


Mantle Cell Lymphoma
Management in North Carolina:
Updates for 2020


Christopher Dittus, DO, MPH
Assistant Professor of Medicine
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
November 18, 2020



1

Outline

- Case Presentation
- Background
- Diagnosis & Workup
- Treatment



2



Case Presentation



3

MCL Case

- 82y F with no PMH presents with palpable lymphadenopathy and fatigue.
- ECOG: 0 (patient is very active)
- Palpable LAD on exam (axilla, inguinal)
- Had excisional inguinal LN biopsy:
 - Pathology c/w non-blastoid MCL
 - Ki67 Proliferation Index=10%
 - Translocation (11;14)



4



Labwork

- WBC: 8.8
- Hg: 15.3
- Plats: 196

- CMP: Normal



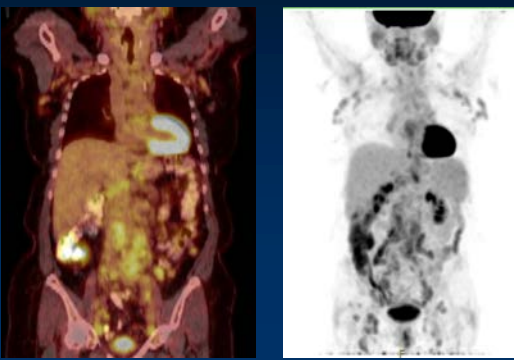
- LDH: 763

- HBV/HIV: Negative



5



Staging PET-CT



6



MCL Case

- The patient started surveillance, which lasted for 1 year
- Her LAD progressed, and she had worsening fatigue.
- Decision was made to proceed with further workup and treatment.

7

Background

8

What is Lymphoma?

Adaptive Immune System:

- **B Cells** (Humoral immunity)
- **T Cells** (Cell-mediated immunity)


Lymphoma = Cancer of mature B-cells and T-cells

Generally in **Lymph Nodes**

T Cells

Account for approximately 80 percent of circulating lymphocytes, are of three major types

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| Effector T Cells | Helper T Cells | Suppressor T Cells |
| Attack foreign cells or body cells infected by viruses, commonly by direct contact, are the primary cells involved in the production of cell-mediated immunity (cellular immunity) | Stimulate the activation and function of both T cells and B cells | Inhibit the activation and function of both T cells and B cells; fine-tuning between suppressor T cells and helper T cells helps establish and control the sensitivity of the immune response |

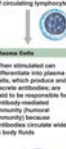




B Cells

Account for 10-15 percent of circulating lymphocytes

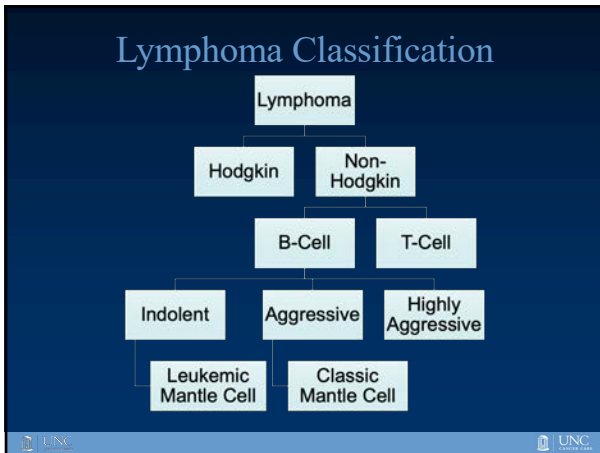
Plasma Cells

When stimulated can differentiate into plasma cells, which produce and secrete antibodies, are said to be responsible for antibody-mediated immunity (humoral immunity) because antibodies circulate widely in body fluids

