# Medical Update: Ovarian Cancer 2018 How is our definition of Ovarian Cancer changing?

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# **Ovarian Cancer Definitions**

# **Ovarian Cancer**

- What is it?
- Who gets it?
- How is it treated?
- How successful is treatment?

# **Ovarian Cancer Definitions**

# **Ovarian Cancer**

- Definitions of Past
- Definition of each woman's cancer
- Definitions of where we are at today
- New definitions for now and the Future

# What is Ovarian Cancer?

Each woman's ovarian cancer is unique

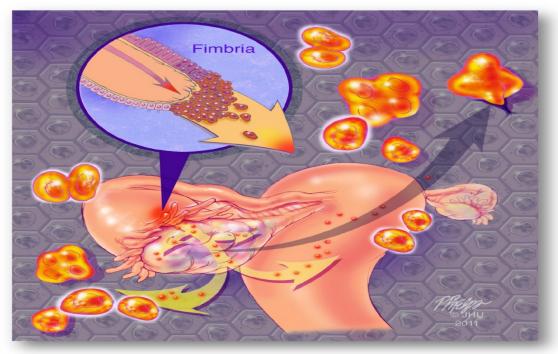
## Where does Epithelial Ovarian Cancer come from?

Hint – not from the ovary

# What is Ovarian Cancer?

### Where does ovarian cancer come from?

The fallopian tube



# What is the "Biology of Ovarian Cancer"

Each woman's ovarian cancer is unique

**Classic Epithelial Ovarian Cancer** 

What does it look like?

How much cancer is found at diagnosis?

How easy is it to surgically remove?

How does it respond to chemotherapy?

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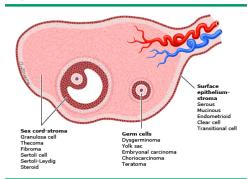
Histology –

What the cancer cells look like under the microscope

→ 75% High Grade Serous Carcinoma

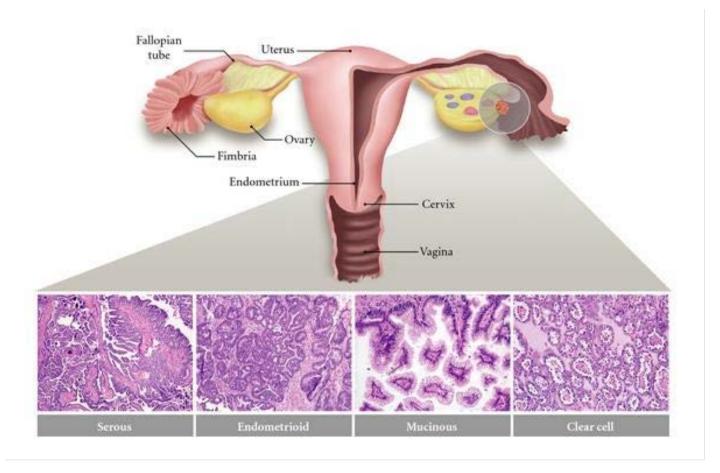
# Biology of Ovarian Cancer

#### Origins of ovarian tumors



Some epithelial ovarian carcinomas may originate in the fallopian tube epithelium.





# What is the "Biology of Ovarian Cancer"

How much cancer is found at diagnosis?

**Stage** → where cancer cells are found in the body

**75% Advanced Stage** 

the cancer has spread throughout abdomen / lung fluid

# What is the "Biology of Ovarian Cancer"

How easy is it to surgically remove?

**Extent of Disease** 

Before

resectable/unresectable

**After** 

**Complete (microscopic)** 

Optimal (< 1cm)

Suboptimal (> 1cm)

# What is the "Biology of Ovarian Cancer"

How does it respond to chemotherapy
Platinum sensitive vs resistant
How long does the response last
Response complete vs partial

# What is the "Biology of Ovarian Cancer"

Is there a genetic mutation responsible for the cancer?

