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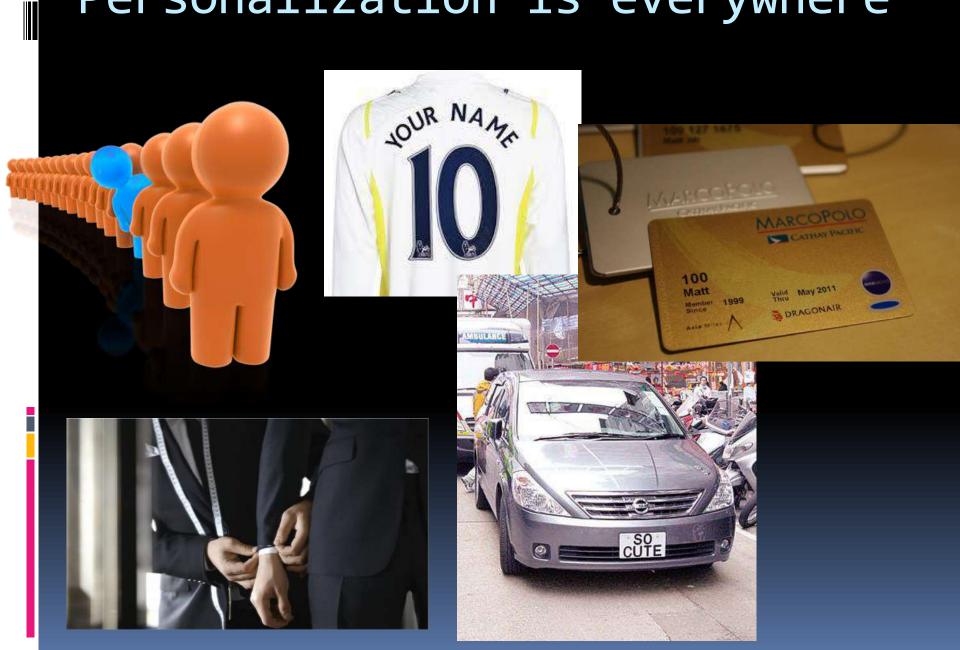
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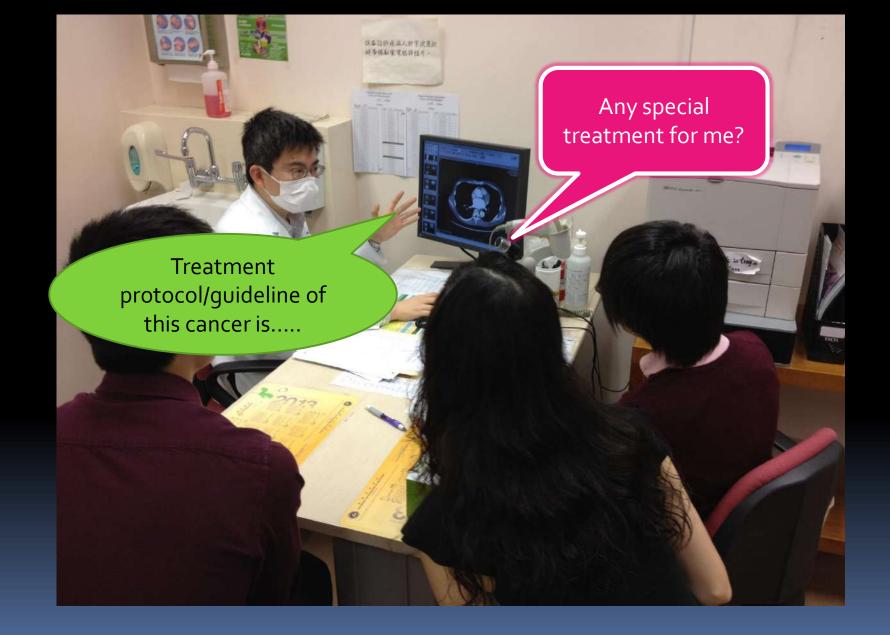
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## Personalization is everywhere





## Definition of Personalized Medicine

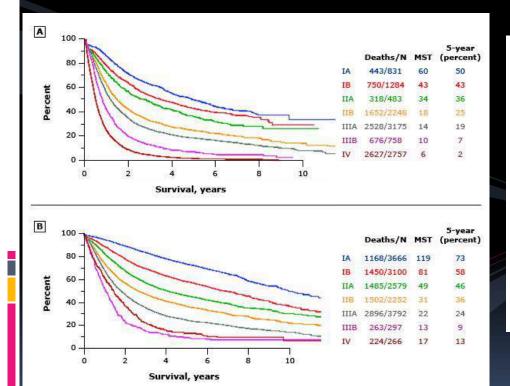
- Personalized Medicine (NCI)
  - A form of medicine that uses information about a person's genes, proteins, and environment to prevent, diagnose, and treat disease.
  - In cancer, personalized medicine uses specific information about a person's tumor to help diagnose, plan treatment, find out how well treatment is working, or make a prognosis.

