



**Multidisciplinary Approaches to Cancer Symposium**

# Tumor Board: Management of Patients with Gliomas

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# Cultural Linguistic Competency (CLC) & Implicit Bias (IB)

## STATE LAW:

The California legislature has passed Assembly Bill (AB) 1195, which states that as of July 1, 2006, all Category 1 CME activities that relate to patient care must include a cultural diversity/linguistics component. It has also passed AB 241, which states that as of January 1, 2022, all continuing education courses for a physician and surgeon **must** contain curriculum that includes specified instruction in the understanding of implicit bias in medical treatment.

*The cultural and linguistic competency (CLC) and implicit bias (IB) definitions reiterate how patients' diverse backgrounds may impact their access to care.*

## ***The following CLC & IB components will be addressed in this presentation:***

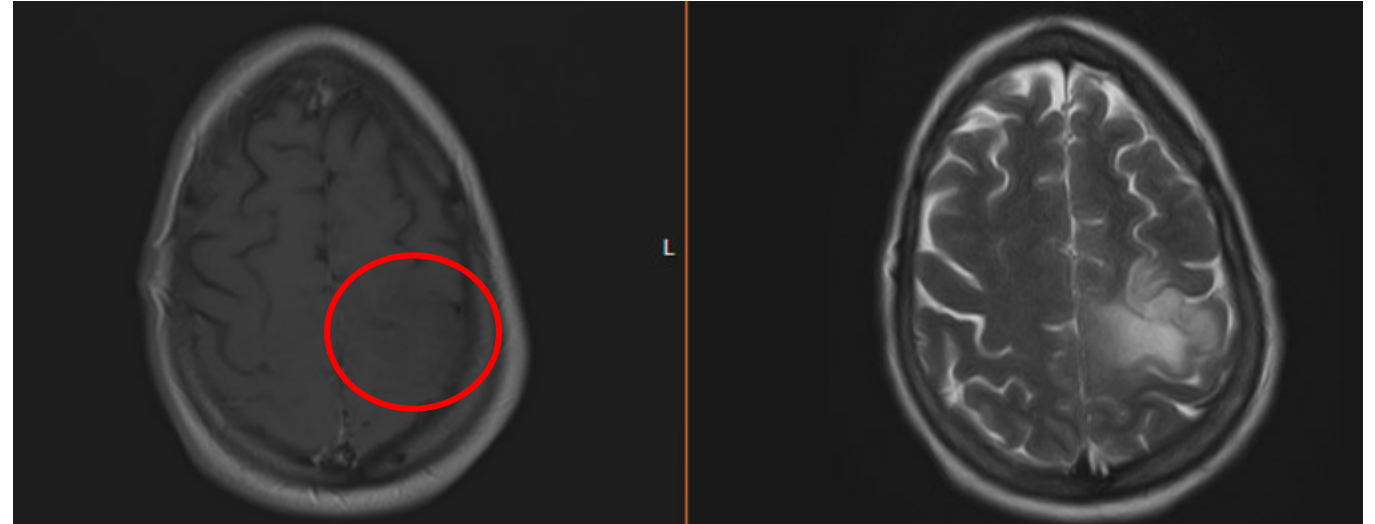
- *How age might determine the type and level of care in this patient population*
- *Respectfully demonstrate and effectively communicate care to patients with diverse values and behaviors that relate to social and cultural needs related to health.*
- *Recognize that potential cost, insurance, transportation, nutrition, access to resources to rehabilitation, and caregiver availability are all necessary yet sometimes difficult to ascertain as a part of a patient's care.*

# Case 1

## Management of Adult Low Grade Glioma

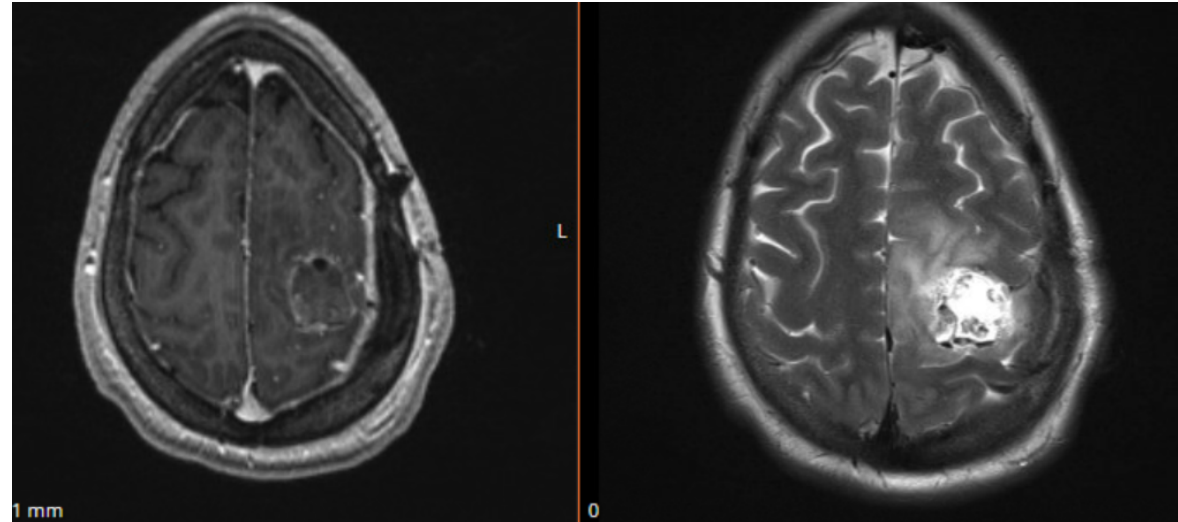
# Case 1

- 38-year-old, right-handed woman with no significant PMH began experiencing nocturnal seizures, which were witnessed by her parents. When she woke up, she would be disoriented for a little while. Her brother has a seizure disorder, and so she did not worry about her seizures and did not seek medical evaluation until she experienced a generalized seizure.
- A biopsy of the mass was performed at a local hospital and showed the presence of a grade 2 oligodendroglioma.

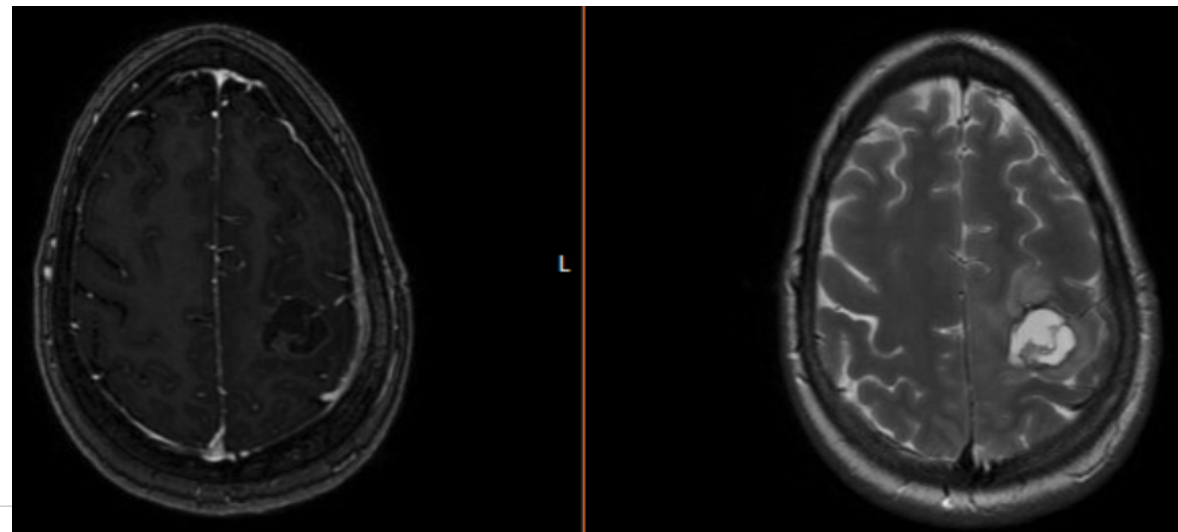


# Transferred care to COH

Immediate post op



1 month post op



# Surgical considerations

- Surgery in eloquent areas
  - Pre-operative functional MRI – diffuse tumor involved motor and subcortical motor areas
  - Intraoperative neuro-navigation and ultrasound
  - Surgery performed awake
    - Asleep for craniotomy and durotomy
  - Intraoperative SSEP monitoring with direct cortical stimulation for motor mapping
    - As tumor was debulked patient noted to have weakness in right hand which improved throughout operation; lateral edge of surgical cavity
    - Stimulation of motor and sensory tracts determined margins of safe resection

