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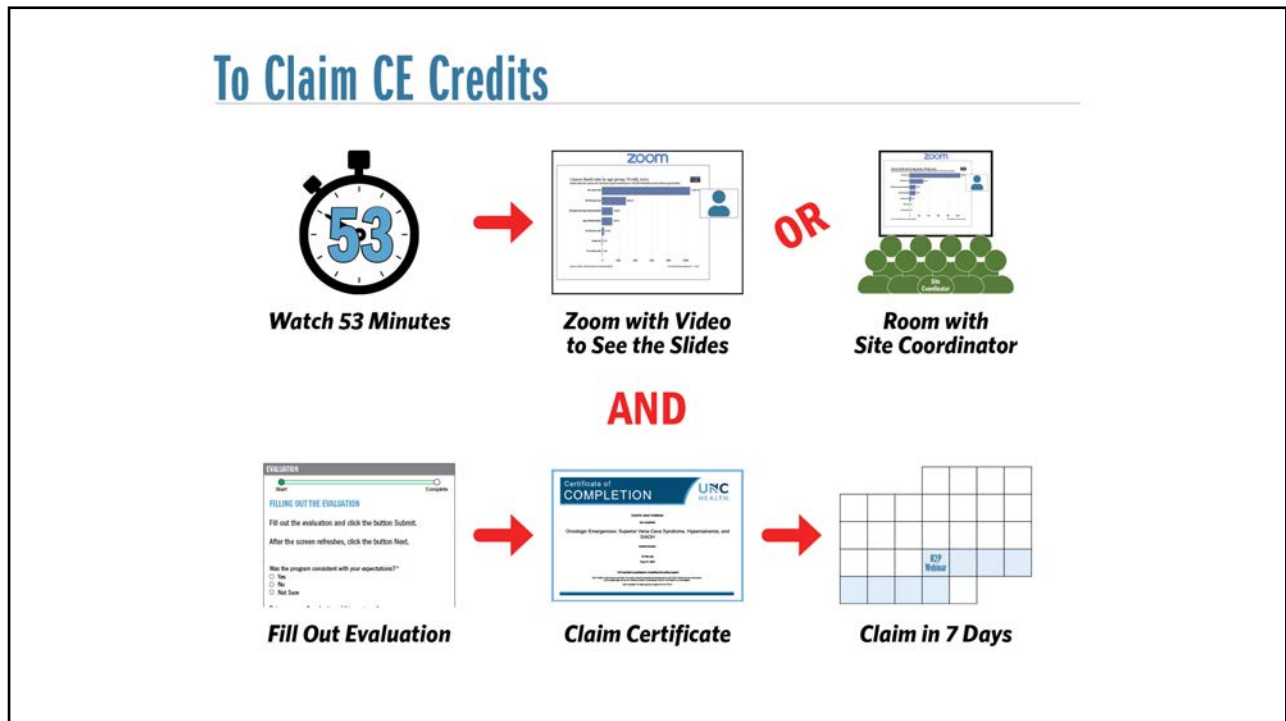
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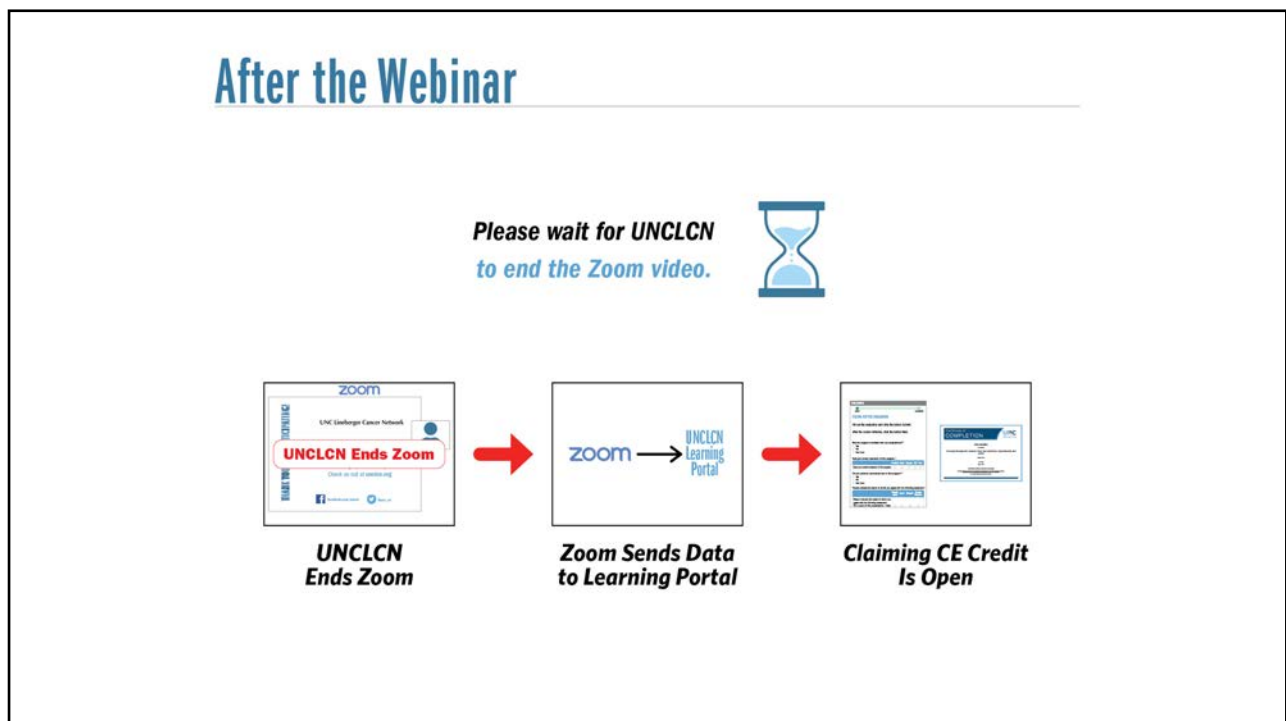


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He went on to complete his residency training in neurosurgery at Columbia University's Neurological Institute of New York.

Dr. Higgins also completed a brain tumor fellowship at the University of Miami, with an emphasis on minimally invasive open and endoscopic surgical treatments for brain tumors.

His research focus is the treatment of malignant brain tumors, including glioblastoma.

