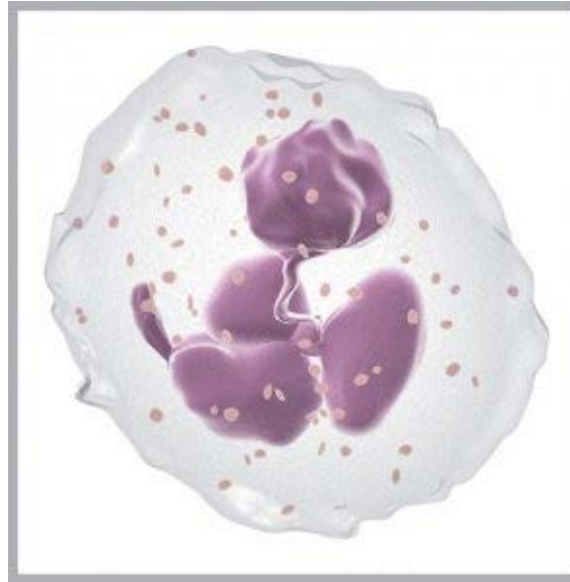


# Neutropenia febrila preventie vs monitorizare – punctul de vedere al medicului oncolog



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# Introducere



- Tratamentul cancerului cu CHT mielosupresoare se asociază cu riscul de neutropenie indusă de chimioterapie (CIN)
- Neutropenia crește riscul de complicații amenințătoare de viață, inclusiv neutropenie febrilă (FN), se asociază cu utilizarea de antibiotice, spitalizare și creșterea mortalității
- În plus, oncologii pot fi nevoiți să reducă D de CHT, ceea ce duce la o intensitate relativă scăzută a dozei (RDI), cu impact negativ asupra rezultatelor tratamentului/OS

# Introducere



- Factorii de stimulare ai coloniilor de granulocite (G-CSF), introdusi pentru prima data in clinica in anii 1990, au redus incidenta acestor complicatii si au imbunatatit prognosticul pacientilor
- Nevoia de injectii zilnice a fost inlaturata de dezvoltarea pegfilgrastimului
- Costul a fost partial atenuat prin introducerea biosimilarelor
- Cu toate acestea, durerea osoasa indusa de G-CSF si vulnerabilitatea la infectii in prima saptamana dupa CHT raman nevoi medicale neacoperite
- Mai multe terapii emergente cu mecanisme de actiune diferite de cele ale agentilor G-CSF standard sunt fie recent aprobate, fie in stadiu avansat de dezvoltare si au potentialul de a imbunatati managementul CIN si FN



# Consecintele clinice ale CIN

- Durata si severitatea neutropeniei – factori majori de risc pentru dezvoltarea FN si infectii amenintatoare de viata
- Neutropenia este clasificata conform CTCAE v.5.0.

AE	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
<b>Neutropenia, (ANC)</b>	ANC <LLN–1500 cells/mm <sup>3</sup>	ANC 1000–1500 cells/mm <sup>3</sup>	ANC 500–1000 cells/mm <sup>3</sup>	ANC <500 cells/mm <sup>3</sup>
<b>FN</b>	–	–	ANC <1000 cells/mm <sup>3</sup> with a single temperature of >38.3°C (101°F) or a sustained temperature of ≥38°C (100.4°F) for >1 hour	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated

Abbreviations: ANC, absolute neutrophil count; CTCAE, Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events; FN, febrile neutropenia; LLN, lower limit of normal; mm<sup>3</sup>, cubic millimeter.

# Consecintele clinice ale CIN



- Febra ( $T > 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) in asociere cu neutropenia severa (nr. absolut de neutrofile [ANC]  $< 500$  celule/ $\text{mm}^3$ ) definesc FN, in timp ce neutropenia profunda este considerata cea mai severa forma de neutropenie si este definita ca ANC  $< 100$  celule/ $\text{mm}^3$
- Consecintele clinice ale CIN includ – FN, utilizarea orala/iv a antibioticelor, prezentarea in UPU, spitalizari si risc de deces
- In plus, reducerea D si intarzierea ciclurilor ulterioare de CHT pot avea un impact negativ asupra prognosticului pacientilor

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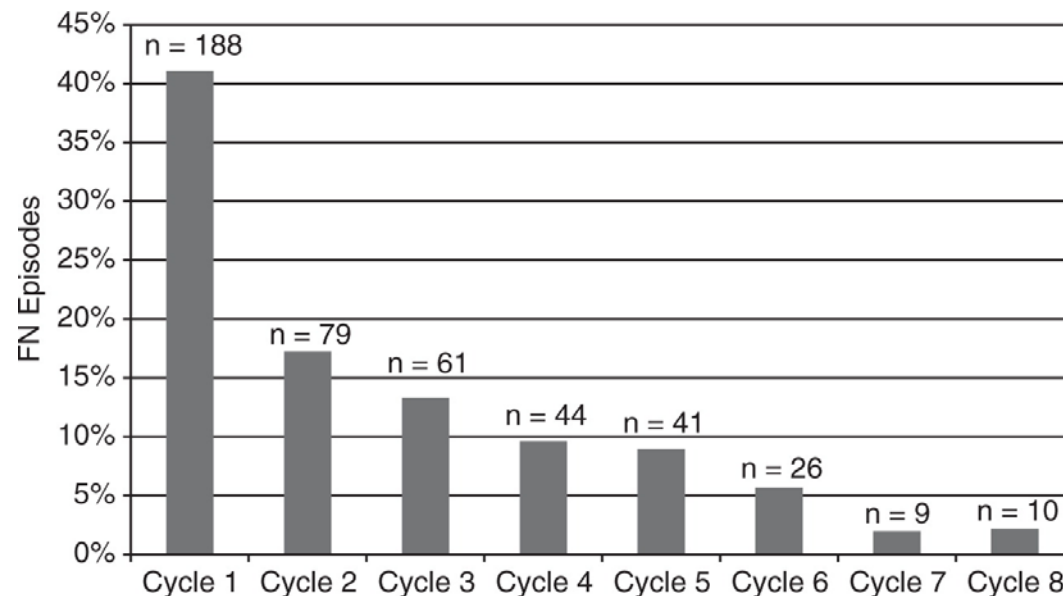


