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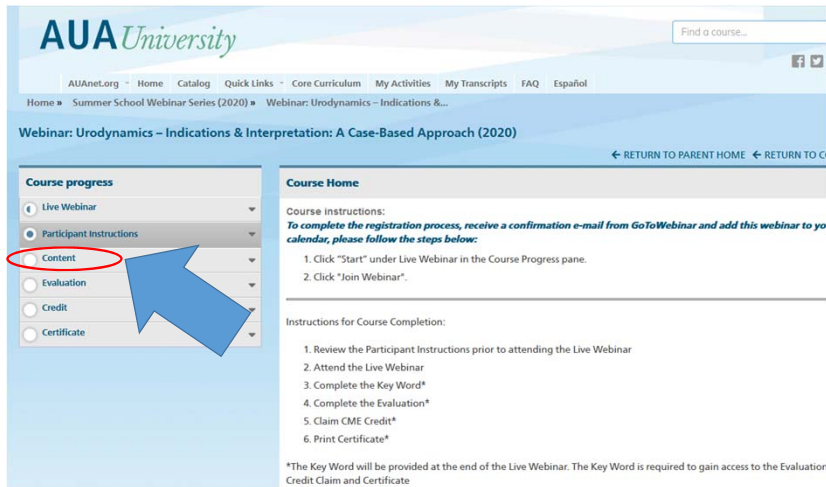
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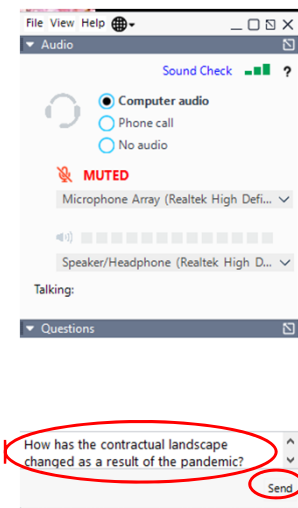
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### Learning Objectives

**After participating in this course, attendees will be able to:**

1. Implement current AUA NMIBC practice guidelines into the office setting.
2. Identify the best intravesical agent and duration of therapy for low, intermediate, and high-risk settings and what to do during a BCG shortage.
3. Identify methods to treat significant toxicities from various intravesical therapies.
4. Define high-risk scenarios that necessitate cystectomy and options for BCG-unresponsive disease.
5. Discuss the scientific rationale for investigating immune oncology agents for BCG unresponsive disease and become familiar with current clinical trial designs.



**AUA Guidelines:  
Non-Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer**

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## American Urological Association (AUA) Guideline

### **DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF NON-MUSCLE INVASIVE BLADDER CANCER: AUA/SUO GUIDELINE**

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**Amended 2020**

**Chang, et al. JUrol 196 (4):1021–1029, 2016**



TABLE 4: AUA Risk Stratification for Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer

Low Risk	Intermediate Risk	High Risk
LG <sup>a</sup> solitary Ta ≤ 3cm	Recurrence within 1 year, LG Ta	HG T1
PUNLMP <sup>b</sup>	Solitary LG Ta > 3cm	Any recurrent, HG Ta
	LG Ta, multifocal	HG Ta, >3cm (or multifocal)
	HG <sup>c</sup> Ta, ≤ 3cm	Any CIS <sup>d</sup>
	LG T1	Any BCG failure in HG patient
		Any variant histology
		Any LVI <sup>e</sup>
		Any HG prostatic urethral involvement

<sup>a</sup>LG = low grade; <sup>b</sup>PUNLMP = papillary urothelial neoplasm of low malignant potential; <sup>c</sup>HG = high grade; <sup>d</sup>CIS=carcinoma *in situ*; <sup>e</sup>LVI = lymphovascular invasion

Chang, et al. JUrol 196 (4):1021–1029, 2016



## Guideline Statements (Diagnosis)

1. “At the time of resection of suspected bladder cancer, a clinician should **perform a thorough cystoscopic examination** of a patient’s entire urethra and bladder that evaluates and documents tumor size, location, configuration, number, and mucosal abnormalities.” (Clinical Principle)
2. At initial diagnosis of a patient with bladder cancer, a clinician should **perform complete visual resection of the bladder tumor(s), when technically feasible.** (Clinical Principle)

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## 10-Item TURBT Checklist Collaborative MSKCC (Herr and Anderson)

TURBT Quality Audit	
<b>A high quality TURBT includes</b>	
1. Obtaining the information necessary for accurate classification of clinical stage and cancer risk.	
2. Complete resection of all visible tumors and suspicious areas when safe, feasible and bladder preservation is planned.	
3. Careful assessment of bladder integrity after tumor resection	
Procedure Checklist	
Assessment of prognostic factors	Acceptable responses
1. Describe number of tumors	1, 2-5, >5, diffuse
2. Describe size of largest tumor	For reference: end of cutting loop is approximately 1 cm wide
3. Describe characteristics of tumors	Sessile, nodular, papillary, flat
4. Describe recurrent versus primary tumors	Recurrent, primary
5. Assess for presence of carcinoma <i>in situ</i>	Suspicious, not suspicious
6. Report 2010 AJCC clinical tumor stage	cTis, cTa, cT1, cT2, cT3, cT4
Intraoperative processes	
7. Bimanual exam under anesthesia	Yes, no
8. Visually complete resection	Yes, no
9. Visualization of detrusor muscle in resection base	Yes, no
10. Visual evaluation for perforation	Yes, no

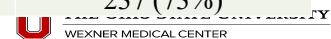
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## The Checklist Improves Reporting of Critical TURBT Elements

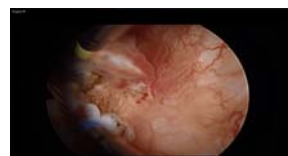
Checklist item	Before checklist implementation	After checklist implementation
Describe tumor number	332 (78%)	303 (93%)
Describe tumor size	259 (61%)	286 (88%)
Describe tumor characteristics	292 (68%)	298 (92%)
Describe recurrent vs. primary tumor	192 (45%)	257 (79%)
Assess for presence of CIS	160 (37%)	259 (80%)
Report 2010 AJCC clinical tumor stage	77 (18%)	250 (77%)
Bimanual exam under anesthesia	194 (45%)	226 (70%)
Visually complete resection	270 (63%)	268 (82%)
Visualization of detrusor muscle in resection base	126 (29%)	222 (68%)
Visual evaluation for perforation	171 (40%)	237 (73%)

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## Why Consider TURBT Quality?

- Technical skill matters
- Staging
- Completeness of resection is the KEY
  - Better outcomes after intravesical therapy
  - Better outcomes after radiation therapy (TMT)
  - Higher pT0 with radical TURBT prior to neoadjuvant chemotherapy

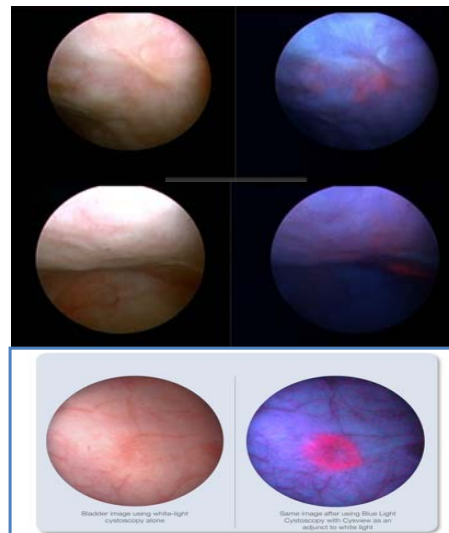


## Guideline Statements (Diagnosis)

- 30. Enhanced Cystoscopy:** In a patient with NMIBC, a clinician should **offer blue light cystoscopy at the time of TURBT, if available, to increase detection and decrease recurrence.** (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade B)

## Blue Light Cystoscopy: Cysview Photo Dynamic Diagnosis

- Multicenter RCT's in US, Canada, and Europe
- Fluorescent cystoscopy increased detection of:
  - ↑ Ta tumors by 16%,
  - ↑ high-risk T1 tumors by 10-13%,
  - ↑ high-risk CIS lesions by 30-46%  
(Stenzl, 2010/ Grossman 2012).
- Med f/u ~4.5 years
  - median time to recurrence was 16.4 (blue light) versus 9.4 months (white light)  
(Grossman 2012)



## Blue Light with Cysview: Flexible Cystoscopy

- Phase III Multicenter RCT
  - Compared blue and white light flexible cystoscopy with cysview
  - 304 BC patients with high risk of recurrence
- 103 / 304 underwent biopsy for suspicious lesion
  - 63 confirmed malignant
    - 13 of 63 (~21%) only seen with blue light ( $p < 0.0001$ )
    - 26 of 63 (41%) were CIS
      - 9 of 26 (~35%) only seen with blue light ( $p < 0.0001$ )
  - False positive rate ~9% for blue and white light
  - Blue light increases detection of tumors using flex cystoscopy

**Daneshmand, et al. JUrol. 2018 May;199(5):1158-1165**

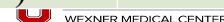
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## Guideline Statements: Urinary Markers after Diagnosis

