

# Targeted and Chemotherapeutic Approaches to mCRC Management

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## Time

Lecture @ 3:10-PM

## Location

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## Target Audience

This educational activity is designed to meet the needs of oncology nursing professionals involved in the care of patients with mCRC.

## Statement of Need

Oncology nursing professionals play an extremely vital role on the interprofessional team managing patients with mCRC. They frequently assume front-line functions in preparing patients for therapy, recognizing treatment-related toxicities and symptoms, and managing these complications while educating patients about their treatments and related side effects. As the treatment landscape for mCRC continues to evolve with new therapies, treatment regimens, and guideline recommendations, it is imperative that oncology nurses and advanced practice nurses be up-to-date on the latest developments in the field and be able to apply this knowledge to their roles in managing patients with mCRC and assist their fellow clinicians in improving patient outcomes and quality of life.

## Learning Objectives/Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to:

1. **Critically evaluate** current clinical trial evidence supporting the use of targeted and chemotherapeutic approaches, and their combinations, in the management of mCRC across multiple lines of treatment
2. **Explain** which factors driving patients segmentation (prognostic and predictive biomarkers, comorbidities, patients' preference) impact the treatment decision-making process in different clinical scenarios across disease progression
3. **Review** current best practices for the management of adverse events associated with targeted therapies in mCRC and how to maximize tolerability and adherence to different therapeutic regimens

## Activity Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction (including pre activity survey)
- Brief Review of CRC
  - Epidemiology and Prognosis
  - Case-based challenge question
- Initial Treatment of Metastatic CRC
  - Biomarkers and their implications for treatment
  - Treatment Options – what oncology nurses need to know about our current armamentarium
  - What the latest guidelines say about management
  - Adverse events to be watchful for, and strategies for management when they occur
  - Case: Initial treatment of a newly-diagnosed patient with mCRC
  - Challenge questions
- Treatment of Metastatic CRC at Progression
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  - Treatment Options – what oncology nurses need to know about our current armamentarium
  - What the latest guidelines say about management
  - Adverse events to be watchful for, and strategies for management when they occur
  - Case: Our newly patient's disease has progressed—where do we go from here?
  - Challenge questions
- Question & Answer Session and Closing Remarks (including post-activity survey)
- Acknowledge of patient resource materials from Fight Colorectal Cancer

**To promote active learning and engage learners, audience polling questions and discussion cases have been incorporated in the activity design.**

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Ms. Ross has over eleven years of total nursing experience in Oncology, including practice as Registered Nurse and Nurse Practitioner. She has been a Nurse Practitioner for six years and has practiced at the University of Pennsylvania in Radiation Oncology, and more recently at Fox Chase Cancer Center in GI Medical Oncology. She has been Adjunct Clinical Nursing Faculty for La Salle University since 2010. Her interests include symptom management and patient education.

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- advocacy/policy
- awareness
- research
- patient education

Fight CRC is a leader in providing a robust channel of free online and printed resources addressing the unique needs of the CRC community to ensure access to medically reviewed, innovative, contemporary resources. According to a 2016 survey, those who use Fight CRC resources report satisfaction and trustworthiness of the resources, and that the resources increase their knowledge on a variety of topics. In addition to presenting our resource library at national cancer conferences, Fight CRC is happy to partner with the National Comprehensive Cancer Network's Rectal and Colon Patient's Guides.

Fight CRC's resources include the following range of educational modalities: webinars, podcasts, blogs, topic specific mini- magazines, and videos. To learn more and to access the resources, visit: <https://fightcolorectalcancer.org/fight/library/>

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***Your Guide in the Fight (GTF)*** is Fight CRC's flagship resource: a 3-part book designed to empower patients and point them toward trusted, credible information. Version 3 was released in January 2017 after in depth focus groups with patients and medical professionals. The resource is a recipient of the Hermes Creative Award. All content was written and edited by Fight CRC and underwent medical review prior to publication. GTF undergoes yearly updates for relevance.

