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# Updates and Emerging Treatments in Neuro-Oncology

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# Course Objectives

- Identify existing and emerging treatments for gliomas
- Understand challenges in glioma treatment
- Understand role of molecular profiling in gliomas for diagnosis and prognosis
- Discuss historical, current, and future directions of emerging treatments in Neuro-Oncology

# Case presentation

50s right-handed M with chronic history of nocturnal seizures presented with 1 month history of diplopia with associated headache, left sided motor deficits and cognitive changes

Significant PMH Nocturnal seizures/HTN

Social Hx Occasional EtOH

Family Hx Hypertension and Lung Cancer

Vital signs - within normal limits

CBC w diff and CMP - unremarkable

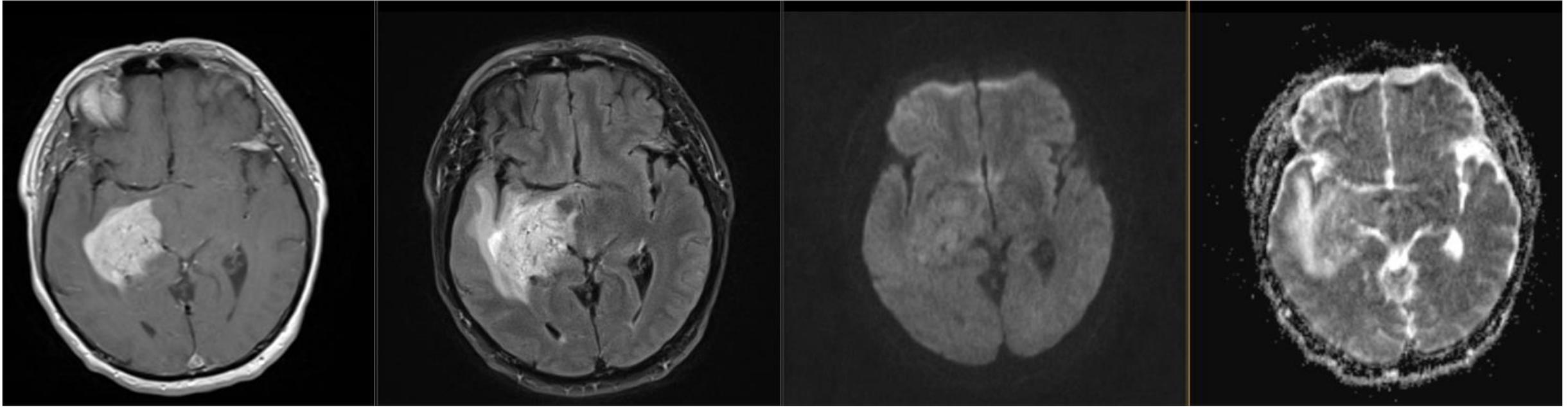
Influenza A, COVID-19, RSV – Not detected

# Imaging



CT chest/abdomen/pelvis – No clear evidence of metastatic disease, No LAD

# Imaging



# Differential Diagnosis

- a. Glioma
- b. Brain Metastasis
- c. Cerebral Abscess
- d. Lymphoma
- e. Tumefactive MS

***What should we do next?***

# Diagnostic workup

**Stereotactic biopsy** of the right thalamic tumor

**Frozen section** was consistent with **lymphoma**

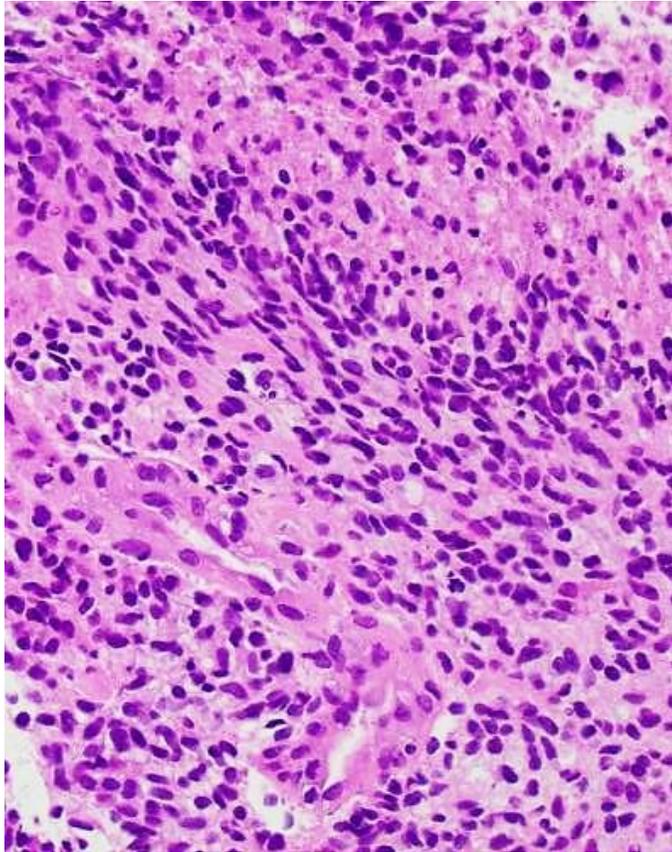
Patient transferred to Med Onc floor with **plan for HD-MTX/RTX**

MRI Total Spine/US scrotum/Serologic workup/Ophthalmology exam - **unremarkable**

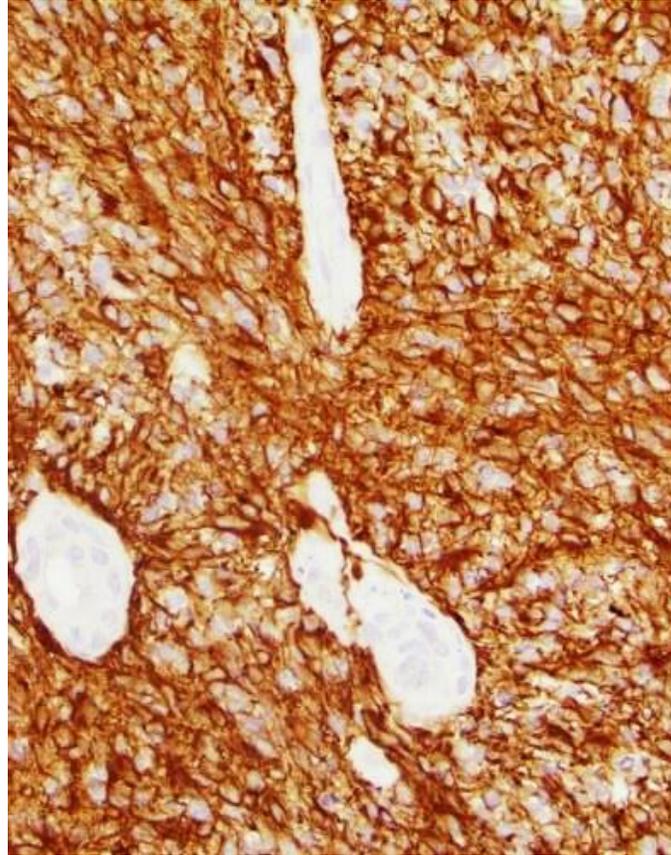
**Hematopathology flow cytometry** of the brain biopsy

**No overt evidence of clonal B-Cell or aberrant T-cell population**  
suggesting nonhematologic origin

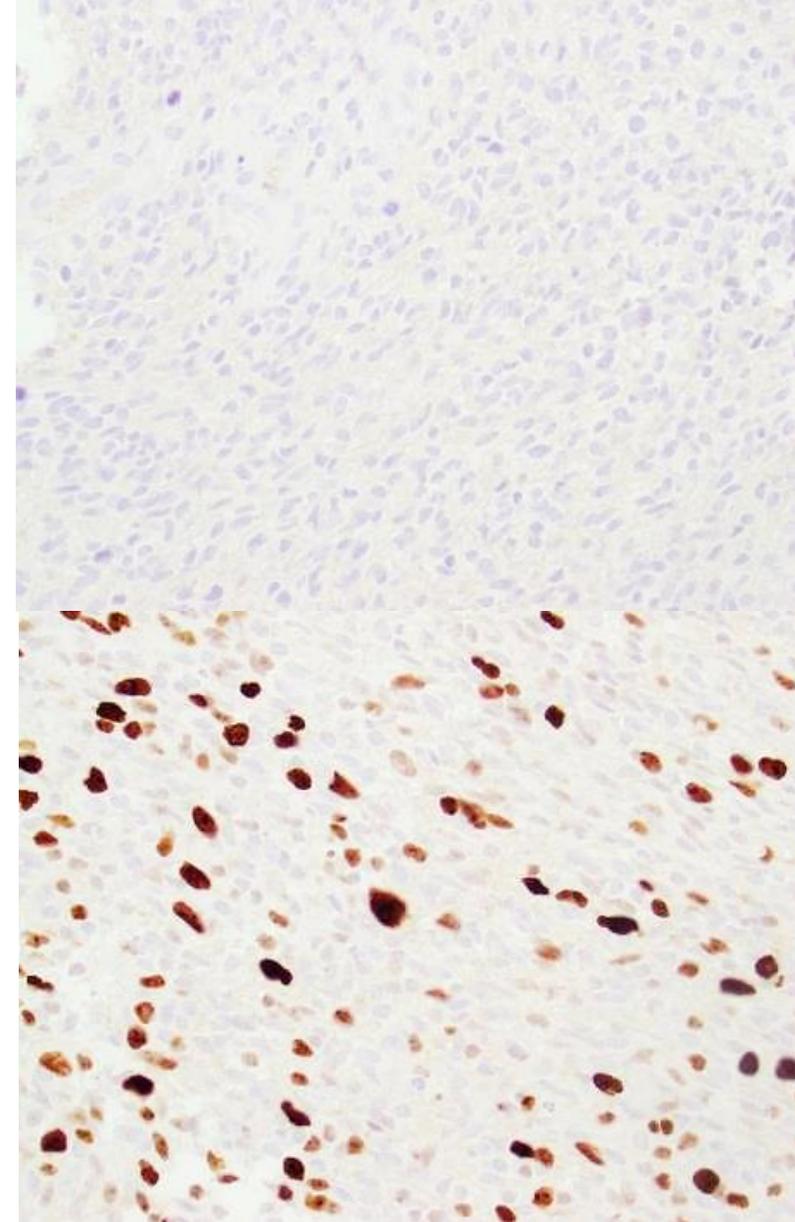
# Pathology



Necrosis (top, right)  
Microvascular proliferation (bottom left)  
Spindle shaped tumor cells



GFAP-positive tumor cell processes



Slide adapted courtesy of Anthony T. Yachnis,  
MD

# Final Diagnosis

Next Generation Sequencing performed  
identified **TERT mut**

Final pathologic diagnosis

Glioblastoma WHO Grade 4; TERT mut

*Note: Highly cellular gliomas can fluid restrict  
on DWI*

# Adult-type diffuse gliomas

Astrocytoma, IDH-mutant Grade 2-4

Oligodendroglioma, IDH-mutant, 1p/19q co-deletion, Grade 2-3

Glioblastoma, IDH-wildtype Grade 4

# Goals of Treatment

## Local Control

- Surgery, Radiation, Stereotactic Radiosurgery, Laser therapy, Tumor treating fields

