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**Dermatología oncológica y cirugía**

**Avanzando en la era de la inmunoterapia**

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**NO TENGO CONFLICTOS  
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# CARCINOMA EPIDERMÓIDE

- CLASIFICACIÓN DE CARCINOMAS DE ALTO RIESGO
- PAPEL DE LA INMUNOTERAPIA

# Estratificación y predicción de CEC de alto riesgo. BWH > AJCC

## Comparison of staging/risk stratification systems

- Poor prognosis mainly associated with AJCC-7 T<sub>2</sub>, AJCC-8 T<sub>3</sub>, and BWH T<sub>2b</sub>/T<sub>3</sub>
- BWH offers superior specificity and positive predictive value in identifying high-risk tumors
- Current staging systems can be used to predict poor outcomes in cSCC off the head and neck

## BWH T staging system

T <sub>1</sub>	0 high risk factors
T <sub>2a</sub>	1 high risk factor
T <sub>2b</sub>	2-3 high risk factors
T <sub>3</sub>	4 high risk factors

- High risk factors:
  - Tumor diameter ≥ 2 cm
  - Tumor invasion beyond subcutaneous fat
  - Perineural invasion of nerves ≥ 0.1 mm in caliber
  - Poor differentiation

JAMA Dermatol. 2013 Apr;149(4):402-10.

JAMA Dermatology | Original Investigation

## Risk Factor Number and Recurrence, Metastasis, and Disease-Related Death in Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma

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- For **BWHT<sub>2b</sub>**, 3 risk factors portends worse prognosis than 2 (2 to 4-fold higher risk of local recurrence, nodal metastasis, distant metastasis, and disease-specific death)

JAMA Dermatology | Original Investigation | AI IN DERMATOLOGY

## Retrieval Augmented Generation-Enabled Large Language Model for Risk Stratification of Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma

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- AI-derived risk score (AIRIS): GPT-based prognostication system based on systematic review of literature that addressed risk factors for poor outcomes in cSCC
- AI-enabled risk stratification (AIRIS system) showed enhanced discriminative capability compared to BWH and AJCC-8
- Potential of large language models to provide a more effective tool for predicting poor outcomes in cSCC

## PRUEBA DE IMAGEN EN TODO CEC DE ALTO RIESGO

### Imaging

- No current consensus guidelines that specify which cSCC should undergo routine imaging
- CT with contrast
  - Primary imaging for nodal staging
  - Clearly delineates primary tumor margin and abnormal LNs
- Ultrasound
  - Low-cost, widely available, no ionizing radiation exposure to the patient
  - Low image quality, clinician-dependent
- MRI with contrast
  - Good resolution of soft tissue including PNI
  - Delineates bone erosion and marrow involvement
- PET/CT
  - More sensitive than CT or MRI in detecting local residual or recurrent disease

Imaging results concerning for LN mets should be confirmed with biopsy (FNA, core, excision)

## CEC avanzado

CK-301-101 trial (NCT03212404)

Efficacy and safety of cosibelimab in advanced cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma: Results from a Pivotal Open-label Study with a median follow-up of  $\geq 2$  years

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- **Cosibelimab** (Unloxcyt, Checkpoint Therapeutics)
- High-affinity programmed death-ligand 1 (PD-L1) blocking antibody that blocks PD-L1 interaction with PD-1 and B7-1 receptors
- FDA approved Dec 2024 for treatment of metastatic cSCC or locally advanced cSCC in patients not candidates for curative surgery or radiation
- Locally advanced cSCC: ORR was **54.8%** (CR 25.8%)
- Metastatic cSCC: ORR was **50%** (CR 12.8%)
- Immune-related adverse event rate was 27.6%

## ADYUVANCIA → GUÍAS NCCN

C-POST trial (NCT03969004)

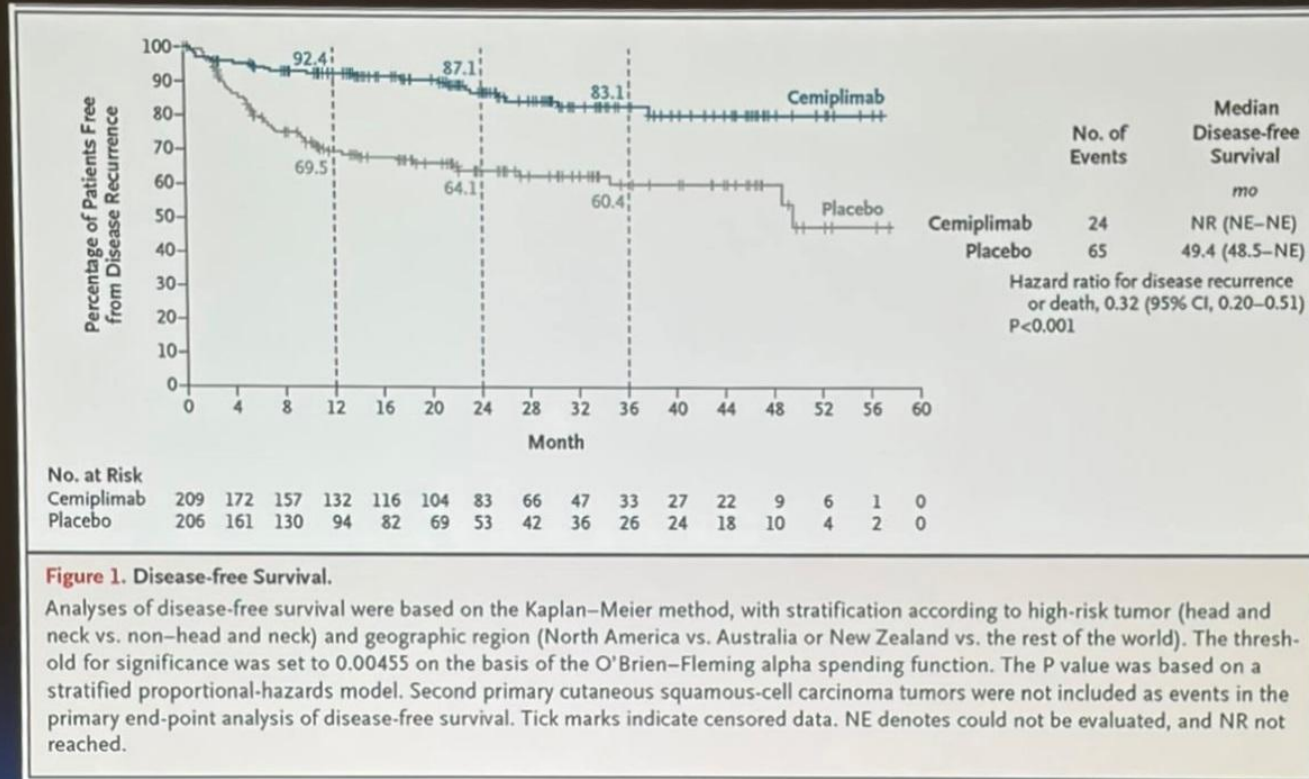
### Adjuvant Cemiplimab or Placebo in High-Risk Cutaneous Squamous-Cell Carcinoma

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- Arguably the single most practice-changing development
- First positive phase 3 randomized trial of adjuvant systemic therapy in cSCC
- Population: Patients with very-high-risk cSCC after surgery + adjuvant RT, with nodal features (ECE with node  $\geq 20$  mm or  $\geq 3$  involved nodes) or non-nodal features (in-transit metastases, T<sub>4</sub>/bone invasion, PNI, or recurrent tumor with  $\geq 1$  additional risk feature)
- Results: **68% reduction in risk of disease recurrence or death** (HR 0.32; P<0.001); 24-month DFS 87.1% vs. 64.1% with placebo
- Now a category 1 preferred recommendation in the NCCN guidelines for very high-risk cSCC following adjuvant RT

The Kaplan-Meier curve from the C-POST trial powerfully illustrates the magnitude of benefit:



The risk of disease recurrence or death was 68% lower with cemiplimab than with placebo with an estimated 24-month disease-free survival of 87% in cemiplimab and 64% in placebo.

# Beyond the Surgery: Cutaneous SCC Management in the Era of Immunotherapy and Personalized Medicine

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## FDA Indications for PD-1 and PD-L1

### Cemiplimab

- Metastatic cSCC or locally advanced cSCC for patients who are not candidates for curative surgery or curative radiation
- Adjuvant treatment of adult patients with cSCC at high risk of recurrence after surgery and radiation

### Cosibelimab

- Adults with metastatic cSCC or locally advanced cSCC who are not candidates for curative surgery or curative radiation

### Pembrolizumab

- Recurrent or metastatic cSCC or locally advanced cSCC that is not curable by surgery or radiation

### Nivolumab

- Patients with recurrent or metastatic squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck with disease progression on or after a platinum-based therapy.

<https://www.accessdata.fda.gov>

## Efficacy of Immunotherapies for Advanced cSCC

Immunotherapy	Mechanism	Efficacy Endpoints	
<b>Cosibelimab</b> - 1,200 mg IV q3w	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PD-L1 antibody</li> <li>• Induces antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity</li> </ul>	<b>mCSCC<sup>1</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ORR: 50%</li> <li>• CR: 13%</li> <li>• PR: 37%</li> </ul>	<b>laCSCC<sup>1</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ORR: 55%</li> <li>• CR: 26%</li> <li>• PR: 29%</li> </ul>
<b>Cemiplimab</b> - 350 mg IV q3w	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PD-1 antibody</li> </ul>	<b>mCSCC<sup>2</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ORR: 51%/46%</li> <li>• CR: 20%</li> <li>• PR: 31%/27%</li> </ul>	<b>laCSCC<sup>2</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ORR: 45%</li> <li>• CR: 13%</li> <li>• PR: 32%</li> </ul>
<b>Pembrolizumab</b> - 200 mg IV q3w - 400 mg IV q6w	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PD-1 antibody</li> </ul>	<b>r/mCSCC<sup>3</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ORR: 35%</li> <li>• CR: 11%</li> <li>• PR: 25%</li> </ul>	<b>laCSCC<sup>3</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ORR: 50%</li> <li>• CR: 17%</li> <li>• PR: 33%</li> </ul>

CR, complete response; cSCC, cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma; IV, intravenous; laCSCC, locally advanced cSCC; mCSCC, metastatic cSCC; ORR, objective response rate; PD-1, programmed cell death protein-1; PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand-1; PR, partial response; q2w, every 2 weeks; q3w, every 3 weeks; q6w, every 6 weeks; r/m, recurrent/metastatic.

