

CTCL Management: Lessons Learned



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Clinical Issues in CTCL Management

- **How can we optimize our diagnostic ability?**
- **How do we make optimal treatment decisions with available therapies?**
- **How can we improve therapeutics and outcome?**

Lesson #1

**Clinical-pathologic correlation is essential
for optimal diagnosis & management**

**Challenge of so many
histopath and clinical mimics**

Differential diagnosis of CD30+ atypical lymphoid infiltrates in the skin

Reactive

- Lymphomatoid drug reaction (e.g., amlodipine, carbamazepine, cefuroxime, valsarten)
- Arthropod reaction
- Infection (esp. viral)
- Misc. inflammatory dermatoses

Neoplastic

- **pc CD30+ LPD**
 - Lymphomatoid papulosis
 - pc CD30+ ALCL
- **MF** (esp. Large cell transformation, Woringer-Kolopp)
- **Other CTCLs**
- Secondary skin involvement of sALCL, HD or other sLPD

Clinico-pathologic correlation is essential

PC CD30+ lymphoproliferative disorder spectrum

LyP === borderline === pc CD30+ ALCL

Lymphomatoid papulosis

- 100% spontaneous regression
- Papules >> nodules
- Crops of lesions, +/- grouped
- Multiple histologic subtypes (types A-D, other); type A most common, type B MF-like (low CD30), type C ALCL-like, type D mimics CD8+ AETCL

pc CD30+ ALCL

- < 25% spontaneous regression
- Mostly nodules/tumors
- Single, grouped, multifocal
- Usu. sheets of anaplastic large cells

CLINICAL-PATHOLOGIC CORRELATION IS ESSENTIAL

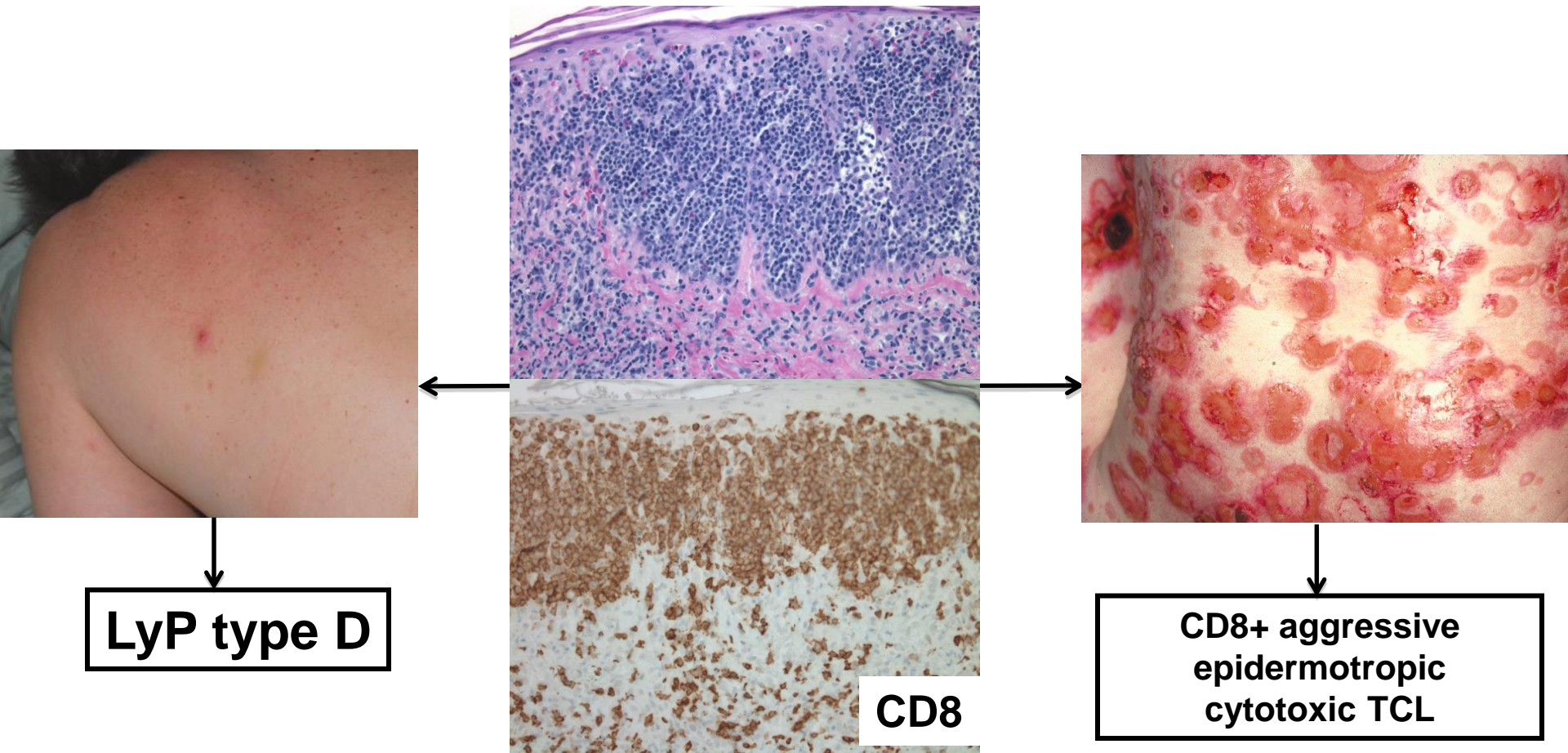
DIAGNOSIS**ESSENTIAL:^a**

- Clinical presentation: see Overview and Definition
- Clinical pathologic correlation is essential
- Biopsy of suspicious skin sites
 - ▶ Histopathology review of adequate biopsy (punch, incisional, excisional).
 - ▶ Review of all slides with at least one paraffin block representative of the tumor should be done by a pathologist with expertise in the diagnosis of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma. Rebiopsy if consult material is nondiagnostic.
- Adequate immunophenotyping to establish diagnosis^{b,c} on skin biopsy:
 - ▶ IHC: CD3, CD4, CD8, CD20, CD30, CD56, βF1, ALK1^e

USEFUL UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES:

- On skin biopsy:
 - ▶ Expanded IHC: CD2, CD5, CD7, CD25, TIA1, granzyme B, perforin, GM1, **EBER-ISH**
 - ▶ Molecular analysis to detect: gene rearrangements: TCR^d (assessment of clonality)
- Excisional or incisional/core needle biopsy of suspicious lymph nodes (in absence of definitive skin diagnosis)
- Assessment of HTLV-1 serology in at-risk populations to identify CD30+ ATLL

Type D CD8+ LyP vs. CD8+ aggressive epidermotropic cytotoxic TCL



Courtesy T Subtil

Differential diagnosis of epidermotropic process with CD8+ lymphoid infiltrates

Reactive

- Lymphomatoid drug reaction
- Misc. inflammatory dermatoses (esp. actinic reticuloid)
- Infections

Neoplastic

- CD8+ AETCL
- Lymphomatoid papulosis, type D
- CD8+ MF (hypopig variant)
- SubQ panniculitis-like TCL
- CD8+ LPD of ear/face
- PTCL NOS
- Secondary skin involvement of PTCL

Clinico-pathologic correlation is essential

Indolent CD8-positive Lymphoid Proliferation of the Ear *A Distinct Primary Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma?*

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Multicenter Case Series of **Indolent** Small/Medium-sized CD8+ Lymphoid Proliferations with Predilection for the Ear and Face

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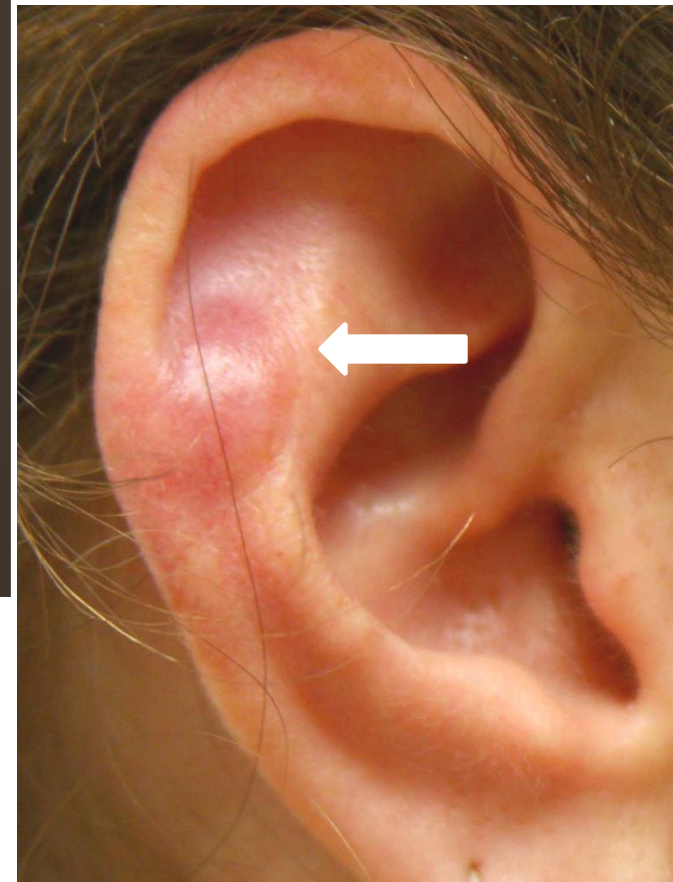
Am J Dermatopathol, in press 2013

Indolent Small/Med-sized CD8+ Lymphoid Proliferations with Predilection for the Ear and Face

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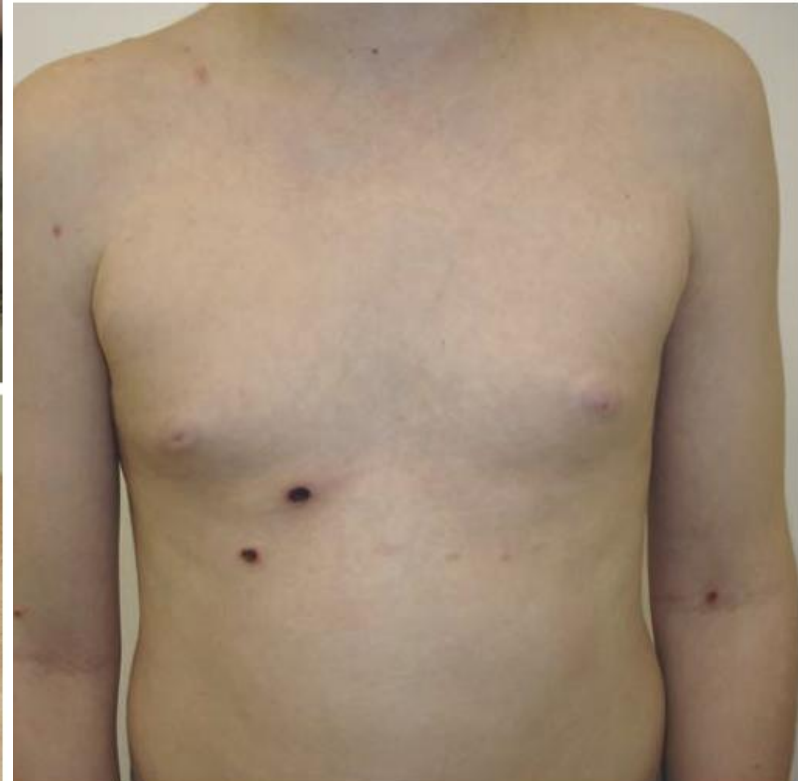
Stanford case