## Systemic Control

- Chemotherapy, Targeted therapy, Immunotherapy

# Why is Glioma treatment so difficult

- Infiltrate normal brain tissue
- Recurrence
- Transformation to higher grade
- Rapid growth can cause swelling, increased pressure
- Microscopic disease not found on CT/MRI

# Glioblastoma WHO Grade 4

## Onset

Arises in 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> decades of life

De novo or transformation from lower grade

## MRI findings

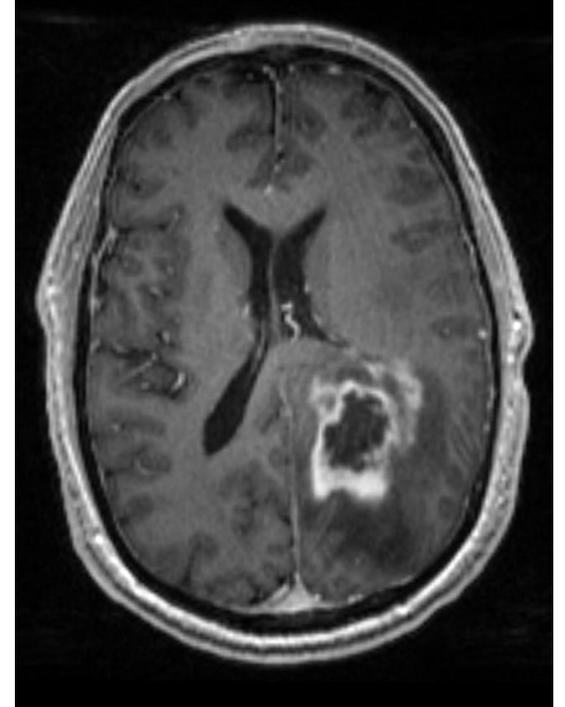
T1+c heterogeneous ring enhancement

Significant T2/FLAIR signal abnormality

non-enhancing disease

vasogenic edema

**Diffuse infiltration of brain parenchyma**



Peters KB. Introduction to CNS Tumors- Pathology, Genetics, Tumor Biology 2014  
Canoll P. Primary Adult Brain Tumors, Pathology, Grading and Prognosis SNO 2014

# Glioblastoma WHO Grade 4

## Pathologic findings

increased nuclear atypia and cellular proliferation

**microvascular proliferation and necrosis**

## Common Molecular findings

**IDH wildtype\***

TERT promoter mut

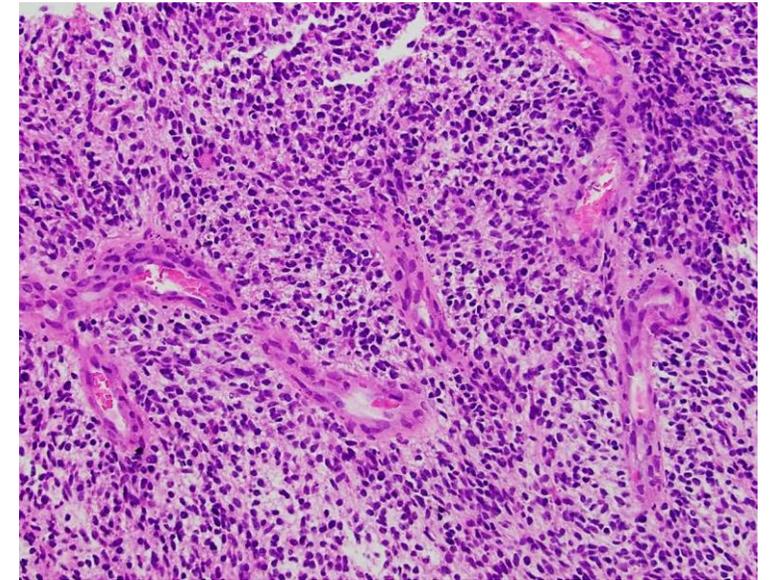
EGFR amplification

Gain of chromosome 7p/Loss of 10q

## Prognosis

Overall survival 14-18 months.

Progression of tumor is common



**\*WHO 2021 classification does not allow IDH mut tumors to be classified as Glioblastoma WHO Grade 4**

# Tissue Sampling emphasizing heterogeneity of gliomas

Histological analysis of MRI localized biopsies of the Enhancing and Non-Enhancing portions of Glial Tumors

## Features more commonly associated with Enhancing portion

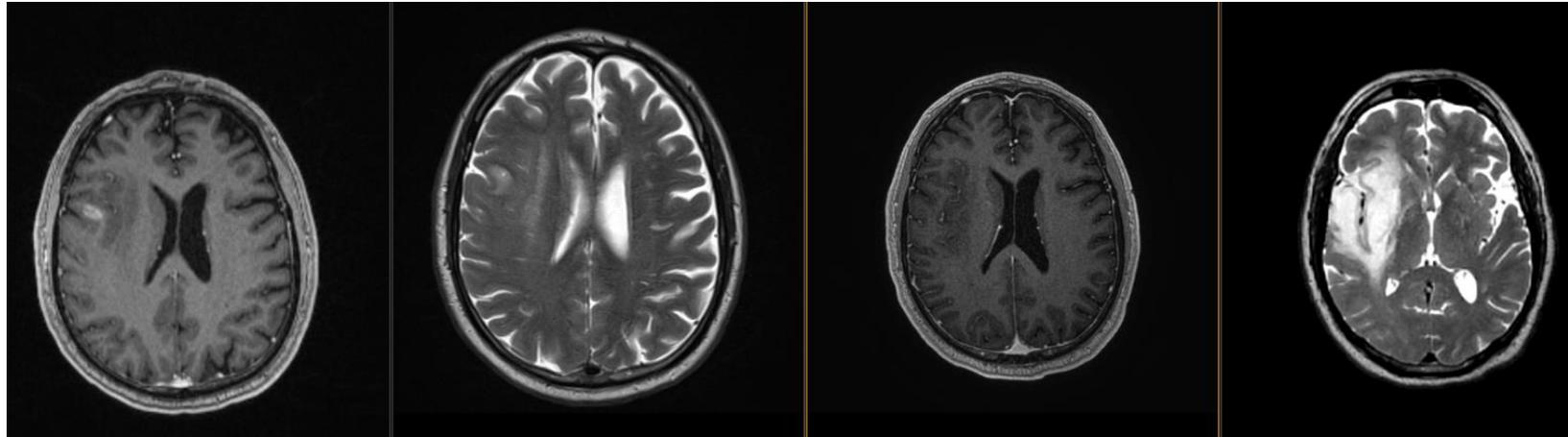
Mitoses

Microvascular Proliferation (MVP)

Necrosis

## Increased cellular density in the Enhancing portion

1 month later,  
resection of new  
right frontal  
enhancement shows  
MVP/necrosis thus  
Glioblastoma  
confirmed



Initial path  
following resection  
of right temporal  
non-enhancing  
disease Diffuse  
Astrocytoma

# Molecular Profiling - Provide diagnostic and prognostic information

When histology is unable to differentiate tumors

Reduce diagnostic interobserver heterogeneity

Improve accuracy of diagnosis

*Increase objectivity*

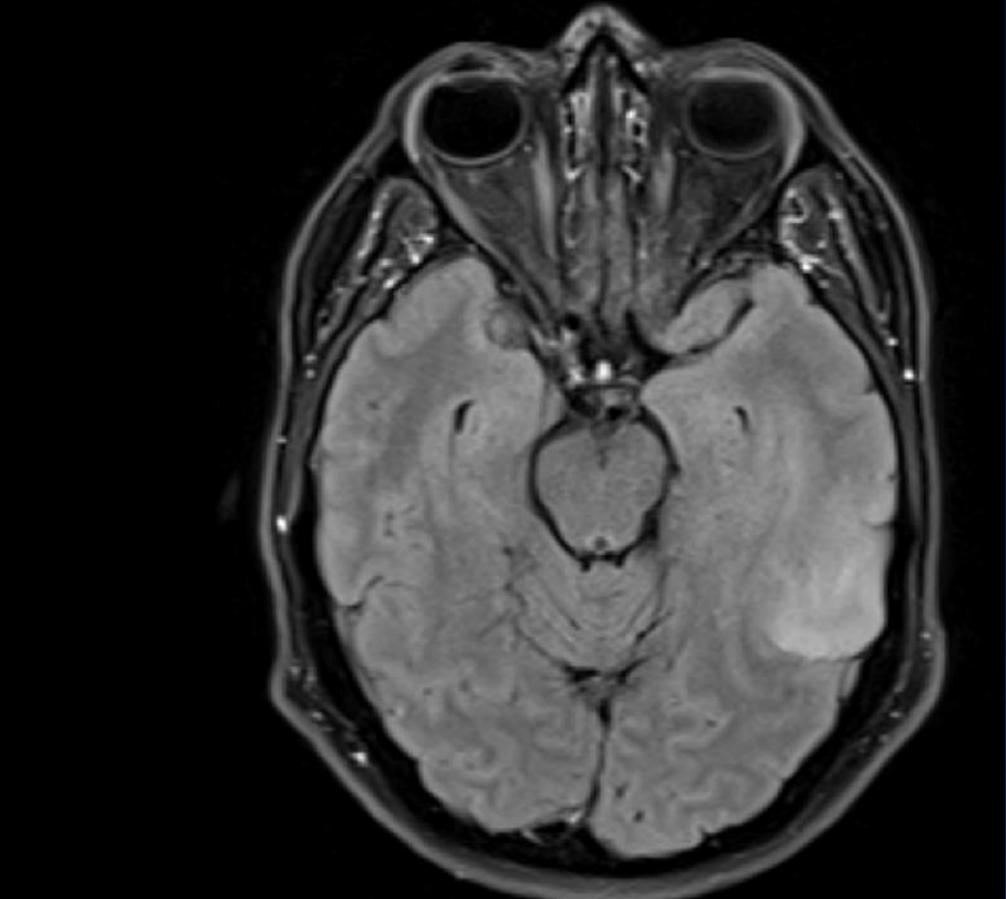
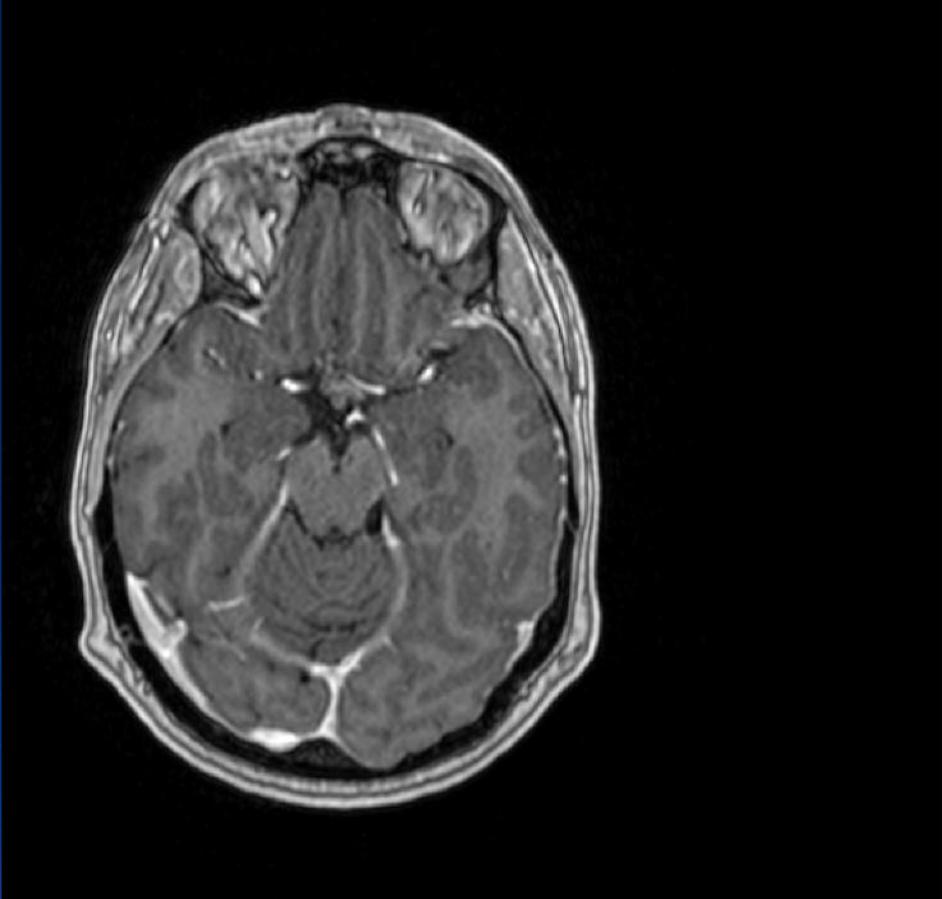
Inform clinical trial determination

