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# Letter From the President

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the SITC Primer on Tumor Immunology and Cancer Immunotherapy™ From Biology to Treatment. We are in a pivotal time for this field given the recent FDA approvals of two new immunotherapeutic strategies and evidence for clinical activity with several additional approaches being tested clinically. Increased excitement and success with immunotherapy has been driven by a deeper understanding of the mechanisms by which the immune system can destroy cancer, as well as the resistance mechanisms employed by the tumor that need to be overcome. The long durability of clinical benefit with immune-based therapies is an attractive feature that is not usually seen with most other cancer treatments. As such, immunotherapy is now being viewed as a valuable treatment option and a welcome addition to the armamentarium of cancer therapeutics.

In response to this heightened enthusiasm, the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC) has expanded its educational offerings and is pleased to offer this primer for all professionals interested in the field of cancer immunotherapy. The SITC Primer on Tumor Immunology and Cancer Immunotherapy™ From Biology to Treatment is a half-day educational program designed for clinical fellows, practicing oncologists, and other oncology health care professionals who wish to solidify their understanding of recent advances and the biologic basis of tumor immunology and immunotherapy. This program will provide a framework of basic to advanced immunology principles and an understanding of how these concepts are translated into the clinic towards improved patient outcomes.

The SITC cancer immunotherapy primer is relevant for a variety of professionals in the field of oncology and hematology. Whether you are just starting out and need to understand the basic concepts of cancer immunotherapy or if you've been in the field for years but want to gain a better perspective on cancer immunotherapy as a growing field of research, you can benefit from the SITC cancer immunotherapy primer.

On behalf of SITC, I'm excited to welcome everyone to a program that will be highly valuable in advancing our field and training the next generation of cancer immunologists and immunotherapists.

Sincerely,



Thomas F. Gajewski, MD, PhD

SITC President



# Society Overview

## SITC Profile

The Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC) was established in 1984 to facilitate the exchange and promotion of scientific information about the use of biological cancer therapies. SITC is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization of medical professionals with a constituency of academic, government, industry, clinical, and basic scientists from around the world. The Society was founded on the belief that new systemic therapeutic treatments would continue to complement chemotherapies and move into the mainstream in the fight against cancer. To aid in this effort, SITC provides intimate channels for the discussion of current clinical trial results and methodologies, as well as means to collaborate on new initiatives in tumor immunology and biological therapy. It is these key interactions and innovations that help advance the progress of cancer research and therapies and lead to better patient outcomes.

## Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer to improve cancer patient outcomes by advancing the science, development and application of cancer immunology and immunotherapy through our core values of interaction/integration, innovation, translation and leadership in the field.

## Core Values

- Interaction/Integration: Facilitate the exchange of information and education among basic and translational researchers, clinicians, young investigators, societies and groups sharing the mission of SITC
- Innovation: Challenge the thinking and seek the best research in the development of cancer immunotherapy
- Translation: Facilitate the transfer of cancer immunology and immunotherapy research from the bench to the clinic and back
- Leadership: Define what is new and important and effectively communicate it to all relevant stakeholders

## Members and Meeting Attendees

Society membership continues to grow and now includes more than 550 influential leaders and scientists engaged in immunotherapy/biological therapy of cancer, including academicians, senior researchers, clinicians, students, government representatives, and industry leaders from around the world. SITC's members represent 17 medical specialties and are engaged in research and treatment of at least a dozen types of cancer. With major developments and recent FDA approvals in the field of cancer immunotherapy, the SITC Annual Meeting & Associated Programs attendance is growing as well, attracting over 800 of the brightest minds in the field. Both scientists and clinicians alike from around the globe convene at SITC to share data, hear the most recent advances in the field and find collaboration opportunities.

## Disease States Represented by SITC Constituents

SITC covers the full spectrum of both solid tumors and hematologic malignancies including:

- Breast
- Colorectal
- Head & Neck
- Hepatocellular
- Kidney
- Leukemia
- Lung
- Lymphoma
- Melanoma
- Neuroblastoma
- Ovarian
- Prostate
- Renal Cell

## Medical Specialties Represented by SITC Constituents

- Cell Biology
- Dermatology
- Genetics
- Gynecologic Oncology
- Hematology
- Immunotherapy
- Internal Medicine
- Medical Oncology
- Microbiology
- Molecular Biology
- Pediatric Oncology
- Pharmacology/Toxicology
- Radiation Oncology
- Radiology
- Stem Cell Biology
- Surgical Oncology
- Transplantation

# 2012 Educational Activities and Initiatives

## Live Educational Events

A major component of the SITC Strategic Plan is an emphasis on providing education and training about the principles and practice of cancer immunotherapy to a broad audience. By continuing with our tradition of facilitating the exchange and promotion of scientific information at our meetings with the aim of expediting the safe transfer of both basic and applied research to the clinical setting, SITC is becoming widely recognized as the leading scientific voice in the field.



### **SITC Primer on Tumor Immunology and Cancer Immunotherapy™ From Biology to Treatment**

*Leading into the American Society for Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting*

*June 1, 2012 ~ Chicago, IL*

The SITC Primer leading into the American Society for Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting is designed to provide a foundation for understanding core immunology principles as they relate to basic and clinical research in immunology and the immunotherapy of malignancy. It aims to advance successful immune-based treatments provided by practicing oncologists quickly and efficiently in point-of-care patient applications for positive outcomes. Thus, the audience for this half-day educational program includes clinical oncologists and other oncology health care practitioners who wish to solidify their understanding of recent advances and the biologic basis of tumor immunology and immunotherapy.

### **SITC 27th Annual Meeting**

*October 26-28, 2012 ~ Bethesda, MD*

The SITC Annual Meeting is a two and a half day educational activity that allows for scientific exchange of the most cutting-edge preclinical and clinical data on immunotherapies and biological therapy of cancer. The program includes dynamic presentations, interactive panel discussions and scientific posters on the most timely topics in cancer immunotherapy as well as vital information on clinical trial design and regulatory issues to advance collaboration and translation of cancer immunotherapies. Session and abstract topics include:

- Adoptive T Cell Transfer and Cell Therapy as Cancer Immunotherapy (CARS)
- Combining Immunotherapy and Other Therapies
- DC Subsets / Cancer Vaccines
- Immunity of Oncolytic Viruses
- Immunotherapy Combinations
- Innate Immunity in Cancer
- Single Cell High Throughput Technologies Immune Monitoring
- T Cell Manufacture and Potency Testing
- T Cell Modulating Strategies
- Targeted Therapies and Anti-Tumor Immunity
- Targeting Immune Suppression
- Therapeutic Monoclonal Antibodies in Cancer
- Tumor Microenvironment
- Tumor Vasculature, Chemokines and Lymphocyte Trafficking to the Tumor



### **Professional Development Session**

*October 24, 2012 ~ An Associated Program of the SITC Annual Meeting*

This half-day event is intended to educate attendees about relevant career development topics that lead to successful scientific careers in cancer immunotherapy. The intended audience for this educational program includes graduate, medical, and post baccalaureate students; clinical fellows; postdoctoral fellows; assistant professors; and other early career professionals. Topics include: Getting a Grant, Managing The Lab / Preparing For Tenure, and The Business Of Research as well as a panel discussion with professionals from academia, industry and government.

### **SITC Workshop – Focus on the Target: The Tumor Microenvironment**

*October 24-25, 2012 ~ An Associated Program of the SITC Annual Meeting*

The development of cancer has historically been attributed to genomic alterations of normal host cells, with cancer treatments historically targeting the malignant cell itself. It is now clear that tumor growth and development is a complex process that involves both malignant transformation and the influence of normal host cells, including fibroblasts, endothelial cells, lymphocytes, monocytes, and macrophages. The tumor microenvironment has emerged as a critical target for cancer diagnosis, prognosis, and therapy. SITC's two-day workshop on the tumor microenvironment will include presentations from thought leaders in the field, and cover topics from basic tumor

# 2012 Educational Activities and Initiatives

immunobiology to clinical immunotherapy trials that incorporate agents that modulate the tumor microenvironment. It will end with a presentation of progress on the development of the Immunoscore, an ongoing initiative to promote the incorporation of an analysis of immune infiltrates within primary tumors as part of their standard pathologic evaluation for cancer diagnosis, prognosis, and therapy.

## **SITC Primer on Tumor Immunology and Cancer Immunotherapy™**

*October 25, 2012 ~ An Associated Program of the SITC Annual Meeting*

Understanding of tumor immunobiology has increased dramatically in recent years, leading to the successful development of new immune-based treatment options to improve cancer outcomes. The SITC Primer on Tumor Immunology and Cancer Immunotherapy™ is designed to provide a foundation for understanding core immunology principles as they relate to basic and clinical research in immunotherapy of cancer. Prominent investigators will summarize central themes and recent research in tumor immunology and cancer immunotherapy. Topics include: Innate Immunity, Dendritic Cells, T Cell Differentiation, Antibody Therapy, and the Tumor Microenvironment as well as Recent Advances in the Clinical Application of Cancer Vaccines, Coinhibition and Costimulation of Immune Cells for Immunotherapy, Adoptive Immunotherapy, and Immune Monitoring in Clinical Trials of Cancer Immunotherapies.

## **“Meet-the-Expert” Breakfast**

*October 27, 2012 ~ An Associated Program of the SITC Annual Meeting*

This breakfast session will focus on unique issues related to the career development of early career scientists. Key leaders in the field will facilitate roundtable discussions on particular areas of interest. Experts will answer questions and lead informal dialogues to help provide guidance and direction. The intended audience for this educational program includes graduate, medical, and post baccalaureate students; clinical fellows; postdoctoral fellows; assistant professors; and other early career professionals. Topics include: Developing Successful Collaborations, Finding Your Niche, Grant Writing, Publishing Papers, Translational Research, Managing a Research Lab, and Work-Life Balance.



## **Online Education**

As part of the expanded offerings on the newly redesigned SITC website, SITC intends to offer web-based learning opportunities as part of the “education portal” that is in the final stages of development. Information on the following planned activities will be updated as made available.

### **Webinars**

Two webinars are planned for 2012. These programs will be live educational activities that will also be archived on the SITC website for future learning. The intended audience(s) and program topics are currently under development.

### **Online Courses**

The following two courses are currently under development and are planned to be offered via the SITC website:

- Primer for Clinical Oncologists
- Primer for Immunologists



## **SITC Initiatives**

SITC initiatives are projects that have been developed based on the goals outlined in the SITC Strategic Plan, are designed to promote the Society’s mission, and are focused on issues of major importance to the field. The following activities are examples of current and planned SITC Initiatives that are supported by the Society and general contributions to the SITC Trust. For more information about these and other SITC initiatives and collaborations, please inquire with the SITC office at 414-271-2456.

- Cancer Immunotherapy Guidelines Development
- Immunoscore Project
- Professional Development and Merit Awards
- International Collaboration and Outreach
- Immunotherapy Ambassadors Program
- Professional Resource Materials
- Patient Education About Immunotherapy
- Young Investigator Awards and Programs

# Board of Directors and Executive Staff

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# SITC Membership Information

## Overview

The Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer invites your support for our organization, its activities, and events by becoming a member. SITC fills its membership with those from industry, academia, and government, serving as clinical and basic scientists and industry representatives. Your contributions as a member can help shape SITC policy as we continue in our efforts to advance the development and application of cancer immunotherapy.

Through membership in SITC, you will be a member of an organization that is actively engaged in facilitating the implementation of timely, cutting-edge translational clinical research in cancer biotherapy.

## SITC Membership Benefits

- One year subscription to the *Journal of Immunotherapy*, an official journal of SITC
- One year, online full-text access to the *Journal of Immunotherapy*
- Reduction in submission fees and opportunity for rapid publication in SITC's subsection of the open-access *Journal of Translational Medicine*
- Reduction in registration fees for the SITC Annual Meeting and Associated Programs
- Free access to speaker presentations and slide sets from past SITC live events
- Online directory of SITC members
- Access to "Members Only" section of SITC website: [www.sitcancer.org](http://www.sitcancer.org)
- Eligibility to serve on SITC committees
- Eligibility to serve on SITC Board of Directors (Regular members)
- Discount on SITC enduring materials

### Additional Benefits:

- Access to the best science in the field
- Early access to timely information on what is new and relevant to biological approaches for the treatment of cancer
- Opportunities to participate in and shape discussions that guide progress in the field
- Opportunities to network with colleagues to develop new ideas, establish new collaborations to advance your work, and participate in active scientific exchange
- Access to luminaries in the field, including leading scientists and clinical researchers
- Guidance on relevant and timely issues
- The opportunity to advance your career

## Membership Types

**Regular Membership (\$220 annual dues)** Available to individuals with an MD or PhD in a biological science or the equivalent who are active, bona fide representatives of the international scientific community with a specialty or interest in a field related to the biological therapy of cancer. Regular membership includes the right to vote.

**Affiliate Membership (\$220 annual dues)** Available to individuals active or otherwise interested in the biological therapy of cancer. Affiliate membership does not include the right to vote.

**Scientist-in-Training (Student) Membership (\$50 annual dues)** Available to individuals enrolled in MD or PhD academic programs or those participating in postdoctoral fellowships and residency programs who show a demonstrated interest in biological therapy of cancer. Student membership includes an online only subscription to the *Journal of Immunotherapy*, but does not include the right to vote.

Application Requirements

### Regular applicants:

- Curriculum Vitae or educational resumé

### Affiliate applicants:

- Business or educational resumé or Curriculum Vitae

### Scientist-in-Training (Student) applicants:

- Proof of enrollment
- Letter of recommendation or Curriculum Vitae

# SITC Membership Application

Please check the membership category you are applying for:

Regular     Affiliate     Scientist-in-Training (Student)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Degree: (please circle) MD PhD RN MS NP PharmD Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

## Work Sector (check one):

Academia     Government     Industry/Corporate     Not-for-Profit Organization

## Practice or Work Setting (check one):

Clinic     Government     Hospital     Lab     Lab & Clinic (translational)     Medical School/University  
 Pharmaceutical/Biotech     None

## Field(s) of specialty (check all that apply):

|   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Biology         | <input type="checkbox"/> Immunotherapy     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric Oncology      | <input type="checkbox"/> Stem Cell Biology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dermatology          | <input type="checkbox"/> Internal Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacology/Toxicology | <input type="checkbox"/> Surgical Oncology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genetics             | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Oncology  | <input type="checkbox"/> Radiation Oncology      | <input type="checkbox"/> Transplantation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gynecologic Oncology | <input type="checkbox"/> Microbiology      | <input type="checkbox"/> Radiology               | <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hematology           | <input type="checkbox"/> Molecular Biology |  |  |

## Disease state(s) (check those most affiliated with your research or practice):

|                                     |   |                                   |  |                                       |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breast     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatocellular | <input type="checkbox"/> Lung     | <input type="checkbox"/> Neuroblastoma | <input type="checkbox"/> Renal Cell   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorectal | <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney         | <input type="checkbox"/> Lymphoma | <input type="checkbox"/> Ovarian       | <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____ |

## Application Requirements

### Regular applicants:

I will email my CV or educational resumé to [info@sitcancer.org](mailto:info@sitcancer.org).  
 My CV or educational resumé is enclosed.

### Affiliate applicants:

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 My business or educational resumé is enclosed.

### Scientist-in-Training (Student) applicants:

I will email my letter of recommendation or CV and proof of enrollment to [info@sitcancer.org](mailto:info@sitcancer.org).  
 My letter of recommendation or CV and proof of enrollment are enclosed.

Membership applications are reviewed throughout the year. Applicants will be contacted upon acceptance. Membership is valid from the date dues are paid in full until the end of that calendar year.

## Membership Fee:

Regular/Affiliate (\$220)     Scientist-in-Training (Student) (\$50)  
 Check (enclosed) Make checks payable to SITC in U.S. dollars drawn from a U.S. bank.  
 VISA     MasterCard     American Express     Discover

Card Holder: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **SITC Primer on Tumor Immunology and Cancer Immunotherapy™ From Biology to Treatment**

June 1, 2012

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Conference Center, First Floor, Room 10 ABC  
Hyatt Regency McCormick Place in Chicago, IL

### **Program Purpose**

The SITC Primer on Tumor Immunology and Cancer Immunotherapy™ From Biology to Treatment is designed to provide a foundation for understanding core immunology principles as they relate to basic and clinical research in immunology and the immunotherapy of malignancy. It aims to advance successful immune-based treatments provided by practicing oncologists quickly and efficiently in point-of-care patient applications for positive outcomes.

Prominent investigators will summarize central themes and recent research advances in such areas as innate immunity and inflammation in cancer biology, dendritic cells, T cell function, antibody therapy, and the host-tumor relationship as well as recent advances in the clinical application of cancer vaccines, coinhibition and costimulation of immune cells, and adoptive cellular therapy of cancer. These topics will be addressed in a series of lectures by thought leaders in the field and through interactive question and answer sessions.

### **Organizers**

Kim A. Margolin, MD - *Seattle Cancer Care Alliance*

Walter J. Urbani, MD, PhD - *Earle A. Chiles Research Institute*

### **Intended Audience**

The audience for this half-day educational program is clinical oncologists working directly with patients as well as other oncology health care practitioners who wish to solidify their understanding of recent advances and the biologic basis of tumor immunology and immunotherapy. In addition, other audiences who would find this program of value are basic scientists and clinical investigators (clinicians, researchers, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and allied health professionals) from academic institutions, industry, and regulatory agencies.

