

ASTCT Pharmacy SIG Journal Club Session

September 23, 2026

2:00-3:00 PM CDT

TARGET AUDIENCE

This session is intended for pharmacists and other members of the health care team who are involved in managing patients undergoing hematopoietic stem cell transplantation and cellular therapy.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This webinar consists of two, 30-minute journal club presentations, which include 20 minutes for the presentation and 10 minutes for discussion and a Q & A session. In the September Journal Club session, Drs. Albuquerque and Bazaco will present two articles related to:

- B-cell depletion for prevention of corticosteroid-requiring cGVHD
- Fludarabine vs Bendamustine as a lymphodepleting chemotherapy prior to CAR-T for large cell lymphoma

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the activity, participants should be able to:

- Review the role of B cells in the development of chronic graft-versus-host disease (cGVHD) following allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.
- Analyze the efficacy and safety of prophylactic obinutuzumab for the prevention of corticosteroid-requiring cGVHD.
- Discuss the utility of B-cell depletion as a cGVHD prevention strategy and the potential role of H-Y antibody status in identifying patients that will most likely benefit.
- Compare efficacy outcomes between fludarabine-based and bendamustine-based lymphodepletion (LD) prior to CD19 CAR-T therapy in large B-cell lymphoma
- Evaluate the toxicity profiles associated with each LD regimen, including rates of cytokine release syndrome (CRS), immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome (ICANS), prolonged cytopenia, and treatment-related mortality
- Identify clinical factors influencing CAR-T outcomes such as CAR-T product type, disease status, KPA, bridging therapy, and patient age
- Recognize when bendamustine may serve as a practical alternative LD regimen for DLBCL patients

FACULTY & ARTICLES

Esther Albuquerque, PharmD

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The James Cancer Hospital at the Ohio State University

Article: [Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Trial of B-Cell Depletion for Prevention of Corticosteroid-Requiring Chronic Graft-Versus-Host Disease](#)

Christopher Bazaco, PharmD

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Article: [Comparison of Fludarabine Versus Bendamustine as a Lymphodepleting Chemotherapy Prior to CAR-T for Large Cell Lymphoma](#)

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Pharmacists



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