

Germline Testing for Hereditary Cancer with Multigene Panel

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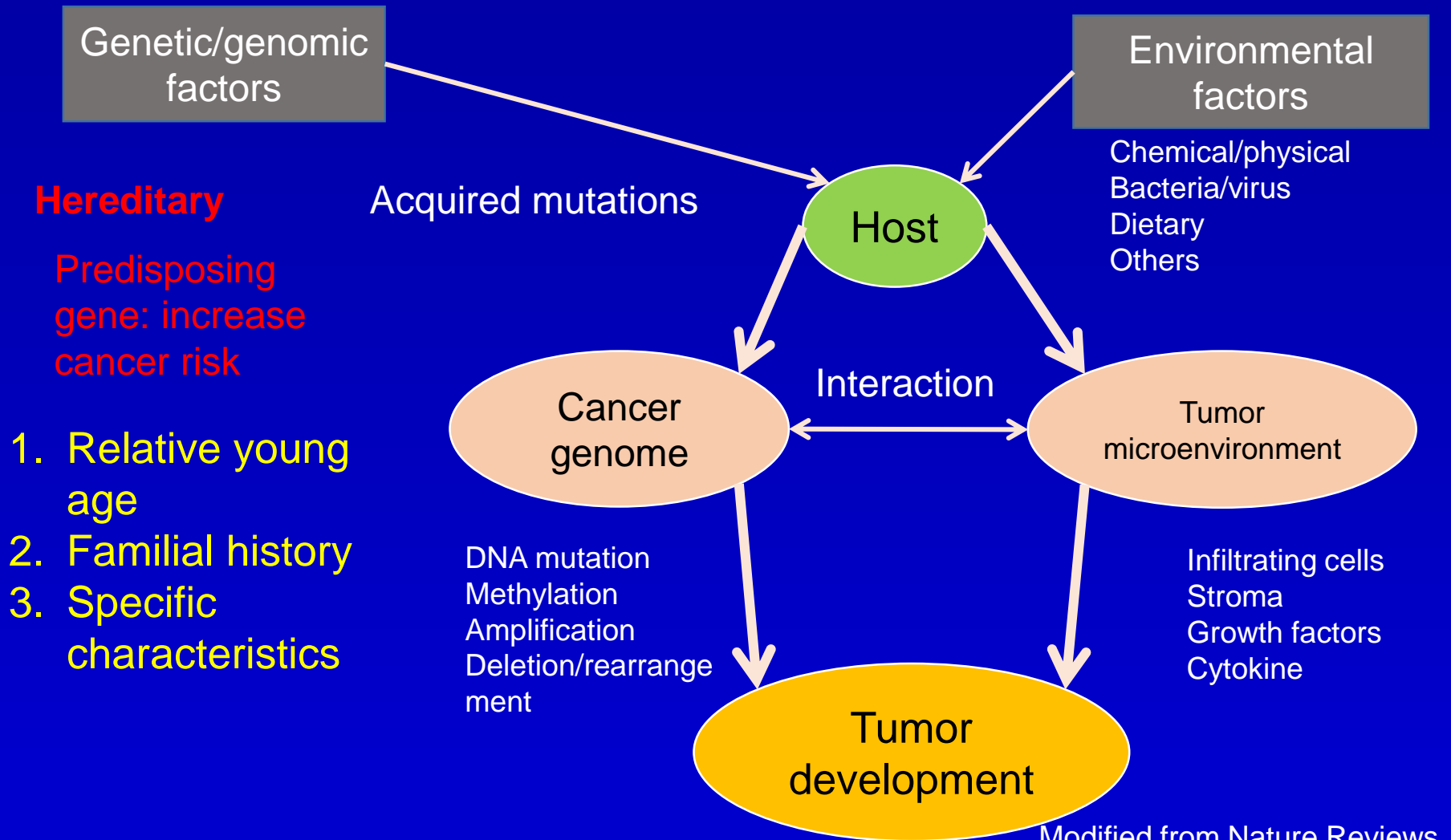
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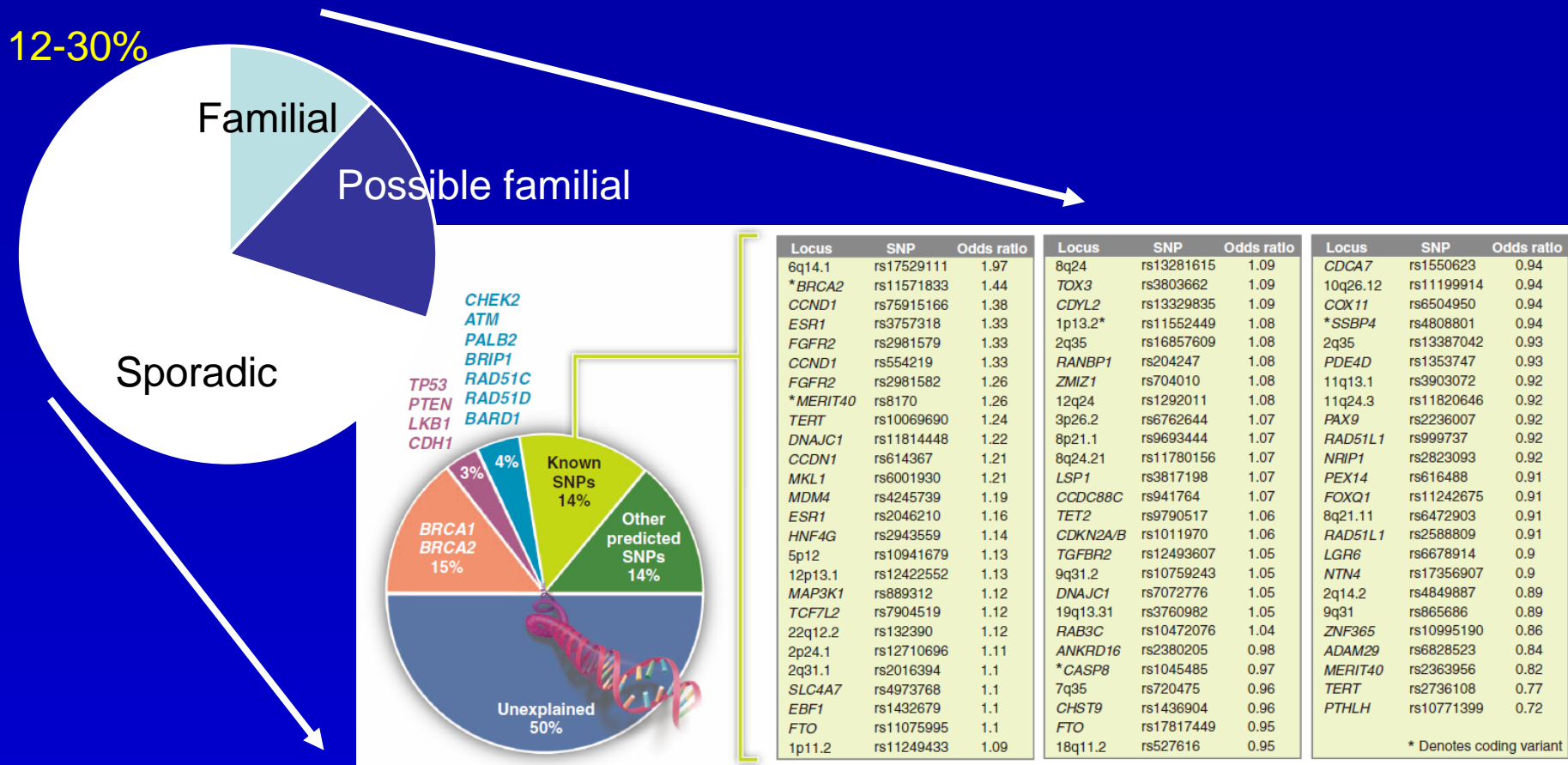
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Mechanism of carcinogenesis

