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# Medical Use Case Oncology: A Global Challenge

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Biology Recap



Oncology



Nephrology



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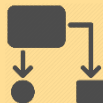
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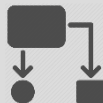
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- Numbers you should know
- Terms and definitions
- Disease classifications
- Cancer cells
- Treatment options
- Patient journey
- Tumor boards
- Clinical trials

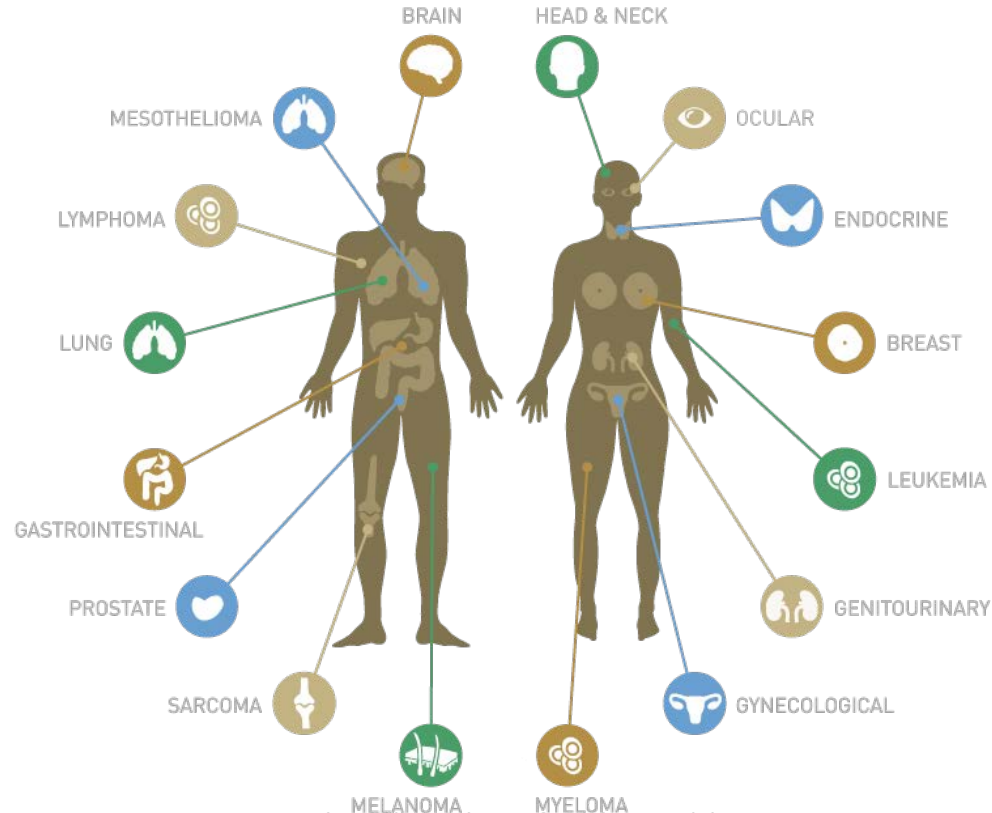
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# Types of Cancer?

- State-of-the-art classification takes only location of cancer into account
- Cancer is named after location of its first observation
- However, pathologic and genetic classification are adapted more and more



# Cancer Facts

## << QUIZ >>

What are the most common cancer types recently (worldwide, absolute cases)?

- A. Breast
- B. Lung and respiratory system
- C. Colorectal
- D. Prostate



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# Cancer Facts

## Worldwide Cancer Incidence by Type in 2020

- Over 18M people received cancer diagnosis
- Top 3 cancer types contribute to 1/3 of new cases:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> + 2<sup>nd</sup>: Breast + lung cancer with 4.4M new cases
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>: Colorectal cancer with 1.9M new cases
- Top 10 cancer types contribute to 2/3 of new cases

#	ICDs	Cancer Type	Number	Ratio
	<b>C00-97/C44</b>	<b>All excl. NMSC</b>	<b>18,094,716</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
1	C50	Breast	2,261,419	12.5%
2	C33-34	Lung	2,206,771	12.2%
3	C18-21	Colorectum	1,931,590	10.7%
4	C61	Prostate	1,414,259	7.8%
5	C16	Stomach	1,089,103	6.0%
6	C22	Liver	905,677	5.0%
7	C53	Cervix uteri	604,127	3.3%
8	C15	Oesophagus	604,100	3.3%
9	C73	Thyroid	586,202	3.2%
10	C67	Bladder	573,278	3.2%

Adapted from <https://www.wcrf.org/dietandcancer/cancer-trends/worldwide-cancer-data>

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# Cancer Facts

## Worldwide Cancer Incidence by Type and Sex in 2020

Cancer Type	Number	Ratio
All excl. NMSC	9,342,957	100.0%
Lung	1,435,943	25.8%
Prostate	1,414,259	9.9%
Colorectum	1,065,960	8.8%
Stomach	719,523	6.9%
Liver	632,320	5.1%
Bladder	440,864	4.8%
Oesophagus	418,350	4.2%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	304,151	3.6%
Kidney	271,249	3.1%
Leukaemia	269,503	2.7%



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Cancer Type	Number	Ratio
All excl. NMSC	8,751,759	100.0%
Breast	2,261,419	25.8%
Colorectum	865,630	9.9%
Lung	770,828	8.8%
Cervix uteri	604,127	6.9%
Thyroid	448,915	5.1%
Corpus uteri	417,367	4.8%
Stomach	369,580	4.2%
Ovary	313,959	3.6%
Liver	273,357	3.1%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	240,201	2.7%

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## Worldwide Cancer Mortality by Type and Sex in 2020

Cancer Type	Number	Ratio
All excl. NMSC	5,491,214	100.0%
Lung	1,188,679	21.6%
Liver	577,522	10.5%
Colorectum	515,637	9.4%
Stomach	502,788	9.2%
Prostate	375,304	6.8%
Oesophagus	374,313	6.8%
Pancreas	246,840	4.5%
Leukaemia	177,818	3.2%
Bladder	158,785	2.9%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	147,217	2.7%



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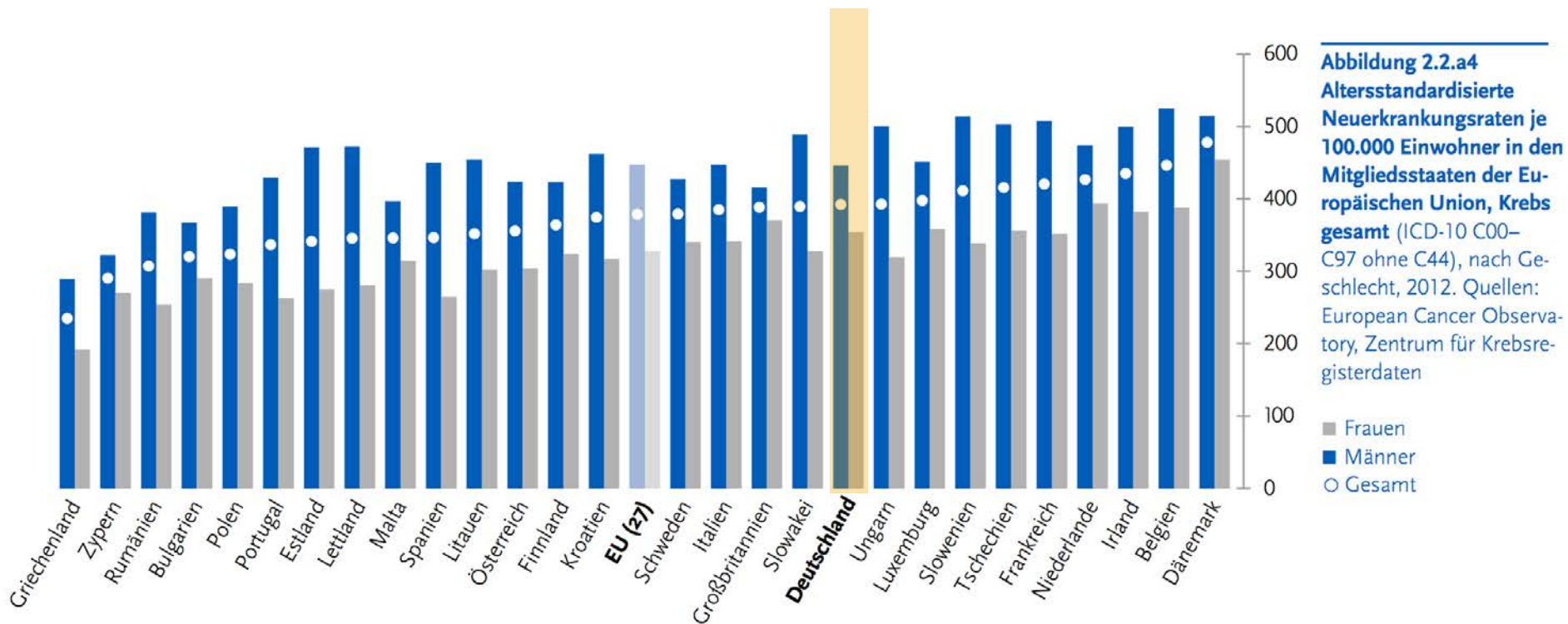
Cancer Type	Number	Ratio
All excl. NMSC	4,403,188	100.0%
Breast	684,996	15.6%
Lung	607,465	13.8%
Colorectum	419,536	9.5%
Cervix uteri	341,831	7.8%
Stomach	266,005	6.0%
Liver	252,658	5.7%
Pancreas	219,163	5.0%
Ovary	207,252	4.7%
Oesophagus	169,763	3.9%
Leukaemia	133,776	3.0%

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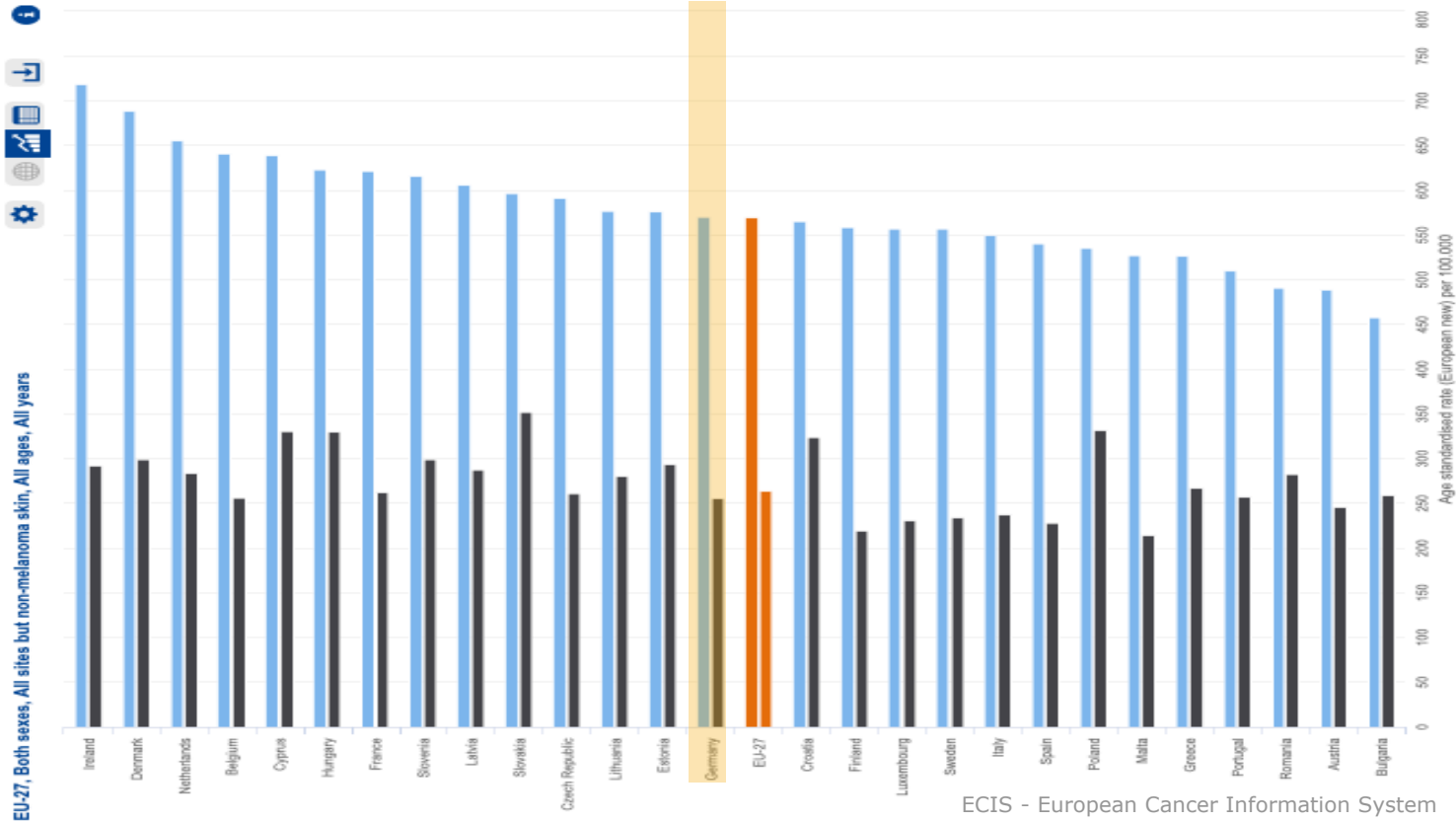
# Cancer Facts

