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# Management of Bladder Cancer: The New Era

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# Objectives

- After reading and reviewing this material, the participants should be able to understand:
  - Epidemiology, risk factors and clinical presentations of bladder cancer
  - Natural history of bladder cancer
  - The overall management of different stages of disease
  - The potential role for some of targeted therapies
  - The role of immuno-oncology in bladder cancer

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# Case

- A 65 yo Caucasian male, who is a former smoker (50 pack year) presents with the “cc” of red blood in the urine.
- Urine sediment confirmed gross hematuria and blood clots in urine.

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# Case

- In hematuric patients over age 50, especially with a history of heavy smoking or analgesic abuse, the risk of malignancies are appreciable (5-20%).
- Next steps:
  - CT-Urogram
  - Urology referral

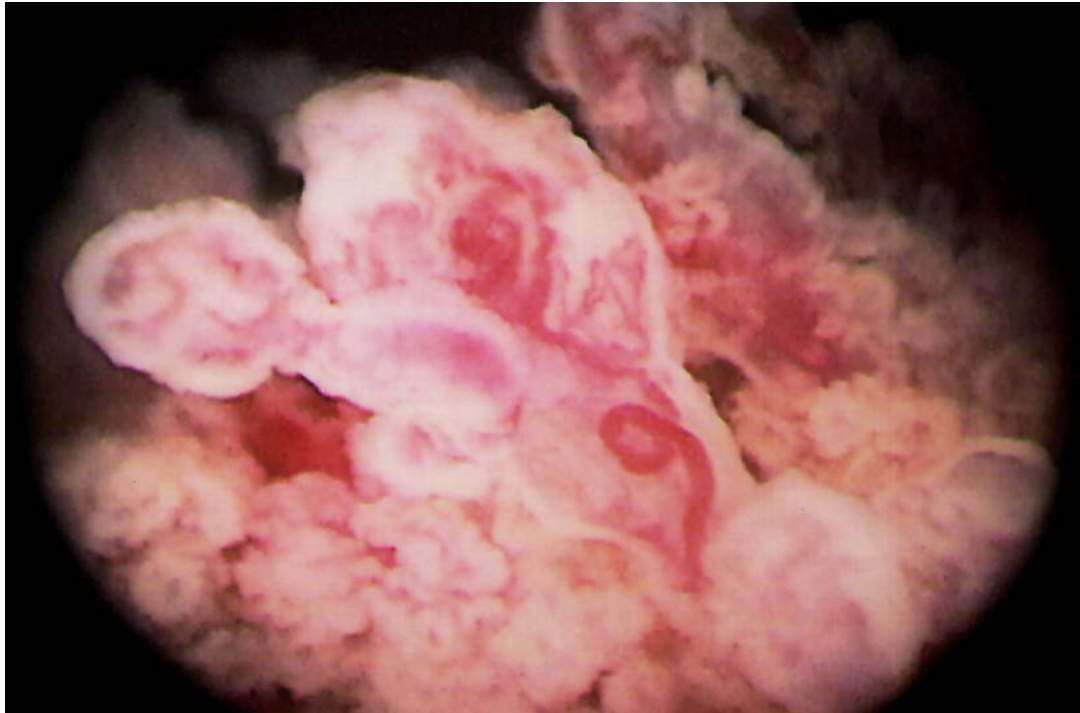
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# CT-Urogram Findings



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# Cystoscopy Findings



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# Bladder Cancer

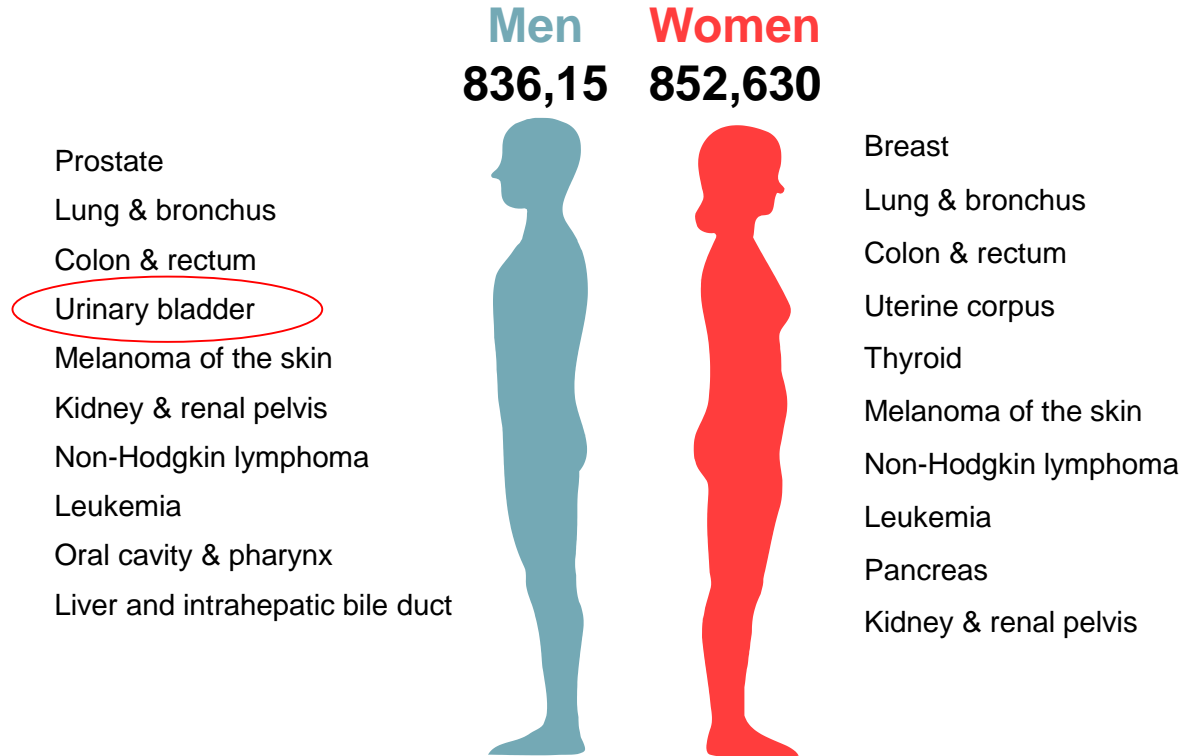
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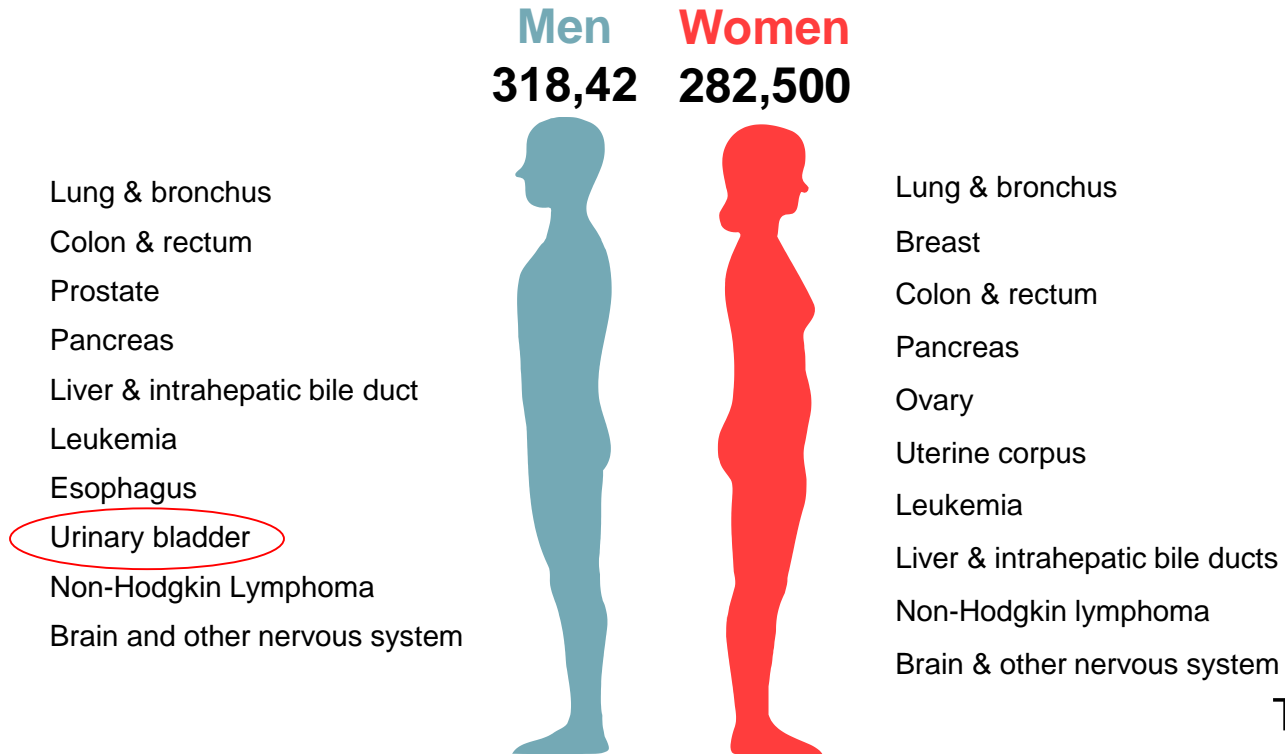
# 2017 Estimated New Cancer Cases\*



\*Excludes basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ carcinomas except urinary bladder.  
Source: American Cancer Society, 2017

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# 2017 Estimated Cancer Deaths



Source: American Cancer Society, 2017

# Epidemiology

- Bladder cancer in the United States:
  - Estimated 79,030 new cases and 16,870 cancer related deaths in 2017
  - Whites > Blacks (2:1)
  - M>F (4:1)
  - A disease of the elderly (6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> decades)
  - Rising incidence (20% over the last 20-yr), up to this year.