- In momentul diagnosticului FN, este indicata initierea antibioterapiei empirice cu spectru larg pana la identificarea agentului patogen etiologic sau pana la refacerea nr. de neutrofile si remisiunea febrei
- In general se utilizeaza antibiotice empirice care acopera tegumentul, intestinul si flora bucala



# Momentul aparitiei si incidenta FN

- FN apare de obicei dupa C1 de CHT si incidenta scade de la C2, probabil in parte datorita reducerii dozelor de CHT la C2 ca rezultat al FN post C1
- Intr-o analiza retrospectiva care a inclus 2.131 de pacienti cu tumori solide si LMNH tratati cu CHT in intervalul 2007-2010, 401 pacienti au prezentat un total de 458 de episoade FN; 41% din episoadele FN au avut loc in C1, iar incidenta FN a scazut cu fiecare ciclu ulterior: C2=17%, C3=13%, C4=10%)



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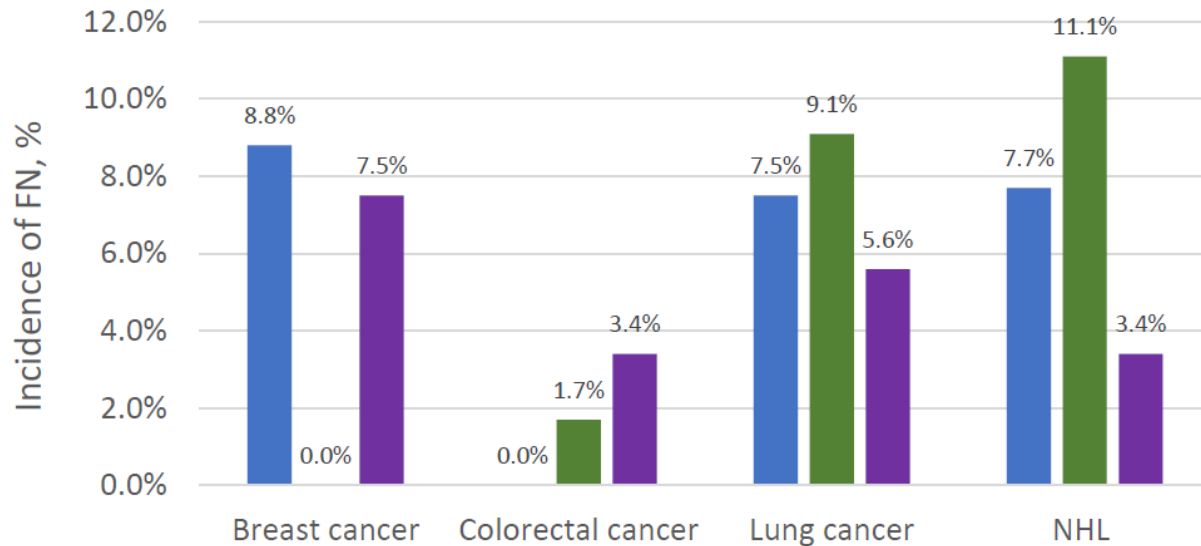
- Intr-o analiza din 2003 care a inclus pacienti cu LMNH tratati in SUA, peste jumătate (59%) din spitalizarile prin FN au avut loc in timpul primelor 2 cicluri de CHT
- Incidenta FN variaza in functie de tipul tumoral – o analiza retrospectiva care a inclus 1.457 pacienti cu tumori solide sau LMNH (2009-2017) care au primit regimuri cu risc ridicat de neutropenie, dar fara profilaxie G-CSF, a evidentiat o incidenta similara de FN dupa C1 la pacientii cu CM, CBP si LMNH (7,5-8,8%), in timp ce nu au fost identificate cazuri de FN la pacienti cu CCR



