

# **Chimeric Antigen Receptor-T (CAR-T) Cell Therapy for Relapsed/Refractory Pediatric, Adolescent and Young Adult B-ALL**

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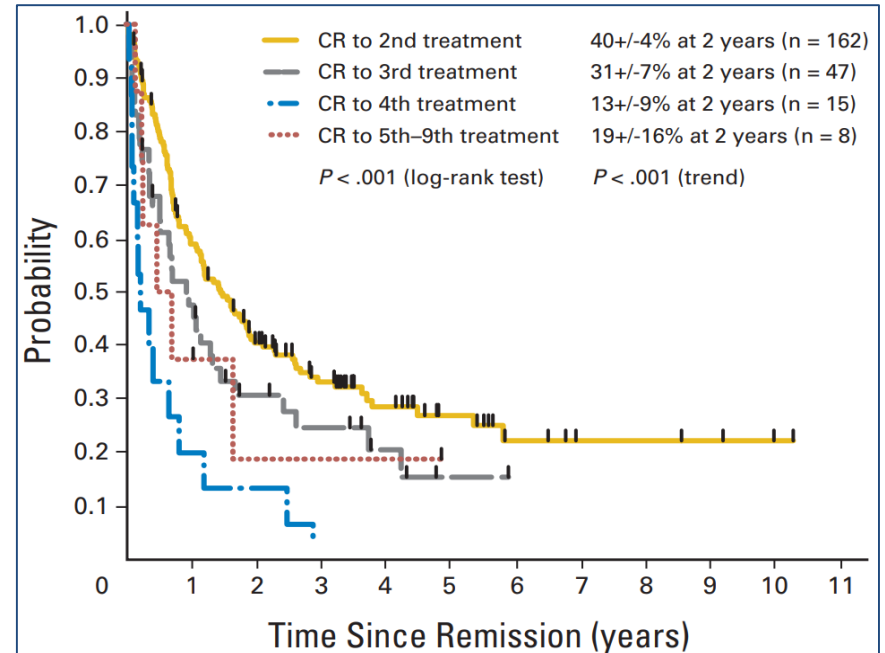
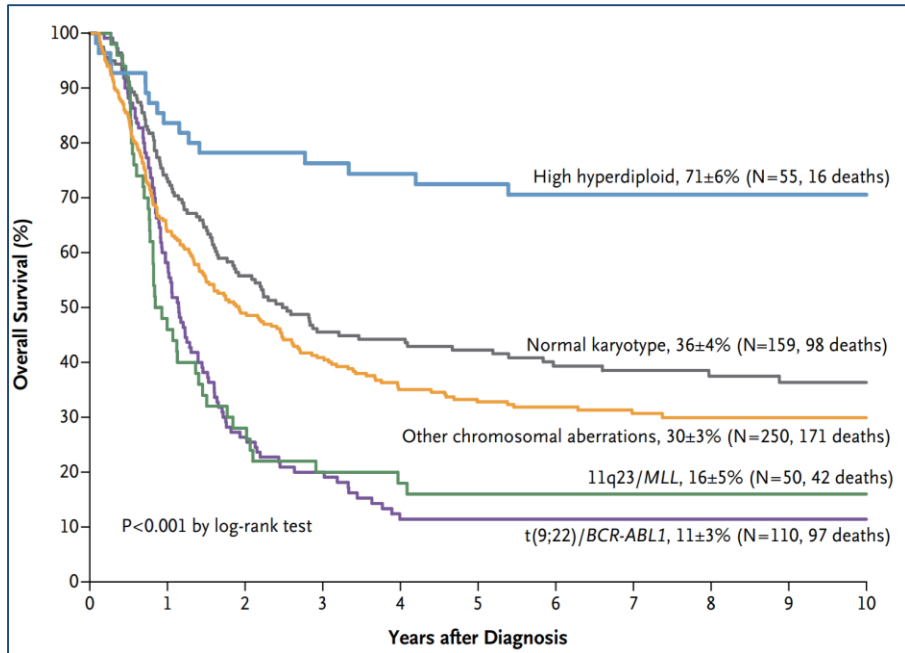
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# Learning objectives

- Briefly review reported outcomes of CAR-T cell therapy (tisagenlecleucel)- clinical studies and real world data for pediatric, adolescent and young adult B-ALL
- Role of CAR-T cell therapy (versus other immunotherapies) for relapsed/refractory B- ALL in pediatric, adolescent and young adults
- Importance of timely referral of relapsed/refractory B-ALL patients for CAR-T cell therapy
- Role of hematopoietic cell transplant (HCT) in patients receiving CAR-T cells



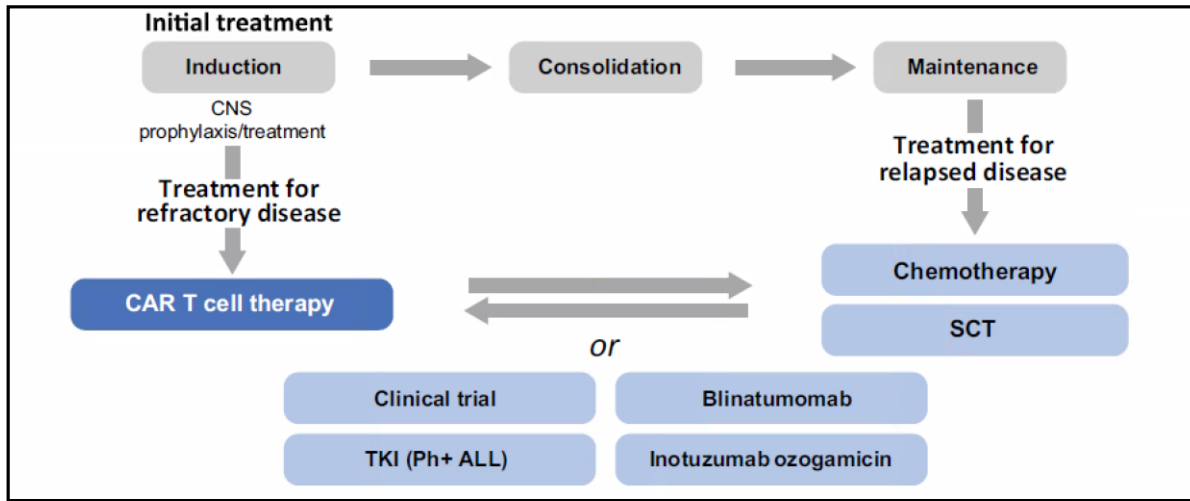
# Need for better therapies for relapsed/refractory pediatric B- ALL



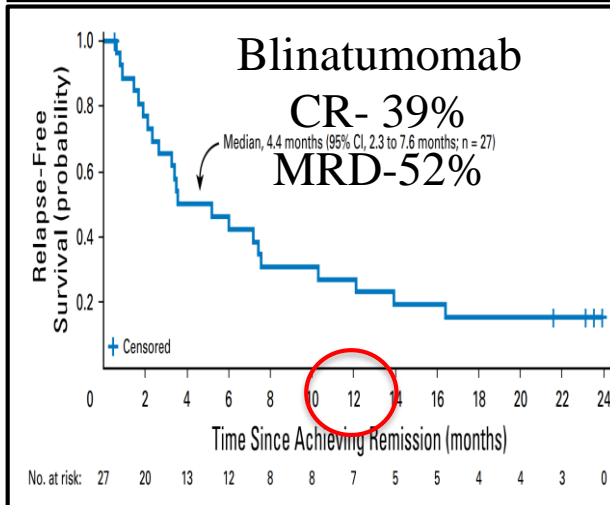
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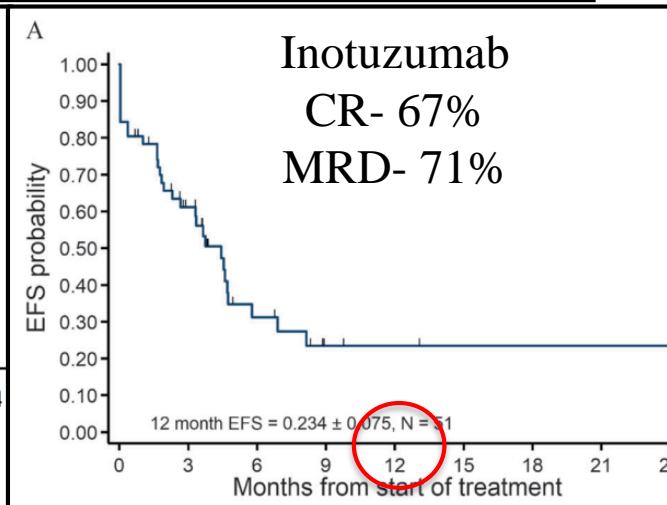
# Immunotherapy for Rel/Ref B-ALL



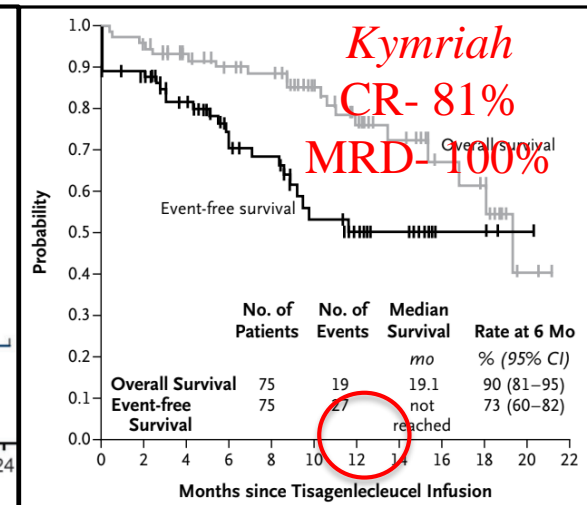
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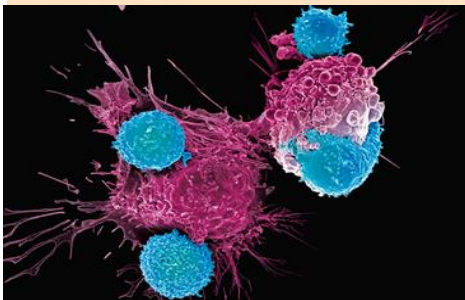
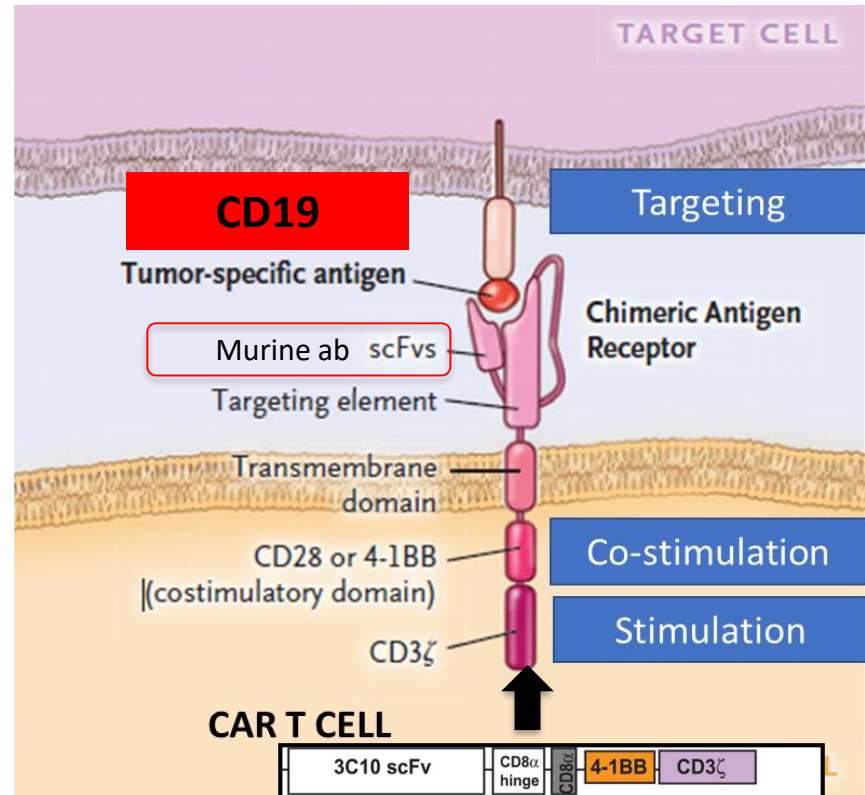
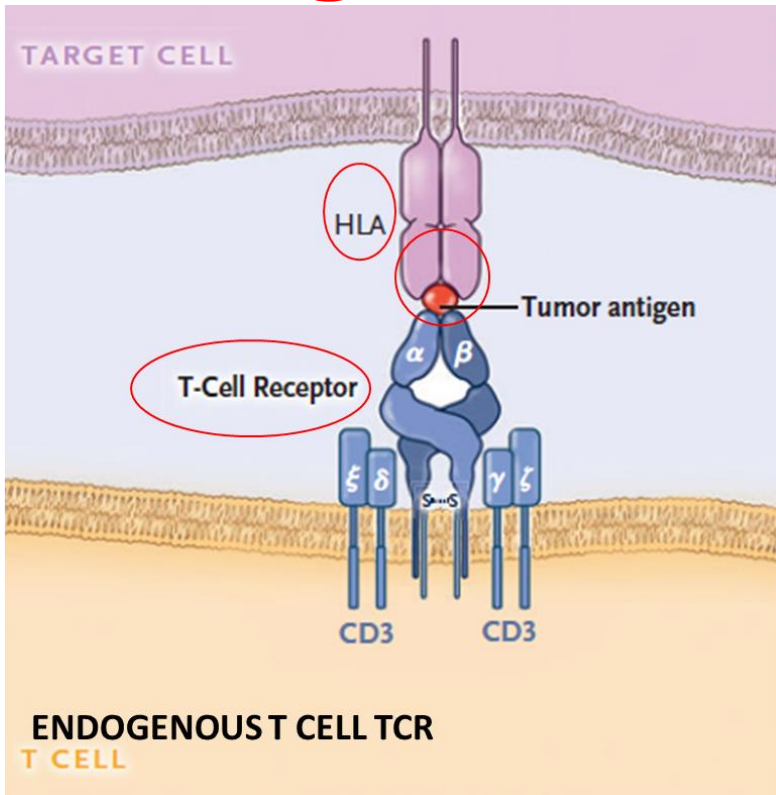
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# Endogenous versus CAR-T cells