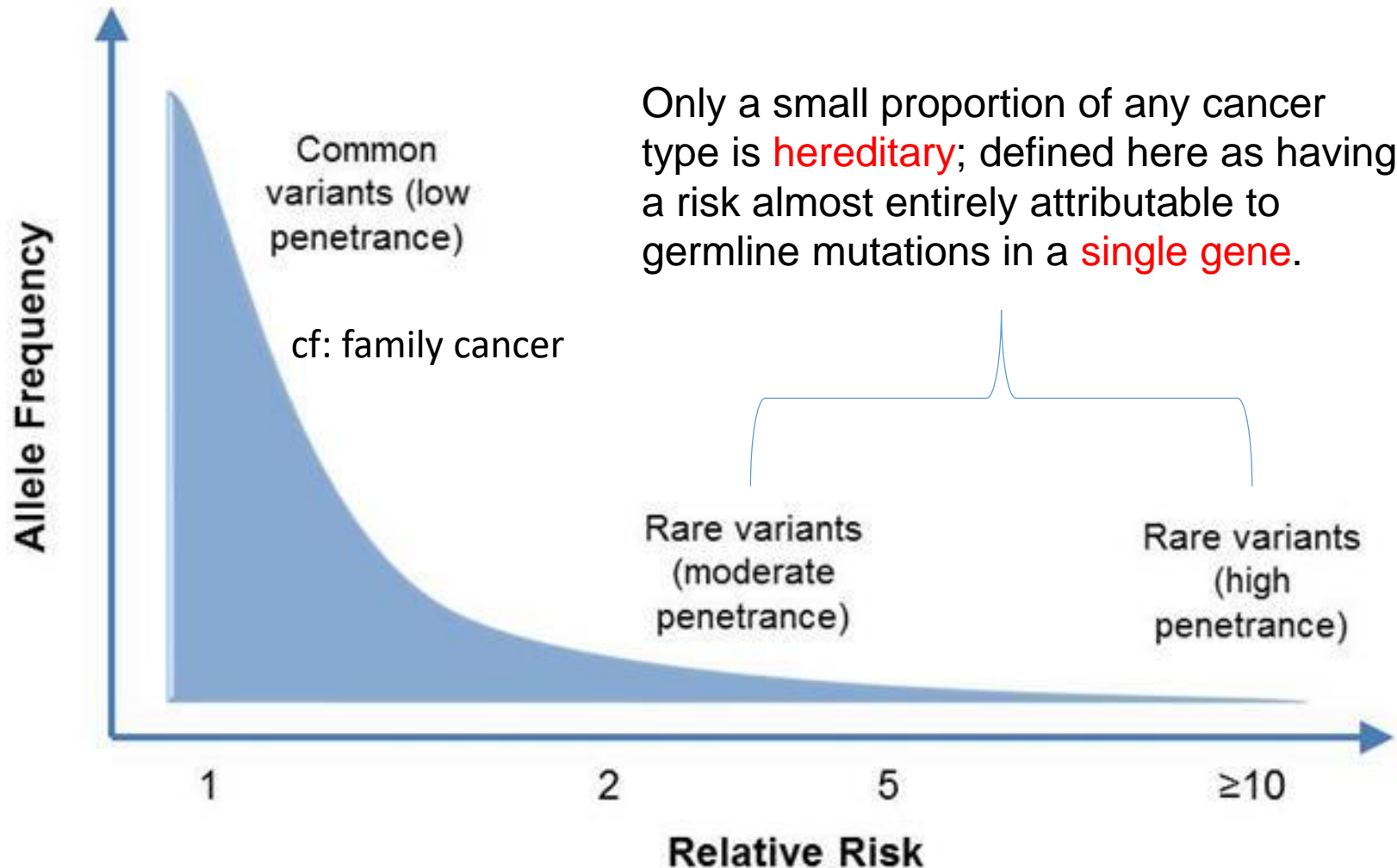


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Genetic variants that predispose to breast cancer.



Genetic Architecture of Cancer Risk



Genetics in cancer

- High penetrance: *TP53*, *BRCA1*, *BRCA2*, *CDH1*, *APC*, *MLH1*, *MSH2*, *STK11*
- Moderate penetrance: *ATM*, *BRIP1*, *CHEK2*
- Low penetrance: GWAS SNPs

What kinds of genes determine genetic predisposition to breast cancer?

High-penetrance
Single/Few



BRCA1, *BRCA2*
(>20-fold risk)

Low-penetrance
Multiple/Many



(1.5-fold at most)

Genetics in cancer

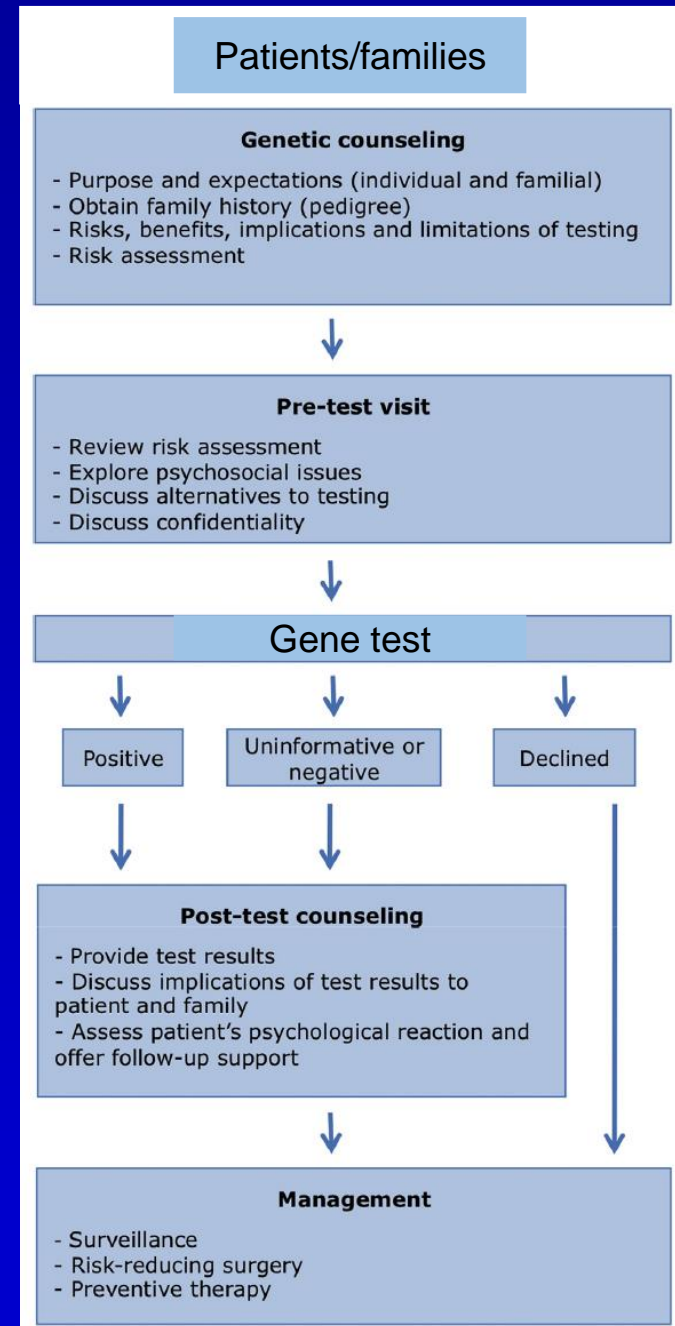
Hereditary cancer: from moderate-to-high penetrance genes

Clinical management is required for moderate-to-high penetrance genes; Evaluation for low-penetrance alleles is **not** currently part of standard clinical evaluation for breast cancer

Another subset (15-25%) may be due to an interaction between multiple genes and the environment and they too can result in cancers clustering in families

Clinical management of hereditary cancer syndrome

- Identification: selection criteria of hereditary cancer
- Genetic counseling
- Gene test
- Post-genetic counseling
- Management
 - Cancer prevention
 - Screening
 - Treatment



