

# Clinical Insights on Recent Advances in Spinal Muscular Atrophy

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- Review the pathophysiology and therapeutic targets of SMA.
- Apply the current recommendations for screening and early diagnosis of SMA.
- Evaluate the latest clinical data on the efficacy and safety of approved and emerging therapies for SMA.

**The following learning objectives pertain only to those requesting CNE or CPE credit:**

- Review the pathophysiology and therapeutic targets of SMA.
- Describe the current recommendations for screening and early diagnosis of SMA.
- Evaluate the latest clinical data on the efficacy and safety of approved and emerging therapies for SMA.

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## Learning Objective 2

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## Learning Objective 3

Evaluate the latest clinical data on the efficacy and safety of approved and emerging therapies for SMA.

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## SMA: Overview

- SMA is the leading genetic cause of infant death, with an estimated incidence of 1 in 10,000 live births in the United States
- In 2016, there were approximately 9,000 individuals with SMA (Types 1-3) living in the United States
- Heterozygous carriers 1:40 to 1:60

SMA = spinal muscular atrophy.  
Lunn MR, Wang CH. *Lancet*. 2008;371(9630):2120-2133; Lally C, et al. *Orphanet J Rare Dis*. 2017;12:175; Sugarman EA, et al. *Eur J Hum Genet*. 2012;20(1):27-32; Prior TW, et al. *Am J Med Genet A*. 2010;152A(7):1608-1616.

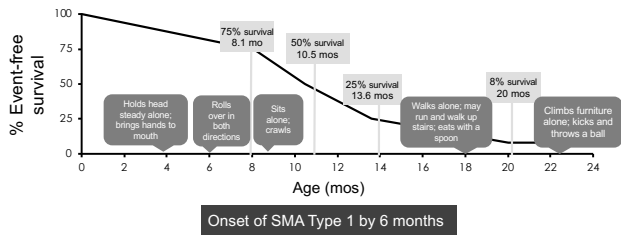
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## Natural History of SMA Type 1



mos = months.  
Finkel RS, et al. *Neurology*. 2014;83:810-817.

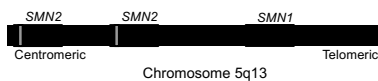
## Classification of SMA (cont.)

- SMA type 1: infantile onset or Werdnig-Hoffmann disease
- SMA type 2: intermediate SMA or Dubowitz disease
- SMA type 3 and 4: juvenile-onset; slow progressive or Kugelberg-Welander disease
- SMA type 4: mild, adult-onset
- Other:
  - Congenital SMA
  - non5q SMAs and Kennedy's disease

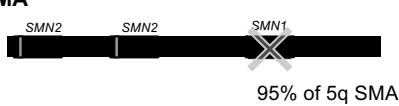
Kolb SJ, Kissel JT. *Neural Clin*. 2015;33(4):831-846.

## SMA and SMN1/SMN2

### Healthy Person

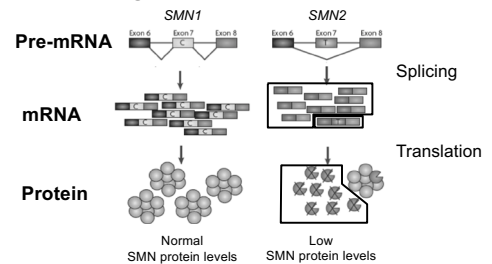


### Patients with SMA



SMN = survival motor neuron.  
Lefebvre S, et al. *Cell*. 1995;80(1):155-165; Verhaert IEC, et al. *Orphanet J Rare Dis*. 2017;12(1):124.

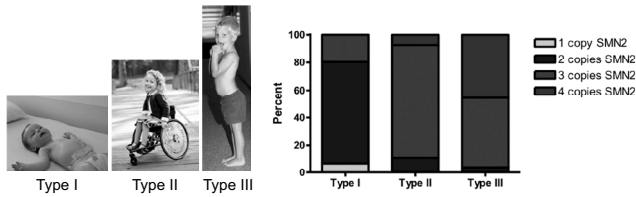
## SMN Stability



mRNA = messenger RNA.  
Ross LF, Kwon JM. *NeoReviews*. 2019;20(8):e437-e451; Butchbach MER, Burghes AHM. *Drug Discover. Today Dis. Models* 2004;(1)151-156.