June and Sadelain, *NEJM*, 2018



ELIANA Trial

2012

2020



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# CD19 CAR-T cell clinical trials for B-ALL

Institution (Reference)	Patients (n)	CR-MRD n (%)	Median follow up	Overall survival	Relapse Overall (%) CD19 neg (%)	HSCT (% of CR-MRD)
<b>MSKCC</b> (Park et al; 2018)	Adults (53)	32 (67)	29 mo	12.9 mo (median)	16 (50) 4 (25)	16 (50)
<b>MSKCC</b> (Curran et al; 2019)	PAYA (24)	18 (89)	7.7 mo	-	4 (0)	15 (83)
<b>CHOP</b> (Maude et al; 2018)	Adults+ Pediatric (75)	61 (81)	13 mo	76% at 12 months	17 (28) 15 (88)	8 (13)
<b>NCI</b> (Lee et al; 2015)	Adults + Pediatric (50)	28 (56)	19 mo	-	8 (29) 5 (63)	21(75)
<b>FHCRC</b> (Turtle et al; 2016)	Adult (30)	26 (86)	-	-	9 (33) 2 (22)	13 (48)
<b>Seattle Children's</b> (Gardner et al; 2017)	Pediatric (43)	40 (93)	10 mo	66 % at 12 mo	18 (45)	11 (28)

# FDA approves tisagenlecleucel for B-cell ALL and tocilizumab for cytokine release syndrome

August 30, 2017

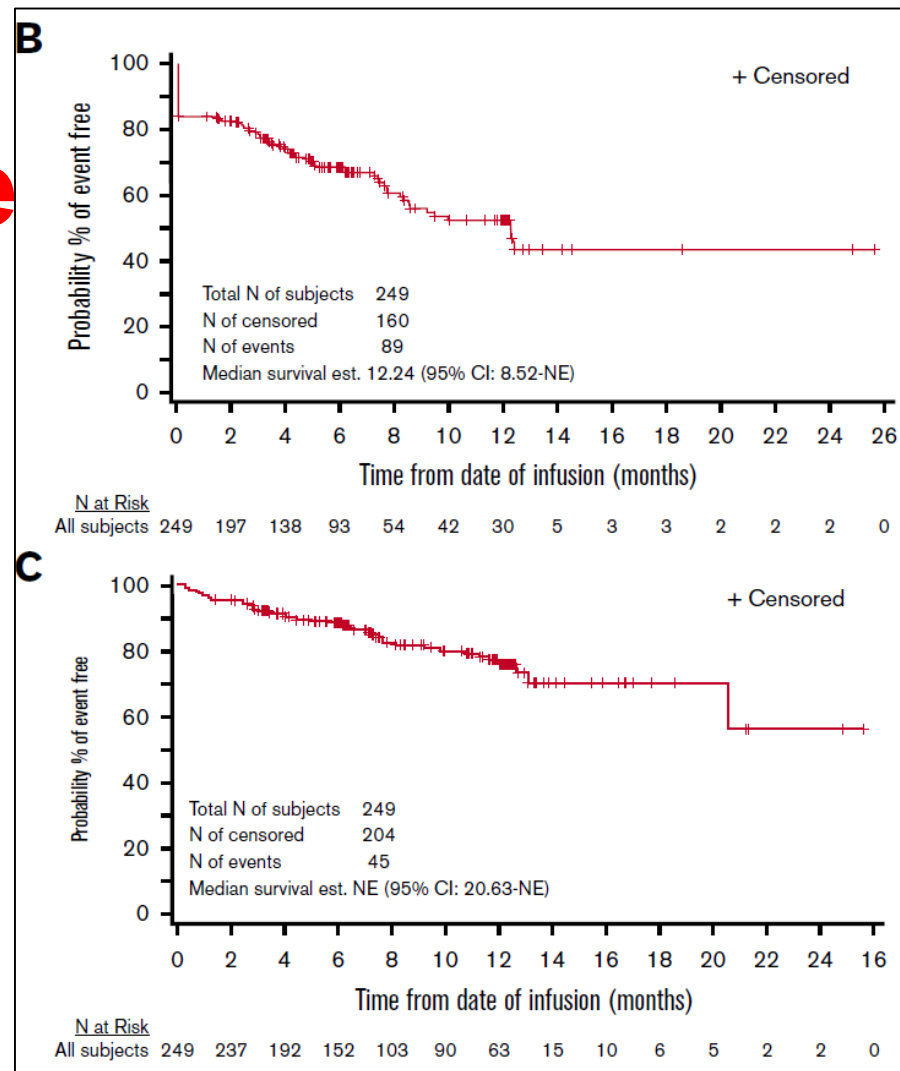
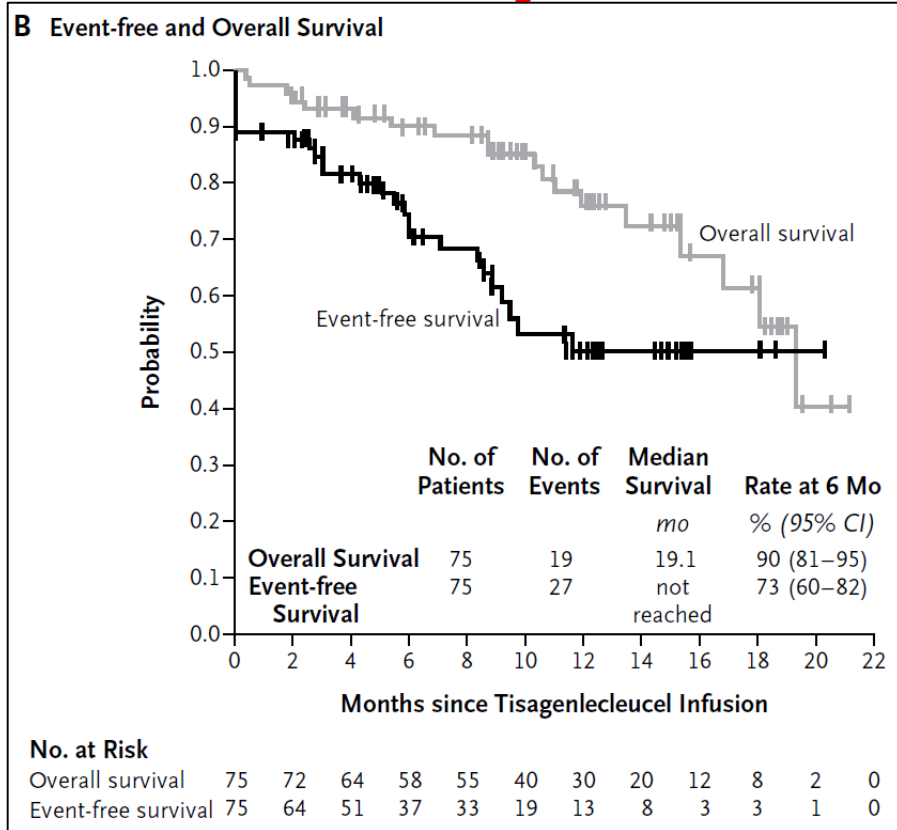
- **KYMRIAH (tisagenlecleucel)**
- **First** CAR T-cell immunotherapy approved by the FDA
- Patients up to age **25** years
- B-cell precursor acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) that is **refractory** or in **second or later relapse**.

Reference: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/resources-information-approved-drugs/fda-approves-tisagenlecleucel-b-cell-all-and-tocilizumab-cytokine-release-syndrome>



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# Real World CAR-T Experience



Tisagenlecleucel in Children and Young Adults with B-Cell Lymphoblastic Leukemia

Real-world evidence of tisagenlecleucel for pediatric acute lymphoblastic leukemia and non-Hodgkin lymphoma

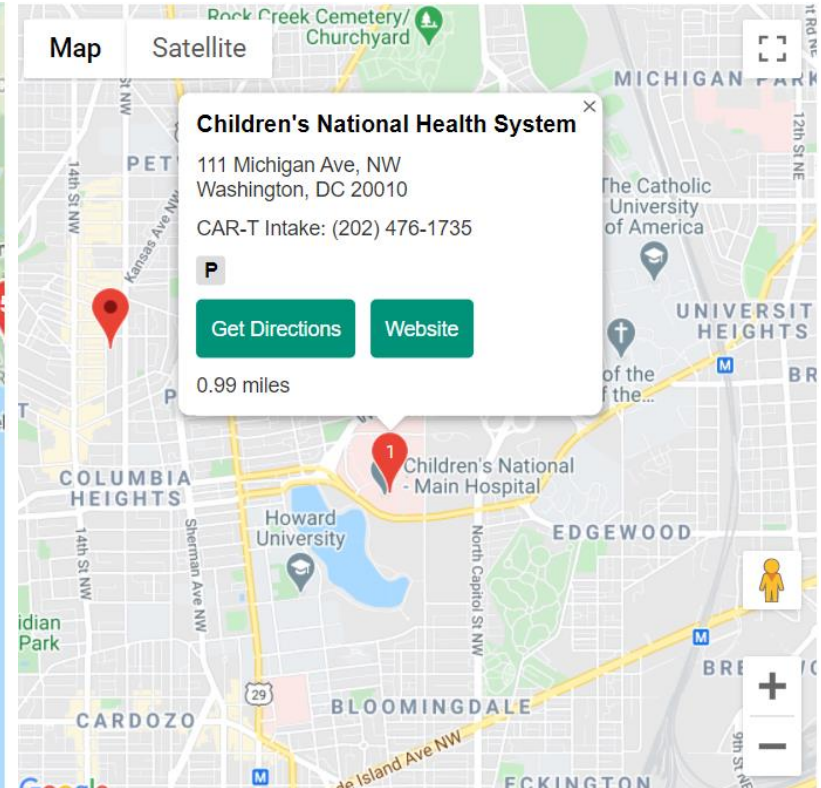
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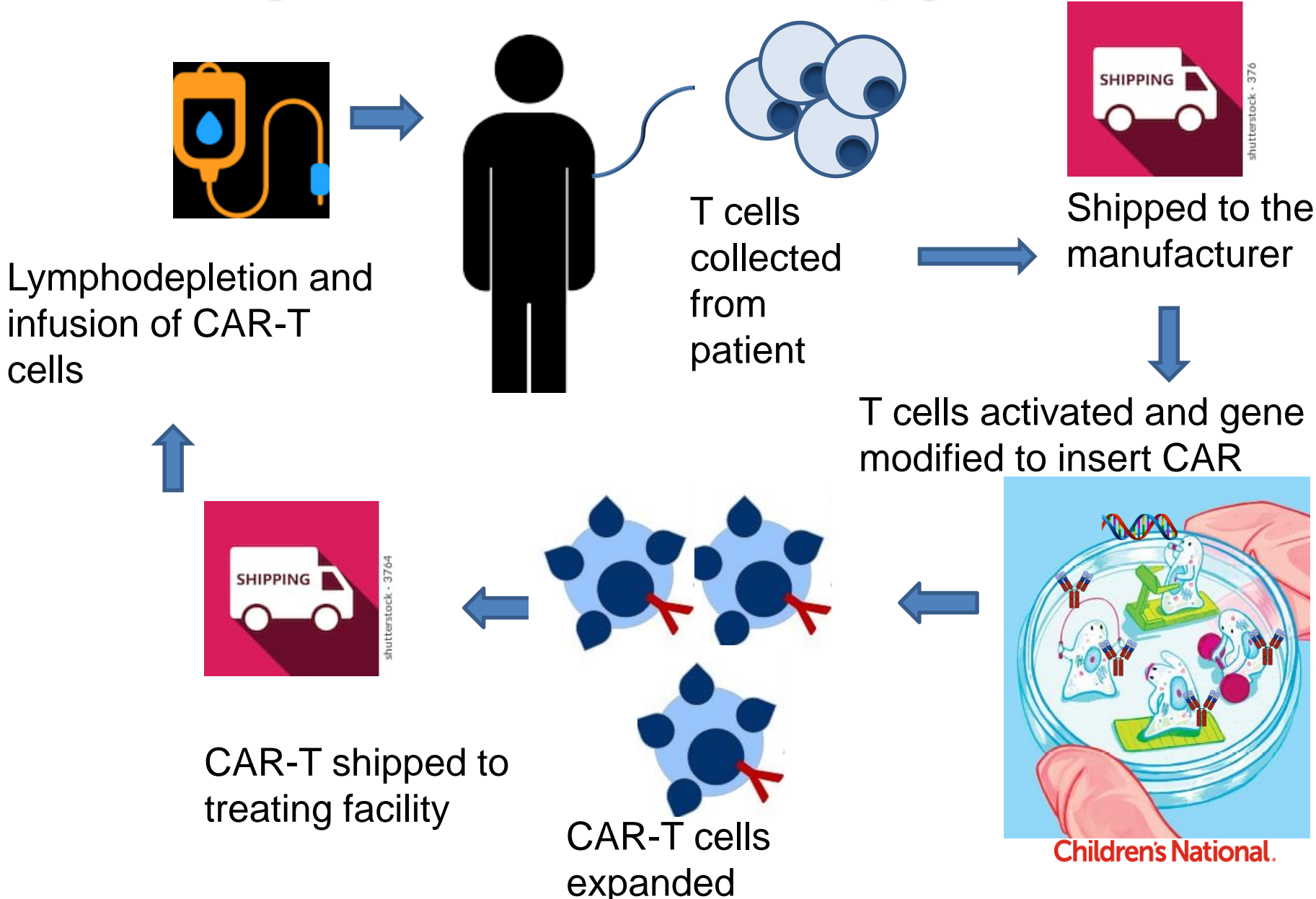


