



## LA QUARTA ARMA CONTRO IL CANCRO

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# Immunotherapy: The third important wave in the history of oncology

1940s

#### **Chemotherapy**

alkylating agents, antimetabolites, CDDP, taxanes... end of 1990s



#### **Targeted Therapy**

rituximab, trastuzumab, imatinib...

2011-present



#### **Immunotherapy**

ipilimumab, nivolumab, pembrolizumab...

# History of Intralesional Immunotherapy: "Coley's Toxins"

#### **William Bradford Coley**

- Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, NY Surgeon
- Unresectable sarcomas regress after superinfection with erysipelas
- Injections of mixed toxins of erysipelas and bacillus prodigiousus
- Dose to 102-103° fever

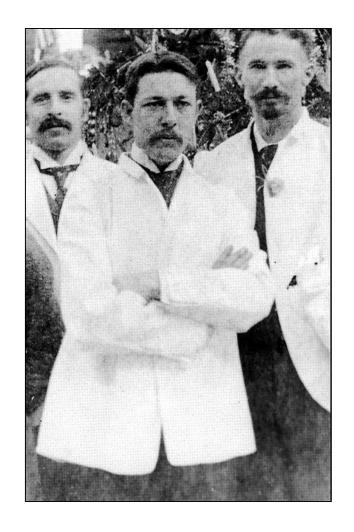
THE TREATMENT OF INOPERABLE SAR-COMA WITH THE MIXED TOXINS OF ERYSIPELAS AND BACILLUS PRODIGIOSUS.

IMMEDIATE AND FINAL RESULTS IN ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY CASES.

Presented to the Section on Surgery and Anatomy, at the Forty-ninth Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association, held at Denver, Colo., June 7-10, 1998.

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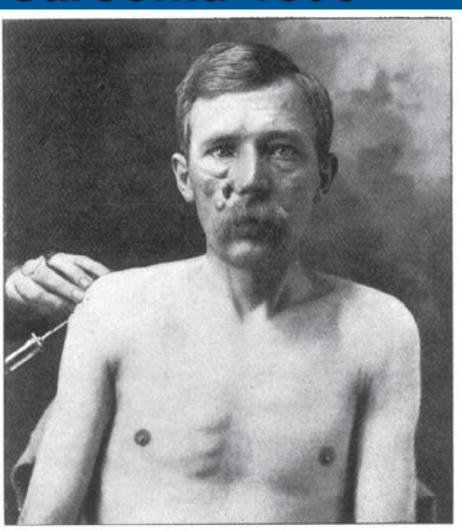
ATTENDING SURGEON TO THE NEW YORK CANCER HOSPITAL; ASSISTANT SURGEON TO THE HOSPITAL FOR RUPTURED AND CRIPPLED, NEW YORK, N. Y.



# Coley's Toxins: Example Round cell sarcoma 1899



After 63 injections with Coley's toxins



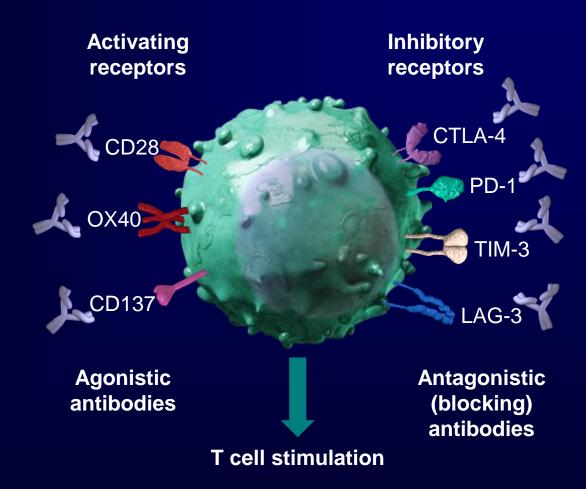
After additional injections

Balkwill Nat Rev Cancer 2010.

Courtesy of Mike Faries

Alive and well in 1910.

