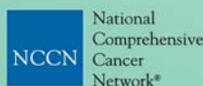


# Clinical Updates & Issues: Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma

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## Treating Myeloma is Not Easy....

- **Accurate diagnosis is required**
- **Attention to Relapse, emerging data**
- **Goals of treatment:**
  - Rapid and effective control of disease
  - Manage disease-related symptoms
  - Improve survival
  - Maintain quality of life while on therapy

Drug and disease-related adverse events may interfere with one's ability to remain on therapy

Kumar S. *Curr Hematol Malig Rep.* 2011;6(2):104-12.

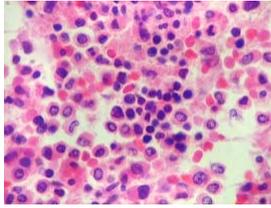
## Challenges of Effective Treatment

- **Patient**
  - Comorbid conditions
  - Trust in the provider (Impacts adherence)
- **Polypharmacy**
  - Confusion
  - Disease sequelae
- **Healthcare**
  - Access to effective drugs
  - Communication
  - Identify and intervene adverse events (AEs)

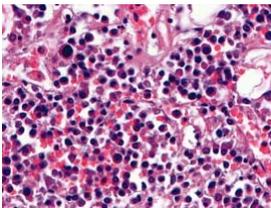
Nurses are critical in the identification and intervention of AEs, keeping patients on therapy

## Myeloma Is a Cancer of Plasma Cells

normal bone marrow



myeloma bone marrow

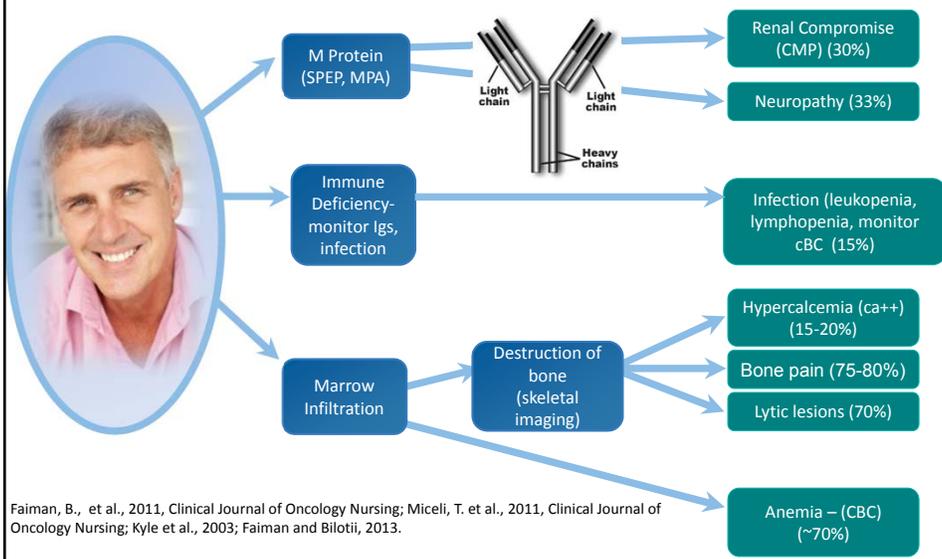


- ▶ Cancer of plasma cells
- ▶ Often preceded by nonmalignant state(s): MGUS or SMM
- ▶ Healthy plasma cells produce antibodies/immunoglobulins (Ig)
- ▶ Overproduction of a normal Ig “clone”
  - 65% IgG
  - 20% IgA
- Baseline and ongoing monitoring of the disease is essential: CBC, CMP, SPEP, UPEP, serum free light chains

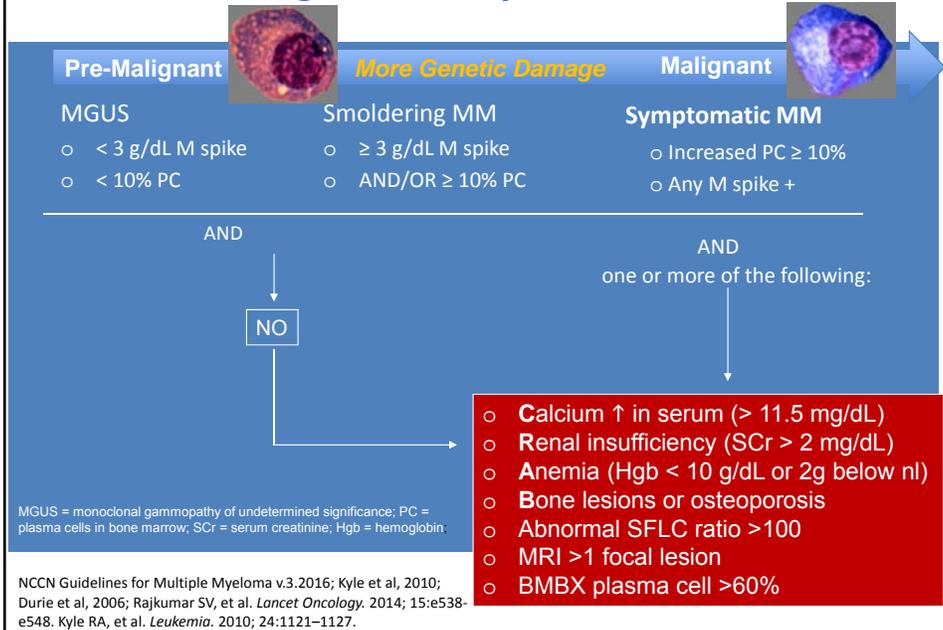
MGUS = monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance; SMM = smoldering multiple myeloma SPEP= serum protein electrophoresis UPEP= Urine protein electrophoresis CBC= complete blood count CMP Complete metabolic panel

Kyle RA, et al. *Mayo Clin Proc.* 2003;78:21-33; Cross TS, et al. *Postgrad Med J.* 2006;82:e13-e13.

