



On Equality
in Beating
Cancer

Spectrum of challenges of HCP in terms of adapting to the complex and rapidly changing cancer treatment paradigms and with respect to doctor - patient communication

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- Every person is unique
 - So is every cancer

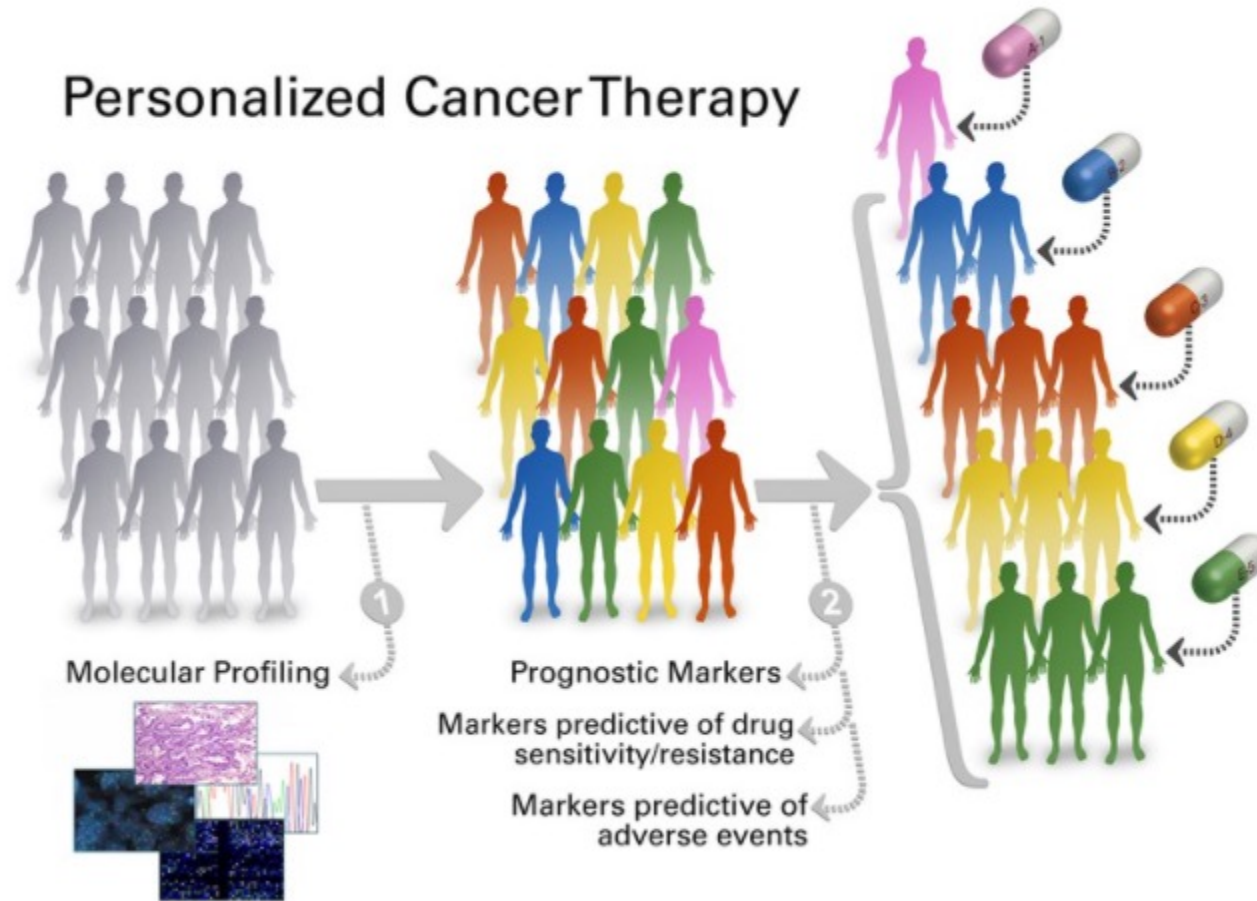
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Personalised Medicine

A form of medicine that uses information about a person's own genes or proteins to prevent, diagnose, or treat disease.

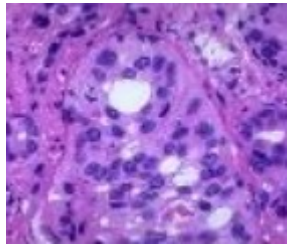
In cancer, personalized medicine uses specific information about a person's tumor to help make a diagnosis, plan treatment, find out how well treatment is working, or make a prognosis.

Personalized Cancer Therapy



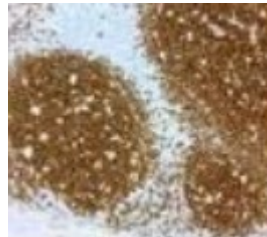
Histological (Tissue) Testing

Hematoxilin&Eosin staining



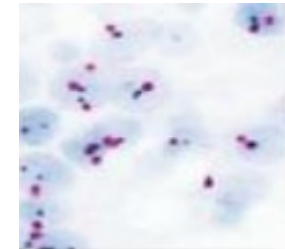
One of the principal tissue stains used in histology.
Hematoxylin stains cell nuclei blue, eosin stains the extracellular matrix and cytoplasm pink

Immunohistochemistry (IHC)



Selectively identifies antigens (proteins) in cells, to detect the presence of a specific protein marker that can assist with accurate tumor classification and diagnosis

In Situ Hybridization (ISH)



Uses a labeled complementary DNA, RNA probes to localize a specific DNA or RNA sequence in tissue
FISH, CISH

Molecular Testing

qPCR

qPCR allows for the analysis of particular variants at specific locations.

