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# Advances in Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer

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Session V Genitourinary Session

12:10 pm - 1:10 pm Session Chair:

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12:10 pm - 12:25 pm Updates in the Management of Kidney and Bladder Cancer

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12:25 pm - 12:40 pm Advances in Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer

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12:40 pm – 1:10 pm Complex Genitourinary Cases: Optimal Management

**Moderator:** Mayer Fishman, MD, PhD | TGH Cancer Institute **Case Presenter:** Roberto Ochoa, MD | The Oncology Institute

Panel: Barata, Fishman







### What is the oldest prostate cancer citation?

#### William Belfield

Article Talk

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

William T. Belfield (June 1, 1856 – October 4, 1929) was an American urologist who is credited with having performed the first intentional prostatectomy (via the suprapubic route) in 1885, 1886 or 1887 at Cook County Hospital. It is possible he only performed a partial prostatectomy. [1][2] The British surgeon Arthur Fergusson McGill (1850–1890) performed a similar procedure very close to this time, but McGill ultimately recognized Belfield as having been first. [3]

# William Belfield Born June 1, 1856 St. Louis, Missouri Died October 4, 1929 Chicago, Illinois Occupation urologist

Belfield was born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1856 but spent much of his childhood in Chicago. [4] He earned his medical doctorate from Rush Medical College in Chicago in 1877<sup>[5]</sup> and later became its chair of the department of urology in 1883. [5] He traveled through Europe obtaining further surgical experience after graduating from medical school. He was instrumental in reporting the discovery of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* by Robert Koch in the United States and was an early champion of the discipline of microbiology. He was the sixth president of the American Urological Association. [6][7]

Belfield WT. Report of a Case of Cancer of the Prostate. Chic Med J Exam. 1887 Dec;55(6):435. PMID: 37618880; PMCID: PMC9888171.

Figure 1 (Portrait of William T. Belfield, M.D., 1856-1929)

William T. Belfield, M.D., 1856-1929. Bacteriology captured Belfield's interest in the late 1870's and early 1880's. After publishing the first original general bacteriology book in English (1883), he became a leading surgeon and first president of the Chicago Urological Society (1903). For a portrait of Belfield as a young man see <u>Unrivaled Chicago</u> (1896), page 101. Henry Gradle, M.D., 1855-1911, called the Little Giant by some of his friends, looks directly and searchingly at the viewer in the portrait owned by the Chicago Historical Society. By 1870 Greene V. Black, M.D., D.D.S., 1836-1915, was balding and had adopted the full beard and mustache he wore until the end of his life (Pappas 1983, fig. 21).

Source of WTB portrait: Ill. Med. J., 137 (Jan. 1970): 54-59.



#### REPORT OF A CASE OF CANCER OF THE PROSTATE

ALSO, BY W. T. BELFIELD, M. D.

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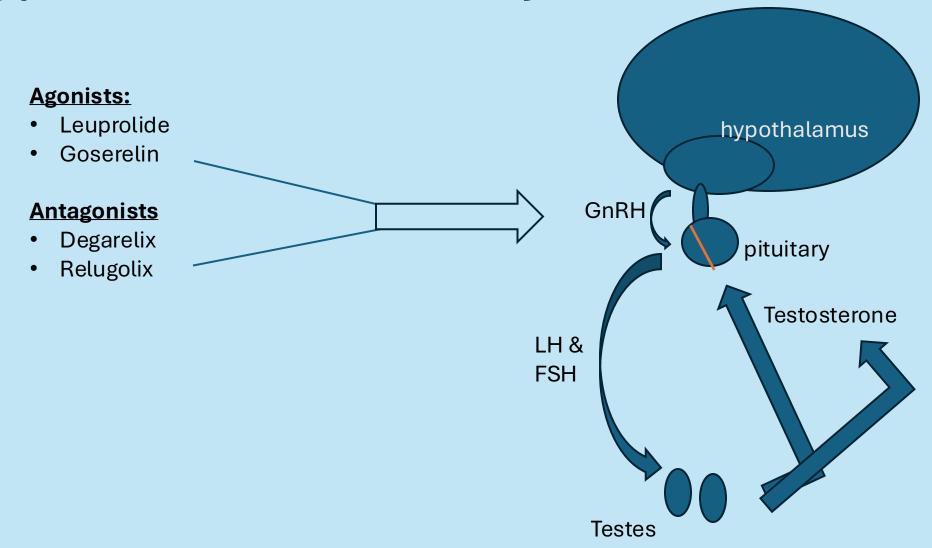
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- Presented with hematuria x 2-3 months
- Resected by suprapubic incision
- Died 5 months later
- Sounds like urothelial cancer
- It is good to be the chairman

