



# Precision Medicine in Metastatic NSCLC

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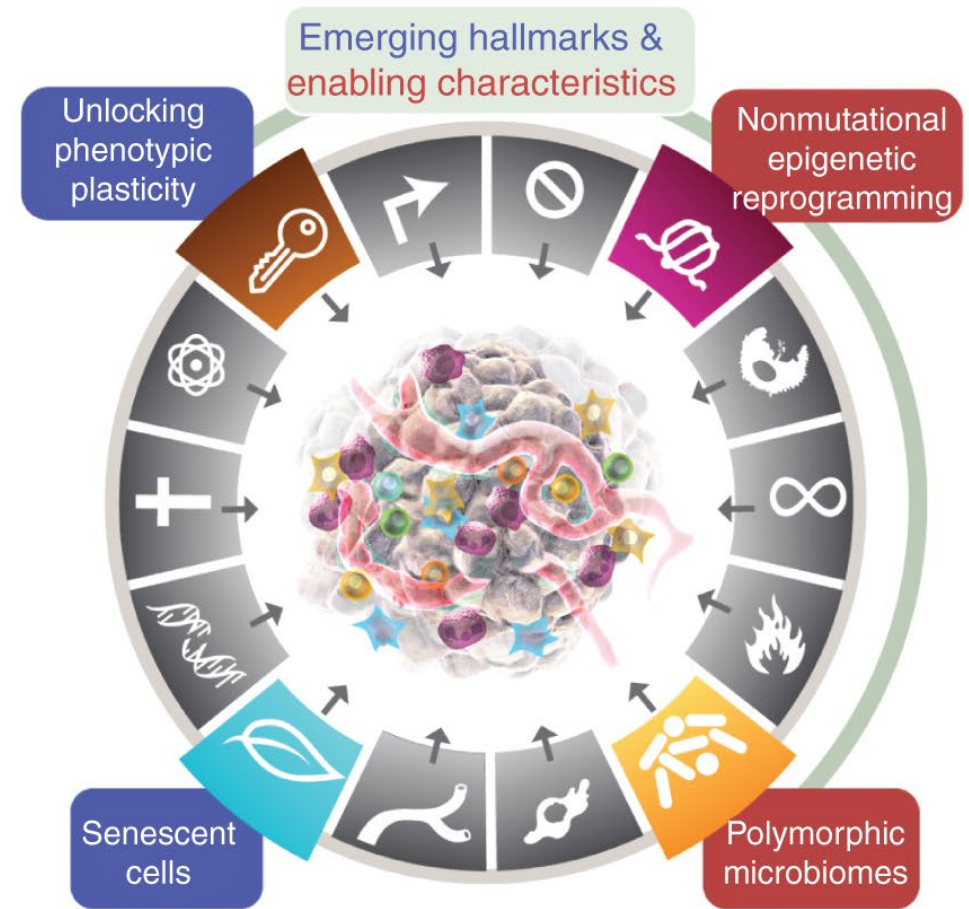
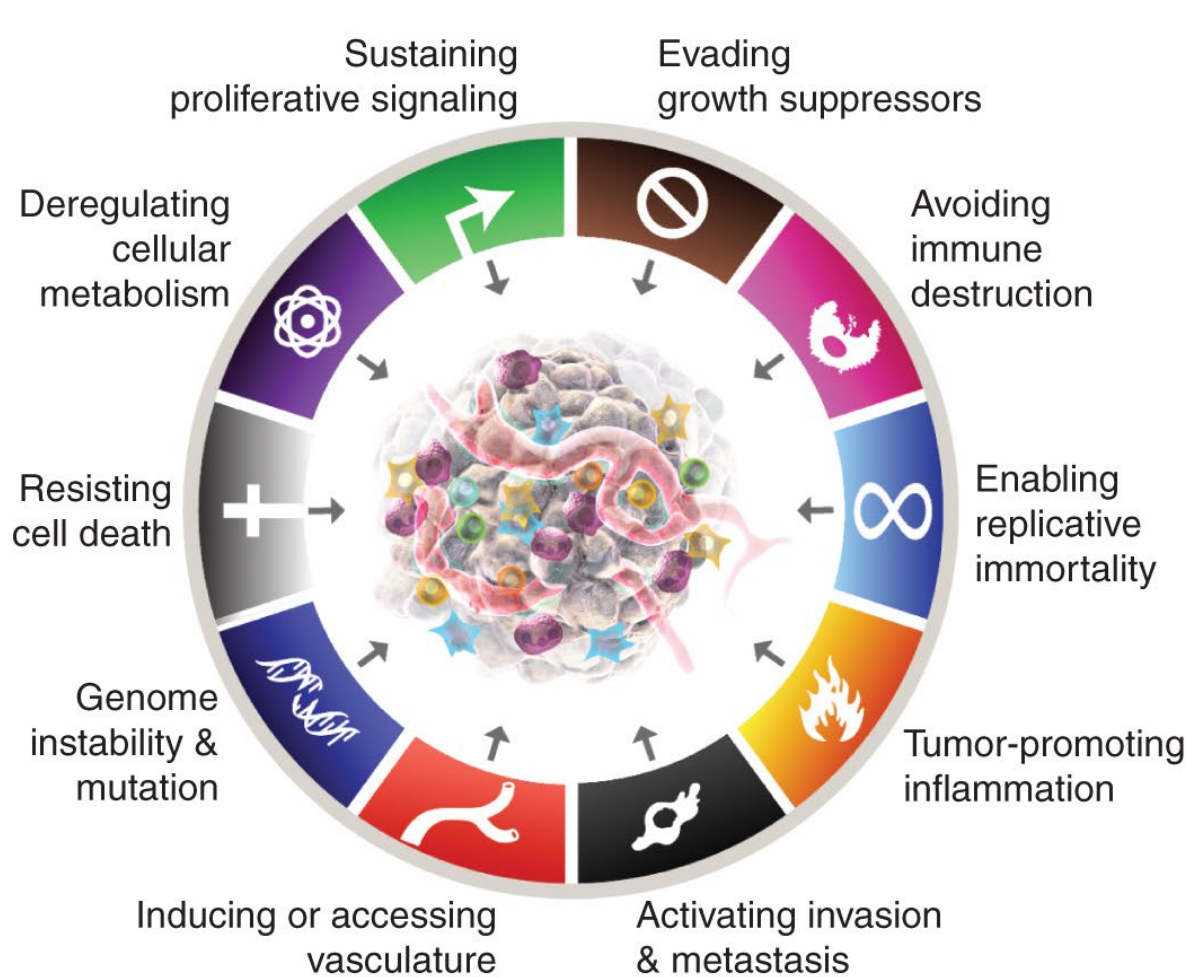
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# Objectives

- Precision Medicine at City of Hope
- Lung Cancer Overview
- Precision Medicine Overview
- Therapeutic Strategies
- Germline Testing and Strategies
- Artificial Intelligence for Precision Medicine

# Hallmarks of Cancer: New Dimensions





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City of Hope, a world-renowned, National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center, now has one of the largest geographic footprints in cancer research and treatment, providing cancer patients with timely access to exceptional care, clinical trials and leading-edge innovation.

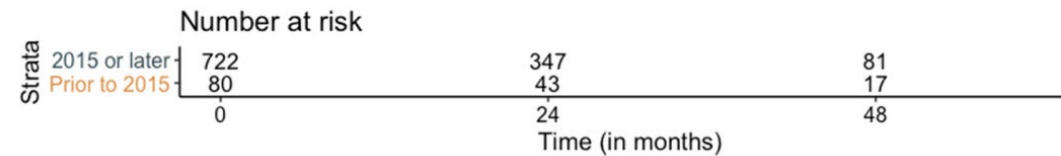
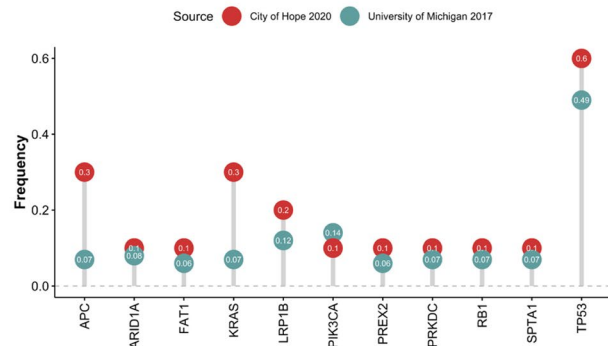
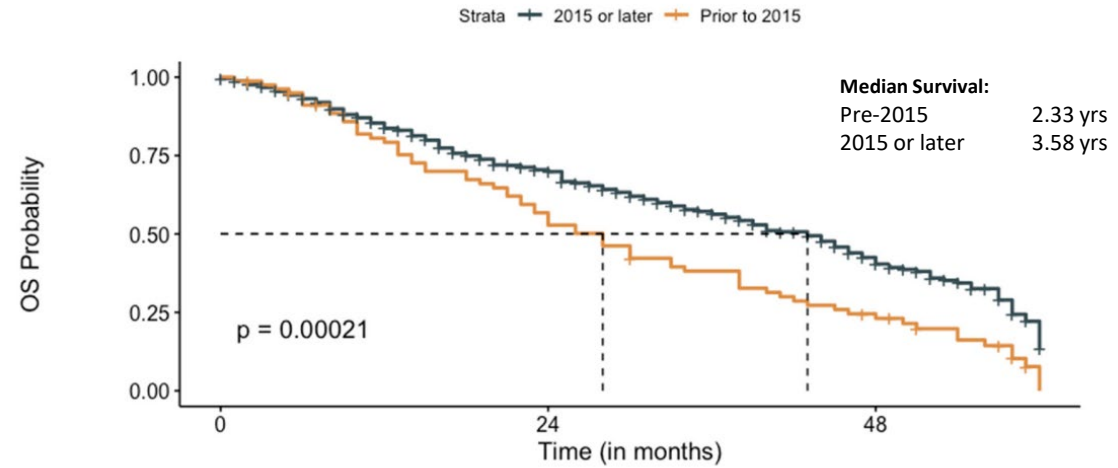
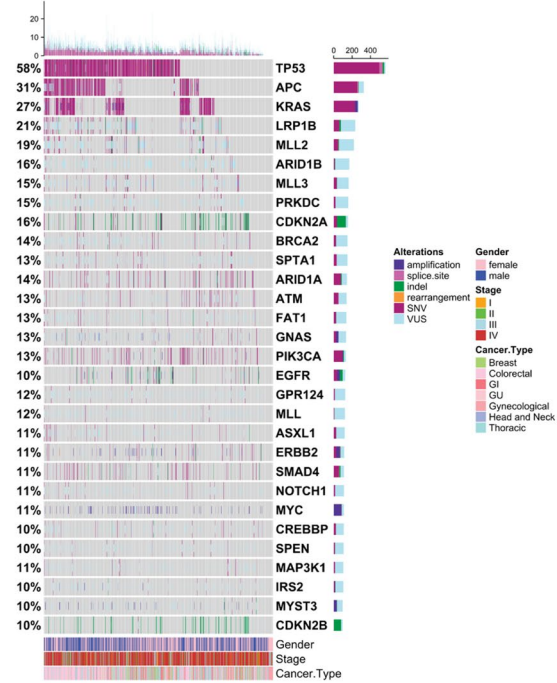


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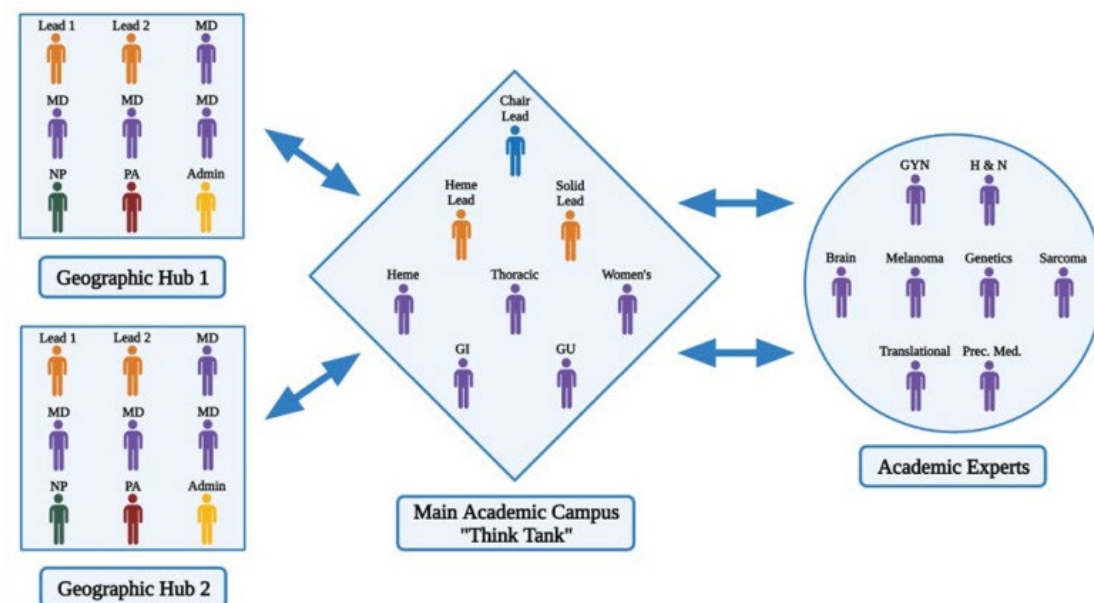
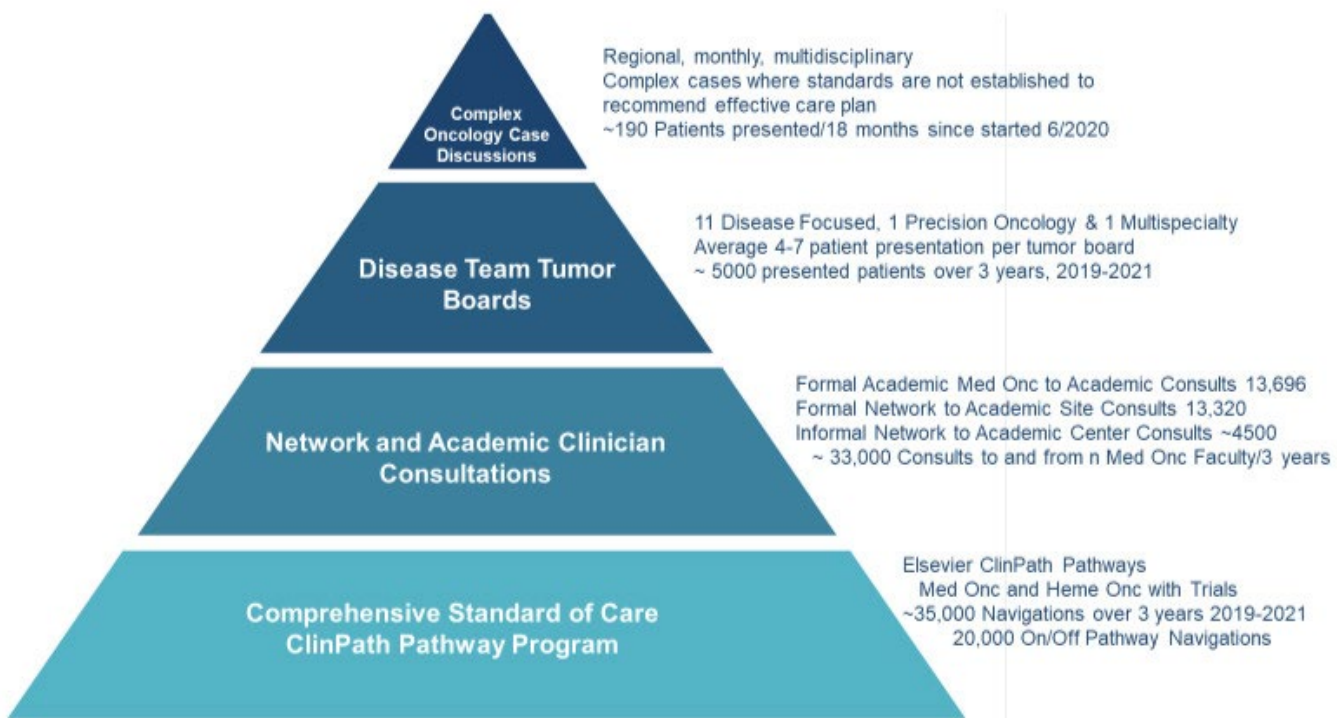
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 Clinical network sites

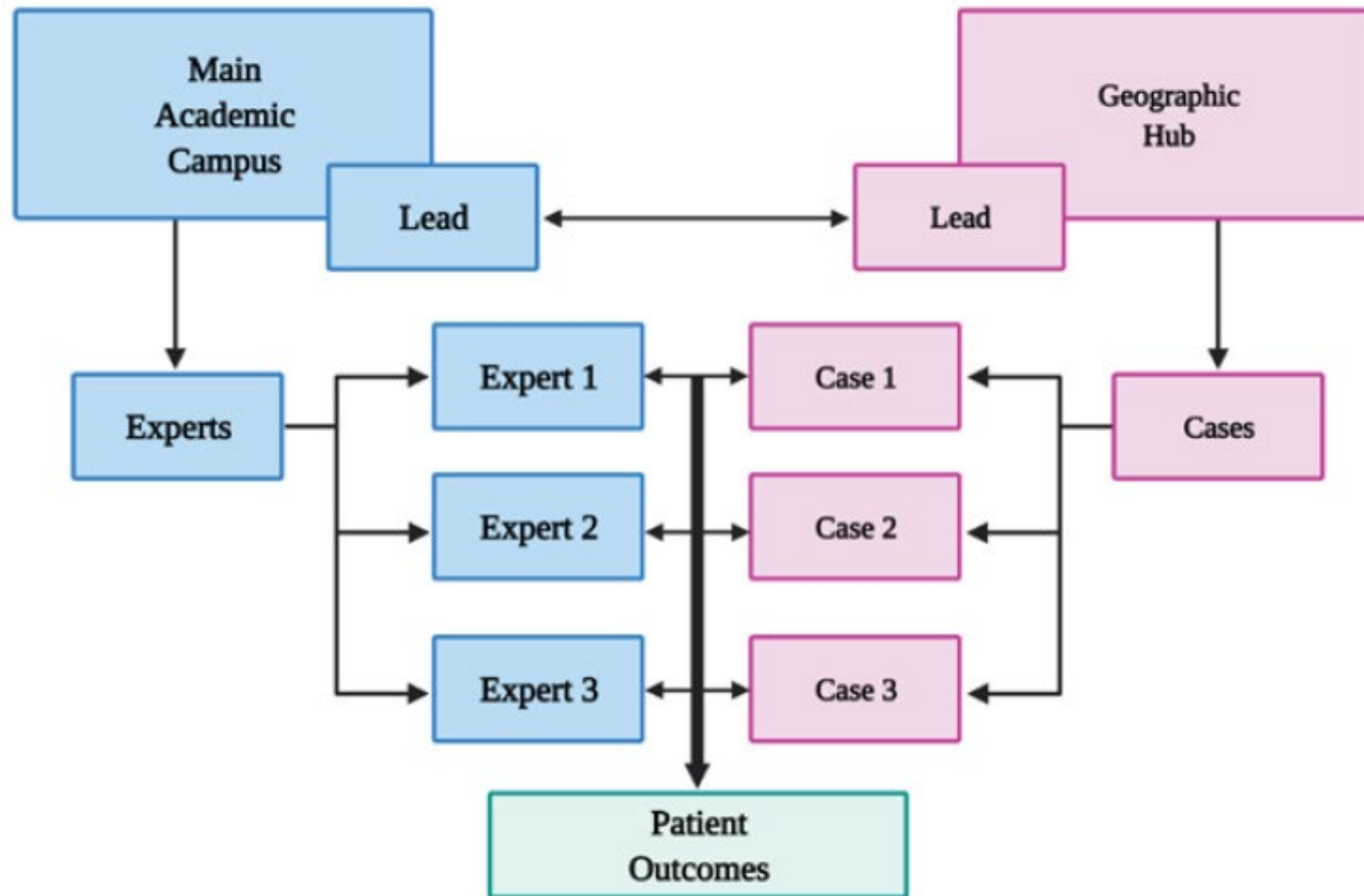
# Precision Medicine in Solid Tumors at COH



