

# Mantle Cell Lymphoma (MCL)

# Learning Objectives

After reviewing this slide deck, Health Care Professionals will be able to:



Gain deeper knowledge of Mantle Cell Lymphoma (MCL) including epidemiology, pathophysiology, and clinical presentation



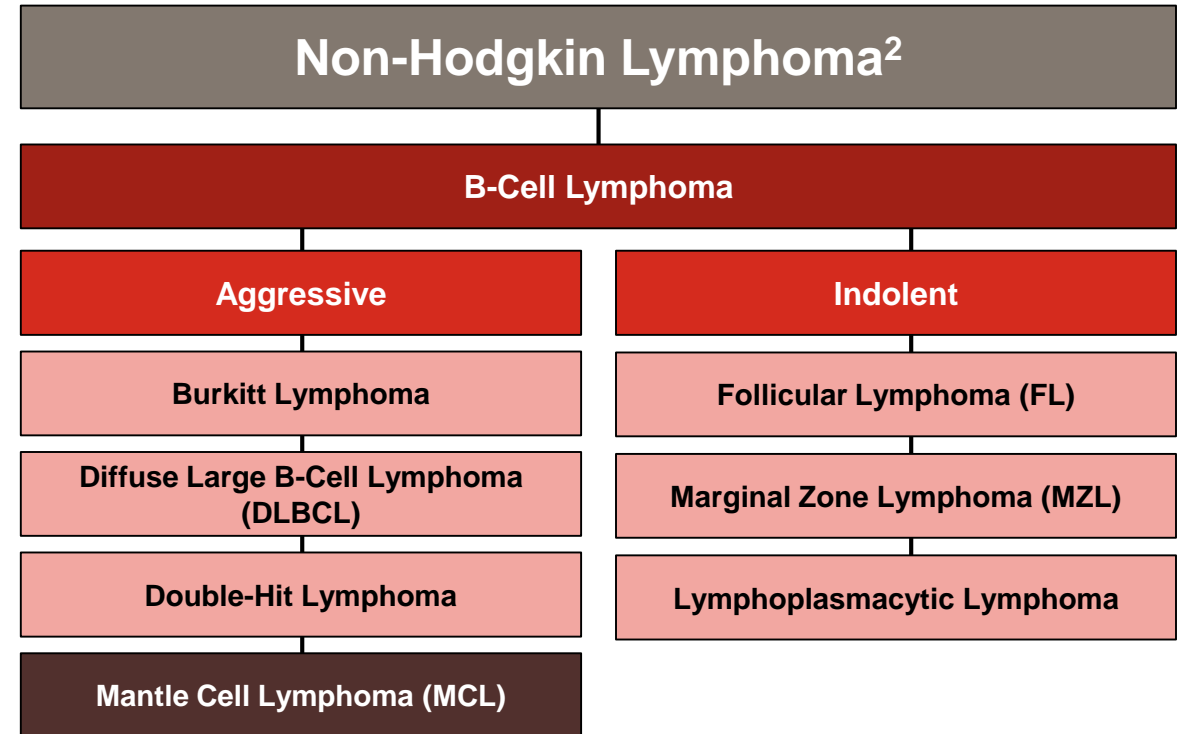
Apply treatment guidelines for MCL into their practice



Understand the clinical evaluation in MCL and important prognostic indices

# Background and Classification

- ◆ Aggressive B-cell malignancy that arises in the lymph node mantle zone<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ Characterized by a (11;14) translocation and overexpression of cyclin D1<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ Heterogenous disease with respect to clinical presentation and prognosis<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ Molecular variation creates treatment challenges and diverse outcomes<sup>1</sup>



# Epidemiology



## ◆ Incidence

- ~1 case per 200,000 persons<sup>1</sup>
- ~4,500 cases per year in the US<sup>2</sup>
- Surveillance has shown incidence has increased in last 20 years<sup>3</sup>