### **Program Goals**

- Provide a framework of basic immunology for clinical oncologists and facilitate understanding of more sophisticated principles of tumor immunology and immunotherapy
- Facilitate the translation of cancer immunotherapy research into medical practice by clinical oncologists
- Provide a common terminology and knowledge base for clinical oncologists from all oncology disciplines and sub-specialties
- Review the biology of innate immunity, dendritic cells, T cell differentiation and intracellular signaling, and the tumor microenvironment as related to recent advances in cancer immunotherapies
- Summarize the principles of and recent advances in the application of tumor antigens for immunization, coinhibition and costimulation of immune cells, and adoptive immunotherapy of malignant disease
- Provide the opportunity for dialogue and professional interactions that promote collaboration and scientific exchange

### **Expected Learner Outcomes**

*Upon completion of this program, the participants will be able to:*

- Interpret the key principles of tumor immunology and immunotherapy
- Describe the role of tumor biology, antigens, T cell differentiation and signaling, and the host-tumor relationship in cancer immunotherapies
- Discuss recent research and clinical applications of tumor immunization, immune coinhibition and costimulation, adoptive immunotherapy, and biomarkers
- Participate in scientific exchange with colleagues and collaborators on research and application of cancer immunotherapies to improve outcomes of patients with cancer

### **Faculty**

Laurence J.N. Cooper, MD, PhD - *MD Anderson Cancer Center*

Leisha A. Emens, MD, PhD - *Johns Hopkins University*

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Drew M. Pardoll, MD, PhD - *Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*

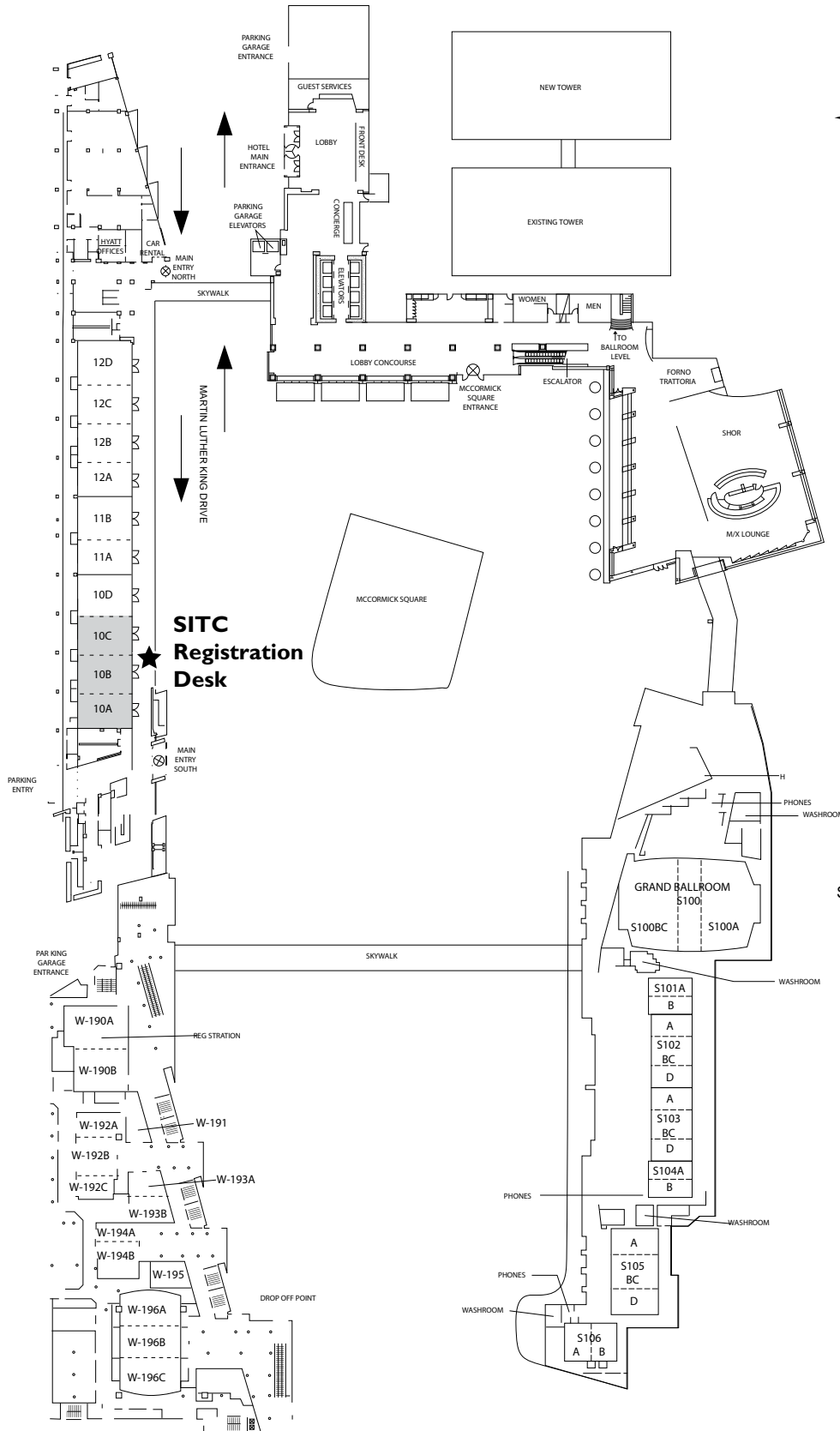
# Primer Schedule

As of May 23, 2012

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 7:00 am – 8:00 am   | <b>Registration and Continental Breakfast</b>  |
| 8:00 am – 8:05 am   | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b><br>Kim A. Margolin, MD - <i>Seattle Cancer Care Alliance</i>                          |
| 8:05 am – 8:40 am   | <b>Basic Immunology</b><br>Justin P. Kline, MD - <i>University of Chicago</i>  |
| 8:40 am – 8:45 am   | Audience Response/Questions and Answers  |
| 8:45 am – 9:20 am   | <b>Host Tumor Relationship</b><br>Augusto Ochoa, MD - <i>Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center</i>         |
| 9:20 am – 9:25 am   | Audience Response/Questions and Answers  |
| 9:25 am – 10:00 am  | <b>Tumor Antigens and Cancer Vaccines</b><br>Leisha A. Emens, MD, PhD - <i>Johns Hopkins University</i>                |
| 10:00 am – 10:05 am | Audience Response/Questions and Answers  |
| 10:05 am – 10:40 am | <b>Adoptive Immunotherapy with T Cells</b><br>Laurence J.N. Cooper, MD, PhD - <i>MD Anderson Cancer Center</i>         |
| 10:40 am – 10:45 am | Audience Response/Questions and Answers  |
| 10:45 am – 11:10 am | <i>Refreshments and Networking</i>   |
| 11:10 am – 11:45 am | <b>Coinhibition and Costimulation</b><br>Drew M. Pardoll, MD, PhD - <i>Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine</i> |
| 11:45 am – 11:50 am | Audience Response/Questions and Answers  |
| 11:50 am – 12:25 pm | <b>Antibody Based Immunotherapy</b><br>Robert J. Kreitman, MD - <i>National Institutes of Health</i>                   |
| 12:25 pm – 12:30 pm | Audience Response/Questions and Answers  |
| 12:30 pm – 12:50 pm | <b>Final Questions and Answers</b>   |
| 12:50 pm – 1:00 pm  | <b>Closing Comments</b><br>Walter J. Urba, MD, PhD - <i>Earle A. Chiles Research Institute</i>                         |

# Venue Map

CONFERENCE CENTER  
FIRST FLOOR



WEST BUILDING

SOUTH BUILDING

## Presenter Financial Disclosure Information

It is the policy of SITC to ensure balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor in all educational activities. All presenters participating in any SITC sponsored activity are required to disclose to SITC any real or potential conflict of interest that may have a direct bearing on the subject matter of the activity. This pertains to relationships with pharmaceutical companies, device manufacturers, or other corporations whose products or services are related to the subject matter of the presentation topic.

In assurance of independence, objectivity, and balance, the disclosures are critically reviewed to ensure any conflicts of interest are resolved prior to the educational program taking place.

The disclosures provided are inclusive of all faculty, organizers, and planners for this educational program.

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## Basic Immunology

Justin P. Kline, MD  
*University of Chicago*

Dr. Kline is currently an Assistant Professor of Medicine, Section of Hematology/Oncology at the University of Chicago. He trained as a postdoctoral fellow in the lab of Dr. Thomas Gajewski. His laboratory is interested in studying immune evasion mechanisms operational in pre-clinical models of acute leukemia, and is currently developing a genetic model of acute myeloid leukemia (AML), which will more accurately recapitulate the development of this lethal disease as it occurs in humans. This model and others like it will someday serve to increase our knowledge of the outcome of T cell – tumor cell interactions in vivo. Dr. Kline's clinical interest is in the treatment of hematological malignancies and in stem cell transplantation.

## Pre-Test Questions Basic Immunology

1. Cells of the innate immune system include all listed below, except:
  - A. Natural killer (NK) cells
  - B. Dendritic cells
  - C. B cells
  - D. Macrophages
  
2. CD4+ T cells are capable of differentiating into all of the subsets below, except:
  - A. Induced regulatory T cells
  - B. TH1 cells
  - C. TH17 cells
  - D. Cytotoxic T lymphocytes (CTL)
  
3. The development and regulation of regulatory T cell function is dependent upon which transcription factor?
  - A. T-bet
  - B. FoxP3
  - C. ROR- $\gamma$ t
  - D. GATA-3
  
4. Which of these cytokines is necessary for naïve T cell survival under homeostatic conditions?
  - A. IL-7
  - B. IL-12
  - C. TGF- $\beta$
  - D. IL-4

## Basic immunology for the non-immunologist

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The following relationships exist related to this presentation

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## Outline

- **Immune system – development**
- **Innate immune system**
  - Pattern recognition receptors
  - Dendritic cells
  - NK cells
- **Adaptive immune system**
  - T cell development/maturation
  - T cell subsets
  - T cell activation/differentiation
  - Regulatory T cells
  - Homeostatic T cell cytokines
- **Cancer immunology – brief introduction**

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## Immunology – basic principles

- Attributed to Edward Jenner (late 1700s)
  - Found that inoculation with cowpox virus conferred protection against smallpox
    - Coined the term "vaccination"
- The immune system evolved to provide protection against invasive pathogens
- Consists of a wide variety of cells and proteins whose purpose is to generate immune responses against micro-organisms
- Whether the immune system provides active surveillance against malignant cells is debatable

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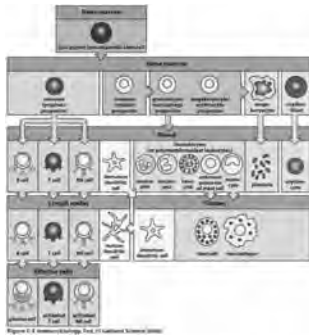
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## Immune system - development

- All immune cells are produced in the bone marrow
- **T cells** mature in the thymus
- **B cells** mature in the marrow
- **Primary lymphoid organs** (bone marrow, thymus) – where immune cells are produced/matured
- **Secondary lymphoid tissues** (lymph nodes, spleen, mucosal lymphoid tissues) – where immune responses are initiated



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## Immune system – a division of labor

- Immune system is comprised of:
  - Innate immune system
  - Adaptive immune system
- **Innate immune system**
  - Provides initial recognition of self vs non-self
  - Comprised of **cells** (granulocytes, monocytes, dendritic cells and NK cells) and **proteins** (complement)
  - Recognize non-self via pathogen-associated molecular patterns (PAMPs)
    - conserved structures (i.e. LPS) in microbes
  - Pattern recognition receptors (PRRs) expressed on innate immune cells recognize PAMPs
  - Necessary for priming adaptive immune responses
  - Does not provide immunological memory

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## Innate immunity – on the front line of host defense

- Classes of PRRs
  - Toll-like receptors
  - NOD proteins
  - C-type lectin receptors
- Differential expression of PRRs on innate immune cells determines “functionality”

| Receptor characteristic   | Innate immunity | Adaptive immunity |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| Specificity inherited in the genome                                   | Yes             | No                |
| Expressed by all cells of a particular type (e.g. macrophages)        | Yes             | No                |
| Triggers immediate responses  | Yes             | No                |
| Recognizes broad classes of pathogens                                 | Yes             | No                |
| Interacts with a range of molecular structures of a given type        | Yes             | No                |
| Encoded by multiple gene segments                                     | No              | Yes               |
| Involves gene rearrangement   | No              | Yes               |
| Clonal distribution   | No              | Yes               |
| Able to distinguish between even closely related molecular structures | No              | Yes               |

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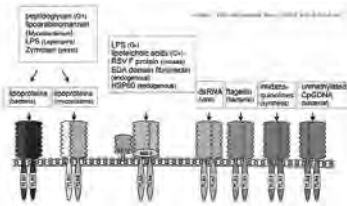
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## Innate immunity – the Toll-like Receptors



- TLRs originally described in *Drosophila*
  - Bruce Beutler received Nobel prize in 2011 for discovering that LPS bound TLR4
- 10 expressed TLR genes in humans
- Present on extracellular or intracellular membranes
- Binding of TLR by ligand induces signalling through MyD88 adaptor protein
  - leads to NF-κB activation
  - upregulation of MHC molecules
  - costimulatory molecules
  - cytokines (TNF-α, IFN-β, IL-12) and chemokines

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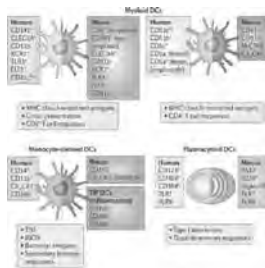
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## Innate immunity – dendritic cells

- Ralph Steinman (1970s) hematopoietic cells which excelled at antigen presentation and T cell activation
  - Nobel prize in 2011 for discovery of DC
- DC classified functionally in 2 groups
  - Conventional DC
    - Antigen presentation
    - T cell activation
  - Plasmacytoid DC
    - Type I IFN production
    - Important for immune responses against viruses



Colin et al. Nat Rev Immunol 2011

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## Innate immunity – dendritic cells

- DC receive signals through PRRs and other receptors (i.e. CD40) to become activated
  - Activation/licensing of DC results in differentiation
    - Upregulation of MHC
    - Upregulation of costimulatory and cell adhesion molecules
    - Production of pro-inflammatory cytokines (IL-12, TNF- $\alpha$ , type I FNs)
    - Alteration of chemokine receptor expression
    - Migration
  - Only licensed DC will activate naïve T cells
  - Non-licensed DC fail to activate T cells and can induce peripheral tolerance (T cell deletion or anergy)

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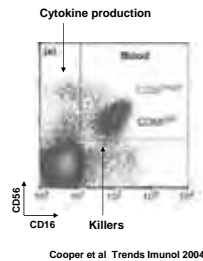
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## Innate immunity – NK cells

- Natural killer cells (NK cells – CD3<sup>-</sup>CD56<sup>+</sup>CD16<sup>+</sup> lymphocytes)
  - Develop in bone marrow from CLP
  - Circulate in blood
  - Functionally identified by ability to kill lymphoid tumor cell lines in vitro without need for prior activation
  - Mechanism of killing – production of cytotoxic granules containing perforin and granzymes
    - Also express Fc receptors - effectors of ADCC
  - Important for early host recognition of infected host cells
    - HSV and Leishmania
  - NK cells are "activated" in response to Type I IFNs, TNF- $\alpha$  and IL-12
    - killing capacity and production of IFN- $\gamma$




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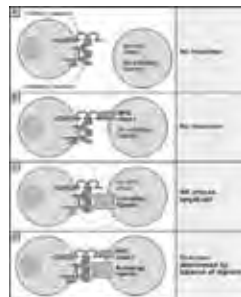
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## Innate immunity – NK cell receptors

- 2 families of NK receptors
  - Killer lectin-like receptors (KLRs)
  - Killer cell Ig-like receptors (KIRs)
- Both KLRs and KIRs can act as activating or inhibitory receptors
  - Makes the study of NK cell activation complicated
  - Further complicated by the fact that KIR genes are also polymorphic
- Missing self hypothesis:
  - NK cells do not kill self cells due to MHC class I expression
  - NK cell do kill target cells which lack MHC class I




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## Innate immunity – NK cells and cancer

- NKG2D - C-type lectin receptor on NK cells
  - Recognizes RAE proteins and MICA and MICB
    - RAE and MICA/B are MHC class I-like molecules expressed on virally-infected cells and some malignant cells
    - Recognition of ligands by NKG2D on NK cells serves as a "danger" signal, resulting in "costimulation" of NK cells
    - Leads to lysis of targets and production of IFN- $\gamma$
- KIRs and graft-versus-leukemia effect following allogeneic SCT
  - Donor vs recipient KIR mismatches provided GVL effect and protected from GVHD
    - Ruggeri et al Science 2002.
- Other retrospective analyses have confirmed that K R mismatched donor vs host allografts led to decreased risk of AML relapse following alloSCT
  - Ongoing studies are evaluating the efficacy of adoptive KIR-mismatched NK cell therapy in myeloid leukemias

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## Interest in NK cell therapy is growing

|                             | Transplant                       | Graft       | Outcome    |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Ruggeri et al, Science 2002 | Haploidentical<br>KIR-L mismatch | TCD         | Benefit    |
| Davies et al, Blood 2002    | URD<br>KIR-L mismatch            | UBM         | No Benefit |
| Geibel et al, Blood 2003    | URD<br>KIR-L mismatch            | In Vivo TCD | Benefit    |

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## Adaptive immunity – lymphocytes

- Adaptive immune system evolved in vertebrates to provide an almost unlimited diversity of antigen receptors to protect the host from infection
- Comprised of B and T lymphocytes
- Each B and T cell expresses a unique antigen receptor comprised of a combination of variable and constant gene segments
  - Diversity (in part) and antigen specificity is provided by Complimentary Determining Regions (CDR) of the BCR and TCR
    - CDR regions are located at the joining segments of the BCR or TCR
    - 10<sup>8</sup> unique lymphocyte receptors present in humans!
- B cell receptor = antibody – recognizes intact extracellular antigens
  - Proteins/glycoproteins
- T cell receptor – recognizes peptides in the context of MHC class I and II proteins
- Because T cells appear to be more important in the response to malignant cells, we will focus our attention here

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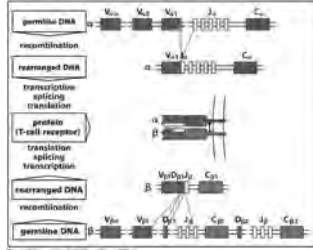
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## Adaptive immunity – T cell development and maturation