Angioinvasive Lymphomatoid Papulosis *A New Variant Simulating Aggressive Lymphomas*

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Arno Rütten, MD, § Thomas Mentzel, MD, § Bruno E. Paredes, MD, §
Gabriele Palmedo, PhD, § Renato G. Panizzon, MD, || and Heinz Kutzner, MD §

Am J Surg Pathol 2013;37:1-13



Angioinvasive, aggressive NK/T-cell lymphoma, nasal-type



DERMATOPATHOLOGY

**Follicular lymphomatoid papulosis
of 11 cases, with new histopatho**

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Zürich and Zug, Switzerland; Pilsen and Prague, Czech Republic,

J Am Acad Dermatol 2013;68:809



Folliculotropic Mycosis Fungoides



Clinico-pathologic correlation is essential

**Too many clinical, path variants & mimics
leading to more confusion in diagnosis**

Mycosis Fungoides - the greatest masquerader

Clinical & Histologic Variants/Subtypes

- Hypopigmented/vitiliginous MF
 - Children, African American, Asian
- Pagetoid reticulosis (Woringer-Kolopp type only)
- Folliculotropic MF (+/- FM)
 - Head and neck
- Granulomatous MF
 - Granulomatous slack skin
- Bullous MF
- PPE-like MF
- Interstitial MF
- Ichthyosiform MF
- Palmar plantar MF
- Hyperkeratotic/verrucous MF
- Papular MF
- Invisible MF
- Spongiotic MF
- Lichenoid MF
- CD8+ MF
- Large cell (transformed) MF

Lesson #1: importance of clin-path correlation

Take Home Message

- Numerous mimics of clinical OR path features exist
- **Correlation of clinical AND pathologic** information is **essential** for optimal diagnosis

=> appropriate work-up, prognostication, and management

Lesson #2

“OK” to be noncommittal with diagnosis
Impact of a “lymphoma” label

CD4+ sm/med-sized pleomorphic T-cell “lymphoma”

- **Mostly benign/indolent course, especially in kids**
- **A lymphoid proliferation of undetermined significance vs. “lymphoma”**
- **CD4+ sm/med-sized pleomorphic T-cell lymphoproliferative disorder (LPD)?**

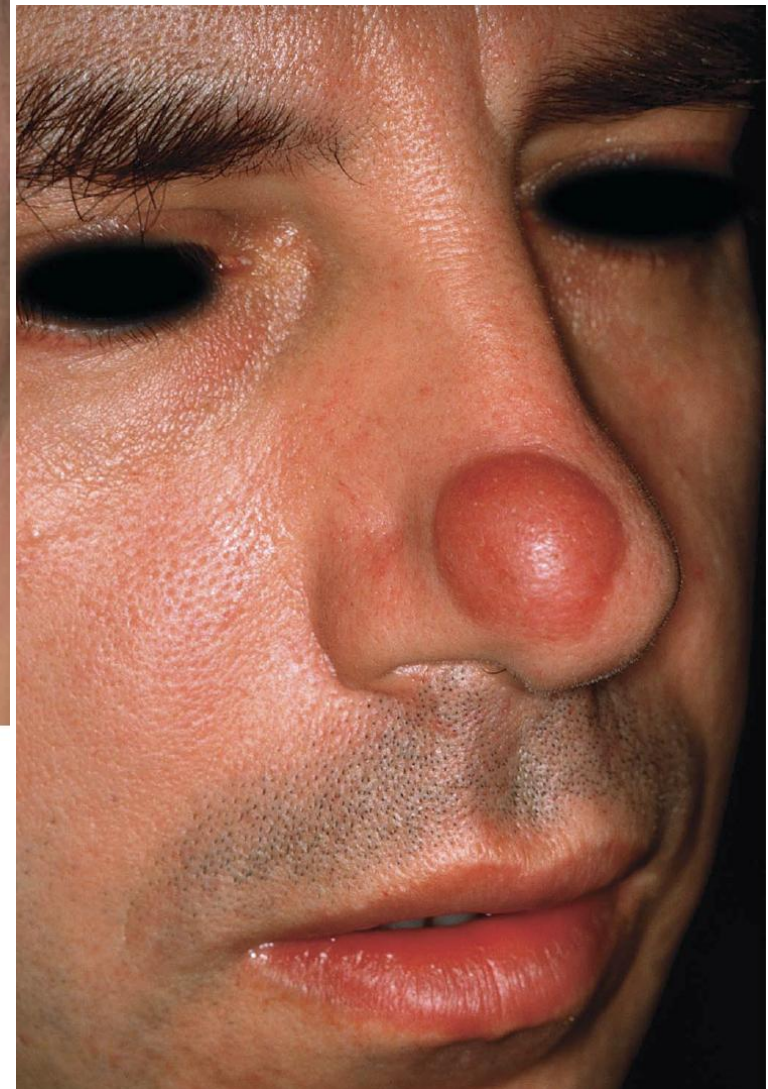
Primary Cutaneous CD4⁺ Small-/Medium-Sized
Pleomorphic T-Cell Lymphoma: A Cutaneous Nodular
Proliferation of Pleomorphic T Lymphocytes of
Undetermined Significance? **A Study of 136 Cases**

*Helmut Beltraminelli, MD, *† Bernd Leinweber, MD, * Helmut Kerl, MD, * and Lorenzo Cerroni, MD**

Am J Dermatopathol 2009;31:317-322

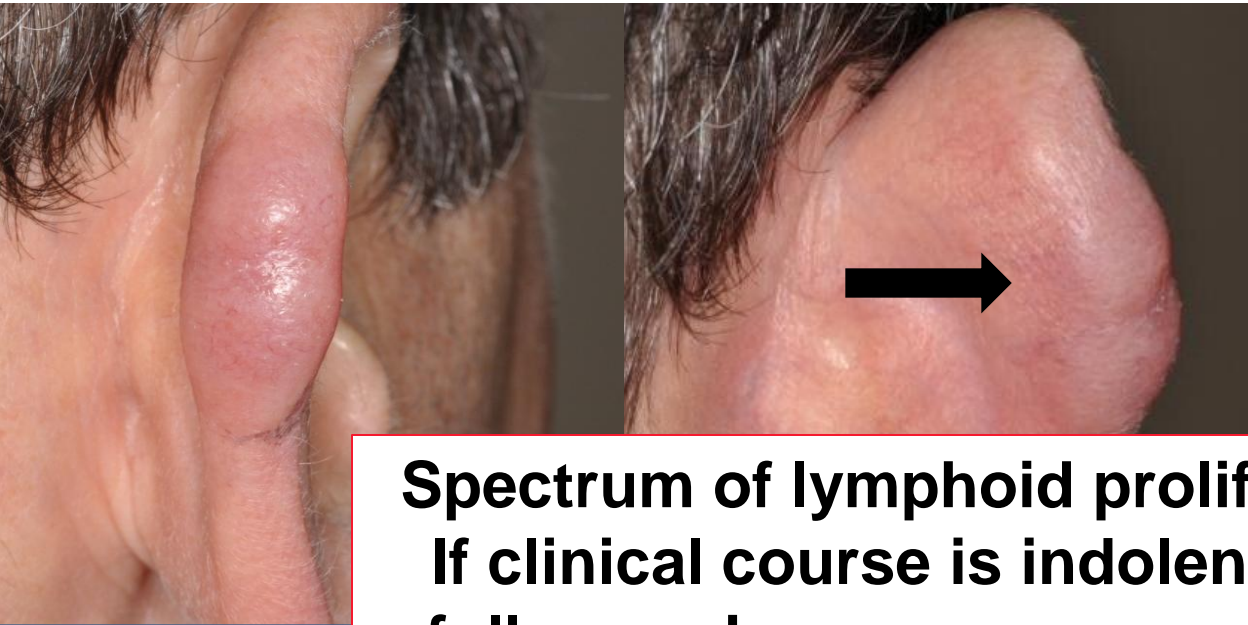
- **Solitary/localized disease with benign outcome**
- **Majority of H/N**
- **Rare multifocal presentation with worse outcome**

CD4+ sm/med pleomorphic T-cell “lymphoma” vs “LPD”?

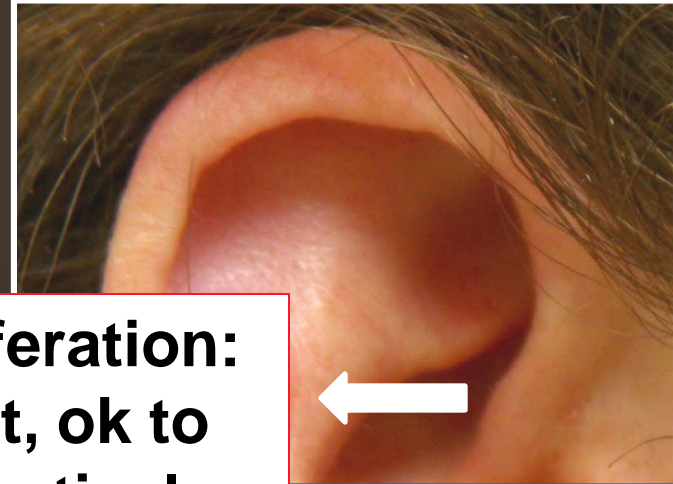


Indolent sm/med-sized CD8+ lymphoid proliferation of the ear/face

Querfeld, MSKCC



Stanford case



**Spectrum of lymphoid proliferation:
If clinical course is indolent, ok to
follow and manage conservatively**

Indolent CD8+ lymphoid proliferation
of the ear: A phenotypic variant of the
small-medium pleomorphic
cutaneous T-cell lymphoma?

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Lesson #3

Don't forget to check the blood

Key diagnostic info may be in the **blood** compartment

- **Sezary flow studies in the erythrodermic pt**
- **HTLV1 serology in ddx of MF/SS vs. ATLL**

DIAGNOSIS

ESSENTIAL:

- Biopsy of suspicious skin sites
- Dermatopathology review of slides

USEFUL UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES:

- IHC of skin biopsy^{a,b,c} (CD2, CD3, CD4, CD5, CD7, CD8, CD20, CD30, CD25, CD56, TIA1, granzyme B, βF1)
- Molecular analysis for TCR gene rearrangements (assessment of clonality) of skin biopsy;^a PCR methods^d
- Assessment of peripheral blood for Sezary cells (in cases where skin is not diagnostic, especially T4) including Sezary cell prep, flow cytometry, and PCR for TCR gene rearrangement
- Biopsy of suspicious lymph nodes (in absence of definitive skin diagnosis)
- Assessment of HTLV-1^e serology in at-risk populations. HTLV-1 PCR if serology is indeterminate

WORKUP

ESSENTIAL:

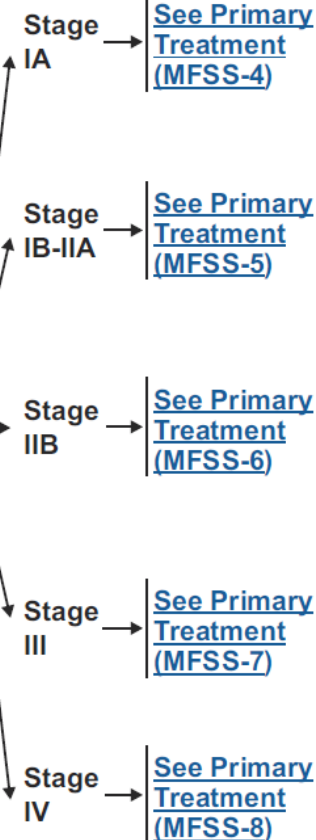
- Complete physical examination
 - ▶ Examination of entire skin: assessment of %BSA (palm plus digits ≈1% BSA) and type of skin lesion (patch/plaque, tumor, erythroderma)
 - ▶ Palpation of peripheral lymph node regions
 - ▶ Palpation for organomegaly/masses
- Laboratory studies:^f
 - ▶ CBC with Sezary screen (manual slide review, "Sezary cell prep")
 - ▶ Sezary flow cytometric study (optional for T1); CD3, CD4, CD7, CD8, CD26 to assess for expanded CD4+ cells with increased CD4/CD8 ratio or with abnormal immunophenotype, including loss of CD7 or CD26
- TCR gene rearrangement of peripheral blood lymphocytes if blood involvement suspected
- Comprehensive metabolic panel
- LDH
- Imaging studies
 - ▶ Chest/abdominal/pelvic contrast-enhanced CT or integrated whole body PET-CT (≥T2, large cell transformed or folliculotropic MF, or with palpable adenopathy or abnormal laboratory studies)
- Pregnancy testing in women of child-bearing age^g

USEFUL IN SELECTED CASES:

- Bone marrow biopsy (not required for staging but used to document visceral disease in those suspected to have marrow involvement including B2 blood involvement and in patients with unexplained hematologic abnormality)
- Biopsy of suspicious lymph nodes for identical clones (recommend assessment of clonality for all but particularly NCI LN 2-3) or suspected extracutaneous sites
- Rebiopsy if suspicious of large cell transformation
- Neck CT

STAGE

(**MFSS-2** and **MFSS-3**)



^dTCR gene rearrangement results should be interpreted with caution. TCR clonal rearrangement can be seen in non-malignant conditions or may not be demonstrated in all cases of MF/SS. Demonstration of identical clones in skin, blood, and/or lymph node may be helpful in selected cases.

^eSee [map](#) for prevalence of HTLV-1 by geographic region.

^fSezary syndrome (B2) is as defined on [MFSS-2](#).

^gMany skin-directed and systemic therapies are contraindicated or of unknown safety in pregnancy. Refer to individual drug information.

^aClinically or histologically non-diagnostic cases. Pimpinelli N, Olsen EA, Santucci M, et al., for the International Society for Cutaneous Lymphoma. Defining early mycosis fungoides. J Am Acad Dermatol 2005;53:1053-1063.

^bSee [Use of Immunophenotyping and Genetic Testing in Differential Diagnosis of Mature B-Cell and NK/T-Cell Neoplasms \(NHODG-A\)](#).

^cTypical immunophenotype: CD2+ CD3+ CD5+ CD7- CD4+ CD8- (rarely CD8+) CD30-/+ cytotoxic granule proteins negative.

DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA AND CLASSIFICATION OF CLINICAL SUBTYPES OF ATLL^a

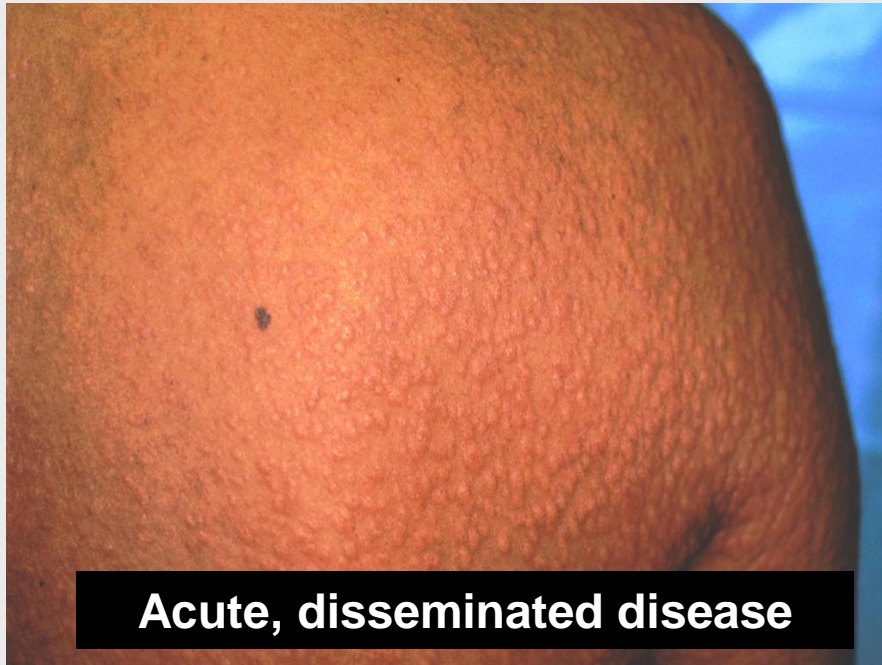
	Healthy Carrier	Smoldering ATL	Chronic ATL	Acute ATL	ATL Lymphoma
Anti-HTLV-1 serology	+	+	+	+	+
Clonal integration of provirus	- (blood)	+ (blood)	+ (blood)	+ (blood)	+ (lymph nodes)
Lymphocyte count	Normal	Normal	Elevated	Elevated	Elevated
Abnormal cells (%)	<5%	>5%	>5%	>5%	<1%
Hypercalcemia	-	-	-	+	+
LDH	Normal	≤1.5 N	≤2 N	>2 N	>2 N
Skin and lung involvement	-	+	+	+	+
Bone marrow or spleen involvement	-	-	+	+	+
Bone, GI, or CNS involvement	-	-	-	+	+

- **Neoplastic T-cells** are CD3+, **CD4+**, CD8-, CD25+; **epidermotropic**
- Endemic in Japan, the Caribbean, S Americas, Central Africa;
- Primarily transmitted by breast feeding

**ATLL,
spectrum of skin
presentation**



MF-like, smoldering variant



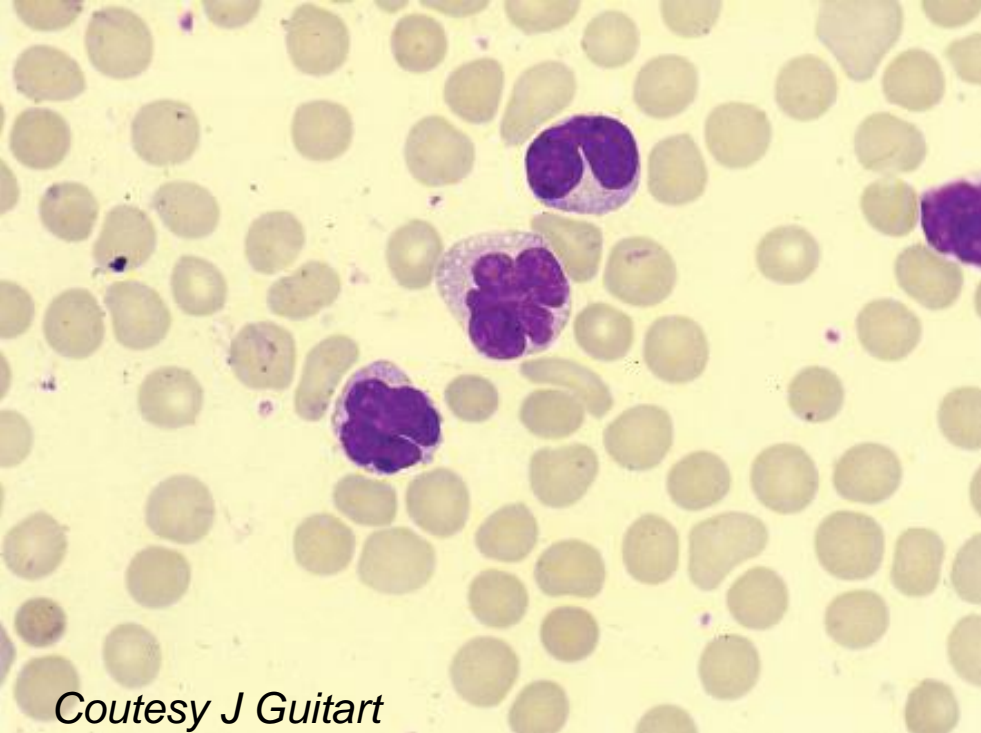
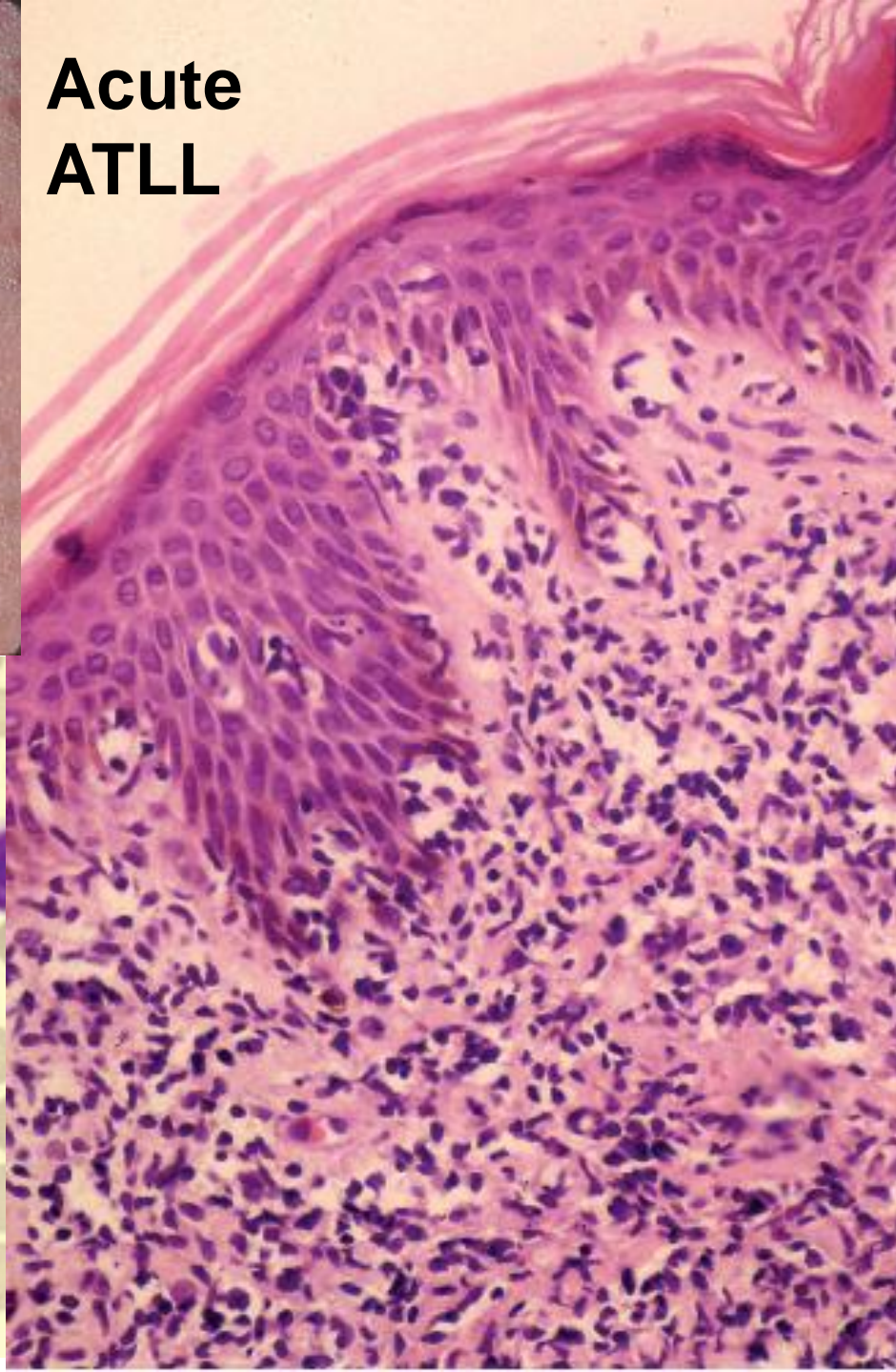
Acute, disseminated disease