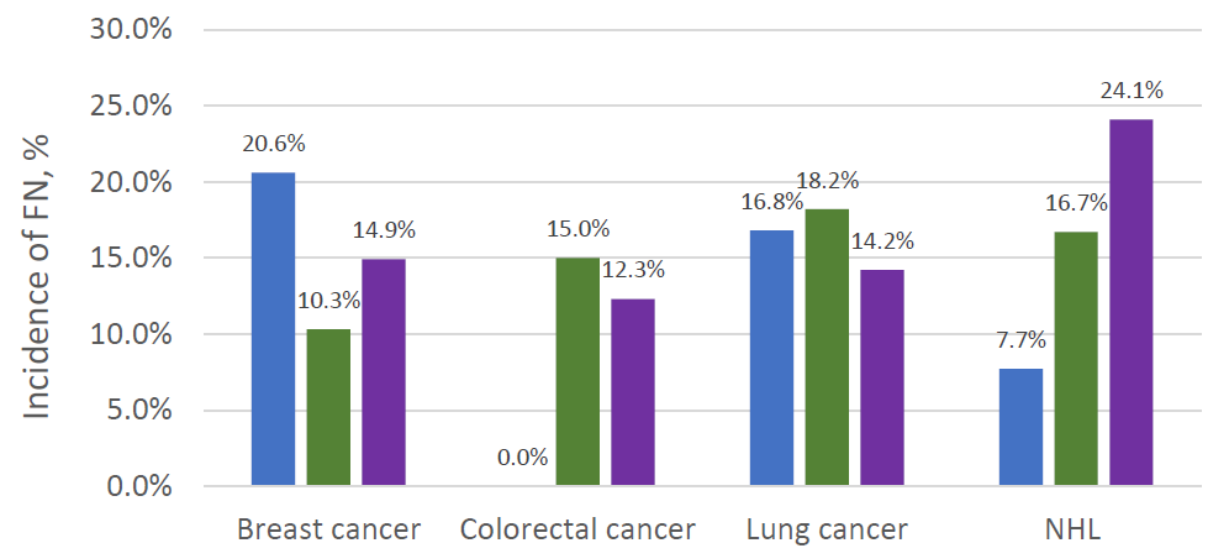
# Momentul aparitiei si incidenta FN



Incidenta FN la pacientii care nu au primit profilaxie cu G-CSF in timpul C1



Incidenta FN la pacientii care nu au primit profilaxie cu G-CSF in timpul intregului tratament



- High FN-risk chemotherapy
- IR chemotherapy +  $\geq 1$  risk factor
- IR chemotherapy + 0 risk factors or LR/UR chemotherapy



# Morbiditatea, mortalitatea, spitalizarile, intarzierile CHT si reducerile de D

- Pacientii care dezvoltă FN prezintă un risc crescut de morbiditate și mortalitate
- Dezvoltarea FN predice mortalitatea precoce (HR=1,15) și mortalitatea globală (HR=1,35) la pacienții cu tumori solide sau LMNH
- Apariția FN duce la prezentări în UPU și spitalizare – durata medie a spitalizării la pacienții cu FN variază de la 4,1-7,9 zile și crește în funcție de nr. comorbidități majore
- Mortalitatea pacienților internați pentru FN este de 10% și este mai mare la pacienții care au comorbidități multiple sau severe (~20%)



# Morbiditatea, mortalitatea, spitalizarile, intarzierile CHT si reducerile de D

- Reducerile de D si intarzierile in ciclurile ulterioare de CHT sunt o alta consecinta a FN
- O RDI mai scazuta a CHT influenteaza negativ rezultatele tratamentelor cu viza curativa
- Intarzierea si reducerea D au scazut in timp – prin comparatie, la pacientii cu LMNH agresive, cu celule B, tratati intre 2006-2009, respectiv 1993-2001, reducerea dozelor a scazut (21% fata de 35%), in timp ce procentul de pacienti cu RDI  $\geq$  85% a crescut (68% vs 52%)
- Acest lucru a fost atribuit cresterii utilizarii G-CSF la pacientii cu LMNH (75% fata de 12%), ceea ce a rezultat in rate mai mici de FN (12% fata de 21%)

# Preventia si tratamentul CIN si FN



- Identificarea pacientilor cu risc crescut de FN este o componenta critica a managementului pacientilor oncologici si are ca scop preventia complicatiile asociate CIN
- Decizia de a utiliza G-CSF ca PP se bazeaza pe riscul specific regimului de CHT de dezvoltare a FN si pe riscul asociat pacientului, bolii si tratamentului

# Factori de risc pentru CIN si FN



Treatment-related	Patient-related	Disease-related
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Type of chemotherapy</li><li>• Intensity of chemotherapy</li><li>• No prior prophylactic antibiotics</li><li>• No prophylactic G-CSF use</li><li>• Prior chemotherapy or radiation therapy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Age &gt; 65 years</li><li>• Female gender</li><li>• Poor performance status</li><li>• <math>\geq 1</math> comorbidity</li><li>• Nutritional status</li><li>• History of prior FN</li><li>• Recent surgery and/or open wounds</li><li>• Liver dysfunction</li><li>• Renal dysfunction</li><li>• Low WBC</li><li>• Low hemoglobin levels</li><li>• Cardiovascular disease</li><li>• HIV infection</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advanced disease</li><li>• Type of cancer</li><li>• Bone marrow involvement</li><li>• Infection</li></ul>

Abbreviations: CIN, chemotherapy-induced neutropenia; FN, febrile neutropenia; G-CSF, granulocyte colony-stimulating factor; HIV, human immunodeficiency virus; WBC, white blood cell count.

# Preventia si tratamentul CIN si FN



- Factorul principal asociat cu riscul de FN este regimul de CHT
- Regimurile de CHT sunt clasificate ca avand risc scazut, intermediar si risc ridicat
- Ghidurile ASCO, EORTC și NCCN recomanda PP cu un agent G-CSF incepand de la C1 de CHT si continuand cu ciclurile ulterioare pentru regimuri cu risc de FN de  $\geq 20\%$
- Pentru CHT cu risc intermediar (10-20%), se recomanda PP cu G-CSF la pacientii care au 1 sau mai multi factori de risc asociati
- Pentru regimurile cu risc scazut de FN nu trebuie utilizata PP cu G-CSF
- Reevaluarea riscului trebuie facuta la fiecare ciclu de CHT – daca un pacient a experimentat FN sau un eveniment neutropenic limitator de D si nu a avut G-CSF trebuie luata in considerare PS cu G-CSF la ciclurile ulterioare



**EXAMPLES OF DISEASE SETTINGS AND CHEMOTHERAPY REGIMENS WITH A HIGH RISK FOR FEBRILE NEUTROPENIA (>20%)<sup>a</sup>**

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- In general, dose-dense regimens require MGF support to maintain dose intensity and schedule.

**Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)**

- Select ALL regimens as directed by treatment protocol ([See NCCN Guidelines for ALL](#))

**Bladder Cancer**

- Dose-dense MVAC (methotrexate, vinblastine, doxorubicin, cisplatin)<sup>1</sup>

**Bone Cancer**

- VAI (vincristine, doxorubicin or dactinomycin, ifosfamide)<sup>2</sup>
- VDC-IE (vincristine, doxorubicin or dactinomycin, and cyclophosphamide alternating with ifosfamide and etoposide)<sup>3</sup>
- Cisplatin/doxorubicin<sup>4</sup>
- VDC (cyclophosphamide, vincristine, doxorubicin or dactinomycin)<sup>5</sup>
- VIDE (vincristine, ifosfamide, doxorubicin or dactinomycin, etoposide)<sup>6</sup>

**Breast Cancer**

- Dose-dense AC followed by dose-dense paclitaxel (doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide, paclitaxel)<sup>7,b</sup>
- TAC (docetaxel, doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide)<sup>8</sup>
- TC<sup>a,c</sup> (docetaxel, cyclophosphamide)<sup>9</sup>
- TCH<sup>a</sup> (docetaxel, carboplatin, trastuzumab)<sup>10</sup>

**Colorectal Cancer**

- FOLFOXIRI (fluorouracil, leucovorin, oxaliplatin, irinotecan)<sup>11,d</sup>

**Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma**

- TPF (docetaxel, cisplatin, 5-fluorouracil)<sup>12-14</sup>

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<sup>b</sup> Growth factor support may not be needed during the paclitaxel portion and can be safely avoided in a large percentage of patients.

<sup>c</sup> Risk for febrile neutropenia has been reported variably as intermediate risk or high risk depending on the study.

<sup>d</sup> Rates of febrile neutropenia vary. Clinical judgment should be exercised as to which patient population needs growth factor support. There can be a high risk of febrile neutropenia in selected patients.

**Hodgkin Lymphoma**

- Brentuximab vedotin + AVD (doxorubicin, vinblastine, dacarbazine)<sup>15</sup>
- Escalated BEACOPP<sup>o</sup> (bleomycin, etoposide, doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide, vincristine, procarbazine, prednisone)<sup>16</sup>

**Kidney Cancer**

- Doxorubicin/gemcitabine<sup>17</sup>

**Non-Hodgkin Lymphomas**

- CHP (cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, prednisone) + brentuximab vedotin
- Dose-adjusted EPOCH<sup>a</sup> (etoposide, prednisone, vincristine, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin)<sup>18</sup>
- ICE (ifosfamide, carboplatin, etoposide)<sup>a,19,20</sup>
- Dose-dense CHOP-14<sup>a</sup> (cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, prednisone)<sup>21,22</sup>
- MINE<sup>a</sup> (mesna, ifosfamide, mitoxantrone, etoposide)<sup>23</sup>
- DHAP<sup>a</sup> (dexamethasone, cisplatin, cytarabine)<sup>24</sup>
- ESHAP<sup>a</sup> (etoposide, methylprednisolone, cisplatin, cytarabine)<sup>25</sup>
- HyperCVAD<sup>a</sup> (cyclophosphamide, vincristine, doxorubicin, dexamethasone)<sup>26,27</sup>

**Melanoma**

- Dacarbazine-based combination with IL-2, interferon alfa (dacarbazine, cisplatin, vinblastine, IL-2, interferon alfa)<sup>28</sup>

**Multiple Myeloma**

- DT-PACE (dexamethasone/thalidomide/cisplatin/doxorubicin/cyclophosphamide/etoposide)<sup>29</sup> ± bortezomib (VTD-PACE)<sup>30</sup>

**Ovarian Cancer**

- Topotecan<sup>a,31</sup>
- Docetaxel<sup>32</sup>

**Pancreatic Cancer**

- FOLFIRINOX<sup>1</sup> (fluorouracil, leucovorin, irinotecan, oxaliplatin)

**Soft Tissue Sarcoma**

- MAID (mesna, doxorubicin, ifosfamide, dacarbazine)<sup>33</sup>
- Doxorubicin<sup>a,34</sup>
- Ifosfamide/doxorubicin<sup>35</sup>

**Small Cell Lung Cancer<sup>g</sup>**

- Topotecan<sup>36</sup>

**Testicular Cancer**

- VelP (vinblastine, ifosfamide, cisplatin)<sup>37</sup>
- VIP (etoposide, ifosfamide, cisplatin)
- TIP (paclitaxel, ifosfamide, cisplatin)<sup>38</sup>

[See Disease Settings and Chemotherapy Regimens with an Intermediate Risk for Febrile Neutropenia, MGF-A \(2 of 5\)](#)

<sup>o</sup> Risk of bleomycin-induced pulmonary toxicity may be increased in patients treated with G-CSFs. [See Toxicity Risks with Myeloid Growth Factors \(MGF-C\)](#).

