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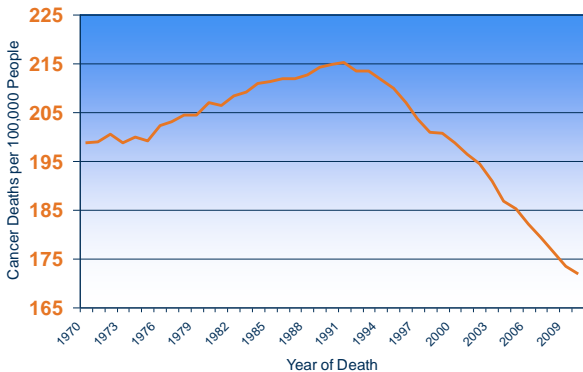
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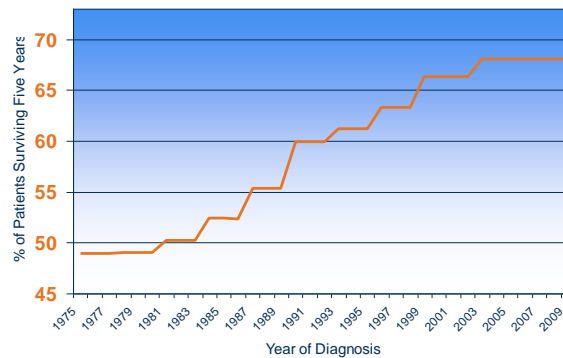
The Expanding Financial Burden of Cancer



Mortality*



Five-Year Survival*



Cancer is a **leading cause of morbidity and mortality** worldwide.

Cancer also accounts for a **substantial proportion of health-care expenditures** as well as productivity losses due to morbidity and premature death

Because incidence increases with age for most cancer sites, and **populations are aging** in most developed countries, **prevalence is expected to increase** appreciably in the future.

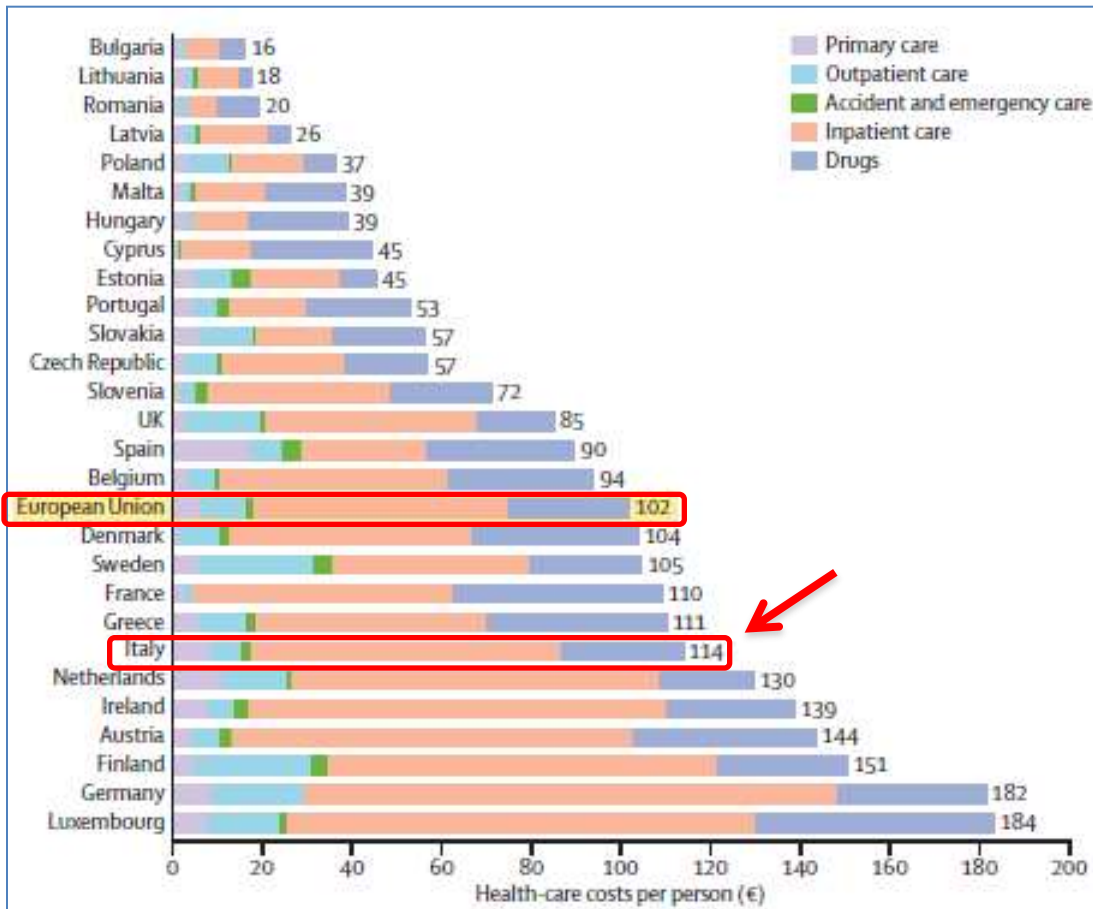
Additionally, ongoing improvements in early detection and use of effective treatments are associated with **improved survival** following diagnosis, also increasing cancer prevalence.

As a result of these trends, **related medical expenditures and costs** associated with morbidity and premature mortality **are expected to be even larger in the future.**

Moreover, health-care delivery trends, in particular the **increasing use of expensive new chemotherapy drugs** are projected to be associated with increased costs of cancer care in the future.

		United States	United Kingdom	Canada	Italy	France	OECD average for 34 countries
Cancer statistics†	Cancer incidence rates per 100 000 (2008)	300.2	269.4	296.6	274.3	300.4	260.9
	Colorectal cancer, 5-year relative survival rate (2004–2009 or available years)	64.5	53.3	63.4		57.0	59.9†
	Cancer mortality rates per 100 000 (2009 or nearest year)						
	Females	130	141	143	117	111	124
	Males	185	199	205	212	221	208
Health services utilization (2010 or nearest year)	Average length of hospital stay in days	4.9	7.7	7.7	6.7	5.7	7.1
	Average annual number of physician visits per capita	3.9	5.0	5.5	—	6.9	6.4
	Cervical cancer screening in women aged 20–69, %	85.9‡	78.7‡	75.3‡	39.0‡	72.4‡	61.1‡
	MRI exams per 1000 persons	97.7	40.8	46.7	—	60.2	46.3
	CT exams per 1000 persons	265	76.4	126.9	—	145.4	123.8
Overall health-care spending# (2010 or nearest year)	Health-care spending per capita	\$8233	\$3433	\$4445	\$2964	\$3974	\$3265
	Out-of-pocket health-care spending per capita	\$970	\$306	\$631	\$528	\$290	\$558
	% public expenditure on health	48.2%	83.2%	71.1%	79.6%	77.0%	72.2%

Economic burden of cancer across the EU



Cancer cost the EU €126 billion in 2009, with health care accounting for €51.0 billion (40%).

Across the EU, the health-care costs of cancer were equivalent to **€102 per citizen**, but varied substantially between countries.

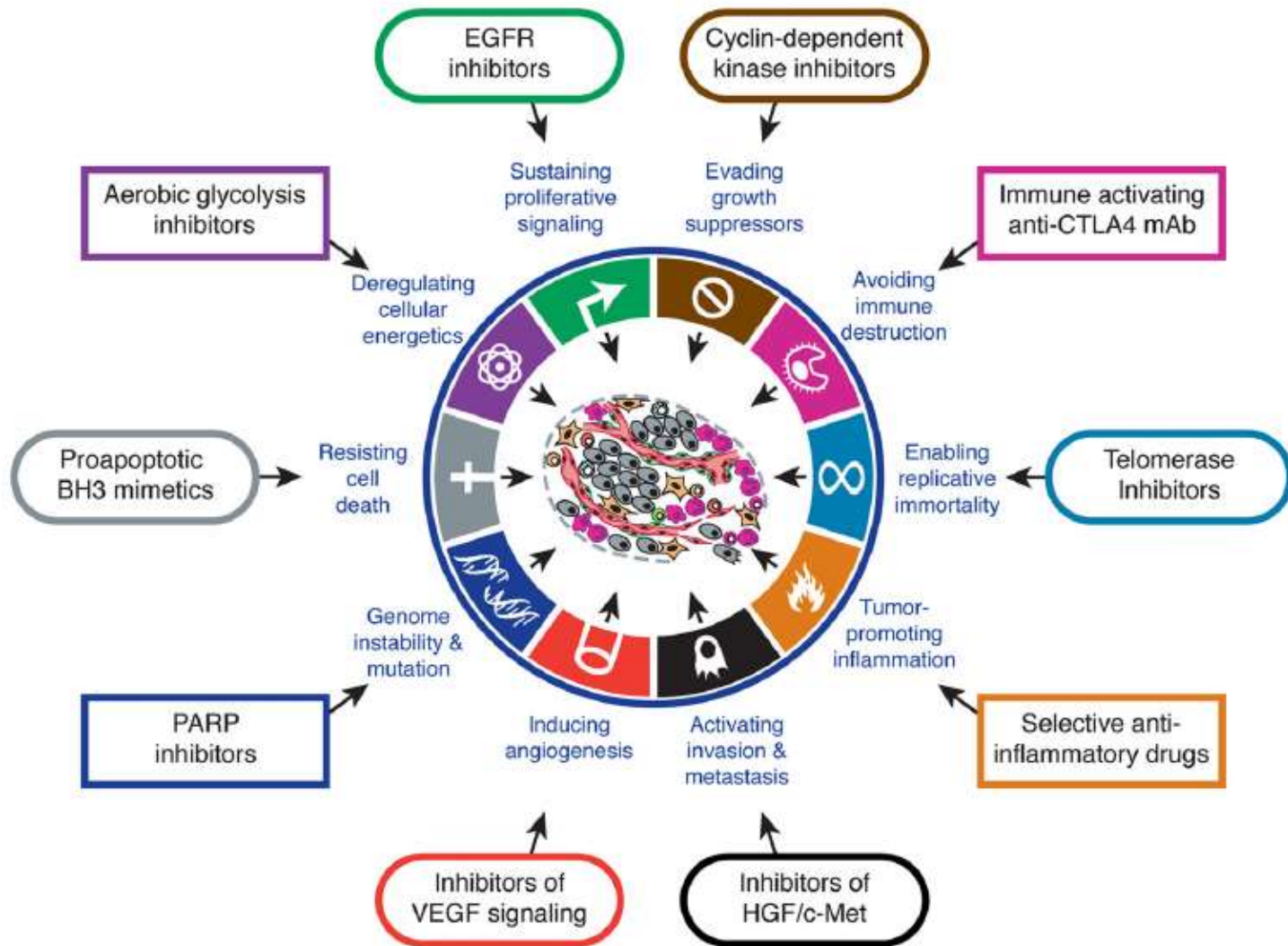
Productivity losses because of early death cost €42.6 billion and lost working days €9.43 billion.

Lung cancer had the highest economic cost (€18.8 billion, 15% of overall cancer costs), **followed by breast cancer** (€15.0 billion, 12%), **colorectal cancer** (€13.1 billion, 10%), and **prostate cancer** (€8.43 billion, 7%).

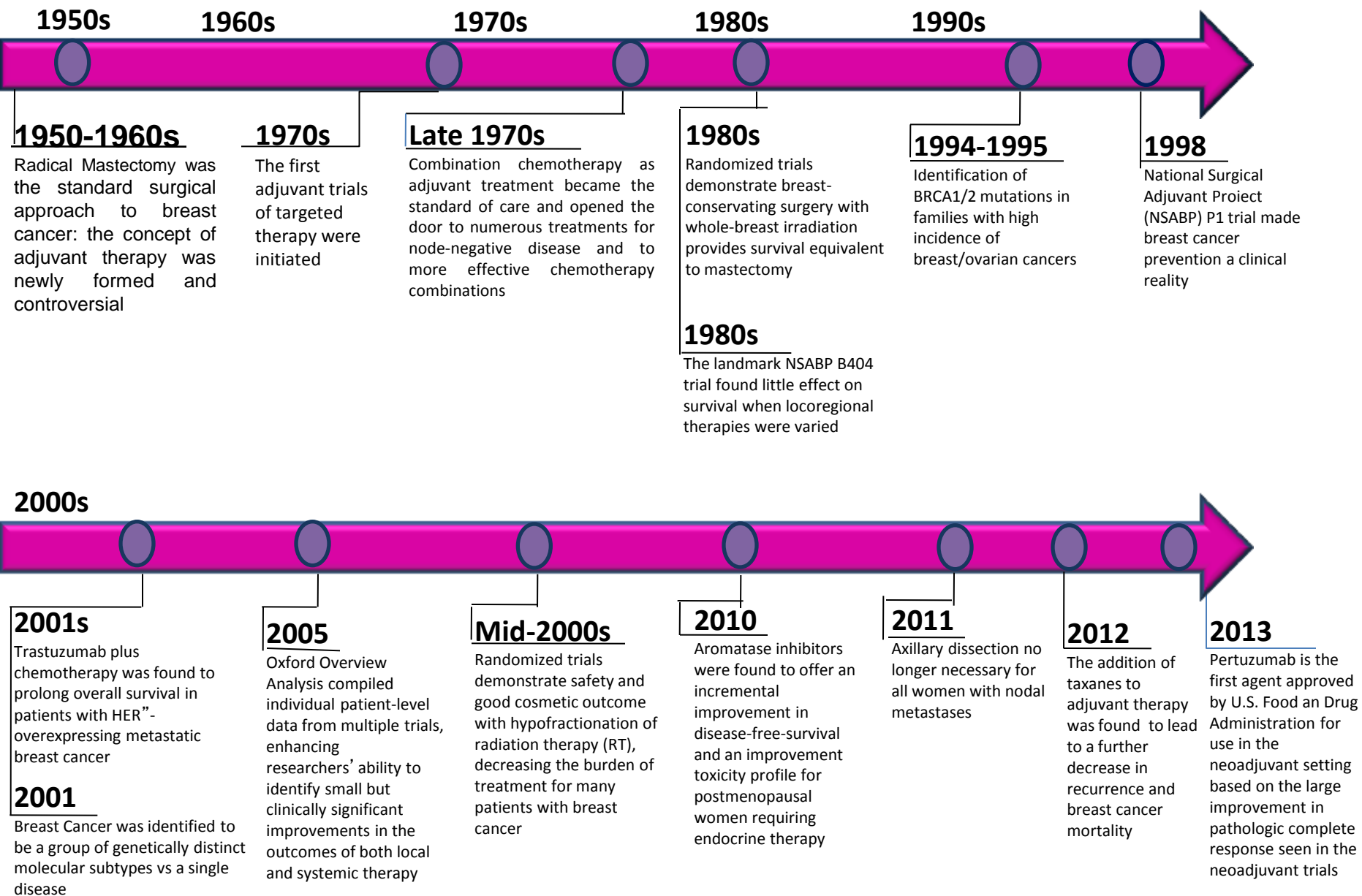
Fighting Disparities in Cancer Health Care in Europe: The European Cancer Patient's Bill of Rights

- ✓ A group of European oncology leaders have formed a partnership with cancer patients and their representatives: the **European Cancer Concord (ECC)**, a **unique patient-centered partnership** that will act as a catalyst to achieve improved access to an optimal standard of cancer care and research for European citizens
- ✓ **The ECC has created a European Cancer Patient's Bill of Rights**, a charter to challenge the current **inequalities that cancer patients in Europe experience** on a daily basis
- ✓ This bill of rights **defines fundamental pan-European quality standards for provision of information, access and delivery of cancer care and research to European citizens**
- ✓ **On 4th February, 2014 the ECC** launched the European Cancer Patient's Bill of Rights to coincide with World Cancer Day, in the European Parliament in Strasbourg:
 - ✓ **Article 1:** *The right of every European citizen to receive the most accurate information and to be proactively involved in his/her care*
 - ✓ **Article 2:** *The right of every European citizen to optimal and timely access to appropriate specialised care, underpinned by research and innovation*
 - ✓ **Article 3:** *The right of every European citizen to receive care in health systems that ensure improved outcomes, patient rehabilitation, best quality of life and affordable healthcare*

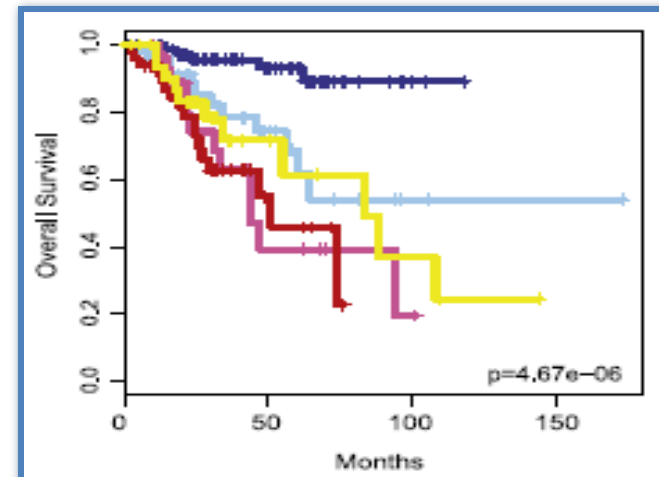
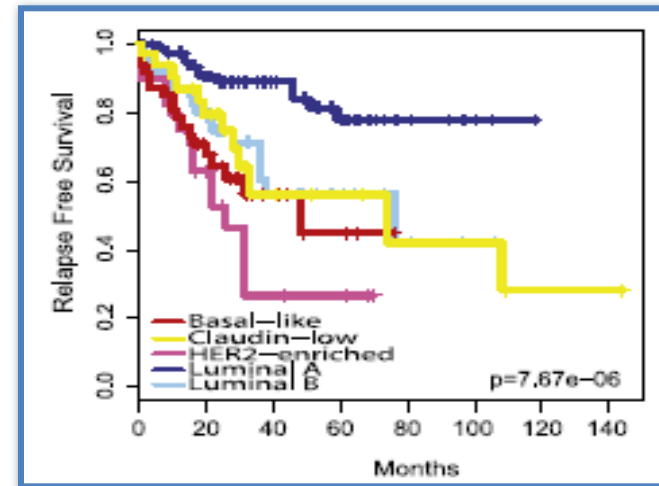
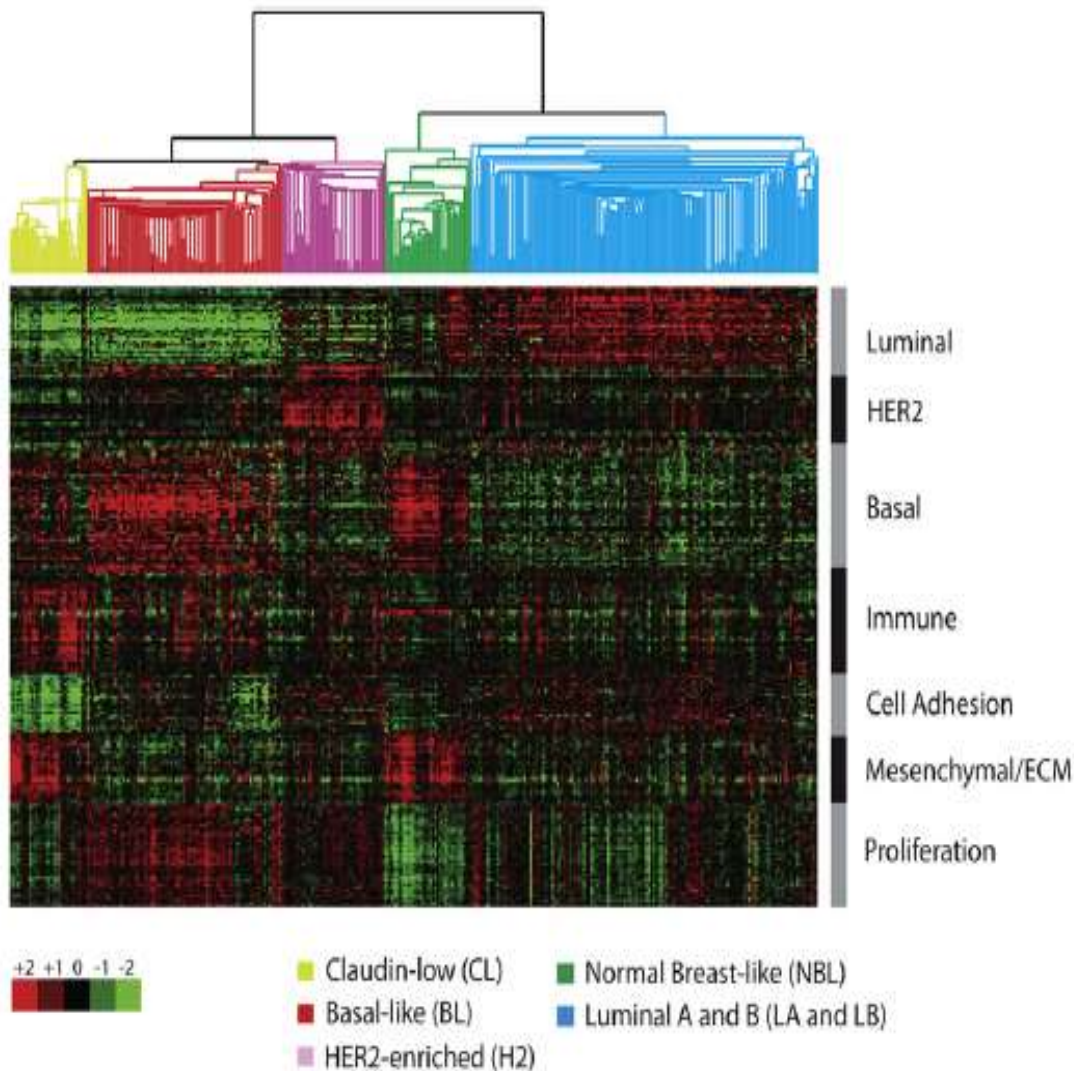
TARGETED THERAPIES & PERSONALIZED MEDICINE