1. Cosibelimab (UNLOXCYT) Prescribing Information. [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2025/761297s001tbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2025/761297s001tbl.pdf). Accessed 12/10/25.

2. Cemiplimab (LIBTAYO) Prescribing Information. [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2025/761097s032tbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2025/761097s032tbl.pdf). Accessed 12/10/25.

3. Hughes BGM, et al. *Ann Oncol.* 2021;32(10):1276-1285.



## Safety of Immunotherapies for Advanced cSCC

Immunotherapy	Mechanism	Safety	
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<b>Cemiplimab</b> -350 mg IV q3w	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PD-1 antibody</li> </ul>	<b>Common TRAEs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fatigue, diarrhea, nausea, pruritus</li> <li>• Grade ≥3: 45.5%-49.2%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• irAEs: 57.1%</li> <li>• Grade ≥3: 12.5%</li> </ul>
<b>Pembrolizumab</b> -200 mg IV q3w -400 mg IV q6w	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PD-1 antibody</li> </ul>	<b>Common TRAEs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pruritus, fatigue, asthenia, rash, diarrhea</li> <li>• Grade ≥3: 11.9%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• irAEs: 22.6%</li> <li>• Grade ≥3: 8.2%</li> </ul>

cSCC, cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma; IV, intravenous; irAE, immune-related adverse event; PD-1, programmed cell death protein 1; PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand-1; q3w, every 3 weeks; q6w, every 6 weeks; TRAE, treatment-related adverse event.  
 Burshtein J and Schlienger T. J Clin Aesthet Dermatol. 2025;10(11):21-23. Cosibelimab (JUNLOXY) Prescribing Information. [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2025/761257s001bl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2025/761257s001bl.pdf). Accessed 12/10/25. Cemiplimab (LIBTANO) Prescribing Information. [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2025/781087s002bl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2025/781087s002bl.pdf). Accessed 12/10/25. Pembrolizumab (KEYTRUDA) Prescribing Information. [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2025/125514s1bl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2025/125514s1bl.pdf). Accessed 12/10/25.



## Phase I and Phase II Trial Data Synthesis (76 patients)

- Comparative analysis (of cosibelimab) with pembrolizumab and cemiplimab showed similar efficacy
- Cosibelimab demonstrated a favorable safety profile, with predominantly mild to moderate adverse events.
- Overall survival and long-term data needed



The rate of severe irAEs reported in this (cosibelimab) study (3.6%) is lower than those reported in studies with PD-1–targeting agents (pembrolizumab: 8.8%; cemiplimab: 10.7% to 19.2%).



This may be due to preservation of the PD-L2/PD-1 interaction

Decreased blockade of the negative inhibitory signal  
? Active Fc Region engages NK cells



Cosibelimab may be considered for patients who are at “higher risk of toxicities, such as solid organ transplant recipients/autoimmune disease”

Ruiz ES, Muñoz-Couselo E, Montaudié H, et al. Efficacy and safety of cosibelimab in advanced cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma: Results from a Pivotal Open-label Study with a median follow-up of  $\geq 2$  years. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. Published online September 29, 2025:S0190-9622(25)02791-4. doi:10.1016/j.jaad.2025.09.009

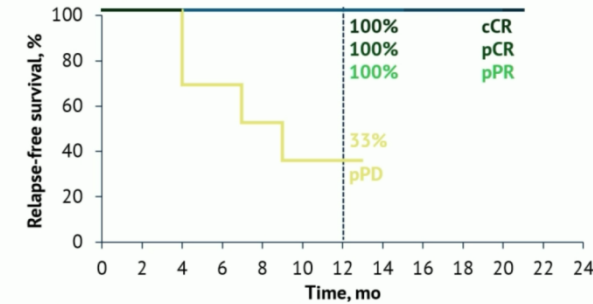
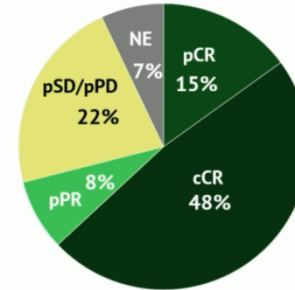
# Nuevas opciones en neoadyuvancia

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## Neoadjuvant Pembrolizumab in CSCC: Responses with 4 preoperative doses

De-Squamate: Phase 2 study in resectable locally advanced CSCC (N = 27; minimum FU, 6 mo)

De-escalation of surgery or radiotherapy in 63%

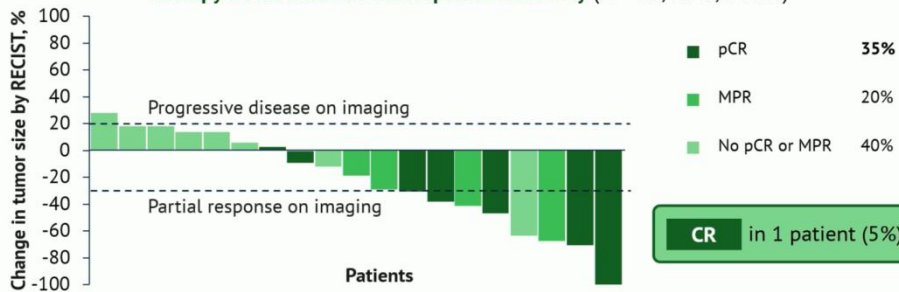


Abbreviation(s): cCR: clinical complete response; NE: not evaluable; pPD: pathologic progressive disease; pSD: pathologic stable disease.  
Reference(s): Ladwa R et al. JCO 2025

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## Neoadjuvant Atezolizumab in CSCC: Efficacy with 3 pre-operative doses

Phase 2 study in resectable stage III-IV CSCC or stage II CSCC for which standard therapy would incur an unacceptable morbidity (N = 20; mFU, 14 mo)

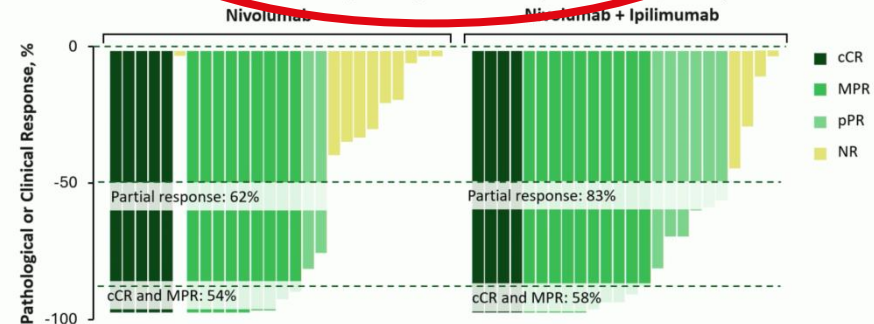


Abbreviation(s): CR: complete response.  
Reference(s): Divi V et al. JCO Oncol Adv. 2024;1:e2400058.

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## Neoadjuvant Nivolumab +/- Ipilimumab in CSCC: Efficacy with 2 pre-operative doses

MAITSE: Phase 2 study in stage I-IVa CSCC (N = 50; mFU, 14 mo)

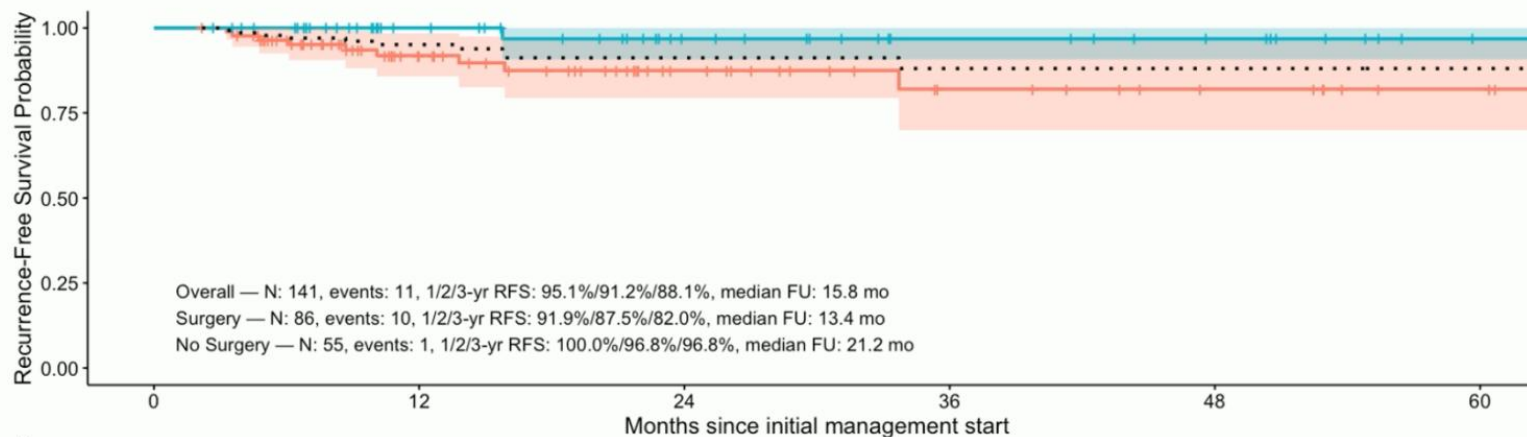


Abbreviation(s): MPR <10%, pPR <50%, and NR >50% remaining vital tumor cells in the surgical resection specimen  
Reference(s): Bruekers SE, et al. Nat Med. 2025 October 8



