

# Advances in Colorectal Cancer Diagnostic Testing & Treatment



Concurrent Session  
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# Speakers

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# The Evolving Role of Molecular and Genetic Testing in CRC: Screening and Beyond

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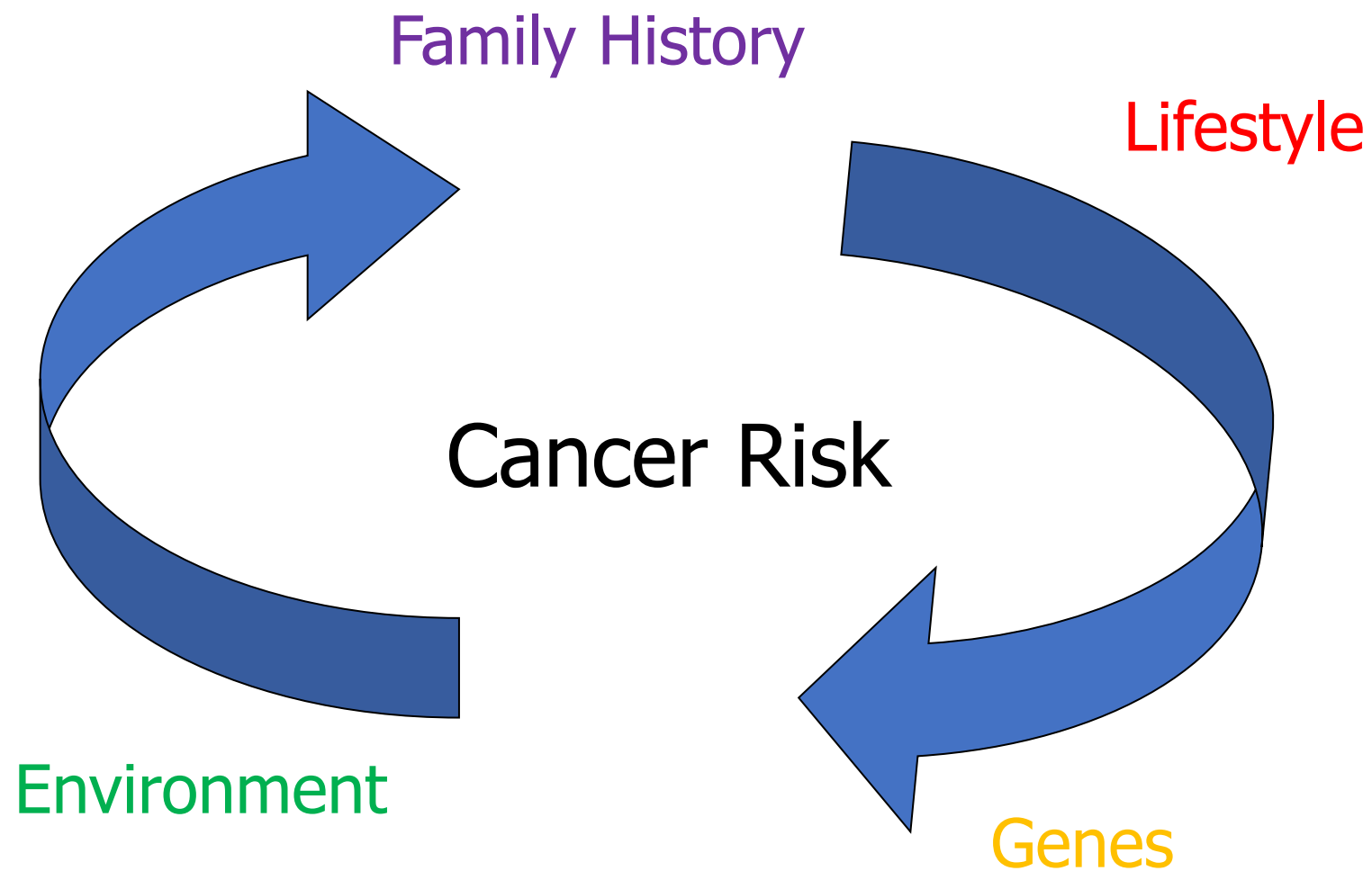




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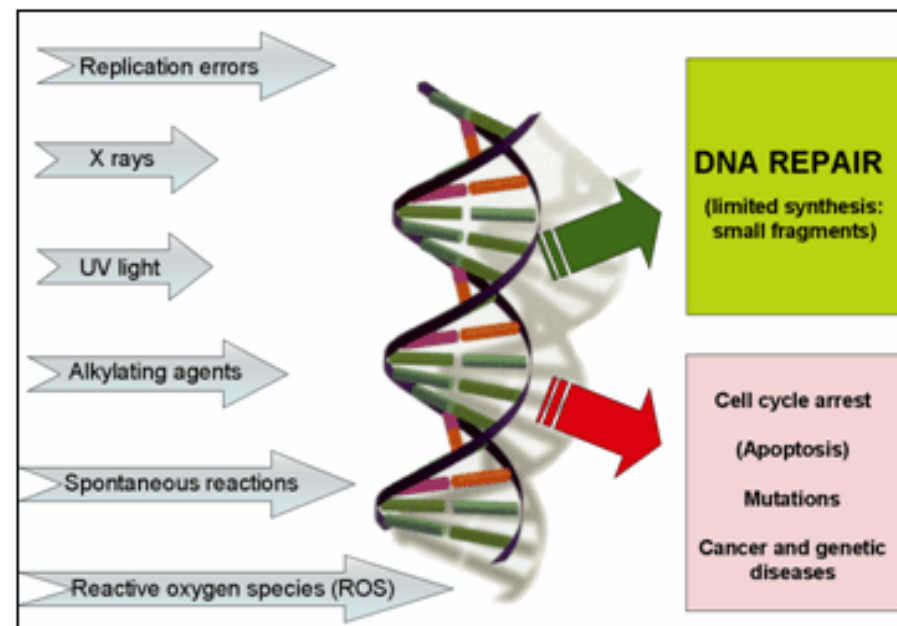
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# Genetics of Cancer

- Cancer is a genetic disease
- Underlying genetic defect causes genomic instability
- Culprit genes: proliferation, apoptosis, DNA repair
  - Most cancers have mutations in many of these genes



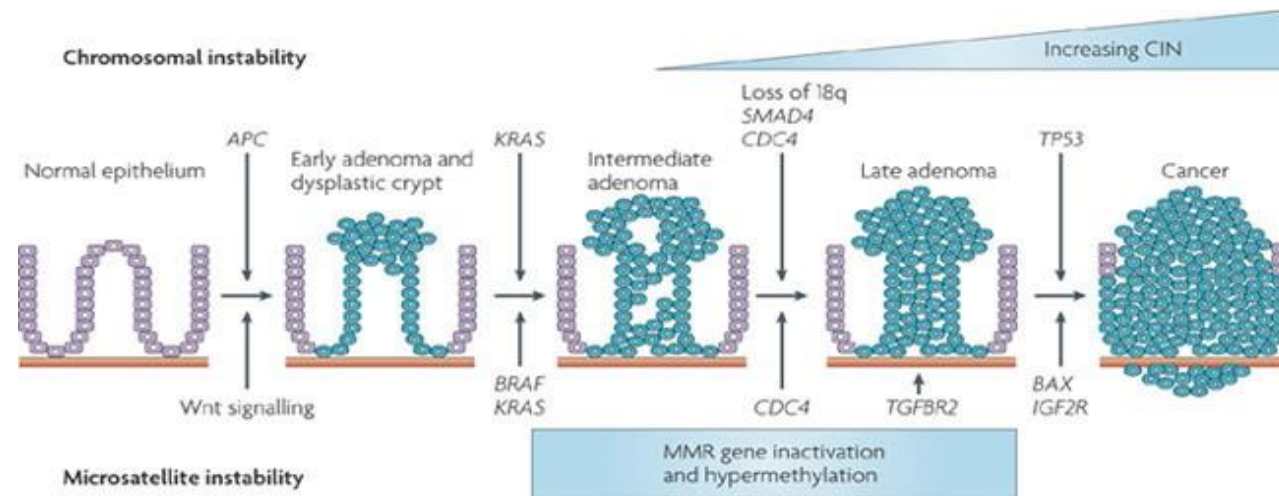
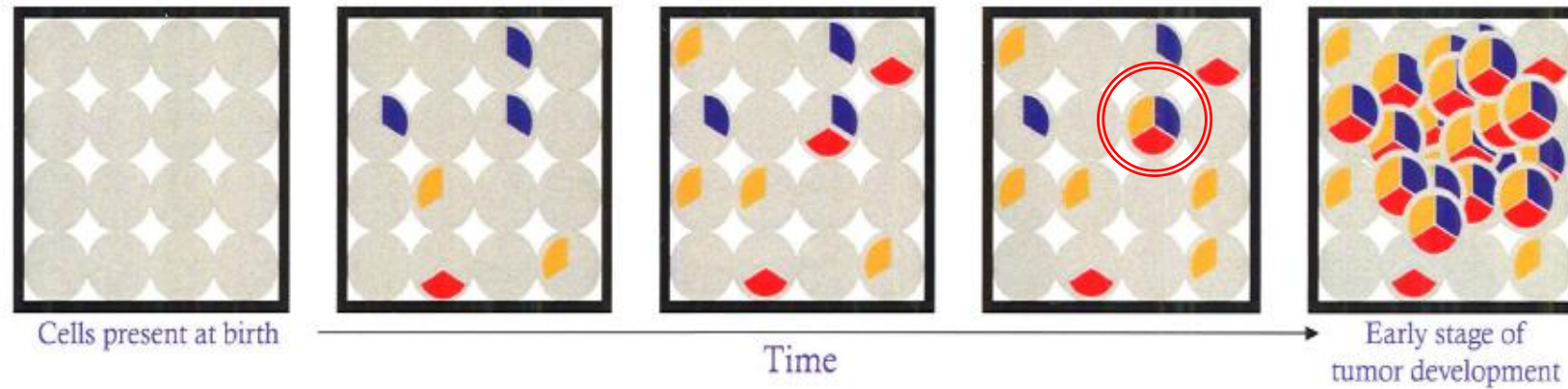




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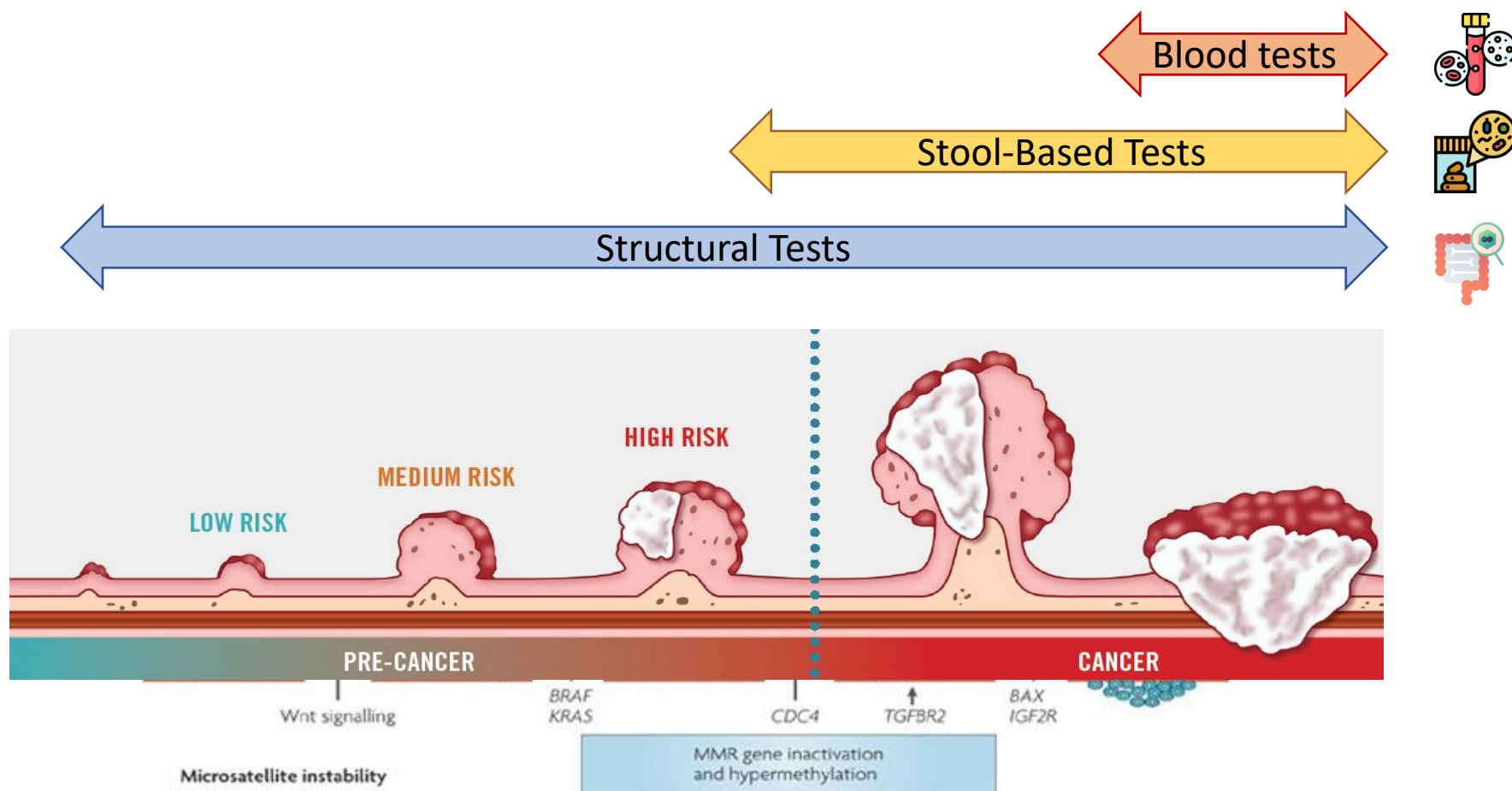
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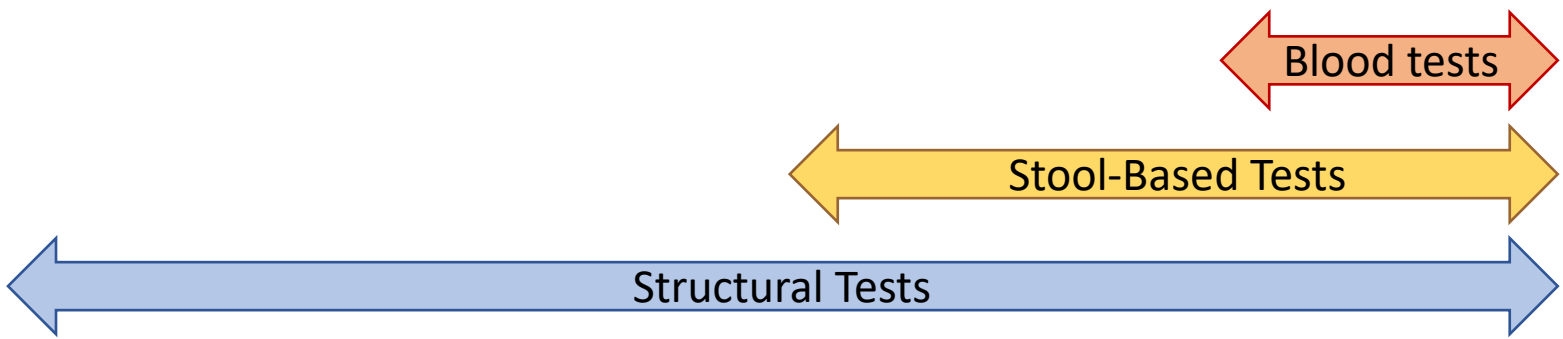


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## Next-Generation Multitarget Stool DNA Test for Colorectal Cancer Screening

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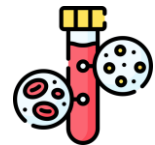
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### A Cell-free DNA Blood-Based Test for Colorectal Cancer Screening

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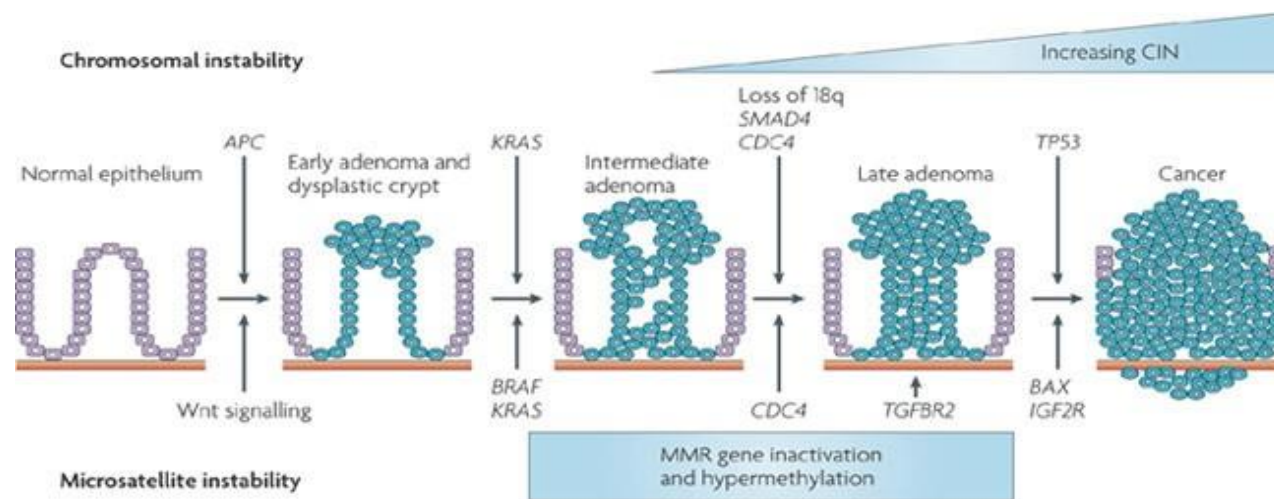
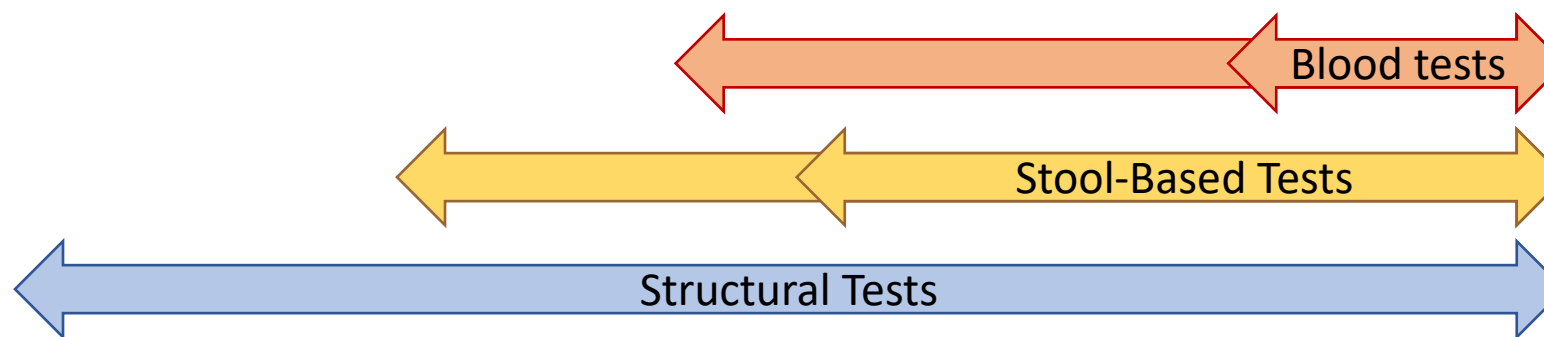




	CRC Sensitivity	AA Sensitivity	aCRN Specificity
Septin-9	68%	22%	80%
Guardant SHIELD	83%	13%	90%
FIT	81%	28%	94%
MT-sDNA I	92%	42%	89%
MT-sDNA II	94%	43%	91%
Stool RNA	94%	46%	88%
Colonoscopy	>99%	95%	89%
CT Colonography	90%	89%	94%

