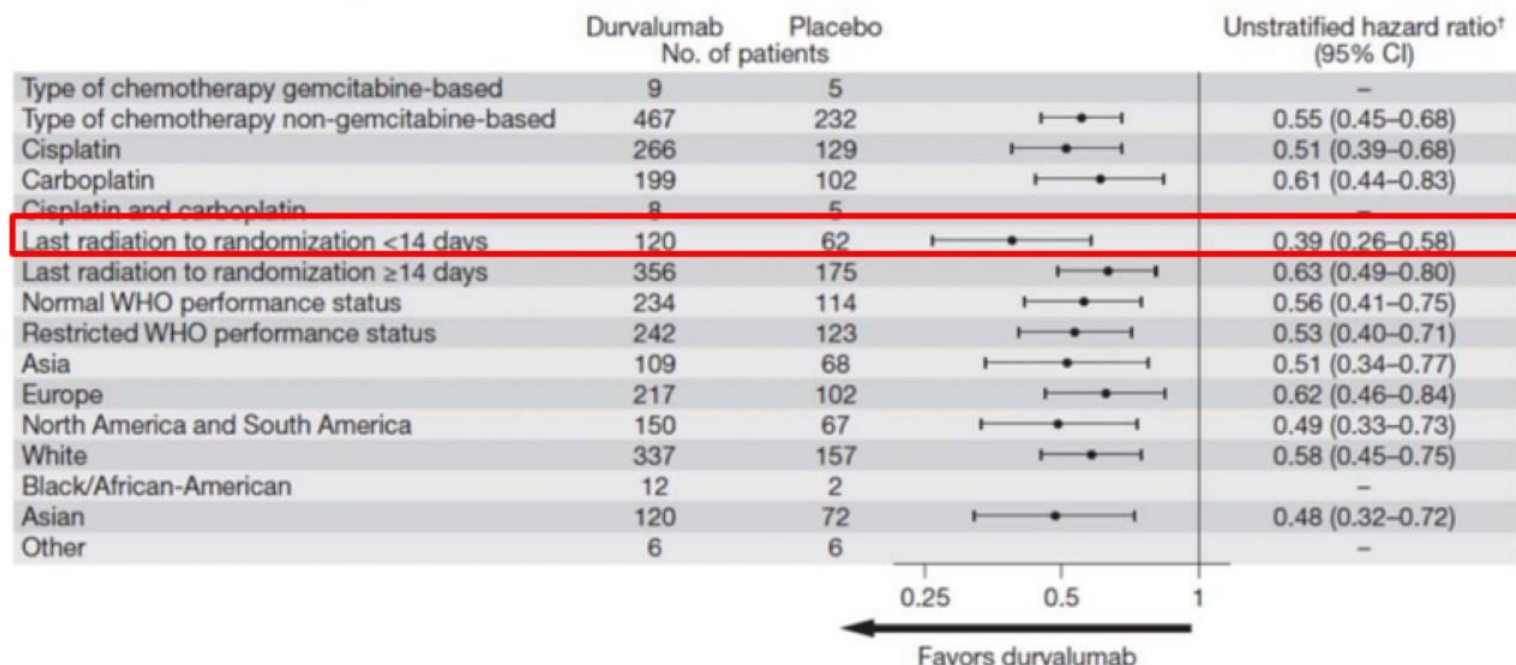
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**PFS benefit with durvalumab was consistently observed across all subgroups, including nonsmokers, and irrespective of PD-L1 expression before CRT**

# PACIFIC Trial

## *Rationale for Performing Scan Immediately After CRT*

### PFS\* Subgroup Analysis of Additional Factors in the ITT Population



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Subgroup analysis indicates that patients treated with durvalumab sooner (last radiation to randomization < 14 d) had a much better HR for improvement in PFS

\*Defined by RECIST v1.1.

†Hazard ratio and 95% CI is not calculated if the subgroup level has less than 20 events.

Antonia SJ, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2017;377:1919–1929.



# PACIFIC Trial

## *Metastases in the ITT Population*

### Incidence of New Lesions in the ITT Population\*

New lesion site <sup>†</sup>	Durvalumab (N=476)	Placebo (N=237)
	<i>number of patients (percent)</i>	
Any new lesion	97 (20.4)	76 (32.1)
Lung	56 (11.8)	41 (17.3)
Lymph nodes	27 (5.7)	27 (11.4)
Brain	26 (5.5)	26 (11.0)
Liver	9 (1.9)	8 (3.4)
Bone	8 (1.7)	6 (2.5)
Adrenal	3 (0.6)	5 (2.1)
Other	9 (1.9)	5 (2.1)

\*According to RECIST v1.1.

<sup>†</sup>A patient may have had more than one new lesion site.

BICR, Blinded Independent Central Review; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumors.

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**Patients treated with durvalumab had a lower rate of metastases,  
including to the brain**

\*According to RECIST v1.1.

<sup>†</sup>A patient may have had more than one new lesion site.

Antonia SJ, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2017;377:1919-1929.

# PACIFIC Trial

## Safety Profile

### Adverse Events of any Cause<sup>[a]</sup>

Event	Durvalumab (N = 475)		Placebo (N = 234)	
	Any Grade <sup>a</sup>	Grade 3 or 4	Any Grade <sup>a</sup>	Grade 3 or 4
	number of patients with event (percent)			
Any event	460 (96.8)	142 (29.9)	222 (94.9)	61 (26.1)
Cough	168 (35.4)	2 (0.4)	59 (25.2)	1 (0.4)
Pneumonitis or radiation pneumonitis†	161 (33.9)	16 (3.4)	58 (24.8)	6 (2.6)
Fatigue	113 (23.8)	1 (0.2)	48 (20.5)	3 (1.3)
Dyspnea	106 (22.3)	7 (1.5)	56 (23.9)	6 (2.6)
Diarrhea	87 (18.3)	3 (0.6)	44 (18.8)	3 (1.3)
Pyrexia	70 (14.7)	1 (0.2)	21 (9.0)	0
Decreased appetite	68 (14.3)	1 (0.2)	30 (12.8)	2 (0.9)
Nausea	66 (13.9)	0	31 (13.2)	0
Pneumonia	62 (13.1)	21 (4.4)	18 (7.7)	9 (3.8)
Arthralgia	59 (12.4)	0	26 (11.1)	0
Pruritus	58 (12.2)	0	11 (4.7)	0
Rash	58 (12.2)	1 (0.2)	17 (7.3)	0
Upper respiratory tract infection	58 (12.2)	1 (0.2)	23 (9.8)	0
Constipation	56 (11.8)	1 (0.2)	20 (8.5)	0
Hypothyroidism	55 (11.6)	1 (0.2)	4 (1.7)	0
Headache	52 (10.9)	1 (0.2)	21 (9.0)	2 (0.9)
Asthenia	51 (10.7)	3 (0.6)	31 (13.2)	1 (0.4)
Back pain	50 (10.5)	1 (0.2)	27 (11.5)	1 (0.4)
Musculoskeletal pain	39 (8.2)	3 (0.6)	24 (10.3)	1 (0.4)
Anemia	36 (7.6)	14 (2.9)	25 (10.7)	8 (3.4)

- Pneumonitis rate was not as expected<sup>[a]</sup>
  - Not very frequent
  - No difference between durvalumab and placebo arms
- Durvalumab is very well tolerated in general<sup>[a]</sup>
- QoL was not worsened with the addition of durvalumab<sup>[b]</sup>

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\*Events reported in at least 10% of either group.

†Pneumonitis is a grouped term and was assessed by investigators with subsequent review and adjudication by the study sponsor.

a. Antonia SJ, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2017;377:1919-1929; b. Hui R, et al. IASLC WCLC 2017. Abstract PL 02.02.

# Metastatic Disease

# Targeted agents in NSCLC

## NSCLC: frequency of mutations and availability of targeted agents

Gene	Alteration	Frequency in NSCLC (%)
<i>AKT1</i>	Mutation	1
<i>ALK</i>	Rearrangement	3–7
<i>BRAF</i>	Mutation	1–3
<i>DDR2</i>	Mutation	~ 4
<i>EGFR</i>	Mutation	10–35
<i>FGFR1</i>	Amplification	20
<i>HER2</i>	Mutation	2–4
<i>KRAS</i>	Mutation	15–25
<i>MEK1</i>	Mutation	1
<i>MET</i>	Amplification	2–4
<i>NRAS</i>	Mutation	1
<i>NTRK</i>	Rearrangement	1
<i>PIK3CA</i>	Mutation	1–3
<i>PTEN</i>	Mutation	4–8
<i>RET</i>	Rearrangement	1
<i>ROS1</i>	Rearrangement	1

### Key

Drugs approved in NSCLC

Drugs approved in NSCLC, but for other molecular subtype

Drugs approved in other cancer

Drugs in clinical development

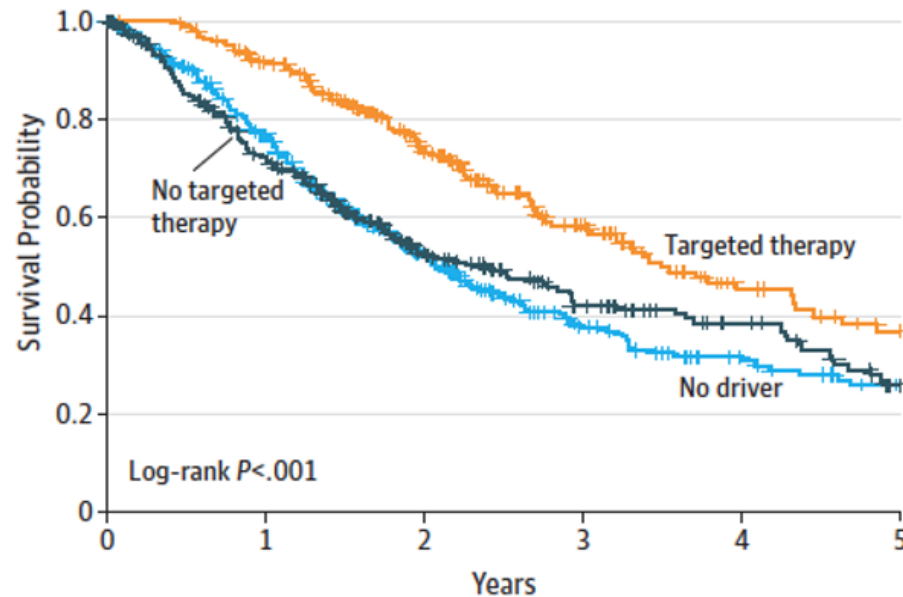


# Targeted Therapy

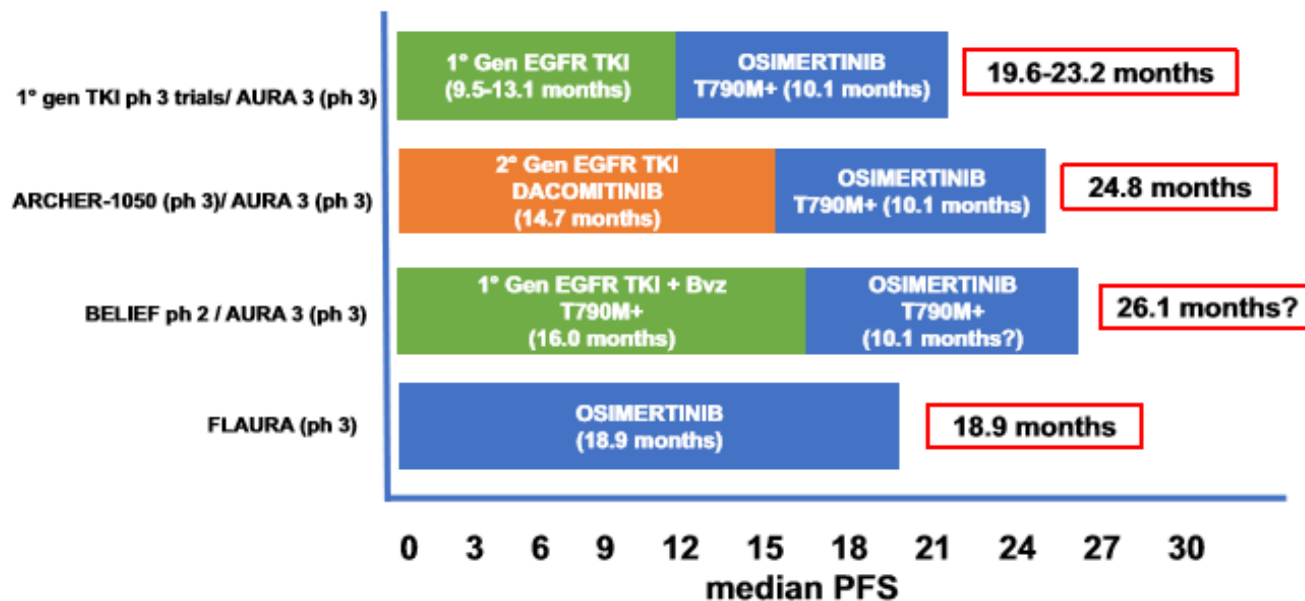
## Using Multiplexed Assays of Oncogenic Drivers in Lung Cancers to Select Targeted Drugs

