ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY CANCER CENTERS

MULTIDISCIPLINARY MULTIPLE MYELOMA CARE

Education Project Overview

ACCC
Association of Community Cancer Centers
Project Goals and Objectives

Greatly enhance the education of community providers and adoption of effective practices, including incorporation of the latest and best treatment options for patients diagnosed with multiple myeloma.

I. Raise awareness about education needs of healthcare providers in the community setting related to the management of multiple myeloma patients.

II. Educate the multidisciplinary healthcare team on how to implement effective practices in the treatment of multiple myeloma in community-based programs.

III. Establish vetted and designated resources for multiple myeloma that will be an enduring source of information for providers.

IV. Convene a strong network of advocacy and professional partners to increase peer-to-peer learning and adoption of effective practices.
Site Visits

• Yuma Regional Medical Center Cancer Center
  • Yuma, Arizona
  • Comprehensive Community Cancer Program

• John Theurer Cancer Center at Hackensack University Medical Center
  • Hackensack, New Jersey
  • Academic Comprehensive Cancer Program

• H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center
  • Tampa, Florida
  • NCI-Designated Comprehensive Cancer Program
Incorporating the latest guidance from the International Myeloma Working Group (IMWG) to improve diagnosis, assess prognosis, and develop tailored treatment plans

- Diagnostic workup that includes flow cytometry, immunohistochemistry, cytogenetics, and molecular diagnostics
- Revised International Staging System (R-ISS)
- Assess risk profiles and engage in shared decision-making conversations with each patient
- Refer patients who are eligible candidates for transplant evaluation

imwg.myeloma.org
Skeletal-Related Events (SREs)

• Many patients with multiple myeloma have bony lesions and are often treated with either zoledronic acid (infusion) or denosumab (injection)
  • Monitor for side effects such as osteonecrosis of the jaw (ONJ)
  • Assess patient preferences
• Incorporating the 2018 ASCO Clinical Practice Guideline Update: Role of Bone-Modifying Agents in Multiple Myeloma
  • Key clinical question: “What is the role of bone-modifying agents in patients with multiple myeloma?”
• Severe SREs such as spinal cord compression or vertebral compression fractures may occur
  • Often requires surgical management to prevent permanent paralysis
Advancing Research to Improve Care

• John Theurer Cancer Center has been involved with the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF) CoMMpass (Relating Clinical Outcomes in MM to Personal Assessment of Genetic Profile) Study
  • Discovery of 12 different molecular types of multiple myeloma, each with its own level of risk

• Moffitt Cancer Center is a founding member of Oncology Research Information Exchange Network (ORIEN), a cross-institutional research partnership
  • Includes a longitudinal study called Total Cancer Care which examines the effects of different cancers, treatment choices, and lifestyle so that physicians can have a better understanding of patient outcomes and treatment options
Project Webpage

- Advisory Committee
- Educational resources
  - Regional lectures and recorded webinars
- Provider Resource Portal
- Journal supplement – *Case Studies in Multiple Myeloma Care*

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Regional Lecture Series

Leveraging a Multidisciplinary Approach to Multiple Myeloma Care
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Disclosure

• Consultancy: Celgene and Janssen
Case Scenario

- James Bond, 45-year-old male comes for routine yearly physical

- Found to have elevated total protein

- Further work up: elevated globulins!!
Case Scenario

• Normal CBC
• Normal Calcium
• Normal Creatinine

• You do specific tests to find out whether this is monoclonal or polyclonal protein
  • Which are those tests?
Normal B Cell Development

Pre B cell

Bone Marrow

B cell

IgM

Travel

Lymph Node

Follicles
B Cell Activation

"antigen"

B cell activation

Germinal Center Formation
Plasma Cells Travel Back to Bone Marrow

“Activated B cell”

Memory B cell

Plasma Cell
Properties of Plasma Cells

- Proliferate
- Secrete immunoglobulins
- Influence bone turnover
- Secrete inflammatory mediators
ANTIBODY CLASSIFICATION

IgG

IgE

IgM

Disulfide bond

Joining chain

IgD

IgA

Joining chain

Secretory protein
Common Terminologies

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<td>Measures the levels of various proteins in the blood and detects abnormal monoclonal protein level.</td>
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<td>This test can reveal the specific type of abnormal protein produced by the myeloma.</td>
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24-hour urine test for Bence Jones or light chain proteins in the urine

Actual amount of monoclonal protein secreted by the kidneys.