# Low Grade Gliomas

RTOG 9802: Phase 3 study in newly diagnosed patients with low grade gliomas  
(Buckner et al., New Eng J Med 2016)

**Randomized high risk patients (age  $\geq$  40 or had subtotal resection):**

RT x 6 weeks	mOS: 7.8 years	
Or		(HR: 0.59; P=0.003)
RT + PCV* x 6 cycles	mOS: 13.3 years	

\*procarbazine/CCNU/vincristine

**temozolomide?**

**CODEL Trial (grade 2 and 3 oligos) RT+PCV vs RT + temozolomide**



# IDH Inhibitors

## **IDH inhibitors:**

- ivosidenib: FDA approved for mut-IDH1 AML, cholangiocarcinoma
- enasidenib: FDA approved for mut-IDH2 AML
- vorasidenib: IDH1 & IDH2 inhibitor

- **First study to show safety and prolonged disease control of an IDH inhibitor (ivosidenib) in non-enhancing gliomas** (Mellinghoff et al., J Clin Oncol 2020)

	<u>mPFS</u>
35 pts with non-enhancing tumor	13.6 mo (95% CI, 9.2-33.2 mo)
31 pts with enhancing tumor	1.4 mo (95% CI, 1.0-1.9 mo)

- Peri-operative study of vorasidenib vs ivosidenib in patients with non-enhancing IDH1mut low grade gliomas (Mellinghoff et al., Nat Med 2020)

**Both showed good brain penetration and consistent inhibition of IDH1mut (2-HG suppression)**

# Phase 3 Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo Controlled Study of Vorasidenib in Low Grade Glioma Patients

## **INDIGO study design**

Randomized 1:1 to vorasdenib 40 mg qd or placebo

Stratified by: 1p19q status (co-deleted or not)  
Tumor size: > 2cm or smaller

Primary endpoint: mPFS

Other secondary objectives (*not reported yet*)

- Time to next cancer intervention
- Objective response
- Safety
- Tumor growth rate base on volume
- Health-related QoL
- Overall survival

# INDIGO Study

## **Main Eligibility criteria**

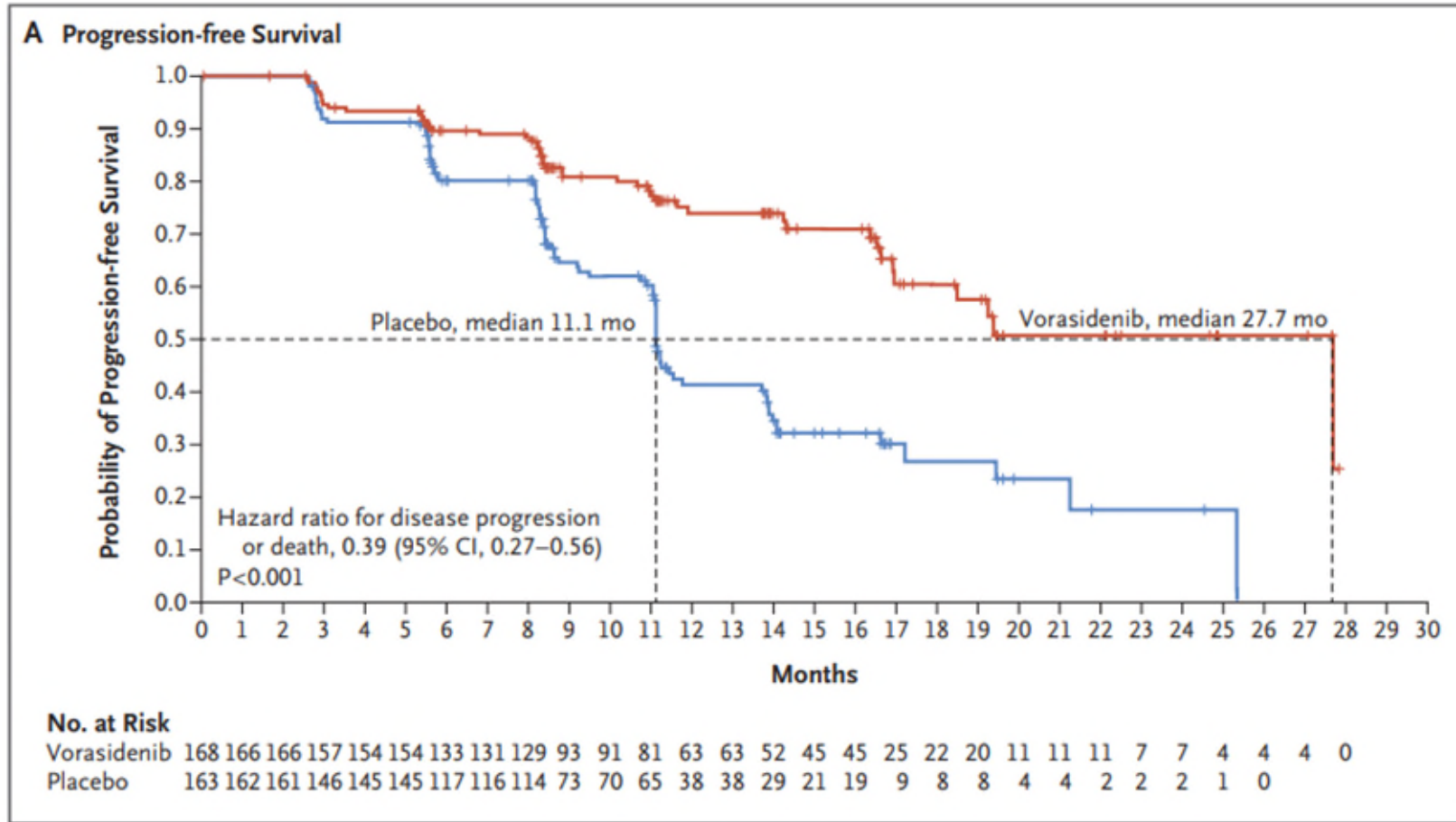
- Age 12 year or older
- Residual/recurrent grade 2 oligodendroglioma or astrocytoma
- IDH1 or IDH2 mutated
- KPS  $\geq$  80%
- At least 1 prior surgery (most recent one occurring between 1 and 5 yrs before randomization)
- No other anti-cancer therapy
- No glucocorticoids
- Measurable non-enhancing tumor
- QTc interval  $\leq$  450 msec

# INDIGO Study

331 participants enrolled from 77 centers in 10 countries.

	Vorasidenib	Placebo
Median age (years)	41	39
Oligodendroglioma	88 (52%)	84 (52 %)
Astrocytoma	80 (48%)	79 (48%)
mutIDH1	97%	93%
mutIDH2	3%	7%
Tumor size $\geq$ 2 cm	83%	84%

# INDIGO Study Results



Mellinghoff et al., N Engl J Med 2023

# IDH Inhibitors for Gliomas: Future Directions

- This patient population was in the earliest clinical phase of tumorigenesis:
  - No prior cancer treatment except for surgery
  - No measurable enhancement on MRI

