

Combos are Complicated! Navigating the Balance of Efficacy and Safety in Advanced Endometrial Cancer

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Learning Objective Examine the rationale and data leading to the approval of combination regimens in advanced EC

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Learning 2 Objective

Apply best practices to address treatment challenges related to combination therapy in advanced EC

Racial Disparities in Survival



- In 2021: 66,570 new cases of endometrial cancer diagnosed and 12,940 endometrial cancer-related deaths in United States²
- · Limited effective treatment options in women with advanced or recurrent disease

CI = Confidence interval. EEC, endometrioid endometrial cancer; non-EEC includes serous, mixed, clear cell, and carcinosarcoma. HR = Hazard ratio. 1. Tarney CM, et al. *Gynecol Oncol.* 2018;149(1):12-21. 2. Siegel RL, et al. *CA Cancer J Clin.* 2021;71(1):7-33.



Racial and Age Disparities in Mutation Burden



Aggressive molecular subtypes including the integrative copy number (CNV) high subtype, transcript-based mitotic subtype, and somatic copy number alteration (SCNA)-based cluster 4 subtype; for all comparisons, p < .05. PTEN = Phosphatase and tensin homolog gene. TP53 = Tumor protein p53 gene. Tarney CM, et al. *Gynecol Oncol.* 2018;149(1):12-21.



Case Study 1: Mary

- 63-year-old Black woman
- Heavy vaginal bleeding, with clots
- Stage IIIC1 endometrial adenocarcinoma
- Hysterectomy, lysis of adhesions
- Bilateral sentinel lymph node biopsy, 2 of 3 pelvic nodes positive

• What would you recommend for this patient?



PORTEC-3 Trial Design

Key Eligibility Criteria

- Treatment naïve
- Endometrial carcinoma
 - Stage I grade 3, with deep invasion or LVSI+
 - Stage II-III
 - Stage I-III serous or clear cell cancers (> 25%)
- WHO PS 0-2
- No residual macroscopic tumor after surgery





PORTEC-3 Efficacy

Improved 5-year FFS and OS with CRT



CRT = Chemoradiotherapy. RT = Radiotherapy. FFS = Failure Free survival. de Boer SM, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2019;20(9):1273-1285.



GOG-0258 Trial Design

Key Eligibility Criteria

- Treatment naïve
- Endometrial carcinoma
 - Stage III or IVA
 - Stage I or II
 endometrial clear cell
 or serous carcinoma
- GOG performance status of ≤ 2

Arm 1

Chemoradiation therapy (cisplatin/radiation) followed by paclitaxel + carboplatin

Arm 2

Paclitaxel + carboplatin chemotherapy alone

Primary outcomes

 Recurrence-free survival (RFS)

Secondary outcomes

• OS, HRQoL, safety



GOG-0258 Relapse-Free Survival



Chemotherapy + radiation was not associated with longer relapse-free survival than chemotherapy alone in patients with stage III or IVA endometrial carcinoma



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Case Study 1: Mary

- She receives chemoradiation therapy
- Cancer recurs 24 months later with multiple < 1 cm peritoneal lesions
- Results of DNA mismatch repair analysis in a tumor specimen reveals dMMR/MSI-H



Single-Agent Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Therapy

Study	Drug	N Patient Selection		ORR		
Study	Drug	(dMMR/MMRp)		dMMR	MMRp	
KEYNOTE-158 ¹ KEYNOTE-028 ⁵	Pembrolizumab	49/24	Advanced/metastatic	57%	13%	
GARNET ²	Dostarlimab	103/142	Previously-treated recurrent/advanced	45%	13%	
PHAEDRA ³	Durvalumab	35/36	Advanced /metastatic	47%	3%	
Konstantinopoulos ⁴	Avelumab	15/16	Advanced /metastatic	27%	6%	

- dMMR cancers produce relatively large amounts of neoantigens
- Release of immune checkpoint blockade with anti-PD-1/PD-L1 antibodies allows for immune recognition of neoantigens
- Single-agent nivolumab trial NCT04106414 is still recruiting

dMMR = Deficient mismatch repair. MMRp = Mismatch repair proficient. ORR = Overall response rate. PD-1 = Programmed cell death protein 1. PD-L1 = Programmed death-ligand 1.

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Polling Question

What is the rationale for combining immune checkpoint inhibitors (CPIs) and VEGF inhibitors in the treatment of endometrial cancer?

