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Follow the Tissue: Testing Selection for Patients with Advanced NSCLC

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Molecular Process (Including Liquid)

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Molecular Testing of NSCLC

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- ▶ Recommended testing targets include: *EGFR*, *ALK*, *ROS1*, *Met* exon 14 skipping mutations, *RET*, and PD-L1
- ▶ *ALK* testing should be performed in the same NSCLC patient population as for *EGFR*: patients with advanced NSCLC and never-smokers with squamous subtype
- ▶ Testing modalities for *ALK* include fluorescent in situ hybridization (FISH), immunohistochemistry (IHC), and Next-generation sequencing (NGS)
- ▶ Testing must be clinically relevant, easy to interpret, have a short turnaround time, and be cost efficient

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Testing considerations that impact the overall turnaround time

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- ▶ Preanalytic (test ordering, specimen retrieval, slide/block review, transportation to the testing laboratory)
- ▶ Analytic (batching of tests, releasing reports)
- ▶ Postanalytic (report availability in the electronic medical record, notification of results to the treating physician)
- ▶ Reflex testing initiated by the pathologist at the time of biopsy diagnosis can increase testing rates and decrease turnaround time of molecular testing

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Application of Testing Methods

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- ▶ Most biomarker tests are performed as a series of single-gene evaluations, which need more tissue and potential limit the number of tests possible
- ▶ While IHC is the usual diagnostic test for *ALK*, followed by FISH where results are indeterminate, NGS is more commonly being used as a testing panel
- ▶ Laboratories are migrating away from the single gene test approach toward NGS assays incorporating gene panels able to detect a diverse set of alterations
- ▶ The choice is driven by cost, urgency, clinical and laboratory focus, and time considerations; there is no “one size fits all” approach

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Plasma Genotyping (Liquid biopsy)

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- ▶ Evolving; usefulness in clinical practice depends upon the number of circulating tumor molecules in the peripheral blood and tumor burden
- ▶ Reasons to perform liquid biopsy include:
 - ▶ (1) inability to biopsy or rebiopsy due to the patient's suboptimal clinical condition or unfavorable tumor site such as bone, central nervous system, or multiple small pulmonary nodules
 - ▶ (2) sparing the patient the risk of complications of an invasive procedure
 - ▶ (3) inadequacy of biopsy tissue for the performance of all necessary testing
 - ▶ (4) lower cost of blood draw
 - ▶ (5) shorter turnaround time
 - ▶ (6) circulating markers are theoretically more likely to reflect systemic tumor burden, better depicting intratumoral heterogeneity that is missed with single-site biopsies

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Technical Considerations

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- ▶ Blood collection: Ethylenediaminetetra-acetic acid (EDTA) tubes versus preservative tubes designed for cell-free DNA isolation
- ▶ EDTA tubes: inexpensive, must be processed within 1-2 hours after collection, greater risk of release of normal genomic DNA, diluting the mutant species; therefore best for use with in-house laboratory testing
- ▶ Preservative tubes: stabilize nucleated RBCs, preventing release of genomic DNA, inhibits cfDNA degradation, cfDNA stable up to 14 days, circulating tumor cells (CTCs) up to 7 days; therefore best for sending out to a laboratory
- ▶ No consensus but usually 20 ml of blood is suggested; both stable at room temperature; storage and transport guidelines must be strictly followed

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Liquid Biopsy

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- ▶ Tissue testing remains the gold standard for *ALK* testing; however, liquid biopsy is becoming more commonly employed
- ▶ Noninvasive, reliable, alternative approach for patients at the time of diagnosis for whom tumor biopsy is not feasible or with inadequate material for molecular analysis
- ▶ Can guide treatment strategies during the disease course, including evaluating recurrence
- ▶ Liquid biopsy has driven molecular testing from local pathology laboratories to high-throughput, centralized, often for-profit laboratories

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Liquid Biopsy

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- ▶ What does this mean for patient care?
- ▶ How is the pathologist's role affected?
- ▶ What are the implications for integration of diagnostic information and appropriate therapy selection?
- ▶ How do we control quality?

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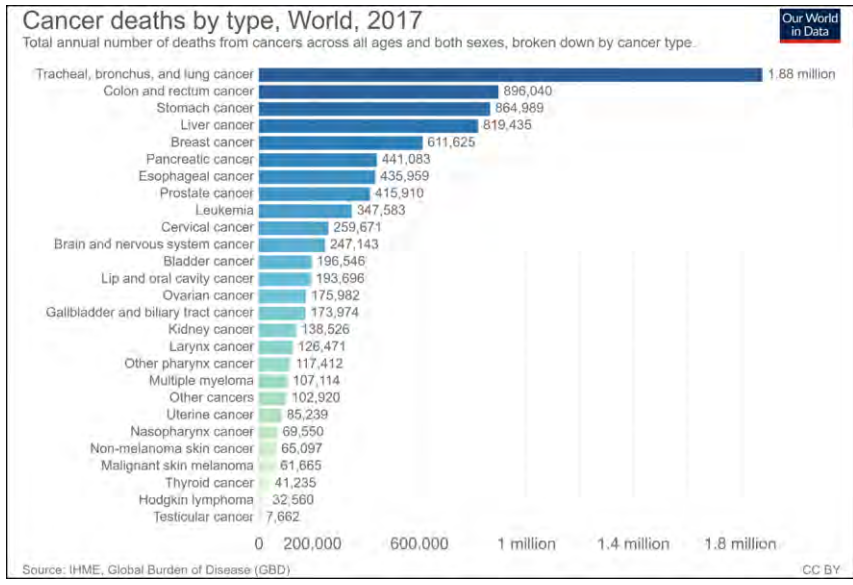
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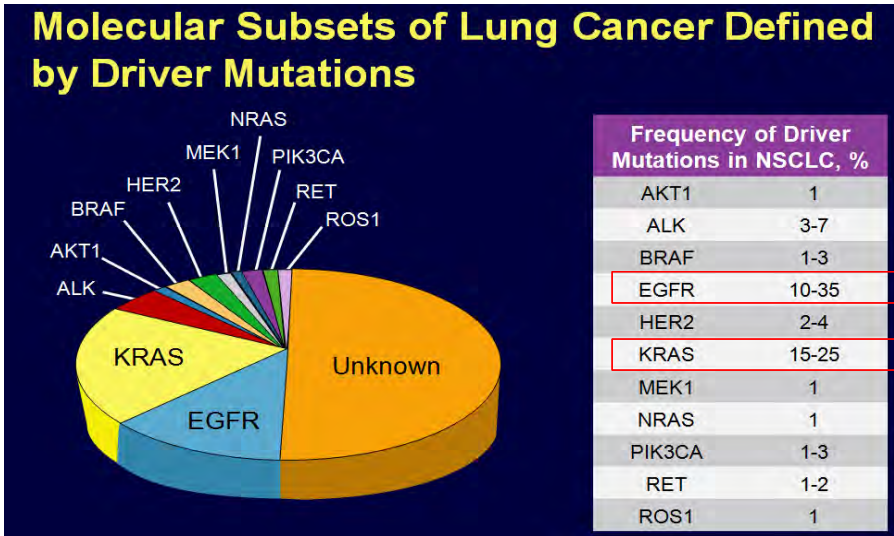
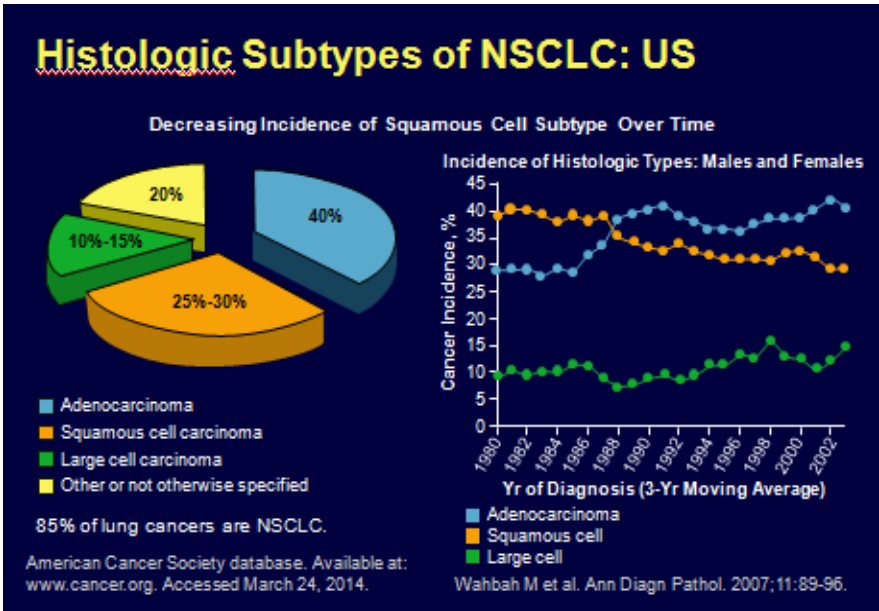
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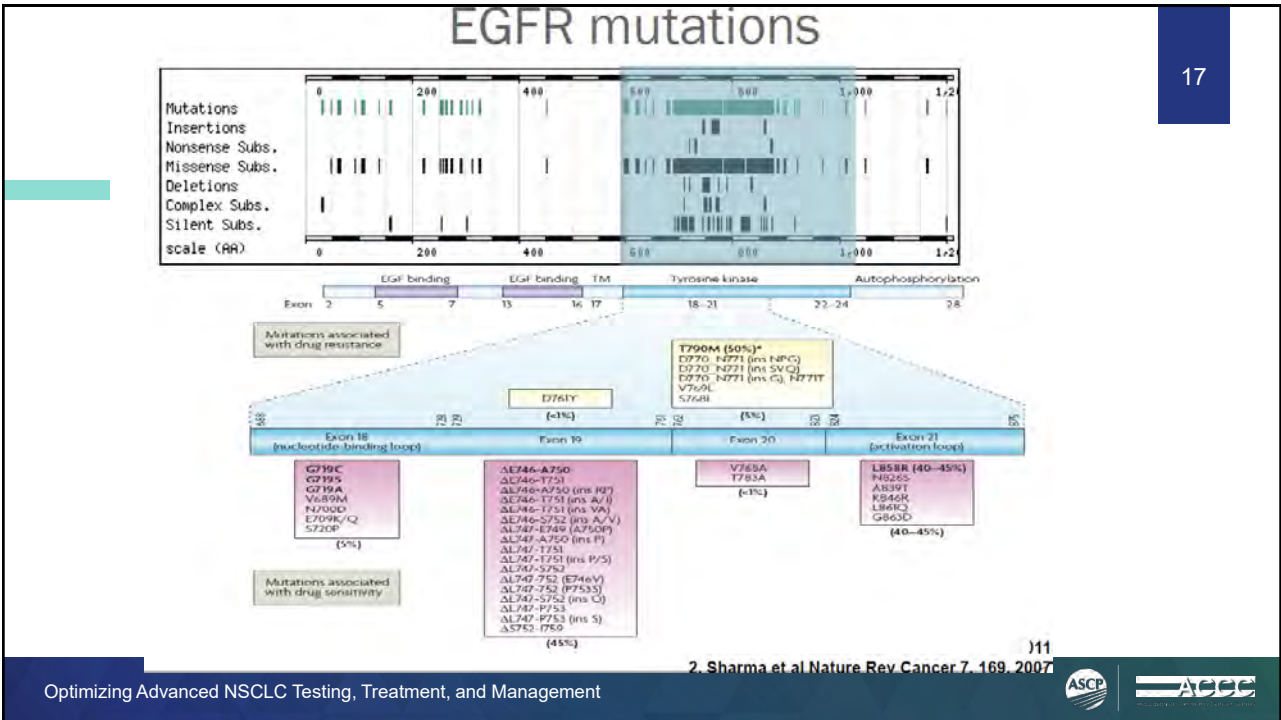
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Lung cancer is responsible for 1 in 5 cancer deaths worldwide