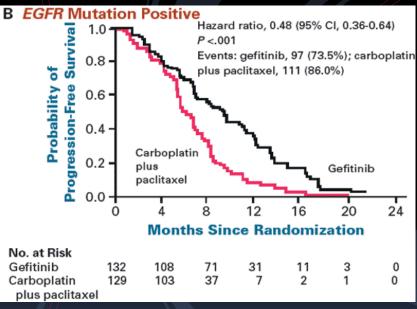
## Outline

- Why personalized medicine for cancer?
- Current approach of personalized treatment for cancer
- Future direction of personalized treatment for cancer

## WHY PERSONALIZED MEDICINE FOR CANCER?

# Clinical: Every patient is different





Different survival outcome even with the same stage or treatment

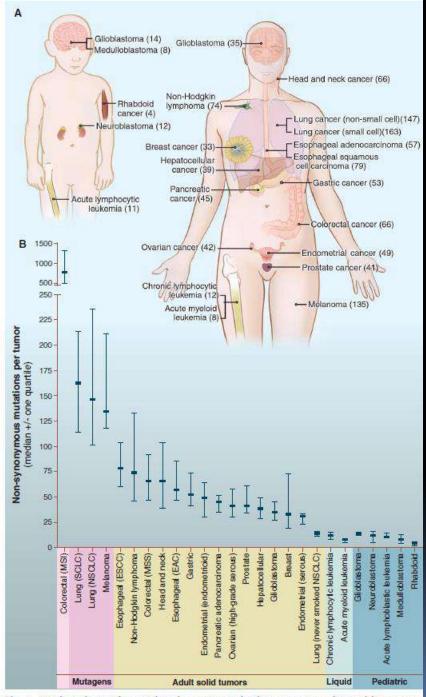


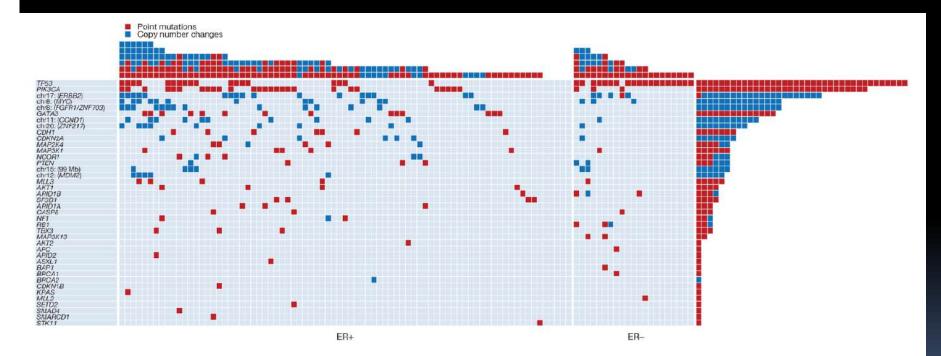
Fig. 1. Number of somatic mutations in representative human cancers, detected by genomewide sequencing studies. (A) The genomes of a diverse group of adult (right) and pediatric (left)

### Cancer is characterized by an accumulation of a number of genetic mutations

Vogelstein B et al. Science 2013; 339; 1546-1558

### High inter-patient heterogeneity

#### Breast cancer as an example

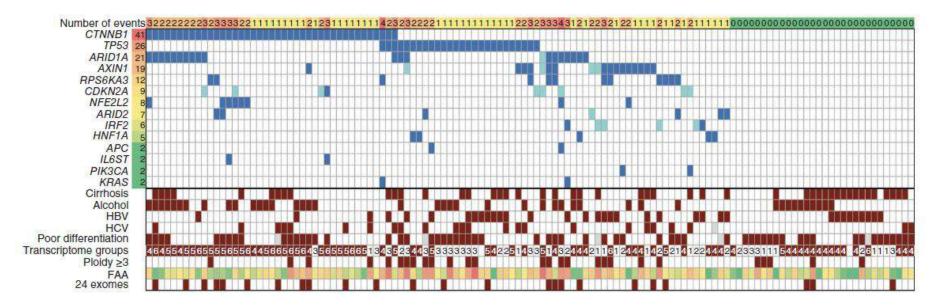


#### Figure 2. The landscape of driver mutations in breast cancer

Stephens PJ et al. Nature 2012; 486: 400-404

### High inter-patient heterogeneity

#### Liver cancer as an example



FAA 0.8 0.7 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.1 0

Guichard et al. Nature genetics 2012; 44: 694-698

## Conventional chemotherapy



### Cytotoxic chemotherapy

Mechanism: non-specific cell killing via DNA damage
→ Side effects (e.g. hair loss, vomitting, mucositis, fever)

