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# Progetto Ematologia Romagna

## ***La terapia di prima linea nella LMA introduzione***

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# AML front-line therapy for fit patients

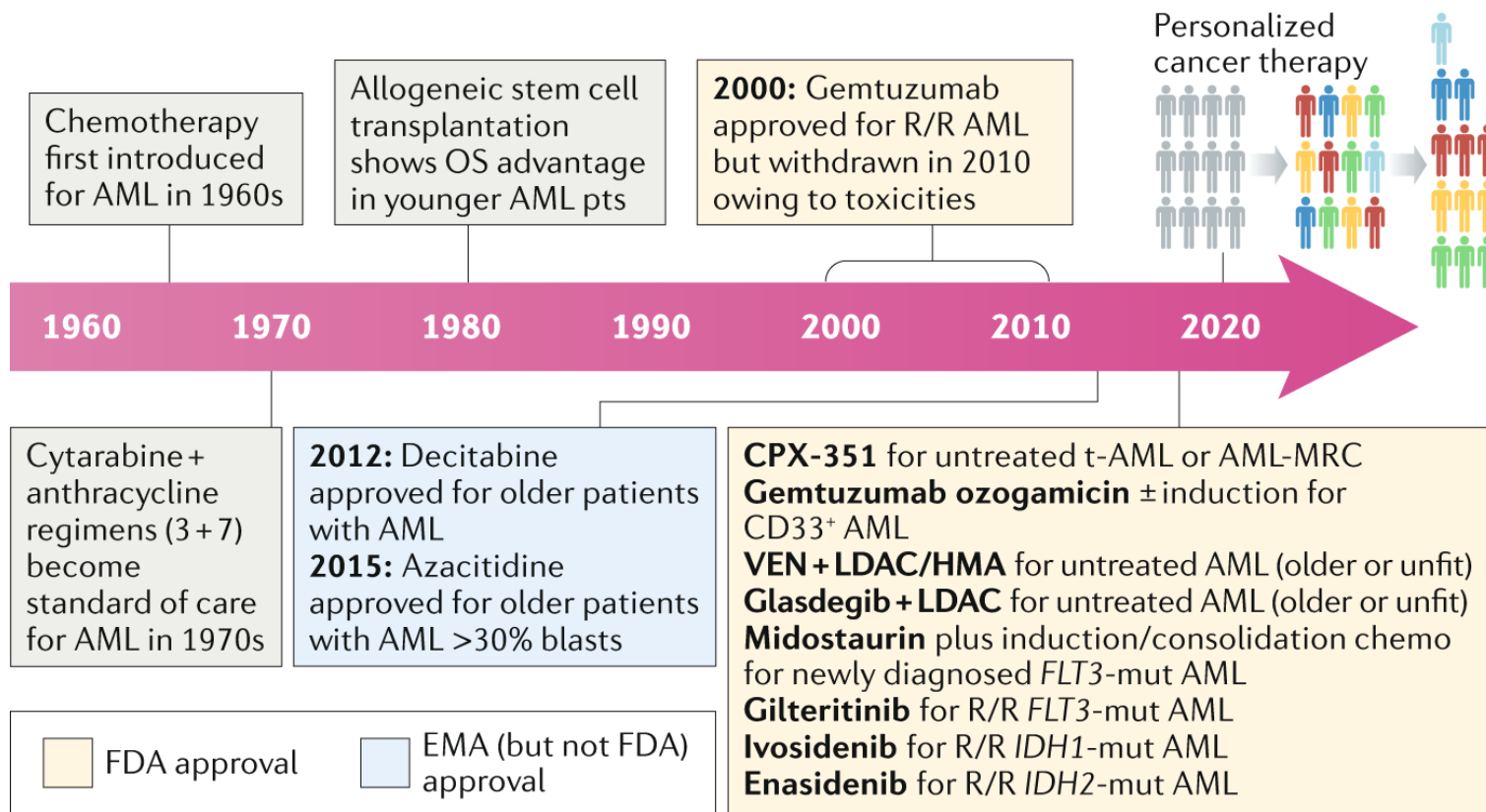
- **"3+7" induction** first introduced in 1973, still represents mainstay of induction therapy
  - ✓ CR achieved in 60-80% of patients < 60 years
  - ✓ CR achieved in 20-60% of patients > 60 years
- **Consolidation therapy:** single agent cytarabine at high dose (HiDARAC) or intermediate dose cytarabine (IDARAC) 2-4 cycles
- **Allogeneic HCT:** depends on assessment risk-benefit ratio; recommend if risk of relapse without the procedure > 35-40% → intermediate/high risk patients

Dohner H et al Blood. 2017 Jan 26;129(4):424-447



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# Advances in patient care through increasingly individualized therapy