Patel & Dominitz. *Ann Int Med* 2024; 177(4):49-64.  
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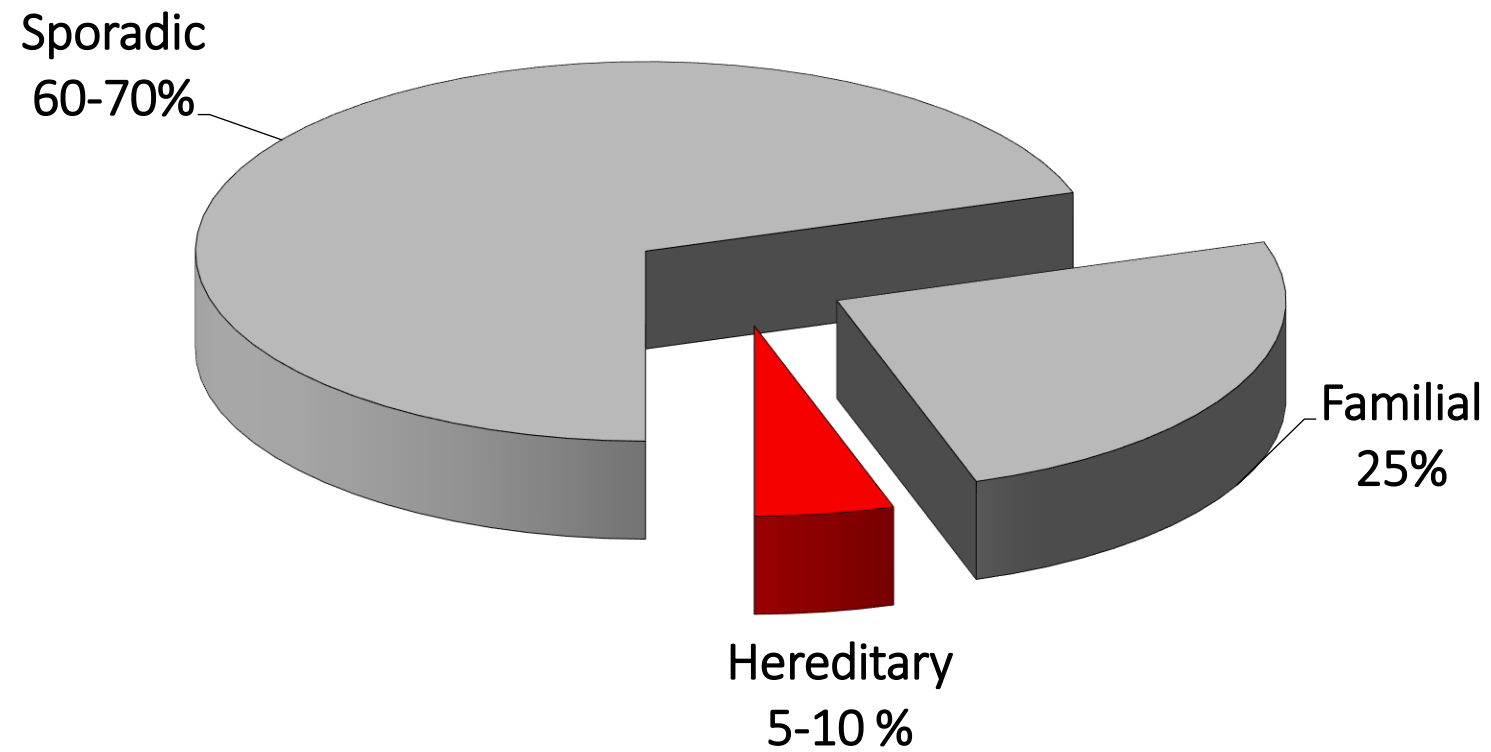




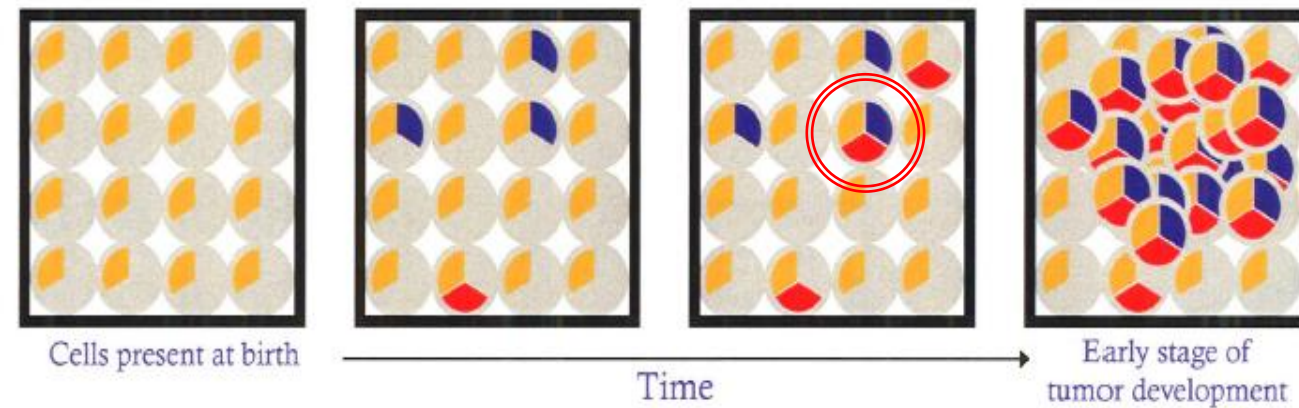
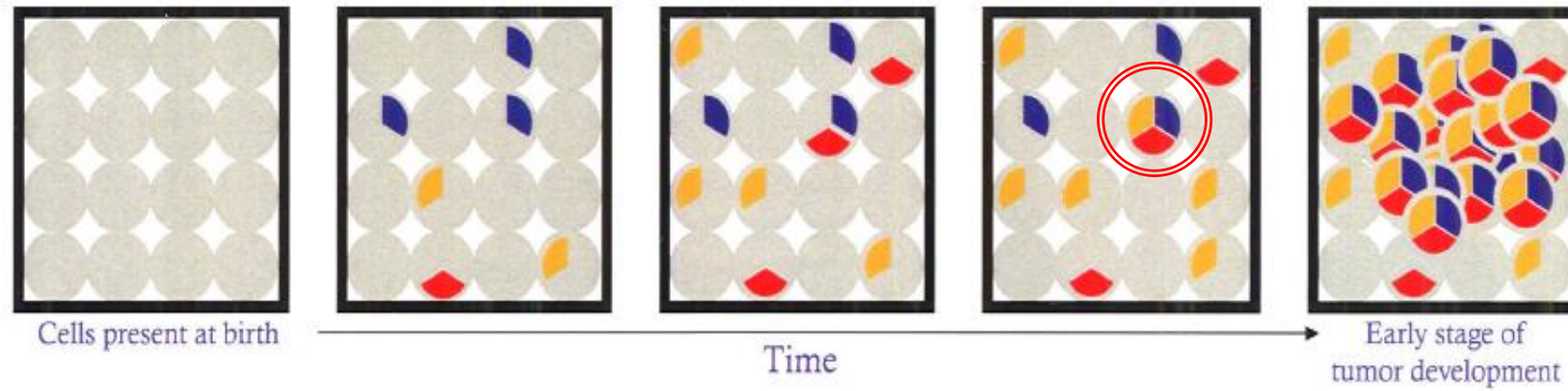
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Estimated New Cases\*

		Males		Females		
Prostate	217,730	28%		Breast	207,090	28%
Lung & bronchus	116,750	15%		Lung & bronchus	105,770	14%
Colon & rectum	72,090	9%		Colon & rectum	70,480	10%
Urinary bladder	52,760	7%		Uterine corpus	43,470	6%
Melanoma of the skin	38,870	5%		Thyroid	33,930	5%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	35,380	4%		Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	30,160	4%
Kidney & renal pelvis	35,370	4%		Melanoma of the skin	29,260	4%
Oral cavity & pharynx	25,420	3%		Kidney&renal pelvis	22,870	3%
Leukemia	24,690	3%		Ovary	21,880	3%
Pancreas	21,370	3%		Pancreas	21,770	3%
<b>All sites</b>	<b>789,620</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>All sites</b>	<b>739,940</b>	<b>100%</b>

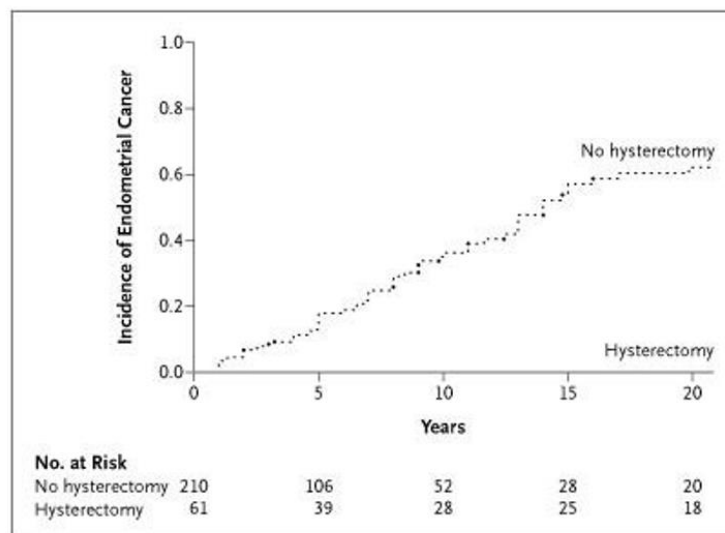
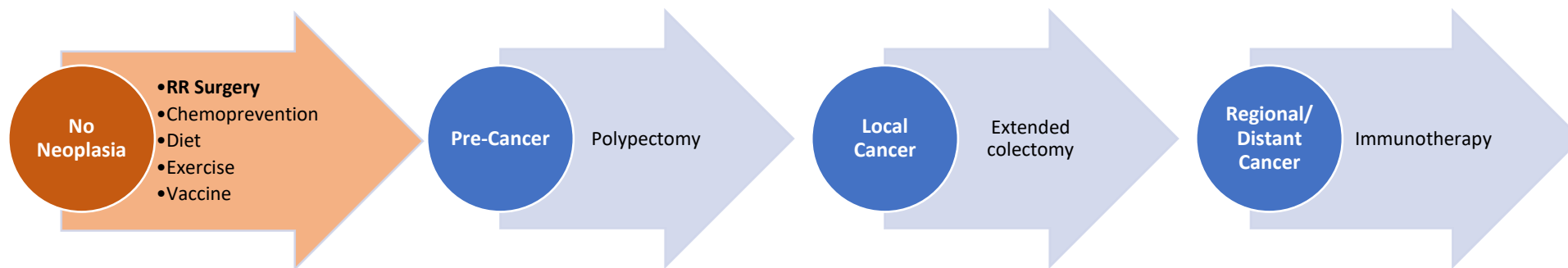
Estimated Deaths

		Males		Females		
Lung & bronchus	86,220	29%		Lung & bronchus	71,080	26%
Prostate	32,050	11%		Breast	39,840	15%
Colon & rectum	26,580	9%		Colon & rectum	24,790	9%
Pancreas	18,770	6%		Pancreas	18,030	7%
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	12,720	4%		Ovary	13,850	5%
Leukemia	12,660	4%		Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	9,500	4%
Esophagus	11,650	4%		Leukemia	9,180	3%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	10,710	4%		Uterine corpus	7,950	3%
Urinary bladder	10,410	3%		Multiple myeloma	6,190	2%
Kidney & renal pelvis	8,210	3%		Brain & other nervous system	5,720	2%
<b>All sites</b>	<b>299,200</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>All sites</b>	<b>270,290</b>	<b>100%</b>



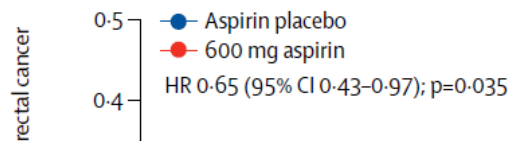
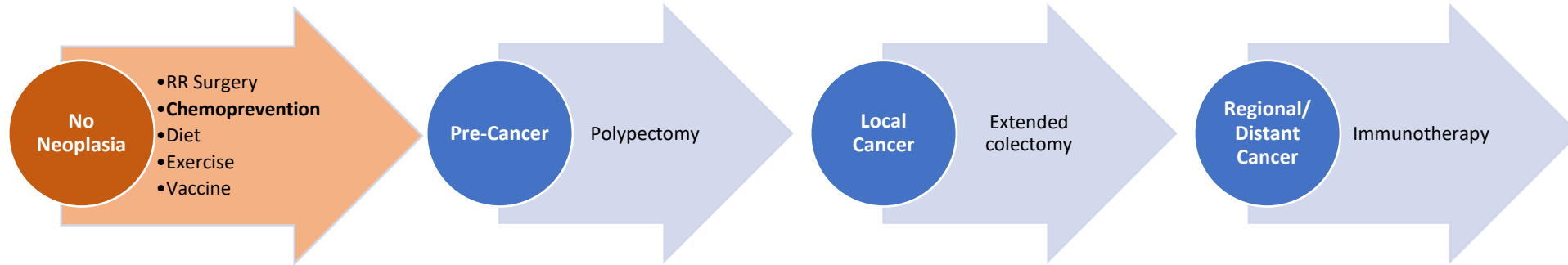


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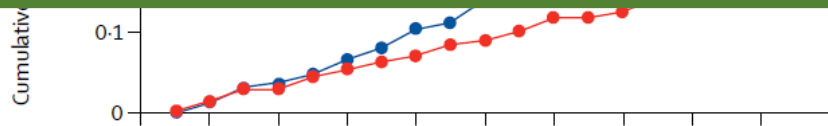




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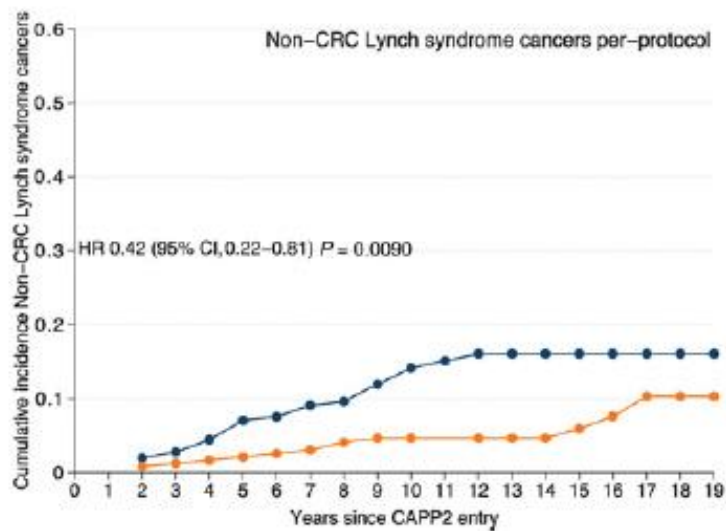
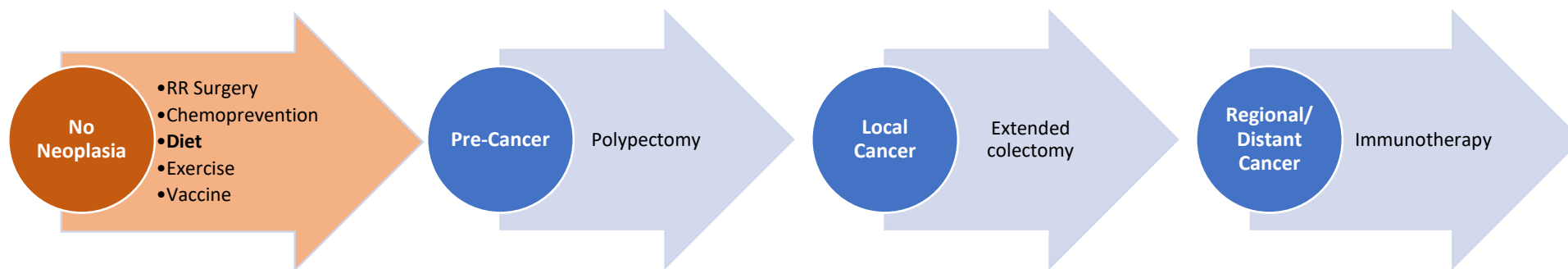


**Number Needed To Treat to Prevent 1 CRC = 24**



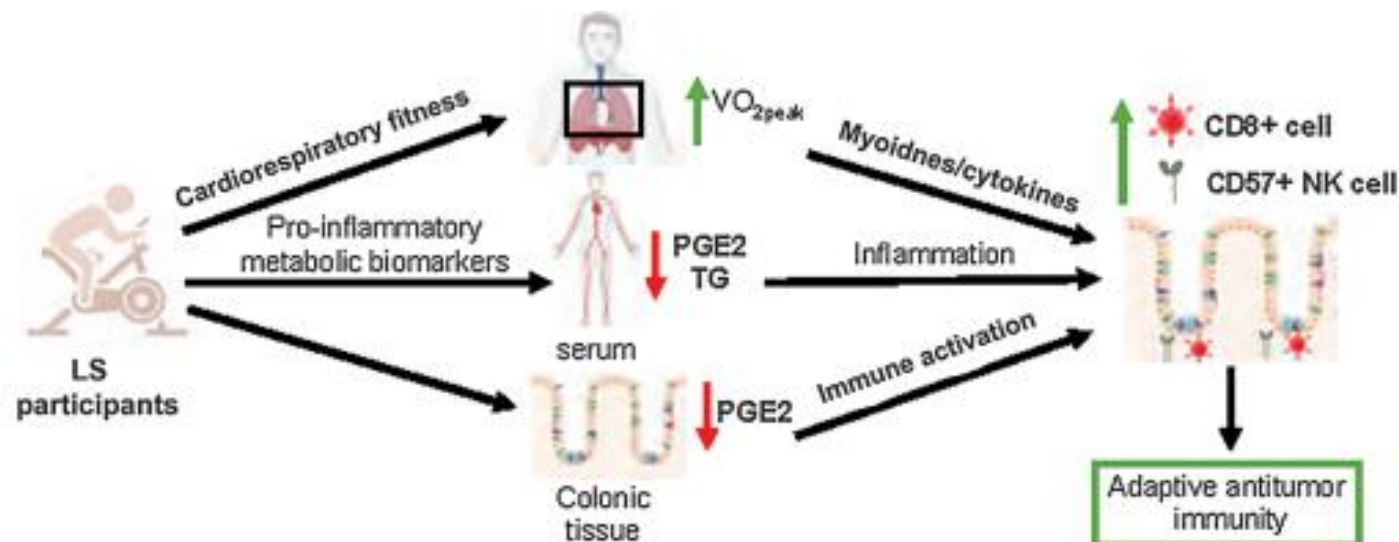
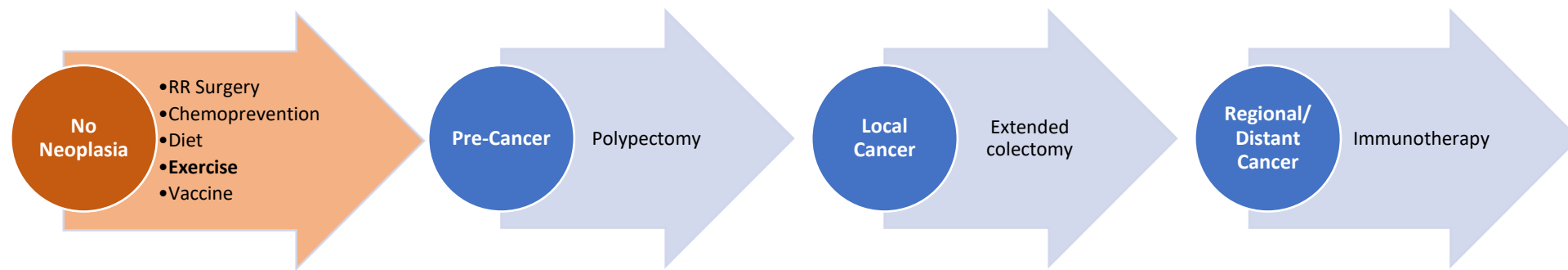


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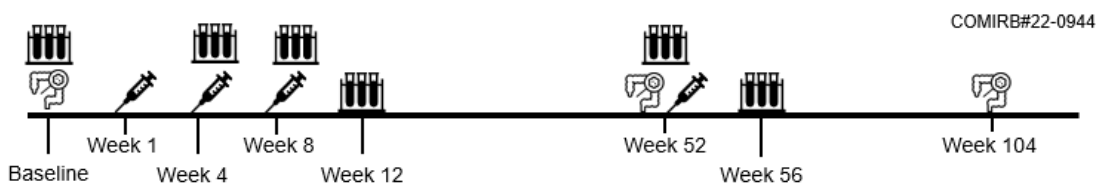
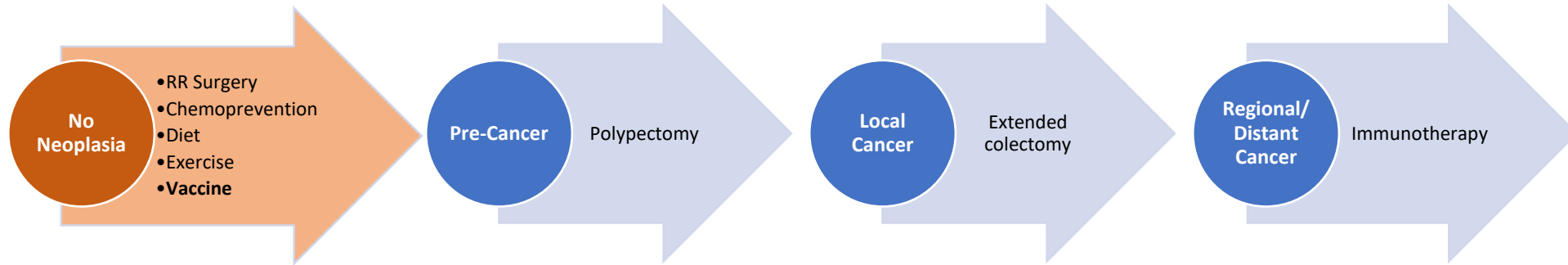


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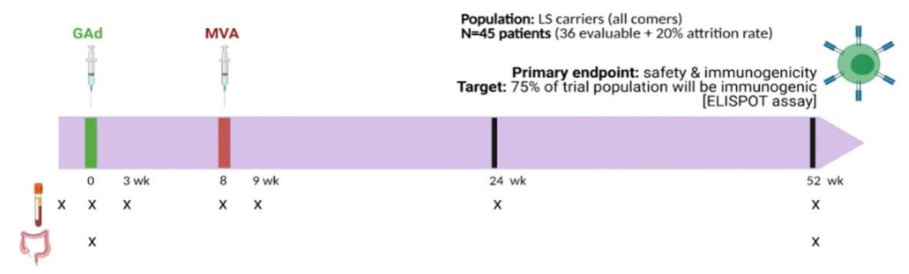
- Standard of Care Colonoscopy
- Vaccine Administration
- Research Blood Draw

ELIGIBILITY	
• Lynch Syndrome Diagnosis	• 18 years of age
• Able to partake in research	• Able to commit to 2 years of blood draws and colonoscopies
• Able to commit to 2 years of research-related appointments	
PRIMARY OUTCOME	
• Cumulative colorectal neoplasia	



	cMS type	Mutation frequency (CRC) <sup>†</sup>	Mutation frequency (EC) <sup>†</sup>
TAF1B(-1)	A11	74.6%	50.0%
HT001(-1)	A11	86.2%	92.9%
AIM2(-1)	A10	81.6%	71.4%

TAF1B(-1): H-NTQIKALNRGLKKKTLKAGIGMCKYKVSIFFNKQKP-OH  
 AIM2(-1): H-HSTIKVKAKKKHREVKRTNSSLV-OH  
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Kloor et al. Clin Cancer Res 2020;26(17):4503-10.

