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Lymphoma Tumor Board

**Multiple Myeloma Treatment and Management
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Myeloma is the 24th most common cause of cancer-related mortality in Uganda

Country	Breast Cancer	Tracheal, Bronchus, and Lung Cancer	Colon and Rectum Cancer	Prostate Cancer	Stomach Cancer	Liver Cancer	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	Leukemia	Bladder Cancer	Cervical Cancer	Esophageal Cancer	Uterine Cancer	Pancreatic Cancer	Kidney Cancer	Lip and Oral Cavity Cancer	Malignant Skin Melanoma	Thyroid Cancer	Brain and Nervous System Cancer	Ovarian Cancer	Larynx Cancer	Chronic Lymphoid Leukemia	Acute Myeloid Leukemia	Gallbladder and Biliary Tract Cancer	Other Pharynx Cancer	Acute Lymphoid Leukemia	Multiple Myeloma	Nasopharynx Cancer	Hodgkin Lymphoma	Testicular Cancer	Chronic Myeloid Leukemia	Mesothelioma
Guinea-Bissau	1	8	9	7	3	4	5	6	10	2	11	20	12	17	15	23	22	16	24	18	28	14	19	21	13	25	29	27	30	26	31
Cape Verde	3	5	11	1	2	6	7	9	13	4	8	18	12	16	10	22	24	15	25	20	23	14	26	19	17	21	28	30	29	27	31
Sao Tome and Principe	1	4	6	7	3	20	5	8	9	2	14	18	12	15	22	23	21	13	17	16	26	10	19	25	11	24	29	30	28	27	31
Eastern SSA	1	11	9	7	4	5	3	8	13	2	6	19	16	25	10	21	20	15	14	18	27	17	26	24	12	23	22	30	29	28	31
Ethiopia	1	11	6	8	4	3	5	7	15	2	9	19	14	26	10	21	18	17	13	20	27	16	25	23	12	24	22	30	29	28	31
Tanzania	1	10	8	6	7	4	3	5	14	2	9	21	17	23	12	20	19	13	15	18	27	16	26	25	11	22	24	29	31	28	30
Kenya	2	17	8	4	3	7	6	5	19	1	10	20	14	26	9	24	22	13	12	11	27	16	23	25	15	21	18	30	29	28	31
Uganda	1	10	6	4	9	7	3	8	17	2	5	18	15	22	13	21	20	14	11	23	27	16	26	25	12	24	19	30	29	28	31
Mozambique	1	9	7	12	4	3	8	5	15	2	6	20	17	24	10	22	19	14	16	18	26	13	25	21	11	22	28	29	31	27	30
Madagascar	1	11	9	6	5	3	4	8	12	2	7	19	14	25	10	21	20	16	13	18	27	17	26	24	15	23	22	30	29	28	31
Malawi	4	11	9	6	10	7	3	8	5	2	1	23	17	21	12	13	20	14	16	19	26	18	25	24	15	22	27	30	29	28	31
Zambia	1	12	6	4	7	8	3	9	11	2	5	21	16	22	10	18	20	14	13	19	27	17	26	25	15	23	24	30	29	28	31
South Sudan	1	11	8	9	3	4	6	7	12	2	5	19	13	26	10	21	20	16	15	17	27	18	25	23	14	24	22	29	31	28	30
Rwanda	1	14	7	8	6	5	3	4	17	2	9	21	16	25	10	19	20	13	12	18	27	15	26	24	11	22	23	29	30	28	31
Burundi	1	13	9	8	3	4	5	6	17	2	7	20	16	25	10	21	19	12	15	18	27	14	26	23	11	24	22	29	30	28	31
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Djibouti	1	10	6	3	8	5	4	9	12	2	7	20	14	24	11	19	21	16	13	15	27	17	26	25	18	22	23	30	29	28	31
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High-income North America	2	3	4	1	13	14	5	11	7	22	21	10	12	9	15	6	8	17	19	23	18	20	26	24	29	16	31	27	25	30	28
United States	2	3	4	1	14	13	5	11	7	23	21	9	12	10	15	6	8	17	19	22	18	20	26	24	30	16	31	27	25	29	28
Canada	2	4	3	1	7	17	5	10	9	23	21	11	12	6	20	8	13	14	18	24	16	19	22	25	29	15	31	27	26	30	28
Greenland	3	1	2	4	6	14	10	16	13	7	9	17	8	5	12	19	18	21	20	22	28	24	23	15	29	25	11	30	26	27	31

The global incident of myeloma has increased 42% in the past decade

2005		2015		Change in A-YLLs, % (95% CI)	Change in AS-YLL Rate, % (95% CI)
Rank	Cancer	Cancer	Rank		
1	Tracheal, bronchus, and lung cancer	Tracheal, bronchus, and lung cancer	1	14.3 (10.8 to 18.9)	-11.5 (-14.2 to -8.0)
2	Liver cancer	Liver cancer	2	4.6 (-1.6 to 15.4)	-16.9 (-21.6 to -8.8)
3	Stomach cancer	Stomach cancer	3	-6.9 (-10.2 to -3.7)	-27.3 (-29.8 to -24.7)
4	Colon and rectum cancer	Colon and rectum cancer	4	17.4 (14.8 to 20.2)	-8.9 (-10.8 to -6.8)
5	Breast cancer	Breast cancer	5	17.2 (9.3 to 24.3)	-7.5 (-13.5 to -2.2)
6	Leukemia	Leukemia	6	6.2 (2.5 to 9.9)	-8.0 (-11.1 to -4.9)
7	Esophageal cancer	Esophageal cancer	7	-7.8 (-12.7 to -2.3)	-28.7 (-32.5 to -24.5)
8	Brain and nervous system cancer	Pancreatic cancer	8	26.1 (23.2 to 29.0)	-2.8 (-4.9 to -0.6)
9	Cervical cancer	Brain and nervous system cancer	9	13.0 (4.8 to 20.8)	-5.3 (-11.8 to 1.1)
10	Pancreatic cancer	Cervical cancer	10	2.3 (-4.4 to 10.8)	-18.6 (-24.0 to -12.0)
11	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	11	22.7 (10.3 to 30.4)	0.3 (-9.4 to 6.0)
12	Acute lymphoid leukemia	Prostate cancer	12	25.9 (22.0 to 29.9)	-4.2 (-7.1 to -1.3)
13	Acute myeloid leukemia	Acute lymphoid leukemia	13	3.8 (-2.1 to 9.6)	-6.4 (-11.5 to -1.3)
14	Prostate cancer	Acute myeloid leukemia	14	13.1 (7.8 to 18.0)	-3.1 (-7.4 to 0.9)
15	Ovarian cancer	Ovarian cancer	15	18.0 (13.1 to 22.9)	-7.5 (-11.3 to -3.9)
16	Lip and oral cavity cancer	Lip and oral cavity cancer	16	27.5 (23.4 to 32.2)	-0.2 (-3.5 to 3.4)
17	Bladder cancer	Kidney cancer	17	24.6 (19.7 to 29.0)	-1.5 (-4.9 to 2.0)
18	Kidney cancer	Bladder cancer	18	17.9 (14.3 to 21.6)	-9.6 (-12.3 to -6.8)
19	Gallbladder and biliary tract cancer	Gallbladder and biliary tract cancer	19	6.7 (2.1 to 11.4)	-17.6 (-21.2 to -13.9)
20	Larynx cancer	Larynx cancer	20	9.6 (6.3 to 13.2)	-15.1 (-17.6 to -12.3)
21	Uterine cancer	Multiple myeloma	21	27.9 (22.8 to 32.5)	-1.0 (-4.8 to 2.3)
22	Nasopharynx cancer	Uterine cancer	22	4.5 (-2.2 to 12.6)	-18.8 (-24.0 to -12.6)
23	Multiple myeloma	Nasopharynx cancer	23	5.5 (-2.5 to 12.0)	14.6 (-20.9 to -9.4)
24	Other pharynx cancer	Other pharynx cancer	24	20.4 (14.7 to 25.9)	-6.7 (-11.0 to -2.4)
25	Malignant skin melanoma	Malignant skin melanoma	25	19.1 (12.6 to 23.9)	-5.0 (-10.1 to -1.2)
26	Chronic lymphoid leukemia	Chronic lymphoid leukemia	26	5.5 (-0.1 to 11.1)	-15.4 (-19.7 to -11.1)
27	Chronic myeloid leukemia	Chronic myeloid leukemia	27	-9.4 (-13.3 to -4.9)	-25.4 (-28.5 to -21.9)
28	Hodgkin lymphoma	Hodgkin lymphoma	28	-12.1 (-16.2 to -7.9)	-25.7 (-29.3 to -22.1)
29	Thyroid cancer	Mesothelioma	29	28.6 (24.1 to 33.2)	1.9 (-1.6 to 5.3)
30	Mesothelioma	Thyroid cancer	30	18.7 (8.3 to 24.8)	-7.1 (-15.0 to -2.3)
31	Testicular cancer	Testicular cancer	31	5.0 (-1.9 to 11.19)	-8.6 (-14.7 to -3.4)