**ATL can mimic
Sezary syndrome**



**Acute
ATLL**



Coutesy J Guitart

Challenge of the **red** person



63 F with 4 yr h/o progressive erythroderma

- **Itchy scalp and scaly red patches and plaques**
 - Refractory to topical steroids; pred helps
 - Skin biopsy => **spong derm**
 - nbUVB, unable to tolerate
- **Progressive erythroderma, keratoderma**
 - Rebiopsy => **psoriasiform derm**
 - Soriatane => no response
- **Immune suppressive therapies**
 - Cyclosporin x 3 mo => PR
 - Humira added => no sig benefit, flares with CSA taper
 - Rebiopsy => **psoriasiform derm with spong**
- No drug etiology

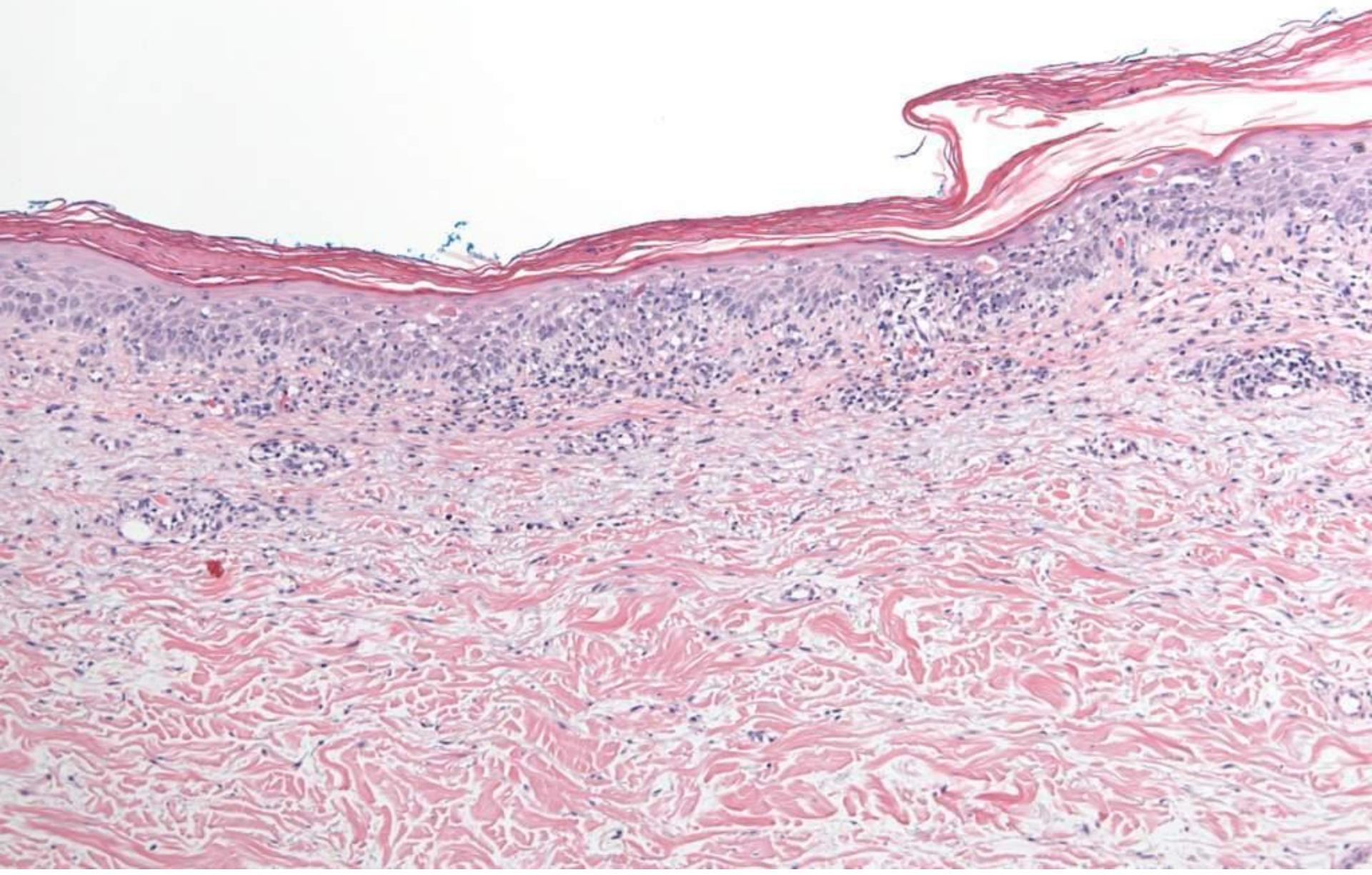
Erythroderma with severe pruritus

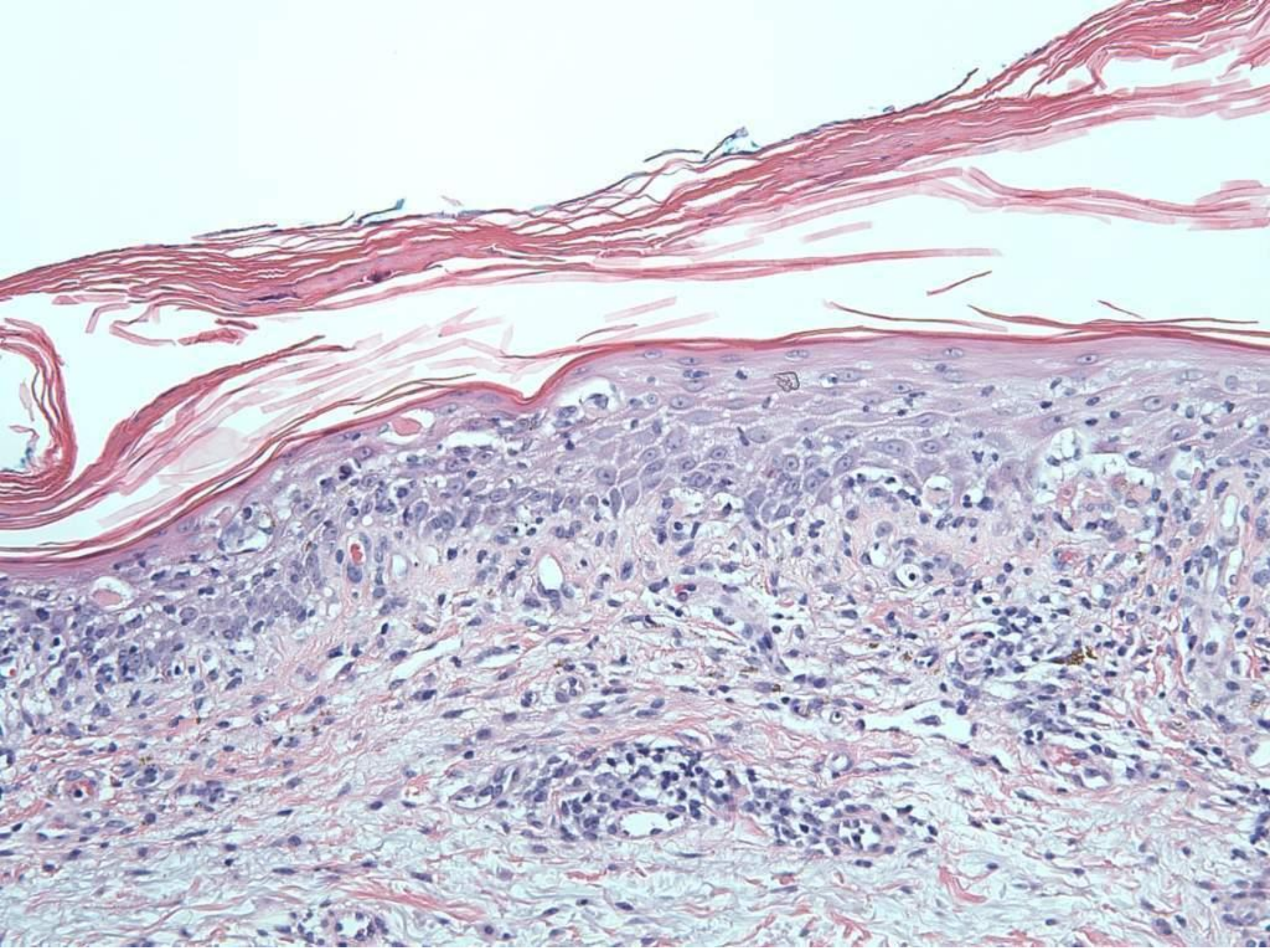
**DDx- eczematous derm,
psoriasis, drug, PRP,
MF/SS, other**



Keratoderma of palms and soles







Differential diagnosis of erythrodermas

- Psoriasis
- PRP
- Eczematous dermatitis
- Drug reaction
- Sarcoidosis
- Scabies
- Autoimmune
 - DM
 - Overlap
- **CTCL (MF/SS)**
- Other hematolymphoid processes (e.g., ATLL, CLL, T-PLL)
- Paraneoplastic
- GVHD
- Infectious (staph toxin)
- Misc. inflammatory

Skin biopsies often non-diagnostic in erythrodermic skin of CTCL

When suspecting Sézary syndrome

- Evaluation of **blood** compartment
 - **Flow cytometry c/w Sezary syndrome**
 - Expanded CD4, H/S 16, CD4+/CD26- 80%, abs 2400
 - **TCR PCR clone in blood identical to skin**
 - Staging and other work-up
 - CMP/LDH normal
 - Whole body PET/CT
 - 1-1.5 cm axillary/inguinal LNs, low SUVs
- => Sezary syndrome, stage IVA (T4NxM0B2)**

Clinical course and management of SS

- ECP + oral bexarotene => mild benefit
- Added IFN-alpha => no response, neutropenia
- MTX 35 mg => minimal benefit
- **Anti-CCR4 mab (mogmulizumab)**
 - Rapid reduction of SCs and pruritus
 - Near 3 yrs of great disease control

Case Study: Patient 03-Stanford

(SS; Stage IVA; 6 Prior Therapies; 0.3 mg/kg)