**GTF is an easy-to-read resource for stage III, stage IV, and recurrent CRC patients. Some topics covered include:**

- understanding your diagnosis & approved treatment options for late-stage patients
- genetic syndromes
- biomarkers & tumor testing
- palliative care & side effects management
- survivorship, psychosocial health, practical support & caregiver support
- tumor banking & end-of-life care

GTF is divided into 3 distinct parts:

- Part 1: Diagnosis through Treatment
- Part 2: Treatment Side Effects & Survivorship
- Part 3: Supportive Care, Practical Issues & Resources

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# Targeted and Chemotherapeutic Approaches to Management of Metastatic Colorectal Cancer

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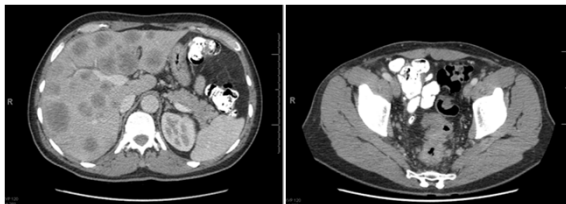
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## Case: F.F.

- 49 year old otherwise healthy man presented with constipation for 3 months and abdominal pain.
- 30 lb weight loss over the last 3 months.
- Low grade fever, increasing right upper quadrant pain




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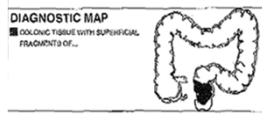
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### Case: F.F.

- CEA- 702
- LFT mildly elevated, bilirubin normal



- Colonoscopy nearly obstructive mass in the recto-sigmoid junction
- Biopsy – moderately differentiated adenocarcinoma

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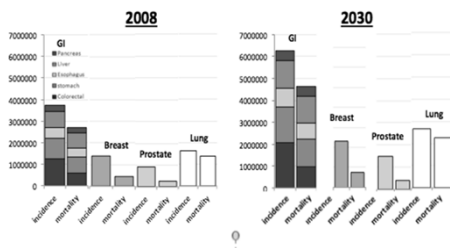
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### Worldwide Cancer Statistics



Bray F et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2012;13:790-801; <http://www.cancer.org/aboutus/globalhealth>

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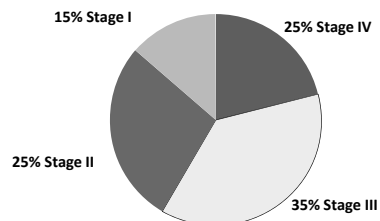
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### Epidemiology

- Estimated US incidence (new cases): 142,820
- Estimated US mortality: 50,830
- Third most common malignancy in man and woman.



Siegel R et al. *CA: Cancer J Clin.* 2013;63:11-30.

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## Colon Cancer: More Than One Disease

- Molecular
  - MSI vs MSS
  - RAS WT vs MUT
- Anatomic
  - Right versus left
  - Rectal versus colon

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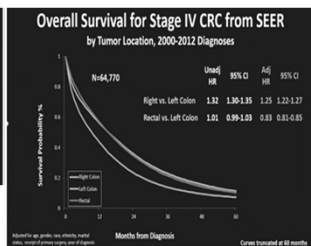
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## Right vs. Left: Sidedness Matters



Median age at diagnosis:

- Right sided: 70.2 years
- Left sided: 65 years



Schrag D et al. J Clin Oncol. 2016;34(suppl. abstr 3505). Abstract 3505.

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## Pre-Treatment Evaluation in mCRC

### Imaging:

- CT chest/abdomen/pelvis
- PET-CT and MRI useful for specific questions i.e. resection.

### Lab/Pathology/Molecular testing

- Confirm path/ biopsy of metastases
- Baseline CEA
- KRAS mutation status (all patients) prior to anti-EGFR therapy
- BRAF mutation (?)
- MSI status
- UGT1A1\*28 (not recommended routinely, consider before irinotecan)

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## Resection of Primary Tumor in mCRC

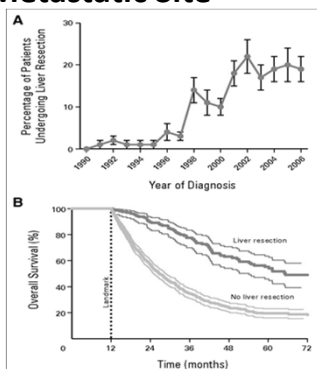
- C-10 phase II multicenter study.
- 86 patients, front line FOLFOX+Bev with intact primary tumor.
- Primary end point surgical resection required due to symptoms related to primary tumor.

