

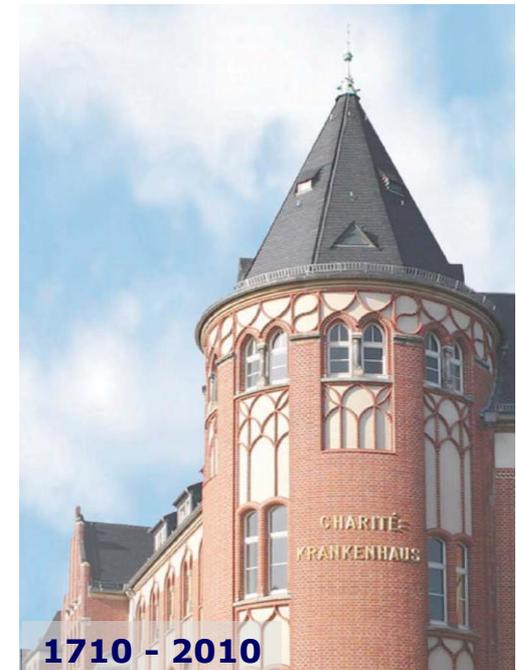
# Lung Cancer: IHC and Molecular Classification

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# Lung Cancer

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**In the workflow of LC materials technicians play  
fundamental role!**

**One key point is **tissue handling!****

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# Tissue work-up and Quality Control

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Robin tests).**

**Just one example: ALK**

# Tissue Work-up in the Histo-Lab

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## Comprehensive diagnosis of lung cancer requires:

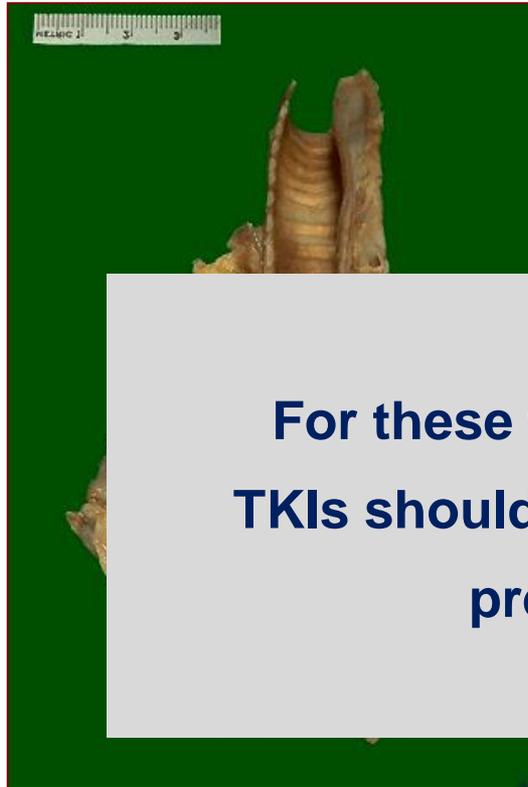
- 1 or 2 4 $\mu$ m slides for H&E / PAS
- 4 to 6 4 $\mu$ m slides for IHC (syn, chrom A, CK5/6, CK7/8/18, p63, ERCC1, TTF1, ALK [IHC/FISH] ....controls)
- 2 to 3 10 $\mu$ m slides for EGFR-mut testing or NGS
- ? for controls and other assays.

## For the work-up of (small) biopsies this means in general:

- Very careful handling of the tissue
- Neatly embedding with all biopsies in on a similar level
- Cutting as precise as possible to enable all assays necessary
- Spare slides in advance to avoid re-cutting.

Thunnissen E, et al. Virchows Arch 2012;

# NSCLC - Macroscopy

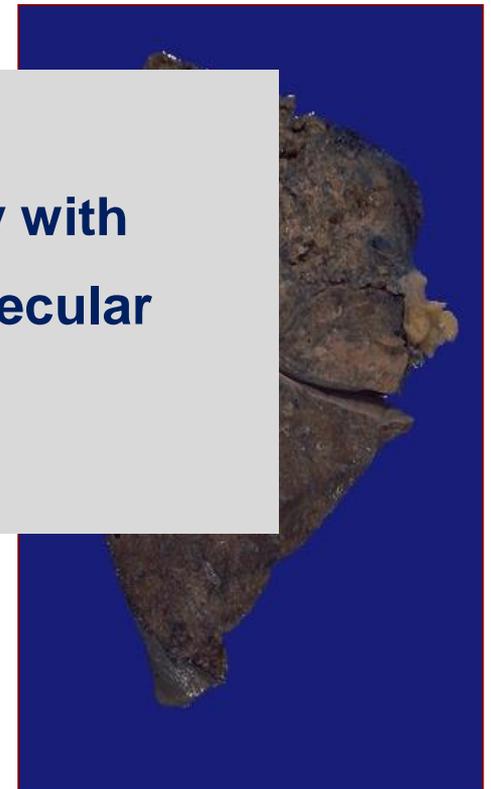


central  
squamous cell carcinoma



peripheral  
adenocarcinoma

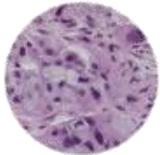
adeno carcinoma  
broncho-alveolar type



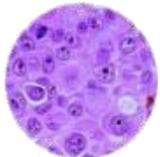
**For these types of tumors a therapy with  
TKIs should be considered if the molecular  
prerequisites are proven**

# NSCLC: Past and Current Landscape

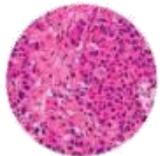
1999  
Histology-driven  
selection<sup>1</sup>



