

# Lynch syndrome

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## Genomics

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- The study of an organism's complete set of genetic information.
- The genome includes both genes (coding) and non-coding DNA.
- 'Genome': the complete genetic information of an organism.

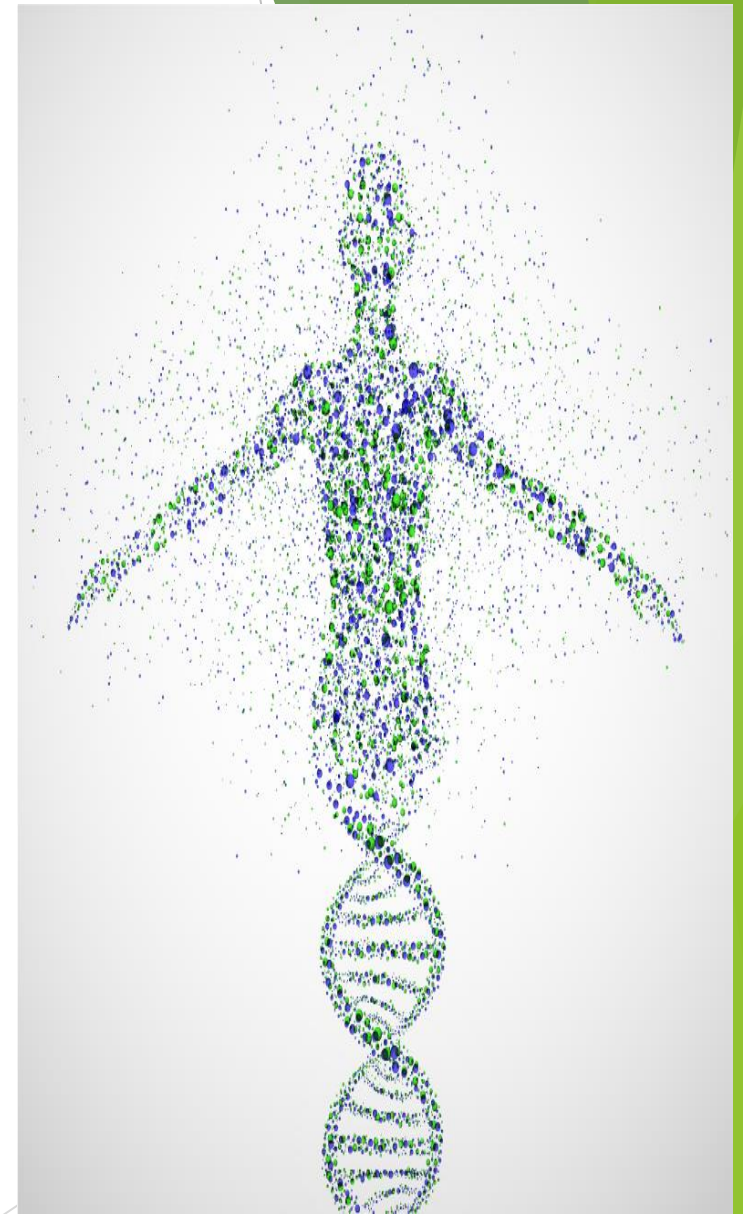
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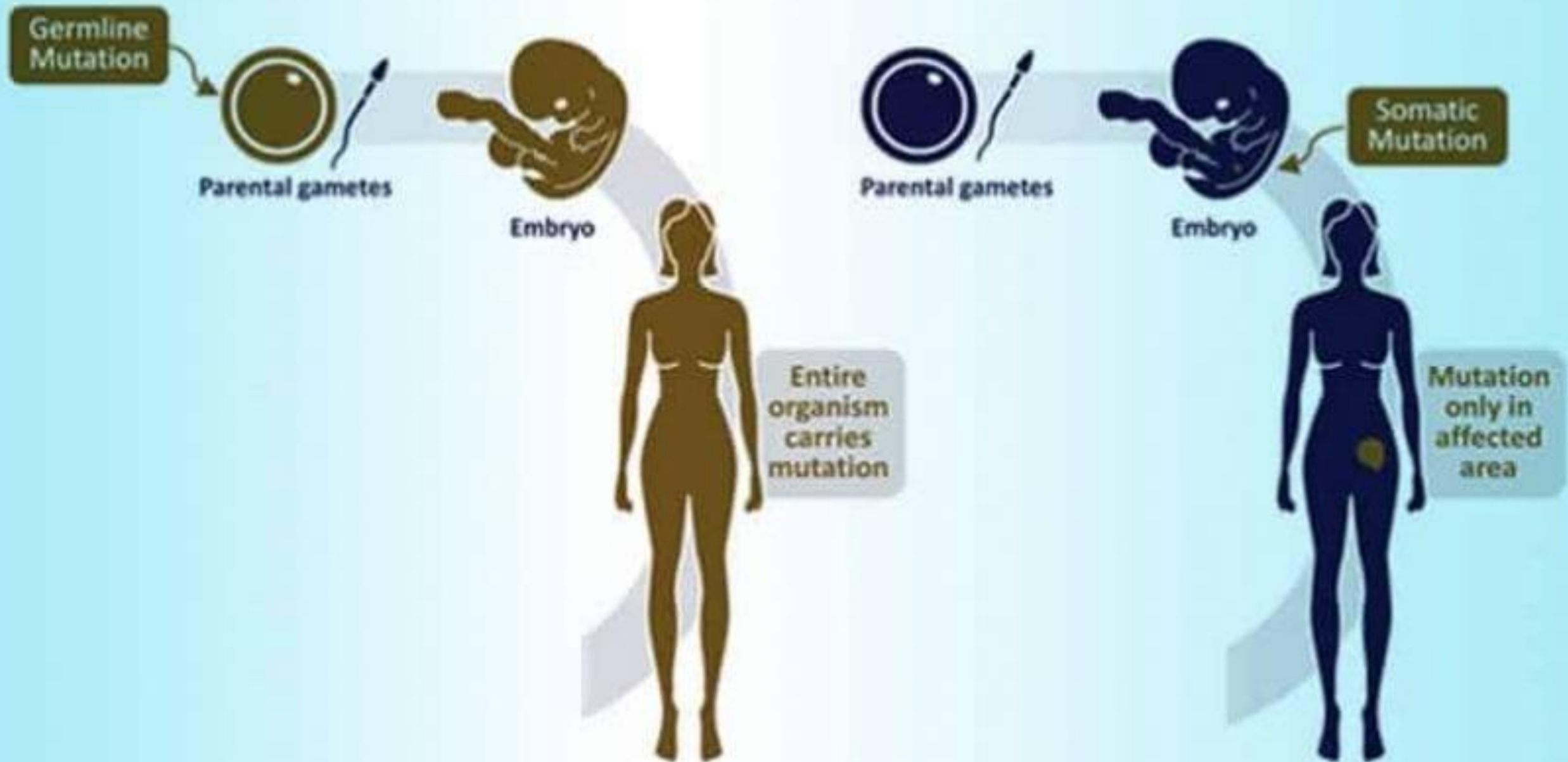