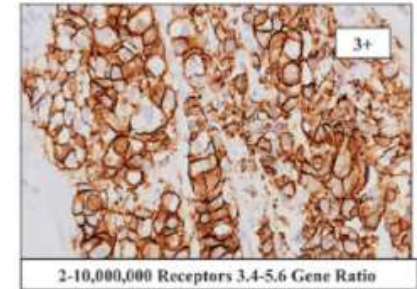
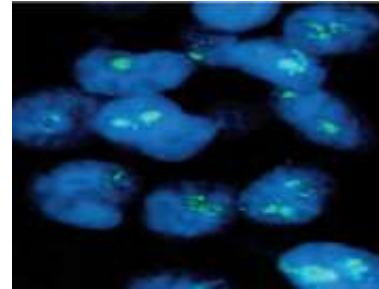
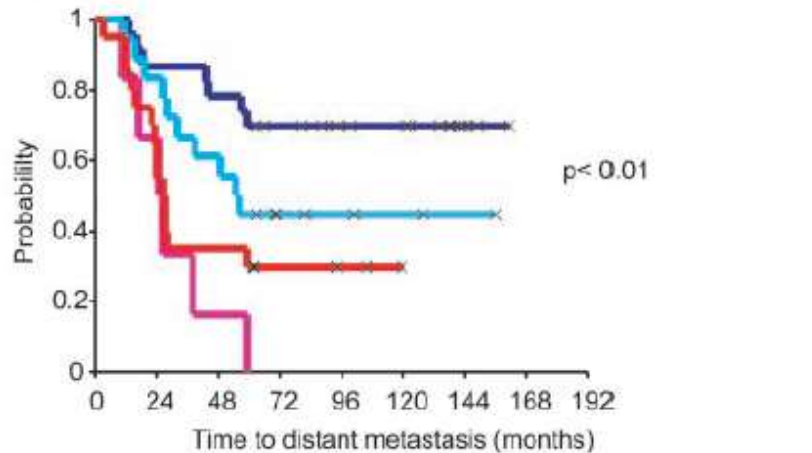
PROGRESS IN BREAST CANCER RESEARCH



BREAST CANCER MOLECULAR SUBTYPES: OUTCOME & THERAPEUTIC IMPLICATIONS

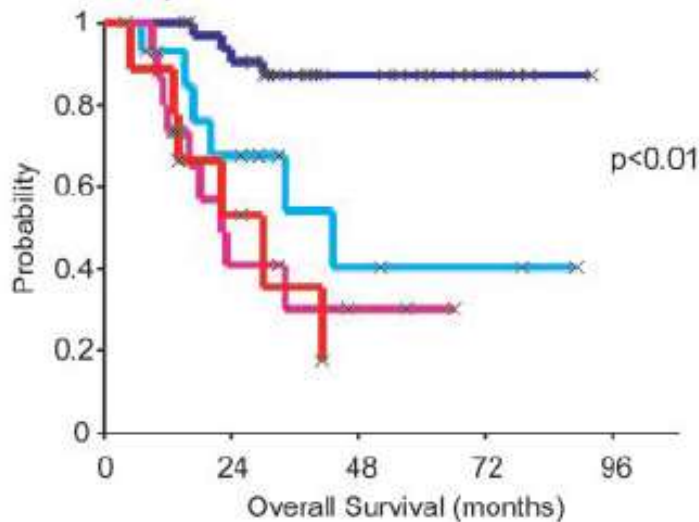


HER2 POSITIVE BREAST CANCER

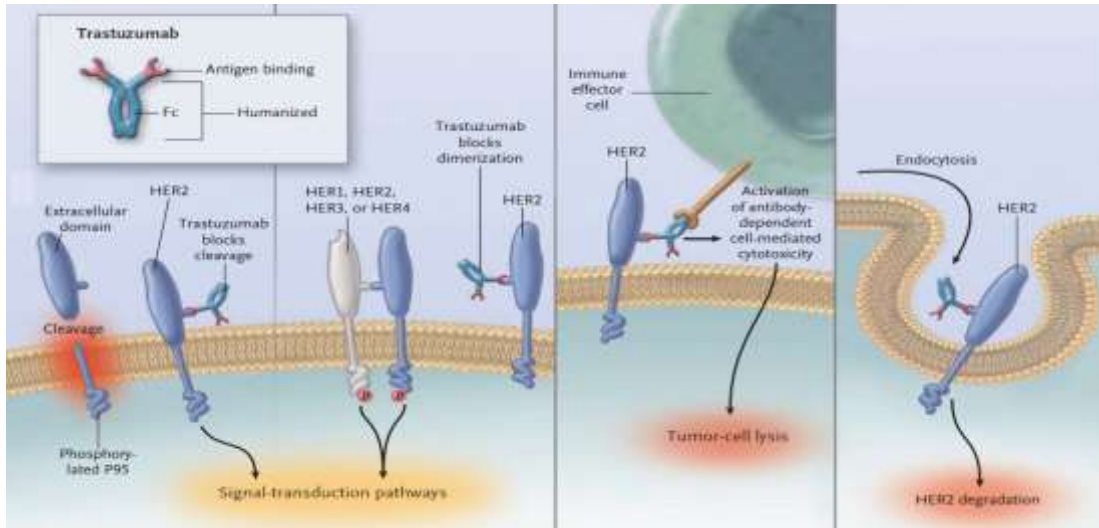


Amplification of the *HER2* gene and/ or overexpression at the messenger RNA or protein level occurs in about 20% of patients with early stage breast cancer

Before the advent of HER2-directed therapies, **this increased level of HER2 was associated with high recurrence rates and increased mortality in patients with node-positive and node-negative disease**



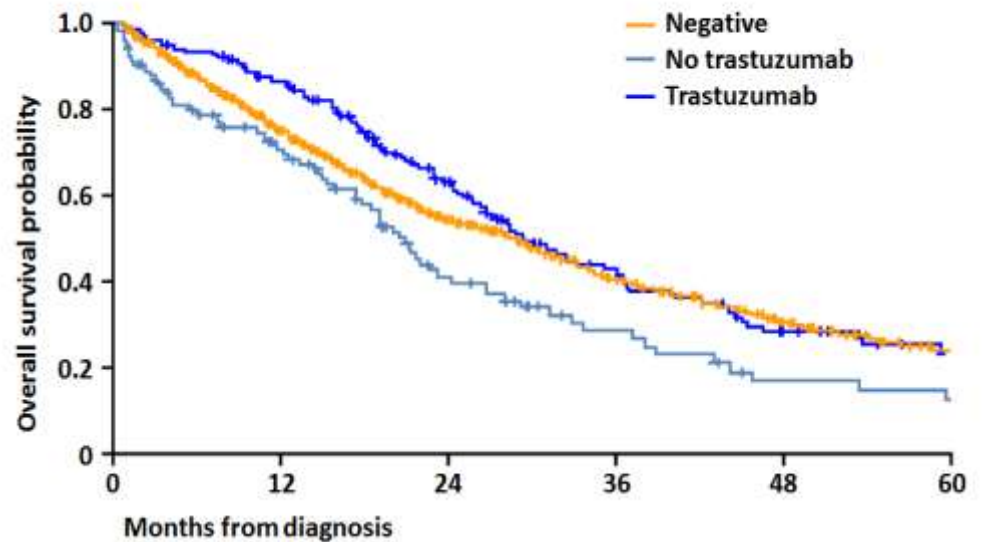
TRASTUZUMAB



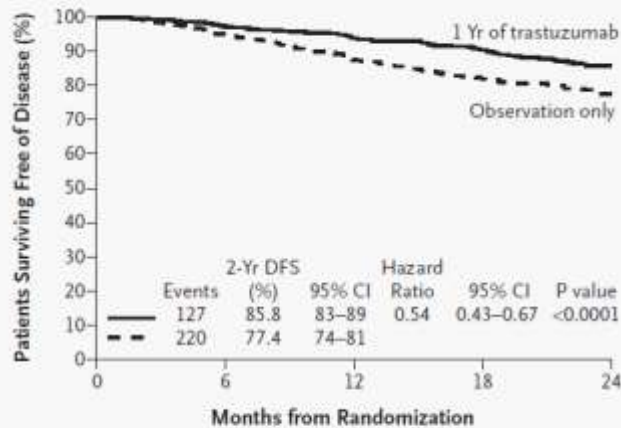
Hudis CA. N Engl J Med 2007

Trastuzumab overcomes the unfavourable prognostic value of HER2 overexpression

Dawood S, et al. J Clin Oncol 2008



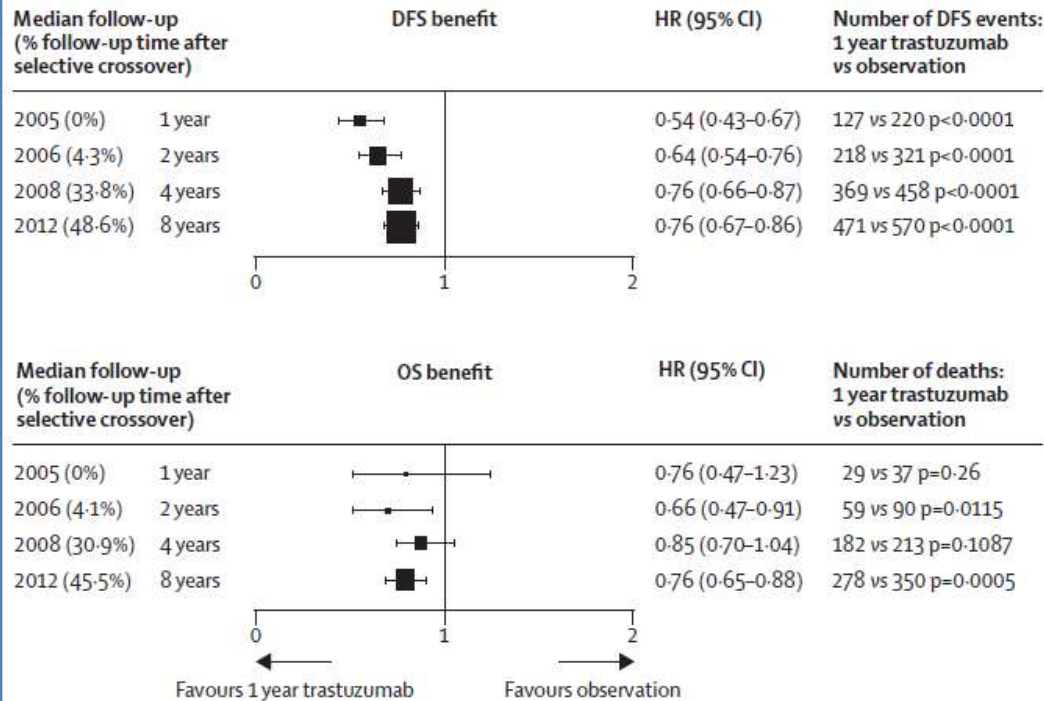
Adjuvant Trastuzumab in HER2-Positive BC: the HERA trial



	Events	2-Yr DFS (%)	95% CI	Hazard Ratio	95% CI	P value
1 Yr of trastuzumab	127	85.8	83-89	0.54	0.43-0.67	<0.0001
Observation only	220	77.4	74-81			

No. at Risk	1 Yr of trastuzumab	Observation only
0	1694	1693
6	1172	1108
12	885	767
18	532	445
24	268	224

Patients with HER2-positive early breast cancer given adjuvant trastuzumab have shown **substantial improvements in DFS and OS outcomes** compared with those given no trastuzumab; this benefit still continues even after 8 years



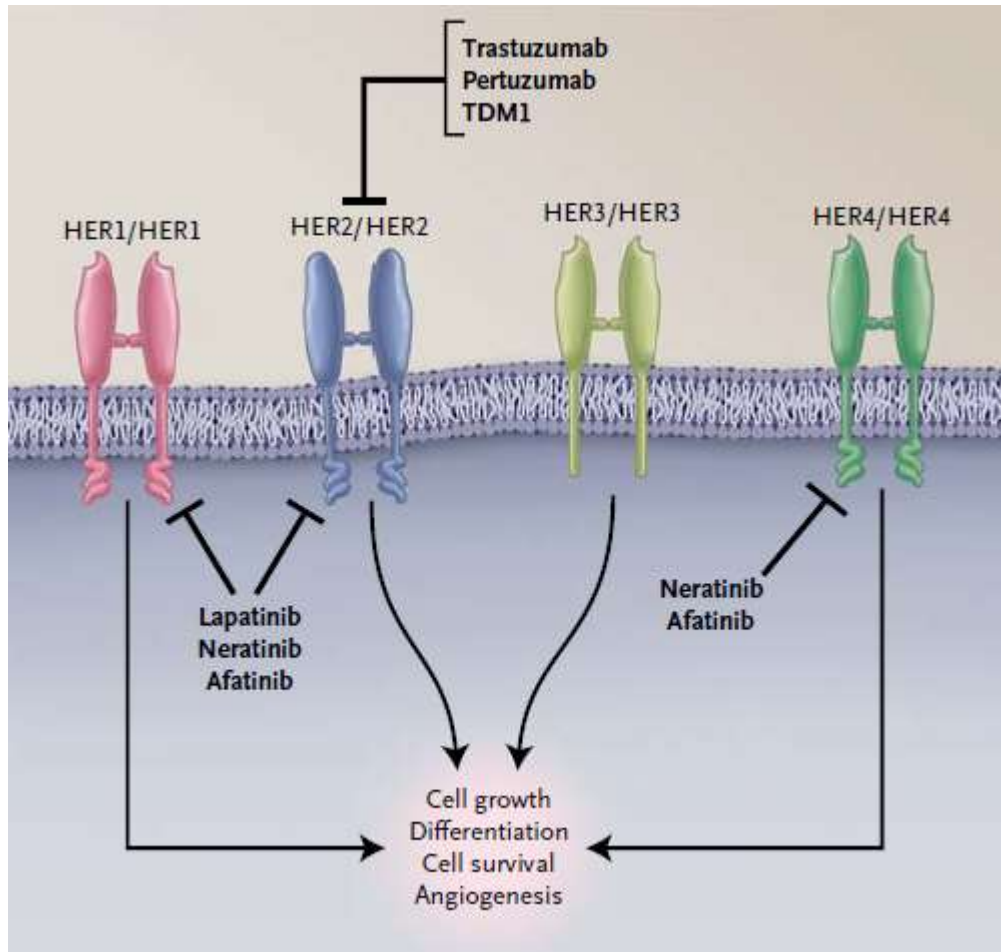
On the basis of the results of HERA and several other trials, including NSABP B-31, NCCTG N9831 and BCIRG 006 **1 year of adjuvant trastuzumab in combination with, or sequential to, chemotherapy was established as the standard treatment for patients with HER2-positive early breast cancer**

The introduction of the HER2-targeting agent **trastuzumab in combination with chemotherapy has changed the natural history of patients with this subtype** in the adjuvant and metastatic setting

Adjuvant Trastuzumab in EBC provides benefit but...is it cost-effective?

- ✓ Adding trastuzumab to adjuvant chemotherapy provides significant clinical benefit in patients with HER2-positive breast cancer.
- ✓ A cost-effectiveness analysis was performed to assess clinical and economic implications of adding trastuzumab to adjuvant chemotherapy.
- ✓ In cost-effectiveness analysis the costs and effects of two or more interventions are compared.
- ✓ Effects are expressed in nonmonetary units, such as life years (LYs) gained or quality-adjusted life years (QALYs) gained.
- ✓ Over a lifetime, the projected cost of trastuzumab per quality-adjusted life year (QALY) gained was **\$26,417** and, during a 20-year horizon, of \$34,201 per QALY gained.
- ✓ The results of this analysis showed that **Trastuzumab for adjuvant treatment of EBC was projected to be cost effective over a lifetime horizon, achieving a cost-effectiveness ratio below that of many widely accepted oncology treatments.**

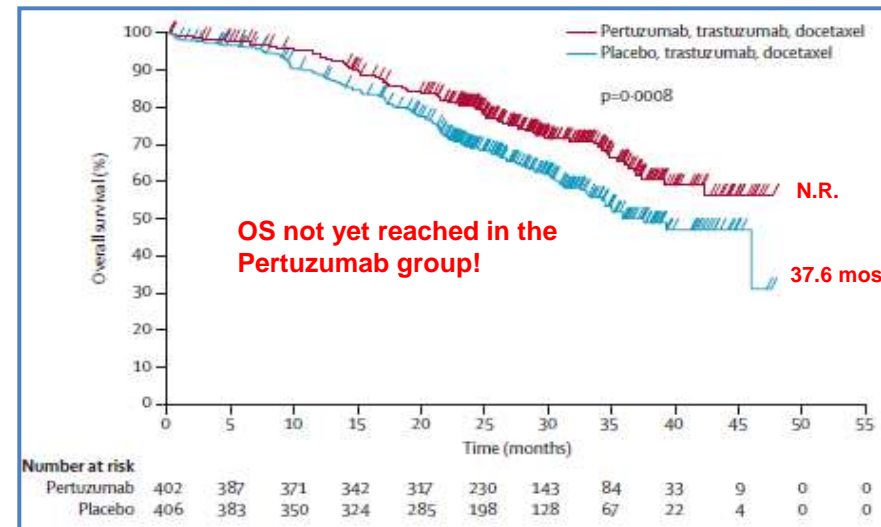
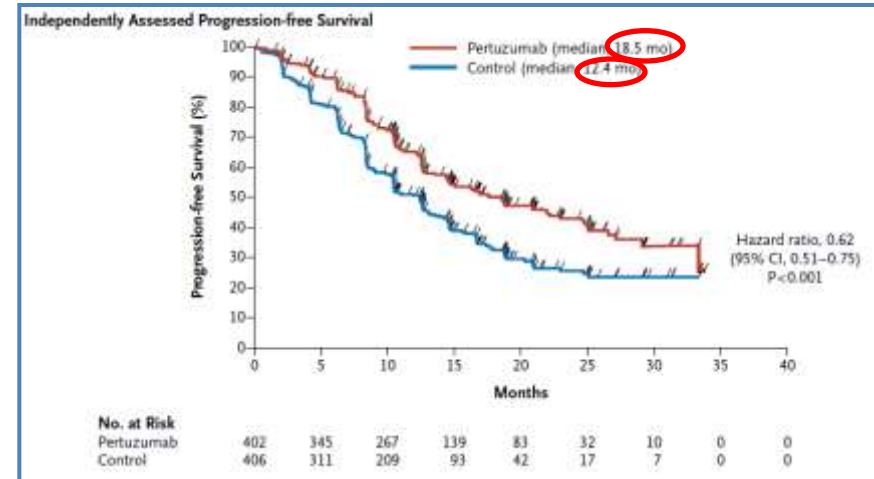
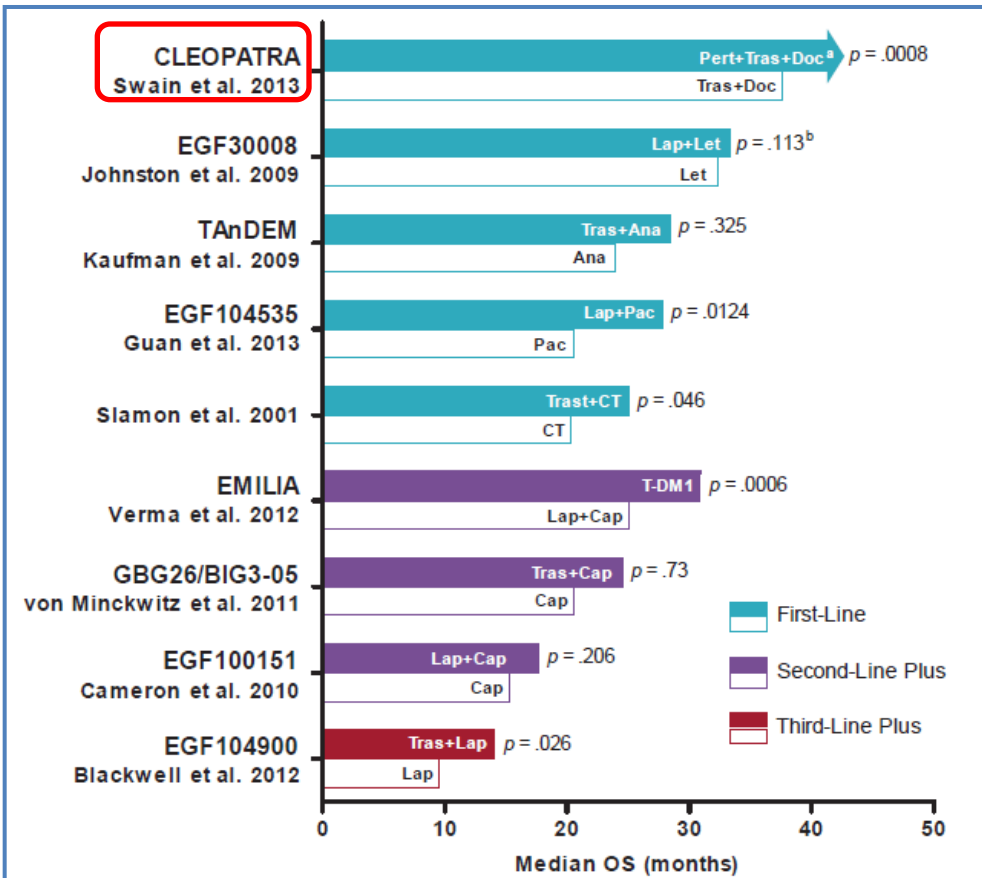
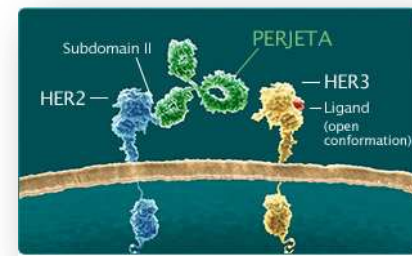
Dual Targeting: a novel therapeutic paradigm in HER-2 positive mBC



A more complete blockage of the HER2 and/or the HER signaling pathway by combining two or three inhibitors with non-overlapping mechanisms of action improves cell death and tumor shrinkage in HER2-positive models.

