# FOLLICULAR LYMPHOMA: DISEASE OVERVIEW

#### WHAT IS LYMPHOMA?

- Lymphoma is the most common type of blood cancer and causes lymphocytes, a type of white blood cell, to grow and multiply uncontrollably<sup>1,2</sup>
- Around 90% of lymphomas are categorized as non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL)<sup>1</sup>

NHL was estimated to be the

leading cause of US cancer deaths in 2020<sup>3</sup> NHL can be classified into >80 different subtypes, which are further characterized as<sup>4,5</sup>:



~60% ~40% Indolent Aggressive

## PREVALENCE OF FL





Approximately 13,200 new cases of FL were expected in the US in 2020, with ~12,500 patients with relapsed/refractory FL on therapy each year<sup>6-8</sup>



### **DIAGNOSIS OF FL**

- While the etiology of FL is poorly understood, age, sex, and ethnicity may be related to disease development—the incidence of FL increases with age, and in the US, the incidence of FL is higher in Caucasians compared with African Americans<sup>10</sup>
- The median age at diagnosis of FL<sup>9</sup>
  - Patients generally present with asymptomatic lymph node enlargement, with waxing and waning sometimes present for years; 20% of patients with FL experience B symptoms (fever, night sweats, loss of >10% body weight)<sup>11</sup>
- Diagnosis of FL is usually confirmed through a combination of a physical exam, laboratory tests, tissue biopsy, genetic testing, and imaging; a patient is also staged based on how much the disease has spread<sup>12</sup>





#### **OUTCOMES OF PATIENTS WITH FL**

- FL is generally considered to be a chronic and often incurable disease characterized by multiple recurrences and relapses<sup>13</sup>
- 89.0% of patients with FL are alive 5 years after diagnosis<sup>14</sup>
- Despite high overall survival rates in FL, the leading cause of death among patients with FL remains lymphoma, with treatment-related mortality an ongoing concern in these patients<sup>15</sup>

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