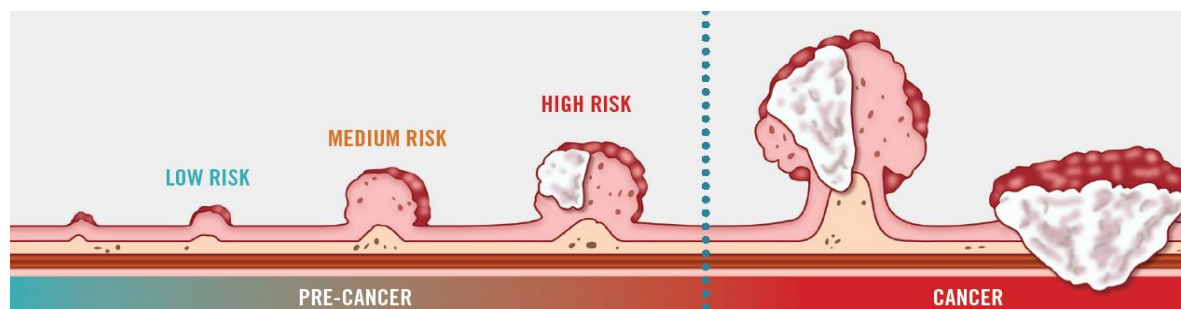
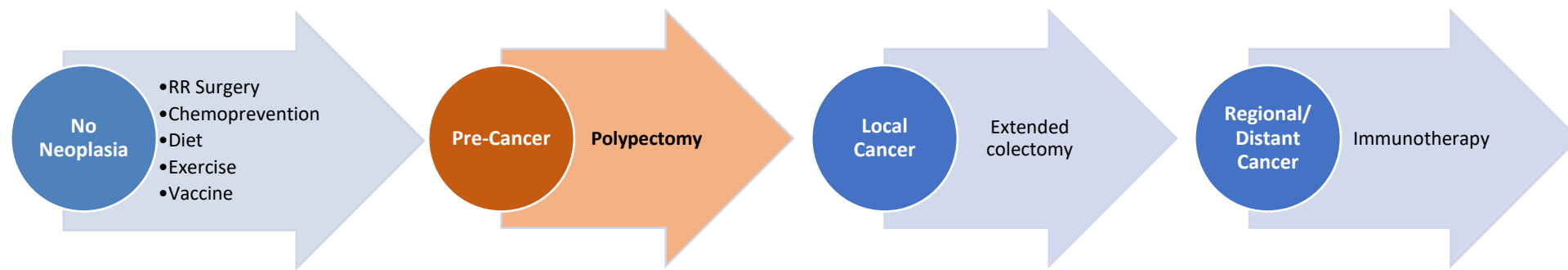
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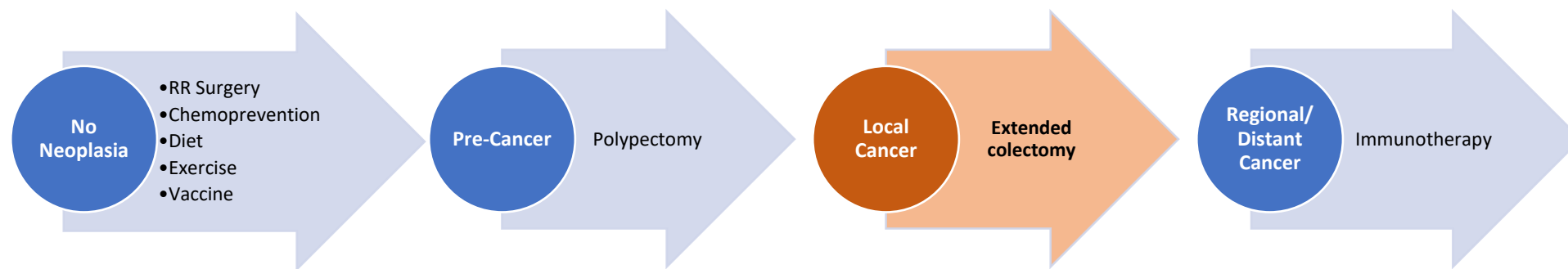
62% reduction in CRC Incidence

72% reduction in CRC Mortality

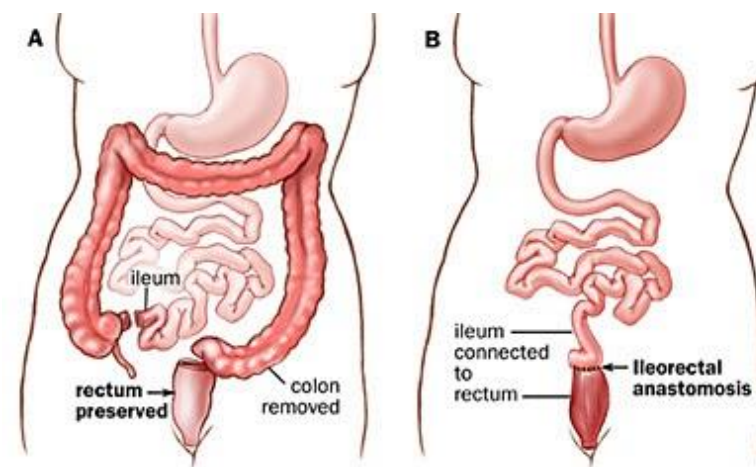




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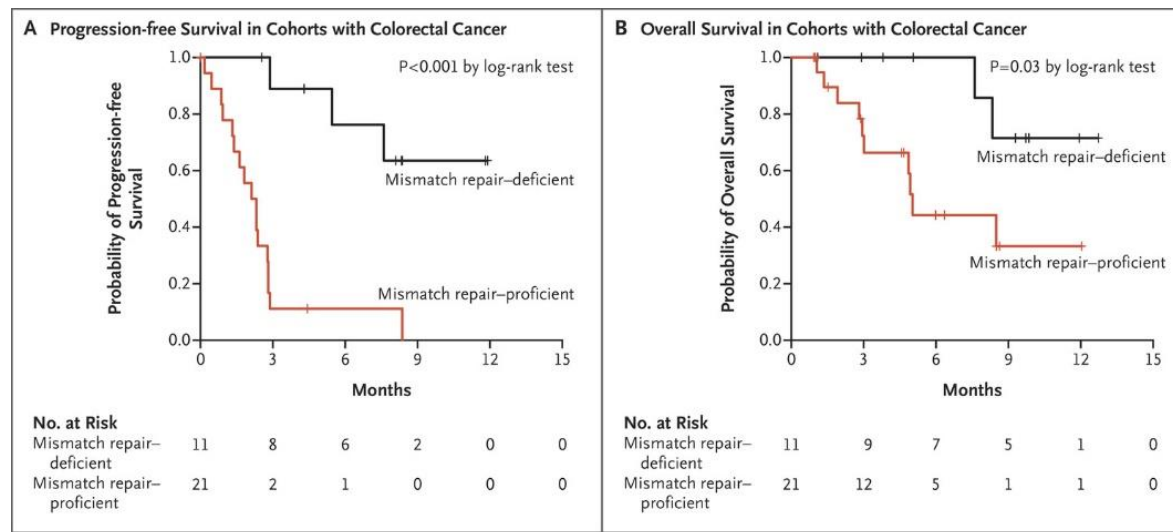
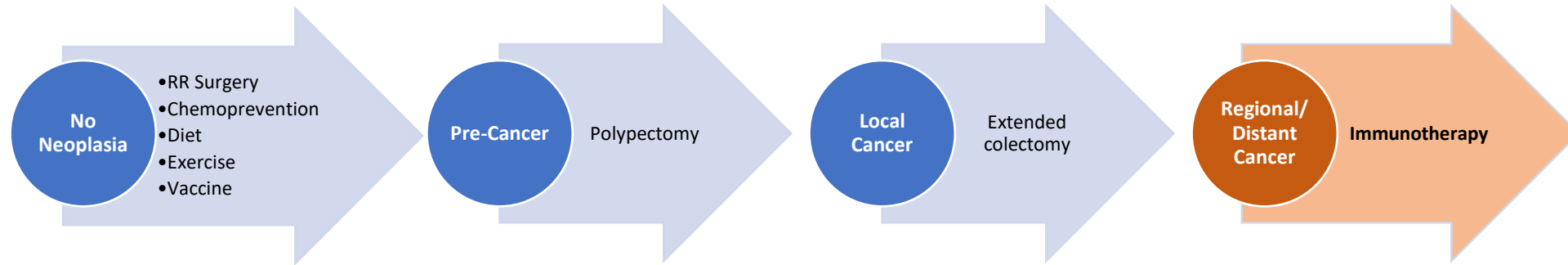


- Cumulative risk of metachronous CRC at 10, 20, 30 years is 16%, 41%, 62%, respectively
- Extensive colectomy vs segmental
  - Extensive: 0/50 metachronous tumors
  - Segmental: 74/322 (22%) metachronous tumors



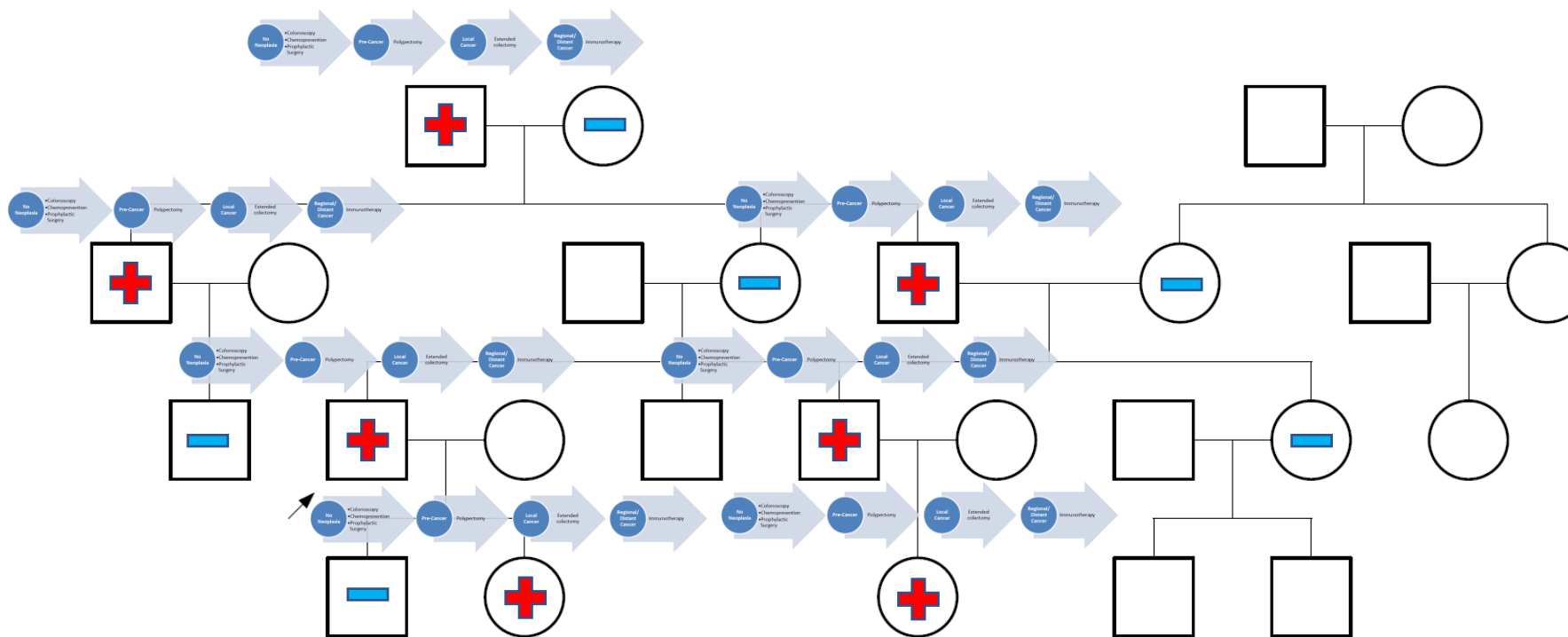


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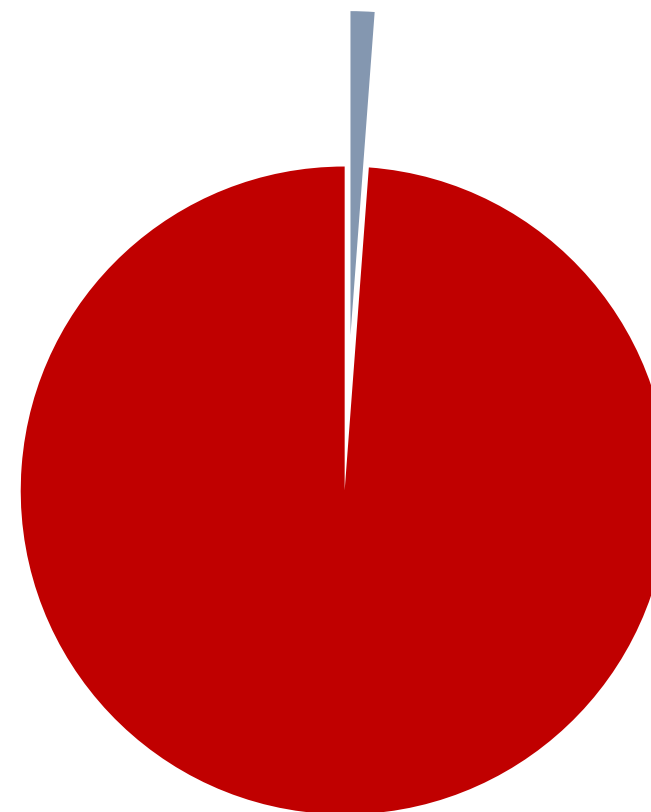
# Capturing Family Members: Cascade Testing



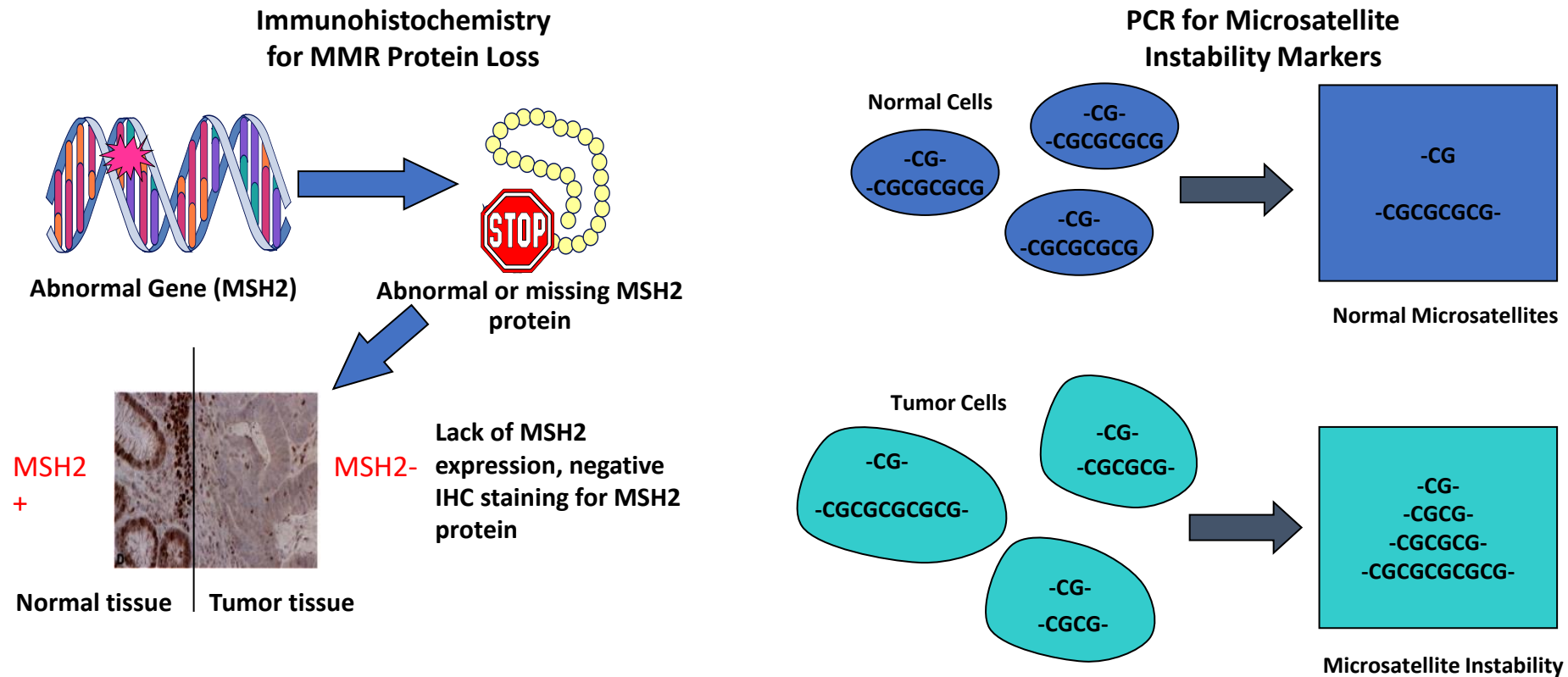


# Hereditary Syndromes are Grossly Under-Recognized

Only ~1.2% (10K/830K) Lynch pathogenic variant carriers in the US are aware of their diagnosis



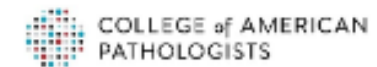
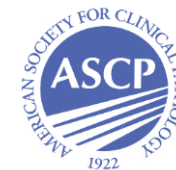
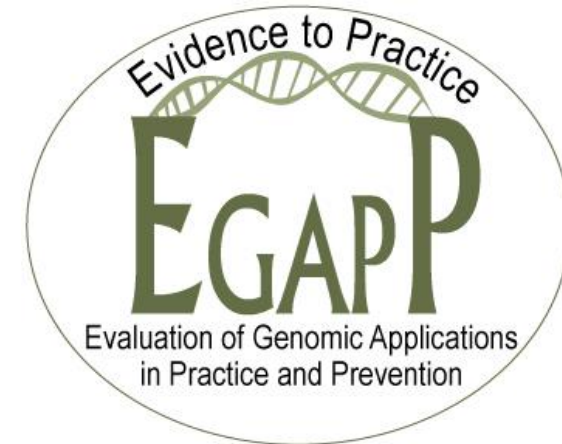
# Lynch Syndrome Diagnosis: Tumor Screening

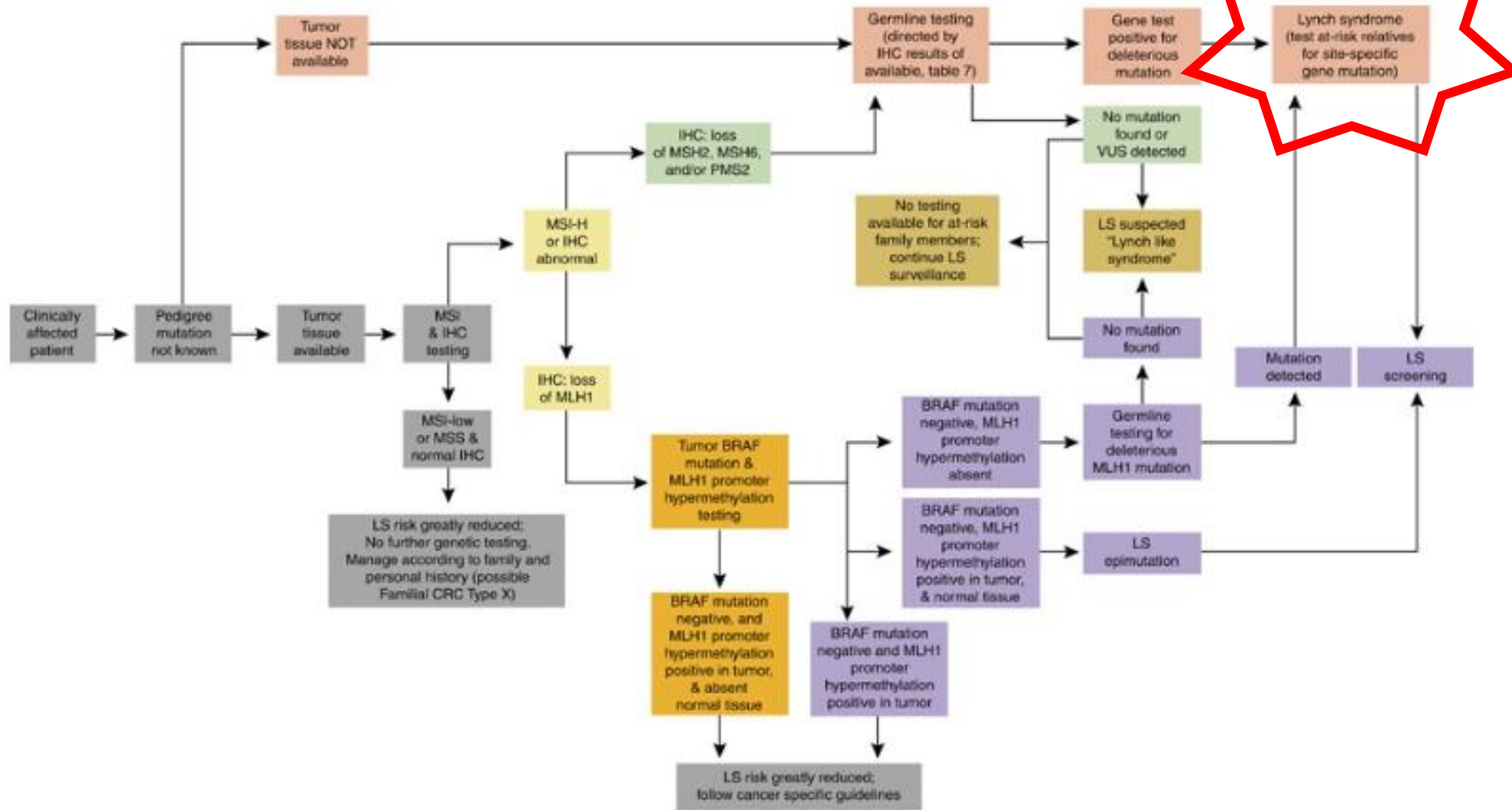




# Lynch Syndrome Diagnosis: Universal Tumor Testing

“The Evaluation of Genomic Applications in Practice and Prevention (EGAPP) Working Group found sufficient evidence to recommend offering genetic testing for Lynch syndrome to individuals with newly diagnosed colorectal cancer (CRC) to reduce morbidity and mortality in relatives.”









