



Unmet Needs in Gynecologic Oncology: Advancing the Management of Rare Tumors

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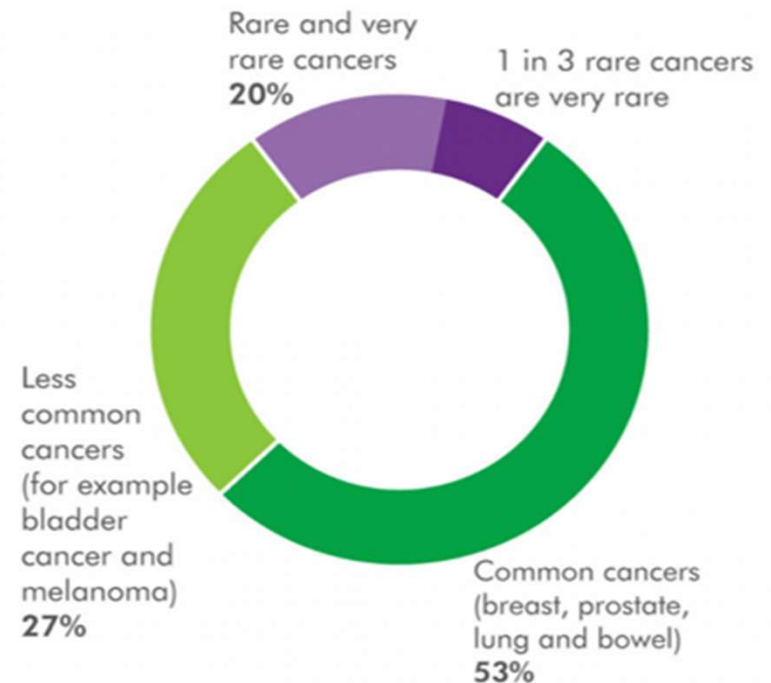
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Rare Cancers Add Up

- Although the incidence of rare malignancies is a fraction of that of the leading cancer types, the aggregate impact is significant
- Individuals with rare gynecologic cancers represent 25-30% of all survivors of GYN malignancies but:
 - Tumors are more challenging to treat
 - Have fewer treatment options
 - **Experience 30-40% of all gynecologic cancer-related deaths**



The Decade of Rare Gynecologic Cancer Advances

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Phase II Study of Single-Agent Cabozantinib in Patients with Recurrent Clear Cell Ovarian, Primary Peritoneal or Fallopian Tube Cancer (NRG-GY001)

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Phase II study of enzalutamide in androgen receptor positive, recurrent, high- and low-grade serous ovarian cancer

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Randomized Phase III Trial of Paclitaxel and Carboplatin Versus Paclitaxel and Ifosfamide in Patients With Carcinosarcoma of the Uterus or Ovary: An NRG Oncology Trial

