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# **INSIGHTS INTO CHRONIC LYMPHOCYtic LEUKEMIA (CLL)**

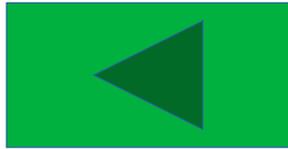
Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Virtual Program – Southwest

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## STUDY OBJECTIVES

- > Gain perspectives of advisors from the Southwest region of the United States on the management of newly diagnosed and relapsed/refractory chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)

# REPORT SNAPSHOT: SESSION OVERVIEW



A moderated roundtable discussion with community oncologists from the Southwest region of the United States was held online on **March 17, 2021**

Disease state and data presentations were led by **Dr Susan O'Brien** from UC Irvine Health and **Dr Keren Sturtz** from the SLC Health Medical Group, in conjunction with content developed by the Aptitude Health clinical team

Insights on the use of **BTKi vs BCL2-targeting agents in the community** were obtained

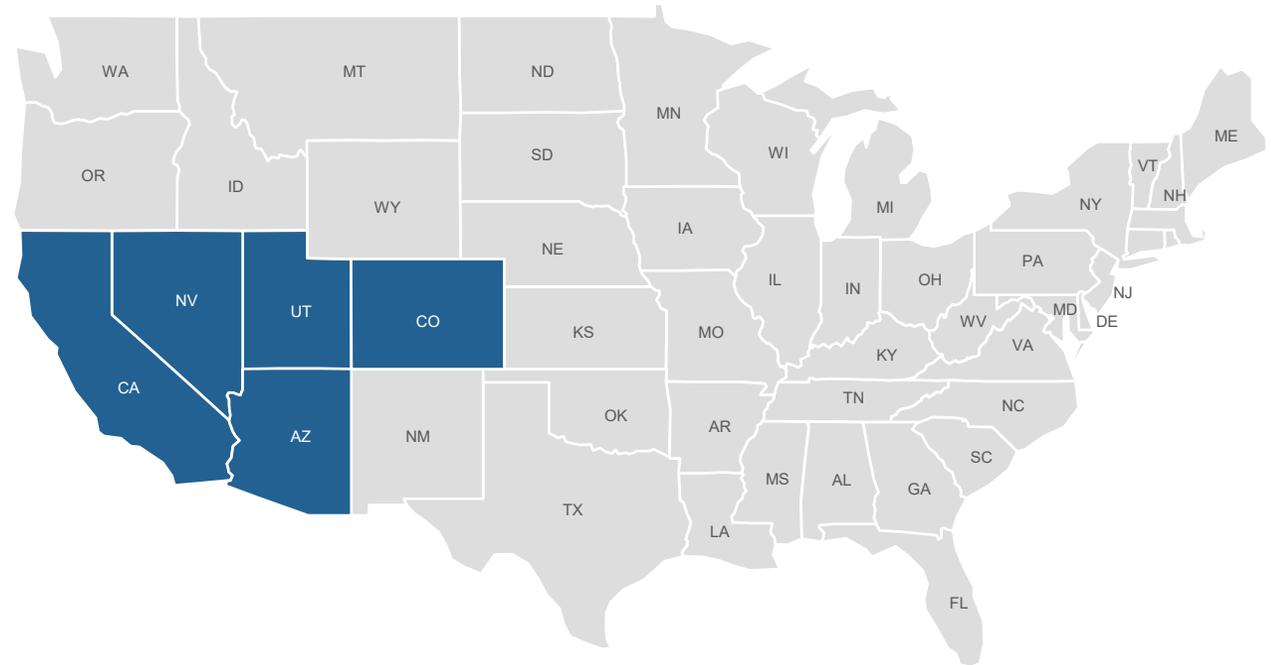
Data collection was accomplished through use of audience response system (ARS) questioning and in-depth moderated discussion

# REPORT SNAPSHOT: ATTENDEE OVERVIEW



- > The group of advisors comprised 12 community oncologists from across the United States
  - Attendees of the roundtable represented community oncologists from Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, and Utah

