

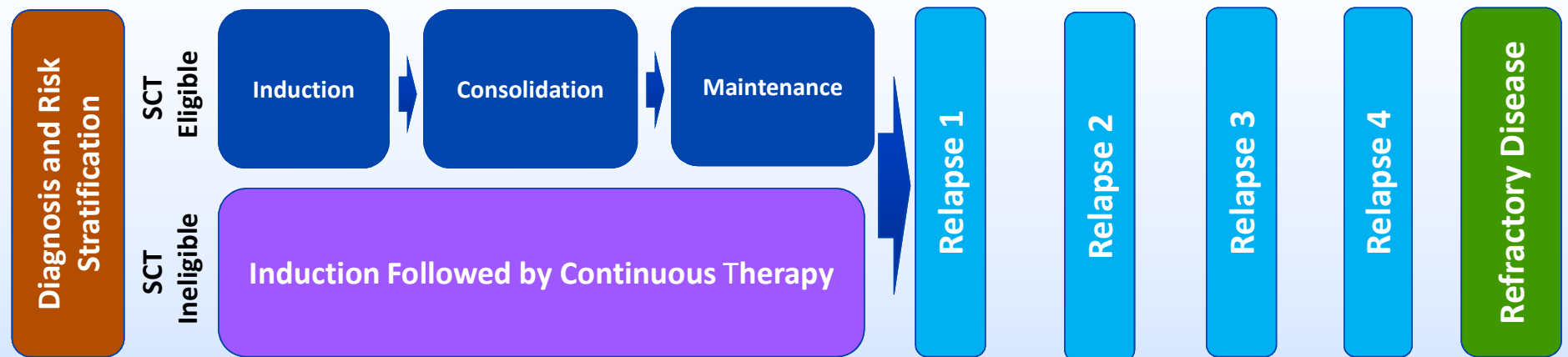
# Choosing the Best Therapy for Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma Patients: Understanding the Vast Data to take Evidence-Based Decisions

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## Learning Objectives

- Outline factors to consider when selecting therapy for patients with RRMM, including patient age and frailty, history of prior treatments, early versus late relapse, and others.
- Summarize current evidence regarding available therapeutic options in RRMM and strategies to select the most optimal option for a given patient.

# Myeloma Disease Burden



Tumor Burden



## Abundance of Randomized Data

- KRd vs. Rd
- IRd vs. Rd
- DRd vs. Rd
- DVd vs. Vd
- ERd vs. Rd
- PVd vs. Vd
- Kd vs. Vd
- Kd (weekly) vs. Kd (Biweekly)
- EPd vs. Pd
- IPd vs. Pd
- KDd vs. Kd

# And Abundance of Non- Randomized Data, Leading to...



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### MYELOMA THERAPY<sup>a-d</sup>

