Evolving Practices in AML: A Case-based Guide to New and Emerging Treatment Options

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The Impact of Cytogenetic and Molecular Abnormalities on Patient Management: Diagnostic, Prognostic, and Therapeutic Importance

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Genetic Risk Group	Frequency	Survival	ELN 2017 Subset
Favorable	15%	65-75%	<ul> <li>t(8;21)(q22;q22); RUNX1-RUNX171</li> <li>inv(16)(p13.1q22) or t(16;16)(p13.1;q22); CBFB-MYH11</li> <li>Mutated NPM1 without F1T3-ITD or FLT3-ITD low</li> <li>Biallelic mutated CEBPA</li> </ul>
Intermediate	55%	50-55%	Mutated NPM1 and FLT3-ITD <sup>160</sup> Multi-type APM2 without FLT3-ITD or FLT3-ITD <sup>160</sup> (without adverse-risl genetic lesions)     I(9:11)[p22;q23); MLT3-MLL     Any cytogenetics not classified as favorable or adverse
Adverse	30%	20-25%	<ul> <li>t(6-3)(p23;q34); DEK-MVP214</li> <li>t(y:1)(y(23;q34); MLI (MV724) rearanged</li> <li>Inv(3)(q21;q26;2); p1(33)(q21;q26;3); RPM1-EVI1 (GATA2, MECOM (EVI1)</li> <li>t(9:22)(q34,1;q11;2) BCR-ABL1</li> <li>Monosomy 7 a ord(5;q); monosomy 7; monosomy 17; abnormal 17p</li> <li>Colliptic taryby pe(2) a bhormalities jor monosomal karyotype</li> <li>Mutated MSX11</li> <li>Mutated ASX11</li> <li>Mutated ASX14</li> </ul>



 AMJ, with /12 internal tandem
 • Impact on both therapy and prognosis

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 • In CBF AML, mutations cluster mainly in exons 8 and 17

 W11/2 mutations conter again of function, including increased histone and DNA methylation and impaired cellular differentiation
 8/c12 binks and sequestry pro-appoint onlocules; inhibition of 8/c12 pirms cancer cells for death

 RcH 2 as a therapeutic targets (LSPL2, LSD, BRD, PMLTS; othera)
 • Novel agents on the horizon that target specific epigenetic pathways

 PMLTS; othera)
 • Phase 1 clinical trials

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Since its introduction in the early 1970s, 7+3 therapy (Cytarabine for 7 days + Anthracycline for 3 days) US FDA has been the standard of care for AML approvals									
	7+3 induction regimen introduced	HSCT is introduced for AML		All-tri acid appro	ins retinoic ATRA) FDA ved for APL	Gerntuzumab FDA approved and subsequently removed from market in 2000	1. Finst FLT3 inh 2. Finst IDH2 inh 3. Liposomal cy 4. Gemtuzumal	ibitor midostauris hibitor enasidenib tarabine/daunoru o Ozogamicin re-U	n US FDA approved US FDA approved bicin US FDA approv S FDA approved
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with a susceptime i.or. muticion 2. AZA-VEN and LDAC-Ven approved for older AMR. (Nov 21 2018)									
						4.	Gilteritinib for re	lapsed FLT3 AML	(Dec 2018)
Year	1975	1980	1990	1995	2000	2005	2009	2013	2022
5-year survival	6.3%	6.8%	11.4%	17.3%	16.8%	25.7%	28.1%	27%	77

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#### **Case 1: Presentation**

- 68-year-old woman with prior history of polycythemia vera diagnosed 5 to 6 years ago and treated with intermittent phlebotomy only. Over time, her hemoglobin has normalized; however her WBC has started to rise. Also has atrial fibrillation s/p CVA on coumadin therapy, Graves disease, HTN
  - June 2019: CBC showed WBC of 30K, normal hgb and platelet count
  - $-\,$  Early August 2019: WBC 108K with 50% blasts
  - Mid-August 2019: Referred to academic center for new leukemia diagnosis
- Complains of increased shortness of breath for weeks prior to admission, intermittent blurry vision, morning nausea, and blood-stained stools

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#### Case 1 (continued)

- Exam: ECOG 1, BP 164/69, 92% oxygen saturation on room air, unremarkable exam except decreased breath sounds in both lungs, no organomegaly
  - CBC: WBC 139K, hgb 11.7, plts 208, 66% peripheral blasts, INR 2.46
  - Chemistry: BUN 35, Cr 1.65, uric acid 12.9, LDH 1361, Ph 4.9
  - Cardiac echo: Normal LVEF 65-70%
  - Peripheral blasts: MPO+
  - Flow cytometry: 100% of blasts are CD33+ bright
  - Cytogenetics: Normal female karyotype
  - Molecular: FLT3<sup>wt</sup>, IDH1/2<sup>wt</sup>, DNMT3A<sup>mut</sup>, TET2<sup>mut</sup>, JAK2V617F<sup>mut</sup>, TP53<sup>mut</sup>