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# Epidemiology

- In U.S., the second most prevalent cancer in men  $\geq 60$
- Bladder cancer has significant financial impact on healthcare
  - Requires intensive, life-long cystoscopic, radiologic, and cytologic surveillance
  - Most expensive malignancy in the U.S.\*

\* Botteman MF, et al. The health economics of bladder cancer: a comprehensive review of the published literature. *Pharmacoeconomics* 2003;21(18):1315-30

# Bladder Cancer Pathology: Histologic Subtypes in the U.S.

- 90-95% Transitional Cell Carcinoma
- 3% Squamous Cell Carcinoma
- 2% Adenocarcinoma
- 1% Small Cell Carcinoma
- 1% Others

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# Risk Factors

- **Chemical exposure**
  - **Tobacco** (rich in aromatic amines and acrolein)
  - Industrial contact to chemicals, plastics, coal, tar, asphalt, aromatic amines, aniline dyes, nitrites, and nitrates
  - Ifosfamide and Cyclophosphamide (long-term use)
  - Analgesic abuse, particularly phenacetin
  - Drinking water: Chlorination, arsenic, low fluid intake (<1.3 L/day)

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# Risk Factors

- **Gene abnormalities**
  - Proto-oncogenes: Ras
  - Tumor suppressor genes: p53, pRB, p16, p21, p27
  - Cell cycle regulatory proteins: cyclin D1
  - Tumor-specific growth factor pathways (e.g. FGFR3) and angiogenesis
  - Chromatin regulatory genes
  - Detoxifying of carcinogens: N-acetyltransferase (NAT) genes. NAT2 alterations results in “slow acetylator state”.

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# Risk Factors

- **Chronic irritation**
  - Indwelling catheters, calculi (SCC)
  - Schistosoma haematobium (SCC, TCC)
  - Irradiation (SCC)

**SCC:** Squamous Cell Carcinoma  
**TCC:** Transitional Cell Carcinoma

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# Signs and Symptoms

- Hematuria
  - Gross or microscopic
- Irritative symptoms
  - Frequency
  - Dysuria
  - Urgency
- Bladder outlet obstruction
- Ureteral colic

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# Physical Findings

- Early stage disease
  - Majority have almost no findings on routine exam
  - Palpable abdominal mass
  - Prostate induration
  - Bladder fixation to the pelvic or abdominal wall
- Advanced stage disease
  - Related to metastatic site

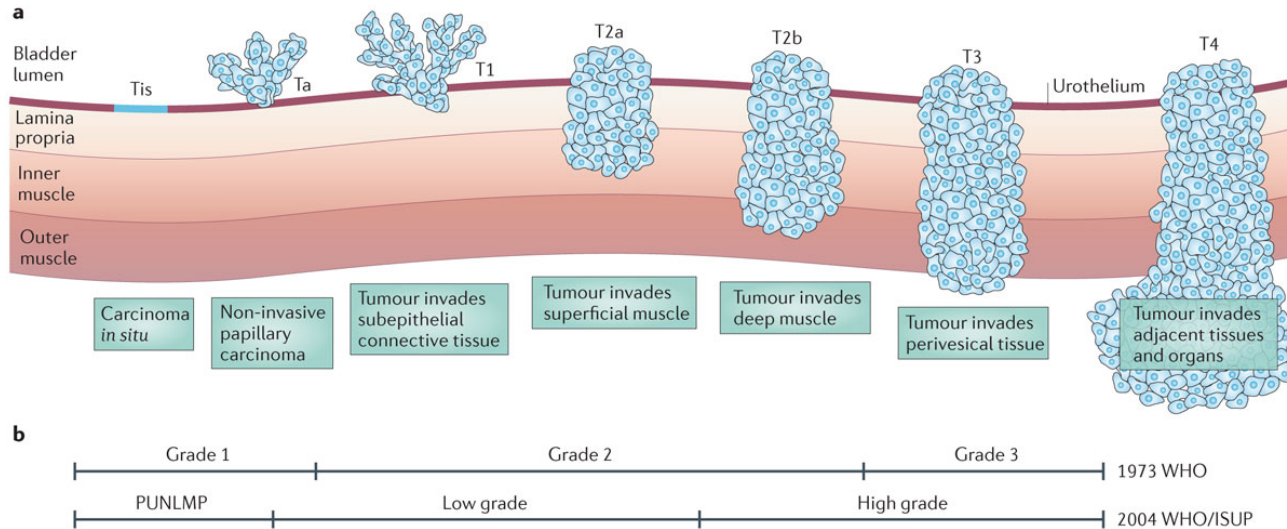
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# Diagnostic Testing

- **Urine Cytology** (Sensitivity 34% [12-64% based on the Grade], specificity 96%)
- **Urine-based Markers** (e.g. UroVysion FISH): (Sensitivity 50-80%, specificity 70-90%)
- **Intravenous Urography (IVP)**
- **Cystoscopy**
  - TURBT (TransUrethral Resection of Bladder Tumor)
  - Ureteroscopy
  - Retrograde pyelography
- **Radiographic Imaging** (MRI or CT scan, MR-Urogram, CT-Urogram)
  - Bone Scan (if elevated Alk Phos or bone pain)

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# TNM Staging & Grading of Bladder Cancer



# TNM Staging, cont.

- Nodal disease
  - **N0** No lymph node metastasis
  - **N1** Single regional LN metastasis in the true pelvis (perivesical, obturator, internal and external iliac, or sacral LN)
  - **N2** Multiple regional LN metastasis in the true pelvis
  - **N3** LN metastasis to the common iliac LNs
- Metastatic disease
  - **M0** No distant mets
  - **M1** Distant mets
    - **M1a** Distant metastasis limited to the lymph nodes beyond the common iliacs
    - **M1b** Non-lymph node distant metastasis

# TNM Staging, cont.

- **0**
  - **0a:** Ta
  - **0is:** Tis
- **I:** T1
- **II:** T2a, T2b
- **III**
  - **IIIA:** T3a, T3b (perivesical tumor), T4a (prostate, uterus or vagina), **OR** T1-4a, N1
  - **IIIB:** T1-4a, N2, N3
- **IV**
  - **IVA:** T4b (pelvic wall, abdominal wall) **OR** M1a (Lymph node only distant metastasis)
  - **IVB:** M1b (non-LN distant metastasis)

# Stages at Presentation

- 75% Superficial cancer
- 20% Muscle-invasive cancer
- 5% Metastatic disease

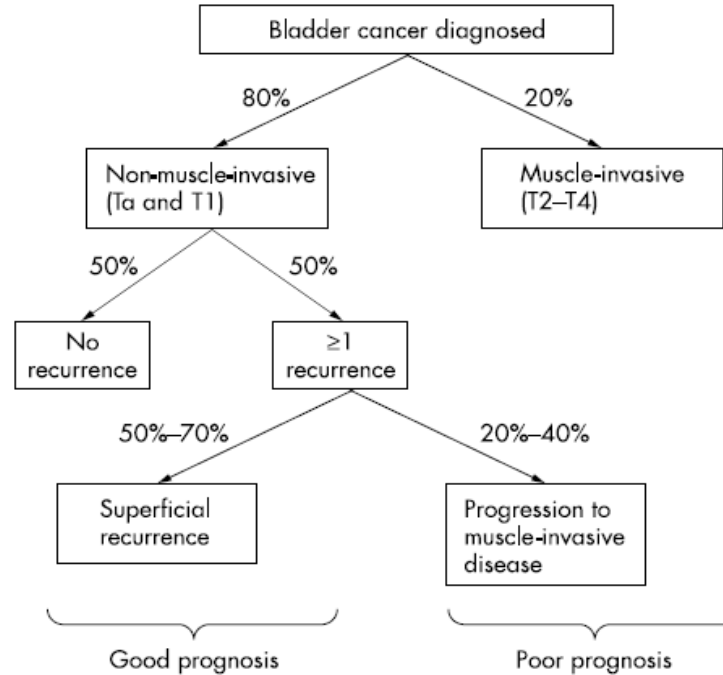
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# Natural History of Bladder Cancer



Colquhoun AJ, et al. Postgrad Med J. 2002

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# Bladder Cancer Stage: Prognosis

Location	Stage	T	N	M	Survival (5 yrs)
Superficial	0a 0is	Ta Tis	N0	M0	> 80 %
Lamina	I	T1	N0	M0	60-80 %
Early Muscle	II	T2a	N0	M0	30-60 %
Deep Muscle	II	T2b	N0	M0	20-40 %
Perivesical Fat	III	T3	N0	M0	15-25 %
Lymph Nodes	IV	Any T	N1-3	M0	5-20 %
Metastatic	IV	Any T	Any N	M1	< 2 %

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## Case, cont.

- He had a cystoscopy and TURBT, and pathology revealed non-muscle-invasive, high grade urothelial carcinoma (T1).
- He had complete resection of 2 tumors.

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# Superficial Bladder Cancer

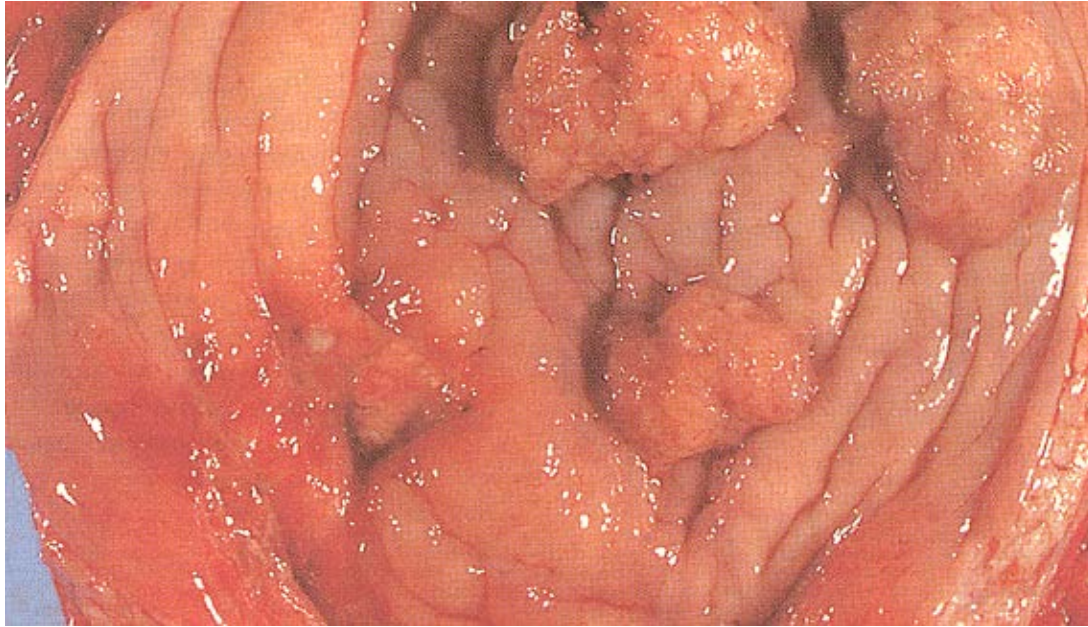
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# Papillary Transitional Cell Carcinoma