Adenocarcinoma



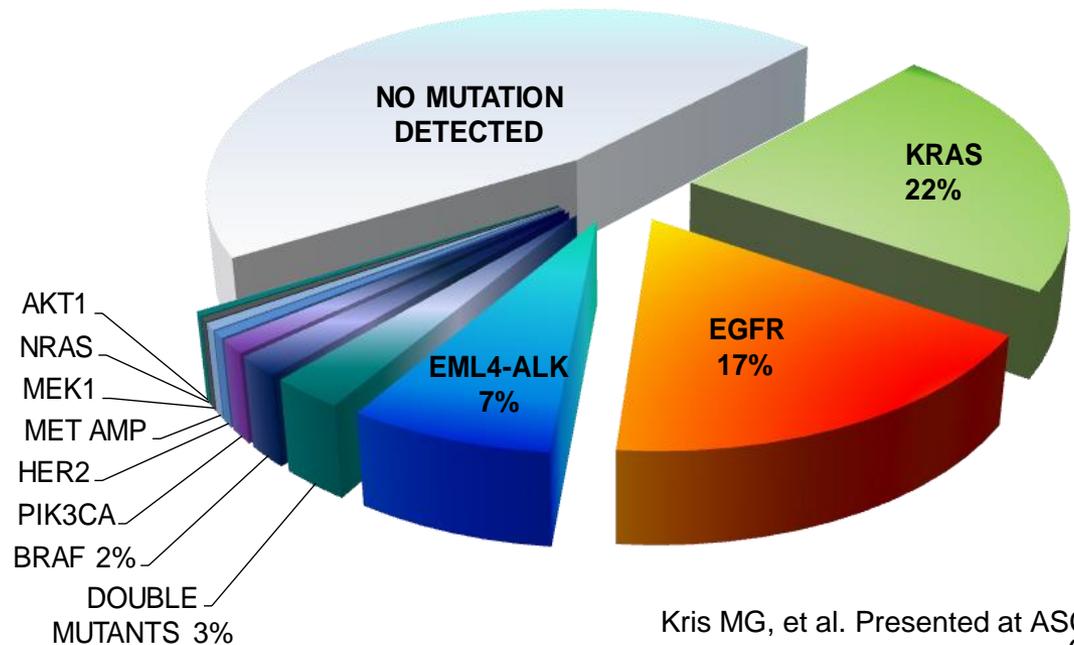
Squamous-cell carcinoma



Large cell carcinoma



2012  
Targeting oncogenic  
drivers



Kris MG, et al. Presented at ASCO 2011; CRA7506

Actionable driver mutations identified in 54% of lung adenocarcinoma tumors

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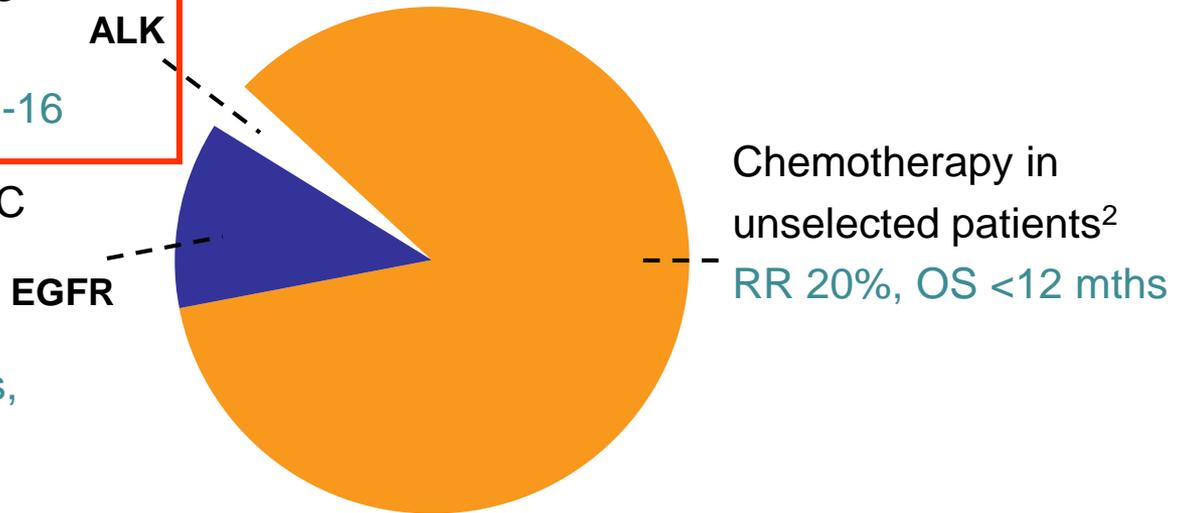
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# Currently, Two Approved Personalised Treatment Options:

Crizotinib in ALK-positive NSCLC  
(US, EU filed)<sup>1</sup>  
RR 60%, PFS 8 months, OS 14 -16

EGFR-TKIs in EGFR-mut NSCLC  
Gefitinib, Erlotinib (US, EU)  
(Afatinib filed in EU)<sup>3-5</sup>  
RR 60–80%, PFS 10–13 months,  
OS 19–30 months

