

# WBMT 2017

## Session: HCT in Hematological Malignancies

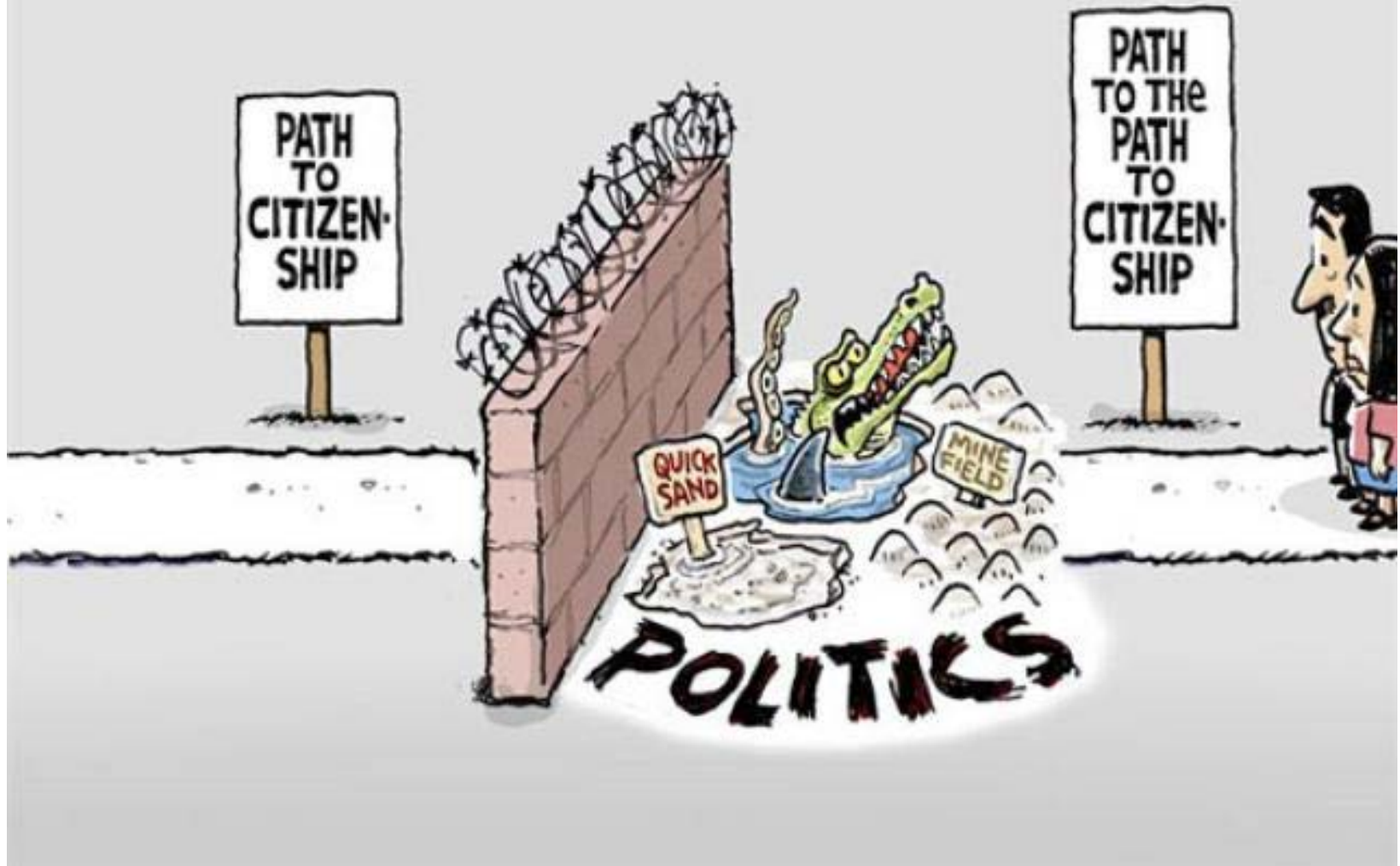
### *HCT in Acute Myeloid Leukemia*

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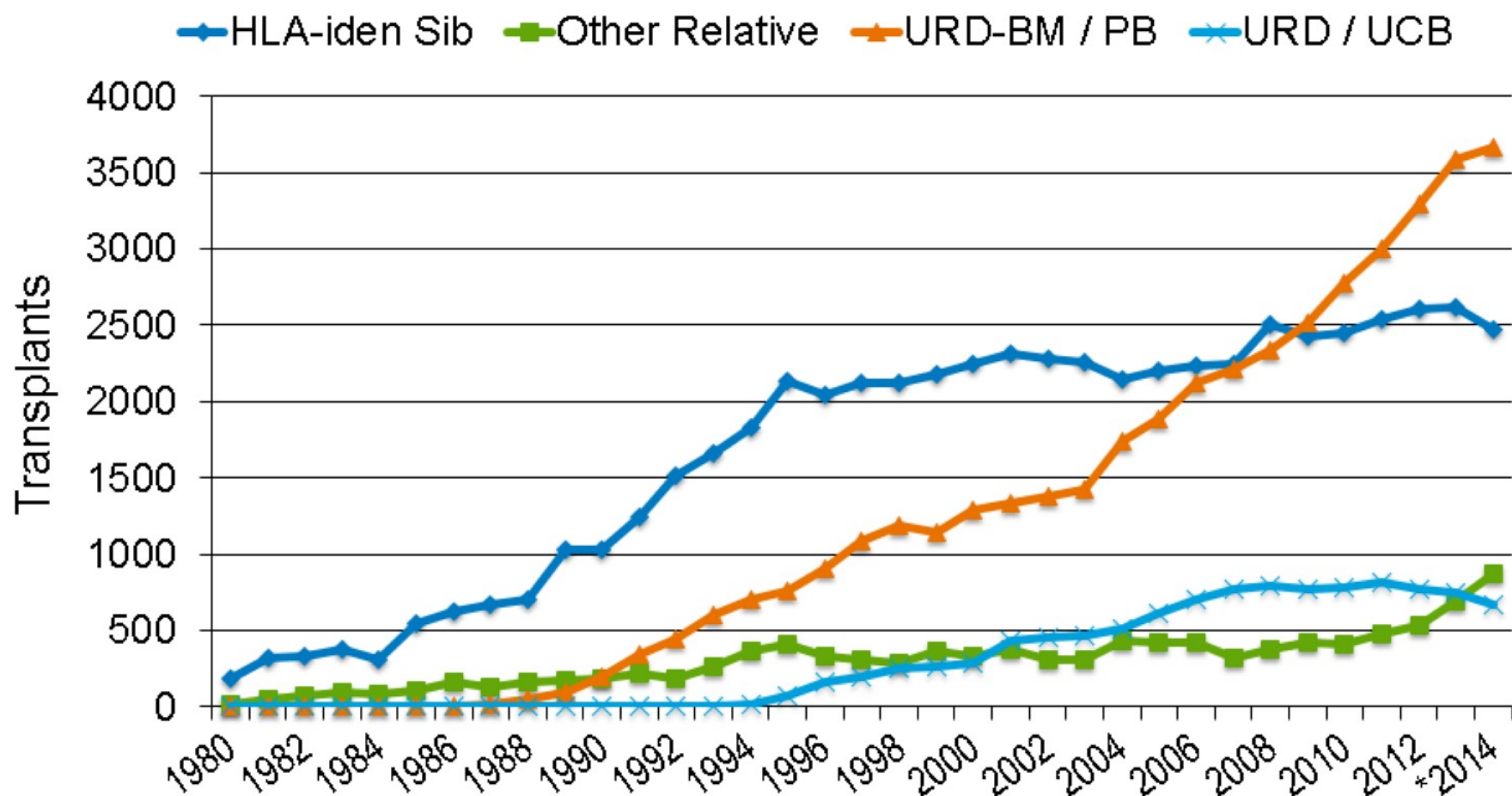
# Outline