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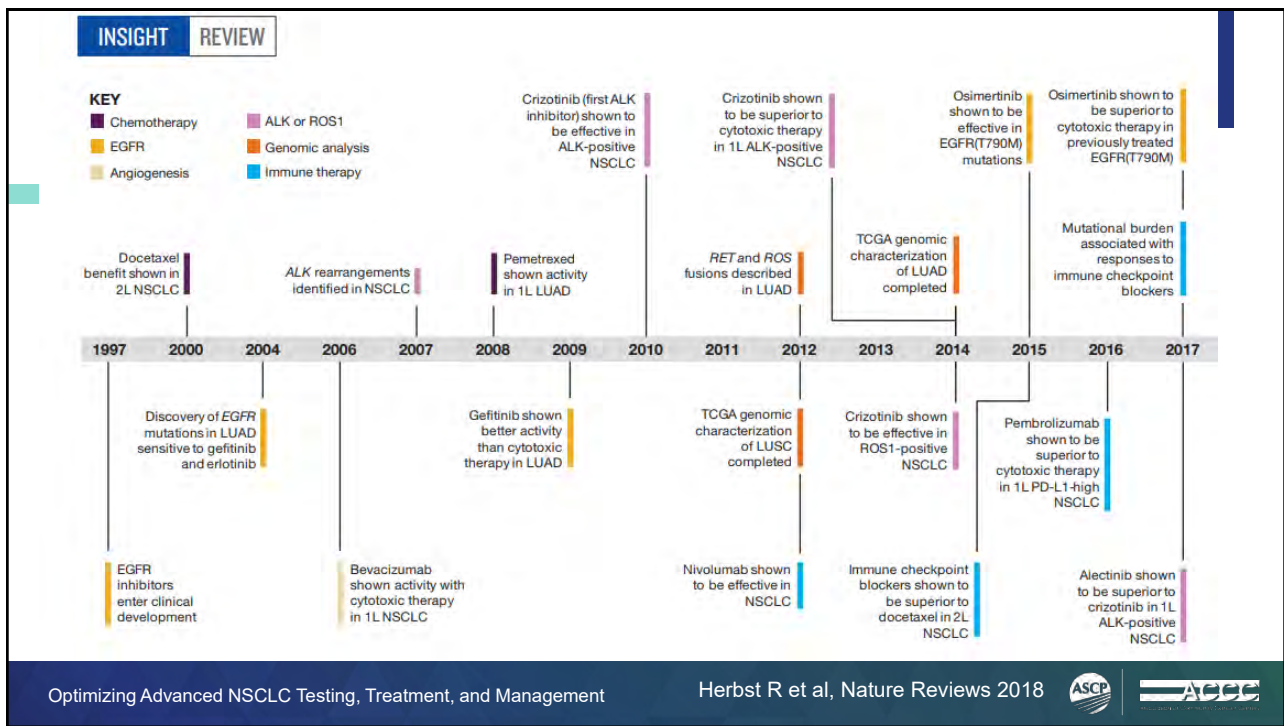
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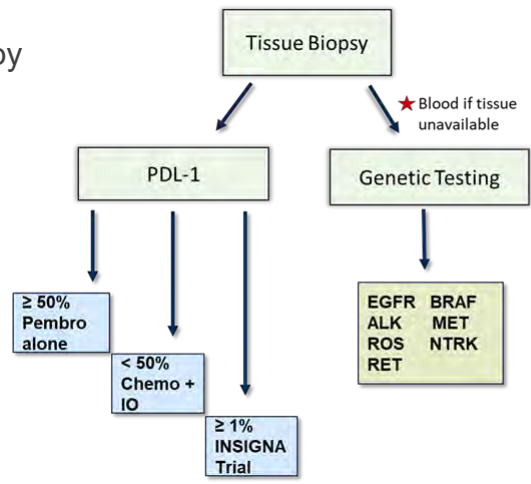
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Stage IV Lung Cancer Treatments

- ▶ Targeted Treatment
- ▶ Chemotherapy + Immunotherapy
- ▶ Immunotherapy along



Targeted Therapies

Toolbox

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QuickSheet							23
	EGFR	ALK	ROS1	BRAFV600E	MET	NTRK	RET
Preferred First-Line	Osimertinib	Alectinib ¹ Brigatinib Lorlatinib	Entrectinib	Dabrafenib + trametinib	Capmatinib ² Tepotinib ³	Larotrectinib ⁴ Entrectinib	Selpercatinib ⁵ Pralsetinib ⁶
Alternative	Afatinib Gefitinib Dacomitinib Erlotinib +ramu or bev	Ceritinib	Crizotinib Ceritinib	Vemurafenib	Crizotinib		Cabozantinib Vandetanib
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Clinical trial	Clinical trial	Clinical trial	Clinical trial	Clinical trial	Clinical trial	Clinical trial	Clinical trial
Reference	FLAURA NEJM 2018	ALEX ¹ NEJM 2017	ALKA, STARTRK-1 STARTRK-2 Lancet Oncology 2020	BRF113928 Lancet Oncology 2017	GEOMETRY-01 ² NEJM 2020 Paik NEJM 2020 ³	Drlon NEJM 2018 ⁴	Drlon NEJM 2020 ⁵ ARROW ⁶ JCO 2020

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Phase 1 Study of AMG 510 (Sotorasib), a Novel KRAS^{G12C} Inhibitor, in Advanced Solid Tumors With KRAS G12C Mutation

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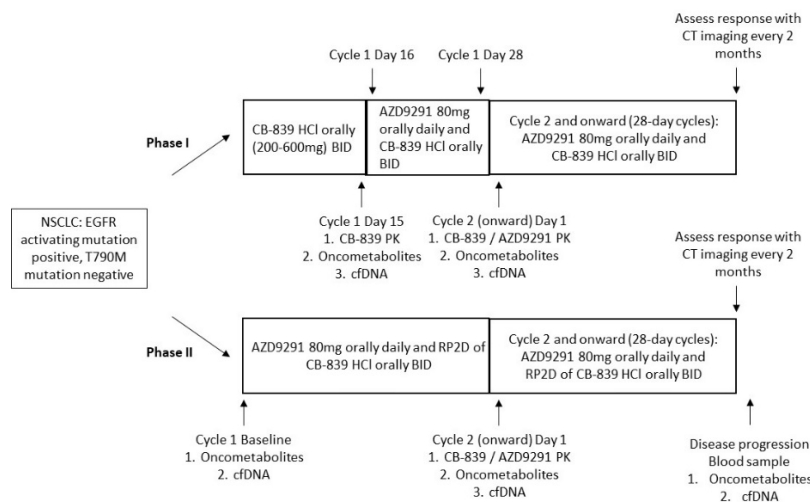
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Best response: AMG510 at 960mg

Efficacy outcomes	NSCLC, evaluable patients receiving 960mg N = 13	CRC, evaluable patients receiving 960mg N = 12	Other tumor types, evaluable patients receiving 960mg N = 1
Best overall response			
Partial response – No. (%)	7 (54)	1 (8)	0 (0)
Stable disease – No. (%)	6 (46)	10 (83)	0 (0)
Progressive disease – No. (%)	0 (0)	1 (8)	1 (100) ^b
Objective response rate – %	54%	8%	N/A
Disease control rate^a – %	100%	92%	N/A

^aPR or SD at week 6; ^bthe tumor type of this patient was recorded as small cell lung cancer ("other tumor types" category) by the data cutoff, and the participating site updated the tumor type to NSCLC after cutoff. Evaluable patients: patients who had been followed up for at least 6 weeks as of the data cutoff. NSCLC: non-small cell lung cancer; CRC: colorectal cancer; SCLC: small cell lung cancer; PR: partial response; SD: stable disease.

OSU 19016: glutaminase inhibition + osimertinib in EGFR positive NSCLC after PD on osimertinib



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Heterogeneity



Personalizing Care for Older Adults

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Tip: Toxicity ↔ Comorbidities

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- ▶ Lower extremity swelling
- ▶ Diarrhea and dehydration
- ▶ Rash
- ▶ Cardiac

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Tip: Brain Mets versus no Brain Mets

Tip: Talk to your pharmacist!

- ▶ Drug-drug interactions
- ▶ BEERS Criteria
- ▶ Polypharmacy

Conclusions

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- ▶ Test for at least 7 genes
- ▶ Brain versus no brain involvement
- ▶ Comorbidities
- ▶ Pharmacy involvement

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Review of IHC

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Immunohistochemistry (IHC)

- ▶ Many IHC antibodies are dependent upon fixation; IHC on formalin fixed paraffin embedded tissue is the most practical
- ▶ Careful control of preanalytical, analytical, and postanalytical variables is critical for successful IHC results
- ▶ The use of IHC for determination of pulmonary carcinoma biomarkers is a well-established and powerful technique
- ▶ IHC is readily available in pathology laboratories, is relatively easy to perform and assess, can provide clinically meaningful results quickly, and is relatively inexpensive



Preanalytic Variables

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- ▶ Starts the moment the tissue is removed from the patient
- ▶ Variables include fixation delay, inappropriate fixation time, and issues of paraffin embedding
- ▶ Cold ischemia time (time from tissue removal until placement in formalin) should be less than 1 hour
- ▶ Fixation should be in an adequate amount, 10 times the specimen volume
- ▶ Fixation time should be 6-24 hours for biopsies, 24-72 hours for resection specimens
- ▶ Unstained sections not used within a few days should be stored at 2 to 8 degrees to preserve antigenicity

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Analytic Variables

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- ▶ Laboratory's responsibility
- ▶ Development of adequate antibodies, antigen retrieval, type and concentration of the antibody, incubation time, incubation temperature, signal enhancement, epitope retrieval buffers
- ▶ Validation of the IHC test requires a minimum of 10 samples, which may be a practical difficulty for some laboratories as it may take a long time to acquire 10 positive samples for initial setup of the IHC

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Postanalytic Variables

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- ▶ Starts with the glass slide's microscopic evaluation
- ▶ Standardization of positive and negative controls
- ▶ Subjectivity of staining intensity assessment can be reduced using uniform intensity scoring
- ▶ Identification of IHC staining artifact, including nonspecific background changes, crush artifacts, edge artifacts, and artifacts due to poor fixation and necrosis



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ALK IHC

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- ▶ ALK testing was originally performed via FISH assay; however, IHC is now accepted as an appropriate assay, with FISH used in cases of indeterminate IHC results
- ▶ ALK-specific preanalytic variables: D5F3 and 5A4 antibodies show equal sensitivity; however, the ALK1 antibody is less accurate and should not be used
- ▶ ALK-specific postanalytic variables: ALK protein is not expressed in normal mature lung tissue, so strong IHC amplification can be used as a marker of tumor ALK positivity; however, artifacts can cause strong false-positive staining



