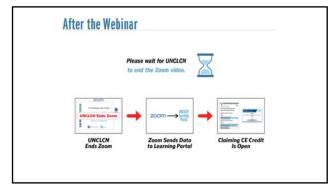




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- 1. IF you have toddlers in your life, then packs of applesauce and yogurt are treats. You can make the package tops into art such as mobiles, helicopters, and bugs.

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Immune (check point) Related Adverse Events

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Outline

- Mechanism of check point inhibitors
- Immune Related Adverse Events (irAEs)

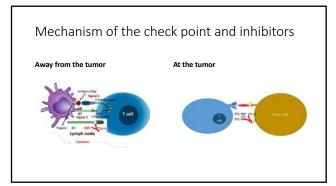
 - Events we think about
 Events that are common and we don't think about them
 - Rare Events
- Combination therapy and increased toxicity
- Delayed Immune Related Events (DIRE)
- Rechallenge
- Test your knowledge

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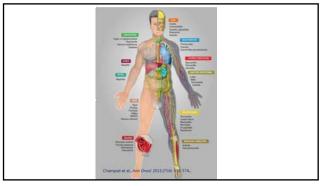
The revolution in cancer came when the check point in the immune system was discovered. We are going to focus on that today.

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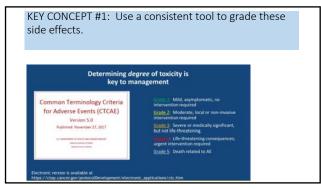
These are the events we think about

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Case 1

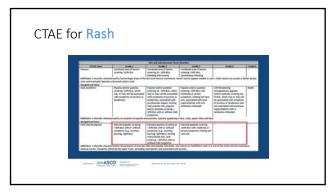
A 65 –year-old on pembrolizumab presents to the clinic for his second cycle of therapy. He has been feeling well. He has a mild itchy rash. It shows up as patches on his arms and legs. An example is shown in the photograph. Labs are normal. Can treatment be given today?

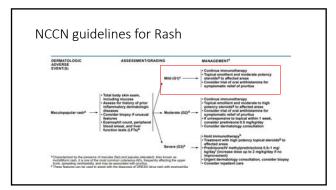






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A 28-year-old man is on ipilimumab (3mg/kg) and nivolumab (1mg/kg) every three weeks for metastatic melanoma to the lung. When he presented to the clinic before the start of his second cycle, he reported that he had three loose stools for the last two days. There was no associated abdominal pain, bleeding in the stool or fever. On exam he appears well, and VS are normal. Can you give him the treatment today?

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The patient received his treatment and two days later he called with to report 7 watery bowel movements in the last 24 hours. He was told to come to clinic for care and on the drive over, he felt feverish and had $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left($

Temp 101.5. HR 140. The patient is flushed. Abdominal exam is slightly tender but no rebound.

WBC 12.5. Hg 11.5. Platelets 175. ANC 10. ALC 0.8. Lactate normal. Comprehensive metabolic parameters (CMP) are normal

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What is the diagnostic plan?

- Stool culturesC Difficile testingStool calprotectin
- CT scan
- GI consult
- Colonoscopy QuantiFERON Gold
- Hepatitis Serology
- Pan Endocrine labs

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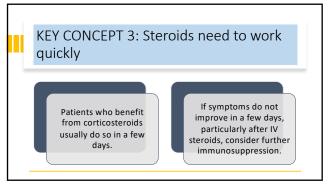
Diarrhea/Colitis Immune-related colitis in a patient with metastatic melanoma treated with ipilimumab Histopathologic analyses show focal active colitis (left) with crypt destruction, loss of goblet cells, and cellular infiltrates in the crypt epithelium (right) Colonoscopic view descending colon

What is the management plan?

- Management
 - NPO, advance diet
 - High dose steroids (IV)
 - If no improvement after 1-2 days:
 - Infliximab [1-2 infusions] or vedolizumab [3 infusions]

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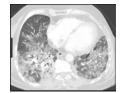
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Case 3

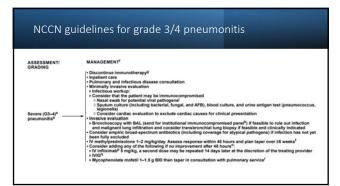
A 48-year-old woman with COPD was diagnosed with metastatic adenocarcinoma of the lung, no targetable mutations, PDL1 greater than 50%. She starts treatment with atezolizumab and one week after the second cycle, is seen in the Emergency Department for shortness of breath. The patient is in respiratory distress with room air 02 Sat of 85%, BP of 135/80, a Temperature of 101F. A cross section of her CT scan is shown.