## Low Referral Rate for Genetic Testing in Racially and Ethnically Diverse Patients Despite Universal Colorectal Cancer Screening

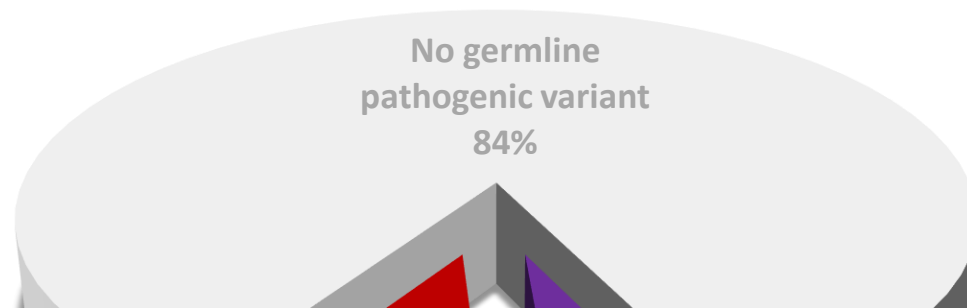


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Overall, 92% of colorectal tumors were analyzed for mismatch repair deficiency without significant differences among races/ethnicities. However, minority patients were significantly less likely to be referred for genetic evaluation (21.2% for NHW patients vs 16.9% for African American patients and 10.9% for Hispanic patients;  $P = .02$ ). Rates of genetic testing were also lower among minority patients (10.7% for NHW patients vs 6.0% for AA patients and 3.1% for Hispanic patients;  $P < .01$ ). On multivariate analysis, African American race, older age, and medical center were independently associated with lack of referral for genetic evaluation and genetic testing.







**Since 2017: All CRC dx < 50 get offered MGPT**

**High-penetrance variant  
10%**

- MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2
- Biallelic MUTYH
- APC
- SMAD4
- BRCA1, BRCA2
- CDKN2A

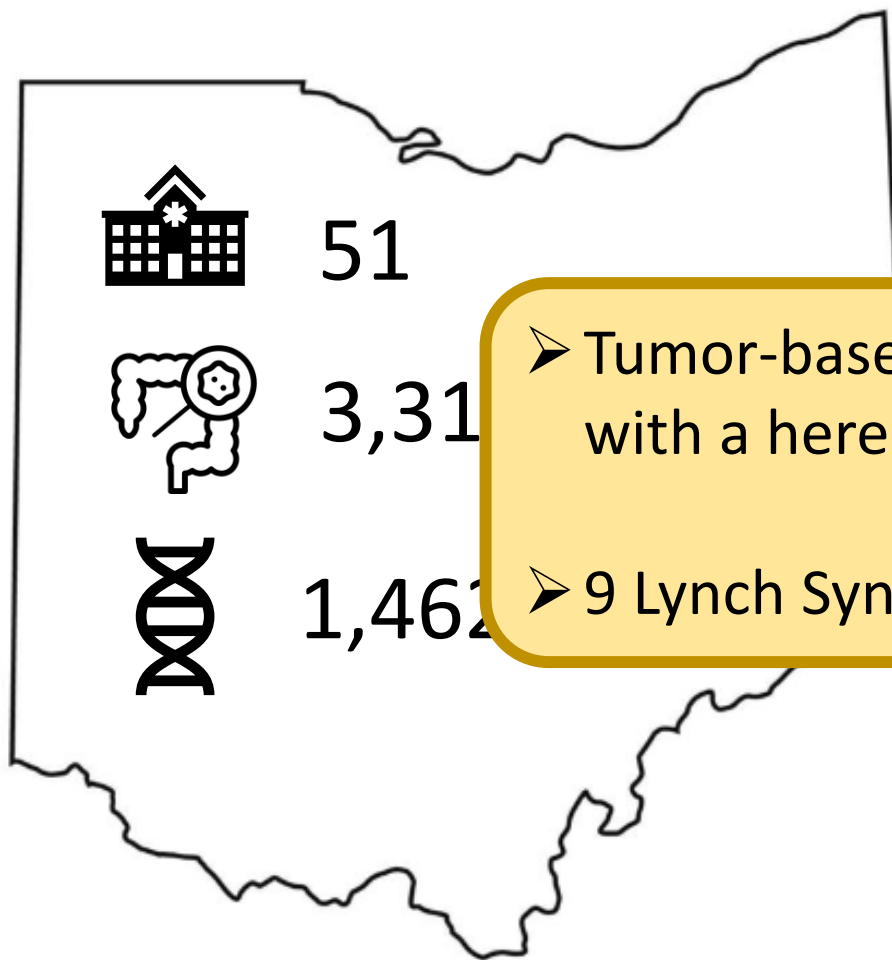
**Moderate-penetrance variant  
6%**

- ATM
- PALB2
- Monoallelic MUTYH
- APC I1307K
- CHEK2



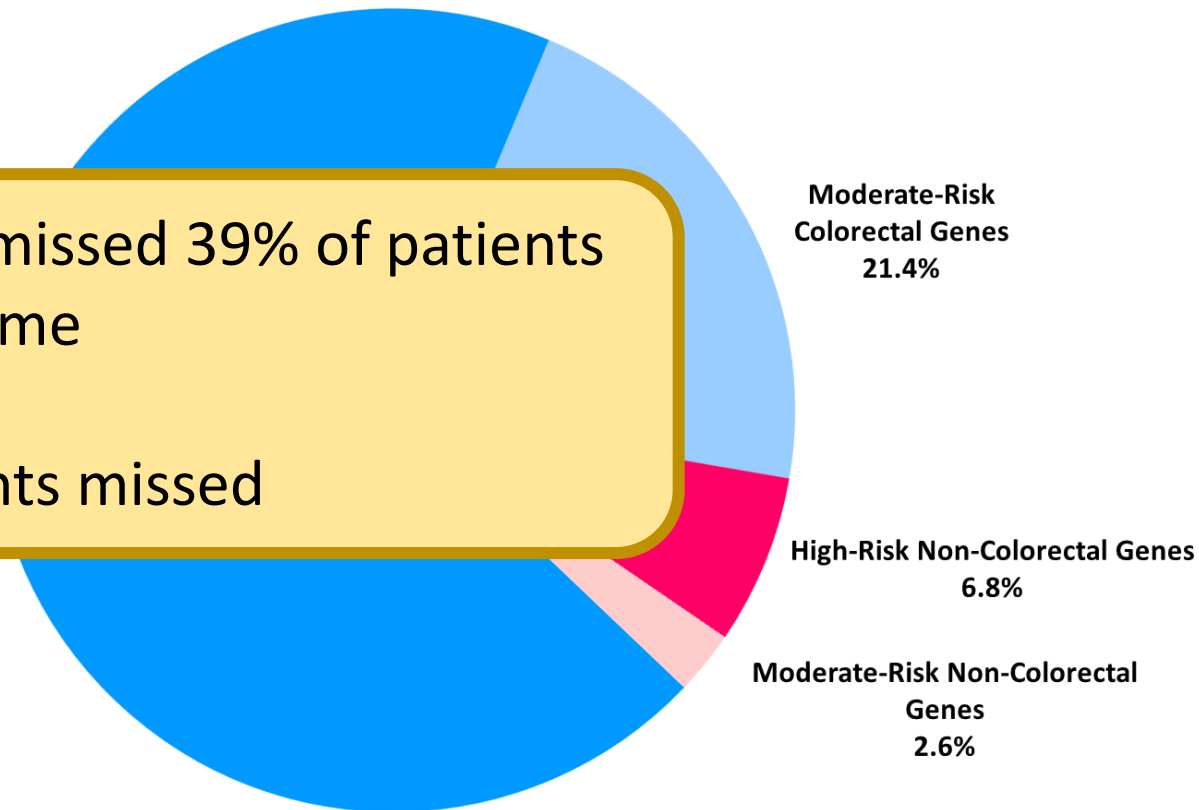


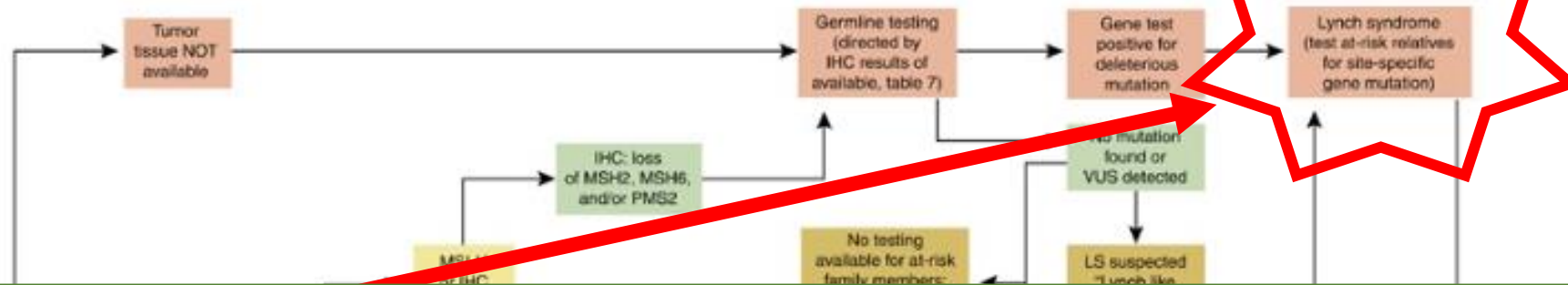
### Spectrum of Pathogenic Variants found in Patients with CRC



➤ Tumor-based screening missed 39% of patients with a hereditary syndrome

➤ 9 Lynch Syndrome patients missed





**Since 2022:**  
 Consider germline MGPT evaluation for LS and other hereditary cancer syndromes for all individuals with CRC aged ≥50 years at diagnosis (2B)

LS risk greatly reduced:  
follow cancer specific guidelines





# Challenges that lie ahead

- Cost & care delivery burden

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

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**Patient decision aids in mainstreaming genetic testing for women  
with ovarian cancer: A prospective cohort study**

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE – BREAST ONCOLOGY


**A Randomized Trial Comparing the Effectiveness of Pre-test  
Genetic Counseling Using an Artificial Intelligence Automated  
Chatbot and Traditional In-person Genetic Counseling in Women  
Newly Diagnosed with Breast Cancer**





# Challenges that lie ahead

- Cost & care delivery burden
- Expertise needed


**RESULT: NO PATHOGENIC VARIANTS IDENTIFIED**

**Variant(s) of Uncertain Significance identified.**

GENE	VARIANT	ZYGOSITY	VARIANT CLASSIFICATION
BRIP1	c.3302C>T (p.Pro1101Leu)	heterozygous	Uncertain Significance
DICER1	c.278G>A (p.Gly93Glu)	heterozygous	Uncertain Significance
GATA2	c.460A>G (p.Ser154Gly)	heterozygous	Uncertain Significance
MSH3	c.3382A>G (p.Met1128Val)	heterozygous	Uncertain Significance
RECQL4	c.2836C>T (p.Arg946Cys)	heterozygous	Uncertain Significance

**About this test**

This diagnostic test evaluates 84 gene(s) for variants (genetic changes) that are associated with genetic disorders. Diagnostic genetic testing, when combined with family history and other medical results, may provide information to clarify individual risk, support a clinical diagnosis, and assist with the development of a personalized treatment and management strategy.



# Challenges that lie ahead

- Cost & care delivery burden
- Expertise needed
- May push disparities downstream





# Final Thoughts

- Genetic and molecular basis of CRC → Precision prevention & early detection
- Operationalizing expanding options for the 3<sup>rd</sup> most commonly diagnosed cancer will require
  - Adapting to new delivery models
  - Training a workforce
  - Attention to health equity







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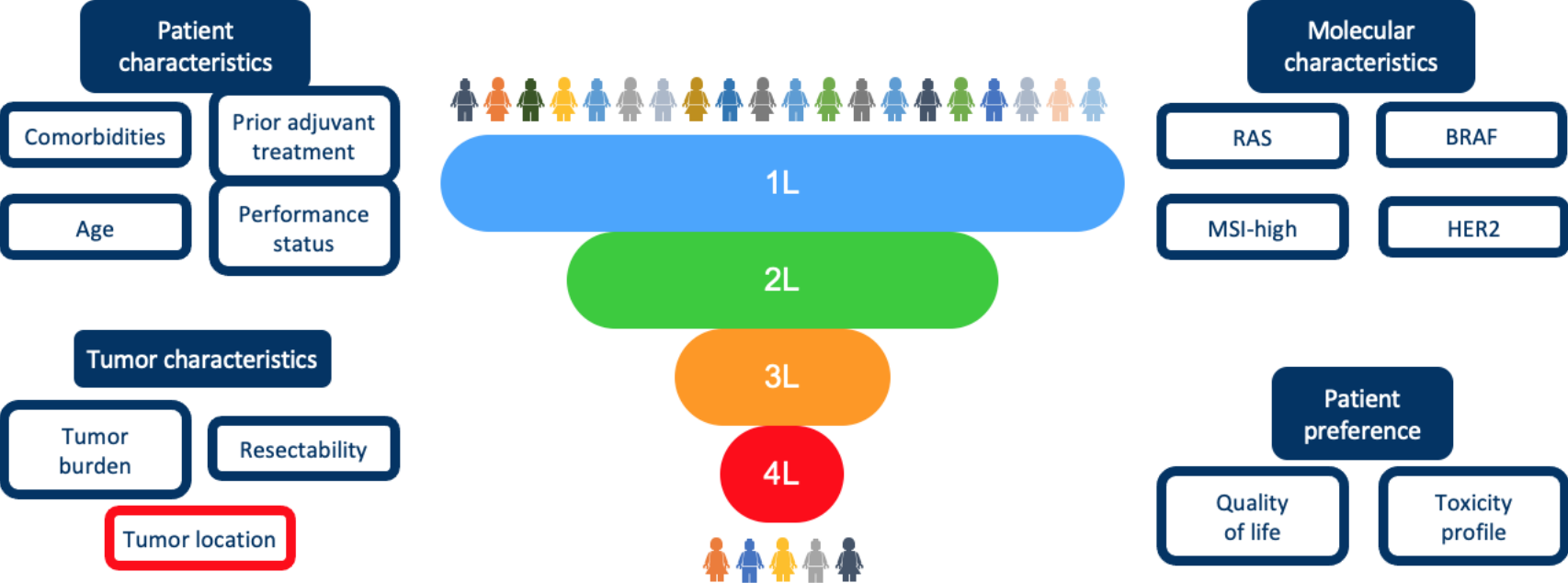
# Targeted therapies and treatment options for metastatic colorectal cancer in 2024

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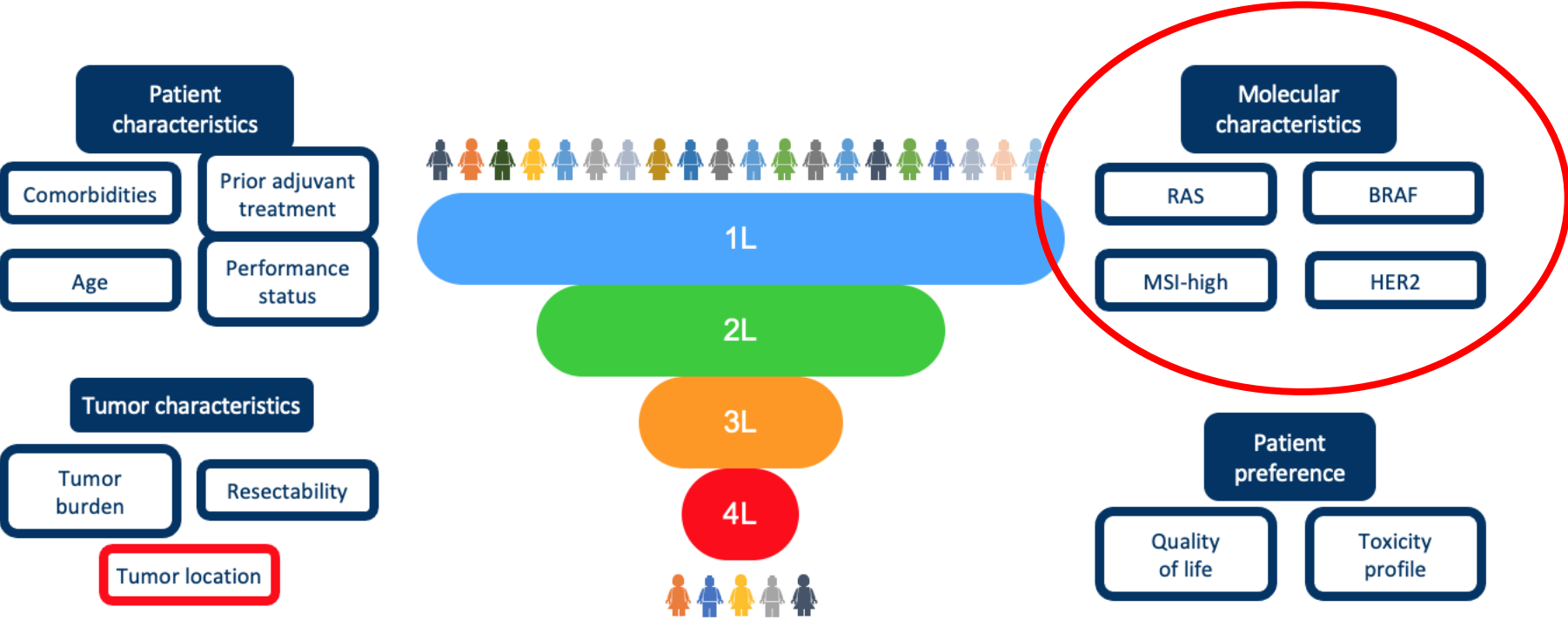
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Section Head Colorectal Cancer  
Co-Director Center for Young Onset Colorectal and Gastrointestinal Cancers

# Current treatment in mCRC



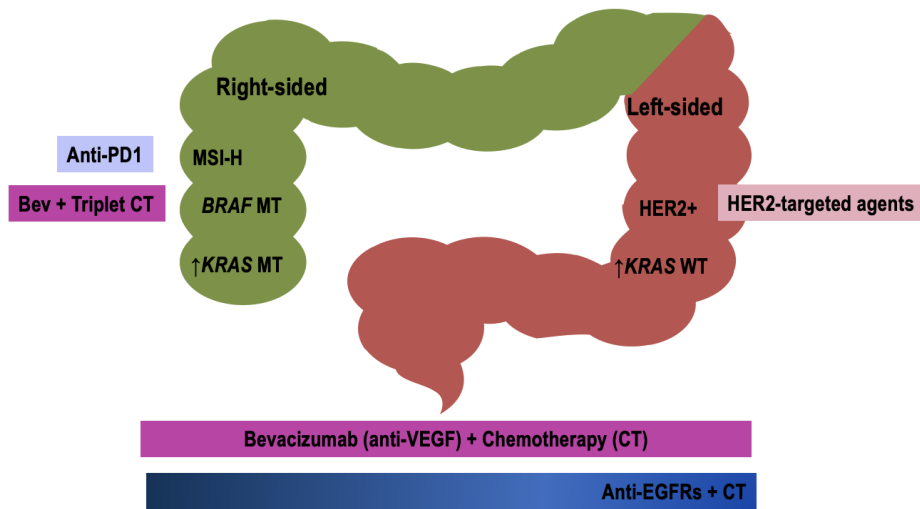
**Treatment is based on the individual patient**

# Current treatment in mCRC



**Molecular markers and tumor location matter**

# Current Guidelines for Molecular Testing in mCRC



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RAS mutations  
(KRAS, NRAS)

