

# Lung cancer Immunotherapy 2018 update

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# Objectives

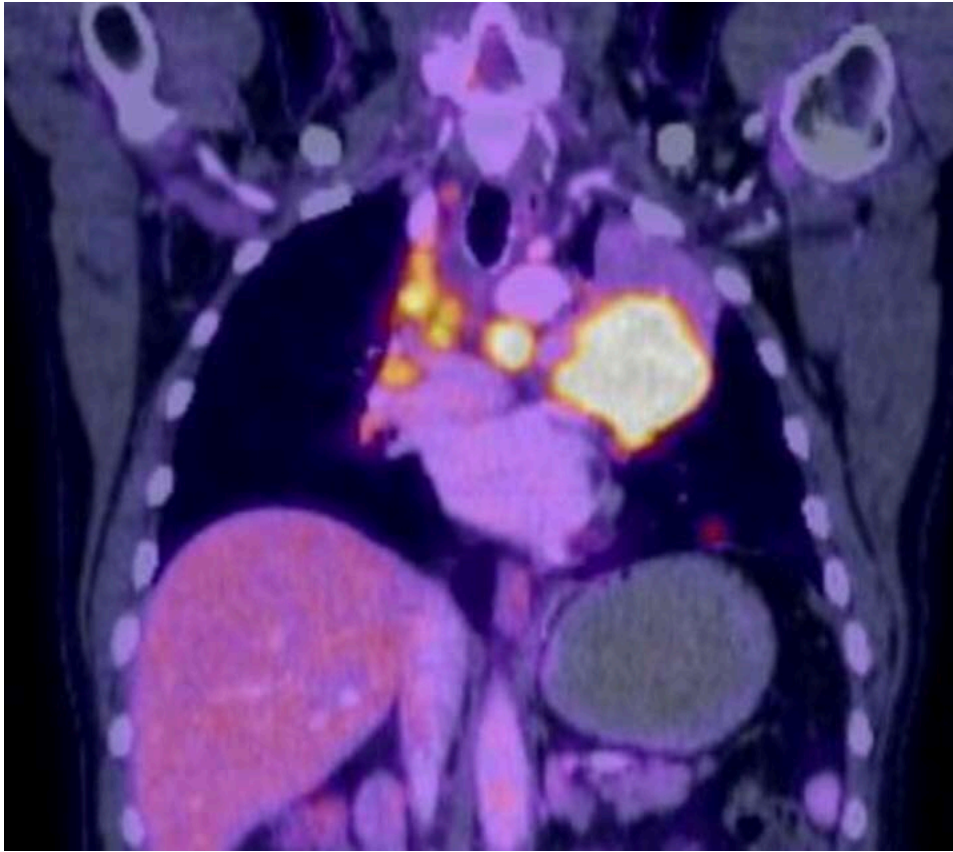
- How does immunotherapy work.
- Updates on trials for advanced non-small cell and small cell lung cancers.
- Predictors for response.
- Promising results for earlier stages.
- Managing side effects.



# Case study

- 68 yo with HTN and COPD smoked 2 ppd for 35 years.
- Presented with dyspnea and cough/ mild hemoptysis. CXR showed **left hilar mass**.
- Bronchoscopy and mediastinoscopy confirmed **lung squamous cell carcinoma**.
- PET scan showed large left upper lobe lung mass with invasion of upper lobe bronchus, mediastinum. Hypermetabolic mediastinal, bilateral hilar, bilateral internal mammary chains. Biopsy from the latter showed squamous cell carcinoma. **PD-L1 100%. Stage IV**.
  
- He underwent **radiation to LUL** (part of clinical trial) and started on **pembrolizumab**.

# Case study

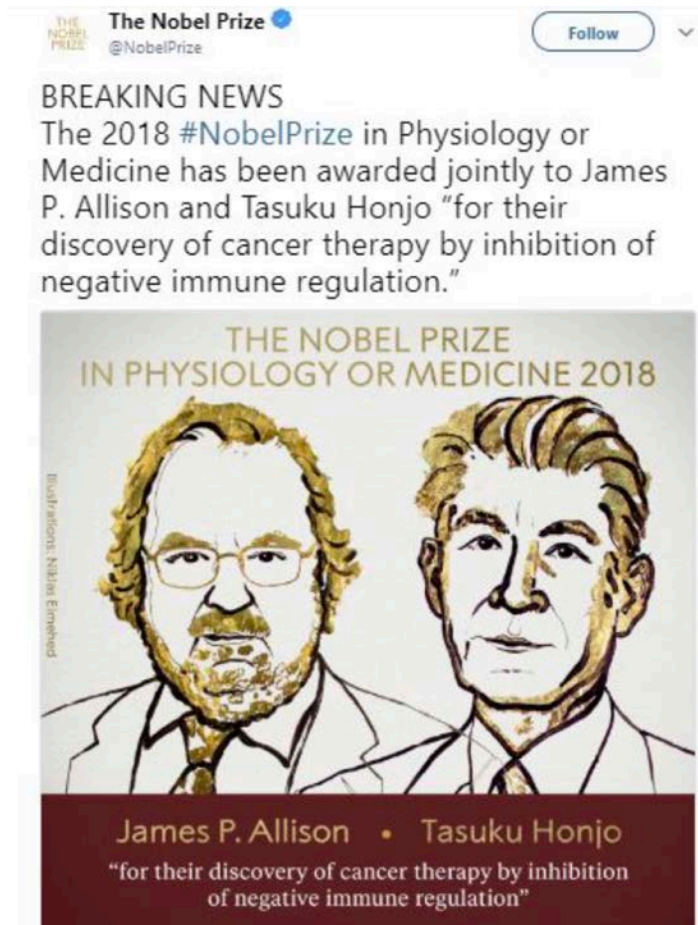


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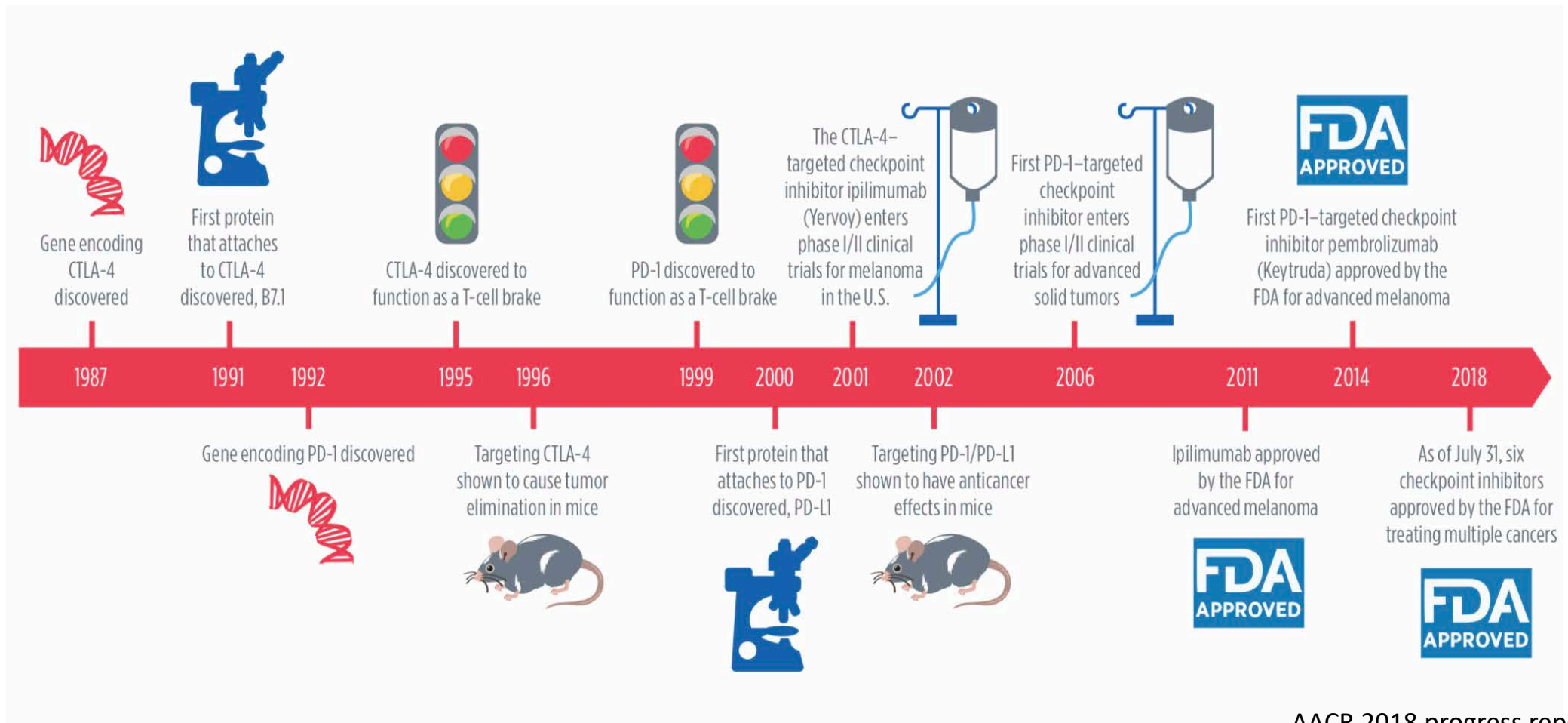
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# Immunotherapy: A breakthrough in cancer therapy



**"I was like, 'Oh my God, it happened,'" Allison says to TIME. "I'm just in shock, I guess."**

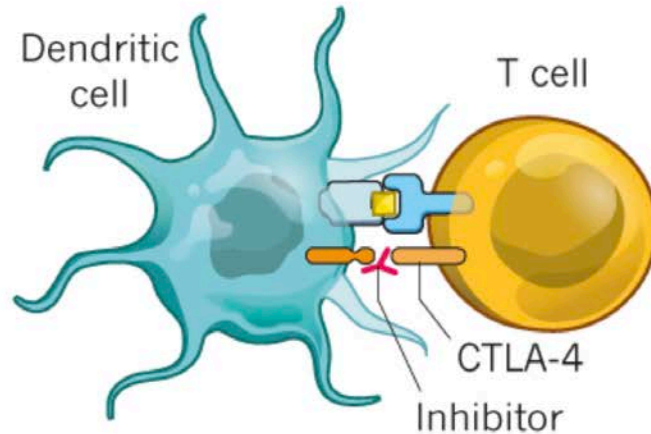
# The journey



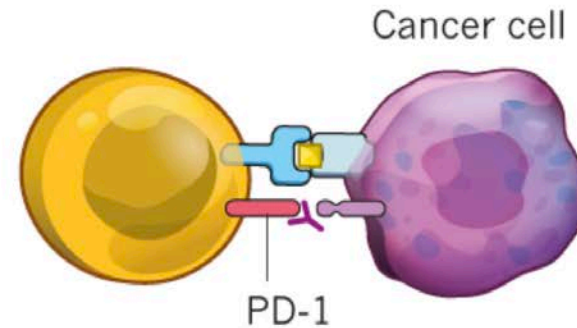
# Taking the brakes off

## CHECKPOINT INHIBITOR DRUGS

'Checkpoint' proteins block T-cell activity. Inhibitor drugs can release the brakes on T cells at different stages.