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ALK IHC

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- ▶ ALK-specific postanalytic variables (cont): Positive ALK IHC shows strong granular cytoplasmic staining; however, granular staining can occur in alveolar macrophages nerve and ganglion cells, including within tumors, glandular epithelium, extracellular mucin, and areas of necrosis
- ▶ Especially in mucin-containing cells such as signet ring tumor cells require careful evaluation for ALK staining; and signet ring cell morphology of *ALK*-rearranged adenocarcinomas is frequent
- ▶ A thin membranous positive pattern on ALK IHC may be masked by an intracellular mucin vacuole, making it difficult to detect their ALK positivity

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- ▶ ALK IHC may be used for screening with confirmatory FISH testing for some indeterminate (weak positive) cases
- ▶ Because ALK testing was originally performed via FISH only, some in the lung oncology community may be somewhat suspicious of IHC biomarkers
- ▶ In fact, there have been a number of failed trials, likely due to the nature of the IHC biomarker; however, this should not be used as evidence against the use of IHC biomarkers today
- ▶ It is important to understand the practice of IHC and how the particular chemistry used in any assay may influence the test outcome
- ▶ ALK IHC can be used to the patient's advantage; today, some ALK IHC protocols do not require FISH confirmation

ALK IHC

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- ▶ What about NGS replacing IHC and FISH?
- ▶ NGS-based testing is fast emerging as a one-stop solution in lung cancer diagnostics; however, ALK IHC remains available, affordable, and sensitive, so NGS cannot be considered today as a complete replacement of ALK IHC
- ▶ Perhaps NGS will replace FISH as the confirmatory test for cases of indeterminate ALK IHC test results



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Pathology Evaluation

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- ▶ **Goal of Pathologic evaluation:**
- ▶ A) to make an accurate diagnosis using 2015 WHO classification
- ▶ B) to preserve the tissue for molecular studies, especially in cases of advanced-stage disease

STATE OF THE ART: CONCISE REVIEW

The 2015 World Health Organization Classification of Lung Tumors Impact of Genetic, Clinical and Radiologic Advances Since the 2004 Classification

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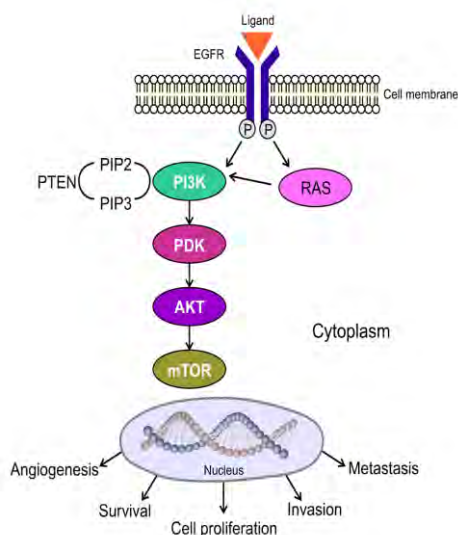
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Molecular Study Selection

- ▶ **Molecular diagnostic studies in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer:**
- ▶ A) Gene alterations with impact on therapy
- ▶ B) Avoidance of therapies with no/minimal clinical benefit



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CLINICAL PRESENTATION	HISTOLOGIC SUBTYPE ^a	BIOMARKER TESTING ^b
Advanced or metastatic disease • Establish histologic subtype ^a with adequate tissue for molecular testing (consider rebiopsy ^{kk} if appropriate) • Smoking cessation counseling • Integrate palliative care ^c (See NCCN Guidelines for Palliative Care)	• Adenocarcinoma • Large cell • NSCLC not otherwise specified (NOS)	• Molecular testing, including: ▶ EGFR mutation (category 1), ALK (category 1), ROS1, BRAF, NTRK1/2/3, METex14 skipping, RET ▶ Testing should be conducted as part of broad molecular profiling ^{mm} • PD-L1 testing (category 1)
	• Squamous cell carcinoma	• Consider molecular testing, including: ⁿⁿ ▶ EGFR mutation, ALK, ROS1, BRAF, NTRK1/2/3, MET exon 14 skipping, RET ▶ Testing should be conducted as part of broad molecular profiling ^{mm} • PD-L1 testing (category 1)

^a See [Principles of Pathologic Review \(NSCL-A\)](#).

^b Temel JS, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2010;363:733-742.

^{kk} If there is insufficient tissue to allow testing for all of EGFR, ALK, ROS1, BRAF, NTRK1/2/3, MET, and RET, repeat biopsy and/or plasma testing should be done. If these are not feasible, treatment is guided by available results and, if unknown, these patients are treated as though they do not have driver oncogenes.

^c See [Principles of Molecular and Biomarker Analysis \(NSCL-H\)](#).

^{mm} The NCCN NSCLC Guidelines Panel strongly advises broader molecular profiling with the goal of identifying rare driver mutations for which effective drugs may already be available, or to appropriately counsel patients regarding the availability of clinical trials. Broad molecular profiling is a key component of the improvement of care of patients with NSCLC. See [Emerging Biomarkers to Identify Patients for Therapies \(NSCL-I\)](#).

ⁿⁿ Lam VK, et al. *Clin Lung Cancer* 2019;20:30-36.e3; Sands JM, et al. *Lung Cancer* 2020;140:35-41.

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TARGETED THERAPY OR IMMUNOTHERAPY FOR ADVANCED OR METASTATIC DISEASE

Monitoring During Initial Therapy

• Response assessment after 2 cycles, then every 2–4 cycles with CT of known sites of disease with or without contrast or when clinically indicated.

Monitoring During Subsequent Therapy

• Response assessment with CT of known sites of disease with or without contrast every 6–12 weeks. Timing of CT scans within Guidelines parameters is a clinical decision.

Sensitizing EGFR Mutation Positive

• First-line therapy

- ▶ Afatinib¹
- ▶ Erlotinib²
- ▶ Dacomitinib³
- ▶ Gefitinib^{4,5}
- ▶ Osimertinib⁶
- ▶ Erlotinib + ramucirumab⁷
- ▶ Erlotinib + bevacizumab* (nonsquamous)⁸
- Subsequent therapy
- ▶ Osimertinib⁹

ALK Rearrangement Positive

• First-line therapy

- ▶ Alectinib^{10,11}
- ▶ Brigatinib¹²
- ▶ Ceritinib¹³
- ▶ Crizotinib^{10,14}
- ▶ Lorlatinib¹⁵
- Subsequent therapy
- ▶ Alectinib^{16,17}
- ▶ Brigatinib¹⁸
- ▶ Ceritinib¹⁹
- ▶ Lorlatinib²⁰

See Evidence Blocks on NSCL-29A

ROS1 Rearrangement Positive

• First-line therapy

- ▶ Crizotinib²¹
- ▶ Crizotinib²²
- ▶ Entrectinib²³
- Subsequent therapy
- ▶ Lorlatinib²⁴
- ▶ Entrectinib²³

BRAF V600E Mutation Positive

• First-line therapy

- ▶ Dabrafenib/trametinib²⁵
- Subsequent therapy
- ▶ Dabrafenib/trametinib^{26,27}

NTRK1/2/3 Gene Fusion Positive

• First-line/Subsequent therapy

- ▶ Larotrectinib²⁸
- ▶ Entrectinib²⁹

MET Exon 14 Skipping Mutation

• First-line therapy/Subsequent therapy

- ▶ Capmatinib³⁰
- ▶ Crizotinib³¹
- ▶ Tepotinib³²

RET Rearrangement Positive

• First-line therapy/Subsequent therapy

- ▶ Selpercatinib³³
- ▶ Pralsetinib³⁴
- ▶ Cabozantinib^{35,36}
- ▶ Vandetanib³⁷

PD-L1 ≥1%

• First-line therapy**

- ▶ Pembrolizumab³⁸⁻⁴⁰
- ▶ (Carboplatin or cisplatin)/pemetrexed/
pembrolizumab (nonsquamous)⁴¹
- ▶ Carboplatin/paclitaxel/bevacizumab⁷/
atezolizumab (nonsquamous)⁴²
- ▶ Carboplatin/paclitaxel or albumin-bound
paclitaxel/pembrolizumab (squamous)⁴³
- ▶ Carboplatin/albumin-bound paclitaxel/
atezolizumab (nonsquamous)⁴⁴
- ▶ Nivolumab/pilimumab⁴⁵
- ▶ Nivolumab/pilimumab/pemetrexed/
(carboplatin or cisplatin) (nonsquamous)⁴⁶
- ▶ Nivolumab/pilimumab/paclitaxel/carboplatin
(squamous)⁴⁶

PD-L1 ≥50% (in addition to above)

• First-line therapy**

- ▶ Atezolizumab⁴⁷
- ▶ Cemiplimab-rwlc⁴⁸

See Evidence Blocks on NSCL-31A

*An FDA-approved biosimilar is an appropriate substitute for bevacizumab.

**Continuation maintenance refers to the use of at least one of the agents given in first line, beyond 4–6 cycles, in the absence of disease progression.

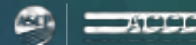
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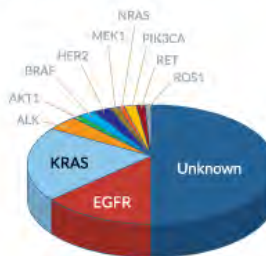
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TESTING RESULTS^{18,19}

Sensitizing EGFR mutation positive	NSCL-20
ALK rearrangement positive	NSCL-23
ROS1 rearrangement positive	NSCL-26
BRAF V600E mutation positive	NSCL-27
NTRK1/2/3 gene fusion positive	NSCL-28
METex14 skipping mutation positive	NSCL-29
RET rearrangement positive	NSCL-30
PD-L1 ≥50% and negative for actionable molecular markers above	NSCL-31
PD-L1 ≥1%–49% and negative for actionable molecular markers above	NSCL-32
PD-L1 <1% and negative for actionable molecular markers above	NSCL-33

Molecular Subsets of Lung Cancer Defined

by Driver Mutations



Frequency of Driver Mutations in NSCLC, %
AKT1 1
ALK 3-7
BRAF 1-3
EGFR 10-35
HER2 2-4
KRAS 15-25
MEK1 1
NRAS 1
PIK3CA 1-3
RET 1-2
ROS1 1

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¹⁹ See Principles of Molecular and Biomarker Analysis (NSCL-14).

