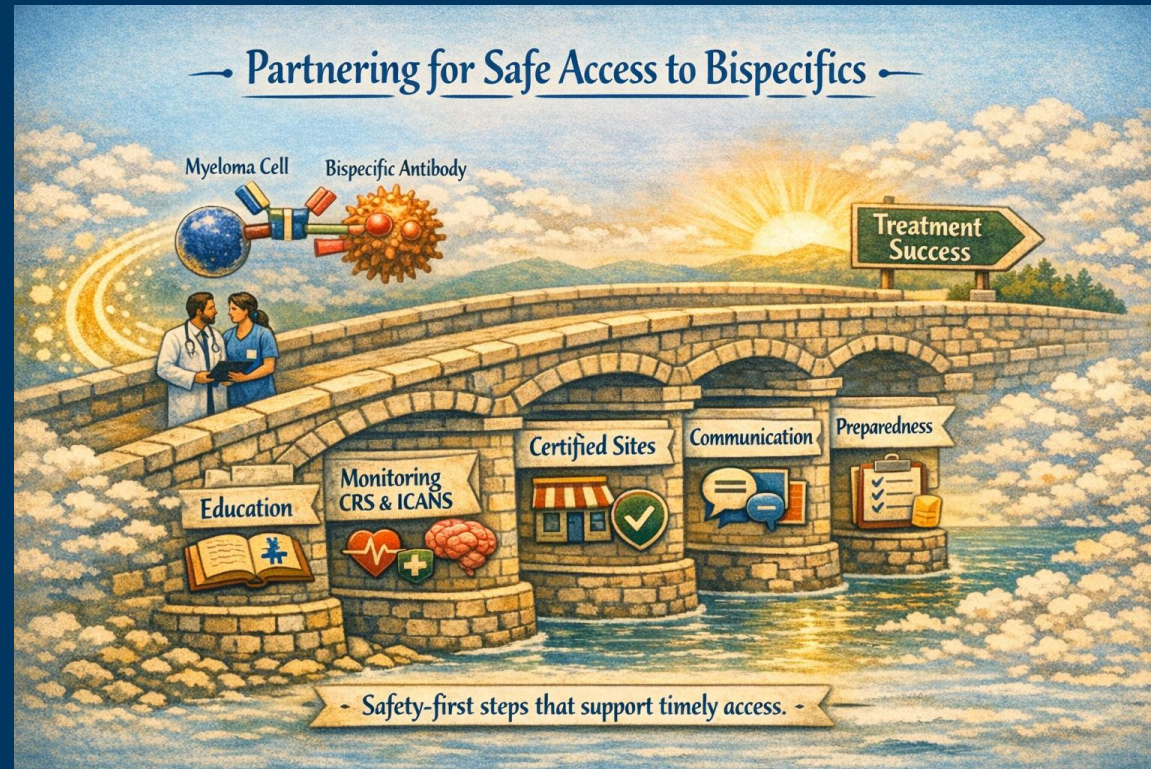


# REMS at a Crossroads: What Real-World Practice Tells Us About Bispecific Safety



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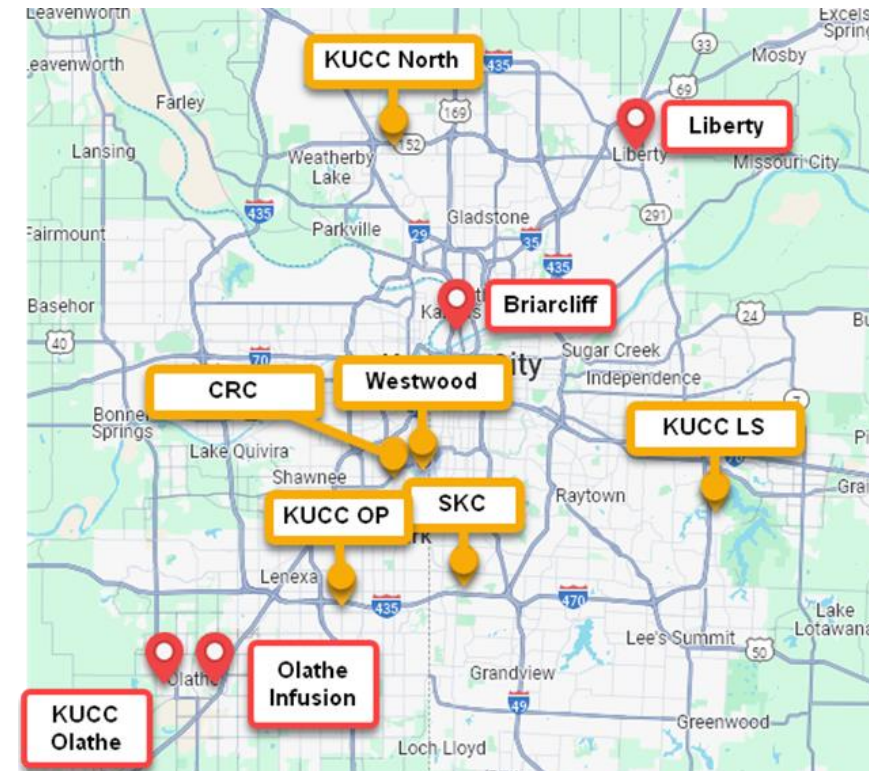
# Background

- Clinical pharmacy manager since 2019 within the Division of Hematologic Malignancies & Cellular Therapeutics (HMCT)
- Authorized representative for all REMS programs (HMCT)
  - CAR-T (previously)
  - Bi-specifics (BsAbs)
    - Teclistamab
    - Talquetamab
    - Elranatamab
    - Livoseltamab
  - Belantamab
  - Quizartinib

*By the end of this session, my goal is to have a dialogue about continued partnership to ensure patient safety and compliance based on real-world experience at a large academic medical center administering bispecific therapies*

# The University of Kansas Health System

- Leading academic medical center in Kansas City, KS
- Only National Cancer Institute designated comprehensive cancer center in the state of KS
- >1000 acute care beds (3 acute care hospitals)
- Varying delivery models but one medical record & access to resources
  - 7 ambulatory sites for patients with cancer
    - Main ambulatory location → Westwood
    - Satellite/community sites throughout the metropolitan area



