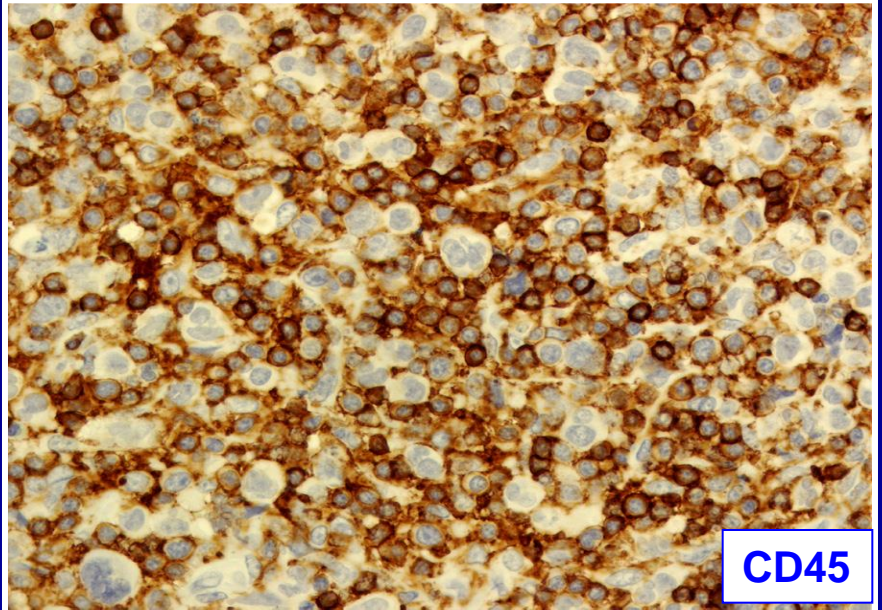
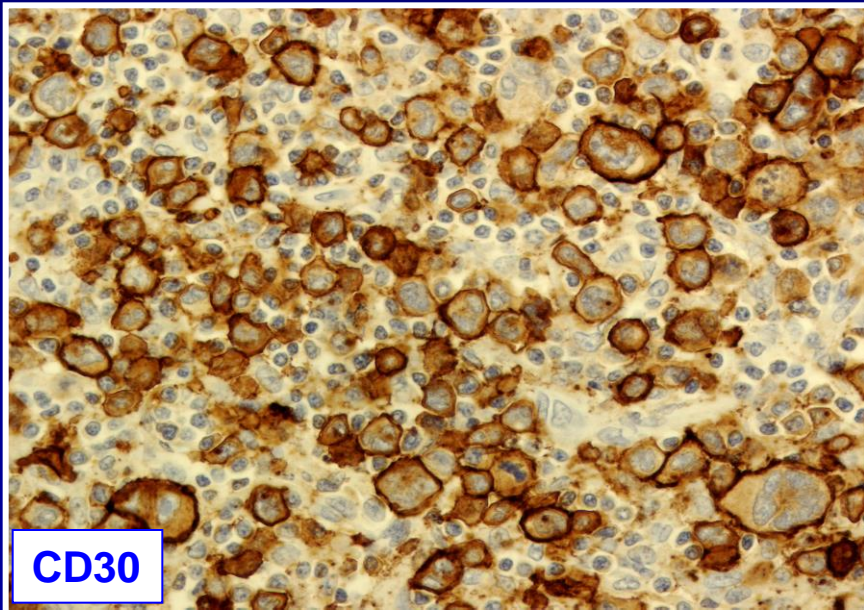
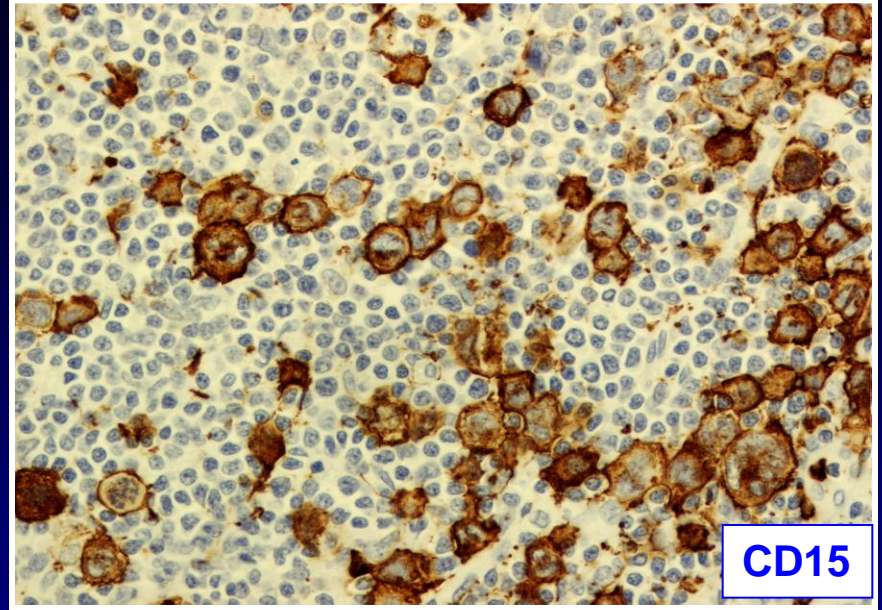
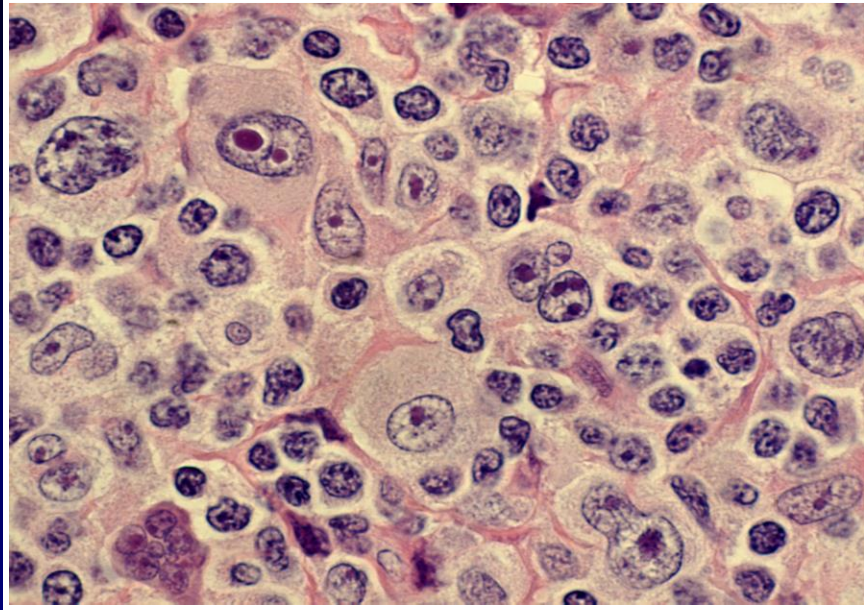