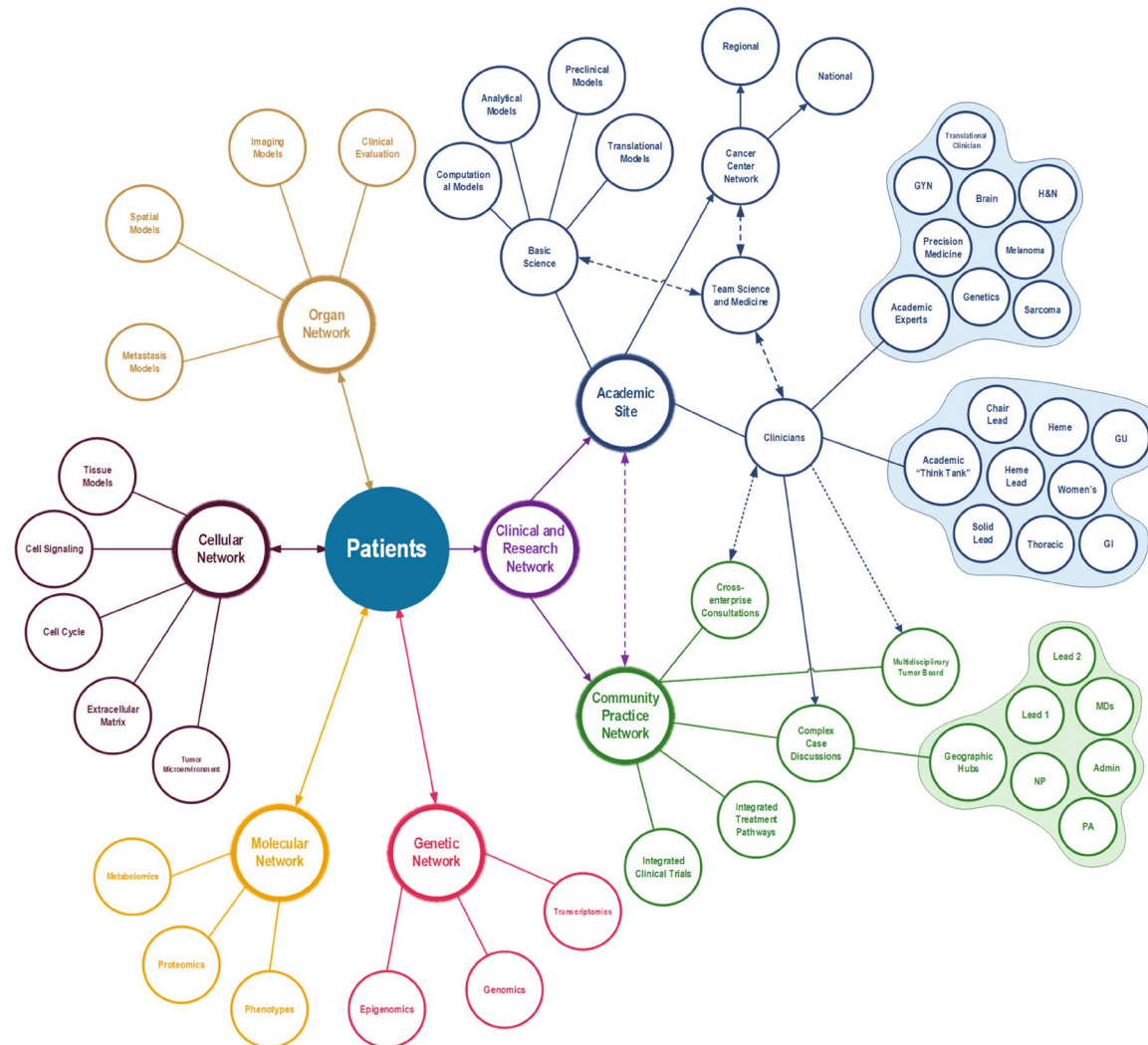
# COH Enterprise: Decision Support Network



# Complex Oncology Case Discussion Algorithm- Academic and Geographic Network

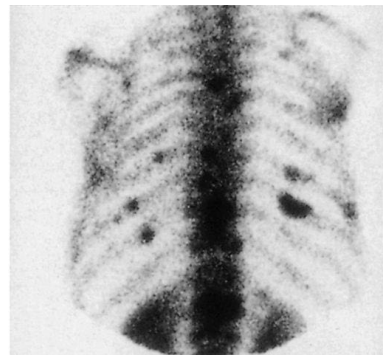
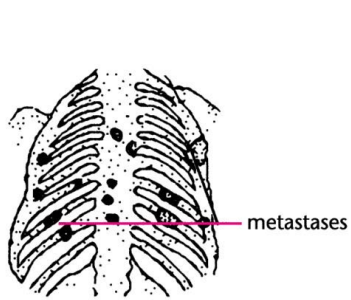
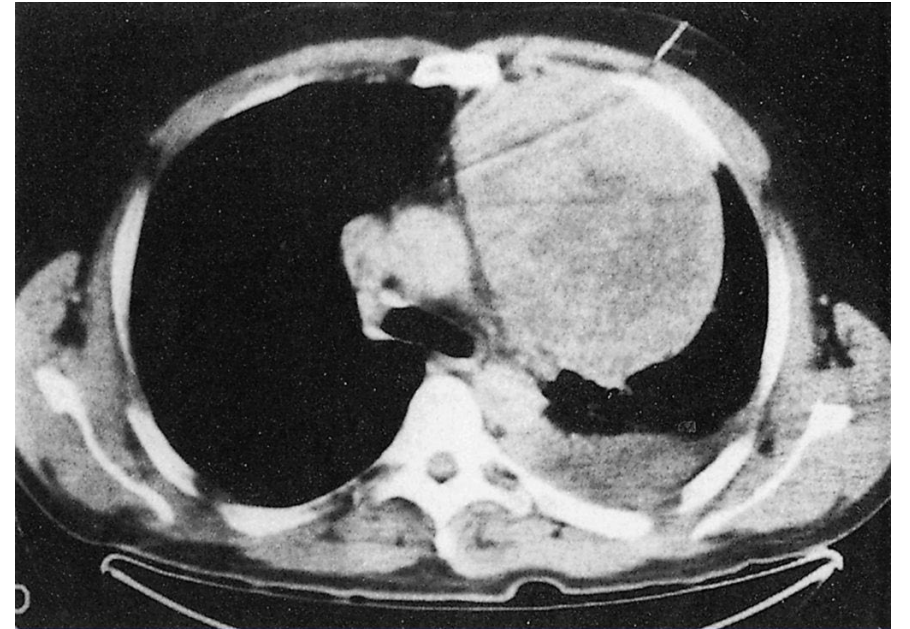
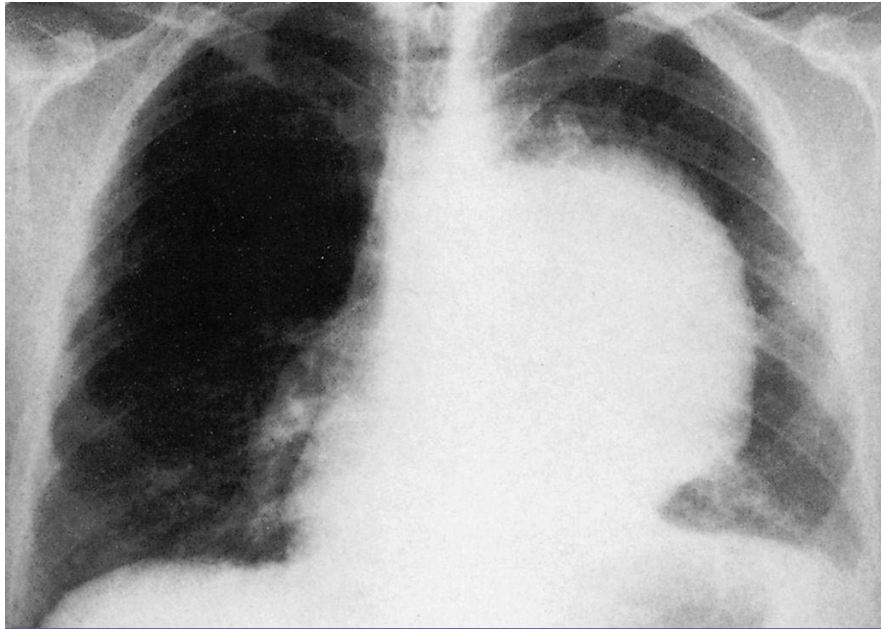


# Enhancing the Patient Network

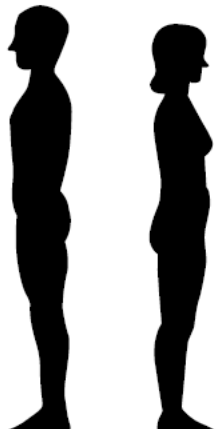


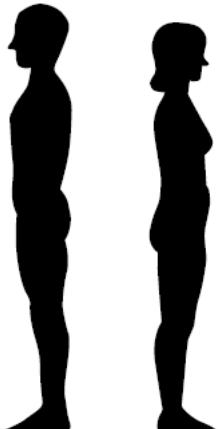


# Lung Cancer



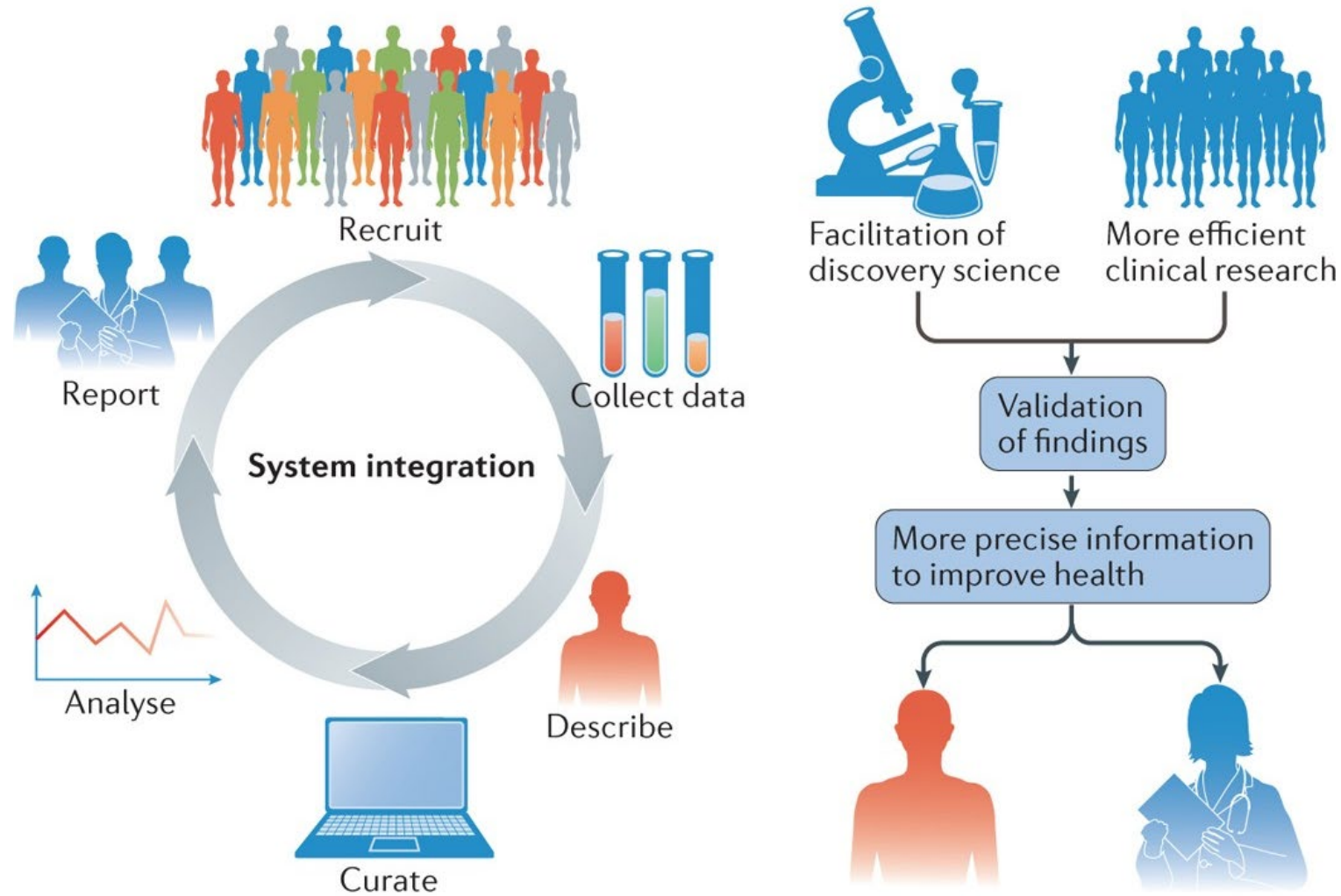
# Lung Cancer Incidence and Mortality

Male			Female				
Estimated New Cases	Prostate	299,010	29%		Breast	310,720	32%
	<b>Lung &amp; bronchus</b>	<b>116,310</b>	<b>11%</b>		<b>Lung &amp; bronchus</b>	<b>118,270</b>	<b>12%</b>
	Colon & rectum	81,540	8%		Colon & rectum	71,270	7%
	Urinary bladder	63,070	6%		Uterine corpus	67,880	7%
	Melanoma of the skin	59,170	6%		Melanoma of the skin	41,470	4%
	Kidney & renal pelvis	52,380	5%		Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	36,030	4%
	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	44,590	4%		Pancreas	31,910	3%
	Oral cavity & pharynx	41,510	4%		Thyroid	31,520	3%
	Leukemia	36,450	4%		Kidney & renal pelvis	29,230	3%
	Pancreas	34,530	3%		Leukemia	26,320	3%
	<b>All sites</b>	<b>1,029,080</b>			<b>All sites</b>	<b>972,060</b>	

Male			Female				
Estimated Deaths	<b>Lung &amp; bronchus</b>	<b>65,790</b>	<b>20%</b>		<b>Lung &amp; bronchus</b>	<b>59,280</b>	<b>21%</b>
	Prostate	35,250	11%		Breast	42,250	15%
	Colon & rectum	28,700	9%		Pancreas	24,480	8%
	Pancreas	27,270	8%		Colon & rectum	24,310	8%
	Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	19,120	6%		Uterine corpus	13,250	5%
	Leukemia	13,640	4%		Ovary	12,740	4%
	Esophagus	12,880	4%		Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	10,720	4%
	Urinary bladder	12,290	4%		Leukemia	10,030	3%
	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	11,780	4%		Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	8,360	3%
	Brain & other nervous system	10,690	3%		Brain & other nervous system	8,070	3%
	<b>All sites</b>	<b>322,800</b>			<b>All sites</b>	<b>288,920</b>	

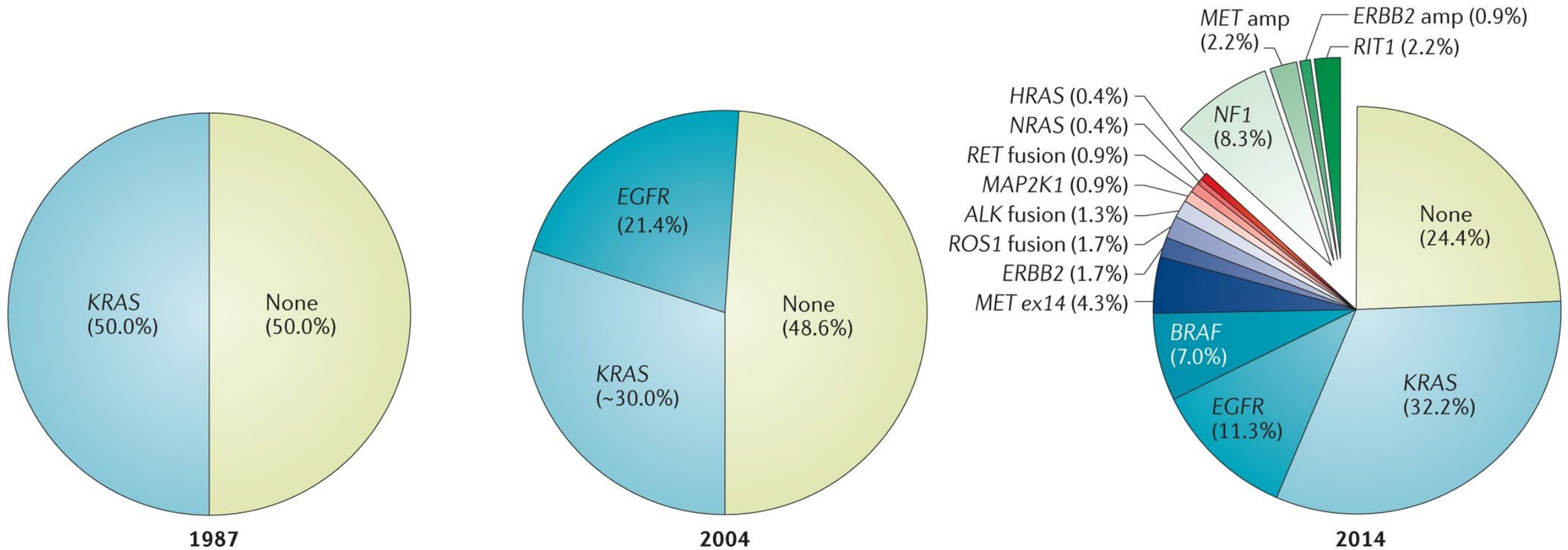
Siegel et al., CA Cancer J. Clin., 2024

# Precision Medicine System and Goals



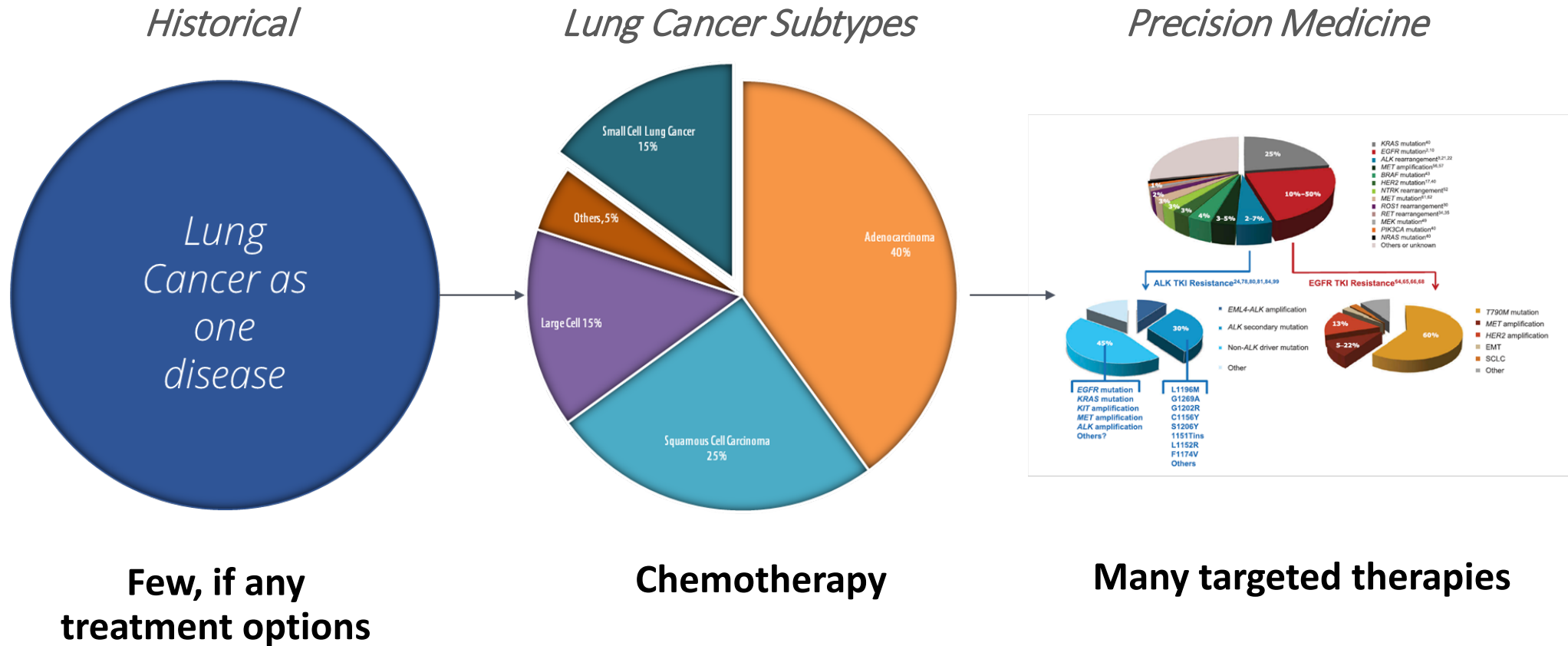
Antman and Loscalzo, Nature Reviews Cardiology, 2016