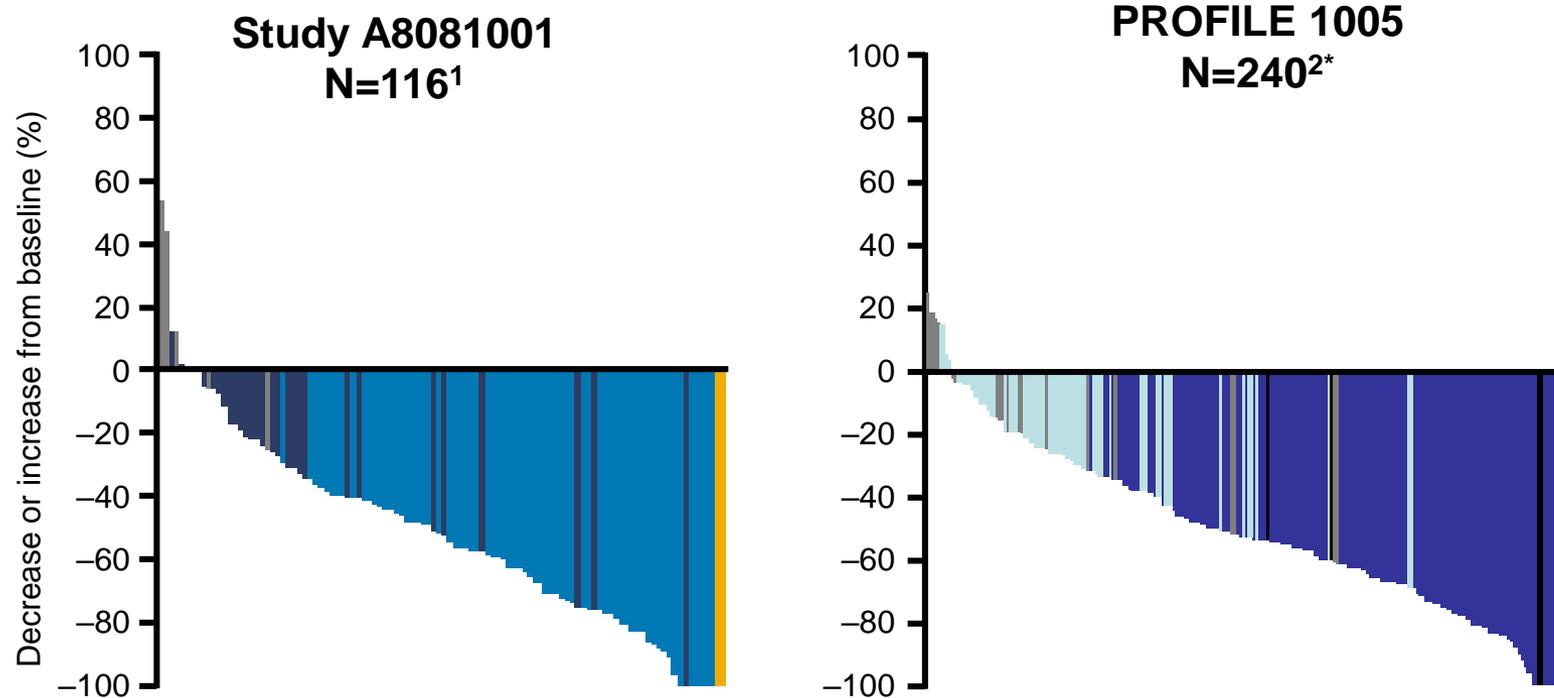


## Substantial Benefit for ~15 – 20 % of Patients

• Dacomitinib (PF-00299804; Pfizer Inc.) is an investigational compound not currently licensed for use in any market; Crizotinib (PF-02341066; Pfizer Inc.) is not yet approved in member states of the European Union. Crizotinib is currently licensed for use in Argentina, Canada, Israel, India, Japan, South Korea, Macau, Mexico, Switzerland, and the USA.

- 1. Kim D-W, et al. Presented at ASCO 2012; Abstract 7533
- 2. Schiller JH, et al. N Engl J Med 2002; 346:92–8
- 3. Maemondo M, et al. N Engl Med 2010;362: 2380-8
- 4. Rosell R, et al. Lancet Oncol 2012;13: 239–46
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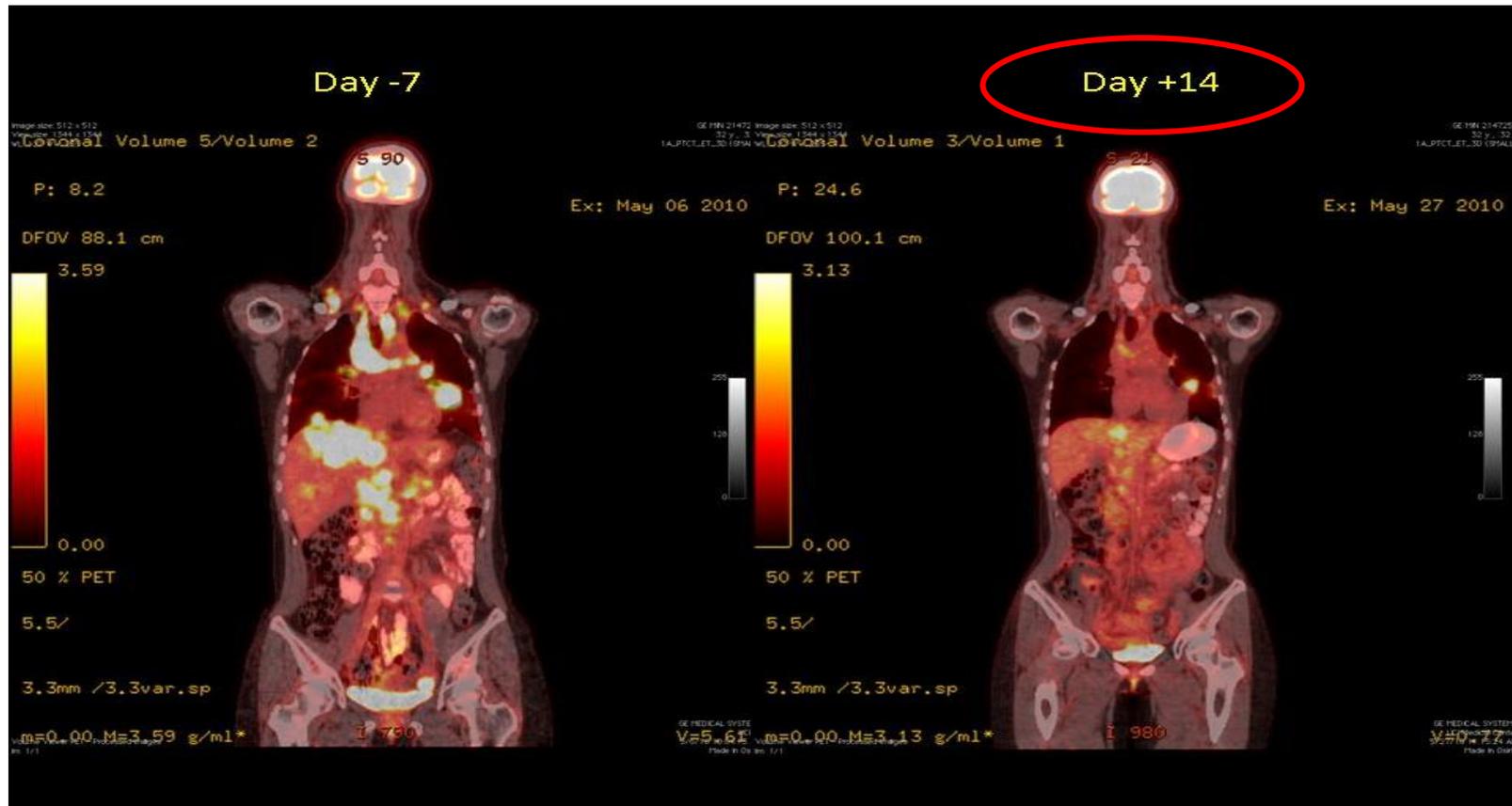
# Tumour Response to Crizotinib by Alk+ Patients