## ◆ Median Overall Survival

- 4-5 years<sup>6</sup>
- MIPI intermediate-risk group: 51 months<sup>6</sup>
- MIPI high-risk group: 29 months<sup>6</sup>



## ◆ Prevalence

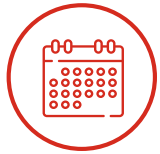
- 3-10% of all NHL cases<sup>4</sup>
  - 7-9% of NHL cases in Europe<sup>5</sup>
  - ~6% of NHL cases in the US<sup>5</sup>



## ◆ Male-to-Female Ratio

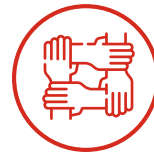
- ~3x more common in males<sup>7</sup>

# Epidemiology



## ◆ Age

- Median age at diagnosis: 68 years<sup>1</sup>
- Age-adjusted incidence rates in the US per 100,000 person-years<sup>2</sup>
  - <50 years: 0.07
  - 50-59 years: 0.83
  - 60-69 years: 1.96
  - 70-79 years: 2.97
  - ≥80 years: 2.78

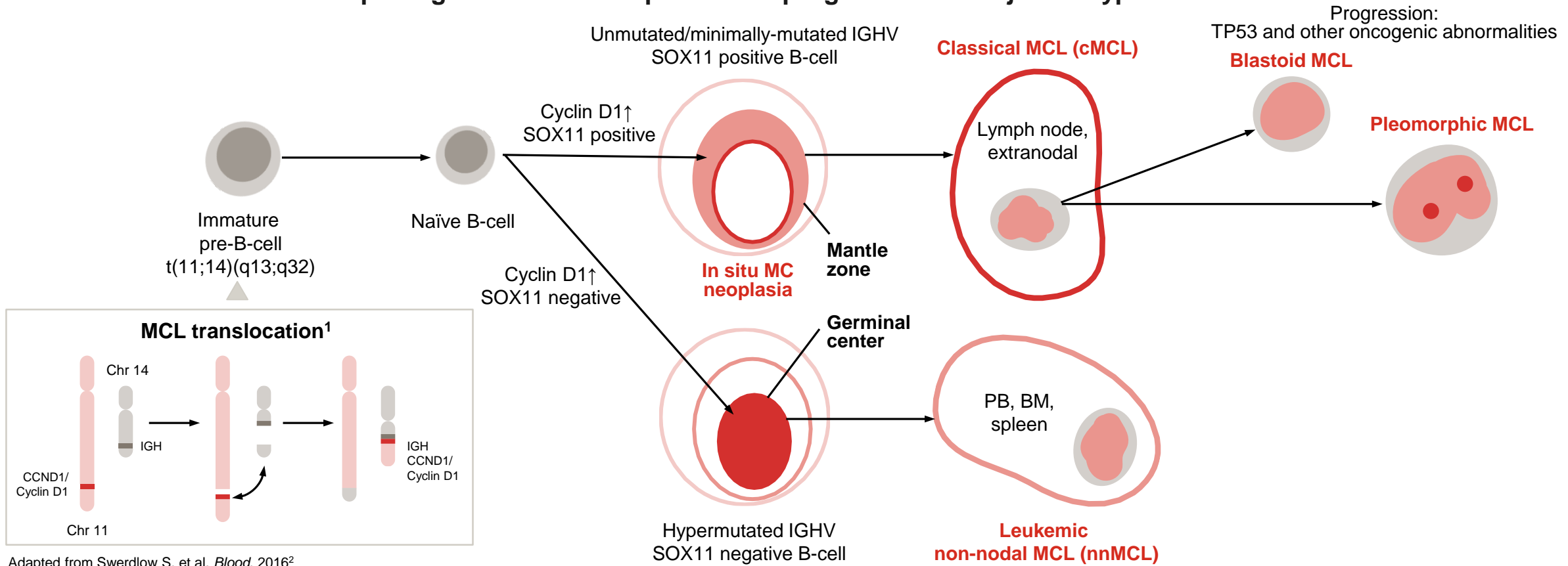


## ◆ Race

- Race-specific incidence rates in the US per 100,000 person-years<sup>3</sup>
  - Non-Hispanic White: 0.73
  - Hispanic White: 0.53
  - African American: 0.32
  - Asian or Pacific Islander: 0.29