Mark G. Kris, MD; Bruce E. Johnson, MD; Lynne D. Berry, PhD; David J. Kwiatkowski, MD; A. John Iafrate, MD; Ignacio I. Wistuba, MD; Mariella Varela-Garcia, PhD; Wilbur A. Franklin, MD; Samuel L. Aronson, ALM, MA; Pei-Fang Su, PhD; Yu Shyr, PhD; D. Ross Camidge, MD, PhD; Lecia V. Sequist, MD; Bonnie S. Glisson, MD; Fadlo R. Khuri, MD; Edward B. Garon, MD; William Pao, MD, PhD; Charles Rudin, MD, PhD; Joan Schiller, MD; Eric B. Haura, MD; Mark Socinski, MD; Katsuke Shirai, MD; Heidi Chen, PhD; Giuseppe Giaccone, MD; Marc Ladanyi, MD; Kelly Kugler, BA; John D. Minna, MD; Paul A. Bunn, MD

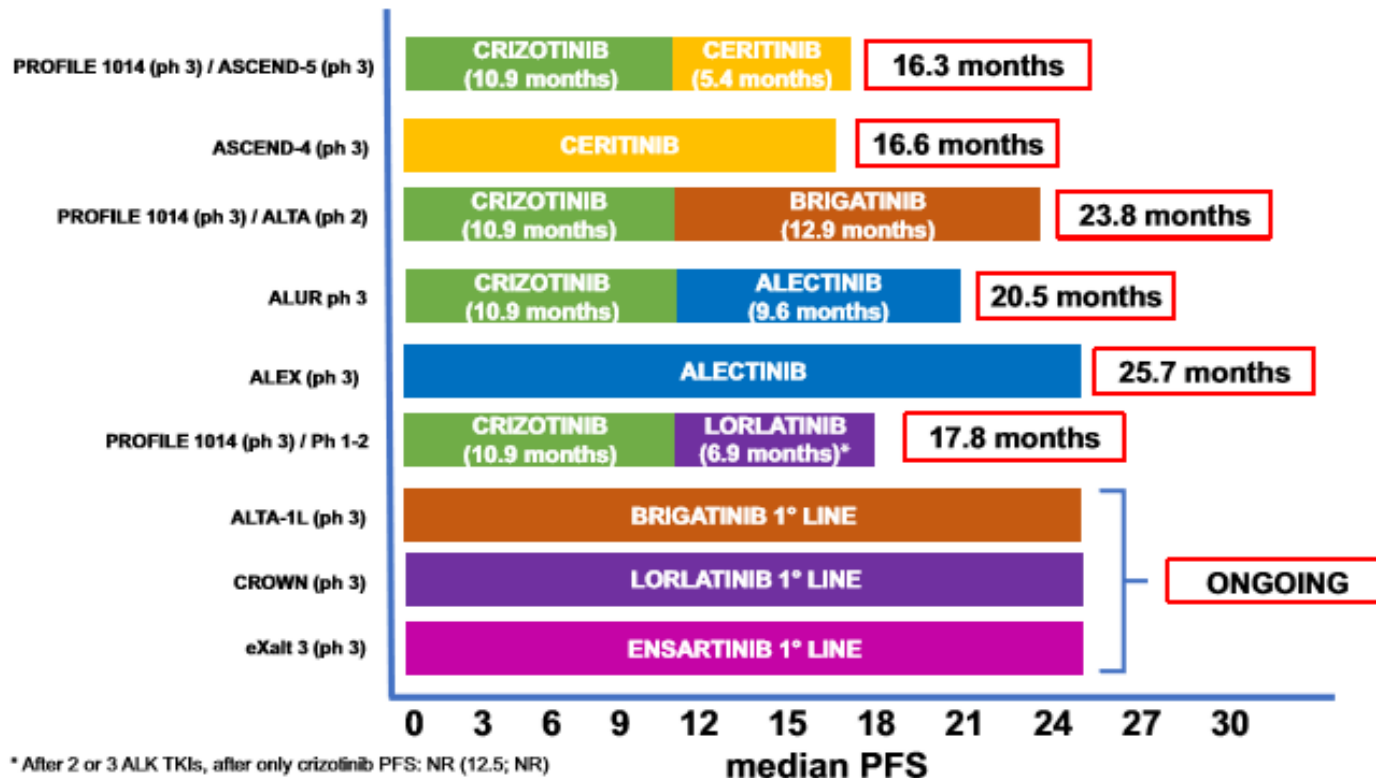
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# TKIs in EGFR-mutated NSCLC



# PFS with 1st and next-generation ALK-TKIs



# Facts: death rates falling

- Death rates due to cancer fell by only 8% between 1950 and 2012.
- By  67% in the case of heart disease
- By  77% for cerebrovascular diseases
- By  66% for pneumonia and influenza.

# Immunotherapy

# Immunity against cancer

## *Theory of immune surveillance in tumor immunology*

The immune system recognizes tumor Ag as “foreign” and rejects emerging cancer cells continuously



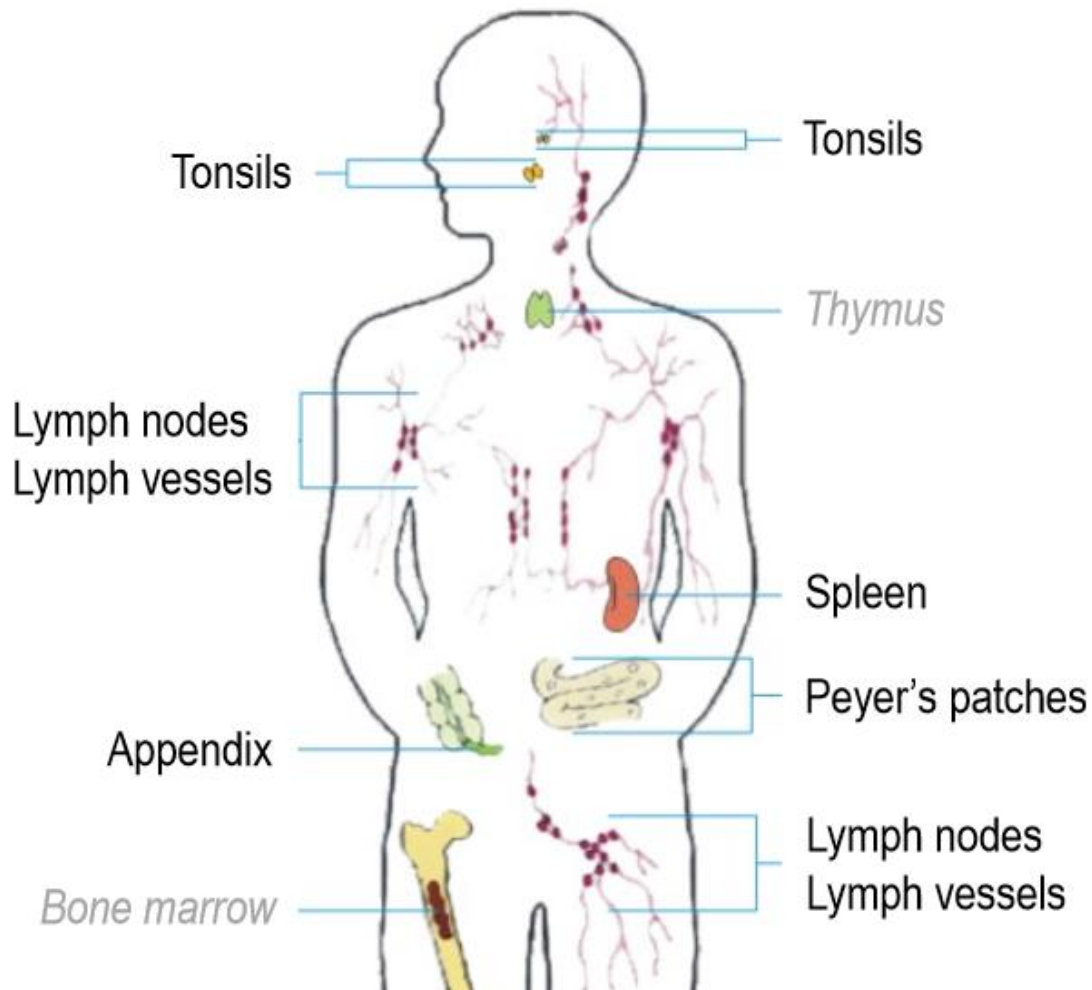
*Macfarlane Burnet*

“Cancer develops if an Imbalance between host immune response and the tumor environment occurs”

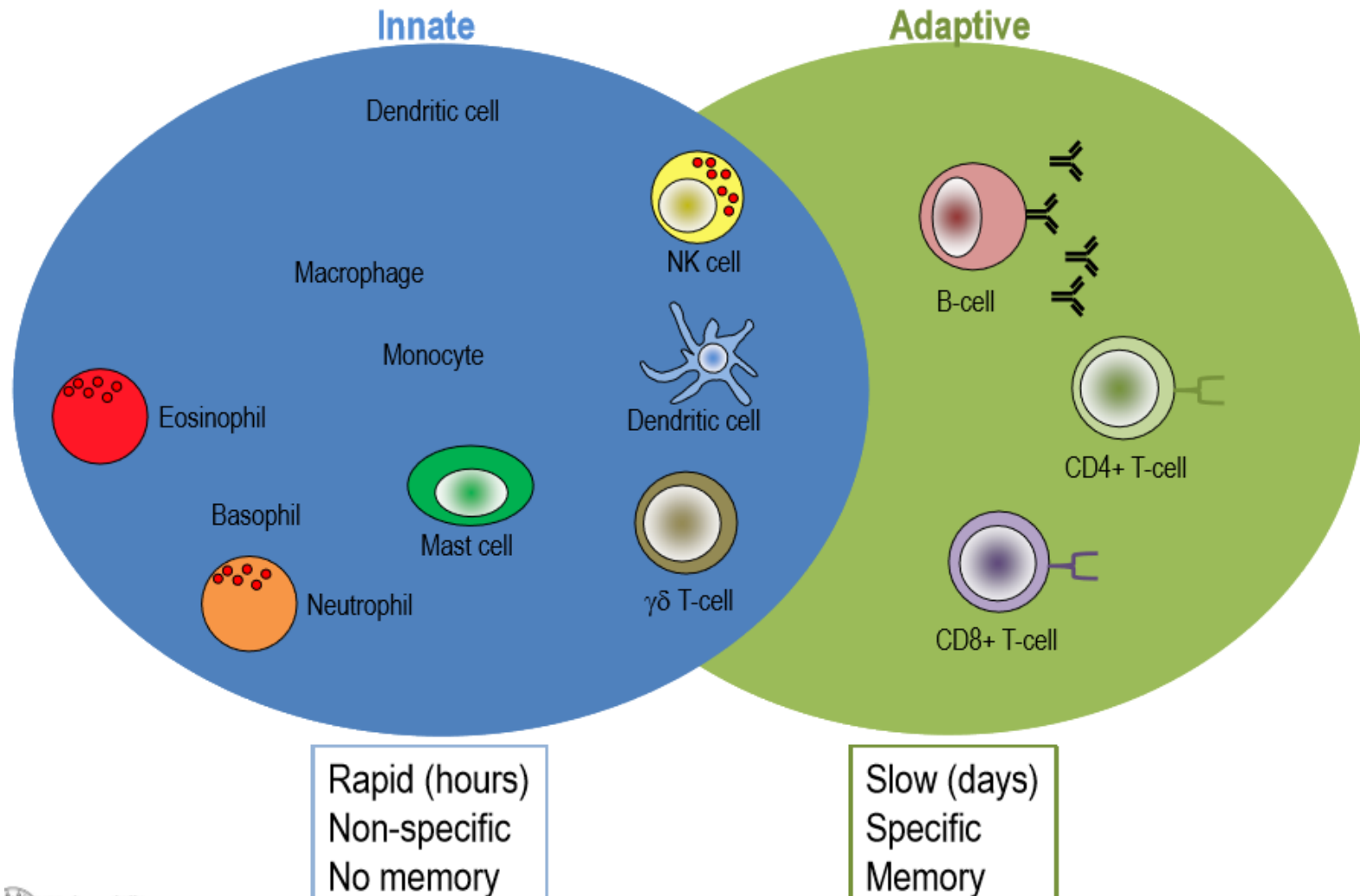
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# The vertebrate immune system