*BRAF* mutations

dMMR/MSI-H status

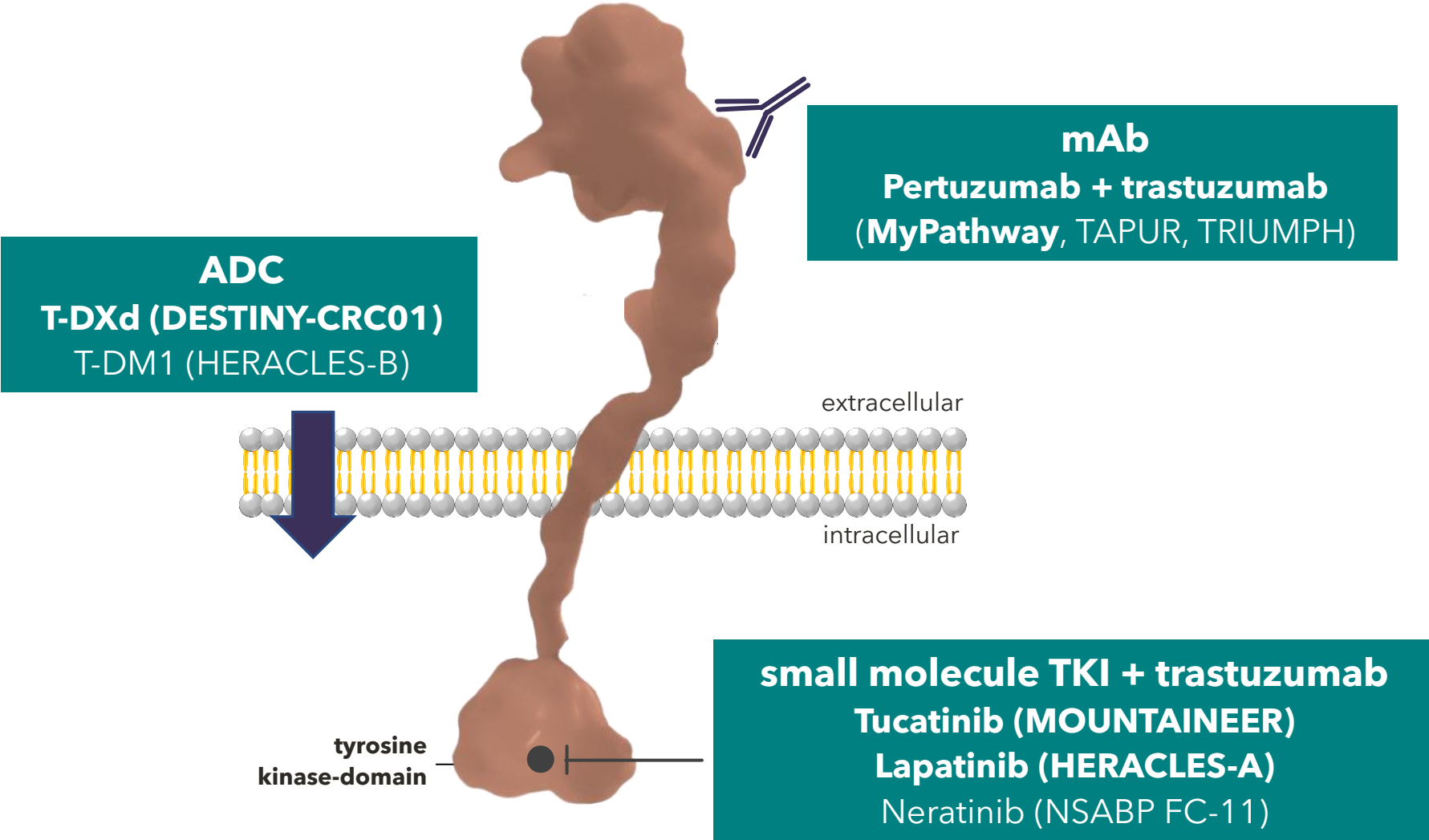
HER2 amplifications

# Molecular markers and treatment in mCRC

	First line	Second line +
<b>MSS/pMMR</b>	Chemotherapy FOLFOX/FOLFIRI or FOLFIRINOX +/- bev	Chemotherapy
<b>KRAS/NRAS/BRAF Wildtype, Left-Sided only</b>	Chemotherapy +/- anti EGFR therapy	Chemotherapy
<b>HER2 Amplified, RAS/BRAF Wildtype</b>	Chemotherapy or clinical trial	HER2 targeted therapy
<b>KRAS G12c Mutated</b>	Chemotherapy or clinical trial	KRAS G12C targeted therapy + anti EGFR
<b>BRAF v600e Mutated</b>	Chemotherapy or clinical trial	BRAF targeted therapy
<b>MSI-H/dMMR</b>	Immunotherapy	Chemotherapy/ clinical trial

# Targeting HER 2+ tumors

# Molecular markers and treatment in mCRC: HER2 +





# Results earlier trials of anti-HER2 therapy in mCRC

Clinical trial	Therapies	Patients (N)	Response Rate	Time to Progression (median)
HERACLES	Lapatinib + Trastuzumab	27	30%	4.9 months
MyPathway	Pertuzumab + Trastuzumab	57	32%	2.9 months

Sartore-Bianchi et al., *Lancet Oncology* 2016 17, 738-746.

Meric-Bernstam et al., *Lancet Oncol* Vol20, Issue 4, April 2019, 518-530.

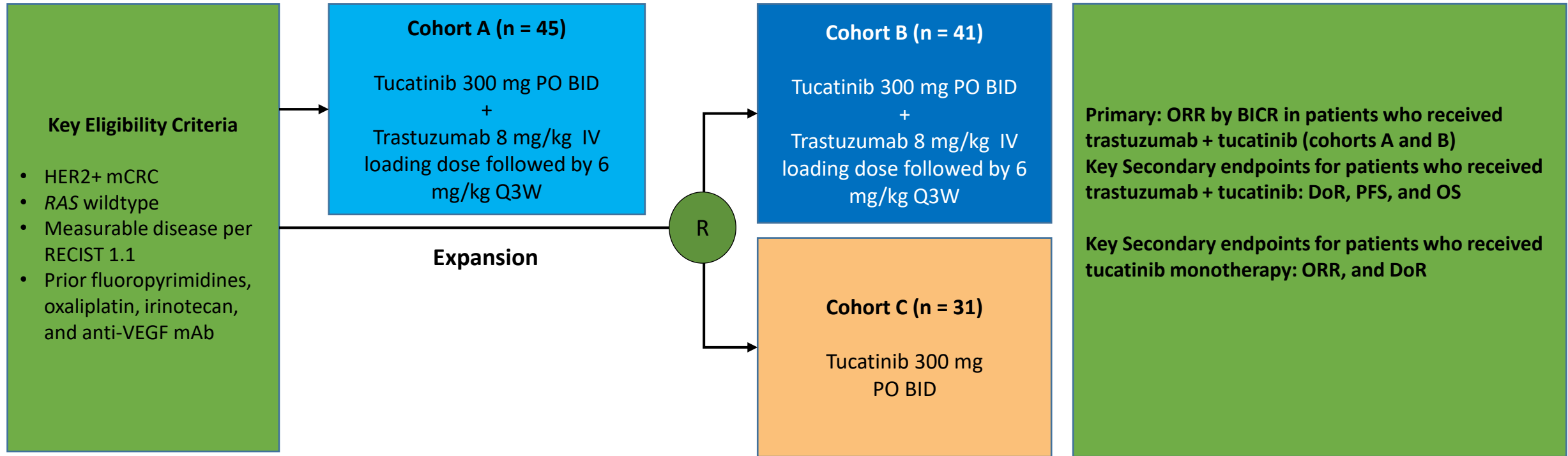
# MyPathway: Biomarkers of sensitivity/ resistance

	ORR n (% , 95% CI)	Median PFS Months (95% CI)	Median OS Months (95% CI)
All patients (n=57)	18 (32%, 20-45)	2.9 (1.4-5.3)	11.5 (7.7-NE)
KRAS status			
Wild-type (n=43)	17 (40%, 25-56)	5.3 (2.7-6.1)	14.0 (8.0-NE)
Mutated (n=13)	1 (8%, 0.2-36)	1.4 (1.2-2.8)	8.5 (3.9-NE)
PIK3CA status			
Wild-type (n=40)	17 (43%, 27-59)	5.3 (2.8-6.1)	14.0 (8.5-NE)
Mutated (n=8)	1 (13%, 0.3-53)	1.4 (1.1-5.7)	7.3 (1.2-12.6)
Previous anti-EGFR*			
Any (n=31)	11 (36%, 19-55)	4.1 (1.6-8.2)	11.5 (7.2-22.1)
None (n=12)	6 (50%, 21-79)	5.6 (1.3-14.7)	NE (3.2-NE)

\* KRAS WT pts only

# MOUNTAINEER Trial Design: Trastuzumab + Tucatinib in HER2+ mCRC

## Global, Open-Label, Phase 2 Trial

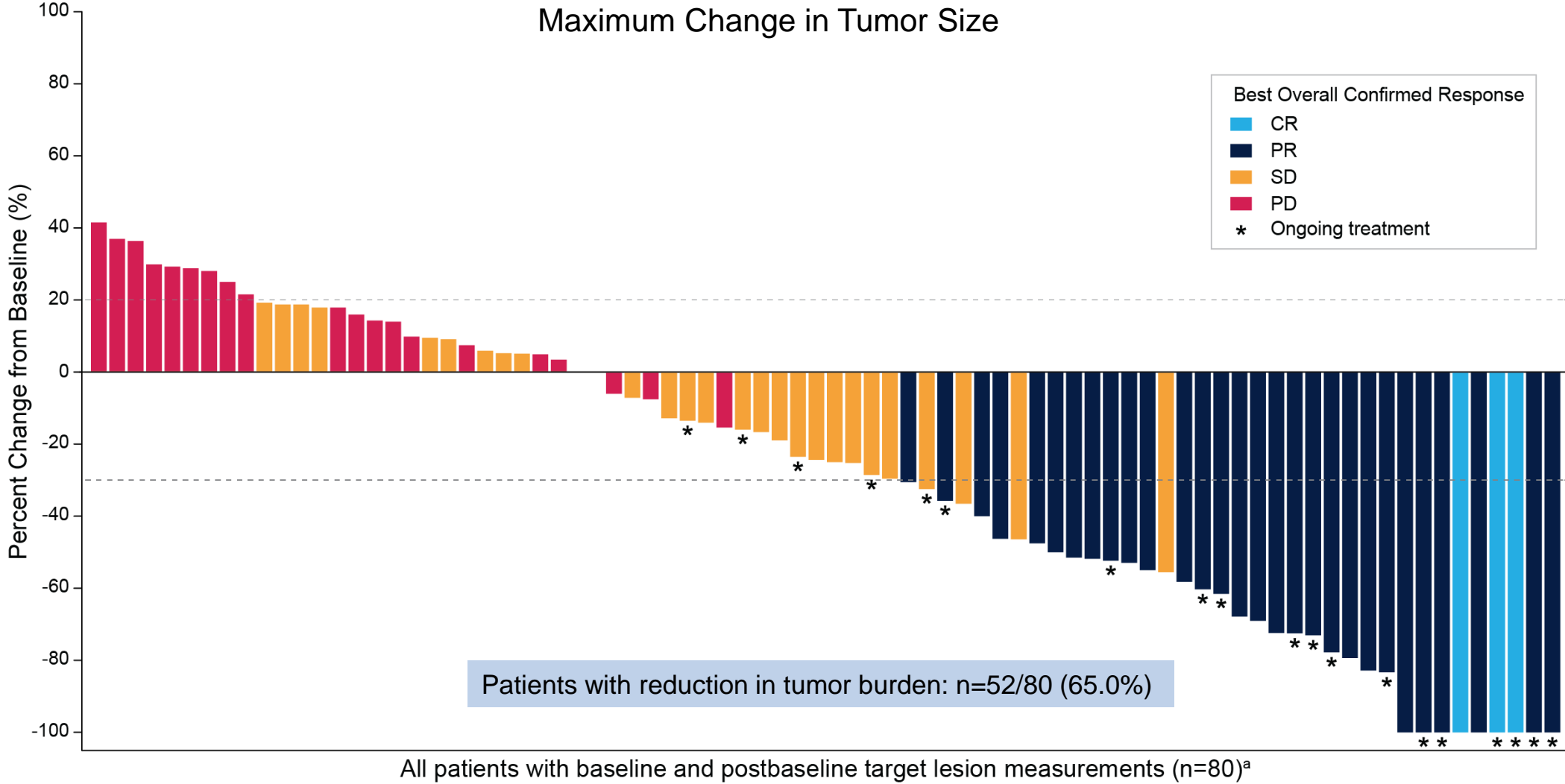


MOUNTAINEER began as an investigator-sponsored study and initially consisted of a single cohort (cohort A) and was expanded to include patients randomized to receive tucatinib + trastuzumab (cohort B) or tucatinib monotherapy (cohort C)

# MOUNTAINEER: Tucatinib + Tras Efficacy Outcomes

Responses	Tucatinib + Trastuzumab Cohorts A+B n=84
Best overall response per BICR <sup>a</sup> , n (%)	
CR	3 (3.6)
PR	29 (34.5)
SD <sup>b</sup>	28 (33.3)
PD	22 (26.2)
Not available <sup>c</sup>	2 (2.4)
<b>cORR per BICR, % (95% CI)<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>38.1 (27.7, 49.3)</b>
cORR per Investigator, % (95% CI) <sup>d</sup>	42.9 (32.1, 54.1)
Median time to objective response per BICR <sup>e</sup> , months (range)	2.1 (1.2, 9.8)
DCR <sup>f</sup> per BICR, n (%)	60 (71.4)
<b>Median DOR per BICR, months (95% CI)</b>	<b>12.4 (8.5, 20.5)</b>

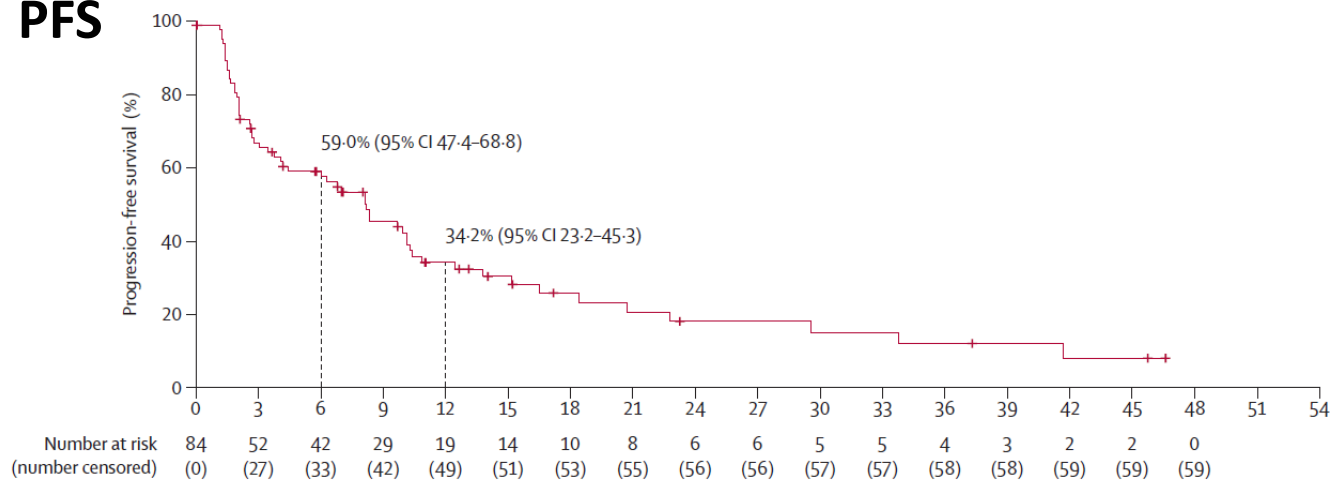
# MOUNTAINEER: Tucatinib + Tras Change in Tumor Size



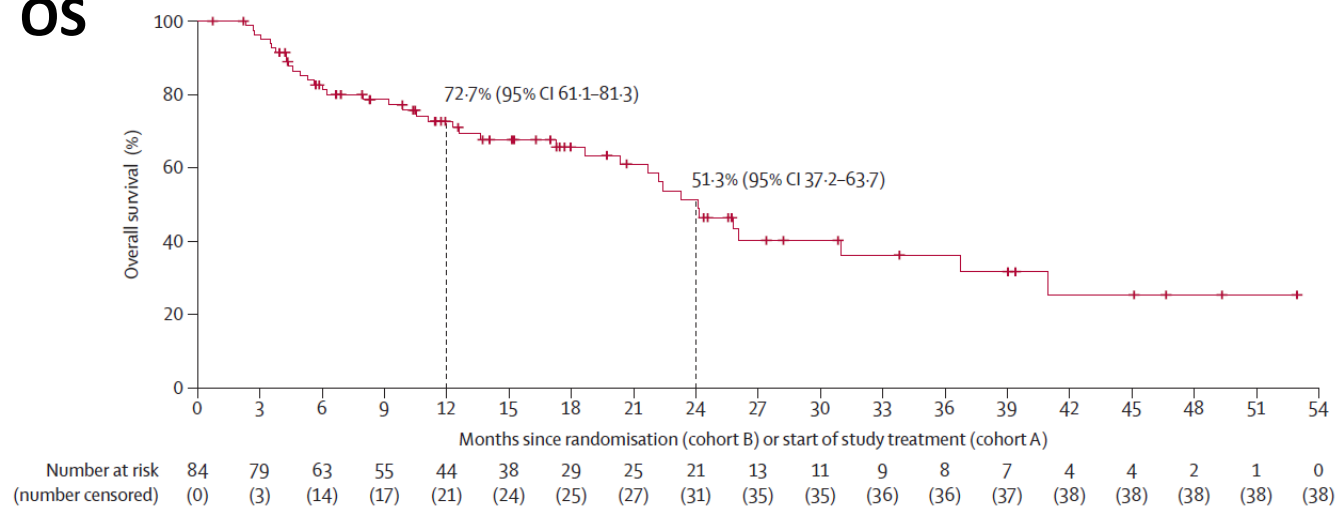
<sup>a</sup> Four patients who did not have baseline and/or post-baseline target lesion measurements are excluded  
 CR, complete response; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease.  
 Data cutoff: 28 Mar 2022

# MOUNTAINEER: Trastuzumab + Tucatinib in HER2+ mCRC—PFS and OS

## PFS



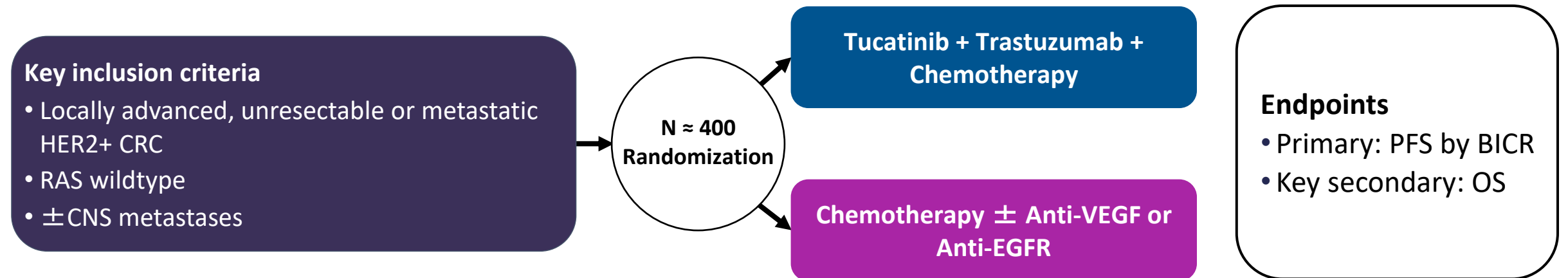
## OS



Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; mCRC, metastatic colorectal cancer; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival.  
Strickler JH, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2023;24:496-508.

