



Daring to Believe in a Cure... ...And Why the Belief is Justified

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Cancer: An Insidious Disease

Worldwide

14,000,000 New Cases
8,100,000 Deaths

per year



1 Out of 3

People will
develop cancer
in their lifetime

Worldwide



**17 People Die
Every Minute**



In the US
Alone

1,735,000 Diagnosed
610,000 Die

per year



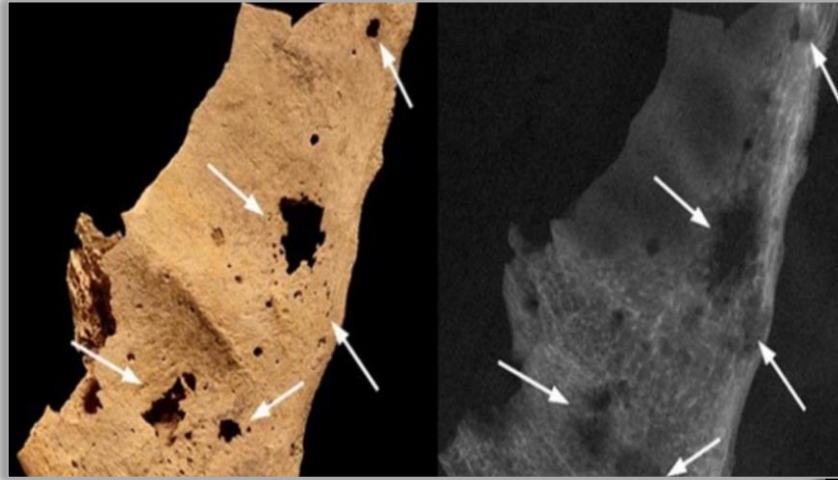
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Why is cancer such a hard problem?

How are we doing in the fight against cancer?

Is a cure realistic?

3200 Year Old Diagnosis: Cancer Has Always Been with Us



Oldest case of cancer found in Sudan in 2013

Skelton of 25-35 year old male

Laid to rest in 1200 BC

Metastatic cancer throughout his body



The Potential for Cancer in Within Everyone

40%

Of women age 40-56
have microscopic
cancer in their
breasts

50%

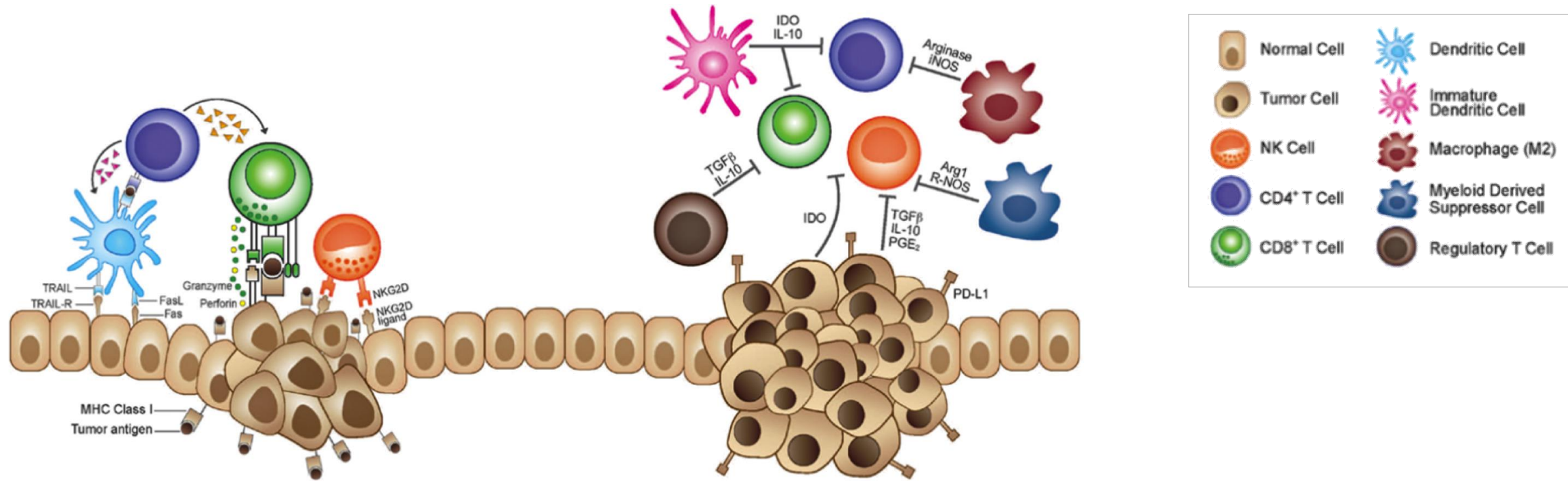
Of men age 50-60
have microscopic
cancer in their
prostate

100%

Of people age 70+
have microscopic
cancer in their
thyroids

**Given the effectiveness of our immune systems most will never
become dangerous “Cancer without Disease”**

Cancer Develops When Cancer Cells Corrupts the Immune System to Escape Attack and Create its own Supportive Ecosystem



Elimination

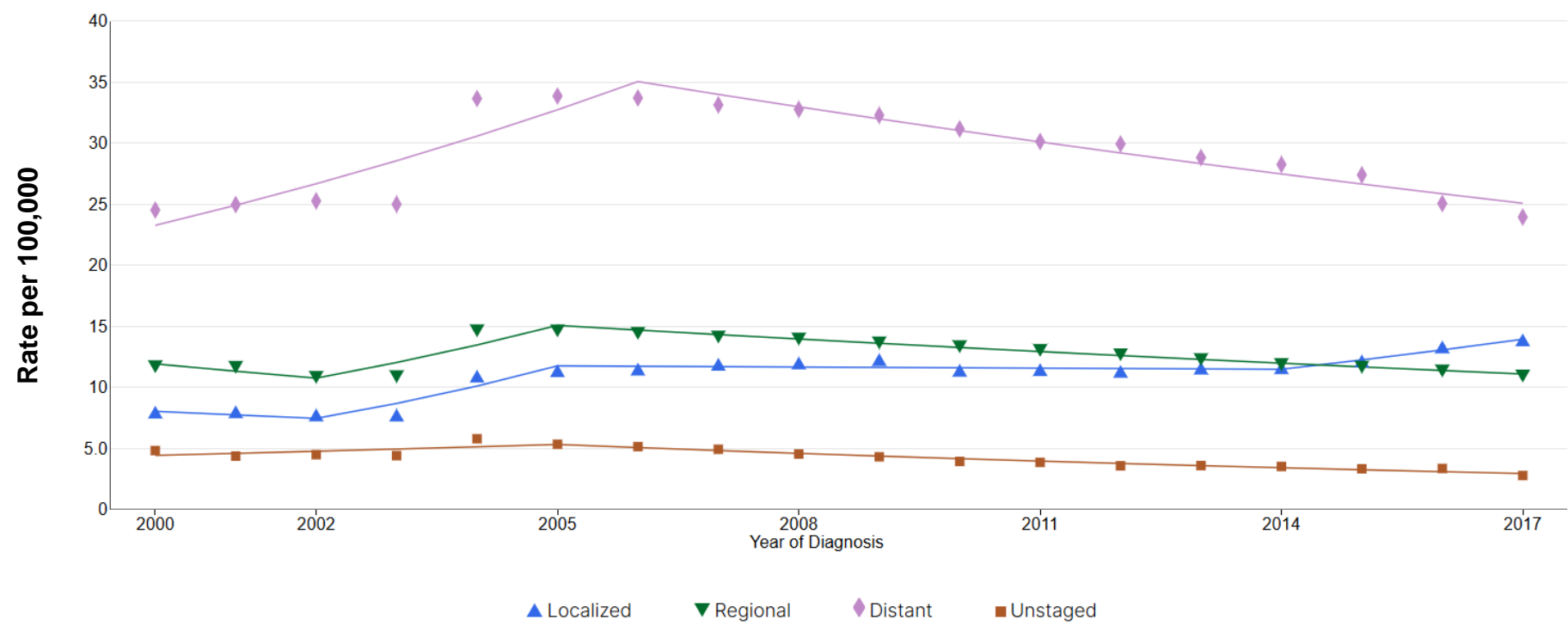
Healthy immune systems routinely and effectively eliminating cancer cells and stop the spread of cancer

Escape

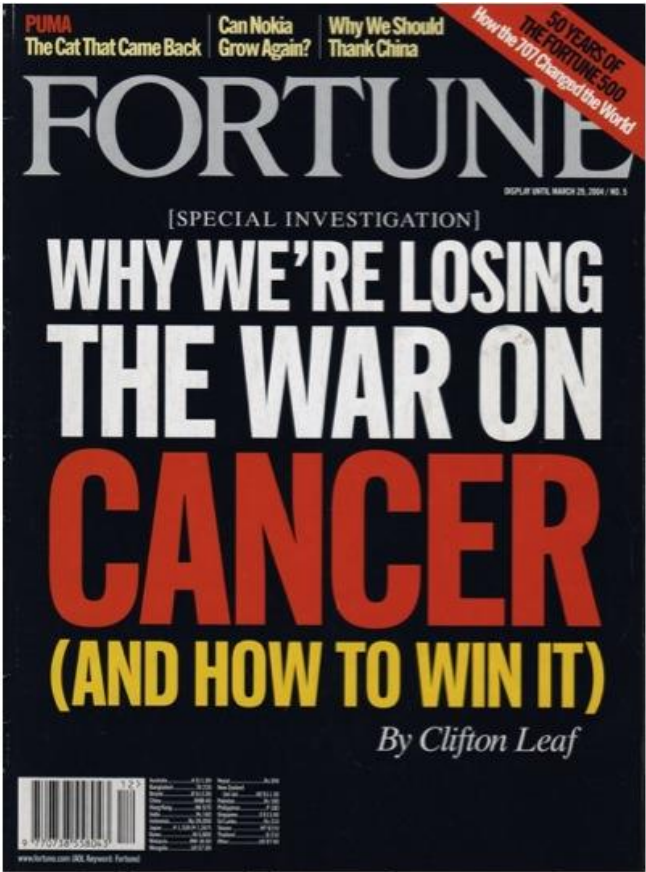
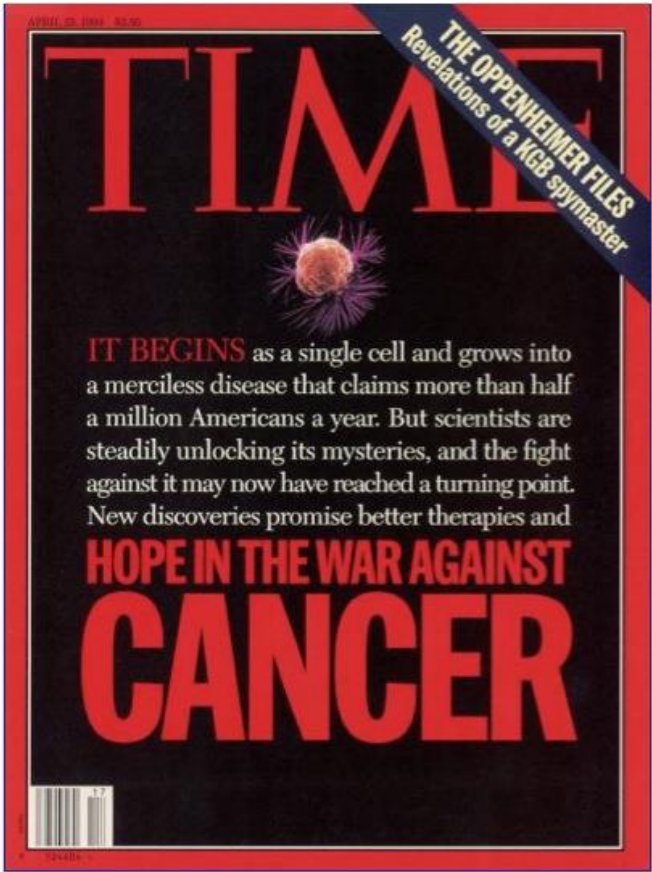
Cancer occurs when the immune system fails to do its job allowing rogue cells to establish a beach head and promote their own existence at the expense of healthy cells

Cancer Develops Slowly over many Years, Is Often Asymptomatic and not Diagnosed Until very Advanced Stages Making Treatment too Late

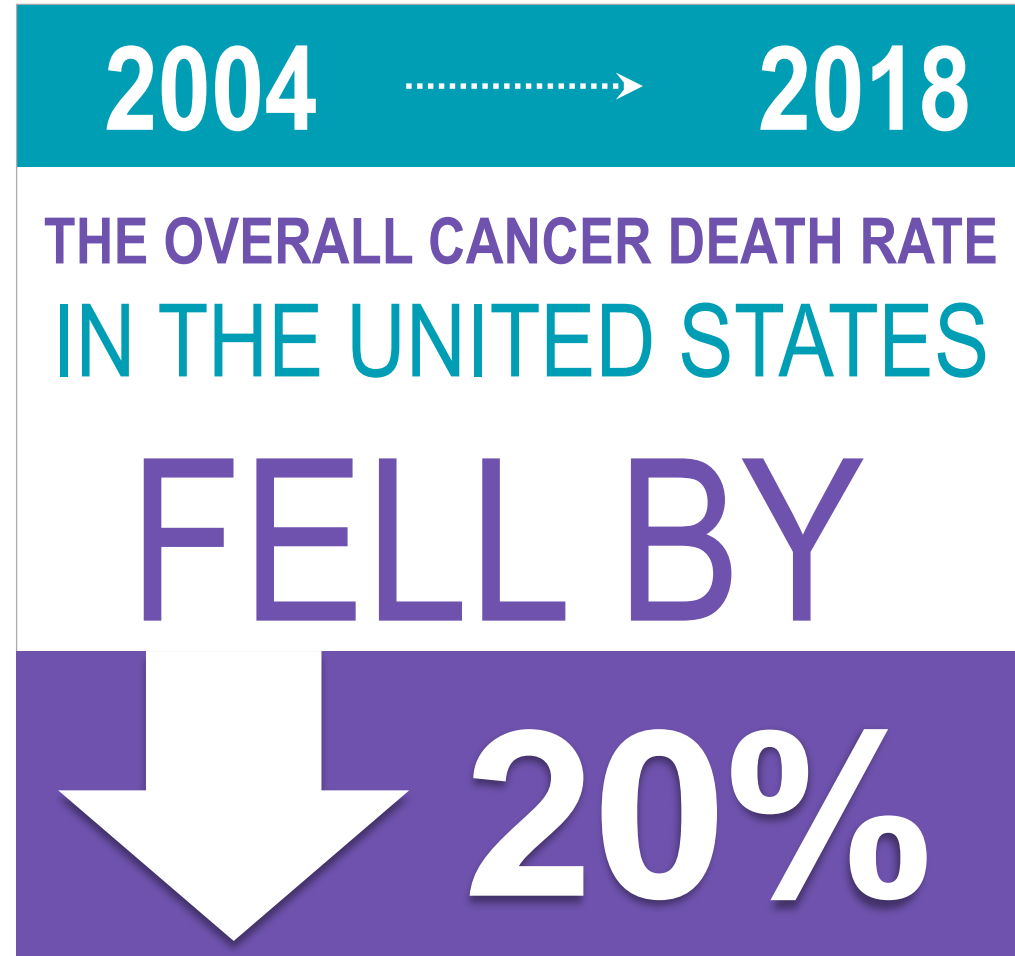
Distribution of Lung Cancer Diagnoses by Stage at Diagnosis, 2000-2017
~Half of Patients are Diagnosed with Metastatic Stage III/IV Disease



How Are We Doing in the 50 Year War on Cancer?