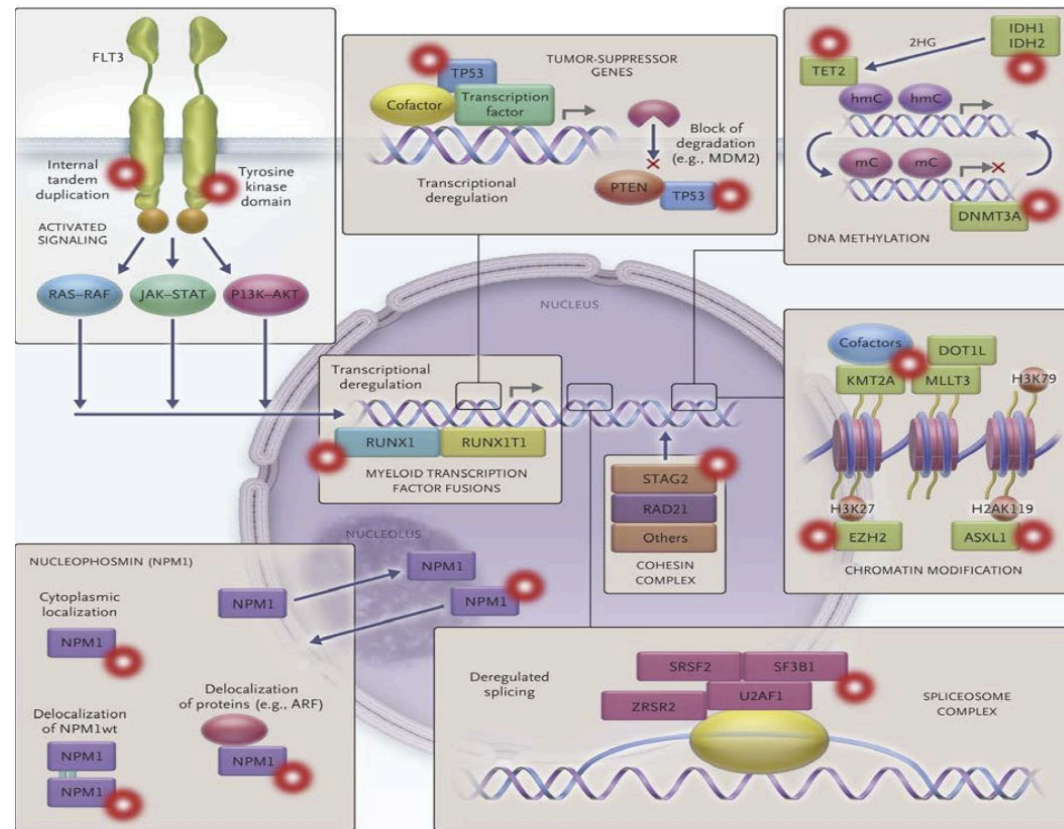


Courtney D. DiNardo & Alexander E. Perl *Nature Reviews Clinical Oncology* volume 16, pages73–74 (2019)





# Pathobiology of AML

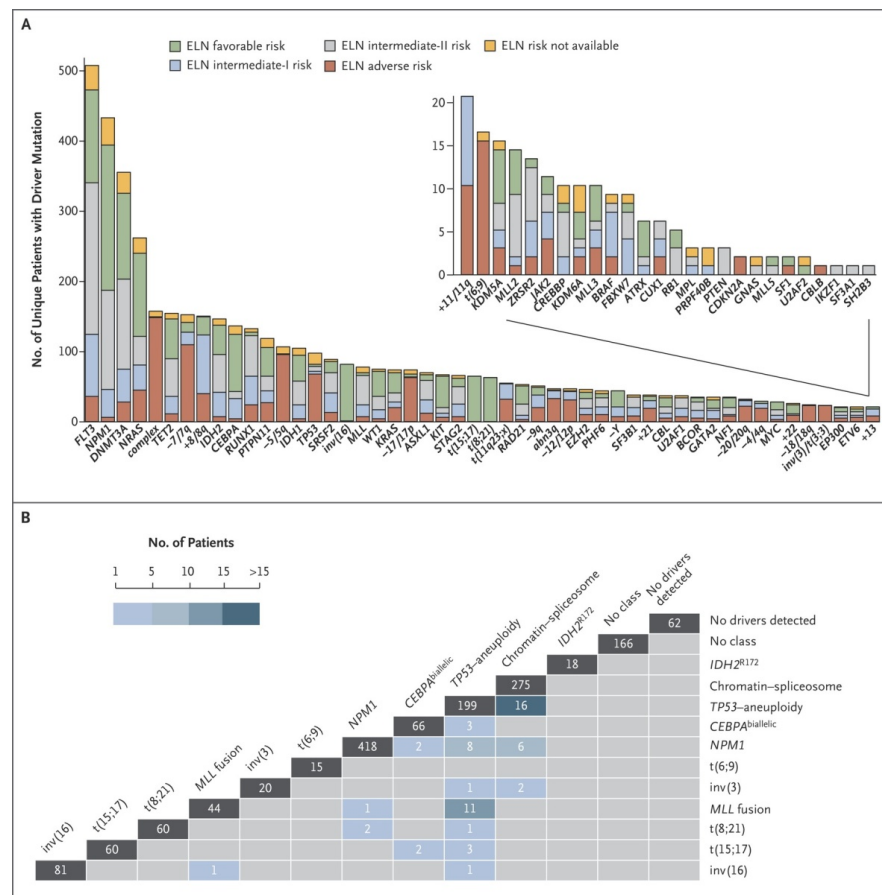


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# Landscape of Driver Mutations in Acute Myeloid Leukemia