- T cells develop in the bone marrow and mature in the thymus
- T cell receptor gene rearrangement occurs in the thymus (RAG principle enzyme)
- The TCR is comprised of the TCR- $\alpha$  and TCR- $\beta$  chains
  - TCR- $\alpha$  = V $\alpha$ J $\alpha$ C $\alpha$
  - TCR- $\beta$  = V $\beta$ D $\beta$ J $\beta$ C $\beta$
- Successful rearrangement of TCR- $\alpha$  and B chains permits survival and is followed by positive and negative selection




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## Adaptive immunity – Thymic selection of T cells

- Thymic T cells with rearranged TCR will undergo both positive and negative selection prior to leaving the thymus as mature, naive T cells
- Positive selection – developing T cell **must** recognize host MHC (determined by CDR1 and CDR2 regions of the TCR)
  - If no MHC binding affinity, T cell undergoes apoptosis
- Negative selection – developing T cell **must not** recognize MHC:peptide with strong affinity
  - If yes, then T cell is deleted (apoptosis)
  - Mechanism of central (thymic) tolerance – assures that strongly auto-reactive T cells do not escape the thymus
  - Developing T cells exposed to a wide variety of host proteins expressed in the thymus via AIRE (autoimmune regulator)
    - Transcription factor expressed in thymic medullary stromal cells – induced expression of tissue-specific proteins
    - AIRE mutations lead to severe autoimmune syndromes
- Only a small percentage of thymic T cells ever leave the thymus as mature T cells

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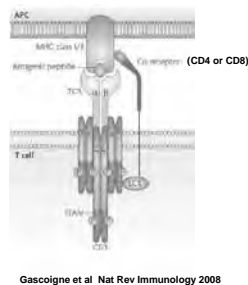
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## Adaptive immunity – CD4 and CD8 T cell subsets

- 2 main "flavors" of mature T cells
  - CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell
  - CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell
- CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells recognize peptide (7-9aa) presented by MHC class I
  - Cytosolic antigens (intracellular pathogens and self peptides) are presented by MHC class I and recognized by CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells
- CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells recognize peptide (20aa) presented by MHC class II
  - Exogenous antigens are processed and presented by MHC class II molecules and recognized by CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells



Gascoigne et al. Nat Rev Immunology 2008

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## Adaptive immunity – CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell differentiation and effector function

- Following activation, CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells differentiate into cytotoxic lymphocytes (CTL)
  - Functions
    - 1) killing via release of cytoplasmic granules containing granzymes and perforin which induce target cell apoptosis
    - 2) release of effector cytokines (IFN- $\gamma$ , LT- $\alpha$ , TNF- $\alpha$ )

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## Adaptive immunity – CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells are “helpers” in the immune response

- Similar to CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells, activated CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells proliferate and acquire effector functions
- Classical functions of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells include
  - Production of IL-2 to promote proliferation of activated CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells
  - Licensing of dendritic cells through CD40-CD40L interactions
  - Production of effector cytokines (T<sub>H</sub> subtype-dependent)
  - ? Lysis of target cells

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## Adaptive immunity – CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell differentiation and effector function

- Differentiation pathways for CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells are more complicated than for CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells
- 4 subsets of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells (a.k.a. T<sub>H</sub> cells)
  - T<sub>H</sub>1 – Typical bacterial infection, viral infection, tumor immunity
  - T<sub>H</sub>2 - allergy
  - T<sub>H</sub>17 – gut homeostasis, autoimmunity
  - **Regulatory T cells (Tregs)** – suppress conventional T cells, peripheral tolerance
- Which of these pathways a CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells follows depends on
  - Antigen specificity
  - Local environment - signal 3 received (IL-12, TGF-B, L-6, L-4)
- Each CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell subset acquires a unique effector program (cytokine production) and drives a different type of immune response

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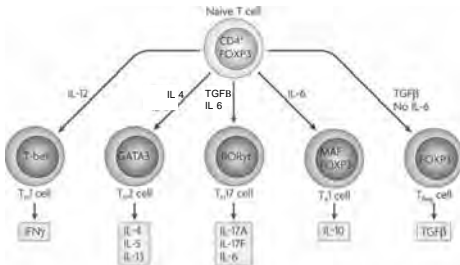
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## Adaptive immunity – CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell differentiation



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## Adaptive immunity – Regulatory T cells

- Subset of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells with natural suppressive function
  - Definitively described in 1998 by Sakaguchi and colleagues
  - Immunophenotype: CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>+</sup>FoxP3<sup>+</sup>
  - Represent ~ 5-10% of the circulating CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell population
  - Development and functional program of Tregs is controlled by the FoxP3 transcription factor
    - Necessary for Treg development and maintenance of the functional properties of Treg
    - Mice and humans with mutations of FoxP3 expression develop severe autoimmune disorders
    - Highlights the important role of Treg in maintaining peripheral tolerance

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## Adaptive immunity – Regulatory T cell development

- 2 main subsets of Treg
  - Natural Treg (nTreg)
    - Develop in thymus
    - Recognize self-Ag
    - Stable phenotype
  - Induced Treg (iTreg)
    - Exit thymus as CD4<sup>+</sup>FoxP3<sup>+</sup> naive CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells
    - In the presence of TGF- $\beta$ , induced to express FoxP3
- Both nTreg and iTreg have potent suppressive capability in vivo




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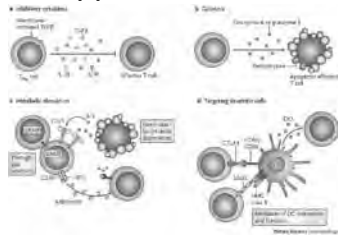
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## Adaptive immunity – Regulatory T cells – suppressive mechanisms



- Treg suppress conventional T cell function through a number of diverse mechanisms
  - Secretion of suppressive cytokines (TGF-β, IL-10, L-35)
  - Act as cytokine sinks (Binding of local IL-2)
  - Secrete granzymes to kill effector T cells and DC
  - Block costimulatory ligands on DC

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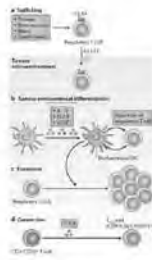
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## Adaptive Immunity – Regulatory T cells and cancer

- Regulatory T cells expand in patients with a variety of malignancies
  - In several malignancies, expansion of Tregs correlates with reduced survival
- Induced Treg may also play a role in suppression of anti-tumor immune responses
- Depletion of Treg in pre-clinical cancer models almost universally leads to enhanced anti-tumor immune responses
- Strategies to deplete or inhibit Treg in humans
  - Denileukin Diffitox
  - Daclizumab
  - CTLA-4 blockade
  - Cyclophosphamide



*The Nature Reviews Immunology* 6, 295–307 (April 2006) | doi:10.1038/nri1500

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## Adaptive immunity – Naïve and memory T cell homeostasis

- In absence of infection the size and composition of the peripheral T cell pool remains relatively constant
- Naïve and memory T cells can survive for long periods of time in the host
  - Slow proliferation balanced by death
- Homeostasis of the T cell compartment depends on:
  - Cytokine signals (IL-7, IL-15)
    - Upregulate pro-survival genes and cell cycle-dependent genes
  - Interaction with self-MHC:peptide

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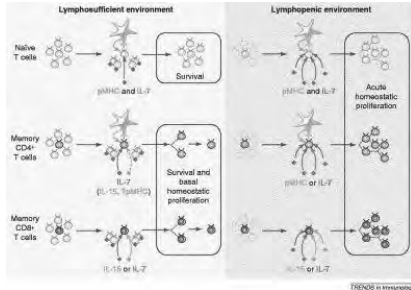
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## Adaptive immunity – Cytokines are required for T cell survival and proliferation



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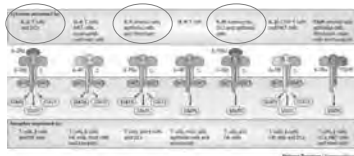
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## Adaptive immunity – Receptors for homeostatic cytokines

- Homeostatic cytokines signal through a family of common receptor subunits

- IL-2R $\alpha$  – CD25
- IL-2R $\beta$  – CD122
- IL-7R $\alpha$  – CD127
- IL-15R $\alpha$  – CD215
- Common  $\gamma$ -chain – CD132




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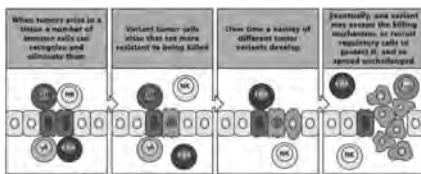
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## Cancer and Immunity

- 50-60 years ago, observation: rejection of transplanted tumor cells in syngeneic mice
- 20 years ago, tumor antigens recognized by T cells began to be identified
- More recently, components of the immune system which are necessary for rejection of transplanted tumors have been clarified
  - For most tumor cell lines, both innate and adaptive immunity must be functional for tumor rejection to occur
- The concept of immune surveillance of cancer has been developed (Bob Schreiber)
  - Based on clinical observation that immunosuppressed individuals have a higher cancer risk
  - 3 phases of immune surveillance
    - E: Initiation
    - Equilibrium
    - Escape




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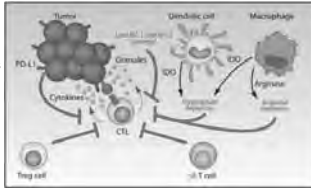
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## Cancer and Immunity – Immune evasion

- Putative immune evasion mechanisms
  - Tumor-induced T cell anergy
  - Expression of negative costimulatory receptors on T cells (PD-1, TIM-3, CTLA-4)
  - Tregs
  - Suppressive myeloid-derived cells (MDSC, TAM)
  - Secretion of inhibitory cytokines (IL-10, TGF- $\beta$ )
  - Antigen-loss variants (loss of MHC)
  - Production of enzymes which deplete essential amino acids (IDO, arginase)
  - Others
- Overcoming negative regulation in the tumor environment will be necessary to harness effective anti-tumor immunity



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## Cancer and Immunity – Immunotherapy: current approaches

- Cancer vaccines
  - Peptide-based
  - Cellular-based (i.e. DC vaccines)
- Adoptive T cell therapy
  - Ex vivo expansion of tumor-infiltrating T cells and infusion into cancer-bearing hosts
  - Tumor Ag-specific TCR transduced T cell therapy
  - Chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) adoptive therapy (CD19)
- Immune checkpoint blockade
  - CTLA-4 blockade
  - PD-1 blockade
- Reversal of immune evasion
  - Treg depletion
  - IDO inhibition (1-methyl tryptophan and derivatives)
  - Prevention of tumor-induced T cell anergy (lymphodepleted host and adoptive T cell therapy)

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## Host Tumor Relationship

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Dr. Augusto Ochoa trained as an MD in his native Colombia (South America) and then went on to complete a residency in Pediatrics and a fellowship in Allergy and Immunology. He did postdoctoral work in basic immunology at the University of Minnesota. Later, he directed the Immunotherapy Laboratory at the Frederick Cancer Center of the National Cancer Institute in Frederick, MD. In 1997, he joined the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans where he is Professor of Pediatrics, Allergy and Immunology, and the director of the Cancer Center. His research work has been primarily focused on cancer immunology and immunotherapy, with a special interest on the mechanisms down-regulating the immune response in patients. While at the National Institutes of Health, his group made the first observation that T cells from cancer patients had a decreased expression of various signaling molecules, including the T cell receptor, which made them unable to develop a protective response against tumors. His group later identified that these defects were induced by myeloid cell infiltrating the tumors and showed that the primary mediator of this effect was the depletion of the amino-acid L-arginine. These observations have been reproduced by many groups in patients with different types of tumors and remains today as one of the important mechanisms of tumor induced immune suppression.

## Pre-Test Questions Host Tumor Relationship

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1. MDSC, Tumor associated macrophages (TAM), and T-regs abnormal immune cells are triggered only by the appearance of cancer.

- A. True
- B. False

2. CD4+, CD25+, FoxP3+ T cells are:

- A. Highly immunosuppressive regulatory T cells
- B. Potent inducers of anti-tumor responses
- C. Mediators of Graft vs Host disease
- D. Irrelevant in cancer because they are deleted in the fetal thymus

3. IL2 induces the activation of myeloid cells producing arginase and IDO.

- A. True
- B. False

4. What are the principal immunosuppressive mechanisms produced by myeloid-derived suppressor cells?

- A. TGF $\beta$ , IL10 and IL17
- B. IFN $\gamma$  and IL2
- C. Arginase, NO and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>
- D. IDO

## Suppressor Cells in Cancer: Mechanisms and Therapeutic Perspectives

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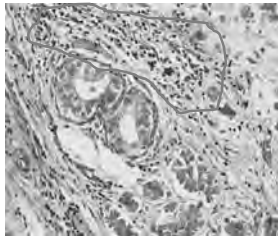
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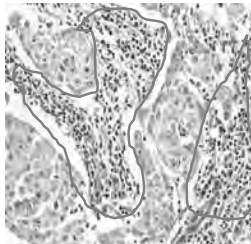
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## Inflammation and Cancer: What are the cells doing there?

Breast Medullary CA



Breast Ductal CA



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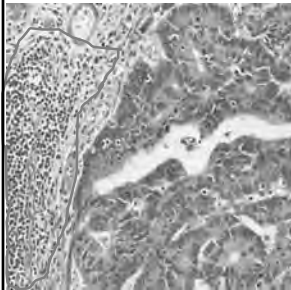
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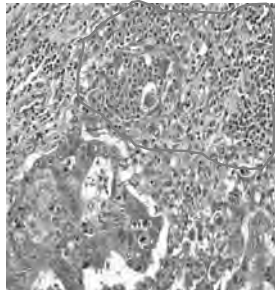
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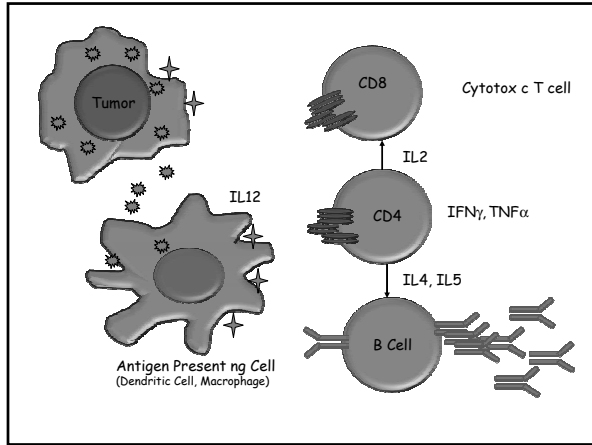
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## Inflammation (Immunity) and Cancer

### Prevent or Treat

- At least 20% of cancers have a preventable infectious component: HPV HBV H pylori
- NK and T cells can eradicate established tumors (renal and melanoma)

### Promote

- "Cancer originates in sites of chronic inflammation" Virchow 1863
- Hodgkins disease: Loss of DTH to DNCB and candida (Hersch and Oppenheim - 1963)
- Melanoma: Decreased cellular response and increased antibody levels. (Hellstrom and Hellstrom - 1968)
- NSAIDS prevent colon CA

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## Chronic Inflammation : Turning Friend into Foe