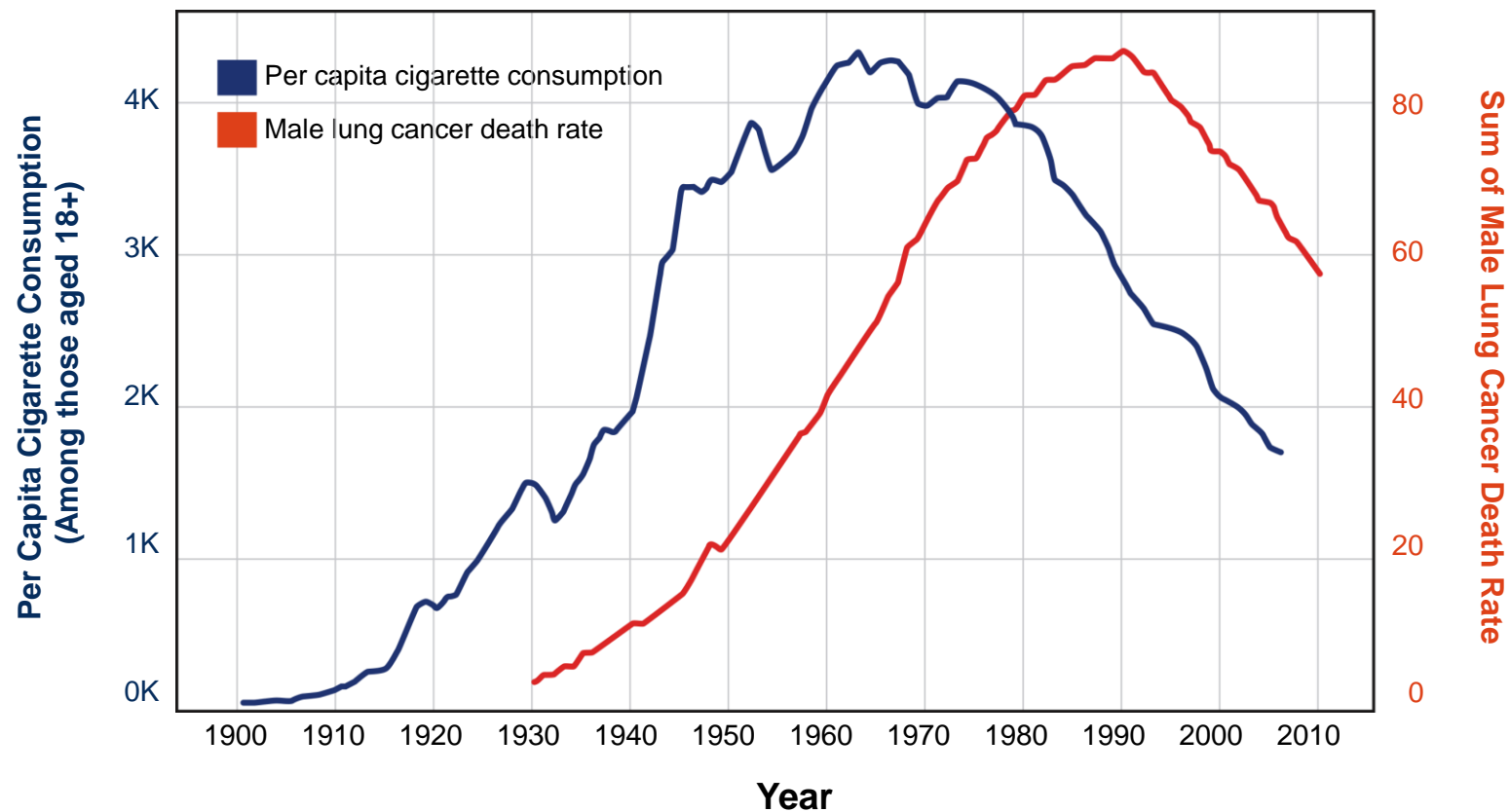


Unequivocal Progress!!



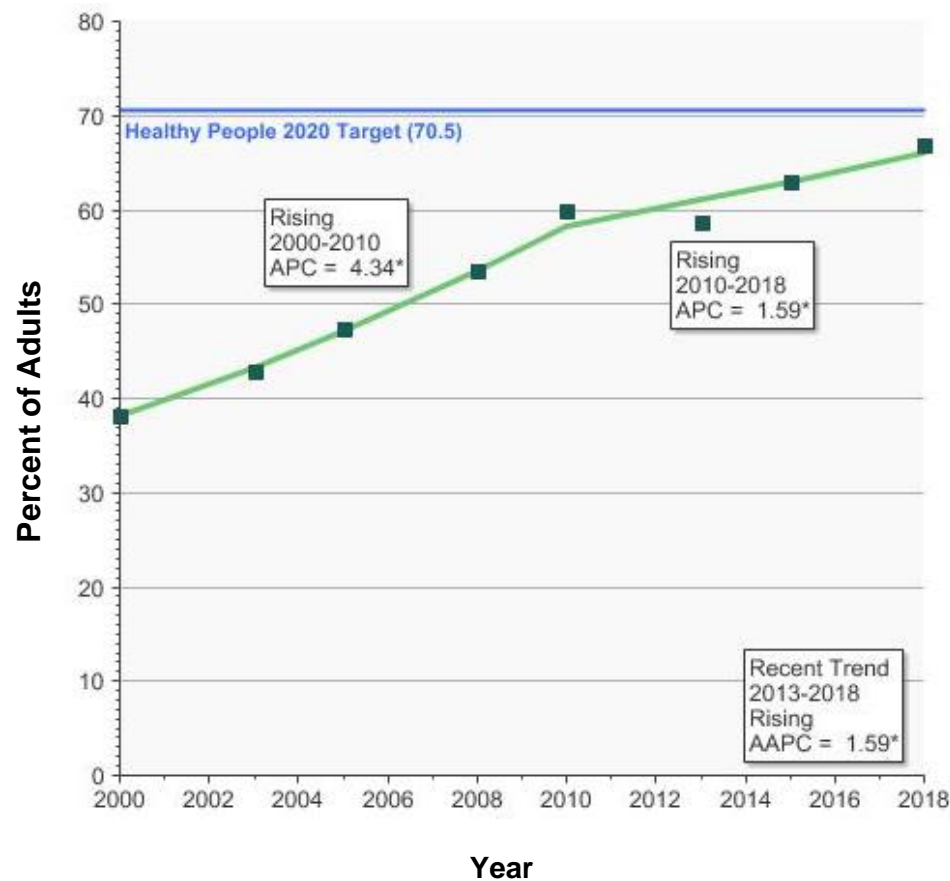
Prevention! Lung Cancer

Trends in Tobacco Use and Lung Cancer Death Rates in the U.S.

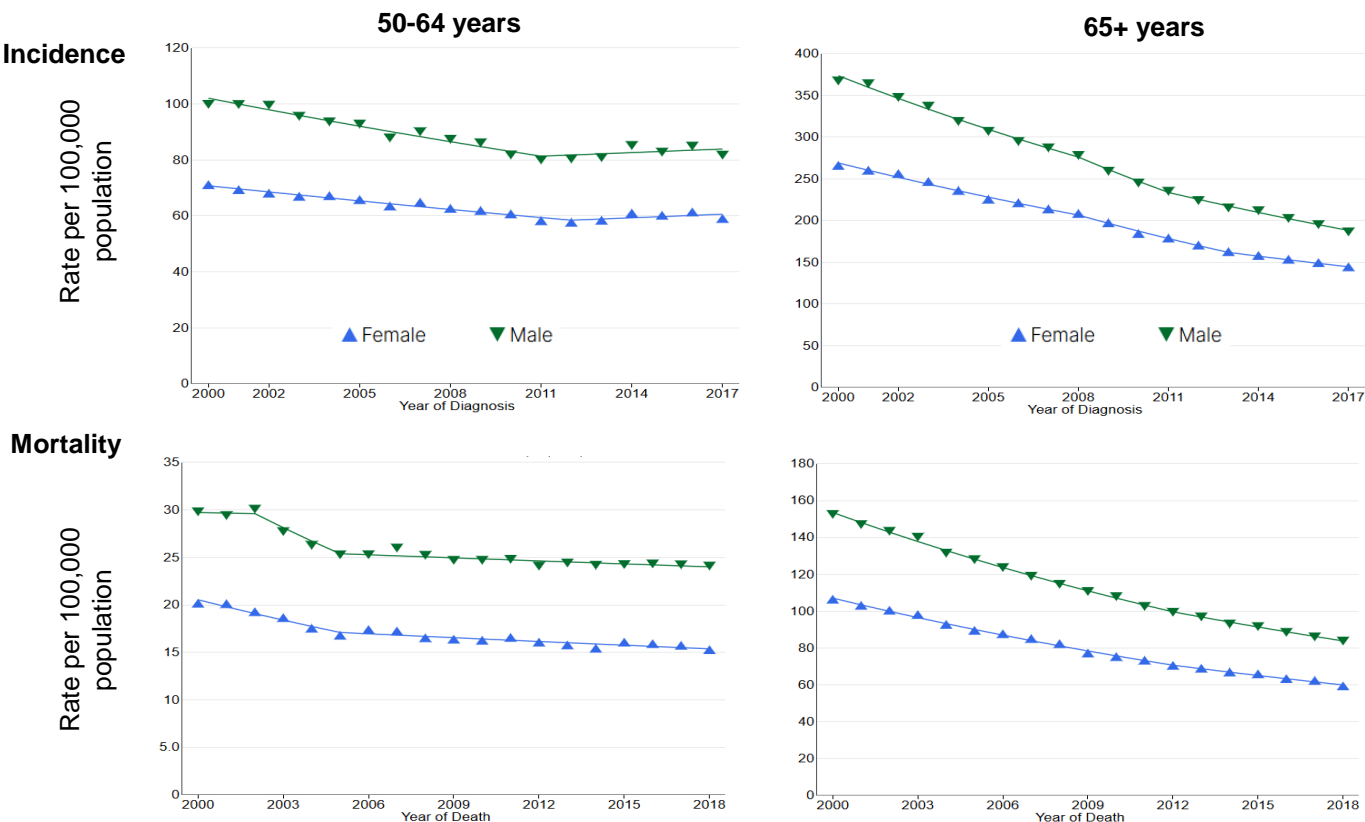


Screening, Prevention, Early Detection and Treatment Decreased Colorectal Cancer Incidence and Mortality Rates

Colorectal test use rates¹ for adults aged 50-75 years, Both Sexes, 2000-2018¹



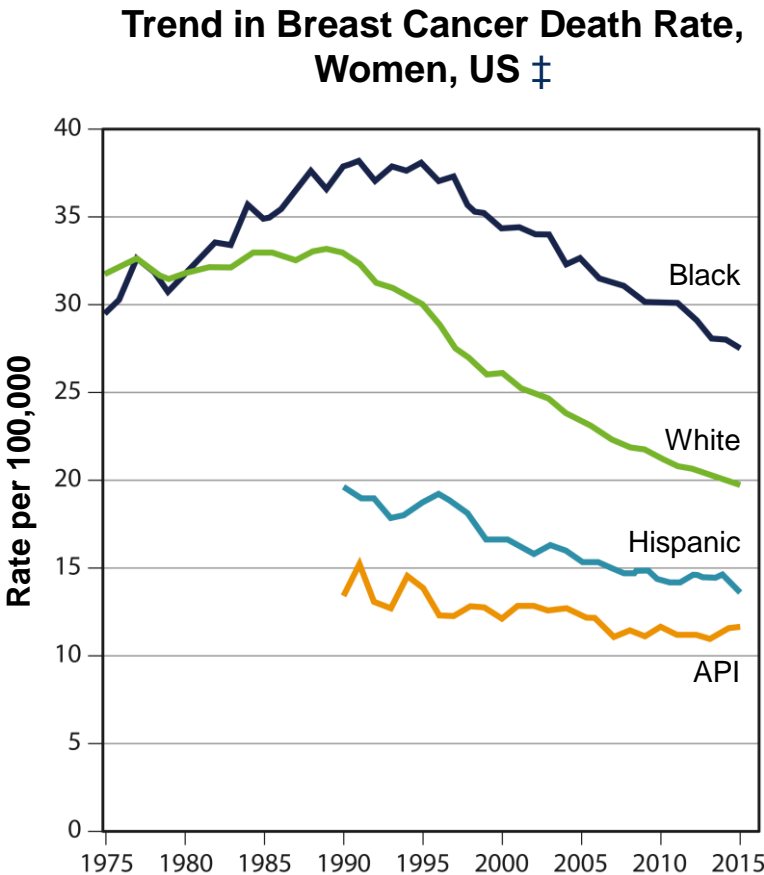
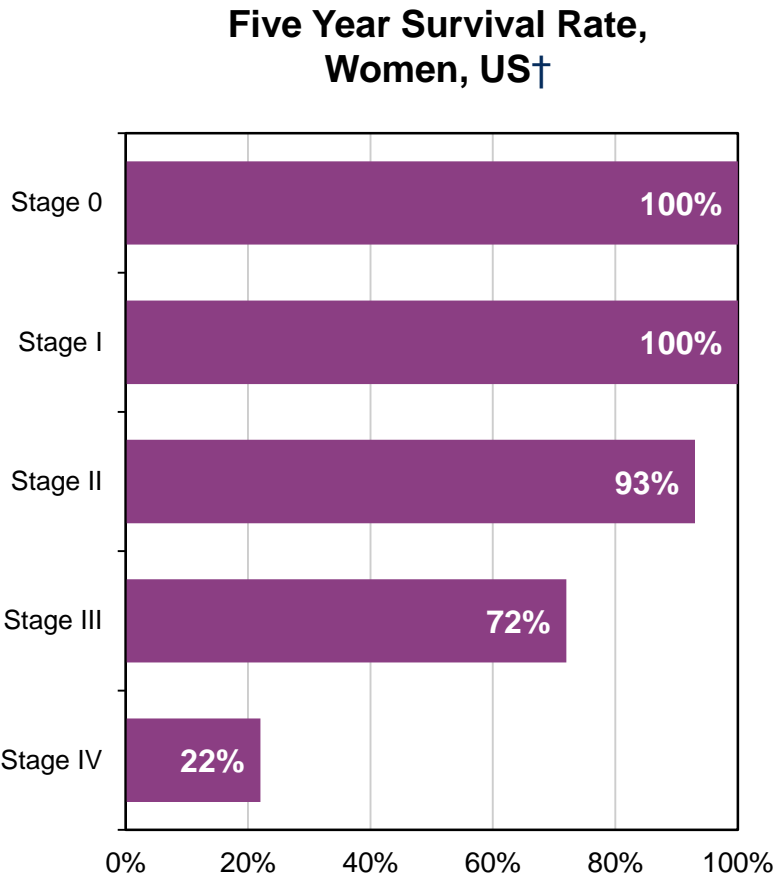
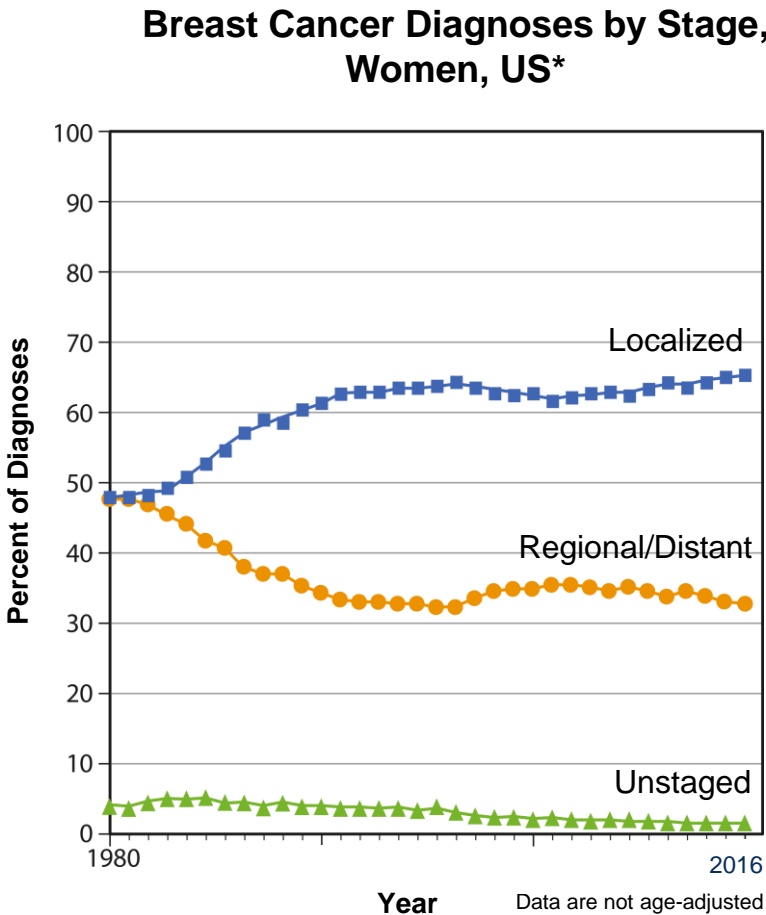
Colorectal Incidence and Mortality²



¹Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National health Interview Survey.

