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Biomarker Driven Therapy in Colorectal Cancer: Established And Evolving Evidence

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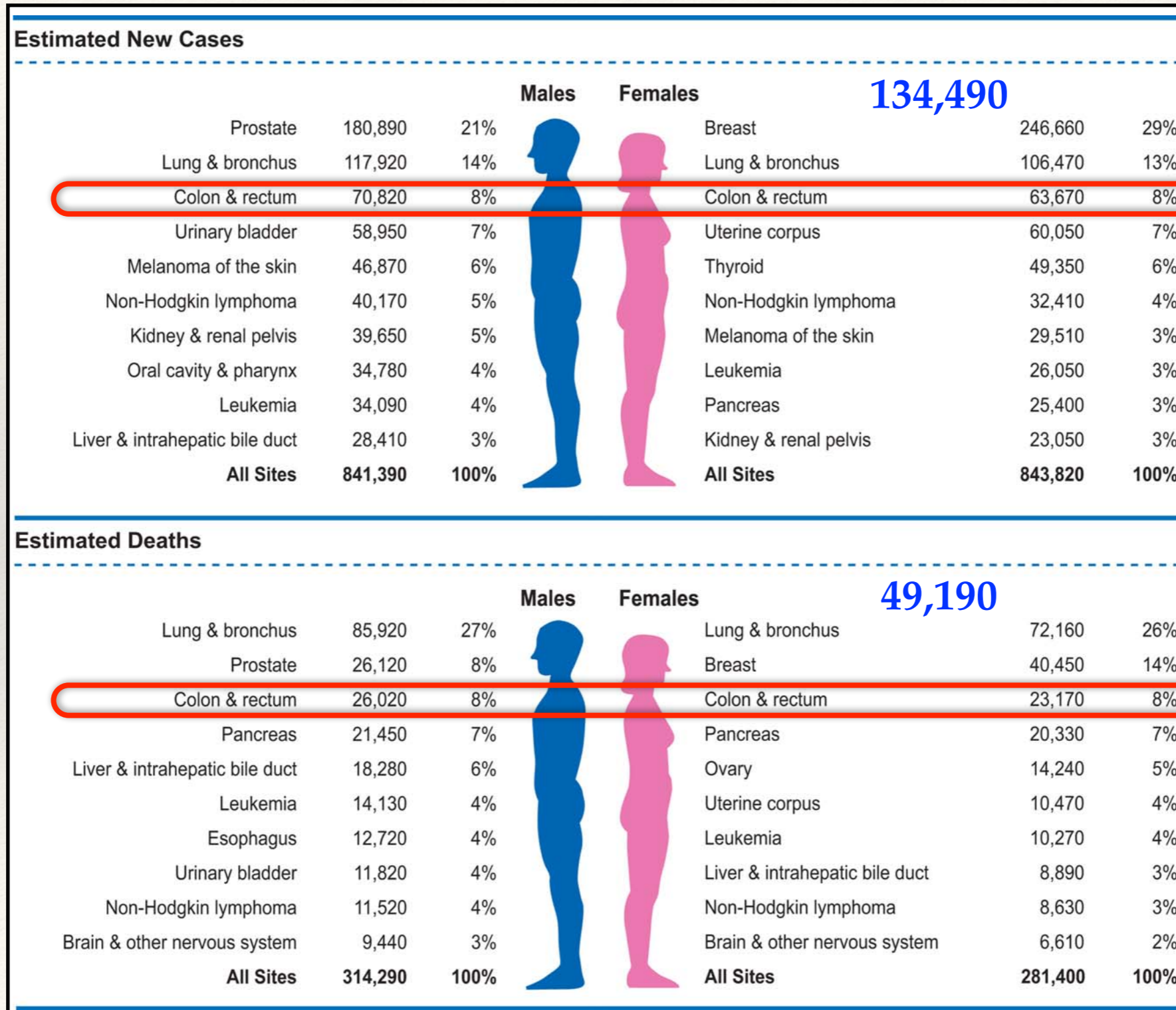
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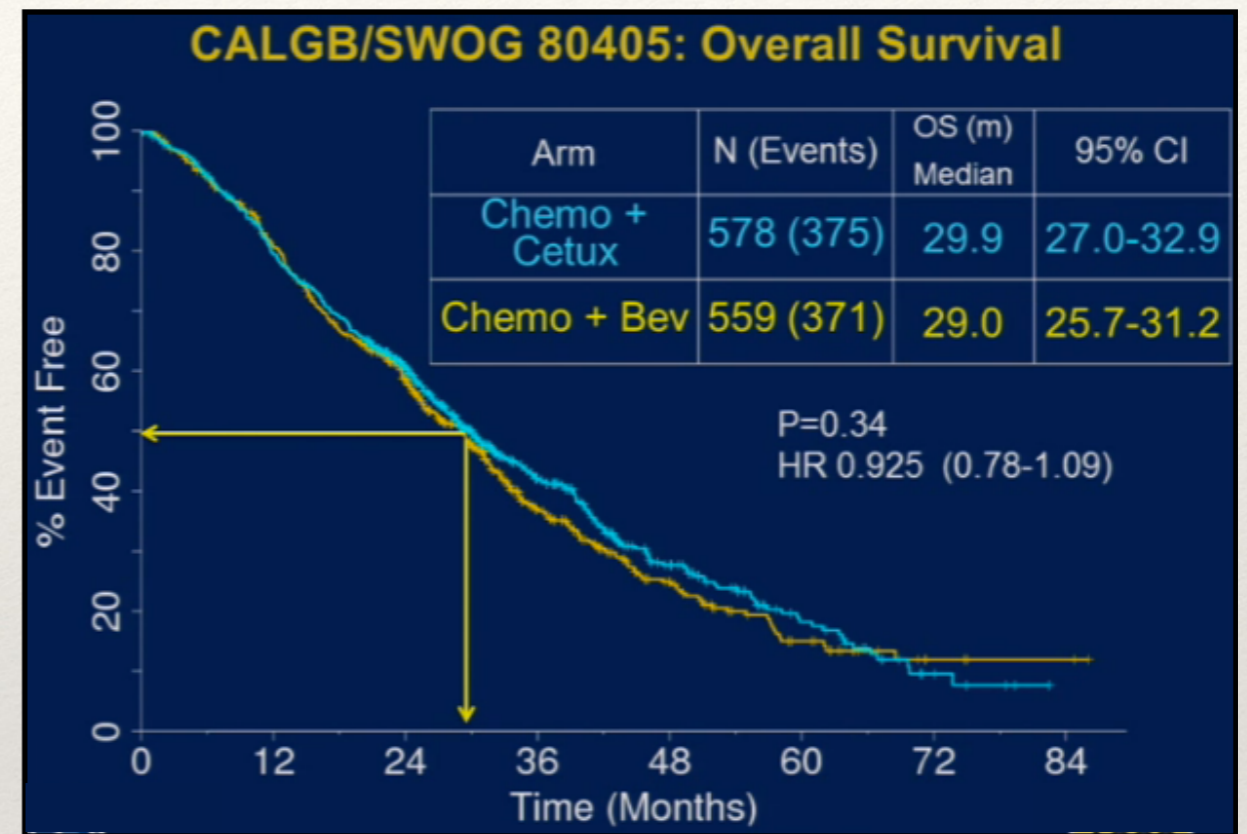
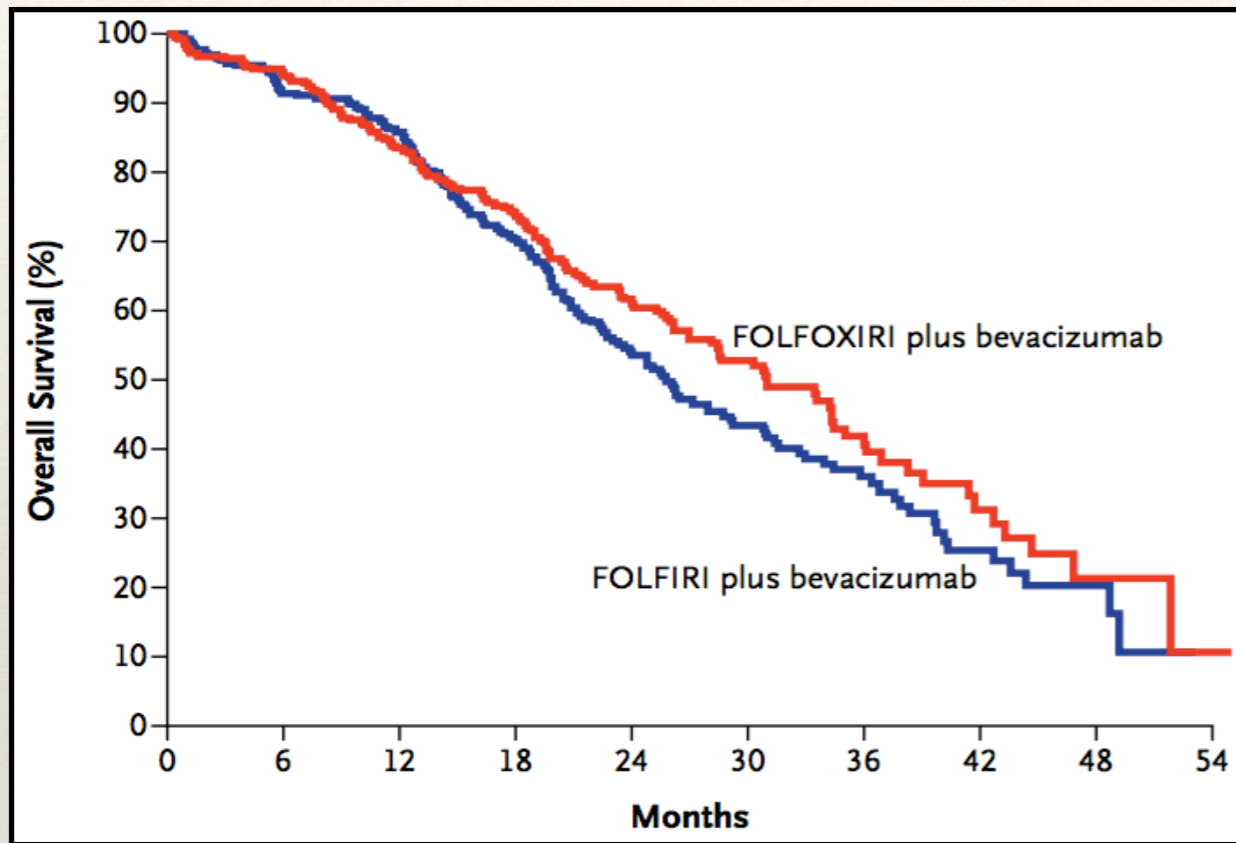
Objectives