# Overview

- Orientation to multiple myeloma & BsAbs
- REMS for myeloma BsAbs and requirements
- Real world burden & misalignment with practice
- How centers build safe systems that are REMS agnostic
- Where REMS should evolve to support and not hinder care

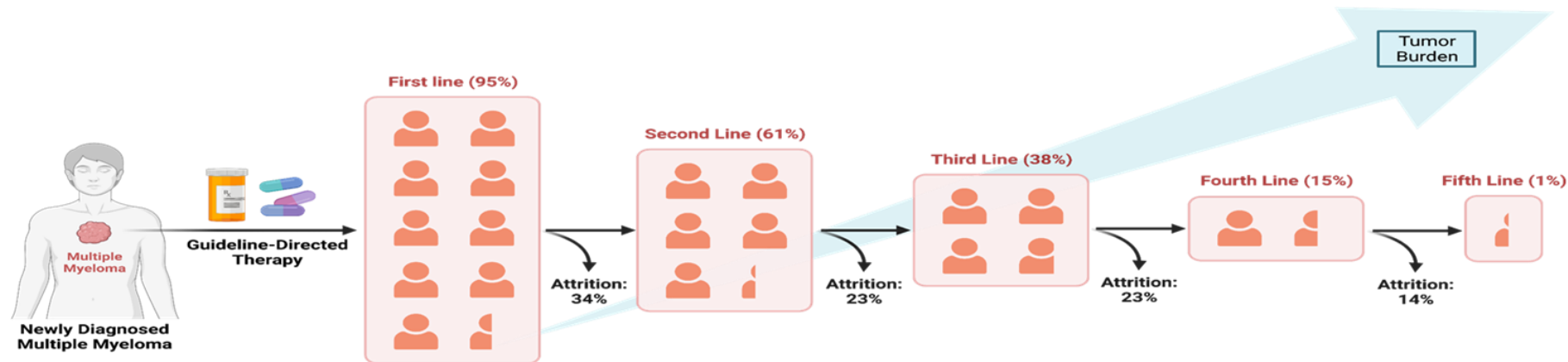
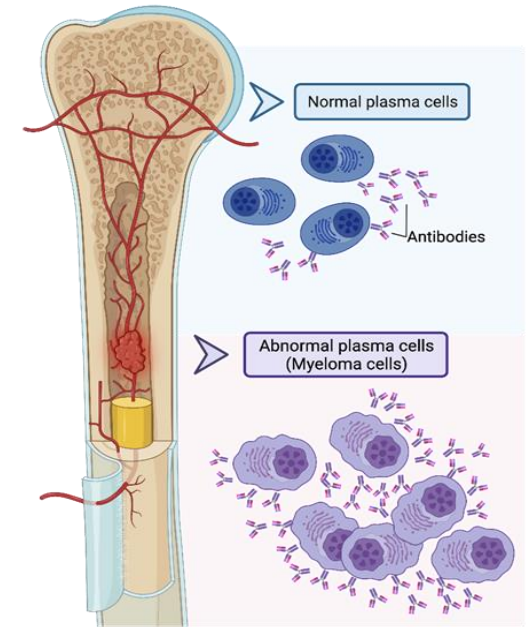
# Introduction

- BsAbs have reshaped the treatment landscape for a number of disease states including multiple myeloma, bringing efficacy alongside unique toxicities including cytokine release syndrome (CRS) & immune effector-cell associated neurotoxicity syndrome (ICANS)
- As a result of these toxicities in multiple myeloma, a risk evaluation and mitigation strategies (REMS) program was implemented to standardize monitoring and ensure safe administration-**but is it still needed?**

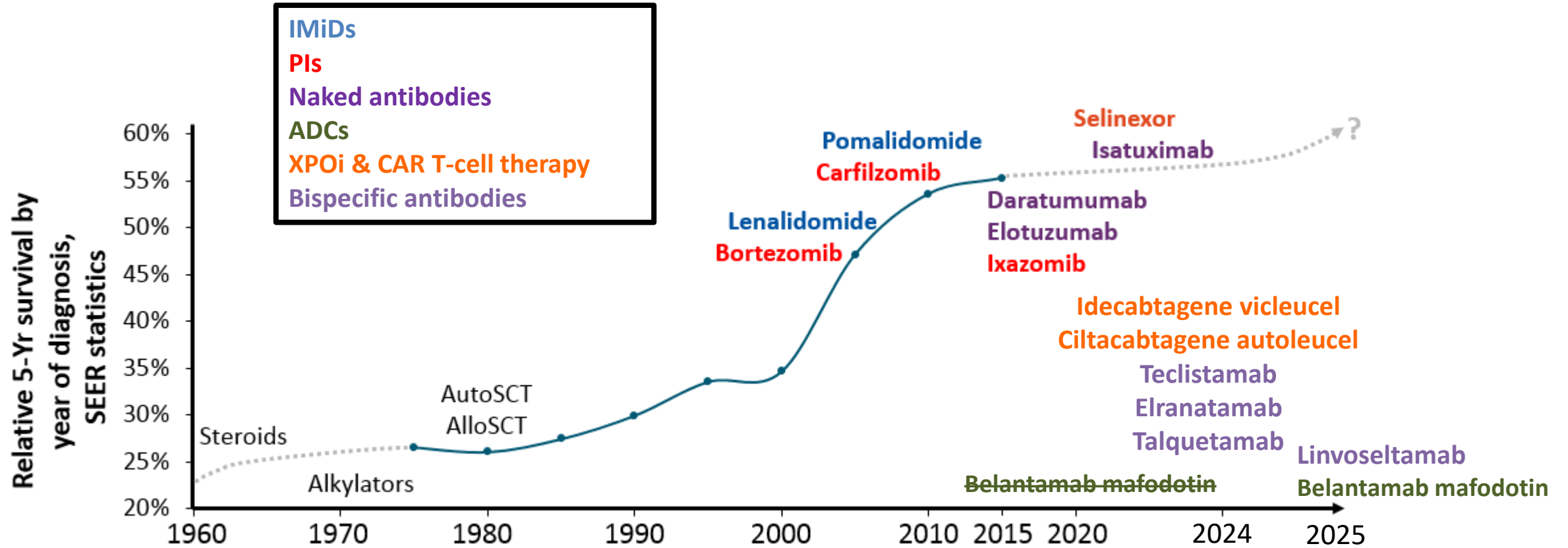
# Multiple Myeloma: Background and Introduction to Bispecifics