>15 % Germline mutation (familial based)

??? (100%) Somatic Mutation (tumor based)

(Hint—Targeted Therapy)

# Percentage of Women with Ovarian Cancer who should undergo BRCA testing

100%

- Provide prognostic information regarding ovarian cancer
- Influences Treatment Options (Parp inhibitors)
- Influences Surveillance for other cancers (esp. breast)
- Significantly impact prevention of cancers in other family members

"No woman with BRCA1 or 2 gene mutation should ever die of ovarian or breast cancer if all 30 year old women were tested."

Mary-Claire King, PhD

March 20, 2016 SGO ABOG Lecturer, San Diego

# **Ovarian Cancer Treatment**

# Which is first -- surgery and / or chemotherapy?

**Surgery 1st –Tumor Reductive Surgery** 

or

**Chemotherapy 1st – Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy** 

# **Ovarian Cancer Treatment**

How do we decide surgery and / or chemotherapy?

**Assessment by Gynecologic Oncologist** 

**Extent of the Disease** 

**Functional Status** 

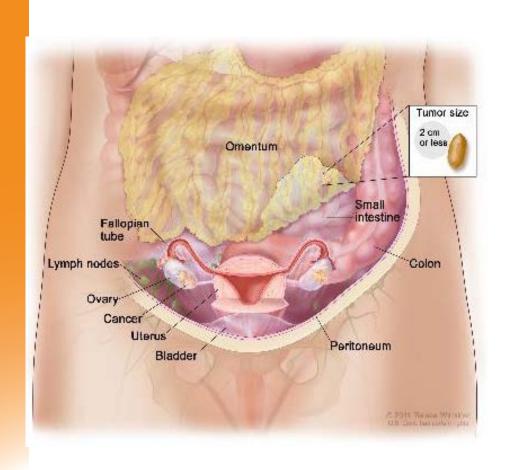
#### **Ovarian Cancer Treatment**

#### What is removed?

#### REMOVE ALL VISIBLE CANCER

- Resection of Pelvic Tumor: uterus + ovaries + fallopian tubes
- Omentectomy
- Possible bowel, lymph nodes, skin of the inside of the abdominal cavity (
- Intraperitoneal Port Placement
- Surgery by <u>Gynecologic Oncologist</u> results in better survival outcomes
  - High volume surgeons at High Volume Facilities

# What is the Omentum?





### What is **Standard of Care** Treatment?

The treatment approach that is considered the optimal treatment that has been scientifically studied as is superior other treatment options.

1<sup>st</sup> Line Treatment

**Surgery and Chemotherapy** 

#### **Components**

Carboplatin + Taxol Chemotherapy
Consultation with Gynecologic Oncologist
Surgery by Gynecologic Oncologist
Consideration for Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy

# **Primary Treatment – 1st line**

After first line treatment

**Cancer surveillance** – Observation (standard of care)

Maintenance / Consolidation — continuing with current treatment component

**Switch Maintenance**—after complete response, then maintenance treatment with a **different drug** 

# What happens if / when Ovarian Cancer recurs?

**Treatment Choices depend on** 

Timing is (almost) everything

Progression Free Interval Platinum sensitivity--

Functional status
Prior treatments / residual toxicities
Goals of treatment
Acceptable toxicities

**Eligibility for Clinical Trial** 

#### **Treatment terms**

# What are treatment options for recurrent cancer?

Current chemotherapy -- single agent vs multiple agents

**Carboplatin / Cisplatin** 

**Liposomal Doxorubicin** 

**Gemcitabine** 

**Topotecan** 

**Taxanes** 

**Biologics** –Bevacizumab

**Targeted--Parp inhibitors** \*\*

\*\*If BRCA+ and /or platinum sensitive

**Treatment terms** 

# What are Biologics

-Angiogenesis inhibitors

Bevacizumab, Cedarinib



# **Bevacizumab (Avastin)**

#### **Angiogenesis Inhibitor**

- One of the first 'biologic' treatments for ovarian cancer
- Effective in several other cancers (colon, breast, lung)
- Intravenous every 2-3 weeks
- Limited side effects (symptoms) but significant potential toxicities (risk to health)

#### Research with Bevacizumab and Ovarian Cancer

- "1st line" Ovarian Cancer Treatment
- Maintenance Treatment
- Recurrent Disease

## What are PARP Inhibitors?

Parp inhibitors work to inhibit a Parp DNA Repair Mechanism.