✓ Benefits

- High sensitivity
- Quick and simple workflow
- Capital equipment already found in most labs

✗ Limitations

- Only examines a small set of variants
- Virtually no discovery power¹⁻⁴
- Low variant resolution¹⁻⁴
- Low scalability⁵

Variant present

Comprehensive Genomic Profiling CGP

Analyses known cancer-relevant genes (tumor genome)

Targeted NGS

Targeted NGS simultaneously screens several hundred to thousands of genes.

✓ Benefits

- Expanded discovery power through comprehensive genomic coverage
- Higher analytical sensitivity^{6,7}
- Greater resolution of genomic variants¹⁻⁴
- More data from smaller DNA amounts⁵
- Higher throughput with sample multiplexing⁵

✗ Limitations

- May be less cost effective when interrogating a low number of samples
- Requires a dedicated data-handling workflow

Prophylaxis

- Earlier diagnosis- personalized screening for high-risk populations

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BRCA PATHOGENIC/LIKELY PATHOGENIC VARIANT-POSITIVE MANAGEMENT

GENERAL

- Education regarding signs and symptoms of cancer(s), especially those associated with *BRCA* gene pathogenic/likely pathogenic variants.

BREAST CANCER

Female

- ▶ Breast awareness^a starting at age 18 years.
 - ▶ Clinical breast exam, every 6–12 months,^b starting at age 25 years.
 - ▶ Breast screening^{c,d}
 - ◊ Age 25–29 years, annual breast MRI^e screening with contrast^f (or mammogram with consideration of tomosynthesis, only if MRI is unavailable) or individualized based on family history if a breast cancer diagnosis before age 30 is present.
 - ◊ Age 30–75 years, annual mammogram with consideration of tomosynthesis and breast MRI^e screening with contrast.
 - ◊ Age >75 years, management should be considered on an individual basis.
 - ◊ For individuals with a *BRCA* pathogenic/likely pathogenic variant who are treated for breast cancer and have not had a bilateral mastectomy, screening with annual mammogram with consideration of tomosynthesis and breast MRI should continue as described above.
 - ▶ Discuss option of risk-reducing mastectomy
 - ◊ Counseling should include a discussion regarding degree of protection, reconstruction options, and risks. In addition, the family history and residual breast cancer risk with age and life expectancy should be considered during counseling.
 - ▶ Address psychosocial and quality-of-life aspects of undergoing risk-reducing mastectomy.
 - ▶ Consider risk reduction agents as options for breast cancer, including discussion of risks and benefits ([See Discussion](#) for details). ([See NCCN Guidelines for Breast Cancer Risk Reduction](#)).
- ##### Male
- ▶ Breast self-exam training and education starting at age 35 years.
 - ▶ Clinical breast exam, every 12 months, starting at age 35 years.
 - ▶ Consider annual mammogram screening in men with gynecomastia starting at age 50 or 10 years before the earliest known male breast cancer in the family (whichever comes first).^g

NCCN recommendations have been developed to be inclusive of individuals of all sexual and gender identities to the greatest extent possible. On this page, the terms males and females refer to sex assigned at birth.

^a Females should be familiar with their breasts and promptly report changes to their health care provider. Periodic, consistent breast self exam (BSE) may facilitate breast self awareness. Premenopausal individuals may find BSE most informative when performed at the end of menses.

^b Randomized trials comparing clinical breast exam versus no screening have not been performed. Rationale for recommending clinical breast exam every 6–12 mo is the concern for interval breast cancers.

^c The appropriateness of imaging modalities and scheduling is still under study.

^d Lowy KP, Lee JM, Kong CY, et al. Cancer 2012;118:2021-2030.

^e Lehman CD, et al. J Natl Cancer Inst 2016;108.

^e The criteria for high-quality breast MRI include a dedicated breast coil, the ability to perform biopsy under MRI guidance, radiologists experienced in breast MRI, and regional availability. Breast MRI is preferably performed on days 7–15 of a menstrual cycle for premenopausal patients. FDA Drug Safety Communication: FDA identifies no harmful effects to date with brain retention of gadolinium-based contrast agents for MRIs; review to continue.

^f Breast MRI is preferred due to the theoretical risk of radiation exposure in pathogenic/likely pathogenic variant carriers.

^g There are only limited data to support screening for male breast cancer. Gao Y, et al Radiology 2019;293:282-291.