## European Union: Incidence by Sex per 100k (2012)



# Cancer Facts

## European Union: Incidence vs. Mortality per 100k (2020)

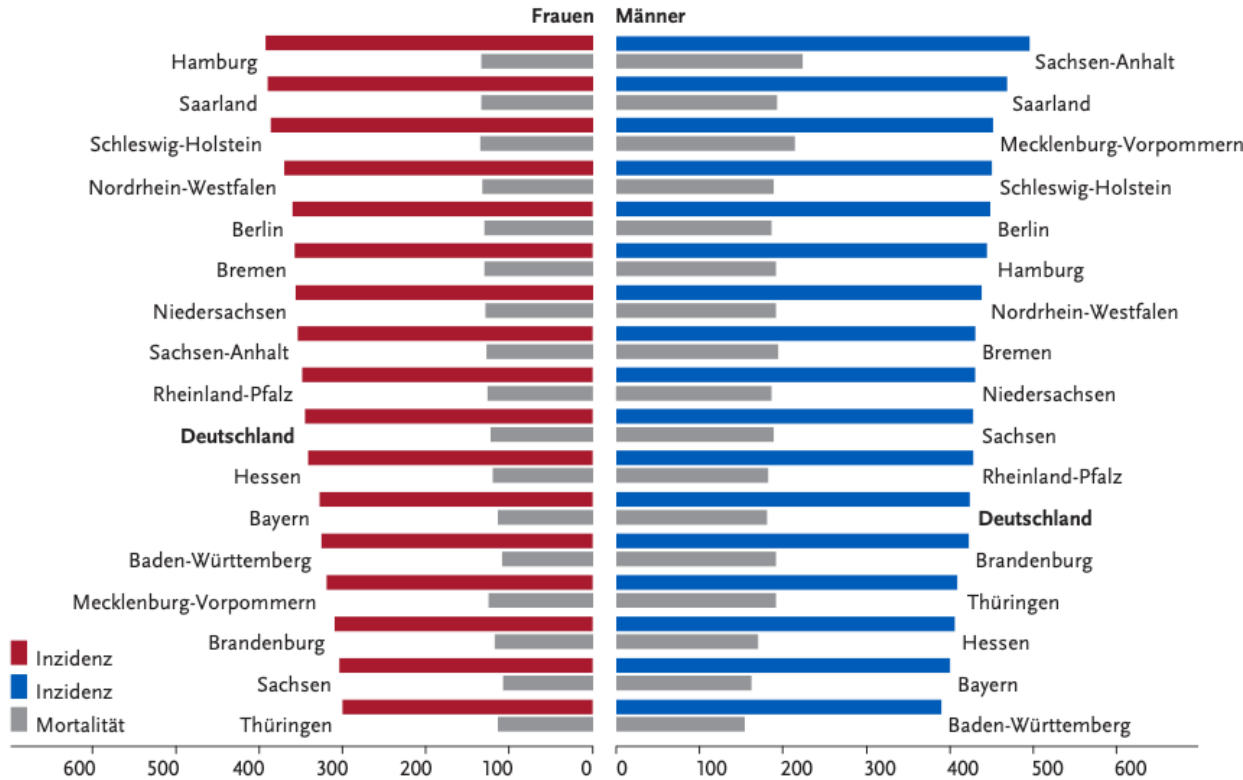


ECIS - European Cancer Information System

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# Cancer Facts: Age-standardized Incidence and Mortality per State and Sex in Germany 2017-2018



ICD-10 C00 - C97 w/o C44, 2017-2018 per 100,000 (old European standard)

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# Cancer Facts

## United States of America (2023)

In 2023 in the U.S., there will be an estimated  
**1,958,310 new cancer cases** and  
**609,820 cancer deaths.**

EVERY DAY



THAT'S APPROXIMATELY

**5,365**

NEW CASES

**1,671**

DEATHS

<https://cancerstatisticscenter.cancer.org/>

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# Cancer Facts

## USA Estimated New vs. Deaths (2023)

### Estimated new cases, 2023

By cancer type, both sexes combined

#### Breast ⓘ



#### Prostate



#### Lung and bronchus



#### Colorectum ⓘ



#### Melanoma of the skin



#### Urinary bladder ⓘ



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American Cancer Society, 2023

### Estimated deaths, 2023

By cancer type, both sexes combined

#### Lung and bronchus



#### Colorectum ⓘ



#### Pancreas



#### Breast ⓘ




#### Prostate



#### Liver and intrahepatic bile duct



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**Table 6. Probability (%) of Developing Invasive Cancer During Selected Age Intervals by Sex, US, 2017-2019\***

Site	Sex	0 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 69	70 and older	Birth to death
All sites†	Male	3.5 (1 in 29)	6.2 (1 in 16)	13.8 (1 in 7)	34.0 (1 in 3)	40.9 (1 in 2)
	Female	5.8 (1 in 17)	6.4 (1 in 16)	10.4 (1 in 10)	27.2 (1 in 4)	39.1 (1 in 3)
Breast	Female	2.1 (1 in 48)	2.4 (1 in 41)	3.5 (1 in 28)	7.0 (1 in 14)	12.9 (1 in 8)
Colon & rectum	Male	0.4 (1 in 241)	0.7 (1 in 138)	1.1 (1 in 90)	3.1 (1 in 33)	4.3 (1 in 23)
	Female	0.4 (1 in 267)	0.5 (1 in 191)	0.8 (1 in 130)	2.8 (1 in 36)	3.9 (1 in 26)
Kidney & renal pelvis	Male	0.3 (1 in 389)	0.4 (1 in 250)	0.7 (1 in 144)	1.4 (1 in 69)	2.3 (1 in 44)
	Female	0.2 (1 in 609)	0.2 (1 in 504)	0.3 (1 in 292)	0.8 (1 in 124)	1.3 (1 in 75)
Leukemia	Male	0.3 (1 in 380)	0.2 (1 in 538)	0.4 (1 in 263)	1.4 (1 in 69)	1.8 (1 in 55)
	Female	0.2 (1 in 495)	0.1 (1 in 820)	0.2 (1 in 425)	0.9 (1 in 111)	1.3 (1 in 78)
Lung & bronchus	Male	0.1 (1 in 848)	0.6 (1 in 178)	1.7 (1 in 59)	5.6 (1 in 18)	6.2 (1 in 16)
	Female	0.1 (1 in 746)	0.5 (1 in 183)	1.4 (1 in 72)	4.7 (1 in 21)	5.8 (1 in 17)
Melanoma of the skin‡	Male	0.4 (1 in 246)	0.5 (1 in 205)	0.9 (1 in 114)	2.6 (1 in 38)	3.5 (1 in 28)
	Female	0.6 (1 in 162)	0.4 (1 in 247)	0.5 (1 in 191)	1.1 (1 in 88)	2.4 (1 in 41)
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	Male	0.3 (1 in 400)	0.3 (1 in 354)	0.6 (1 in 181)	1.8 (1 in 55)	2.3 (1 in 43)
	Female	0.2 (1 in 535)	0.2 (1 in 473)	0.4 (1 in 250)	1.3 (1 in 74)	1.9 (1 in 53)
Prostate	Male	0.2 (1 in 457)	1.8 (1 in 55)	5.2 (1 in 19)	9.2 (1 in 11)	12.6 (1 in 8)
Thyroid	Male	0.2 (1 in 487)	0.1 (1 in 767)	0.2 (1 in 599)	0.2 (1 in 416)	0.6 (1 in 155)
	Female	0.8 (1 in 125)	0.3 (1 in 290)	0.3 (1 in 318)	0.4 (1 in 276)	1.7 (1 in 59)
Uterine cervix	Female	0.3 (1 in 340)	0.1 (1 in 803)	0.1 (1 in 934)	0.2 (1 in 593)	0.7 (1 in 153)
Uterine corpus	Female	0.3 (1 in 305)	0.6 (1 in 161)	1.0 (1 in 97)	1.5 (1 in 68)	3.1 (1 in 33)

\*For those who are free of cancer at the beginning of each age interval. †All sites excludes basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers except urinary bladder. ‡Statistic is for non-Hispanic Whites.

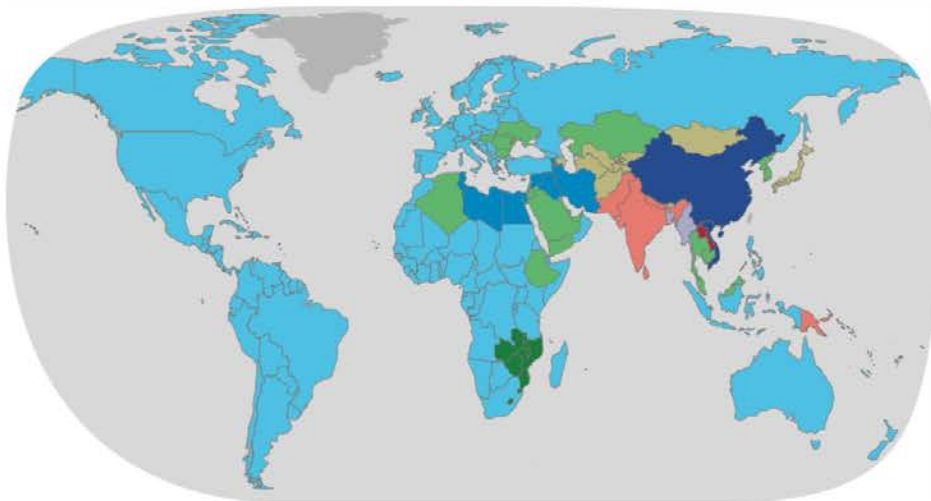
**Source:** DevCan: Probability of Developing or Dying of Cancer Software, Version 6.8.0. Statistical Research and Applications Branch, National Cancer Institute, 2022. [surveillance.cancer.gov/devcan/](https://surveillance.cancer.gov/devcan/).

**Please note:** The probability of developing cancer for additional sites, as well as the probability of cancer death, can be found in Supplemental Data at [cancer.org/research/cancerfactsstatistics/index](https://cancer.org/research/cancerfactsstatistics/index).

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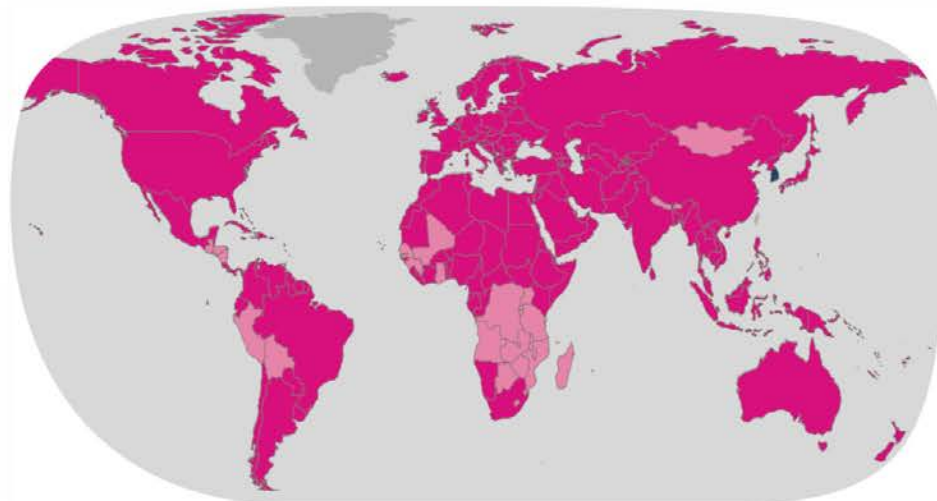
## Males



- 1 **Prostate** - 124 countries worldwide
- 2 **Bowel** - 23 countries in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe
- 3 **Stomach** - 9 countries in Asia
- 4 **Lip, Oral Cavity** - 7 countries in South-Central Asia and Melanesia
- 5 **Bladder** - 7 countries in Northern Africa, Asia

- 6 **Kaposi Sarcoma** - Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Zambia
- 7 **Liver** - Gambia, Laos
- 8 **Lung** - China, Vietnam
- 9 **Pharynx** - Bangladesh, Myanmar

## Females



- 1 **Breast** - 151 countries worldwide
- 2 **Cervix** - 30 countries in Africa, the Americas and Asia
- 3 **Thyroid** - South Korea



Questions?

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- **Evidence-based medicine** (EBM) is “[...] the conscientious, explicit and judicious use of current best evidence in making decisions about the care of individual patients.”

(Sackett et al.: Evidence based medicine: What it is and what it isn't, 1996)



President Obama speaks on the Precision Medicine Initiative, Jan 30, 2015

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- “**Stratified medicine** is based on the identification of subgroups of patients that differ in their mechanisms of disease, their susceptibility to a particular disease, or in their response to a medicine.”
- “Personalized medicine takes this approach a step further by using targeted medicines and also taking information such as the patient’s genotype and lifestyle into account when deciding on the best treatment.”