These preclinical findings have now been confirmed in the clinical setting with the combination of Trastuzumab + Lapatinib in heavily pretreated patients (EGF 104900 trial) and in the first line setting with the combination Trastuzumab-Pertuzumab-Docetaxel (CLEOPATRA trial).

Pertuzumab in HER2+ advanced BC





REIMBURSEMENT ISSUES IN SICILY



Art. 1.

Classificazione ai fini della rimborsabilità

Il medicinale PERJETA (pertuzumab) nella confezione sotto indicata è classificato come segue:

Confezione: 420 mg – concentrato per soluzione per infusione – uso endovenoso – flaconcino (vetro) – 30 mg/ml – 1 flaconcino - AIC n. 042682017/E (in base 10) 18QKP1 (in base 32)

Classe di rimborsabilità: H.

Prezzo ex factory (IVA esclusa): € 3.037,82.

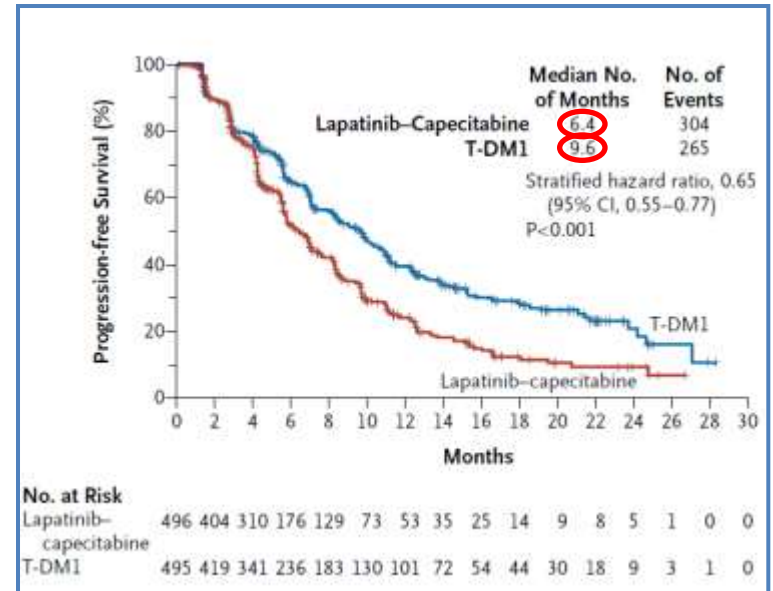
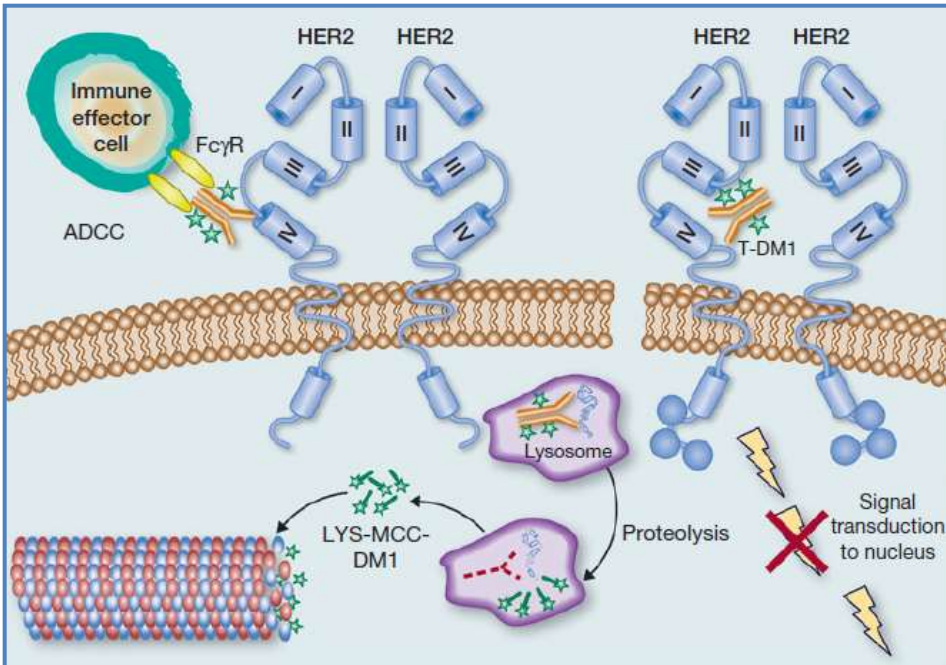
Prezzo al pubblico (IVA inclusa): € 5.013,62.

Validità del contratto: 24 mesi.

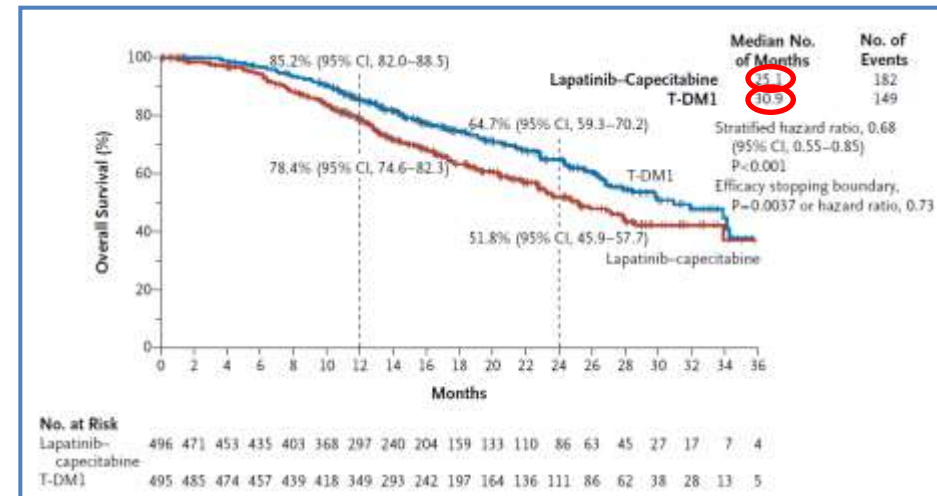
Innovazione terapeutica.



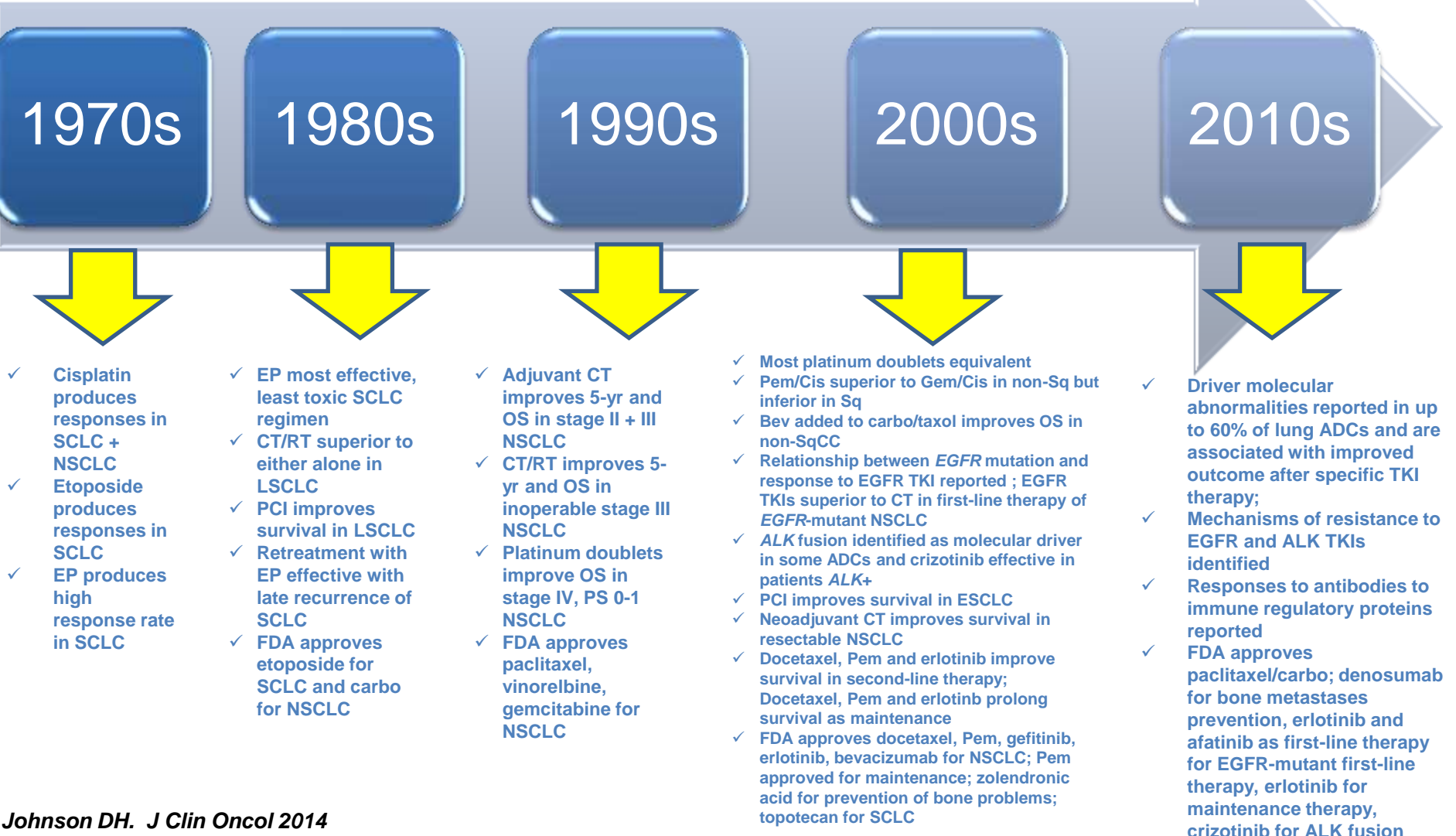
Trastuzumab Emtansine (T-DM1): A Novel Antibody–Drug Conjugate for HER2-Positive Breast Cancer



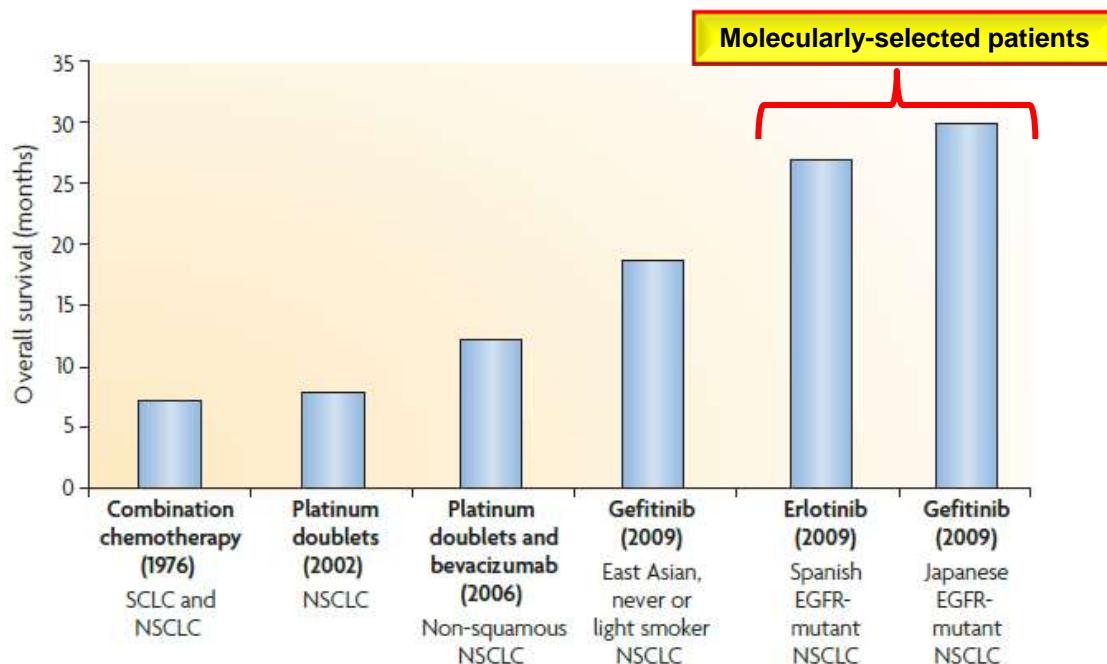
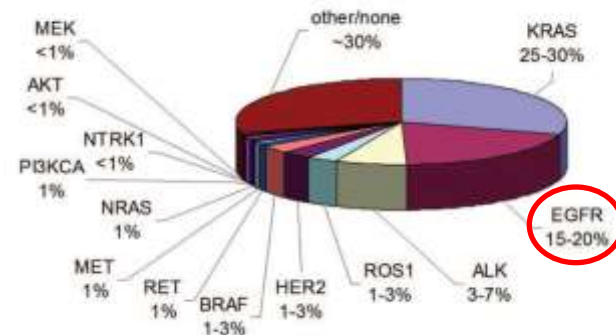
“In this phase 3 study, the antibody–drug conjugate T-DM1, as compared with lapatinib plus capecitabine, significantly improved progression-free and overall survival among patients with HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer who had previously received trastuzumab and a taxane. The benefit was observed regardless of the line of therapy in patients with metastatic disease and was seen in patients with a disease-free interval of less than 6 months after completion of trastuzumab-based therapy in the adjuvant or neoadjuvant setting”.



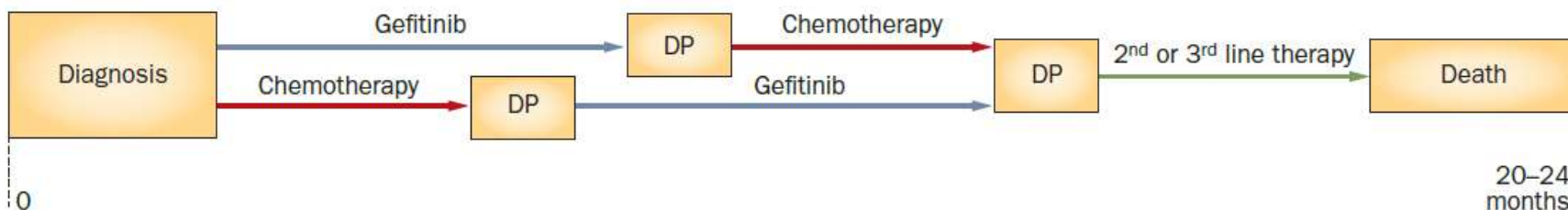
Therapeutic Advances in Lung Cancer Management



Progresses in the treatment of advanced NSCLC: the EGFR story



- ✓ Driver oncogenes are important therapeutic targets in NSCLC and an increasing number of molecular subsets of NSCLC are being defined.
- ✓ EGFR and ALK are the most common driver oncogenes that have FDA-approved targeted therapeutic options with high rates of durable response.
- ✓ EGFR- and ALK-targeted therapies serve as models for ongoing development of targeted therapeutics against multiple newly defined molecular subsets of NSCLC.



Superiority of EGFR TKIs over chemotherapy in EGFR-mutated NSCLC

Clinically selected

Trial	Selection criteria	Treatment	N	RR (%)	PFS (mo)	OS (mo)	Ref
IPASS	East-Asian, light/non-smoker, adenocarcinoma	Gefitinib	132	71.2	9.6	21.6	Mok TS, et al. NEJM 2009
		vs. Carboplatin/Paclitaxel	129	47.3	6.3	21.9	
First-SIGNAL	Korean, non-smoker, adenocarcinoma	Gefitinib	26	84.6	8.0	27.2	Han JY, et al. JCO 2012
		vs. Cisplatin/Gemcitabine	16	37.5	6.3	25.6	
WJTOG 3405	Japanese, EGFR mutation	Gefitinib	86	62.1	9.2	35.5	Mitsudomi T, et al. Lancet Oncol 2010
		vs. Cisplatin/Docetaxel	86	32.1	6.3	38.8	
NEJ 002	Japanese, EGFR mutation	Gefitinib	114	73.7	10.8	27.7	Maemondo M, et al. NEJM 2010
		vs. Carboplatin/Paclitaxel	114	30.7	5.4	26.6	
OPTIMAL	Chinese, EGFR mutation	Erlotinib	82	83	13.1	Not yet mature	Zhou C, et al. Lancet Oncol 2011
		vs. Carboplatin/Gemcitabine	72	36	4.6		
EURTAC	European, EGFR mutation	Erlotinib	86	58	9.7	19.3	Rosell R, et al. Lancet Oncol 2012
		vs. Platinum agent + Gemcitabine or Docetaxel	87	15	5.2	19.5	
LUX-Lung 3	Asian and European, EGFR mutation	Afatinib	230	56.1	11.1	27.3	Sequist LV, et al. JCO 2013
		vs. Cisplatin/Pemetrexed	115	22.6	6.9		
LUX-Lung 6	Asian, EGFR mutation	Afatinib	242	66.9	11.0	Vs 24.3	Wu YL, et al. Lancet Oncol 2014
		vs. Cisplatin/Gemcitabine	122	23.0	5.6		

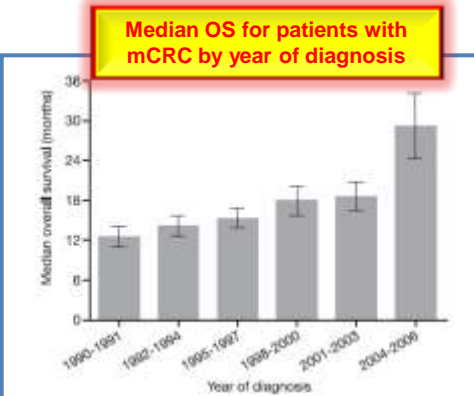
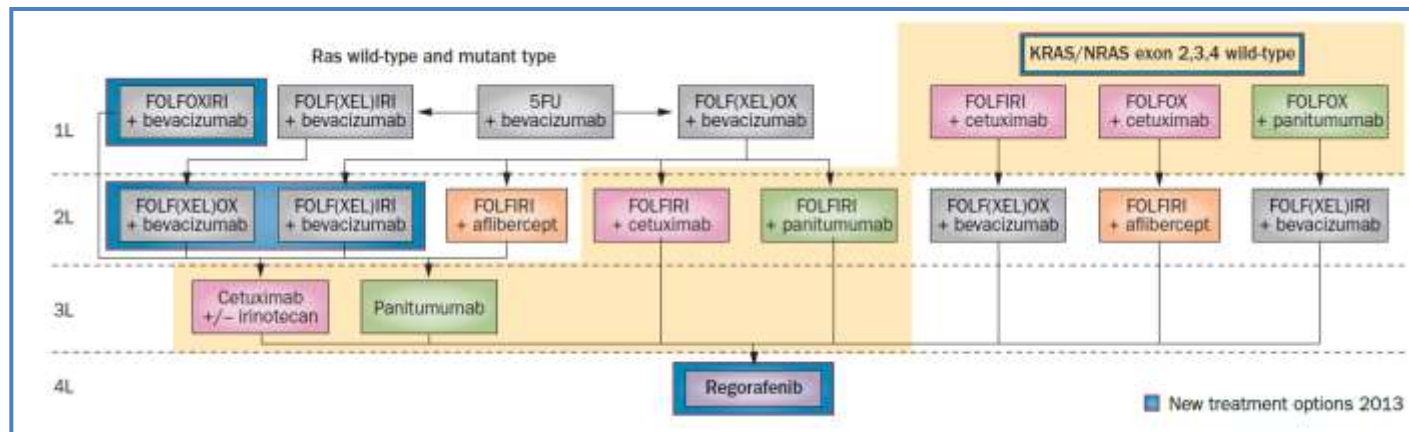
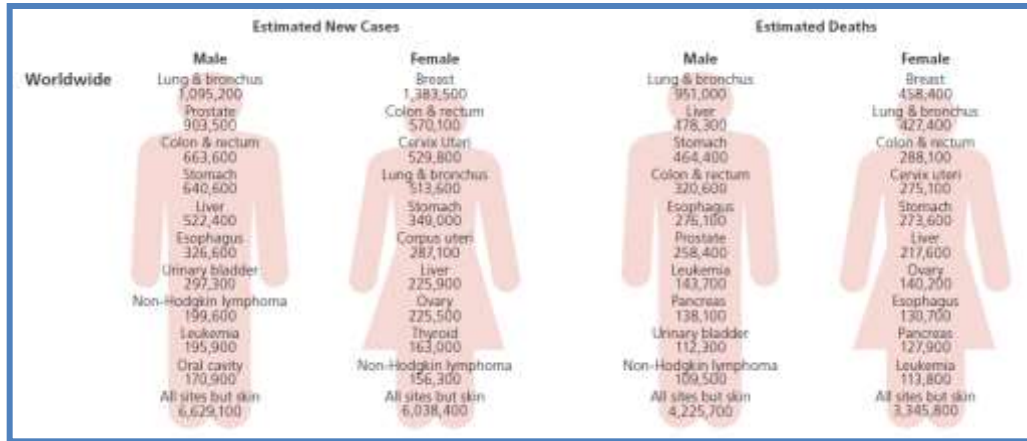
The "*Lazarus Response*"