# Pathophysiology

## Molecular pathogenesis in development and progression of major subtypes of MCL<sup>2</sup>



Adapted from Swerdlow S, et al. *Blood*. 2016<sup>2</sup>

# Classical MCL vs. Leukemic nnMCL

## Classical MCL<sup>1-3</sup>

- Most common variant
- Generally aggressive
- Involves lymph nodes and extranodal sites
- Arises in mantle zone
- No or minimal IGHV mutation
- SOX11 expression
- High LDH
- Genetically unstable
- Potential to develop blastoid morphology

## Leukemic nnMCL<sup>1-3</sup>

- 10-20% of cases
- Generally indolent
- Involves BM, PB, and spleen
- Develops through germinal center
- IGHV hypermutation
- Minimal SOX11 expression
- Low Ki-67 levels
- Genetically stable
- Potential to become aggressive disease

# Roles of t(11;14)(q13;q32) and SOX11

## t(11;14)(q13;q32)<sup>1-3</sup>

- Initial oncogenic event
- Found in ~85% of MCL
- Occurs in pre-B stage
- Juxtaposes CCND1 at 11q13 to IGH complex at 12q32
- Results in overexpression of cyclin D1, not usually in B-cells, and cell cycle activation
- Overexpression of cyclin D1 can occur after amplification of translocated t(11;14) allele

## SOX11<sup>1-3</sup>

- Neuronal transcription factor
- Found in ~90% of MCL
- Role in neurogenesis and neurite growth; oncogenesis function not fully understood
- May augment BCR signaling and suppress BCL-6 to prevent transit to germinal center and block B-cell maturation
- Marker of classical MCL; not found in CLL, MZL, FL, or DLBCL



# Clinical Presentation



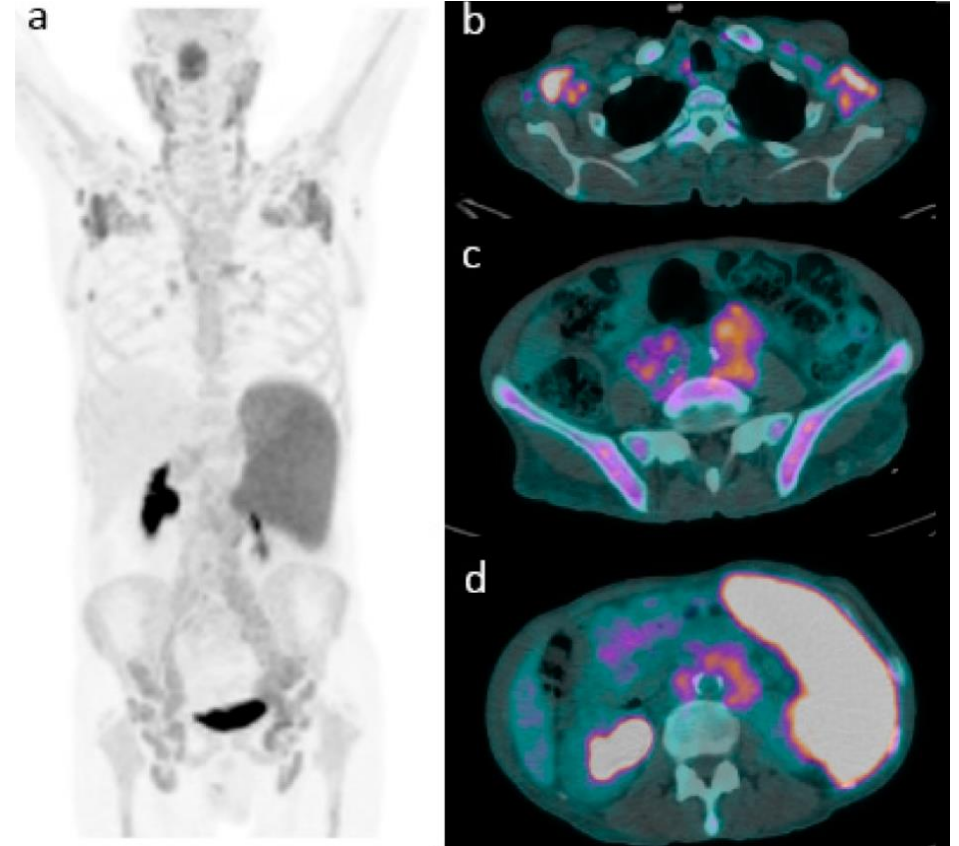
- ◆ B symptoms<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Drenching night sweats
  - Repeated fevers
  - Unexplained weight loss
- ◆ Lymphadenopathy (~90%)<sup>1,3</sup>
- ◆ Splenomegaly (~55%)<sup>1,3</sup>
- ◆ Hepatomegaly (~35%)<sup>1,3</sup>
- ◆ GI tract involvement (~25%)<sup>1,3</sup>
- ◆ Poor performance status<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ Can present as disseminated disease:<sup>1-4</sup>
  - Other organs and peripheral blood
  - Bone marrow involvement (60-75%)
  - CNS relapse (~4%)

