

Point of Care Molecular Testing

Streamlining Cancer Care from the Anatomic Pathologist's Office

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Objectives



- 1 Foster an appreciation for the role of ancillary biomarker testing in the treatment of cancer patients.
 - 2 Appreciate how delays in test results can adversely affect cancer care.
 - 3 Identify areas within your own lab or network that impede biomarker results.
 - 4 Explore how existing and novel techniques can help support oncology practice within your centre.
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Current state



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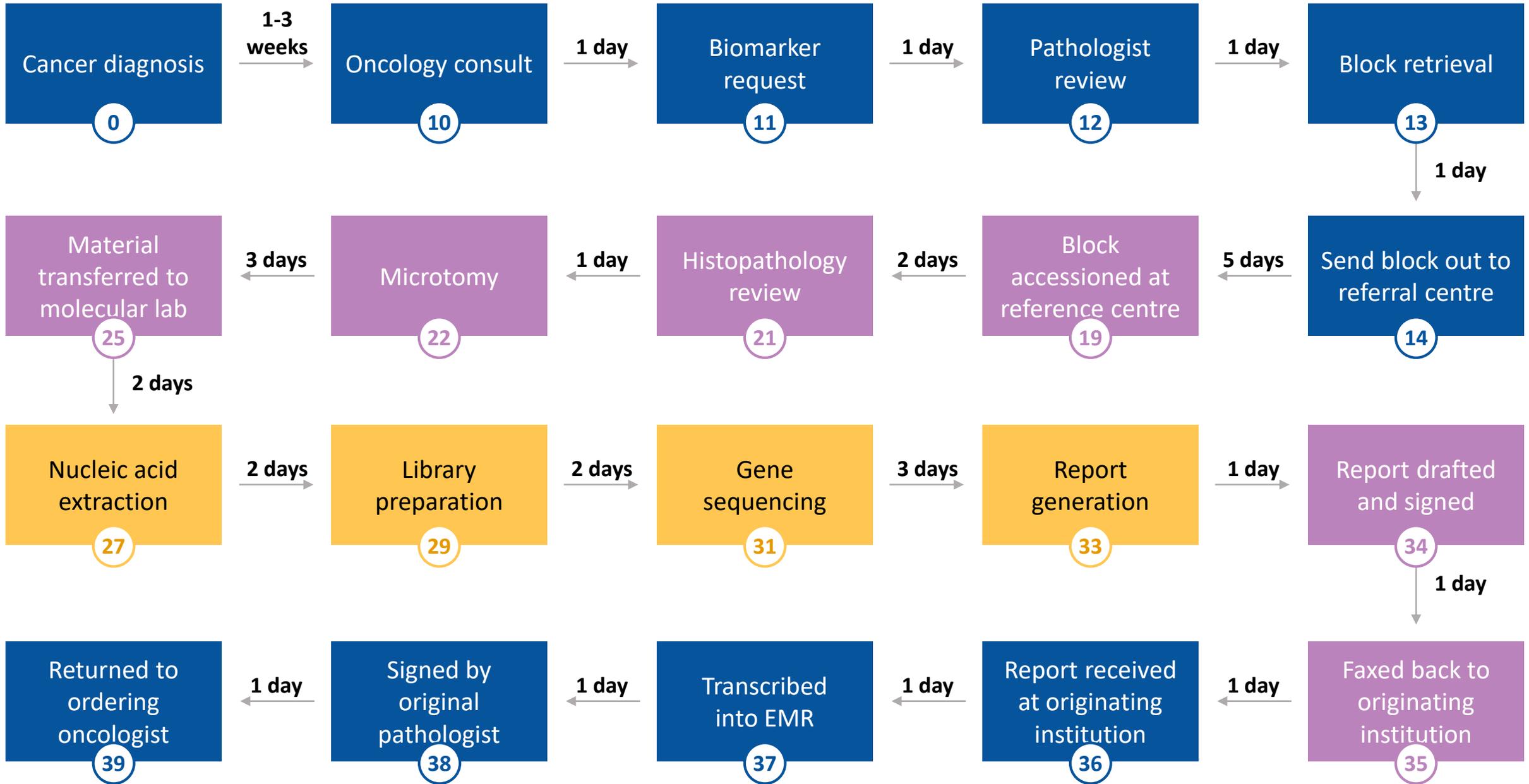
Cancer is diagnosed by an anatomic pathologist

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Cancer-related testing is requested by a medical oncologist

3

Biomarker testing is performed in a separate molecular facility



Net effect

X

Delayed
biomarker testing

X

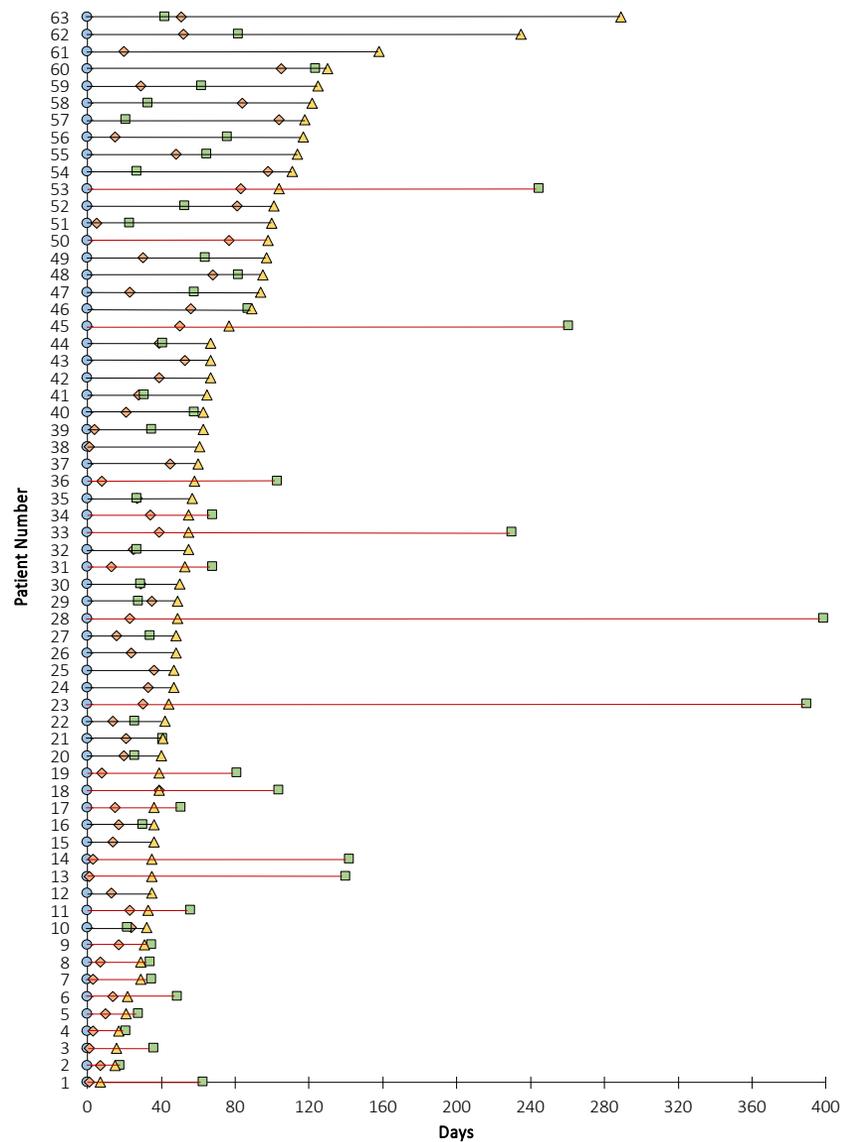
Inefficient use of
pathologist /
oncologist time

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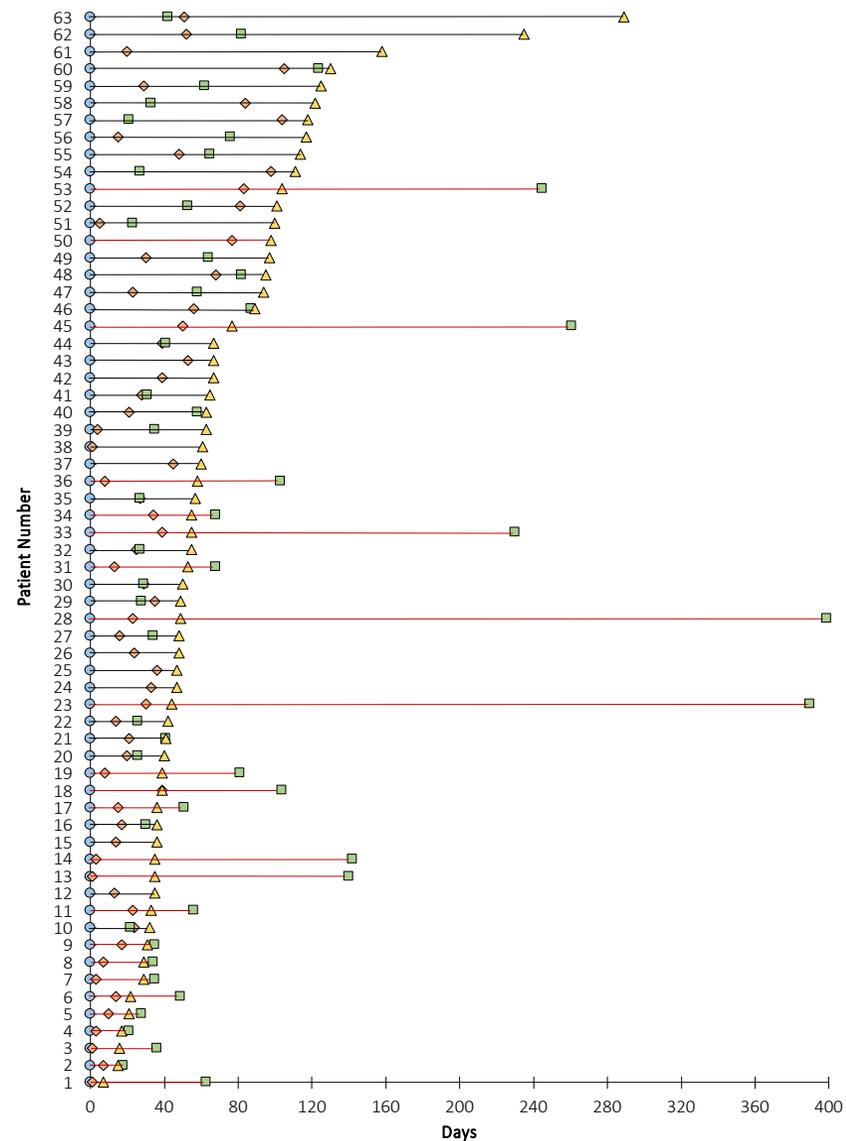
Missed treatment
opportunities

X

Inappropriate
treatment
decision



-  Diagnosis
-  Oncology Consult Following Diagnosis
-  Biomarker Report Completion
-  Treatment



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**Median
turnaround time:
64 days**

**Biomarkers available
at oncology consult:
17%**

Consequences of Inefficient Biomarker Testing

**The mortality rate of
untreated advanced NSCLC
is 4% per week¹**

**Median life expectancy
for stage IV NSCLC is
16 weeks²**

1. Stewart, D, *et al.* The cost of delaying therapy for advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC): a population kinetics assessment. 2020 AACR 18(S16):5489.

2. DiStasio, et al. Molecular Testing Turnaround Time for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer in Routine Clinical Practice Conforms Feasibility of CAP/IASLC/AMP Guideline Recommendations: A Single-center Analysis. *Clinical Lung Cancer* 2017.

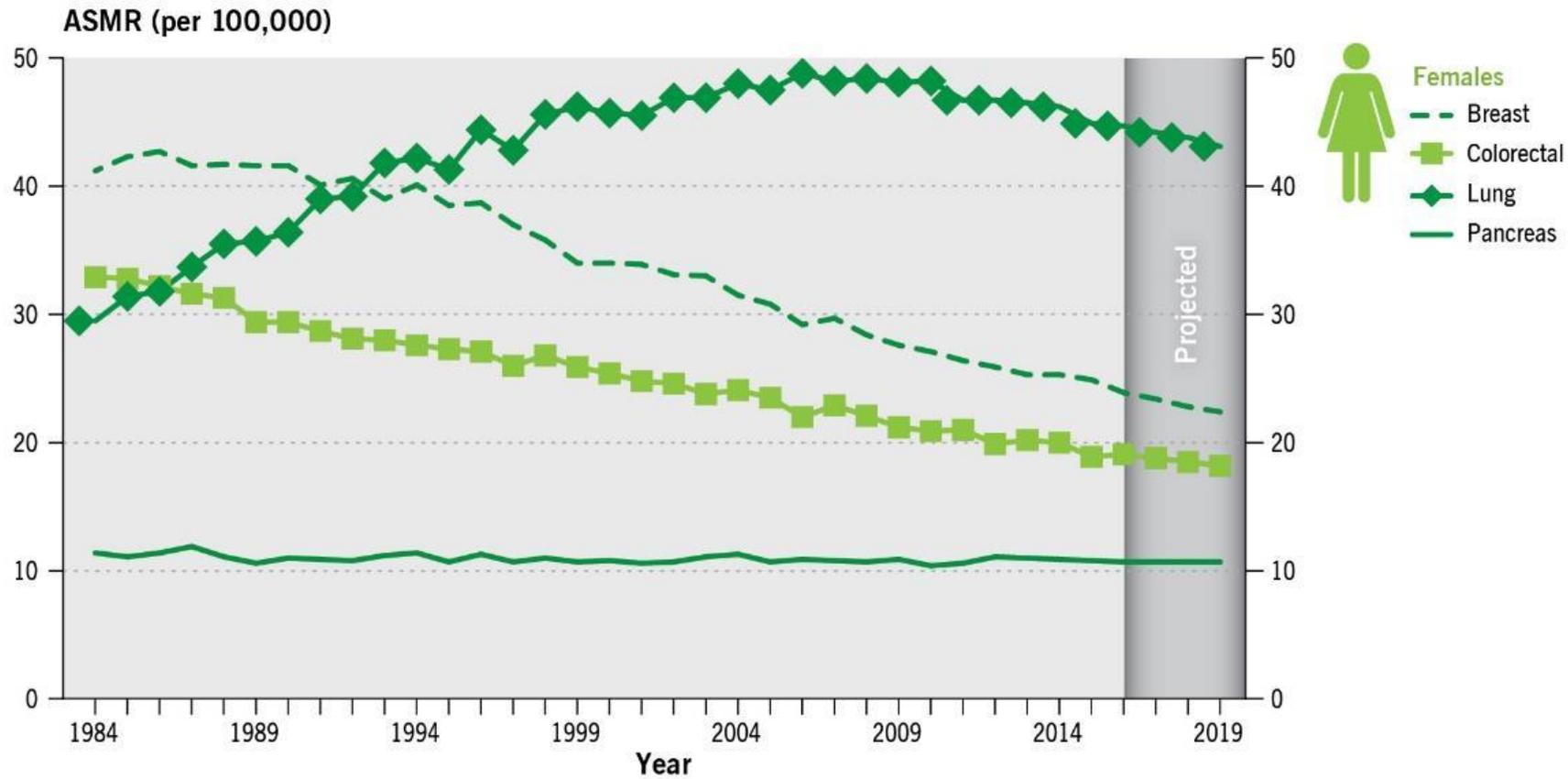
Updated Molecular Testing Guideline for the Selection of Lung Cancer Patients for Treatment With Targeted Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors

3.2. Expert consensus opinion: Laboratories with average turnaround times beyond two weeks need to make available a more rapid test—either in house or through a reference laboratory—in instances of clinical urgency.

3.1: Expert consensus opinion: EGFR and ALK results should be available within two weeks (10 working days) of receiving the specimen in the testing laboratory.