- Quality of life (QoL) studies reported a prevalence of poor performance status (PS; 2 to 4) among lung cancer patients between 34-48%.
- Unfortunately, there is no standard therapy in advanced NSCLC patients with very poor performance status (PS 3 to 4).
- Median survival (MS) without therapy, which is the norm, is typically fewer than 2-3 months in such individuals, whether the compromise in PS is due to disease burden or comorbidity.
- However, treatment with EGFR TKIs of patients with very poor PS (ECOG PS 3-4) with metastatic NSCLC, chemotherapy-naïve, harboring activating mutations of the EGFR have been associated with a median survival of ~18 months and a consistent improvement of performance status ("*Lazarus response*")
- Therefore, treatment with EGFR TKIs, may lead to treatment of patients with a very poor prognosis otherwise destined to exclusive palliative therapies

Medical treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC) in 2014

- ✓ Colorectal cancer is the **third most common cancer** and the **fourth most common cancer cause of death globally**, accounting for roughly 1.2 million new cases and 600 000 deaths per year.
- ✓ The **prognosis of patients with colorectal cancer has slowly but steadily improved during the past decades** in many countries. 5-year relative survival has reached almost 65% in high-income countries.
- ✓ The **medical treatment of mCRC has advanced significantly over the last 10 years** as the result of the introduction of several active cytotoxic and biologic agents into standard clinical practice

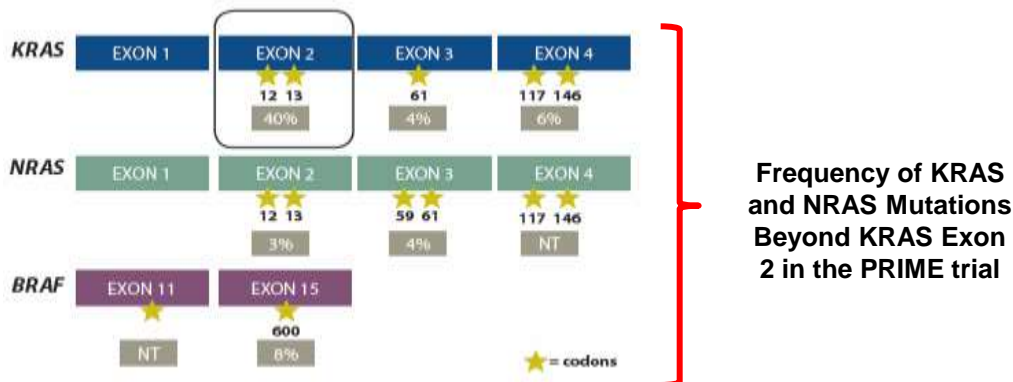


Molecular predictors to anti-EGFR mAbs

Cetuximab and Panitumumab in mCRC

BIOMARKER	INCIDENCE	PROGNOSTIC VALUE	PREDICTIVE VALUE
B-RAF mutations	4-15%	Poor prognosis	Controversial data
K-RAS mutations	40%	Controversial data	Major predictor of resistance to anti-EGFR mAbs
Mut G13D	15-20%		Weaker resistance
N-RAS mutations	3-5%		Predictor of resistance
PI3KCA mutations	10-20%	Conflicting results	Controversial data
PTEN status	20-40%	Conflicting results	Controversial data

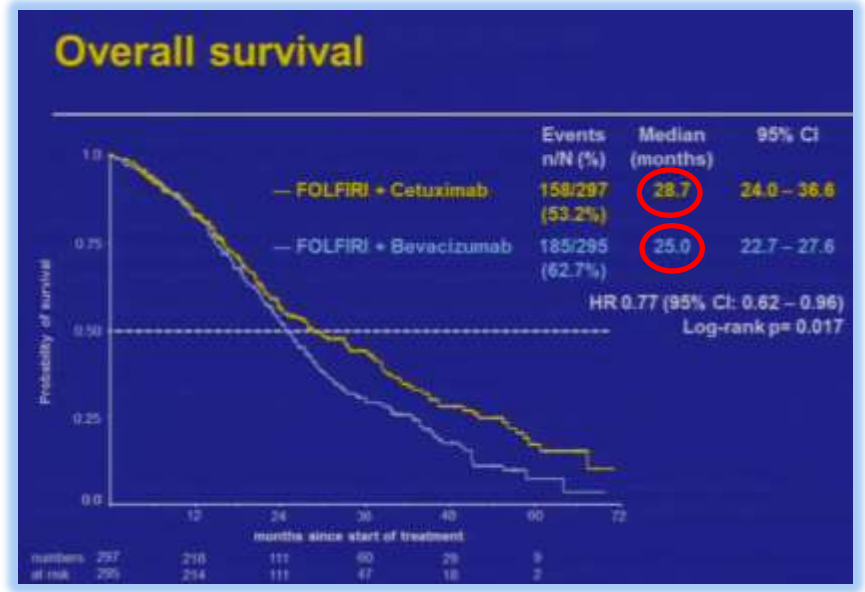
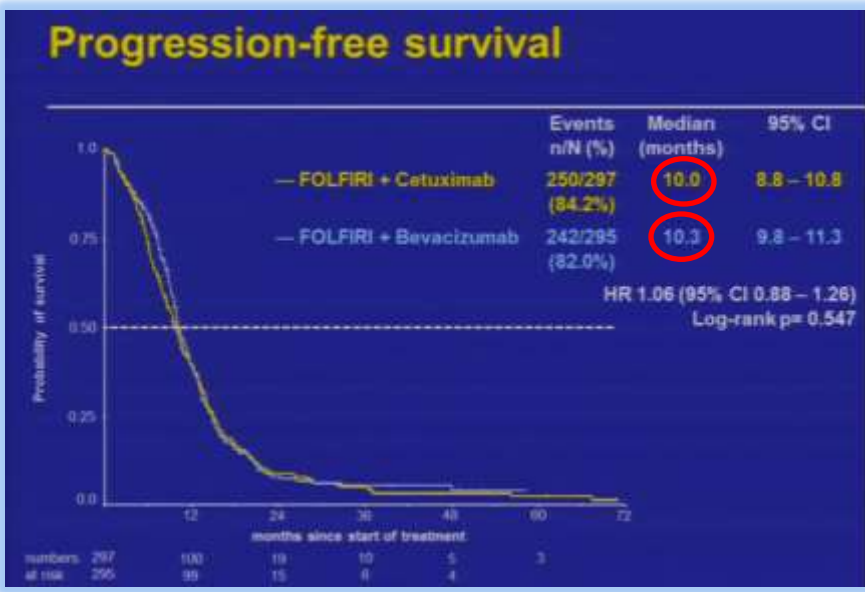
- ✓ Several recent phase III trials reported median overall survival data exceeding 30 months, an achievement inconceivable only 5 years ago.
- ✓ The first major step forward in the medical management of mCRC was provided by the addition of irinotecan and oxaliplatin to fluorouracil-based therapy; this increased survival from about 12 months to about 20 months.
- ✓ The introduction of biologic agents such as vascular endothelial growth factor inhibitors and epidermal growth factor inhibitors further increased survival—to more than 2 years in prospective trials.
- ✓ Seven specific mutations in exon 2 (codons 12 and 13) make up more than 90% of all *KRAS* mutations, and these are the mutations currently assessed in standard tests. However, while mutations in *KRAS* exon 2 comprise the most commonly seen mutations, there are still subsets of *KRAS* and other *NRAS* or *RAS* family “mutants” that are being missed with current testing.



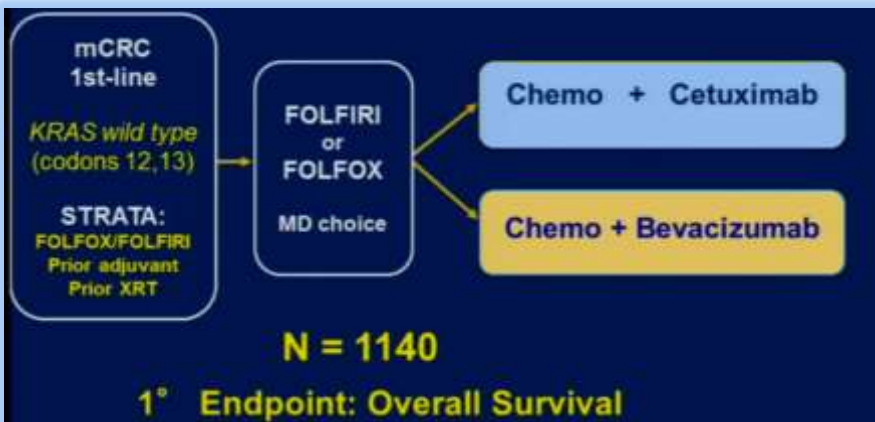
FOLFIRI/cetuximab vs. FOLFIRI/bevacizumab as first-line treatment of KRAS wild-type mCRC: the FIRE-3 trial



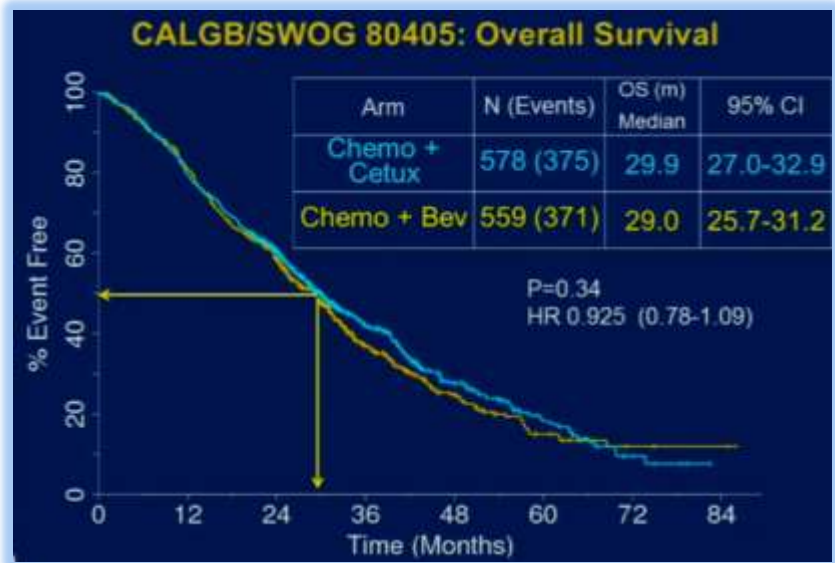
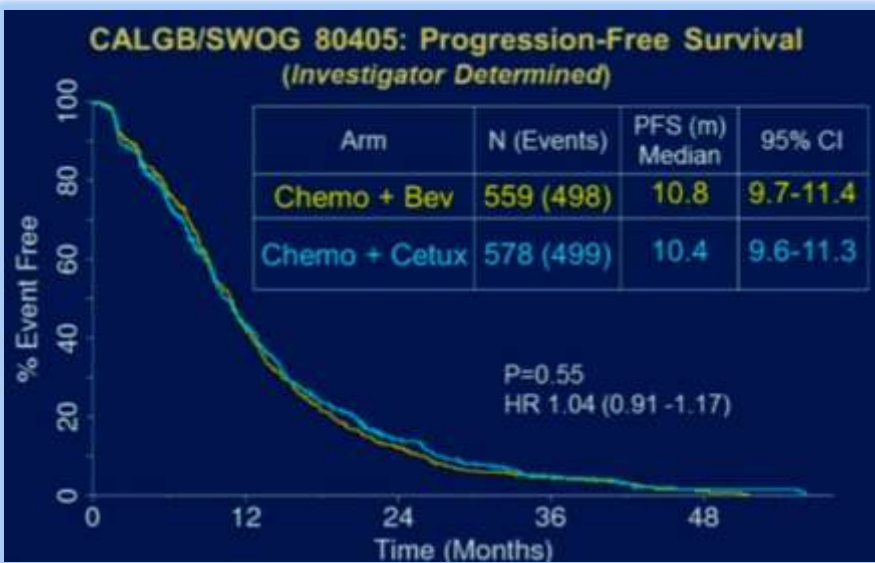
“Median PFS of the ITT population was nearly identical, however, significantly superior OS was observed in KRAS-WT patients receiving cetuximab plus FOLFIRI as first-line treatment”



CHEMOTHERAPY + CETUXIMAB or BEVACIZUMAB: the CALGB/SWOG 80405 trial



*“Chemotherapy/Cetuximab and chemotherapy/Bevacizumab are equivalent in terms of OS in pts *KRAS* wt (codons 12 + 13) mCRC; either regimen is appropriate in first line. Overall OS of 29 + mos and 8% long-term survivors confirms progress in mCRC”*



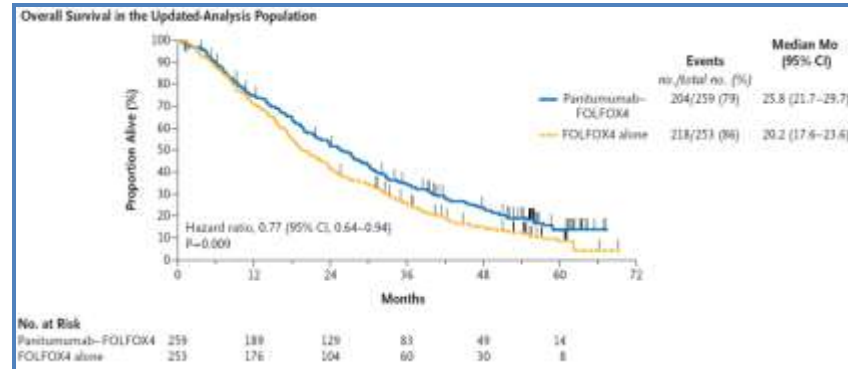
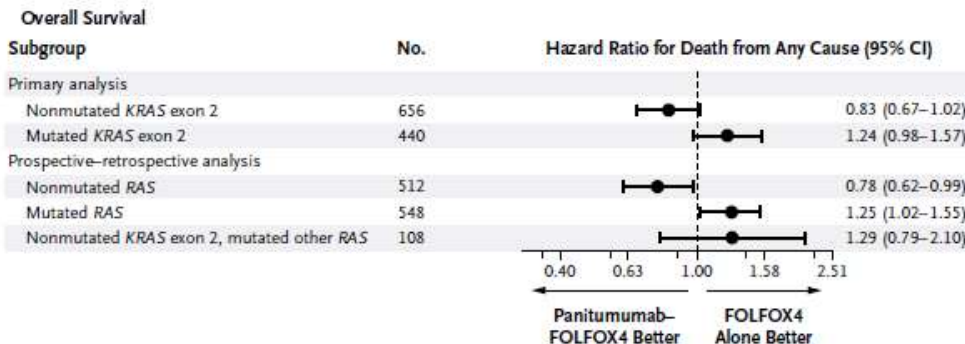
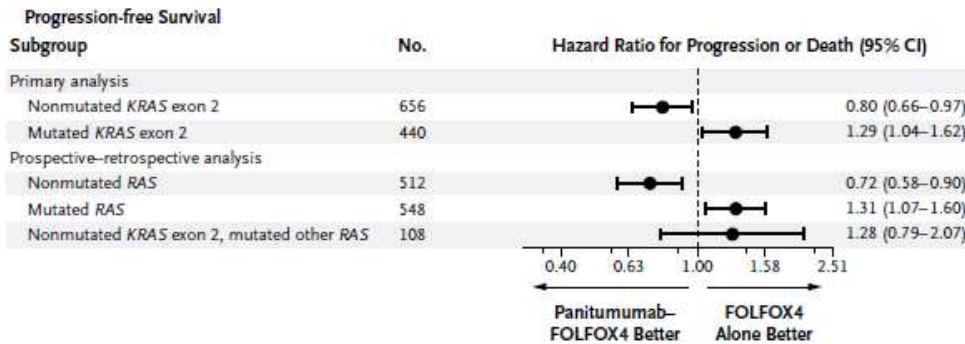
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Panitumumab–FOLFOX4 Treatment and RAS Mutations in Colorectal Cancer

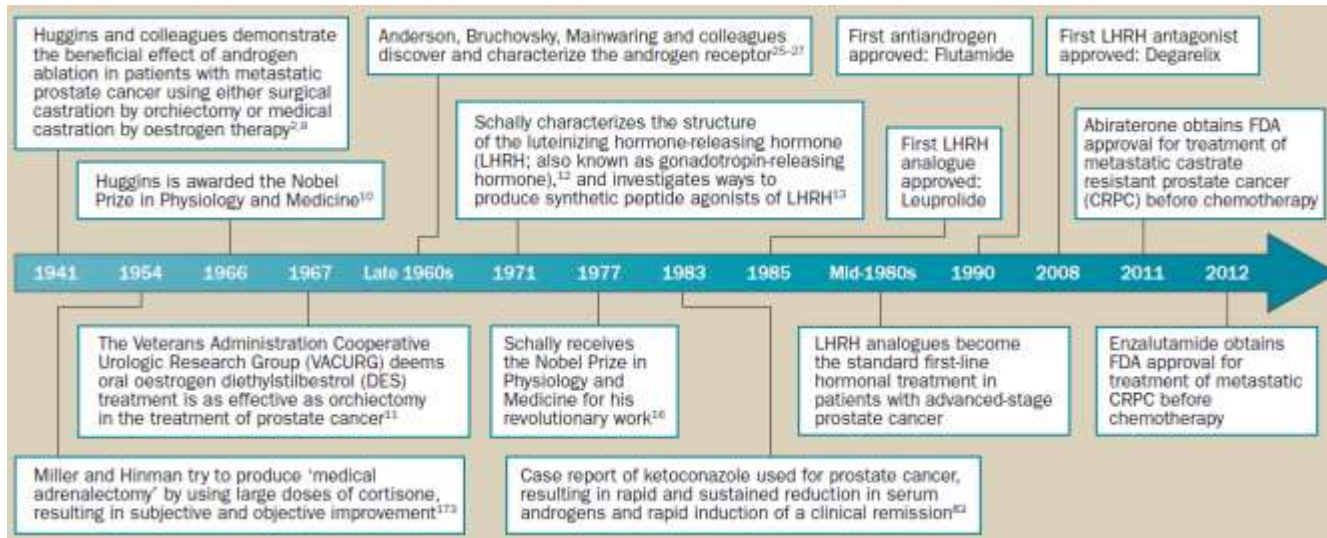
BIOMARKER ANALYSIS OF THE PRIME TRIAL

“In patients who had metastatic colorectal cancer without RAS mutations, improvements in overall survival were observed with panitumumab–FOLFOX4 therapy”

- ✓ Among 512 patients without RAS mutations, progression-free survival was 10.1 months with panitumumab–FOLFOX4 versus 7.9 months with FOLFOX4 alone.
- ✓ Overall survival was 26.0 months in the panitumumab–FOLFOX4 group versus 20.2 months in the FOLFOX4-alone group.
- ✓ 17% of patients with nonmutated KRAS exon 2 had other RAS mutations. These mutations were associated with inferior PFS and OS with panitumumab– FOLFOX4 treatment.
- ✓ BRAF mutations were a negative prognostic factor