Clinical Context	Guideline Statement: Suggested Practice	Strength of Rec
Surveillance of NMIBC (9)	Clinicians should not use urinary biomarkers in place of cystoscopic evaluation	Grade B
History of Low Risk BC and Normal Cysto (10)	Clinicians should not routinely use a urinary biomarker or cytology during surveillance	Expert Opinion
Response to therapy (11)	Clinicians may use biomarkers to assess response to intravesical BCG (UroVysion® FISH) and adjudicate equivocal cytology (UroVysion® FISH and ImmunoCyt™)	Expert Opinion

Chang, et al. JUrol 196 (4):1021–1029, 2016



## Guideline Statements: Restaging TURBT

Guideline Statement	Clinical Context	Strength of Rec
Variant Histology	Pursuing bladder preservation in a patient with <b>variant histology</b>	Expert Opinion
Restaging TURBT	<b>Incomplete initial resection</b> : re-TURBT of all remaining tumor if technically feasible	Grade B
Restaging TURBT	High-risk, high-grade Ta tumors: consider repeat transurethral resection	Grade C
Restaging TURBT	<b>T1 disease</b> : perform repeat TUR of the primary tumor site to include <b>muscularis propria</b>	Grade B

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## Variant Histology

- 7,500 – 18,000 cases annually (10-25% of cases)
- Discordance between TURBT and Cystectomy (39-47%)
- Worse outcomes / Upstaging at cystectomy / Variable responses to IVT
- Up to 44% of variants may be missed by non specialized pathologists
  - Lymphoepithelial
  - Plasmacytoid
  - Nested variant
  - Micropapillary
  - Small cell histology

Abd El-Latif, et al JUrol 2013  
Shah, RB Urol Onc 2012



## Restaging TURBT

- Recommended **within 2-6 weeks** in the patient with uncertain resection.
- Up to 29% of patients **upstaged**
- Rates of **residual tumor** detected by the second TURBT are 55-76%
  - When muscle in the specimen residual tumor ~20%
  - When absent, residual tumor rate >50%
- Roughly **1/3 of cases** will have a **change** in **the treatment** plan

Miladi M, et al. European Urology 2003; 43:241-245.  
Huang J et al, Urol Int 89 (2012); Herr HW. J Urol, 1999; 162:74-76.





Screened 15,209 manuscripts;  
selected 31 (8409 pts HG Ta/T1)

Review – Bladder Cancer

# Repeat Transurethral Resection in Non-muscle-invasive Bladder Cancer: A Systematic Review

- At reTUR:
  - For Ta: residual tumor 17-67%; upstaging 0-8%
  - For T1: residual tumor 20-71%; upstaging 0-32%
- Clear Recurrence Benefit for Ta: 16% (reTUR) vs 58% (no-reTUR)
  - No clear trend for T1 (range 18-56%)
- **Benefits for progression and overall survival are not clear**

**Cumberbatch, et al. EUROPEAN UROLOGY 73 (2018) 925 – 933**

## Guideline Statements: Risk Adjusted Surveillance

Risk Category	Clinical Context	Strength of Rec
Low (33)	First surveillance cystoscopy is negative: cysto in 6-9 mos, then annually. ?d/c after 5 years free of recurrence	Grade C
Low (34)	If asymptomatic , <i>no routine upper tract surveillance</i>	Expert Opinion
Intermediate (36)	First surveillance cystoscopy is negative: Cysto + cytol every 3-6 mos X 2 years, every 6-12 mos X 2 years, and then annually. <i>Upper tract imaging every 1-2 years</i>	Expert Opinion
High (37/38)	First surveillance cystoscopy is negative : Traditional surveillance (cysto +cytology) of bladder with <i>upper tract imaging every 1-2 years</i>	Expert Opinion

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## Take Home Points

- The 2016 AUA Guidelines (with 2020 updates) address many areas of common practice and are based on evidence and expert opinions, when evidence is limited
- The guidelines strive to offer diagnostic, therapeutic, and surveillance recommendations that are risk-stratified
- The guidelines should be integrated into your clinical practice to optimize patient outcomes



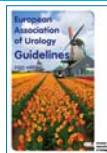
## *AUA 2020 summer course, practical management of NMIBC*

### **AUA vs. EAU risk classification, guideline treatments**

prof. Fred Witjes, UMC Nijmegen, the Netherlands  
Thursday, July 30, 2020



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*(not relevant for this lecture)*

Company	Advisor/lecturer (last year)
BeiGene	2020
Janssen	2020
OncoDiag	2020
Astellas	2020
Nucleix	2019
Ipsen	2019
BMS	2019
MSD	2019
Sanofi	2019
Roche	2018
Tocagen	2018

**Start with a good TUR (both diagnostic  
and therapeutic)!!**

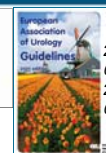
**Guideline risk groups:**

**AUA 2016 and EAU 2020 are similar**

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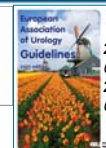


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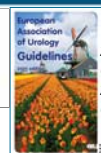


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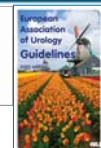
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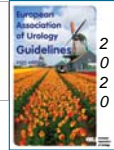


## Highest risk

- AUA
  - No separate definition
- EAU Definition, any of:
  - T1G3 associated with concurrent bladder CIS
  - multiple and/or large T1G3 and/or recurrent T1G3
  - T1G3 with CIS in prostatic urethra
  - some forms of variant histology
  - T1 with lymphovascular invasion



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Better predictors or....

risk group sub-classification

## Differentiation intermediate risk (Kamat, 2014)

- Aim: IR traditionally poorly defined (“the rest”)
  - M&M: literature review IR-NMIBC literature and guidelines
  - Results: Current definitions and management recommendations for IR vary considerably
  - Additional factors for clinical decisions in IR disease:
    - number of tumors (1 vs. greater than 1)
    - size (<3 cm vs. >3cm)
    - timing recurrence (within or after 1 year)
    - Frequency of recurrence ( $\leq 1$  vs.  $>1$  per year)
- 4 factors used for sub classification of “the rest”

## Additional bad factors in high risk

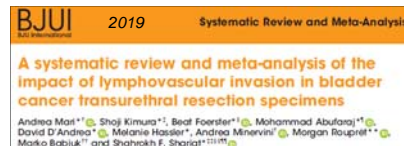
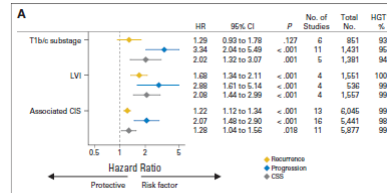
## Improving Selection Criteria for Early Cystectomy in High-Grade T1 Bladder Cancer: A Meta-Analysis of 15,215 Patients

William Martin-Drye, Jeffrey J. Lewis, Anna Orsola, Steven L. Chang, and Joaquim Bellmunt

JOURNAL OF CLINICAL ONCOLOGY

Published Ahead of Print on January 5, 2015

- At 5 years
  - Recurrences 42%
  - Progression 21%
  - CSM 13%
- **Most important risk factor T1b/c**
  - progression: HR = 3.34
  - CSM: HR = 2.02
- And
  - **LVI**
  - **CIS**
  - Non-BCG (intervention, not risk)
  - Size >3cm
  - Older age

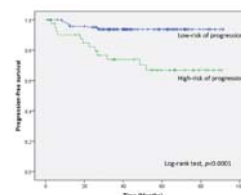
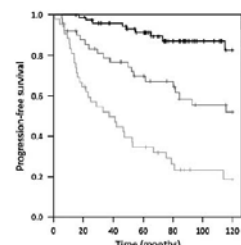


## Pathology NMIBC: 2020 AUA abstracts

- T1 **subclassification** (not in the guidelines!)
  - MP72-02 (Cleveland)
    - 79 superficial T1 vs. 20 advanced T1 and 55 T2
      - Advanced T1 worst (!) 5 year survival
        - **Advanced T1 28%**
        - Superficial T1 68%
        - T2 49%
  - MP72-04 (Taiwan)
    - 138 focal T1 vs. 225 extensive T1
      - extensive defined as >1 mm lamina propria invasion
    - **Extensive T1 worse PFS: HR 1.95**
      - However, similar CSS

## Markers for risk classification.....

- Guideline considers prognostic markers promising
- Complex and not yet suitable for routine practice
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  - better PFS with low **methylation** rates
  - 3 molecular risk groups: 5 year PFS 8% vs 29% vs 63%
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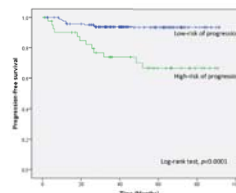
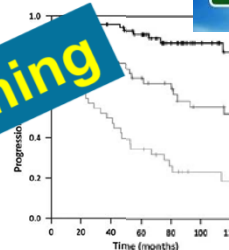


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**Epigenetics are coming**



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## Why are epigenetics important for BCa

- Current high-throughput sequencing makes research easier and results better
- Body of literature is growing exponentially
- Epigenetic changes are frequent in (urological) cancers, a.o. (N)MIBC, both in tissue and urine, and might be useful in
  - Diagnosis
  - Prognosis
  - Potential targets for therapy since some of these changes are reversible
- **So, keep epigenetics in mind**

