



Report Optimization: Maximizing the Clinical Utility of Next Generation Sequencing

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Agenda

- The Evolving Landscape of Precision Medicine and Oncology Testing Rakesh Nagarajan, MD, PhD PierianDx
- The Utility and Associated Challenges of Genomic Profiling Eric Vail, MD Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
- Optimizing Clinical Utility & Value of Genomic Reporting Eric Vail, MD Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
- **Q&A**Eric Vail, MD and Rakesh Nagarajan, MD, PhD



Rapid Rise of Precision Medicine

Numbers and Milestones

284 Total # of FDA approved pharmacogenomic biomarkers; 108 in oncology¹

25 Personalized medicine approvals in 2018 (42% of NMEs)²

10 Cancer-related personalized medicine approvals in 2018²

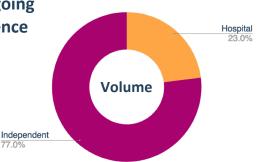
2nd Approval of a cancer drug (Vitrakvi) indication based on biomarker, not tumor type²

3/16/18 CMS announces national coverage policy for NGS diagnostics

Hospitals billing for comprehensive genomic profiling (CGP)³



Most of the CGP volume is going to a few independent reference labs.³



Cources

^{1.} FDA - Table of Pharmacogenomic Biomarkers in Drug Labeling. Data as of June 2018

^{2.} Personalized Medicine at FDA: A Progress & Outlook Report, Personalized Medicine Coalition, 2018.

^{3.} Boston Healthcare Associates analysis of claims data 2016.

Biomarker and NGS Testing





Biomarker Testing NGS Testing Progressive increase in More laboratories performing

oncology due to tumor agnostic biomarkers developed to inform targeted and immune therapies

Standardized testing algorithms drive biomarker testing for common tumors (NSCLC, CRC, breast) at diagnosis at many healthcare settings

NGS for common tumor types with approved therapies

Tumor agnostic markers, such as MSI, TMB, and NTRK fusions are significant driver of more NGS testing

Improving payor coverage with recent Medicare coverage for FDA-approved NGS tests



Emerging Tumor Mutational Burden





Oncology Testing is Evolving

Current Near-Term Long-Term Single Markers and **Broad NGS Testing Hotspot Panels** NGS / CGP increasingly dominates conventional methods (e.g., PCR, FISH) Specific patient populations are tested for specific biomarkers using Use of a single test on a single sample conventional methods (e.g., EGFR PCR to obtain a comprehensive biomarker for NSCLC) status of the patient Limits on tissue availability make this approach less sustainable long-term **Multi-Modality** Mix of test methods gives best picture Possible reflex test patterns with some tests being prioritized because of their ease of use/affordable cost Some FDA approved; some LDTs

Informatics deployed to create genotypic and phenotypic profile of patient

In-House NGS Testing

Overcoming the Challenges



Scarcity of genomic analysts



Growing number of assays from multiple vendors



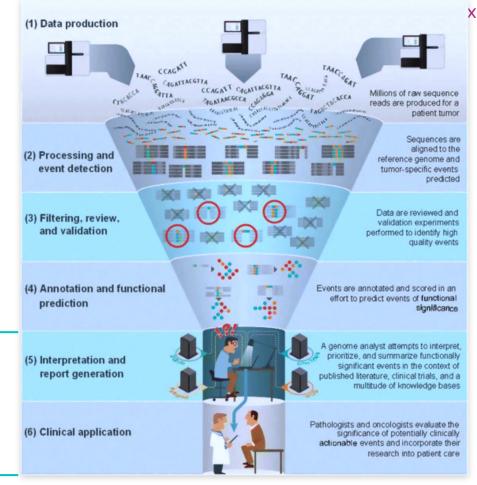
NGS Test Reimbursement



Amount of data to curate and interpret from publications



Rapidly changing therapies, guidelines, clinical trials



BM Good, Genome Biology 2014



Wisdom in Every Report



- Today: 45+ health systems and laboratories in partner sharing network
- 2019: PierianDx signs multi-year deal with Illumina to support cancer research and diagnostics
- **2018:** Moffitt 1st to launch TruSight™ Tumor 170 clinically
- **2014:** PierianDx established; Moffitt Cancer Center 1st to go live
- 2011: PierianDx technology developed at Washington University in St. Louis



