

# Clinical Research Trials for Pancreas Cancer

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# What does it take to develop one new cancer drug?

- One billion dollars and 10-15 years
- Drug discovery (5000-10,000 compounds)
- Preclinical laboratory work (250 compounds)
- Clinical trials in humans
- FDA submission and approval





# How have cancer drugs changed?

#### 1970- 1990's

- Cytotoxic
- Non-specific
- Intravenous toxins
- Highly toxic
- DNA damaging

#### 2000 and beyond

- Cytostatic
- More selective
- Oral/IV biologics
- Well-tolerated
- Targets the tumor and tumor environment







Why do we need patient participation in clinical trials?





# Recently FDA approved oncology compounds

- Everolimus
- Bendamustine
- Sunitinib
- Sorafenib
- Nilotinib
- Ixabepilone
- Temsirolimus
- Lapatinib
- Velcade
- Imatinib

- Vorinostat
- Rituxan
- Panitumumab
- Lenalomide
- Dasatinib
- Decitabine
- Cetuximab
- Rituximab
- Trastuzumab
- Bevacizumab

- Denosumab
- Pazopanib
- Sipuleucel-T
- Eribulin
- Ofatumumab
- Ipilimumab
- Cabazitaxel
  - Crizotinib





## FDA approved oncology drugs 2012-2013

- Obinutuzumab
- Pertuzumab
- Nab-paclitaxel
- Afatinib
- Trametinib
- Dabrafenib
- Abiraterone
- Cabozanitinib
- Vandetanib

- Omacetaxine
- Regorafenib
- Bosutinib
- Enzalutamide
- Ziv-aflibercept
- Carfilzomib
- Vismodegib
- Axitinib
- Ruxolitinib
- Brentuximab
- Vemurafenib





### **Barriers to Clinical Trial Enrollment**

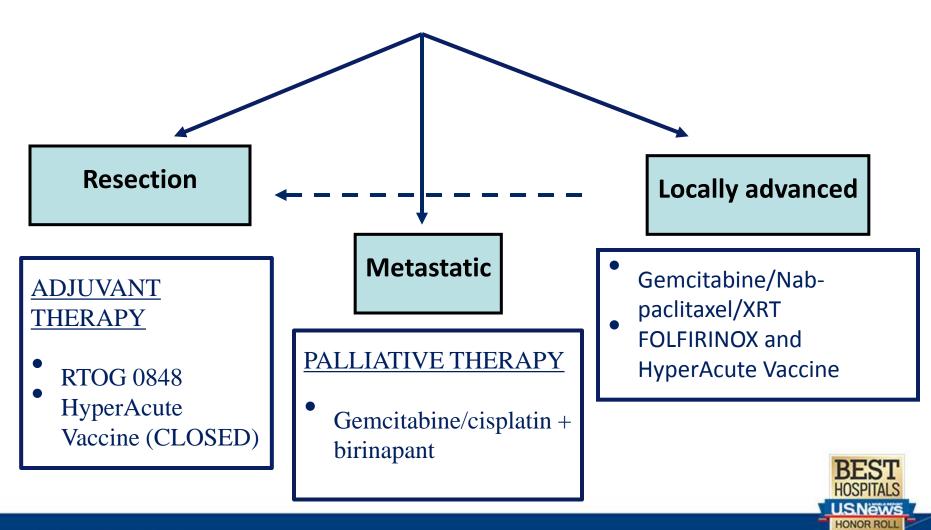
- Access
- Education
  - Patient perceptions
    - "guinea pig"
    - "I don't want a placebo"
    - "Will my insurance cover this?"
  - MD perceptions
    - Too time intensive
    - Too much paperwork
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ONLY ~ 10% of all adult cancer patients participate in clinical trials!