Family history and young age are the most important criteria to select patients

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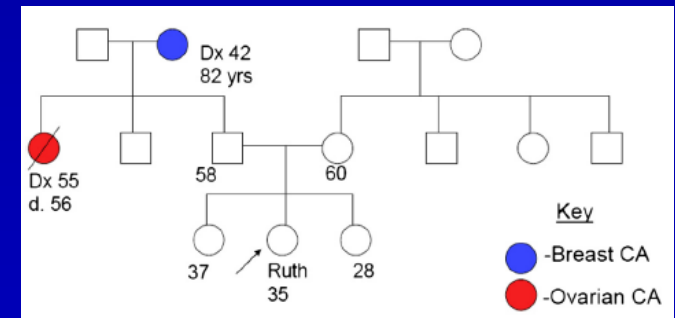
CRITERIA FOR FURTHER GENETIC RISK EVALUATION^a

- An individual with an ovarian^e cancer
- An individual with a breast cancer diagnosis meeting any of the following:
 - ▶ A known mutation in a cancer susceptibility gene within the family
 - ▶ Early-age-onset breast cancer^b
 - ▶ Triple negative (ER-, PR-, HER2-) breast cancer diagnosed ≤60 y
 - ▶ Two breast cancer primaries^c in a single individual
 - ▶ Breast cancer at any age, and
 - ◊ ≥1 close blood relative^d with breast cancer ≤50 y, or
 - ◊ ≥1 close blood relative^d with invasive ovarian^e cancer at any age, or
 - ◊ ≥2 close blood relatives^d with breast cancer and/or pancreatic cancer at any age, or
 - ◊ Pancreatic cancer at any age, or
 - ◊ From a population at increased risk^f
 - ▶ Male breast cancer
- An individual of Ashkenazi Jewish descent with breast, ovarian, or pancreatic cancer at any age
- An individual with a personal and/or family history of three or more of the following (especially if early onset^b and can include multiple primary cancers in same individual): breast, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer (Gleason score ≥7), melanoma, sarcoma, adrenocortical carcinoma, brain tumors, leukemia, diffuse gastric cancerⁱ, colon cancer, endometrial cancer, thyroid cancer, kidney cancer, dermatologic manifestations^{g,h} and/or macrocephaly, hamartomatous polyyps of gastrointestinal (GI) tract^h
- An individual with no personal history of cancer but with
 - ▶ A close relative with any of the following:^{d,f}
 - ◊ A known mutation in a cancer susceptibility gene within the family
 - ◊ ≥2 breast cancer primaries in a single individual
 - ◊ ≥2 individuals with breast cancer primaries on the same side of family with at least one diagnosed ≤50 y
 - ◊ Ovarian^e cancer
 - ◊ Male breast cancer
 - ▶ First- or second-degree relative with breast cancer ≤45 y
 - ▶ Family history of three or more of the following (especially if early onset^b and can include multiple primary cancers in same individual): breast, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer (Gleason score ≥7), melanoma, sarcoma, adrenocortical carcinoma, brain tumors, leukemia, diffuse gastric cancerⁱ, colon cancer, endometrial cancer, thyroid cancer, kidney cancer, dermatologic manifestations^{g,h} and/or macrocephaly, hamartomatous polyyps of GI tract^h

Consider
referral to
cancer genetics
professional^j

Pre-test counseling

- Collection of a comprehensive family history
 - Note that when assessing family history, close blood relatives include first-, second-, and third-degree relatives on each side of the family



- Evaluation of a patient's cancer risk
- Generating a differential diagnosis
- Educating the patient on inheritance patterns, penetrance, variable expressivity, and the possibility of genetic heterogeneity
- Preparing the patient for possible
- Obtaining informed consent

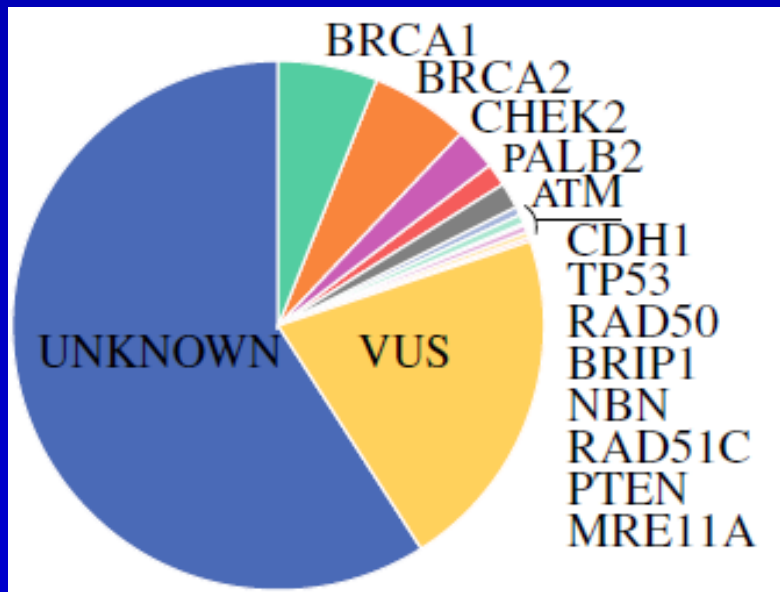
Gene test

- Proband: appropriate high-risk individuals where it will impact the medical management of the tested individual and/or their at-risk family members
- Comprehensive genetic testing: full sequencing and testing for large genomic rearrangements
- Syndrome vs. gene

