

# Acute Leukemias Update

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### CME Information

#### TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity is intended for medical oncologists, hematologists-oncologists, hematology-oncology fellows and other healthcare providers involved in the treatment of hematologic cancers.

#### OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY

The treatment of acute leukemias remains a challenge for many healthcare professionals and patients despite recent gains made in the management of this group of diseases. Determining which treatment approach is most appropriate requires careful consideration of patient-specific characteristics, physician expertise and available health-system resources. Published results from ongoing trials continually lead to the emergence of new therapeutic targets and regimens, thereby altering management algorithms. In order to offer optimal patient care, including the option of clinical trial participation, the practicing medical oncologist must be well informed of these advances. To bridge the gap between research and patient care, this issue of *Acute Leukemias Update* features one-on-one discussions with leading hematology-oncology investigators. By providing information on the latest clinical developments in the context of expert perspectives, this CME activity assists medical oncologists, hematologists and hematology-oncology fellows with the formulation of evidence-based and current therapeutic strategies.

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Appraise data on recent therapeutic advances and changing practice standards, including FDA approvals, in acute forms of leukemia, and integrate this information into current clinical care.
- Recognize the clinical and prognostic significance of specific cytogenetic and molecular abnormalities, and use this information in treatment decision-making for patients with acute forms of leukemia.
- Consider age, performance status and other disease-related factors in the identification of patients with acute lymphoblastic leukemia who are appropriate for targeted agents or chemotherapy.
- Counsel patients regarding the incidence and manifestation of side effects and toxicities associated with newly approved and investigational agents and regimens in the treatment of acute forms of leukemia.

- Identify the proposed mechanisms of action of and recall new data with investigational agents demonstrating promising activity in acute forms of leukemia, and refer appropriate patients for participation in ongoing trials evaluating these approaches.

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## Select Publications

**A phase II study of the aurora A kinase inhibitor alisertib in combination with 7 + 3 induction chemotherapy in patients with high-risk acute myeloid leukemia. NCT02560025**

**A phase III randomized trial of blinatumomab for newly diagnosed BCR-ABL-negative B lineage acute lymphoblastic leukemia in adults. NCT02003222**

**A phase III trial to evaluate the efficacy of the addition of inotuzumab ozogamicin (a conjugated anti-CD22 monoclonal antibody) to frontline therapy in young adults (ages 18-39 years) with newly diagnosed precursor B-cell ALL. NCT03150693**

**A phase 3 open-label, multicenter, randomized study of ASP2215 versus salvage chemotherapy in patients with relapsed or refractory acute myeloid leukemia (AML) with FLT3 mutation. NCT02421939**

Altman JK et al. **Deep molecular response to gilteritinib to improve survival in FLT3 mutation-positive relapsed/refractory acute myeloid leukemia. Proc ASCO 2017;Abstract 7003.**

Brunner AM et al. **Cytogenetic evolution between diagnosis and relapse and impact on acute myeloid leukemia (AML) reinduction outcomes. Proc ASCO 2017;Abstract 18509.**

Castaigne S et al; Acute Leukemia French Association. **Effect of gemtuzumab ozogamicin on survival of adult patients with de-novo acute myeloid leukaemia (ALFA-0701): A randomised, open-label, phase 3 study. Lancet 2012;379(9825):1508-16.**

Cortes J et al. **A phase 2 randomized study of low dose Ara-C with or without glasdegib (PF-04449913) in untreated patients with acute myeloid leukemia or high-risk myelodysplastic syndrome. Proc ASH 2016;Abstract 99.**

DeAngelo DJ et al. **Evolving therapies in acute myeloid leukemia: Progress at last? Am Soc Clin Oncol Educ Book 2016;35:e302-12.**

Fathi AT et al. **Phase I study of the aurora A kinase inhibitor alisertib with induction chemotherapy in patients with acute myeloid leukemia. Haematologica 2017;102(4):719-27.**

Fedorov VD et al. **The approach to acute lymphoblastic leukemia in older patients: Conventional treatments and emerging therapies. Curr Hematol Malig Rep 2016;11(3):165-74.**

Kantarjian HM et al. **Inotuzumab ozogamicin versus standard therapy for acute lymphoblastic leukemia. N Engl J Med 2016;375(8):740-53.**

Lancet J et al. **Final results of a phase III randomized trial of CPX-351 versus 7 + 3 in older patients with newly diagnosed high risk (secondary) AML. Proc ASCO 2016;Abstract 7000.**

Levis MJ et al. **Final results of a phase 2 open-label monotherapy efficacy and safety study of quizartinib (AC220) in patients with FLT3-ITD positive or negative relapsed/refractory acute myeloid leukemia after second-line chemotherapy or hematopoietic stem cell transplantation. Proc ASH 2012;Abstract 673.**

Medeiros BC et al. **Isocitrate dehydrogenase mutations in myeloid malignancies. Leukemia 2017;31(2):272-81.**

Ravandi F et al. **Phase 2 study of azacytidine plus sorafenib in patients with acute myeloid leukemia and FLT-3 internal tandem duplication mutation. Blood 2013;121(23):4655-62.**

Stock W et al. **What determines the outcomes for adolescents and young adults with acute lymphoblastic leukemia treated on cooperative group protocols? A comparison of Children's Cancer Group and Cancer and Leukemia Group B studies. Blood 2008;112(5):1646-54.**

Stone RM et al. **Midostaurin plus chemotherapy for acute myeloid leukemia with a FLT3 mutation. N Engl J Med 2017;377(5):454-64.**

Stone RM et al. **The multi-kinase inhibitor midostaurin (M) prolongs survival compared with placebo (P) in combination with daunorubicin (D)/cytarabine (C) induction (ind), high-dose C consolidation (consol), and as maintenance (maint) therapy in newly diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia (AML) patients (pts) age 18-60 with FLT3 mutations (mut): An international prospective randomized (rand), P-controlled double-blind trial (CALGB 10603/RATIFY [Alliance]). Proc ASH 2015;Abstract 6.**

Vrooman et al. **Postinduction dexamethasone and individualized dosing of escherichia coli L-asparaginase each improve outcome of children and adolescents with newly diagnosed acute lymphoblastic leukemia: Results from a randomized study—Dana-Farber Cancer Institute ALL Consortium Protocol 00-01. J Clin Oncol 2013;31(9):1202-10.**

Wang ES et al. **CASCADE: A phase 3, randomized, double-blind study of vadastuximab talirine (33A) versus placebo in combination with azacitidine or decitabine in the treatment of older patients with newly diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia (AML). Proc ASCO 2017;Abstract TPS7066.**