Technology Enabled Services

Clinical Genomics Workspace

All-in-one informatics and reporting software



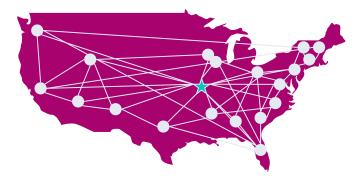


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Utility and Challenges Associated with Genomic Profiling



Biomarker Detection

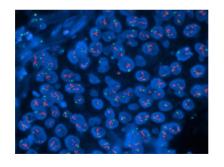
Traditionally for tumor characterization, targets were identified by limited assays

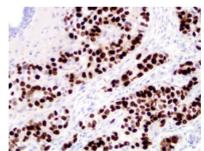
- IHC
- FISH
- Allele specific PCR

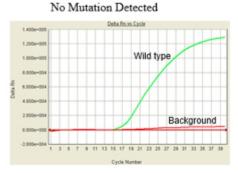
Highly specific but provide limited information

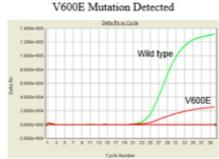
Requires multiple tests for complete analysis

Increase in markers increases costs and tissue requirements



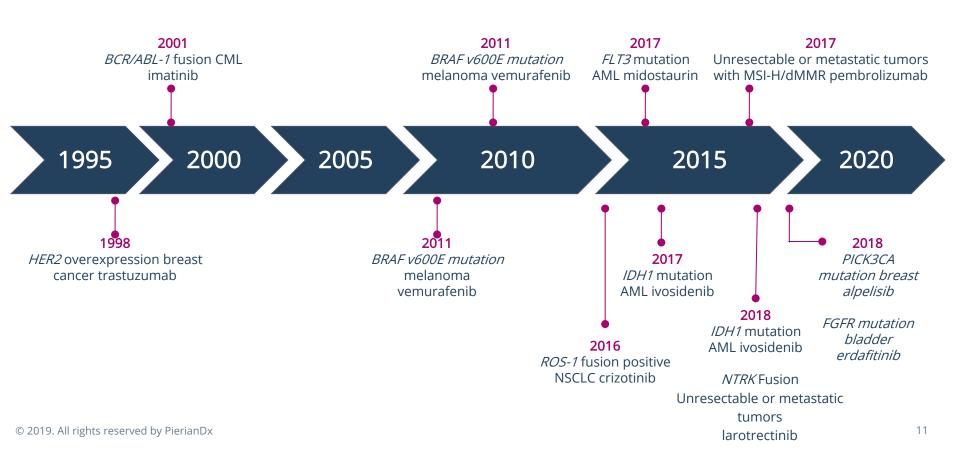








Predictive Molecular Biomarkers in Oncology





Next Generation Sequencing

Massively parallel sequencing

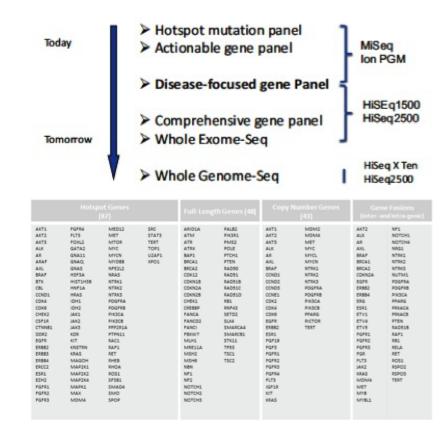
 Allows for large amounts of sequencing relatively cheaply and quickly

