



The majority of older patients with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) who achieve remission will relapse¹

Can you help your patients with AML prolong survival?

An example to guide patients through transitions of care

Indication

ONUREG[®] is indicated for continued treatment of adult patients with acute myeloid leukemia who achieved first complete remission (CR) or complete remission with incomplete blood count recovery (CRI) following intensive induction chemotherapy and are not able to complete intensive curative therapy.

Important Safety Information

CONTRAINDICATIONS

ONUREG[®] is contraindicated in patients with known severe hypersensitivity to azacitidine or its components.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

Risks of Substitution with Other Azacitidine Products

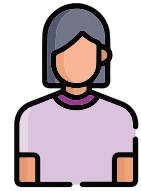
Due to substantial differences in the pharmacokinetic parameters, the recommended dose and schedule for ONUREG[®] are different from those for the intravenous or subcutaneous azacitidine products. Treatment of patients using intravenous or subcutaneous azacitidine at the recommended dosage of ONUREG[®] may result in a fatal adverse reaction. Treatment with ONUREG[®] at the doses recommended for intravenous or subcutaneous azacitidine may not be effective. Do not substitute ONUREG[®] for intravenous or subcutaneous azacitidine.

Myelosuppression

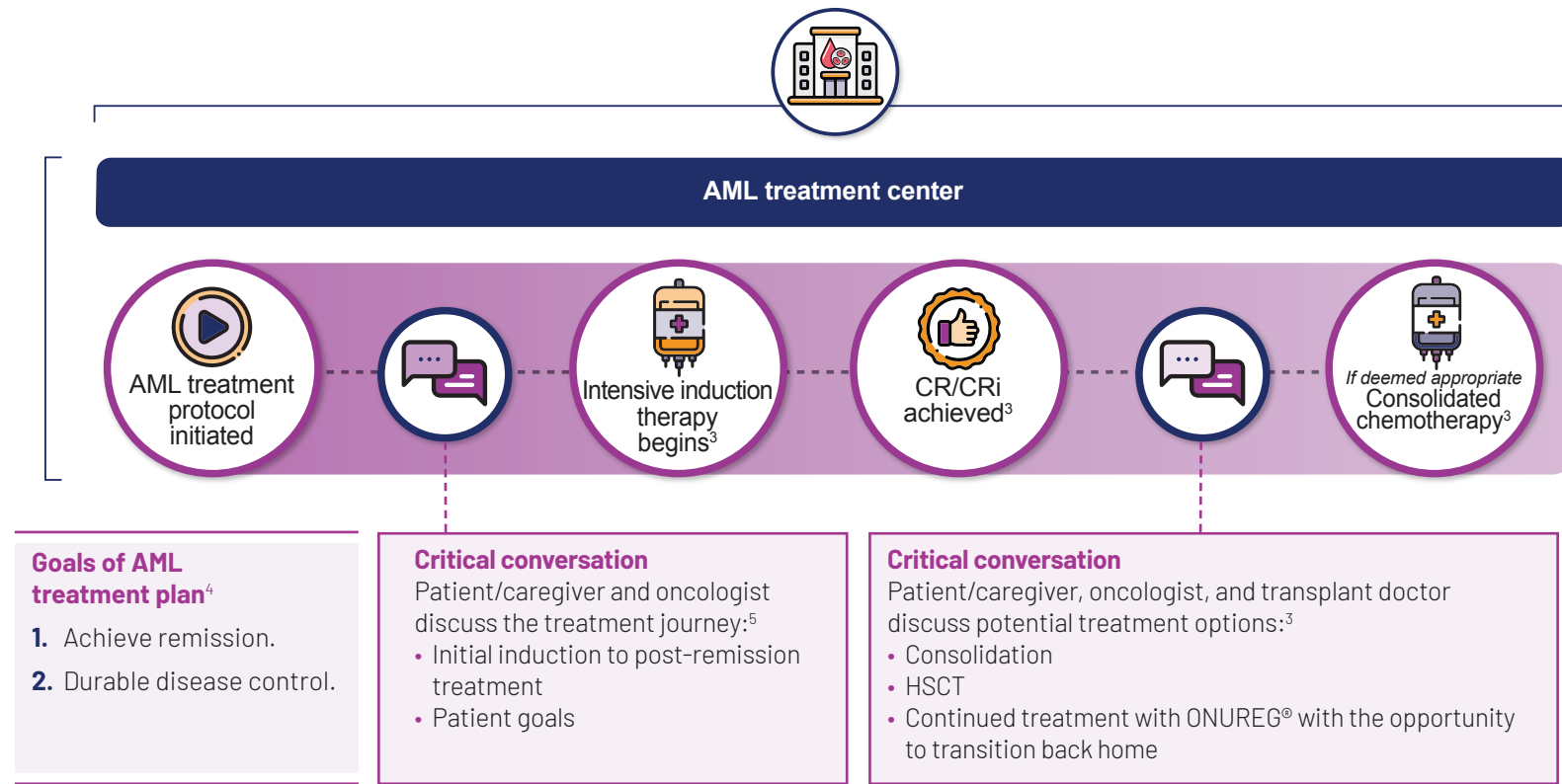
New or worsening Grade 3 or 4 neutropenia and thrombocytopenia occurred in 49% and 22% of patients who received ONUREG[®]. Febrile neutropenia occurred in 12%. A dose reduction was required for 7% and 2% of patients due to neutropenia and thrombocytopenia. Less than 1% of patients discontinued ONUREG[®] due to either neutropenia or thrombocytopenia. Monitor complete blood counts and modify the dosage as recommended. Provide standard supportive care, including hematopoietic growth factors, if myelosuppression occurs.