# 62 *Kymriah* treatment centers



**Children's National Hospital is the only *Kymriah* treatment center for pediatric, adolescent and young adults in Washington D.C**

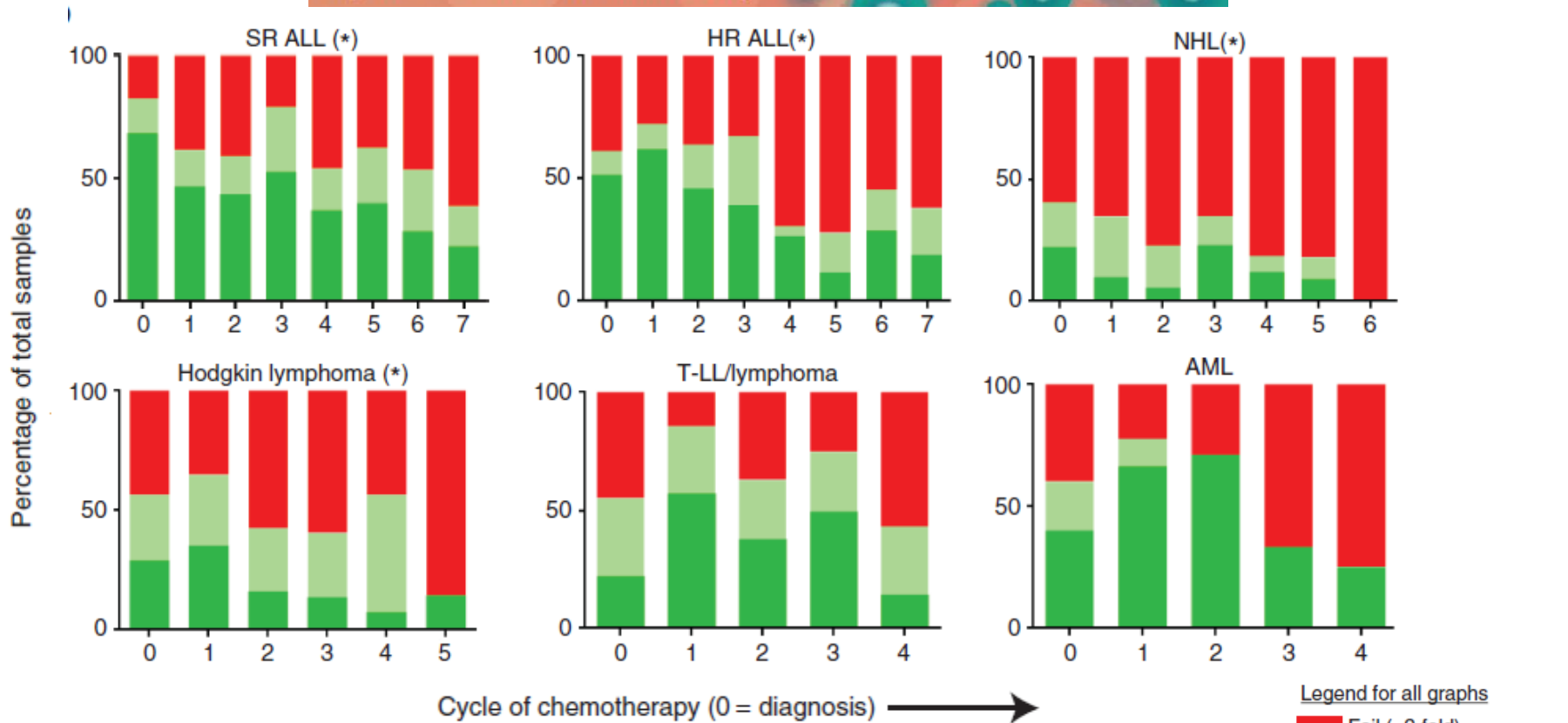
# Delivery of CAR-T therapy



# Naïve T-cell Deficits at Diagnosis and after Chemotherapy Impair Cell Therapy Potential in Pediatric Cancers



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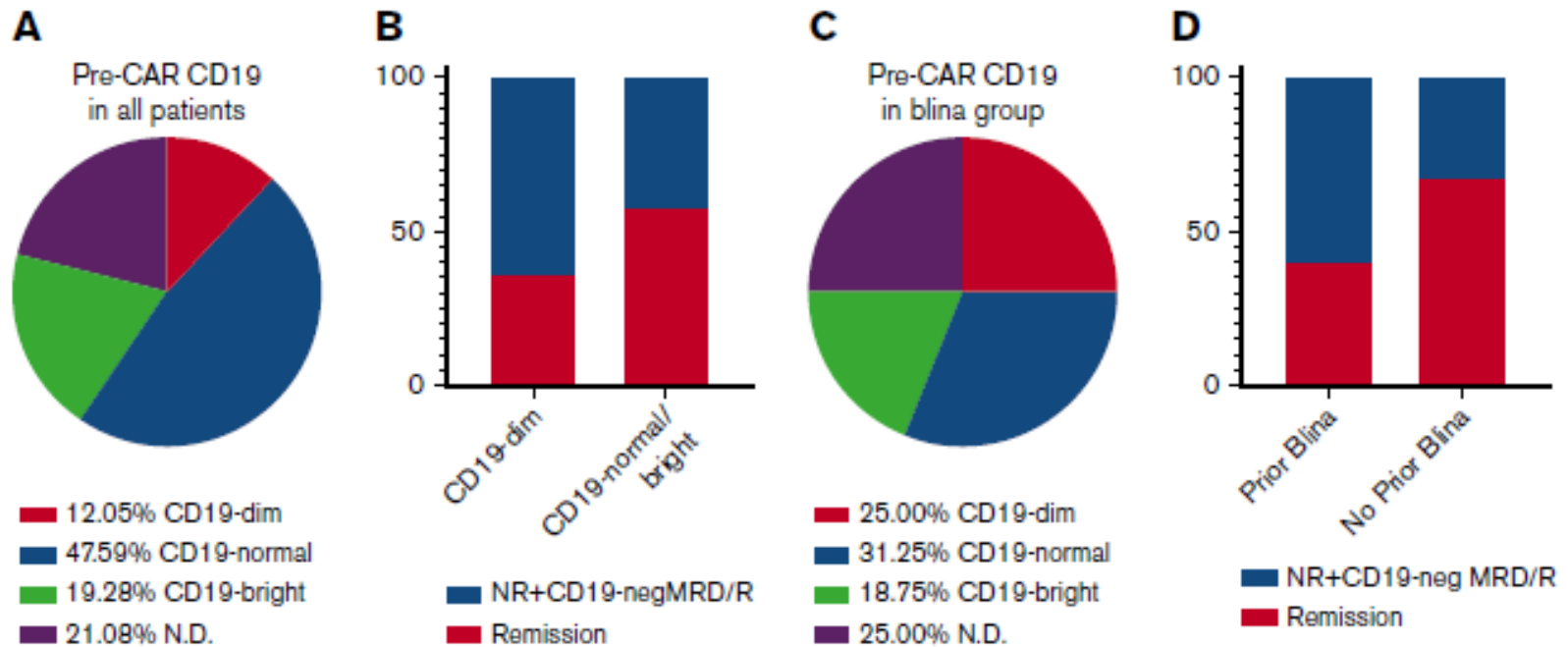


**SIGNIFICANCE:** Cumulative chemotherapy cycles deplete naïve T cells in many pediatric cancer regimens, reducing expansion potential associated with successful adoptive cellular therapies. Naïve T-cell deficits can be seen at diagnosis as well, implying immune deficits that exist prior to chemotherapy, which may also affect the development of immune-based therapies.

# CAR T-cell therapy is effective for CD19-dim B-lymphoblastic leukemia but is impacted by prior blinatumomab therapy

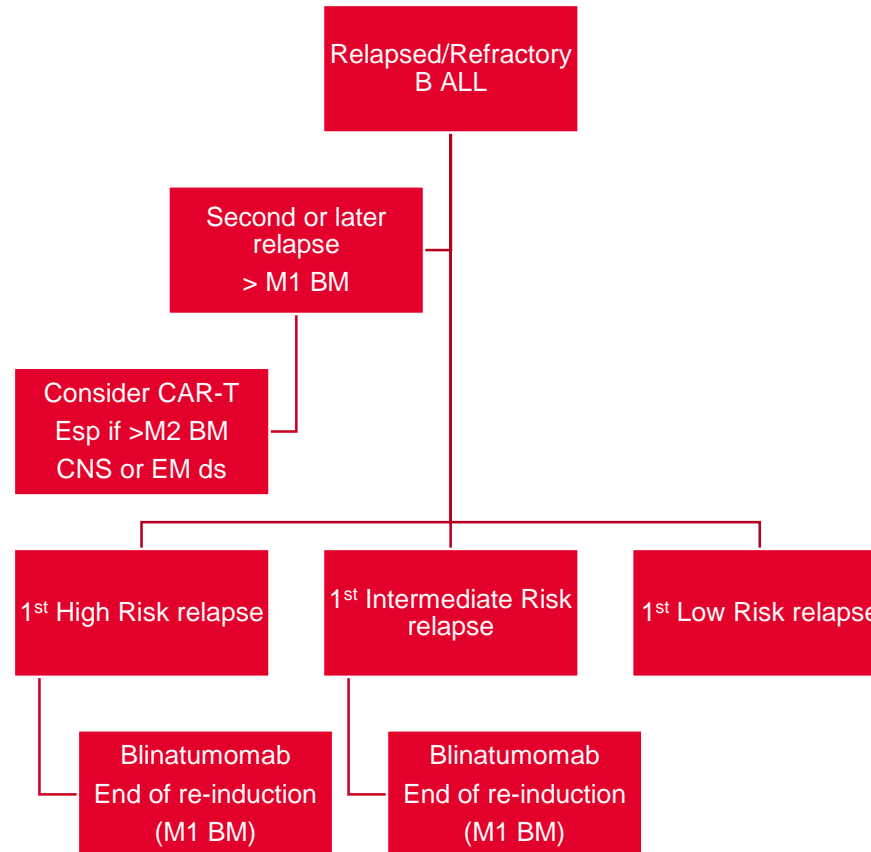
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# Immunotherapies for Rel/Ref B-ALL

Only 30-40% CR with MRD neg response in patients with M2/M3 BM disease burden (RIALTO study)



## CAR-T versus Ab based immunotherapy

Factors to consider:

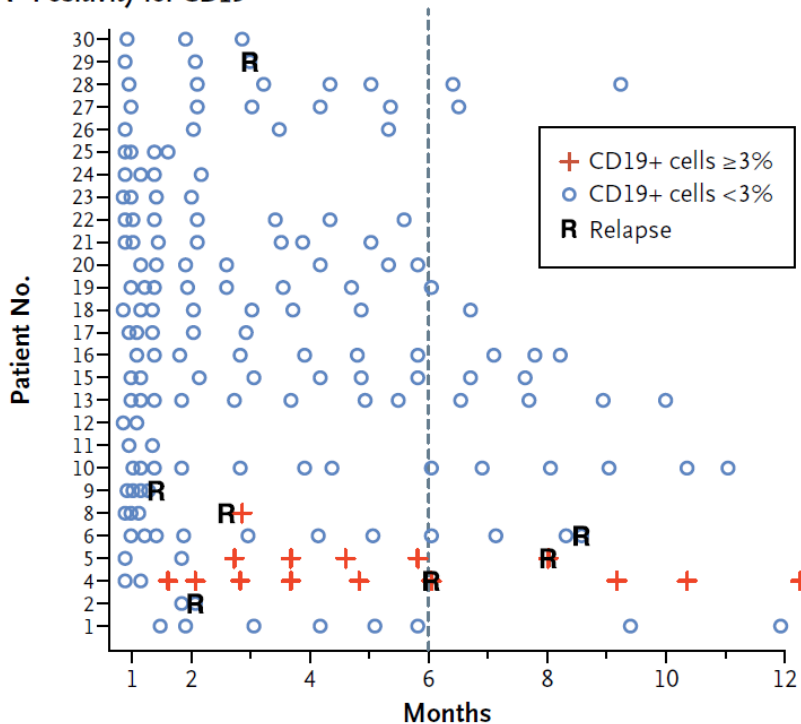
- Insurance approval
- EOI disease burden
- Prior HCT
- Performance score
- Suitable donor
- EM/CNS disease
- HR Cytogenetics



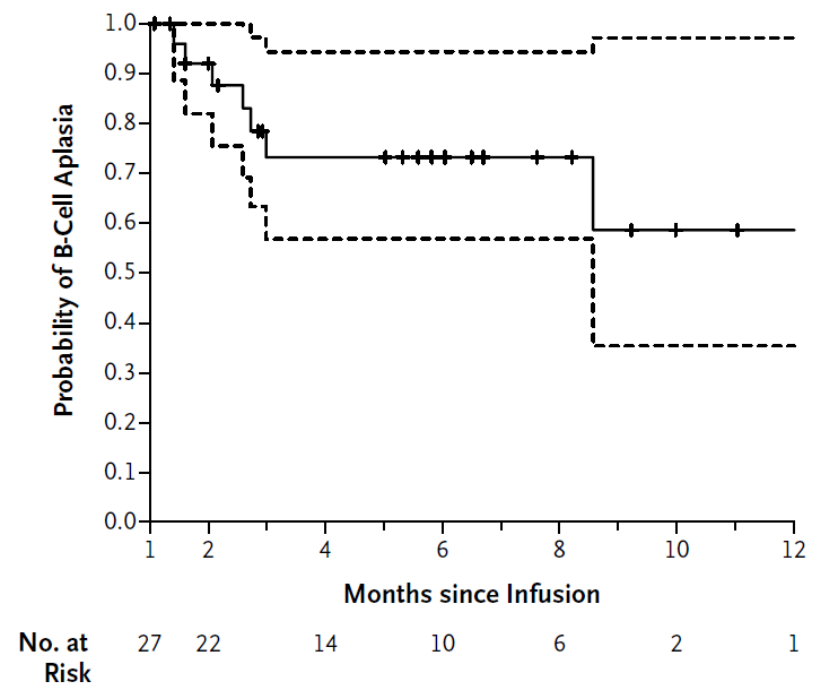
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# Importance of persistent B-cell aplasia

A Positivity for CD19

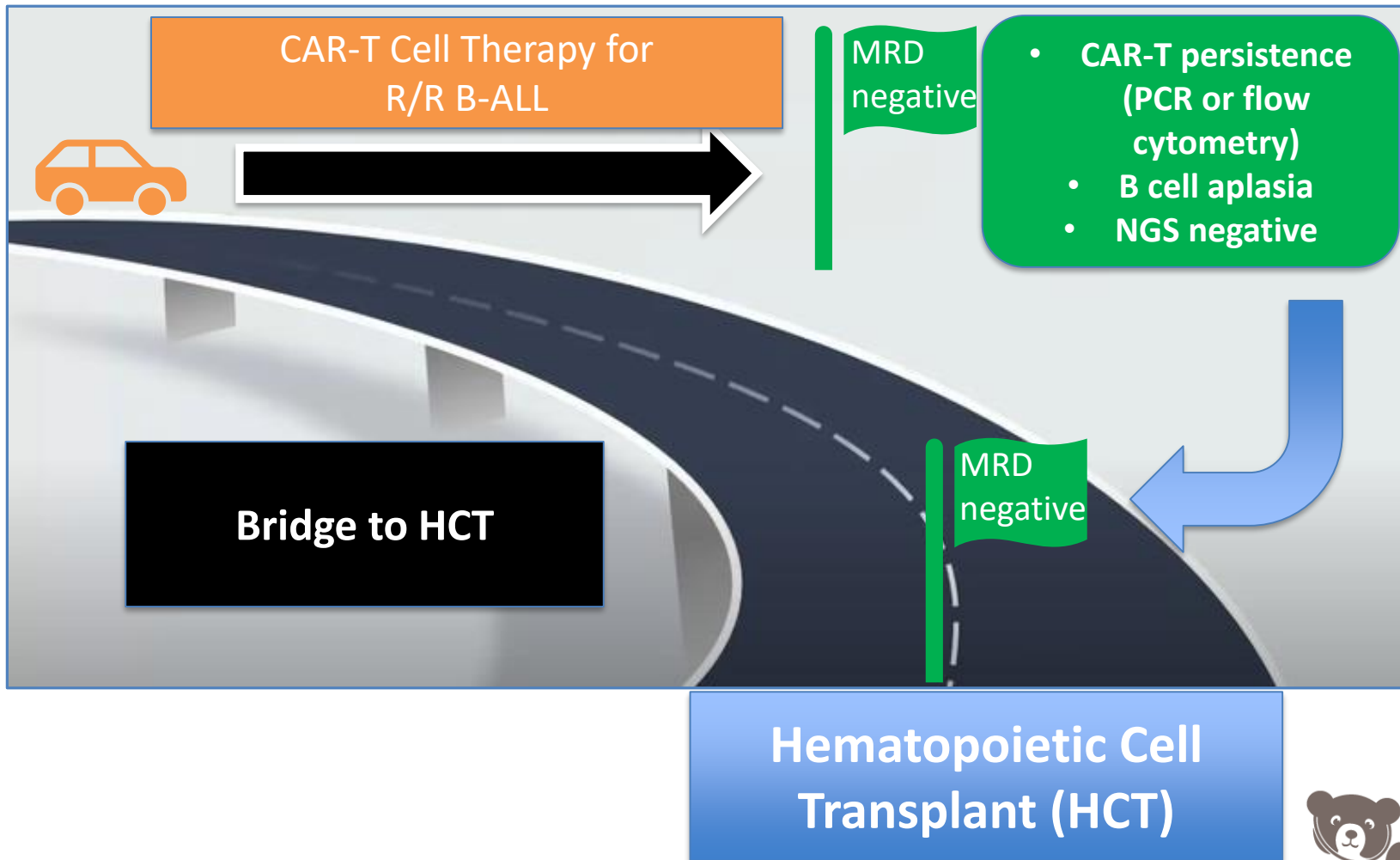


B Time to CD19 Positivity or Relapse



Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cells  
for Sustained Remissions in Leukemia

# CAR-T therapy: transplant or no transplant



# Major clinical trials in pediatric and young adult B-ALL patients

Summary of Major Results from Selected Clinical Trials Using Anti-CD19 CAR T Cells in Pediatric and Young Adult B-ALL Patients

Parameter	Maude et al (UPenn/CHOP) [19]	Maude et al (ELIANA) [22]	Gardner et al (Seattle) [41]	Lee et al (POB/NCI) [43-45]	Curran et al (MSKCC) [47]
Costimulatory domain	4-1BB	4-1BB	4-1BB	CD28	CD28
Treated patients, n	30 (5 adults)	75	45	53	25
Previous allo-HCT, %	60	61	62	35	20
CR, %	90	81	93	61	75
MRD-negative CR, %	78	81	93	53	67
Post-allo-HCT in CR, %	10	14	28	75	83
EFS/LFS rate, %	67 (at 6 mo)	50 (at 12 mo)	51 (at 12 mo)	49 (at 18 mo)	NA
OS rate, %	78 (at 6 mo)	76 (at 12 mo)	69 (at 12 mo)	52 (at 10 mo)	NA
Relapse after CR, overall/after allo-HCT, %	26/NA	36/0	45/18	29/9	33/27

POB indicates Pediatric Oncology Branch; NA, not applicable.

Reference: Bouziana and Bouzianas, 2020, BBMT, e183-e191



# Post-CAR-T HCT

Avoid if 2<sup>nd</sup> HCT

Not a candidate for HCT

CHOP

CHLA

Seattle

NCI/MSKCC  
(CD28)

Early B cell recovery  
2<sup>nd</sup> Post-CAR  
remission  
MRD+28 days  
MLL rearranged

Early B cell  
recovery  
+/-NGS-MRD

HCT

HCT

HCT

HCT



# CAR-T cell related toxicities

## MOST COMMON ADVERSE EVENTS

Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS) (~80%)

INFECTIONS (~40%)

Immune Effector Cells Associated Neurotoxicity (ICANS)  
(~40%)

FEBRILE NEUTROPENIA

PERSISTENT CYTOPENIA (~40%)

TLS (~10%)

HLH (~5%)

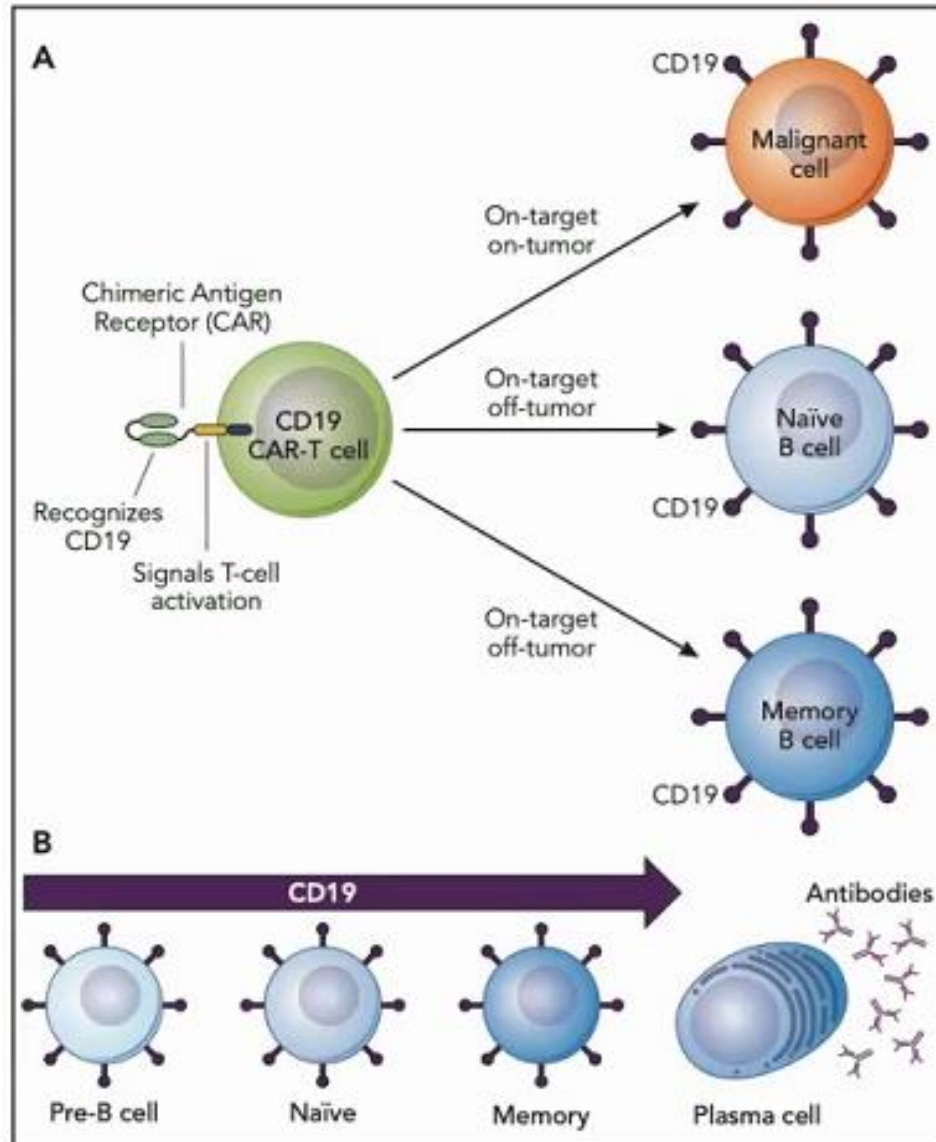
DIC (rare)