Serum free light chain measurement

This test measures the amount of light chains in the blood.
Investigations

• Serum monoclonal protein <3 g/dL
• <10 % bone marrow plasma cells
• Urinary monoclonal protein < 500 mg per 24 hours
• Absence of myeloma defining events or amyloidosis

MGUS
MGUS

• Does it need treatment?  NO

• Does it progress to Myeloma?  YES

2% of MGUS per year progress to MM
Patient is Being Monitored Regularly

• Now he is 50 years of age

• Latest results:
  • Serum monoclonal protein (IgG or IgA) ≥3 g/dL
  • Or urinary monoclonal protein ≥500 mg per 24 h
  • Or clonal bone marrow plasma cells 10–60%
  • Absence of myeloma defining events or amyloidosis.

SMOLDERING MYELOMA
Mr. Bond Wants to Know ...

• Which patients will progress early?
• What should we look for?
Progression to Symptomatic MM

Bone Marrow Plasma Cells

- 21 (3%) had BMPC of 60% or greater
- 95% of these progressed to MM within 2 years of diagnosis
- Median time to progression 7.0 months [95% CI 1.0–12.9]

Larson et al. NEJM, 2012
Among 8 (9%) patients with a BM infiltration ≥ 60% all have progressed to symptomatic myeloma and median time to progression to symptomatic disease was 15 months (range from 3 to 56 months)

Kastritis et al. Leukemia (2013) 27, 947–953
Free Light Chain Ratio

involved/uninvolved FLC ratio of >100

involved/uninvolved FLC ratio of <=100

Larsen et al. Leukemia, 2012
MRI Lesions

- 23/149 patients had >1 lesion; median TTP not patients with ≤1 FL and 13 months for those with >1 FL

Jens Hillengass et al. JCO 2010;28:1606-1610
Active (symptomatic) Multiple Myeloma

Classical Definition
- HyperCalcemia
- Renal Insufficiency
- Anemia
- Bone Disease

Expanded Definition
- BMPC ≥60%
- >1 PET/MRI lesions
- FLC ratio >100

Predicts an 80% or more risk of progression in 2 years
Current IMWG Definition

Clonal BMPC ≥10% or biopsy-proven plasmacytoma PLUS

- *Either a myeloma defining event:*
  
  **C:** Hypercalcemia: serum calcium >1 mg/dL higher than the upper limit of normal or >11 mg/dL
  
  **R:** Renal insufficiency: creatinine clearance <40 mL per min or serum creatinine >2 mg/dL
  
  **A:** Anemia: hemoglobin >20 g/L below the lower limit of normal, or a hemoglobin <100 g/L
  
  **B:** Bone lesions: osteolytic lesions on x-ray, CT, or PET-CT

- *OR a biomarker of early progression*
  
  • Clonal bone marrow plasma cell percentage ≥60%
  
  • Involved: uninvolved serum free light chain ratio ≥100
  
  • >1 focal lesions on MRI studies
Unique Disease with Precursor Conditions

Initiation
- Germinal centre
  - Post-germinal-centre B cell

Progression
- Bone marrow
  - MGUS
  - Smouldering myeloma
  - Myeloma
- Peripheral blood
  - Plasma cell leukaemia
Mr. Bond Continues to Follow Up with Your Clinic

• One day, he presents with following symptoms:
  ✓ Back Pain
  ✓ Fatigue
  ✓ Anorexia
  ✓ Recurrent infection
  ✓ Constipation
  ✓ Somnolence
  ✓ Fracture
  ✓ Neuropathy
Initial Diagnostic Workup

- H&P
- CBC
- BUN/create.
- Calcium/albumin
- Quant Ig
- SPEP/immunofix.
- Bone marrow biopsy
- 24-hour urine
- UPEP/immunofix.
- Beta2-microglobulin
- Skeletal survey
- PET/MRI
- FISH on BM plasma cells
- Gene expression profiling
Tests Results!

