

# CNETS Patient Conference

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# Medical Therapy Options in NETS. The Somatostatin Analogues

Where we have come from?  
Where are we going?

# History of Somatostatin Analogues

- ▶ 1973 – Somatostatin isolated from sheep brain.
  - $t_{1/2} < 2$  minutes. Not useful clinically in its native form.
- ▶ 1980 – Octreotide. (Somatostatin Analogue)  
First stable synthetic form. Binds somatostatin receptors on neuroendocrine cells and inhibits secretion of hormones. (Most NET cells bear somatostatin receptors on their surface).
- ▶ 1986 – Octreotide administered subcutaneously with excellent results in control of “carcinoid” related symptoms. (Introduction into clinical practice 1987).

# Carcinoid Syndrome

## ▶ Somatostatin Analogues

- Improved control of carcinoid syndrome and changed the natural history of NETs.
  - Carcinoid crisis – severe flushing, diarrhea, and hemodynamic instability was a common cause of death in the past and occurs rarely with use of SSA's today.
- Appropriate use of the somatostatin analogues over the last 30 years has improved patient quality of life and contributed, along with other treatment advances to improved survival.

# Somatostatin Analogues (SSA's)

- ▶ Long acting SSA's
  - Octreotide LAR, Lanreotide
    - Consistent therapeutic levels.
  - Significant symptom relief in majority of patients with “functional” tumors.
  - Regular (often monthly) administration has dramatically improved patient care and patients QOL.

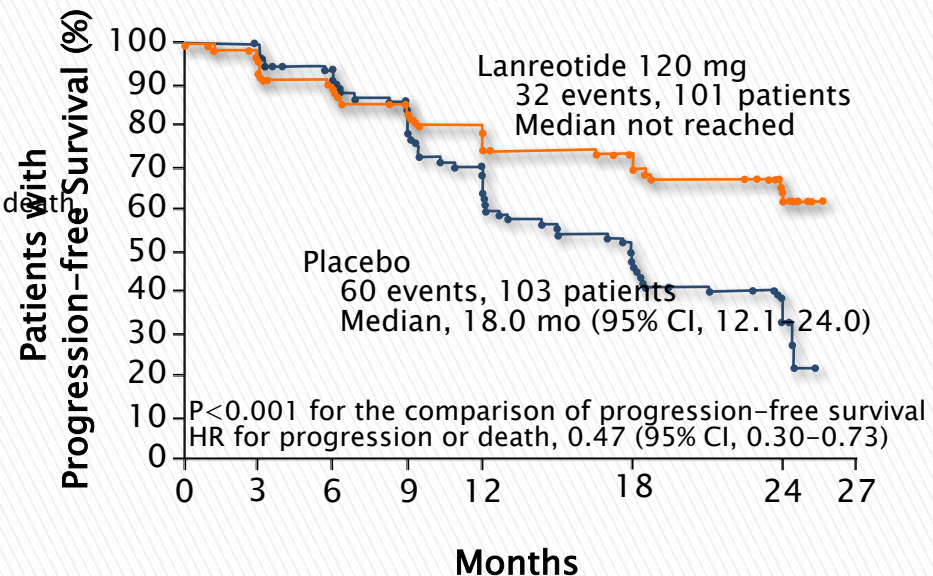
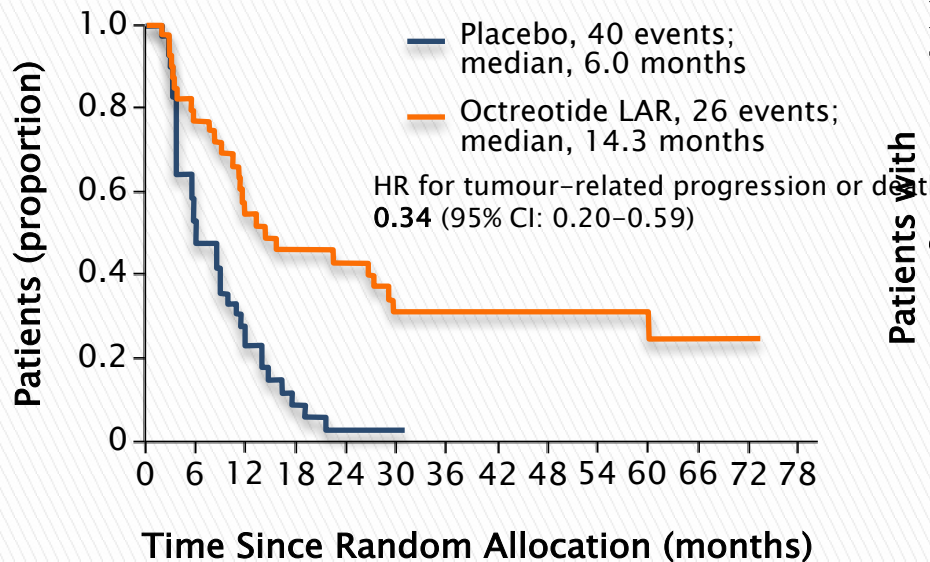
# Somatostatin Analogues (SSA's)