## When we give chemotherapy

### Chemo: We don't know who is going to respond.....

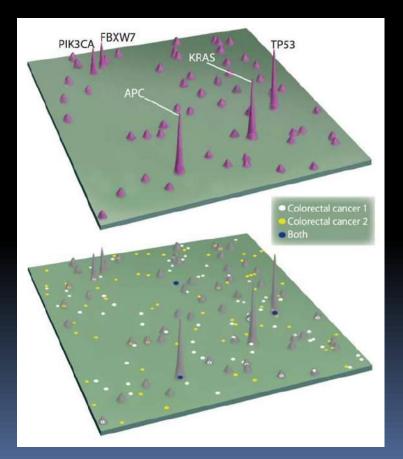


Non-responder

## CURRENT APPROACH OF PERSONALIZED MEDICINE FOR CANCER

## Concept 1: driver mutation

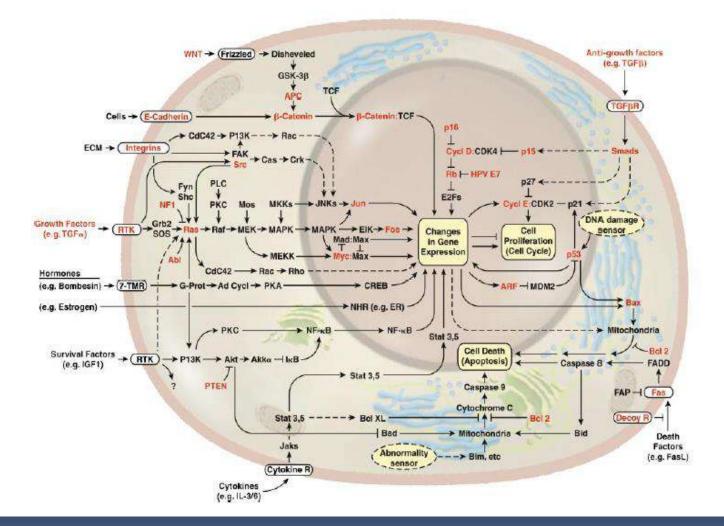
Driver mutations vs. passenger mutations



 Driver mutations (Mountains)
confers a selective growth advantage

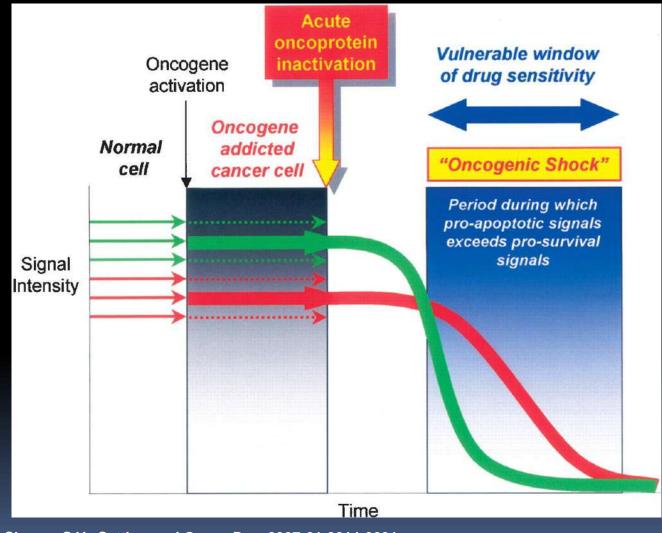
- Passenger mutations (Hills)
  - background mutations
  - not associated with growth advantage
  - related to age