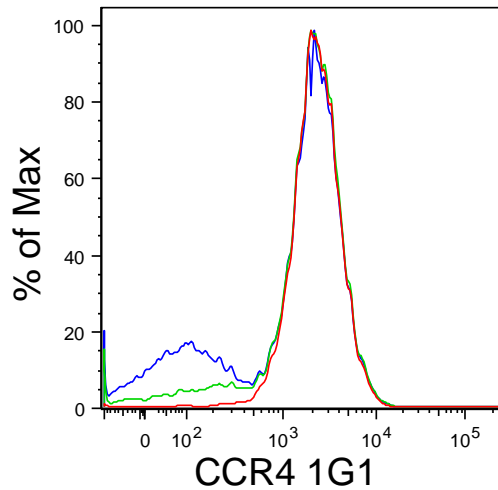
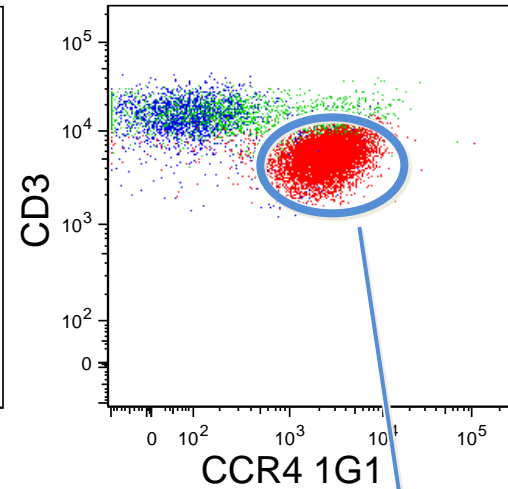
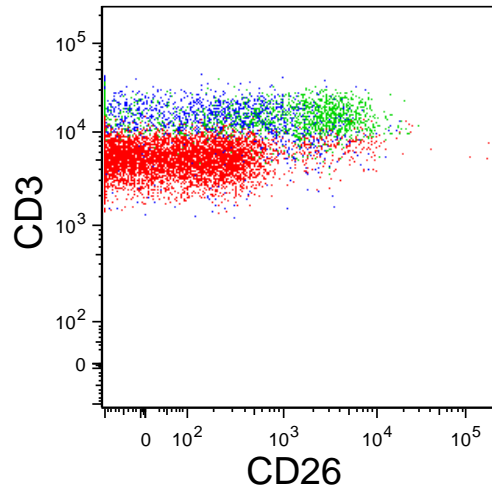
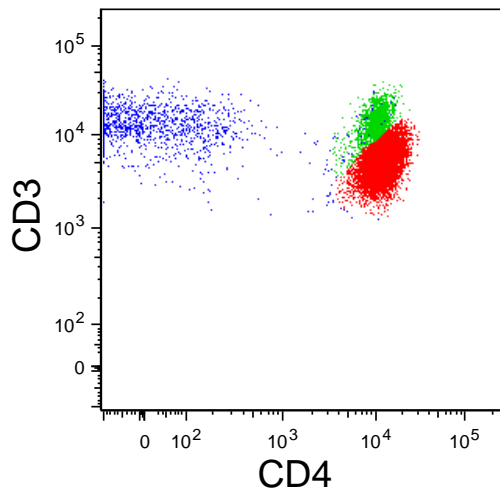


Pretreatment
Course 1 Day 1



Post treatment
Post Course 11

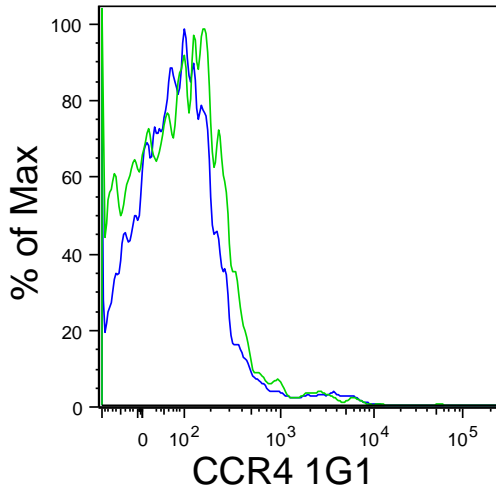
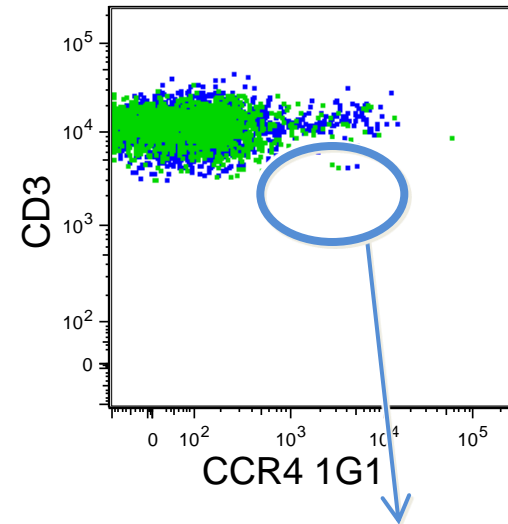
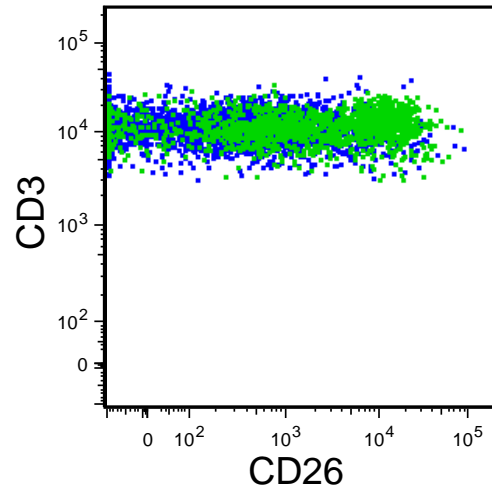
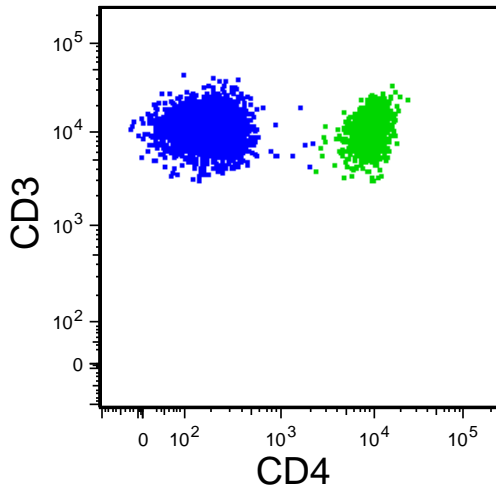
Response in Blood: Patient 01-Stanford (SS; Stage IVA; 6 prior therapies; 0.1 mg/kg) Pre-treatment



- Lymphoma cells
- Normal CD3+CD4+
- CD3+CD4neg

Lymphoma cells

Response in Blood: Patient 01-Stanford Post-treatment



- Lymphoma cells
- Normal CD3+CD4+
- CD3+CD4neg

**Lymphoma cells
undetectable**
Response >2 yrs

***Phase III RCT in CTCL ongoing
for FDA approval***

Challenge of the **red** person

Take home message



***Skin biopsies often non-diagnostic from
erythrodermic skin of CTCL***

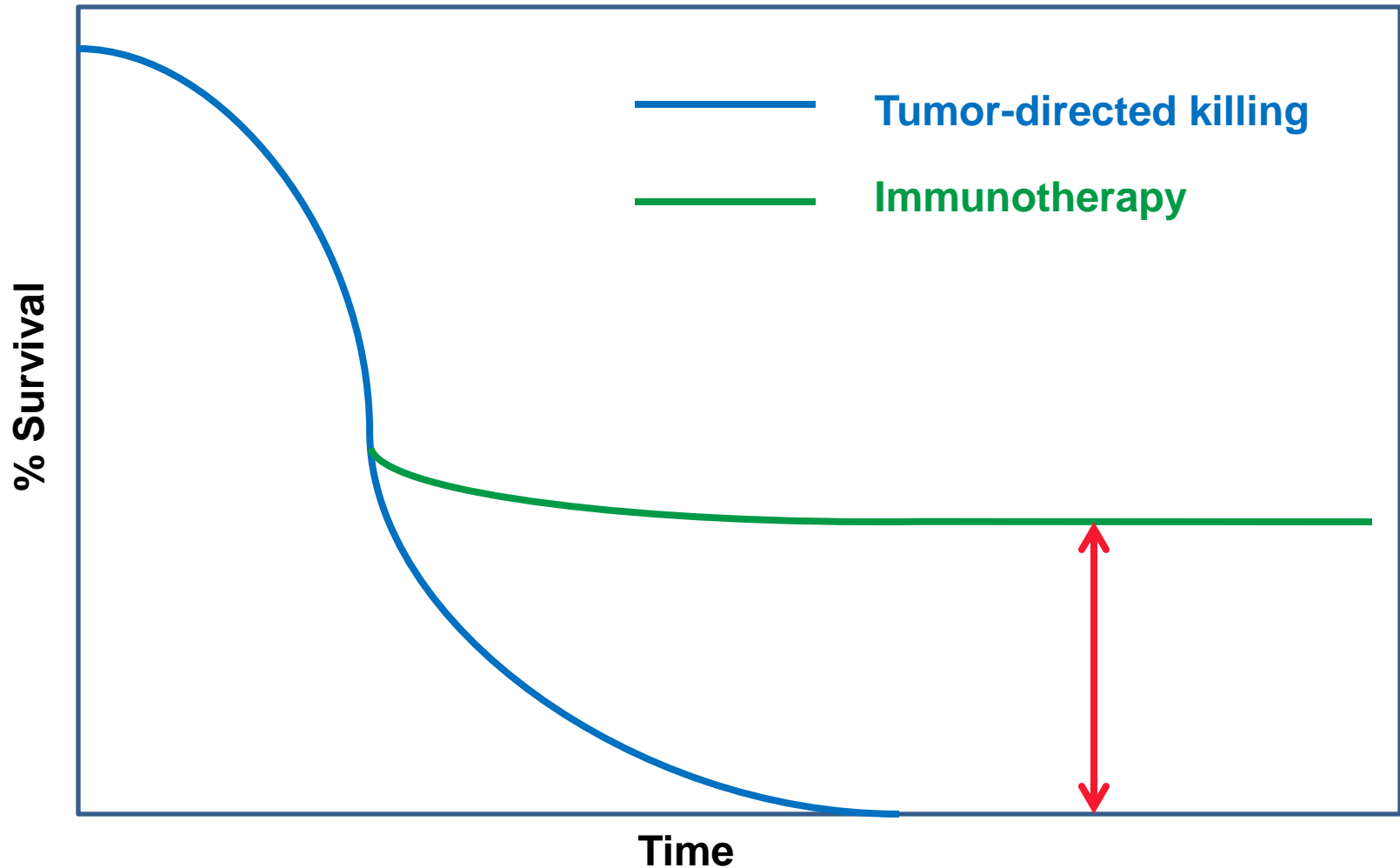
MUST ASSESS BLOOD if suspect SS

Lesson #4

Advanced MF/SS **IS** curative

Road to a CURE

*Effective tumor killing => lasting responses
by partnering with immune strategies*



Era of Targeted Therapy

Newer agents for tumor-directed killing

Kill the bad, spare the good cells

Targets for Therapy in Cutaneous Lymphoma

Cutaneous
lymphoma

Microenvironment,
immune mechanisms
(e.g. vasculature)

Tumor cell surface
molecules

(e.g., CD4, CD19,
CD20, CD22, CD25,
CD30, CD40, CD52,
CD158k, CCR4)

**CD30, an attractive target:
CD30 expression is increased in
proliferative or malignant
lymphocytes
=> good tumor selectivity**

Tumor
mech
Signa

(e.g., ubiquitin-proteasome, AKT/PI3K/mTOR,
RAS/RAF/MEK, MAPK)