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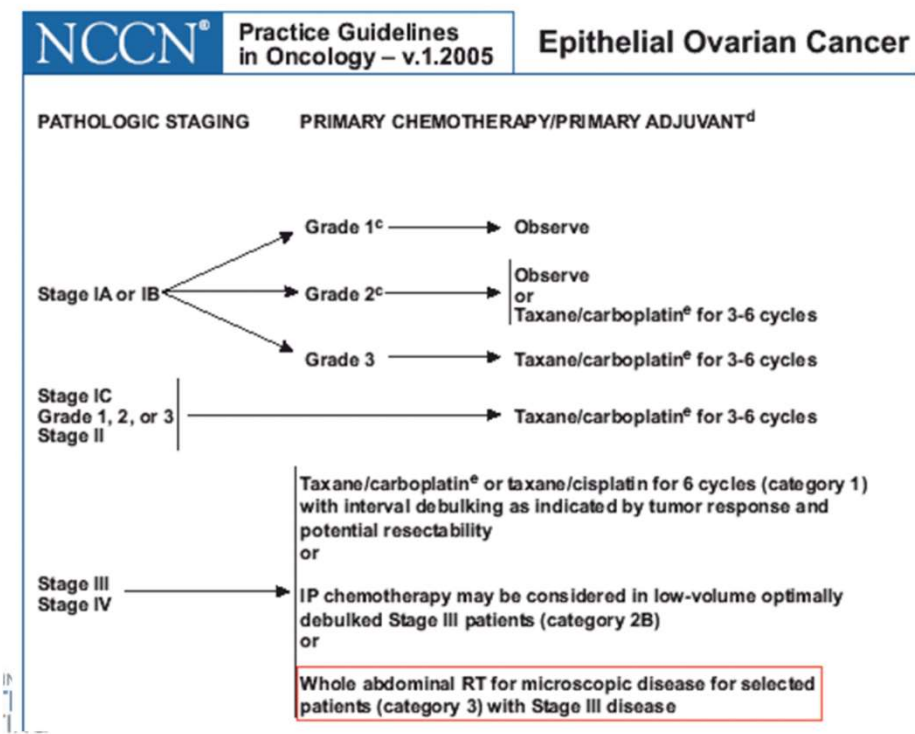
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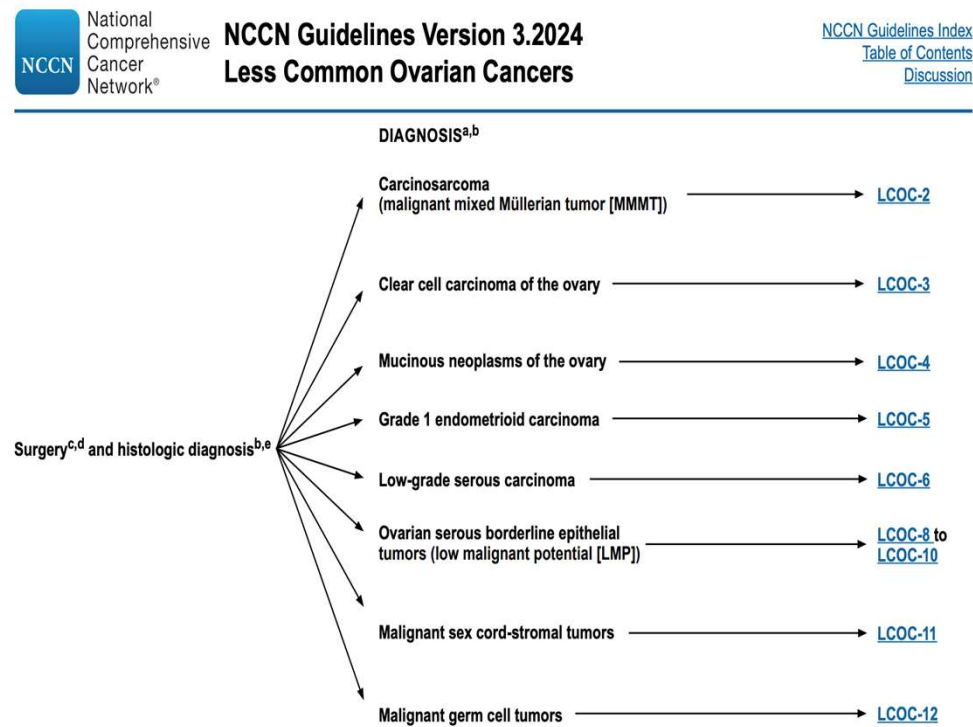
Randomized phase II trial of carboplatin-paclitaxel compared to carboplatin-paclitaxel-trastuzumab in advanced (stage III-IV) or recurrent uterine serous carcinomas that overexpress Her2/Neu (NCT01367002): updated overall survival analysis

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NCCN Ovarian Cancer Guidelines Progress in Rare Epithelial OC



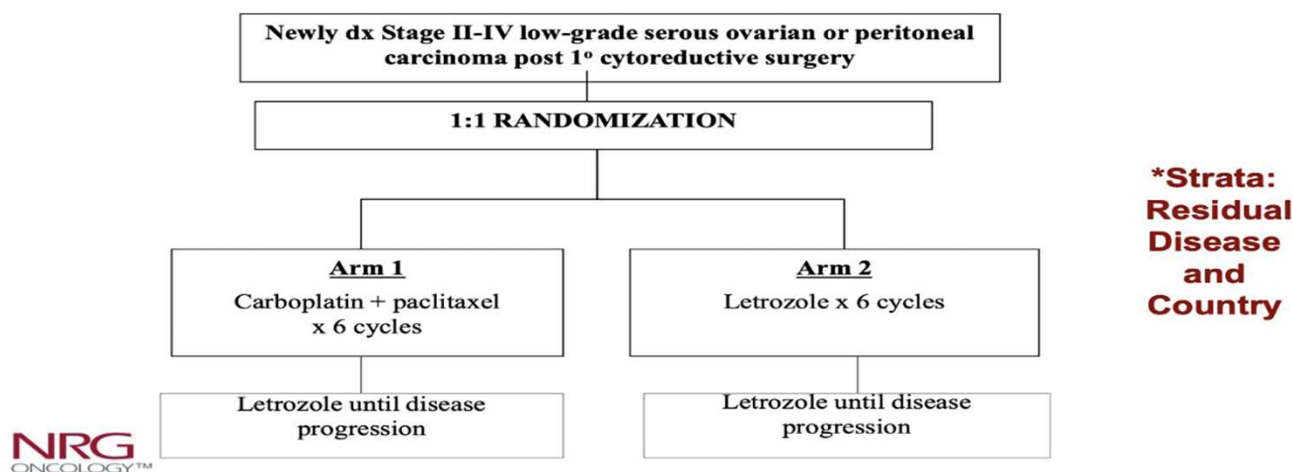
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One of the first adjuvant trials in advanced ovarian cancer without platinum/taxane in one of the treatment arms

- **Moving beyond the “Add on” clinical trial design model (i.e., building upon a chemo backbone)**
- **NRG-GY019 overcomes that limitation**
- **92% of patients enrolled to date**

Study Schema













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a National Cancer Institute program