- A. CPIs downregulate VEGF expression and reduce tumor angiogenesis.
- B. CPIs relieve tumor-mediated immune suppression and allow recognition of cancer neoantigens.
- C. VEGF contributes to immune suppression and VEGF inhibitors may augment the activity of CPIs.
- D. VEGF and CPIs stimulate immune cell proliferation through shared intracellular signaling pathways.
- E. I'm not sure



Audience Responses

What is the rationale for combining immune checkpoint inhibitors (CPIs) and VEGF inhibitors in the treatment of endometrial cancer?





Case Study 2: Susan

- 72-year-old White woman
- Stage IA MSS Grade 1 EEC.
- Cancer recurs at 4 years with lung, peritoneal, and nodal metastases
- Rx: Tamoxifen/Megestrol, letrozole
- Mutations in *PTEN*, *CTNB1*, *ESR1*, *ARID1A* and *PIK3R1* with tumor mutational burden of 9
- What would you recommend for this patient?





EEC = endometrioid endometrial cancer. MSS = Microsatellite stable.

VEGF Reduces Anti-Tumor Immune Response

VEGF

Induces abnormal tumor vasculature that reduces T-cell trafficking and infiltration⁴⁻⁶ Inhibits T-cell function by binding to VEGFR2 on T cells¹

Stimulates immunosuppressive regulatory T cells² **Inhibits dendritic cell function** driving them into an immature state³

VEGF = Vascular endothelial growth factor. VEGFR2 = VEGF receptor 2.

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Mechanistic Reasoning for Synergism Between VEGFR and Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors

- VEGF supports an immunosuppressive tumor microenvironment
 - Lenvatinib, a small-molecule tyrosine kinase inhibitor, targets VEGFR1-3, FGFR-1–4, RET, c-kit, and PDGFRα¹
- CPIs block several targets, such as CTLA-4, PD-1, and PD-L1, which in turn disinhibit proliferation of antitumor T cells
 - Pembrolizumab has efficacy in patients with endometrial cancers that are MSI-H, dMMR, or have high TMB³
- Inhibition of VEGF-mediated immune suppression may augment the activity of CPIs⁴
- Presence of intratumoral T cells independently correlated with delayed recurrence or delayed death and increased expression of interferon-γ, interleukin-2, and lymphocyte-attracting chemokines within the tumor⁵

C-kit = Receptor tyrosine kinase. CTLA-4 = Cytotoxic T lymphocyte antigen 4. FGFR-1-4 = Fibroblast growth factor receptors 1-4. CPI = Immune checkpoint inhibitor. MSI-H = Microsatellite instability-high. dMMR = Mismatch repair deficient. PD-1 = Programmed death 1. PD-L1 = Programmed death ligand 1.PFGFRα = Platelet-derived growth factor receptor-alpha. RET = Rearranged during transfection. TMB = Tumor mutational burden.

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Mechanistic Reasoning for Synergism Between VEGFR and Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors

- Pembrolizumab + lenvatinib have efficacy in patients with endometrial cancers¹
 - KEYNOTE-146
 - Overall: ORR (24 week), 38%; DOR, 21 months; median PFS, 7.4 months; median; OS, 17 months
 - MSI-H tumors: 64% ORR
 - Microsatellite stable tumors: 36% ORR
- Nivolumab + cabozantinib³
 - Phase 2 study
 - ORR: 25% nivolumab + cabozantinib vs. 17% nivolumab alone
- Atezolizumab + bevacizumab
 - Phase 2 (NCT03694262), no results

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IC = Investigator's choice

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Progression-Free Survival



Mo = months.

Blinded independent central review per Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors version 1.1.

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PFS Subgroup Analyses: All-Comers

