



# Pancreatic Cancer

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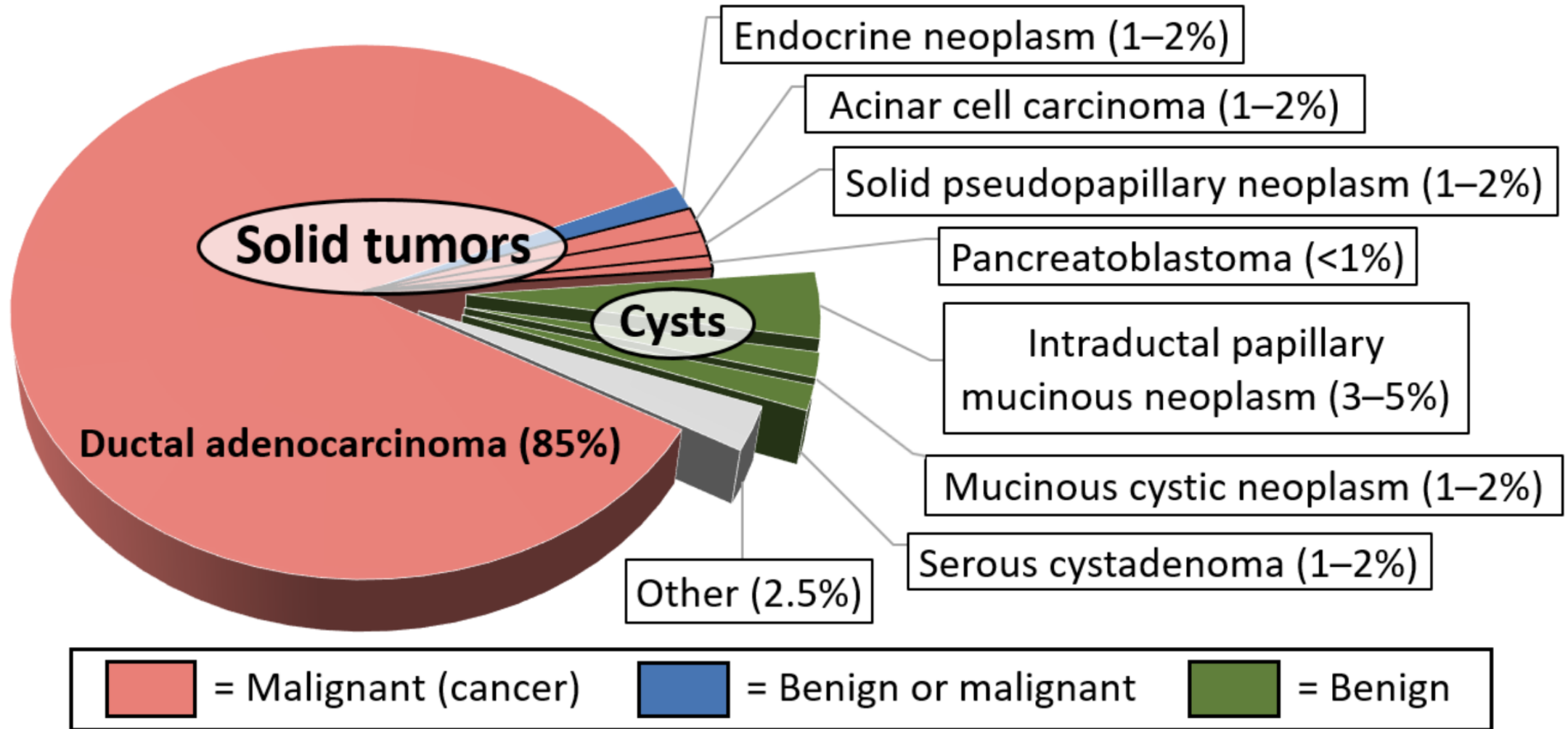
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# Outline

- 1** Epidemiology and risk factors
- 2** Staging
- 3** Management of resectable, borderline resectable, and locally advanced PDA
- 4** Treatment options for advanced PDA
- 5** Molecular profiling and therapeutic opportunities

# Types of Pancreas Tumors



# Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma (PDA): General Facts

- Approximately 66,000 diagnoses per year in the US
- Incidence of about 1% over lifetime
- The eighth to tenth leading cause of cancer in the US
- Third to fourth leading cause of cancer-related mortality
- 5-year survival (all-comers), 13%
- Median age at diagnosis, 71 years
- Male/female incidence ratio: 1.3/1.0

# Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma (PDA): General Facts

- No effective screening exists
- Cure is rare and only seen in resected patients
  - 50% of patients present with metastatic disease (AJCC stage IV)
  - 30% of patients present with locally advanced disease (AJCC stage III)
  - 20% of patients present with localized resectable disease (AJCC stage I and II)
- Presenting symptoms are often vague and nonspecific
- Common sites of metastasis: liver, lymph node, lung, and peritoneum
- Rare sites of metastasis: skin, brain, leptomeninges

# Lifestyle and Modifiable Risk Factors

Risk Factors	Associated Risk of Pancreatic Cancer
Longstanding diabetes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.5-2-fold increased risk for individuals with diabetes &gt;3 years in duration<sup>1-4</sup></li> </ul>
New-onset diabetes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5-8-fold increased risk of being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer within 1 to 3 years</li> <li>&lt;0.3-0.8% of patients with new-onset diabetes develop PDA within 3 years<sup>5-7</sup></li> </ul>
Pancreatitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 to 3-fold increased risk with long-standing chronic pancreatitis<sup>8-10</sup></li> </ul>
Intraductal pancreatic mucinous neoplasms (IPMN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk for main duct IPMN is ~70%</li> <li>Branch-duct IPMN: ~15% evolve to pancreas cancer over 15 years</li> </ul>
Cigarette smoking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~1.7-fold increased risk compared with never smokers<sup>11-14</sup></li> </ul>
Obesity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~1.6-fold increased risk in individuals with obesity compared with those with normal weight<sup>15-17</sup></li> </ul>
Physical inactivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inverse association with the risk of pancreatic cancer, most apparent among obese individuals<sup>15</sup></li> </ul>
Diet high in saturated fats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relative risk 1.13<sup>18</sup></li> </ul>
Alcohol use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.6-fold increased risk for &gt;6 drinks per day compared with &gt;1 drink per day<sup>19-23</sup></li> </ul>
Allergy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25% lower risk of developing PDA<sup>24-27</sup></li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup>Everhart J *JAMA* 1995; <sup>2</sup>Huxley R *Br J Cancer* 2005; <sup>3</sup>Bosetti C *Ann Oncol* 2014; <sup>4</sup>Elena JW *Cancer Causes Control* 2013; <sup>5</sup>Chari ST *Gastroenterology* 2005; <sup>6</sup>Gupta S *Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol* 2006; <sup>7</sup>Munigala S *Clin Transl Gastroenterol* 2015; <sup>8</sup>Yadav D *Gastroenterology* 2013; <sup>9</sup>Duell EJ *Ann Oncol* 2012; <sup>10</sup>Kirkegard J *Gastroenterology* 2018; <sup>11</sup>Iodice S *Langenbecks Arch Surg* 2008; <sup>12</sup>Bosetti A *Ann Oncol* 2012; <sup>13</sup>Lynch SM *Am J Epidemiol* 2009; <sup>14</sup>Koyanagi YN *Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev* 2019; <sup>15</sup>Michaud DS *JAMA* 2001; <sup>16</sup>Arslan AA *Arch Intern Med* 2010; <sup>17</sup>Stolzenberg-Solomon *Am J Clin Nutr* 2013; <sup>18</sup>Yao X *PLoS One* 2015; <sup>19</sup>Lucenteforte E *Ann Oncol* 2012; <sup>20</sup>Genkinger JM *Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev* 2009; <sup>21</sup>Jiao L *Am J Epidemiol* 2009; <sup>22</sup>Gapstur SM *Arch Intern Med* 2011; <sup>23</sup>Naudin S *Int J Cancer* 2018; <sup>24</sup>Gandini S *Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev* 2005; <sup>25</sup>Olson SH *Am J Epidemiol* 2013; <sup>26</sup>Cotterchio M *Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev* 2014; <sup>27</sup>Gomez-Rubio P *Gut* 2017

# Increased Risk if Family History of Pancreatic Cancer

**Familial pancreatic cancer, defined as at least 2 first-degree relatives with pancreatic cancer, accounts for only 5-10% of all pancreatic cancer<sup>1-3</sup>**

Increased Risk	
1 Relative	2.14-fold (95% CI 0.58-5.49)
Familial Kindred (2 FDR)	6.79 (95% CI 4.94 – 5.75)
3+ Relatives	17.02-fold (95% CI 7.34 – 33.5)



# High-Risk Pancreatic Cancer Susceptibility Genes

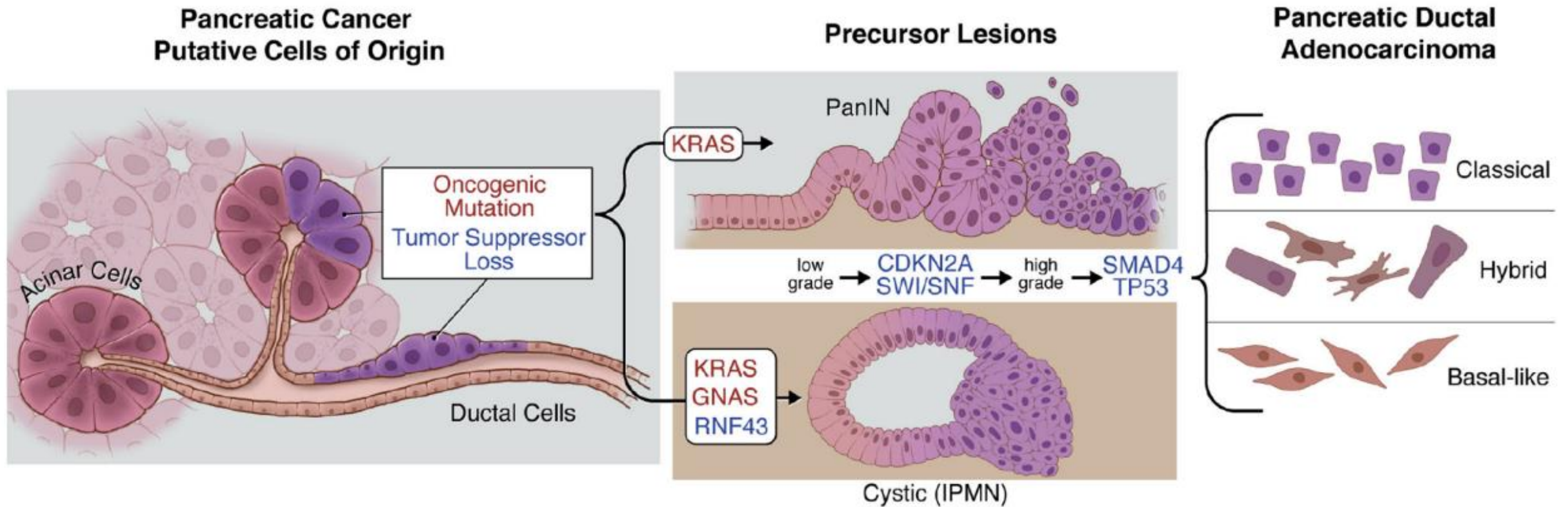
Mutated Gene	Syndrome	Prevalence in Pancreatic Cancer Patients (%)	RR/OR for Pancreatic Cancer in Carriers vs Non-Carriers	Associated Cancers
<i>BRCA2</i>	Hereditary breast and ovarian syndrome	2-7	2-10	Breast, ovarian/fallopian tube, prostate
<i>BRCA1</i>	Hereditary breast and ovarian syndrome	0.5-1	2-4	Breast, ovarian/fallopian tube, prostate
<i>PALB2</i>	Hereditary breast cancer	Up to 0.5	>2 fold	Breast (female only)
<i>ATM</i>	Ataxia-telangiectasia	3-4	5-6	Breast (female only)
<i>STK11</i>	Peutz-Jeghers Syndrome	<1	Up to 135	Breast, other GI, lung
<i>CDKN2A, p16</i>	Familial atypical multiple mole melanoma (FAMM) syndrome	<1	12	Melanoma
<i>TP53</i>	Li-Fraumeni syndrome	Up to 0.2	6-7	Breast, sarcoma, adrenocortical, other GI
<i>PRSS1*</i> , <i>SPINK1</i>	Hereditary pancreatitis	<1	Up to 60	
<i>MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2, EPCAM</i>	Lynch Syndrome	<1	Up to 8 fold	Colorectal, endometrial, ovarian, gastric, small bowel, urothelial, pancreatobiliary

\*Unclear whether PRSS1 predisposes to pancreatic cancer in the absence of chronic pancreatitis