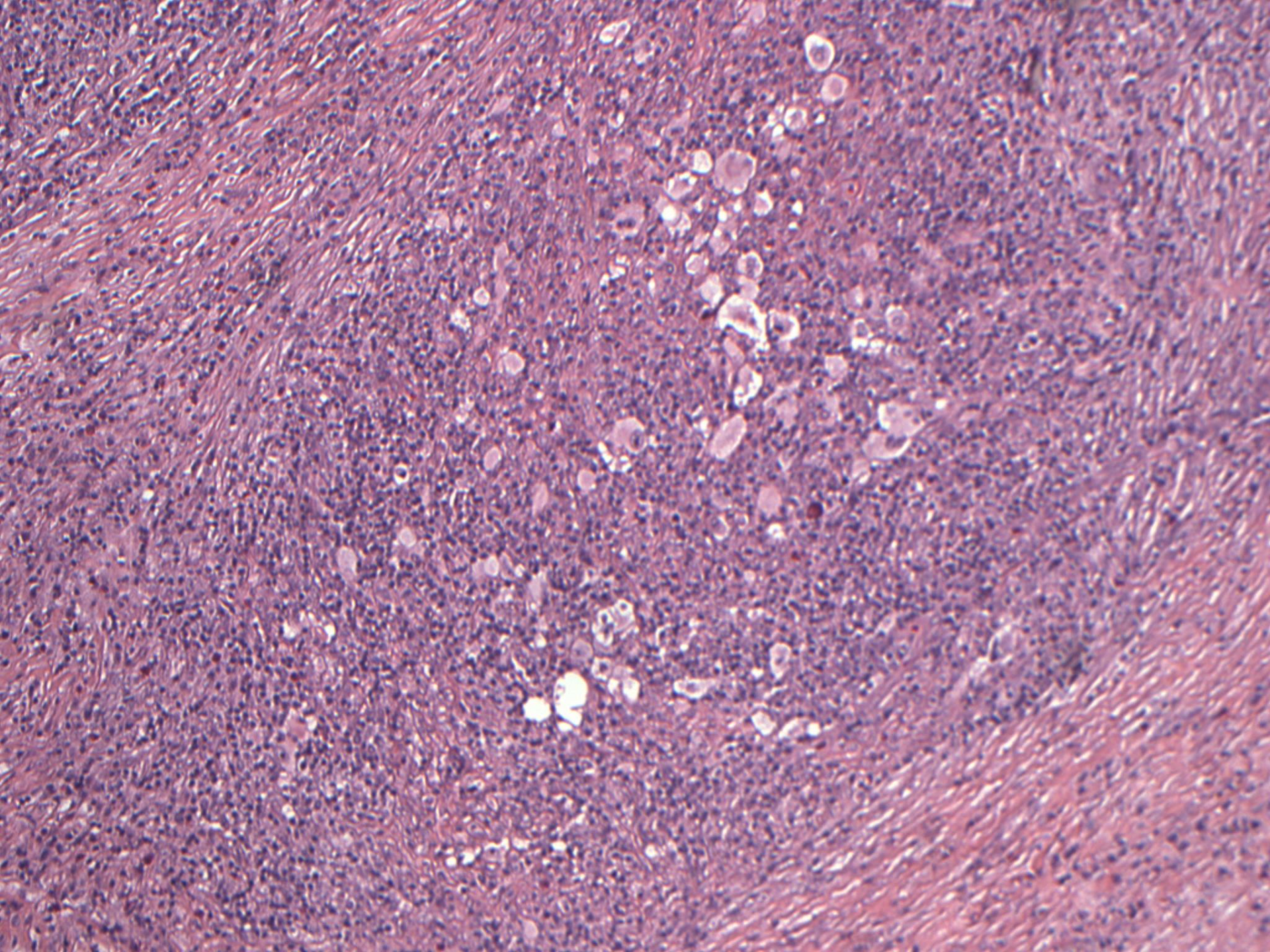
# Response Criteria on Checkpoint Inhibitors Treatment