	No. of Events/N	HR	95% CI	Estimated ha	azard ratio
Overall	567/827	.056	(0.47, 0.66)		
Age Group					
< 65 years	284/410	0.49	(0.38, 0.62)		
≥ 65 years	283/417	0.61	(0.48, 0.78)		
Race					
White	340/507	0.56	(0.45, 0.70)		
Asian	121/177	0.63	(0.44, 0.91)		
Other	48/63	0.42	(0.23, 0.78)		
Region				E	Favora
Region 1	329/474	0.50	(0.40, 0.63)		Favors
Region 2	238/353	0.61	(0.47, 0.79)	+ pembro	IC
MMR Status					
pMMR	485/697	0.60	(0.50, 0.72)		
dMMR	82/130	0.36	(0.23, 0.57)		
ECOG Status					
0	328/487	0.53	(0.42, 0.66)		
1	239/339	0.58	(0.45, 0.75)		
Prior History of Pelvic Ra	diation				
Yes	225/341	0.52	(0.40, 0.69)		
No	342/486	0.56	(0.45, 0.69)		
Histology					
Endometrioid	323/497	0.52	(0.41, 0.65)		
Non-endometrioid	244/330	0.56	(0.43, 0.73)		
Prior Lines of Therapy					
1	410/574	0.49	(0.40, 0.60)		
2	150/229	0.66	(0.48, 0.92		
≥ 3	7/24	0.51	(0.11, 2.30)		
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Overall Survival





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OS Subgroup Analyses: All-Comers

	No. of Events/N	HR	95% CI	Estimated	hazard ratio
Overall	433/827	.062	(0.51, 0.75)		
Age Group					
< 65 years	205/410	0.61	(0.46, 0.80)		-
≥ 65 years	228/417	0.62	(0.48, 0.81)		-
Race				_	
White	258/507	0.61	(0.48, 0.79)	Favors _	Favors
Asian	87/177	0.65	(0.42, 0.99)	LEN +	
Other	44/63	0.68	(0.37, 1.26)	pembro —	
Region					
Region 1	255/474	0.61	(0.48, 0.79)		-
Region 2	178/353	0.61	(0.46, 0.84)		-
MMR Status					
pMMR	368/697	0.68	(0.56, 0.84)		-
dMMR	65/130	0.37	(0.22, 0.62)		
ECOG Status					
0	222/487	0.53	(0.41, 0.70)		
1	210/339	0.73	(0.55, 0.95)	—	
Prior History of Pelvic Ra	diation				
Yes	169/341	0.68	(0.50, 0.93)		-
No	264/486	0.57	(0.45, 0.73)		
Histology					
Endometrioid	222/497	0.65	(0.49, 0.84)		-
Non-endometrioid	211/330	0.55	(0.42, 0.72)		
Prior Lines of Therapy					
1	308/574	0.57	(0.46, 0.72)		
2	112/229	0.72	(0.50, 1.06)	-	⊢†
≥ 3	13/24	0.69	(0.22, 2.10)		
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Progression-Free Survival by Histology



Progression-Free Survival by Histology (All-Comers)

Subgroup 1 prior line of platinum	Events/N	HR for PFS (95% CI)	Subgroup PFI ≥ 6 months	Events/N	HR for PFS (95% CI)
pMMR	370/526	0.54 (0.44-0.67)	pMMR	158/240	0.59 (0.43-0.81)
All-comer	446/641	0.50 (0.41-0.61)	All-comer	173/270	0.55 (0.41-0.75)
> 1 prior line of platinum	•		PFI < 6 months		
pMMR	114/170	0.75 (0.52-1.09)	pMMR	323/451	0.57 (0.45-0.71)
All-comer	120/185	0.69 (0.48-0.99)	All-comer	390/550	0.51 (0.42-0.63)
Received (neo)adjuvant th	nerapy		$PFI \ge 12 \text{ months}$		
pMMR	190/258 🛏 🗨	0.58 (0.43-0.78)	pMMR	67/99	0.74 (0.45–1.20)
All-comer	217/303 🛏 🚥	0.55 (0.42-0.73)	All-comer	70/111	0.72 (0.45–1.16)
No (neo)adjuvant therapy			PFI < 12 months		
pMMR	295/439 🛏	• 0.60 (0.47-0.76)	pMMR	414/592	0.56 (0.46–0.68)
All-comer	350/524 ⊷	0.54 (0.44-0.67)	All-comer	493/709	0.50 (0.42–0.60)
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Overall Survival by Histology





Overall Survival by Histology (All-Comers)



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Colombo N, et al. Ann Oncol. 2021;32(suppl_5):S725.