(European Patients’ Academy, 2015)



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- **Personalized medicine** “[...] is the concept that selection of a treatment should be tailored according to the individual patient’s specific characteristics [...] versus a decision based on ‘standards of care’ derived by averaging responses across large cohorts of individuals in clinical trials”

(K. Jain: “Textbook of Personalized Medicine”, 2009)



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- **Precision medicine** is “[...] an emerging approach for disease treatment and prevention that takes into account individual variability in genes, environment, and lifestyle for each person.”

(U.S. National Institute of Health, 2015)



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# Cancer Classification

## << QUIZ >>

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What do you think are important cancer classifiers?

- A. Location
- B. Size
- C. Progression
- D. All of them

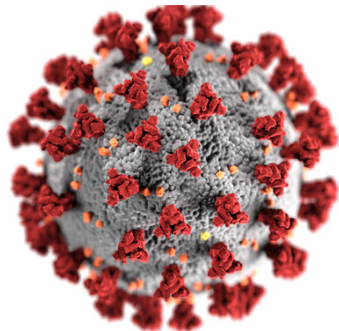


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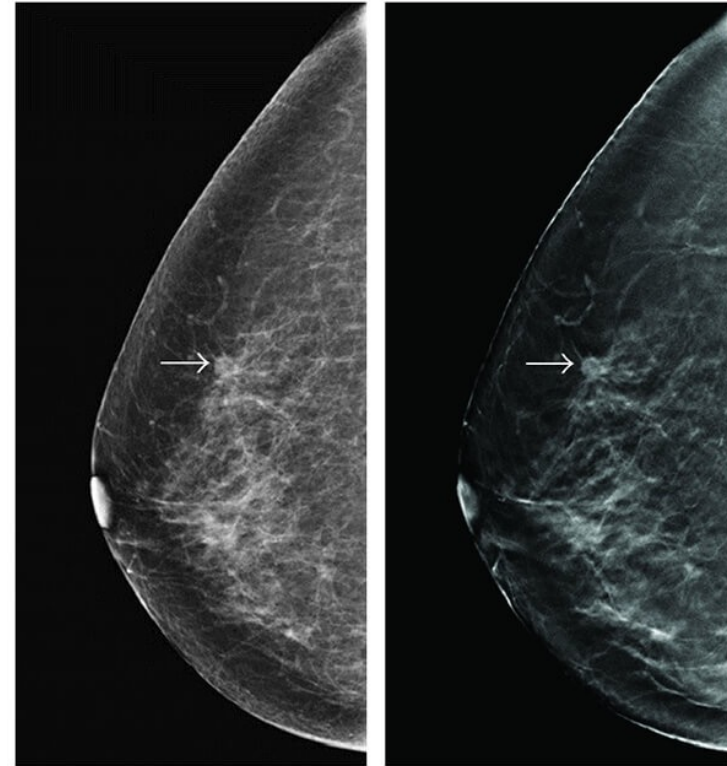
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# Cancer Disease Management Strategies

- Prevention, e.g. identification of risk factors to avoid them
  - Early detection, e.g. regular screening
  - Treatment, e.g. personalized cancer treatment
  - Palliative care, i.e. mainly to reduce pain
- Bear in mind: Patients receiving cancer treatment are at high risk for infectious diseases, e.g. Coronavirus.



Breast nodules detected during screening by standard (a) 2D digital mammogram and (b) tomosynthesis

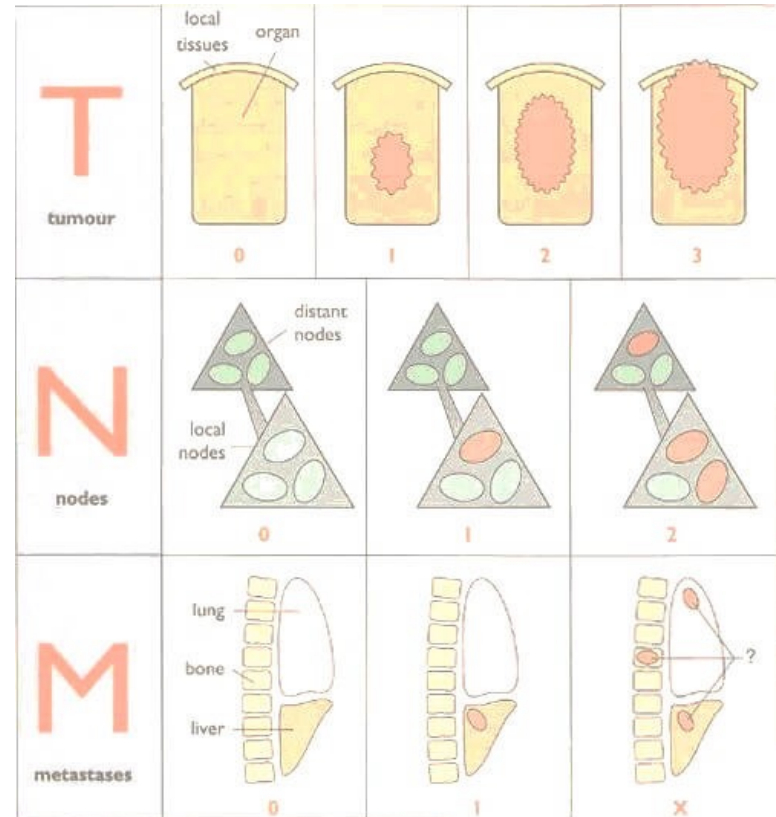


(a)

(b)

# Cancer Classification

- **TNM classification** describes clinical and pathologic observations of tumors
  - c := Clinical observation,
  - p := Pathological observation
  - T := Size and extent of the primary tumor
  - N := Number of affected lymph nodes nearby
  - M := Number of metastases
- For example, cT1aN0M0 for NSCLC:
  - Tumor  $\leq 2$  cm
  - No regional lymph nodes affected
  - No distant metastases

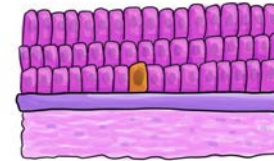


# Tumor Stage Grouping

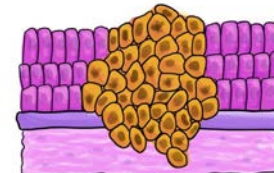
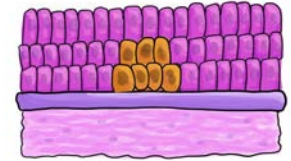
- Staging takes the progress of the disease into account

Stage	Description	Metastases
0	Carcinoma In Situ (CIS)	No
I	Localized	No
II	Locally advanced, but early stage	No
III	Locally advanced, late stage	No
IV	Tumor metastases are detected	Yes

ONE ABNORMAL CELL SURROUNDED BY NORMAL, HEALTHY CELLS



THE ABNORMAL CELL DIVIDES TO CREATE MORE ABNORMAL CELLS



INVASIVE CARCINOMA



CARCINOMA IN SITU

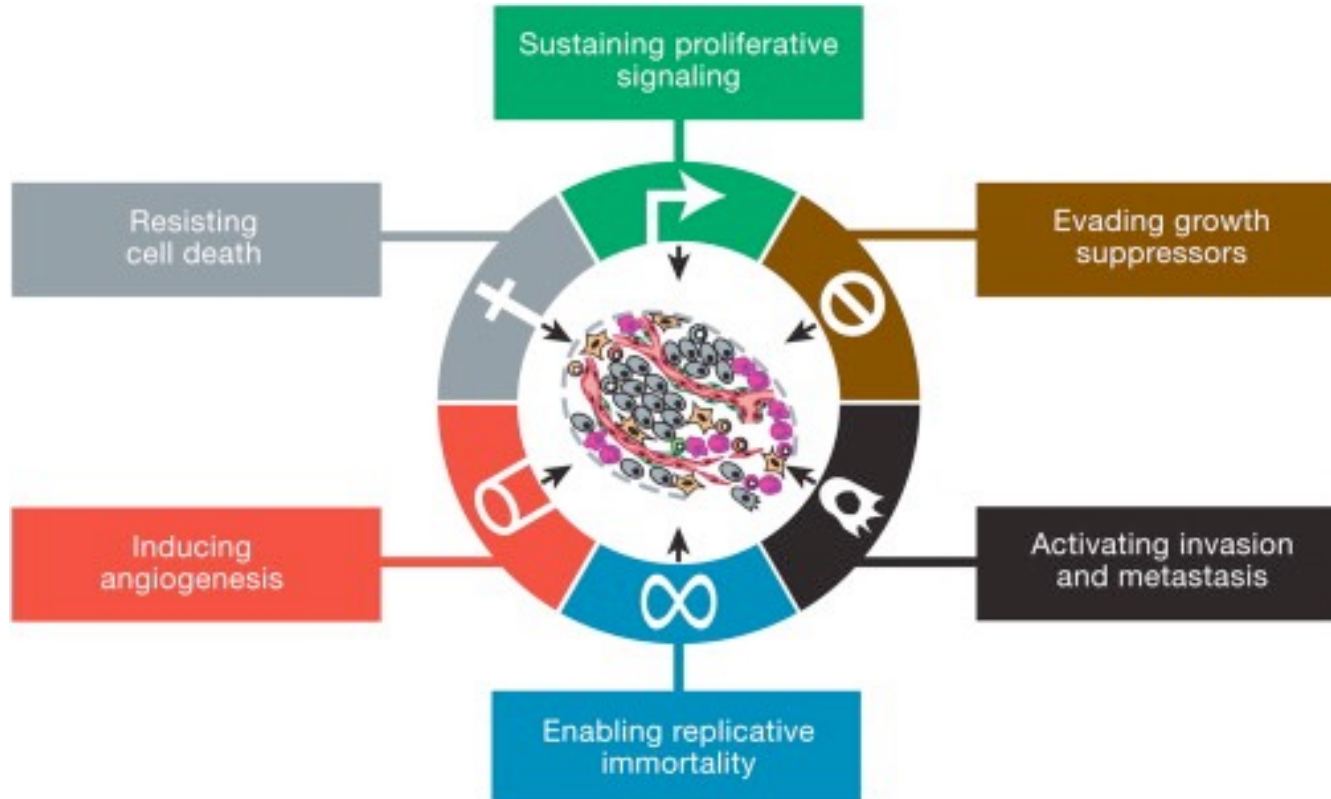
- Example: NSCLC, stage IV: Primary lung tumor spread remote metastases

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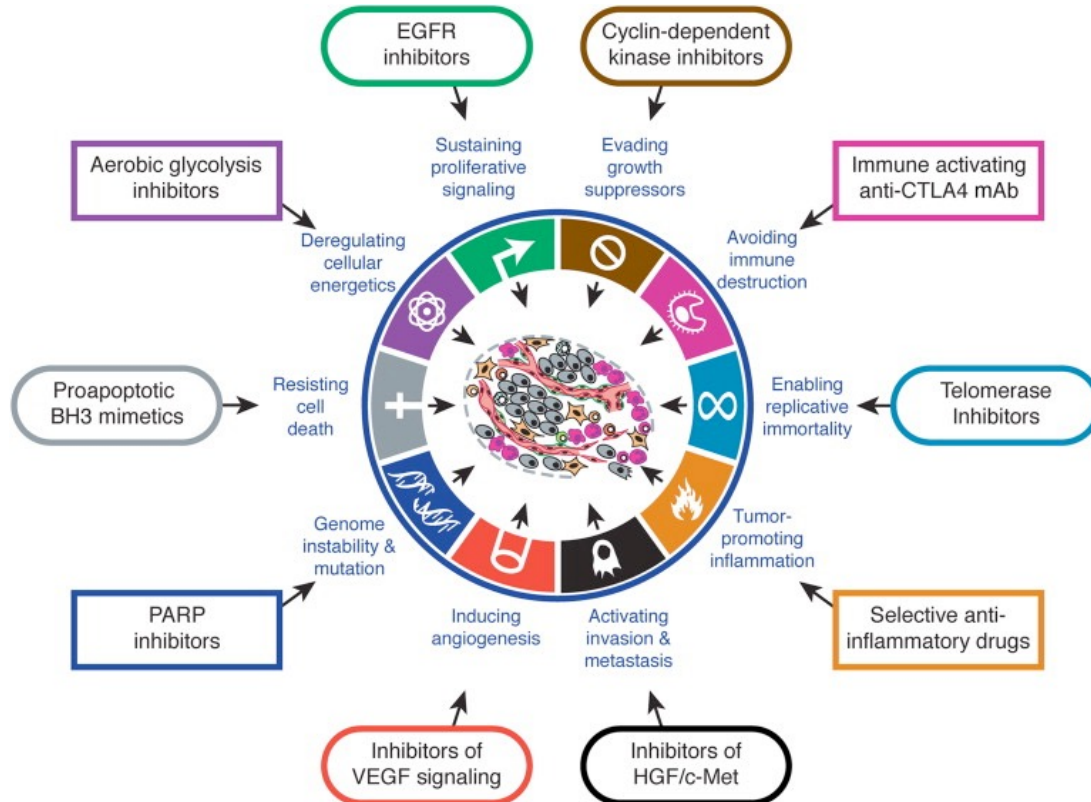
# Hallmarks of Cancer Cells (2000)



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# Hallmarks of Cancer Cells (2011) and Therapeutic Targets for Cancer Cells