THERAPY FOR PREVIOUSLY TREATED MULTIPLE MYELOMA <sup>l,m</sup>	
<p><b>Preferred Regimens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bortezomib/lenalidomide/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Carfilzomib/lenalidomide/dexamethasone (category 1)<sup>n</sup></li> <li>• Daratumumab<sup>f</sup>/bortezomib/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Daratumumab<sup>f</sup>/carfilzomib/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daratumumab<sup>f</sup>/lenalidomide/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Isatuximab-irfc/pomalidomide/dexamethasone (category 1)<sup>o</sup></li> <li>• Ixazomib/lenalidomide/dexamethasone (category 1)<sup>n</sup></li> <li>• Ixazomib/pomalidomide<sup>p</sup>/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Pomalidomide<sup>p</sup>/bortezomib/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Recommended Regimens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belantamab mafodotin-blmf<sup>q</sup></li> <li>• Bendamustine/bortezomib/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Bendamustine/lenalidomide/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Bortezomib/liposomal doxorubicin/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Bortezomib/cyclophosphamide/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Carfilzomib/cyclophosphamide/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Carfilzomib (twice weekly)/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Cyclophosphamide/lenalidomide/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Daratumumab<sup>f</sup>/cyclophosphamide/bortezomib/dexamethasone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daratumumab<sup>f</sup>/pomalidomide<sup>p</sup>/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Elotuzumab/bortezomib/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Elotuzumab<sup>q</sup>/lenalidomide/dexamethasone (category 1)<sup>n</sup></li> <li>• Elotuzumab/pomalidomide/dexamethasone<sup>r</sup></li> <li>• Ixazomib/cyclophosphamide/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Panobinostat<sup>u</sup>/bortezomib/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Pomalidomide<sup>p</sup>/cyclophosphamide/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Pomalidomide<sup>p</sup>/carfilzomib/dexamethasone</li> </ul>
<p><b>Useful In Certain Circumstances</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bendamustine</li> <li>• Bortezomib/dexamethasone (category 1)</li> <li>• Carfilzomib/cyclophosphamide/thalidomide/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Carfilzomib (weekly)/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Daratumumab<sup>f,v</sup></li> <li>• Dexamethasone/cyclophosphamide/etoposide/cisplatin (DCEP)<sup>h</sup></li> <li>• Dexamethasone/thalidomide/cisplatin/doxorubicin/cyclophosphamide/etoposide (DT-PACE)<sup>h</sup> ± bortezomib (VTD-PACE)<sup>h</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High-dose cyclophosphamide</li> <li>• Ixazomib/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Lenalidomide/dexamethasone<sup>t</sup> (category 1)</li> <li>• Panobinostat<sup>u</sup>/carfilzomib</li> <li>• Panobinostat<sup>u</sup>/lenalidomide/dexamethasone</li> <li>• Pomalidomide<sup>p</sup>/dexamethasone<sup>t</sup> (category 1)</li> <li>• Selinexor/dexamethasone<sup>w</sup></li> <li>• Venetoclax/dexamethasone only for t(11;14) patients</li> </ul>

<sup>a</sup> Selected, but not inclusive of all regimens.

<sup>b</sup> See [Supportive Care Treatment for Multiple Myeloma \(MYEL-H\)](#).

<sup>c</sup> See [Principles of Myeloma Therapy \(MYEL-F\)](#).

<sup>d</sup> See [Management of Renal Disease in Multiple Myeloma \(MYEL-I\)](#).

<sup>f</sup> Includes both daratumumab for intravenous infusion and daratumumab and hyaluronidase-fihj for subcutaneous injection. Daratumumab and hyaluronidase-fihj for subcutaneous injection has different dosing and administration instructions compared to daratumumab for intravenous infusion.

<sup>h</sup> Generally reserved for the treatment of aggressive multiple myeloma.

<sup>l</sup> Consideration for appropriate regimen is based on the context of clinical relapse.

<sup>m</sup> If a regimen listed on this page was used as a primary induction therapy and relapse is >6 mo, the same regimen may be repeated.

<sup>n</sup> Clinical trials with these regimens primarily included patients who were lenalidomide-naïve or with lenalidomide-sensitive multiple myeloma.

<sup>o</sup> Indicated for patients who have received at least two prior therapies, including lenalidomide and a proteasome inhibitor.

<sup>p</sup> Indicated for the treatment of patients who have received at least two prior therapies including an immunomodulatory agent and a proteasome inhibitor and who have demonstrated disease progression on or within 60 days of completion of the last therapy.

<sup>q</sup> Indicated for patients who have received at least four prior therapies, including an anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody, a proteasome inhibitor, and an immunomodulatory agent.

<sup>r</sup> Indicated for the treatment of patients who have received at least two prior therapies including an immunomodulatory agent and a proteasome inhibitor.

<sup>s</sup> Indicated in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone for the treatment of patients who have received one to three prior therapies.

<sup>t</sup> Consider single-agent lenalidomide or pomalidomide for patients with steroid intolerance.

<sup>u</sup> Indicated for the treatment of patients who have received at least two prior therapies, including bortezomib and an immunomodulatory agent.

<sup>v</sup> Indicated for the treatment of patients who have received at least three prior therapies, including a proteasome inhibitor (PI) and an immunomodulatory agent or who are double refractory to a PI and immunomodulatory agent.