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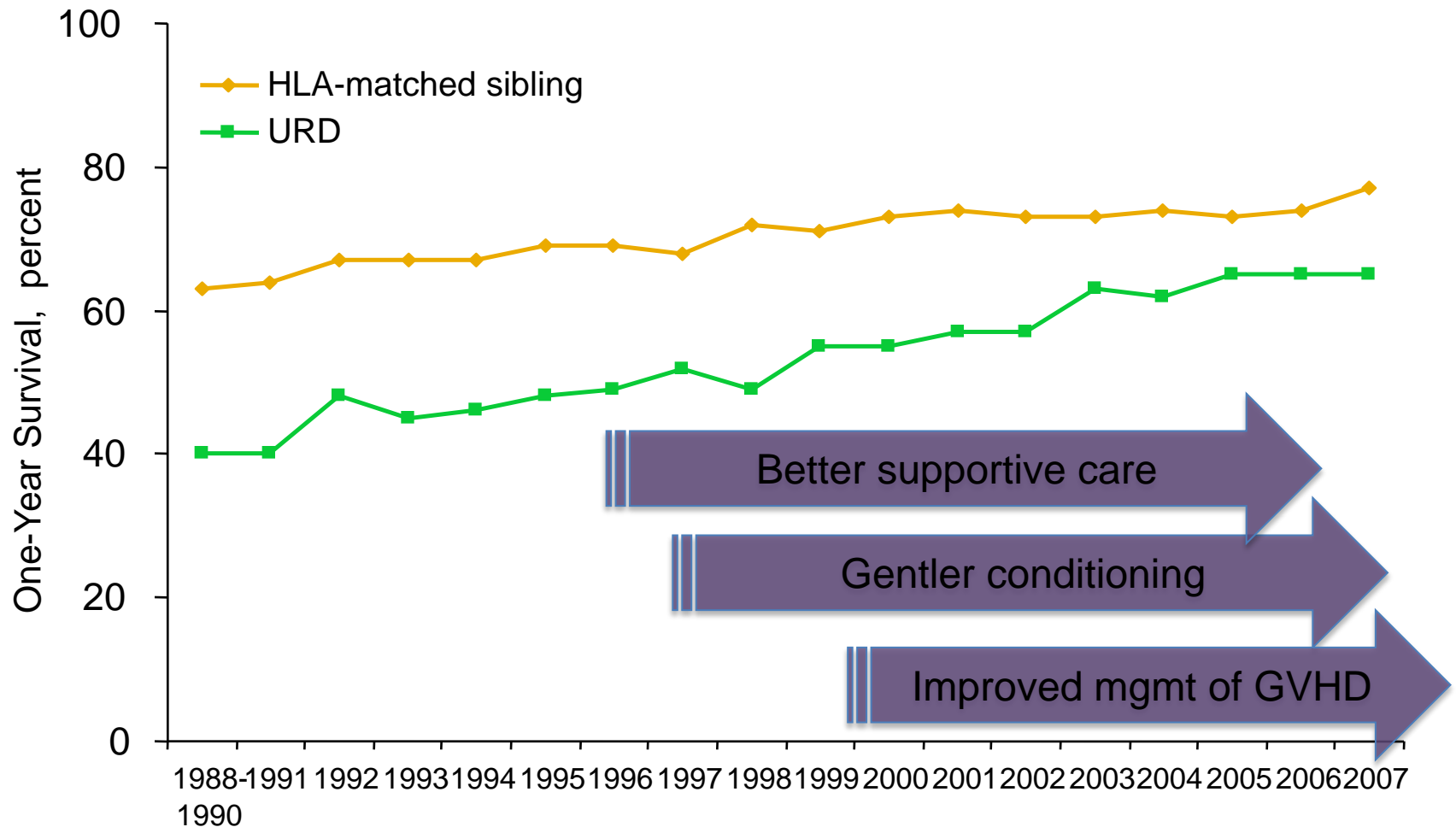
- Historical perspectives
- Case based approach
- Improving outcomes in HCT for AML
- Alternate donor options
- MRD and relapse following HCT
- Take home message

Disclosures: None

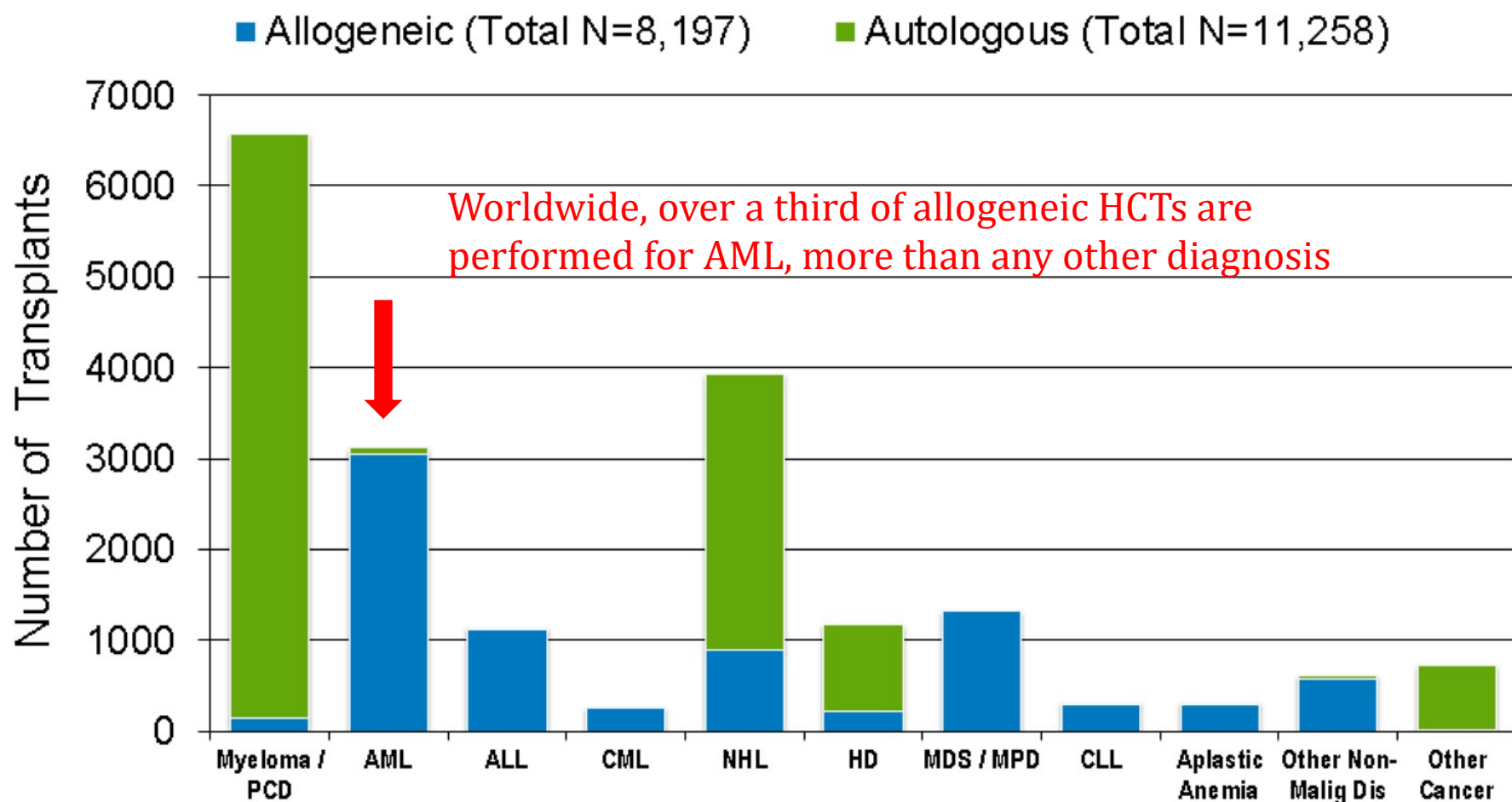
# Allogeneic Transplant Recipients in the US, by Donor Type



