



# Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma: Current Treatment Approaches

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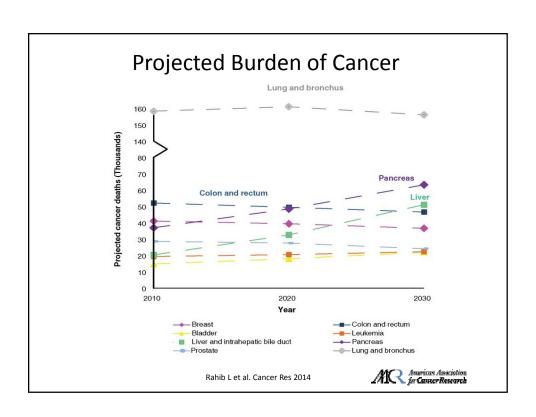
## Agenda

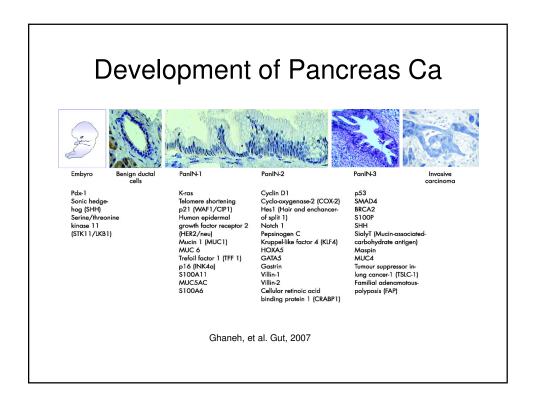
- Pancreas cancer epidemiology
- Early stage disease
- · Advanced disease
- Clinical trials
- Novel agents in development

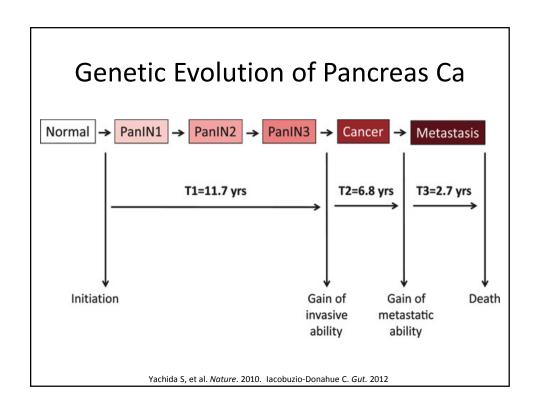
# The Problem and Challenges

- New diagnoses US 2014: 45,220
- 9th-10th most common cancer
- 3% of all new cancers
- Overall 5-year survival low and stable

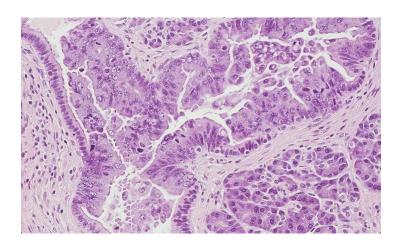
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### Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma



# A Formidable Tumor Biology...

- Complex microenvironment
- Physical barrier to effective drug delivery (stroma)
- Relative immune suppression
- Multiple gene mutations
- Key genes can't be targeted

#### **Localized Pancreas Cancer**

#### 3 Key groups:

- Localized, operable (stage I-IIB)
- -Localized, 'borderline' operable
- -Locally advanced, non-operable (stage III)

#### Clinical Features & Presentation

- Common symptoms: weight loss, appetite loss, jaundice, pain, malabsorption, new diabetes
- Symptoms depend on primary tumor location
  - Head tumors: weight loss, jaundice
  - Body/ tail tumors: weight loss, back/flank pain
- Blood clots: DVT or PE, presenting symptom in advanced disease (Trousseau)

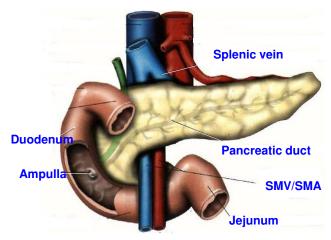
# **Surgical Considerations**

- Absence of spread of cancer
- Key issue is the relationship of primary tumor to blood vessels
  - CT pancreas angiography most useful
- Confirmed diagnosis of malignancy not necessitated in right clinical setting
- Laporoscopy used selectively