### Genetic mutations linked to signaling pathways



Hanahan et al Cell 2000

## Cancer cells addicted to a particular oncogene/pathway

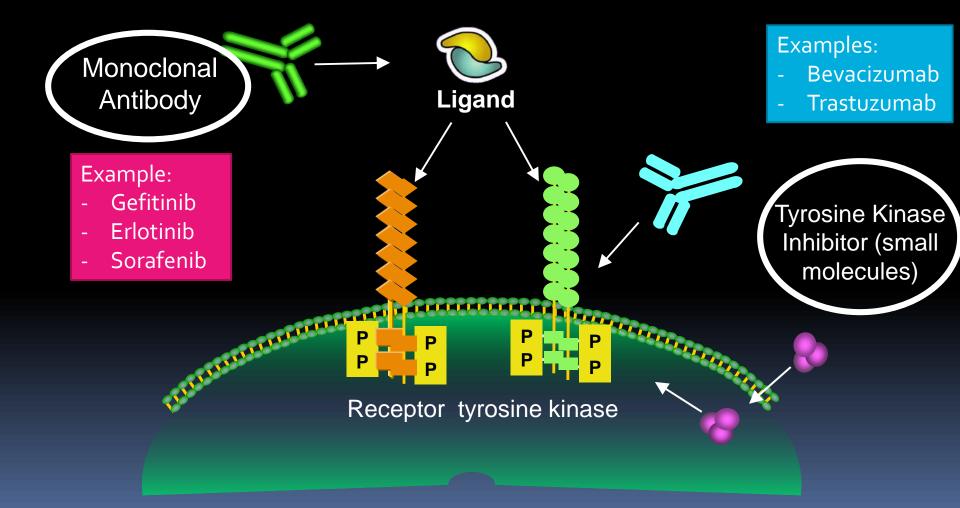


Sharma S V , Settleman J Genes Dev. 2007;21:3214-3231



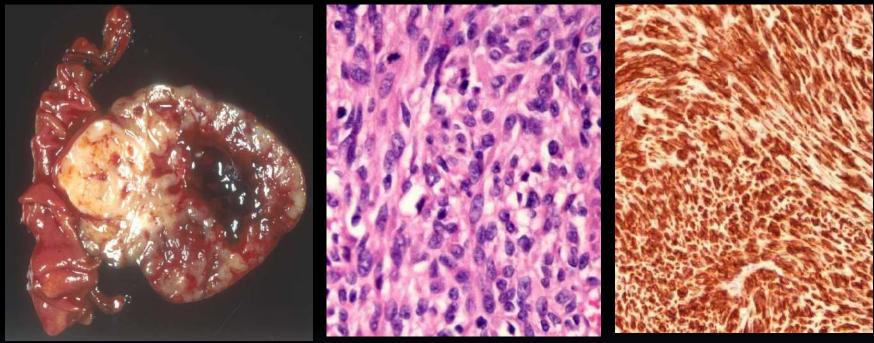
- If we can identify the 'driver' mutation
- AND if we can specifically target the 'driver' mutation
- $\rightarrow$ We can induce significant treatment response
- → We can predict the response and select patient for the right treatment

## Mechanism of targeted agents: Two Classes



## Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor (GIST)

**c-kit** 

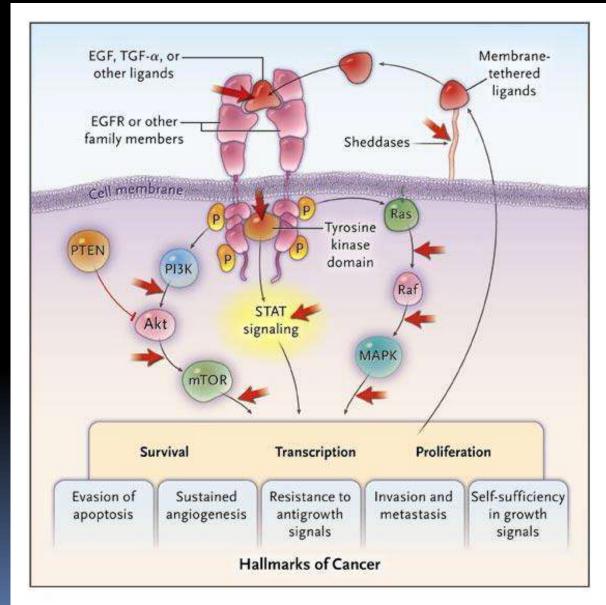


- Before the era of targeted treatment, inoperable GIST has an extremely poor prognosis
- Imatinib targeting the c-kit significantly prolongs the overall survival > 5 years.

## Lung Cancer as an example

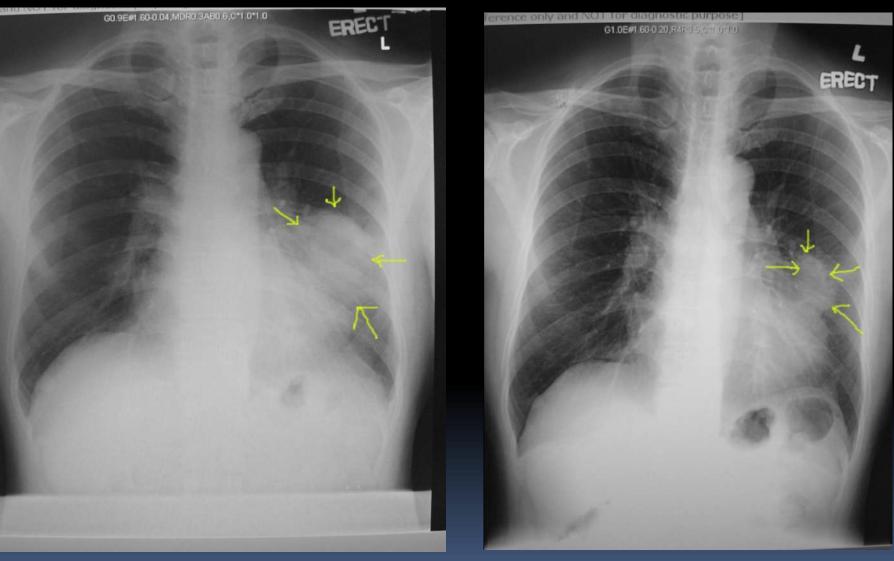
- Stage IIIb or IV disease Non-small cell lung cancer
  - Regardless of histology subtype (Squamous cell carcinoma, Adenocarcinoma, Large cell, BAL..)
  - 1<sup>st</sup>-line treatment: Doublet chemotherapy (platinum as the backbone)
  - Plateau of efficacy: median survival ~10 months, RR ~30%

# Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR) in Lung cancer



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### Case 1



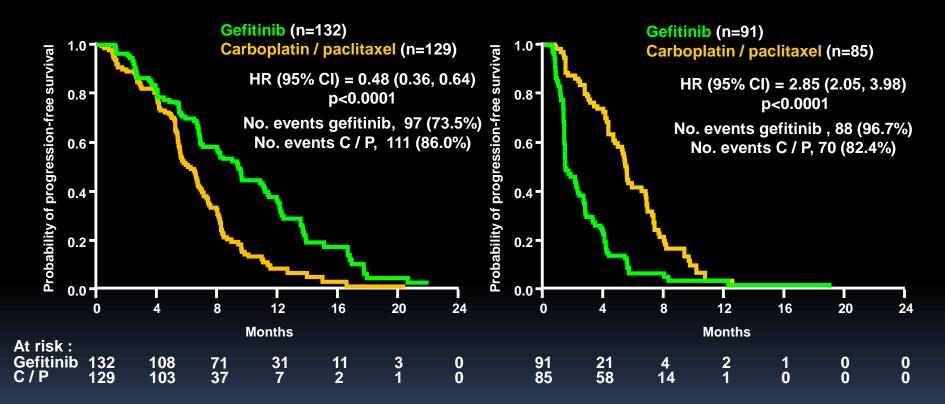
#### Before Gefitinib

After Gefitinib

# Progression-free survival in EGFR mutation positive and negative patients

**EGFR** mutation positive

**EGFR** mutation negative

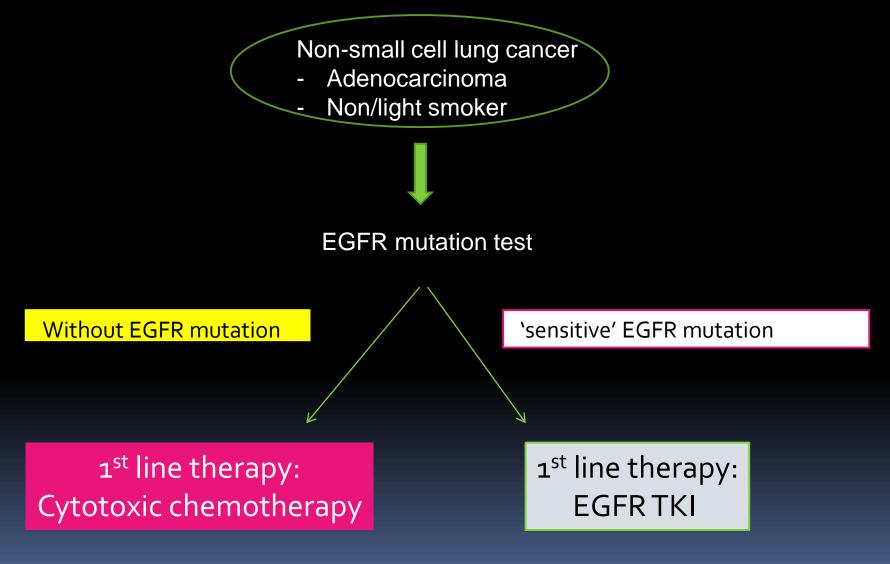


Treatment by subgroup interaction test, p<0.0001

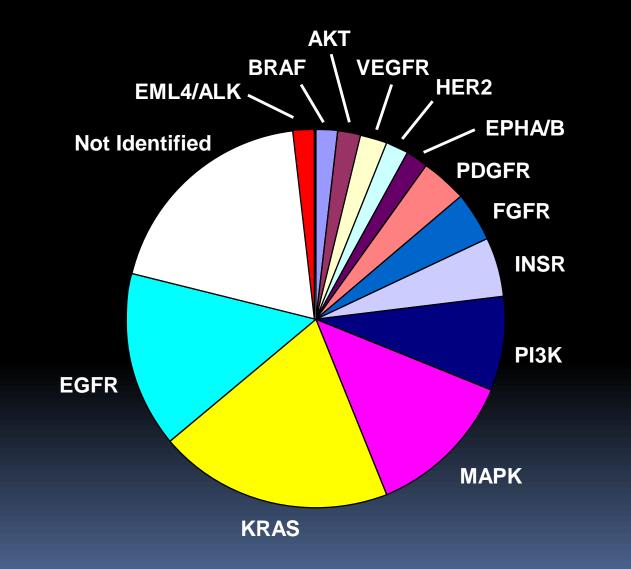
ITT population Cox analysis with covariates