## **Future directions:**

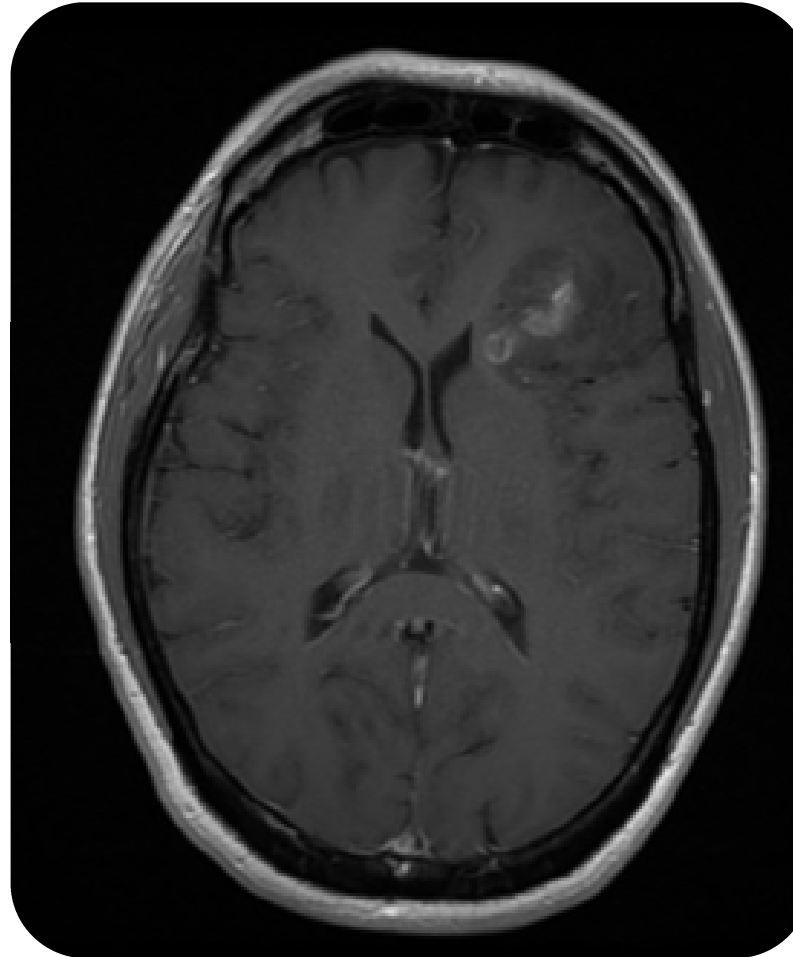
Assess vorasidenib

in combination with chemotherapy, immunotherapy  
in patients treated with radiation and chemotherapy  
in grade 3 and 4 astrocytoma patients

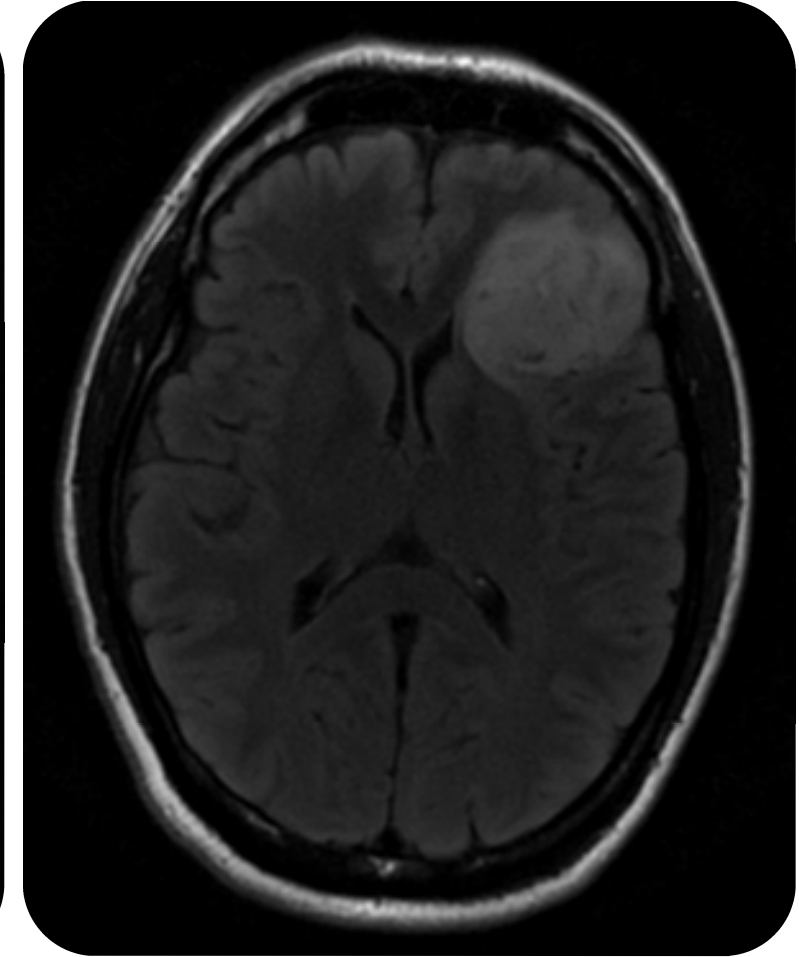


# Presented with Expressive Aphasia

- 38 year-old male with PMHx of hypertension presents with sudden-onset word-finding difficulties.
- MRI of Brain with and without contrast
  - Large left frontal lobe lesion with enhancing and non-enhancing areas



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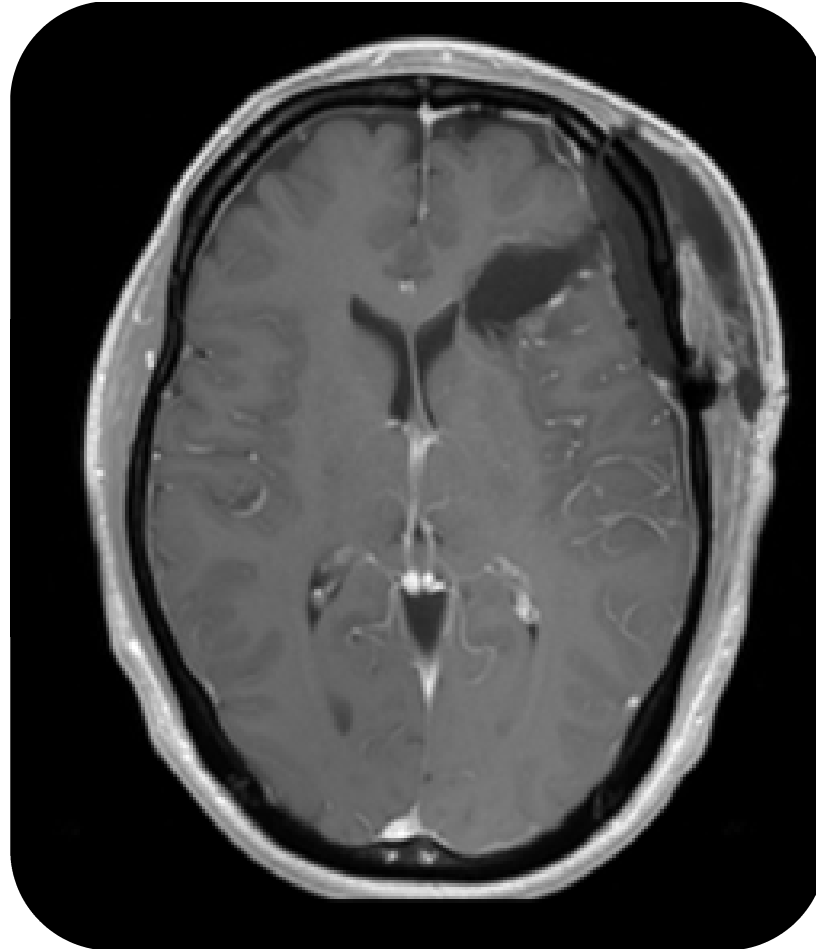
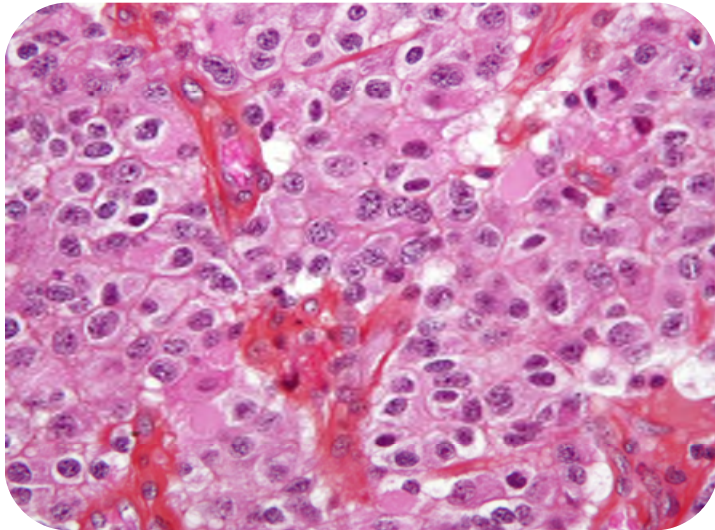
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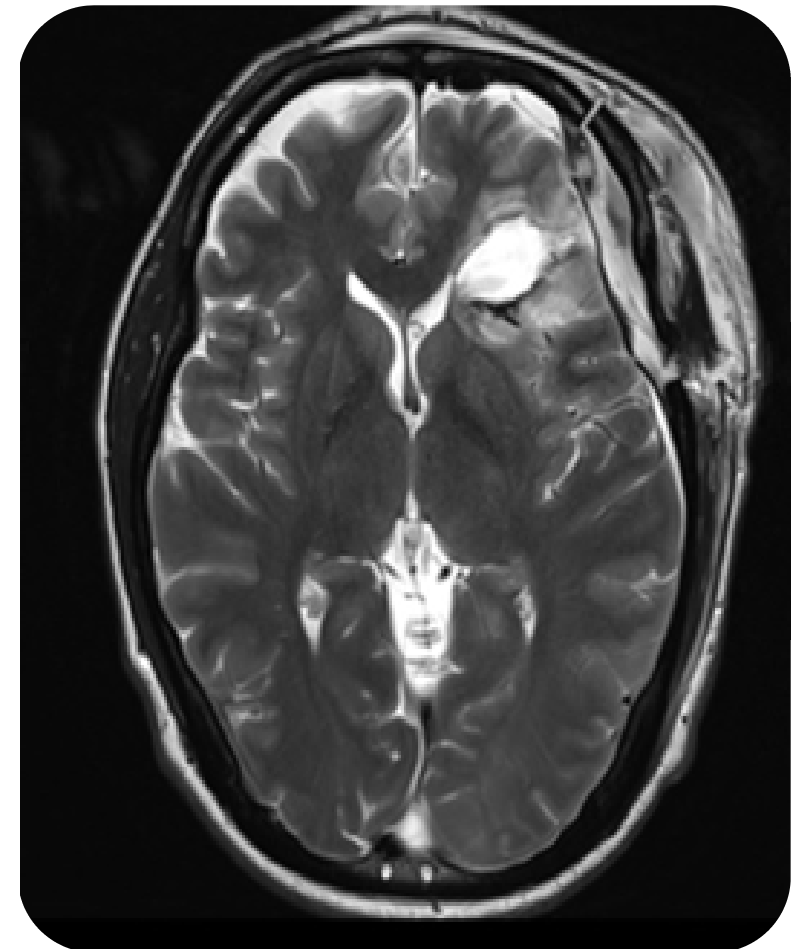
# Underwent gross total resection of tumor