- Anemia
- Hyper Calcemia
- Renal insufficiency
- Hypogammaglobulinemia
- X-ray: lytic bone lesions
- PET/MRI: focal lesions/extramedullary disease/fractures/bone damage
- Bone marrow examination and FISH testing
What Type of Myeloma Do I Have?

• Myeloma is classified by the type of immunoglobulin production

• Immunoglobulins (Ig) are made up of 2 components: light chains and heavy chains
  • light chains- kappa or lambda
  • Heavy chains- alpha [IgA], gamma [IgG], mu [IgM], delta [IgD], and epsilon [IgE]) chains.

• If there is excess of IgG and kappa, then it is called IgG kappa myeloma
What Type of Myeloma Do I Have?

• Light chain myelomas-
  • Incomplete immunoglobulin consisting of light chains only.
  • Identified by free light chain assays and urinary free light chain assay.

• Non secretory myeloma occurs in about 1% of myelomas
Is this a common disease?
### Age-Adjusted Incidence per 100,000

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Etiology

- Familial clustering
- African Americans
- Radiation
- Agriculture, benzene, radiation, sheet metal work
- Chronic inflammatory disorders
Why do I need PET or MRI? Does it help in treatment?
Disadvantages of Conventional Radiography

• Reveals lytic disease when over 30% of the trabecular bone has been lost; ~20-30% of patients at diagnosis have normal skeletal survey
• Lack of accurate visualization
• Reduced specificity
• Observer dependency
• Lengthy period for exam
• Poor tolerance
• Cannot be used for response assessment
POST-ASCT


PRE-ASCT

PET in MM
Prognostic Value of PET/CT Before ASCT


Prognostic Value of PET/CT Before ASCT

**PFS**
- SUV 100% reduction
- SUV < 100% reduction
- 32% at 4 yrs
- 47% at 4 yrs
- P = 0.02

**OS**
- 66% at 4 yrs
- 79% at 4 yrs
- P = 0.02
Myeloma – A Truly Multi-Organ Disease
Mr. Bond Wants to Know...

- *Is this curable cancer? I am just 51 years old! I want to live to see my grandkids!*

- **What treatment options do I have?**
  - Triplets: PI, IMiD, and steroid
  - Early stem cell transplant
  - Sequential transplants (tandem approach)
  - Post transplant maintenance
Important to Recognize Skeletal Complications

• 40% of newly diagnosed patients: elevated Alkphos.

• Other tests:
  • Bone specific alkaline phosphatase
  • Bone metabolites
    • propeptides of type I collagen (P1NP, P1CP)
    • telopeptides of type I collagen (NTX and CTX)
      • levels go down with improved bone health

• Not widely measured on a regular basis
Supportive Care: Bone Disease

• Vitamin D – > 50 y.o. 800-1000 IU daily

• Measure 25 (OH) D level: <20 ng/ml (50nmol/L) defined as deficient; 21-29 insufficient

• Oral supplementation-
  • Ergocalciferol D2
  • Cholecalciferol (D3): better at raising 25 (OH) Vit D
Supportive Care: Bone Disease

• Stop smoking, limit alcohol intake

• Supplements: Institute of Medicine recommends calcium intake, 1200 mg/daily

• EXERCISE IS KEY!
  • Movement, 30 min daily: walking, dancing, tai chi, weight training, PT
Bisphosphonates: Duration

• Bisphosphonates recommended for all patients with lytic bone disease, monthly for 24 months

• Restart at time of relapse

• After two years of continuous use, unclear what should be recommended
  • ?
  • Every 3 - 6 months
Bisphosphonates: Duration

• In patients who do not have active myeloma and are on maintenance therapy, the physician may consider a 3-monthly bisphosphonate administration.
**Bisphosphonates: Monitoring**