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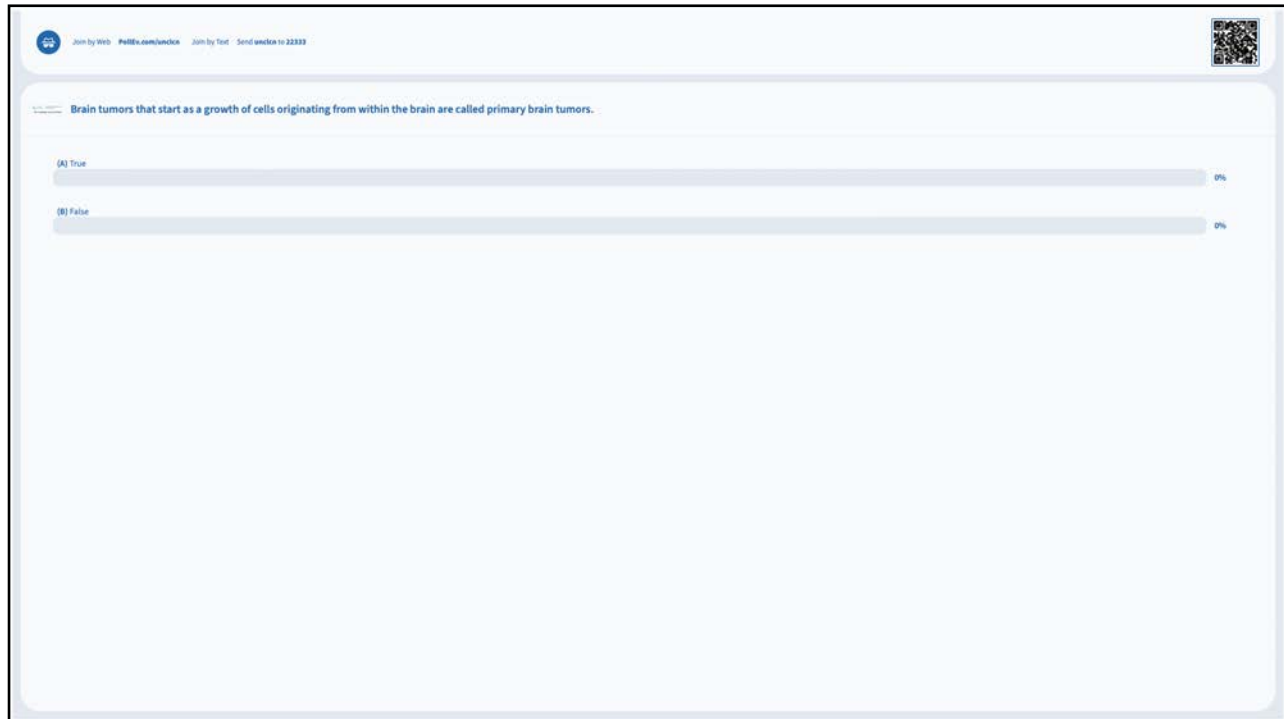
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Primary Brain Tumors: Diagnosis and Management Strategies

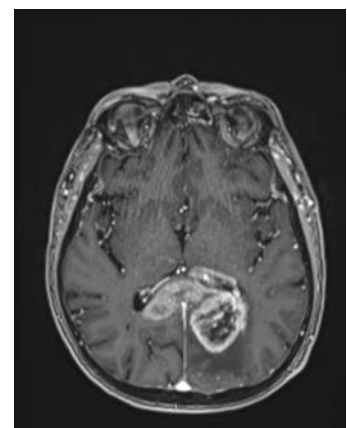
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Overview *Characterization of gliomas*

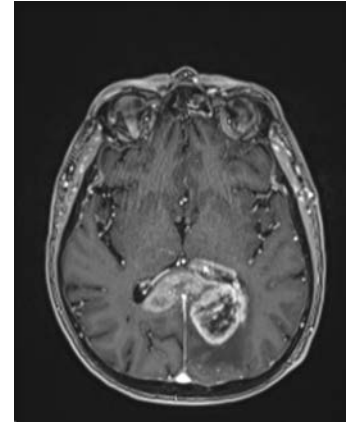
- Classifications of Brain Tumors
- Common Presentations and Evaluation Strategies
- Treatment and Clinical trial options for malignant tumors



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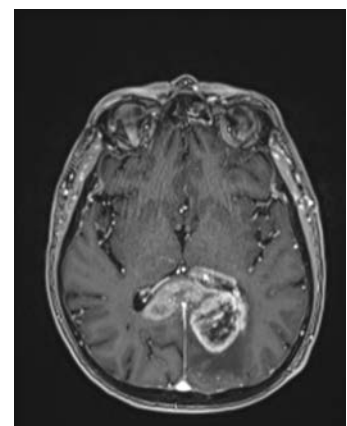
Learning Objectives

1. Discuss diagnostic criteria for different brain tumors
2. Discuss the standard treatment course for these tumors
3. Discuss existing and upcoming clinical trials for treatment



Classification of Brain Tumors

- Classification by tumor origin
 - Primary versus secondary/metastatic tumors
- Classification by compartment
 - Intra-axial (at or below the level of the cortex)
 - Intraparenchymal vs intraventricular
 - Extra-axial (outside of the brain, at or below the level of the skull)
 - Skull/calvarial vs dural-based vs skull base



Primary Intra-axial Tumors

- Gliomas
- Ependymomas
- Intraventricular tumors



Gliomas

- Classified based on cell of origin
 - Astrocytomas, oligodendrogliomas
- WHO Grade 1-4



Gliomas: Astrocytomas

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 - Grade 1 – benign
 - Grade 4 - malignant



Glioblastoma

- Grade 4 Astrocytoma
- Most common malignant primary brain tumor
- Presentation depends on location:
 - Headaches, seizures, neurologic changes (speech, weakness, confusion)



Imaging Modalities

- MRI brain with and without contrast
- Tractography
- MRI Spectroscopy
- PET CT/MRI



Glioblastoma

- Management involves maximal safe resection
 - Lesionectomy, supramaximal resection, awake surgery, functional mapping
 - Stereotactic biopsy, laser interstitial thermal therapy (LITT)
- Post-operative treatment includes fractionated radiation and concurrent temozolomide



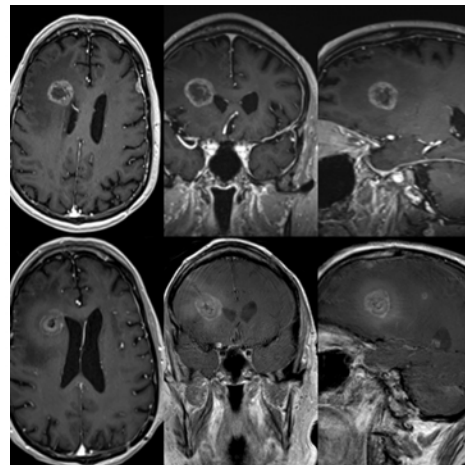
Operative Considerations

- Balancing visibility and tissue damage
- Asleep versus awake resections
- Tubular retractors and resection tools
- Smaller incisions and craniotomies
- Early-recovery after surgery (ERAS) protocols

Eichberg et al. *J Neuro-Onc.* June 2020

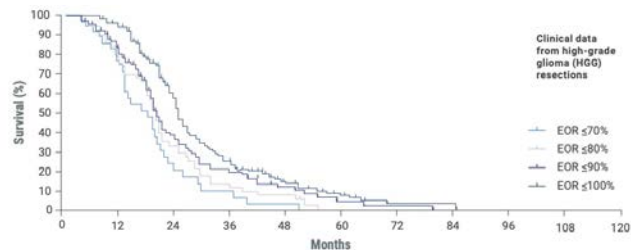


Operative Considerations – Stereotactic Robotic guided Biopsy +/- Laser Ablation



Intra-operative adjuncts

- Fluorescent guided surgery
 - Fluorescein
 - 5-ALA
- Robotic Assisted Surgeries
- Tractography
- Brachytherapy



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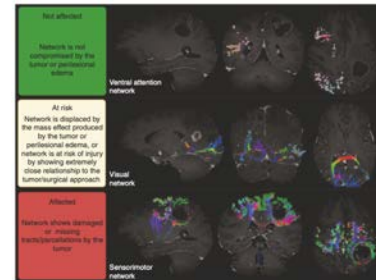
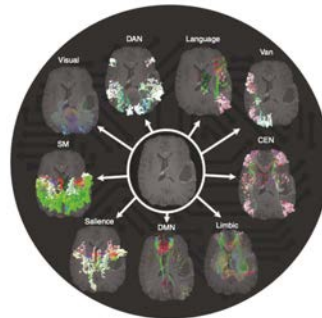
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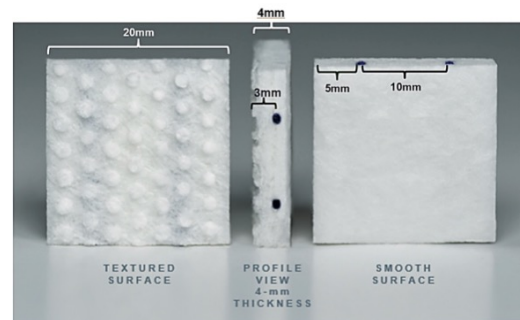
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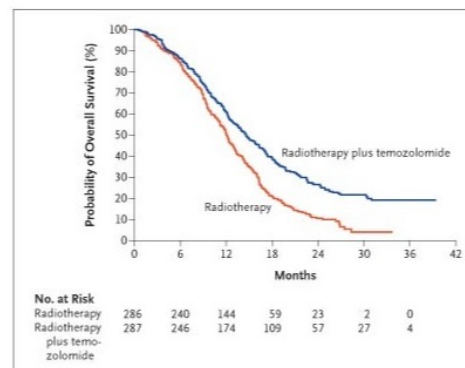
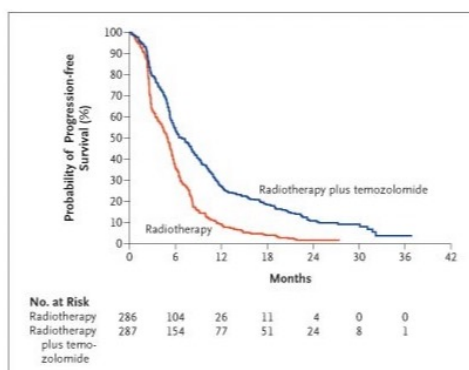
Glioblastoma