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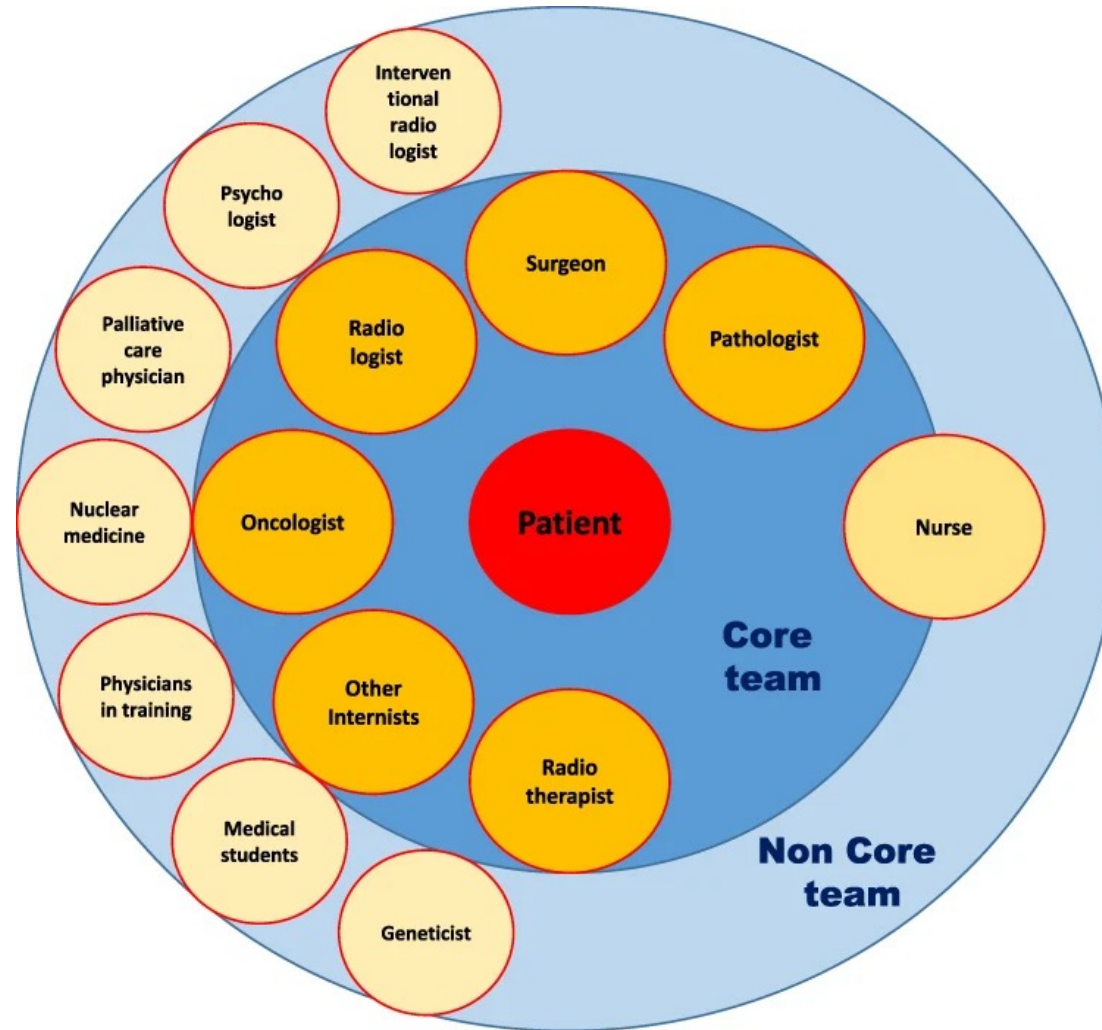
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BRCA-A
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- Prophylactic surgery