# Improving transplant outcome



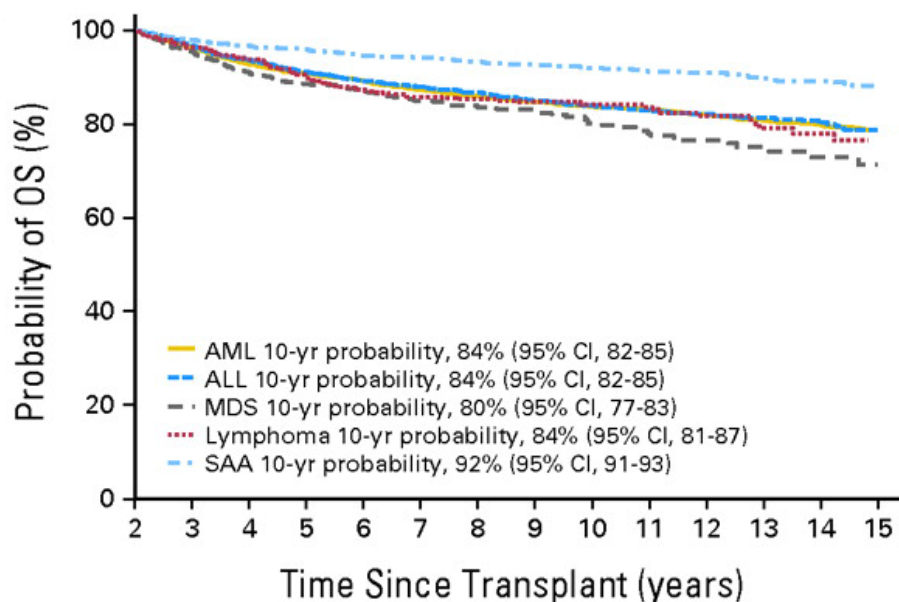
# Indications for Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplants in the US, 2013



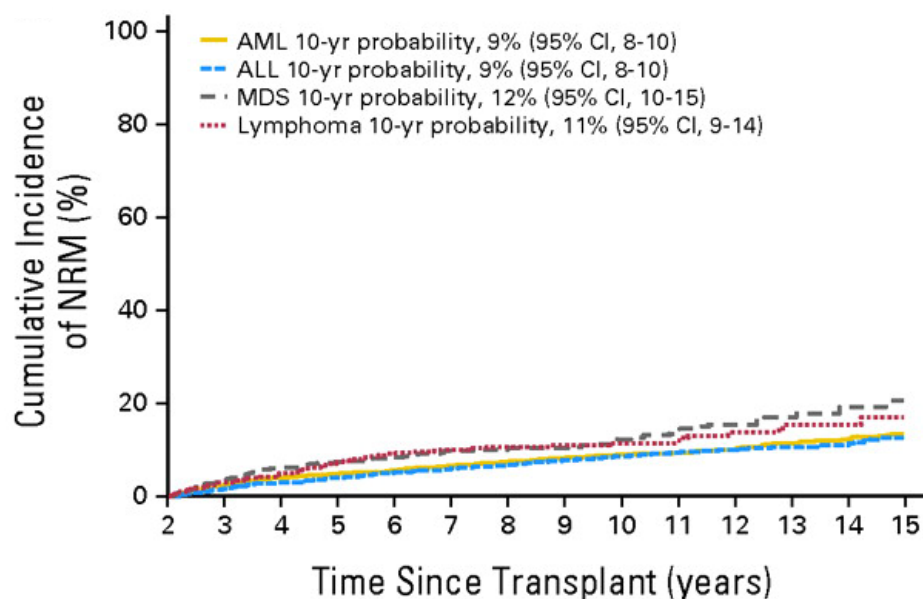
# Long-term Survival after HCT

- CIBMTR study of 10,632 allogeneic HCT recipients surviving  $\geq 2$  years in remission (median follow-up 9 years)

Overall survival



Non-relapse mortality



# Case history

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- 66 year old male diagnosed with precursor AML in July 2012, WBC 52K on presentation
- Normal cytogenetic and FISH
- Molecular markers: FLT3 (wt); NPM1-mutated
- Normal organ function tests
- Medical conditions- DM-II, HTN, hyperlipidemia, H/O MI 1999- all controlled on medications
- Standard elderly AML induction chemotherapy regimen, achieved remission CR1, MRD+