NRG-GY019

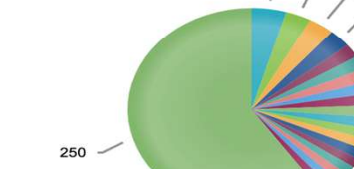
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A Randomized Phase III, Two-Arm Trial of Paclitaxel/Carboplatin/Maintenance Letrozole Versus Letrozole Monotherapy in Patients with Stage II-IV, Primary Low-Grade Serous Carcinoma of the Ovary or Peritoneum

Protocol Status:	ACTIVE
Protocol Status Date:	26-Aug-2019
Activation Date:	26-Aug-2019
Lead Organization:	NRG
NCI Program:	NCTN
Phase:	III
Country Participation:	       
ClinicalTrials.gov Link:	NCT04095364
Patient Accrual:	As of 17-Jan-2025 12:30:15 AM

Step Type	Step(s)	Planned	Actual
Intervention	1	457	419

Patient Intervention Accrual by site



TX035
 11030
 OH007
 OK003
 MO011
 NC042
 OH073
 GA020
 IN007
 MN031
 NY167
 MA004
 SD021
 UT003
 LA029
 MN026
 PA075
 WA008

No FDA-Approved Regimens Specifically for LGSOC



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NCCN Guidelines Version 3.2024 Low-Grade Serous Carcinoma

All Currently Available
Therapies for LGSOC
Generally have Response
Rates ≤ 26%

MONITORING/FOLLOW-UP FOR RECURRENCE

- Visits every 2–4 mo for 2 y, then 3–6 mo for 3 y, then annually after 5 y
- Physical exam including pelvic exam as clinically indicated
- Tumor molecular testing if not previously done^o
- C/A/P CT, MRI, PET/CT, or PET (skull base to mid-thigh) as clinically indicated^p
- CBC and chemistry profile as indicated
- CA-125^q or other tumor markers if initially elevated
- Refer for genetic risk evaluation, if not previously done^r
- Long-term wellness care ([NCCN Guidelines for Survivorship](#))

Recurrent
disease^t

RECURRENCE THERAPY^s

Trametinib^f
or
Binimetinib (category 2B)^f
or
Dabrafenib + trametinib (for *BRAF* V600E-positive tumors)^f
or
Hormonal therapy^u
or
Chemotherapy (if not previously used), [see OV-C \(6 of 12\)](#)
or
Other systemic therapy^{f,v}
• For platinum-sensitive disease, [see OV-C \(8 of 12\)](#)
• For platinum-resistant disease, [see OV-C \(9 of 12\)](#)
or
Observation

Studies Recently Completed in LGSOC

Study	Phase	Treatment	Efficacy Outcome
NCT01974765 ¹	II	Enzalutamide for AR+ LGSOC	1/14 unconfirmed PR, 4.6 mo mPFS, 38.5% PFS6 mo
PARAGON ² (ANZGOG-0903)	II	Anastrozole for ER+ LGSOC	14% ORR (5/26)
GOG 3026 ³ (NCT03673124)	II	Ribociclib + Letrozole	23% ORR, 19.1 mo mDOR, 19.1 mo mPFS
FRAME ⁴ (NCT03875820)	I	Avutometinib + Defactinib	46% ORR (64% KRAS mt, 44% KRAS wt), 23 mo mPFS
RAMP 201 ⁵ (NCT04625270)	II	Avutometinib + Defactinib	45% ORR (60% KRAS mt, 29% KRAS wt)
NCT03905148	I	Lifirafenib + Mirdametinib	58.8% ORR (10/17) [BIOMARKER SELECTED]
SOLAR ⁶ (NCT03162627)	I/II	Olaparab + Selumetinib	44% ORR (4/9) [BIOMARKER SELECTED]
EMR 20006-012 ⁷ (NCT01936363)	II	Pimasertib + SAR245409	9.4% (combo) and 12.1% (mono) ORR
NCT03909152 ⁸	II	Onapristone ER + Anastrozole	50% CBR (2/4), 75% PFS3

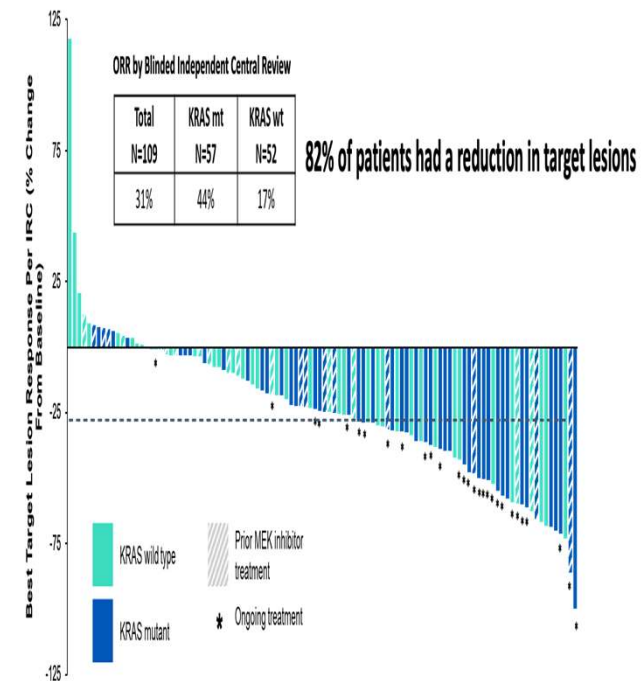
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Courtesy of David Gershenson, MD