**Recurrence-Free Survival**  
Stratified by Surgery Status  
(Dotted Line = Overall Cohort)

Surgery Status + Surgery + No Surgery



Surgery Status	Number at risk					
	0	12	24	36	48	60
Surgery	86	46	24	13	8	3
No Surgery	55	35	21	13	9	1

Reference(s): Miller et al, unpublished data (under review at JITC)

## NCCN Guidelines for Very High-Risk CSCC With Significant Risk of Extensive Local Recurrence, Nodal, or In-Transit Metastasis

- MDC consultation at center with specialized expertise to discuss options
- Radiologic staging
  - MRI with and without contrast or CT with contrast and/or ultrasound
  - Abnormal lymph nodes identified by imaging studies

### TREATMENT PLANNING

or Consider SLNB in cases that are recurrent or with multiple high-risk features and

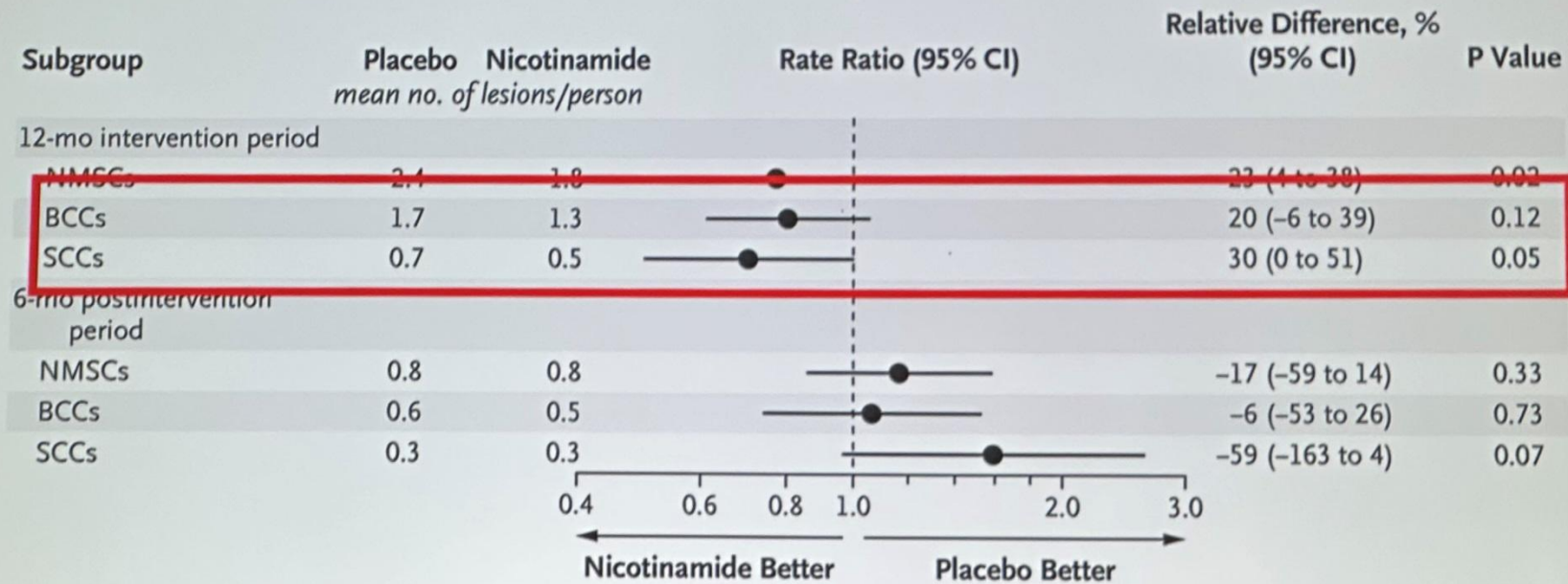
- Consider neoadjuvant therapy with Cemiplimab-rwlc if:
- Nonreactive non-keratoacanthomatous rapid growth tumors
  - In-transit metastasis
  - Borderline resectable
  - Surgery alone may not be curative or may result in significant functional limitation

# CARCINOMA BASOCELULAR

- GORLIN
- MANEJO DE ENFERMEDAD AVANZADA

# Nicotinamide (NAM)

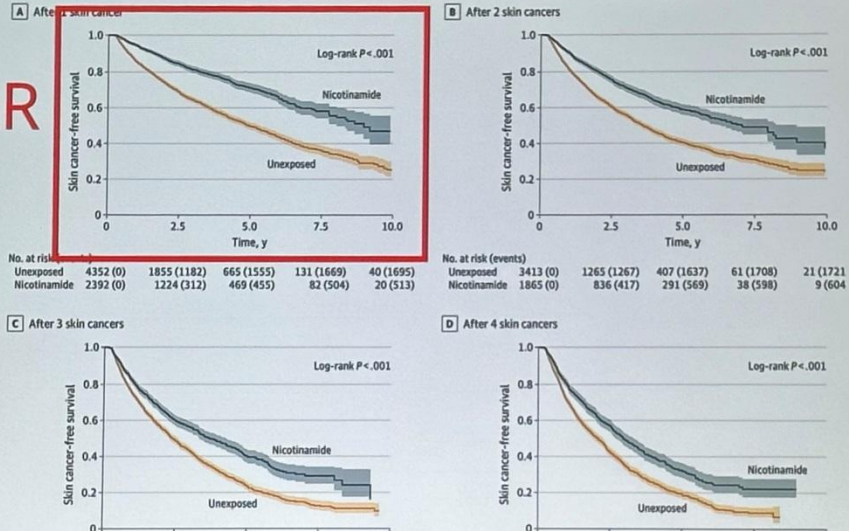
- NAM enhances DNA repair and decreases UV induced immunosuppression<sup>11</sup>
- 500 mg BID—20% reduction in BCC lesions
- Effect did not last beyond treatment period



## Start nicotinamide after first NMSC<sup>12</sup>

Figure 2. Skin Cancer-Free Survival Among Patients With or Without Exposure to Nicotinamide When Initiated After 1 to 4 Skin Cancers

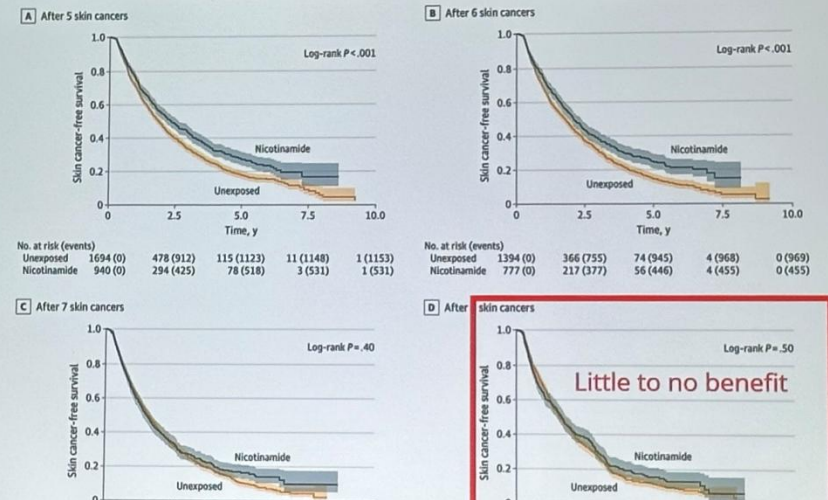
54% RR



NO elevación de RCV

## Less benefit if started after 5+ NMSC's<sup>12</sup>

Figure 3. Skin Cancer-Free Survival Among Patients With or Without Exposure to Nicotinamide When Initiated After 5 to 8 Skin Cancers



## Inhib Hedgehog: alta tasa EA → alternativas

### Phase II Patidegib Trial

- 17 adults with BCNS (Gorlin's)
- 2% gel, 4% gel, or Vehicle applied **twice daily** for 26 weeks
- **51.3% reduction** in the number of new BCC tumors (2% gel group)
- **25%** of existing BCCs achieved a **Complete Clinical Response**
- **~56% reduction** in *GLI1* mRNA

# Inhib Hedgehog: alta tasa EA → alternativas

Recruiting ⓘ

## Evaluation of Efficacy and Safety of Cemiplimab as First Line Treatment for Advanced Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC) Patients (CEMI-first)

ClinicalTrials.gov ID ⓘ NCT06981325

Sponsor ⓘ Institut für Klinische Krebsforschung IKF GmbH at Krankenhaus Nordwest

Information provided by ⓘ Institut für Klinische Krebsforschung IKF GmbH at Krankenhaus Nordwest (Responsible Party)

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Recruiting ⓘ

## Nivolumab Alone or Plus Relatlimab or Ipilimumab for Patients With Locally-Advanced Unresectable or Metastatic Basal Cell Carcinoma

ClinicalTrials.gov ID ⓘ NCT03521830

Sponsor ⓘ Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins

Information provided by ⓘ Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins (Responsible Party)