Multidisciplinary Approach

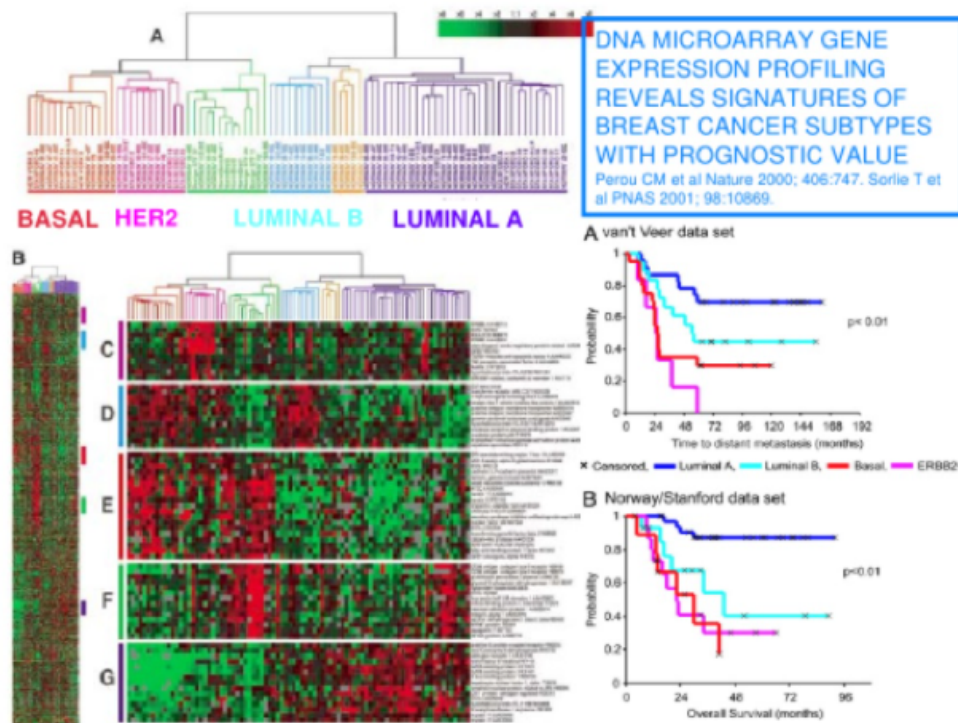


Cancer Treatment

The right medicine for the right patient at the right time

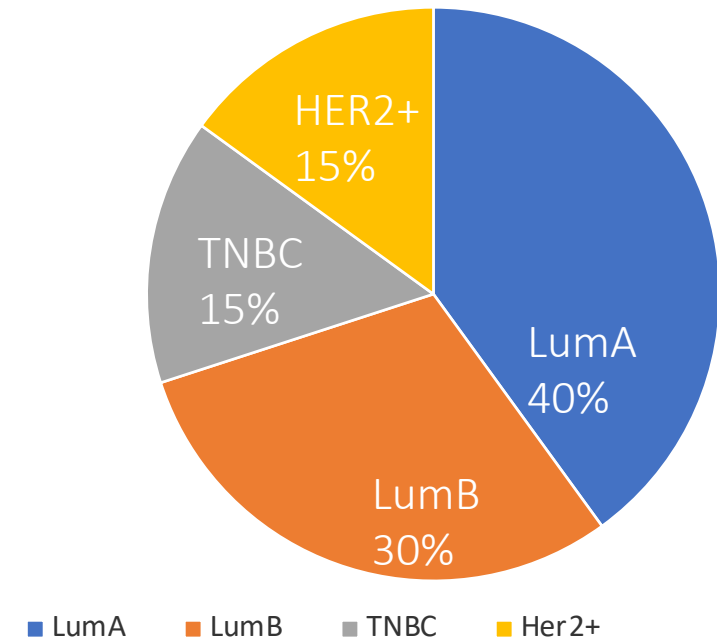
Targeted therapy is a cancer treatment that uses drugs to target specific genes and proteins that are involved in the growth and survival of cancer cells (*cancer.net*)

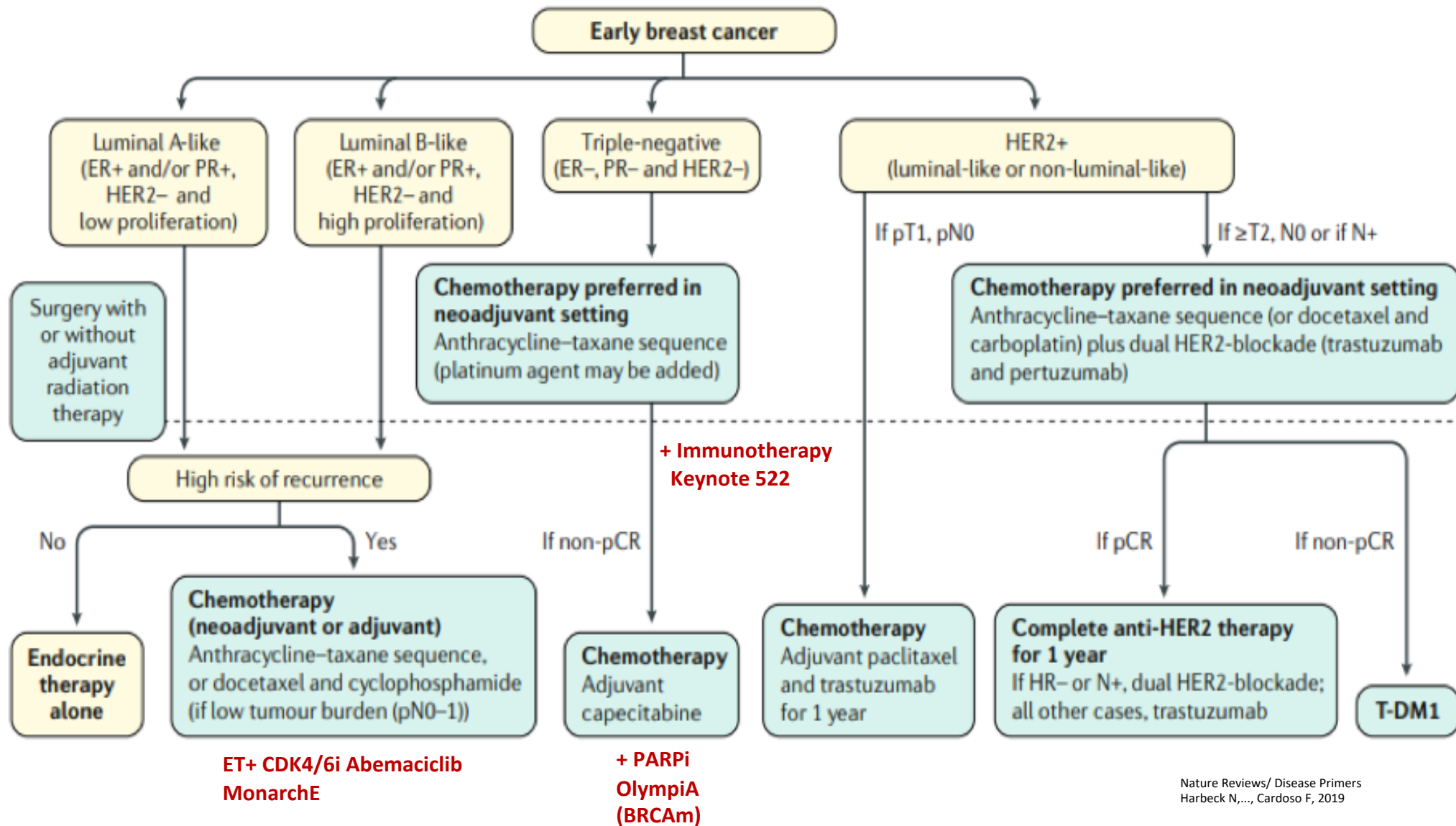
Breast Cancer Molecular Subtypes



Molecular BC Subtype Correlates with IHC

- Luminal A- ER/PR+, HER2-, low ki-67, G1
- Luminal B- ER/PR+, HER2-, high ki-67, G2/3
- Triple negative- ER/PR-, HER2-
- HER2 positive- ER/PR-, HER2+