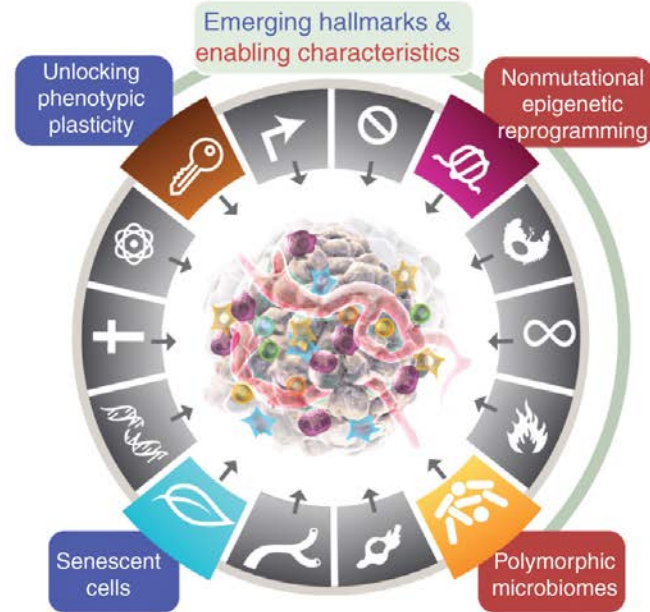
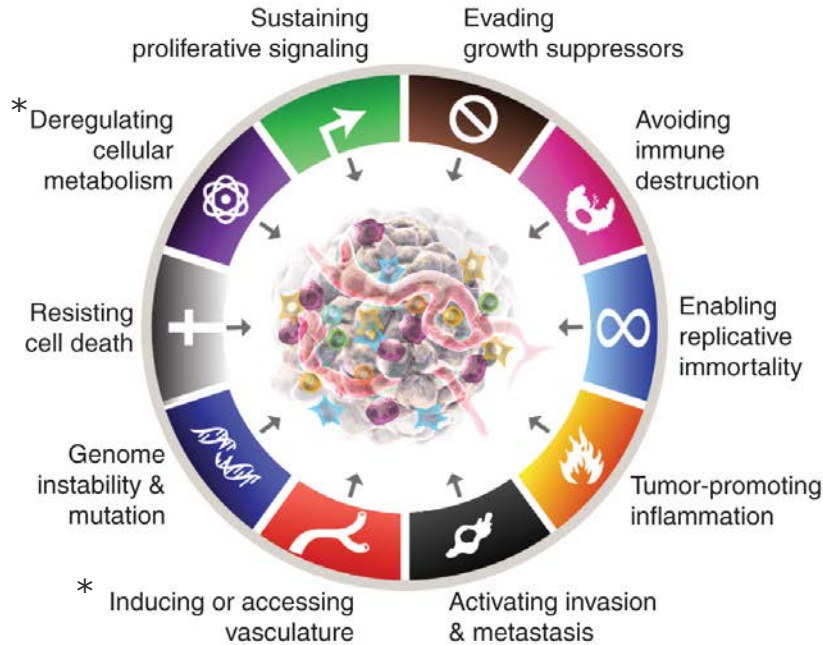


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# Hallmarks of Cancer Cells

left: 2011 (reviewed \*), right: 2022



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# Oncogenes

<https://www.oncokb.org/cancer-genes>

- **Proto-Oncogenes** := Encode proteins responsible for growth, division, and differentiation of cells.
- **Oncogenes** := Damaged versions of proto-oncogenes, which might results in accelerated or uncontrolled cell functions.

**Oncogenes:** BAX, BCL2L1, CASP8, CDK4, ELK1, ETS1, HGF, JAK2, JUNB, JUND, KIT, KITLG, MCL1, MET, MOS, MYB, NFKBIA, NRAS, PIK3CA, PML, PRKCA, RAF1, RARA, REL, ROS1, RUNX1, SRC, STAT3, ZHX2.

**Tumor Suppressor Genes:** ATM, BRCA1, BRCA2, CDH1, CDKN2B, CDKN3, E2F1, FHIT, FOXD3, HIC1, IGF2R, MEN1, MGMT, MLH1, NF1, NF2, RASSF1, RUNX3, S100A4, SERPINB5, SMAD4, STK11, TP73, TSC1, VHL, WT1, WWOX, XRCC1.

**Both Oncogenic & Tumor Suppressor Properties:** BCR, EGF, ERBB2, ESR1, FOS, HRAS, JUN, KRAS, MDM2, MYC, MYCN, NFKB1, PIK3C2A, RB1, RET, SH3PXD2A, TGFB1, TNF, TP53.

**Transcription Factors:** ABL1, BRCA1, BRCA2, CDKN2A, CTNNB1, E2F1, ELK1, ESR1, ETS1, FOS, FOXD3, HIC1, JUN, JUNB, JUND, MDM2, MEN1, MYB, MYC, MYCN, NF1, NFKB1, PML, RARA, RB1, REL, RUNX1, RUNX3, SMAD4, STAT3, TGFB1, TNF, TP53, TP73, TSC1, VHL, WT1, ZHX2.

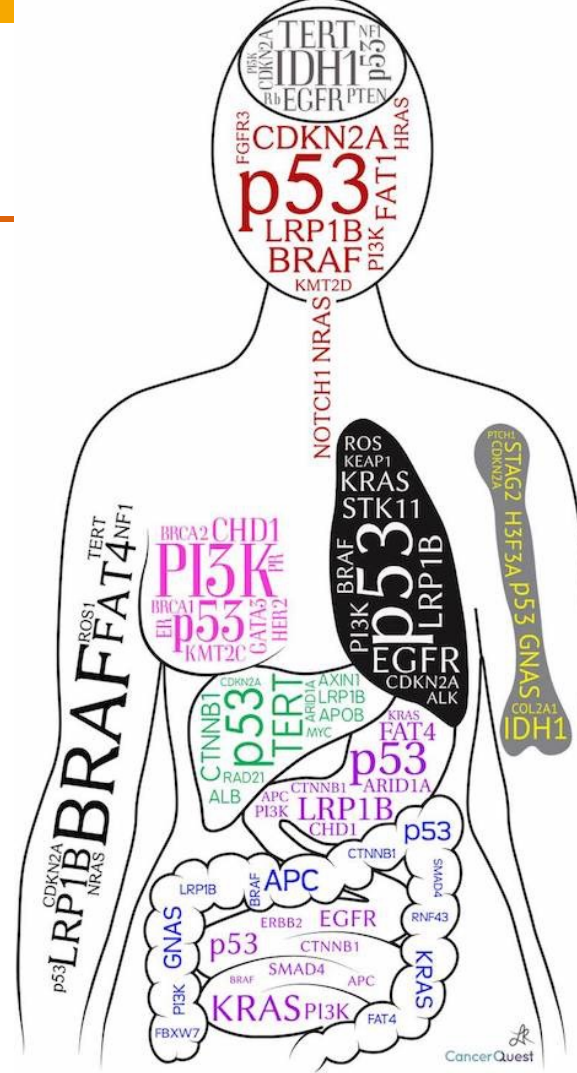
**Epithelial-to-Mesenchymal Transition:** BRCA2, CDKN2B, CTNNB1, ERBB2, HGF, JAK2, KIT, MCL1, NF1, RUNX3, S100A4, SMAD4, TGFB1, VHL.

**Angiogenesis:** AKT1, CTNNB1, EGF, ERBB2, NF1, PML, RUNX1, TGFB1.

**Apoptosis:** BAX, BCL2, BCL2L1, BRCA1, CASP8, E2F1, MCL1, MGMT, TNF, VHL.

**Cell Adhesion:** APC, CDH1, CDKN2A, CTNNB1, KITLG, NF1, NF2, TGFB1.

**Cell Cycle:** ATM, BRCA1, BRCA2, CCND1, CDK4, CDKN1A, CDKN2A, CDKN2B, CDKN3, E2F1, HGF, MEN1, STK11, TP53.  
Oncogenes & Tumor Suppressor Genes PCR Array, Qiagen, 2012



# Patient Journey: Lung Cancer in 2024

## Screening, Diagnosis, Treatment, and Prevention

- Case vignette: 65-year old, male, former smoker, COPD patient
- How does his patient journey looks like?



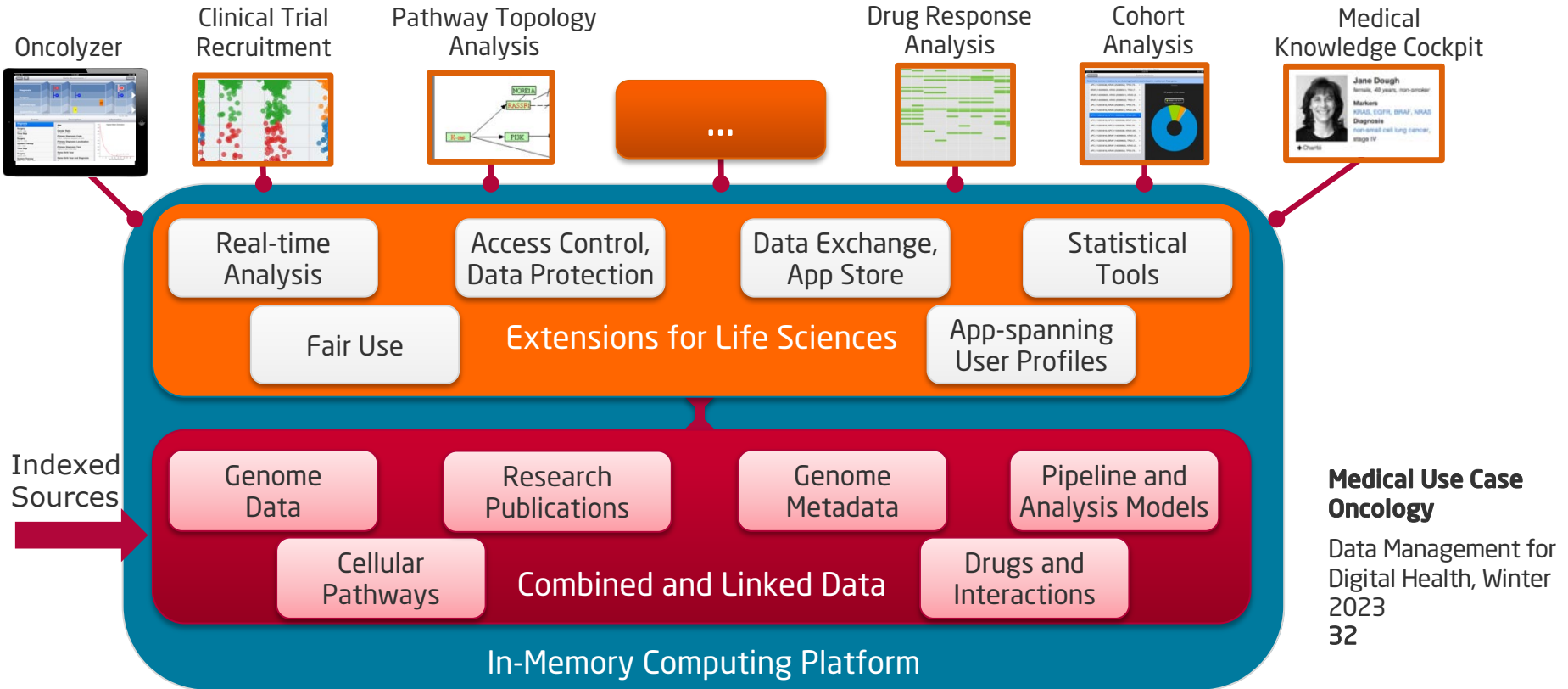
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# Our Approach: AnalyzeGenomes.com In-Memory Computing Platform for Big Medical Data



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# Patient Journey: Lung Cancer in 2024 Screening



## Personal risk score

75%

- Personal risk score based on patient anamnesis, e.g. COPD or former smoker, regularly calculated by algorithms
- → Regular check-ups supported through direct notifications, e.g. annual respiratory screening recommended

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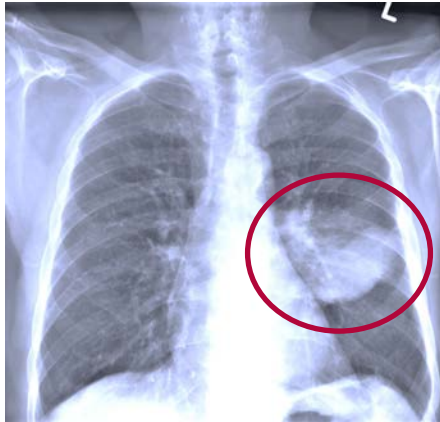
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# Patient Journey: Lung Cancer in 2024

## Diagnosis



- Lung function test + low-dose CT scan of the lung
- AI system supports radiologists in detecting lung tissue changes
- Minimal invasive CTC test reveals cells carrying relevant genetic changes, e.g. EGFR+ and ERBB2+
- → Biopsy from lung validated hypothesis



### Marker



EGFR



ERBB2

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# Use Case: Precision Oncology

## Identification of Best Treatment Option for Cancer Patient

- Diagnosis: Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC), stage IV
  - Markers: EGFR, ERBB2
1. Send tumor sample to laboratory for DNA extraction
  2. Sequencing of tumor DNA is possible in <24hrs
  3. Analysis involves 1+ TB of raw genome data per sample and takes days
  4. Process raw genome data, e.g. alignment, variant calling, and annotate
  5. Identify relevant variants using international medical knowledge
  6. Decision making requires global medical knowledge, e.g. similar cases



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# Patient Journey: Lung Cancer in 2024 Treatment




- AI-based therapy support based on, e.g.
  - Clinical guidelines
  - Historic patient cases
  - Latest international medical knowledge and publications
- → Fully compliant with latest clinical guidelines surgery can be performed

■ <b>Beurteilung der Operabilität für lungenresezierende Eingriffe</b>	<b>Komborbiditäten?</b> 
■ <b>Lungenfunktionstestung</b>	<b>FEV1 <math>\geq</math> 2l bzw. 80% Soll und TLCO <math>&gt;</math> 60% Soll??</b> 

Bei einer geplanten Lobektomie sollte bei einem postbronchodilatatorischen FEV1  $>$ 1,5 l und einer Diffusionskapazität (TLCO)  $>$ 60 % des Sollwertes und bei einer geplanten Pneumonektomie bei einem postbronchodilatatorischen FEV1  $>$ 2,0 l und einer TLCO  $>$ 60 % des Sollwertes keine weitere Lungenfunktionstestung erfolgen.