## Regulating the T cell immune response<sup>1,2a</sup>



- T cell responses are regulated through a complex balance of inhibitory ('checkpoint') and activating signals
- Tumours can dysregulate checkpoint and activating pathways, and consequently the immune response
- Targeting checkpoint and activating pathways is an evolving approach to cancer therapy, designed to promote an immune response

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>The image shows only a selection of the receptors/pathways involved LAG-3 = lymphocyte-activation gene 3

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#### Cosa abbiamo imparato dall'immunoterapia negli ultimi anni

Benficio a lungo termine Possibilità di guarigione

Può essere combinate con altri tipi di terapia (chemio, radio, target)

Attiva in diversi tipi di cancro

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Profilo di safety unico

Efficace come adjuvante

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Efficace nelle metastasi cerebrali

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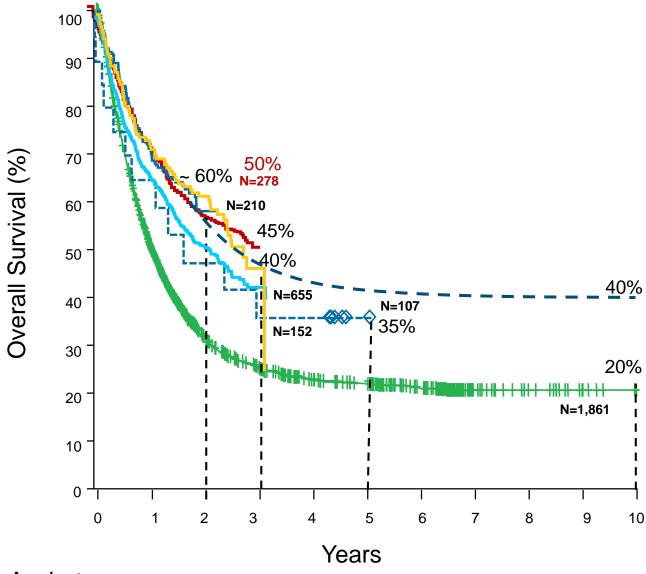
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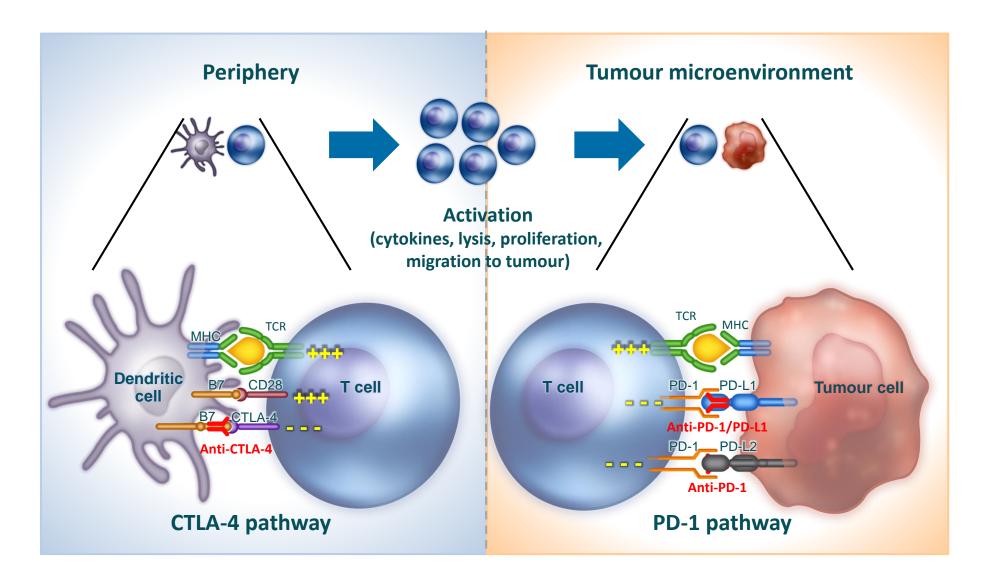