### Did you ever like the term "castration-resistant?"

- Me neither
- Clearly most men with prostate cancer who need low testosterone as part of their therapy are not being castrated
- Treating with GnRH agonists or antagonists leads to low circulating testosterone, generally in the castration range, but those levels are variable.
- Now, with many treatment plans including and antiandrogen agent early on, the ambiguity that mixes patients into the same category patients with progression on:
  - GnRH monotherapy,
  - combination GnRH and bicalutamide,
  - combination GnRH and abiraterone,
  - or combination GnRH and apalutamide or enzalutamide or darolutamide

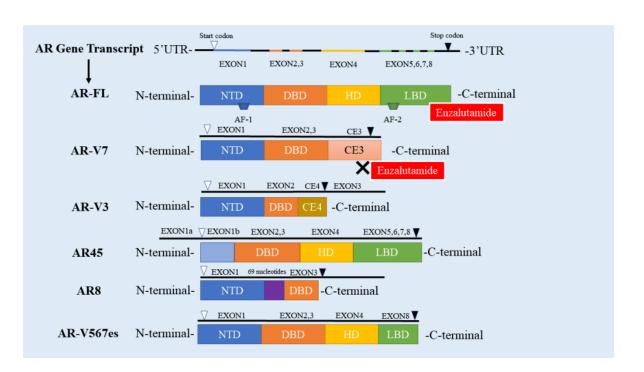
Hypothalamus – Pituitary – Gonad axis



### So what is a better term for what we see?

("Castrate resistant" used to be what was thought was happening)
Some different molecular contexts of prostate cancer dependence:

- Dependent on circulating testosterone
- Independent of circulating testosterone, but dependent on intact AR protein
- Independent of circulating testosterone and dependent on a testosterone-independent AR protein (Such as ARv7)
- Independent of testosterone, and independent of any AR protein



# Domain structure of AR, the androgen receptor protein

**Figure 1.** The Structure of AR-FL and AR-Vs. The human AR gene contains eight exons; AR has four domains, including NTD, DBD, HD and LBD. Exon 1 encodes NTD, DBD is encoded by exons 2 and 3, exon 4 encodes HD, and LBD is encoded by exons 5,6,78; AR-V7 has no LBD, so enzalutamide cannot bind to AR-V7; The DBD domain of AR-V3 is only encoded by exon 2, and lacks zinc finger; AR45 starts coding from exon 1b and lacks the NTD domain; The DBD domain formed by AR8 is only encoded by exon 3 and is not functional. AR8 inserts 69 nucleotides upstream of exon 3; AR-V567es does not contain exon 5.6.7; UTR: Untranslated Region; AR-FL: full-length androgen receptor; AR-V: androgen receptor splicing variant; NTD: N-end domain; DBD: DNA binding; HD: hinge domain; LBD: ligand binding domain; CE3: recessive exon 3; AF: Activate the function.

Zheng, Z.; Li, J.; Liu, Y.; Shi, Z.; Xuan, Z.; Yang, K.; Xu, C.; Bai, Y.; Fu, M.; Xiao, Q.; et al. The Crucial Role of AR-V7 in Enzalutamide-Resistance of Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer. Cancers 2022, 14, 4877. https://doi.org/10.3390/cancers14194877

One aspect of molecular description of PC is by what the AR lesions are.

### AR pathway drugs

### **GnRH** agonists

- leuprolide
- goserelin
- others

#### GnRH antagonists

- Degarelix
- Relugolix (oral)

AR medications (with OS improvement in metastatic hormone sensitive PC trials)

- enzalutamide
- apalutamide
- darolutamide

17α-hydroxylase/C17,20lyase (CYP17) inhibitor

abiraterone

### Investigational AR examples:

- miRNA targeting (decreased translation)\*
- Enhanced proteolysis of AR
- Blockade of N-terminal of AR



### Several non-AR pathway drugs available

Taxanes

Docetaxel

Cabazitaxel

Platinum + taxane

Radioactive

Radium (223Ra)

