

# **BCG Maintenance Full SWOG Course**

## **Pro Argument**

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# Overview

- Briefly review the SWOG “Full Course” that is used
- What “really happens”?
- Why I think the full course is the way to go

# SWOG Course

- Induction: 6 weeks
  - “connaught”
  
- Maintenance:
  - 3, 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36 months
  - Weekly for 3 weeks

# SWOG Course

- No maintenance:
  - RFS - 35.7mos
- Maintenance:
  - RFS – 76.8 mos
- Further intervention not estimable
- 5yr OS about the same

# What do I use?

- I tend to put a slight variation on the SWOG protocol
  - 18 months of q 3 months of treatment
  - Then every 6 months up to 3 years
  - Then discuss annual maintenance with the patient
- I use in all pTcis and pT1 cases for sure if possible
- HGpTa and others less frequently

# What happens in the real world?

- Some patients miss a dose or more
- Some patients can't tolerate
- Some patients have their own ideas of what they want to do

# Conventional wisdom

- Really for cis and T1
- Need to get induction on board after appropriate resections and within about 3 to 4 weeks
- If a good response then that “immunomodulation” should be continued



# Summary

- What are your and what are the patient goals?
  - If cancer control then you need to do the whole course
- What is the harm?
  - “BCG-osis” - I honestly can't remember the last case
  - Inconvenient
- As Nike said: “JUST DO IT”

## Conventional wisdom

- After 18 months with no recurrence does it really matter?
  - YES
- Does it really decrease recurrences?
  - YES
- Does it matter if they have symptoms?
  - YES