## The Multiple Effects of Multiple Myeloma

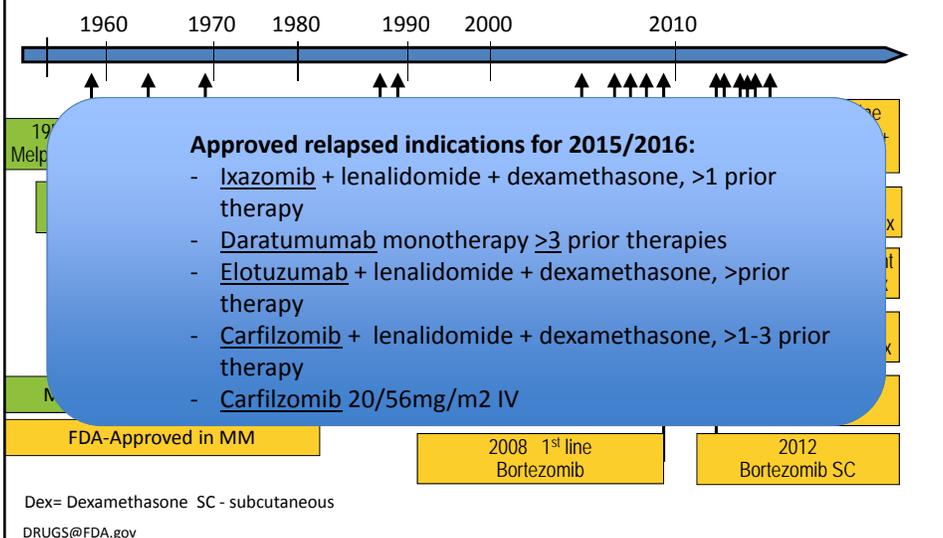


## Criteria for Diagnosis of Myeloma: CRAB



## Treatment Options Have Greatly Increased – US

Side effect identification and management is critical to keep patients “fit” for the next therapy

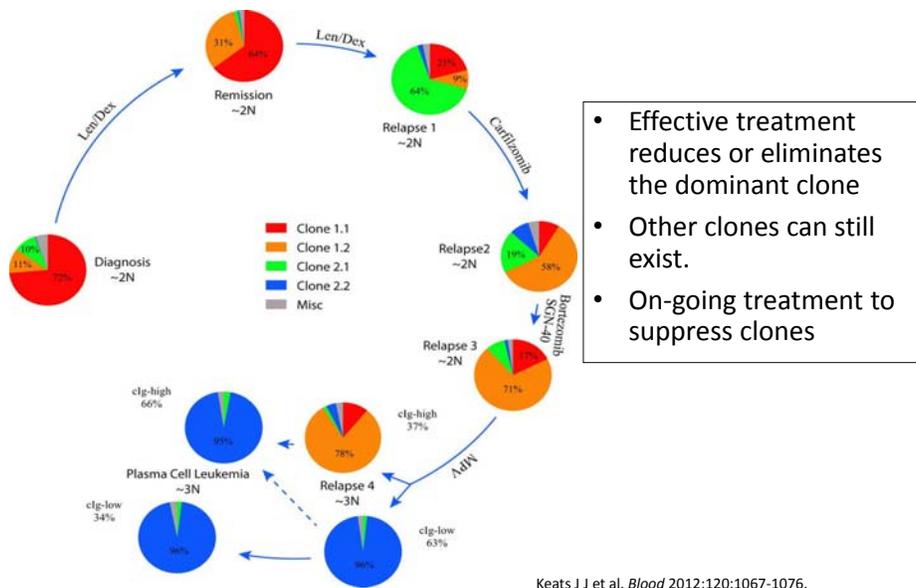


## New drugs, new studies, new indications: 2015

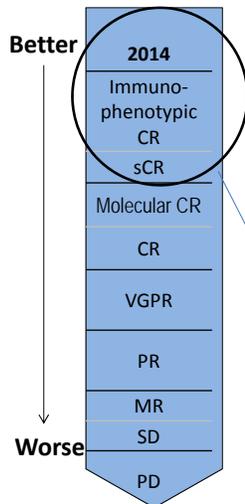
Drug(s)	Study Population	Implications
Daratumumab Single agent and in combination with len/dex , pom /dex	RRMM	Newly approved MOAB; infusion reaction, toxicities
“TOURMALINE MM” Ixazomib + len/dex + Pan/dex + Ctx/dex	NDMM/RRMM	All oral combinations; adherence, cost
“ELOQUENT-2” + len/dex	RRMM	Infusion – related
“ASPIRE”- CaRd vs Rd Car/Pom/dex; Car/Pan/dex	RRMM	Timing of Carfilzomib; cardiac
Bortezomib - SWOG 0777 - RVDlite	NDMM	3 vs 2 drugs upfront

Moreau et al. Abstract 727; Reu et al. Abstract 4221; Kumar et al. Abstract 3050; Shah et al. Abstract 3155; Usmani et al. Abstract 29; Kumar et al. Abstract 3050; Avet-Loiseau et al. Abstract 731; Palumbo et al. Abstract 510; Sonneveld et al. Abstract 27; Dimopoulos et al. Abstract 28; Chng et al. Abstract 30; Durie et al. Abstract 25; O'Donnell et al. Abstract 4217

## Multiple Myeloma Is a Clonal Disease; However, the Clones Change Over Time



## Monitoring Disease is Essential: IMWG Myeloma Response Criteria



Category	Response Criteria
sCR, stringent complete response	Normal free light chain (FLC); no clonal BM plasma cells
CR, complete response	Negative IFX and < 5% BM plasma cells
VGPR, very good partial response	Positive IFX and negative SPEP; $\geq 90\%$ urine protein decrease; urine M-protein level < 100 mg per 24 h
PR, partial response	$\geq 50\%$ decrease serum M-protein and $\geq 90\%$ decrease in 24 h urinary M-protein
SD, stable disease	Not meeting criteria for CR, VGPR, PR, or progressive disease

- sCR AND BM negative by next gen flow ( $10^6$ )
- CR AND normal FLC ratio, BM negative by flow, 2 measures
- CR AND negative PCR ( $10^5$ )
- CR: Negative immunofix; <5% PC in BM; 2 measures

sCR= Stringent Complete Response; CR = Complete Response; VGPR = Very Good Partial Response; PR = Partial Response; SD = Stable Disease; MR = Minimal Response (only in relapsed); PD = Progressive Disease

Palumbo A, et al. International Myeloma Working Group. *J Clin Oncol*. 2014; 32:587-600. Durie BM, et al; International Myeloma Working Group. *Leukemia*. 2006; 20(9):14671473.

## Select Preferred Regimens from the NCCN Guidelines for MM

### • NCCN Category 1

- Bortezomib
  - SC vs IV administration
- Bortezomib/PLD
- Carfilzomib/lenalidomide/dexamethasone
- Panobinostat/bortezomib/dexamethasone
- Lenalidomide/dexamethasone
- Ixazomib/len/dex
- Elotumab/len/dex

### • NCCN Category 2A

- Repeat primary induction therapy if relapse at > 6 mos
- Daratumumab
- Bortezomib combinations
  - With dex; len/dex; thalidomide
- Carfilzomib
- Cyclophosphamide
  - High-dose or with bort/dex or len/dex
- Pomalidomide/dexamethasone
- Thalidomide/dexamethasone
- DCEP, DT-PACE, or VTD-PACE

NCCN Guidelines for Multiple Myeloma: v.3.2016.