# Overview of Multiple Myeloma

- Hematologic malignancy characterized by uncontrolled proliferation of plasma cells
- Typical events include hypercalcemia, bone disease, anemia, and renal dysfunction
- US prevalence in 2026: estimated 36,000 new cases
  - 1.8% of all cancers and 10% of all hematologic cancers



# Myeloma Approval Timeline



IMiD: immunomodulatory agents; PI: proteasome inhibitors; ADC: antibody drug conjugate, XPOi: nuclear export protein inhibitor

# Relapsed/Refractory Management

- Currently no universal standard for optimal therapy sequence in relapsed/refractory disease
- Split into early relapse (1-3 prior therapies) with preferred regimens versus late relapse (>3 prior therapies)
- Various combinations of proteasome inhibitors, immunomodulatory agents, monoclonal antibodies, and **drugs with novel mechanisms of action**

# BsAb Summary Table: Myeloma

**\*\*Subject to change\*\***

	Teclistamab	Elranatamab	Linvoseltamab	Talquetamab
<b>Route</b>	SC	SC	IV	SC
<b>Dosing</b>	Step-up: 0.06 mg/kg > 0.3 mg/kg > 1.5 mg/kg Treatment: 1.5 mg/kg Qwk; transition to biweekly if in CR after 6 mo	Step-up: 12 mg > 32 mg > 76 mg Treatment: 76 mg Qwk; transition to biweekly if PR or better after 6 cycles → Q4wk	Step-up: 5 mg > 25 mg > 200 mg Treatment: 200 mg Qwk (week 4-13), biweekly until week 24, change to monthly if ≥ VGPR	Step-up: 0.01 mg/kg > 0.06 mg/kg > 0.4 mg/kg > 0.8 mg/kg (for biweekly dose) Treatment: 0.4 mg/kg Qwk or 0.8 mg/kg biweekly
<b>Inpatient step-up dosing?</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y
	<b>**Subject to change**</b>			
<b>Pivotal Trial</b>	MajesTEC-1	MagnetisMM-3	LINKER-MM1	MonumenTAL-1
<b>Efficacy</b>	ORR 63% >CR: 39.4%	ORR: 61% >CR: 35%	ORR: 71% >CR: 50%	ORR: 74% (Qwk), 69% (QOwk)
<b>CRS</b>	72.1%	56.3%	46%	77-80%
<b>Neurotoxicity ICANS</b>	57% 6%	59% 3.4%	54% 8%	55% 9%

SC: subcutaneous, IV: intravenous, ORR: overall response rate: CR: complete response,

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# Seamless Navigation of Bispecific Therapies: Optimizing Management and Outpatient Access With a Focus on Coordination

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## CRS

- Systemic inflammatory response triggered by factors that cause acute-onset distress and possible organ dysfunction
- Risk factors
  - High disease burden
  - Presence of pre-existing state of inflammation
- Symptoms: fever  $\geq 38$  °C, hypotension, hypoxia

## Immune Effector Cell Associated Neurotoxicity Syndrome

- Release of inflammatory cytokines causing disruption in the blood-brain barrier
- Risk factors
  - CRS severity
  - Higher disease burden & baseline inflammatory state
  - Thrombocytopenia and/or high ferritin
  - Higher T-cell dose
- Can occur simultaneously, consecutively, or independently of CRS

*CRS/ICANS isn't new, but now we introduced subcutaneous use outpatient.  
Highest risk of CRS/ICANS with BsAbs is during step-up dosing and with first treatment dose*

## Prevention and management of adverse events during treatment with bispecific antibodies and CAR T cells in multiple myeloma: a consensus report of the European Myeloma Network

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Special Report

## Consensus recommendations on the management of toxicity associated with CD3×CD20 bispecific antibody therapy \*, †

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# REMS

## Bispecifics: From Novel Risk to Predictable Reality

### 2022 Novel Risk

- High CRS / ICANS Concerns
- Strict Inpatient Monitoring
- Unknown Long-Term Safety



Inpatient Only

### 2026 Predictable Reality

- CRS / ICANS Patterns Well Defined
- Outpatient Administration
- Established Safety Protocols



Outpatient & Cycle-Based

*Bispecifics Have Evolved: From Inpatient Novelty to Outpatient Standard Care.*

# Why Bispecifics in Myeloma Received REMS: Early Risk, Unknowns & Limited Data

- **Rationale**
  - To prevent or reduce serious risks
  - To ensure safe conditions
  - To educate prescribers, pharmacists and patients
  - To monitor outcomes and ensure compliance
- **Why for Bispecifics (in Myeloma)**
  - At the time, first-in-class therapies
  - Educate providers on monitoring for signs and symptoms of CRS/ICANS
  - Uncertainty around outpatient safety
  - Limited post-market data