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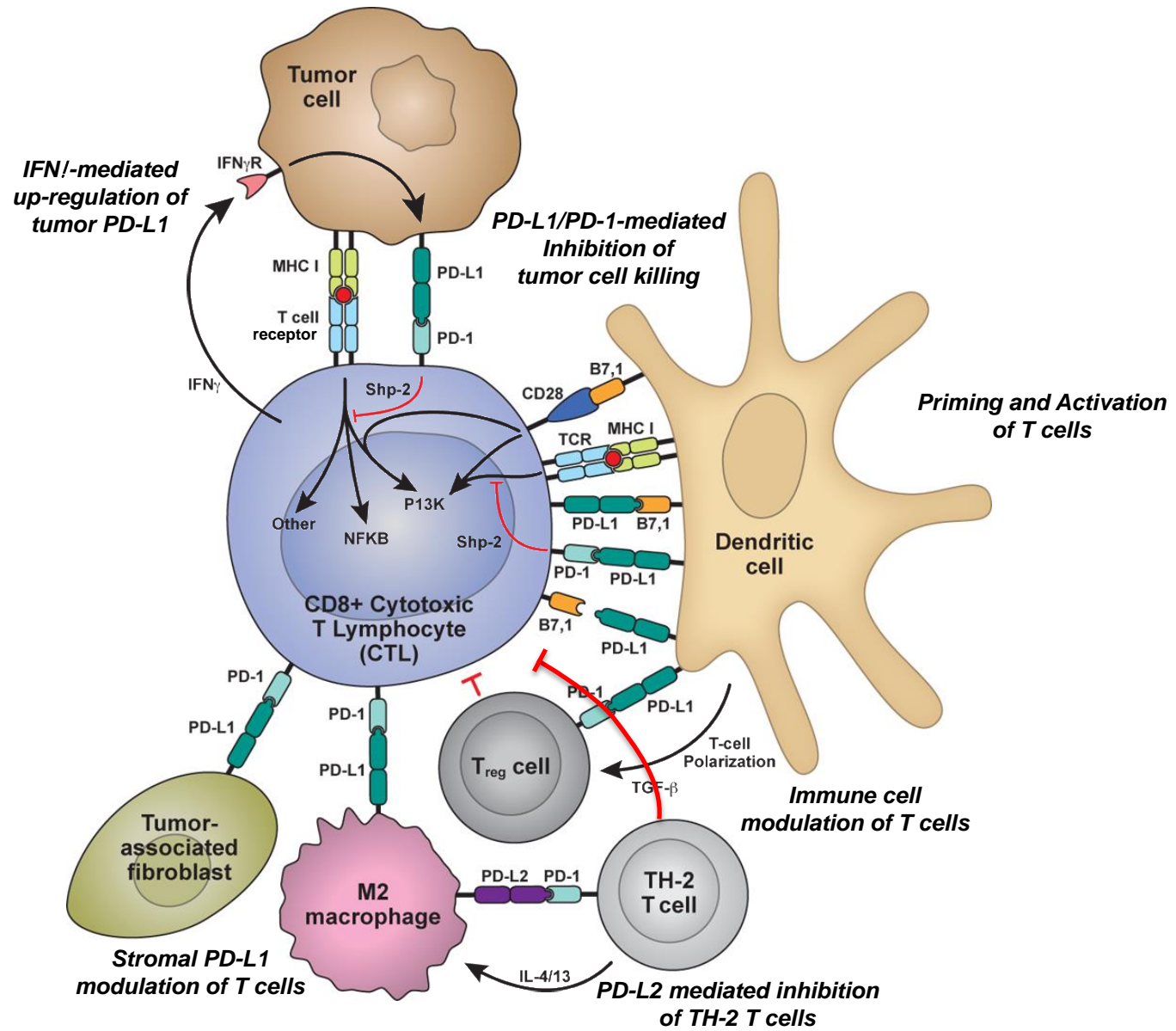
# Classical Hodgkin's Lymphoma