# **Operable Pancreas Cancer**



## **Surgery for Pancreas Adenoca**



Pancreaticoduodenectomy (Whipple) 80% Distal Pancreatectomy +/- Splenectomy 20%

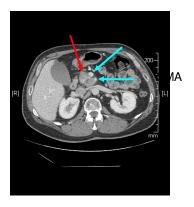
### Adjuvant (Postoperative) Therapy

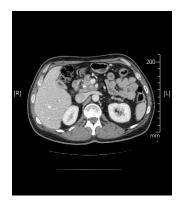
- Gemcitabine or 5-fluorouracil (5-FU) for 6 months
- Data for inclusion of combined chemotherapy and radiation – more controversial
  - US often included
  - Europe, Japan typically chemotherapy alone
  - Large study underway to define absolute benefit of chemotherapy + radiation (RTOG 0848)
- Other trials evaluating adding agent to gemcitabine

## Why Neoadjuvant (Pre-operative) Therapy?

- Risk of recurrence
- Selects out cancer behaviour, avoidance of surgery
- Improved treatment delivery: 20-25% don't receive adjuvant therapy in view of post-op issues
- Improved margin negative operations, reduced local recurrence rate, 'downstaging'?
- Standard approach in other GI cancers

# CT Pancreas Scan: Borderline Resectable Hypovascular pancreas head tumor





# Inoperable Pancreas Cancer

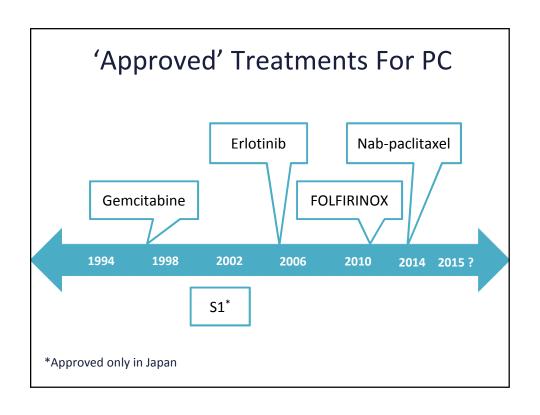
### Head of Pancreas & Liver Metastases





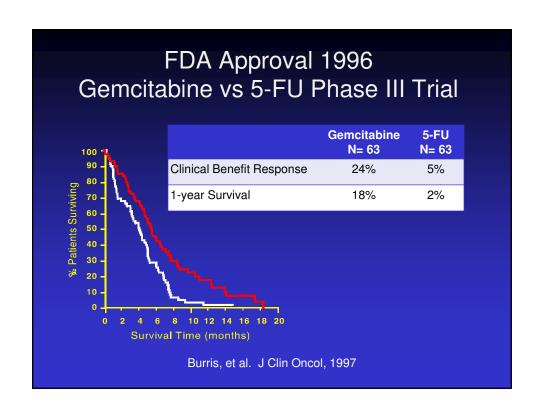
### Multidisciplinary Management

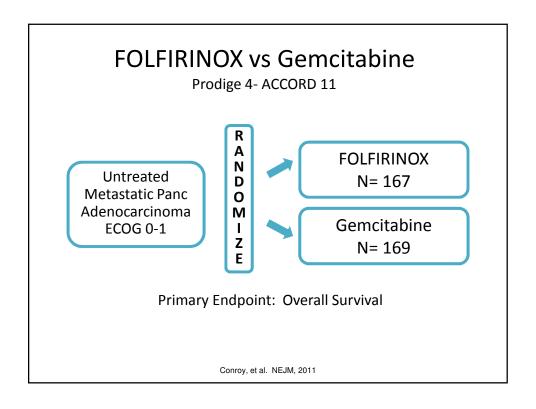
- Pain management
  - Narcotics, nerve block
  - Supportive/ palliative care
- Jaundice
  - ERCP + bile duct stent, operative bypass
- Duodenal (gastric outlet) blockage
  - Stent, drainage tube (dPEG), rarely surgery
- Nutrition
  - Enzyme supplementation, appetite enhancement
- Blood clots > 30-50%
- · Psychosocial care

