





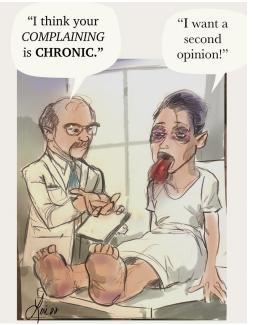
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Does your patient complain of fatigue, breathlessness, leg swelling and neuropathy? Is it long-COVID, Lyme disease, chronic fatigue? Could this be *AL Amyloidosis*?

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Common signs and symptoms Diagnostic overlap:

Long Covid Lyme Disease Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Hypothyroidism Depressive Disorder

- Dyspnea
- Fatigue
- Swelling

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Neuropathy

AL Amyloidosis

- Dizziness
- Altered bowel habits
- Weight loss



Objectives

- What is AL amyloidosis?
- What are the clues to the diagnosis, when to suspect?
- How does one diagnose it?
- Why is it important to make the diagnosis promptly?
- What is the current treatment approach and what are the goals of care?



Patient #1: RS

- 58F, came to medical attention with progressive myalgias and intermittent paresthesia (over years)
- Elevated ESR → Polymyalgia rheumatica
 - Tx steroids w some improvement
- Exertional chest pain.
 - ECG: NSR, low voltage QRS
 - ECHO: mild LVH (IVSd 1.3cm), LVEF 50-55%, moderate diastolic dysfunction
 - Exercise stress test: non-specific ectopy, no ischemia
- LE edema → Nephrosis
 - Renal biopsy: lambda light chain amyloidosis involving the glomeruli and blood vessels in the glow in the glo

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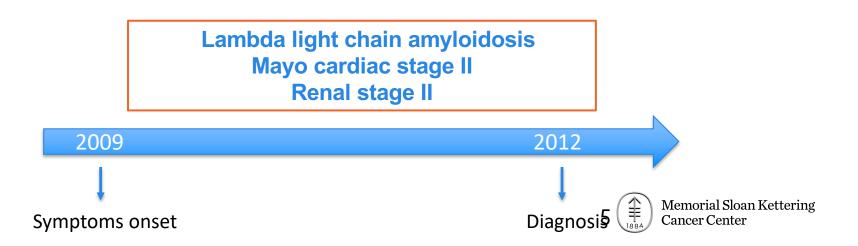
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RS came to MSK

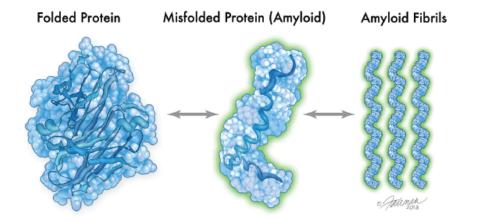


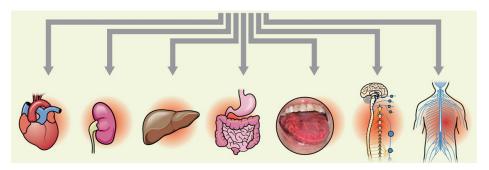
- CBC normal, Cr o.8, ALB 3.3
- Free kappa o.42mg/dl, free lambda 7.38mg/dl, k:l o.o6,
- SPEP neg, IFE neg
- BNP 269, TROP neg
- 24hr Urine TP: 5.1 g/24 hrs
- Cardiac MRI: Diffuse late gadolinium enhancement suggestive of amyloid.
- Bone marrow: 10% lambda restricted PCs, amorphous eosinophilic deposits + Congo red.



What is Amyloidosis?

- *Amylum* starch (Latin)
- Protein misfolding disorder







Types of Amyloid: Over 30 amyloidogenic proteins

| Amyloid protein | Precursor | Distribution | Syndrome |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| AL | Immunoglobulin light chain | Systemic/localised | Primary/myeloma associated |
| AH | Immunoglobulin heavy chain | Systemic/localised | Primary/myeloma associated |
| AA | Serum amyloid A | Systemic | Secondary |
| Aβ ₂ Microglobulin | β ₂ Microglobulin | Systemic | Secondary |
| ATTR | Transthyretin | Systemic | Senile systemic/familial |
| AANF | Atrial natriuretic factor | Localised | Atrial isolated |
| AApoA-I | Apolipoprotein A-I | Localised/systemic | Aortic/familial |
| AApoA-II | Apolipoprotein A-II | Systemic | Familial |
| Amed | Lactadherin | Localised | Aortic |
| Agel | Gelsolin | Systemic | Familial |
| Alys | Lysozyme | Systemic | Familial |
| Afib | Fibrinogen α chain | Systemic | Familial |
| Acys | Cystatin C | Systemic | Familial |
| Αβ | Aβ Protein precursor | Localised | Alzheimer's disease, aging |
| AprP | Prion protein | Localised | Spongiform encephalopathies |
| Abri | ABri protein precursor | Localised | Familial dementia |
| Acal | (Pro)calcitonin | Localised | Thyroid tumours derived from C cells |
| AIAPP | Islet amyloid polypeptide | Localised | Langerhans islets, insulinomas |
| Apro | Prolactin | Localised | Prolactinomas, pituitary in elderly |
| Ains | Insulin | Localised | latrogenic |
| Aker | Kerato-epithelin | Localised | Familial, cornea |
| Alac | Lactoferrin | Localised | Familial, cornea |

Proteins involved in the cardiovascular system are in bold.



Amyloid subtype classification

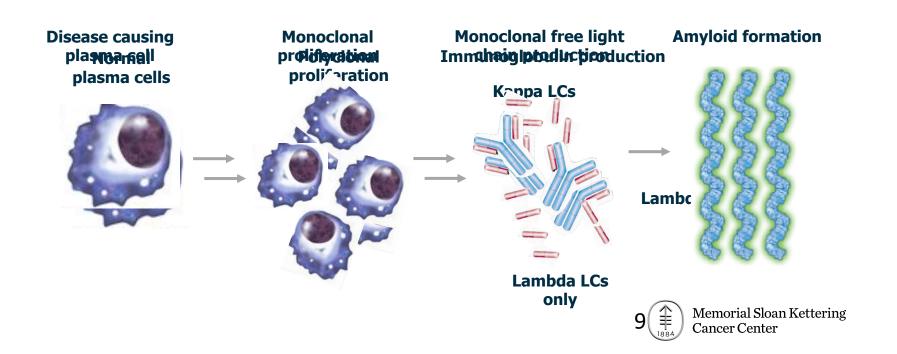
| TYPE OF AMYLOIDOSIS | PRECURSOR PROTEIN | USUAL AGE AT ONSET | MAIN ORGANS INVOLVED | AVERAGE SURVIVAL TIME IN UNTREATED PATIENTS | SPECIFIC TREATMENT |
|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| AL or light chain (primary) | Abnormal immunoglobulin light chains | 50+ | All except central nervous system; heart involved in 50% of cases | Determined by extent of cardiac disease; varies from 3 mos - >10 yrs | Chemotherapy aimed at plasma cells |
| Familial ATTR | Mutant TTR | 20-70+ (partially dependent on mutation) | Peripheral and autonomic neuropathy; heart | 7 to 10 years for neuropathy | Liver transplantation; Agents to stabilize TTR (tafamidis) or suppress its production |
| Wild-type ATTR | Wild-type TTR | 70+ | Heart, soft tissue (carpal tunnel syndrome) | 5 to 7 years | Agents to stabilize TTR (tafamidis) or suppress its production |
| AA (secondary) | Serum amyloid A (SAA), inflamm- atory protein | Teens upward | Liver, kidney; heart rarely | 10+ years | Treatment of underlying inflammatory condition |

Adapted from Falk and Hershberger. Chapter 77. Braunwald's 11th edition.