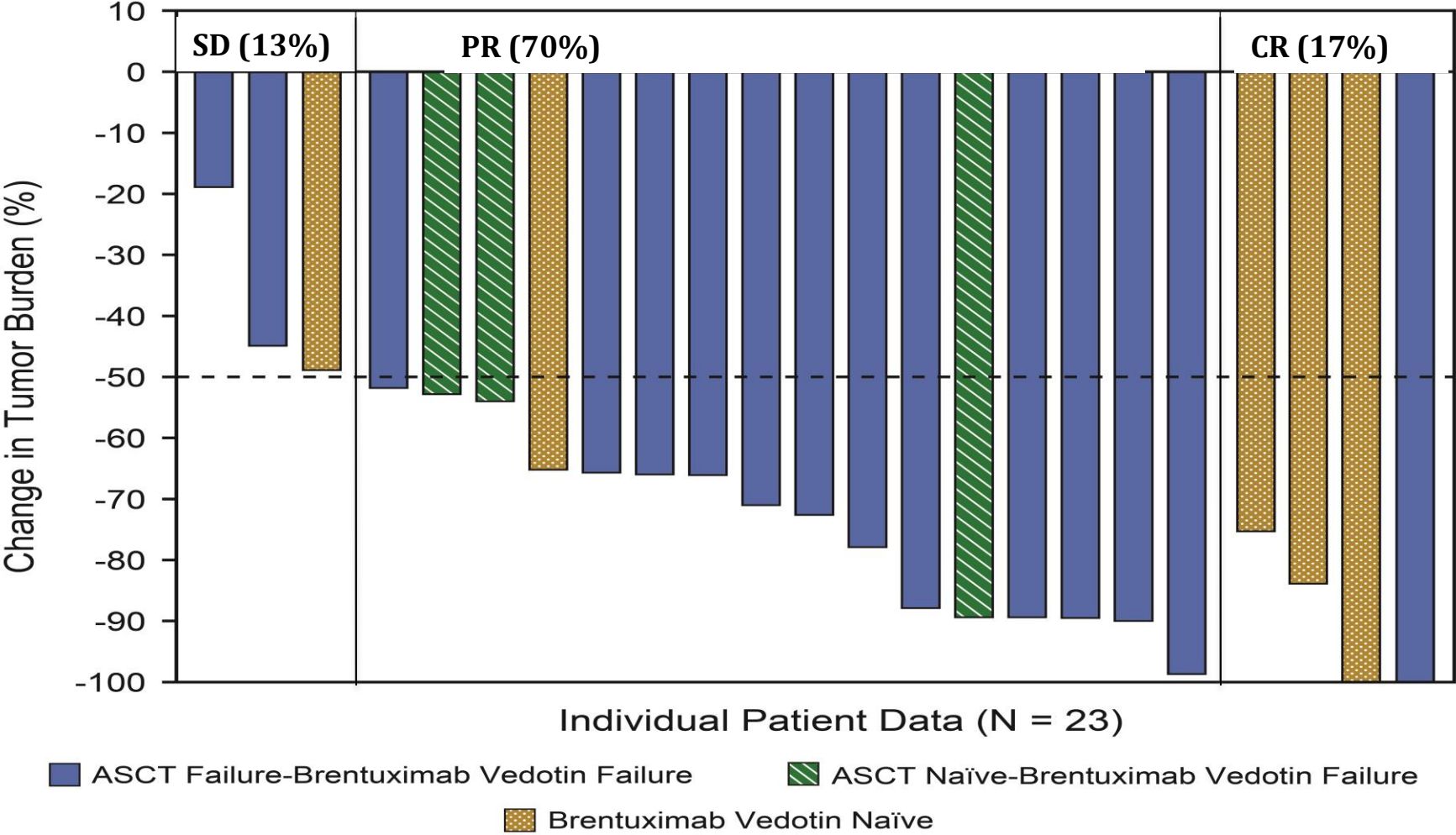






***PD-L1 plays an important role in dampening the anti-tumor immune response***

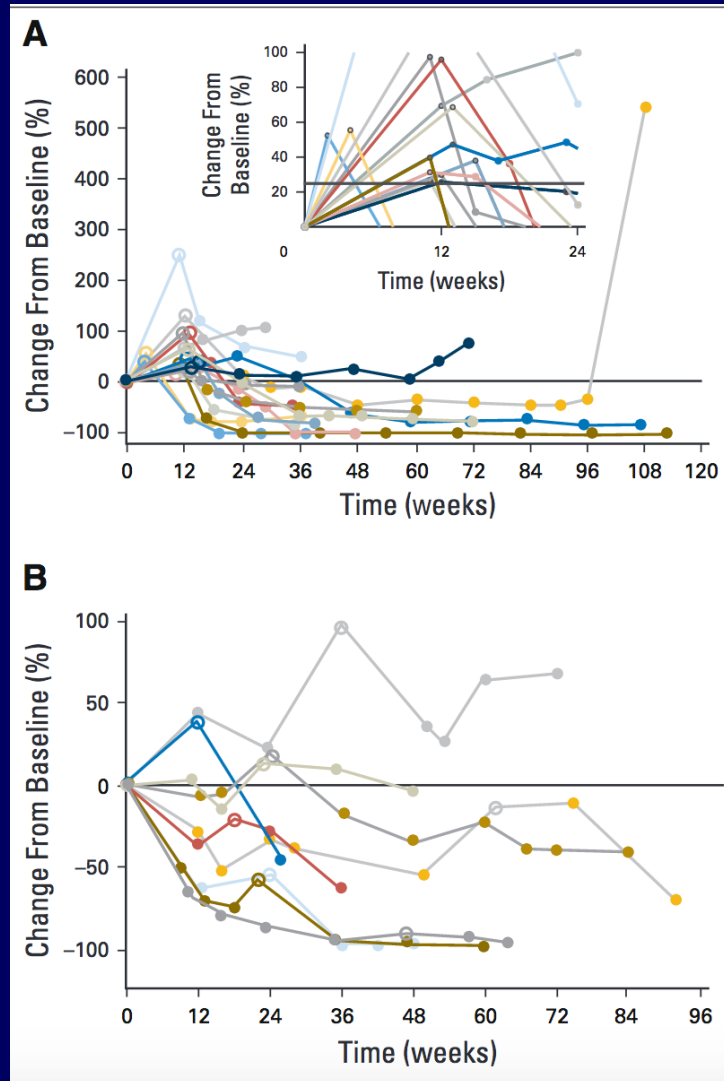
# Hodgkin Lymphoma - Response to Nivolumab



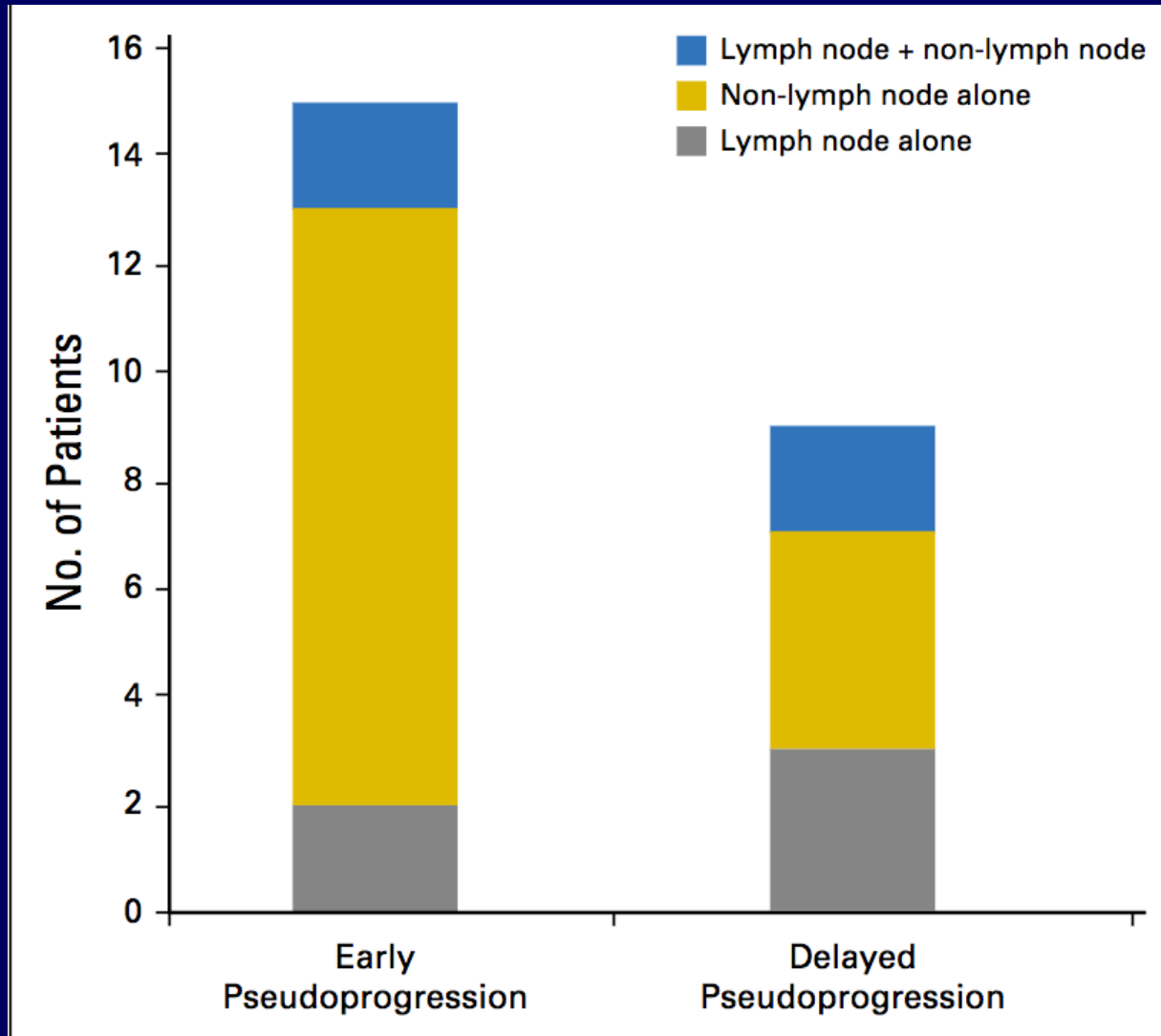
# A New Problem

- ~15% of solid tumor pts have a flare response on immunomodulatory agents (CPIs)
- Confused with PD
- Result in premature termination