1. Camidge DR, et al. Lancet Oncol 2012;10:1011-9;
2. Kim DW, et al. Presented at ASCO 2012; Ab. 7533

•\*Mature population, excluding those with early death, indeterminate response and non-measurable disease

# Rapid Responses Seen In Some Patients



Ou et al. J Thoracic Oncol 2010;5:2044–2046 Camidge RD et al.: ASCO 2011

# The next step: How to fight resistance

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Almost all tumors become resistant to targeting drugs.

Novel approaches that have already proven successful include the development of second-generation and **third-generation inhibitors** and the combination of some of these inhibitors with antibodies directed against the same target or other targets (**check points**).

Consequently, clinical studies assessing **combinations of drugs** targeting both the original and the bypass pathways (after resistance) are now being explored in this setting.

# Resistance to EGFR Inhibitors

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- **Primary resistance**, e.g. to erlotinib or gefitinib

- **Acquired resistance** (after treatment)

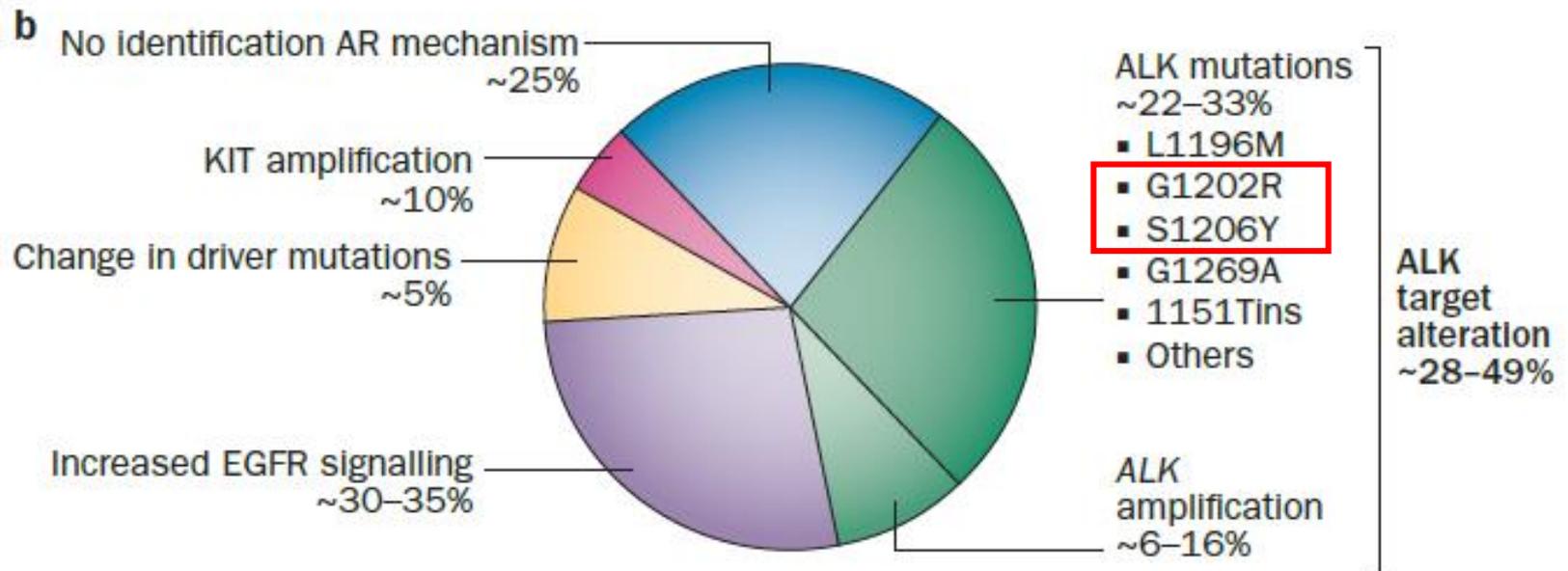
- **EGFR dominant**

- 2ndary EGFR mutation(s) with steric hindrance of 1<sup>st</sup> gen. EGFR inhibitors
- EGFR amplification or point mutation