# MOUNTAINEER-03 Trial Design: Tucatinib + Trastuzumab + Chemotherapy in First-Line HER2+ mCRC

## Open-Label, Randomized, Phase III Trial



Abbreviations: BICR, blinded independent central review; CNS, central nervous system; CRC, colorectal cancer; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; mCRC, metastatic colorectal cancer; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; VEGF, vascular endothelial growth factor. ClinicalTrials.gov. A study of tucatinib with trastuzumab and MFOLFOX6 versus standard of care treatment in first-line HER2+ metastatic colorectal cancer (MOUNTAINEER-03). Accessed 12/18/23 at: <https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT05253651>

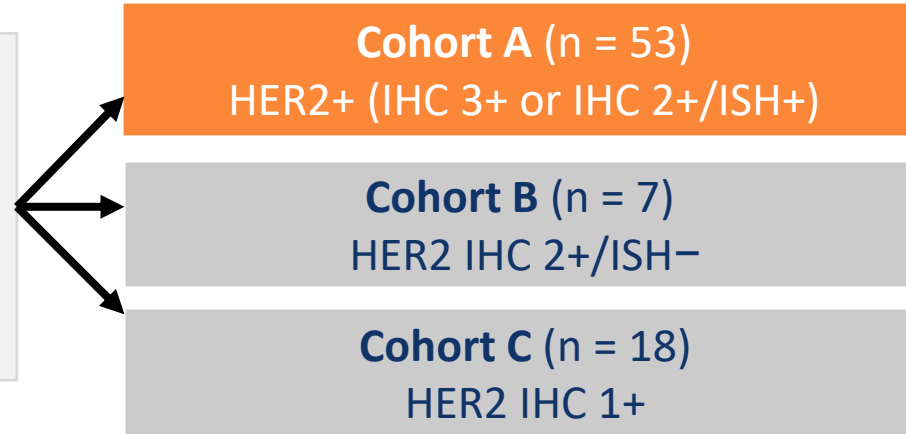


# DESTINY-CRC01 Trial Design: T-DXd in HER2-Expressing mCRC

Open-label, multicenter, phase II study (NCT03384940)

## Patients

- HER2 expressing metastatic CRC
- RAS/BRAF wild type
- ≥2 prior regimens
- Prior anti-HER2 treatment was allowed



**T-DXd 6.4 mg/kg q3w**  
*Treatment given until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity, or other discontinuation criteria*

## Primary endpoint

- Confirmed ORR by ICR in Cohort A

## Key secondary endpoints

- ORR (cohorts B and C)
- DoR
- DCR
- PFS
- OS

# DESTINY-CRC01: T-DXd in HER2-Expressing mCRC

## Final Results

	HER2 IHC 3+ or IHC 2+ /ISH + Cohort A n = 53	HER2 IHC 2+ /ISH - Cohort B n = 15	HER2 IHC 1+ Cohort C n = 18
<b>Confirmed ORR by ICR</b>	24 (45.3) [95% CI, 31.6–59.6]	0 [95% CI, 0.0–21.8]	0 [95% CI, 0.0–18.5]
Complete response	0	0	0
Partial response	24 (45.3)	0	0
Stable disease	20 (37.7)	9 (60.0)	4 (22.2)
Progressive disease	5 (9.4)	5 (33.3)	10 (55.6)
Not evaluable <sup>a</sup>	4 (7.5)	1 (6.7)	4 (22.2)
<b>DCR</b>	83.0 (70.2–91.9)	60.0 (32.3–83.7)	22.2 (6.4–47.6)
<b>Median DoR, months</b>	7.0 (5.8–9.5)	NE (NE–NE)	NE (NE–NE)
<b>Median treatment duration, months</b>	5.1 (3.9–7.6)	2.1 (1.4–2.6)	1.4 (1.3–1.5)

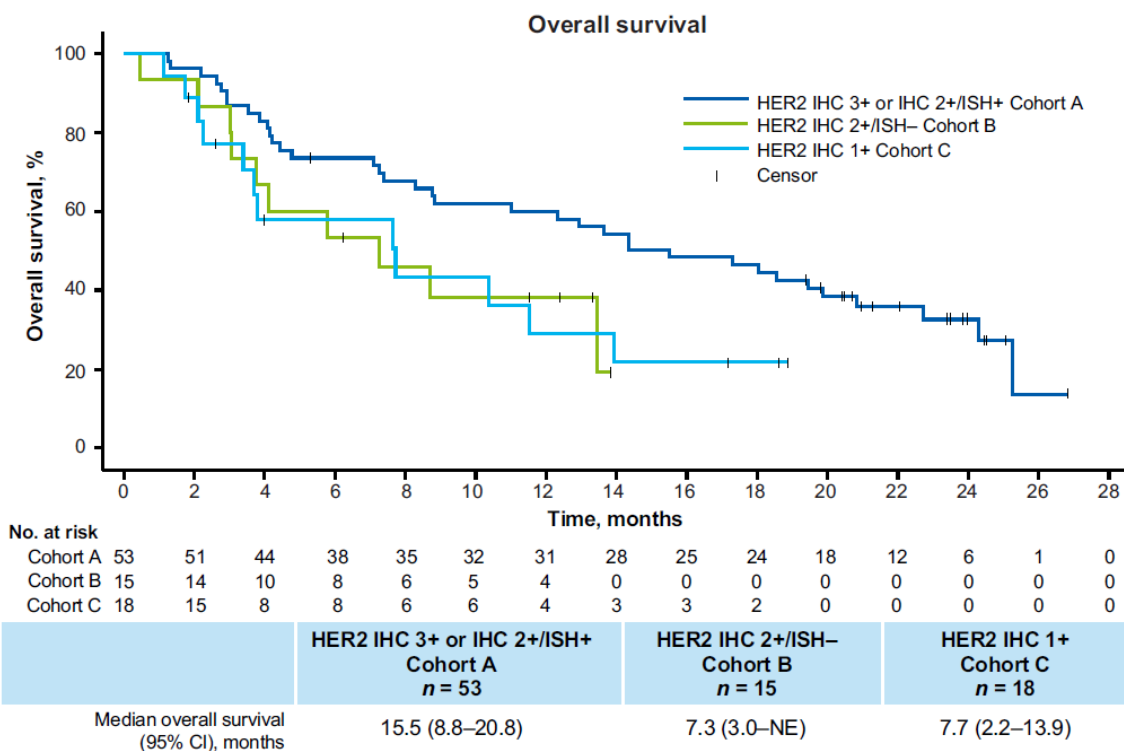
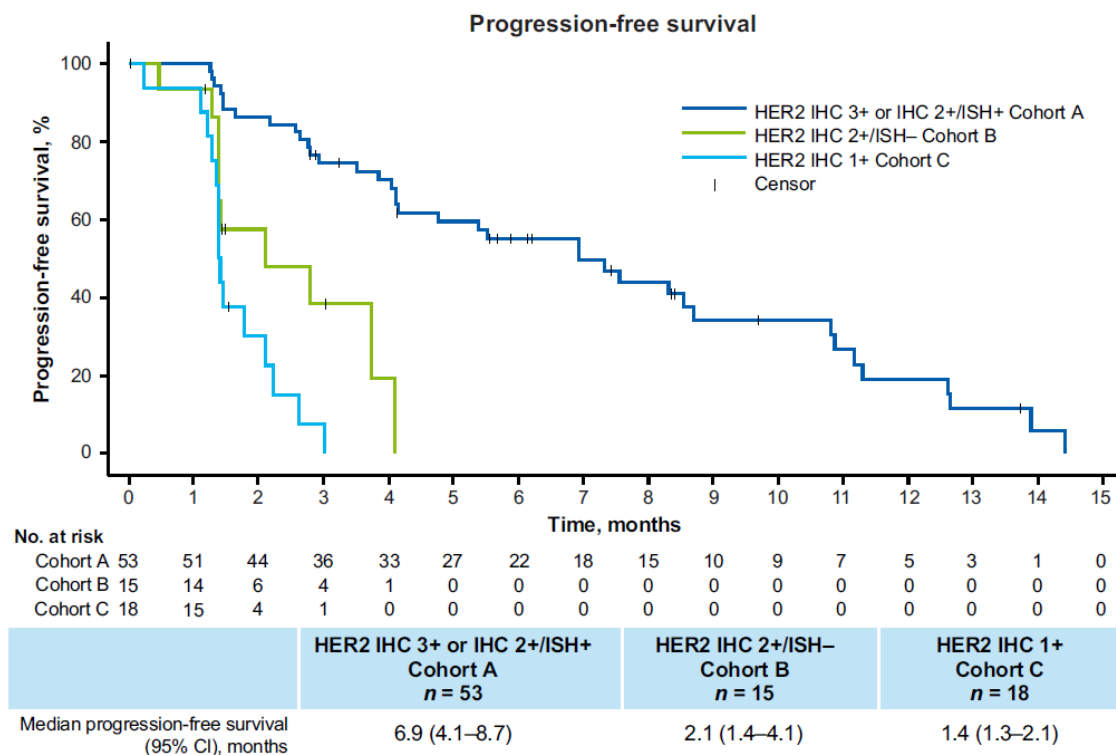
<sup>a</sup>Patients were missing postbaseline scans.

Abbreviations: CI confidence interval; DCR, disease control rate, DoR, duration of response, HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; ICR, independent central review, IHC, immunohistochemistry, ISH, in situ hybridization, mCRC, metastatic colorectal cancer; NE, not evaluable, ORR, objective response rate; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan.

Yoshino T, et al. *Nat Commun.* 2023;14:3332.

# DESTINY-CRC01: T-DXd in HER2-Expressing mCRC

## PFS and OS



Abbreviations: CI confidence interval; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; IHC, immunohistochemistry, ISH, in situ hybridization, mCRC, metastatic colorectal cancer; NE, not estimable, OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan.

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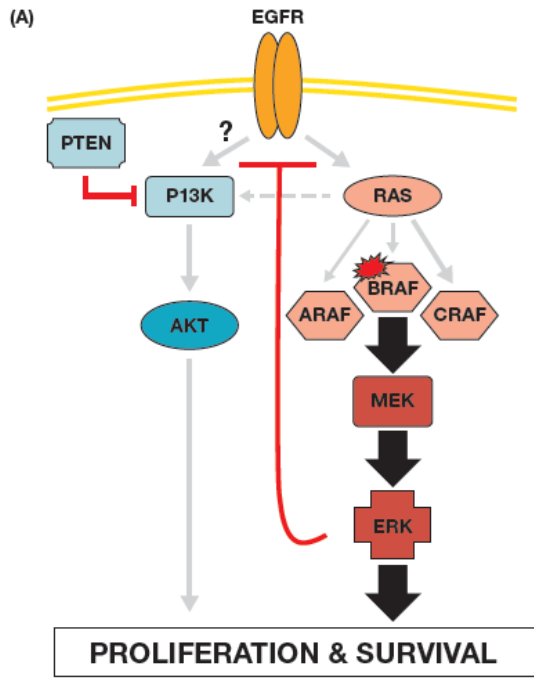
## Safety/Toxicity

- Most common grade  $\geq 3$  TEAEs (across cohorts): decreased neutrophil count (22.1%) and anemia (14.0%)
- TEAE most commonly associated with drug discontinuation: ILD (7.0%)
- TEAE most commonly associated with dose reduction or dose interruption: decreased neutrophil count (4.7% and 9.3%, respectively)
- 9 patients (10.5%) had TEAEs associated with death; 3 (3.5%) were drug-related (all adjudicated as ILD)

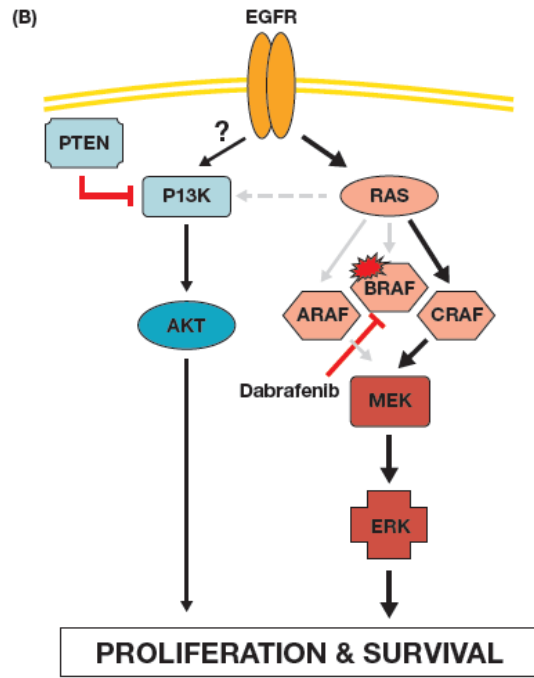
## Drug-Related Adjudicated ILD/Pneumonitis

	HER2 IHC 3 + or IHC 2+ /ISH + Cohort A n = 53	HER2 IHC 2+ / ISH - Cohort B n = 15	HER2 IHC 1+ Cohort C n = 18	All Patients N = 86
Grade 1	0	0	0	0
Grade 2	2 (3.8)	2 (13.3)	0	4 (4.7)
Grade 3	0	0	1 (5.6)	1 (1.2)
Grade 4	0	0	0	0
Grade 5	2 (3.8)	1 (6.7)	0	3 (3.5)
Any grade/ total	4 (7.5)	3 (20.0)	1 (5.6)	8 (9.3) <sup>a</sup>

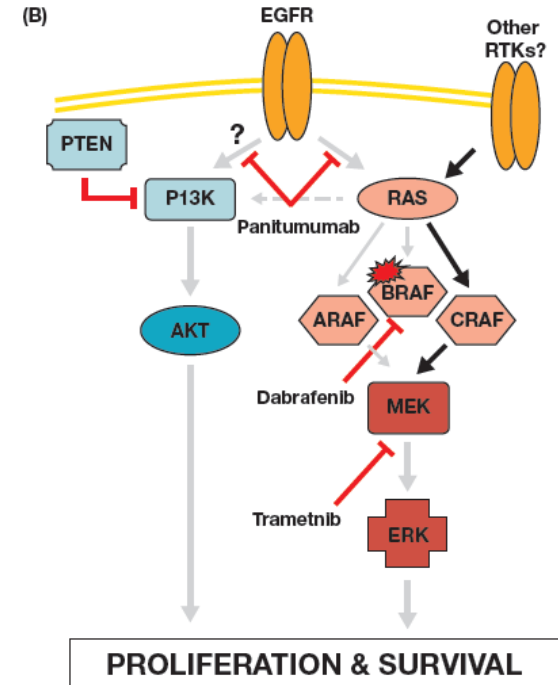
# BRAF



Signaling in BRAF mutated CRC



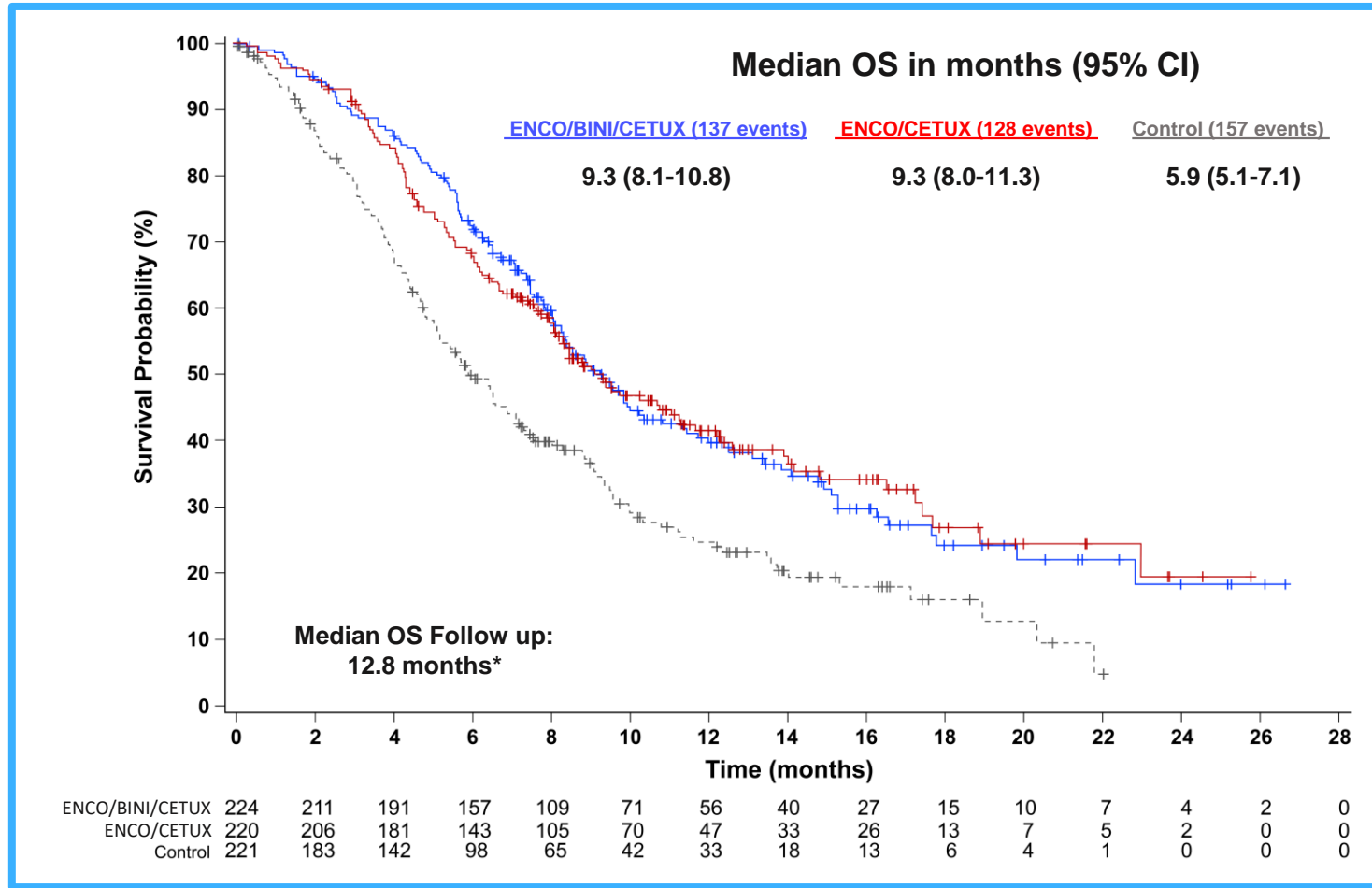
Reactivation of EGFR signaling upon BRAF inhibition



Robust inhibition of MAPK pathway signaling with inhibition of BRAF, MEK, EGFR

# BRAF

## Updated Overall Survival: ENCO/BINI/CETUX vs ENCO/CETUX vs Control



## Updated Objective Response Rates

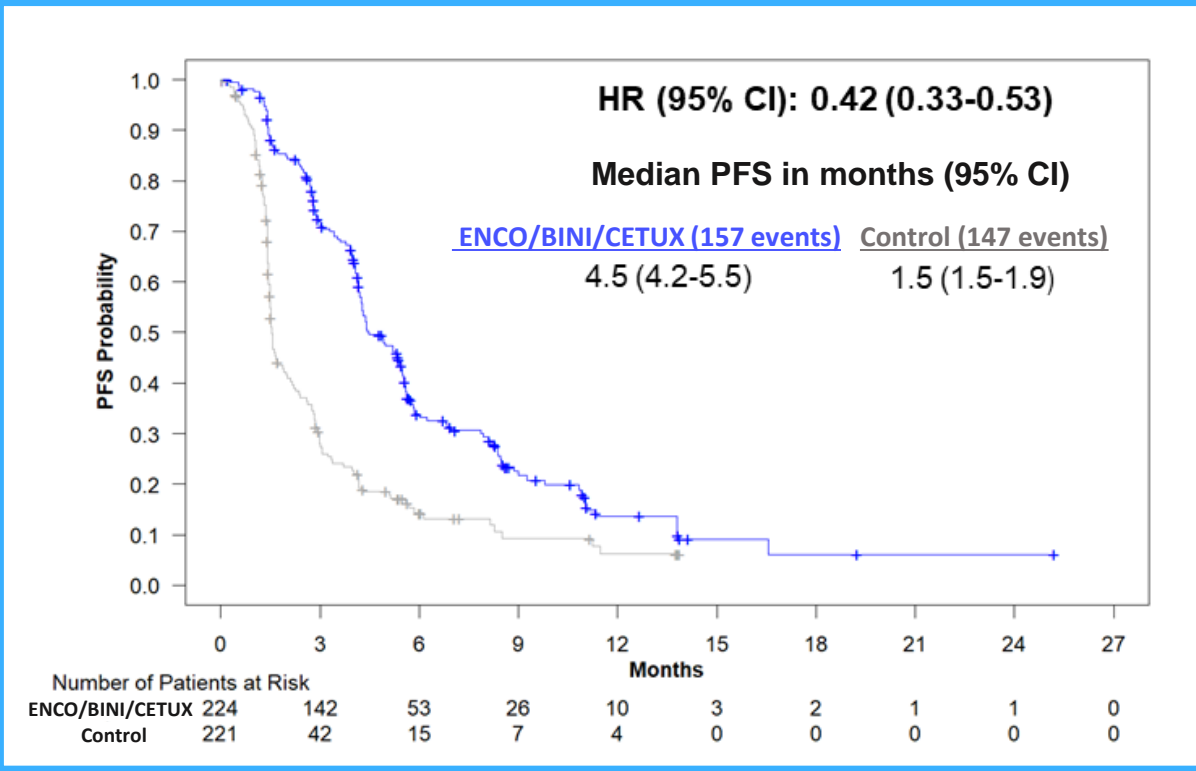
Confirmed Response by BICR	ENCO/BINI/CETUX n = 224	ENCO/CETUX n = 220	Control n = 221
<b>Objective Response Rate</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>2%</b>
95% (CI)	(21, 33)	(15, 25)	(<1, 5)
<b>Best Overall Response</b>			
Complete Response (CR)	4%	3%	0%
Partial Response (PR)	23%	16%	2%
Stable Disease	48%	56%	29%
Progressive Disease	11%	10%	34%
Non Evaluable by RECIST	14%	15%	32%



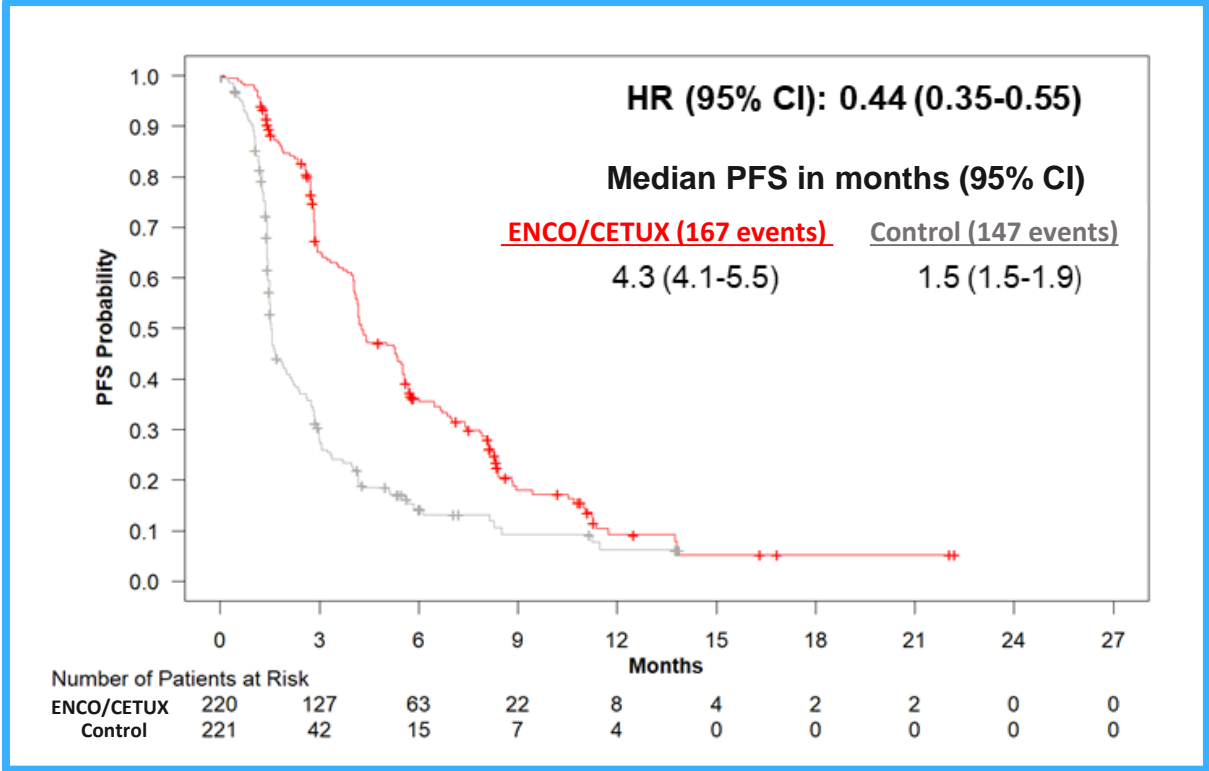
# BRAF

## Updated Progression-Free Survival

ENCO/BINI/CETUX vs Control



ENCO/CETUX vs Control



Kopetz S et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2020;38(suppl): Abstract 4001.