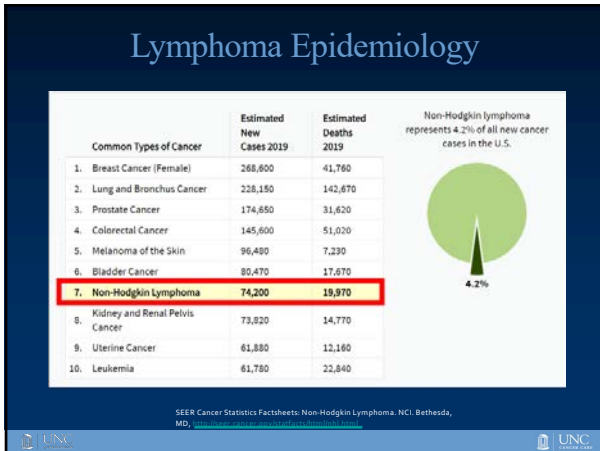


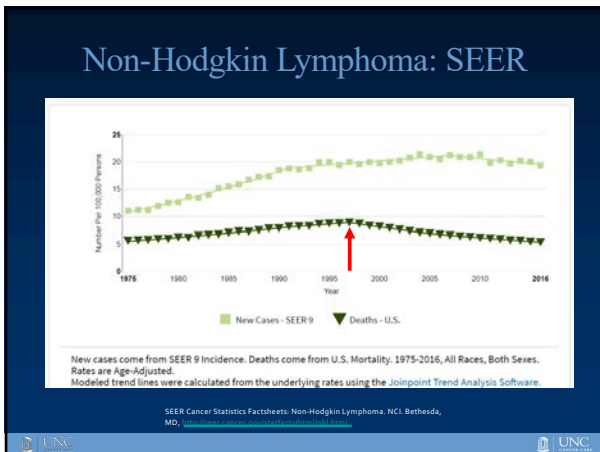
9



10



11



12

MCL Background

- Usually **aggressive**, but **NOT** considered curable
- Rare disease:
 - 3-6% of NHL
 - Incidence: 0.8 cases/100,000 pop
 - **3,320 cases/year** in US
- Median Age: 68; Men (3:1)

Teras, Ca Cancer J Clin, 2016

13

Diagnosis and Workup

14

Diagnosis

Morphology:

- Small-med cells; slightly irregular nucleus

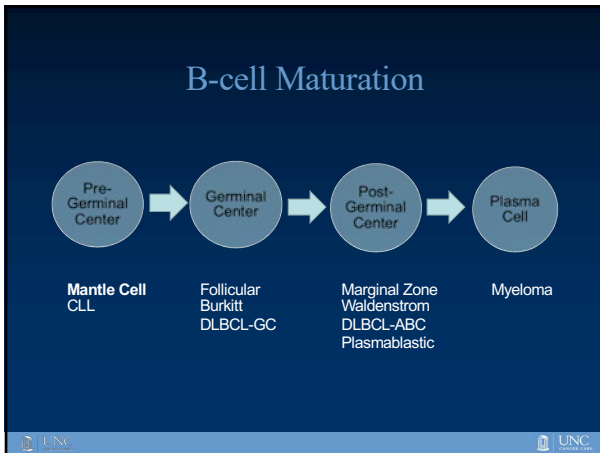
Flow/IHC:

- B-cell Markers: CD19, CD20, PAX5
- Aberrant T-cell Expression: CD5+
- CD23-, FMC7+ (opposite of CLL)

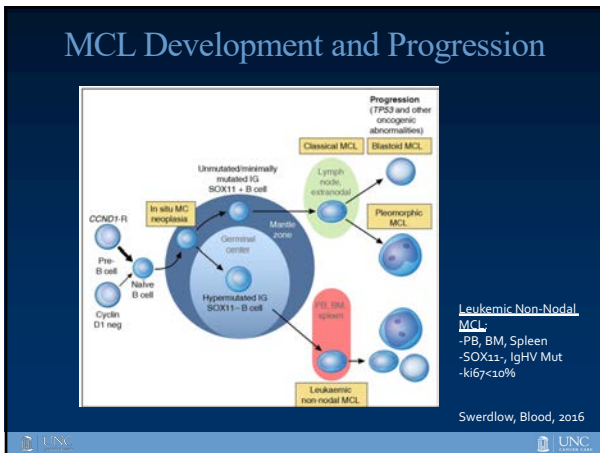
Confirm:

- **CyclinD1 +**
- **t(11;14)** (leads to overexpression of Cyclin D1)