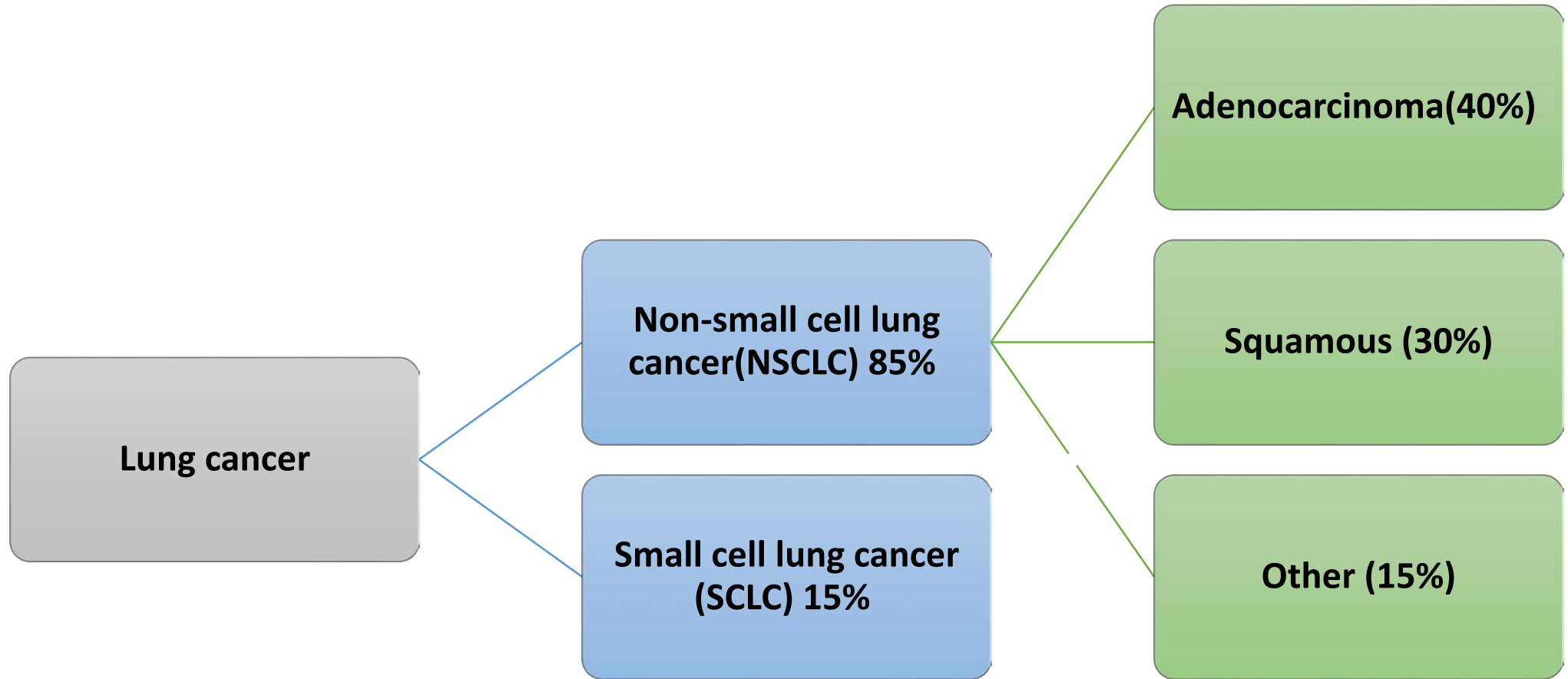
The CTLA-4 checkpoint protein prevents dendritic cells from priming T cells to recognize tumours. Inhibitor drugs block the checkpoint.



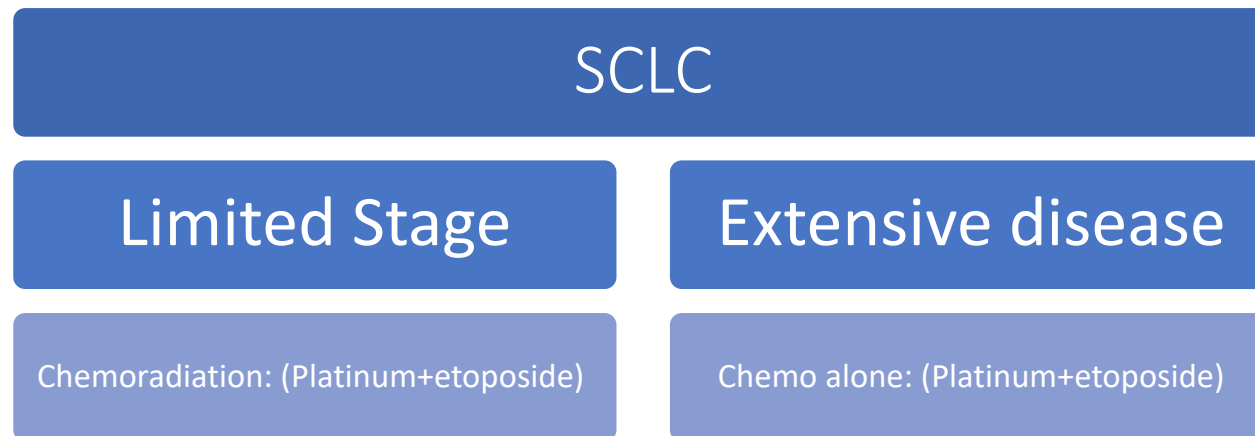
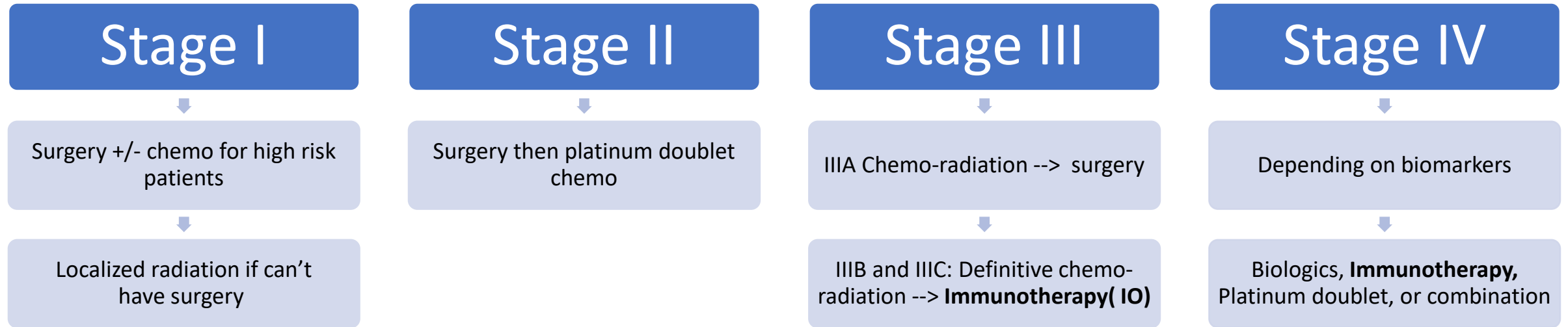
The PD-1 checkpoint protein prevents T cells from attacking cancer cells. The inhibitor drug allows T cells to act.