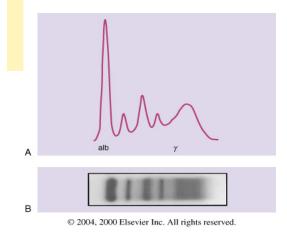
AL (light chain) Amyloidosis What causes it?

- Plasma cell disorder
 - Pathologic plasma cells arise in the bone marrow
- Disease causing protein: Light chains (LC)
 - Monoclonal meaning the light chains are identical and can be traced back to a single, original diseased plasma cell

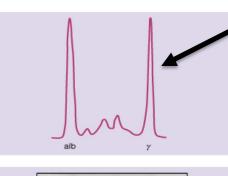


Monoclonal gammopathy evaluation

Serum and urine protein electrophoresis (SPEP + UPEP)



Normal SPEP

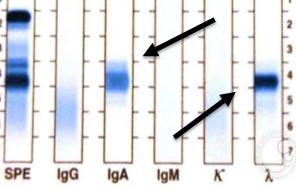


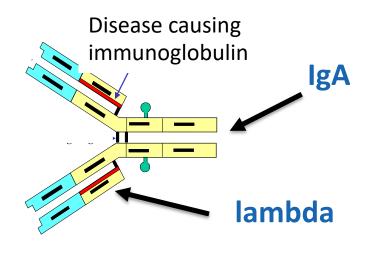


Abormal SPEP

M spike

Immunofixation





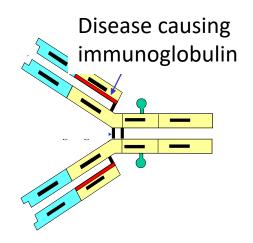
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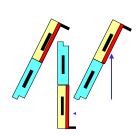


Monoclonal gammopathy evaluation

Multiple myeloma

AL Amyloidosis





Freely circulating LCs

Intact immunoglobulin Detected by SPEP

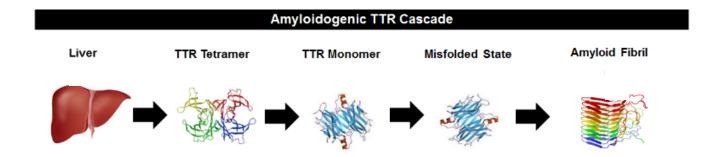
Serum free light chain assay:

Over-production of one light chain type (kappa or lambda) as measured by an elevated free light chain level and abnormal k:l ratio



ATTR Amyloidosis

Precursor Protein: Transthyretin



Castano, Mauer ACC 2015

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Falk and Hershberger. Chapter 77. Braunwald's 11th edition



Important to distinguish AL from ATTR Amyloidosis

- Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)
 - Occurs in 3% of the white population > 50 years
 - Incidence increases with age (~10% in patients 80 years or older)
- ATTR
 - True incidence and prevalence unknown
 - 80-89 year olds make up 50% of those diagnosed with wild-type ATTR
- **BU study:** Among 226 patients with biopsy-proven ATTR, including wild-type (N = 155) and hereditary (N = 71), MGUS was found in 39% and 49%, respectively

Different amyloidosis subtypes require different therapies



Patient #2: FR

- 52F, presenting with progressive cough, dyspnea and decreased effort tolerance over 1 year.
- Extensive work-up:
 - allergist, GI and ENT consultation. No definitive etiology found.
 - Stress test showing reduced exercise capacity; unremarkable otherwise
- Worsening symptoms with DOE after one block
- Syncope after getting out of the car and walking in the parking lot. Admitted to the hospital, work-up:
 - ECG: sinus rhythm with 1st degree AV block and low voltage
 - Echo: concentric LV hypertrophy. No wall motion abnormality
 - Stress test: chronotropic incompetence; drop in HR during exercise with near syncope
 - Cardiac MRI: circumferential delayed enhancement c/w an infiltrative cardiomyopathy







Early 2014

Patient #2 FR

- Labs:
 - Free lambda 9.93mg/dl, free kappa 1.39mg/dl, kappa/lambda ratio 0.14

Early 2016

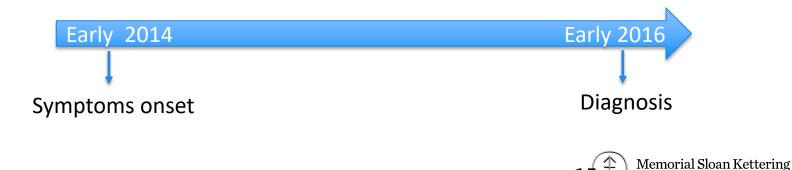
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- SPEP no monoclonal protein, serum + urine IFE + lambda light chain
- BNP 923; troponin negative; Cr. 1.1; albumin 4.3

Tissue biopsy

- Bone marrow biopsy showed < 5% plasma cells, lambda light chain restricted; amyloid seen in a vessel wall
- Fat Pad biopsy negative for amyloid
- Endomyocardial biopsy showed congo red positive for amyloid deposition; AL subtype confirmed on mass spect

Lambda light chain amyloidosis with cardiac involvement Mayo Stage II Disease

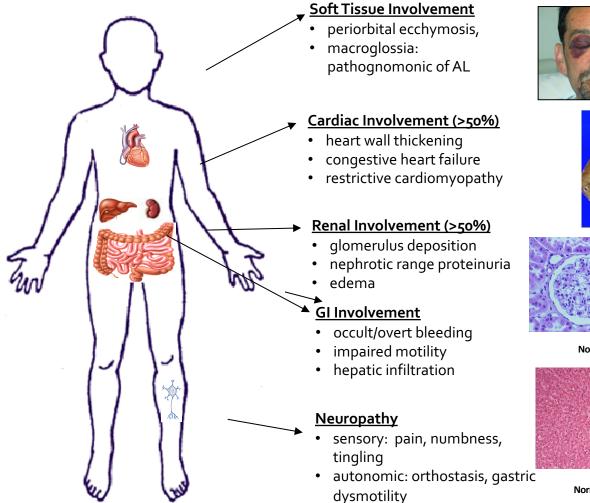


What are the clues to the diagnosis?