Improve speed of eligibility determination

Enroll patients that more closely resemble each other

*Improve reproducibility in the real-world setting*

Identify molecular alterations within the tumor that can be potentially targeted



no clear MVP and no necrosis

mutations of EGFR and TERT  
promoter were identified

molecular characterization supported  
dx of Glioblastoma

*allowed patient to enroll in newly dx clinical trial*

# Current Treatment Landscape in GBM

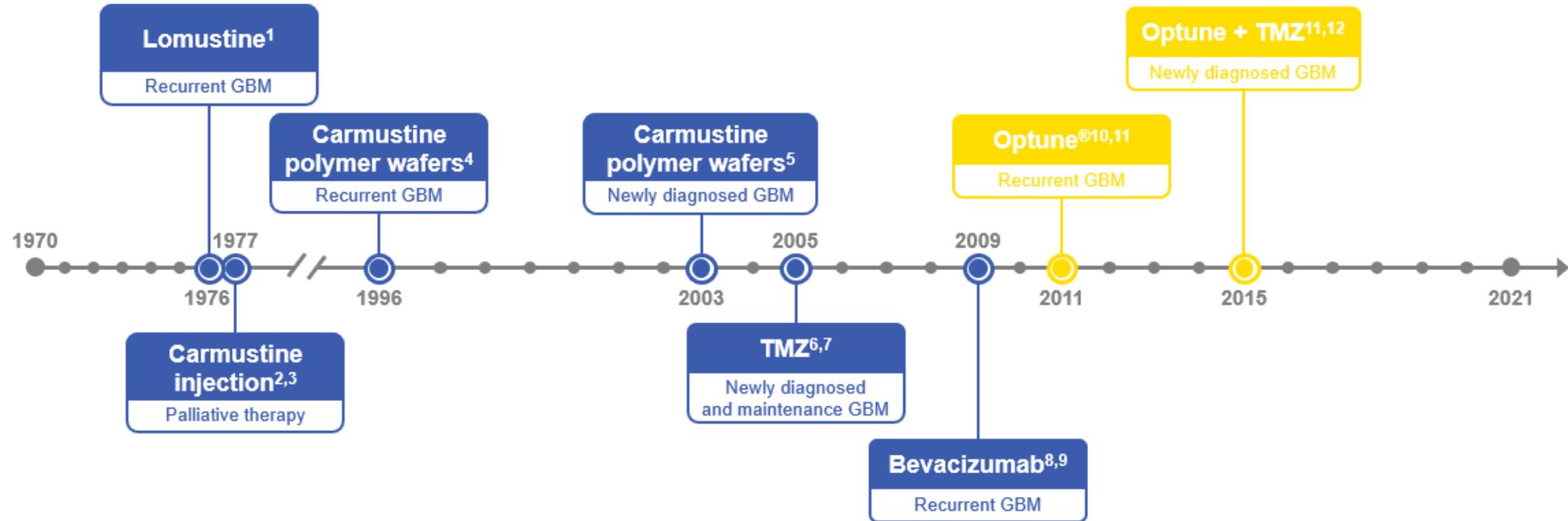
Limited success apart from Temozolomide and  
Tumor Treating fields in 2000s

EF-14 reported > 20 months OS

Real-world evidence (RWE) data from US registry  
has reported OS closer to 8 months

Highlights criticism of strict clinical trial eligibility  
criteria

# Timeline of approved treatments in Glioblastoma



FDA, Food and Drug Administration; GBM, glioblastoma; TMZ, temozolomide.

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# Timeline of approved treatments in Glioblastoma

- 1976 – Lomustine – Recurrent GBM
- 1977 – Carmustine injection – Palliative
- 1996 – Carmustine polymer wafers – Recurrent GBM
- 2003 – Carmustine polymer wafers – Newly Dx GBM
- 2005 – Temozolomide – Newly Dx GBM
- 2009 – Bevacizumab – Recurrent GBM
- 2011 – Tumor Treating Fields – Recurrent GBM
- 2015 – Tumor Treating Fields – Newly Dx GBM

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# Targeted Treatment Options in Gliomas

**TABLE 1.** Table Summarizing Molecular Targets Responding to Therapy

Molecular Target	Agent	Activity (ORR)	Reference
Adults			
BRAFV600E	Vemurafenib	25%	19
BRAFV600E	Dabrafenib/trametinib	32% GBM; 69% LGG	18
NTRK	Larotrectinib	30%	20
FGFR mutation/FGFR-TACC fusion	Erdafitinib	20.9%	21
H3K27M	Dordaviprone (ONC201)	20%	22,23
IDH	Ivosidenib, vorasidenib Olutasidenib, BAY 1436032 Safusidenib	5%-40%	24-28
Children			
TSC1/2	Everolimus	35%	29
BRAFV600E	Dabrafenib/trametinib	25%-47%	30,35
BRAF/KIAA fusion	Selumetinib	35%-40%	31
BRAF/KIAA fusion	Tovorafenib	64% <sup>a</sup>	
H3K27M	Dordaviprone (ONC201)		32
H3K27M	GD2 CAR-T cell	50%	33
NF1	Selumetinib	70%	34

Abbreviations: CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; GBM, glioblastoma; LGG, low-grade glioma; ORR, objective response rate.

<sup>a</sup>Not yet published in peer review journal.

# Tumor Treating Fields (TTFields)

**Low intensity intermediate frequency alternating electric field therapy**

**Disrupt cell division/mitosis**

**Nerves or muscle are not stimulated**

**Tissue is not heated**

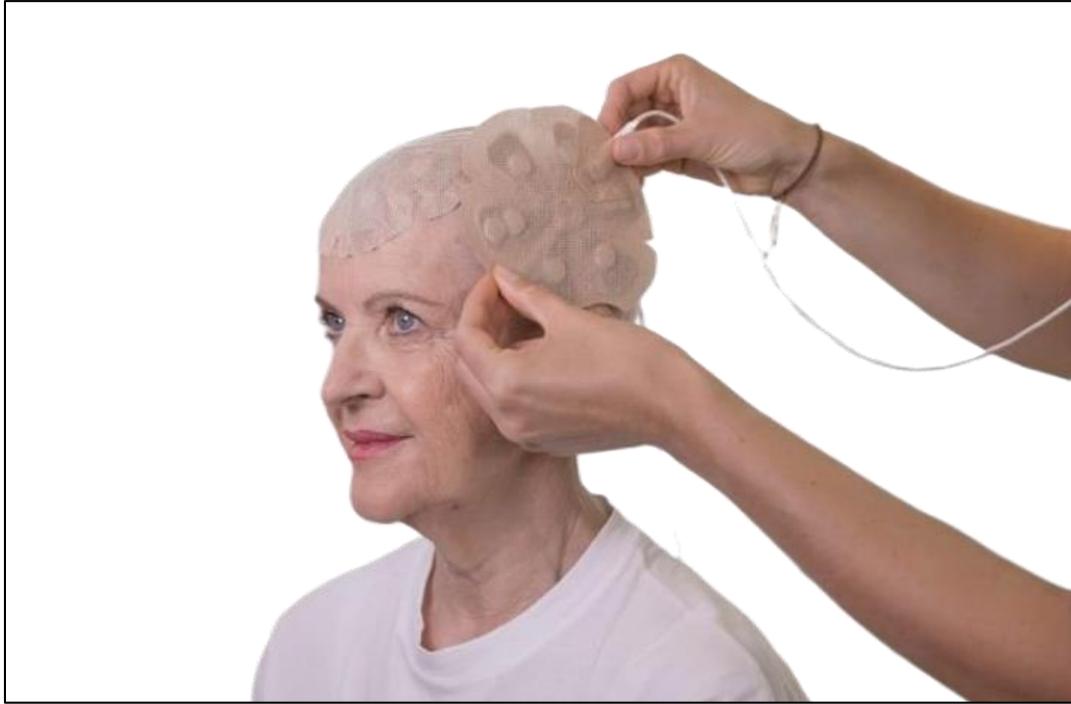
Treatment delivery

- Application of transducer arrays (non-invasive)

- Apply to shaved scalp

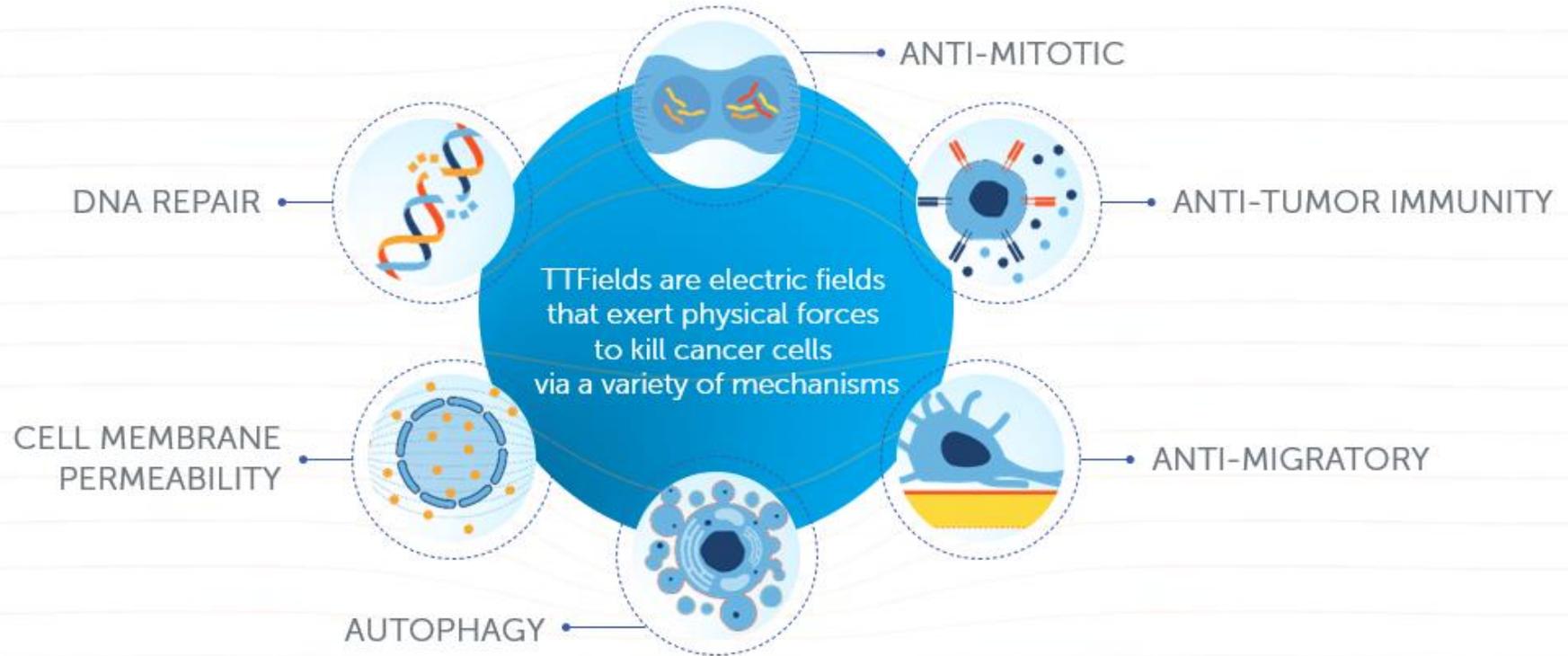
- Array placement is determined using NovoTAL™

- Field intensity centered on the tumor tissue using both tumor location and patient head size



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# MoA of TTFields



TTFields, Tumor Treating Fields Therapy.

