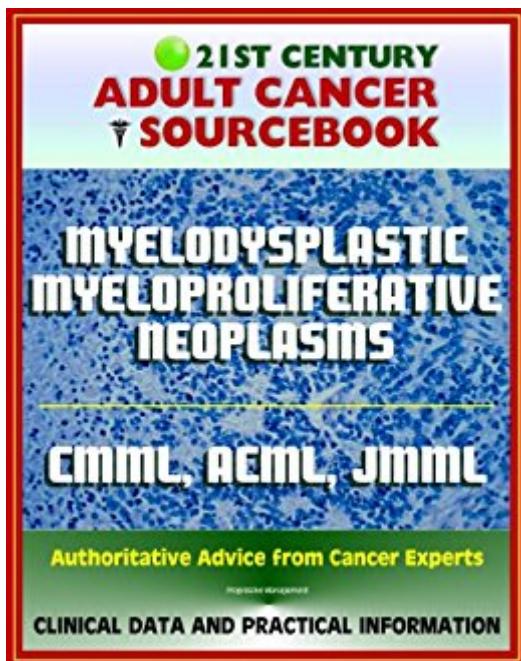


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# 21st Century Cancer Sourcebook: Myelodysplastic / Myeloproliferative (MDS/MPN) Neoplasms, Chronic Myelomonocytic Leukemia (CMML), ACML, Juvenile Myelomonocytic Leukemia (JMML), MDS/MPN-UC



## Synopsis

Authoritative information and practical advice from the nation's cancer experts about myelodysplastic/myeloproliferative neoplasms includes official medical data on signs, symptoms, early detection, diagnostic testing, risk factors and prevention, treatment options, surgery, radiation, drugs, chemotherapy, staging, biology, prognosis, and survival, with a complete glossary of technical medical terms and current references. The 3 main types of myelodysplastic/myeloproliferative neoplasms include Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia (CMML); Juvenile myelomonocytic leukemia (JMML); and Atypical chronic myelogenous leukemia (aCML). When a myelodysplastic/myeloproliferative neoplasm does not match any of these types, it is called myelodysplastic/myeloproliferative neoplasm, unclassifiable (MDS/MPN-UC). Starting with the basics, and advancing to detailed patient-oriented and physician-quality information, this comprehensive in-depth compilation gives empowered patients, families, caregivers, nurses, and physicians the knowledge they need to understand the diagnosis and treatment of myelodysplastic/myeloproliferative neoplasms. Comprehensive data on clinical trials is included - with information on intervention, sponsor, gender, age group, trial phase, number of enrolled patients, funding source, study type, study design, NCT identification number and other IDs, first received date, start date, completion date, primary completion date, last updated date, last verified date, associated acronym, and outcome measures. Myelodysplastic/myeloproliferative neoplasms are a group of diseases in which the bone marrow makes too many white blood cells.

Myelodysplastic /myeloproliferative neoplasms are diseases of the blood and bone marrow. Normally, the bone marrow makes blood stem cells (immature cells) that become mature blood cells over time. A blood stem cell may become a myeloid stem cell or a lymphoid stem cell. The lymphoid stem cell develops into a white blood cell. The myeloid stem cell develops into one of three types of mature blood cells:<sup>\*</sup> Red blood cells that carry oxygen and other materials to all tissues of the body.<sup>\*</sup> White blood cells that fight infection and disease.<sup>\*</sup> Platelets that help prevent bleeding by causing blood clots to form. Myelodysplastic/myeloproliferative neoplasms have features of both myelodysplastic syndromes and myeloproliferative disorders. In myelodysplastic diseases, the blood stem cells do not mature into healthy red blood cells, white blood cells, or platelets. The immature blood cells, called blasts, do not work the way they should and die in the bone marrow or soon after they enter the blood. As a result, there are fewer healthy red blood cells, white blood cells, and platelets. Extensive supplements, with chapters gathered from our Cancer Toolkit series and other reports, cover a broad range of cancer topics useful to cancer patients. This edition includes our exclusive Guide to Leading Medical Websites with updated links to 81 of the best sites

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