Commercially available for over a decade

- Significantly improved in that time
- Currently a very reliable technology

Technical cost now less than analytical

 Depending on panel size can have a very large amount of variants to report





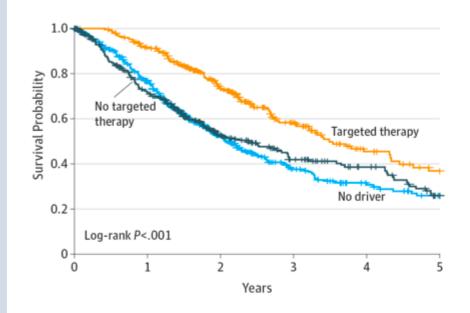
Therapy Selection

15 genes and MSI are FDA approved predictive biomarkers

- ALK, BRAF, BRCA1/2, EGFR, ERBB2, FGFR2/3, KRAS, NRAS, NTRK1/2/3, PIK3CA, ROS1
- MSI and NTRK pan-tumor, remainder tissue specific

Multiple others have NCCN emerging therapy designation and/or high levels of clinical evidence to support off-label use

• ATM, MET, PALB2, RET, TMB





Additional Utility of Genomic Profiling

Clinical Trial Recruitment

 Currently ~5% of patients are added to a clinical trial

Germline variant detection

Impact for entire families

Diagnostic precision

- Many tumors defined by their molecular event
- Sub-classification of tumors also increasingly driven by genomic profile
- Heme leading but solid tumors will follow

Tissue of origin (primary vs. metastasis)



"NCCN believes that best management of any patient with cancer is in a clinical trial. Participation in clinical trials is especially encouraged."

--NCCN Guidelines, 2014



Challenges with Genomic Reporting





Competing audiences

- Different educational backgrounds even within groups
- Different "wants" (sometimes opposing)

Lack of standardization

- Genomic nomenclature can be tricky especially with older "pre-NGS" genes/variants
- Reporting of genomic changes, VAF, CN, fusion transcripts differ lab to lab
- What level of evidence should be used for clinical recommendations?

Report findings vs. Analyze findings

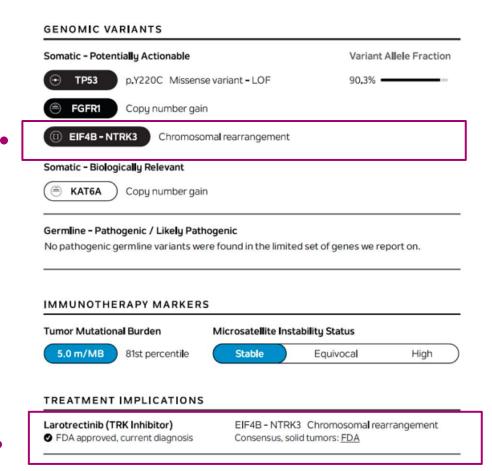
- Most labs at least report some analysis of variants
- Matched therapies, clinical trials, guidelines and/or global analysis all can be added on





NTRK fusions can be reported many different ways

- Note hyphen between fusion partner and gene
- In this example, fusion is referred to as "rearrangement"
- Every laboratory reports
 NTRK fusions slightly
 differently





High Impact Results

BIOMARKER	METHOD	RESULT	THERAP	THERAPY ASSOCIATION		
KRAS	NGS	Mutation Not Detected	DENEELT	and the second s	Loveld	
NRAS	NGS	Mutation Not Detected	BENEFIT	cetuximab, panitumumab	Level 1	
NTRK1	RNA-Seq	Fusion Detected	BENEFIT	larotrectinib	Level 1	
BRAF	NGS	Mutation Not Detected				

Important Note

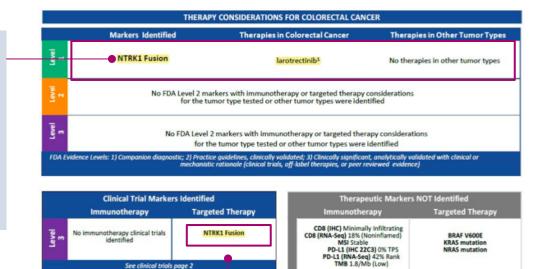
- Larotrectinib is included in the therapy association
- Prominent use of the word "fusion"
 - Note hyphen between fusion partner and gene

A TPM3-NTRK1 gene fusion was detected in this tumor. This fusion has been previously reported in several different tumors (Ardini 2014 Mol Oncol 8:1495; Chiang 2018 Am J Surg Pathol 42:791).