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## Disease Correlates with SMN2 Copy Number



Stabley DL, et al. *Mol Genet & Genomic Med.* 2015;3(4):248-257; Calucho M, et al. *Neuromuscul Disord.* 2018;28(3):208-215.

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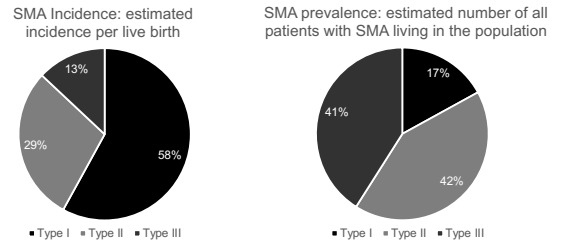


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## Incidence and Prevalence of SMA Type I, II, and III



Lally C, et al. *Orphanet J Rare Dis.* 2017;12:175; Ogino S, et al. *Eur J Hum Genet.* 2004;4(1):1015-1029.

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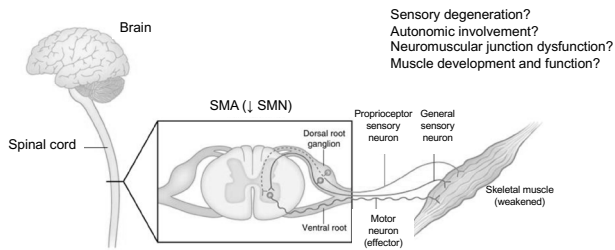


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## SMN1-Related SMA Pathogenesis



Lewelt A, et al. *Curr Neurol Neurosci Rep.* 2012;12(1):42-53.

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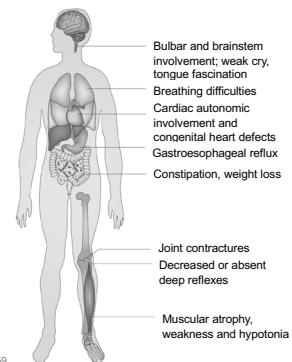


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## Other Body Systems



Faravelli I, et al. *Nat Rev Neurol.* 2015;11(6):351-359.

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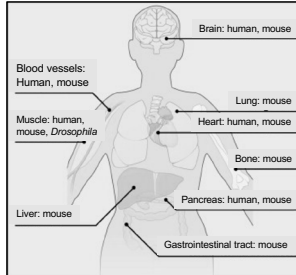


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## Multisystemic in Severe SMA

- Heart/ vessels
  - Arrhythmias
  - Cardiomyopathy
  - Vasculopathy
- Liver
  - Low IGF-1
  - Iron overload
- Spleen/ thymus
- Cognitive/ brain
  - No IQ difference between SMA types or with controls
  - Migrational disorders
  - Thalamus
  - Hippocampus



IGF-1 = insulin-like growth factor 1.  
Hamilton G, Gillingwater T. *Trends Mol Med.* 2013;19(1):40-50.

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## Parent/Caregiver Perspectives

*"It took us about 2 1/2 months to get a correct diagnosis. We were first diagnosed with low muscle tone. We knew there was issues right away. Our doctors were not well versed on it at all. We ended up hitting the emergency room at two and a half months with two collapsed lungs. We actually asked them to test them for SMA. So he was about two months, three weeks old when we got our diagnosis officially. A lot of damage had already been done."*

*"From the time the blood work was done until we got the diagnosis was about three weeks. I do not feel that the doctor who diagnosed this was well-informed."*

*"I was diagnosed at 18 months. I started showing symptoms around 12 months old, so it took about six months to get a diagnosis and accurate diagnosis of SMA type 3."*

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## Brandon

- First noted to have poor tone and head control at 2 months
- Difficulty gaining weight
- Hospitalized at 3 months for pneumonia and work-up of his failure to thrive and hypotonia
- Genetic testing confirmed a homozygous *SMN1* deletion and an *SMN2* copy number of 2
- Initial CHOP INTEND score was 20