**Empfehlung**

 Operabel bis zur Pneumoektomie

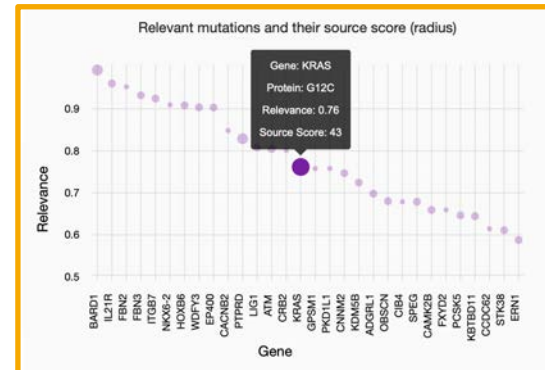
# Use Case: Molecular Tumor Boards

- Multidisciplinary exchange format for oncologists
- Incorporates genetic dispositions
- Focus on data management, e.g. data retrieval, variant annotations, case presentations, documentation, and follow-up



Search for mutation

Gene	Protein	Type T	Relevance ↓	Sources
KRAS	G12V	Missense Mutation	0.76	<a href="#">PubMed</a> <a href="#">ASCO</a> <a href="#">GIMC</a> <a href="#">Historic</a> <sup>1</sup>
SETBP1	L1278M	Missense Mutation	0.73	<a href="#">PubMed</a> <a href="#">ASCO</a>
LRRK1	W1108L	Missense Mutation	0.72	<a href="#">PubMed</a>



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# Patient Journey: Lung Cancer in 2024 Treatment



- Comparison of outcome of similar patients
- Quantitative real-time analysis of therapy efficiency
- Assessment of alternative therapy options
- Break-through: bringing clinical trials to participants
- → Adjuvant therapy based on specific combination of chemotherapy is selected

⊗ Dabrafenib, Trametinib, and Navitoclax in Treating Patients With BRAF Mutant Melanoma or Solid Tumors That Are Metastatic or Cannot Be Removed by Surgery

- ▲ This partially randomized phase I/II trial studies the side effects and best dose of dabrafenib, trametinib, and navitoclax and to see how well they work in treating patients with v-raf murine sarcoma viral oncogene homolog B (BRAF) mutant melanoma or solid tumors that have spread to other parts of the body or cannot be removed by surgery. Dabrafenib, trametinib, and navitoclax may stop the growth of tumor cells by blocking some of the enzymes needed for cell growth.

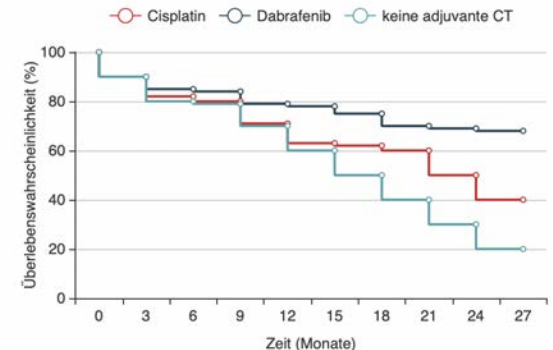
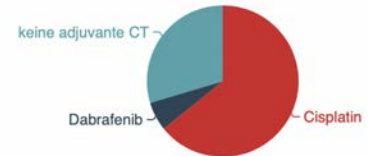
⊕ U3-1402 in Metastatic or Unresectable EGFR-mutant Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

⊕ S1613, Trastuzumab and Pertuzumab or Cetuximab and Irinotecan Hydrochloride in Treating Patients With Locally Advanced or Metastatic HER2/Neu Amplified Colorectal Cancer That Cannot Be Removed by Surgery



DIE PLATTFORM FÜR KÜNSTLICHE INTELLIGENZ

Statistiken: Vergleich von Chemotherapeutika



# Use Case: Medical Process and Knowledge Support

**Erika Mustermann**  
weiblich, 53 Jahre

**Lifestyle**  
Ex-Raucher


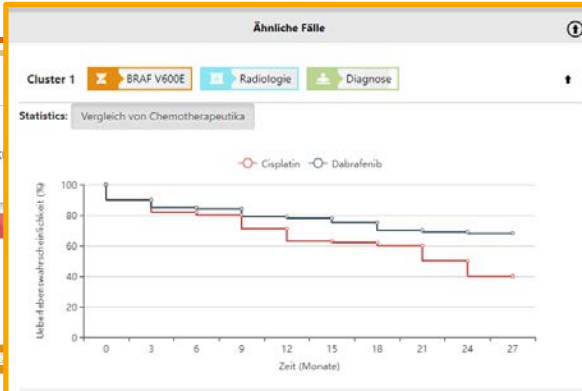
**Persönlicher Risikoscore**  
75%

**Symptome**  
Müdigkeit, Husten

**Marker**  
BRAF V600E, EGFR

**Diagnose**  
Stadium II, NSCLC

Charité  
Radiologiebefund

**klinische Leitlinien**

Plattenepithelkarzinoms im Stadium IV/IIIB

NSCLC - Stadium II

Operationen Operabilität NSCLC

NSCLC

**männlich, 49 Jahre**

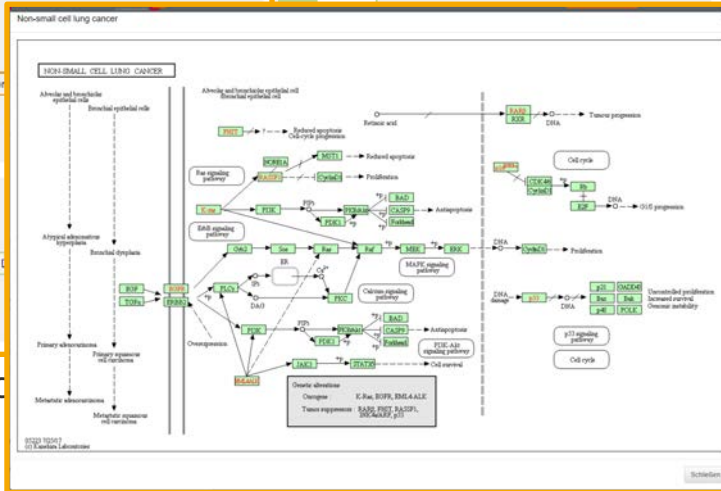
97% Übereinstimmung basierend auf:  
Radiologie, Diagnose, Genom

Diagnose:  
Nicht-kleinzelliges Lungenkarzinom, Stufe II

**männlich, 55 Jahre**

95% Übereinstimmung basierend auf:  
Genomanalyse, Radiologie, Diagnose

Diagnose:  
Nicht-kleinzelliges Lungenkarzinom, Stufe II



## Evidenzbasierte Empfehlung

Bei Patienten mit bedeutsamer Komorbidität aufgrund der vorangevorbestehender Erkrankungen wird empfohlen, die adjuvante Chemotherapie in einer interdisziplinären Behandlungsgruppe mit entsprechender Erfahrung multimodalen Therapien durchführen zu lassen.

## Weitere Behandlungsoptionen

- pT3 pN0/1 mit BW-Infiltration
- pT1-3 pN1, pT3 pN0
- pT2 pN0

## Empfehlung

- Adjuvante Chemotherapie möglich
- pT1 pN0

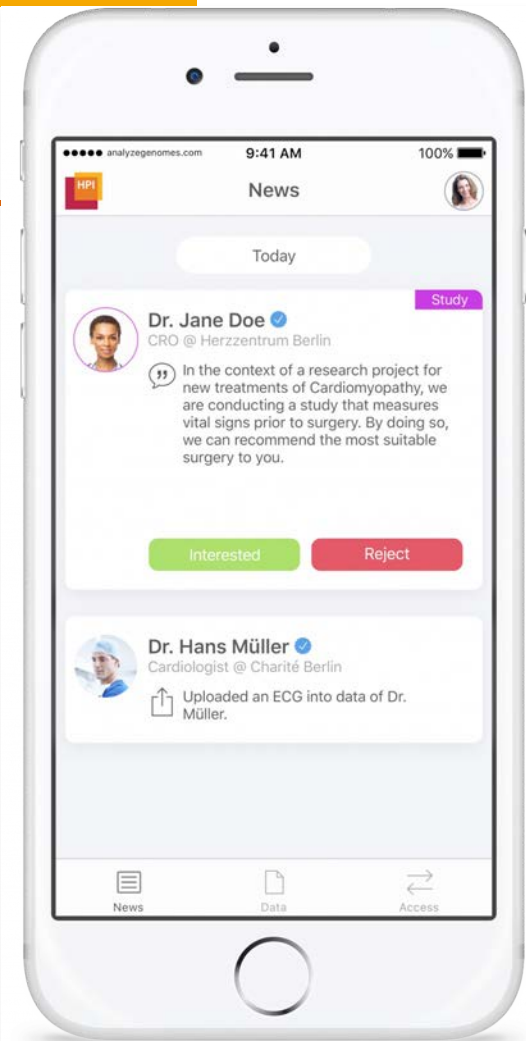
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# Patient Journey: Lung Cancer in 2024 Prevention



- Federal Institute of Digital Health Data envisioned:
  - Maintains population data for a healthier society
  - Provides access to subject-matter experts
  - Supports development of innovative DH solutions
- Data Donation Pass as citizen-facing tool:
  - Enable sovereign use of healthcare data
  - Control access to personal healthcare data
  - Donate de-identified data for research projects





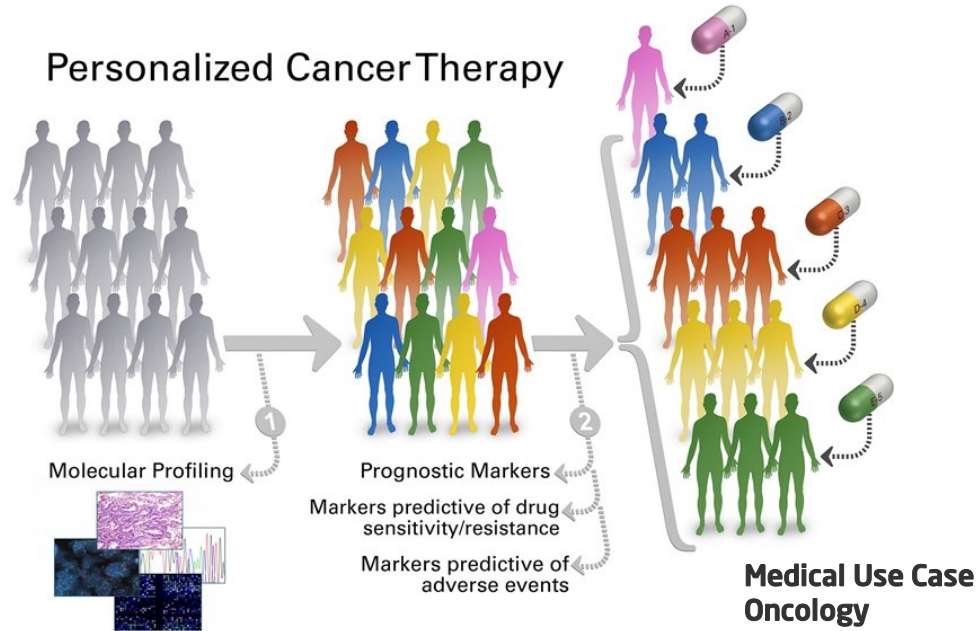
# BACK TO THE FUTURE



# Cancer Treatment Options

## Personal Cancer Therapy

- No one-size-fits-all approach!
- “Personalized cancer therapy is a treatment strategy centered on the ability to predict which patients are more likely to respond to specific cancer therapies.”
- “This approach is founded upon the idea that tumor biomarkers are associated with patient prognosis and tumor response to therapy.”
- 1. Stratification of patients into cohorts based on their individual biomarkers
- 2. Selection of personalized therapy alternatives per patient cohort



- “Tumor biomarkers can be
  - DNA,
  - RNA,
  - protein and metabolomic profiles that predict therapy response.”
  