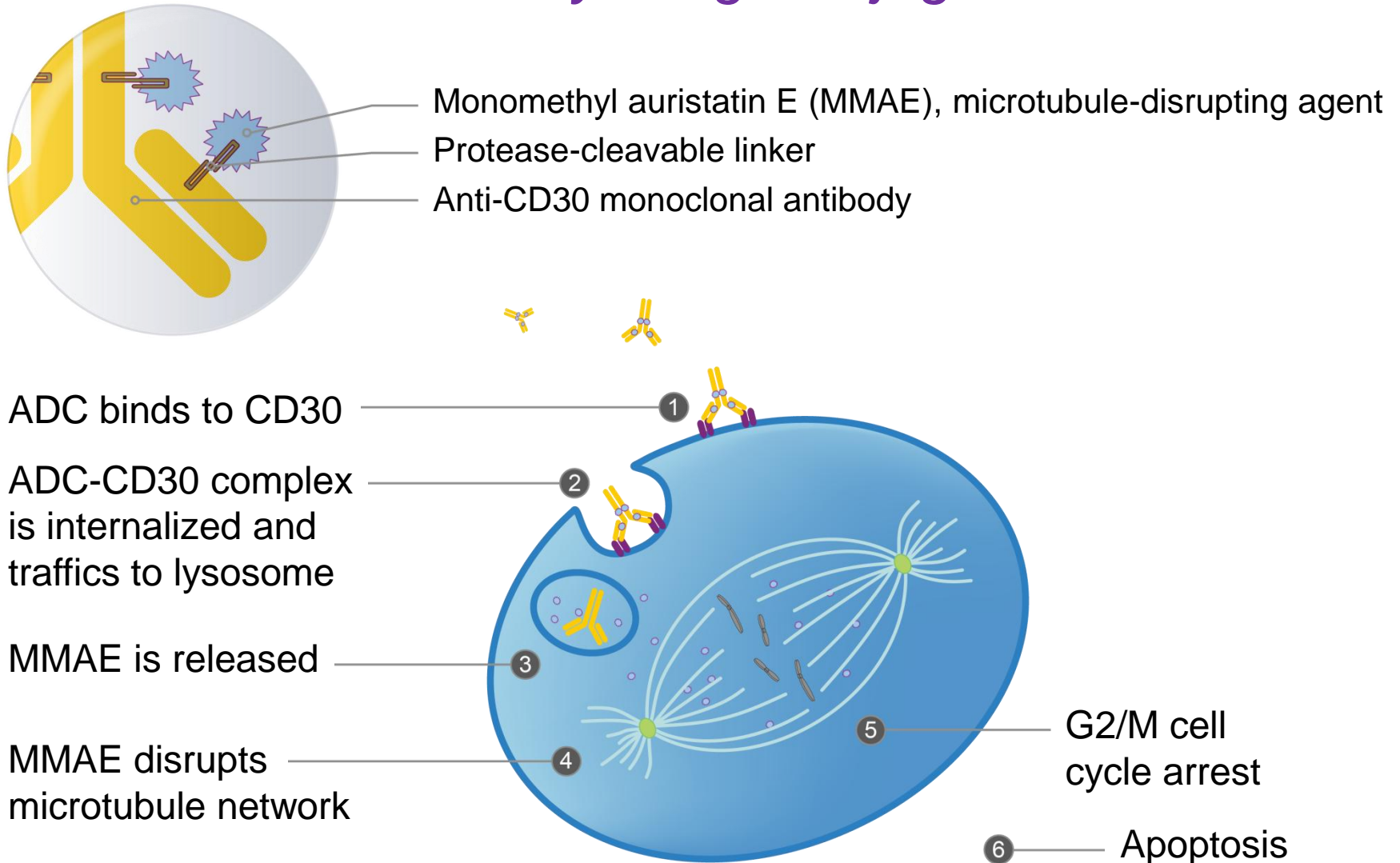
Apoptotic pathways (e.g. Bcl/Bax, TNFR, Fas, miRNAs)

Epigenetics (e.g., histone, non-histone proteins)

Metabolic/survival pathways (e.g., RFC-1, PARP)

Brentuximab Vedotin Mechanism of Action

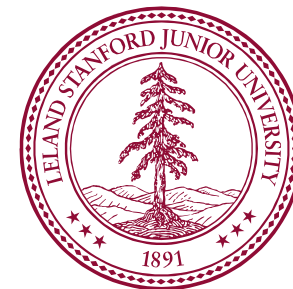
Antibody Drug Conjugate



Given IV every 3 wks



**ASH abstract #797,
presented 12/10/2012**



Brentuximab vedotin demonstrates clinical activity in mycosis fungoides / Sézary syndrome

Krathen M¹, Bashey S¹, Sutherland K¹, Sundram U¹,
Nagpal S¹, Salva K³, Wood G³, Advani R¹, Hoppe RH¹,
Reddy S¹, Pulitzer M², Horwitz S², Kim YH¹

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87 yo M with MF IIB, LCT

Screening



Cycle 6



87 yo M with MF IIB, LCT

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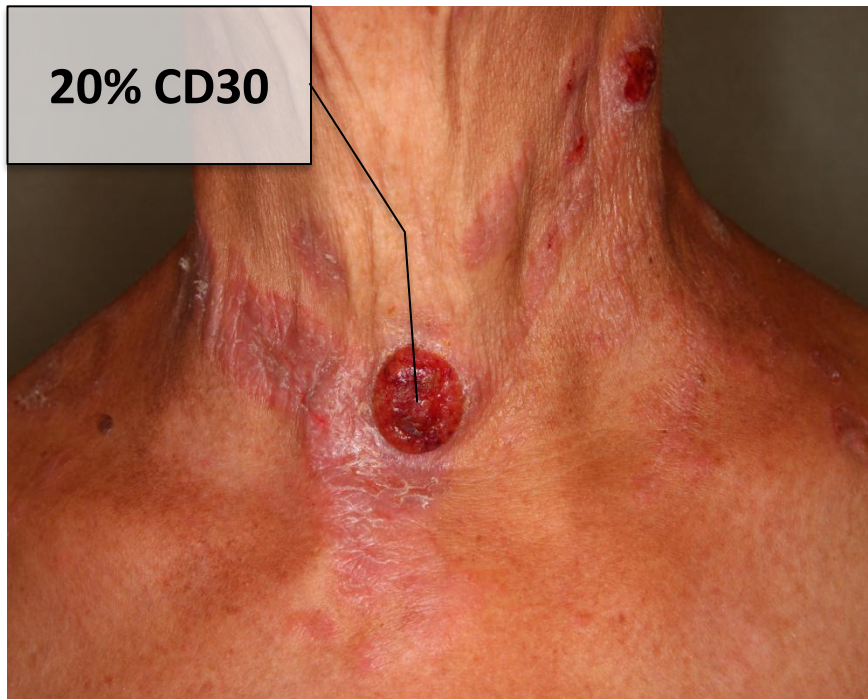


Cycle 6



Subject 12: 66 yo F with MF IVB, LCT w/ oropharyngeal involvement

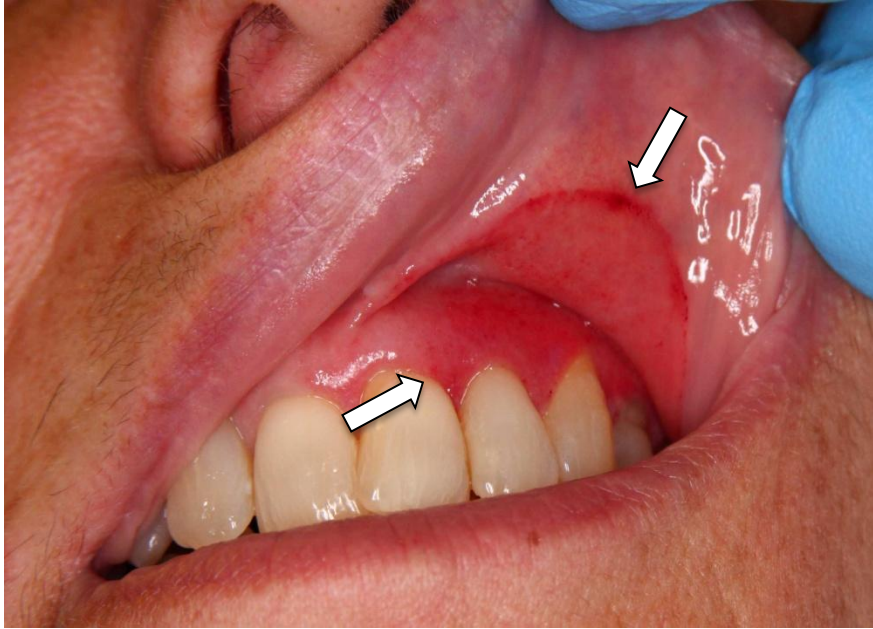
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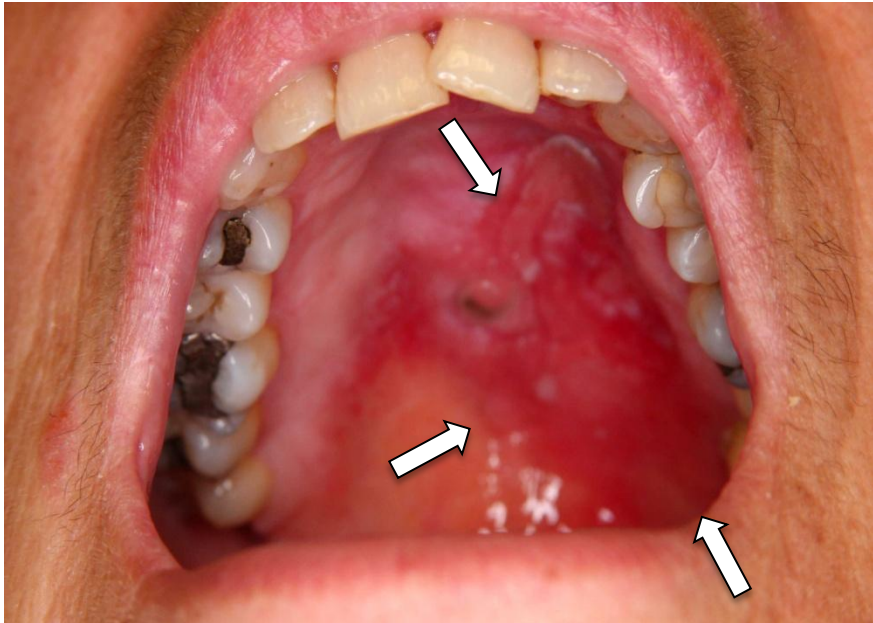
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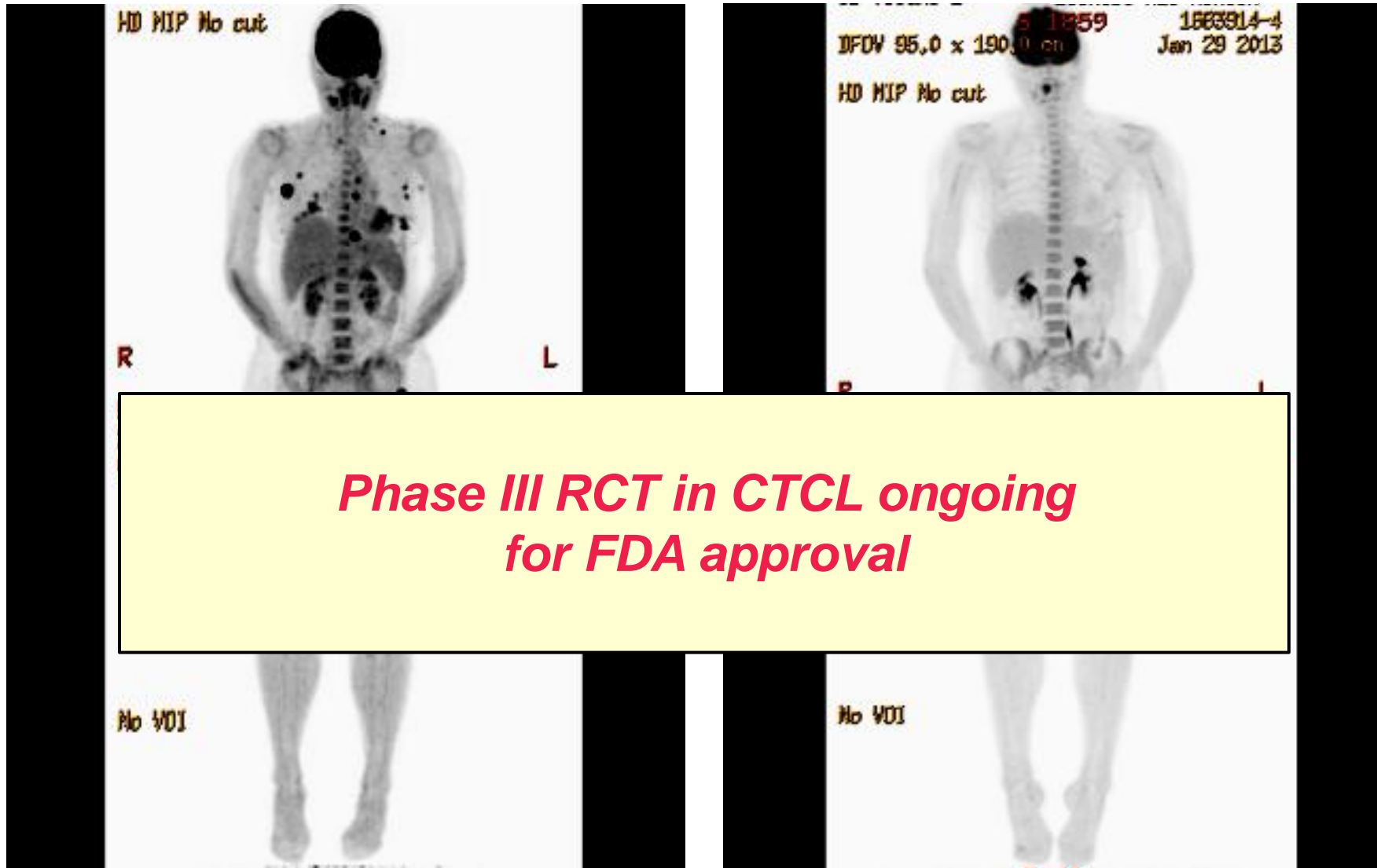
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51 yo F stage IVA2 MF with LCT in skin/LNs: response to brentuximab vedotin