## Genetics

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- The study of heredity
- The study of the function and composition of single genes.
- 'Gene': specific sequence of DNA that codes for a functional molecule.





# What is Lynch

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# What is Lynch syndrome?

Lynch syndrome is an autosomal dominant cancer predisposition syndrome arising from a dysfunctional DNA mismatch repair (MMR) system

Up to 95% of Lynch syndrome carriers are unaware

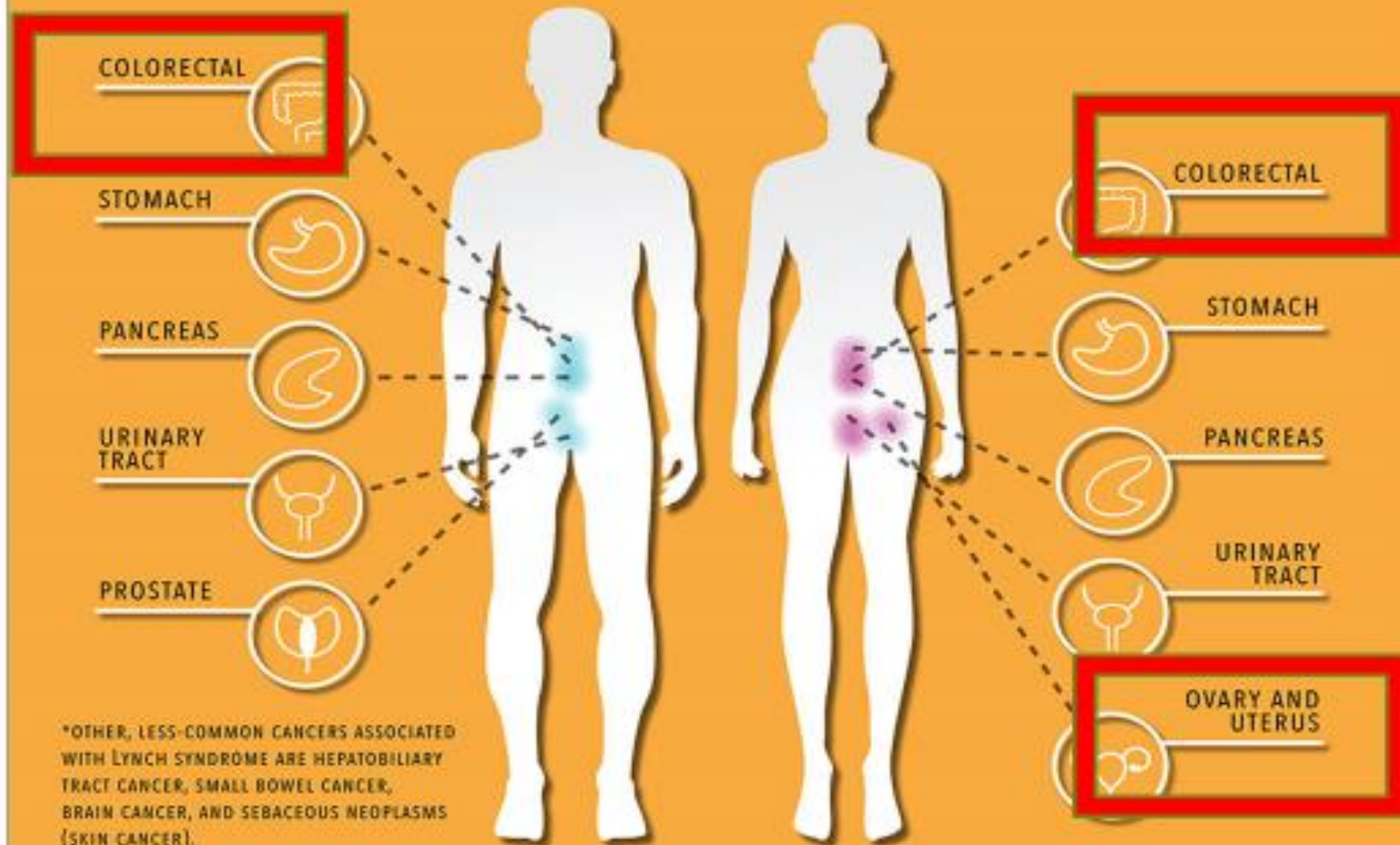


Lynch syndrome may occur in up to

**1** in **278**  
people

making it the most common inherited cause of cancer

## THE MOST COMMON CANCERS IN LYNCH SYNDROME\*



## The Human Mutator Gene Homolog *MSH2* and Its Association with Hereditary Nonpolyposis Colon Cancer

### Mutation of a *mutL* Homolog in Hereditary Colon Cancer

Nickolas Papadopoulos,\* Nicholas C. Nicolaides,\* Ying-Fei Wei, Steven M. Ruben, Kenneth C. Carter, Craig A. Rosen,

1994

### Ubiquitous somatic mutations in simple repeated sequences reveal a new mechanism for colonic carcinogenesis

Yurij Ionov\*, Miguel A. Peinado\*†, Sergei Malkhosyan\*, Darryl Shibata‡ & Manuel Perucho\*§