Last Update Posted ⓘ 2025-03-14

## Primeros indicios de posicionamiento de inmunoterapia (cemiplimab) como mejor alternativa en CBC avanzado

Early results presented at ESMO in October 2025

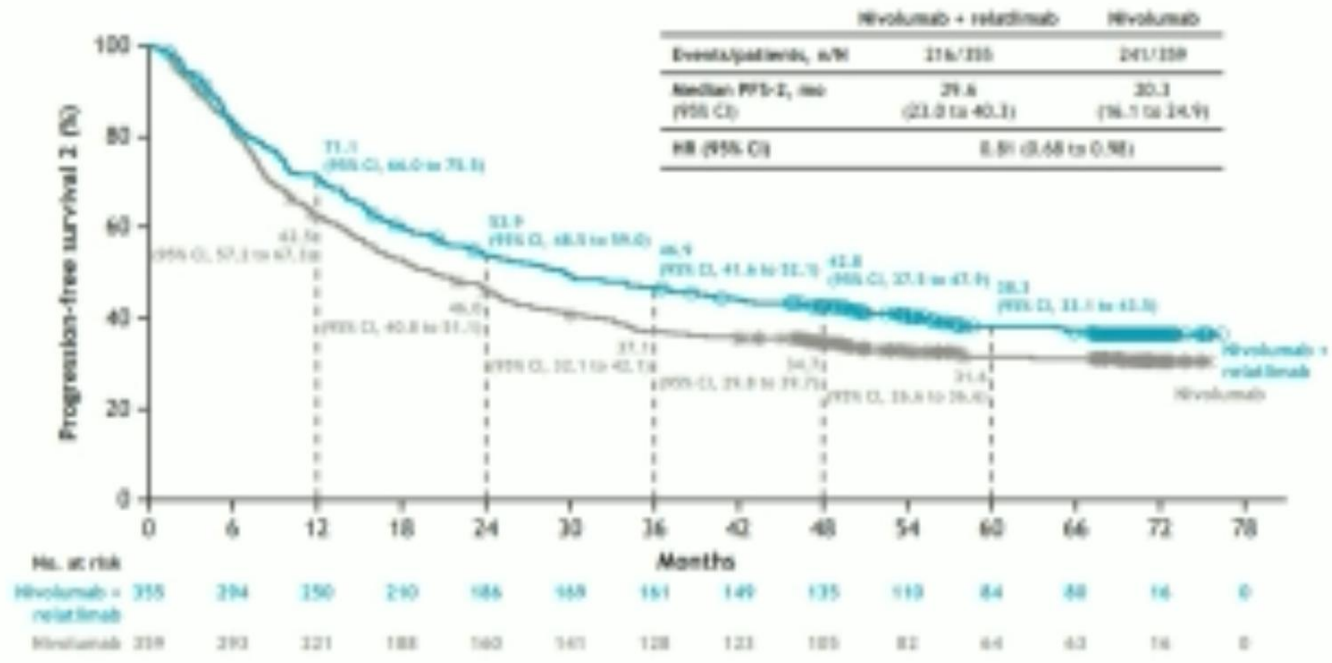
<b>Objective Response Rate (ORR)</b>	<b>52%</b>	~ <b>Double</b> the typical 21%–31% rate seen in second-line treatment.
<b>Median Duration of Response (DOR)</b>	<b>17.3 Months</b>	Indicates highly <b>durable</b> clinical benefit for treatment-naïve patients.
<b>Progression-Free Survival (PFS)</b>	<b>13.9 Months</b>	Reflects the time patients remained on treatment without disease progression.

*Nivolumab +/- relatlimab/ipilimumab*

# MELANOMA

- Predicción de riesgo - diagnóstico
- Nuevos datos en terapias sistémicas

# Nivolumab + Relatlimab (Relativity 047) 4 yr update



OS, MSS, and ORR also higher for NIVO+RELA than for NIVO alone

Grade 3 or 4 TRAEs occurred in 22.3 % of patients treated with NIVO + RELA and 12.0 % with NIVO alone

Treatment related deaths: 1.1% (NIVO+RELA and 0.6% NIVO alone)

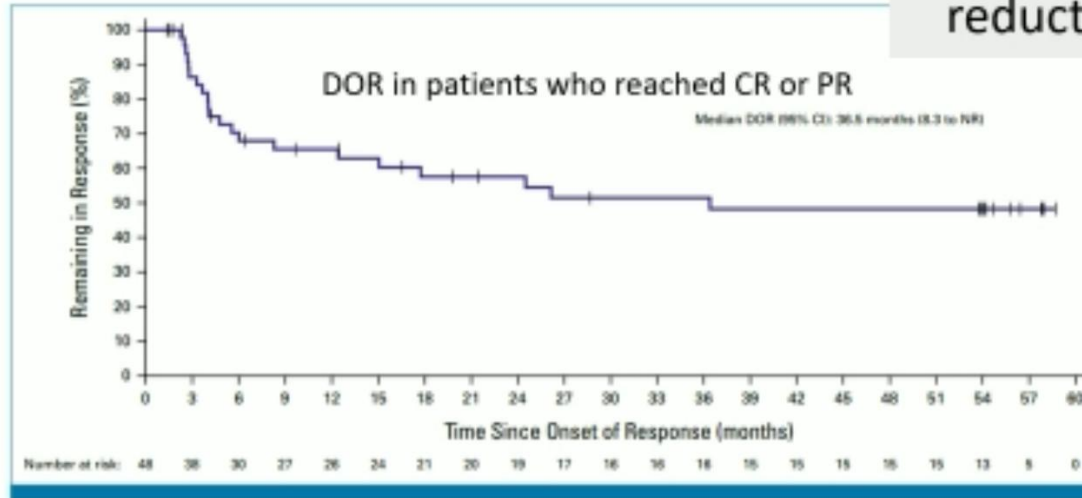
Eur J Cancer. 2025 Jul 25;225:115547.

# Terapia con linfocitos infiltrantes de tumores (TIL) autólogos

©Long-Term Efficacy and Safety of Lifileucel Tumor-Infiltrating Lymphocyte Cell Therapy in Patients With Advanced Melanoma: A 5-Year Analysis of the C-144-01 Study

J Clin Oncol. 2025 Nov 20;43(33):3565-3572.

- Patients with advanced melanoma that progressed on systemic therapy
- ORR = 31.4% (CR, 5.9%; PR, 25.5%)
- 5 yr OS 19.7%
- 79.3% of patients had tumor burden reductions



Deaths due to AE in 7.7%

What's next? Ongoing ph2 study, patients with ICI-naive melanoma who received lifileucel plus pembrolizumab had an ORR of 65.2% (CR, 30.4%)

## Virus oncolíticos

### RP1 Combined With Nivolumab in Advanced Anti-PD-1– Failed Melanoma (IGNYTE)

#### IGNYTE Study – Design & Outcomes

Phase 1/2, open-label, multicenter

140 patients with unresectable/metastatic melanoma with confirmed progression on prior anti-PD-1 therapy

48.6% with Stage IV M1b/c/d disease

65.7% with primary anti-PD-1 resistance

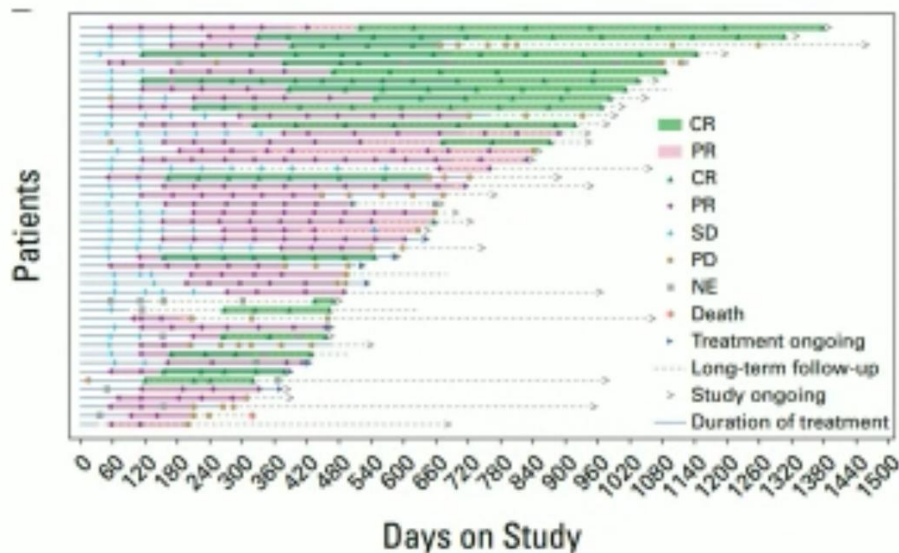
56.4% were PD-L1 negative

46.4% had prior anti-CTLA-4 treatment

Patients received intratumoral RP1 (up to 8 doses) in combination with nivolumab for up to 2 years.

## Virus oncolíticos

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Median duration of response of 33.7 months, with a 2-year survival of 63.3%

J Clin Oncol. 2025 Nov 20;43(33):3589-3599.