## Treatment recommendations according to risk category

## Guideline treatment recommendations

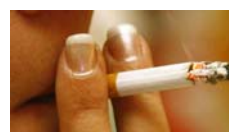
General recommendations	Strength rating
Counsel smokers with confirmed non-muscle-invasive bladder cancer (NMIBC) to stop smoking.	Strong

AUA abstracts 2020: PD50-05 & PD41-11 (NY and Rochester):  
BCa carcinogens are present in **E-cigarettes!**



### Etiology

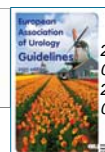
**Risk factors.** Multiple factors are associated with bladder carcinogenesis; however, tobacco smoking is the most significant and most common risk factor.<sup>11</sup> Although smoking cessation may somewhat decrease carcinogenesis risk, former smokers still have a higher risk of bladder cancer than those who never smoked.<sup>11</sup>



## Low risk therapy advise



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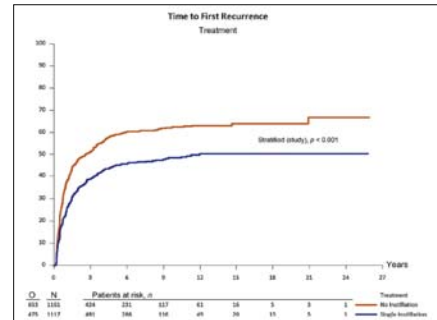


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  - In suspected or known low-risk, consider **SPI** chemo within 24 hours, except suspected perforation or extensive resection. (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade B)
  - In a low-risk patient, **do not administer induction** intravesical therapy. (Moderate Recommendation; Strength of Evidence Grade C)
- EAU
  - **One immediate instillation** of chemotherapy (strong)



## Low risk

- Update systematic review (*Sylvester, Eur Urol 2016*)
  - 11 studies and 2278 pts
  - Individual patient data meta-analysis
- SPI reduces 5 year recurrence rate from **58.8% tot 44.5%** ( $p < 0.001$ )
- Not in pts with  $>1$  prior recurrences per year of EORTC risk score  $\geq 5$
- Overall survival 12.0% versus 11.2% due to EORTC score  $\geq 5$  pts.
- Conclusion: effective, but predominantly in real low risk cases



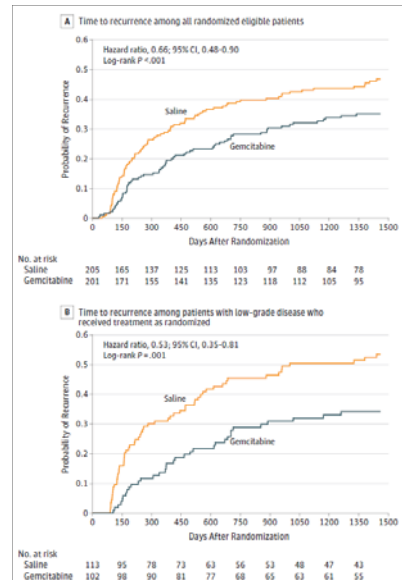
**JAMA | Original Investigation**  
**Effect of Intravesical Instillation of Gemcitabine vs Saline Immediately Following Resection of Suspected Low-Grade Non-Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer on Tumor Recurrence SWOG S0337 Randomized Clinical Trial**

Edward M. Messing, MD; Catherine M. Tangen, DPhil; Seth P. Lerner, MD; Deepali M. Salunkebadhe, MD; Theresa M. Koppie, MD; David P. Wood Jr, MD; Philip C. Mack, PhD; Robert S. Swartz, MD; Christopher P. Evans, MD; Khaleel S. Hafeez, MD; Daniel J. Cullen, MD; Timothy C. Brand, MD; Lawrence I. Karsh, MD; Jeffrey M. Holzbach, MD; Shandra S. Wilton, MD; Guan Wu, MD, PhD; Melissa Plets, MD; Nicholas J. Vogelzang, MD; Ian M. Thompson Jr, MD

- M&M: RCT, double blind, suspected low-grade NMIBC and without >2 low-grade UC episodes within last 18 months
- Th/ 1 hour gemcitabine (2g/100mL, n = 201) or saline (n = 205)
- Results
  - 383/406 pts completed trial
  - 4 year recurrence estimates: **35% vs. 47%** (HR 0.66; 0.48-0.90)
  - In low grade (n=215) 4 year recurrence estimates: 34% vs. 54% (HR 0.53; 0.35-0.81)
  - No grade 4 or 5 AE's, no significant differences in grade 3 or lower AE's
- Conclusion: SPI gemcitabine significantly reduced 4 year RR.
- Further research needed comparing gemcitabine with other agents

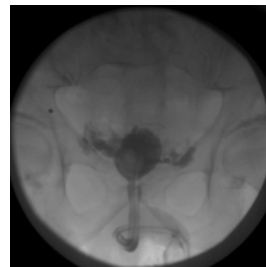
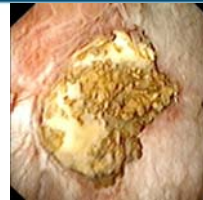
Table 3. Adverse Events Reported Among Patients Who Underwent TURBT and Received Instillation\*

Adverse Events	No. of Events			
	Gemcitabine Group (n = 165)		Saline Group (n = 175)	
	Grade 1-2	Grade 3	Grade 1-2	Grade 3
Voiding dysfunction	31	0	32	3
Voiding pain/sexual pain	26	0	23	2
Hematuria	12	3	14	1
Gastrointestinal	8	0	4	0
Hematologic	5	0	5	0
Flu-like/other syndromes	3	0	4	0
Pain (not urologic or gastrointestinal)	5	0	1	0
Allergy/dermatologic	4	0	2	0
Genitourinary infection/perforation	1	0	4	0
Metabolic/mood alteration	2	0	1	0
Infection/pulmonary	0	1	1	0
Maximum grade, No. of patients	53	4	47	6



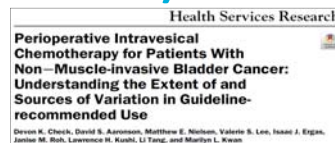
## One instillation remarks

- Instillation should be given day of surgery
- All drugs seem equally effective
- Beware of a TUR perforation (check wat goes in and comes out!)



## SPI (single postoperative instillation)

- Not always done due to many right and wrong reasons
- But: it is VERY **safe**



### • Alternatives

- Continuous bladder **irrigation** with saline for 24 hours
- **Active surveillance** in case of low risk
- Office **fulguration** (new in 2019 EAU guideline)



Outpatient fulguration or laser vaporisation of small papillary recurrences can be used in patients with a history of TaG1/LG tumours.

Weak

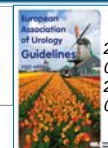
## Interm. risk therapy advise

### • AUA

- In suspected or known intermediate-risk, consider SPI chemo within 24 hours, except suspected perforation or extensive resection. (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade B)
- In intermediate-risk consider a six week course of induction intravesical chemotherapy or immunotherapy. (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade B)
- In CR after induction chemo/BCG, consider maintenance therapy as tolerated. (Evidence Strength: Grade C)

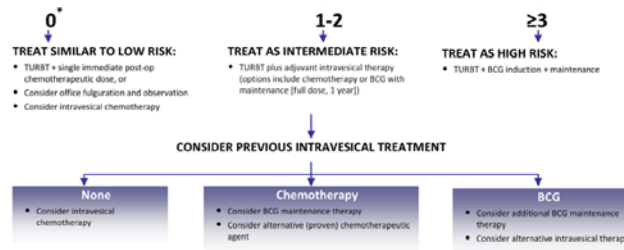
### • EAU

- SPI of chemo followed by further instillations (A)
  - Either chemotherapy for a maximum of 1 year
  - Or 1 year of full dose BCG (less recurrences, more toxicity)



## Practice issue: differentiate IR (Kamat, J Urol 2014)

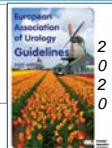
- This is the largest group in daily practice
- Treatment based on number of risk factors:
  - number of tumors (1 vs. greater than 1)
  - size (<3 cm vs. >3cm)
  - timing recurrence (within or after 1 year)
  - Frequency of recurrence ( $\leq 1$  vs. >1 per year) number of tumors (greater than 1)



## High risk therapy advise



American  
Urological  
Association  
2016

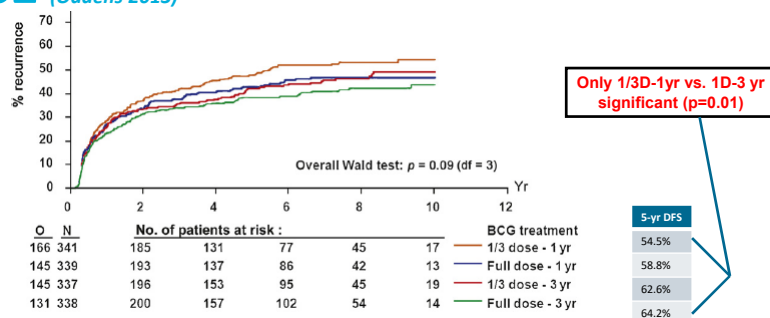


- AUA
  - In newly diagnosed CIS, HG T1 or Ta (re-TUR!) administer a six-week induction course of **BCG**. (Strong Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade B); responders **3 years** maintenance (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade B)
- EAU
  - SPI grade C recommendation
  - Intravesical full dose BCG instillations for **1 to 3 years** (strong)
    - The additional beneficial effect of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year should be weighed against its added **costs** and **inconveniences**.