- Creatinine should be monitored before each dose of pamidronate or zoledronic acid

- 24 hr. urine albumin: ideal tests

- > 500 mg/24 hours of urinary albumin - discontinue bisphosphonates
Bisphosphonates: Monitoring

• If renal deterioration, hold zoledronic acid or pamidronate

• Resume bisphosphonates at the same dosage when serum creatinine returns to within 10% of the baseline level

• Monitor serum calcium and vitamin D levels regularly
Xgeva

• Xgeva inhibits the RANK ligand mediated osteoclastic over activity
• Does not require monitoring of renal function
• More pronounced hypocalcemia
• Should not be stopped abruptly
• Contraindicated in HypoCa: check Ca levels
• Jaw problems can happen!
Should I consider early transplant in MM?

- Absolutely, yes!
Clonal Tiding Over Multiple Treatment Relapse Cycles:

Intraclonal Heterogeneity

**No heterogeneity**
All myeloma cells are the same

**Intraclonal heterogeneity**
Different MM clones sharing features

**Interclonal heterogeneity**
Different MM clones NOT sharing features
Why does disease keep relapsing?
Composition of Residual Clonal Populations
Post-Induction Chemotherapy

Cure/eradicate proliferating clones

Most resistant clones

Resistant
Out of Cycle
Minimal Residual Disease (MRD)

- In MM, MRD describes detectable malignant cells that remain after treatment; these indicate a remaining tumor burden, even in the presence of confirmed response.\(^1\)
- MRD can be present in patients who achieved a CR.\(^2,3\)
- These remaining malignant cells can contribute to relapse.\(^4\)


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Depth of Response correlate with Survival
MRD is the best biomarker to predict outcome

**PFS**
- MRD- vs CR: $P < .001$
- CR vs nCR: $P = .131$
- nCR vs PR: $P = .589$
- PR vs <PR: $P = .002$

**OS**
- MRD- vs CR: $P < .001$
- CR vs nCR: $P = .657$
- nCR vs PR: $P = .583$
- PR vs <PR: $P = .032$

*Progression-free survival (%) vs Time from diagnosis (months)*
- **MRD-** (n=318) median PFS: 70 months
- **CR** (n=130) median PFS: 36 months
- **nCR** (n=96) median PFS: 32 months
- **PR** (n=207) median PFS: 35 months
- **<PR** (n=46) median PFS: 20 months

*Overall survival (%) vs Time from diagnosis (months)*
- **MRD-** (n=318) median OS: Not reached
- **CR** (n=130) median OS: 71 months
- **nCR** (n=96) median OS: 75 months
- **PR** (n=207) median OS: 67 months
- **<PR** (n=46) median OS: 46 months
MRD Is Associated with Improved Patient Outcomes

• Measurement of MRD is used to qualify increasingly robust or deep responses that are observed with novel agents and combination treatment

• MRD is associated with longer OS in newly diagnosed patients

• MRD vs. MRD+ status is associated with longer OS and TTP in patients who achieved CR

Impact of MRD status on survival and time to progression

*In 133 patients included in the GEM clinical trials. Patients <65 years were treated within the GEM2000 or GEM05 <65 protocols, whereas elderly patients were treated within the GEM05 ≥65 or GEM10 ≥65 trials. Patients were newly diagnosed and had untreated symptomatic MM.

Newer Approaches

Approaches that address immune suppression in MM may allow the patient’s own immune system to identify and eradicate cancer cells.

Several proteins relevant to suppressive or effector immune cells have demonstrated therapeutic utility or are being investigated as targets for the treatment of MM.

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BCMA = B-cell maturation antigen; SLAMF7 = signaling lymphocytic activation molecule family member 7; PD-1 = programmed cell death protein 1; PD-L1 = programmed cell death ligand 1.

Closing Thoughts

• MGUS/Smoldering needs regular follow-up
• FISH/MRI or PET at diagnosis
• Early ASCT
• MRD negativity - important
• Post ASCT maintenance
  • New options available!
Questions?
Thank You!