- **EGFR non-dominant**

- New non-EGFR mutations: Met, HER2, PIK3CA, BRAF, other

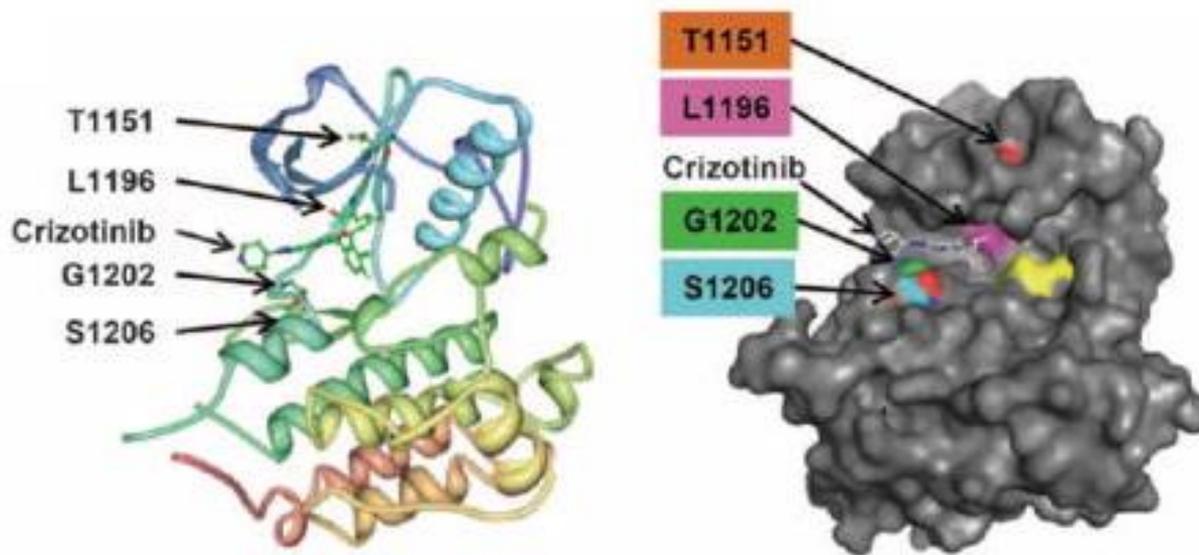
# Mechanisms of Acquired Resistance in ALK-rearranged NSCLC Resistant to Crizotinib



R.Katayama et al. Sci Transl Med. 2012 Feb 8;4(120):120ra17.

# ALK gene Amplification and Multiple ALK Resistance Mutations in Cancers with Acquired Crizotinib Resistance

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# One Step Forward: New Drugs to Fight Resistance

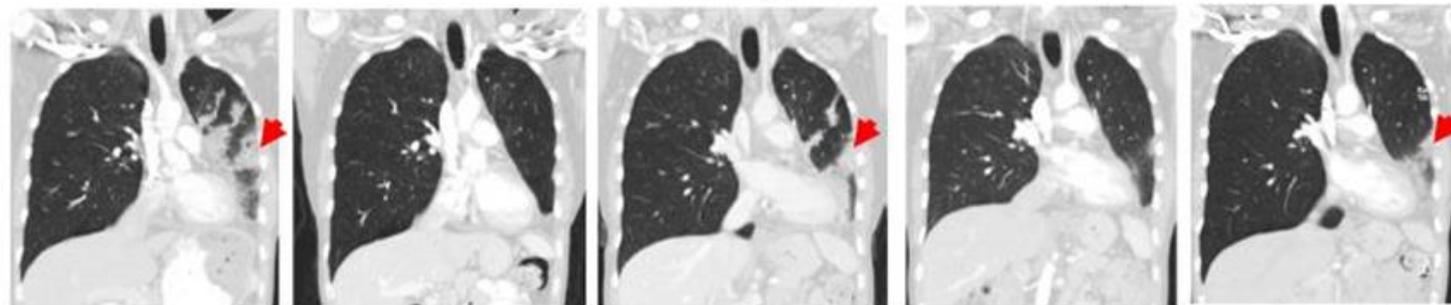
For example:

Crizotinib resistant NCSLC showed sensitivity to ceritinib, but became resistant again only many months later

Patient Id	EML4-ALK sequence at Crizotinib Resistance	EML4-ALK sequence at Ceritinib Resistance
MGH011	S1206Y	G1202R
MGH015	WT	WT
MGH023	WT	F1174C
MGH034	WT	WT
MGH049	WT	WT
MGH051	WT	G1202R
MGH057	N/A	WT
MGH061	WT	WT
JFCR013	N/A	WT
JFCR021	G1269A (right lung)	F1174V (left lung) and G1202R (right lung)



