#### New Therapies for Lung Cancer

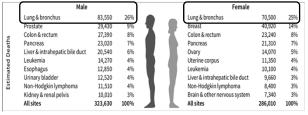
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# Top Ten Leading Causes of Cancer-related Deaths



Most patients present with unresectable disease

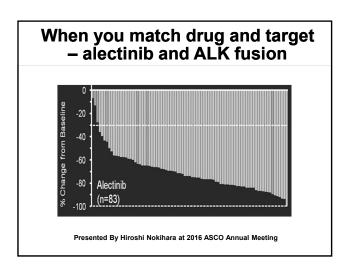
American Cancer Society.

Cancer Facts & Figures. 2018

### **Goals today**

- Discuss major new therapeutic approaches for advanced lung cancer, and present data on solving major issues for each of these approaches
- Therapy targeting "driver oncogenes"
  - Improving the depth and duration of response to these therapies
- Therapy designed to overcome tumor immune escape mechanisms
  - Defining novel escape mechanisms and biomarkers for patient selection markers

# 56 year old female never smoker increasingly short of breath Response to crizotinib (Xalkori) 4/26/2011 9/27/2011



## New, improved drugs against these targets now available

- New drugs are now available that work when the old ones stop working
  - Target mechanisms of resistance to older drugs
  - Effective brain penetration that prevents and more effectively treats brain metastases
    - Some patients with brain metastases can be effectively medically treated and may never need brain radiation
  - · E.g. osimertinib, alectinib, and brigatinib
- · Drugs with less toxicity
- More selective, more effective drugs against old drivers, e.g. RET, HER2
  - Vandetinib vs. LOXO292
  - Poziotinib and TAK-788

Thus, it is now standard of care to get a tumor genetic analysis before starting any therapy in non-small cell lung cancer

Documented efficacy for: BRAF, MET, TrkA, ROS, RET, HER2, and others...

## But even with driver-mutant lung cancer, much remains to be done

- We have extended survivals from 6-8 months to 3 or more years with modern targeted therapies
  - When you are 50 years old 3 years does not sound very good.
- · But all patients eventually relapse
  - Some have targetable mechanisms of relapse, but most do not.
- · We need to convert responses to cures
  - Target drug persistence rather than resistance
- · Universal, reflex genomic testing

#### Example: data on molecular testing Proportion of Stage IV Patients Who Received Genetic Alteration Tests Type of setting Community Other NE MW S W Based Center n=4 n=37 n=29 n=63 n=28 Private Academic Community Other n=157 Center n=88 n=29 24% 28% 15% 25% 23% 87% 94% 94% 88% 91% 62% 81% 96% 84% 68% 77% 71% 50% 70% 74% 44% 71% 78% Large cell 75% 75% 94% 85% 85% 67% 59% specified (NOS) Friends of Cancer Research and the Deerfield Institute whitepaper, 2017

# | Proportion of Newly-Diagnosed Patients who were Screened for the Following Genetic Alterations | Proportion of Newly-Diagnosed Patients who were Screened for the Following Genetic Alterations | Region | Total Private Academic Community Other NE MW S W | Nothing to the Private Stand Center on the model of the model

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### And it gets worse....

- These are survey data of 157 <u>medical</u> <u>oncologists</u> selected for having a <u>high volume</u> of lung cancer patients
- 2017 Flatiron oncology clinic data by Rughani showed 22% of non-squamous metastatic patients had no evidence of EGFR or ALK testing
- 1/3 of patients had results that took more than 4 weeks to come back to the ordering physician
  - < 4 weeks: ~80% got appropriate TKIs</li>
  - > 4 weeks: ~40% got appropriate TKIs

## Lung Cancer outcomes are impacted by late detection and low treatment rates

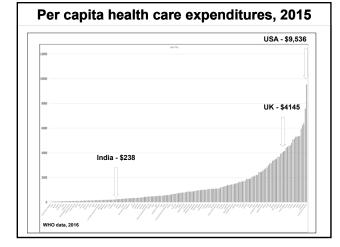
- Only about 20% of lung cancer is localized when found
- Less than 2% of eligible people in the USA are getting lung cancer screening CTs (Pham et al, JCO 2018 (abstr 6504)
- Using the SEER cancer registry of Medicare claims from 2007-2013:
  - 43,165 patients had a new diagnosis of stage IIIB/IV NSCLC
  - 29,720 had any treatment at all (69%)
  - 13,742 (32%) received any systemic therapy
  - Only 8,542 (20%) received "standard", guidelines recommended first line therapy.