### Genetic Mapping of a Locus Predisposing to Human Colorectal Cancer

Päivi Peltomäki,\* Lauri A. Aaltonen,\* Pertti Sistonen, Lea Pykkänen, Jukka-Pekka Mecklin, Heikki Järvinen, Jane S. Green, Jeremy R. Jass, James L. Weber, Fredrick S. Leach, Gloria M. Petersen, Stanley R. Hamilton, Albert de la Chapelle,† Bert Vogelstein†

### Clues to the Pathogenesis of Familial Colorectal Cancer

Lauri A. Aaltonen,\* Päivi Peltomäki,\* Fredrick S. Leach,\* Pertti Sistonen, Lea Pykkänen, Jukka-Pekka Mecklin, Heikki Järvinen, Steven M. Powell, Jin Jen, Stanley R. Hamilton, Gloria M. Petersen, Kenneth W. Kinzler, Bert Vogelstein,† Albert de la Chapelle†

### Destabilization of tracts of simple repetitive DNA in yeast by mutations affecting DNA mismatch repair

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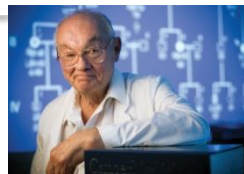
Nucleic Acids Research

High frequencies of short frameshifts in poly-CA/TG tandem repeats borne by bacteriophage M13 in *Escherichia coli* K-12

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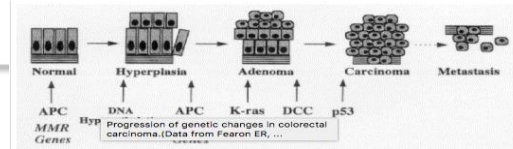
### Amsterdam I

- At least three family members must have histologically confirmed colorectal cancer;
- One must be a first-degree relative of the other two;
- At least two consecutive generations must be affected;
- At least one of the CRC cases must have been diagnosed before age 50;
- Familial adenomatous polyposis must be excluded.

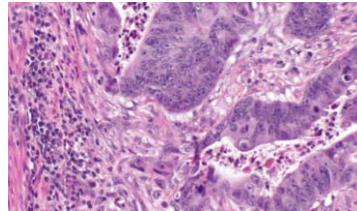
**Methylation of the *hMLH1* Promoter Correlates with Lack of Expression of *hMLH1* in Sporadic Colon Tumors and Mismatch Repair-defective Human Tumor Cell Lines<sup>1</sup>**

A National Cancer Institute Workshop on Hereditary Nonpolyposis Colorectal Cancer Syndrome: meeting highlights and Bethesda guidelines.

1997  
**Germline mutation of *MSH6* as the cause of hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer**



1995  
**Mutation in the DNA mismatch repair gene homologue *hMLH1* is associated with hereditary non-polyposis colon cancer**



1994  
**Surveillance in Lynch syndrome: how aggressive?**

Lanspa SJ<sup>1</sup>, Jenkins JX, Cavalleri RJ, Smyrk TC, Watson P, Lynch J, Lynch HT.



**ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION**

**Comparison of Extended Colectomy and Limited Resection in Patients With Lynch Syndrome**

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Edibaldo Silva-Lopez, M.D., Ph.D.<sup>3</sup> Henry T. Lynch, M.D.<sup>4</sup>

2010

**Feasibility of Screening for Lynch Syndrome Among Patients With Colorectal Cancer**

Heather Hampel, Wendy L. Frankel, Edward Martin, Mark Arnold, Karamjit Khanduja, Philip Kuebler, Mark Clendenning, Kaisa Sotamaa, Thomas Prior, Judith A. Westman, Jenny Panescu, Dan Fix, Janet Lockman, Jennifer LaJeunesse, Ilene Comeras, and Albert de la Chapelle