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How can you plan for post-remission AML treatment from the start?



- Initial patient assessment**
- Presents at PCP with symptoms including, but not limited to, fever, bruising, and fatigue²
 - Additional workup conducted; AML suspected
 - Diagnosis confirmed; referred to AML treatment center by local oncologist



Important Safety Information (cont'd)

Increased Early Mortality in Patients with Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS)

In AZA-MDS-003, 216 patients with red blood cell transfusion-dependent anemia and thrombocytopenia due to MDS were randomized to ONUREG[®] or placebo. 107 received a median of 5 cycles of ONUREG[®] 300 mg daily for 21 days of a 28-day cycle. Enrollment was discontinued early due to a higher incidence of early fatal and/or serious adverse reactions in the ONUREG[®] arm compared with placebo. The most frequent fatal adverse reaction was sepsis. Safety and effectiveness of ONUREG[®] for MDS have not been established. Treatment of MDS with ONUREG[®] is not recommended outside of controlled trials.

Embryo-Fetal Toxicity

ONUREG[®] can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. Azacitidine caused fetal death and anomalies in pregnant rats via a single intraperitoneal dose less than the recommended human daily dose of oral azacitidine on a mg/m² basis. Advise pregnant women of the potential risk to a fetus. Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with ONUREG[®] and for at least 6 months after the last dose.

Abbreviations: AML acute myeloid leukemia; CR, complete remission; CRI, complete remission with incomplete blood count recovery; ER, emergency room; HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation; PCP, primary care provider.

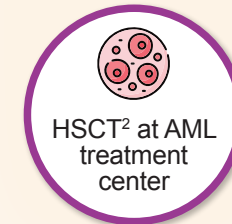
ONUREG[®] is indicated by the FDA for continued treatment of adult patients with acute myeloid leukemia who achieved first complete remission (CR) or complete remission with incomplete blood count recovery (CRI) following intensive induction chemotherapy and are not able to complete intensive curative therapy.⁸



Transition to outpatient continued treatment with ONUREG[®]

NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines[®]): Oral azacitidine (ONUREG[®]) is a category 1, preferred option for patients with AML ≥60 years of age in the post-induction setting who received previous intensive therapy with a complete response and were not able to receive any or all of the recommended consolidation, regardless of risk status.^{7,a}