<sup>f</sup> A small retrospective trial had a 17% risk of febrile neutropenia in the neoadjuvant setting<sup>39</sup> and a randomized trial had a 5.4% risk in the metastatic setting (G-CSFs were administered to 42.5% of patients who received FOLFIRINOX).<sup>40</sup> While G-CSF was not recommended as primary prophylaxis, it may be considered in patients with high-risk clinical features.

<sup>g</sup> Trilaciclib may be used as a prophylactic option to decrease the incidence of chemotherapy-induced myelosuppression when administered before (prophylactic G-CSF may be administered after cycle 1) platinum/etoposide ± immune checkpoint inhibitor-containing regimens or a topotecan-containing regimen for extensive-stage small cell lung cancer (ES-SCLC).

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**Occult Primary- Adenocarcinoma**

- Gemcitabine/docetaxel<sup>41</sup>

**Breast Cancer**

- Docetaxel<sup>a,42,43</sup>
- AC (doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide) + sequential docetaxel (taxane portion only)<sup>a,44</sup>
- Paclitaxel every 21 days<sup>a,45</sup>

**Cervical Cancer**

- Cisplatin/topotecan<sup>46-48</sup>
- Paclitaxel/cisplatin<sup>a,48</sup>
- Topotecan<sup>49</sup>
- Irinotecan<sup>50</sup>

**Colorectal Cancer**

- FOLFOX<sup>a</sup> (fluorouracil, leucovorin, oxaliplatin)<sup>h,51</sup>

**Esophageal and Gastric Cancers**

- Irinotecan/cisplatin<sup>a,52</sup>

**Non-Hodgkin Lymphomas**

- GDP (gemcitabine, dexamethasone, cisplatin/ carboplatin)<sup>a,53</sup>
- CHOP<sup>a</sup> (cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, prednisone)<sup>54,55</sup> including regimens with pegylated liposomal doxorubicin<sup>56,57</sup>
- Bendamustine<sup>a</sup>

**Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer**

- Cisplatin/paclitaxel<sup>58</sup>
- Cisplatin/vinorelbine<sup>59</sup>
- Cisplatin/docetaxel<sup>58,60</sup>
- Cisplatin/etoposide<sup>61</sup>
- Carboplatin/paclitaxel<sup>a,i,62</sup>
- Docetaxel<sup>60</sup>

**Ovarian Cancer**

- Carboplatin/docetaxel<sup>63</sup>

**Prostate Cancer**

- Cabazitaxel<sup>h,64</sup>

**Small Cell Lung Cancer<sup>g</sup>**

- Etoposide/carboplatin<sup>65</sup>

**Testicular Cancer**

- BEP<sup>g</sup> (bleomycin, etoposide, cisplatin)<sup>66-68</sup>
- Etoposide/cisplatin<sup>69</sup>

**Uterine Sarcoma**

- Docetaxel<sup>70</sup>

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<sup>h</sup> There is variable risk with FOLFOX regimens. Please refer to the risk level of the specified FOLFOX regimen being used for therapy.

<sup>i</sup> If carboplatin dose is AUC ≥6 and/or patient is of Japanese ancestry.

<sup>j</sup> The published results for cabazitaxel have an 8% rate of febrile neutropenia but neutropenic deaths were reported. Primary prophylaxis with G-CSFs is recommended in patients with high-risk clinical features, and should be considered in all patients receiving a dose of 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.

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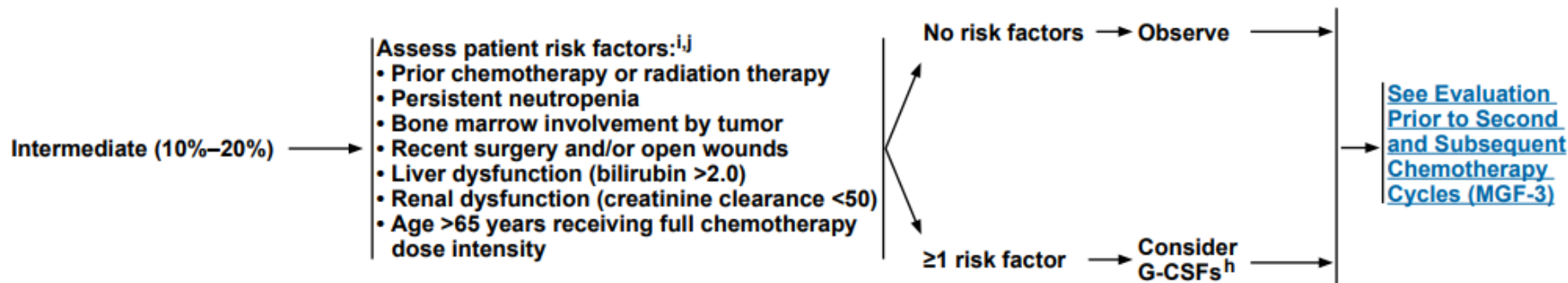




**OVERALL FEBRILE NEUTROPENIA<sup>e</sup> RISK**

**PATIENT RISK FACTORS ASSESSMENT**

**PROPHYLACTIC USE OF G-CSFs FOR FEBRILE NEUTROPENIA**



<sup>e</sup> Febrile neutropenia is defined as single temperature:  $\geq 38.3$  °C orally or  $\geq 38.0$  °C over 1 h; and neutropenia:  $< 500$  neutrophils/mcL or  $< 1,000$  neutrophils/mcL and a predicted decline to  $\leq 500$  neutrophils/mcL over the next 48 h. [See NCCN Guidelines for Prevention and Treatment of Cancer-Related Infections.](#)

