



## Multiple Myeloma: Exploring the Rapidly Evolving Treatment Landscape for Relapsed or Refractory Disease

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## Multiple Myeloma Background



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## Overview of Multiple Myeloma (MM) **PTce** ONCOLOGY

- Malignancy of plasma cells
- Proliferation of monoclonal plasma cells in the bone marrow
  - Leads to bone destruction and bone marrow failure
- Abnormal plasma cells secrete proteins
  - Heavy chains: IgG, IgA, IgM; IgE/D at low levels
  - Light chains: kappa or lambda
  - None (non-secretors)

National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology: Multiple Myeloma (Version 2.2021).  
Palumbo A, Anderson K. *Blood*. 2013;121(11):1046-1060.



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## Epidemiology **PTce** ONCOLOGY

- 32,270 new cases in 2020
  - 1.8% of all new cancer diagnoses
- 12,830 deaths in 2019
  - 2.1% of all cancer deaths
- Median age at diagnosis: 69 years
- 5-year relative survival: 53.9%
- Risk factors:
  - Male sex, African American race, monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS), chemical exposure

Seigel RL, et al. *CA Cancer J Clin*. 2019;69 (1):7-34.  
SEER 5-Year Fact Sheets: Myeloma. Accessed August 24, 2020. [seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/mulmy.html](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/mulmy.html)



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### Revised IMWG Diagnostic Criteria PTce ONCOLOGY

MGUS	Smoldering Myeloma	Multiple Myeloma
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>M-protein &lt;3 g/dL (serum)</li> <li>Clonal plasma cells in marrow &lt;10%</li> <li>No SLIM-CRAB criteria</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>M-protein ≥3 g/dL (serum) or ≥500 mg/24 h (urine)</li> <li>Clonal plasma cells in marrow 10%-60%</li> <li>No SLIM-CRAB criteria</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clonal marrow plasma cells ≥10% or ≥1 biopsy-proven bony or extramedullary plasmacytoma</li> <li>SLIM-CRAB criteria</li> </ul>
SLIM		CRAB
S Clonal plasma cells in BM ≥60%	C Calcium elevation (>11 mg/dL or >1 mg/dL higher than ULN)	
L Serum FLC ratio ≥100	R Renal insufficiency (CrCL <40 mL/min or SCr >2 mg/dL)	
M >1 focal lesion ≥5 mm on MRI	A Anemia (Hgb <10 g/dL or 2 g/dL < normal)	
	B Bone disease (≥1 lytic lesions on skeletal radiography, CT, or PET/CT)	

Rajkumar SV, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2014;15(12):e538-e554. IMWG, International Myeloma Working Group.

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### Revised International Staging System (R-ISS) PTce ONCOLOGY

Stage	Criteria	Genetics	5-year Overall Survival
I	B <sub>2</sub> -microglobulin <3.5 mg/L and serum albumin ≥3.5 g/dL	No del(17p) No t(4;14) No t(14;16) Normal LDH	82%
II	Not stage I or III		62%
III	B <sub>2</sub> -microglobulin ≥5.5 mg/L	Del(17p) t(4;14) t(14;16) High LDH	40%

Palumbo A, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2015;33(26):2863-2869.

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### Setting the Stage: Available and Emerging Therapies in Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma PTce ONCOLOGY

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### Criteria for Relapse PTce ONCOLOGY

Biochemical relapse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase in serum/urine M protein</li> <li>Increase in involved free light chain levels</li> <li>Increase in bone marrow plasma cell percentage</li> </ul>
Clinical relapse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presence/worsening of CRAB criteria</li> <li>Development of new bone lesions or soft tissue plasmacytoma</li> <li>Hyperviscosity related to serum paraprotein</li> </ul>

NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology: Multiple Myeloma (Version 2.2021).

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### Management of R/R MM PTce ONCOLOGY

- Currently no universal standard for optimal therapy sequence in relapsed/refractory (R/R) disease
- Factors impacting treatment selection
  - Patient age and comorbidities
  - Disease cytogenetics
  - Timing and aggressiveness of relapse
  - Response to prior treatments, adverse affects
  - Drug cost/access

Moreau P. Blood. 2017;130(13):1507-1513.

