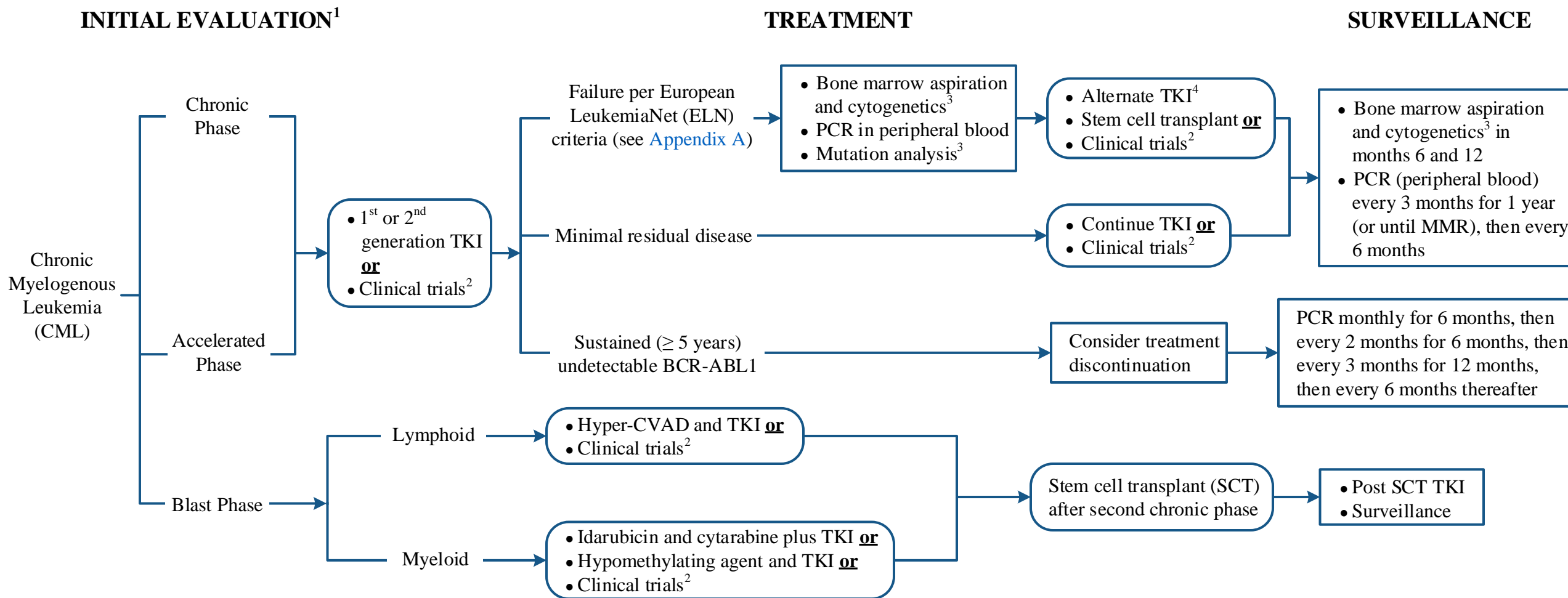


Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia - Adult (Age ≥ 18 years)

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Notes: Consider Clinical Trials as treatment options for eligible patients. Leukemia patients should be referred and treated at a comprehensive cancer center.



Hyper-CVAD = hyper-fractionated cyclophosphamide, vincristine, doxorubicin, and dexamethasone

TKI = tyrosine kinase inhibitors

PCR = polymerase chain reaction

MMR = major molecular response

BCR-ABL1 = gene sequence in an abnormal chromosome 22

¹ See [Physical Activity](#), [Nutrition](#), and [Tobacco Cessation](#) algorithms; ongoing reassessment of lifestyle risks should be a part of routine clinical practice

² See [Leukemia Clinical Trials](#)

³ Consider [MD Anderson approved biomarkers](#)

⁴ If T315I, consider ponatinib

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APPENDIX A: Definition of the Response of TKIs (any TKI) as First-line Treatment¹

	Optimal	Warning	Failure
Baseline	NA	High risk or CCA/Ph+, major route	NA
3 months	BCR-ABL1 ≤ 10% and/or Ph+ ≤ 35%	BCR-ABL1 > 10% and/or Ph+ = 36-95%	Non-CHR and/or Ph+ > 95%
6 months	BCR-ABL1 < 1% and/or Ph+ = 0	BCR-ABL1 = 1-10% and/or Ph+ = 1-35%	BCR-ABL1 > 10% and/or Ph+ > 35%
12 months	BCR-ABL1 ≤ 0.1%	BCR-ABL1 = 0.1-1%	BCR-ABL1 > 1% and/or Ph+ > 0
Then, and at any time	BCR-ABL1 ≤ 0.1%	CCA/Ph- (-7 or 7q-)	Loss of CHR, loss of CCyR, confirmed loss of MMR ² , mutations and CCA/Ph+

Note: The definitions are the same for patients in chronic phase, accelerated phase, and blastic phase, and also apply to second-line treatment when first-line treatment was changed for intolerance. The response can be assessed with either a molecular or a cytogenetic test, but both are recommended whenever possible. Cutoff values have been used to define the boundaries between optimal and warning, and between warning and failures. Because cutoff values are subjected to fluctuations, in case of cytogenetic or molecular data close to the indicated values, a repetition of the tests is recommended. After 12 months, if an MMR is achieved, the response can be assessed by real quantitative polymerase chain reaction (RQ-PCR) every 3 to 6 months, and cytogenetic is required only in case of failure or if standardized molecular testing is not available. Note that MMR (MR^{3.0} or better) is optimal for survival but that a deeper response is likely to be required for a successful discontinuation of treatment.

CCA/Ph+ = clonal chromosome abnormalities in Ph+ cells
 CCA/Ph- = clonal chromosome abnormalities in Ph- cells
 CCyR = complete cytogenetic response
 CHR = complete hematologic response

MMR, BCR-ABL1 ≤ 0.1% = MR^{3.0} or better
 NA = not applicable
 Ph = philadelphia chromosome

¹ Per European LeukemiaNet (ELN) criteria

² In 2 consecutive tests, of which one with a BCR-ABL1 transcripts level ≥ 1%

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