- Median survival 16 months
- Prognosis heavily dependent on tumor biology
- Key molecular changes:
 - MGMT methylation status – sensitivity to TMZ
 - Ki67 – growth rate
- Recurrence on average at 9 months



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GBM Standard of Care – Concomitant Radiation/TMZ

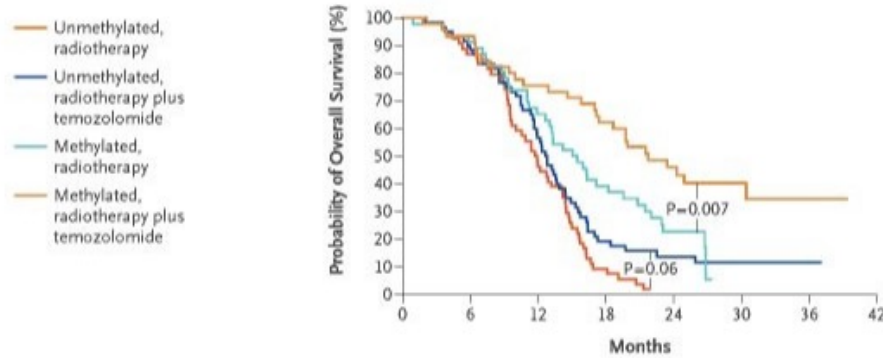


- Improved PFS from 5 to 6.9 months
- Improved overall survival from 12.1 to 14.6
- Increased 2-year survival from 10.4% to 26.5%

Stupp et al,
NEJM 2005

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MGMT promoter methylation



No. at Risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36
Unmethylated, radiotherapy	54	47	25	5	0	0	0
Unmethylated, radiotherapy plus temozolomide	60	53	34	11	7	4	1
Methylated, radiotherapy	46	42	30	18	8	0	0
Methylated, radiotherapy plus temozolomide	46	42	34	28	16	7	1

Hegi et al,
NEJM 2005



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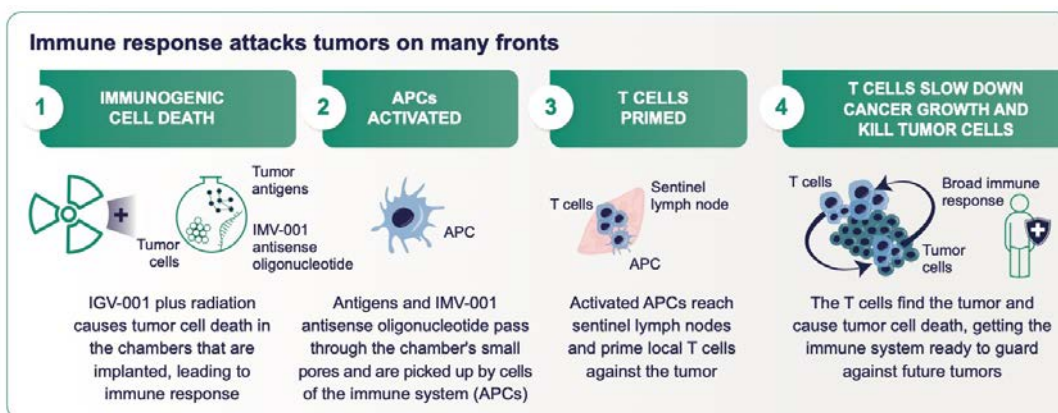
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Glioblastoma Trials: Imvax – UNC currently enrolling



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Imvax: IGV-001 Phase 1b

CLINICAL CANCER RESEARCH | CLINICAL TRIALS: IMMUNOTHERAPY

Phase 1b Clinical Trial of IGV-001 for Patients with Newly Diagnosed Glioblastoma 

David W. Andrews^{1,2}, Kevin D. Judy¹, Charles B. Scott³, Samantha Garcia⁴, Larry A. Harshyne¹, Lawrence Kenyon⁵, Kiran Talekar⁶, Adam Flanders⁶, Kofi-Buaku Atsina⁶, Lyndon Kim⁷, Nina Martinez⁸, Wenyin Shi⁹, Maria Werner-Wasik⁹, Haisong Liu⁹, Mikhail Prosnjak⁴, Mark Curtis⁵, Rhonda Kean⁴, Donald Y. Ye¹, Emily Bongiorno⁴, Sami Sauma¹⁰, Mark A. Exley², Kara Pigott², and D. Craig Hooper^{1,4}