# Lung Cancer Genomic Knowledge Has Evolved

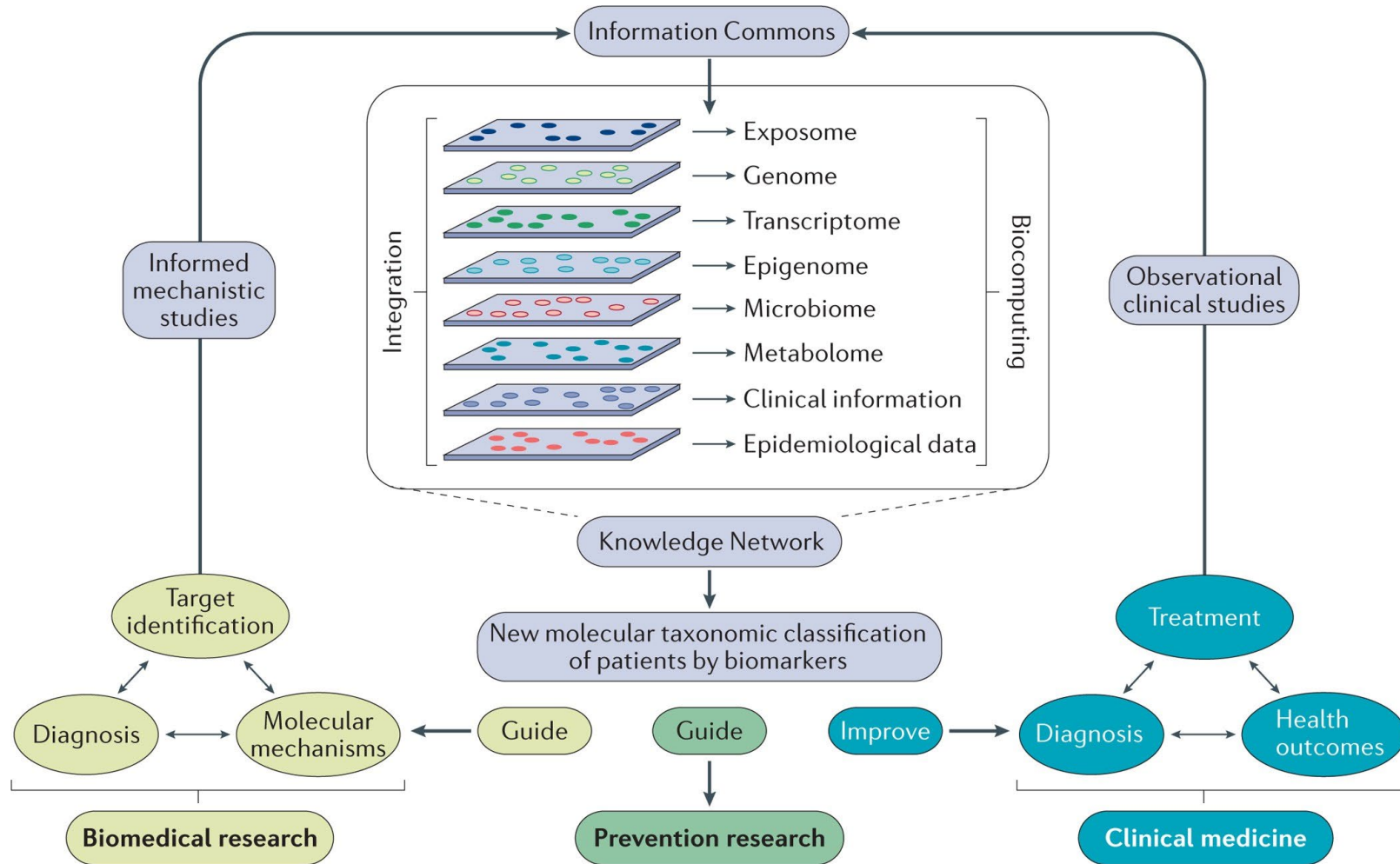


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# Lung Cancer- Therapeutic Evolution

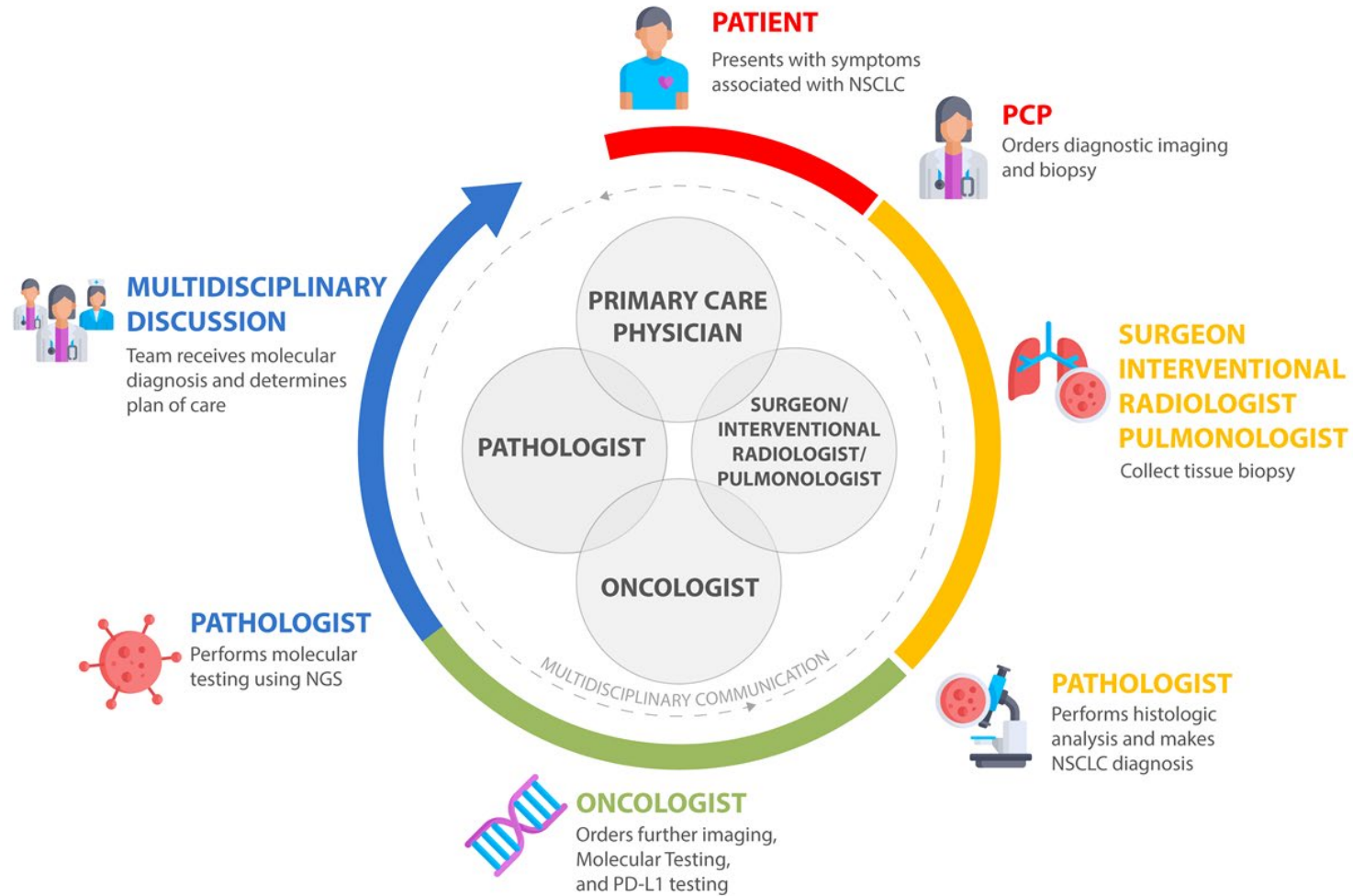


# Lung Cancer- Precision Medicine Strategy



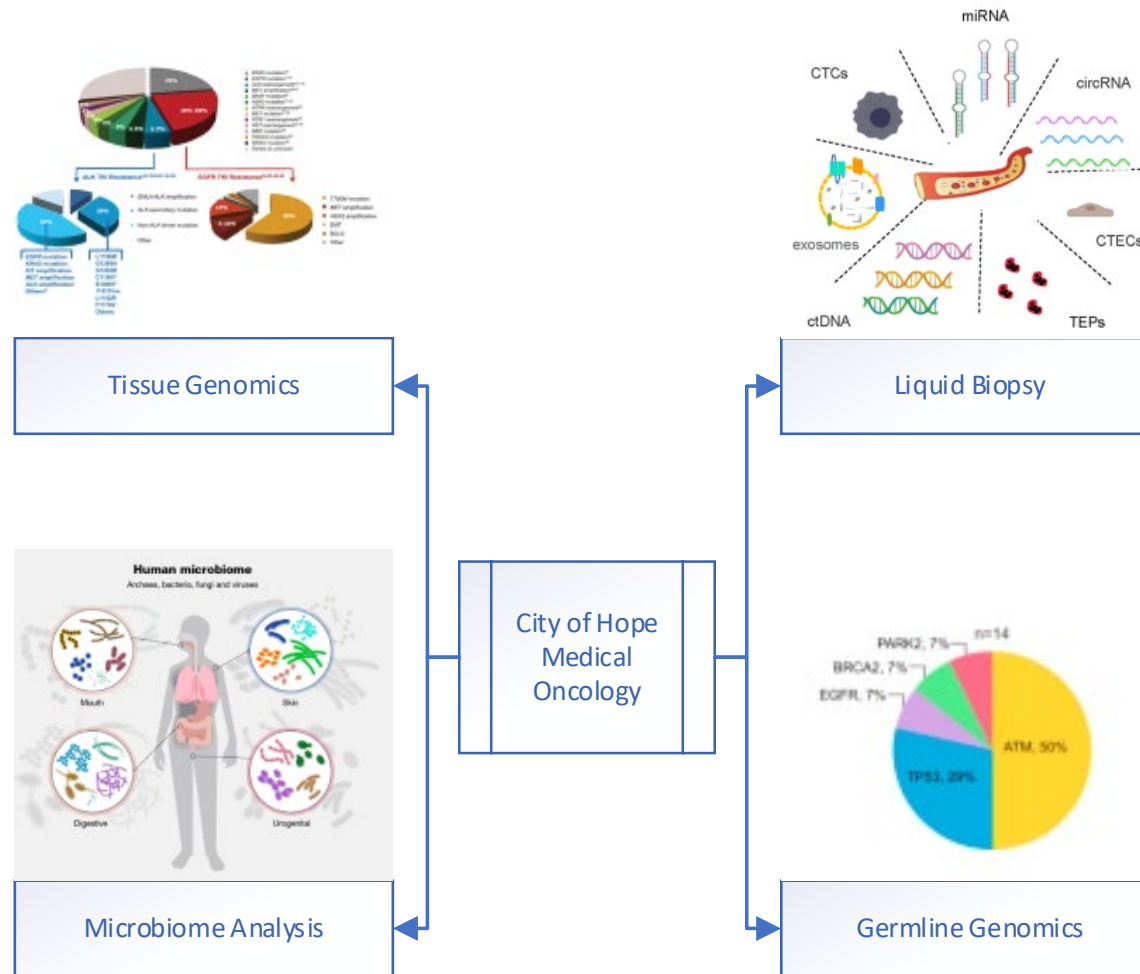
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# Precision Medicine Multidisciplinary Care Model



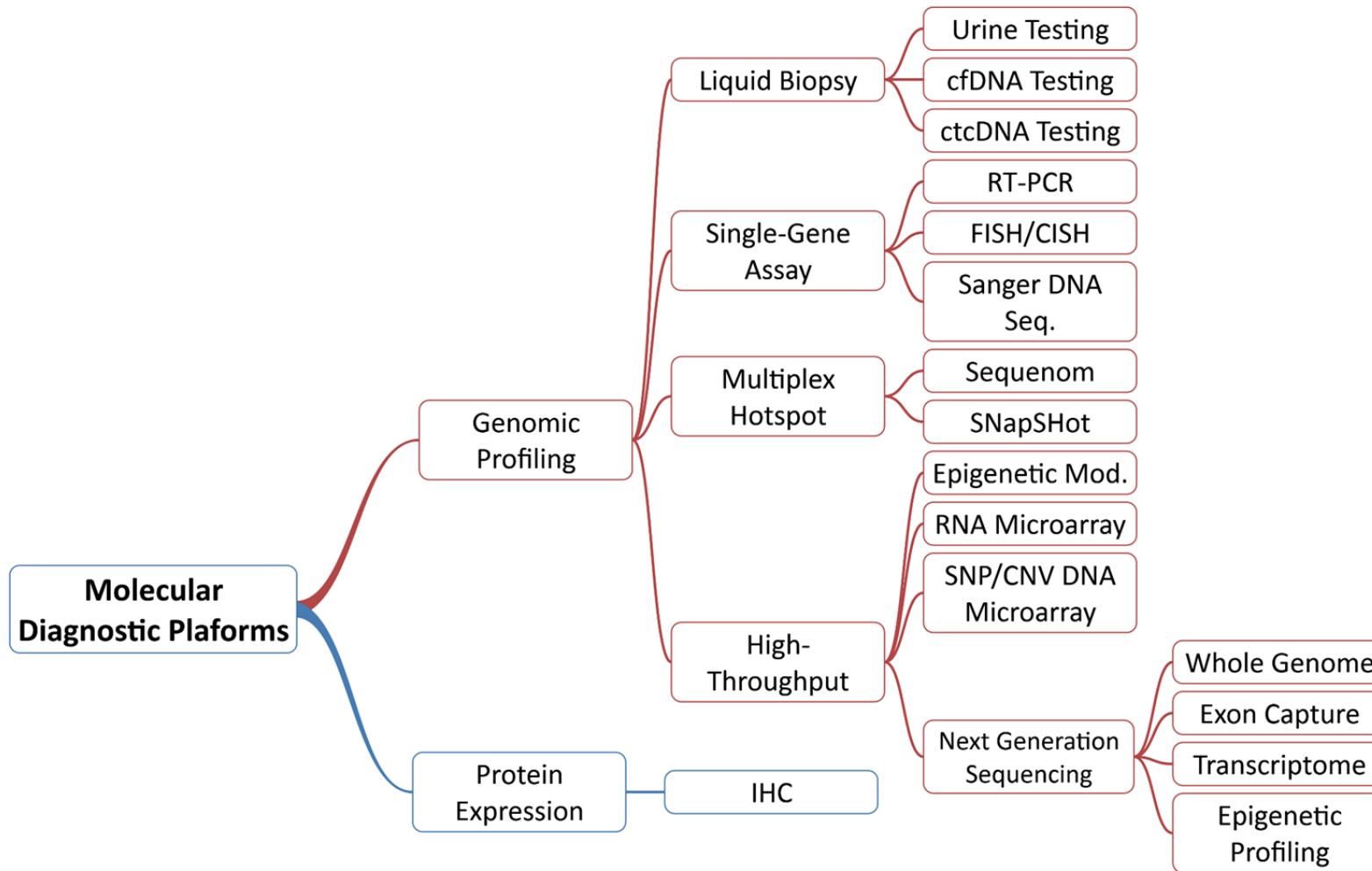
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# Precision Medicine Tools



