Introduction

Over the past decade, there has been a paradigm shift in the treatment of cancer, driven by advances in personalized medicine and immuno-oncology. From the period of 2011 through 2016, 68 novel therapies have launched globally for the treatment of cancer. These developments have led to improved outcomes for patients, especially for metastatic disease, and have led to an increased number of patients receiving treatment. For physicians and payers, the influx of novel therapies and increasing use of diagnostic testing adds to the already complex treatment algorithms of many tumor types. The pipeline for oncology remains robust, with over 600 molecules in late stage development. The focus on oncology will remain high over the next decade driven by the ongoing research and development and remaining unmet need.

In this report, we share our perspective on some of the trends observed in 2016, including impact on cancer outcomes, the redefinition of many cancers, availability and costs of oncology therapeutics and complexity in cancer treatments.

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Executive summary

Cancer continues to be one of the leading causes of morbidity and mortality worldwide. According to the WHO, cancer was the second leading cause of death in 2015, responsible for 8.8 million deaths globally. While the global burden of cancer continues to be high, therapeutic innovation based on improved understanding of disease biology and translational research has contributed to the changing paradigm of cancer treatment over the past two decades.

Advances in cancer treatment

The launch of multiple novel agents, coupled with increasing awareness and focus on cancer prevention, and emphasis on early diagnosis, have contributed to improved outcomes and a reduction in mortality rates for many of the major cancers over the past decade. Since 2011, 68 new drugs have been approved for 22 indications, including immuno-oncology agents that have considerably changed the treatment paradigm in many of the cancers (see Chart 3). In particular, the immuno-oncology PD-1 and PD-L1 inhibitors have witnessed a rapid uptake based on their remarkable clinical profile and approval for multiple cancers (see Chart 4). In an indication like melanoma, which until recently had very high unmet need and few treatment options, availability of newer treatment options has nearly tripled the number of patients receiving treatment and has nearly doubled the survival in metastatic melanoma (see Chart 5). In non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), novel agents have provided improved outcomes compared to previous treatments which were less effective and more toxic.

Redefinition of cancer

Cancer treatment has seen increased focus on personalized medicine, leading to patient segmentation based on biomarker status. Major cancer types (lung, breast, colorectal [CRC], melanoma) have become increasingly segmented, with each segment now being recognized as having specific treatment options and outcomes (see Chart 8). In many cases, cancer is no longer a single tumor type diagnosis but is defined by a combination of factors, including histology and biomarker status. Identification of newer biomarker niches, such as microsatellite instability (MSI) status in CRC, and BRAF (a gene that encodes B-raf) and PD-L1 (programed cell death protein ligand 1) status in NSCLC, are likely to fragment the patient populations within these cancers further.

Oncology continues to be an area of active interest with a robust pipeline of which 87% is a targeted therapy; several of the targeted therapies in development have an associated biomarker (see Chart 10). Targeted agents inhibit the growth and spread of cancer by interfering with molecular targets involved in cancer progression and may or may not be associated with a specific biomarker. Due to specific targeting of the molecular pathways, they are less toxic compared to traditional chemotherapy options. Along with personalized medicine with targeted agents, approval of novel immunotherapy agents, which provide substantial clinical benefit, have raised the hope of significantly improving cancer survival across a large number of tumor types (see Chart 12).

The concept of personalized medicine is now an integral part of clinical practice in oncology, and more clinical trials are stratifying patient populations with predictive biomarkers; this has led to improved clinical outcomes by stratifying patients for their response to treatment. The trend of personalized medicine in oncology has had a positive impact on the drug development process leading to a decline in the duration of late-stage trials and a need for fewer enrolled patients (see Chart 13).
Complexity in cancer care

Newer treatment options, biomarker-based patient segmentation and availability of biomarker-based treatment approaches have added to the treatment complexity over the years (see Chart 14). Novel oncology treatments are reaching physicians faster than ever, for example, the median time from patent filing to FDA approval has dropped from 10.25 years in 2013 to 9.8 years in 2016, primarily through “pulling forward” late stage drugs and approving them sooner (see Chart 15). In many cases, multiple agents with similar mechanism of action have been approved in quick succession, presenting a complex situation for clinicians in the wake of limited clinical data to provide direct comparison between the newer drugs. Use of predictive biomarkers and other diagnostic testing has increased over the past five years and adds to treatment complexity, although not all patients receive recommended screenings (see Chart 17).

Availability of cancer treatments

From 2011-2015, 42 new cancer medicines were launched globally, but the availability of newly launched agents differs substantially by geography, with the highest number of novel agents being available in the United States and Germany (see Chart 19). Reimbursement for new cancer medicines also varies by geography, and reimbursement ranges from 100% to 61% across the countries under study (see Chart 20). Spending on new medicines for oncology and supportive oncology care has increased since 2011 and those therapies launched within the past five years now account for more than 20% of global oncology spending in 2016 (see Chart 21).

Cost of cancer treatments

Global costs of oncology therapeutics and supportive care drugs increased from $91Bn in 2012 to $113Bn in 2016, with the United States accounting for 46% of the total global oncology costs (see Charts 24 and 25). The increase in cost in the United States is primarily driven by the availability of novel agents. Longer duration of therapy with novel agents, use of combination therapies with high cost novel agents and the possibility of patients receiving multiple lines of therapies are factors likely to contribute to further increase in costs. Uptake of newer agents and increasing use of older branded drugs are the contributing factors for increase in costs in other regions.

Future oncology cost growth is expected to be in the range of 6% to 9%, annually, through 2021, when global oncology costs will exceed $147Bn even as patent expiries and biosimilar competition contribute to lower costs (see Chart 31).
Advances in cancer treatment

- Cancer mortality rates have steadily declined across major developed countries over the past decade.