Plasma cell neoplasms

Multiple myeloma

Light chain amyloidosis

- Deposition of an abnormally folded light chain protein in tissue

POEMS disease

- **P**olyneuropathy (nerve damage)
- **O**rganomegaly (enlarged organs)
- **E**ndocrinopathy (disorders involving hormone production)
- **M**onoclonal gammopathy (presence of an M-protein)
- **S**kin rash

Lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma

- Plasma cell disease involving the lymph nodes

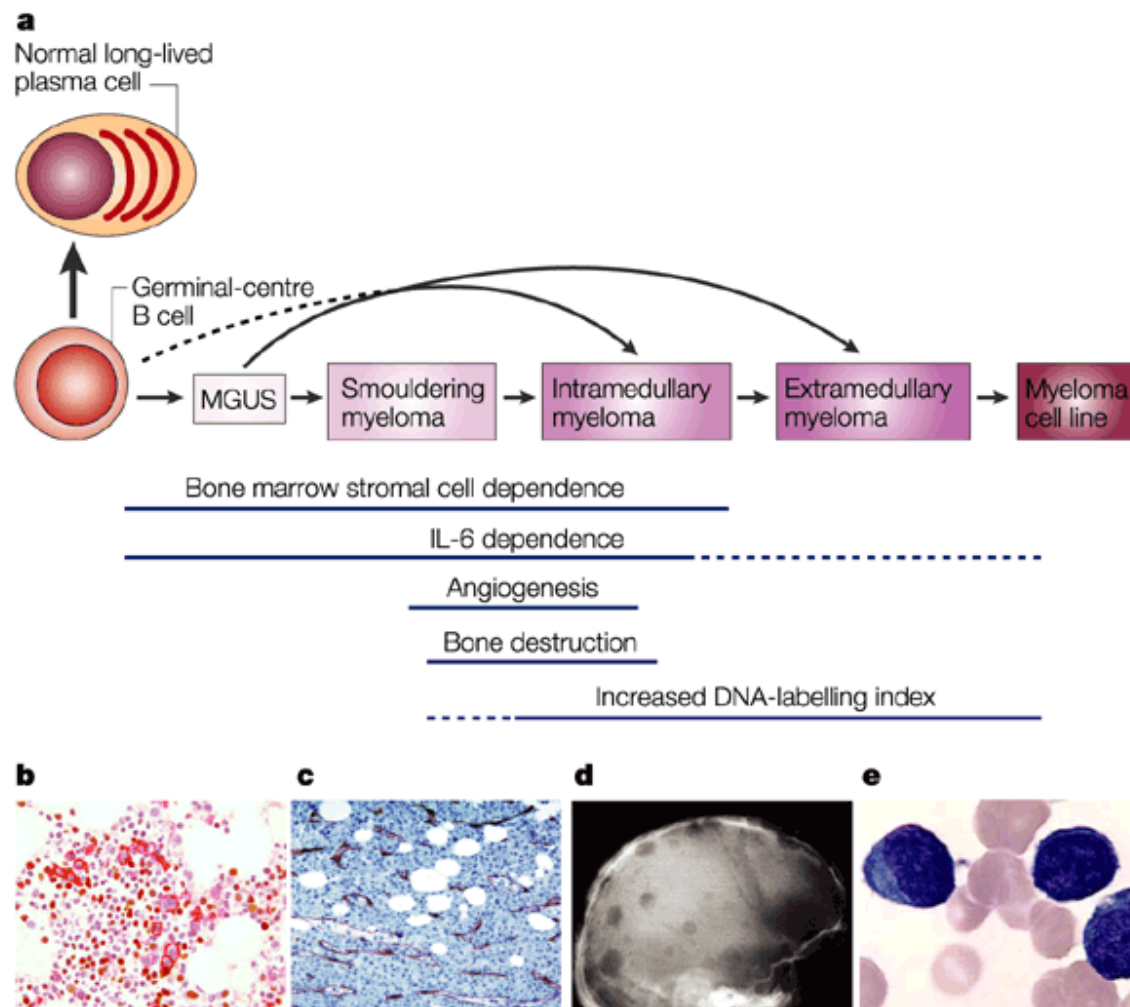
Waldenström's macroglobulinemia

- A type of lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma that makes IgM M-protein

Solitary plasmacytoma

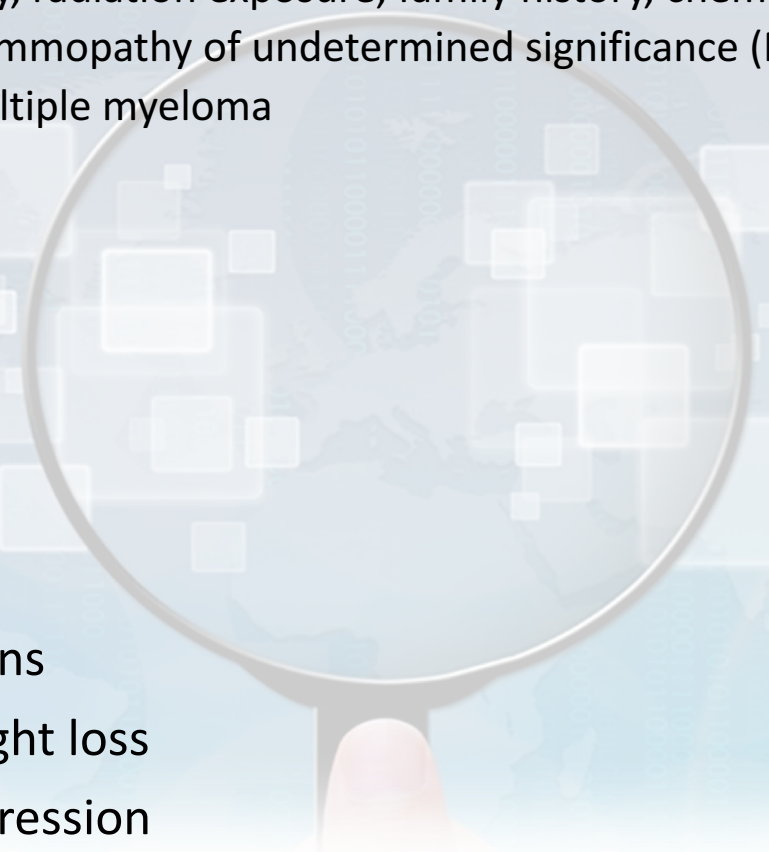
Plasma cell leukemia

- Greater than 20% plasma cells in the blood



a | Multiple myeloma arises from a normal germinal-centre B cell. At least 30–50% of malignant multiple myeloma seems to arise from the benign plasma-cell neoplasm monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)⁴. It does not always pass through a period of smouldering myeloma. Initially, multiple myeloma is confined to the bone marrow (intramedullary), but with time the tumour can acquire the ability to grow in extramedullary locations (such as blood, pleural fluid and skin). Some of these extramedullary multiple myelomas can establish immortalized cell lines *in vitro*. The transition of MGUS to intramedullary multiple myeloma is manifested by increased numbers of multiple myeloma cells at multiple foci, and also associated angiogenesis and osteolytic bone destruction. **b** | The low proliferative index in a patient with MGUS. Bright red surface staining for syndecan identifies the plasma cells (~10%), none of which stain for the brown nuclear proliferation marker Ki67. **c** | A bone-marrow biopsy stained for CD34, identifying the endothelial cells, and emphasizing the increased vascularity in multiple myeloma. **d** | A skull X-ray shows the classic 'punched-out' lytic bone lesions. Although the skull lesions are asymptomatic, extensive vertebral involvement causes compression fractures, resulting in pain and loss of height (5 cm on average by the time of diagnosis). **e** | A peripheral blood smear identifies circulating plasma cells in a patient with plasma-cell leukaemia.