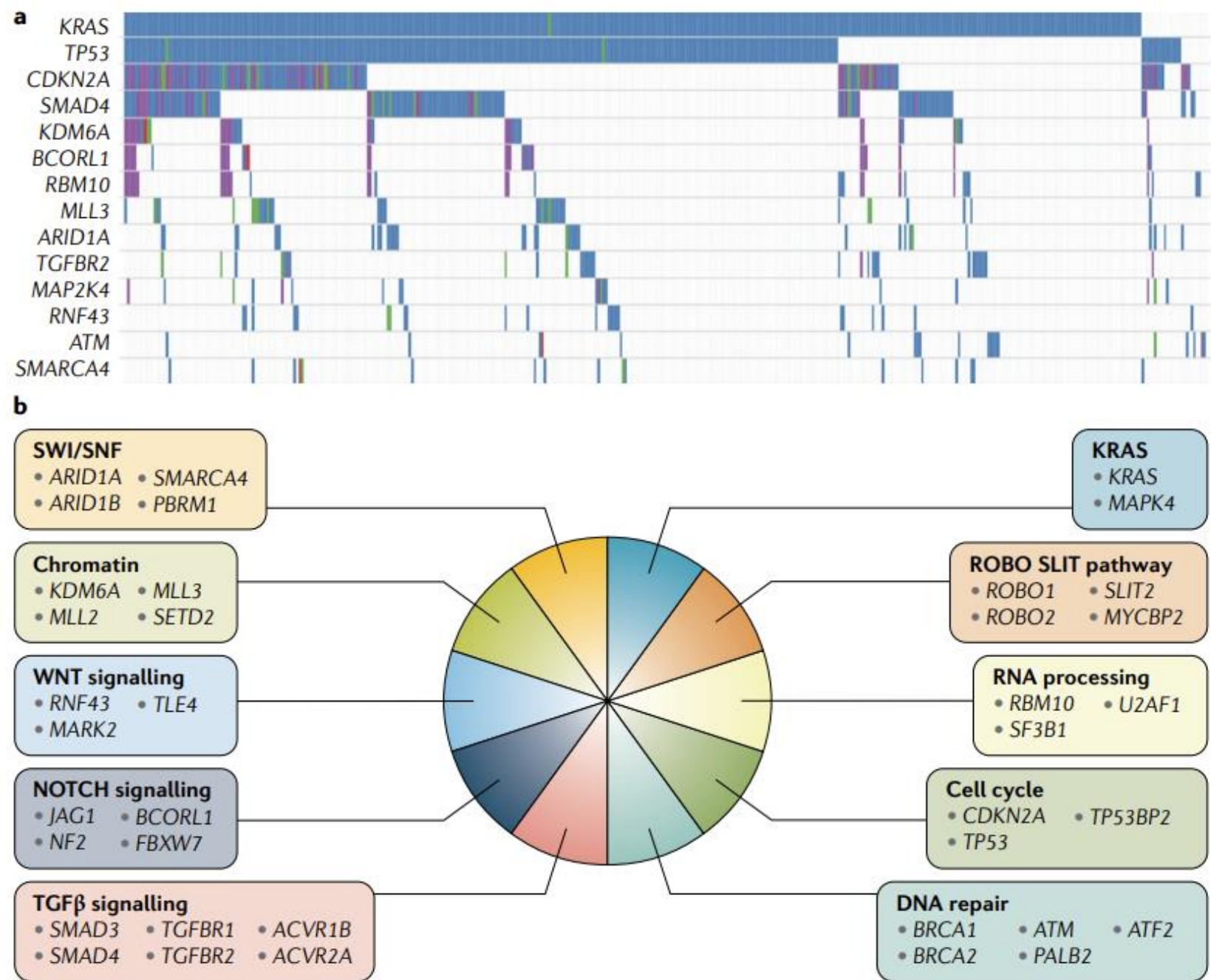
# Germline Testing in ALL Patients with Pancreatic Cancer

**Pathogenic germline alterations may be present in up to 20% of unselected patients.**

# Initiation and Progression of Pancreatic Cancer



# Genomic Aberrations Characteristic of Pancreatic Cancer

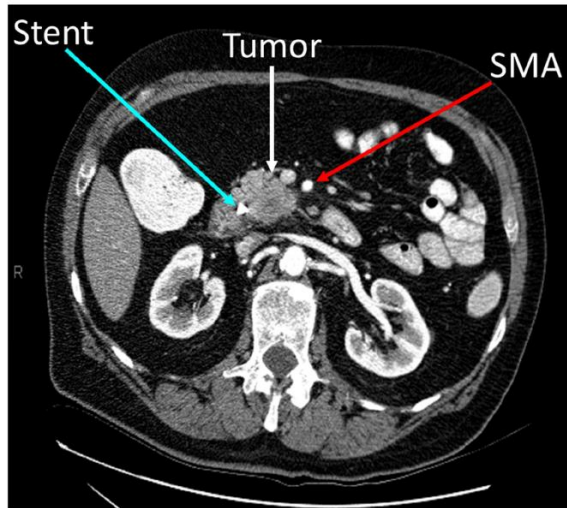




# Clinical Presentation

- Often vague and can vary by tumor location in the pancreas

Head of Pancreas



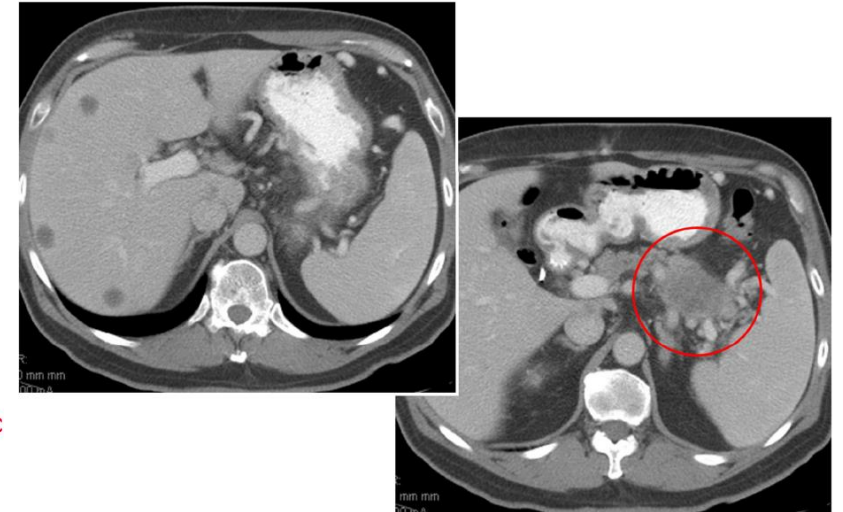
Compression of the bile duct -> jaundice

Head/Body of Pancreas



Compression of splanchnic/mesenteric plexus -> back pain or epigastric pain

Tail of Pancreas



Asymptomatic or constitutional symptoms related to metastatic disease

- New-onset diabetes
- Acute pancreatitis (~5%)

# Diagnostic Tests & Staging Studies

- **Multi-phasic pancreatic protocol CT:** visualize arterial and venous structures
- **MRI:** adjunct to CT, particularly to characterize CT-indeterminate liver lesions
- **PET/CT:** not routinely used or recommended but adjunct in high-risk\* patients
- **Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP):** therapeutic intervention for patients who require biliary decompression
- **Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS)**
  - The role of EUS in staging is complementary to pancreas protocol CT (gold standard)
  - Primary role is to procure tissue for cytologic diagnosis
- **Biopsy:** commonly obtained by EUS-guided biopsy for localized disease
- **Biomarkers (CA 19-9):** diagnostic marker in symptomatic patients, prognostic, and predictive
- **Diagnostic staging laparoscopy:** used in some institutions for patients (especially for body and tail lesions) prior to surgery or neoadjuvant therapy, or selectively in patients with high-risk\* features and indicators of disseminated disease

\*Equivocal or indeterminate imaging findings, borderline resectable disease, markedly elevated CA 19-9, large primary tumors, or large regional lymph nodes (NCCN Guidelines Version 3.2024)

# TNM Staging (AJCC 8<sup>th</sup> Edition)

**Table 1. Definitions for T, N, M**

**American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) TNM Staging of Pancreatic Cancer (8th ed., 2017)**

<b>T</b>	<b>Primary Tumor</b>
<b>TX</b>	Primary tumor cannot be assessed
<b>T0</b>	No evidence of primary tumor
<b>Tis</b>	Carcinoma <i>in situ</i> This includes high-grade pancreatic intraepithelial neoplasia (PanIn-3), intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasm with high-grade dysplasia, intraductal tubulopapillary neoplasm with high-grade dysplasia, and mucinous cystic neoplasm with high-grade dysplasia
<b>T1</b>	Tumor ≤2 cm in greatest dimension
T1a	Tumor ≤0.5 cm in greatest dimension
T1b	Tumor >0.5 cm and <1 cm in greatest dimension
T1c	Tumor 1–2 cm in greatest dimension
<b>T2</b>	Tumor >2 cm and ≤4 cm in greatest dimension
<b>T3</b>	Tumor >4 cm in greatest dimension
<b>T4</b>	Tumor involves the celiac axis, superior mesenteric artery, and/or common hepatic artery, regardless of size

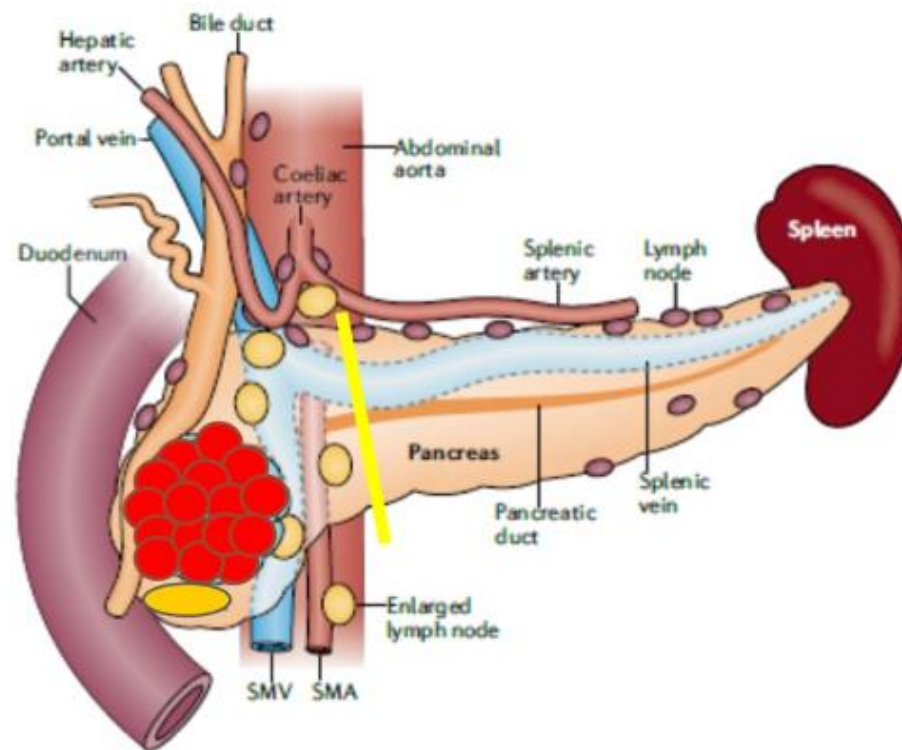
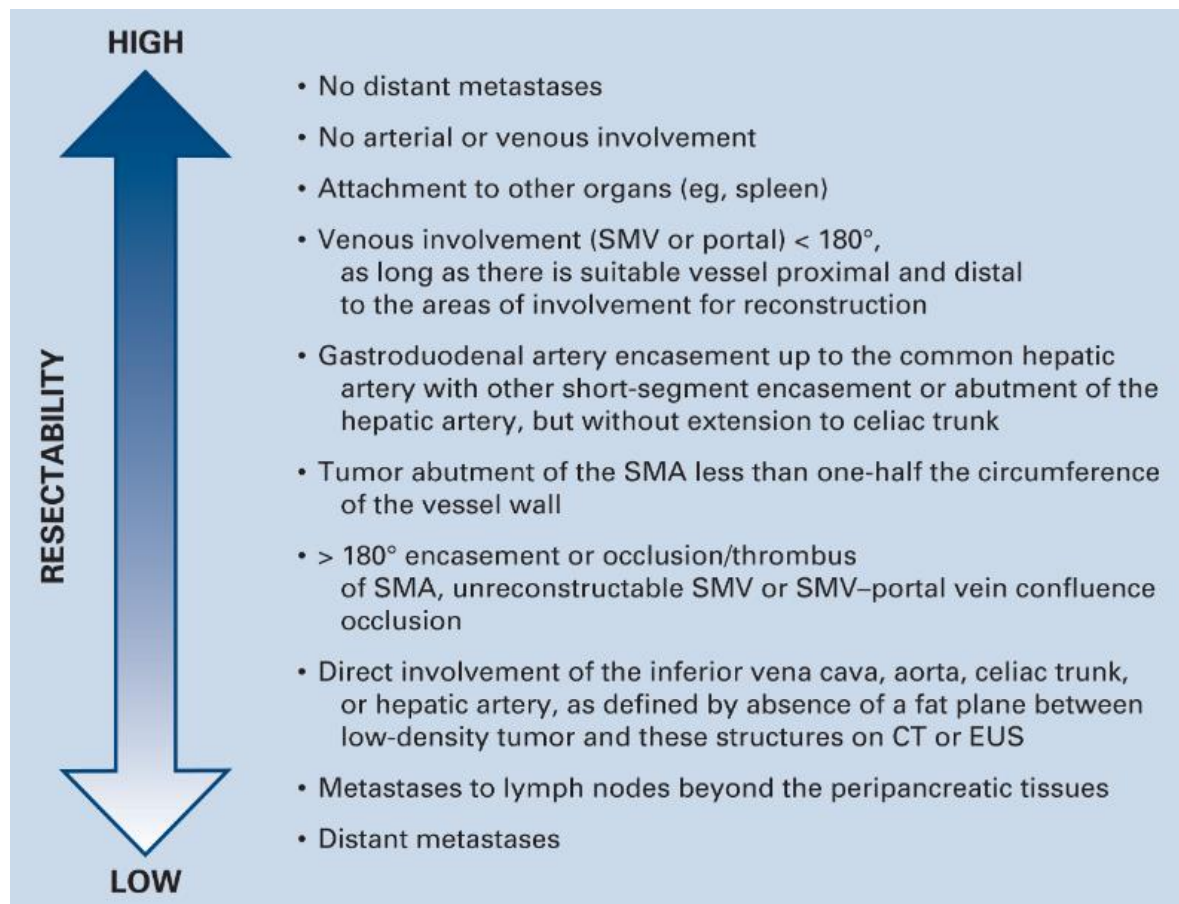
<b>N</b>	<b>Regional Lymph Nodes</b>
<b>NX</b>	Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed
<b>N0</b>	No regional lymph node metastases
<b>N1</b>	Metastasis in one to three regional lymph nodes
<b>N2</b>	Metastasis in four or more regional lymph nodes
<b>M</b>	<b>Distant Metastasis</b>
<b>M0</b>	No distant metastasis
<b>M1</b>	Distant metastasis

