

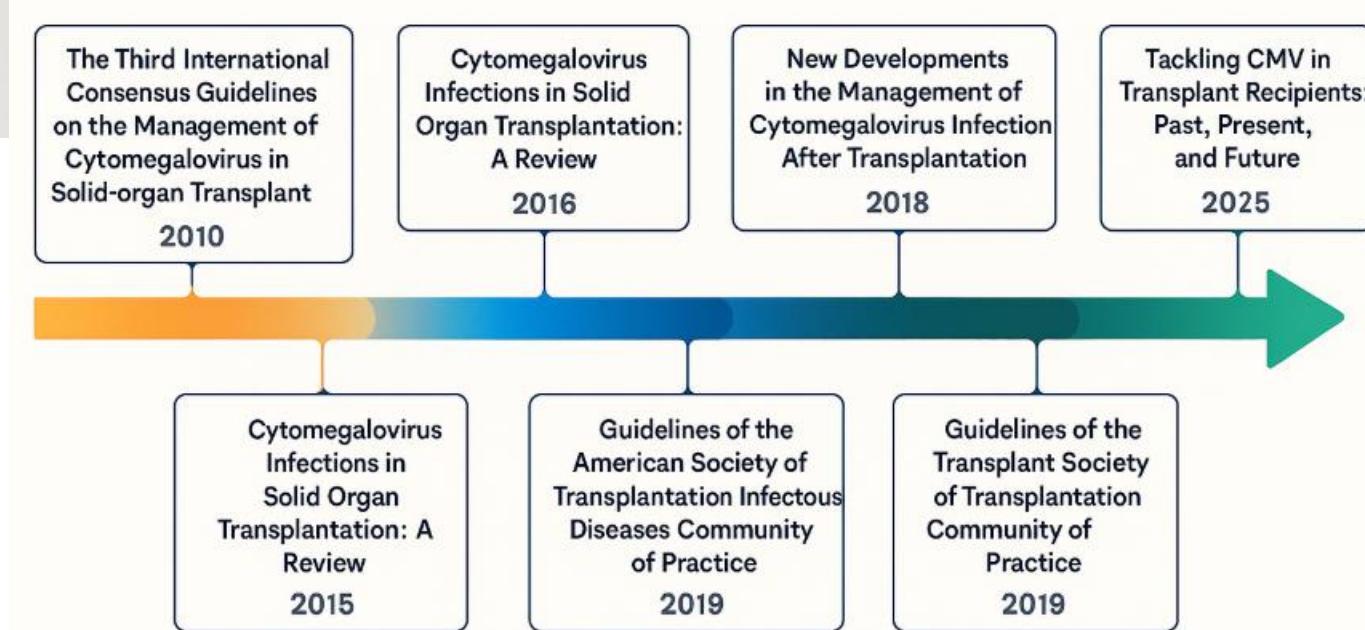


# Solid Organ Transplantasyonları ve CMV: Gelişmeler

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# CMV



## Cytomegalovirus in Solid Organ Transplantation: Epidemiology, Prevention, and Treatment

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- **2012 yılında CMV = SOT için en önemli enfeksiyon komplikasyonu olarak tanımlandı**
- CMV'nin hem **direkt** (viremi, hastalık) hem **indirekt etkileri** (rejeksiyon, graft disfonksiyonu, fırsatçı enfeksiyonlar) vurgusu!

# CMV yönetiminin temel klinik çerçevesi çizildi

**2013 yılında** yayımlanan ve Raymund Razonable'ın CMV alanındaki en çok alıntı alan klasik derlemelerinden biri

**CMV'nin SOT'taki yükü ilk kez geniş kapsamlı bir şekilde tanımlandı**

Morbidite ve mortalitenin en önemli nedeni

**VGCV/gansiklovir** → tüm profilaksi ve tedavi yaklaşımının temeli

**Foscarnet / Cidofovir** → dirençli CMV için “kurtarma” tedavisi

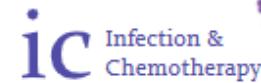
**PCR temelli viremia takibi** → standart olma yolunda

**Preemptif tedavi** → VGCV toksisitesi nedeniyle yaygınlaşmakta

Bu yayın, 2013 Uluslararası Kılavuzu'na (Kotton et al.) giden bilimsel yolu hazırladı.