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#### **Case 2: Presentation**

- 87-year-old woman with PMHx COPD, HTN, PMR presents for second opinion for AML
  - March 2018: Counts noted to be slowly dropping
  - Dec 2018: Pancytopenic, referred to hematologist
    - BMBx: Hypercellular BM with 10% blasts, normal karyotype -> Dx MDS
    - Started darbepoetin alfa growth factor therapy -> no response
  - April 2019: azacitidine SQ 5 days every 28 days (now cycle 4 day 13)
  - July 2019: Neutropenic fever, RLL pneumonia treated with IV antibiotics
- Repeat BMBx: AML with 20% blasts, MDS related changes

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#### Case 2 (continued)

- Complains of chronic fatigue improved after transfusions, mouth sore, easy bruising but remains very active and mobile with family support present
  - Exam: ECOG 1, one oral ulcer, scattered bruises, independent ambulation
- CBC: WBC 0.87, hgb 6.6 gm/dl, plts 16K, 1% blasts, 37% neutrophils, 55% lymphs
- Repeat BMBx: AML with 21% blasts, MDS related changes
   Flow cytometry: 86% of blasts are CD33+
- Cytogenetics: normal karyotype
- Molecular panel: NPM<sup>wt</sup>, FLT3<sup>wt</sup> (full NGS panel is pending)

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Please Pick up Your Key Pad to Answer the Following Question









Outcomes of 7+3 by AML Disease Biology A No Gene Fusions 1.0-Gene Fusions 1.0-0.8-CEBPAbialleli 0.8 Probability of Survival t(15;17) IDH2802 0.6-0.6 t(8;21) NPM1 0.4-0.4t**(6;9)** Chromatin-spliceosom MLL fusions 0.2-0.2-TP53-aneuploidy .... 1 + inv(3) 0.0-0.0 8 10 10 ł 6 Ţ 6 8 5 Т Years Years E, et al. N Engl J Med. 2016;74(23):2209-2221









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Liposomal 7+3 in Older AML Patients with AML-MRC/t-AML 6.87 5.42 95 9.63 8.87 102 54 0.68 (0.49 to 0.95) 0.55 (0.26 to 0.84) 12.17 7.38 5.85 16.74 9.33 30 82 50 21 5.95 5.95 7.43 5.13 2.28 7.34 8.41 0.64 (0.41 to 0.99 116 22 9.33 10.25 120 21 5.98 4.60 0.64 (0.47 s 5.9 0.1 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 1.2 1.4 CPX-351 Better 7+3 Better et al. J Clin Oncol. 2018;36:2684-269

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FLT3 TKI	No. patients	CR/CRi/CRh	2-year OS	Ongoing
Midostaurin + 7+3	717 (ph 3)	59%	60%	AraC/DNR vs AraC/Ida
Quizartinib + 7+3	16 (ph 1)	84%	Ph 3 ongoing	Phase 3 (7+3) ongoing
Crenolanib + 7+3	38 (ph 2)	88%	79% Ph 3 ongoing	Phase 3 (mido) ongoing
Gilteritinib + 7+3	30 (ph 1)	93%	Not known Ph 3 planned	Phase 3 (mido) planned

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#### AML: Take Home Points

- Timely knowledge of cytogenetics, mutations (*FLT3, IDH1/2*), and antigen expression (CD33) is required to select best therapy in this new era
- Choice of therapy should be individualized based on:
  - Patient age, fitness, and goals of care
  - Disease biology
  - Transplant eligibility
- Novel regimens offer survival benefits in older individuals without the need for intensive chemotherapy. Future combination regimens promise to further improve outcomes

Optimizing Outcomes in Relapsed/Refractory AML: Incorporating New Treatment into Practice

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#### Case #1

- S8-year-old male with gingival swelling, myalgias, fevers and epistaxis. WBC 44K, Hgb 6.8 g/dl, Plts 22K. Bone marrow with 72% MPO+, CD33+ and CD123+ blasts. Diploid cytogenetics. ECOG PS 0. NPM1, IDH1, and F13-TID (AR 0.49) mutations
- Started 7+3 + midostaurin, attained CR. Received 4 consolidation courses. No maintenance midostaurin
   Noted to have WBC 27K with 37% circulating blasts 5 months after last consolidation
- How would you treat this patient?...