- The largest decline in mortality over the past decade has been among those tumor types with the greatest number of new treatment mechanisms in areas such as breast, lung, and colorectal cancers.

- Since 2011, the cancer treatment landscape has been transformed by new medicines which target 22 different types of cancers.

- Novel agents have not only increased the number of patients under treatment but have also provided better opportunities versus traditional therapies. For example, the rapid uptake of immuno-oncology drugs reflect their remarkable clinical profile and expansion of indications.

- In the case of advanced melanoma, several novel therapy classes, including PD-1 inhibitors, BRAF inhibitors, MEK inhibitors and anti-CTLA4 have launched in the last 5 years and resulted in tripling the number of treated patients.

- For NSCLC, the availability of novel agents, such as the anti-PD-1 agents nivolumab and pembrolizumab, have led to a greater number of treated patients. In addition, treatments for NSCLC have greater duration of response per line of therapy in 2015 when compared to response rates from 2011 due to these and other recently approved therapies.
Mortality rates have declined steadily over the past decade.

The past decade has witnessed a steady decline in the cancer mortality rate across EU5, the United States and Japan.

Among the countries evaluated, the decline was highest in France, followed by the United States and Japan.

The difference in rate of decline is a reflection of a combination of all aspects including more effective treatments, improved access to diagnostic tests as well as access to treatment.

The decline in mortality is also a result of favorable trends in the most common cancers, including lung, breast, colorectal and prostate.

In particular, there has been a drop in prostate cancers as guidelines have been updated to no longer recommend routine screening of PSA testing, which was leading to high numbers of over-diagnosis.

Although the incidence of breast cancer has risen, treatments are more effective, and overall there has been a reduction in mortality for breast cancer in developed countries.

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Chart notes:
The greatest improvements in incidence and mortality is in prostate, breast, colorectal and lung cancers since 2004

- Incidence of prostate cancer, CRC and lung cancer has declined over time, along with an improvement in mortality rate. This is likely attributable to higher screening and preventive measures instituted for these cancers.
- Improved mortality rates are a result of an increase in screening and early diagnosis as well as the approval of new drugs with diverse mechanisms of action.
- Within the United States, lung cancer and prostate cancer have shown the maximum decline in mortality rate.
- Liver cancer had the least improvement around incidence and mortality. The increase in incidence may be correlated with co-infection of hepatitis B and C virus infection.
- The increase in incidence of thyroid cancer appears to be the result of increased rates of detection rather than an increase in the number of new cases.

Chart notes:
US FDA drug approvals from 2004 to 2013 considered for analysis. Each drug was considered once for the specified indication.
Multi-targeted TKIs (such as sunitinib, sorafenib, pazopanib, etc.) have been considered as a single class.
The cancer treatment landscape has been transformed since 2011 by new medicines targeting 22 different cancer types.

Chart 3: New Active Substance Launches 2011–2016 by Indication

- From 2011 to 2016, 68 different agents have been approved for over 22 indications, with many being approved for more than one indication.
- As of 2016, approximately half of the new molecular entities launched for oncology since 2011 are available in nine countries while seven countries under study have launched less than ten new molecular entities for oncology.
- Many of these new agents are also being evaluated in other tumor types and will likely be approved for subsequent indications, providing therapeutic options to additional patients.

Chart notes:
Includes initial and subsequent indications. Excludes supportive care.
Rapid uptake of immuno-oncology drugs reflect their remarkable clinical profile and expansion of indications

**Chart 4: Immuno-Oncology PD-1 and PD-L1 Inhibitor Uptake in the United States**

- PD-1 inhibitors represent a paradigm shift in the treatment of cancer. The immune system has the ability to find and destroy tumor cells, however, some tumors elude this response by disrupting T-cell checkpoints signaling pathways involving PD-1 and its ligands. Treatment with PD-1 agents in tumors that over-express PD-1 stimulate a patient’s immune system against the cancer. These agents are associated with durable response in multiple cancer types.
- The first of many highly anticipated immuno-oncology therapies was launched at the end of 2014 for the treatment of melanoma (pembrolizumab in September and nivolumab in December).
- Over 135 clinical trials for additional indications across 30 tumor types exist between the two currently approved PD-1 inhibitors.
- The promising PD-L1 inhibitor, atezolizumab, was approved in May 2016 for bladder cancer and in October 2016 for non-small cell lung cancer. It is in trials for breast and renal cell cancer.
- Avelumab was approved in March 2017 for metastatic Merkel cell carcinoma, a rare and highly aggressive type of skin cancer. It has also been granted priority review by the FDA in Feb 2017.
- PD-L1 inhibitor durvalumab is also in late-phase development and has an FDA Breakthrough Therapy designation for PD-L1+ bladder cancer.

The number of treated melanoma patients has nearly tripled with the launch of novel agents

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Several novel therapies such as PD-1 inhibitors, BRAF inhibitors, MEK inhibitors and anti-CTLA4 agents for advanced melanoma have been launched in last 5 years.

With the launch of these agents, the number of patients undergoing treatment has nearly tripled.

The increase in number of patients is not limited to first line, but across all lines, implying longer survival and multiple treatment options for this aggressive tumor type.

However, there is limited clarity on the optimal sequencing of the agents in many cases, and choice of treatment is currently guided by goals of treatment (rapid response vs. durable disease control), presence of mutations and burden of toxicities associated with each option.

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Chart notes:

Line of therapy not considered for the break-up of added patients or reduction in patient numbers for the specific classes.