Surgical pathology:

- Oligodendroglioma grade 3
- IDH1-mutant (R132H)
- 1p/19q co-deleted
- ATRX expression retained



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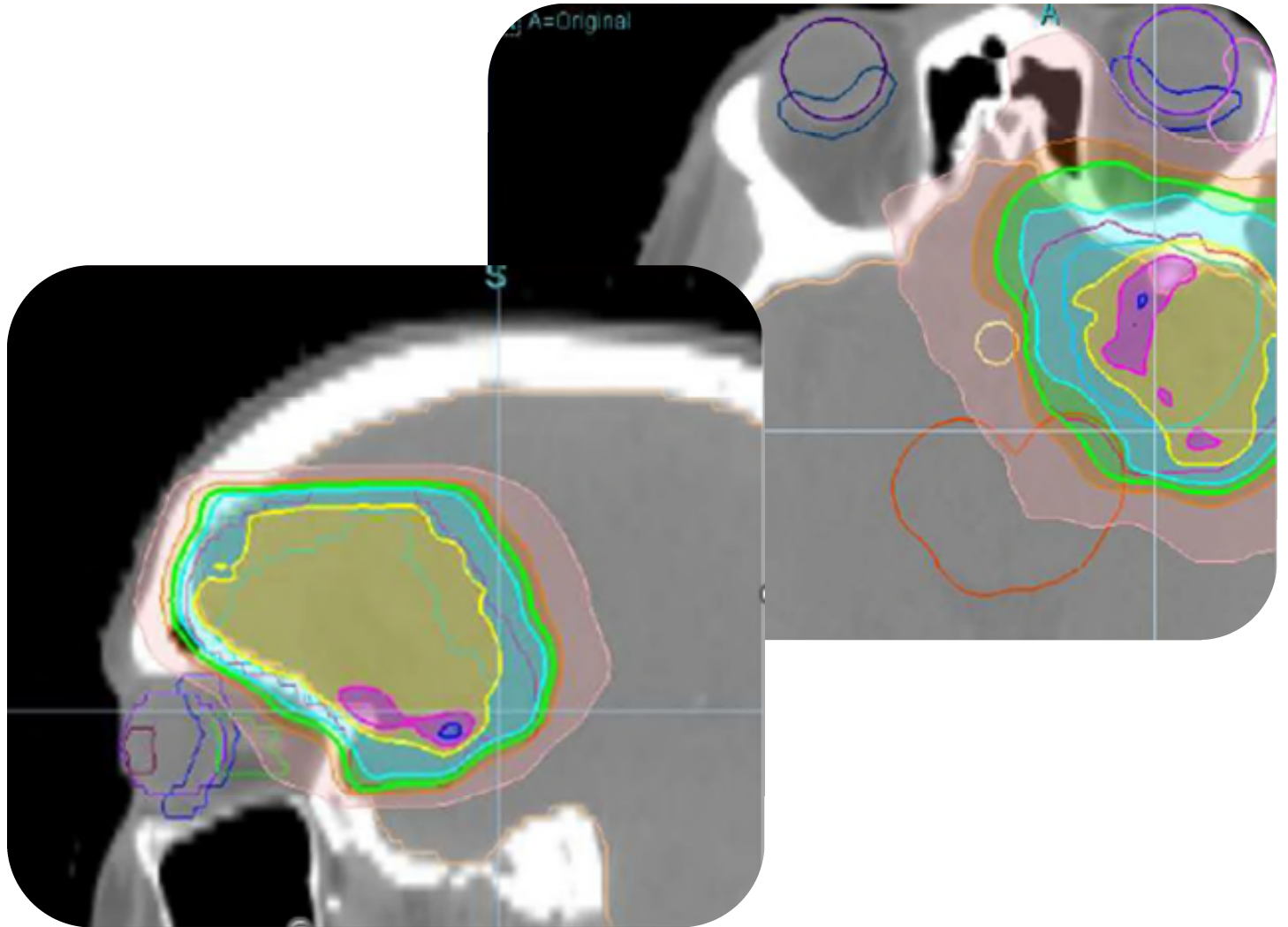


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# Completed standard-of-care adjuvant treatments

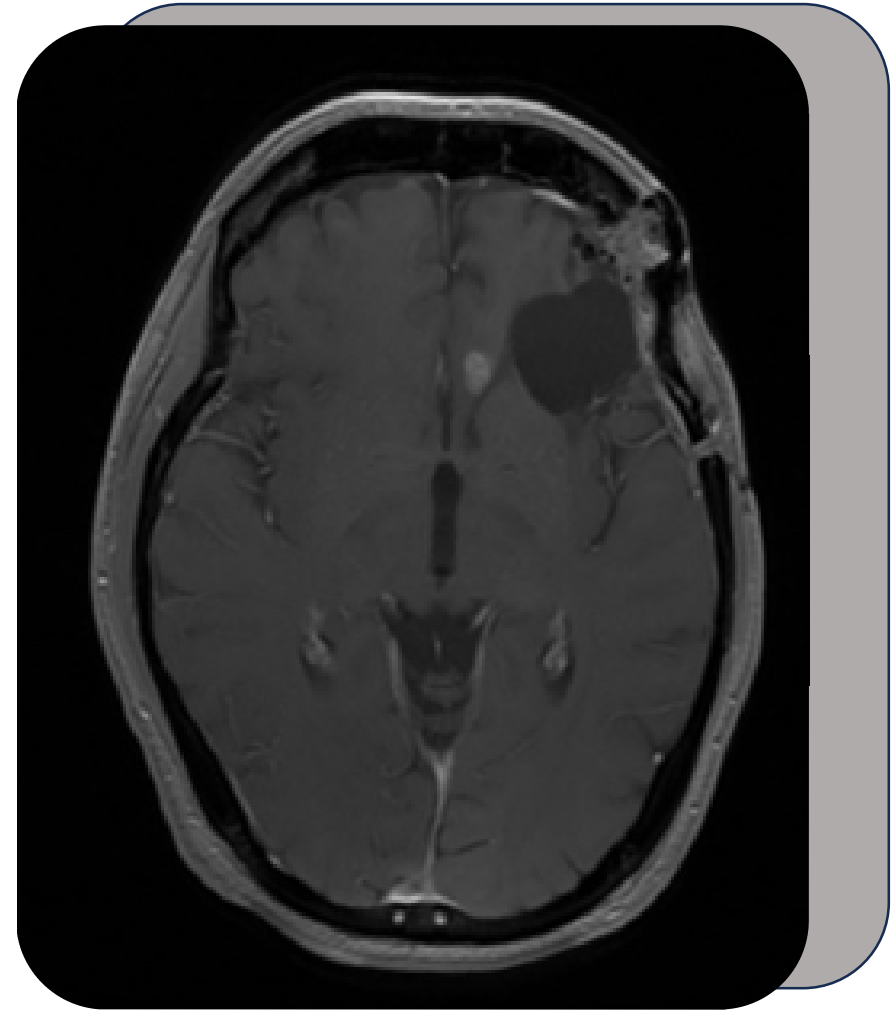
- Focal radiation to 59.4Gy in 33 fractions
- Followed by PCV for 5 cycles (patient declined 6th cycle)