When to suspect?

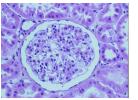


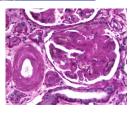
AL Amyloidosis: Multi-Organ System Involvement



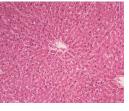






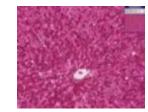


Normal Kidney



Normal Liver

Amyloid in glomerulus



Amyloid in liver sinusoids



Clinical Presentation: Common Signs/Symptoms

- Fatigue
- Dizziness/syncope
- Weight loss
- Paresthesias
- Edema
- Dyspnea
- Carpal tunnel syndrome
- Hoarseness

- Mucocutaneous lesions
- Hepatomegaly
- Cardiac dysrrhythmias
- Alternating constipation and diarrhea
- Orthostasis
- Bleeding tendency
- Frothy urine

Diagnosis often delayed due to multisystemic presentations.

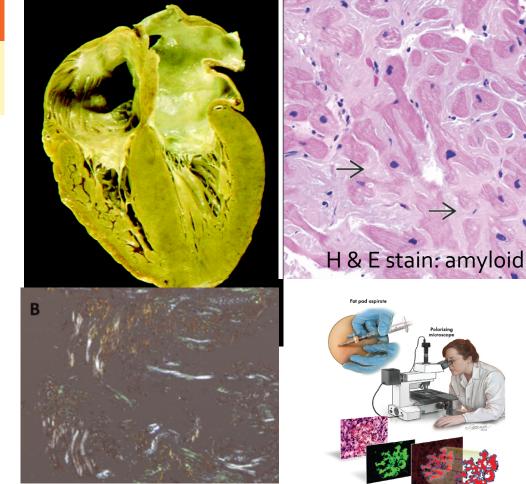
4 = average number of MDs seen before diagnosis

> 1/3 of patients are diagnosed >1 year after the onset of symptoms

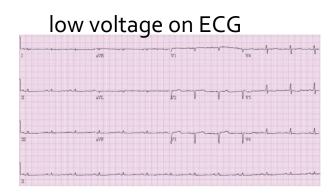
In a survey of 443 patients 220 cardiologists missed the diagnosis

http://www.amyloi18sis.org/facts

Cardiac Amyloidosis



Congo red stain







Mass Spectroscopy: AL vs. TTR



Cardiac Amyloidosis: Clinical Manifestations

Heart failure

- Restrictive cardiomyopathy with predominant right heart failure symptoms
- Angina
 - Amyloid infiltration of intramyocardial and microvessels
- Syncope
 - Exertional syncope due to low and fixed cardiac output
 - Postural hypotension due to autonomic neuropathy
 - Tachyarrhythmias
 - Atrial fibrillation/cardioembolic stroke
 - Ventricular arrhythmia
 - Bradyarrhythmia/AV block
- Sudden death
 - Asystole, PEA, ventricular arrhythmia

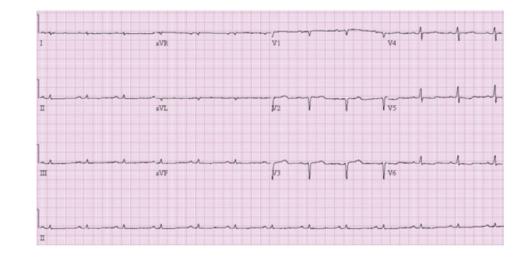


Cardiac Amyloidosis When to Suspect: Clues to Diagnosis

ECG: Low voltage in the limb leads and pseudo-infarct pattern in the precordial leads

127 AL amyloid patents with biopsy proven cardiac involvement

- Low voltage 45%
- Pseudoinfarct 47%
- Atrial fibrillation 10%
- LVH 7%

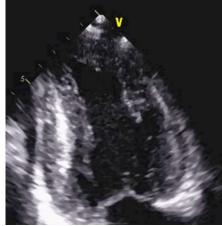


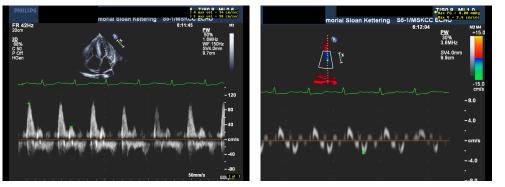
Murgah B, AJC 2005



Cardiac Amyloidosis Clues to Diagnosis – When to Suspect Cardiomyopathy with unexplained "hypertrophy on echo"







E/A >2, DT<150 msec

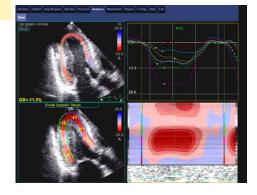
Typical Features:

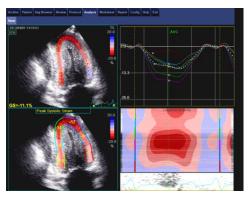
- Increased wall thicknesses with decreased LV end-diastolic volume
- Granular/sparkling appearance of the LV myocardium
- Typically preserved or mildly reduced LV EF
- Valve thickening and pericardial effusion
- Increased right and left atrial volumes; reduced atrial function
- RV thickening, reduced RV myocardial velocities
- Diastolic dysfunction from abnormal relaxation to restrictive LV filling pattern



Cardiac Amyloidosis Clues to Diagnosis – When to Suspect

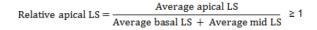
Global Longitudinal Strain

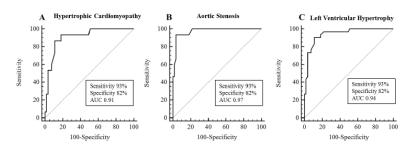




- Impaired GLS with normal LVEF; worse at the base and mid ventricular regions compared to the apex - "apical sparing" pattern
- May be useful for differentiating cardiac amyloidosis from other causes of thick heart pathology

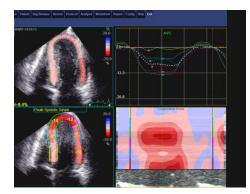
Difference in Relative Regional Longitudinal Strain between Groups.