# Clinical Evaluation



## Diagnostic Workup<sup>1</sup>

- Physical exam
- Performance status
- CBC with differential
- Lactate dehydrogenase
- PET/CT imaging
- Hepatitis panel
- HIV status
- Electrocardiogram, echocardiogram
- Pregnancy testing in women of childbearing age
- Endoscopy/colonoscopy
- Bone marrow biopsy ± aspirate
- $\beta$ 2 microglobulin levels
- Lumbar puncture



65-year-old male with stage III MCL. (a) Baseline maximum intensity projection showing diffuse hypermetabolic disease in (b) lateral cervical, axillary, (c) iliac and (d) inguinal nodes and in spleen.

From Albano D, et al. *Cancers (Basel)*. 2019<sup>2</sup>

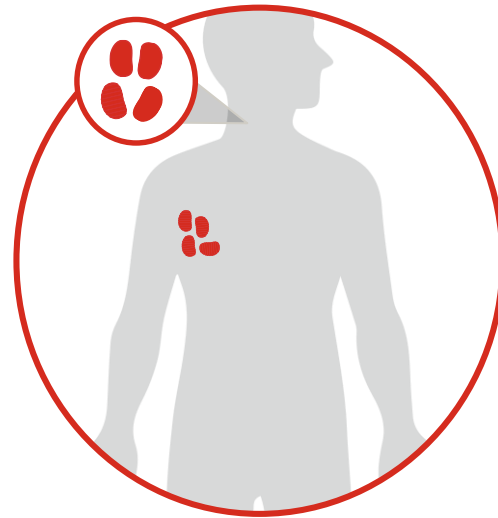
# Staging System

## Lugano Modification of Ann Arbor Staging System<sup>1</sup>



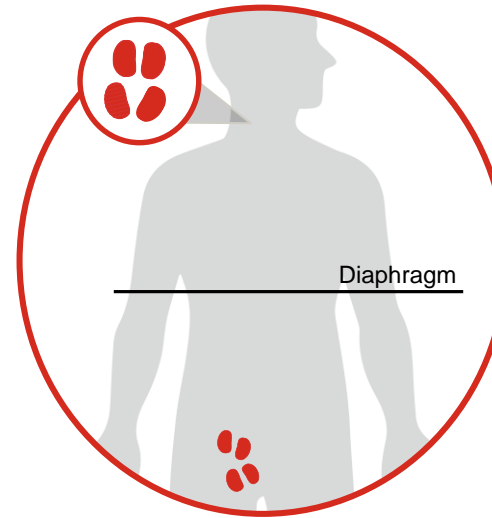
### Stage I

- ◆ One node or group of adjacent nodes
- ◆ Single extranodal lesions without nodal involvement