	All Patients (N = 140)
CR	21 (15.0)
PR	25 (17.9)
SD, No. (%)	31 (22.1)
PD, No. (%)	54 (38.6)
NE, No. (%)	9 (6.4)
ORR (95% CI)	32.9 (25.2 to 41.3)

✓ Higher response rate in PD1+ tumors

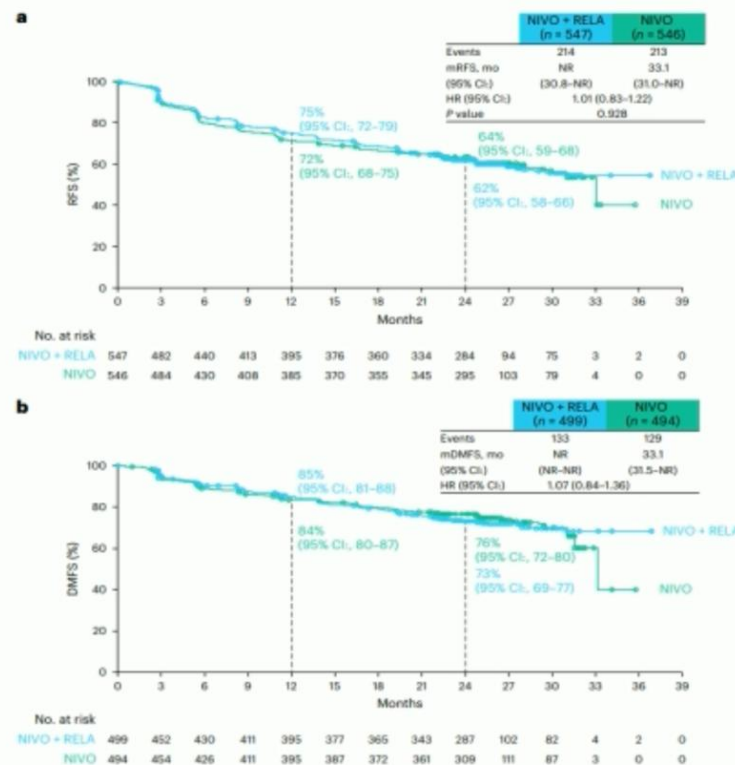
✓ Significant response in injected AND noninjected tumor

✓ Response in visceral tumors

## Relativity 098: Adjuvant nivolumab+relatlimab for resected stage III/IV melanoma

- 1,093 patients. Post surgery, randomized to nivolumab plus relatlimab or nivolumab alone (q4weeks for  $\geq 1$  yr)
- **No difference** in RFS, DMFS
- Comparing biomarker results RELATIVITY-098 and RELATIVITY-047 suggests that the **presence of tumor and associated higher levels of LAG-3+ T cells in the blood may be necessary to derive additional clinical benefit** with nivolumab plus relatlimab over nivolumab

Nature Medicine | Volume 31 | December 2025 | 4301–4309



## Evaluating i31-GEP Clinical Utility

- **Prediction of sentinel node status**
  - **912 patients underwent i31-GEP**
  - **430 *selected* patients underwent SLNB**
    - ❖ **SLN positivity rate was 2.6% (3/114) in those with <5% i31 predicted risk versus 21.4% in those with >10% predicted risk**

Beard et al, *Future Oncology* 2026; epub

## The integrated 31-gene expression profile test identifies low-risk patients with cutaneous melanoma who can forego the SLNB procedure: results from a prospective, multicenter trial

Future Oncology, DOI: 10.1080/14796694.2026.2640227



Table 1. Patient demographics.

Factor	n = 912	SLN Assessed (n = 430)	SLNB Not Performed (n = 482)	p-value
<b>Age (years), median (range)</b>	65 (20–90)	65 (20–90)	66 (20–90)	0.001
<b>Breslow thickness (mm), median (range)</b>	0.8 (0.1–12)	1 (.08–12)	0.7 (.08–5)	<0.001
<b>Ulceration status, n (%)</b>				<0.001
Absent	814 (89.3%)	361 (84.0%)	453 (94.0%)	
Present	82 (9.0%)	62 (14.4%)	20 (4.2%)	
Unknown	16 (1.8%)	7 (1.6%)	9 (1.9%)	
<b>Transected base, n (%)</b>				0.009
Absent <sup>a</sup>	526 (57.7%)	226 (52.6%)	300 (62.2%)	
Yes	386 (42.3%)	204 (47.4%)	182 (37.8%)	
<b>Mitotic rate<sup>b</sup> (per mm<sup>2</sup>), median (range)</b>	1 (0–26)	1 (0–26)	1 (0–11)	<0.001
<b>T-stage, n (%)</b>				<0.001
T1a <sup>c</sup>	335 (36.7%)	84 (19.5%)	251 (52.1%)	
T1b	330 (36.2%)	157 (36.5%)	173 (35.9%)	
T2a	162 (17.8%)	118 (27.4%)	44 (9.1%)	
T2b	24 (2.6%)	20 (4.7%)	4 (0.8%)	
T3a	23 (2.5%)	19 (4.4%)	4 (0.8%)	
T3b	16 (1.8%)	13 (3.0%)	3 (0.6%)	
T4a	7 (0.8%)	6 (1.4%)	1 (0.2%)	
T4b	15 (1.6%)	13 (3.0%)	2 (0.4%)	
<b>i31-SLNB predicted risk, n (%)</b>				<0.001
<5%	474 (52.0%)	114 (26.5%)	360 (74.7%)	
5–10%	294 (32.2%)	185 (43.0%)	109 (22.6%)	
>10%	144 (15.8%)	131 (30.5%)	13 (2.7%)	
<b>SLN status, n (%)</b>				N/A
Negative	–	386 (89.8%)	N/A	
Positive	–	44 (10.2%)	N/A	

912 patients

Median Breslow = 0.8 mm

✓ 36.7% T1a } 72.9%  
 ✓ 36.2% T1b } T1  
 ✓ 17.8% T2a

430 had SLNB performed

✓ 10.2% had +SLN

52% had <5% SLN+ risk and of those 76% decided to forego SLNB

# ¿Sobrediagnóstico?

## F052 Approach to Melanoma Diagnosis

### OBJECTIVES

1. Evaluate the current trends in the epidemiology of melanoma
2. Recognize the various diagnostic issues of melanoma
3. Summarize the strategies to achieve a patient-centered approach to melanoma detection

### DESCRIPTION

Transitioning to a more patient-centered approach to melanoma detection requires a critical understanding of the current knowledge and issues surrounding the epidemiology of melanoma, precursors of melanoma, and clinical and histologic diagnosis of melanoma as they are related to limitations of the diagnostic gold standard, under- and over diagnosis of melanoma, and advances in molecular diagnostics. Faculty members will present data and analysis of their respective expertise, providing strategies for more optimal patient-centered management of melanocytic lesions. The session is geared toward all levels of trainees and practicing clinicians.

### The Rapid Rise in Cutaneous Melanoma Diagnoses

H. Gilb The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE 2021

### Incidence of in Situ vs Invasive Melanoma: Testing the “Obligate Precursor” Hypothesis

Catherine M. Olsen, PhD <sup>1,2</sup> Nirmala Pandeya, PhD <sup>1,2</sup> Philip S. Rosenberg, PhD <sup>3</sup>

JAMA Dermatology | Original Investigation 2022

### Estimating Overdiagnosis of Melanoma Using Trends Among Black and White Patients in the US

ORIGINAL ARTICLE See related commentary on pg 1765 2022

*J Invest Dermatol.*

### An Epidemiologic Analysis of Melanoma Overdiagnosis in the United States, 1975–2017

Nicholas R. Kurtansky<sup>1</sup>, Stephen W. Dusza<sup>1</sup>, Allan C. Halpern<sup>1</sup>, Rebecca I. Hartman<sup>2,3</sup>, Alan C. Geller<sup>4</sup>, Ashfaq A. Marghoob<sup>1</sup>, Veronica M. Rotemberg<sup>1</sup> and Michael A. Marchetti<sup>1</sup>

Pathology 2023

MELANOCYTIC TUMOUR PATHOLOGY

Diagnostic error, uncertainty, and overdiagnosis in melanoma

Cancer 2022

### Prognostic modeling of cutaneous melanoma stage I patients using cancer registry data identifies subsets with very low melanoma mortality

JAMA Internal Medicine | Original Investigation 2022

### Association of UV Radiation Exposure, Diagnostic Scrutiny, and Melanoma Incidence in US Counties

Adewole S. Adamson, MD, MPP; Heather Welch, MSc; H. Gilbert Welch, MD, MPH

EPIDEMIOLOGY

2022 BJD  
British Journal of Dermatology

### The effect of screening on melanoma incidence and biopsy rates\*

2024

BMJ Evid Based Med Original research

Ecological study estimating melanoma overdiagnosis in the USA using the lifetime risk method

2024





BMJ Evid Based Med Original research

Overdiagnosis in malignant melanoma: a scoping review

## MIS Obligate Precursor to Invasive Melanoma?

- If a precursor, MIS would occur before invasive melanoma
- Studies consistently show MIS diagnosed after invasive melanoma
- Based on the epidemiology data, MIS rarely progresses to invasive melanoma

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Olsen CM. JNCI, 2022

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**Trends in the diagnosis and clinical features of melanoma in situ (MIS) in US men and women: A prospective, observational study**