1. Rominivi O et al. *Br J Cancer*. 2021;124(4):697–709; 2. Karanam NK, Story MD. *Int J Radiat Biol*. 2021;97(8):1044–1054; 3. Mun EJ et al. *Clin Cancer Res*. 2018;24(2):266–275.

# EF-11 Randomized Phase III trial

Stupp et al randomly assigned patients between 9/2006-5/2009 to receive

TTFields monotherapy 120 patients

Physician choice of chemotherapy 117 patients

**Well balanced arms** with number of previous chemotherapy treatments 2 or more in approx. 80% of patients

Median Survival

TTFields alone 6.6 months

Physician choice of chemotherapy 6 months

P=0.27

Summary

**No survival benefit**

**TTFields therapy as effective as physician best choice of chemotherapy**

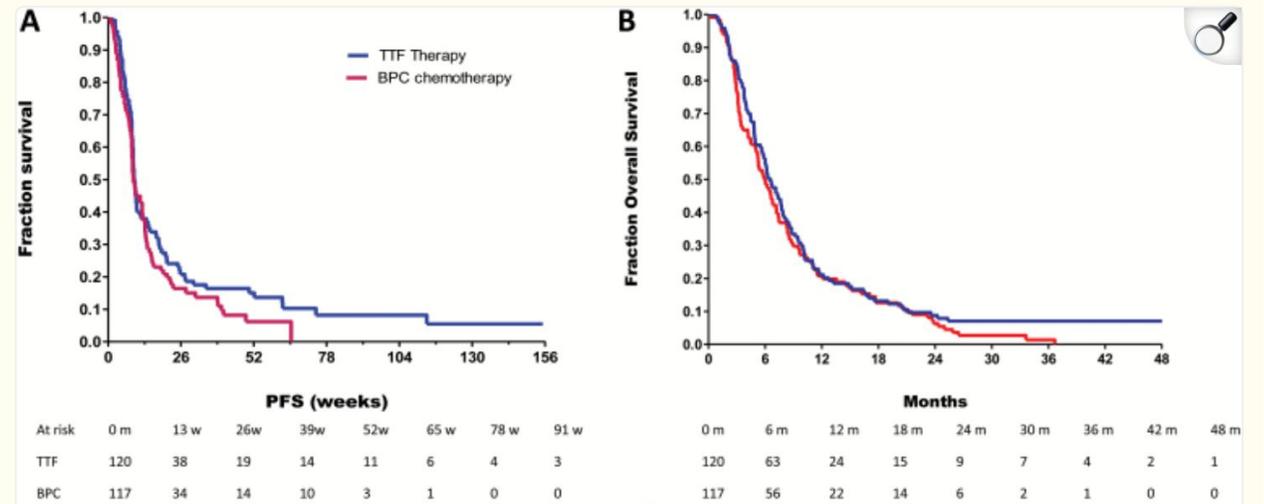
Quality of life and toxicity favored

TTFields arm

**Primary toxicity in the TTField arm was mild**

**Moderate skin rash (scalp)**

Fig. 4.



# EF-14 open-label randomized phase III trial

Stupp et al assessed 695 newly diagnosed GBM patient between 7/2009-11/2014 after completion of Fractionated RT with concurrent daily Temozolomide 75mg/m<sup>2</sup>

466 patients received TTFIELDS plus TMZ

229 TMZ alone

## **Well balanced groups**

Patients received 6-12 cycles of maintenance Temozolomide

At progression, second line treatment given per choice of local physician

use of TTFIELDS could be continued up until second progression

Incidence/severity of adverse events comparable between the two groups

## **TTFIELDS group**

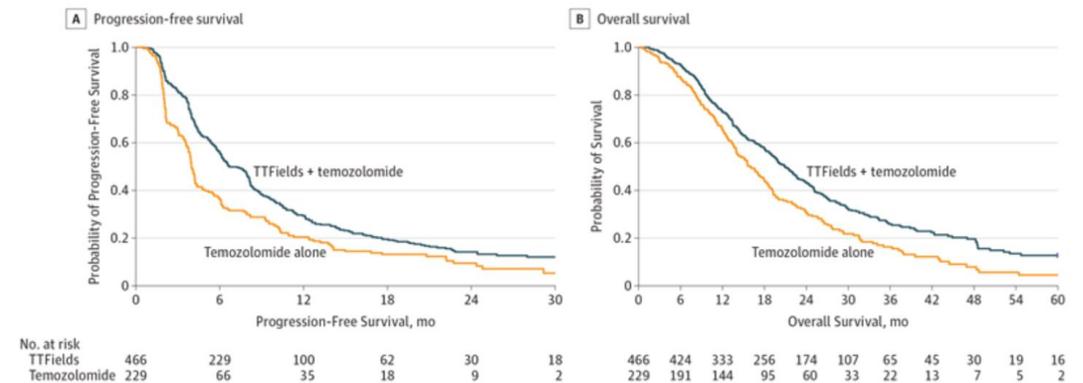
higher rate of skin rash (localized to scalp)

higher frequency of headaches, insomnia, mild anxiety, confusion

# EF-14 open-label randomized phase III trial

- Interim analysis reviewed 210 patients in TTFields/TMZ arm and 105 patients in TMZ arm
- Median OS
  - TTFields plus TMZ arm 20.5 months
  - TMZ alone arm 15.6 months
- Median PFS
  - TTFields plus TMZ arm 7.1 months
  - TMZ alone arm 4.0 months
- **Percentage of patients alive at 2 years**
  - TTFields plus TMZ 43%
  - TMZ alone arm 29%
  - P=0.006

Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier Survival Curves for Patients Included in the Final Analysis in the Intent-to-Treat Population

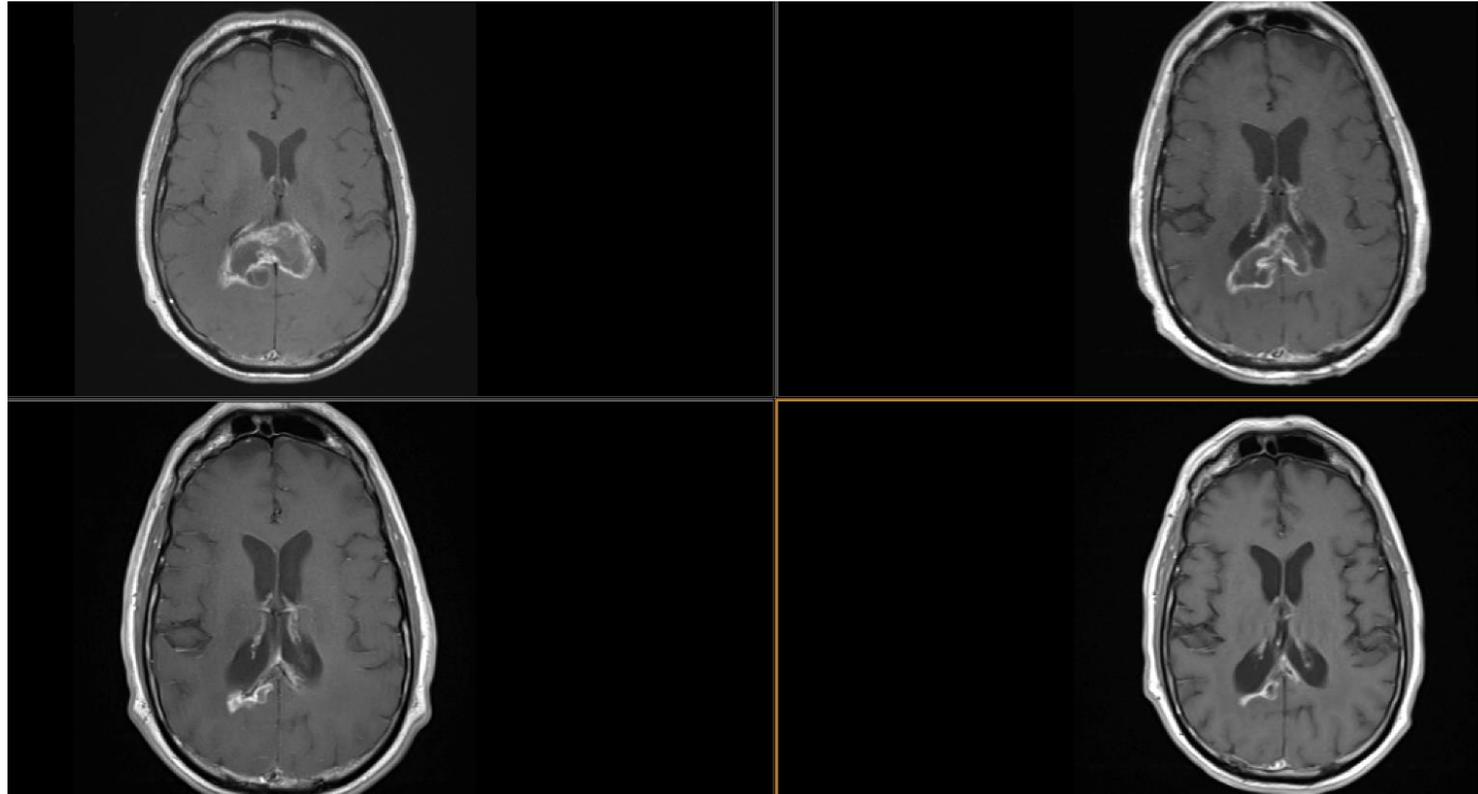


# Case presentation

- 67 yo right-handed M with 1 month history of confusion, short term memory difficulty, and headaches
- 2019 – Present with heterogeneous enhancing mass involving the splenium of the corpus callosum
- Stereotactic brain biopsy – Glioblastoma WHO Grade 4
- Completed Fractionated RT with concurrent 42-day Temozolomide 75/m<sup>2</sup>
- Enrolled in clinical trial: 5 day Temozolomide 150-200mg/m<sup>2</sup> plus TTFields
  - Pembrolizumab started with C2

