### **Bladder Cancer**







# **Bladder Cancer: Signs and Symptoms**



# Hematuria; changes in urination may occur, such as:

- Frequent urination
- Painful urination
- Urinary urgency even if the bladder is not full
- Trouble urinating or weak urine stream
- Having to urinate multiple times during the night



# Large cancers or those that have spread to other parts of the body can sometimes cause other symptoms:

- Being unable to urinate
- Lower back pain on one side
- Loss of appetite, weight loss
- Tiredness or weakness
- Swelling in the feet
- Bone pain

### **Bladder Cancer: Key Risk Factors**

#### INTRINSIC RISK FACTORS FOR BLADDER CANCER



#### Age

>90% of cases occur in individuals aged ≥55 years<sup>1</sup>



Sex ≈75% of cases occur in men<sup>2</sup>



#### **Race/ethnicity**

Occurrence is **twice as likely in White** than in African-American and Hispanic **individuals**<sup>1</sup>

#### Genetics



#### Chronic infections

Urinary infections, kidney and bladder stones, and schistosomiasis infections<sup>1</sup>

#### ENVIRONMENTAL RISK FACTORS FOR BLADDER CANCER



#### Smoking

>3-fold increased risk<sup>1</sup>

### Chemicals

Exposure to specific chemicals in the workplace<sup>1</sup>



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Certain medicines or herbal supplements<sup>1</sup>

### Low fluid intake<sup>1</sup>







### **Bladder Cancer: Key US and Global Statistics**



10<sup>th</sup> most common cancer globally<sup>1</sup>

Estimated new cases in 2020<sup>1</sup> **573,278** 

Estimated deaths in 2020<sup>1</sup> **212,536** 



Estimated deaths in 2023<sup>2</sup> **16,710** 

Median age at diagnosis<sup>2</sup> 73 yrs

#### ESTIMATED NEW CASES OF BLADDER CANCER IN THE US IN 2023<sup>3</sup>



#### ESTIMATED DEATHS FROM BLADDER CANCER IN THE US IN 2023<sup>3</sup>

|  | Lung & bronchus, 127,070   |
|--|----------------------------|
| <b>Colon &amp; rectum,</b> 52,550      |                            |
| <b>Pancreas,</b> 50,550                |                            |
| Breast, 43,700                         |                            |
| <b>Prostate</b> , 34,700               |                            |
| Liver & intrahepatic bile duct, 29,380 |                            |
| Non-Hodgkin lymphoma, 20,180           |                            |
| Brain and other nervous system, 18,990 |                            |
| Urinary bladder, 16,710                |                            |
| Esophagus, 16,120                      |                            |
| Kidney & renal pelvis, 14,890          |                            |
| <b>Ovary,</b> 13,270                   |                            |
| Uterine corpus, 13,030                 |                            |
| <b>Myeloma,</b> 12,590                 |                            |
| Acute myeloid leukemia, 11,310         |                            |
|  | All other cancers, 134,780 |



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### **Bladder Cancer: Histology**



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### **Urothelial Carcinoma**



- Classified as low or high grade, depending on the extent of cytologic and architectural atypia
- Most common histologic subtype in the US and Europe
- Urothelial (transitional cell) carcinomas may develop anywhere urothelium is present

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### **Squamous Cell Carcinoma**



- Squamous cell carcinoma constitutes 3% of the urinary tumors diagnosed in the US. However, in regions where *Schistosoma* is endemic, it may account for up to 75% of bladder cancer cases
- Diagnosed by the presence of keratinization in the pathologic specimen
- Morphologically indistinguishable from squamous cell carcinoma of other locations
- Commonly presents at an advanced stage
- Can be defined into three variants:
  - Pure squamous cell carcinoma
  - Verrucous carcinoma
  - Squamous cell papilloma

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### Adenocarcinoma



- Primary bladder adenocarcinoma is rare; it comprises only
  0.5-2% of all primary bladder malignancies<sup>1</sup>
- Usually presents at an advanced stage with nodal involvement in 30-40% of cases<sup>1</sup>
- Morphologically heterogeneous, with enteric, mucinous, signet ring cell, and mixed subtypes<sup>1</sup>
- Morphologic similarities with primary adenocarcinoma from other sites results in diagnostic challenges to confirm the urinary bladder origin<sup>1</sup>
- Treatment typically consists of radical cystectomy and bilateral pelvic lymph node dissection<sup>1,2</sup>
- There is no proven role for neoadjuvant or adjuvant chemotherapy<sup>1,2</sup>