**Table 2. AJCC Prognostic Groups**

	<b>T</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Stage 0</b>	Tis	N0	M0
<b>Stage IA</b>	T1	N0	M0
<b>Stage IB</b>	T2	N0	M0
<b>Stage IIA</b>	T3	N0	M0
<b>Stage IIB</b>	T1, T2, T3	N1	M0
<b>Stage III</b>	T1, T2, T3	N2	M0
	T4	Any N	M0
<b>Stage IV</b>	Any T	Any N	M1

# Determining Resectability for Pancreatic Cancer

**NCCN Guidelines: All diagnostic and surgical management decisions about resectability should involve multidisciplinary discussion.**



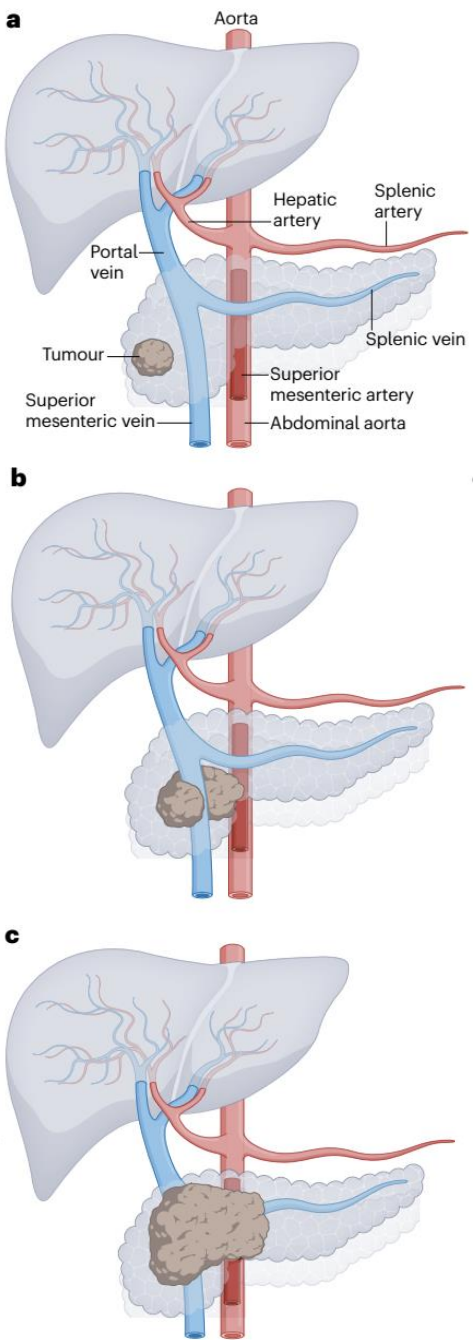


# Criteria Defining Resectability

• Decisions about resectability status should be made in consensus at multidisciplinary meetings/discussions.

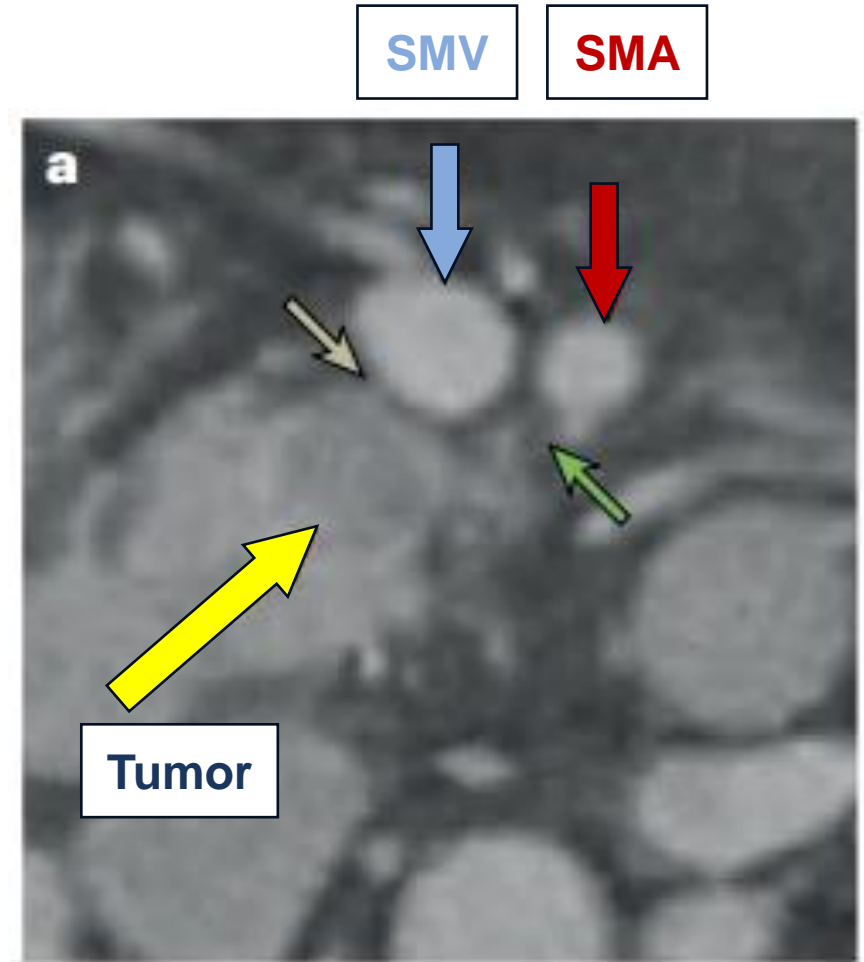
Resectability Status	Arterial	Venous
Resectable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No arterial tumor contact (celiac axis [CA], superior mesenteric artery [SMA], or common hepatic artery [CHA]).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No tumor contact with the superior mesenteric vein (SMV) or portal vein (PV) or <math>\leq 180^\circ</math> contact without vein contour irregularity.</li> </ul>
Borderline Resectable <sup>b</sup>	<p><u>Pancreatic head/uncinate process:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid tumor contact with CHA without extension to CA or hepatic artery bifurcation allowing for safe and complete resection and reconstruction.</li> <li>Solid tumor contact with the SMA of <math>\leq 180^\circ</math>.</li> <li>Solid tumor contact with variant arterial anatomy (eg, accessory right hepatic artery, replaced right hepatic artery, replaced CHA, and the origin of replaced or accessory artery) and the presence and degree of tumor contact should be noted if present, as it may affect surgical planning.</li> </ul> <p><u>Pancreatic body/tail:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid tumor contact with the CA of <math>\leq 180^\circ</math>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid tumor contact with the SMV or PV of <math>&gt;180^\circ</math>, contact of <math>\leq 180^\circ</math> with contour irregularity of the vein or thrombosis of the vein but with suitable vessel proximal and distal to the site of involvement allowing for safe and complete resection and vein reconstruction.</li> <li>Solid tumor contact with the inferior vena cava (IVC).</li> </ul>
Locally Advanced <sup>b,c</sup>	<p><u>Head/uncinate process:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid tumor contact <math>&gt;180^\circ</math> with the SMA or CA.</li> </ul> <p><u>Pancreatic body/tail:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid tumor contact of <math>&gt;180^\circ</math> with the SMA or CA.</li> <li>Solid tumor contact with the CA and aortic involvement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unreconstructible SMV/PV due to tumor involvement or occlusion (can be due to tumor or bland thrombus).</li> </ul>

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# Resectable Pancreatic Cancer

- No arterial tumor contact
- No tumor contact with the SMV or PV or  $\leq 180$ -degree contact without vein contour irregularity
- **Surgery first is still the gold standard**
- 6 months of adjuvant chemotherapy
  - FOLFIRINOX is the standard of care
  - Gemcitabine + capecitabine
  - Gemcitabine



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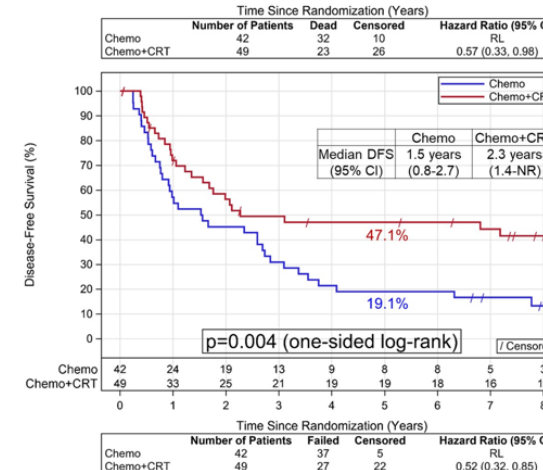
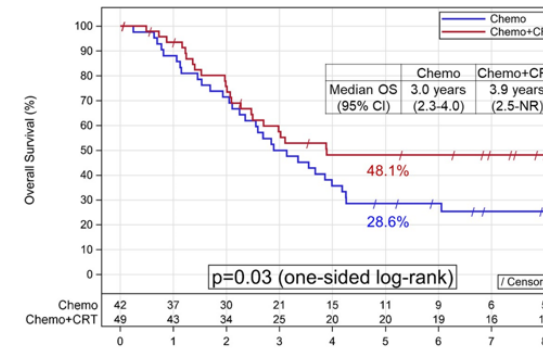
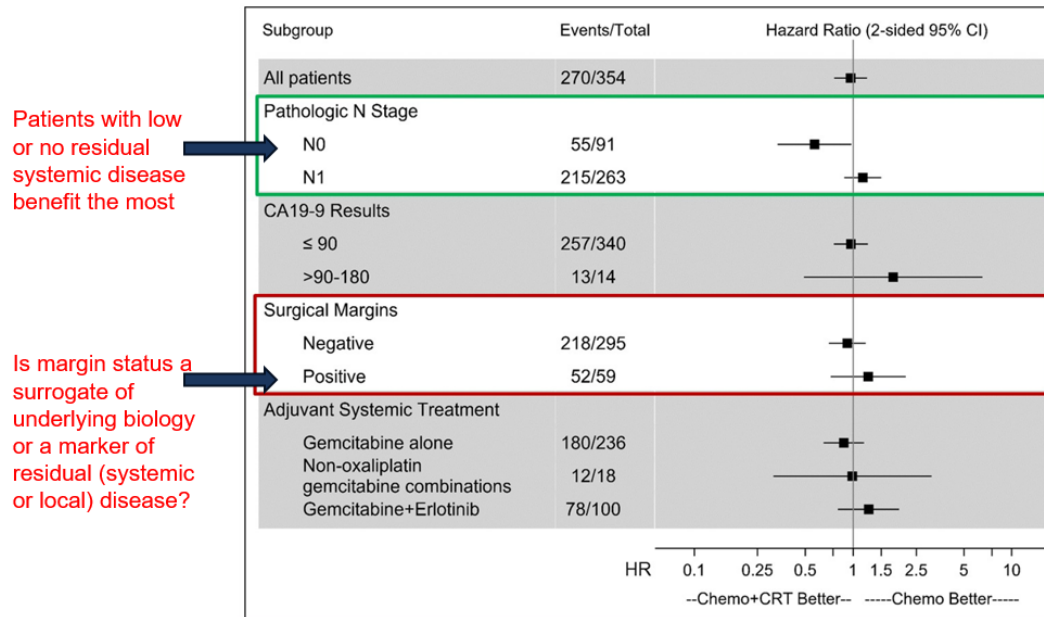
# Adjuvant Therapy – Randomized Trials

