LUNG CANCER: YEAR IN REVIEW
THE TOP 5+ ARTICLES 2017-2018

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- RISK
- SCREENING
- TREATMENT OF:
  - EARLY STAGE NSCLC
  - LOCALLY ADVANCED DISEASE
  - ADVANCED NSCLC
  - SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER
- IMMUNOTHERAPY TOXICITY
RISK
If trends remain unchanged, 1.1 billion smokers worldwide in 2025
Fact: Smoking major risk for lung cancer
Unknown: The impact of “low-intensity” smoking
- Is there less harm from indulging in the occasional cigarette (1-<10 per day) when compared to heavy smoking (>10 per day)?

NIH- AARP Diet and Health Study
- Over 230,000 patients, aged 59-82
- Questionnaire assessed cigarettes per day (CPD)
- Calculated cancer risk (HR)
Stratified by consistent or varied cigarettes per day (CPD) during the lifetime:
- compared to never smokers, consistent lifelong 1-10 CPD smokers had higher risk of smoking-related cancer (HR 2.34)
- Associations for lifelong smoking ≤ 10 with:
  Lung cancer (HR 9.6), bladder cancer (HR 2.22), and pancreatic cancer (HR 2.03)
Even low-levels of cigarette smoking cause cancer
SCREENING
Participants at highest predicted risk for lung cancer death are most likely to benefit from screening (account for most of screening prevented lung cancer mortality) (NEJM 2013)

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Cost effectiveness

- Individualized predictions of the probability of being in each of the 4 states at any given time point

- These predictions used to estimate individualized lung cancer mortality benefits of screening at 7 years

- Cost estimated using NLST data and linear regression prediction models combined with assumptions to estimate lifetime medical costs

- Calculated incremental net monetary benefit for each participant based on NLST inclusion criteria vs risk stratification screening strategy
Health benefits:
- Lung cancer mortality benefit increased with increasing baseline risk for lung cancer death: 1.2 Vs 9.2 per 10,000 person-years

Benefit gradient across risk groups:
- Lung cancer mortality benefit greater ratio: 7.9
- But attenuated when comparing life-years gained ratio: 3.6
- Further attenuation when comparing QALYs gained ratio: 2.4
Screening with LDCT increased lifetime cost by 1089 compared to CXR, yielding an ICER of 37,000 per life year gained or 60,000 per QALY.

Cost of screening increased based on risk of lung cancer mortality:
- In high risk group: not only increased cost of lung cancer treatment but also had more invasive testing after positive results.
- Among higher risk patients, the greater incremental costs offset the incremental benefits.
Risk targeted lung cancer screening
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■ Individuals at high baseline risk for lung cancer death:
  – Achieve greatest benefit in terms of LDCT-prevented lung cancer deaths in the first 7 years
  – But, are older, have greater smoking history and more likely to have coexisting illness such as COPD
  – Had increased cost not only due to treatment of screen-detected cancer but had more procedures to evaluate screen-detected abnormalities
  – Benefit of screening was greatly attenuated when expressed as life years and QALYs over a lifetime

■ Conclusion:
  – Each older higher risk person with more comorbid conditions who survives lung cancer because of screening accrues fewer additional life years than younger healthier participants
  – While individualized risk-targeted approach to selection for screening may be better at selecting high risk patients, it proved no more cost effective that the broader NLST inclusion criteria.
Lung Cancer Screening With Low-Dose Computed Tomography in the United States—2010 to 2015

JAMA Oncology 2017;3:1278-80

- Survey 2347 individuals who met NLST and USPSTF criteria for screening
- 2167 available for analyses
- Eligible smokers who reported LDCT screening:
  - 2010 3.3%
  - 2015 3.9%
- No significant increase in screening in the five years for any of the socioeconomic groups
- Over 50% of smokers meeting recommendations for screening were uninsured or Medicaid insured
- Reasons for low uptake of LCS:
  - Lack of knowledge about screening among smokers
  - Lack of access to care
  - Physician knowledge about recommendations
  - Reimbursement
Lung Cancer Screening (LCS) Implementation: Challenges

- LCS took the stage at a time when traditional approaches to mass screening are being challenged

- Moving away from:
  - Paternalistic model, screening is considered mandatory to a patient-centered model, individualizing decisions that are informed by discussion of potential benefits and harms
  - The one-size-fits-all model of screening is simple to implement, unable to acknowledge diverse values and patient preferences

- The decision to screen or not to screen for lung cancer places additional demands on patients, providers, and health care systems

  - *Ann Am Thorac Soc 2017;8:1261–1265*
### Multilevel Barriers to Effective Lung Cancer Screening

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TREATMENT OF NSCLC: TIMING OF SURGERY
The relationship between the timing of surgery following diagnosis of lung cancer and survival has not been precisely described.

