## prIME Points<sup>TM</sup>

- Polycythemia vera can be challenging to diagnose with current diagnostic criteria
- Management is individualized according to thrombotic risk, and evidence for choice of first-line cytoreductive therapy needs to be improved
- Patients who are refractory to hydroxyurea have a worse prognosis and need careful consideration
- Novel therapies such as ruxolitinib have the potential to control disease and improve quality of life