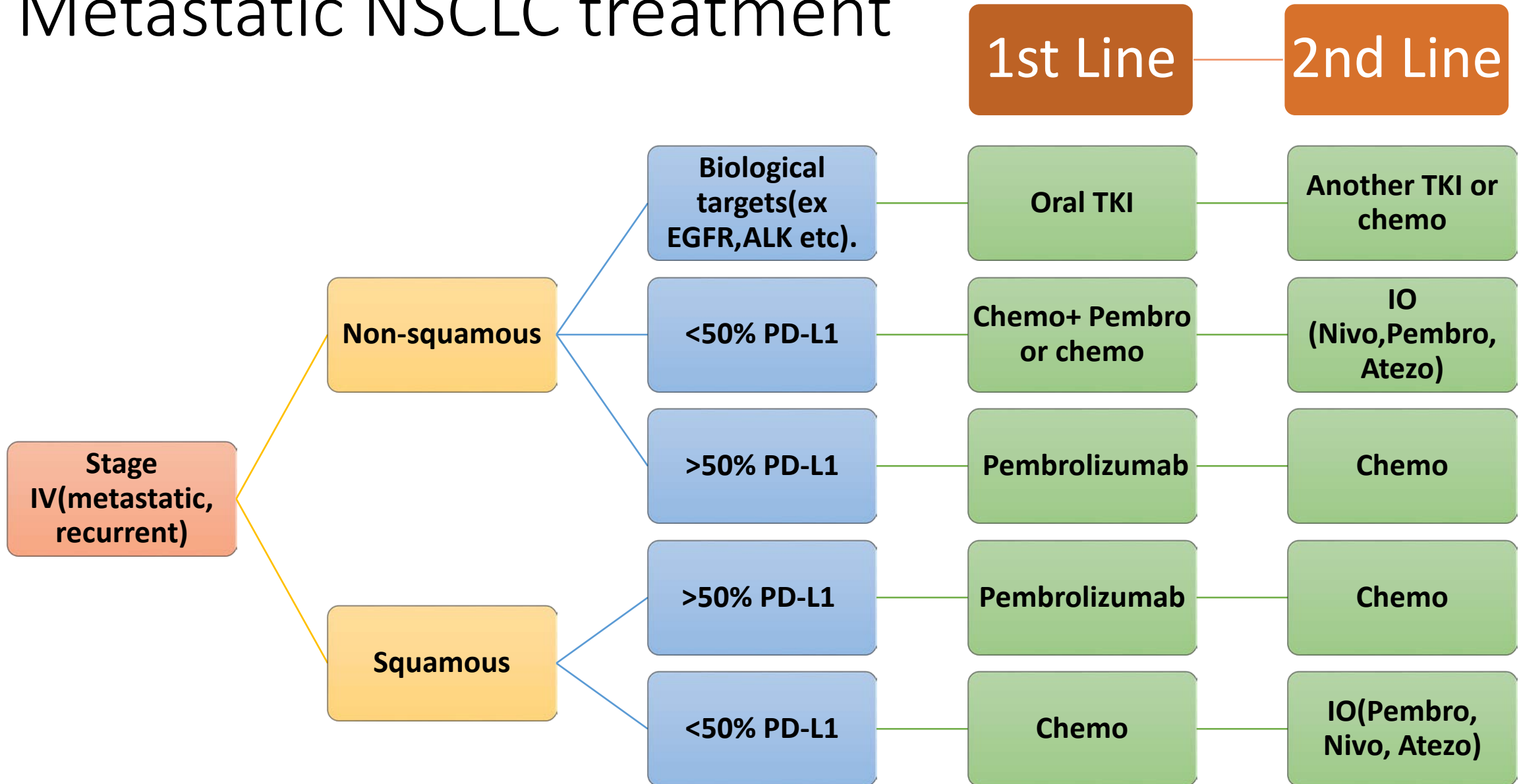
# Lung Cancer by Histology



# Lung cancer treatment: Overview



# Metastatic NSCLC treatment



Nonsquamous cell					Squamous cell				
Genetic testing					Measure PD-L1 expression level		Measure PD-L1 expression level		
Targetable driver mutation present?					PD-L1 ≥ 50%		PD-L1 < 50%		
EGFRmt		ALK rearrangement		ROS1 rearrangement	PD-L1 ≥ 50%	PD-L1 < 50%	PD-L1 ≥ 50%	PD-L1 < 50%	
<b>Treatment: 1st line</b>									
Erlotinib/ gefitinib/ afatinib	or Osimertinib	Alectinib	or Crizotinib <sup>a</sup>	Crizotinib	Pembrolizumab <sup>b</sup>	Platinum doublet with pemetrexed ± bevacizumab	or Carboplatin/ pemetrexed/ pembrolizumab	Pembrolizumab	Platinum doublet
<b>2nd line</b>									
Osimertinib (if T790M resistance develops)	Platinum doublet with pemetrexed ± bevacizumab	3rd-generation ALK inhibitor clinical trial; or platinum doublet with pemetrexed ± bevacizumab	Alectinib; or brigatinib; or ceritinib	2nd-generation ROS1 inhibitor clinical trial; or platinum doublet with pemetrexed ± bevacizumab	Platinum doublet with pemetrexed ± bevacizumab	Immunotherapy (nivolumab, pembrolizumab, <sup>c</sup> or atezolizumab)	Docetaxel ± ramucirumab; or gemcitabine	Platinum doublet	Immunotherapy (nivolumab, pembrolizumab, <sup>c</sup> or atezolizumab)
<b>3rd line</b>									
Platinum doublet with pemetrexed ± bevacizumab	Docetaxel ± ramucirumab; or gemcitabine	Platinum doublet with pemetrexed ± bevacizumab (if not received as 2nd line); or docetaxel ± ramucirumab; or gemcitabine	3rd-generation ALK inhibitor clinical trial; or platinum doublet with pemetrexed ± bevacizumab	Platinum doublet with pemetrexed ± bevacizumab (if not received as 2nd line); or docetaxel ± ramucirumab; or gemcitabine	Docetaxel ± ramucirumab; or gemcitabine	Docetaxel ± ramucirumab; or gemcitabine		Docetaxel ± ramucirumab; or gemcitabine; or consider next-generation sequencing to identify targetable mutations	

Consider clinical trial options from time of diagnosis and throughout treatment.

Abbreviations: PD-L1, programmed cell death 1 ligand 1; EGFRmt, EGFR mutated.

<sup>a</sup>If crizotinib treatment was started prior to FDA approval of alectinib for 1st-line treatment.

<sup>b</sup>Carboplatin/pemetrexed/pembrolizumab is also FDA approved in this setting.

<sup>c</sup>Pembrolizumab use requires PD-L1 >1%.

# Current immunotherapy FDA approvals

## Non-small cell lung cancer

- 1st line Pembrolizumab PD-L1 > 50%
- 1st line Pembrolizumab + pemetrexed/ carboplatin in non-squamous NSCLC
- 2nd line Pembrolizumab PD-L1 > 1 %
- 2nd line Nivolumab
- 2nd line Atezolizumab
- Stage III: Maintenance Durvalumab after chemo-radiation

## Small cell lung cancer.

- 3rd line Nivolumab

# Major Clinical Trials presented in 2018

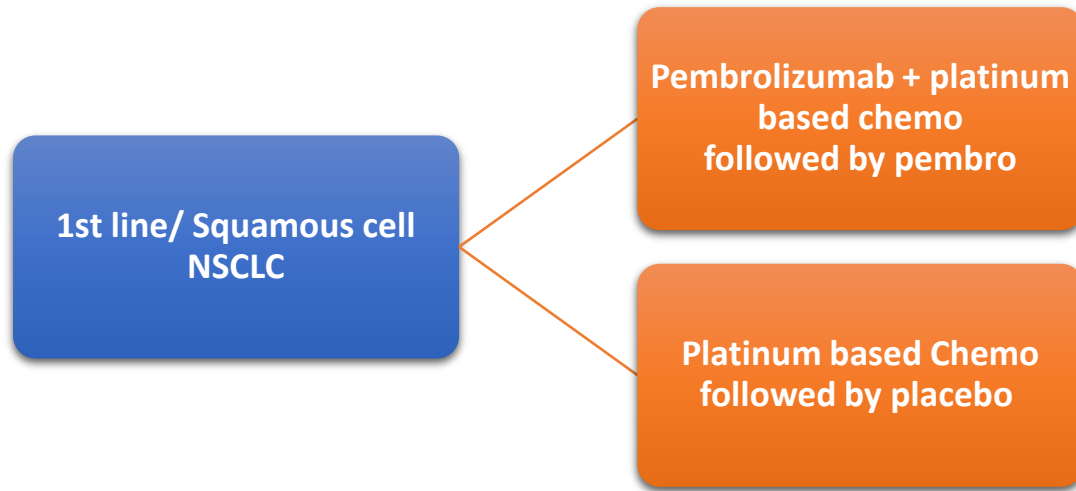
- **NSCLC**

- 1st line chemo + immunotherapy combination in squamous? **Keynote 407**
- 1st line immunotherapy alone for PD-L1 < 50%? **Keynote 042**
- Other Biomarkers beside PD-L1 (i.e. TMB)? **CheckMate 227**
- Immunotherapy + VEGF based combinations? **IMPower 150**
- Update on previously reported trials. **POPLAR, PACIFIC**