- “...most recent approach is the sequencing of tumor DNA, which can reveal genomic alterations that have implications for cancer treatment.”

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# Cancer Treatment Options

- What kinds of treatment options for cancer have you heard of?



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Clinical guidelines define best “average treatment” option, e.g.:

- Chemotherapy, i.e. typically multiple combined drugs to affect cancer cells
- Radiation, i.e. use high-dose precisely applied types of radiation to burn cancer and neighborhood tissue
- Immunotherapy, i.e. program the immune system to detect individual cancer cells
- Targeted therapy, i.e. address pathway targets within cancer cells only
- Hormone therapy, i.e. remove or replace hormones, which certain cancer types use to grow, e.g. breast and prostate cancer
- Stem cell transplant, i.e. reactivate the bodies production of blood cells after chemo- or radio therapy
- Surgery, i.e. if possible remove cancer and neighborhood tissue completely

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- **Level of Evidence (LoE)** describes the quality of existing evidence (trials, cohort studies, case-control studies, expert opinion) that address a specific clinical question
- Quality of evidence is assessed in terms of number of trials, sample size, methodology, bias, heterogeneity

LoE	Reasoning
I	Evidence from at least one large RCT of good methodological quality (low potential for bias) or meta-analyses of well-conducted randomised trials without heterogeneity
II	Small randomised trials or large randomised trials with a suspicion of bias (lower methodological quality) or meta-analyses of such trials or of trials with demonstrated heterogeneity
III	Prospective cohort studies
IV	Retrospective cohort studies or case-control studies
V	Studies without control group, case reports, expert opinions

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- **Grade of Recommendation (GoR)** incorporates:
  - Quality of evidence (as in LoE)
  - Clinical significance/magnitude of benefit or harm given by a (novel) therapy

GoR	Reasoning
A	Strong evidence for efficacy with a substantial clinical benefit, strongly recommended
B	Strong or moderate evidence for efficacy but with a limited clinical benefit, generally recommended
C	Insufficient evidence for efficacy or benefit does not outweigh the risk or the disadvantages (adverse events, costs, etc.), optional
D	Moderate evidence against efficacy or for adverse outcome, generally not recommended
E	Strong evidence against efficacy or for adverse outcome, never recommended

# Evidence-based Assessment of Clinical Cancer Therapies

- The higher the GoR and LoE, the more evidence about a success of the desired treatment is available

GoR	LoE	Type of Study
A	1a	Systematic review of (homogeneous) randomized controlled trials
A	1b	Individual randomized controlled trials (with narrow confidence intervals)
B	2a	Systematic review of (homogeneous) cohort studies of "exposed" and "unexposed" subjects
B	2b	Individual cohort study / low-quality randomized control studies
B	3a	Systematic review of (homogeneous) case-control studies
B	3b	Individual case-control studies
C	4	Case series, low-quality cohort or case-control studies
D	5	Expert opinions based on non-systematic reviews of results or mechanistic studies

[https://guides.library.stonybrook.edu/evidence-based-medicine/levels\\_of\\_evidence](https://guides.library.stonybrook.edu/evidence-based-medicine/levels_of_evidence)

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## Prävention, Diagnostik, Therapie und Nachsorge des Lungenkarzinoms

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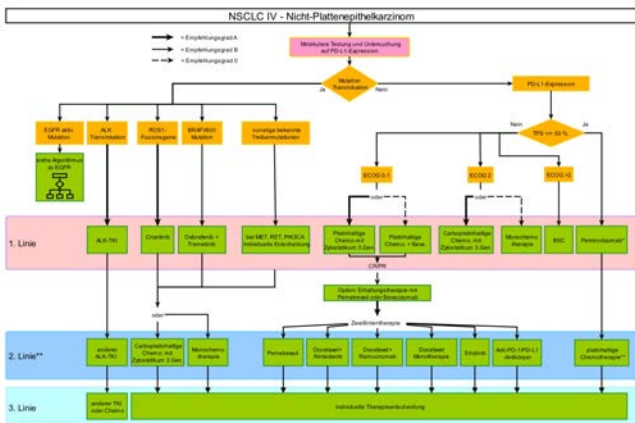
### Systemtherapie bei Patienten mit BRAF-V600-Mutation

8.126	Evidenzbasierte Empfehlung	modifiziert 2022
Empfehlungsgrad <b>B</b>	NSCLC IV- Patienten mit nachgewiesener BRAF-V600-Mutation sollte eine Kombination aus Dabrafenib und Trametinib angeboten werden. Nicht-V600 Mutations+ NSCLC Patienten sollten in einem Thorax-Onkologischen Tumorboard besprochen werden.	
Level of Evidence <b>2b</b>	[1,171], [1,172], [1,173]	
	Starker Konsens	

### Hintergrund

Bei ungefähr 2 bis 4 % der NSCLC-Patienten liegt eine Mutation der BRAF-Kinase vor. In wiederum 1 bis 2 % dieser Patienten lässt sich eine BRAF-V600-Mutation nachweisen. Damit geht eine Aktivierung des entsprechenden Signalweges daher, welches wiederum Voraussetzung ist, dass eine antitumoröse Behandlung mit einem BRAF- und einem MEK-Inhibitor erfolgsversprechend ist.

<https://www.leitlinienprogramm-onkologie.de/leitlinien/lungenkarzinom/>



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- Updated regularly
- Mostly narrative, designed for humans
- Machine-readable format missing

(ASCO Expert Panel's Statements in ***bold italics.***)

### **Acute Radiation Skin Reaction**

- Aloe vera and hyaluronic acid cream should not be recommended for improving acute radiation skin reaction. (Grade D)

### **Anxiety and Stress Reduction**

- Meditation is recommended for reducing anxiety. (Grade A)
- Music therapy is recommended for reducing anxiety. (Grade B)
- Stress management is recommended for reducing anxiety during treatment, but longer group programs are likely better than self-administered home programs or shorter programs. (Grade B)
- Yoga is recommended for reducing anxiety. (Grade B)
- Acupuncture, massage, and relaxation can be considered for reducing anxiety. (Grade C)



# Drug Development Cycle



# Clinical Trials International Effort towards Innovative Pharmaceuticals

## Terms and Synonyms Searched:

Terms	Search Results*	Entire Database**
Synonyms		
<b>cancer</b>	64,874 studies	64,874 studies
Neoplasm	56,802 studies	56,802 studies
Tumor	14,549 studies	14,549 studies
Malignancy	2,813 studies	2,813 studies
Oncology	1,000 studies	1,000 studies
Neoplasia	560 studies	560 studies
neoplastic syndrome	541 studies	541 studies
Neoplastic Disease	18 studies	18 studies

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**ClinicalTrials.gov**

Study Description Go to ▾

**Brief Summary:**  
This is a phase II trial to examine the efficacy of neratinib plus trastuzumab or neratinib plus cetuximab in patients with "quadruple wild-type" (all RAS/NRAS/BRAF/PIK3CA wild-type), metastatic colorectal cancer based on HER2 status (amplified, non-amplified [wild-type] or mutated). Patients must have confirmed quadruple wild-type (WT) genotype, via NSABP MPR-1 or from colonic biopsy or a metastatic biopsy taken prior to treatment, and known HER2 status.


Condition or disease	Intervention/treatment	Phase
Metastatic Colorectal Cancer	Drug: Trastuzumab Drug: Cetuximab Drug: Neratinib Diagnostic Test: Guardant360 Diagnostic Test	Phase 2

**Detailed Description:**  
The primary aim of this study is to determine the progression-free survival (PFS) in each of these HER2 populations. Secondary aims include overall response rate (ORR) and clinical benefit rate (CBR) defined as the objective tumor decrease and stable disease by RECIST 1.1 criteria; toxicity and safety profile. Exploratory analysis will be performed to assess if molecular predictors of response. The local site will make the primary determination of response and progression based on all radiographic images (e.g., MRI, CT, PET, bone scan, etc.) as well as other relevant reports documenting disease response or progression.  
For patients identified as quadruple WT with prior cetuximab or panitumumab treatment, a pre-entry blood sample will be required from consenting patients to confirm HER2 amplification for study eligibility.  
Patients with quadruple WT, HER2 amplified with prior anti-EGFR therapy and/or HER2 mutated colorectal cancer with/without prior anti-EGFR therapy will receive concurrent therapy with trastuzumab 4 mg/kg IV loading dose followed by 2 mg/kg IV weekly and neratinib 240 mg taken by mouth daily until disease progression, (Arm 1).  
Patients with quadruple WT, HER2 WT or HER2 amplified with no prior anti-EGFR therapy will be assigned to receive concurrent therapy with cetuximab (400 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV loading dose followed by 250 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV weekly), and neratinib 240 mg taken by mouth daily until disease progression (Arm 2).  
Approximately thirty-five (35) patients will be accrued to this study; 15 patients with HER2 amplified, 15 patients with HER2 WT, and approximately 5 patients with HER2 mutated colorectal cancer. Patients with HER2 WT or HER2 amplified mCRC who drop out of the study before the first scan (for whatever reason) will be replaced. Patients who drop out of the study after the first scan but before the second scan will be considered to have progressive disease.

## The Gift of Participation

A Guide to Making Informed Decisions  
About Volunteering for a Clinical Trial

By Kenneth Getz  
Second Edition



To the millions of people who give the gift of participation in clinical trials each year, and to the rest of us who admire them for doing so.

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# Clinical Trials

## Good Clinical Practice (GCP)

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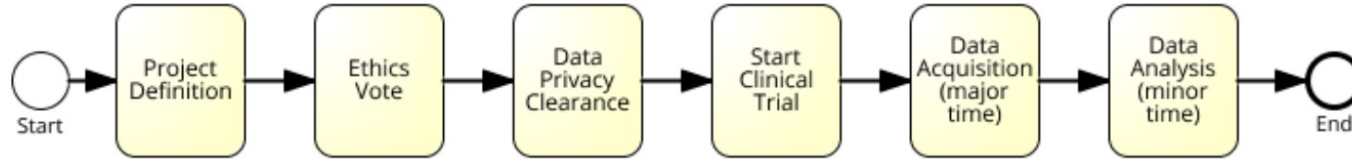
- Ethical compliance
- Risk identification and assessment
- Safety of trial subject first
- Sufficient information about investigated product
- Research protocol
- Review by Institutional Review Board (IRB) / Independent Ethics Committee (IEC)
- Qualification of investigator and staff
- Informed Consent Form (ICF)
- Proper recording, handling, and storing of trial information
- Privacy of personal data
- Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)
- Quality Assurance (QA) measures

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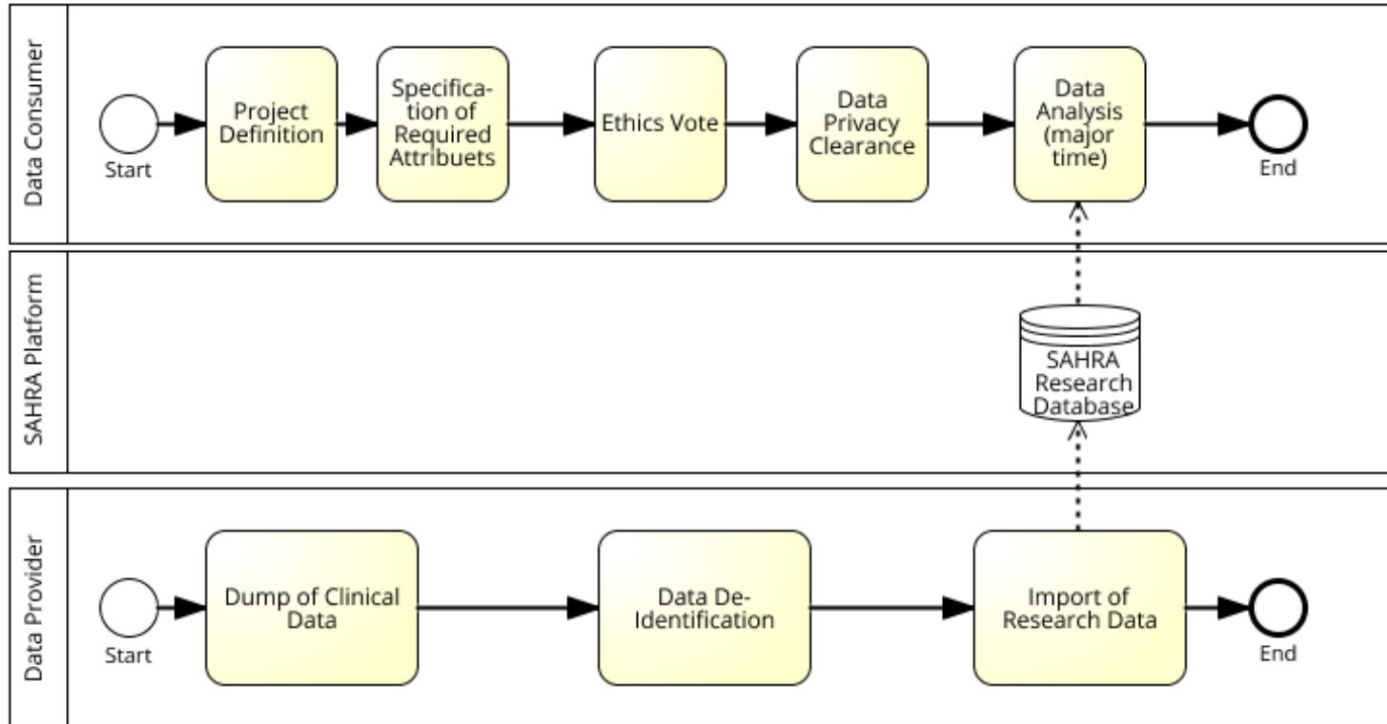
# Clinical Trials Workflow Prospectively