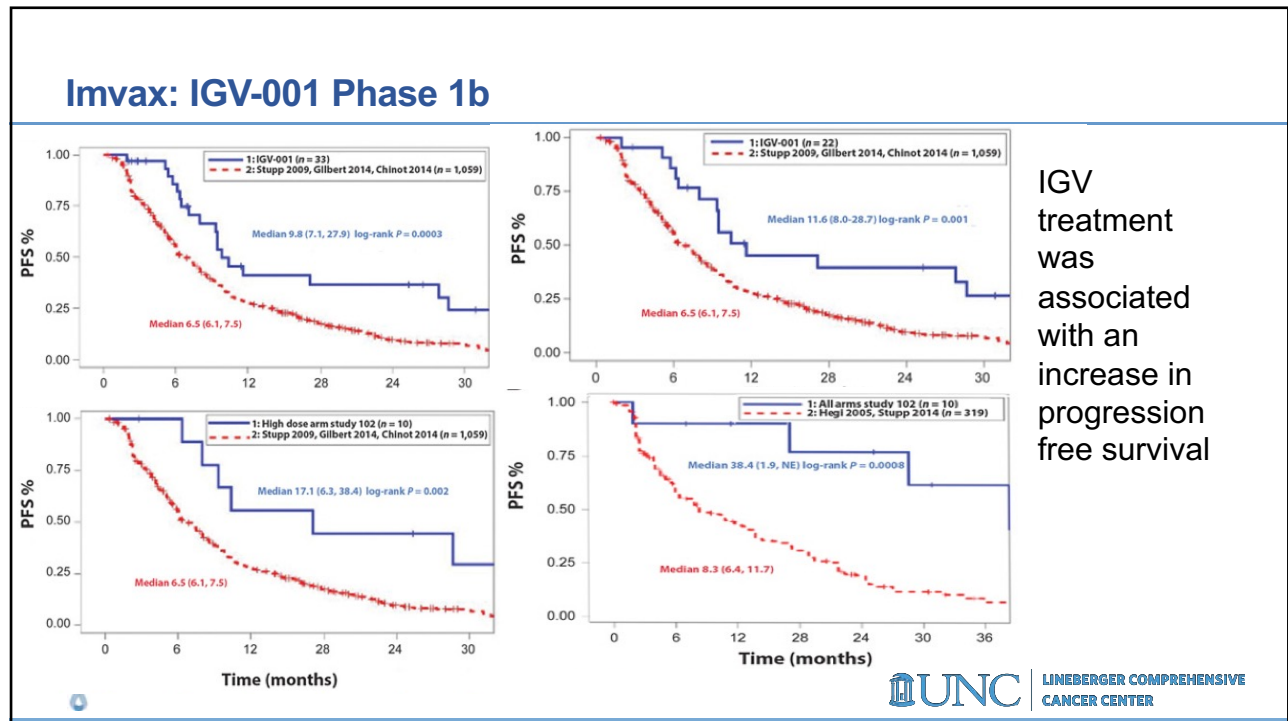


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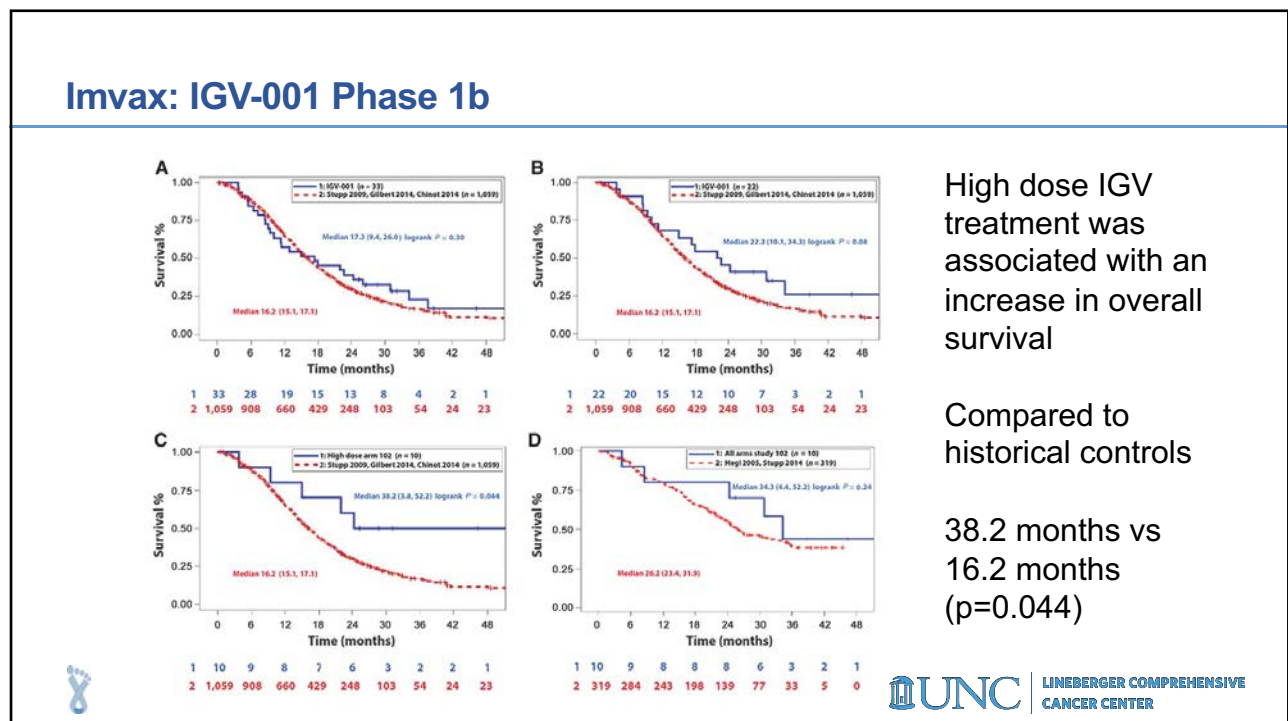
Table 1. Demographics and baseline disease characteristics.

Characteristic	IGV-001 (n = 33)
Sex, n (%)	
Male	20 (60.6)
Female	13 (39.4)
Age, y	
Mean (SD)	60.2 (10.5)
Median (range)	63 (32-77)
Extent of intracranial disease	
Single lobe	25 (76)
Multiple lobes, unihemispheric	4 (12)
Bihemispheric	4 (12)
Extent of gross resection, n (%)	
Total (100%) ^a	10 (30.3)
Near total (95%-99%)	7 (21.2)
Subtotal (>biopsy, <95%)	16 (48.5)
KPS, n (%)	
90-100	26 (78.8)
70-80	6 (18.2)
60	1 (3.0)



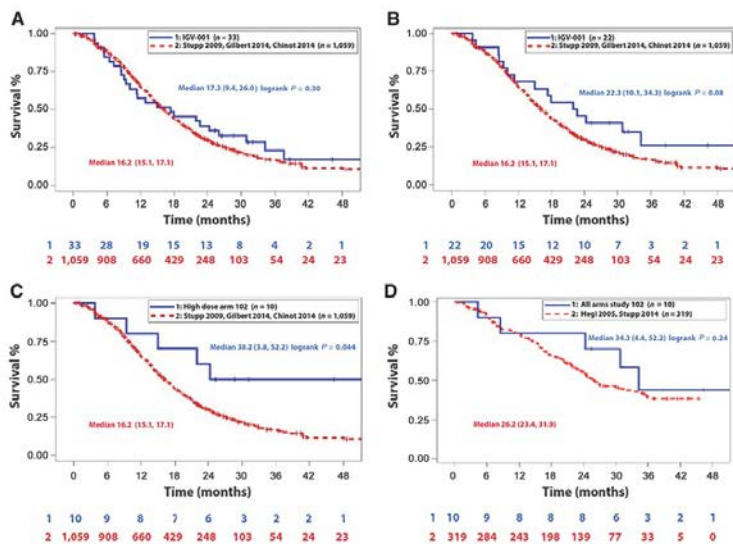


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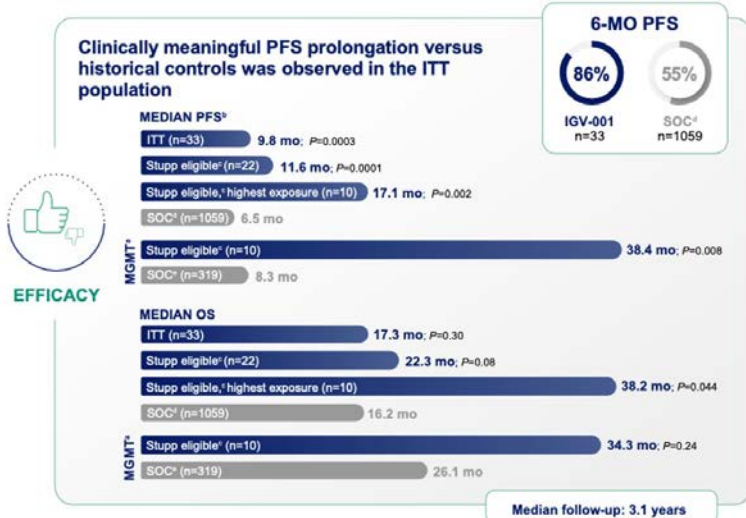
High dose IGV treatment was associated with an increase in overall survival

Compared to historical controls

38.2 months vs 16.2 months (p=0.044)



Imvax: IGV-001 Phase 1b



Glioblastoma Trials: Imvax Phase 2b multicenter study

Protocol title

A Randomized, Multicenter, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Phase 2b Study to Assess the Safety and Efficacy of IGV-001, an Autologous Cell Immunotherapy With Antisense Oligonucleotide (IMV-001) Targeting IGF-1R, in Newly Diagnosed Patients With Glioblastoma

✓ **Sponsor**
Imvax, Inc.