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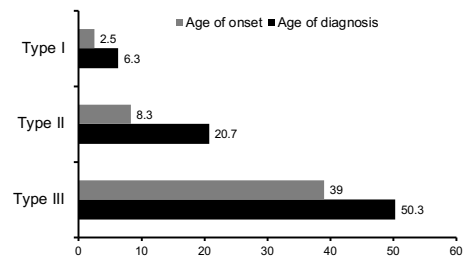


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## Diagnostic Delay in SMA



Lin C, et al. *Pediatr Neurol.* 2015;53(4):293-300.

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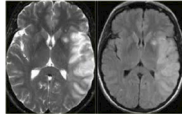


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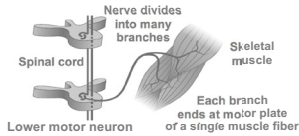
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## Time Equals Motor Neurons

Time =



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Govoni, A, et al. *Mol Neurobiol.* 2018;55:6307-6318; Shorrock HK, et al. *Front Mol Neurosci.* 2019;12:59.

## Presentation and Differential Diagnosis

### Hypotonic Infants



- Frequently presents with decreased spontaneous movements and failure to meet new motor milestones
- Slow weight gain/failure to thrive/choking with feeding
- Increased work of breathing with paradoxical abdominal movements

### Differential:

- SMARD
- Non 5q- SMAs
- Congenital muscular dystrophy
- Congenital myasthenic syndrome
- Pompe disease
- Infantile botulism
- Prader-Willi syndrome
- Congenital myotonic dystrophy

Prior TW, et al. National Center for Biotechnology Information Website. 2019. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK1352/>.

## Presentation and Differential Diagnosis

### Older Ambulatory Child



- Children may first show difficulty running, climbing steps, rising from a chair, or walking
- Proximal leg muscles are usually affected first
- A fine tremor can be seen during UE use
- Frequently, loss of previously achieved motor skills and/or falls are presenting complaints

### Differential Diagnosis:

**Myopathy:** dystrophinopathies, limb girdle muscular dystrophy, metabolic myopathies, or inflammatory myopathies

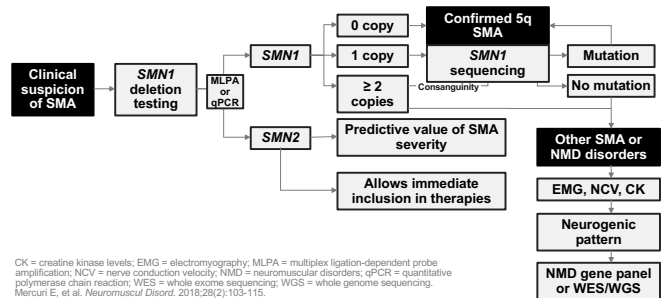
**Neuropathy:** inflammatory neuropathies

**Neuromuscular junction disorders:** myasthenia gravis or congenital myasthenic syndromes

**Other motor neuron disorders:** non-5q form of SMA or late-onset hexosaminidase A deficiency

Arnold WD, et al. *Muscle Nerve.* 2015;51(2):157-167.

## Diagnostic Algorithm



CK = creatine kinase levels; EMG = electromyography; MLPA = multiplex ligation-dependent probe amplification; NCV = nerve conduction velocity; NMD = neuromuscular disorders; qPCR = quantitative polymerase chain reaction; WES = whole exome sequencing; WGS = whole genome sequencing.  
Mercuri E, et al. *Neuromuscul Disord.* 2018;28(2):103-115.