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Molecular Study Methods

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- ▶ “Up-front” slide sectioning when the tissue is minimal
- ▶ **Next-generation sequencing (NGS):** a broad-based panel
- ▶ **RNA-based NGS:** to maximize detection of fusion events (especially in never smokers)
- ▶ **Real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR):** specific targeted fusion
- ▶ **Fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH):** to examine copy numbers, amplification, and structural alterations



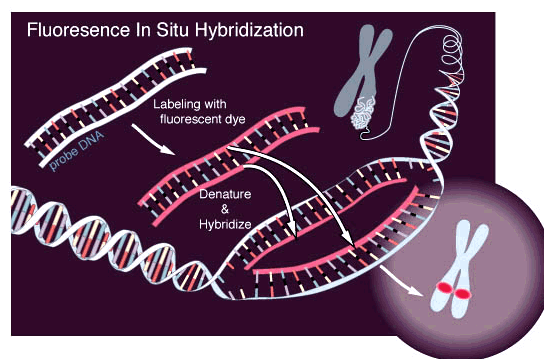
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Fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH)

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- ▶ A molecular cytogenetic technique
- ▶ To locate and detect a specific DNA sequence on a chromosome using a probe
- ▶ A probe is a small DNA or RNA sequence with an attached fluorescent molecule
- ▶ Binding occurs between a probe and part of the DNA with high degree of complementarity

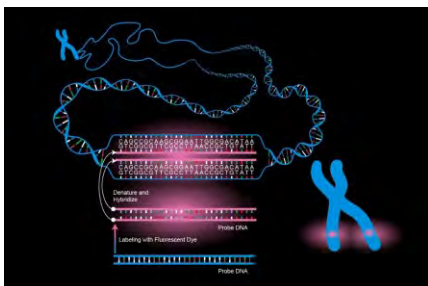


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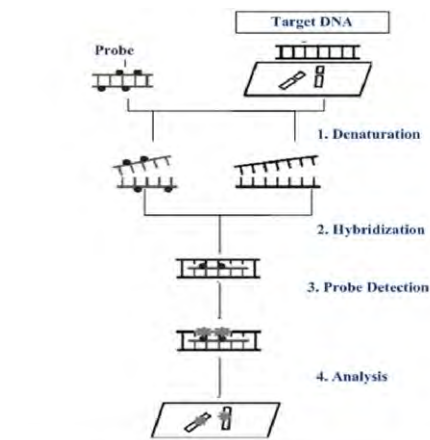


FISH Process

- ▶ Denature the chromosome
- ▶ Denature the probe
- ▶ Hybridization
- ▶ Fluorescence staining
- ▶ Detection in the dark



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Ratan Z, Zaman S, Mehta V, et al. (June 09, 2017) Application of Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (FISH) Technique for the Detection of Genetic Aberration in Medical Science. *Cureus* 9(6): e1325. DOI 10.7759/cureus.1325

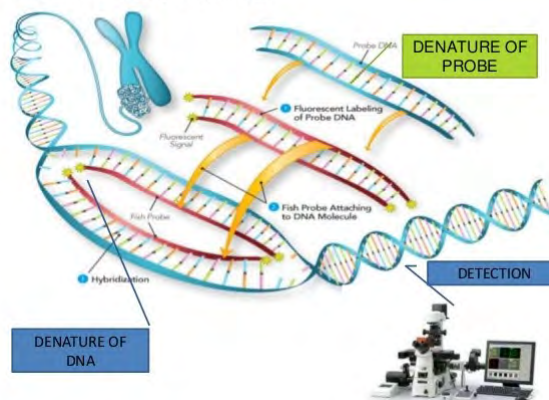


FISH advantages and disadvantages

- ▶ **Advantages**
 - ▶ High sensitivity, specificity and rapid turnover
 - ▶ High efficiency of detection
 - ▶ 4–24 h turn around time
 - ▶ Analysis of 1000–2000 cells accomplished in 15–45 min
- ▶ **Disadvantages**
 - ▶ High cost of fluorescence microscope
 - ▶ Loss of signals with time in FISH slides

▶ Ryan Bishop, Applications of fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) in detecting genetic aberrations of medical significance. *Bioscience Horizons: The International Journal of Student Research*, Volume 3, Issue 1, March 2010, Pages 85–95. <https://doi.org/10.1105/bioshorizons.b3r2100>

FISH Procedure



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FISH Specimen

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- ▶ **FFPE** (formalin fixed paraffin embedded) tissue, cell blocks
- ▶ **Smears**: unstained, Papanicolaou stain, Romanowsky stain, cytospin
- ▶ **Tissue imprints**
- ▶ **Liquid based preparations**
- ▶



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FISH Probes for NSCLC

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- ▶ ALK translocation in 2-7% of NSCLC, never smoker
- ▶ EML4/ALK, 4-5% of NSCLC
- ▶ BRAF mutations in 5% of NSCLC, V600E and non-V600E
- ▶ ROS1 with CD74/ROS1 FISH probe
- ▶ EGFR FISH probe
- ▶ ERBB2 (HER2)
- ▶ KRAS FISH probe, 15% to 25% of NSCLC, 97% affecting KRAS exon 2 and 3, smoker
- ▶ MET FISH, 4% of lung cancers
- ▶ NTRK1 rearrangement in 1-3% of NSCLC
- ▶ PD-L1 (CD274) FISH probe
- ▶ PIK3CA FISH probe, chromosome 3q26
- ▶ PTEN, 2-7% of NSCLC
- ▶ RET rearrangement in 1-2% of NSCLC
- ▶ ROS, 1% of NSCLC, never smoker

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FISH in NSCLC

ALK rearrangements, 2p23

ROS1 rearrangements, 6q22

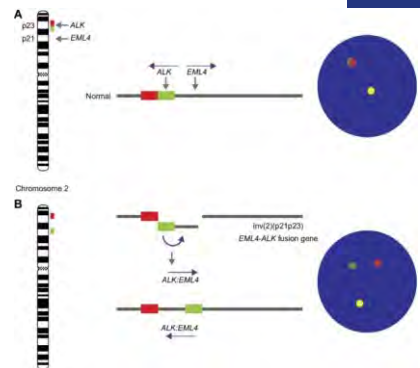
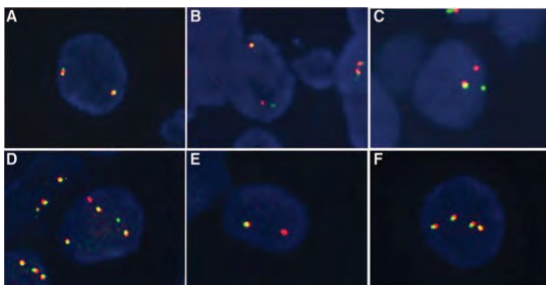
RET rearrangements, 10q11.2

MET amplification



ALK (Anaplastic Lymphoma Kinase) Gene Rearrangements

- ▶ ALK is a tyrosine kinase receptor that can be rearranged in NSCLC
- ▶ ALK rearrangement is associated with responsiveness to oral ALK TKIs.
- ▶ Echinoderm microtubule-associated protein-like 4 (EML4) is the most common fusion partner
- ▶ FDA-approved IHC (ALK [D5F3] CDx Assay) can be utilized as a stand-alone test, not requiring confirmation by FISH.
- ▶ FISH, NGS, Targeted real time PCR



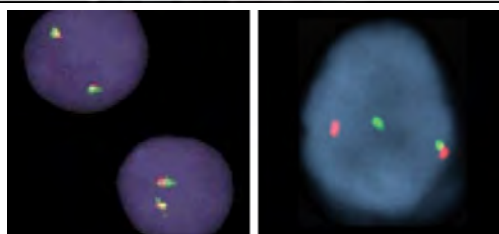
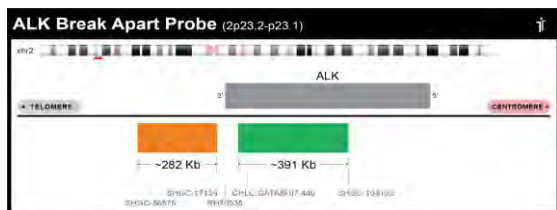
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ALK FISH pattern scoring system. A, Normal cells showing two ALK-FISH signals (ALK_F). (B) ALK short split pattern (ALK_S). (C) ALK long split pattern (ALK_L). (D) ALK faraway split pattern (ALK_FA). (E) ALK-deleted split pattern (ALK_D). Cells positive for ALK rearrangement (ALK_R) are those showing short, long, faraway splits, and deleted patterns; (F) ALK polysomy. ALK <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/ncbiinfo/alk>

Martin V, Bernasconi B, Mello E, Balzarini P, Verri W, Riva A, Chiaravalli AM, Fratini M, Sahnane N, Facchetti F, Mazzucchi L, Sessa F, Tibiletti MG. ALK testing in lung adenocarcinoma: technical aspects to improve FISH evaluation in daily practice. J Thorac Oncol. 2015 Apr;10(4):585-602. doi: 10.1097/JTO.0000000000000444. PMID: 25514802



Anaplastic Lymphoma Kinase (ALK) Rearrangements Using a break-apart/ rearrangement probe set



Normal Cell

Abnormal Cell with
 ALK rearrangements

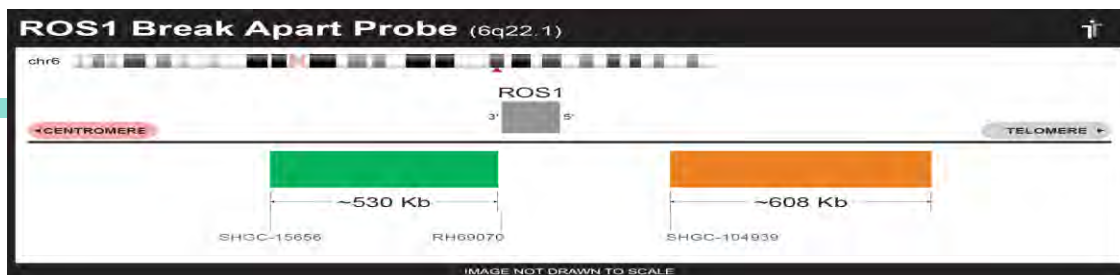
An inv(2) leading to **EML4-ALK fusion**, or other rearrangements disrupting ALK gene would result in constitutive kinase activity.

ALK FISH probe is a **break-apart probe** (5' in green and 3' in red).

Crizotinib is a tyrosine kinase inhibitor, targeting ALK positive NSCLC.



ROS1 (ROS proto-oncogene 1)



ROS1 is a tyrosine kinase receptor

- ▶ *CD74, SLC34A2, CCDC6, and FIG, common fusion partners*

Oral ROS1 TKIs

FISH, NGS, Targeted real time PCR

- ▶ IHC for ROS1 fusions has low specificity, needs to be confirmed

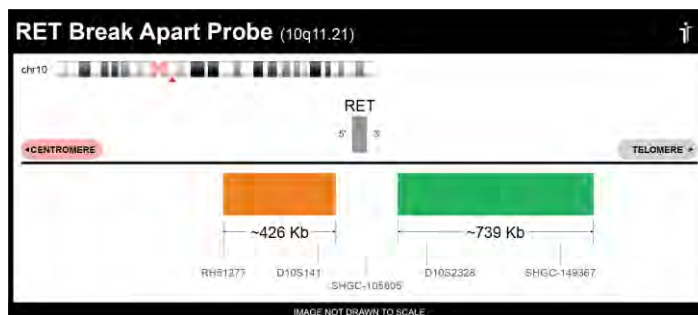
▶ https://www.empiregenomics.com/img/ideograms/catalog_probes/ROS1-BA/ROS1-BA_GROR.png



RET (rearranged during transfection) Gene Rearrangements

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- ▶ RET is a receptor tyrosine kinase
 Dysregulation and inappropriate signaling through the RET kinase domain
 Common fusion partners are *KIF5B*, *NCOA4*, and *CCDC6*
- ▶ Associated with responsiveness to oral RET TKIs regardless of fusion partner
 NGS-based methodology has a high specificity, and RNA-based NGS is preferable to DNA-based NGS for fusion detection.
 Targeted real-time reverse-transcriptase PCR assays, FISH may under detect