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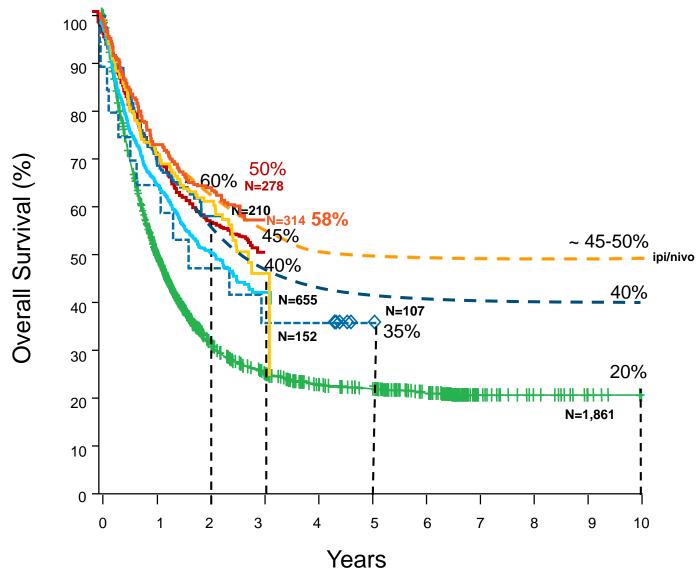
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### **Targeting CTLA-4 and PD-1 pathways**



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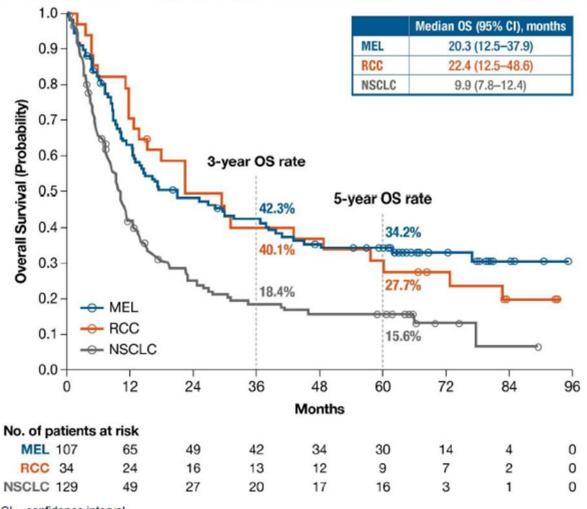
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#### Cross Tumor CA209-003 phase I LTS data

Figure 1. OS estimates for patients with advanced MEL, RCC, or NSCLC



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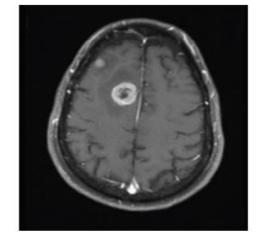
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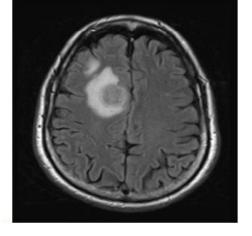
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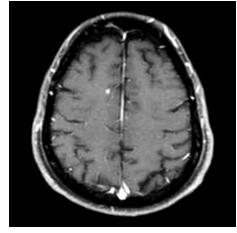
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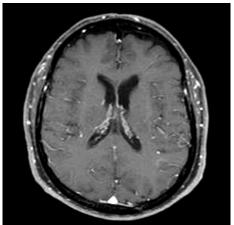
71 year old male with BRAF V600E-mutated MEL, ~7 brain mets, no steroids or SRT

**Baseline** 





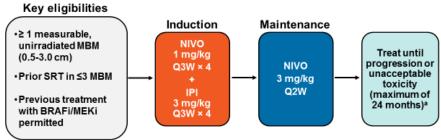




1 year

## **Ipilimumab + nivolumab in Brain Metastases**

#### Trial Design



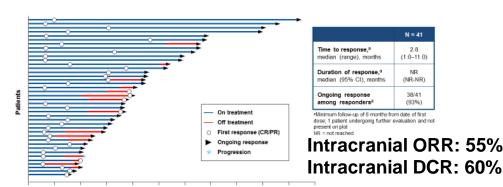
- Exclusion criteria included neurological symptoms; steroids > 10 days; WBRT; prior treatment with checkpoint inhibitors; leptomeningeal disease
- · Original planned enrollment of 110 asymptomatic patients