Study	Number of Patients	R1 Resection (%)	Treatment Assignment Median Survival Months	Treatment Assignment Median Survival Months	P Value
<b>GITSG</b>	49	0	5FU Chemoradiation 21.0	Observation 10.9	0.035
<b>ESPAC-1</b>	289	18	5FU/leucovorin 20.1	5FU-based Chemoradiation 15.5	0.009
<b>CONKO-001</b>	388	19	Gemcitabine 22.8	Observation 20.2	0.005
<b>ESPAC-3</b>	1088	18	Gemcitabine 23.6	5FU/leucovorin 23	0.39
<b>ESPAC-4</b>	730	60	Gemcitabine 25	Gemcitabine/capecitabine 28	0.032
<b>PRODIGE 24/CCTG PA.6</b>	493	40	Gemcitabine 35	FOLFIRINOX 54	0.003
<b>APACT</b>	866	24	Gemcitabine 37.7	Gemcitabine/nab-paclitaxel 41.8	0.0091

# No Defined Role for Adjuvant Radiation Therapy

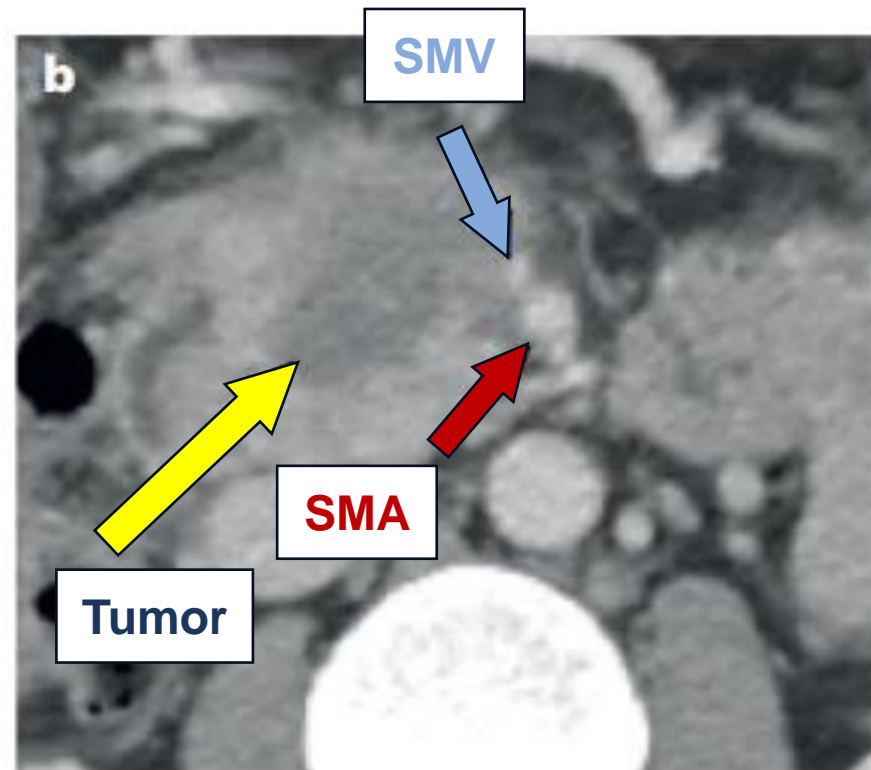
- Radiation is considered in patients at high risk (e.g., positive resection margin) for local recurrence after 6 months of adjuvant systemic therapy (NCCN Guidelines Version 3.2024)
- NRG Oncology / RTOG 0848 (Annual ASCO 2024): Adjuvant chemoradiation following marginally effective systemic treatment significantly improved DFS for all patients but not OS

Improvement in OS and DFS for node negative patients.



# Borderline Resectable Pancreatic Cancer

- **Any tumor not “cleanly resectable” without vascular resection**
  - Venous involvement of any degree
  - Focal and non-circumferential involvement of the HA or SMA



# Several Trials Shed Light on Neoadjuvant Therapy

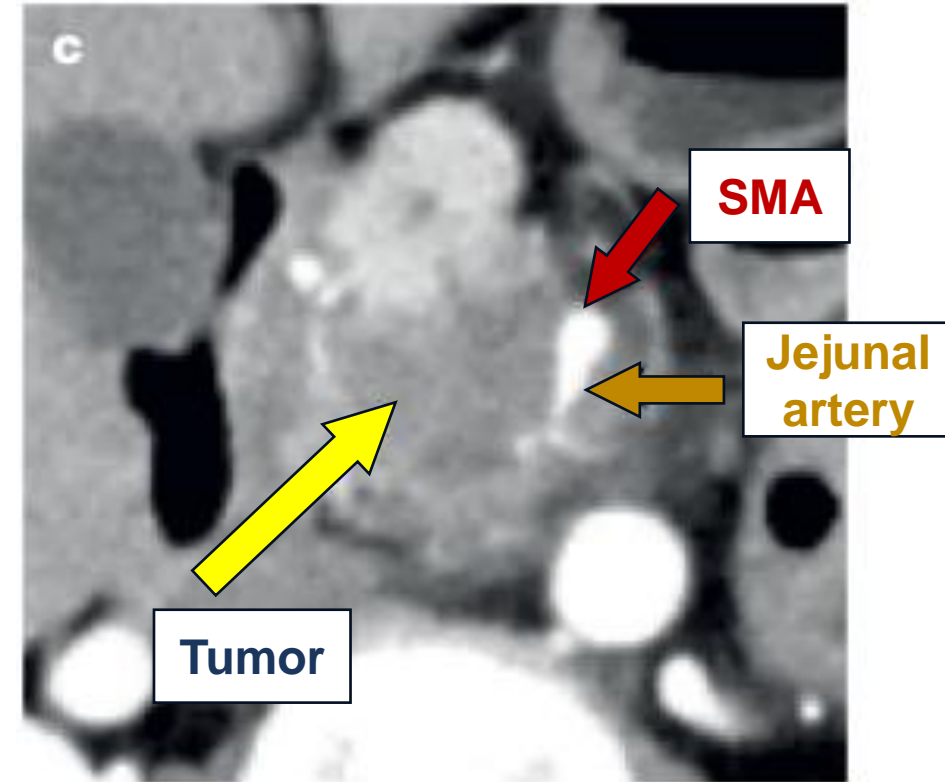
- Neoadjuvant **chemotherapy**:
  - ❖ Tumor downstaging (e.g., fewer R1 resections)
  - ❖ Less chemotherapy dose adjustments
  - ❖ Patient selection (favorable tumor biology vs disease progression)
- Neoadjuvant **radiation** may increase margin-negative resection and local control, but its role remains uncertain

Trial	Population	Treatment arms	Survival outcomes
SWOG S1505	Resectable	mFOLFIRINOX>surgery >mFOLFIRINOX (n=55) vs GEM-NabP>surgery>GEM-NabP (n=47)	mOS: 23.2 vs 23.6 months  2-yr OS: 47% vs 48%
PREOPANC1	Resectable, borderline resectable	CRT+ GEM>surgery>GEM (n=54) vs surgery>GEM (n=59)	mOS: 15.7 vs 14.3 (p=0.025), NS in pts with resectable disease
ESPAC-5	Borderline resectable	Surgery>adjuvant CTX (n=32) vs neoadjuvant GEMCAP (n=20), FOLFIRINOX (n=20), or CAP-CRT (n=16)>surgery>adjuvant CTX	1-year OS: 39% vs 76% for the combined neoadjuvant groups (p=0.0052)  1-yr OS 78%, 80%, and 60% for neoadjuvant GEMCAP, FOLFIRINOX, and CAP-CRT subgroups, respectively
Alliance A021501	Borderline resectable	mFOLFIRINOX>surgery (n=54) vs mFOLFIRINOX>SBRT>surgery (n=56)	18-month OS: 66.7% vs 47.3%  mOS: 29.8 vs 17.1 mo



# Locally Advanced Pancreatic Cancer

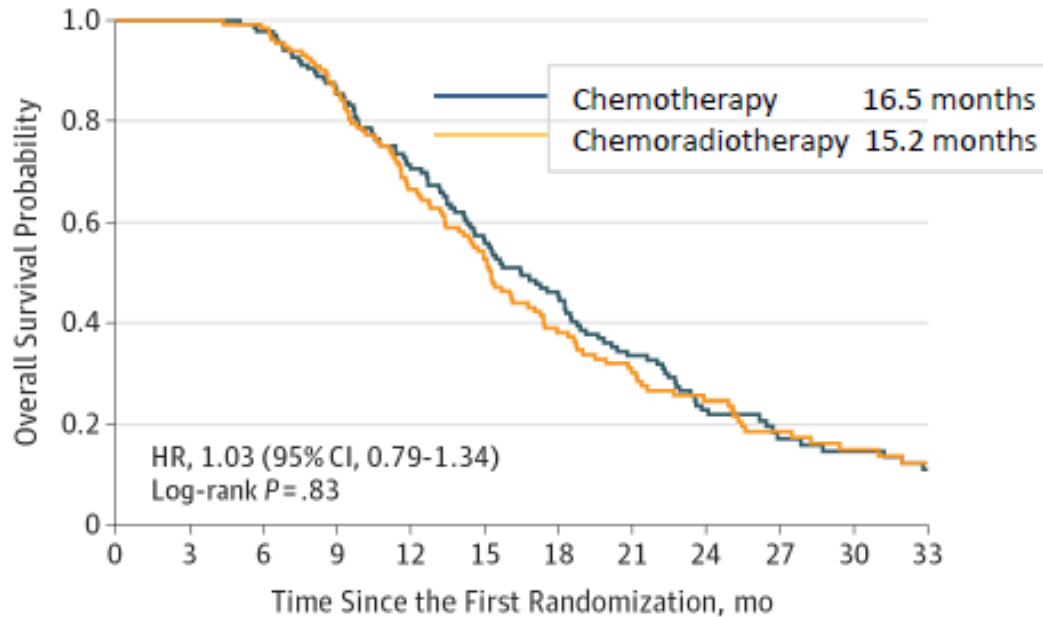
- Radiographic evidence of **vascular encasement (T4)**
- **Unreconstructable**
- No evidence of distant metastatic disease
- Systemic therapy with a combination regimen (gemcitabine/nab-paclitaxel, FOLFIRINOX) x 6 mo
- After definitive therapy, re-evaluate with the multidisciplinary team to determine if now resectable
- In the absence of disease progression, consider chemoradiation with concurrent capecitabine (may improve PFS, not OS)



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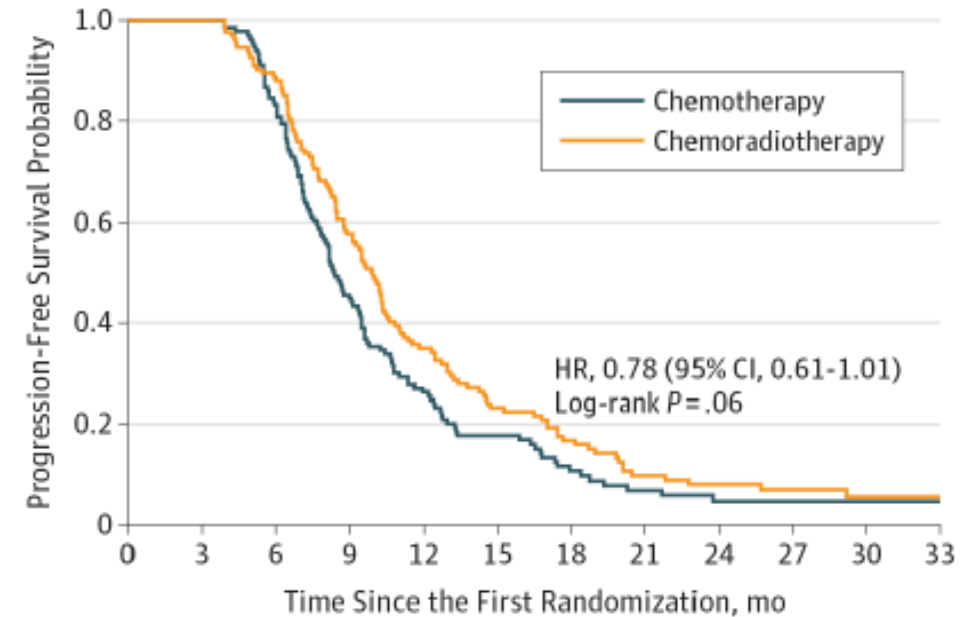
# Locally Advanced Pancreatic Cancer: LAP 07 Trial