Signs and Symptoms of Multiple Myeloma

- Risk factors include:
 - Alcohol, obesity, radiation exposure, family history, chemical exposure
 - Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)
 - Smoldering multiple myeloma
 - Fatigue
 - Bone pain
 - Anemia
 - Fractures
 - Kidney failure
 - Neuropathy
 - Frequent infections
 - Unexplained weight loss
 - Spinal cord compression
 - Neurological symptoms
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- A magnifying glass is positioned over a world map, which is the background of the slide. The magnifying glass is held by a hand, and its lens is focused on the map, suggesting a search for information or a global perspective on the disease.

Diagnostic Criteria

Table 1.

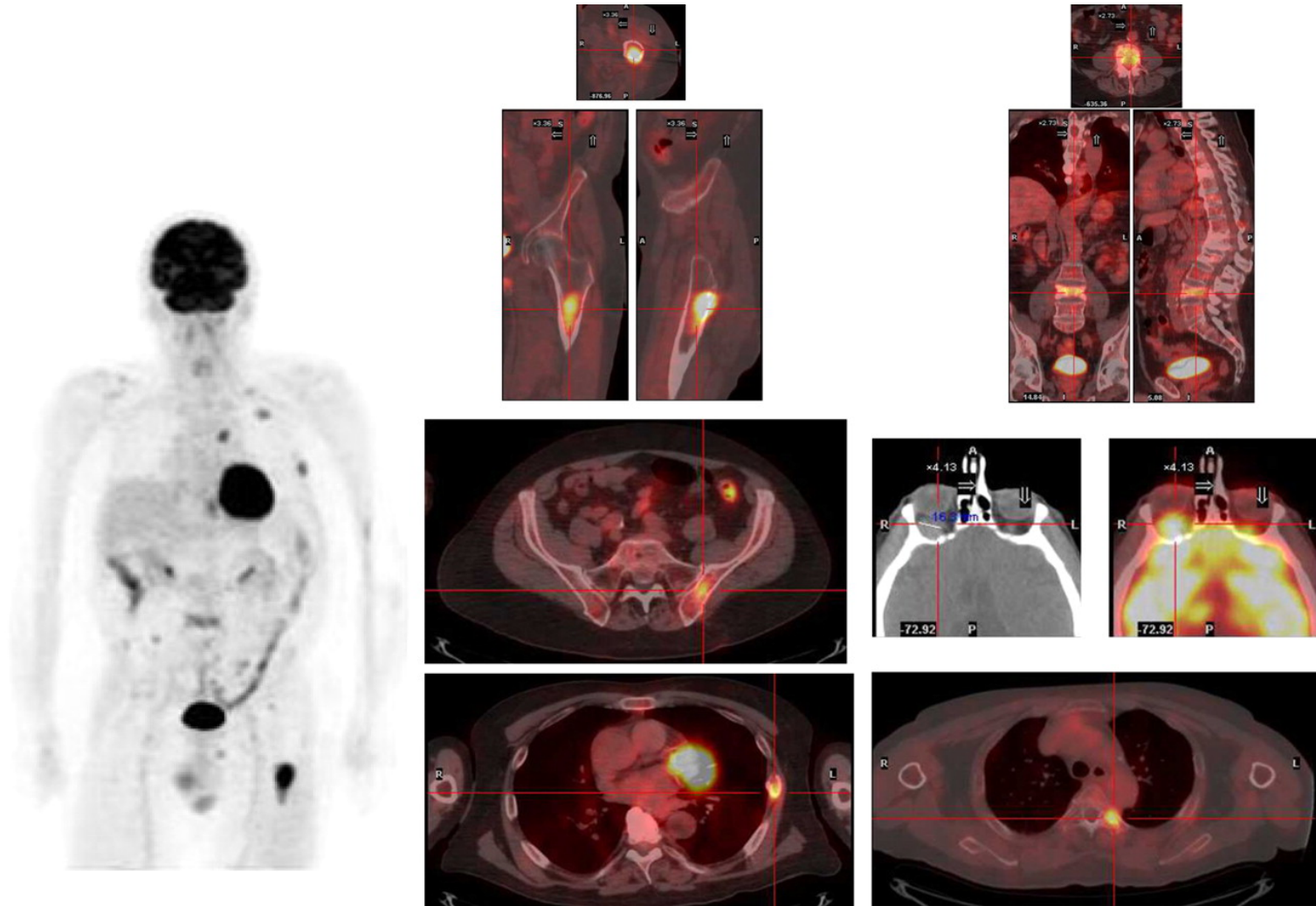
Diagnostic Criteria for Plasma Cell Diseases

Diagnosis	Diagnostic Criteria
MGUS	All three criteria must be met:
	Serum monoclonal protein (IgG or IgA) < 3 g/100 mL
	Clonal bone marrow plasma cells < 10%
	Absence of myeloma-related organ damage (CRAB) that can be attributed to plasma-cell proliferative disorder
Smoldering (asymptomatic) MM	Both criteria must be met:
	Serum monoclonal protein (IgG or IgA) ≥ 3 g/100 mL and/or clonal bone marrow plasma cells ≥ 10%
	Absence of myeloma-related organ damage (CRAB) that can be attributed to plasma-cell proliferative disorder
MM (symptomatic)	All three criteria must be met:
	Clonal bone marrow plasma cells ≥ 10%*
	Presence of serum and/or urinary monoclonal protein (except in patients with true nonsecretory MM)
	Evidence of myeloma-related organ damage (CRAB) that can be attributed to plasma-cell proliferative disorder, specifically:
	Hypercalcemia: serum calcium ≥ 11.5 mg/100 mL
	Renal insufficiency: serum creatinine > 1.73 mmol/L
	Anemia: normochromic, normocytic with hemoglobin value > 2 g/100 mL below lower limit of normal or hemoglobin value < 10 g/100 mL
Bone lesions: lytic lesions, severe osteopenia, or pathologic fractures	
Solitary plasmacytoma	All four criteria must be met:
	Biopsy-proven solitary lesion of bone or soft tissue with evidence of clonal plasma cells
	Normal bone marrow with no evidence of clonal plasma cells
	Normal skeletal survey and MRI of spine and pelvis (except for primary solitary lesion)
Other plasma-cell diseases	Absence of myeloma-related organ damage (CRAB) that can be attributed to plasma-cell proliferative disorder
	Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia
	Systemic AL amyloidosis
	Monoclonal Ig deposition disease
	POEMS syndrome