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### NCCN-Recommended First-Line Therapies PTce ONCOLOGY

Transplant-eligible	Transplant-ineligible
Bortezomib/lenalidomide/dexamethasone (category 1)	Bortezomib/lenalidomide/dexamethasone (category 1)
Bortezomib/cyclophosphamide/dexamethasone	Daratumumab/lenalidomide/dexamethasone (category 1)
Carfilzomib/lenalidomide/dexamethasone	Lenalidomide/low-dose dexamethasone (category 1)
Ixazomib/lenalidomide/dexamethasone (category 2B)	Bortezomib/cyclophosphamide/dexamethasone
Bortezomib/thalidomide/dexamethasone (category 1)	Daratumumab/bortezomib/melphalan/prednisone (category 1)
Others: Daratumumab-VTD, Daratumumab-RVD, KCd	Others: IRD, KRd, Vd, KCd
Maintenance Therapy	
Lenalidomide (category 1)	
Ixazomib (category 1)	
Bortezomib	

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## Treatment Options for R/R MM Overview PTce ONCOLOGY

Immunomodulatory agents (IMiDs)	Proteasome inhibitors (PIs)	Monoclonal antibodies (mAbs)	Novel mechanisms	Corticosteroids
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lenalidomide</li> <li>• Pomalidomide</li> <li>• Thalidomide</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bortezomib</li> <li>• Carfilzomib</li> <li>• Ixazomib</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daratumumab</li> <li>• Elotuzumab</li> <li>• Isatuximab-irfc</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belantamab mafodotin-blmf Anti-BCMA mAb</li> <li>• Panobinostat HDAC inhibitor</li> <li>• Selinexor Nuclear export inhibitor</li> <li>• Venetoclax* BCL-2 inhibitor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dexamethasone</li> <li>• Prednisone</li> </ul>

Kumar S, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2020;38(16):2179-2190. NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology: Multiple Myeloma (Version 2.2021). Biogen. Prescribing information. GlaxoSmithKline, August 2020. Accessed August 20, 2020. www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugatfda\_docs/label/2020/76115800001.pdf \*Not FDA approved for MM.

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## First Relapse Treatment Options PTce ONCOLOGY

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## Carfilzomib-Based Regimens PTce ONCOLOGY

Study/Patient Population	Median Follow-up (months)	Median PFS (months)	ORR	≥ VGPR	Adverse Effects (grades 3-4)
<b>ASPIRE:</b> Carfilzomib lenalidomide dexamethasone (KRd) v. Rd 1-3 prior lines of therapy KRd (n = 396) vs Rd (n = 396)	32.3 vs 31.5	26.3 vs 17.6	87.1% vs 66.7%	69.9% vs 40.4%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neutropenia (29.6% vs 26.5%)</li> <li>• Anemia (17.9% vs 17.2%)</li> <li>• Thrombocytopenia (16.6% vs 12.3%)</li> <li>• Diarrhea (3.8% vs 4.1%)</li> <li>• Hypertension (4.3% vs 1.8%)</li> <li>• Cardiac failure (3.8% vs 1.8%)</li> </ul>
<b>Phase 1:</b> Carfilzomib Pomalidomide Dexamethasone (Kpd) ≥1 prior line of therapy & lenalidomide refractory (n = 32)	26.3	7.2	50%	16%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neutropenia (44%)</li> <li>• Thrombocytopenia (22%)</li> <li>• Anemia (19%)</li> <li>• Pneumonia (9%)</li> </ul>

Stewart AK, et al. N Engl J Med. 2015;372:142-152; Shah JJ, et al. Blood. 2015;126(20):2284-2290.