RAMP 201 Summary and Conclusions

- Avutometinib 3.2 mg BIW + defactinib 200 mg BID resulted in clinically meaningful responses, duration of response, and progression-free survival
- **ORR:** 31% overall; 44% in KRASmt and 17% in KRASwt
- **Median DOR:** 31 months overall
- **Median PFS:** 12.9 months overall; 22.0 months in KRASmt and 12.8 months in KRASwt
- The majority of adverse events were grade 1 and 2 and managed by dose interruptions or reductions.
- A new drug application for this combination in recurrent, KRASmut LGSOC granted FDA priority review with a Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) action date of June 30, 2025

Best Percentage Change From Baseline in Target Lesions
Avutometinib + Defactinib: Parts A, B, and C



NCT04625270

Courtesy of Rachel Grisham, MD

GOG-3097/ENGOT-ov81/NCRI/RAMP 301:

A Phase 3, Randomized, Open-Label Study of Combination Therapy with Avutometinib plus Defactinib Versus Investigator's Choice of Treatment in Patients with Recurrent Low-Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer (LGSOC)



Key Inclusion Criteria

- Confirmed LGSOC diagnosis
- Recurrent disease after prior platinum therapy
- Documented KRAS mutation status
- Measurable disease per RECIST v1.1
- Prior MEKi allowed
- Prior Bev allowed

NCT06072781

1:1 Randomization
N = 270

Stratification Factors
KRAS mutation status: wt vs mt
Number of prior therapies: 1-3 vs ≥4
Geography: North America/Europe vs ROW

Avutometinib + Defactinib
N = 135

Avutometinib 3.2 mg PO BIW
Defactinib 200 mg PO BID
3 weeks on, 1 week off

May crossover upon BICR confirmed PD

Investigator's Choice
N = 135

Pegylated Liposomal Doxorubicin
Paclitaxel
Letrozole
Anastrozole

Primary Endpoint
PFS via RECIST v1.1 per BICR

Secondary Endpoints
OS
PFS via RECIST v1.1 per INV
Assessment
ORR
DoR
DCR
Safety
Pharmacokinetics
PROs

Summary of Analyses
Interim analysis at 50% of planned PFS events for possible sample-size adjustment to maintain power
Hierarchical Evaluation of Primary PFS Endp.:
– KRAS mutant LGSOC only
– All recurrent LGSOC

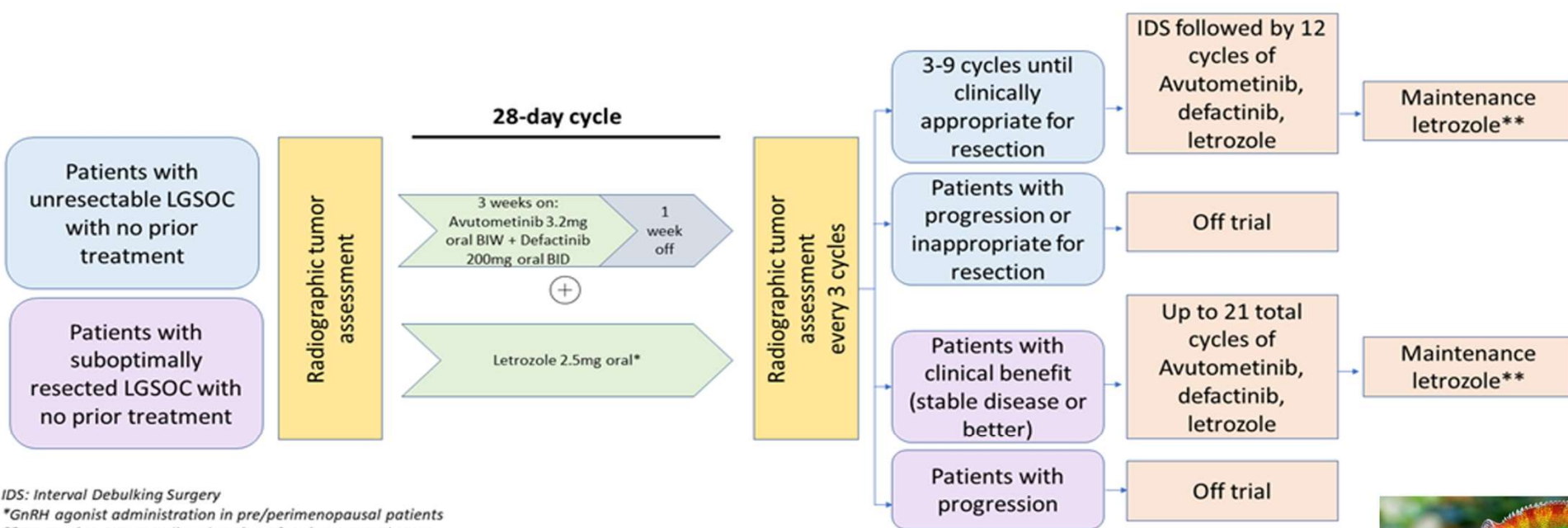
- Sparse PK samples to be collected only from patients randomized to the **avutometinib/defactinib arm**

