

# [FDA OKs Opdivo + Yervoy, chemo for metastatic NSCLC](#)

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July 2020—The Food and Drug Administration approved the combination of nivolumab (Opdivo, Bristol-Myers Squibb) plus ipilimumab (Yervoy, Bristol-Myers Squibb) and two cycles of platinum-doublet chemotherapy as first-line treatment for patients with metastatic or recurrent non-small cell lung cancer, with no epidermal growth factor receptor or anaplastic lymphoma kinase genomic tumor aberrations.

Efficacy was investigated in CHECKMATE-9LA, a randomized, open-label trial for patients with metastatic or recurrent NSCLC. Patients were randomized to receive either the combination of nivolumab plus ipilimumab and two cycles of platinum-doublet chemotherapy (n = 361) or platinum-doublet chemotherapy for four cycles (n = 358).

The trial demonstrated a statistically significant benefit in overall survival for patients treated with nivolumab plus ipilimumab plus chemotherapy compared with those who received chemotherapy. Median overall survival was 14.1 months (95 percent CI: 13.2, 16.2) versus 10.7 months (95 percent CI: 9.5, 12.5), (HR 0.69; 96.71 percent CI: 0.55, 0.87).

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