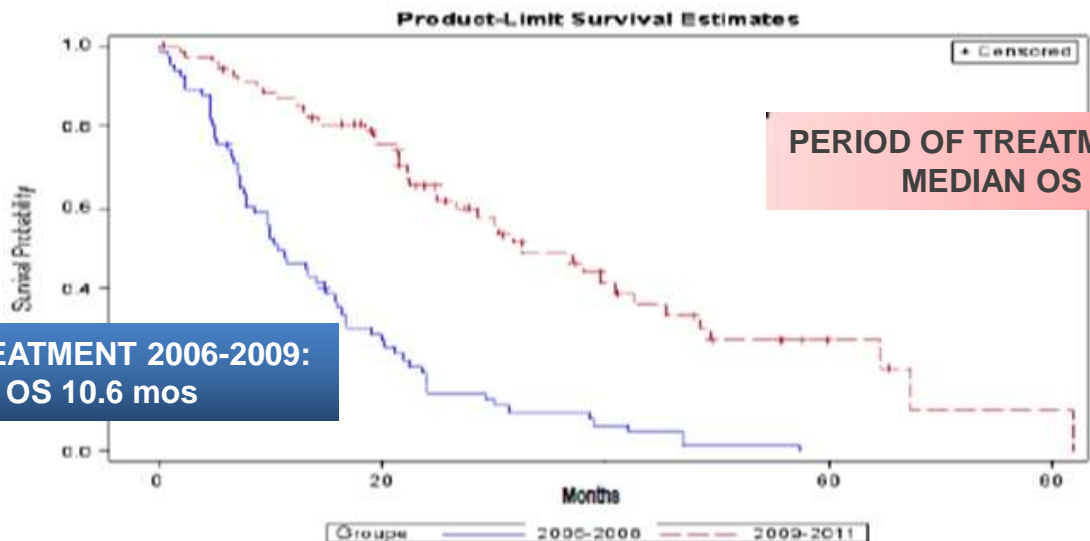
Evolution of androgen receptor targeted therapy for advanced prostate cancer



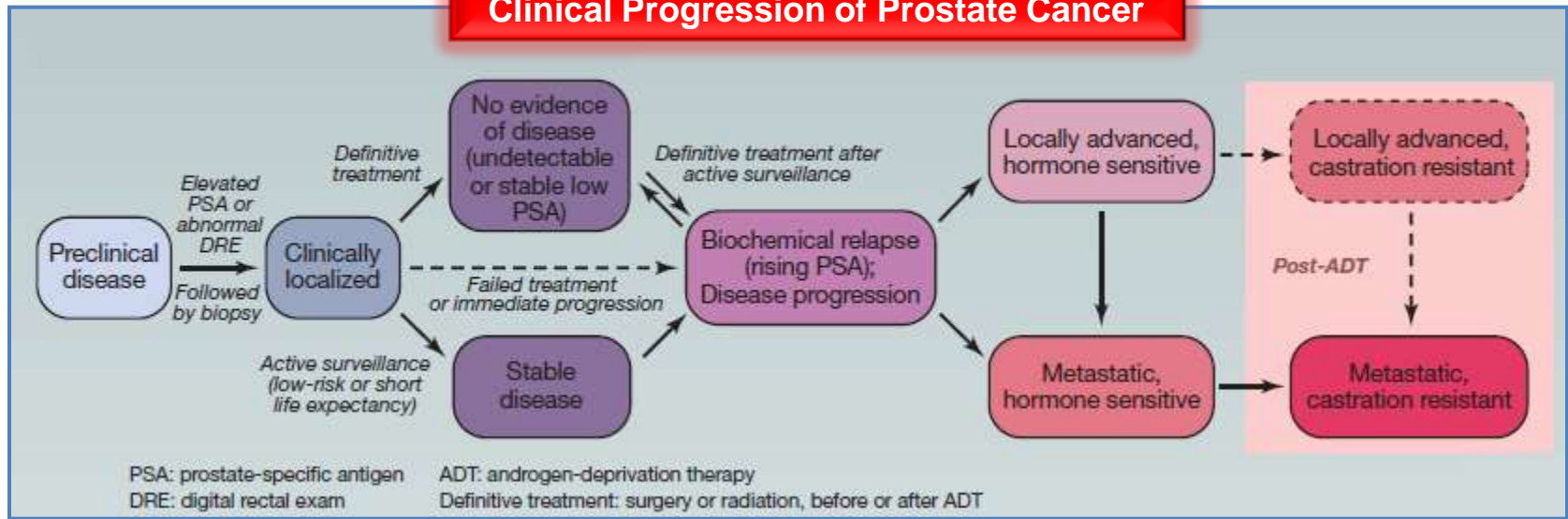
Impact of news drugs in the median OS of patients with metastatic castration resistant prostate cancer

PERIOD OF TREATMENT 2006-2009: MEDIAN OS 10.6 mos

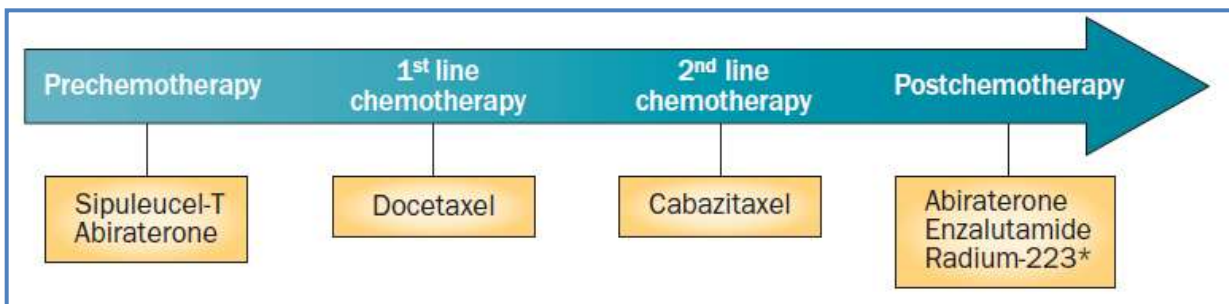
PERIOD OF TREATMENT 2009-2012: MEDIAN OS 32.5 mos



Clinical Progression of Prostate Cancer



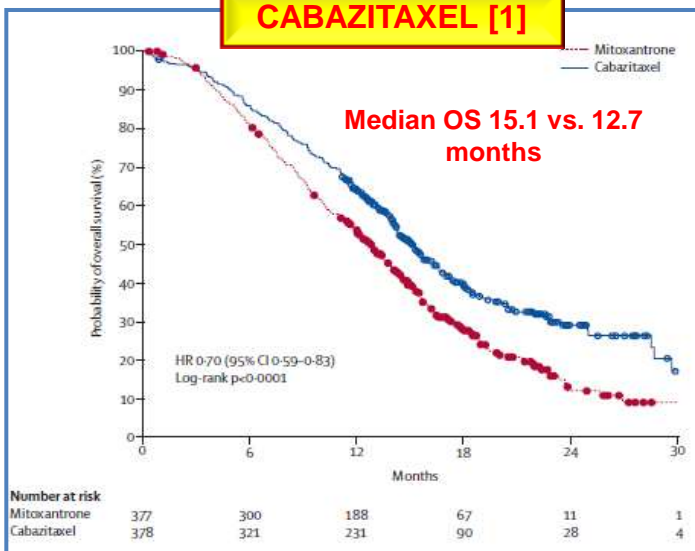
Emerging therapies for mCRPC



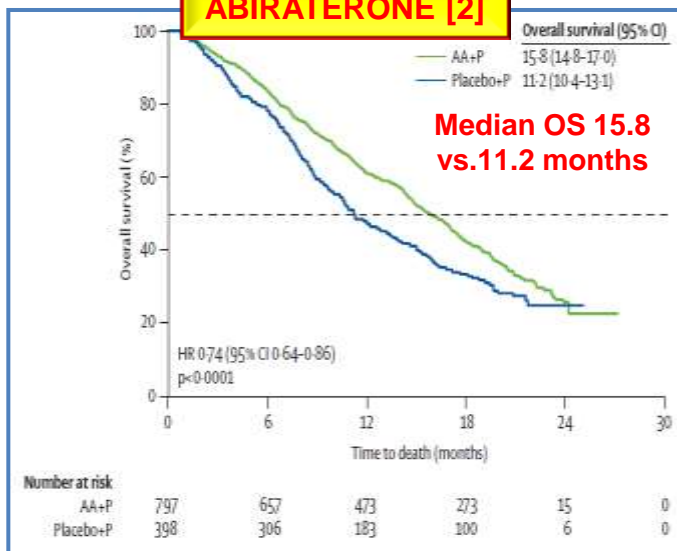
“Overall, the prostate cancer market is expected to grow from \$4.1 billion in 2012 to \$8.2 billion in 2019. Most of this growth is expected to be in the symptomatic CRPC segment, driven by late-stage pipeline molecules and increasing uptake of recently approved therapies”

New drugs demonstrating OS benefit in mCRPC patients progressing after docetaxel treatment

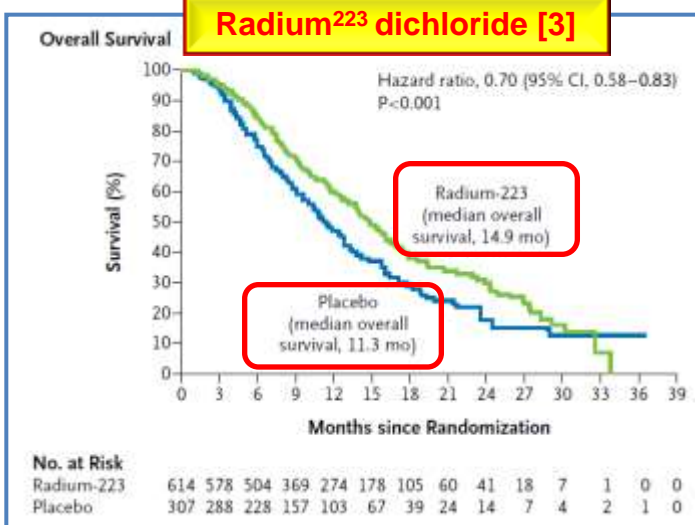
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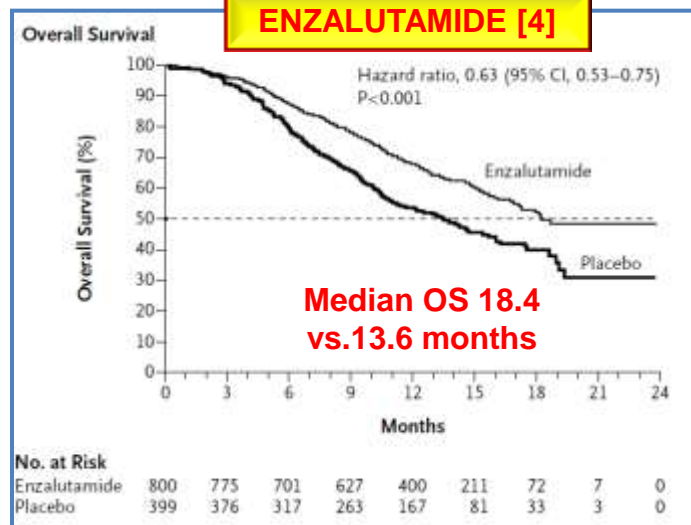
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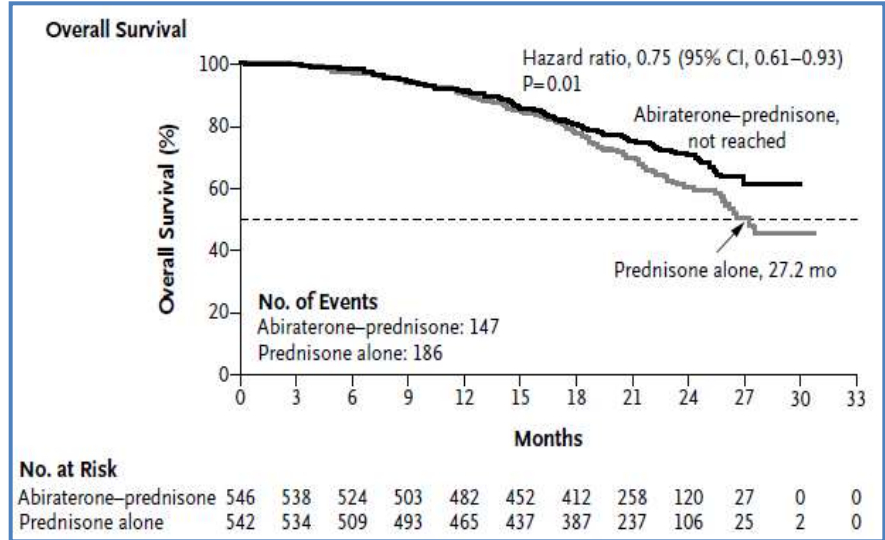
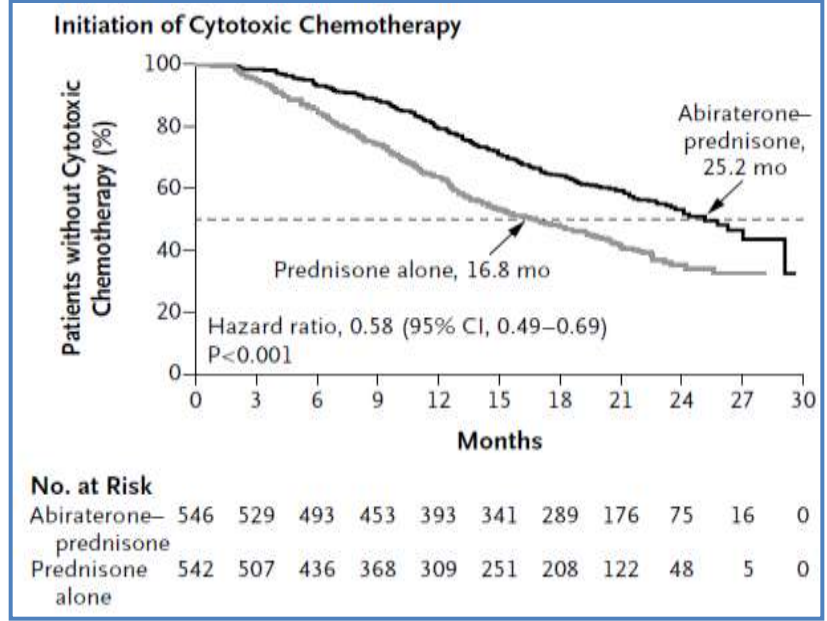
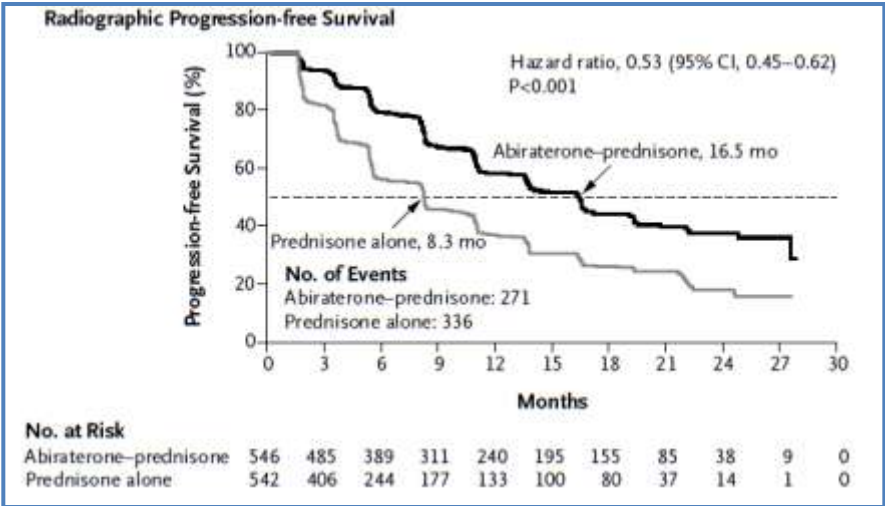
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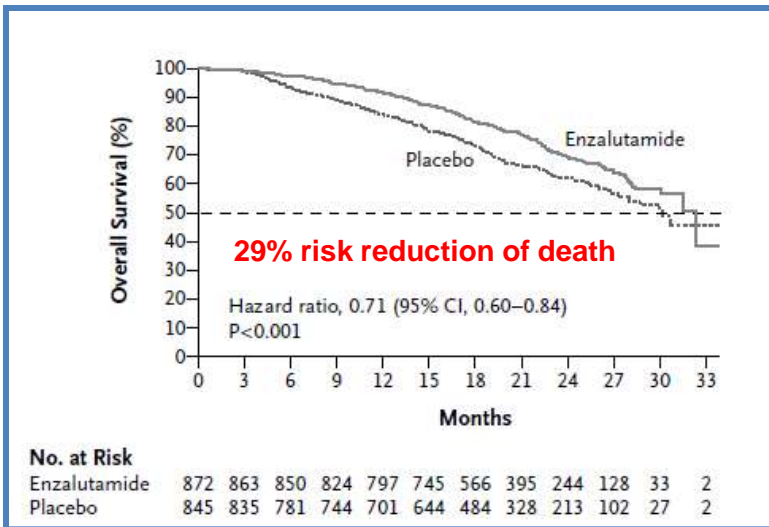
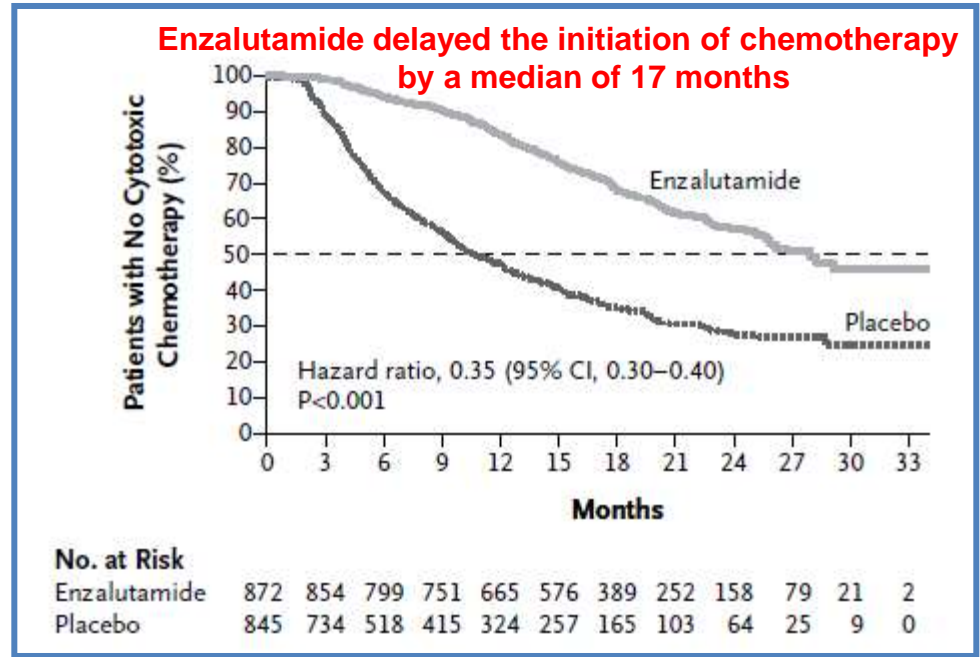
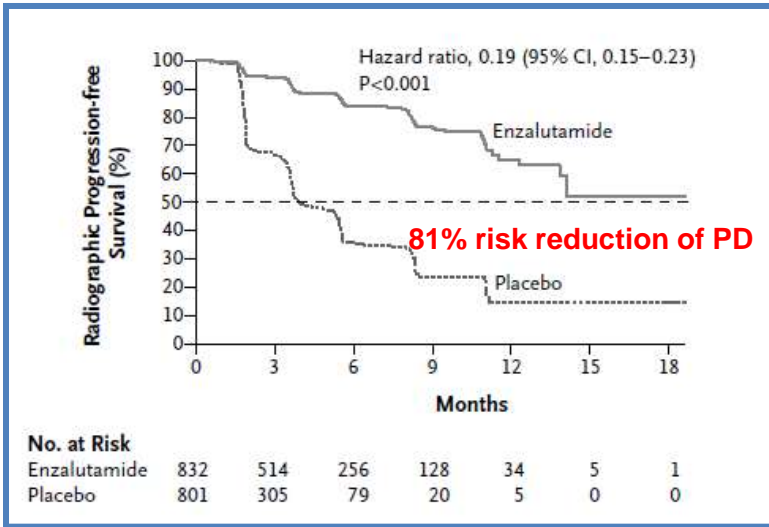
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Major advances in chemo-naive prostate cancer patients [1]