## Factors in Selecting Treatment for Relapsed/Refractory Myeloma

- Disease-related factors
  - Duration of response to initial therapy
  - High/low risk status
  - Biochemical disease progression, or symptomatic?
  - Other comorbid conditions
- Treatment-related factors
  - Previous therapy exposure (relapsed or refractory)
  - Toxicity of regimen (combination vs single agent)
  - Mode of administration (eg, oral or IV)
  - Cost and convenience (out of pocket copays for IV/Oral)

## Strategies at Relapse: Start low, go slow.. or “Go for it”?

### Treating Indolent, Slow-Growing Myeloma in First Relapse

- If initial treatment with bortezomib, len repeat or change therapy
- Ixazomib, carfilzomib and elotuzumab are all considerations with len/dex
- Consider if high/low risk disease at diagnosis

### Treating Relapsed/Refractory Myeloma

- Any peripheral neuropathy or renal dysfunction?
- What has been tried (PI-based, IMiD- based)
- Are clinical trials available?

### Aggressive Myeloma With Rapid, Multiple Relapses

- Transplant if not done (allo, auto)
- Chemotherapy – based salvage with aggressive clones is often necessary
- MoAb candidates

**\*\*Remember to discuss goals and costs of therapy at each stage  
Encourage health maintenance to maintain “fitness” for next therapy**

## Proper Dosing of Drugs Can Minimize AEs

### \*Geriatric assessment- Risk Factors:

- Age over 75 years
- Mild, moderate, or severe frailty (weakness, poor endurance, weight loss, low physical activity, and slow gait speed)
- Comorbidities: cardiac, pulmonary, hepatic, or renal dysfunction

Drug	Dosing Based on Risk Factors* Including Age		
	No risk factors	At least 1 risk factor Adjusted Dose	At least 1 risk factor plus occurrence of GR 3-4 non-hematological AE
<b>Bortezomib</b>	1.3 mg/m <sup>2</sup> biweekly d 1,4,8,11 /3 wks	1.3 mg/m <sup>2</sup> weekly d 1,8,15,22 /5 wks	1.0 mg/m <sup>2</sup> weekly d 1,8,15,22 /5 wks
<b>Lenalidomide</b>	25 mg/d d 1-21 of 28-day cycle	15 mg/d d 1-21 of 28-day cycle	10 mg/d d 1-21 of 28-day cycle
<b>Dexamethasone</b>	40 mg weekly d 1,8,15,22 /4 wks	20 mg weekly d 1,8,15,22 /4 wks	10 mg weekly d 1,8,15,22 /4 wks
<b>Melphalan</b>	0.25 mg/kg or 9 mg/m <sup>2</sup> d 1-4 / 4-6 wks	0.18 mg/kg or 7.5 mg/m <sup>2</sup> d 1-4 / 4-6 wks	0.13 mg/kg or 5 mg/m <sup>2</sup> d 1-4 / 4-6 wks
<b>Thalidomide</b>	100 mg per day	50 mg per day	50 mg qod

Pmbo et al., Blood, 2015; alumbo A, et al. Blood. 2011;118:4519-4529.

## Lenalidomide

- Class: IMiD (thalidomide analogue)
- FDA approval: 2006
- Administration: oral
- Dose: 25 mg once daily orally on Days 1-21 of q 28-day
- Dose adjust for renal insufficiency

### Indication

- Multiple myeloma, in combination with dexamethasone for NDMM, RRMM
- In combination with Elo, Ixa, Carfilzomib

### Adverse Events

Most common (≥20%):

- **Fatigue**, neutropenia, constipation, diarrhea, muscle cramp, anemia, pyrexia, peripheral edema, nausea, back pain, upper respiratory tract infection, dyspnea, dizziness, thrombocytopenia, tremor and rash

### \*\*Educate and evaluate:

- REMS: Embryo-fetal toxicity
- Hematologic toxicity – neutropenia and thrombocytopenia
- Venous thromboembolism – DVT and PE

IMiD = immunomodulatory drug; REMS = Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy; DVT = deep vein thrombosis; PE = pulmonary embolism.

Lenalidomide® Prescribing Information, 2013.

## Bortezomib

- Class: proteasome inhibitor
- FDA approval: 2003
- Administration: subcutaneous or intravenous
- Dose: recommended starting dose is 1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Administered intravenously at a concentration of 1 mg/mL as a 3 to 5 second bolus IV injection
  - Administered subcutaneously at a concentration of 2.5 mg/mL

### Indication

- Treatment of patients with multiple myeloma

### Most Commonly Reported Adverse Reactions (incidence ≥ 20%) in Clinical Studies

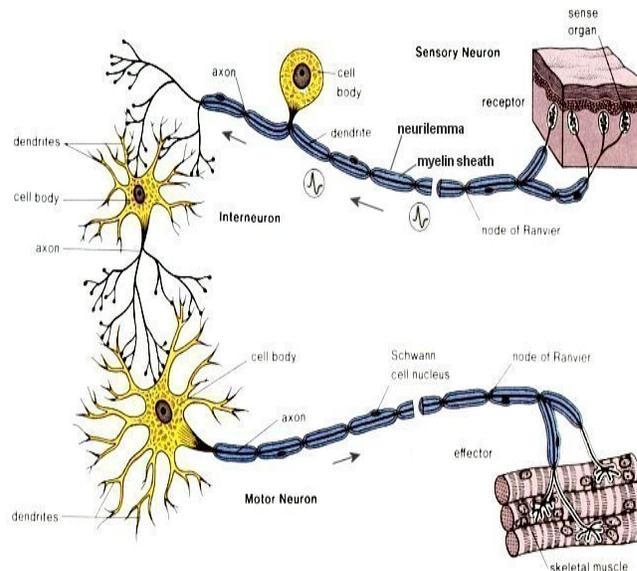
- **Nausea**, diarrhea, **thrombocytopenia**, neutropenia, **peripheral neuropathy**, fatigue, neuralgia, anaemia, leukopenia, constipation, vomiting, lymphopenia, rash, pyrexia, and anorexia.

Mateos, MV, et al. ASH 2013 #1968.

Bortezomib® Prescribing Information, 2015; .

## Possible Side Effect of Treatment: Peripheral Neuropathy (PN)

- Sensory, motor, autonomic
- Risk
- Symptoms
- Side effect of MM treatment or the disease



Cavaletti et al., 2007; Smith et al., 2013

## Peripheral Neuropathy (PN): Risk Factors and General Considerations

### Non-MM Causes of PN:

- Endocrine disorders
  - Hypothyroidism
  - Diabetes
- Nutritional disease
  - Vitamin B deficiency
  - ETOH
- Connective tissue disease
- Vascular disease
- Medications
- Herpes zoster
- Most common symptoms
  - Sensory deficits, pain

### MM Disease- and Treatment-Related Hyperviscosity syndrome

- Hypergammaglobulinemia
- Incidence of PN in untreated pts: 39%
- Incidence of grade 3/4 PN
  - Bortezomib: 26% to 44%
    - ↓ with weekly vs twice weekly dosing
    - ↓ with SC administration
  - Thalidomide: 28% to 41%
    - ↑ with higher doses duration
    - Carfilzomib: overall 14%
  - Pomalidomide: Mild, up to 9%

Richardson et al., 2012; Gleason C, et al. J Natl Compr Cancer Netw. 2009;7:971-979. Palumbo A, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2014;32:587-600. Kurtin S, et al. J Adv Pract Oncol. 2013;4:307-321; Pomalidomide prescribing, 2015.