Mok et al NEJM 361:947 2009

## Non-small cell lung cancer



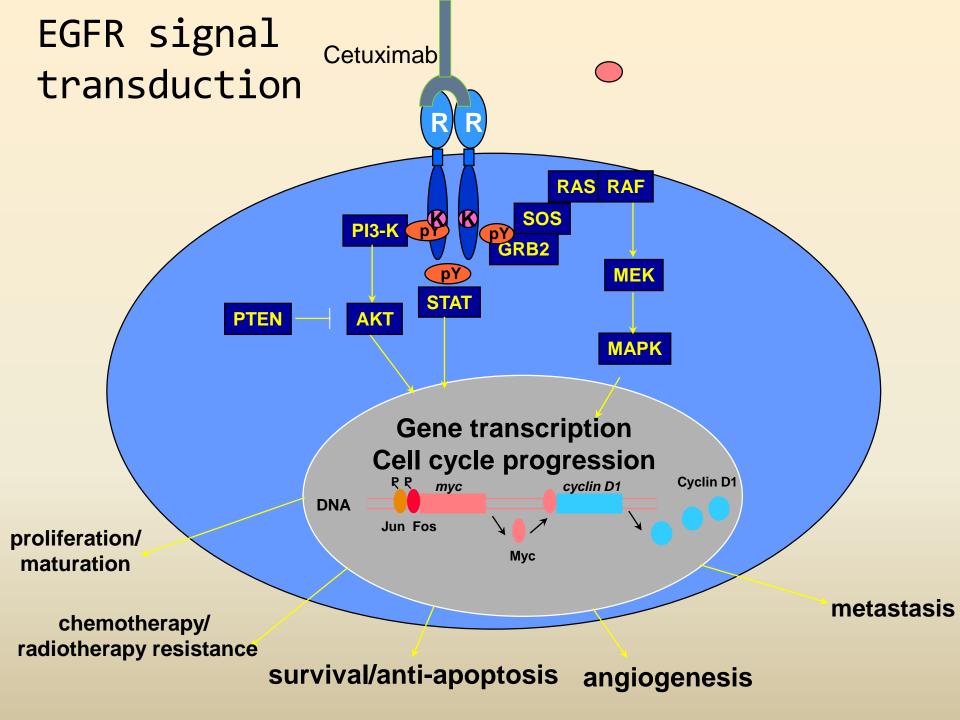
### Lung cancer driven by multiple somatic mutations N=188 Tumors and 623 Genes in adenocarcinoma