## Pancreatic Cancer





## **Adjuvant Phase III Trial-RTOG 0848**

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#### **Nodal Status:**

1: involved

uninvolved

#### CA19-9 result:

1: ≤90

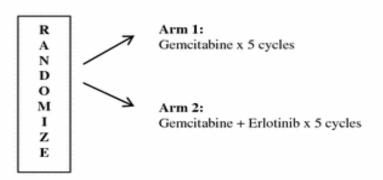
2: > 90 - 180

#### Surgical margins:

1: positive (R1)

2: negative (R0)

#### FIRST RANDOMIZATON



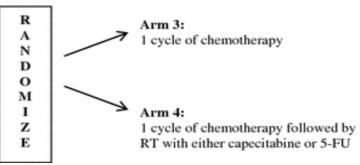
Evaluate to Confirm No Progression

#### If no progression, then:

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- 1. Arm 1: gemcitabine
- 2. Arm 2: gemcitabine + erlotinib

#### SECOND RANDOMIZATON For Non-Progressing Patients







## HyperAcute®-Pancreas immunotherapy

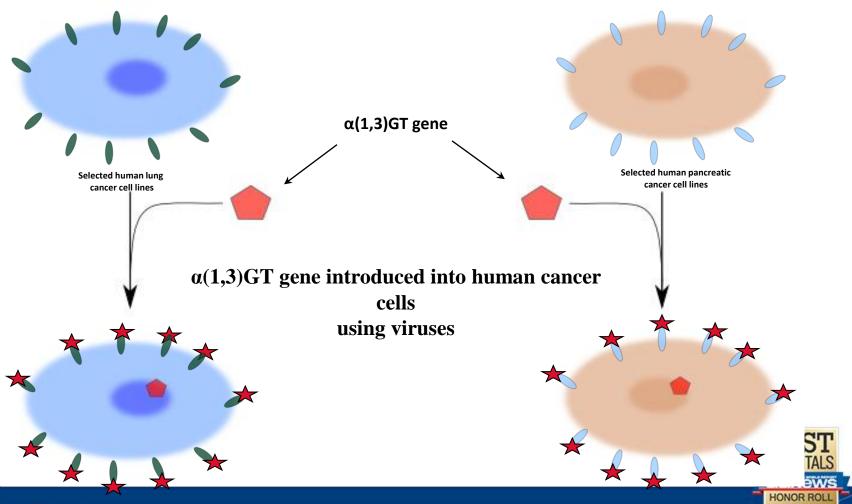
Adjuvant therapy (Gemcitabine alone or with 5-FU chemoradiation) with or without HyperAcute®-Pancreas (algenpantucel-L) immunotherapy in subjects who have undergone surgical resection

Principal Investigator: Harish Lavu, MD



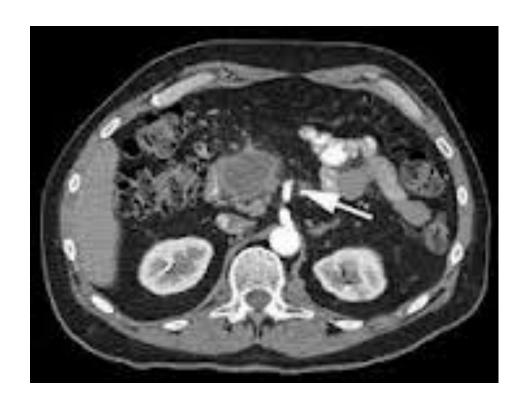


# HyperAcute® Technology





# Locally Advanced Unresectable Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma







# Gemcitabine and Nab-Paclitaxel as a Promising Combination

Gemcitabine and Nab-Paclitaxel IV weekly x 3 with 1 week off

Patients with metastatic pancreas cancer receiving this doublet did better than the group receiving gemcitabine alone.





# **Upcoming Gem/Paclitaxel Trial for Locally Advanced Pancreas Cancer**

	Cycle 1 (4 wks)	Cycle 2 (4 wks)	Tumor response evaluation/ rule out metastatic disease	CRT* (2 wks)	Cycle 3 (4 wks)	Cycle 4 (4 wks)	Tumor response/ resectability evaluation every two cycles
Gem		111.		"	111-	1112	
Nab-paclitaxel	111-	111-			111-		
CRT				30 Gy 3Gy/fx			
							ID.