²<https://seer.cancer.gov>

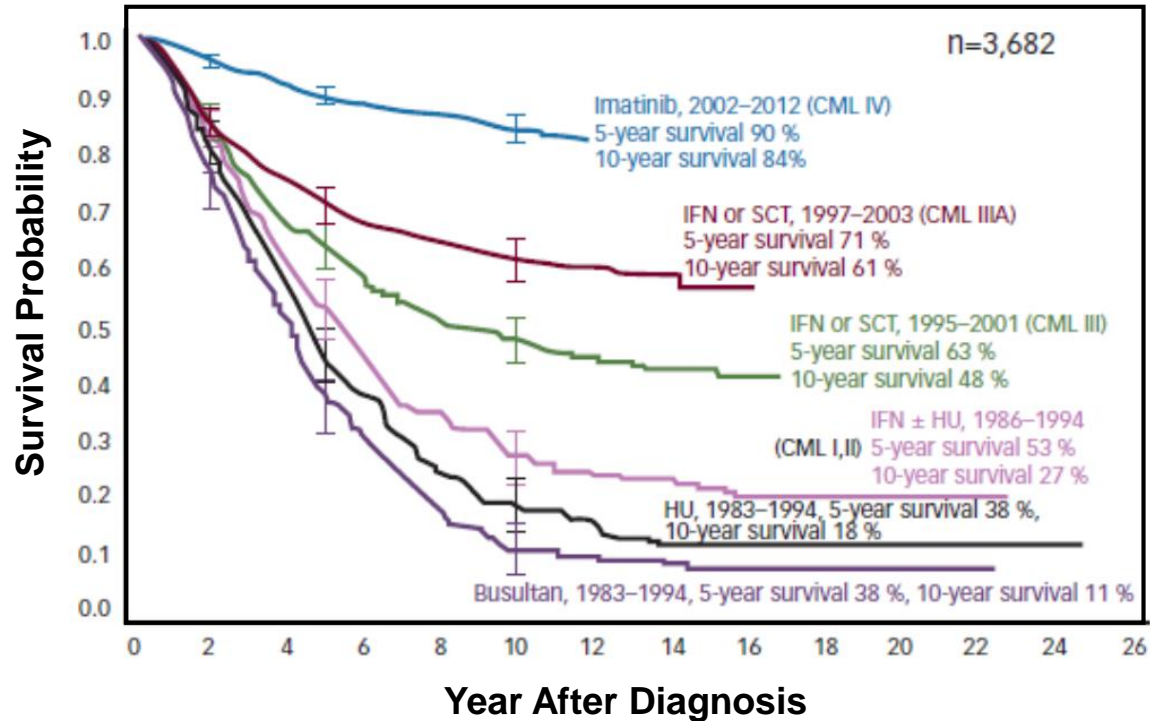
Screening, Prevention, Early Detection and Treatment in Breast Cancer Decreased Mortality Rate in the US



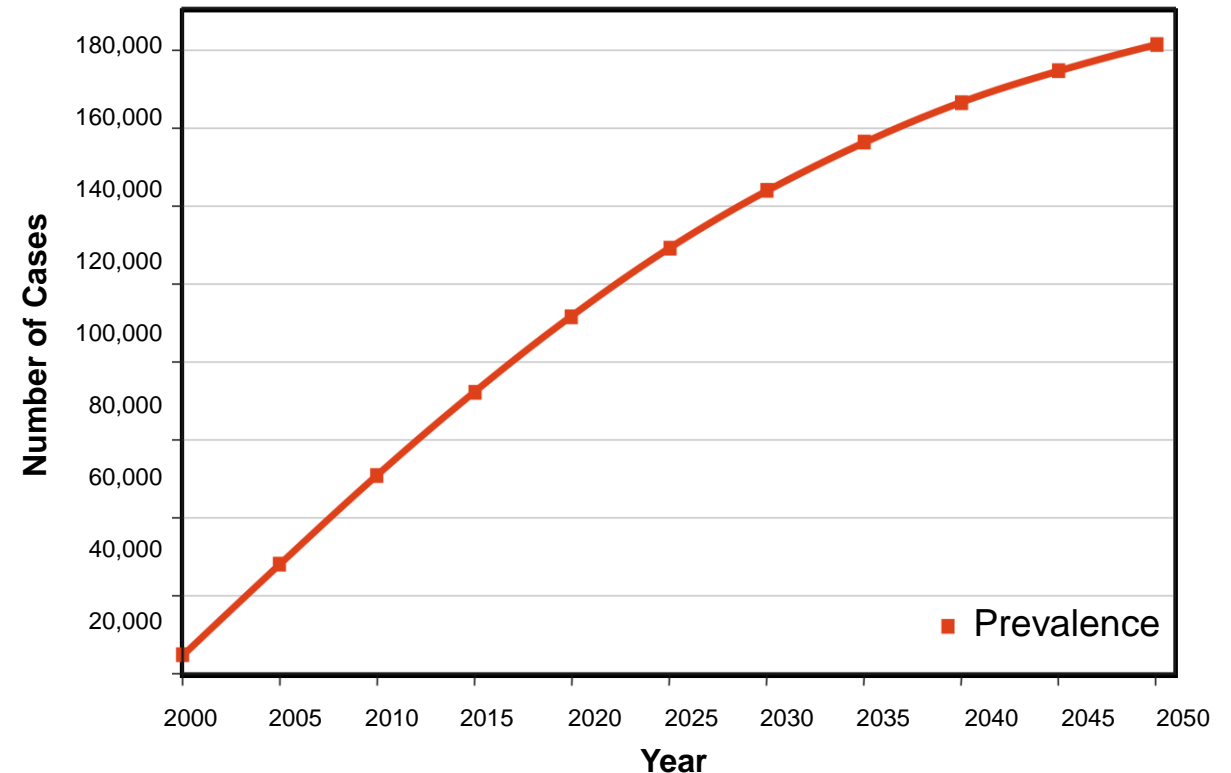
Treatment!

CML: Cancer as a Chronic Condition with Potential Cures

Survival with CML Over Time –
The German CML-Study Group Experience 9/2014*



Projected Growth in Prevalence of CML[†]

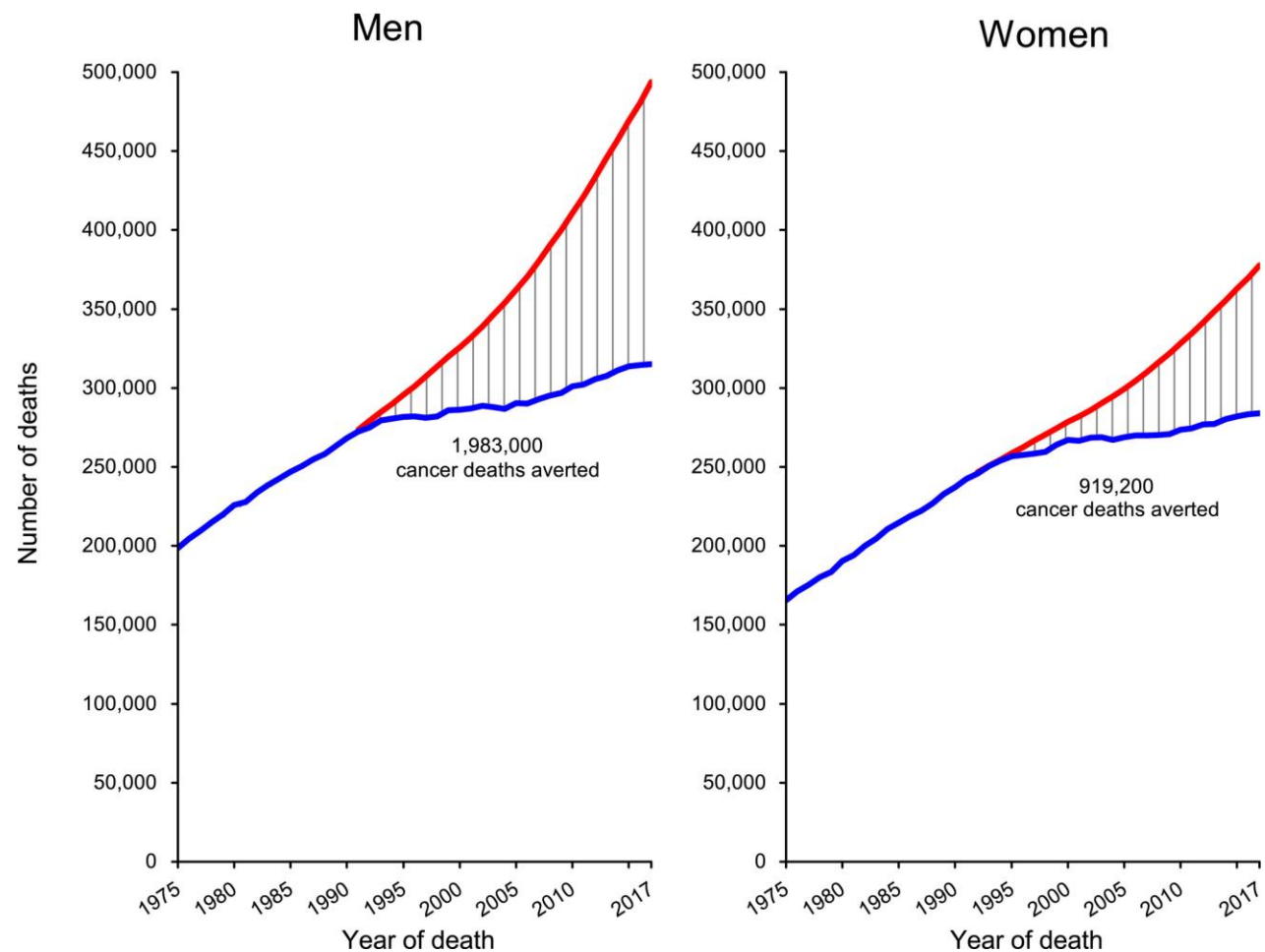


Nov 2019 Analysis of Nilotinib vs Imatinib showed over 40% improvement in molecular response at 10 years**
Newer Therapies Ibrutinib and Venetoclax expected to further change treatment paradigms in CLL

HU = hydroxyurea; IFN = interferon; SCT = stem cell transplantation. Survival with chronic myeloid leukaemia (CML) as observed in five consecutive randomised treatment options studies of the German CML Study Group 1983-2014. Kindly authorized by R Hehlmann.

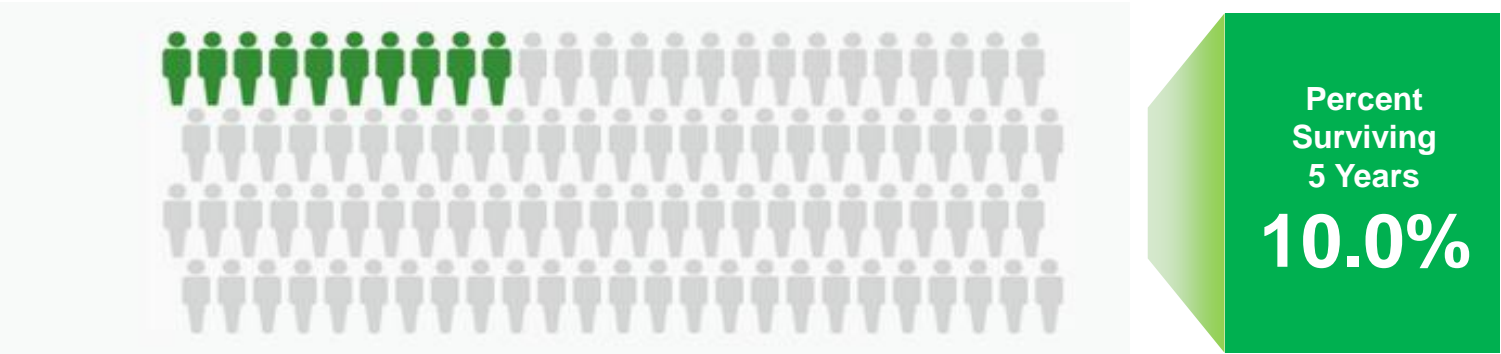
Unequivocal Progress

Over 2.9 M Cancer Deaths Averted in US in 25 Years From 1990 to 2017

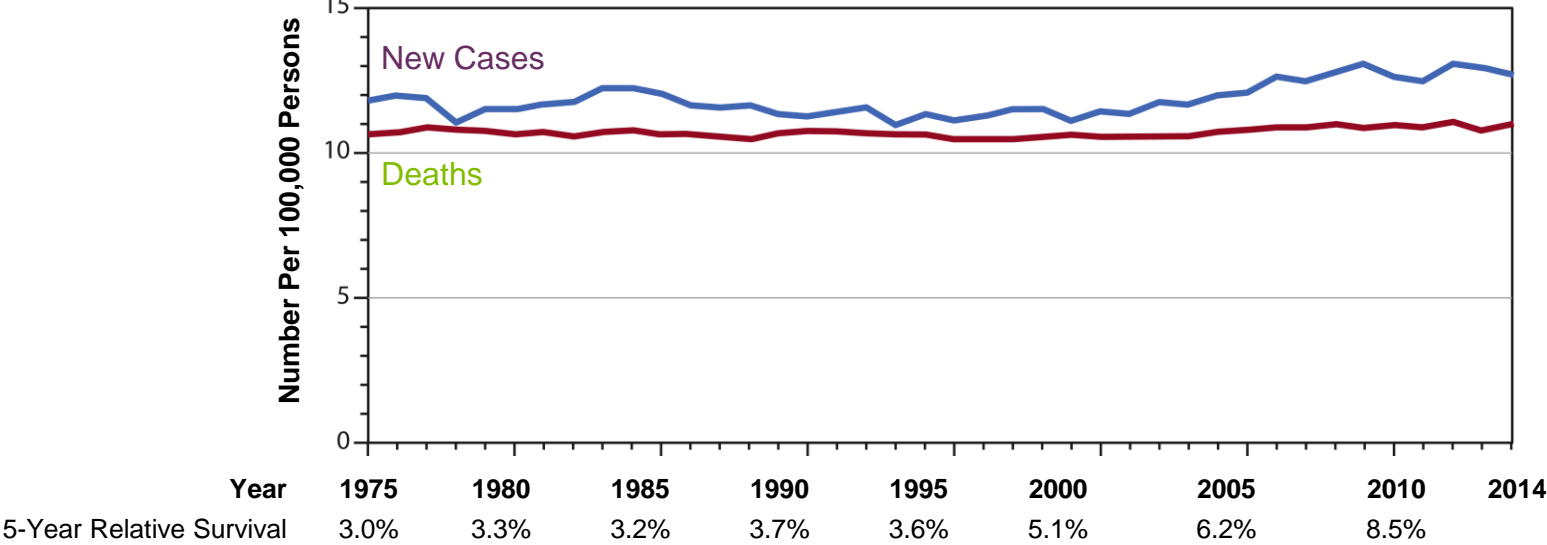


Despite Successes, We Have a Very Long Way to Go Minimal Progress Against Many Cancers