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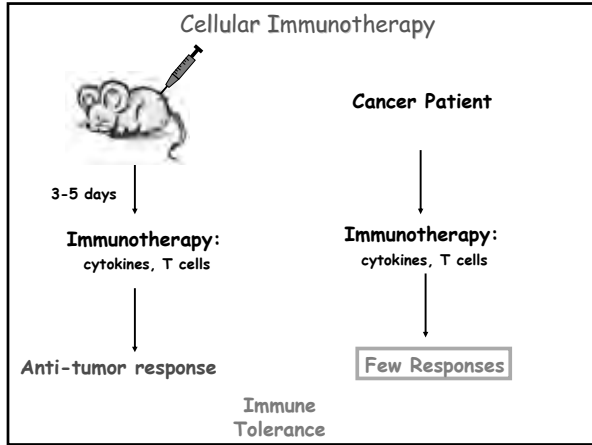
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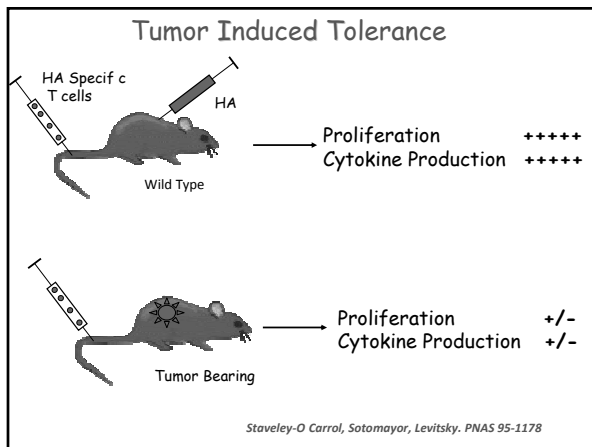
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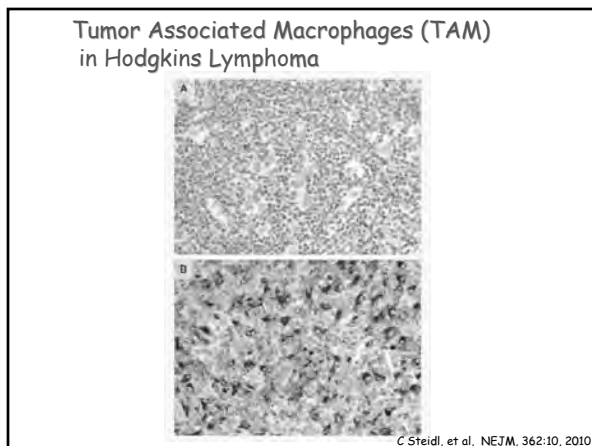
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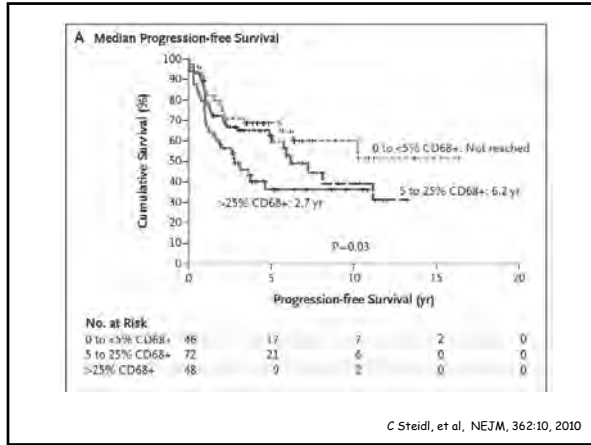
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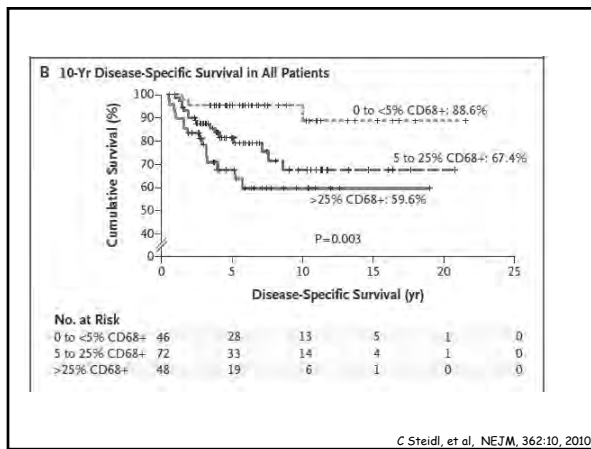
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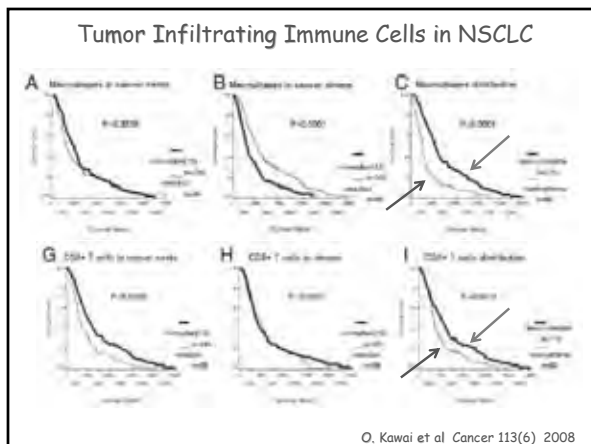
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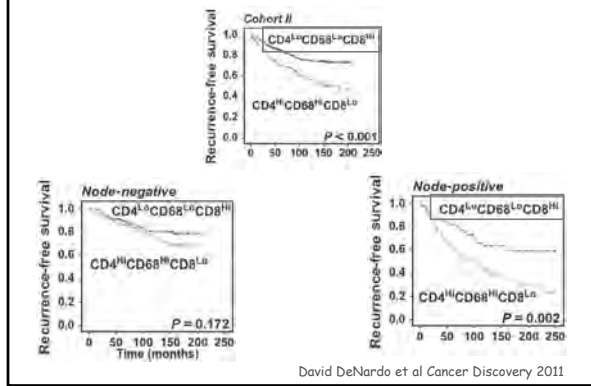
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## Immune Infiltrates and RFS in Breast Cancer




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## Mechanisms of Tumor Escape 1990-2010

- Intrinsic changes in the tumor
  - Loss of MHC (immuno-editing)
  - Lack of co-stimulatory signals B7.1, B7.2
  - Expression of checkpoint signals B7H1, B7H4 (CTLA4)
- Factors produced by the tumors
  - TGFβ, IL10, IL17
- Immunosuppressive cells stimulated by tumors
  - Regulatory T cells (T-regs)
  - Myeloid-derived suppressor cells (MDSC)
  - Tumor Associated Macrophages (TAM)

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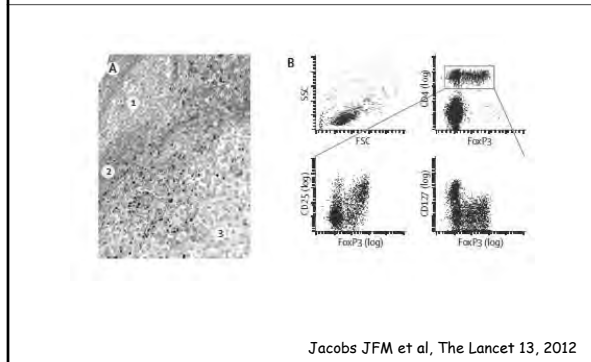
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## Regulatory T cells (T-Regs) in Melanoma




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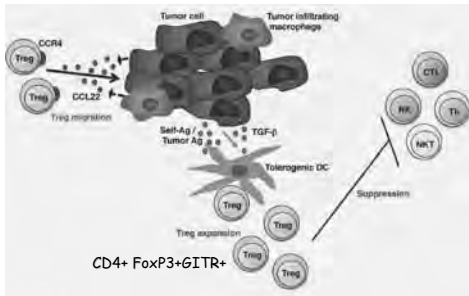
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## Regulatory T cells in Cancer



Nishikawa and Sakaguchi, *Int. J. Cancer* 127 (2010)

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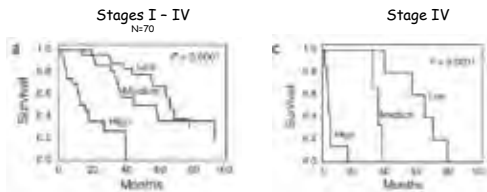
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## T-Reg Infiltration and Survival in Ovarian CA



Curjel T, *Nature Med* 10(9), 2004

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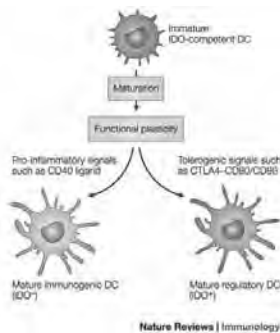
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## Immature DC

IDO (Indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase)  
David H. Munn and Andrew L. Mellor



Nature Reviews | Immunology

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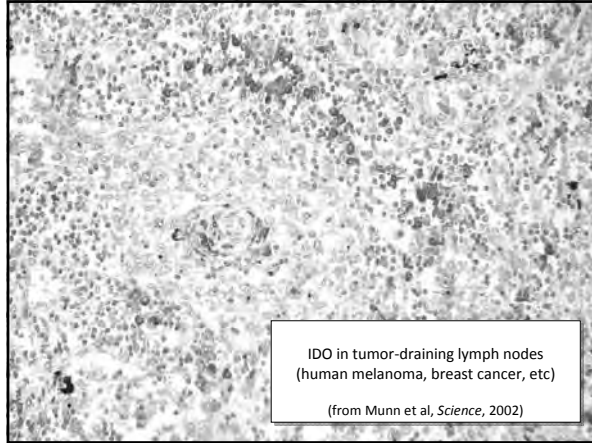
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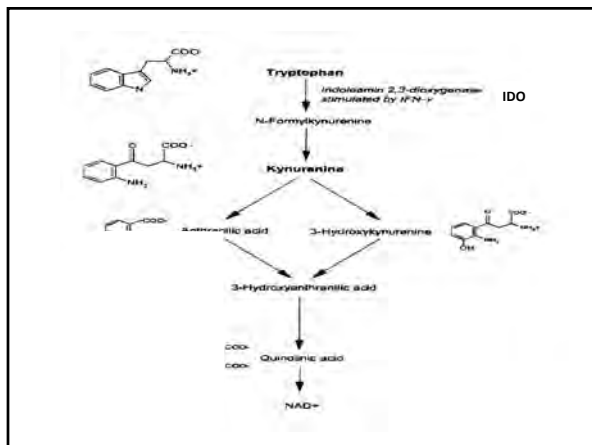
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**Indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase (IDO)**

- IDO is a natural endogenous molecular mechanism of immune suppression
- IDO can create acquired peripheral tolerance *de novo*
- IDO is counter-regulatory (induced by inflammation but suppresses immune responses )
- IDO regulates both innate and adaptive responses
  - control of local inflammation IL-6 etc
  - suppresses effector T cells activates Tregs

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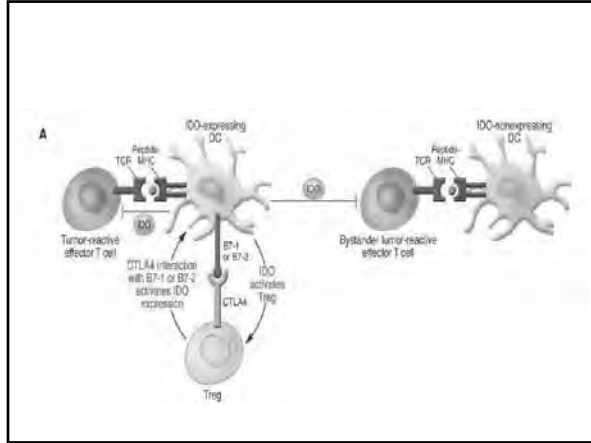
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### Myeloid-derived Suppressor Cells (MDSC) Tumor Associated Macrophages (TAM)

- CD11b+ GR1+ myeloid cells H&N pts (R Young) and tumor-bearing mice (D Gabrilovich)
- Immature DC to mature granulocytes
- Increased in Renal Cell Carcinoma (A Zea) and Pancreatic CA (O Finn)
- Produce Arginase 1 Nitric Oxide or H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (Bronte E Ochoa A Ostrand-Rosenberg S)

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### Effect of MDSC on OT-1/OT-2 T cells

|             | No MDSC | Plus MDSC | Plus non-MDSC |
|-------------|---------|-----------|---------------|
| No Stimuli  | 33      | 48.5      | 88.5          |
| OVA 257-264 | 20713 → | 217       | 23842         |
| OVA 323-339 | 17073 → | 164       | 15159         |

Inhibit IFN $\gamma$  production and CD3 $\zeta$  chain expression  
Decrease the therapeutic efficacy of radiation and chemotherapy

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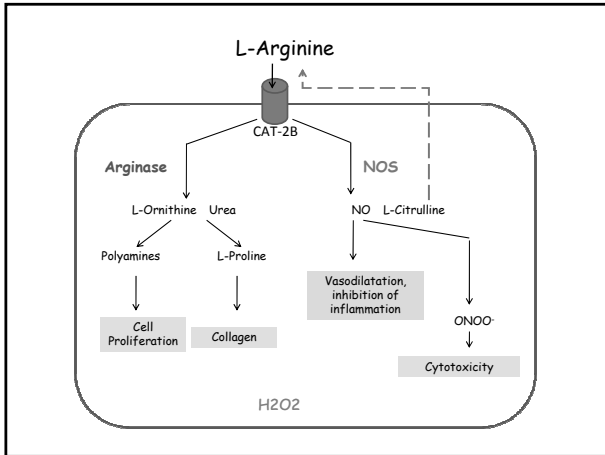
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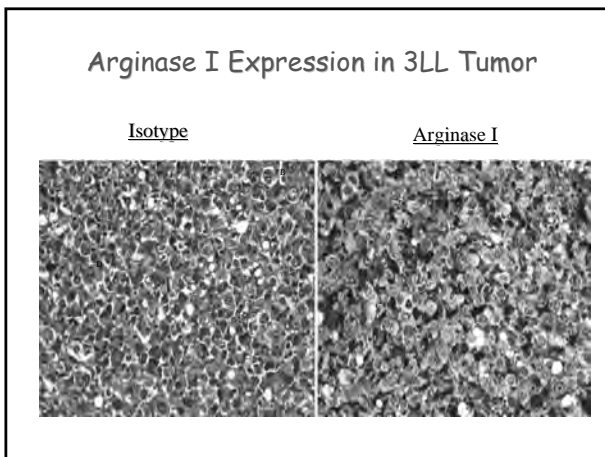
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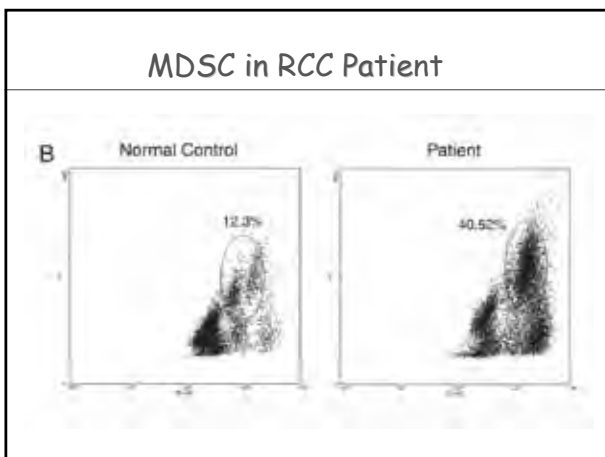
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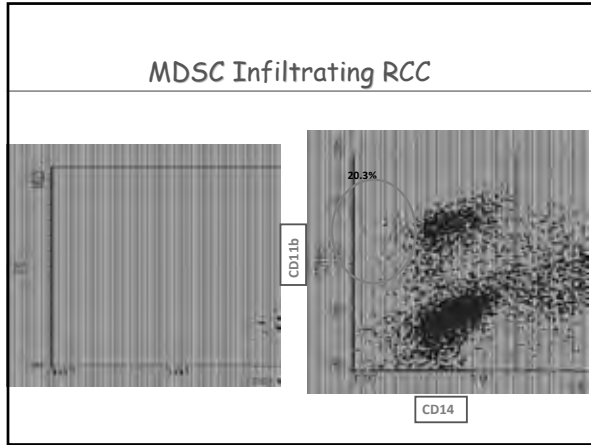
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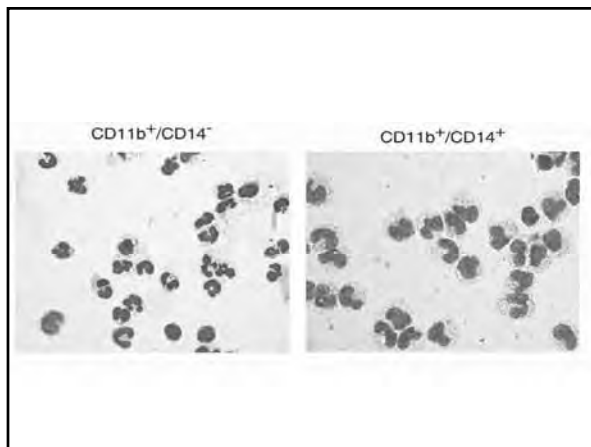
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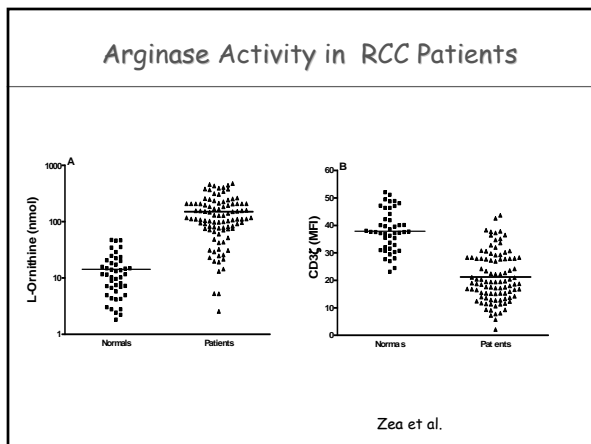
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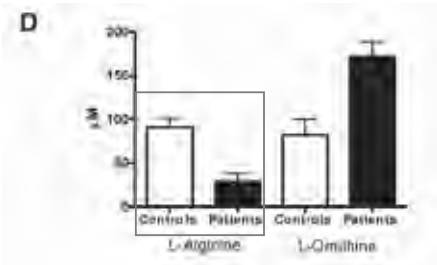
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## Arginine and Ornithine in Plasma of RCC Patients



Zea et al.