First tumor assessment was at 6 weeks (+/- 2 weeks)

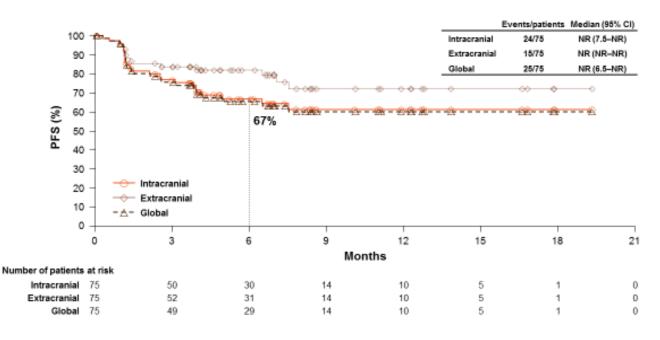
Q2W = every 2 weeks; Q3W = every 3 weeks

\*Patients with grade 3-4 adverse events (AEs) during NIVO+IPI induction could resume NIVO when toxicity resolved; all patients who discontinued proceeded to follow-up

#### Swimmer Plot: Time to and Duration of Intracranial Response



#### **PFS**



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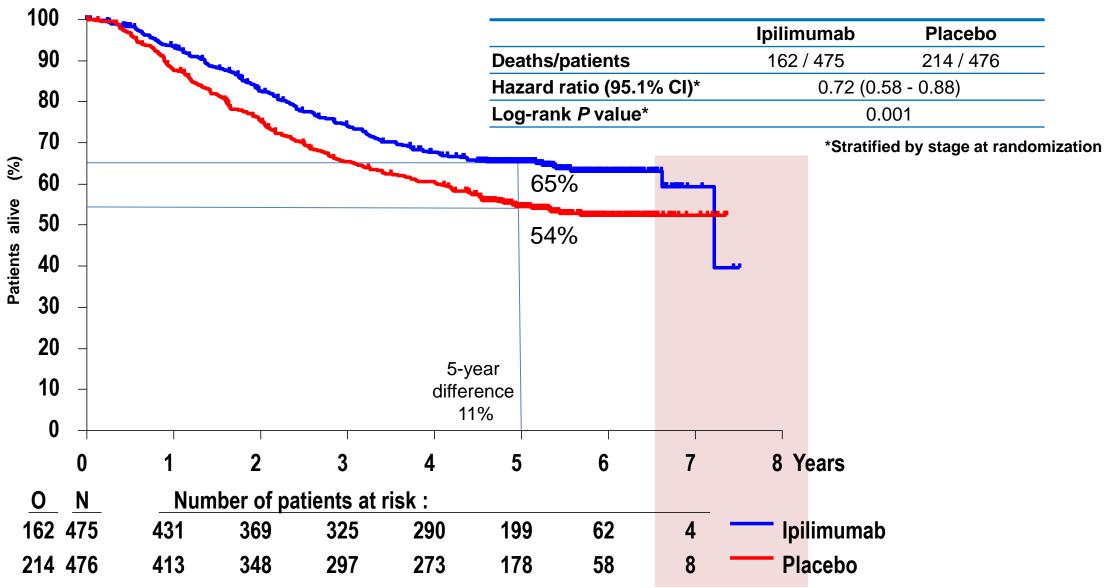
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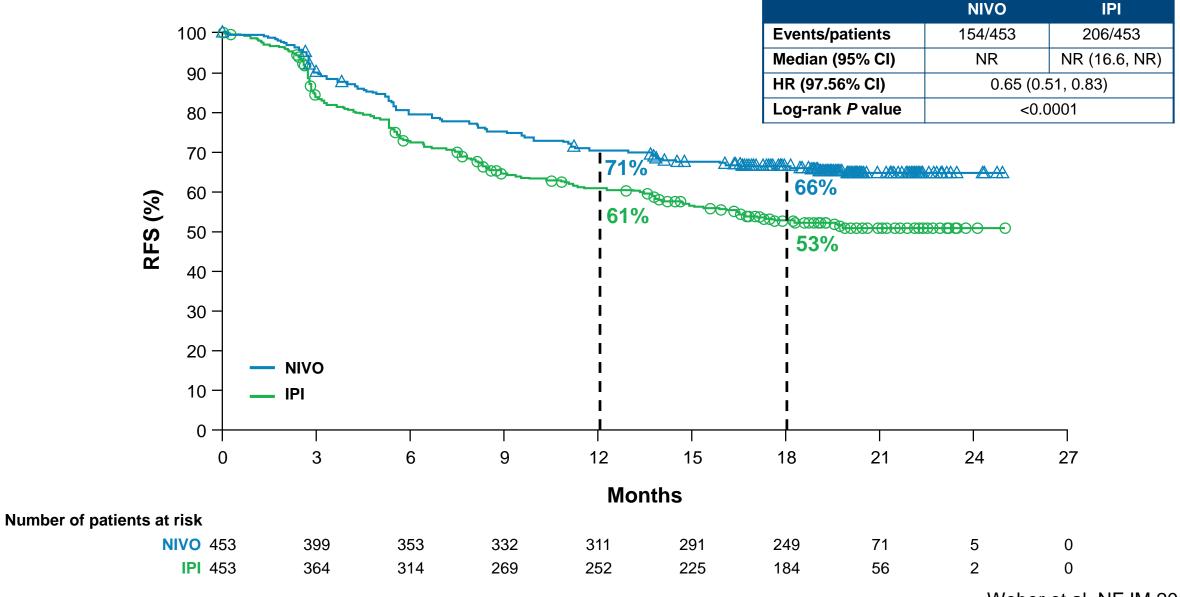
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#### **EORTC 1807: Overall Survival**