This study tested the hypothesis that increasing the time between diagnosis and lobectomy for stage IA squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) would be associated with worse survival.

Choice of timing, 30 days, felt to be clinically reasonable as 30 days -1 mo has been previously used threshold in the literature and BTS guidelines

National Cancer Data Base (2006-2011). Multivariable Cox proportional hazard analysis
A. The 5-year overall survival of 4,984 patients who met study inclusion criteria was 58.3% (95% CI, 56.3-60.2). Surgery was performed within 30 days of diagnosis in 36% patients. Median time to surgery was 38 days (interquartile range, 23, 58).

B. Patients who had surgery 38 days or more after diagnosis had significantly worse 5-year survival than patients who had surgery earlier (HR, 1.13 [95% CI, 1.02-1.25]; P .022).

HR associated with time to surgery increased steadily the longer resection was delayed; the threshold time associated with statistically significant worse survival was 90 days or greater.
# Impact of Timing of Lobectomy in Squamous Cell Carcinoma

## Predictors of Survival

- Age
- Sex
- Comorbidities
- Tumor size
- Type of insurance
- Facility type
- Median income level

## Table 3: Independent Predictors of Mortality Following Cox Proportional Hazards Adjustment for Patients Who Underwent Lobectomy for CT1, N0, M0 NSCLC

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Impact of Timing of Lobectomy in Squamous Cell Carcinoma

Conclusion: Longer intervals between diagnosis of early-stage lung SCC and surgery are associated with worse survival.

Although factors other than the timing of treatment may contribute to this finding, these results suggest that efforts to minimize delays beyond those needed to perform a complete preoperative evaluation may improve survival.
TREATMENT OF EARLY STAGE NSCLC
Standard of care in early stage NSCLC: surgery followed by adjuvant chemotherapy

Study evaluated the efficacy of neoadjuvant immunotherapy
- 21 patients with Stage I, II or IIIa deemed resectable
- Two doses of nivolumab every two weeks with surgery planned about 4 weeks after first dose
- Primary endpoints were safety and feasibility
- Also evaluated tumor pathologic response, PDL-1 expression and mutational burden
Of the 21 tumors removed:
- 20 were completely resected
- 9/20 (45%) had a major pathological response
- Responses occurred in both PD-L1 positive and PD-L1 negative tumors
- Pathological regression in the resected primary tumor after neoadjuvant administration of nivolumab
- Sequence alterations in pretreatment tumor samples from 11 patients who underwent surgery

Patients with a major pathological response were found to carry a significantly higher number of somatic sequence alterations than those without a major pathological response (mean number of 311±55 and 74±60 respectively)

Neoadjuvant nivolumab:
- Induced a major pathological response in 45% of resected specimens
- Was associated with few side effects
- Did not delay surgery
- Induced expansion of mutation-associated neoantigen-specific T-cell cones

Tumor mutational burden was predictive of pathologic response
TREATMENT OF LOCALLY ADVANCED (STAGE III) UNRESECTABLE NSCLC
Sequential vs Concurrent Chemoradiation for Stage III Non–Small Cell Lung Cancer: Randomized Phase III Trial RTOG 9410


J Natl Cancer Inst 2011;1452-1460

Concurrent chemotherapy and radiation has been the standard of care for Stage III unresectable NSCLC

5 year survival results:
HR for death 0.81 (95% CI 0.66-0.99; p=.046)

J Natl Cancer Inst 2011;1452-1460

Conforms improved local control and survival with concurrent chemo-RT in unresectable Stage III NSCLC

5 year survival 15-20%
Therapeutic plateau reached with concurrent chemotherapy and radiation therapy
- **Median PFS approximately 8–10 months**
- **15-20% are alive at 5 years**

