



A CLOSER LOOK AT NOVEL TREATMENT THERAPIES FOR AML

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OptumHealth Education's Essential of Oncology Solid Organ and Blood/Marrow Transplant Management

- Discuss the novel AML treatment therapies that have recently become available and review their role in targeting the molecules and pathways involved in AML progression
- Examine indications for the inclusion of novel agents in initial therapy for AML versus in the relapse and salvage setting
- Address which patient populations are likely to benefit from the recently approved and novel investigational agents and combination therapies



Acute Myelogenous Leukemia



Acute myelogenous leukemia without maturation.

American Society of Hematology

- 20,240 new cases in 2021
- 11,400 estimated deaths in 2021
- 1.1% of all new cancer diagnoses
- Five-year relative survival is 29.5% (2011-2017)
- Slight male predominance (5.2 vs. 3.6/100,000)
- Median age of diagnosis is 68 years

 40.4% of cases diagnosed in patients <65
 Median age at death is 73 years

AML COH vs SEER National, 2004-2017 Unadjusted Overall Survival



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The importance of cytogenetics, molecular diagnostics, and genomics in AML

Workflow for AML diagnosis: A. Cytomorphology showing typical blast cells with Auer rods. B. Immunophenotype with aberrant expression of CD56 and CD19. C. Karyogram showing translocation *t*(*8*;21)



https://oncologypro.esmo.org/education-library/essentials-for-City of Homecians/leukaemia-and-myeloma/diagnosis-of-leukaemias-cytogenetictechniques

Fluorescence in-situ-hybridization





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Genomic testing will play a growing role in the care of AML Patients

Overview of NGS (next generation sequencing) instruments launched since 2005 from Roche(454), Illumina, Ion Torrent and Qiagen; illustrating the development of NGS with increasing sequencing capacities



Circos plot showing genetic events leading to AML. Ribbons connecting distinct categories reflect the associations between mutations. Mutual exclusive alterations are not connected





Gene Mutations Found in Patients with AML

FLT3	TET2
TP53	NRAS
IDH1	CEBPA
IDH2	WT1
NPM1	MLL1
ASXL1	KMT2A
RUNX1	MECOM/EV11
DNMT3A	

Functional Impact of FLT3 and IDH1/2 Mutations in AML



https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5789277/

https://www.futuremedicine.com/doi/10.2217/fon-2017-0523?url_ver=Z39.88-2003&rfr_id=ori:rid:crossref.org&rfr_dat=cr_pub%20%200pubmed

Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia – A Paradigm for Nonchemotherapy-based Treatment of AML



https://imagebank.hematology.org/image/18071/paediatric-acute-promyelocytic-leukemia-with-a-tetraploid-karyotype

- First leukemia type in which biological insights based upon the characterization of a specific genetic/molecular mutation allowed for a novel approach to treatment
- Unique reciprocal translocation t(15;17)(q22;q21) results in the fusion of the promyelocytic leukemia (PML) gene with the retinoic acid receptor (RARα) gene
- Therapy directed at inducing cellular differentiation
- All-Trans Retinoic Acid (ATRA)
- Arsenic Trioxide

https://www.nature.com/articles/2402205

FDA Approved Agents for Treatment of AML

- Arsenic Trioxide
- Azacitidine
- Cerubidine (Daunorubicin Hydrochloride)
- Cyclophosphamide
- Cytarabine
- Daunorubicin Hydrochloride
- Daunorubicin Hydrochloride and Cytarabine Liposome
- Daurismo (Glasdegib Maleate)
- Dexamethasone
- Doxorubicin Hydrochloride
- Enasidenib Mesylate
- Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin

- Gilteritinib Fumarate
- Glasdegib Maleate
- Idamycin PFS (Idarubicin Hydrochloride)
- Idarubicin Hydrochloride
- Idhifa (Enasidenib Mesylate)
- Ivosidenib
- Midostaurin
- Mitoxantrone Hydrochloride
- Mylotarg (Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin)
- Onureg (Azacitidine)
- Prednisone