Pre-treatment 12/20/2012

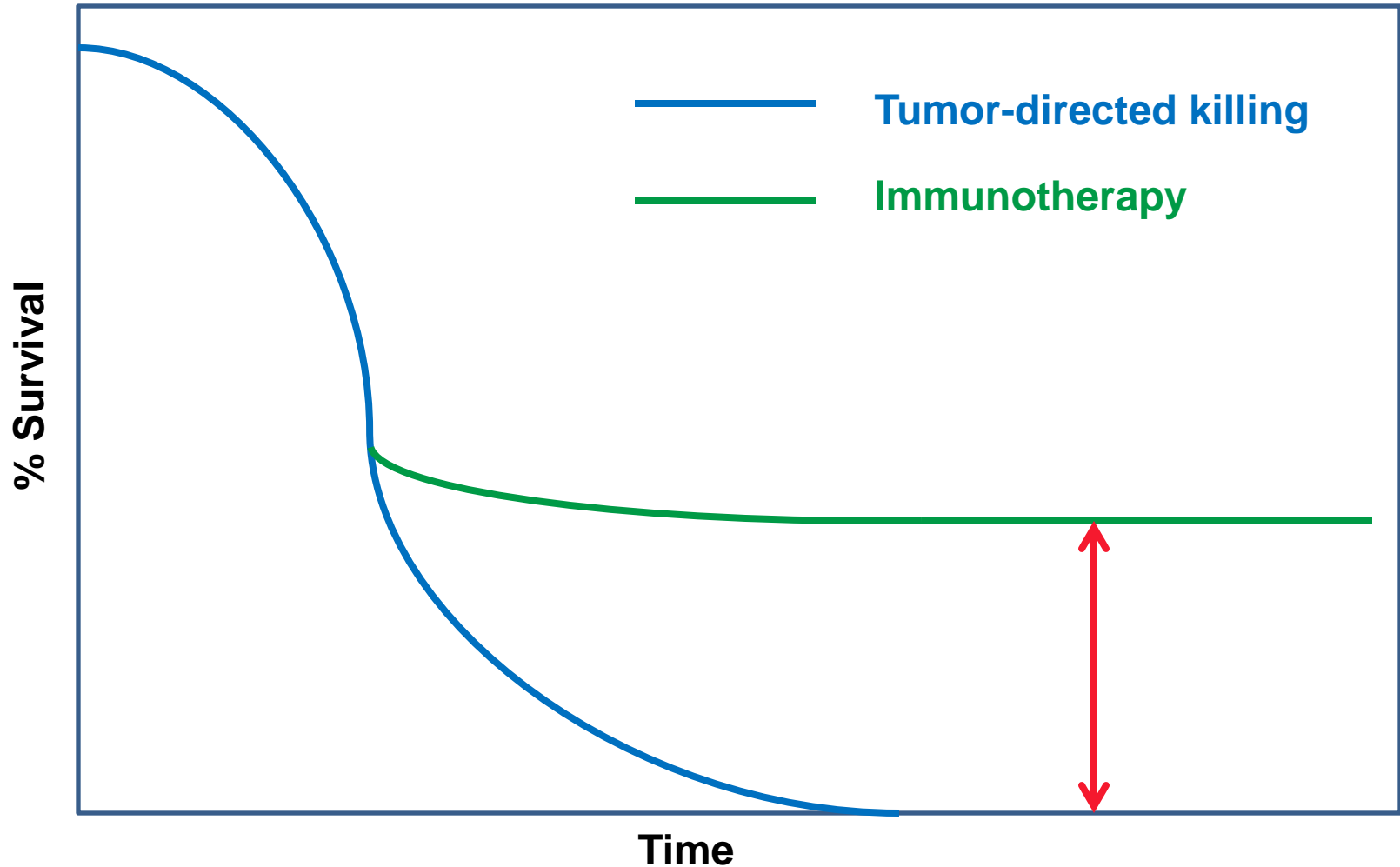
Post 2 cycles 1/29/2013



Road to a CURE

How do we make the nice responses last?

Partnering with immunotherapy



Immunotherapy strategies in cancer

**Tumor-specific
monoclonal
antibodies**

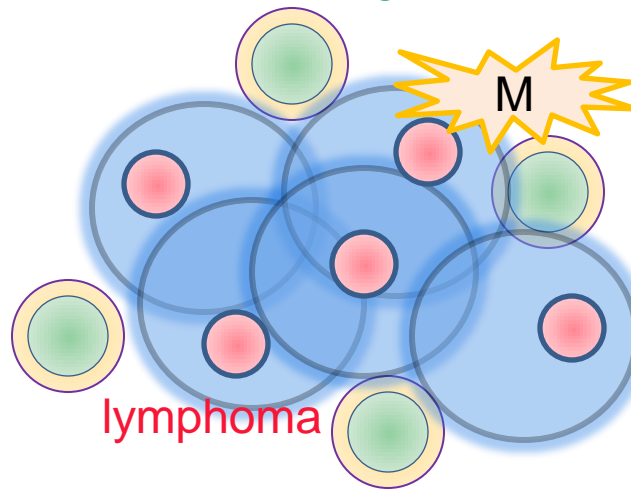
Cytokine therapy

TILs

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**Adoptive T-cell
transfer**