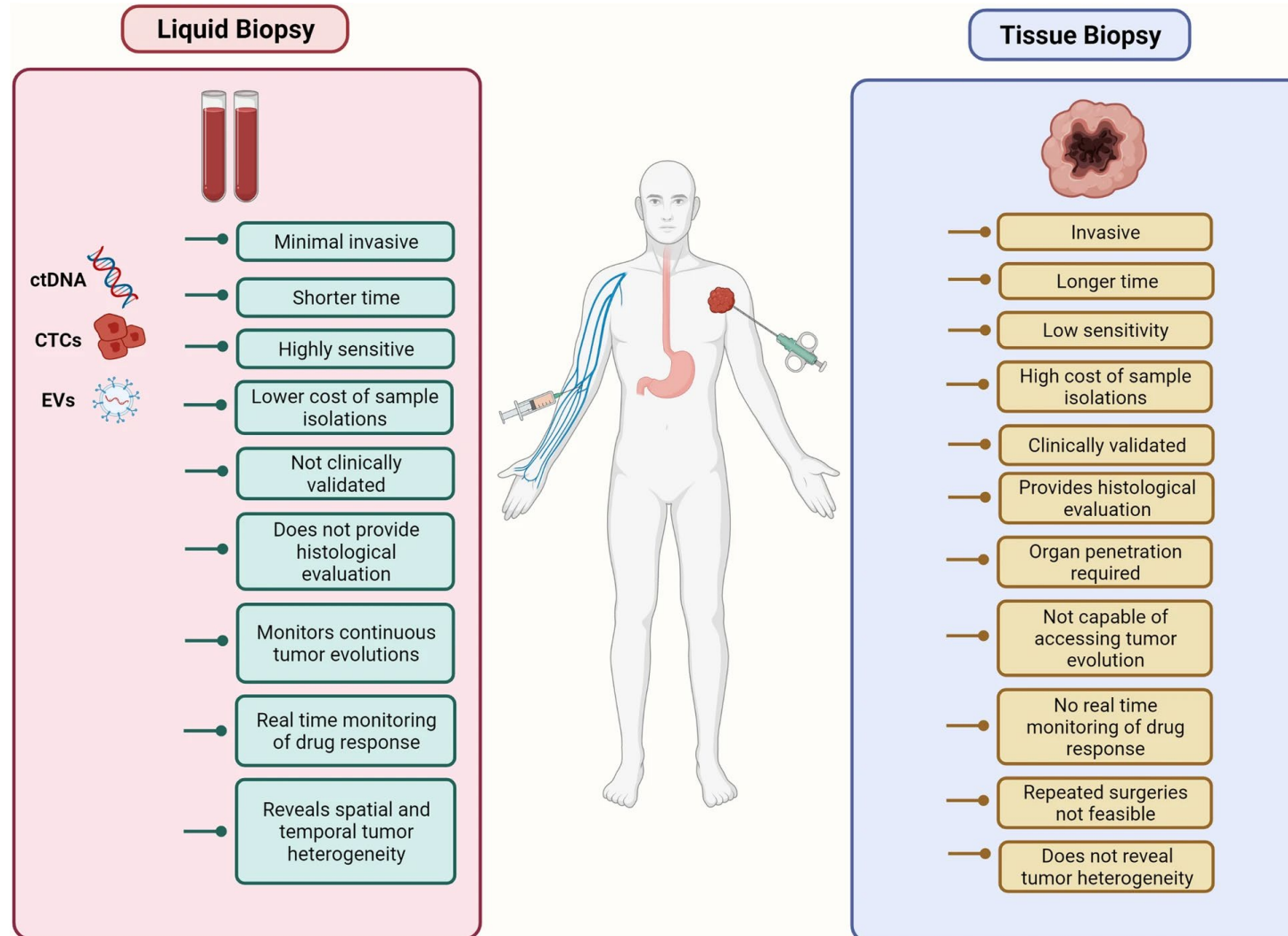


# Precision Medicine- Diagnostic Platform Options



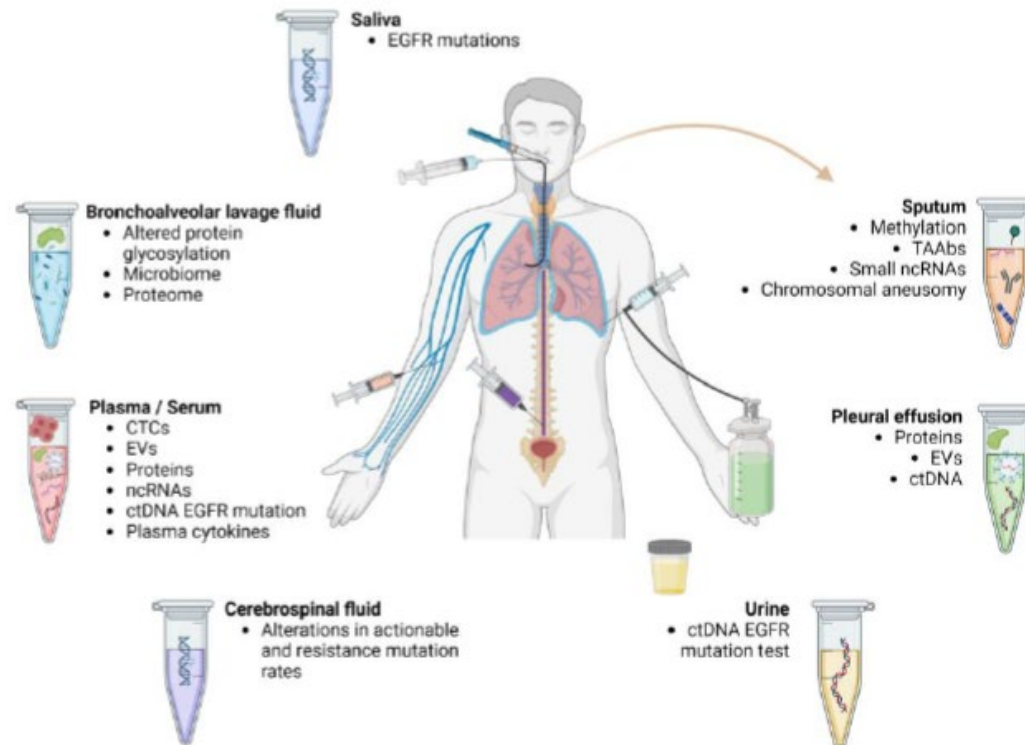
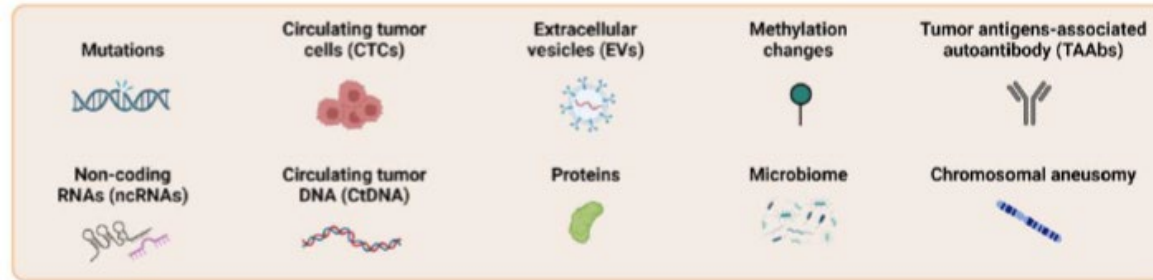
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# Liquid Biopsy Versus Tissue Biopsy

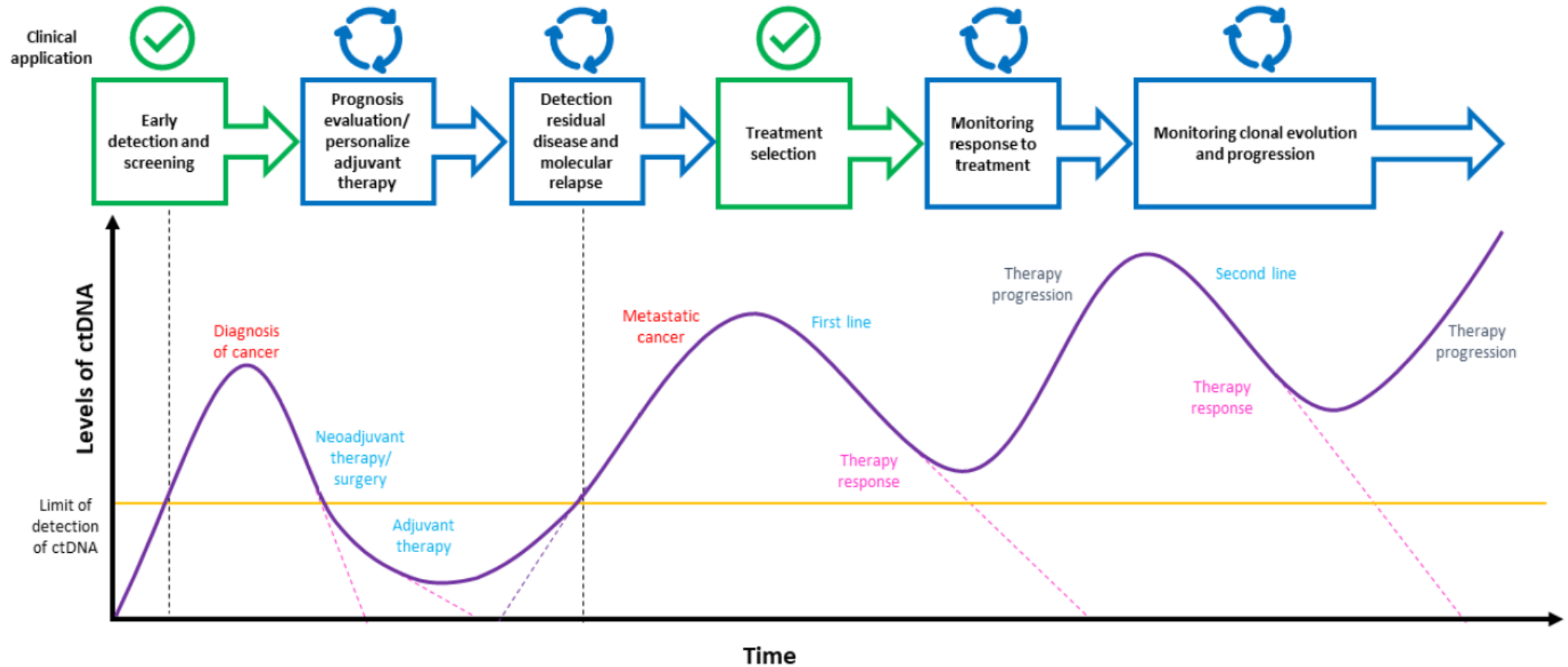


Lone et al., Mol Cancer, 2022

# Utility of Liquid Biopsy in Cancer

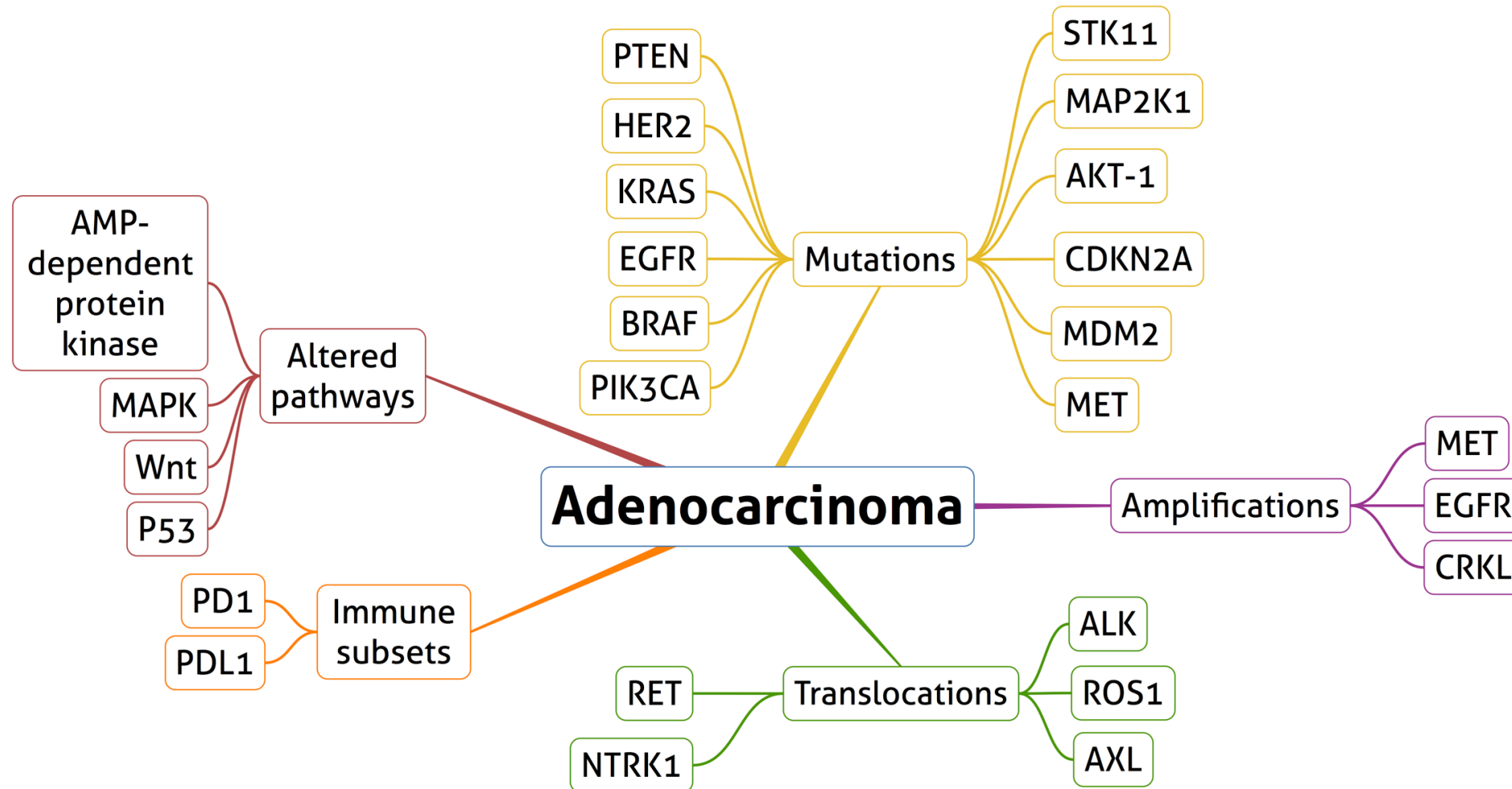


# Clinical Applications of Liquid Biopsies



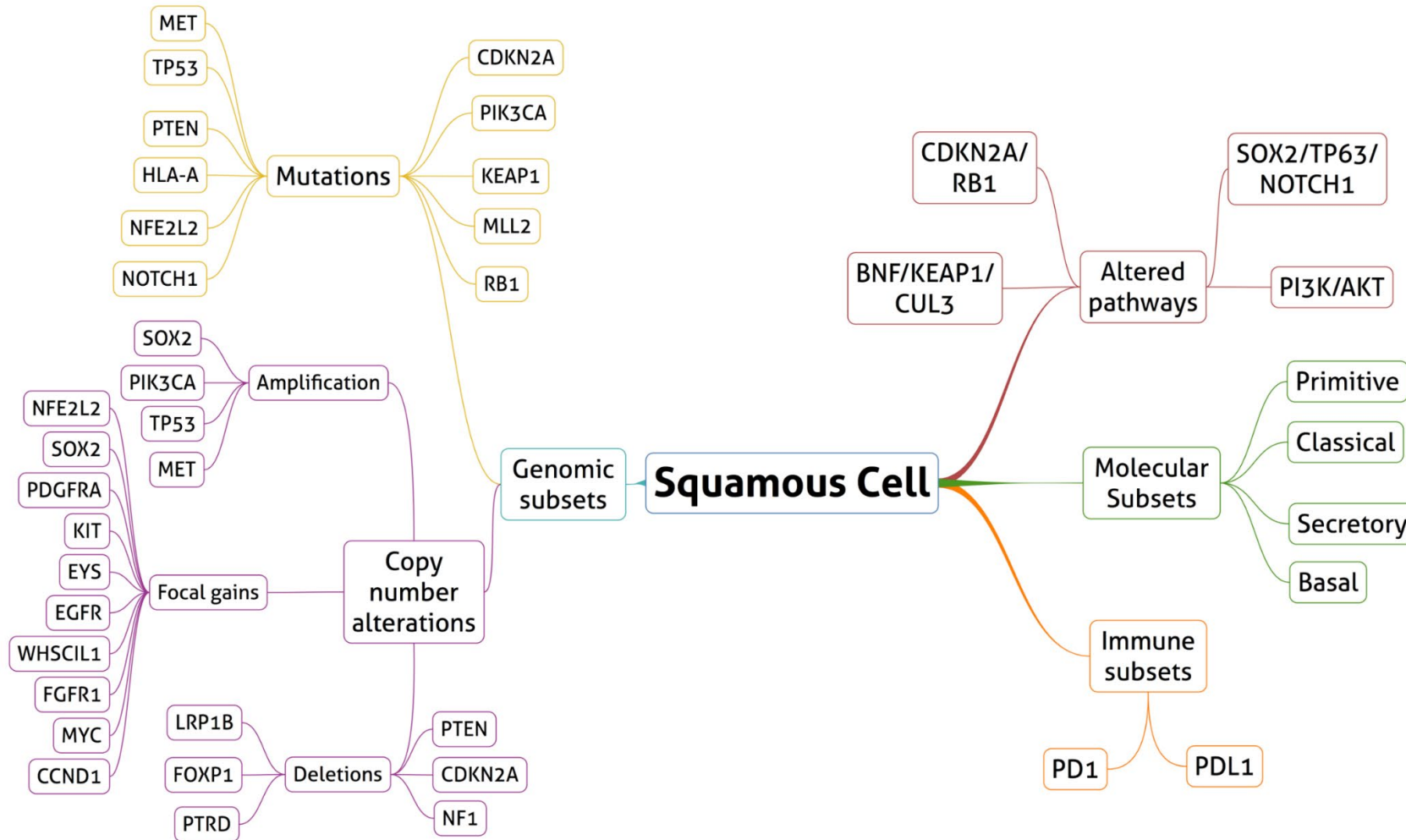
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# Lung Cancer- Adenocarcinoma Heterogeneity



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# Lung Cancer- Squamous Heterogeneity



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# Lung Cancer- Heterogeneity



# When to consider genomic tumor testing for “NSCLC”

## Initial Presentation

- Is there enough tissue for molecular testing?
- Is a biopsy required?
- Is there pleural fluid for potential biopsy?

## Features of a particular patient/scenario to consider:

- Histology (Squamous cell carcinoma vs Non-Squamous)
  - If squamous, does it have adenocarcinoma features?
- Stage
  - Stage I-III vs Stage IV
- Age
  - Is the patient younger than 50 or older than 65
- Prior Testing/Treatment
  - Previous history of other cancer types
  - Previous molecular testing results (should you re-biopsy?)
  - Previous treatment for early-stage vs recurrence



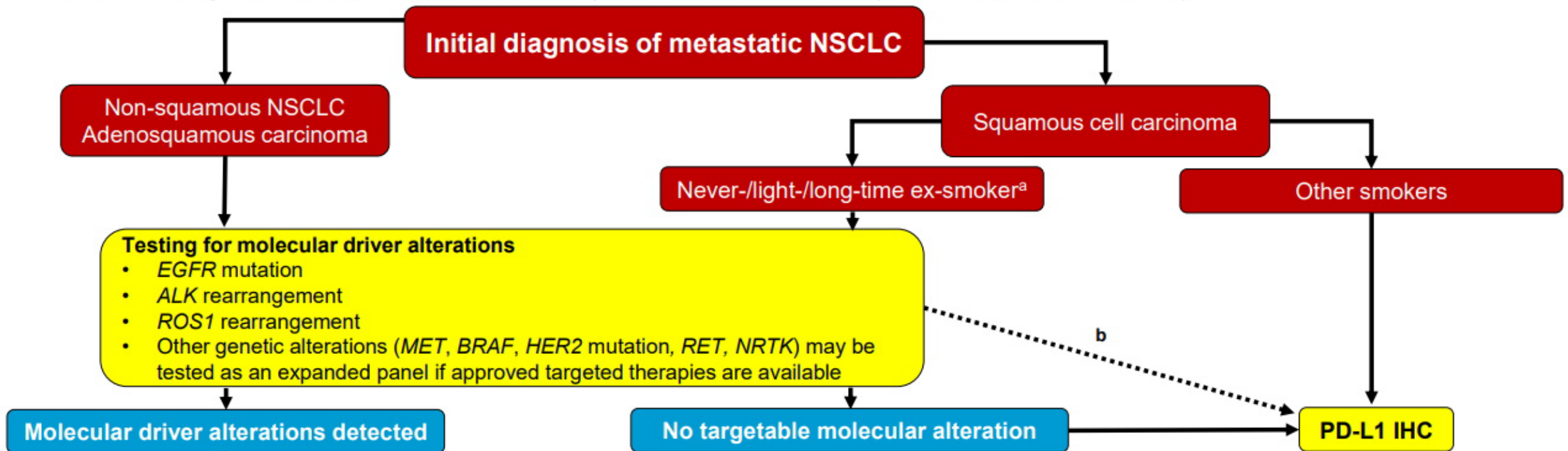
# NSCLC Biomarker Testing Rates

Nonsquamous NSCLC	Decisions in Academic Setting (n = 51)	Decisions in Community Setting (n = 253)	Total # of Decisions (N = 304)
<b>ALK Test Status</b>			
Awaiting test results	6	74	80
Did not order test	0	19	19
Negative	42	157	199
Positive	3	3	6
<b>ALK testing rate, n (%)</b>	51 (100)	234 (92)	285 (94)
<b>EGFR Test Status</b>			
Awaiting test results	6	76	82
Did not order test	0	16	16
Negative/wild type	19	100	119
Non-sensitizing	7	27	34
Sensitizing	19	34	53
<b>EGFR testing rate, n (%)</b>	51 (100)	237 (94)	288 (95)
<b>ROS1 Test Status</b>			
Awaiting test results	6	72	78
Did not order test	0	37	37
Negative	43	142	185
Positive	2	2	4
<b>ROS1 testing rate, n (%)</b>	51 (100) <sup>a</sup>	216 (85) <sup>a</sup>	267 (88)
<b>Nonsquamous and Squamous NSCLC</b>			
	Decisions in Academic Setting (n = 45)	Decisions in Community Setting (n = 282)	Total # of Decisions (N = 327) <sup>b</sup>
<b>PD-L1 Test Status</b>			
Negative	15	57	72
Positive (≥ 50% TPS)	8	55	63
Positive (1%–49% TPS)	5	47	52
Did not order test	17	123	140
<b>PD-L1 testing rate, n (%)</b>	28 (62)	159 (56)	187 (57)

Reported Study	EGFR	ALK	ROS1	MET	RET	NTRK	BRAF	KRAS	PD-L1 Expression
Inal et al. [66]	62%	23%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	43%	N/A
Gutierrez et al. [67]	69%	65%	25%	15%	14%	N/A	18%	34%	N/A
Gierman et al. [68]	54%	51%	43%	N/A	N/A	N/A	29%	N/A	N/A
Presley et al. [69]	100%	95%	~15%	~15%	~15%	~15%	~15%	~15%	~15%
Illei et al. [94]	N/A	53.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hussein et al. [95]	~60%	~50%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mason et al. [29]	94%	92%	85%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	56%
Audibert et al. [105]	68%	67%	32%	6%	8%	0%	12%	0%	N/A
Khozin et al. [142]	64%	61%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.3%
Nadler et al. 2018 [143]	37%	35%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.2%
Nadler et al. 2019 [106]	35.5%	32.9%	5.7%	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.1%	N/A	5.7%