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## A.R.R.O.W. – Carfilzomib PTce ONCOLOGY

478 patients randomized 1:1 to once-weekly (n=240) or twice-weekly (n=238) dosing

Once weekly: 70 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Days 1, 8, 15  
Twice weekly: 27 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Days 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16

Primary end point: PFS

Phase 3 Study
<b>Objective:</b> To compare PFS for once- vs twice-weekly carfilzomib in patients with R/R MM after 2-3 treatments, including PI and IMiD
<b>Results:</b> Median PFS: 11.2 months with once-weekly versus 7.6 months with twice weekly (HR, 0.69; 95% CI, 0.54-0.83)
<b>Adverse effects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ≥Grade 3 higher with once weekly (68%) vs twice weekly (62%)</li> <li>• Anemia: 18% vs 18%</li> <li>• Pneumonia: 10% vs 7%</li> <li>• Thrombocytopenia: 7% vs 7%</li> <li>• Grade 3 or worse cardiac failure: 3% vs 4%</li> </ul>
<b>Conclusion:</b> Once-weekly dosing yielded higher PFS with similar adverse effect profile

Moreau P, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2018;19:953-964.

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## Daratumumab-Based Regimens PTce ONCOLOGY

Study/Patient Population	Therapy	Median Follow-up (months)	Median PFS (months)	ORR	≥ VGPR	SAEs (grades 3-4)
<b>POLLIX</b> 1+ prior lines of therapy	DaraRd (n = 286) vs Rd (n = 283)	44.3	44.5 vs 17.5	92.9% vs 76.4%	75.8% vs 44.2%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neutropenia (51.9% vs 37.0%), anemia (12.4% vs 19.6%), thrombocytopenia (12.7% vs 13.5%), fatigue (6.4% vs 2.5%), diarrhea (5.3% vs 3.2%)</li> </ul>
<b>CASTOR</b> 1+ prior lines of therapy	DaraVd (n = 251) vs Vd (n = 247)	40.0	16.7 vs 7.1	82.9% vs 63.2%	59.2% vs 29.1%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrombocytopenia (45.3% vs 32.9%), anemia (14.4% vs 15.0%), neutropenia (12.8% vs 4.2%), neuropathy (4.5% vs 6.8%), all-grade infusion reactions 45.3% (data)</li> </ul>
<b>Phase 1b</b> 2+ prior lines of therapy	DaraPd (n = 103)	13.1	8.8	60%	42%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neutropenia (77%), anemia (28%), thrombocytopenia (19%), fatigue (12%)</li> </ul>
<b>CANDOR</b> 1+ prior lines of therapy	DaraKd (n = 312) vs Kd (n = 154)	17	NR vs 15.8	84.3% vs 74.7%	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serious AEs (56.2% vs 45.8%), grade ≥ 3 cardiac failure (3.9% vs 8.5%)</li> </ul>

Dimopoulos MA, et al. N Engl J Med. 2016;375:1319-1331; Bahis NI, et al. Leukemia. 2020;34:1875-1884; Palumbo A, et al. N Engl J Med. 2016;375:754-766; Mateos MV, et al. Clin Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk. 2019;20(8):509-518; Chari A, et al. Blood. 2017;130(9):974-981; Dimopoulos MA, et al. Lancet. 2020;396:186-197.

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## Daratumumab-Pomalidomide-Dexamethasone PTce ONCOLOGY

Cohorts	ORR	Median PFS
Daratumumab + pomalidomide naïve	91.7%	Not reached at median follow-up of 41 months
Daratumumab or pomalidomide refractory	40.9%	3.2 months
Daratumumab and pomalidomide refractory	33.3%	Not reported

**Conclusion:** Earlier use of daratumumab + pomalidomide warranted due to significantly improved median PFS and ORR

Nooka AK, et al. Cancer. 2019;125:2991-3000.

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## Subcutaneous Daratumumab: Phase 3 Trial

522 patients randomized 1:1 to SC (n=263) or IV (n=259)

SC: 1800 mg flat dose IV: 16 mg/kg

ORR and maximum trough concentration (Cycle 3, day 1 pre-dose)

Objective	Noninferiority study of subcutaneous (SC) versus intravenous (IV) daratumumab
Results	<p>At a median follow-up of 7.5 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ORR 41% with SC vs 37% with IV (RR 1.11, 95% CI 0.89-1.37)</li> <li>C<sub>trough</sub> 593 ug/mL with SC vs 522 ug/mL with IV</li> </ul> <p>Most common adverse effects, SC vs IV:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anemia (grade 3/4): 13% vs 14%</li> <li>Neutropenia (grade 3/4): 13% vs 8%</li> <li>Pneumonia (grade 3/4): 3% vs 4%</li> <li>Infusion-related reactions (all grade): 13% vs 34%</li> </ul>
Conclusion	SC daratumumab noninferior to IV in ORR, pharmacokinetics, and safety

Matesos MV, et al. Lancet Haematol. 2020;7:e370-e380.