# Case presentation

Presentation



Post RT, TTFields initiated

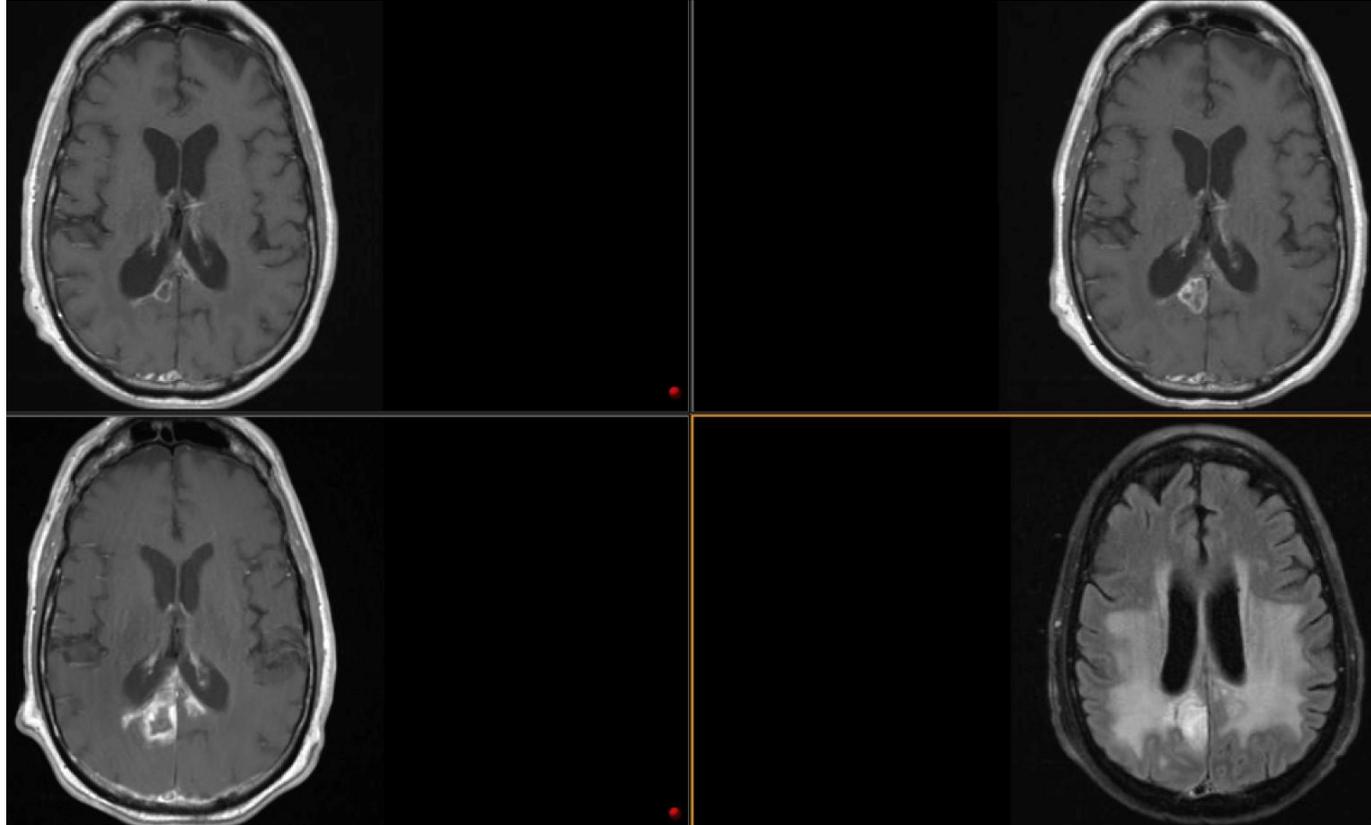
Over 6 months post  
TMZ/TTFields/  
Pembrolizumab

18 months post  
diagnosis

KPS 70 Intermittent HAs, Depression/Anxiety/Short term memory difficulty

# Case presentation

24 months post diagnosis



s/p laser ablation  
Recurrent GBM  
Nivolumab/Ipilimumab

28 months post diagnosis

37 months post diagnosis,  
Bevacizumab started  
Left sided hemiparesis,  
continued clinical decline

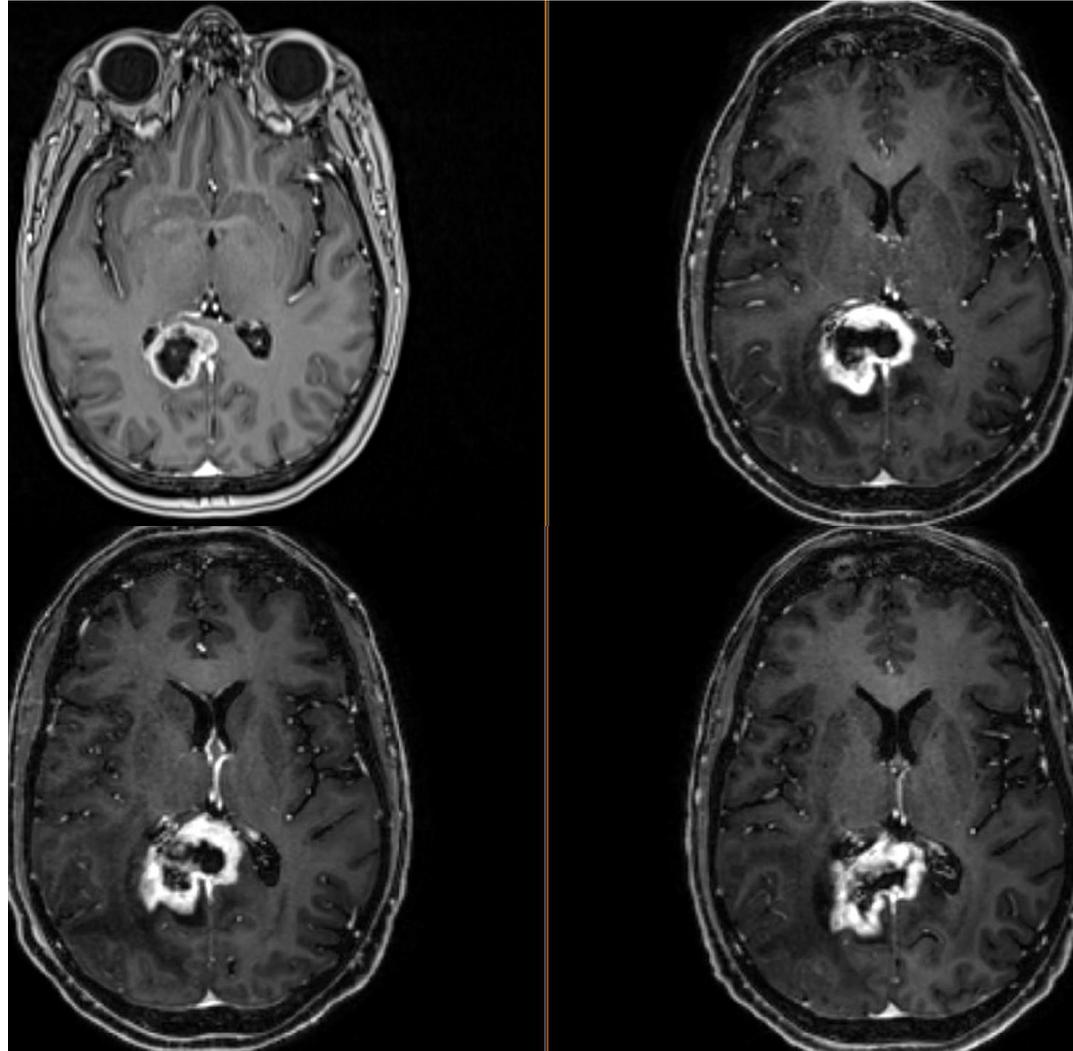
40 months post diagnosis, continued clinical decline, enrolled in hospice

# Case presentation 2

- New onset seizure, confusion, respiratory failure, neuroimaging revealed large biparietal lesion
- Stereotactic brain biopsy with path reporting Glioblastoma WHO Grade 4; TERT mut, MGMT methylated
- Completed Fractionated RT with concurrent daily Temozolomide – post RT imaging with radiation induced inflammatory changes
- Enrolled in 2THETOP study (TTFields/5-day Temozolomide/Pembrolizumab)

## Case presentation 2

Presentation



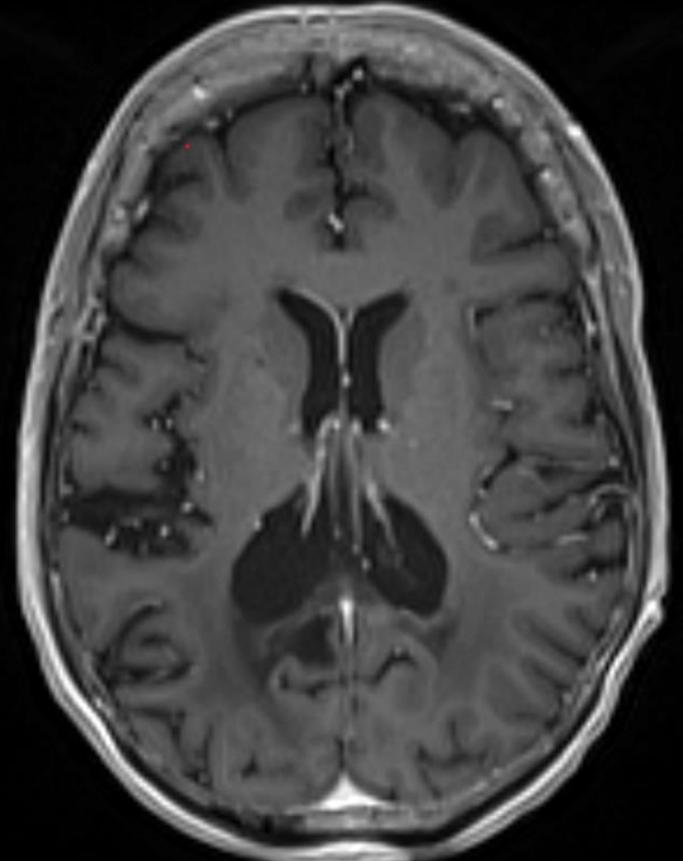
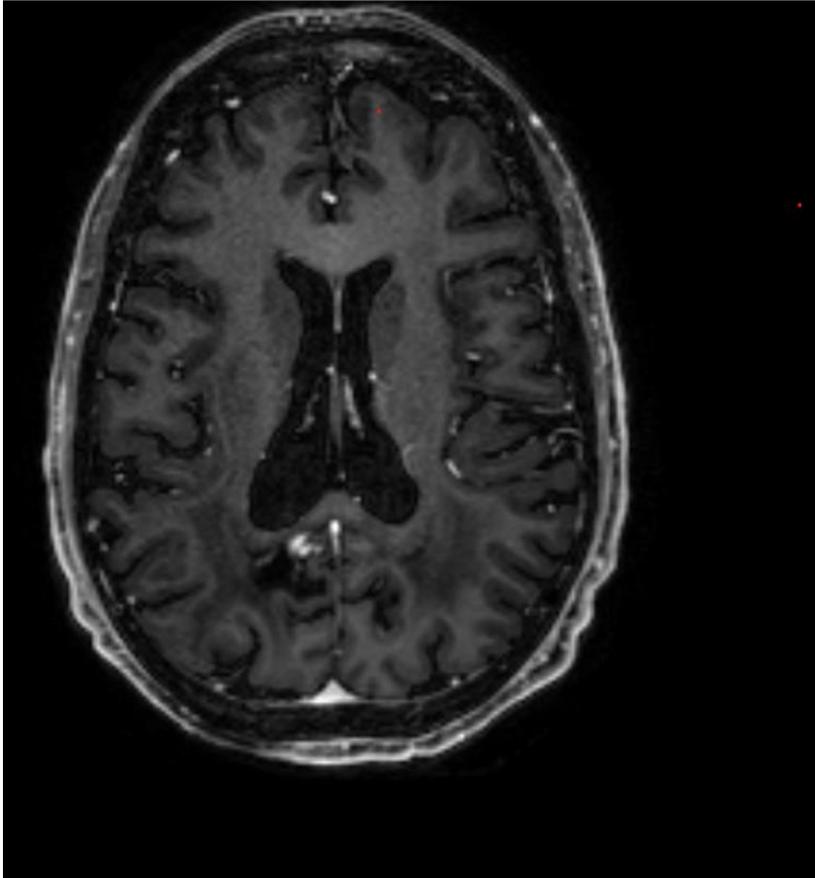
Post initiation  
of adjuvant  
treatment  
TTFIELDS/TMZ/  
Pembrolizuma  
b