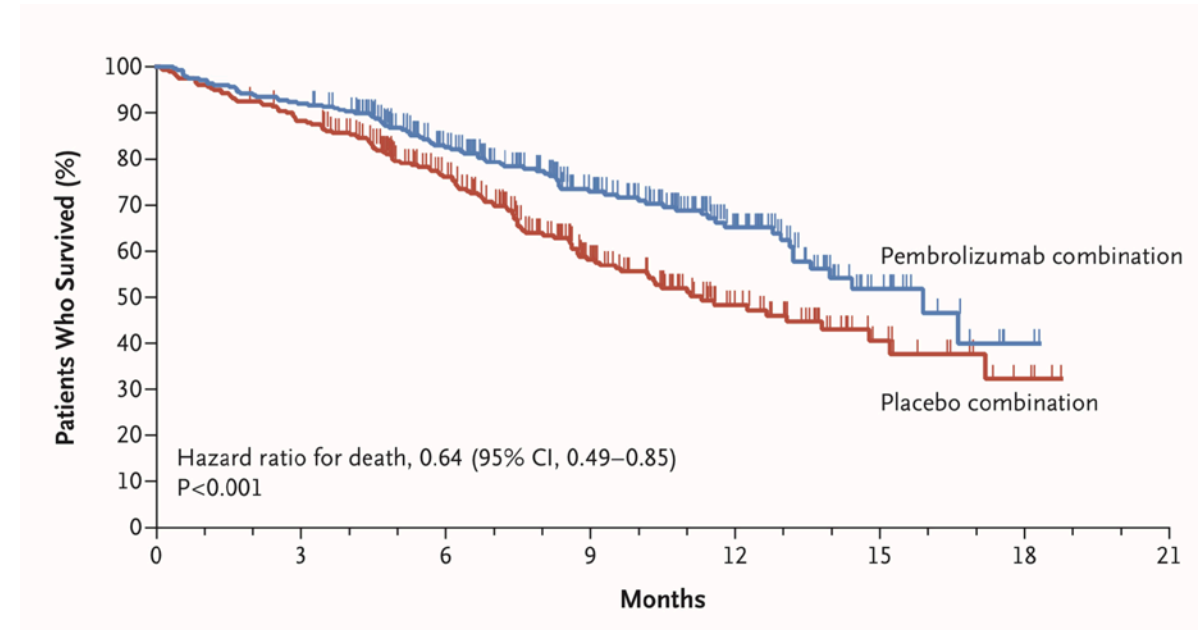
- **SCLC**

- 1st line immunotherapy + chemo in SCLC. **IMpower 133**

# Keynote 407

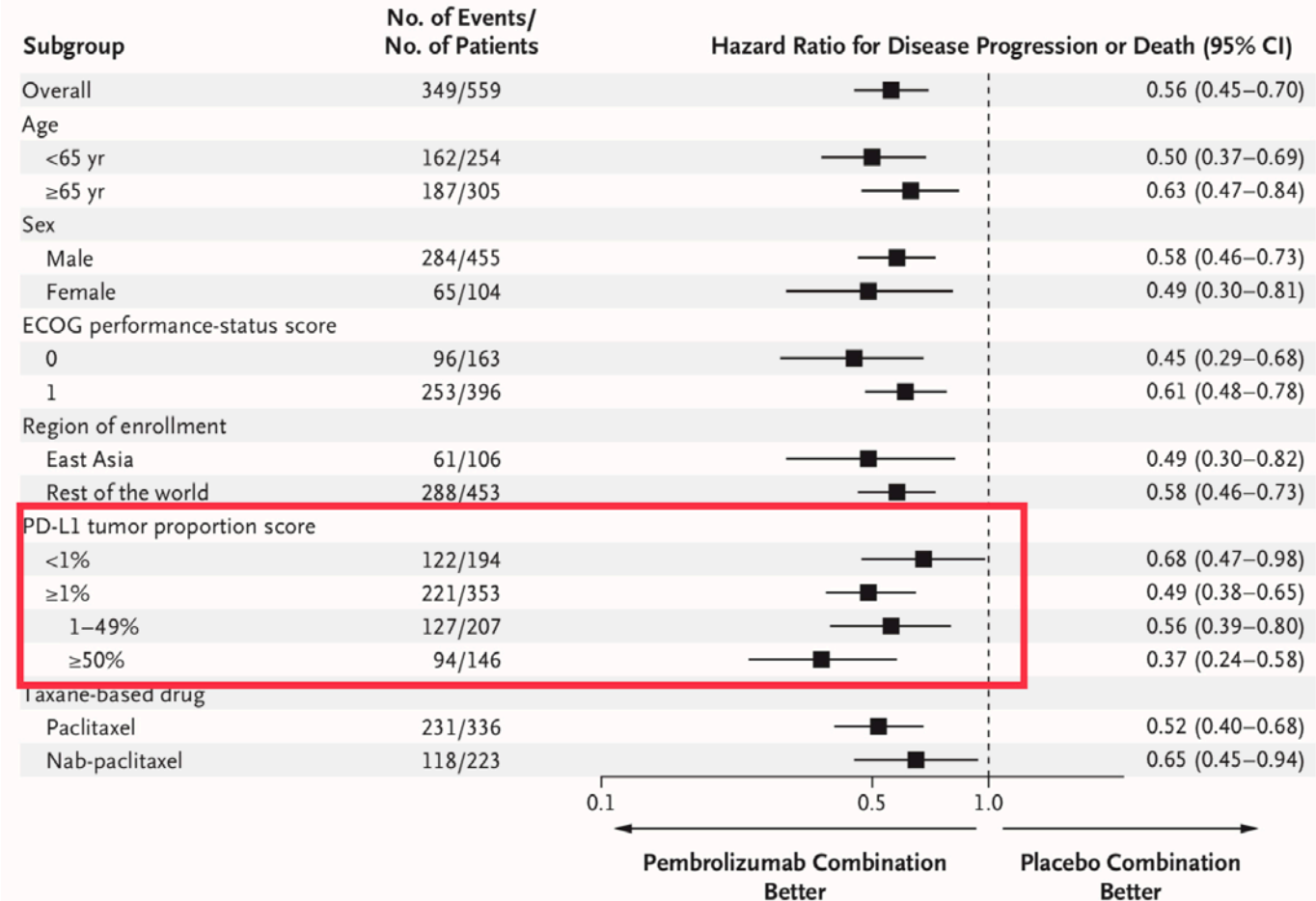


- 559 pts
- Chemo: carboplatin and paclitaxel or nab-paclitaxel [Abraxane]
- Stratified by PD-L1 status, Geographic location, and Type of chemo
- Crossover allowed (42.5%)
- ORR 59.4% vs 38%,
- Median OS 15.9 vs 11.3 mo



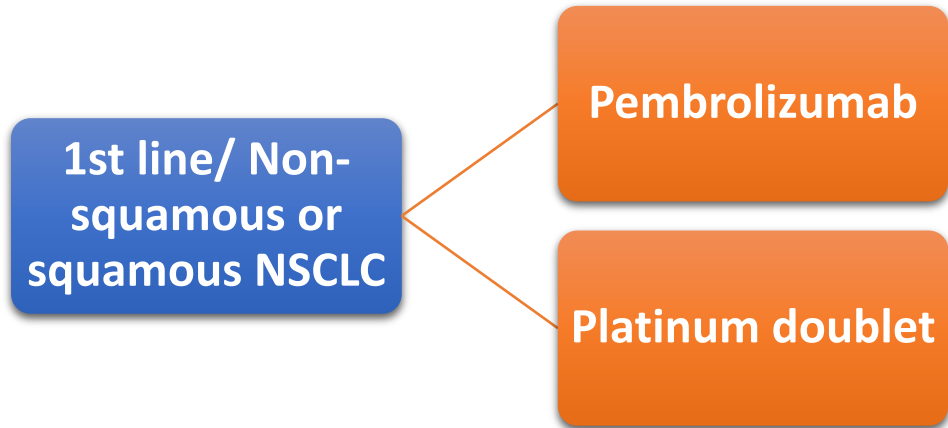
# Keynote 407

## B Subgroup Analysis of Progression-free Survival





# Keynote 042



- 1,274 pts
- PD-L1 >1%
- Chemo (Taxol/ carbo) or (pemetrexed plus carbo) depending on histology

	PD-L1 TPS					
	≥50%		≥20%		≥1%	
	Pembro N = 299	Chemo N = 300	Pembro N = 413	Chemo N = 405	Pembro N = 637	Chemo N = 637
OS						
HR (95% CI)	0.69 (0.56-0.85)		0.77 (0.64-0.92)		0.81 (0.71-0.93)	
P	.0003		.0020		.0018	
Median (95% CI), mo	20.0 (15.4-24.9)	12.2 (10.4-14.2)	17.7 (15.3-22.1)	13.0 (11.6-15.3)	16.7 (13.9-19.7)	12.1 (11.3-13.3)

# CheckMate 227

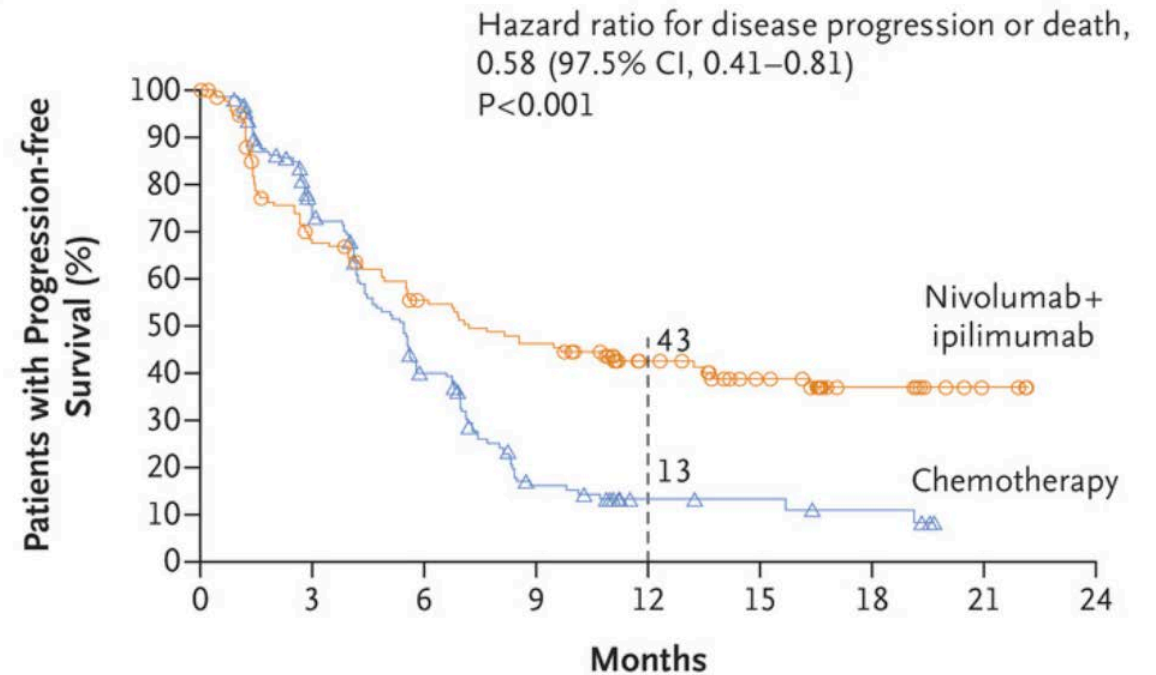
1st line/ squamous and non-squamous NSCLC

Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab

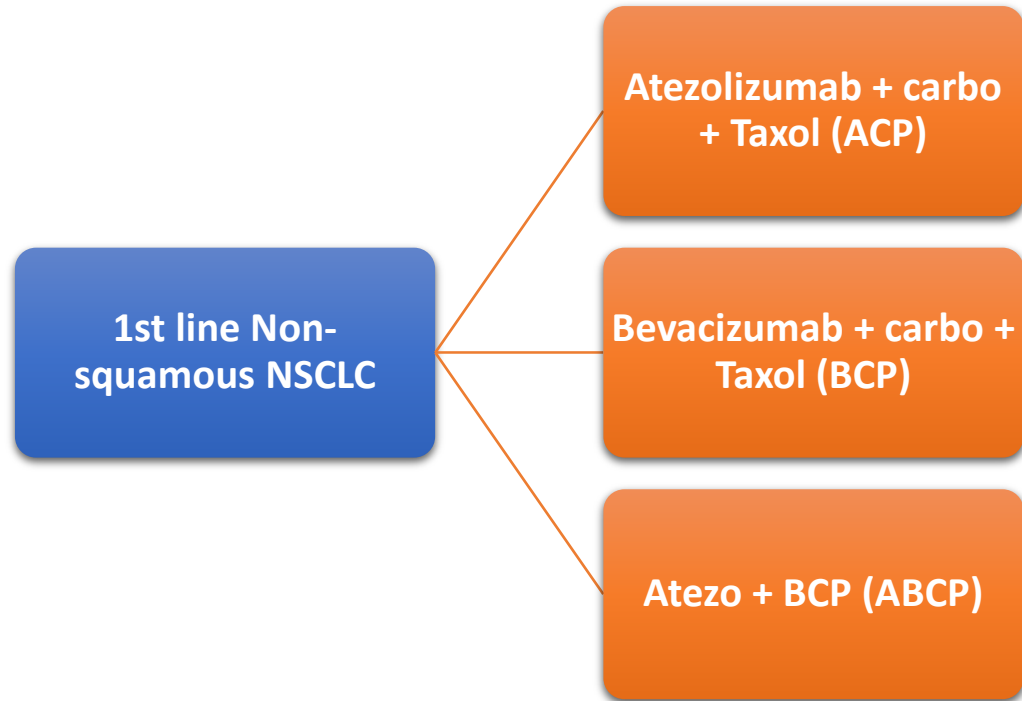
Platinum based Chemo doublet

- Exploratory analysis Pts with PD-L1 <1 % and high tumor mutational burden TMB (>10 mutations per megabase)