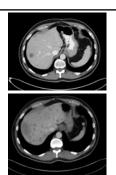
Pneumonitis - Grade 3 occurs in 1.6 % of pts with melanoma, 4% with lung cancer Risk factors still need to be elucidated but pts w lung ca and underlying COPD +- smoking are at increased risk. increased risk. Variable onset 2-12 months Symptoms • Dry, unproductive cough • Drysnea • Cyanosis (late) • Fatigue Differential Diagnosis • Infection • Allergies • Lymphanglitic spread of cancer • Cardiac (Pericarditis) • Later diagnosis may lead to chronic, irreversible lung disease

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Case 4

A 65-year-old is on ipilimumab and nivolumab for metastatic melanoma to the liver. He has had two treatments when he presents for an unscheduled visit with right upper quadrant abdominal pain and bloating. No fever or diarrhea. WBC is 12.5 with a normal differential. AST 340, Alt 410, Alk phos 167, Total Bili 0.5, Protein 6.2, Albumin 3.8. The top CT is baseline, the bottom is current.



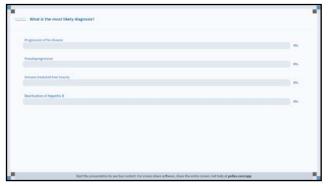
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What is the most likely diagnosis?

- A. Progression of his disease
- B. Pseudoprogression
- C. Immune mediated liver toxicity
- D. Reactivation of Hepatitis B

- Advise against alcohol
 Check for other liver toxins (Hold statins)
 Check hepatic function, INR, bili
 Check for Hep A, B, C
 Consider other viral infections in immunocompromised hosts
 Us doppler or CT esp if alkphos or direct bili are high

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Immune Related Hepatitis Treatment

- Grades 3 to 4 hepatotoxicity treat with high-dose intravenous corticosteroids for 24 to 48 hours, followed by an oral steroid taper over not less than 30 days.
- Infliximab, because of its potential for hepatotoxicity, should be avoided in this setting.
- Mycophenolate mofetil (MMF) (500–1000 mg p.o. twice a day) or azathioprine (1–2 mg/kg/day).

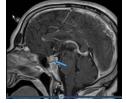
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Case 5

A 52-year-old with advanced renal cell cancer on ipilimumab and nivolumab presents with headache and peripheral vision loss two weeks after his first cycle of treatment. Prior to starting the treatment, he had a normal MRI of the brain.

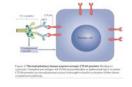
On exam, 150/91, 37.2, 88, 96% resting comfortably. No focal neurologic findings. Normal serum labs



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Hypophysitis

- Rare:
 0.4 to 17% on CTLA4 antibody therapy
 Less than 1% in PD1 antibody therapy
 Timing (more common 11 weeks after the first dose of ipilimumab)
- Presentation
 Headache, fatigue, MM weakness, visual field
- Hyponatremia
 Check a morning cortisol
 Low ACTH, Low TSH (and low T4).
- Concern
 - Adrenal Crisis
 Adrenal insufficiency associated with hypophysitis is usually permanent



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Case 6

A 64-year-old man on pembrolizumab for lung cancer presents for his third cycle. He is an avid jogger, but lately he cannot run because he is "shaky". His exam, CBC and CMP are normal. You send him to infusion and while waiting for the chair, the thyroid labs return.



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Thyroid

Hypothyroid: High TSH, Low FT4 High TSH and nI FT4 in subclinical

- Hyperthyroid: Low TSH, high FT4, high FT3
 Low TSH and nl fT4 in subclinical
 Consider an endocrine consult
 Beta blockers for tremor or tachycardia
 Consider Graves disease in persistent cases: + Anti-thyroperoxidase antibodies and anti-thyroglobulin antibodies, Radioactive lodine uptake

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- Inflammatory arthritis
- Myositis
- Polymyalgia Rheumatica
- Vasculitis

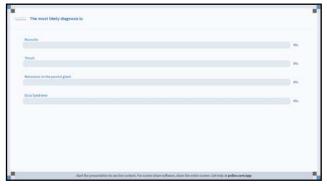
Nephritis

- Nephritis: Not common but difficult to diagnosis. UA is a more appropriate screening test than Cr.
- Guidelines are creatinine driven
- Gold standard is a kidney biopsy

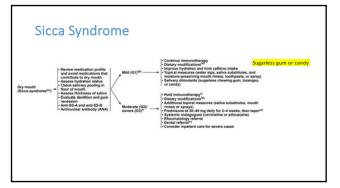
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Events that are common and we don't think about them





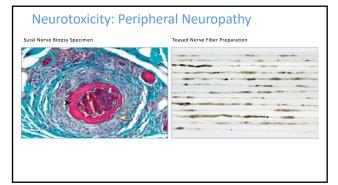
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Arthralgia

- The typical adult with OA
- The young person with an injury from a skiing accident
 - -Gosh, my joints hurt more than they used to
 - -NSAIDS
 - -Integrate care with orthopedics
 - -Steroid injections