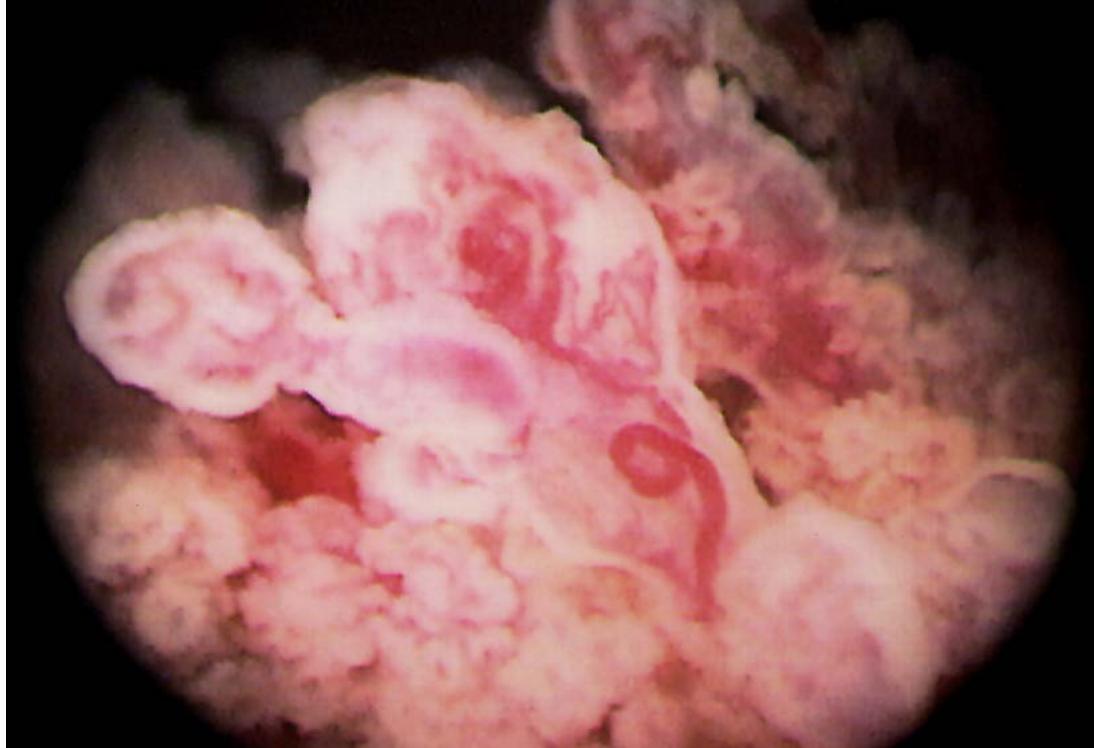
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# Bladder Carcinoma In Situ



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# Papillary Bladder Cancer and CIS



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# Natural History of Superficial Bladder Cancer

	Recurrence Rates (%)	
	1 Yr	3 Yr
Grade 1	30	50
Grade 2	38	59
Grade 3	70	80
Ta	-	48
T1	-	70

National Bladder Cancer Group - Heney et al. *JU* 130: 1083, 1983

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# Natural History of Superficial Bladder Cancer

	Progression Rates (%)*
Grade 1	2
Grade 2	11
Grade 3	45
Ta	4
T1	30

\*Defined as muscle invasion ( $\geq pT_2$ ) or clinical metastases

National Bladder Cancer Group - Heney et al. *JU* 130: 1083, 1983

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# Therapy of Superficial Bladder Cancer

- Eradicate existing disease
- Prevent recurrence (Polychronotropism)
- Prevent progression: Avoid the development of muscle-invasive disease

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# Therapy of Superficial Bladder Cancer

- Resection
  - TURBT (gold-standard)
  - Photodynamic Therapy
  - Laser Resection
  
- Intravesical therapy
  - BCG\* (High-risk patients [Grade 2 or 3, T1 or Tis])
  - Cytokines (High-risk patients)
  - Chemotherapy (High grade, mod-high volume, recurrent tumors)

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# Radical Cystectomy for Superficial Bladder Cancer

- Not possible to remove the cancer by TURBT (cancer is too extensive)
- Risk of cancer progression to muscle invasion is high (early cystectomy)
- Failure of intravesical BCG and/or chemotherapy but disease remains superficial

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# Post-treatment Follow-up for Superficial Disease

- Cystoscopy, urine cytology and as needed repeat TURBT; every 3-6 months for the first five years, and then annually.
- Repeat intravesical therapy if indicated.
- Imaging of the upper tracts; every one to two years.
- Consider cystectomy for recurrent / persistent disease.

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## Case, cont.

- Our patient had few Ta, T1 and Tis disease recurrences over the next 5 years, requiring multiple cystoscopies, TURBTs and intravesical instillations.
- Last TURBT revealed progression to muscle-invasive (T2) transitional cell carcinoma of the bladder.

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# CT-Urogram Findings



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# Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer

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# Surgical treatment outcome

- In the U.S., the “Gold Standard Treatment” of muscle-invasive disease is radical cystectomy with bilateral pelvic lymph node dissection.
- Bladder-preserving combined- (tri-) modality therapy (maximal TURBT, followed by concurrent chemotherapy and radiation therapy) is an option for selected patients.
- After surgery, 40-50% of these patients develop metastases within 2-5 years and most die of their disease.

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# How to improve this outcome?

- Bladder cancer is a radio- and chemo-sensitive disease.
- Cisplatin-based chemotherapies have 40-75% RRs with 12-20% CRs.
- Multimodality treatment with neoadjuvant/adjuvant chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy can potentially improve outcome.

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# Randomized Neoadjuvant Trials

Study	Neoadjuvant Arm	Standard Arm	Patients (N)	Survival
<b>Cisplatin chemotherapy</b>				
Australia/UK <sup>17</sup>	Cis/RT	RT	255	No difference
Canada/NCI <sup>18</sup>	Cis/RT or preop RT+cystectomy	RT or preop RT+cystectomy	99	No difference
Spain (CUETO) <sup>19</sup>	Cis/cystectomy	Cystectomy	121	No difference
<b>Combination chemotherapy</b>				
EORTC/MRC <sup>11</sup>	CMV/RT or cystectomy	RT or cystectomy	976	5.5% difference in favor of CMV
SWOG Intergroup <sup>20</sup>	M-VAC/cystectomy	Cystectomy	298	Benefit with M-VAC ( $P = 0.06$ )
Italy (GUONE) <sup>15</sup>	M-VAC/cystectomy	Cystectomy	206	No difference
Italy (GISTV) <sup>21</sup>	M-VEC/cystectomy	Cystectomy	171	No difference
Genoa <sup>22</sup>	Cis/5-FU/RT/cystectomy	Cystectomy	104	No difference
Nordic I <sup>24</sup>	ADM/Cis/RT/cystectomy	RT/cystectomy	311	No difference, 15% benefit with ADM + Cis in T3–T4a
Nordic II <sup>16</sup>	MTX/Cis/cystectomy	Cystectomy	317	No difference
Abol-Enein <i>et al.</i> <sup>23</sup>	CarboMV/cystectomy	Cystectomy	194	Benefit with CarboMV

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# Meta-analysis for Neoadjuvant Studies

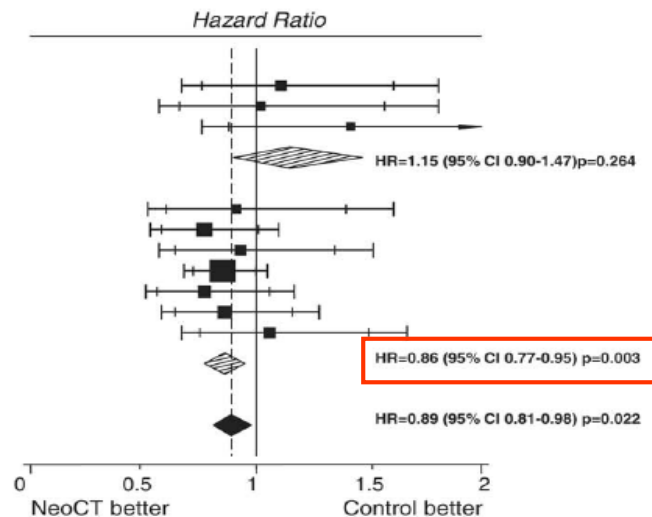
## Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy in Invasive Bladder Cancer: Update of a Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Individual Patient Data

Advanced Bladder Cancer (ABC) Meta-analysis Collaboration *Eur Urol* 48:202, 2005

Meta-analysis Group, Medical Research Council Clinical Trials Unit, 222 Euston Road, London NW1 2DA, UK

- 11 randomized trials, 3005 pts

	(no. events/no. entered)		O-E	Variance
	CT	Control		
<b>Single agent platinum</b>				
Wallace [2]	59/83	50/76	2.74	27.18
Martinez-Pineiro [3]	43/62	38/59	0.33	20.11
Raghavan [2]	34/41	37/55	5.85	16.51
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>136/186</b>	<b>125/190</b>	<b>8.92</b>	<b>63.80</b>
<b>Platinum-based combinations</b>				
Cortesi unpublished	43/82	41/71	-1.87	20.84
Grossman [9]	98/158	108/159	-13.61	51.00
Bassi [5]	53/102	60/104	-1.95	28.13
MRC/EORTC [6]	275/491	301/485	-23.69	143.61
Malmström [8]	68/151	84/160	-9.97	37.94
Sherif [8]	79/158	90/159	-6.37	42.18
Sengeløv [7]	70/78	60/75	1.79	31.96
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>686/1220</b>	<b>744/1213</b>	<b>-55.67</b>	<b>355.65</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>822/1406</b>	<b>869/1403</b>	<b>-46.75</b>	<b>419.45</b>