15



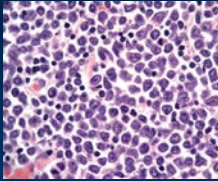
16



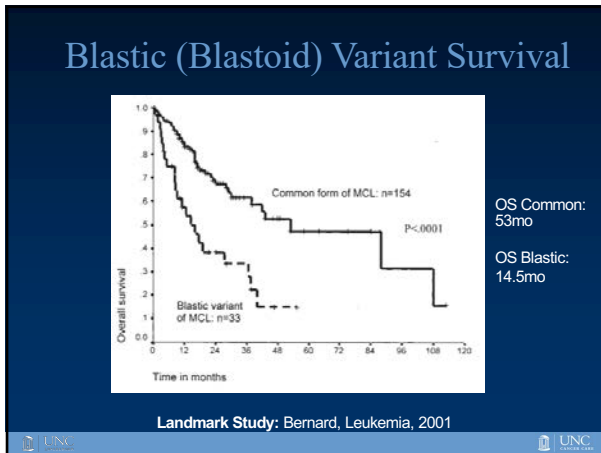
17

High Risk Features

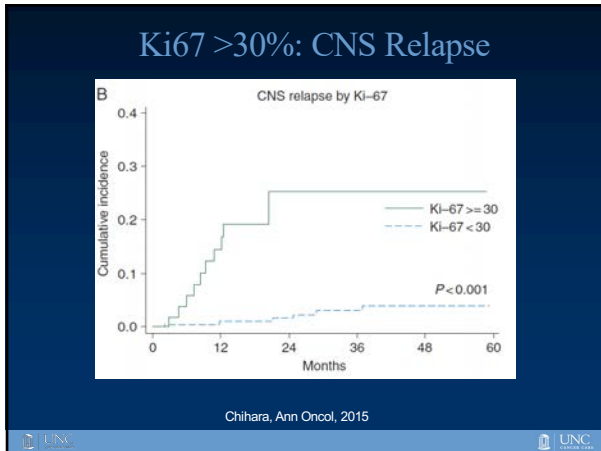
- Morphology:
 - **Blastoid or Pleomorphic**
 - Medium cells; large irregular nuclei
 - Increased risk of CNS relapse
- IHC: Ki67 >30%
 - Increased risk of CNS relapse
- Molecular: TP53 mutated
- Prognostic Score: MIP1



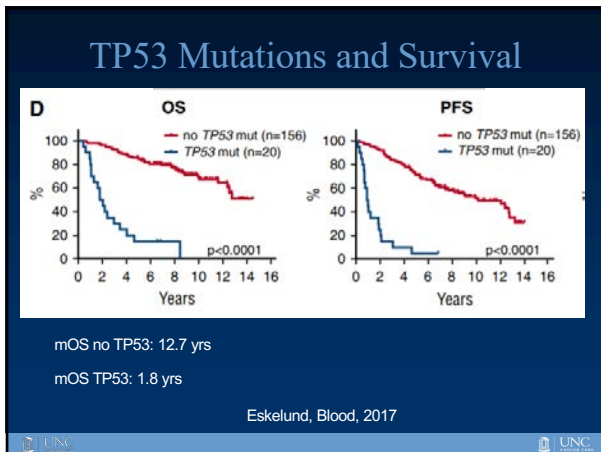
18



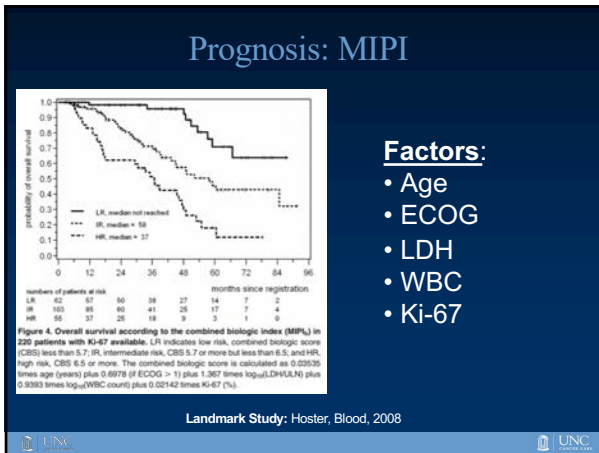
19



20



21



22

Risk Factor Summary

| Standard Course | Transplant Course |
|--|------------------------------|
| <p>Ultra-high risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DL (vs. blastoid/pleomorphic histology) Ki-67 ≥ 30%/50% in involved tissues with blastoid/pleomorphic histology* TP53 mutated with other high-risk gene mutations (MMT2D, NSD2, CCND1, NOTCH1, CDKN2A, NOTCH2, SMARCA4) CNS involvement | <p>Transplant MCL</p> |
| <p>High risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blastoid/pleomorphic histology Ki-67 ≥ 30%/50% in involved tissues with classic histology* TP53 mutated with high variant allele frequency (≥ 30%) or del(17p) by FISH Complex karyotype Simplified high-risk MIPI score (≥ 6.2) Bulky disease† | |
| <p>Standard risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classic histology Ki-67 < 30% in involved tissues Presence of B symptoms Bulky or nodularity disease† No other features of high-risk disease | |
| <p>Generally smoldering or indolent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classic histology Ki-67 < 30% in involved tissues Low-risk MIPI score No B symptoms Nonnodal leukemic MCL type Low tumor burden No other features of high-risk disease | |