- ❖ Understand current management of mCRC as it pertains to biomarker guided therapy

Colorectal Cancer



Prognosis

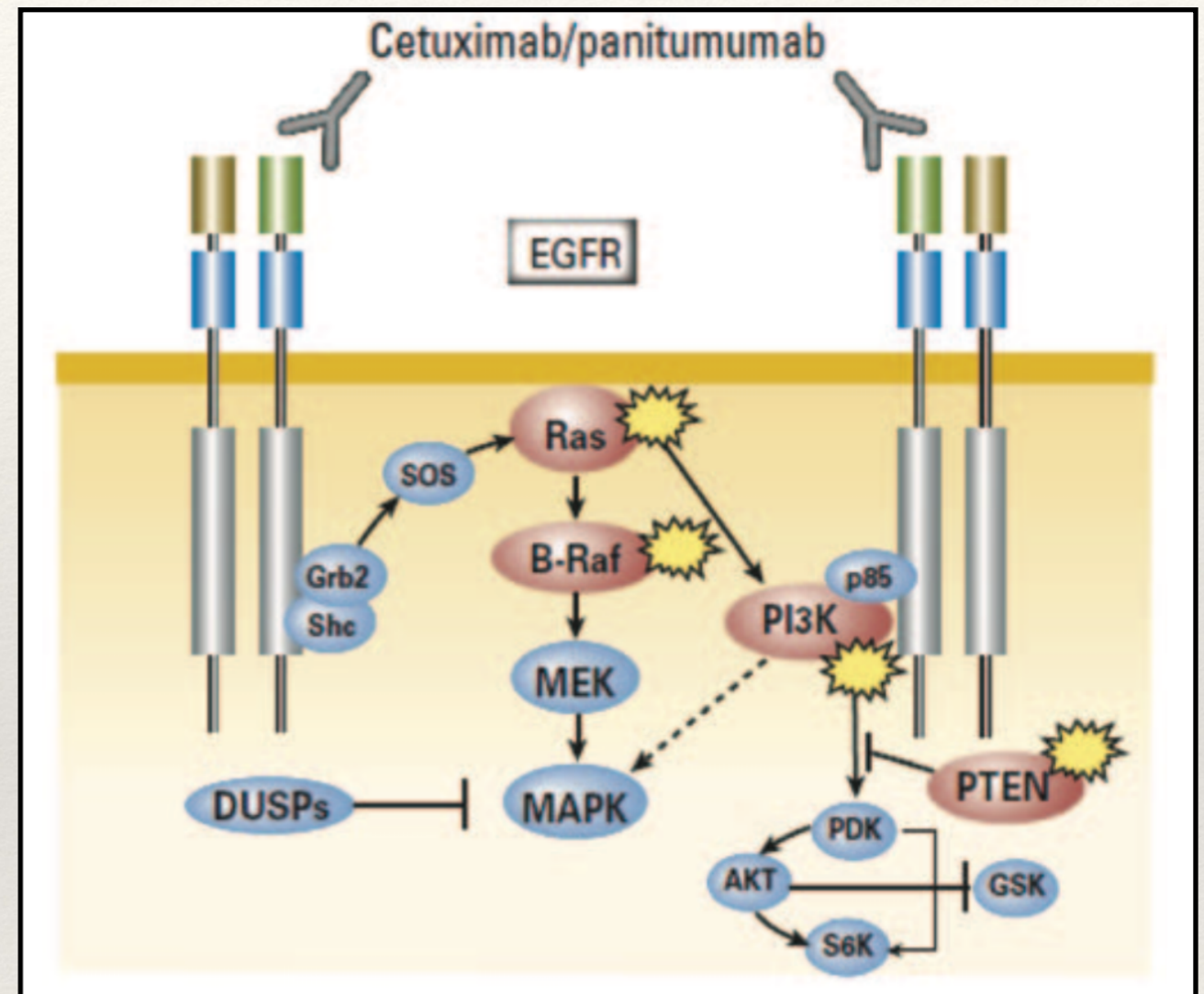


Median OS = 24-30 months

Biomarkers Driven Therapy in mCRC

Biomarkers in mCRC

- ❖ MSI-H
- ❖ EGFR Pathway:
 - ❖ Mutations:
 - ❖ KRAS/NRAS
 - ❖ BRAF
 - ❖ Amplification (HER2)
- ❖ CMS (Consensus Molecular Subtype)



MSI-H

Colon Cancer & Immunotherapy

Phase 2 study of pembrolizumab, an anti-PD1 immune checkpoint inhibitor (N = 41)

