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# Clinical advances in hematologic malignancies: paving the way for better quality of life outcomes

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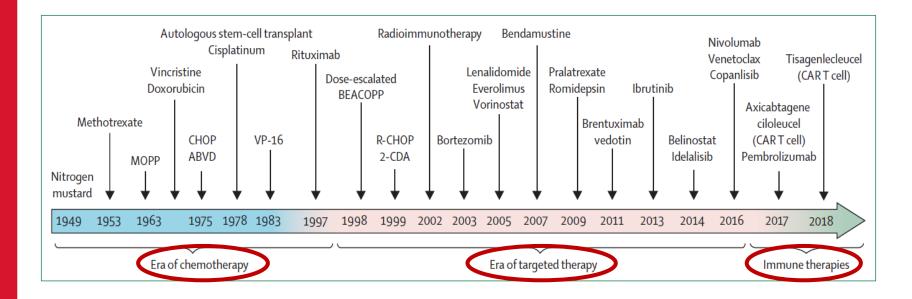




### The outstanding progress of hematologic research

Novel treatments have changed the natural history of many hematological malignancies

### The Evolution of Lymphoma treatments

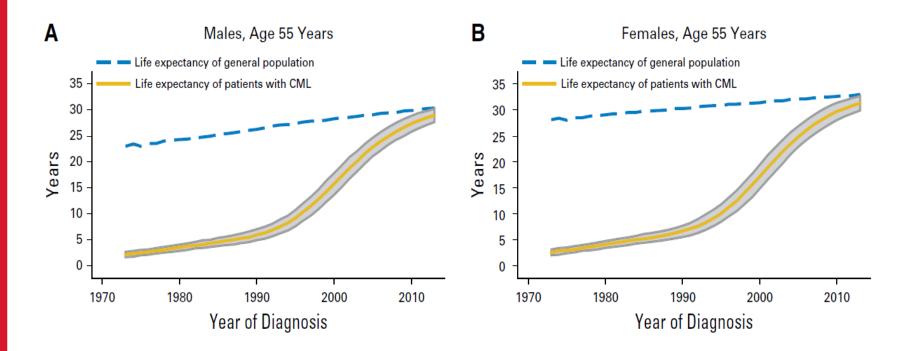


Thanarajasingam G Lancet Haematol. 2018 Nov;5(11):e563-e598

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Life Expectancy of patients with chronic myeloid leukemia now approaches that of the General Population



(Bower H, et al, J Clin Oncol. 2016, 34:2851-7, 2016)

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### Why should we Assess Quality of Life (QoL) in Hematology?

### We need additional information to facilitate clinical-decision making



- Patients are living longer
- Several available treatment options have similar clinical efficacy
- Quality of Life is associated with Adherence to Therapy (oral drugs)
- Better define "intolerance" to a given therapy
- Regulators (eg. FDA and EMA) needs "good" QoL data

### Two broad areas of applications of QoL Assessment



To better understand overall treatment effectiveness

### **Clinical Practice**

To help enhance <u>individualized</u> <u>treatment</u> decisions

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# Quality of Life Assessment in Clinical Research



Some examples in challenging research settings...

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### Patient-reported quality of life after tisagenlecleucel infusion in children and young adults with relapsed or refractory B-cell acute lymphoblastic le single-arm, phase 2 trial

Theodore W Laetsch, Gary Douglas Myers, André Baruchel, Andrew C Dietz, Michael A Pulsipł Barbara De Moerloose, Kara L Davis, Eneida Nemecek, Timothy Driscoll, Francoise Mechinaud Christina Peters, Himalee S Sabnis, Stephan A Grupp, Gregory A Yanik, Hidefumi Hiramatsu, I Sweta Shah, Jie Zhang, Andrew C Harris

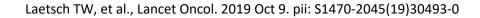
### Highly vulnerable population:

- Age: 8-23 years
- 90% relapsed disease
- 60% at least 1 HSCT
- 77% cytokine release syndrome