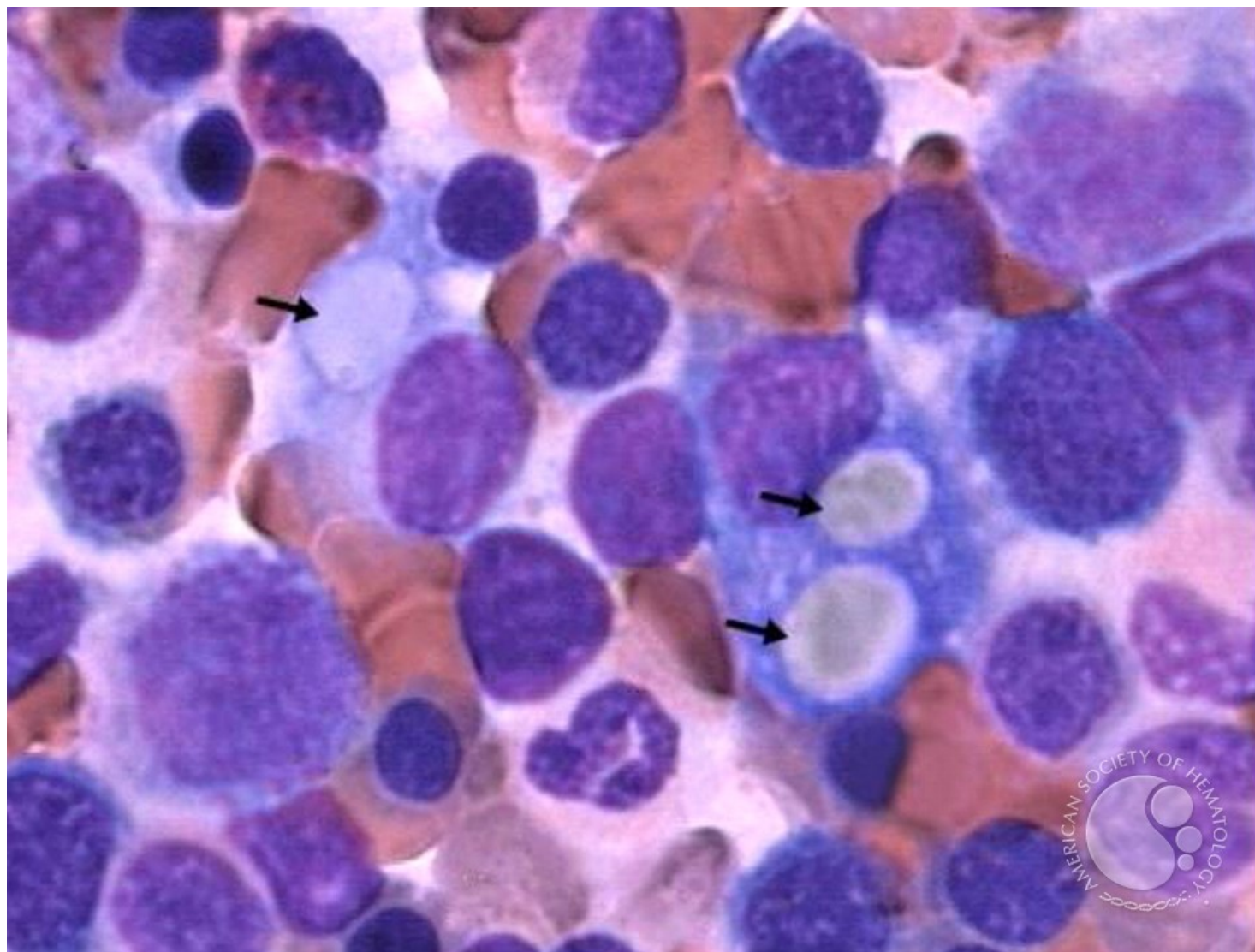
Diagnostic Evaluation

Diagnostic Work-Up for Patients With MM			
Work-Up	Description	General Practice	Clinical Trial
First-level investigations to make diagnosis			
History and physical examination		Always	Always
Blood and urine	Complete blood count and differential; chemistry, including creatinine and calcium; serum protein electrophoresis and immunofixation, quantification of immunoglobulin; 24-hour urine collection for proteinuria, electrophoresis, and immunofixation	Always	Always
	Serum free light chains	For oligo and nonsecretory MM and light chain only	Always
Bone marrow	Aspirate and trephine biopsy with plasma cells phenotyping	Always	Always
Imaging	Skeletal survey	Always	Always
Second-level investigations to assess prognosis			
Blood	Albumin, β_2 -microglobulin, LDH	Always	Always
	Serum free light chains	Not indicated	Preferred
Cytogenetic	Metaphase karyotype	Preferred	Always
FISH	t(4;14), t(11;14), t(14;16), t(14;20), chromosome 13 deletion, 17p13 deletion, and chromosome 1 abnormalities	Preferred	Always
Third-level investigations required before starting therapy or enrollment onto clinical trials			
Performance status	Karnofsky performance status and WHO scale	Always	Always
Patient status	Assessment of comorbidity, frailty, and disability (cumulative illness rating scale or Charlson score; ADL and IADL score)	Preferred	Always
Organ function	Cardiac, pulmonary, hepatic, GI, and renal function	Always	Always
Infectious disease	Hepatitis B and C, HIV	Always	Always
Additional pretreatment investigations			
Imaging	MRI PET/CT	In selected circumstances	Preferred
Prognostic	GEP	Not indicated	Preferred

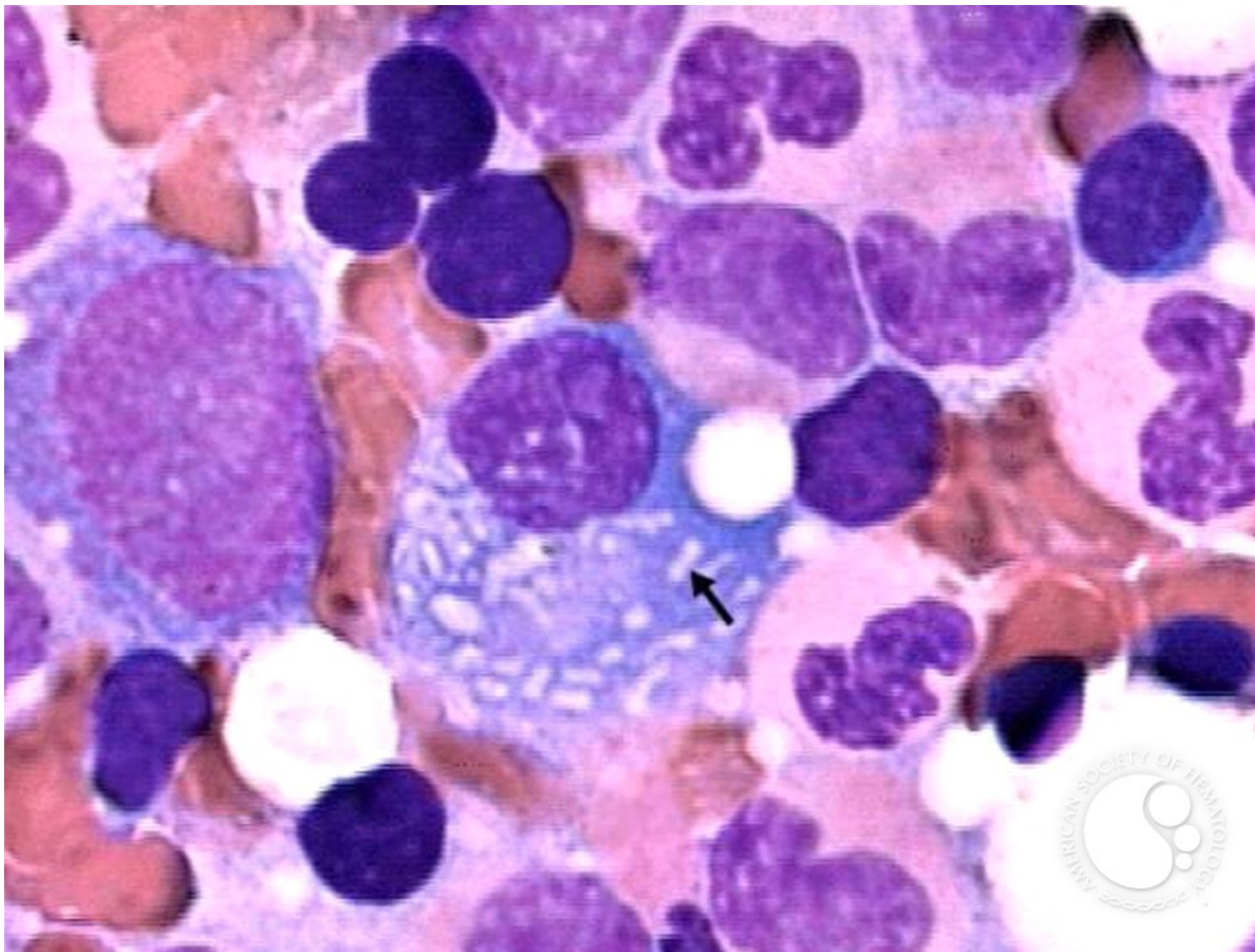
Myeloma deposits are identified by PET-CT in a relapsing patient in the left femur, ribs, thoracic and lumbar spine, and left iliac crest, and a previously unsuspected extramedullary lesion is identified behind the left orbit.