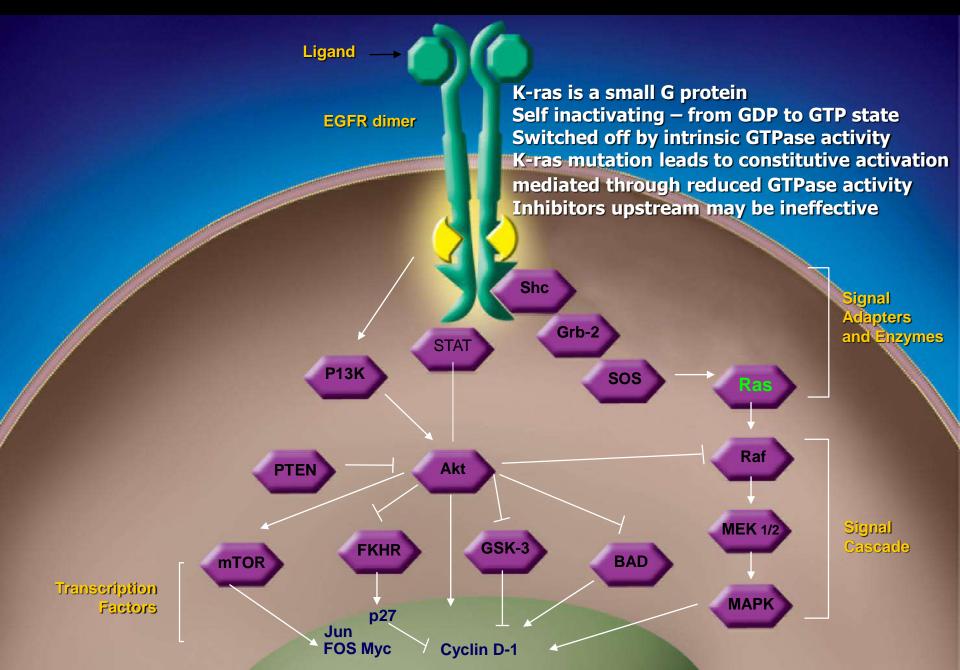
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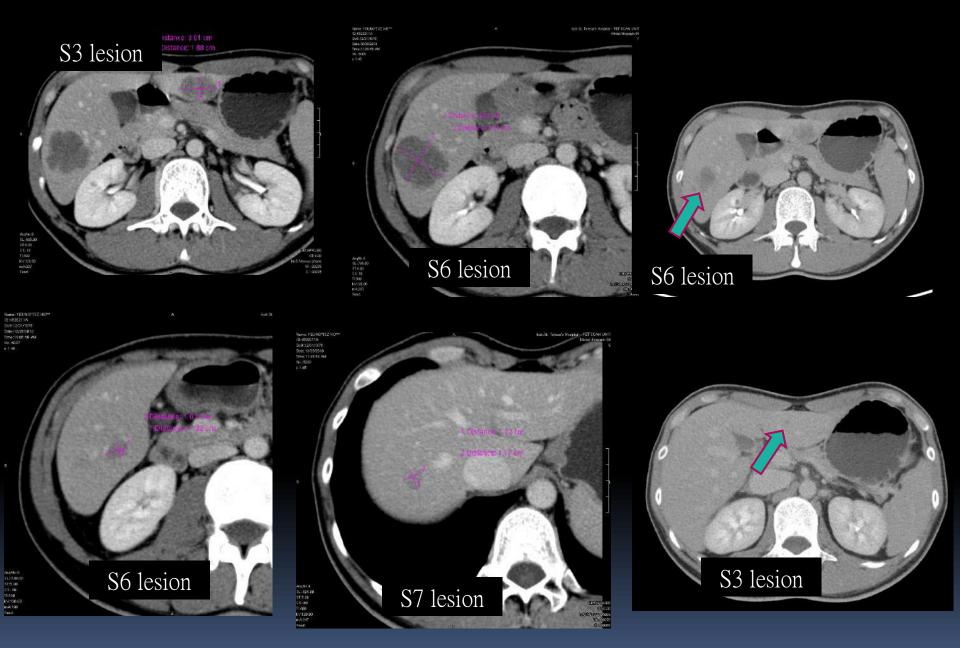
## Concept 2: Resistant Mechanism

 Downstream activation of molecules can predict resistance to targeted treatment acting on upstream molecules



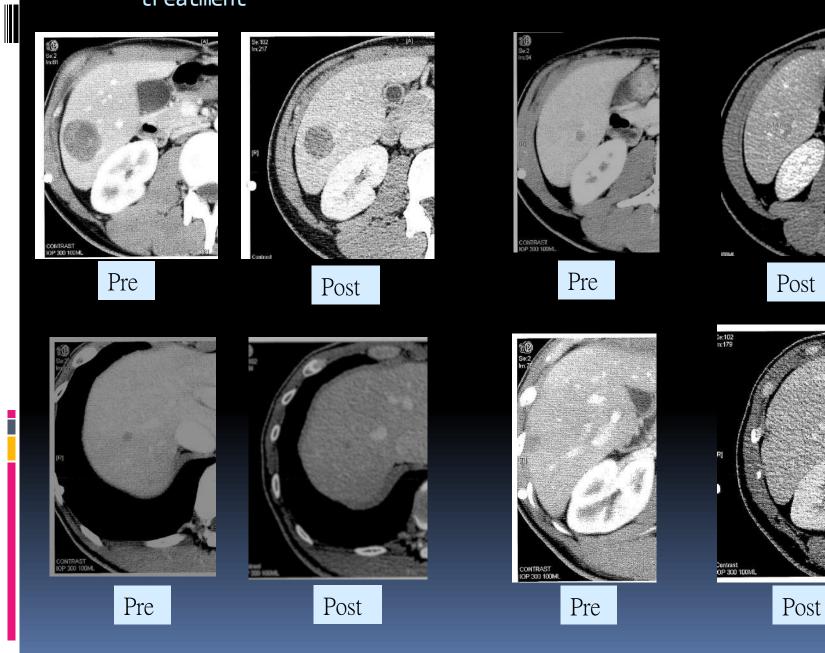
### EGFR Signaling Cascade and K-ras



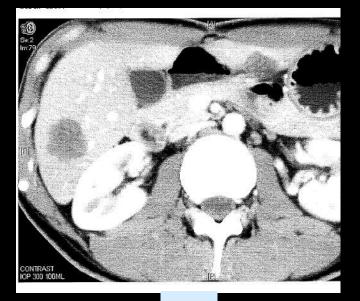


KRAS: wild type; no mutant; treatment with anti-EGFR monoclonal antibody and chemotherapy