**RTOG 9402:**      *RT vs RT + PCV*  
*mOS*            *7.3 vs 14.7 years*



# New radiographic findings

- MRI Brain ~2 years after completing radiation
  - New enhancing nodule medially adjacent to anterior horn of left lateral ventricle.
- Repeat MRI Brain ~2-3 months later:
  - Enhancing nodule in left corpus callosum increased in size concerning for radiation necrosis vs tumor progression



*T1 + contrast*

# Diagnosing radiation necrosis non-invasively

## MR Spectroscopy

- Lactate peak
- Choline / Cr ratio > 1
- Choline / NAA > 1.8

## 18F-PET/CT

- RN appears hypometabolic
- No consensus on optimal radiotracer (MET, FLT, FET)

## Quantitative

- Exploratory
- Relative cerebral blood volume (rCBV), DWI / ADC

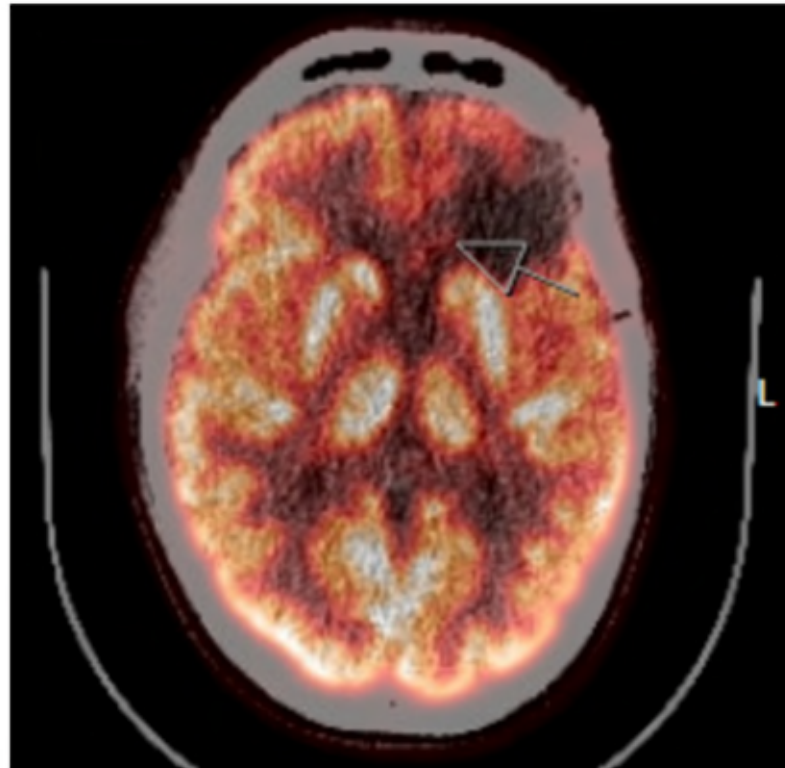
# Diagnosing radiation necrosis non-invasively

	<b>Sensitivity</b>	<b>Specificity</b>	<b>Accuracy</b>
MR Spectroscopy	79-97%	65-99%	80-81%
18F-PET/CT	73-86%	22-56%	77-88%

Aseel et al., J Neuroimaging 2023

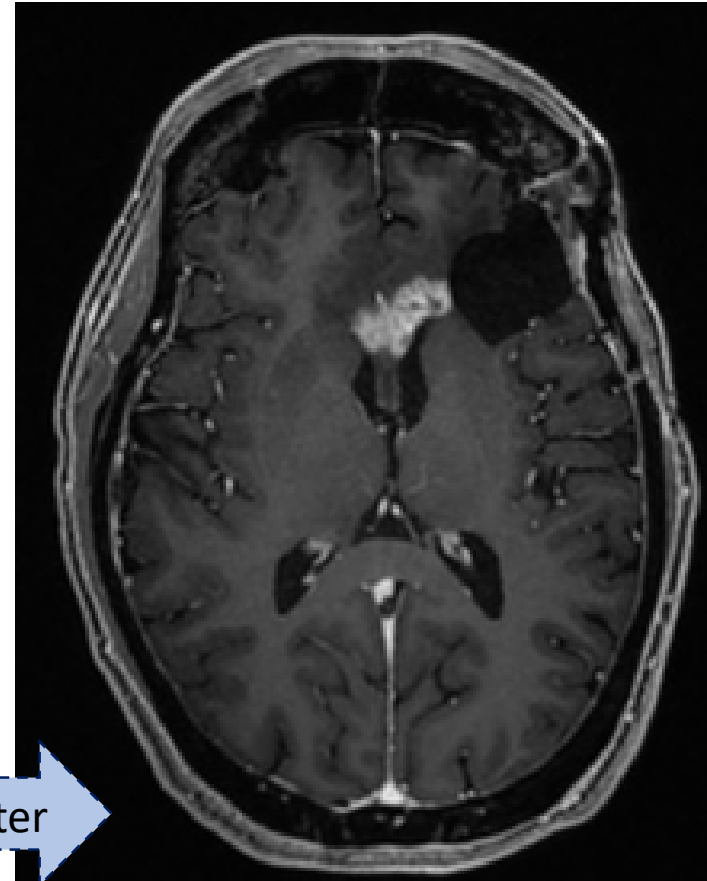
# Mixed radiographic findings over time

18F-PET



PET/CT showed that the *enhancing area on MRIs had mild uptake consistent with radiation necrosis*

T1 + contrast




Repeat MRI Brain one month later continued to show *enhancing lesion in left corpus callosum increased in size concerning for tumor progression*

1 month later

Steroids

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Surgery or biopsy

A black and white icon showing two hands holding a surgical instrument, possibly a scalpel or biopsy tool.

Non-steroid medication

A black and white icon of an IV drip, showing a bag connected to a tube that ends in a drip chamber with a single drop falling.

Other

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Clinical Investigation

## Randomized Double-Blind Placebo- Controlled Trial of Bevacizumab Therapy for Radiation Necrosis of the Central Nervous System

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Non-steroid  
medications



MDACC: **14 patients with radiation necrosis** (confirmed by biopsy or on imaging).  
Randomized to **bevacizumab 7.5mg/kg q3 weeks x 4 doses vs saline placebo**.



**Results** All participants had improvement in neurologic symptoms and imaging findings on MRI. All patients who progressed on placebo responded to bevacizumab at crossover.





Clinical Investigation

## Bevacizumab Monotherapy Reduces Radiation-induced Brain Necrosis in Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma Patients: A Randomized Controlled Trial

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112 pts randomized to: **bevacizumab (5 mg/kg Q2 weeks x 4 )**  
**or methylprednisolone/prednisone**

### **Results** Bevacizumab vs steroids

Higher response rate (66% vs 32%)

Increased clinical improvement (62% vs 43%)