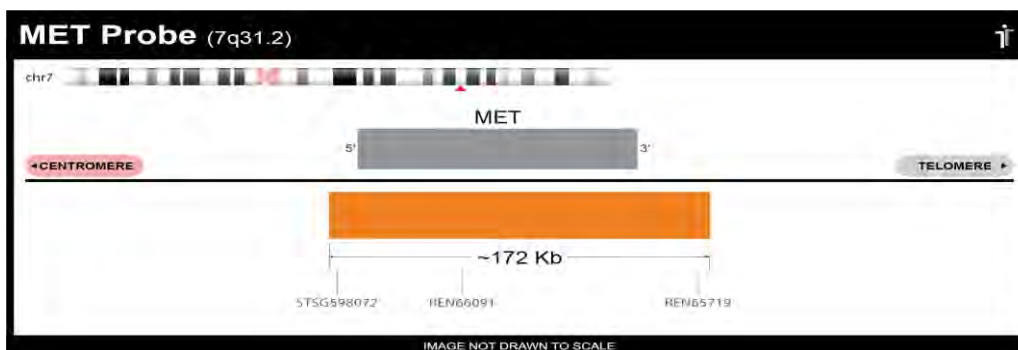
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MET (mesenchymal-epithelial transition)

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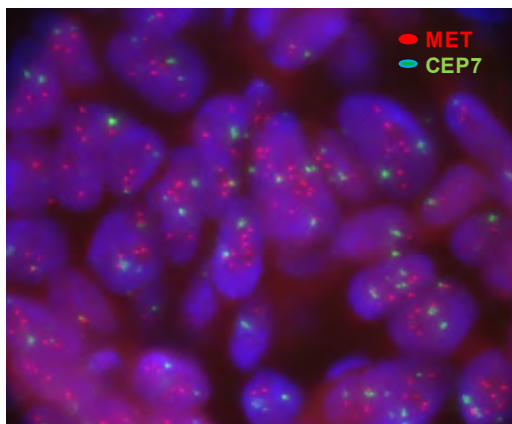
- ▶ Exon 14 (METex14) skipping variants
 MET is a receptor tyrosine kinase
 Loss of MET ex14 leads to dysregulation
 Responsiveness to oral MET TKIs
 NGS, RNA-based NGS demonstrating improvement in detection

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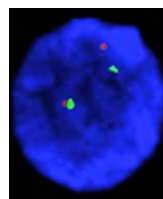


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FISH test for MET amplification



Abnormal Cells with MET Amplification



● MET
● CEP7

Normal Cell



BRAF (B-Raf proto-oncogene) point mutations

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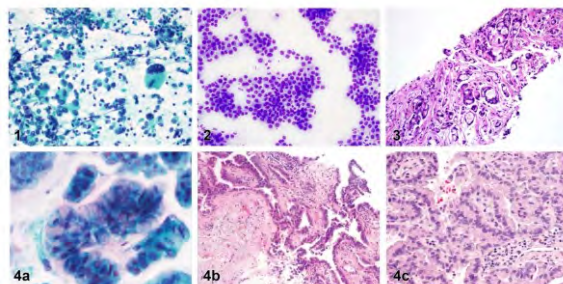
A serine/threonine kinase

MAP/ERK signaling pathway

Change in amino acid position V600E

Combined therapy with oral inhibitors of BRAF and MEK

Real-time PCR, Sanger sequencing (ideally paired with tumor enrichment), and NGS



EGFR (Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor)

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- A receptor tyrosine kinase on the surface of epithelial cells
- ▶ **Exon 19 deletions, p.L858R point mutation in exon 21**
- ▶ Responsive to oral EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) therapy stage IIB-III A or high risk stage IB-IIA NSCLC
- ▶ **EGFR p.T790M** : a mechanism of resistance to first- and second-generation EGFR TKI
- ▶ **EGFR ex20**; a diverse group of in-frame duplication or insertion mutations
- ▶ Lack of response to EGFR TKI therapy exceptions are :
 - ▶ *p.A763_Y764insFQEA* is associated with sensitivity to TKI therapy
 - ▶ *p.A763_Y764insLQEA* may be associated with sensitivity to TKI therapy
 - ▶ For this reason, the specific sequence of **EGFR ex20** insertion mutations is important
- ▶ Testing Methodologies: Real-time PCR, Sanger sequencing (ideally paired with tumor enrichment), and NGS are the most commonly deployed methodologies for examining *EGFR* mutation status.



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KRAS (KRAS proto-oncogene) point mutations

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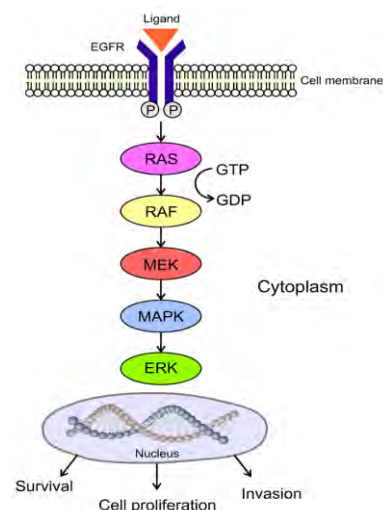
G-protein with intrinsic GTPase activity, activating mutations result in unregulated signaling through the MAP/ERK pathway.

KRAS are most commonly seen at codon 12

KRAS mutation is prognostic of poor survival

reduced responsiveness to EGFR TKI therapy

presence of a known activating mutation in *KRAS* identifies patients who are unlikely to benefit from further molecular testing.



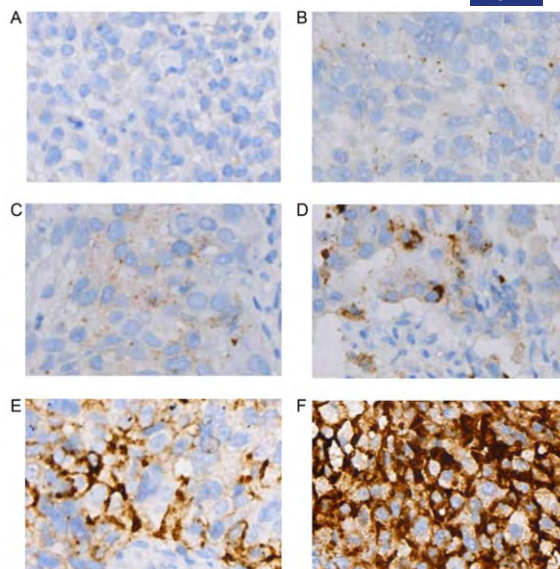
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PD-L1(Programmed Death Ligand 1) (2)

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- ▶ PD-L1 IHC
- ▶ It is **FDA approved**
- ▶ PD-L1 IHC interpretation is based on membranous expression of tumor cells
- ▶ utilization of pembrolizumab in patients with NSCLC
- ▶ The guide-line is based on Tumor proportion score (TPS)
- ▶ TPS: is the percentage of viable cells with partial or complete membranous expression of PD-L1, regardless of its intensity

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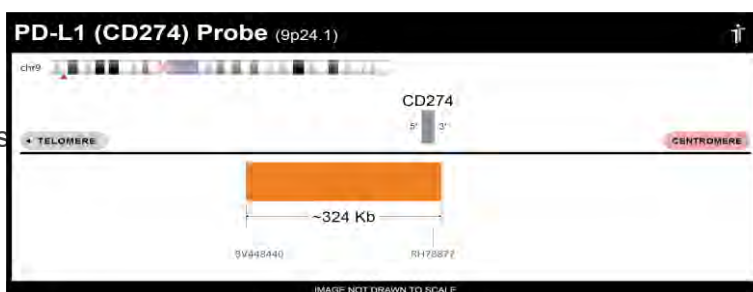
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PD-L1(Programmed Death Ligand 1) (3)

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The definition of positive or negative testing for PD-L1 varies for each antibody and platform deployed

In NSCLC patients harboring tumors with an oncogenic driver and PD-L1 expression, targeted therapy for the oncogenic driver should be considered first.



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PD-L1 and the NCCN guidelines

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- ▶ PD-L1 guidelines are based on
- ▶ <1%
- ▶ 1%-49%
- ▶ Equal or >50%

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/322664614/figure/fig2/AS:631611628453915@1527599355219/Mechanism-of-action-of-PD-1-and-PD-L1-inhibitors-The-programmed-cell-death-1-PD-1_Q640.jpg

Anti-PD-1
Pembrolizumab
Nivolumab

Anti-PD-L1
Atezolizumab
Durvalumab
Avelumab

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CAP New Recommendations

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- ▶ A minimal **first panel** of genes : **EGFR, ALK, and ROS1**.
- ▶ A **second expanded** panel of genes in NSCLC patients: **BRAF, MET, RET, ERBB2 (HER2), and KRAS**, if adequate material is available
- ▶ Pathologists and laboratories **should not use** EGFR copy number analysis (i.e., FISH or CISH) to select patients for EGFR-targeted tyrosine kinase inhibitor therapy.

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▶ **Adenocarcinoma, NSCLC (NOS), Large cell carcinoma**

EGFR mutation (category 1), ALK (category 1), ROS1, BRAF, NTRK1/2/3, METex14 skipping, RET

PD-L1 testing (category 1)

▶ **Squamous cell carcinoma**

▶ EGFR mutation, ALK, ROS1, BRAF, NTRK1/2/3, MET exon 14 skipping, RET

PD-L1 testing (category 1)



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- ▶ **Any Cytology Sample With Adequate Cellularity and Preservation** May Be Tested.—The original recommendation preferred cell blocks over smears.
- ▶ Analytic methods must be able to detect mutation in a sample with **20%** or more malignant cell content.
- ▶ It is not appropriate to use IHC for EGFR mutation testing.
- ▶ **ROS1** testing must be performed on all lung adenocarcinoma patients, irrespective of clinical characteristics.
- ▶ (1) offer a comprehensive cancer panel that includes all of the genes in the first 2 categories (EGFR, ALK, ROS1, BRAF, MET, ERBB2 [HER2], KRAS, RET) for all appropriate patients, or (2) offer targeted testing for the genes in the **must-test category (EGFR, ALK, ROS1)** for all appropriate patients and offer as a second test an expanded panel containing the second-category genes (BRAF, MET, ERBB2 [HER2], and RET) for patients who are suitable candidates for clinical trials, possibly after performing a single-gene KRAS test to exclude patients with KRAS-mutant cancers from expanded panel testing



CAP Recommendation



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- ▶ Strong Recommendation: Physicians must use **EGFR and ALK** molecular testing for lung adenocarcinoma patients at the time of diagnosis for patients presenting with advanced stage disease or at progression in patients who originally presented with lower stage disease but were not previously tested. Recommendation: Pathologists may utilize either **cell blocks or other cytologic preparations** as suitable specimens for lung cancer biomarker molecular testing.
- ▶ Pathologists and laboratories should not use EGFR copy number analysis (i.e., FISH or CISH) to select patients for EGFR-targeted tyrosine kinase inhibitor therapy.



CAP Recommendations



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- ▶ Strong Recommendation: Laboratories should not use total **EGFR** expression by IHC testing to select patients for EGFR-targeted tyrosine kinase inhibitor therapy.
- ▶ **RET, BRAF, ERBB2 (HER2), KRAS, MET**, molecular testing is currently not indicated as a routine stand-alone assay outside the context of a clinical trial. It is appropriate to include RET as part of larger testing panels performed either initially or when routine EGFR, ALK, and ROS1 testing are negative.



CAP Recommendation



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- ▶ **ROS1** IHC may be used as a screening test in advanced stage lung adenocarcinoma patients; however, positive ROS1 IHC results should be confirmed by a molecular or cytogenetic method.
- ▶ Recommendation: Immunohistochemistry (IHC) is an equivalent alternative to FISH for **ALK** testing.
- ▶ Sensitizing **EGFR** mutations and have progressed after treatment with an EGFR targeted TKI **EGFR T790M** mutational testing when selecting patients for third-generation EGFR-targeted therapy. Recommendation: Laboratories testing for EGFR T790M mutation in patients with secondary clinical resistance to EGFR-targeted kinase inhibitors should deploy assays capable of detecting EGFR T790M mutations in as little as **5% of viable cells**. No Recommendation: There is currently insufficient evidence to support a recommendation for or against routine testing for ALK mutational status for lung adenocarcinoma patients with sensitizing ALK mutations who have progressed after treatment with an ALK-targeted tyrosine kinase inhibitor.