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## Presymptomatic Diagnosis of SMA

- Prenatal parental carrier testing
- Family history
- Newborn screening

## Prenatal Testing

- Carrier testing of expectant parents for SMA recommended by Obstetrics and Genetics guidelines
  - Based on results, also can test fetus within standard windows for sampling methods
- Complex genetic counseling discussion if results are positive
  - Recommend referral to a Pediatric SMA care center to also discuss today's treatment landscape regarding educating parents

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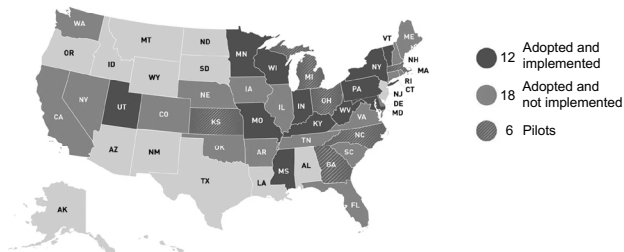


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## Presymptomatic Diagnosis of SMA



Double *SMN1* deletion detection will not detect 5% of affected individuals

Cure SMA Website, 2019. <https://www.curesma.org/newborn-screening-for-sma/>

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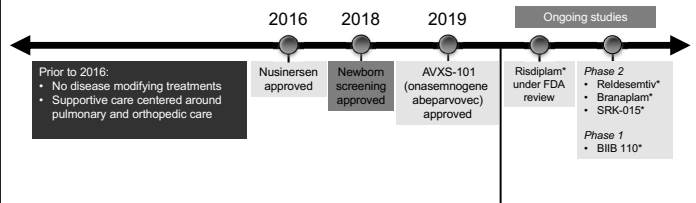


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## Treatment Landscape



\*Not approved by the FDA.

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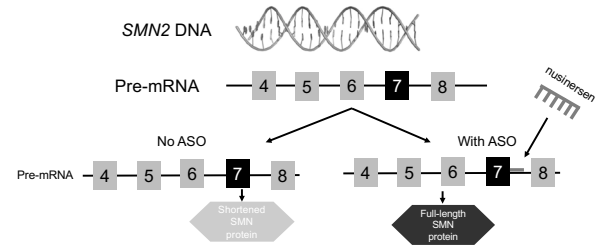
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## Parent/Caregiver Perspectives

"Our diagnosing doctor, she was very unaware that there were treatments very close to approval..."

"I actually brought it up to his neurologist. His neurologist knew nothing about treatment. And it took 11 months after it was approved by the FDA to get him injections..."

## Nusinersen: Mechanism of Action



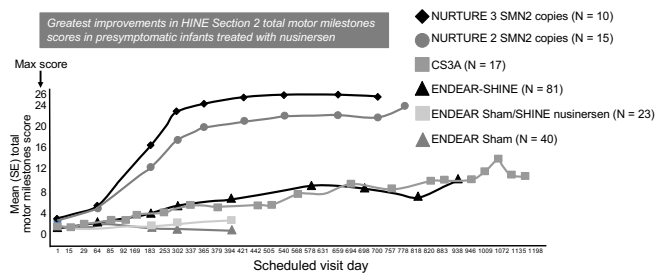
ASO = allele-specific oligonucleotide.  
Wurster CD, Ludolf AC, et al. *Ther Adv Neurol Disord.* 2018;11:1-3.

## Nusinersen: Clinical Studies

Name of the Trial	Trial Design	SMA Population
ENDEAR <sup>1</sup>	Pivotal, phase 3, international, multicenter, double-blind, sham-controlled	Infantile onset SMA (type 1)
CHERISH <sup>2</sup>	Pivotal, phase 3, randomized, double-blind, sham-controlled	Age 2-9 years, non-ambulatory
NURTURE <sup>3</sup>	Phase 2, open-label, international, multicenter	Presymptomatic infants, age 0-6 weeks with a genetic diagnosis of SMA type 1 or 2
SHINE <sup>4</sup>	Open label extension study	Patients who previously participated in nusinersen investigational studies
CS3A <sup>5</sup>	Phase 2	Age 21 days to 7 months with infantile-onset SMA
CS2/CS12 <sup>6,7</sup>	Phase 1/2, open label, multiple-dose, dose-escalation	Type 2 and 3, ambulatory and non-ambulatory

<sup>1</sup>ClinicalTrials.gov Website. Updated 2017. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02193074>. <sup>2</sup>ClinicalTrials.gov Website. Updated 2018. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02202537>. <sup>3</sup>ClinicalTrials.gov Website. Updated 2019. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02386553>. <sup>4</sup>ClinicalTrials.gov Website. Updated 2019. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02594124>. <sup>5</sup>ClinicalTrials.gov Website. Updated 2018. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01833956>. <sup>6</sup>ClinicalTrials.gov Website. Updated 2017. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01703988>. <sup>7</sup>ClinicalTrials.gov Website. Updated 2017. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02052791>.