Pancreas Cancer 5 Year Survival in 2016*

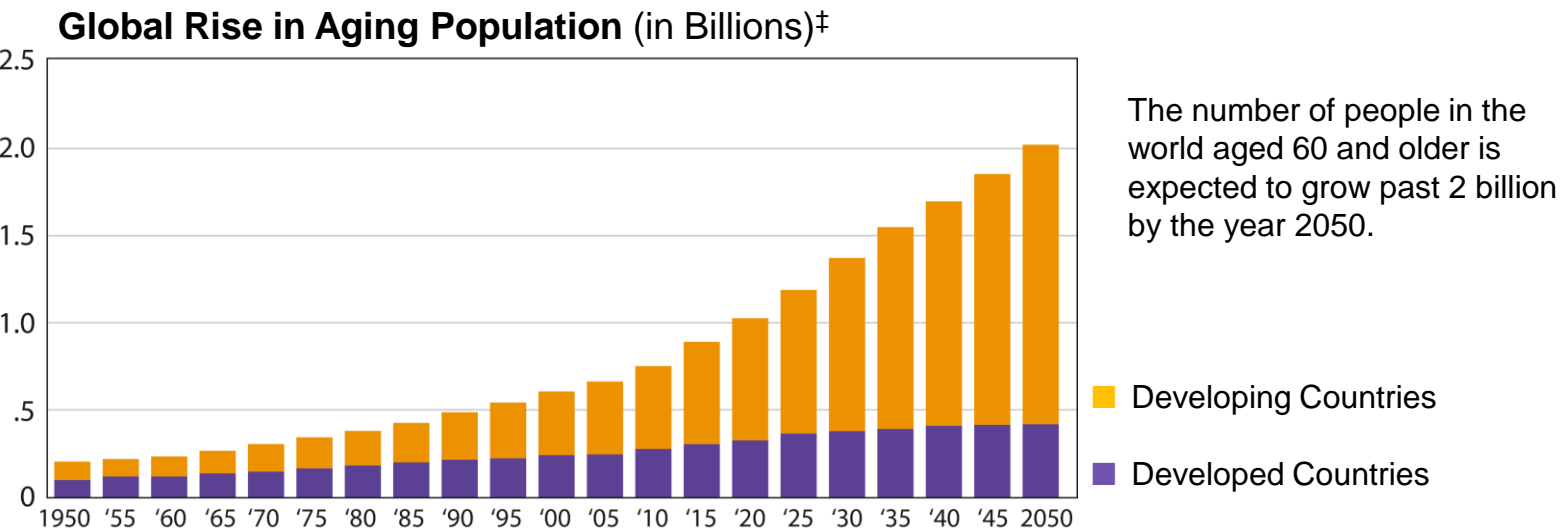
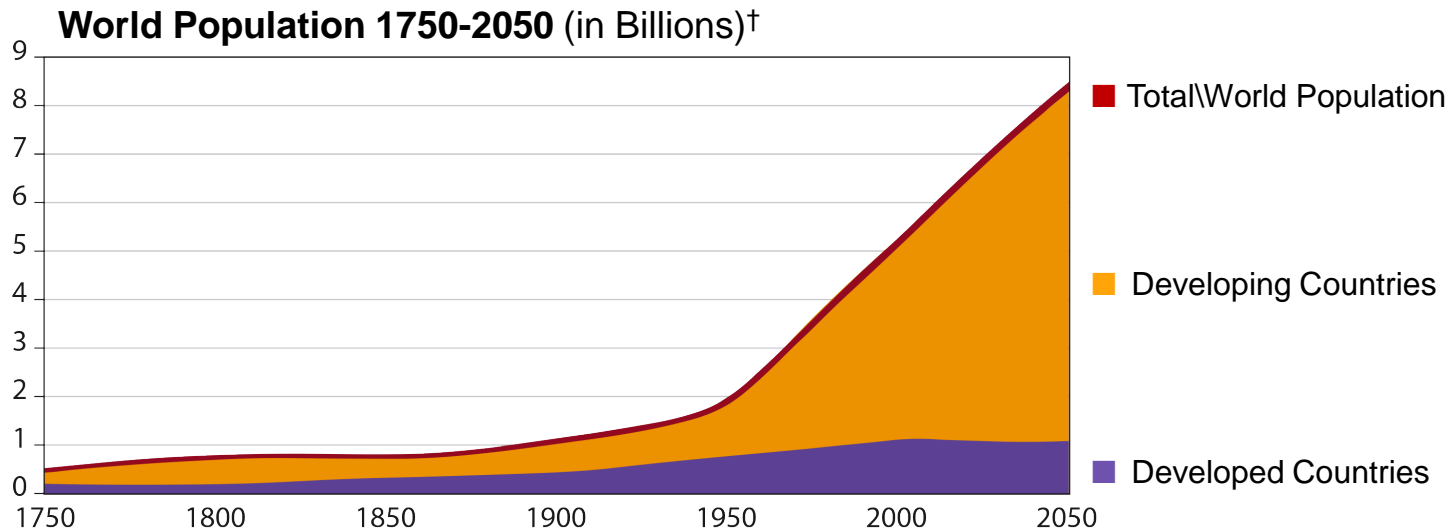
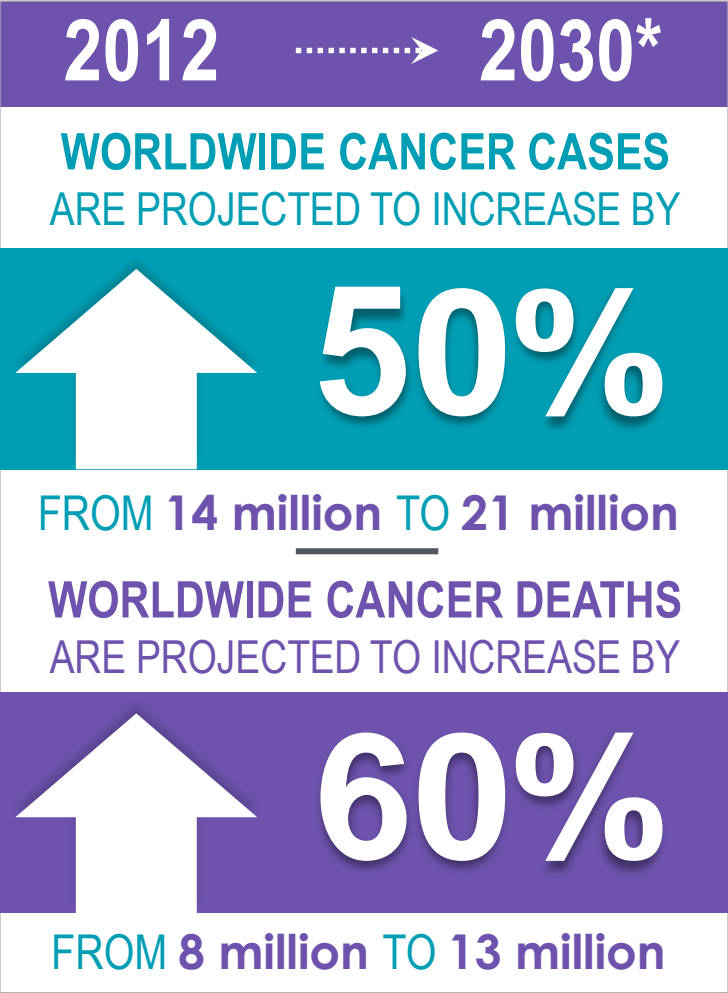


New Cases and 5-Year Survival over 40 Years†



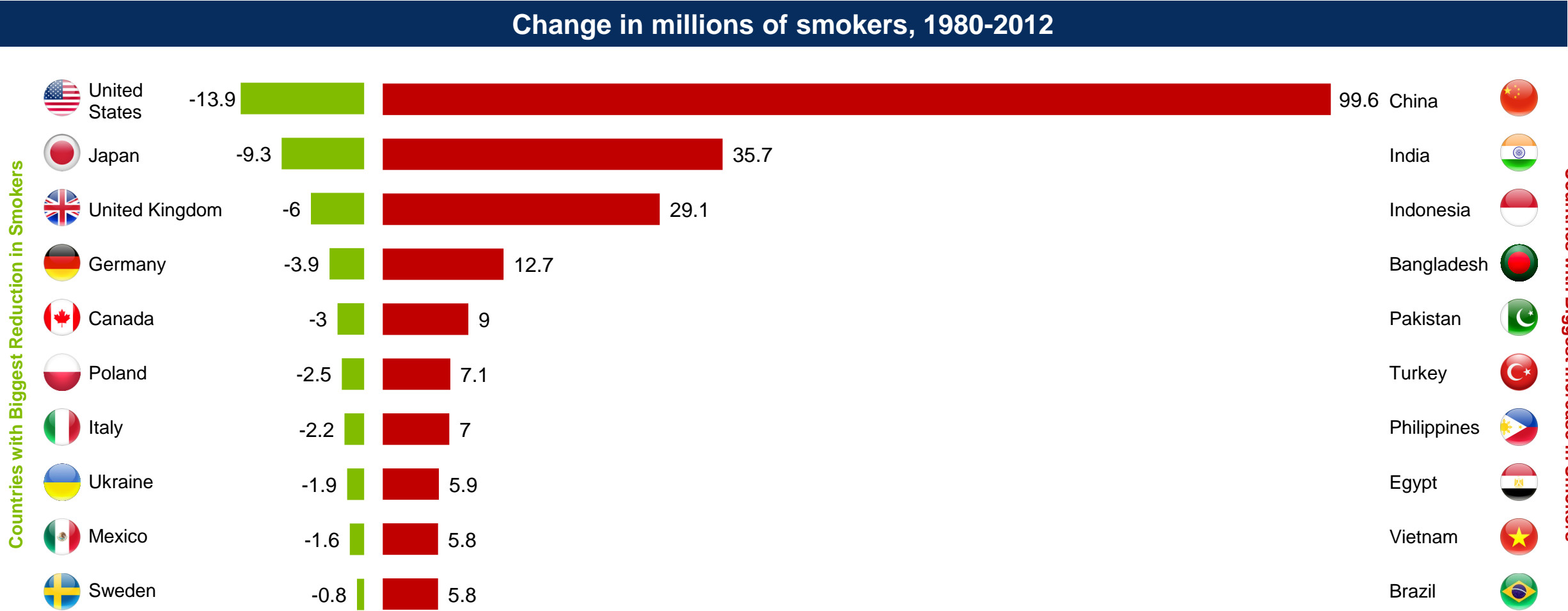
* Based on data from SEER 18 2010-2016. Gray figures represent those who have died from pancreatic cancer. Green figures represent those who have survived 5 years or more.
† SEER 9 Incidence & U.S. Mortality 1975-2014, All Races, Both Sexes, Rates are Age Adjusted.

AND, Global Cancer Outlook Is Grim

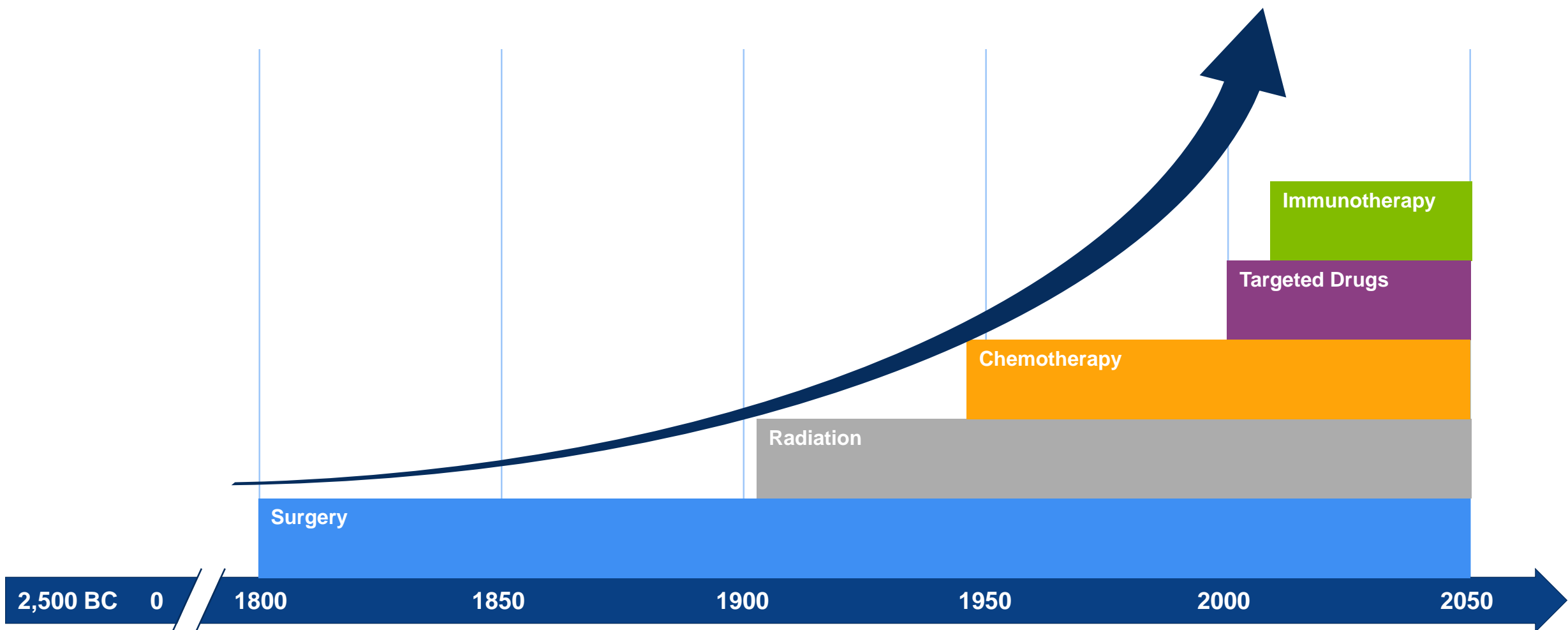


Unhealthy Lifestyle Changes in Developing Countries

Significant Increase in Smokers



Three Pillars of Cancer Treatment: Surgery, Radiation, Chemotherapy, Targeted Drugs, Immunotherapy



Immunotherapy Has Transformed the Treatment of Many Cancers, Advances From 2010+ Will Drive Progress for the next 25+ Years

New drug 'doubles survival rates for lung cancer patients' by helping the body detect and attack tumour cells