# Other entrants have similar risks, but no REMS

## Hematology

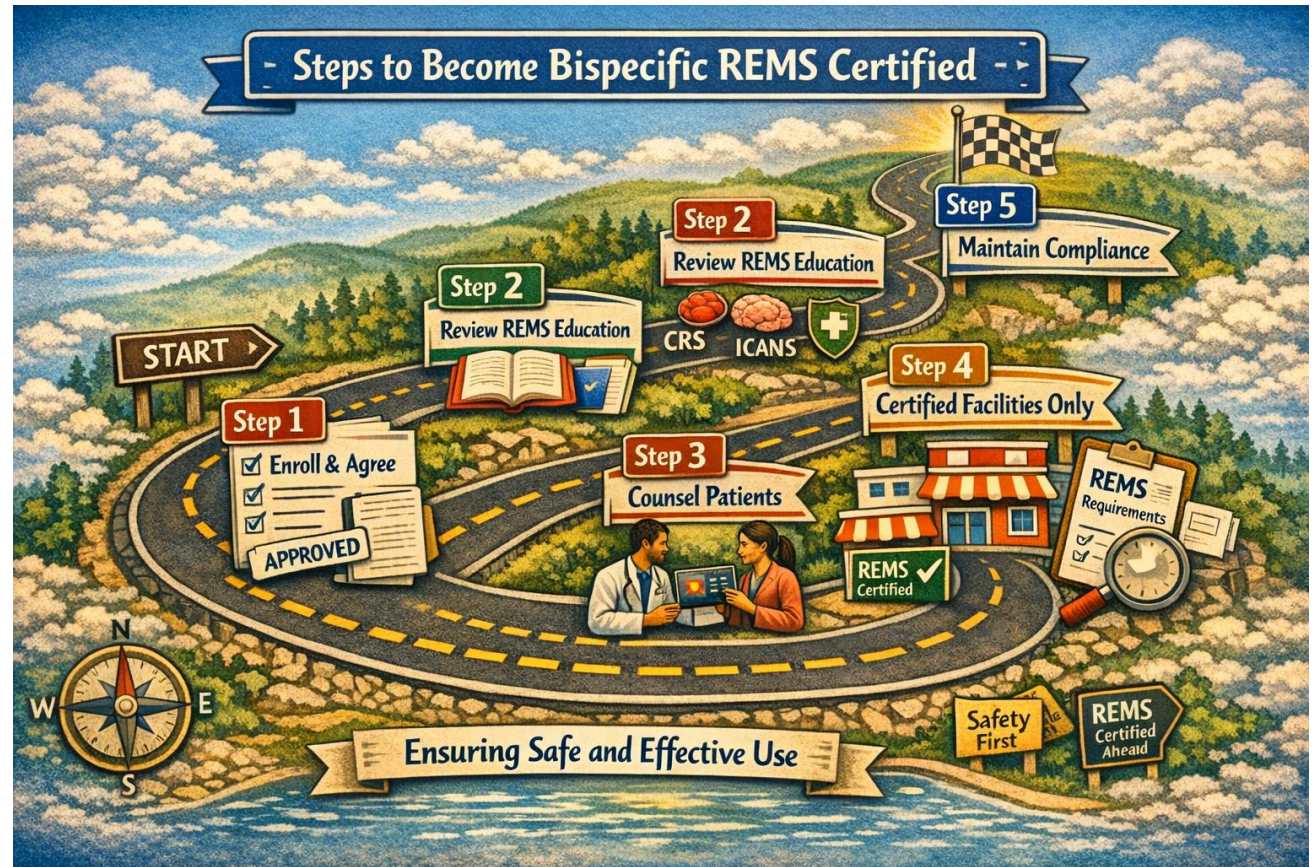
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<b>Disease State</b>	Acute lymphoblastic leukemia	Lymphoma	Lymphoma	Lymphoma
<b>CRS</b>	7-15%	30-44%	49-51%	70%
<b>Neurotoxicity</b>	65%	39%	51%	70%
<b>ICANS</b>	8%	3%	6%	5%
<b>REMS</b>	No	No	No	No

## Oncology

	Tebentafusp	Tarlatamab
<b>Disease State</b>	Uveal Melanoma	Small cell lung cancer
<b>CRS</b>	89%	57%
<b>Neurotoxicity</b>	Not reported	65%
<b>ICANS</b>		10%
<b>REMS</b>	No	No

# REMS

- **Requirements include:**
  - Completion of prescriber training, knowledge assessment and prescriber enrollment form
  - Enrollment by the pharmacy/healthcare setting
  - Designation of an authorized representative
  - Provide patient with education regarding CRS and ICANS symptoms
  - Patient wallet card provided prior to first dose