CTLA-4: Cytotoxic T-lymphocyte-Associated protein 4; PD-1: Programmed cell death protein 1; BRAF is a gene that makes a protein called B-Raf; MEK is mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase; CtlA4 if cytotoxic T-lymphocyte-associated protein 4; Ipi = ipilimumab
Availability of novel agents for NSCLC has increased the number of treated patients

Chart 6: Increase in Number of Treated Patients for NSCLC

- The approval of anti-PD-1 agents nivolumab and pembrolizumab for NSCLC has brought about a change in the treatment paradigm.
- The number of patients receiving single-agent chemotherapy appears to have decreased considerably while the number of patients receiving EGFR-TKI based therapy has also reduced.
- There appears to be an increase in the number of patients receiving anti-PD-1 therapy driven by the approval of these agents across lines of therapy and proven clinical benefit.
- Movement of patients from monotherapies to PD-1 highlight better options for later line (>1 line) patients, as monotherapies have historically been the mainstay for these patients.

Chart notes:
Line of therapy not considered for the break-up of added patients or reduction in patient numbers for the specific classes.
There is an increase in the duration of response to therapy in NSCLC due to the approval of novel agents in 2015.

- The availability of novel agents has improved clinical outcomes for patients with metastatic NSCLC, both in terms of duration of therapy as well as progression to next line of therapy.
- Longer duration of response to therapy in patients in the 2015 cohort is in part due to the approval of PD-1 agents for NSCLC in the United States: nivolumab and pembrolizumab.
- Patient outcomes for metastatic NSCLC is likely to improve further with the additional approval of pembrolizumab for first line treatment and the approval of atezolizumab for 2nd line treatment of NSCLC in Oct 2016.
- Additionally, other PD-L1 agents, durvalumab and avelumab, are in late-phase development for NSCLC and may provide further treatment options for these patients.

Chart notes:
Maintenance therapy following first-line treatment was considered as a part of first-line and not evaluated separately.
Dec 2012 was considered as the data cut-off period for 2011 cohort to ensure parity in terms of duration for analysis.
Patients on bevacizumab-based 1L therapy for >100 days who went on to receive bevacizumab monotherapy and patients receiving pemetrexed or erlotinib monotherapy following platinum-based 1L were considered as having received maintenance therapy.
Redefinition of cancer

- Cancer has been progressively redefined over the past 20 years. A key factor has been use of predictive biomarkers that have allowed sub-populations within cancer types to be identified. Overall, this trend has led to an increase in the number of personalized medicines that can specifically target unique cancer populations.

- Trials using biomarkers to predict patient response are gaining increasing significance in the clinical trial landscape and nearly 11% of the currently ongoing late-phase trials are utilizing biomarker based segmentation.

- The pipeline of oncology drugs in clinical development has expanded by 45% over the past ten years; 87% of the late stage pipeline are targeted therapies which include small molecule protein kinase inhibitors and biologic monoclonal antibodies.

- The global R&D pipeline for oncology remains robust with 631 late phase therapies, an increase from the number of oncology molecules from May 2016.

- Among next generation immuno-oncology mechanisms of action in development, the PD1/PDL-1 inhibitors have seen the greatest expansion across many of the existing tumor types.

- Trial duration and average enrollment has declined in the last 20 years highlighting a shift in trial design and smaller patient populations largely as result of patient segmentation via predictive biomarkers.
Cancer has been progressively redefined over the past 20 years

Almost all major tumor types have witnessed extensive segmentation over the past 2 decades based on different criteria including biomarkers, age, and histology.

Currently, immunotherapies are redesigning the landscape based on predictive biomarkers, such as PD-L1 status in NSCLC and MSI status in colorectal cancer.

Chart notes:
The availability of new treatment options based on US FDA drug approvals for selected tumor types was considered for segmentation; pie graphs that total 100% indicate the biomarker was not yet available in that year.

BRAF status in NSCLC included based on US FDA BTD status granted to dabrafenib/trametinib combination.

BRCA status in prostate cancer included based on FDA BTD status granted to olaparib.
Trials using biomarkers to predict patient response made up on average 15% of clinical trials since 2011

Chart 9: Number of Biomarker-Informed Late-Phase Trials (1997–2016)

- Predictive biomarkers support informed risk/benefit assessments and treatment decisions for individual patients.
- Despite the challenges in identification, development and incorporation into clinical practice, well-defined and validated predictive biomarkers form the basis for personalized care in oncology.
- With increasing segmentation in many of the tumors, clinical trials are increasingly using biomarker-based patient stratification during the drug development process to find the niche populations most likely to benefit from a particular drug.
- Ten percent of the currently ongoing late-phase trials are utilizing biomarker based segmentation, highlighting the focus on niche and smaller segments and indicating a more targeted approach and movement towards personalized medicine in oncology.
- By 2010, nearly 20% of trials were using biomarkers to predict patient response, but this value has since declined.
- By identifying patients most likely to respond to therapy, predictive biomarker-based drug development has reduced the timeline for clinical drug development program for these agents.

Chart notes:
Industry sponsored, phase II and phase III trials initiated after 1997 were considered for analysis. Includes only oncology trials initiated between 1997 and 2016, supportive care trials not considered.
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The pipeline of oncology drugs in clinical development has expanded by 45% over the past ten years.

Chart 10: Late Phase Oncology Pipeline Molecules, 2006–2016

- Oncology research and development activity remains concentrated on targeted therapies, which made up 90% of the late phase pipeline in 2016.
- Targeted therapies include small molecule protein kinase inhibitors, biologic monoclonal antibodies, and a range of new mechanisms that can identify or block the cell processes that cause cancer cells to multiply.
- Particular focus is being placed on targeted therapies that use genetic marker tests to indicate a greater likelihood of tumor response, or amplify the patient’s own immune response to target the cancer.
- The late phase oncology pipeline includes 278 biologic therapies, including 15 gene therapies, 133 new monoclonal antibodies (mAbs), and 14 biosimilars of existing mAbs.
- The late phase pipeline also includes 82 potential vaccines for a wide variety of tumor types.
- Immunotherapies are one of the fastest growing areas within oncology R&D, and will undoubtedly make up a larger portion of the pipeline in 2021.