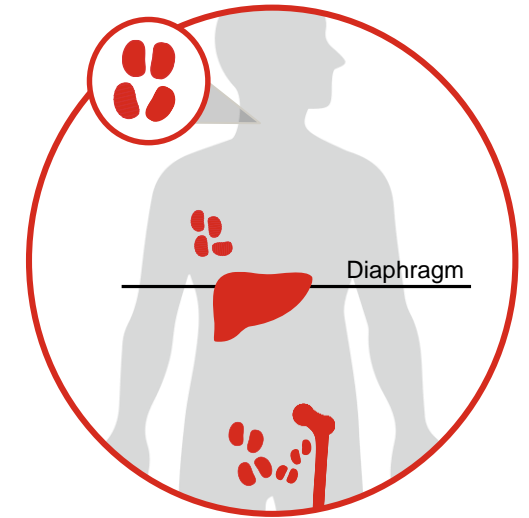
### Stage II

- ◆ Two or more nodal groups on same side of diaphragm
- ◆ Limited contiguous extranodal involvement



### Stage III

- ◆ Nodes on both sides of diaphragm
- ◆ Above diaphragm with spleen involvement



### Stage IV

- ◆ Additional non-contiguous extralymphatic involvement

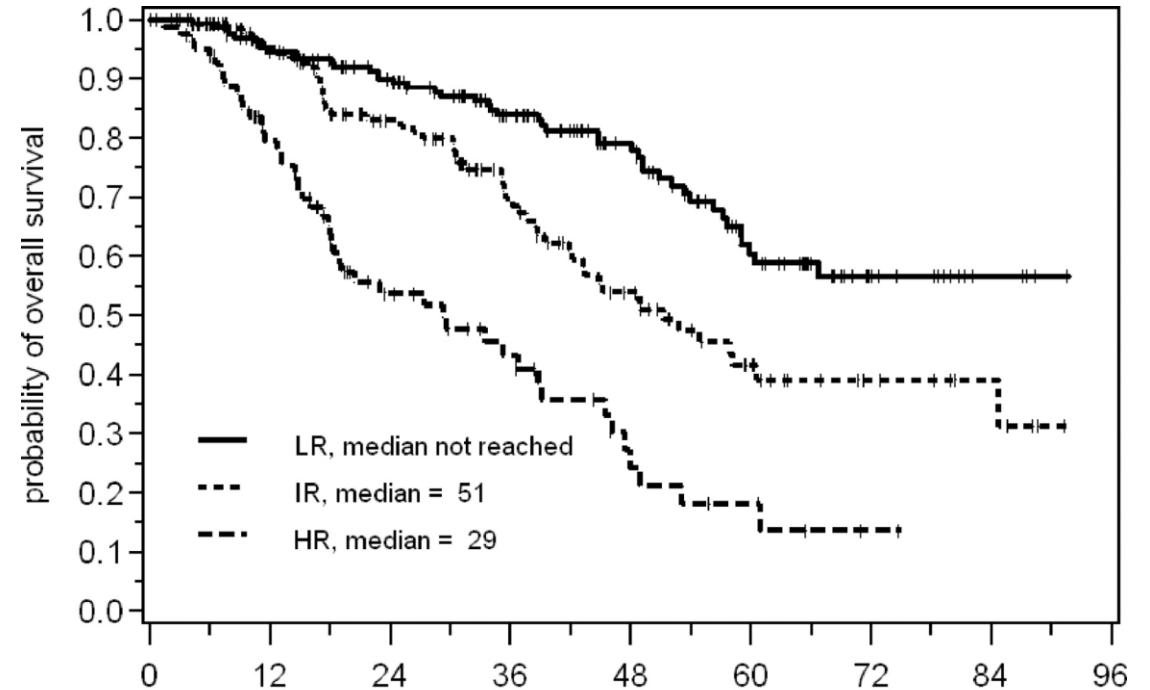
Adapted from Adult Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma Treatment (PDQ®): Health Professional Version. National Cancer Institute (US). 2022<sup>2</sup>