Bittoni and Carbone, Clinical Lung Cancer 2018

#### In the United Kingdom

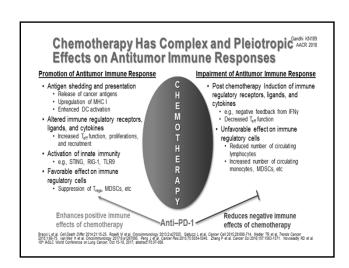
- Of 176,225 lung cancer patients:
  - Only 13% got surgery
  - 8% got any radiation
  - 28% got any chemo...

Moller et al. Thorax 2018



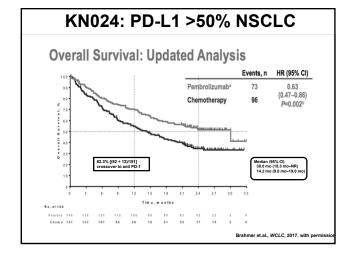
#### **Immunotherapy**

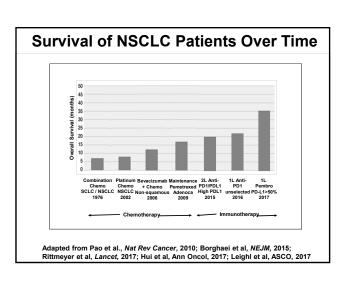
Targeting normal regulatory mechanisms subverted by cancers to avoid immune clearance

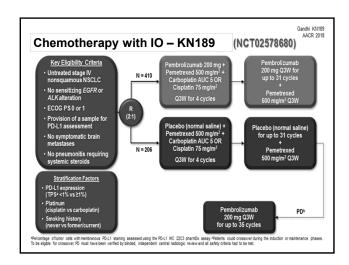


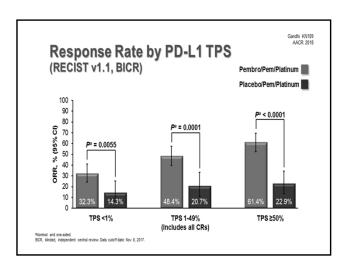
# PD-1 and PDL-1 signaling is a major mechanism of immune down-regulation

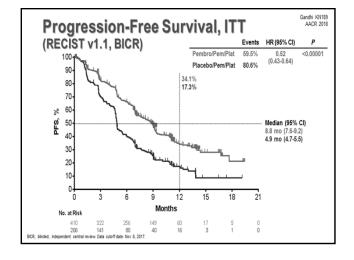
- About 1/3 of tumors have high PD-L1 expression
- About 1/3 have low expression
- · About 1/3 have no expression