	Patients with quality-of-life assessment at baseline and at least one postbaseline (n=48)	Patients without quality-of-life assessment at baseline and at least one postbaseline (n=10)			
Sex					
Female	19 (40%)	6 (60%)			
Male	29 (60%)	4 (40%)			
Age, years					
Mean (SD)	14·3 (4·5)	11.9 (3.6)			
Median (IQR)	14.0 (10.0–17.5)	11.5 (9.0–14.0)			
Race					
White	38 (79%)	8 (80%)			
Other	10 (21%)	2 (20%)			
Karnofsky or Lansky performance status					
90–100%	28 (58%)	5 (50%)			
<90%	20 (42%)	5 (50%)			
Previous haemopoietic stem-cell transplantation					
0	18 (38%)	5 (50%)			
1 or 2	30 (62%)	5 (50%)			
Disease status					
Primary refractory	5 (10%)	0			
Relapsed disease	43 (90%)	10 (100%)			

Data are n (%) unless otherwise stated. Quality-of-life assessment defined non-missing data for either the European Quality of Life-5 Dimensions visual analogue scale or Pediatric Quality of Life Inventory total score.

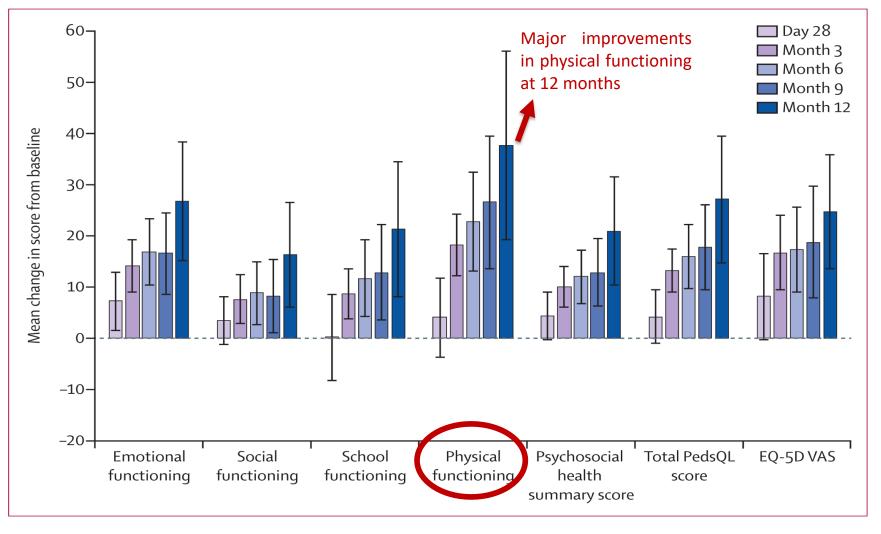
Table 2: Demographic and baseline characteristics according to data availability at baseline and postbaseline visits



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### Quality of Life over time in relapsed or refractory ALL patients