Alone they are affective in controlling Ovarian Cancer in women with a BRCA mutation.

OR

<u>Clinical Trials</u> are looking at the combination of Parp Inhibitors and other cancer treatment drugs to also help control Ovarian Cancer in women who are BRCA negative

# It all starts with healthy cells replicating themselves.....

During replication, a cell needs to duplicate it's DNA.

Duplicating the DNA is very complex and mistakes happen.

If mistakes during the duplication of the DNA, the cell's have built in repair mechanisms—these are **DNA Repair Pathways** 

Healthy cells have two different <u>DNA repair pathways</u>.

Homologous Recombination (BRCA pathway)

Base Excision Repair (Parp pathway)

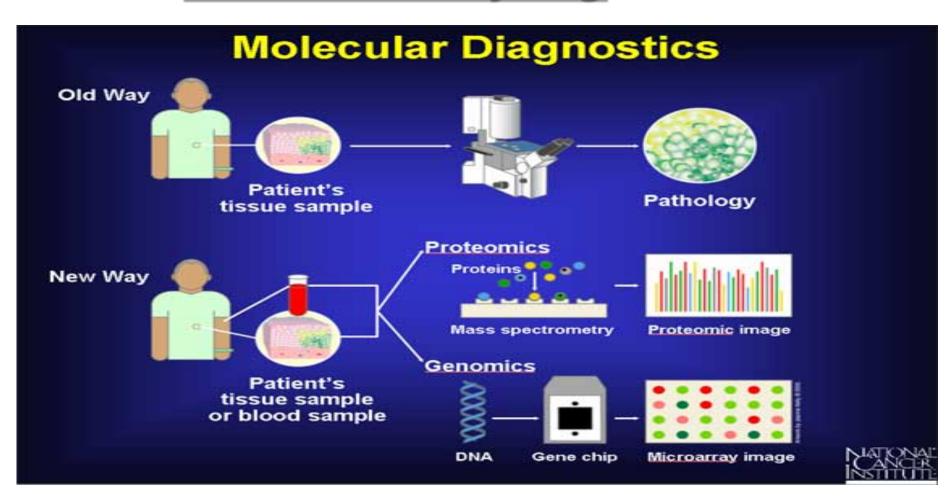
# What are the current PARP Inhibitors?

- Olaparib
- Rucaparib
- Niraparib
- Veliparib
- Talazoparib

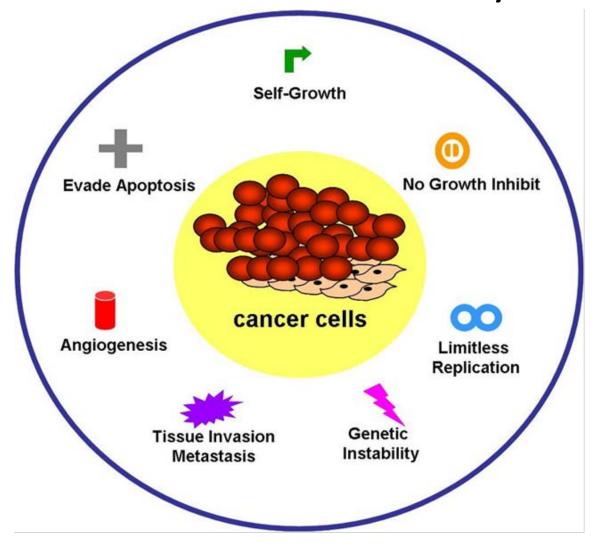
# What is <u>Target Therapy</u>? Using the <u>molecular profile</u> of the cancer determine the treatment options.

One of the oldest targeted therapies is the anti-estrogen drug Tamoxifen in breast cancer.