3.3. Expert consensus opinion: Laboratory departments should establish processes to ensure that specimens that have a final histopathological diagnosis are sent to outside molecular pathology laboratories within 3 working days of receiving requests and to intramural molecular pathology laboratories within 24 hours.

FIGURE 2.9 Age-standardized mortality rates (ASMR) for selected* cancers, females, Canada, 1984–2019



DIAGNOSIS

BREAST (RIGHT, 7 O'CLOCK), NEEDLE BIOPSY:

- INVASIVE DUCTAL CARCINOMA.
- Preliminary grade: 2 (tubules 3, nuclei 2, mitoses 1).
- Biomarkers:
 - ER: POSITIVE (3+ staining in 100% of tumor nuclei; Allred 8).
 - PR: POSITIVE (3+ staining in 100% of tumor nuclei; Allred 8).
 - HER2: negative (IHC 1+).

DIAGNOSIS

BREAST (LEFT, LESION A), NEEDLE BIOPSY:

- INVASIVE DUCTAL CARCINOMA.

1. Preliminary grade: 3 (tubules 3, mitoses 3, nuclei 3).

2. Biomarkers:

ER: negative (no staining present, no internal control present; Allred 0).

PR: negative (no staining present, no internal control present; Allred 0).

HER2: negative (IHC 0).

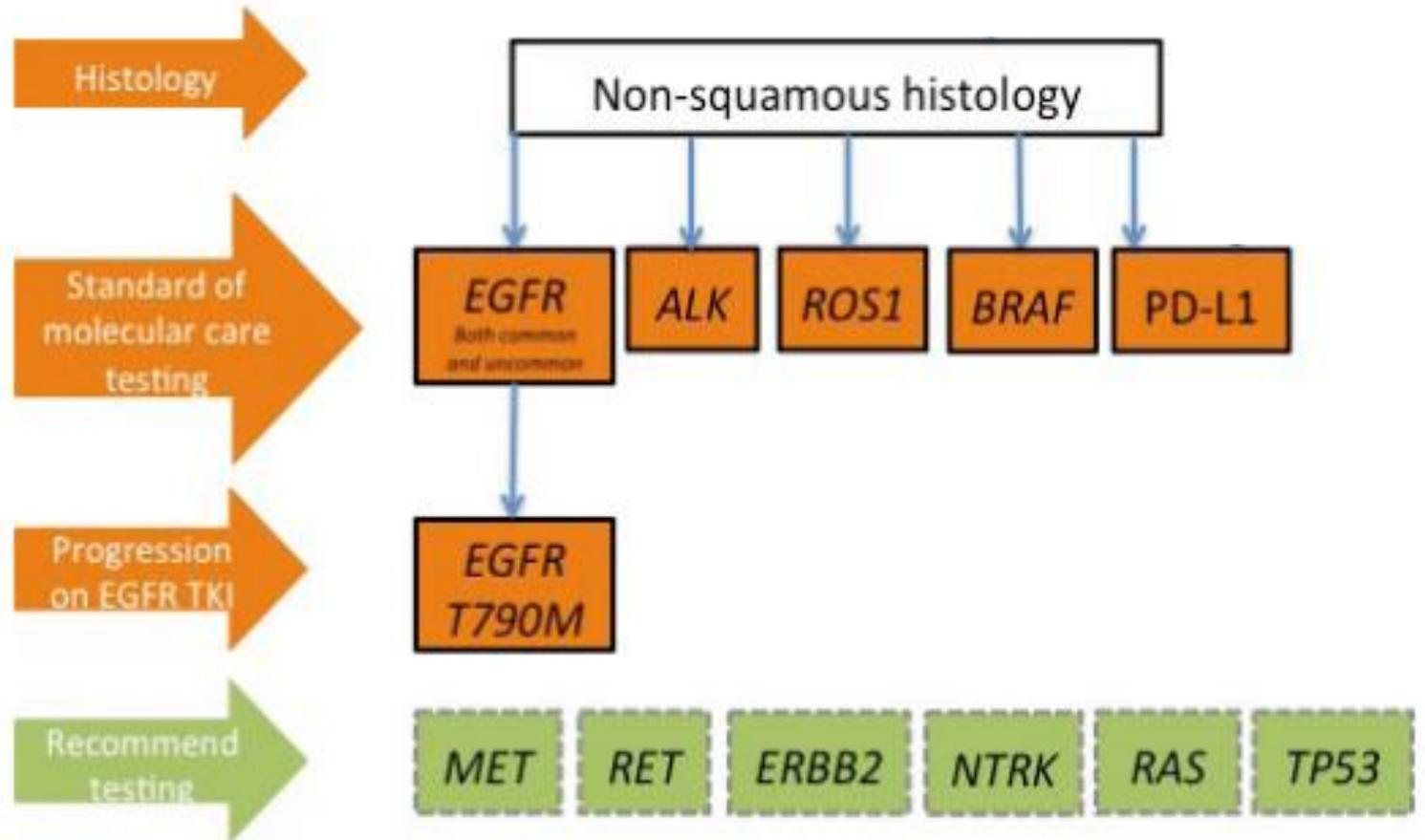
Ki67: HIGH (nearly 100% tumor cell labelling).

COMMENT: The tumor shows a triple negative (ER-/PR-/HER2-) immunophenotype. No internal control is present for ER and PR stains, repeat testing on a subsequent specimen is recommended. Clinical correlation is required in determining the need for BRCA1/2 testing.

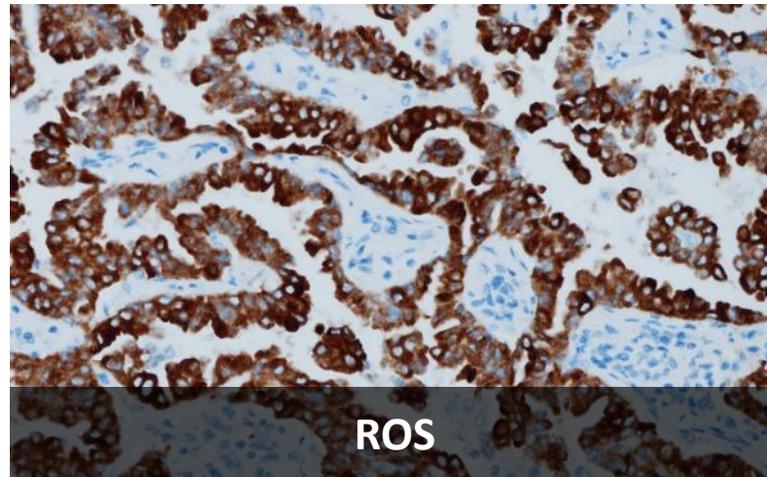
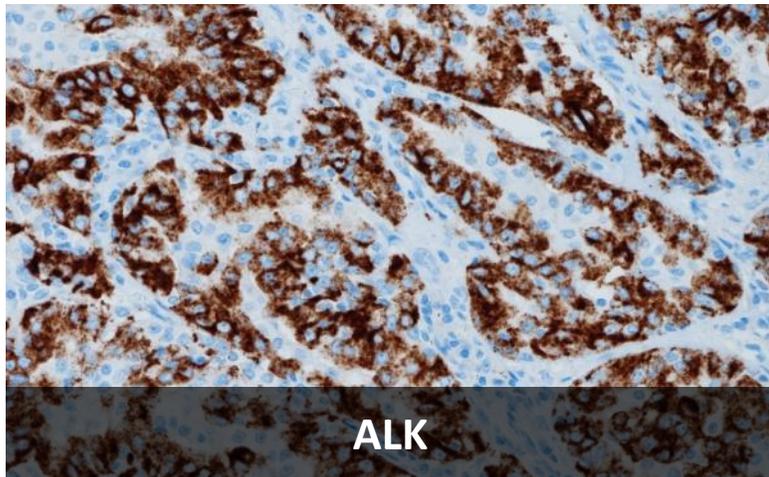
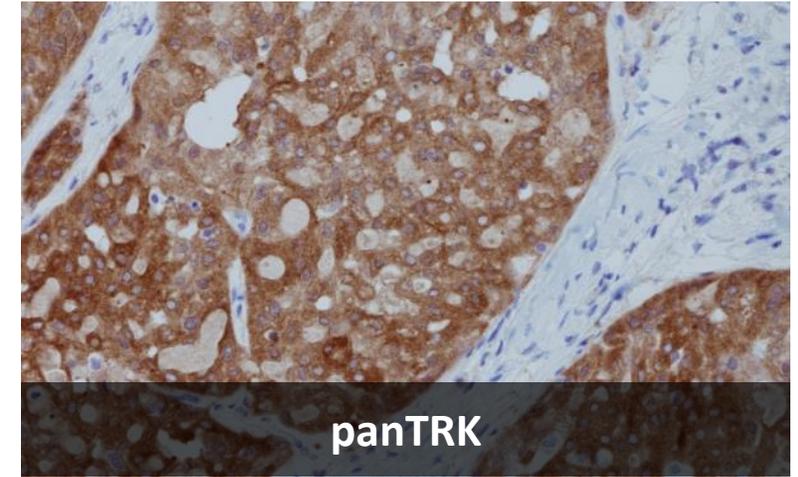
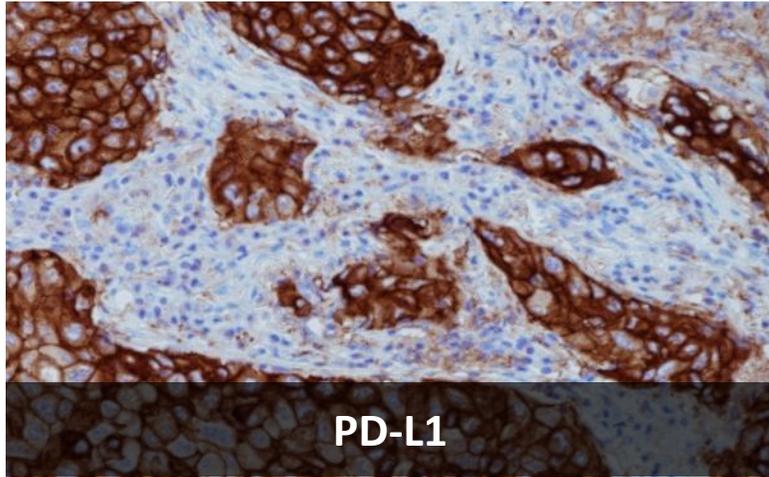
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For anatomic
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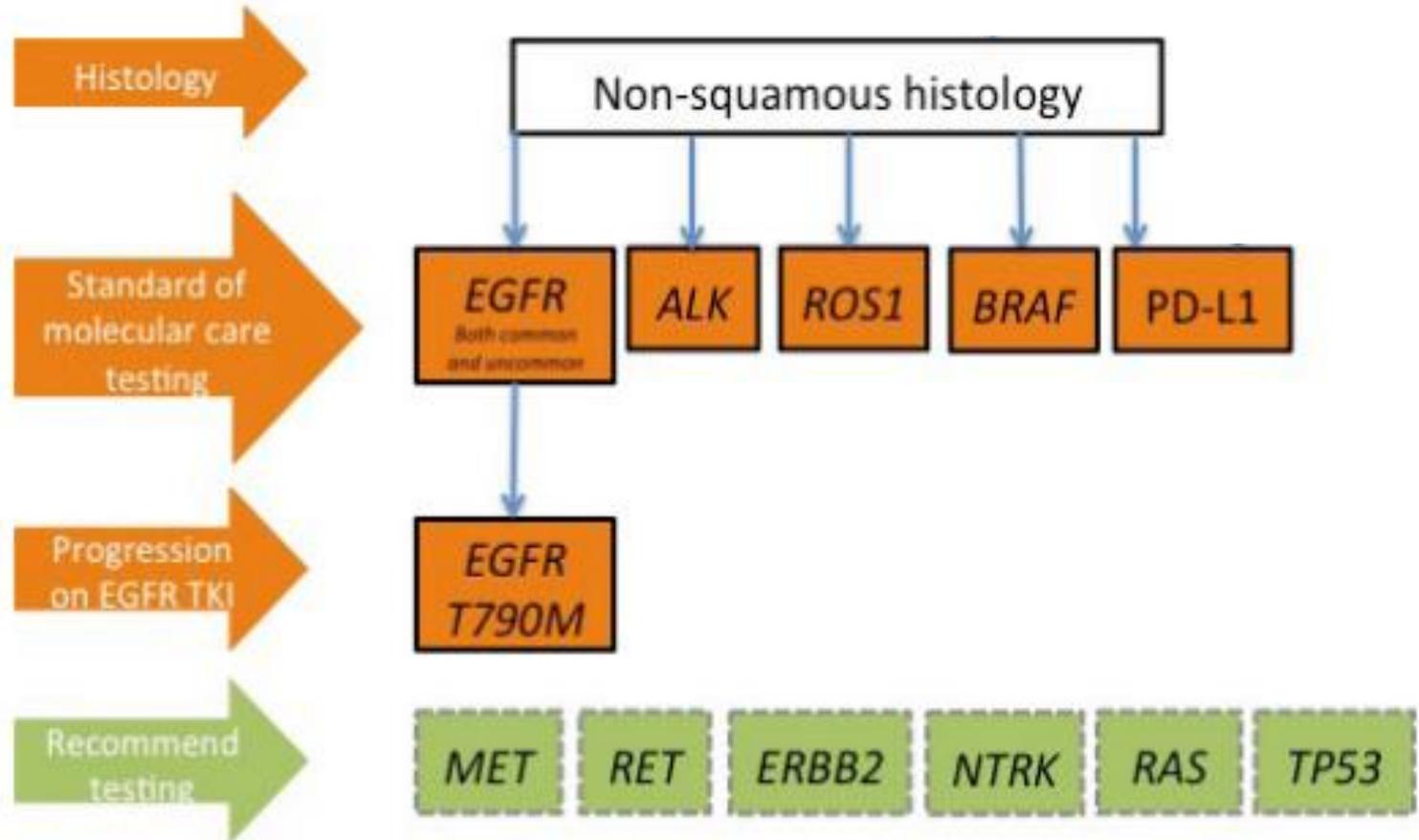
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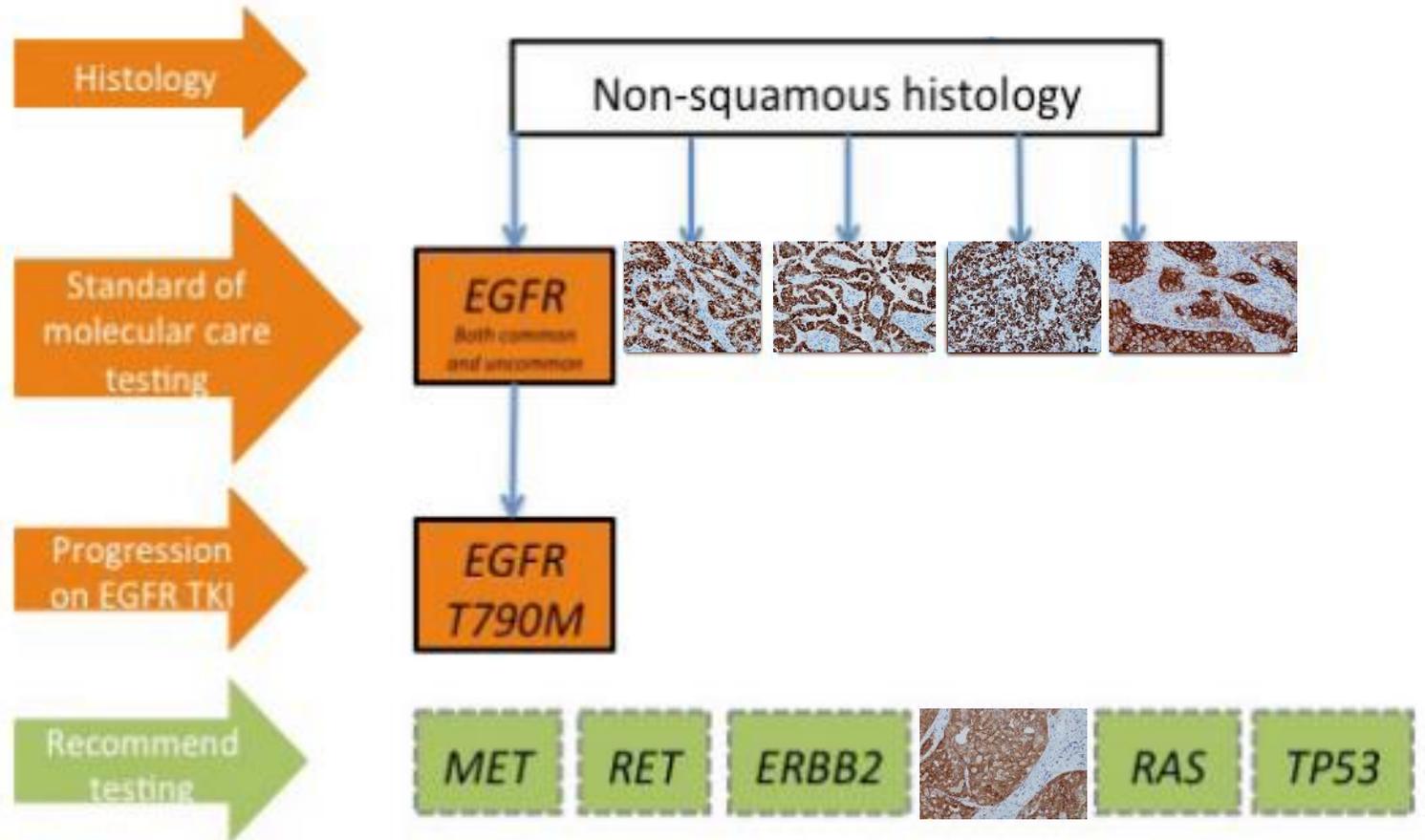
Immunohistochemistry as a Practical Tool in Molecular Pathology