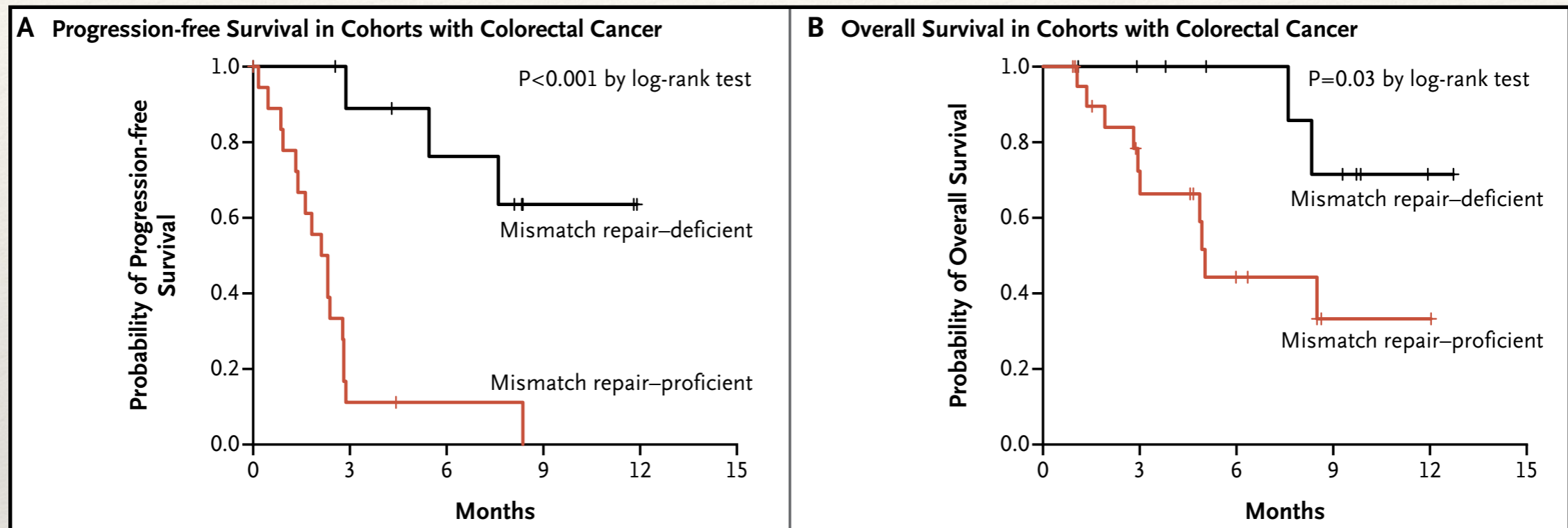


Table 2. Objective Responses According to RECIST Criteria.

Type of Response	Mismatch Repair-Deficient Colorectal Cancer (N=10)	Mismatch Repair-Proficient Colorectal Cancer (N=18)	Mismatch Repair-Deficient Noncolorectal Cancer (N=7)
Complete response — no. (%)	0	0	1 (14)*
Partial response — no. (%)	4 (40)	0	4 (57)†
Stable disease at week 12 — no. (%)	5 (50)	2 (11)	0
Progressive disease — no. (%)	1 (10)	11 (61)	2 (29)
Could not be evaluated — no. (%)‡	0	5 (28)	0
Objective response rate (95% CI) — %	40 (12–74)	0 (0–19)	71 (29–96)
Disease control rate (95% CI) — %§	90 (55–100)	11 (1–35)	71 (29–96)
Median duration of response — wk	Not reached	NA¶	Not reached
Median time to response (range) — wk	28 (13–35)	NA¶	12 (10–13)

FDA grants accelerated approval to pembrolizumab for first tissue/site agnostic indication


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On May 23, 2017, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration granted accelerated approval to pembrolizumab (KEYTRUDA, Merck & Co.) for adult and pediatric patients with unresectable or metastatic, microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) solid tumors that have progressed following prior treatment and who have no satisfactory alternative treatment options or with MSI-H or dMMR colorectal cancer that has progressed following treatment with a fluoropyrimidine, oxaliplatin, and irinotecan.

This is the FDA's first tissue/site-agnostic approval.

The approval was based on data from 149 patients with MSI-H or dMMR cancers enrolled across five uncontrolled, multi-cohort, multi-center, single-arm clinical trials. Ninety patients had colorectal cancer and 59 patients were diagnosed with one of 14 other cancer types. Patients received either pembrolizumab, 200 mg every 3 weeks, or pembrolizumab, 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks. Treatment continued until unacceptable toxicity, or disease progression that was either symptomatic, rapidly progressive, required urgent intervention, or associated with a decline in performance status. A maximum of 24 months of treatment was administered.

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Subsequent Therapy

Previous
oxaliplatin-
based therapy
without
irinotecan

*if neither previously given
**if not previously given

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Note: All recommendations are category 2A unless otherwise indicated.
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CONTINUUM OF CARE - SYSTEMIC THERAPY FOR ADVANCED OR METASTATIC DISEASE:¹ (PAGE 1 of 10)

Patient appropriate for intensive therapy²

Initial Therapy

- FOLFOX³ ± bevacizumab^{5,6}
- or
- CAPEOX⁴ ± bevacizumab^{5,6}
- or
- FOLFOX³ + (cetuximab or panitumumab)⁶⁻⁹
(KRAS/NRAS WT and left-sided tumors only)
- or
- FOLFIRI¹⁰ ± bevacizumab^{5,6}
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- FOLFIRI¹⁰ + (cetuximab or panitumumab)⁶⁻⁹
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- or
- FOLFOXIRI¹⁰ ± bevacizumab^{5,6}
- or
- 5-FU/leucovorin¹¹ ± bevacizumab^{5,6,12}
- or
- Capecitabine¹³ ± bevacizumab^{5,6,12}

Progression → [See COL-C 2 of 10](#)

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Patient not appropriate for intensive therapy²

- Infusional 5-FU + leucovorin ± bevacizumab⁵
- or
- Capecitabine¹³ ± bevacizumab⁵
- or
- (Cetuximab or panitumumab)⁷⁻⁹
(category 2B) (KRAS/NRAS WT and left-sided tumors only)
- or
- (Nivolumab or pembrolizumab)
(dMMR/MSI-H only)⁷

Improvement in functional status → Consider initial therapy as above¹⁴

No improvement in functional status → [Best supportive care](#)
[See NCCN Guidelines for Palliative Care](#)

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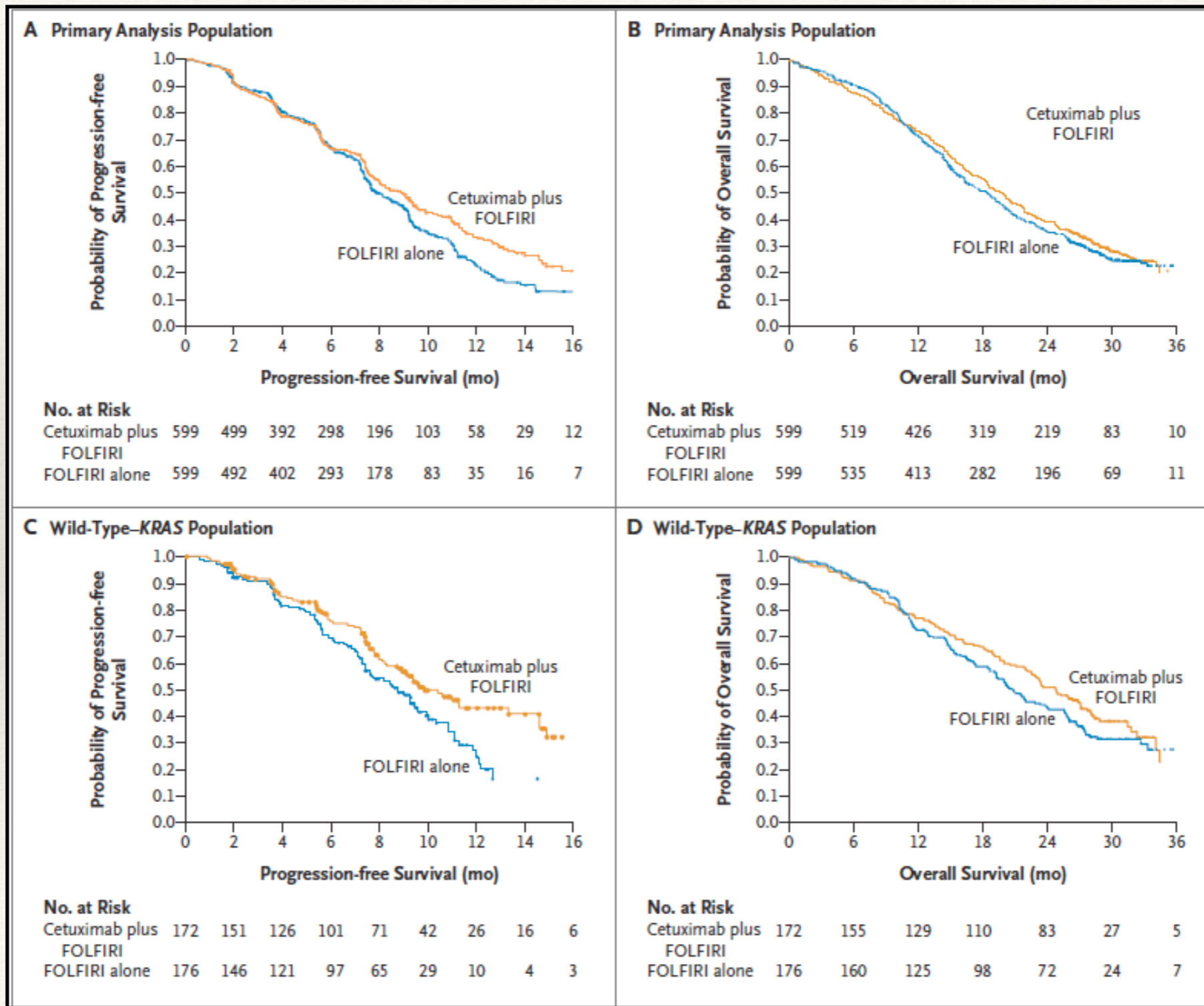
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EGFR Pathway (KRAS/NRAS Mutations)