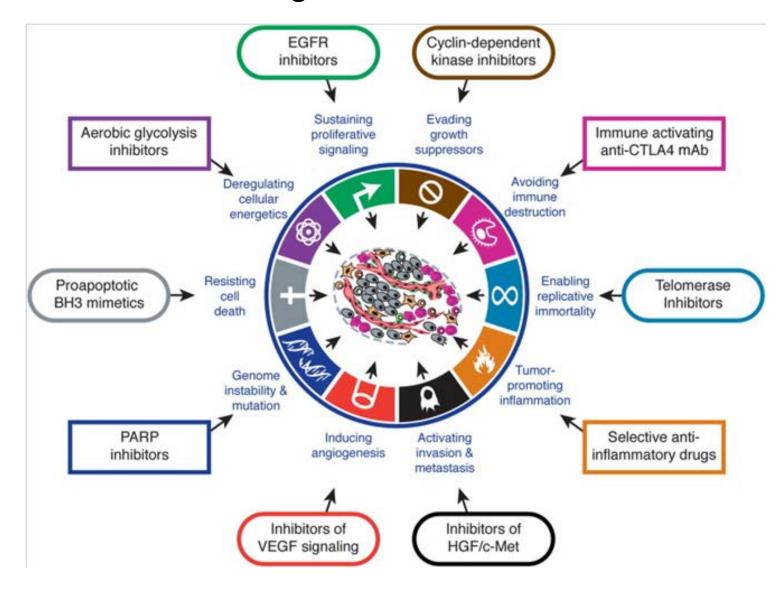
# What is Molecular Profiling?



# Cancer Cell Function which may be altered



#### Treatment Strategies related to Cancer Function

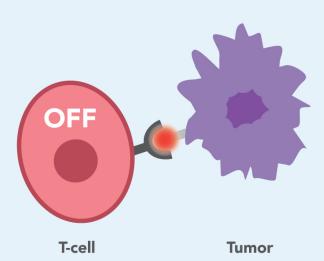


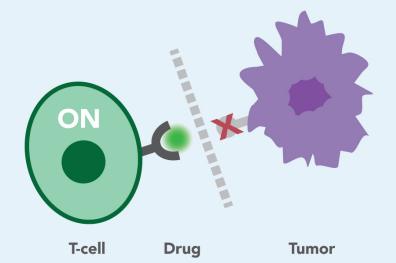
# What Is Immunotherapy

#### **How Does Immunotherapy Work?**

Tumor cells bind to T-cells to deactivate them

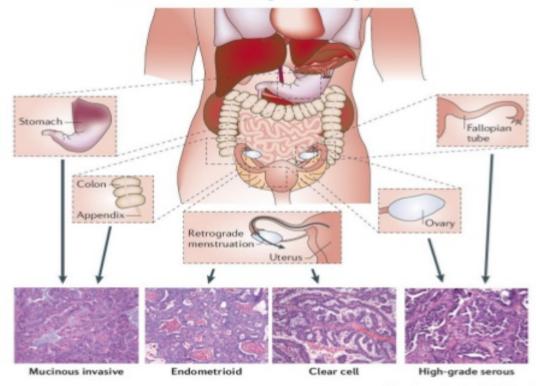
Immunotherapy drugs can block tumor cells from deactivating T-cells





