

# Real-World Treatment Patterns and Outcomes for Patients With Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma and Prior Lenalidomide/Proteasome Inhibitors From the US Flatiron Health Database

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## Key Takeaway



The lack of standard treatment patterns and high unmet need in patients with RRMM underscore the need for earlier use of more effective and novel therapies

## Conclusions



Treatment regimens for patients with RRMM were highly variable in the real-world setting



The current lack of effective treatment regimens was reflected by short times to treatment discontinuation and next LOT



Patients with RRMM had poor rwPFS; further, age ≥75 years, ISS stage III disease at diagnosis, high-risk cytogenetics at baseline, higher ECOG PS score, and lenalidomide-refractory status were found to be strong predictors of poorer rwPFS

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## Introduction

- Patients with relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma (RRMM) who have relapsed following first-line treatment, particularly those who are refractory to lenalidomide, are increasingly challenging to treat<sup>1,2</sup>
- Successive lines of therapy (LOTs) for RRMM are typically associated with poorer prognoses and high attrition rates,<sup>3,4</sup> which highlight the unmet need for effective treatment regimens in earlier LOTs
- Understanding real-world treatment patterns and outcomes for patients with RRMM is essential for guiding the development of new and effective treatment options
- Here we describe current standard-of-care treatment patterns and real-world outcomes of patients with RRMM in early LOTs

## Methods

- Data were collected from the US Flatiron Health database for patients who initiated RRMM treatment between January 2016 and January 2025
  - The initiation date of the first treatment for RRMM was defined as the index date
- Eligibility criteria for patient selection are shown in **Figure 1**
- For this analysis, only the first (index) LOT for RRMM that was initiated during the study period was considered for each eligible patient
- Patient characteristics were summarized descriptively
- Time-to-event endpoints were summarized using Kaplan-Meier methods
  - Real-world progression-free survival (rwPFS) was reported to reflect the collection of disease-progression data in real-world practice

## Results

### Patient demographic and disease characteristics

- In total, 3566 patients met the inclusion criteria (**Figure 1**)
- Of the included patients, 1010 (28.3%) had 1 prior LOT, 2208 (61.9%) had 2 prior LOTs, 348 (9.8%) had 3 prior LOTs, 2089 (58.6%) had lenalidomide-refractory myeloma, and 540 (15.1%) were daratumumab exposed (**Table 1**)

Table 1: Baseline demographic and disease characteristics	
Characteristic	N=3566
Median (IQR) age, years	70 (62-76)
Gender, n (%)	
Male	1905 (53.4)
Female	1661 (46.6)
Race, n (%)	
White	2267 (63.6)
Black or African American	630 (17.7)
Not reported or other	669 (18.8)
ECOG PS score, n (%)	
0	1272 (35.7)
1	1742 (48.9)
2	552 (15.5)
Duration of time from diagnosis to index date, n (%)	
<4 years	2798 (78.5)
≥4 years	768 (21.5)
Cytogenetic risk category, n (%)	
High	1223 (34.3)
Standard	1541 (43.2)
Unknown	802 (22.5)
ISS disease stage, n (%)	
Stage I	869 (24.4)
Stage II	797 (22.3)
Stage III	726 (20.4)
Unknown	1174 (32.9)
Number of prior LOTs, n (%)	
1	1010 (28.3)
2	2208 (61.9)
3	348 (9.8)
Anti-CD38 exposed, n (%)	
Daratumumab exposed	540 (15.1)
IMiD refractory, n (%)	
Lenalidomide refractory	2089 (58.6)
PI refractory, n (%)	
PI and IMiD refractory, n (%)	
	1394 (39.1)

ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; IMiD, immunomodulatory drug; IQR, interquartile range; ISS, International Staging System; PI, proteasome inhibitor.

### RRMM treatment regimens

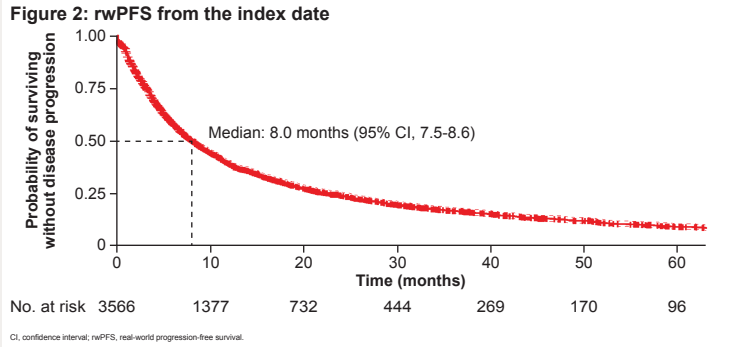
- There was a high degree of variability in the first index treatment regimens received for RRMM
- Daratumumab plus pomalidomide/dexamethasone was the only regimen received by ≥10% of patients (n=422 [11.8%]; **Table 2**)

Table 2: Most common <sup>a</sup> first index treatment regimens for RRMM	
Treatment regimen, n (%)	N=3566
Daratumumab + pomalidomide + dexamethasone	422 (11.8)
Daratumumab monotherapy	280 (7.9)
Daratumumab + bortezomib + dexamethasone	212 (5.9)
Lenalidomide + dexamethasone	200 (5.6)
Daratumumab + carfilzomib + dexamethasone	194 (5.4)
Daratumumab + lenalidomide + dexamethasone	190 (5.3)
Pomalidomide + dexamethasone	155 (4.3)
Carfilzomib + dexamethasone	138 (3.9)
Bortezomib + lenalidomide + dexamethasone	131 (3.7)
Carfilzomib + pomalidomide + dexamethasone	114 (3.2)
Bortezomib + dexamethasone	109 (3.1)

RRMM, relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma.  
<sup>a</sup>Treatment regimens reported in ≥3% of patients.