Lutetium (177Lu) vipivotide tetraxetan

Target metastatic lesion XRT

**Immunotherapy** 

Sipuleucel-T

Pembrolizumab

PARP inhibitor medications

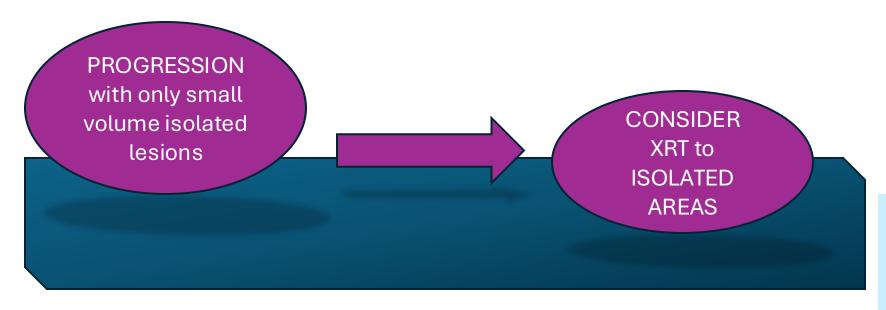
Rucaparib

Olaparib

Talazoparib

Niraparib

### Some of the easy decisions (1):

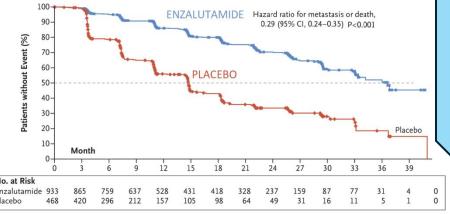


Deek MP, Phillips RM, Tran PT. Local Therapies in Oligometastatic and Oligoprogressive Prostate Cancer. Semin Radiat Oncol. 2021 Jul;31(3):242-249.

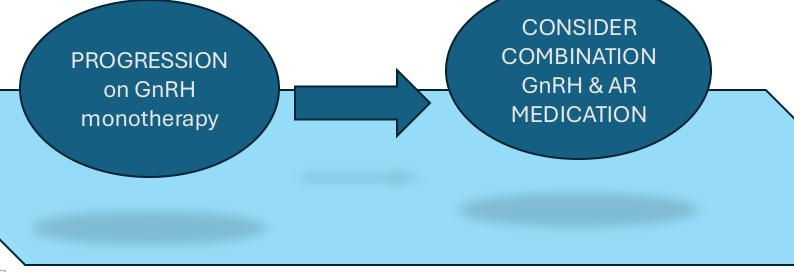
- Delay need for systemic agents
- Unknown demonstrable impact on overall survival
- Newer experiences will have PSMA-PET/CT, not conventional imaging for target identification

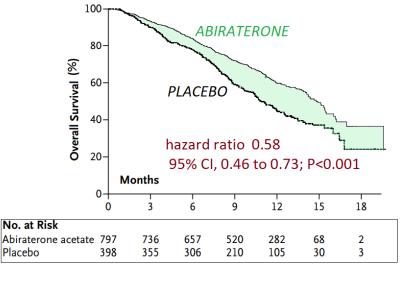
Some of the easy decisions (2):

CRPC, no mets on conventional scan



CRPC, mets on conventional scan. Progressed through GnRH monotherapy





Hussain M, Fizazi K, Saad F, et al. Enzalutamide in Men with Nonmetastatic, Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer. N Engl J Med. 2018 Jun 28;378(26):2465-2474.

de Bono JS, Logothetis CJ, Molina A, et al. Abiraterone and increased survival in metastatic prostate cancer. N Engl J Med. 2011 May 26;364(21):1995-2005.

## FACTORS AT PROGRESSION AFFECTING THE LEVEL OF RISK/BENEFIT BALANCE

- Original Gleason score (grade group)
- Latency since prior treatment
- Anatomic pattern
  - No visible on PSMA-PET CT
  - No visible disease on bone scan & conventional CT
  - Regional lymph nodes only
  - Multiple level nodes; bulky nodes
  - Small volume bone lesions
  - Many or symptomatic bone lesions
  - Visceral spread

"biochemical recurrence"

Age
General frailty
Specific comorbidities
Neuropathy
Coronary artery disease
Other malignancies

### PARP inhibition:

Major impact is for those with DNA mismatch repair defect phenotype

Any positive test is sufficient:

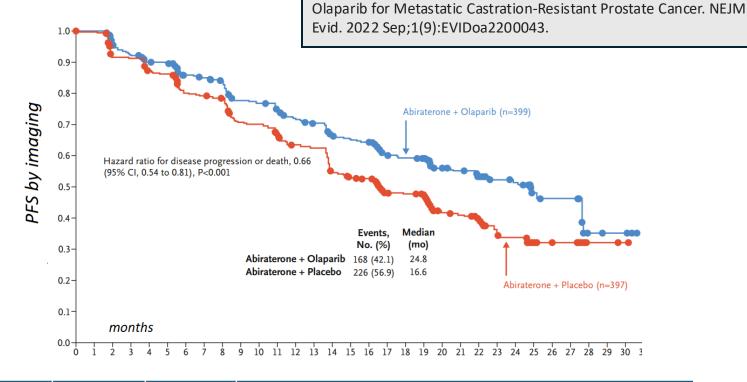
Germline
Original tumor
Recent tumor
Blood for ctDNA