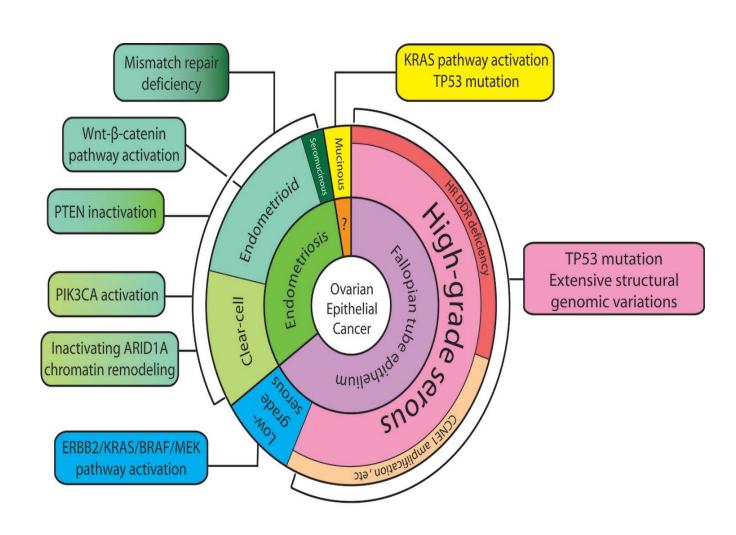


#### Ovarian Cancer is Many Diseases and Molecularly Complex



Vaughan S, et al.: Nature Reviews 2011

# What targets are there for Ovarian Cancer?



# New Targeted Therapies

- Bevacizumab (Avastin)
- Bortezomib (Velcade)
- Ceritinib (Zykadia)
- Ipilimumab (Yervoy)
- Nivolumab (Opdivo)
- Olaparib (Lynparza)
- Pazopanib (Votrient)
- Pembrolizumab (Keytruda)
- Pertuzumab (Perjeta)
- Temsirolimus (Torisel)

- Trametinib (Mekinist)
- Trebananib
- Veliparib
- Rucaparib
- Avelumab
- Binimetinib
- Niraparib
- VB-111
- Vanucizumab
- Selinexor

#### **Definitions / Terminology**

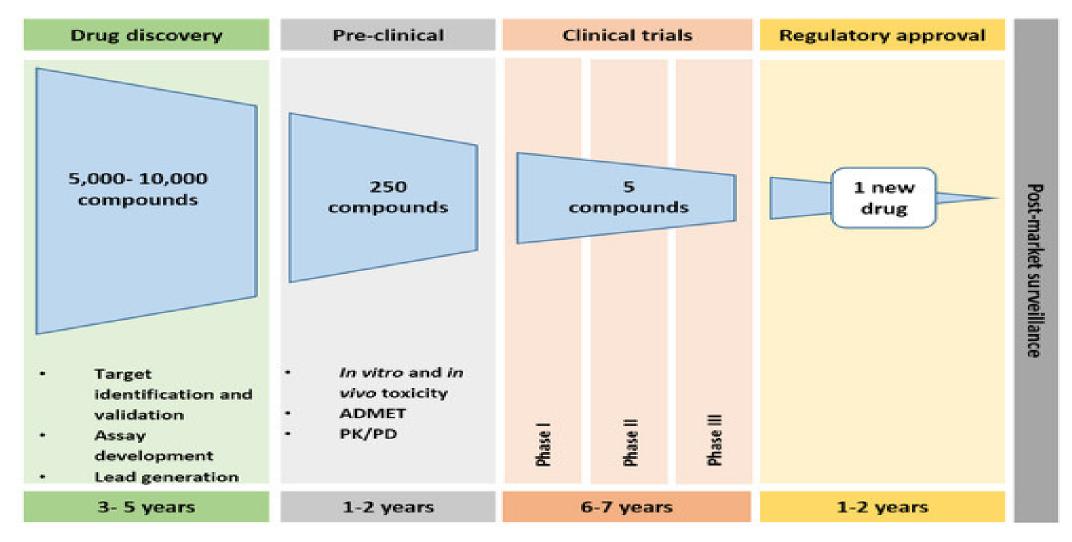
#### What are Clinical Trials?

Research Studies performed to test new, potentially beneficial medical interventions on people.

#### Various Types of Cancer Research Trials

- Prevention Trials
- Screening Trials
- Diagnostic Trails
- Treatment Trials
- Quality of Life / Supportive Care Trials
- Genetics Trials

# Research from conception to drug



#### **Clinical Trials**

- Phase I -- Is the treatment safe?
- Phase II Does the treatment work?
- Phase III
   Is it better than what's already available?
- FDA Approval
- Phase IV What else do we need to know?