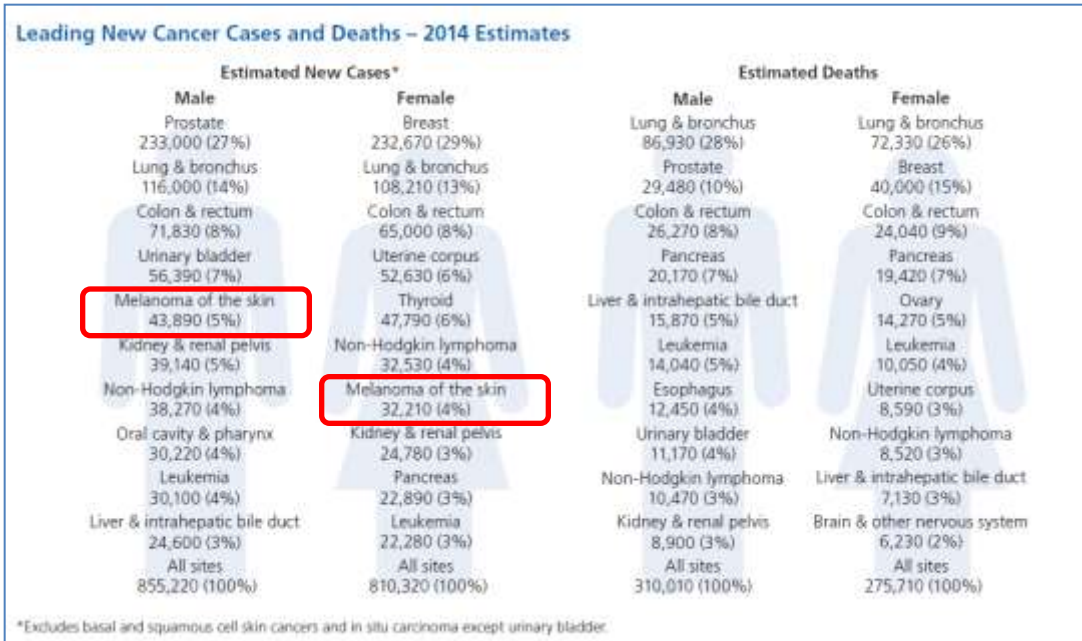
“Abiraterone improved radiographic progression-free survival, showed a trend toward improved overall survival, and significantly delayed clinical decline and initiation of chemotherapy in patients with metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer”

Major advances in chemo-naive prostate cancer patients [2]



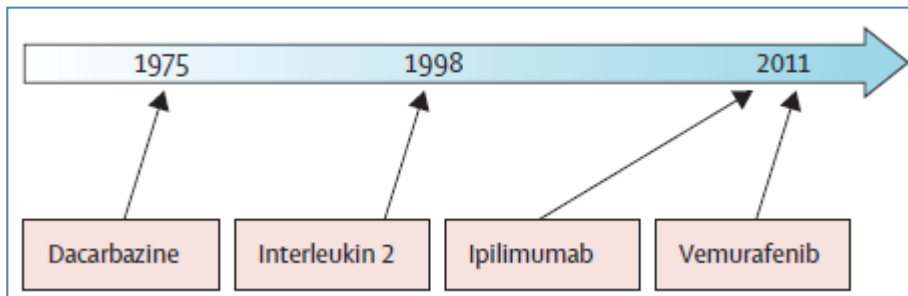
“Enzalutamide significantly decreased the risk of radiographic progression and death and delayed the initiation of chemotherapy in men with metastatic prostate cancer”

Metastatic Melanoma: where are we now



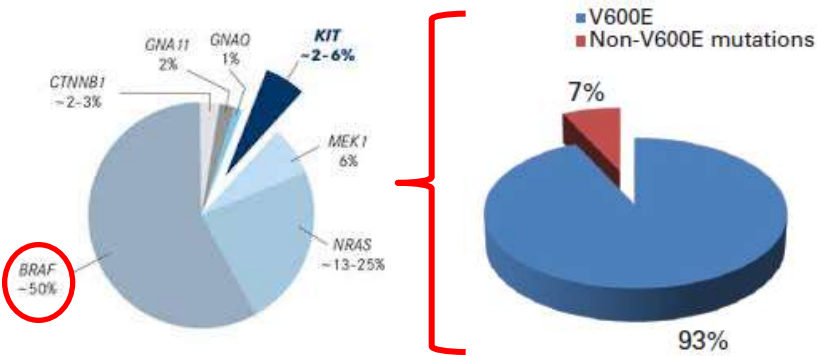
- ✓ Melanoma accounts for **less than 2% of all skin cancer cases, but the vast majority of skin cancer deaths.**
- ✓ Melanoma **incidence rates have been increasing** for at least 30 years.
- ✓ From 2006 to 2010, incidence rates among whites increased by 2.7% per year.
- ✓ An estimated 9,710 deaths from melanoma and 3,270 deaths from other types of skin cancer will occur in 2014 in the United States.

Timeline of FDA-approved treatments for advanced melanoma



“Just 3 years ago, patients could only be offered chemotherapy and/or interleukin-2 . Ultimately, few patients benefited from that treatment, although, for reasons still not completely understood, there were occasional stunning successes. Now, seemingly all of a sudden, RAF inhibitors, ipilimumab, and soon anti-PD1 antibodies have led to the expectation that tumors will shrink and that patient’s lives can be extended with treatment”.

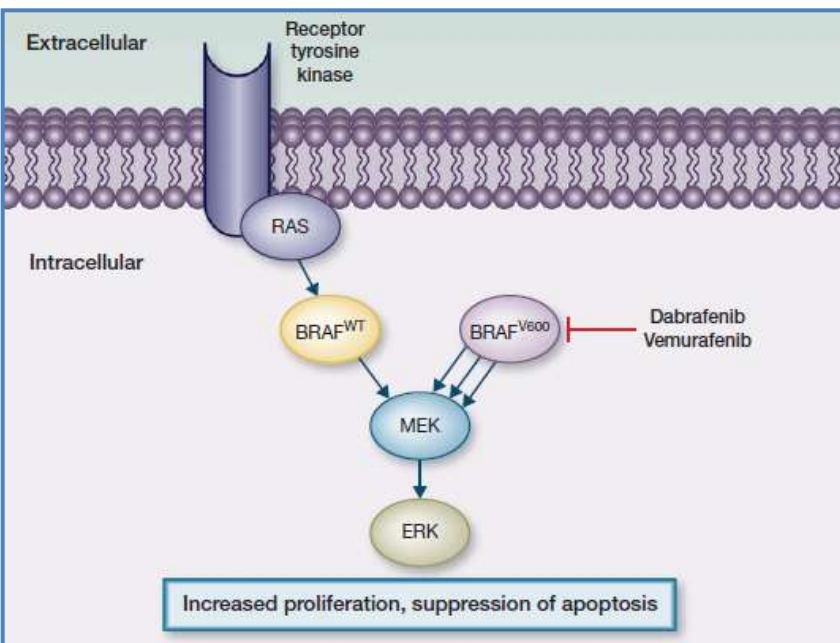
BRAF^{V600E}-driven melanoma and BRAF inhibitors



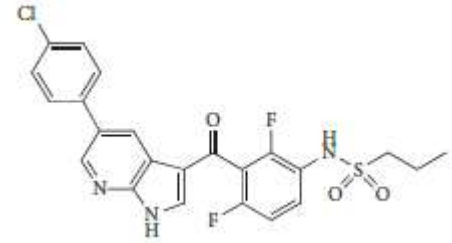
Mutations in BRAF have been found in 8% of human cancers, including **50-60% of cutaneous melanomas**.

A valine-to-glutamate substitution in the glycine-rich loop is the **most frequent BRAF mutation (V600E)**, accounting for **approximately 90% of cases**, although other activating mutations are known (e.g., BRAF V600K and BRAF V600R).

Vemurafenib is a potent inhibitor of mutated BRAF. It has marked antitumor effects against melanoma cell lines with the BRAF V600E mutation but not against cells with wild-type BRAF.

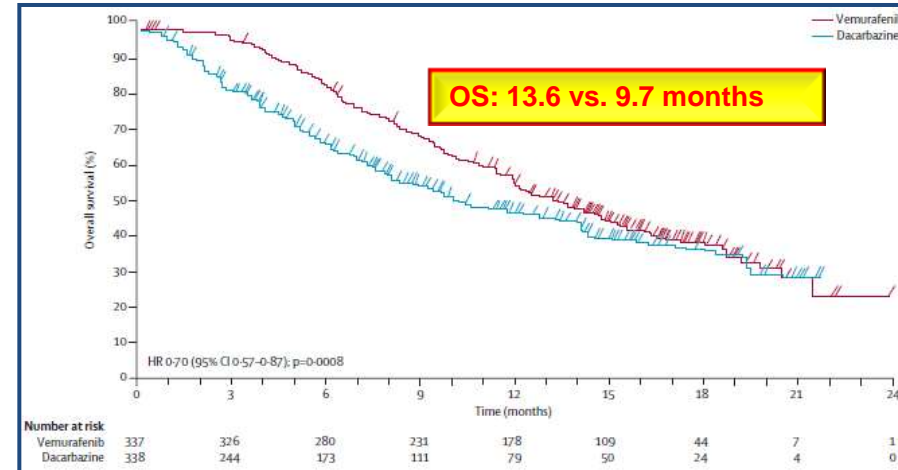
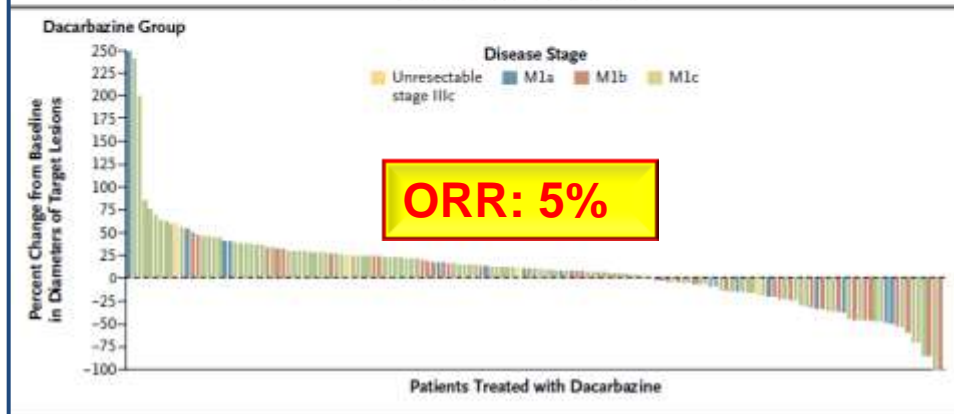
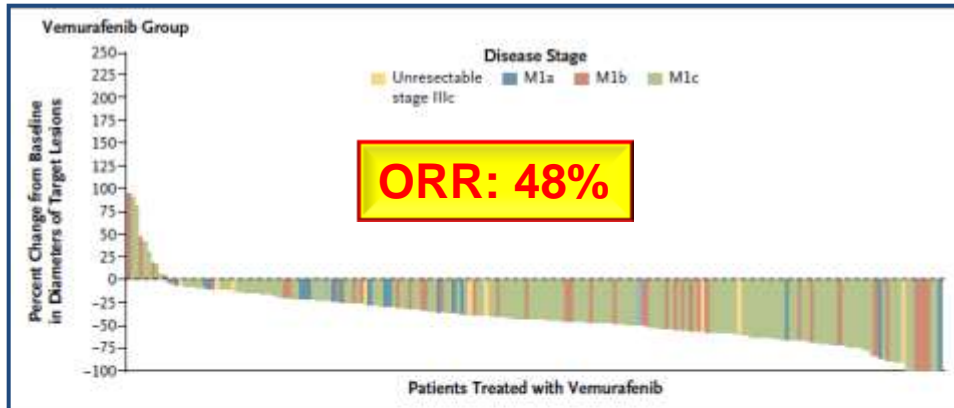
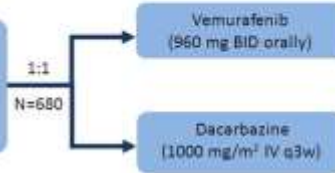


VEMURAFENIB



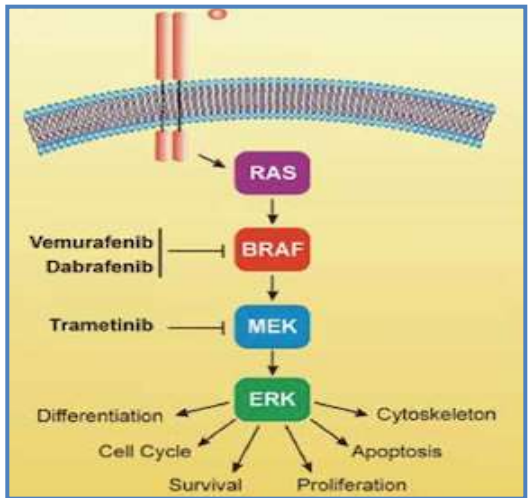
BRIM-3 (NO25026): Phase III Study in Previously Untreated Patients with Metastatic Melanoma

- Estimated enrollment: 680 patients
- Unresectable metastatic melanoma (stage IIIc/IV, AJCC)
- BRAF^{V600E} mutation positive, determined by cobas® 4800 BRAF V600 Mutation Test
- Chemo-naïve for advanced disease

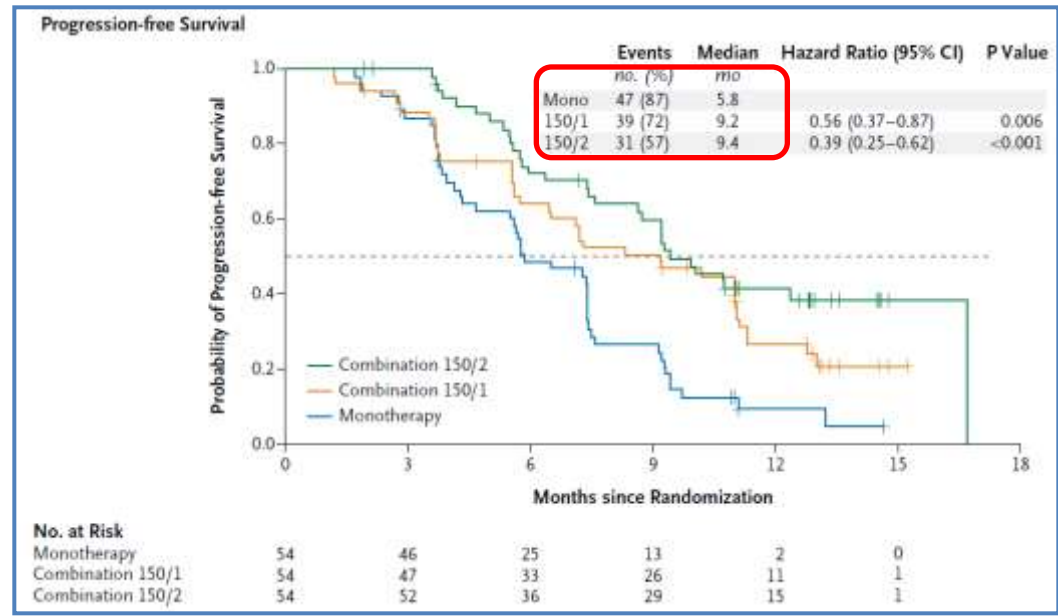
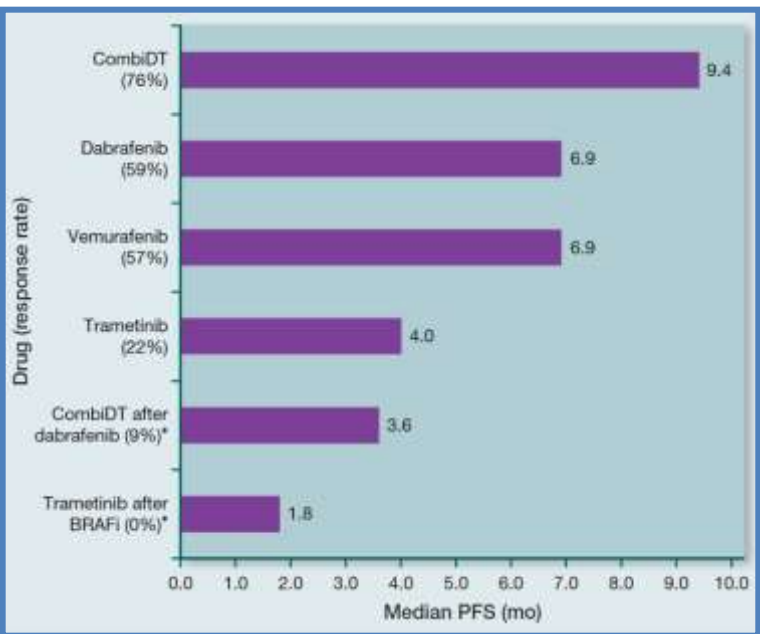
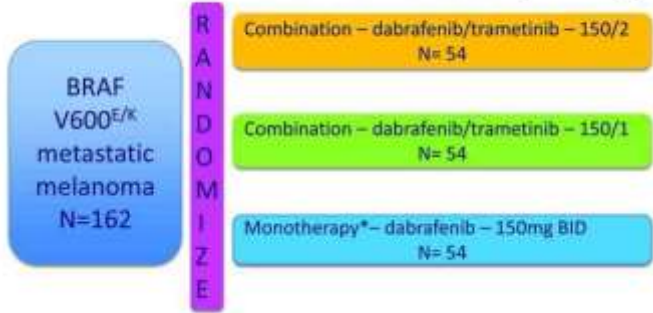


"Vemurafenib was associated with a relative reduction of 63% in the risk of death and of 74% in the risk of tumor progression in patients with previously untreated, unresectable stage IIIc or stage IV melanoma with the BRAF V600E mutation, as compared with dacarbazine. Benefit was seen in all subgroups of patients who were included in the analysis, including patients with stage M1c disease or an elevated lactate dehydrogenase level, both of which are associated with particularly poor prognoses".

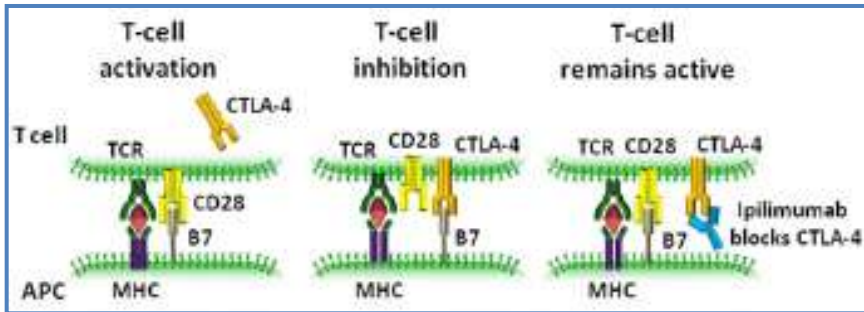
DUAL TARGETING IN BRAF^{V600E} MELANOMA: DABRAFENIB + TRAMETINIB



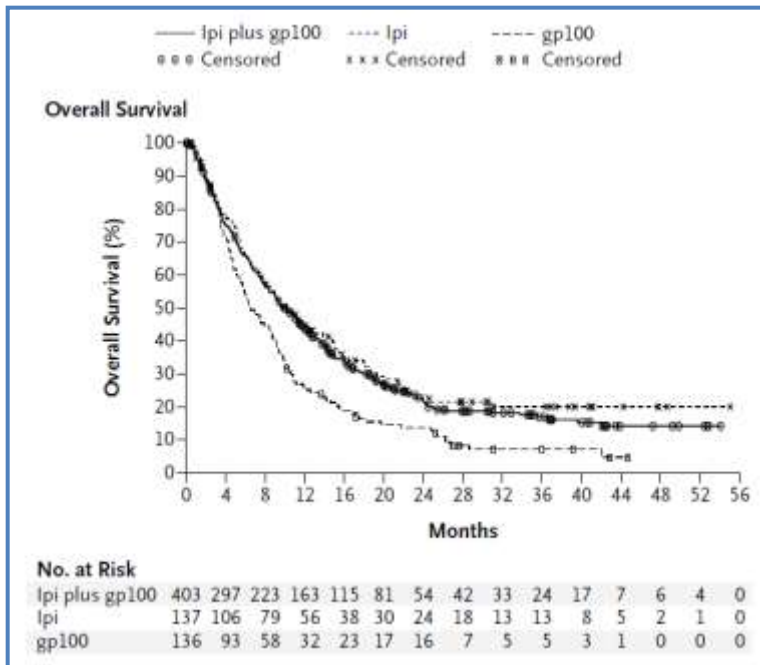
Randomized Phase II Study Design



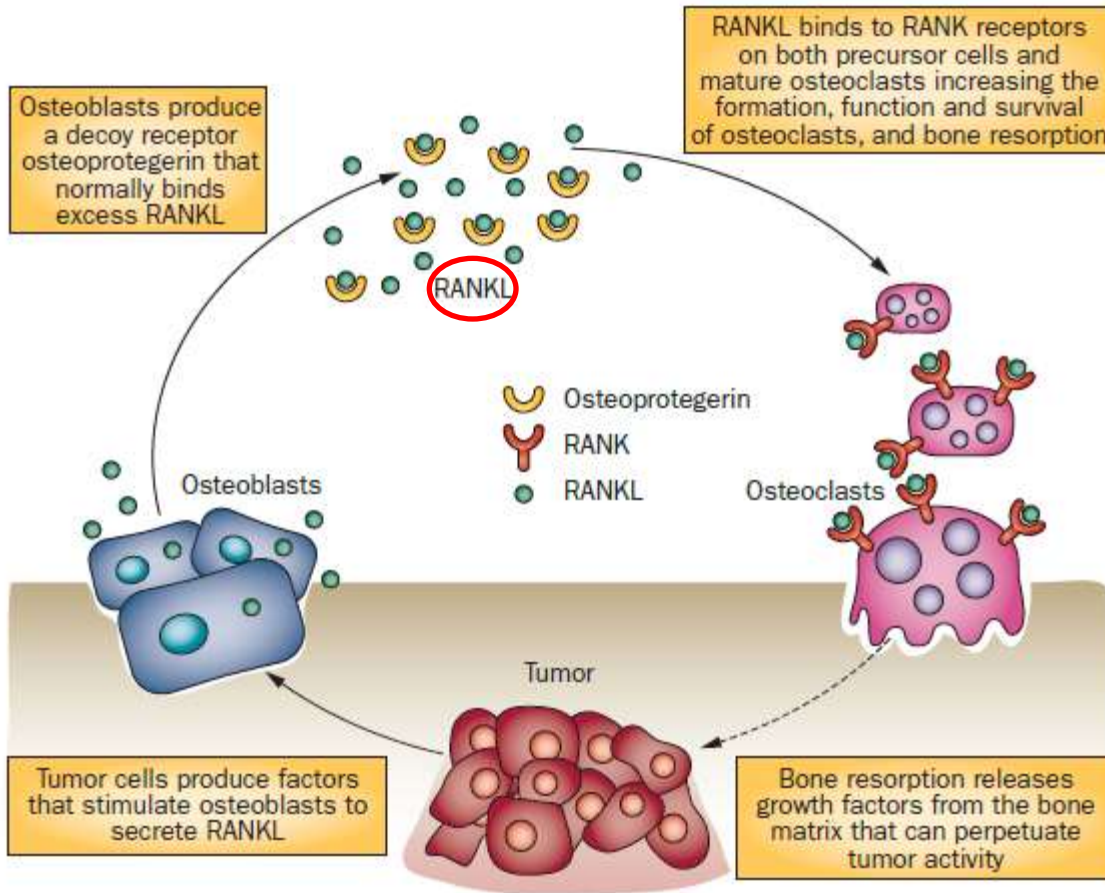
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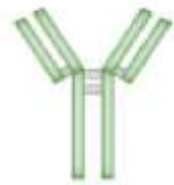
- ✓ Ipilimumab is an IgG1 mAb against CTLA4
- ✓ The study documented an **improvement in median OS of approximately 3.6 months**, including a subset of patients who exhibited a long-term durable benefit of up to 4.5 years
- ✓ **Ipilimumab's improvement of OS has changed the therapeutic landscape for melanoma**, but most patients still do not receive a significant clinical benefit.
- ✓ **Predictive biomarkers** of clinical benefit and toxicity **need to be developed** to better select patients for this therapy.
- ✓ Several factors have been preliminarily indicated as biomarkers for ipilimumab activity, although none have been prospectively validated. To date, neither immune-mediated toxicity nor HLA haplotype was significantly associated with clinical benefit in prospective or retrospective analyses