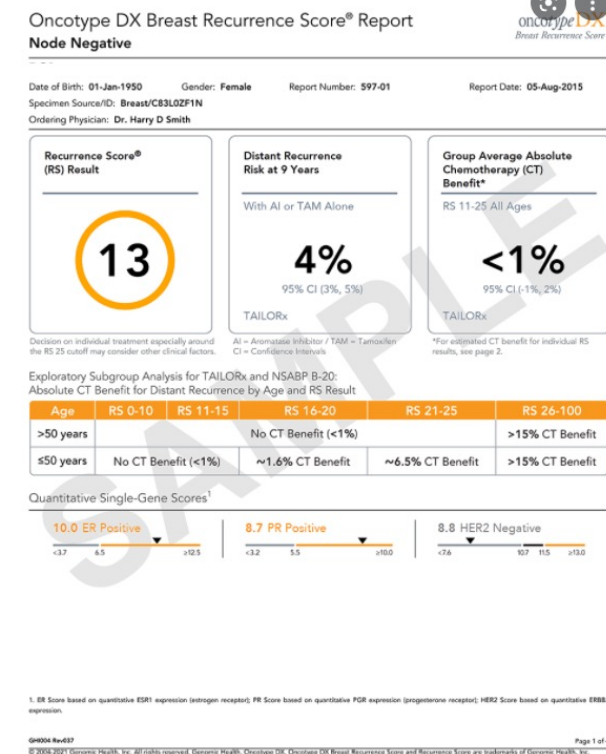
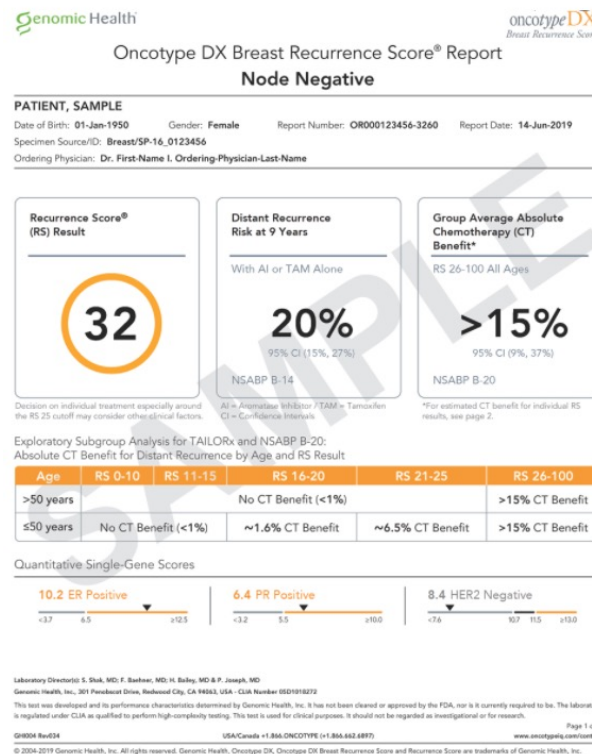
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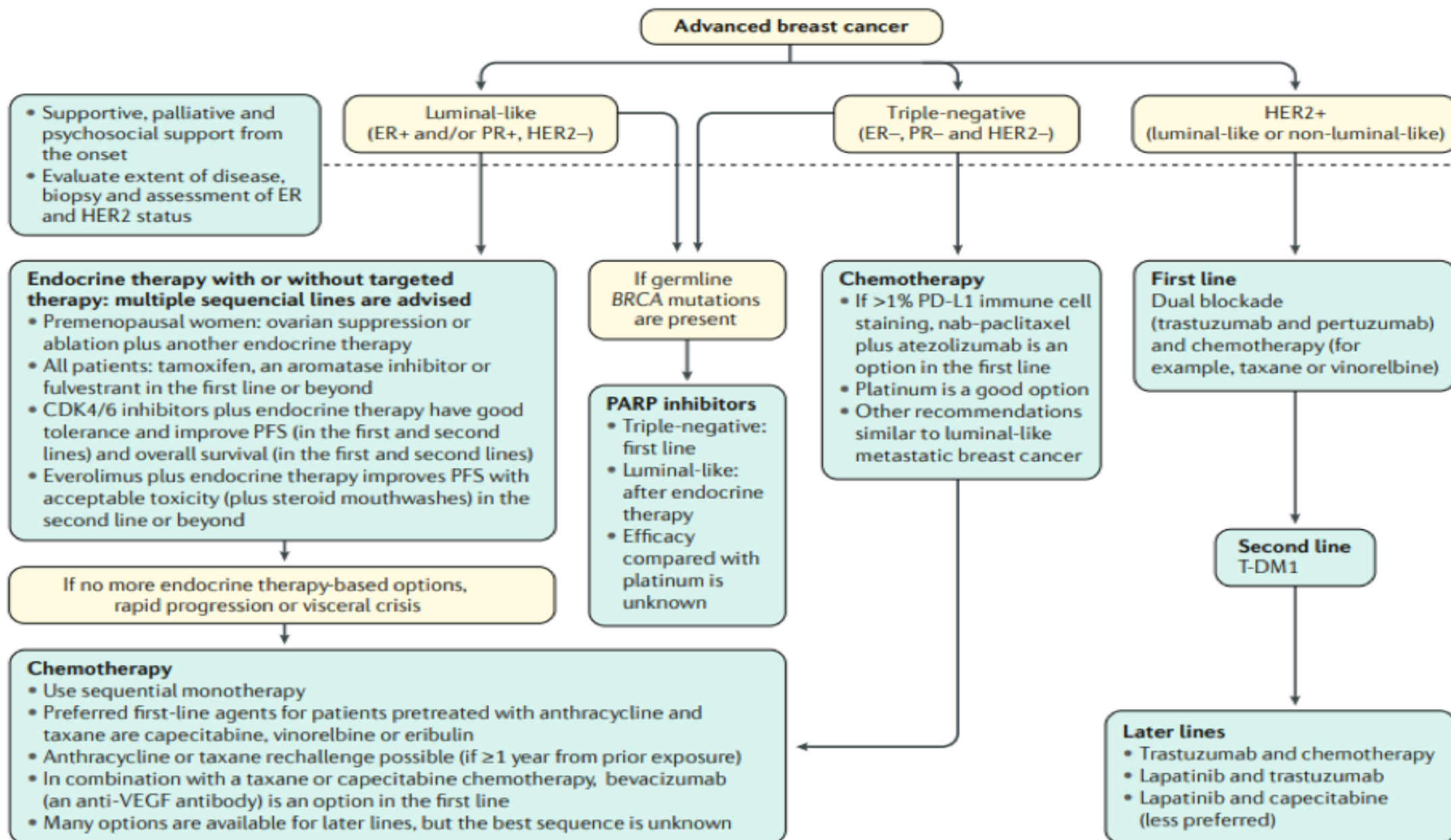
Breast Cancer Risk of Recurrence