Objective Response Rate

	рМ	MR	All-comers			
	LEN + pembro	IC	LEN + pembro	IC		
Patients, n	346	351	411	416		
Objective response rate, % (95% CI)	30.3 (25.5-35.5)	15.1 (11.5-19.3)	31.9 (27.4-36.6)	14.7 (11.4-18.4)		
Difference vs. IC, %	15.2		17.2			
p - value	< .0001		< .0001			
Best overall response, %						
Complete response	5.2	2.6	6.6	2.6		
Partial response	25.1	12.5	25.3	12.0		
Stable disease	48.6	39.6	47.0	40.1		
Progressive disease	15.6	30.8	14.8	29.6		
Not evaluable / assessed	0.6/4.9	2.0/12.5	1.2/5.1	1.9/13.7		
Median duration of response (range), months	9.2 (1.6-23.7)	5.7 (0.0-24.2)	14.4 (1.6-23.7)	5.7 (0.0-24.2)		
Median time to response (range), months	2.1 (1.5-9.4)	3.5 (1.0-7.4)	2.1 (1.5-16.3)	2.1 (1.0-7.4)		



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Pembrolizumab and Lenvatinib

- Based on KEYNOTE-775, pembrolizumab + lenvatinib is FDA approved for patients:
 - With advanced endometrial carcinoma that is not MSI-H or dMMR
 - Who have disease progression following prior systemic therapy in any setting
 - Who are not candidates for curative surgery or radiation



NCCN Recommended Systemic Regimens for Recurrent, Metastatic, or High-Risk Endometrial Cancer

Systemic	Preferred									
therapies	Carboplatin/paclitaxel									
	Carboplatin/paclitaxel/trastuzumab (for stage III/IV or recurrent HER2-positive uterine serous carcinoma)									
	Other single or combination agents									
	Albumin-bound paclitaxel	Doxorubicin	Paclitaxel							
	Bevacizumab	Docetaxel	Topotecan							
	Cisplatin	Ifosfamide	Temsirolimus							
	Carboplatin	Liposomal doxorubicin								
Biomarker-	Preferred	Other options								
directed	Lenvatinib/pembrolizumab	Nivolumab for dMMR/MSI-H tumors								
therapy for	tor non–INISI-H/diviiviR tumors	Dostarlimab-gxly for dMMR/MSI-H tum	ors							
second-line	Pembrolizumab for TMB-H	Larotrectinib or entrectinib for NTRK gene fusion-positive tumors								
	or MSI-H/dMMR tumors	Avelumab for dMMR/MSI-H tumors*								
		Cabozantinib*								

HER-2 = Human epidermal growth factor receptor 2. NTRK = Neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase. TMB-H = Tumor mutational burden-high.

* Not specifically approved for endometrial cancers.

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	Cisplatin	Ifosfamide	Temsirolimus							
	Carboplatin	Liposomal doxorubicin								
Biomarker-	Preferred	Other options								
directed systemic	Lenvatinib/pembrolizumab	Nivolumab for dMMR/MSI-H tumors								
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Polling Question

Which of the following was the most common adverse event (any grade) in the pembrolizumab/lenvatinib arm of the KEYNOTE-775 trial?

- A. Fatigue
- B. Hypertension
- C. Proteinuria
- D. Stomatitis
- E. I'm not sure



Audience Responses

Which of the following was the most common adverse event (any grade) in the pembrolizumab/lenvatinib arm of the KEYNOTE-775 trial?



Case Study 2: Susan

- Receives pembrolizumab + lenvatinib
- 4-6 weeks into therapy, she complains of nausea, significant fatigue, constipation, cough, and cold



Treatment Exposure, Safety, and Discontinuation

Data from all-comers	LEN + pembro (n = 406)	IC (n = 388)
Median duration of treatment (range), days	231 (1-817)	104.5 (1-785)
Patients with any TEAEs, %	99.8	99.5
Grade ≥ 3	88.9	72.7
Patients with any TEAEs leading to dose reductions, % ^a	66.5	12.9
Patients with any-grade TEAEs leading to interruption, $\%^{ extsf{b}}$	69.2	27.1
LEN ^c	58.6	
Pembro ^c	50.0	
LEN + pembro	30.8	
Patients with any-grade TEAEs leading to discontinuation, % ^b	33.0	8.0
LEN ^c	30.8	
Pembro ^c	18.7	
LEN + pembro	14.0	

^a Includes LEN only or IC. ^bIncludes LEN or pembro or LEN + pembro or IC. ^cRegardless of action taken with the other drug in the combination arm. TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event. Makker V, et al. 2021 IGCS Annual Global Meeting; 2021. Plenary 1 Abstract 43. IGCS21_Orals__withoutLB_.pdf. Accessed November 2, 2021.