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## SC versus IV Daratumumab

	SC Daratumumab	IV Daratumumab
<b>FDA-Approved Indications</b>	<b>Newly diagnosed MM:</b> • DaraRd, Dara-VMP <b>R/R MM:</b> • Dara monotherapy, DaraVd, DaraRd	<b>Newly diagnosed MM:</b> • Dara-VMP, DaraRd, Dara-VTD <b>R/R MM:</b> • Dara monotherapy, DaraVd, DaraRd, DaraPd, DaraKd
<b>Dosing</b>	1800 mg flat dose (15 mL)	16 mg/kg in 1000 mL (dose 1), then 500 mL
<b>Administration</b>	SC push over 3-5 minutes	Infusion rates vary based on dose; range from ~1.5 to 8 hours
<b>Pre-medications</b>	Corticosteroid, antipyretic, antihistamine, montelukast (dose 1 only)	
<b>Post-medications (often only given for high-risk)</b>	Methylprednisone 20 mg (or equivalent) x 2 days after administration of dose, inhaled corticosteroids/bronchodilators in select patients	
<b>Pearls</b>	Observe after cycle 1, day 1; length of time will be institution specific	Can consider split dose for cycle 1 and give 8 mg/kg over days 1 and 2

Daralex IV. Prescribing information. Janssen Biotech Inc; June 2020. Accessed August 24, 2020. janssenlabels.com/package-insert/product-monograph/prescribing-information/DARALEX-iv.pdf; Daralex Fapso SC. Prescribing information. Janssen Biotech Inc; May 2020. Accessed August 24, 2020. janssenlabels.com/package-insert/product-monograph/prescribing-information/DARALEX-Fapso-pi.pdf

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## Alternative PI + IMiD Combinations

Study/Patient Population	Therapy	Median Follow-up (months)	Median PFS (months)	ORR	≥ VGPR	Adverse Effects (Grades 3-4)	Pearls
<b>OPTIMISM</b> 1-3 prior therapies, including lenalidomide for 2+ cycles	Bortezomib, pomalidomide, dexamethasone (n=281) vs VD (n=278)	15.9	11.2 vs 7.1	82.2% vs 50.0%	52.7% vs 18.3%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neutropenia (42% vs 9%)</li> <li>Infection (31% vs 18%)</li> <li>Thrombocytopenia (27% vs 29%)</li> <li>Peripheral neuropathy (8% vs 4%)</li> </ul>	Alternative to KPD for a patient who cannot tolerate or has contraindication to carfilzomib
<b>TOURMALINE-MM1</b> 1-3 prior therapies	Ixazomib, lenalidomide, dexamethasone (n=360) vs Rd (n=362)	14.7	20.6 vs 14.7	78% vs 72%	48% vs 39%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neutropenia (23% vs 24%)</li> <li>Thrombocytopenia (19% vs 9%)</li> <li>Anemia (9% vs 13%)</li> <li>Diarrhea (6% vs 3%)</li> <li>Rash (5% vs 2%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All oral regimen</li> <li>May not be ideal for a patient who progresses on ixazomib maintenance</li> </ul>

Richardson PG, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2019;20:781-794; Moreau P, et al. N Engl J Med. 2016;374:1621-1634.

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## Elotuzumab + IMiD

Study/Patient Population	Therapy	Median Follow-up (months)	Median PFS (months)	ORR	≥ VGPR	Adverse Effects (Grades 3-4)	Pearls
<b>ELOQUENT-2</b> 1-3 prior therapies	EloRd (n=321) vs Rd (n=325)	48	19.4 vs 14.9	79% vs 66%	35% vs 29%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lymphopenia (77% vs 49%), anemia (19% vs 21%), thrombocytopenia (19% vs 20%), neutropenia (34% vs 44%)</li> </ul>	<b>Dosing:</b> 10 mg/kg IV weekly cycles 1-2, then every other week for cycles 3+
<b>ELOQUENT-3</b> At least 2 prior therapies, including lenalidomide and a PI	EloPd (n=60) vs Pd (n=57)	9.1	10.3 vs 4.7	53% vs 26%	20% vs 9%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anemia (10% vs 20%), neutropenia (13% vs 27%), thrombocytopenia (8% vs 5%), infections (13% vs 22%)</li> </ul>	<b>Dosing:</b> 10 mg/kg IV weekly cycles 1-2, then 20 mg/kg monthly for cycles 3+