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## Cytomegalovirus Infections in Solid Organ Transplantation: A Review

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Cytomegalovirus (CMV) continues to have a tremendous impact in solid organ transplantation despite remarkable advances in its diagnosis, prevention and treatment. It can affect allograft function and increase patient morbidity and mortality through a number of direct and indirect effects. Patients may develop asymptomatic viremia, CMV syndrome or tissue-invasive disease. Late-onset CMV disease continues to be a major problem in high-risk patients after completion of antiviral prophylaxis. Emerging data suggests that immunologic monitoring may be useful in predicting the risk of late onset CMV disease. There is now increasing interest in the development of an effective vaccine for prevention. Novel antiviral drugs with unique mechanisms of action and lesser toxicity are being developed. Viral load quantification is now undergoing standardization, and this will permit the generation of clinically relevant viral thresholds for the management of patients. This article provides a brief overview of the contemporary epidemiology, clinical presentation, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of CMV infection in solid organ transplant recipients.

**Key Words:** Cytomegalovirus, Transplant, Diagnosis, Prevention, Treatment

### Introduction

Human cytomegalovirus (CMV) is a member of the *Beta-herpesvirinae* subfamily under the *Herpesviridae* family [1]. Discovered in the 1950s [2, 3], CMV is one of the largest known human viruses [4]. While most infections in immunocompetent individuals are benign and self-limited, CMV is an important cause of morbidity and mortality in individuals with undeveloped or compromised immune function, in-

cluding transplant recipients. In order to reduce the impact of CMV on transplant outcomes, there have been remarkable efforts to improving its diagnosis, prevention, and treatment. Despite these significant advances in its diagnosis and therapy, CMV continues to have a major impact on patient and allograft survival among solid organ transplant (SOT) recipients through a variety of direct and indirect effects.

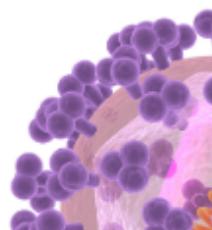
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# Management of cytomegalovirus infection in solid organ transplant recipients: SET/GESITRA-SEIMC/REIPI recommendations

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- 2016 — Avrupa CMV kılavuzu: profilaksi ve preemptif tedavi algoritmaları standardize edildi.
- CMV yönetimi Avrupa'da ilk kez tamamen yapılandırıldı.

# Modern CMV yönetiminin resmi başlangıcı

## **Moleküler ve immün tanıda yenilikler ilk kez yoğun olarak vurgulandı**

### Duyarlılığı yüksek PCR sistemleri

## Viral yük kinetiği

CMV-spesifik immün yanıt testleri (T hücre ölçümlü) ilk kez güçlü bir şekilde yer aldı. Bu, 2018 sonrası dönemin temelini oluşturdu.

## Original Clinical Science—General



# The Third International Consensus Guidelines on the Management of Cytomegalovirus in Solid-organ Transplantation

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**Abstract:** Despite recent advances, cytomegalovirus (CMV) infections remain one of the most common complications affecting solid organ transplant recipients, conveying higher risks of complications, graft loss, morbidity, and mortality. Research in the field and development of prior consensus guidelines supported by The Transplantation Society has allowed a more standardized approach to CMV management. An international multidisciplinary panel of experts was convened to expand and revise evidence and expert opinion-based consensus guidelines for CMV in solid organ transplantation. The panel developed recommendations for immunology, drug resistance, and pediatric issues, as well as for the use of diagnostic thresholds, immunosuppressive agents, and nonimmunosuppressive agents. The panel also developed updated recommendations for prevention and treatment of CMV infection. The panel's recommendations are summarized in this article.