2008

**DNA Mismatch Repair-dependent Response to Fluoropyrimidine-generated Damage\***

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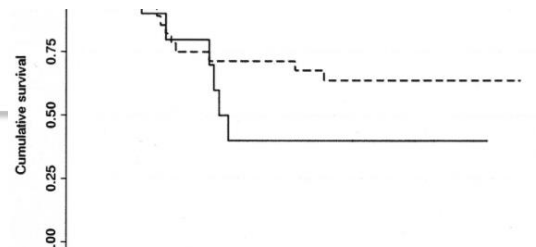
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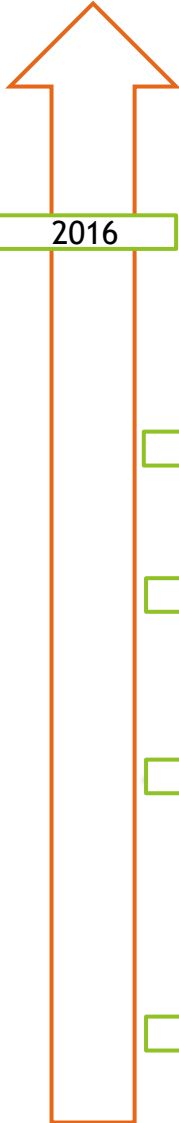
**Mutations associated with HNPCC predisposition – Update of ICG-HNPCC/INSiGHT mutation database**

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2004

1998





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2016

## NICE recommends all bowel cancer patients to be tested for Lynch Syndrome

Today (Friday 21 October) the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence have announced draft guidance recommending that everyone who is diagnosed with bowel cancer should be tested for Lynch syndrome. This is good news as this genetic condition increases a person's risk of a bowel cancer diagnosis by up to 80% in some cases.



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2014

**Application of a five-tiered scheme for standardized classification of 2,360 unique mismatch repair gene variants lodged on the InSiGHT locus-specific database**

2014

**Revised guidelines for the clinical management of Lynch syndrome (HNPCC): recommendations by a group of European experts**