## Effect of Nusinersen on HINE Motor Milestone Scores Across Studies



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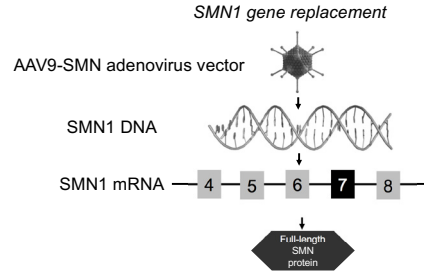
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## WHO Motor Milestone Development in NURTURE Presymptomatic Onset of Treatment with Nusinersen

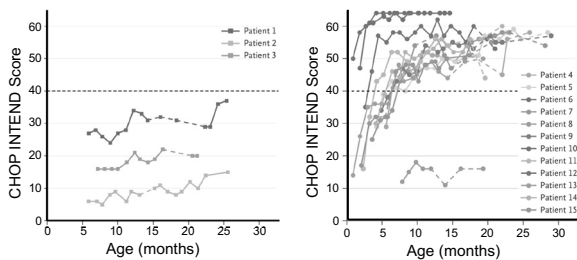
Motor milestone	Expected age of achievement in healthy infants 5th-95th percentile <sup>1</sup>	Caregiver-reported site-confirmed achievement in NURTURE participants		Median (95% CI) age of first achievement (mo)	
		3 SMN2 copies	2 SMN2 copies	3 SMN2 copies	2 SMN2 copies
Sitting without support	4.3–8.0 mo	10/10 (100%)	15/15 (100%)	6.4 (5.1–7.9)	7.9 (5.9–9.2)
Standing with assistance	5.5–10.1 mo	10/10 (100%)	15/15 (100%)	8.3 (3.5–9.5)	10.0 (5.1–13.5)
Hands and knees crawling	6.1–11.3 mo	10/10 (100%)	13/15 (87%)	8.7 (7.2–10.5)	15.5 (8.9–20.9)
Walking with assistance	6.9–11.8 mo	10/10 (100%)	13/15 (87%)	9.6 (8.0–11.8)	16.1 (11.8–18.8)
Standing alone	8.1–14.4 mo	10/10 (100%)	12/15 (80%)	11.4 (10.3–14.6)	18.6 (12.9–25.9)
Walking alone	9.4–15.3 mo	10/10 (100%)	12/15 (80%)	12.3 (11.2–14.9)	20.4 (15.5–29.7)

WHO<sup>1</sup> = World Health Organization. NURTURE study interim analysis data cutoff date: March 29, 2019.  
<sup>1</sup>WHO Multicentre Growth Reference Study Group. *Acta Paediatr Suppl*. 2006;450:86-95. DeVivo DC, et al. 71st AAN Annual Meeting, 2019. Abstract No. 525.001.