## CMV yönetiminde tüm alanlarda standartlar getirildi

## Profilaksi stratejileri

## Preemptif tedavi algoritmaları

## PCR eşik değerleri

## Direnç yönetimi (UL97 / UL54 mutasyonları)

## İmmünolojik değerlendirme

## Pediatrik transplant

## Yeni antiviraller ve immünosupresyon etkileri

# CMV yönetiminin altın standarı

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## Cytomegalovirus in solid organ transplant recipients— Guidelines of the American Society of Transplantation Infectious Diseases Community of Practice

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- Abstract  
Cytomegalovirus (CMV) is a common infection that can cause significant morbidity and mortality in solid organ transplant recipients. The American Society of Transplantation Infectious Diseases Community of Practice (IDCoP) has developed these guidelines to provide recommendations for the prevention and management of CMV infection in solid organ transplant recipients. The guidelines are based on a systematic review of the literature and expert consensus. The recommendations are organized into four main sections: pretransplant evaluation, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. The pretransplant evaluation section includes recommendations for CMV serology (IgG) and PCR testing for CMV DNA. The prevention section includes recommendations for CMV prophylaxis, including the use of valganciclovir and ganciclovir. The diagnosis section includes recommendations for CMV testing, including the use of dPCR. The treatment section includes recommendations for the treatment of CMV infection, including the use of ganciclovir, valganciclovir, and cidofovir. The guidelines also include recommendations for the management of CMV-associated complications, such as CMV retinitis and CMV colitis. The guidelines are intended to provide a comprehensive resource for healthcare providers managing CMV infection in solid organ transplant recipients.
- **CMV serolojisi (IgG)** → pretransplant taramada standart
  - PCR temelli CMV DNA ölçümlü → viremi & preemptif tedavinin temel aracı
  - Viral yük eşiklerinin laboratuvarlar arasında heterojenliği vurgulandı
- Bu nokta, 2020 sonrası **dPCR** tartışmalarının zemini oldu.



## Review article



## Management of cytomegalovirus in adult solid organ transplant patients: GESITRA-IC-SEIMC, CIBERINFEC, and SET recommendations update

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- Letermovir profilaksi ilk kez SOT için resmi olarak kılavuza entegre edildi
  - **2024 güncellemesinin en kritik noktalarından biri**
- CMV-spesifik immünite testleri (T hücre değerlendirmesi) kılavuzda açıkça önerildi
- Kişiyeştirilmiş CMV yönetimi Avrupa kılavuzlarında resmileşti.

Review

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## Cytomegalovirus Treatment in Solid Organ Transplantation: An Update on Current Approaches

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### Abstract

**Objective:** The article reviews the safety and efficacy of treatments for cytomegalovirus (CMV) in solid organ transplantation.

**Data sources:** A literature review was conducted in PubMed, MEDLINE, and Clinicaltrials.gov from database inception through January 2024, using terms CMV, therapy, and solid organ transplantation.

**Study selection and data extraction:** Clinical trials, meta-analyses, cohort studies, case reports, and guidelines were included. Letters to the editor, reviews, and commentaries were excluded.

**Data synthesis:** After abstract screening and full-text review of 728 citations for eligibility, 53 were included. Valganciclovir and intravenous ganciclovir are drugs of choice for CMV management and, until recently, the availability of alternative options has been restricted due to toxicity. For instance,

728 makale tarama → 53 dahil

- Kohortlar
- Kılavuzlar
- Direnç yönetimi verileri
- Klinik çalışmalar
- Meta-analizler

- Klasik antivirallerin sınırları → modern tedavilerin yükselişi
- Letermovir → profilaksi
- Maribavir → tedavi



# Tackling CMV in Transplant Recipients: Past, Present, and Future

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## ABSTRACT

Cytomegalovirus (CMV), a beta-herpesvirus capable of maintaining lifelong latency, presents a substantial risk to transplant recipients, resulting in significant morbidity and mortality among both hematopoietic stem cell and solid organ transplantation recipients. Recent advances have shifted management from reactive approaches, such as preemptive therapy, to preventive strategies to reduce active infections and disease burden. Letermovir, a selective CMV terminase inhibitor, has emerged as a critical prophylactic agent in high-risk transplant populations, significantly lowering infection rates and improving survival with

- **Geçmiş: reaktif → preemptif dönem**
- **Şimdi: profilaksi temelli yaklaşım (özellikle Letermovir)**
- **Gelecek: immün-rehberli kişiselleştirilmiş CMV yönetimi**

follow-up. Looking into the future, ongoing innovations in immune monitoring and antiviral development will likely lead to a more personalized approach to CMV prevention and treatment, optimizing care based on patient-specific risk profiles and immune competence.