Primary LO  
Secondary LO

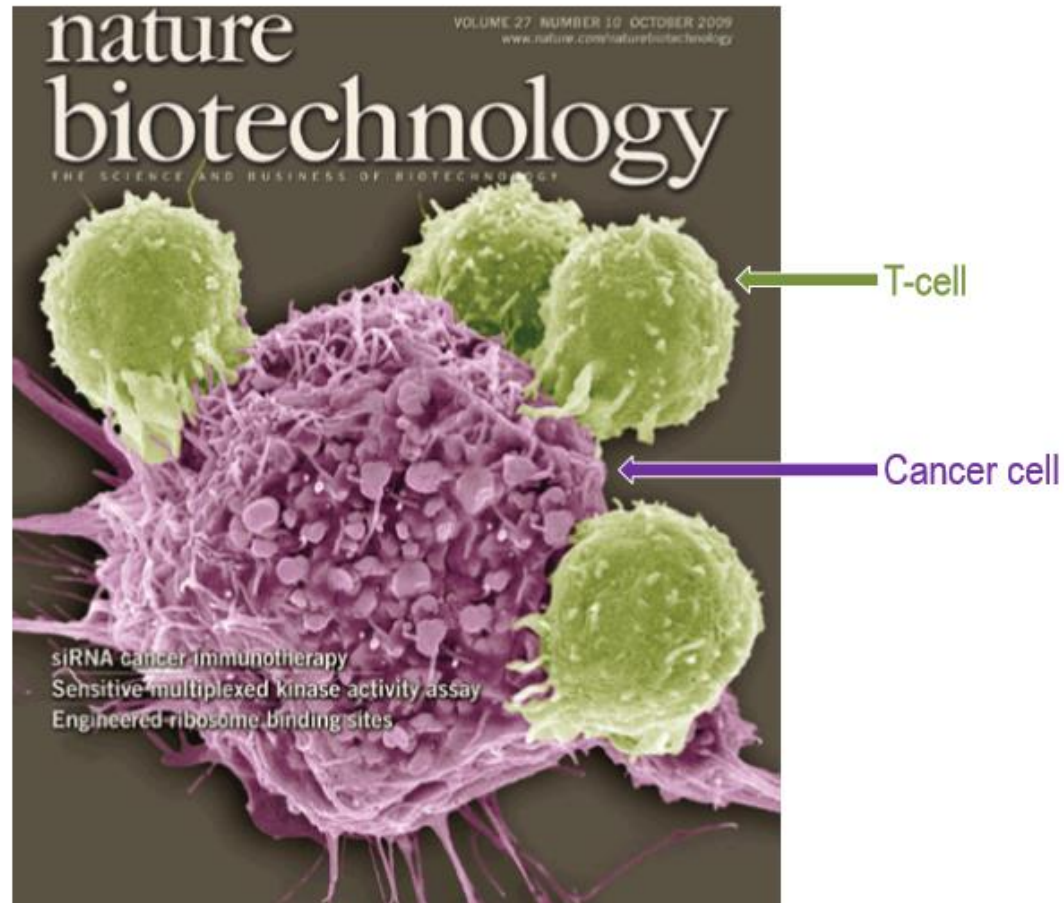


# Innate and Adaptive immune systems



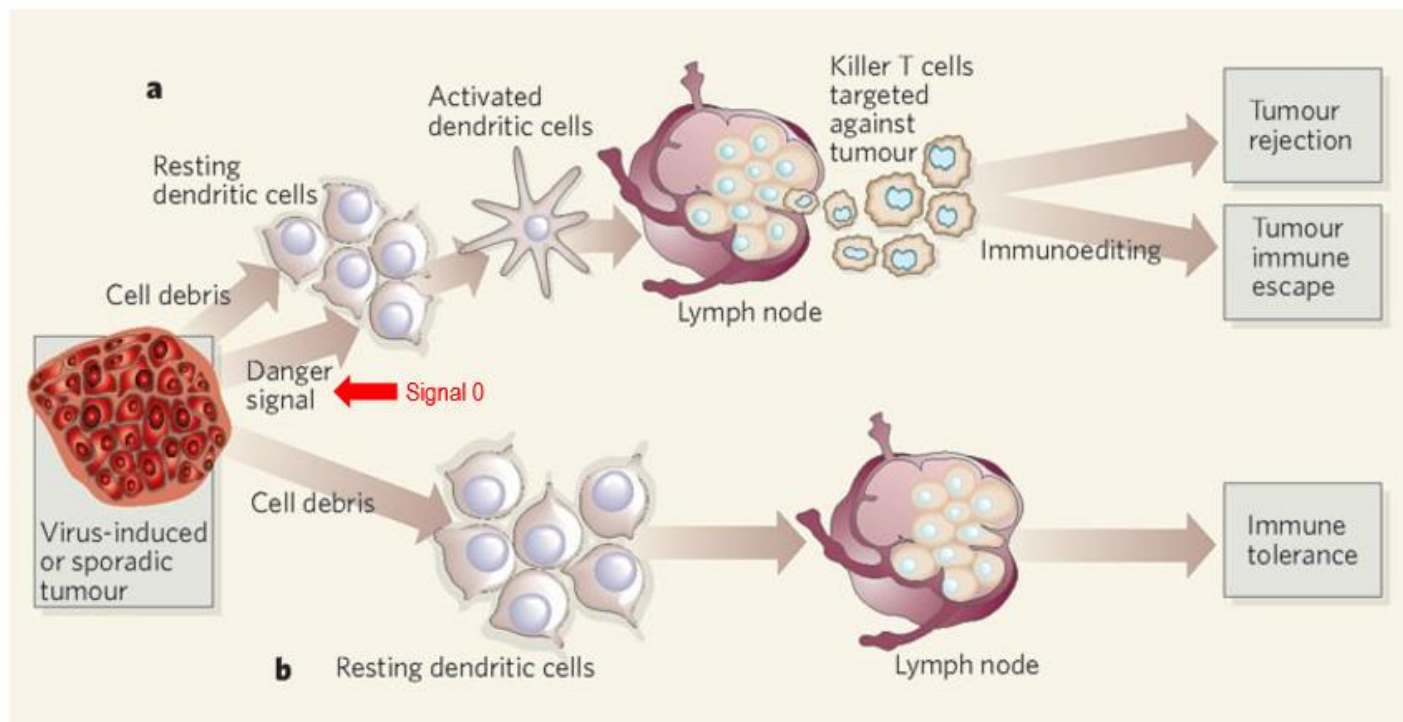


# T-cells are essential to immunological control of cancer

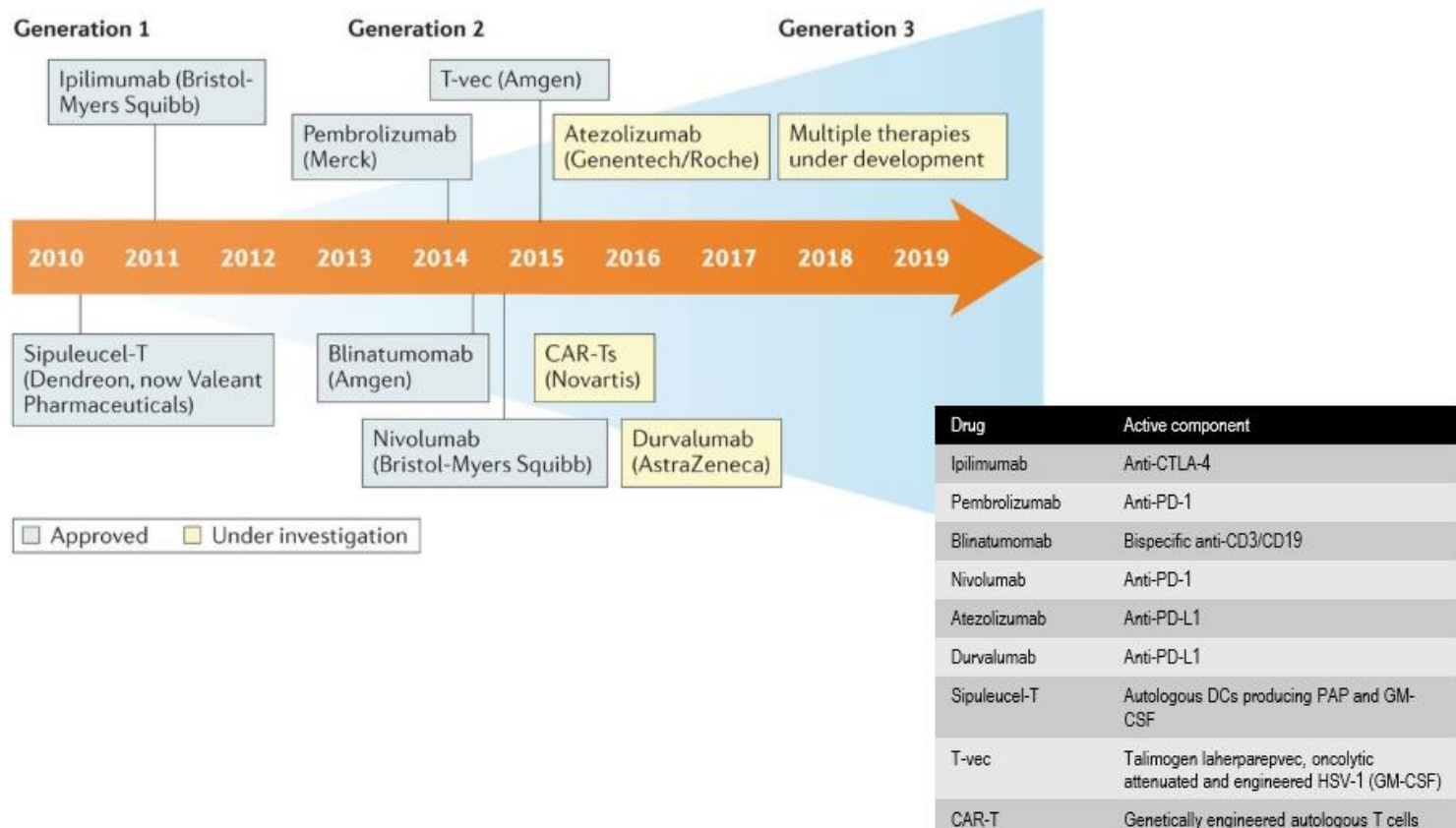


# T-cell activation requires 1+3 signals

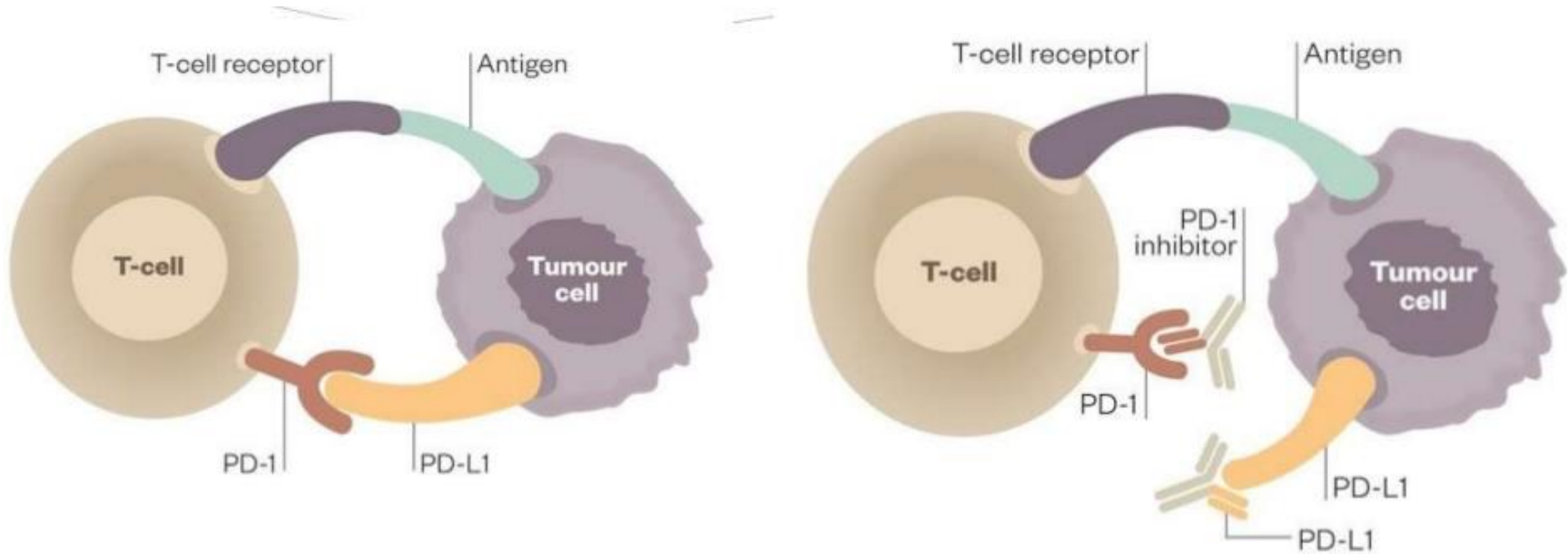
T cell activation requires 1+3 signals:  
Signal 0 - Disturbance



# Timeline of cancer immunotherapy



# Checkpoint Inhibitors



## Chemotherapy

Histologic  
subtyping for  
chemotherapy

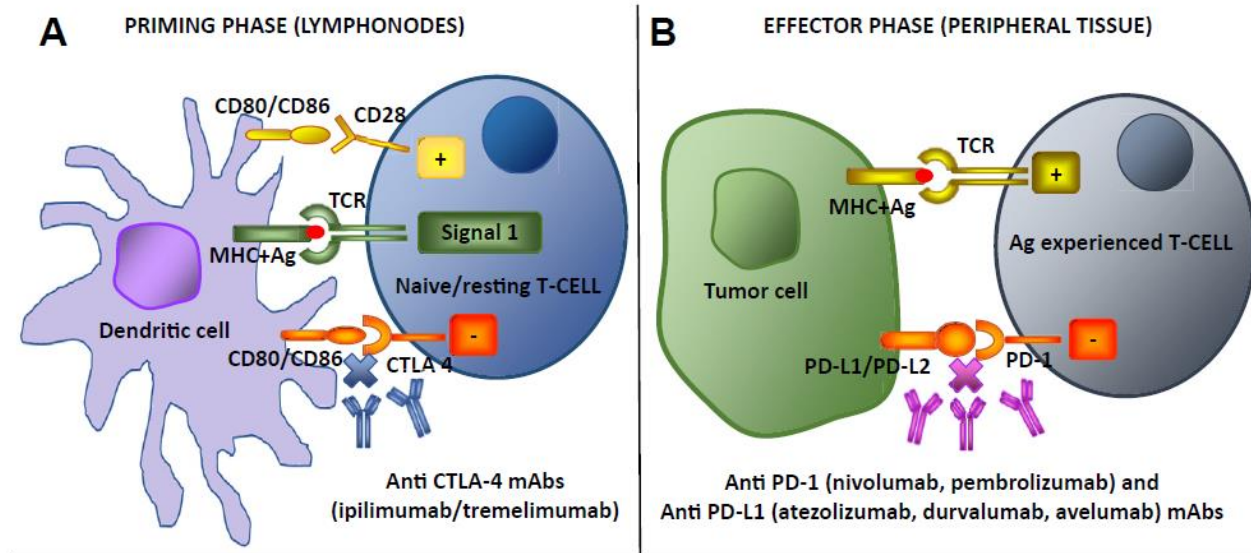
## Targeted Therapy

Genomics-  
driven TKIs:  
▪ EGFR  
▪ ALK  
▪ ROS1

## Checkpoint Inhibitors

Anti-PD-1  
Anti-PD-L1  
Anti-CTLA-4

# IMMUNOTHERAPY



**Figure 1.** Mechanisms of action of cytotoxic T-lymphocyte associated protein 4 (CTLA4) (A) and programmed cell death 1 (PD-1)/programmed death ligand 1 (PD-L1) (B) inhibitors in different phases of the anticancer immune response. MHC, major histocompatibility complex; Ag, antigen; mAb, monoclonal antibody; TCR, T-cell receptor; PD-L2, programmed death ligand 2.