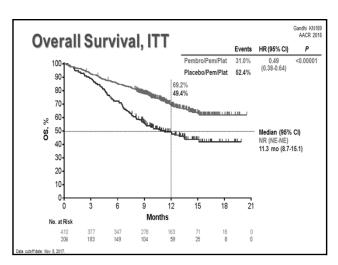


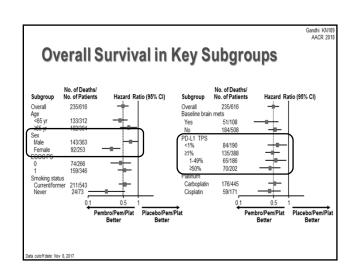


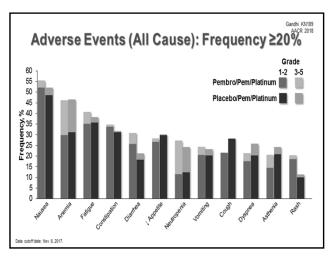


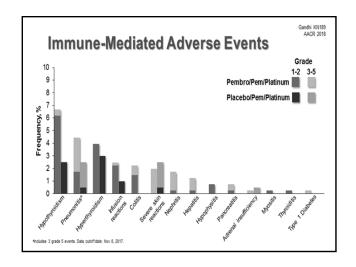


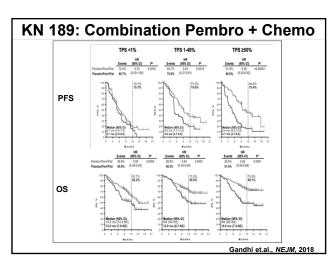


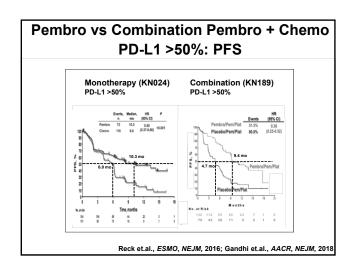


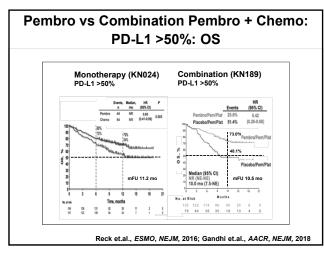


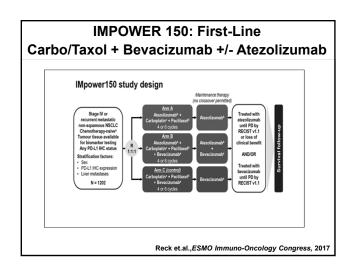


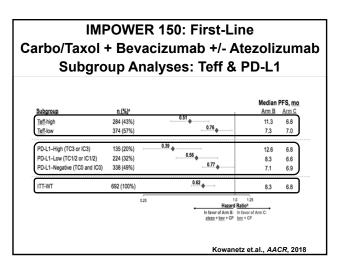


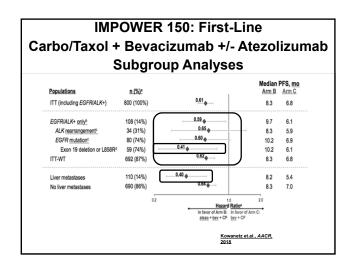








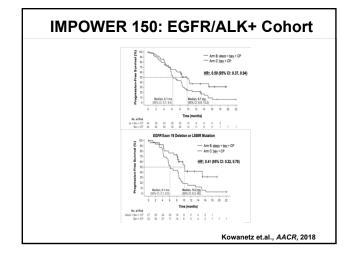


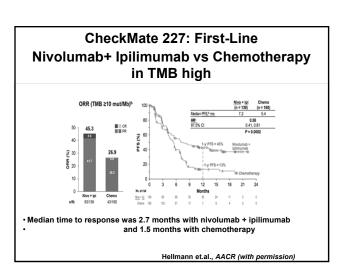


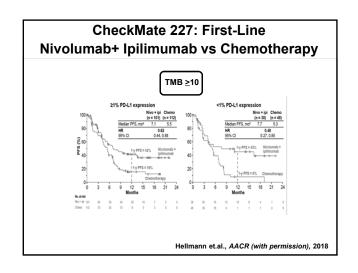
#### OS For EGFR Mutant Tumors In Previously Treated NSCLC

- Nivolumab (CheckMate 057)
  - OS HR 1.18 (0.69 2.0)
- Pembrolizumab (KEYNOTE 010)
  - OS HR 0.88 (0.45 1.70)
- Atezolizumab (OAK)
  - OS HR 1.24

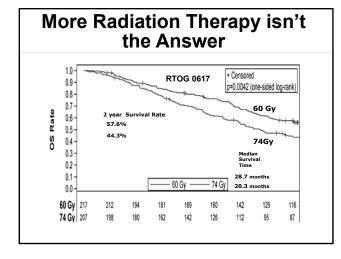
Borghaei et.al. NEJM, 2015; Herbst et.al., Lancet, 2015; Barlesi et.al., ESMO, 2016





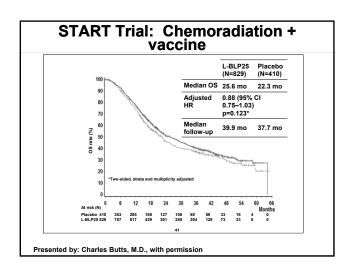


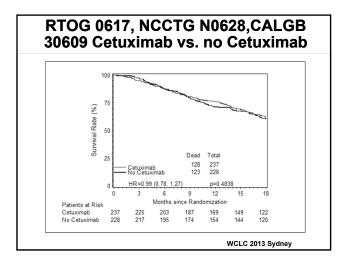
Combinations of targeted and immunotherapies for locally advanced NSCLC



# More Radiation Therapy isn't the Answer

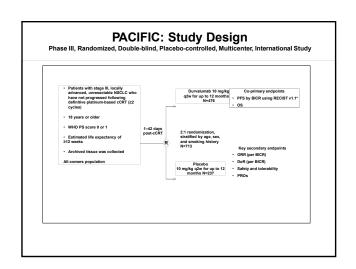
- In RTOG 0617
  - 60 Gy
    - 28.7 months median survival
    - 57.6% 2 year survival
  - 74 Gy
    - 20.3 month median survival
    - 44.3% 2 year survival