Post  
chemoradiation,  
TTFIELDS  
initiated

Post 6 months of  
Immunotherapy  
initiation

# Case presentation 2

15 months  
post  
completion of  
adjuvant TMZ



Nearly 7  
years  
following  
initial  
diagnosis

**Final results of 2-THE-TOP: a phase 2 study of TTFIELDS plus pembrolizumab plus maintenance temozolomide (TMZ) in patients with newly diagnosed glioblastoma (ndGBM) NCT03405792**

*Tran D et al. Presented at Society of Neuro-Oncology Annual Meeting November 18, 2022*

**TTFIELDS induce anti-tumor immunity via type-1 interferon (T1IFN) pathways of the STING and AIM2 inflammasomes.**

Chen D et al. J Clin Invest. 2022

26 GBM patients enrolled with primary endpoints as PFS versus case-matched controls of TTFIELDS plus TMZ in the EF-14 study and immune signatures by multiomics of PBMCs and tumors. Secondary endpoints included toxicity and OS.

As of 2/16/22

**Median OS was 25.2 months** versus 15.9 months in controls (HR =0.382; 95% CI: 0.168-0.861; P =0.078)

**Two-year OS was 57.8%** (95% CI: 33.7-75.9%) versus 19.2% (95% CI: 7.0-36.0%) in controls; P =0.002.

**Key Point: The triple combination demonstrated acceptable toxicity and promising efficacy in GBM. Survival and molecular data to be updated.**

**A Phase 3, placebo-controlled study of TMZ + TTFIELDS + pembrolizumab vs. TMZ + TTFIELDS + placebo in newly diagnosed GBM (EF41/KEYNOTE D58)**

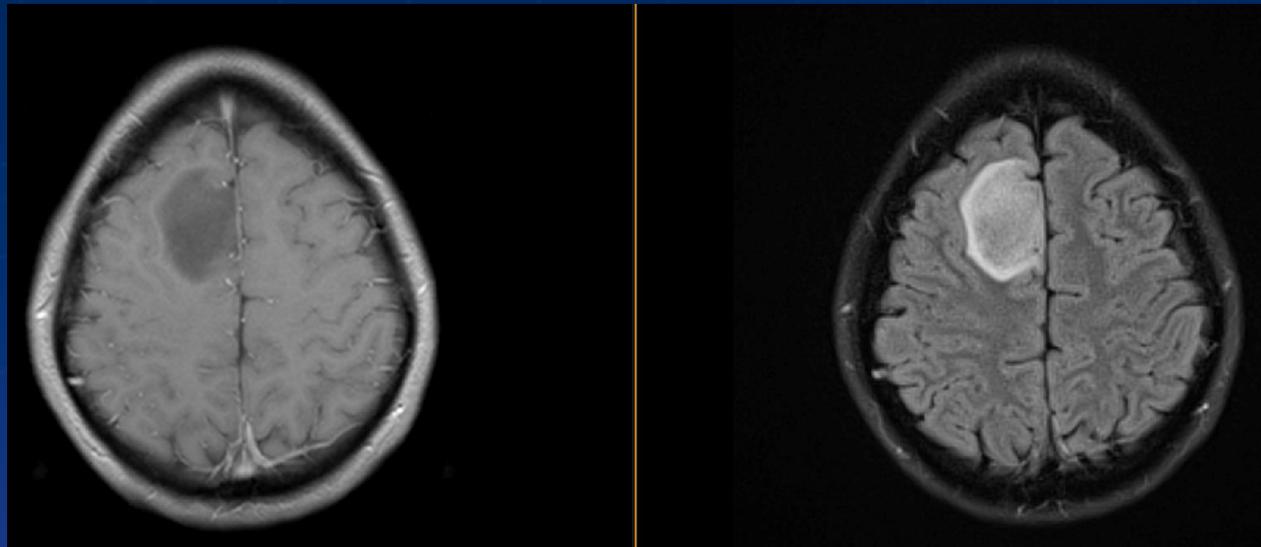
# Treatment landscape for IDH 1/2 mut Gliomas prior to 2023

- Oligodendroglioma WHO Grade 2
  - Surgical resection followed
    - Observation\*
    - Radiation followed by PCV (vs TMZ)
- Diffuse Astrocytoma WHO Grade 2
  - Surgical resection followed by
    - Observation\*
    - Radiation followed by TMZ (vs PCV)

\*Decision aided by certain factors such as resection status, age

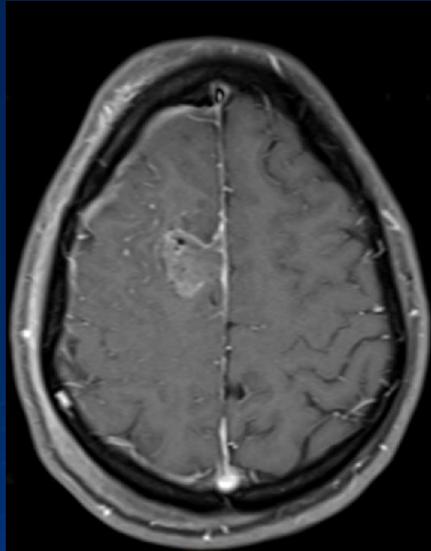
# Case Presentation

- 23 yo M presented with new onset seizure activity, left facial twitching and LUE tonic-clonic activity

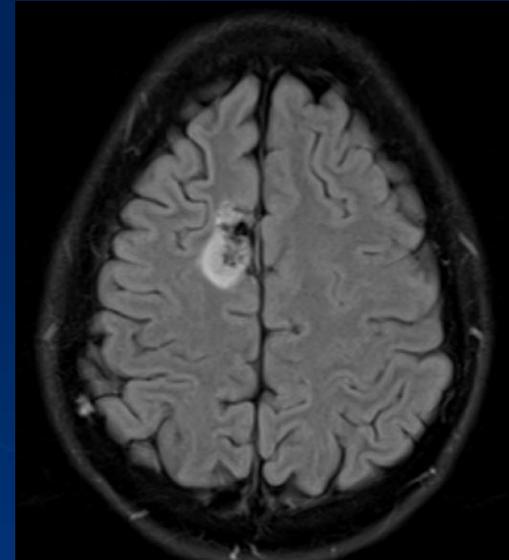
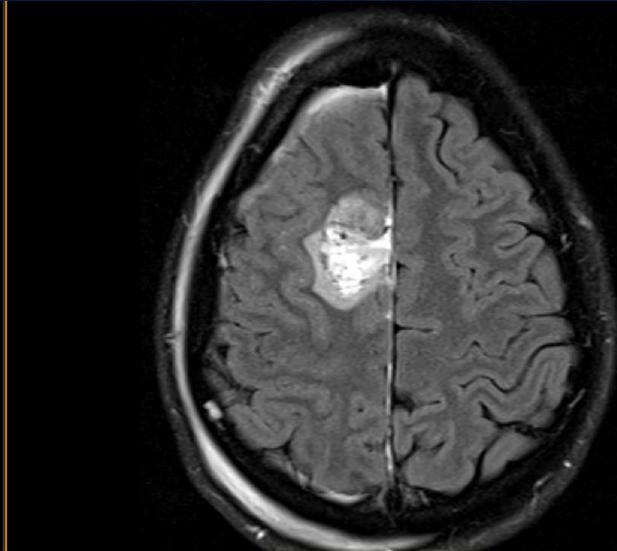


# Case Presentation

Diffuse Astrocytoma IDH mut WHO Grade 2



Immediate  
Post-op

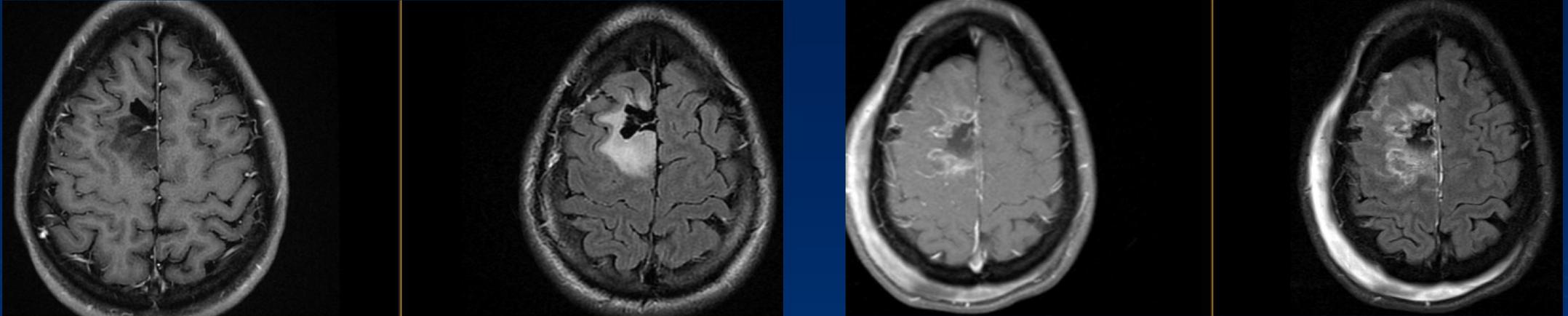


3 months post  
op

Tumor Board Recommendation: Observation

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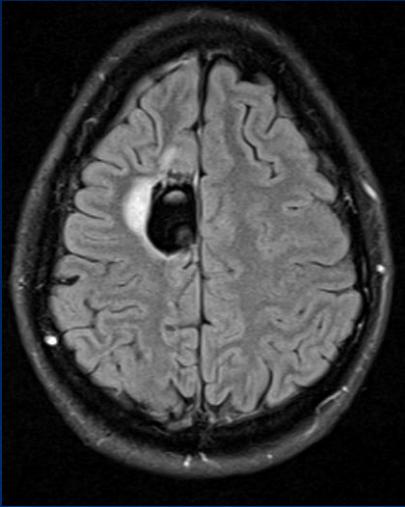
2.5 years later, MRI brain concerning for tumor progression