# Prognostic Indices: MIPI and Ki-67

- ◆ MCL International Prognostic Index (MIPI) was developed to better characterize MCL prognosis:<sup>1-3</sup>
  - MIPI is prognostic for OS; not predictive of chemotherapy response or progression-free survival (PFS)
- ◆ Ki-67 index is used in conjunction with MIPI score to create a cumulative prognostic index called biologic MIPI<sup>5</sup>
  - Ki-67 ≥30% is high-risk

Points	Age, y	ECOG PS	LDH/ULN	WBC, 10 <sup>9</sup> /L
0	<50	0-1	<0.67	<6.700
1	50-59	—	0.67-0.99	6.700-9.999
2	60-69	2-4	1.000-1.49	1.000-14.999
3	≥70	—	≥1.5000	≥15000

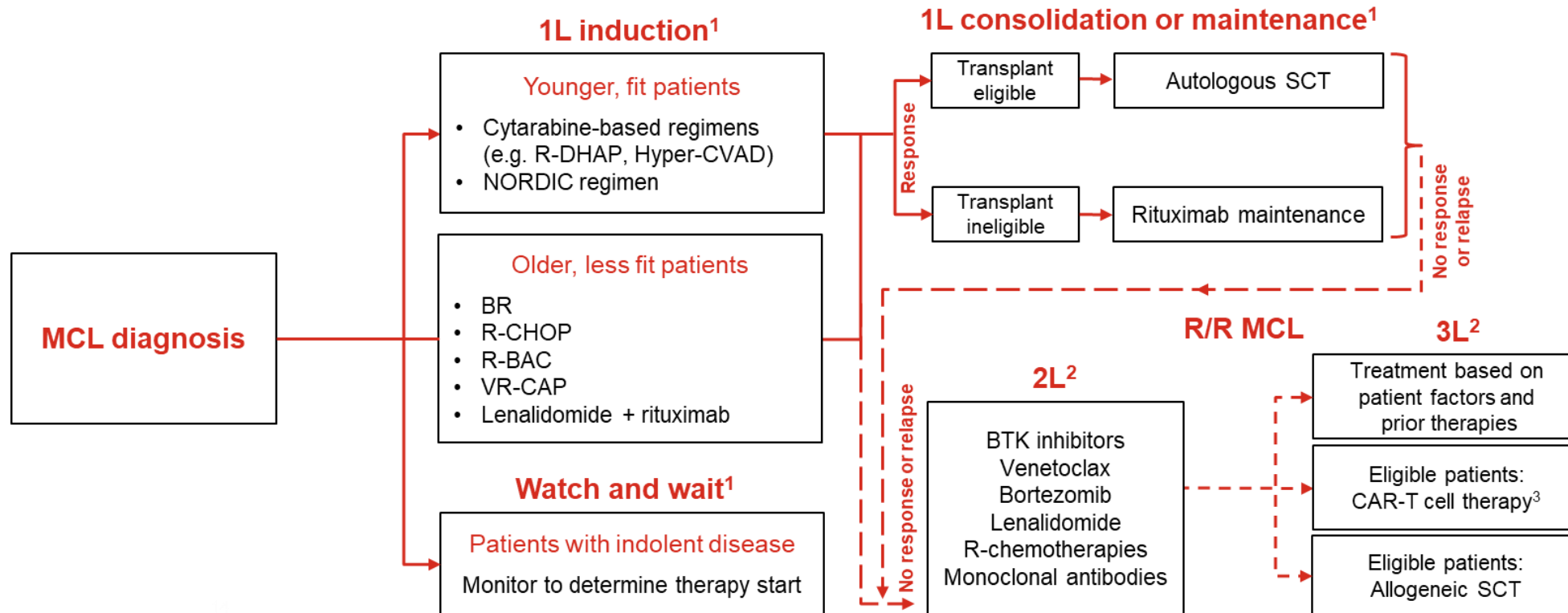
MIPI Score: **0-3 - Low Risk** | **4-5 - Intermediate Risk** | **6-11 - High Risk**