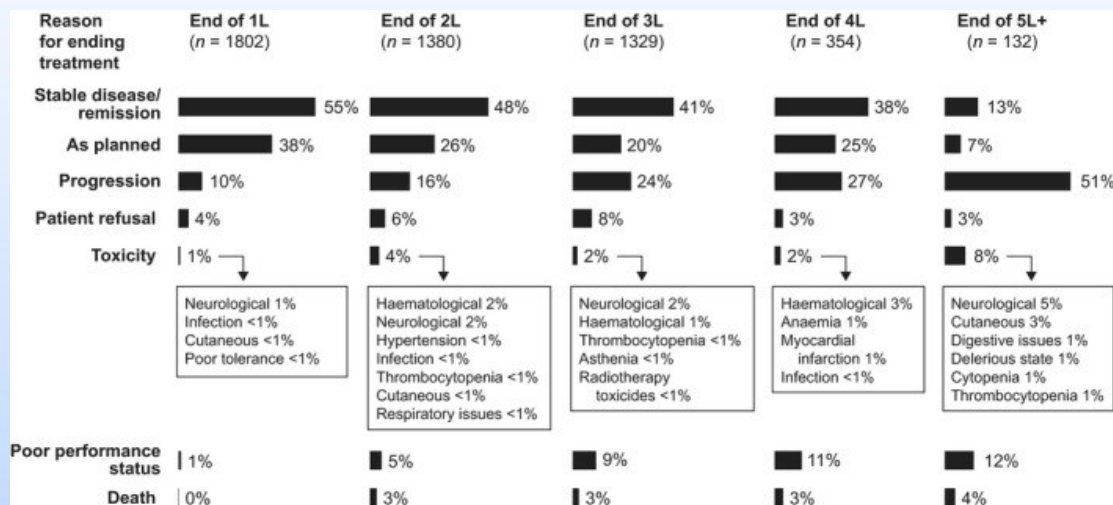
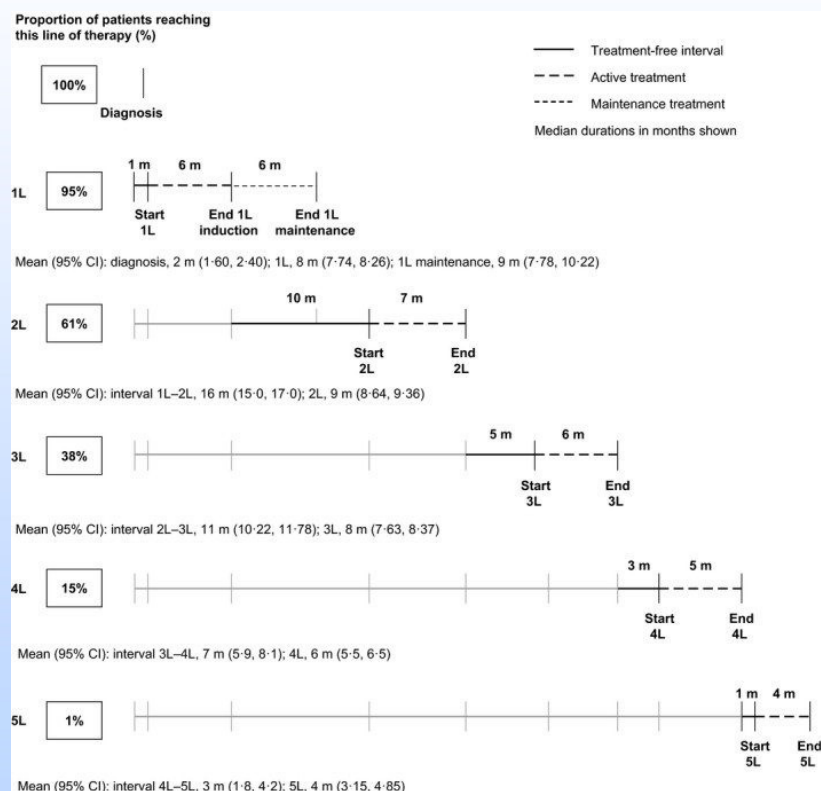
<sup>w</sup> Indicated for patients who have received at least four prior therapies and whose disease is refractory to at least two proteasome inhibitors, at least two immunomodulatory agents, and an anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody.