- ▶ Importantly for many patients with NETS, Octreotide and Lanreotide are also effective in slowing growth of tumors and progression of disease (whether the tumor is functional or not).
  - PROMID
  - CLARINET

# Evidence Demonstrating Anti-Tumour Effect of Somatostatin Analogues in NETs

Long-acting octreotide vs. placebo: Time to progression or tumour-related death (PROMID)<sup>1</sup>

Prolonged-release lanreotide vs. placebo: Progression-free survival (CLARINET study)



HR: hazard ratio

Adapted from: 1. Rinke A, et al. J Clin Oncol 2009;27(28):4656-63.  
 2. Caplin M, et al. N Engl J Med 2014 Jul 17;371(3):224-33.



# Systemic therapy in NET'S

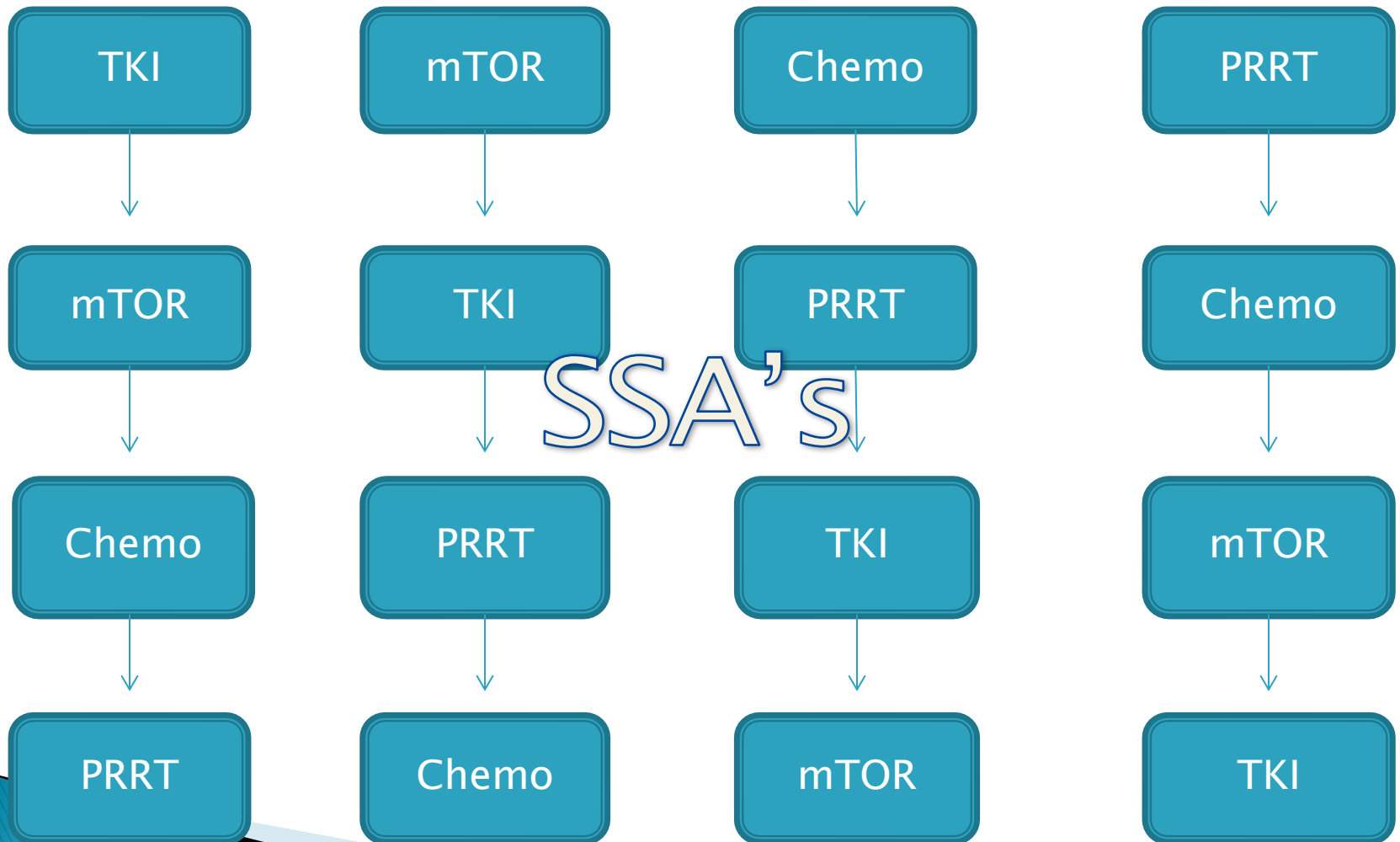
- ▶ Targeting the somatostatin receptor is foundational to the care of patients with NETS.
- ▶ Modification of the somatostatin molecule has led to:
  - Improvements in diagnostic imaging & staging (Octreotide scans).
  - Systemic Therapy
    - Somatostatin Analogues
    - Peptide Receptor Radionuclide Therapy (PRRT).