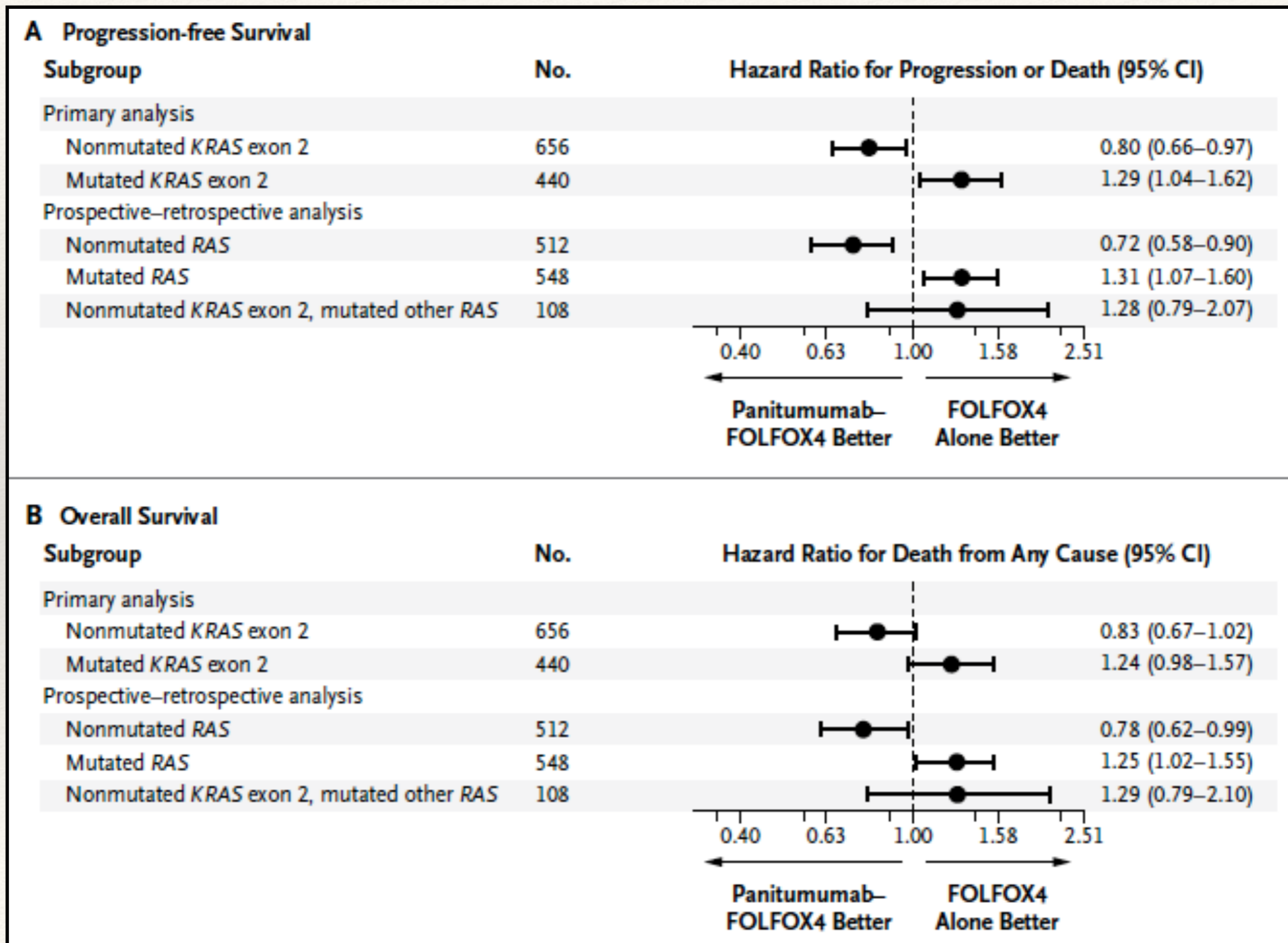
Colon Cancer & Anti-EGFR Therapy



PRIME Analysis (Extended RAS)

Table 3. Efficacy Results According to RAS and BRAF Mutation Status in the Primary-Analysis Population.*				
Variable	Panitumumab– FOLFOX4	FOLFOX4 Alone	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
No RAS or BRAF mutations				
No. of patients	228	218		
Months of progression-free survival — median (95% CI)	10.8 (9.4–12.4)	9.2 (7.4–9.6)	0.68 (0.54–0.87)	0.002
Months of overall survival — median (95% CI)	28.3 (23.7–NE)	20.9 (18.4–23.8)	0.74 (0.57–0.96)	0.02
No RAS mutation, BRAF mutation				
No. of patients	24	29		
Months of progression-free survival — median (95% CI)	6.1 (3.7–10.7)	5.4 (3.3–6.2)	0.58 (0.29–1.15)	0.12
Months of overall survival — median (95% CI)	10.5 (6.4–18.9)	9.2 (8.0–15.7)	0.90 (0.46–1.76)	0.76
RAS or BRAF mutation				
No. of patients	296	305		
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Months of overall survival — median (95% CI)	15.3 (12.7–17.6)	18.0 (15.9–20.8)	1.21 (0.99–1.47)	0.06
No KRAS mutation in exon 2, other RAS or BRAF mutation				
No. of patients	75	86		
Months of progression-free survival — median (95% CI)	6.7 (5.3–8.2)	7.3 (5.7–8.0)	1.05 (0.73–1.52)	0.80
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PRIME Analysis (KRAS/NRAS)