# CMV 2025 Uluslararası Konsensus Kılavuzu

## Profilakside yeni dönem: LETERMOVIR

D+/R- böbrek naklinde **valgansiklovire eşdeğer etkinlik**

## Miyelosupresyon yok

Yüksek risk gruplarında birinci basamak profilaksi seçeneği

## QNAT (CMV DNA) için yeni standartlar

<0.5 log<sub>10</sub> IU/mL değişiklik klinik olarak anlamlı değil

Çok düşük pozitiflik → **blip** olarak değerlendirilebilir

## Sekonder profilaksi için net algoritma

Refrakter/dirençli CMV sonrası zorunlu

İmmün yanıt-temelli yönetim

## The Fourth International Consensus Guidelines on the Management of Cytomegalovirus in Solid Organ Transplantation

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### INTRODUCTION

We are in the midst of a true modernization of the management of cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection after organ transplantation. Numerous recent advances are the culmination of years of basic and translational research followed by rigorous clinical trials by the transplant community. CMV has always been, and remains, one of the most common opportunistic infections affecting solid organ transplant (SOT) recipients. CMV can lead to serious illness in transplant patients and also impact short- and long-term allograft function through immunomodulatory downstream sequelae. It carries the infamous but befitting title as the “troll of transplantation.” However, recent advances, covering the spectrum from understanding host-viral interactions to optimal prevention and treatment strategies, have paved the way for an increasingly scientific and

evidence-based approach to CMV. A panel of experts on CMV and SOT recipients convened under the auspices of The Transplantation Society published international consensus guidelines on CMV management in 2010,<sup>1</sup> 2013,<sup>2</sup> and 2018.<sup>3</sup> Topics included diagnostics, immunology, prevention, treatment, resistance, and pediatrics. Given many recent advances in the field, a fourth meeting of experts was convened in June 2024 in Montreal, Canada, to update these guidelines.

As with the last version of the guidelines, the expert panel rated the quality of evidence, on which recommendations are based, by following the Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development, and Evaluation system, which allows for a systematic weighting of the strength of recommendation (eg, high, moderate, low, very low) and quality of evidence (eg, strong, weak; Table S1, SDC, <http://links.lww.com>/

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# İmmün yanıt ölçümünün (QuantiFERON-CMV) klinik önemini gerçek verilerle gösteren merkezimizden bir çalışma

- ☒ 334 karaciğer nakli hastasında
- ☒ CMV-QF negatif olanlarda CMV enfeksiyonu riskinin 26 kat arttığını gösterildi



## Predictive Value of Pretransplant Cytomegalovirus-Specific Cellular Immunity for Posttransplant CMV Infection in Liver Transplant Recipients Under Antiviral Prophylaxis

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### ABSTRACT

**Background.** Existing data suggest that cytomegalovirus (CMV)-specific cell-mediated immunity (CMV-CMI) in solid organ recipients may predict post-transplant CMV infection, but the available information is still limited, and needs to be validated for larger patient populations under certain circumstances. This study aimed to determine whether CMV-CMI could predict post-transplant CMV infection in liver transplant recipients (LTRs) receiving antiviral prophylaxis (AVP).

**Methods.** A total of 1769 LTRs at the Inonu University Liver Transplantation Institute were retrospectively analyzed. CMV-CMI in a total of 334 patients (> 91% were CMV donor [D] positive/recipient [R] positive) who received AVP were analyzed using the CMV-Interferon (CMV-QF; QuantiFERON-CMV, Qiagen, Germany) assay within the week before transplantation. Patients were divided into two groups: group 1 (positive; n = 171, 51.2%) and group 2 (negative; n = 163, 48.8%). Patient variables were analyzed statistically.