BRCA2 consistently:

most frequent
largest impact

May be more of a stabilization than major response

Pills can be appealing over IV



Clarke NW, Armstrong AJ, Thiery-Vuillemin A et al. Abiraterone and

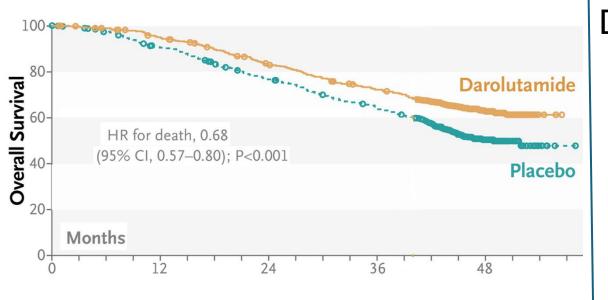
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BRCA1	BRCA2		rucaparib
BRCA1	BRCA2		olaparib and abiraterone
BRCA1	BRCA2	ATM1	olaparib

There are no direct comparative data

### **TAXANES:** A few contexts:

### **ARASENS:**

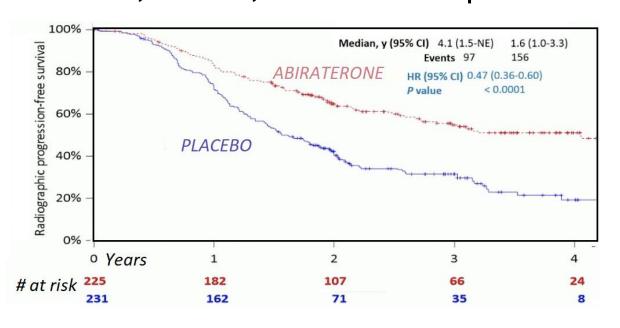
Docetaxel, GnRH, darolutamide



Smith M, Hussain M, Saad F et al. Darolutamide and Survival in Metastatic, Hormone-Sensitive Prostate Cancer. N Engl J Med 2022;386:1132-1142

# INITIAL TRIPLET THERAPY of METASTATIC CSPC

**PEACE-1** (docetaxel & high-volume subset): Docetaxel, GnRH, abiraterone/prednisone



Fizazi K, Foulon S, Carles J et al. Abiraterone plus prednisone added to androgen deprivation therapy and docetaxel in de novo metastatic castration-sensitive prostate cancer (PEACE-1): a multicentre, open-label, randomised, phase 3 study with a  $2 \times 2$  factorial design. Lancet. 2022 Apr 30;399(10336):1695-1707.

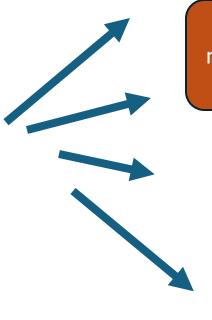
## Taxanes as initial salvage for metastatic progression despite GnRH and AR: Several contexts to consider:

GnRH, AR or abiraterone
Docetaxel previously
(Bone metastases)

GnRH, AR or abiraterone
No Docetaxel
(Not enough metastasis)

GnRH, AR or abiraterone No Docetaxel (Elective deferral)

GnRH, AR or abiraterone
No Docetaxel
(Comorbidity concerns)



Docetaxel 75 mg/m2/dose q 21 days

> Docetaxel 50 mg/m2/dose q 14 days

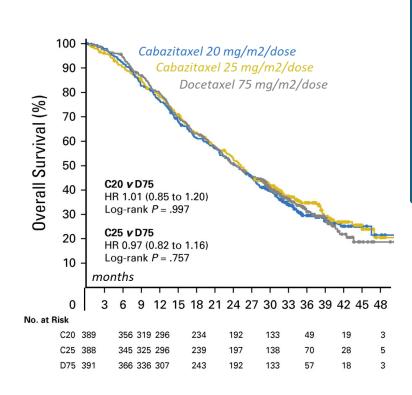
> > Cabazitaxel 20 mg/m2/dose q 21days

Docetaxel 60 mg/m2/dose q 21 days

> Docetaxel 40 mg/m2/dose q 14 days

> > Cabazitaxel 16 or 10 mg/m2/dose q 14days

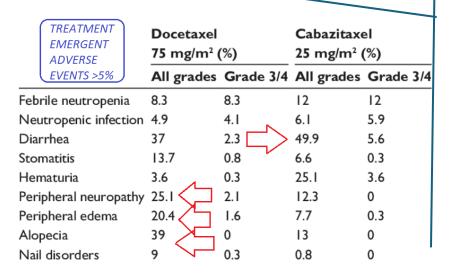
### Taxanes: Cabazitaxel, and de-escalated schedules