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Rare but Important Events

KEY CONCEPT #4: Do not forget the rare but serious side effects to the heart, nervous system, and pancreas (type 1 diabetes)

Cardiac • Myocarditis • Pericardial disease • Pericarditis • Pericardial effusion • Cardiac tamponade • Arrhythmia

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Severe Neurologic toxicities

- Encephalopathy
- Meningitis
- Myasthenia Gravis
- Guillian-Barre
- Transverse Myelitis

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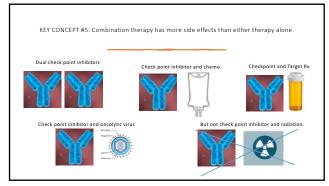
A 54- year -old with triple negative metastatic breast cancer and CPS score greater than 10, is treated with paclitaxel and pembrolizumab for two months when she is brought to the ED with acute onset confusion. Blood glucose is 350 mg/dl, serum bicarbonate is 14. A stat non contrast CT scan of the head is normal. Tox screen and alcohol level are normal. The arterial pH is 7.29.

Type 1 Diabetes

- Incidence from PD1 inhibitors: 0.1-0.86%
- Majority with PD1 inhibitors or in combination
- Acute onset, and often with DKA
- Rx DKA per institutional standard
- Low C peptide = Type 1 DM (destruction of the beta cells)
 Anti-GAD and HLA DR4 are not helpful for the dx
- Permanent
- Rx with insulin

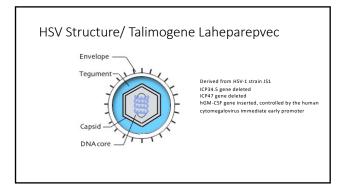
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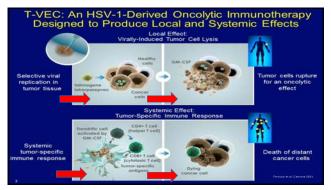
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Safety

TVEC as a single agent

Flu like side effects for 1 to 2 days, usually after the first and second cycle.

TVEC and check point inhibitors

• Side effects are of each agent

Key Concept #6: Delayed Immune Related Adverse Events, DIRE

82-year-old treated with an oncolytic virus and cemiplimab for locally advanced, non resectable SCC of the scale. Three years into maintenance cemiplimab she has increased fatigue and abnormal liver enzymes. She drinks one glass of wine a night and has acetaminophen prn.



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DIRE

- Greater than 12 months on immune check point therapy
- Multiple case reports
- Endocrine, skin and lung are most common
- Liver as well

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DIRE; study in melanoma patients. Type of delayed immune Rx side effect Timing of side effect Owen CN et al. Annals Oncology, Jul;32(7):917-925, 2021

KEY CONCEPT #7: Patients with underlying autoimmune disease have an increased chance of IrAEs

Underlying autoimmune disease is worse 1/3 of the time.

Increased risk of high grade irAEs in 2/3s. Weigh the benefit versus the risk.



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Rechallenge

- A talk of its own
- Risk/Benefit with the patient
- If dual agent, eg ipi/nivo, can resume the PD 1 inhibitor upon recovery
- Endocrinopathies, replace hormones
- Low grade eye, continue steroid drops
- Severe Aes, neuro/heart---NO

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#8 Ican management requires a team approach. UNC has a multidisciplinary team for this, it is led by Dr Rumey Ishizawar Clinical Algorithms. Clinical Algorithms.

Closing remarks

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KEYs in one stroke

- Use the Common Toxicity Criteria for Adverse Events to Grade toxicity.
- Use a tool to manage side effects based on grade such as NCCN.org.
- Patients usually respond to steroids in a few days; if they don't, move to more aggressive management.
 Good PS pts who are treated with PD1i's have a low risk of grade 3.
- Toxicity risk depends on the disease, the patient, sequence, combination, new agents, pre-existing autoimmune disease.
- Don't forget the rare but important risks to the CNS, heart and pancreas.
- IrAES can be permanent and delayed (DIRE).
- For prescribers, discuss risk/benefit especially in specific context (Goals of care) and populations (patients withs autoimmune disease).

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Test your knowledge A 71- year-old female who had never smoked, is on treatment for hepatitis B, has metastatic adenocarcinoma of the lung, KRAS G12A mutant, PDL1 10%, treated with carboplatin/pemetrexate has new disease in the celiac nodes and bones after two years of treatment. Pembrolizumab was stopped and 4 weeks later she is started on nab-paclitaxel. Two weeks later she is admitted to the hospital for hypoxia. The CT is shown. She is placed on high flow oxygen.

What is the differential diagnosis

- 1. Immune check point inhibitor pneumonitis
- 2. Chemotherapy induced pneumonitis
- 3. SARs-COV-2 pneumonia
- 4. Atypical bacterial infection

5. Fungal infection

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