# Question

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## *What next?*

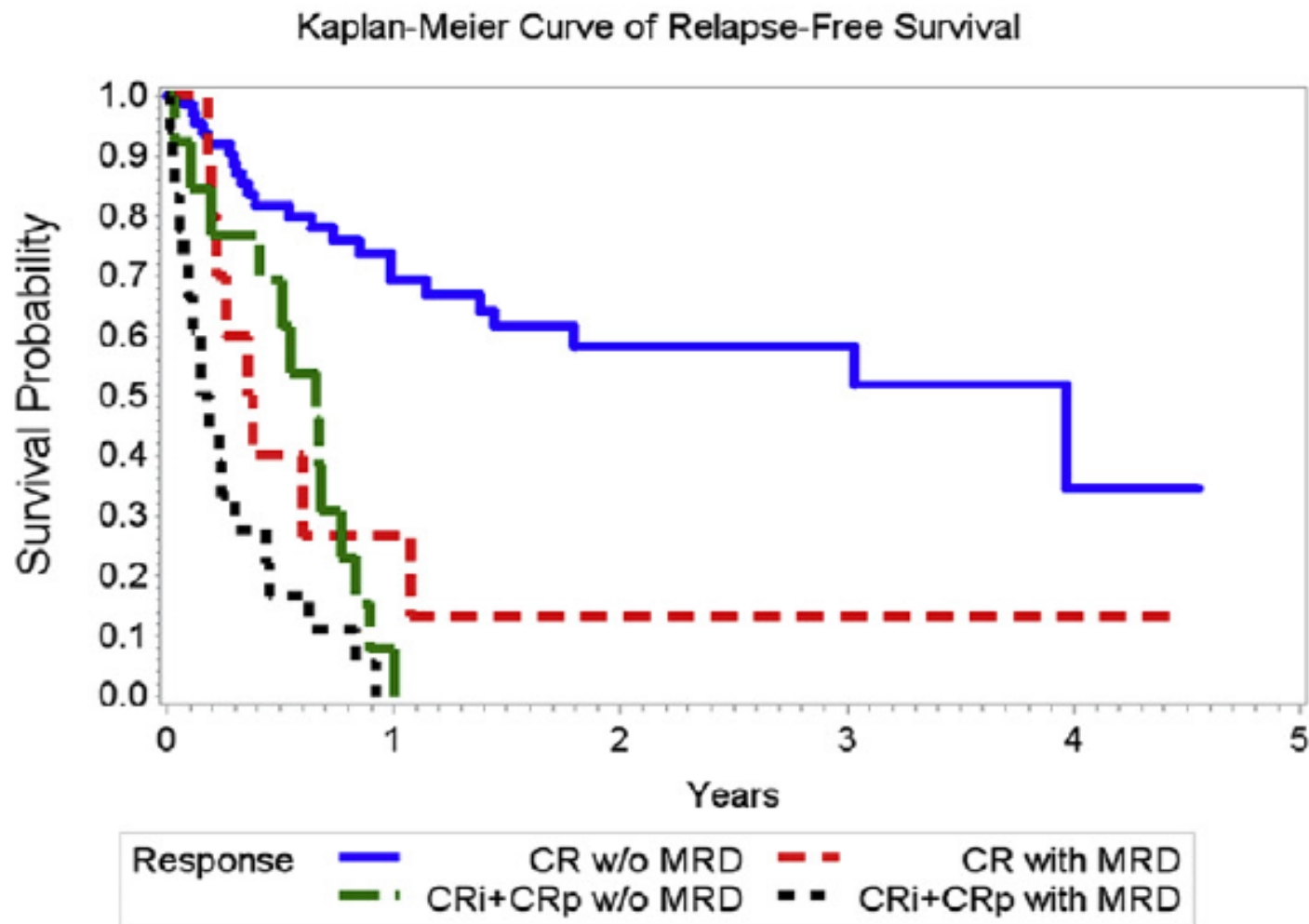
Q1. To remit, to cure, or to palliate?

Q2. Transplant or no transplant?

# Characteristics of the most frequent mutations in AML with normal cytogenetics.

Features	NPM1	FLT3-ITD	DNMT3A	IDH1/2
Frequency in CN-AML	50-60%	20-25%	30-35%	15-20%
Specificity	AML	AML,MDS, ETP-ALL	AML, MDS, MPN, PTCL, T-ALL	AML, MDS, MPN, gliomas
GEP signature	Distinct	No	No	No
Micro-RNA profile	Distinct	No	No	No
Time of occurrence	Early	Late	Early	Early (IDH2)
Clonal hemopoiesis	No	No	Yes	Yes
Stability at relapse	Yes	No	Yes	Yes (IDH2)

# Outcomes based on MRD status in a non-transplant cohort: FHCRC

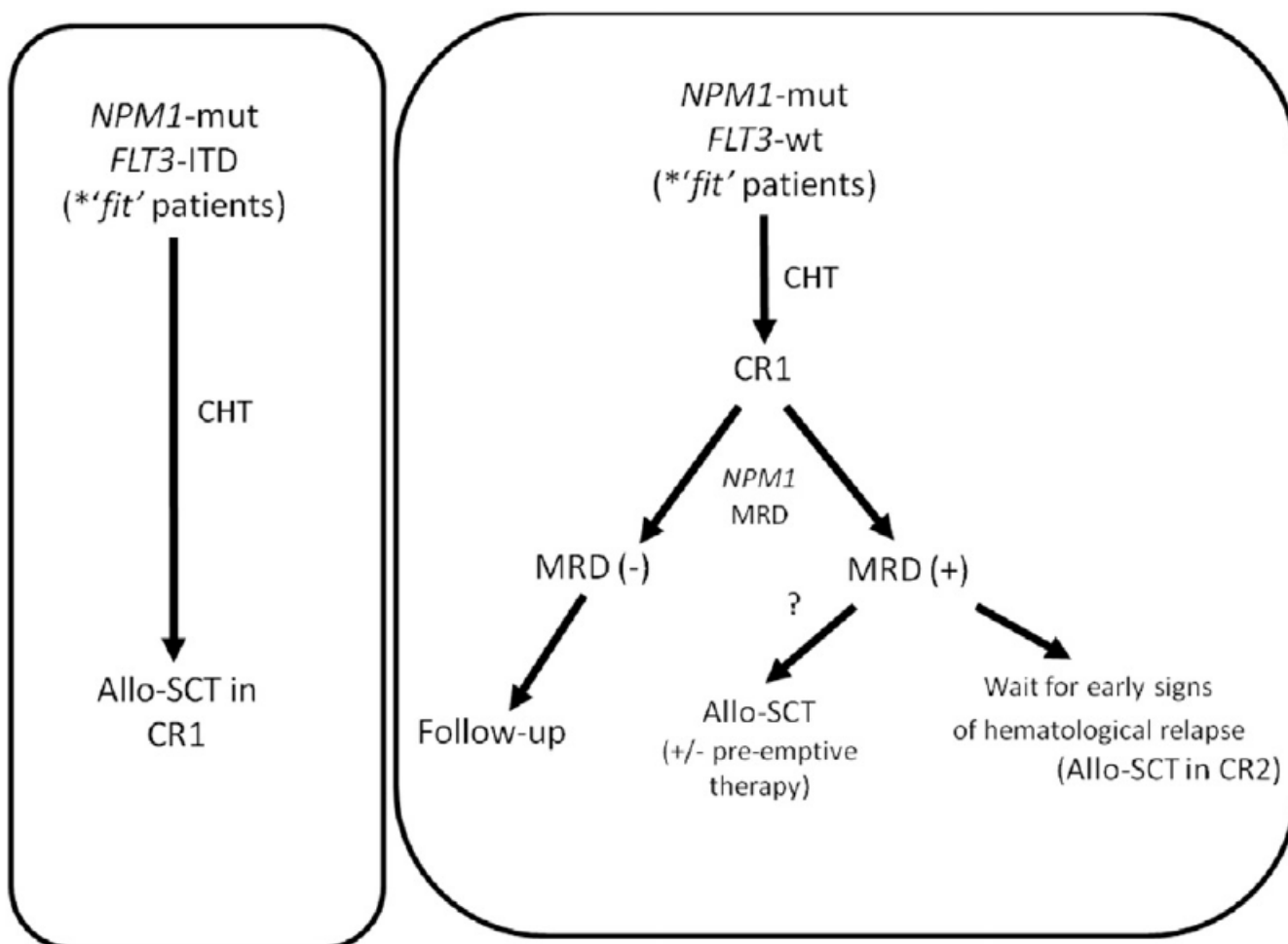


# Management options

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- Continue chemotherapy- elderly AML protocol and no transplant needed in CR1
- Change therapy to pediatric AML protocol and no transplant needed in CR1
- Haploidentical allo-SCT- daughter as a donor
- Double cord blood transplantation
- Continue chemotherapy while awaiting matched unrelated donor- continue donor search