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# Clinical Trials Workflow Retrospectively



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# Molecular Tumor Board State of the Art



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# Molecular Tumor Board State of the Art

- Involves a lot of manual research
- Analysis results are prepared and presented during MTB session


### PARP-INHIBITOR

- + **IDH1** Missense-Mutation, c.C394T:p.R132C (MAF 41%). Es ist eine rekurrente onkogene Mutation bei AML, (low grade) Gliomen, Chondrosarkomen und eine der häufigsten SNVs bei cholangiozellulärem Karzinom.
- + **BRCA-ness-Signatur AC3** (PMID 23945592). HRI
- + Deletion und/oder niedrige Expression der DNA-Reparaturgenen (**FANCB, FANCC, FANCD2, ATR, HDAC2, RADS1B**)
- Tumoren mit IDH1/2-Mutationen zeigen in der Regel eine erhöhte Sensitivität gegenüber PARP-Inhibitoren (PMID 27447864)
- Olaparib führt bei Prostata-Ca-Patienten zu einer erhöhten Sensitivität gegenüber PARP-Inhibitoren (PMID 27447864)
- Funktionelle Defizienz zahlreicher an der homologer Rekombination beteiligter Gene (u.a. PTEN, FANCD2, ATM, BAP1, BARD1) führt in vitro zu synthetischer Letalität (PMID 27447864)
- Funktionelle Defizienz zahlreicher an der homologen Rekombination beteiligter Gene (u.a. RAD51, RAD54, DSS1, RPA1, NBS1, FANCA und FANCC) führt in vitro zu synthetischer Letalität (PMID 16912188, 18832051)
- Aufgrund der Hinweise auf Defekte der homologen Rekombination wird ein PARP-Inhibitor, Chemotherapie (z.B. Trabectedin) empfohlen.
- **NCT03127215**: Olaparib+Trabectedin vs. Docetaxel. offen ab 2. Quartal/2018

**Empfehlung**

IDH-Inhibitor  
PARP-Inhibitor

Single Nucleotide Variants (SNVs)	30
Insertions/Deletions (Indels)	4



Mutationslast des Tumors

**Signatur entspricht: sehr rearrangiert, tetraploid, HRD=17, LST=10, TAI=17; AC3 BRCAness ~25%, AC5 unknown ~35%; Expression ähnl. Pankreaskarzinom**

**PI3K-AKT-mTOR**

**Tyrosine Kinases**

breite amp: PDGFA, EGFR (exp+)

**RAF-MEK-ERK**

**DNA Damage Response**

snv: ERCC6, PMS2 germline rar (54% AF im T.)  
het. del: BRCA2 exp-, ERCC5, FANCB/C/D2/G, RAD51B exp-, XRCC3 exp-, ATR, HDAC2, PARP3, RAD18, UBE2N, USP11 exp-

**Developmental Pathways**

breite del: SMAD4

**Immuntherapie**

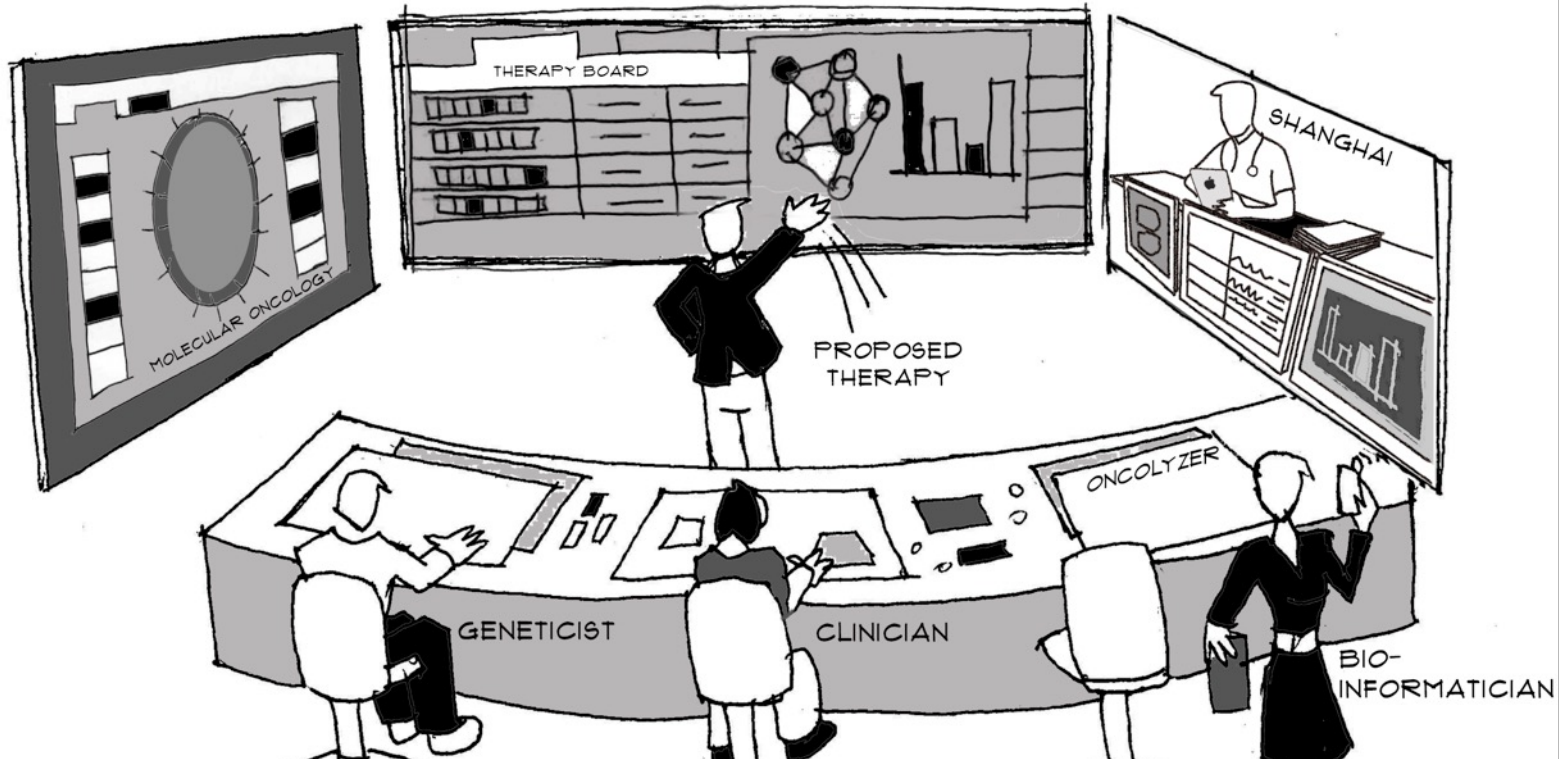
**Cell Cycle**

snv: TP53 \*C  
fus: CDK12:AC003051.1 gain  
breite del: CDKN2A/B, RB1

**Other**

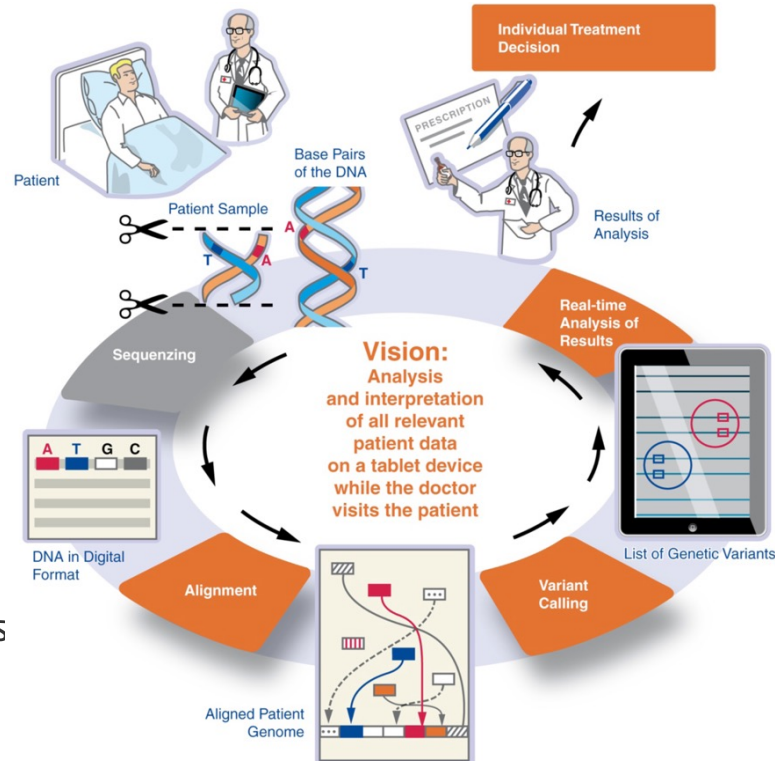
snv: IDH1 \*C gain exp+, ATRX germline rar (56% AF im T.)  
exp+: IDH2  
fok. del: FHIT  
del & exp-: GNAQ

# Vision of Interdisciplinary Tumor Board



# From Raw Genome Data to Clinical Decision Support

- **DNA Sequencing:** Transformation of analogues DNA into digital format
- **Alignment:** Reconstruction of complete genome with snippets
- **Variant Calling:** Identification of genetic variants
- **Data Annotation:** Linking genetic variants with research findings