# Percent Change from Baseline of Early (A) vs Late (B) Pseudoprogression



# Distribution of Lesions with Atypical Responses





# Core Concepts of IRC

- Confirmation of progression via a subsequent scan to detect delayed responses (time point to be determined by characteristics of the disease)
- Measuring new lesions to include in total tumor volume
- Accounting for durable SD as benefit
- Treating beyond conventional PD if clinically appropriate

# Agents That Induce Flare Reactions in Lymphoma

- Lenalidomide
- Rituximab
- Brentuximab vedotin
- Ibrutinib
- Check point inhibitors
- Potential agents
  - Bispecific antibodies
  - Engineered T-cells

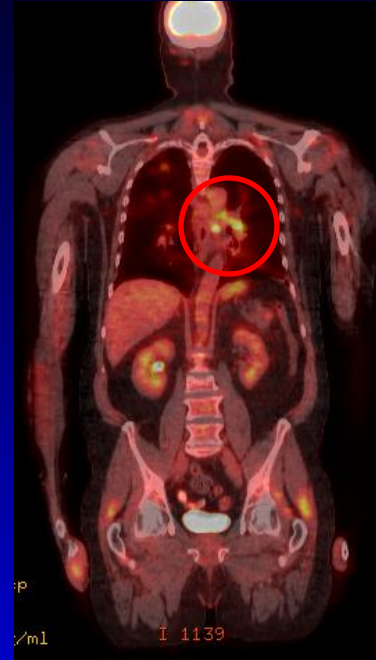
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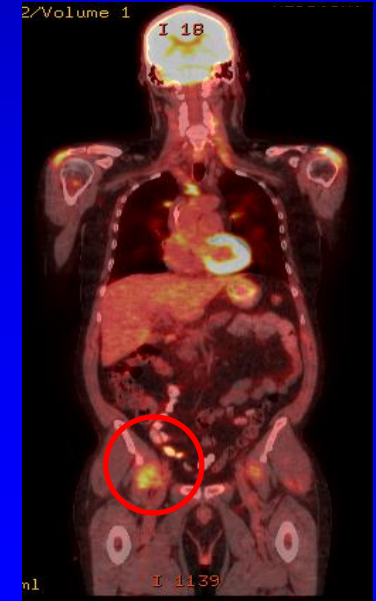
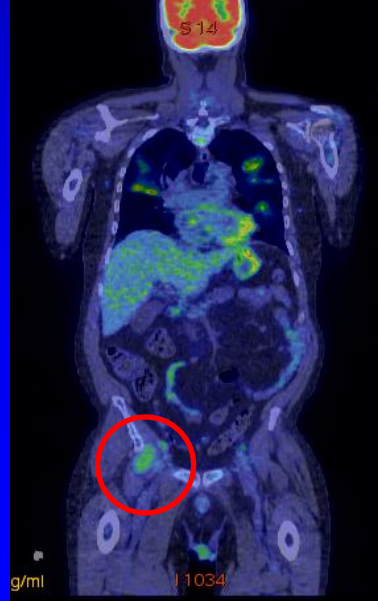
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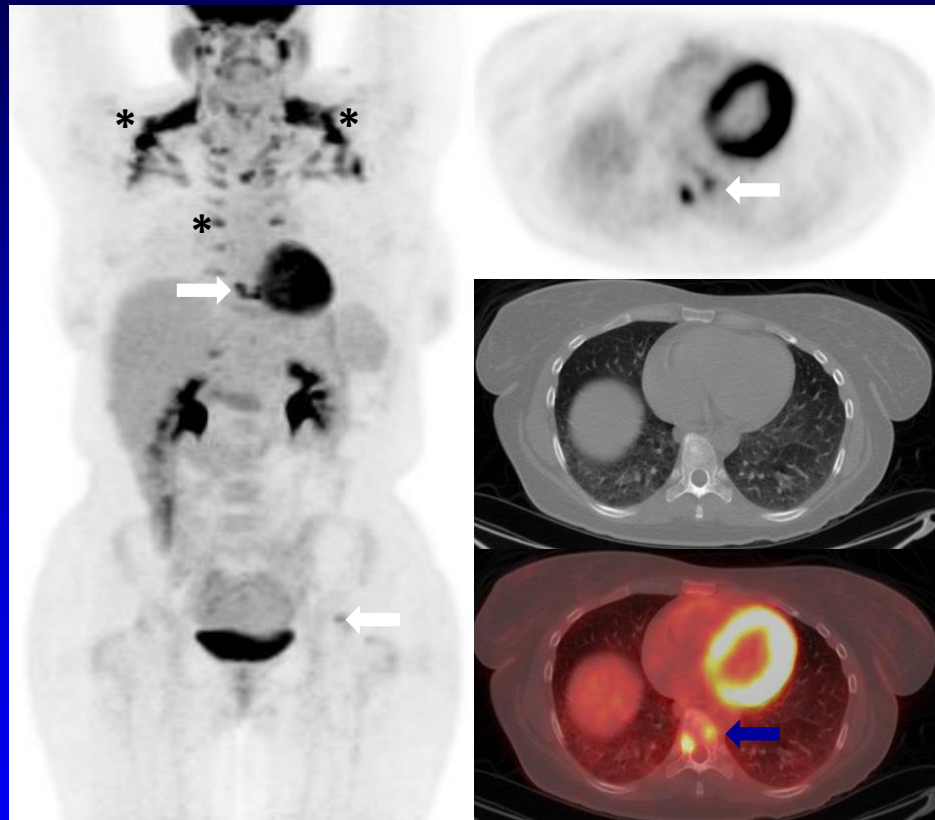
# Immune Response Criteria (IRC)\*

- Not applicable to lymphoma:
  - Rely on RECIST rather than Lugano
  - Timing of response assessment differs
  - Confirmatory studies not required with lymphoma
  - Definition of PD differs
  - Do not include PET-CT
  - Tumors are always abnormal; lymphomas involve nodes which are normally present
    - Normal size despite involvement
    - Enlarged despite non-involvement