Chart notes:
Includes oncology products in active research at the end of December each year. Products are included if they are a new molecule, combination, or delivery system which is being investigated separately from any prior research or regulatory filings. Products are included based on the most advanced research stage for any indication in any geography and include phases II to registration. Additional indications for marketed products or indications less advanced than the lead research indication are not included.
The global R&D pipeline for oncology remains robust with 631 unique molecules in late-phase development.

- The late stage oncology pipeline is robust, with 631 unique molecules in development. This is an increase from the number of oncology molecules from May 2016 (586).
- The number of companies with late phase oncology molecules has risen slightly since May 2016, from 511 to 544.
- The length of Phase III trials for new oncology medicines has declined over past five years (see Chart 13). This leads to new oncology medicines entering the market at a faster pace than historically and being superseded by newer treatments within a few years.

- The number of new molecules and the increasing number of combination regimens has spurred the pace of development within oncology. In addition, the use of predictive biomarkers to stratify patients by their potential to respond to personalized treatments also has a positive impact on the pipeline.

Chart notes:
Active late stage pipeline defined as molecules that have reached Phase II or above but are not yet marketed. Molecule and company counts are unique. Where more than one company is actively involved in development of a single molecule, both collaborating companies are reflected in the count, however the molecule is counted once.
PD1/PDL-1 inhibitors have seen the greatest development across many of the existing tumor types.

Chart 12: Next Generation Immuno-Oncology MoAs in Development

- Immuno-oncology agents have drastically altered the treatment landscape of several tumor types where approved.
- While anti-PD-1 and PD-L1 agents have already been approved in multiple tumor types, agents with newer immuno-oncology MoAs are currently in early development across various tumor types, being evaluated both as monotherapy and in combination with already approved immuno-oncology agents.
- Most agents are in development for solid tumors but development of hematologic malignancies is increasing.

Chart notes:
MoA: Mechanism of Action. List of immuno-oncology MoAs is not exhaustive. MoAs in phase I trials for advanced solid tumors have not been included here. Only the highest phase of development in the tumor type has been considered for each MoA. Industry-sponsored trials registered with clinicaltrials.gov were considered for analysis. H&N = head and neck; RCC = renal cell carcinoma; STS = soft tissue sarcoma; ALL = acute lymphoblastic leukemia; AML = acute myeloid leukemia; CLL = chronic lymphocytic leukemia; HL = Hodgkin lymphoma; MDS = Myelodysplastic syndrome; MM = multiple myeloma; NHL = non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Source: Clinicaltrials.gov, Feb 2017; QuintilesIMS Institute, Mar 2017
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Trial duration and average enrollment have declined highlighting shifts in trial design and target indication size

Chart 13: Trial Duration and Patient Enrollment in Phase III Trials (1997–2016)

- Over the last 20 years, the average number of patients enrolled in phase III trials has declined from a high of 671 in 1998 to 188 patients in 2016, with a corresponding decline in trial duration from 2000 days in 1997 to 1070 days in 2016.

- This could be a result of increasing focus on niche and smaller patient segments within tumor types requiring lower enrollment to demonstrate clinical benefit. In addition, improved trial design technologies are being employed to hasten the clinical development program for cancer drugs.

Chart notes:
Based on analysis of trial duration and enrollment numbers in phase III trials registered in clinicaltrials.gov.
Start date: Estimated date on which the clinical trial was open for recruitment of participants, or the actual date on which the first participant was enrolled. Completion date: date the final participant was examined or received an intervention for purposes of final collection of data for the primary and secondary outcome measures and adverse events.
Complexity in cancer care

- Over the last 20 years, treatment options have increased, both in terms of diverse mechanisms of actions, as well as number of drugs for each mechanism of action class, and this has led to increased treatment complexity.

- Another contributing factor is that the time to launch oncology medicines has accelerated which has allowed more novel therapies to enter the market, adding to the burden of treatment decisions. In 2016, the median time from patent filing to approval for oncology drugs was 9.8 years, down from 10.25 years in 2013.

- Not only has time to launch declined, but agents with similar mechanisms of action and incremental efficacy gains have reached the market within a few months or years of each other, which further complicate treatment choice.

- Deciding when to test for biomarkers, how to interpret results, and what therapy to choose based on the results adds more complexity in treatment decision making for different tumor types.

- Using an example from NSCLC, in 2006 physicians had access to essentially one patient-stratifying biomarker test and a handful of therapies. By 2016, there are four predictive biomarker tests and numerous treatment options that radiate outwards from these tests across multiple lines of therapy.
Over the last 20 years, therapy options for multiple tumor types have increased adding to treatment complexity.

Chart 14: Number of Treatment Options over Time for Selected Tumors (1996–2016)

- Treatment options have increased over the last 20 years, both in terms of diverse mechanisms of actions as well as the number of drugs for each MoA class.
- The pace of development has been exceptionally fast in the last decade due to a combination of factors including an increasing focus on targeted drug development based on biomarker segmentation as well as favorable regulatory policies such as the introduction of Breakthrough Therapy Designations.
- Currently, multiple agents with similar MoA are available, presenting a complex situation for clinicians in the wake of limited clinical data directly comparing newer treatments with established ones.

Chart notes:
Based on US FDA oncology drug approvals. First approval in the indication has been considered for the analysis.
CLL: Chronic lymphocytic leukemia; HER2: Human Epidermal growth factor Receptor 2; CDK: Cyclin-Dependent Kinase; EGFR: Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor; ALK: Anaplastic Lymphoma Kinase.
Alemtuzumab, included in the count for anti-CD agents for CLL, is no longer available commercially but may be obtained for clinical use.
Others include Xofigo (prostate cancer), Afinitor (breast cancer), and Portrazza (lung cancer).
In 2016, the median time from patent filing to approval was 9.8 years, down from 10.25 years in 2013.