**A** Overall survival probability



Chemotherapy												
No. at risk	136	136	133	117	94	70	55	39	24	14	12	8
No. of events	0	0	4	20	40	60	73	87	99	104	106	109
Chemoradiotherapy												
No. at risk	133	133	131	113	87	66	45	34	26	18	12	9
No. of events	0	0	3	20	45	63	80	89	96	101	105	106

**B** Progression-free survival probability



Chemotherapy												
No. at risk	136	136	113	61	35	21	12	7	3	1	1	1
No. of events	0	0	24	76	101	112	119	124	125	125	125	125
Chemoradiotherapy												
No. at risk	133	133	117	76	45	30	21	11	8	7	4	4
No. of events	0	0	18	57	87	102	110	118	120	120	121	121



# Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer

- ALL patients should have early referral to palliative care
- Median survival in untreated patients is ~4 months
- mFOLFIRINOX (or NALIRIFOX) and gemcitabine plus nab-paclitaxel are frontline therapies
- If g*BRCA1/2* or *PALB2*, gemcitabine + cisplatin is an alternative regimen
- Performance status is linked to survival
  - Combination therapy in poor PS patients is detrimental
  - Patients with poor PS, advanced age, and significant comorbidities could still be considered candidates for single-agent gemcitabine therapy

# Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer: Landmark Clinical Trials

	Year	Investigational Therapy	Comparator Therapy	Overall Survival (Months)
Burris et al	1997	Gemcitabine	Fluorouracil	5.65 vs 4.41
Moore et al – NCIC CTG PA.3	2007	Gemcitabine + Erlotinib	Gemcitabine + placebo	6.24 vs 5.91
Conroy et al – PRODIGE4/ACCORD 11	2011	FOLFIRINOX	Gemcitabine	11.8 vs 6.8
Von Hoff et al – MPACT	2013	Gemcitabine + Nab-Paclitaxel	Gemcitabine	8.5 vs 6.7
Wang-Gillam et al – NAPOLI-1	2016	Nanoliposomal irinotecan + fluorouracil	Fluorouracil	6.1 vs 4.2
Kindler et al - POLO trial	2022	Olaparib	Placebo	NS (19.0 vs 19.2)
Wainberg et al – NAPOLI-3	2023	NALIRIFOX	Gemcitabine + nab-paclitaxel	11.1 vs 9.2

# Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer: Frontline Therapy

## FOLFIRINOX versus Gemcitabine for Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer

Thierry Conroy, M.D., Françoise Desseigne, M.D., Marc Ychou, M.D., Ph.D., Olivier Bouché, M.D., Ph.D., Rosine Guimbaud, M.D., Ph.D., Yves Bécouarn, M.D., Antoine Adenis, M.D., Ph.D., Jean-Luc Raoul, M.D., Ph.D., Sophie Gourgou-Bourgade, M.Sc., Christelle de la Fouchardière, M.D., Jaafar Bennouna, M.D., Ph.D., Jean-Baptiste Bachet, M.D., Faiza Khemissa-Akouz, M.D., Denis Péré-Vergé, M.D., Catherine Delbaldo, M.D., Eric Assenat, M.D., Ph.D., Bruno Chauffert, M.D., Ph.D., Pierre Michel, M.D., Ph.D., Christine Montoto-Grillot, M.Chem., and Michel Ducreux, M.D., Ph.D., for the Groupe Tumeurs Digestives of Unicancer and the PRODIGE Intergroup\*

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- N=342, treatment-naïve, PS 0-1
- Gemcitabine vs FOLFIRINOX
- FOLFIRINOX improved:
  - ❖ ORR, 32% vs 9%
  - ❖ Median PFS, 6.4 vs 3.3 months
  - ❖ Median OS, 11.1 vs 6.8 months

## Increased Survival in Pancreatic Cancer with nab-Paclitaxel plus Gemcitabine

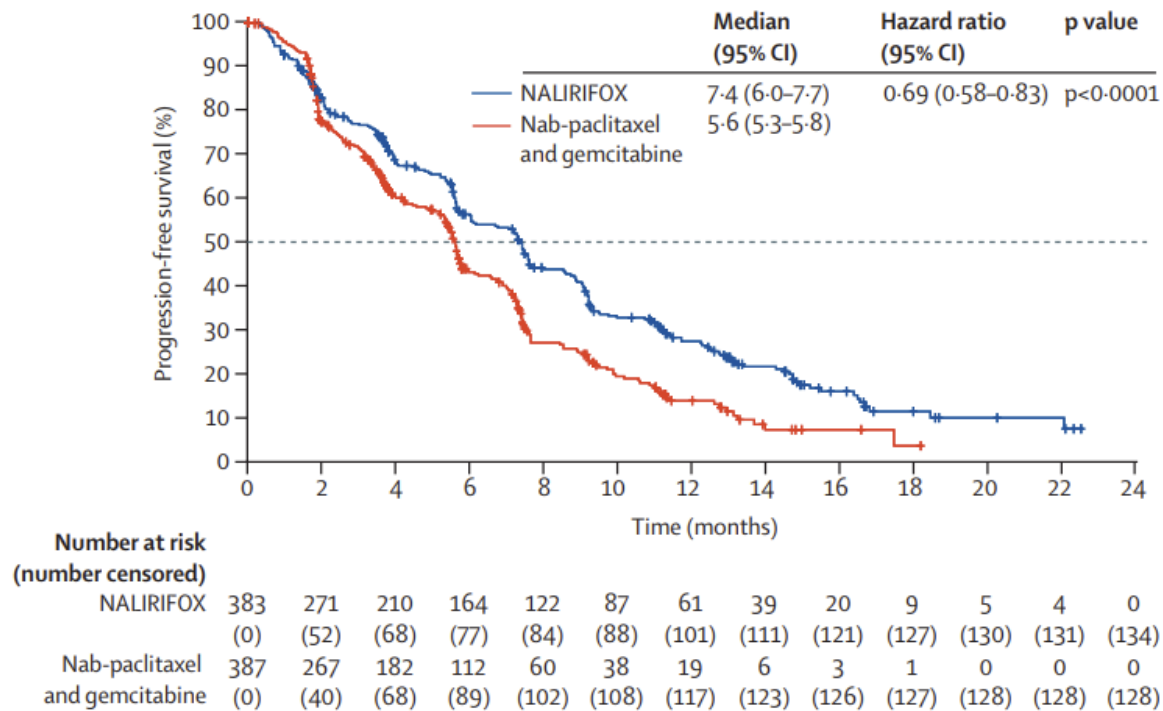
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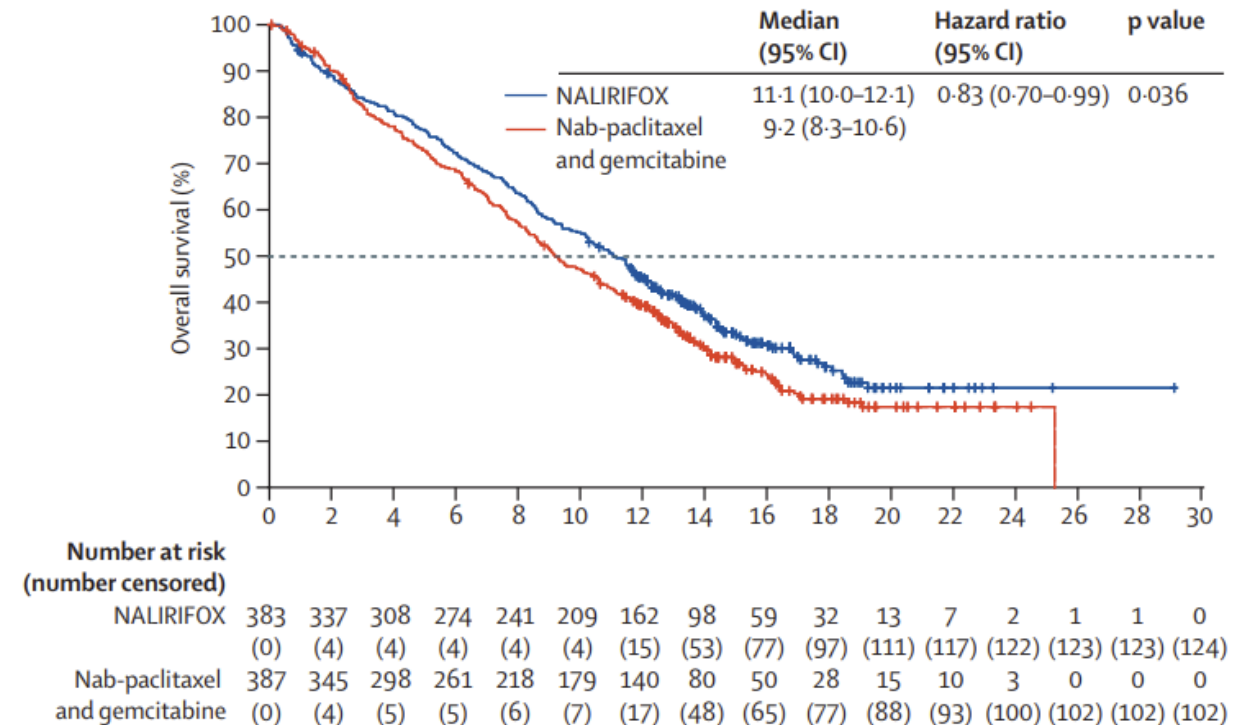
- N=861, previously untreated, KPS  $\geq 70$
- Gemcitabine vs gemcitabine plus nab-paclitaxel
- Gemcitabine/nab-paclitaxel improved:
  - ❖ ORR (23% vs 7%)
  - ❖ Median OS (8.5 vs 6.7 months)

# Improved OS With 1<sup>st</sup>-Line Triplet vs Doublet Chemotherapy (NAPOLI 3)

## Progression-free survival (PFS)



## Overall survival (OS)



# Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer: Germline BRCA Pathogenic Mutation

## Randomized, Multicenter, Phase II Trial of Gemcitabine and Cisplatin With or Without Veliparib in Patients With Pancreas Adenocarcinoma and a Germline *BRCA*/ *PALB2* Mutation

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- N=50, gBRCA or PALB2, stage III/IV, PS 0-1
- Adding veliparib to gemcitabine plus cisplatin did not significantly improve ORR (74 vs 65%), DCR (100 vs 78%), median PFS (10.1 vs 9.7 mo), or OS (15.5 vs 16.4 mo).
- 2- and 3-year survival rates for the entire cohort were 31 and 18%, respectively

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## Maintenance Olaparib for Germline BRCA-Mutated Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer

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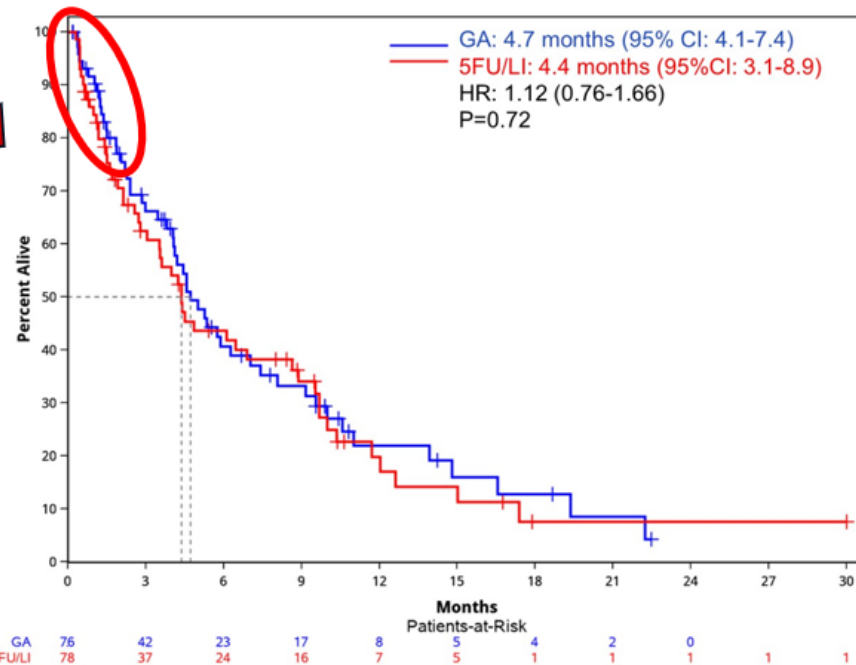
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- N=154, gBRCA-mutated, stage IV, no progression on  $\geq 16$  weeks of 1<sup>st</sup>-line platinum-based chemotherapy
- Placebo vs maintenance Olaparib
- Olaparib improved:
  - ❖ ORR, 23 vs 10%
  - ❖ Median DOR, 4.9 vs 3.7 mo
  - ❖ Median PFS, 7.4 vs 3.8 mo
  - ❖ No difference in median OS (19.0 vs 19.2 mo)