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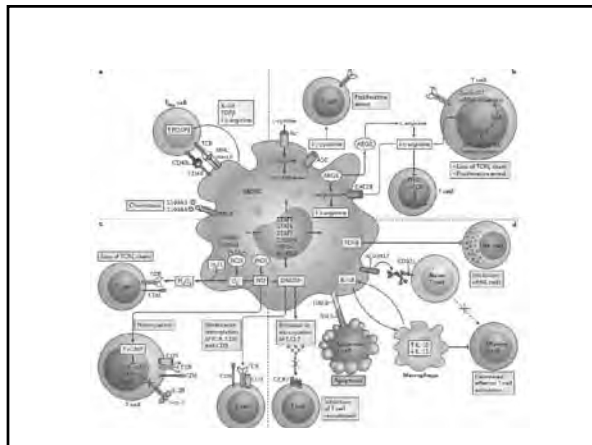
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## Blocking Cellular Immune suppression in Cancer

- Lymphodepletion
- Blocking T-regs
  - Anti-CD25
- Blocking IDO
  - 1-Methyl-tryptophan
- Blocking MDSC
  - Arginase inhibitors: Nor-NOHA, BEC and ABH - D. Christiansen
  - Tyrosine kinase inhibitors - Sunitinib - J. Finke
  - PDE5 inhibitors (Viagra and Cialis): I. Borrello
  - NOS2/Arginase inhibitors (nitroaspartate) - E. Bronte
  - All-Trans-retinoic acid (ATRA) D. Gabrilovich
  - Anti-CD11b - D. Denardo

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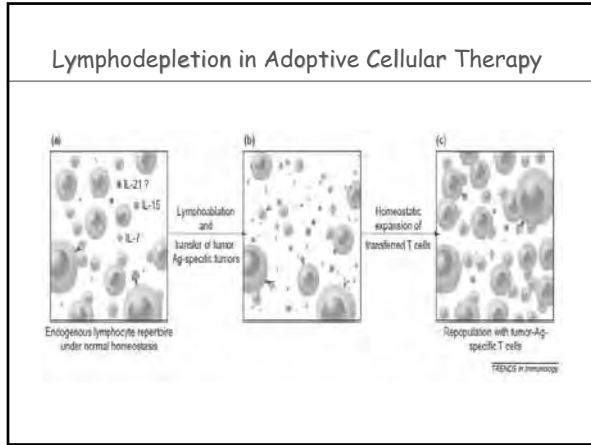
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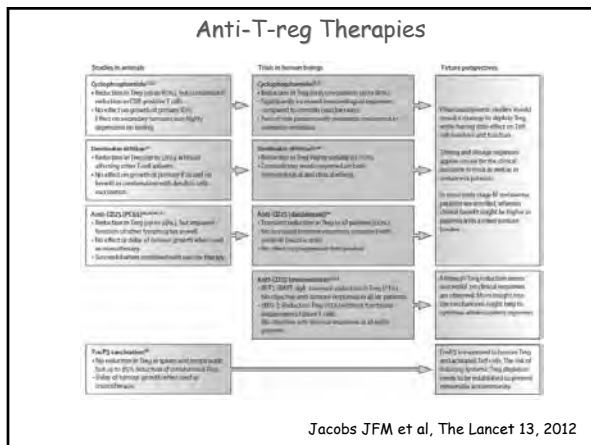
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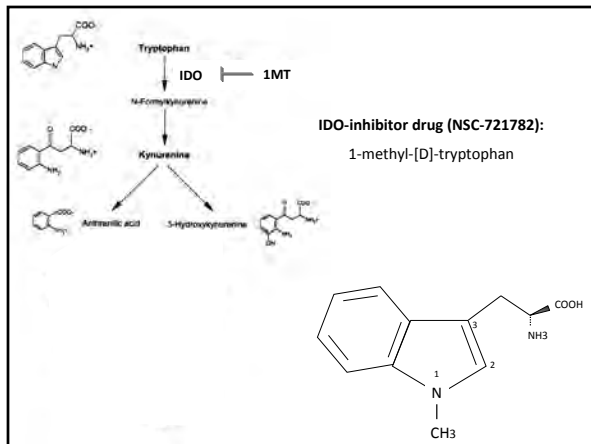
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ASCO American Society of Clinical Oncology Abstract # 3004  
www.asco.org 2009

## Phase I Trial of 1-methyl-D-tryptophan


PI: Scott Antonia MD PhD  
Co PI: Hatem Soliman MD  
Dan Sullivan MD

Moffitt Cancer Center/Southeast Phase II Consortium

Chuck Link MD  
Nick Vanahanian MD  
William Ramsey MD PhD

NewLink Genetics Inc

- Hypophysitis seen in 3 patients this was a recall toxicity associated with prior ipilimumab therapy (anti-CTLA4 mAb)
- otherwise 1MT was well tolerated




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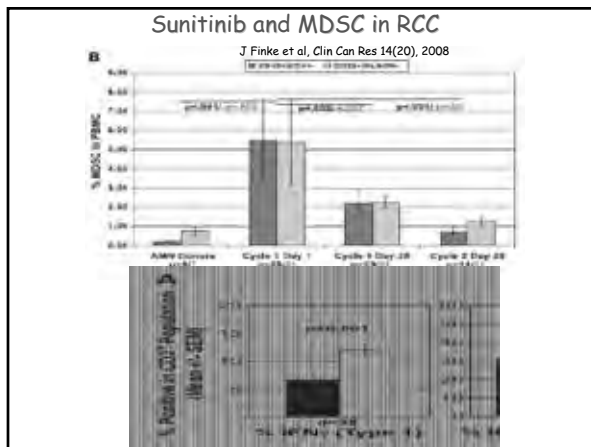
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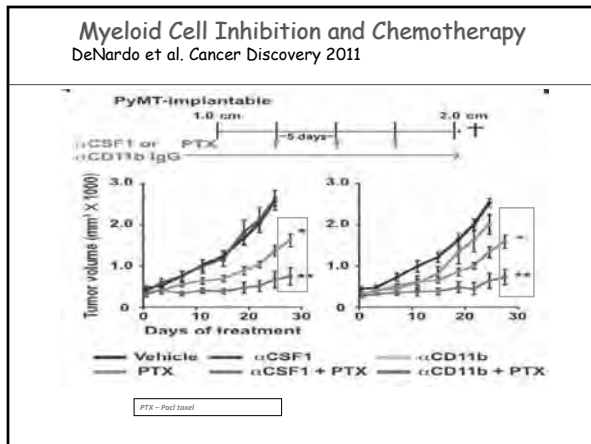
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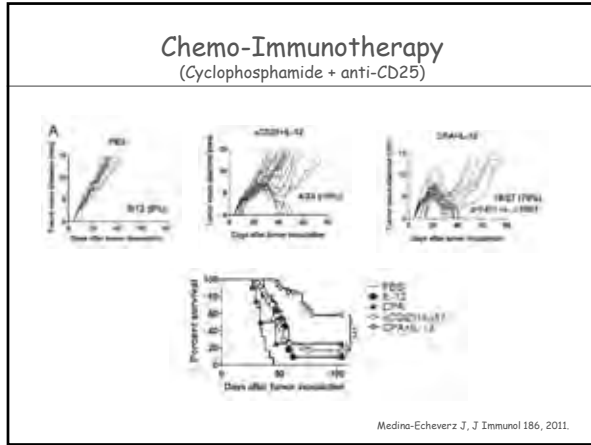
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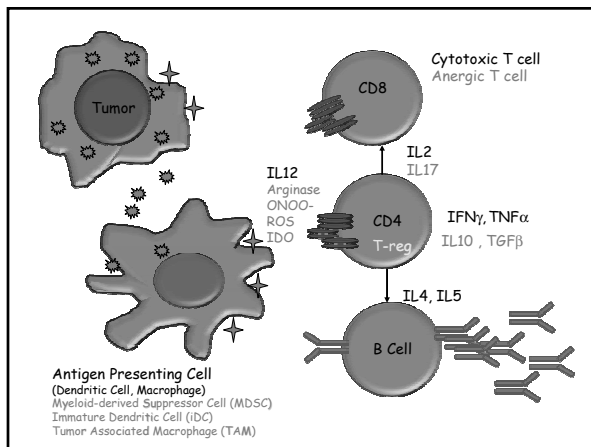
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### Research Question

- What is the hierarchy and/or sequence of these suppressor mechanisms?
- What are the tumor derived signals that select the type of suppressor cell?
- What is the combination of chemo and immuno therapeutic agents that will block the immunosuppressive cells and induce a therapeutic anti-tumor response?

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## Tumor Antigens and Cancer Vaccines

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*Johns Hopkins University*

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## Pre-Test Questions

### Tumor Antigens and Cancer Vaccines

1. The following types of lymphocytes are associated with good prognosis when present in primary human cancers of distinct histologies EXCEPT:
  - A. B cells
  - B. CD3+CD8+ T cells
  - C. CD45RO+ T cells
  - D. T helper type 1 CD4+ T cells
  
2. The first therapeutic cancer vaccine approved for routine clinical use is based on a basic platform of:
  - A. Peptide antigen
  - B. Dendritic cells
  - C. Autologous tumor cells
  - D. Artificial scaffold
  
3. Challenges to the successful development of therapeutic cancer vaccines include:
  - A. Immune tolerance
  - B. Extent of disease burden
  - C. Suboptimal clinical trial design
  - D. All of the above

## TUMOR ANTIGENS AND VACCINES

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## CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Biosante: Under a licensing agreement between Biosante and Johns Hopkins University, the University is entitled to milestone payments and royalty on sales of the GM-CSF-secreting cell-based vaccine product described in this presentation. The terms of this arrangement are being managed by the Johns Hopkins University in accordance with its conflict of interest policies.

Roche/Genentech: Xeloda Advisory Board, Breast Cancer Advisory Board, Research Funding

Bristol Myers Squibb: Breast Cancer PD-1 Advisory Board

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"It is by no means inconceivable that small accumulations of tumour cells may develop, and because of their possession of new antigenic potentialities, provoke an effective immunological reaction with regression of the tumour and no clinical hint of its existence."

—Macfarlane Burnet  
Immunologist, 1957

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## CANCER IMMUNOSURVEILLANCE IN HUMANS

| Site of Cancer*        | Ratio of Cases Observed/Expected |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Non-melanoma skin      | 24.7                             |
| Thyroid/Endocrine      | 14.3                             |
| Head and Neck          | 13.8                             |
| Cervix/Vulva/Vagina    | 10.8                             |
| Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma | 10.3                             |
| Kidney/Ureter          | 9.1                              |
| Bladder                | 5.5                              |
| Colorectal             | 3.6                              |
| Lung                   | 2.4                              |
| Brain                  | 2.4                              |
| Prostate               | 2.1                              |
| Melanoma               | 1.7                              |

Breast Cancer incidence in immunosuppressed transplant patients  
Adapted from Peto 2001 Nature 411: 390.

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## CANCER IMMUNOSURVEILLANCE IN IMMUNOCOMPROMISED HUMANS

- ▶ 400-500X increase in Kaposi's sarcoma (HHV-8)
- ▶ 28-49X increased in lymphoproliferative disease, including Hodgkin's disease (EBV)
- ▶ 100X increase in squamous cell vulvar and anal carcinomas (HPV)
- ▶ 20-38X increase in hepatocellular carcinoma (HBV and HCV)
- ▶ 14-16X increase in cervical cancer (HPV)

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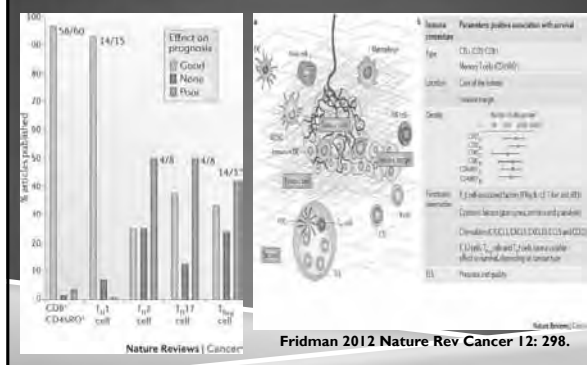
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## THE IMMUNE SYSTEM RECOGNIZES TUMORS




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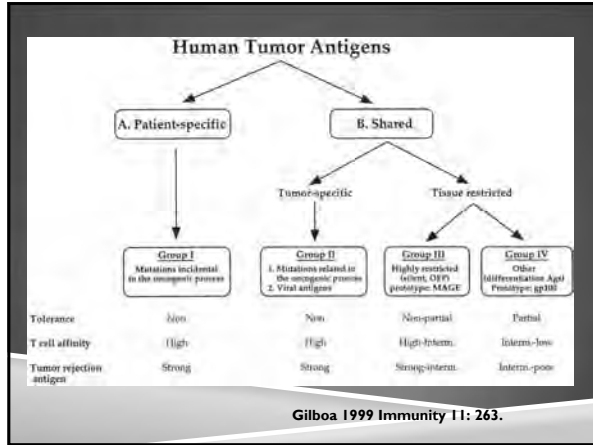
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### EXAMPLES OF TUMOR ANTIGENS

| Type of Cancer Antigen                             | Examples  |
|--|---|
| Viral antigens                                     | HPV E6/E7, EBV LMP, HBV, HCV  |
| Novel cancer antigens                              | mutated k-ras (pancreas, lung cancers)<br>p53 (many cancers)<br>fusion proteins (bcr-abl in CML)<br>many others |
| Overexpressed, nonmutated self proteins            | HER-2 (breast and gastric cancers)<br>hTERT (many cancers)<br>Ganglioside GD3 (melanomas)                       |
| Embryonic/oncofetal proteins                       | NY-ESO-1, MAGE/BAGE/GAGE  |
| Expression outside immunologically privileged site | Hu, Yo, GAD   |
| Tissue-specific differentiation antigens           | MART-1/melan-A, gp-100, tyrosinase, PSA   |

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- ### PREVENTIVE CANCER VACCINES
- ▶ Gardasil for the prevention of HPV-related cervical cancer
    - ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> most common cause of cancer in women worldwide
    - ▶ HPV types 6, 11, 16, 18, quadrivalent vaccine of VLPs
    - ▶ Prevents 75% of cervical cancers, 70% of vaginal cancers, and 50% of vulvar cancers in girls and young women, and 90% of genital warts in young people
    - ▶ HPV-related head and neck cancer?
  - ▶ HBV vaccines for the prevention of HBV-related liver cancer
    - ▶ 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> most common cancer in men and women respectively worldwide
    - ▶ Decreased incidence of HCC in children ages 6-9 years from 0.52-0.13 per 100,000

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## THERAPEUTIC CANCER VACCINE

Sipuleucel-T (Provenge<sup>®</sup>) : First FDA-approved therapeutic cancer vaccine

1. Composed of autologous dendritic cells loaded with prostatic acid phosphatase fused with granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor (PAP-GM-CSF)
2. Given as 3 treatments 2 weeks apart
3. Prolongs survival of men with metastatic hormone-refractory prostate cancer by 4.1 months
4. Retrospective data show that this is the greatest survival benefit demonstrated for this patient population to date
5. Minimal toxicity
6. Expensive (\$100, 000)

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## SIPULEUCEL-T (PROVENGE<sup>®</sup>): PHASE III IMPACT TRIAL

|  | Placebo (n=171) | Sipuleucel-T (n=341) | Delta or p-value |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Overall survival   | 21.7 months     | 25.8 months          | 4.1 months       |
| 36-month survival  | 23.0%           | 31.7%                | +8.7%            |
| TTP  | 14.4 weeks      | 14.6 weeks           | p=0.63           |
| Relative reduction in risk of death                      | -----           | 22%                  | P=0.03           |
| Relative reduction in risk of death from prostate cancer | -----           | 23%                  | P=0.04           |

Kantoff 2010 NEJM 363: 411.

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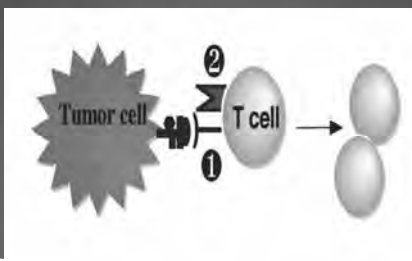
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## HOW ENDOGENOUS TUMOR ANTIGENS ARE RECOGNIZED




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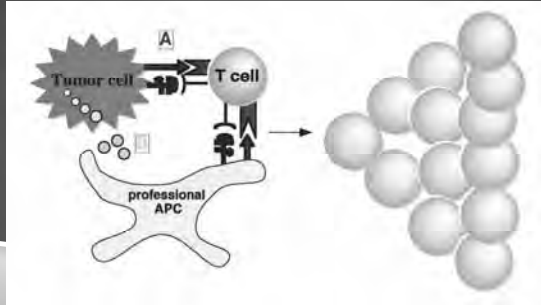
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## Two Signals Lead To Activation Rather Than Ignorance




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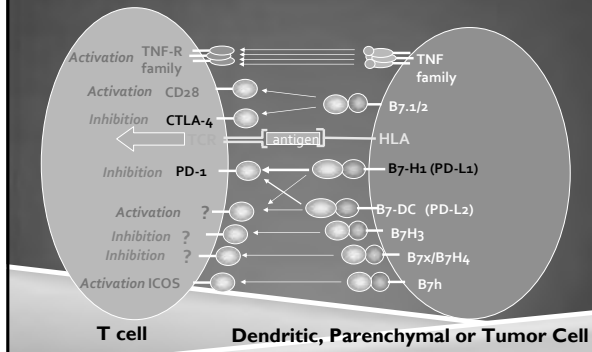
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## SIGNAL TWO IS A COMPLEX RHEOSTAT




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## CANCER VACCINE PLATFORMS

| Vaccine Platform           | Rationale  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Peptide                    | Sub-dominant/cryptic epitopes elicit immunity to self Ags, given with potent adjuvants to enhance immunogenicity |
| Protein                    | Given with potent adjuvants to enhance immunogenicity  |
| Plasmid DNA                | Stable transfection of skin/muscle allows Ag presentation  |
| Dendritic cells            | Potent antigen-presenting cells present tumor Ags  |
| Viral or Bacterial Vectors | Initiate presentation through MHC Class I to stimulate T cells in the presence of a foreign stimulus/adjuvant    |
| Whole Tumor Cells          | Deliver multiple relevant tumor Ags  |
| Engineered scaffold        | Deliver optimal tumor Ags and co-stimuli   |

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## CANCER VACCINE PLATFORMS

| Vaccine Platform           | Immunogenicity | Toxicity | HLA Match Required |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------|--------------------|
| Dendritic cells            | High           | Low      | yes                |
| Peptide                    | Low            | Low      | yes                |
| Protein                    | Moderate       | Low      | no                 |
| Plasmid DNA                | Low            | Low      | no                 |
| Viral or Bacterial Vectors | High           | High     | no                 |
| Whole Tumor Cells          | Moderate       | Low      | no                 |
| Heat Shock Proteins        | High           | Low      | no                 |
| Engineered scaffold        | High           | Low      | variable           |

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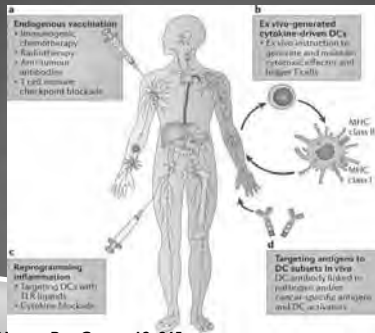
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## DENDRITIC CELL VACCINES FOR CANCER TREATMENT



Palucka 2012 Nature Rev Cancer 12: 265.