✓ **ClinicalTrials.gov identifier**
NCT04485949

✓ **Protocol number**
14379-201



CRITERIA

Key Inclusion Criteria



Patients who take part in the trial* must:

- Have newly diagnosed glioblastoma
- Be 18 to 70 years of age
- Have a KPS score ≥ 70 (unable to work but able to care for themselves overall)

Key Exclusion Criteria



Patients are not allowed to participate* in the trial if they have:

- A tumor that is on both sides of the brain
- Had previous surgery or anticancer treatment for glioblastoma
- Glioblastoma that came back
- Another cancer while having glioblastoma or within the last 3 years that is not cured
- A weakened immune system (example: HIV, HBV, HCV) or an autoimmune disorder (example: Crohn's disease)
- Heart disease or history of heart issues



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STUDY DESIGN

SCREENING: Patients will have screening procedures completed between Day -14 to Day -2 (up to 16 days)

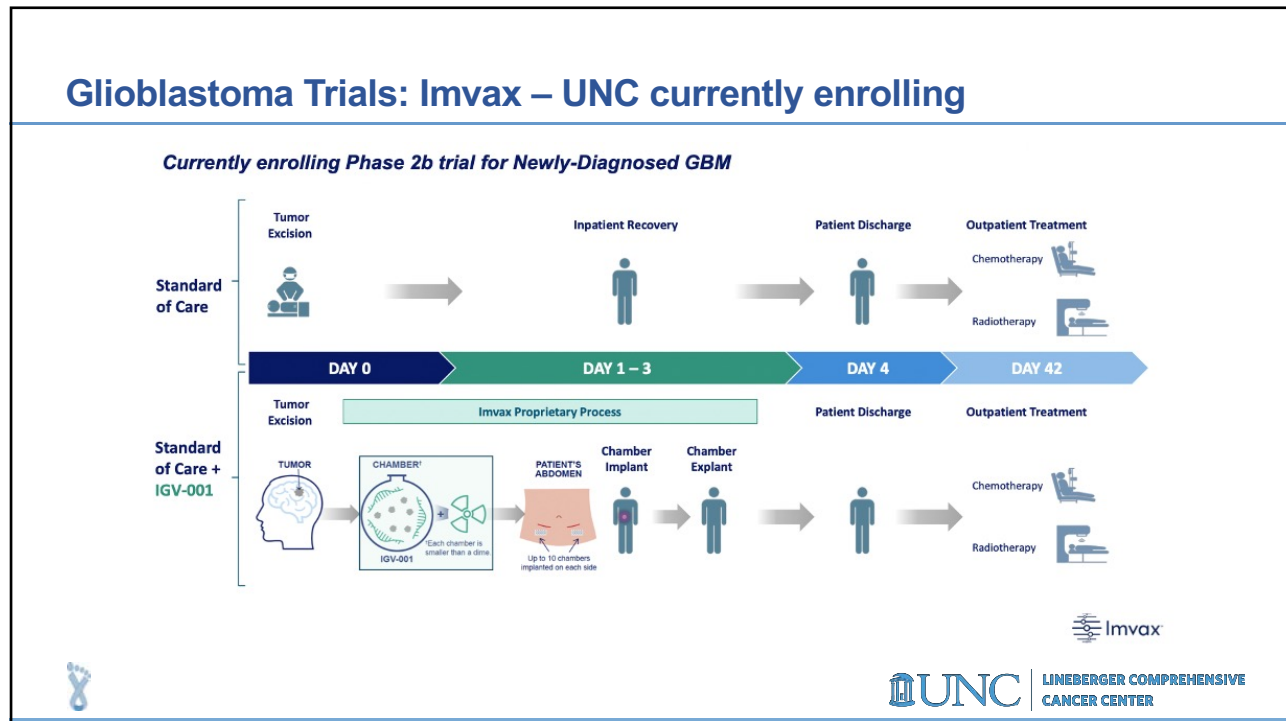
RANDOMIZATION: Patients are randomly assigned 2:1 to treatment with IGV-001 or placebo

TREATMENT: Patients receive study treatment (IGV-001 or placebo) during Days 1-28

SOC TREATMENT: Patients receive usual treatment (SOC) of RT and chemotherapy (TMZ) during Weeks 7-12, then chemotherapy alone during Weeks 17-41

FOLLOW-UP: Doctors keep track of patients' health during Months 10-36





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Glioblastoma Trials: Imvax immunogenic cell death

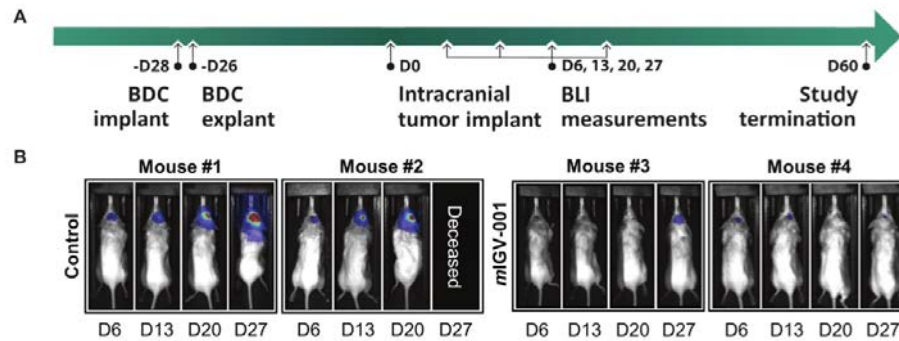
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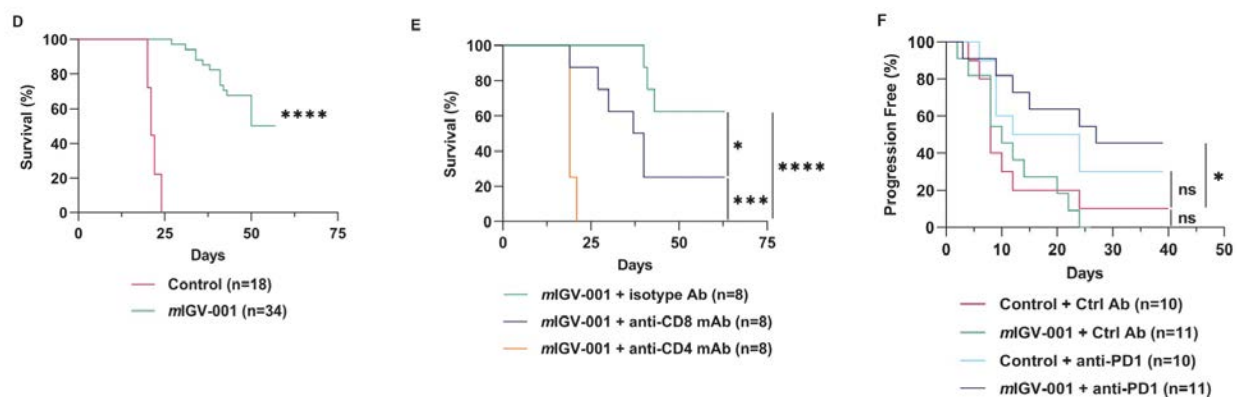
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Tumor Treating Fields (TTF)

- Low intensity, intermediate frequency, alternating electric fields
- Delivered by transducer arrays transcranially
- Requires head-shaving, 18hr/day usage
- Proposed mechanism is disruption of cell division



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237 recurrent GBM patients, TTF vs chemotherapy

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Stupp et al., 2012

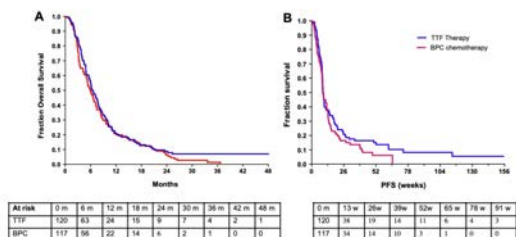


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JAMA | Original Investigation