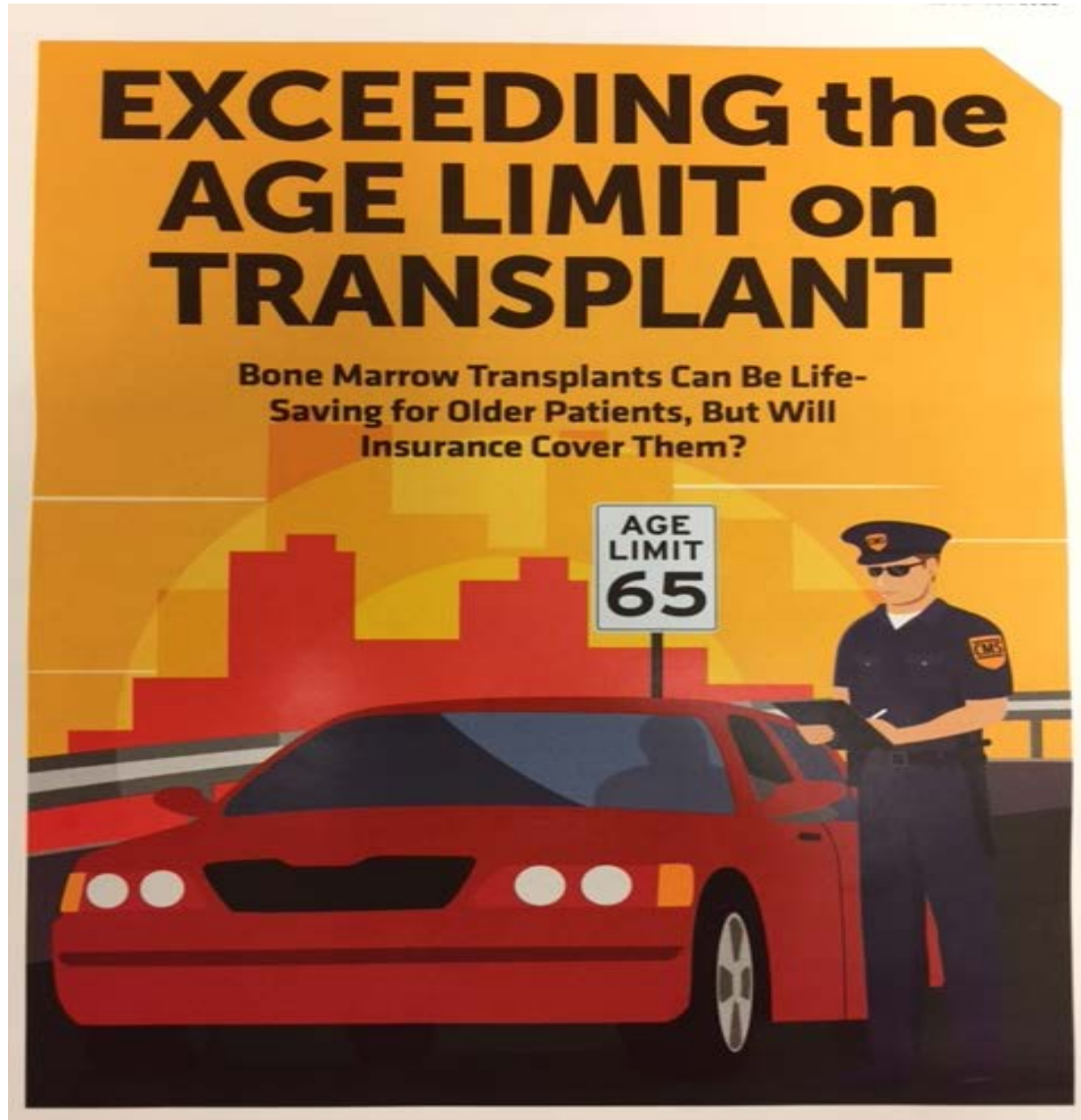
# Suggested Treatment strategy based on MRD status



\* Based on age, co-morbidities and clinical conditions, and related to transplant procedure toxicity.

After extensive discussion with patient and family, he opted for allogeneic stem cell transplant to optimize his chances

# *First challenge....*



**What is the preferred  
transplant approach?**



# Case history

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- Donor search was initiated
- Two siblings (alive)- sister 72 year old on tamoxifen for h/o breast cancer (s/p chemotherapy); brother 68 year old not a match (multiple co-morbidities)
- NMDP- no matched unrelated donor, poor search
- Children- daughter 42 year (healthy) haplo-matched (7/10- A, B, C MM)
- Donor-recipient pairs were considered HLA-haploidentical if they were genotypically identical for at least one allele of each of these loci
- Several cord blood units available

# HCT in AML- First remission

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- Important role of molecular markers in the management of AML
- More patients receiving HCT in CR1
- Challenges remain
  - Improving patient selection for HCT
  - Excluding patients not needing HCT
  - The impact of measurable/minimal residual disease (MRD)
- Best outcome, but relapse remains major obstacle.

# HCT in AML- Refractory disease

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- Primary refractory vs. relapse refractory
- Transplant vs. no transplant
- Clinical trials
- Intensity of conditioning matters
- Achieving remission? early vs late
- Munich experience- FLAMSA sequential chemotherapy RIC HCT
- Ablative regimens- CyTBI, BuCy

# HCT in AML- Refractory disease

- About 30–40% of patients do not achieve remission with standard induction therapy
- Relapse also suggests an increasing likelihood for chemotherapy resistance
- Retrospective analyses suggest allo-HCT with MAC produces long-term survival in ~10–20% of patients
- High risks of TRM and relapse with HCT