**Note:** All recommendations are category 2A unless otherwise indicated.

**Clinical Trials:** NCCN believes that the best management of any patient with cancer is in a clinical trial. Participation in clinical trials is especially encouraged.

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# High Rate of Attrition with Subsequent Lines of Treatment in RRMM



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## Factors to Consider...

Risk  
Stratification

Early vs. Late  
Relapse

Age

Transplant  
Intended or Not

Prior  
Therapy

Biochemical vs. Clinical  
Relapse

Comorbidities

Frailty Index

Relapsed  
and/or  
Refractory

Residual  
Adverse  
Events

Patient  
Preferences

## Factors to Consider...

# Informed Decision Making

Risk  
Stratification

Age

Transplant  
Intended or Not

Prior  
Therapy

Biochemicals (Allograft)  
Relapse

Relapsed  
and/or  
Refractory

Comorbidities

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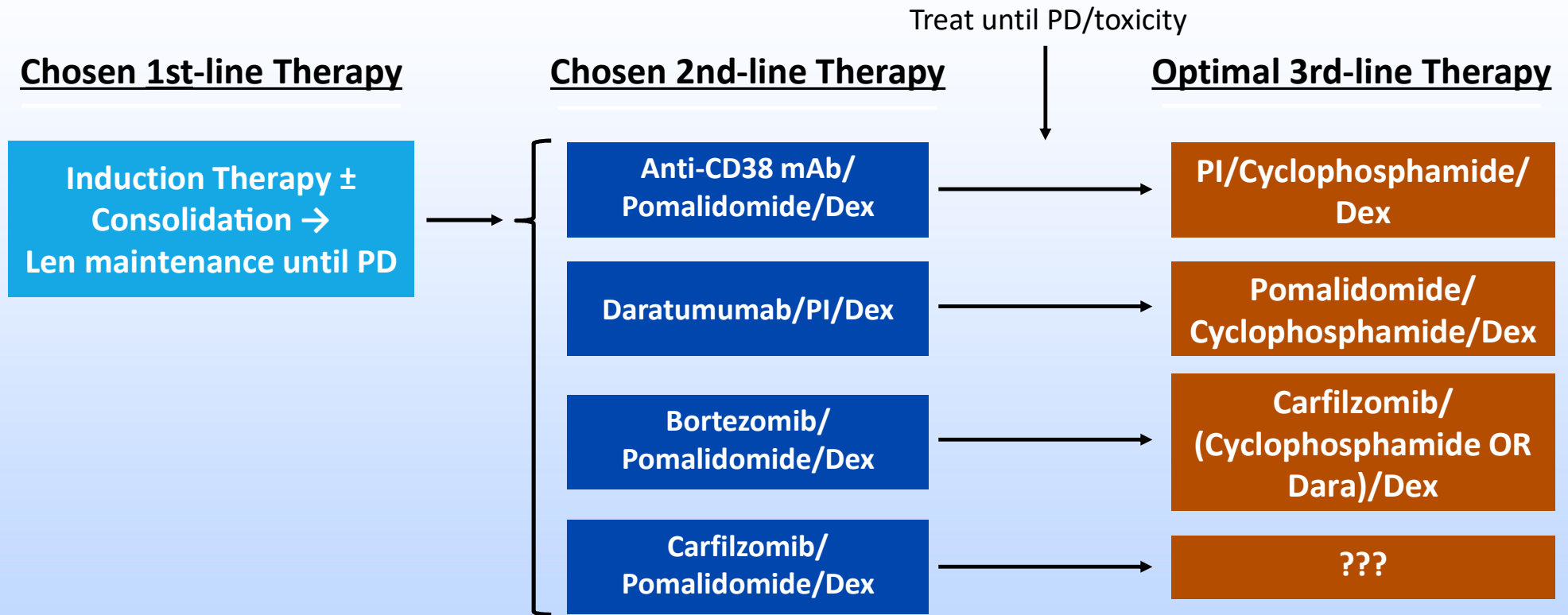
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## Factors to Consider...