Oncotype DX

TAILORX (T≤ 5cm, N0), RxPONDER (T≤ 5cm, 1-3 I/m)

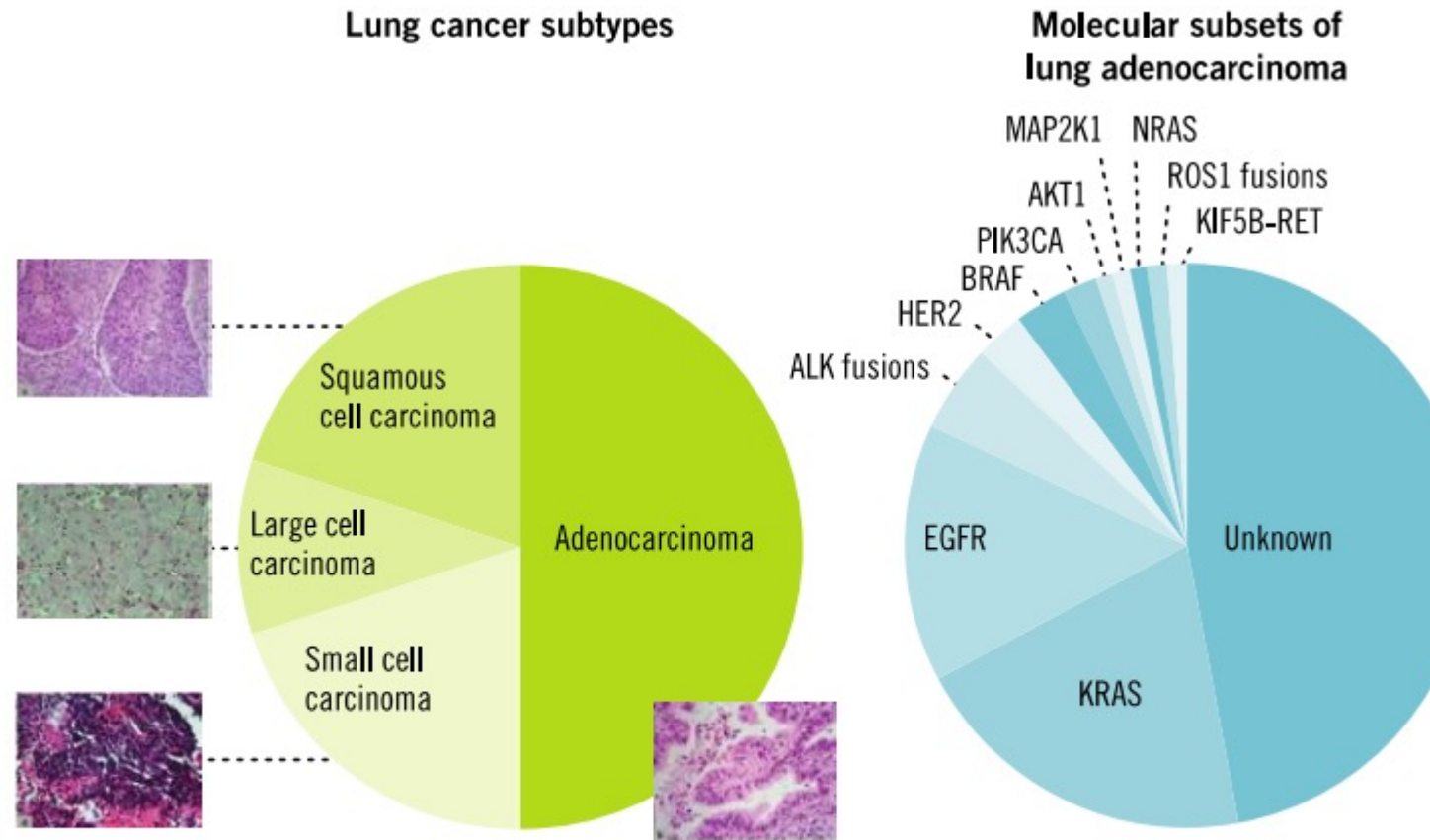


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Lung Cancer-Not One Disease

Histological and Molecular Subtypes of Lung Cancer



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NSCLC Treatment

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TESTING RESULTS^{II,mm}

EGFR exon 19 deletion or L858R mutation positive	NSCL-20
EGFR S768I, L861Q, and/or G719X mutation positive	NSCL-23
EGFR exon 20 insertion mutation positive	NSCL-24
KRAS G12C mutation positive	NSCL-25
ALK rearrangement positive	NSCL-26
ROS1 rearrangement positive	NSCL-29
BRAF V600E mutation positive	NSCL-31
NTRK1/2/3 gene fusion positive	NSCL-32
METex14 skipping mutation positive	NSCL-33
RET rearrangement positive	NSCL-34
PD-L1 ≥50% and negative for actionable molecular biomarkers above	NSCL-35
PD-L1 ≥1%–49% and negative for actionable molecular biomarkers above	NSCL-36
PD-L1 <1% and negative for actionable molecular biomarkers above	NSCL-37