- New study shows immunotherapy could be better than chemotherapy
- Early results show it could double survival rates for common lung cancer
- Drug works by interfering with a protein that is found on tumour cells
- It reactivates the ability of the immune system to detect and kill disease


By [LIZZIE PARRY FOR MAILONLINE](#) 

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2018 Nobel Prize in Medicine
1500 Trials now underway
Annual revenue >\$7B

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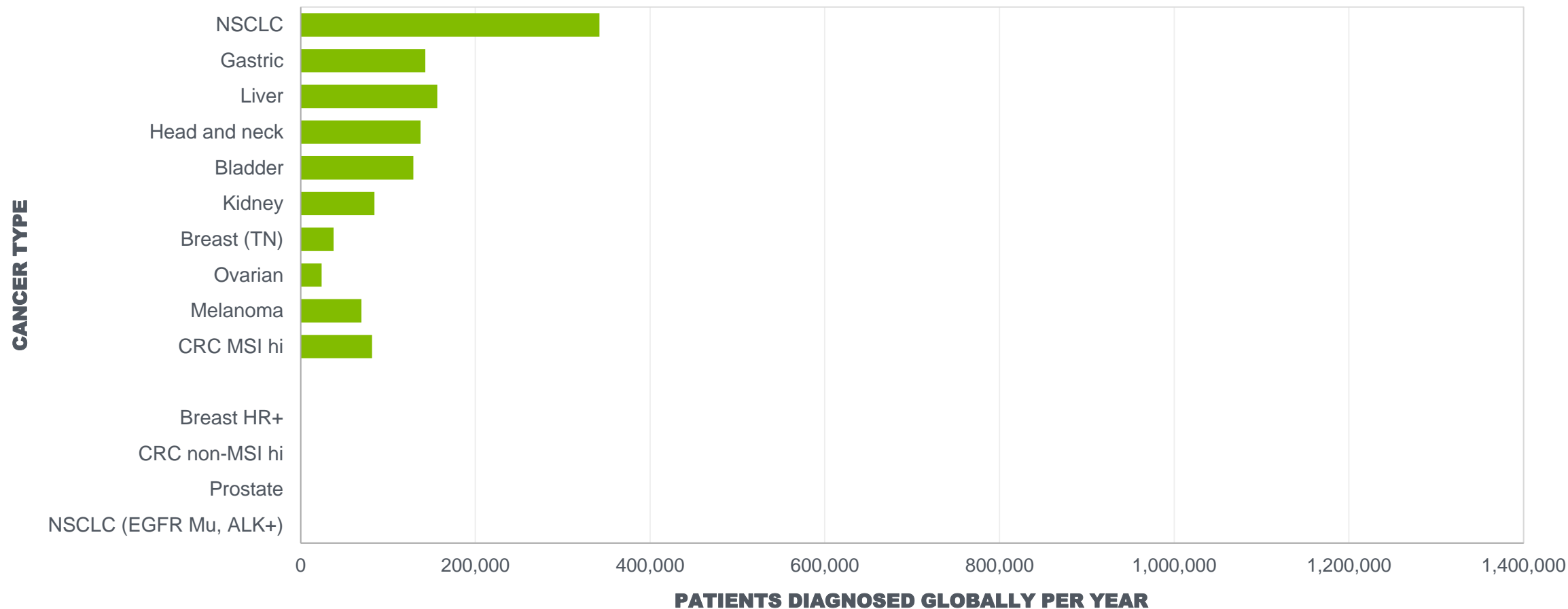
Long-term survival rates double for melanoma patients getting immunotherapy

By [Laurie McGinley](#) April 17, 2016  [Email the author](#)

The Power of Harnessing the Immune System!

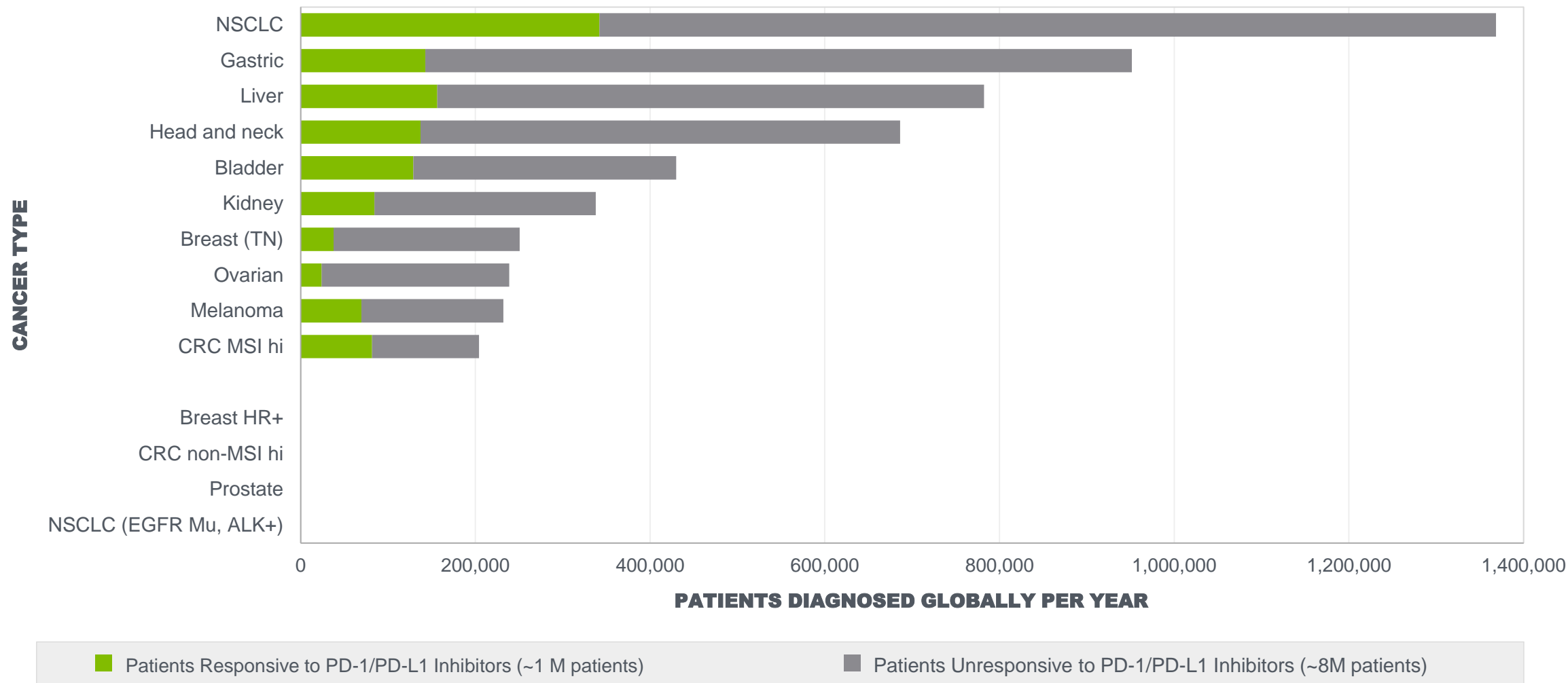


Checkpoint Inhibitors Can Generate an Effective Anti-Tumor Immune Response in Some Patients Across a Broad Range of Cancers

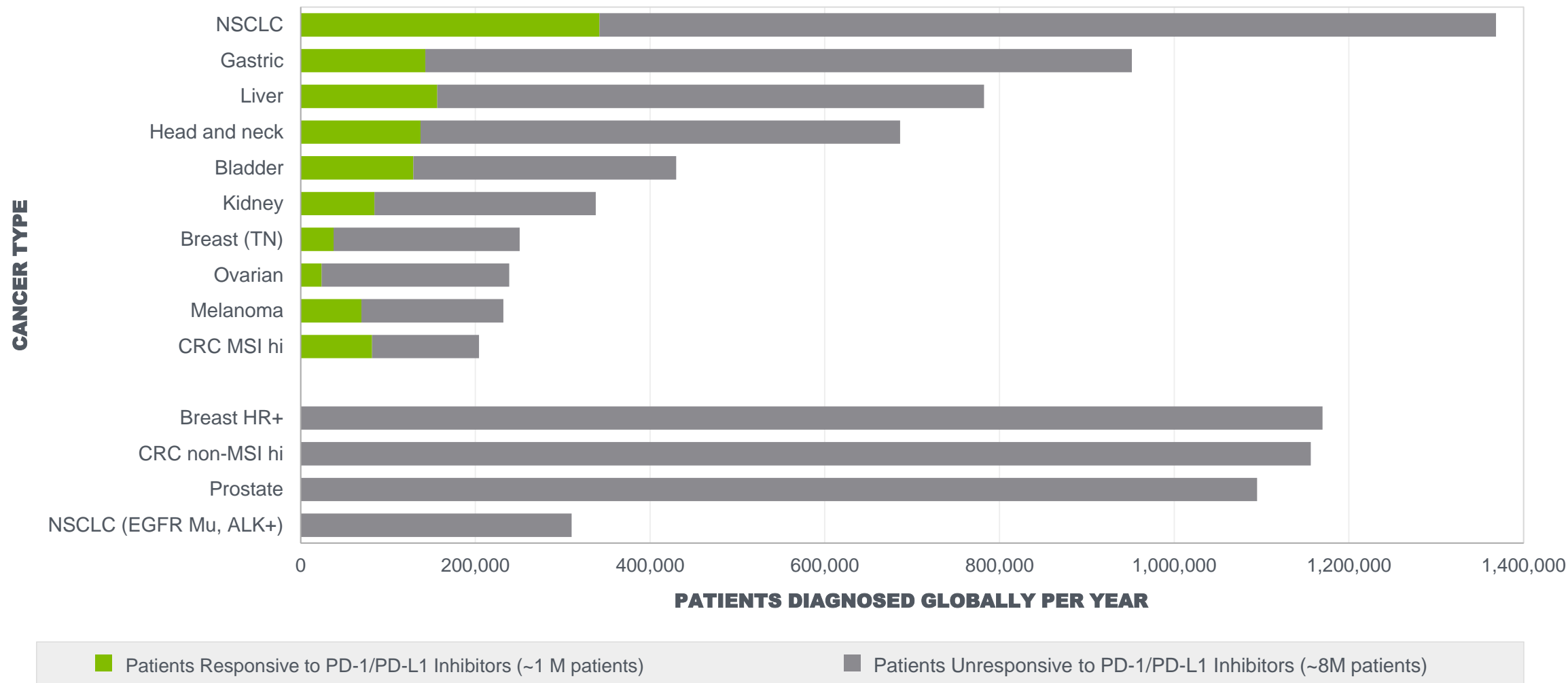


■ Patients Responsive to PD-1/PD-L1 Inhibitors (~1 M patients)

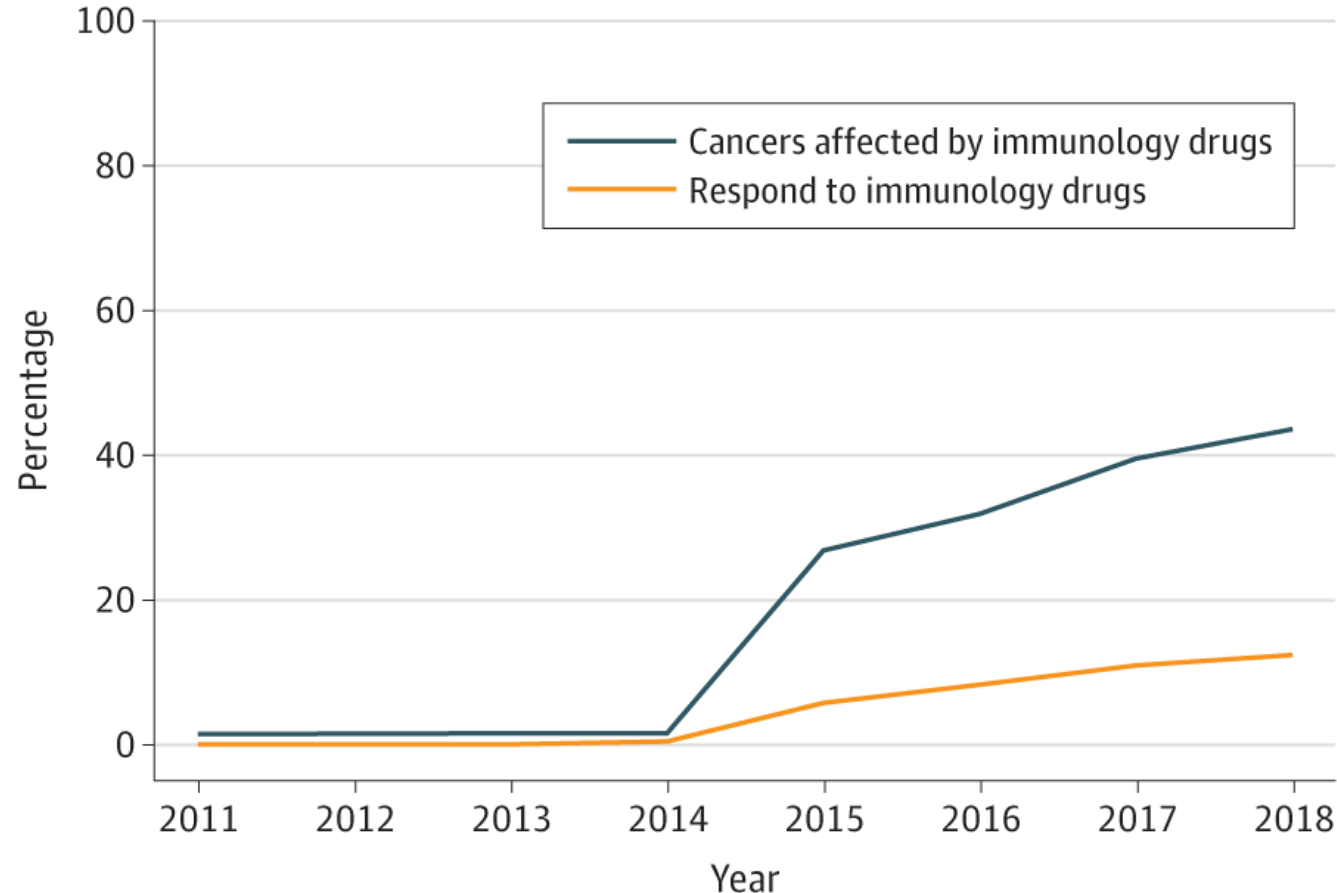
But an Effective Immune Response is Not Generated in Most Patients



Growing Evidence that BOTH ‘Enabling’ Effectors and ‘Suppressing’ Suppressors Are Necessary to Generate Clinically Meaningful Immune Responses