# Update in the treatment of lung cancer

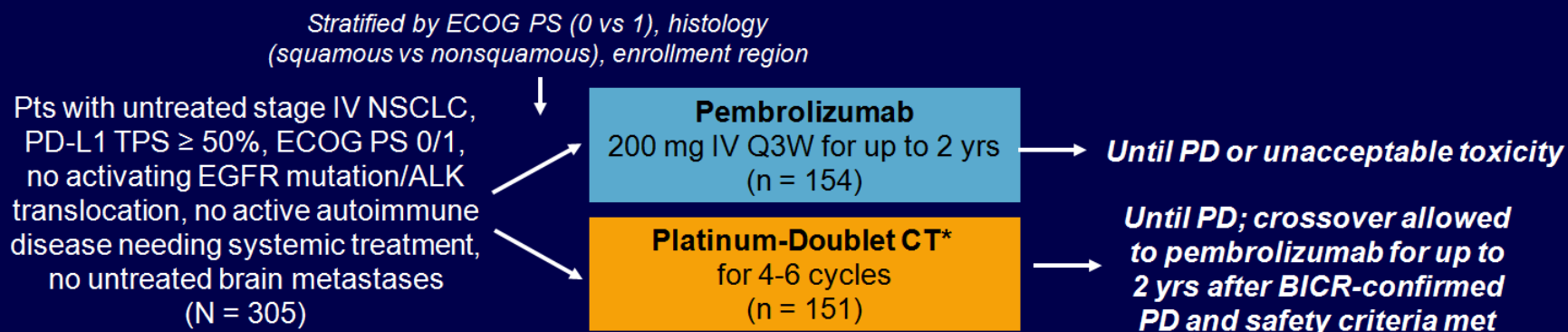
'End of an Era' for Chemo in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer ?





# KEYNOTE-024: Study Design

- Randomized, open-label phase III trial

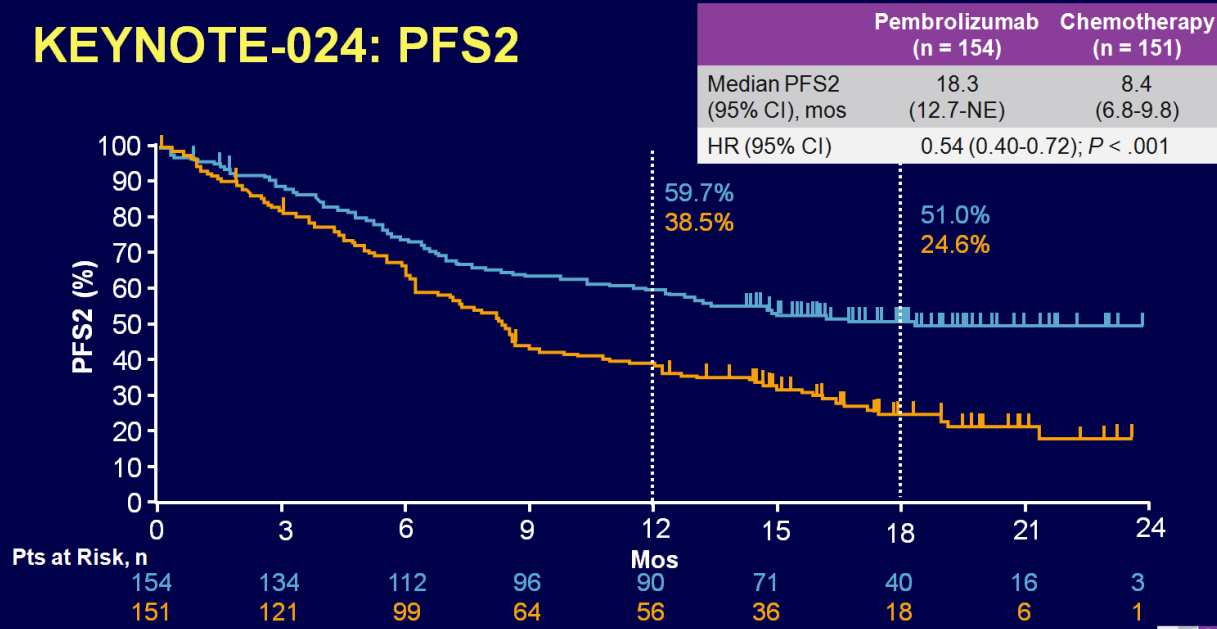


- Primary analysis endpoints (median f/u: 11.2 mos)
  - Primary: PFS per RECIST v1.1 (BICR)
  - Secondary: OS, ORR, safety

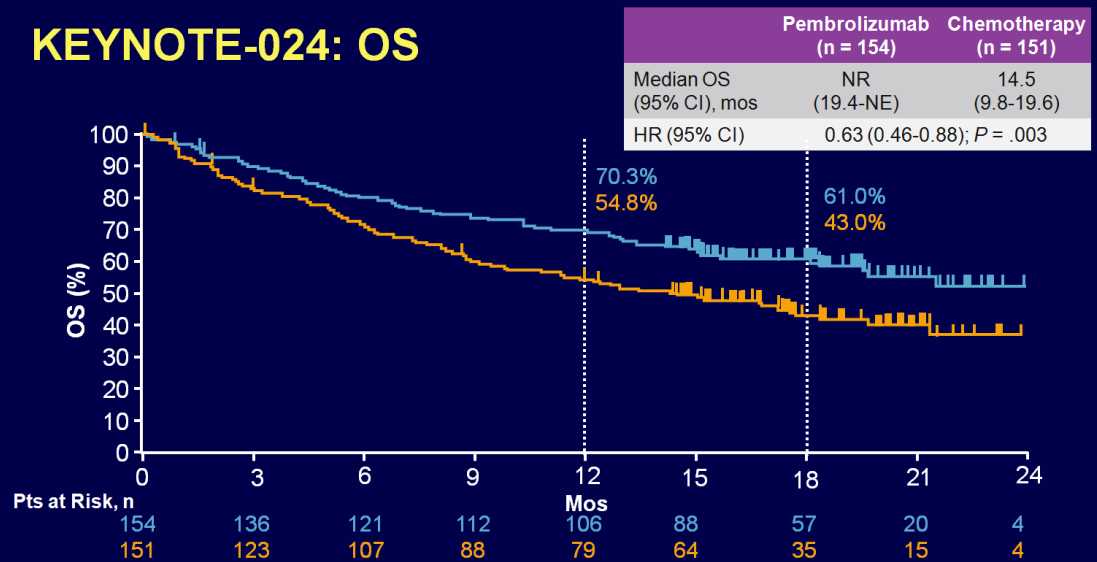
\*Investigator's choice of: pem + carb; pem + cis; pac + carb; gem + carb; gem + cis. Pem-containing regimens only for nonsquamous histology; these pts could receive pem maintenance treatment.

# KEYNOTE-024: PFS and OS

## KEYNOTE-024: PFS2



## KEYNOTE-024: OS



# Conclusions

- Investigators concluded that first-line pembrolizumab should be standard of care for NSCLC pts with tumors having PD-L1 TPS  $\geq 50\%$  due to prolonged survival and improved safety profile vs platinum-doublet chemotherapy

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## KEYNOTE-042: First-line Pembrolizumab vs Platinum-Based Chemotherapy for Advanced or Metastatic NSCLC With PD-L1 TPS $\geq 1\%$

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## First-line Pembrolizumab vs CT in Advanced NSCLC With PD-L1 $\geq 1\%$ (KEYNOTE-042): Background

- Pembrolizumab is a SoC option for both untreated and previously untreated advanced or metastatic NSCLC<sup>[1]</sup>
  - KEYNOTE-010: pembrolizumab monotherapy significantly improved OS vs docetaxel in advanced NSCLC patients with PD-L1 TPS  $\geq 1\%$  who progressed on platinum-containing CT<sup>[2]</sup>
  - KEYNOTE-024: pembrolizumab monotherapy significantly improved PFS and OS, as well as had a better safety profile, vs platinum-based CT in previously untreated metastatic NSCLC with no sensitizing *EGFR/ALK* alterations and with PD-L1 TPS  $\geq 50\%$ <sup>[3]</sup>
  - KEYNOTE-189 and KEYNOTE-407: pembrolizumab combined with CT significantly improved survival outcomes vs CT alone in previously untreated metastatic NSCLC (nonsquamous and squamous, respectively) regardless of PD-L1 expression<sup>[4,5]</sup>
- Current planned interim analysis of KEYNOTE-042 trial evaluated efficacy, safety of first-line pembrolizumab monotherapy vs platinum-based CT in patients with NSCLC and PD-L1 TPS  $\geq 1\%$ <sup>[6]</sup>

# KEYNOTE-042: Study Design

- Randomized, open-label phase III trial
  - Current second interim analysis at 38.3 mos after first patient enrolled; data cutoff: February 26, 2018

*Stratified by region (East Asia vs rest of world), ECOG PS (0 vs 1), histology (squamous vs nonsquamous), PD-L1 TPS ( $\geq 50\%$  vs 1% to 49%)*

Patients with untreated locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC, PD-L1 TPS  $\geq 1\%^*$ , no *EGFR* or *ALK* alterations, ECOG PS 0/1, no unstable or untreated CNS metastases, no prior pneumonitis requiring systemic corticosteroids (N = 1274)



**Pembrolizumab 200 mg Q3W**  
for up to 35 cycles  
(n = 637<sup>†</sup>)

**Platinum-based CT<sup>‡</sup>**  
for up to 6 cycles  
(n = 637<sup>§</sup>)

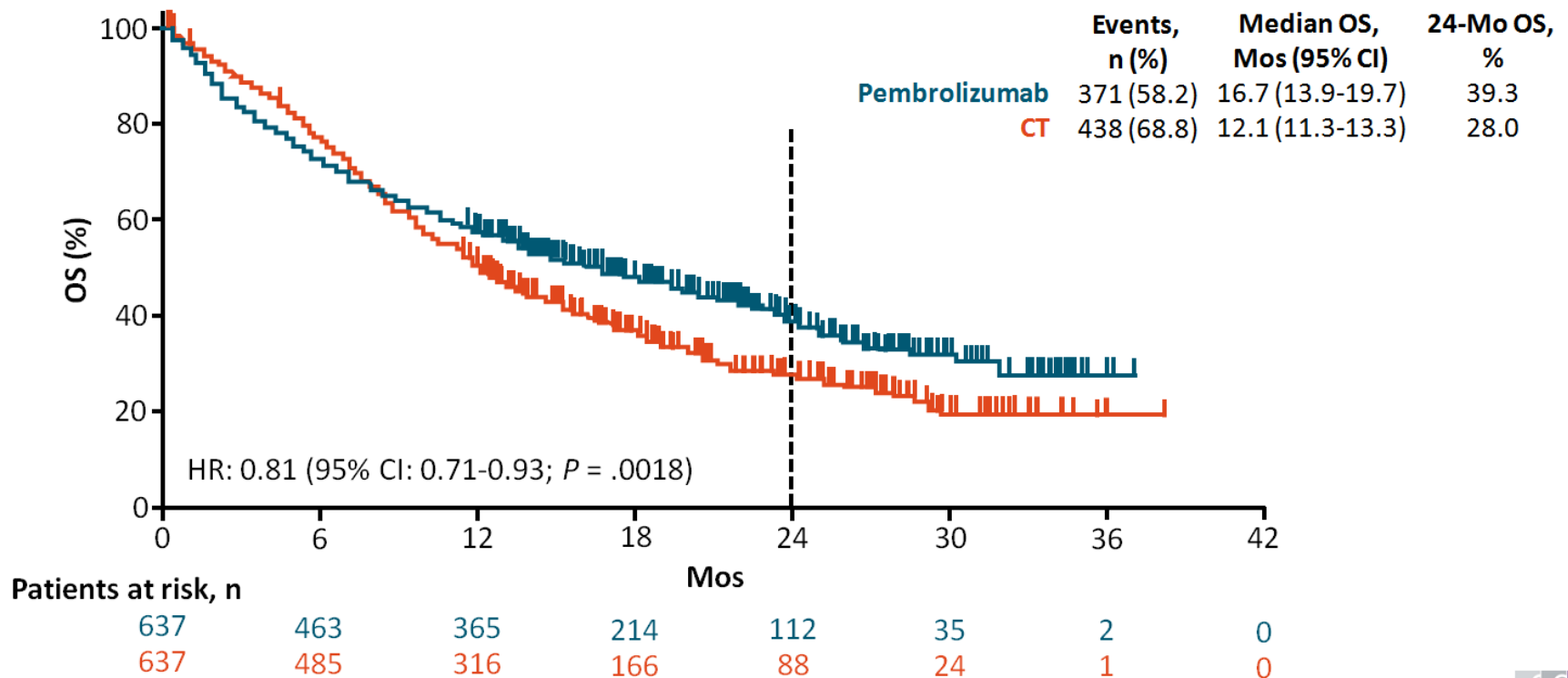
\*PD-L1 22C3 pharmDx IHC assay.  
<sup>†</sup>n = 636 treated. <sup>‡</sup>Carboplatin AUC 5 or 6 Q3W + either paclitaxel 200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q3W or pemetrexed 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q3W. Pemetrexed maintenance therapy permitted and highly encouraged for patients with nonsquamous histology (52.3% received). <sup>§</sup>n = 615 treated.