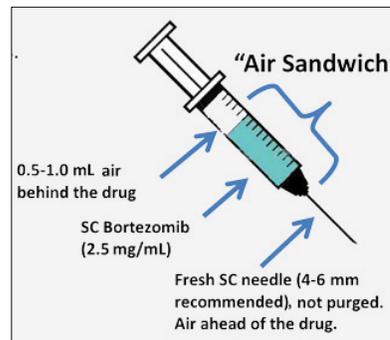
## Minimize PN with Bortezomib SC

### Peripheral Neuropathy

- Major reason for dose reduction, discontinuation
- SC and weekly can minimize risk of PN

### Subcutaneous (SC)

- FDA approved SC in 2012
- Equivalent efficacy as IV
- Reduced neuropathy and GI AEs with SC
- **Skin / Infection site reactions**
- Reconstitution



For subcutaneous administration  
Add 1.4 mL  
0.9% sodium chloride

Two ways to reconstitute a 3.5-mg vial of bortezomib

For intravenous administration  
Add 3.5 mL  
0.9% sodium chloride

Shah, et al. ASH 2012 #2968; Barbee, et al. ASCO 2012 #E18553; Moreau P, et al. ASH 2011 #1863; Moreau P, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2011;12(5):431; Bortezomib prescribing information.

## Peripheral Neuropathy (PN) Management

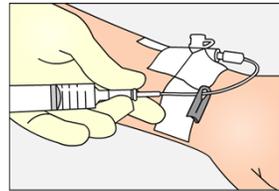
- Prevention / management:
  - Once-weekly or SC administration of bortezomib
  - Dose reduce thalidomide or other agent (mild PN is associated with pomalidomide, carfilzomib)
  - Ensure no other causes of PN (check b vitamins, glucose)
  - Recommend exercise, massage to stimulate blood flow
  - Safe environment: rugs, furnishings, shoes, driving
- Pharmacologic:
  - Supplements are generally safe: B-complex vitamins (B1, B6, B12), folic acid, and/or amino acids but do not take on day of bortezomib infusion
  - L glutamine, b vitamins, alpa-lipoic acid,
  - Duloxetine (30-60 mg/day) , gabapentin, pregabalin
  - Opioid analgesic agents
- Mild:
  - Consider holding, dose reduction or discontinuation of offending agent
- If moderate to severe:
  - **Stop the drug**

Tariman, et al. *Clin J Oncol Nurs.* 2008;12(3 Suppl):29-36.

## Carfilzomib: IV Administration 2 Days per Week

**Carfilzomib: Approved for RRMM in the US at Two Dose levels:**

- 1) 20/27mg/m<sup>2</sup> with len/dex, or
- 2) 20/56 mg/m<sup>2</sup> monotherapy



- ASPIRE: 792 patients randomly assigned to carfilzomib/len/dex or len/dex; median PFS 26.3 months, vs. 17.6 months
- ENDEAVOR: 929 pts randomly assigned to carfilzomib/dex or bortezomib/dex median PFS 18.7 months, vs. 9.4 months
- Pre-medicate and hydrate
  - Antiemetic and fluids before carfilzomib C1
  - After (optional)
- Administer carfilzomib IV
  - **over 30minutes**
  - Rinse IV with saline before & after
- Monitor: may require dose adjustment for toxicities
- DVT risk

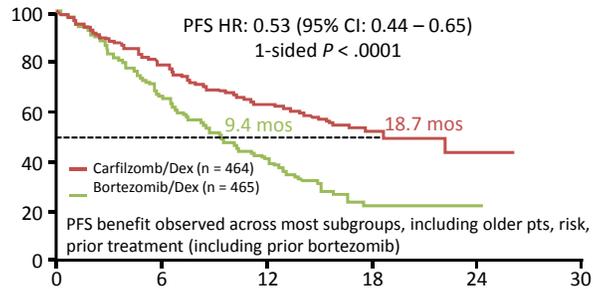
Carfilzomib 28-day Cycle						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Cycle 1, week 1: 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup>  
 Cycle 1, week 2+: 27 or 56mg/m<sup>2</sup>

Source: Amgen, 2016. Carfilzomib prescribing information

## ENDEAVOR: Carfilzomib/dex results in 2-fold increase in median PFS vs bortezomib/dex in relapsed MM

- Pts with symptomatic RR MM after 1-3 prior treatments with  $\geq$  PR to  $\geq$  1 prior regimen (N = 792)
- Significant PFS improvement and higher response rates with carfilzomib/dex vs bortezomib/dex in relapsed MM; ORR: 77% vs 63% ( $P < .0001$ ), respectively

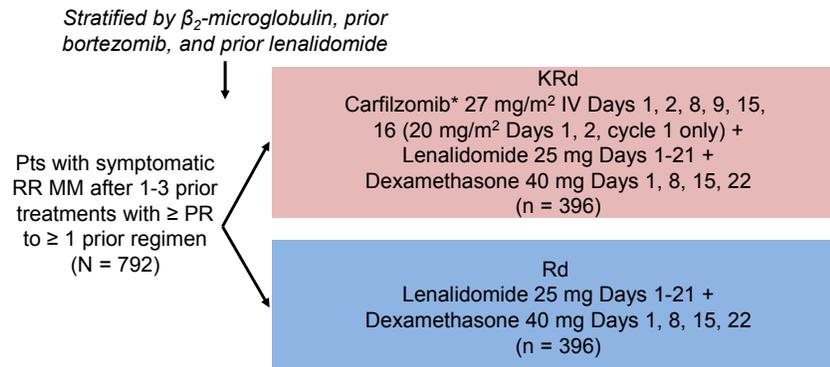


- Rates of d/c to due AEs similar (14% vs 16%), but rates of grade  $\geq$  3 hypertension (25% vs 9%), dyspnea (5% vs 2%), and heart failure (5% vs 2%) increased with carfilzomib vs bortezomib; rates of grade  $\geq$  2 peripheral neuropathy increased with bortezomib/Dex vs carfilzomib/dex (32% vs 6%)

Dimopoulos MA, et al. 2016

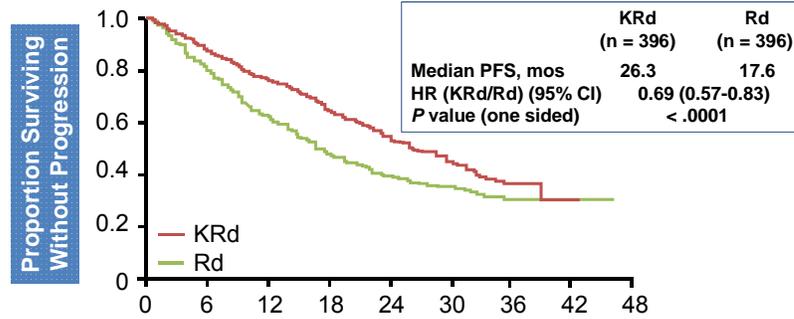
## Phase III ASPIRE: Len/Dexamethasone $\pm$ Carfilzomib in RR MM

- Randomized, open-label, multicenter phase III trial



Stewart AK, et al. N Engl J Med. 2015;372:142-152.