Mason et al., J Clin Pathw, 2018  
Rajurkar et al. Salgia, JCM, 2020

# Stage IV NSCLC Molecular Testing Algorithm by Histology



# Genomic Tumor Testing in Lung Cancer

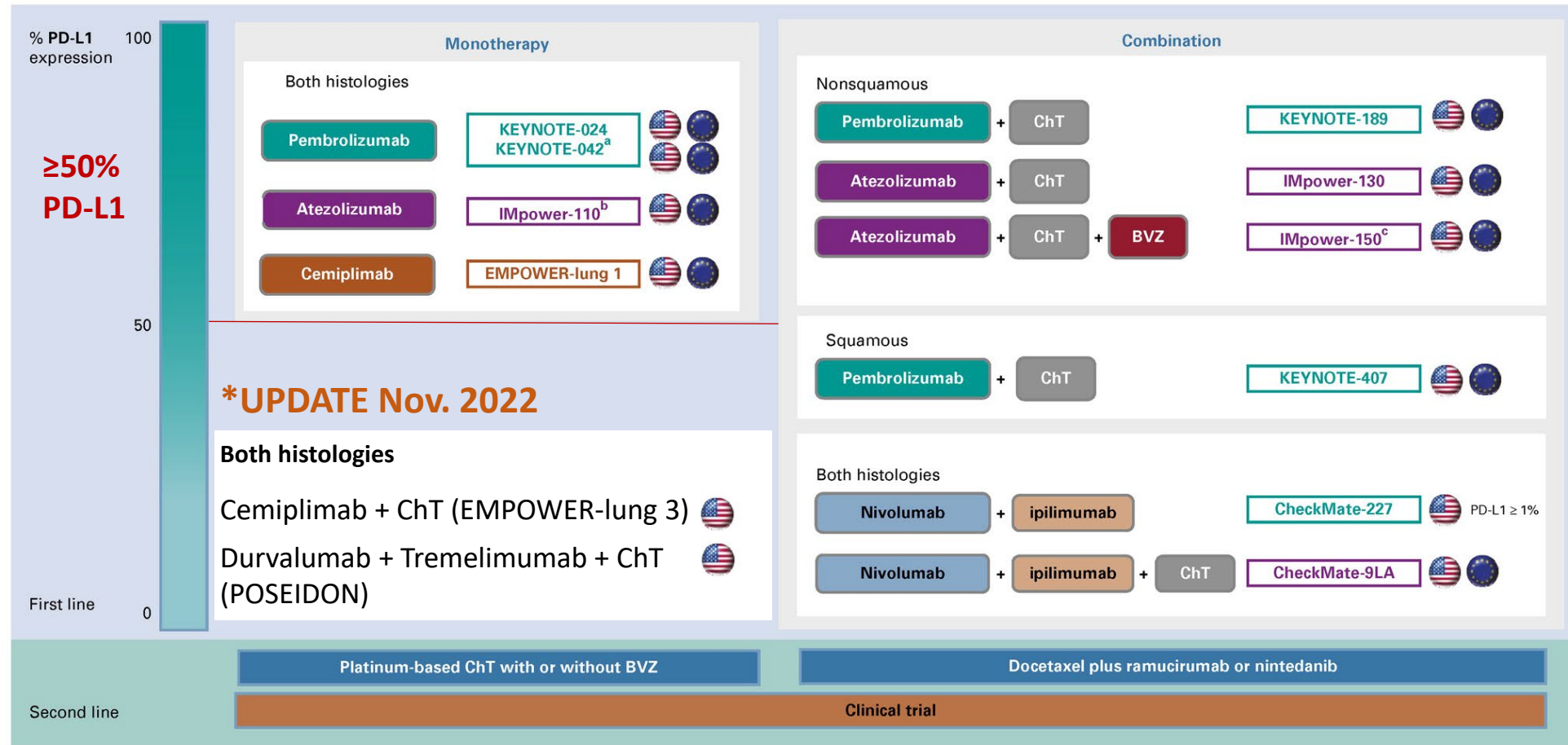
What to consider when choosing test type for these patients:

- Comprehensive panels tissue biopsy
  - HopeSeq
  - FoundationOne CDX
  - Tempus
  - CARIS
  - Neogenomics
- Liquid Biopsy
  - Blood
    - Guardant 360
    - FoundationOne Liquid CDX
    - Tempus
    - Neogenomics
  - Cerebrospinal Fluid
    - Biocept
- Specific markers (e.g. PDL-1)
  - Full NGS panel (EGFR, ALK, KRAS, MET, ROS1, BRAF, NTRK, RET, HER-2, and more with up to >450 genes)
  - IHC (PD-L1)
    - 22C3 (Pembrolizumab, Cemiplimab)
    - SP142 (Atezolizumab)
    - 28-8 (Nivolumab)
    - SP263 (Durvalumab)

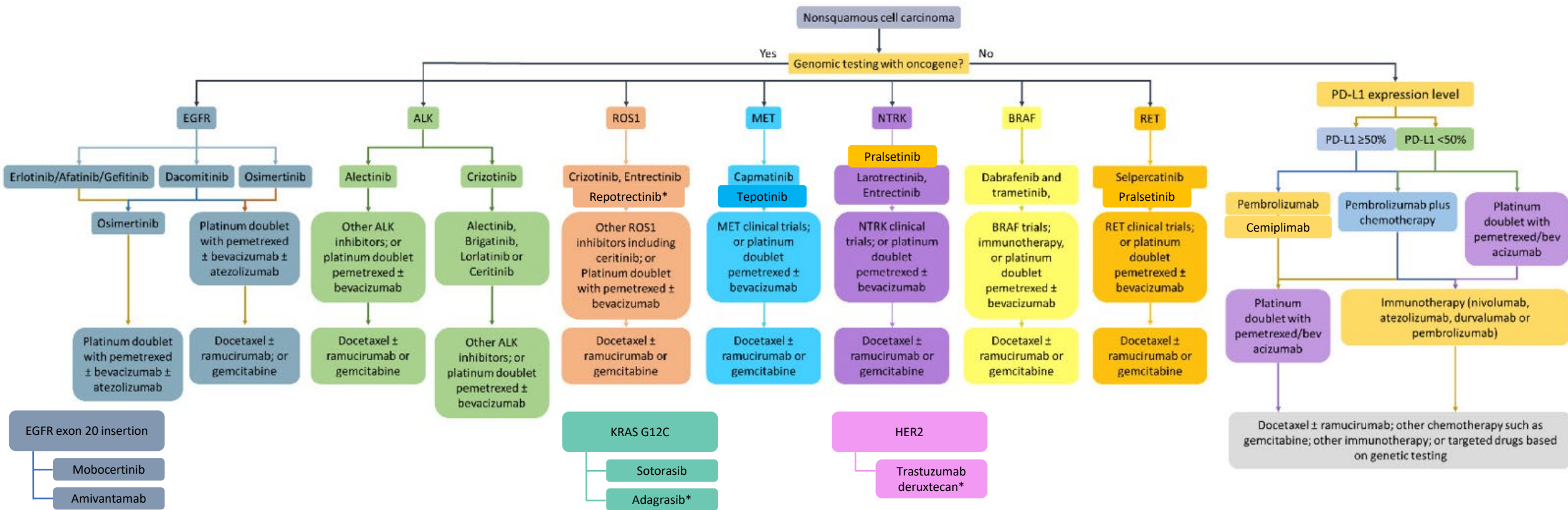
# Interpreting Biomarker Testing in Lung Cancer

- What to consider when a patient has an actionable mutation?
  - EGFR, ALK, KRAS G12C, MET, BRAF V600E, RET, ROS1, NTRK fusion, HER2
  - Is there a rare subtype such as EGFR exon 20, exon 18, or MET fusion?
  - Are there any co-mutations such as KRAS-KEAP1-STK11 or EGFR-RB1-TP53?
- PD-L1 results
  - 0% PD-L1 negative
  - ≤1-49% PD-L1 positive
  - ≥50% PD-L1 positive (high expression)
  - Are there any mutations that may cause hyper-progression? (KRAS-KEAP1-STK11 or actionable mutations such as EGFR)
- Do any of the genomic results dispute the histologic diagnosis?
- Germline results:
  - BRCA-1 or BRCA-2 becoming more common in lung cancer
  - ATM, PARK2, TP53, EGFR and others

# Immunotherapy: Stage IV NSCLC



# Lung Cancer Targeted Therapeutic Strategies

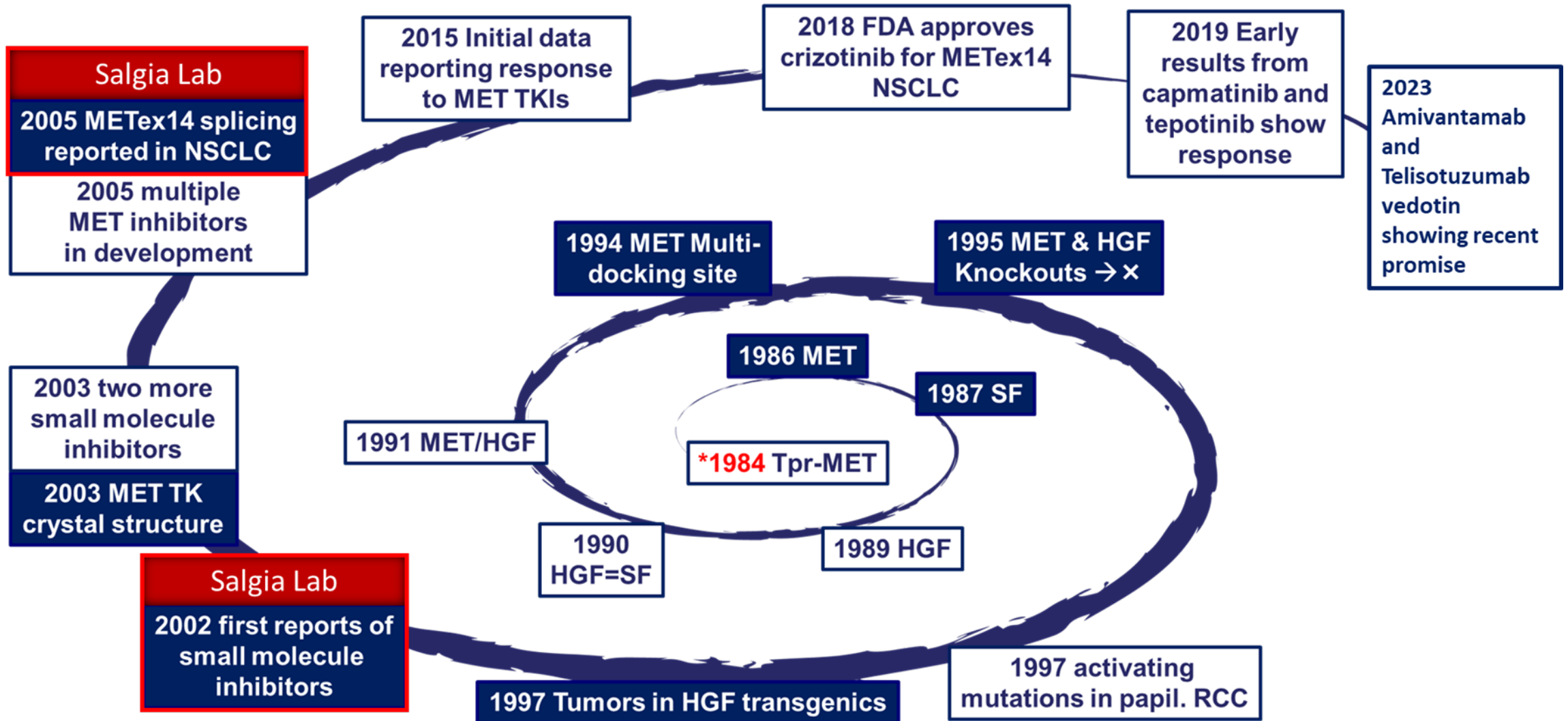


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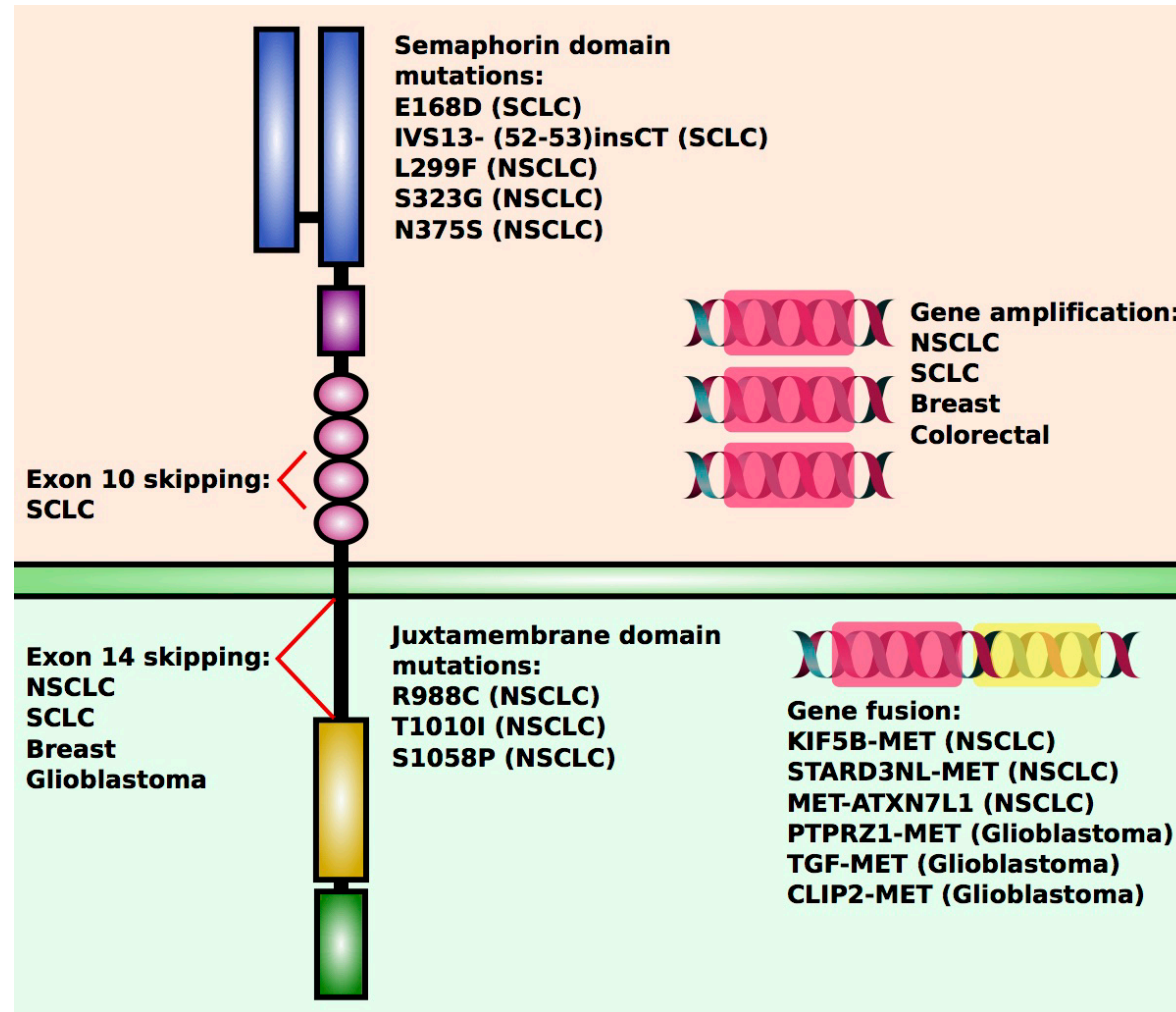
## Targeted therapies

## Immunotherapies

# Timeline of MET Discoveries

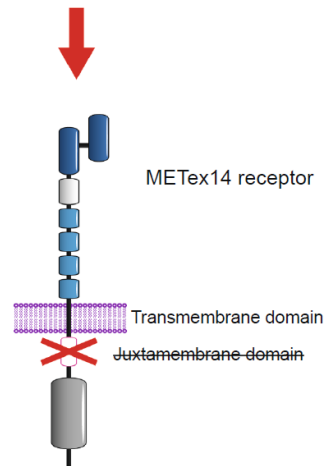
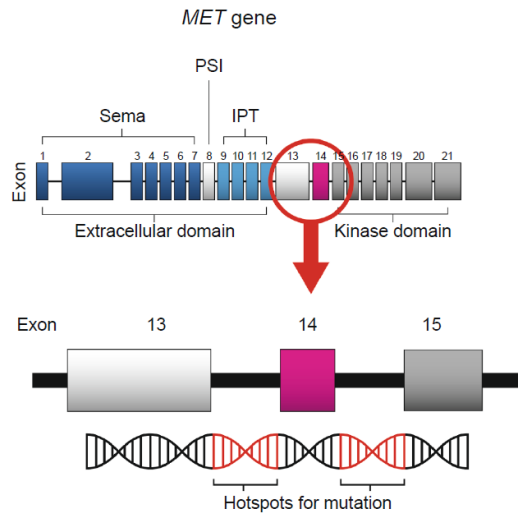


# Genetic Alterations of MET Found in Solid Tumors

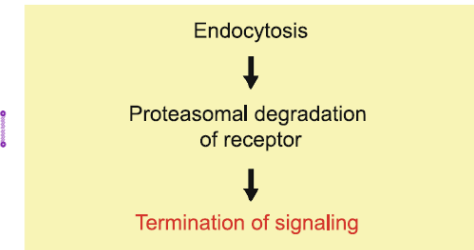
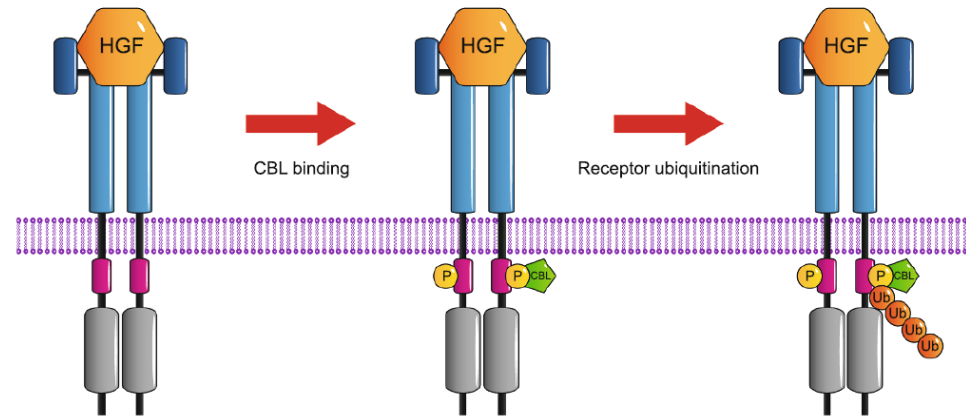




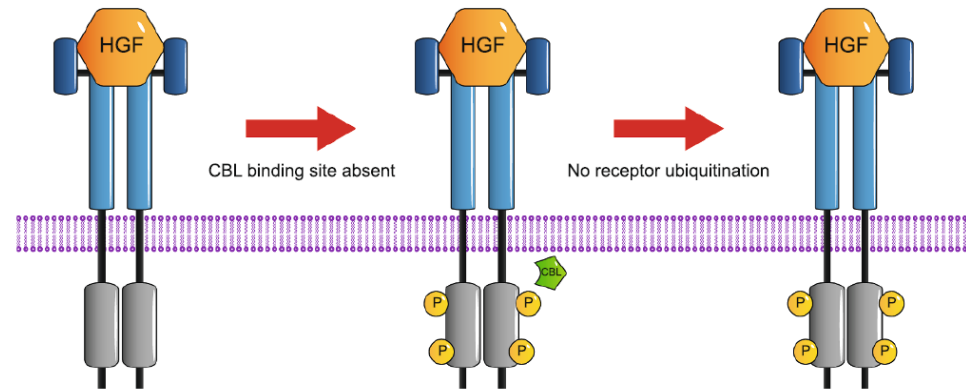
# MET Exon 14 Mutation and Downstream Signaling