- Primary endpoints: OS in PD-L1 TPS  $\geq 50\%$ ,  $\geq 20\%$ , and  $\geq 1\%$  (overall) populations
  - Study has 91% power with 1-sided  $\alpha = 0.025$  to demonstrate piecewise HR of 0.92 (pre-Mo 6) and 0.73 (post-Mo 6) with 900 deaths/1240 patients in PD-L1 TPS  $\geq 1\%$  population
- Secondary endpoints: PFS, ORR (per RECIST v1.1) in PD-L1 TPS  $\geq 50\%$ ,  $\geq 20\%$ , and  $\geq 1\%$  (overall) populations; safety in PD-L1 TPS  $\geq 1\%$  (overall) population



# Overall Survival

## KEYNOTE-042: OS in PD-L1 TPS $\geq 1\%$ Population (Primary Endpoint)

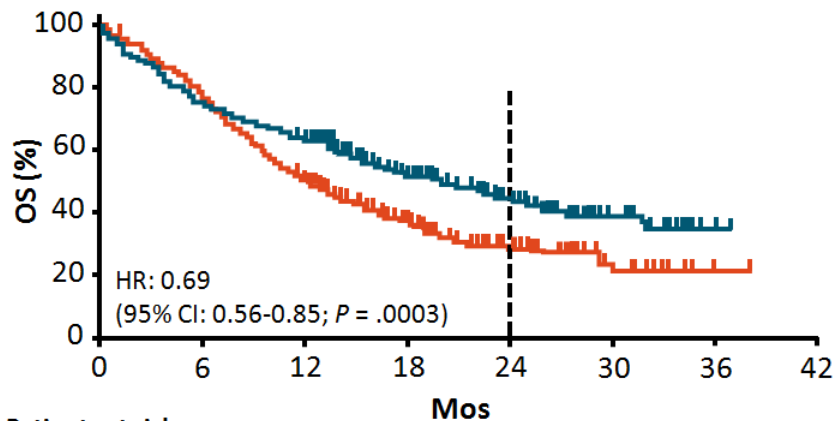


# Overall Survival

## KEYNOTE-042: OS in PD-L1 TPS $\geq 50\%$ and $\geq 20\%$ Populations (Primary Endpoint)

### PD-L1 TPS $\geq 50\%$

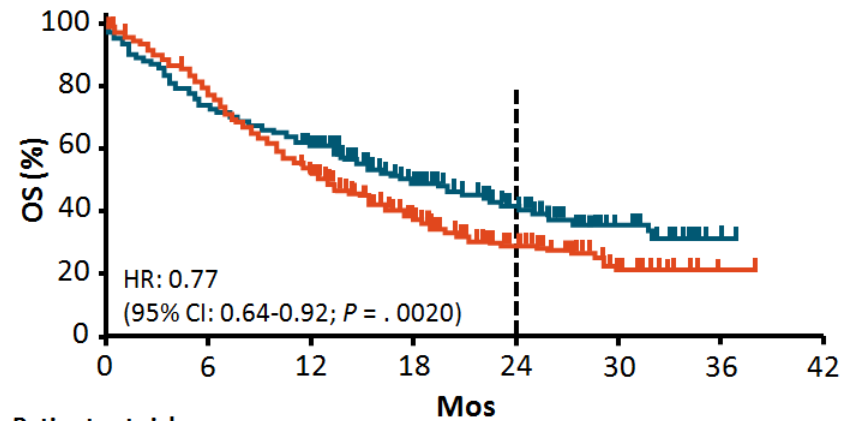
	Events, n (%)	Median OS, Mos (95% CI)	24-Mo OS, %
Pembrolizumab	157 (52.5)	20.0 (15.4-24.9)	44.7
CT	199 (66.3)	12.2 (10.4-14.2)	30.1



Patients at risk, n	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
Pembrolizumab	299	224	189	107	59	22	2	0
CT	300	231	149	75	40	11	1	0

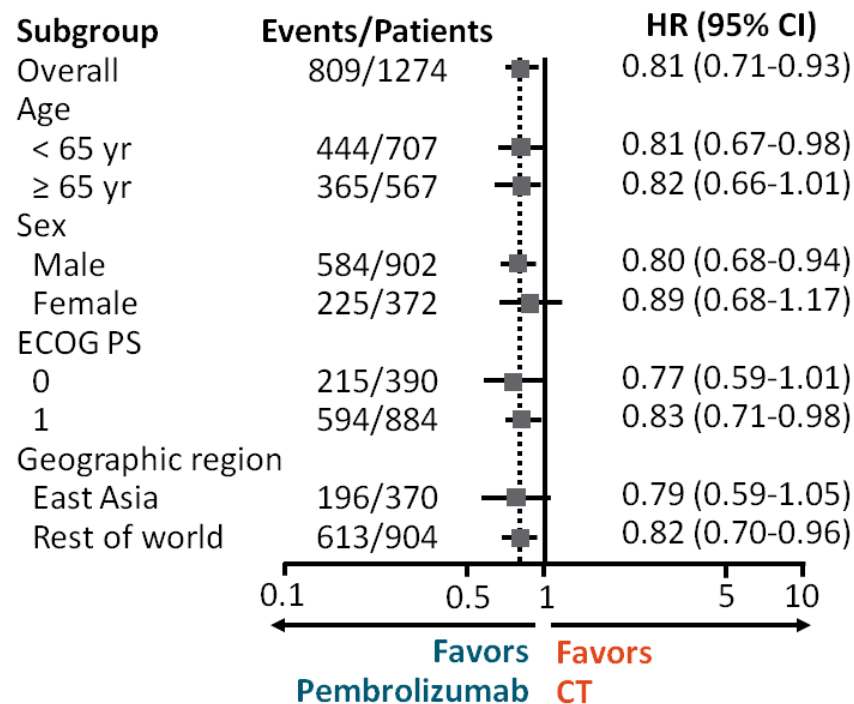
### PD-L1 TPS $\geq 20\%$

	Events, n (%)	Median OS, Mos (95% CI)	24-Mo OS, %
Pembrolizumab	230 (55.7)	17.7 (15.3-22.1)	40.5
CT	266 (65.7)	13.0 (11.6-15.3)	29.6



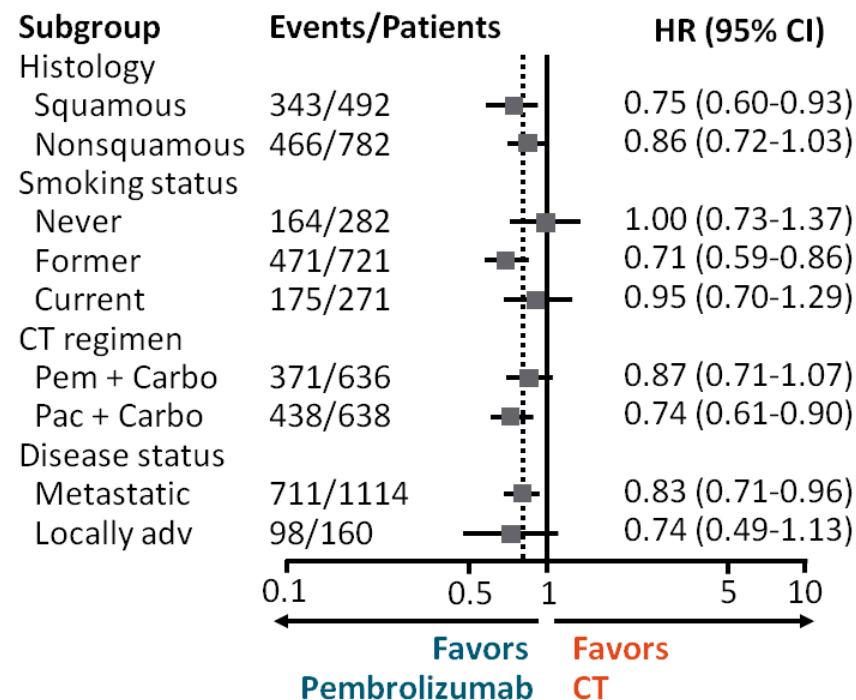
Patients at risk, n	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
Pembrolizumab	413	305	251	144	73	24	2	0
CT	405	313	210	106	53	14	1	0

# KEYNOTE-042: OS in Subgroups of PD-L1 TPS >1% Population



Dotted vertical line represents the HR in the total population.

Lopes G, et al. ASCO 2018. Abstract LBA4. Reproduced with permission.



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# KEYNOTE-042: Safety in All Treated Patients

Safety Parameter	Pembrolizumab (n = 636)	CT (n = 615)
Median no. doses (range)	9 (1-36)	6 (1-42)
Treatment-related AEs, n (%)	399 (62.7)	553 (89.9)
▪ Grade 3-5	113 (17.8)	252 (41.0)
▪ Leading to death	13 (2.0)	14 (2.3)
▪ Leading to discontinuation	57 (9.0)	58 (9.4)
Immune-mediated AEs and infusion reactions, n (%)	177 (27.8)	44 (7.2)
▪ Grade 3-5	51 (8.0)	9 (1.5)
▪ Leading to death	1 (0.2)*	0

\*Pneumonitis.

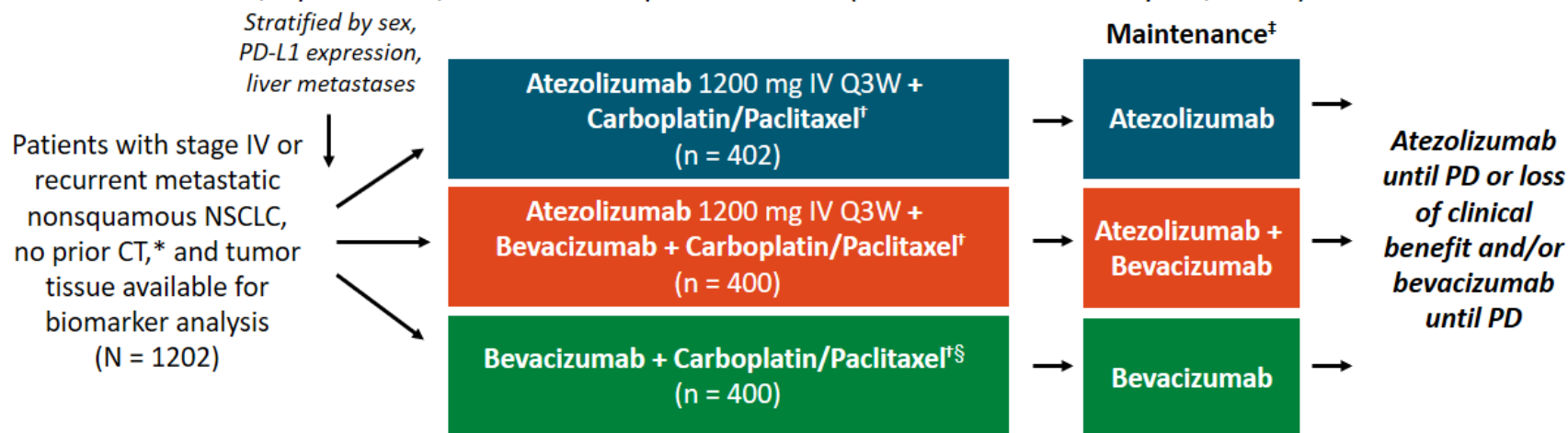
## KEYNOTE-042: Conclusions

- In patients with advanced or metastatic NSCLC without *EGFR/ALK* alterations and with PD-L1 TPS  $\geq 1\%$ , first-line pembrolizumab significantly improved OS vs platinum-based CT
  - HR: 0.81 (95% CI: 0.71-0.93;  $P = .0018$ )
- Greater benefit of pembrolizumab monotherapy with higher levels of PD-L1 expression consistent with prior reports in this setting
  - TPS  $\geq 50\%$ , HR: 0.69 (95% CI: 0.56-0.85;  $P = .0003$ )
  - TPS  $\geq 20\%$ , HR: 0.77 (95% CI: 0.64-0.92;  $P = .0020$ )
- Analysis found no significant improvement in PFS with pembrolizumab, with study continuing to evaluate
- Responses more durable with pembrolizumab vs CT at all levels of PD-L1 expression
- TRAEs consistent with known safety profiles, less frequent with pembrolizumab despite longer exposure
- Investigators concluded that data support expanded use of pembrolizumab monotherapy as a standard first-line treatment option for all PD-L1–positive cancers