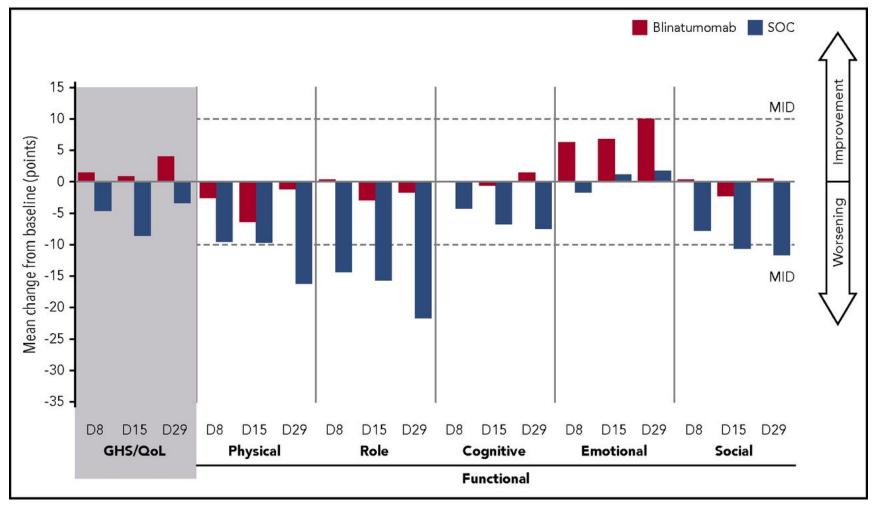


Laetsch TW, et al., Lancet Oncol. 2019 Oct 9. pii: S1470-2045(19)30493-0

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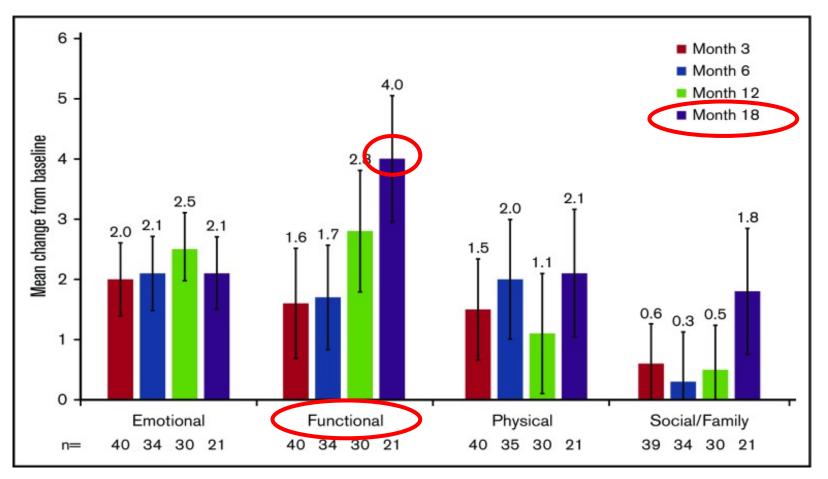
### QoL Outcomes: blinatumomab versus standard of care (SOC)



Topp M, et al. Blood. 2018 Jun 28;131(26):2906-2914



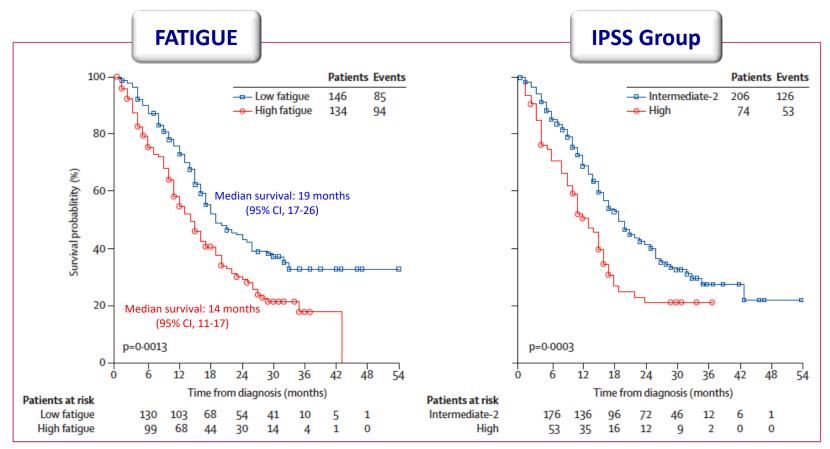
# QoL in patients with relapsed/refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma who respond to therapy improves over time



Maziarz RT, et al., Blood Adv. 2020 Feb 25;4(4):629-637.



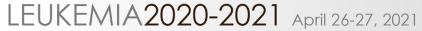
### QoL information provide independent prognostic information for Overall Survival Example in higher risk MDS Patients



#### Figure 1: Overall survival by baseline patient's self-reported fatigue severity and IPSS risk group

Low fatigue denotes patients reporting a baseline EORTC QLQ-C30 fatigue score lower than median value (34 points). High fatigue denotes patients reporting a baseline EORTC QLQ-C30 fatigue score equal or higher than the median value. EORTC QLQ-C30=European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer, quality of life questionnaire-core 30. IPSS=International Prognostic Scoring System.