## Len/Dexamethasone ± Carfilzomib in RR MM (ASPIRE): PFS (ITT)



Risk Group by FISH	KRd (n = 396)		Rd (n = 396)		HR	P Value
	n	Median PFS, Mos	n	Median PFS, Mos		
High	48	23.1	52	13.9	0.70	.083
Standard	147	29.6	170	19.5	0.66	.004

Stewart AK, et al. N Engl J Med. 2015;372:142-152.

## ASPIRE: Select Adverse Events

Select Adverse Events	KRd (n = 392)	Rd (n = 389)
	All Grades, %	All Grades, %
Nonhematologic AEs occurring in ≥25% of pts		
▪ Diarrhea	42.3	33.7
▪ Fatigue	32.9	30.6
▪ Cough	28.8	17.2
▪ Pyrexia	28.6	20.8
▪ Upper respiratory tract infection	28.6	19.3
▪ Hypokalemia	27.6	13.4
▪ Muscle spasms	26.5	21.1
Hematologic AEs occurring in ≥ 25% of pts		
▪ Anemia	42.6	39.8
▪ Neutropenia	37.8	33.7
▪ Thrombocytopenia	29.1	22.6
Other AEs of Interest		
▪ Dyspnea	19.4	14.9
▪ Peripheral neuropathy	17.1	17.0
▪ Hypertension	14.3	6.9
▪ Acute renal failure	8.4	7.2
▪ Cardiac failure	6.4	4.1
▪ Ischemic heart disease	5.9	4.6

### Implications

Monitor blood counts  
Monitor for infection  
Cardiac

EKG for patients with cardiac history, ECHO baseline  
**Diuretics, inhalers, minimize fluids, longer infusion time (30 mins)**

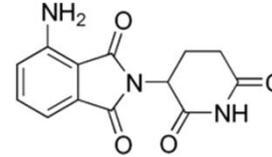
Advise patient on Shortness of breath (dyspnea)  
Fatigue  
Cytopenias  
Infection prevention  
VTE prophylaxis

Source: Amgen, 2016. Carfilzomib prescribing information  
Stewart AK, et al. N Engl J Med. 2015;372:142-152

## Pomalidomide

### Pomalidomide

- Class: IMiD
- Indication: patients with MM
  - Have received at least 2 prior therapies
  - PD within 60 days of last therapy
- FDA Approval: February 8, 2013
- Administration: Oral
- Metabolism/Clearance
  - Liver via CYP1A2 and CYP3A4
- Can be  $\pm$  low-dose dex
- REMS Program



- Pomalidomide prolongs survival
- Pomalidomide has a manageable safety profile with few discontinuations due to AE's
- Pomalidomide maintains quality of life and provides oral convenience for patients

Pomalidomide Prescribing Information Highlights.

## Pomalidomide Implications: Administration

### Implications:

- Anti-thrombotic treatment
- Embryonic/fetal toxicity
  - Child-bearing age female
    - Two negative pregnancy tests
    - Abstinence or 2 forms birth control
  - Male: drug present in semen
    - Latex or synthetic condom with females of reproductive potential
- Pomalidomide REMS™ Program

### Discuss Administration With Patient:

- 4 mg once daily on days 1-21 of 28-day cycle
- Available in strengths: 1, 2, 3 or 4 mg capsules
- Take without food
  - At least 2 hrs before or after a meal
- Do not break, chew, or open the capsules
- Adherence: consistent schedule (AM or PM)
  - Take immediately if <12 hours since missed dose
  - Skip and take next regular dose if >12 hours

Pomalidomide prescribing information highlights.

## Pomalidomide Implications: AEs & Patient Management

Pomalidomide Grade 3/4 AEs in >10%	
Adverse Event	Percent
Neutropenia	47
Anemia	22
Thrombocytopenia	22
Pneumonia	16
Fatigue & asthenia	11
Back pain	12

Pomalidomide Common AEs (in >30%)	
Adverse Event	Percent
Fatigue and asthenia	55
Neutropenia	52
Constipation	38
Nausea	36
Diarrhea	34
Dyspnea	34
Upper resp. tract infection	32
Back pain	32
Pyrexia (pom+dex)	30

### Implications

- DVT prophylaxis
- Monitor blood counts
- Monitor for neuropathy although less common

### Educate patients on

- DVT prophylaxis
- Infection risk / blood counts
- Fatigue
- REMS

Source: Pomalidomide Prescribing Information Highlights

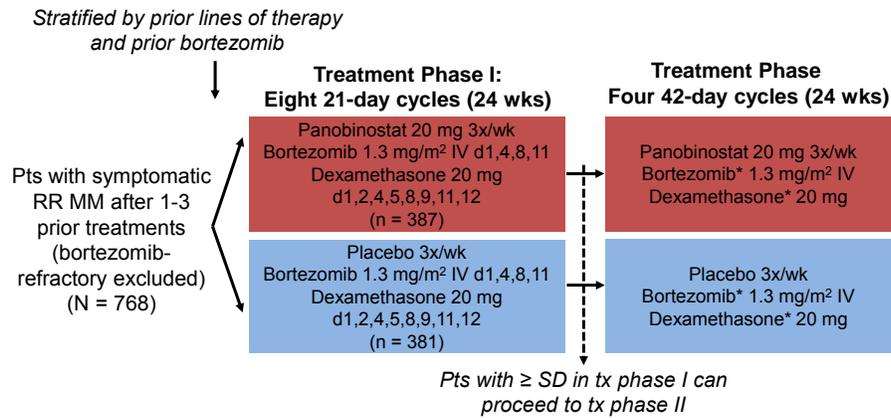
## Newly approved drugs and indications- 2015

