### Role of Stem Cell Transplantation in Multiple Myeloma: The Changing Landscape

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# Why Transplant in the Era of Novel Therapy?

- Safe (TRM <2%)
- Highest CR rates before novel agents
- Higher CR rates when used in combination with novel agents
- Mature data on the durability of response
- Longer PFS and better QOL in patients receiving Auto HCT early
- Comparable cumulative cost

	G-CSF Mob. + ASCT	Revlimid +Velcade +Dex (6 cycles)	Velcade + Dex (6 cycles)
Cost	155K	150K	126K

### **AutoSCT in Outpatient Setting**



Outpatient clinic

#### Multiple Myeloma Treatment Lines in Transplant-Eligible Patients Current Paradigm



National Comprehensive Cancer Network. The NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology Multiple Myeloma (Version 1.2011). http://www.nccn.org/. Accessed October 13, 2010.

### Early Myeloablative Therapy in Autologous BM Transplant Patients



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# THE TRANSPLANT QUESTIONS FOR 2012

- Focusing on reducing burden of treatment
  - Does everybody need triple therapy induction?
    - Would a doublet (Rd or Vd) be sufficient for standard risk disease?
    - Is VRD the new standard?
      - No randomized trial data available
  - Optimal duration of induction?
    - 2 cycles vs 4 cycles vs "best response"?
- Define Timing of SCT
  - Is SCT optional for patients achieving a CR?
  - Should salvage SCT be offered to all relapsing patients SCT naïve or not?
- Focusing on improving therapy
  - Incorporating new agents into conditioning regimens
  - Reducing morbidity
  - Preventing relapse: Maintenance Therapy

## **Tumor Burden Reduction**

- CR or VGPR has emerged as the most important factor associated with a prolonged progression- free survival (PFS) and overall survival (OS)
- The sensitivity to the initial chemotherapy, measured by the Mprotein reduction at the time of transplantation, is the most important predictor of residual disease after ASCT

Lahuerta, JCO 2008

### Luskin et al 4134

### VRD → AutoSCT

- At 100 days post-ASCT, 33% showed improvement in disease response.
- PFS at 12 months post-ASCT is 85%

### Randomized Phase III HOVON-65/ GMMG-HD4 Trial

	VAD (%) N=414	PAD (%) N=413	p-value
Complete Response	2	7	<0.001
≥ nCR	5	11	<0.001
≥ VGPR	14	42	<0.001
≥ PR	54	78	<0.001
After HDM			
Complete Response	9	21	<0.001
≥ nCR	15	31	<0.001
≥ VGPR	36	62	<0.001
≥ PR	75	88	<0.001

Sonneveld, JCO2012

# Phase 3 PETHEMA/GEM study

	VTD (n=130)	TD (n=127)	VBMCP/ VBAD/B (n=129)
CR	35%	14%	21%
PFS	56.2 mos	28.2 mos	35.5 mos
After HDM			
CR	46%	24%	38%

#### **Rosinol, Blood 2012**

#### Melphalan/Prednisone/Lenalidomide (MPR) vs MEL200/ASCT Following Lenalidomide/ Dexamethasone (Ld) Induction



#### Primary end point: PFS

## **Progression Free Survival**

#### 49.4% Reduced Risk of Progression

Median follow-up 26 months



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## **Overall Survival**



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### E4A03: Landmark Analysis at Median Follow-up of 36 mo



Rajkumar SV et al. The Lancet Oncology, Volume 11, Issue 1, Pages 29 - 37, January 2010

### **Outcomes in pts Age <65**



Month



Month

#### **Progression Free Survival**

#### **Overall Survival**

### Summary: Coventional Chemotherapy vs. Single Auto HCT

- OS benefit in at least 2 large, randomized trials
- Novel agents (lenalidomide, bortezomib) are not curative
- RCT incorporating the novel agents (VTD) as induction and/or consolidation with auto HCT are showing significant improvement in outcome (Harousseau et al. JCO 2010; Cavo et al. Lancet 2010)
- NCCN: Category 1 evidence supports proceeding straight to auto HCT after induction therapy

### Thal Dex Maintenance: Brazilian Multiple Myeloma Study Group (BMMSG/GEMOH)

- VAD induction → MEL200 ASCT
- Randomize to Dex (n=52) or Thal/dex (n=56; 200 mg daily) for 12 mos or until ds progression
- Median follow-up 27 months
- ITT analysis; 2-year PFS of 30% vs. 64% (p= 0.002),
- In patients <VGPR, the 2-yr PFS 19% vs. 59% (P= 0.002)
- OS 70% vs. 85% (p=0.27)

Mailono, AJH 2012

### Role of Consolidation Therapy Hypothesis

### Incorporation of new agents as post transplant consolidation will improve EFS compared to consolidation with second autologous HCT.

BMT CTN 0702 A Trial of Single Autologous Transplant with or without RVD Consolidation versus Tandem Transplant and Maintenance Therapy.



Multiple Myeloma Incorporating Novel Agents

# BMT CTN 0702: SCHEMA



\* Bortezomib 1.3mg /m2 days 1, 4, 8,11 Lenalidomide 15mg days 1-15 Dexamethasone 40mg days 1, 8, 15

\*\*Lenalidomide 15 mg daily x 3years





- High dose melphalan with autologous stem cell support remains the standard of care for consolidation therapy for patients with chemosensitive disease
- Current therapy with high dose melphalan followed by maintenance therapy results in more than 70% major responses and median remission durations of around 3.5-4 years.
- Moving forward minimizing toxicities, developing more effective conditioning regimens and better risk stratification will allow us to provide each patient with the best chance of a long life with myeloma control, good quality of life with the least treatment burden

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