	N	%
Surgery due to symptoms from primary tumor	10	11.6
Death with symptoms from primary tumor	2	2.3
Primary tumor resected with curative intent	8	9.3
Patient died with intact tumor	28	32.6
Patient was alive at last follow up with intact tumor	35	40.7

McCahill LE et al. JCO. 2012;30:3223-3228.

## Resection of Metastatic Site

- Data from MD Anderson + Mayo 2,470 patients. 231 underwent hepatic resection.
- Rates of resection increased.
- Survival improved with resection.



Kopetz S et al. J Clin Oncol. 2009;27:3677-3683.

## Treatment – Conversion to Surgery

Original article

Annals of Oncology 16: 425-429, 2005  
doi:10.1093/annonc/mdh002  
Published online 27 January 2005

**Chemotherapy permits resection of metastatic colorectal cancer: experience from Intergroup N9741**

T. Delaunoy<sup>1</sup>, S. R. Alberts<sup>1</sup>, D. J. Sargent<sup>2\*</sup>, E. Green<sup>3</sup>, R. M. Goldberg<sup>4</sup>, J. Krook<sup>4</sup>, C. Fuchs<sup>5</sup>, R. K. Ramanathan<sup>6</sup>, S. K. Williamson<sup>7</sup>, R. F. Morton<sup>8</sup> & B. P. Findlay<sup>9</sup>

Original article

Annals of Oncology 15: 933-939, 2004  
DOI: 10.1093/annonc/bdh217

**Neoadjuvant treatment of unresectable liver disease with irinotecan and 5-fluorouracil plus folinic acid in colorectal cancer patients**

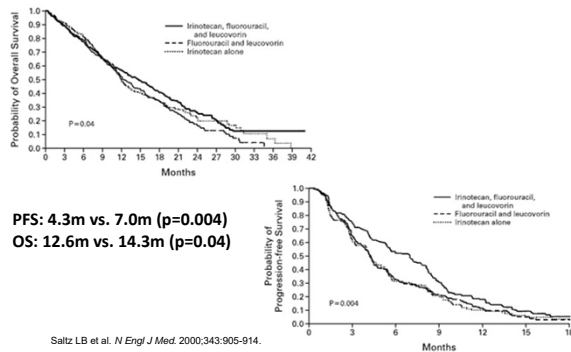
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## More Agents Available Now...

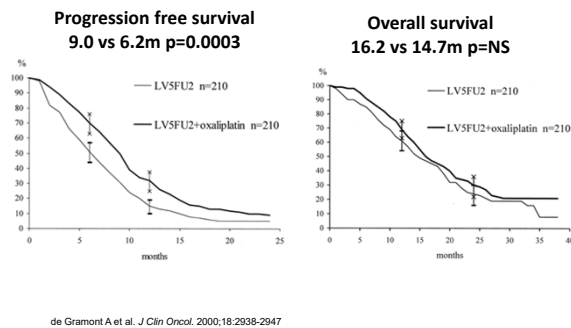


Ongoing debate between the “best” schedule and sequencing of these agents

## Addition of Irinotecan



## Addition of Oxaliplatin



### F.F. Treatment Plan

- Metastatic adenocarcinoma, multiple liver metastasis (10+)
- MSS
- KRAS wild type
- Discussion with oncologist.
  - Goal: best shot to live as long as possible; needs to keep working; insurance carrier for family
  - Has teenage children in high school
  - Decision to avoid surgery and initiate FOLFIRI/Cetuximab