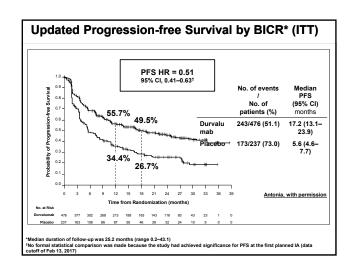


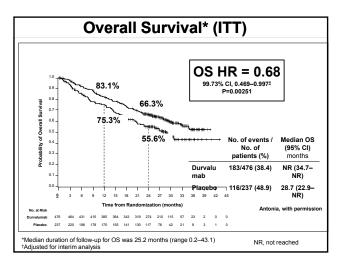


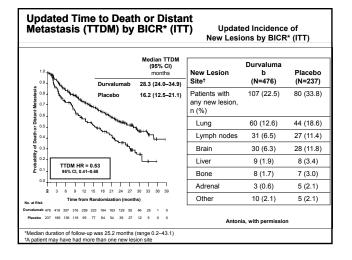
# SWOG 0023 - EGFR TKI after chemo/RT • Patients treated with EGFR TKIs after chemo/RT for stage III NSCLC • Have statistically significantly shorter survival • 23 month median survival for gefitinib • 35 month median survival for placebo

Kelly et al, J Clin Oncol 26:2450-2456. © 2008

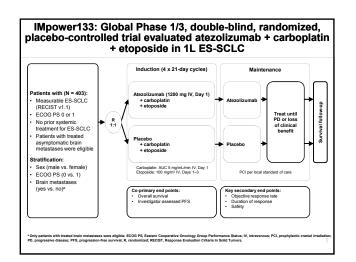


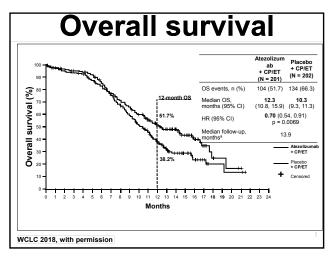












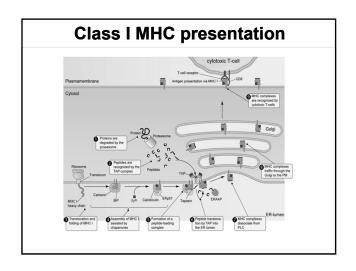
#### LOTS of progress with IO, BUT: Response rates in unselected patients with single agent IO are ~ 20%

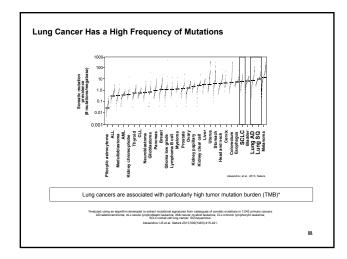
- For driver-targeted therapies, we have learned to expect nearly universal clinical benefit with appropriate patient selection
- With IO, we either use no biomarker or accept modest enrichment for effect.
- How can we best select patients for current and future immunotherapies?

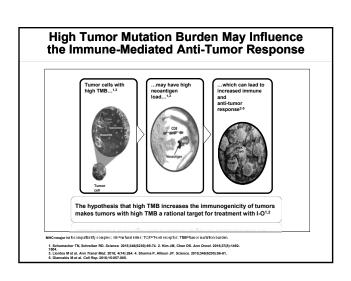
## PD-L1 enriches for benefit, but is an imperfect marker

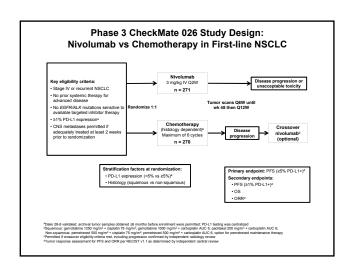
Response rates in enriched cohorts about doubled, but still less than 50%. Patients with PD-L1 negative tumors still sometimes respond.

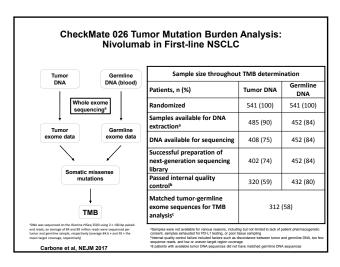
# Other selection markers: Tumor Mutation Burden

