# MANAGING LIFE WITH AN MPN: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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## **Considerations When Choosing MPN Therapy**

- Medication type
- How treatment is administered or delivered
- Pre-existing health issues or comorbidities
- Financial impact

## **Myelofibrosis (MF) Treatment Options**

JAK inhibitor therapies
Stem cell transplant for high-risk patients
Treatments to manage anemia

### **Approved JAK Inhibitors for Myelofibrosis**

- Ruxolitinib (Jakafi)
- Fedratinib (Inrebic)
- Pacritinib (Vonjo)

**Momelotinib:** JAK inhibitor being studied in clinical trials for the treatment of myelofibrosis.

#### Polycythemia Vera (PV) Treatment Options

#### **Essential Thrombocythemia (ET) Treatment Options**

- Phlebotomy
- Aspirin
- Hydroxyurea (Hydrea)
- Interferon
- Jakafi (JAK Inhibitor)
- BESREMi (ropeginterferon alfa-2b)
- No treatment, monitoring of thrombotic risk
- Aspirin
- Interferon
- Hydroxyurea (Hydrea)
- Anagrelide (Agrylin)

**BESREMi (ropeginterferon alfa-2b):** FDA-approved treatment for patients with polycythemia vera (PV).

**Rusfertide (PTG-300):** Treatment being studied for phlebotomy-dependent polycythemia vera (PV) patients.

#### **Common MPN Mutations**

- JAK2 (JAK2V617F)
- Calreticulin (CALR)
- MPL

JAK2 mutation: An acquired mutation in the majority of patients with MPNs. The mutation is found in approximately 50% of myelofibrosis (MF) and essential thrombocythemia (ET) patients and 95% of polycythemia vera (PV) patients.

## **Possible Indicators of Disease Progression**

#### Change in blood count

- Change in symptoms
- Increasing spleen size

## **Determining MPN Treatment Effectiveness**

- Control of blood counts
- Control of symptoms and symptom burden

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Possible Treatments for MPN-Related Itching (Pruritis)	MPN Educational Resources
<ul><li>JAK inhibitors</li><li>Antihistamines</li><li>Antidepressants</li><li>UV light therapy</li></ul>	<ul> <li>MPN Advocacy &amp; Education International: mpnadvocacy.com</li> <li>MPN Research Foundation: mpnrf.org</li> <li>The Leukemia &amp; Lymphoma Society: lls.org</li> <li>American Cancer Society: cancer.org</li> </ul>

## **Glossary Terms**

**Anagrelide:** Cytoreductive therapy used to treat the overproduction of blood platelets.

**Anemia (iron deficiency anemia):** A condition that develops when the body lacks sufficient red blood cells. Symptoms of anemia may include fatigue, weakness, and shortness of breath, among others.

**Bone Marrow Biopsy:** Procedure that involves collecting a small sample of bone marrow, usually from the hip bone, in order to be examined by a laboratory. This procedure is used to confirm an MPN diagnosis and may be used to monitor the disease over time.

**Genetic Testing (molecular profiling or biomarker testing):** Laboratory testing that identifies certain gene mutations, proteins, chromosomal abnormalities and/or other molecular changes that are unique to an individual's disease. In cancer, it may be used to evaluate treatment or to make a prognosis.

**Interferon Therapy:** A type of therapy that interferes with the ability of viruses to reproduce and also boosts the immune system.

**JAK Inhibitors:** A class of therapy that interferes with the activation of the JAK-STAT pathway **Stem Cell Transplant:** Also called a bone marrow transplant, is a procedure in which healthy blood

**Pruritis**: Severe itching of the skin, a common and challenging symptom for patients with PV.

**Rusfertide (PTG-300):** Being studied for the treatment of phlebotomy-dependent polycythemia vera (PV) patients.

**Standard of Care:** An established guideline that is consensus among experts as the most appropriate and/or effective treatment for a specific type and stage of cancer.

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