**Results** A total of 124 LTRs developed CMV infection. Patients' pre-transplant characteristics

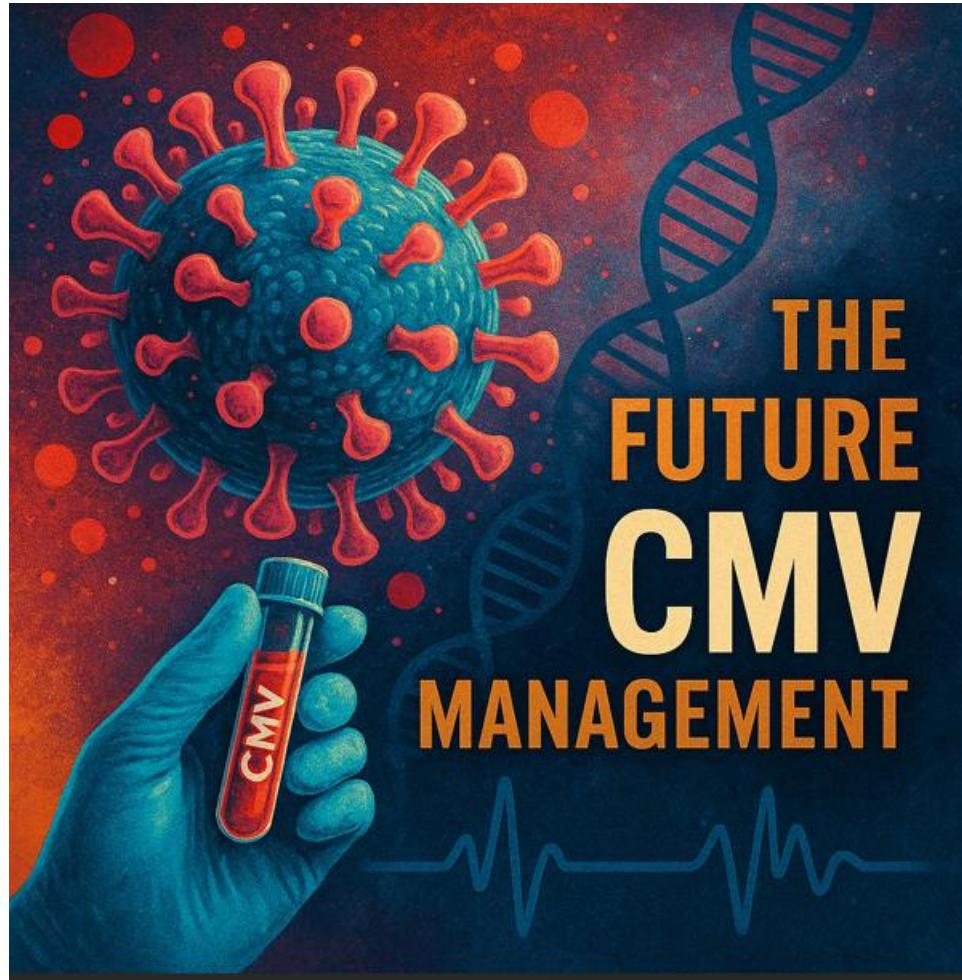
- CMV-QF pozitif = Hücresel immünitesi var (n=171)
- CMV-QF negatif = Hücresel immünitesi zayıf/yok (n=163)

plant CMV infection for LTRs receiving AVP. Therefore, further consideration should be made for the LTRs with negative CMV-CMI.

# Geleceği şekillendirecek: İmmün monitorizasyon

- *IFN- $\gamma$  release assays (IGRAs) for CMV*
- CMV-spesifik T hücre yanıtının ölçülmesi  
→ profilaksi süresini bireyselleştirmeyi mümkün kılar.
- **Immune reconstitution profiling**
- Güçlü T hücre yanıtı olan hastalarda erken profilaksi sonlandırma  
Zayıf yanıtı olanlarda uzatma
- **Kişiye özel CMV önleme ve tedavi**
- CMV yönetimi artık bir “tek boyutlu protokol” değil,  
→ **bireyselleştirilmiş algoritmalar** doğru gidiyor.

**“Gelecek dekad: antiviral gelişmeleri+ immün aracılı tedaviler = kişiselleştirilmiş CMV çağrı”**



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