For other intermediate- or adverse-risk patients with AML, oral azacitidine (ONUREG[®]) is a category 2A recommended treatment in the post-induction setting, regardless of consolidation status.^a



HSCT² at AML treatment center

HSCT may not be an option due to:

- Older age, comorbidities, donor unavailability, worsening performance status, inadequate support, distance from transplant center, patient unwillingness, or risks of treatment^{3,8}

^aThis is not intended to replace consolidation chemotherapy. In addition, fit patients with intermediate- and/or adverse-risk cytogenetics may benefit from HCT in first CR, and there are no data to suggest that post-remission therapy with oral azacitidine can replace HCT. The panel also notes that the trial did not include younger patients or those with CBF-AML; it was restricted to patients ≥55 years of age with intermediate or adverse cytogenetics who were not felt to be candidates for HCT. Most patients received at least 1 cycle of consolidation prior to starting oral azacitidine.⁹

Important Safety Information (cont'd)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (cont'd)

Embryo-Fetal Toxicity (cont'd)

Advise males with female partners of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with ONUREG[®] and for at least 3 months after the last dose.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Serious adverse reactions occurred in 15% of patients who received ONUREG[®]. Serious adverse reactions in ≥2% included pneumonia (8%) and febrile neutropenia (7%). One fatal adverse reaction (sepsis) occurred in a patient who received ONUREG[®].

Most common (≥10%) adverse reactions with ONUREG[®] vs placebo were nausea (65%, 24%), vomiting (60%, 10%), diarrhea (50%, 21%), fatigue/asthenia (44%, 25%), constipation (39%, 24%), pneumonia (27%, 17%), abdominal pain (22%, 13%), arthralgia (14%, 10%), decreased appetite (13%, 6%), febrile neutropenia (12%, 8%), dizziness (11%, 9%), pain in extremity (11%, 5%).

Abbreviations: AML, acute myeloid leukemia; CBF, core binding factor; FDA, Food and Drug Administration; HCT, hematopoietic cell transplantation; HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, NCCN[®], National Comprehensive Cancer Network.

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Potential steps for patients with AML in first remission not proceeding to HSCT

TREATMENT AND SUPPORTIVE CARE	MONITORING	FOLLOW-UP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> AML treatment center sends recommendation for continued treatment with ONUREG[®] to the outpatient care team <input type="checkbox"/> The recommended dosage of ONUREG[®] is 300 mg orally once daily with or without food on Days 1 through 14 of each 28-day cycle⁶ <input type="checkbox"/> Antiemetics should be prescribed for the first 2 cycles of ONUREG[®] <input type="checkbox"/> Important education for patients: Antiemetics should be administered 30 minutes prior to each dose of ONUREG[®]. Antiemetic prophylaxis may be omitted after 2 cycles if there has been no nausea or vomiting⁶ <input type="checkbox"/> Physician should review warnings and precautions with ONUREG[®] <input type="checkbox"/> ONUREG[®] should be continued until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity⁶ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> CBC monitoring is recommended every other week for the first 2 cycles and prior to the start of each cycle thereafter. Monitoring should be increased to every other week for 2 cycles after any dose reduction for myelosuppression⁶ <input type="checkbox"/> If ANC is less than 0.5 Gi/L on Day 1 of a cycle, ONUREG[®] should not be administered. The start of the cycle should be delayed until ANC is 0.5 Gi/L or more⁶ <input type="checkbox"/> Carefully monitor patients for adverse reactions. If adverse reactions do occur, follow the recommended dosage modifications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up appointment should be scheduled with the outpatient physician as recommended after ONUREG[®] initiation <input type="checkbox"/> Continue communication between the treatment center and the community center to ensure coordination of care

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LACTATION

There are no data regarding the presence of azacitidine in human milk or the effects on the breastfed child or milk production. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in the breastfed child, advise women not to breastfeed during treatment with ONUREG[®] and for 1 week after the last dose.

Abbreviations: AML, acute myeloid leukemia; ANC, absolute neutrophil count; CBC, complete blood count; CR, complete remission; CRi, complete remission with incomplete blood count recovery; HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.

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