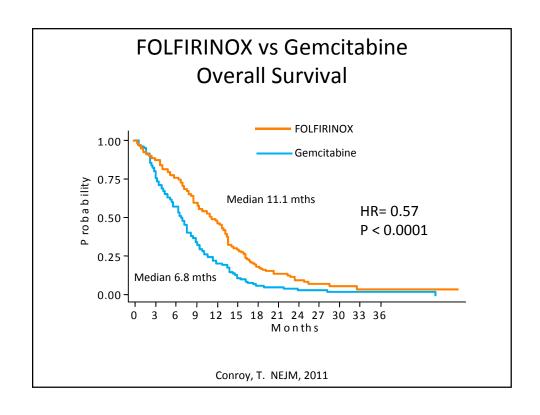


### **Goals of Treatment**

- Control the cancer
- Ease symptoms
- Extend life
- Maintain/improve quality of life



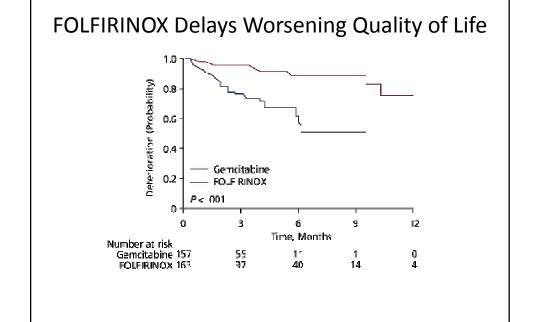




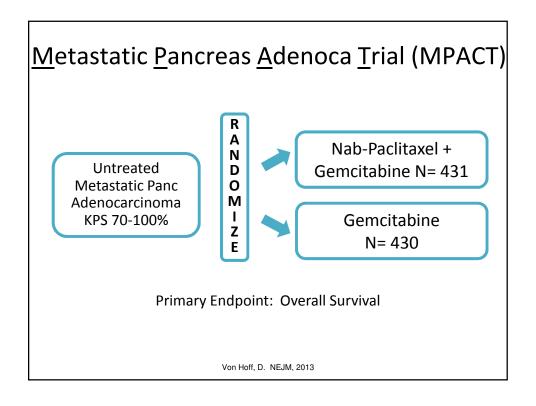
# FOLFIRINOX vs Gemcitabine Other Trial Endpoints

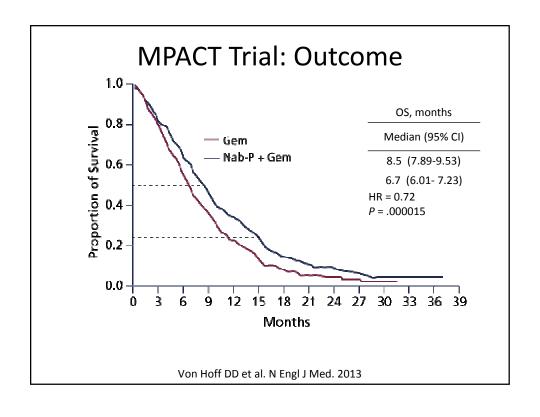
	FOLFIRINOX N= 167	Gemcitabine N= 169
Low white cells + fever	5 %	0.6%
Low platelets	9%	2%
Nerve effects	9%	-
Vomiting	14%	5%
Diarrhea	13%	1%
White cell booster needed	43% 5%	
Tumor Shrinkage	32%	9%
Cessation tumor growth	6.4 m	3.3 m

Conroy T, et al. NEJM, 2011



Gourgou-Bourgade S et al. J Clin Oncol, 2013





#### Which Treatment First For PC?

- No clear data to guide
  - Age, level of well-being, patient preference
- Nab-paclitaxel and gemcitabine applicable to broader patient population
  - Older, less robust
  - Easier to add other agents?
- Ability to select which regimen first will be useful

# Second-Line Therapy in Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma

- No standard/ approved therapy for second line (yet...)
- Data to support gemcitabine-based treatment for patients with disease growth on 5-FU-based regimen
- Data to support 5-FU-based therapy for patients with disease growth on gemcitabine-based therapy
- Relatively few patients enrolled on trials in a second-line setting

# Targeting Inflammation in PC RECAP Trial

- Randomized phase II capecitabine ± ruxolitinib
- N= 138 with progressive met PDAC following prior gemcitabine-based therapy
- · Primary endpoint: Survival
- Subgroup: 50% with elevated C-reactive protein (CRP)
  - Improvement in outcome with addition of ruxolitinib

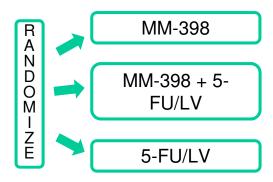
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## MM-398: New Chemotherapy

 Irinotecan – encapsulated for improved delivery/ efficacy (lipid nanoparticle)

# Randomized Phase III Trial Previously Treated Pancreas Cancer

Previously Treated Pancreas Adenocarcinoma N= 417



Combination of MM-398 + 5-FU/LV – most beneficial Under FDA review – 2015?