	numbers of patients at risk								
	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96
LR	180	153	131	99	69	39	15	4	
IR	145	116	83	57	37	19	9	5	
HR	84	58	29	19	8	5	1	0	

From Hoster E, et al. *Blood*. 2008<sup>1</sup>

# MCL Treatments\*



\*The safety and efficacy of various treatments cannot be compared unless it is derived from head-to-head clinical trials and meets specific criteria. This information is based on scientific literature and is not a recommendation of treatments or a representation of all available treatment options.

1L=first-line; 2L=second-line; 3L=third-line; BR=bendamustine, rituximab; BTK= Bruton's tyrosine kinase; CAR=chimeric antigen receptor; Hyper-CVAD=hyperfractionated regimen of cyclophosphamide, vincristine, doxorubicin, and dexamethasone; MCL=mantle cell lymphoma; NORDIC regimen= dose-intensified rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, prednisone; R/R=relapsed or refractory; R-BAC=rituximab, bendamustine, cytarabine; R-CHOP=rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, prednisone; R-DHAP=rituximab, dexamethasone, cytarabine, platinum (carboplatin, cisplatin, or oxaliplatin); SCT=stem cell transplant; VR-CAP= bortezomib, rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, prednisone.

1. Rule S. *Hematol Oncol.* 2019;37 Suppl 1:66-69. 2. Hanel W, Epperla N. *J Hematol Oncol.* 2020;13(1):79. 3. TECARTUS® (Brexucabtagene autoleucel) [PI]. Santa Monica, CA: Kite Pharma, Inc., 2020. Available from <https://www.fda.gov/media/140409/download>.

# FDA Approved BTK Inhibitors for MCL\*

BTK Inhibitor	Indication	Dosing	Study Which Led to Approval	Initial US Approval
<b>Ibrutinib<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>Adult MCL after ≥1 prior therapy</b>	<b>560 mg PO once daily</b>	<b>Study 1104 (NCT01236391)</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Acalabrutinib<sup>3,4</sup></b>	<b>Adult MCL after ≥1 prior therapy</b>	<b>100 mg PO every 12 hours</b>	<b>TY-004 (NCT02213926)</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Zanubrutinib<sup>5,6</sup></b>	<b>Adult MCL after ≥1 prior therapy</b>	<b>160 mg PO BID or 320 mg PO once daily</b>	<b>BGB-3111-206 (NCT03206970)</b>	<b>2019</b>

**\*Direct comparison of efficacy results across clinical studies cannot be made due to differences in study populations, inclusion and exclusion criteria, and study endpoints.**

BID=twice daily; BTK=Bruton's tyrosine kinase; FDA=Food and Drug Administration; MCL=mantle cell lymphoma; NCT=National Clinical Trial number; PO=taken orally; US=United States.

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2. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01236391> (Accessed February 4, 2022). 3. CALQUENCE® (Acalabrutinib) [PI]. Wilmington, DE: AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP, 2019. Available from <https://www.azpicentral.com/calquence/calquence.pdf>. 4. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02213926> (Accessed February 5, 2022). 5. BRUKINSA® (Zanubrutinib) [PI]. San Mateo, CA: BeiGene USA, Inc. 2019. Available from <https://www.brukinsa.com/prescribing-information.pdf>. 6. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03206970> (Accessed February 4, 2022).