Sequencing Anti-EGFR Therapy

Sidedness & Anti-EGFR Therapy

Study	Treatment	<i>n</i> patients		OS (m)		PFS (m)	
		Left	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right
PRIME	Pmab + FOLFOX	156	26	32.5 (27.5, 37.6)	22.5 (8.1, 30.8)	12.9 (10.0, 14.9)	8.9 (5.5, 11.3)
	FOLFOX	148	32	23.6 (18.2, 27.7)	21.5 (10.8, 26.0)	9.3 (7.7, 10.8)	7.3 (4.2, 11.1)
	Adjusted HR ¹			0.68 (0.52, 0.87)	0.97 (0.55, 1.74)	0.69 (0.54, 0.88)	0.75 (0.42, 1.33)
	<i>P</i> -value			0.0027	0.9295	0.0028	0.3260
PEAK	Pmab + FOLFOX	52	13	43.4 (34.2, 63.0)	22.5 (8.4, 36.9)	14.6 (11.6, 18.1)	10.3 (6.1, 11.6)
	Bmab + FOLFOX	53	13	32.0 (26.9, 48.5)	23.3 (6.0, 29.0)	11.5 (9.3, 13.0)	12.6 (1.8, 18.4)
	Adjusted HR ²			0.76 (0.45, 1.27)	0.64 (0.26, 1.58)	0.65 (0.43, 1.00)	0.90 (0.39, 2.07)
	<i>P</i> -value			0.2945	0.3326	0.0514	0.8092

SWOG 80405:
 Cetuximab + Chemotherapy
 vs.
 Bevacizumab + Chemotherapy

	Right 1° Median OS (mos)	Left 1° Median OS (mos)	Log Rank <i>p</i> (adjusted*)
	N = 293	N = 732	
All pts	19.4	33.3	<i>P</i> < 0.001
Cet	16.7	36.0	<i>P</i> < 0.001
Bev	24.2	31.4	<i>P</i> = 0.017

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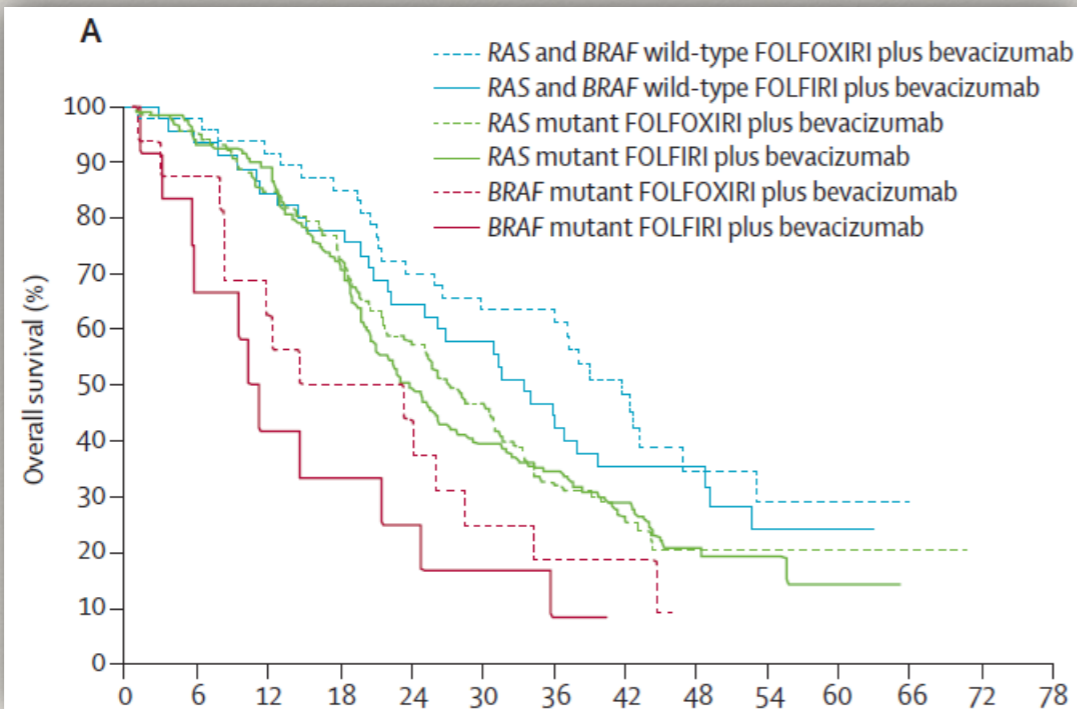
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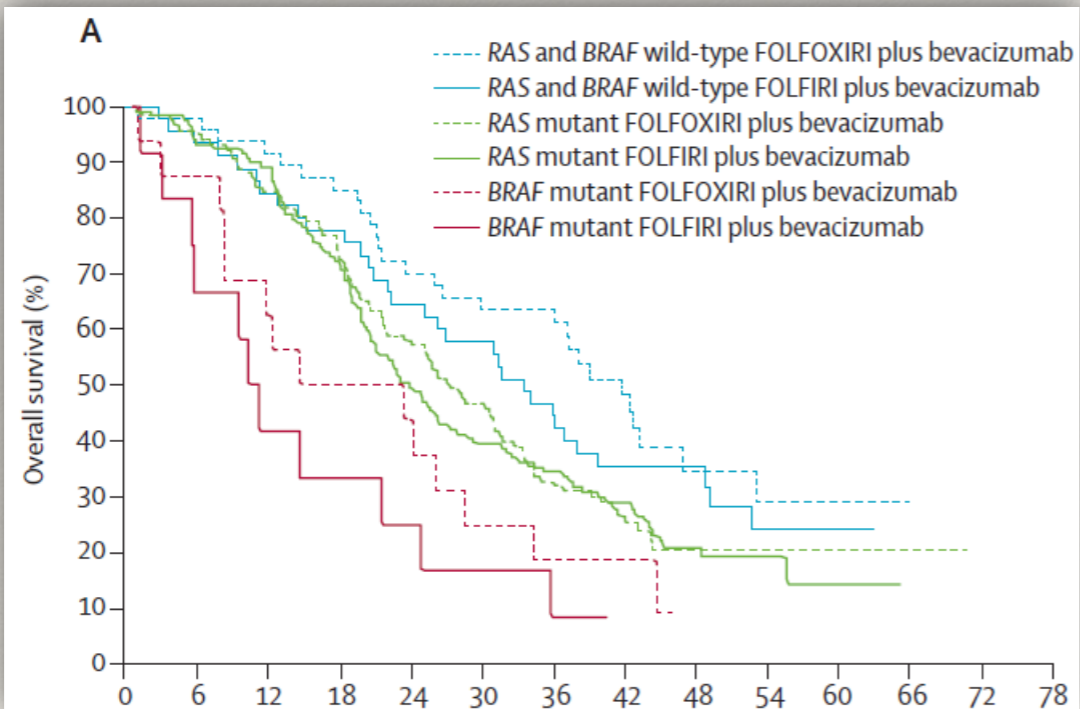
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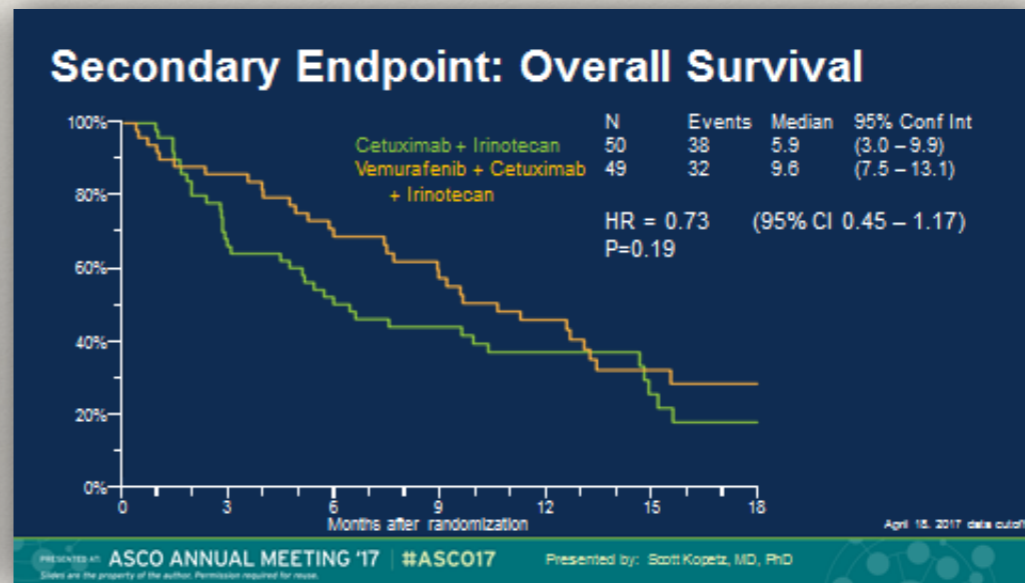
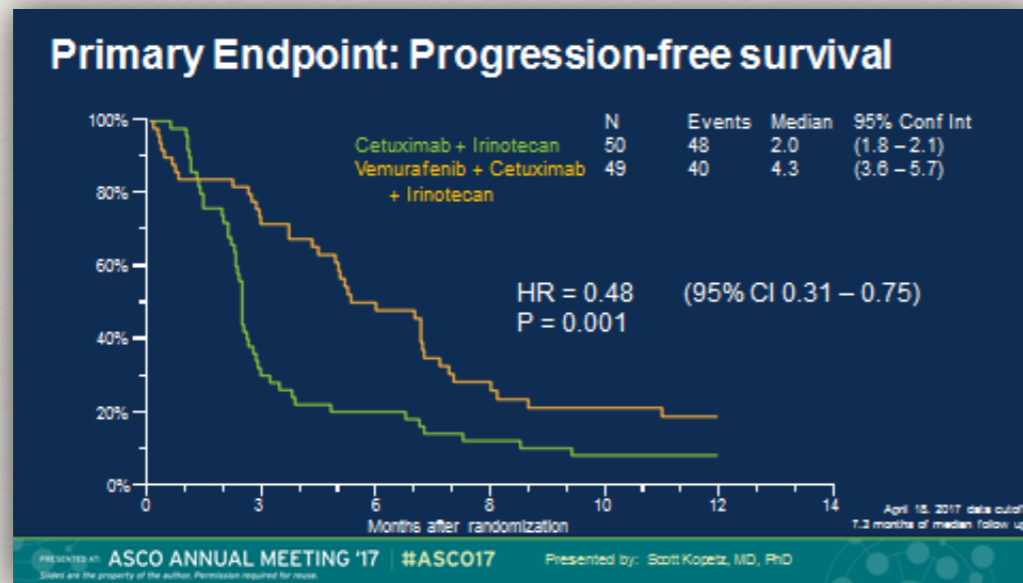
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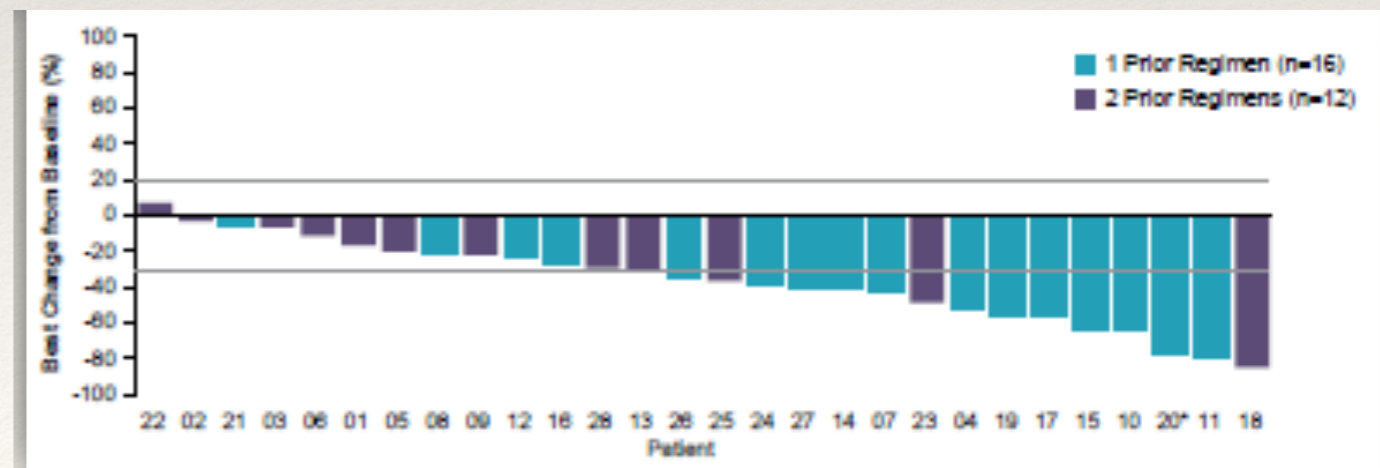
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BRAF Mutant Therapy