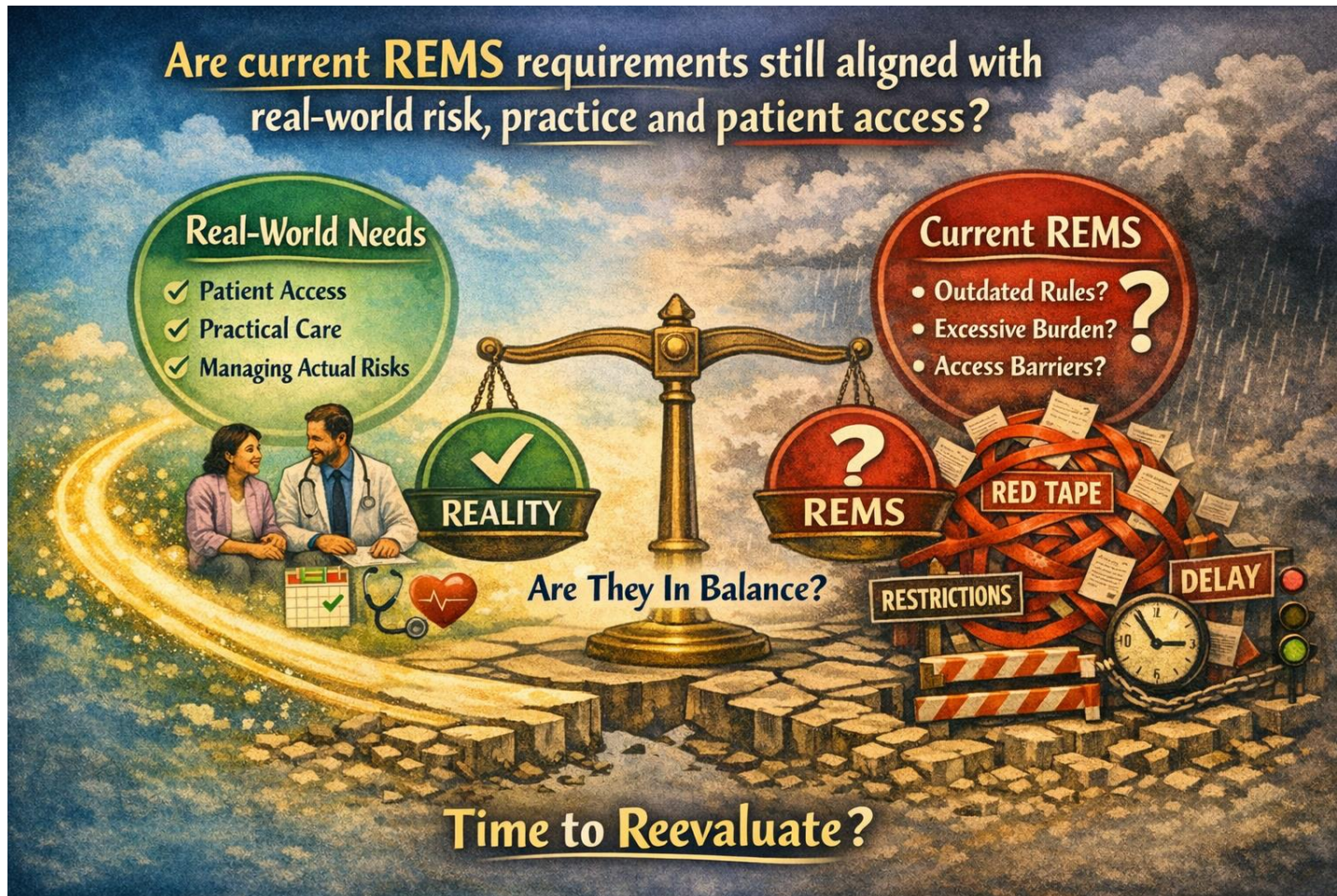
# REMS

- **Audit requirements**
  - Ensuring staffing training and provide documentation of training
  - Only orders/prescriptions written by certified Healthcare Providers are dispensed
  - Ensuring any serious adverse events suggestive of CRS or neurologic toxicity, including ICANS are reported
  - Ensure product is not distributed, transferred, loaned, or sold except to certified settings
  - Document quantity per site
  - Provide dispense records, inclusive of REMS dispense authorization (RDA) code, ordering prescriber, location of administration, dispense date/administration date, and medication name



*Major burden on healthcare settings & authorized representatives to ensure compliance*

# The Central Question



- Bispecific antibodies are no longer novel
- Widespread use across myeloma lines of therapy
- Increasing outpatient administration
- Concerns by site—onerous, unsustainable and duplicative

*REMs was designed for early unknown risk, not chronic, well characterized real-world practice.*

# The Reality of REMS in the Real-World

# REMS (The Reality): Prescriber Training & Enrollment

- Two required components
- Missed steps → delays in provider enrollment → patient start delays
- Repeat per product despite overlapping content (redundant)

*Reality → Impact: Redundant steps & frequent misses delay therapy starts*

## REMS (The Reality): Site Enrollment & Recognition

- Multiple legal addresses → mismatches across REMS portals
- Wholesaler not recognizing site → product ordering blocked
- Each location enrolls separately within one health system (duplicative)

*Reality → Impact: Address/wholesaler mismatches cause ordering holds and start-of-care delays*

# REMS (The Reality): AR Burden & RDA Generation

- Responsible for training using the product specific training program for each product → unclear
- **Manually** add staff to each portal for each site enrolled → variability across portals, duplicative

*Reality → Impact: Creates avoidable workload*

## REMS (The Reality): AR Burden & RDA Generation

- AR/designated staff has to create RDA for every cycle despite same prescriber & decreased toxicity risk \*inconsistent across programs\*
- Separate inpatient/outpatient RDA must be generated for the same patient
- Separate RDA codes for outpatient sites if patient receiving in multiple locations
- RDA generation must be transcribed into the electronic medical record (EMR) → error/over-propagation risk

*Reality → Impact: Manual RDA process creates error risk*

Please select the pharmacy/healthcare setting you wish to work with. You may enter the REMS ID, NPI, Name or Type, then select the pharmacy/healthcare setting.

\*Pharmacy/Healthcare Setting

-- Please Select --

- Please Select --
- 8566967161 1649259656 The University of Kansas Health System-Bell hospital - Inpatient Hospital Pharmacy
- 0547633034 1417245192 University of Kansas Cancer Center - Lees Summit - Oncology Infusion Center
- 4663133093 1093003675 University of Kansas Cancer Center-Overland Park - Community Oncology Physician Office
- 8793014263 1063795896 UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS Health system West Wood - Oncology Infusion Center

## Prescriber Information

\* Search By

Prescriber NPI  Prescriber Name

\* NPI

You must generate a REMS Dispense Authorization Code before dispensing ELREXFIO.

Generate Authorization Code

CANCEL

RETURN

### PRESCRIBER

First Name: AL-OLA  
Last Name: ABDALLAH  
NPI#: 1386837151  
City: Westwood  
State: KS

Certified

*Challenge: Team members must select the correct site of administration for auditing purposes and must create multiple RDAs for patients being treated in multiple locations, despite the same provider*

# REMS (The Reality): Patient Education in Practice

- Centers create own handouts for CRS/ICANS recognition
- Custom wallet cards reduce tracking burden
- Materials tailored to literacy and institutional workflows

**FOR THE PATIENT**

Call your healthcare provider or get emergency help right away if you have any of these symptoms:

- Fever 100.4°F (38° C) or higher
- Trouble breathing
- Chills
- Dizziness or light-headedness
- Fast heartbeat
- Headache
- Agitation, trouble staying awake, confusion, disorientation.
- Trouble speaking, remembering things
- Problems walking, weakness.
- Shaking, loss of muscle spasms
- Numbness and tingling
- Burning or stinging
- Changes in handwriting

**IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER:**

If you have **any** of these symptoms, call your doctor or seek emergency medical attention right away! These are not just possible symptoms of bi-specific antibody therapy. Tell your doctors if you have any symptoms that bother you or does not go away.

You should always ask your doctor about other medications while on treatment.

**FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS**

**IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW:**

Bi-specific antibody therapy can cause cytokine release syndrome (CRS) or neurotoxicity (ICANS) which may be fatal or life-threatening. CRS may involve multiple organ systems.

This patient has received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Treating Oncologist: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
After Hours Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Step-up dose 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Step-up dose 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Treatment dose: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bi-specific Antibody Patient Wallet Card**  
The University of Kansas Health System

Carry this card with you at all times.

Show this card to any health care provider involved in your care and if you go to the emergency room.

**IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS RECEIVING BI-SPECIFIC ANTIBODIES**

*Reality → Impact: Center-built tools outperform general materials for real uptake*

## REMS (The Reality): Audit & Training Burden (AR-Led)

- **Redundant training** across products
- **Audits are annual and variable per site** → Increased administrative burden
- **Team exposure > prescriber** → training gap beyond AR
- **Event reporting is unclear** → misses longitudinal, low-grade trends
- Audits must be completed on a regular basis and is site specific not system specific
- Audit burden is not sustainable, and more standardization is desired

*Reality → Impact: Audits center on paper compliance, not real-world safety signals*

# REMS (The Reality): Distribution Controls & Record Pulls

- **Distribution limits** don't verify site infrastructure
- **Dispense record pulls** → manual, **time-sensitive**
- **No standard data method** across programs → rework

*Reality → Impact: High admin burden without added patient safety yield*

# Role of CAR-T REMS

- Removed after:
  - Improved understanding of adverse effects
  - Management of risks
  - Reduced burden on healthcare systems
  - Real-world experience

*Sound Familiar?*

# REMS-The Hidden Operational Work Behind Compliance

New Drug Approval w/REMs

AR

Completes enrollment forms  
w/correct DEA/NPI & center  
address

Develops institutional policy &  
workflow

Provides communication & training  
to staff

Delegates access to staff in REMs  
portal for RDAs

Wholesaler recognition & activation

RN

Generates RDA from the REMs website

*\*Needs to create two if step-up dosing is done inpatient for the same  
prescriber\**

Transcribes into the EMR of the drug entry

Pharmacist

Reviews EMR entry & Confirms unique RDA

Prepares product

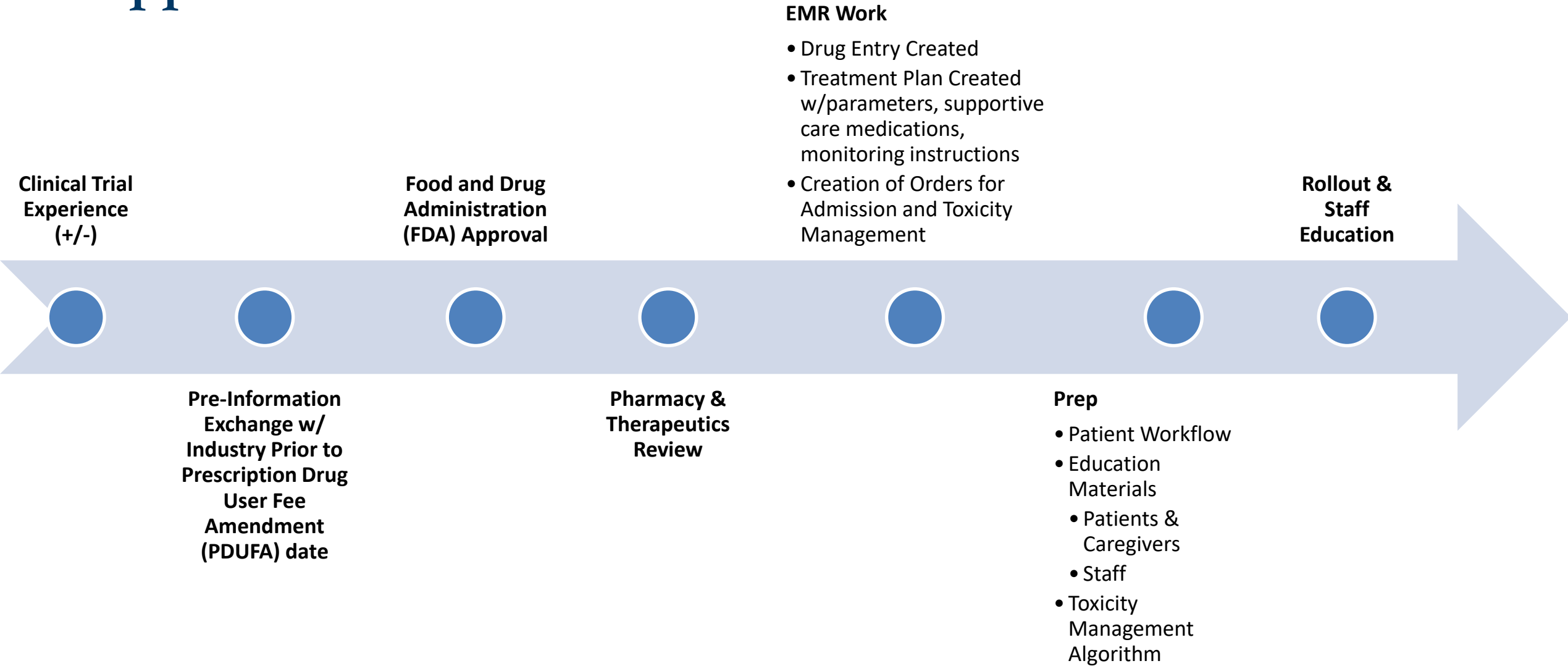
## Where the Process Breaks Down

- Fragmented and manual workflows
- Wholesaler recognition failures
- Staff turnover and access lapses
- Manual transcription errors & inefficiencies
- No EHR integration
- Cycle-level versus regimen-level RDA mismatches
- Unclear accountability
- REMS program vendor variability
- Reduced safety monitoring accuracy

# What Do Centers Do When a New Drug Class is Approved With a Unique Toxicity Profile?

*Our institutional experience demonstrates the level of infrastructure required when a new drug class with unique toxicity enters practice*

# Our Standard Onboarding Process Upon New Drug Approval



# Typical Treatment Plan in the EMR

- Labs to be checked
- Prescriber Instructions
- Nursing Orders
- Prescriptions
- Pre-Medications
- Chemotherapy

## Oncology Provider Communication #6

Teclistamab is available only through a restricted program under a REMS. Notable requirements of the REMS program include:

- Prescribers must be certified by enrolling and completing training.
- Prescribers must counsel patients about the risk of Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS) and Neurologic Toxicity, including Immune Effector Cell-Associated Neurotoxicity Syndrome (ICANS).
- A REMS authorization number is required prior to EACH Cycle of Teclistamab. Please provide authorization number in EACH dose in the administration instructions of the drug entry.

## Oncology Provider Communication #3

Premedications are required during the Step-Up Dose schedule (Cycle 1, Days 1 and 3) and Cycle 2, Day 1 to reduce the risk and severity of Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS). Administration of premedications may be required for subsequent doses after dose delays or previous CRS. Please add premedications prior to subsequent doses of Elranatamab if indicated.

## Treatment Plan Meds Communication #24

Perform an Immune Effector Cell-Associated Encephalopathy (ICE) score and complete a sentence log prior to chemotherapy. Notify provider for ICE score less than 10.