There was a significant unmet need for novel therapeutic approaches to boost survival beyond cCRT
- **After completion of cCRT, patients without disease progression were randomized to adjuvant durvalumab (anti PD-L1) Vs placebo**
Durvalumab: statistically significant improvement in PFS versus placebo (HR 0.52; P < 0.0001; median improvement of >11 months) at a planned interim analysis observed across all pre-specified subgroups clinically meaningful benefit in ORR (28.4% vs 16.0%; P < 0.001), with durable responses versus placebo (median DoR not reached vs 13.8 months) lower incidence of new lesions, including new brain metastases, compared with

Durvalumab is a promising new therapeutic option in patients with stage III unresectable NSCLC who have completed cCRT
TREATMENT OF STAGE IV NSCLC
Lung Cancer Mutation Consortium
Incidence of Driver Mutations

- MEK1 0.3%
- MET 0.7%
- NRAS 0.7%
- PIK3CA 0.8%
- BRAF 2.6%
- ERBB2 2.7%
- ALK 7.9%
- EGFR 23%
- KRAS 25%
- No oncogenic driver identified 36%

J Thorac Oncol 2015;10:768-77
Activating Mutations in the Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Underlying Responsiveness of Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer to Gefitinib

Thomas J. Lynch, M.D., Daphne W. Bell, Ph.D., Raffaella Sordella, Ph.D., Sarada Gurubhagavatula, M.D., Ross A. Okimoto, B.S., Brian W. Brannigan, B.A., Patricia L. Harris, M.S., Sara M. Haserlat, B.A., Jeffrey G. Supko, Ph.D., Frank G. Haluska, M.D., Ph.D., David N. Louis, M.D., David C. Christiani, M.D., Jeff Settleman, Ph.D., and Daniel A. Haber, M.D., Ph.D.
Significant advantage in OS and PFS for first line gefitinib in EGFR mutation positive NSCLC
Fig 4. Mechanisms of acquired resistance to epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) tyrosine kinase inhibitors. Multiple mechanisms have been elucidated in human samples and preclinical models. Some factors may overlap. HGF, hepatocyte growth factor; IL-6, interleukin-6.
Osimertinib or Platinum–Pemetrexed in EGFR T790M–Positive Lung Cancer

Osimertinib:
Significantly greater efficacy than pemetrexed-platinum in patients with T790M-positive advanced NSCLC

Including those with CNS metastases in whom disease had progressed during first-line EGFR-TKI therapy
Osimertinib in Untreated EGFR-Mutated Advanced Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer

Jean-Charles Soria, M.D., Ph.D., Yuichiro Ohe, M.D., Ph.D., Johan Vansteenkiste, M.D., Ph.D., Thanyanan Reungwetwattana, M.D., Busyamas Chewaskulyong, M.D., Ki Hyeong Lee, M.D., Ph.D., Arunee Dechaphunkul, M.D., Fumio Imamura, M.D., Ph.D., Naoyuki Nogami, M.D., Takayasu Kurata, M.D., Ph.D., Isamu Okamoto, M.D., Ph.D., Caicun Zhou, M.D., Ph.D., Byoung Chul Cho, M.D., Ph.D., Ying Cheng, M.D., Eun Kyung Cho, M.D., Ph.D., Pei Jye Voon, M.D., David Planchard, M.D., Ph.D., Wu Chou Su, M.D., Jhanelle E. Gray, M.D., Siow-Ming Lee, M.D., Ph.D., Rachel Hodge, M.Sc., Marcelo Marotti, M.D., Ph.D., Yuri Rukazenkov, M.D., Ph.D., and Suresh S. Ramalingam, M.D. et al., for the FLAURA Investigators*

Median PFS:
- Osimertinib, 18.9 months
- EGFR-TKIs 10.2 months
(HR for disease progression or death, 0.46; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.37 to 0.57; P<0.001)

Median duration of response:
- Osimertinib, 17.2 months
- EGFR-TKIs, 8.5 months

Survival rate at 18 months was 83% with osimertinib and 71% with EGFR-TKIs.

Adverse events less frequent with osimertinib than with EGFR-TKIs (34% vs. 45%).