^{II} If there is insufficient tissue to allow testing for all of EGFR, KRAS, ALK, ROS1, BRAF, NTRK1/2/3, MET, and RET, repeat biopsy and/or plasma testing should be done. If these are not feasible, treatment is guided by available results and, if unknown, these patients are treated as though they do not have driver oncogenes.
^{mm} [Principles of Molecular and Biomarker Analysis \(NSCL-H\)](#).

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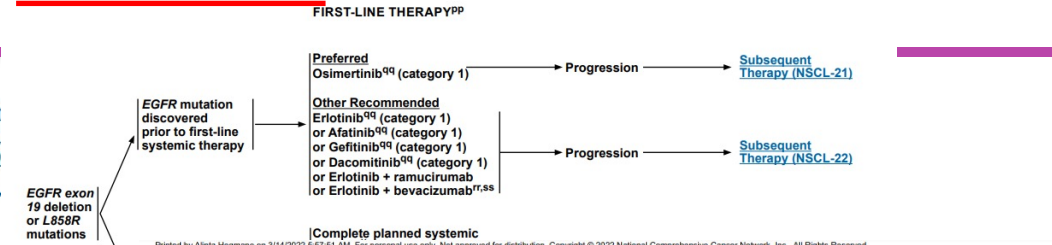



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EGFR EXON 19 DELETION OR L858R MUTATIONS^{mm}



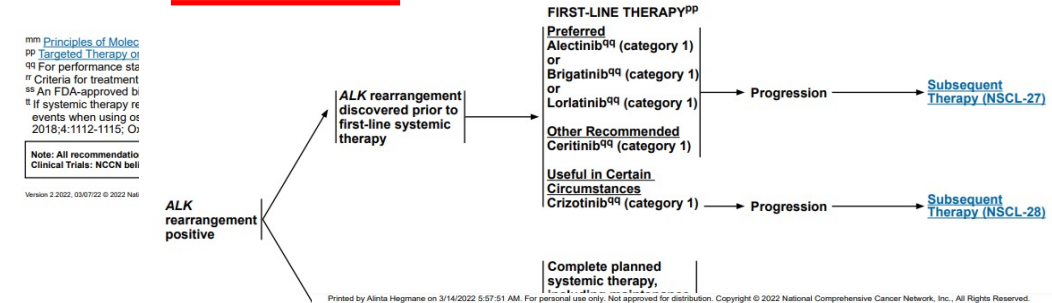



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ALK REARRANGEMENT POSITIVE^{mm}