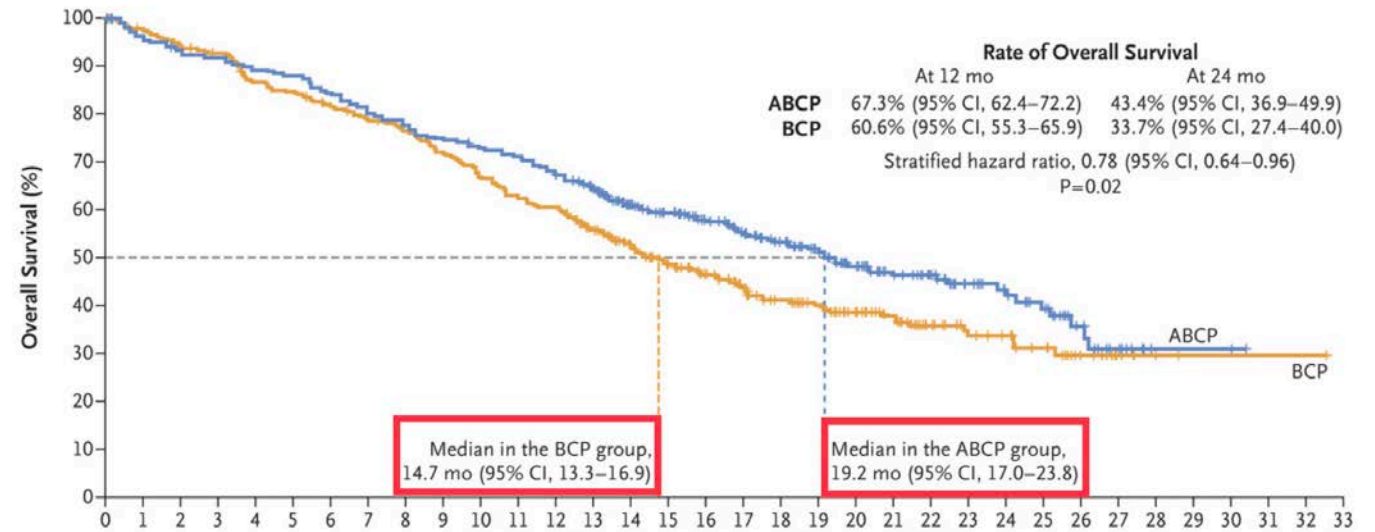
Progression-free Survival



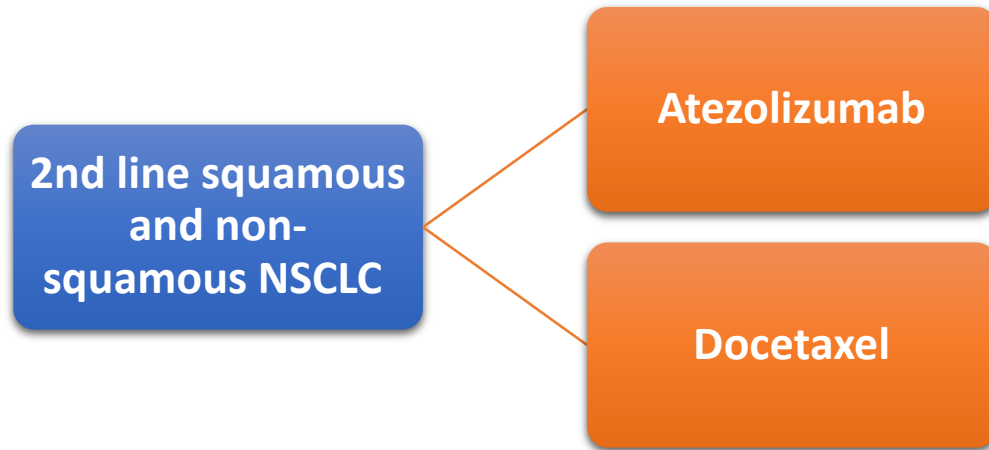
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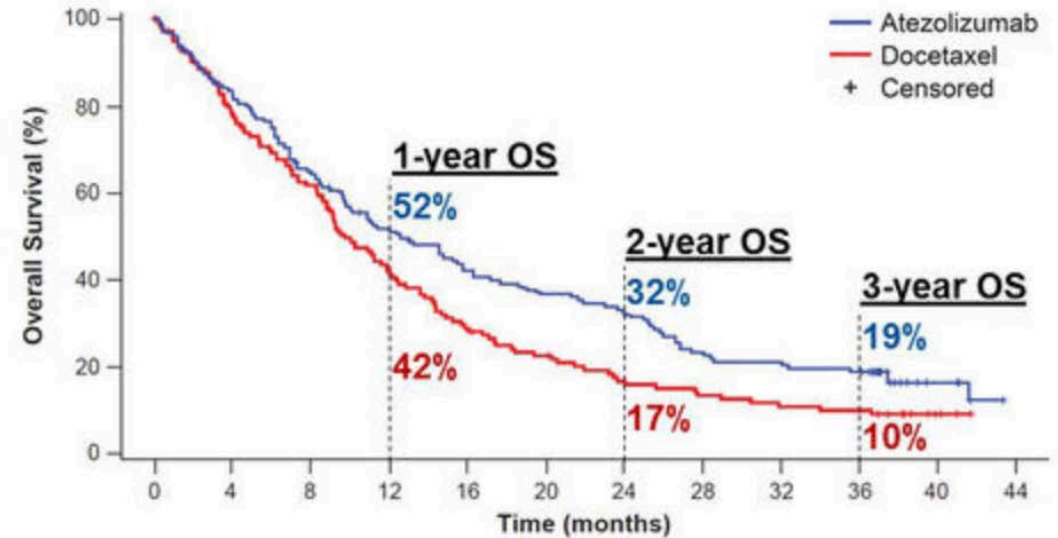
- 356 pts ABCP and 336 BCP



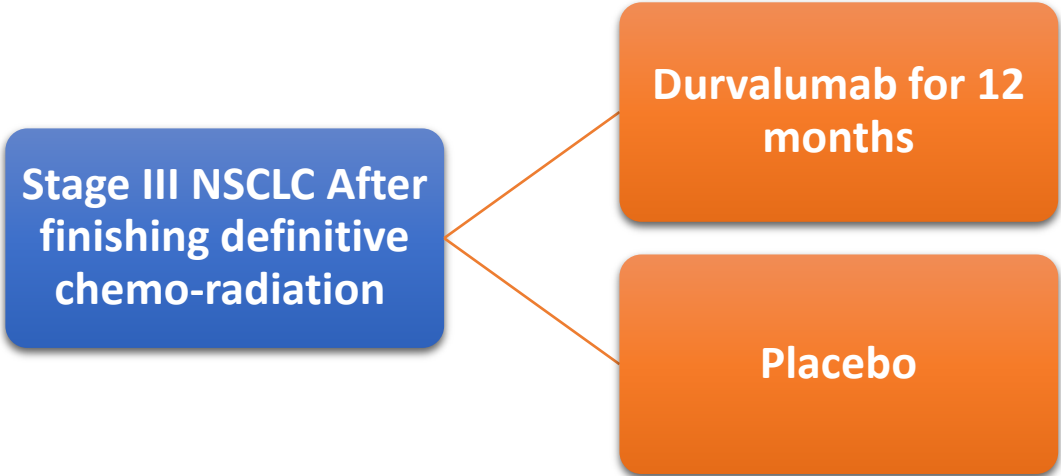
# POPLAR



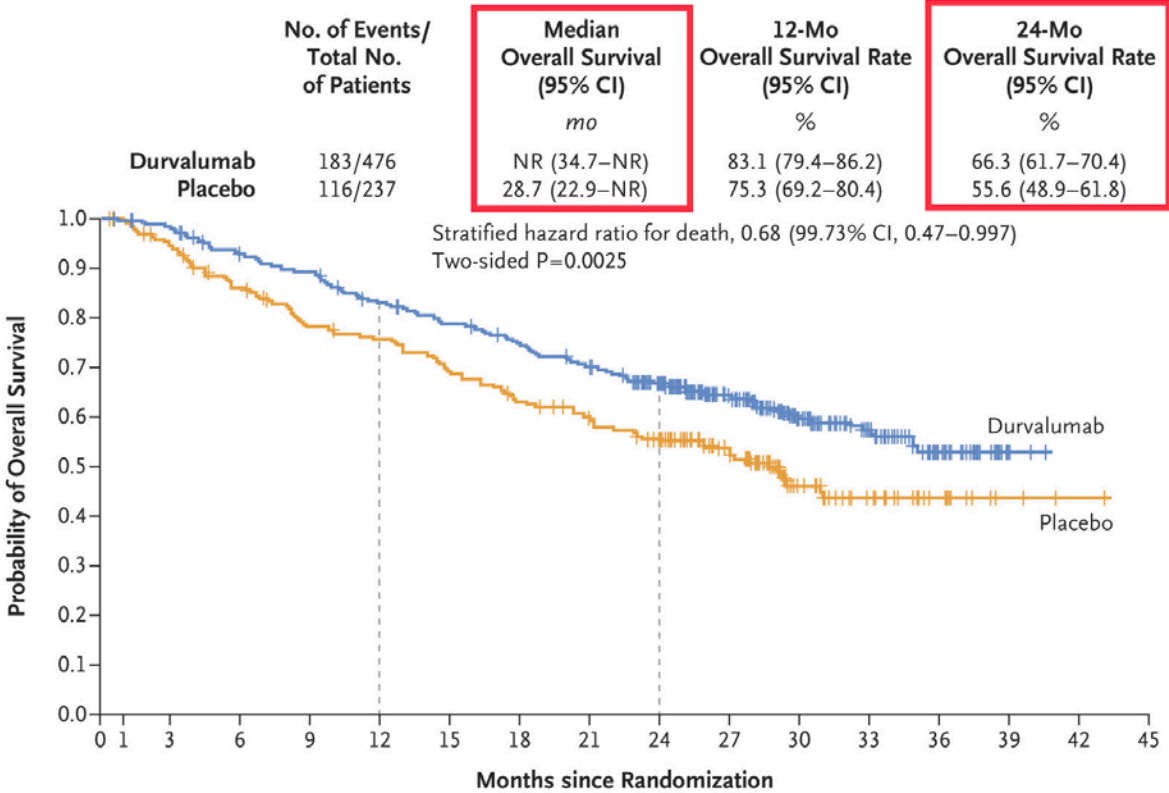
- 287 pts
- Median duration of response 22.3 months vs 7.2 months.
- Long term survivors



# PACIFIC



- 713 pts (473 durvalumab and 236 placebo).
- Median follow-up 25.2 months
- Previously reported PFS 17.2 vs 5.6 months



