

# Tumor Sequencing and Next-Generation Sequencing

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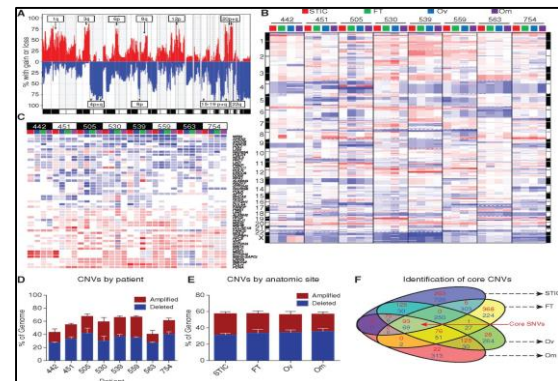
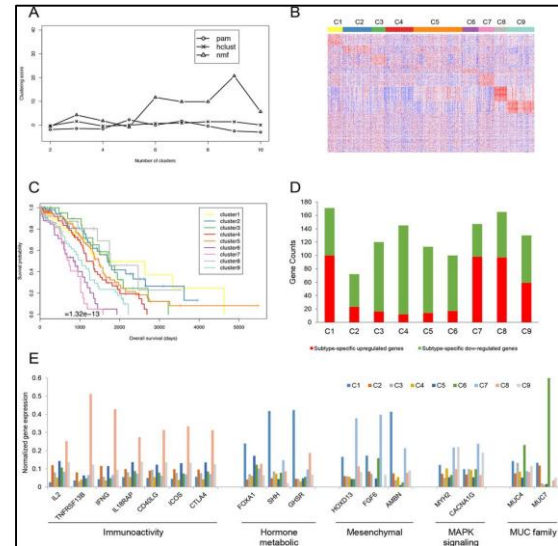
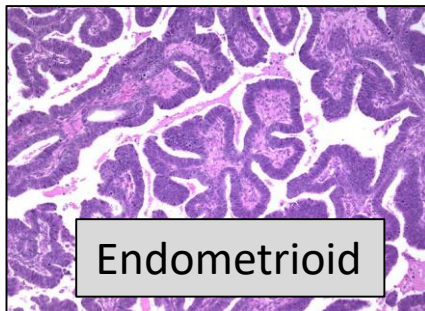
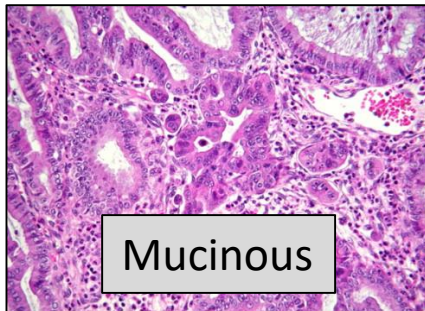


# No Disclosures

# Objectives

- Review the role of tumor genomics in ovarian cancer
- Discuss the potential uses of next-generation sequencing for ovarian cancer

# Classifying Ovarian Cancer



# Precision Medicine

- Tailor treatments to genetic changes in each patient's cancer
- The promise:
  - Find new/unexpected treatments
  - Avoid ineffective and toxic treatments
- A work in progress...

# What can vary between tumors?

- Germline mutations: inherited mutations (ex. BRCA)
- Somatic mutations: mutations found in tumor but not in other cells
- Functional changes: more complex but can include epigenetic changes

# Germline versus Somatic

## Somatic mutations

- Occur in *nongermline* tissues
- Cannot be inherited



Nonheritable

Mutation in tumor only  
(for example, breast)

## Germline mutations

- Present in egg or sperm
- Can be inherited
- Cause cancer family syndrome

Parent



Heritable



Child



All cells affected in  
offspring

Adapted from the National Cancer Institute and the American Society of Clinical Oncology

Note: blood tests will *generally* not pick up somatic mutations

# Germline Testing

- Usually a blood or saliva test
- Inherited mutations
  - BRCA mutations
  - Lynch syndrome
  - Other rare conditions
- Useful for counseling about other cancers but also for some therapeutic options:
  - BRCA: PARP inhibitors
  - Lynch syndrome: immunotherapies





# Somatic Mutation Testing: Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)

- Must test the tumor
  - Direct tumor biopsy
  - Tumor cells in blood stream
- How to obtain tumor:
  - Use material already available (i.e. from prior surgery)
  - Obtain a new biopsy (unclear benefit to obtaining new material rather than using old)



# Somatic Mutation Testing: Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)

- Several commercial tests available
- General testing concept:
  - Assess DNA of tumors
  - Assess RNA of tumors
  - Compare to normal tissues
- Generally covered by insurance



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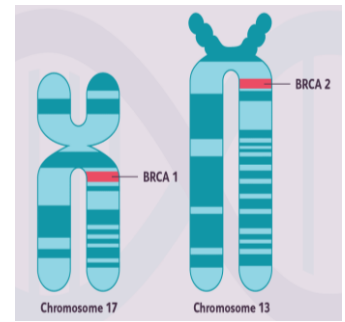
And many more...  
No specific  
endorsements

# How is this useful?

- Not useful for all patients (yet)
- Several classes of treatments:
  - BRCA-like mutations: PARP inhibitors
  - Immunogenic tumors: immunotherapies
  - Chemotherapy sensitivity: response to standard agents
  - Response to non-ovarian regimens
  - Clinical trial enrollment

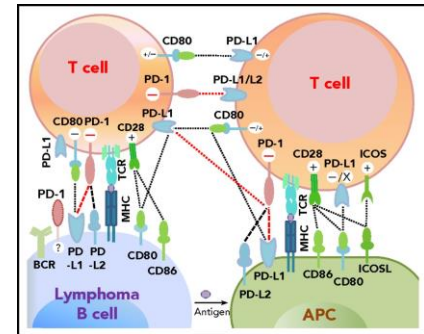
# BRCA-like mutations

- Somatic mutations in BRCA or other similar genes/homologous recombination deficiency (HRD)
- Treatments: PARP inhibitors
  - After primary chemotherapy (maintenance)
  - After chemotherapy for first recurrence
  - As a single agent for recurrent disease



# Immunogenic tumors

- Several types:
  - Lynch genes (MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2)
  - High PD-1 expression
  - High tumor burden



- Treatments: pembrolizumab
  - Checkpoint inhibitor (more by Dr. Matei)
  - FDA approved *independent of tumor type*

# Chemotherapy sensitivity

- Specific genes correlate with chemotherapy response (maybe)
- Treatments:
  - ERCC1: cisplatin/carboplatin
  - Topo I: topotecan
  - ARID1: PARP inhibitors
  - VEGF: bevacizumab
  - Hormone receptors: aromatase inhibitors
- Guide sequence of therapy, not options



# Response to non-ovarian regimens (some off label uses)

- Identify genes correlating with therapy response to non-ovarian cancer specific drugs or drugs generally inactive in ovarian cancer
- Treatments:
  - NTRK: entrectinib (NTRK inhibitor, FDA approved)
  - ARID1A: HDAC inhibitors
  - Her-2: trastuzumab (Herceptin)
- Other examples: treatments for colon, lung or breast cancers

# Clinical Trials

- May find mutations that qualify for a trial
  - Ovarian cancer specific trials (rare)
  - Non-disease specific trials (more common)
  - Often early phase trials
- NGS reports often list available trials



# NGS: Not Perfect

- Most patients do not *yet* have actionable mutations
- Insurance usually covers testing but this is not guaranteed
- Must have tissue available for testing
- Speak to your oncologist about it!

THANK YOU