Myeloma Acronyms and Abbreviations

Allo: Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplant
Auto: Autologous Stem Cell Transplant
ASCT: Autologous Stem Cell Transplant
B2M: Beta 2 Microglobulin
BIRD: Blaxin, Revlimid, Dexamethasone
BMT: CTN Bone Marrow Transplant Clinical Trials Network
BP: Bisphosphonate
CALGB: Cancer and Leukemia Group B (a US cooperative clinical trials group)
CBC: Complete Blood Count
CD34: Cluster of Differentiation 34 (a cell surface protein on hematopoietic stem cells)
CI: Confidence Interval (statistical term)
CR: Complete Remission (100% reduction in monoclonal protein)
Cr: Creatinine
CRAB: Calcium Renal Anemia Bone Disease—criteria for diagnosis of active myeloma
CRP: C-Reactive Protein
CT: Computerized Tomography scan (3-D x-ray)
CyBorD: Cytoxan, Velcade (Bortezomib), Dexamethasone, also written VCD
DCEP: Dexamethasone, Cyclophosphamide, Etopoepsid, and Cisplatin
DEX: Dexamethasone
DPACE: Dexamethasone, Cisplatin, Adriamycin, Cyclophosphamide, Etoposide
EFS: Event-Free Survival
EMD: Extramedullary Disease (myeloma that grows outside the bone marrow)
FISH: Fluorescent In Situ Hybridization
FLC: Free Light Chain
GEP: Gene Expression Profile
GIMEMA: The Italian myeloma clinical trials group
GMGMG: The German myeloma clinical trials group
GVHD: Graft Versus Host Disease
HDAC: Histone Deacetylase
HDT: High-Dose Therapy
HOVON: The Dutch clinical trials myeloma group
HR: Hazard Ratio (statistical term)
HRSSM: High-Risk Smoldering Multiple Myeloma
IEP: Immunelectrophoresis
IFE: Immunofixation Electrophoresis
IFM: The French myeloma clinical trials group
Ig: Immunoglobulin
IM: Intramuscular (shot or injection into the muscle)
IMWG: International Myeloma Working Group Acronym Meaning
ISS: International Staging System
IV: Intravenous (injection into the vein)
KRD: Kryprolis (carfilzomib), Revlimid, Dexamethasone
MEL 200: The dose of melphalan administered in ASCT: 200 mg of melphalan per square meter of body mass
MGUS: Monoclonal Gammapathy of Undetermined Significance
MP: Melphalan & Prednisone
MPR: Melphalan, Prednisone, Revlimid
MPT: Melphalan, Prednisone, Thalidomide
MR: Minimal Response (between 25% and 50% response to a drug or regimen in a clinical trial)
MRC: Medical Research Council (UK myeloma clinical trials group)
MRD: Minimal Residual Disease
MRI: Magnetic Resonance Imaging
mSMART: Mayo Stratification of Myeloma and Risk Adapted Therapy
MTD: Maximum Tolerated Dose
NA or N/A: Not Available
nCR: Near-Complete Response
NDMM: Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma
NGF: Next-Generation Flow (new 8-color flow cytometry test with software for myeloma)
NGS: Next-Generation Sequencing (new DNA sequencing test)
NR: Not Reached
ONJ: Osteonecrosis of the Jaw
ORR: Overall Response Rate
OS: Overall Survival
PAD: Velcade (formerly PS-341), Adriamycin, Dexamethasone
PBSC: Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Transplant
PCLI: Plasma Cell Labeling Index
PCR: Polymerase Chain Reaction (DNA test, also called ASO PCR or Allele-Specific Oligonucleotide PCR)
PET: Positron Emission Tomigraphy
PET/CT: PET combined with a CT scan
PETHMA: The Spanish myeloma clinical trials group
PFS: Progression-Free Survival
PN: Peripheral Neuropathy
PR: Partial Remission (at least 50% reduction in monoclonal protein)RCT Randomized Clinical Trial
REVLdex: Revlimid, Low dose Dexamethasone
RMPT: Revlimid, Melphalan, Prednisone, Thalidomide
RRMM: Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma
RQPC: Real-time Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction (DNA test)
RVD: Revlimid, Velcade, Dexamethasone
sCR: Stringent Complete Response (CR plus normal free light chain ratio and no clonal plasma cells)
SCT: Stem Cell Transplant
SD: Stable Disease
SMM: Smoldering Multiple Myeloma
SPM: Second Primary Malignancy
SQ: Subcutaneous (sometimes abbreviated SC)
SRE: Skeletal-Related Event
TMI: Too Much Information
TTP: Time to Progression
VAD: Vincristine, Adriamycin, Dexamethasone (old standard induction therapy)
VCF: Vertebral Compression Fracture
VDT-PACE: Velcade, Dexamethasone, Thalidomide, Cisplatin, Adriamycin, Cyclophosphamide, Etoposide
VEGF: Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor
VGPR: Very Good Partial Remission (at least 90% reduction in monoclonal protein)
VRd: Velcade, Revlimid, Low-Dose Dexamethasone
VTD: Velcade, Thalidomide, Dexamethasone
WBLC: Whole-Body Low-Dose CT
WBLD: MRI Whole-Body Low-Dose MRI
WM: Waldenstrom’s Macroglobulinemia
ZOL: Zoledronic acid (Zometa)