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# Adjuvant Chemotherapy Trials

Study	Chemotherapy	Chemotherapy	No Chemotherapy	Results
Logothetis <i>et al.</i> (1988) <sup>81</sup>	CISCA	62	71	Benefit, but not randomized
Skinner <i>et al.</i> (1991) <sup>75</sup>	CAP	47	44	Benefit, few patients received therapy
Stockle <i>et al.</i> (1992) <sup>76</sup>	M-VAC/M-VEC	26	23	Benefit, few patients, no treatment at relapse
Studer <i>et al.</i> (1994) <sup>77</sup>	DDP	40	37	No benefit, DDP alone inadequate
Bono <i>et al.</i> (1997) <sup>78</sup>	CM	48	35	No benefit for NOMO
Freiha <i>et al.</i> (1996) <sup>79</sup>	CMV	25	25	Benefit in relapse-free survival only
Otto <i>et al.</i> (2001) <sup>80</sup>	M-VEC	55	53	No benefit

Sternberg *Urology* 2007

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# Meta-analysis for Adjuvant Studies

## Adjuvant Chemotherapy in Invasive Bladder Cancer: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Individual Patient Data

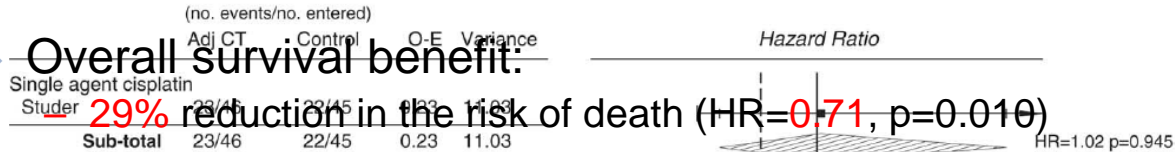
*Eur Urol* 48:189, 2005

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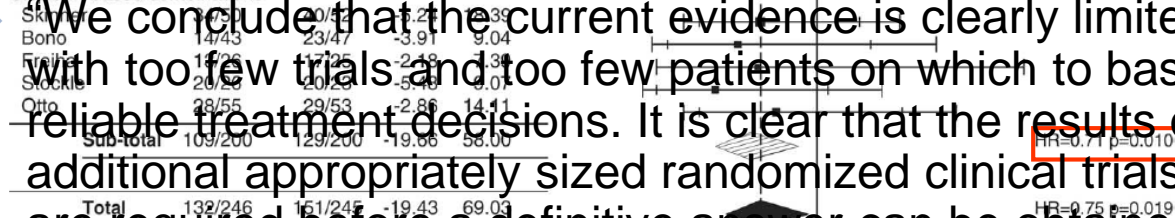
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- 6 randomized trials, 491 pts

### Overall survival benefit:



### Cisplatin-based combinations



We conclude that the current evidence is clearly limited with too few trials and too few patients on which to base reliable treatment decisions. It is clear that the results of additional appropriately sized randomized clinical trials are required before a definitive answer can be obtained".

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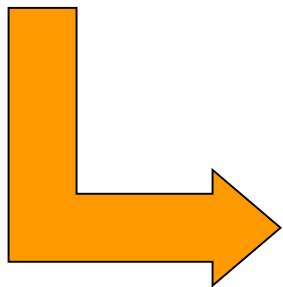
## Case, cont.

- He received 4 cycles of neoadjuvant cisplatin and gemcitabine.
- Overall, he tolerated chemotherapy well with expected and manageable side effects.

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After neoadjuvant chemotherapy



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## Case, cont.

- Then, he underwent a radical cystoprostatectomy, bilateral pelvic lymph node dissection and ileal conduit urinary diversion.
- His final path was favorable, ypT1N0, 35 LNs, and negative surgical margins.
- He recovered well from surgery and started surveillance.

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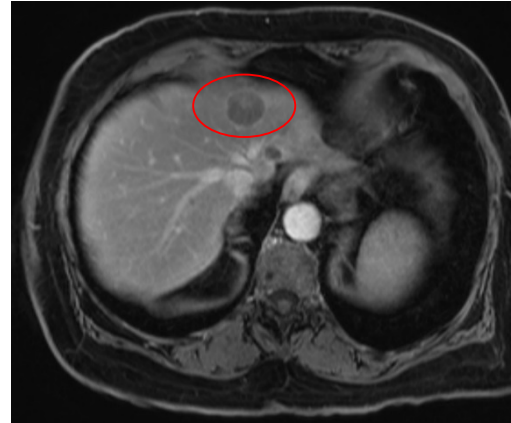
# Post Radical Cystectomy Surveillance

- Serial exam and labs
- Chest and abd/pelvis imaging
- Upper tract surveillance (CT-Urogram, urine cytology)

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## Case, cont.

- Three years later, he was found to have new retroperitoneal LNs and liver lesions.
- Liver biopsy positive for TCC



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# Metastatic Bladder Cancer

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# Introduction

- Metastatic sites: regional and distant lymph nodes, lungs, bones, liver, brain, skin and elsewhere.
- Median survival with Best Supportive Care: 4-6 months
- Median survival with cisplatin-based combination chemotherapy: 13-15 months, 60% 1-yr and 20% 3-yr survival

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# Introduction

- TCC is a chemosensitive solid tumor
  - Phase II clinical trials: RR 70-80%
  - Phase III clinical trials: RR 50%
- Short duration of response: 4-6 mo

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# Pre-1990s Chemotherapy



## Older Agents Activity in Bladder Cancer

<u>Agents</u>	<u>Response Rate</u>
Cisplatin	12 - 28%
Methotrexate	29 - 45%
Doxorubicin	17 %
5-fluorouracil	15 - 17%
Vinblastine	15 %
Mitomycin C	13 - 20%

## Platinum - based Combination Chemotherapy

<u>Regimen</u>	<u>Response Rate:</u>
MVAC	39 - 72%
MVEC	44 - 75%
CMV	56 - 58%
CisCA	46 %
HD MVAC	73 %

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Late 1980s  Mid1990s

Goals: Identify new agents & combinations  
lower toxicity, better efficacy

Agent

Response Rate

Paclitaxel

10-56%

Gemcitabine

23-28%

Carboplatin

13-15%

Docetaxel

13-31%

Ifosfamide

20-31%

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# Advanced Bladder Cancer: Gemcitabine Plus Cisplatin vs. MVAC

## Stratification

- Stage
- Visceral mets
- PS
- Prior radiotherapy
- Investigator site
- Disease measurability
- Alkaline Phosphatase

R  
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**GC**

**N=203**

**MVAC**

**N=202**

MAX 6 Cycles

PR, CR, SD

PD

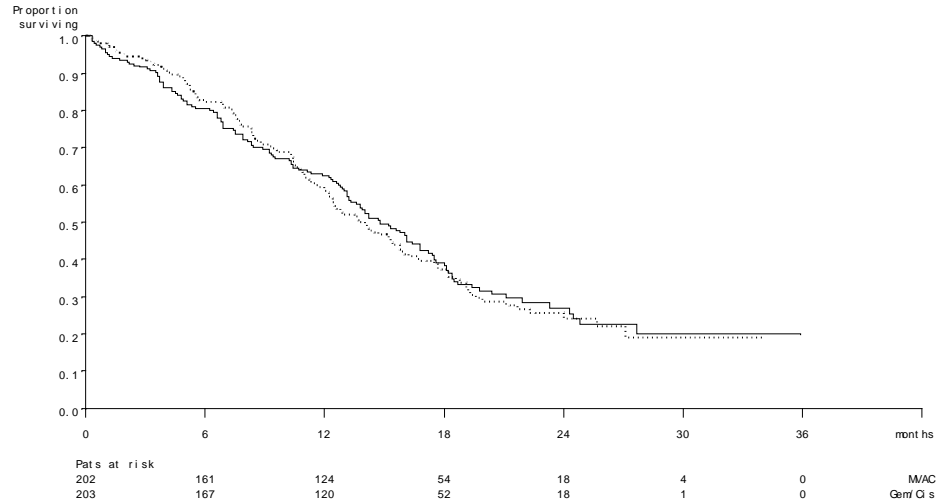
Off Study

*MVAC*: Methotrexate, Vinblastine, Doxorubicin, Cisplatin

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# GC vs. MVAC: Response and Survival

	<b>GC (203)</b>	<b>MVAC (202)</b>
▪ <b>RR</b>	49.4%	45.7%
▪ <b>CR</b>	12.2%	11.9%
▪ <b>PR</b>	37.2%	33.8%
▪ <b>MS</b>	13.8	14.8
	(12.3-15.8)	(13.2-16.8)



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# GC vs. MVAC: G3/4 Toxicities

	<b>GC</b>	<b>MVAC</b>
▪ Neutropenia (Grade 3/4)	71%	82%
Neutropenic sepsis	1%	12%
Febrile neutropenia	1.5%	13.4%
▪ Thrombocytopenia	57%	21%
▪ Mucositis	1%	22%
▪ Alopecia	11%	55%
▪ Nausea/vomiting	22%	21%
▪ Drug-toxicity death rate	1%	3%

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# Carboplatin vs. Cisplatin

- Single agent: Carbo appears to be less active (Marcuello *Eur J Cancer* 1990, Trump *J Urol* 1990)
- Combinations: Carbo appears inferior, with shorter TTP and MS (12.8 vs.9.8 mos, Dogliotti *Eur Urol* 2007)

Regimen	CR (%)		OR (%)	
	Cis	Carbo	Cis	Carbo
MVAC vs. Carbo, MTX, Vlb (Bellmunt 1997)	17	0	52	39
MVEC vs. MVE-Carbo (Petrioli 1996) (p=0.04)	25	11	71	41
GC vs. G-Carbo (Dogliotti 2007)	15	2	49	40