# Discordance Between IRC and the Lugano Classification

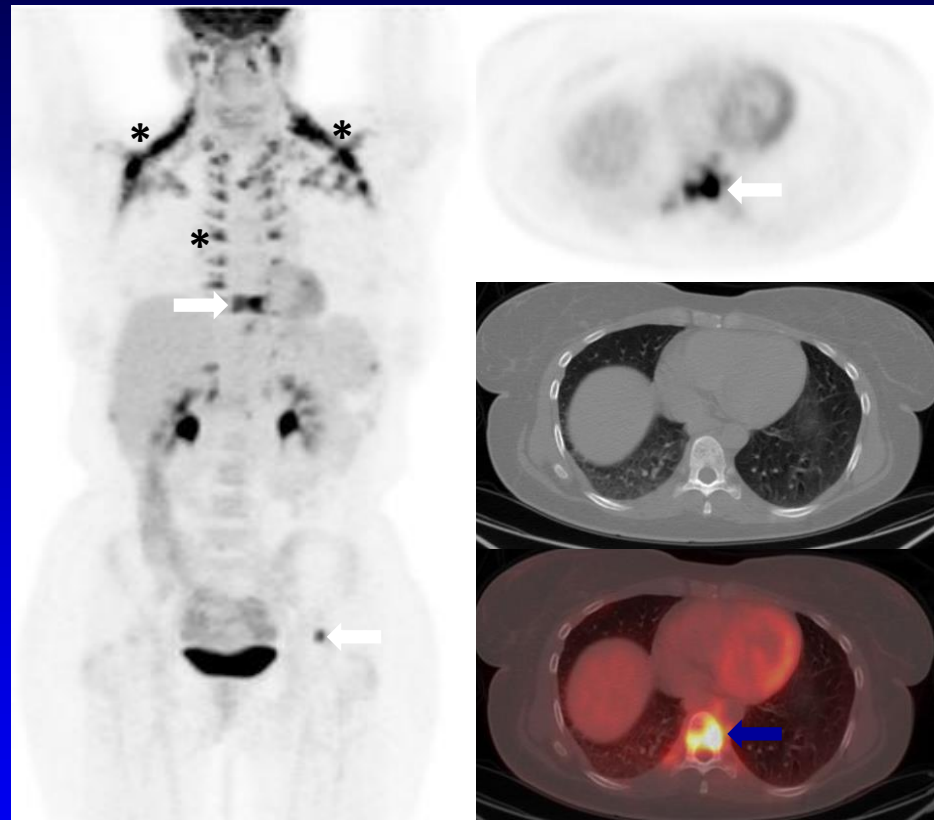
- Lymphomas often have non-measurable disease, imperceptible on CT
  - Bone marrow
  - Soft tissue involvement
- Cannot be integrated into tumor burden

# Discrepancy Between Lugano and Immune Response Criteria



Restaging FDG-PET/CT 1

12 weeks



Restaging FDG-PET/CT 2

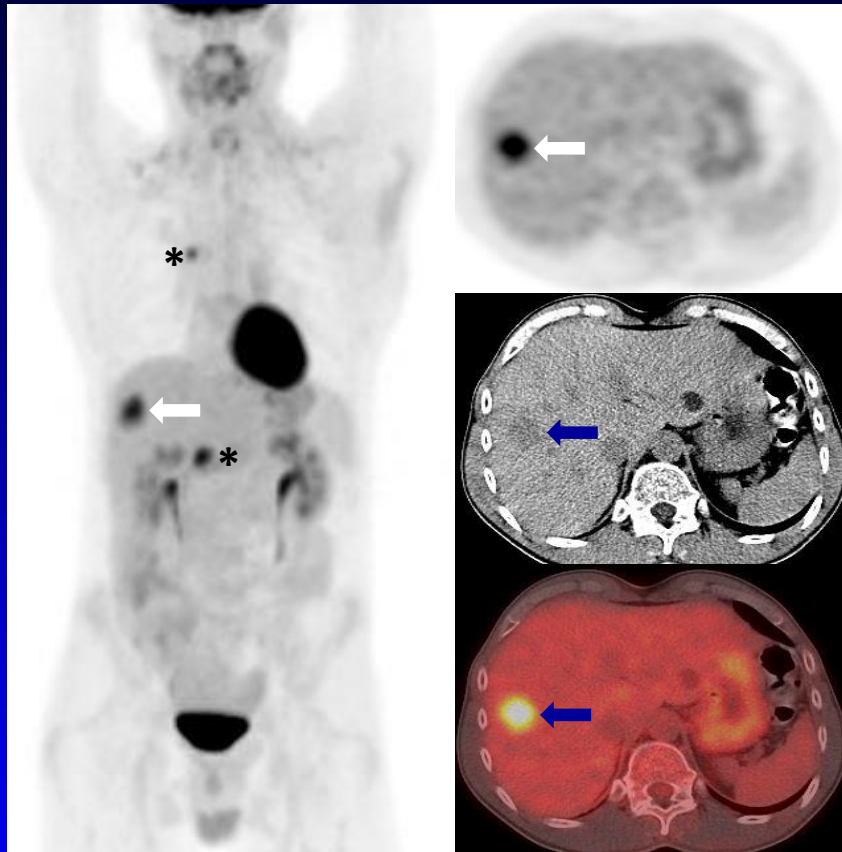
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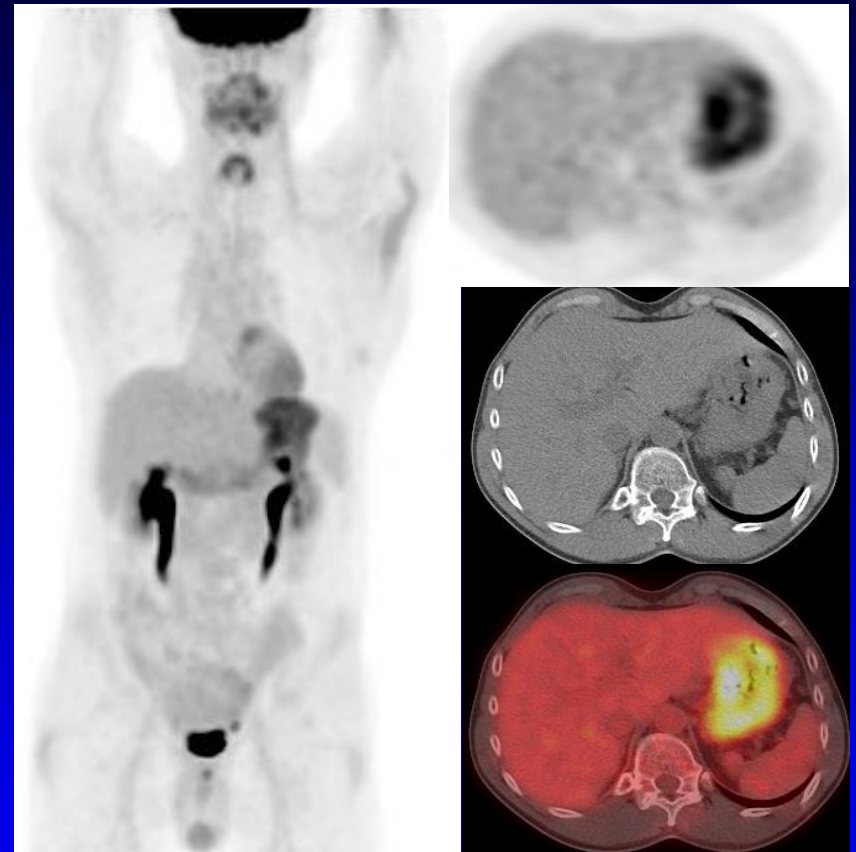
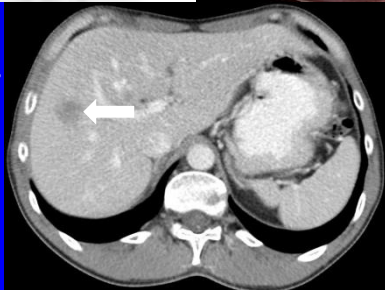
# Discordance Between IRC and Lugano