## MGH011 Lung CT scan



Baseline

After 8 weeks of crizotinib

After 34 months of crizotinib

After 12 weeks of Ceritinib

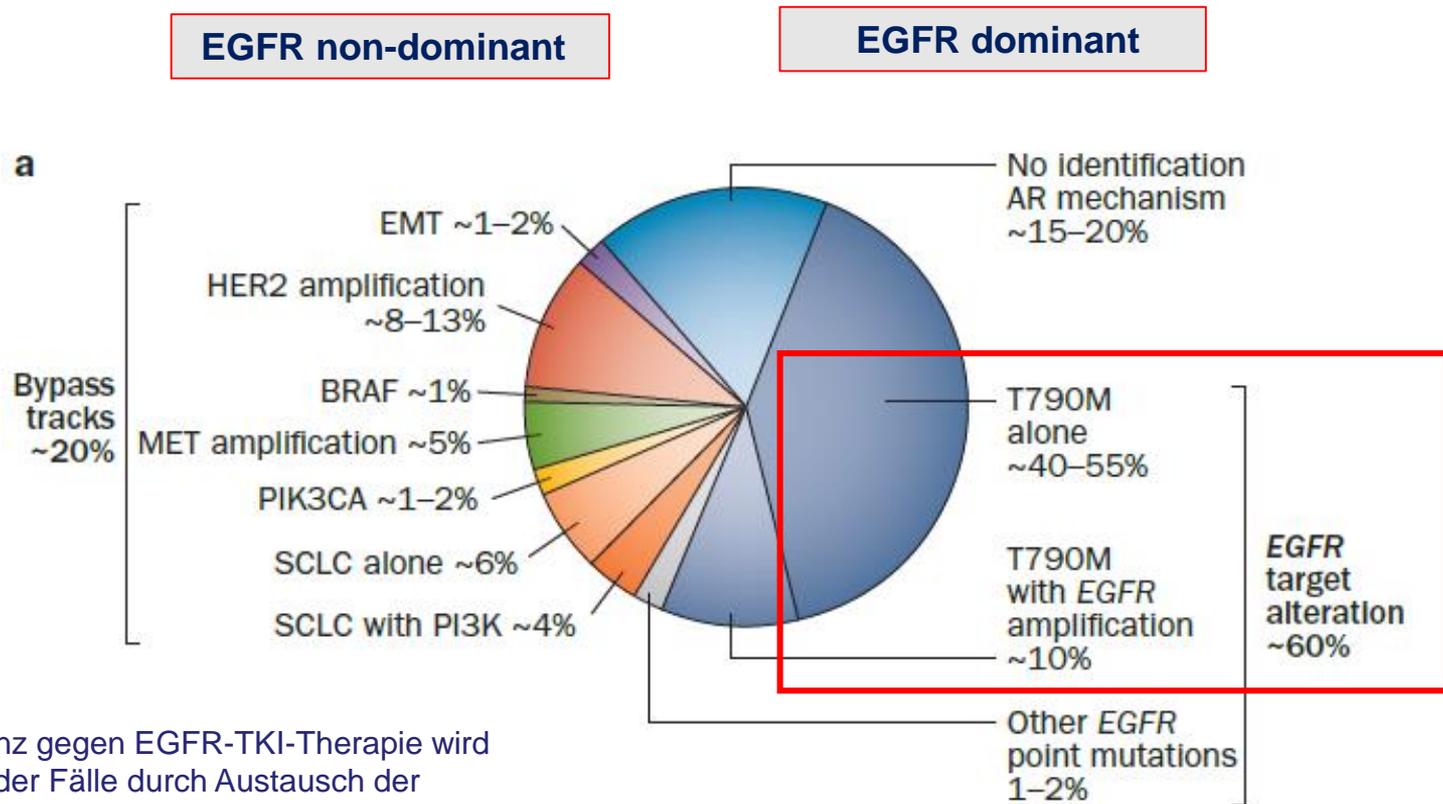
After 15 months of Ceritinib

EML4-ALK sequence: **ALK mut**

**S1206Y**

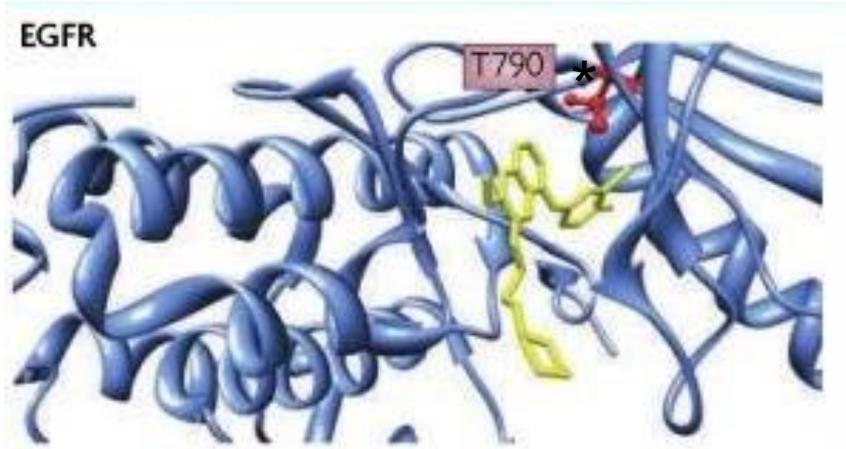
**G1202R**

# Mechanisms of Acquired Resistance in EGFR-mutant NSCLC Resistant to First Generation EGFR TKIs Erlotinib/Gefitinib



Resistenz gegen EGFR-TKI-Therapie wird in 50% der Fälle durch Austausch der Aminosäure Threonin zu Methionin an Position 790 des EGFR-Proteins vermittelt (**T790M**)

R.Katayama et al.  
[Sci Transl Med.](https://doi.org/10.1126/scitranslmed.3002017) 2012 Feb 8;4(120):120ra17.



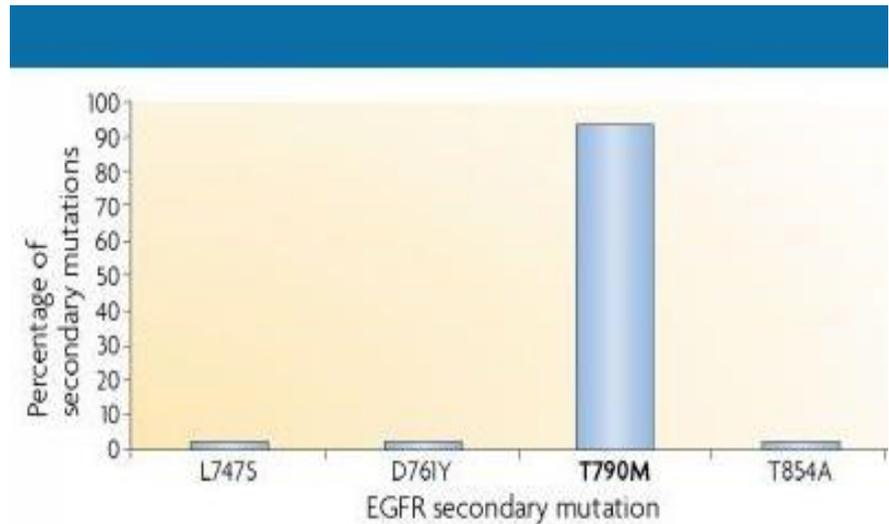
Gefitinib (yellow)