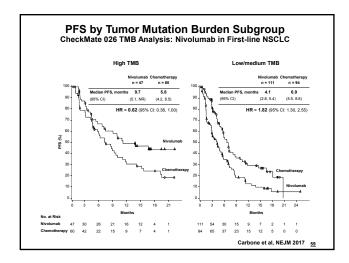


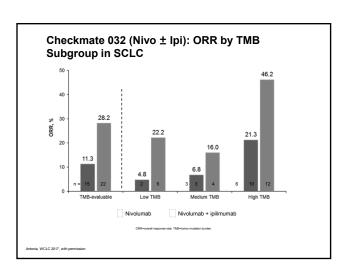


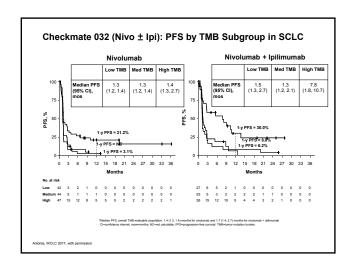


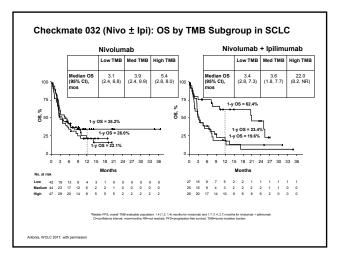


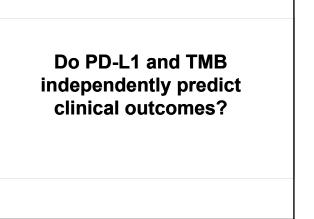


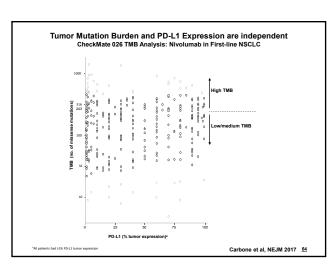


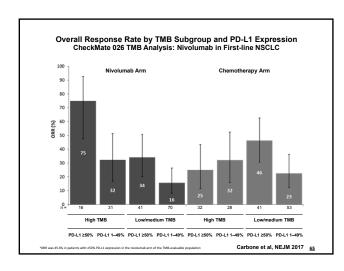


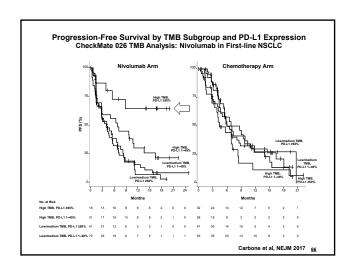










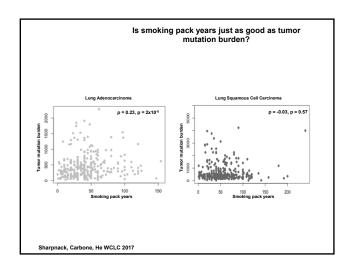


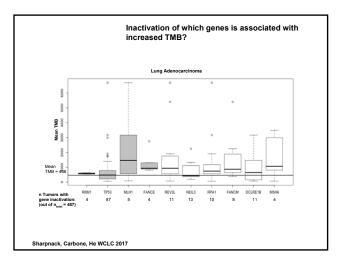
#### Questions to be answered re: TMB

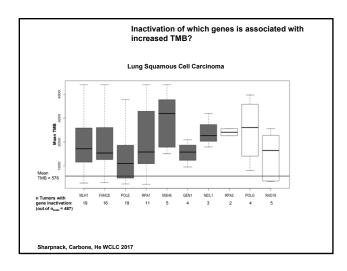
- · Cutoff?
- Platform?
  - WES
  - · Targeted panels
  - · Blood-based assays?
- · Role in IO combinations?
- · Role in meso and SCLC?

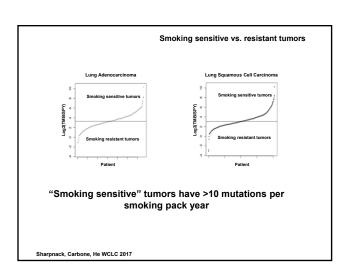
Can all of the TMB differences be explained by smoking exposure?

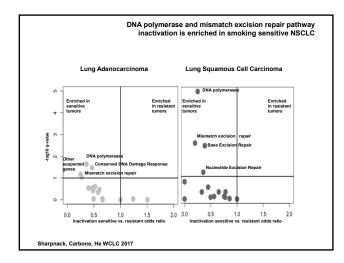
DNA integrity – maintenance genes











#### **DNA** repair mutations - conclusions

- MLH1 and FANCE inactivation are associated with increased TMB in both adenocarcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma.
- 2. Smoking is not a sufficient substitute biomarker for TMB.
- 3. DNA repair pathway alterations might be potential therapeutic biomarkers of immune checkpoint inhibition in NSCLC.

### **Summary**

- We have made a lot of progress toward improving the quality and quantity of life for lung cancer patients
- Virtually all of this progress has been through the application of basic science to medicine and studying medical phenomena to better understand the science
- · There is still a lot of room for improvement
  - · In selecting the best therapy for each patient
  - For improving the effectiveness of our current therapies
  - Defining new targets for therapy.