Jain, JCO, 2020

23

- ### Workup
- Labs: CBC, CMP, LDH, TLS, HBV, HIV, +/- peripheral flow, +/- BM bx
 - Imaging: PET-CT
 - TTE: pre-transplant
 - GI Involvement Common
 - Endoscopy/Colonoscopy to confirm stage I/II
 - CNS Workup for Blastoid/Pleomorphic, Ki67>30%
 - Lumbar Puncture with CSF for flow
 - MRI brain if symptoms

24

Ann Arbor/Lugano Staging

Revised staging system for primary nodal lymphomas
(Lugano classification)

| Stage | Involvement | Extranodal (E) status |
|-----------------|---|--|
| Limited | | |
| I | One node or a group of adjacent nodes | Single extranodal lesions without nodal involvement |
| II | Two or more nodal groups on the same side of the diaphragm | Stage I or II by nodal extent with limited contiguous extranodal involvement |
| II bulky* | II as above with "bulky" disease | Not applicable |
| Advanced | | |
| III | Nodes on both sides of the diaphragm; nodes above the diaphragm with spleen involvement | Not applicable |
| IV | Additional noncontiguous extralymphatic involvement | Not applicable |

Extent of disease is determined by positron emission tomography/computed tomography (PET/CT) for nodal lymphomas and CT for nonnodal lymphomas. Testis, Waldeyer's ring, and spleen are considered nodal tissue.

* Whether stage II bulky disease is treated as limited or advanced disease may be determined by histology and a number of prognostic factors.

Cheson et al, JCO, 2014

25

Lugano Response Criteria

| Response | Sites | PET-CT (Metabolic response) |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Complete response | Lymph nodes and extralymphatic sites | Score 1, 2, or 3 ^a with or without a residual mass on 5 point scale (5-PS) ^{b,c} |
| | Non-measured lesion | Not applicable |
| | Organ enlargement | Not applicable |
| | New Lesions | None |
| Partial response | Bone Marrow | No evidence of FDG-avid disease in marrow |
| | Lymph nodes and extralymphatic sites | Score 4 or 5 ^b with reduced uptake compared with baseline. No new or progressive lesions. At interim these findings suggest responding disease. At end of treatment these findings may indicate residual disease. |
| | Non-measured lesion | Not applicable |
| | Organ enlargement | Not applicable |
| | New Lesions | None |

PET Five Point Scale (5-PS)

- 1 No uptake above background
- 2 Uptake ≤ mediastinum
- 3 Uptake > mediastinum but ≤ liver
- 4 Uptake moderately > liver
- 5 Uptake markedly higher than liver and/or new lesions
- X New areas of uptake unlikely to be related to lymphoma

Cheson, JCO, 2014; NCCN, 2017

26

Treatment of MCL

UNC

27

Intensive vs Less Intensive

- Clinical Trial if available
- **<75yrs: Intensive Approach**
 - R-DHAX(P) x4 to AutoSCT + mRituximab x3 yrs (preferred)
 - Nordic Regimen (R-maxiCHOP/HD-cytarabine) to AutoSCT
 - R-HyperCVAD +/- AutoSCT
- **>75yrs: Less Intensive Approach**
 - BR (w/o mRituximab; Rummel, ASCO, 2016)
 - R-BAC500: 2yr OS: 86%; PFS: 81% (Visco, Lancet H, 2017)
 - VR-CAP
 - Lenalidomide + Rituximab
 - Ibrutinib or Acalabrutinib

28

Role for High Dose Cytarabine

Addition of high-dose cytarabine to immunochemotherapy before autologous stem-cell transplantation in patients aged 65 years or younger with mantle cell lymphoma

- Ph. III RCT
- N=497
- Age<65
- St II-IV
- R-CHOP x6 → Auto
- R-CHOP/R-DHAP x6 → Auto