^{*} Biomarker reporting classification: Level 1 - highest level of clinical evidence and/or b and is endorsed by standard clinical guidelines; Level 3 - potential clinical significance



- Does not include the fusion partner
- Larotrectinib is listed as therapy
- Prominent use of the word "fusion"



PATHOLOGIST SUMMARY INTERPRETATION

MOLECULAR SUMMARY: This NTRK fusion positive, microsatellite stable colorectal cancer with a very low mutational burden is non-inflamed with a moderately low number of CD8+ T-cells in a minimally infiltrating pattern, a high number of FOXP3+CD4+ T-cells, and negative expression of PD-L1 by IHC (TP5=0%; 22C3 clone). No dominant immunosuppressive mechanism is identified in this tumor and the overall assessment is a somewhat non-immunogenic tumor. The APC c.3958_3962dup (\$1321RfsX2) mutation identified in this tumor is an uncommon variant in this gene.

LIKELIHOOD OF RESPONSE BASED ON EVIDENCE IN CURRENT LITERATURE: From a targeted therapy perspective, the NTRK1 fusion identified in this case is level 1 clinical evidence for treatment with a TRK inhibitor, such as larotrectinib or entrectinib. TRK inhibitor response rates for NTRK fusion positive tumors are >75% regardless of tumor histology. For a review of this topic, see the recent publication by Cocco et al. (PMID: 30333516)

From an immunotherapeutic perspective, response to PD-1 axis checkpoint blockade in this case is not favorable. Recommendation is augmentation of PD-1 axis checkpoint blockade with chemotherapy or radiation (see clinical trials section of the report).



Companion Diagnostic (CDx) Associated Findings

GENOMIC FINDINGS DETECTED	FDA-APPROVED THERAPEUTIC OPTIONS		
KRAS wildtype (codons 12 & 13)	Erbitux® (Cetuximab)		
KRAS/NRAS wildtype (codons 12, 13, 59, 61, 117, & 146 in exons 2, 3, & 4)	Vectibix® (Panitumumab)		

- Note hyphen between fusion partner and gene
- Larotrectinib is not listed as therapy on this page
- Prominent use of the word "fusion"

OTHER ALTERATIONS & BIOMARKERS IDENTIFIED

Results reported in this section are not prescriptive or conclusive for labeled use of any specific therapeutic product. See professional services section for additional information.

Microsatellite status MSI-High §
Tumor Mutational Burden 34 Muts/Mb §
ASXL1 G645fs*58
CIC G136fs*8
CREBBP H2384fs*12
FLCN H429fs*39

NTRK1 TPM3(NM_152263)-NTRK1(NM_002529) fusion (T10*; N10) §

RNF43 R286W RNF43 G659fs*41 SOX9 O357*

TSC2 G654fs*2

§ Refer to appendix for limitation statements related to detection of any copy number alterations, gene rearrangements, MSI or TMB result in this section.

Please refer to appendix for Explanation of Clinical Significance Classification and for variants of unknown significance (VUS).



- Note hyphen between fusion partner and gene
- Larotrectinib is listed as therapy with clinical benefit
- Prominent use of the word "fusion"

BIOMARKER FINDINGS	THERAPIES WITH CLINICAL BENEFIT (IN PATIENT'S TUMOR TYPE)	THERAPIES WITH CLINICAL BENEFIT (IN OTHER TUMOR TYPE)
Microsatellite status - MSI-High	Nivolumab	none
10 Trials see p. 15	Pembrolizumab	
Tumor Mutational Burden - TMB-High (34	none	Atezolizumab
Muts/Mb)		Avelumab
		Durvalumab
		Nivolumab
10 Trials see p. 17		Pembrolizumab
GENOMIC FINDINGS	THERAPIES WITH CLINICAL BENEFIT (IN PATIENT'S TUMOR TYPE)	THERAPIES WITH CLINICAL BENEFIT (IN OTHER TUMOR TYPE)
NTRK1 - TPM3-NTRK1 fusion	Larotrectinib	Crizotinib
8 Trials see p. 19		
RNF43 - G659fs*41, R286W	none	none
2 Trials see p. 21		
TSC2 - G654fs*2	none	none
10 Trials see p. 22		