- Randomized trial of irinotecan and cetuximab with or without vemurafenib in BRAF-mutant mCRC
- N = 105
- RR 16% vs. 4% (~ 40% had prior irinotecan)



BEACON Phase III Study
Encorafenib + Binimetinib + Cetuximab



HER2 Amplification

HER2 Amplified Colon Cancer

SURVIVAL OUTCOMES (PFS): COHORT 1

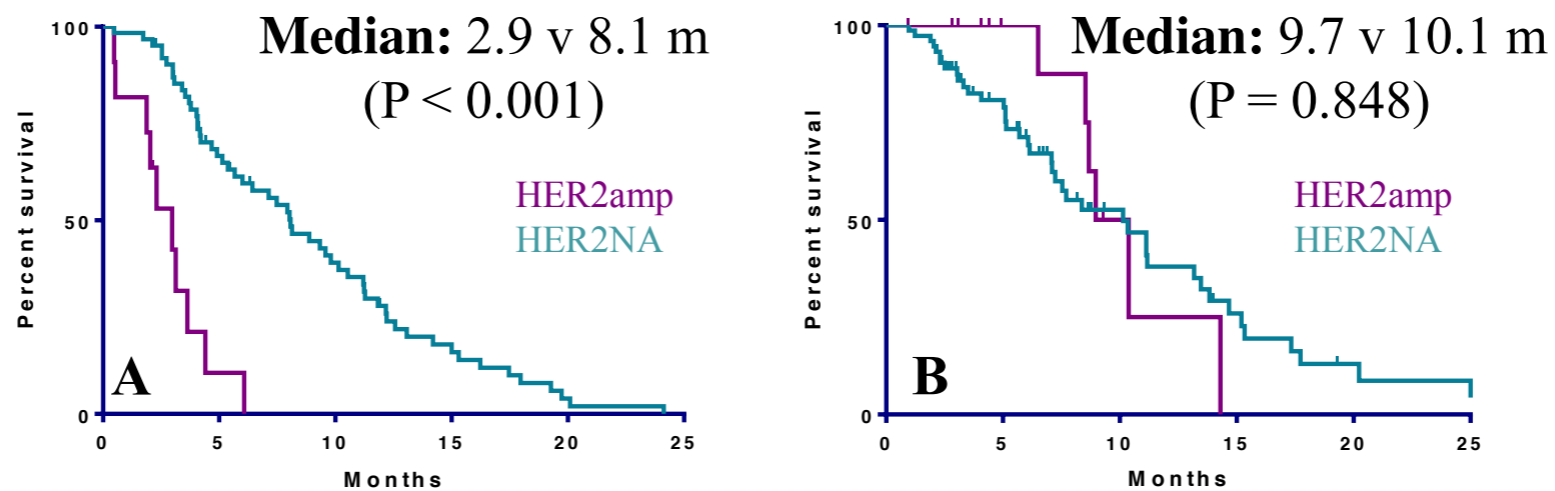


Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier curves for PFS on (A) Anti-EGFR based therapy in 2nd/3rd line setting and (B) Non anti-EGFR based therapy in 1st line setting