Adverse Events

	LEN + pembro (n = 406)		IC (n =	= 388)
	Any Grade	Grade ≥ 3	Any Grade	Grade ≥ 3
Patients with any TEAEs, %	99.8	88.9	99.5	72.7
Hypertension	64.0	37.9	5.2	2.3
Hypothyroidism	57.4	1.2	0.8	0.0
Diarrhea	54.2	7.6	20.1	2.1
Nausea	49.5	3.4	46.1	1.3
Decreased appetite	44.8	7.9	21.1	0.5
Vomiting	36.7	2.7	20.9	2.3
Weight decrease	34.0	10.3	5.7	0.3
Fatigue	33.0	5.2	27.6	3.1
Arthralgia	30.5	1.7	8.0	0.0
Proteinuria	28.8	5.4	2.8	0.3
Anemia	26.1	6.2	48.7	14.7
Constipation	25.9	0.7	24.7	0.5
Urinary tract infection	25.6	3.9	10.1	1.0
Headache	24.9	0.5	8.8	0.3
Asthenia	23.6	5.9	24.5	3.9
Neutropenia	7.4	1.7	33.8	25.8
Alopecia	5.4	0.0	30.9	0.5



Time to First Onset of AEs in All-comers from KEYNOTE-775

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Adverse reaction			14.	200 into	11 0000 V	2000	on of the second	Median Time to First Onset (weeks) 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 %
Hypertension	264	65.0%	11.8%	17.7%	2.0%	3.4%	0%	MIN: 0.1 / Q1: 0.71 / Median: 2.1 / Q3: 3.50 / MAX: 59.7 weeks
Fatigue	238	58.6%	6.4%	11.8%	2.0%	4.2%	0.2%	MIN: 0.1 / Q1: 0.86 / Median: 2.3 / Q3: 10.71 / MAX: 88.0 weeks
Musculoskeletal pain	213	52.5%	3.4%	4.9%	0.7%	3.4%	0.2%	MIN: 0.1 / Q1: 1.00 / Median: 3.1 / Q3: 9.00 / MAX: 94.3 weeks
Stomatitis	144	35.5%	2.2%	4.2%	0.5%	0.5%	0.2%	MIN: 0.1 / Q1: 1.36 / Median: 4.3 / Q3: 9.50 / MAX: 77.9 weeks
Nausea	201	49.5%	3.4%	4.9%	0.5%	1.7%	0%	MIN: 0.1 / Q1: 1.43 / Median: 4.7 / Q3: 14.14 / MAX: 72.3 weeks
Decreased appetite	183	45.1%	4.9%	6.2%	1.7%	2.2%	0.7%	MIN: 0.1 / Q1: 1.43 / Median: 4.9 / Q3: 13.43 / MAX: 75.9 weeks
Proteinuria	120	29.6%	6.2%	7.9%	1.2%	2.0%	0%	MIN: 0.1 / Q1: 2.14 / Median: 4.9 / Q3: 12.00 / MAX: 76.0 weeks

Max = Maximum. Min = Minimum. Q1 = First quartile. Q3 = Third quartile. Colombo N, et al. *Int J Gynecol Cancer.* 2021;31(Suppl 3):A78



Time to First Onset of AEs in All-comers from KEYNOTE-775



AEs best managed with combination of supportive care medications and judicious lenvatinib dose modifications



Case Study 2: Susan

- TSH, 8.4 mU/L; free-T4, 1.1 µg/dL
- How would you manage this patient?
- What supportive care does she need?
- Does she need dose modifications?



mU/L = Milliunits per liter. T4 = Thyroxine. μ g/dL = Micrograms per deciliter.

Immune-Related Adverse Events (irAEs)

- irAEs are rare side effects of relaxing control over a patient's immune system^{1,2}
 - The most common irAEs are rash and pruritus, pneumonitis, diarrhea and/or immune-mediated colitis, hepatitis, nephritis, and endocrine disorders (e.g., hypothyroidism, hypophysitis, adrenal insufficiency, diabetes)
 - However, other very rare disorders are possible (e.g., myocarditis, uveitis, pancreatitis, arthritis, and many others)
- Management of irAEs^{1,2}
 - Generally, CPI therapy can be continued for grade 1 irAEs, interrupted until resolution for grade 2/3 irAEs, and permanently discontinued with grade 4 irAEs
 - Hypothyroidism: supplement with levothyroxine, no treatment interruption
 - Medications include corticosteroids, immunomodulators, vedolizumab, mycophenolate