# Prognostic Factors & Survival

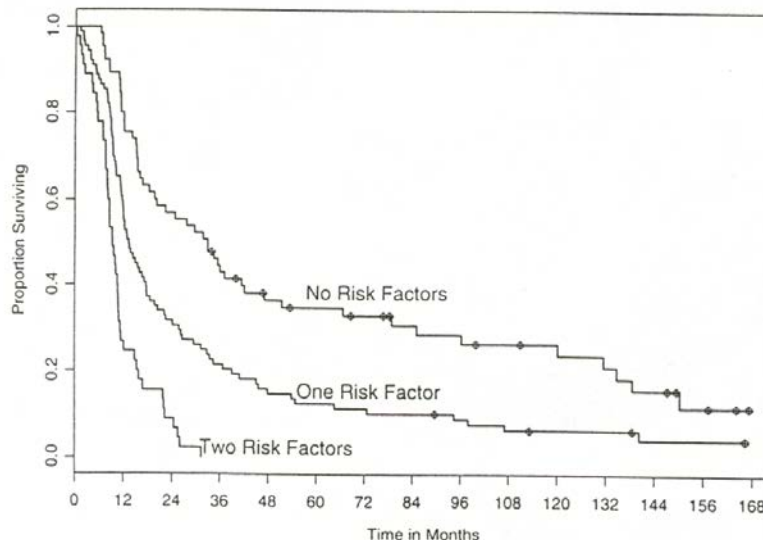
## Univariate and Multivariate Analysis (n=203) Bajorin, *JCO* 1999

### Prognostic Factors:

- 1) Visceral Mets  
(bone, liver, lung)
- 2) KPS (<80%)

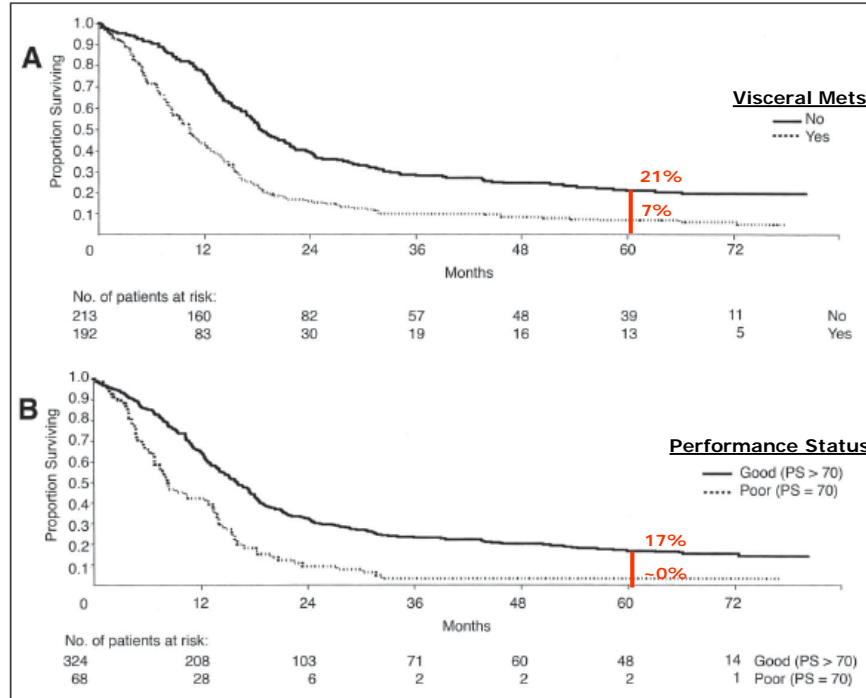
# of PF	MS (mo)	CR (%)
0	33	35
1	13.4	11
2	9.3	0

$p = 0.0001$



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# GC vs. MVAC (5-year f/u)



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# Systemic Therapy for Bladder Cancer Pre-2016

Non-Muscle Invasive	Neoadjuvant Adjuvant	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Metastatic	Next Line Metastatic
No systemic therapy			
	Gem + Cisplatin or A-MVAC (Cisplatin)		
		Gem + Cisplatin A-MVAC (Cisplatin) or Gem + Carbo	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paclitaxel/Docetaxel</li> <li>• Vinflunine*</li> </ul>

**Cisplatin:**  
 ORR 50-60%  
 median OS 15 mo.  
 1 year OS 60%

**Carboplatin**  
 ORR 36%  
 median OS 9 mo.  
 1 year OS 37%

ORR: 12%  
 Median OS 7 mo.  
 1 year OS 26%\*

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# Precision Medicine and Targeted Therapies in Bladder Cancer

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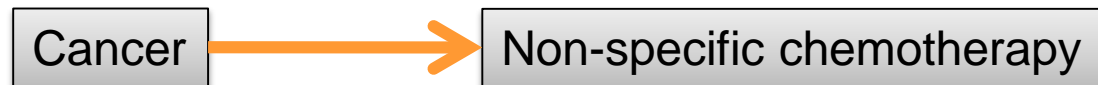
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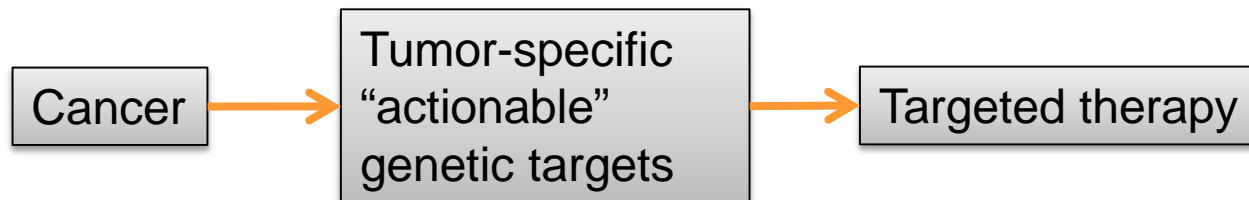


# Precision Medicine

Past → Present

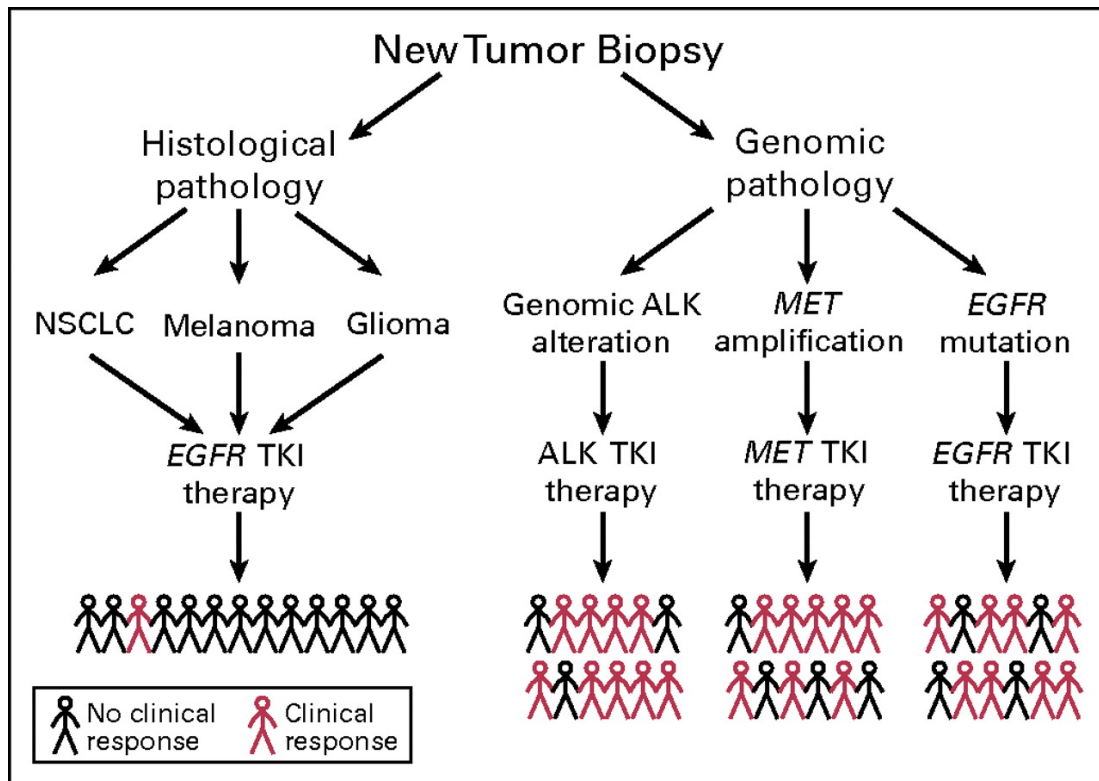


Present → Future



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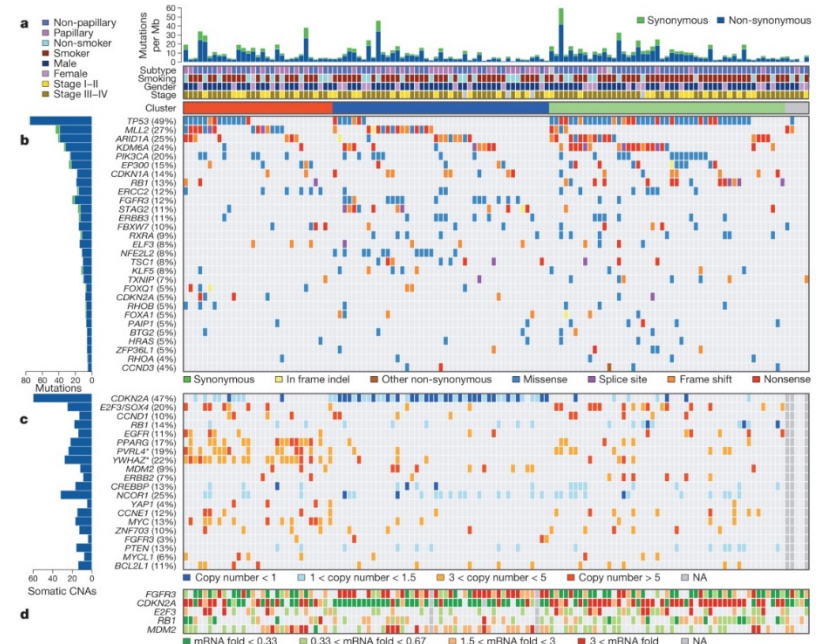
# Precision Cancer Targeted Therapy



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# The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA)