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Comparison of TTF/TMZ vs TMZ alone (2009)

Interim analysis in 2015 (210 patients)

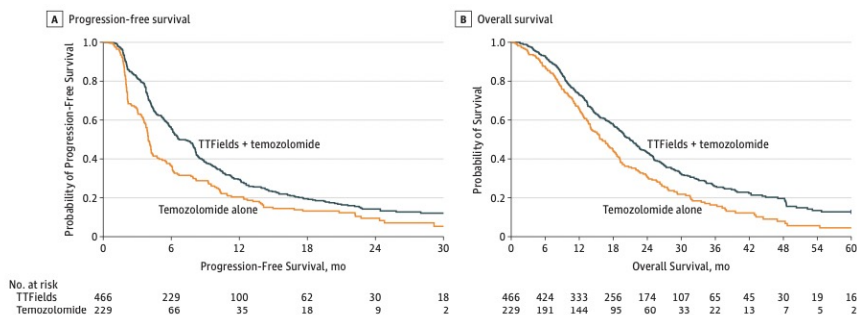
Final results in 2017 (695 patients)

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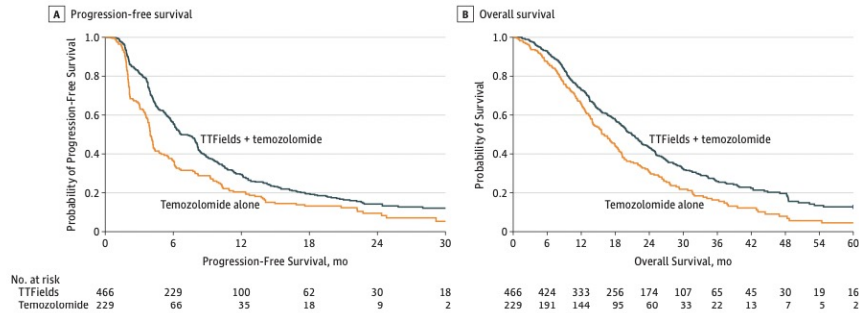
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Tumor Treating Fields (TTF): Clinical Trials

Trident Trial (“EF-32”)

Randomized study for newly diagnosed GBM patients

TTF/TMZ /Radiation vs TTF after SOC

Results pending



Glioblastoma

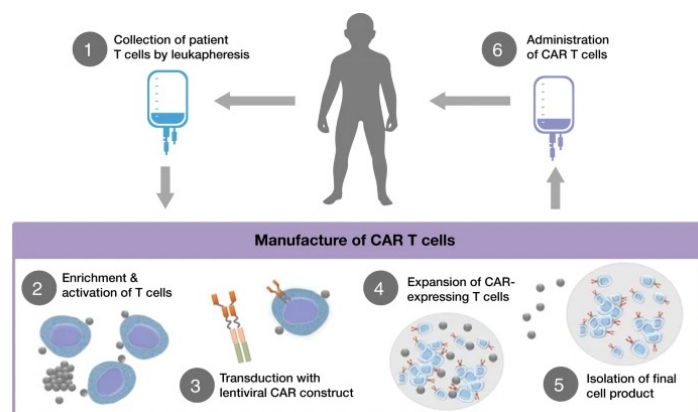
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Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell (CAR-T) Therapy

- T-cells are programmed against a tumor antigen (eg. B7-H3)
- Patient blood samples are obtained to generate CAR-T cells
- CAR-T cells infused to attack tumor cells



Hucks et al, 2019



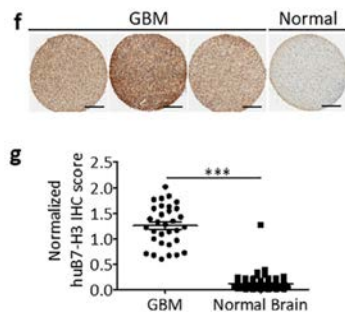
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Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell (CAR-T) Therapy

B7-H3-redirected chimeric antigen receptor T cells target glioblastoma and neurospheres



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B7-H3 is a member of the B7 family of immune checkpoint proteins and tumor target

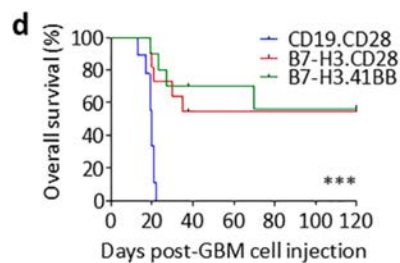
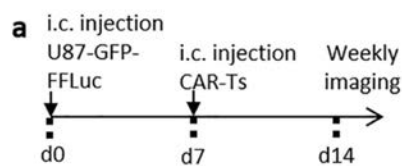
B7-H3 increased expression in GBM tissue compared with normal brain

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Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell (CAR-T) Therapy



B7-H3 CAR-Ts improved survival in a murine glioma model in vivo

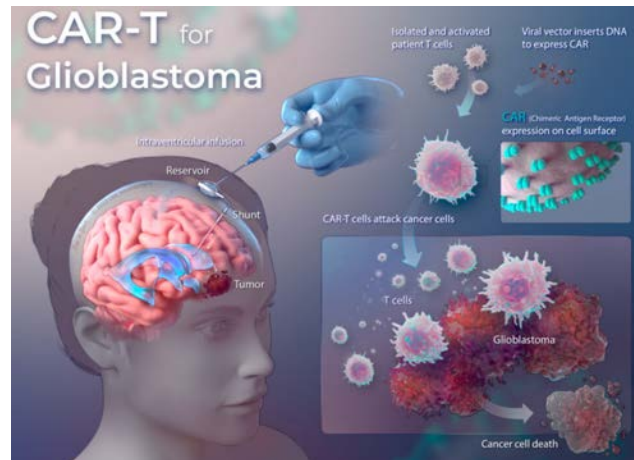
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UNC Clinical Trial: B7-H3 CAR-T Therapy for Recurrent GBM

- Phase I study underway to determine safety in recurrent GBM patients
- B7-H3 CAR-T cells injected intraventricular
- Ongoing preclinical studies aimed at enhancing survival of CAR-T cells



Glioblastoma

- Clinical Trials provide promise of increasing survival
- Newly diagnosed GBM
 - Imvax IGV-001
 - Tumor treating fields
- Recurrent GBM
 - Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell (CAR-T) therapy
 - Focused ultrasound



Blood brain barrier penetration

- BBB impedes delivery of therapeutics to brain tumors like GBM
- Several strategies have been employed to bypass this:
 - Ommaya reservoir
 - Convection enhanced delivery
 - Intra-arterial therapy
 - Focused ultrasound

Chronic convection-enhanced delivery of topotecan for patients with recurrent glioblastoma: a first-in-patient, single-centre, single-arm, phase 1b trial

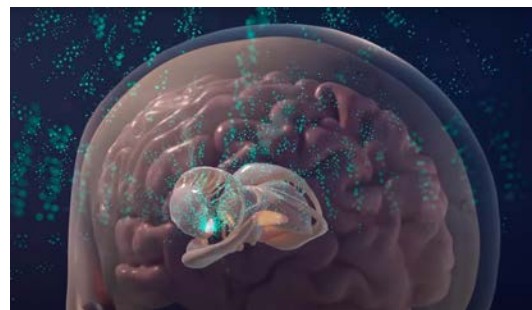
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Focused Ultrasound

- Microbubbles delivered intravenously and are sonicated by ultrasound waves
- Sonication results in BBB opening
- Allows increased local perfusion of drugs and immune cells



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Implantable Focused Ultrasound: SonoCloud

Clinical Trial > [Sci Transl Med. 2016 Jun 15;8\(343\):343re2. doi: 10.1126/scitranslmed.aaf6086.](https://doi.org/10.1126/scitranslmed.aaf6086)