Multiple Myeloma - 3.



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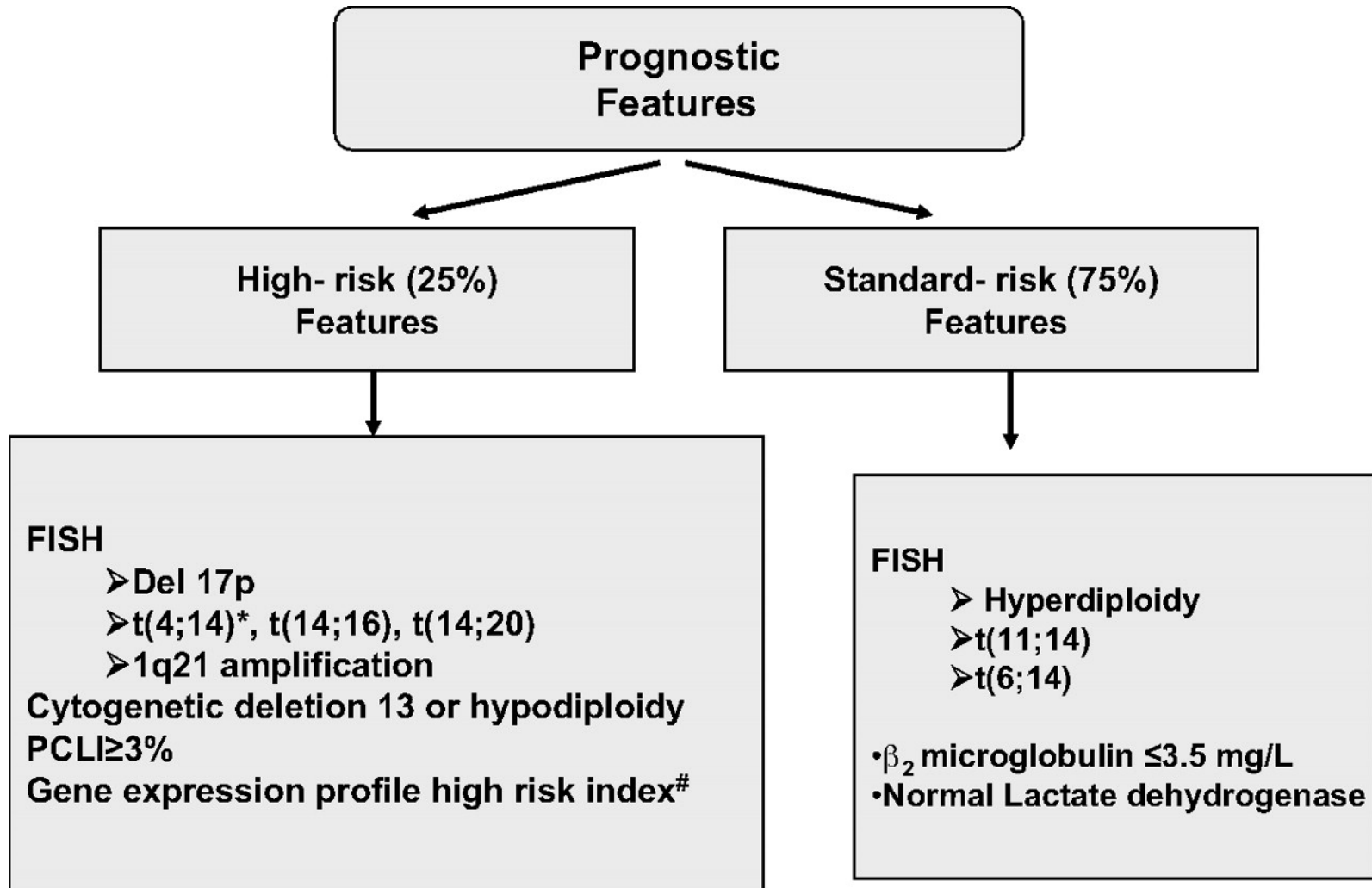
Prognostic Factors

Table 2. Summary of cytogenetic risk features

	High-risk	Standard-risk
Cytogenetic abnormality	FISH: t(4;14), t(14;16), t(14;20), del(17/17p), gain(1q) Non-hyperdiploid karyotype Karyotype del(13) GEP: high-risk signature	All others including: FISH: t(11;14), t(6;14)

- Abnormal κ/λ ratio at diagnosis seems to predict poor prognosis.
- Asymptomatic patients should be monitored every 1 to 3 months (grade C/IV).
- Initial therapy is indicated when CRAB symptoms occur (grade C/IV).
- Age is associated with increased frequency of comorbidities, frailty, and disability
 - Negative effect on outcome.

Risk classification based on baseline testing



A. Keith Stewart et al. Blood 2009;114:5436-5443

Table 1. Primary and secondary genetic events that can be identified by FISH

Primary Genetic Events			Secondary Genetic Events		
IgH translocation	Gene(s)	Frequency (%)	Deletion	Gene(s)	Frequency (%)
t(4;14)	<i>FGFR3/MMSET</i>	15	1p	<i>CDKN2C, FAF1, FAM46C</i>	30
t(6;14)	<i>CCND3</i>	4	6q		33
t(11;14)	<i>CCND1</i>	20	8p		25
t(14;16)	<i>MAF</i>	4	13	<i>RB1,, DIS3</i>	44
t(14;20)	<i>MAFB</i>	1	11q	<i>BIRC2/BIRC3</i>	7
			14q	<i>TRAF3</i>	38
			16q	<i>WWOX, CYLD</i>	35
			17p	<i>TP53</i>	7
Hyperdiploidy			Gain		
Trisomies of chromosomes 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 15, 19, 21	NA	50	1q	<i>CKS1B, ANP32E</i>	40

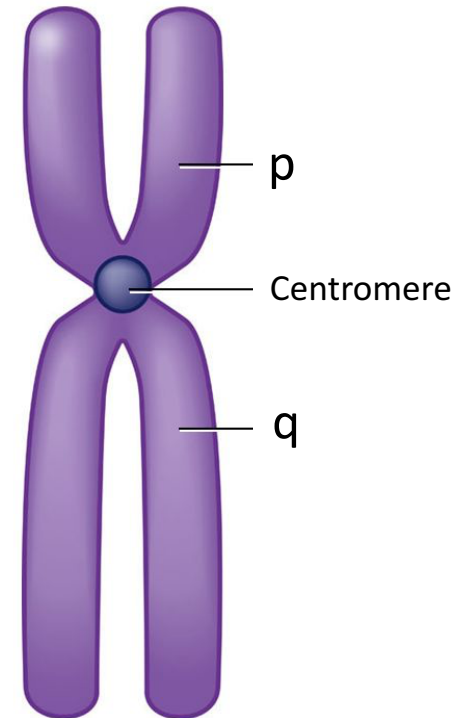
Genes involved in common myeloma genetic aberrations