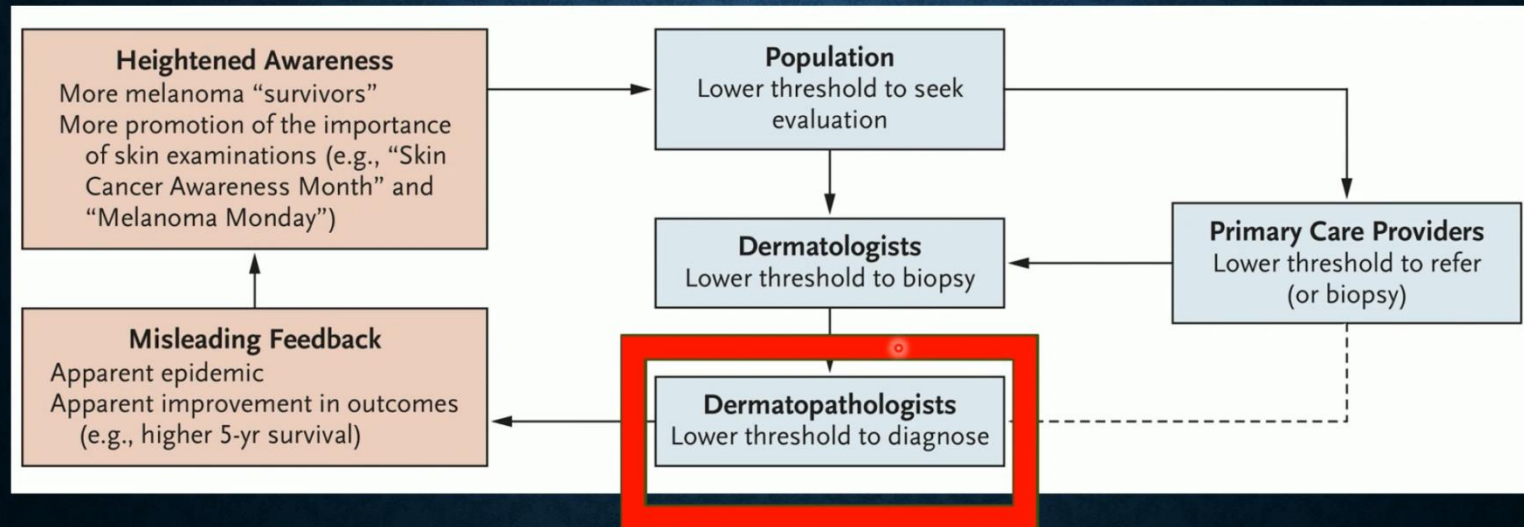
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Wei EX. J Am Acad Dermatol 2016

## Overdiagnosis (or Misdiagnosis) should be suspected...

- Nevus with severe atypia, melanoma in situ cannot be excluded
- Nevoid melanoma in situ
- Nevoid melanoma in situ, Probable
- Early early evolving melanoma in situ
  
- When lesions are small and clinically benign with these sign-outs, they should be decoded as benign
- Consider second opinion
- Excision with narrow margins should be performed

## RAPID RISE IN MELANOMA DIAGNOSIS

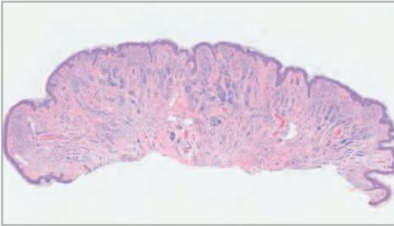
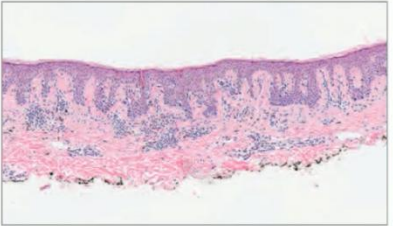
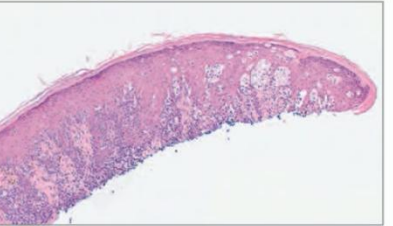
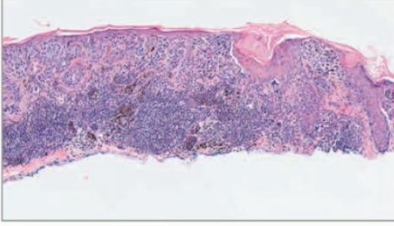
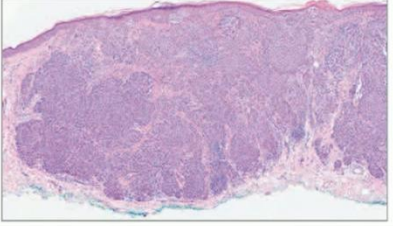


Welch HG, Mazer BL, Adamson AS. The Rapid Rise in Cutaneous Melanoma Diagnoses. *N Engl J Med.* 2021 Jan 7;384(1):72-79.

# Melanocytic Pathology Assessment Tool and Hierarchy

## ZONA GRIS: DISTINCIÓN CLASE II Y III

**MPATH-DX CLASSES**

<b>A</b> Common nevus; intradermal (class I)	<b>B</b> Dysplastic nevus: moderate (class II)	<b>C</b> Melanoma in situ; common (class III)
		
<b>D</b> Invasive melanoma (pT1a); superficial spreading (class IV)	<b>E</b> Invasive melanoma (pT1b or greater); unclassifiable (class V)	<b>MPATH-Dx Classes</b>
		

MPATH-Dx indicates Melanocytic Pathology Assessment Tool and Hierarchy for Diagnosis.

**Lott JP, Boudreau DM, Barnhill RL, et al. Population-Based Analysis of Histologically Confirmed Melanocytic Proliferations Using Natural Language Processing. JAMA Dermatol. 2018; 154:24-29.**

## WHAT CAN BE DONE?

- Second-opinion reviews
- Recalibrating histopathologic thresholds for diagnosis of melanoma
- Consistent histopathologic criteria for diagnosis of melanoma and nevi
- Clinicopathologic correlation
- Interpret PRAME expression using more stringent thresholds
- Molecular techniques including NGS
- Deep learning
- ***Redefine MIS***

Sheerin J, Collgro H, Chamberlain A, Ferguson P, Gouveia BM, Guitera P, Mar V, Whiteman DC, Caccetta T. A Clinical Perspective on Melanoma Overdiagnosis. *Australas J Dermatol*. 2025 Nov;66(7):388-395. doi: 10.1111/ajd.14581. Epub 2025 Aug 12.

## PRAME AND MIS

- PRAME-positive cells not uncommon in lentiginos and in non-lesional sun-damaged skin
- Solar lentigo (SL) and non-lesional sun damaged skin:  $\leq 10$  cells/mm (mean 1.2)
  - Almost all cases 0 or 1+ staining
- MIS:  $\geq 16$  cells/mm (mean 75)
  - Almost all cases 3+ or 4+ staining

- **Using a threshold of 10 cells per mm  $\rightarrow$  specificity of 97.9%**
- *May reduce overcalling of MIS or AJMP in SL and hyperplasia in sun-damaged skin*

Olds H, Utz S, Abrams J, Terrano D, Mehregan D. Use of PRAME immunostaining to distinguish early melanoma in situ from benign pigmented conditions. *J Cutan Pathol.* 2022 Jun;49(6):510-514.

## REDEFINE MIS

- Adopt MPATH–Dx version 2.0
  - Atypical nevi with high-grade atypia and MIS are within same class (II)
- Define MIS as a precancer, rather than as a cancer
  - Nonobligatory precursor of melanoma with low risk for transition to cancer.
- De-escalation of language to re-frame this diagnosis

# LINFOMAS CUTÁNEOS

- Pronóstico MF
- Nuevas terapias



## **When Biologic Unmask or Accelerate CTCL: How to Recognize it Early and What to Do Next**

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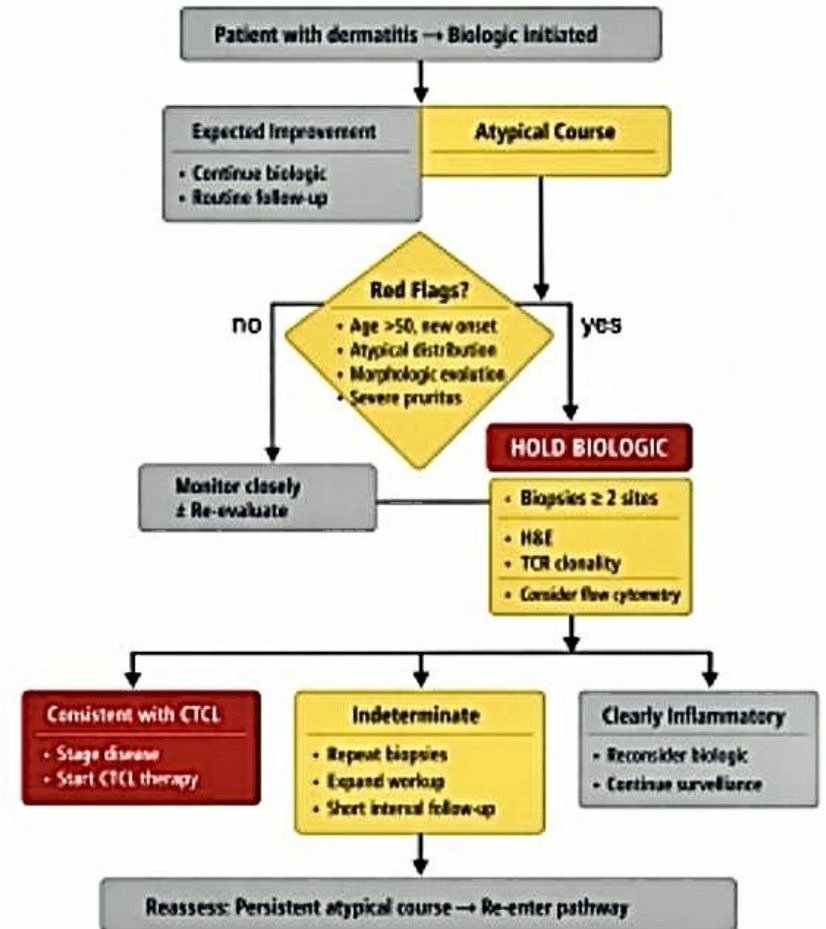
# DIAGNOSTIC APPROACH

If concern arises

- Multiple biopsies (different body sites)
- TCR clonality (different skin sites  $\neq$  blood)
- Peripheral blood flow cytometry to r/o Sezary cells
- Repeat over time if needed

## RED FLAGS BEFORE STARTING BIOLOGICS

- Age > 50
- New "AD" Dx
- Atypical distribution
  - non-flexural, bathing trunk
- Chronic treatment-resistant "dermatitis"
- Nonspecific biopsies