SURVIVAL OUTCOMES (PFS): COHORT 2

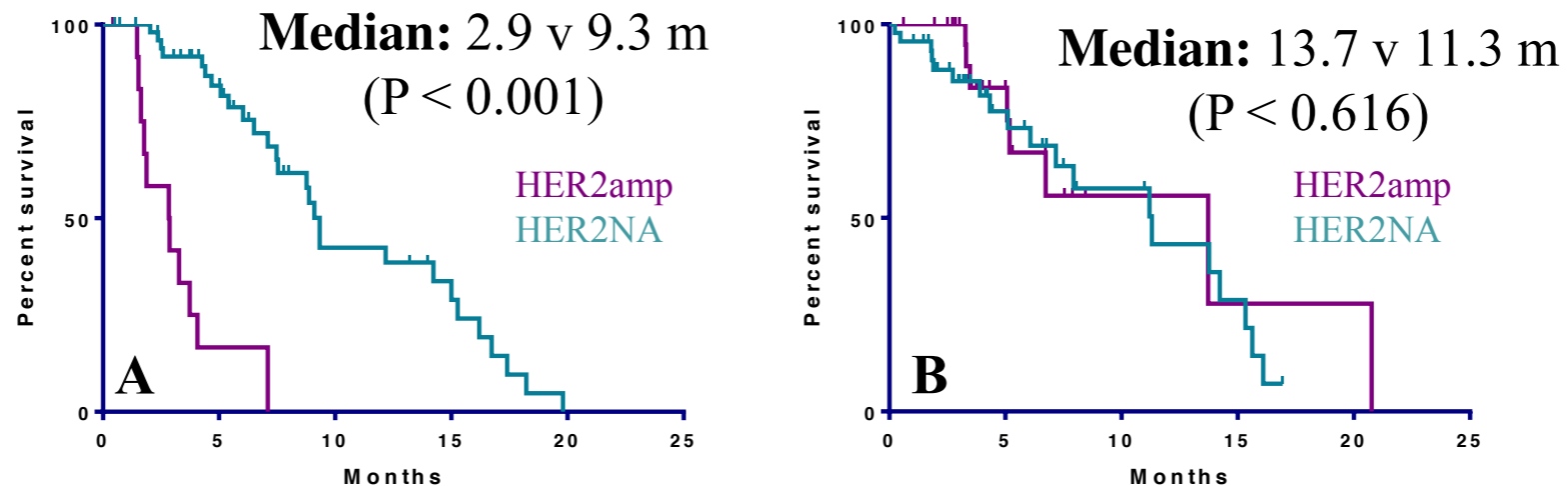
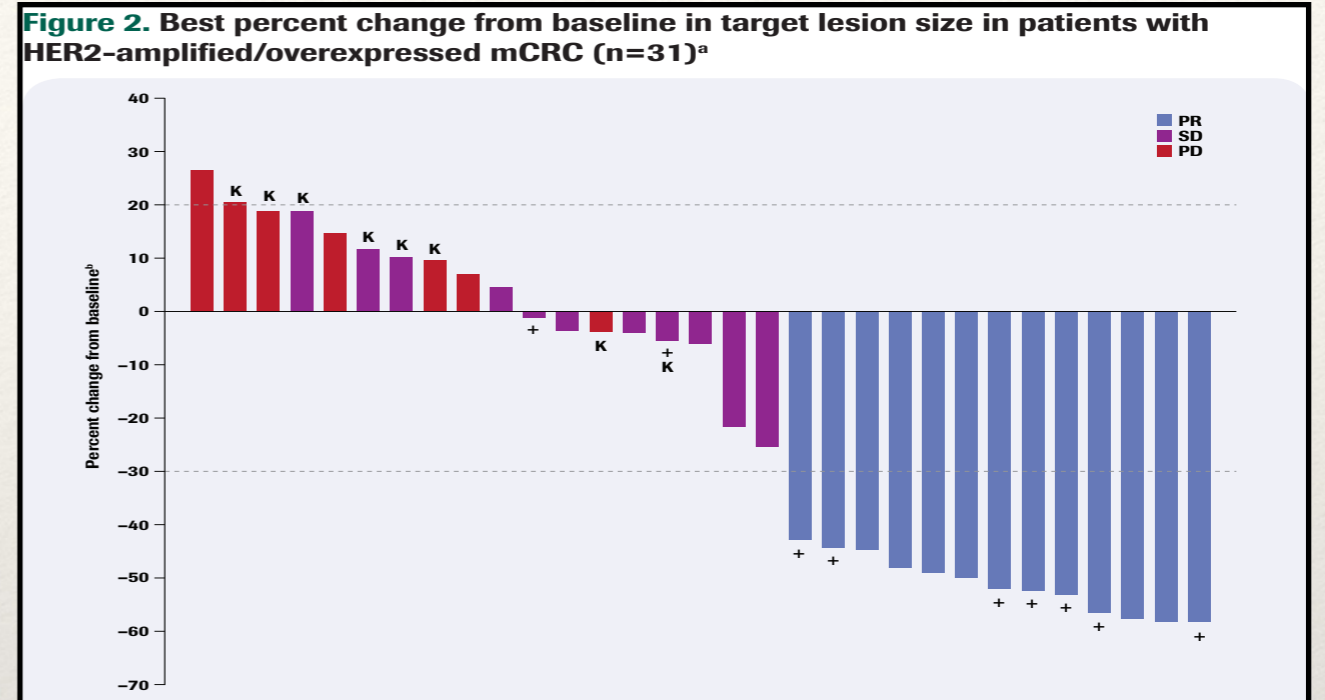


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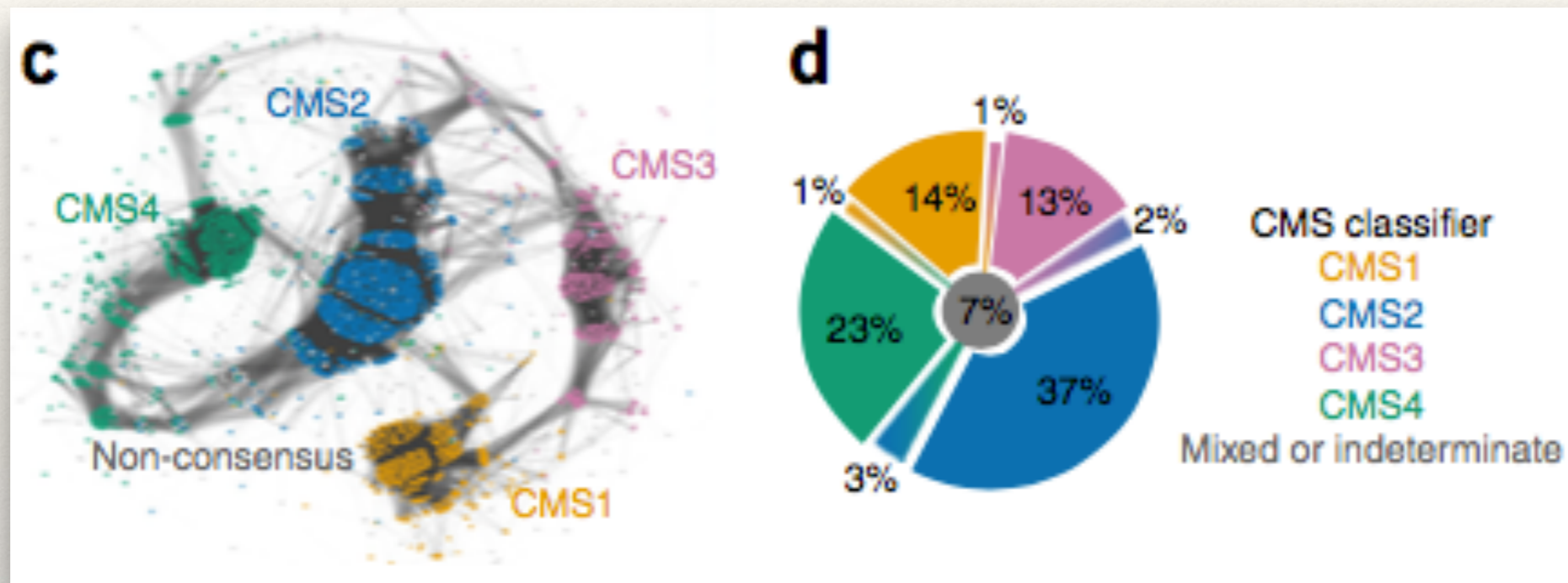
HER2 Amplified CRC Therapy