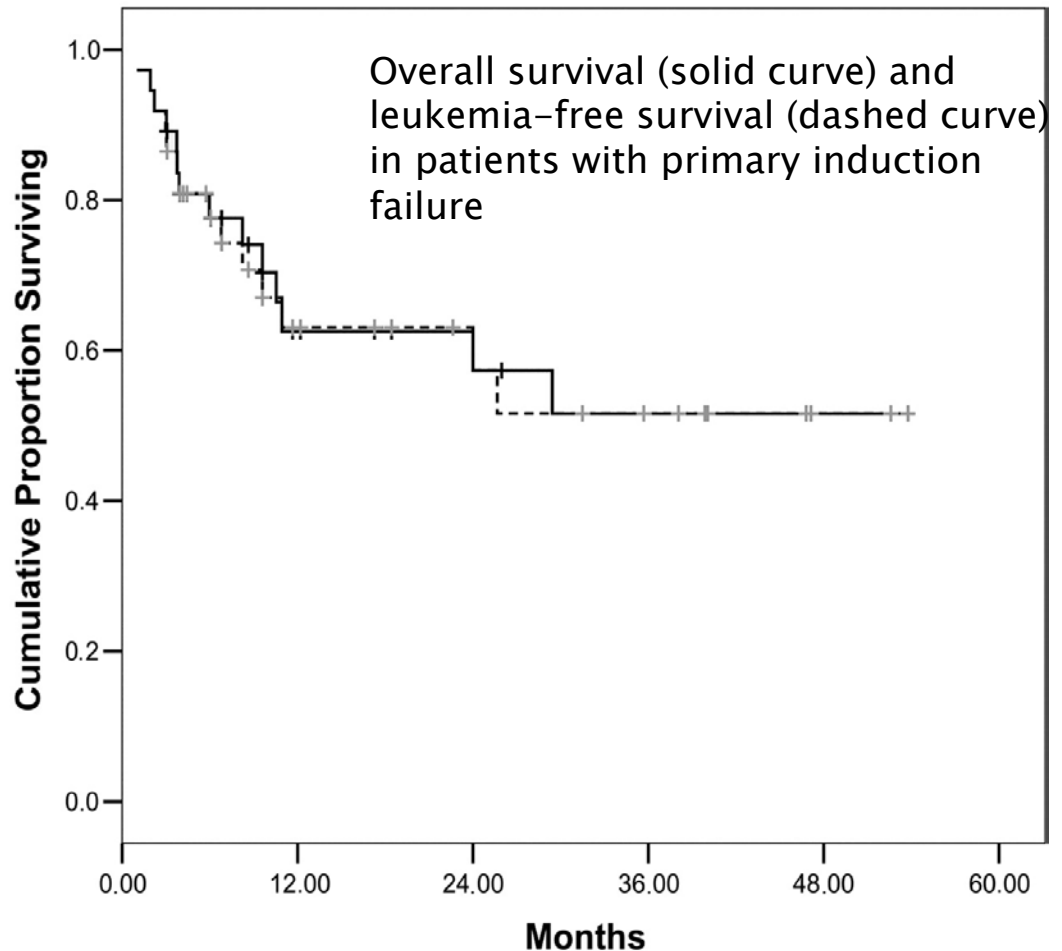
# HCT in AML- Refractory disease

## FLAMSA sequential strategy

### FLAMSA

Fludarabine,  
Intermediate-dose ara-C,  
Amsacrine, followed after  
a 3 days' rest, by RIC HCT  
(4Gy TBI, Cy \_ATG)  
pDLI on D+120 w/u GVHD

- 25-month median f/up;  
OS at 1, 2, and 4 years was  
54%, 40%, and 32%;  
respective LFS was 47%,  
37%, and 30%.  
Patients with PIF showed  
a 2-year OS of 62.5%.  
OS was 87% in 17 patients  
receiving pDLT.



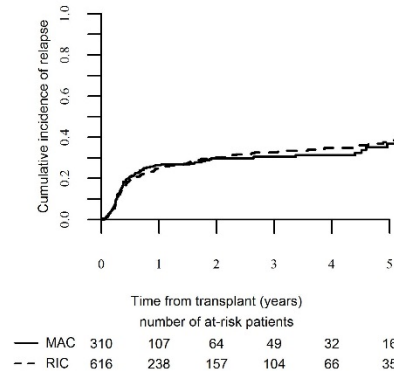
# HCT in AML- Conditioning regimen

## Retrospective data

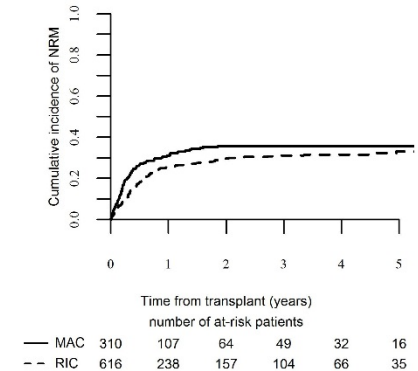
- Large study showed no significant outcome differences between RIC and MAC regimens after MMURD HCT in patients younger than 50 years
- Data support superiority of RIC regimen in older (>50 years) adults receiving transplant from MM-URD for AML

Concerns about increased relapse after RIC vs. MAC HCT- preliminary results of the BMT CTN 0901 study

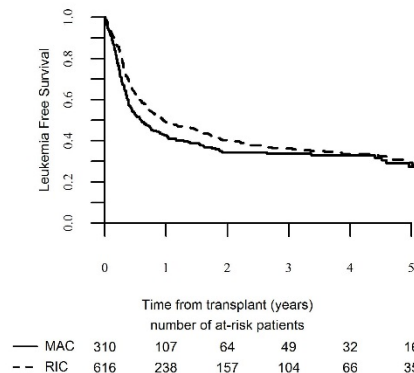
2A - RI



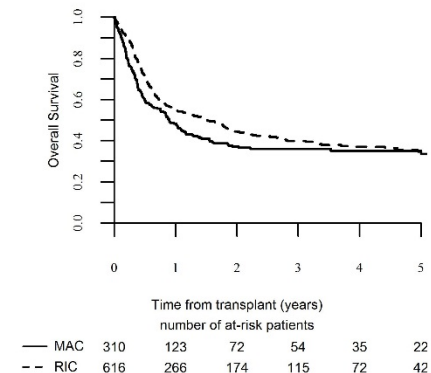
2B - NRM



2C - LFS

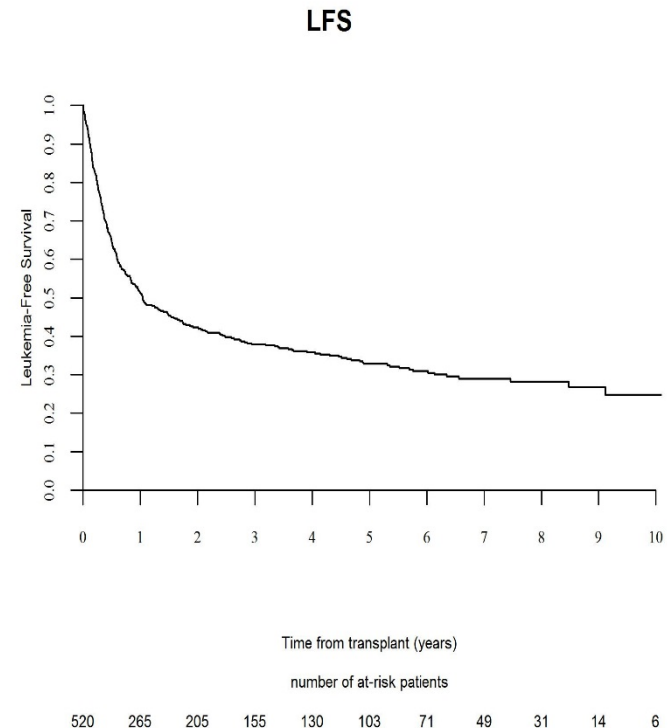
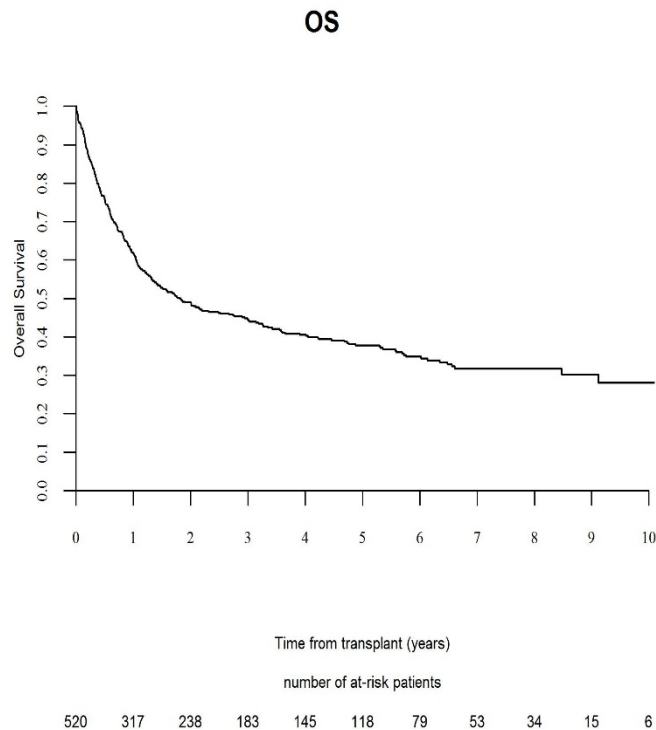