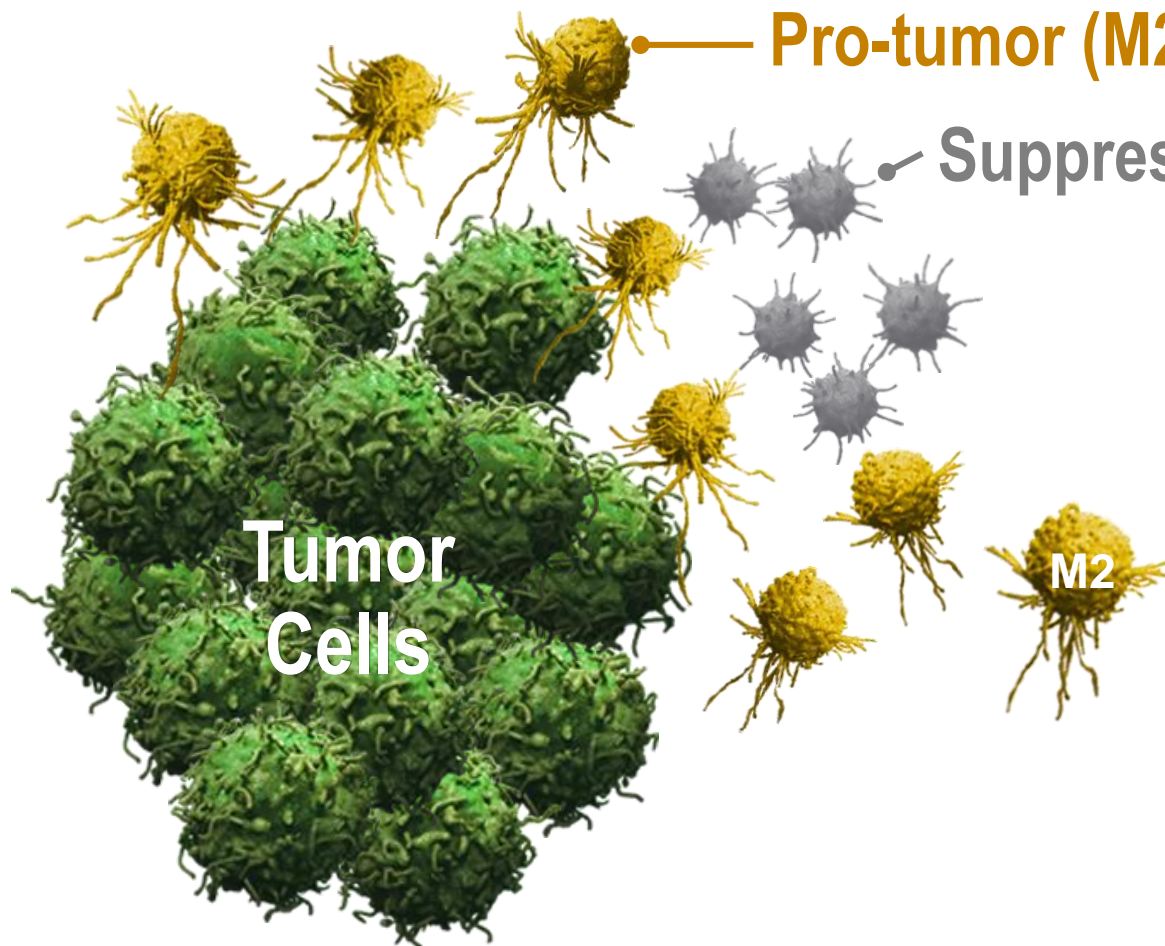
Estimation of the Percentage of US Patients With Cancer Who Are Eligible for and Respond to Checkpoint Inhibitor Immunotherapy Drugs (2011-2018)



- As of 2019, only 13% of US cancer patients are eligible to receive and are likely to respond to Checkpoint inhibitor therapy (CPI)
- Characteristics of responders vs non-responders MUST be identified to develop better treatment options for the 87% not currently benefitting from CPI

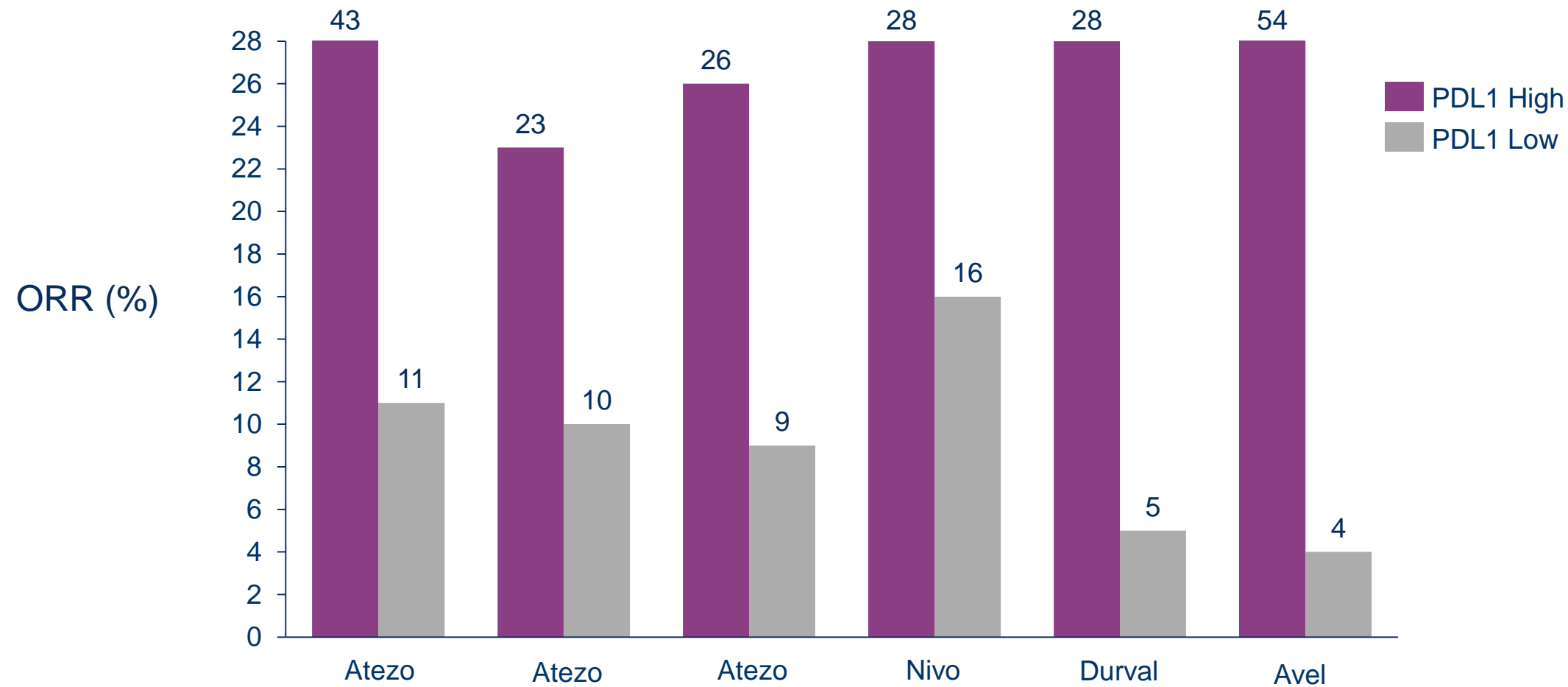
Why Aren't Checkpoint Inhibitors Effective in More Patients?

Tumor Associated Macrophages/MDSCs Suppress Anti-Tumor T Cell Immune Responses



- Macrophage mediated suppression of T Cells reduces expansion and activation of T Cells and dampens γ -IFN Mediated Immune Response
- Results in “Cold” Tumor Microenvironment characterized by low levels of tumor PDL1 expression and less responsiveness to checkpoint inhibitor therapy

Post Platinum Metastatic Bladder Cancer Patients with Low PDL1 Expression Levels Do Not Respond As Well to Checkpoint Inhibitors

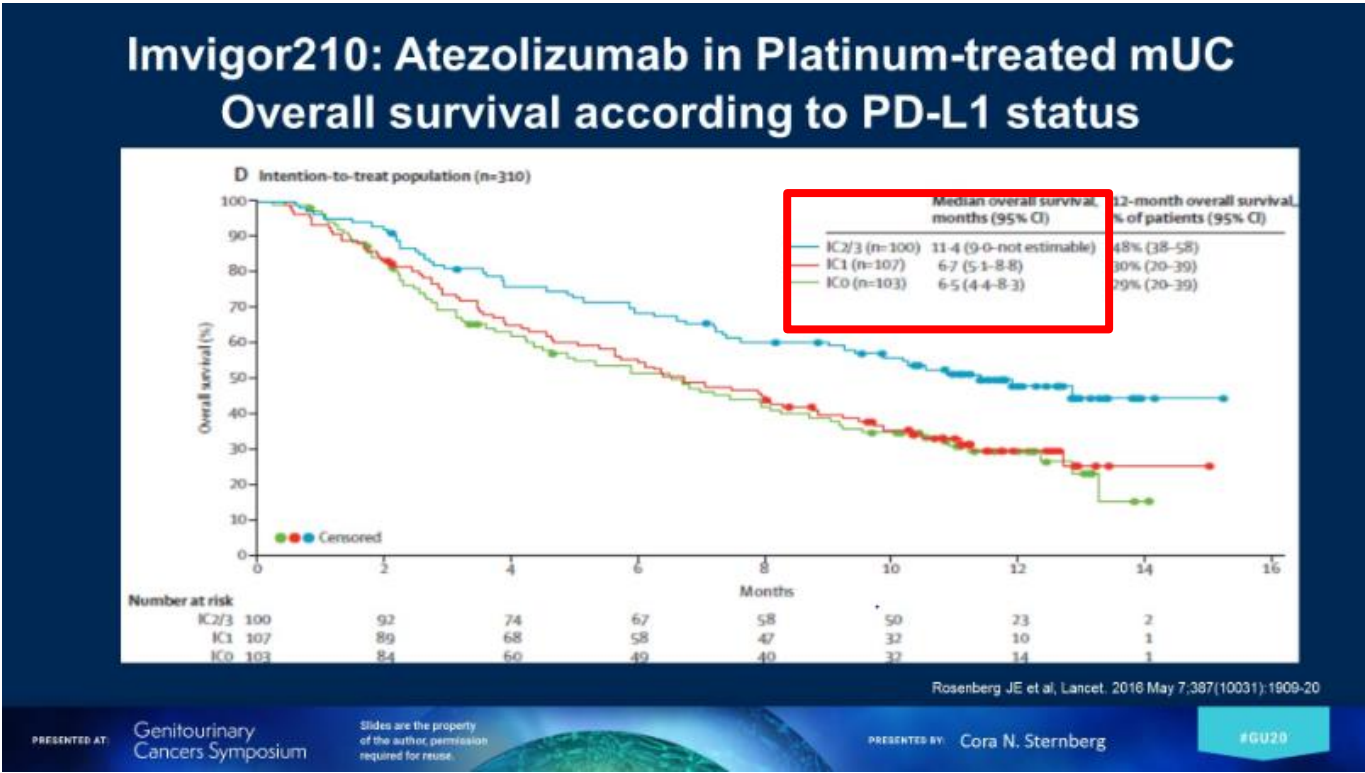


Notes:
From Biomarkers of Immunotherapy in urothelial and renal cell carcinoma: PD-L1, tumor mutational burden, and beyond
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assay used for Avel: 73-10 (Dako)

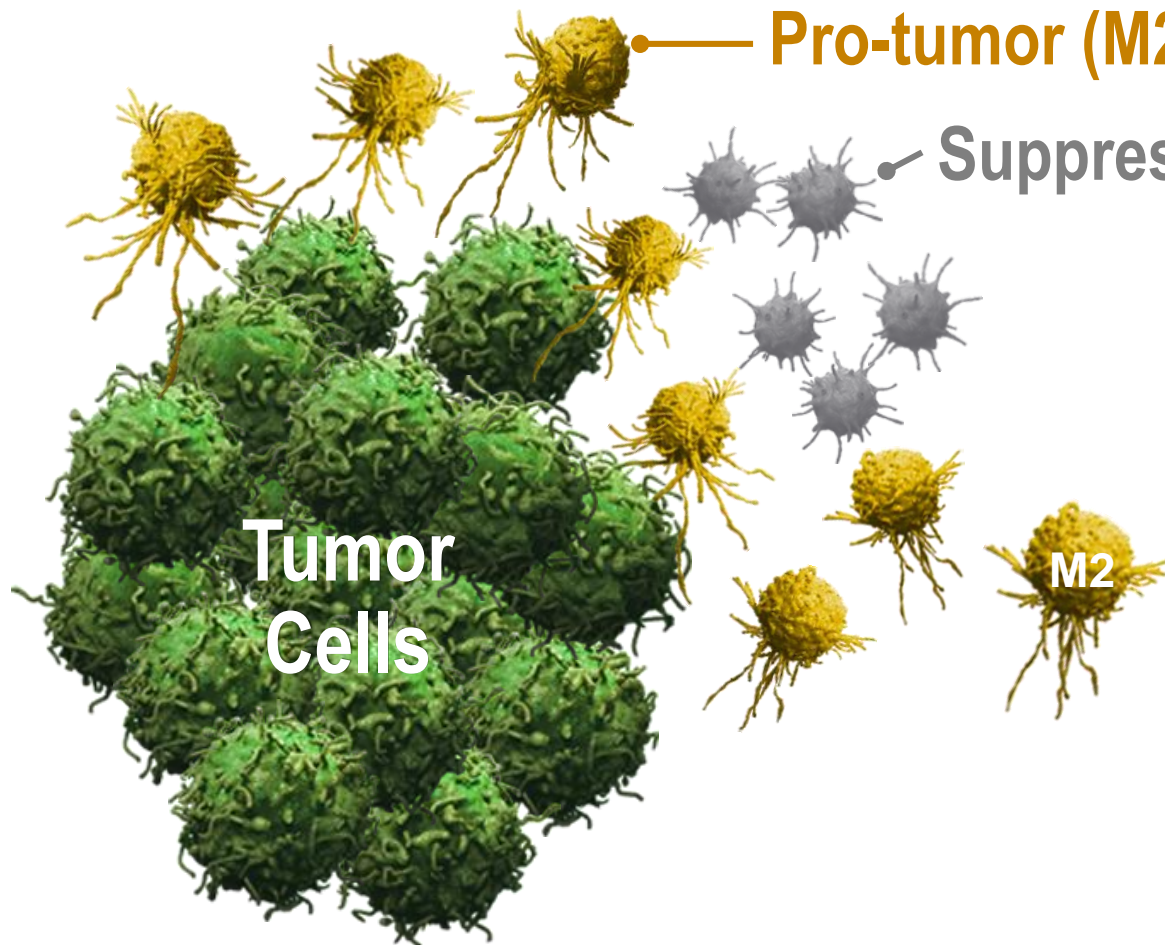
~Doubling of Overall Survival in Bladder Cancer Patients with Higher PDL1 Expression Levels, Better Treatments Needed for PDL1 Low Patients

CheckMate 275: Opdivo Patient Benefit According to PDL1 Status in 2L Platinum-Treated mUC Patients

	ORR	DCR	Median OS (mo.)	Median PFS (mo.)
All (n=270)	21% (16-26)	41% (36-48)	8.6 (6.1–11.3)	1.94 [1.87, 2.33]
PDL1 ≥1%	26% (18-34)	52% (42-61%)	11.9 (9.1–19.1)	3.45 [1.91, 3.71]
PDL1 <1%	16% (11-23%)	33% (25-41%)	6.0 (4.4–8.1)	1.87 [1.74, 2.00]



How to Address the Problem Pro-Tumor Macrophages Suppressing Immune Responses and Limiting the Effectiveness of Checkpoint Inhibitors



- Macrophage mediated suppression of T Cells reduces expansion and activation of T Cells and dampens γ -IFN Mediated Immune Response
- PI3K- γ signaling plays a key role in programming macrophages to the pro-tumor M2 phenotype driving the immunosuppressive function of these cells¹
- Targeting PI3K- γ in myeloid cells shown to re-program macrophages; relieving suppression, activating T cells, generating an immune response that can then be enhanced by checkpoint inhibitors¹

New Discoveries on The Role of PI3K- γ in Programming Macrophages

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PI3K γ is a molecular switch that controls immune suppression