SCLC

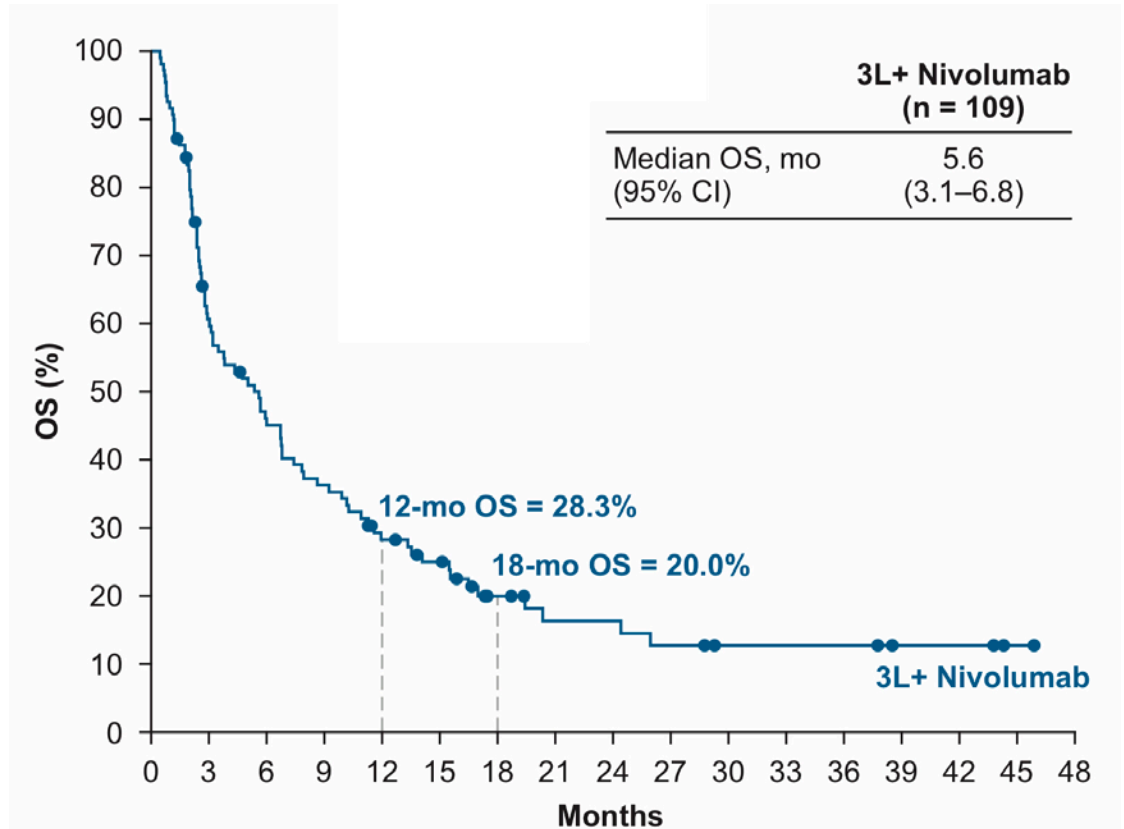


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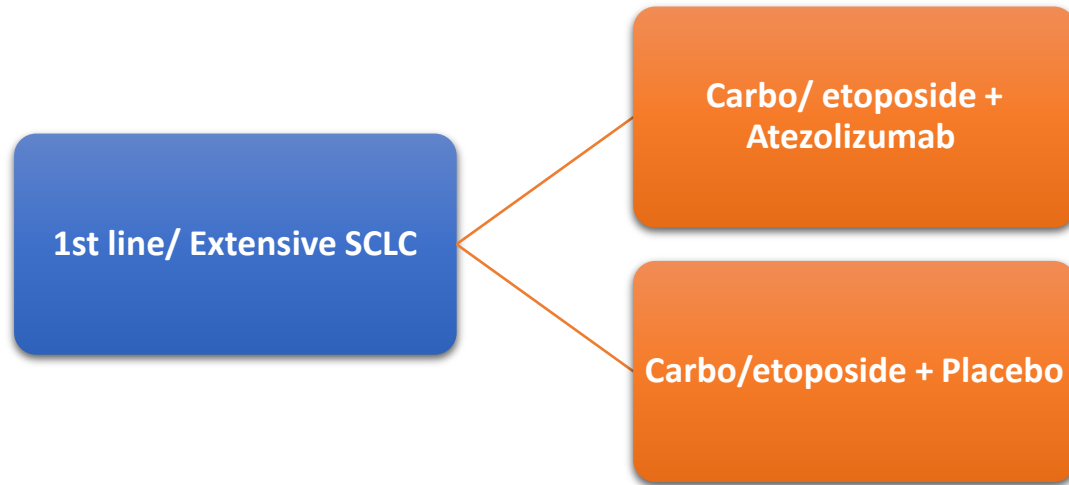
SCLC  
Progressed after  
2 or more chemo

Nivolumab

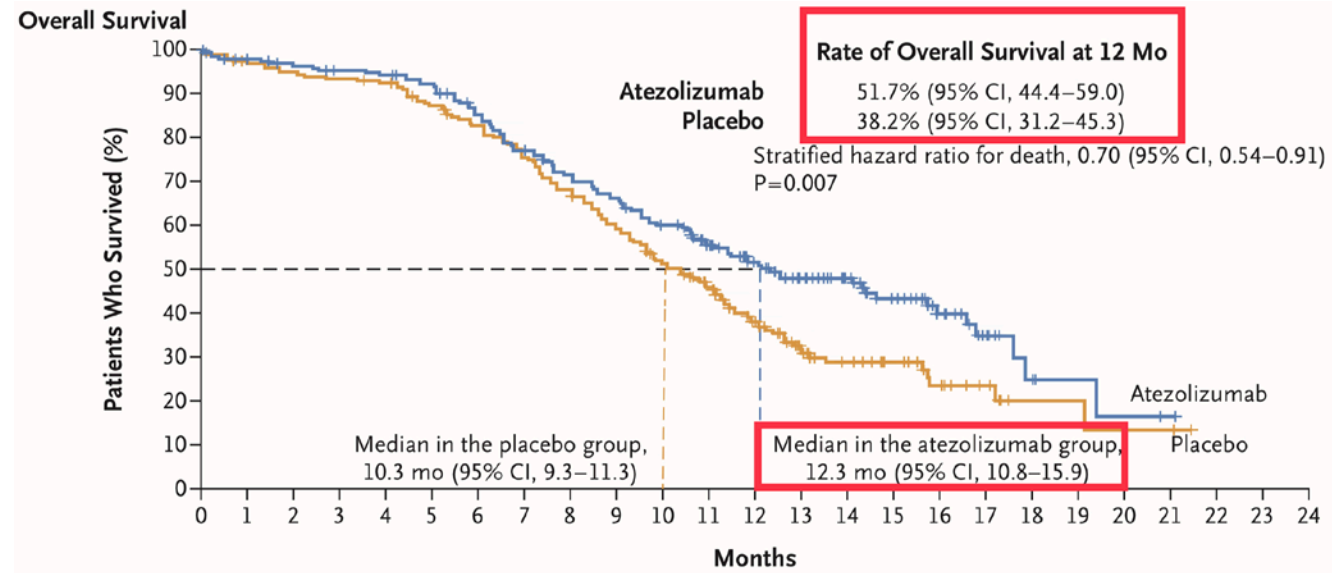
- 109 pts
- Progressed on platinum based chemo and one more chemo
- Regardless of PD-L1



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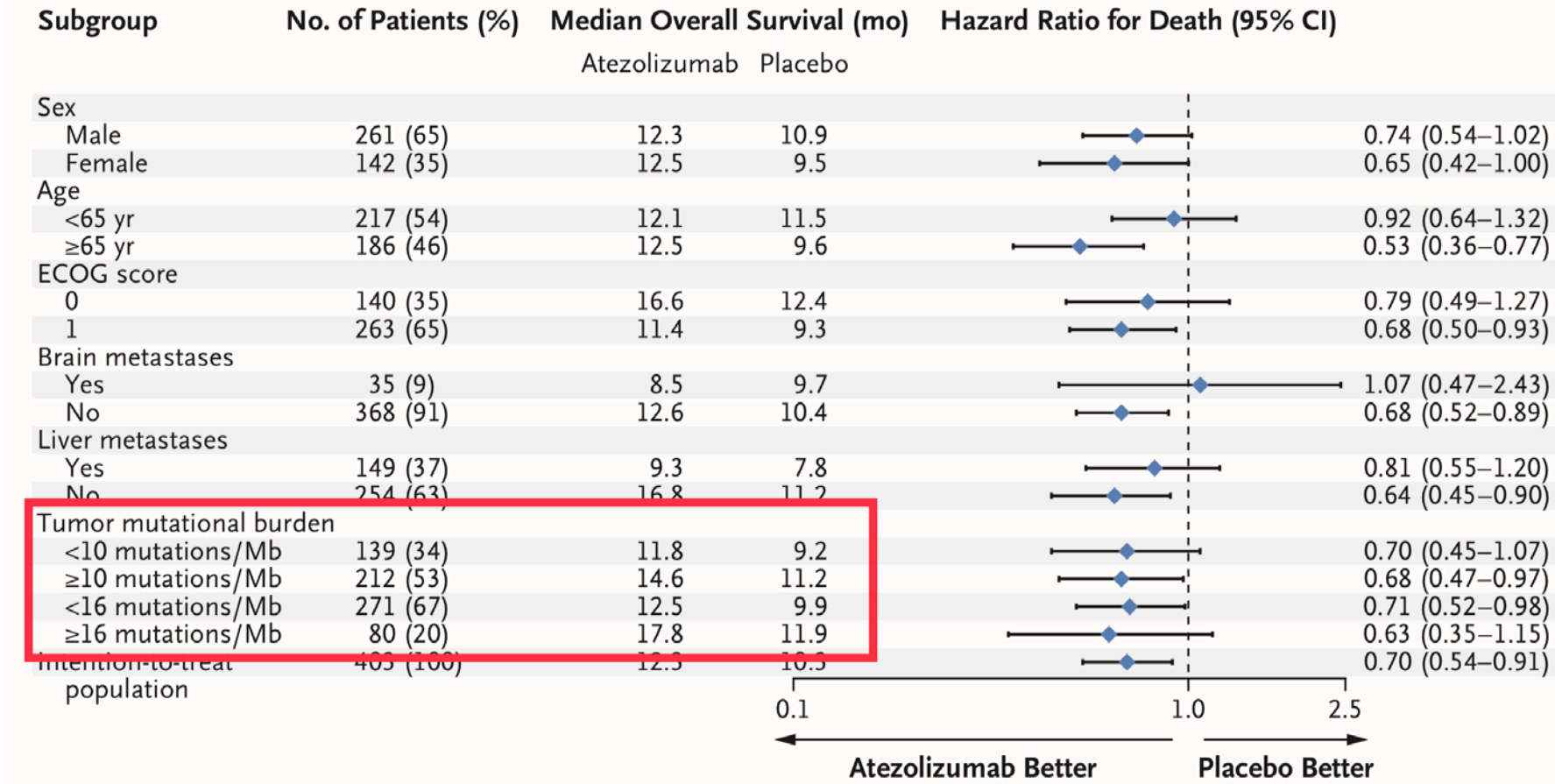
- 403 pts
- Induction with 4 cycles of platinum/ etoposide +/- Atezolizumab followed by maintenance with atezo or placebo





# IMpower133

## C Overall Survival According to Baseline Characteristics



# CheckMate 331

Bristol-Myers Squibb Announces Phase 3 CheckMate  
-331 Study Does Not Meet Primary Endpoint of Overall  
Survival with Opdivo Versus Chemotherapy in Patients  
with Previously Treated Relapsed Small Cell Lung  
Cancer