Efficace et al, Lancet Oncology 2015 Nov;16(15):1506-14





# Quality of Life Assessment in Routine Practice



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- Facilitate and improve communication between patients and physicians
- Facilitate shared-decision making
- Enhance patient satisfaction
- Improve symptom control
- Improve Quality of Life

Improve Survival Outcomes

(Basch E, et al, J Clin Oncol. 34:557-65, 2016; Bennet AV et al., CA Cancer J Clin 62:336-347, 2012; Kotronoulas G, et al, J Clin Oncol, 32:1480–1501, 2014; Snyder C, et al, Qual Life res 21:1305-1314, 2012; Frost MH, Mayo Clin Proc, 82:1214–1228, 2007; Velikova G, et al, J Clin Oncol, 22:714–724, 2004; McLachlan SA, et al, J Clin Oncol, 19:4117–4125, 2001; Detmar SB, et al, Eur J Cancer, 34:1181–1186, 1998; Denis F. et al. J Natl cancer Inst 109(9), 2017; Basch E, et al. Am Soc Clin Oncol Educ Book. 2018 May 23;38:122-134)







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#### ORIGINAL REPORT

#### Symptom Monitoring With Patient-Reported Outcomes During Routine Cancer Treatment: A Randomized Controlled Trial

Ethan Basch, Allison M. Deal, Mark G. Kris, Howard I. Scher, Clifford A. Hudis, Paul Sabbatini, Lauren Rogak, Antonia V. Bennett, Amylou C. Dueck, Thomas M. Atkinson, Joanne F. Chou, Dorothy Dulko, Laura Sit, Allison Barz, Paul Novotny, Michael Fruscione, Jeff A. Sloan, and Deborah Schrag

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#### Purpose

There is growing interest to enhance symptom monitoring during routine cancer care using patientreported outcomes, but evidence of impact on clinical outcomes is limited.

#### Methods

We randomly assigned patients receiving routine outpatient chemotherapy for advanced solid tumors at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center to report 12 common symptoms via tablet

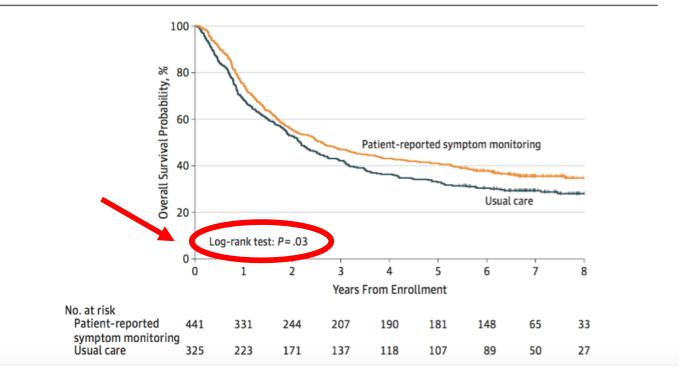
Basch e, et al., J Clin Oncol. 2016 Feb 20;34(6):557-65





### Assessing Patient-Reported Symptoms in Cancer Care Improves Overall Survival

Figure. Overall Survival Among Patients With Metastatic Cancer Assigned to Electronic Patient-Reported Symptom Monitoring During Routine Chemotherapy vs Usual Care



Basch E, et al, JAMA. 2017; doi: 10.1001/jama.2017.7156

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### Assessing QoL in routine care does not increase time of clinical visits



easuring relevant outcomes in a timely manner is a priority in a health care system increasingly focused on the delivery of high-value care. Most quality measures focus collecting PROs for clinical and research purposes in 1998. In 2009, patients at the DHMC Spine Center were surveyed, and one third of them said that incor-

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### The Importance of Digital Health in the era of COVID-19



### The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

Fortunately, the world is a different place than it was in 1918. We have the technology to strengthen our health care system for our patients. It's time we put these tools into practice.