- Rubidomycin (Daunorubicin Hydrochloride)
- Rydapt (Midostaurin)
- Tabloid (Thioguanine)
- Thioguanine
- Tibsovo (Ivosidenib)
- Trisenox (Arsenic Trioxide)
- Venclexta (Venetoclax)
- Venetoclax
- Vincristine Sulfate
- Vyxeos (Daunorubicin Hydrochloride and Cytarabine Liposome)
- Xospata (Gilteritinib Fumarate)

Emerging Drug Classes in the Treatment of AML

- Enasidenib targeted treatment for AML with an IDH2 mutation
- Ivosidenib targeted treatment for AML with an IDH1 mutation
- Gilteritinib FLT3 inhibitor (novel TKI)
- Midostaurin FLT3 inhibitor
- Venetoclax bcl2 inhibitor
- Gemtuzumab ozogomycin Antibody-drug conjugate (anti-CD33)

AML New Drug Pipeline



- New candidate pharmaceutical pipeline products under study in AML exceed 100
- New therapeutic classes directed at neo-antigens and mutated target genes
- We are also looking at a growing portfolio of cellular therapeutics that include:
 - CAR T-cells
 - o Bispecific molecules
 - o Bi-/Multi-specific CAR T-cells

Current Risk Stratification in AML Based upon Genetic,

Molecular, and Genomic Testing

Favorable Risk

- t(8;21)(q22;q22.1)
- RUNX1-RUNX1T1 inv(16)(p13.1q22) t(16;16)(p13.1;q22)
- CBFB-MYH11 Biallelic mutated CEBPA low[†]
- Mutated NPM1 without FLT3-ITD or with FLT3-ITD

Intermediate Risk

- Mutated NPM1 and FLT3-ITDhigh⁺
- Wild-type NPM1
 without FLT3-ITD or
 with FLT3-ITDlow⁺
 (without adverse-risk
 genetic lesions)
 t(9;11)(p21.3;q23.3);
 MLLT3-KMT2A[‡]
- Cytogenetic abnormalities not classified as favorable or adverse

High-Risk

- t(6;9)(p23;q34.1); DEK-NUP214
- t(v;11q23.3); KMT2A rearranged
- t(9;22)(q34.1;q11.2); BCR-ABL1
- inv(3)(q21.3q26.2) or t(3;3)(q21.3;q26.2);
 GATA2,MECOM(EVI1)
- -5 or del(5q)
- -7
- -17/abn(17p)
- Complex karyotype monosomal karyotype,
- Wild-type NPM1 and FLT3-ITD high
- Mutated RUNX1
- Mutated ASXL1
- Mutated TP53

Changes to Induction Therapy in AML



https://twitter.com/blood_academy/status/1281149607238606848

- Patients now receive risk-directed induction therapy which includes therapy directed at targetable molecular mutations
- Low-risk AML in younger patients
 - Gemtuzumab ozogamicin (single dose) combined with "7+3" is now a potential regimen

FLT3/ITD/TKD

- Oral midostaurin is now included with standard "7+3"
- Intermediate or poor risk patients
 - o *"*7+3*"*
 - HiDAC + idarubicin + etoposide
 - Fludarabine + idarubicin +HiDAC

Induction Therapy for Older Patients with AML



https://www.cancer.gov/news-events/cancer-currents-blog/2018/fda-approval-glasdegib-venetoclax-aml-older

 Induction therapy in older patients must be tailored to suit endorgan function, clinical comorbidities, goals of care and patient preferences

Regimens for less fit patients:

- Venetoclax + azacytidine
- Glasdegib + low-dose ara-C
- Single agent Gemtuzumab ozogamicin
- Ivosidenib (IDH1 only)
- Enasidenib (IDH2 only)
- Regimens for patients who are candidates for intensive induction strategies:
 - o "7+3"
 - o Venetoclax
 - Venetoclax + azacytidine
 - Venetoclax + low-dose cytarabine
 - Cytarabine + anthracycline + gemtuzumab ozogamicin
 - "7+3" + midostaurin (for FLT3/ITD/TDK)