The role of testing for circulating, cell-free DNA for lung cancer patients



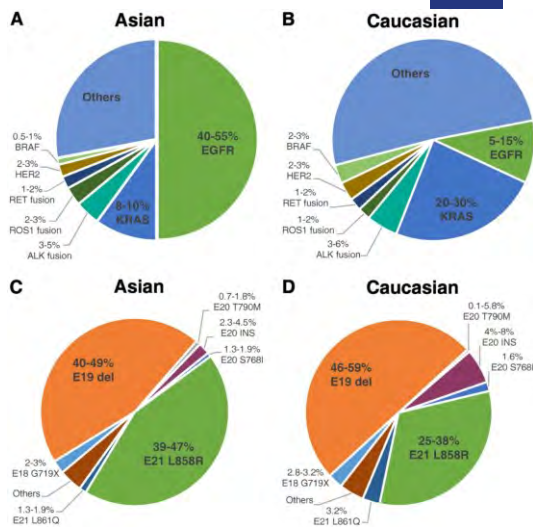
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- ▶ There is currently insufficient evidence to support the use of circulating cell-free plasma DNA (cfDNA) molecular methods for the **diagnosis of primary** lung adenocarcinoma. Recommendation: In some clinical settings in which tissue is limited and/or insufficient for molecular testing, physicians may use a cell-free plasma DNA (cfDNA) assay to identify **EGFR mutations**.
- ▶ Expert Consensus Opinion: Physicians may use cell-free plasma DNA (cfDNA) methods to identify **EGFR T790M mutations** in lung adenocarcinoma patients with progression or secondary clinical resistance to EGFR-targeted tyrosine kinase inhibitors; testing of the tumor sample is recommended if the plasma result is negative.



CAP Recommendation

- ▶ Smoking status, ethnicity, and histology—are associated with the presence of an *EGFR* mutation
- ▶ Smoking status and histology—have been associated with the presence of an *ALK* rearrangement
- ▶ ***These factors should not be considered in selecting patients for testing.***



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CAP 2018, emerging markers



- ▶ Mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 1 (MEK1/MAP2K1)
- ▶ Fibroblast growth factor receptor 1–4 (FGFR 1–4)
- ▶ Neurotrophic tyrosine kinase, receptor, type 1–3 (NTRK1-3)
- ▶ Neuregulin 1 (NRG1)
- ▶ Ras-like without CAAX 1 (RIT1)
- ▶ Neurofibromin 1 (NF1)
- ▶ Phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase catalytic subunit alpha (PIK3CA)
- ▶ AKT serine/threonine kinase 1 (AKT1)
- ▶ NRAS proto-oncogene, GTPase (NRAS)
- ▶ Mechanistic target of rapamycin (MTOR)
- ▶ Tuberous sclerosis 1 (TSC1)
- ▶ Tuberous sclerosis 2 (TSC2)
- ▶ KIT proto-oncogene receptor tyrosine kinase (KIT)
- ▶ Platelet-derived growth factor receptor alpha (PDGFRA)



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Review of Molecular Single Assay

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Testing Methodologies

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- ▶ Appropriate possible testing methodologies are indicated below for each analyte separately; however, several methodologies are generally considerations for use:
 - ◊ Next-generation sequencing (NGS) is used in clinical laboratories. Not all types of alterations are detected by individual NGS assays and it is important to be familiar with the types of alterations identifiable in individual assays or combination(s) of assays.
 - ◊ It is recommended at this time that when feasible, testing be performed via a broad, panel-based approach, most typically performed by NGS. For patients who, in broad panel testing don't have identifiable driver oncogenes (especially in never smokers), consider RNA-based NGS if not already performed, to maximize detection of fusion events.
 - ◊ Real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR) can be used in a highly targeted fashion (specific mutations targeted). When this technology is deployed, only those specific alterations that are targeted by the assay are assessed.
 - ◊ Sanger sequencing requires the greatest degree of tumor enrichment. Unmodified Sanger sequencing is not appropriate for detection of mutations in tumor samples with less than 25% to 30% tumor after enrichment and is not appropriate for assays in which identification of subclonal events (eg, resistance mutations) is important. If Sanger sequencing is utilized, tumor enrichment methodologies are nearly always recommended.
 - ◊ Other methodologies may be utilized, including multiplex approaches not listed above (ie, SNaPshot, MassARRAY).
 - ◊ Fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) analysis is utilized for many assays examining copy number, amplification, and structural alterations such as gene rearrangements.
 - ◊ IHC is specifically utilized for some specific analytes, and can be a useful surrogate or screening assay for others.



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Plasma Cell Free Circulating Tumor DNA Testing

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- Plasma Cell-Free/Circulating Tumor DNA Testing:
 - ▶ Cell-free/circulating tumor DNA testing should not be used in lieu of a histologic tissue diagnosis.
 - ▶ Some laboratories offer testing for molecular alterations examining nucleic acids in peripheral circulation, most commonly in processed plasma (sometimes referred to as "liquid biopsy").
 - ▶ Studies have demonstrated cell-free tumor DNA testing to generally have very high specificity, but significantly compromised sensitivity, with up to 30% false-negative rate.
 - ▶ Standards for analytical performance characteristics of cell-free tumor DNA have not been established, and in contrast to tissue-based testing, no guidelines exist regarding the recommended performance characteristics of this type of testing.
 - ▶ Cell-free tumor DNA testing can identify alterations that are unrelated to a lesion of interest, for example, clonal hematopoiesis of indeterminate potential (CHIP).
 - ▶ The use of cell-free/circulating tumor DNA testing can be considered in specific clinical circumstances, most notably:
 - ◊ If a patient is medically unfit for invasive tissue sampling
 - ◊ In the initial diagnostic setting, if following pathologic confirmation of a NSCLC diagnosis there is insufficient material for molecular analysis, cell-free/circulating tumor DNA should be used only if follow-up tissue-based analysis is planned for all patients in which an oncogenic driver is not identified ([see NSCL-18](#) for oncogenic drivers with available targeted therapy options).



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CLINICAL PRESENTATION	HISTOLOGIC SUBTYPE ^a	BIOMARKER TESTING ^b
<p>Advanced or metastatic disease</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish histologic subtype^a with adequate tissue for molecular testing (consider rebiopsy^{kk} if appropriate) • Smoking cessation counseling • Integrate palliative care^l (See NCCN Guidelines for Palliative Care) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adenocarcinoma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large cell • NSCLC not otherwise specified (NOS) • Squamous cell carcinoma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molecular testing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ EGFR mutation (category 1), ALK (category 1), ROS1, BRAF, NTRK1/2/3, METex14 skipping, RET ▶ Testing should be conducted as part of broad molecular profiling^{mm} • PD-L1 testing (category 1) • Consider molecular testing, including:ⁿⁿ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ EGFR mutation, ALK, ROS1, BRAF, NTRK1/2/3, MET exon 14 skipping, RET ▶ Testing should be conducted as part of broad molecular profiling^{mm} • PD-L1 testing (category 1)
		<p>See Testing Results (NSCL-19)</p>

^a See Principles of Pathologic Review (NSCL-A).
^b Temel JS, et al. N Engl J Med 2010;363:733-742.
^{kk} If there is insufficient tissue to allow testing for all of EGFR, ALK, ROS1, BRAF, NTRK1/2/3, MET, and RET, repeat biopsy and/or plasma testing should be done. If these are not feasible, treatment is guided by available results and, if unknown, these patients are treated as though they do not have driver oncogenes.
^l See Principles of Molecular and Biomarker Analysis (NSCL-H).
^{mm} The NCCN NSCLC Guidelines Panel strongly advises broader molecular profiling with the goal of identifying rare driver mutations for which effective drugs may already be available, or to appropriately counsel patients regarding the availability of clinical trials. Broad molecular profiling is a key component of the improvement of care of patients with NSCLC. See Emerging Biomarkers to Identify Patients for Therapies (NSCL-I).
ⁿⁿ Lam VK, et al. Clin Lung Cancer 2019;20:30-36.e3; Sands JM, et al. Lung Cancer 2020;140:35-41.

Note: All recommendations are category 2A unless otherwise indicated.
 Clinical Trials: NCCN believes that the best management of any patient with cancer is in a clinical trial. Participation in clinical trials is especially encouraged.

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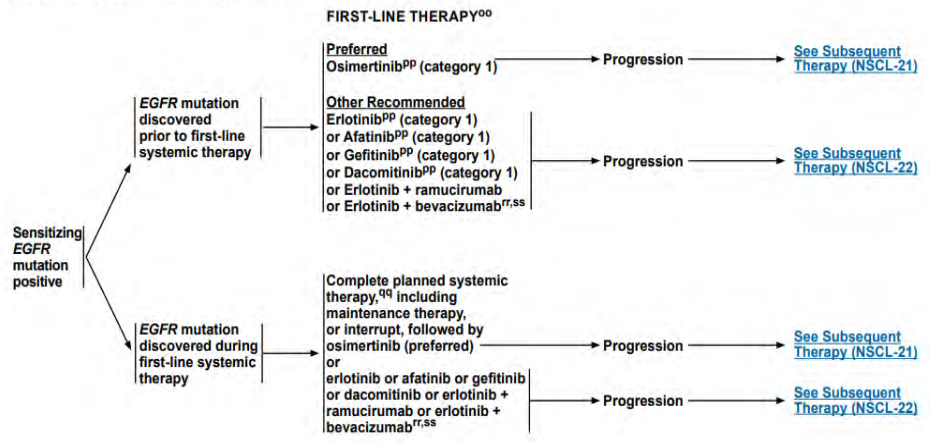
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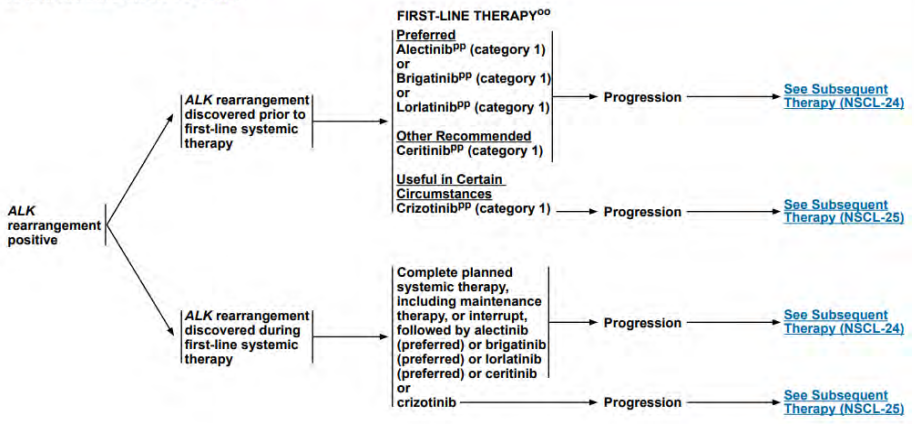
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ALK REARRANGEMENT POSITIVE^{II}