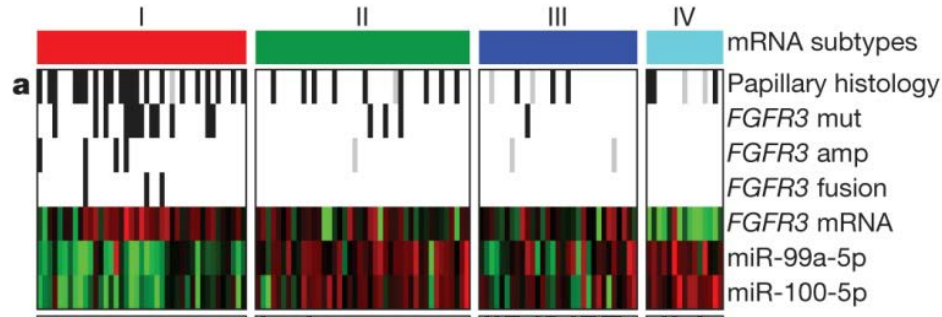
- Compares the DNA in normal tissue and cancer tissue from the same patient with the goal of creating a genomic atlas of human cancer accessible to everyone
- 131 urothelial carcinomas
  - Discovered statistically significant recurrent mutations in 32 genes



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# TCGA for Bladder Cancer

- Whole-genome and RNA sequencing identified multiple mechanisms of Fibroblast Growth Factor Receptor 3 (FGFR3) activation



# Efficacy of BGJ398, a fibroblast growth factor receptor 1-3 inhibitor, in patients with previously treated advanced/metastatic urothelial carcinoma with FGFR3 alterations

## Tumor Response With BGJ398 Treatment

BGJ398 125 mg QD 3 Weeks On/1 Week Off N = 44	
	n (%)
Number of Evaluable Patients <sup>a</sup>	37
Overall Response <sup>b</sup> (CR, PRc, PRu)	13 (35.1)
Disease Control <sup>b</sup> (CR, PRc/PRu, SD)	22 (59.4)
Best overall response <sup>b</sup>	
Complete response	1 (2.7)
Partial response confirmed (PRc)	8 (21.6)
Partial response unconfirmed <sup>c</sup> (PRu)	4 (10.8)
Stable disease	9 (24.3)
Progressive disease	10 (27.0)
Unknown	5 (13.5)

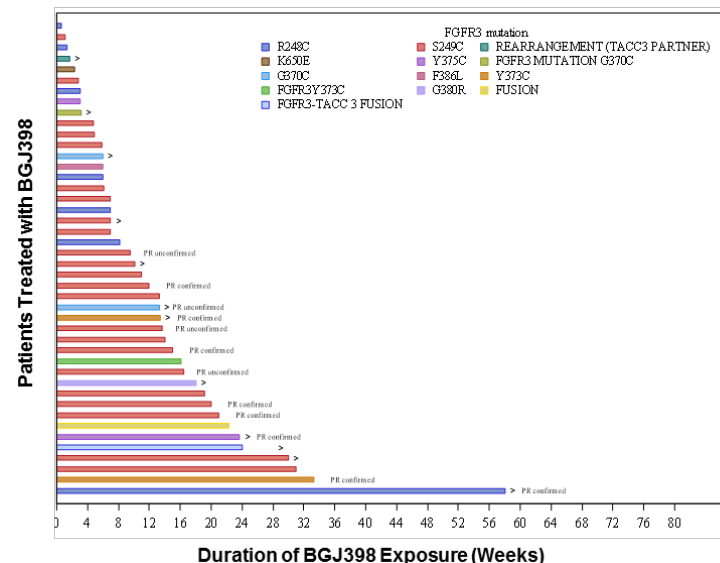
CR, complete response; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease.

<sup>a</sup> Patients with baseline and at least 1 post-baseline tumor assessment are included.

<sup>b</sup> Percentages are calculated based on evaluable patients.

<sup>c</sup> Unconfirmed denotes the lack of a confirmatory scan at least 4 weeks after noting PR ( $\geq 30\%$  decrease in sum of target lesions as per investigator assessment) according to RECIST criteria. (pending confirmatory scan, n=1; subsequent scan showed progressive disease, n=2; no subsequent scan performed, patient discontinued with clinical evidence of disease progression, n=1).

## Duration on Treatment by FGFR3 Alteration<sup>a,b</sup>



PR, partial response; > denotes ongoing treatment

<sup>a</sup> Data cutoff on March 1, 2016.

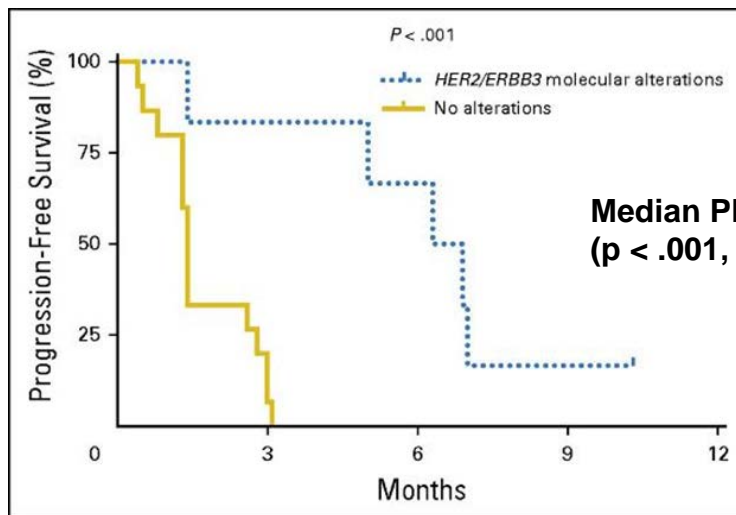
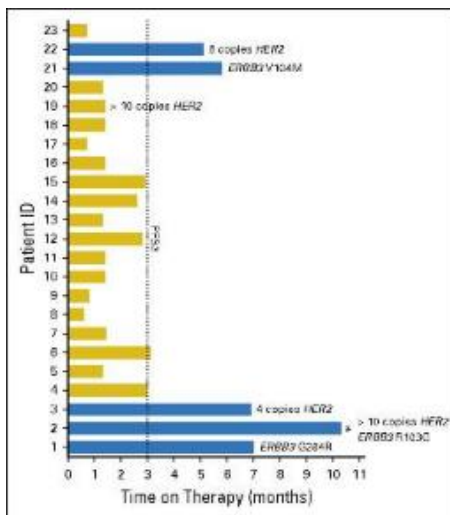
<sup>b</sup> Patients are ordered by duration on study. Responses are based on investigator determination.

<sup>c</sup> Received prior therapy with a checkpoint inhibitor.

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## Afatinib Activity in Platinum-Refractory Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma in Patients With *ERBB* Alterations

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# Novel Treatments in Bladder Cancer

- **Trastuzumab** (Hussain, 2007 JCO; Single-agent CALGB study)
- **Gefitinib** (Galsky, 2007 Invest New Drugs; Philips, 2009 Ann Oncol)
- **Afatinib** (Choudhury 2016 JCO)
  
- **Sorafenib** (Sridhar, 2008 ASCO GU, #340)
- **Sunitinib** (Gallagher, 2007 ASCO, #5080; Bellmunt, 2008 ASCO GU, #291)
- **Bevacizumab** (With GC: CALGB-90601 study; Hahn, 2009 ASCO, #5018)
  
- **FGFR3 Inhibitors** (BGJ398, Pal, 2016 ASCO)
  
- **Histone Deacetylase Inhibitors** (Mocetinostat, Vorinostat, AR42)
  
- **Immune Modulation** (Her2/neu Dendritic Cell Cancer Vaccines)
- **Checkpoint Inhibitors** (PD-1, PD-L1 and CTLA-4 inhibitors)

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# Immuno-Oncology in Bladder Cancer

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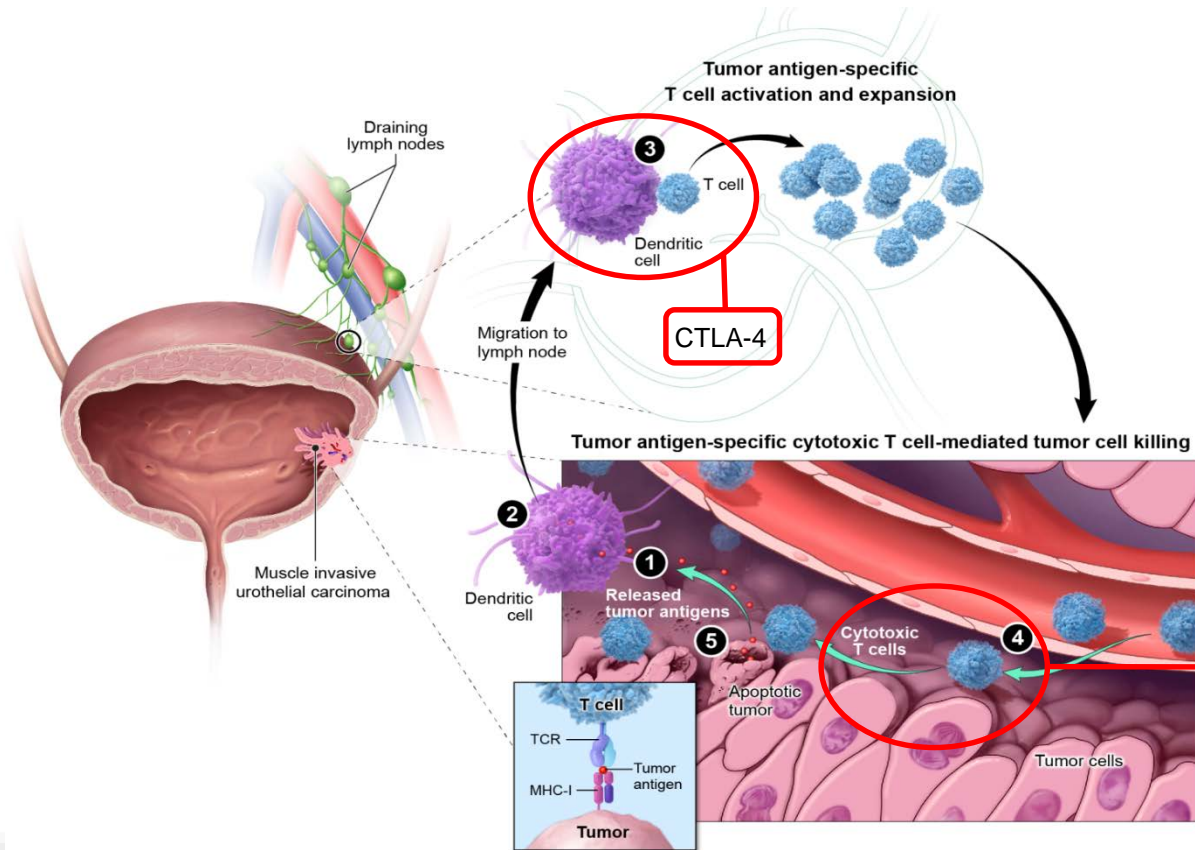