Nature Reviews | Clinical

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## PEPTIDE VACCINES FOR CANCER TREATMENT

Issues:

1. Typically weak immunogens and require adjuvants
2. Require MHC matching to the patient
3. Low toxicity
4. Ease and low cost of manufacture
5. Typically induce antigen-specific immunity, clinical responses rare
6. Need to activate CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells—nested MHC Class I and II epitopes, add PADRE to mixture
7. Single or multiple, long or short, alone or in combination, best adjuvant

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## CANCER VACCINE ADJUVANTS

| TLR Agonists                         | Non-specific Immunomodulators                       |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| microbial products                   | mineral salts, emulsions, microparticles, liposomes |
| BCG (TLR2, TLR4, NLR2)               | Incomplete Freund's adjuvant                        |
| Poly I:C and Poly I:C12U (TLR3)      | Montanide ISA 51 and 720                            |
| LPS (TLR2, TLR4)                     | Alum, MF59, QS21                                    |
| Monophosphoryl lipid A (MPLA) (TLR4) | Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin (KLH) protein             |
| Imiquimod (TLR7, TLR8)               |   |
| CpG ODNs (TLR9)                      |   |

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## PHASE III MELANOMA PEPTIDE VACCINE TRIAL

- Stage IV or locally advanced Stage III cutaneous melanoma
- HLA-A2-positive
- suitability for IL-2 therapy

|                           | IL-2 Alone (720KIU/kg) (n=94) | gp100 (210M)+ montanide ISA 51 followed by IL-2 (n=91) | p value |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------|
| Clinical response         | 6%                            | 16%  | p=0.03  |
| Progression-free survival | 1.6 months                    | 2.2 months   | p=0.008 |
| Overall survival          | 11.2 months                   | 17.8 months  | p=0.06  |

Schwartzentruber 2011 NEJM 364: 2119.

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## PHASE III PATIENT-SPECIFIC IDIOTYPE VACCINE TRIAL FOR FOLLICULAR LYMPHOMA

- chemotherapy-naïve follicular lymphoma in CR after primary chemotherapy
- bulky (>5 cm) Stage II, III, IV disease
- lymph node with surface IgG or IgM accessible for biopsy

|                           | KLH+GM-CSF (n=41) | Id-KLH+GM-CSF (n=76) | p value |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------|
| Progression-free survival | 30.6 months       | 44.2 months          | p=0.045 |
| Overall survival          | Not reached       | Not reached          | p=0.696 |

Schuster 2011 JCO 29: 2787.

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## PHASE II POX VIRUS-PSA VACCINE TRIAL

- min symptomatic hormone-refractory metastatic prostate cancer
- vaccinia virus prime, followed by 6 fowlpox virus boosts
- PSA antigen+three immune costimulatory molecules (B7.1/ICAM-1/LFA-3)

|                           | Empty vector+ saline (n=40) | PROSTVAC-VF+ GM-CSF (n=82) | p value  |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| Progression-free survival | 3.7 months                  | 3.8 months                 | p=0.6    |
| Median overall survival   | 16.6 months                 | 25.1 months                | p=0.0061 |

Kantoff 2010 JCO 28: 1099.

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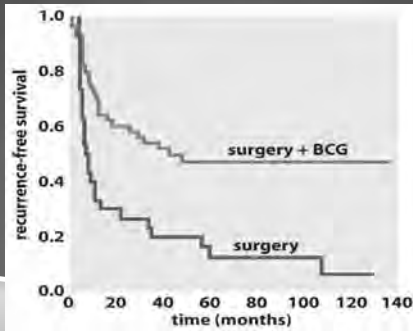
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## BACTERIA CAN TREAT SUPERFICIAL BLADDER CANCER



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## WHOLE TUMOR CELLS

Issues:

1. autologous vs. allogeneic vs. dendritic cell fusion
2. unmodified vs. modified
3. deliver multiple tumor antigens, both known and unknown
4. no requirement for HLA match
5. expensive, allogeneic not as expensive as patient-specific product
6. allogeneic vaccines are generalizable

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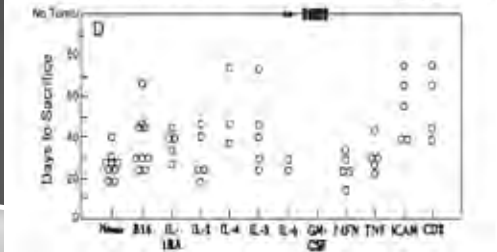
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## SYSTEMATIC ANALYSIS OF MODIFIED TUMOR CELL VACCINES IN PRECLINICAL MODELS

### GM-CSF Stands Out as Immune Stimulating Cytokine



Dranoff 1993 PNAS 90: 3539.

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## PHASE III TRIAL OF PROSTATE GVAX

- Taxane-naïve, symptomatic hormone-refractory prostate cancer
- Docetaxel 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> every 3 weeks plus prednisone 10 mg/day vs. Docetaxel 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> every 3 weeks plus GVAX 2 days later, then GVAX every 4 weeks (10 cycles chemotherapy given in each arm)

|                  | Docetaxel 75 mg/m <sup>2</sup> +Prednisone (n=204) | GVAX+Docetaxel 75 mg/m <sup>2</sup> (n=204) | p value  |
|------------------|--|---|----------|
| Deaths           | 47   | 67  | p=0.03   |
| Overall survival | 14.1 months  | 12.2 months                                 | p=0.0076 |

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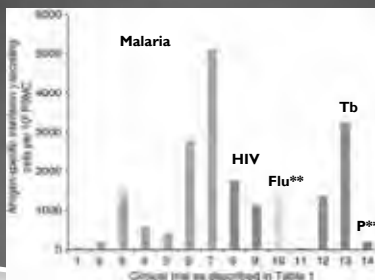
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## AMPLITUDE OF T CELL IMMUNITY INDUCED BY VARIOUS VACCINES



Gilbert 2011 Immunology 135: 19.

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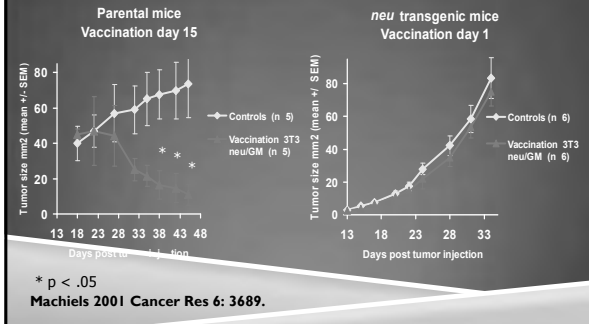
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## IMMUNE TOLERANCE TO HER2 IN *NEU* TRANSGENIC MICE



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## IMMUNE TOLERANCE: A MAJOR BARRIER TO TUMOR IMMUNITY

- CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>+</sup> regulatory T cells
- Myeloid-derived suppressor T cells
- Suboptimal T cell repertoire
- Inadequate positive co-stimulation
- Excessive negative counter-stimulation
- Ineffective T cell trafficking
- Suppressive tumor microenvironment

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## WHAT TO COMBINE WITH IMMUNOTHERAPY?

- Endocrine therapy
- Chemotherapy—dose and schedule key
- Therapeutic tumor-specific monoclonal antibodies
- Tyrosine kinase inhibitors
- Immune checkpoint modulators

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## CLINICAL TRIALS OF VACCINES AND TARGETED IMMUNOMODULATORS

| Patient Population                            | Number of patients | Vaccine                               | Drug Regimen  | Immunologic Outcome   |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| metastatic melanoma                           | n=16               | MART-1 pulsed autologous DC           | Dose escalation tremelimumab ( $\alpha$ -CTLA-4)                | Low levels of MART-1 T cells  |
| metastatic hormone-refractory prostate cancer | n=28               | GM-CSF-secreting prostate tumor cells | Dose escalation ipilimumab ( $\alpha$ -CTLA-4)                  | 25% with $\geq$ 50% PSA decline; evidence of DC and T cell activation |
| refractory, unresectable melanoma             | n=676              | gp100                                 | Ipilimumab (n=137)<br>Ipilimumab+gp100 (n=403)<br>gp100 (n=136) | Improved overall survival with ipilimumab                             |

In early clinical development:  
 $\alpha$ -CD-40,  $\alpha$ -PD-1,  $\alpha$ -B7-H1

Ribas 2009 Clin Cancer Res 15: 6276.  
van den Eertwegh 2012 Lancet Oncol 13: 509.  
Hodi 2010 NEJM 363: 711.

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“Hope is not a strategy—you have to follow the science”

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THANK YOU!




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## Adoptive Immunotherapy with T Cells

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## Pre-Test Questions

### Adoptive Immunotherapy with T Cells

1. Which one is the major concern in adoptive T cell therapy using TCR gene transduced T cells?
- A. TCR gene transduction efficiency
  - B. Graft-versus-host-disease (autoimmune pathology) due to the mis-pairing of introduced with endogenous TCR chains
  - C. In vitro expansion of T cells
  - D. Detection of introduced TCR gene expressing T cells
2. What advantage(s) is/are there to infusing T cells that express a chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)?
- A. CAR+ T cells recognize tumor-associated antigen independent of major histocompatibility complex (MHC)
  - B. CAR+ T cells exert an anti-tumor effect in clinical trials
  - C. CAR+ T cells do not distinguish between antigen on normal and malignant cells
  - D. A & B
3. Which of the following is true for T cells genetically modified to express CD19+ chimeric antigen receptor?
- A. It targets CD19 on tumor cells only
  - B. It targets CD19 on normal B cells only
  - C. It targets CD19 irrespective of the cells on which it is expressed
  - D. None of the above

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## Adaptive Immunotherapy with T Cells

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## Bias of this presentation

- Combine gene therapy with T-cell therapy to over come issues of immune tolerance
- Use of mouse and humans to harvest desired immune receptors
- Common platforms for the development and release of T cells with redirected specificity

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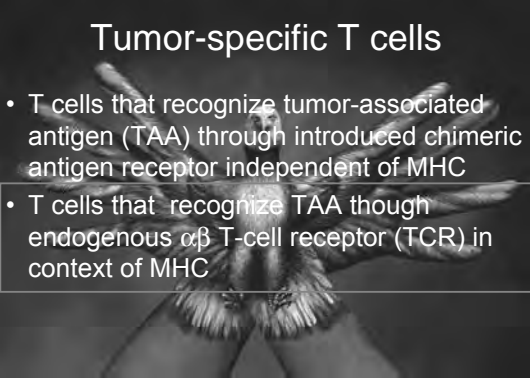
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## Tumor-specific T cells

- T cells that recognize tumor-associated antigen (TAA) through introduced chimeric antigen receptor independent of MHC
- T cells that recognize TAA through endogenous  $\alpha\beta$  T-cell receptor (TCR) in context of MHC




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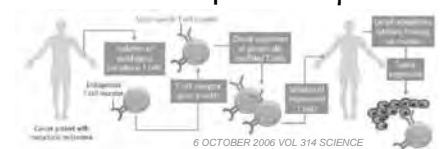
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## Harvesting and re-expressing melanoma-specific $\alpha\beta$ TCR



6 OCTOBER 2006 VOL 314 SCIENCE

### TCR gene therapy in patients with metastatic melanoma

| Target Antigen | TCR $\alpha\beta$  | Patient | Response | CR           | PR                         | Reference  |
|----------------|--------------------|---------|----------|--------------|----------------------------|--|
| MART-1/A2      | human              | 31      | 4        |              | 4                          | <i>Science</i> 2006 314 126-129<br><i>Blood</i> . 2009 114 535-546 |
| MART-1/A2      | human high avidity | 20      | 6        |              | 6 (3, 4, 9, 16+, 17+, 17+) | <i>Blood</i> . 2009 114 535-546                                    |
| gp100/A2       | mouse              | 16      | 3        | 1 (14+)      | 2 (4, 3)                   | <i>Blood</i> . 2009 114 535-546                                    |
| NYESO1/A2      | human              | 11      | 5        | 2 (22+, 20+) | 3 (3, 8, 9+)               | <i>J Clin Oncol</i> 2011 29 917-924                                |

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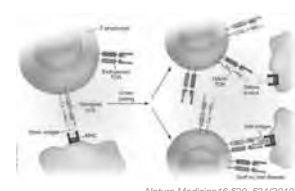
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## Toxicities from TCR transfer



- GVHD due to the pairing of introduced and endogenous TCR chains in TCR gene-modified T cells in mouse model. *Nature Medicine* 16 565-570(2010)
- On the contrary, there has been no report of GVHD in human clinical trial so far. *Molecular Therapy* (2010)18 1744-1745
- Further improvement of adoptive T cells therapy (e.g. long-lived T cells) may increase the potential risk of GVHD.

*Nature Medicine* 16 520-521(2010)

### Potential Solutions

- Endogenous TCR can be disrupted by designed ZFN pairs to eliminate potential risk of GVHD. *Nature Medicine* (2012) Published online 01 April 2012
- Other approaches to avoid mis-pairing include
  - i) use mouse derived TCR $\alpha\beta$  constant region *Cancer Res* 2006 66(17) 8878-86.
  - ii) Cys modification *Blood*.2007 109 2331-2338. *Cancer Res*. 2007 67 3898-3903.
  - iii) siRNA to suppress endogenous TCR $\alpha\beta$  *Cancer Res*. 2009 69 9003-11.
  - iv) TCR $\alpha\beta$  gene transfer to  $\gamma\delta$  T cells. *Cancer Res* 2006 66(6) 3331-7.

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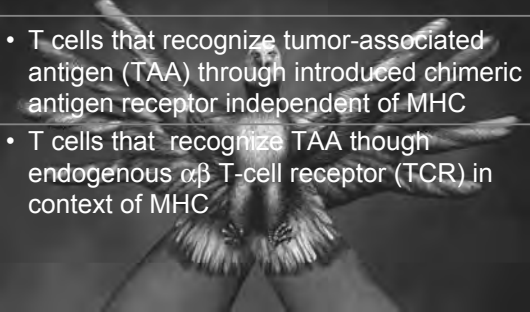
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## Rationale

Targeting CD19 determinant on B cells

- CD19 antigen is a 95 kDa B lineage-specific membrane glycoprotein, found on >95% of B-cell lymphomas and B-ALL cells;
- CD19 is rarely lost during the process of neoplastic transformation, but disappears upon differentiation to mature plasma cells;
- CD19 is not expressed on hematopoietic stem cells, nor on normal tissues outside the B lineage;
- CD19 is not shed into the circulation.




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## Clinical trials in USA infusing CAR+ T cells

| Antigen            | Tumor target | Year approved T cell | Lymph. depletion | CR1 | CD34 gene therapy | Eligible T cell gene therapy | Armstrong | SAR | Gene therapy |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------|-----|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----|--------------|
| 1. B-cell lymphoma | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 2. B-ALL           | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 3. B-CLL           | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 4. B-CLL           | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 5. B-CLL           | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 6. B-CLL           | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 7. B-CLL           | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 8. B-CLL           | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 9. B-CLL           | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 10. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 11. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 12. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 13. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 14. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 15. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 16. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 17. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 18. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 19. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 20. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 21. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 22. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 23. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 24. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 25. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 26. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 27. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 28. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 29. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |
| 30. B-CLL          | CD19         | 2012                 | Yes              | Yes | Yes               | Yes                          | Yes       | Yes | Yes          |

Blood. 2010 Aug 19;116(7):1035-44.

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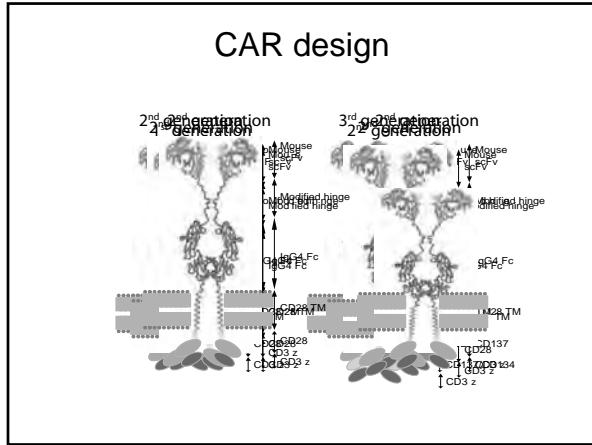
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### Which T-cell sub-population to genetically modify?

Adoptive transfer of effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells derived from central memory cells establishes persistent T cell memory in primates

Adoptively transferred effector cells derived from naive rather than central memory CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells mediate superior antitumor immunity

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### Which T-cell sub-population to genetically modify?

A human memory T cell subset with stem cell-like properties

A Distinct Subset of Self-Renewing Human Memory CD8<sup>+</sup> T Cells Survives Cytotoxic Chemotherapy

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## Which T-cell sub-population to genetically modify?




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## Published clinical data to date infusing CAR<sup>+</sup> T cells targeting CD19

| Institute | CD19 <sup>+</sup> Disease   | Clinical Trial gene identifiers | Chemotherapy prior to T-cell infusion | IL-2 as part of T-cell infusion | Gene transfer approach | CAR scaffold to append scFv   | Mouse mAb clone used to derive scFv | CAR signal ng endodomain (ng) | Loss of normal B cell IgT |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| U Penn    | CLL                         | NCT01029386                     | Yes                                   | No                              | Lentiviral             | CD8alpha                      | FM63                                | CD137 and CD3 zeta            | Yes                       |
| NCI       | Follicular Lymphoma and CLL | NCT00924326                     | Yes                                   | Yes                             | Retroviral             | Truncated CD28                | FM63                                | CD28 and CD3 zeta             | Yes                       |
| MSKCC     | CLL and B-ALL               | NCT04495531 and NCT01544069     | Yes                                   | No                              | Retroviral             | Truncated CD28                | SJ25C1                              | CD28 and CD3 zeta             | Yes                       |
| BCM       | B NHL or CLL                | NCT01582931                     | No                                    | No                              | Retroviral             | IgG1 CD19a domain             | FM63                                | CD3 zeta vs CD28 and CD3 zeta | Yes                       |
| COH       | Follicular Lymphoma         | NCT00182650                     | Yes                                   | Yes                             | Electroporation        | IgG1 IgG1 and CH2 CH2 domains | FM63                                | CD3 zeta                      | No                        |

Blood. 2012 Mar 22;119(12):2700-2.