**The New York Times**

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

# Possible near future immunotherapy approvals

## Non-small cell lung cancer

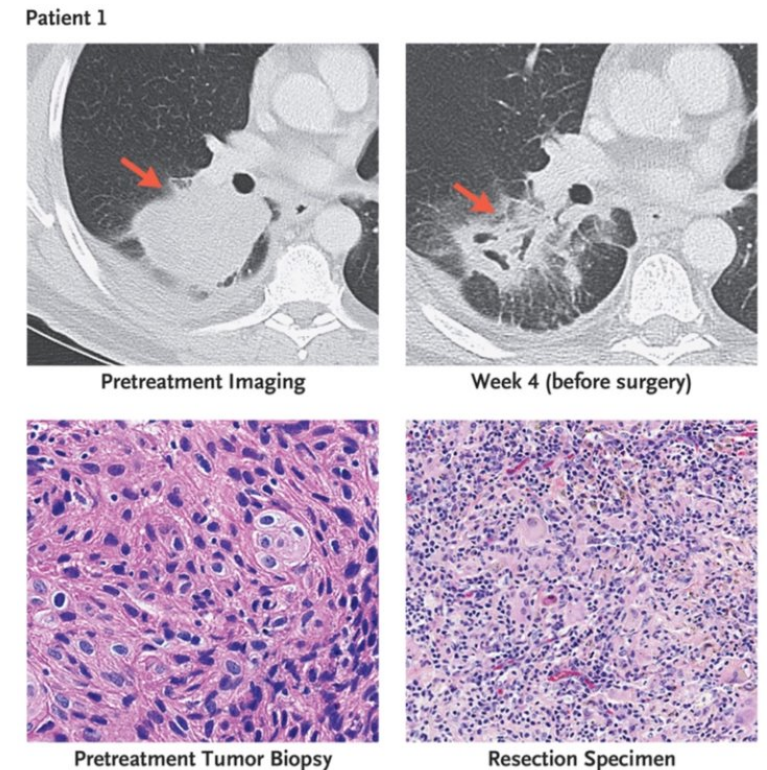
- 1st line Pembrolizumab PD-L1 > 50% (? Anyone with PD-L1 > 1%)
- 1st line Pembrolizumab + pemetrexed/ carboplatin in non-squamous NSCLC (? 1st line chemo + Pembrolizumab in squamous)
- ?1st line Nivolumab + Ipilimumab in high TMB
- ?1st line Chemo/Bevacizumab with Atezolizumab.
  
- 2nd line Pembrolizumab PD-L1 > 1 %
- 2nd line Nivolumab
- 2nd line Atezolizumab
  
- Maintenance Durvalumab after chemo-radiation

## Small cell lung cancer.

- ?1st line Chemo+ Atezolizumab
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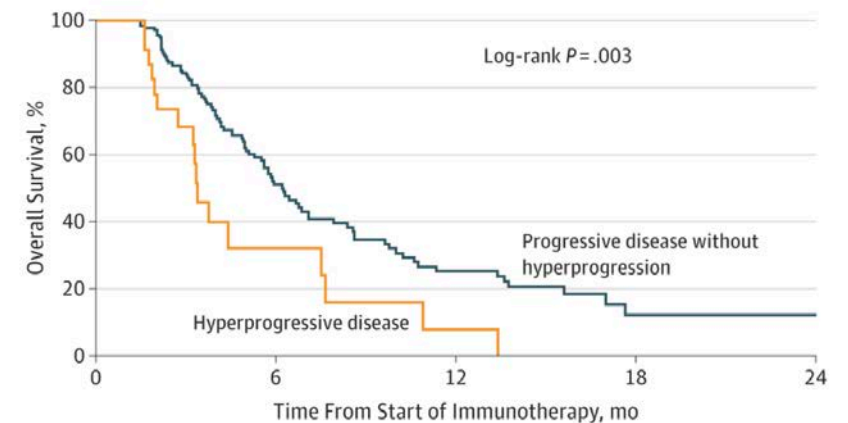
# Neoadjuvant immunotherapy

- Safety and feasibility of neoadjuvant immunotherapy for resectable stage I-III NSCLC.
- Nivolumab every 2 weeks, with surgery 4 weeks after the first dose.
- Major pathologic response (<10% viable residual tumor) in 45% (9 of 20) with no delays in surgical resection.
- Of the 9 patients with a major pathologic response, only 2 had a partial response on preoperative imaging.
- High correlation between pre-treatment tumor mutational burden (TMB) and major pathologic response to nivolumab (more than tumor PD-L1 expression).



# HyperProgressive Disease (HPD)

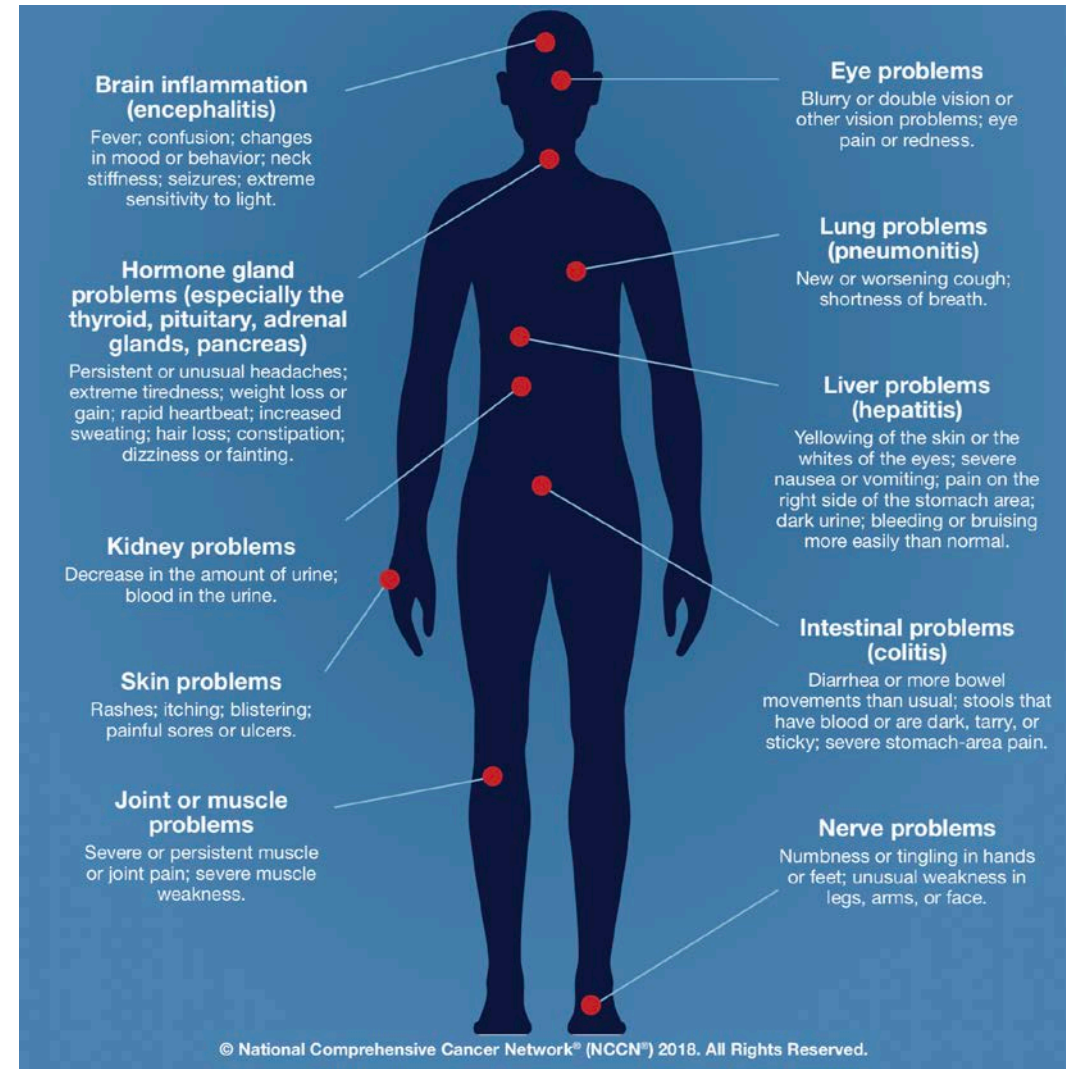
- Retrospective French study. 406 pts treated with PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitors in second or later line treatment.
- HyperProgressive Disease (HPD) was defined as disease progression on the first CT scan during treatment with an absolute increase in Tumor Growth Rate exceeding 50%.
- 13.8% of pts vs 5.1 % historical chemo control group.
- Associated with more than two metastatic sites prior to treatment.