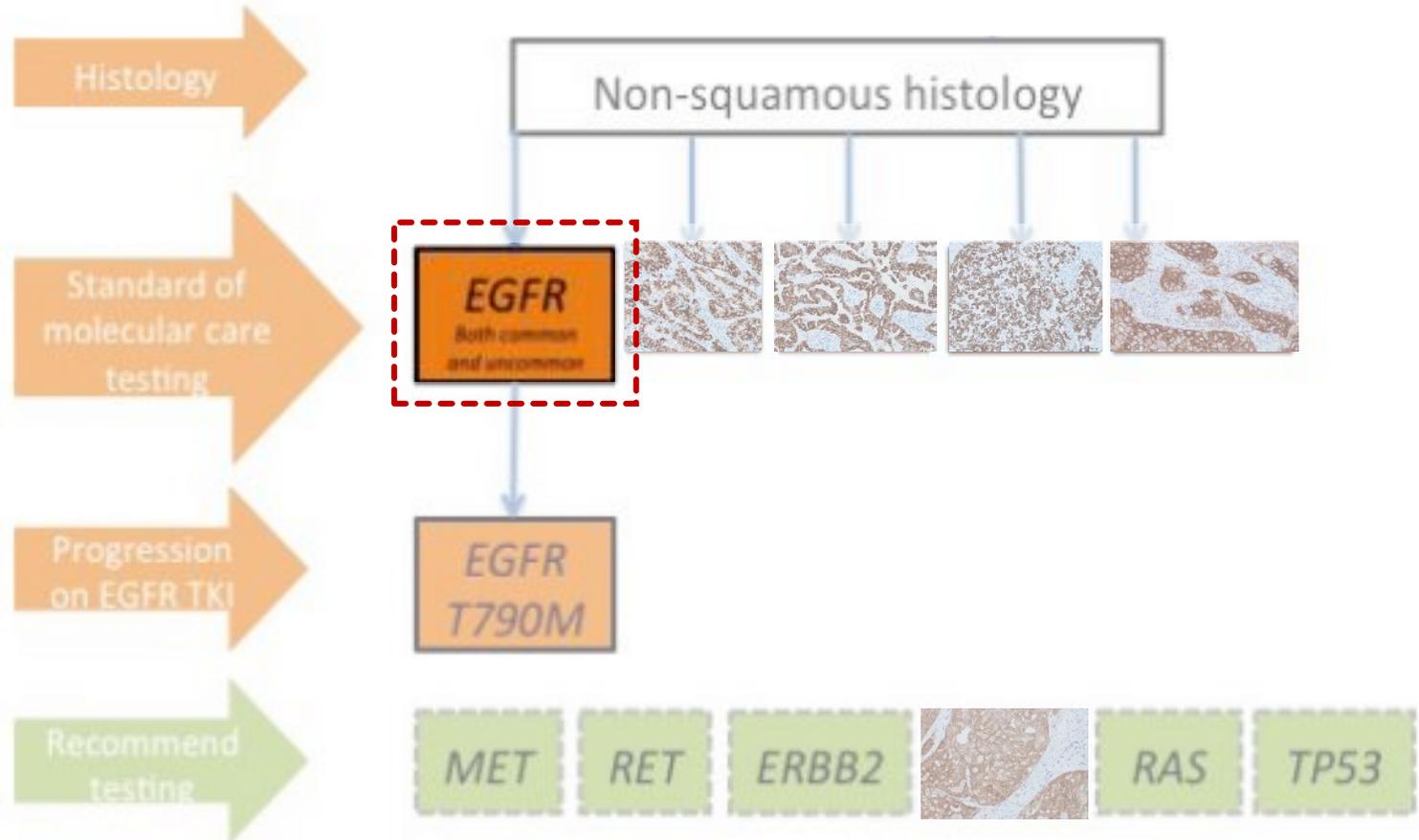
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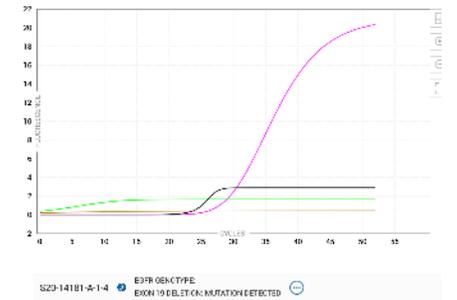
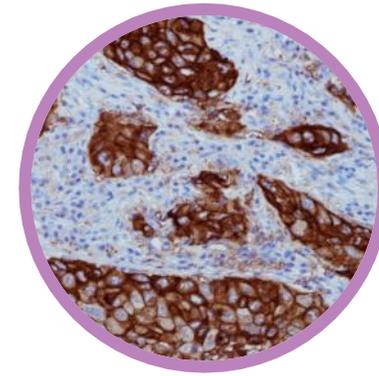
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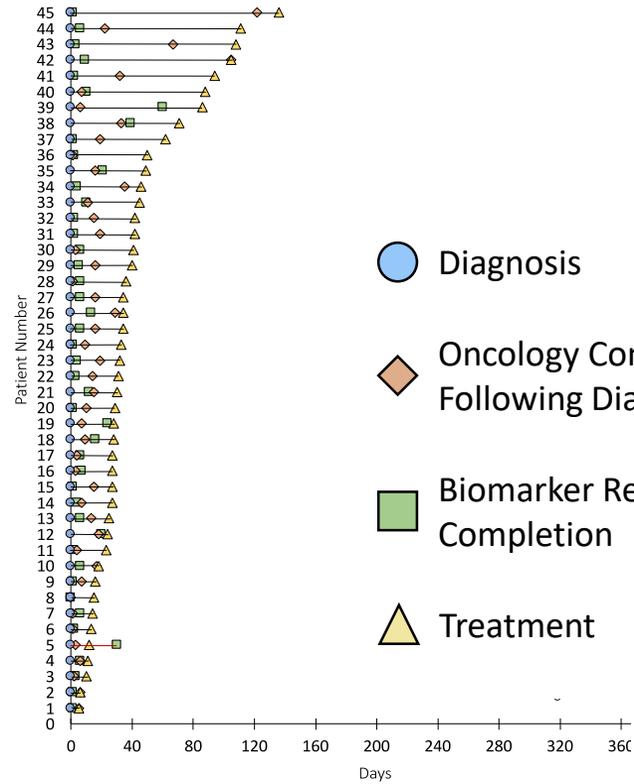
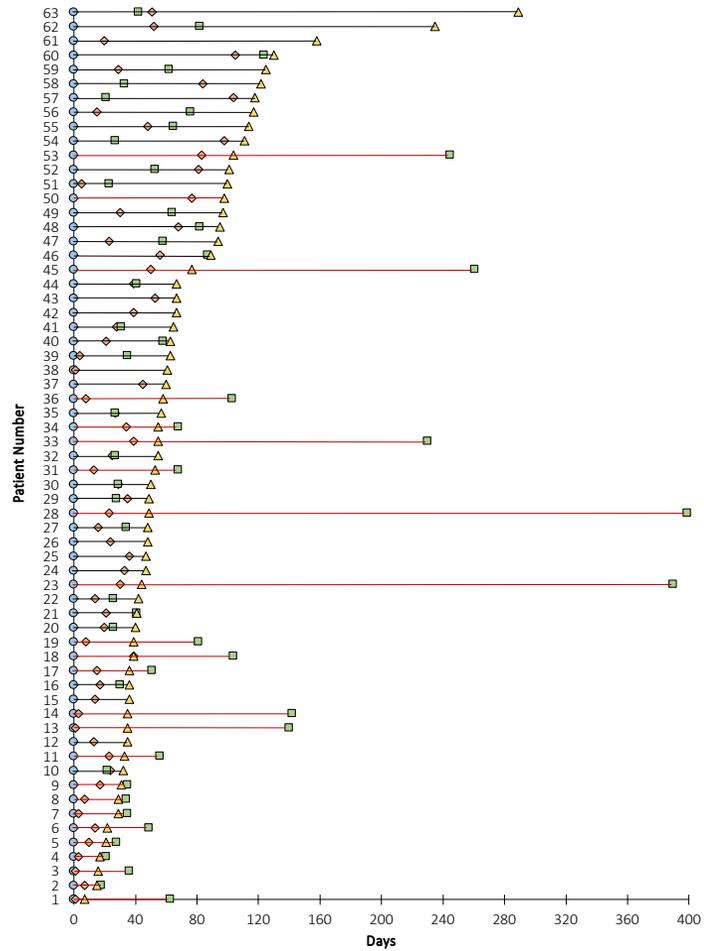
Interpret

Report



One facility.
One pathologist.
One report.

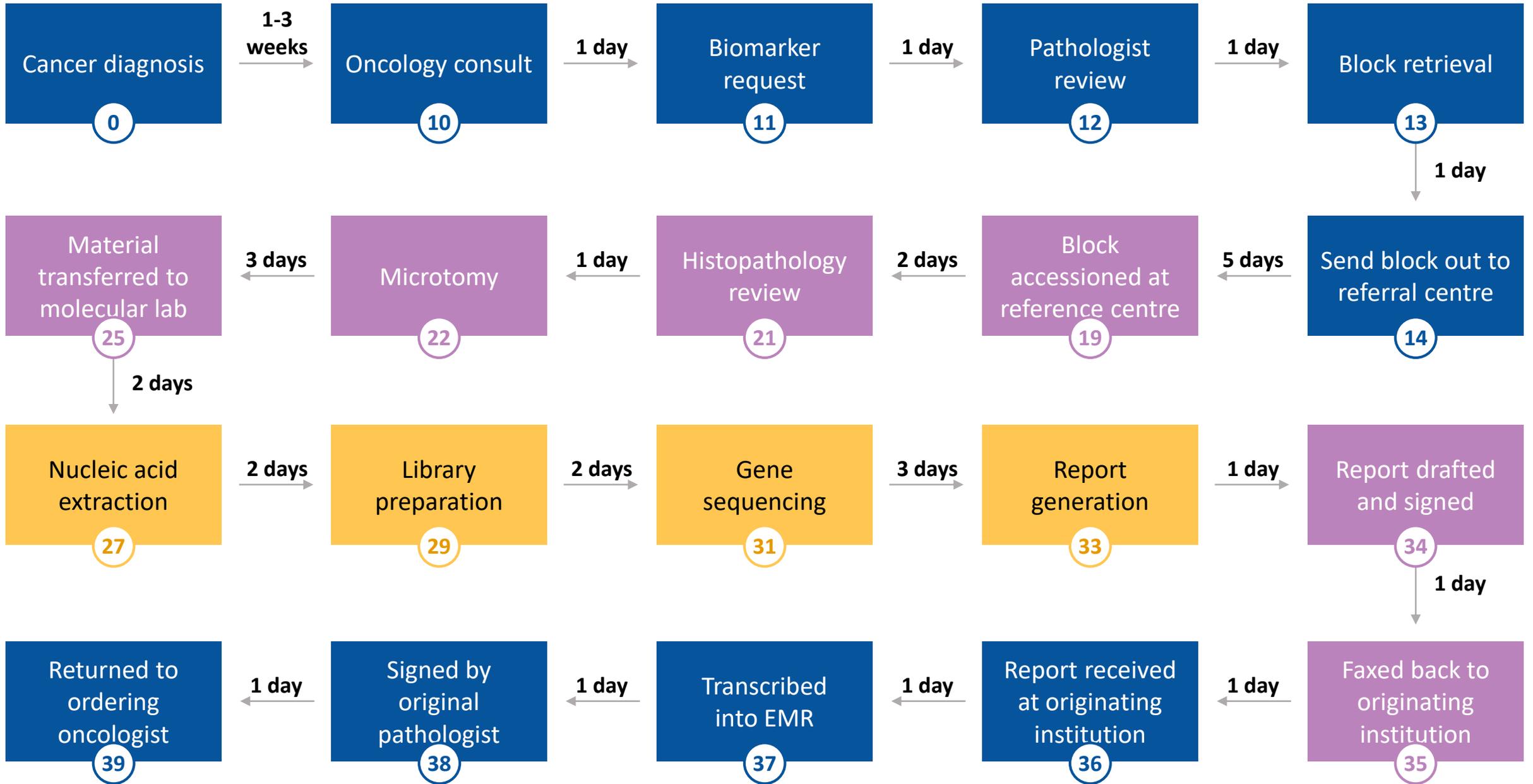




- Diagnosis
- ◆ Oncology Consult Following Diagnosis
- Biomarker Report Completion
- ▲ Treatment

**Median
Turnaround Time:
~~64~~ days
4 days**

**Biomarkers Available
at Oncology Consult:
~~17%~~
94%**



Cancer diagnosis
with biomarkers



Oncology consult

E. LYMPH NODE (STATION 7), BIOPSY:

- POSITIVE FOR METASTATIC NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CARCINOMA.
- Favour adenocarcinoma (TTF1+, p40-).

LUNG BIOMARKERS:

EGFR: POSITIVE (L858R).

- Cellularity: moderate
- Estimated tumor content: 50%

PD-L1: low-level expression (tumor proportion score 1-49%).

- Estimated tumor proportion score: 5%

ALK: negative.

BRAF V600E: negative.

ROS: nevative.

INTERPRETATION: The sample demonstrates an activating mutation in the EGFR gene leading to the p. Leu858Arg protein change. The alteration is amenable to treatment with EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitor therapy, if clinically indicated.

DIAGNOSIS

A. COLON (RECTOSIGMOID), ANTERIOR RESECTION:

- INVASIVE ADENOCARCINOMA.
 1. Moderately differentiated (low-grade).
 2. Completely excised.
 - Proximal, distal, and radial margins clear.
 - Please see comment.
 3. Carcinoma invades through the muscularis propria, into pericolic fat.
 4. Fifteen lymph nodes are identified.
 - Three tumor deposits are identified.
 - No definite nodal tissue is associated with the deposits.
 - Largest deposit measures 3.5 cm (see comment).
 - pN1c
 - No metastasis is identified within the 15 nodes (0/15).
 5. The tumor shows intact (wild-type) expression of MMR proteins.
 6. No mutation is identified in KRAS, NRAS, or BRAF (see below).