**High Pre-CAR-T disease burden associated with higher rates of toxicities**



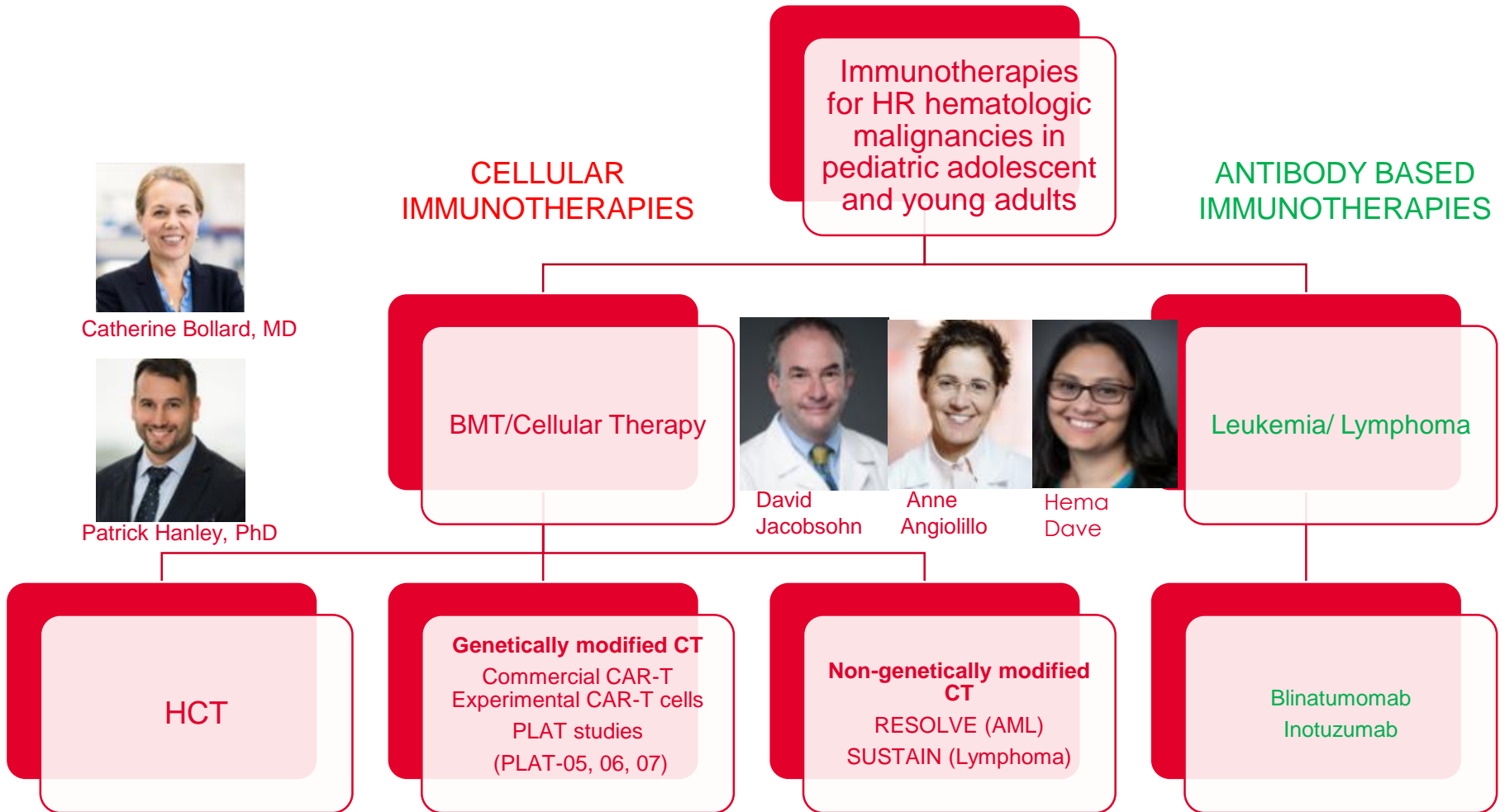
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# Targeting of CD19 on B-Cells



Post-CAR-T  
B-cell aplasia  
and need for  
IVIg

# A collaborative approach at CNH



# Multidisciplinary CAR-T Team



## Meetings

### Weekly :

CAR-T/BMT/HR

Hematologic

Malignancy Meetings

CAR-T BMT Meeting

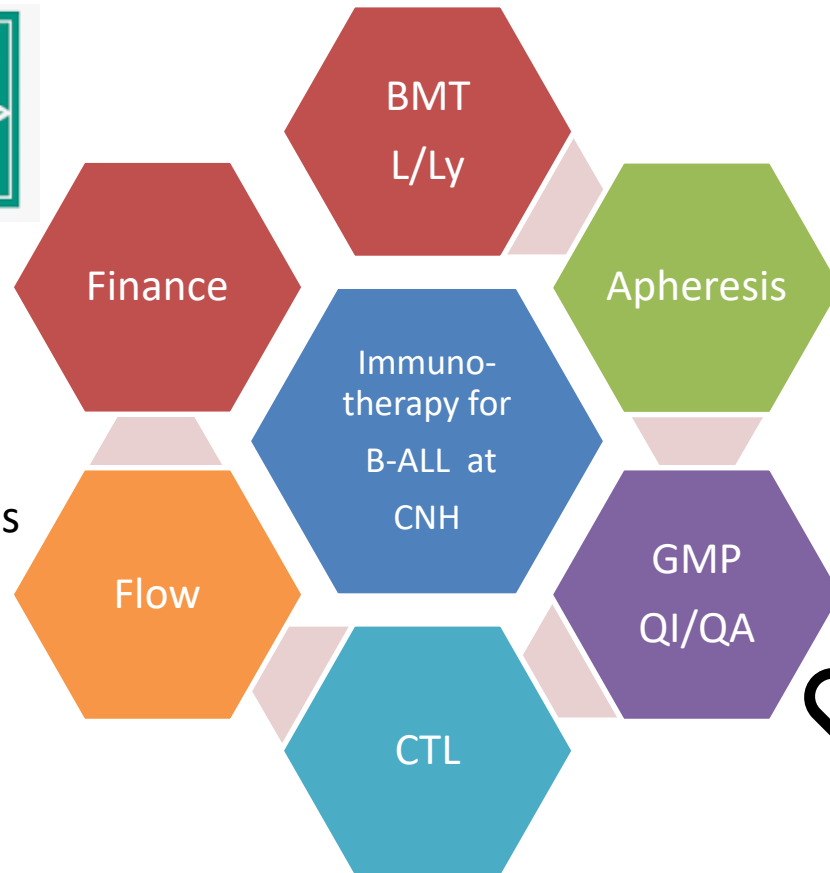
### Every 3-6 months:

Educational  
symposium

### Yearly

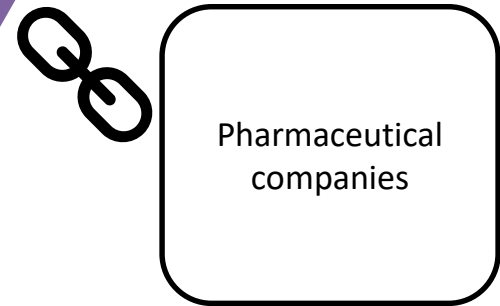
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REMS Training



Nursing/Coordinators  
PICU  
Neurology  
Pharmacy  
IT Support/EMR  
Data coordinators

KYMRIAH Treatment Center



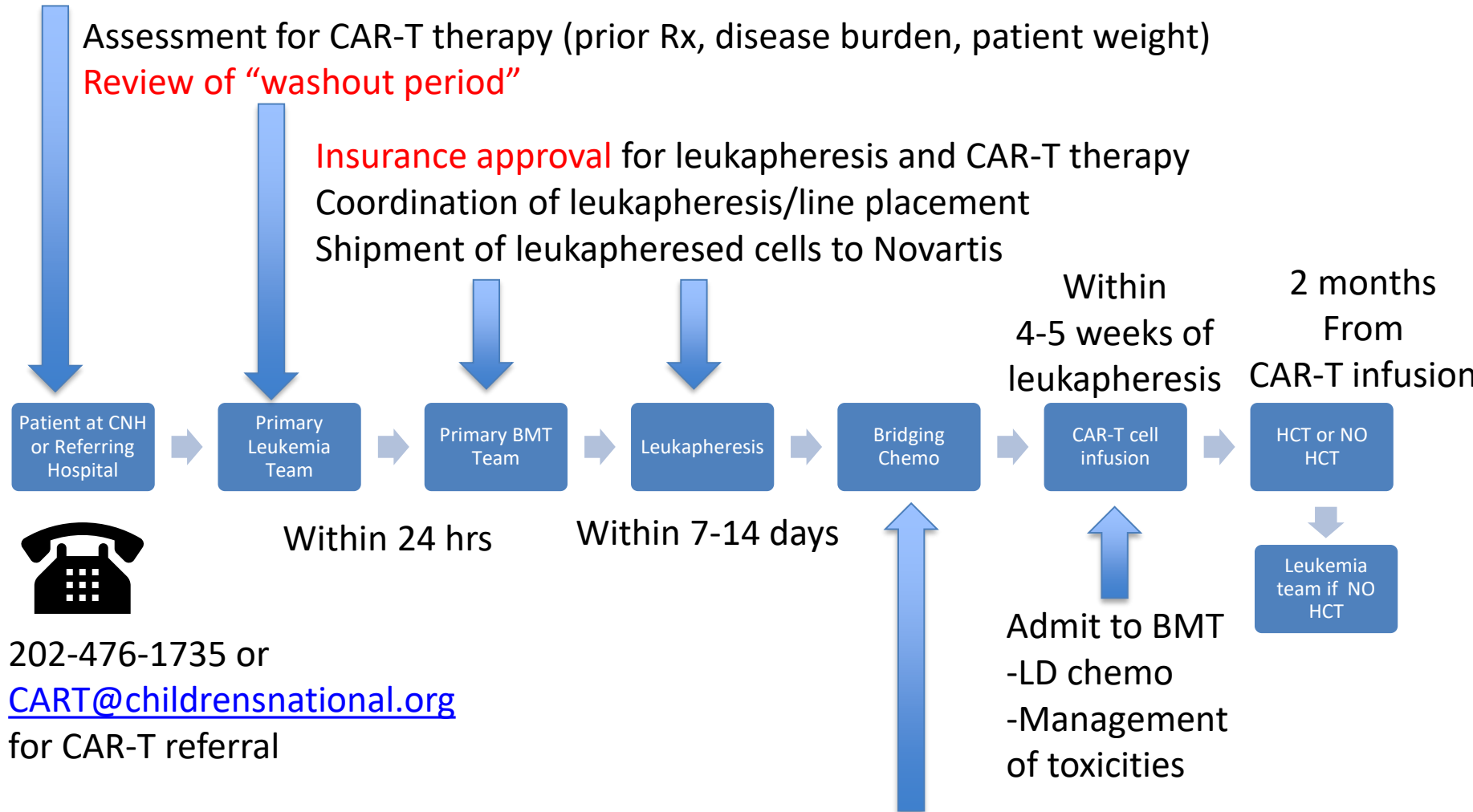
# Workflow

Importance of early referral (Screening and eligibility, optimal T cell collection)

Assessment for CAR-T therapy (prior Rx, disease burden, patient weight)

Review of "washout period"

Insurance approval for leukapheresis and CAR-T therapy  
Coordination of leukapheresis/line placement  
Shipment of leukapheresed cells to Novartis



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for CAR-T referral

Optimal bridging therapy

- Less toxicity
- ? Avoid Blina or Ino

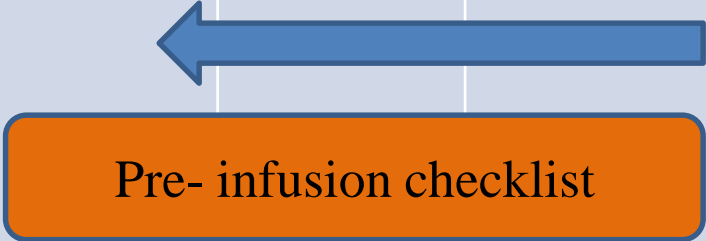



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# CAR-T SOP

- Appendix 1: Workflow
- Appendix 2: Kymriah new patient (End to end) form and process
- Appendix 3: Pre-apheresis workup checklist
- Appendix 4: Bridging chemotherapy
- Appendix 5: Pre-Infusion checklist
- Appendix 6: Post-CAR-T infusion outpatient follow up
- Appendix 7: Outpatient/ER triage and management of CAR-T patients
- **Appendix 8: Diagnosis and management of CRS and ICANS (Pocketbook)**

# CAR-T Roadmap

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
			D-8 H & P, Workup as per Pre- CAR T workup guidelines	D-7 Admission <b>Neurology</b> assessment and	D-6 Fludarabine (Flu) +Cyclopho sphamide (Cy)	D-5 Flu+Cy
						