## **Checkmate 238: Primary Endpoint: RFS**



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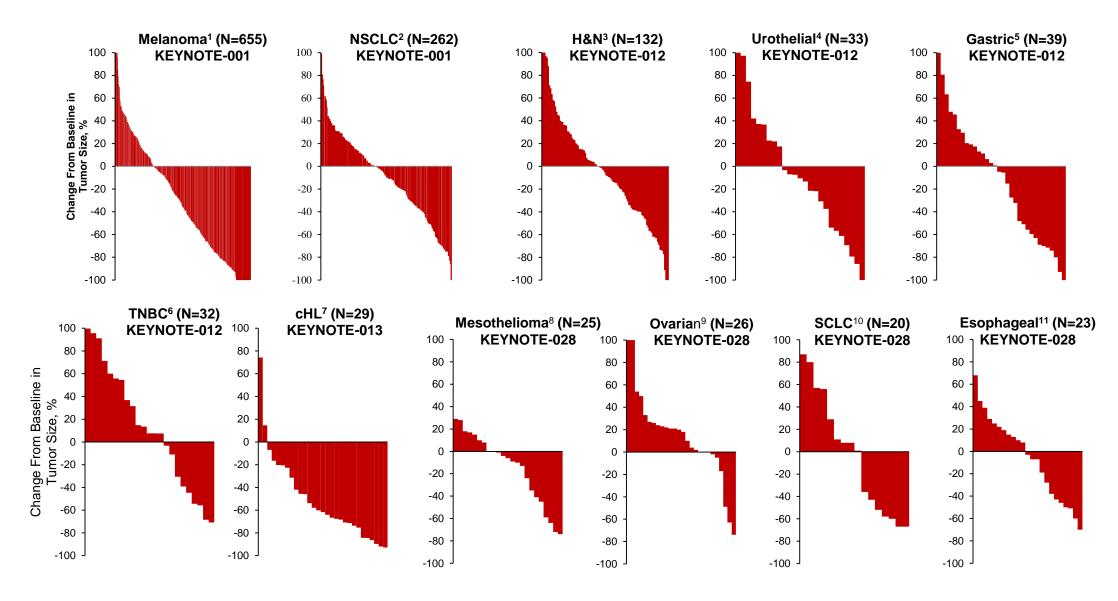
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## Pembrolizumab Demonstrates Broad Antitumor Activity