INSTITUTION	CITY	STATE
Arizona Center for Cancer Care	Scottsdale	AZ
Cochise Oncology	Sierra Vista	AZ
Ironwood Cancer & Research Centers	Chandler	AZ
Ironwood Cancer & Research Centers	Phoenix	AZ
Amol Rao, MD	Huntington Beach	CA
Kaiser Permanente	Riverside	CA
Los Angeles Cancer Network	Los Angeles	CA
Richard E. Gould, MD	Los Angeles	CA
Denver Health Medical Center	Denver	CO
Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center	Salida	CO
Intermountain Healthcare	Las Vegas	NV
University of Utah and Intermountain Healthcare	Salt Lake City	UT



# REPORT SNAPSHOT: AGENDA



Time (EST)	Topic
5.00 PM – 5.15 PM	Introduction and ARS Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program overview</li><li>• ARS questions</li></ul>
5.15 PM – 6.25 PM	First-Line Treatment of CLL <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of treatment options</li><li>• Reaction and discussion</li></ul>
6.25 PM – 6.35 PM	<i>Break</i>
6.35 PM – 7.45 PM	Treatment of Relapsed/Refractory CLL <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of treatment options</li><li>• Reaction and discussion</li></ul>
7.45 PM – 8.00 PM	Key Takeaways and Meeting Evaluation



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**Topline Takeaways and  
Strategic Recommendations**



# MEETING OBJECTIVES WERE ACHIEVED: TOPLINE TAKEAWAYS



## OBJECTIVE

- > Understand how patient/disease factors impact choice of first-line therapy in CLL
- > Determine the role of current BTKi vs BCL2 inhibitors in first-line CLL, including differentiation factors and patient profiles for each therapy
- > Gain insights into sequencing of available therapies in second-line CLL

## PROCESS

Through ARS questions and moderated discussions, community oncologists described factors impacting their clinical decision making in frontline and second-line CLL and challenges they experience

## INSIGHTS

- > In the frontline setting, ibrutinib alone is commonly prescribed across all CLL patient types
  - However, there seems to be an increasing trend toward use of acalabrutinib (mainly for high-risk patients) and venetoclax (mainly for younger patients)
- > In the relapsed/refractory setting, all advisors opt for an alternate MOA compared with frontline
  - This is usually venetoclax-based therapy, as most advisors prefer ibrutinib in frontline

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# Key Insights and Discussion Summary

# KEY INSIGHTS: FIRST-LINE CLL (1/3)

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- Generally, when patients are MRD+ following induction, the induction therapy is extended, followed by consolidation.
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# KEY INSIGHTS: RELAPSED/REFRACTORY CLL (1/2)

How and when is MRD assessed by commonly [available](#) and does it impact use of rituximab in the frontline setting?

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**Advisor Key Takeaways**

# ADVISOR KEY TAKEAWAYS (1/2)



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> Continuous single-agent therapy in the

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- There is a better understanding of sequencing therapy
- There is a better understanding of the role of immunotherapy in the combination and how to use it
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- The combination of immunotherapy and chemotherapy is the most effective
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# ADVISOR KEY TAKEAWAYS (2/2)



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> The big development of the last 5-10 years is the way

- There is a better understanding of sequencing therapy
- There is a better understanding of how to use immunotherapy and targeted therapy and how to use them in combination

- There is a better understanding of how to use immunotherapy
- There is a better understanding of how to use targeted therapy
- There is a better understanding of how to use combination therapy

- It is good to have more information and data coming from the practice for immunotherapy

- There is a lot of good options for second line therapy and combination with immunotherapy and other drugs
- Sequencing is an issue

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- The immunotherapy options are not as good as they used to be

- The hope is that some of these immunotherapy agents will get added into practice and hopefully improve the results

- The challenge is to learn about all these immunotherapy treatments, especially the targeted therapies
- A lot of options coming up in the future. The only issue will be to learn how to sequence these drugs