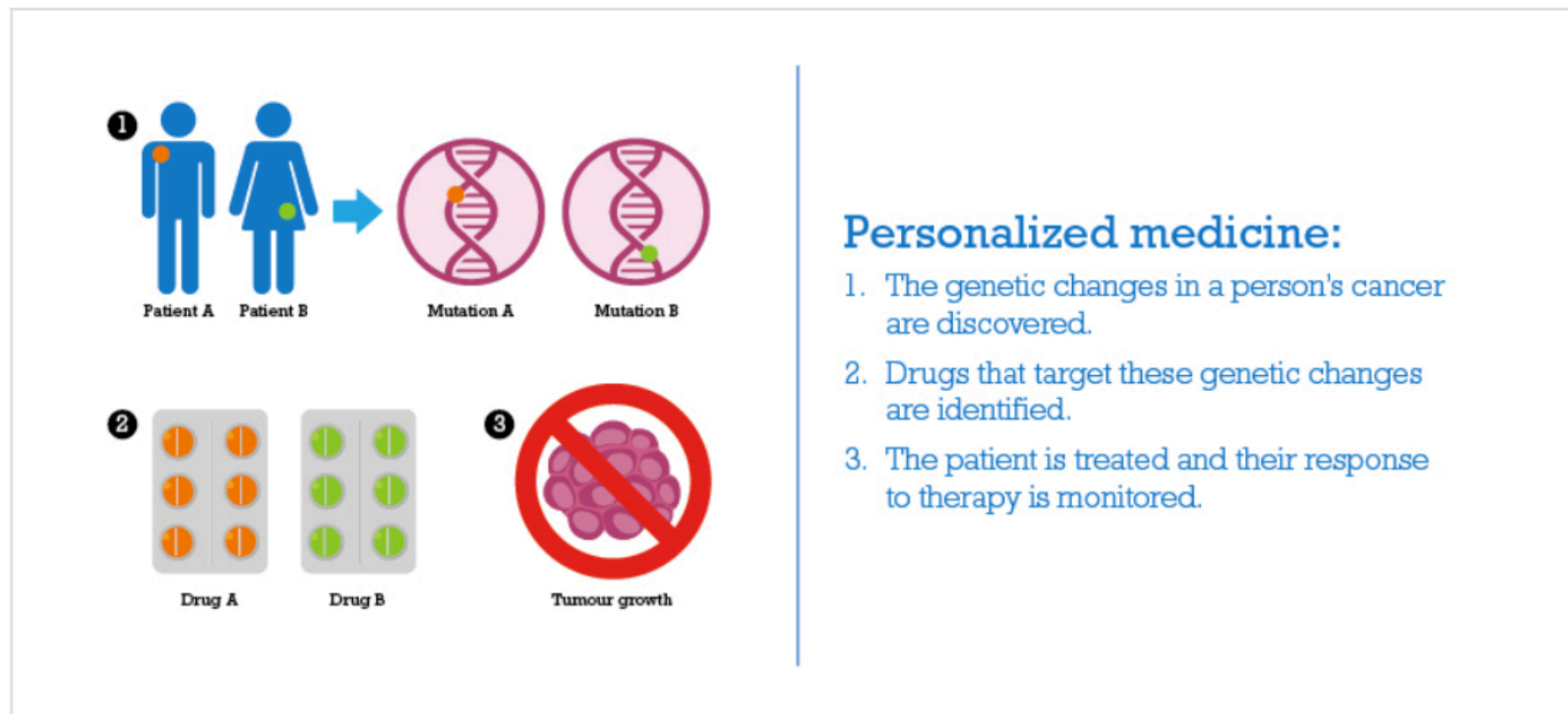


Papaemmanuil E et al. *N Engl J Med* 2016;374:2209-2221



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# Personalized cancer therapy



## Personalized medicine:

1. The genetic changes in a person's cancer are discovered.
2. Drugs that target these genetic changes are identified.
3. The patient is treated and their response to therapy is monitored.



# ELN-AML Classification

Risk category*	ELN criteria <sup>10</sup>	NCCN criteria <sup>6</sup>
Favorable	t(8;21)(q22;q22.1); <i>RUNX1-RUNX1T1</i> inv(16)(p13.1;q22) or t(16;16)(p13.1;q22); <i>CBFB-MYH11</i>  Mutated <i>NPM1</i> without <i>FLT3</i> -ITD or with <i>FLT3</i> -ITD <sup>low</sup> § Biallelic mutated <i>CEBPA</i>	Core binding factor: inv(16)t;# or t(16;16)t;# or t(8;21)t;# or t(15;17)#  Normal cytogenetics: <i>NPM1</i> mutation in absence of <i>FLT3</i> -ITD or isolated biallelic (double) <i>CEBPA</i> mutation
Intermediate	Mutated <i>NPM1</i> and <i>FLT3</i> -ITD <sup>high</sup> §  Wild-type <i>NPM1</i> without <i>FLT3</i> -ITD or with <i>FLT3</i> -ITD <sup>low</sup> § (without adverse-risk genetic lesions)  t(9;11)(p21.3;q23.3); <i>MLL2-KMT2A</i>     Cytogenetic abnormalities not classified as favorable or adverse	Normal cytogenetics  +8 alone  t(9;11)  Other nondefined  Core binding factor with <i>KIT</i> mutation
Poor/adverse	t(6;9)(p23;q34.1); <i>DEK-NUP214</i>  t(v;11q23.3); <i>KMT2A</i> rearranged  t(9;22)(q34.1;q11.2); <i>BCR-ABL1</i>  inv(3)(q21.3q26.2) or t(3;3)(q21.3;q26.2); <i>GATA2,MECOM(EV11)</i>  -5 or del(5q); -7; -17/abn(17p)  Complex karyotype,¶  monosomal karyotype#  Wild-type <i>NPM1</i> and <i>FLT3</i> -ITD <sup>high</sup>  Mutated <i>RUNX1</i> **  Mutated <i>ASXL1</i> **  Mutated <i>TP53</i> ‡	Complex (≥3 clonal chromosomal abnormalities)  Monosomal karyotype  -5, 5q-, -7, 7q-  11q23 - non t(9;11)  inv(3), t(3;3)  t(6;9)  t(9;22)  Normal cytogenetics: with <i>FLT3</i> -ITD mutation††  <i>TP53</i> mutation