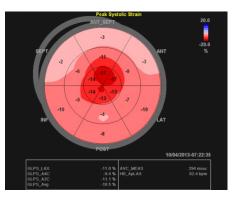




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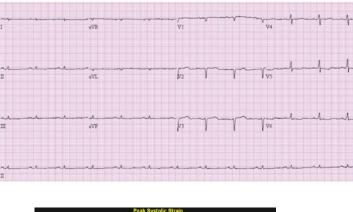


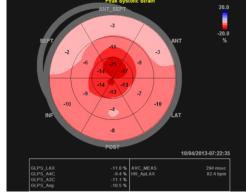




Cardiac Amyloidosis: Clues to Diagnosis Disconnect between 'LVH' + low voltage





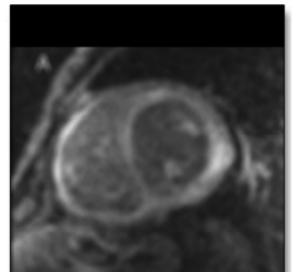


- Unexplained "hypertrophy" on echo
- Normal LVEF with low GLS, particularly with an apical sparing pattern

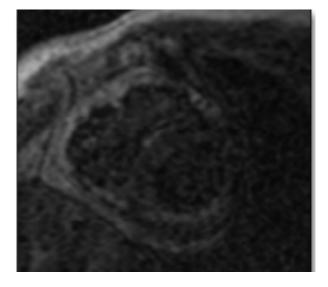


Diagnosis of Cardiac Amyloid by MRI Pattern of Delayed Gadolinium Enhancement: Diffuse to Patchy

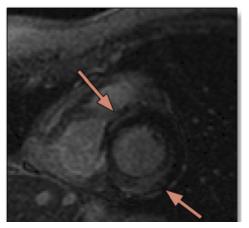
Diffuse Enhancement



Inability to null the myocardium



Focal Patchy

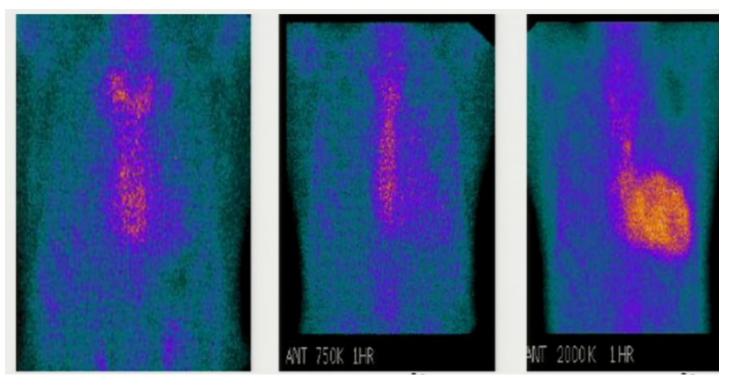


- ~ 90% sensitivity and specific
- PPV, NPV ~ 90-93%
- Negative scan does not exclude the diagnosis

Ruberg F, Berk J. Circulation 2012 Boynton , JACC CV Imaging 2016



Technetium Pyrophosphate Scan Diagnosis of TTR Amyloidosis



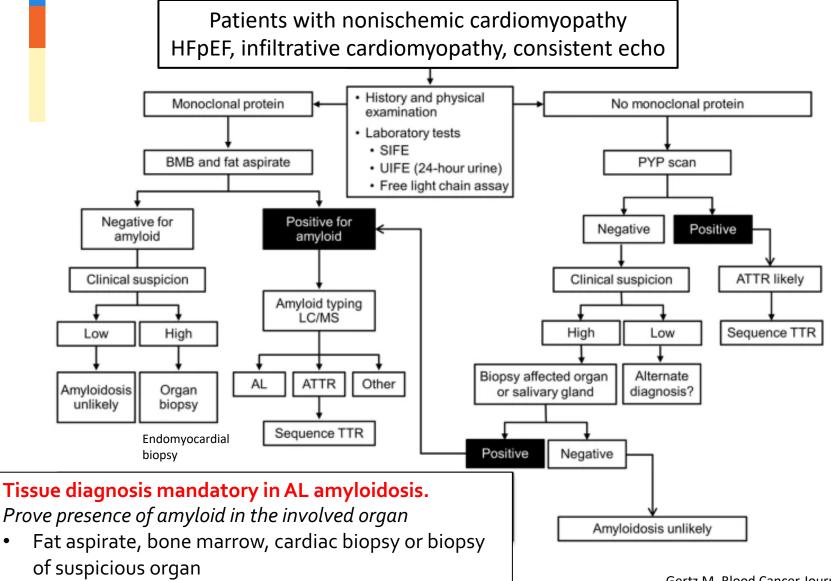
HFpEF

AL Cardiac Amyloid ATTR Cardiac Amyloid

Bokhari et al, Circ Cardiovasc Imaging 2013



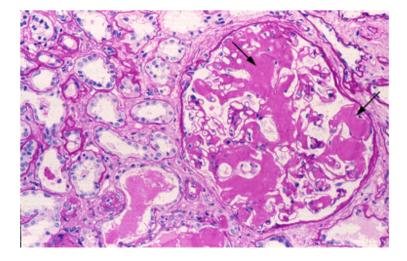
Diagnostic Algorithm



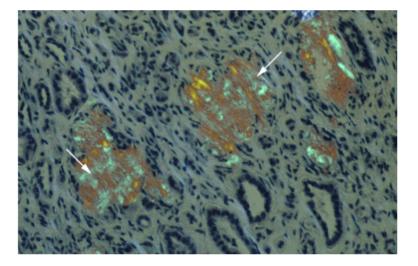
Gertz M. Blood Cancer Journal 2021

Renal Involvement in AL Amyloidosis: Pathologic Features

Light micrograph showing glomerular amyloidosis



Congo red stain in amyloidosis



- Nodular amorphous material extending from the mesangium into the capillary loops, narrowing or closing the capillary lumen
- Appearing pale, light pink on H/E stain

 Green birefringence of interstitial amyloid deposits, viewed under polarized light

Renal Involvement in AL Amyloidosis Clinical Manifestation

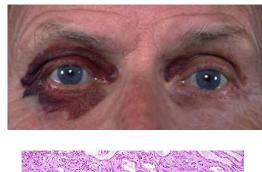
- Glomerular deposits
 - Proteinuria/nephrotic syndrome
 - ESRD in 20% of patients with nephrotic syndrome
- Vascular deposits
 - Leading to narrowing of the vascular lumen
 - Progressive chronic kidney disease w/ rise in Cr
- ESRD is associated with worse survival. Proteinuria >5 g/24 and eGFR <50 ml/min predict progression to dialysis best.

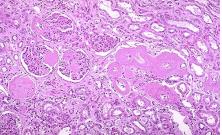


AL Amyloidosis: Multi-organ system involvement

- Cardiac: HFpEF, arrhythmias, hypotension,
- Renal: proteinuria/nephrotic syndrome, renal failure
- Neurologic: peripheral neuropathy, autonomic dysfunction
- GI: dysphagia, malaborption, GI bleeding, liver dysfunction
- Soft tissue/ENT: macroglossia, periorbital purpura, carpal tunnel syndrome, nail changes.











Consider the diagnosis in pts presenting with HF associated with proteinuria and other systemic illnesses.