Conclusion: Osimertinib showed efficacy superior to that of standard EGFR-TKIs in first-line treatment of EGFR mutation-positive advanced NSCLC, with lower rates of serious adverse events.
Crizotinib is a selective inhibitor of ALK tyrosine kinase.

Patients with EML4-ALK mutation, given 250 mg oral Crizotinib daily until progression. 

~1500 screened, 81 entered (9 sites in US, Korea, Australia 2008-10).

Advanced NSCLC, 96% had previous chemo, 60% with ≥2 regimens.

Led to accelerated FDA approval of crizotinib for treatment of advanced ALK positive adenocarcinoma.
BACKGROUND

- Standard of care in ALK positive metastatic has been crizotinib.

- Alectinib, a highly selective inhibitor of ALK, has shown systemic and central nervous system (CNS) efficacy in the treatment of ALK-positive NSCLC.

- Study investigated alectinib compared with crizotinib in patients with previously untreated, advanced ALK-positive NSCLC, including those with asymptomatic CNS disease.
Progression-free survival at 12 months was significantly higher with alectinib vs. crizotinib

Alectinib: 68.4% [95% CI, 61.0 to 75.9]
Crizotinib: 48.7% [95% CI, 40.4 to 56.9]

- HR for disease progression or death, 0.47 [95% CI, 0.34 to 0.65]; P<0.001
- Median progression-free survival with alectinib was not reached
- 18 patients (12%) on alectinib had an event of CNS progression, compared with 68 patients (45%) on crizotinib
- Adverse events were less frequent with alectinib (41% vs. 50% with crizotinib).

TREATMENT OF SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER
Patients with recurrent or refractory small-cell lung cancer have very poor survival outcomes with no approved drugs beyond Topotecan for second-line therapy, and until now, no identified molecular biomarkers to guide targeted therapy.

The novel therapeutic target DDL3 is a potential predictive biomarker for small-cell lung cancer.
DDL3 is a clinically relevant novel target in small-cell lung cancer. Rovalpituzumab teresine is a novel antibody-drug conjugate agent for DDL3-positive small-cell lung cancer.
IMMUNOTHERAPY
INDUCED PNEUMONITIS
Study of 915 patients with advanced solid tumors who received PD-1/PD-L1 monotherapy or in combination with CTL-4 maybe inhibitors:

- 43 (5%) developed any grade pneumonitis (95% CI 3% to 6%).
- 1% grade 3 or higher
- Incidence higher for combination immunotherapy (10%) Vs. monotherapy (3%)
Clinical findings:
- Median time 2.8 months (9 days to 19 months)
- Dyspnea and dry cough, fever is rare
- 1/3 asymptomatic
- More than 50% experienced additional immune-related toxicity
  - Colitis, hepatitis, hyperthyroidism, myositis

Radiographic findings:

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<td>Predominantly peripheral or subpleural distribution</td>
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<td>Ground glass opacities</td>
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<td>Discrete focal areas of increased attenuation</td>
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<td>(n = 10, 37%)</td>
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<td>Preserved bronchovascular markings</td>
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<td>Interstitial</td>
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<td>(n = 6, 22%)</td>
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<td>Peribronchovascular infiltration, subpleural reticulation</td>
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<td>Hypersensitivity</td>
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<td>Honeycomb pattern in severe patient cases</td>
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<td>(n = 2, 7%)</td>
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<td>Centrilobular nodules</td>
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*Pneumonitis in Patients Treated with PD-1/PDL-1 Therapy. JCO 2017; 35: 709-717*
Severity of Radiographic Findings

- Will help guide steroid therapy
- Rapid changes (pattern/extent) common on sequential CT

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*Journal Clinical Oncology 2016;35:709-717*
Bronchoscopic Findings:

- BAL: lymphocyte-predominant
- Pathology: 11/27 patients at MSKCC
  - A. Cellular interstitial pneumonia (NSIP): 4
  - B. Cryptogenic organizing pneumonia (COP): 3
  - C. Diffuse alveolar damage (DAD): 1
  - D. Poorly formed granulomas: 3
  - E. Eosinophilic infiltrate: 2