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### **Small Cell Carcinoma**



- Extremely rare, with a reported incidence of less than 1-9/1,000,000 people
- The pathogenesis of small cell carcinoma of the bladder is not well defined
- Histologically, it is identical to small cell lung carcinoma (SCLC), and the recommended treatment is also the same



### **Bladder Cancer: US Survival**



- In the last 20 years, the death rate from bladder cancer has remained relatively unchanged<sup>1</sup>
- Metastatic disease has a 5-year relative survival rate<sup>†</sup> of ≈8.3%





# **Urothelial Carcinoma: Biology**

- Urothelial tumorigenesis is caused by clonal expansion and cellular acquisition of mutations in the urothelium<sup>1</sup>
- UC is characterized by high tumor mutational burden and genomic instability<sup>2</sup>
- Common alterations include FGFR3, TP53, PIK3CA, RB1, CDKN2A, and E2F3<sup>1,3</sup>
- The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) found 9 urothelial cancer-specific genes not previously reported as significantly mutated in any cancer<sup>3</sup>
- The main pathways dysregulated in metastatic UC are involved in<sup>3</sup>:
  - Cell cycle regulation
  - Kinase and phosphatidylinositol-3-OH kinase (PI(3)K) signaling
  - Chromatin remodeling

#### ALTERED GENES IN BLADDER CANCER NOT REPORTED IN ANY OTHER TCGA CANCER



Genes with statistically significantly mutations unique to bladder cancer



## **Urothelial Carcinoma: Biology**

UC tumors are characterized by PD-L1 expression (≈35-45% of tumors), which can downregulate antitumor immune responses by binding to PD-1 on T cells<sup>1-6</sup>





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### **Bladder Cancer: Metastatic Disease**



Relapse occurs after cystectomy in approximately half of patients, with distant metastasis accounting for **70-90%** of relapses<sup>2</sup>

#### PERCENTAGE OF BLADDER CANCER CASES BY STAGE AT DIAGNOSIS<sup>1</sup> **BLADDER CANCER<sup>2</sup>** 34% localized 7% regional (confined to (spread to regional lymph nodes) 5% distant 50% in situ (metastasized) (only in 4% unknown originating **≈70-90%** (unstaged) ≈50% layer of cells) of patients relapse of patients have relapse with distant metastases after cystectomy



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### **RELAPSE AFTER CYSTECTOMY IN**







### **Metastatic or Locally Advanced UC: 1L Treatment**



- Immune checkpoint inhibitor with antibody-drug conjugate is the preferred 1L treatment option, regardless of cisplatin eligibility.<sup>1</sup>
- Other recommended regimens in the 1L setting include platinum-based chemotherapy followed by immunotherapy maintenance or in combination with immunotherapy followed by immunotherapy maintenance<sup>1</sup>

~50% of patients are eligible for cisplatin-based chemotherapy. For cisplatin-ineligible patients, carboplatin-based chemotherapy might be an option<sup>2</sup>

Platinum eligibility for 1L treatment of metastatic UC (United States)

1L platinum-based treatment for metastatic UC: eligibility assessment & follow-up (EU)





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# Platinum Eligibility for 1L Treatment of Metastatic UC (United States)



#### CISPLATIN INELIGIBLE IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE MET<sup>1</sup>

- ✓ ECOG PS ≥2
- Creatinine clearance <60 mL/min</li>
- ✓ Grade ≥2 hearing loss
- ✓ Grade ≥2 neuropathy
- Heart failure NYHA class III

#### PLATINUM INELIGIBLE (CISPLATIN AND CARBOPLATIN INELIGIBLE) IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE MET<sup>2</sup>:

- X ECOG PS ≥3
- X Creatinine clearance <30 mL/min
- × Peripheral neuropathy grade  $\geq 2$
- X Heart failure NYHA class >III
- X ECOG PS 2 and creatinine clearance <30 mL/min</p>





# Platinum Eligibility for 1L Treatment of Metastatic UC (EU)



Platinum eligibility for 1L treatment of metastatic UC can be divided as follows<sup>1</sup>:

#### **Cisplatin eligible**

- ECOG PS 0-1
- GFR >50-60 mL/min
- Audiometric hearing loss grade <2</li>
- Peripheral neuropathy grade <2
- Cardiac insufficiency NYHA class < III

#### **Carboplatin eligible**

- ECOG PS 2 or GFR between 30-60 mL/min
- Not fulfilling other cisplatin-eligibility criteria



# Platinum Eligibility for 1L Treatment of Metastatic UC (EU)





## Patients are deemed unfit for any platinum-based chemotherapy if they meet any of the following criteria<sup>1</sup>

- GFR <30 mL/min
- ECOG PS >2
- ECOG PS 2 and GFR <60 mL/min</li>
- Comorbidities grade >2



### Metastatic UC: 1L Platinum-Based Treatment Assessment & Follow-Up<sup>1</sup>



Regardless of the specific regimen used, patients with metastatic UC are re-evaluated after 2-3 cycles of chemotherapy

- Treatment is continued for 2 more cycles of chemotherapy in patients whose disease responds or remains stable
- Chemotherapy may be continued for up to 6 cycles, depending on response

#### If no response is noted after 2 cycles, or if significant morbidities are encountered, a change in therapy is advised

- For patients who show response or stable disease through a full course of platinum-based chemotherapy, maintenance therapy with an immune checkpoint inhibitor is a recommended option
- Platinum-based chemotherapy may also be combined with immunotherapy followed by immunotherapy maintenance

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## **Metastatic or Locally Advanced UC:**



**Outcomes With 1L Platinum-Based Chemotherapy (Without Maintenance Immunotherapy)** 



~75% of patients who received 1L platinumbased chemotherapy in randomized clinical trials achieved disease control<sup>1-3</sup>

#### **Median OS**

- Cisplatin-eligible patients: 12.7-15.8 months<sup>1,4</sup>
- Carboplatin-eligible patients unfit for cisplatin regimens: 8.1-9.3 months<sup>2</sup>

#### **Median PFS**

- Cisplatin-eligible patients: 7.6-8.3 months<sup>1,4</sup>
- Carboplatin-eligible patients unfit for cisplatin regimens: 4.2-5.8 months<sup>2</sup>



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### Metastatic or Locally Advanced UC: Patients Not Receiving Treatment



Across several real-world studies, **≈40-60%** of patients presenting with locally advanced or metastatic UC did not receive any 1L drug therapy<sup>1-9</sup>





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### **Urothelial Carcinoma:** Unmet Need After 1L Treatment for Metastatic or Locally Advanced Disease



Data from real-world studies show that 34-39% of patients who received 1L chemotherapy for metastatic or locally advanced UC received 2L treatment<sup>1</sup>



1L, first line; 2L, second line; UC, urothelial cancer.

\* Included patients with staging of T4b/N0/M0, any T/N1-3/M0, or any T/any N/M1.3

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### Metastatic or Locally Advanced UC: 2L+ Treatment Options<sup>1</sup>





#### For patients who do receive 2L+ treatment, options depend on what was offered as 1L:

- Immune checkpoint inhibitors are approved for the treatment of locally advanced or metastatic urothelial cell carcinoma that has progressed during or after platinum-based chemotherapy or that has progressed within 12 months of neoadjuvant or adjuvant platinum-containing chemotherapy, regardless of PD-L1 expression levels
- Antibody-drug conjugates may also be options for eligible patients who received a platinum-based chemotherapy in the 1L setting or after treatment with a platinum-based chemotherapy and an immune checkpoint inhibitor
- FGFR inhibitors are an option for patients who have a susceptible FGFR3 genetic alteration\* who have received a chemotherapy (with or without platinum) or a checkpoint inhibitor
- Clinical trial enrollment is strongly recommended in the 2L+ setting for locally advanced or metastatic disease
- Other chemotherapy or systemic therapy options as appropriate

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\* The NCCN Bladder Cancer Panel recommends that molecular/genomic testing be performed for stages IVA/B bladder cancer and may be considered for stage IIIB. 1. Referenced with permission from the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®) for Bladder Cancer V.3.2024. © National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. 2024. All rights reserved. Accessed April 19, 2024. To view the most recent and complete version of the guideline, go online to NCCN.org. NCCN makes no warranties of any kind whatsoever regarding their content, use or application and disclaims any responsibility for their application or use in any way.