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Dosing Modifications for Lenvatinib and Pembrolizumab In KEYNOTE-775

- Dosing modifications and interruptions for lenvatinib and pembrolizumab
 - Dose reductions for lenvatinib
 - Dose modifications according to package insert
- Use optimal medical management when available (e.g., nausea, vomiting, hypertension, diarrhea, and hypothyroidism)
- For most AEs
 - The protocol for Study 309/KEYNOTE-775 recommended that patients resume lenvatinib treatment upon resolution of AEs to tolerable grade 2 or grade ≤ 1 severity
 - Lenvatinib package insert recommends withholding lenvatinib treatment for persistent or intolerable grade 2 or grade 3 severity; upon resolution to grade ≤ 1 or baseline, lenvatinib can be resumed at a lower dose



Concomitant Medications for the Management of AEs

Adverse Reaction	pMMR Population	All-Comer Population
Medications received, n (%)	LEN + Pembro (n = 342)	LEN + Pembro (n = 406)
Hypertension	186 (54.4)	216 (53.2)
Amlodipine	70 (20.5)	80 (19.7)
Amlodipine besylate	41 (12.0)	49 (12.1)
Losartan	24 (7.0)	28 (6.9)
Ramipril	19 (5.6)	20 (4.9)
Captopril	16 (4.7)	21 (5.2)
Fatigue	10 (2.9)	12 (3.0)
Nausea	111 (32.5)	131 (32.3)
Ondansetron	39 (11.4)	41 (10.1)
Metoclopramide hydrochloride	31 (9.1)	36 (8.9)
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Vomiting	45 (13.2)	52 (12.8)
Diarrhea	121 (35.4)	141 (34.7)
Loperamide hydrochloride	51 (14.9)	61 (15.0)
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Adverse Reaction Medications received ^a , n ^b (%)	pMMR Population LEN + Pembro (n = 342)	All-Comer Population LEN + Pembro (n = 406)
Decreased appetite	36 (10.5)	42 (10.3)
Weight decreased	12 (3.5)	17 (4.2)
Hypothyroidism Levothyroxine sodium	180 (52.6) 177 (51.8)	216 (53.2) 213 (52.2)
Palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome	53 (15.5)	62 (15.3)
Musculoskeletal disorders Paracetamol Ibuprofen	105 (30.7) 50 (14.6) 23 (6.7)	125 (30.8) 59 (14.5) 23 (5.7)
Stomatitis	76 (22.2)	91 (22.4)
Proteinuria	5 (1.5)	5 (1.2)



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Ongoing Trials of CPIs Plus Targeted Agents

Emerging agents, not yet approved by the FDA for the treatment of endometrial cancer

- Atezolizumab +
 - Bevacizumab, ipatasertib (AKTi), talazoparib (PARPi), or cytotoxic chemotherapy
- Nivolumab +
 - Rucaparib (PARPi), cabozantinib (MET/VEGF inhibitor), or ipilimumab
- Durvalumab + olaparib (PARPi)
- Dostarlimab + cytotoxic chemotherapy
- Combinations are being explored in the first-line setting as well.



Considerations for Combining TKI and CPI Therapies

- Dual therapy with TKIs and CPI therapies have potential to be synergistic and improve patient outcomes
 - However, side effects are more common and potentially more severe
- Managing side effects may be challenging
 - What are early symptoms of important side effects?
 - Which agent is responsible for the side effect?
 - Which agent should be held, or dosage reduced?
 - Can patients be rechallenged with the withheld agent?



Summary

- VEGF and immune checkpoint inhibitor combinations are reasonable combinations for the treatment of endometrial cancer based on mechanisms of action
- Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab are efficacious in the treatment of endometrial cancer
- TKI and CPI combination therapy presents challenges to providing maximum efficacy, while minimizing safety concerns
- Early monitoring for AEs and proactive management are critical to maintaining patients on therapy



SMART Goals Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely

- Clinicians should closely monitor and proactively manage emergent AEs, particularly in the first 2 months of treatment
- Clinicians should consider consulting with specialists early about symptoms that are resistant to management
- Clinicians should continue monitoring women receiving pembrolizumab/lenvatinib combination for late appearing AEs



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