T790M → threonine to methionine

\*AZ9291 binding site

**Second-site mutation frequency following development of acquired resistance to TKI therapy**

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# AZD9291 (Tagrisso) – 66% ORR in T790M positive patients\*



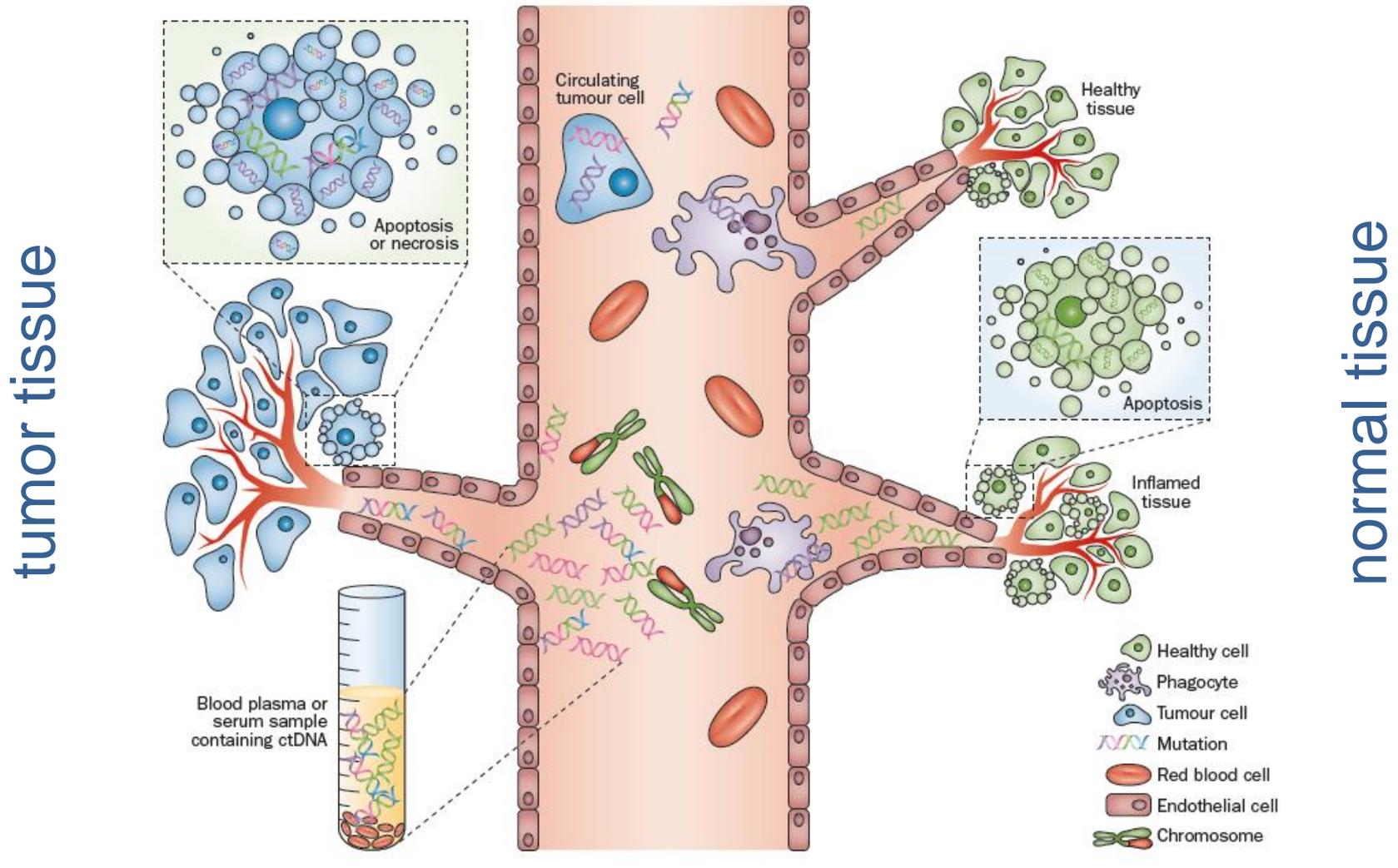
DCR (CR+PR+SD) in patients with centrally tested T790M positive tumours was 90% (141 / 157; 95% CI 84, 94)

	20 mg	40 mg	80 mg	160 mg	240 mg	Total
N (157)	10	32	61	41	13	157
ORR (95% CI)	50% (19, 81)	59% (41, 76)	66% (52, 77)	51% (35, 67)	54% (25, 81)	59% (51, 66)

\*as assessed by central tumor tissue testing

Presented by Pasi A Jänne at the 2015 European Lung Cancer Conference. Ann Oncol 2015; 26(Suppl 1): i60, LBA3.

# cfDNA und Liquid-Biopsie



cfDNA, circulating free DNA; ctDNA, circulating tumor DNA.