Beyond the guidelines:

BCG shortage in **high risk** disease

## EORTC 30962 (Oddens 2013)



- Intermediate risk: 1 year full dose
- High risk: 3 years full dose (depending on toxicity and costs)
- **Toxicity and progression and CSM same!!**

## Options to “save” BCG *(Mostafid et al, Eur Urol 2015)*

- Safe options
  - 1 year maintenance, not 3 (more recurrences, not more progression)
  - 2 instead of 3 maintenance treatments (1 is not enough)
  - Maintenance with 1/3 dose (more recurrences, not more progression)
- CIS: maintenance 3 years (1 year full dose, 1/3 dose year 2 and 3)

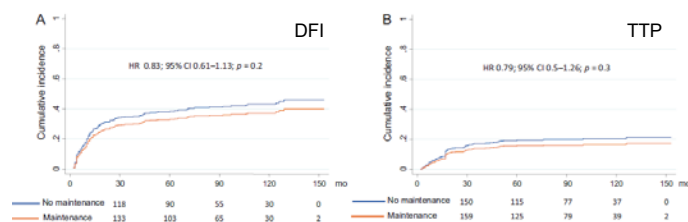
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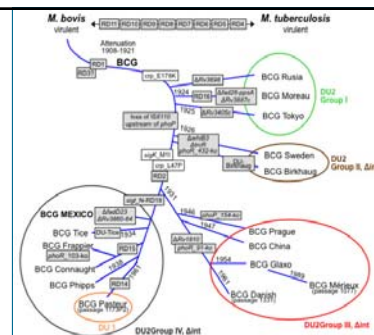
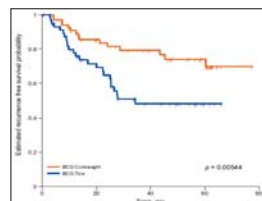
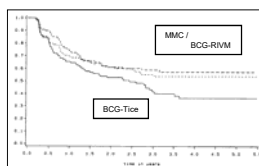
## CUETO 98013 (Martinez-Pineiro 2015)

- BCG induction vs. BCG induction and 1 instillation per 3 months for 3 years.
- 397 high risk NMIBC patients treated
  - 5 year RR (33.5% and 38.5%) and 5 year progression (16% and 19.5%) similar
  - Toxicity similar



## Does the BCG strain matter?

- Vegt et al, J Urol 1995
  - BCG **Tice** vs. BCG **RIVM** vs. MMC
    - 6 weeks BCG vs. 6 months (n=9) MMC
  - 437 intermediate and high risk NMIBC pts.
  - BCG RIVM and MMC equally effective
  - BCG Tice more recurrences (p=0.01)
- Rentsch et al, Eur Urol 2014
  - Investigator initiated trial
  - BCG **Tice** vs. **Connaught**
  - 142 pts. Randomized
  - BCG Tice more recurrences (p=0.01)
  - In mice Connaught stronger immune response

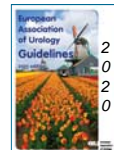


## Highest risk therapy advise

- Very high risk
  - In persistent or recurrent HG Ta or CIS after BCG offer a **second course** of BCG. (Moderate Recommendation; Strength of Evidence C)
  - In a fit patient with HG T1 after BCG induction, or T1 tumors with CIS, LVI, or variant histologies, offer radical **cystectomy**. (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade C)
- BCG unresponsive
  - unwilling or unfit for cystectomy clinical trial enrollment is recommended or intravesical chemo when **clinical trials** are unavailable.

## Highest risk therapy advise

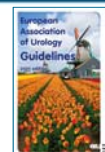
- Very high risk
  - **cystectomy** should be considered (C)
- BCG unresponsive
  - **Recommendation: perform a radical cystectomy**
  - In patients not candidates for RC due to comorbidities use **preservation strategies** (weak)
    - intravesical chemotherapy
    - chemotherapy and microwave-induced hyperthermia.
    - Experience is limited



## Treatment options in BCG unresponsive disease

→ Dr Kamat

## BCG failure: EAU guideline alternatives



- In patients not candidates for RC due to comorbidities use preservation strategies (weak)

- intravesical **chemotherapy** (gemcitabine ± docetaxel)

- **microwave-induced chemo-hyperthermia**

- **EMDA**

- BCG + EMDA/MMC (Recent Cochrane review, Jung 2017)

- Intravesical or systemic **immunotherapy**, preferably within clinical trials.

Multi-Institution Evaluation of Sequential Gemcitabine and Docetaxel as Rescue Therapy for Nonmuscle Invasive Bladder Cancer



J Urol May 2020

Ryan L. Steinberg, Lewis J. Thomas, Nathan Brooks, Sarah L. Mott, Andrew Vitale, Trafford Crump, Mounica Y. Rao, Marcus J. Daniels, Jonathan Wang, Supriya Nagaraju, William C. DeWolf, Donald L. Lamm, Max Kates, M. Eric Hyndman, Ashish M. Kamat,\* Trinity J. Bivalacqua, Kenneth G. Nepple and Michael A. O'Donnell†,‡

## Take home messages 1

- Initial therapy
  - A good and complete TUR is important for diagnosis and prognosis, consider the re-TUR
- Prognosis
  - Use risk groups for different therapies in NMIBC patients
  - Remember additional risk factors
    - e.g. subclassification in intermediate risk
    - e.g. pT1b in high risk....
    - Future: epigenetics

## Take home messages 2

- Additional therapy
  - SPI is effective and safe and enough in low risk patients
    - SPI not always done nor always feasible
  - In intermediate risk patients use an adequate course of chemotherapy or 1 year of BCG
    - Try to subclassify the intermediate risk group
  - In high risk patients or CIS use full dose (3 years) maintenance BCG
    - Know BCG shortage options (chemo, dose reduction etc)
  - In highest risk patients and BCG unresponsive consider cystectomy
    - **Alternatives** are gem/docetaxel and intravesical RF induced thermo-chemotherapy, although results should be interpreted with care

## So know and follow the guideline(s).....

- Ritch et al, J Urol 2020 (398 patients, 2001-2017)
  - The AUA/SUO NMIBC risk classification appropriately stratifies into a likelihood of recurrence and progression. **It should be used** at diagnosis to counsel patients and guide therapy
- Tobert et al, Urology 2019 (847 patients, 1992-2009 with high grade NMIBC)
  - **Overall compliance with AUA guidelines was <1%**, and did not markedly improve over study period
  - Compliance was not associated with cancer-specific survival
- Datovo et al, WJUrol 2019 (198 patients, 2005-2016)
  - **Non-adherence** to follow-up cysto's in NMIBC is associated with **more than twice progression risk**

*Thank you for your attention*

# Options after Failure of BCG Therapy When Should We Move to Cystectomy?

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## When Should We Move to Cystectomy in NMIBC?

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## Short Answer

- In a patient with NMIBC, we should move to radical therapy (radical cystectomy in this case)
- When NOT removing the bladder would present a loss of an opportunity to CURE the patient

## AUA Guidelines

### Role of Cystectomy in NMIBC

28. In a high-risk patient who is fit for surgery with persistent high-grade T1 disease on repeat resection, or T1 tumors with associated CIS, LVI, or variant histologies, a clinician should consider offering initial radical cystectomy. (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade C)

<https://www.auanet.org/education/guidelines/non-muscle-invasive-bladder-cancer.cfm>



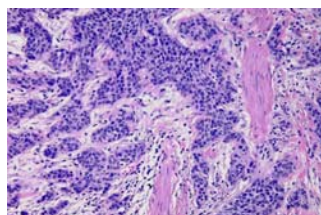
## Key Fact

Intravesical Therapy is not a substitute for Bad Judgment

IMPORTANT  
DRUG  
WARNING

## Key Fact

- T1HG is not a superficial cancer



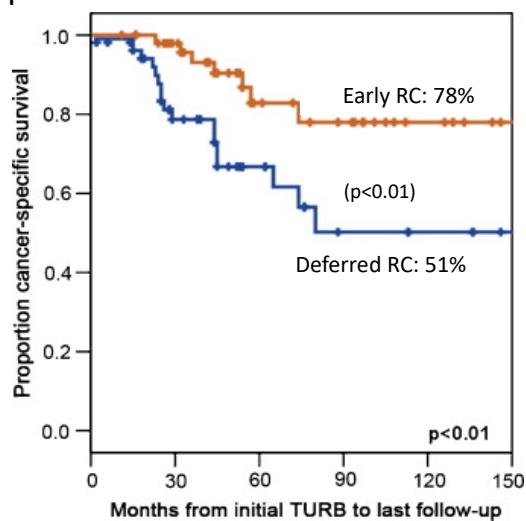
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$$T_1 \text{ HG} = \begin{array}{l} cT_3b \\ \text{Gleason } 5+5 \\ 12/12 \text{ Positive Cores} \\ \text{PSA } 75 \end{array}$$