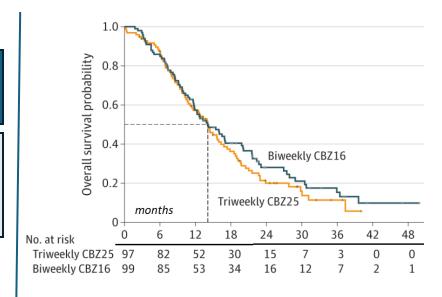


Oudard S, Fizazi K, Sengeløv L, et al. Cabazitaxel Versus Docetaxel As First-Line Therapy for Patients With Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer: A Randomized Phase III Trial-FIRSTANA. J Clin Oncol. 2017 Oct 1;35(28):3189-3197

### Docetaxel 50 mg/m2 q14d Instead of 75 mg/m2 q 21d

Hervonen P, Joensuu H, Joensuu T et al. Biweekly docetaxel is better tolerated than conventional three-weekly dosing for advanced hormone-refractory prostate cancer. Anticancer Res. 2012 Mar;32(3):953-6.





### Cabazitaxel 16 mg/m2 q14d Instead of 25 mg/m2 q 21d

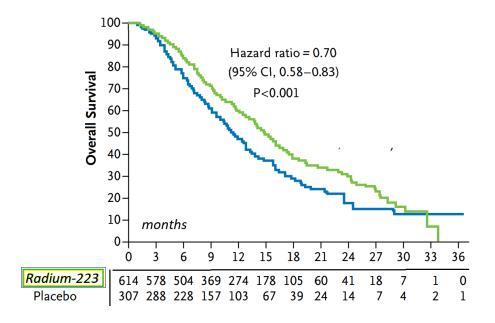
Oudard S, Ratta R, Voog Et al. Biweekly vs Triweekly Cabazitaxel in Older Patients With Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer: The CABASTY Phase 3 Randomized Clinical Trial. JAMA Oncol.

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### Radioactive intravenous treatments

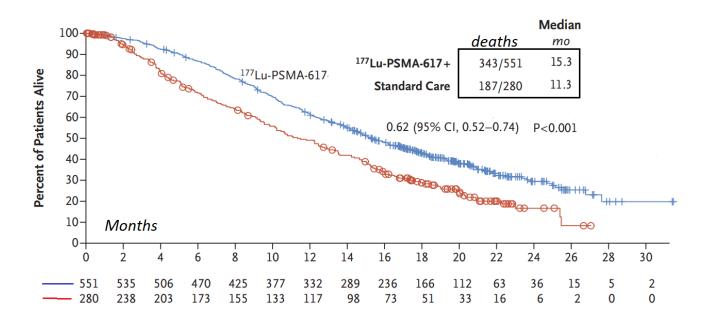
#### Radium:

Docetaxel or not docetaxel eligible ALSYMPCA 2013. Only bone-only



Parker C, Nilsson S, Heinrich et al ALSYMPCA Investigators. Alpha emitter radium-223 and survival in metastatic prostate cancer. N Engl J Med. 2013 Jul 18;369(3):213-23.

### Lutetium (177Lu) vipivotide tetraxetan: Docetaxel previously



Sartor O, de Bono J, Chi KN, et al and VISION Investigators. Lutetium-177-PSMA-617 for Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer. N Engl J Med. 2021 Sep 16;385(12):1091-1103

Very small phase 2 study

### How about CRPC Lutetium treatment without prior docetaxel? (not on-label at present)

(20 vs 20)