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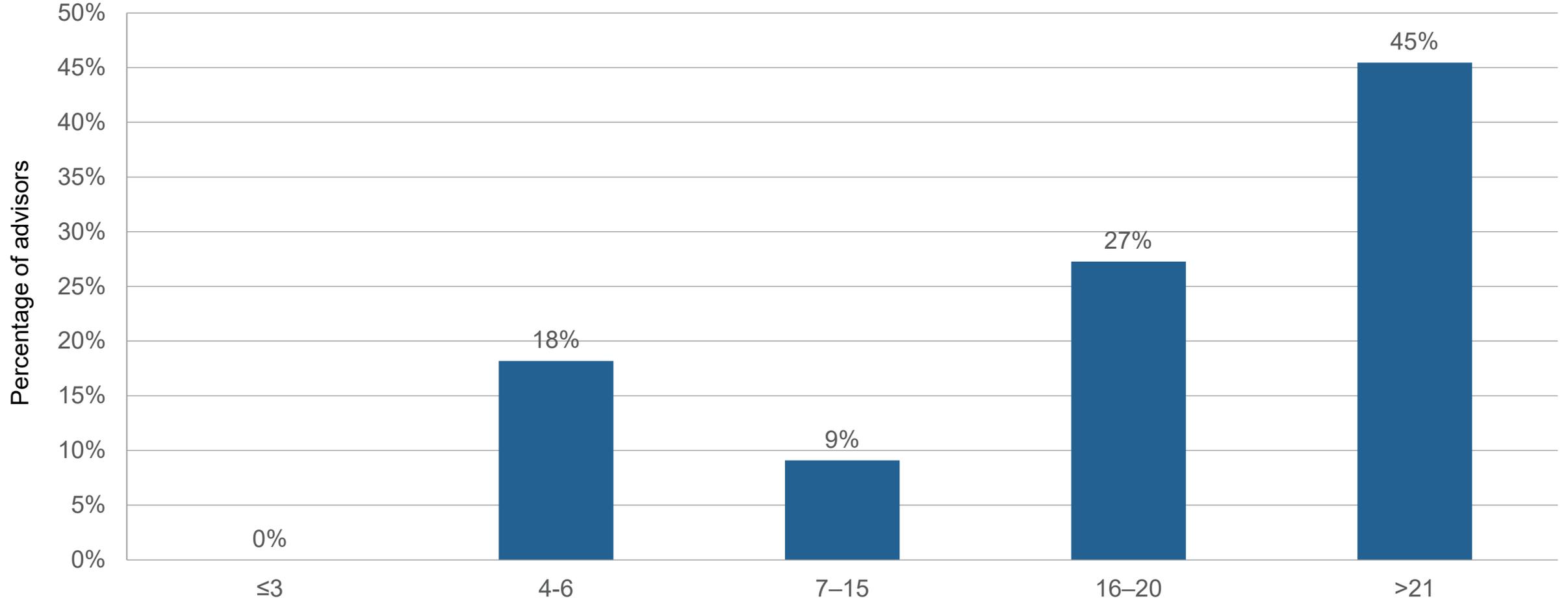
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# NEARLY THREE-FOURTHS OF THE ADVISORS CURRENTLY FOLLOW $\geq 16$ UNIQUE CLL PATIENTS



How many unique patients with CLL are you currently following? (N = 11\*)



# TWO-THIRDS OF ADVISORS REPORTED THAT VERY FEW OF THEIR PATIENTS ( $\leq 20\%$ ) HAVE DEL(17P) AND/OR *TP53* MUTATIONS



What percentage of your CLL patients have del(17p) and/or *TP53* mutations? (N = 9\*)

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# AGE AND COMORBIDITIES HAVE THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON CHOOSING FIRST-LINE THERAPY, FOLLOWED BY DEL(17P) MUTATION STATUS

On a scale of 1–5 (1 is very little, 5 is a great deal), how much does each of the following patient characteristics impact your first-line therapy choice for your CLL patients? (N = 10\*)

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# PFS WAS SELECTED BY MOST ADVISORS AS THE MOST IMPORTANT EFFICACY-RELATED OUTCOME WHEN DETERMINING FIRST-LINE THERAPY

Which of the following efficacy-related outcomes do you consider most important when determining first-line therapy for your CLL patients? (Please select your top 2) (N = 10\*)

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# ONE-THIRD OF ADVISORS FEEL THAT THE ABILITY TO STOP THERAPY WITHOUT DISEASE PROGRESSION OR TOXICITY IS VERY IMPORTANT



How important is the ability to stop therapy (without disease progression or toxicity) in your first-line therapy consideration? (N = 11\*)