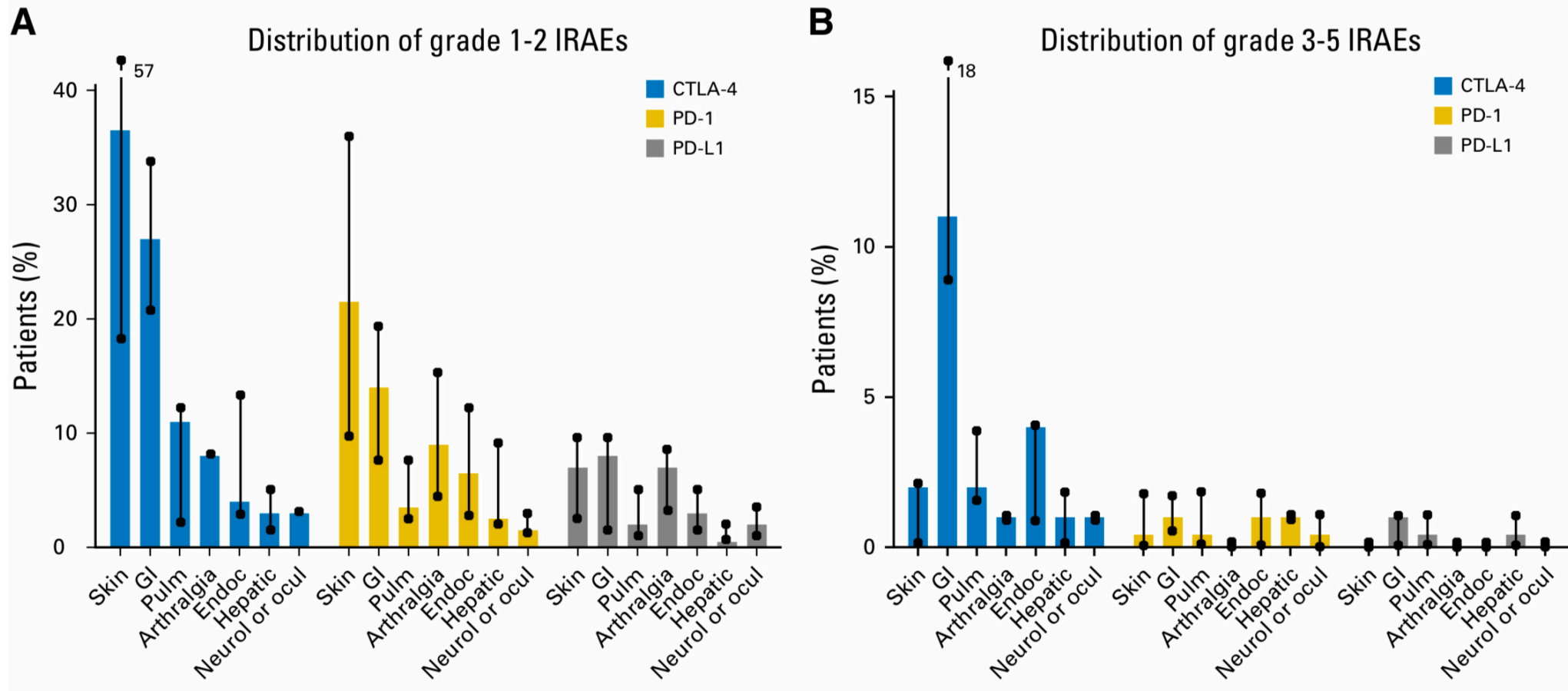
# Adverse events

Table Recognizing the Side Effects of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors	
Body system/side effect	
<b>Dermatologic events</b> Bullous dermatoses Rash/inflammatory dermatitis Severe skin reactions	<b>Nervous system events</b> Myasthenia gravis Guillain-Barré syndrome Peripheral neuropathy Autonomic neuropathy Aseptic meningitis Encephalitis Transverse myelitis
<b>Gastrointestinal events</b> Colitis Hepatitis	<b>Hematologic events</b> Autoimmune hemolytic anemia Acquired thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura Hemolytic uremic syndrome Aplastic anemia Lymphopenia Immune thrombocytopenia Acquired hemophilia
<b>Pulmonary event</b> Pneumonitis	<b>Cardiovascular events</b> Myocarditis Pericarditis Arrhythmias Impaired ventricular function with heart failure Vasculitis Venous thromboembolism
<b>Endocrine events</b> Diabetes Hyperthyroidism (primary) Hypophysitis Primary adrenal insufficiency	<b>Ocular events</b> Uveitis/iritis Episcleritis Blepharitis
<b>Musculoskeletal system events</b> Inflammatory arthritis Myositis Polymyalgia-like syndrome	
<b>Renal system events</b> Nephritis Symptomatic nephritis	

Source: Brahmer JR, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2018 Feb 14. Epub ahead of print.



# Adverse Events



# Adverse events

NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®)  
in partnership with the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)

## Management of Immunotherapy-Related Toxicities (Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor-Related Toxicities)

**IMMUNOTHERAPY** WALLET CARD

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
CANCER DX: \_\_\_\_\_  
I-O AGENTS RCVD:  CHECKPOINT INHIBITOR(S)  
 CAR-T  VACCINES  ONCOLYTIC VIRAL THERAPY  
 MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES  
DRUG NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_  
IMMUNOTHERAPY TX START DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER CANCER MEDICATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: IMMUNOTHERAPY AGENTS ARE **NOT** CHEMOTHERAPY AND SIDE EFFECTS MUST BE MANAGED DIFFERENTLY. (SEE BACK)

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**IMMUNOTHERAPY CARD**

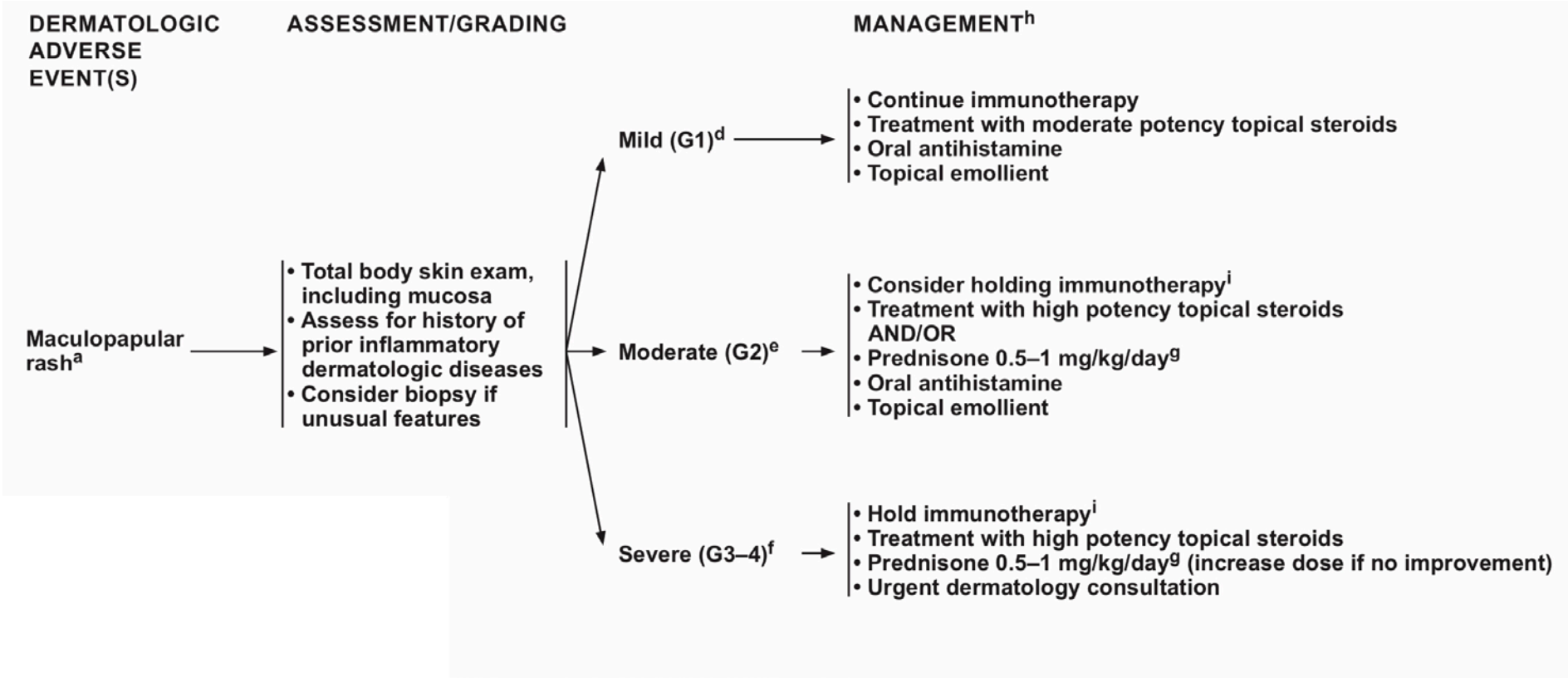
IMMUNE-MEDIATED SIDE EFFECTS\*, COMMON WITH CHECKPOINT INHIBITORS VARY IN SEVERITY AND MAY REQUIRE REFERRAL AND STEROIDS. PATIENTS HAVE A LIFETIME RISK OF IMMUNE-RELATED SIDE EFFECTS.

\*MAY PRESENT AS RASH, DIARRHEA, ABDOMINAL PAIN, COUGH, FATIGUE, HEADACHES, VISION CHANGES, ETC. – CONFER WITH ONCOLOGY TEAM BEFORE CHANGING I-O REGIMEN OR STARTING SIDE EFFECT TREATMENT.

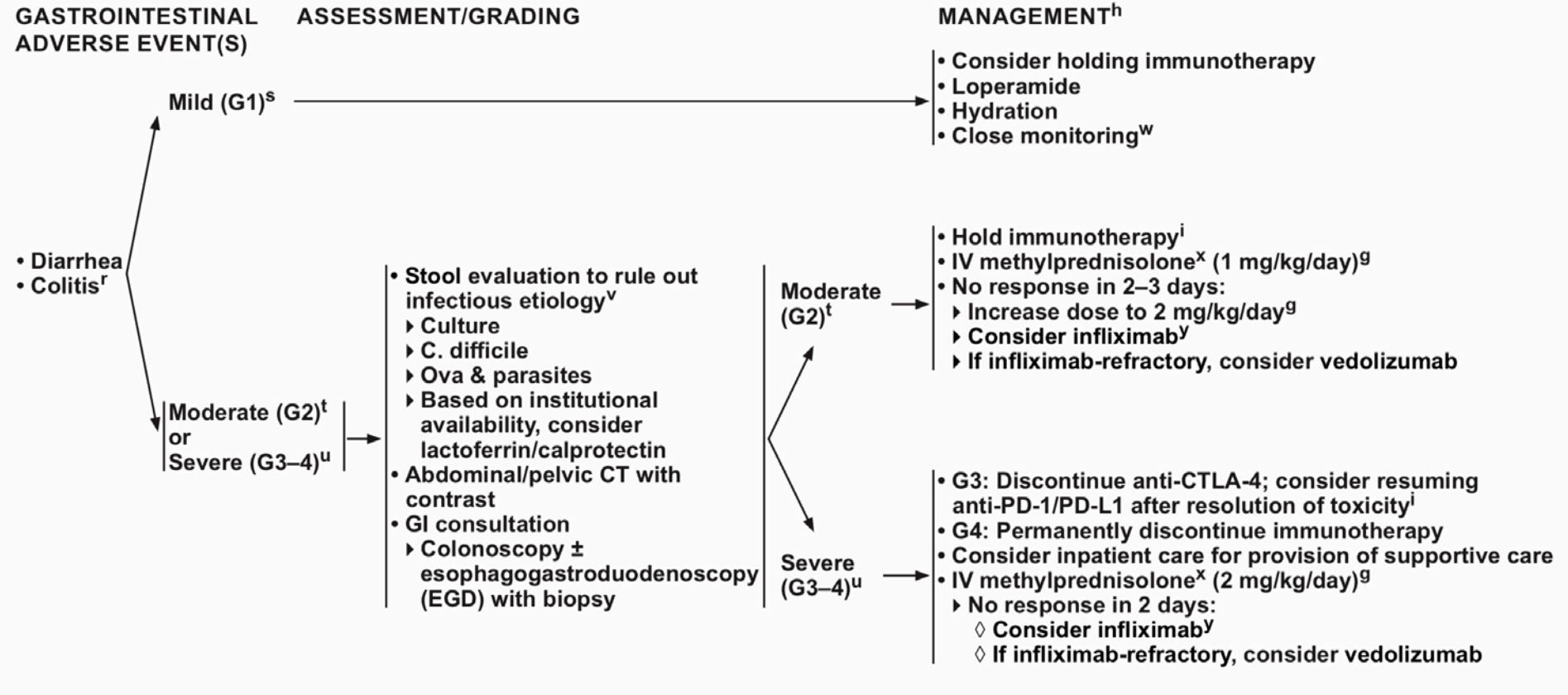
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# Example 1: Rash



# Example 2: Diarrhea/ Colitis



# Conclusions

- Immunotherapy therapeutic indications are expanding rapidly in the treatment of advanced lung cancer and have even replaced chemotherapy as first line therapy in many areas.
- PD-L1 expression and TMB are independent predictors of response to immunotherapy.
- It's important to recognize and treat adverse reactions to immunotherapy promptly.
- Immunotherapy will likely play an important role in earlier stages of lung cancer.



A photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sun is a bright yellow-orange circle on the horizon, with its reflection shimmering on the wet sand in the foreground. A seagull is silhouetted against the wet sand in the lower right. The sky is a gradient of orange and red. The entire image is framed by a thin white border.

# Thank you

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Questions???