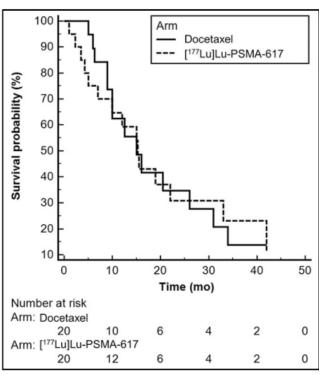
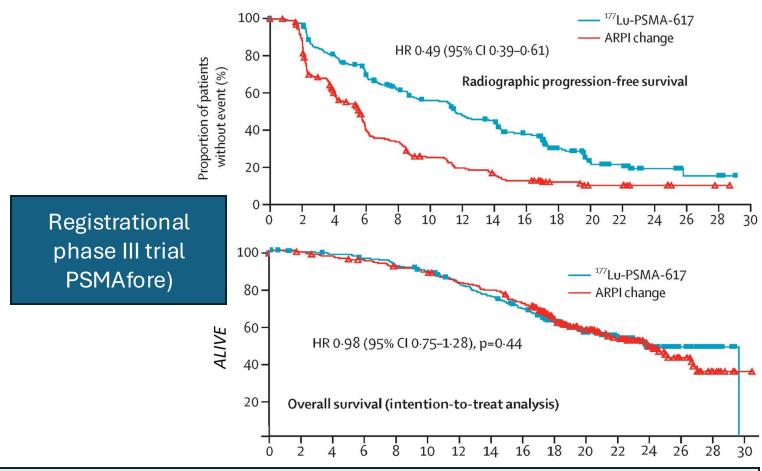


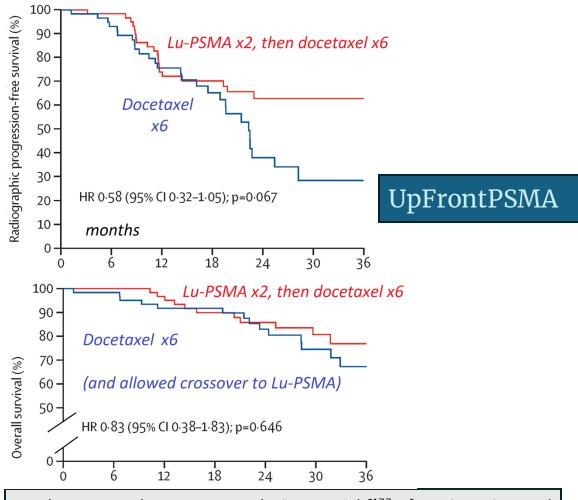
FIGURE 1. Kaplan-Meier curves for OS in intention-to-treat analysis.

Satapathy S, Mittal BR, Sood A et al. [177Lu]Lu-PSMA-617 Versus Docetaxel in Chemotherapy-Naïve Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer: Final Survival Analysis of a Phase 2 Randomized, Controlled Trial. J Nucl Med. 2023 Nov;64(11):1726-1729.

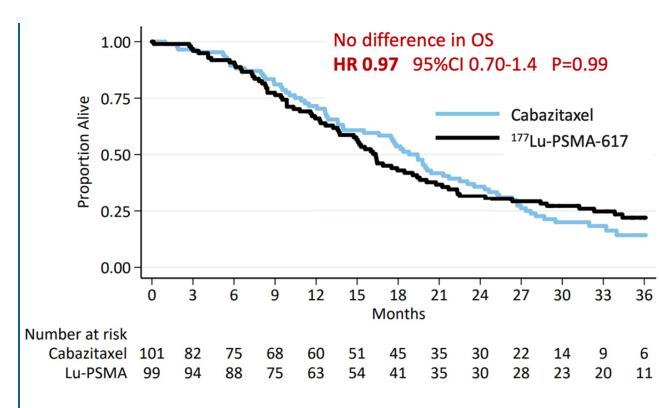


Morris MJ, Castellano D, Herrmann K et al. . <sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA-617 versus a change of androgen receptor pathway inhibitor therapy for taxane-naive patients with progressive metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (PSMAfore): a phase 3, randomised, controlled trial. Lancet. 2024 Sep 28;404(10459):1227-1239.

### How about Lutetium mCSPC treatment and then docetaxel? (not on-label)



Azad AA, Bressel M, Tan H, et al. Sequential [177Lu]Lu-PSMA-617 and docetaxel versus docetaxel in patients with metastatic hormonesensitive prostate cancer (UpFrontPSMA): a multicentre, open-label, randomised, phase 2 study. Lancet Oncol. 2024 Oct;25(10):1267-1276.



### How about Lutetium vs cabazitaxel with prior docetaxel? TheraP

Hofman MS, Emmett L, Sandhu S et al. [177Lu]Lu-PSMA-617 versus cabazitaxel in patients with metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (TheraP): a randomised, open-label, phase 2 trial. Lancet. 2021 Feb 27;397(10276):797-804. (Figure from 2024 update at ASCO)