	Panobinostat	Ixazomib	Daratumumab	Elotuzumab
Indication	FDA approved in 2015 combination <u>with bortezomib and dexamethasone</u> , in patients who have <u>received ≥ 2 prior regimens</u> , including bortezomib and an immunomodulatory agent	FDA approved on 11/20/15 <u>[len + dex] ± ixazomib</u> in adult patients with relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma who have received <u>1-3 prior therapies</u>	FDA approved on 11/16/15 in patients <u>with ≥ 3 prior lines of therapy</u> , including both a proteasome inhibitor and an immunomodulatory agent, or who are refractory to a proteasome inhibitor and an immunomodulatory agent	FDA approved on 11/30/15 <u>[len + dex] ± elotuzumab</u> in adult patients with relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma who have <u>received 1-3 prior therapies</u>
Administration	20 mg, taken orally once every other day for 3 doses per week (on Days 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, and 12) of Weeks 1 and 2 of each 21-day cycle for 8 cycles	4 mg taken orally on Days 1, 8, 15	16 mg/kg IV on Days 1, 8, 15, and 22 of cycles 1 and 2 (weekly dosing), on Days 1 and 15 of cycles 3 to 6 (every 2 weeks dosing), and on Day 1 of cycle 7 and subsequent cycles (every 4 weeks dosing)	10 mg/kg IV, weekly, on Days 1, 8, 15, 22 (cycles 1 & 2); Days 1 and 15 (cycles 3 and beyond)

FDA.gov; prescribing information

## Phase III PANORAMA 1: Bort/Dex ± Panobinostat in RR Myeloma

- Randomized, double-blind trial
- Primary endpoint reached: median PFS ↑ by 3.9 mos



San-Miguel JF, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2014;15:1195-1206.

## Panobinostat + bortezomib, dexamethasone

PANOBINOSTAT (Oral) – CYCLES 1-8 (28-Day Cycles)														
	Week 1							Week 2						
	D 1	D 2	D 3	D 4	D 5	D 6	D 7	D 1	D 2	D 3	D 4	D 5	D 6	D 7
Panobinostat	✓		✓		✓			✓		✓		✓		
Bortezomib	✓			✓				✓			✓			

PANOBINOSTAT (Oral) – CYCLES 9-16 (28-Day Cycles)														
	Week 1							Week 2						
	D 1	D 2	D 3	D 4	D 5	D 6	D 7	D 1	D 2	D 3	D 4	D 5	D 6	D 7
Panobinostat	✓		✓		✓			✓		✓		✓		
Bortezomib	✓							✓						
Dexamethasone	✓	✓						✓	✓					

Panobinostat. PI. 2015.

## PANORAMA 1: Safety and implications

Select AEs (≥ 10% Incidence and ≥ 5% Greater Incidence With Pan), %	Pan + Bort/Dex (n = 381)		Pbo + Bort/Dex (n = 377)	
	All Grades	Grade 3/4	All Grades	Grade 3/4
Arrhythmia	12	3	5	2
Diarrhea	68	25	42	8
Nausea	36	6	21	1
Vomiting	26	7	13	1
Fatigue	60	25	42	12
Peripheral edema	29	2	19	<1
Thrombocytopenia	97	67	83	31
Anemia	62	18	52	19
Neutropenia	75	34	36	11
Leukopenia	81	23	48	8
Lymphopenia	82	53	74	40

**Cardiac, GI and Heme toxicity**

*Evaluate and treat diarrhea, fatigue, watch for myelosuppression  
Peripheral neuropathy with bortezomib*

Richardson P, et al. ASCO 2014. Abstract 8510<sup>A</sup>. San-Miguel JF, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2014;15:1195-1206.

## Tourmaline RRMM: Ixazomib + len/dex vs len/dex

- 722 patients randomized 1:1 to receive ixazomib 4 mg or matching placebo weekly on d 1, 8, and 15, plus lenalidomide 25 mg PO on d 1-21 and dexamethasone 40 mg PO on d 1, 8, 15, and 22, in 28-d cycles
- Many high-risk patients and prior exposure to btz; study favored IRd to Rd in early relapse MM

	IRd	Rd	HR / OR
Median PFS, mos	20.6	14.7	HR 0.742; 95% CI: 0.587-0.939; P = 0.012
Confirmed ORR, %	78.3	71.5	OR 1.44; P = 0.035
CR	11.7	6.6	OR 1.87; P = 0.019
≥ VGPR	48.1	39.0	OR 1.45; P = 0.014
Median time to first response (ITT analysis), mos	1.1	1.9	
Median duration of response (≥ PR), mos	20.5	15.0	

Moreau et al. Abstract 727. Moreau et al. Blood.2014;124(7):986-987.

## Phase III TOURMALINE-MM1: IRD vs RD in Relapsed and/or Refractory MM

System Organ Class, n(%)	IRD, N=360			RD, N=360		
	All	Grade 3	Grade 4	All	Grade 3	Grade 4
Upper respiratory tract infection	69 (19)	1 (<1)	0	52 (14)	2 (<1)	0
Peripheral neuropathies	<b>100 (28)</b>	<b>7 (2)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>77 (21)</b>	<b>7 (2)</b>	0
Diarrhea	151 (42)	22 (6)	0	130 (36)	8 (2)	0
Constipation	122 (34)	1 (<1)	0	90 (25)	1 (<1)	0
Nausea	92 (26)	6 (2)	0	74 (21)	0	0
Vomiting	79 (22)	4 (1)	0	38 (11)	2 (<1)	0
Rash	<b>68 (19)</b>	<b>9 (3)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38 (11)</b>	<b>5 (1)</b>	<b>0</b>
Back pain	74 (21)	2 (<1)	0	57 (16)	9 (3)	0
Edema, peripheral	91 (25)	8 (2)	0	66 (18)	4 (1)	0

## Ixazomib: An oral proteasome inhibitor, three times monthly dosing

IXAZOMIB (Oral) – 28-DAY CYCLES								
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4	
	D 1	D 2-7	D 8	D 9-14	D 15	D 16-21	D 22	D 23-28
Ixazomib	✓		✓		✓			
Lenalidomide	✓	✓ QD	✓	✓ QD	✓	✓ QD		
Dexamethasone	✓		✓		✓		✓	

- Implications:
- Dose reduce for hepatic impairment
- Nausea, rash and thrombocytopenia can occur
- HSV prophylaxis
- Rapidly absorbed

Ixazomib. PI. 2015.

## ELOQUENT-2: Results and Safety

- Pts with relapsed/refractory MM and 1-3 prior therapies (N = 646), randomized to elo+ Rd or Rd
- Significant PFS improvement and higher response rates with elotuzumab + RD vs RD alone in relapsed MM
  - ORR: 79% vs 66% ( $P = .0002$ ), respectively
- Infusion reactions reported in 10% of pts (9% grade 1/2; 1% grade 3); 70% occurred with initial dose; 2 discontinuations (1%) due to infusion reaction

Selected Grade 3/4 AEs, %	Elo-Ld (n = 318)	Ld (n = 317)
Lymphopenia	77	49
Neutropenia	34	44
Infection	28*	24*
Nonhematologic in > 1% of pts		
▪ Fatigue	9	8
▪ Diarrhea	5	4
▪ Pyrexia	3	3

\*Incidence similar after controlling for duration of therapy.