32 y ears old never smoker white female recently diagnosed with stage IV non-small cell lung cancer, poorly dif ferentiated adenocarcinoma with signet ring fe atures presented with bilateral pulmonary nodules and masses in addition to mediastinal lymphadenopathy as well as axillary and upper abdominal lymphadenopathy

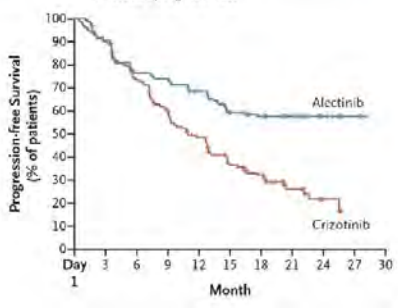


Alectinib vs. Crizotinib PFS

NSCLC

Improved PFS with alectinib

Hazard ratio for disease progression or death, 0.47 (95% CI, 0.34–0.65)
P<0.001 by log-rank test



Peters et al, NEJM 2017



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NTRK1/2/3 GENE FUSION POSITIVE^{II}

FIRST-LINE THERAPY^{OO}

SUBSEQUENT THERAPY^{OO}

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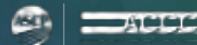
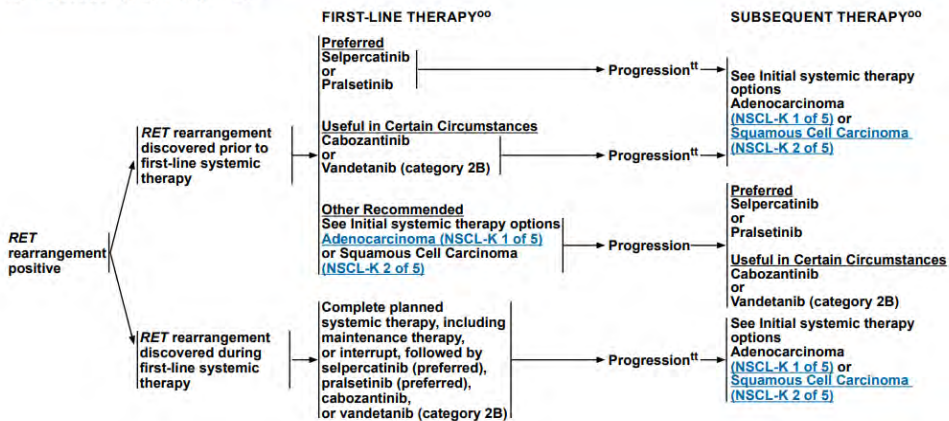
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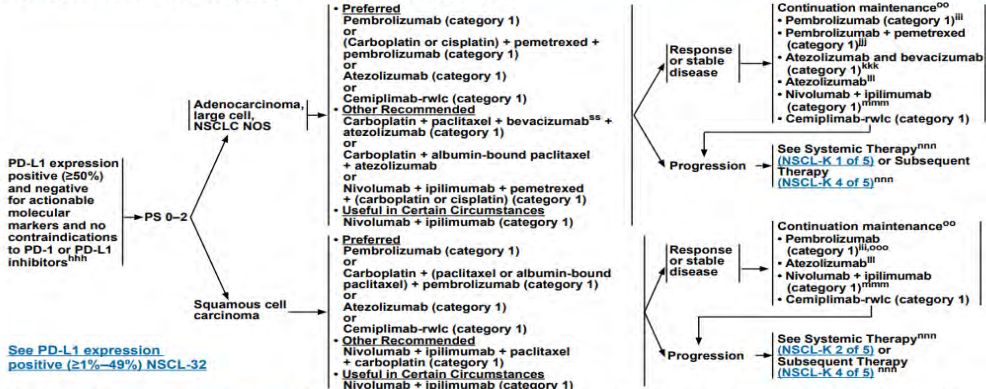
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RET REARRANGEMENT POSITIVE^{††}



PD-L1 EXPRESSION POSITIVE (≥50%)^{††}

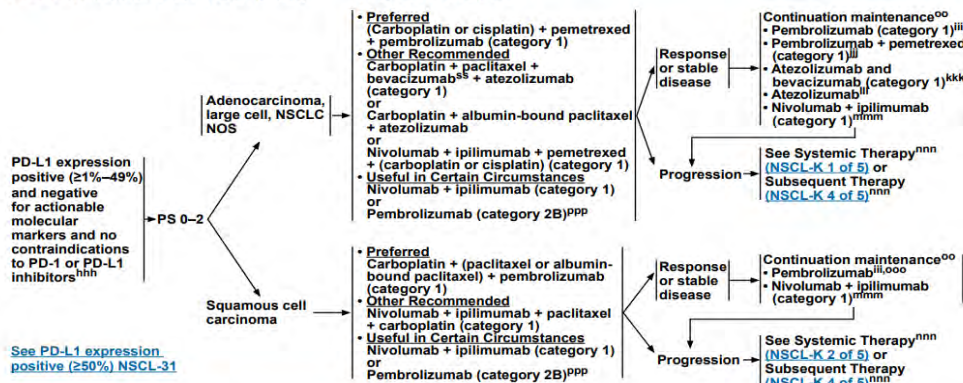


^{††} See Principles of Molecular and Biomarker Analysis (NSCL-1).
^{oo} See Targeted Therapy or Immunotherapy for Advanced or Metastatic Disease (NSCL-3).
^{ss} An FDA-approved biosimilar is an appropriate substitute for bevacizumab.
^{†††} Contraindications for treatment with PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitors may include active or previously documented autoimmune disease and/or current use of immunosuppressive agents or presence of an oncogene, which would predict lack of benefit. If there are contraindications, refer to NSCL-K 1 of 5 (adenocarcinoma) or NSCL-K 2 of 5 (squamous cell carcinoma).
^{††††} If pembrolizumab monotherapy given.
^{†††††} If pembrolizumab/carboplatin/pemetrexed or pembrolizumab/cisplatin/pemetrexed given.
^{††††††} If atezolizumab/carboplatin/paclitaxel/bevacizumab given.
^{†††††††} If atezolizumab/carboplatin/albumin-bound paclitaxel or atezolizumab given (category 1 following atezolizumab alone).
^{††††††††} If nivolumab + ipilimumab ± chemotherapy given.
^{†††††††††} If patient has not received platinum-doublet chemotherapy, refer to "systemic therapy." If patient received platinum chemotherapy and anti-PD-1/PD-L1, refer to "subsequent therapy."
^{††††††††††} If pembrolizumab/carboplatin/paclitaxel or albumin-bound paclitaxel given.



PD-L1 EXPRESSION POSITIVE (≥1%–49%)^{††}

FIRST-LINE THERAPY^{oo}



See PD-L1 expression positive (≥50%) NSCL-31

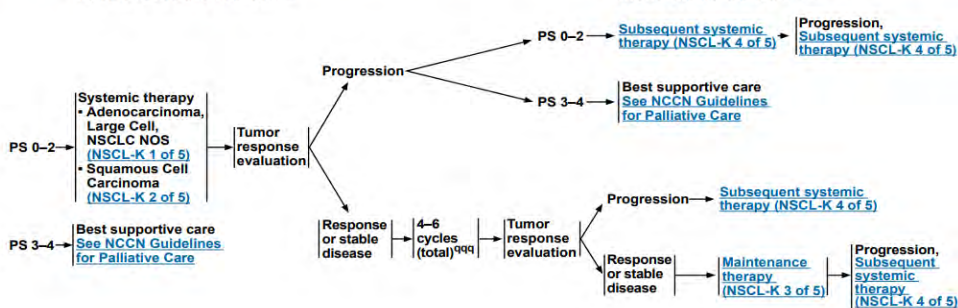
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ⁿⁿⁿⁿ If pembrolizumab/carboplatin/(paclitaxel or albumin-bound paclitaxel) given.
ⁿⁿⁿⁿ Pembrolizumab monotherapy can be considered in PD-L1 1%–49%, in patients with poor PS or other contraindications to combination chemotherapy.



PD-L1 <1% AND NEGATIVE FOR ACTIONABLE MOLECULAR MARKERS

INITIAL SYSTEMIC THERAPY^{†††}

SUBSEQUENT THERAPY^{§§§}



^{§§§} In general, 4 cycles of initial systemic therapy (ie, with carboplatin or cisplatin) are administered prior to maintenance therapy. However, if patient is tolerating therapy well, consideration can be given to continue to 6 cycles.
^{†††} Monitoring During Initial Therapy: Response assessment after 2 cycles, then every 2–4 cycles with CT of known sites of disease with or without contrast or when clinically indicated. Timing of CT scans within Guidelines parameters is a clinical decision.
^{§§§} Monitoring During Subsequent Therapy: Response assessment with CT of known sites of disease with or without contrast every 6–12 weeks. Timing of CT scans within Guidelines parameters is a clinical decision.

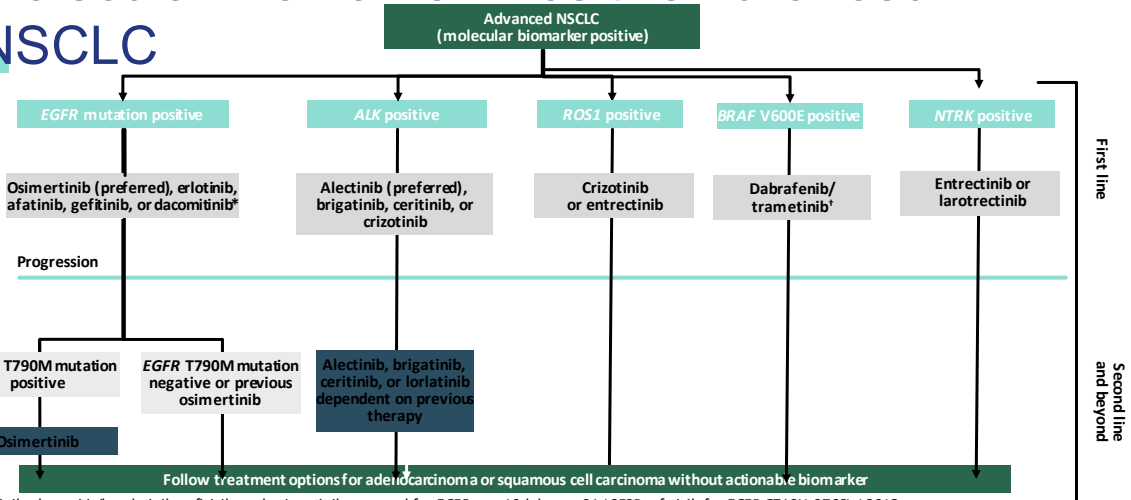




Treatment Failure: Next Steps

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April 2020 Treatment Paradigm for Molecular Biomarker-Positive Advanced NSCLC



*Afatinib, dacomitinib, erlotinib, gefitinib, and osimertinib approved for EGFR exon19del, exon21 L858R; afatinib for EGFR G719X, S768I, L861Q. Slide credit: clinicaloptions.com
 †Or as second line after CT.