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Macrophages play critical, but opposite, roles in acute and chronic inflammation and cancer^{1–5}. In response to pathogens or injury, inflammatory macrophages express cytokines that stimulate cytotoxic T cells, whereas macrophages in neoplastic and parasitic diseases express anti-inflammatory cytokines that induce immune suppression and may promote resistance to T cell checkpoint inhibitors^{1–7}. Here we show that macrophage PI 3-kinase γ controls a critical switch between immune stimulation and suppression during inflammation and cancer. PI3K γ signalling through Akt and mTOR inhibits NF κ B activation while stimulating C/EBP β activation, thereby inducing a transcriptional program that promotes immune suppression during inflammation and tumour growth. By contrast, selective inactivation of macrophage PI3K γ stimulates and prolongs

upon exposure to antigens (Fig. 1i–k), responses to T cell checkpoint inhibitors (TG101208) (P < 0.05, n = 5) and growth of tumours and HPV-induced carcinomas. Extended data Fig. 1 (Extended Data Fig. 1) shows growth and

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Overcoming resistance to checkpoint blockade therapy by targeting PI3K γ in myeloid cells

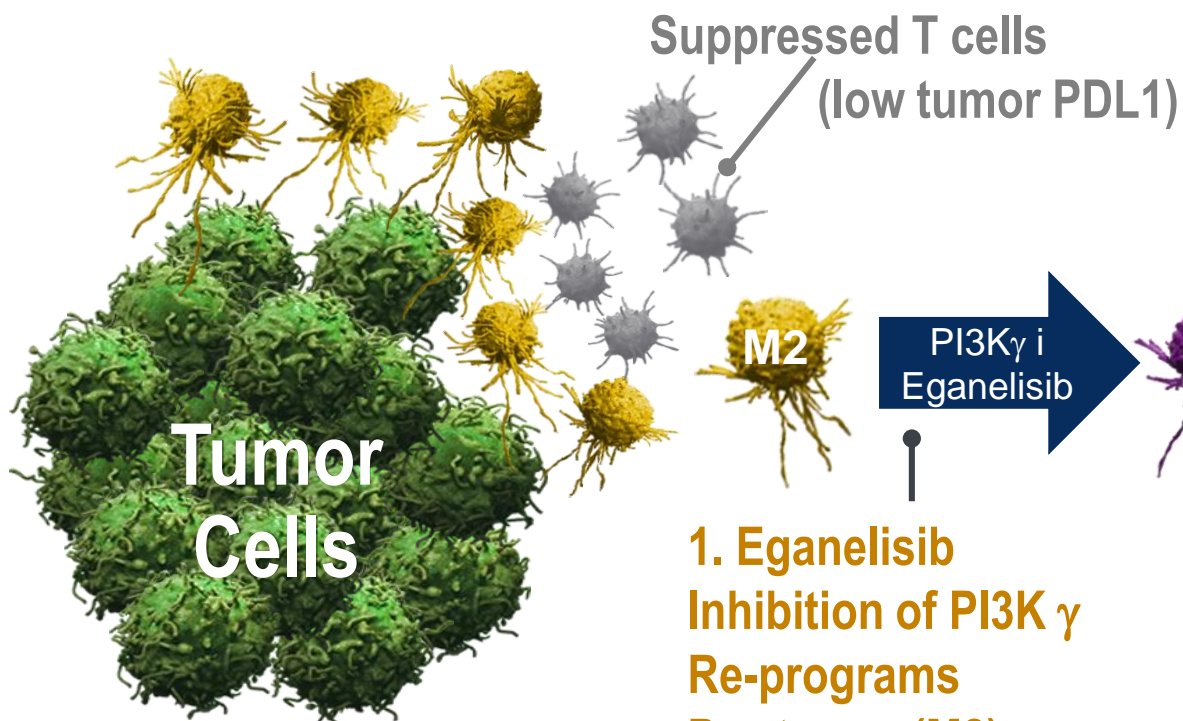
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Recent clinical trials using immunotherapy have demonstrated its potential to control cancer by disinhibiting the immune system. Immune checkpoint blocking (ICB) antibodies against cytotoxic-T-lymphocyte-associated protein 4 or programmed cell death protein 1/programmed death-ligand 1 have displayed durable clinical responses in various cancers¹. Although these new immunotherapies have had a notable effect on cancer treatment, multiple mechanisms of immune resistance exist in tumours. Among the key mechanisms, myeloid cells have a major role in limiting effective tumour immunity^{2–4}. Growing evidence suggests that high infiltration of immune-suppressive myeloid cells correlates with poor prognosis and ICB resistance^{5,6}. These observations

but contain more activated CD8⁺ T cells (Fig. 1b, c). Additionally, CD8⁺ T cells express more granzyme B in the B16-F10 model. They also express higher levels of PD-1 and CTLA4 (Fig. 1c, data not shown), which might explain their sensitivity to ICB. Furthermore, myeloid cells from 4T1 tumours or spleens suppress proliferation of T cells to a greater extent compared to myeloid cells from B16-F10 models (Fig. 1d and Extended Data Fig. 1b). These data suggest that TAMCs have varying phenotypes and are more suppressive in ICB-resistant tumours. Tumour-derived soluble factors such as granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor (GM-CSF) help shape the tumour microenvironment by promoting myelopoiesis and recruitment of suppressive myeloid cells^{12,13}. To directly assess the ability

PI3K- γ Inhibition Reprograms Macrophages, Turning Tumor MicroEnvironment (TME) from “Cold” To “Hot”

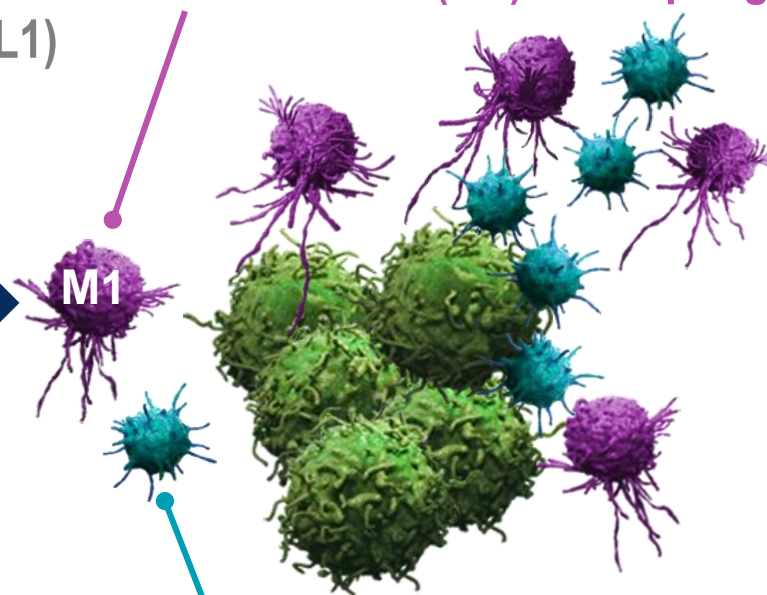
TME “COLD” Tumors



1. Eganalisib
Inhibition of PI3K γ
Re-programs
Pro-tumor (M2)
Macrophages/MDSCs
to Anti-Tumor (M1)
Function

TME “HOT” Tumors

Anti-tumor (M1) Macrophages/Activated Myeloid Cells



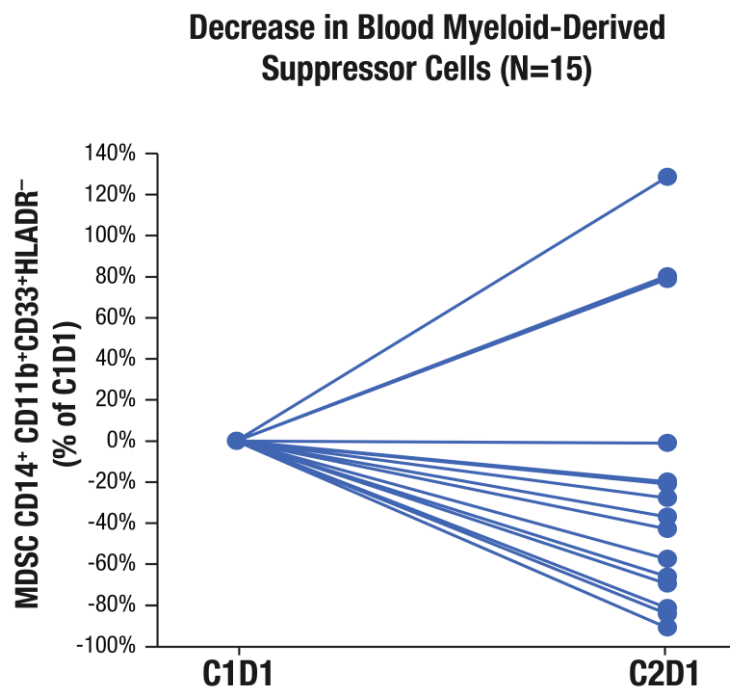
2. Relieves Macrophage Suppression, Expands Activated T Cells and Generates γ -IFN Mediated Immune Response

3. Up-Regulates PDL1 to Blunt T Cell Response

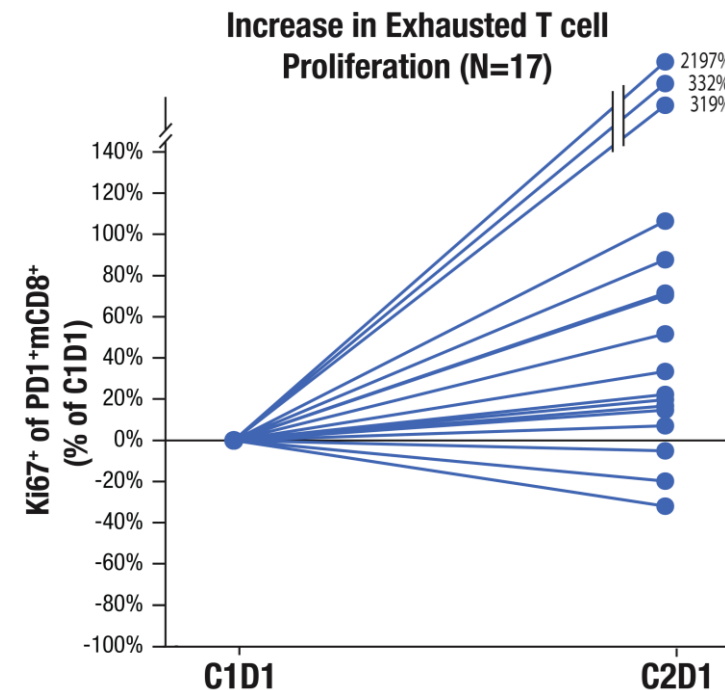
4. Enhances Response to CPI, Overcomes CPI Resistance

1. Eganelisib Inhibition of PI3K- γ Re-programs Pro-tumor (M2) Macrophages/MDSCs to Anti-Tumor (M1) Function Which:

2. Relieves Macrophage Suppression of T Cells



2. Expands Activated T Cells and Generates γ -IFN Mediated Immune Response

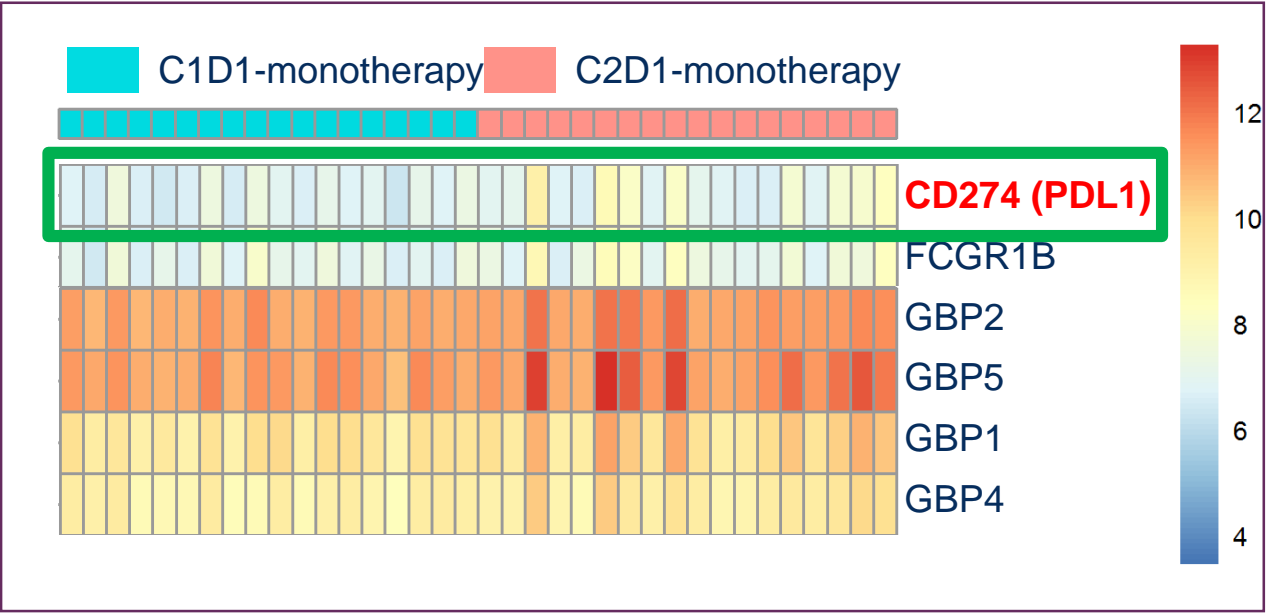


2. Eganelisib Reduces Macrophage Suppression, Expands Activated T Cells and Generates γ -IFN Mediated Immune Response Which:

3. Upregulates PDL1 Expression, Increasing Importance of Check Point Inhibitors to Enhance Responses

IFN- γ - responsive genes	Fold increase at C2D1	P value
CD274 (PDL1)	2.4	3.5×10^{-5}
FCGR1B	1.8	1.5×10^{-3}
GBP2	1.5	5.6×10^{-4}
GBP5	2.3	1.3×10^{-4}
GBP1	2.0	1.9×10^{-4}
GBP4	1.7	9.4×10^{-4}

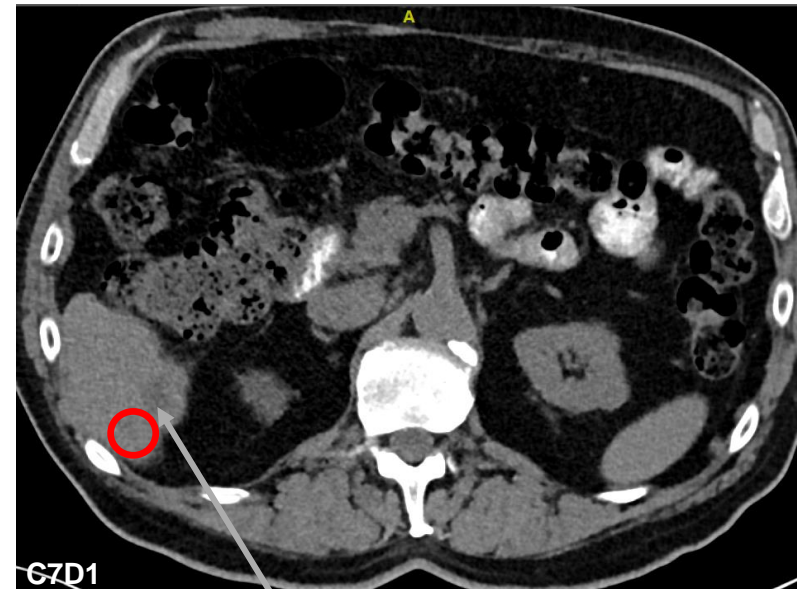
RNA Seq peripheral blood across all dose levels



The above interferon- γ -responsive genes were among the top 30 most significantly differentially expressed genes

3. Eganelisib Mediated Relief of Immune Suppression Activates an Immune Response Which:

4. Enhances Responses to Checkpoint inhibitors, Overcomes CPI Resistance



Cycle (C) = 28 days Resolving hematoma caused by biopsy

Courtesy of Bartosz Chmielowski, MD, PhD, University of California Los Angeles.