Lonial S, et al. N Engl J Med. 2015;373:621-631; Dimopoulos MA, et al. Cancer. 2018;124:4032-4043; Dimopoulos MA, et al. N Engl J Med. 2018;379:1811-1822.

• Infusion less time than IV daratumumab  
• Not to be used as monotherapy

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## Isatuximab-irfc + IMiD

Study/Patient Population	Therapy	Median Follow-up (months)	Median PFS (months)	ORR	≥ VGPR	Adverse Effects (Grades 3-4)	Pearls
<b>ICARIA-MM</b> ≥2 prior therapies, including lenalidomide and a PI	IsaPd (n=154) vs Pd (n=153)	11.6	11.5 vs 6.5	60% vs 35%	32% vs 9%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infusion reactions (38% vs 0%), upper respiratory tract infections (28% vs 17%), diarrhea (26% vs 20%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No data in patients who previously received daratumumab</li> <li>Dosing: 10 mg/kg IV weekly for cycle 1, then other week for cycles 2+</li> <li>Infusion time less than IV daratumumab</li> </ul>

Lonial S, et al. N Engl J Med. 2015;373:621-631; Dimopoulos MA, et al. N Engl J Med. 2018;379:1811-1822; Attal M, et al. Lancet. 2019;394:2096-2107.

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## Later Relapse Treatment Options

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## Selinexor: XPO Inhibitor PTce ONCOLOGY

- First-in-class, oral, selective inhibitor of nuclear export compound exportin 1 (XPO1)
  - XPO1 overexpressed in myeloma cells
  - Inhibition of XPO1 leads to accumulation of tumor suppressor proteins, cell cycle arrest, and apoptosis
  - FDA approved with dexamethasone for R/R MM in patients previously treated with 2 PIs, 2 IMiDs, and a CD38-monoclonal antibody (triple-class refractory)
  - NCCN recommendation for "useful in certain circumstances"
- **STORM trial (phase 2b)**
  - Selinexor 80 mg PO twice weekly + dexamethasone 20 mg twice weekly
  - Outcomes: median PFS 3.7 months, median OS 8.6 months, ORR 26%
  - Most common grade 3/4 adverse effects: anemia (44%), thrombocytopenia (58%), fatigue (25%)
    - Nausea and decreased appetite occurred in 72% and 56% of patients, respectively

Chari A, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2019;381:727-738.

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## Selinexor: Combination Therapy PTce ONCOLOGY

- **BOSTON:** phase 3 study of patients exposed to 1 to 3 prior lines of therapy
  - Once-weekly selinexor 100 mg PO + bortezomib 1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup> + dexamethasone 40 mg (SvD); n = 195 versus twice weekly Vd; n = 207
  - Outcomes
    - SvD resulted in significantly longer median PFS: 13.9 months and 9.5 months
    - Median OS NR with SvD versus 25 months with Vd alone (P = 0.28)
  - ≥Grade 3 adverse effects: thrombocytopenia (35.9% vs 15.2%), fatigue (11.3% vs 0.5%), nausea (7.7% vs 0%)
- **STOMP:** phase 1b/2 study
  - Selinexor in combination with carfilzomib, lenalidomide, or pomalidomide
  - Ongoing

Dimopoulos MA, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2020;38:8501; Gasparetto C, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2020;38:8510; Gasparetto C, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2020;38:8530.