DIAGNOSIS

LYMPH NODE (7), BIOPSY:

- POSITIVE FOR METASTATIC MELANOMA.

COMMENT: The specimen contains malignant epithelioid-appearing cells. Pigment is present, and this is favoured to represent anthracosis. By immunohistochemistry, the lesional cells show strong and diffuse immunoreactivity for SOX10. There is no immunoreactivity identified for TTF1 or p40. The features support a diagnosis of metastatic melanoma. An activating BRAF mutation has been identified (see below).

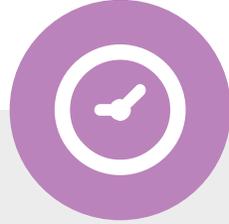
But what about the rest?

KRAS, MET, ERBB2, RET, NRG1 ...

The benefits of NGS in your institution



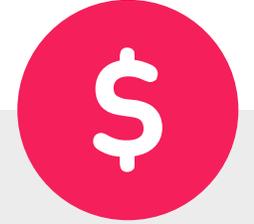
Comprehensive and actionable results, communicated clearly from one source



Results in one report within days, not weeks



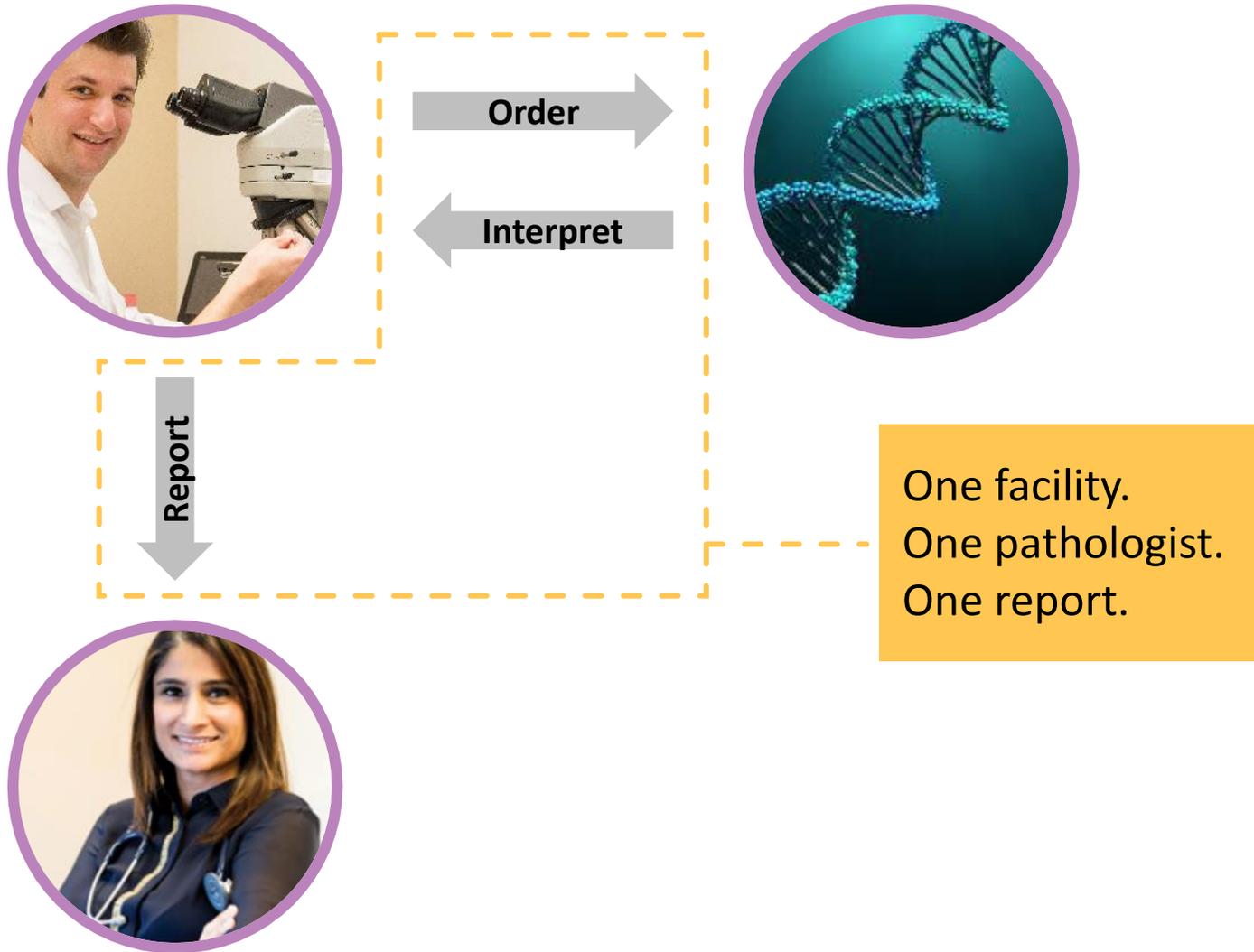
Can be customized to the materials present at your centre: EBUS, surgical, etc.



Cost saving for healthcare system, hospital, and patient

Point of care

Next-generation sequencing (NGS)



Under
development
Point of care NGS

Relevant Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Findings

Gene	Finding	Gene	Finding
ALK	Not detected	NTRK1	Not detected
BRAF	Not detected	NTRK2	Not detected
EGFR	Not detected	NTRK3	Not detected
ERBB2	Not detected	RET	Not detected
KRAS	Not detected	ROS1	Not detected
MET	<i>MET exon 14 skipping, MET positive</i>		

Variant Details

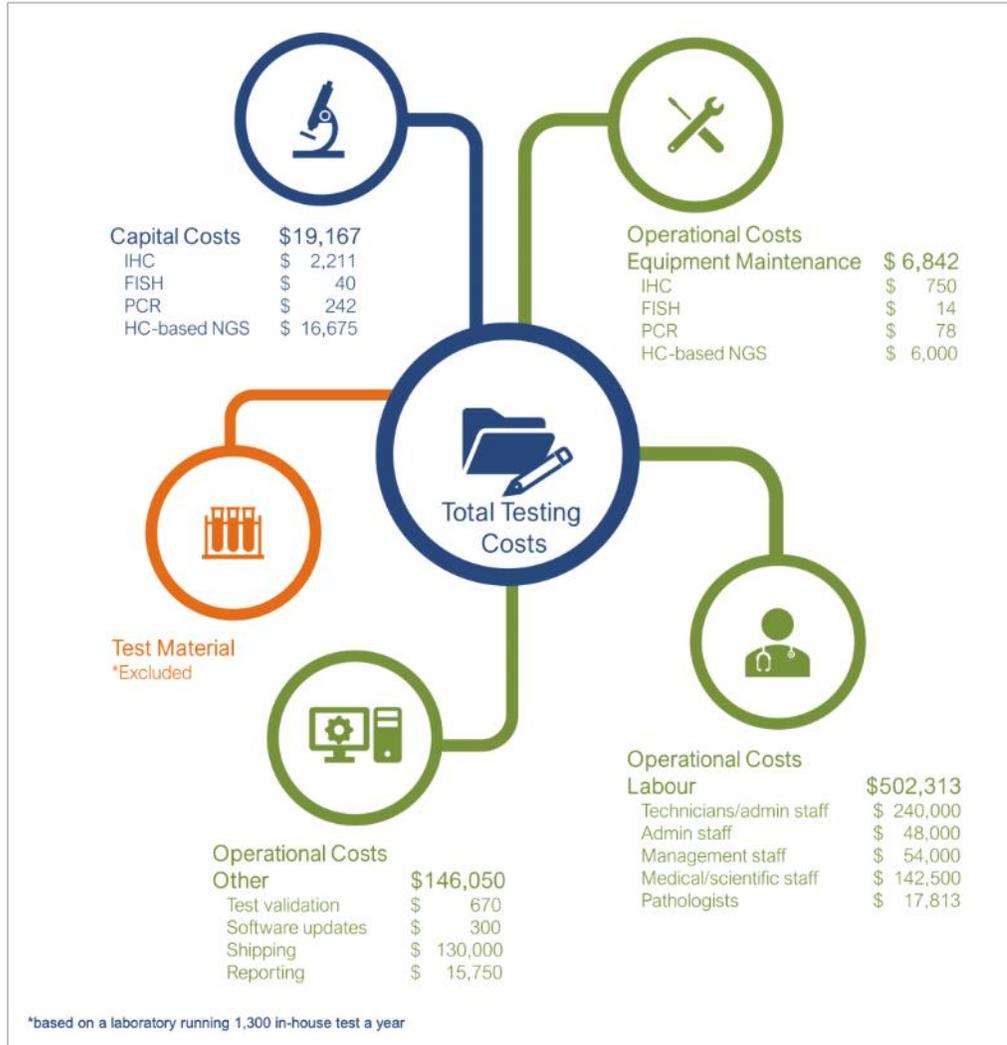
DNA Sequence Variants

Gene	Amino Acid Change	Coding	Variant ID	Locus	Allele Frequency	Transcript	Variant Effect
PIK3CA	p.(E545K)	c.1633G>A	COSM763	chr3:178936091	48.18%	NM_006218.4	missense
MET	p.(?)	c.3082+1G>T	COSM6108462	chr7:116412044	100.00%	NM_001127500.3	unknown
TP53	p.(G245C)	c.733G>T	COSM11081	chr17:7577548	99.65%	NM_000546.5	missense

Gene Fusions (RNA)

Genes	Variant ID	Locus
MET-MET	MET-MET.M13M15.1	chr7:116411708 - chr7:116414935

What's good for patients also saves money



Reduced oncology visits



Reduced number of times a pathologist assesses any given case



Elimination of:

- Extra accessioning
- Additional reporting / transcription
- Shipping

Conclusions

1

Anatomic pathologists play a critical role in cancer care – **diagnostics**

2

The role of the pathologist in treatment determination is under appreciated

3

Introducing point of care testing to the pathology lab, including IHC, and NGS can have a deep and meaningful impact on patient care

4

The role of the pathologist is evolving:

The pathologist is more than simply a diagnostician, but a medical expert charged with the task of integrating all available laboratory data to support patients through their journey

Point of Care Molecular Testing Clinician Perspective

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Overview

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Review the evolving uses of molecular testing in treating patients with cancer, using lung cancer as the example

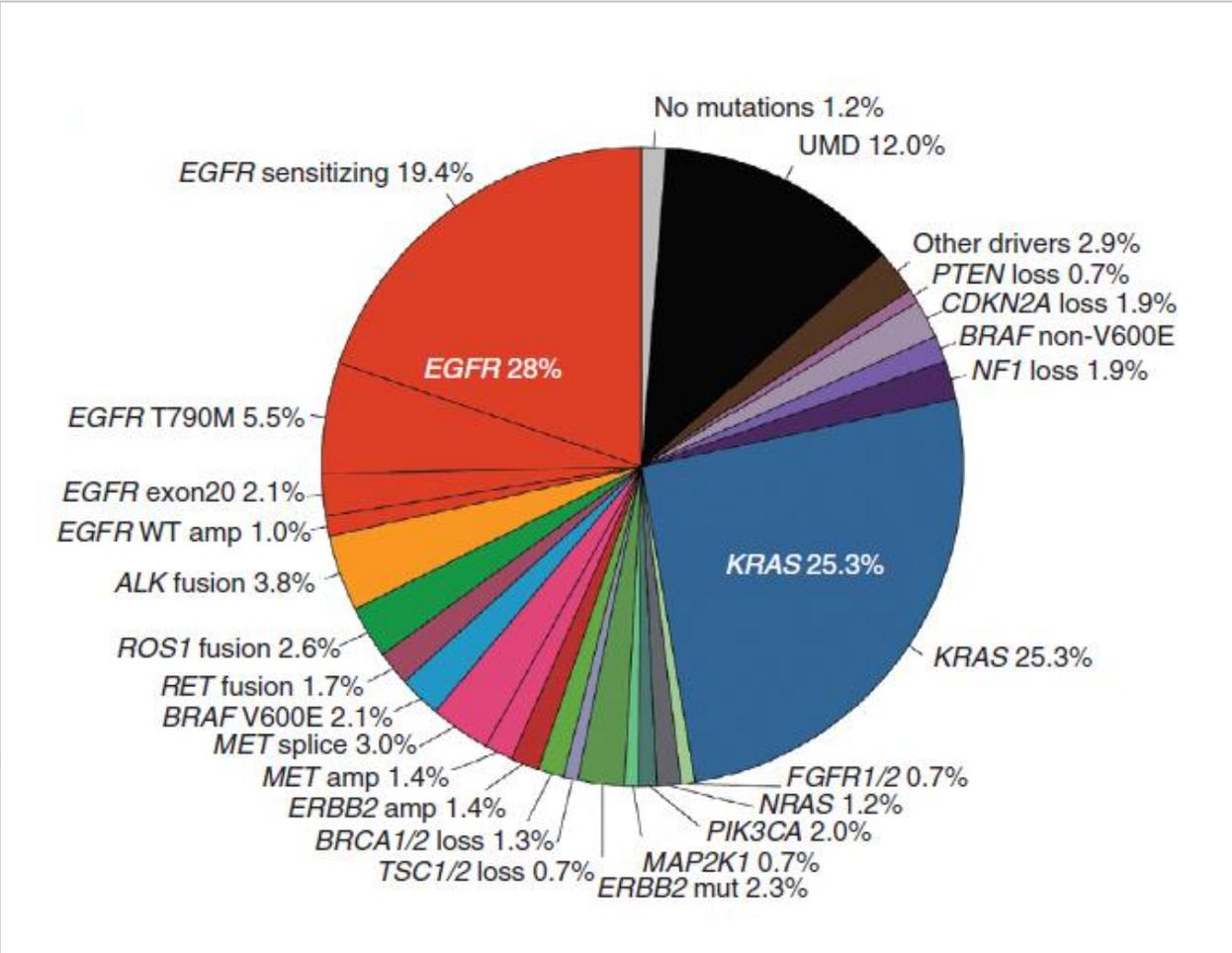
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Clinical impact of point of care molecular testing