<sup>h</sup> [See G-CSFs for Prophylaxis of Febrile Neutropenia and Maintenance of Scheduled Dose Delivery \(MGF-B\).](#)

<sup>i</sup> Other possible patient risk factors for febrile neutropenia may include poor performance status or HIV infection (in particular, patients with low CD4 counts). The listed patient risk factors are based on a multivariable risk model using a prospective cohort study of several thousand ambulatory cancer patients receiving chemotherapy. This cohort did not include patients with HIV, acute leukemia, or hematopoietic cell transplant (Lyman GH, et al. Crit Rev Oncol Hematol 2014;90:190-199).

<sup>j</sup> Other factors may warrant the use of G-CSFs (eg, chronic immunosuppression in the post-transplant setting, including organ transplant).

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# Preventia si tratamentul CIN si FN



- Filgrastim – primul factor de crestere mieloid G-CSF aprobat ca agent profilactic al FN in 1991
- Ulterior, au fost dezvoltate si aprobate pentru uz clinic, biosimilare de filgrastim
- Filgrastim si biosimilarele sale sunt eliminate rapid din organism prin filtrare renala, cu un timp de  $\frac{1}{2}$  in circulatie de  $\sim 4-8h$  si, prin urmare, necesita administrare zilnica pana la recuperarea neutrofilelor
- Durata de administrare a G-CSF pentru efect optim ar trebui sa fie  $> 5$  zile si pana la 11 zile sau pana la recuperarea post-nadir a neutrofilelor
- Administrarea zilnica este incomoda pentru pacienti – pentru a evita inconvenientele administrarii zilnice, au aparut abordari farmacologice care cresc retentia G-CSF in circulatie  $\rightarrow$  PEGilarea (adaugarea unei cozi inerte de polietilen glicol la G-CSF), care creste dimensiunea moleculei si previne excretia renala a avut cel mai mare succes

# Preventia si tratamentul CIN si FN



- PEGilarea creste timpul de  $\frac{1}{2}$  plasmatica a G-CSF cu pana la 42h, permitand administrarea unei doze per ciclu
- Pegfilgrastim – primul agent G-CSF PEGilat aprobat pentru utilizare in 2002
- Ulterior, au devenit disponibile mai multe biosimilare cu actiune prelungita
- Momentul administrarii G-CSF este esential pentru beneficiu → conform ghidurilor NCCN agentii G-CSF trebuie administrati intre Z1-Z4 post CHT
- Administrarea in aceeasi zi este suboptimala, iar administrarea in Z8 nu este eficienta

# Probleme clinice asociate cu utilizarea G-CSF



- Principalul AE asociat cu toate G-CSF aprobate este durerea osoasa – apare la 25-83% dintre pacienti
- Durerea osoasa indusa de G-CSF se datoreaza probabil expansiunii MO, activarii circuitelor proinflamatorii si sensibilizarii fibrelor nervoase periferice la stimulii de durere
- Utilizarea profilactica de antihistaminice, NSAID si acetaminophen poate fi utila in tratamentul durerii osoase induse de G-CSF
- Alte AEs raportate includ cefalee (15-70%), greata si/sau varsaturi (3-18%), febra/frisoane/transpiratii (0-27%), oboseala (9-59%), reactii la locul de injectare (1-3%) si mialgii (13-68%)
- Un risc crescut de malignitati secundare, cel mai frecvent LAM si SMD, a fost raportat, de asemenea, dupa administrarea de G-CSF (RR 1,85,  $P < 0,01$ )

# Subutilizarea in practica clinica a G-CSF



- Profilaxia FN este adesea subutilizata in practica clinica la pacientii carora li se administreaza regimuri de CHT cu risc ridicat/mediu
- Intr-un studiu retrospectiv care a inclus pacienti cu tumori solide/limfoame tratati in intervalul 2009-2017, G-CSF a fost administrat la 48,5% dintre pacientii cu risc ridicat si la 13,9% din pacientii cu risc intermediar care au avut un factor de risc pentru FN
- Intr-o alta analiza retrospectiva care a inclus pacienti cu tumori solide/limfoame tratati in intervalul 2013-2017, 76% dintre pacientii cu risc crescut au primit G-CSF profilactic, in timp ce doar 28% dintre pacientii cu risc intermediar au primit profilaxie G-CSF
- In plus, 8,5% dintre pacientii cu risc mediu au primit profilaxie G-CSF in aceeasi zi cu CHT, conduita care anuleza beneficiul G-CSF