Bone metastases in solid tumors



- ✓ Bone metastases are a **common complication of cancer** and occur in 65–80% of patients with metastatic breast and prostate cancers.
- ✓ The incidence of bone metastases is also increasing in other cancers, probably owing to improved tumour control at other disease sites.
- ✓ Tumour invasion into bone is associated with osteoclast and osteoblast recruitment, resulting in the liberation of growth factors from the bone matrix, which can feed back to enhance tumour growth resulting in the 'vicious cycle' of bone metastases
- ✓ **RANKL is essential for the formation, function and survival of osteoclasts.** Stimulation of osteoblasts by tumor-secreted factors increases the expression of RANKL in bone metastasis, which binds osteoprotegerin and leads to increased bone resorption.

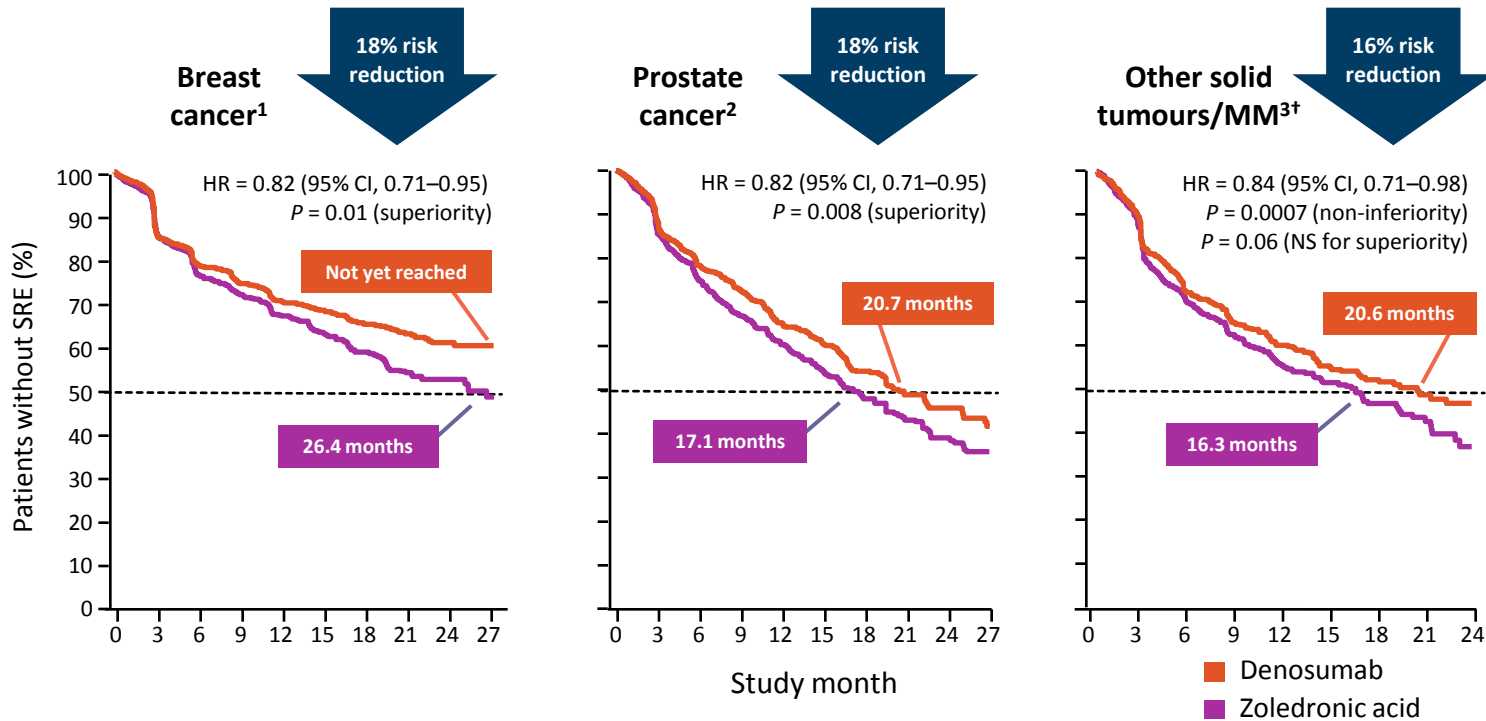


Fully human
monoclonal anti-
body

Denosumab

- Denosumab, a human monoclonal antibody, inhibits receptor activator of nuclear factor- κ B ligand (RANKL), which mediates the increased bone resorption resulting from bone metastasis and cancer treatment
- Three phase III trials established denosumab as an effective new option to reduce skeletal morbidity in patients with solid tumors that have metastasized to bone.
- Denosumab is superior to zoledronic acid for patients with prostate or breast cancers and is noninferior for patients with other solid tumors.
- Denosumab is less likely than zoledronic acid to induce renal toxic effects and acute-phase reactions, but both drugs are associated with similar incidence of osteonecrosis of the jaw

Denosumab consistently reduced risk of first SRE across different tumor types

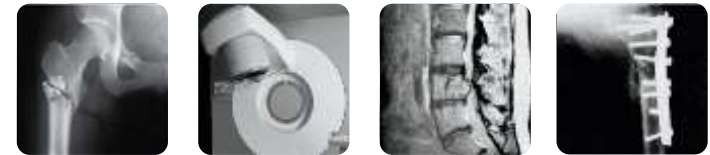


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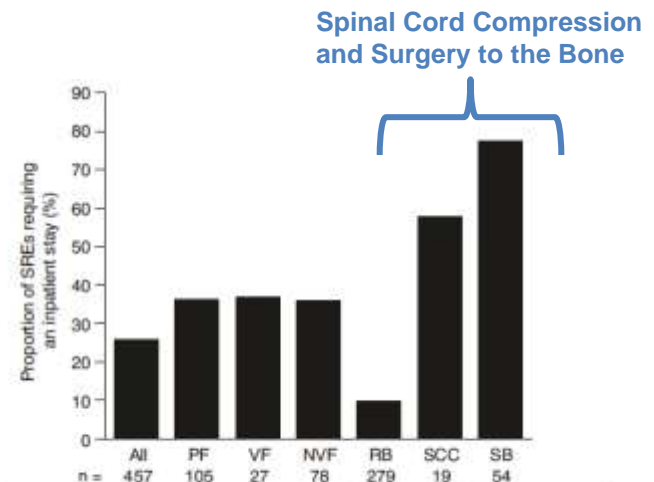
[†]Excluding breast and prostate.

Health resource utilization (HRU) associated with skeletal-related events (SREs)

- **Patients with bone metastases often experience skeletal complications** (skeletal-related events) pathologic fracture, radiation to bone, surgery to bone or spinal cord compression
- A recent prospective, observational study collected health resource utilization data independently attributed to SREs across Europe
- The mean duration of stay was 19.5 days per SRE
- Surgery to bone and spinal cord compression were the SREs most likely to require inpatient stays (77.8% and 57.9% of SREs, respectively), while radiation to bone was the most likely requiring an outpatient visit (85.7%) and also the greatest number of outpatient visits per event (6.8 visits).
- Collectively, all SREs were associated with substantial HRU; **therefore, preventing SREs in patients with bone metastases may reduce the burden imposed on healthcare systems.**



Proportion of SREs requiring an inpatient stay



Proportion of SREs requiring an inpatient stay. VF and NVF are subsets of PF. n = number of SREs. NVF non-vertebral fracture, PF pathologic fracture, RB radiation to bone, SB surgery to bone, SCC spinal cord compression, SRE skeletal-related event, VF vertebral fracture.



Use of cancer drugs in the right patient: AIFA Approved Indications



NAME	CANCER TYPE	APPROVED INDICATIONS
Everolimus (Afinitor®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renal Cancer Breast Cancer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced renal cancer after prior VEGF-inhibitors In association with exemestane in HR+/HER2- postmenopausal advanced BC after failure of a previous non steroidal AI
Sorafenib (Nexavar®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renal Cancer Hepatocellular Carcinoma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced renal cancer after prior and/or not eligible for IFNα or IL-2 therapy Treatment of advanced HCC
Temsirolimus (Torisel®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renal Cancer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First-Line Advanced RCC with at least 3/6 risk factors
Sunitinib (Sutent®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renal Cancer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Renal Cancer
Erlotinib (Tarceva®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSCLC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced NSCLC after at least one chemotherapeutic line First-line NSCLC with activating EGFR mutations
Cetuximab (Erbix®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colorectal Cancer Head & Neck Cancer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In combination with Irinotecan after failure of previous Irinotecan-based CT KRAS wt mCRC In pts with mCRC KRAS wt in association with CT Monotherapy in mCRC KRAS wt after failure of CT oxaliplatin and irinotecan-based Advanced HNSCC in association with platinum-based CT
Panitumumab (Vectibix®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colorectal Cancer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KRAS wt mCRC in association with FOLFOX (1 st line) or FOLFIRI (2 nd line) or monotherapy after failure of regimens containing oxaliplatin, irinotecan and fluoropyrimidines
Trabectedin (Yondelis®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soft Tissue Sarcomas Ovarian Cancer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STSs after failure of anthracyclines and iphosphamide regimens Ovarian cancer platinum-sensitive in association with PLD
Eribulin (Halaven®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breast Cancer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mBC after failure of at least 2 CT lines, containing anthracyclines and taxanes
Vinflunine (Javlor®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urothelial Carcinoma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urothelial Carcinoma after failure of platinum-based regimen
Cabazitaxel (Jevtana®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prostate Cancer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In association with prednisone in mCRPC after failure of docetaxel
Trastuzumab (Hereceptin®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gastric Cancer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First line therapy in association with cisplatin and 5FU or capecitabine
Ipilimumab (Yervoy®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melanoma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second-line therapy in advanced melanoma

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Denosumab (Xgeva®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bone Metastases from Solid Tumors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevention of SREs in solid tumors pts with bone metastases
Abiraterone (Zytiga®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prostate Cancer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mCRPC after failure of docetaxel therapy
Crizotinib (Xalkori®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSCLC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALK positive NSCLC after at least one chemotherapy line
Pemetrexed (Alimta®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-squamous NSCLC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First-line chemotherapy in association with Cisplatin Second-line monotherapy Maintenance therapy in non-progressive pts after first line CT
Gefitinib (Iressa®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSCLC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EGFR-mutated advanced NSCLC
Pazopanib (Votrient®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renal Cancer Soft Tissue Sarcomas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First line therapy of advanced RCC after cytokines-based therapy STSs after failure of a previous CT regimens
Lapatinib (Tyverb®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breast Cancer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In association with capecitabine in mBC HER2+ after failure of previous regimens containing anthracyclines, taxanes and trastuzumab In association with an AI in HER2+/HR+ mBC with postmenopausal status
Vemurafenib (Zelboraf®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melanoma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BRAF V600-mutated advanced melanoma
Bevacizumab (Avastin®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colorectal Cancer Breast Cancer NSCLC Renal Cancer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In mCRC in association with fluoropyrimine-based CT In association with Paclitaxel in first line mBC First line CT in non-squamous advanced NSCLC First-line treatment of mRCC in association with IFα2
Vandetanib (Caprelsa®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medullary Thyroid Carcinoma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced MTC
Axitinib (Inlyta®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renal Cancer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced RCC after failure of sunitinib or cytokine treatment

How to reduce rising costs of cancer care ?



- Advancements in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer have contributed to improved survival, better quality of life, and declining death rates.
- With these successes have come increases in cost to a level that is now causing serious financial burdens to patients, families, and society at large.
- The basis for the rising cost of care is complex and is due, in part, to **unnecessary use of health care resources**: for instance, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that up to 30% of care delivered in the US goes toward unnecessary tests, procedures, physician visits, hospital stays, and other services that do not improve a patient's health!

The ASCO top 5 list to improve care and reduce costs

- 1. Do not use cancer-directed therapy for patients with solid tumors who have low performance status (3 or 4), no benefit from prior evidence-based interventions, not eligible for a clinical trial, and with no strong evidence supporting the clinical value of further anticancer treatment.**
 - *Exceptions include patients with functional limitations due to other conditions resulting in a low performance status or those with disease characteristics (e.g. mutations) that suggest a high likelihood of response to therapy.*
 - *Implementation of this approach should be accompanied with appropriate palliative and supportive care.*
- 2. Don't perform PET, CT and radionuclide bone scans in the staging of early prostate cancer at low risk for metastasis.**
 - *Evidence does not support the use of these scans for staging of newly diagnosed low grade carcinoma of the prostate (stage T1c/T2a, PSA < 10 ng/ml, Gleason score < 6) with low risk of distant metastasis.*
 - *Unnecessary imaging can lead to harm through unnecessary invasive procedures, over-treatment, unnecessary radiation exposure, and misdiagnosis*
- 3. Don't perform PET, CT and radionuclide bone scans in the staging of early breast cancer at low risk for metastasis**
 - *In breast cancer there is a lack of evidence demonstrating a benefit for the use of PET, CT or radionuclide bone scans in asymptomatic individuals with newly identified DCIS, or clinical stage I or II disease.*
- 4. Don't perform surveillance testing (biomarkers) or imaging (PET, CT and radionuclide bone scans) for asymptomatic individuals who have been treated for breast cancer with curative intent**
- 5. Don't use white cell stimulating factors for primary prevention of febrile neutropenia for patients with less than 20% risk for this complication**
 - *Exceptions should be made when using regimens that have a lower chance of causing febrile neutropenia if it is determined that the patient is at high risk for this complication (as a result of age, medical history, or disease characteristics).*

Controlling the cost of innovative cancer therapeutics

- The cost of targeted therapies for cancer is soaring out of control
- Healthcare payers and patients are increasingly struggling to meet the high costs, which can be up to US\$100,000 a year
- Companies defend high drug prices by citing the escalating cost of research and development: **it costs on average \$1.2 billion to bring a new biologic to the market**
- **How we can manage with these rising costs?**
 - ✓ **Government price controls on cancer drugs**
 - ✓ **Biosimilars Drugs**
 - *Biosimilars are expected to be discounted by 20–40%.*
 - *Biosimilars should nonetheless help control the cost of anticancer monoclonal antibodies. Their most important benefit to society, however, will come from their ability to drive innovation forward, by preventing pharmaceutical companies from resting on their past product successes*
 - ✓ **Novel drug pricing strategies**
 - *Pay-for-performance reimbursement*
 - *Products could be launched at a discount, and prices increased if robust data for effectiveness emerge*
 - *Another pricing policy could be to discount a product once a patient has used it for a certain period of time*



Moving towards a rapid and efficient regional drug reimbursement: the Emilia-Romagna experience

- Nel 2009 è partita l'attività di un sottogruppo della Commissione regionale del farmaco (in collaborazione con la Commissione oncologica regionale) per la definizione di raccomandazioni evidence-based sui nuovi farmaci oncologici: il Gruppo regionale farmaci oncologici (GReFO).
- Il GReFO è un panel/gruppo multidisciplinare composto da oncologi clinici, palliativisti, radioterapisti, internisti, farmacisti e direzione sanitaria.
- Per l'elaborazione delle raccomandazioni è utilizzato il metodo GRADE, che consente un processo trasparente e strutturato attraverso votazione degli outcome di interesse; sintesi delle evidenze scientifiche e definizione della qualità complessiva delle evidenze; votazione del rapporto benefici/rischi; discussione dei fattori da considerare nel procedere dalle evidenze alla forza della raccomandazione; forza della raccomandazione e indicatori d'uso atteso.
- I documenti elaborati offrono gli elementi scientifici per definire il ruolo in terapia di alcuni farmaci inclusi nel Prontuario Terapeutico Regionale.