Wild-type MET signaling

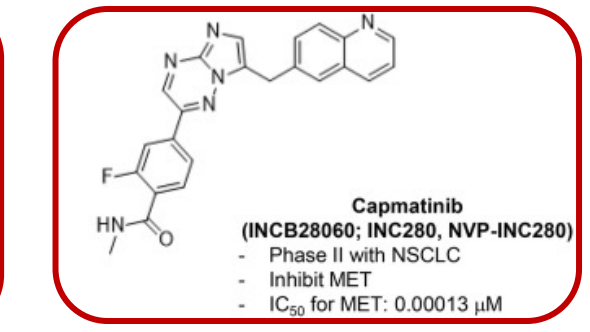
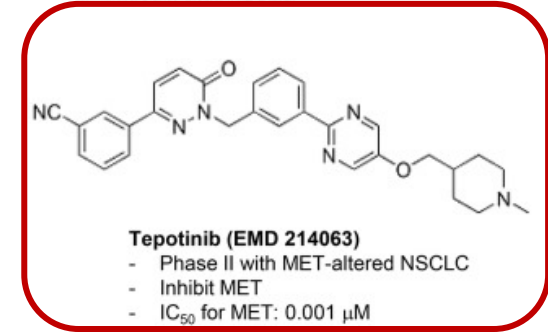
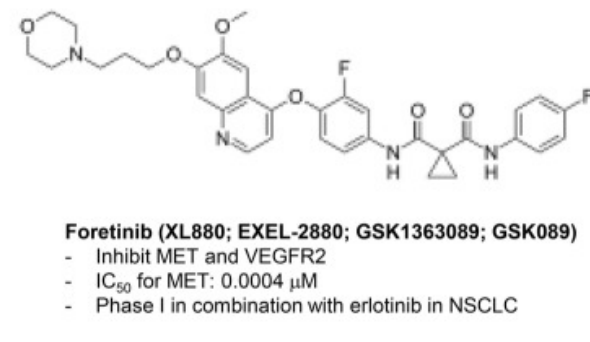
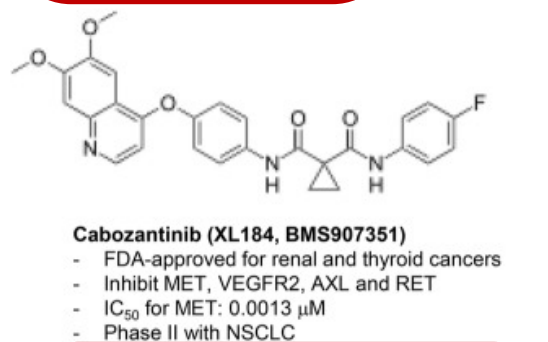
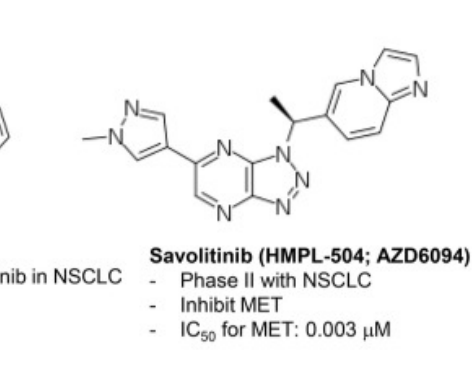
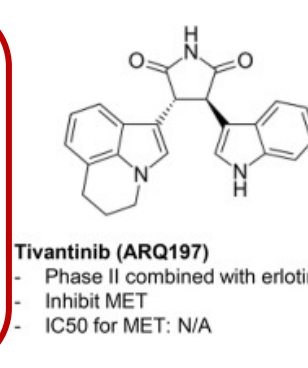
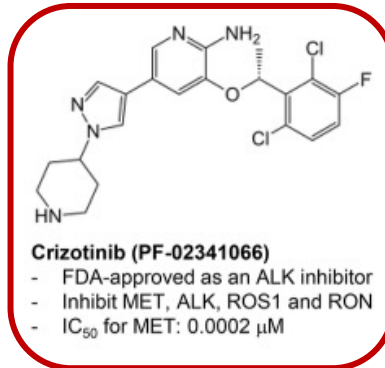


METex14 signaling

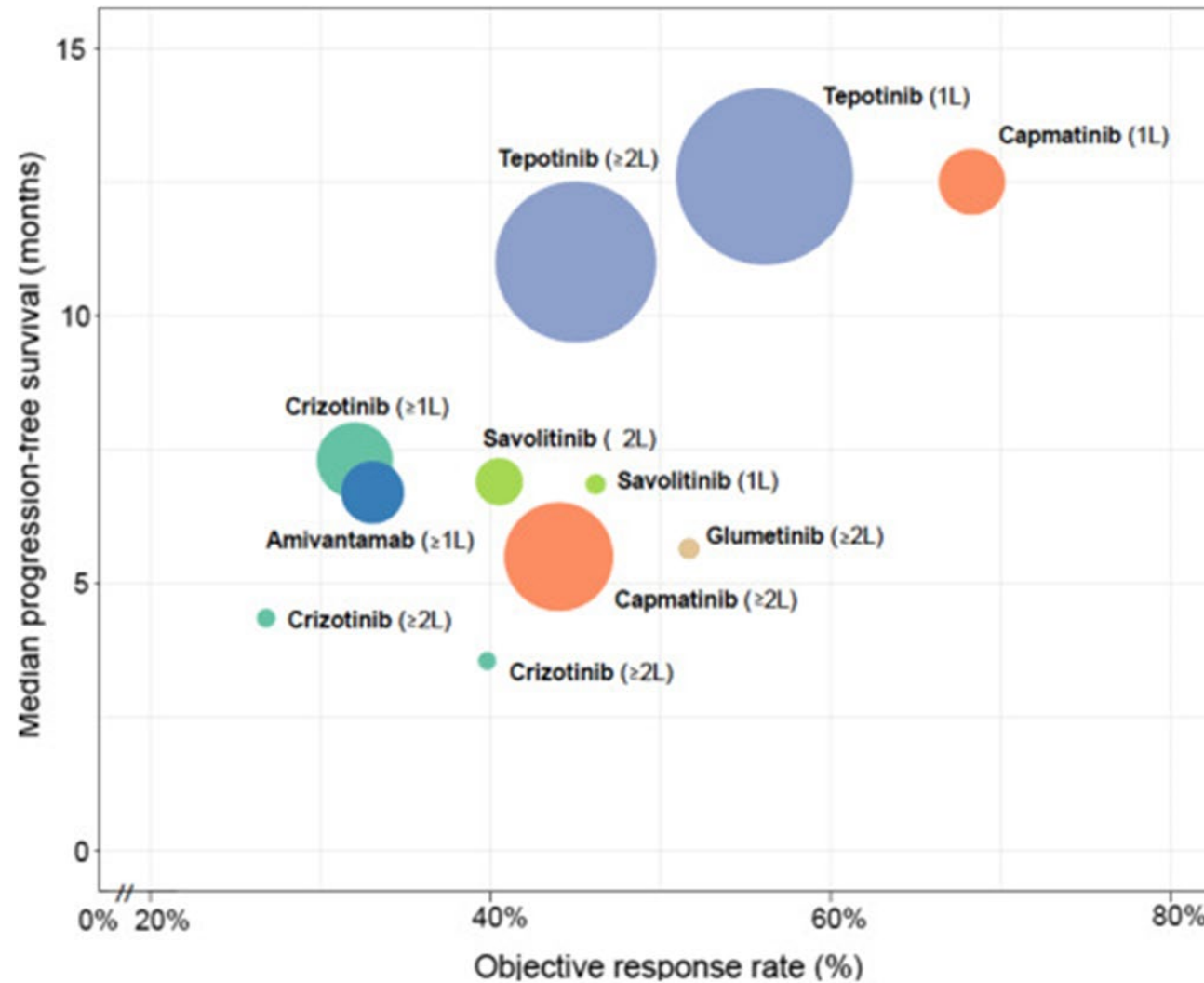


- Reduced endocytosis
- Increased receptor half-life
- Continuing signaling
- Hyper-responsiveness to ligand binding
- Transactivation by other kinases
- Potential for targeted therapeutics

# New Generation of Small-molecule MET Inhibitors



# Efficacy of MET Inhibitors



# Case #1: MET

- 66-year-old male, never smoker, initially presented with dyspnea on exertion, and a cardiac MRI revealed biventricular masses consistent with metastatic disease.
- Additionally, CT showed a 5.7 cm RUL mass, subcentimeter pulmonary nodules, mediastinal and hilar lymphadenopathy, hepatic masses, bilateral adrenal nodules, and lytic lesions.
- Brain MRI showed multiple small sub-centimeter lesions.
- Liver biopsy confirmed stage IV lung adenocarcinoma (T3N3M1c) with PD-L1 70%, but as insufficient for molecular testing.

# Case #1: MET Cont.

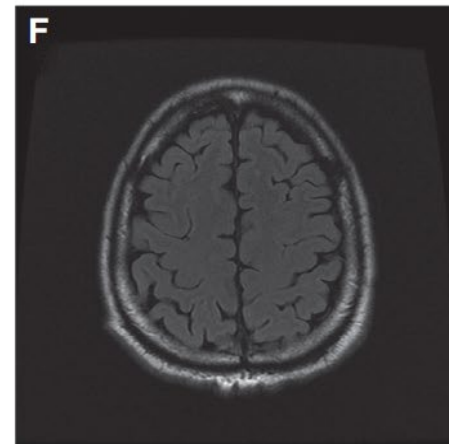
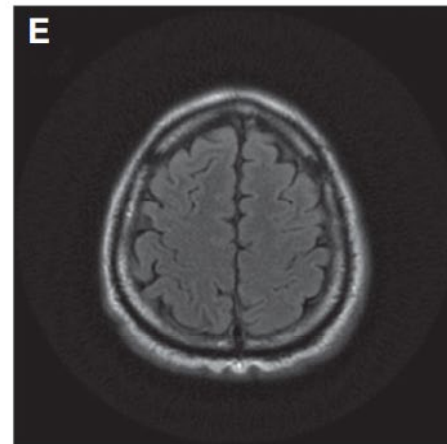
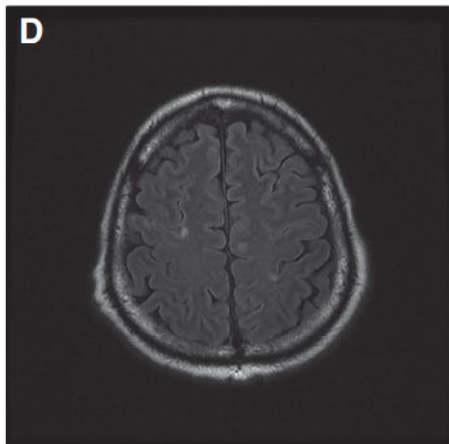
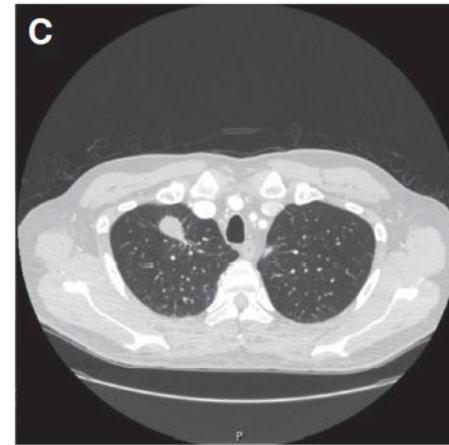
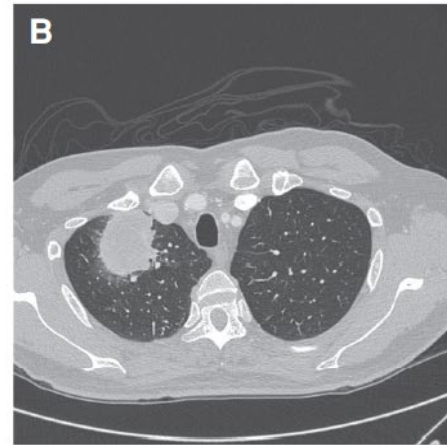
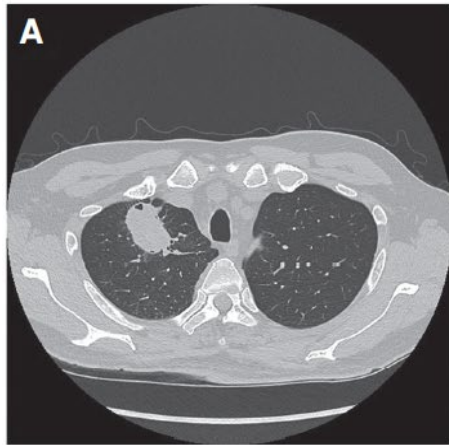
- He started Carboplatin/Paclitaxel for two cycles with Bevacizumab for the second cycle and developed G3 fatigue and G3 neuropathy; therapy was switched to Pembrolizumab.
- NGS was performed on a LN EBUS and revealed MET exon 14 splice site mutation.
- He developed PD in the chest and enrolled in a clinical trial with Tepotinib.
- The time course of the disease in both the chest and brain can be seen in **(Figure 1)**.
- Patient continues treatment with Tepotinib (currently on cycles 83-84).

# Case #1: Treatment Response

Prior to treatment

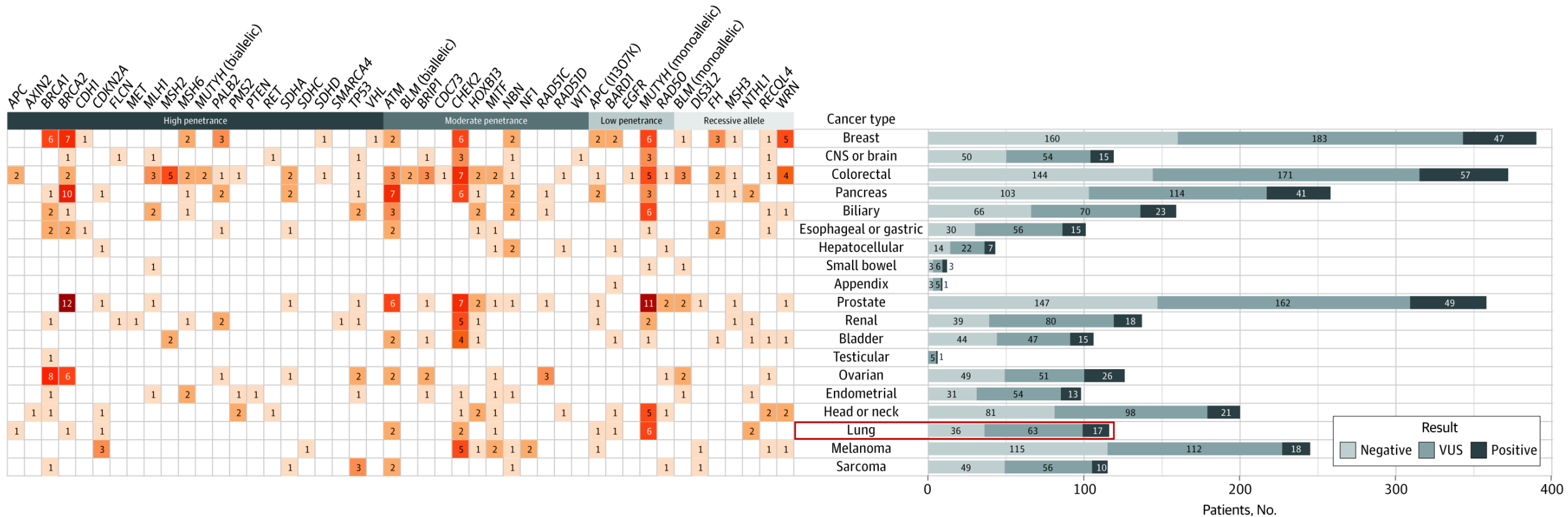
After 13 Cycles  
Pembrolizumab

After 40 Cycles  
Tepotinib

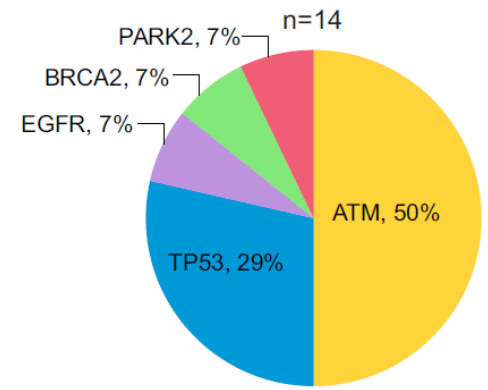
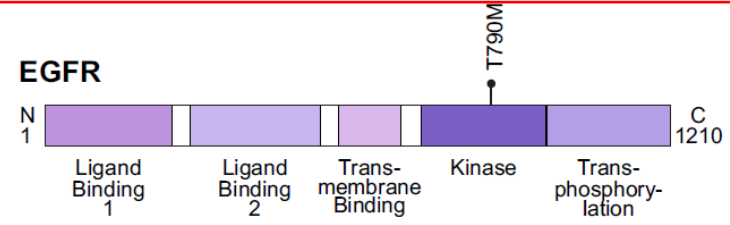
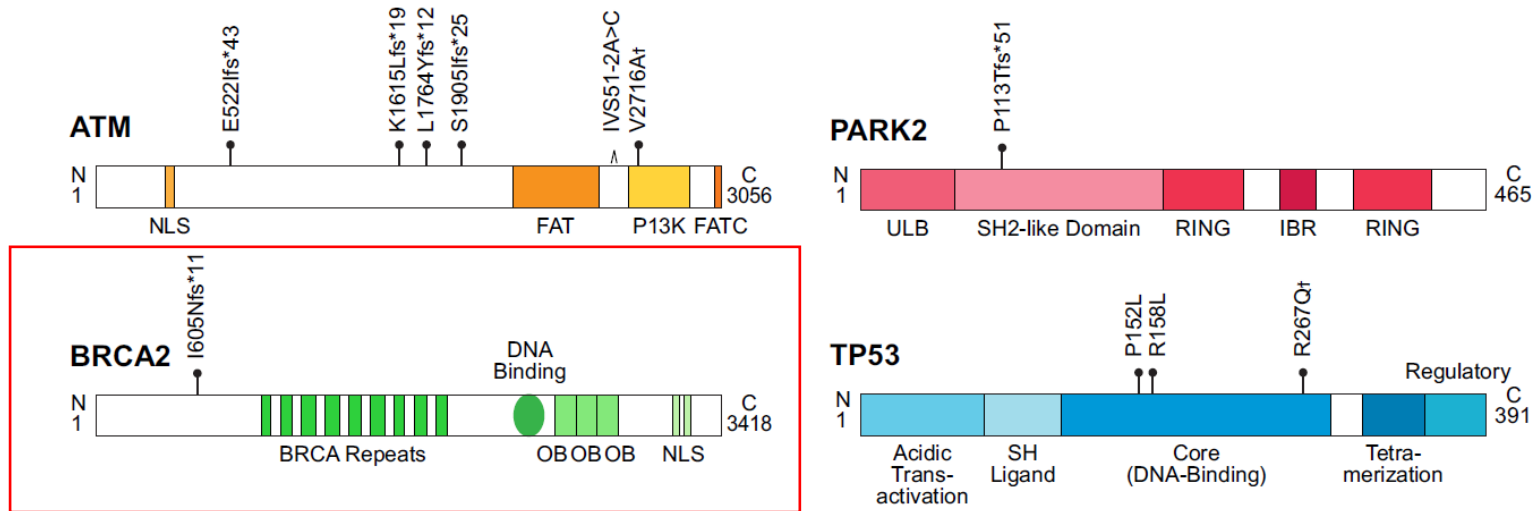


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# Lung Cancer- Germline Mutations Prevalent



# Germline Variants in Lung Adenocarcinoma Cases





# COH-Universal Germline Testing on all patients

## Groundbreaking study supports germline genetic testing for all cancer patients

In a study published in *JAMA Oncology*, Mayo Clinic and Invitae researchers provided genetic testing and counseling to patients as part of their standard cancer care.