TABLE 1: Oncogenes involved in multiple myeloma, and their locations

Locus	Oncogene	Incidence
11q13	<i>CCND1</i>	15%–20%
6p21	<i>CCND3</i>	5%
4p16.3	<i>FGFR3</i> and <i>WHSC1</i>	12%
16q23	<i>MAF</i>	5%–10%
8q24	<i>MYC</i>	< 10%
6p25	<i>MUM1/IRF4</i>	5%
20q11	<i>MAFB</i>	5%
1q21-34	<i>BCL9, IL6R, MCL1</i>	Frequent

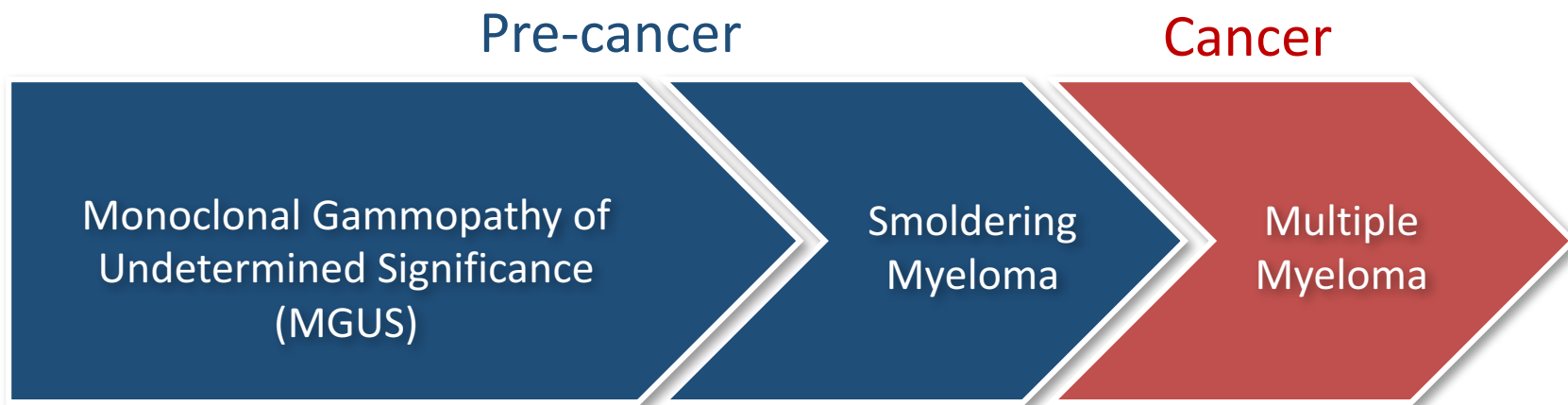
Common chromosomal abnormalities in myeloma

Abnormality	Frequency	Prognosis
Deletion 13q	45-50%	Neutral
Gain 1q	35-40%	Poor
Deletion 1p	30%	Poor
Translocation (11;14)	15-20%	Neutral
Translocation (4;14)	15%	Poor
Deletion 17p	10%	Poor
Translocation (14;16)	5-10%	Poor
Translocation (6;14)	2%	Neutral
Translocation (14;20)	1%	Neutral



p = short arm of chromosome; q = long arm of chromosome

Myeloma diagnostic criteria



M-protein	< 3.0 g/dl	> 3.0 g/dl	Any
Light chain ratio	< 100	< 100	> 100
Bone marrow plasma cells	< 10%	10-59%	> 60%
End organ damage	No	No	Yes "CRAB criteria"

Staging Multiple Myeloma

International Staging System^[a]

Stage	Serum β_2 M		Serum Albumin
I	<3.5 mg/L	+	\geq 3.5 g/dL
II*	<3.5 mg/L or 3.5 to <5.5 mg/L	+	<3.5 g/dL
III	\geq 5.5 mg/L		

*Neither stage I nor stage III.

Revised International Staging System^[b,c]

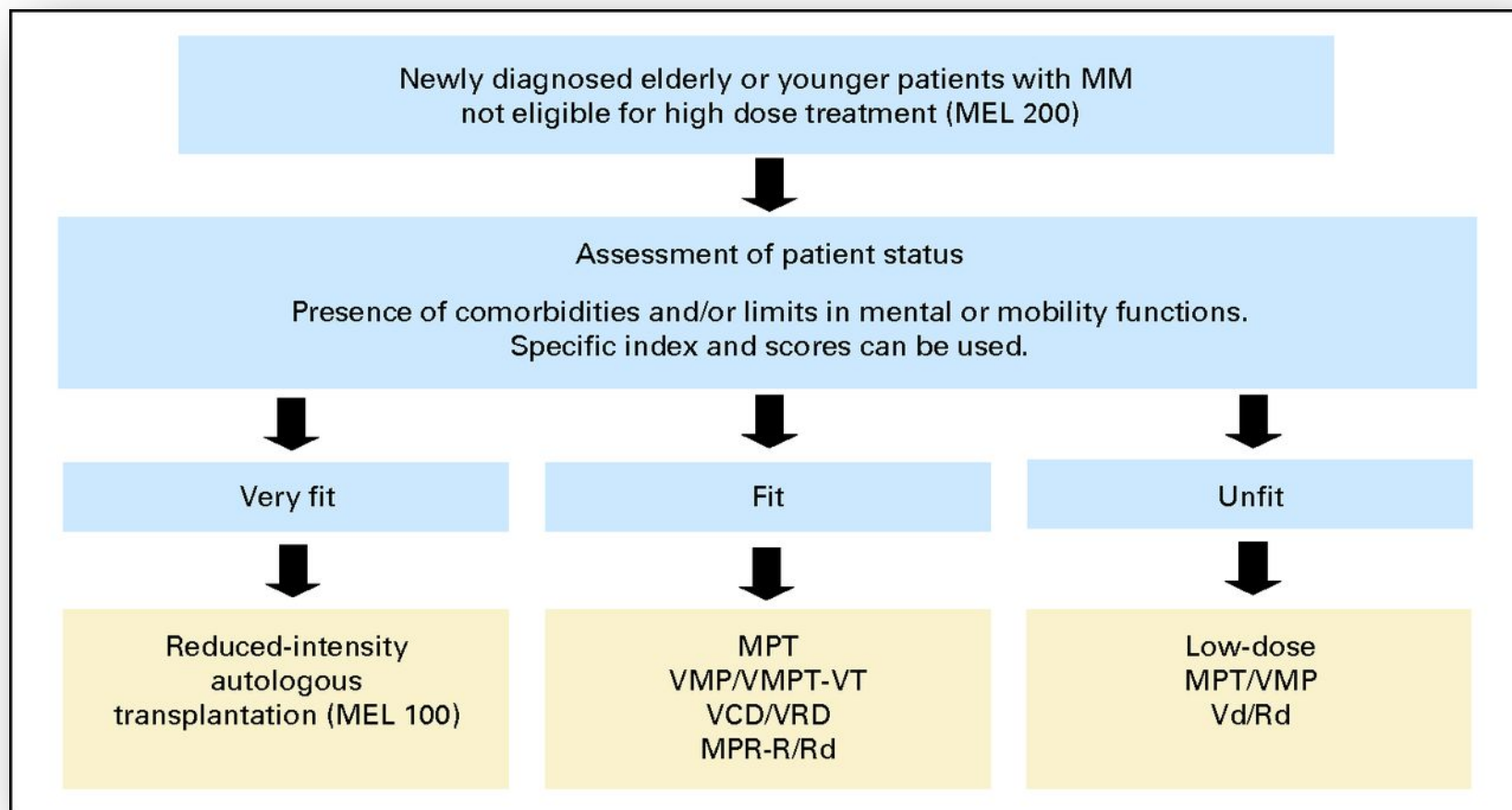
R-ISS Stage	ISS Stage		CHr Abnormality*		Serum LDH
I	I	and	Standard risk	and	<ULN
II	II		Not R-ISS stage I or III		
III	III	and	High risk	or	>ULN

*Testing by FISH; standard risk = no chromosome abnormality; high risk = del(17p) and/or t(4:14) and/or t(14:16).

a. Greipp PR, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2005;23:3412-3420; b. Palumbo A, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2015;33:2863-2869; c. Chng WJ, et al. *Leukemia*. 2014;28:269-277.