Dohner Blood 2017 129:424-447;; NCCN Guidelines for Acute Myeloid Leukemia V1.2017



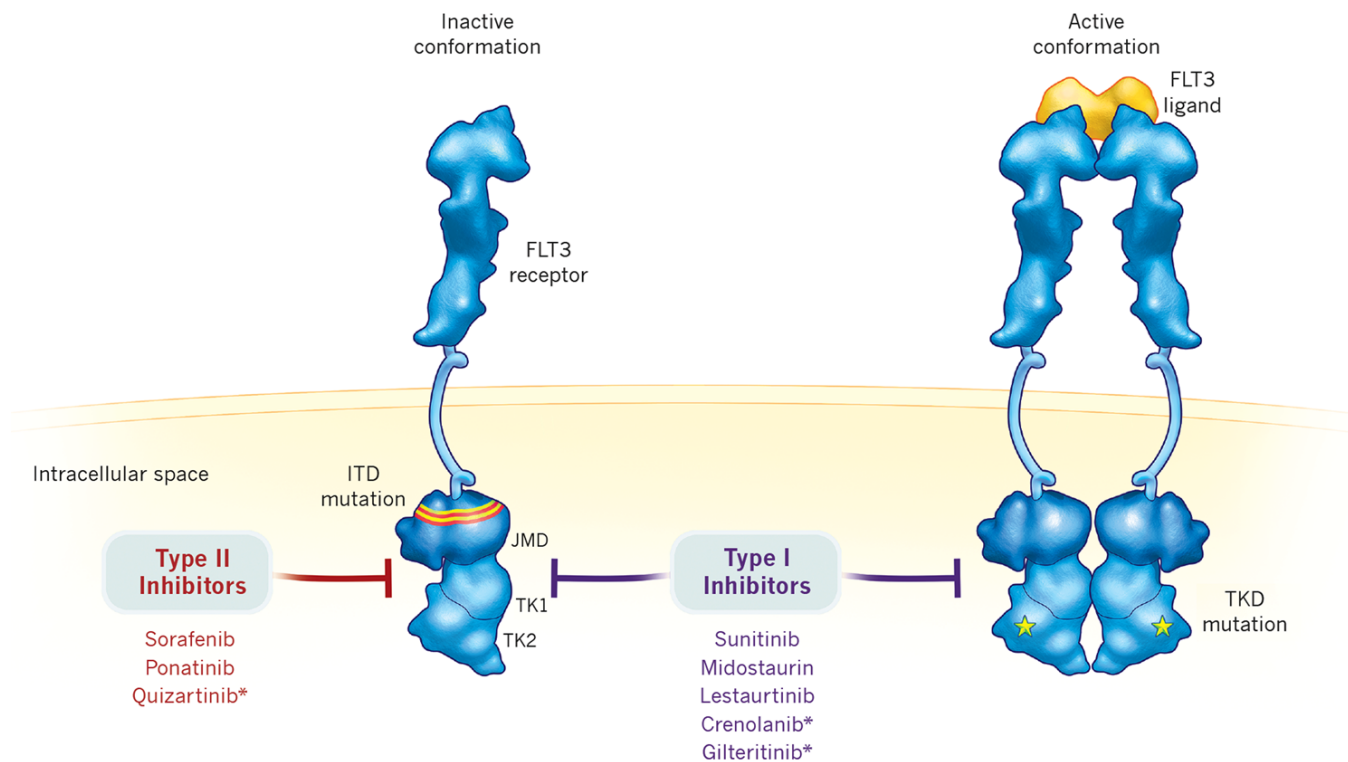
## How to improve induction therapy for fit patients?

- ✓ Adding a FLT3 inhibitor in *FLT3* mutated AML
- ✓ Adding Gemtuzumab ozagamicin in CD33 positive AML
- ✓ Optimizing standard chemotherapy by using innovative formulations, i.e CPX-351
- ✓ Adding a third chemotherapeutic agent, i.e purine analogs, including cladribine, fludarabine



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# Targeting *FLT3* mutations in AML