### The INTERCEPT study

- The largest known multicenter study of universal testing of patients with cancer
- Published in *JAMA Oncology*
- Includes 2,984 patients with a new or active cancer diagnosis, across a broad mix of solid tumor cancer stages and types

### The study found:

**1 in 8**

patients with cancer had an inherited cancer-related genetic variant

**28%**

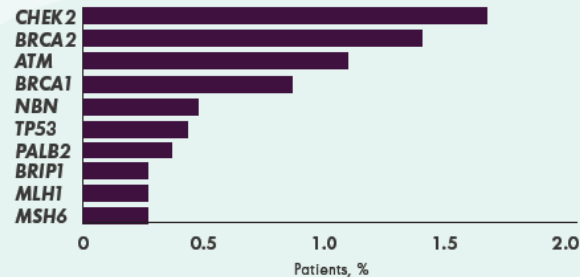
of patients with the highest risk cancer genes had changes to medical management, including chemotherapy and surgical decisions



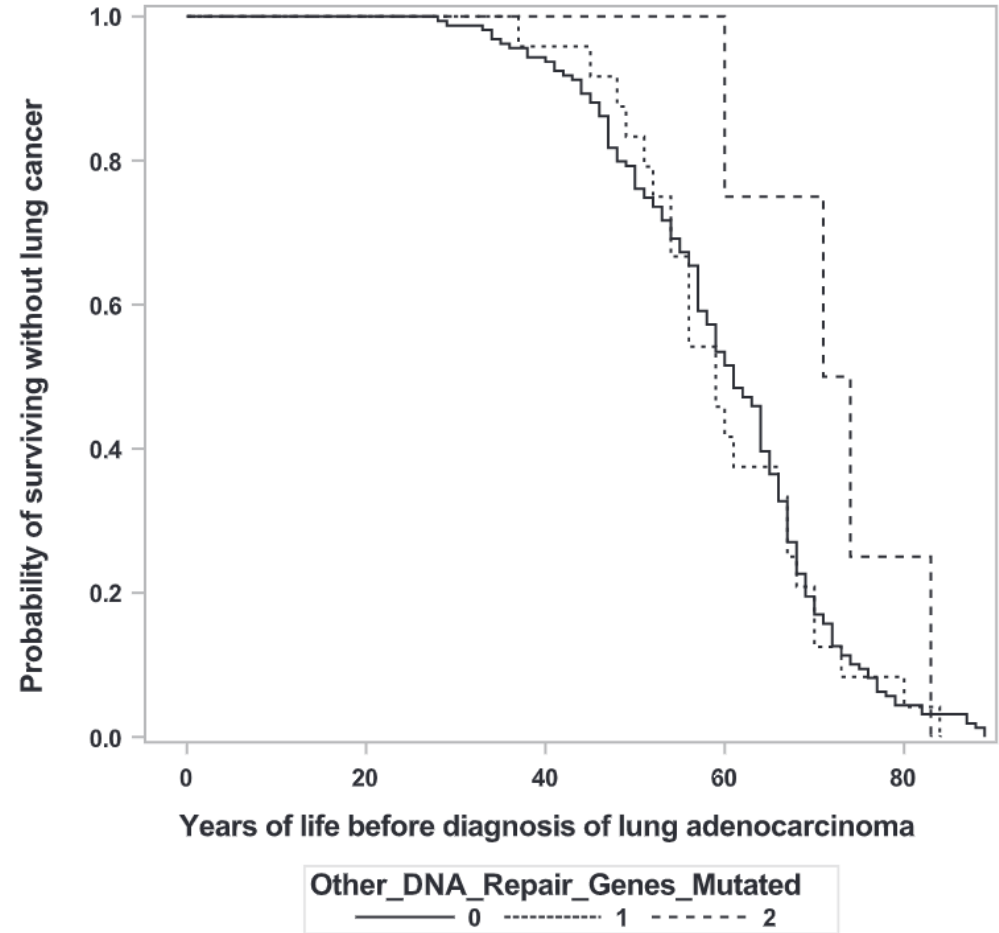
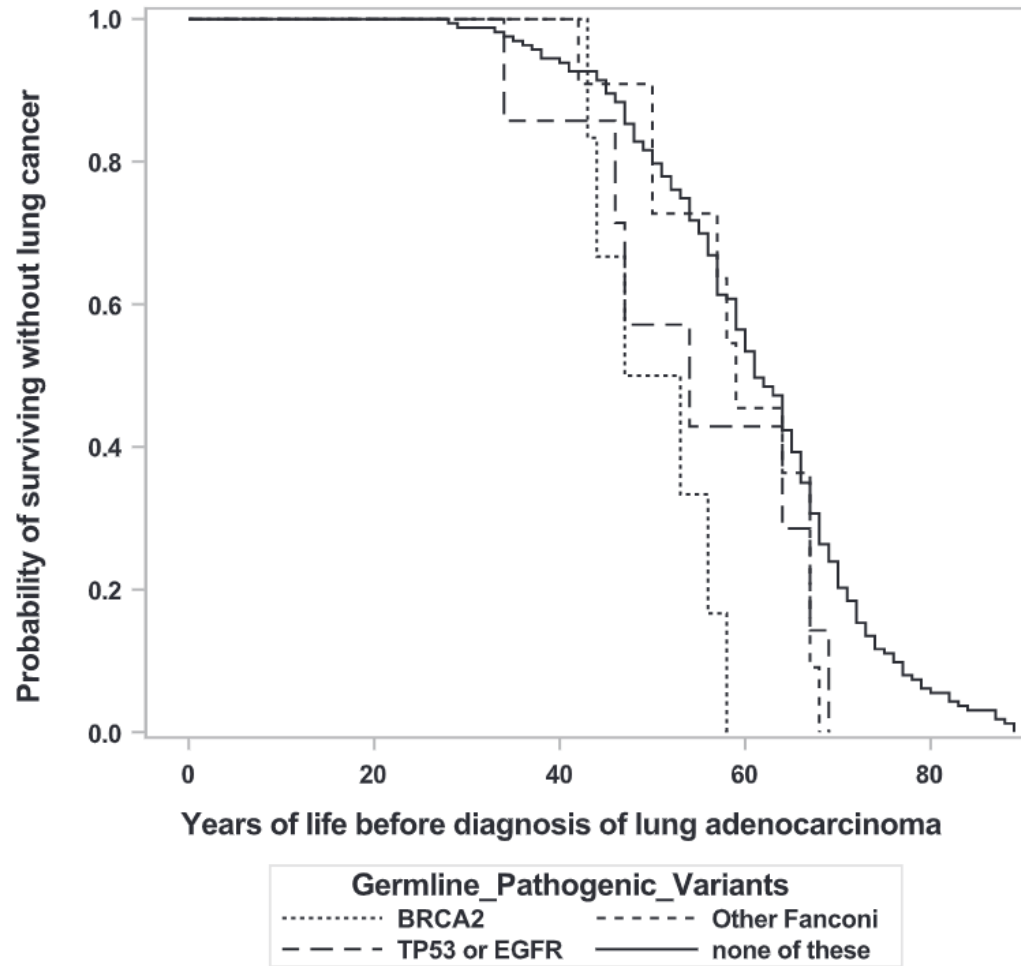
**48%**

of patients with inherited variants were missed by existing testing guidelines

### Most common pathogenic and likely pathogenic variants in high and moderate risk genes:



# Lung Cancer- Germline Mutations Affect Survival



# Case #2: Lung Cancer BRCA2

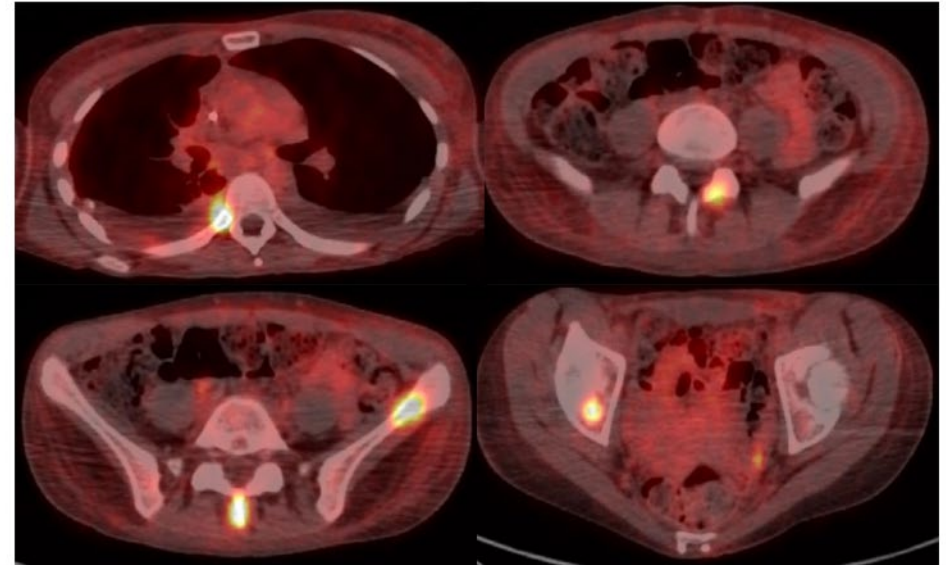
- 26-year-old female, no tobacco exposure or significant past medical history, initially presented with dyspnea.
- CTA of the chest demonstrated a RUL mass with mediastinal involvement creating superior vena cava syndrome along with associated pulmonary embolisms and a large right sided pleural effusion secondary to complete right bronchial tree collapse (Figure 1).
- Pleural effusion and biopsy revealed poorly differentiated lung adenocarcinoma.
- MRI brain demonstrated greater than 20 supratentorial and infratentorial lesions with the largest being 1.1 cm.
- PETCT demonstrated innumerable bilateral pulmonary micronodules, multiple osseous lesions including the right seventh rib, spine, sacrum, and left iliac wing (Figure 3).
- Clinically staged as IVB (T3N2M1c) primary lung adenocarcinoma.

# Case #2: Work Up Imaging

**Figure 1** Computed tomography (CT) angiography of the chest demonstrates a right upper lobe mass with mediastinal involvement creating superior vena cava (SVC) syndrome along with associated pulmonary embolisms and a large right sided pleural effusion secondary to complete right bronchial tree collapse.



**Figure 3** PET-CT demonstrates innumerable bilateral pulmonary micronodules, multiple osseous lesions including the right seventh rib, spine, sacrum, and left iliac wing.



# Case #2: Molecular Findings

- NeoGenomics genetic testing was negative for EGFR, ALK, and ROS1 while PD-L1 (22C3) testing demonstrated high expression with a tumor proportion score of 90%.
- Ashion GEM ExTra with DNA and RNA sequencing was notable for BRCA2 S497\*, TMB: Low at 4 muts/Mb and MSI: Stable.
- Liquid biopsy utilizing Guardant360 detected BRCA2 S497\* with 51.6% of cfDNA.
- Germline BRCA1/2 analysis with CustomNext-Cancer was positive for the pathogenic mutation BRCA2 S497\* (Table 1).
  - Patient’s Mother (aged 47) and maternal half-brother (aged 21) tested positive for the BRCA2 mutation.

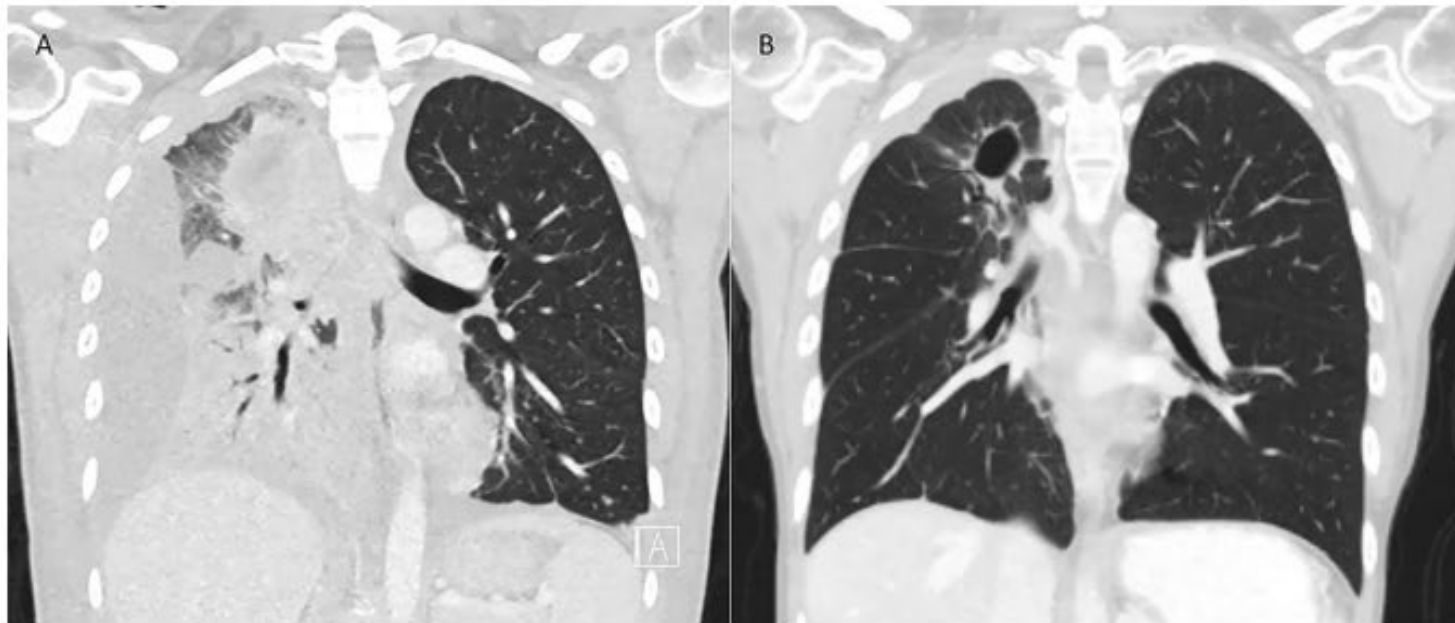
<b>Table 1 The Patient’s Germline Mutation in the BRCA2 Gene</b>								
<b>Gene</b>	<b>Chromosome</b>	<b>HGVS DNA Reference</b>	<b>HGVS Protein Reference</b>	<b>Variant Type</b>	<b>Predicted Effect</b>	<b>dbSNP/dbVar ID</b>	<b>Genotype (Heterogous or Homozygous)</b>	<b>ClinVarID</b>
BRCA2	13	NM_000059.3 (BRCA2): c.1490C>G (p.Ser497Ter)	NP_000050.2: p.Ser497Ter	Nonsense, stop-gain	Premature truncation	nsv4449760	Heterozygous	RCV000774812.3

# Case #2: Treatment

- Received one cycle of inpatient Carboplatin/Pemetrexed.
- Palliative radiation to her right lung and mediastinum with a total dose of 30 Gy delivered in 10 fractions along with WBRT reaching a total dose of 30 Gy over 10 fractions.
- Initiated combination Carboplatin (AUC 5)/Pemetrexed (500 mg/m<sup>2</sup>)/Pembrolizumab (200 mg) every 3 weeks for 5 cycles.
- Olaparib (150 mg, BID) was initiated with Pembrolizumab (200 mg), now every 6 weeks, for maintenance therapy (Figure 2).
- Patient continues therapy and is clinically and radiologically stable.

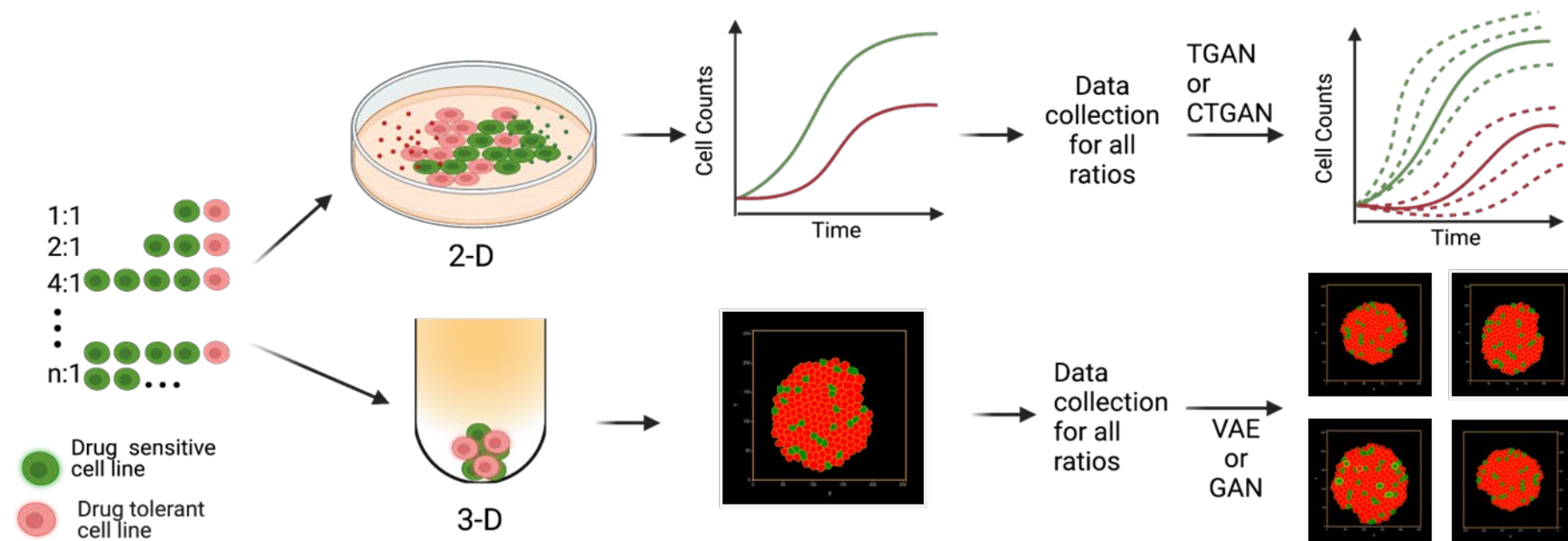
# Case #2: Treatment Response

**Figure 2** High resolution CT of the chest notes significant mediastinal adenopathy, bilateral pleural effusions and diffuse pulmonary nodules with the largest being in the posterior subsegment of the right upper lobe before (A) and after (B) treatment with chemotherapy/immunotherapy and olaparib.