Wang-Gillam. World GI Symposium, 2014.

#### Where Do We Go From Here?

- Interfering with the stroma
- Targeted therapy for genetic subgroups
- Targeting cancer stem cells
- Immune therapies
- Specific inhibitors of key signaling pathways
- New chemotherapy (cytotoxic) agents

#### **Clinical Trials**

- Phase I
  - Dosing, schedule, side effects, hints of efficacy
- Phase II
  - Typically restricted to a specific disease
  - Estimation of the effectiveness of the therapy
  - Fuller understanding of side effects
- Phase III
  - Comparison to best standard treatment
  - Gold standard approach for drug approval
- Phase IV
  - Post FDA drug approval assessment

#### Clinical Trials II

- Support for clinical trials
  - Government (NCI)
  - Pharmaceutical industry
  - Philanthropy,
  - Academic Institutions
- Regulatory control/ support for clinical trials
  - Institutional Review/ Privacy Board
  - Large trials Data & Safety monitoring committee
  - Principal investigator responsibility

# **Types of Clinical Trials**

- Therapeutic
  - Treat the cancer
  - Treat the symptoms
- Non-therapeutic
  - Data collection
  - Investigate biology, outcomes in subgroups

## **Considering a Clinical Trial**

- Things to think about...
  - Goal of study and your goals
  - State-of-the-art care
  - Better than state-of-the-art?
  - Advancing knowledge
- Appropriate for your setting?
  - Mostly for patients without prior treatment
  - Adequate general health (aside from cancer)

# Pancreatic Cancer Trial Accrual 2011

(Courtesy Pancreatic Cancer Action Network)

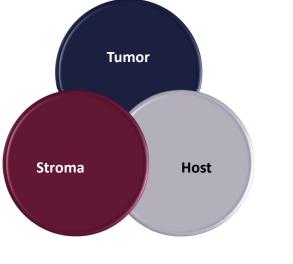
	TOTALS
Number patients participating in phase I-III pancreatic trials	1,794
Pancreatic Cancer Trial Participation	4.54%
Other Adult Cancers	~2%

Hoos WA, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2013;31(27):3432-3438

# New Targets, New Drugs...

Target/ Frequency	Class of Drug	Example of Drug
RAS (90%), RAK, MEK	FT inhibitor; Oncolytic virus C-Met	Tipifarnib, Salarasib; Reovirus, Selumetinib, Onartuzumab
EGFR (40-70%)	TKI's, monoclonal Antibodies	Erlotinib
mTOR/ P13K/ AKT/ MEK	mTOR inhibitor AKT, P13K, MEK	Everolimus, temsirolimus MK-2206, XL-765, BKM-120, Selumetinib
Hedgehog (70%) Notch (60-70%)	Small molecule Shh inhibitor Gamma-secretase inhibitor	GDC-0449, IPI-926, LDE-225 R04929097, OMP-59R5
PSCA	Antibody to PSCA	AGS-1C4D4
SRC	SRC, bcr-abl inhibitor	Dasatinib, AZD 0530
PARP/BRCA/PALB2	PARP inhibitors	AZD 2281, Veliparib, BSI-201
Vaccines/Immune	CTLA4, PD-1, PD-L1, CD40 CAR mesothelin	Ipilumumab, Nivolumab, CRS-207, GVAX, Algenpantucel-L

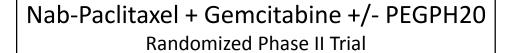




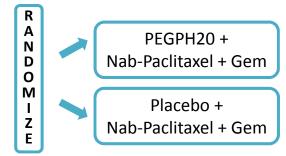
# Hyaluronan in the Stroma as a Target in Pancreatic Cancer

- Hyaluronan increased in >80% of pancreatic cancers
- Tumors that accumulate hyaluronan develop high pressure and drug resistance
- Hyaluronan is associated with disease progression and poor prognosis

1. Theocharis AD et al. *Biochim Biophys Acta*. 2000;1502:201-206. 2. Jacobitz MA et al. *Gut*. 2013;62:112-120. 3. Provenzano PP et al. *Cancer Cell*. 2012;21:418-429.