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RECIST, response evaluation criteria in solid tumors; BICR, blinded independent central review; BID: twice a day; BIW: twice a week; DCR: disease control rate; DoR: duration of response; INV: investigator; mt: mutant; wt, wild type; PFS: progression free survival; ORR: objective response rate; OS: overall survival; PD: progressive disease; PROs: patient reported outcomes; ROW: rest of world

Avutometinib and defactinib are investigational drugs and have not been approved for use by any regulatory health authority. Safety and efficacy have not been established.

Combination targeted and Hormonal treatment of Low-grade serous Ovarian cancer in the upfront setting (CHAMELEON) Study Schema NCT06394804



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Ongoing Studies in Recurrent LGSOC

Study	Phase	Treatment	Est. Completion
PARAGON II (ACTRN12621000639820)	II	Letrozole+alpelisib (PIK3CAi); Letrozole+ ribociclib (CDK4/6i) based on presence of PIK3CA mutation status	
ALEPRO* (NCT05872204)	II	Abemaciclib + Letrozole	10/2026
NCT05113368	II	Regorafenib + Fulvestrant	6/2023
BOUQUET* (NCT04931342)	II	Biomarker Selected Treatments	12/2026
PERCEPTION (NCT04575961)	II	Pembrolizumab + Chemotherapy	11/2023
FUCHSia	II	Fulvestrant	4/2022
ComboMatch* (NCT05554367)	II	Palbociclib + Binimetinib	8/2026
NCT04092270*	I	Peposertib + Chemotherapy	
NCT04739800*	II	Durvalumab + Olaparib + Cediranib	12/2023
NCT02923934*	II	Ipilimumab + Nivolumab	12/2023

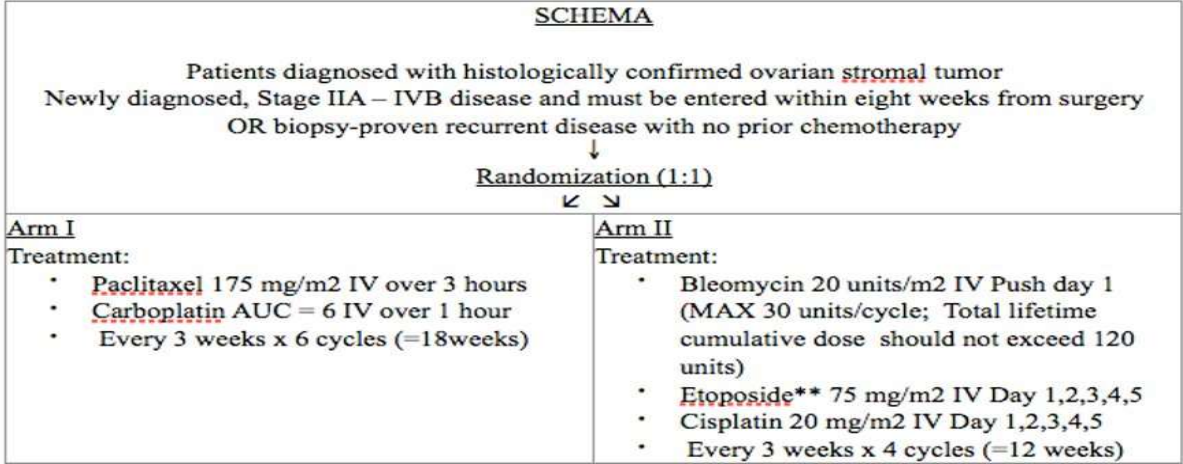
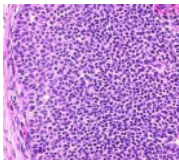
*Basket Trial with LGSOC Cohort

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GOG-0264: Randomized phase II trial of paclitaxel and carboplatin versus bleomycin, etoposide and cisplatin for newly diagnosed and recurrent, chemo-naïve stromal ovarian tumors

PI: Jubilee Brown, MD

- Granulosa cell tumors
- 2-5% of all ovarian cancers, most common sex-cord stromal tumor
- Indolent growth
- ER/PR positivity is common
- Somewhat chemoresistant



Primary endpoint: PFS

Non-inferiority design

Opened in 2010; majority with granulosa cell tumor and measurable disease

Closed due to futility

Futility analysis was supported by an estimated HR = 1.11 [95% CI: 0.57 to 2.13] which exceeded the pre-determined threshold for non-inferiority (1.10). Median PFS was 27.7 months [11.2 to 41.0] for PC and 19.7 months for BEP [95% CI: 10.4-52.7].