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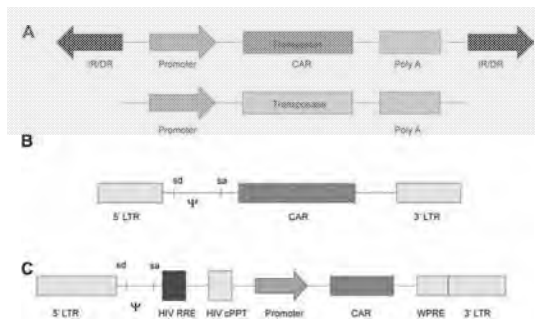
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## Vector systems to express CAR transgenes used in clinical trials




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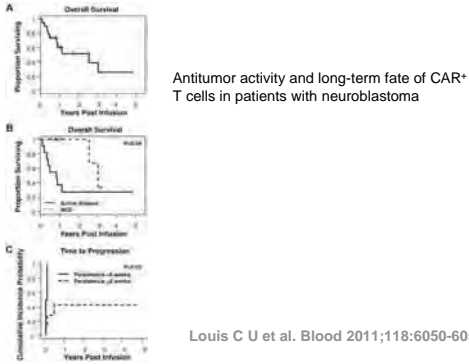
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## GD<sub>2</sub>-targeted CAR<sup>+</sup> T cells in patients with neuroblastoma




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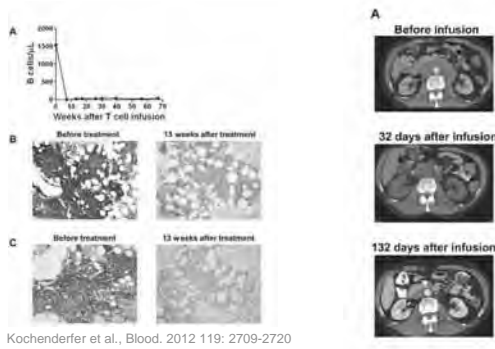
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## CD19-targeted CAR<sup>+</sup> T cells in patients with B-cell malignancies




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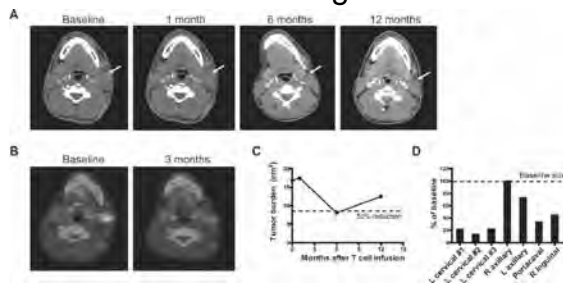
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## CD20-targeted CAR<sup>+</sup> T cells in patients with B-cell malignancies




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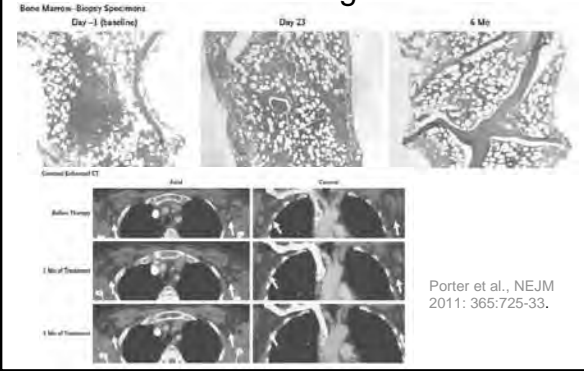
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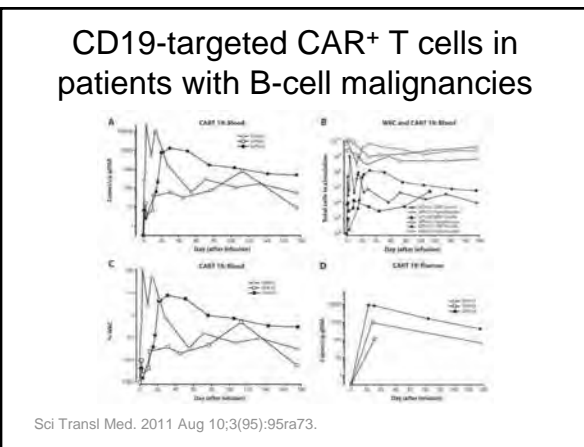
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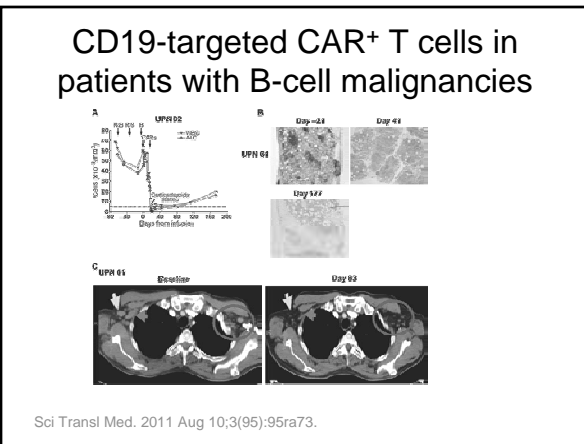
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## CD19-targeted CAR<sup>+</sup> T cells in patients with B-cell malignancies




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### CD19-targeted CAR<sup>+</sup> T cells in patients with B-cell malignancies

| Subject/Patient | Adverse events          | Grade | Resolved | Patient | Substrate T  |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------|----------|---------|--|
| CLL-1           | Fatigue, myalgia        | 2     | Resolved | 1       | Polymyositis, lower jaw with protrusion after 10 days & double-blind "washout" |
| CLL-2           | Fatigue, rigors, chills | 2     | Resolved | 2       | Chills, rigors and leukopenia, 100% with intravenous immunoglobulin            |
| CLL-3           | Chills, rigors          | 2     | Resolved | 3       | Chills, rigors and leukopenia, 100% with intravenous immunoglobulin            |
| CLL-4           | Fatigue, chills, rigors | 2     | Resolved | 4       | Chills, rigors and leukopenia, 100% with intravenous immunoglobulin            |
| CLL-5           | Fatigue, chills, rigors | 2     | Resolved | 5       | Chills, rigors and leukopenia, 100% with intravenous immunoglobulin            |
| CLL-6           | Fatigue, chills, rigors | 2     | Resolved | 6       | Chills, rigors and leukopenia, 100% with intravenous immunoglobulin            |
| CLL-7           | Fatigue, chills, rigors | 2     | Resolved | 7       | Chills, rigors and leukopenia, 100% with intravenous immunoglobulin            |
| CLL-8           | Fatigue, chills, rigors | 2     | Resolved | 8       | Chills, rigors and leukopenia, 100% with intravenous immunoglobulin            |
| CLL-9           | Fatigue, chills, rigors | 2     | Resolved | 9       | Chills, rigors and leukopenia, 100% with intravenous immunoglobulin            |
| CLL-10          | Fatigue, chills, rigors | 2     | Resolved | 10      | Chills, rigors and leukopenia, 100% with intravenous immunoglobulin            |
| CLL-11          | Fatigue, chills, rigors | 2     | Resolved | 11      | Chills, rigors and leukopenia, 100% with intravenous immunoglobulin            |
| CLL-12          | Fatigue, chills, rigors | 2     | Resolved | 12      | Chills, rigors and leukopenia, 100% with intravenous immunoglobulin            |
| CLL-13          | Fatigue, chills, rigors | 2     | Resolved | 13      | Chills, rigors and leukopenia, 100% with intravenous immunoglobulin            |
| CLL-14          | Fatigue, chills, rigors | 2     | Resolved | 14      | Chills, rigors and leukopenia, 100% with intravenous immunoglobulin            |
| CLL-15          | Fatigue, chills, rigors | 2     | Resolved | 15      | Chills, rigors and leukopenia, 100% with intravenous immunoglobulin            |
| CLL-16          | Fatigue, chills, rigors | 2     | Resolved | 16      | Chills, rigors and leukopenia, 100% with intravenous immunoglobulin            |
| CLL-17          | Fatigue, chills, rigors | 2     | Resolved | 17      | Chills, rigors and leukopenia, 100% with intravenous immunoglobulin            |
| CLL-18          | Fatigue, chills, rigors | 2     | Resolved | 18      | Chills, rigors and leukopenia, 100% with intravenous immunoglobulin            |
| CLL-19          | Fatigue, chills, rigors | 2     | Resolved | 19      | Chills, rigors and leukopenia, 100% with intravenous immunoglobulin            |
| CLL-20          | Fatigue, chills, rigors | 2     | Resolved | 20      | Chills, rigors and leukopenia, 100% with intravenous immunoglobulin            |

Brentjens et al. 2011 Blood 118:4817-4828  
Kochenderfer et al. Blood 2012 119: 2700-2720

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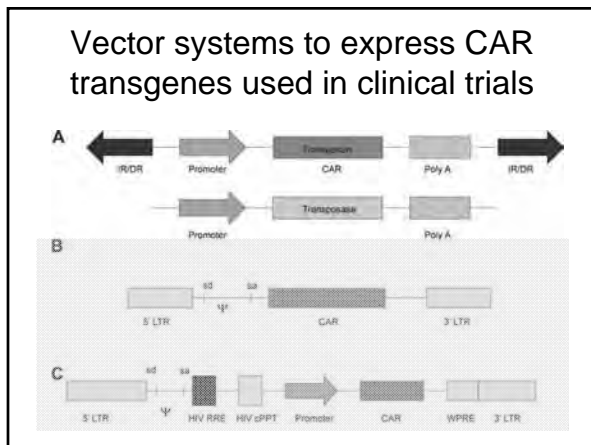
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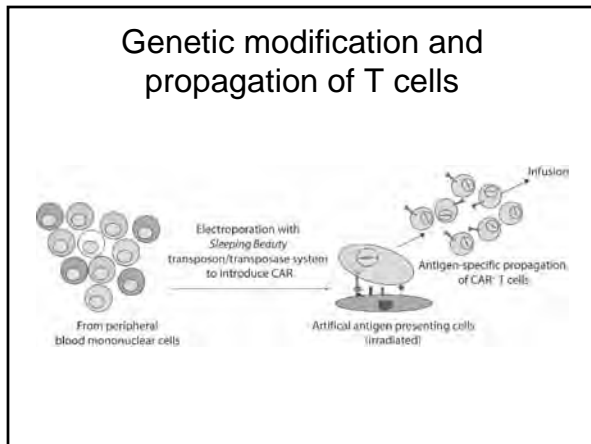
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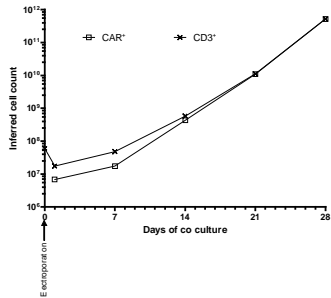
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## Selective outgrowth of CAR<sup>+</sup> T cells on aAPC




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## Mouse models – predictive?

- Infuse human CAR<sup>+</sup> T cells into NOD/Scid/IL-2R $\gamma$ <sup>-/-</sup> (NSG) mice
- Does this predict for toxicity or potency?

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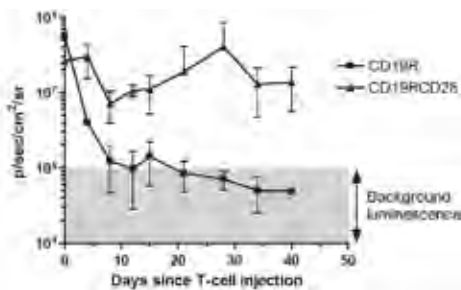
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## 1<sup>st</sup> generation vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> generation CARs




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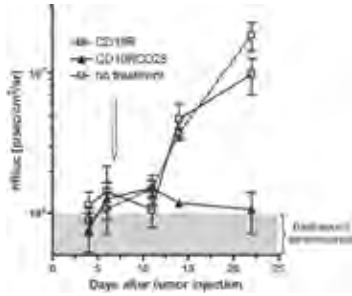
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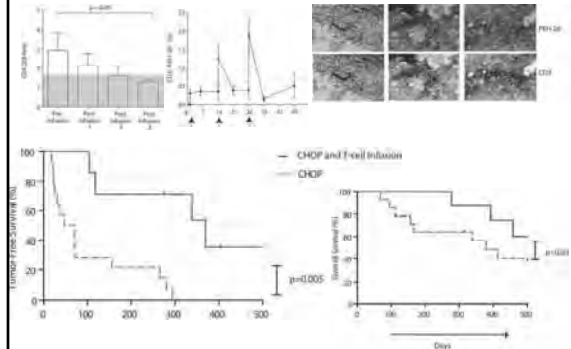
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## Companion canine NHL




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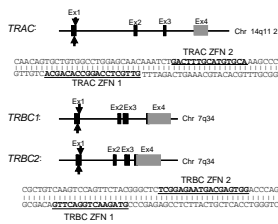
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## “Off-the-shelf” CAR+TCR<sup>neg</sup> T cells




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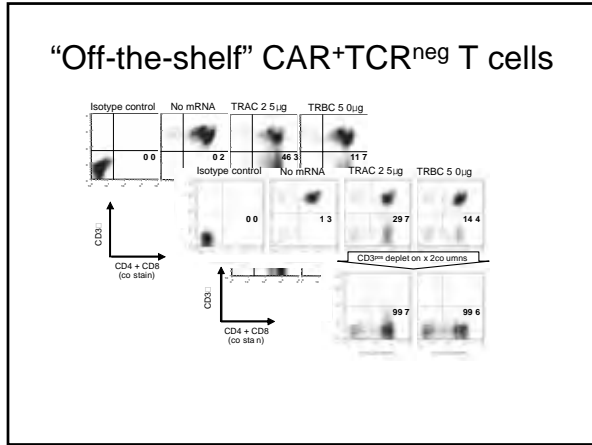
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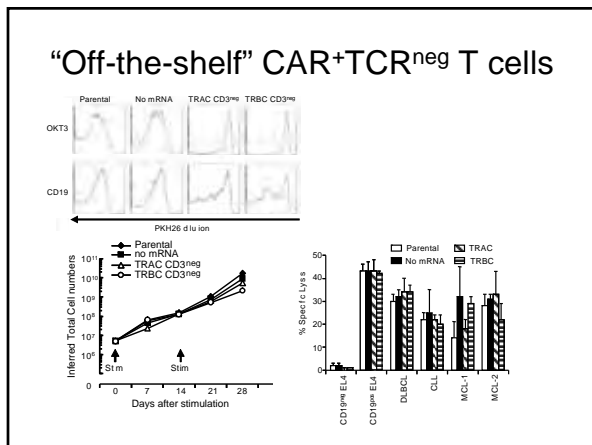
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### Future approach to clinical trials

- Use of DNA vectors affords opportunity to change CAR design
- aAPC may be useful for propagating subsets of genetically modified T cells
- Off-the-shelf T cells
- Role of iCaspase9 co-expressed with CAR

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## Coinhibition and Costimulation

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Dr. Pardoll is an Abeloff Professor of Oncology, Medicine, Pathology and Molecular Biology and Genetics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He is Director of the Cancer Immunology and Hematopoiesis Program in the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dr. Pardoll completed his MD, PhD Medical Residency and Oncology Fellowship at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Pardoll has published over 250 papers as well as over 20 book chapters on the subject of T cell immunology and cancer vaccines. He has served on the editorial boards of the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* and *Cancer Cell*, and has served as a member of scientific advisory boards for the Cancer Research Institute, the University of Pennsylvania Human Gene Therapy Gene Institute, Biologic Resources Branch of the National Cancer Institute, Harvard-Dana Farber Cancer Center, Cerus Corporation, Global Medical Products Corporation, Genencor Corporation, CellGenesys Corporation, Mojave Therapeutics, the American Association of Clinical Oncology and the American Association of Cancer Research. Dr. Pardoll has made a number of basic advances in Cellular Immunology, including the discovery of gamma - delta T cells, NKT cells and interferon-producing killer dendritic cells. Over the past two decades, Dr. Pardoll has studied molecular aspects of dendritic cell biology and immune regulation, particularly related to mechanisms by which cancer cells evade elimination by the immune system. He is an inventor of a number of immunotherapies, including GVAX cancer vaccines and Listeria monocytogenes based cancer vaccines.

*Slides and pre-test questions were not available at time of printing.*





## Antibody Based Immunotherapy

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*National Institutes of Health*

Dr. Kreitman received his MD from Ohio State University in 1985 and trained in Internal Medicine at Duke University Medical Center from 1985 to 1988. He completed a fellowship in Medical Oncology at the National Institutes of Health, where he has remained working in the development of new recombinant biologic therapy for cancer. He now is Chief of the Clinical Immunotherapy Section of the Laboratory of Molecular Biology in the National Cancer Institute. He directs both clinical and laboratory research teams testing and developing recombinant immunotoxins for hematologic malignancies. He also studies the biology of hairy cell leukemia, which is particularly sensitive to immunotoxins, and directs clinical trials of these and other agents for hairy cell leukemia, in both newly diagnosed and relapsed disease.