- Restaging PET-CT shows resolution of lesions
- If persistent CT lesions would be considered a PR by IRC
- Considered CR by Lugano if no longer FDG avid

# Dicrepancy Between Lugano and IRC



Baseline PET/CT  
and Contrast-  
enhanced CT



Restaging  
PET/CT and  
Contrast-  
enhanced CT



# LRF Sponsored Workshop 20.11.15: Assessment of Response in Patients On Immunomodulatory Agents



## **Response Criteria in Lymphoma Patients Treated with Immunomodulatory Agents Including Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors**

- Overview:** *The Response Criteria in Lymphoma Patients Treated with Immunomodulatory Agents Workshop* (the workshop) will allow leading clinicians and pharmaceutical researchers to share their experience with immune regulating agents which may induce an immune flare reaction in lymphoma. Lymphoma is one of the major cancer types for which new immune-based cancer treatments are currently in development.
- Objective:** The objective of the workshop is to address the unique patient response to this class of drugs and recommend appropriate adaptations of current lymphoma response criteria
- Logistics:** One-day program on November 20; the workshop will be held in Washington, DC.



# Immune Response Workshop

- Included presentations from investigators and industry representatives on experience with check point inhibitors
- Discussed the relevance of solid tumor IRC to lymphoma
- Determined lymphoma-specific criteria were needed
- Developed Lymphoma Response to Immunomodulatory Therapy Criteria (LyRIC)



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## Refinement of the Lugano classification response criteria for lymphoma in the era of immunomodulatory therapy

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*LyRIC: Lymphoma Response to Immunomodulatory Therapy Criteria*

# LyRIC: Indeterminate Response (IR)

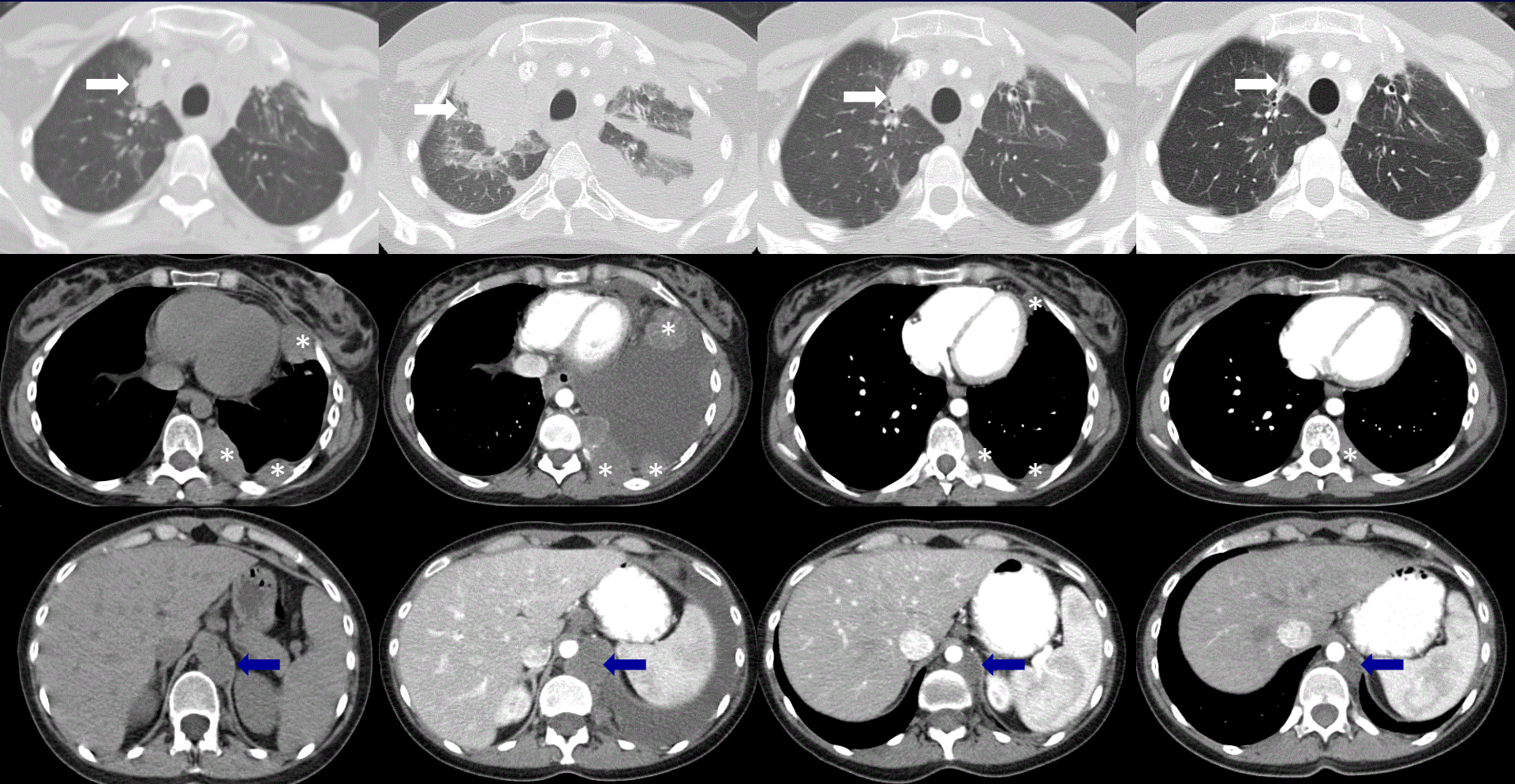
- Provisional term
- To identify lesions that may be flare vs PD
- Does not make direct reference to underlying mechanism
- Allows appropriate patients to remain on treatment
  - until reassessment to confirm or refute PD
  - or biopsy proven disease