#### **Eligibility for Clinical Trials**

- Type of Cancer / Stage / Histology
- Current status of the cancer
- Any prior treatments
- Measurable disease (RECRIST)

- Functional Status
- Other health Issues / other cancer diagnosis

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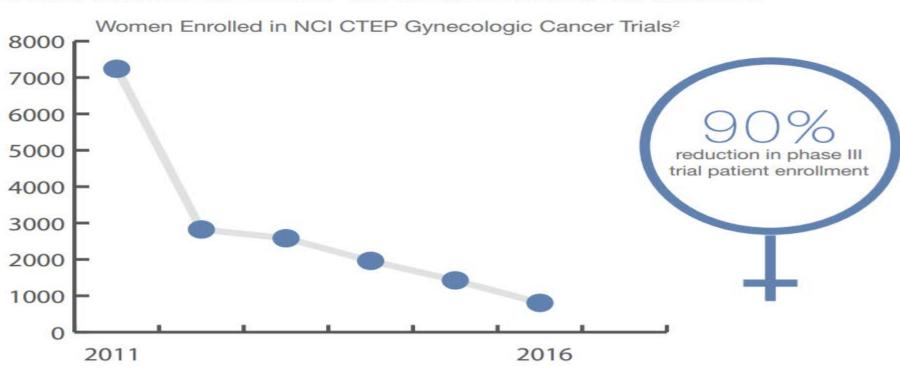
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# Who pays for Clinical Trials?

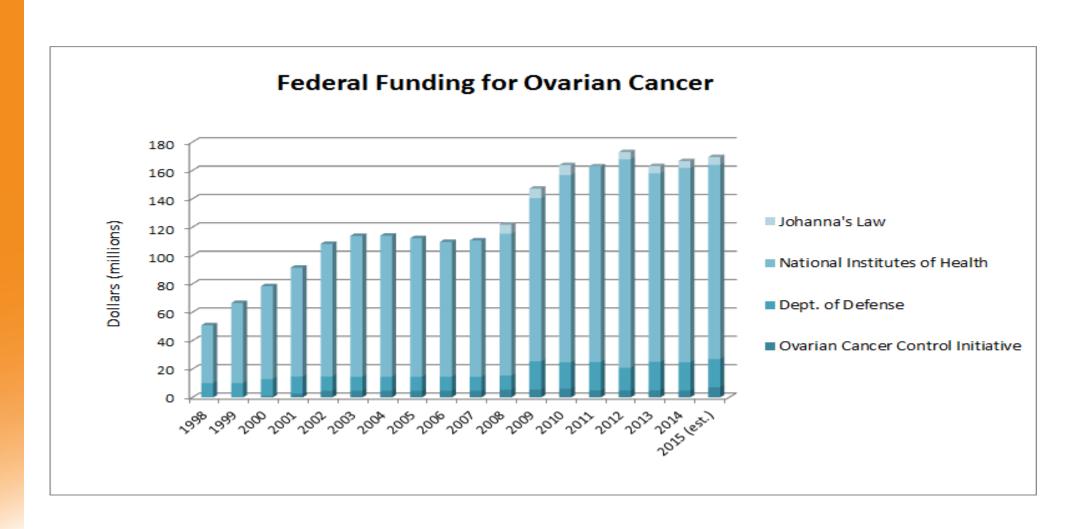
- Government
- Private Foundations (Ovarian Cancer Research Fund)
- Pharma