- What are your main treatment goals of therapy? Stable disease vs CR?
- What factors influence you to either re-challenge with previous therapy or switch to a new regimen?
- What are the pros and cons of various therapies currently available?
  - Carfilzomib, Daratumumab, Elotuzumab, Ixazomib, IMiDs
- How do you optimally sequence available therapies?
- Some attempts at assimilating the data, since all regimens cannot be compared in prospective randomized trials.

# Therapeutic Strategies for Patients With MM After Relapse



3rd-line treatment choice can largely be chosen based on prior therapy and previous resistance patterns

## General Principles

- Duration of initial response defines disease biology
- Triplets (2 active classes + dex) preferred over doublets
  - Include at least 1 drug from a non-refractory class
- Treat to maximum response and maintain on one drug until progression or intolerability
- Prior drug exposure (refractory), residual toxicities } Drugs/Combinations
- Age, frailty, patient preferences, goals of care, logistics } Dose/Schedule
- Risk stratification, transplant eligibility } Overall goal/approach

Early Relapse

Not Refractory to Bortezomib

## Agents in Relapsed MM: PI-based Studies

Outcomes	CASTOR DVd vs Vd <sup>[1]</sup>	ENDEAVOR Kd vs Vd <sup>[2]</sup>	PANORAMA PVd vs Vd <sup>[3,4]</sup>	ELOQUENT EVd vs Vd <sup>[5]</sup>
PFS HR (95% CI)	0.39 (0.28-0.53)	0.53 (0.44-0.65)	0.63 (0.52-0.76)	0.72 (0.59-0.88)
ORR, %	83	77	61	66
Median PFS, mos	NR	18.7	12.0	9.7
≥ VGPR, %	59	54	28	36
≥ CR, %	19	13	11	4
DoR, mos	NE	21.3	13.1	11.4
OS HR (95% CI)	0.77 (0.47-1.26)	0.79 (0.58-1.08)	0.94 (0.78-1.14)	0.61 (0.32-1.15)

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Early Relapse

Not Refractory to Lenalidomide

## Rd-based Triplet Therapy for Early Relapse

- TOURMALINE-MM1: Rd ± ixazomib for relapsed and R/R MM patients with 1-3 prior lines of therapy<sup>[1]</sup>
- ELOQUENT-2: Rd ± elotuzumab for R/R MM patients with 1-3 prior lines of therapy<sup>[2]</sup>
- ASPIRE: Rd ± carfilzomib for relapsed MM patients with 1-3 prior lines of therapy<sup>[3,4]</sup>
- POLLUX: Rd ± daratumumab for R/R MM patients with ≥ 1 prior line of therapy<sup>[5]</sup>

Outcome	TOURMALINE-MM1 <sup>[1]</sup>		ELOQUENT-2 <sup>[2]</sup>		ASPIRE <sup>[3,4]</sup>		POLLUX <sup>[5]</sup>	
	Rd	IRd	Rd	ERd	Rd	KRd	Rd	Dara-Rd
ORR, %	72*	78*	66	79*	66.7*	87.1*	76.4*	92.9*
≥ VGPR, %	39*	48*	29	35	40.4*	69.9*	49.3*	80.4*
Median PFS, mos	14.7*	20.6*	14.9*	19.4*	17.6*	26.3*	17.5*	44.5*
HR for PFS	0.74 (95% CI: 0.59-0.94)		0.71 (95% CI: 0.59-0.86)		0.69 (95% CI: 0.57-0.83)		0.40 (95% CI: 0.24-0.67)	
Median OS, mos	NR	NR	NR	NR	40.4*	48.3*	NR (42-mo OS: 57%)	NR (42-mo OS: 65%)