Recurrence rate at 6 months follow up: 29% vs 27%

Non-steroid  
medications



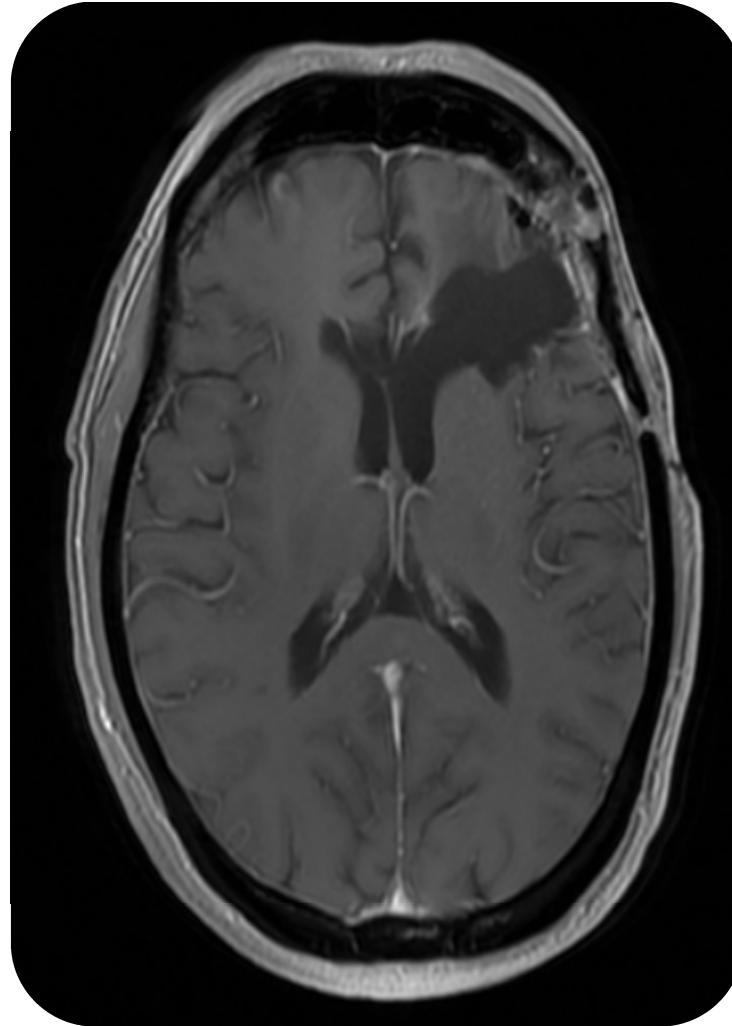
Surgery or  
biopsy



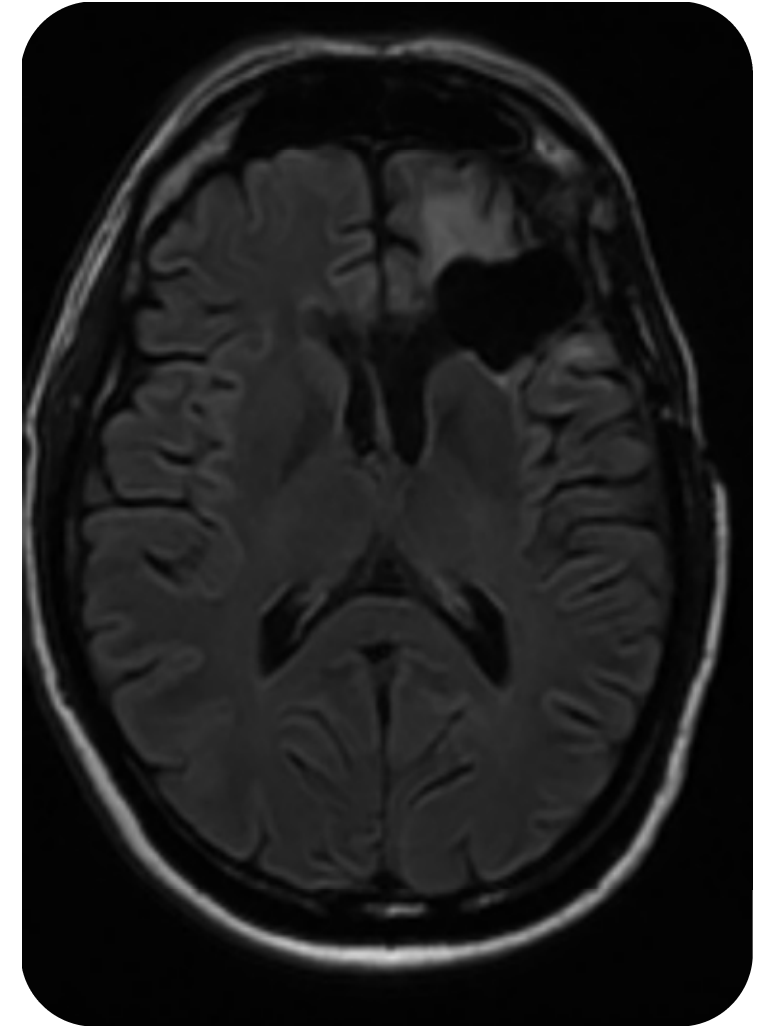
When to consider biopsy or surgical resection?

# Case 2

- Patient underwent another resection ~2 years after adjuvant radiation for definitive tissue diagnosis
  - Pathology report:  
**radiation necrosis**
- Currently 4.5 years out from definitive treatment. He remains asymptomatic and feeling well.



*T1 + contrast*



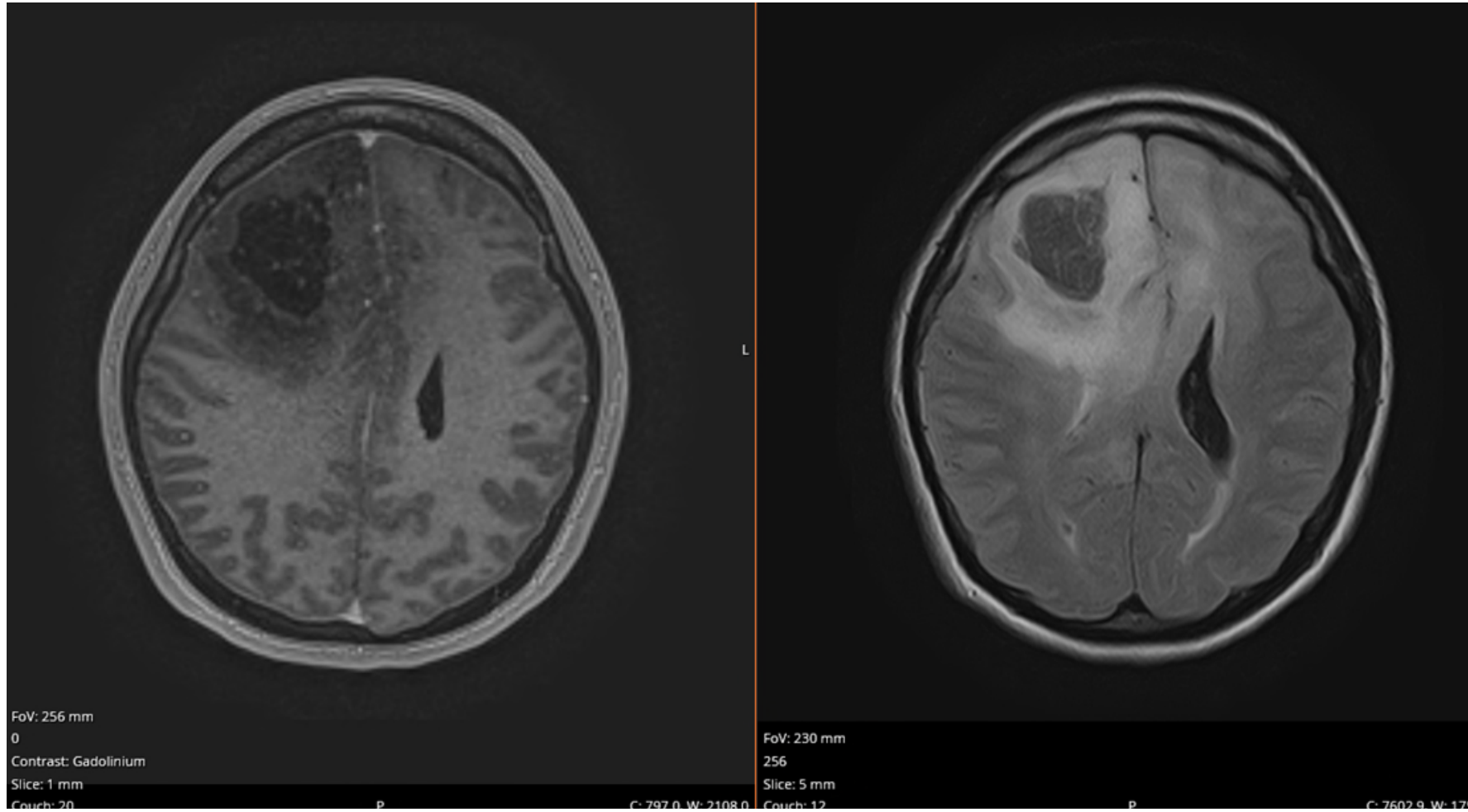
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# Case 3