Lorlatinib has Broad Activity Against ALK Resistance Mutations

- ▶ Secondary mutations in the ALK kinase domain can induce resistance to first- and second-generation ALK TKIs¹
- ▶ Lorlatinib has broad-spectrum potency against most known ALK resistance mutations, including ALK G1202R^{1,2}

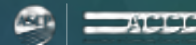
Mutation Status	Cellular ALK Phosphorylation Mean IC ₅₀ (nM)				
	Crizotinib	Ceritinib	Alectinib	Brigatinib	Lorlatinib
EML4-ALK	38.6	4.9	11.4	10.7	2.3
C1156Y	61.9	5.3	11.6	4.5	4.6
I1171N	130.1	8.2	397.7	26.1	49.0
I1171S	94.1	3.8	177.0	17.8	30.4
I1171T	51.4	1.7	33.6	6.1	11.5
F1174C	115.0	38.0	27.0	18.0	8.0
L1196M	339.0	9.3	117.6	26.5	34.0
L1198F	0.4	196.2	42.3	13.9	14.8
G1202R	381.6	124.4	706.6	129.5	49.9
G1202del	58.4	50.1	58.8	95.8	5.2
D1203N	116.3	35.3	27.9	34.6	11.1
E1210K	42.8	5.8	31.6	24.0	1.7
G1269A	117.0	0.4	25.0	ND	10.0

■ IC₅₀ ≤50 nM ■ IC₅₀ >50 to <200 nM ■ IC₅₀ ≥200 nM

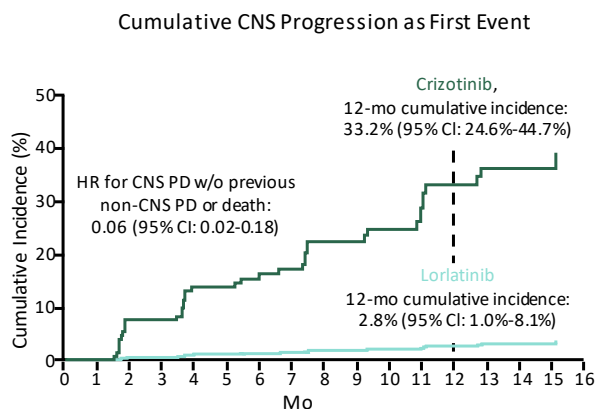
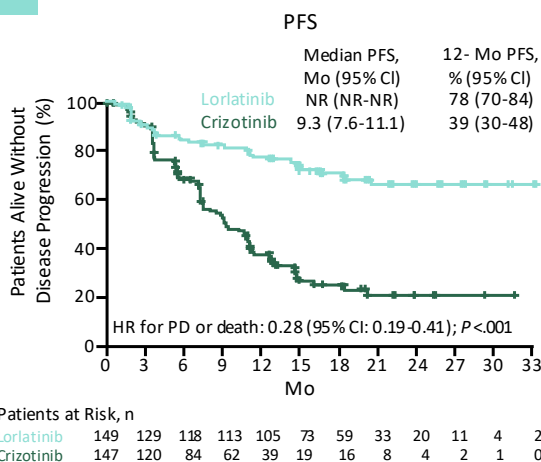
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Table adapted from Gainor 2016.

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Phase III CROWN: Firstline Lorlatinib has Superior PFS to Crizotinib



Lorlatinib Toxicity Poses Unique Challenges

AEs, %	Lorlatinib (n = 149)				Crizotinib (n = 142)			
	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Any	4	19	58	14	6	32	47	8
Hypercholesterolemia	16	38	15	1	4	0	0	0
Hypertriglyceridemia	19	25	13	7	4	2	0	0
Edema	36	15	4	0	27	11	1	0
Increased weight	7	14	17	0	4	6	2	0
Peripheral neuropathy	24	7	2	0	13	1	1	0
Cognitive effects	13	6	2	0	5	1	0	0
Diarrhea	14	6	1	0	47	4	1	0
Anemia	11	6	3	0	2	3	3	0
Fatigue	17	1	1	0	18	12	3	0
Hypertension	1	7	10	0	0	2	0	0
Vision disorder	17	1	0	0	38	1	1	0
Increased ALT	15	0	3	0	18	11	4	1
Mood effects	9	5	1	0	3	2	0	0
Increased AST	12	0	2	0	21	3	4	0

Shaw. NEJM. 2020;383:2018.

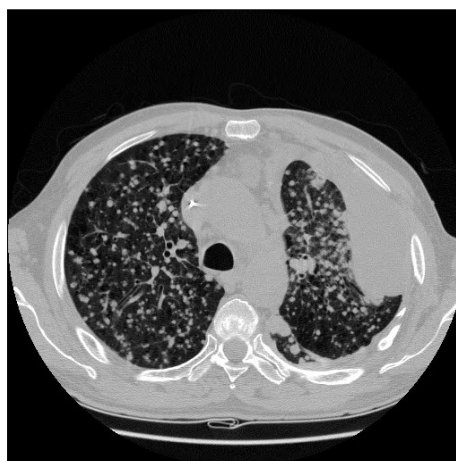
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Patient Case 5: Newly Diagnosed ROS1-Positive Advanced NSCLC

- ▶ 56-yr-old male nonsmoker presents with abnormal chest x-ray
- ▶ CT/PET shows large LUL mass with extensive metastatic lymphadenopathy
- ▶ Cervical lymph node biopsy reveals stage IV adenocarcinoma
- ▶ Brain MRI shows 3 small lesions in frontal lobe
- ▶ NGS biomarker testing with tissue shows:
 - ▶ **ROS1 rearrangement positive**; negative for *EGFR*, *ALK*, *BRAF*, *MET*, *RET*, *NTRK*
 - ▶ PD-L1 expression 60%



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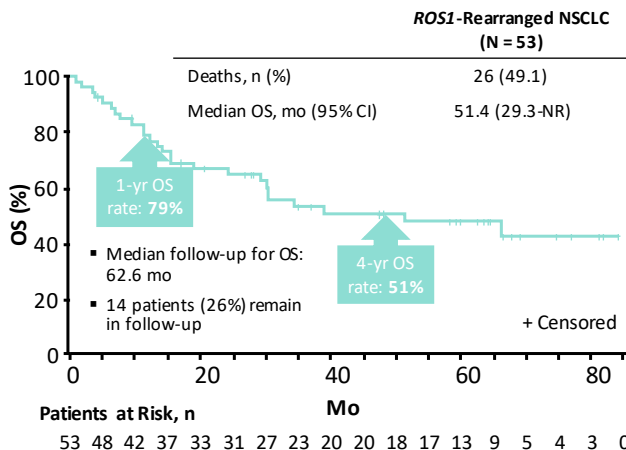
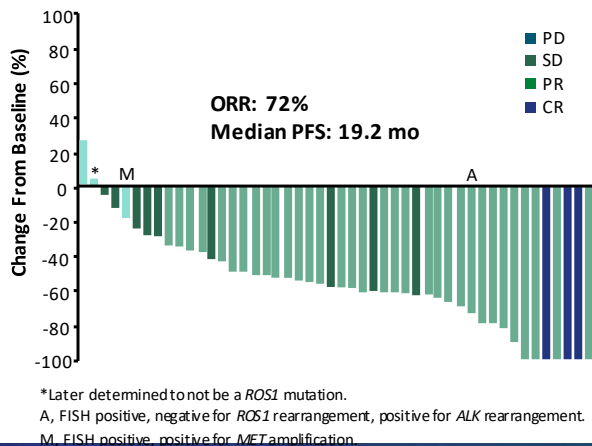
Crizotinib: First Agent Approved in ROS1-Positive NSCLC

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PROFILE 1001: ORR in ROS1+ (N = 50)

PROFILE 1001: OS in ROS1+



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Entrectinib in ROS1-Positive NSCLC: Efficacy

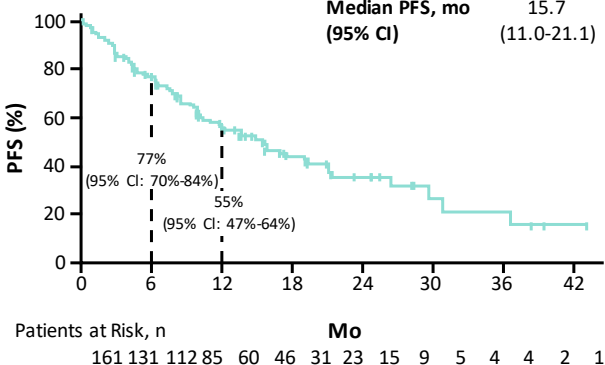
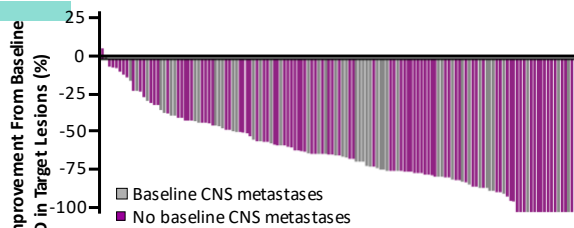
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Change in Tumor Size (N = 161)

PFS

Entrectinib (N = 161)



Outcome	Total (N = 161)	CNS Disease at Baseline (n = 56)	No CNS Disease at Baseline (n = 105)
ORR, n (%) (95% CI)	108 (67.1) (59.3-74.3)	35 (62.5) (48.6-75.1)	73 (69.5) (59.8-78.1)
Median PFS, mo (95% CI)	15.7 (11.0-21.1)	11.8 (6.4-15.7)	19.0 (12.0-29.6)

Investigator determined CNS status.

Data cutoff: May 1, 2019. Median follow-up: 15.8 mo. Both treatment-naïve (37.3%) and previously treated (62.7%) patients included in analysis.

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Approach to Selecting ROS-Targeted TKI Therapy for ROS1+ NSCLC

	Crizotinib ¹ (N = 52)	Entrectinib ² (N = 161)	Lorlatinib ³ (N = 69)	Repotrectinib ⁴ (N = 33)
Median PFS, mo	19.2	15.7 (19.0 without CNS mets)	21.0 (crizotinib naive)	Not reported
Intracranial ORR, %	26 (ALK+) ⁵	79.2*	64 [†]	100 [‡]
Efficacy in pretreated disease?	--	Yes [§]	Yes (35%)	Yes (39% [¶])
Safety considerations	Visual impairment, peripheral edema, GI	Weight gain, dizziness, dysgeusia	Peripheral neuropathy, cognitive AEs	Dizziness, dyspnea, neuropathy

*n = 19; DoR: 12.9 mo. [†]n = 7 crizotinib naive; intracranial ORR in 12 crizotinib-pretreated patients: 50%. [‡]n = 6. [§]Patients with pretreated disease included in overall analysis. ^{||}ORR for 40 crizotinib-pretreated patients. [¶]ORR for 3 patients treated with second-line repotrectinib 80 mg; for 160 mg: 55%.
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A New Frontline Option for ALK+ NSCLC?

- ▶ Multiple FDA-approved options exist for newly diagnosed patients with ALK+ NSCLC
 - ▶ Crizotinib (approved in 2011 but not recommended)
 - ▶ Ceritinib (2017)
 - ▶ Alectinib (2017; preferred second-generation TKI)
 - ▶ Brigatinib (2020)
 - ▶ **Lorlatinib?**
 - ▶ Approval expanded to frontline setting in March 2021



Treatment Failure – Next Steps: ALK Rearrangement Positive Patients

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- ▶ Biopsy and send for Next Gen Sequencing
- ▶ Asymptomatic Patients: consider oligometastatic lesion and consider local therapy such as SBRT or surgery. Continue Alectinib
- ▶ Symptomatic Patients:
 - ▶ Brain: SRS for limited lesions and continue therapy
 - ▶ Systemic
 - ▶ Limited: SBRT/surgery and continue therapy
 - ▶ Multiple lesions: Change therapy to Lorlatinib
 - ▶ Clinical Trial