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# Immune Tolerance in Urothelial Carcinoma



Tumors maintain an immunosuppressive state via **PD-L1/PD-1** binding, therefore, Inhibiting:

- ❖ T-cell migration
- ❖ Proliferation
- ❖ secretion of cytotoxic mediators

**PD-1:** Programmed Cell Death-1  
**PD-L1:** PD-1 Ligand

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# PD-1 and PD-L1 in Bladder Cancer

- Melanoma, lung cancer and bladder cancer are the top 3 cancers that has high mutational burden.
- PD-L1 is highly expressed in urothelial cancer of the bladder and correlates with pathological stage and overall survival

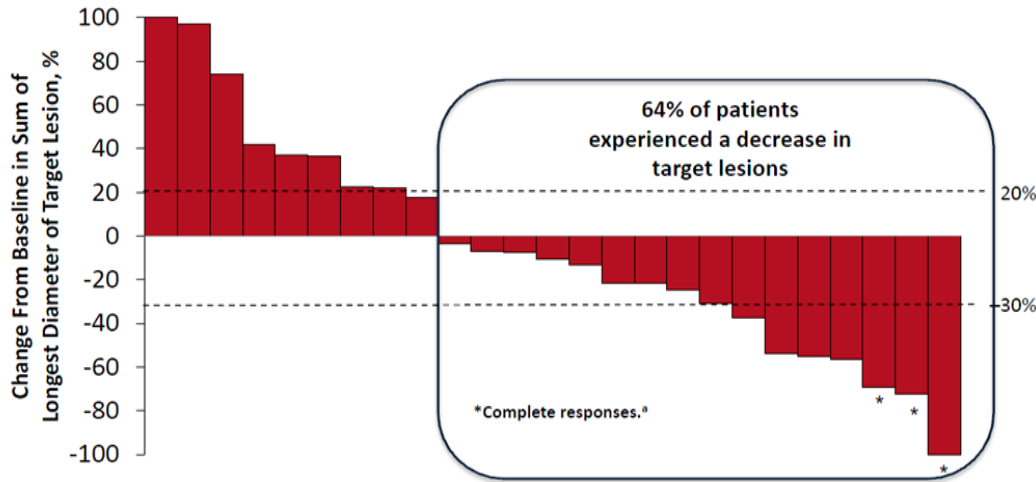
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# PD-1 Targeting in Bladder Cancer

- Pembrolizumab: PD-1 inhibitor, 24% ORR, 12% Grade 3/4 toxicities

(Plimack E, et al. ESMO 2014, abstract # LBA23)

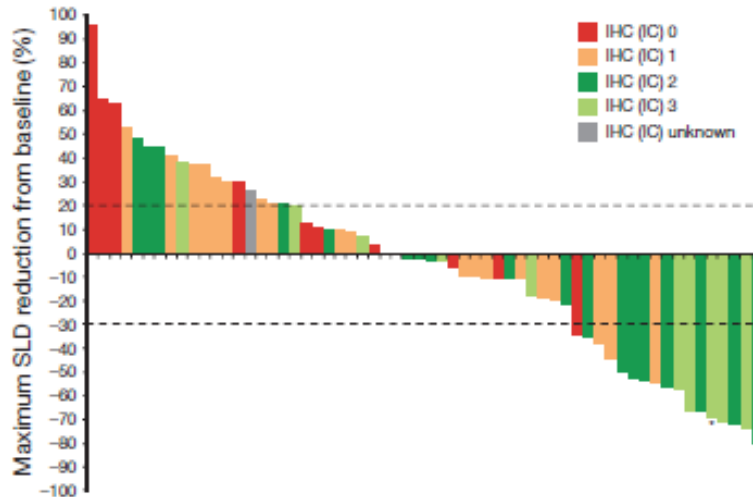


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# PD-L1 Targeting in Bladder Cancer

- Atezolizumab: PD-L1 inhibitor, 25% ORR, 4.4% Grade 3/4 toxicities

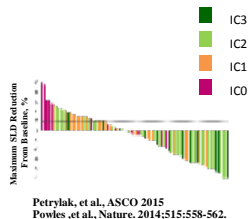
(Powels T, et al. Nature 2014)



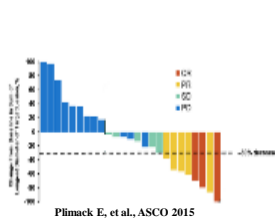
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# Checkpoint Inhibition in Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma

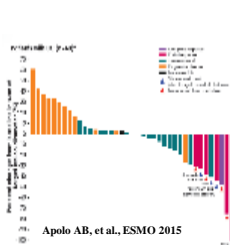
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Summary of ORR



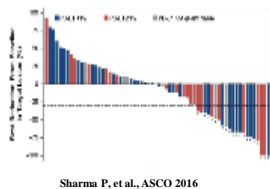
Pembrolizumab  
Summary of ORR



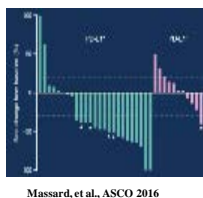
Avelumab  
Summary of ORR



Nivolumab  
Summary of ORR



Durvalumab  
Summary of ORR



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# Frontline Therapy for UC: Cis-Ineligible

## Gem Carbo

Randomized Phase II/III Trial Assessing Gemcitabine/Carboplatin and Methotrexate/Carboplatin/Vinblastine in Patients With Advanced Urothelial Cancer Who Are Unfit for Cisplatin-Based Chemotherapy: EORTC Study 30986

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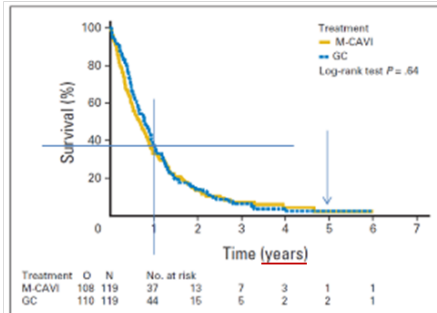
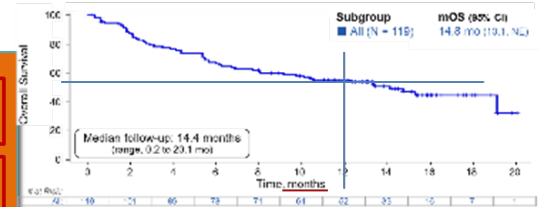


Fig 2. Duration of survival by treatment group. GC, gemcitabine/carboplatin; M-CAVI, methotrexate/carboplatin/vinblastine; O, observed number of deaths.

Plimack E, ASCO 2016

## Atezolizumab

Cisplatin ineligibility criteria <sup>1</sup>	N = 119
Renal impairment GFR < 60 mL/min but > 30	70%
Hearing loss, ≥ 25 dB <sup>a</sup>	14%
Peripheral neuropathy, ≥ Grade 2	6%
ECOG PS2	20%
Renal impairment and ECOG PS2	7%



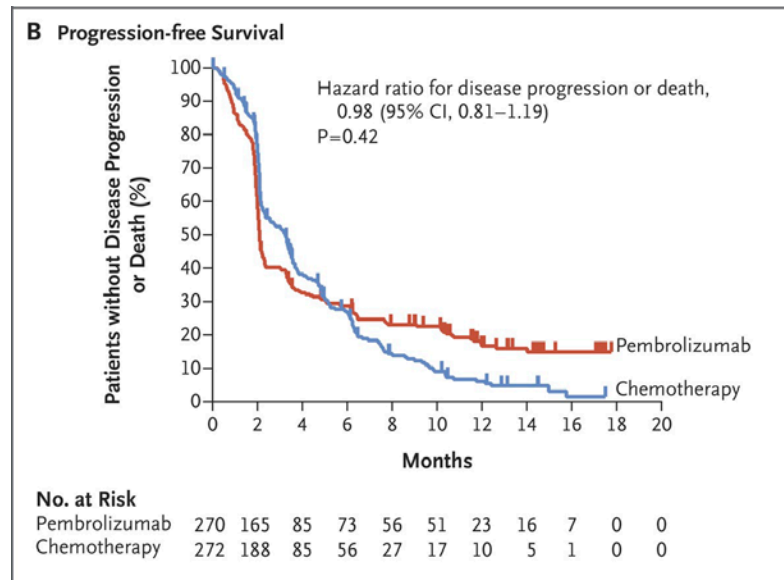
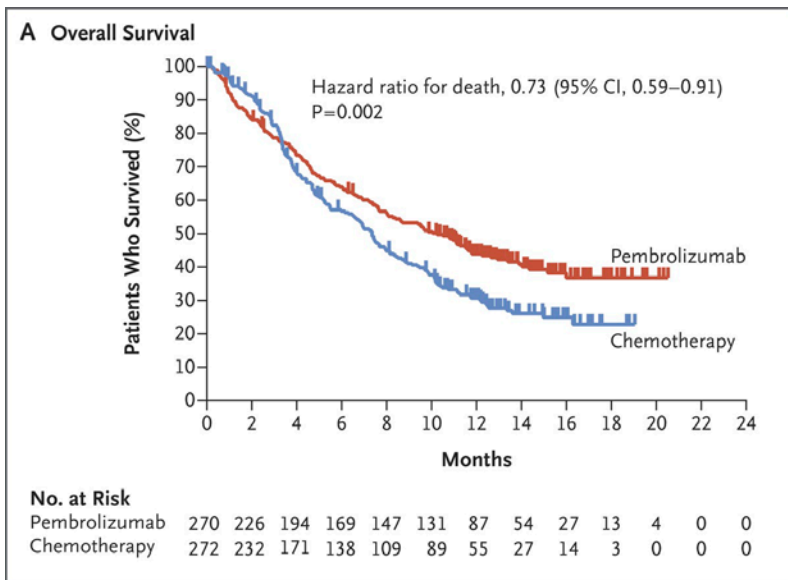
All Patients (N = 119)	
ORR <sup>a</sup> (95% CI)	23% (16, 32)
CR	9%
PR	14%