D-4 Flu	D-3 Flu	D-2 Rest day	D-1 Rest day <b>Start</b> <b>Levetiracet</b> <b>am</b>	D 0 (8/30/19) <b>CAR T</b> <b>infusion</b>	D+1 Uneventful	D+2 (9/1/19)
D+3	D+4	D+5	D+6	D+7	D+8	D+9
						

**AVOID STEROIDS!!!**



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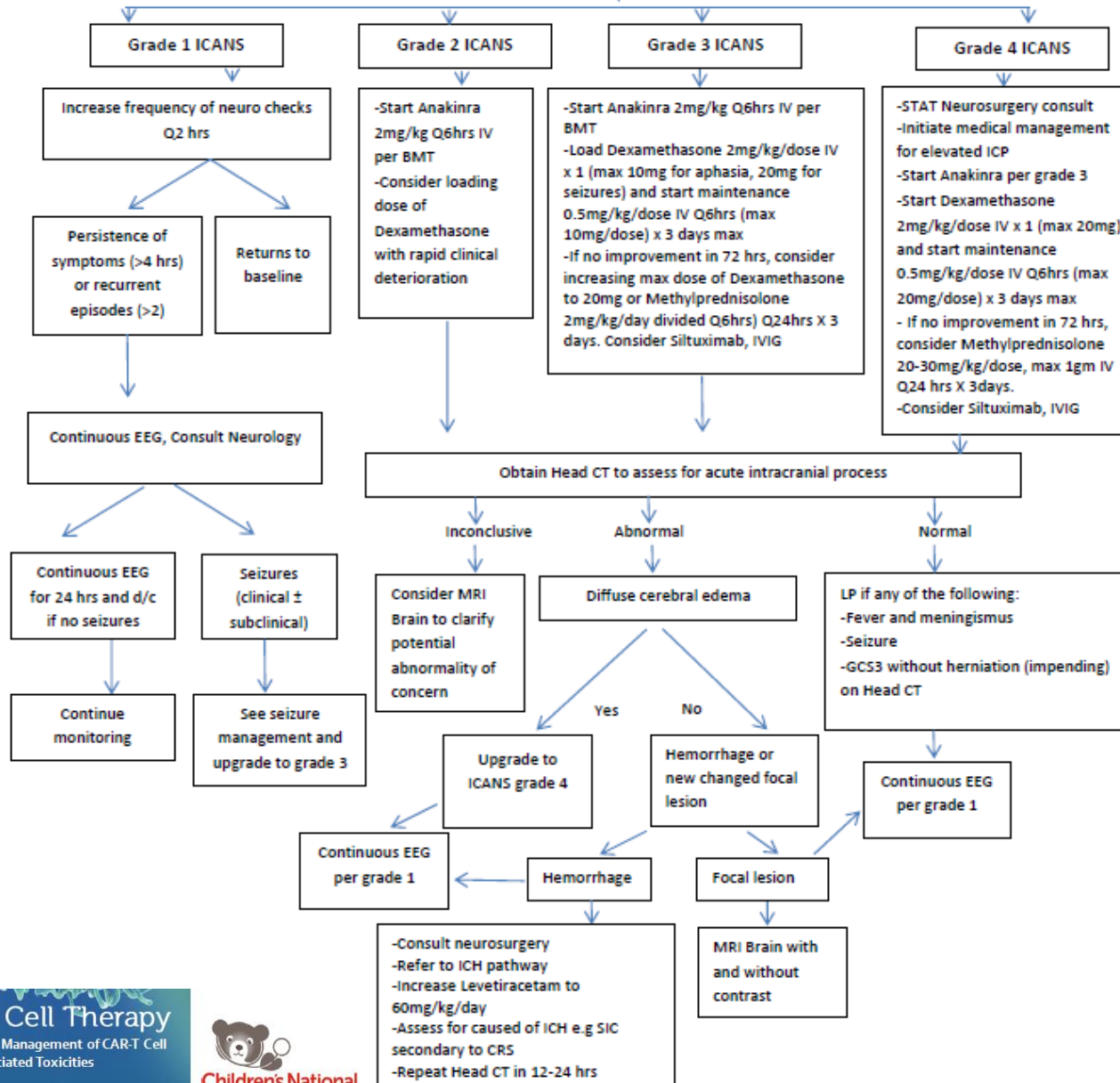
# CYTOKINE RELEASE SYNDROME (CRS)

American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy (ASTCT) CRS Consensus Grading and Guidelines for Management

CRS parameter	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
<sup>5</sup> Fever	Temperature $\geq 38.0^{\circ}$ C	Temperature $\geq 38.0^{\circ}$ C	Temperature $\geq 38.0^{\circ}$ C	Temperature $\geq 38.0^{\circ}$ C
<sup>€</sup> Hypotension	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responds to fluid bolus</li> <li>Not requiring vasopressor</li> </ul>	Requiring a single vasopressor	Requiring multiple vasopressors
<sup>¶</sup> Hypoxia	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requiring oxygen-<sup>¶</sup>low-flow nasal cannula (<math>\leq 4</math>L/min)</li> </ul>	Requiring oxygen- <sup>¶</sup> high-flow nasal cannula ( $>4$ L/min), facemask, non-rebreather mask, or Venturi mask	Requiring positive pressure (e.g. CPAP, BiPAP, intubation and mechanical ventilation)
<sup>¶</sup> Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Observe in person</li> <li>Call RRT</li> <li>Admit for observation (if outpatient)</li> <li>Supportive care                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Labs: CBC with diff, CMP, Mg, Phos, urinalysis, blood cultures, PT/aPTT, fibrinogen</li> <li>-Evaluate need for urine culture, respiratory virus PCR, chest radiograph</li> <li>-Acetaminophen prn</li> <li>-Antibiotics IV</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call RRT for PICU transfer</li> <li>Supportive care per Grade 1</li> <li>Provide supplemental oxygen</li> <li>NS bolus up to max of 20ml/kg</li> <li>Maintenance IVF</li> <li>Consider blood products/ colloids</li> <li>Give Tocilizumab:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Patient wt <math>&lt;30</math> kg: 12mg/kg X 1</li> <li>-Patient wt <math>\geq 30</math> kg: 8mg/kg X 1, max 800mg/dose</li> </ul> </li> <li>Persistent fever 8 hrs after Tocilizumab: Repeat Tocilizumab every 8 hrs x 2 (max 3 doses within 24 hr period)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call RRT for PICU transfer</li> <li>Supportive care per previous grades</li> <li>O2 support with high flow</li> <li>Start/continue Tocilizumab</li> <li>Start vasopressors as needed</li> <li>Start Dexamethasone (0.5mg/kg, max 10mg/dose) IV Q6 hrs; May increase to max 20mg/dose, if refractory CRS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call RRT for PICU transfer</li> <li>Supportive care per previous grades</li> <li>Respiratory and Vasopressors as needed</li> <li>FFP, cryoprecipitate or fibrinogen as needed to correct coagulopathy</li> <li>Start/continue Tocilizumab</li> <li>Start/continue Dexamethasone</li> <li>If no improvement with Dexamethasone in 24 hrs, consider high dose Methylprednisolone (20-30mg/kg with max 1gm daily for 3 days followed by rapid taper if response)</li> </ul>



ICANS identified: Grade ICANS and see supportive care for all grades



# CAR-T milestones: CNH

2019

MULTIDISCIPLINARY  
CAR-T TEAM

R/R  
CNS  
B-ALLy

1<sup>st</sup> patient  
infused  
on 08/30/2019

R/R  
B-ALL  
CHEK2

First 5 patients treated with *Kymriah*  
(CD19/41BB CAR-T) in inpatient setting since  
August 2019

R/R  
B-ALL  
KMT2A  
deln

Ref  
B-ALL  
PDGFRB  
mutation

R/R  
B-ALL  
PDGFRB  
mutation

2020

Driving the CAR to the Bone Marrow Transplant Program

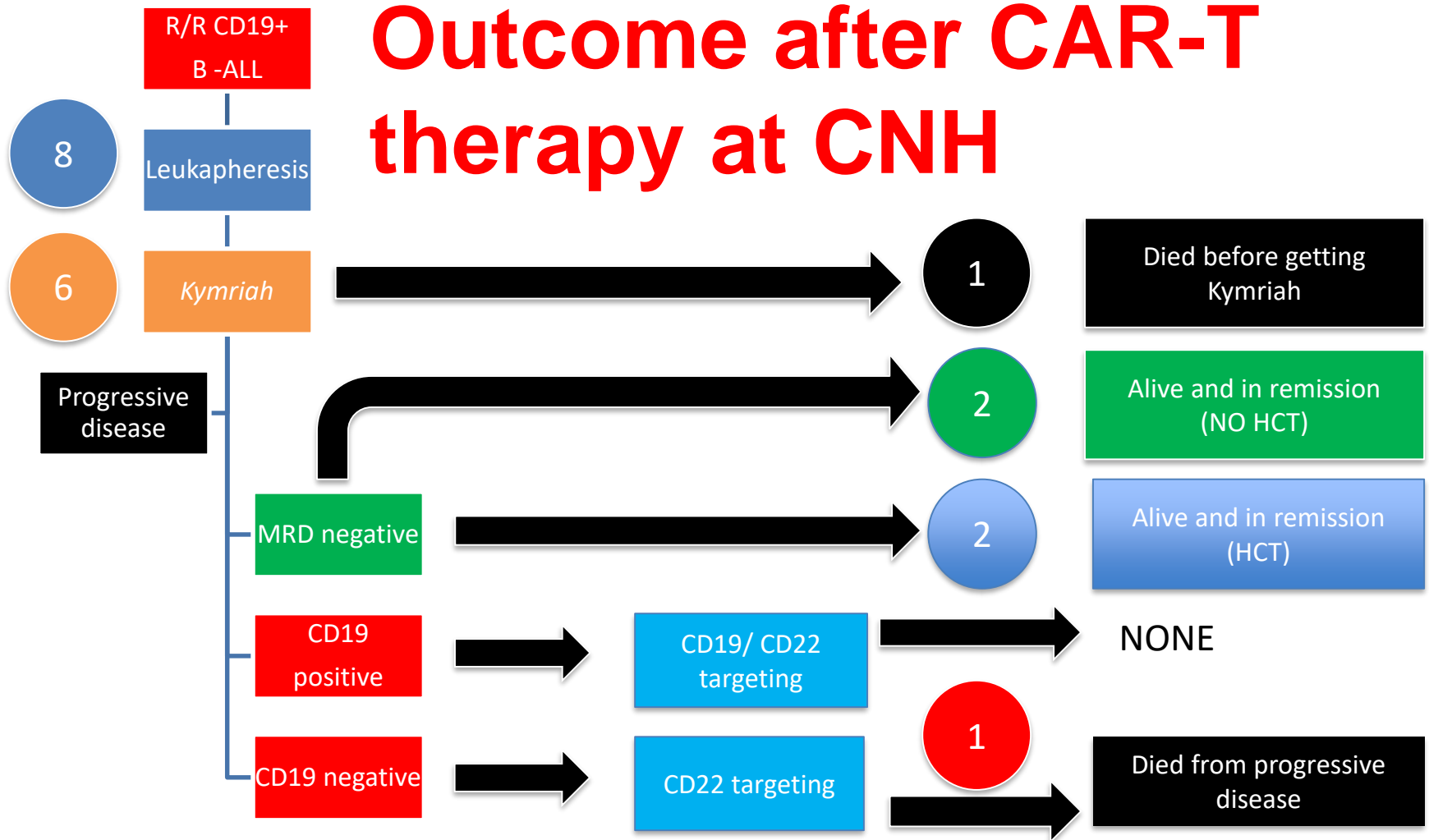
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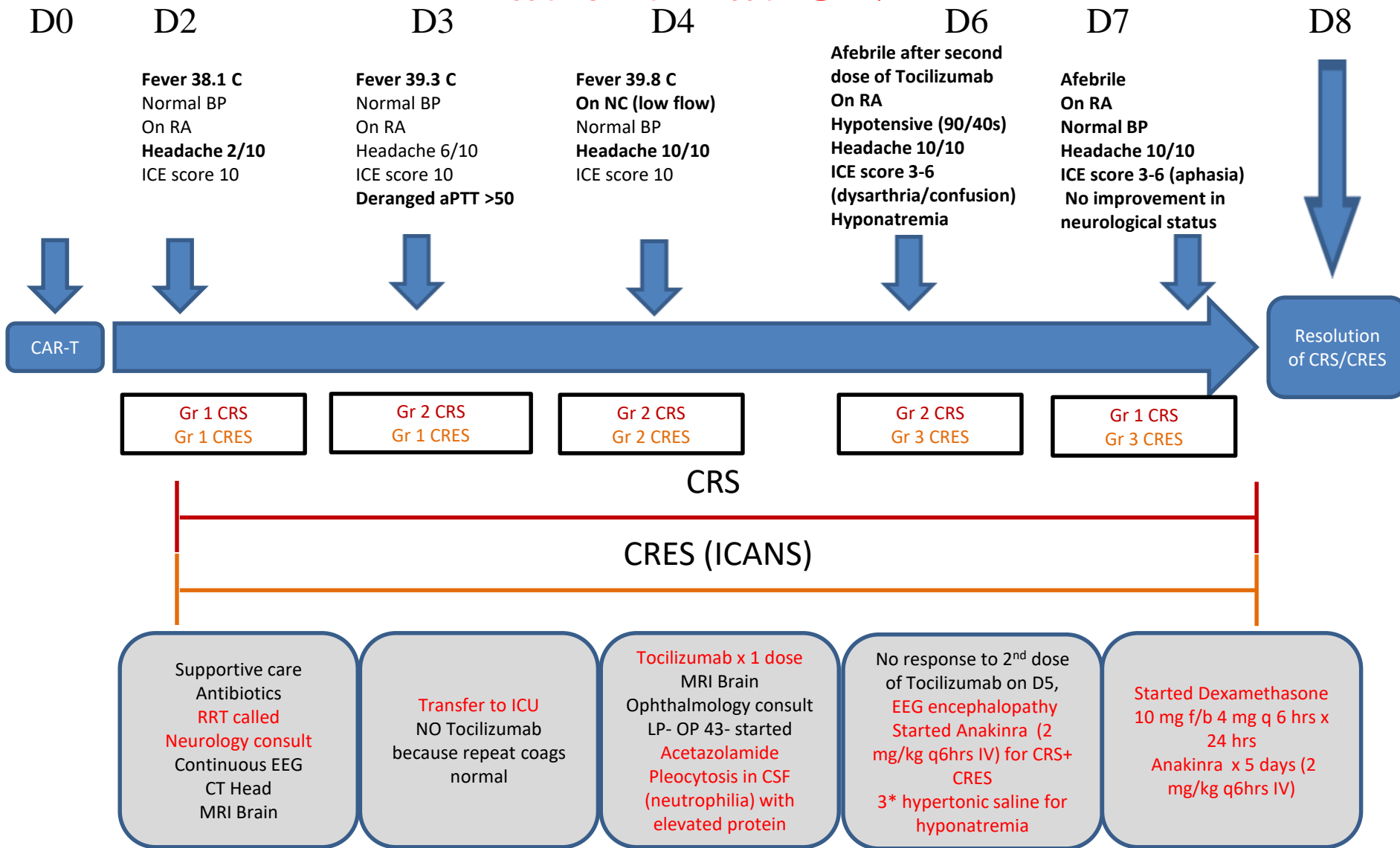
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# Outcome after CAR-T therapy at CNH