**Immune-modulating
agents or antibodies**



Allogeneic HSCT

**Vaccine-based
approaches**

Immunotherapy strategies in cancer

Tumor-specific
monoclonal
antibodies

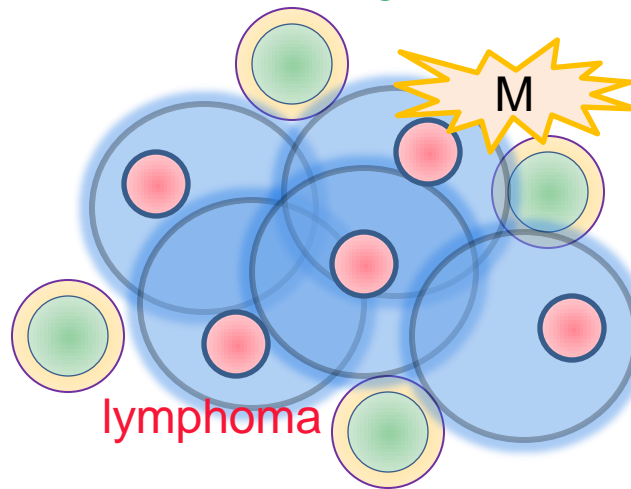
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Adoptive T-cell
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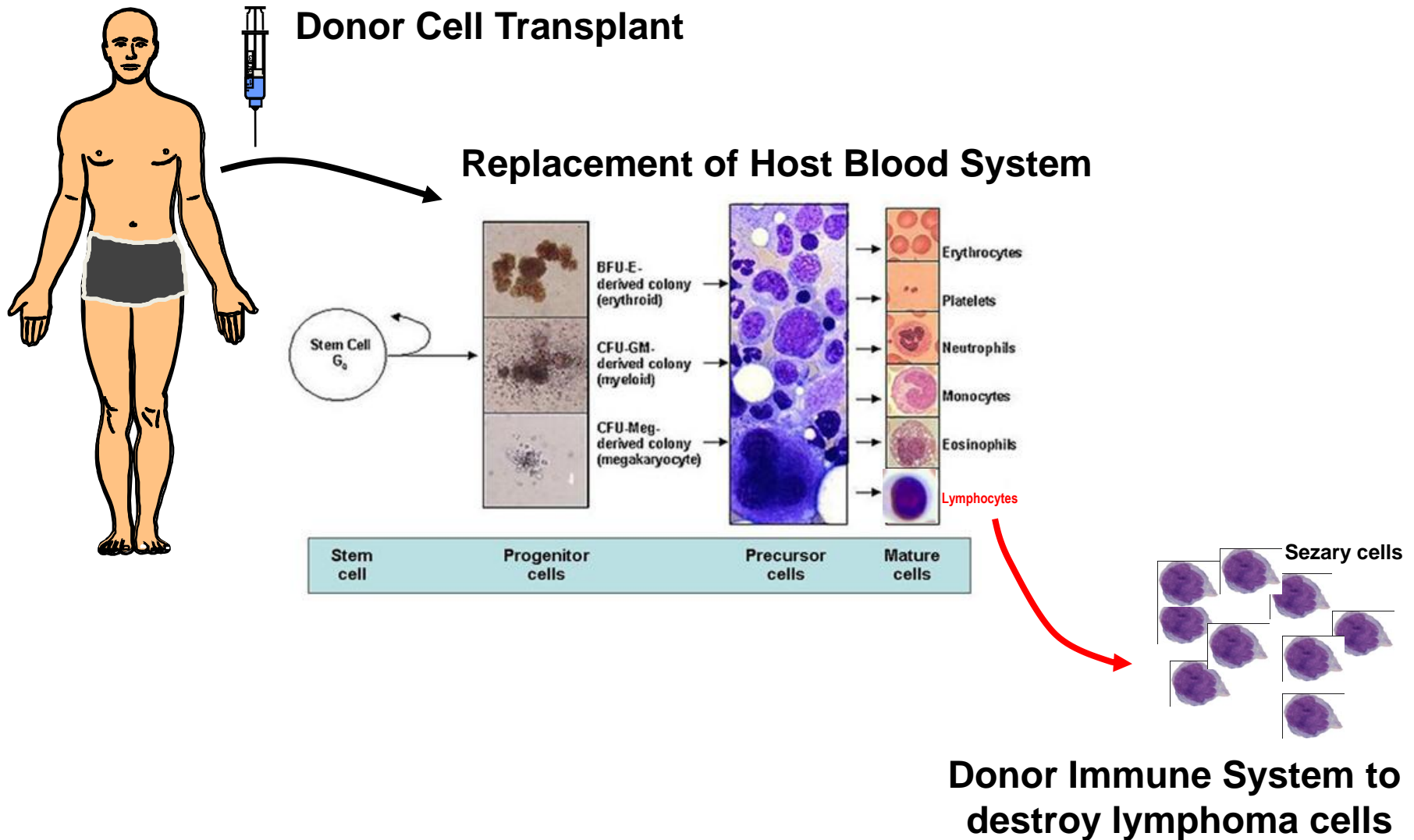
Immune-modulating
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Vaccine-based
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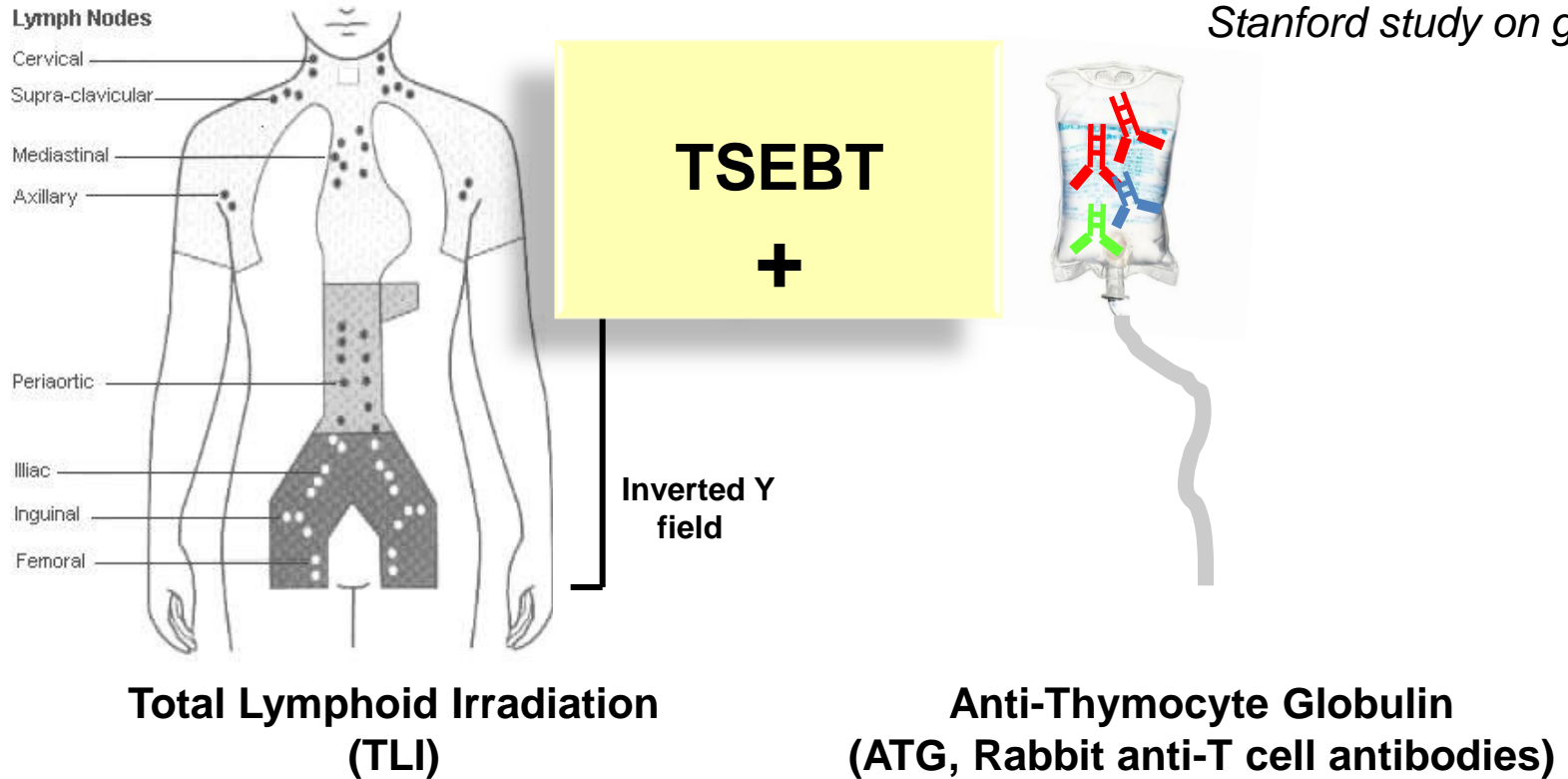
Allogeneic HSCT

Harnessing the graft-versus-lymphoma effect in allo HSCT as the ultimate cellular immune therapy



A New Approach in Donor Cell Transplant Non-Myeloablative Regimen with TLI/ATG “Protective conditioning”

*NEJM 353:1321, 2005
Stanford study on going*



**Enable Donor Cells to Engraft
aGVHD reduced to 2-5% (vs. 20-65%)**

Mycosis fungoides, stage IVA w/ LCT in skin/LNs: **CR**

Pre-TSEBT



3.0+ yr (NED, no GVHD)



Sezary syndrome, stage IVA w/ LCT in skin/LNs: **CR**

Pre-TSEBT

CD4+/CD26-: 99%, abs 19,780

2.0+ yr (NED, no GVHD)

CD4+/CD26-: normalized



Sezary syndrome, stage IVA w/ LCT in skin/LNs: CR

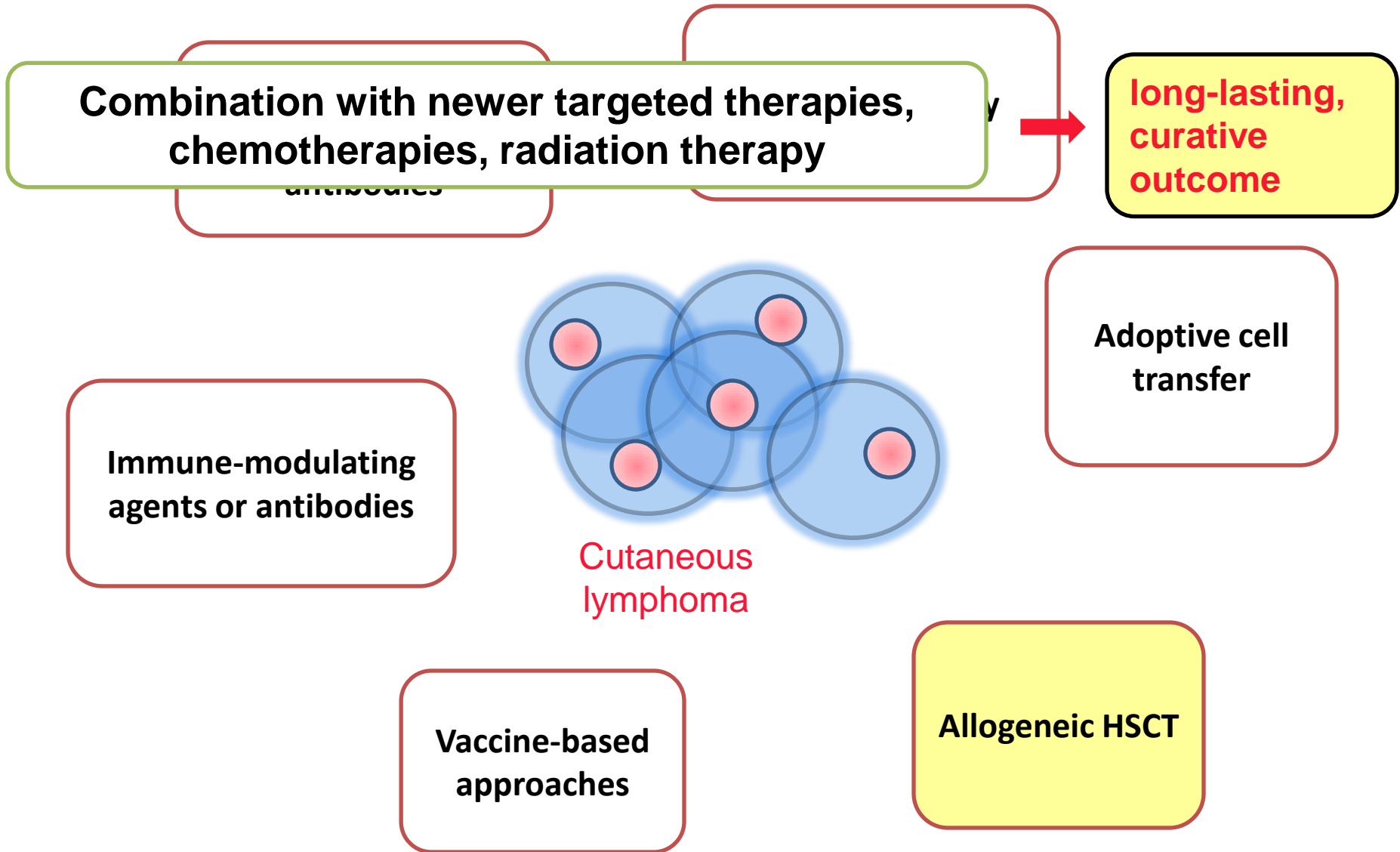
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CTCL Management: Lessons Learned

Take home summary

- **Clinical-pathologic correlation** is **ESSENTIAL** for diagnosis
- **“OK”** to be noncommittal of the diagnosis
 - Follow and reassess; manage according to biologic behavior
- **Check the blood compartment** for diagnostic data
 - HTLV1 serology for ATLL
 - Sezary flow when suspecting SS
- **Advanced/refractory MF or SS IS curative**
 - Must balance risks and benefits of allo HSCT



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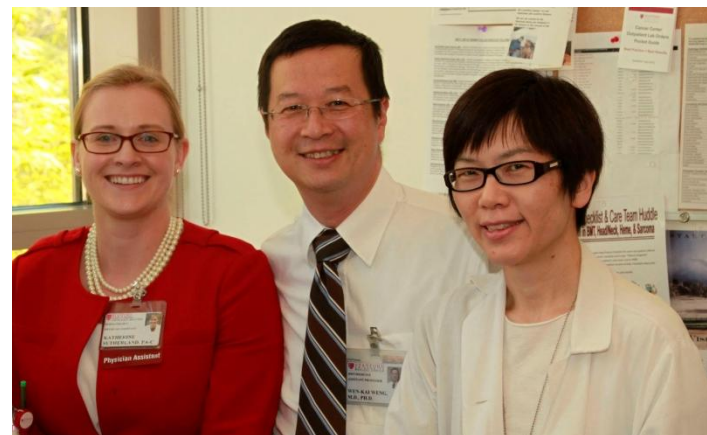
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