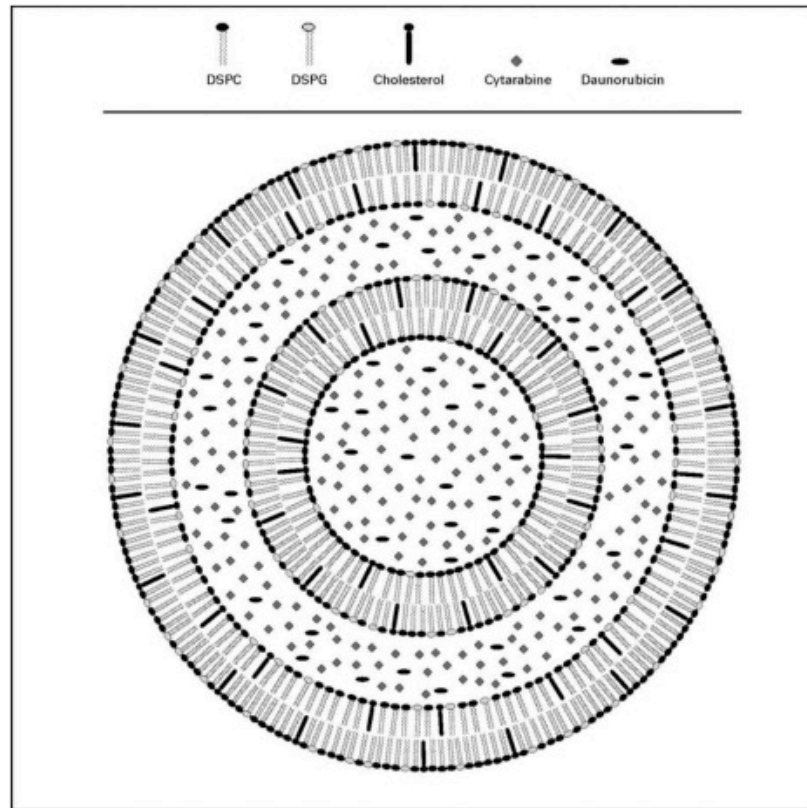
\* Second-generation *FLT3* inhibitors

Leukemia volume 33, pages299–312(2019)



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# CPX-351(cytarabine:daunorubicin) liposome injection



The active agents, cytarabine and daunorubicin, are encapsulated in the aqueous space of both vesicles at a 5:1 molar ratio. The strength of CPX-351 is 5 units/mL, where 1 unit = 1.0 mg cytarabine plus 0.44 mg daunorubicin (base).

Feldman JE et al. *Journal of Clinical Oncology* 2011 29979-985.

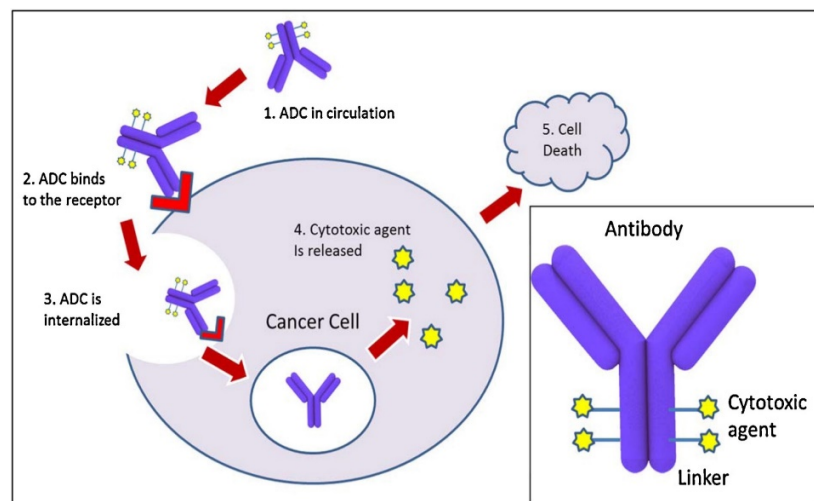




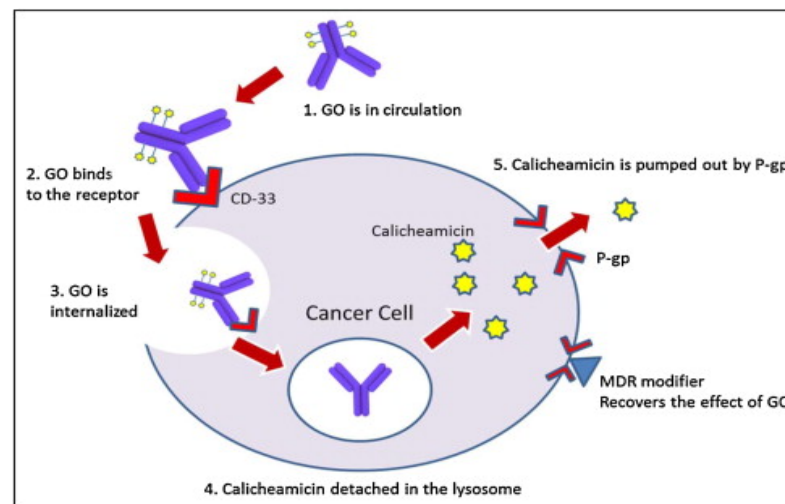
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# Antibody-targeted drugs and drug resistance Challenges and solutions

Scheme of ADC structure and mechanism of action



Gentuzumab ozogamicin mechanism of action, P-gp-mediated drug resistance and overcoming resistance by MDR modifier





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# Fludarabine-based induction chemotherapy: background

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ORIGINAL REPORT

## Optimization of Chemotherapy for Younger Patients With Acute Myeloid Leukemia: Results of the Medical Research Council AML15 Trial

*Alan K. Burnett, Nigel H. Russell, Robert K. Hills, Ann E. Hunter, Lars Kjeldsen, John Yin, Brenda E.S. Gibson, Keith Wheatley, and Donald Milligan*

Pts n° 635  
ORR (CR + CRi) 86%  
ORR post C1 77%

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## Flai (fludarabine, cytarabine, idarubicin) plus low-dose Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin as induction therapy in CD33-positive AML: Final results and long term outcome of a phase II multicenter clinical trial