## Elotuzumab: Dose and Schedule

### Implications:

- Infusion reaction prevention
- HSV prophylaxis
- DVT prophylaxis (lenalidomide)

ELOTUZUMAB (IV) – CYCLES 1 AND 2 (28-Day Cycles)								
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4	
	D 1	D 2-7	D 8	D 9-14	D 15	D 16-21	D 22	D 23-28
Elotuzumab	✓		✓		✓		✓	
Lenalidomide	✓	✓ QD	✓	QD	✓	QD		
Dexamethasone	✓		✓		✓		✓	

ELOTUZUMAB (IV) – CYCLES 3 AND BEYOND (28-Day Cycles)								
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4	
	D 1	D 2-7	D 8	D 9-14	D 15	D 16-21	D 22	D 23-28
Elotuzumab	✓				✓			
Lenalidomide	✓	✓ QD	✓	QD	✓	QD		
Dexamethasone	✓		✓		✓		✓	

Prescribing information, 2015

## Phase II SIRIUS: Daratumumab Monotherapy in Heavily Pretreated RR MM

- Open-label, international, multicenter, 2-stage study

Pts with MM and  $\geq 3$  prior lines of therapy including PI and IMiD or refractory to most recent PI and IMiD  
(N = 53)

Stage 1: Response assessment

Daratumumab 8 mg/kg  
q4w  
(n = 18)

Stage 2: Enrolment of additional pts at 16 mg/kg (outcomes reported for all pts at 16 mg/kg dose)

- Primary objective: ORR

Daratumumab 16 mg/kg  
QW x 8 then q2w x 16,  
then q4w thereafter  
(n = 16)

Daratumumab 16 mg/kg  
QW x 8 then q2w x 16,  
then q4w thereafter  
(n = 90)

- Median PFS: 3.7 mos (95% CI: 2.8-4.6); 1-yr OS: 65% (95% CI: 51.2-75.%)
- Most common grade 3/4 AEs: thrombocytopenia (25%), anemia (24%), neutropenia (14%); infusion-related reactions occurred in 43% (most grade 1/2)

Lonial S, et al. ASCO 2015. Abstract LBA8512.

## Daratumumab

DARATUMUMAB (IV) – WEEKS 1-8								
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4	
	D 1	D 2-7	D 8	D 9-14	D 15	D 16-21	D 22	D 23-28
Daratumumab	✓		✓		✓		✓	
DARATUMUMAB (IV) – WEEKS 9-24								
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4	
	D 1	D 2-7	D 8	D 9-14	D 15	D 16-21	D 22	D 23-28
Daratumumab	✓				✓			
DARATUMUMAB (IV) – WEEKS 25 +								
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4	
	D 1	D 2-7	D 8	D 9-14	D 15	D 16-21	D 22	D 23-28
Daratumumab							✓	

Daratumumab-related sAEs:

- Pneumonia, neutropenia, diarrhea (1 pt each receiving 16 mg/kg, early infusion program);
- Laryngeal edema (1 pt receiving 16 mg/kg, accelerated infusion program)
- 19 of 45 pts reported infusion-related reactions; mostly grade 1/2

- Must pre-post medicate with hydrocortisone
- Moneleukast and loratadine 10mg each the night before and for 48 hrs after infusion
- Type/cross match and antibody workup necessary

Daratumumab. PI. 2015.

## Additional Agents Currently in Development

Agent	MOA	Phase in Development
Ibrutinib	Tyrosine kinase inhibitor (BTK, ERK1/2, others)	I and II
Filanesib	Kinesin spindle protein (KSP) inhibitor	II
Indatuximab ravtansine	CD138 antibody-drug conjugate	I and II
Ricolinostat	HDAC inhibitor	I and I/II
Selinexor (KPT-330)	XPO <sub>1</sub> nuclear transport inhibitor	I and II
MOR202 (MOR03087)	anti-CD38 antibody	I/II
Venetoclax (ABT-199/GDC-0199)	Selective BCL-2 inhibitor	I
Oprozomib	Proteasome inhibitor, oral	III
SAR650984	Anti CD38 antibody	I/II

Clinicaltrials.gov

## Adherence to treatment must be addressed

- Cancer should be a reason to take medications
- Can be intentional and non- intentional
- Reasons why people don't take their pills or office visits :  
 "I feel fine", "I forgot", "I cant remember all these pills!",  
**"I don't need them anymore", "can't afford treatments"**

•Discuss reasons for non- adherence (intentional, non-intentional) and employ strategies to improve adherence

•Telephone reminders, alarms, calendars, help from significant others



Faiman, B. (2011). Journal of Advanced Practitioner in Oncology, 2 26-34; Accrodino and Hershman (2013). Am Soc. Clin. Oncol. Educ. Book. 2013;2013:271-6. doi: E10.1200/EdBook\_AM. 2013.33.271. PubMed PMID: 23714520

## Other considerations to manage side effects: Myelosuppression and Infection

- Myelosuppression is associated with both myeloma and the drugs used to treat it; treat MM if disease related
  - Risk of infection increased due to hypogammaglobulinemia
  - Dose-modifications, growth factors for neutropenia
  - Mild leukopenia, anemia and thrombocytopenia can be treatment related
- Infection prophylaxis
  - Pts should remain up to date on appropriate vaccinations (influenza, pneumonia)
  - HSV prophylaxis when receiving PIs, MOABs
  - Use of IVIG or prophylactic antibiotics is controversial and should only be used when warranted
  - Pt education emphasizing importance of alerting treating clinicians of potential infection can reduce unnecessary antibiotics

Faiman, B. and Bilotti, E. (2013) Chapter 10: Multiple Myeloma. In: Olsen, M., and Zitella, L. (Eds). *Hematologic Malignancies*. Pittsburgh: ONS Publishing Division. Pp. 445-498.

## Gastrointestinal (GI)

- Constipation, nausea, and diarrhea can occur
- GI symptoms are generally mild
- Nausea
  - Make sure the patient is on PPI
  - Assess for other competing meds that may cause
- Constipation
  - Bowel regimen
- Diarrhea
  - Rule out cdiff or other infection, investigate other causes, imodium or lomotil

Smith et al. IMF Nurse Leadership Board. *Clin J Oncol Nurs*. 2008;12(3 Suppl):53-63.

## Treatment Side Effect: Steroids

- Side effects affect every body system
  - AM v PM dosing
  - Take with food
  - Mood stabilizers
  - Monitor for hyperglycemia

Faiman B, Bilotti E, Mangan PA, Rogers K; IMF Nurse Leadership Board. *Clin J Oncol Nurs*. 2008;12(3 Suppl):53-63.

## Venous Thromboembolic Events: Signs and Symptoms of clot in MM

### **DVT**

- Slight fever
- Rapid heart rate
- Unilateral swelling, erythema, warm extremity
- Cyanosis/cool skin if blockage
- Dull ache, pain, tight feeling over area and palpation
- Homan's sign (35% patients)

### **PE**

- Anxiety
- Sudden shortness of breath
- Chest discomfort
- Rapid pulse and heart rate
- Low-grade fever
- Pleural friction rub, crackles, diminished breath sounds, wheezing

Rome et al. *CJON*. 2008;12(3, Suppl.):21-27.