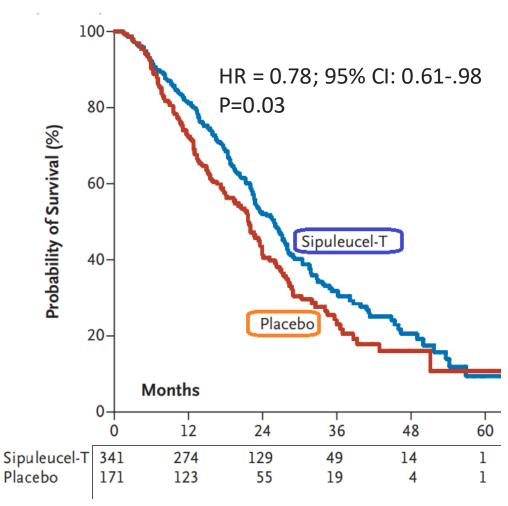
### Immunotherapy: Sipuleucel-T

### Stringent enrollment criteria

- No bone pain
- No visceral lesions
- No data on CRPC then sipuleucel-T or sipuleucel-T with AR or abiraterone is better
- No anticipated PSA pattern change
- Original trial: Most of the benefit in bottom PSA quartile <23</li>
- Useful vs controversial.

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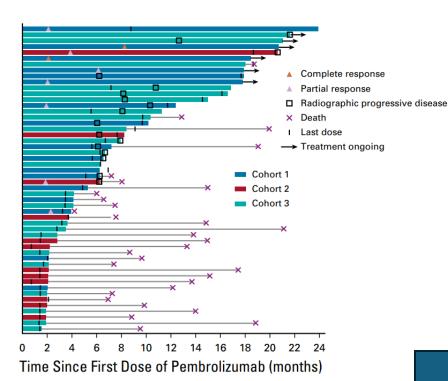
Kantoff PW, Higano CS, Shore ND, et al. . Sipuleucel-T immunotherapy for castration-resistant prostate cancer. N Engl J Med. 2010 Jul 29;363(5):411-22.

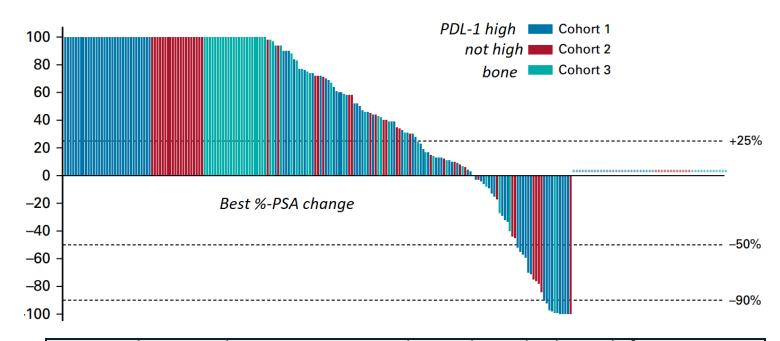


# Immunotherapy: Pembrolizumab (technically on label for high-PD-L1)

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• 3 cohort CRPC noncomparative study:





Antonarakis ES, Piulats JM, Gross-Goupil Met al. Pembrolizumab for Treatment-Refractory Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer: Multicohort, Open-Label Phase II KFYNOTF-199 Study. J Clin Oncol. 2020 Feb 10;38(5):395-405.

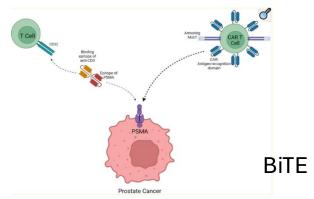
No data yet on comparative OS; or optimal patient selection

### Investigational immunotherapies: CAR-T and bispecific antibodies

#### CAR-T for prostate cancer treatment

Table 1. Ongoing studies evaluating PSMA-targeted CAR T-cell therapy.

