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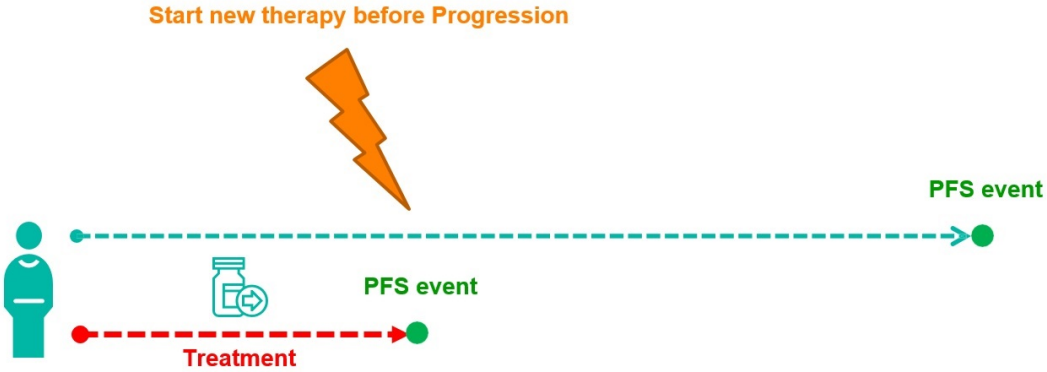
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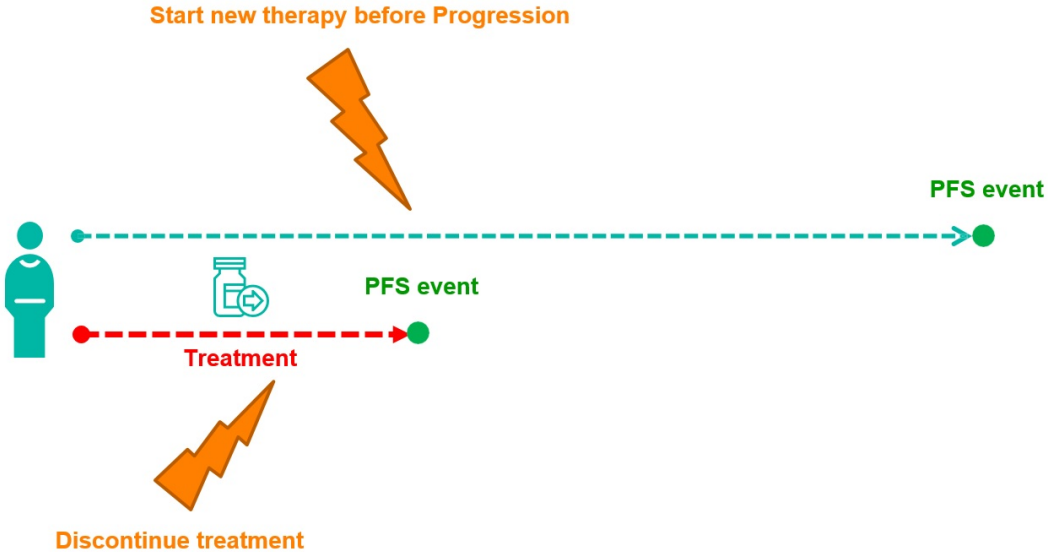
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Discontinue treatment

Do these clinical events affect your interpretation of the treatment effect?

Is the treatment effect clearly defined?

What data would you collect?

If you do not know how to ask the right question, you discover nothing.

W.E. Deming, American Statistician

Past: too sloppy in translating clinical trial objectives to clear statistical quantities.

1) Stakeholders not aligned.

2) Analysis method not aligned to scientific question.

3) Data collection requirements unclear.

4) Heterogeneity between trials.

Present and future:

ICH E9(R1) estimands addendum.

Clear upfront definition of treatment effect of interest.

Have discussions upfront.

Get clarity early on.

Shorten filing timelines.

Polarix Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee (ODAC).

2-arm RCT in DLBCL.
R-CHOP vs. R-CH-Polatuzumab-P.
Primary endpoint: "PFS".

Is it clear what ”PFS” is?

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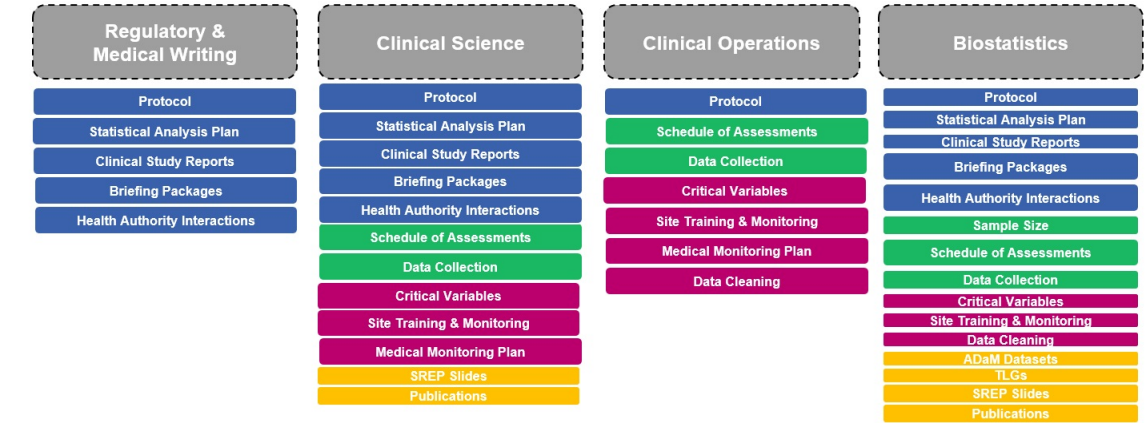
Implied scientific question	What is the time to PD / death irrespective of taking NALT?	What is the time to PD / death assuming NALT would not exist?

Do I need to care?

Yes!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Covid.

Ukraine war.

Patients!

Physicians. Investigators.

Trial developers.

Regulators.

HTA bodies.

It is not innovative if it does not work.

Mark Baillie, Statistician at Novartis in Basel

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