The French national network of 28 hospital molecular genetics platforms

- The Institut National du Cancer has been supporting a **national network of 28 hospital molecular genetics platforms** throughout France since 2006. They include several laboratories, which may belong to various institutions, offering patients all essential molecular genetics techniques for all relevant diseases.
- **The platforms perform innovative molecular testing that:**
 - ✓ determines **access to targeted therapy**;
 - ✓ guides the **diagnostic process**;
 - ✓ contributes to **establishing a diagnosis** in addition to clinical, morphological and biological parameters;
 - ✓ **guides patient treatment strategy**;
 - ✓ **allows monitoring of residual diseases**.
- **Molecular tests conducted by the platforms are relevant to a large number of diseases**, some of which are common such as lung cancer, colorectal cancer or breast cancer.
- **They perform testing of all patients in the region, regardless of the institution where they are treated**, i.e. university hospitals, cancer centers, hospital centers or private institutions



Multiple Biomarkers Platform: the example of NSCLC



The French platforms* network

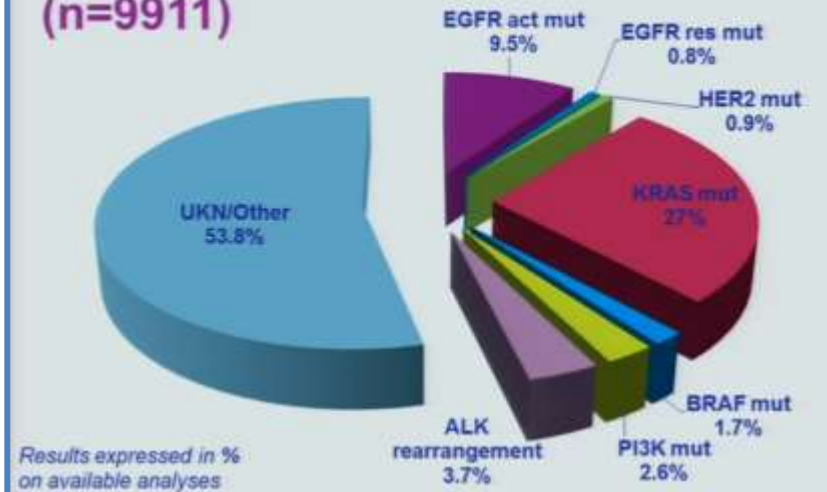
- 28 platforms (2006)
- 7 biomarkers for Non-sq NSCLC (starting 2010)



Cancer	Molecular Target
Lung	EGFR mutations (activating and resistant)
Non-sq NSCLC	EML4-ALK transloc.
	KRAS mutations
	HER2 ex20 mutations
	BRAF mutations
	PI3K mutations

* i.e. Regional molecular genetics centers

Results: biomarkers assessment (n=9911)



- ✓ **Biomarkers France** is the **largest ever** conducted **biomolecular study on advanced NSCLC** patients and provides solid data on the value of a nationwide BM screening policy for NSCLC patients
- ✓ **NSCLC tumor profiling is feasible**
- ✓ Tumor profiling **identified a known target in 46% of samples** and **helped to manage patients in 57% of the cases**

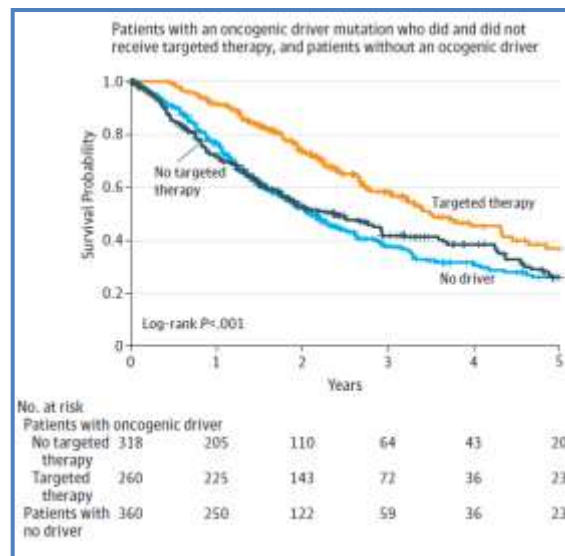
Multiple Biomarkers Platforms and Targeted Therapies

SAFIR 01 trial



- Designed early 2010
- Primary goal: to detect genomic alteration on metastatic tissue and enrich phase III trials in patients with a genomic alteration located in the pathway targeted by the drug
Goal: 30% of the patients treated according to a genomic alteration (n=120)
- Secondary goals:
To show feasibility of whole genome approach in a large population
To suggest that the use of a whole genome technology improves outcome
- Target accrual: 400 patients

Lung Cancer Mutation Consortium (LCMC)



- This multi-institutional consortium identified patients with rare genomic changes and used the information to select treatments and facilitate trials.
- Although the frequency of any individual oncogenic driver may be small, **an actionable driver was detected in 64% of tumors from patients with lung adenocarcinomas**
- Multiplexed testing aided physicians in selecting therapies.
- **Individuals with drivers receiving a matched targeted agent lived longer**

Final remarks

- ✓ Introduction of targeted therapies have substantially changed the therapeutic landscape of most cancer types, moving from the old statement “*one size fits all*” to tailored medicine
- ✓ However, this paradigm shift was associated with a dramatic increase in cancer care cost
- ✓ Many challenges and pitfalls remain in selecting optimal targets, interpreting data on genetic aberrations, designing effective targeted drugs and antibodies, dealing with resistance to treatments, identifying appropriate combinations of therapies, and performing the complex clinical trials that are required
- ✓ To maximize the effectiveness of these new strategies, close collaboration between academic, industry, and regulatory agencies will be required
- ✓ Novel strategies in drug cancer development may help a more rapid and less expensive regulatory approval, as well new strategies for drug reimbursement may reduce healthcare burden of innovative cancer drugs
- ✓ Importance of evidence-based decision making in order to reduce unnecessary use of health care resources





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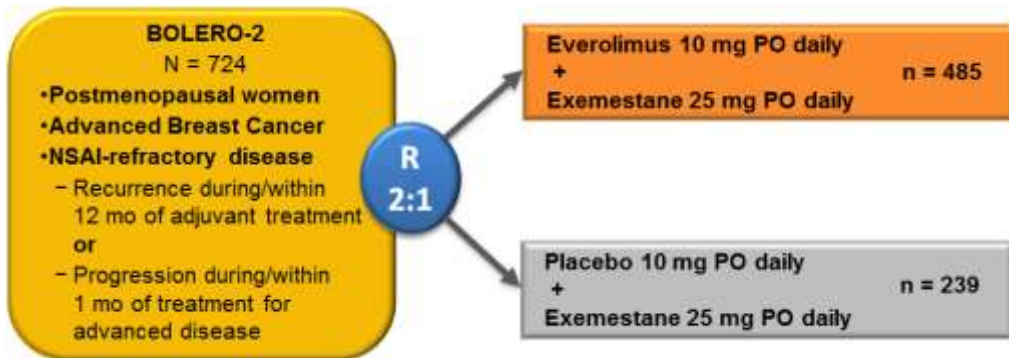


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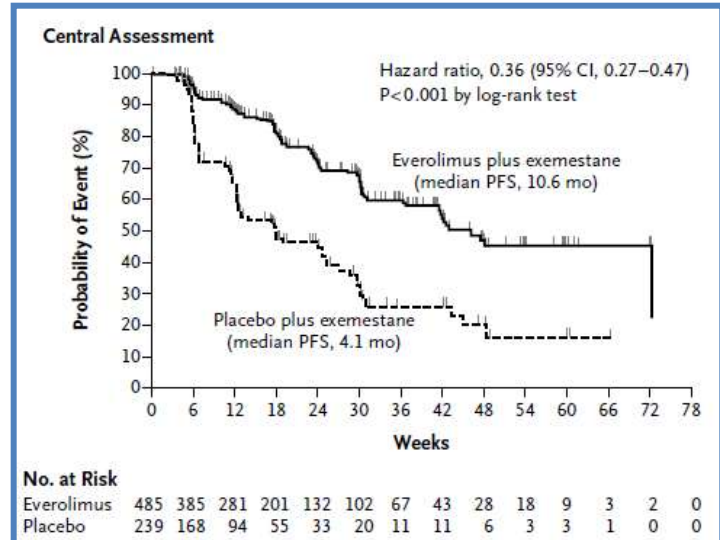
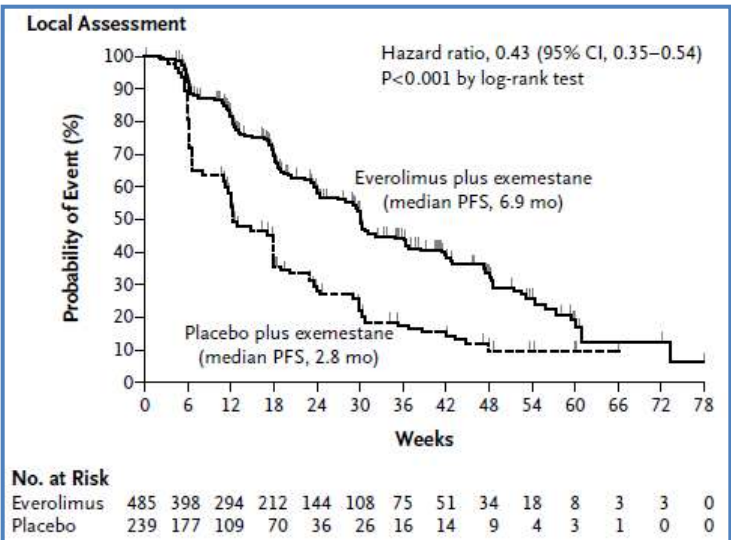
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Everolimus-Exemestane in Postmenopausal HR+ HER2 negative Advanced Breast Cancer: BOLERO-2 Trial



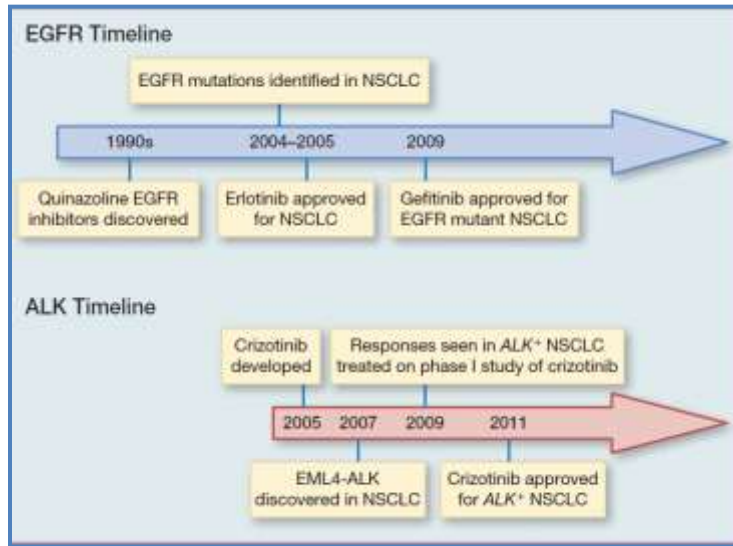
Key Baseline Characteristics

Median age, years	62
Race, %	
Caucasian	75
Asian	20
Visceral involvement, %	56
Bone metastases, %	77



*“The BOLERO-2 study showed that the **addition of everolimus to exemestane significantly improves PFS**, with observed medians of 6.9 and 2.8 months, corresponding to a 57% reduction in the hazard ratio”*

Novel approaches for drug development: the incredible story of ALK inhibitors



The approval of Crizotinib was based on dramatic response rates in ALK-positive NSCLC patients of 54% to 61% in phase I and II trials. These results led to the **accelerated FDA approval of crizotinib for ALK-positive patients with NSCLC in record time**—the timeframe from discovery of the target in late 2007 to FDA approval of a targeted therapy in August 2011 was <4 years. **The approval was granted while both the phase I and phase II trials were ongoing.**

*“The old saw that phase I is all about safety and phase II is all about efficacy no longer applies. **Phase I is all about Proof of Principle and efficacy, once a safe dose is reached**”.*

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Editorial

Approval After Phase I: Ceritinib Runs the Three-Minute Mile

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On April 29, 2014, the U. S. Food and Drug Administration granted accelerated approval to ceritinib (ZYKADIA, LDK 378) for the treatment of patients with ALK-positive, metastatic NSCLC with disease progression on or who are intolerant to crizotinib.

The approval of ceritinib was based on the results of a multicenter, single-arm, open-label clinical trial enrolling a total of 163 patients with metastatic, ALK-positive, NSCLC who had progressed on or were intolerant to crizotinib. All patients received ceritinib at a dose of 750 mg once daily.



*“A well-designed phase I trial, even if it requires the participation of multiple institutions, **can readily attract sufficient patients with uncommon tumors to prove efficacy and safety sufficient for accelerated approval**”*



Global Burden of Cancer



Estimated New Cancer Cases and Deaths Worldwide for Leading Cancer Sites



At a global level, **the burden of cancer is rising**, with incidence projected to increase from 12.7 million in 2008 to 21.4 million in 2030.

In addition to the human toll of cancer, the financial cost of cancer is substantial.

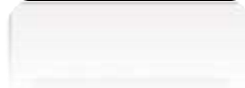
The **direct costs** include payments and resources used for treatment, as well as the costs of care and rehabilitation related to the illness.

Indirect costs include the loss of economic output due to days missed from work (morbidity costs) and premature death (mortality costs).

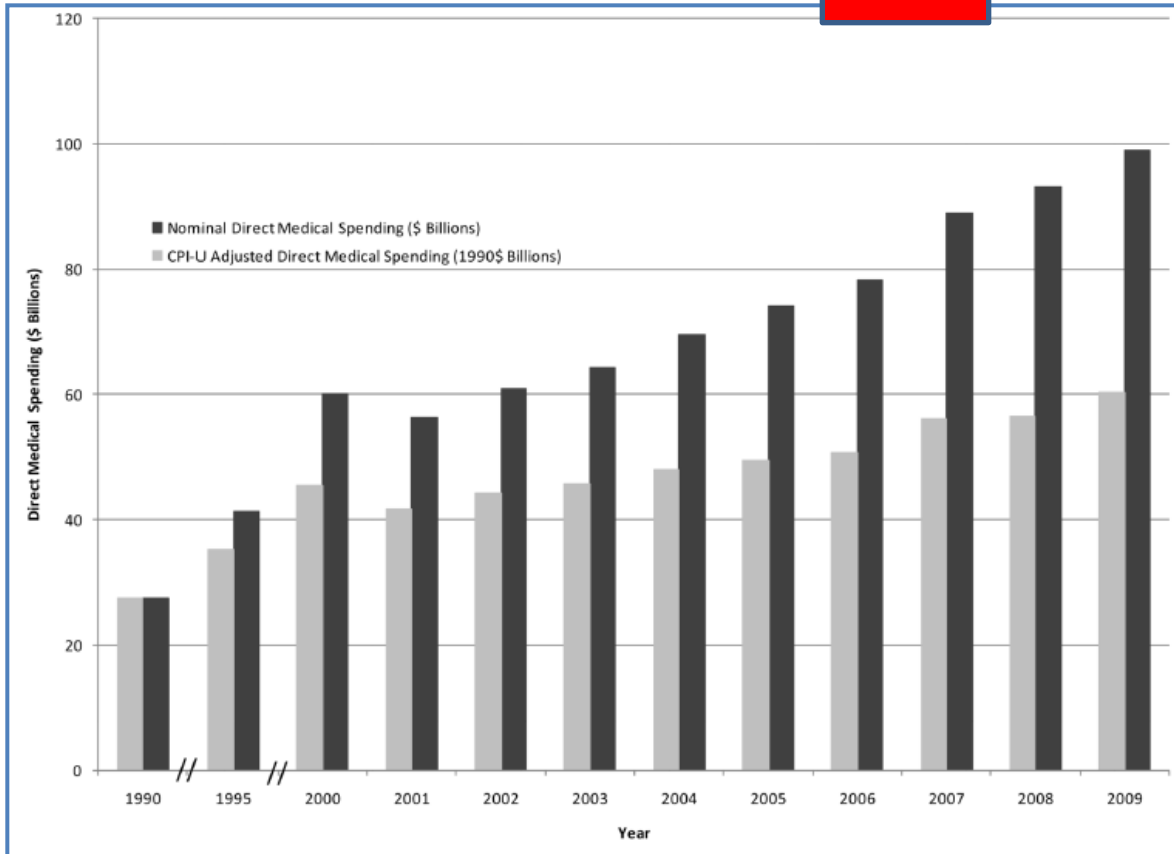
There are also **hidden costs** of cancer, such as health insurance premiums and nonmedical expenses (transportation, child or elder care, housekeeping assistance, wigs, etc.).

Recent research has shown that **cancer has the most devastating economic impact** of any cause of death in the world.

Portions of the total costs of cancer have been estimated to be as high as **\$895 billion (US) worldwide (1.5% of the world's gross domestic product)**

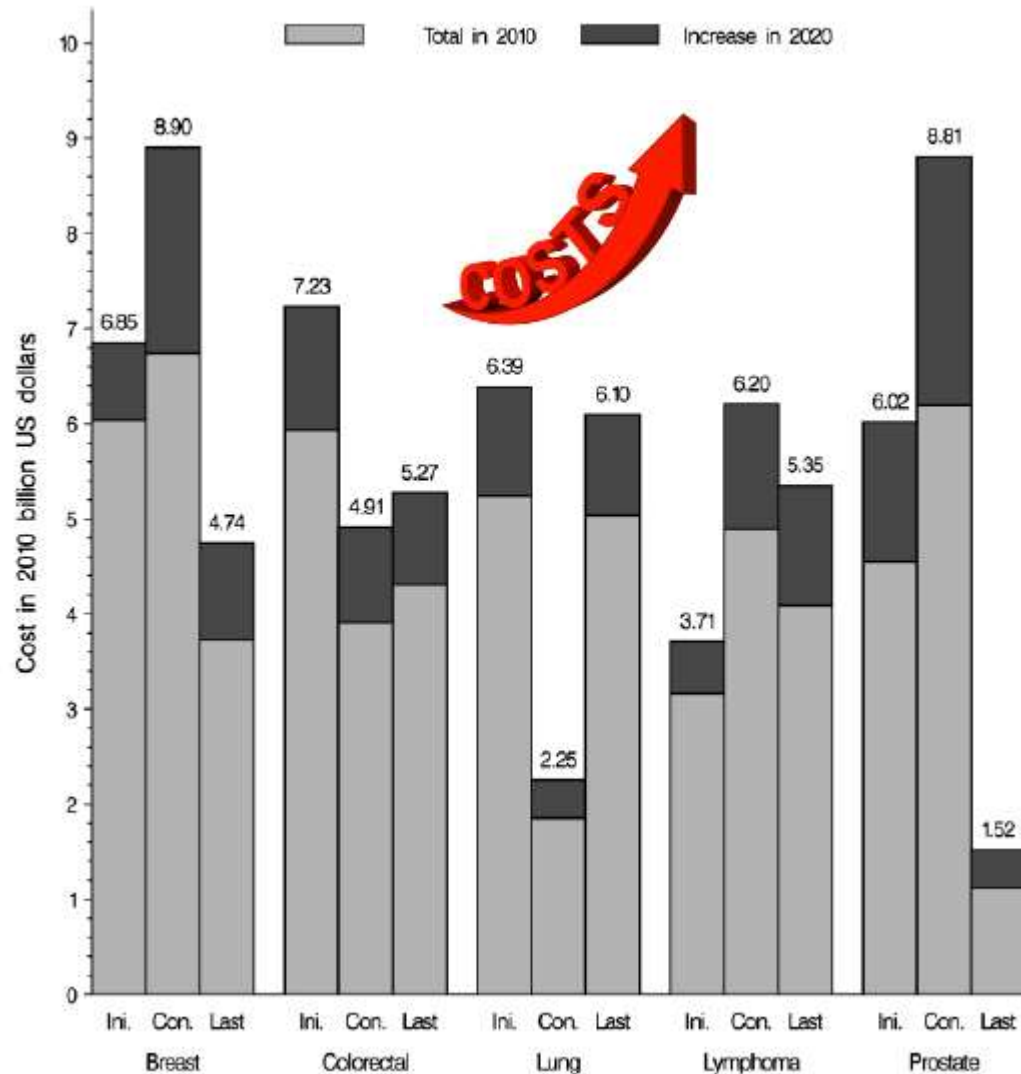


Nominal and inflation-adjusted direct medical spending attributed to cancer, 1990–2009.



- ✓ The direct medical costs of cancer have grown dramatically in the past two decades.
- ✓ By one set of estimates, expenditures rose from about \$27 billion in 1990 to more than \$90 billion in 2008, **a more than two-fold increase** even after adjusting for inflation.
- ✓ The overall growth in spending is due to **increases in both the price** (i.e. costs of the drugs) **and the quantity of care** (i.e. patients receiving active therapies).
- ✓ **Newer cancer therapies** are not only more expensive than the prior standard of care, but they also **expand the pool of treatment candidates**.

Projections of the Cost of Cancer Care in the United States: 2010–2020

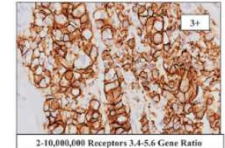
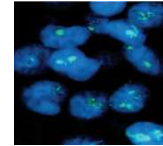
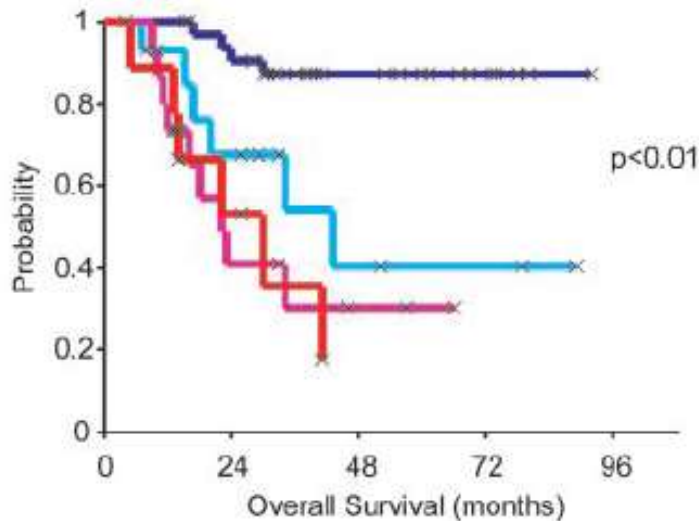
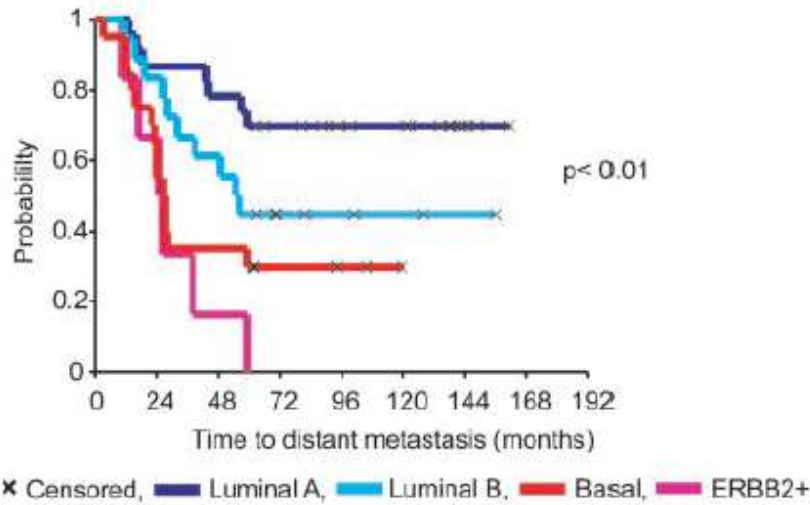


- ✓ Assuming constant incidence, survival, and cost, the authors projected 13.8 and 18.1 million cancer survivors in 2010 and 2020, respectively, with associated costs of cancer care of 124.57 and **157.77 billion 2010 US dollars**.
- ✓ This **27% increase in medical costs** reflects US population changes only.
- ✓ However, if costs of care increase annually by 2% in the initial and last year of life phases of care, **the total cost in 2020 is projected to be \$173 billion, which represents a 39% increase from 2010**



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