## Diagnosis and Management of High Grade Glioma

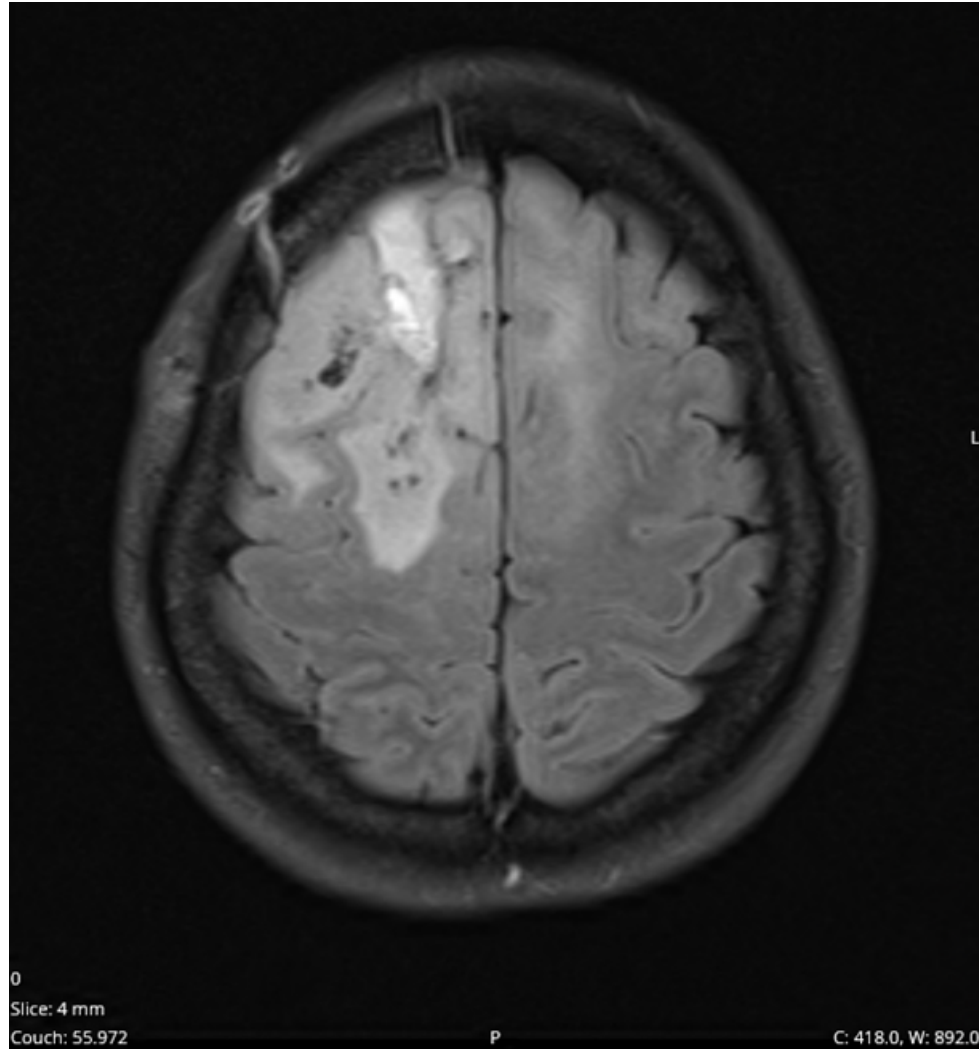
# Case 3

35 year old woman presented with worsening headaches and associated nausea for several months.

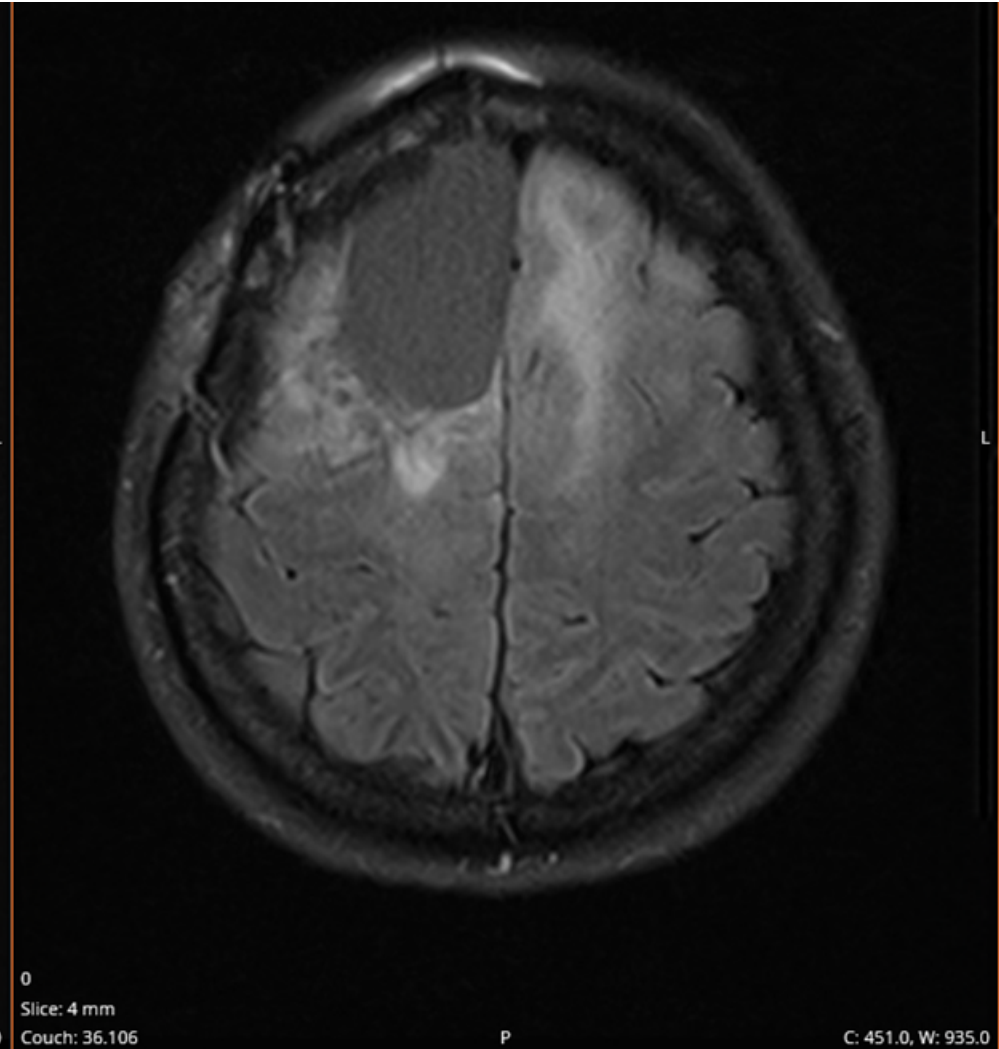


# Case 3

Post-op MRI from 1<sup>st</sup> surgery



Post-op MRI from 2<sup>nd</sup> surgery



# 2021 WHO Updated Classification of Gliomas

## Low-Grade (1, 2)

(MRI: non-enhancing tumor)

## High-Grade (3, 4)

(MRI: enhancing tumor)

Grade 2 oligodendroglioma  
(IDHmut; 1p19q co-del)



Grade 3 oligodendroglioma  
(IDHmut; 1p19q co-del)

Grade 2 astrocytoma  
(IDHmut)



Grade 3 astrocytoma  
(IDHmut)



Grade 4 astrocytoma  
(IDHmut, homozygous CDKN2A/B deletion)

Glioblastoma

(IDH wildtype, TERT promoter, +chr7/-chr10, EGFR amplified)

# Case 3

## Preliminary pathology report: Grade 3 astrocytoma (IDH1 mutated)

“\*Note: Despite the reported focal enhancement on imaging studies, definite micro-endothelial proliferation or necrosis is not seen.”