Patient #3: QD

- 49M, previously physically active, developed dyspnea; stopped going to the gym
- Hospitalized for asthma exacerbation + Pneumonia
 - Tx steroids, bronchodilators + diuresed
- Unable to ambulate 20 yards ightarrow cardiac evaluation
 - Nuclear stress test: LVEF 25%, no ischemia
 - Initiated on heart failure medications
- Pulmonary evaluation ightarrow optimize asthma regimen
 - Thoracentesis with 1L clear fluid drained
- Cardiology 2nd opinion
 - ECHO: severely increased LV wall thickness (IVSd 1.9cm), mild global hypokinesis, LVEF 47%. + diastolic dysfunction, GLS 6%.
 - ECG: NSR 91bpm, low voltage, poor R wave progression
 - Cardiac MRI: diffuse subendocardial LGE

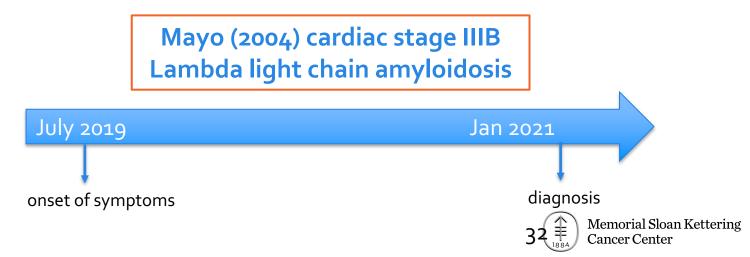


- Labs:
 - CBC normal, BUN 21, Cr 1.1, ALB 4.1, ALK Phos 222
 - Free kappa 1.24mg/dl, free lambda 13.05mg/dl, k:l 0.10
 - SPEP neg, IFE neg
 - BNP 957, TROP 0.92
 - 24hr Urine TP: none
- Bone marrow: 10% lambda light chain restricted PCs, No evidence of amyloidosis.
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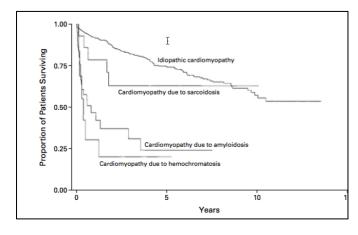
- Fat pad biopsy: negative
- Endomyocardial biopsy: lambda light chain amyloidosis

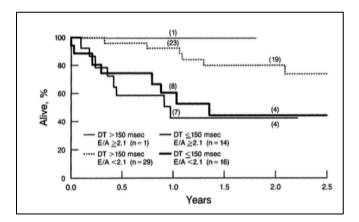


Prognosis and Staging of AL Amyloidosis

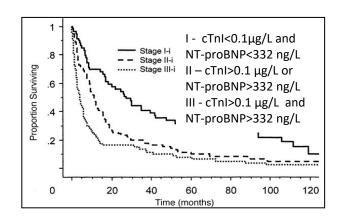


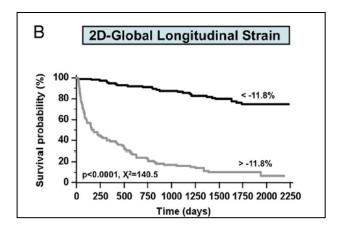
Predictor of Survival: Extent of Cardiac Involvement Importance of Timely Diagnosis





Klein et al. Circulation 1991 Felker et al. NEJM 2000 Dispenzieri et al. JCO 2004 Buss et al, JACC 2016





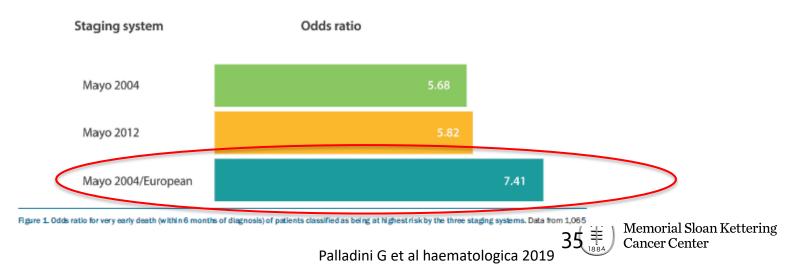


Baseline Prognostic Staging Systems Cardiac Biomarker Based: Tn and NT-proBNP/BNP

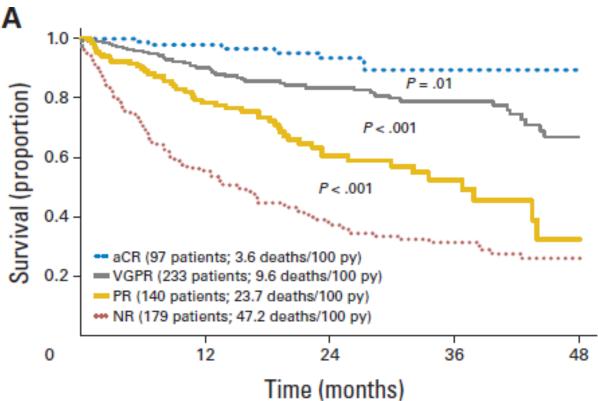
| Models | Variables and cutoffs | Stages |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Mayo2004 | NT-proBNP, 332 ng/L (or BNP, 81 ng/L) cTnT, 0.035 ng/mL (or cTnI, 0.1 ng/mL) | Stage I: both variables below the cutoffs Stage II: one variable above the cutoff Stage III: both variables above the cutoffs |
| Mayo2004 European | Mayo 2004 stage III is divided into two groups according to • NT-proBNP, 8500 ng/L (or BNP, 700 ng/L) | Stage IIIa: Mayo2004 stage III and NT-proBNP (or BNP) below the cutoff Stage IIIb: Mayo2004 stage III and NT-proBNP (or BNP) above the cutoff |
| Mayo2012 | NT-proBNP, 1800 ng/L cTnT, 0.025 ng/mL (or cTn1 0.1 ng/mL, or hs-cTnT 40 ng/L) dFLC, 180 mg/L | Stage I: all markers below the cutoffs Stage II: one marker above the cutoffs Stage III: two markers above the cutoffs Stage IV: all markers above the cutoffs |

NT-proBNP, amino-terminal portion of pro-brain natriuretic peptide type B; BNP, natriuretic peptide type-B; cTnT, cardiac troponin T; cTn1, cardiac troponin I; hs-cTnT, high sensitivity cardiac troponin T; dFLC, difference between involved and uninvolved free light chain concentration.