## teclistamab-cqyv (TECVAYLI) syringe 5 mg [1541429517]

Ordered Dose: 0.06 mg/kg × 83.4 kg (Treatment Plan Recorded)

Route: Subcutaneous

Dose Calculation Information:

0.06 mg/kg × 83.4 kg (Treatment plan recorded weight as of 2/17/2026)  
= 5.004 mg × 1 mL/10 mg  
= 0.5 mL × 10 mg/mL (rounded to the nearest 0.01 mL from 0.5004 mL)  
= 5 mg

Duration: 1 days

Dispense As Written: No

Admin Dose: 5 mg

Planned Start (Original Order): 02/24/26

End Date/Time: 02/24/26 1231 after 1 doses

Scheduled Start Date/Time: 02/24/26 1230

Admin Instructions:

REMS Approval Number: 46148516

Inject into the subcutaneous tissue of the abdomen (preferred) or other sites (e.g. thigh). If multiple injections are required, injections should be at least 2 cm apart.  
NURSING: Administration required by chemotherapy credentialed nurse when ordered for a cancer indication  
NOTE: This is a HIGH ALERT Medication.

# Contents of a Typical Order Set

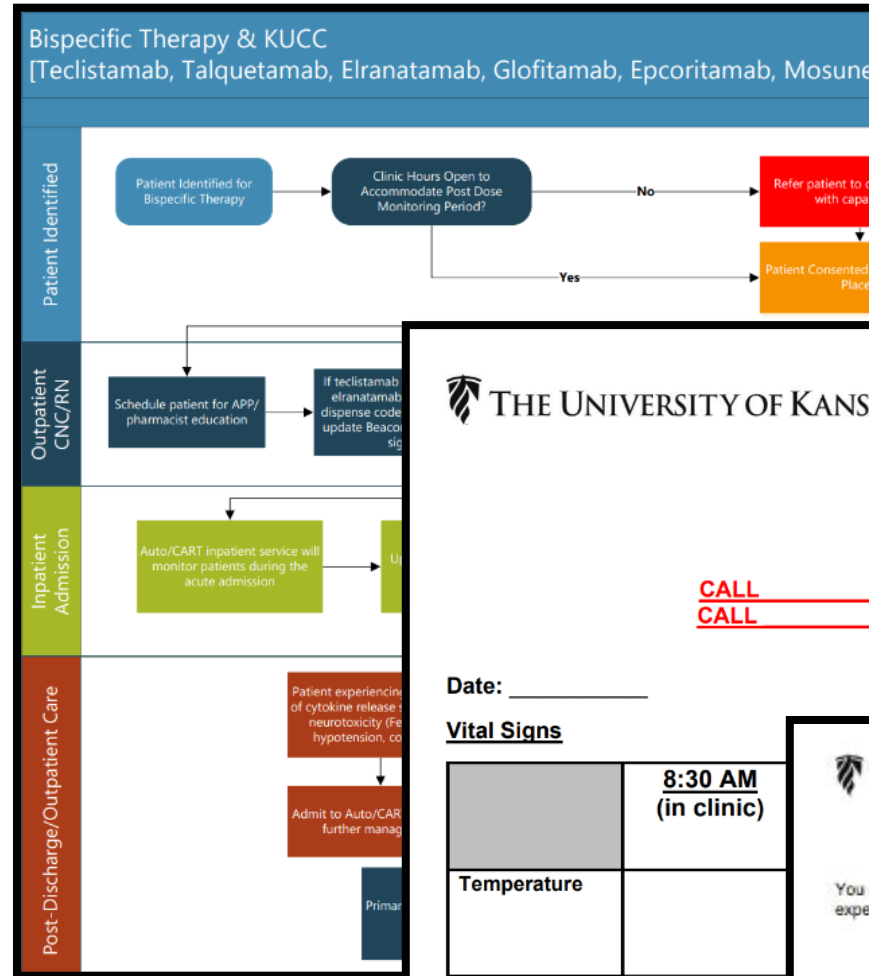
- Admission
  - Vital signs
  - Nursing Communication
  - Notify Provider Parameters
  - Labs
  - Consults
  - Medications
  - Standing Protocols
- Toxicity Management (reflective of our algorithm)
  - Diagnostic tests
  - Consults
  - Medications

Nurse Communication: Monitor for signs/symptoms of Cytokine Release Syndrome and Neurotoxicity and call provider each time one or more of the following symptoms occurs: \*Fever (temperature greater than or equal to 38.0 C) \*Hypotension (systolic bl...

11 Routine, CONTINUOUS, Starting today at 1215, Until Specified, Monitor for signs/symptoms of Cytokine Release Syndrome and Neurotoxicity and call provider each time one or more of the following symptoms occurs: \*Fever (temperature greater than or equal to 38.0 C) \*Hypotension (systolic blood pressure [SPB] less than 90 mmHg) \*Hypoxia (oxygen requirement to keep oxygen saturation greater than 92%) \*Any change from baseline neuro assessment.

# Patient Workflows Developed

- Agnostic of Product
- Workflows
  - Patient identification
  - Outpatient
  - Inpatient
  - Post-discharge/Outpatient Care
- Monitoring logs
- Patient Guidelines
  - Side effects
  - When to call



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### Bi-Specific T-Cell Engager

**BRING TO CLINIC**

**CALL FOR ABNORMAL ASSESSMENT**  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vital Signs**

	8:30 AM (in clinic)
Temperature	
Blood Pressure	
Heart Rate	
Oxygen Level	

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### Outpatient Bi-specific T-cell Engager Guidelines

You are going to be receiving BITE therapy as an outpatient. This document explains who to call if you experience side-effects or have questions.

24/7 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nurse Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_


**SIDE EFFECTS**

The following side effects are the most common within the first week after receiving your bi-specific T-cell engager:

- **Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)**
  - This is the body's reaction to certain medications and cell therapies. Cytokines are proteins that, when released into the blood stream, can cause inflammation and activate immune cells.
  - Possible symptoms: fever, low blood pressure, low oxygen level, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle aches, and joint pain.
- **Neurological Toxicity or Mental Status Changes**
  - This is a problem affecting the brain and the nervous system caused by certain medications.

# Patient Education

- Sponsored education through NCODA, Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) and other partners
- Inclusive of:
  - Treatment administration & schedule
  - Supportive care
  - Common side effects
  - Select rare and serious side effects
  - Intimacy, pregnancy & breast feeding
  - Additional information



Patient Education Sheets  
Understanding Your Cancer Treatment

## Linvoseltamab

Care Team Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Pharmacy Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

- This treatment is often used for multiple myeloma, but it may be used for other diagnoses.