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## Panobinostat: Histone Deacetylase Inhibitor PTce ONCOLOGY

- Oral agent blocking aggresome pathway
  - Dosed every other day for 3 doses/week weeks 1 and 2 of a 21-day cycle
- **PANORAMA-1:** phase 3 randomized trial of panobinostat + Vd (PanoVd) vs Vd
  - Patients received at least 2 prior lines of therapy, including bortezomib and IMiD
  - Outcomes: PanoVd vs Vd
    - Median PFS: 11.99 months vs 8.08 months
    - Median OS: 40.3 months vs 35.8 months
  - Adverse effects: PanoVd vs Vd
    - Thrombocytopenia (67% vs 31%), lymphopenia (53% vs 40%)
    - Diarrhea (26% vs 8%)
    - Fatigue (24% vs 12%)
  - Led to FDA approval in combination with bortezomib + dexamethasone
  - Recommended in NCCN guidelines; adverse effects may limit use

San-Miguel JF, et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 2014;15:1195-1206; San-Miguel JF, et al. *Blood*. 2015;126(23):3026; Farydak. Prescribing information. Secura Bio. September 2019. Accessed August 18, 2020. [www.farydak.com/assets/pdf/farydak\\_081-1059-201909.pdf](http://www.farydak.com/assets/pdf/farydak_081-1059-201909.pdf)

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## Venetoclax: BCL-2 Inhibitor PTce ONCOLOGY

- Oral agent indicated in relapsed disease in patients with t(11;14)
  - 400 mg by mouth daily x 1 month, 800 mg by mouth daily thereafter + dexamethasone weekly
- **Phase 1 data:**
  - ORR with venetoclax monotherapy and in combination with Vd were 21% and 67%, respectively
  - ORR increased to 40% with venetoclax monotherapy and 65% with Vd in patients with t(11;14)
- **BELLINI trial:** Venetoclax + Vd (VenVd) vs Vd alone in patients with R/R MM with 1-3 prior lines of therapy; phase 3 trial
  - Median follow-up of 28.6 months
    - ORR 82% vs 68%
    - Minimal residual disease negativity rates were 13% vs 1%
  - Median PFS not reached for patients with t(11;14) (13% of total population) in the combination arm vs 9.3 months for Vd alone

Kumar S, et al. *Blood*. 2017;130(24):3409; Moreau P, et al. *Blood*. 2017;130(22):2392-2400; Kaufman JL, et al. *Blood*. 2019;134(suppl\_1):926; Kumar S, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2020;38(suppl):8509; Harrison S, et al. *Blood*. 2019;134(suppl\_1):1342.

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## B-Cell Maturation Antigen (BCMA) Target PTce ONCOLOGY

- BCMA is expressed on normal plasma cells and MM cells
  - Normal cells:
    - Supports survival of plasma cells
    - Produces antibodies
    - Class switch of immunoglobulin
  - MM cells:
    - Promotes proliferation and survival of MM cells
    - Associated with immunosuppressive bone marrow microenvironment
    - Increased sBCMA level is associated with disease progression and worse outcomes

Cho SF, et al. *Front Immunol*. 2018;9:1821. Image entered into the public domain on March 16, 2014.

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## Belantamab mafodotin-blmf: DREAMM-2 PTce ONCOLOGY

- Fully humanized antibody-drug conjugate against BCMA conjugated to the microtubule-disrupting agent MMAF (monomethyl auristatin-F)

Open-label, phase 2, multinational study	
<b>Patients</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disease progression after 3 or more prior lines of therapy (IMiDs, PI, CD38 mAb)</li> <li>• 2.5 mg/kg (n=97) or 3.4 mg/kg (n=99) belantamab mafodotin-blmf IV day 1 every 3 weeks</li> </ul>
<b>Results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ORR: 31% of patients in 2.5 mg/kg cohort and 34% in 3.4 mg/kg cohort</li> <li>• Grade 3/4 adverse effects: 2.5 mg/kg versus 3.4 mg/kg:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keratopathy: 27% vs 21%</li> <li>• Thrombocytopenia: 20% vs 33%</li> <li>• Anemia: 20% vs 25%</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Conclusion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single-agent belantamab mafodotin shows anti-multiple myeloma activity with a manageable safety profile</li> <li>• Led to priority review with FDA August 2020 at 2.5 mg/kg dose</li> </ul>

Lonial S, et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 2020;21:207-221. Blenrep. Prescribing information. GlaxoSmithKline; August 2020. Accessed August 20, 2020. [www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2020/761158s000l.pdf](http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2020/761158s000l.pdf)