\**P* < .05

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Early Relapse

Refractory to Lenalidomide AND Bortezomib



## Pomalidomide-based Salvage Therapy for R/R MM

Trial	Patient Population	Primary Endpoint	ORR, %	≥ VGPR, %	Median PFS, Mos	Median OS, Mos
Pom/Dex (N = 302) <sup>[1]</sup> Phase III trial vs HD Dex	R/R; ≥ 2 lines of tx including len and btz	PFS	31 vs 10	6 vs < 1	4.0 vs 1.9	12.7 vs 8.1
Bortezomib + Pom/Dex (N = 559) <sup>[2]</sup> OPTIMISMM Phase III trial vs Vd	1-3 lines of tx with len exposure; prior PI ok	PFS	82 vs 50	53 vs 18	11 vs 7	NR
Carfilzomib + Pom/Dex (N = 57) <sup>[3]</sup>	R/R to most recent tx; 1-3 lines of tx; len refractory	MTD, PR rate	62	23	10.3	NR (1 yr: 67%)
Daratumumab + Pom/Dex (N = 103) <sup>[4]</sup>	R/R; ≥ 2 lines of tx, including len and btz	MTD	60	42	8.8	17.5
Ixazomib + Pom/Dex (N = 32) <sup>[5]</sup>	1-5 lines of tx, including len and PI; len refractory	MTD activity	48; high risk: 58	20	--	--
Elotuzumab + Pom/Dex (N = 60) <sup>[6]</sup> Phase II trial vs Pom/Dex	≥ 2 lines of tx including IMiD and PI; refractory to last tx	PFS	53 vs 26	20	10.3 vs 4.8	--
Isatuximab + Pom/Dex vs no Isa (N = 307) <sup>[6]</sup> ICARIA-MM Phase III trial	3 prior lines of therapy; 97% len refractory, 77% PI refractory, 72% double refractory	PFS	60 vs 35	32 vs 8	11.5 vs 6.5	--

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## Early Relapse

Refractory to Lenalidomide, Bortezomib AND Daratumumab

## Options...

- Selinexor
  - Panobinostat
  - Belantamab
  - ? Carfilzomib
  - ? Pomalidomide
  - ? Elotuzumab (No data of efficacy post-daratumumab)
  - Venetoclax [for t(11;14)]
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- CLINICAL TRIALS

## Some Real-World Findings...

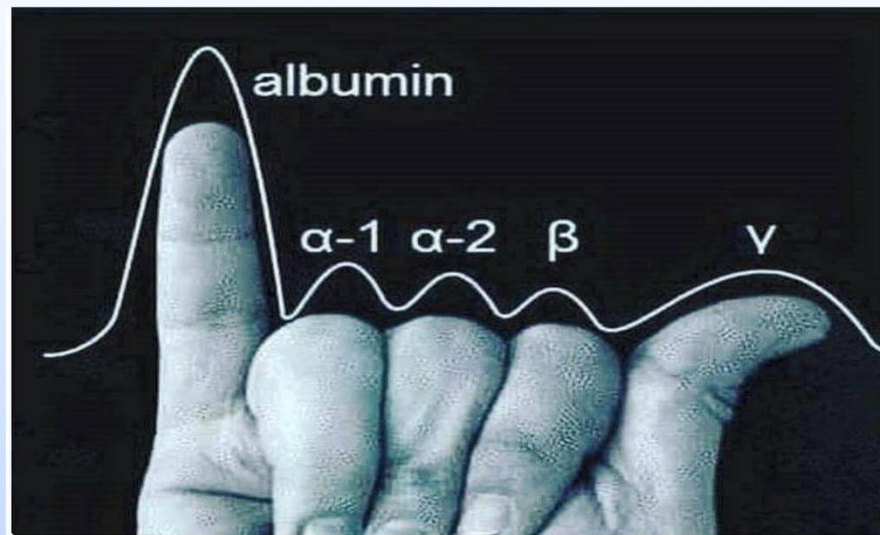
- PI/IMiD combinations are most frequently used.
- Daratumumab utilization quite high
- Triplet use on the rise, but still at least a third of patients receive doublets
- Duration of therapy and TTNT much lower than in clinical trials
- SCT utilization lower than expected for eligible patients

## Clinical Pearls in RRMM...

- Carfilzomib resistance = bortezomib/ixazomib resistance
- Pomalidomide resistance = lenalidomide resistance
- Whether daratumumab resistance = isatuximab resistance is not yet known
  - Activity in cross-trial comparisons very similar

## Conclusions

- Therapeutic advances have led to prolonged survival in MM, but it remains a chronic disease
- Treatment of myeloma requires a long-term strategy
- Key is delivering the best “package” of treatment at a given stage
- Optimal combinations and sequencing is key
- Risk stratified approach in clinic
- Future will be in developing more individualized approaches



Thank You!