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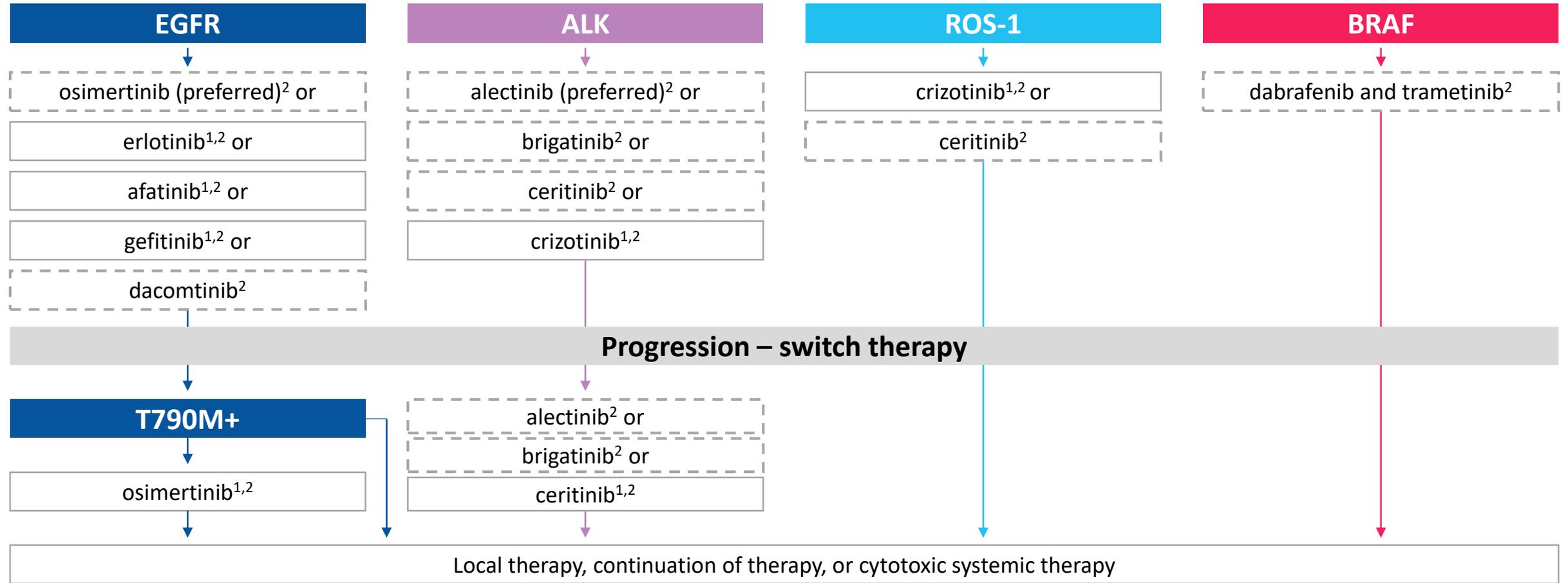
Evolving role of close pathology and molecular oncology collaboration

Molecular profiling is standard of care for patients with advanced NSCLC



Up to 60% of lung adenocarcinoma have a known oncogenic driver mutation

ASCO & NCCN recommendations for molecular oncogenic driven NSCLC

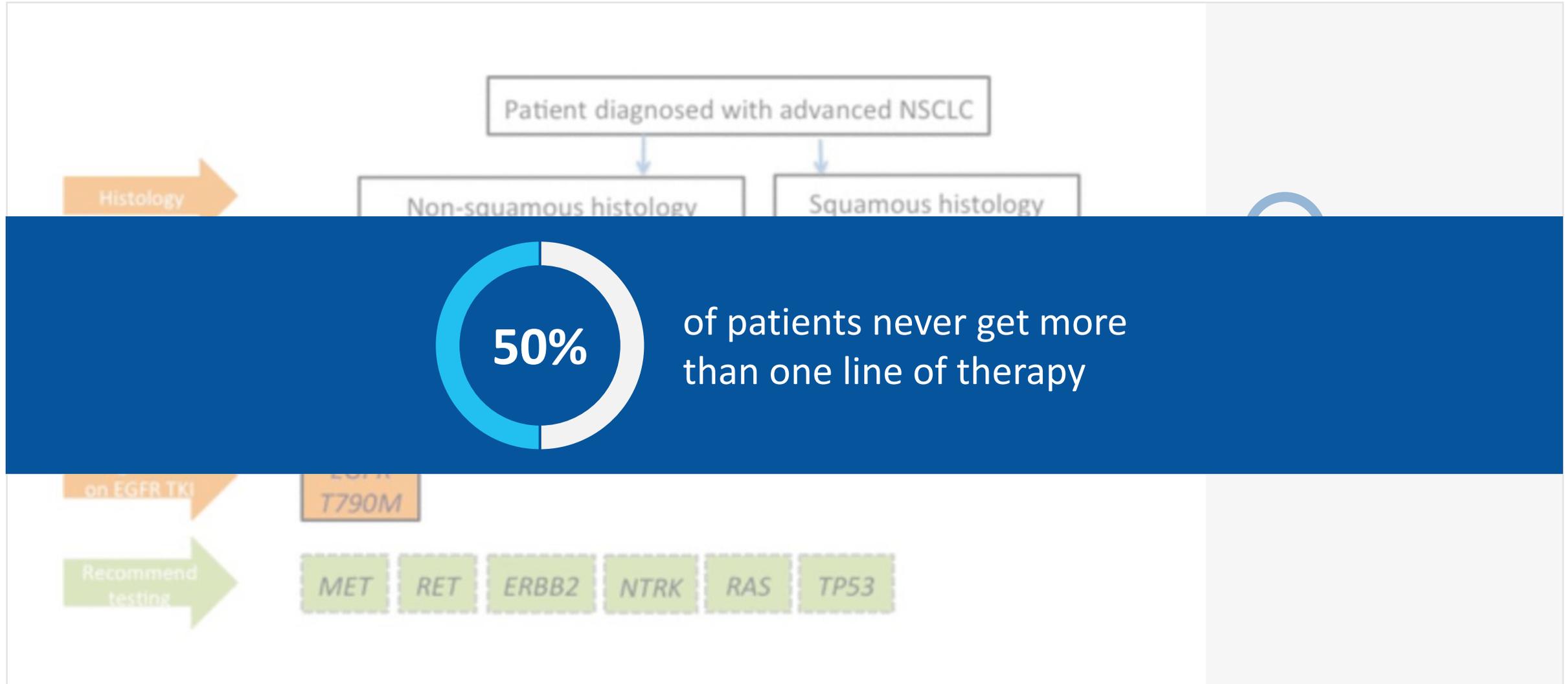


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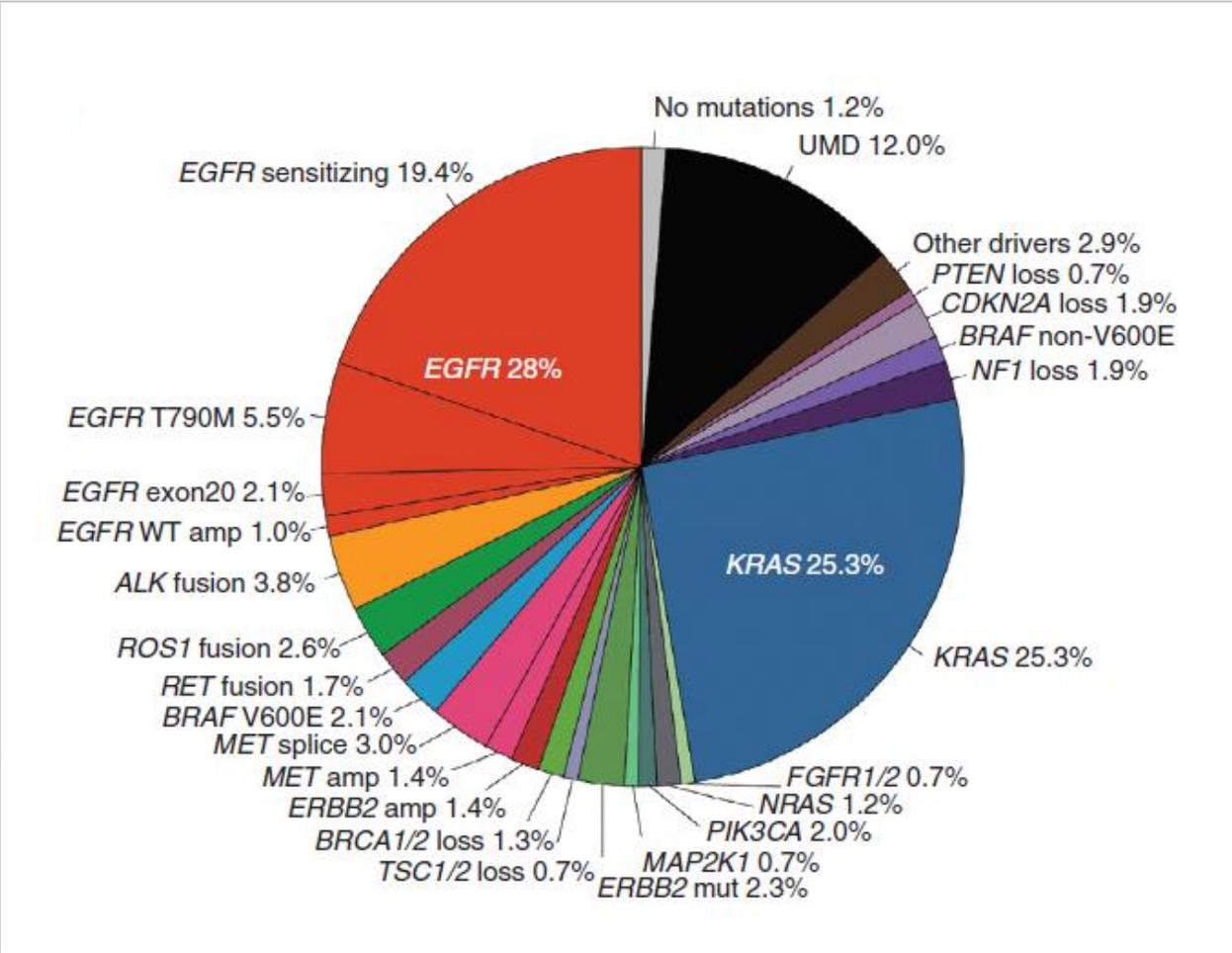
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2. Non-small Cell Lung Cancer Version 1.2019. National Comprehensive Cancer Network. https://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/pdf/nscl.pdf Accessed Nov 15, 2018.

Canadian guidelines on biomarker testing in NSCLC



Molecular profiling is standard of care for patients with advanced NSCLC



At time of diagnosis

NGS can be more sensitive than other tests

**60M, never smoker,
adenocarcinoma NSCLC**

**EGFR negative, ALK negative,
PD-L1 1-49%**

`EGFR Mutational Analysis: No mutation detected, wild-type EGFR allele`

High degree of suspicion

NGS can be more sensitive than other tests

RESULTS:

Single nucleotide variants:

EGFR ENSP00000275493.2:p.Gly719Cys (ENST00000275493.2:c.2155G>T)

Insertions/deletions:

No reportable INDELS with known clinical significance were detected.

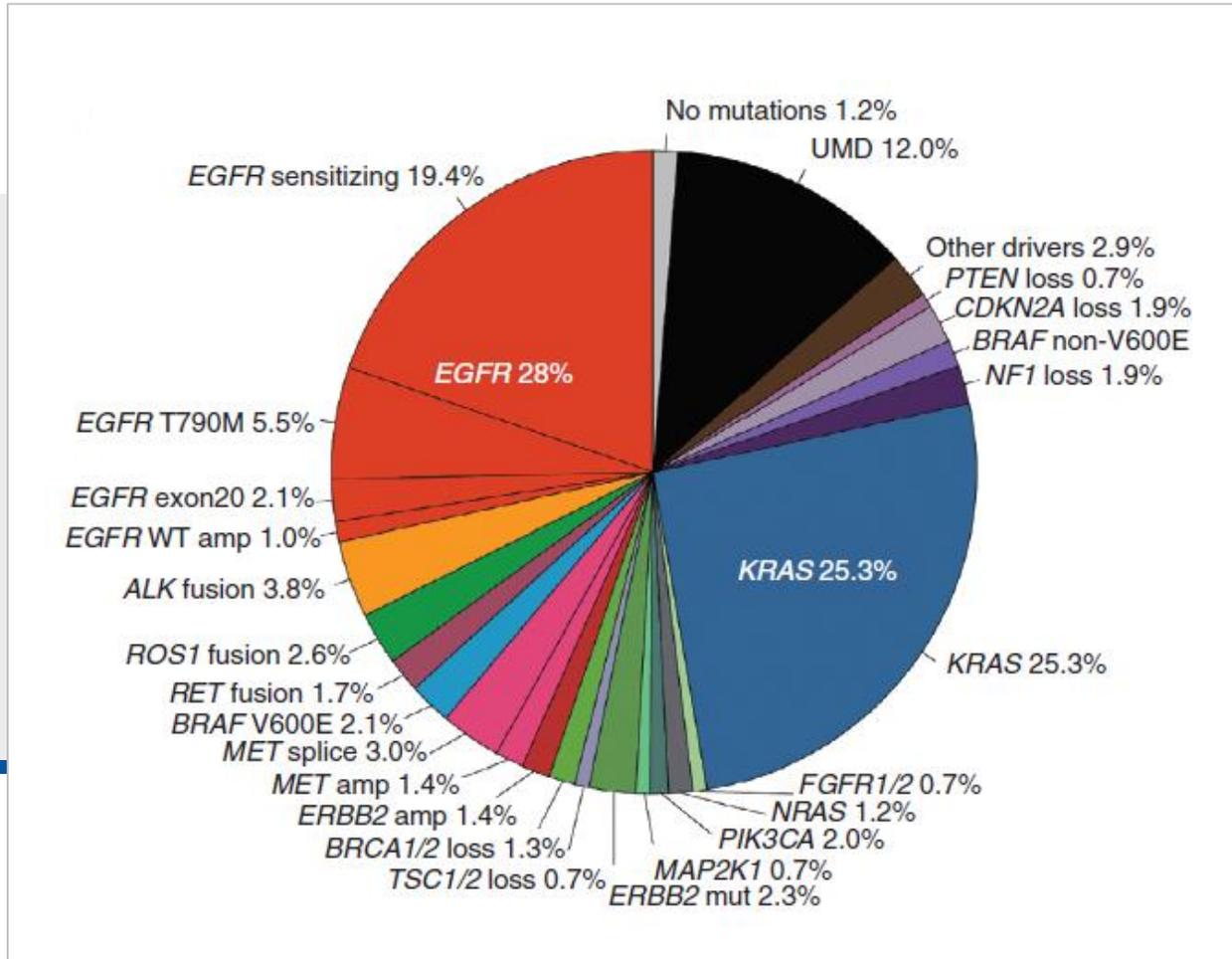
Copy number variants:

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INTERPRETATION:

POSITIVE for variant(s) in EGFR.