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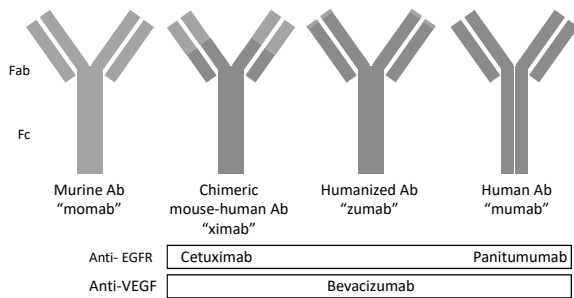
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### Biologic Agents- Monoclonal Antibodies



Troiana T et al. *Expert Opin Investig Drugs*. 2012;21:949-959.

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### FOLFIRI Cetuximab

- Port placement
- Given every 14 days
- Infusion room time and 46 hour infusion at home
- Pre-meds
- Anti-emetics for home

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## Diarrhea

- Brat diet
- Imodium
- Lomotril
- Hydration
- Check electrolytes
- Review other medications (antihypertensives, diuretics)
- Consider admission when needed

<b>Grade I</b>	Increase of <4 stools per day over baseline
<b>Grade II</b>	Increase of 4-6 stools per day over baseline
<b>Grade III</b>	Increase of >7 stools per day over baseline; hospitalization indicated; limits self care ADL's
<b>Grade IV</b>	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention
<b>Grade V</b>	Death

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## Adverse Effects of EGFR Inhibition

- Cutaneous adverse effects
  - Papulopustular reaction involving skin
  - Can affect compliance and QOL
  - Leaves skin vulnerable to bacterial overgrowth and infection
  - Skin rash can lead to dose modification or treatment discontinuation
  - Sun protection
  - Topical clindamycin 2% / 1% hydrocortisone cream
  - Oral doxycycline if moderate to severe
  - Consider dermatology if needed
- Dry eyes

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## Case: F.F.

- First CT at 3 months with great response to treatment
- Stable disease after 9 months
- Increasing diarrhea and neutropenia requiring Neulasta
- Restaging CT 2 months later for new cough. New pleural effusion + malignancy

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### But What Impacts the Patient's Decision Making?

- Patient goals
- Quality of life
- Side effect profile of drugs
- Comorbid conditions
- Logistics

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### Next Steps in Treatment

- FOLFOX/bevacizumab
- PleurX catheter placement
- Palliative care consult
- Patient education

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### Bevacizumab Risks

- Hypertension (~20%)
- Arterial thrombosis (2-5%)
  - SCD, MI, CVA, TIA
  - Increased with poor PS or age > 65
- GI perforation (1-2%)
- Grade 3-4 bleeding (2-5%)
- Post-operative bleeding/wound healing (1-2%)
  - Perforation, fistula, abscess, surgery within 60 days

Kozloff M et al. The Oncologist. 2009;14:862-870.

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### Nursing Implications for the Patient Receiving FOLFOX

- Patient education
  - Nausea
  - Diarrhea
  - Cold sensitivity
- Ask about peripheral neuropathy
  - Assessment CTCAE grading
  - Management
- Infusion pump safety

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### Peripheral Neuropathy



- Numbness
- Tingling
- Pain
- Like walking on broken glass
- Off balance
- Stiffness

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### CTCAE v4.0 Peripheral Neuropathy

<b>Grade I</b>	Asymptomatic, lost of DTRs or paresthesia
<b>Grade II</b>	Moderate symptoms; limiting instrumental ADL's
<b>Grade III</b>	Severe symptoms limiting self care ADLs
<b>Grade IV</b>	Life – threatening consequences
<b>Grade V</b>	Death

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### Management Strategies

- Assessment via CTCAE
- Considering of modification of dose/holding drug
- Gabapentin, Cymbalta, Lyrica
- PT/OT
- B-complex

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### Case: F.F.

