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### Clinical Trial Spotlight

**Randomized, Phase II Study of MK-3475 versus Chemotherapy in Patients with Advanced Melanoma**

The purpose of this study is to compare the

## Melanoma Clinical Trials

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### A Phase I Trial of Riluzole and Sorafenib in Patients with Advanced Solid Tumors and Melanoma

- The study aims to determine if pharmacological blockade of the metabotropic glutamate receptor 1 (GRM1) signaling pathway with the agent Riluzole, combined with inhibition of RAF signaling with the agent Sorafenib, will result in clinically evident responses in patients with stage IV melanoma.

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### ECOG E1609: Phase III Adj. Ipilimumab Anti-CTLA4 Therapy vs. High-Dose Interferon alfa-2b for Melanoma

The study aims to:

- Compare the effects, good and/or bad, of ipilimumab with interferon alfa-2b on subjects and their melanoma to find out which is better. E1609 targets a patient population that is at a high and unacceptable risk of recurrence and death after standard surgical management. In this study, subjects will get either ipilimumab or the interferon alfa-2b. They will not get both.
- Determine whether ipilimumab stops or delays the cancer from returning in comparison to interferon alfa-2b.

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overall response rate by week 12, progression-free-survival and overall survival of MK-3475 versus standard chemotherapy in patients with advanced melanoma.

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## Welcome Dr. Koshenkov



**Vadim Koshenkov, MD** is the newest surgical oncologist to join the Cancer Institute and will provide surgical evaluation and services to those patients seen as part of the [Melanoma and Soft Tissue Oncology Program](#).

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## Phase III POL-103A Polyvalent Melanoma Vaccine in Post-resection Melanoma with High Risk of Recurrence

The study aims to:

- Evaluate the safety of POL-103A in patients with stage IIB, IIC, or III melanoma.
- Evaluate the biological activity of POL-103A in patients with stage IIB, IIC, or III melanoma.
- Select the dose for Part B.
- Collect blood samples for the future investigation of the sustained biologic activity of POL-103A.
- Assess the efficacy of treatment with POL-103A compared to placebo with respect to recurrence-free survival or overall survival.
- Verify the safety and tolerability of POL-103A at the dose selected for Part B.

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## Phase I Study to Determine Phase II Dose of GSK1120212 Dosed in Combination with GSK2141795

The study aims to:

- Determine the safety, tolerability and recommended Phase II dose of GSK1120212 and GSK2141795 administered in combination orally, once daily continuously.
- Determine the safety, tolerability and recommended Phase II dose of GSK1120212 and GSK2141795 administered in combination with an alternate schedule (i.e., at least one agent is dosed intermittently).
- Evaluate the clinical activity of GSK1120212 and GSK2141795 administered in combination in subjects with solid tumors that are predicted to be sensitive to the inhibition of MEK and/or AKT, including TNBC and BRAF-wild type melanoma.
- Characterize the PK of GSK1120212 and GSK2141795 for a once daily continuous dosing schedule (Part 1A) and/or an intermittent dosing schedule (Part 1B).
- Evaluate the clinical activity of GSK1120212 and GSK2141795 in subjects with solid tumors.



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## NCI/CTEP #8983: A Phase I Trial of MK-2206 and Hydroxychloroquine in Solid Tumors, Melanoma, Renal and Prostate Cancer

The study aims to:

- Define the maximum tolerated dose (MTD) of MK-2206 and hydroxychloroquine when used in combination.
- Determine the side effects and activity of MK-2206 and hydroxychloroquine when used in combination.
- Determine if hydroxychloroquine alters the pharmacokinetics of MK-2206 due to a drug-drug interaction.
- Validate biomarkers for autophagy detection.

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