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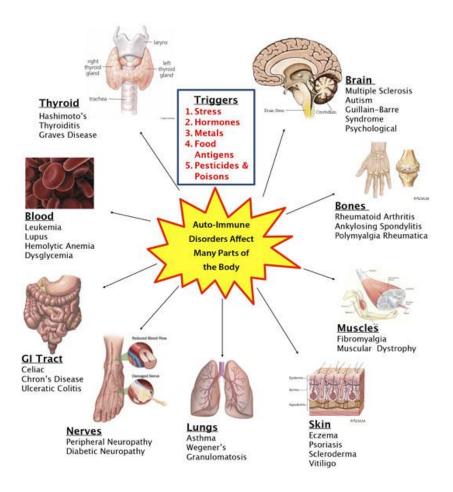
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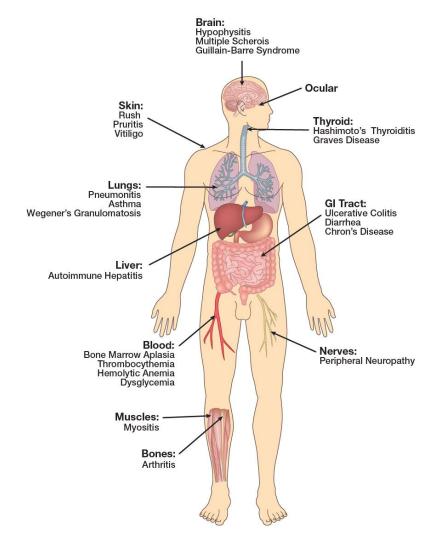
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## Tissues of the body affected by autoimmune attack

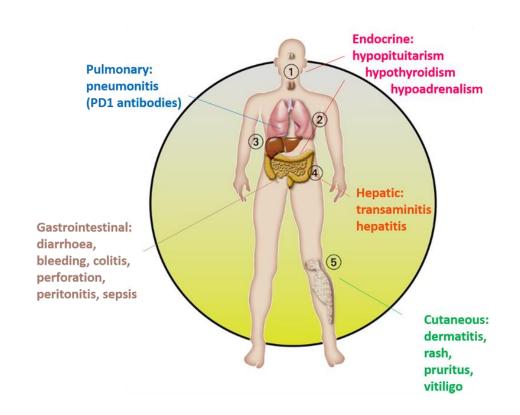


# The clinical spectrum of IRAEs (immune-related adverse events)



## Most frequent irAEs

	Grade 3-4 AEs %	% of Pts who permantely discontinued for any grade	
Ipilimumab 3 mg/kg <sup>1</sup>	27	15.4	
Ipilimumab 10 mg/kg <sup>1</sup>	34	31	
Nivolumab <sup>2</sup>	13	6	
Pembrolizumab 2 mg/kg <sup>3</sup>	13.5	4.5	
Ipilimumab/Nivolumab4	56.5	38.7	



- 1. Ascierto et al. ESMO 2016
- 2. Atkinson et al. SMR 2015
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- 4. Wolchock et al ASCO 2016

# Treatment algorithms/experience aid early diagnosis and management of immune-mediated adverse reactions

Systemic high-dose corticosteroids\* may be required for severe events

Unless an alternate aetiology has been identified, consider all signs and symptoms

Result from increased or excessive immune activity

Immunemediated adverse reactions Can be severe or life-threatening; may involve various organs

Early diagnosis
and appropriate
management essential
to minimise
life-threatening
complications

Patient education for early recognition

## What's the next .....

**NeoAdjuvant** 

Better combos with less side effects

The right duration of treatments

Combination or sequencing



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