Chart 15: Time from Patent Filing to Approval in the United States

- The median time from patent filing to FDA approval for oncology medicines has dropped from 10.25 years in 2013 to 9.8 years in 2016, primarily through “pulling forward” late stage drugs and approving them sooner.

- The last three years have seen three medicines approved within 4 years of original patent filing, including dabrafenib for melanoma with the patent filed in May 2009 and approved by the FDA in May of 2013.

- This has been facilitated by a favorable regulatory environment, including pathways such as FDA Breakthrough Therapy Designation, introduced in 2012, as well as other expedited development and review methods adopted by the FDA, such as accelerated approval, priority review and fast track designation.

- Nearly 70% of the drugs approved in 2015 were designated in one or more expedited categories.

Chart notes:
First patent filing for the molecule, and specific indication FDA approval are used in the analysis, and some products are included multiple times for the separate approvals they received. CDER used a number of regulatory methods to expedite the development and approval of novel drugs in 2015 and 2016. These involved: Fast Track, Breakthrough, Priority Review, and Accelerated Approval.
**COMPLEXITY IN CANCER CARE**

Treatment complexity will increase as time between launches is reduced and novel agents offer incremental efficacy gains

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**Chart 16: Increasing Treatment Complexity Due to New Launches**

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Source: Drugs@FDA, Mar 2017

- In the recent past, several agents have been launched for NSCLC and melanoma.
- Approval of these agents has improved survival compared to previously available agents, but has also increased complexity in treatment decision making.
- These new agents have been launched within a short span of time, and have similar efficacy, as can be seen within the PD-1 and PD-L1 agents.
- Within the span of two years, two PD-1 agents and one PDL-1 agent have been launched for NSCLC.
- Among the approved PD-1/PDL-1 agents, pembrolizumab showed the highest OS benefit of 17.3 months in PD-L1 positive NSCLC patients compared with nivolumab which showed 12.2 months without the PD-L1 stratification.
- Also from a comparator perspective, all three immuno-oncology agents (PD-1 and PD-L1) had docetaxel as the comparator arm in their pivotal trials, which showed homogenous outcome from 8.2 months to 9.6 months.
- All these factors add to the complexity in decision making for physicians.
- Complexity is expected to increase further with the reducing gap between subsequent launches and limited incremental benefits.

Chart notes:
Based on US FDA prescribing information.
* Pembrolizumab approval for second line NSCLC is for PD-L1 positive patients.
Biomarker selection adds another level of complexity in treatment decision making for different tumor types

Chart 17: Patients Who Did Not Receive Diagnostic Testing by Oncology Area and Type, 2016

- Survey results from a pool of approximately 425 oncologists show the highest rates of non-testing in PD-L1 and KRAS testing for lung cancer, at 55% and 52%, respectively. However, PD-L1 has not yet been incorporated into guidelines and KRAS testing recommendations are mixed without additional testing of EGFR.

- Guidelines recommend diagnostic testing of NSCLC patients with predictive biomarkers, in particular, EGFR and ALK. However, survey results show that approximately 13% and 18% of patients in the survey did not receive an EGFR biomarker test or ALK test, respectively.

- While the rate of testing patients for KRAS, EGFR and ALK have increased since 2014, the rate of positive tests has not increased substantially, indicating that oncologists may be overtesting in certain patient groups.

- Survey results show that for melanoma, where systems therapeutics are the gold standard treatment for patients with BRAF mutations, only 1.4% of patients do not receive BRAF testing.

- Overall, breast cancer had the lowest rate of non-testing, with the exception of the FISH test for determining HER2 status of the tumor. Although the FISH test is more accurate than the IHC, it is less widely available for routine screening.

Chart notes:
Number of patients covered in the survey: Lung = 19,793; Breast = 12,534; Melanoma = 2,885; Colorectal = 11,224; CLL = 8,056. PD-L1 = programmed cell death receptor and its ligand; KRAS = gene coding K-Ras protein; FISH = Fluorescence in situ hybridization includes testing for estrogen receptor and HER2 protein; ROS-1 = a tyrosine kinase inhibitor encoded by ROS1; NRAS = gene coding N-Ras protein; ALK = gene coding ALK receptor tyrosine kinase; EGFR = gene coding epidermal growth factor receptor protein; IHC = immunohistochemistry test includes testing for estrogen receptor and HER2; 17p = a deleterious mutation found in some leukemias; BRAF = gene coding B-Raf; PR and ER are progesterone and estrogen receptors, respectively. Additional sources include: Molecular testing guideline for selection of lung cancer patients for EGFR and ALK tyrosine kinase inhibitors. J Mol Diagn. 2013 Jul;15(4):415-53. Metastatic non-small-cell lung cancer: ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up. Ann Oncol. 2016 Sep;27(suppl 5):v1-v27.
Physicians currently have to endure intense complexity while making treatment decisions for metastatic NSCLC

Chart 18: Treatment Landscape for a Newly Diagnosed Metastatic NSCLC Patient

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- Treatment decisions for metastatic NSCLC have gained increasing complexity over the last decade with the availability of multiple treatment options.
- The majority of these treatments are biomarker driven and have led to increased rate of biomarker testing.
- Diagnostics represent a challenge to providers. Given the number of diagnostics tests needed, it is difficult to get sufficient tissue from the tumor for all the tests.
- The large number of treatment options available for a specific patient type and limited long-term data and/or comparative trials between agents with similar mechanisms, makes treatment decisions challenging.
- Choosing later line agents is similarly challenging.

Source: Drugs@FDA, Mar 2017; NCCN Guidelines, nccn.org, Mar 2017
Availability of cancer treatments

- The availability of newly launched agents differs substantially by geography, with the highest number of novel agents being available in the United States and Germany.