Goal of Treatment: \_\_\_\_\_

- Treatment may continue for a certain time period, until it no longer works, or until side effects are no longer controlled.

**Treatment Regimen**

Treatment Name	How the Treatment Works	How the Treatment is Given
Linvoseltamab (lin-voh-SELT-tah-mab): Lynozytic (lin-oh-ZI-fik)	Binds immune cells (T-cells) and cancer cells together so T-cells can more effectively attack and destroy the cancer cells.	Infusion given into a vein.

**Treatment Administration and Schedule:**

Due to the risk of cytokine release syndrome (CRS) and neurologic problems, you will receive linvoseltamab on a “**step-up dosing schedule**” and may be hospitalized for 24 hours after the first and second “step-up” doses.





- During the step-up dosing schedule:
  - for your first dose, you will receive a smaller “step-up” dose on Day 1 of your treatment
  - for your second dose, you will receive a larger “step-up” dose, which is usually given on Day 8 of your treatment
  - for your third dose, you will receive the first full “treatment” dose, which is usually given on Day 15 of your treatment
- If your dose is delayed for any reason, you may need to repeat the step-up dosing schedule.
- Before the “step-up” doses and the first two treatment doses of linvoseltamab, you will receive medicines to help reduce your risk of CRS and infusion related reactions. Your care team will decide if you need to receive medicine to help reduce your risk of side effects with future doses.

**Weeks 1 to 3**

Treatment Name	Step-Up Dosing Schedule													
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	...	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	..	Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	...	Day 21	
Linvoseltamab	✓ First “Step-Up” Dose					✓ Second “Step-Up” Dose				✓ First Full “Treatment” Dose				

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# Toxicity Management Protocols

- Institutionally defined & well published

Management:					
CRS Grade	Signs or Symptoms	General Management	Teclistamab	Talquetamab	
Grade 1	Fever or grade 1 organ toxicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Symptomatic management of constitutional symptoms &amp; organ toxicities [IV fluids, antibiotics PRN]</li> <li>Consider checking a DIC panel and replacing mg/dL as needed</li> <li>Consider tocilizumab 8 mg/kg (max 800 mg/d) for fever (Refractory to supportive management lasting greater than 3 days). Can be repeated up to 3 doses in a 24-hr period, max 4 doses total</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Withhold until CRS resolves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Withhold until CRS resolves.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>V</li> <li>r</li> </ul>
Grade 2	Hypotension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IV fluid bolus 500-1000 mL normal saline, may be necessary to keep SBP &gt;90 mmHg</li> <li>If hypotension unchanged after 2 fluid boluses consider additional intervention</li> <li>Consider rapid response and possible ICU transfer for norepinephrine</li> <li>Obtain ECHO</li> <li>Administer Tocilizumab 8 mg/kg (max 800 mg) IV. Tocilizumab can be repeated every 8 hours for 24-hr period, max 4 doses total                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider methylprednisolone 1mg/kg (or dex equivalent, 10mg IV every 6 hrs) for improvement within 24 hours of start. Continue corticosteroids until even then taper over 3 days</li> <li>If no improvement on tocilizumab at 24 hrs or rapid deterioration: anakinra 100mg IV every 12 hours x 7 days (renally dose adjust to 500 mg/ml/min), if not responding may increase to 1000 mg/ml/min</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

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ICANS	General Management	Teclistamab	
Grade 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low doses of lorazepam 0.25-0.5 mg IV Q8H or haloperidol (0.5 mg IV Q6H) can be used for agitated patients</li> <li>Consider tocilizumab* IV if associated with concurrent Grade 2 or greater CRS</li> <li>Supportive care; consider levetiracetam for seizure prophylaxis until resolution of ICANS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Withhold until ICANS resolves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>V</li> <li>r</li> </ul>
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manage as per Grade 1</li> <li>Consider rapid response and possible ICU transfer if associated with Grade 2 or greater CRS</li> <li>Consider tocilizumab* IV if associated with concurrent Grade 2 or greater CRS</li> <li>Administer dexamethasone 10mg IV every 12 hours, Can increase to 20 mg every 6 hours if no improvement. Continue until resolution to Grade 1 or less, then taper</li> <li>Supportive care as per Grade 1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Withhold until ICANS resolves</li> <li>Patients must be hospitalized for 48 hours following next dose for first occurrence of Grade 2 ICANS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>V</li> <li>r</li> <li>F</li> <li>h</li> <li>f</li> </ul>
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manage as per Grade 1</li> <li>Consider rapid response and possible ICU transfer if associated with Grade 2 or greater CRS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Withhold until ICANS resolves</li> <li>Patients must be</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>V</li> <li>r</li> <li>E</li> </ul>

# Real World Application and Education



## Staff training (role-specific)

Webinars, simulation training,  
micro-learning

In-services: both internal and  
industry sponsored

Annual competencies



## Education upon consent

Tailored patient education

Patient-facing toxicity recognition  
sheets

- Home monitoring instructions
- Caregiver instructions



## Toxicity Management Protocols

Defined management of unique  
toxicities with frequency and triage  
workflows

Order sets created with pre-  
medications, monitoring  
frequencies & toxicity  
management

Smart phrase bundles

*Our processes are significantly more thorough regardless of practice setting & are designed with safety and collaboration in mind and is REMS agnostic*

# How Can We Get from Current State (REMS driven) to an Evolved State (Center-Led)

## Current State (REMS Driven)

- Redundancy in processes
- Role fragmentation & bottlenecks
- Manual processes & errors
- Operational inefficiency

## Evolved State (Center Led)

- Unified credentialing system
- EHR as an authoritative source
- Cycle-aware logic
- Improved safety & efficiency



# Summary

- The risks of BsAbs in multiple myeloma are now well understood
  - CRS/ICANs patterns are predictable with highest risk with care initiation in cycle 1
  - Outpatient administration has been proven safe at scale
- REMS requirements no longer reflect real-world practice & centers have developed more effective systems
- Our path forward should reflect real-world experiences and REMS should be aligned with actual ongoing risk (not historic concerns)

*Bottom Line: REMS should evolve from a front-end barrier to a long-term safety partner*

# Thank You

Ideas for further discussion

Could industry work with professional societies to host “neutral” training material?

- Status of FHIR REMS accelerator?

Could one REMS system be sufficient to cover all the FDA approved myeloma bispecific products?