Hermine, Lancet, 2016

29

Patient Characteristics

| | Control group (n=234) | Cytarabine group (n=232) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Age (years) | 55 (48-60) | 56 (50-60) |
| Male sex | 186 (79%) | 183 (79%) |
| Ann Arbor stage | | |
| II | 7 (3%) | 10 (4%) |
| III | 31 (13%) | 31 (13%) |
| IV | 196 (84%) | 191 (82%) |
| MPI | | |
| Score | 5.60 (5.29-5.93) | 5.56 (5.31-5.88) |
| Low risk | 141 (60%) | 150 (65%) |
| Intermediate risk | 60 (26%) | 51 (22%) |
| High risk | 33 (14%) | 31 (13%) |
| Blastoid mantle cell lymphoma* | 14/159 (9%) | 14/169 (8%) |
| Ki67 index* | | |
| Median (IQR) | 20% (12-34%) | 21% (11-32%) |
| ≥30% | 38/132 (29%) | 34/129 (26%) |
| Biological MPI* | | |
| Low risk | 35/132 (27%) | 45/129 (35%) |
| Intermediate risk | 64/132 (48%) | 58/129 (45%) |
| High risk | 33/132 (25%) | 26/129 (20%) |

Hermine, Lancet, 2016

30

Excellent 2-Year PFS and OS

| Variable | Value |
|---|-------------|
| Median progression-free survival | Not reached |
| 2-Yr progression-free survival — % of patients (95% CI) | 85 (67–94) |
| 2-Yr overall survival — % of patients (95% CI) | 97 (79–99) |
| Follow-up time — mo | |
| Median | 30 |
| Range | 10–42 |
| Time to partial response — mo | |
| Median | 3 |
| Range | 3–13 |
| Time to complete response — mo* | |
| Median | 11 |
| Range | 3–22 |

Ruan, NEJM, 2015

43

MCL Case

- Pt started on Bendamustine/ Rituximab (BR)
- Bendamustine was dose reduced 20%
- 6 cycles completed

UNC

44



MCL Case: Response

UNC

45

MCL Case

- Patient remained in Complete Remission for 3 years.
- Now at age 86, she developed severe night sweats, fevers, weight loss.
- PET showed diffuse LAD
- Diagnosed with relapsed MCL






46

Approach to Relapsed MCL

- Clinical trial if available.
- More Intensive:
 - Any frontline or salvage regimens that have not been used (VR-CAP, R-BAC, R-ICE, etc)
 - If no prior transplant: consider autoSCT
 - If prior autoSCT: consider alloSCT
 - **CD19 CAR-T:** Brexucabtagene autoleucl (Tecartus)
- Less Intensive:
 - BTK inhibitor
 - Lenalidomide/Rituximab (R²): ORR=57%, CR=36%*
 - Venetoclax: ORR=75%, CR=21%**

*Wang, Lancet Oncol, 2012
**Davids et al, JCO, 2017



47

KTE-X19 CAR T-Cell Therapy in Relapsed or Refractory Mantle-Cell Lymphoma

M. Wang, J. Munoz, A. Goy, F.L. Locke, C.A. Jacobson, B.T. Hill, J.M. Timmerman, H. Holmes, S. Jaglowski, I.W. Flinn, P.A. McSweeney,

Phase II study
N=74
N=68 (received CAR-T)
All w/ prior BTKi
Dose=2x10⁶ cells/kg
Flu/Cy Lymphodepletion

Wang, NEJM, 2020

48

Clinical Trials at UNC

- **Frontline:**
 - **EA4151:** A Randomized Phase III Trial of Consolidation w/ autoSCT followed by mRituximab vs. mRituximab Alone for Patients w/ **MRD-Negative** First CR.
 - **EA4181:** A Randomized 3-Arm Phase II Study in **≤70** Untreated MCL Comparing:
 - 1.) Benda/Rituximab/HD Cytarabine
 - 2.) Benda/Rituximab/HD Cytarabine/Acalabrutinib
 - 3.) Benda/Rituximab/Acalabrutinib

55

Clinical Trials at UNC

- **Relapsed:**
 - A Phase II Study of Palbociclib in Combination With Ibrutinib in Patients With Previously Treated Mantle Cell Lymphoma
 - **LOXO-BTK-18001:** A Phase 1/2 Study of Oral LOXO-305 in Patients with Previously Treated CLL or NHL
 - **LCCC1813-ATL:** CD19 CAR-T for lymphoma (w/ "suicide gene" – antidote for toxicity).