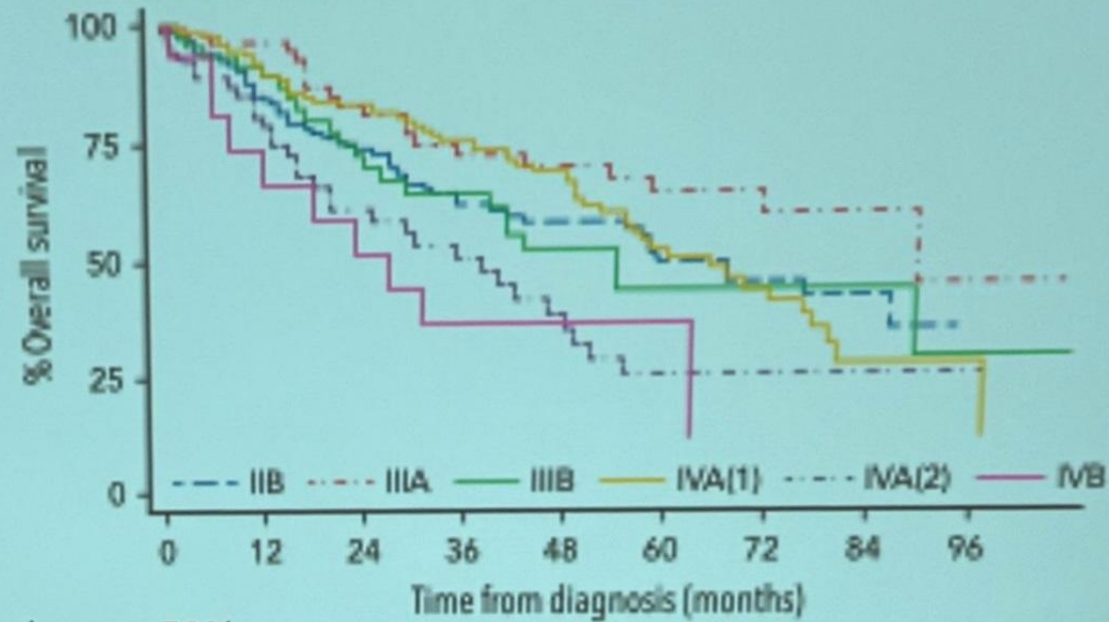


## Overall survival of advanced stage (IIB-IV) MF/SS patients

N=552, 46 international MF/SS centers  
(PROCLIP study)

### 5 year OS

IIB	50%
IIIA	64.8%
IIIB	43.9%
IVA1	50.8%
IVA2	25.9%
IVB	36.9%



Median 5-year OS for advanced stage: 52%

IIIA (erythrodermic, no blood involvement) better OS than other advanced stages

Scarisbrick et al. *Blood* 2025

**blood** Brief Report

LYMPHOID NEOPLASIA

A new prognostic index (CLIPi) for advanced cutaneous lymphoma enables precise patient risk stratification

- ▶ No significant OS difference between advanced stages except Stage IVA
- ▶ 4 factors to risk stratify
  - Age > 60, skin LCT, ↑ LDH, N3
- ▶ 3 groups 5 yr OS
  - Low (0-1): 63.3%
  - Intermediate (2): 44.7%
  - High (3-4): 18.3%

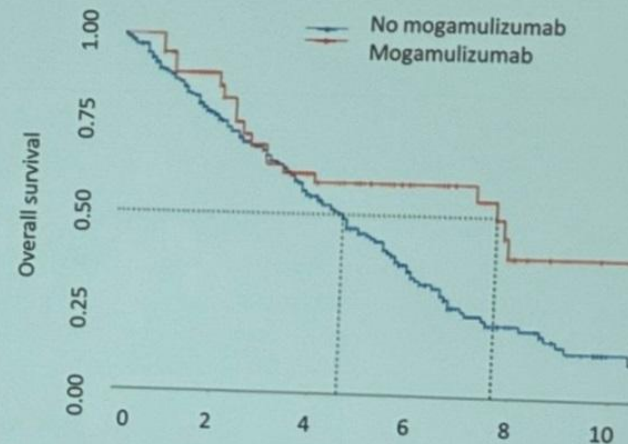
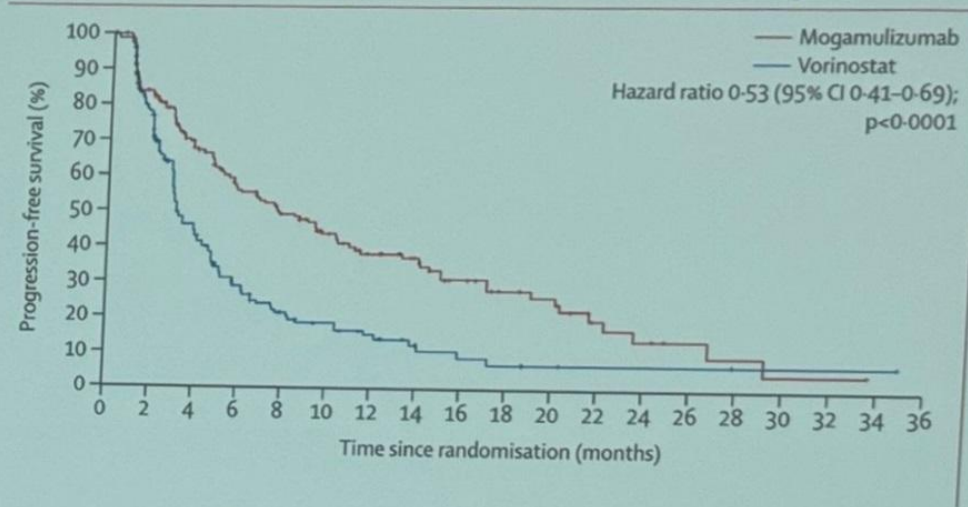
- B1 vs B2, folliculotropism less impact
- OS has not improved vs prior studies despite new therapies but may be too early



Scarisbrick J Blood 2025

## Mogamulizumab remains central, supported by PROCLIFI data

- PROCLIFI – international, multi-center registry to determine prognostic index for MF/SS (global database of 2000 patients across 50 centers in 20+ countries)
- 371 advanced MF/SS pts [Median OS]
  - 64 mo with moga
  - 54 mo without
- 96 Sezary pts [Median OS]
  - 6.5 years with moga
  - 3 years without



Kim et al, *Lancet* 2018

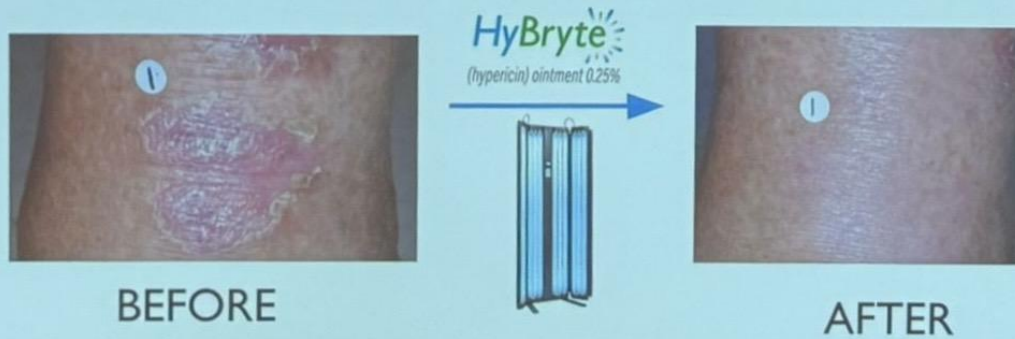
Bozonnet et al, *eClinicalMedicine* 2024

Data from EORTC-CLTG Annual Meeting, Oct 2025

## Soligenix HyBryte (topical 0.25% hypericin) PDT

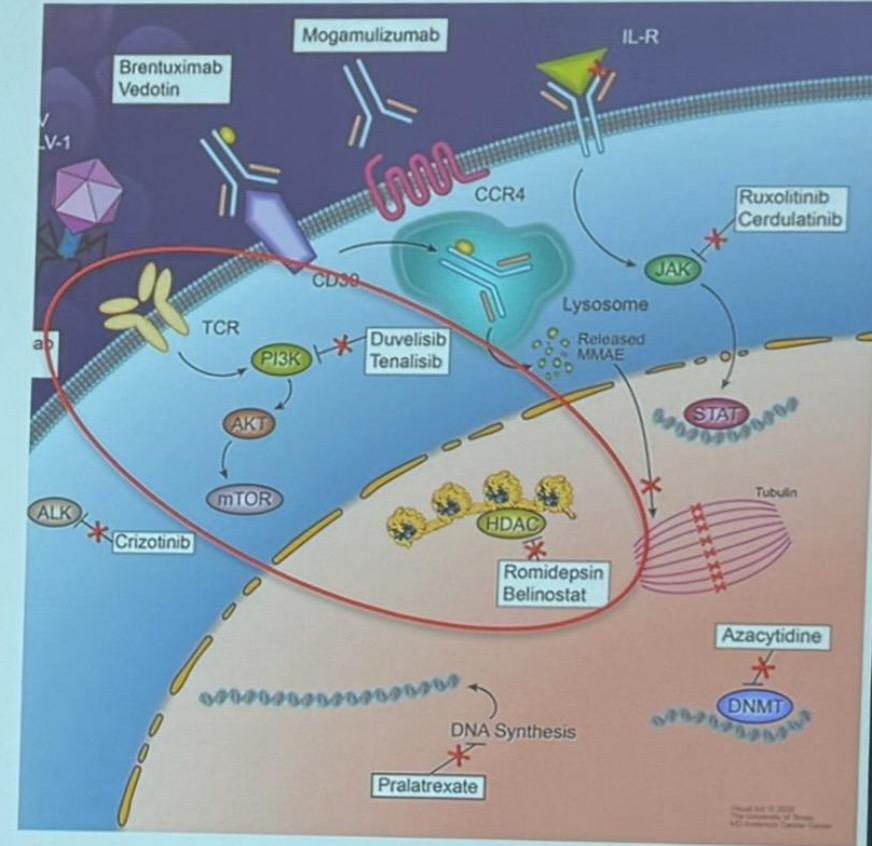
Photodynamic therapy for early-stage CTCL