Molecular profiling in NSCLC is evolving



Reevaluate throughout cancer journey
“Resistance mutations”
“Discovery of new mutations”

Mechanisms of acquired resistance to 1st/2nd gen EGFR TKIs

The most common acquired resistance mechanisms are¹:



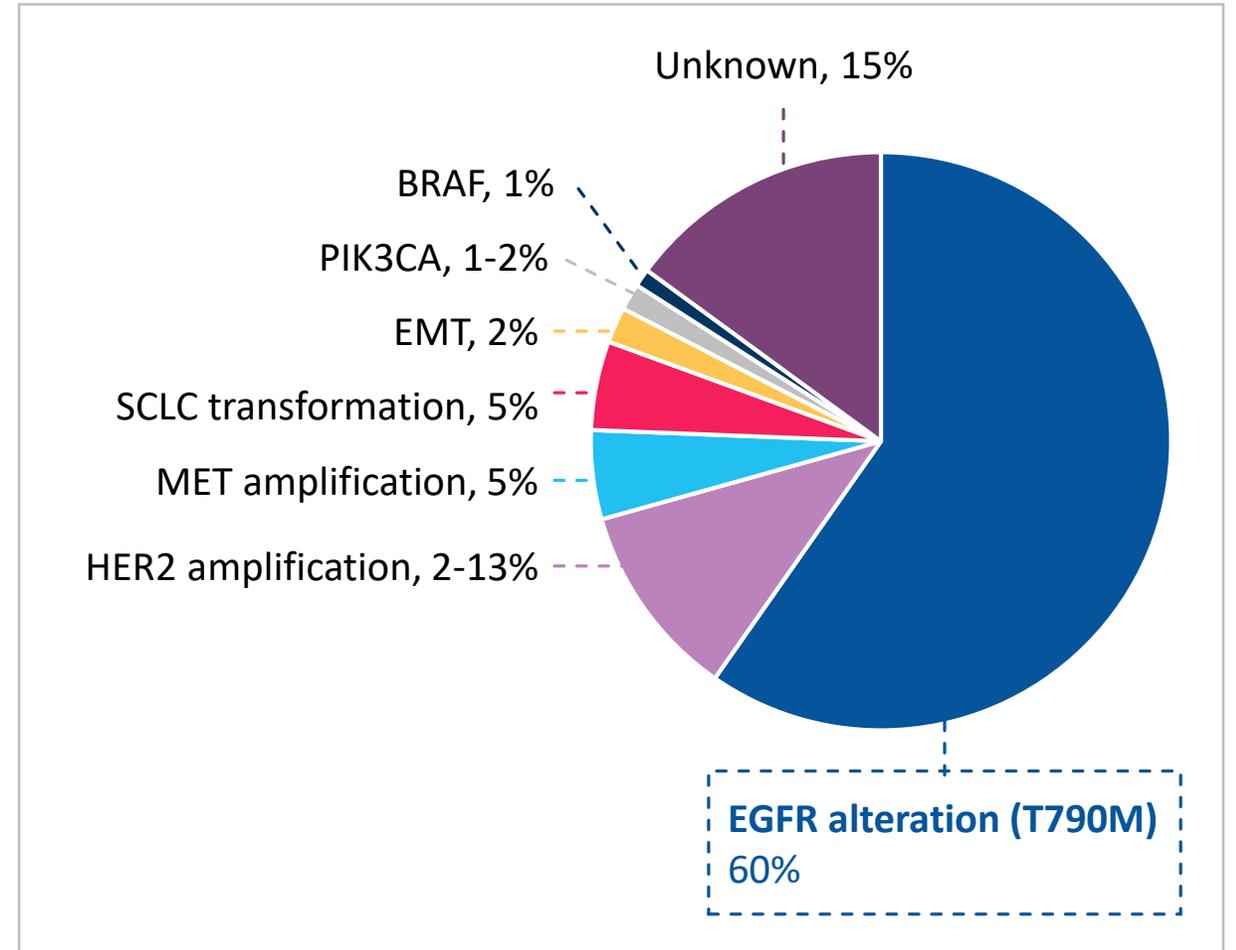
Target gene modification (EGFR)



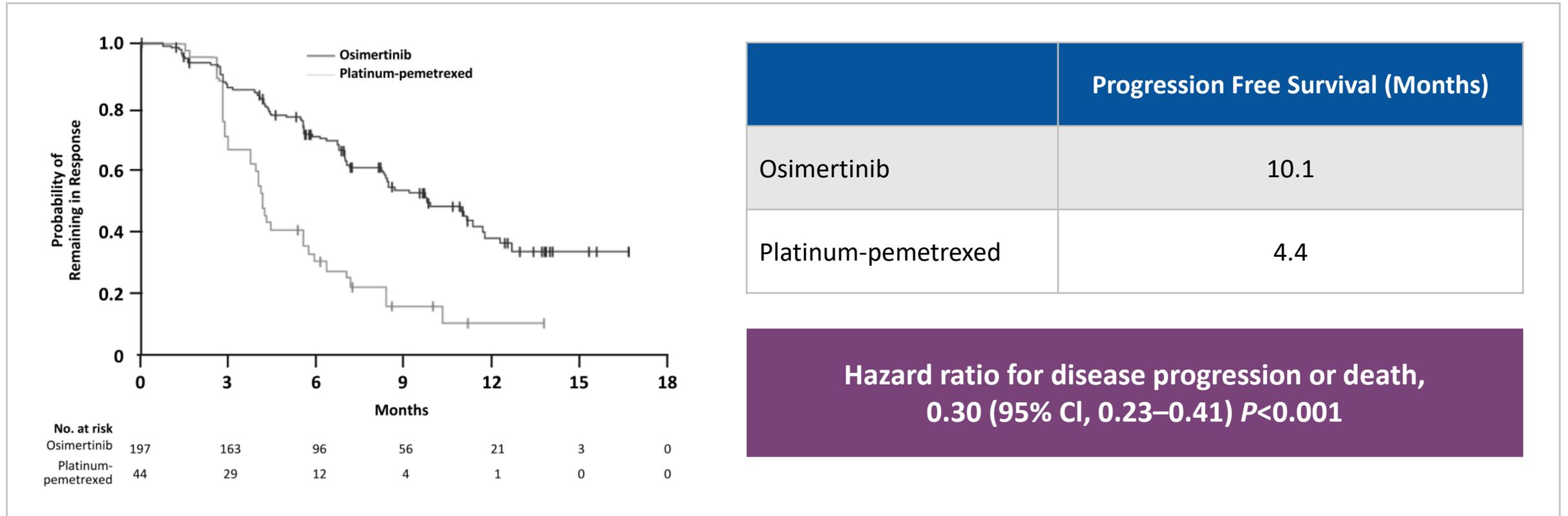
Alternative pathway activation (HER2, MET, BRAF, PIK3CA)



Histological or phenotypic transformation (EMT or SCLC)



Targeting T790M resistance mutation with osimertinib in T790M+ NSCLC improved outcomes compared to chemotherapy



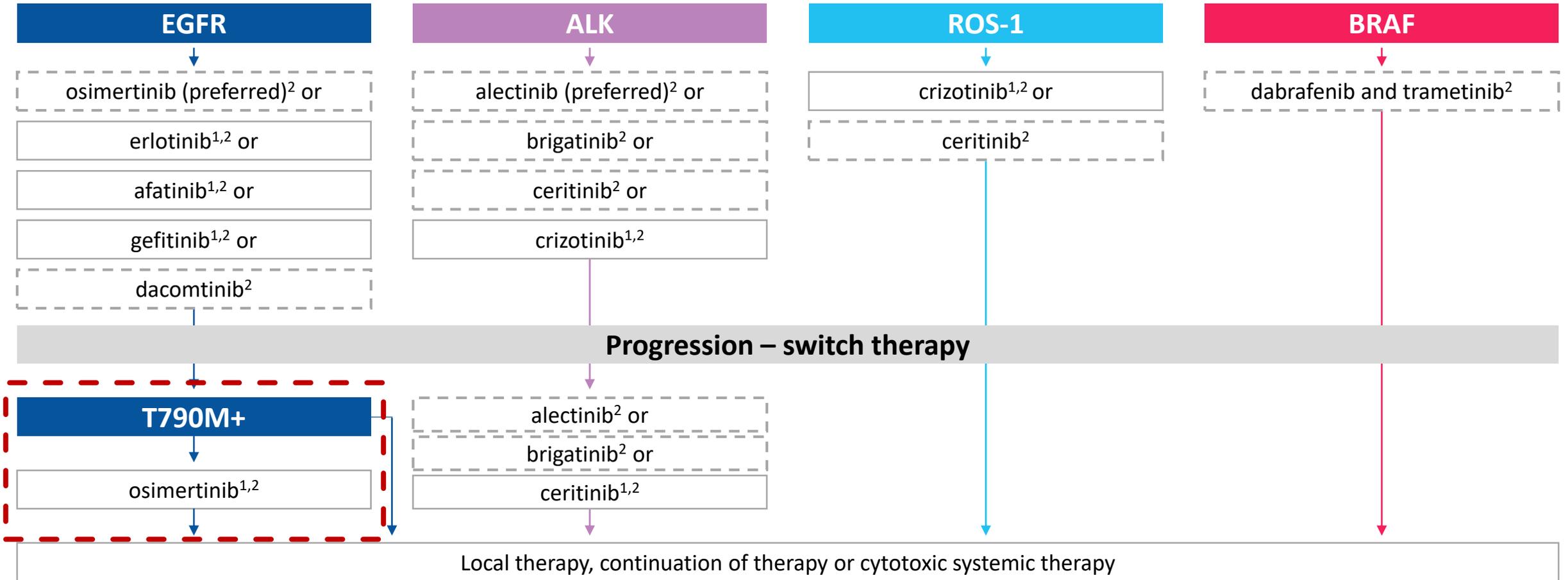
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Population: intent-to-treat

PFS defined as time from randomization until date of objective disease progression or death. Progression included deaths in absence of RECIST progression. Tick Marks indicate censored data;

CI, confidence interval; mPFS, median progression free survival

ASCO and NCCN recommendations for molecular oncogenic-driven NSCLC



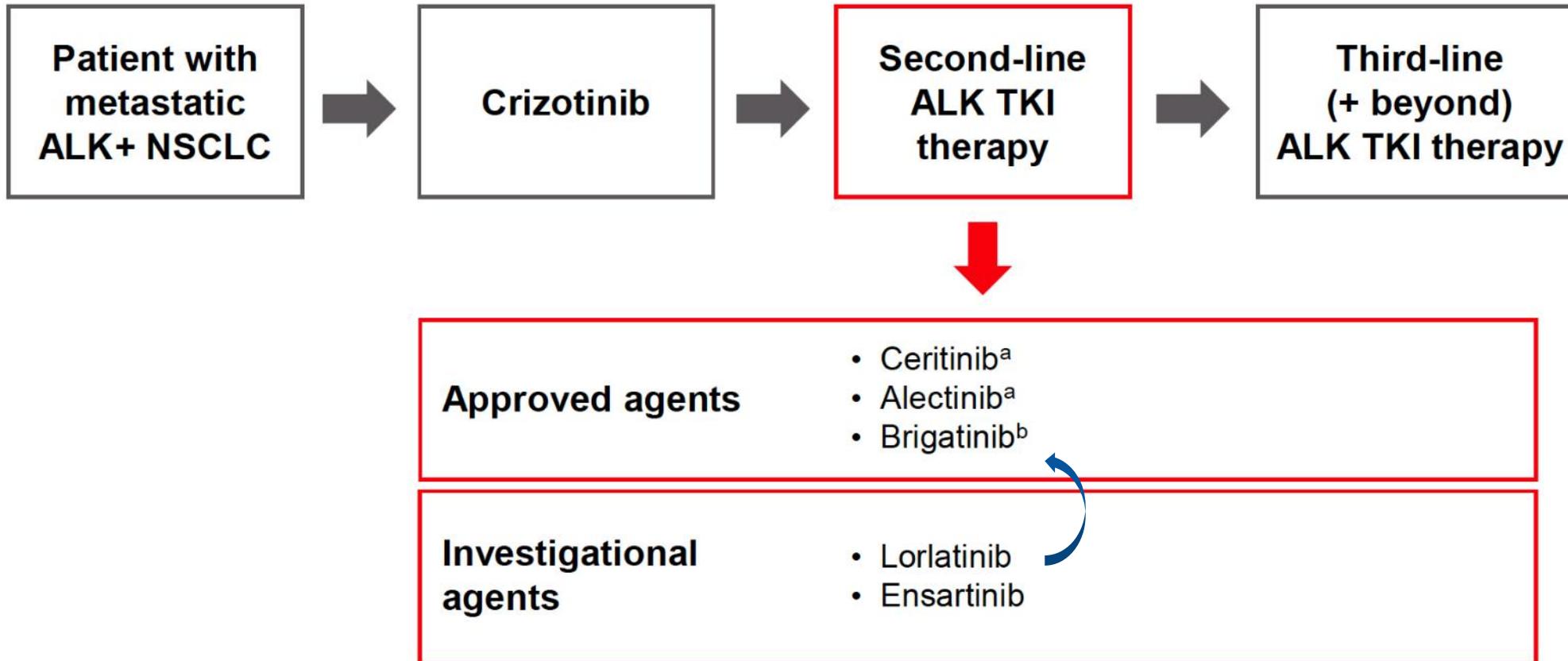
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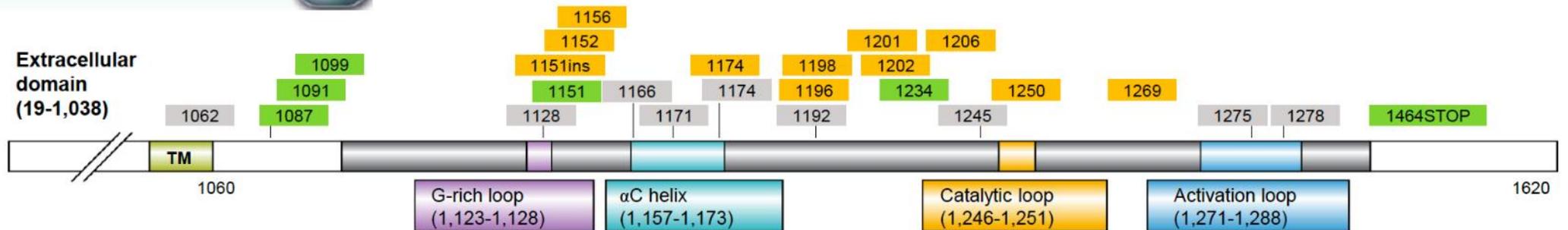
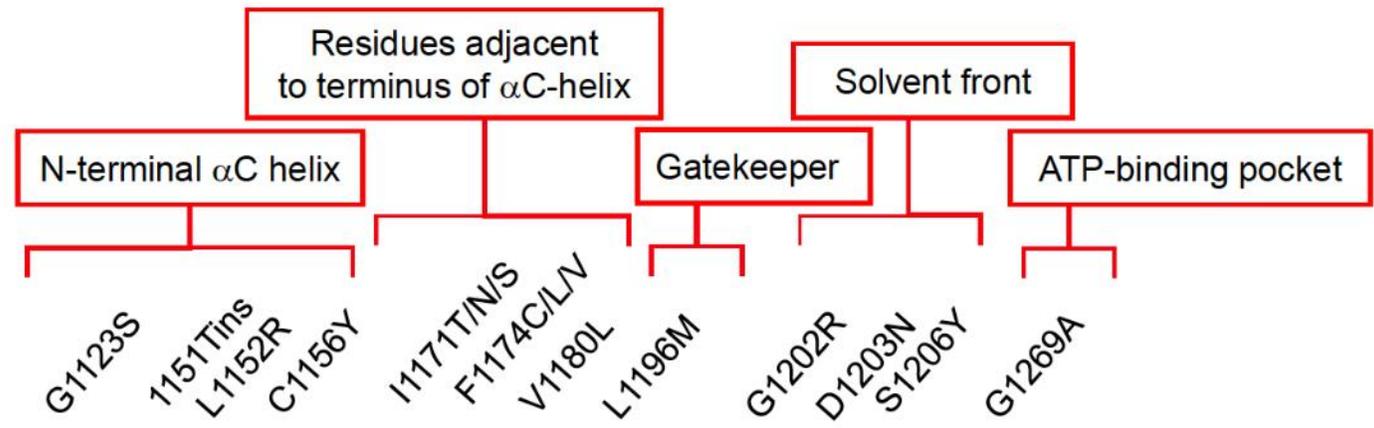
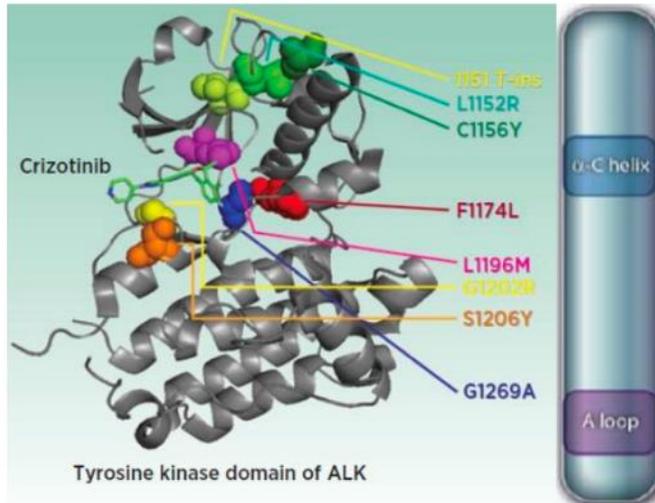
Multiple ALK inhibitors for treatment of ALK+ NSCLC

How do you select the right drug for the patient?



^aApproved in Canada, the European Union, and the United States; ^bApproved in Canada and the United States.
ALK, anaplastic lymphoma kinase; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor.