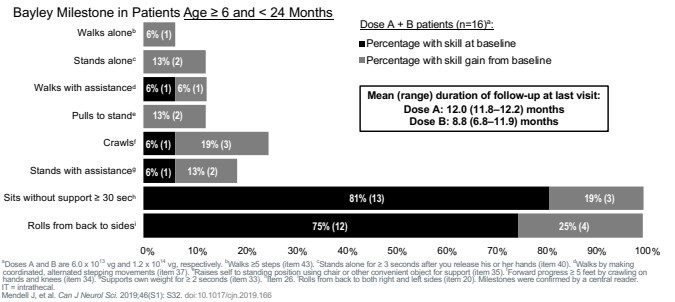
## AVXS-101: Mechanism of Action



## Effect of AVXS-101 on Motor Function in SMA 1



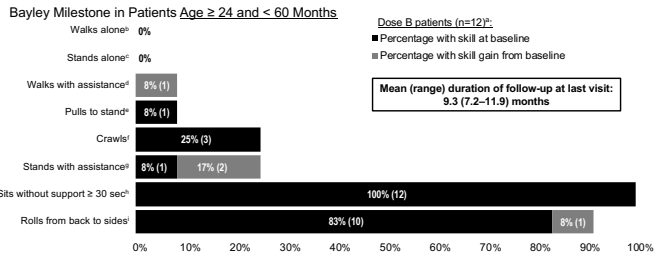
## Bayley Milestones Gained During AVXS-101 IT Treatment in Patients Age ≥ 6 and < 24 Months (as of 31 May 2019)





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## Bayley Milestones Gained During AVXS-101 IT Treatment in Patients Age ≥ 24 and < 60 Months (as of 31 May 2019)



<sup>a</sup>Doses A and B are  $6.0 \times 10^{11}$  vg and  $1.2 \times 10^{12}$  vg, respectively. <sup>b</sup>Walks ≥5 steps (item 43). <sup>c</sup>Stands alone for ≥ 3 seconds after you release his or her hands (item 40). <sup>d</sup>Walks by making coordinated, alternating stepping movements (item 37). <sup>e</sup>Raises self to standing position using chair or other convenient object for support (item 35). <sup>f</sup>Forward progress ≥ 5 feet by crawling on hands and knees (item 34). <sup>g</sup>Supports own weight for ≥ 2 seconds (item 33). <sup>h</sup>Item 26. <sup>i</sup>Rolls from back to both right and left sides (item 23). Milestones were confirmed by a central reader. Mendell J, et al. *Neuropediatrics* 2018;49(5):02/51-569.

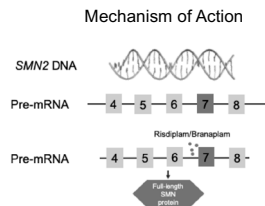
## Treatment Monitoring

- Side effects of treatment
  - nusinersen: clotting abnormalities, urine protein, rare hydrocephalus
  - onasemogene abeparvovec: hypertransaminitis, complement-mediated thrombocytopenia, HSP-like reaction
- Clinical response
  - CHOP INTEND
  - HINE
  - MFM-32
  - WHO motor milestones
  - Pulmonary function

CHOP INTEND = Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Infant Test of Neuromuscular Disorders; HINE = Hammersmith Infant Neurological Examination; HSP = Henoch-Schönlein purpura; MFM = Motor Function Measure.

## Small Molecules for the Treatment of SMA

- Oral SMN2 splice modulators
  - Risdiplam/RG7916\*
  - Branaplaml/LMI070\*
- Early data presented at recent academic meetings
- Advantages: oral/tube administration, systemic distribution
- Various studies are in progress in the United States, Europe, and elsewhere



\*Not approved by the FDA. Farrar MA, et al. *Ann Neurol*. 2017;81:355-368; Rathil H, et al. *J Med Chem*. 2018;61:6501-6517; Cheung AK, et al. *J Med Chem*. 2018;1(24):11021-11036.

## Risdiplam\*: Ongoing Studies

Name of the Trial	Trial Design	SMA Population
FIREFISH <sup>1</sup>	Open-label, 2-part, pivotal	Infants with Type 1 SMA
SUNFISH <sup>2</sup>	Double-blind, 2-part placebo-controlled, pivotal	Age 2-25 years with Types 2 or 3 SMA
JEWELFISH <sup>3</sup>	Open-label exploratory	Age 6 months-60 years who have been previously treated with SMA-directed therapies
RAINBOWFISH <sup>4</sup>	Open-label, single-arm, multicenter	Age 0-6 weeks with genetically diagnosed SMA, non-symptomatic

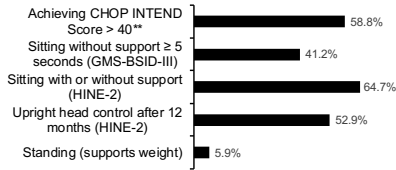
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## FIREFISH: Risdiplam\* in Type-1 SMA