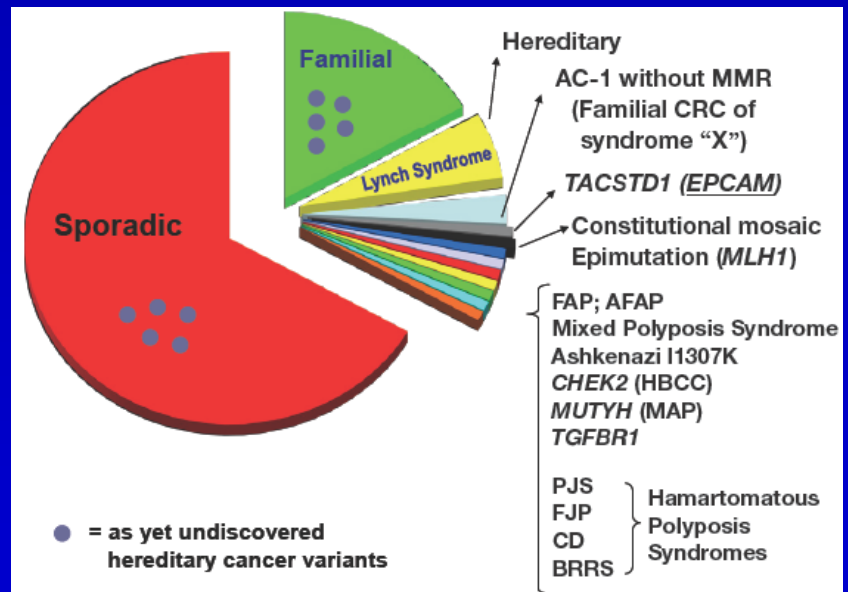
Multi-gene testing

- A set of genes that are associated with a specific family cancer phenotype or multiple similar phenotypes.
- Next-generation sequencing (NGS) can simultaneously test multiple genes

Hereditary breast cancer syndromes



Hereditary colorectal cancer syndromes



Gene panel for breast cancer risk analysis

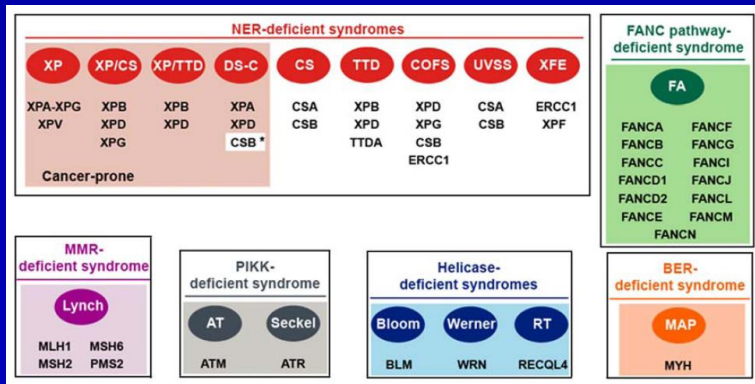
Table 3. Multiplex gene panels currently available for breast cancer risk analysis

Gene panel (Institution)	High-penetrance breast genes	Moderate-penetrance breast genes	Additional genes
BROCA [76] (University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA)	<i>BRCA1, BRCA2, CDH1, PTEN, STK11, TP53</i>	<i>ATM, BRIP1, CHEK2, PALB2</i>	<i>AKT1, APC, ATR, BABAM1, BAP1, BARD1, BMPR1A, CDK4, CDKN2A, CHEK1, CTNNA1, EPCAM, FAM175A, MLH1, MRE11A, MSH2, MSH6, MUTYH, NBN, PIK3CA, PMS2, POLD1, POLE, PRSS1, RAD50, RAD51, RAD51C, RAD51D, RET, SDHB, SDHC, SDHD, SMAD4, TP53BP1, VHL, XRCC2</i>
ColoSeq [77] (University of Washington)	<i>CDH1, PTEN, STK11, TP53</i>		<i>AKT1, APC, BMPR1A, EPCAM, GALNT12, GREM1, MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, MSH6, MUTYH, PIK3CA, POLD1, POLE, PMS2, SMAD4</i>
BreastNext [78] (Ambry Genetics, Aliso Viejo, CA, USA)	<i>BRCA1, BRCA2, CDH1, PTEN, STK11, TP53</i>	<i>ATM, BRIP1, CHEK2, PALB2</i>	<i>BARD1, MRE11A, MUTYH, NBN, NF1, RAD50, RAD51C, RAD51D</i>
OvaNext [78] (Ambry Genetics)	<i>BRCA1, BRCA2, CDH1, PTEN, STK11, TP53</i>	<i>ATM, BRIP1, CHEK2, PALB2</i>	<i>BARD1, EPCAM, MLH1, MRE11A, MSH2, MSH6, MUTYH, NBN, NF1, PMS2, RAD50, RAD51C, RAD51D</i>
CancerNext [78] (Ambry Genetics)	<i>BRCA1, BRCA2, CDH1, PTEN, STK11, TP53</i>	<i>ATM, BRIP1, CHEK2, PALB2</i>	<i>APC, BARD1, BMPR1A, CDK4, CDKN2A, EPCAM, MLH1, MRE11A, MSH2, MSH6, MUTYH, NBN, PMS2, RAD50, RAD51C, RAD51D, SMAD4</i>
Breast Cancer High-Risk Panel [79] (GeneDx, Gaithersburg, MD, USA)	<i>BRCA1, BRCA2, CDH1, PTEN, STK11, TP53</i>		
Breast/Ovarian Cancer Panel [79] (GeneDx)	<i>BRCA1, BRCA2, CDH1, PTEN, STK11, TP53</i>	<i>ATM, BRIP1, CHEK2, PALB2</i>	<i>BARD1, BLM, EPCAM, FAM175A, FANCC, HOXB13, MLH1, MRE11A, MSH2, MSH6, NBN, PMS2, RAD50, RAD51C, RAD51D, XRCC2</i>
Comprehensive Cancer Panel [79] (GeneDx)	<i>BRCA1, BRCA2, CDH1, PTEN, STK11, TP53</i>	<i>ATM, BRIP1, CHEK2, PALB2</i>	<i>APC, AXIN2, BARD1, BMPR1A, BLM, CDK4, CDKN2A, EPCAM, FAM175A, FANCC, HOXB13, MLH1, MRE11A, MSH2, MSH6, MUTYH, NBN, PALLD, PMS2, RAD50, RAD51C, RAD51D, SMAD4, VHL, XRCC2</i>
Hereditary High-Risk Breast Cancer Panel [80] (Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, USA)	<i>BRCA1, BRCA2, CDH1, PTEN, STK11, TP53</i>	<i>PALB2</i>	