Secondary mutations can arise in the ALK tyrosine kinase domain



ALK, anaplastic lymphoma kinase; ATP, adenosine triphosphate.
Hallberg B, et al. *Nat Rev Cancer*. 2013;13:685-700. Katayama R, et al. *Clin Cancer Res*. 2015;21:2227-2235.

Variations in sensitivities to ALK-resistance mutations

EML4-ALK mutation	Crizotinib	Ceritinib	Alectinib	Brigatinib	Lorlatinib
V1	S	S	S	S	S
C1156Y	I	S	S	S	S
I1171N	I	S	R	S	S
I1171S	I	S	I	S	S
I1171T	I	S	S	S	S
F1174C	I	S	S	S	S
L1196M	R	S	I	S	S
L1198F	S	I	S	S	S
G1202R	R	I	R	I	S
G1202del	I	I	I	I	S
D1203N	I	S	S	S	S
E1210K	S	S	S	S	S
G1269A	I	S	S	No data	S
D1203N + F1174C	R	R	I	I	I
D1203N + E1210K	I	I	I	I	S

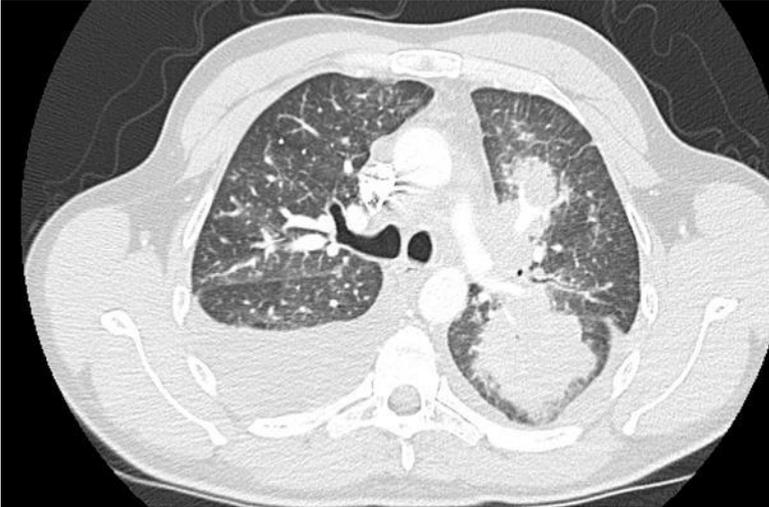
L1198F/C1156Y is lorlatinib resistant but crizotinib sensitive ALK mutation



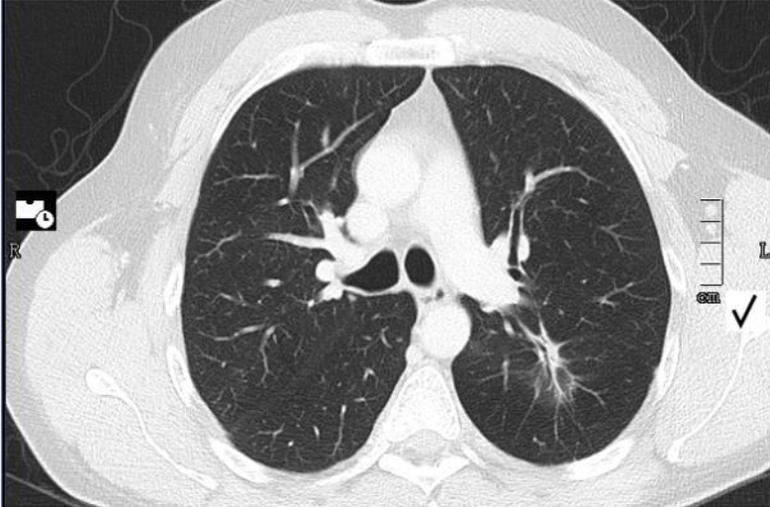
I, intermediate ($IC_{50} > 50 < 200$ nmol/L); R, resistant ($IC_{50} \geq 200$ nmol/L); S, sensitive ($IC_{50} \leq 50$ nmol/L)

Should we be rebiopsing patients for resistance mutations??

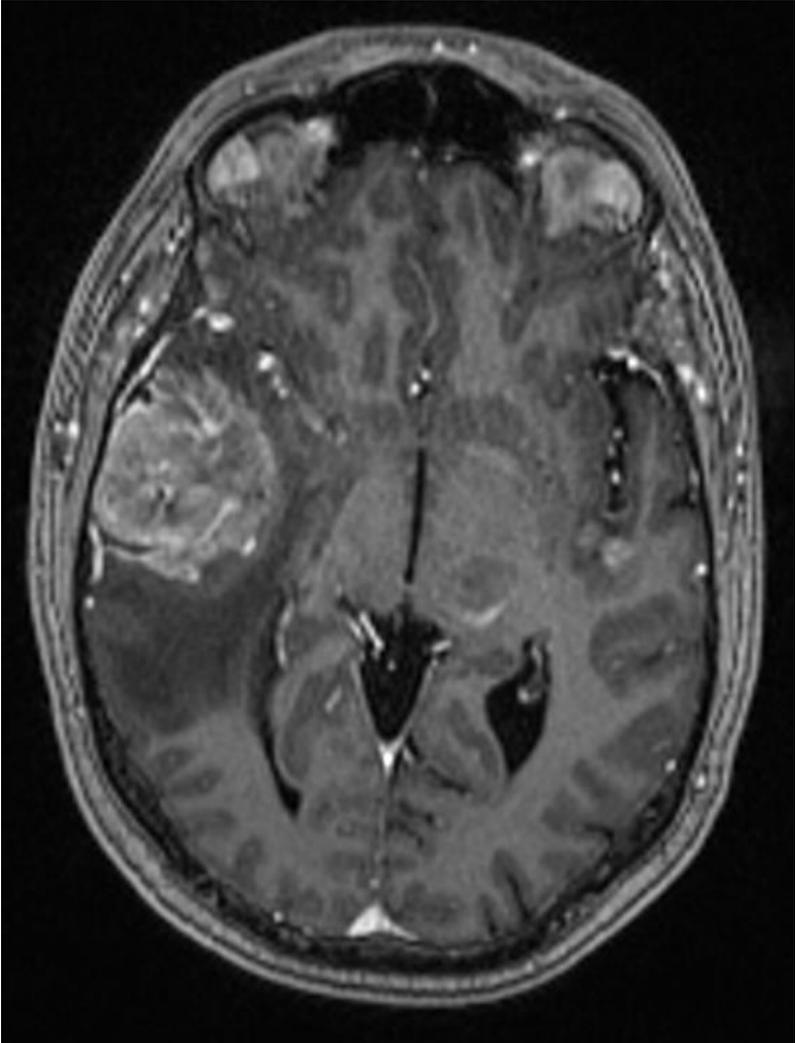
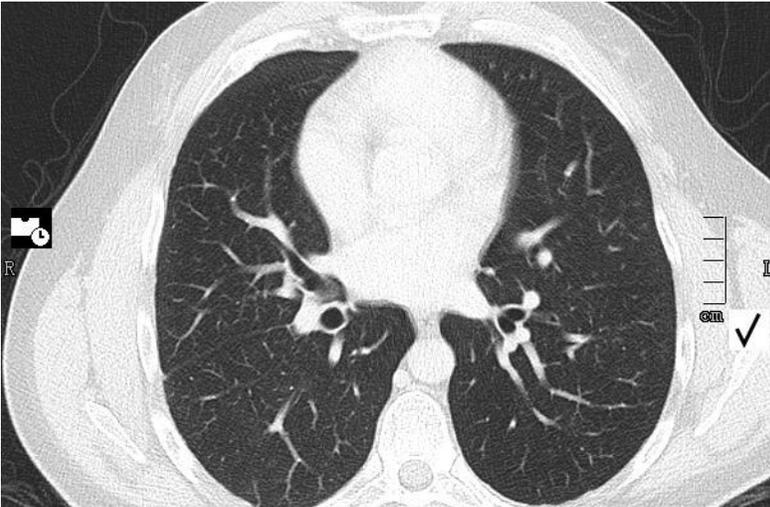
35M with ROS1+ NSCLC on crizotinib



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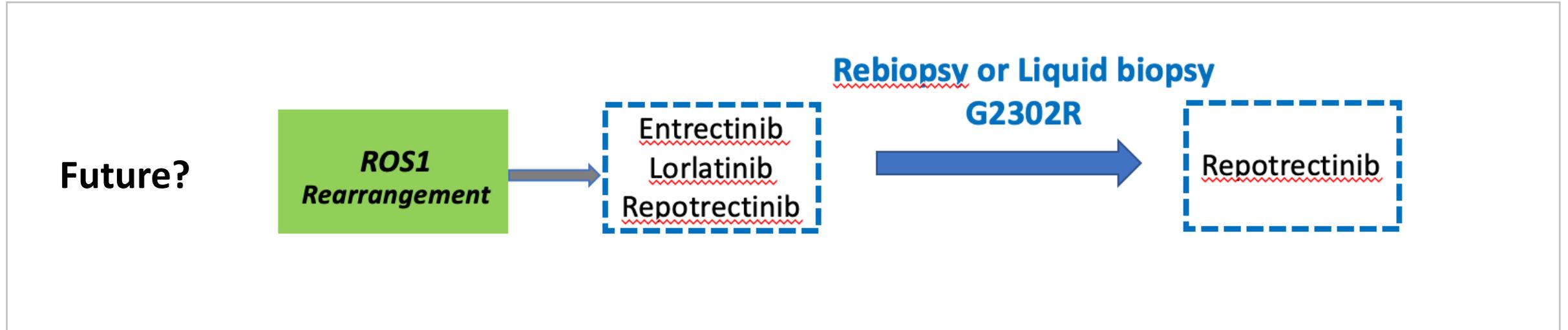
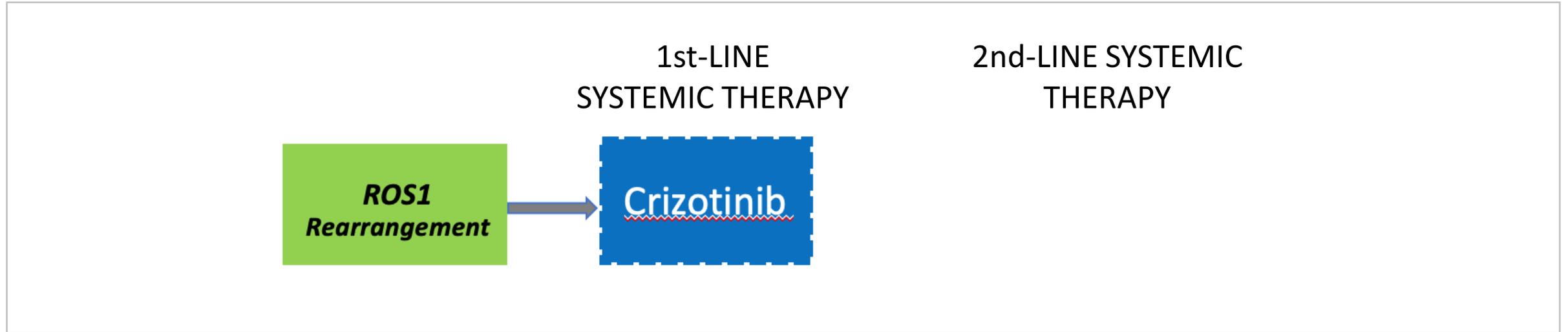


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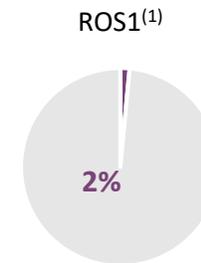
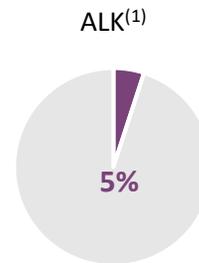
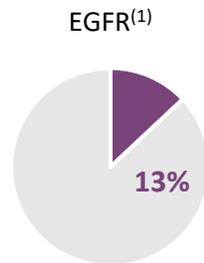
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ROS1, NSCLC, and evolving role of NGS?

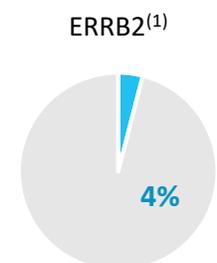
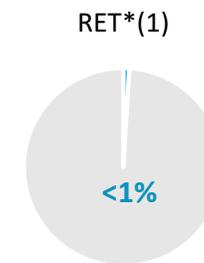
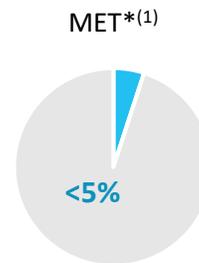
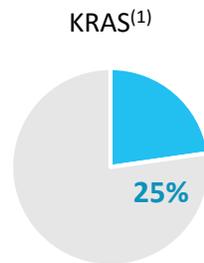


Balancing limited tissue with the growing number of mutations to be tested

Recommended for routine assessment²



Recommended for further characterization as all have corresponding drugs in development²



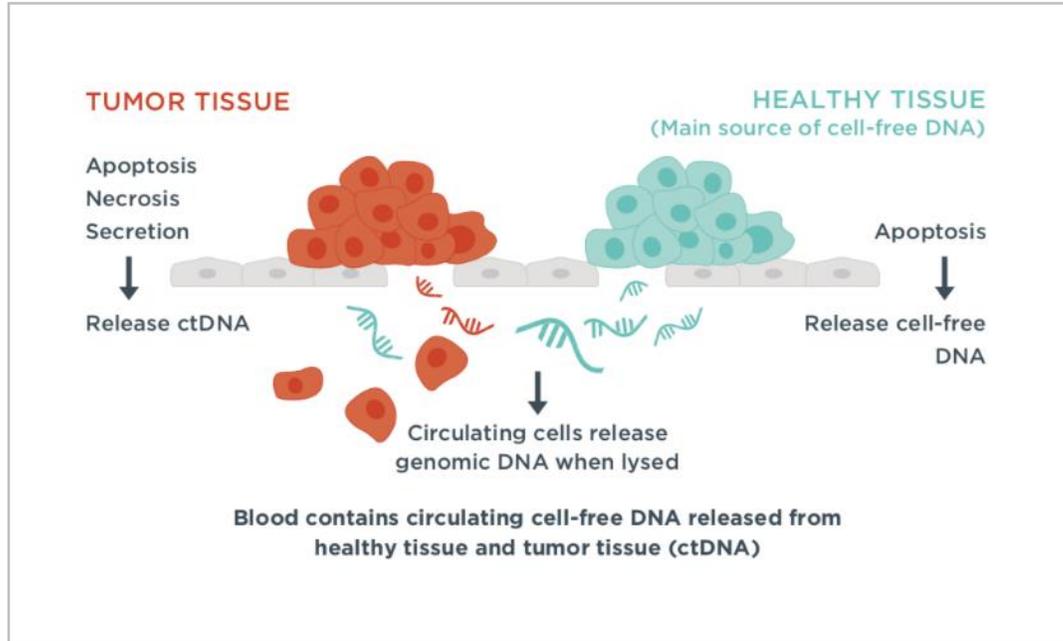
Reported positivity rates in NSCLC

“A new responsibility for pathologists ... is to manage small specimens strategically so there is sufficient tissue preserved for molecular studies.”³

*Next generation sequencing preferred for detection, according to CAP/IASLC/AMP⁵

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Role of plasma based NGS advancing access to broad molecular testing



> **30% of patients have inadequate tumour tissue** for molecular analysis at diagnosis