2D - OS



# HCT in AML- Novel conditioning regimen

## Treosulfan based regimen in AML



- Treosulfan based conditioning regimen provides about 40% 5-year survival with low risk of early organ toxicity and acute GVHD
- The aim of future studies should be: to compare treosulfan to the currently available ablative regimens and to define the best treosulfan combinations

# **Multicenter trial of myeloablative clofarabine and busulfan conditioning (CloBu4) for relapsed or primary induction failure AML. Magenau et al. BMT 2017**

- Prospective multicenter phase II trial
- 71 patients, median age: 56 years
- Day 30 s/p HCT, 90% in morphologic remission
- NRM / relapse at 2 yrs was 25%/55%, respectively
- 2-year OS / EFS were 26% / 20%, respectively.
- EFS for PIF vs relapse (34% vs 8%),  $P < 0.01$
- Multivariate analysis: CloBu4 vs contemporaneous cohort (CIBMTR) of AML not in remission who received MAC (n=105) - similar OS (HR: 1.33, 95% confidence interval: 0.92–1.92;  $P=0.12$ ).

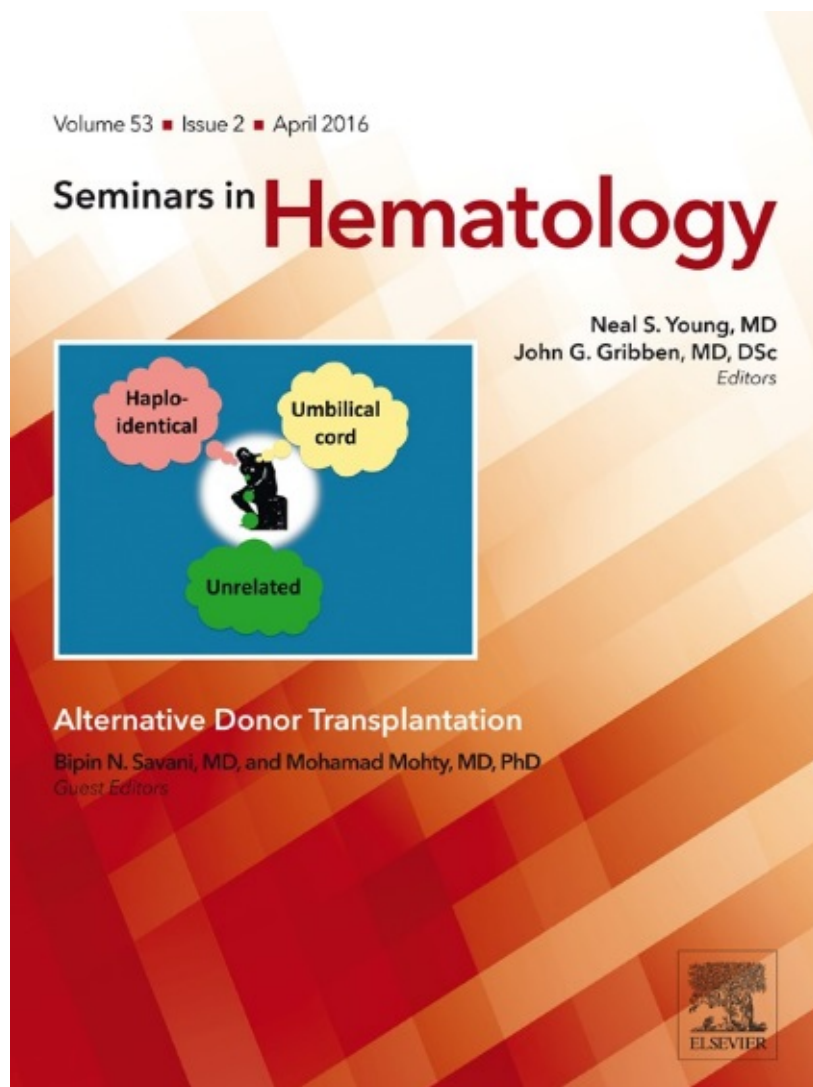


# Case history

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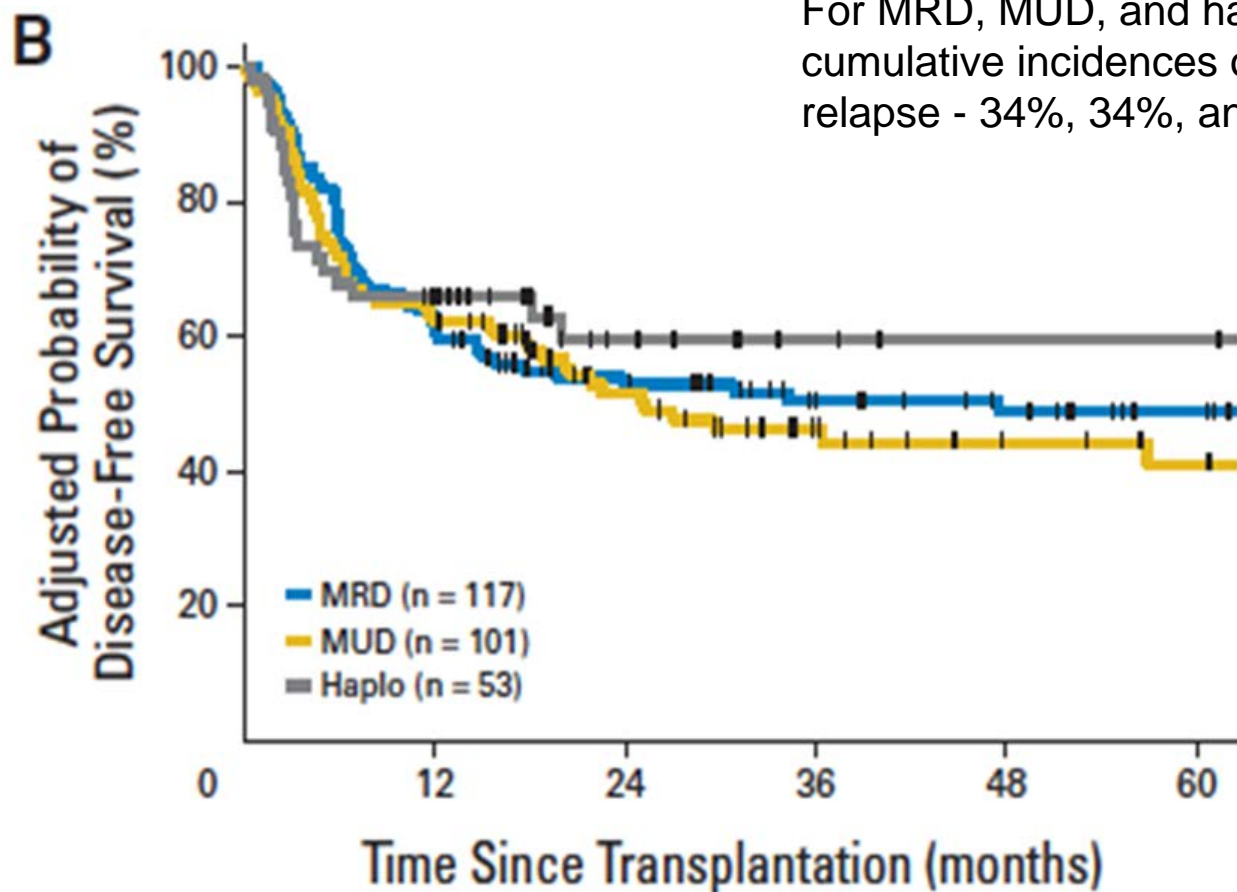
- Extensive discussion with patient/ family- outcome of elderly AML patient in CR1
  - **transplant vs. no transplant**
- Risk of related M&M allo-SCT in elderly patients
- Decision- was to proceed with related haplo-SCT
- Haplo-SCT non-ablative regimen- Flu Cy TBI- 200 and post-SCT cytoxan
- GVHD prophylaxis- tacrolimus and MMF
- G-CSF from Day +5