# NEJM, June 2020 Perspective

### **Covid-19 and Health Care's Digital Revolution**

Sirina Keesara, M.D., Andrea Jonas, M.D., and Kevin Schulman, M.D.

n the face of the Covid-19 outbreak, Americans are waking up to the limitations of their analogue health care system. It seems clear that we need an immediate digital revolution to face this crisis.

cases, urgent action is required to transform health care delivery and to scale up our systems by unleashing the power of digital technologies.<sup>1</sup> Although some digital

#### Keesara S, et al, New Engl J Med, 2020 Jun 4;382(23):e82

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### A real-word example of a Digital Health Tool in Routine Practice: **GIMEMA ALLIANCE-Platform**



Home Il mio Questionario

Comunicazioni urgenti al Medico

Le mie visite online ESCI

### **BENVENUTO/A IN GIMEMA ALLIANCE**

Il Portale per tenere aggiornato il Suo ematologo

Il mio Questionario



Clicchi il pulsante sottostante per completare il Suo Questionario.

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Qui può comunicare eventuali sintomi e/o una diagnosi da COVID-19 al Suo ematologo

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Le mie visite online



Clicca qui per visualizzare le visite online pianificate.

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### The Virtual Waiting Room for Video Consultations

fondazione GIMEMA onlus per la promozione e la sviluppo della ricerca scientifica sulle molatile emotologiche. PRANCO MANDELLI



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### Example of Items to be completed by patients (touch-screen)



Negli ultimi 7 giorni, quanto è stato GRAVE il SENSO DI FATICA, STANCHEZZA O MANCANZA DI ENERGIA nel momento PEGGIORE?

Per nulla	Un po'	Abbastanza	Molto	Moltissimo
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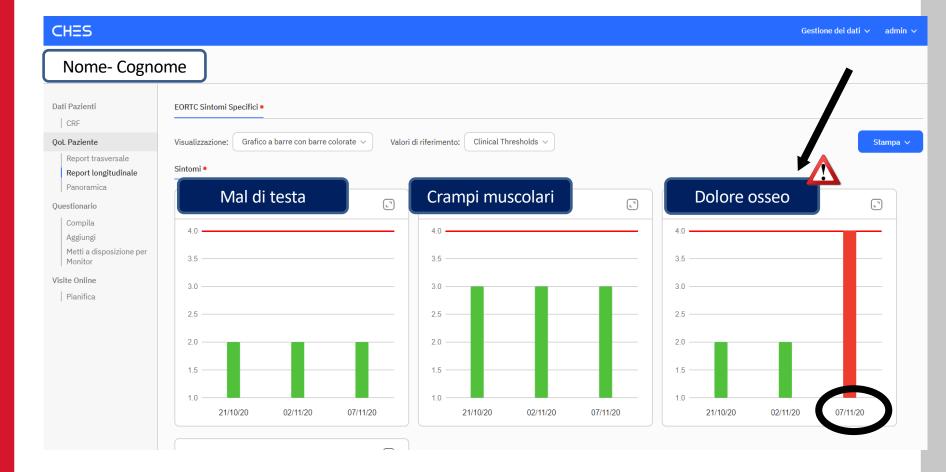
### **Physician Portal GIMEMA-ALLIANCE**



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### **Patient-Reported Symptom Profile**



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## Conclusions

The outstanding achievements obtained in several areas of Hematology have paved the way for a more systematic use of QoL measures in clinical research and routine practice.

QoL data provide unique information that are not captured with traditional biomedical indicators (e.g., Anemia, Performance status, Cytogenetics) or Physicianreported Toxicity data



**Assessing QoL in routine clinical practice:** can facilitate a greater physician awareness of their patients' symptom burden and my enhance patient-physician communication