> **Repeat biopsies are not feasible** ~20% of patients with advanced NSCLC

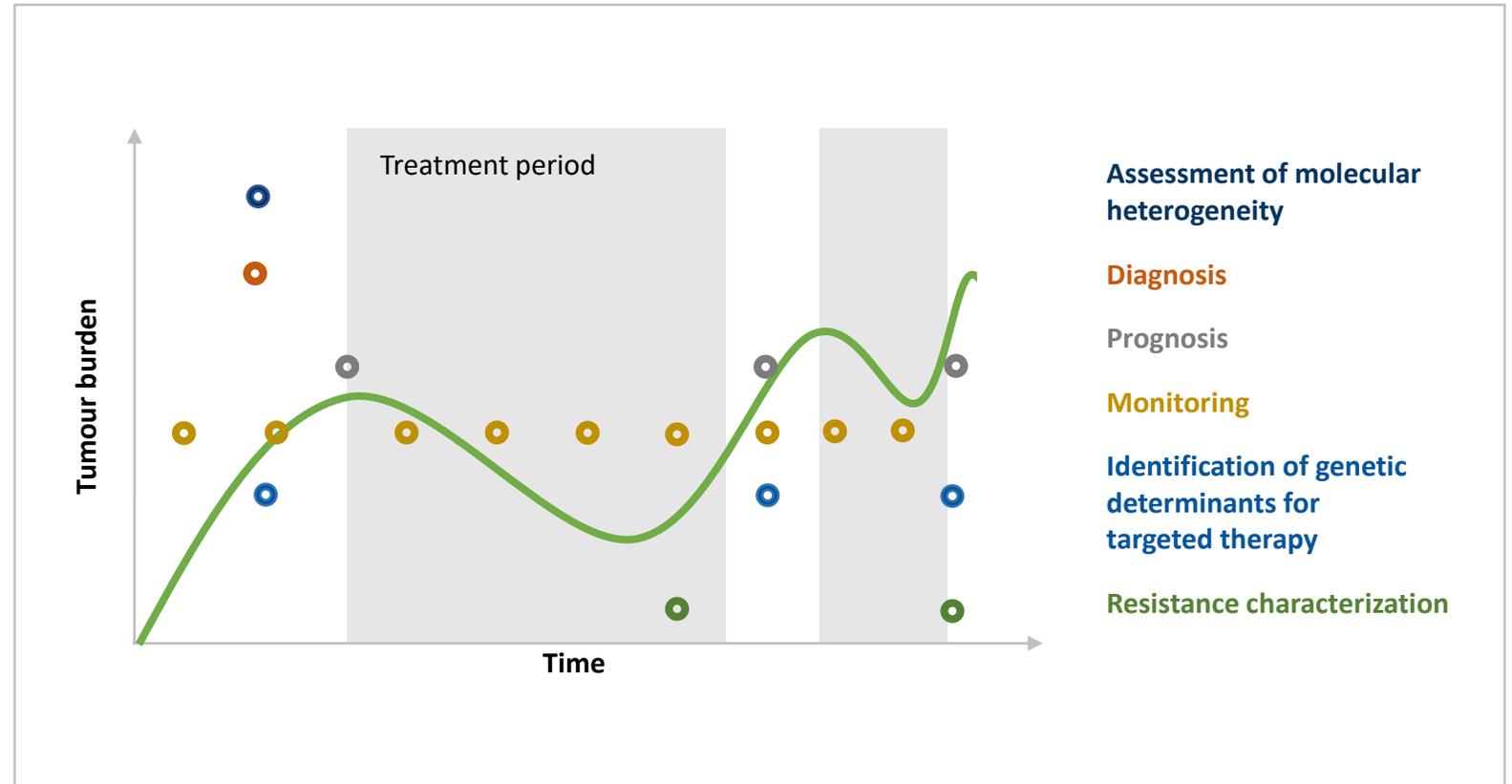
> **~25% repeat biopsies fail** to yield sufficient material for genomic analysis

 Blood-based NGS has the potential to overcome some of the limitations associated with tissue collection and testing, which may enable clinicians to offer more effective personalised therapies

Potential clinical applications of liquid biopsy and circulating DNA

Liquid biopsy is a **non-invasive**, easily repeatable sampling approach that collects peripheral blood containing cfDNA for analysis.¹

ctDNA is an established surrogate marker for monitoring disease burden and anticancer therapy response and has many other **possible clinical applications**.^{2,3}



cfDNA, cell free DNA; ctDNA, circulating tumour DNA; DNA, deoxyribonucleic acid

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Optimal state – point of care molecular testing

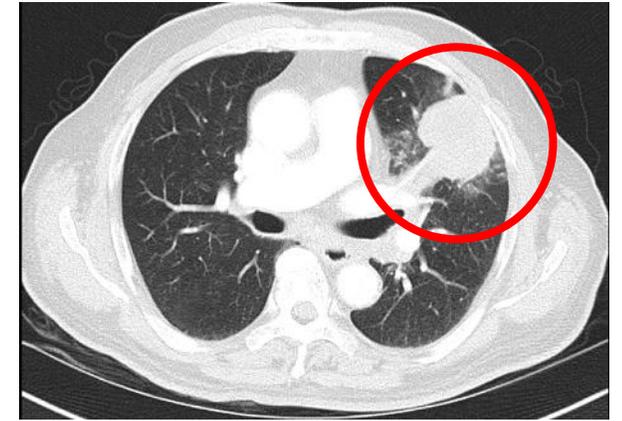
Cancer diagnosis
with biomarkers



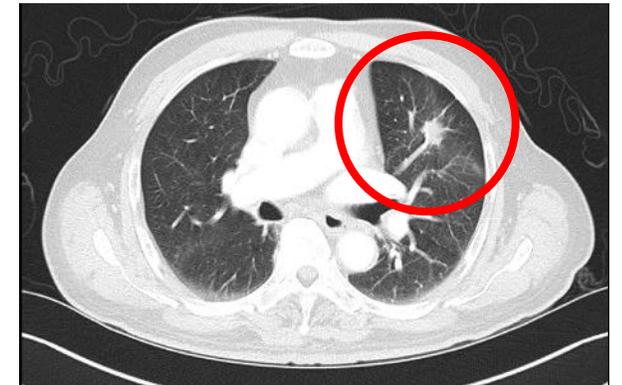
Oncology consult

In-house biomarker testing prevented missed opportunity for treatment

- > Diagnosed w/ squamous cell NSCLC but was a non-smoker
- > EGFR testing <24 hours of seeing Oncologist
- > **EGFR L858R + mutation found**
- > In 3 business days from seeing oncologist, patient was on targeted treatment

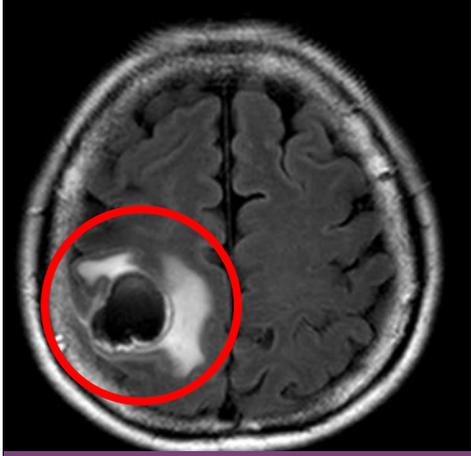


↓ 10 days later...



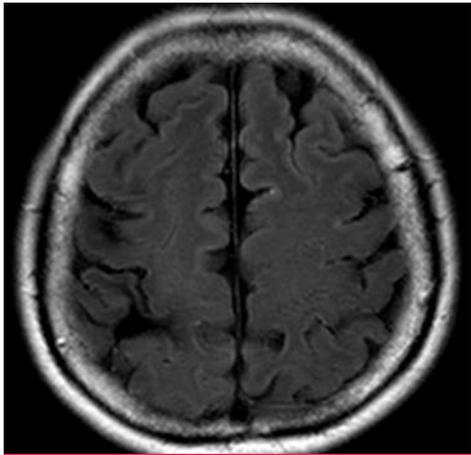
At this timepoint, with sending testing out, patient would have still been waiting for biomarker results

Timely biomarker results allows for appropriate treatment



55F with ALK + NSCLC

Started on targeted therapy instead of radiation to the whole brain +/- surgery



17 months after starting targeted therapy, complete response to brain lesion

No radiation or surgery was done

Point of care molecular testing



One report for diagnostic and molecular results optimizes treatment selection

1 72F Asian, life-time non smoker

2 Malignant pleural effusion, pulmonary metastases

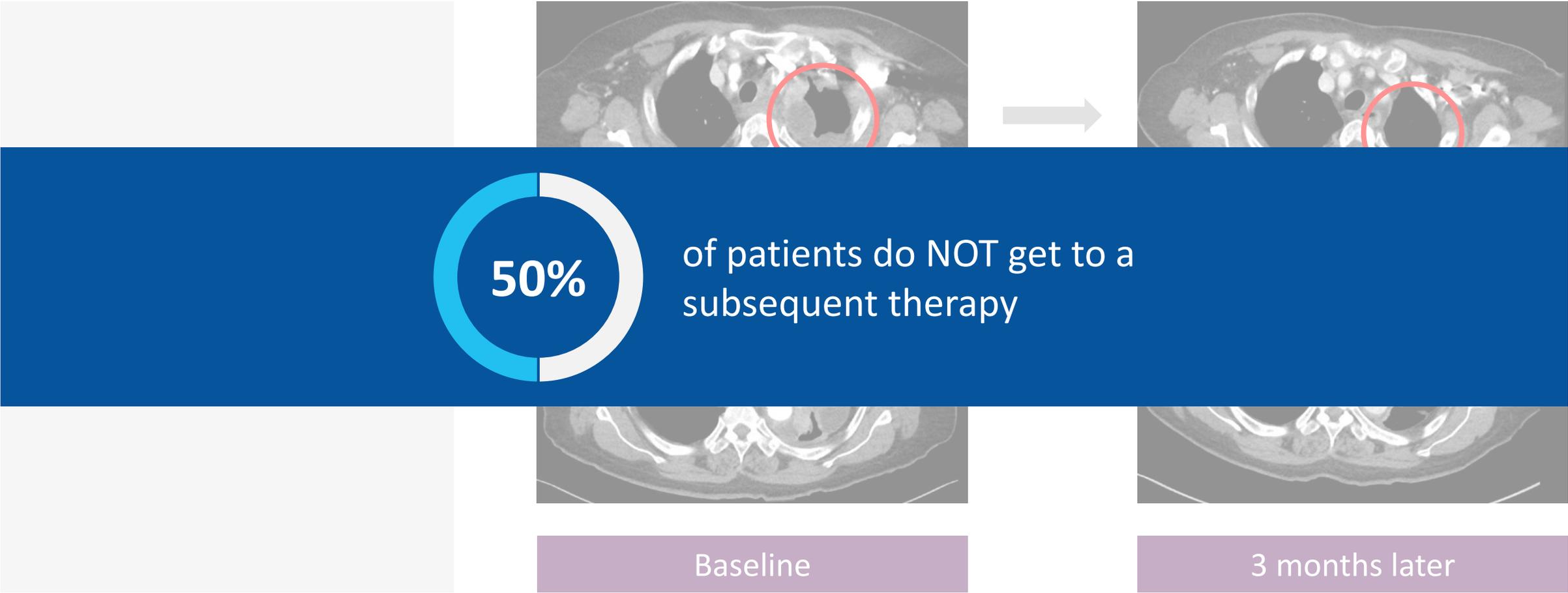
- 3 **Adenocarcinoma:**
- **Driver mutations:** EGFR/ALK/ROS1 negative
 - **Biomarkers:** PDL1 >50%

Genomic Alterations Identified	
Gene	Alteration
TP53	E17fs*23
TP53	R273H
MET	splice site 3022_3028+14del21

Variants of Unknown Significance Identified	
Gene	Alteration
ERBB2	I740S
CDK4	K22Q

Patient would get immunotherapy based on this information

Point of care NGS is needed to offer most effective therapy for patients



Case – impact of piecemeal broad molecular testing results

① 46F, life-time nonsmoker history presents with persistent cough -> hemoptysis

② Imaging shows large lung mass, mediastinal lymphadenopathy, bone metastases, and 1.1 cm brain metastasis; non squamous NSCLC

③ EGFR-/ALK-/PD-L1 > 50%

Treatment:

- Platinum doublet x 2 cycles
- Switched to pembrolizumab x 3 months, progression with new malignant pericardial effusion, new bone lesions, and increasing mediastinal adenopathy.
- Referred to Osler for clinical trials
- On presentation: in wheelchair, ECOG 2, on oxygen
- Plan: liquid NGS biopsy, repeat EBUS bx for inclusion into clinical trial

Molecular report

**TUMOR TYPE: LUNG NON-SMALL CELL LUNG
CARCINOMA (NOS)**

Genomic Alterations Identified[†]
RET KIF5B-RET fusion
CDK4 amplification -- equivocal[#]
TP53 E285K

On selpercatinib

One report of diagnostics and biomarkers

DIAGNOSIS

A. LIVER, EUS BIOPSY:

- POSITIVE FOR METASTATIC NON-SMALL CELL CARCINOMA.

B. LYMPH NODE (7), EUS BIOPSY:

- POSITIVE FOR METASTATIC NON-SMALL CELL CARCINOMA.
- Favour pulmonary adenocarcinoma.

LUNG BIOMARKERS:

EGFR: POSITIVE (exon 20 insertion)
- Cellularity: low
- Estimated tumor content: 10%
- Please see comment.

PD-L1: low-level expression (tumor proportion score 1-49%).
- Estimated tumor proportion score: Please see comment.

ALK: negative.
BRAF V600E: negative.
ROS: negative.

COMMENT: The tumor shows an activating EGFR exon 20 insertion. This type of activating mutation may show an attenuated response to EGFR inhibitors compared to more classical activating mutations.

Move away from
addendums

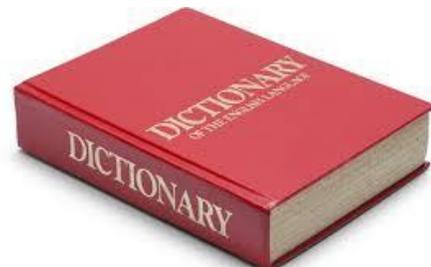
**Interpretation by
oncologists needs
to be considered**

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Communication of medical oncology and the lab

Relevant Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Findings

Gene	Finding	Gene	Finding
ALK	Not detected	NTRK1	Not detected
BRAF	Not detected	NTRK2	Not detected
EGFR	Not detected	NTRK3	Not detected
ERBB2	Not detected	RET	Not detected
KRAS	Not detected	ROS1	Not detected
MET	<i>MET exon 14 skipping, MET positive</i>		

How do you treat this EGFR mutation?

1

EGFR c.2369C>T

2

EGFR g. 7:55249071C>T

3

EGFR T790M mutation
Compatible with language of clinical
trials for targeted therapies

Driver mutations/alterations and evolving targets with multiple promising agents

EGFR Osimertinib/ Afatinib/Gefitinib	EGFR T790 M Osimertinib	ALK Alectinib, Lorlatinib, Certinib, Brigatinib, Ensartinib, Crizotinib	ROS1 Crizotinib, Lorlatinib, Repotrectinib, Entrectinib
BRAF V600E Dabrafenib/Trametinib	NTRK Larotrectinib, Entrectinib	RET Selpercatinib, Pralsetinib	MET exon 14 skipping Capmatinib, Tepotinib, Crizotinib

Up and coming targeted therapies for the following drivers

- KRAS G12C
- Exon 20 insertion
- HER2 mutations/amplifications
- NRG1

Summary

- 1** **Timely molecular testing in oncology is critical for treatment decisions**
Providing the diagnosis without complete molecular information can lead to delays in treatment or patients receiving suboptimal treatment or no treatment at all.
- 2** In house testing is an option to improves turn around time for cancer programs.
- 3** Introducing **point of care** testing to the pathology lab, including IHC, and NGS can have a deep and meaningful impact on patient care.
- 4** The relationship of the medical oncologist and pathologist is evolving, and increased collaboration is required to optimize outcomes of patients.
- 5** The collaboration starts in the lab!

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