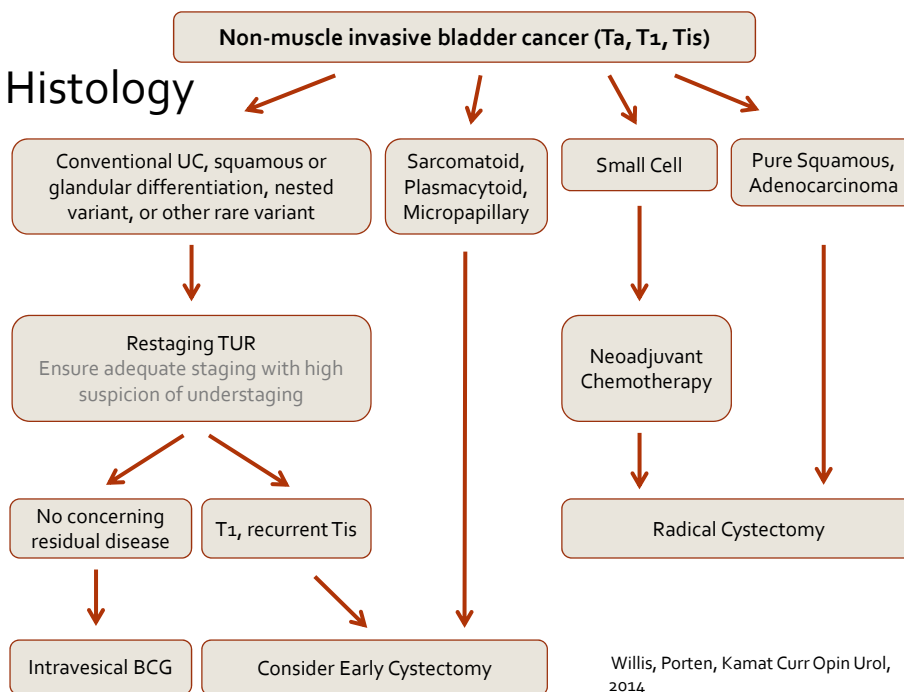
Ferguson & Kamat, Urol Onc, 2018

## Immediate vs Deferred Cystectomy for T1HG 10 yr Cancer Specific Survival



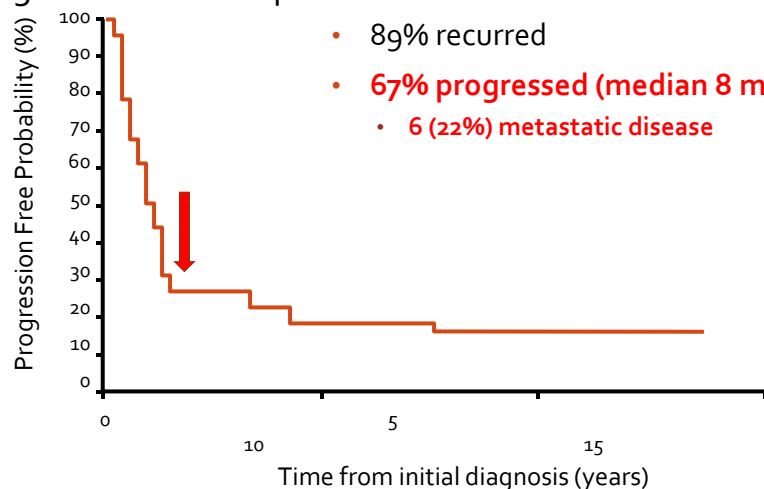
Denzinger Eur Urol, 2007

## Variant Histology



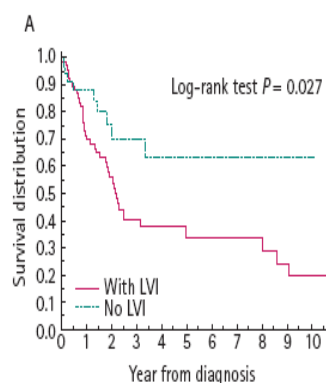
## Micropapillary Bladder Cancer

High Progression rate despite Intravesical BCG



Kamat AM et al, J Urol, 2006; Kamat AM et al Cancer, 2007; Willis et al J Urol, 2015

## LVI in TURBT



Streeper NM et al, 2008

LVI on TURBT associated with

- Lower 5-year DSS
- 34% vs 63% ( $p = .027$ )
- Trend towards understaging
- LVI 75% vs 46% ( $p = .08$ )

## AUA Guidelines

### Role of Cystectomy in NMIBC

Initial Radical Cystectomy should be offered to any fit patient who has

- T1HG on repeat TUR
- T1HG with CIS
- LVI
- Variant histology

<https://www.auanet.org/education/guidelines/non-muscle-invasive-bladder-cancer.cfm>

## AUA Guidelines

### Role of Cystectomy in NMIBC

29. In a high-risk patient with persistent or recurrent disease within one year following treatment with two induction cycles of BCG or BCG maintenance, a clinician should offer radical cystectomy. (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade C)

<https://www.auanet.org/education/guidelines/non-muscle-invasive-bladder-cancer.cfm>

## Classification of BCG Failure

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Kamat AM, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2016;34(16):1935-44.

## Definition of BCG Unresponsive Disease

- Persistent or new **T<sub>1</sub> HG** disease
  - at first evaluation (3 mos) following induction BCG
- Persistent or recurrent **CIS**
  - within 12 months of completion of adequate BCG therapy
- Recurrent **HG Ta/T<sub>1</sub>** disease
  - within 6 months of completion of adequate BCG therapy

**Adequate BCG therapy defined as:**

**at least 5 of 6 doses of iBCG + at least 2 additional doses of mBCG**

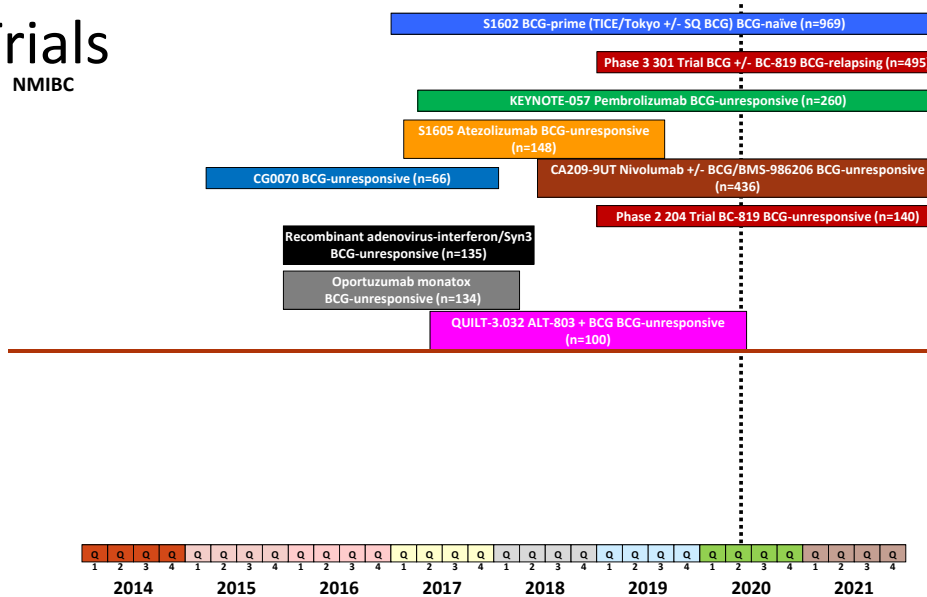


Kamat et al, JCO, 2016; Lerner et al, Bladder Cancer, 2016, FDA Guidance Document, 2018