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## Belantamab mafodotin-blmf Supportive Care

- Baseline and subsequent ophthalmic exams required prior to each dose
- Eyecare
  - Preservative-free artificial tears: 2-4 drops in each eye 4 times daily
  - Cooling eye mask may be applied during infusion
  - Avoid contact lenses
- Platelet transfusions may be needed for thrombocytopenia

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## Other Emerging Investigational Drugs

- **Melphalan flufenamide (Melflufen)**
  - First-in-class peptide-drug conjugate
  - Targets aminopeptidases and rapidly releases alkylating agents into tumor cells
  - Phase 2 HORIZON (NCT02963493); phase 3 OCEAN trial (NCT03151811)
- **Iberdomide (CC-220)**
  - Orally bioavailable cereblon modulator (CELMoD), structurally similar to pomalidomide and lenalidomide but binds with higher affinity
  - Phase 1/2 (NCT02773030)
- **CC-92480**
  - Novel IMiD under investigation
  - Phase 1 (NCT03803644, NCT03374085)

NIH ClinicalTrials.gov. Accessed July 6, 2020. [clinicaltrials.gov](http://clinicaltrials.gov)

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## Pharmacist Role in Managing Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma

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## Medication-Specific Monitoring

IMiDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VTE prophylaxis, pregnancy risk, secondary malignancies</li> <li>• Lenalidomide: rash and diarrhea</li> </ul>
PIs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Herpes reactivation, blepharitis/conjunctivitis</li> <li>• Bortezomib: peripheral neuropathy</li> <li>• Ixazomib: nausea/vomiting</li> <li>• Carfilzomib: heart failure, TMA</li> </ul>
Monoclonal antibodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infusion-related reactions, hepatitis B reactivation, interference with serological testing (obtain baseline type and screen)</li> </ul>
Selinexor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nausea/vomiting, weight loss, appetite suppression</li> </ul>
Venetoclax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tumor lysis syndrome monitoring</li> </ul>
Belantamab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keratopathy, dry eyes, blurry vision</li> </ul>

NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology: Multiple Myeloma (Version 2.2021); NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology: Prevention and Treatment of Cancer-Related Infections (Version 2.2020); Lonial S, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2020;21:207-221. Lee DW, et al. *Biol Blood Marrow Transpl.* 2019;35(4):625-638.

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## Supportive Care

- **Bone-modifying agents**
  - Zoledronic acid
  - Pamidronate
  - Denosumab
- **Venous thromboembolism (VTE) prophylaxis**
  - Aspirin 81 to 162 mg by mouth daily
  - Based on risk factors, consider oral rivaroxaban 10 mg daily or apixaban 2.5 mg BID
- **VTE treatment**
  - Enoxaparin or rivaroxaban/apixaban
- **Peripheral neuropathy**
  - Gabapentin, pregabalin, duloxetine

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## Supportive Care

- **Myelosuppression/Infection**
  - Growth factor support and transfusions as needed
  - Erythropoietin-stimulating agents in select cases
  - Herpes simplex virus/varicella zoster prophylaxis (eg, acyclovir)
  - Bacterial prophylaxis (eg, levofloxacin) as needed for prolonged neutropenia
  - PJP prophylaxis (eg, sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim) indicated based on steroid dose
- **Endocrine monitoring**
  - Thyroid-stimulating hormone (on IMiDs) and blood glucose
- **Renal dysfunction**
  - Renally adjustments
  - Dose after hemodialysis if needed

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## Pharmacist-Led Communication

- Education of patients, caregivers, medical team
- Supportive care recommendations
- Chemotherapy dosing
  - Recommended dose modifications based on organ function or adverse effects
  - Management of drug-drug interactions
- Medication adherence techniques
  - Medication calendars, alarms, apps
  - Telehealth visits
  - Appropriate dosage form selection based on patient-specific factors
- Transitions of care
  - Multidisciplinary communication

Mackler E, et al. *J Oncol Pract.* 2019;15(4):e346-e355. Sweiss K, et al. *J Oncol Pract.* 2018;14(11):e674-e682. Segal E, et al. *J Oncol Pharm Pract.* 2019;25(8):1945-1967.