6<sup>th</sup> Kymriah infusion in January 2021

# Patient 1 at CNH



- Fever  $\geq 38$  C is a defining criteria for CRS
- Headache: non-specific symptom seen in CRS and/or ICANS. It is not a diagnostic criteria for either of CRS/ICANS.
- Organ toxicities graded as per CTCAE version 5.0 but not diagnostic of CRS/ICANS
- CRP/Pro-inflammatory panel/organ function labs not diagnostic of CRS



# CAR-T for R/R CD19 +B-ALL

Teenage male  
Relapsed/refractory  
CD19+ B ALL

Relapsed  
B ALL

2nd relapse in Feb 2020 ; CNS positive; MLL rearranged;  
**CD19 positive B ALL**

TACL  
Protocol  
2012-002

Liposomal Vcr + Erwinia Asp+ Dexamethasone

BM on 3/30/20- 10% blast- Leukapheresis for potential need for CAR-T cell therapy- **Collect and Hold, ALC >500/mcL; CD3+ >150/mcL; neg for HIV/HepB/HepC**

Refractory

Blinatumo  
mab

Significant increase in leukemia burden on therapy- **developed TLS ; CD19- moderate-dim**

Refractory

Leukapheresed mononuclear cells **shipped to Novartis on 4/24/20; started "bridging chemotherapy"**

Escalating  
Mtx+Vcr

**Kymriah (finished commercial CAR-T product) received on 5/21/20**

**Avoid steroids!!!**  
Ensure adequate washout period  
No active infections/inflammation/  
uncontrolled leukemia

Admitted on 5/22/20  
for lymphodepleting  
chemotherapy

Flu + Cy; Baseline Neurological exam

Infusion on  
5/29/20

REMS refresher/ Education of HCPs

? CRS  
? ICANS  
? TLS

High risk for CRS-  
Pre-CAR-T -53% leukemia  
burden in BM. 2 doses of  
Tocilizumab on standby

Developed CRS Gr2, ICANS  
Gr3- responded to Tocilizumab  
→Anakinra+ Dexamathasone

Discharge  
D+14  
Follow up in  
BMT clinic

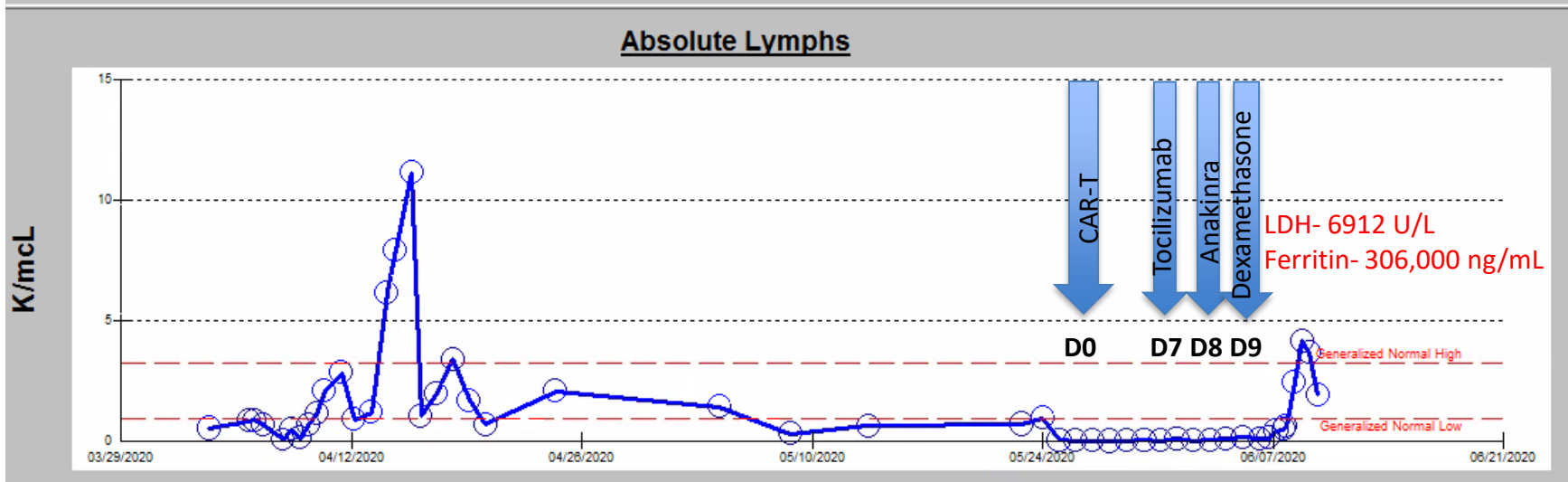
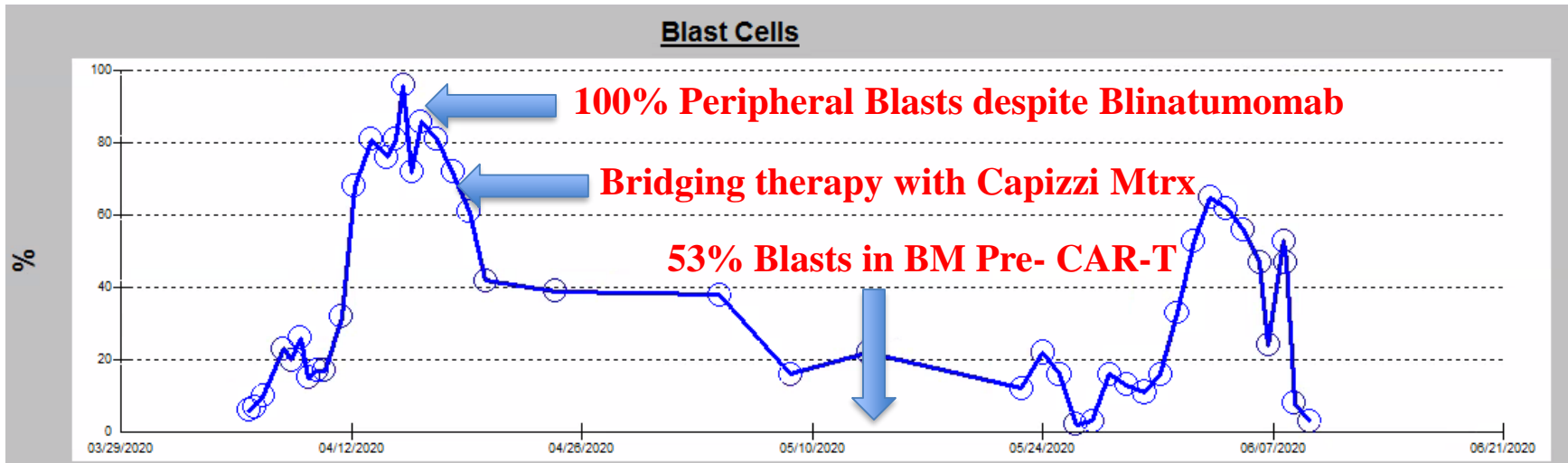
Recovered with blasts

Died of  
progressive  
disease



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# CAR-T cell and blast kinetics



CAR- T Expansion and Fall in Blast Count

# Post CAR-T therapy care

Post CAR -T Therapy	Recommendations/Comments
Discharge	D+14 if ANC >200/mcL x 2 and rising
Education	Educate caregivers about vital sign monitoring Educate caregivers to log daily ICANS questionnaire Contingency plan for fever/Kymriah “wrist bands” and wallet cards
Clinic follow up	Till D+60 or BMT which ever is later
Supportive care	Consider G-CSF for prolonged neutropenia (after D+14)
Infection prophylaxis	Prophylaxis with antibacterial, antivirals, antifungal, PJP
IVIG	Monthly monitoring of IgG. IVIG for IgG <400mg/dl
Lymphocyte subsets	Monitoring of B cell aplasia. Recovery of CD19+ cells- may be a sign of relapse
HCT	Indications for HCT post-CAR-T rapidly evolving



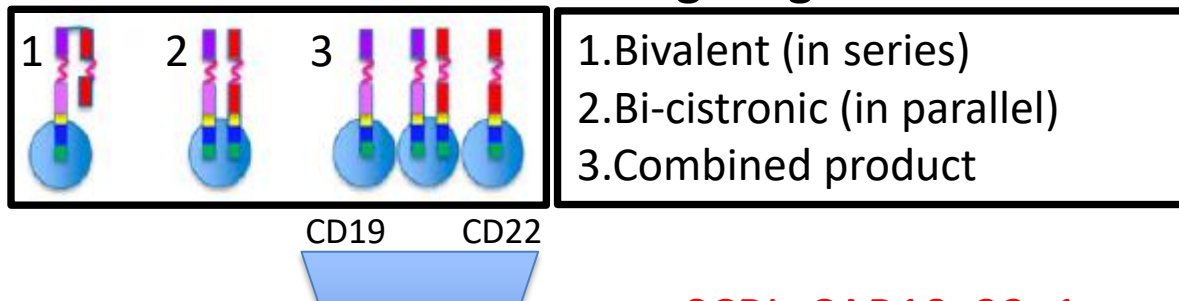
# Challenges

- **Toxicities: CRS/ICANS/HLH like/Infections (80-90%)**
  - Strategies to mitigate toxicities- REMS
  - More proactive use of tocilizumab, steroids and steroid sparing agents like anakinra
  - Need for IgG supplementation
- **Relapses after CAR-T therapy (30-50% at 1 year)**
  - Lack of persistence of CAR-T cells (CD19 pos)-CAR-T cell exhaustion- transplant as a consolidative therapy
  - Immune escape (CD19 neg) (7-60%)
- **Refractory to CAR-T cell therapy (10-20%)**
- **Financial toxicity- \$475,000 for *Kymriah***