*Anna Candoni , Cristina Papayannidis, Giovanni Martinelli, Erica Simeone, Michele Gottardi, Ilaria Iacobucci, Filippo Gherlinzoni, Giuseppe Visani, Michele Bacarani, Renato Fanin*

First published: 02 February 2018 | <https://doi.org/10.1002/ajh.25057>

Pts n° 130  
ORR 85%



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# FLAI-5: results after induction

Depth of CR	
CR	35/40 (87.5%)
NCCN 2016 favorable	12/12 (100%)
Intermediate	9/10 (90%)
High	15/17 (88%)
Unknown	1/1
CR MRD <sup>-</sup>	15/29 (52%)*
CR MRD <sup>+</sup>	14/29 (48%)**
Morphologic CR	5/34
Cytogenetic CR	1/34

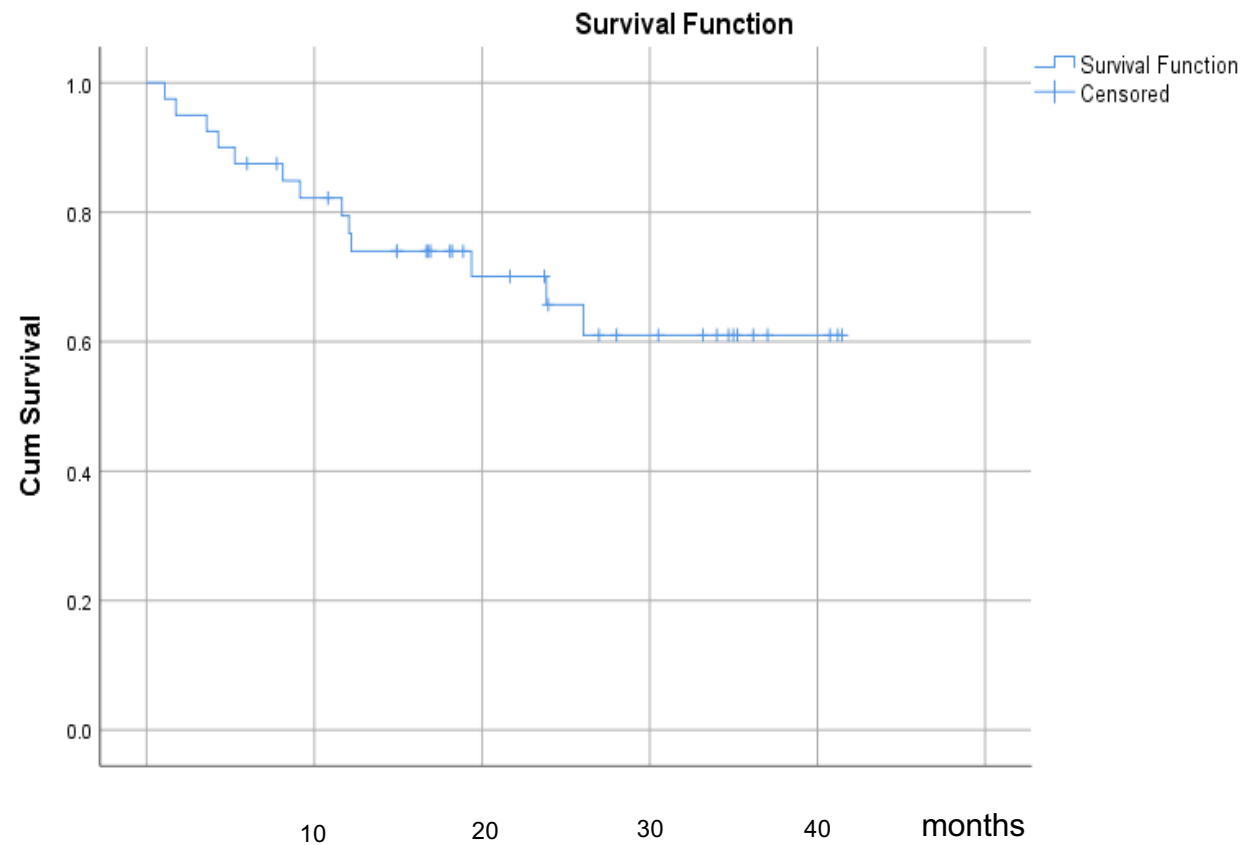
\*29 pts entering CR evaluable for MRD marker (WT1/NPM/CBF-MYH11)