# Noi agenti pentru preventia si tratamentul CIN si FN



Drug	Study (Name and/or NCT Identifier)	Phase	Population (N)	Treatment	Mean DSN C1 <sup>b</sup>	SN <sup>b</sup>	FN	Hospitalization Rate
<b>Trilaciclib</b>	NCT03041311 Daniel et al, 2020 <a href="#">[70]</a>	2	ES-SCLC (N = 107)	Trilaciclib (240 mg/m <sup>2</sup> QD D1–3) <b>prior to</b> carboplatin D1 + etoposide D1-3 + atezolizumab D1 <sup>c</sup> → atezolizumab maintenance D1 Q21D Placebo (240 mg/m <sup>2</sup> QD D1–3) <b>prior to</b> carboplatin D1 + etoposide D1–3 + atezolizumab D1 <sup>c</sup> → atezolizumab maintenance D1 Q21D	0 vs 4 days ( <i>P</i> < 0.0001)	1.9% vs 49.1% ( <i>P</i> < 0.001)	1.9% vs 5.7% ( <i>P</i> = 0.3105)	3.8% vs 11.3% ( <i>P</i> = 0.1287)
	NCT02514447 Hart et al, 2021 <a href="#">[71]</a>	1b/ 2a	ES-SCLC (N = 61)	Trilaciclib (240 mg/m <sup>2</sup> QD D1–3) <b>prior to</b> (≤4h) topotecan D1-5 <sup>d</sup> Q21D Placebo (240 mg/m <sup>2</sup> QD D1–3) <b>prior to</b> (≤4h) topotecan D1-5 <sup>d</sup> Q21D	2 vs 7 days ( <i>P</i> < 0.0001)	40.6% vs 75.9% ( <i>P</i> = 0.016)	6.3% vs 17.9%	9.4% vs 21.4% ( <i>P</i> = 0.1879)
	NCT02499770 Weiss et al, 2019 <a href="#">[72]</a>	1b/2	ES-SCLC (N = 122)	Trilaciclib (200 or 240 mg/m <sup>2</sup> QD D1–3) <b>prior to</b> carboplatin D1 + etoposide D1–3 <sup>e</sup> Placebo (200 or 240 mg/m <sup>2</sup> QD D1–3) <b>prior to</b> carboplatin AUC 5	0 vs 3 days ( <i>P</i> ≤ 0.001)	5% vs 43% ( <i>P</i> ≤ 0.0001)	3% vs 8%	Not reported

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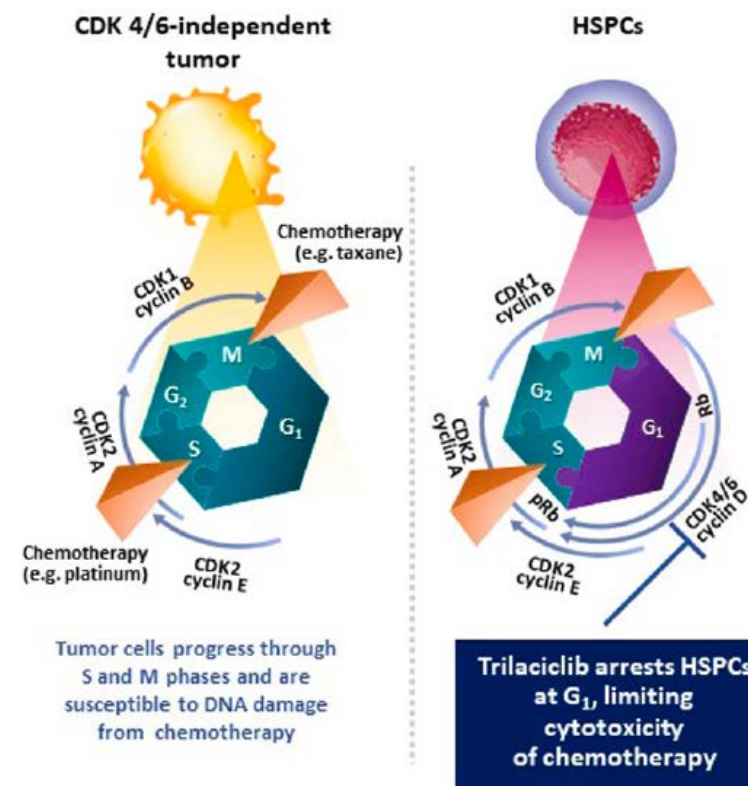
- Trilaciclib – inhibitor al kinazei ciclin-dependente 4/6 (CDK4/6)
- Trilaciclib – aprobare FDA pentru scaderea riscului de mielosupresie post CHT la pacientii cu ES-SCLC, dupa CHT pe baza de cisplatin/etoposid sau topotecan
- Aprobarea FDA s-a bazat pe datele din 3 RCT de faza 2, controlate placebo, in care trilaciclib a scazut incidenta si durata neutropeniei severe in C1 de CHT
- In studiile preclinice, trilaciclib a indus arestul tranzitoriu si reversibil al celulelor stem hematopoietice murine si umane in ciclul celular in G1 si a protejat progenitorii de epuizarea indusa de chimioterapie
- Deoarece trilaciclib functioneaza ca un protector al progenitorilor medulari, se administreaza cu cateva ore inainte de CHT

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- Cele mai frecvente AEs atribuite trilaciclibului au fost oboseala (9,6%), greata (7,7%), anemia (5,8%) si reactiile infuzionale (5,8%)
- Pe langa beneficiile observate in populatia de neutrofile (scaderea incidentei neutropeniei grad 4 si a administrarii G-CSF), trilaciclib a demonstrat si un efect de mieloconservare a celorlalte linii hematopoietice – scaderea incidentei anemiei grad 3/4 si a trombocitopeniei, scaderea necesarului transfuzional (MER) in/dupa saptamana 5 si a administrarii de agenti de stimulare ai eritropoiezei, cu imbunatatirea QoL