Journal Clinical Oncology 2016;35:709-717
Figure 1. (A) CT scan and FDG–PET scan before and after 2 months of pembrolizumab treatment of the case report patient showing hypermetabolic mediastinal and hilar lymph nodes appearance. (B and C) CT scans of the second and third patients before and after 2 months of pembrolizumab treatment showing mediastinal lymph nodes appearance. (D) Lymph node biopsy showing well-formed giant cell granulomas.
A and C:
Multiple lung metastases

B and D:
Following 12 cycles of nivolumab.
Arrows show disappearance of nodules replaced by cystic lesions

AJRCCM 2017;196:1349-
Clinical outcomes:
- 72% were grade 1 or 2 and 86% responded to steroid therapy
- 5 patients died (progression of pneumonitis and infection related to immunosuppression)

Worsening outcomes associated with:
- Current smoking hx
- Underlying lung disease (fibrosis)
Management of Immune-Related Adverse Events in Patients Treated With Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Therapy: American Society of Clinical Oncology Clinical Practice Guideline


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### Table 3. Management of Lung iAEs in Patients Treated With ICPIs

#### 3.0 Lung Toxicities

#### 3.1 Pneumonitis

**Definition:** Focal or diffuse inflammation of the lung parenchyma (typically identified on CT imaging).

No asymptomatic, pathologic, or radiographic features are pathognomonic for pneumonitis.

**Diagnostic work-up:**
- Should include the following: CXR, CT, pulse oximetry.
- For G2 or higher, may include the following infectious work-up: nasal swab, sputum culture and sensitivity, blood culture and sensitivity, urine culture and sensitivity.

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<td>G1: Asymptomatic, confined to one lobe of the lung or &lt; 25% of lung parenchyma, clinical or diagnostic observations only</td>
<td>Hold ICPI with radiographic evidence of pneumonitis progression. May offer one repeat CT in 3-4 weeks; in patients who have had baseline testing, may offer a repeat spirometry/DLCO in 3-4 weeks. May resume ICPI with radiographic evidence of improvement or resolution. If no improvement, should treat as G2. Monitor patients weekly with history and physical examination and pulse oximetry; may also offer CXR.</td>
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<td>G2: Symptomatic, involves more than one lobe of the lung or 25%-50% of lung parenchyma, medical intervention indicated, limiting instrumental ADL.</td>
<td>Hold ICPI until resolution to G1 or less. Consider bronchoscopy with BAL. Consider empirical antibiotics. Monitor every 3 days with history and physical examination and pulse oximetry, consider CXR; no clinical improvement after 48-72 hours of prednisone, treat as G3.</td>
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<td>G3: Severe symptoms, hospitalization required, involves all lung lobes or &gt; 50% of lung parenchyma, limiting self-care ADL, oxygen indicated.</td>
<td>Permanently discontinue ICPI. Empirical antibiotics; (methyl)prednisolone IV 1-2 mg/kg/d; no improvement after 48 hours, may add infliximab 5 mg/kg or mycophenolate mofetil IV 1 g twice a day or IVIG for 5 days or cyclophosphamide; taper corticosteroids over 4-6 weeks. Pulmonary and infectious disease consults if necessary. Bronchoscopy with BAL ± transbronchial biopsy. Patients should be hospitalized for further management.</td>
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<td>G4: Life-threatening respiratory compromise, urgent intervention indicated (intubation)</td>
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**Additional considerations**
- Pneumocystis prophylaxis with PPI and Bactrim may be offered to patients on prolonged corticosteroid use (> 12 weeks), according to institutional guidelines.
- Consider calcium and vitamin D supplementation with prolonged corticosteroid use.
- The role of prophylactic fluconazole with prolonged corticosteroid use (> 12 weeks) remains unclear, and physicians should proceed according to institutional guidelines.
- Bronchoscopy + biopsy; if clinical picture is consistent with pneumonitis, no need for biopsy.
- All recommendations are expert consensus-based, with benefits outweighing harms, and strength of recommendations are moderate.

**Abbreviations:** ADL, activities of daily living; BAL, bronchoalveolar lavage; CT, computed tomography; CXR, chest x-ray; DLCO, diffusing capacity of lung for carbon monoxide; G, grade; ICPI, immune checkpoint inhibitor; iAE, immune-related adverse event; IV, intravenous; IVIG, intravenous immunoglobulin; PPI, proton pump inhibitor.
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“Sir, the following paradigm shifts occurred while you were out.”
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