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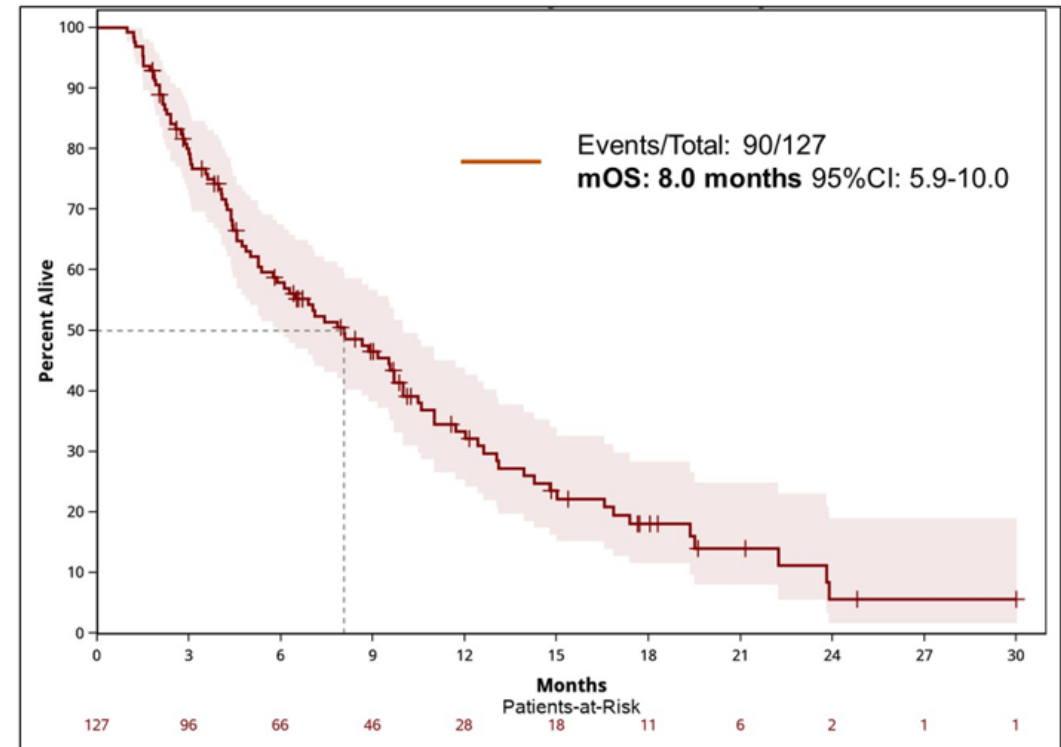
# EA2186 (GIANT) Study: Poor Outcomes Among Elderly Patients

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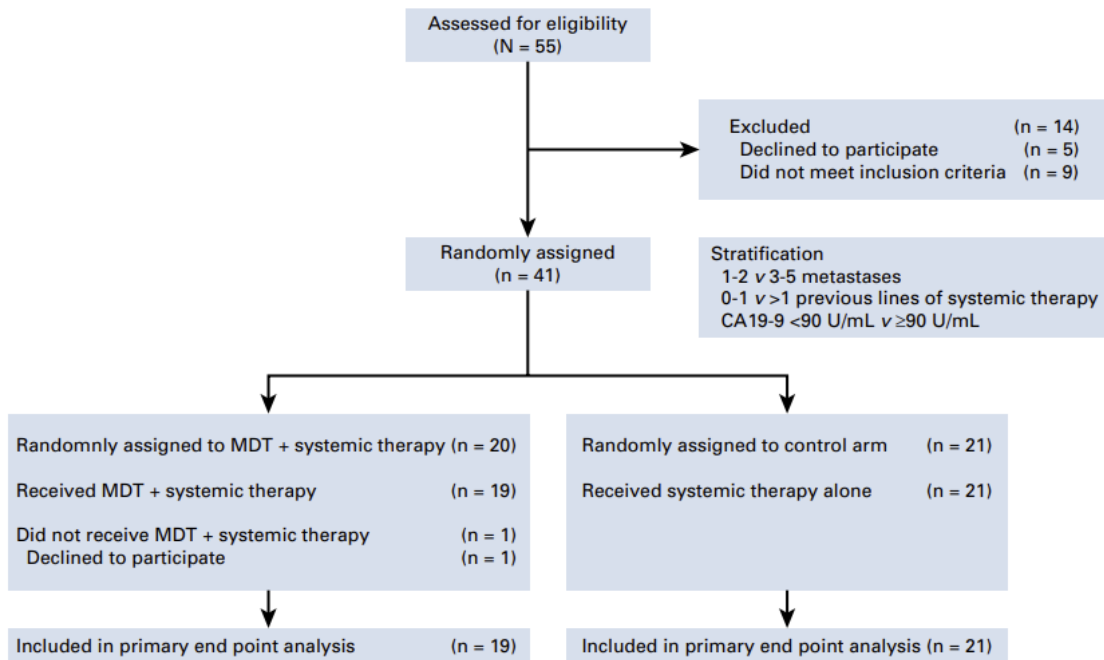
There is a subgroup of patients who perhaps need aggressive supportive care more than chemotherapy.

OS ( $\geq 4$  weeks of treatment)

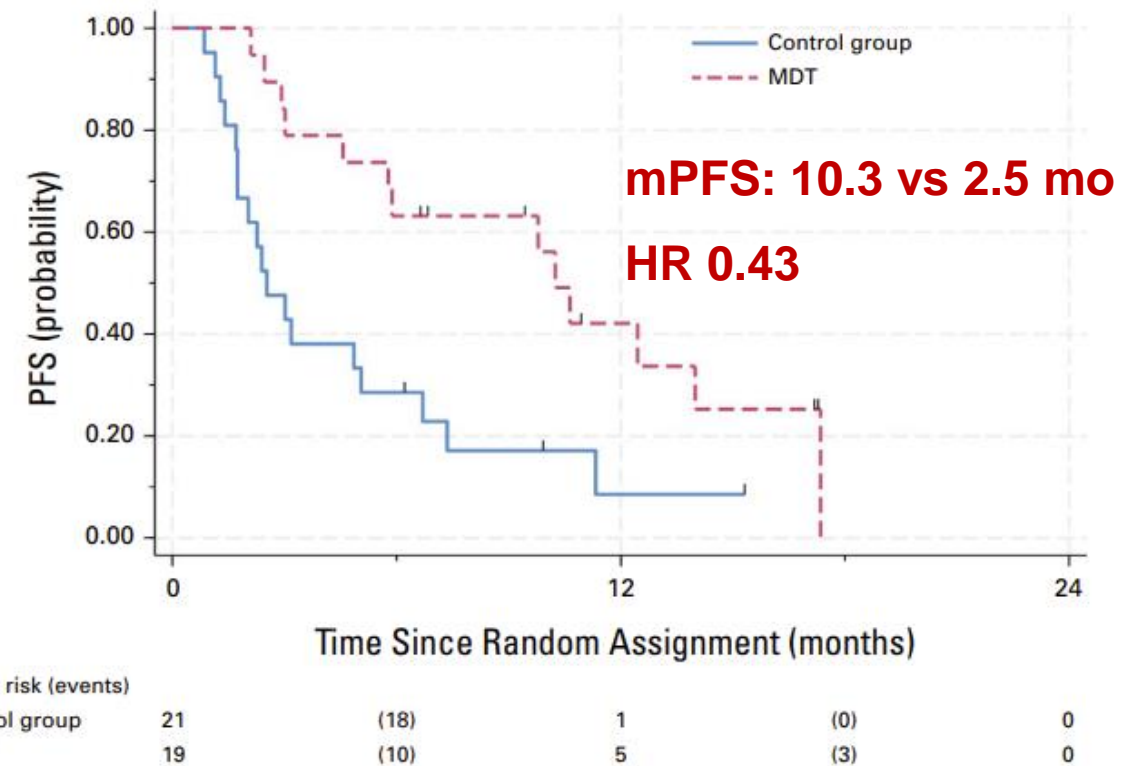


Only 72% of patients received  $\geq 2$  chemotherapy doses.

# EXTEND Phase II trial: Metastasis-Directed Therapy (MDT) for Select Patients with Oligometastatic PDA



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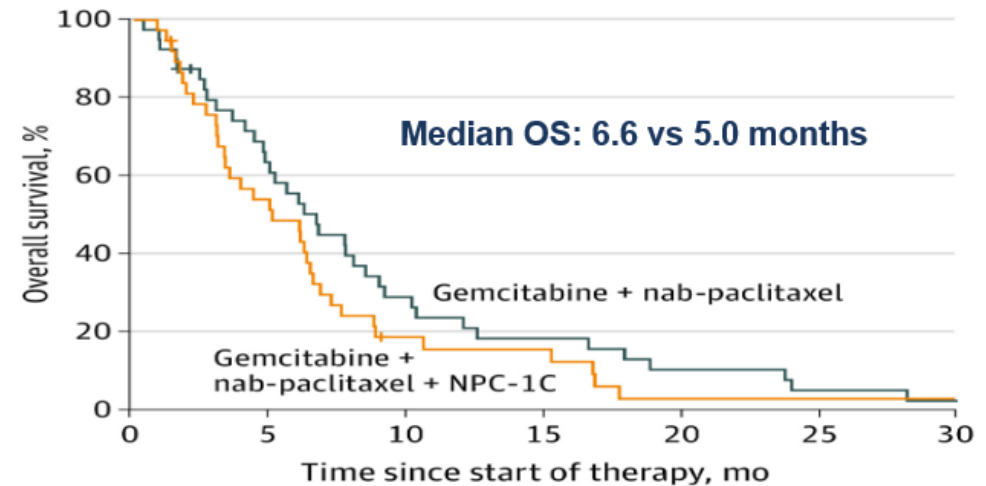
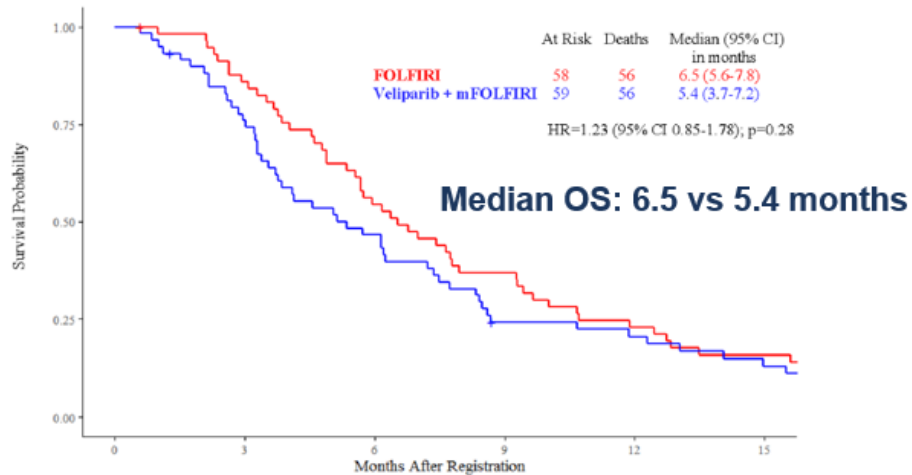
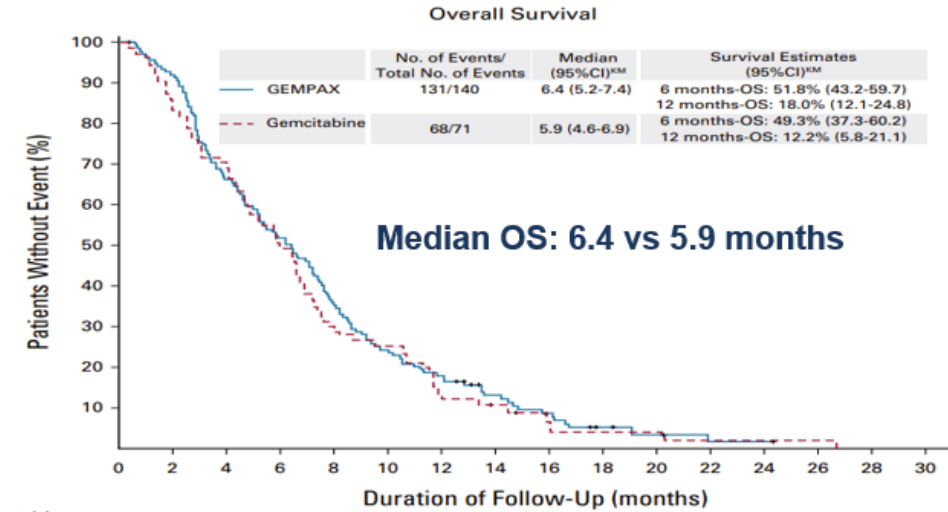
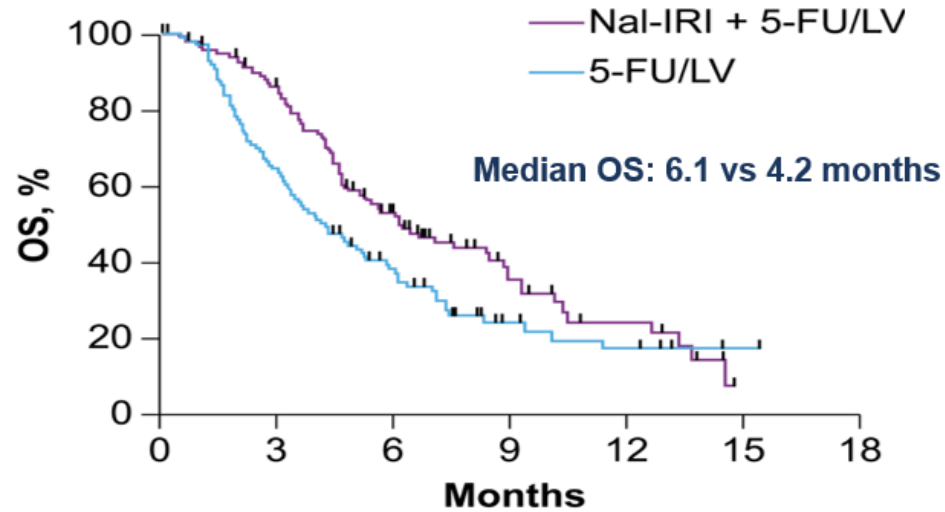


# Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer: Second-Line Treatment and Beyond

- Consider enrollment on a clinical trial
- Treatment choice is often based on first-line regimen, PS, and organ function
- **NAPOLI-1**: liposomal irinotecan plus 5FU and LV significantly improved OS compared with patients in the 5FU and LV (6.1 months vs 4.2 months, HR 0.67)
- Useful in certain circumstances:
  - Pembrolizumab if MSI-H/dMMR, or TMB-H defined as  $\geq 10$  mut/Mb
    - Dostarlimab (MSI-H/dMMR) and nivolumab + ipilimumab/nivolumab (TMB-H) are alternative regimens
  - Larotrectinib, entrectinib, or repotrectinib if *NTRK* gene fusion positive
  - Dabrafenib + trametinib if *BRAF V600E* mutation positive
  - Selpercatinib if *RET* gene fusion positive
  - Adagrasib or sotorasib if *KRAS G12C* mutation positive
  - Trastuzumab deruxtecan if HER2 positive (IHC 3+)



# Median OS ~6 Months With 2<sup>nd</sup>-line Chemotherapy



Wang Gillam A, et al. *Lancet* 2016  
Chiorean EG, et al. *Clin Cancer Res* 2021

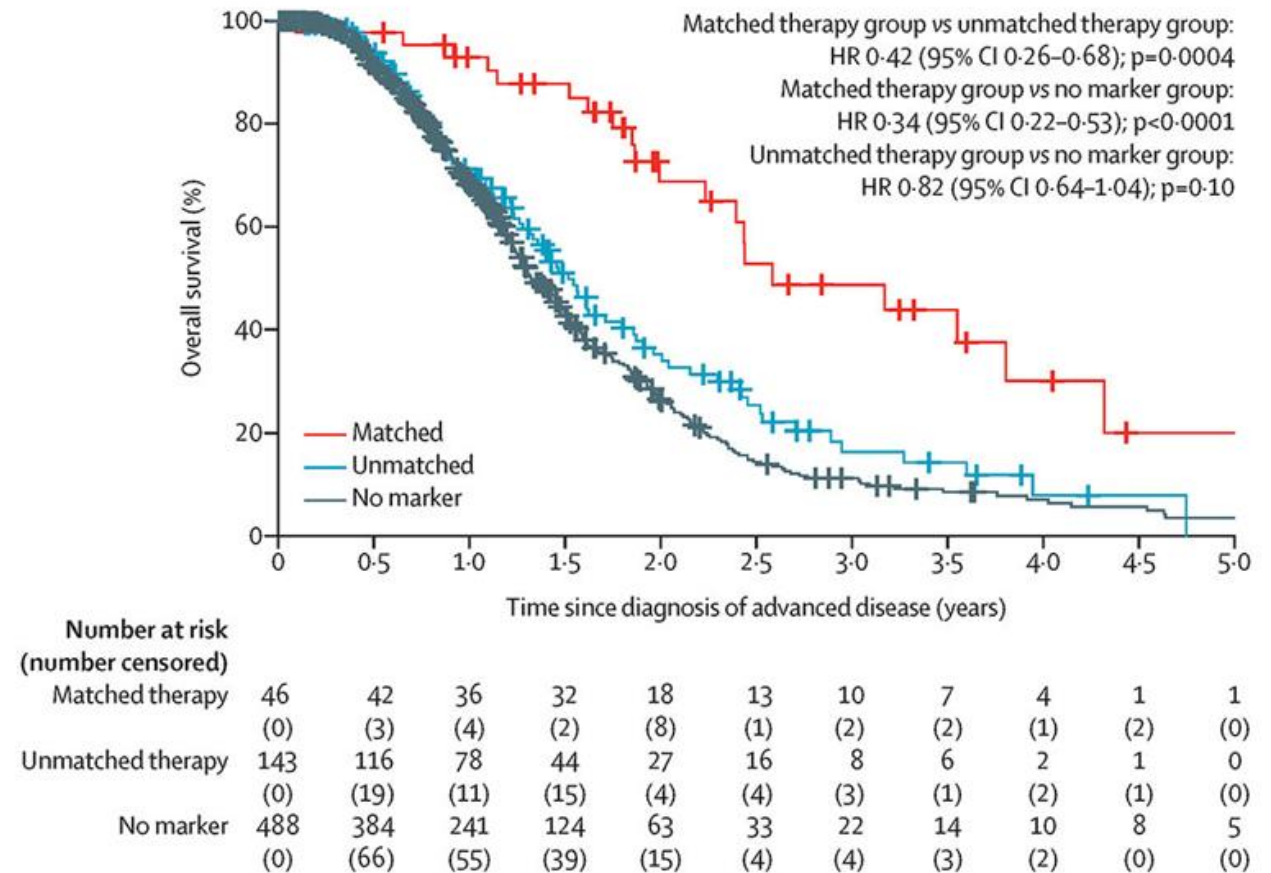
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# Molecular Profiling of Pancreatic Cancer

- **All patients with locally advanced or metastatic PDA**
- Testing on tumor tissue preferred
- Consider re-biopsy at progression if adequate tissue not available
- Consider ctDNA if tumor tissue is not feasible

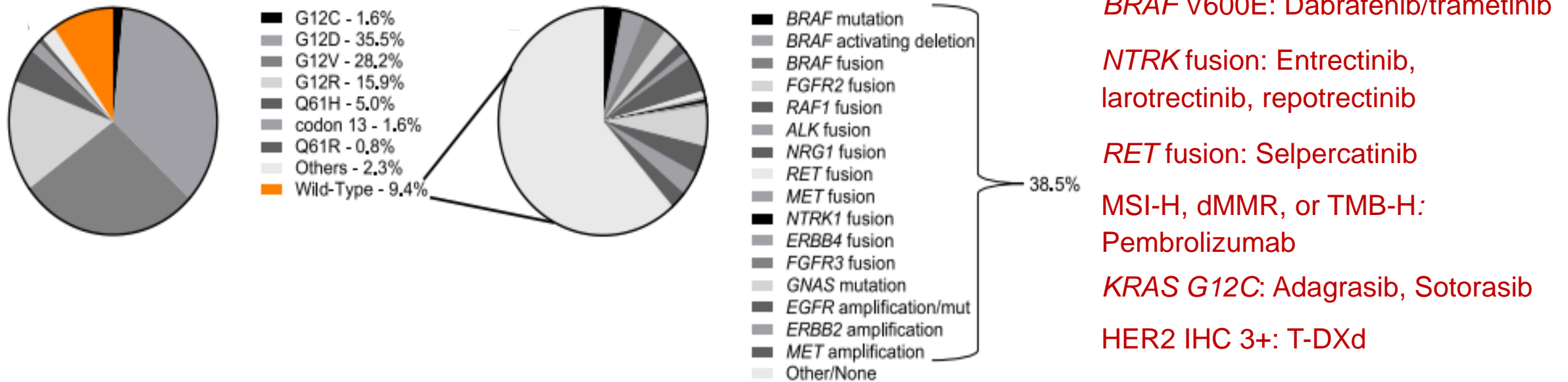
# Know Your Tumor Registry Trial

**Patients with actionable alterations derive considerable benefit from receiving a matched therapy.**



Pishvaian MJ *Lancet Oncol* 2020

# Molecular Alterations in Pancreatic Cancer



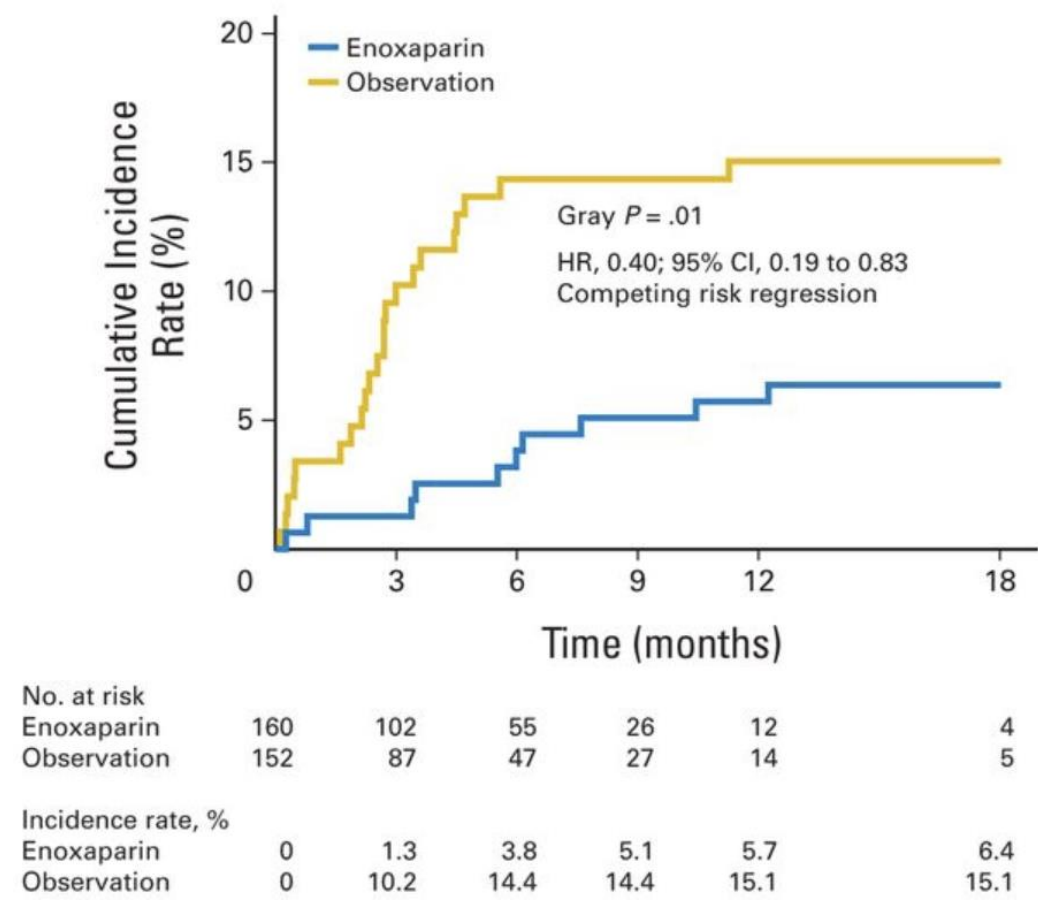
- Germline testing and tumor sequencing identifies predictive biomarkers for investigational or newly approved drugs in ~20% of pancreas cancer
- Enrichment of actionable gene alterations among KRAS WT (8-10%)
- Tumors deficient in homologous recombination repair are clinically relevant
- dMMR/MSI-high ~1%
- Targeting *RAS* mutations (e.g., KRAS G12C inhibitors)