PC patients had fewer grade 3 or higher adverse events (PC 77% vs BEP 90%).

NCT01042522

Brown et al, Gynecol Oncol, Nov 2024

Study to Determine the Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacokinetics and Recommended Phase 2 Dose (RP2D) of Livmoniplimab (ABBV-151) as a Single Agent and in Combination With Budigalimab (ABBV-181) in Participants With Locally Advanced or Metastatic Solid Tumors

- **Livmoniplimab** a monoclonal antibody against **GARP/TGF-β1** that can inhibit the release of active TGF-β1
- **Budigalimab**, a humanized, recombinant immunoglobulin G1 monoclonal antibody targeting programmed cell death protein 1 (PD-1)

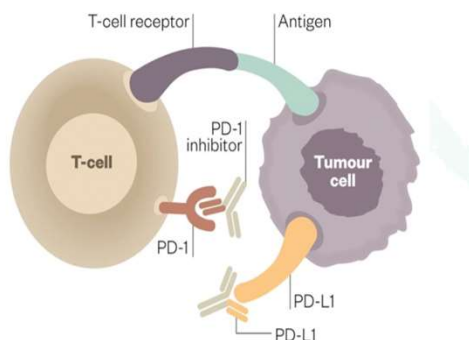
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<p>Experimental: Dose Expansion: Cohort 12A Livmoniplimab + Budigalimab</p> <p>Participants with PD-1-naïve ovarian granulosa (OG) cell tumors will receive livmoniplimab at the Dose B Q3W plus budigalimab Dose B administered Q3W.</p>	<p>Drug: Livmoniplimab</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Liquid for intravenous infusion.• Other Names:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ ABBV-151 <p>Drug: Budigalimab</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lyophilized powder for solution for intravenous infusion.• Other Names:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ ABBV-181
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Clear Cell Carcinoma of the Ovary

Recurrent Ovarian Clear Cell Carcinomas

- Chemoresistant, response rates <10%
- Limited options
- Studies of PD-1 inhibition in epithelial ovarian cancers (all histologic types): ORR 15%

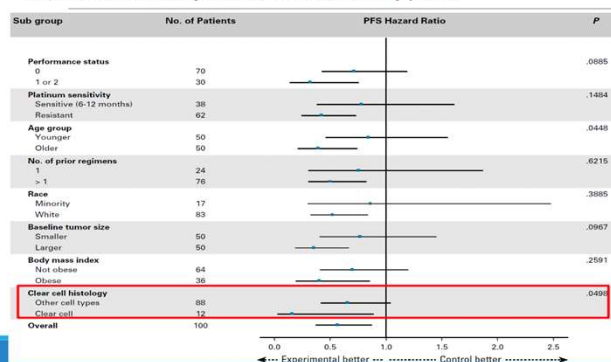


CCC Ovary Negative Trials

- GOG 268: Temsirolimus + C/P -> Temsirolimus
- GOG 254: Sunitinib
- GOG 283: Dasatinib
- GY-001: Cabozantinib
- ENGOT/ov36: Nintedanib

Randomized Phase II Trial of Nivolumab Versus Nivolumab and Ipilimumab for Recurrent or Persistent Ovarian Cancer: An NRG Oncology Study

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NRG-GY003

5-fold increased odds of response in clear cell histology (n=12)

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PHASE II TRIAL OF PEMBROLIZUMAB AND EPACADOSTAT IN RECURRENT CLEAR CELL CARCINOMA OF THE OVARY: AN NRG ONCOLOGY STUDY

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NRG-GY016

Abstract presented at IGCS Oct 2022

Results: n=14 at first stage, rapid accrual:
2.3 pts per month
ORR=21% (95% CI 0.05-0.51)
Median DOR: 6.9 months
4 patients with SD, DCR 50%

Median PFS 4.8 mos (95% CI 1.9-9.6),
Median OS 18.9 mos (95% CI 1.9-NR)

Met criteria for 2nd stage, but study closed prematurely (insufficient drug supply)



Clear Cell Carcinoma Trials

Clear Cell Carcinoma: - BrUOG 354 Ipi/Nivo



Top Line Conclusions

For people with ovarian or gynecologic clear cell carcinoma, the clinical activity and survival outcomes are greater when nivolumab is given with ipilimumab vs. as a single agent.

Treatment	ORR (%)	Median PFS (range, months)	Median OS (range, months)
Nivolumab	14.3	2.2 (1.2-3.4)	17.3 (2.1-42.7)
Nivolumab/Ipilimumab	33.3	5.6 (1.6-29.1)	24.7 (5.7-NR)

There were no new safety signals identified among volunteers with gynecologic clear cell cancer treated with immunotherapy.

Immunotherapy represents an important and available treatment option for people with these rare and aggressive malignancies.