Trial	Intervention	Sample size	Endpoints	Study phase	Estimated completion
NCT04227275	CART-PSMA-TGFβRDN	50	DLT, AE profile, ORR (PSA response), T-cell expansion/persistence	Phase I	November 2026
NCT01140373	Autologous anti-PSMA CAR T-cells	13	DLT, bone metastasis response, quantitative CTC, PSA response, T-cell expansion/persistence	Phase I	June 2023
NCT03089203	CART-PSMA-TGFβRDN	19	TRAE, ORR (RECIST 1.1/PCWG2), PSA response, OS, PFS	Phase I	December 2038
NCT04249947	P-PSMA-101 CAR T-cells	60	TRAE/DLT, ORR (RECIST, IRECIST, PCWG2)	Phase I	September 2036
NCT04429451	4SCAR-PSMA T-cells	100	TRAE/DLT, ORR (RECIST 1.1), OS, PFS, 4SCAR-PSMA T-cell expansion/ persistence	Phase I/II	December 2024
NCT04633148	UniCAR02 T-cells (TMpPSMA)	39	TRAE/DLT, MTD, RP2D, ORR (irRECIST), OS, PFS, PSA response, quantitative CTC	Phase I	December 2023
NCT04768608	Non-viral PD1 integrated anti-PSMA chimeric antigen receptor T-cells	18	TRAE, PSA response, ORR (RECIST 1.1, PCWG3), T-cell expansion/persistence	Phase I	January 2024
NCT03692663	Anti-PSMA CAR NK cell (TABP EIC)	9	TRAE, PK, PD, PSA response, PFS	Phase I	June 2024
NCT05354375	PSMA-targeted CAR T-cells	20	TRAE, ORR, PFS, OS	Phase I	November 2026
NCT05489991	Dually armored CAR T-cells (TmPSMA-02)	114	AE/TRAE, DLT, ORR (RECIST 1.1), PSA response, T-cell expansion/persistence, HRQoL	Phase I/II	January 2032
NCT05656573	CART-PSMA cells	20	AE/TRAE, T-cell expansion/persistence, OS, PFS, PSA response, cytokine profile, peripheral T-cell immune profile, quantitative CTC, quantitative ctDNA/ cfDNA	Phase I	December 2025



Trial	Intervention	Sample size	Endpoints	Study phase	Estimated completion
NCT04740034	PSMA × CD3 BiTE (AMG 340)	130	DLT, TRAE, PK, ORR, OS, PFS, PSA response	Phase I	September 2024
NCT05441501	PSMA × CD3 BiTE (JNJ- 80038114)	90	AE, DLT, PK, PSA response, antidrug antibody quantification, ORR (PCWG3)	Phase I	March 2025
NCT04839991	Trispecific Humabody® T-cell enhancer (CB307)	70	TRAE, PFS, PK, ORR (RECIST 1.1), PSA response	Phase I	September 2025
NCT03972657	PSMA × CD3 BiTE (REGN5678) + Cempilimab	216	TRAE, DLT, PK, ORR (PCWG3), PSA response, quantitative CTC, antidrug antibody quantification	Phase I/II	February 2025
NCT05125016	PSMA × CD3 BiTE (REGN4336) ± Cempilimab	199	DLT, TRAE, PK, ORR (PCWG3), PSA response, antidrug antibody quantification	Phase I	August 2026
NCT04104607	PSMA × CD3 BiTE (CC1)	86	AE, antidrug antibody quantification, PK, cytokine profile, PSA response, ORR (RECIST), OS, PFS, HRQoL	Phase I	August 2023
NCT05369000	PSMA-targeting (Gammabody) bispecific γδ-T cell engager (LAVA-1207)	66	AE, DLT, ORR (iRECIST), PK, whole blood LAVA-1207 – Vγ9Vδ2-T cell affinity, antidrug antibody quantification	Phase I/IIa	March 2024
NCT03792841	PSMA × CD3 HLE BiTE (AMG160; acapatamab)	212	DLT, TRAE, PK, ORR (PCWG3), PSA response, quantitative CTC	Phase I	May 2025

A lot more studies than I thought. Support clinical trial! Nice survey here:

Zarrabi KK, Narayan V, Mille P et al.. Bispecific PSMA antibodies and CAR-T in metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer. Ther Adv Urol. 2023 Jun

### Summary: What to do?

#### Anatomically isolated progression:

Consider focal XRT

#### Still on GnRH monotherapy:

• Usually add an AR or abiraterone

#### Test for PARP eligibility:

- About 1/6
- Add-on, or add-on and switch AR medication

#### Prior docetaxel, but not too recent:

Consider taxane again

#### Taxane side effect concerns

• Consider modified lower dose plan

#### Bone-only pattern,

- 5+ lesions (before or after docetaxel):
- Consider Radium course

#### Any significant PSMA positive pattern:

- (after docetaxel):
- Consider Lutetium course

#### Selected patients for immunotherapy

Sipuleucel-T (asymptomatic, low PSA, no visceral mets)

Pembrolizumab (? Criteria; if molecular tests)

- Consider CAR-T trials
- Consider Bispecific trials

Other trials

### Other factors

### Anemia: May be a barrier for:

- Docetaxel
- Cabazitaxel
- Radium
- Lutetium-PSMA
- PARP inhibitors
- Clinical trials

Neuroendocrine (small cell) prostate cancer (more "castrate irrelevant" than "castrate refractory"):

For most treatment can consider carboplatin+ etoposide

### Neuropathy:

- Avoid Docetaxel
- Cabazitaxel may be OK

### Frailty:

- May have limited escalation options.
- QOL over PSA

### Thank you!

Adult learners get ready: Cases are next