\*\* 22/29 (76%) if analyzed with WT1



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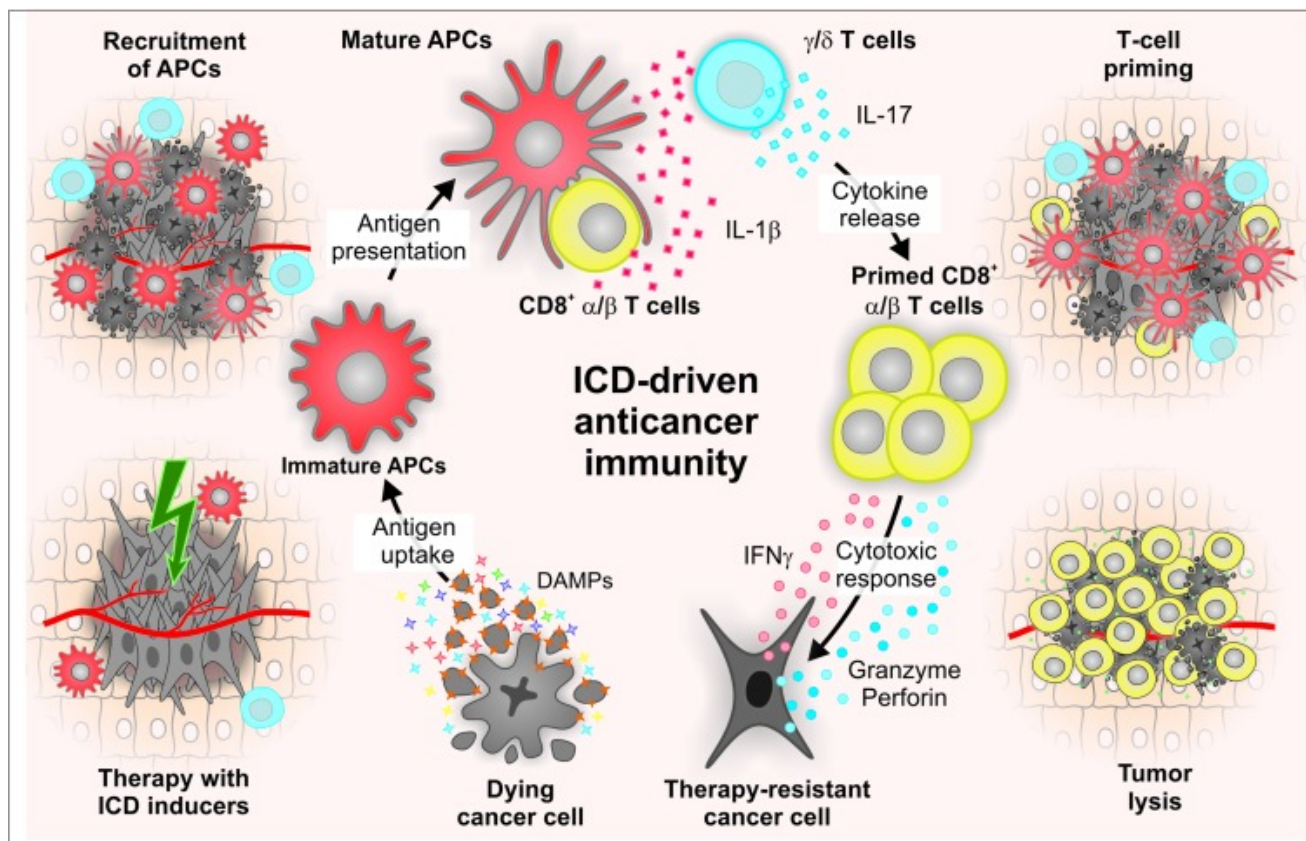
# FLAI-5: Overall Survival





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# Immunogenic cell death (ICD): clinical relevance



Kepp et al, *Oncoimmunology* 2014

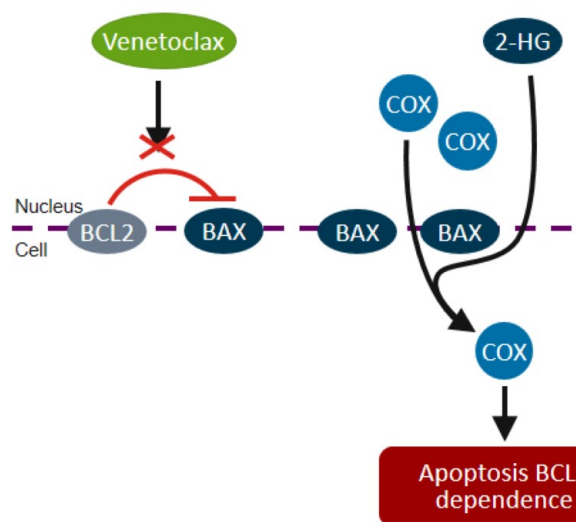


# New emerging and promising options

- » Optimizing intensive chemotherapy
  - GO instead of anthracyclines
  - Liposomal formulation (CPX-351)
  
- » Different strategies
  
- » New agents +/- HMAs
  - Ivosidenib/Enasidenib
  - Glasdegib
  - **Venetoclax**



## Venetoclax Mechanism of Action



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- Venetoclax is a highly selective, BCL2 inhibitor.
- Venetoclax binds to BCL2, proapoptotic proteins such as BIM and BAX are released, and induction of apoptosis is facilitated

Buege MJ, et al. *Cancers (Basel)*. 2018;10. pii: E187.