Ability to Identify High Risk Patients



Predictor of Survival: Hematologic Response to Treatment

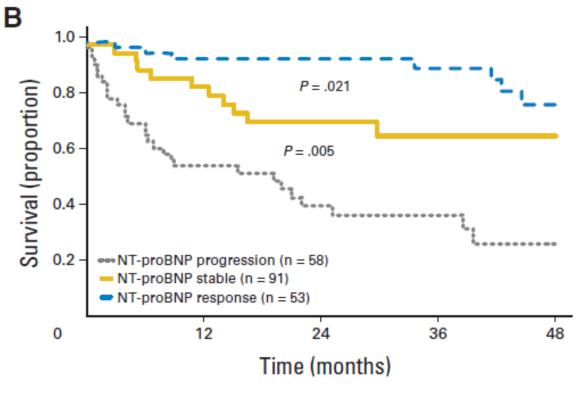


- Hematologic response based on the serum free light chain assay in blood:
 CR (complete remission) = negative serum and urine, and normal FLC ratio; VGPR (very good partial response) = dFLC <40 mg/L; PR(partial response) = dFLC decrease >50%; NR= no response
- Hematologic response to therapy (VGPR and CR) is strongly associated with improved organ outcome Pallidini et al, J Clin Oncol 2012



Predictor of Survival: Cardiac Response to Treatment

- NT-pro BNP Response: >30% and >300 ng/dl decrease
- BNP: <u>></u> 30% and <u>></u> 50 pg/ml decrease

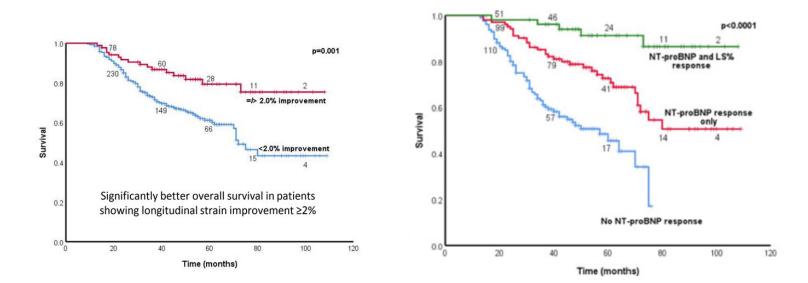


Palladini et al, JCO 2012 Lilleness et al, Blood 2019



Predictor of Survival: Cardiac Response to Treatment

- Improvement in GLS is associated with better survival
- Pts with both NT-proBNP and GLS response showed best survival outcome



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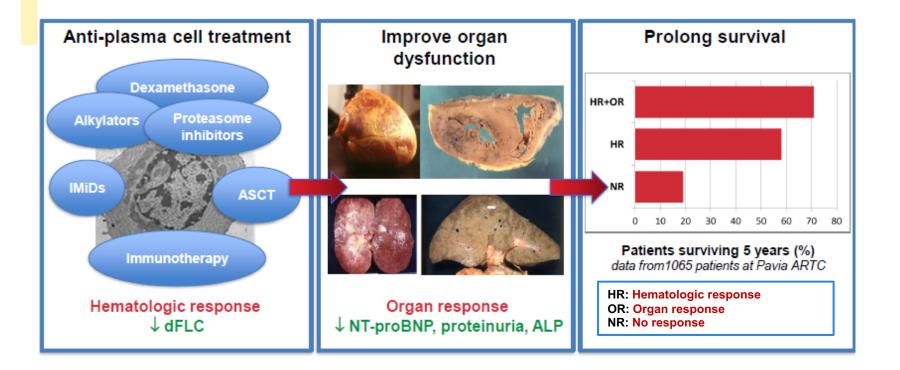
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How is AL Amyloidosis treated?

What are the goals of therapy?