## Risk Assessment for VTEs in Pts Receiving Imids or carfilzomib

- **MM is an inherently coagulable state and risk can change over time**
- VTE prophylaxis for individual risk factors (eg, age or obesity) or myeloma-related risk factors (eg, immobilization or hyperviscosity)
  - If  $\leq 1$  risk factor present, aspirin 81-325 mg/day
  - If  $\geq 2$  risk factors present, LMWH (equivalent to enoxaparin 40 mg/day) or full-dose warfarin (target INR: 2-3)
  - Higher incidence VTEs with carfilzomib
- VTE prophylaxis for myeloma therapy–related risk factors (eg, high-dose dexamethasone, IMiDs, doxorubicin, multiagent chemotherapy)
  - LMWH (equivalent to enoxaparin 40 mg/day) or full-dose warfarin (target INR: 2-3)
  - Direct acting oral anticoagulants?

LMWH = low molecular weight heparin.

Rome, S et al., 2008; Palumbo A, et al J Clin Oncol. 2014;32:587-60; Palumbo, A;(2008). Prevention of thalidomide- and lenalidomide-associated thrombosis in myeloma. *Leukemia*, 22(2), 414-423.; Faiman, and Bilotti, 2014; Amgen, 2016 123.

## Current Management of Bone Disease

- Treat the myeloma
- Novel therapies have benefits
  - Direct effect on inflammatory cytokines
  - Inhibition of bone resorption
  - Osteoclast stimulation
- Bisphosphonates
  - Pamidronate
  - Zoledronic acid
- Supplement with calcium and vitamin D3 to maintain calcium homeostasis
- Radiotherapy (low dose)
  - Impending fracture
  - Cord compression
  - Plasmacytomas
- Vertebroplasty/kyphoplasty
- Orthopedic consultation
  - Impending or actual long-bone fractures
  - Bony compression of spinal cord
  - Vertebral column instability

**Routine dental visits, watch for osteonecrosis of the jaw, a rare but serious complication**

Niesvizky R, et al. J Natl Compr Canc Netw. 2010;8(suppl 1):S13-S20. Christoulas D, et al. Expert Rev Hematol. 2009;2:385-398. Drake MT. Oncology (Williston Park). 2009;23(14 suppl 5):28-32. Terpos E, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2013;31:2347-2357. Webb SL, et al. Br J Pharmacol. 2014;[Epub ahead of print].

## Survivorship in MM: Key Points

- Survivorship begins at diagnosis
- Patients are living longer than ever
- Health maintenance practices are highly important
- Adherence to therapies are critical to maintain remission, remain healthy for next therapy
- Prevention of infection, falls
- Care of the caregivers

Bilotti E, Gleason C, McNeill A, the International Myeloma Foundation Nurse Leadership B. Routine Health Maintenance in Patients Living With Multiple Myeloma. *Clinical journal of oncology nursing*. 2011;15(0):25-40.

Table 1 Adverse events commonly associated with multiple myeloma therapeutic agents

	PN	Myopathy	VTE	Thrombocytopenia	Neutropenia	Lymphopenia	Anemia	Decreased NK cells	Infection	Pneumonia	Fatigue	Nausea	Diarrhea	Constipation	2° primary malignancy	High blood glucose	Infusion reaction	Osteoporosis	Rash	Edema	Mood disorders
PIs	Bortezomib	X		X				X	X	X	X	X	X								
	Carfilzomib			X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X								X	
IMiDs	Thalidomide	X	X	X					X	X	X	X						X	X		
	Lenalidomide		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X		
	Pomalidomide		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X						X			
Chemotherapy	Cyclophosphamide			X	X	X	X	X		X				X							
	Melphalan			X	X	X	X			X	X			X							
Corticosteroids	Dexamethasone	X	X					X		X					X		X	X	X	X	
	Prednisone	X	X					X		X					X		X	X	X	X	
DACs	Panobinostat			X	X	X	X		X	X		X									
	Vorinostat			X		X				X	X	X									
mAbs	Elotuzumab					X			X	X	X	X			X	X					
	Daratumumab			X			X									X					

NK natural killer, PN peripheral neuropathy, VTE venous thromboembolism

Colson K. Treatment-related symptom management in patients with multiple myeloma: a review. *Supportive care in cancer : official journal of the Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer*. May 2015;23(5):1431-1445.

## Important Factors When Providing Care: Assessment and Management in MM

<b>Cardiovascular/VTE</b>	Risk of VTE on IMiDs; Cardiac monitoring (carfilzomib, panobinostat, doxorubicin)	
<b>Bone</b>	Imaging yearly, Do they require bisphosphonates, and for how long? Regular dental exams; Vitamin D, Calcium	
<b>Infectious diseases</b>	Is your patient at high risk for infection? (neutropenia; hypogammaglobulinemia) (myelosuppression from disease/treatment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Weekly CBC, differential for 8 weeks with lenalidomide, pomalidomide</li> <li>– HSV prophylaxis with bortezomib, carfilzomib</li> <li>– IV Ig for recurrent infections (a result of hypogammaglobulinemia)</li> </ul>
<b>GI</b>	Antiemetic prior to treatment , antidiarrheal agent, laxatives	Assess for diarrhea (bortezomib, lenalidomide), constipation (thalidomide, doxorubicin)
<b>Neurologic</b>	Review increased risk of PN with bortezomib and thalidomide	Prompt intervention can prevent irreversible PN symptoms
<b>Renal</b>	Avoid renal toxic agents, 24-hour urine albumin (bisphosphonates), dose reduction (lenalidomide, melphalan, opioids, acyclovir)	
<b>Disease Monitoring</b>	SPEP, UPEP, 24-hour urine, sFLC monthly	
<b>Health Maintenance</b>	Cancer and cardiovascular surveillance	
<b>Survivorship</b>	Financial, psychosocial issues (years life lost, retirement); Adherence to appts, drugs	

VTE = venous thromboembolism; IMiDs = immunomodulatory drugs; MM = multiple myeloma; CBC = complete blood count; HSV = herpes simplex virus; IV = intravenous; Ig = immunoglobulins; GI = gastrointestinal; PN = peripheral neuropathy; SPEP = serum protein electrophoresis; UPEP = urine protein electrophoresis; sFLC = serum free light chain.  
 Kyle et al, 2007; NCCN, 2015; Smith et al, 2008; Faiman et al, 2011; Miceli et al, 2011; Kurtin, 2013.

## Conclusion

- Explosion of new therapies to treat MM
- Nurses are positioned to educate patients, identify and intervene side effects
- Knowledge of the drugs and class effects allow for better education, surveillance and continued therapy
- Research is desperately needed to inform sequencing of agents

## Questions