# Early Stage UC Registration

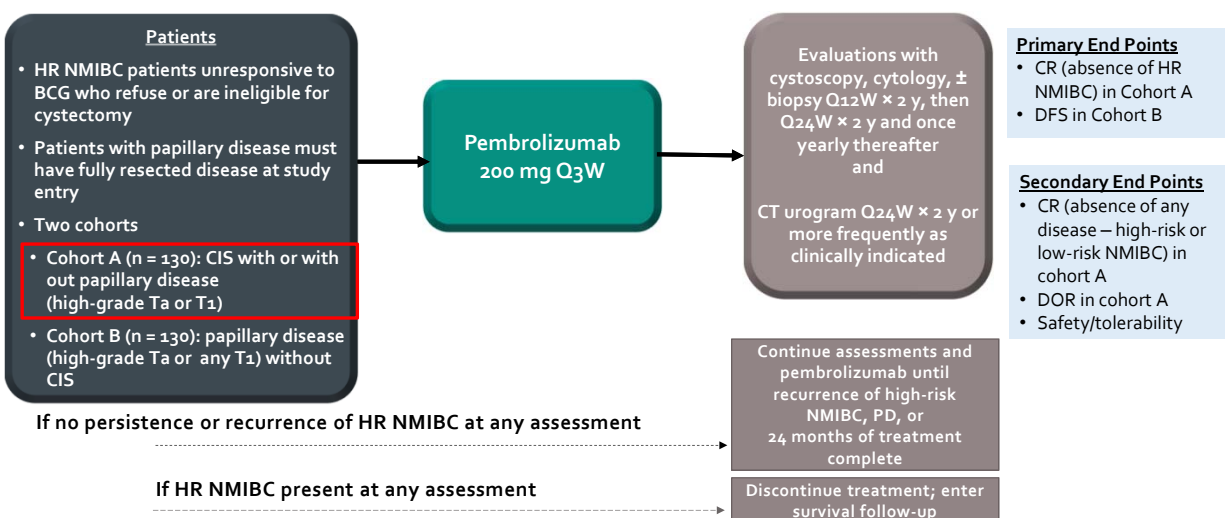
## Trials

NMIBC



Noah Hanh, UroToday

## KEYNOTE-057: Single-Arm, Open-Label Phase 2 Study (NCT02625961)



ASCO 2019



## Key Baseline Characteristics KNo57

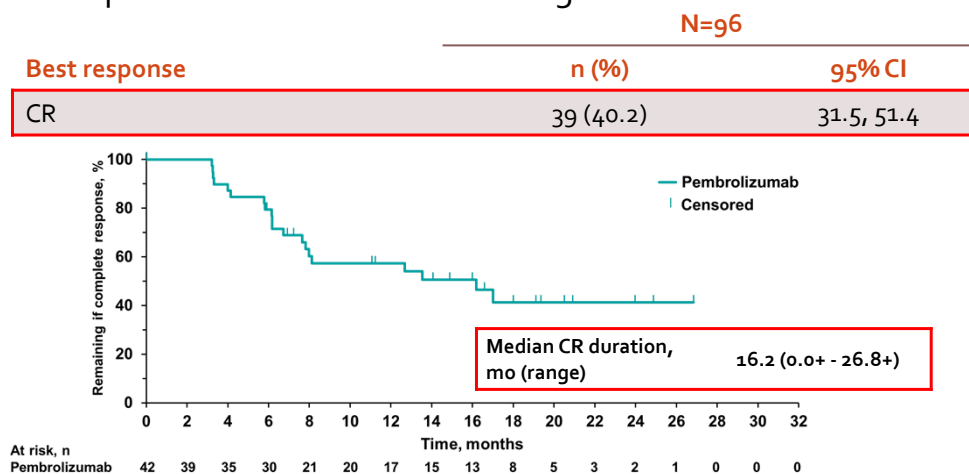
Characteristic	N=96
Median age, years (range)	73 (44-92)
<65	30 (31.3)
≥65 to <75	24 (25.0)
≥75 to <85	33 (34.4)
≥85	9 (9.3)
Male, n (%)	81 (84.4)
Female, n (%)	15 (15.6)
Race, n (%)	
White	64 (66.7)
Asian	26 (27.1)
Missing	6 (6.3)
ECOG PS, n (%)	
0	70 (72.9)
1	26 (27.1)

Characteristic	N=97
Median prior BCG instillations, n (range)	12.0 (7.0-45.0)
Tumor pattern at study entry, n (%)	
CIS with T1	12 (12.5)
CIS with high-grade Ta	24 (25.0)
CIS alone	60 (62.5)
PD-L1 status, n (%)	
CPS ≥10	35 (36.5)
CPS <10	56 (58.3)
Not evaluable	5 (5.2)
Reason prior cystectomy not performed, n (%)	
Declined	91 (94.8)
Ineligible	5 (5.2)

FDA ODAC, 2019

## KEYNOTE-057:

### BCG Unresponsive CIS Patients Achieving CR with Pembrolizumab

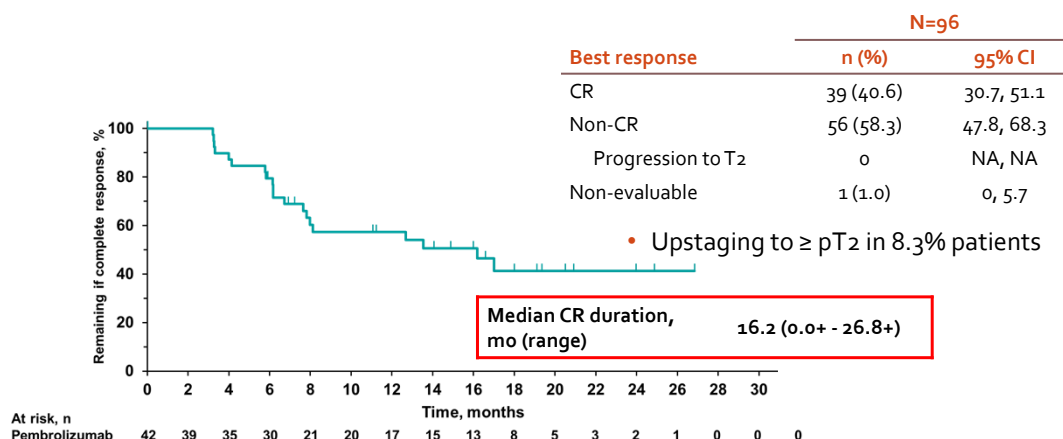


CR, complete response. <sup>a</sup>1 month = 30.4367 days. <sup>b</sup>Month 0 = time point when initial CR was achieved. Database cutoff: February 20, 2019.

FDA ODAC, 2019

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## Immune-mediated AEs of Any Grade and Corresponding Grade 3 or 4<sup>a</sup> Events

Incidence of any-grade immune-mediated AEs, n (%)	N=102	Incidence of grades 3 or 4 immune-mediated AEs, n (%)	N=102
Any	21 (20.6)	Any	3 (2.9)
Hypothyroidism	8 (7.8)	Hypothyroidism	0 (0.0)
Hyperthyroidism	5 (4.9)	Hyperthyroidism	0 (0.0)
Pneumonitis	3 (2.9)	Pneumonitis	0 (0.0)
Hypophysitis	1 (1.0)	Hypophysitis	0 (0.0)
Colitis	1 (1.0)	Colitis	0 (0.0)
Adrenal insufficiency	1 (1.0)	Adrenal insufficiency	1 (1.0)
Nephritis	1 (1.0)	Nephritis	0 (0.0)
Severe skin reaction	1 (1.0)	Severe skin reaction	1 (1.0)
Type 1 diabetes mellitus	1 (1.0)	Type 1 diabetes mellitus	1 (1.0)
Uveitis	1 (1.0)	Uveitis	0 (0.0)
Hepatitis	1 (1.0)	Hepatitis	0 (0.0)

Balar AV, et al. EMUC. 2019

## New FDA Approval in NMIBC

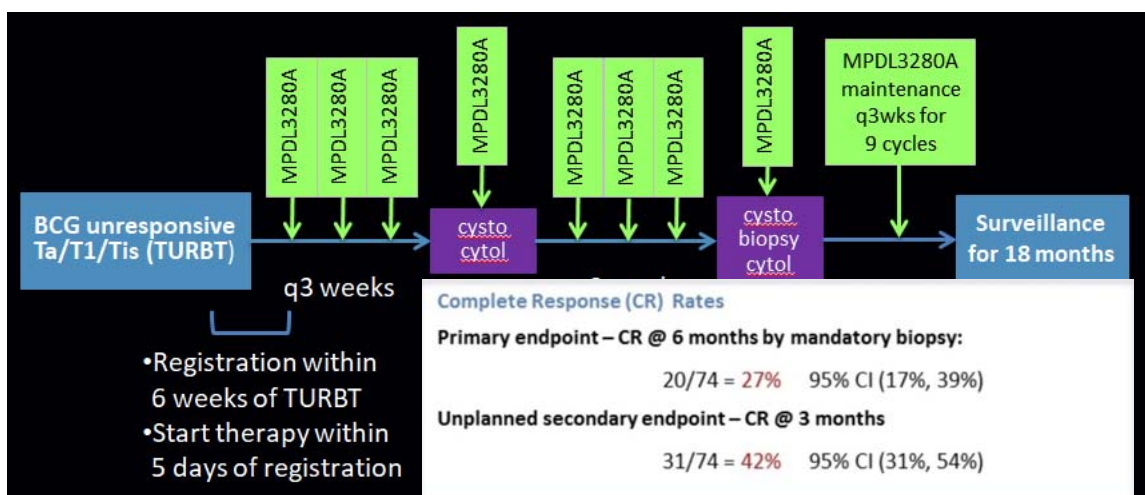


January 8, 2020

Pembrolizumab is approved for the treatment of patients with BCG-unresponsive, high-risk, NMIBC with carcinoma in situ (CIS) with or without papillary tumors who are ineligible for, or who have elected not to undergo, cystectomy