# Definitions of Types of IR

**IR1:** Increase in overall tumor burden (by SPD) of  $\geq 50\%$  of up to 6 measurable lesions in the first 12 weeks of therapy, without clinical deterioration



# IR1



Baseline CT

Restaging CT 1- 3 wks

Restaging CT 2- 7 wks

Restaging CT 3-13 wks

Courtesy H. Jacene

# Definitions of Types of IR

**IR2:** Appearance of new lesions; or growth of one or more existing lesion(s)  $\geq 50\%$ ; at any time during treatment; occurring in the context of lack of overall progression ( $< 50\%$  increase) of overall tumor burden, by SPD of up to 6 lesions at any time during the treatment.

# IR2

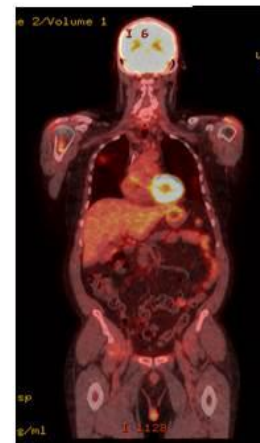
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# Definitions of Types of IR

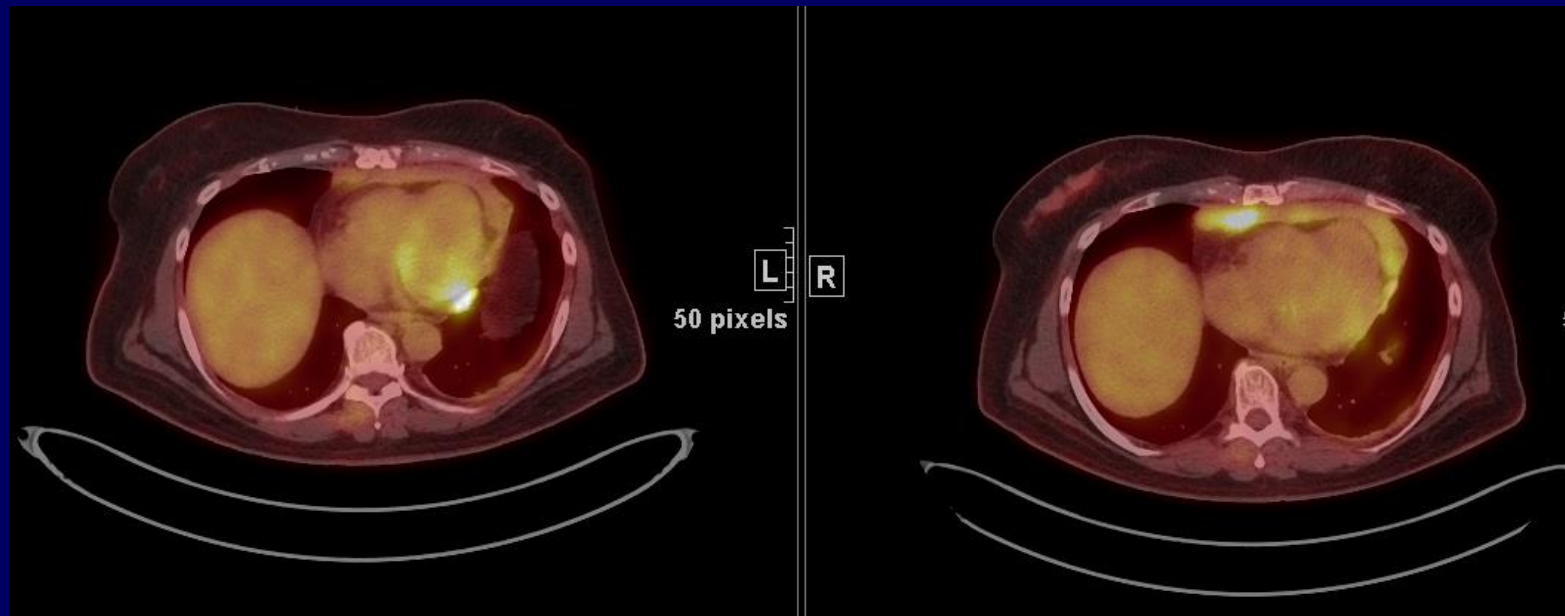
**IR3:** Increase in FDG uptake of one or more lesion(s) without a concomitant increase in lesion size or number



IR(3) an increase in FDG uptake of one or more lesions suggestive of lymphoma without a concomitant increase in size of those lesions meeting PD

July 2, 2014

Sept 3, 2014



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# Follow-up of IR

- Repeat scan in ~12 wks (earlier if indicated)
- PD if:
  - IR1 – further increase  $\geq 10\%$  in SPD
    - $\geq 5$  mm in 1 dimension for lesions  $\leq 2$  cm
    - $\geq 10$  mm for lesions  $> 2$  cm
  - IR2 – new lesion added to SPD (unless benign) and, if  $\geq 50\%$  increase – PD
  - IR3 – PD if increase in size or new lesions

# Use of the IR Category

- Incorporated as a secondary endpoint of future clinical trials of immunomodulatory agents
- Allow for treatment past “PD” if clinically indicated
- Collect data to determine appropriateness of this approach

# Conclusions

- PET-CT is standard for restaging FDG-avid lymphomas
- Use of immunotherapies may result in false-positive/flare reactions
- LyRIC criteria provide guidance as to how to assess such responses
- Incorporation of other methodologies may increase specificity
- Reduce number of patients removed from potentially effective therapies