Untreated Metastatic Panc Adenocarcinoma N= 132



Primary Endpoint: Disease control

http://clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT01839487

#### Pancreatic Cancer, BRCA, and PARP Inhibition

- 5%-10% of pancreatic cancer patients have inherited BRCA-1 or -2 gene mutation
  - Ashkenazi Jewish, Scandinavian, Icelandic, others
- BRCA-1, -2 involved in DNA repair
- PARP inhibition established value in ovarian/breast cancer with BRCA-related mutations
- Emerging data in pancreatic cancer supports targeting genetic vulnerabilities related to BRCA gene mutations

## Randomized Phase II Trial in BRCA-Mutated Pancreas Adenoca

Pancreas cancer with BRCA1-2, PALB2 mutation

Arm A: Cisplatin + gemcitabine + veliparib

Arm B: Cisplatin + gemcitabine

Gemcitabine + cisplatin d3+10, q21

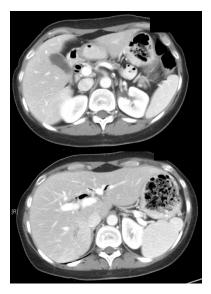
Veliparib dosing, day 1-12 twice daily by mouth

http://clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT01585805. Accessed 2014

#### Pancreas Cancer BRCA Mutation



Ca 19-9 2660; CEA 229



Ca 19-9 42; CEA 4.3

## Immunotherapy Trials in PC

- Algenpantucel-L (NewLink Genetics): human PC cell lines genetically engineered to express αGal
  - Completed study in surgically removed pancreas cancer
- Nivolumab (PD1) ± ipilimumab (anti-CTLA4)
- MEDI4736 (PDL1)
- Engineered T-cells (CAR)
  - Mesothelin, CEA
- Clivatuzumab mAb hPAM40 + <sup>90</sup>Y (radioimmunotherapy)

#### **ECLIPSE Trial** Randomized Phase IIB Cyclophosphamide Α + GVAX + CRS 207 Ν D **Previously Treated** 0 Metastatic Panc **CRS 207** Μ Adenocarcinoma N = 240Z Ε Chemotherapy\* \*Gemcitabine/ Capecitabine/ Erlotinib/ Irinotecan Primary Endpoint: Overall Survival NCT02004262

# Front-Line Metastatic Trials Selected Randomized Phase II

NCT	Trial Design	N	Target	Sponsor
01839487	Gem + nab-paclitaxel ± PEGPH20	132	Hyaluronan	Halozyme
01621243	Gem + nab-paclitaxel ± M402	148	Anti-stromal	Momenta
01647828	Gem + nab-paclitaxel ± OMP-59R5	140	Notch, stem cell	OncoMed
01844817	Gem + nab-paclitaxel ± OGX-427	132	HSP27	OncoGenix
01016483	Gem ± MSC1936369B	174	MEK	Merck, EU
01728818	Gem ± afatinib	117	EGFR, HER2,4	Boehringer, EU
01509911	Gem ± TL-118	80	Angiogenesis	Tiltan Pharma
01505530	LY249555 + chemo (investig choice)	120	Myostatin	Eli-Lilly
01280058	Carbo + paclitaxel ± reovirus	70	RAS	NCI
01585805	Gem + cisplatin ± veliparib	~70	PARPi (BRCA+)	NCI, Lustgarten
01209111	Gem + erlotinib ± metformin	120	Multiple	U. Amsterdam
01167738	PEXG ± metformin	82	Stem cells	San Raffaele

#### **Conclusions**

- 1. Treament works in PC
- 2. Adjuvant therapy: Gemcitabine +/- chemoradiation
- 3. For high functioning individuals with metastatic disease Multi-drug combination, e.g.,

FOLFIRINOX, Gemcitabine + nab-paclitaxel

- 4. For all clinical trials where possible
- 5. Multiple interesting agents in development

### **Conclusions II**

- Second-/third-line therapy trials feasible and area for drug development
- · Ongoing needs
  - Validated markers for patient treatment selection
  - Enhanced clinical trial participation
- Future looks brighter...

## **Expectations For The Future**

- 1) Improved understanding of who is at risk
- 2) Increased role of screening for PC
- 3) Improved model systems of PC
- 4) Improvements in treatment
- 5) Improvements in molecular classification