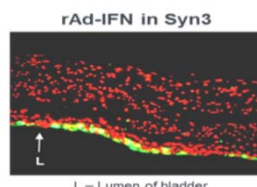
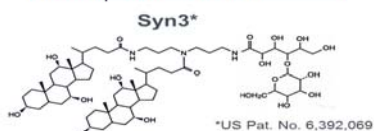
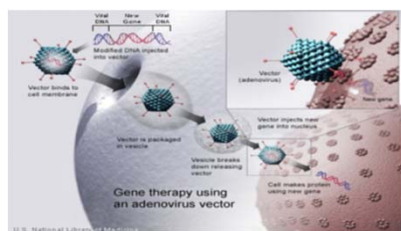
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## SWOG-S1605: Atezolizumab (MPDL3280A) in BCG Unresponsive High Risk NMIBC

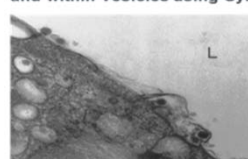


PI: Black, Singh: ASCO 2020

## Adstiladrin™ (nadofaragene firadenovec)



Adenovirus particles on bladder epithelium and within vesicles using Syn3



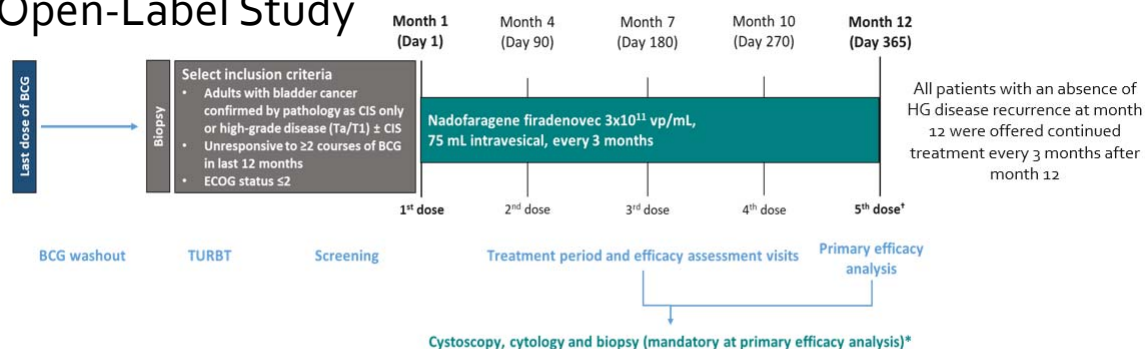
Protein active in transfected cells

Released into microenvironment

Ferring Pharmaceuticals



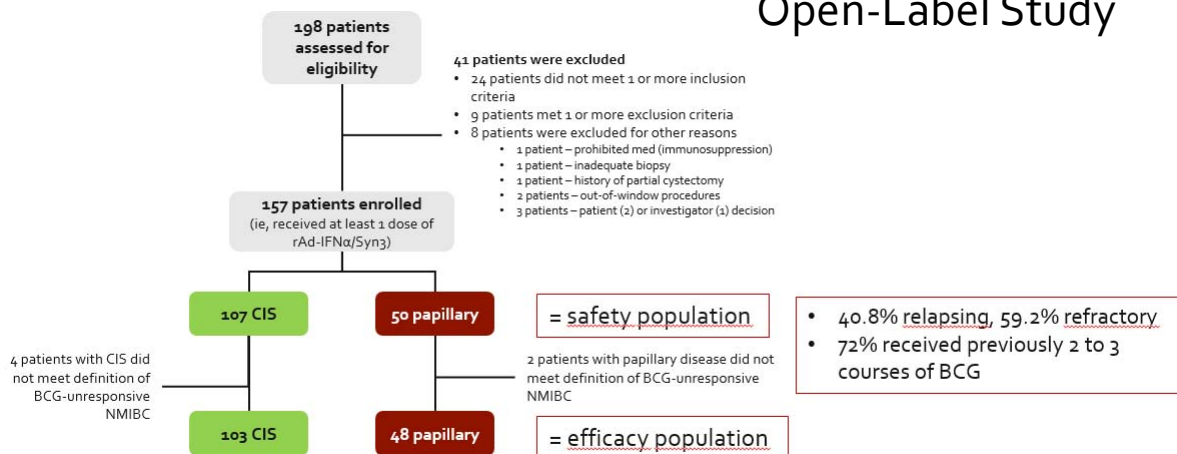
## Nadofaragene Firadenovec: Phase 3, Multi-Center, Open-Label Study



- Primary Endpoint:** To evaluate the CR rate in patients with CIS (with or without HG Ta or T1 papillary disease) at any time after the first installation of rAd-IFN $\alpha$ /Syn3
- Secondary objectives:** To evaluate the durability of the CR in patients with CIS with/without concomitant HG Ta or T1 papillary disease and To evaluate the rate and durability of HG-RFS in patients with HG Ta or T1 papillary disease only

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Patients achieving HGRF survival (n, %)	CIS +/- Ta/T1 (N=103)	Papillary Disease (N=48)	Total (N=151)
3 mos	55 (53.4)	35 (72.9)	90 (59.6)
6 mos	42 (40.8)	30 (62.5)	72 (47.7)
9 mos	36 (35.0)	28 (58.3)	64 (42.4)
12 mos	25 (24.3)	21 (43.8)	46 (30.5)

Median duration of HG-RFS was 12.35 months (95% CI: 6.67, NE) in patients with papillary disease  
Progression to ≥ MIBC in 8 (5.3%) patients

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The most common TEAEs were

- instillation site discharge (33.1%),
- fatigue (23.6%),
- bladder spasm (19.7%),
- micturition urgency (17.8%), and
- hematuria (16.6%)

% of Patients		Total, n = 157
Any	Any TEAE	93.0
	Serious TEAE	8.9
	Grade 3	17.2
	Grade 4	1.3
	Grade 5	0
Drug related	Any TEAE	70.1
	Serious TEAE	0.6
	Grade 3	3.8
	Grade 4/5	0
Discontinuation of study drug	Any TEAE	1.9
	Drug-related TEAE	1.9

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### Multi-Institution Evaluation of Sequential Gemcitabine and Docetaxel as Rescue Therapy for Nonmuscle Invasive Bladder Cancer

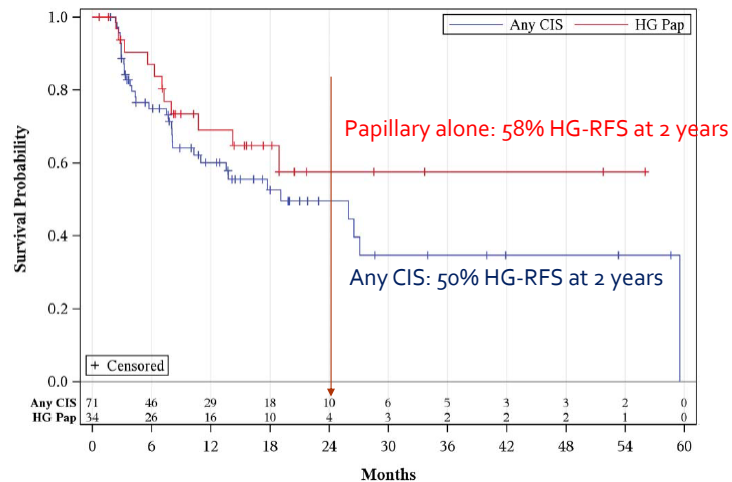


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- 276 patients
  - median age 73 years, median follow up 22.9 months
- HG RFS: 65% and 52%, at 1 and 2 yr
  - RFS: 60% and 46%, at 1 and 2 yr
- 15.6% went on to cystectomy (median 11.3 months from induction)
  - 4.0% had progression to muscle invasion.

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## High grade bladder recurrence-free survival for BCG unresponsive cases



40% patients reported AEs but only 9.4% had schedule impacted and only 3.3% were unable to tolerate full induction course

Steinberg, Kamat, O'Donnell et al, J Urol, May 2020

**Table 1.** Side effects of gemcitabine/docetaxel intravesical therapy

	No. (%)
<i>Overall</i>	
Any side effects:	
No	164 (59.4)
Yes	112 (40.6)
Treatment schedule affected by side effect:	
No	248 (90.6)
Yes	26 (9.4)
Missing	2
<i>Specific side effects</i>	
Dysuria:	
No	233 (84.4)
Yes	43 (15.6)
Hematuria:	
No	247 (89.5)
Yes	29 (10.5)
Urinary frequency/urgency:	
No	215 (77.9)
Yes	61 (22.1)
Urinary retention:	
No	272 (98.6)
Yes	4 (1.4)

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## Summary


- Radical Cystectomy is the recommended treatment for patients who have high grade recurrence after adequate BCG therapy
- Most patients would like to try alternative therapies
- Alternatives include:
  - Pembrolizumab (approved Jan 2020)
  - Gem/Docetaxel combination
  - Nadofaragene firadenovec
  - Vicinium

Thank you!