### Real-world outcomes

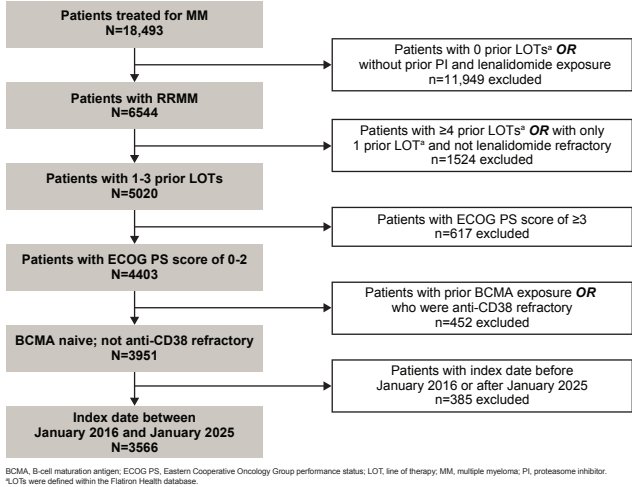
- Median rwPFS from the index date was 8.0 months (**Figure 2**)



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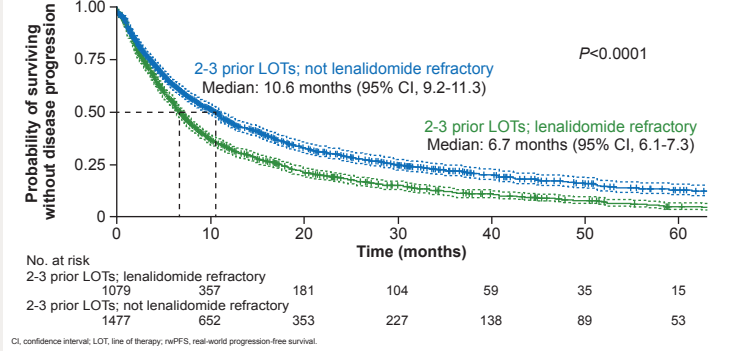
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**Figure 1: Patient selection in the US Flatiron Health database**



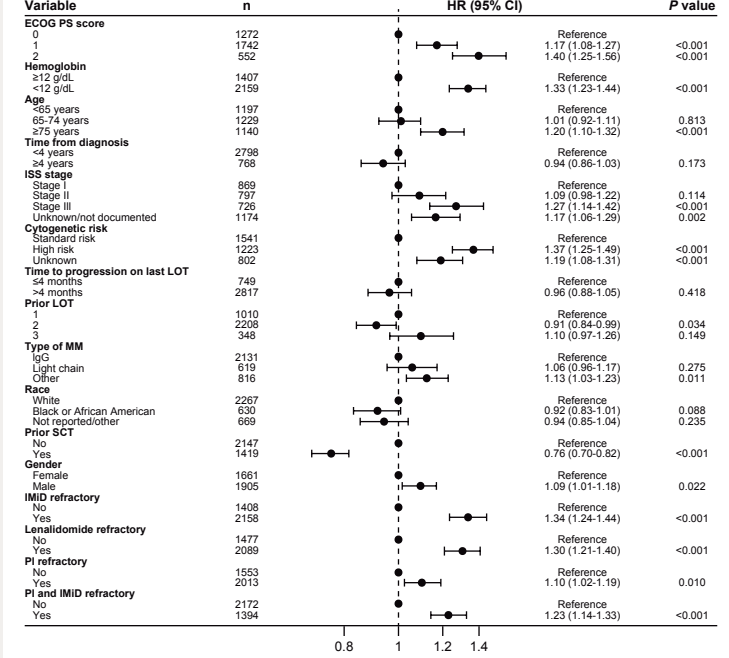
- Among patients with 2 to 3 prior LOTs, median rwPFS was 6.7 months in those with lenalidomide-refractory RRMM versus 10.6 months in those without (**Figure 3**)

**Figure 3: rwPFS in patients with 2-3 prior LOTs by lenalidomide-refractory status**



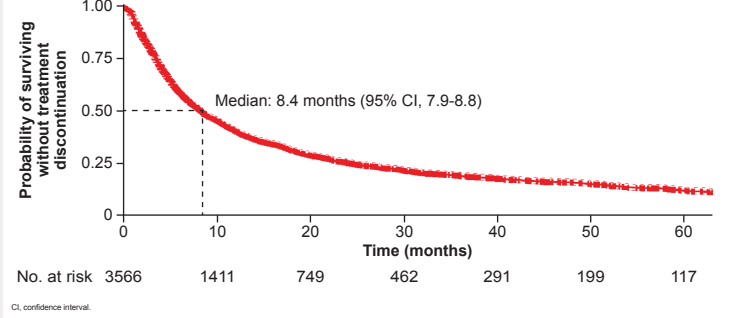
- A univariate analysis revealed that multiple factors were strong predictors of poorer rwPFS, including age ≥75 years, International Staging System (ISS) stage III disease at diagnosis, high-risk cytogenetics at baseline, higher Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status (ECOG PS) score, and lenalidomide refractoriness, among others (**Figure 4**)

**Figure 4: Univariate analysis of rwPFS**



- The heterogeneity in standard-of-care regimens and lack of effective treatments available for patients with RRMM were reflected in short times to treatment discontinuation (8.4 months; **Figure 5**) and initiation of the next LOT (10.4 months; **Figure 6**)

**Figure 5: Time to treatment discontinuation from the index date**



**Figure 6: Time to next LOT from the index date**