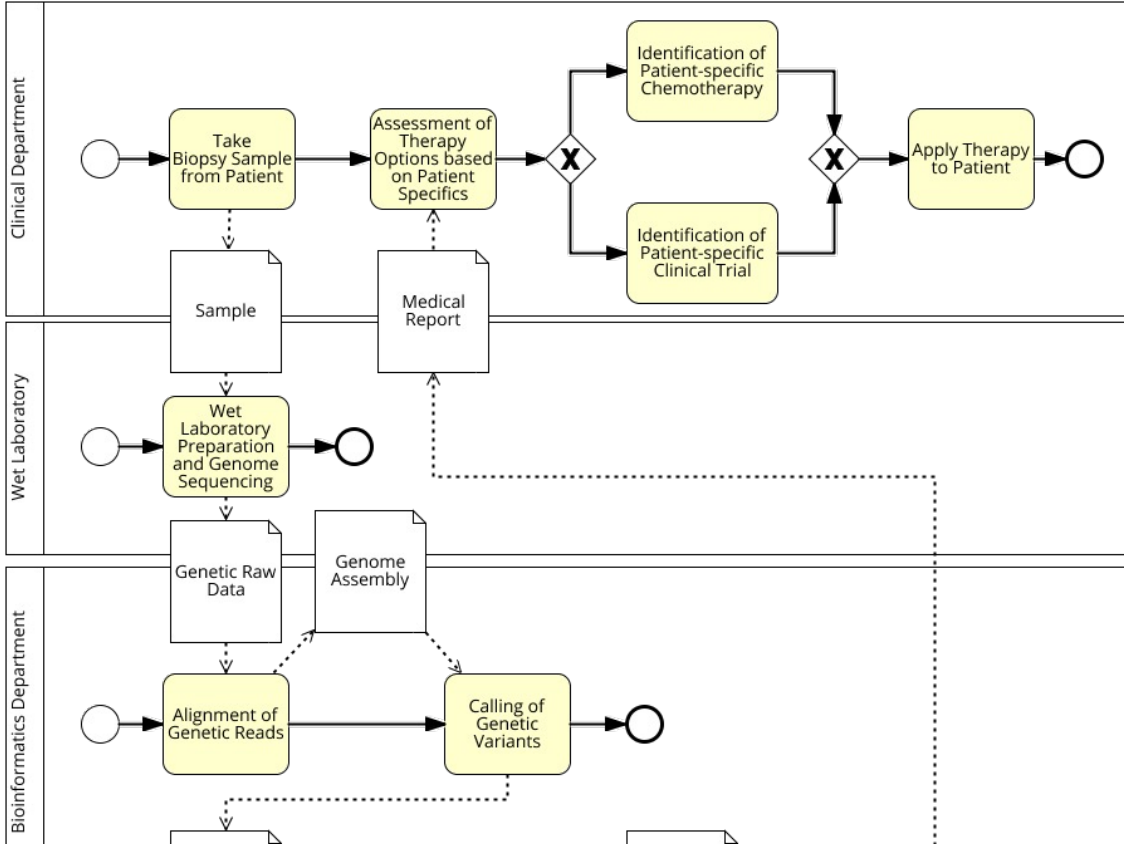


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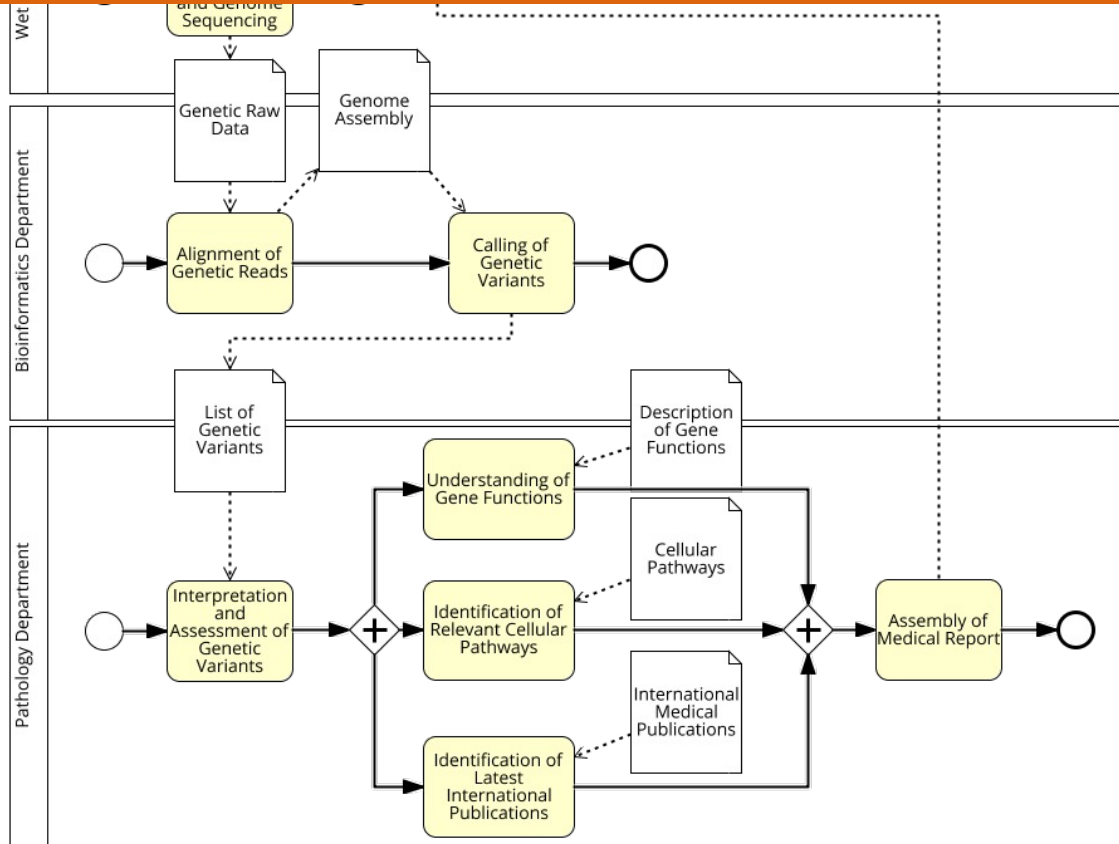
# Simplified Clinical Oncology Process (1/2)



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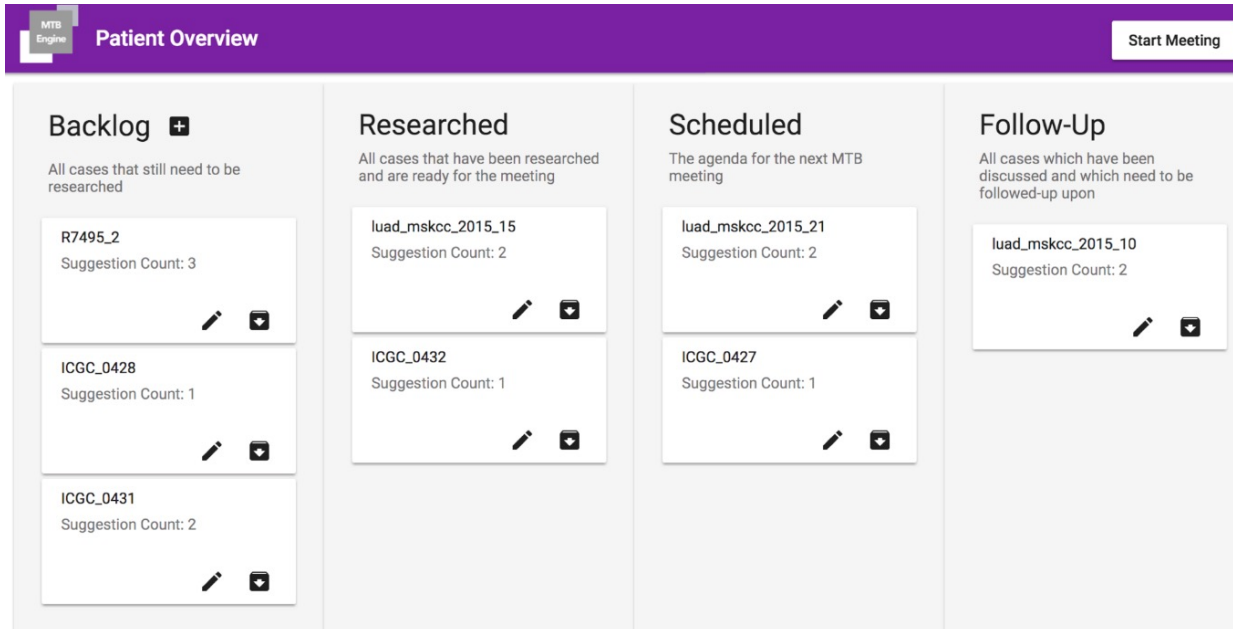


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# Molecular Tumor Board Structured Clinical Process and Software Support

- Scrum methodology applied to Molecular Tumor Board (MTB)
- Supports preparation, actual meeting, and follow-up of the MTB
- Enables experts to work together on MTB cases



The screenshot shows the 'Patient Overview' interface of the 'MTB Engine'. The interface is divided into four columns: Backlog, Researched, Scheduled, and Follow-Up. Each column contains a list of cases with their respective suggestion counts and edit/delete icons.

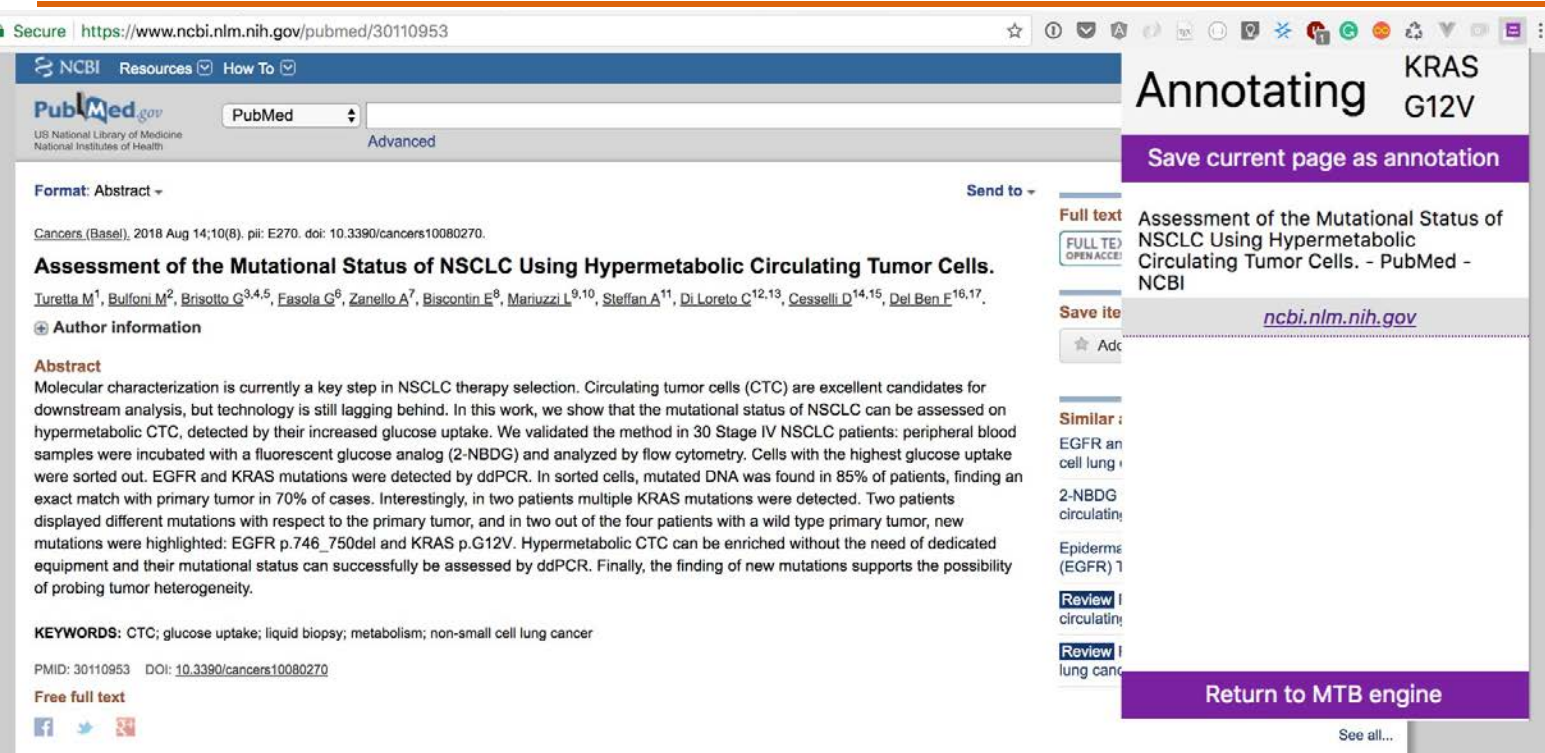
**MTB Engine Patient Overview** Start Meeting

Backlog	Researched	Scheduled	Follow-Up
<b>R7495_2</b> Suggestion Count: 3	<b>luad_mskcc_2015_15</b> Suggestion Count: 2	<b>luad_mskcc_2015_21</b> Suggestion Count: 2	<b>luad_mskcc_2015_10</b> Suggestion Count: 2
<b>ICGC_0428</b> Suggestion Count: 1	<b>ICGC_0432</b> Suggestion Count: 1	<b>ICGC_0427</b> Suggestion Count: 1	
<b>ICGC_0431</b> Suggestion Count: 2			

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# Molecular Tumor Board Identification of Annotations



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National Institutes of Health

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Cancers (Basel), 2018 Aug 14;10(8). pii: E270. doi: 10.3390/cancers10080270.

### Assessment of the Mutational Status of NSCLC Using Hypermetabolic Circulating Tumor Cells.

Turetta M<sup>1</sup>, Bulloni M<sup>2</sup>, Brisotto G<sup>3,4,5</sup>, Fasola G<sup>6</sup>, Zanella A<sup>7</sup>, Biscontin E<sup>8</sup>, Mariuzzi L<sup>9,10</sup>, Steffan A<sup>11</sup>, Di Loreto C<sup>12,13</sup>, Cesselli D<sup>14,15</sup>, Del Ben F<sup>16,17</sup>.

Author information

**Abstract**  
Molecular characterization is currently a key step in NSCLC therapy selection. Circulating tumor cells (CTC) are excellent candidates for downstream analysis, but technology is still lagging behind. In this work, we show that the mutational status of NSCLC can be assessed on hypermetabolic CTC, detected by their increased glucose uptake. We validated the method in 30 Stage IV NSCLC patients: peripheral blood samples were incubated with a fluorescent glucose analog (2-NBDG) and analyzed by flow cytometry. Cells with the highest glucose uptake were sorted out. EGFR and KRAS mutations were detected by ddPCR. In sorted cells, mutated DNA was found in 85% of patients, finding an exact match with primary tumor in 70% of cases. Interestingly, in two patients multiple KRAS mutations were detected. Two patients displayed different mutations with respect to the primary tumor, and in two out of the four patients with a wild type primary tumor, new mutations were highlighted: EGFR p.746\_750del and KRAS p.G12V. Hypermetabolic CTC can be enriched without the need of dedicated equipment and their mutational status can successfully be assessed by ddPCR. Finally, the finding of new mutations supports the possibility of probing tumor heterogeneity.

**KEYWORDS:** CTC; glucose uptake; liquid biopsy; metabolism; non-small cell lung cancer

PMID: 30110953 DOI: 10.3390/cancers10080270

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**Annotating** KRAS G12V

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# Molecular Tumor Board

## Assess Therapeutic Alternatives incorporating Historic Cases



MTB Engine LUAD\_MSKCC\_2015\_29 53 years, White/Caucasian

### Disease Information

Cancer Type: **Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (Lung Adenocarcinoma)**

Survival since initial diagnosis: **59.3 months**

Diagnosis Age: **48**

Therapeutic Suggestions

Mutations

### Therapeutic Suggestions

Gene	Protein	Type	Drug	Evidence Level	Reasoning
KRAS	G12V	Missense Mutation	dual PI3 kinase/mTOR inhibitor GDC-0980		

*Organic cation/carnitine transporter OCTN2 (SLC22A5) -207C>G (rs2631367) polymorphism is not associated with male infertility.*

[ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](https://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)

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# What to take home?

- Cancer
  - Has many facets
  - Today: a chronic, systemic disease
  - As individual as everyone of us
- Prevention and early detection are key for successful treatment
- Finding adequate treatment options is complex and they might change over time
- Classification by molecular markers is going to be state of the art soon

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