# Immunotherapy+anti-VEGFR+ChT

## IMpower150: Study Design

- Multicenter, open-label, randomized phase III trial (data cutoff: January 22, 2018)



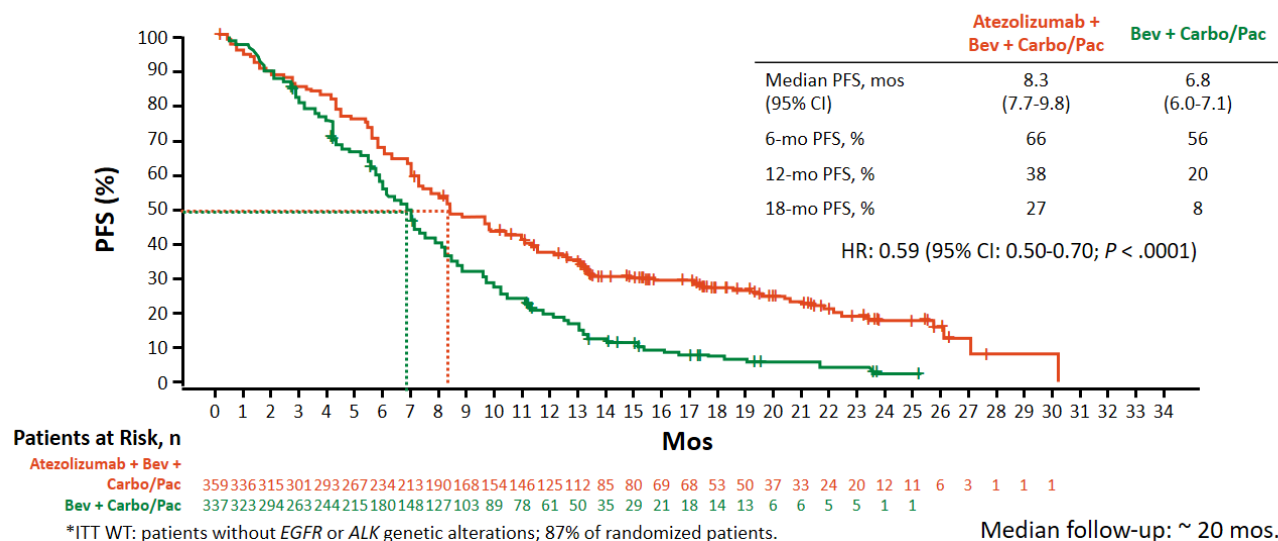
\*If sensitizing *EGFR* mutation or *ALK* translocation present, must have PD on or intolerance to  $\geq 1$  approved targeted therapy. <sup>†</sup>Bevacizumab 15 mg/kg; carboplatin AUC 6; paclitaxel 200 mg/m<sup>2</sup>; all given IV Q3W for 4 or 6 cycles. <sup>\*</sup>No crossover permitted. <sup>§</sup>Control arm.

- Coprimary endpoints: investigator-assessed PFS in ITT WT, Teff-high WT; OS in ITT WT
- Secondary endpoints: investigator-assessed PFS, OS in ITT; investigator-assessed PFS in PD-L1 subgroups; IRF-assessed PFS; ORR, DoR per RECIST v1.1; safety in ITT

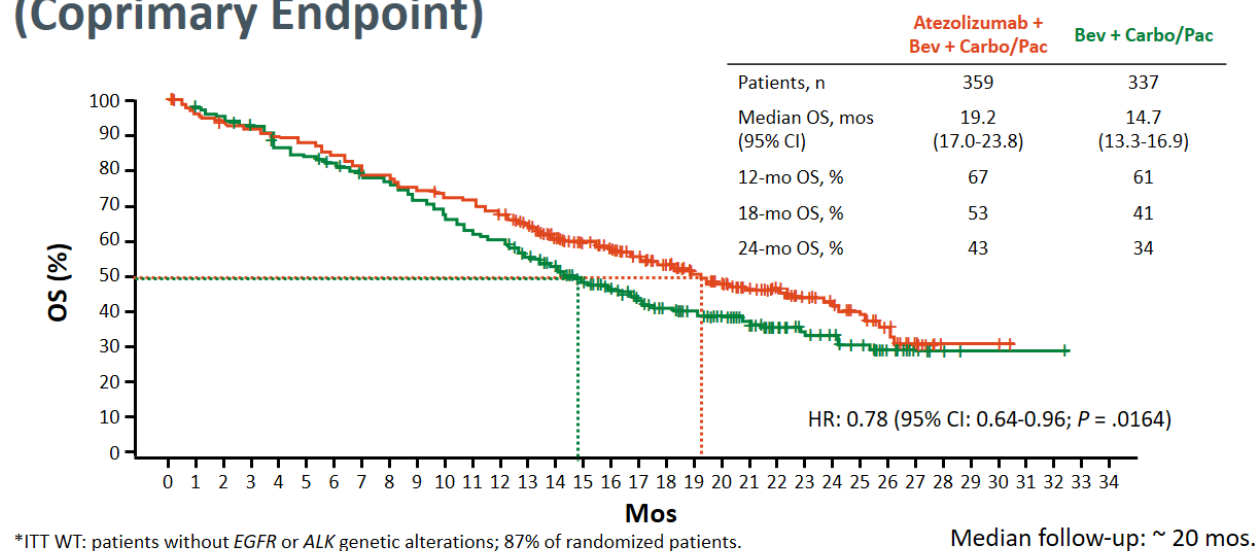




# IMpower150: Updated PFS in ITT WT Population\* (Coprimary Endpoint)

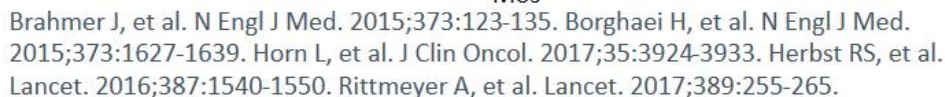


# IMpower150: Interim OS in ITT WT Population\* (Coprimary Endpoint)



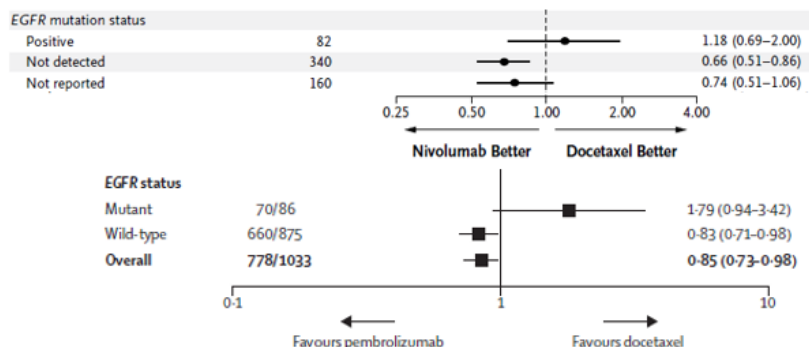
Median OS for atezolizumab + carbo/pac vs bev + carbo/pac: 19.4 vs 14.7 mos (HR: 0.88;  $P = .2041$ )

## Approval of 3 PD-1/PD-L1 Inhibitors in Rapid Succession for Previously Treated Advanced NSCLC



# EGFR-positive NSCLC

## Immunotherapy in *EGFR* Mutation–Positive Adv NSCLC



**CHECKMATE 057**  
Nivolumab vs Docetaxel

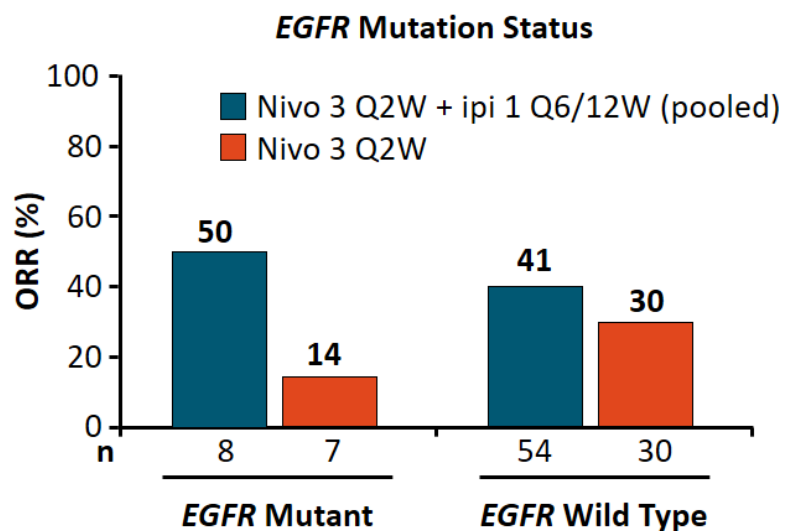
**KEYNOTE-010**  
Pembrolizumab vs Docetaxel

- Chemotherapy favored over IO for patients with *EGFR* mutations in second-line setting<sup>[1-4]</sup>
- In retrospective analysis, 3.6% response to PD-L1 pathway inhibitors (n = 28) compared with 23.3% (n = 30) in similar *EGFR* WT cohorts<sup>[5]</sup>
  - Few patients with both PD-L1  $\geq$  5% and high CD8+ TILs (2%, n = 48)
- Retrospective analysis of PD-L1 expression in *EGFR*-mutant NSCLC found 49% of patients PD-L1 negative and only 8% with PD-L1  $\geq$  50%, and TMB largely low<sup>[6]</sup>
  - Comparison for all NSCLC: PDL1 0% (34%), PDL1 1-49% (38%), PDL1 $\geq$ 50% (28%)

Lee CK, et al. J Thoracic Oncol. 2017; Lee CK, et al. JAMA Oncol. 2018; Borgaei H, et al N England J Med, 2015; Herbst RS, et al Lancet 2016; Gainor JF, et al Clin Cancer Res. 2016; Cho JH, et al. Cancer Res Treat 2018

# EGFR-positive NSCLC

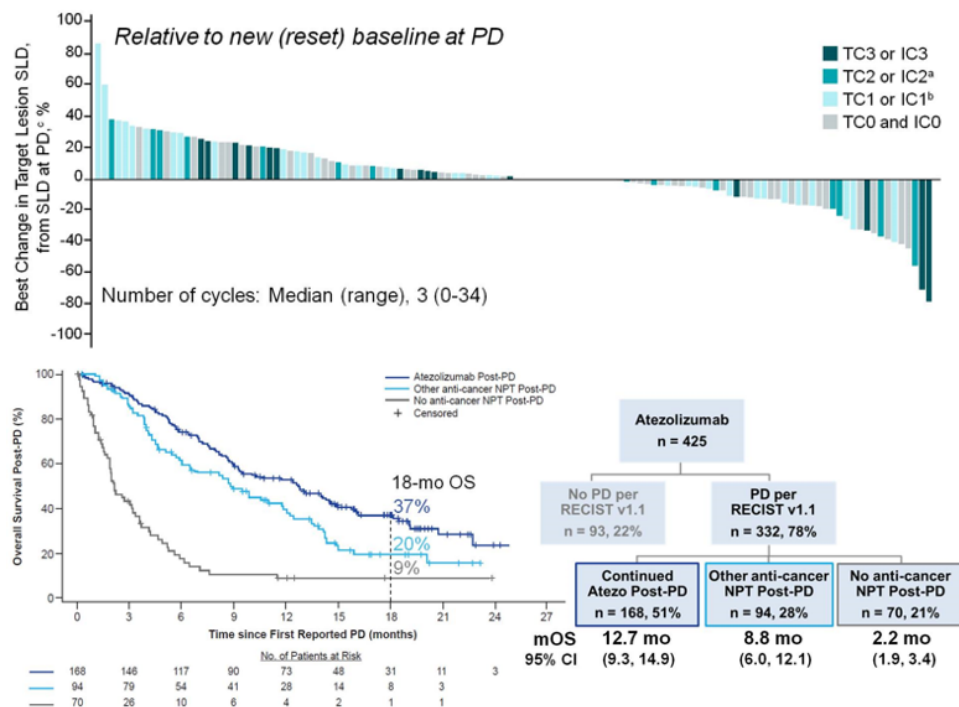
## CheckMate 012: Nivolumab + Ipilimumab in *EGFR* Mutation-Positive Advanced NSCLC



- Among *EGFR* mutation-positive patients receiving nivolumab + ipilimumab (n = 8): ORR 50%
  - PD-L1  $\geq$  1%: 88%
  - PD-L1  $\geq$  50%: 38%
- Tumor mutation burden unknown

# Progression after Immunotherapy

## Treatment Beyond Disease Progression: OAK



Gandara DR, et al. ASCO 2017. Abstract 9001.