# Measurement of Response

## Lugano Response Criteria for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

Response	Site	PET-CT-Based Response	CT-Based Response
Complete response	Lymph nodes and extralymphatic sites	Score 1, 2, 3 <sup>a</sup> with or without a residual mass on 5-PS <sup>b,c</sup>	All the following: Target nodes/nodal masses must regress to ≤1.5 cm in LDi No extralymphatic sites of disease
	Non-measured lesion	Not applicable	Absent
	Organ enlargement	Not applicable	Regress to normal
	New Lesions	None	None
	Bone marrow	No evidence of FDG-avid disease in marrow	Normal by morphology; if indeterminate and flow cytometry IHC negative
Partial response	Lymph nodes and extralymphatic sites	Score 4 or 5 <sup>b</sup> with reduced uptake compared with baseline. No new progressive lesions. At interim these findings suggest responding disease. At end of treatment these findings may indicate residual disease.	All the following: ≥50% decrease in SPD of up to 6 target measureable nodes and extranodal sites When a lesion is too small to measure on CT, assign 5 mm x 5 mm as the default value. When no longer visible, 0x0 mm For a node >5 mm x 5 mm, but smaller than normal, use actual measurement for calculation
	Non-measured lesion	Not applicable	Absent/normal, regressed, but no increase
	Organ enlargement	Not applicable	Spleen must have regressed by >50% in length beyond normal
	New Lesions	None	None
	Bone marrow	Residual uptake higher than uptake in normal marrow but reduced compared with baseline (diffuse uptake compatible with reactive changes from chemotherapy allowed). If there are persistent focal changes in the marrow in the content of a nodal response, consider further evaluation with biopsy, or an interval scan.	Not applicable

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Response	Site	PET-CT-Based Response	CT-Based Response
No response/ stable disease	Lymph nodes and extralymphatic sites	Score 4 or 5 <sup>b</sup> with no significant change in FDG uptake from baseline at interim or end of treatment. No new or progressive lesions.	<50% decrease from baseline in SPD of up to 6 dominant, measurable nodes and extranodal sites; no criteria for progressive disease are met
	Non-measured lesion	Not applicable	No increase consistent with progression
	Organ enlargement	Not applicable	No increase consistent with progression
	New Lesions	None	None
	Bone marrow	No change from baseline	Not applicable



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Response	Site	PET-CT-Based Response	CT-Based Response
Progressive disease	Lymph nodes and extralymphatic sites	Score 4 or 5b with an increase in intensity of uptake from baseline and/or New FDG-avid foci consistent with lymphoma at interim or end-of-treatment assessment	Requires at least one of the following PPD progression: An individual node/lesion must be abnormal with: LDi >1.5 cm and Increase by ≥50% from PPD nadir and An increase in LDi or SDi from nadir 0.5 cm for lesions ≤2 cm 1.0 cm for lesions >2 cm In the setting of splenomegaly, the splenic length must increase by >50% of the extent of its prior increase beyond baseline. If no prior splenomegaly, must increase by at least 2 cm from baseline New or recurrent splenomegaly
	Non-measured lesion	None	New or clear progression of preexisting nonmeasured lesions
	Organ enlargement	Not applicable	Spleen must have regressed by >50% in length beyond normal
	New Lesions	New FDG-avid foci consistent with lymphoma rather than another etiology (eg, infection, inflammation). If uncertain regarding etiology of new lesions, biopsy or interval scan may be considered	Regrowth of previously resolved lesions A new node >1.5 cm in any axis A new extranodal site >1.0 cm in any axis; if <1 cm in any axis, its presence must be unequivocal and must be attributable to lymphoma Assessable disease of any size unequivocally attributable to lymphoma
	Bone marrow	New or recurrent FDG-avid foci	New or recurrent involvement