- Azacitidine/decitabine maintenance therapy
- Enasidenib maintence or ivosidenib maintenance until progression (IDH2 and IDH1, respectively)
- Venetoclax/decitabine
- Glasdegib
- Azacitidine or decitabine + sorafenib (FLT3/ITD/TKD)
- Gemtuzumab ozogamicin every 4 weeks for 8 doses (CD33⁺)

Maintenance Therapy for Younger Patients who do not Undergo Allogeneic Transplantation

Oral azacytidine

• Patients with intermediate or adverse risk disease, in remission



- Residual detectable leukemia following induction, consolidation treatments portends a much worse prognosis
- Measurable using multiple methodologies
 - o Multi-color flow-cytometric measure
 - Polymerase chain reaction-based methods of detecting mutated gene(s)
 - Next Generation sequencing
- Allogeneic transplant for patients in complete remission (CR) who have persisting MRD improves cure rates

Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation



Figure 3. This illustration shows the allogeneic stem cell transplantation process. Once the stem cells are collected from the donor, the cells are mixed with a cryoprotective agent so that they can be frozen (for many years) and later once a patient is identified and the cells are needed, the cells can be thawed without injury and shipped to the patient.

- Allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplantation is a potentially curative set of treatments for patients with AML
- More that 5500 matched related and unrelated donor transplants performed in 2019
- Increasing use of haplo-identical transplantation for patients, exceeding 1250 in 2019
- Growth of Reduced-Intensity Conditioning (RIC), especially for older patients with AML
- Patients over 65 represent the fastest growing group of patients who receive transplants for AML

Selected Disease Trends for Allogeneic HCT in the US





Trends in allogeneic HCT for Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML) by Recipient Age in the US





Unadjusted overall survival of acute leukemia patients undergoing allogeneic

hematopoietic cell transplant between 1/2011 and 6/2017* (N=698)



*Follow up through December 2021

Unadjusted overall survival by age group of acute leukemia patients undergoing AHCT between 1/2011 and 6/2017* (N=698)



^{*}Follow up through December 2021

Unadjusted overall survival by disease status of acute leukemia patients undergoing AHCT between 1/2011 and 6/2017* (N=698)



*Follow up through May 2019

Post-Transplant Maintenance Therapy in AML

Sorafenib

• Patients with FLT3-ITD AML in remission

- Agents under investigation
 - o Azacitidine
 - o Midostaurine
 - o Gilteritinib
 - TKIs (for Ph+ AML)
 - Enasidenib targeted treatment for AML with an IDH2 mutation
 - Ivosidenib targeted treatment for AML with an IDH1 mutation
 - Checkpoint inhibitors (Magrolimab)

Key Areas of New Research in AML Treatment

- Polo-like kinase inhibits
- Monoclonal antibody-based treatments
 - Unconjugated
 - MAB-Drug conjugates
 - o MAB-radioimmunopharmaceuticals
- Bispecific molecules
- CAR T-cell treatments



CODE ACUTE LEUKEMIA SYSTEM OF CARE



Decreased Early Mortality Associated With the Treatment of Acute Myeloid Leukemia at National Cancer Institute-Designated Cancer Centers in California

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"The initial treatment of adult patients with AML at NCI-CCs is associated with a 53% reduction in the odds of early mortality compared with treatment at non-NCI-CCs. Lower early mortality may result from differences in hospital or provider experience and supportive care."

Cancer 2018;124:1938-45.

Code Acute Leukemia Success

- Effective systems of care have a significant impact upon acute leukemia outcomes
- City of Hope's renowned physicians and researchers utilize the latest technology and innovation coupled with compassionate care to treat acute myeloid leukemia
- From program inception in 2018 City of Hope has successfully transferred and cared for 334 patients.
- The average patient transfer time between the initial email sent to arriving at COH is <u>21.1</u> <u>hours</u>.
- Since 2018, COH has received transfers from over 70 hospitals utilizing Code Acute Leukemia

Current Process