FIREFISH Part 1 (N = 17)

### Motor Function and Key Milestones



No loss of ability to swallow  
No tracheostomy/ permanent ventilation  
**Event-free survival: 15 (88.2%)**  
**Common adverse events**

- Fever (pyrexia; 52.4%)
- URI (42.9%)
- Diarrhea (28.6%)
- Vomiting (23.8%)
- Cough (23.8%)
- Pneumonia (19.0%)
- Constipation (19.0%)

\*Not approved by the FDA. \*\*Median change in CHOP INTEND over 1 year: 17.5 points. CHOP INTEND score: 57 points after 12 months treatment, increasing from a maximum of 49 points after 6 months.

GMS-BSID-III = Gross Motor Scale Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development, Third Edition; HINE-2 = Hammersmith Infant Neurological Examination Module 2; URI = upper respiratory infection.  
Baranello G, et al. 71st American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting; 2019. Abstract S25.003; Servais L, et al. 71st American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting; 2019. Abstract S25.008.

## SUNFISH: Risdiplam\* in Type 2/3 SMA

### Motor Function Achieved in Part 1 Dose Escalation (N =51)

Endpoint	> 12 months treatment		
MFM-32	All patients	Age 2-11	Age 12-25
Achieved improvement (change from baseline score ≥ 3), %	58%	71%	42%
Serious adverse events: nausea (4%), upper respiratory tract infection (4%) and vomiting (4%)			

- SUNFISH Part 2: Confirmatory; N = 180
- **Met primary endpoint** of change from baseline in the MFM-32 scale after 1 year of treatment with risdiplam compared to placebo (announced 11/2019)

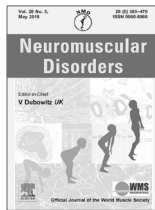
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## SMA Consensus Care Guidelines

- Stated goals
  - Improve quality of life
  - Reduce disease burden
- Updated classification system
  - Non-sitters
  - Sitters
  - Walkers

Diagnosis and management of spinal muscular atrophy: Part 1: Recommendations for diagnosis, rehabilitation, orthopedic and nutritional care  
E. Mercuri et al./Neuromuscular Disorders 28 (2019) 100-115

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## Parent/Caregiver Perspectives

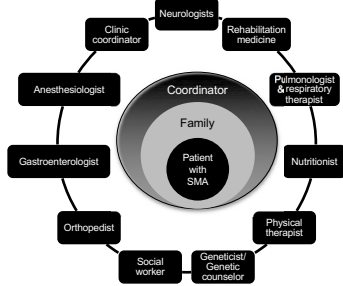
"There's been minimal care team."

"We basically go in one room and four or five different types of doctors around the doctor would end up coming through and we wouldn't have to really move rooms. And I thought that was, I really enjoyed that part of the clinic."

"Yes I do have follow-up in a multidisciplinary clinic. My doctors are in communication with each other for the most part, and then there's a social worker to coordinate care between them..."

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## SMA Management Requires a Multidisciplinary Team



Mercuri E, et al. *Neuromuscul Disord.* 2018;28(2):103-115.

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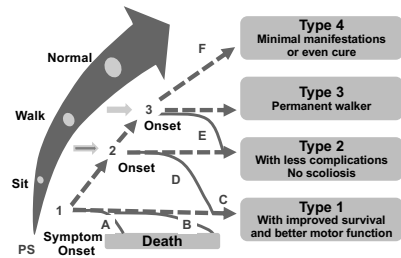


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## Hypothetical Effects of Novel Therapeutics on SMA



Tizzano EF, Finkel RS. *Neuromuscul Disord.* 2017;27(10):883-889.

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## SMART Goals

Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely

- Simple genetic testing will pick up 95% of cases of SMA
- There are disease modifying therapies available and data suggest that early diagnosis and treatment lead to optimal outcomes
- Implement strategies for multidisciplinary care coordination for patients with SMA guided by a neuromuscular specialist

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