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Neuroendocrine Carcinoma of the Cervix (NECC)

- <2% of all cervical malignancies
 - An extrapulmonary variant of small cell lung cancer (SCLC)
- The mean annual incidence according to SEER data is 0.06 per 100,000 women³
- In the setting of improved diagnostic testing, the incidence has increased
- Median age at diagnosis: 40-45

Unique Genomic Landscape of High-Grade Neuroendocrine Cervical Carcinoma: Implications for Rethinking Current Treatment Paradigms

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TABLE 1. Molecular Features of High-Grade Neuroendocrine Cervical Cancers
Patients With ≥ 1 Oncogenic Alteration (N = 97)

Altered Gene	Total	HPV Positive (n = 83)	HPV Negative (n = 14)	P
PIK3CA	19.6	17	36	.0037
MYC	15.5	17	7	.0484
TP53	15.5	11	43	.0001
PTEN	14.4	8	50	.0001
ARID1A	9.3	5	36	.0001
RB1	8.2	4	36	.0001

- PIK3CA⁶
- KRAS
- TP53 mutations
- MYC
- Mismatch repair deficiency
- ARID1A
- PTEN
- BRCA2
- VEGF
- HER2
- TMB
- RB1

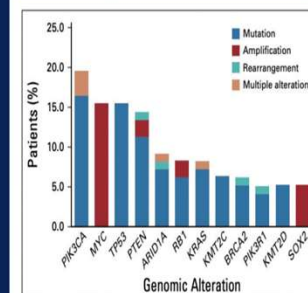


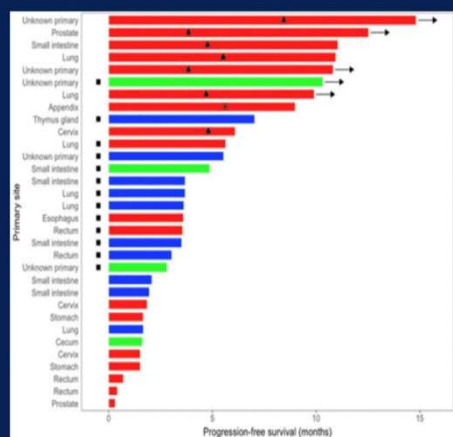
FIG 1. Most common genomic alterations in patients with high-grade neuroendocrine cervical cancer (HGNECC), reflected as percentage of patients (N = 97). Only genes altered in > 5% of samples are depicted. Variants of unknown significance excluded.

NECC and Checkpoint Inhibition

A Phase II Basket Trial of Dual Anti-CTLA-4 and Anti-PD-1 Blockade in Rare Tumors (DART SWOG 1609) in Patients with Nonpancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors

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- Ipilimumab + Nivolumab
- ORR in High Grade Lesions: 44%
- 3 patients with cervix cancer, 1 responded



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SWOG S2012: Randomized phase II/III trial of first line platinum (P)/etoposide (E) with or without atezolizumab (NSC #783608) in patients with advanced or metastatic poorly differentiated extrapulmonary neuroendocrine carcinomas (NEC).

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ARM I: During induction phase, patients receive atezolizumab intravenously (IV) over 30-60 minutes on day 1 of each cycle, carboplatin IV over 30 minutes or cisplatin IV over 60 minutes on day 1 of each cycle, and etoposide IV on days 1-3 of each cycle. Treatment repeats every 21 days for 4 cycles in the absence of disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. During maintenance phase, patients receive atezolizumab IV over 30-60 minutes on day 1 of each cycle. Treatment repeats every 21 days for up to 17 cycles in the absence of disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

ARM II: During induction phase, patients receive atezolizumab IV over 30-60 minutes on day 1 of each cycle, carboplatin IV over 30 minutes or cisplatin IV over 60 minutes on day 1 of each cycle, and etoposide IV on days 1-3 of each cycle. Treatment repeats every 21 days for 4 cycles in the absence of disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Patients then undergo observation for 1 year.

ARM III: During induction phase, patients receive carboplatin IV over 30 minutes or cisplatin IV over 60 minutes on day 1 of each cycle and etoposide IV on days 1-3 of each cycle. Treatment repeats every 21 days for 4 cycles in the absence of disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Patients then undergo observation for 1 year.

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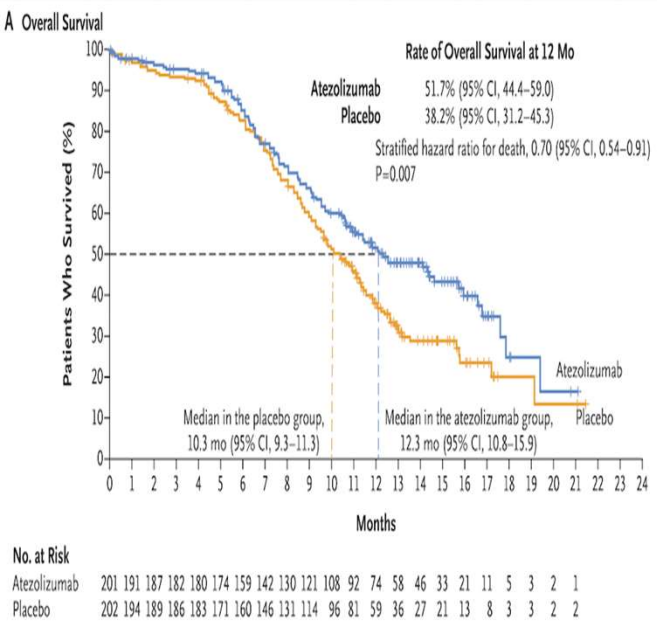
Neuroendocrine carcinoma of the cervix (NECC)