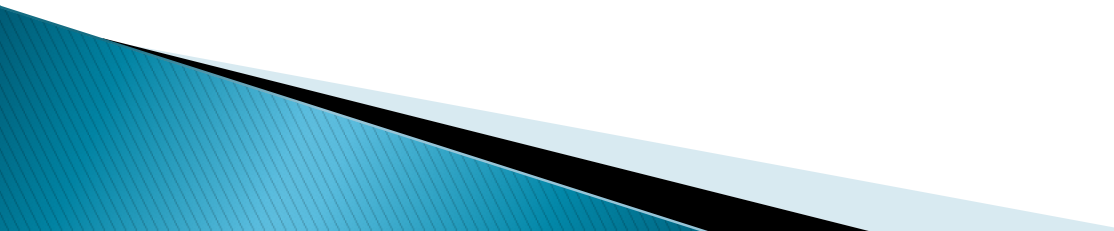
# Systemic therapy in NET'S

- ▶ Targeting the somatostatin receptor is foundational to the care of patients with NETS.
- ▶ Appropriate access to somatostatin analogues is problematic in Canada.
- ▶ **We need your help!**
  - Varying accessibility across the country for treatment of endocrine syndromes caused by NETS
  - Inconsistent access to SSA's for their benefits in tumor control
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- ▶ Access to new systemic therapy
  - Canadian approval processes are slow
  - Costly treatments

# Systemic Treatment – Sequencing?



# Questions remain

- ▶ When to start treatment? When to stop?
  - ▶ Sequencing of treatment?
    - Is there a best option?
  - ▶ Treatment combinations?
    - SSA's + PRRT
    - SSA's + Targeted therapy
    - PRRT + Targeted therapy
    - Better treatment or more toxic?
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# Questions remain

- ▶ We need access to large data bases that will help us to learn from “real world” experience.
  - The data from clinical trials does not always reflect what happens in the day to day clinical environment.