- Reimbursement for cancer medicines is not guaranteed under public insurance programs in developed countries. Reimbursement ranges from 100% to 61% in the countries under study.

- New medicines launched within the past five years now account for more than 20% of global oncology spending in 2016.

- Spending on new cancer medicines differs by region on an invoice price basis with over 60% of developed market spending for medicines available globally for less than 15 years.
Availability of newly launched agents differ by geography, with the greatest availability in the United States and Europe.

Chart 19: Availability in 2016 of drugs launched initially in 2011–2015

- A total of 42 new cancer medicines were launched from 2011-2015 in the selected countries with nine additional launches in 2016.
- The highest number of agents are available in the United States and Germany, with 37 and 35 drugs respectively, and the number declines significantly in other developed countries of the world.
- Of the 42 new cancer medicines, more than half were launched across eight countries indicating that access for novel oncology therapies is a continuing problem even in developed countries.
- The situation is more sparse in pharmerging countries; although Poland has access to 18 new medicines, only four of the new cancer medicines launched initially in 2011-2015 are available each in China, Indonesia and India in 2016.

Chart notes:
Includes innovative medicines, often referred to as New Active Substances or New Chemical Entities, first launched globally between 2011 and 2015. Availability is based on sales in audited markets, regardless of reimbursement rates. Supportive care medicines are not included.
AVAILABILITY OF CANCER TREATMENTS

Not all cancer drugs are reimbursed under public insurance programs, even when commercially available


Source: National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) (England), Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) (Scotland), The Dental and Pharmaceutical Benefits Agency (TLV) (Sweden), Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (Canada), Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) (Australia), Federal Joint Committee (Germany), National Comprehensive Cancer Network Guidelines (U.S.), QuintilesIMS Institute, Apr 2017

- Access to new cancer drugs is not universal even in developed countries, where national health systems’ priorities may result in declining to reimburse some products.
- Reimbursement ranged from 100% to 61% across the countries under study.
- Countries employing a formal cost-effectiveness methodology based upon cost per quality life year gained are less likely to reimburse new cancer medicines than countries using other assessment approaches.
- The categorization of not-reimbursed does not mean that there is no patient access to these medicines. There may be non-standard means for obtaining access to new medicines through special funds and submission of applications for approval outside of the standard guidelines.

Chart notes:
Reimbursement status in 2016 determined by review of drugs launched in each country for 2011 through 2015. Does not include supportive medicines. Drugs for which reimbursement data was not available or reimbursement application was withdrawn or discontinued are considered ‘Not Reimbursed’. In the US, if a medicine appears on payer preferred drug lists, the medicine was considered “reimbursed”, however, the payer may have requirements that must be met to qualify for reimbursement. In Germany, all approved medicines are reimbursed pending review by AMNOG. AMNOG review influences the level of negotiated discounts and rebates that a manufacturer must provide but does not influence access or usage of medicines in Germany.
New cancer medicines have significantly increased their share of total medicine spending over the past five years.

Chart 21: Global Oncology and Supportive Care Spending by New Active Substance First Global Launch Vintage

- New medicines launched in the last five years now account for more than 20% of global oncology spending.
- These gains have been driven particularly by the newest generation of immuno-oncology drugs.
- The most significant shift in spending has been from medicines launched between 2007 and 2011 which are now 6-10 years old and have a smaller portion of spending in 2016.
- As newer treatments extend survival and active treatment timeframes, baseline elements of treatment regimens continue to be used for longer periods, driving increases in share of spending for older medicines.
- Some countries are slower to adopt new treatments and as a result, older treatments continue to gain share of spending long after launch.

Chart notes:
Analysis includes therapeutic and supportive care in oncology, including anti-emetics, erythropoietins, hematopoietic growth factors, select interferons, bisphosphonates, and cancer detox medicines.
The mix of spending on cancer medicines by global launch differs by region on an invoice price basis

Chart 22: Oncology and Supportive Care Spending by New Active Substance First Global Launch Vintage and Region

- Developed markets have significantly greater usage of new oncology medicines than other regions.
- Over 60% of developed market spending is consistently on medicines available globally for 15 years or less.
- In pharmerging markets, much of the expanded access to healthcare over the past decade has translated into increased use of older chemotherapy agents.
- As these markets are slower to adopt new treatments than developed markets, and often have more limited levels of reimbursement for costs, the usage of newer drugs is typically lower.

Chart notes:
Analysis includes therapeutic and supportive care in oncology, including anti-emetics, erythropoietins, hematopoietic growth factors, select interferons, bisphophonates, and cancer detox medicines.
Developed markets have had significantly different uptake of immuno-oncology medicines since they became available.

The recent launches of immuno-oncology medicines have seen significant uptake across countries. While the United States has received attention for adopting new medicines earlier, France and Germany have had greater per capita usage of these immuno-oncology medicines during their first year on the market.

Markets such as Canada, Spain, Japan and the United Kingdom have had lower per capita usage of immuno-oncology medicines but increasing over time.

Variations in per capita usage of these medicines may be driven by differences in the prevalence of NSCLC and melanoma, which these treatments are indicated for.

Variations in usage across countries are often related to differing levels of reimbursement, however, all of the immuno-oncology drugs are reimbursed in all of the countries shown.

The extent to which restrictions are placed on the use of these medicines in a country may be limiting their use.

The uptake of new medicines in developed markets is far in excess of the rate of uptake in most pharmerging markets, where there is less access and infrastructure for cancer treatment.