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# HALF OF THE ADVISORS CHOSE VENETOCLAX + OBINUTUZUMAB AS THEIR PREFERRED OPTION FOR A YOUNG AND FIT PATIENT WHO HAD NO MUTATIONS

What first-line regimen do you routinely use for a **50-year-old** PS 0 patient with no major comorbidities (without del[17p]/TP53 mutation or IGHV mutation)? (N = 10\*)

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# WHEN THE SAME PATIENT PRESENTED WITH AN *IGHV* MUTATION, 27% OF ADVISORS EACH CHOSE EITHER BR OR VENETOCLAX + OBINUTUZUMAB

What first-line regimen do you routinely use for a **50-year-old** PS 0 patient with no major comorbidities (**without** del[17p]/*TP53* mutation; ***IGHV* mutation positive**)? (N = 11\*)

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**IF THE PATIENT TESTED POSITIVE FOR DEL(17P) OR TP53 MUTATION, 36% OF ADVISORS SELECTED VENETOCLAX + OBINUTUZUMAB, FOLLOWED BY 27% OF ADVISORS EACH CHOOSING EITHER ACALABRUTINIB ± ANTI-CD20 OR IBRUTINIB ± RITUXIMAB**

What first-line regimen do you routinely use for a **50-year-old** PS 0 patient with no major comorbidities (**positive** for del[17p]/*TP53* mutation; *IGHV* mutation **negative**)? (N = 11\*)

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# IN OLDER PATIENTS WITH NO MUTATION OR COMORBIDITIES, 45% OF ADVISORS PREFERRED IBRUTINIB, FOLLOWED BY 36% SELECTING VENETOCLAX + OBINUTUZUMAB

What first-line regimen do you routinely use for a **75-year-old** PS 0 patient with no major comorbidities (without del[17p]/TP53 mutation or IGHV mutation)? (N = 11\*)

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# FOR A YOUNG PATIENT (NO DELETIONS OR MUTATIONS) WHO RECEIVED FIRST-LINE CIT AND ATTAINED A CR THAT LASTED 3 YEARS, HALF OF THE ADVISORS PREFERRED A VENETOCLAX-BASED THERAPY

What is your preferred second-line therapy in a **55-year-old** PS 0 CLL patient who received FCR or other CIT as first-line therapy and attained a CR that lasted 3 years? Patient has no 17p deletion or *TP53* mutation, and *IGHV* mutational status is unknown. (N

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# FOR A PATIENT (*IGHV* MUTATION) WHO WAS INITIALLY TREATED WITH IBRUTINIB AND ATTAINED A 4-YEAR DISEASE-FREE INTERVAL, 80% OF ADVISORS PREFERRED A VENETOCLAX-BASED THERAPY

What is your preferred second-line therapy in a CLL patient who is **55 years of age**, was treated with ibrutinib frontline therapy, and attained a 4-year disease-free interval? Patient had no evidence of 17p deletion and/or *TP53* mutation, and he had **mutated**

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# FOR AN OLDER PATIENT (17P DELETION) WHO WAS INITIALLY TREATED WITH IBRUTINIB AND ATTAINED A CR FOR 2.5 YEARS BUT CURRENTLY HAS PS 1 AND SIGNIFICANT COMORBIDITIES, NEARLY TWO-THIRDS OF ADVISORS PREFERRED A VENETOCLAX-BASED THERAPY

A **75-year-old** patient with 17p-deleted CLL was treated with ibrutinib monotherapy and attained a CR for 2.5 years, then progressed. Patient's renal function shows a GFR of 50 mL/min and his PS is 1. He has a history of hypertension and type 2 diabetes tha

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**FOR A PATIENT (NO 17P DELETION OR MUTATION) WHO HAS BEEN ON FRONTLINE VENETOCLAX + OBINUTUZUMAB FOR THE PAST 8 MONTHS (NO TOXICITIES AND MRD NEGATIVE), NEARLY TWO-THIRDS OF ADVISORS WOULD CONTINUE THERAPY FOR A TOTAL OF 12 MONTHS AND THEN STOP IF MRD REMAINS NEGATIVE**

A **57-year-old** patient with CLL (no 17p deletion or *TP53* mutation) has been on venetoclax + obinutuzumab as a frontline combination for the past 8 months with adequate tolerance and no toxicities. His physician checked the MRD status using 6-color flow and

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