# HCT in AML- Alternative donor



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# T-cell-replete HLA-haploidentical HSCT for hematologic malignancies using PTCy results in outcomes equivalent to those of contemporaneous HLA-MRD and URD HSCT. Bashey. JCO, 2013



For MRD, MUD, and haplo HSCT: after 24-month cumulative incidences of NRM -13%, 16%, and 7%; relapse - 34%, 34%, and 33%, respectively (P, NS).

# Impact of MRD positivity on survival post-transplant based on donor option

	Total	MRD+	Survival HR
UCB	112	31 (28%)	1.01
MURD	334	112 (36%)	2.14
MMURD	110	47 (43%)	1.94

Presence of MRD+ negatively impacted RR in MURD and MMURD but not RR or OS with CB

# **Case for maintenance therapy s/p HCT for myeloid malignancies.**

- Relapse remains the major cause of treatment failure.
- Therapeutic options for patients who relapse after allo-HCT is limited
- Prognosis of patients relapsing after allo-SCT remains dismal
- Goal is to reduce the relapse rate and
- prolong survival

# Characteristic of an ideal maintenance therapy

Characteristic
Active against the disease
Acceptable nonhematologic toxicity
Tolerated early after transplant
Nonmyelotoxic or with tolerable myelotoxicity
Drug interactions manageable
Will not inhibit graft-versus-tumor effect
Will not worsen graft-versus-host disease

# Maintenance therapy options

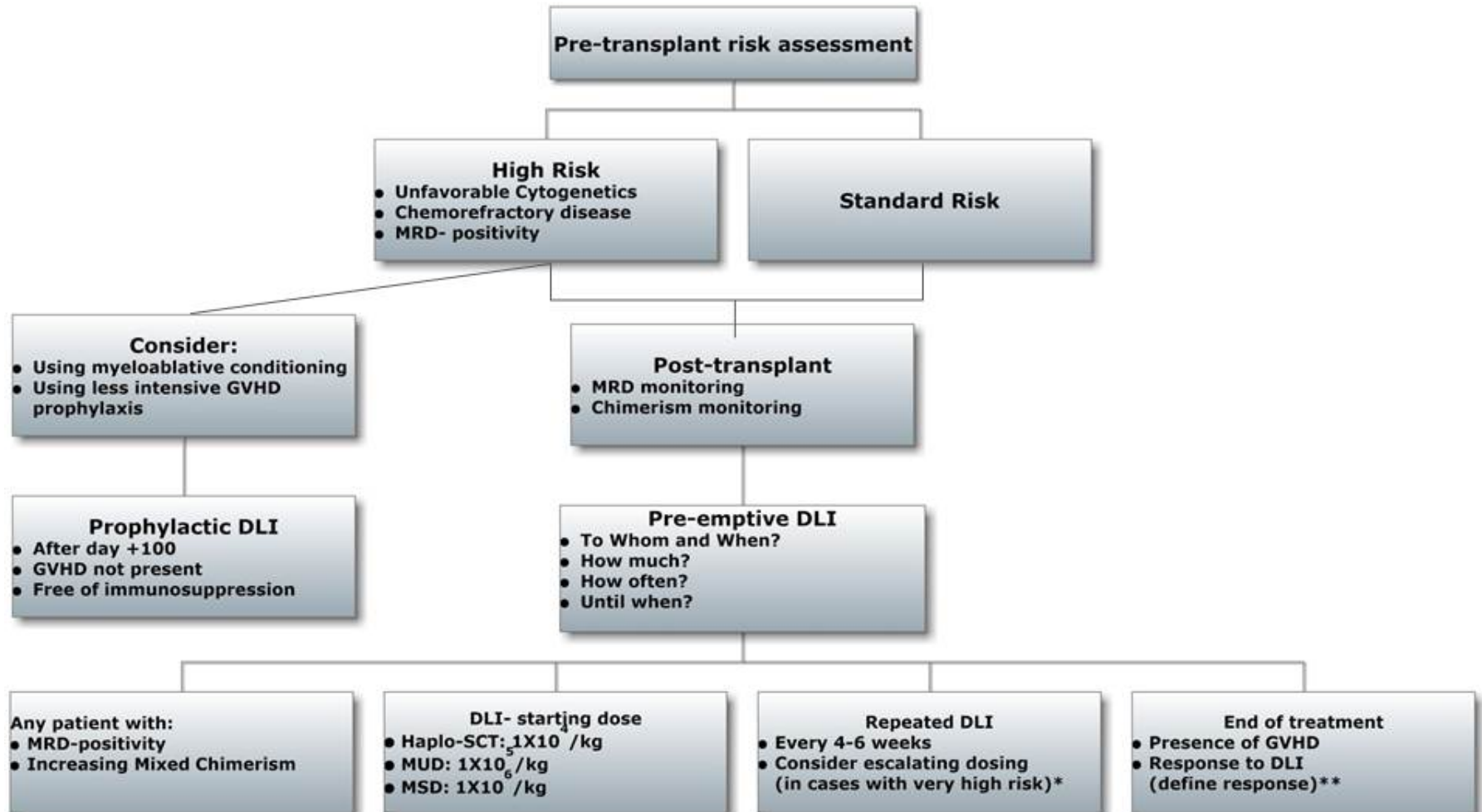
## Characteristic

DNMT inhibitors: Azacytidine  
Decitabine

Deacetylase inhibitors: Panobinostat

Tyrosine kinase inhibitors: Sorafenib  
Quizartinib  
Midostaurin

# HCT in AML- Relapse management after HCT





# Patient follow-up

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- Patient tolerated Haploidentical transplant
- Minimal regimen related toxicity
- Received Azacytidine maintenance therapy
- D+365 MRD status was negative
- GVHD
  - Maximum acute and chronic GVHD at day 365:  
aGVHD none; cGVHD limited mild chronic gvhd

# Take home message

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- More patients are undergoing HCT for AML
- Better understanding of molecular biology of AML
- Better information will help identifying more patients needing HCT in CR1
- We are going to see more and more patients needing HCT in CR1
- HCT options are unlimited
- New era in managing post-transplant relapses- e.g. novel drugs to achieve disease control, second haplo-HCT
- The area of investigation will likely continue to be of interest in terms of optimizing transplant outcomes



***Thank you!***