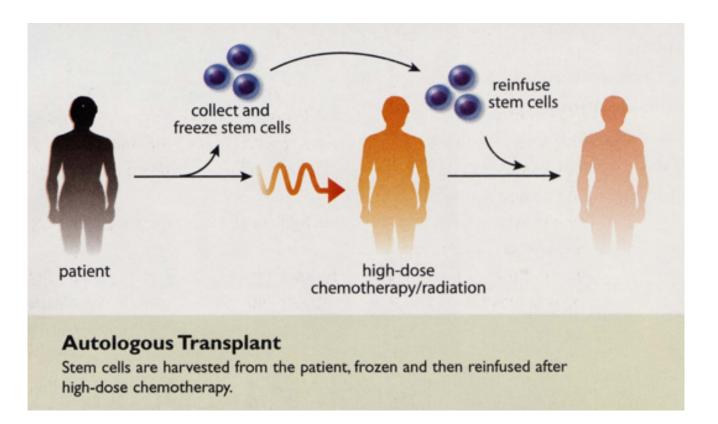


Targeting the plasma cell to improve organ function and prolong survival



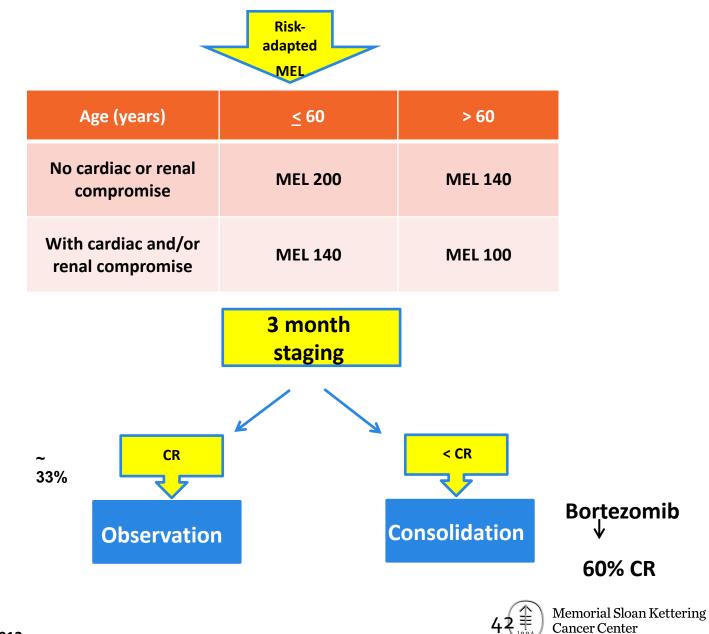


High dose melphalan + autologous stem cell transplant for AL

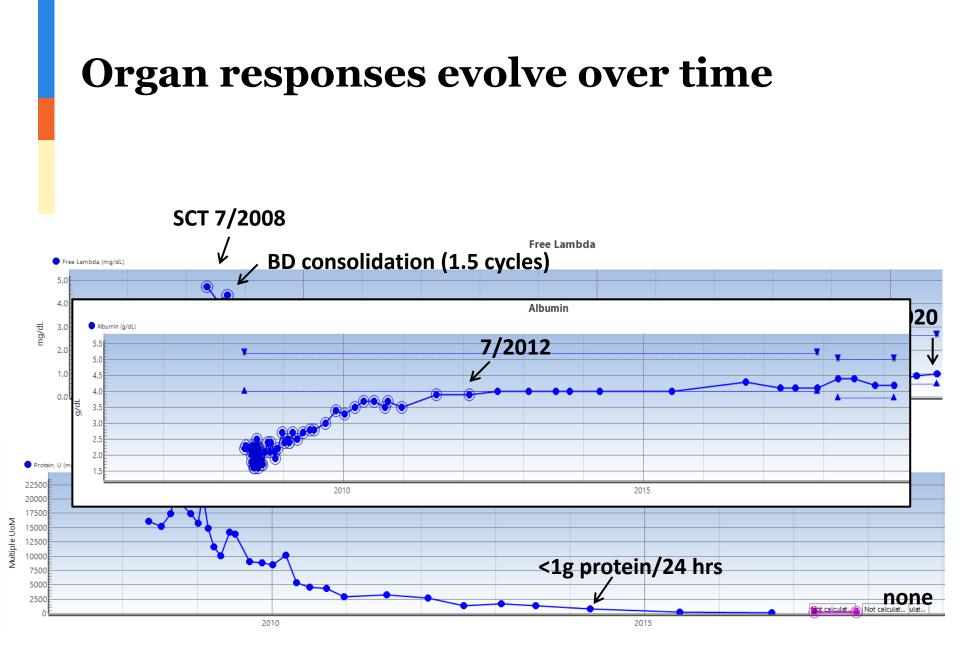




AL Amyloidosis: Eligible for ASCT



Landau et al. Leukemia 2013.





Bortezomib-based therapy studied in variety of settings

- Bortezomib, cyclophosphamide & dexamethasone (VCd)
 - Stem cell sparing, preferred in renal compromise
 - Retrospective series (N= 230), heme ORR 60%, CR 23%
 - Organ response suboptimal/delayed, poor outcome in t(11;14)
- Bortezomib, melphalan & dexamethasone (BMDex)
 - Prospective RCT BMDex (N=53) vs Mdex (N=56), BMDex ORR 81%, CR 23%
 - Prolonged PFS and OS, 50% reduction in mortality
 - Overcome poor outcome in t(11;14)
- Bortezomib-based induction prior to high dose melphalan
 - Lower relapse and improved PFS vs no induction
- Attenuated bortezomib or low dose combinations
 - High risk patients (stage IIIb, NYHA class III or IV)

Bortezomib-based induction = standard of care

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Palladini et al. *Blood* 2015. 14)

Venner et al. Blood 2012.

Mikhael et al. Blood 2012.

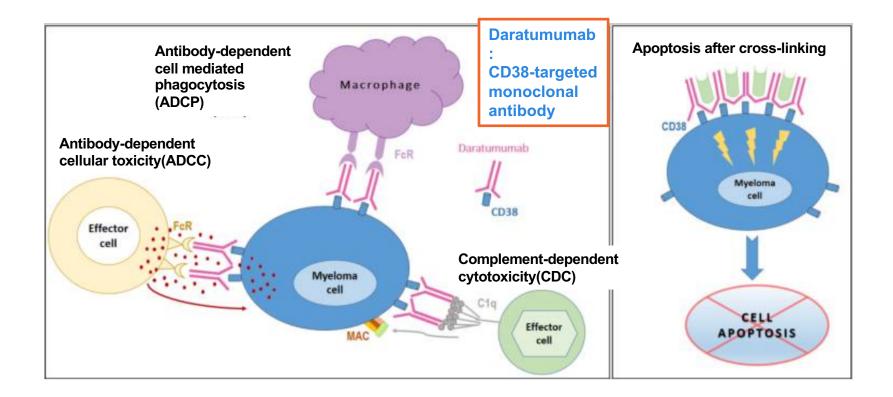
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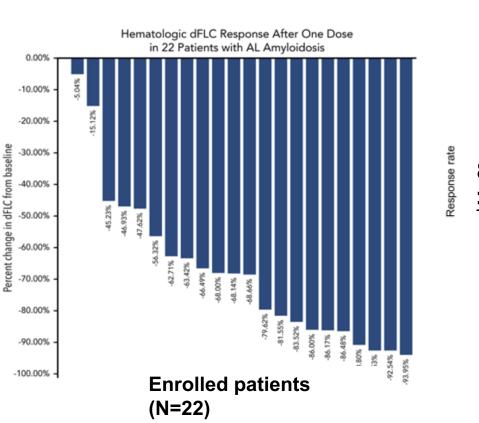


Daratumumab approved as plasma cell directed therapy for multiple myeloma in 2015

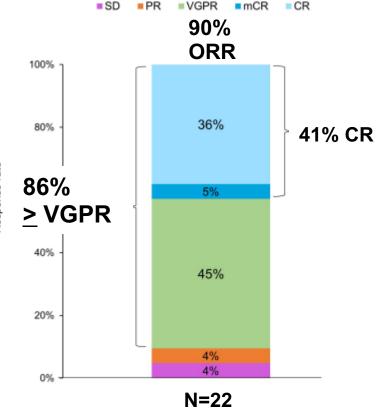




Phase II study of daratumumab in relapsed AL



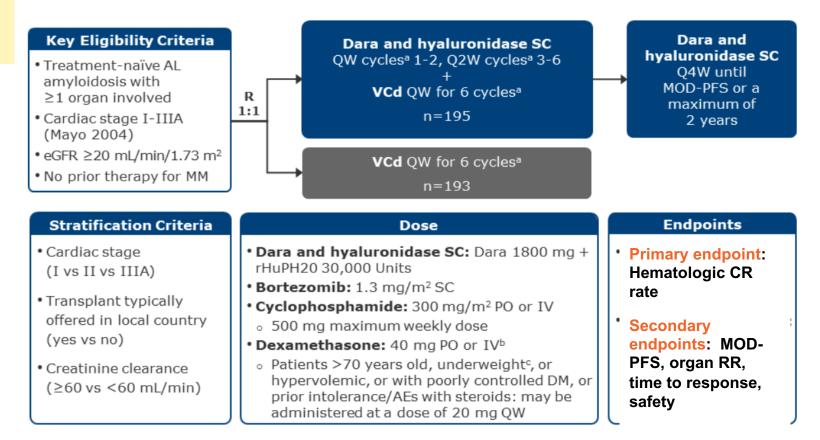






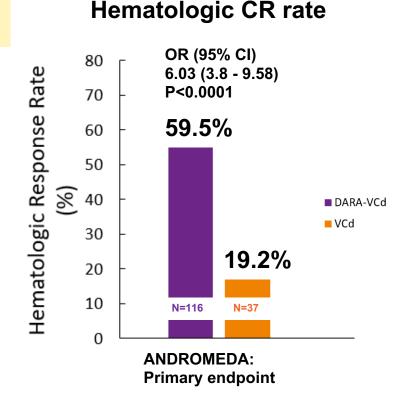
Sanchorawala et al. Blood 2019.