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Agent	Study ID	Patients (N)	Indication	Intervention	Comparator	Primary Endpoint	Secondary Endpoints	Results	
<u>Plinabulin</u>	PROTECTIVE-1/ NCT03102606	3	Breast, lung, and prostate cancer patients (intermediate FN risk) (N = 105)	Docetaxel D1 <sup>g</sup> + plinabulin 40 mg D1 + placebo D2	Equal DSN	Not reported	0% vs 1.89%	3.84% vs 1.89%	
	PROTECTIVE-2/ NCT03294577	3	Breast cancer (N = 221)	Docetaxel D1 <sup>g</sup> + placebo D1 + pegfilgrastim 6 mg D2	Docetaxel/doxorubicin/cyclophosphamide <sup>h</sup> D1 + plinabulin 40 mg D1 + pegfilgrastim 6 mg D2	1.2 vs 1.5 (P = 0.03) <sup>i</sup>	21.62% vs 46.36% (P = 0.0001) (profound neutropenia C1)	3.6% vs 6.3% (P = 0.36)	75% vs 100%
	PROTECTIVE-1/ NCT04345900	2	NSCLC (N = 55)	Docetaxel/doxorubicin/cyclophosphamide <sup>h</sup> D1 + pegfilgrastim 6 mg D2	Docetaxel D1 <sup>g</sup> + plinabulin 5, 10, 20 mg/m <sup>2</sup> D1	0.36 vs 0.15 days (P = 0.76) <sup>j</sup>	Not reported	n = 1 <sup>k</sup>	14% vs 15% <sup>i</sup>

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## BEYONDSRING PHARMACEUTICALS RECEIVES COMPLETE RESPONSE LETTER FROM THE FDA FOR PLINABULIN NEW DRUG APPLICATION FOR PREVENTION OF CHEMOTHERAPY-INDUCED NEUTROPENIA (CIN)

December 1, 2021

NEW YORK, Dec. 01, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) — BeyondSpring Pharmaceuticals (the “Company” or “BeyondSpring”) (NASDAQ: BYSI), a global pharmaceutical company focused on the development of cancer therapeutics, today announced it has received a Complete Response Letter (CRL) from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the New Drug Application (NDA) seeking approval of plinabulin in combination with granulocyte colony-stimulating factor (G-CSF) for the prevention of chemotherapy-induced neutropenia (CIN). The FDA issued the CRL to indicate that they have completed their review of the application and have determined that it cannot be approved in its present form.

The FDA’s CRL indicated that the results of the single registrational trial (106 Phase 3) was not sufficiently robust to demonstrate benefit and that a second well controlled trial would be required to satisfy the substantial evidence requirement to support the CIN indication.

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<u>Eflapegrastim</u>	ADVANCE/ NCT02643420 Schwartzberg et al, 2020[80]	3	Breast cancer (N = 406)	Docetaxel + cyclophosphamide D1 <sup>m</sup> + eflapegrastim 13.2° mg D2	0.20 vs 0.35 days (P = 0.013)	15.8% vs 24.3% (P = 0.034)	2% vs 1% (P = 0.435)	Not reported
	RECOVER/ NCT02953340 Cobb et al, 2020 [81]	3	Breast cancer (N = 237)	Docetaxel + cyclophosphamide D1 <sup>m</sup> + pegfilgrastim 6 mg D2 Docetaxel + cyclophosphamide D1 <sup>m</sup> + eflapegrastim 13.2° mg D2	0.31 vs 0.39 days (P = 0.0001)	20.3% vs 23.5%	0.8% vs 3.4% (P = 0.370)	Not reported
				Docetaxel + cyclophosphamide D1 <sup>m</sup> + pegfilgrastim 6 mg D2				

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- Eflapegrastim – factor de crestere hematopoietic cu actiune prelungita, constand dintr-un analog rhG-CSF conjugat cu un fragment Fc IgG4 uman aglicozilat, printr-un linker scurt de polietilen glicol
- In studiile preclinice eflapegrastim a demonstrat concentratii serice si la nivelul MO mai mari comparativ cu pegfilgrastim, ceea ce a rezultat intr-o durata mai scurta a neutropeniei atunci cand s-a administrat eflapegrastim la 24h post CHT
- In plus, eflapegrastim a redus semnificativ durata neutropeniei cand s-a administrat concomitent cu CHT sau pana la 5h post CHT, sugerand ca administrarea in aceeasi zi cu CHT este posibila

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- In 2 RCT de faza 3 la paciente CM in stadii precoce (ADVANCE si RECOVER), eflapegrastim a demonstrat non-inferioritate si siguranta comparabila cu pegfilgrastim
- O analiza combinata datelor din studii a confirmat faptul ca eflapegrastim a redus semnificativ riscul de neutropenie severa comparativ cu pegfilgrastim si a avut un profil de siguranta similar cu pegfilgrastim

# Concluzii



- Aparitia CIN are impact negativ asupra prognosticului pacientilor oncologici
- Utilizarea profilactica a G-CSF a redus consecintele clinice ale FN
- Aparitia biosimilarelor G-CSF a redus costurile, mentinand eficacitatea si profilul de siguranta al moleculelor originale
- Aprobarea recenta a trilaciclibului ca agent mieloprotector pentru ES-SCLC si noile molecule in dezvoltare au ca scop imbunatatirea strategiilor de preventie a CIN si FN
- Mecanismele alternative de actiune ale trilaciclibului si plinabulin pot oferi mai multe avantaje fata de G-CSF standard, inclusiv administrarea in aceeasi zi cu CHT, absenta durerii osoase si o potentiala activitate antitumorală



Thank you