# KRAS (G12C): Colorectal Cancer

## KRAS<sup>G12C</sup> Inhibition With Sotorasib in Advanced Solid Tumors

**Table 3.** Efficacy of Sotorasib in All Tumor Types.

	NSCLC (N=59)	Colorectal Cancer (N=42)	Other (N=28)
Best overall response — no. (%)			
Confirmed complete response	0	0	0
Confirmed partial response	19 (32.2)	3 (7.1)	4 (14.3)
Stable disease	33 (55.9)	28 (66.7)	17 (60.7)
Progressive disease	5 (8.5)	10 (23.8)	4 (14.3)
Could not be evaluated	1 (1.7)	0	1 (3.6)
No assessment*	1 (1.7)	1 (2.4)	2 (7.1)
Objective response — % (95% CI) †	32.2 (20.62 –45.64)	7.1 (1.50–19.48)	14.3 (4.03–32.67)
Disease control — % (95% CI)‡	88.1 (77.07 –95.09)	73.8 (57.96 –86.14)	75.0 (55.13 –89.31)

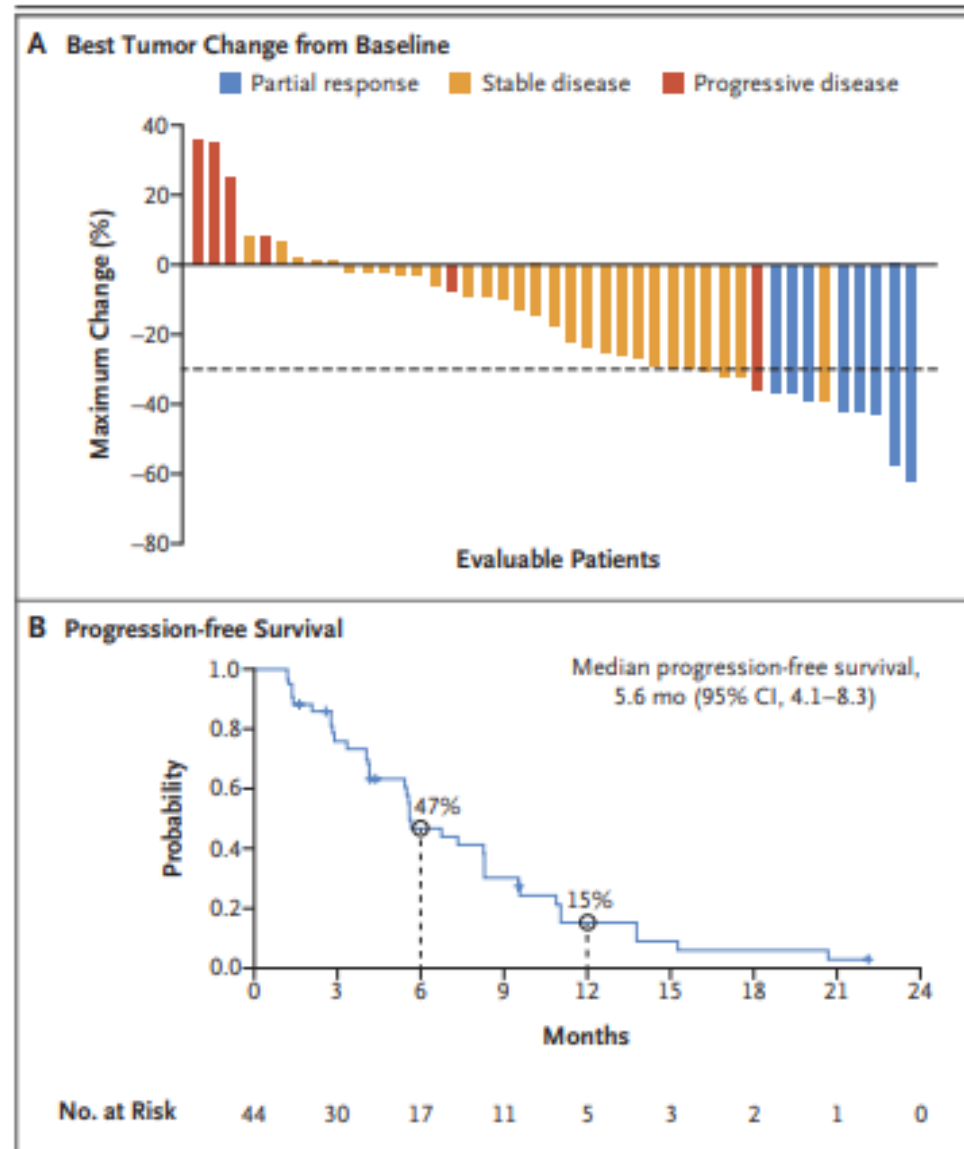
\* One patient with NSCLC withdrew consent before tumor assessment. One patient with colorectal cancer and 2 patients with other tumor types had clinical progression.

† Objective response was defined as a complete or partial response.

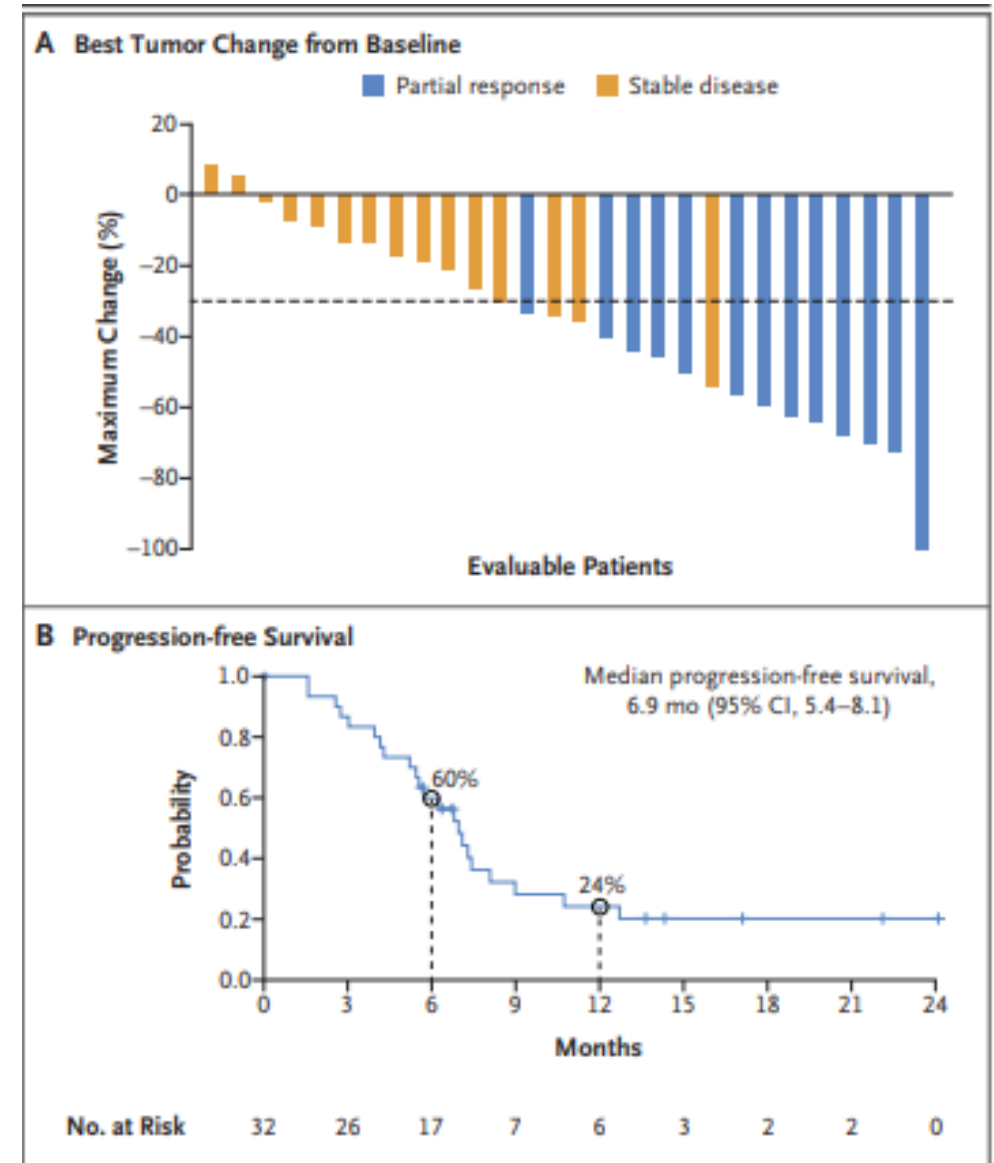
‡ Disease control was defined as a complete response, a partial response, or stable disease.

# KRAS G12C: Adagrasib with or without cetuximab

Monotherapy: RR 19%, mPFS 5.6 mo

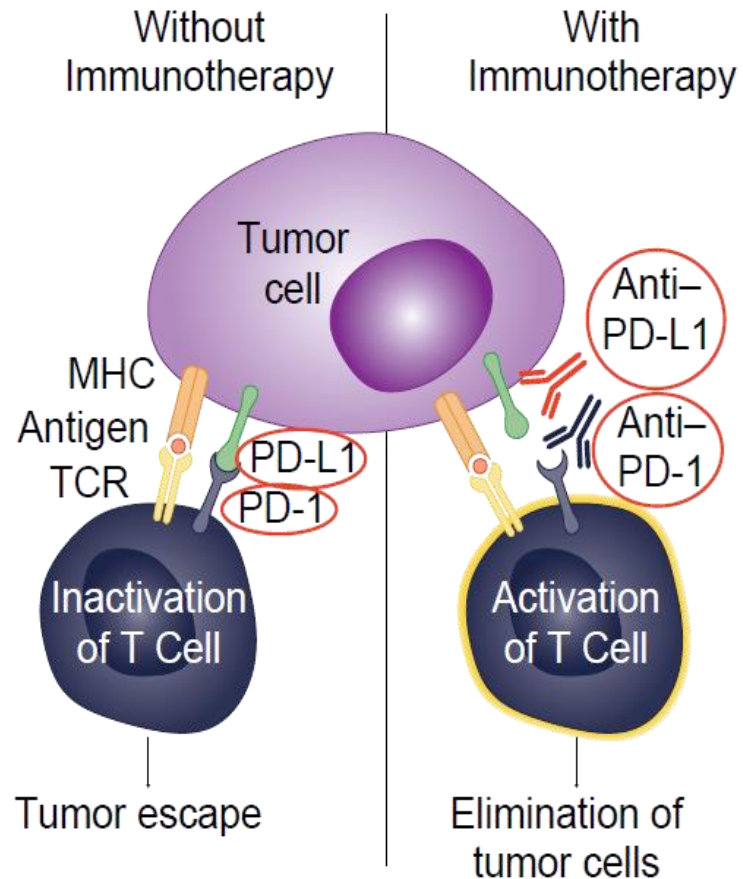


Combination: RR 46% mPFS 6.9 mo



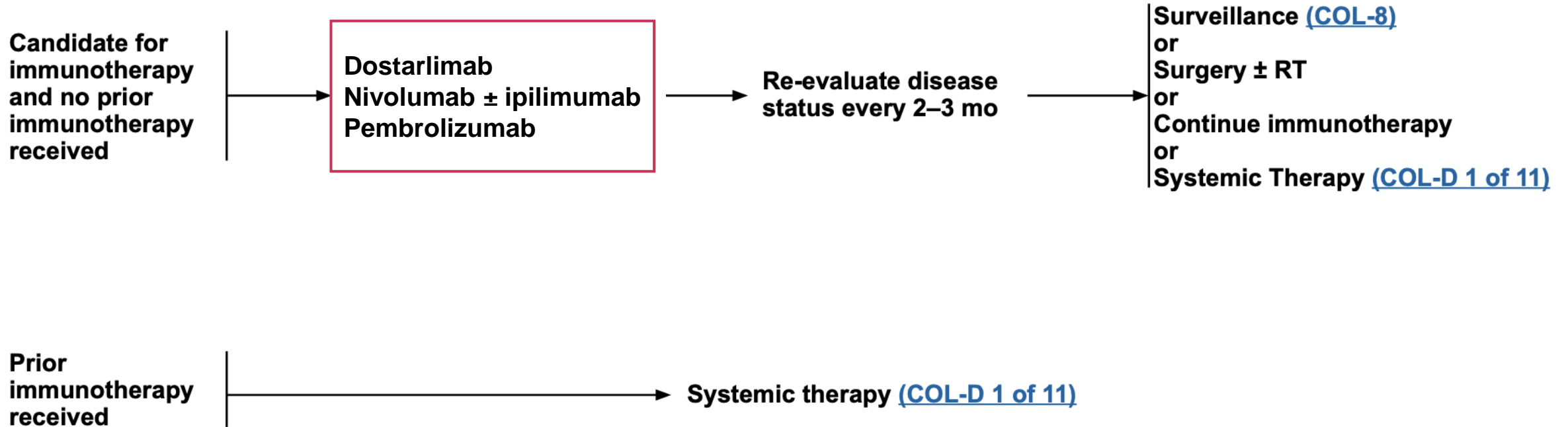
# **Immunotherapy for mismatch repair deficient/MSI-H tumors**

# T-Cell Inhibitory Signals: How immunotherapy works



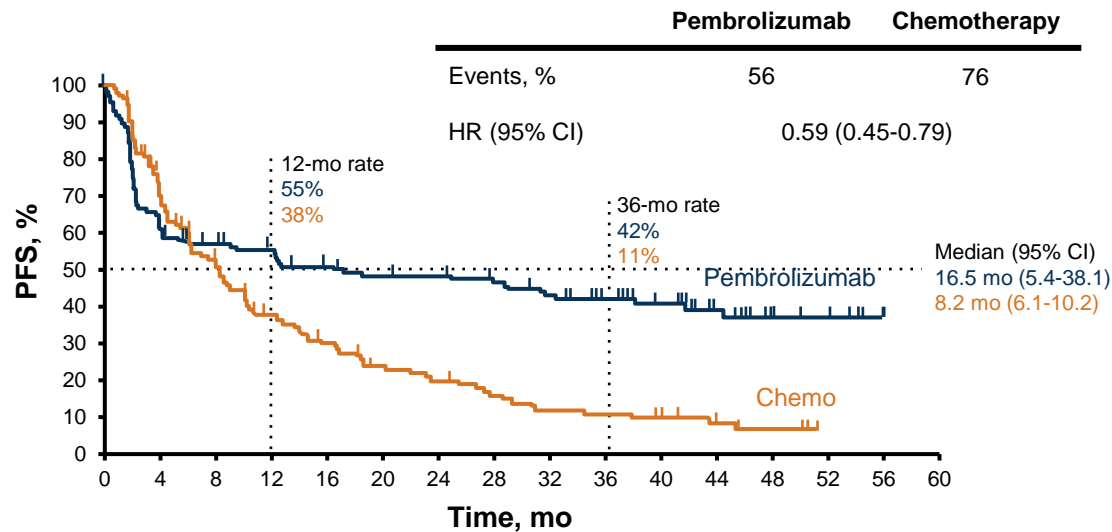
- Immune checkpoint inhibitors work by blocking T-cell inhibitory signals—removing the brake on the immune system
- The cancer immunotherapy landscape is rapidly expanding; the benefit of immune checkpoint blockers is seen across different tumor types and treatment settings (as single agents and combinations)
- Predictive biomarkers can guide clinical decisions regarding the use of immunotherapies

# Any Line of Therapy for dMMR/MSI-H mCRC



# KEYNOTE-177: Pembrolizumab vs Investigator's Choice Chemotherapy<sup>1</sup>

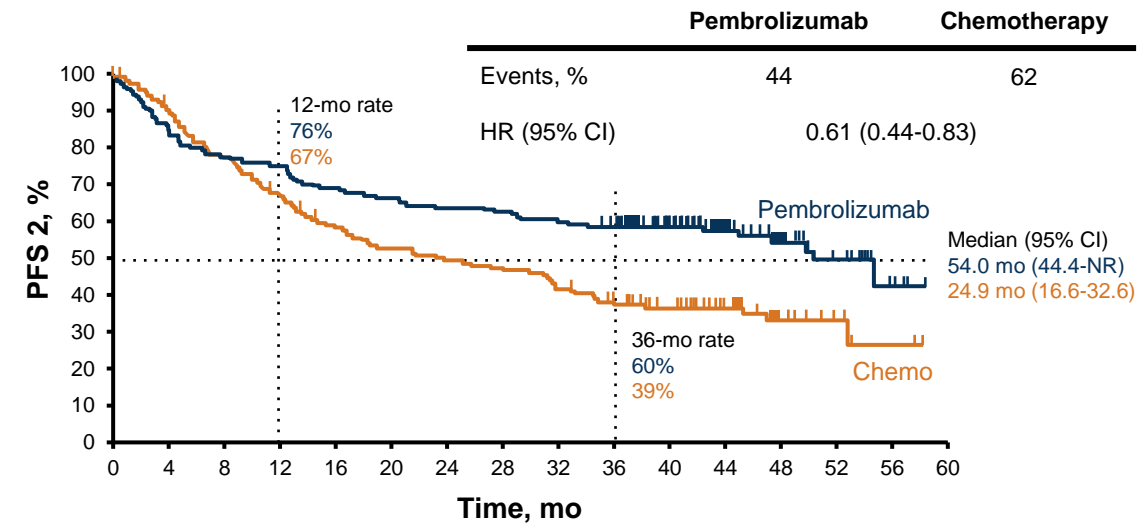
## Progression-Free Survival



No. at Risk	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60
Pembrolizumab	153	96	77	72	64	60	59	55	50	42	28	16	7	5	0	0
Chemotherapy	154	101	69	45	35	25	21	16	12	11	8	5	3	0	0	0

## Progression-Free Survival 2

Time from randomization to progression on next-line therapy or any-cause death

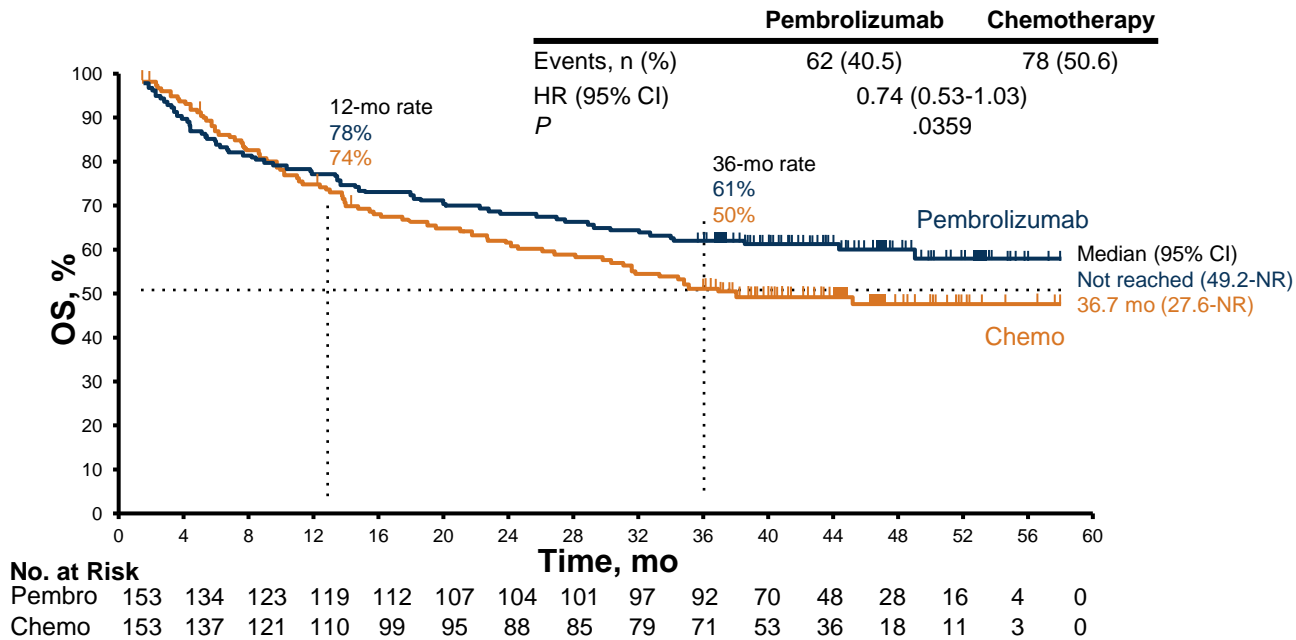


No. at Risk	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60
Pembrolizumab	153	131	120	116	107	103	99	97	93	87	67	43	26	15	3	0
Chemotherapy	154	136	117	100	86	78	73	69	62	53	43	29	11	6	2	0

Pembrolizumab versus chemotherapy provided statistically superior PFS as first-line therapy for patients with MSI-H mCRC and met criteria for superiority in PFS at second interim analysis