# Principles of Palliation and Supportive Care

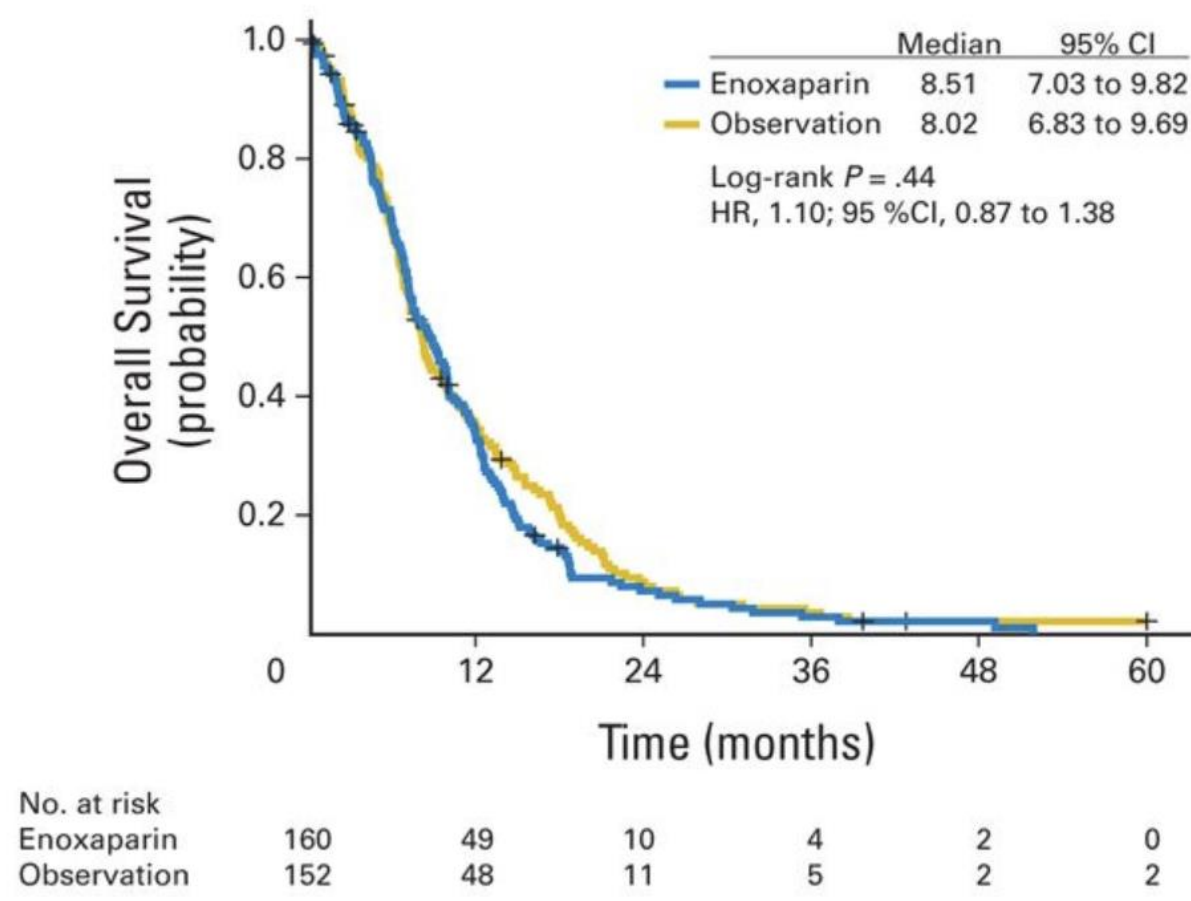
Symptom	Therapy
Biliary obstruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endoscopic biliary metal stent (preferred)</li> <li>• Percutaneous biliary drainage with subsequent internalization</li> <li>• Open biliary-enteric bypass</li> </ul>
Gastric outlet/duodenal obstruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gastrojejunostomy (open or laparoscopic) +/- G/J-tube</li> <li>• Enteral stent</li> <li>• Venting PET for gastric decompression</li> </ul>
Thromboembolic disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LMWH preferred over warfarin</li> <li>• Consider DOACs for patients without luminal tumors</li> </ul>
Bleeding from the primary tumor site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Therapeutic endoscopy, if clinically indicated</li> <li>• RT, if not previously done</li> <li>• Angiography with embolization, if clinically indicated</li> </ul>
Ascites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Therapeutic paracentesis</li> </ul>
Pain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opioids +/- EUS-guided celiac plexus neurolysis</li> <li>• SBRT</li> </ul>
Anorexia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily low-dose olanzapine</li> </ul>
Depression and fatigue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal palliative care or mental health provider evaluation</li> <li>• Exercise program +/- PT</li> </ul>
Exocrine pancreatic insufficiency and nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pancreatic enzyme replacement if EPI</li> <li>• Nutritional evaluation with a registered dietitian</li> </ul>

# Prophylactic LMWH Decreases VTE but No OS Benefit

## Symptomatic VTE Events

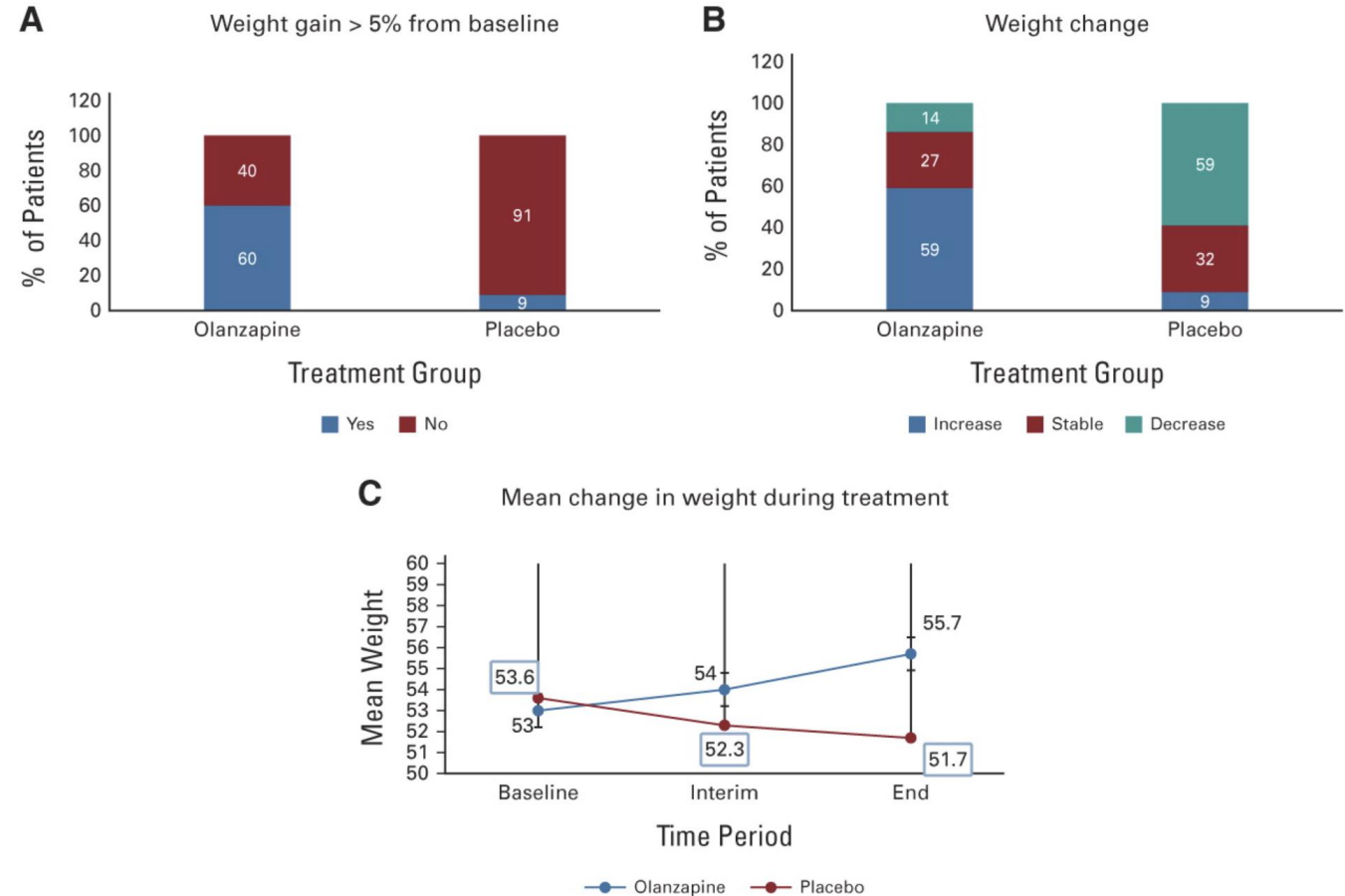


## Overall Survival



# Appetite and Weight: Olanzapine for Cancer Cachexia

- N=124
- Untreated, locally advanced or metastatic
- Gastric, hepatopancreaticobiliary (HPB), and lung cancers
- Randomly assigned (double-blind) to olanzapine 2.5 mg daily x 12 weeks vs placebo along with chemotherapy
- Primary endpoints: proportion of patients with weight gain >5% and improvement in appetite



# For the Boards

- All patients require germline testing and those with locally advanced, unresectable or metastatic disease need somatic mutation testing (tissue)
- Multiphase CT chest, abdomen, and pelvis should be performed to assess extent of disease
- ▲ Determination of resectability must be made with a multi-disciplinary team
- ▲ Upfront surgical resection followed by 6 months of adjuvant chemotherapy (mFOLFIRINOX preferred) is standard of care for resectable PDA
- mFOLFIRINOX (or NALIRIFOX) and gemcitabine + nab-paclitaxel are appropriate 1<sup>st</sup>-line regimens for patients with metastatic PDA





**Thank You!**



# Clinical Case #1

- 66 year-old woman, ECOG performance status 0-1
- No family history of malignancy. Ashkenazi Jewish descent.
- Locally advanced mass in the head of the pancreas with bilobar liver metastases. Biopsy of a liver lesion confirmed moderately differentiated adenocarcinoma.
- CA 19-9 = 52,174
- Germline testing: loss-of-function BRCA2 mutation.
- Received mFOLFIRINOX x 6 months with good minimal side effects.
- RECIST response. CA 19-9 = 32 U/mL.

# Question #1

## True or False

Early germline genetic testing for all patients with pancreatic cancer with a multigene panel is standard practice.

## Answer: True

- Depending on geographic region, 10-20% of pancreatic cancer cases are hereditary, with mutations in BRCA1 and BRCA2 being the most common.
- Clinical risk factors such as family history of cancer and young age of onset are not reliable predictors for which patients may carry one of these predisposing mutations.
- 2018: NCCN recommended that all pancreatic cancer patients should receive germline testing, regardless of family history.

## Question #2

### Next plan of care?

- A. Continue FOLFIRINOX until progression/toxicity
- B. 5-FU-based maintenance therapy
- C. Biomarker-directed maintenance therapy with Olaparib
- D. Treatment break/observation

## Answer: C

- For patients with a germline *BRCA1/2* mutation, after at least 16 weeks of initial platinum-based chemotherapy, for those without disease progression, discontinue chemotherapy and initiate maintenance therapy using the PARP inhibitor Olaparib (POLO trial).
- The optimal timing of Olaparib in this setting is not established.
- PARP activity is essential for the repair of single-strand DNA breaks via the base excision repair pathway. In the setting of *gBRCA1/2*, cancer cells have defective homologous recombination repair function, and the unrepaired DNA breaks that result after treatment with PARP inhibitors eventually lead to cancer cell death (“synthetic lethality”).
- Maintenance olaparib compared with placebo was associated with significant improvement in mPFS, the primary endpoint (7.4 vs 3.8 mo, HR 0.53) and twice as many patients were progression free at 2 years (22 vs 9.6%). Overall survival was similar in both arms.



## Case #2

- 62 yo engineer, healthy, presents with epigastric discomfort radiating to the left side.
- Multiphase CT abdomen and pelvis shows a pancreatic body mass encasing the celiac artery and abutting the SMA as well as the SMV.
- CT chest shows no distant metastases.
- CA 19-9 = 63
- ECOG performance status 0



# Question

**Which of the following choices is the best next step?**

- A. Upfront surgical resection
- B. Chemoradiation followed by surgery then adjuvant mFOLFIRINOX
- C. Neoadjuvant mFOLFIRINOX then re-evaluate by a multi-disciplinary team
- D. Chemoradiation alone

## Answer: C

- Surgical resection offers the only chance of cure for nonmetastatic pancreatic cancer.
- This patient has locally advanced, unresectable disease due to local vascular invasion.
- An initial period of chemotherapy is recommended (rather than radiotherapy or chemoradiotherapy).
- If aggressive medical therapy permits, combination chemotherapy with mFOLFIRINOX is preferred.
- Resectability should be assessed after 4-6 months of neoadjuvant therapy.
- Chemoradiation may be considered to optimize local control in those patients who can no longer tolerate further chemotherapy but who continue to have localized disease, unresectable and maintain a good performance status



## Case #3

- 55 year-old woman presents for a 2<sup>nd</sup>-opinion.
- Diagnosed with a tail of pancreas mass with bilateral lung metastases and extensive intra-abdominal lymphadenopathy.
- CA 19-9 = 94,592
- Tumor next generation sequencing: BRAF V600E mutation, microsatellite stable
- ECOG performance status 1
- Received 1<sup>st</sup>-line mFOLFIRINOX with good tolerability.
- Stable disease, CA 19-9 nadir 36,814.
- Then disease progression after 6 months.

# Question

**What treatment plan would you recommend?**

- A. Gemcitabine + nab-paclitaxel
- B. 5FU + nanoliposomal irinotecan
- C. Gemcitabine + erlotinib
- D. Dabrafenib + trametinib
- E. Gemcitabine + cisplatin

# Answer: D

- BRAF alterations are observed in approximately 2% of pancreatic cancer patients.
- NCI-MATCH basket trial
  - 35 solid tumors (3 pancreatic cancer) harboring BRAF V600 mutation
  - Treatment: dabrafenib + trametinib
  - 1 pancreatic cancer patient had stable disease as best response.
  - ORR was 35% for all patients
  - PFS and OS rates were 11.4 and 28.6 months, respectively
  - Led to FDA approval of this combination in pretreated cancers with *BRAF V600E* mutations