Clinical trial of blood-brain barrier disruption by pulsed ultrasound

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- Phase 1/2a dose escalation study in recurrent GBM
- Combination of implantable focused ultrasound treatment prior to carboplatin
- Combination treatment was safe and well tolerated
- Phase 3 study in development



Gliomas: Astrocytomas

- Classified based on cell of origin
 - Astrocytomas, oligodendrogliomas
- WHO Grade 1-4
 - Grade 1 – benign
 - Grade 4 - malignant



IDH-mutant astrocytomas

- WHO Grade 2-4 Astrocytoma
- Contain mutations in the Krebs cycle enzyme isocitrate dehydrogenase (IDH)
- Results in production of oncometabolite 2-hydroxyglutarate
- Presentation depends on location:
 - Headaches, seizures, neurologic changes (speech, weakness, confusion)
- Evaluation by MRI w/wo contrast – often non-enhancing



IDH-mutant astrocytomas

- Management involves maximal safe resection
 - Lesionectomy, supramaximal resection, awake surgery, functional mapping
 - Stereotactic biopsy
 - Observation becoming less favorable
- Post-operative treatment:
 - Grade 2 low grade gliomas: chemotherapy/radiation vs observation
 - Grade 3 or 4 IDH-mutant high grade gliomas: chemotherapy/radiation



IDH-mutant astrocytomas: Novel treatments

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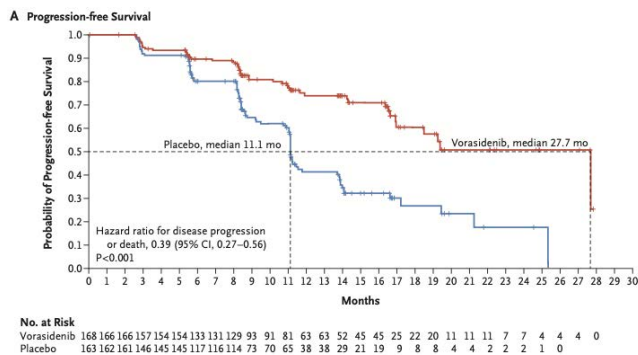
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- IDH inhibitor treatment in low-grade glioma improved outcomes



IDH-mutant astrocytomas: Novel treatments



- Improved PFS in treatment group vs control (27.7mo vs 11.1mo)
- Additional studies necessary to determine benefit in broader clinical contexts



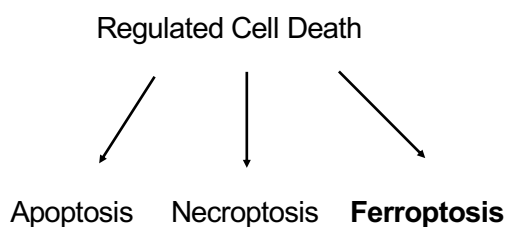
Targeting metabolism in glioma

- GBM results in a shift toward cellular utilization of lipid/fatty acids - production and consumption
- Mechanisms that target metabolism are poised to be highly effective
 - diagnostic and therapeutic
- Ferroptosis is a novel cell death pathway effective in resistant cancers

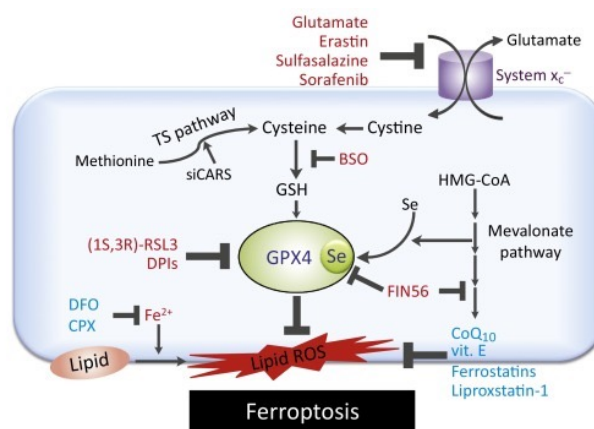


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Ferroptosis



-Iron dependent lipid peroxidation



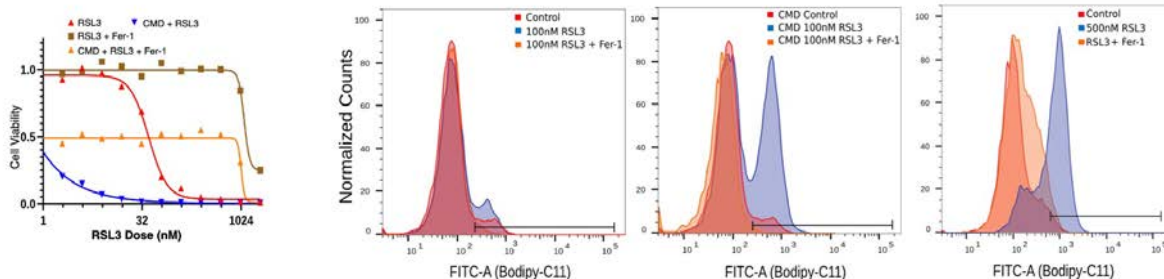
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Sulfur-containing amino acid restriction in cancer

Dietary restriction of cysteine and methionine sensitizes gliomas to ferroptosis and induces alterations in energetic metabolism



Higgins, Upadhyayula, Mela et al. *Nature Comm* 2023



CMD = Cysteine/Methionine Deprivation
RSL3 = Ferroptosis Inducer
Ferrostatin (Fer-1) = Ferroptosis Inhibitor



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Phase I study examining CMD in GBM patients

Diet initiated prior to surgery (control vs hyper-acute versus acute)

Preoperative MRI and MR spectroscopy on the day of surgery

Metabolic analysis of tissue with matching serum



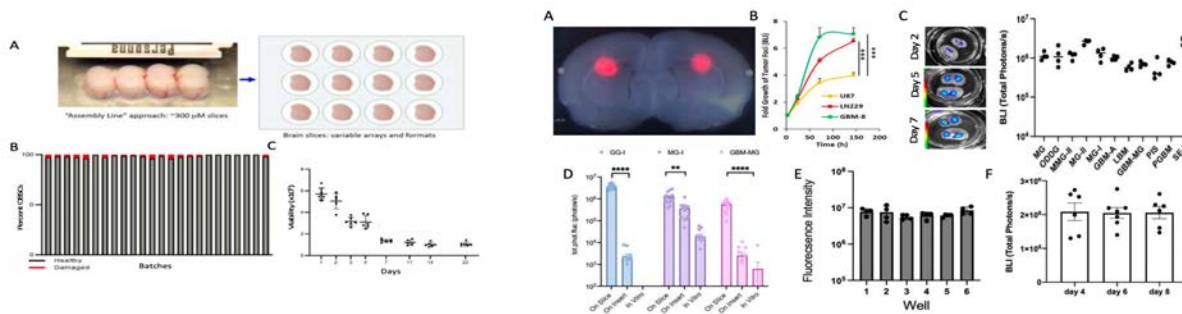
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Organotypic Brain Slice Culture

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A living ex vivo platform for functional, personalized brain cancer diagnosis

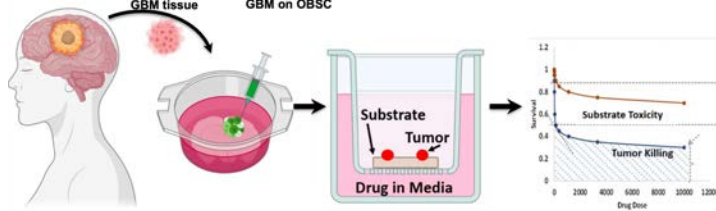


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Glioblastoma Trials: Organotypic Brain Slice Culture