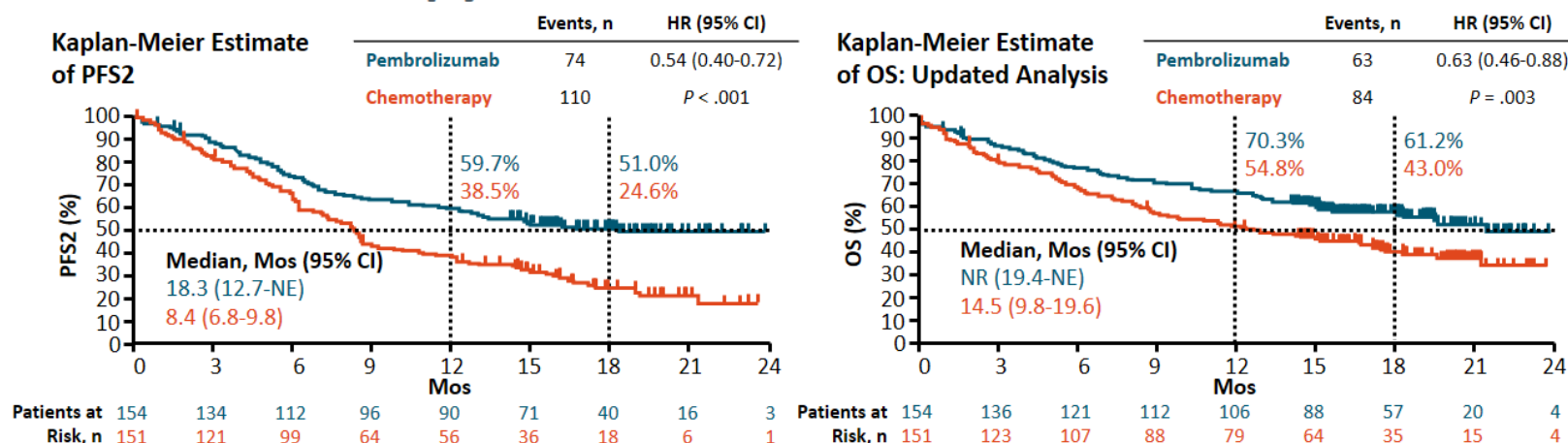
- 51% of patients who progressed on atezolizumab continued beyond progression
  - 7% (12/168) had subsequent PR; 49% (83/168) had stable disease
- Clinical characteristics similar at baseline and upon progression between those who continued atezolizumab or who switched to new treatments
- No increased safety risk in those treated beyond progression



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# Progression after Immunotherapy

## Response to Subsequent Treatment After Immunotherapy in Advanced NSCLC: KEYNOTE-024



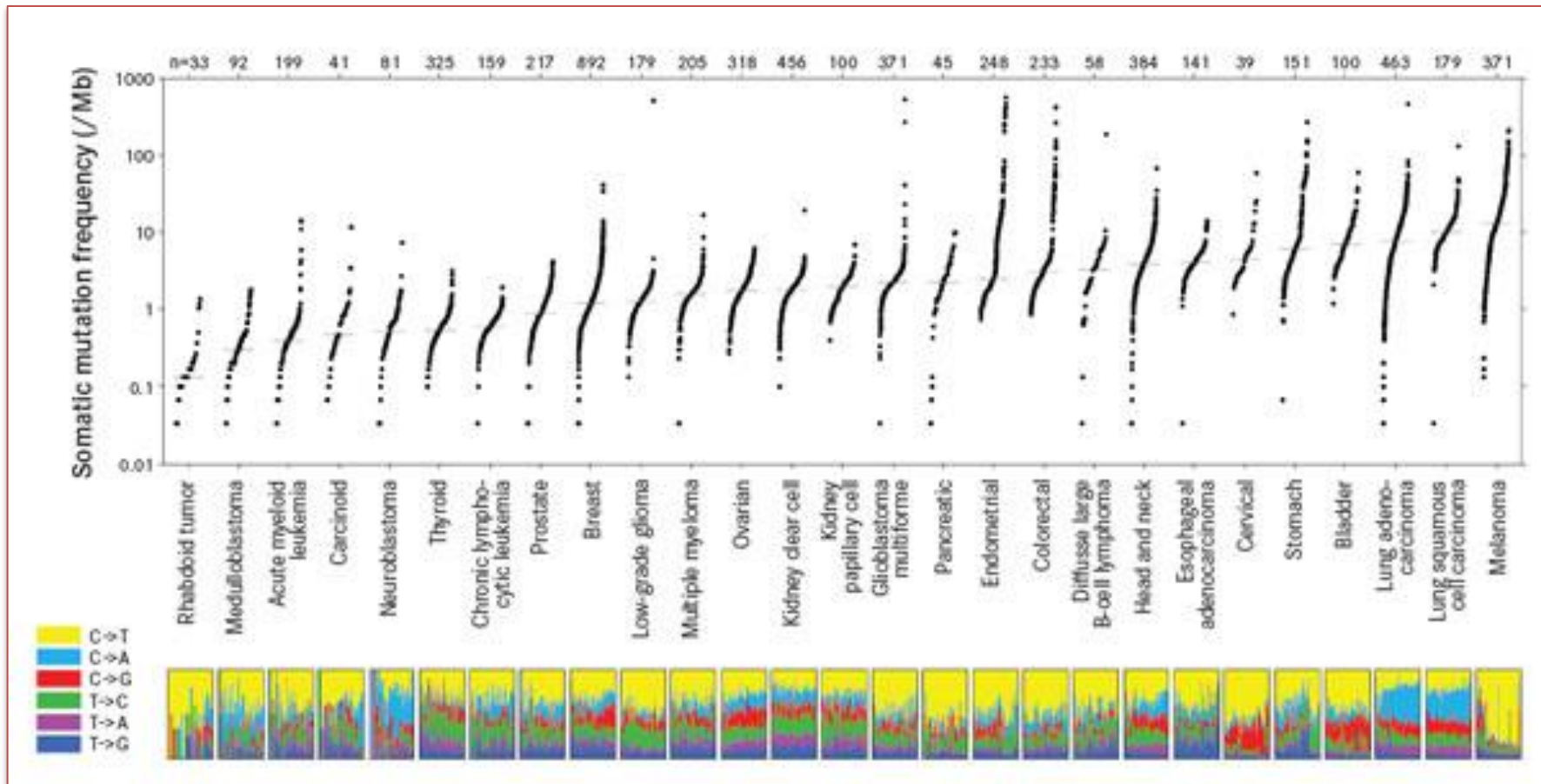
- KEYNOTE-024: patients with metastatic NSCLC PD-L1  $\geq 50\%$  were randomized to received pembrolizumab or platinum-doublet chemotherapy
- After discontinuation, 45% of pembrolizumab patients (48/107) and 81% (97/120) of chemo patients went on to subsequent therapy; 66% (79/120) of patients who discontinued chemo crossed over to pembrolizumab
- Pembrolizumab showed continued OS benefit and improved PFS2 (time from randomization to progression on next-line treatment or death) with further follow-up

Brahmer JR, et al. ASCO 2017. Abstract 9000.

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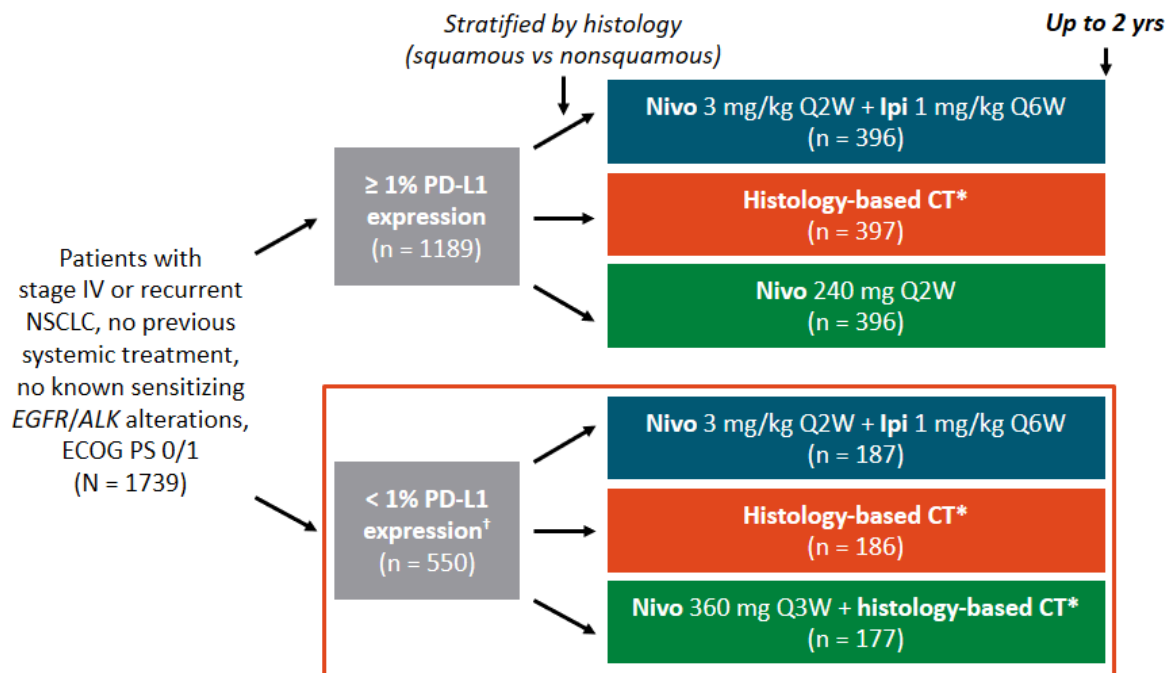
# TMB in Lung Cancer



# Is PDL>1% a selection criterion in II line treatment?

## CheckMate 227: Study Design

- Randomized, open-label, multipart phase III trial



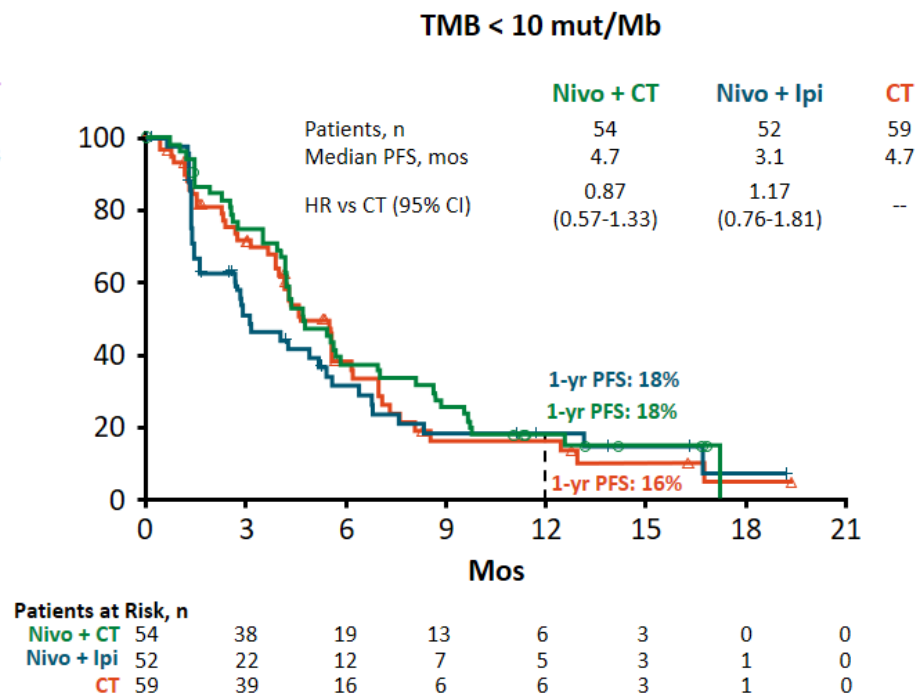
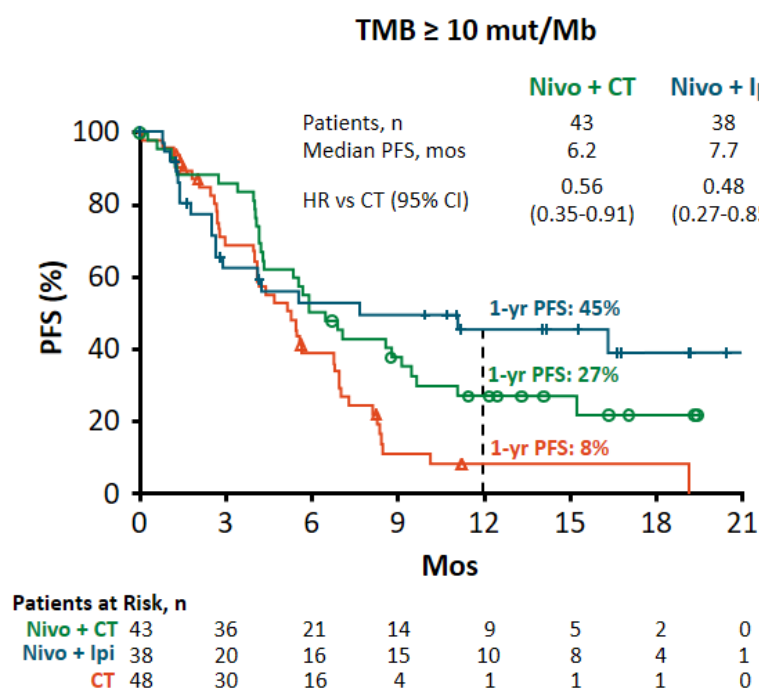
- Coprimary endpoints: OS in PD-L1–selected populations, PFS in TMB-selected populations receiving nivolumab + ipilimumab vs CT