- Disease progression after 9 months of FOLFOX/bevacizumab
- HTN managed with ACE inhibitor
- Grade II peripheral neuropathy - stable
- Middle child graduated from high school
- New lung metastasis and increasing liver metastasis

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### F.F. Treatment Decision

- Consideration of clinical trial
- TAS 102
- Regorafenib

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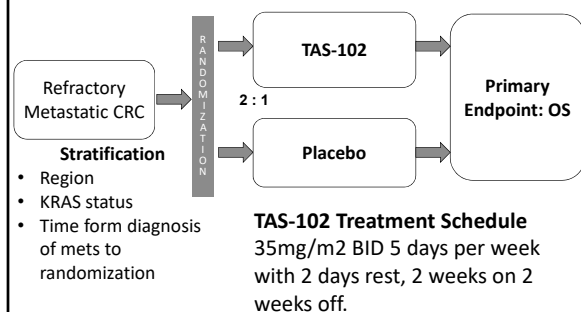
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**RECOURSE: TAS-102 in Refractory mCRC**Mayer R et al. *NEJM*. 2015;3872:1909-1919.**RECOURSE: TAS-102 in Refractory mCRC – PFS**

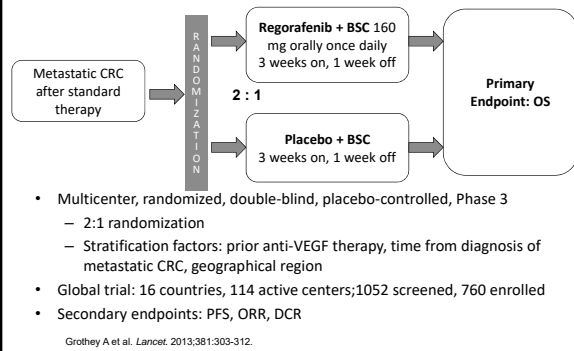
Adverse Event	Grade 3-4 (%)
Neutropenia	38%
Febrile Neutropenia	4%
Anemia	18%
Thrombocytopenia	5%
Stomatitis	<1%
Hand foot syndrome	0
Cardiac ischemia	<1%
Diarrhea	3%
Fatigue	4%

Mayer R et al. *NEJM*. 2015;3872:1909-1919.**Nursing Considerations with TAS-102**

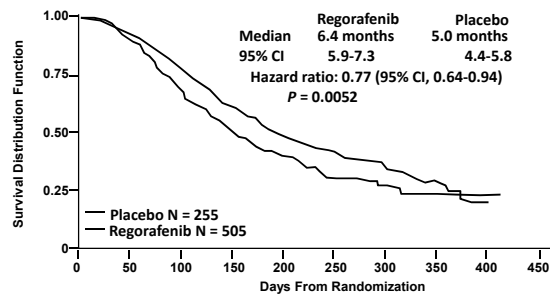
- Patient education for schedule
  - Calendars
  - Prefer a Monday start date (M-F, M-F, off 2 weeks)
- Watch for s/s of bleeding
- Diarrhea management
- Labs
  - Labs at Day 14 and prior to start of next cycle



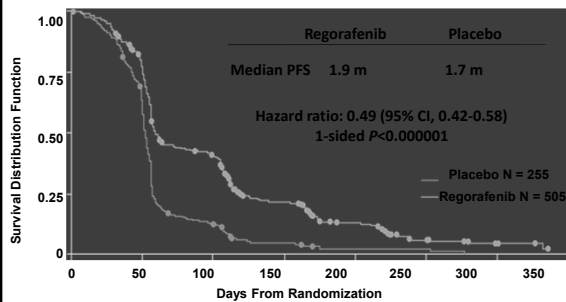
## \*CORRECT Study Design



## CORRECT: Overall Survival



## CORRECT: PFS



## CORRECT: Adverse Events

Adverse event, %	Regorafenib N = 500			Placebo N = 253		
	All Grades	Grade 3	Grade 4	All Grades	Grade 3	Grade 4
Hand-foot skin reaction	46.6	16.6	0	7.5	0.4	0
Fatigue	47.4	9.2	0.4	28.1	4.7	0.4
Hypertension	27.8	7.2	0	5.9	0.8	0
Diarrhea	33.8	7.0	0.2	8.3	0.8	0
Rash/desquamation	26.0	5.8	0	4.0	0	0
Anorexia	30.4	3.2	0	15.4	2.8	0
Mucositis, oral	27.2	3.0	0	3.6	0	0
Thrombocytopenia	12.6	2.6	0.2	2.0	0.4	0
Fever	10.4	0.8	0	2.8	0	0
Nausea	14.4	0.4	0	11.1	0	0
Bleeding	11.4	0.4	0	2.8	0	0
Voice changes	29.4	0.2	0	5.5	0	0
Weight loss	13.8	0	0	2.4	0	0