## Pre-Test Questions

### Antibody Based Immunotherapy

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1. Which unlabeled MAb is used to treat Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria?:

- A. Cetuximab
- B. Alemtuzumab
- C. Eculizumab
- D. Denosumab

2. What is the mechanism of killing for protein toxins?:

- A. Inhibition of protein synthesis
- B. Induction of apoptosis
- C. Thymidine kinase inhibition
- D. Both A and B

## Antibody Based Immunotherapy Robert J. Kreitman, M.D.

Disclosures: Co-inventor on NIH patent for moxetumomab pasudotox



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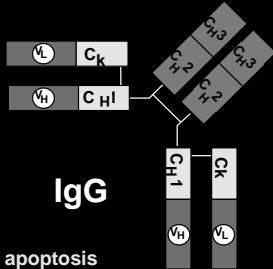
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## Monoclonal antibodies



Induce apoptosis  
CDC  
ADCC

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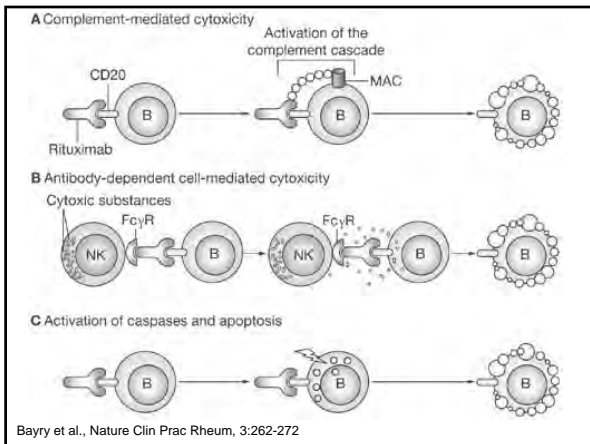
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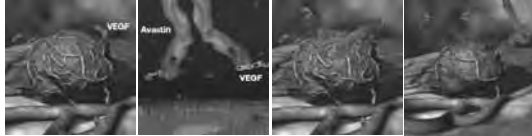
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## Mechanism of action of Bevacizumab




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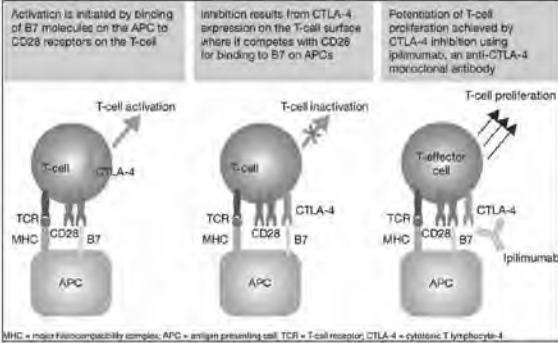
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## Mechanism of action of Ipilimumab



Tarhini et al., Cancer Biother Radiopharm, 25:601, 2010

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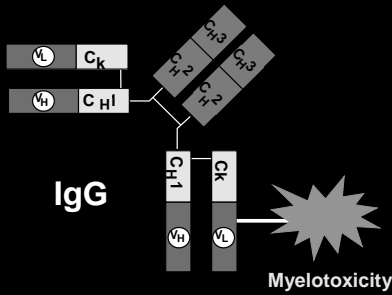
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## Radiolabeled Monoclonal antibodies




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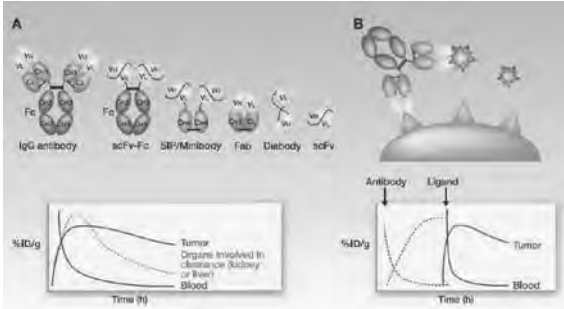
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## Radioimmunotherapy



Approved (both anti-CD20)  
<sup>90</sup>Y-Ibritumomab tiuxetan (Zevalin)  
<sup>131</sup>I-Tositumomab (Bexxar)

Steiner and Neri, CCR,17:6406, 2011

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## Radioimmunotherapy in development

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|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <sup>131</sup> I- <i>chTNT-1/B</i>              | Tumor necrosis therapy    | Brain tumors, solid tumors |
| <sup>131</sup> I-BC8                            | Anti-CD45                 | Acute myeloid leukemia     |
| <sup>177</sup> Lu-J591                          | Anti-PSMA external domain | Prostate cancer            |
| <sup>131</sup> I-Metuximab                      | Anti-HAb18G/CD147         | Hepatocellular cancer      |
| <sup>177</sup> Lu-DOTA-cG250                    | Anti-G250 antigen         | Renal cancer               |
| <sup>131</sup> I-3F8                            | Anti-GD2 ganglioside      | Medullo/neuroblastoma      |
| <sup>131</sup> I-L19                            | Fibronectin ED-B domain   | NSCLC, heme tumors         |
| <sup>131</sup> I-F16                            | Tenascin-C A1 domain      | Heme & solid tumors        |
| <sup>90</sup> Y-LL2                             | Anti-CD22                 | FL, NHL, ALL               |
| <sup>90</sup> Y-biotin/BC4-avidin (Pretargeted) |                           | Glioma, NHL                |
| <sup>90</sup> Y-hPAM4                           | anti-MUC1                 | Pancreatic cancer          |

Steiner and Neri, CCR,17:6406, 2011

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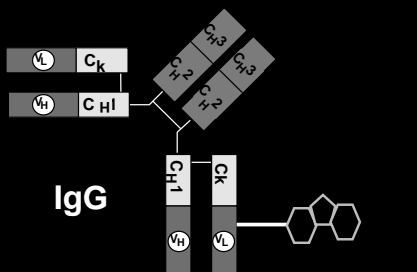
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## Chemotherapy Immunoconjugates



Targeted  
Chemotherapy

Drug resistance  
Toxicity

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**Brentuximab Vedotin (SGN-35)**

**Hodgkin's lymphoma**  
75% ORR (34% CR)

**Anaplastic large cell lymphoma (ALCL)**  
87% ORR (57% CR)

**Toxicity**  
Fatigue (36%)  
Fever (33%)  
Diarrhea, nausea (22%)  
Neutropenia (22%)  
Neuropathy (22%)

**PML (progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy, 2 cases)**

Katz et al., CCR, 17:6428, 2011

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**Trastuzumab Ematansine (T-DM1) for Her2+ breast cancer**

- 2 phase II trials
- 100 and 112 patients
- Prior chemo + anti-Her2 therapy
- ORR 26-35%

**Randomized trial**

- Recurrent, advanced, Metastatic,
- Arms: T-DM1 vs T + D (D=docetaxel)
- ORR 48 vs 41%
- CR = 5 vs 1%
- PFS data pending

LoRusso, CCR, 17:6437, 2011

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**Calicheamicin targeted to CD33 and CD22**

**Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin (CD33)**

- Approved in 2000 for CD33+ AML
- Single-agent CR rates 10-27%
- Indicated for older AML patients
- Myelosuppression #1 toxicity
- Bilirubin (23%), ALT/AST (17%)
- Veno-occlusive disease (VOD)
- Addition Daunorubicin + ARAC failed to increase CRs or OS
- Withdrawn 2010, still in Japan
- Useful for APL

**Inotuzumab Ozogamicin (CD22)**

- CMC-544 contains G544
- 8 of 10 responses in NHL
- ORR 57% CR 18% in 49 ALL
- Toxicity: Fever, hypotension,
- Bilirubin, ALT/AST
- In randomized testing w/rituximab vs BenR or GemR

Richart, CCR, 17:6417, 2011

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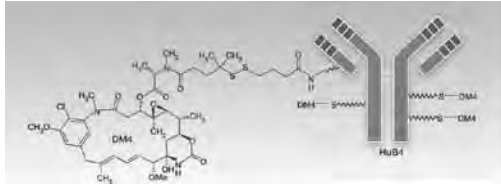
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## Other DM1 and DM4 Conjugates in Development

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|---------|------------------|--|
| SAR3419 | anti-CD19 + DM4  | ALL, CLL, NHL, MM (ORR 17%, n=35)        |
| AVE9633 | anti-CD33 + DM4  | AML, CML, MDS                            |
| IMGN901 | anti-CD56 + DM1  | MM, NK-, T-cell leuk, NHL (ORR 7%, n=28) |
| BT062   | anti-CD138 + DM4 | MM                                       |



Blanc et al., CCR, 17:6448, 2011 and FitzGerald et al., Cancer Res, 17:6300, 2011

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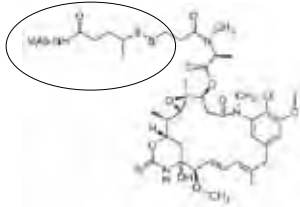
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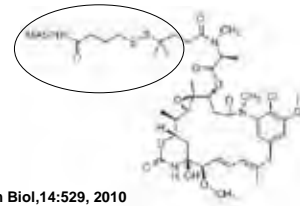
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DM1



DM4



Alley et al., Curr Opin Chem Biol, 14:529, 2010

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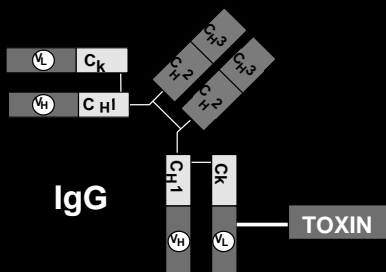
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## Immunotoxins



Inhibition of protein synthesis  
Apoptosis

Immunogenicity

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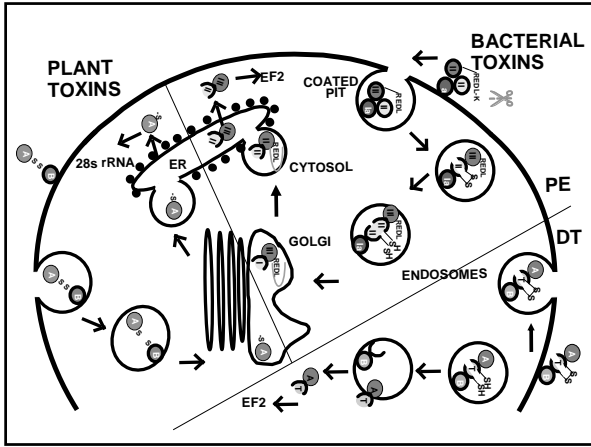
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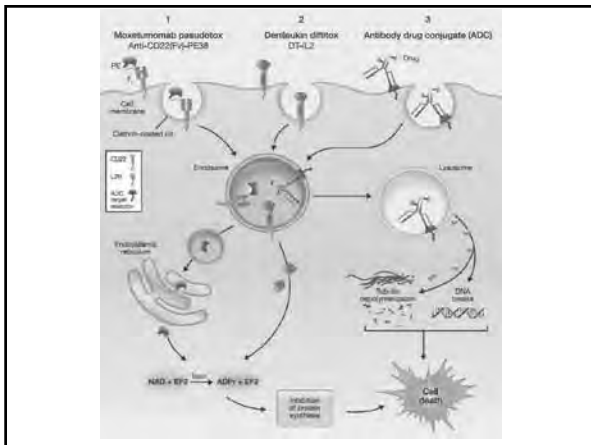
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## SUMMARY OF PURIFICATION

Fermentation (*E. coli* BL21/λDE3)  
 ↓ IPTG induction  
*E. coli* cell paste  
 ↓ Triton X-100 washes  
 Inclusion bodies  
 ↓ Guanidine-DTE  
 Denatured-reduced recombinant protein  
 ↓ 100x dilution into refolding buffer  
 Refolded protein  
 ↓ Anion exchange sizing chromatography  
 Purified recombinant immunotoxin

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## Denileukin diftitox DAB<sub>389</sub>IL2 (Ontak)



Phase I: 5 CRs, 8 PRs in 35 with CTCL, MTD 27ug/Kg qd x5  
 Phase III: 10% CRs, 30% ORR IN 71 With CTCL, @9-18 ug/Kg/d x5  
 Phase III: Placebo vs 9 vs 18 ug/Kg/d x5  
 ORR 16% vs 38% vs 49%  
 CR 2% vs 11% vs 9%  
 PFS 124d vs 794d vs >971d

Only recombinant toxin approved by FDA  
 Toxicity: Fatigue, CLS, hypersensitivity (use steroids)  
 Other DXs: PTCL, psoriasis, CLL (4/18 pr), NHL (7% cr, 18%pr)  
 Prince et al., JCO, 28:1870, 2010, Lansigan et al., Cancer Manag Res 2:53, 2010.

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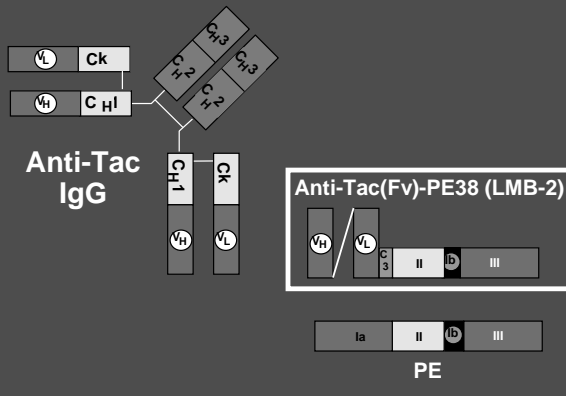
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## Recombinant Immunotoxins




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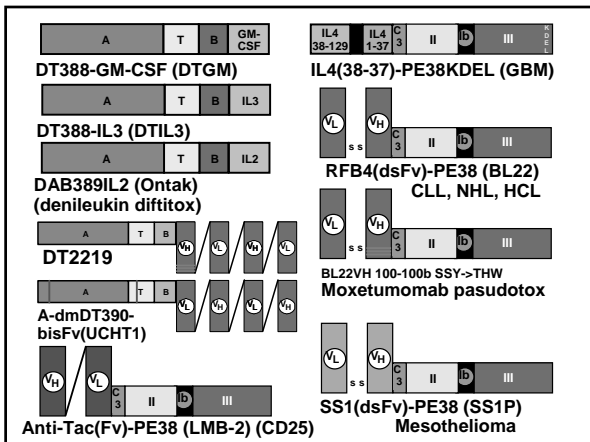
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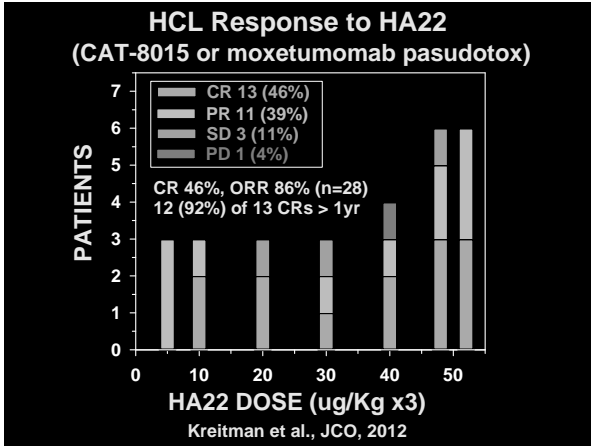
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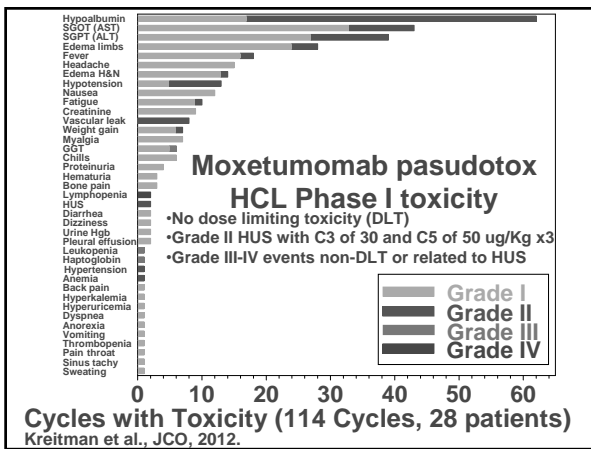
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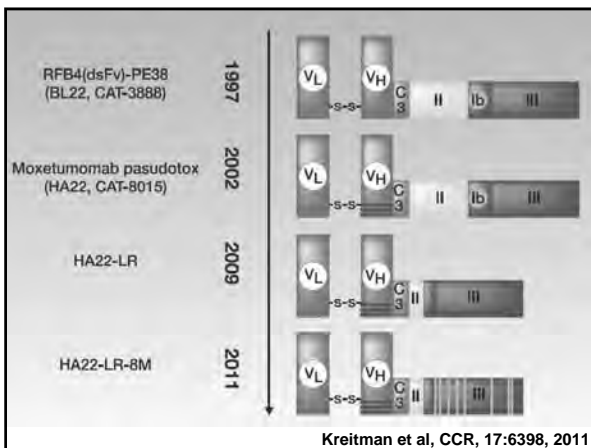
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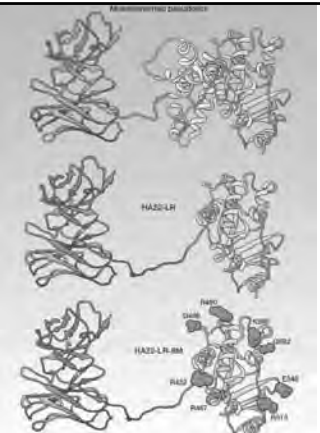
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Moxetumomab pasudotox: Median 8-fold more cytotoxic than BL22

HA22-LR: Median 16-fold more cytotoxic than moxetumomab pasudotox

HA22-LR-8M: Activity similar to HA22-LR



Kreitman et al, CCR, 17:6398, 2011

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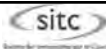

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## Conclusions

- The most common Mab-based therapies for cancer are unlabeled MABs, but the 3 classic mechanisms of action, 1) apoptosis, 2) CDC and 3) ADCC only work for a minority of targets.
- Radioimmunotherapy is effective in CD20+ NHL (early and relapsed), but its use and development of new agents have been limited.
- Antibody-drug conjugates have used the high cytotoxicity of auristatins, maytansinoids, and calicheamicin to produced several clinically useful conjugates for both solid and hematologic tumors.
- Targeted protein toxins exploit the most powerful killing agents known, able to kill cells catalytically with as few as 1 molecule. Efficacy is limited by immunogenicity particularly in solid tumors.
- Denileukin difitox is a targeted toxin fusion protein approved for CTCL, with some efficacy demonstrated in PTCL, CLL and NHL.
- Recombinant immunotoxins have demonstrated clinical efficacy, particularly moxetumomab pasudotox for HCL and SS1P for mesothelioma. Immunogenicity may be reduced by humanizing the toxin and by combination with chemotherapy.

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