- Mechanism
  - Synthetic hypericin + visible light (≈585–595 nm)
  - Generates reactive oxygen species → apoptosis
  - Selective uptake in malignant T cells
- Phase III FLASH Study (n=169)
  - Early-stage MF (IA–IIA)
  - ORR: ~49% vs 16% placebo
  - Safe, well tolerated
  - No systemic immunosuppression
- Key Advantages
  - Skin-directed, non-immunosuppressive
  - Minimal cumulative toxicity
  - Potential long-term maintenance strategy



## Duvelisib moved closer to mainstream use in CTCL (especially in combo with romidepsin)

- NCCN Category 2A
- Single-agent – modest activity
- Combo (duvelisib + romidepsin) (PI3Ki + HDACi)
  - ORR 55-60%
  - CR up to 40%
- AEs – generally well tolerated; cytopenias and transaminitis seen in some
- Role: later-line / bridge therapy



Ford et al. *Blood Adv* 2025  
Horwitz et al. *Nat Med* 2024

# CIRUGÍA

## S019 How Would You Reconstruct It

### OBJECTIVES

1. Recognize there are a variety of closures for any given defect
2. Describe the reasoning behind why one closure was chosen over another
3. Discuss what goes into the decision making of outstanding surgical reconstruction

### DESCRIPTION

This is essentially a Masters of Reconstruction panel. Each of the speakers presents two or three interesting cases that have multiple options for closure. The panel then discusses how they would approach the defect. The speaker then reveals how they closed the wound and why it worked or did not work and what they learned from the case.

## S021 Pearls from the Masters of Dermatological Surgery

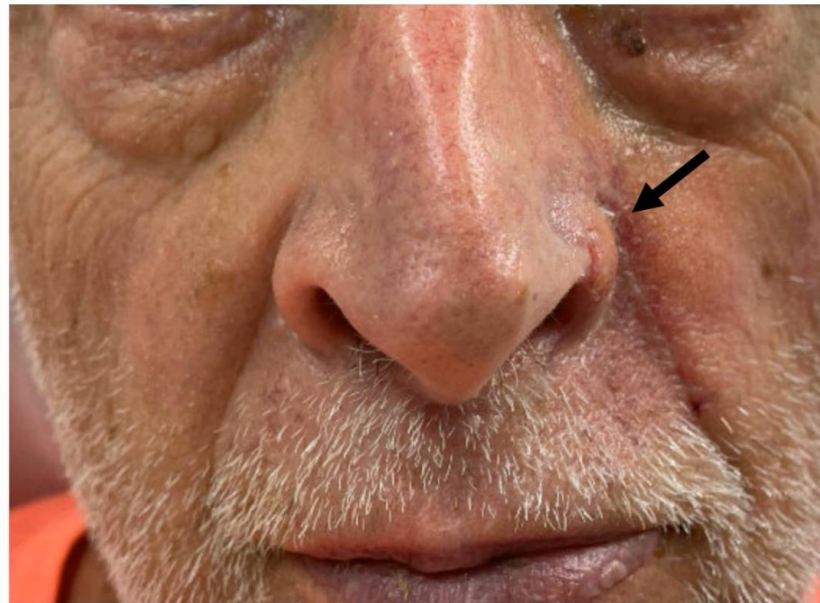
### OBJECTIVES

1. Demonstrate new concepts in dermatologic oncology, laser dermatology and cosmetic dermatology.
2. Discuss the advantages/disadvantages of various treatments utilized in dermatologic surgery.
3. Describe new surgical repairs and solutions for dermatologic problems in clinical practice.

### DESCRIPTION

This fast-moving session is highly popular with attendees and speakers. Each speaker will present 1-3 pearls and has been selected for their experience and teaching reputation in dermatologic oncology/laser surgery or cosmetic dermatology. The pearls are all designed to be immediately relevant to clinical practice. Please join us for this highly practical and interactive session.





7 day suture removal:  
4-0 polyglactin 910 remains x 3-4 weeks



## Pearl 5. Redesigned Chalazion Clamp

Redesigning the Chalazion Clamp: A Concave Approach for Curved Mucocutaneous Surfaces\*



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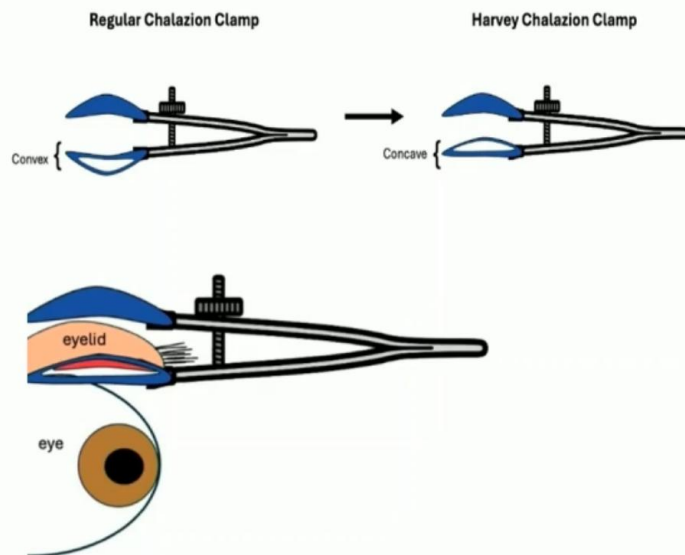
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Dr. Dave Latoni



## Pearl 5. Redesigned Chalazion Clamp



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## Pearl 6. Modified Instruments with Integrated Rulers

Modified Needle Holder and Undermining Scissors with Integrated Rulers to Streamline Mohs Reconstruction

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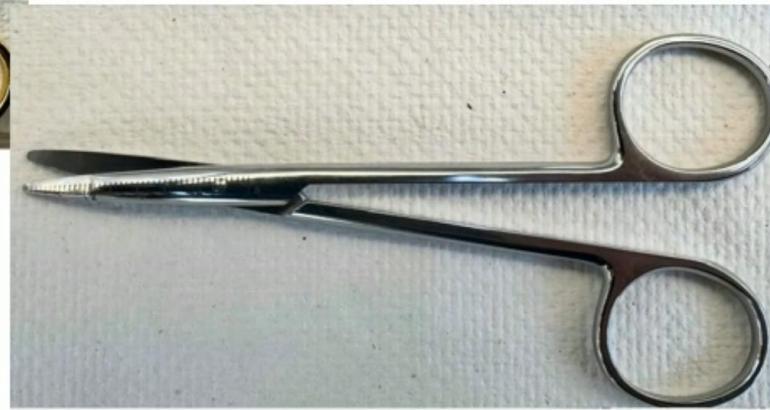
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## Pearl 6. Modified Needle Holder and Undermining Scissors with Integrated Rulers



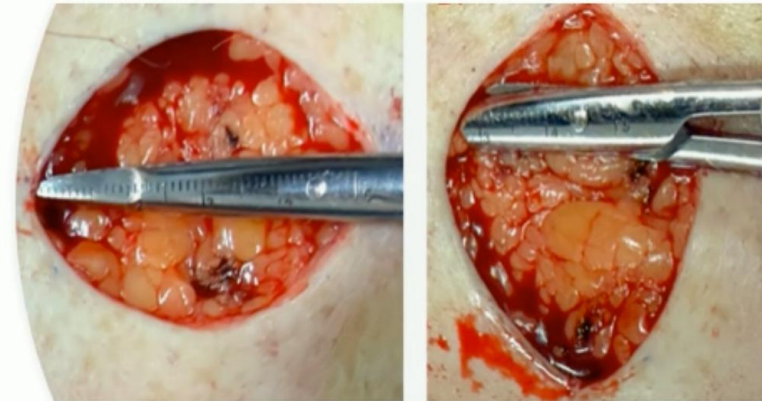
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### Reconstructive Measurements Made Efficient:

- **Flap Design**
  - Advancement flap length vs defect length
  - Rotation flap arc length
  - Bilobed flap lobe proportions
- **Mohs Staging**
  - Measuring delicate defects (eyelid, genital skin)
  - Immediate post-stage defect assessment
- **Undermining Depth**
  - Standardizing undermining radius
  - Comparing bilateral undermining symmetry



*Defect measurement on left; Undermining depth estimation on right (3 cm) is greater than width of the defect (2.8 cm), allowing for complex repair billing.*

## MENSAJES PARA CASA

1. Avance imparable de la inmunoterapia en sSCC : indicación de adyuvancia en muy alto riesgo y más evidencias en neoadyuvancia. Identificación de pacientes de alto riesgo
2. Epidemia diagnóstica de melanoma: necesidad de redefinir concepto de MIS y establecer criterios diagnósticos y pronósticos renovados
3. Cambio de paradigma pronóstico y de estadiaje en MF: peor pronóstico IIB, variables CLIP1

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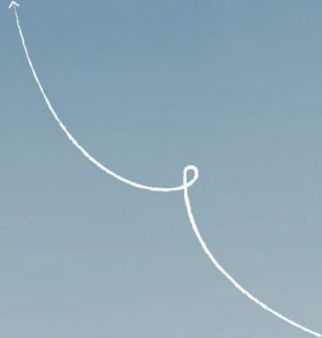
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