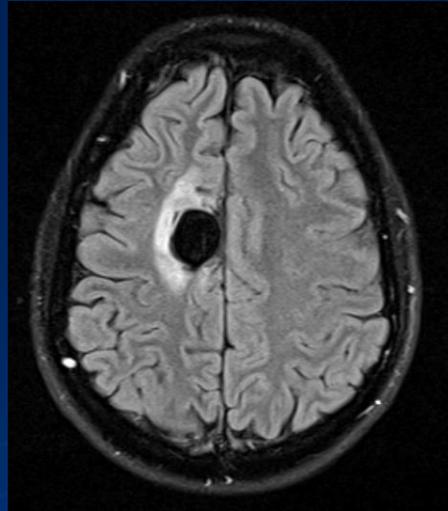
**Astrocytoma IDH mutant WHO Grade 3**

**Tumor board recommendation: Fractionated RT with concurrent 42-day Temozolomide 75mg/m<sup>2</sup> followed by 12 cycles of 5-day Temozolomide 150-200mg/m<sup>2</sup>**

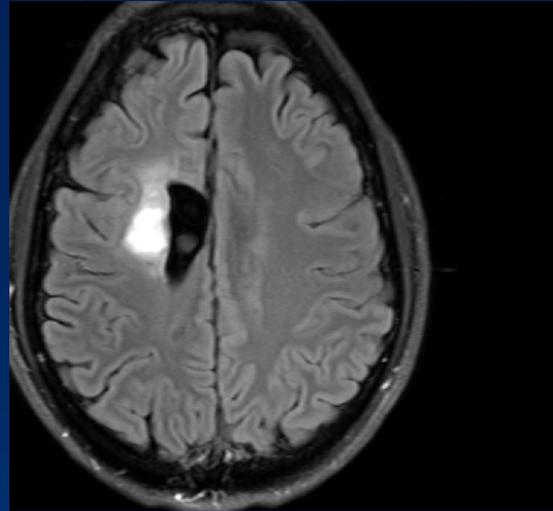
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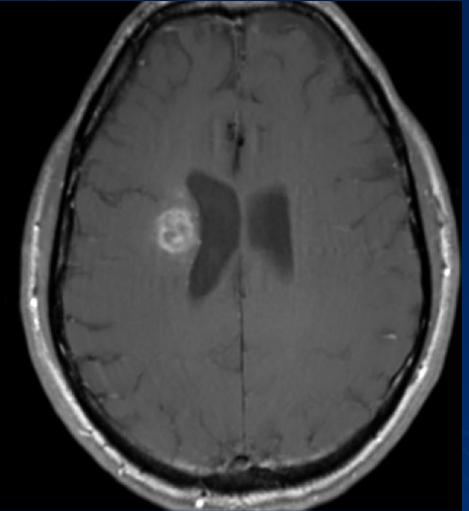
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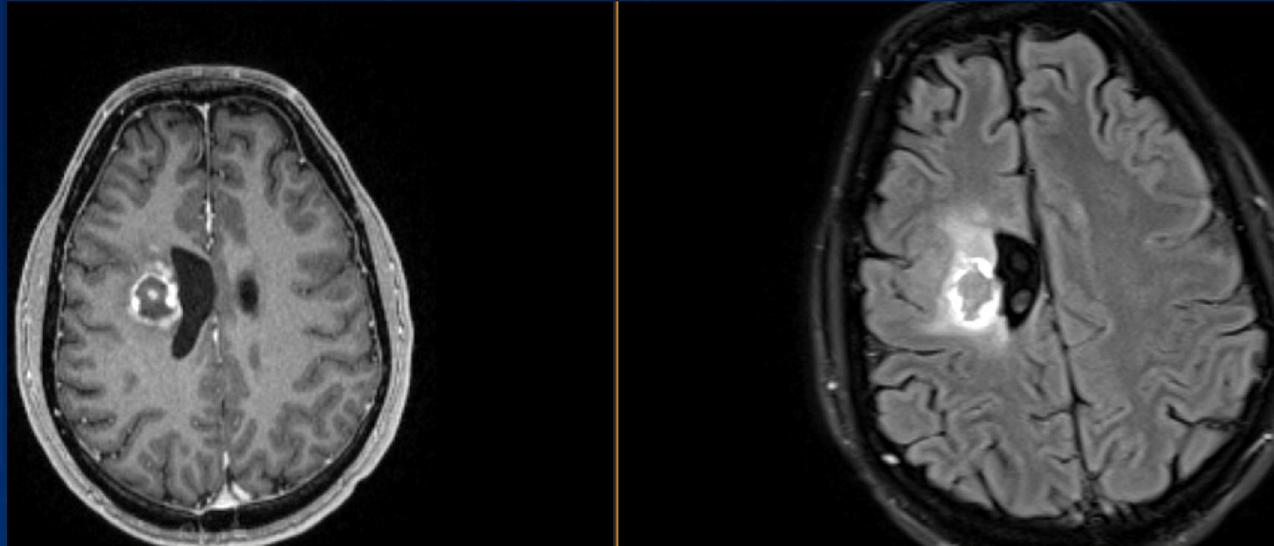
Completion of  
Cycle 12 of  
adjuvant  
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4.5 years following completion of chemotherapy



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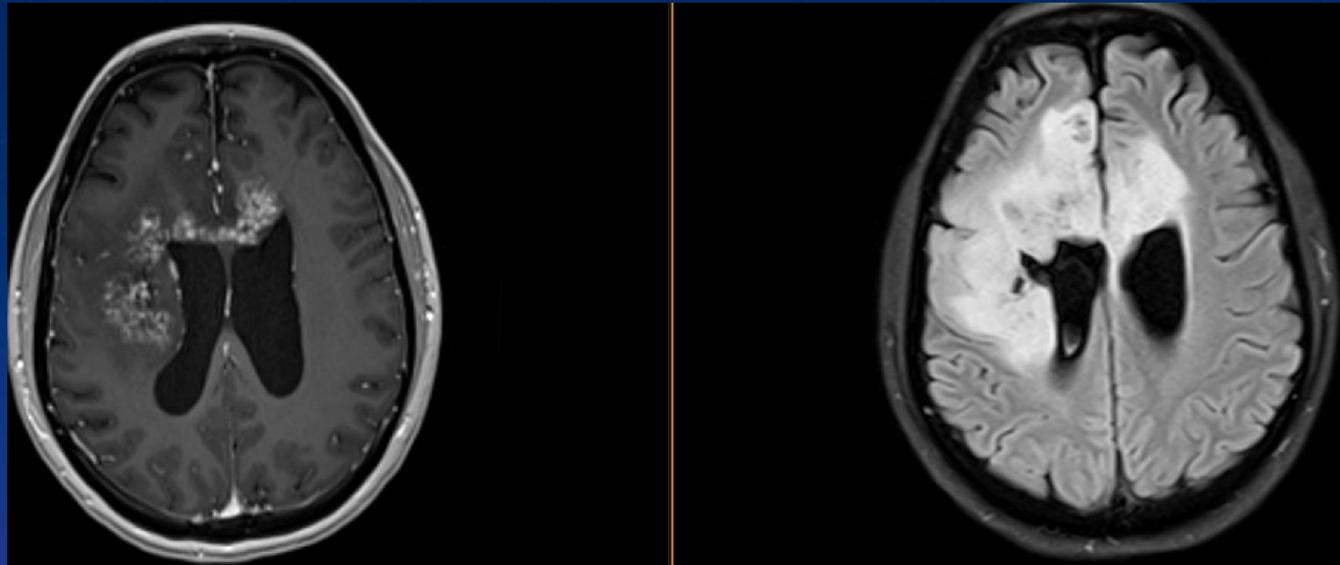


Laser interstitial thermal therapy/biopsy followed by  
Pembrolizumab 200mg IV every 3 weeks

Biopsy returned Astrocytoma IDH mutant WHO Grade 4

# Case Presentation

- Nearly 11 years following initiation diagnosis and multiple progressions with transformation to higher grades, patient ultimately discontinued treatment and proceeded with best supportive care alone



## Vorasidenib in IDH1- or IDH2-Mutant Low-Grade Glioma

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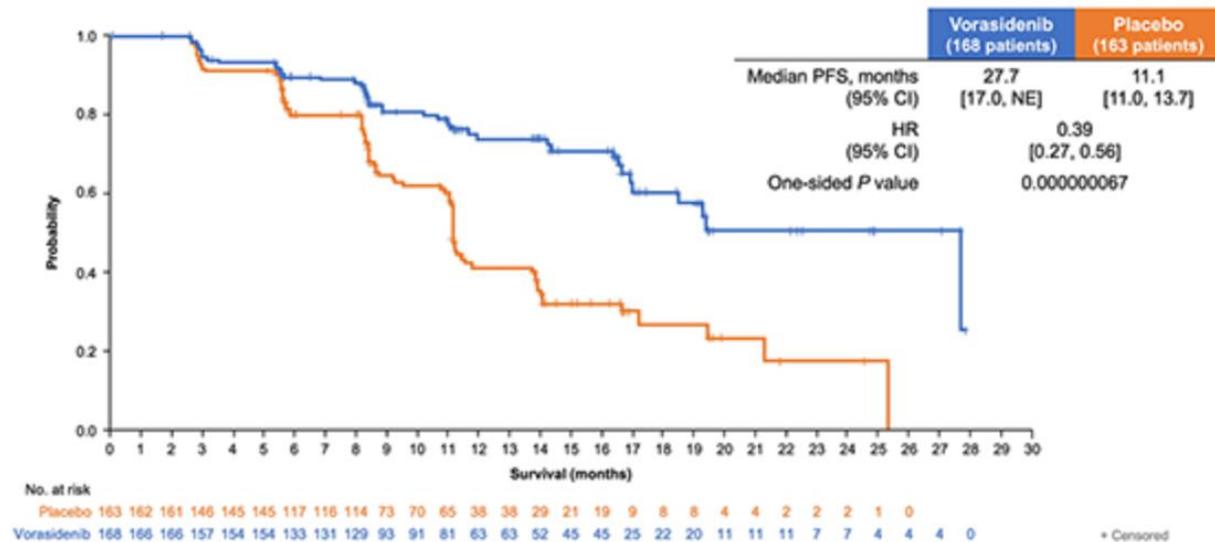
- Phase 3 double-blind, randomized study  
Vorasidenib (IDH1/2 inhibitor) vs placebo
  - Glioma IDH 1/2 mutant WHO Grade 2 s/p resection
  - No urgent need to receive radiation or chemotherapy
- Pre-planned interim analysis
  - Vorasidenib had significant improvement in PFS and Time to next intervention (TTNI)

# INDIGO study

- $\geq 12$  years of age
- IDH 1/2 mut Grade 2 Oligodendrioglioma or Diffuse Astrocytoma
- Prior intervention – Surgery only
- Measurable non-enhancing disease ( $\geq 1$  target lesion that measured  $\geq 1\text{cm} \times \geq 1\text{cm}$ )
- Per investigator, patient not in need of urgent radiation or chemotherapy
- Enrolled from 1/2020-2/2022

# INDIGO Study

Figure 1. Primary Endpoint of PFS per Blinded Independent Review Committee



TTNI  
Vorasidenib – Not reached  
Placebo – 17.8 months  
P-value 0.000000019

Abbreviations: BIRC, blinded independent review committee; PFS, progression-free survival. [View larger](#)

# Reasonable toxicity profile

Figure 2. TEAEs for Vorasidenib Versus Placebo

	Vorasidenib (167 patients)		Placebo (163 patients)		
	Any grade	Grade ≥ 3	Any grade	Grade ≥ 3	
Any adverse event – no. (%)	158 (94.6)	38 (22.8)	152 (93.3)	22 (13.5)	
Increased alanine aminotransferase	65 (38.9)	16 (9.6)	24 (14.7)	0	• Treatment interruption due to TEAE: – Vorasidenib 29.9% (50 patients) – Placebo 22.7% (37 patients)
Increased aspartate aminotransferase	48 (28.7)	7 (4.2)	13 (8.0)	0	
Increased gamma-glutamyltransferase	26 (15.6)	5 (3.0)	8 (4.9)	2 (1.2)	• Dose reduction due to TEAE: – Vorasidenib 10.8% (18 patients) – Placebo 3.1% (5 patients)
COVID-19	55 (32.9)	0	47 (28.8)	0	
Fatigue	54 (32.3)	1 (0.6)	52 (31.9)	2 (1.2)	
Headache	45 (26.9)	0	44 (27.0)	1 (0.6)	• No fatal TEAE
Diarrhea	41 (24.6)	1 (0.6)	27 (16.6)	1 (0.6)	
Nausea	36 (21.6)	0	37 (22.7)	0	
Dizziness	25 (15.0)	0	26 (16.0)	0	
Seizure	23 (13.8)	7 (4.2)	19 (11.7)	4 (2.5)	
Constipation	21 (12.6)	0	20 (12.3)	0	

Abbreviation: TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event. [View larger](#)

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# Changing our treatment paradigm?