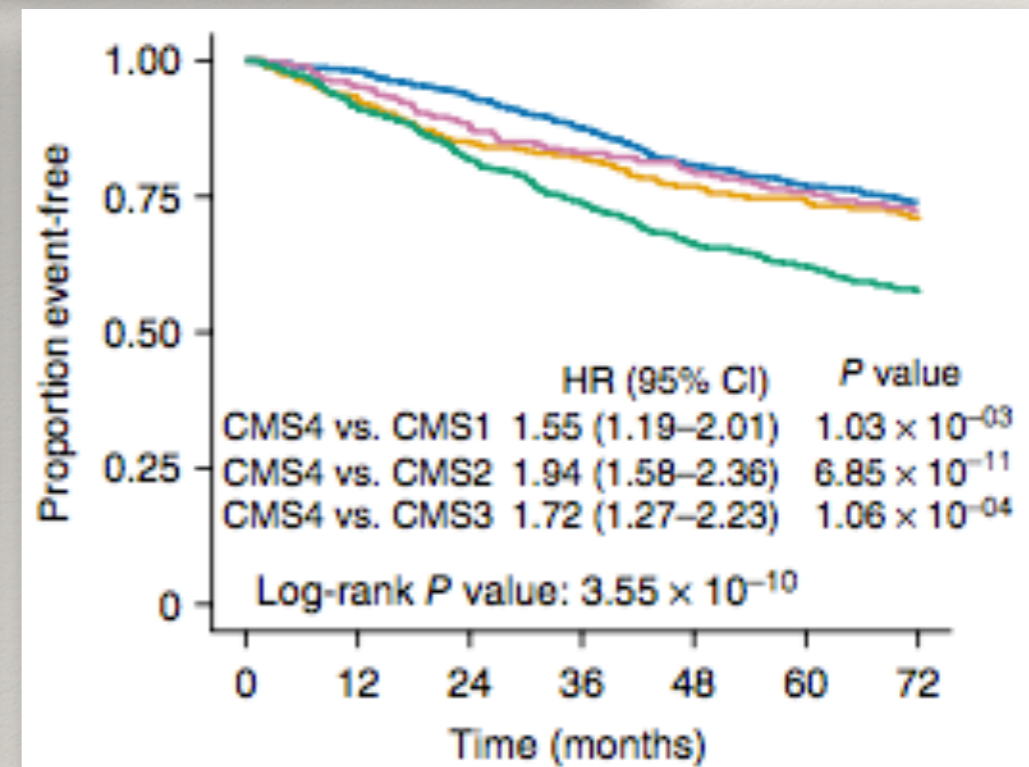
- ❖ MyPathway Study
- ❖ Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab
- ❖ **HERACLES Study**
- ❖ Trastuzumab + Lapatinib

CMS

Looking Beyond ...

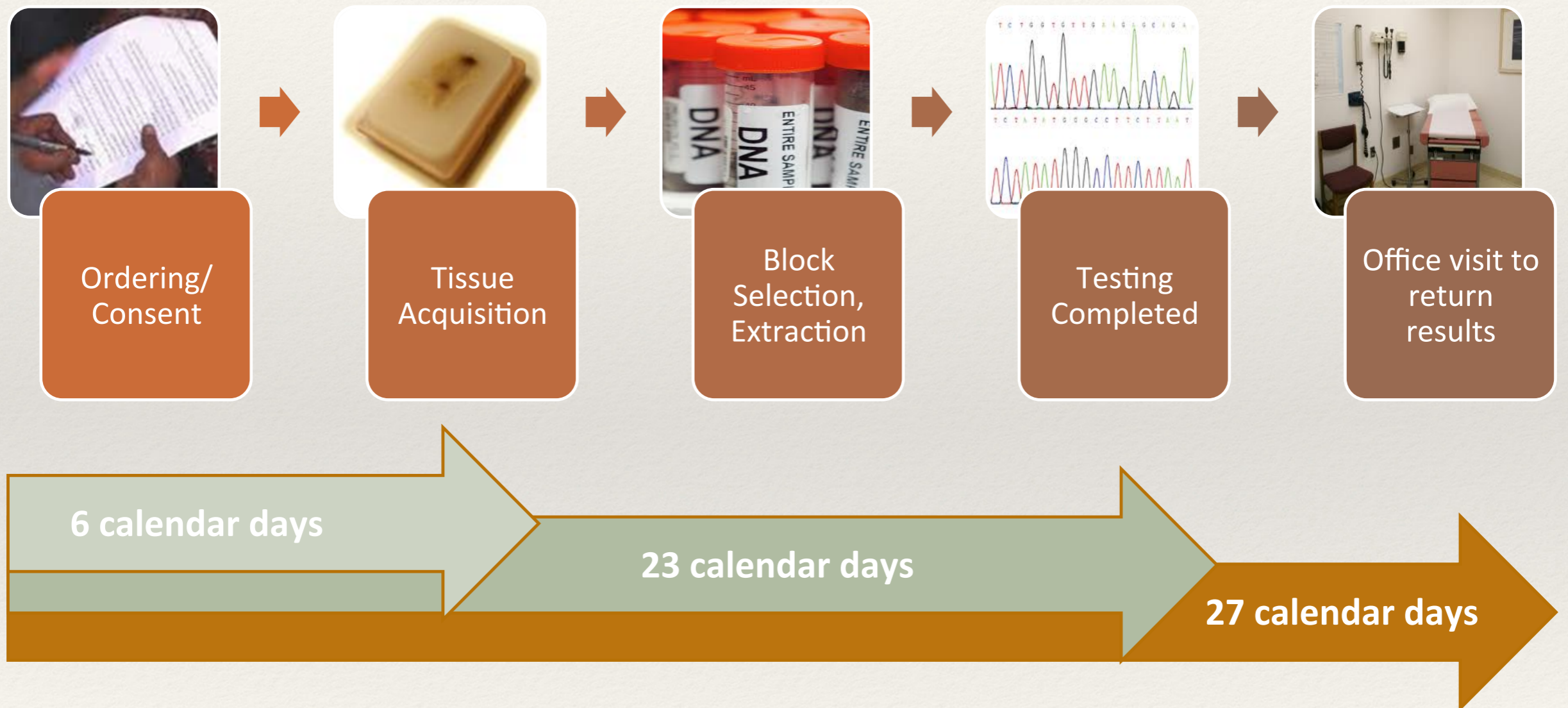


CMS1 MSI Immune 14%	CMS2 Canonical 37%	CMS3 Metabolic 13%	CMS4 Mesenchymal 23%
MSI, CIMP high, hypermutation	SCNA high	Mixed MSI status, SCNA low, CIMP low	SCNA high
<i>BRAF</i> mutations		<i>KRAS</i> mutations	
Immune infiltration and activation	WNT and MYC activation	Metabolic deregulation	Stromal infiltration, TGF- β activation, angiogenesis
Worse survival after relapse			Worse relapse-free and overall survival



Biomarkers Testing in Clinics

Steps in Tissue Biomarker Testing



Summary

- ❖ All patients need to be tested for **KRAS, NRAS** mutations at diagnosis
- ❖ RAS wild type patients need to be tested for **BRAF** mutations due to their poor prognosis for early referral to clinical trials
- ❖ **MSI-H** should be tested in all patients with mCRC due to major treatment implication using immunotherapy
- ❖ **HER2 amplification** should be tested in RAS/BRAF wild type patients prior to anti-EGFR exposure to make an informed decision regarding toxicity/benefit and for referral to clinical trials
- ❖ Convenience of “**one-stop**” for testing will be attractive
- ❖ Tests need to be made available to treating oncologist as **rapidly** as possible
- ❖ **Flexible** with regards to amount and type of patient specimen available

Questions