NTRK1 Point Mutation vs. Fusion

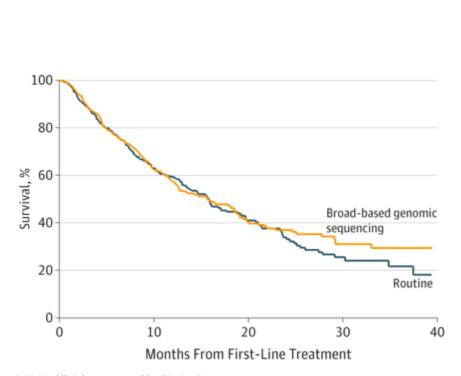
- Do not confuse NTRK1 point mutation with "fusion."
- Point mutation is not part of the indication for larotrectinib.
- Anecdotal findings suggest that larotrectinib does not work in these patients.

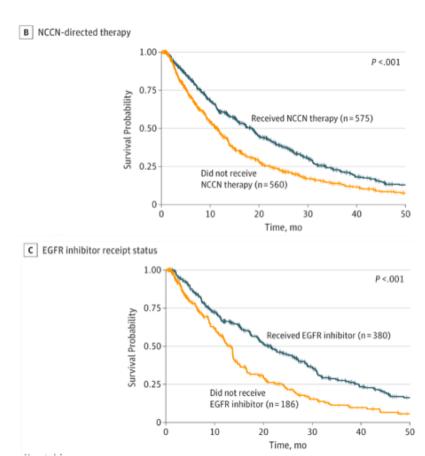
Variants of Unknown Significance

Gene	Variant
NOTCH3	P.R544C chr19:g.15298126G>A NM_000435 2:c.1630C>T
NTRK1	p.Q80R chr1:g.156834172A>G NM_002529. 3:c.239A>G
TSC2	p.P330L chr16:g.2110684C>T NM_000548.3:c.989C>T
ARID1A	p.G1254S chr1:g.27099881G>A NM_006015.4:c.3760G>A



Why is this Important?







How can Pathology Help?

1

Comprehensive analysis and reporting

- Utilize EMR in crafting reports for true personalization
- Provide updates on novel therapeutics
- Hand match clinical trials in and outside network
- Explain discordant results

2

Outreach and education

- Both clinicians and general pathologists
- Builds personal relationships and trust in the laboratory
- Generally enhances patient care



Structure of Cedars-Sinai Reports

First page has everything really important for patient care

Summary of results with therapies and guidelines •

Molecular pathology interpretation

- Provides personalized, in-depth analysis
- Lists relevant therapies and guidelines
- Suggests relevant clinical trials

Remaining (3-5) pages has everything else

- Clinical trial details
- Variant details
- VUS
- Regulatory requirements (disclaimers, methodology etc.)

CS - Comprehensive Cancer Panel						
SPECIMEN INFORMATION						
Specimen Type:	Tissue specimen from bronchus	Source:	RIGHT MAIN STE BRONCHUS			
Accession Number:		Block:	A1			
Percent Tumor Nuclei:	35					
Clinical Indication:	Bronchial tissue diffusely invaded by poorly differentiated, mucinous adenocarcinoma (lung primary)					

ı	RESULT SUMMARY					
	Variant Detected	FDA Approved Therapy Within Indication	FDA Approved Therapy Outside Indication	Resistance to Therapies	Guidelines	Clinical Trial Opportunity
	EML4, ALK Fusion	Brigatinib, Crizotinib, Alectinib, Lorlatinib, Ceritinib	No	No	Yes - See Variant Details	Yes - see below
	TP53 p.G245S 16.2%	No	No	No	No	Yes - see below

IMMUNOTHERAPY

TMB Low: 2 muts/Mb

Tumor mutational burden (TMB) is a measurement of the amount of nonsynonymous somatic mutations present within a tumor sample. Tumors that have low TMB rarely respond to immunotherapy (PMID 2835/358, 2965/128, 30643254).

MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY INTERPRETATION

This is with bronchial tissue dffusely invaded by poorly differentiated, mucinous adenocarcinoma (lung primary). FISH testing was negative for rearrangements in ALKROS and amplification of MET. The information provided in this report relates to the currently known clinical significance and possible therapeutic implications of mutations detected in the above specimen from the right main stem bronchus.

An EML(JALK fusion and an inactivating TP53 mutation were detected. This fusion is known to be responsive to TRI therapy, in the treatment naive setting the NoCN recommends alectinib (perferred), crizotinib, brigatinib, and ceritinib (ALK inhibitors, FDA approved for ALK-positive metastatic NSCLC) for patients with ALK-positive disease (category 1) (NCCN NSCLC v3.2019). Additionally, RNA based detection of fusions is considered to be significantly more sensitive than FISH and would explain the discrepancy in this case (PMID: 27768042). Of note, in ALK-rearranged/TP55 comutated NSCLC patients who received systems therapy, median progression-free survival and overall survival were significantly lower compared with TP53 wild-type patients (PMID- 30165392). Clinical trials are available for both of these mutations.

No other clinically significant mutations were detected (see gene list below)



Explanation of Rare Variants

Sequencing produces many rare variants

- Clinicians are often unprepared to evaluate them
- Need for descriptive reporting and direct consultation
- Often have molecular studies that seem discrepant
- EMR is crucial in these cases

Results Summary						
Variant Detected	FDA Approved Therapy Within Indication	Therapy	Resistance to Therapies	(-HIIGEIIDES	Clinical Trial Opportunity	
EGFR Exon 18 to 25 Kinase Domain Duplication	Osimertinib, Erlotinib, Afatinib, Gefitinib	No	No	Yes - see variant details below	Yes - see below	

49 y/o m with metastatic (bone & brain) NSCLC

- EGFR (Sanger), BRAF (PCR) and PD-L1 (IHC) negative at OSH
- Remaining biomarkers QNS

Came to Cedars-Sinai for treatment

Repeated biopsy to complete molecular profile

Found to have an EGFR KDD (exon 18-25)

- Rare activating EGFR variant (~1% of EGFR mut)
- Sparse clinical evidence suggests sensitivity to TKI therapy (particularly afatinib)

Discussed findings with clinician prior to and during tumor board

- Explained discrepancy with prior EGFR study
- Osimertinib ultimately chosen (Brain penetration)

Patient started therapy and has had complete symptom relief and radiographic shrinkage of the brain and bone mets



Updating Targeted Therapies

Molecular therapeutics is advancing rapidly

- Novel therapies are continually being approved
- Often therapies that work on a target in one tumor type work in another
- No patient should miss out if available

FDA Approved Therapy Within Indication	FDA Approved Therapy Outside Indication	Resistance to Therapies	Guidelines	Clinical Trial Opportunity
No	No	No	No	Yes - see below
No	No	No	No	Yes - see below
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73 y/o female with GBM diagnosed August of last year

Found to have an FGFR3-TACC3 fusion

 At the time no targeted therapies, just trials

Received standard of care (TMZ, radiation)

- Developed aplastic anemia and was no longer eligible for clinical trial
- Considering hospice

Erdafitinib (FGFR TKI) approved recently for FGFR2/3 mutated urothelial carcinoma

- Queried database for patients with those mutations (pan-cancer)
- Reached out to clinician and amended report to include this as off label therapy
- Patient was able to recently obtain and begin treatment



Clinical Trial Matching

Most patients have a variant with an open related clinical trial

Including clinical trials on the report is an area of disagreement between clinicians

- Some utilize it, some skip right over
- How can we make higher yield?