- Secondary endpoint (current analysis):** PFS in patients with < 1% PD-L1 expression receiving nivolumab + CT vs CT

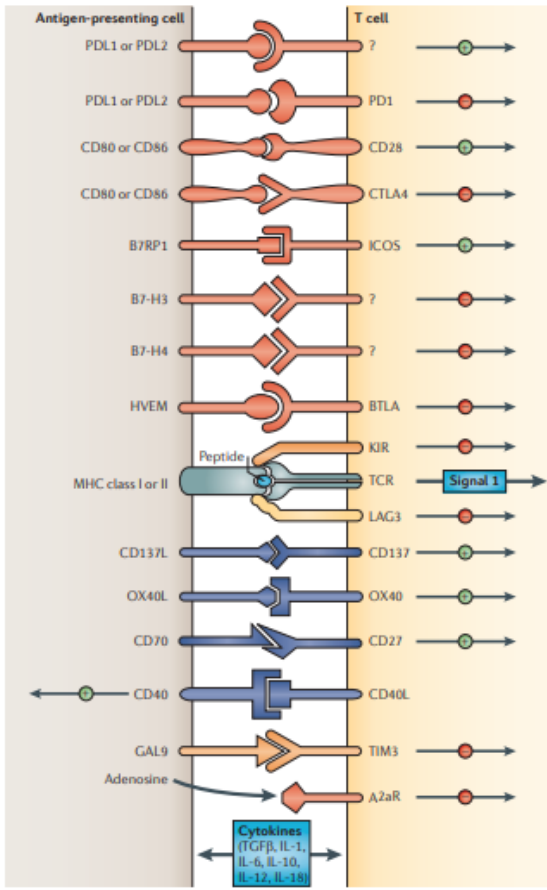
\*Nonsquamous: pem + cis or carbo Q3W ≤ 4 cycles with optional maintenance (CT: nivolumab + CT: nivolumab + pem); squan gem + cis or carbo Q3W for ≤ 4 cycles.

<sup>†</sup>1 patient randomized as < 1% PD-L1 and subsequently determined to have ≥ 1% PD-L1 expression.

# CheckMate 227: Exploratory Analysis of PFS by TMB in Patients With < 1% PD-L1 Expression



# Not only CTLA-4 and PD-1/PD-L1



Pardoll et al., Nat Rev Cancer 2012

# Need of patient selection

- Selection by PD-L1 expression
- Selection by Tumor Mutation Burden (TMB)
- Clinical Criteria

# Unanswered Questions

- Are there some patients for whom immunotherapy with chemotherapy is superior to immunotherapy alone?
- Are combinations of immunotherapy going to be superior to a single agent?
- How do we integrate targeted agents?
- How do we deal with tumors once they've progressed after PD-1 monotherapy?

# New Trials in NSCLC

Sub group	ONCOGENE ADDICTED	OTHERS		HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO IMMUNO
First Line	EGFR: gefitinib, erlotinib, afatinib, <b>icotinib</b> , <b>dacomitinib</b> , <b>osimertinib</b> , <b>poziotinib</b> (if EGFR exon 20 mut)	NON SQUAMOUS	SQUAMOUS	Pembrolizumab if PDL1 $\geq$ 50% tumor cells <b>Atezolizumab</b> in TC 2/3 - IC 2/3 tumors <b>Avelumab</b> in PD-L1 $\geq$ 1% <b>Durvalumab</b> in PD-L1 $\geq$ 25% <b>Nivolumab + Ipilimumab</b> <b>Nivolumab + platinum CT</b> <b>Pembrolizumab + platinum/pemetrexed</b> (in non-squamous histology)
	ALK: crizotinib, ceritinib 750 mg, <b>ceritinib 450 mg (low fat meal)</b> , <b>alectinib</b> , <b>lorlatinib</b> , <b>ensartinib</b>	Platinum-CT Pemetrexed is an option Bevacizumab can be added <b>Pembrolizumab + platinum/pemetrexed (US)</b> <b>Nivolumab + Ipilimumab</b> <b>Nivolumab + platinum CT</b>	Platinum-CT Necitumumab can be added <b>Nivolumab + Ipilimumab</b> <b>Nivolumab + platinum CT</b>	
	BRAF: <b>dabrafenib + trametinib</b>			
	ROS1: crizotinib, <b>ceritinib</b> , <b>entrectinib</b>			
	MET: crizotinib			
	NTRK: <b>larotrectinib</b> , <b>entrectinib</b>			
Second And Further Line	EGFR: osimertinib if T790M+ EGFR+/ MET+: <b>savolitinib + osimertinib</b>	Docetaxel +/- nintedanib Docetaxel +/- ramucirumab <b>Bevacizumab + Paclitaxel is an option in non-squamous (if Beva not administered in 1st line).</b> <b>Nivolumab</b> <b>Atezolizumab</b> <b>Avelumab</b>		Platinum CT based on histology (if Pembro in first line). Pembrolizumab in PD-L1 $\geq$ 1% (if not administered in 1st line). Nivolumab <b>Atezolizumab</b> <b>Durvalumab</b> in PD-L1 $\geq$ 25% <b>Avelumab</b>
	ALK: ceritinib 750 mg, <b>ceritinib 450 mg (low fat meal)</b> , <b>alectinib</b> , <b>brigatinib</b> , <b>lorlatinib</b> , <b>ensartinib</b>			
	BRAF: <b>dabrafenib + trametinib</b>			
	RET: <b>vandetanib</b> , <b>LOXO-292</b>			
	HER2 : <b>TDM-1</b>			
	ROS1: <b>lorlatinib</b>			



Phase I-II studies



Phase III studies



# IMMUNE-Mediated Adverse Events

## RESPIRATORY TRACT

Signs and symptoms such as:

- Dyspnea
- Cough

## LIVER

Signs such as:

- Increased hepatic values (eg, AST, ALT or total bilirubin)

## GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT

Signs and symptoms such as:

- Diarrhea
- Stomach pain
- Blood in stool



## ENDOCRINE SYSTEM

Signs and symptoms such as:

- Fatigue
- Headache
- Psychological changes/mood swings
- Significant results for thyroid function tests and/or serum chemistry

Clinical manifestations – e.g. hypophysitis?

Headache, visual symptoms

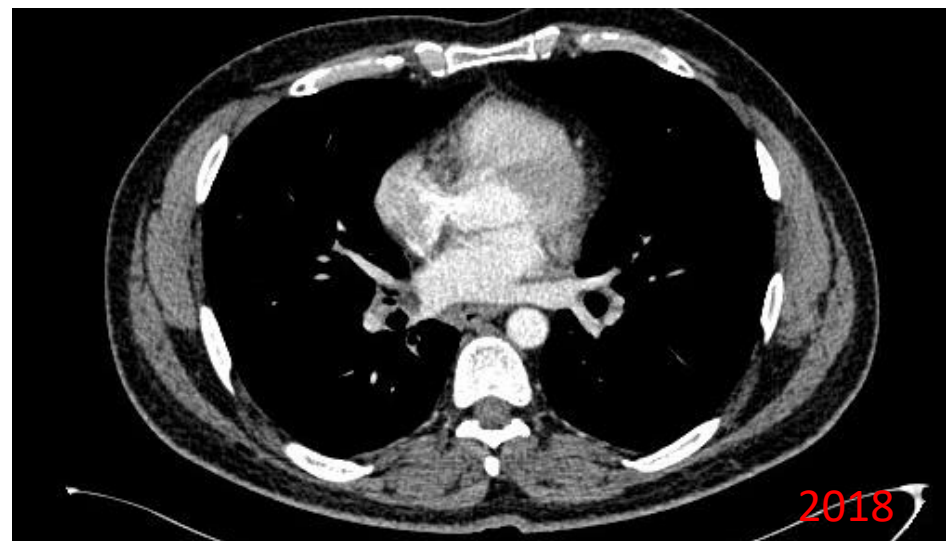
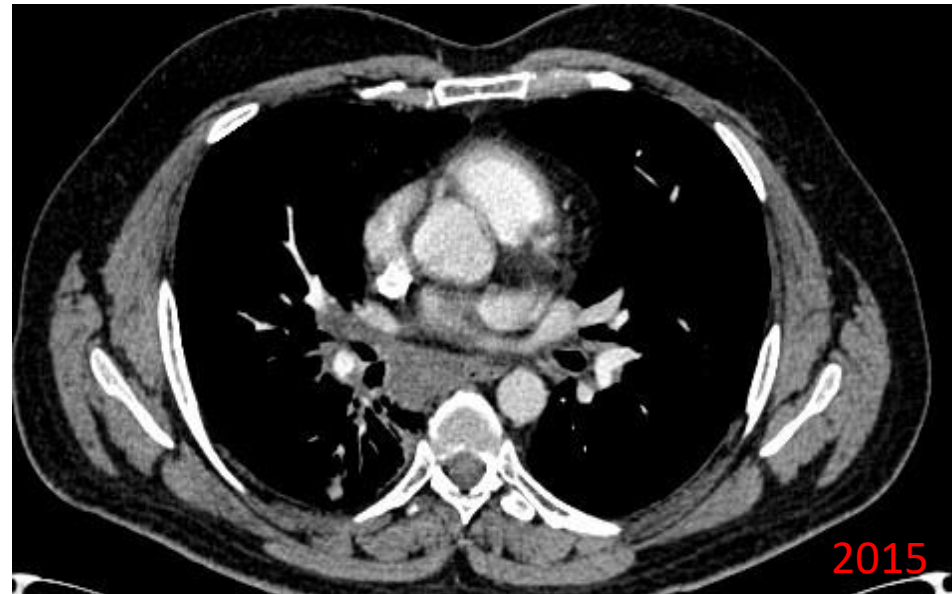
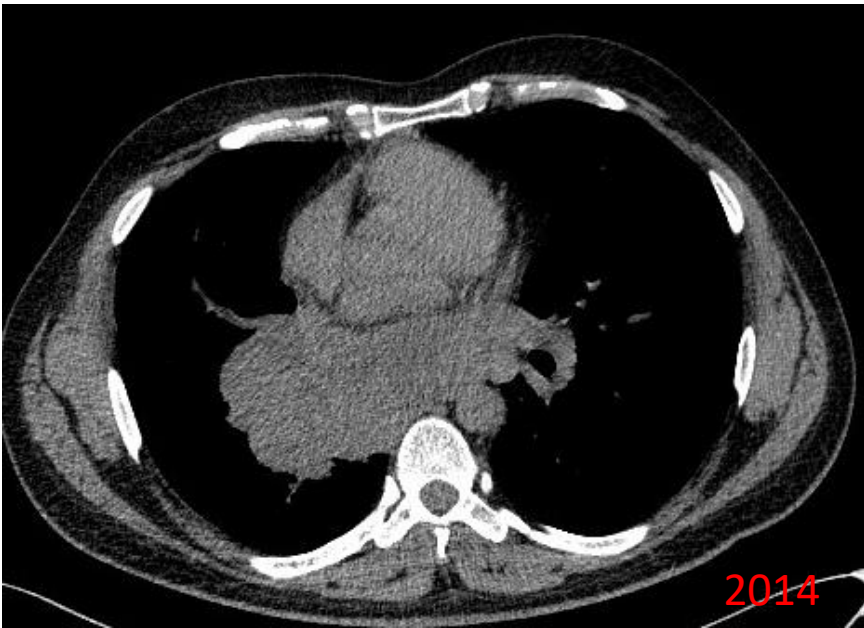
fatigue, weakness, nausea, anorexia, diarrhoea

loss of libido, polyuria, polydipsia,

cold intolerance, dizziness insomnia.

**Consider the potentially fatal nature of hypoadrenalism!**  
hypotension, hypoglycaemia or hyponatremia  
The time to onset is usually about 9 weeks after initiation of therapy

# Epilogue: How Immunotherapy has changed a patient's life





# Conclusions:

- ❑ Immunotherapy with immune checkpoints inhibitors has changed the way we treat and will treat many cancers, including NSCLC and (hopefully) SCLC.
- ❑ Response to ICI is related to the balance between innate (myeloid cells) and adaptive (T lymphocytes) immunity
- ❑ More research is needed on predictive factors (PDL1, TMB) in order to extend the benefit of ICI.
- ❑ Combinations of ICIs, combinations of PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitors with chemo and radiotherapy, and dual blockade of IC and VEGF pathways are promising strategies
- ❑ Beware of toxicities, mainly with combo regimens
- ❑ Many trials ongoing and in preparation





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