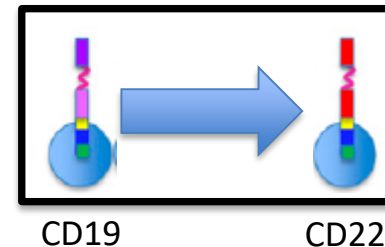


# Dual antigen targeting

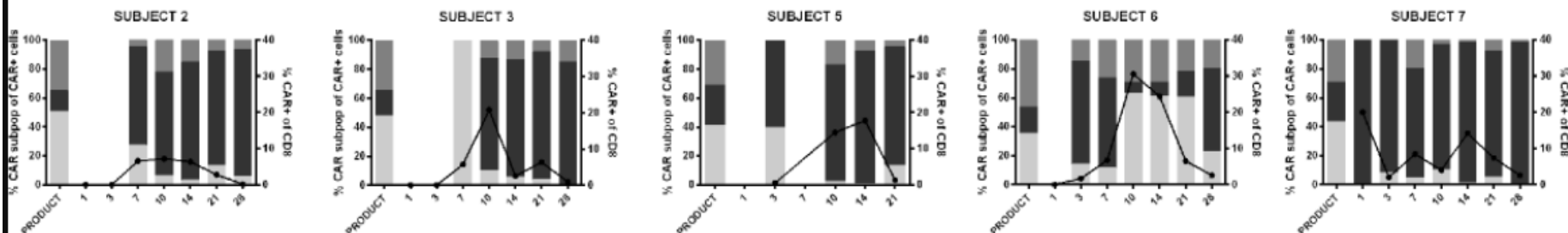
## Simultaneous targeting



## Sequential targeting



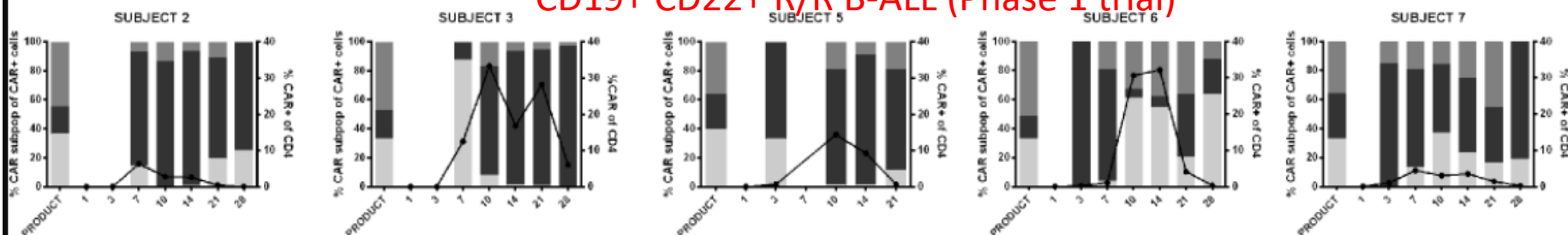
### CD8



### SCRI- CAR19x22v1

Pediatric Leukemia Adoptive Therapy Trials-05 (PLAT-05) for CD19+ CD22+ R/R B-ALL (Phase 1 trial)

### CD4



### DAYS POST INFUSION

CD19 CAR+ CD22 CAR+ CD19xCD22 CAR+

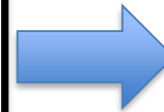


# Expanding the portfolio of CAR-T therapy

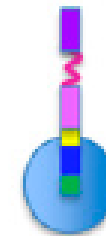
1<sup>st</sup> study of humanized anti-CD19 CAR T cells at CHOP CTL119 induced CR in 100% CAR T cell naïve patients (12-mo RFS of 82%).

**In the retreatment setting, 56% of patients with prior murine CD19 CAR T cells achieved CR.**

*Blood* (2017) 130 (Supplement 1): 1319.



PLAT-06



CD19 targeting ab domain is humanized rather than murine

Humanized CD19 CAR-T

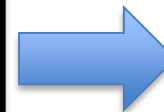
CD19+ Leukemia and Lymphoma  
1-30 years

CD22-targeted CAR T cells induce remission in B-ALL that is naïve or resistant to CD19-targeted CAR immunotherapy

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National Institutes of Health (NIH), Bethesda, Maryland, USA.



PLAT-07



CD22 CAR-T

CD22+ Leukemia and Lymphoma  
Up to 30 years



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# Future of CAR-T therapy at CNH

## Open CAR-T Cell Clinical Trials at CNH

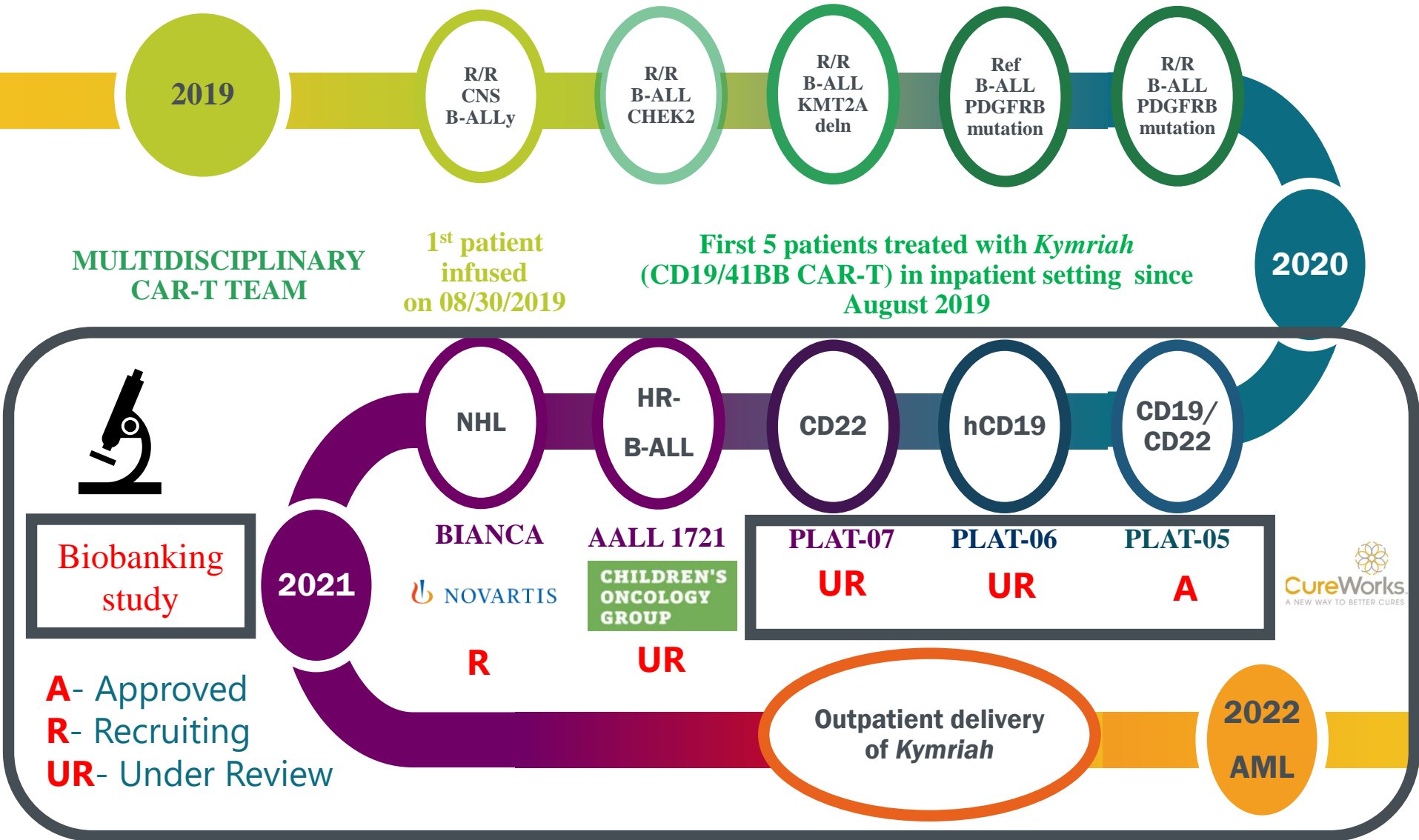
Trial/Sponsor	Indication	Principal Investigator
<b>PLAT-05 (CureWorks)</b>	Anti-CD19-22 CAR T cell for Rel/Ref B-ALL/Ly Age: 1-27 y	Anant Vatsayan
<b>PLAT-06 (CureWorks)</b>	Humanized Anti- CD19 CAR T for Rel/Ref B-ALL Age: 1-27 y	Anant Vatsayan
<b>Cassiopeia (COG AALL1721)</b>	HR MRD+ CD19+ B ALL at EOC	Anne Angiolillo (Under IRB review)
<b>BIANCA (Novartis)</b>	CD19+ Relapsed NHL Age: <18 years	Hema Dave (Under IRB review)
<b>Bio-banking</b>	Prospectively banking PB/BM and CSF samples	Hema Dave/Cath Bollard

**PLAT 07 (CD22 CAR-T) coming in Fall 2020!**



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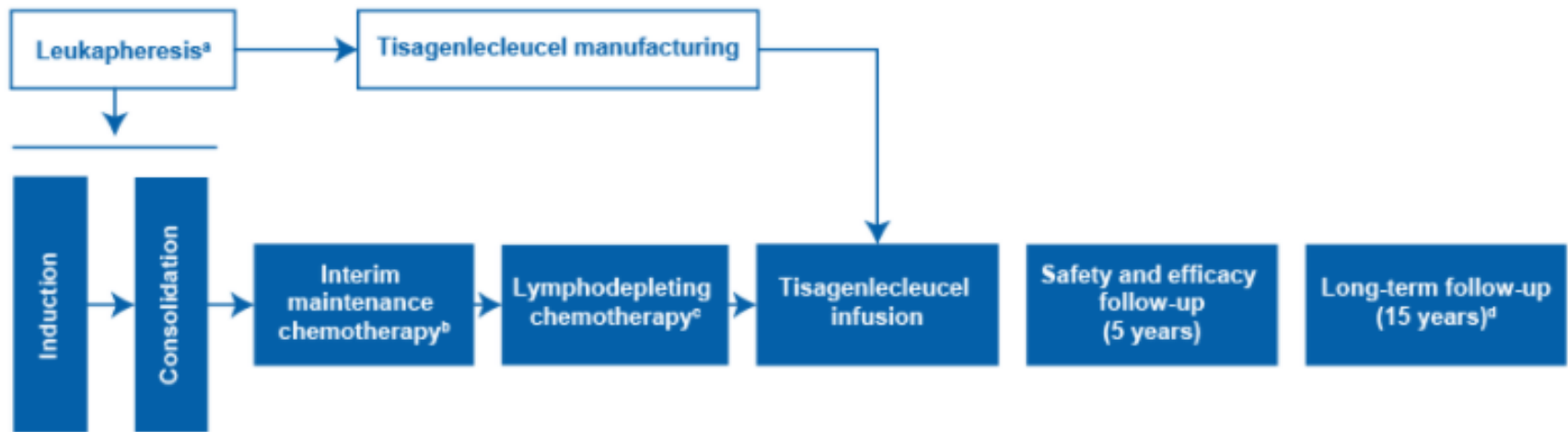
# CAR-T milestones: CNH



# Cassiopeia (AALL1721)

- A phase II single arm, open label, multicenter study to determine safety and efficacy of tisagenlecleucel as a first line therapy for high risk pediatric and young adults (1-25 years) with CD19+ B-ALL who are MRD (>0.01%) positive at end of consolidation

## STUDY DESIGN



\*Leukapheresis can be performed at end of induction or end of consolidation.

\*Tisagenlecleucel can be given as soon as product is available and before completion of interim maintenance, if applicable.

\*Lymphodepleting chemotherapy is to be completed 2 to 14 days prior to tisagenlecleucel infusion.

\*Long-term safety follow-up as per health authority guidance conducted under a separate long-term follow-up protocol (NCT02445222).

**Primary endpoint: 5 year DFS**

<https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03876769>

<https://www.virtualcongress.novartis.com/eha25/b-cell-malignancies/>



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# Unanswered questions

- **Early risk stratification and patient selection** (range of burden of disease, type of disease, EM/CNS disease, pre-HCT)
- **Optimal time of leukapheresis**
- **Upfront use** of CAR-T cells
- **Optimal bridging to CAR-T therapy** (CD19 or CD22 targeting immunotherapy prior to CAR-T and as an alternative)
- **Optimal lymphodepleting chemotherapy**
- **Deep remission** (utility of NGS-long-term disease surveillance)
- **Durability of remission** (type of CAR-T and its persistence; duration of B-cell aplasia, molecular MRD, and role of HCT)
- **Mechanisms of failure** of CAR-T cells
- **Mechanisms of toxicity** of CAR-T cells
- **Best strategy** which is **financially viable** in the long run



# Research database and guidelines development

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Guideline

ASTCT Consensus Grading for Cytokine Release Syndrome and Neurologic Toxicity Associated with Immune Effector Cells

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Chimeric antigen receptor T-cell therapy — assessment and management of toxicities

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How I prevent infections in patients receiving CD19-targeted chimeric antigen receptor T cells for B-cell malignancies

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# Summary

- Early referral of relapsed/refractory ALL patient for potential need for CAR-T therapy
- NGS should be sent at diagnosis of relapse/ refractory B-ALL
- Very high disease burden and late leukapheresis compromises the T cell yield (qualitative and quantitative) for CAR-T production
- Pre-CAR-T use of Blina or Inotuzumab may negatively impact the efficacy of CAR-T cells
- Bridging chemo should be less toxic with the goal of decreasing disease burden
- Early B-cell recovery is a surrogate marker for impending post-CAR-T relapse
- Post CAR-T consolidation with HCT is recommended if patient is a good candidate for HCT

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