# KEYNOTE-177: Final OS and Antitumor Response<sup>1</sup>

## Overall Survival



	Antitumor Response	
	Pembrolizumab (n = 153)	Chemotherapy (n = 154)
<b>ORR, n (%)</b>	69 (45.1) <sup>a</sup>	51 (33.1)
<b>Best overall response, n (%)</b>		
CR	20 (13.1) <sup>b</sup>	6 (3.9)
PR	49 (32) <sup>c</sup>	45 (29.2)
SD	30 (19.6)	65 (42.2)
DCR (CR + PR + SD)	99 (64.7)	116 (75.3)
PD	45 (29.4)	19 (12.3)
NE	3 (2)	2 (1.3)
No assessment	6 (3.9)	17 (11)
<b>Median duration or response (range), mo</b>	NR (2.3+ to 53.5+)	10.6 (2.8 to 48.3+)
≥24 mo response duration, %	83.5	33.6

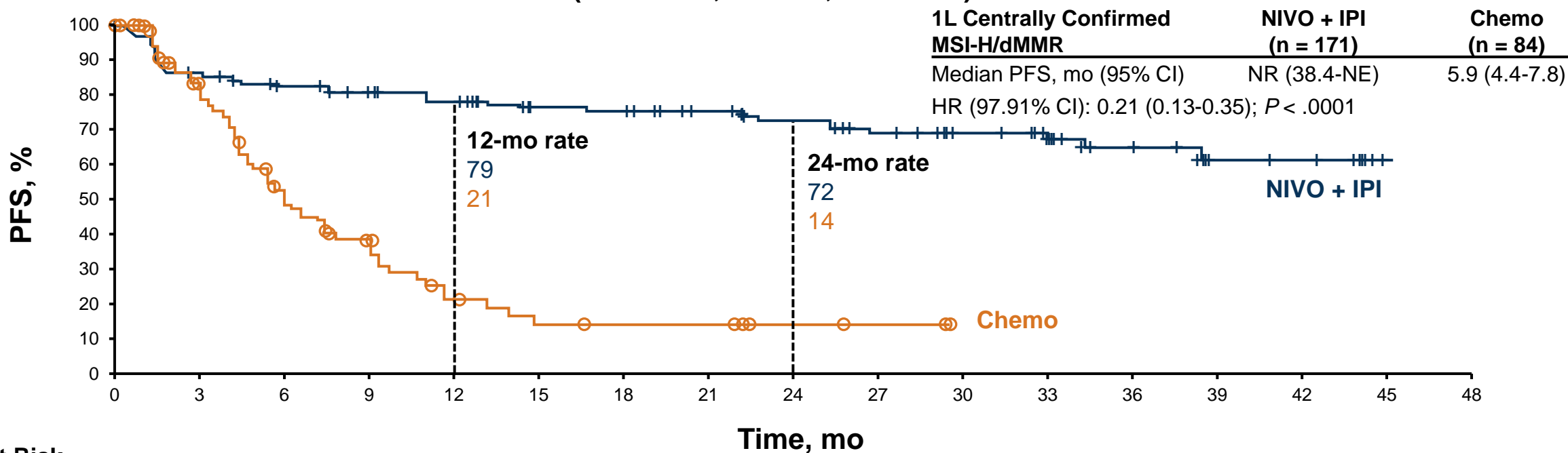
- Treatment with pembrolizumab versus chemotherapy is associated with a nonstatistically significant reduction in mortality
- HR for OS = 0.74 ( $P = .0359$ ); pembrolizumab was not superior to chemotherapy for OS as 1-sided  $\alpha > .0246$

- High crossover rate (60%) from chemotherapy to anti-PD-1/PD-L1 therapies in second line
- Sensitivity analysis by the rank-preserving structure failure time model and inverse probability of censoring weighting showed OS HRs of 0.66 (95% CI, 0.42-1.04) and 0.77 (95% CI, 0.44-1.38)



# 3 CheckMate -8HW: First-Line Nivolumab + Ipilimumab for dMMR/MSI-H mCRC<sup>1</sup>

**PFS benefit with PD-1 + CTLA-4 was robust and consistent across the sensitivity analyses  
(HR = 0.32; 95% CI, 0.23-0.46)**



No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48
NIVO + IPI	171	144	132	122	108	95	92	77	64	53	42	37	22	10	9	1	0
Chemo	84	53	29	20	10	6	5	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

1. Andre T et al. ASCO GI 2024. Abstract LBA768.

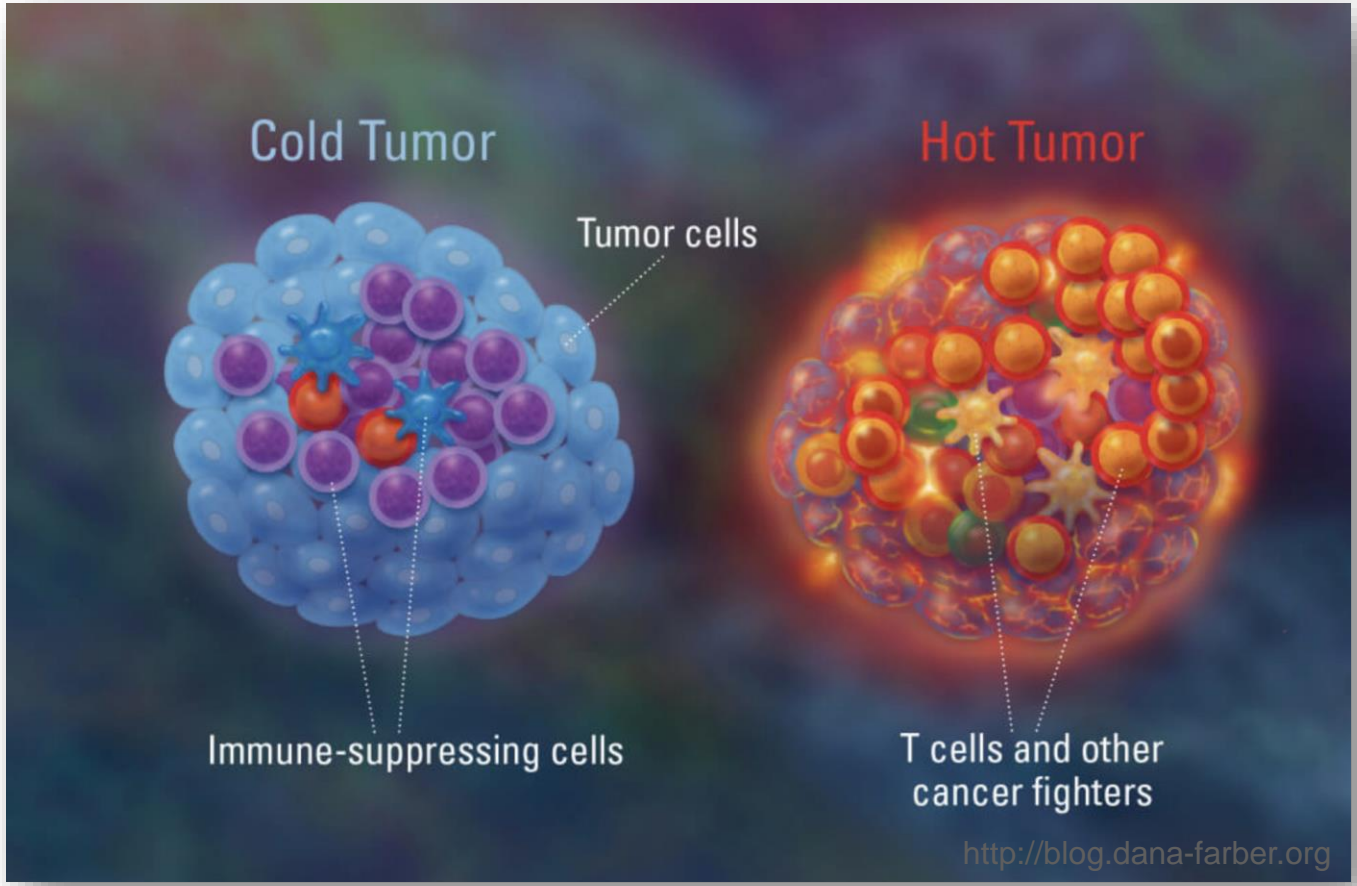
**Immunotherapy for pMMR/MSS:**

**Treatments on the horizon!**

# The challenge with MSS CRC and immunotherapy

MSS

MSI-H

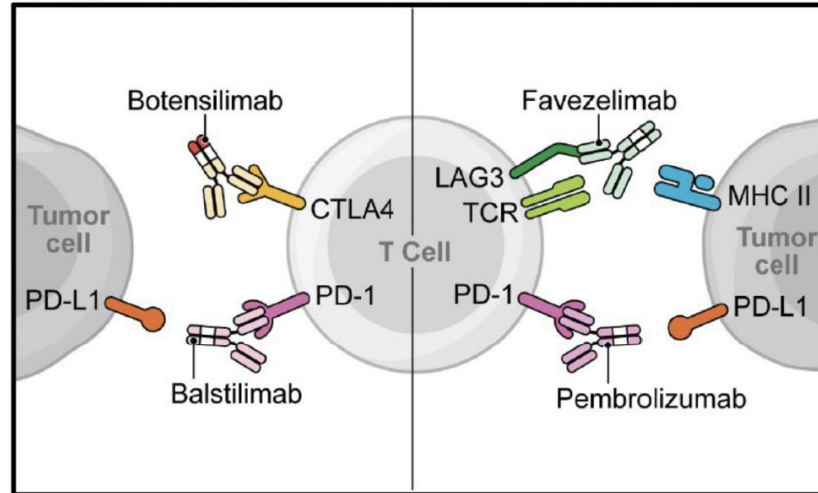


# Immune checkpoint inhibition in MSS CRC: - negative studies

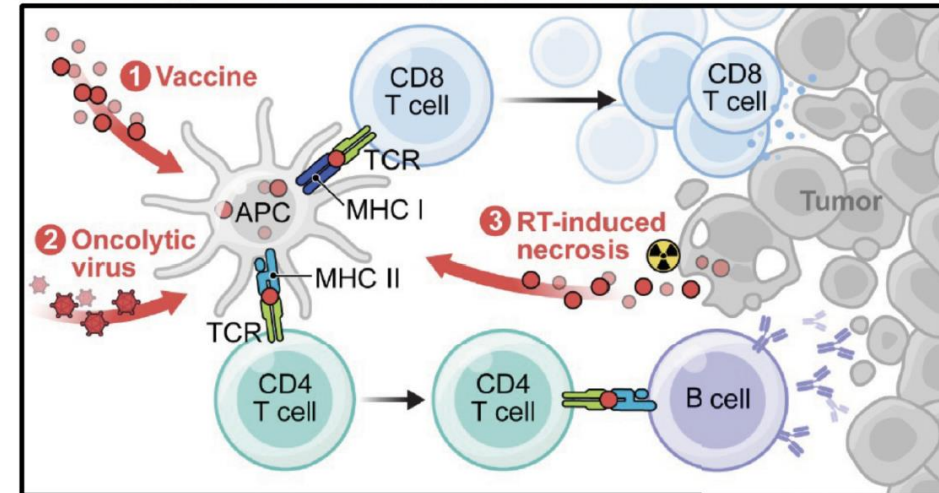
Drug	n	Response (n)	
BMS-936559 (PDL-1)	18	0	
Pembrolizumab	23	0	
Pembrolizumab	18	0	
Atezolizumab	87	1	
Durva + Treme	118	1	
Atezolizumab + Cobi	180	3	
	<b>443</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>RR = 1.1%</b>

# Strategies to increase tumor immunorecognition

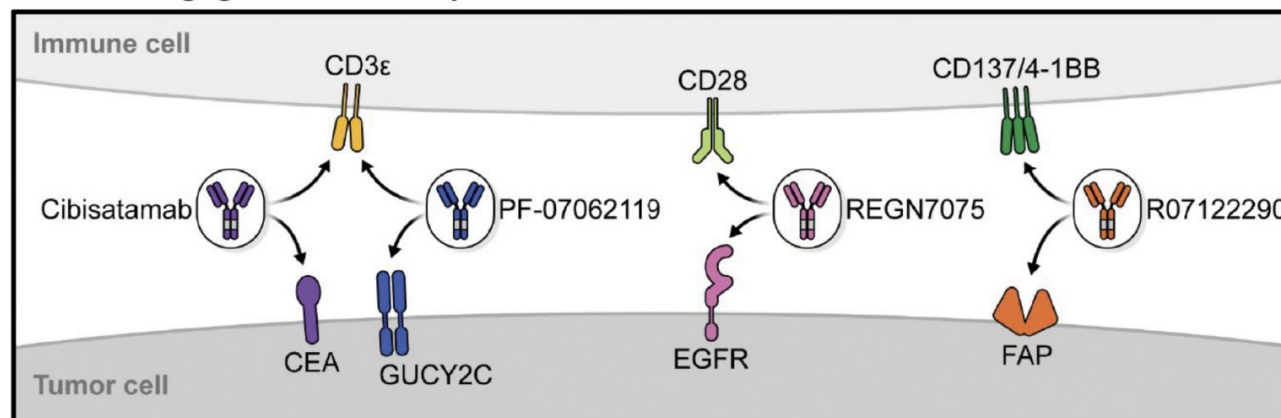
**A. Expanded Immune Checkpoint Inhibition**



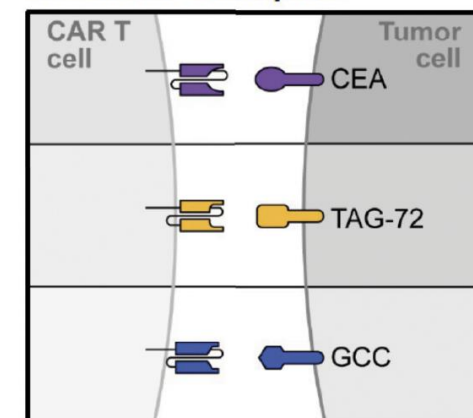
**B. Neoantigen Immunorecognition Priming**



**C. T-cell Engagement with Bispecific Antibodies**



**D. Cellular Therapies**



# Phase 1 trial of botensilimab plus balstilimab: MSS CRC cohort

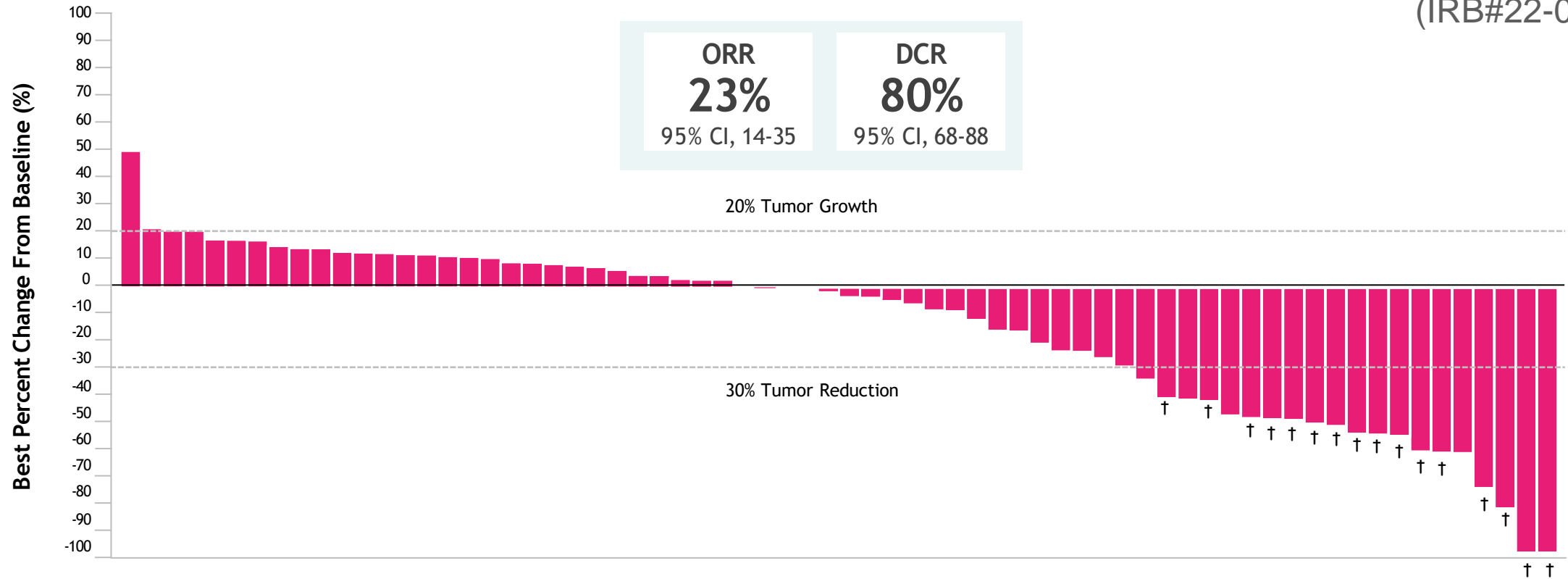
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	All EE n=87*	No Active Liver Mets EE n=69†	Active Liver Mets EE n=18‡
Confirmed ORR, n % (95% CI)	18% (11–28)	23% (14–35)	0% (0–19)
BOR, n (%)			
CR	1 (1)	1 (1)	0
PR	15 (17)	15 (22)	0
SD	45 (52)	39 (57)	6 (33)
PD	26 (30)	14 (20)	12 (67)
DCR (CR + PR + SD), % (95% CI)	70% (59–80)	80% (68–88)	33% (13–59)
12-month OS, % (95% CI)	62% (49–73)	74% (59–84)	30% (11–52)
Ongoing responses§		11/16 (69%)	

# Deep Objective Responses

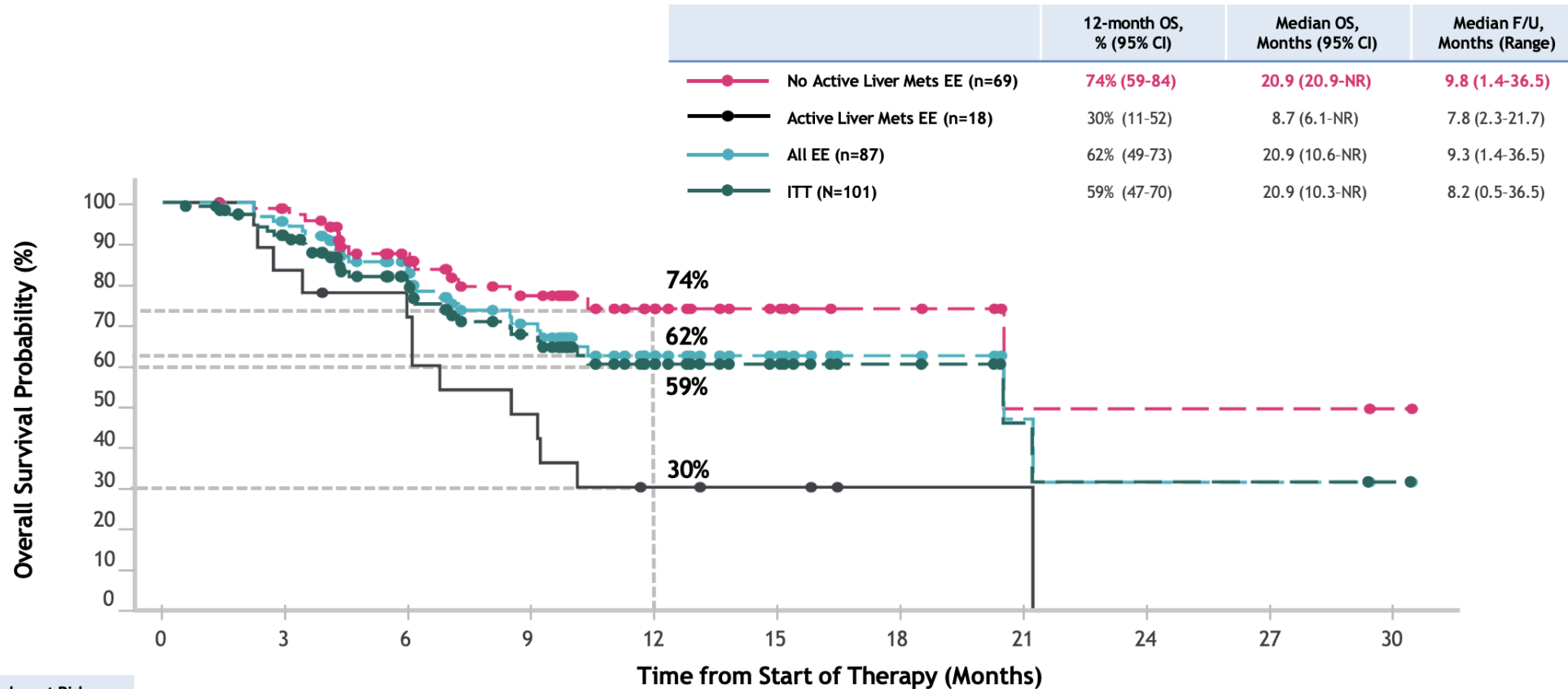
No Active Liver Metastases (Efficacy Evaluable, n=69\*)

(IRB#22-069)



# Overall survival

(IRB#22-069)



Number at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
No Active Liver Mets EE	69	65	47	33	18	11	6	2	2	2	2
Active Liver Mets EE	18	15	13	8	4	3	1	1	0	0	0
All EE	87	80	60	41	22	14	7	3	2	2	2
ITT	101	85	60	41	22	14	7	3	2	2	2

Data cutoff: 26-MAY-2023



# Conclusions:

**Treatment of mCRC includes molecular targeted therapy:**

- MSI**
- RAS**
- BRAF**
- HER2**

**Testing should be done as early as possible**

**Immunotherapy is an approved treatment for MSI mCRC**

**Clinical trials of immunotherapy for MSS mCRC are ongoing!**



**Thank You**