Grothey A et al. *Lancet*. 2013;381:303-312.

## Management of Patients on Regorafenib

- Home BP log; weekly BP checks in office.
- Skin care
- Weekly LFT's for first 2 cycles
- Safe administration (calendars)
- Hand-foot skin reaction
- Treatment of diarrhea

## Hand-Foot Syndrome

AE Term	Definition	Management
<b>Grade I</b>	Changes or dermatitis without pain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Udder cream, Eucerin</li> <li>• Monitor</li> </ul>
<b>Grade II</b>	Skin changes with pain limiting function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold drug</li> <li>• Resume when grade I</li> <li>• Moisturize</li> </ul>
<b>Grade III</b>	Severe skin changes with pain limiting ADLs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold drug</li> <li>• Moisturize</li> <li>• Treat pain, topical lidocaine</li> </ul>

## Microsatellite Instability

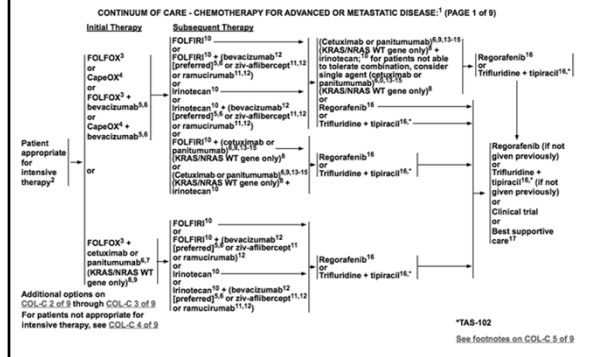
- Hypermutable phenotype
  - 10-100X somatic mutation rate
- Characterized by loss of DNA mismatch repair activity and simple repetitive sequences of DNA
- More likely to be:
  - Right-sided/proximal colon
  - Poorly differentiated
  - Younger, female patients
  - Contain lymphocyte infiltrates
- Less likely to be KRAS or p53 mutated
- Associated with hereditary colon cancer syndromes (Lynch Syndrome)
- Overall better prognosis

Boland CR, Goel A. *Gastroenterology*. 2010;138:2073-2087.  
Le DT et al. *NEJM*. 2015;372:2509-2520.

## Immunotherapy

- 10-15% of sporadic colon cancers will have microsatellite instability
- Pembrolizumab IV infusion given every 3 weeks

## NCCN Guidelines 2.2016: Treatment of Advanced or Metastatic CRC



## Summary

- The prognosis of patients with mCRC has improved over the last decade.
- Standard of care in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> line setting: combination chemotherapy and biologic agent
- Additional studies are needed for identification of novel targets and better biomarkers

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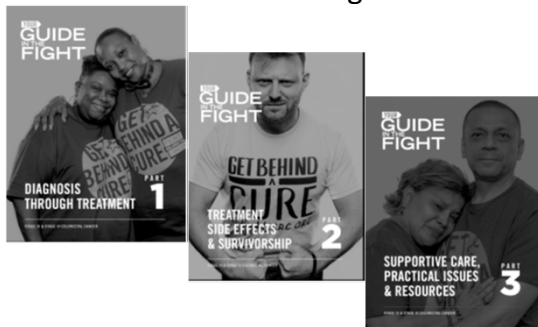
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## Fight Colorectal Cancer: Guide in the Fight



<https://fightcolorectalcaner.org/fight/library/your-guide-in-the-fight/>

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Thank You!

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