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# AI in Pre-clinical Research: Synthetic Tabular and Image Data Generated Using Deep Learning Algorithms (TGAN/CTGAN, VAE/GAN) Data



TGAN – Tabular Generative Adversarial Networks

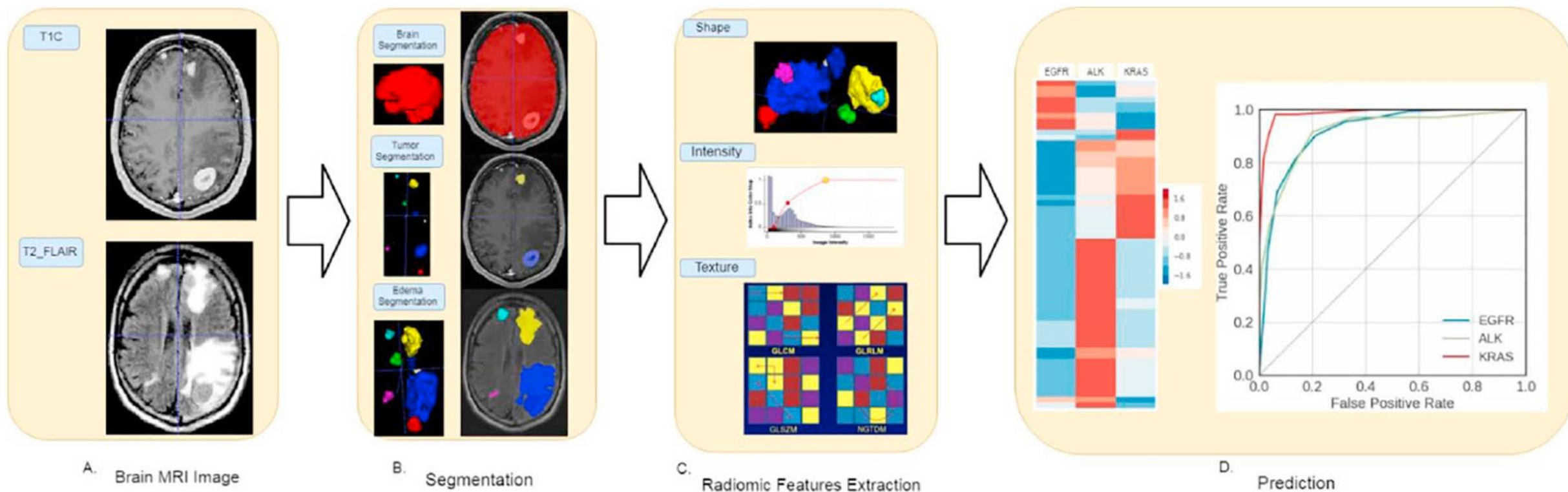
CTGAN – Conditional Tabular Generative Adversarial Networks

VAE - Variational Autoencoders

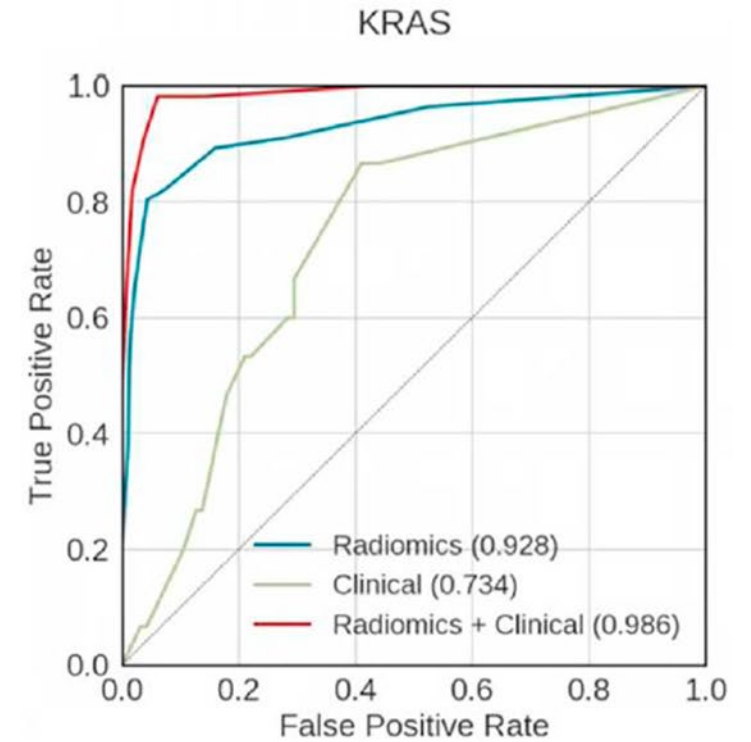
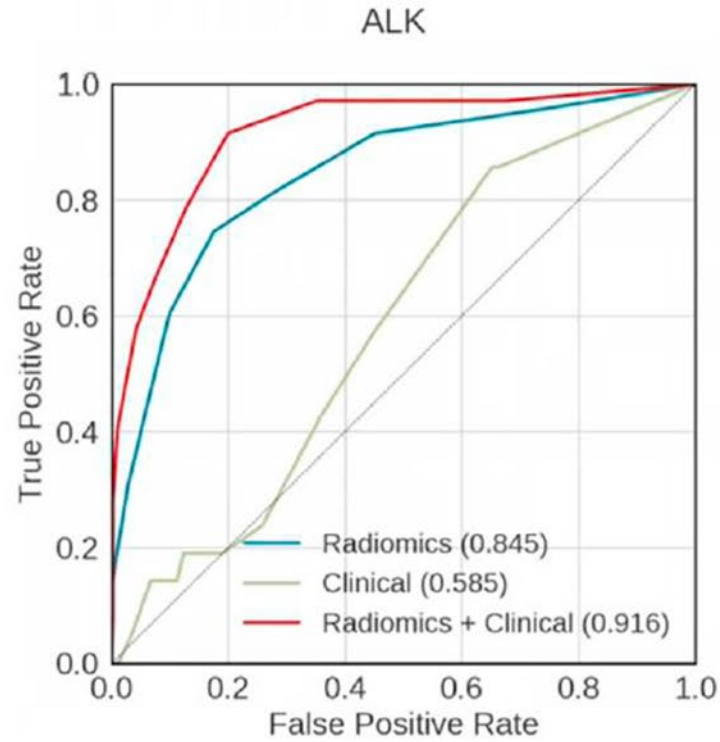
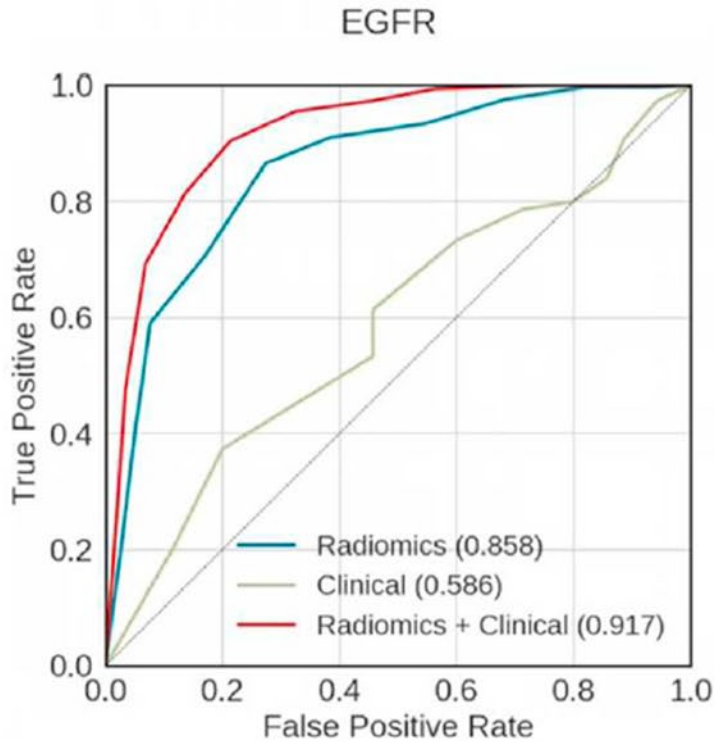
GAN - Generative Adversarial Networks



# AI in Clinical Research: Predicting Mutational Status from MRI AI Models of Brain Metastases



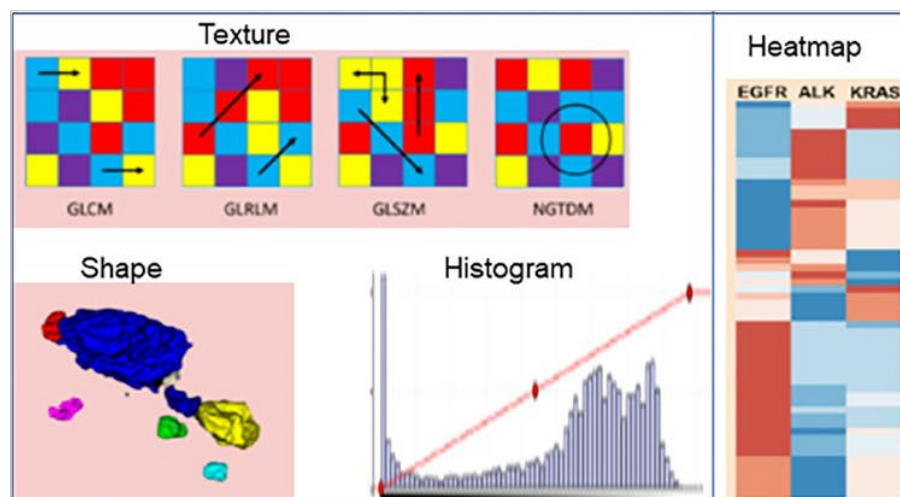
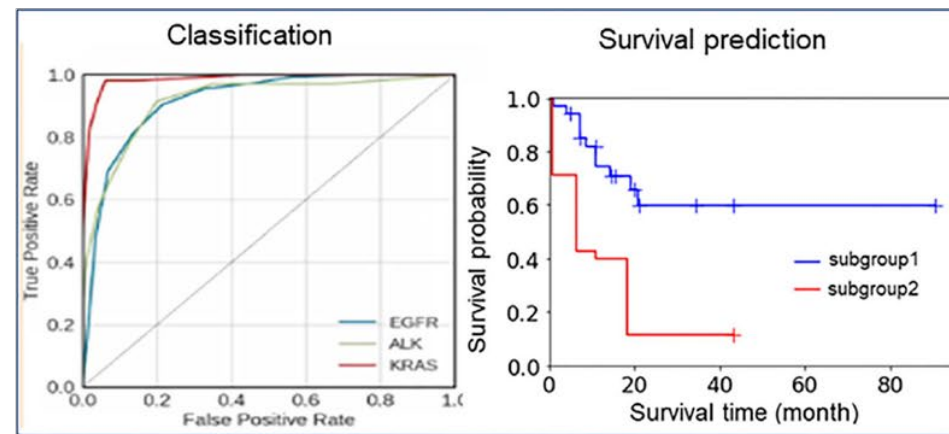
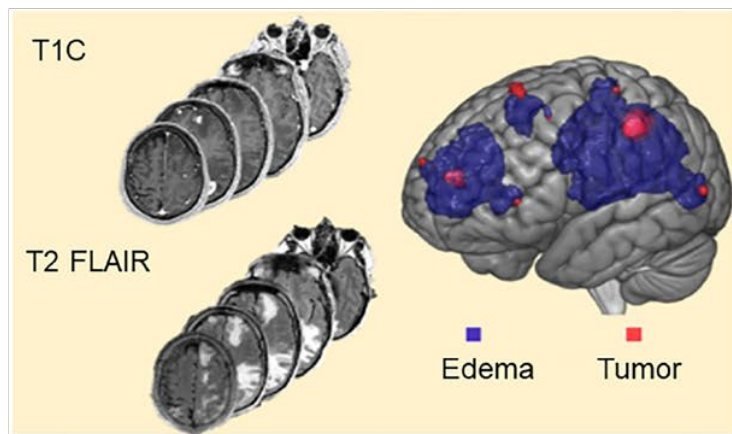
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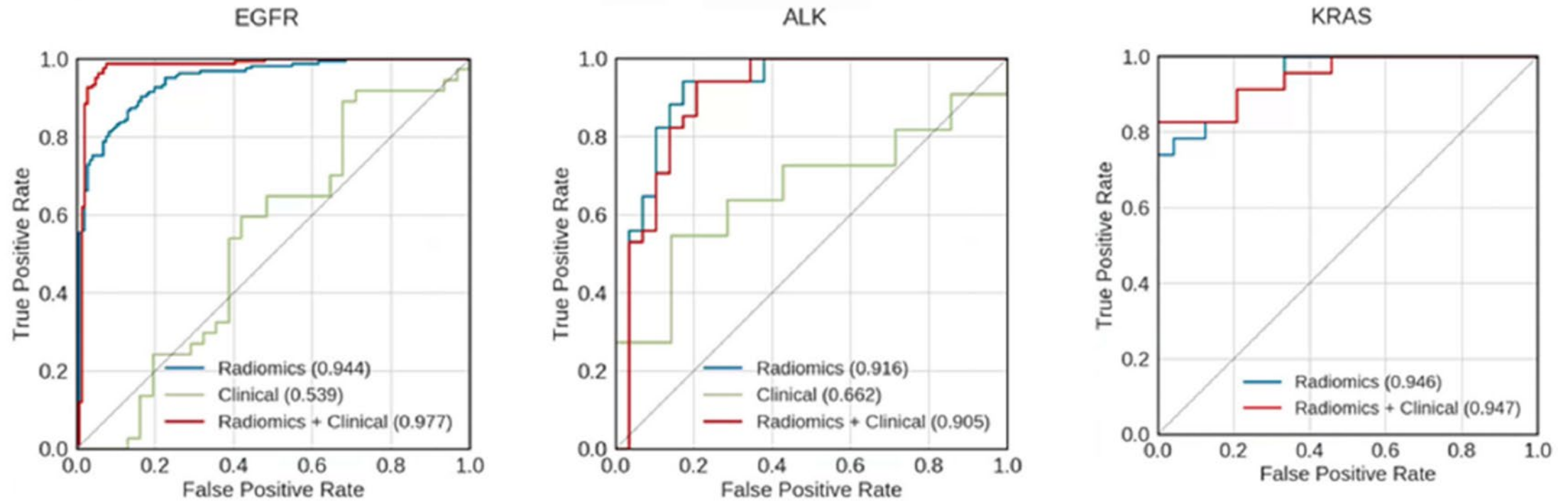
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Schema for brain tumor segmentation, radiomic feature extraction, and predictive modeling



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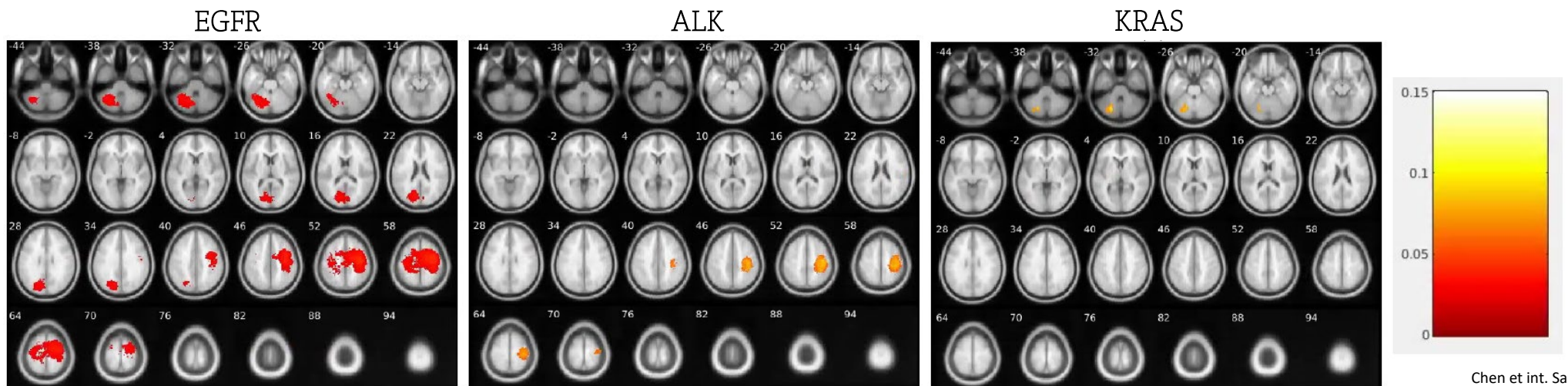
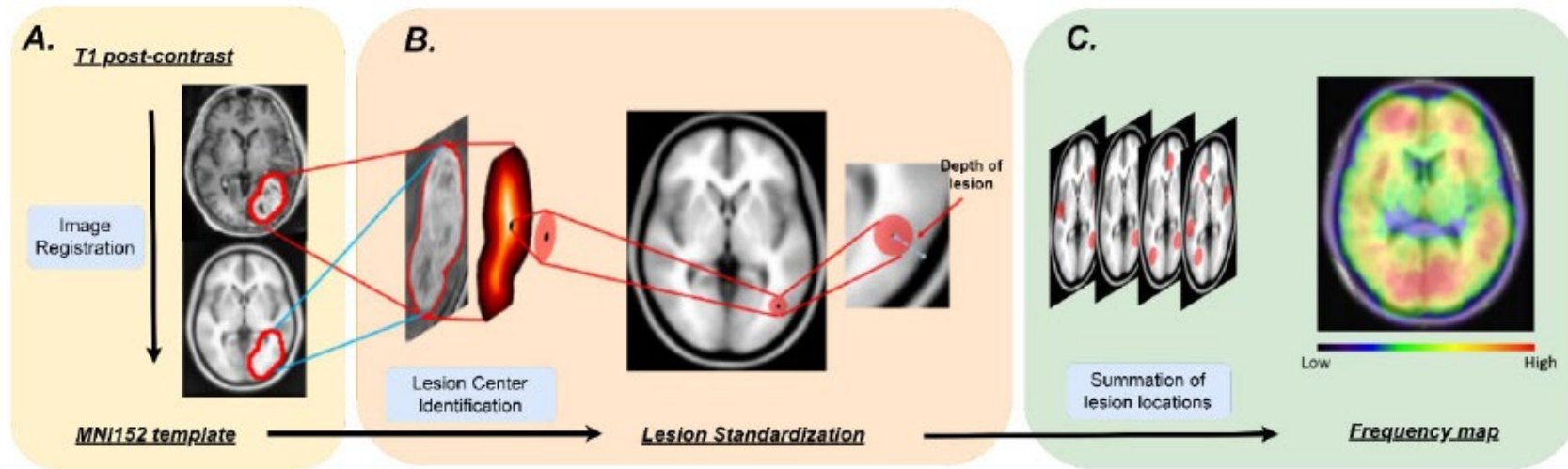
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Mutation	Accuracy	AUC*	Sensitivity	Specificity
EGFR	94.90%	0.977	96.00%	94.00%
ALK	84.10%	0.905	88.00%	81.00%
KRAS	83.00%	0.947	83.00%	83.00%

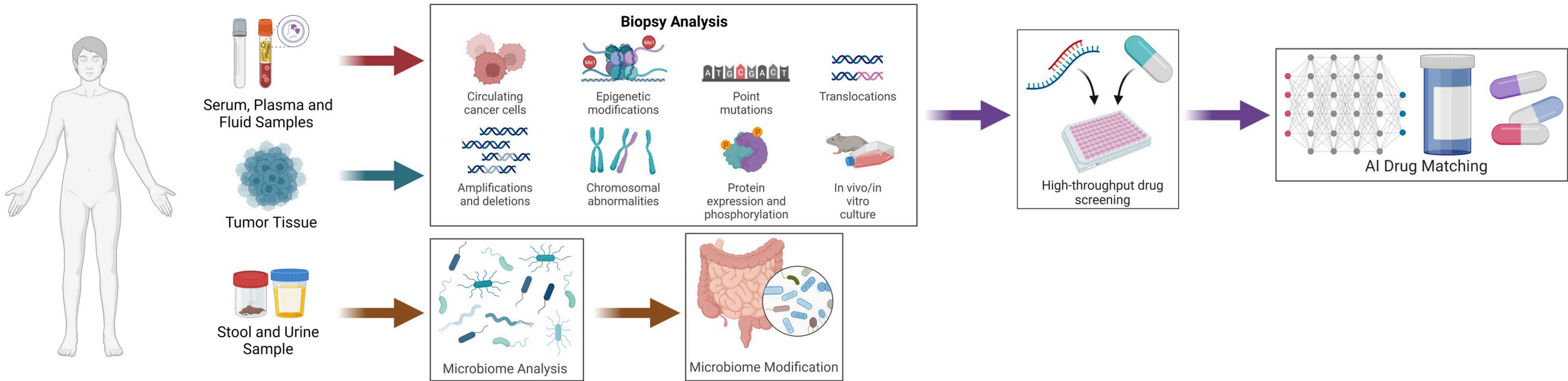
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# Future of Precision Medicine



# Summary

- Next-generation Sequencing is necessary in patient workup and follow up care
- Precision Medicine relies on timely access to NGS testing and appropriate therapeutic initiation if available
- Genomic and Germline alterations have uncovered therapeutic options for more and more patients
- Artificial intelligence can enhance our understanding of Precision Medicine and clinical decision making
- More therapeutic research and breakthroughs necessary to achieve Personalized Medicine

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