Case #2

68-year-old female with history of coronary artery disease and CHF. Noted to have pancytopenia on
pre-op labs for knee repair. WBC.28K, Hgb 8.7g/d, JPIs 128K. Bone marrow with 27% MPO-CD33+
CD123+blast with MDS-related changes. Trisomy 8 cytogenetics. Received azacitidine for 8 cycles
with transfusion independence and CR documented after 3 cycles, however progressive anemia
noted and repeat marrow with 32% blasts. + 82 on new del(20q) detected on cytogenetics. NGS panel
with DNMT3A, IDH2 and SRSF2 mutations

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Parameter*	Gilteritinib (n=247)	Salvage Chemotherapy (n=12
CR, n (%)	52 (21)	13 (11)
CRh, n (%)	32 (13)	6 (5)
CRi, n (%)	63 (26)	14 (11)
CRp, n (%)	19 (8)	0 (0)
CRc, n (%)	134 (54)	27 (22)
CR/CRh, n (%)	84 (34)	19 (15)
PR, n (%)	33 (13)	5 (4)
ORR, n (%)	167 (68)	32 (26)
NR, n (%)	66 (27)	43 (35)
Median duration of drug exposure (range), months	4.1 (0.1-29.1)	0.9 (0.2-7.1)
Median time to achieve CRc (95% CI), months	1.8 (0.9, 9.5)	1.1 (0.8, 2.9)
Median DoR <sup>+</sup> (95% CI), months	11.0 (4.6, NE)	1.8 (NE, NE)
Allogeneic HSCT. n (%)	63 (26)	19 (15)

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Response Outcomes in All FLT3-ITD <sup>mut+</sup> Patients	N=80
Patients who had a molecular response (ITD signal ratio ≤10 <sup>-2</sup> ), n (%)	20 (25)
Patients who had MMR (ITD signal ratio ≤10 <sup>-3</sup> ), n (%)	18 (23)
Patients who had MRD negative status (ITD signal ratio ≤10 <sup>-4</sup> ), n (%)	13 (16)
Median time to achieve minimum ITD signal ratio, weeks (range)	8.2 (3.7-64)
Median OS, weeks (95% CI)	32.6 (25.1-42.4)

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#### **Targeted Therapy: FLT3 Inhibitors**

- FLT3-inhibitors are safe and effective targeted therapeutics
  - Well tolerated
  - Improved outcomes
  - Responses short-lived as single agents
  - Resistance is common with single agents and depends on the unique FLT3i
- FLT3 inhibitors improve outcomes in newly diagnosed and R/R patients, rational combinations to prevent resistance will further improve upon FLT3 outcomes

#### **Evolving Practice in AML:**

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#### **IDH Inhibitor Therapy Take-Aways**

- Ivosidenib and enasidenib are safe and effective oral targeted therapies for patients with IDH1 or IDH2 mutant AML
  - Well-tolerated oral therapies
  - Durable responses
  - Improved outcomes
- Ivosidenib and enasidenib in combination therapies will further enhance responses
   In combination with standard agents; ie, 7+3 and azacitidine
- With other small molecule and targeted therapies (FLT3i, MEKi, VEN, others)

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Phase	Phase Ib/II Open-label Study of Ivosidenib in Combination with Venetoclax							
Phase 1b: T	o determine the safe (RP2D) of DLT Period = 2	ty and tolerability, the combination of 2 cycles to ensure of	maxim of ivosio adequa	um tolerate denib and v ate safety ev	d dose (M enetoclax aluation o	TD) and rec +/- azacitidi f the combi	ommended ne nation	phase 2 dose
VEN	D1-D14 per cycle		D1-D	14 per cycle			D1-D14 per	cycle
wosidenib	28-day	Continuous from (	C1D15	28-0	tay cycle		28-day	cycle
1	Phase 1 Cohorts	Venetoclax		Ivosid	enib	Azac	itidine	
	+2 (Target dose)	400 mg once da	aily	500 mg or	nce daily	75 mg/m	<sup>2</sup> days 1–7	
	+1 (Target dose)	800 mg once da	aily	500 mg or	nce daily			
[	0 (Starting dose)	400 mg once da	aily	500 mg or	nce daily			
DiNardo CD, et al	EHA 2019.							

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#### Conclusions

- Targeted therapy and precision medicine: transitioning from population-based → individual "genotype-phenotype" based treatment
- Important for disease classification and prognostication
- Can now be used to guide and inform clinical practice
  - Optimal treatment strategies (at diagnosis and relapse)
  - Addition of target-specific drugs
  - Improved treatment options for poor-risk patients still needed
- NGS-panel testing for prognostic and therapeutically informative mutations should be performed at diagnosis and relapse time-points to optimize informed decision-making



**Evolving Treatment Paradigms in AML:** New Data and Clinical Trials That Could Change Clinical Practice

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#### Conclusions

- HMA+VEN outstanding in frontline unfit AML but response and OS in R/R AML modest. Novel combinations VEN+MDM2, VEN+MCL1i, VEN+FLT/IDH appear encouraging. Triplets ongoing/planned
- MDM2i (Idasanutlin) and E-selectin-I (GMI-1271) in phase 3, registrational trials
   Immune therapies (novel and safer ADCs, bispecific Ab, CPI based) may be next major wave of development in AML, multiple trials ongoing
- AML may be following MM paradigm, effective and safe doublets/triplets to improve PFS/OS with lower toxicity/mortality