Chart notes:
Standard Units represent a vial for treatment with an immuno-oncology drug (nivolumab, ipilimumab, pembrolizumab). Each drug has been time-aligned to its country launch, and per capita usage has been calculated and summed. Patients taking more than one of these treatments could result in overstated rates of usage and these analyses do not reflect a patient-level analysis.
Cost of cancer treatments

- Total global costs of oncology therapeutics and supportive care drugs increased to $113Bn in 2016 up from $107Bn in 2015. Total growth has been driven by oncology therapeutics which reached $89.6Bn in 2016.

- In 2016, the United States accounted for 46% of total global oncology costs, up from 39% in 2012. Part of this growth is due to the increased uptake of novel agents, which are disproportionately launched there compared to the rest of the world.

- The cost of oncology medicines manufactured in the U.S. has increased in the past five years by 88% to $44.1Bn, primarily driven by the availability and favorable reimbursement of new medicines.

- Outside the United States, oncology costs were $50.1Bn in 2016 and cost growth was due to both uptake of new therapies and greater widespread use of older medicines.

- Oncology growth is expected to be 6%–9% per year through 2021, when global costs are expected to exceed $147Bn.
Total global costs of oncology and supportive care therapies increased to $113 billion in 2016 at a rate of 11.6%

Chart 24: Global Oncology and Supportive Care Costs US$Bn

- The cost of oncology medicines increased at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 11.0% since 2011, while the cost of supportive care treatments increased at CAGR of 2.0% in 2016.
- In 2016, the cost of oncology treatments increased 14.9% to $89.6Bn.
- Costs of supportive care therapies increased 0.4% to $23.4Bn in 2016.
- The total global cost of cancer medicines rose at a CAGR of 8.7% in the past five years, which is considerably higher than the 4.9% growth recorded between 2006 and 2011.

Chart notes:
Spending in US Dollars with variable exchange rates. Growth in US Dollars with constant exchange rates. Oncology medicines were defined as L1 antineoplastics, L2 cytostatic hormone therapies, V3C radio pharmaceuticals, denosumab, lenalidomide, pomalidomide, and aldesleukin. Supportive care includes anti-emetics, erythropoietins, hematopoietic growth factors, select interferons, bisphophonates, and cancer detox medicines.
The United States accounted for the greatest global oncology costs at $52.1Bn in 2016

- Total global oncology and supportive care costs reached $113Bn in 2016.
- In 2016, the United States accounts for 46% of total global oncology costs, up from 39% in 2012.
- The CAGR for the United States from 2012-2016 was 10.3%
- Part of this growth is due to the increased uptake of novel agents, which are disproportionally launched in the United States compared to the rest of the world.
- The EU5 accounted for 21% of total oncology costs in 2016 while Japan accounted for 9%.

Chart notes:
Growth rates in key countries and regions have converged since 2012 to a range of 8–11% in 2016

Chart 26: Growth Rates for Global Oncology and Supportive Care Costs

- The growth rate in the United States increased from 1.0% in 2012 to 11.0% in 2016, at constant exchange rate. The growth rate in the EU5 also saw a substantial gain reaching 10.8% in 2016.
- In contrast, the growth rate in pharmerging markets shifted from 13.7% in 2012 to 8.4% in 2016.
- The increase in global costs for oncology and supportive care medicines is related to an increase in the number of approved therapies and corresponding higher costs of novel agents. Targeted therapies also contribute to increasing oncology costs. This is particularly true in the United States, where 37 new oncology medicines were launched from 2011–2015.

Chart notes:
Includes supportive care. Growth in US Dollars with constant exchange rates.
Cost of US oncology medicines has increased in the past five years by 88%, primarily driven by new medicines

Chart 27: US Oncology Market Growth

- The total cost of oncology medicines rose by $20.7Bn to $44.1Bn in the United States between 2011 and 2016.
- Two-thirds of the growth in the United States oncology costs in the last five years can be attributed to the uptake of innovative medicines launched since 2011.
- The costs for older protected brands increased due to both wider usage and increasing prices on an invoice basis.
- The loss of patent exclusivity for some older brands contributed to $4.8Bn in lower brand costs.
- The $2.6Bn increase in generic costs equates to 13% of oncology cost growth between 2011 and 2016.
- Price concessions from manufacturers in the form of discounts and rebates are known to offset one to two percentage points of the 4-7% average invoice price growth in oncology in the United States.

Chart notes:
Oncology excluding supportive care. LOE = Loss of Exclusivity.
Pricing concessions by manufacturers are reducing manufacturer-realized net price growth

In the United States, net price growth on existing branded oncology drugs is estimated to have averaged 3.6% in 2016 as opposed to 4.8% invoice price growth.

Generally, higher invoice prices were accompanied by price concessions in the market and net prices grew more slowly than invoice prices.

Price concessions (including mandatory and negotiated rebates, discounts, and patient cost offsets) reflect the ability of insurers to negotiate lower prices.

Cancer medicines are subject to different types of off-invoice discounts, rebates and price concessions than non-cancer drugs, based on how the medicines are reimbursed or administered to patients.

An increasing number of cancer medicines are oral formulations, provided to patients via pharmacies or mail-order and often reimbursed through pharmacy benefit claims, and reimbursed through specialty pharmacy benefits.

Insurers are often less able to negotiate lower rates on specific medicines which are infused due to the way medical claims are reimbursed for the service including the drug rather than the drug alone.

Chart 28: Invoice and Net Price Growth of Protected Oncology Brands – U.S.

Source: QuintilesIMS, National Sales Perspectives, QuintilesIMS Institute, Mar 2017

- Invoice values are QuintilesIMS reported values from wholesaler transactions measured at trade/invoice prices and exclude off-invoice discounts and rebates that reduce net revenue received by manufacturers. Net values denote company recognized revenue after discounts, rebates and other price concessions. Results are based on a comparative analysis of company reported net sales and QuintilesIMS audited sales and prices at product level for branded products. Growth rates are calculated over same cohort of products in the prior year.
Growing use of coupons helps offset patient out-of-pocket costs

Chart 29: Coupon Penetration and Average Offset of Patient Savings Programs in Oral Oncology Drugs

- Some type of coupon or patient cost offset was used in over 25% of retail prescriptions for cancer drugs filled by patients with commercial insurance, up from 5% in 2011.
- The increased use of coupons reflects efforts by manufacturers to reduce patient out-of-pocket costs.
- The average cost offset has exceeded over $500 per prescription over the past five years.