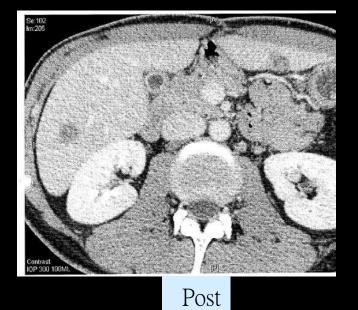
Reassessment CT after Chemotherapy and targeted treatment



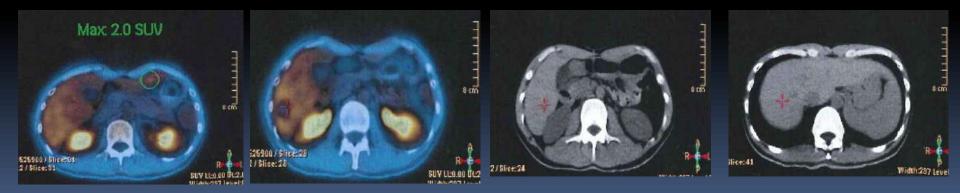
#### **Reassessment CT**



Pre



### PET CT showed only hypermetabolic lesion in S3



### Progress

- Right hepatectomy and segment III wedge resection done (+ cholecystectomy)
- Patient remains disease-free for 5 years now

#### DIAGNOSIS

- I. Liver, right lobe, excision:
  - Metastatic adenocarcinoma x4, in keeping with colorectal primary.
  - Maximal dimension of 0.5 cm. 0.7 cm. 0.7 cm and 2.5 cm.
  - Prominent necrosis with foreign body reaction, in keeping with chemotherapy

effect.

- Resection margin clear.

II. Liver, segment 3 lesion, excision:

- Metastatic adenocarcinoma, in keeping with colorectal primary.

- Maximal dimension of 1.5 cm.

- Prominent necrosis with foreign body reaction. in keeping with chemotherapy effect.

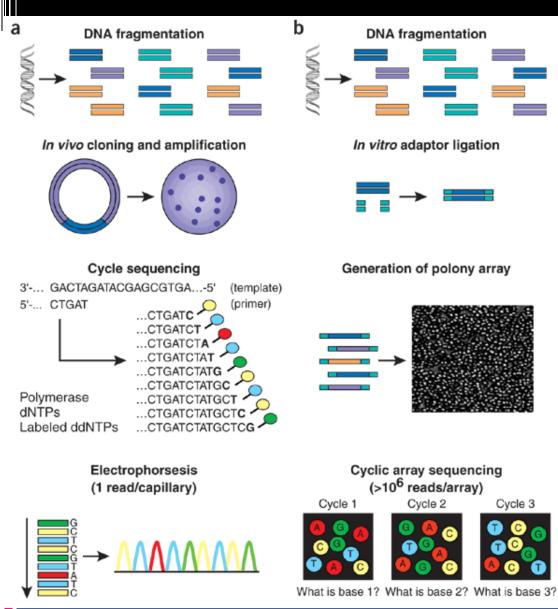
- Resection margin clear.

## FUTURE DIRECTION OF PERSONALIZED TREATMENT FOR CANCER

## Research Gap

- Most of the time, more than one gene are involved
- Not all cancer (e.g. liver cancer, pancreatic cancer, bone/soft tissue sarcoma) have identifiable 'driver' mutations.

### Next Generation sequencing



Conventional sequencing

- Only large fragments of DNA 500-900bp are analyzed
- Preferred in the setting of known DNA mutations

#### NGS

- High-throughput
- Larger volume at faster speed
- Unknown mutations can be detected

# Sequencing the tumor before treatment





Patient Results			Tumor Type: Colorectal Cancer	
3 genomic alterations		1-2 PTEN Loss	Genomic alterations identified PTEN Loss KRAS G12D APC E941*, E1552	
2 therapies associated with clinical benefit pp3-4 2 therapies with lack of response pp3-4				
		4 Additional disease-relevant genes with no reportable alterations detected BRAF		
50+ clinical trials		5-6		
Therapeutic Im Genomic Alterations	FDA Approved Thera		Potential Clinical	
Detected PTEN	(In patient's tumor ty	pe) (In another tumor type Temsirolimus		
Loss	None	Everolimus	Trials section.	
KRAS G12D	(-) Panitumumab‡ (-) Cetuximab‡	None	Yes. See Clinical Trials section.	
<b>APC</b> E941*, E1552*	None	None	Yes. See Clinical Trials section.	
BRAF No alteration detected				
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## Challenges

- The same mutation may not have the same meaning in different cancer.
- A lot of mutations (genetic lesions) are not druggable.
- Mechanism other than genetic mutations
  - Epigenetic
  - Transcriptome changes

A lot of translational and clinical works to do!