Treatment

Therapeutic approach should be tailored to patient age and performance status.



A selection of myeloma treatment regimens

Regimen	Schedule	CR (%)	PFS/EFS/TTP	OS
Induction regimens				
MPT	Melphalan: 4 mg/m ² given orally on days 1-7 every 4 weeks for six cycles ³¹ or 0.25 mg/kg on days 1-4 every 6 weeks for 12 cycles ³² ; prednisone: 40 mg/m ² given orally on days 1-7 every 4 weeks for six cycles ³¹ or 2 mg/kg on days 1-4 every 6 weeks for 12 cycles ³² ; thalidomide: 100 mg/day given orally continuously until progression or intolerance ³¹ or 200 mg/day continuously for 12 cycles of 6 weeks ³²	13-16	Median, 20.3 months ³³	Median, 39.3 months ³³
CTDa	Cyclophosphamide: 500 mg/wk for six to nine cycles every 3 weeks; thalidomide: 100 mg/day increased to 200 mg/day for six to nine cycles every 3 weeks; dexamethasone: 20 mg on days 1-4 and 15-18 for six to nine cycles every 3 weeks ³⁴	13	Median, 13 months	Median, 33 months
VMP	Bortezomib: 1.3 mg/m ² given as bolus intravenous infusion on days 1, 4, 8, 11, 22, 25, 29, and 32 (cycles one to four) and days 1, 8, 22, and 29 (cycles five to nine) every 6 weeks for nine cycles; melphalan: 9 mg/m ² given orally on days 1-4 every 6 weeks for nine cycles; prednisone: 60 mg/m ² given orally on days 1-4 every 6 weeks for nine cycles ³⁵ ; as alternative, bortezomib: 1.3 mg/m ² on days 1, 8, 15, and 22 every 6 weeks for nine cycles ³⁶	24-30	Median, 22-27 months	At 2 years, 85% to 87%
VMPT	Bortezomib: 1.3 mg/m ² given as bolus intravenous infusion on days 1, 4, 8, 11, 22, 25, 29, and 32 (cycles one to four) and days 1, 8, 22, and 29 (cycles five to nine) every 6 weeks for nine cycles; melphalan: 9 mg/m ² given orally on days 1-4 every 6 weeks for nine cycles; prednisone: 60 mg/m ² given orally on days 1-4 every 6 weeks for nine cycles; thalidomide: 50 mg/day given orally continuously for nine cycles ³⁶	38	Median, 33 months	At 3 years, 86% ³⁷
VTP	Bortezomib: 1.3 mg/m ² given as bolus intravenous infusion on days 1, 4, 8, 11, 22, 25, 29, and 32 (cycle one), every 6 weeks, and 1.3 mg/m ² on days 1, 8, 15, and 22 every 5 weeks (cycles two to six); thalidomide: 100 mg/day given orally for six cycles; prednisone: 60 mg/m ² given orally on days 1-4 every 6 weeks for six cycles ³⁸	28	Median, 31 months [*]	At 3 years, 70% [*]
VCD	Bortezomib: 1.3 mg/m ² given as bolus intravenous infusion on days 1, 4, 8, and 11 every 4 weeks for four to 12 cycles; cyclophosphamide: 300 mg/m ² given orally on days 1, 8, 15, and 22 every 4 weeks for four to 12 cycles; dexamethasone: 40 mg/day given orally on days 1-4, 9-12, and 17-20 every 4 weeks for four to 12 cycles ³⁹ ; as alternative, bortezomib: 1.5 mg/m ² given as bolus intravenous infusion on days 1, 8, 15, and 22 ⁴⁰	39 [†]	—	—

Treatment regimens - continued

	VRd	Bortezomib: 1.3 mg/m ² given as bolus intravenous infusion on days 1, 4, 8, and 11 every 3 weeks for eight cycles; lenalidomide: 25 mg given orally on days 1-14 every 3 weeks for eight cycles; dexamethasone: 20 mg given orally on days 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, and 12 every 3 weeks for eight cycles ⁴¹	37	At 18 months, 75% [‡]	At 18 months, 97% [‡]
	Rd	Lenalidomide: 25 mg given orally on days 1-21 every 4 weeks for four cycles [§] ; dexamethasone: 40 mg given orally on days 1, 8, 15, and 22 every 4 weeks for four cycles ⁴²	4	Median, 25 months	At 2 years, 87%
MPR		Melphalan: 0.18 mg/kg given orally on days 1-4 every 4 weeks for nine cycles; prednisone: 2 mg/kg given orally on days 1-4 every 4 weeks for nine cycles; lenalidomide: 10 mg given orally on days 1-21 every 4 weeks for nine cycles ⁴³	3	Median, 14 months	Not reached
Maintenance regimens					
	T [‡]	Thalidomide: 50 mg given orally, increased to 100 mg if tolerated after 4 weeks, until progression ⁴⁴	—	Median, 11 months	Median, 38 months
	R	Lenalidomide: 10 mg given orally on days 1-21 every 4 weeks until progression ⁴³	—	Median, 26 months	—
	VT	Bortezomib: 1.3 mg/m ² given as bolus intravenous infusion every 2 weeks for 2 years or until progression; thalidomide: 50 mg given orally for 2 years or until progression ^{36,37}	45	Median, 27 months	Median, not reached
Salvage regimens					
	V	Bortezomib: 1.3 mg/m ² given as bolus intravenous infusion on days 1, 4, 8, and 11 every 3 weeks for eight cycles and on days 1, 8, 15, and 22 every 5 weeks for following three cycles ⁴⁵	6	Median, 6 months	At 1 year, 80%
V-Peg		Bortezomib: 1.3 mg/m ² given as bolus intravenous infusion on days 1, 4, 8, and 11 every 3 weeks; peg: 30 mg/m ² on day 4 of each cycle for eight cycles or until progression ⁴⁶	4	Median, 9 months	At 15 months, 76%
	RD	Lenalidomide: 25 mg given orally on days 1-21; D: 40 mg on days 1-4, 9-12, and 17-20 every 4 weeks for four cycles and on days 1-4 for following cycles until progression ⁴⁷	14	Median, 11 months	Median, 29.6 months
Carfilzomib		Carfilzomib: 20 mg/m ² given as 2-10 minute intravenous infusion on days 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16 every 4 weeks (cycle one) and 27 mg/m ² on days 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16 every 4 weeks for up to 12 cycles ⁴⁸	0.4	Median, 3.7 months	Median, 15.6 months

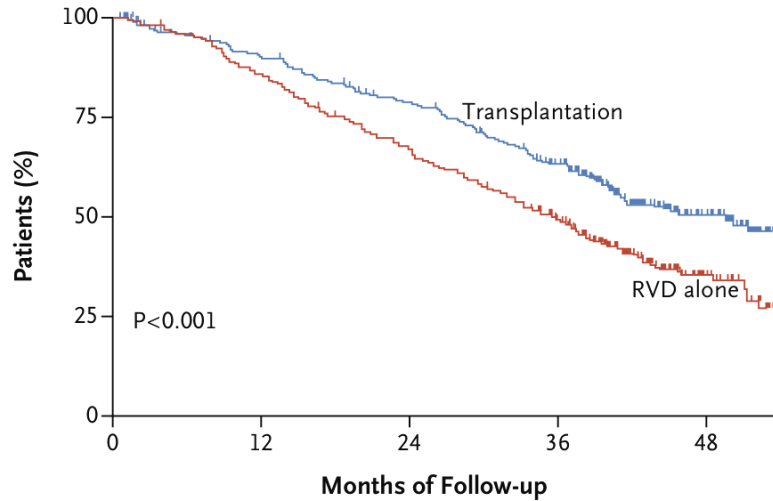
Treatment regimens for high-risk disease