Genetic variants with predisposing to malignancy

- Tumor suppressor genes
 - *TP53* (Li–Fraumeni syndrome), *PTEN* (Cowden syndrome)
- DNA repair genes
 - Homologous recombination: *BRCA1*, *BRCA2*, *NBS1*, *FANCA*, *FANCC*, *FANCM*, *RAD51*, *RAD51C*, *RAD51D*, and *XRCC2*
 - Mismatch repair: *MSH2*, *MLH1*, *MSH6*
- Others
 - *STK11*: Peutz-Jeghers syndrome

Selected target genes: Multigene-sequencing for hereditary cancer syndrome in NTUH: a customized 68 genes panel



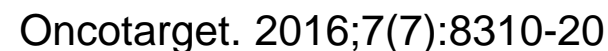
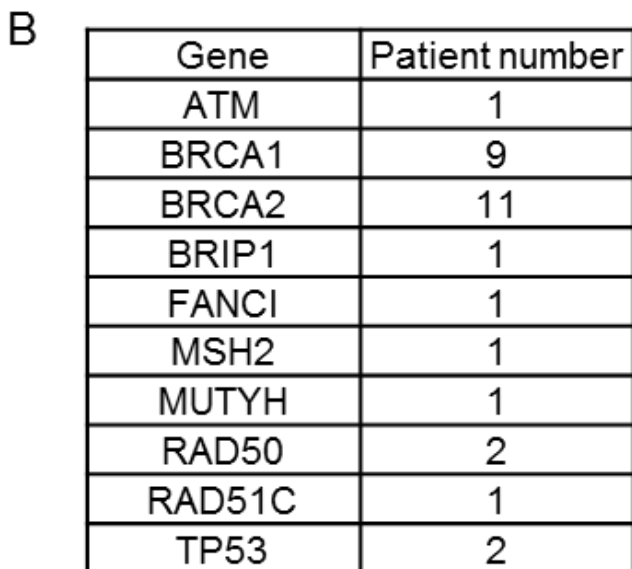
Whole gene, including exon, intron promoter region, 5'-UTR and 3'-UTR

- Next-generation sequencing
 - *ARLTS1, ATM, BARD1, BRCA1, BRCA2, PTEN, RECQL, TP53*, genes in HR pathway, other-associated genes



Capture-based target enrichment -> sequencing on Illumina platform

A 133 patients



Benefit of multiple gene testing in hereditary cancer syndromes

- Efficient: to identify more cases carrying pathogenic actionable genetic variants
 - Finding the actionable genes in additional 11.6% cases with familial history, by a 42 gene panel
 - Finding the actionable genes in additional 7.5% cases with familial history/early-onset in NTUH study
- Cost-effective:
 - Cost per gene or per base of NGS

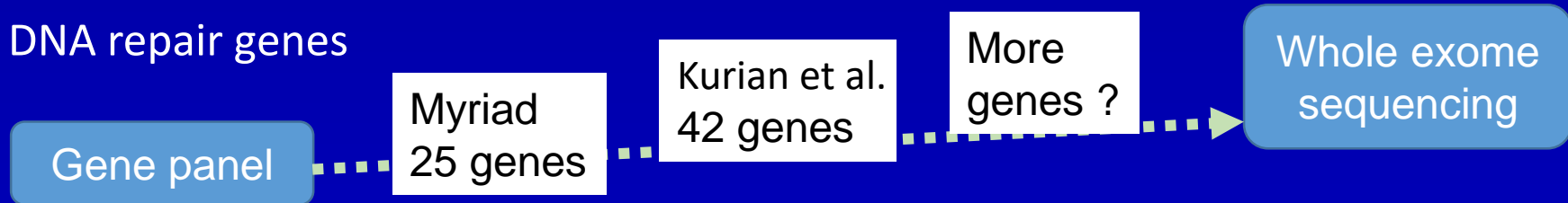
Questions raising after multiple gene sequencing

- How many genes need to be sequenced ?
- Increased number of genetic variants of uncertain significance (VUS)
- Post-test genetic counseling and clinical management in non-*BRCA* genes