56

References

Bernard, M, et al. "Blastic variant of mantle cell lymphoma: a rare but highly aggressive subtype." *Leukemia*, 2001, 15: 1785–1791. <https://www.nature.com/articles/2402272>

Cheson, BD, et al. "Recommendations for Initial Evaluation, Staging, and Response Assessment of Hodgkin and Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma: The Lugano Classification." *Journal of Clinical Oncology* 32, no. 27 (September 20, 2014): 3059-3067. DOI: 10.1200/JCO.2013.54.8800. <https://ascopubs.org/doi/full/10.1200/JCO.2013.54.8800>

Chihara, D, et al. "Ki-67 is a strong predictor of central nervous system relapse in patients with mantle cell lymphoma (MCL)." *Ann Oncol*, 2015 May;26(5):966-973. doi: 10.1093/annonc/mdv074. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25712457/>

Eskelund, CW, et al. "TP53 mutations identify younger mantle cell lymphoma patients who do not benefit from intensive chemoimmunotherapy." *Blood*, 2017 Oct 26;130(17):1903-1910. doi: 10.1182/blood-2017-04-779736. Epub 2017 Aug 17. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/28819011/>

Hoster, E. "A new prognostic index (MPI) for patients with advanced-stage mantle cell lymphoma." *Blood*, 2008 Jan 15;111(2):556-65. doi: 10.1182/blood-2007-06-095331. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/17962512/>

Jain, MD, et al. "Standard-of-Care Axicabtagene Ciloleumab for Relapsed or Refractory Large B-Cell Lymphoma: Results From the US Lymphoma CAR T Consortium." *Journal of Clinical Oncology* 38, no. 27 (September 20, 2020): 3119-3128. DOI: 10.1200/JCO.19.02104. <https://ascopubs.org/doi/10.1200/JCO.19.02104>

Hermine, O, et al. "Addition of high-dose cytarabine to immunochemotherapy before autologous stem-cell transplantation in patients aged 65 years or younger with mantle cell lymphoma (MCL Younger): a randomised, open-label, phase 3 trial of the European Mantle Cell Lymphoma Network." *Lancet*, 2019, 393:1004-1015. DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(19\)00739-X](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(19)00739-X). [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(19\)00739-X/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(19)00739-X/fulltext)

57

References

Le Gouill, S, et al. "Rituximab after Autologous Stem-Cell Transplantation in Mantle-Cell Lymphoma." *N Engl J Med* 2017; 377:1250-1260. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1701769. <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa1701769>

National Comprehensive Cancer, 2017. https://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/default.aspx

Ribak, T, et al. "Bortezomib-Based Therapy for Newly Diagnosed Mantle-Cell Lymphoma." *N Engl J Med* 2015; 372:944-953. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1412096. <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa1412096>

Ruan, J, et al. "Lenalidomide plus Rituximab as Initial Treatment for Mantle-Cell Lymphoma." *N Engl J Med* 2015; 373:1835-1844. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1505237. <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa1505237>

Rummel, MJ, et al. "Bendamustine plus rituximab versus CHOP plus rituximab as first-line treatment for patients with indolent and mantle-cell lymphomas: an open-label, multicentre, randomised, phase 3 non-inferiority trial." *Lancet*, 2013, 381:9873-9203-1210. DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(13\)61763-2](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(13)61763-2). [https://www.thelancet.com/journal/2013/article/PIIS0140-6736\(13\)61763-2/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journal/2013/article/PIIS0140-6736(13)61763-2/fulltext).

SEER Cancer Statistics Factsheets: Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma. NCI, Bethesda, MD. <http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/nhli.html>

Swerdlow, SH, et al. "The 2016 revision of the World Health Organization classification of lymphoid neoplasms." *Blood*, 2016, 127:20. <https://ashpublications.org/blood/article/127/20/2375/35286>The-2016-revision-of-the-World-Health-Organization

Teras, LR, et al. "2016 US lymphoid malignancy statistics by World Health Organization subtypes." *Ca Cancer J Clin*, 2016 Nov 12;66(6):443-459. doi: 10.3322/caac.21357. Epub 2016 Sep 12. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/27618563/>

Wang, M, et al. "KTE-X19 CAR T-Cell Therapy in Relapsed or Refractory Mantle-Cell Lymphoma." *N Engl J Med* 2020; 382:1331-1342. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1914347. <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa1914347>

58

THANK YOU!



**THE UNIVERSITY
of NORTH CAROLINA
at CHAPEL HILL**

59