Genomic Alterations Detected	Allele Frequency	Approved Therapies in patient's tumor*	Therapies in other tumor type*
<i>ATRX</i> Loss	N/A	None	None
<i>CCND1</i> Amplification	N/A	None	None
<i>CDKN2A</i> Loss	N/A	None	None
<i>CDKN2B</i> Loss	N/A	None	None
<i>FGF3</i> Amplification	N/A	None	None
<i>FGF4</i> Amplification	N/A	None	None
<i>FGF19</i> Amplification	N/A	None	None
<i>IDH1</i> (c.395G>A p.R132H)	36%	None	Ivosidenib

**Final integrated diagnosis** (combined tissue-based histological and molecular diagnosis)

**Astrocytoma, IDH mutant, WHO grade 4**

RT + TMZ followed by TMZ + TTF



# An option for Newly Diagnosed MGMT methylated GBM Patients

## Phase 3 study of TMZ + lomustine vs standard TMZ in MGMT methylated GBM patients (CeTeG/NOA-9)

*Herrlinger and Tzaridis et al., Lancet 2019*

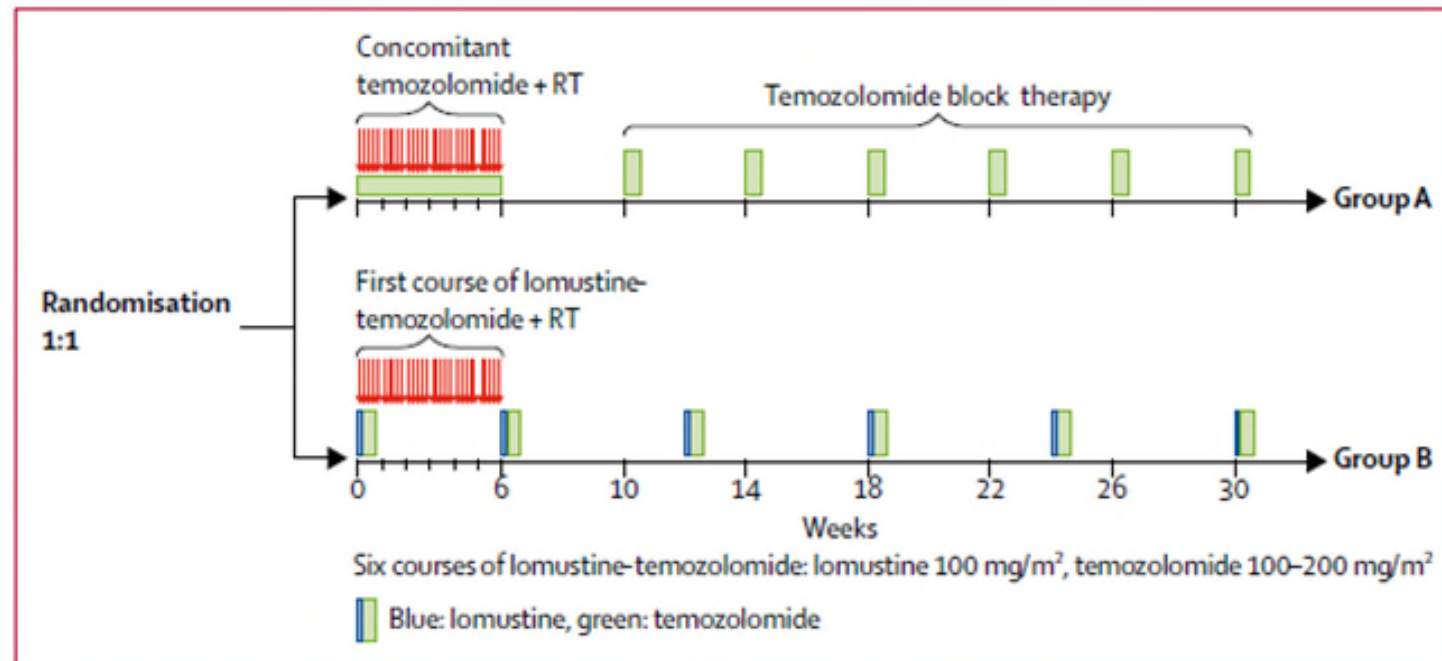


Figure 1: Schematic overview of the CeTeG/NOA-09 trial

# CeTeG/NOA-9: Phase 3 Study in Newly Diagnosed MGMT Methylated GBM Patients

Standard RT + TMZ arm

vs

RT +TMZ + lomustine arm

63 pts

mOS: 31.4 months

(83% IDH wt; 8% IDH mut)

66 pts

mOS: 48.1 months

(77% IDH wt; 5% IDH mut)

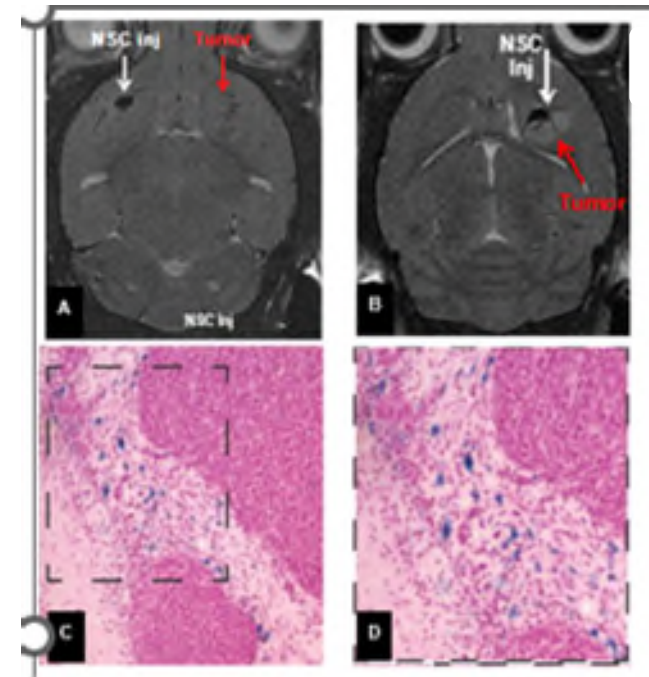
**Stay tuned:** NRG-BN011 started in 2021

- Same trial design and patient population
- Plan to randomize 306 pts
- Stratify by intent to use Tumor Treating Fields
- 2025: anticipated results for the primary endpoint (mOS)

# NCT05139056 Phase 1 Study of Intracerebrally Administered Weekly Doses of NSC/CRAd in Recurrent GBM Patients

## Neural stem cell based oncolytic virotherapy

- **NSCs are tumor-tropic and can be used as delivery vehicles.**
- **NSCs protect the virus from neutralizing antibodies en route to tumor sites**
- **NSCs improve distribution of the oncolytic virus** delivering it to multiple invasive tumor sites (*across normal brain tissue*).



**Multi-center study:** City of Hope, Stanford, Northwestern, Wake Forest

**Funding:** California Institute of Regenerative Medicine (PI: Portnow)

# Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T cell Brain Tumor Clinical Trials at City of Hope

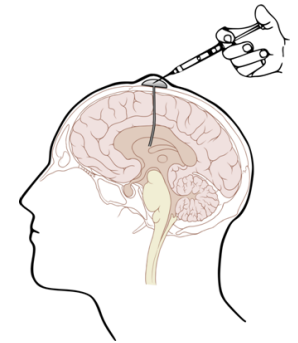
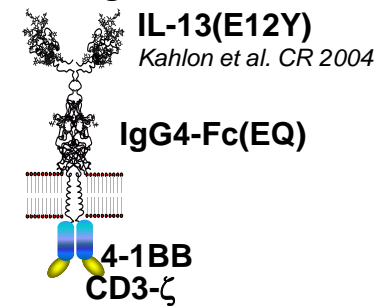
**NCT03696030** A Phase 1 Cellular Immunotherapy Study of Intraventricularly Administered Autologous HER2-Targeted Chimeric Antigen Receptor (HER2-CAR) T cells in **Patients with Brain and/or Leptomeningeal Metastases from HER2 Positive Cancers** (PI: Portnow)

**NCT04003649** A Phase 1 Study to Evaluate IL13R $\alpha$ 2-targeted Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T Cells Combined with Checkpoint Inhibition for Patients with Recurrent Glioblastoma (PI: Badie)

**NCT04214392** A Phase 1 Study to Evaluate Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T Cells With a Chlorotoxin Tumor-targeting Domain for Patients with MMP2+ Recurrent or Progressive Glioblastoma. (PI: Badie)

**NCT04661384** A Phase 1 Study to Evaluate IL13R $\alpha$ 2-targeted Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T Cells for Adult **Patients with Leptomeningeal Glioblastoma, Ependymoma or Medulloblastoma.** (PI: Feldman)

## IL13R $\alpha$ 2-targeted CAR



# How we can help you with your glioma patients

- COH Brain Tumor Board: Fridays 8:15-9:15 am
  - Join by televideo to present your case or send patient information/MRIs to [vsainz@coh.org](mailto:vsainz@coh.org)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> opinions
- Clinical trial options
- Happy to co-manage patients with you!

*Thanks for your attention!*

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