#### Who pays for Clinical Trials?

# THE CURRENT STATE: A SEVERE DECLINE IN AVAILABILITY OF CLINICAL TRIALS FOR WOMEN WITH GYNECOLOGIC CANCER



# Who pays for Clinical Trials?

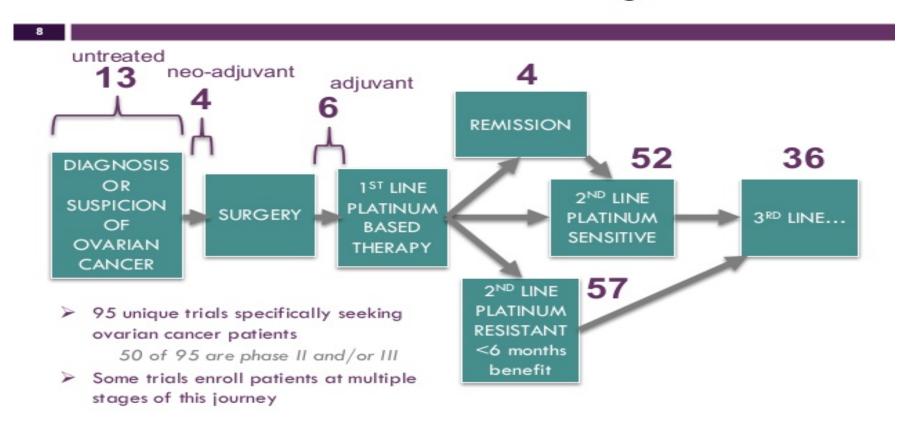


# Are there Many Clinical Trials?

- 50 Phase II or III studies specifically for ovarian cancer
- 45 Phase I trials specifically for ovarian cancer patients
- Hundreds of general Phase 1 trials

# Are there Many Clinical Trials?

#### Clinical trials offered at all stages



# **Pharma / Private Industry**























# **Immunotherapy Studies**

#### Compass Oncology

- 1<sup>st</sup> line (with Carbo / Taxol)
  - additional treatment and / or maintenance
- ATEZOLIZUMAB (open)
- AVELUMAB IN COMBINATION WITH (PARP) INHIBITOR
   TALAZOPARIB (opening soon)

#### Other immunotherapy

- Cancer vaccines:
  - Vaccines are substances put into the body to start an immune response to help prevent or treat cancer.

#### Large Research Programs

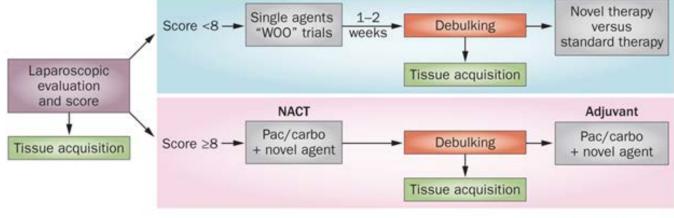
- The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA)
- MATCH Molecular Analysis for Therapy Choice Trial
  - 2 % of targets have 'actionable drugs'
- 'Actionable Drugs' -- Multicenter Ovarian Cancer Research—
  - Angiogenesis Studies = 6
  - Parp Inhibitors = 9
  - Immunomodulators = 2
  - Antibody drug conjugates = 1
  - 38 New drugs in the pipeline through Pharma

#### Sharing and Integrating the Latest Research

- MD Anderson Cancer Center Moon Shot Program (2012)
- APOLLO adaptive patient-oriented platform longitudinal learning and optimization.

 Integrating clinical information with translational data from research to accelerate adaptation of the newest information available in real times.

Anderson Algorithm



### **Early Detection**

- 6 Develop Early Detection Strategies
  - extend beyond <u>current</u> imaging modalities and biomarkers
    - CA125 and Transvaginal Ultrasound have not had substantial impact on mortality from ovarian cancer in the general or high risk populations.
  - New methods of cytology (pap, endometrial) to detect pre cancer or early cancer
  - New *Blood tests* to detect new, unique proteins or combination of proteins

#### Conclusion--Some Key Messages that are ready for D&I

- Current methods for early detection in the general or high-risk population do not have substantial impact on mortality.
- Proven preventive strategies exist.
- All women with invasive ovarian cancer should receive germline genetic testing.
- Genetic counseling and testing for the first-degree relatives of women with a hereditary cancer syndrome or germline mutation.
- Uniform implementation of the standard of care and the inclusion of supportive care across the survivorship trajectory.

#### Conclusion

- Major changes are occurring in Cancer Care
  - Prevention  $\rightarrow$  Early Detection  $\rightarrow$ Primary Treatment  $\rightarrow$  Recurrent / Chronic Disease
- Novel approaches to treating cancer
  - Research into many different approaches to cancer
  - Personalized Medicine—
    - developing treatments based on the individual and the cancer itself
- Focus on Quality of Life
  - Treatment tolerance and toxicities
  - Emotional / social aspects of cancer diagnosis
  - Palliative Care and End of Life



Thank you