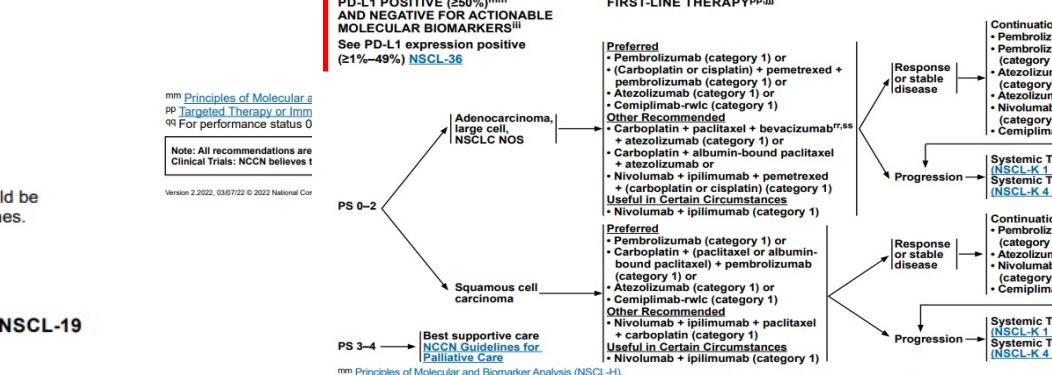




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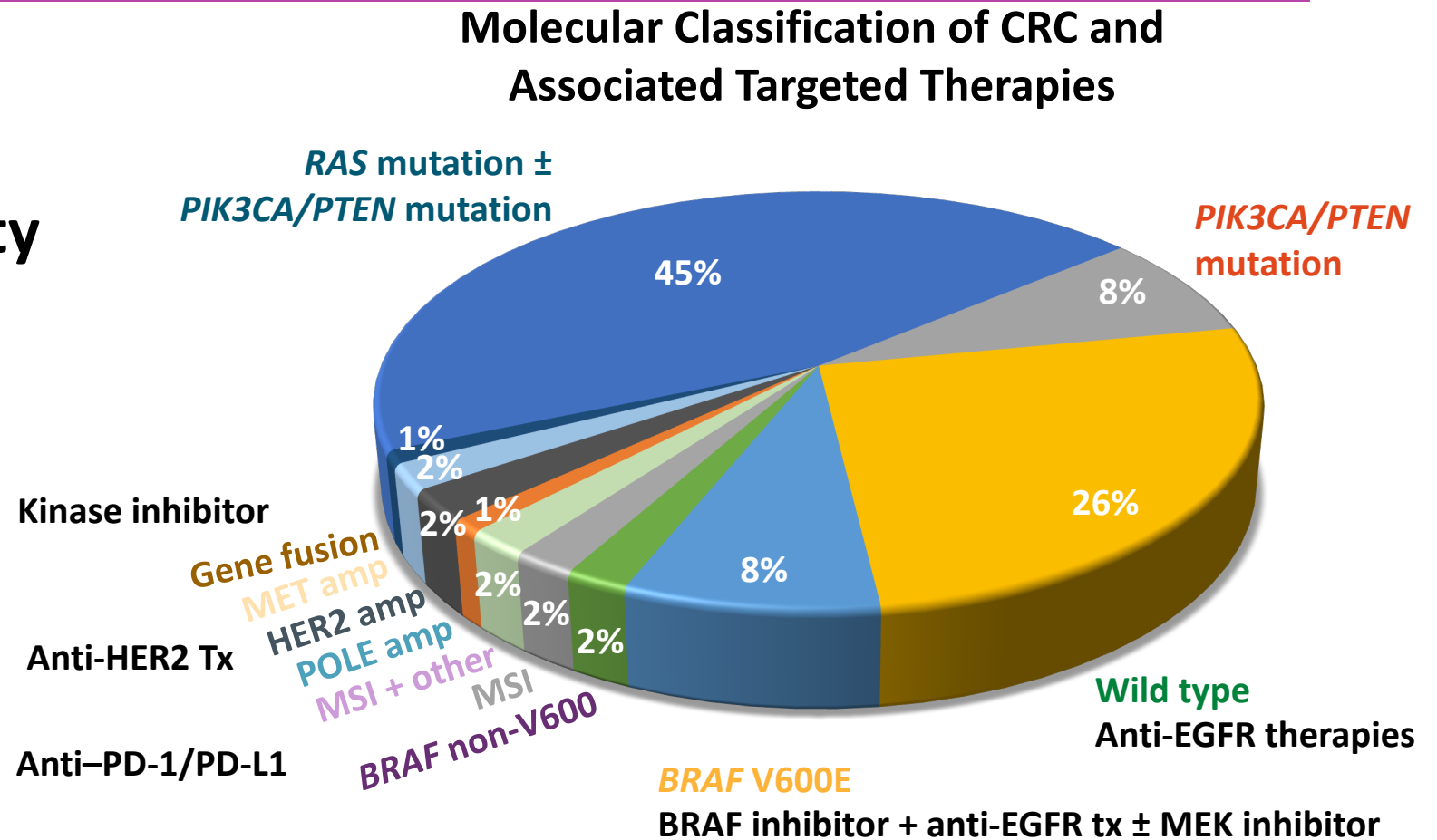
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Biomarker Testing in Colorectal Cancer (CRC)

- For all colon cancers:
 - MMR
 - Microsatellite stability
- Metastatic disease:
 - *KRAS*, *NRAS*, *BRAF*
 - *HER2* amplification
 - Panels: \pm fusion, broad NGS



mCRC Treatment Algorithm

	<i>BRAF/RAS wt</i>	<i>RAS mut</i>	<i>BRAF V600 mut</i>	<i>MSI-H/dMMR</i>	<i>NTRK fusion</i>	<i>HER2 amplification</i>
1L	<i>R side: CT + bev</i> <i>L side: CT + EGFRi or bev¹⁻⁴</i>	CT + bev ⁵⁻⁷	FOLFOXIRI + bev or Doublet + bev	Pembrolizumab	As with <i>BRAF/RAS wt</i>	
	Consider capecitabine + bev maintenance ⁹					
2L	CT as with <i>RAS mut</i> ; If bev: in 1L continue bev or change to EGFRi If EGFRi in 1L, bev	<i>If prior oxaliplatin:</i> irinotecan-based regimen + bev <i>If prior irinotecan:</i> oxaliplatin-based regimen + bev <i>If prior FOLFOXIRI:</i> regorafenib ¹¹ or TAS-102 ± bev ^{12,13}	Consider encorafenib + EGFRi i ¹⁴ ; otherwise, CT + bevacizumab	<i>If no prior PD-1i:</i> PD-1i ± CTLA-4i*; otherwise, CT/TT as with <i>BRAF/RAS wt</i>	<i>If no prior TRK inhibitor:</i> consider larotrectinib or entrectinib ^{15,16} ; otherwise, CT/TT as with <i>BRAF/RAS wt</i>	Consider trastuzumab (+ pertuzumab or lapatinib) or trastuzumab deruxtecan ¹⁷⁻¹⁹ ; otherwise, CT/TT as with <i>BRAF/RAS wt</i>
3L+	<i>If prior oxaliplatin- and irinotecan-based regimens: regorafenib or TAS-102 ± bev</i>			CT, chemotherapy regimens, including oxaliplatin- and/or irinotecan-based regimens (eg, FOLFOX, FOLFIRI, FOLFOXIRI, CAPOX). EGFRi, EGFR inhibitors, including cetuximab or panitumumab. *If prior PD-1i monotherapy only, can consider PD-1i + CTLA-4i		

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Summary

- From “one size fits all” towards personalized treatment in oncology
- Multidisciplinary approach
- Advances in pathology and molecular biology testing to choose the right treatment for the right patient
 - Actionable mutations might not be identified
 - Mutations identified might not driver mutations
 - Identification of “target” (driver mutations) does not help if there is no treatment available
- Considerable delays to get access to evidence based cancer treatments in Latvia



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Thank you!