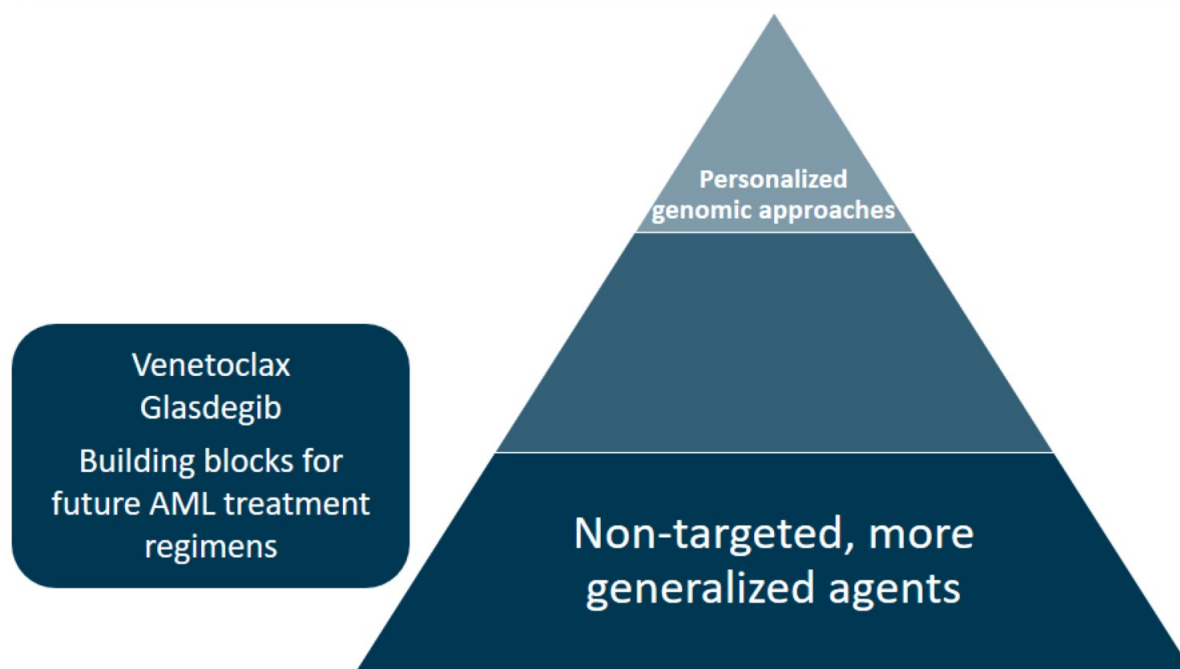




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## Resurgence of Nontargeted Therapy for AML Treatment

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FASE DI MALATTIA	CATEGORIA PAZ
CR1	ALTO RISCHIO RISCHIO INT MRD- POS
CR2	TUTTI I RISCHI
MALATTIA ATTIVA	PAZ REL/REF

## OPEN ISSUES:

- PAZ A BASSO RISCHIO IN CR2
- PAZ A RISCHIO INTERMEDIO, MRD-NEG, IN CR1

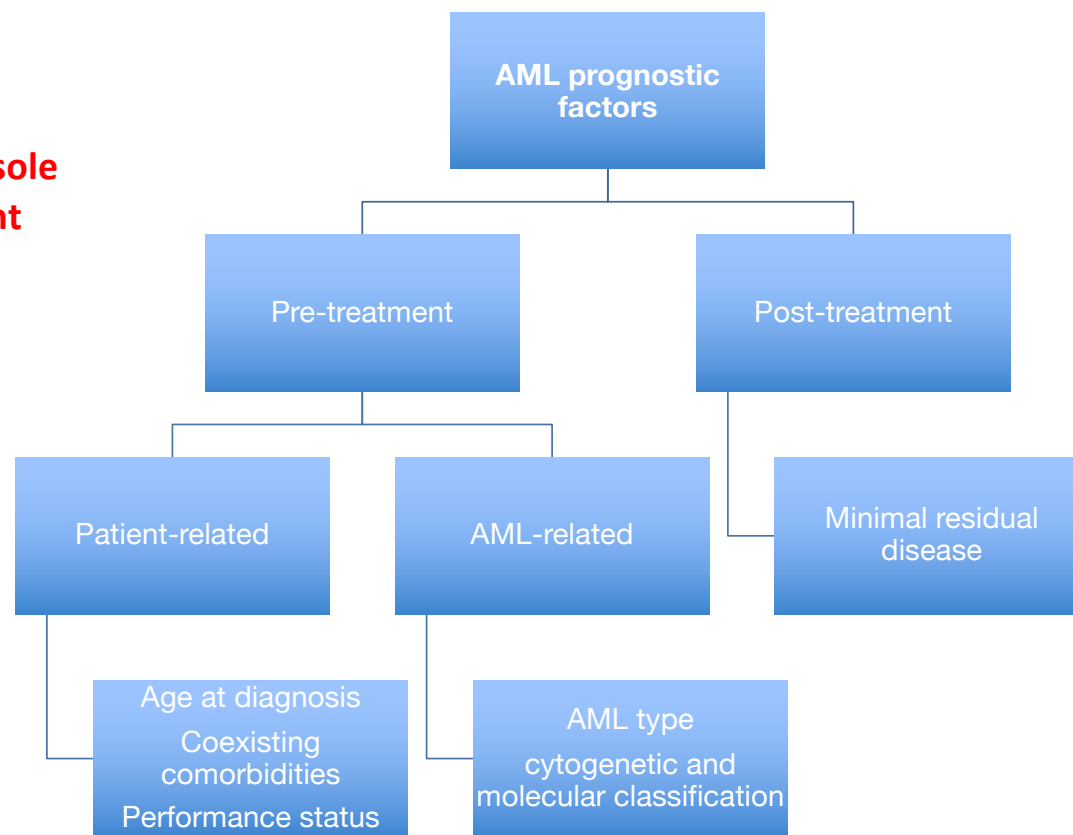
Cornelissen JJ, Nat Rev Clin Oncol 2012



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# Verso un trattamento MRD-oriented

**Age alone should not be sole determinant for treatment decision!**



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