- Low risk Grade 2 gliomas IDH 1/2 mutated
  - Residual disease, no urgency to start chemotherapy or radiation ☐ Give Vora
  - Gross total resection, no visible disease, observe vs Vora?
- What do we do for recurrent patients who have not had IDH inhibitors
  - Monotherapy vs combinatorial approaches
- What do we do for Grade 3 patients
  - Role for adding upfront with Chemoradiation?

# Treatment decisions in a world with IDH inhibitors

- Many patients with Grade 3 IDH-mutant Astrocytoma or IDH-mutant and 1p/19q co-deleted Oligodendrogliomas live beyond 10 years
- Histological grading is subjective in IDH-mutant gliomas contributing to survival overlap between grades
- Factors that show some association with histological grade include
  - gadolinium enhancement on imaging
  - molecular findings
    - IDH-mutant Astrocytomas – *CDKN2A/B* homozygous deletion (and hemizygous deletion), *CDK4* amplification, *RB1* mutation, PI3K pathway alterations and *PDGFRA* amplification, *MYCN* amplification
    - IDH-mutant and 1p/19q co-deleted Oligodendrogliomas – \*chromosomal arm 9p loss and *CDKN2A/B* homozygous deletion, mutations in *PIK3CA* and *NOTCH1*, absence of mutation in *TERT* (less than 5% of Oligos), *PTEN* alteration, *MYC* gain

# Treatment decisions in a world with IDH inhibitors

- Age and patient outcome has modest association
- Most studies have shown extent of resection has decreased importance of clinical factors on prognosis
- For IDH-mutant Astrocytoma, postoperative residual disease has major association with survival
- Clinical significance of contrast enhancement is different at recurrence vs at first diagnosis
- In addition to INDIGO study, clinical trials using IDH inhibitors have shown some activity (IDH1 inhibitors Ivosidenib, Olutasidenib, Safusidenib and IDH1/2 inhibitor Vorasidenib)
  - recurrent tumors
  - enhancing tumors
  - Grade 3 tumors
- Real-world data is needed to provide much needed patient guidance when making clinical decisions

**Thank you!**



# Real World Data

- RWE confirms support of using TTFields
- Recurrent GBM (rGBM) population
  - Registry studies PRiDE and EF-19
  - OS with TTFields in clinical practice longer than either arm of EF-11
    - PRiDE 9.6 months
    - EF-11 7.4 months
- Newly diagnosed GBM (ndGBM population)
  - TIGER study – largest prospective study (429 patients starting TTFields)
    - Median OS 19.6 months, PFS 10.2 months
    - 2-year OS rates 42.4%, 4-year OS rates 27.7%

# Real World Data

## Tiger Study

Largest prospective study in ndGBM in real world practice setting

Maintains the positive safety profile established with TTFields

OS and PFS consistent with prior studies

Long term survival rates in ndGBM remain promising with TTFields

# Future Directions

**TaRRGET (NCT04671459)** - TTFields concomitant with stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS) in the rGBM population

**TRIDENT** – Phase III study of TTFields concomitant with chemoradiation in ndGBM

**METIS - (EF-25, NCT02831959)** –Phase III study of TTFields therapy following SRS with best supportive care compared to SRS and best supportive care alone in patient with NSCLC brain mets

**NCT04129515** – Phase I/II study of TTFields therapy with immune checkpoint inhibitor (ICI) Pembrolizumab for newly dx brain mets from melanoma

**LUNAR (EF-24, NCT02973789)** – Phase III study in with NSCLC mets progressing on or after platinum-based therapy – results reported clinical and statistically significant survival benefits for TTFields plus ICI or docetaxel (OS 13.2 months) vs ICI or docetaxel alone (OS 9.9 months)

Segmentation based treatment plan compared to the current NovoTAL planning system aims to maximize therapy outcomes through enhanced transducer array layouts

# New Frontier in Cancer Care

## Synergy with chemotherapy

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**Chemotherapeutic treatment efficacy and sensitivity are increased by adjuvant alternating electric fields (TTFields)**

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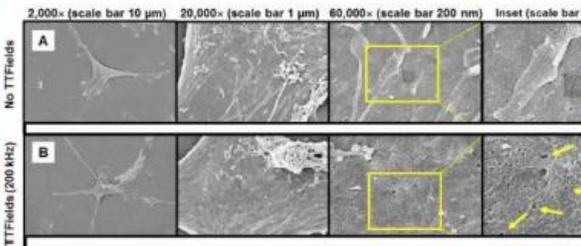
## Reversible holes in membrane

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**Tumor treating fields increases membrane permeability in glioblastoma cells**

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...action are not fully understood. Current theories involve TTFields disrupting mitosis due to interference with mitotic spindle assembly. We show that **TTFields also alters cellular membrane structure thus rendering it more permeable to chemotherapeutics**. Increased membrane permeability through the imposition of TTFields was shown by several approaches. For example, increased permeability was indicated through increased bioluminescence upon TTFields exposure or with the increased binding and ingress of membrane-associated reagents such as Dextran or ethidium D or with the demonstration by scanning electron microscopy of augmented number and size of pores on the cellular membrane. Further investigations showed that increases in bioluminescence and membrane permeability with TTFields exposure disappeared by 24 h after cessation of alternating electric fields thus demonstrating that this phenomenon is reversible. Preliminary investigations showed that TTFields did not induce membrane permeability in normal human fibroblasts thus suggesting that the phenomenon was specific to cancer cells. With TTFields

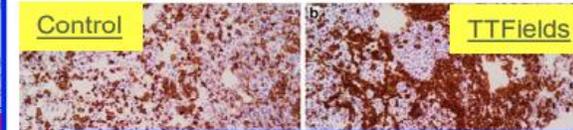


## Immunogenic cell death

*Clin Exp Metastasis (2009)*

**Alternating electric fields (TTFields) inhibit metastatic spread of solid tumors to the lungs**

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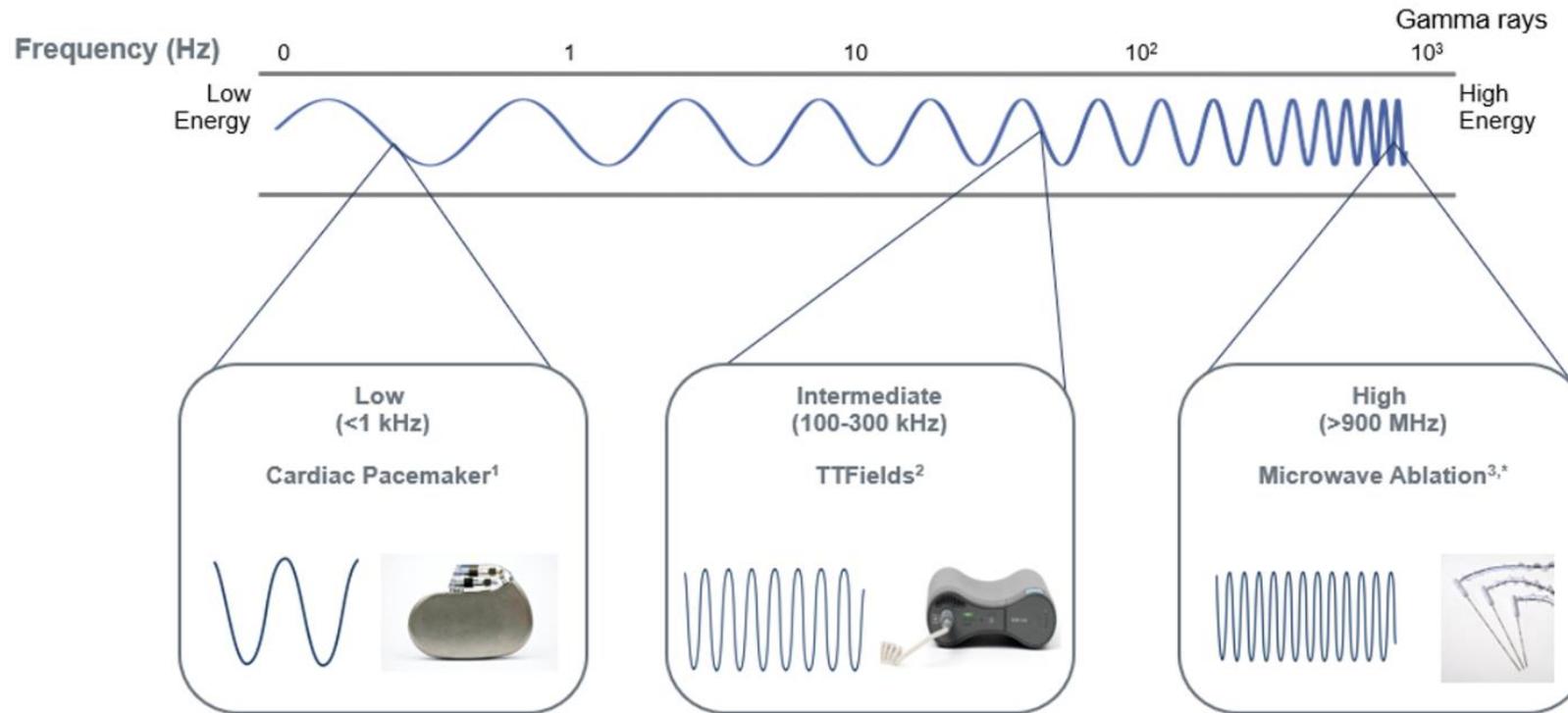
*Cancer Immunol. Immunother. 2020*

**Tumor-treating fields (TTFields) induce immunogenic cell death resulting in enhanced antitumor efficacy when combined with anti-PD-1 therapy**

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- Activation of DC cells
- Increased immunogenic cell death
- Upregulation of autophagy
- TIL (CD45+) increased
  - Higher frequency of macrophages (CD45+/CD11b+/F4/80+) and DCs (CD45+/CD11b+)
- Increased antitumor effect

# Medical Devices that use Electric Fields



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