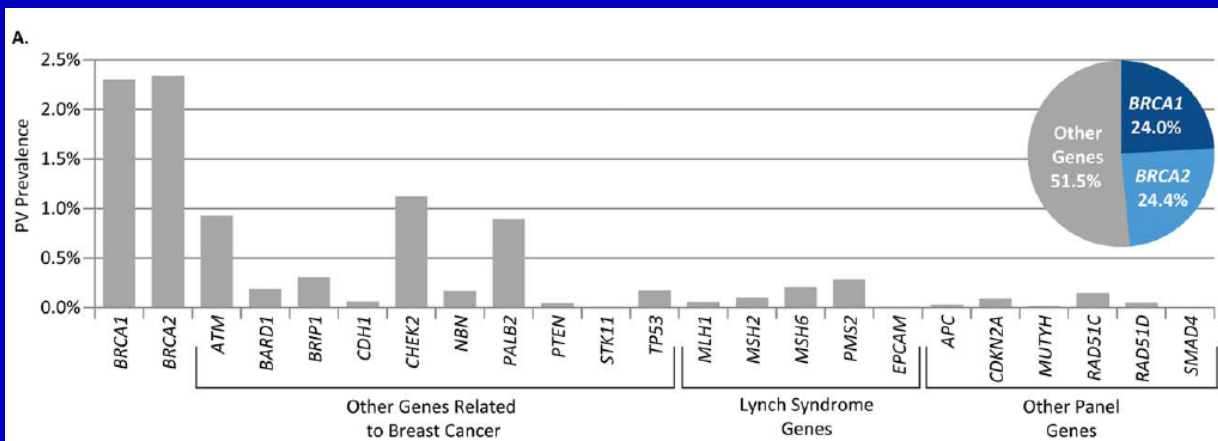
Design a gene panel

Tumor suppressor genes

DNA repair genes



In the setting of whole exome/genome sequencing, more and more moderate penetrance genes are identified.



Non-BRCA
gene contribute
to ~50%
hereditary
breast ca

Deleterious mutations on non-*BRCA* genes in the four studies

NTUH	Kurian AW et al.	Couch FJ et al.	Buys SS et al.		Combination of three studies	
N=133	N=198	N=1824	N=35409			
<i>ATM</i>	<i>ATM</i>	<i>ATM</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>NBN</i>	<i>APC</i>	<i>MUTYH</i>
<i>BRIP1</i>	<i>BLM</i>	<i>BARD1</i>	<i>ATM</i>	<i>PALB2</i>	<i>ATM</i>	<i>NBN</i>
<i>FANCI</i>	<i>CDH1</i>	<i>BRIP1</i>	<i>BARD1</i>	<i>PMS2</i>	<i>BARD1</i>	<i>PALB2</i>
<i>MSH2</i>	<i>CDKN2A</i>	<i>MRE11A</i>	<i>BRIP1</i>	<i>PTEN</i>	<i>BLM</i>	<i>PMS2</i>
<i>MUTYH</i>	<i>MLH1</i>	<i>NBN</i>	<i>CDH1</i>	<i>RAD51C</i>	<i>BRIP1</i>	<i>PRSS1</i>
<i>RAD50</i>	<i>MUTYH</i>	<i>PALB2</i>	<i>CDKN2A</i>	<i>RAD51D</i>	<i>CDH1</i>	<i>PTEN</i>
<i>RAD51C</i>	<i>NBN</i>	<i>PTEN</i>	<i>CHEK2</i>	<i>SMAD4</i>	<i>CDKN2A</i>	<i>RAD50</i>
<i>TP53</i>	<i>PRSS1</i>	<i>RAD50</i>	<i>EPCAM</i>	<i>STK11</i>	<i>CHEK2</i>	<i>RAD51C</i>
	<i>SXL4</i>	<i>RAD51C</i>	<i>MLH1</i>	<i>TP53</i>	<i>EPCAM</i>	<i>RAD51D</i>
		<i>RAD51D</i>	<i>MSH2</i>		<i>FANCI</i>	<i>SMAD4</i>
		<i>TP53</i>	<i>MSH6</i>		<i>MLH1</i>	<i>STK11</i>
		<i>XRCC2</i>	<i>MUTYH</i>		<i>MRE11A</i>	<i>SXL4</i>
					<i>MSH2</i>	<i>TP53</i>
					<i>MSH6</i>	<i>XRCC2</i>

Variants of uncertain significance (VUS)

- Interpretation of genetic variants Based on ACMG guideline
 - Pathogenic, likely pathogenic, uncertain significance, likely benign, benign
- Large-scale deletion, frame-shift mutation, nonsense mutation, genetic variants associated with uncorrected splicing, and mutations affecting protein function demonstrated by functional analyses are considered as deleterious or pathogenic mutations.
- Population frequency, less than 1%

Variants of uncertain significance (VUS)

- Number of VUS rapidly raised in the multiple gene sequencing
- VUSs cause the clinical problems, including difficult to genetic counseling and unable to guide patient therapy
- Bioinformatics analysis: SIFT, PolyPhen-2, CADD; REVEL scores
- Family segregation analysis
- Epidemiological phenotype-genotype study
- Functional assay

Hum Mutat. 2012 Jan;33(1):8-21

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Post-test genetic counseling and clinical management in non-*BRCA* genes

- High penetrance gene: aggressive screening or prophylactic surgery
- The appropriate management of individuals harboring moderate-penetrance genetic variants is unclear.
- CLTR, cumulative lifetime risk