1. GBM patient
2. Full surgical GBM tissue
3. Seed dissociated GBM on OBSC
4. Key Parameter Testing



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Imatinib	20	57	64	65	86	85	81	73	78	78	76	81	43	70		53	59	
Temozolomide	-39	25	9	49	94	-42	27	73	20	26	17	83	87	-50		-72	20	34
Topotecan	10	-10	-22	27	89	-59	-8	66	79		35							71
Gemcitabine	-47	16	22	53	37	-25	21	-5	48				50	63				
Paclitaxel	26	17	21	66	39	36	33	63	45	-24	72	80	66	79	84	73	71	
Radiation	-7	-39	28	-26	77	-6	22	94	37	16	25	93	22	53		48	48	
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Trametinib	50	32	13	13	89	-32	-1	-9	16	74			54	48				30
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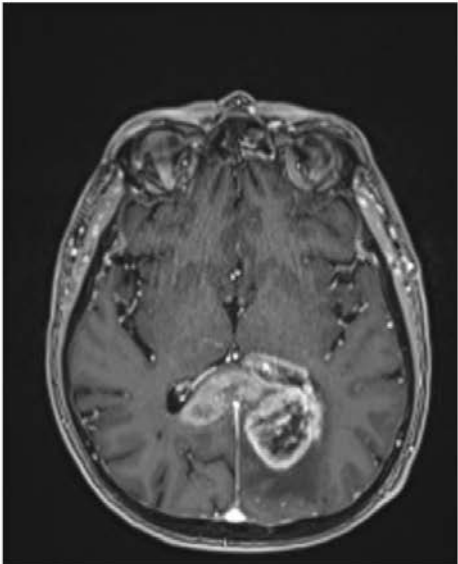


- IDH-mutant astrocytoma 0%
- Glioblastoma 0%
- Meningioma 0%
- Arachnoid cyst 0%

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70yM presents with headaches, confusion and difficulty reading. Patient undergoes surgical resection and pathology confirms glioblastoma. What is the standard of care treatment option?



- CAR-T Therapy 0%
- Imvax 0%
- Gamma Tiles 0%
- Temozolomide + Radiation 0%

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70yM presents with headaches, confusion and difficulty reading. Patient undergoes surgical resection and pathology confirms glioblastoma. 9 months later MRI shows recurrence. What clinical trial options would be considered?



CAR-T Therapy	0%
Imvax	0%
Gamma Tiles	0%
TTF+Temozolomide + Radiation	0%

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Primary Extra-axial Tumors

- Meningiomas
- Schwannomas/Neurofibromas
- Pituitary tumors



Primary Extra-axial Tumors: Meningiomas

- Most common primary brain tumor
- Arises from arachnoid cap cells
- Benign tumors (WHO Grade 1-3)
- Presentation depends on location
 - Most commonly headaches, incidental, neurologic deficits



Primary Extra-axial Tumors: Meningiomas

- Management depends on size and tumor biology
- Incidental, small, asymptomatic tumors:
 - annual MRI to monitor for changes
 - Incidental tumors, larger with growth or symptoms:
 - surgical resection versus radiation or combination
- Larger tumors
 - Surgical resection for attempted gross total
 - Post-operative radiation for higher grade pathology



Primary Extra-axial Tumors: Schwannomas

- Commonly arises from cranial nerve 8 (vestibular schwannomas)
- More rarely CN 5, 7
- Arises from nerve sheath
- Benign tumors largely
- Presentation depends on location
 - Most commonly hearing loss, vertigo, dizziness



Primary Extra-axial Tumors: Pituitary Tumors

- Benign tumors in the sella
- Non-functioning versus functioning
 - Prolactin, ACTH/cortisol, GH
- Presentation commonly headaches, vision changes (bitemporal hemianopsia), cranial neuropathies, endocrinopathies



Primary Extra-axial Tumors: Pituitary adenomas

- Management depends on type of pituitary adenoma
- Non-functioning adenomas:
 - Large tumors and symptomatic tumors recommend surgical resection
 - Otherwise annual MRI to monitor for changes



Primary Extra-axial Tumors: Pituitary adenomas

- Prolactinomas:
 - Medical therapy first line with dopamine antagonists
 - Surgery if medical failure
- Other functional adenomas:
 - Surgical resection for attempted gross total



Arachnoid Cysts

Benign Cystic lesions

Low likelihood of growth or symptoms

Rarely require intervention

Differentiate between other cystic lesions (hemangioblastoma, epidermoid, pilocytic astrocytoma, infectious lesions)



Primary Extra-axial Tumors: Schwannomas

- Multiple lesions, family history, other stigmata consider genetic workup (eg. NF)
- Incidental, small, asymptomatic tumors:
 - Monitor with MRI and physical exam
 - Consider surgery, radiation versus observation
- Incidental tumors, larger with growth or symptoms:
 - surgical resection



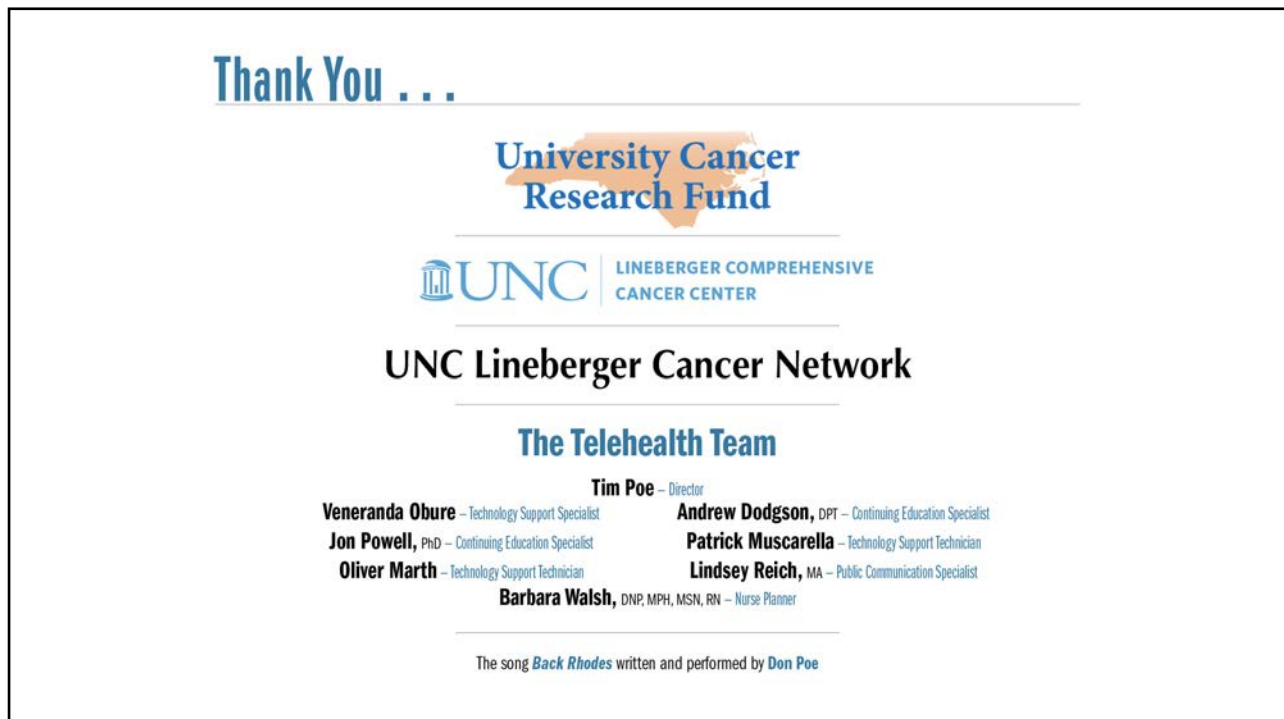


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