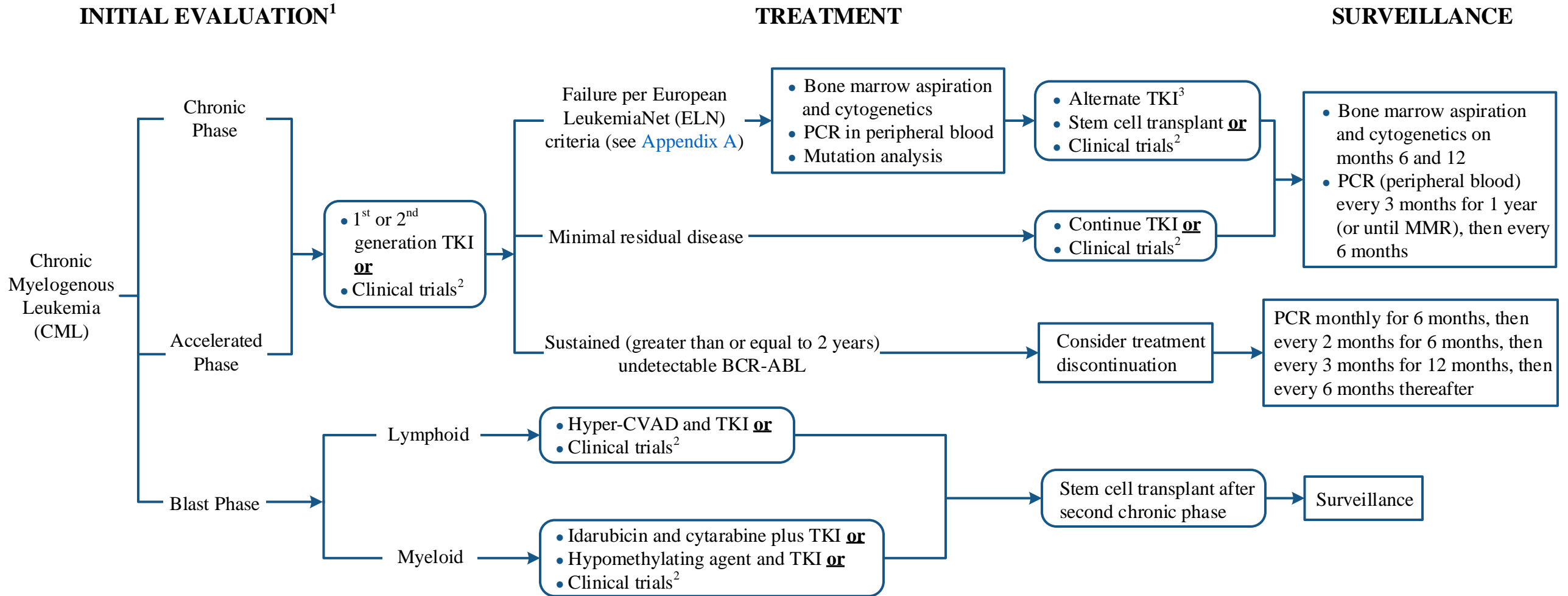


# Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia - Adult (Greater than or equal to 18 years old)

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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

MMR = major molecular response

TKI = tyrosine kinase inhibitors

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

<sup>2</sup> Leukemia newsletter: <http://www.mdanderson.org/leukemia> (Available programs-treatment priorities)

<sup>3</sup> If T315I, consider ponatinib

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## APPENDIX A: Definition of the Response of TKIs (any TKI) as First-line Treatment<sup>1</sup>

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

The definitions are the same for patients in chronic phase, accelerated phase, and blastic phase and apply also 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 cytogenetics is required only in case of failure or if standardized molecular testing is not available. Note that MMR (MR<sup>3.0</sup> 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 less than or equal to 0.1% = MR<sup>3.0</sup> or better  
 NA = not applicable  
 Ph = philadelphia chromosome

<sup>1</sup> Per European LeukemiaNet (ELN) criteria

<sup>2</sup> In 2 consecutive tests, of which one with a BCR-ABL1 transcripts level greater than or equal to 1%

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