Cancer type	Gene	Average relative risk
Breast cancer	<i>ATM</i> ³	2.8 (90% CI 2.2–3.7)
	<i>BARD1</i>	Insufficient data
	<i>BRIP1</i> (REFS 3,20)	No evidence of association
	<i>CHEK2</i> (truncating) ³	3.0 (90% CI 2.6–3.5)
	<i>CHEK2</i> (missense) ⁴⁷	1.58 (95% CI 1.42–1.75) for I157T
	<i>MRE11A</i>	Insufficient data
	<i>NBN</i> ⁶⁰	2.7 (90% CI 1.9–3.7) for c.657del5
	<i>PALB2</i> ³	5.3 (90% CI 3.0–9.4)
	<i>RAD50</i>	Insufficient data
	<i>RAD51C/RAD51D</i> ³	No evidence of association
	<i>XRCC2</i>	Insufficient data
	<i>SLX4</i>	Insufficient data

Principle for non-*BRCA* genes

- A general quantitative approach that can be adapted to the individualized level of cancer risk, independent of the specific gene variant detected.
 - *ATM* mutation c.7271T>G (p.V2424G): high penetrance
 - *CHEK2* I157T and S428F: low penetrance
- Annual mammography beginning at 25–30 years of age (or 10 years before the earliest age at diagnosis of the affected relatives, whichever is later) for women with an estimated LTR of $\geq 20\%$ based on a family-history model
- Annual MRI: for women with an estimated LTR of $\geq 20\%$
- Whether mastectomy will provide a survival advantage to women with moderate-penetrance mutations is uncertain -> considering the effectiveness of breast-cancer screening and treatment.

Proposed management for moderate-penetrance breast-cancer predisposition

Gene	Mammography (clinical breast examination and/or breast MRI)	RRSO	Colonoscopy	Pancreatic screening
ATM	Annual starting at 40*	Family history	Family history [#]	Clinical trial
CHEK2 (truncating)	Annual starting at 40* [‡]	Family history	Discuss at 40 years	NA
NBN	Annual starting at 40*	Family history	Family history [#]	NA
PALB2	Annual starting at 30	Family history	Family history [#]	Clinical trial
BRIP1/RAD51C/ RAD51D	Family history [§]	50–55 years [¶]	Family history [#]	NA

Management for moderate-penetrance breast-cancer predisposition (NCCN)



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BREAST AND OVARIAN MANAGEMENT BASED ON GENETIC TEST RESULTS^a

The inclusion of a gene on this table below does not imply the endorsement either for or against multi-gene testing for moderate-penetrance genes.

Gene	Breast Cancer Risk and Management	Ovarian Cancer Risk and Management	Other Cancer Risks and Management
<i>PALB2</i>	Increased risk of BC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening: Annual mammogram and consider breast MRI with contrast at 30 y RRM: Consider based on family history. 	Unknown or insufficient evidence for OC risk	Unknown or insufficient evidence
	Comments: Counsel for risk of autosomal recessive condition in offspring.		
<i>PTEN</i>	Increased risk of BC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Cowden Syndrome Management 	No increased risk of OC	See Cowden Syndrome Management
<i>RAD51C</i>	Unknown or insufficient evidence for BC risk	Increased risk of OC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider RRSO at 45–50 y 	N/A
	Comments: Counsel for risk of autosomal recessive condition in offspring. Based on estimates from available studies, the lifetime risk of ovarian cancer in carriers of mutations in <i>RAD51C</i> appears to be sufficient to justify consideration of RRSO. The current evidence is insufficient to make a firm recommendation as to the optimal age for this procedure. Based on the current, limited evidence base, a discussion about surgery should be held around age 45–50 y or earlier based on a specific family history of an earlier onset ovarian cancer.		
<i>RAD51D</i>	Unknown or insufficient evidence for BC risk	Increased risk of OC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider RRSO at 45–50 y 	N/A
	Comments: Based on estimates from available studies, the lifetime risk of ovarian cancer in carriers of mutations in <i>RAD51D</i> appears to be sufficient to justify consideration of RRSO. The current evidence is insufficient to make a firm recommendation as to the optimal age for this procedure. Based on the current, limited evidence base, a discussion about surgery should be held around age 45–50 y or earlier based on a specific family history of an earlier onset ovarian cancer.		
<i>STK11</i>	Increased risk of BC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening: See NCCN Guidelines for Genetic/Familial High-Risk Assessment: Colorectal RRM: Evidence insufficient, manage based on family history. 	Increased risk of non-epithelial OC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See NCCN Guidelines for Genetic/Familial High-Risk Assessment: Colorectal 	See NCCN Guidelines for Genetic/Familial High-Risk Assessment: Colorectal
<i>TP53</i>	Increased risk of BC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Li-Fraumeni Syndrome Management 	No increased risk of OC	See Li-Fraumeni Syndrome Management

Summary

- Hereditary cancer syndrome defined as having a risk almost entirely attributable to germline mutations in a single gene (moderate-to-high penetrance)
- A set of genes that are associated with a specific family cancer phenotype or multiple similar phenotypes
- Multiple gene panel testing is an effective method for germline mutation screening of cancer predisposing genes

Summary

- Many VUS are identified, needing further study
- Risk and clinical management of moderate penetrance genes are not well defined

Thank you for attention