# FOLFIRINOX as a Promising Regimen

5Fluorouracil
Oxaliplatin
Leucovorin
Irinotecan
IV every 2 weeks

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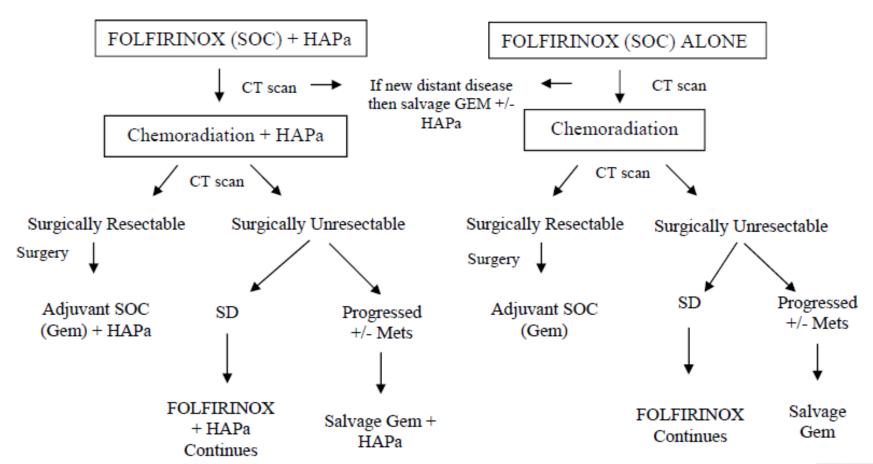


# Open Trial of FOLFIRINOX With or Without HyperAcute®-Pancreas Immunotherapy Trial for Locally Advanced Pancreas Cancer



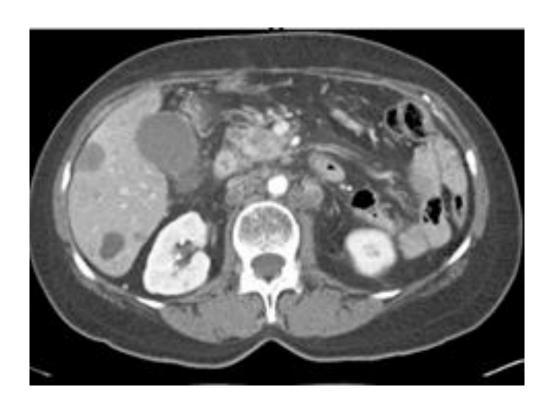


## **Study Schema**





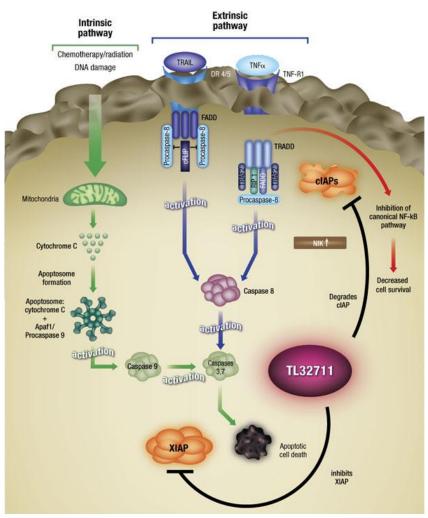
# **Metastatic Pancreas Cancer**







# **Birinapant**



- Programmed cell death is called apoptosis.
- Cancer cells circumvent apoptosis and continue to grow.
- TL32711 or birinapant, antagonizes the cancer cells' inhibitors of apoptosis and can make the chemotherapy work better at killing cancer cells.





# Gemcitabine/Cisplatin + TL 327811 (Birinapant) Pancreas Cancer

Table 1b: Dose escalation scheme of TL32711 in combination with gemcitabine plus cisplatin (Part A2) (each cycle is 21 days)

Dose Level	TL32711 (iv)	Gemcitabine (iv) once weekly x 2 weeks (Day 1 and 8)	Cisplatin (iv) once every 3 weeks (Day 1)
-A1	17 mg/m2 once weekly x 2		75 mg/m2
A1	22 mg/m2 once weekly x 2		
A2	26 mg/m2 once weekly x 2	1000 mg/m2	
A3	35 mg/m2 once weekly x 2		







"Enrollment in a clinical trial is the best management for patients with cancer"

National Comprehensive Cancer Network Guidelines





# **TEAMWORK!**







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