Curating them takes a lot of work

- Easily searchable/automatable databases help
- Still large manual portion

Will include trials in the first page interpretation when especially clinically relevant

- In system or local area a big plus
- Good published clinical data
- Example: EGFR/ERBB2 exon 20 insertions referred to trial treating with poziotinib at an outside institution.

	ic profile and tumor type a	ire dispid	yeu below.
TITLE	TRIAL IDENTIFIER	PHASE	VARIANT
Randomized Blinded Phase III Assessment of Second or	NCT02504489	Ш	ALK, TRMT61
Third-Line Chemotherapy With Docetaxel + Plinabulin Compared to Docetaxel + Placebo in Patients With Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer and With at Least One Measurable Lung Lesion	https://clinicaltrials.gov/ show/NCT02504489		ALK-TRMT61B fusion transcri
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Third-Line Chemotherapy With Docetaxel + Plinabulin Compared to Docetaxel + Placebo in Patients With Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer and With at Least One Measurable Lung Lesion			EML4-ALK fusion transcript
Targeted Therapy in Children and Adolescents With	NCT03874273	II/III	ALK, TRMT61
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Targeted Therapy in Children and Adolescents With	NCT03874273	II/III	EML4, ALK
Recurrent, Progressive and Unresectable Inflammatory Myofibroblastic Tumor With the Inhibitor of Tyrosine Kinase - Crizotinib	https://clinicaltrials.gov/ show/NCT03874273		EML4-ALK fusion transcript
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PHARMACODYNAMIC STUDY OF PF-02341066, A C-MET/ HGFR SELECTIVE TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITOR.	https://clinicaltrials.gov/ show/NCT00585195		EML4-ALK fusion



Tumor Mutation Burden (TMB)

Gold standard is T/N exome

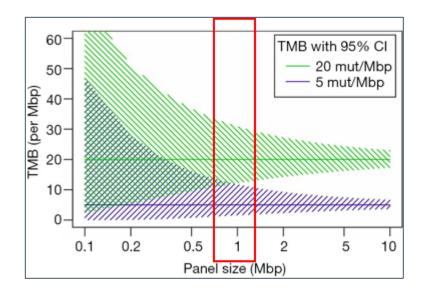
Mostly done clinically with tumor only panels

Currently reported as a category and a number

- High ≥10 mutations/Mb
- Intermediate 5-9 mutations/Mb
- Low ≤4 mutations/Mb

"One size fits all approach"

Does this really translate from tumor to tumor?



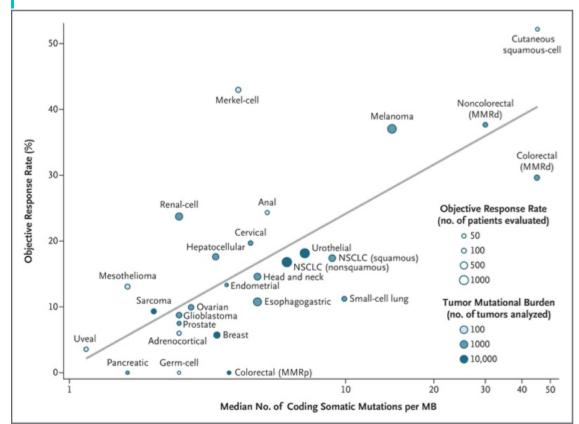
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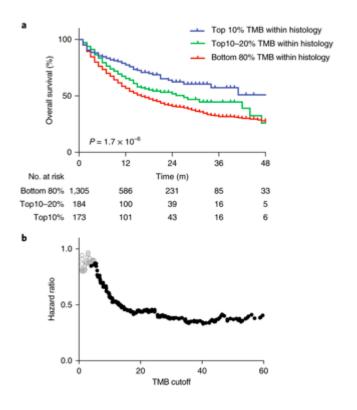
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TMB Reporting







Visibility of Reporting

Reports are often PDFs

- Not discrete (unsearchable)
- Disconnected from the histopathology
- Easily lost in the shuffle of the dreaded media tab

May lead to situations where molecular results are never reviewed!

Multiple possible solutions









Direct discrete data integration into EMR

Molecular consult notes

EMR alerts

Summary

- Genomic profiling provides high value for patients and laboratories
- Molecular oncology reporting is highly complex
- Differences in reporting have real-world clinical impact. Standardization and integration with EMR can help mitigate challenges.
- When in doubt, pick up the phone!





Questions and Answers

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