Chart notes:
Sample is limited to oral oncology products (capsules and tablets) available through retail and specialty pharmacies. Coupon penetration is calculated as the percent of commercial claims for which an identified coupon is used as either a primary or secondary payer. Average offset is a simple average across brands where a coupon is the secondary payer. QuintilesIMS believes that patient savings programs may be more prevalent than is reflected in the data due to specialty pharmacy sample coverage.
Uptake of new therapies and greater widespread use of older medicines drove cost growth outside the United States

- Outside the United States, oncology costs increased by $18.8Bn to $50.1Bn between 2011 and 2016.
- The uptake of new brands resulted in $11.6Bn in increased costs in other countries.
- Greater use of older brands, due to increasing numbers of patients receiving treatment as well as lengthening treatment durations led to $8.6Bn in cost growth in the past five years.
- Prices declined on average for older protected brands outside the United States and contributed to $1.2Bn of lower brand costs over five years.
- Loss of exclusivity for brands resulted in $3.1Bn in lower costs of cancer medicines outside the United States.
- The $2.9Bn increase in generic costs equates to 15% of oncology cost growth between 2011 and 2016.

Chart notes:
Oncology excluding supportive care. Rest of World includes 74 audited countries for available channels but may understate oncology costs in markets where hospital settings are not audited. US Dollars with constant exchange rates. LOE = Loss of Exclusivity.
Oncology growth is expected to be 6%-9% per year through 2021, when global costs are expected to exceed $147Bn

Chart 31: Global Oncology Costs and Growth, US$Bn, 2011–2021

- Higher costs will be driven by the wider use of new products, especially immunotherapies, in developed markets such as the United States and EU5.
- Newer therapies with survival benefits will also bring longer therapy durations and contribute to increase in cost.
- Patients unable to take current cancer therapies may be able to take advantage of new options and lines of therapy.
- The use of newer treatments will be offset by lower usage of existing treatments, some of which are already off patent and available as generic medicines.
- Patent expiries and biosimilar competition will contribute to lower costs but will be offset by increased prevalence, diagnosis rates and treatment rates.
- Since 2013, growth in the EU5 has rebounded driven by new medicines and this continued wave of innovation is expected to lift growth to 2021.
- Pharmerging markets are not expected to grow as much in oncology as developed markets due to slower forecast economic growth.

Chart notes:
Notes on sources

This report is based on the QuintilesIMS services detailed in the panel below.

**MIDAS™** is a unique platform for assessing worldwide healthcare markets. It integrates QuintilesIMS' national audits into a globally consistent view of the pharmaceutical market, tracking virtually every product in hundreds of therapeutic classes and provides estimated product volumes, trends and market share through retail and non-retail channels.

**National Sales Perspectives (NSP)™** measures spending within the US pharmaceutical market by pharmacies, clinics, hospitals and other healthcare providers. NSP reports 100% coverage of the retail and non-retail channels for national pharmaceutical sales at actual transaction prices. The prices do not reflect off-invoice price concessions that reduce the net amount received by manufacturers.

**QuintilesIMS BrandImpact™** oncology data is based on a proprietary mobile research model and longitudinal network of more than 400 i-enabled oncologists and is the only source of continuously-captured physician treatment decisions for the biopharmaceutical industry. The real-time data generated by its information panel of oncologists enables BrandImpact to provide unique insight into physician behavior and the influences on that behavior. The combination of its network-generated syndicated data with its custom research and analytics expertise enables BrandImpact to deliver more informed and actionable solutions to its customers' critical business issues.

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**Formulary Impact Analyzer (FIA)** provides insight into what impact popular utilization-control measures enforced by managed care organizations have had on prescription volumes including the dynamics that affect patient behavior in filling and/or refilling prescriptions. Formulary measures include tiered co-pay benefit designs, prior authorization restrictions, and often result in non-preferred prescriptions being rejected or switched at the pharmacy. FIA offers visibility to claims rejected for other reasons such as contraindications as well as those attempted to be refilled too soon. FIA sources include national and regional chains, independent pharmacies and a switch house providing a comprehensive view of retailers and across geographies.

**QuintilesIMS (QI) Oncology EMR database** database is multi-sourced and includes small, medium and large oncology practices. The database captures more than 950,000 anonymous cancer patients across the US. Key information includes cancer/histology/metastases/staging, drug name/date of service/dosage, diagnostic testing/lab tests performed & results, co-morbidities/performance status, and patient demographics. The Oncology EMR database is linkable to other QI anonymous patient databases, including: medical claims, prescription claims and PharMetrics Plus.
## New Active Substances Launch and Indication Approvals 2011–2016

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### Additional Notes

- Additional molecules for other indications may be included in the report.
- The list includes both small molecules and biologics.
- Indication approvals for each molecule are documented for the specified period.
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The effective use of information by healthcare stakeholders globally to improve health outcomes, reduce costs and increase access to available treatments.

Optimizing the performance of medical care through better understanding of disease causes, treatment consequences and measures to improve quality and cost of healthcare delivered to patients.

Understanding the future global role for biopharmaceuticals, the dynamics that shape the market and implications for manufacturers, public and private payers, providers, patients, pharmacists and distributors.

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Timely, high-quality and relevant information is critical to sound healthcare decision-making.

Insights gained from information and analysis should be made widely available to healthcare stakeholders.

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