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SYSTEMIC THERAPY FOR CERVICAL CANCER^{a,b}

Small Cell NECC ⁿ		
Chemoradiation ^o	Recurrent or Metastatic Disease	
	First-line Therapy ^g	Second-line or Subsequent Therapy ^g
Preferred Regimens • Cisplatin + etoposide ^{26,27} Other Recommended Regimens • Carboplatin + etoposide if patient is cisplatin intolerant	Preferred Regimens • Cisplatin/etoposide • Carboplatin/etoposide Other Recommended Regimens • Cisplatin/etoposide + atezolizumab (or durvalumab) ^{e,f,i,28,29} • Carboplatin/etoposide + atezolizumab (or durvalumab) ^{e,f,i,28,29} • Topotecan/paclitaxel/bevacizumab ^{e,30} • Cisplatin/paclitaxel • Carboplatin/paclitaxel (for patients who have received prior cisplatin therapy)	Other Recommended Regimens • Bevacizumab • Albumin-bound paclitaxel • Docetaxel • Topotecan • Topotecan/paclitaxel • Cisplatin/topotecan • Cisplatin • Carboplatin • Paclitaxel • Irinotecan



Horn et al, NEJM, 2018

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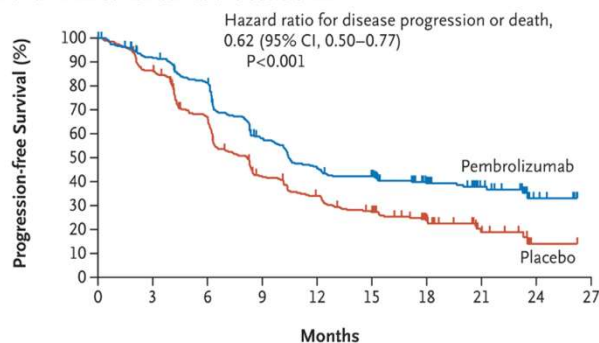
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Keynote 826 Phase III Trial

A Patients with a PD-L1 Combined Positive Score of ≥1



No. at Risk										
Pembrolizumab	273	238	208	143	112	101	66	34	10	0
Placebo	275	229	170	103	81	63	38	13	1	0

Colombo et al, NEJM, 2021

SYSTEMIC THERAPY FOR PRIMARY VAGINAL CANCER (REGIMENS ARE EXTRAPOLATED FROM CERVICAL CANCER)^{a,b,c}

Squamous Cell Carcinoma, Adenocarcinoma		
Chemoradiation ^d	Recurrent or Metastatic Disease	
	First-Line Therapy ^{d,e}	Second-Line or Subsequent Therapy ^e
Preferred Regimens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cisplatin • Carboplatin if patient is cisplatin intolerant Other Recommended Regimens (if cisplatin and carboplatin are unavailable) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capecitabine/mitomycin¹ • Gemcitabine² • Paclitaxel^{3,4} 	Preferred Regimens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD-L1–positive tumors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Pembrolizumab + cisplatin/paclitaxel ± bevacizumab^{f,g,h,5} ▶ Pembrolizumab + carboplatin/paclitaxel ± bevacizumab^{f,g,h,5} • Cisplatin/paclitaxel/bevacizumab^{h,6} • Carboplatin/paclitaxel/bevacizumab^{h,6} Other Recommended Regimens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cisplatin/paclitaxel^{7,8} • Carboplatin/paclitaxel^{9,10} • Topotecan/paclitaxel/bevacizumab^{h,6,11} • Topotecan/paclitaxel¹¹ • Cisplatin/topotecan¹¹ • Cisplatin⁸ • Carboplatin^{12,13} 	Preferred Regimens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pembrolizumab^f for TMB-high (TMB-H) tumorsⁱ or PD-L1–positive⁹ or MSI-H/mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) tumors¹⁴ Other Recommended Regimens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bevacizumab • Paclitaxel^{13,15} • Albumin-bound paclitaxel • Docetaxel • Fluorouracil • Gemcitabine • Pemetrexed • Topotecan • Vinorelbine • Irinotecan • Tisotumab vedotin-tftv¹⁶ • Cemiplimab^{f,17} Useful in Certain Circumstances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD-L1–positive tumors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Nivolumab^{f,g,18} • HER2-positive tumors (IHC 3+ or 2+) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki¹⁹ • RET gene fusion-positive tumors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Selpercatinib • NTRK gene fusion-positive tumors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Larotrectinib ▶ Entrectinib ▶ Repotrectinib²⁰