ANDROMEDA trial: VCd vs VCd + Daratumumab in newly diagnosed patients with Primary AL Amyloidosis

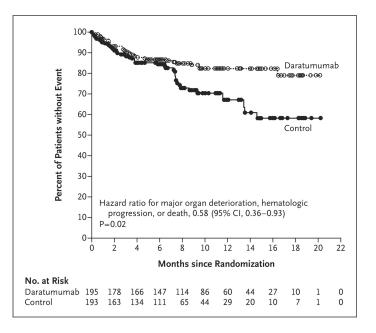




ANDROMEDA trial: Primary and secondary endpoints



*Major organ deterioration (MOD)-PFS



*MOD-PFS defined by: death, cardiac deterioration, ESRD, hematologic progression



FDA Approves First and Only Treatment for AL Amyloidosis

DARZALEX FASPRO[®] (daratumumab and hyaluronidasefihj) Becomes the First FDA-Approved Treatment for Patients with Newly Diagnosed Light Chain (AL) Amyloidosis

January 15, 2021



Choice of upfront therapy – since 2021

CyBorD + Daratumumab

Stem cell sparing, preferred in patients with renal compromise, favorable outcome in patients with t(11;14)

- High risk patients (stage IIIb, NYHA class III or IV) single agent daratumumab with intensive supportive care
- Upfront AHCT

< 10% PCs, < 2 organ involvement, Mayo stage I/II cardiac disease



Key Points (1)

- What is amyloidosis?
 - AL (light chain) amyloidosis, a plasma cell disorder producing monoclonal light chains that misfold, aggregate and deposit in tissues; leads to dysfunction of organs, often multi-systemic
 - ATTR (transthyretin) amyloidosis, arising from precursor protein produced in the liver, transthyretin; primarily involves heart and nervous system
- Diagnosis clues and when to suspect?
 - Often elusive; presents with multisystemic signs/symptoms
 - Unexplained LV hypertrophy on echo, with low voltage on ECG, should raise suspicion for cardiac amyloidosis.
 - Diagnosis of AL amyloidosis:
 - elevated serum free light chains, clonal BM plasma cells, tissue biopsy positive for amyloidosis; mass spect showing lambda/kappa subtype



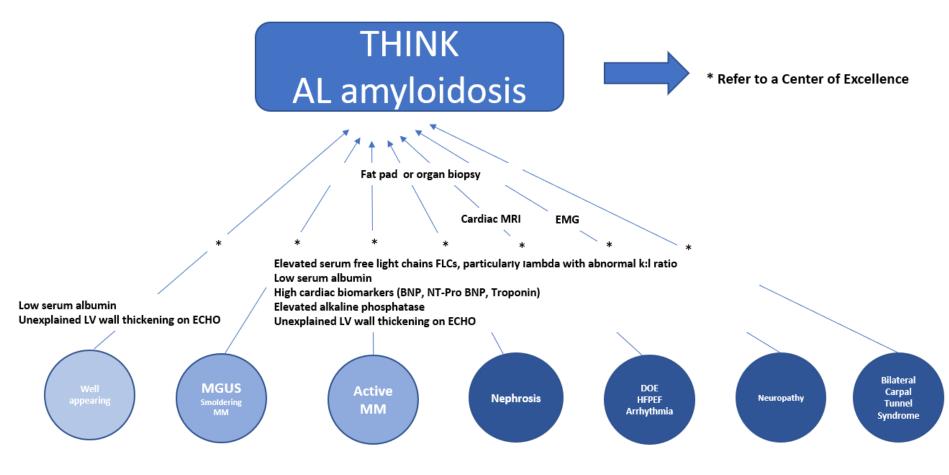
Key Points (2)

- Prognosis
 - Extent of cardiac involvement = strongest determinant of survival
 - Cardiac biomarker (NT proBNP + troponin) staging predicts survival in newly diagnosed patients
 - Renal biomarkers (proteinuria + GFR) predict risk of progression to hemodialysis
- Treatment goals
 - Elimination of clonal plasma cells, reduction of circulating light chains + organ improvement
 - Hematologic complete remission (CR) is associated with organ improvement and better survival
 - Cardiac response defined by >30% and >300 ng/L decrease if baseline NTproBNP≥ 650 ng/L

Timely diagnosis + treatment critical to prevent irreversible organ damage



Conceptual Model to Facilitate Early Diagnosis of AL Amyloidosis



Clinical presentations





Thank You!



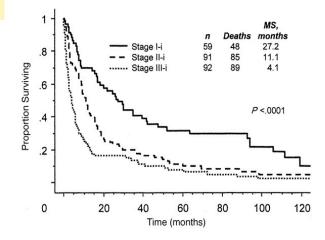
Laboratory findings suggestive of AL amyloidosis

- Abnormal serum free light chain assay
- Screen for organ involvement
 - Cardiac: BNP, NT-ProBNP, Troponin
 - Renal: serum ALB, 24hr urine total protein
 - Liver: alkaline phosphatase
 - Coagulopathy: factor X



Prognostic Staging Systems Cardiac Biomarker Based: Troponin and NT-proBNP

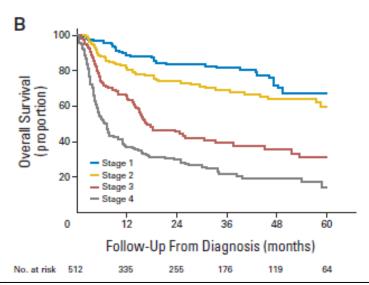




Stage I

- cTnl<0.1µg/L and NT-proBNP<332 ng/L
 Stage II
- cTnl>0.1 μg/L or NT-proBNP>332 ng/L Stage III
- cTnl>o.1 μg/L and NT-proBNP>332 ng/L

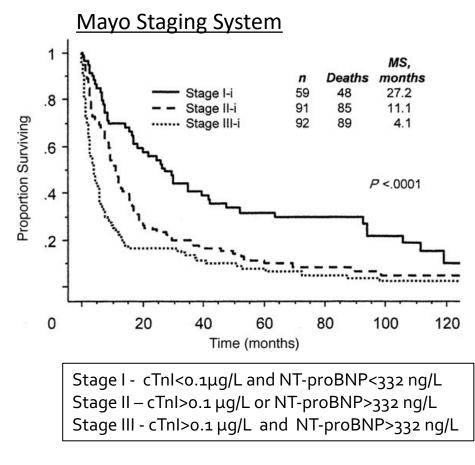
Revised Mayo Staging System



3 prognostic variables (cTnT \ge 0.025 ng/mL, NT-proBNP \ge 1,800 pg/ml or BNP >400, FLC-diff \ge 18 mg/dL) Stage I - score 0 Stage II - score 1 Stage III - score 2 Stage IV - score 3

Serum Cardiac Biomarker Based Staging System: Troponin and NT-proBNP

- Sensitive markers for the presence of cardiac amyloidosis
- Strongly prognostic in AL amyloidosis





Plasma cell dyscrasias