Table 4. Survival of high-risk genetic subgroups in randomized controlled clinical trials of newly diagnosed MM: effect of treatment modalities and novel drugs (Adapted from Bergsagel et al⁵⁸)

FISH	N1/N2	End point	Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1, %	Arm 2, %	Comment	Ref
t(4;14)	26/24	3-y OS	PAD/ASCT/Thal*	VAD/ASCT/Bz*	44	66	HOVON65/GMMG- HD4	15
	98/106	4-y OS	VAD	VD	32	63*	IFM-2005	68
	21/23	2-y OS	Thal*	Placebo*	67	87	TT2	18
	21/29	2-y OS	Thalidomide-TT2 VAD/ASCT/ PAD/ASCT/	Bortezomib TT3 PAD/ASCT/	67	97*	TT2 vs TT3	70
Del(17p)	21/16	3-y OS	Thalidomide	Borzezomib*	17	69*	HOVON65/GMMG-HD4	15
	119/54	4-y OS	VAD	V D	36	50	IFM-2005	68
Nonhyperdiploid Unfavorable	92	3-y OS	VTD	VMP	53	72*	PETHEMA	63
FISH	152/141	3-y OS	CTD	VAD-Cyclophosphamide	58	56	MRC IX intensive	62
	96/90	3-y OS	CTD	Placebo MP	34	26	MRC IX non-intensive	61
	99/98	3-y OS	Thalidomide	Placebo	45	69*	MRC IX maintenance	39

Early autologous stem cell transplant is superior to RVD alone

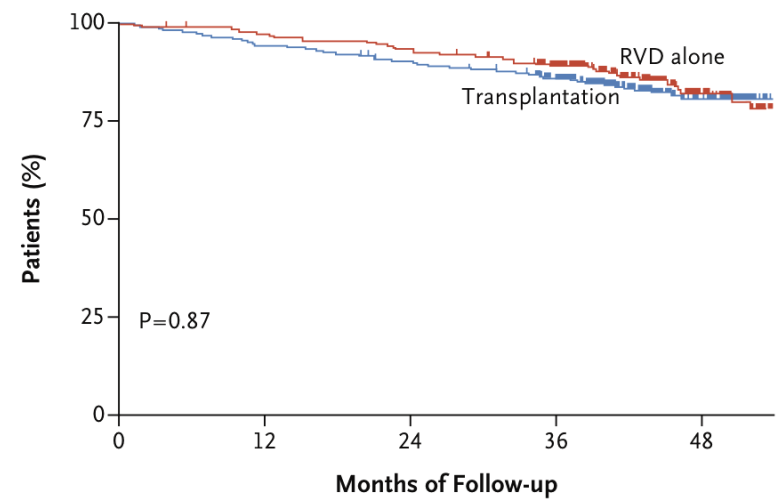
A Progression-free Survival



No. at Risk

RVD alone	350	294	228	157	32
Transplantation	350	308	264	196	50

B Overall Survival

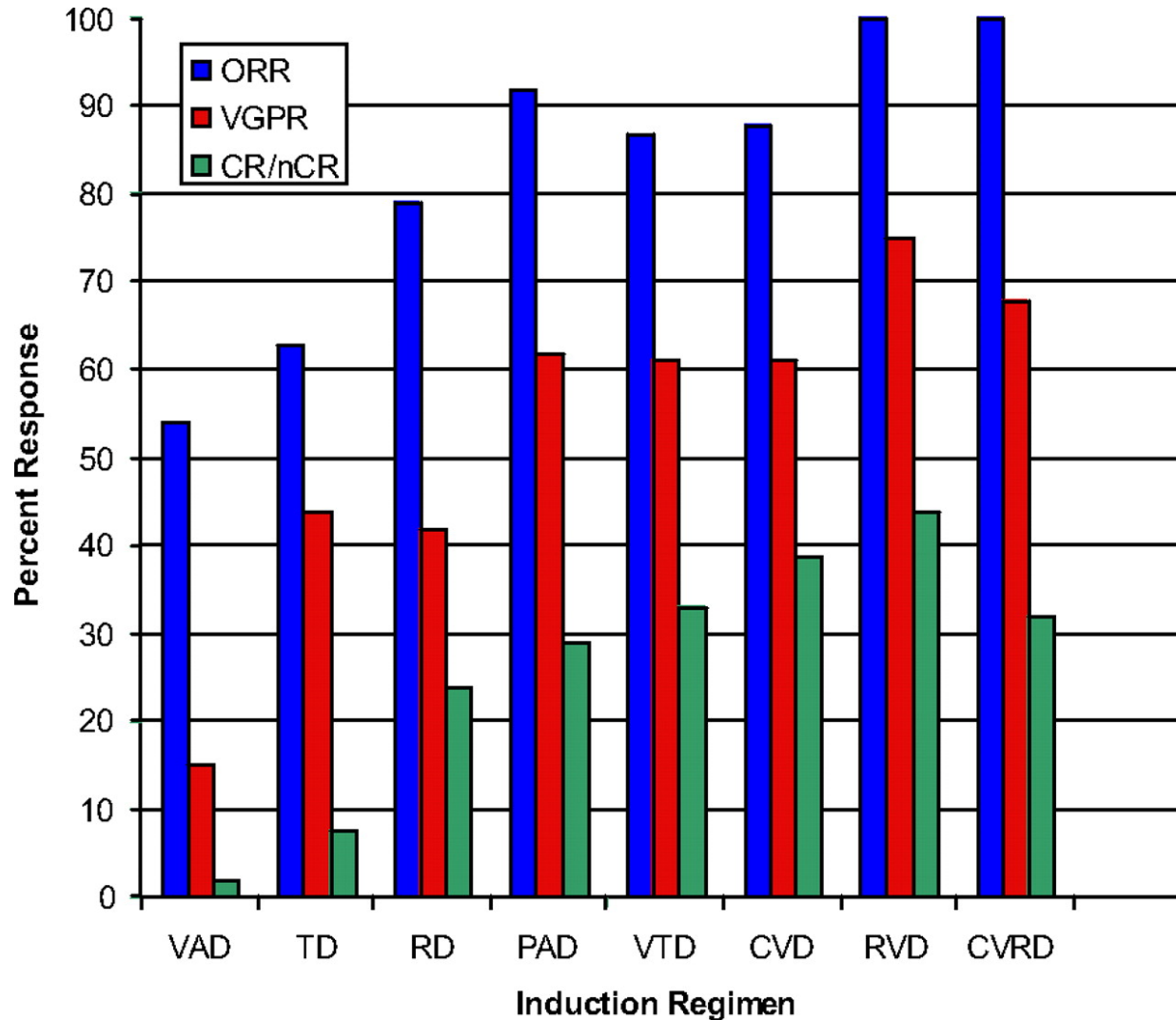


No. at Risk

RVD alone	350	339	325	293	95
Transplantation	350	330	313	281	89

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The overall, more than VGPR and nCR/CR rates for a selection of phase 2 and phase 3 trials incorporating novel agents



Maintenance Therapy

- Long-term maintenance therapy after autologous HCT is standard of care in resource-rich setting.
- Routine use of maintenance in transplantation-ineligible patients is not yet validated.
- Thalidomide is an option for standard-risk patients, although its long-term use is limited by the risk of peripheral neuropathy (grade A/Ib).
- Lenalidomide is well tolerated but associated with a higher risk of SPMs (grade A/Ib).
- Bortezomib can be an effective alternative, with lower risk of peripheral neuropathy than thalidomide (grade B/IIa.)

Treatment for Relapsed/Refractory and Unfit Patients

- Repeating same treatment should be considered after long-lasting remission (20-24 months).
- Alternative regimen is suggested for patients with shorter remission duration (9-12 months; grade C/IV).
- VD or bortezomib-pegylated liposomal doxorubicin and lenalidomide-dexamethasone are the treatments of choice (grade A/Ib).
- Unfit patients should receive reduced-dose MPT or VMP or two-drug combinations with bortezomib or lenalidomide and low-dose dexamethasone.
 - VD or RD; grade C/IV

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