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## Conclusion

- Currently no universal standard for optimal sequencing of therapy in R/R MM
- Factors impacting treatment selection for R/R MM include patient specifics, disease cytogenetics, prior therapies, and timing of relapse
- Novel agents are emerging as treatment options for R/R disease
- Pharmacists have many opportunities to intervene with chemotherapy selection, education, dosing, and supportive care



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## Additional Resources

International Myeloma Foundation	www.myeloma.org
National Comprehensive Cancer Network: Multiple Myeloma Guidelines	www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/pdf/myeloma.pdf
mSMART Stratification for Myeloma and Risk-Adapted Therapy	www.msmart.org/mm-treatment-guidelines
Management of Relapsed and Refractory Multiple Myeloma	Chim CS, et al. <i>Leukemia.</i> 2018;32:252-262.
B-cell maturation antigen (BCMA) in multiple myeloma	Shah N, et al. <i>Leukemia.</i> 2020;34:985-1005.
Medication Education Materials	www.chemocare.com



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## Supplemental Slides

## Abbreviations

- ASCT: autologous stem cell transplant
- Dara-RVD: daratumumab, lenalidomide, bortezomib, dexamethasone
- DaraPd: daratumumab, carfilzomib, dexamethasone
- DaraPd: daratumumab, pomalidomide, dexamethasone
- DaraRd: daratumumab, lenalidomide, dexamethasone
- DaraVd: daratumumab, bortezomib, dexamethasone
- Dara-VMP: daratumumab, bortezomib, melphalan, prednisone
- EloPd: elotuzumab, pomalidomide, dexamethasone
- EloRd: elotuzumab, lenalidomide, dexamethasone
- HDt: high-dose therapy
- HSV: herpes simplex virus
- IRd: isatuximab, lenalidomide, dexamethasone
- IsdH: isatuximab, pomalidomide, dexamethasone
- Kd: carfilzomib and dexamethasone
- KRd: carfilzomib, pomalidomide, dexamethasone
- KRd: carfilzomib, lenalidomide, dexamethasone
- MOA: mechanism of action
- ORR: overall response rate
- OS: overall survival
- PFS: progression-free survival
- Pd: pomalidomide and dexamethasone
- PP: Pneumocystis jirovecii pneumonia
- Rd: lenalidomide and dexamethasone
- R/R MM: relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma
- RVD: lenalidomide, bortezomib, dexamethasone
- SAE: serious adverse effect
- TSH: thyroid-stimulating hormone
- Vd: bortezomib and dexamethasone
- VdPR: very good partial response
- VdPd: bortezomib, pomalidomide, dexamethasone
- VZV: varicella zoster virus

## Investigational BCMA-Targeted Therapies

Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell (CAR T-cell) Therapy		
Idecabtagene vicleucei (bb2121)	Genetically modified autologous T-cell immunotherapy (containing human cells modified with a lentiviral vector); patient's T cells are reprogrammed with a transgene encoding a CAR to identify and eliminate BCMA-expressing malignant and normal cells. After binding to BCMA-expressing cells, the CAR transmits a signal to promote T-cell expansion, activation, target cell elimination, and persistence of the CAR T cells	Phase 1 (NCT03274219)
		Phase 2 (NCT03603078)
		Phase 3 (NCT03651128)
bb21217		Phase 1 (NCT03274219)
JCARH125		Phase 1/2 (NCT03430011)
LCAR-B38M		Phase 1/2 (NCT03090659)
		Phase 2 (NCT03758417)
P-BCMA-101		Phase 1/2 (NCT03288493)
CT053		Phase 1b (NCT03915184)
Bi-specific T-cell engagers (BiTEs)		
AMG420	Binds to BCMA expressed on MM cells and CD3 expressed on T cells; activates endogenous T cells by connecting CD3 in the T-cell receptor complex with BCMA on MM cells, which causes MM cell death and T-cell proliferation	Phase 1b (NCT03836053)
AMG701		Phase 1/2 (NCT03287908)
CC-93269		Phase 1 (NCT03486067)

NH ClinicalTrials.gov. Accessed July 6, 2020. clinicaltrials.gov



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