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## **Management of NMIBC:**

### **Practical Solutions for Common Problems**

Summer School Webinar Series  
July 30, 2020

### **DISCLOSURES**

NONE



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**CASE PRESENTATION**

- 67 year old very active male with a history of hypertension, hyperlipidemia and prior cigarette use for many years evaluated for gross hematuria. He has stable LUTS characterized by mostly storage symptoms. Prior appendectomy.
- CT urogram unremarkable other than small filling defects in the bladder suggestive of clot
- Urine cytology: Suspicious for malignancy
- Office cystoscopy: Multiple papillary tumors



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**OPERATIVE EVALUATION**

EUA: Prostate moderately enlarged with no palpable abnormalities and mobile bladder without a palpable mass or induration

**Cystoscopy/TURBT:**

Normal urethra with lateral lobe enlargement

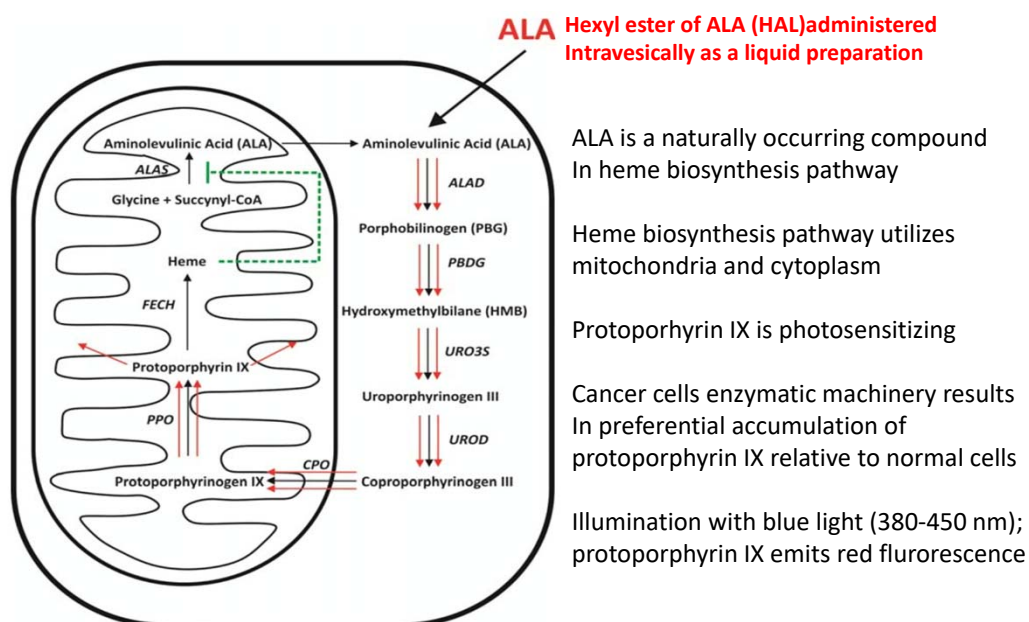
8 papillary tumors in the bladder located near the trigone, posterior wall and right lateral wall. Size ranged from 1-3cm.

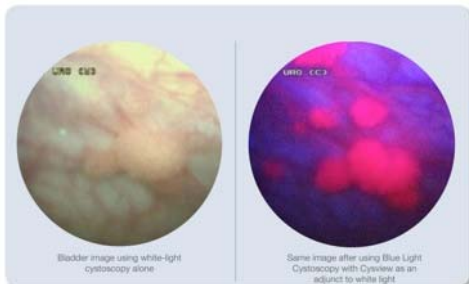
Complete visual TURBT and 3 specimens submitted to pathology

### QUESTIONS

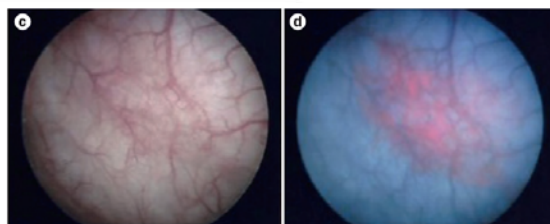
- Is there a benefit of adding **HAL-assisted (Cysview®) blue light cystoscopy** at the time of TURBT for this patient?
- How do you decide when to complement TURBT with HAL-assisted blue light cystoscopy?

### Fluorescence-Based Photodynamic Diagnosis (PDD) Blue Light Cystoscopy





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## Guideline Statements (Diagnosis)

30. **Enhanced Cystoscopy**: In a patient with NMIBC, a clinician should offer **blue light cystoscopy** at the time of TURBT, if available, to increase detection and decrease recurrence. (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade B)

Chang, et al. JUrol 196 (4):1021–1029, 2016



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**CASE PRESENTATION**  
**PATHOLOGY RESULT**

**Specimen 1 (Trigone):**

High grade Ta urothelial cancer with CIS  
Muscularis propria present and uninvolved

**Specimen 2 (Posterior wall):**

High grade Ta urothelial cancer with CIS  
Muscularis propria present and uninvolved

**Specimen 3 (Right lateral wall):**

High grade Ta urothelial cancer  
No lamina propria invasion  
**No muscularis propria identified**

**QUESTIONS**

- Would you recommend a **repeat TURBT** in this patient?
- Other than T1 bladder cancer or visually incomplete first TURBT for NMIBC when do you recommend repeat TURBT?



## Guideline Statements: Restaging TURBT

Guideline Statement	Clinical Context	Strength of Rec
Variant Histology (7)	Pursuing bladder preservation in a patient with variant histology	Expert Opinion
TURBT/ Restaging Resection (12)	Incomplete initial resection : re-TURBT of all remaining tumor if technically feasible	Grade B
TURBT/ Restaging Resection (13)	High-risk, high-grade Ta tumors: consider repeat transurethral resection	Grade C
TURBT/ Restaging Resection (14)	T1 disease: perform repeat TUR of the primary tumor site to include muscularis propria	Grade B



## AUA VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE

### CASE PRESENTATION MANAGEMENT

- Completed **full dose induction BCG** with limited local toxicities
- **First follow up cystoscopy subtle areas of redness** adjacent to areas of recent TURBT and urine **cytology suspicious for malignant cells**



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**QUESTION**

- Does the patient need an **OR evaluation** of the **abnormal endoscopic and/or cytology findings**?



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**CASE PRESENTATION**  
**MANAGEMENT**

- OR evaluation was performed and limited to cup biopsy and fulguration of the areas of erythema (white light ONLY).

**Pathology: CIS**

- Continued on maintenance BCG and experienced increased local toxicities with doses 2 and 3 that he found very bothersome

**Next follow up cystoscopy (~6 months) was normal and urine cytology was normal**



### QUESTIONS

- What was the **likelihood that persistent CIS** following induction BCG would **respond to additional maintenance BCG** at the 6 month evaluation?
- Was the disease state best characterized as BCG unresponsive after completing induction BCG? Has he **received** what is considered **adequate BCG**?



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### How Often Do BCG Toxicities Occur?

63% local symptoms of frequency, urgency, dysuria  
31% systemic symptoms of malaise, fever, joint aches  
23% episode of gross hematuria  
23% culture proven bacterial cystitis  
0.3% BCG sepsis

*EORTC study of full dose versus 1/3 dose and 1 year versus 3 year maintenance BCG:  
Eur Urol 2014*



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### Additional Points About BCG

- Side effect profile does not become worse with increasing number of doses (i.e. comparing induction to first, second and third year of maintenance)  
(*Eur Urol*, 2014)
- Discontinuation rate is low (7.8%) and most often event occurs during first year (2/3 of patients who eventually discontinue do so within the first year)  
(*Eur Urol*, 2014)
- **However in any given patient with toxicity must consider reducing dose or alternate week therapy AFTER trying single dose fluoroquinolone administered 4-6 hours after treatment**



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### CASE PRESENTATION MANAGEMENT

- Continued on maintenance BCG
- Next follow up **cystoscopy (~9 months) two small papillary tumors** and urine cytology reported as normal
- TURBT: two 1 cm papillary tumors on the posterior wall of the bladder. No other abnormal findings. (white light ONLY)
- **Pathology: Multifocal high grade Ta urothelial cancer.** Muscularis propria identified and not involved

### QUESTIONS

- At the time of the TURBT would you have performed **prostatic urothelial biopsies? Random bladder biopsies?**
- Now that he has recurrent papillary high grade Ta disease at 9 months **how is the disease best characterized?**
  - BCG early relapsing
  - BCG late relapsing
  - BCG unresponsive
  - BCG refractory
- **What are his treatment options?**

### CASE PRESENTATION MANAGEMENT

- Continued on maintenance BCG
- **Follow up cystoscopy (~12 months) was normal but urine cytology reported as suspicious for malignant cells.**
- CT urogram was normal and referred to a tertiary medical center
- OR evaluation included HAL-assisted blue light cystoscopy. Several fluorescing flat lesions in the bladder. TUR biopsies of the prostate were performed. No further upper urinary tract evaluation was performed.
- **Pathology: CIS of the bladder**

### QUESTIONS

- Is this BCG unresponsive disease?
- Treatment Options:
  - Radical Cystectomy
  - Pembrolizumab
  - Therapies currently under FDA review
  - Clinical Trial
- **-Let's focus on intravesical chemotherapy**
  - Valrubicin **X**
  - Gemcitabine**
  - Mitomycin C**
  - Gemcitabine/Docetaxol**

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