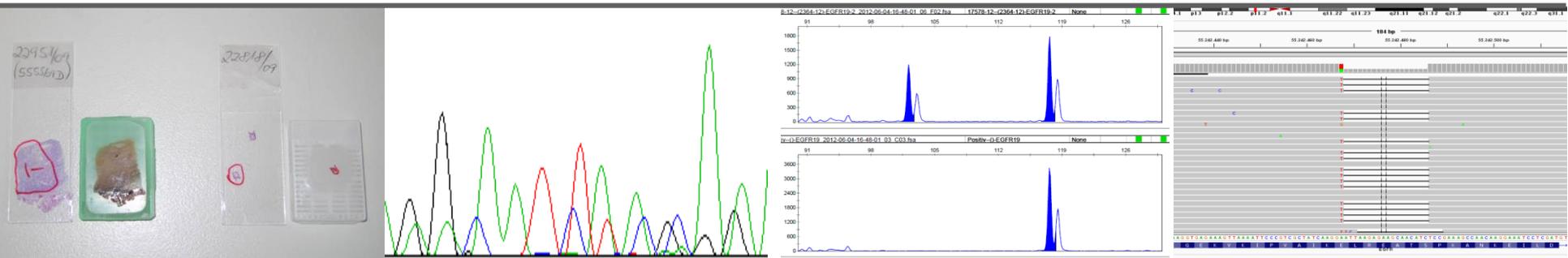
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## Ring Trial EGFR T790M Tissue and Blood

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# Quality in Pathology



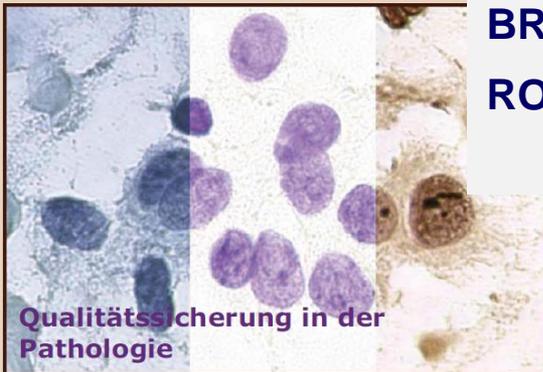
The German Society of Pathology and the Association of German Pathologists founded the QuiP initiative to perform nationwide quality control (ring trials) on IHC and molecular analyses

*A prerequisite is always a well-organised biobank.*



## Ringversuche 2015

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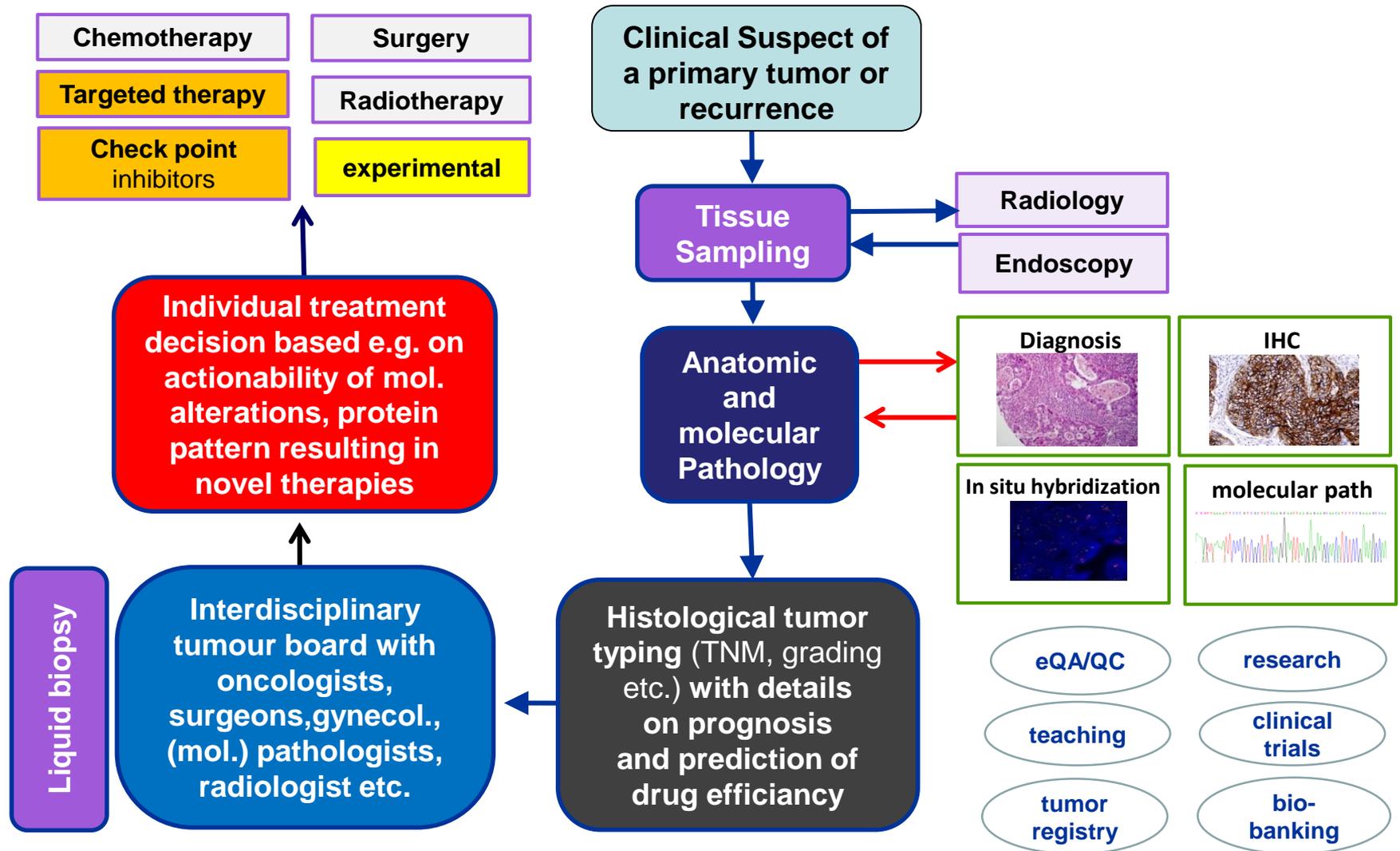
- BRCA1/2** - ovarian carcinoma
- T790M** – NSCLC (tissue and blood )
- RAS** - colon
- BRAF** - malignant melanoma
- Multigene** - NSCLC – planned for 1<sup>st</sup>. quarter of 2017
- BRAF** - NSCLC – 2<sup>nd</sup> qu. 2017
- ROS1** - NSCLC – planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2017

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