Balar et al. Lancet 2017

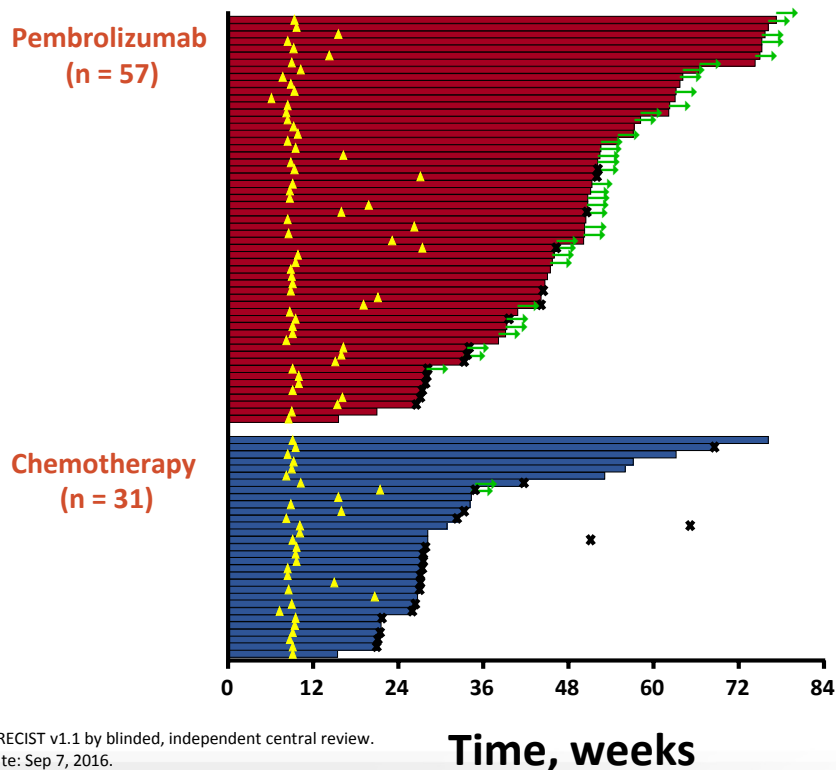
ORR: 36%	ORR: 23%
mOS: 9.3 mo.	mOS: 15.9 mo.
1-year OS: 37%	1-year OS: 57%
5-year OS: ~ 0	5-year OS: ?

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# Pembrolizumab as Second-Line Therapy for Advanced Urothelial Carcinoma



# Pembrolizumab as Second-Line Therapy for Advanced Urothelial Carcinoma



Assessed per RECIST v1.1 by blinded, independent central review.  
Data cutoff date: Sep 7, 2016.

- Median (range) time to response: 2.1 mo (1.4-6.3)
- **Median (range) duration of response: NR (1.6+ to 15.6+ mo)**
- **Patients with response  $\geq 12$  mo: 68% (KM estimate)**

▲ First response  
✱ PD or death  
→ Treatment ongoing

- Median (range) time to response: 2.1 mo (1.7-4.9)
- Median (range) duration of response: 4.3 mo (1.4+ to 15.4+)
- Patients with response  $\geq 12$  mo: 35% (KM estimate)

Only responders in each treatment arm are shown.  
Bar length equals duration of response.

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# FDA Approved Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors in Metastatic Bladder Cancer

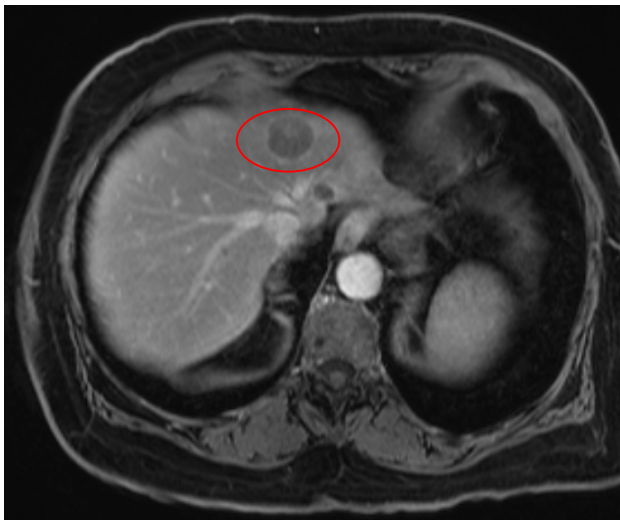
- First-line cisplatin-ineligible
  - Atezolizumab (Balar AV, et al. *Lancet* 2017)
  - Pembrolizumab (Balar AV, et al. *ASCO Annual Meeting* 2017)
- Second-line and beyond
  - Pembrolizumab (Bellmunt J, et al. *NEJM* 2017)
  - Atezolizumab (Powles T, et al. *Nature* 2014. Rosenberg JE, et al. *Lancet* 2016)
  - Nivolumab (Sharma P, et al. *Lancet Oncology* 2017)
  - Avelumab (Apolo AB, et al. *JCO* 2017)
  - Durvalumab (Powles T, et al. *JAMA Oncology* 2017)

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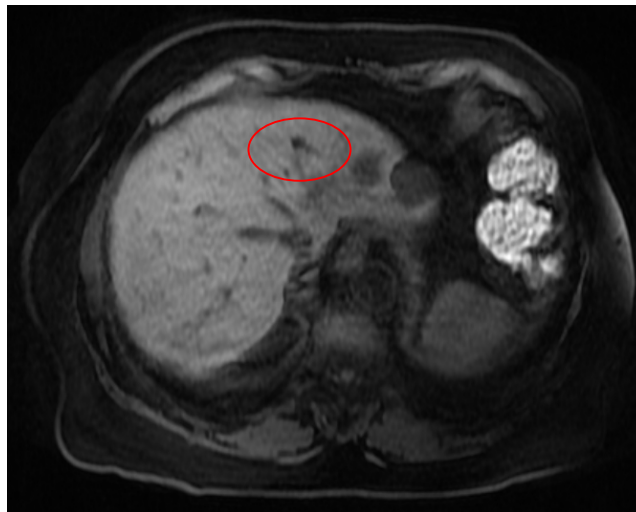
## Case, cont.

- He was not a candidate for cisplatin-based therapy, because of CKD and borderline performance status.
- He was started on atezolizumab 15 months ago.
- So far, tolerating treatment well, having excellent response and no toxicities.

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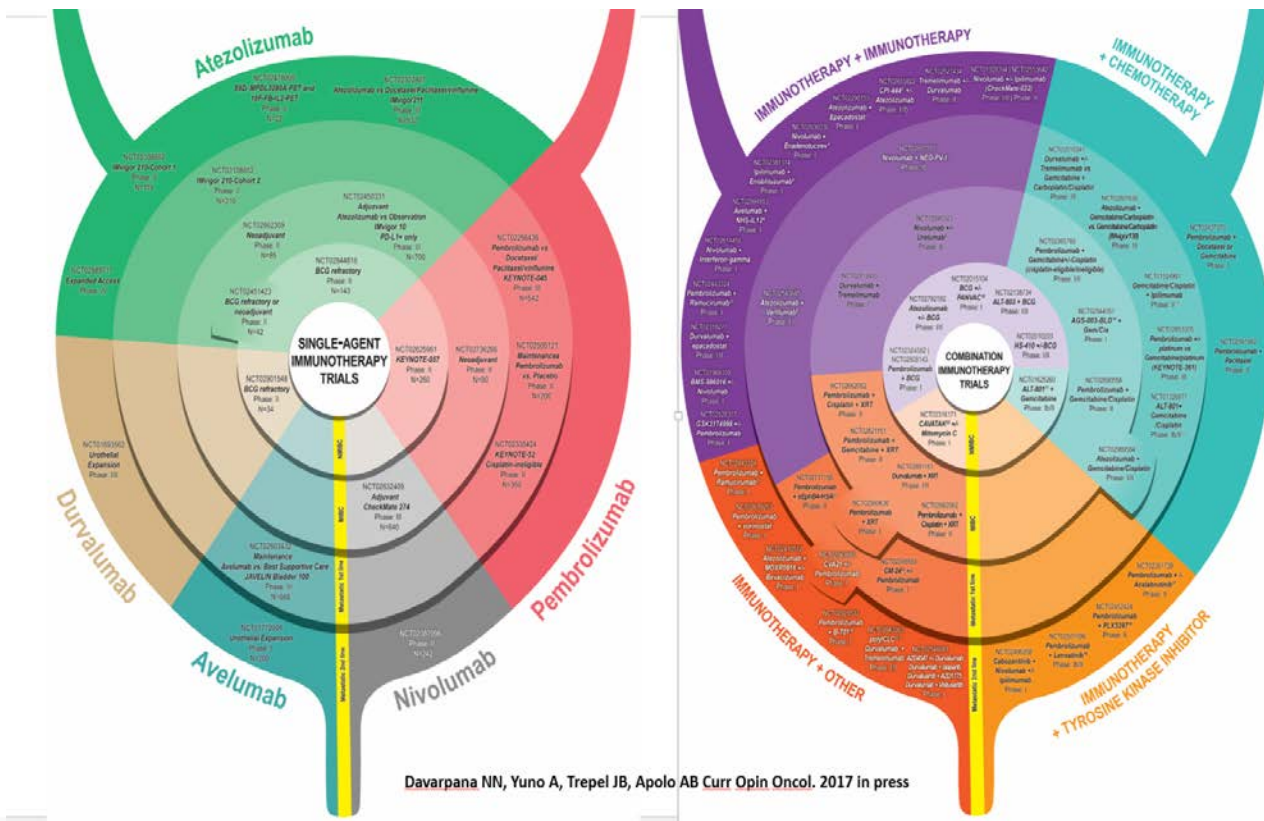


After immunotherapy  
(now 15 months)



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# Immuno-Oncology Clinical Trials in Bladder Cancer



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