- Patient A: 71 yo male with stage I BRAF WT Melanoma
- Single lung metastasis after 3 doses of Opdivo, continued on nivolumab therapy
 - Subsequent progression with new lung and liver lesions
- Extensive disease in lungs and liver at study start
- Normalization of LDH 528 → 211 (ULN 256) and PR (-40% tumor reduction of target lesions) observed at C7D1
- Remains on study after > 8 months with confirmed PR as best response

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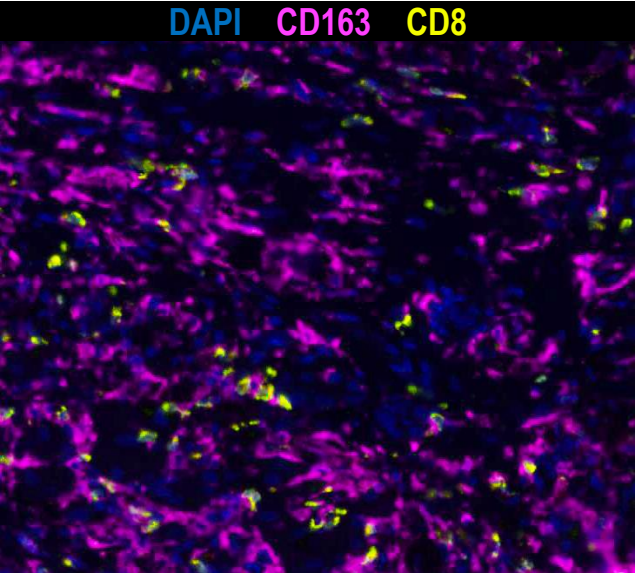
4. Eganelisib Overcomes Resistance to Checkpoint Inhibitors, On-Mechanism Activity

Melanoma Patient A progressing with new liver and lung lesions after 3 Opdivo cycles

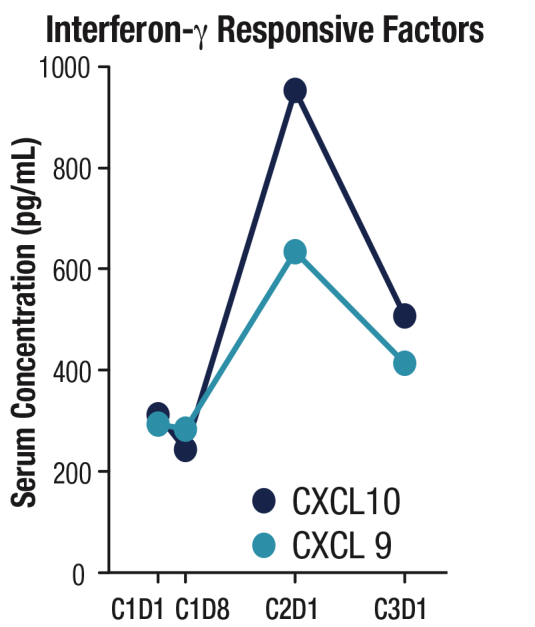
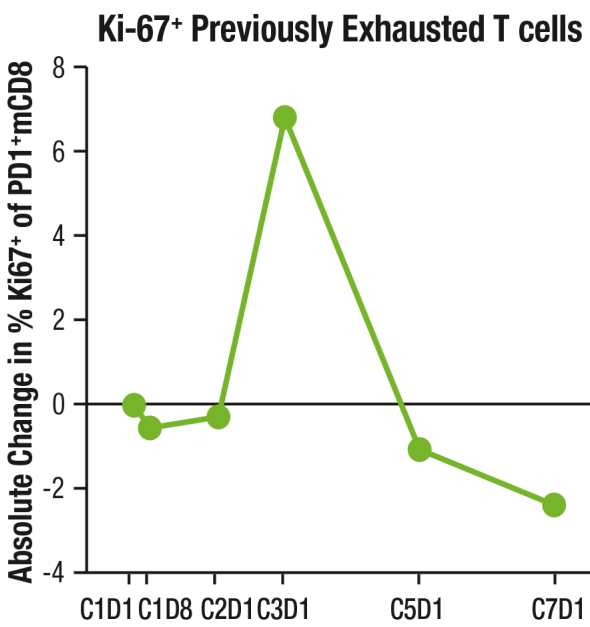
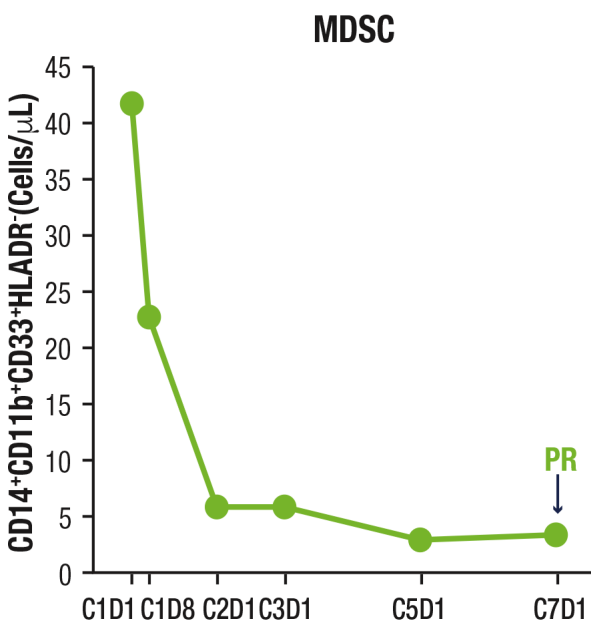
Eganelisib Macrophage Re-programming Relieves Macrophage Suppression of T Cells

Expands Activated T Cells

Generates γ -IFN Mediated Immune Response



High levels of immunosuppressive M2 macrophages (CD163⁺ in purple) and adjacent cytotoxic T cells (CD8⁺ in yellow) in tumor observed at baseline.



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MARIO-275: Global, Randomized, Blinded Trial of Eganelisib in mUC

Designed to Show Benefit of Adding Eganelisib to Improve Outcomes for Patients Currently Underserved by Standard of Care

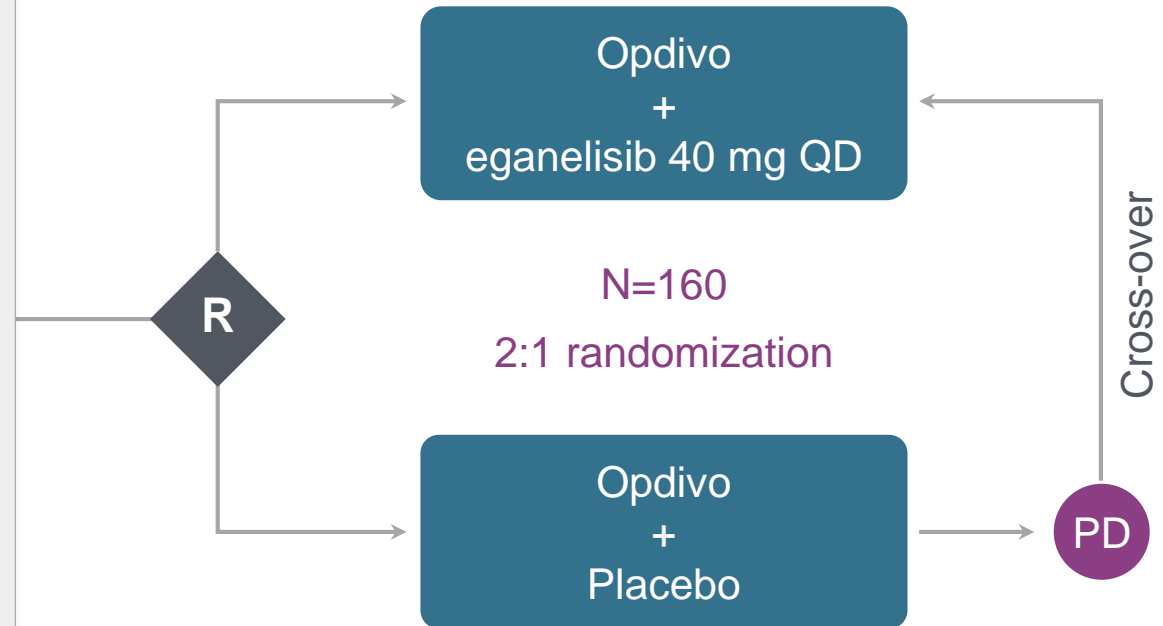
Advanced Platinum Refractory 2nd Line Urothelial Cancer Patients

- Incl/excl criteria per CheckMate-275
- MDSC all comers (stratified)
- PDL1 status all comers (non-stratified)

Primary objective: ORR in MDSC High

Secondary objectives: DOR, PFS, OS, ORR in Total population + MDSC subset

CheckMate-275: ORR 20.7%, mPFS 1.9 months
mOS (8.6 months)

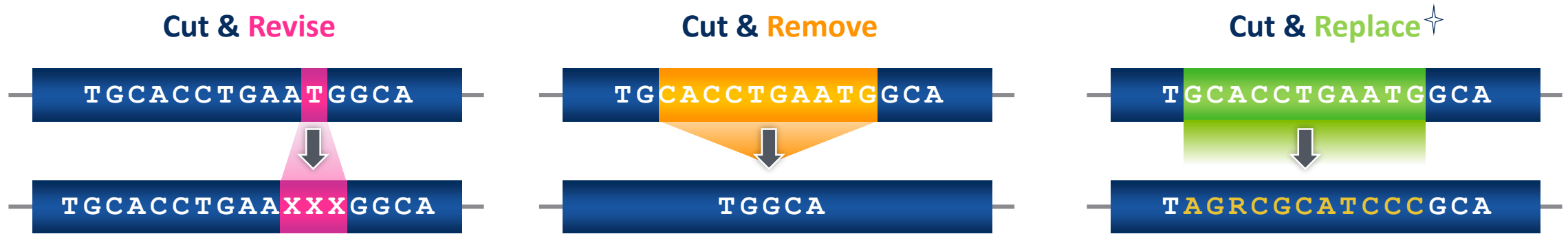


Tremendous Opportunity to Take Immuno-Oncology Therapy to the Next Level

- Studies Must Identify Those Patients Most/Less Likely to Benefit, and to Experience Side Effects, From Specific Therapies
 - Tumor Biopsies and Translational Medicine Are Essential
- The Evolutionary Nature of Cancer and the Heterogeneity of Tumors Increases this Challenge
- There is a Significant Effort Across Academia and Industry to Identify Accurate, Predictive Biomarkers to Meet This Challenge
- Outputs from Genomics, Transcriptomics, Proteomics, Metabolomics, as well as Exploring Discreet Blood Niches and Circulating Tumor Cells, Will Be Extremely In Realizing the Full Value of Immuno-Oncology and Increasing the Effectiveness of Drug Development

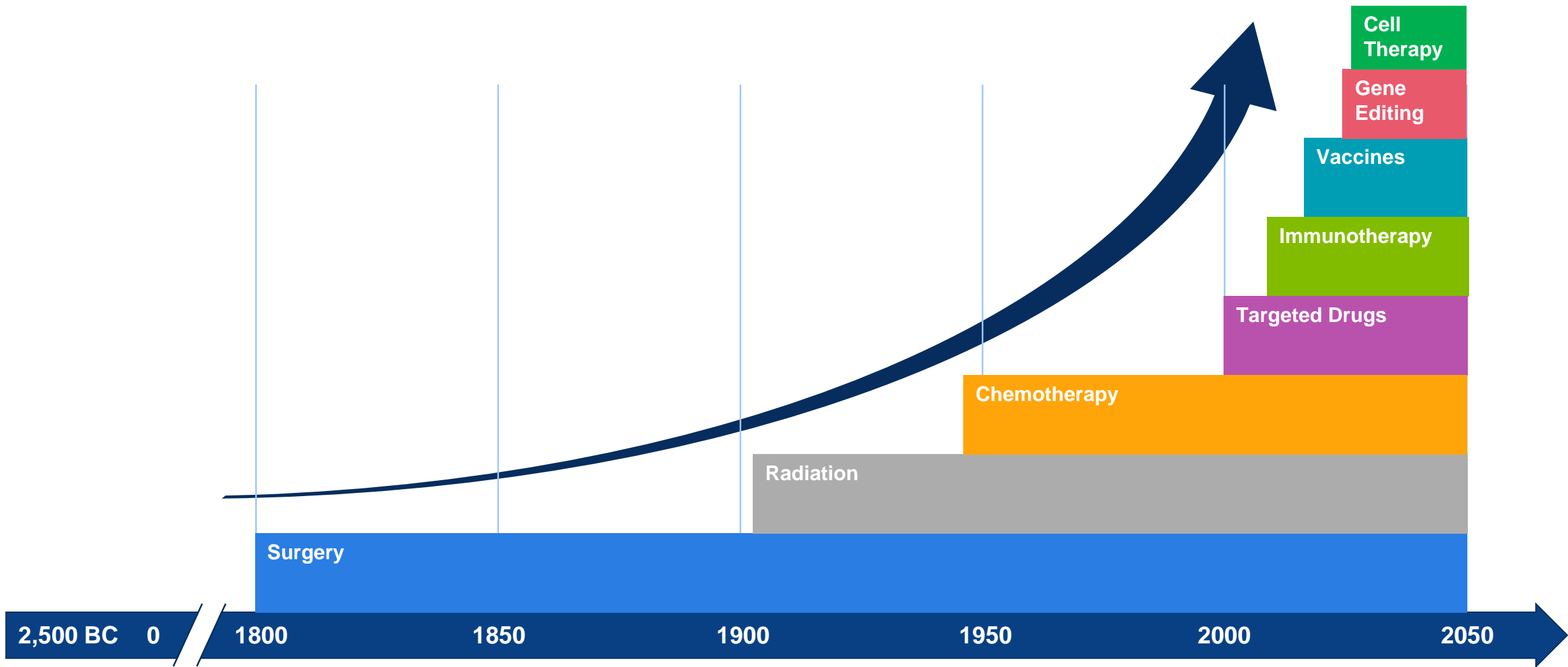
Dramatic Scientific and Medical Advances Are Further Leveraging the Bodies Immune System to Win the Evolutionary Battle Against Cancer

- Vaccines
 - Two vaccines approved Provenge (prostate) and Imlygic (melanoma) and many more in development
- Gene Editing: Addressing the Root Cause of Diseases Caused by Mutations in Our DNA and Repairing Broken Genes: Multiple Gene Editing Programs in Clinical Studies



- Cell Therapy
 - CAR-T (Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cells): Using Your own Cells to Identify Cancer and Activate a T Cell Response
 - First Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells Derived Therapies for 'Off the Shelf' Delivery of T Cell and NK Therapies to Large Number of Patients Now in Clinical Studies

Incredible Acceleration in Advances Over Just Last 20 Years! Pace of Ongoing Innovation is Critical to Tackling the Global Challenges Ahead



Daring to Believe in a Cure, and Why the Belief is Justified

Why is cancer such a hard problem?

Very complex, evolutionary problem

How are we doing in the fight against cancer?

Unequivocal progress.... with a long way to go!

Is a cure realistic?

Absolutely!

Enabled by unprecedented technological advances

**Daring to Believe and Committed
to Finding a Cure for all!**