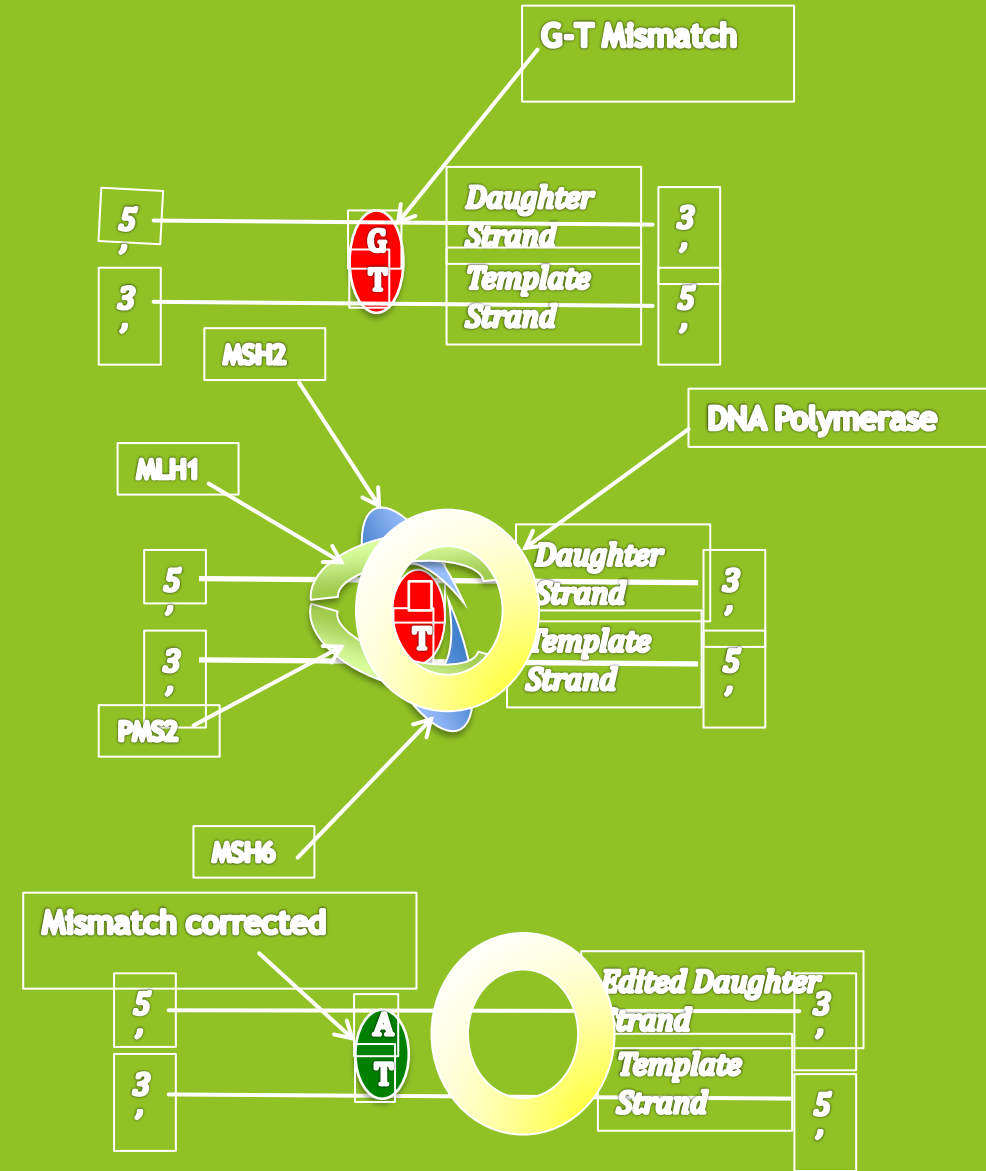
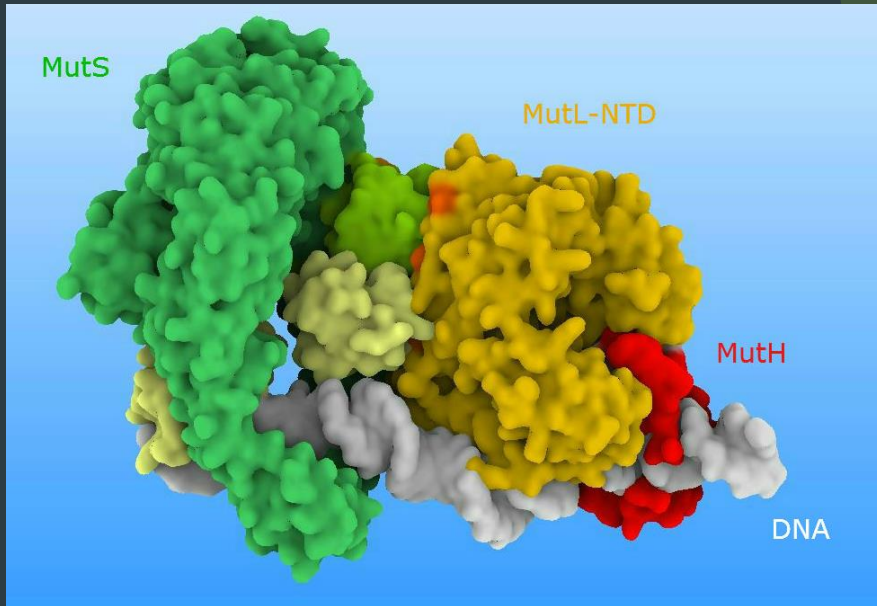
2013

**Long-term effect of aspirin on cancer risk in carriers of hereditary colorectal cancer: an analysis from the CAPP2 randomised controlled trial**

2011

*John Burn, Anne-Marie Gerdes, Finlay Macrae, Jukka-Pekka Mecklin, Gabriela Moeslein, Sylviane Olschwang, Diane Eccles, D Gareth Evans, Eamonn R Maher, Lucio Bertario, Marie-Luise Bisgaard, Malcolm G Dunlop, Judy W C Ho, Shirley V Hodgson, Annika Lindblom, Jan Lubinski, Patrick J Morrison, Victoria Murday, Raj Ramesar, Lucy Side, Rodney J Scott, Huw J W Thomas, Hans F Vasen, Gail Barker, Gillian Crawford, Faye Elliott, Mohammad Movahedi, Kirsi Pylvanainen, Juul T Wijnen, Riccardo Fodde, Henry T Lynch, John C Mathers, D Timothy Bishop, on behalf of the CAPP2 Investigators*

# Mismatch repair (MMR) system



**DNA mismatch repair (MMR) deficiency**



**Frameshift, nonsense and missense mutations persist within microsatellites  $[A]_n$ ,  $[CA]_n$  etc**



**Key tumour suppressor and cell-cycle regulator genes affected: TGF $\beta$ 1R2, BAX, APC etc.<sup>[2]</sup>**



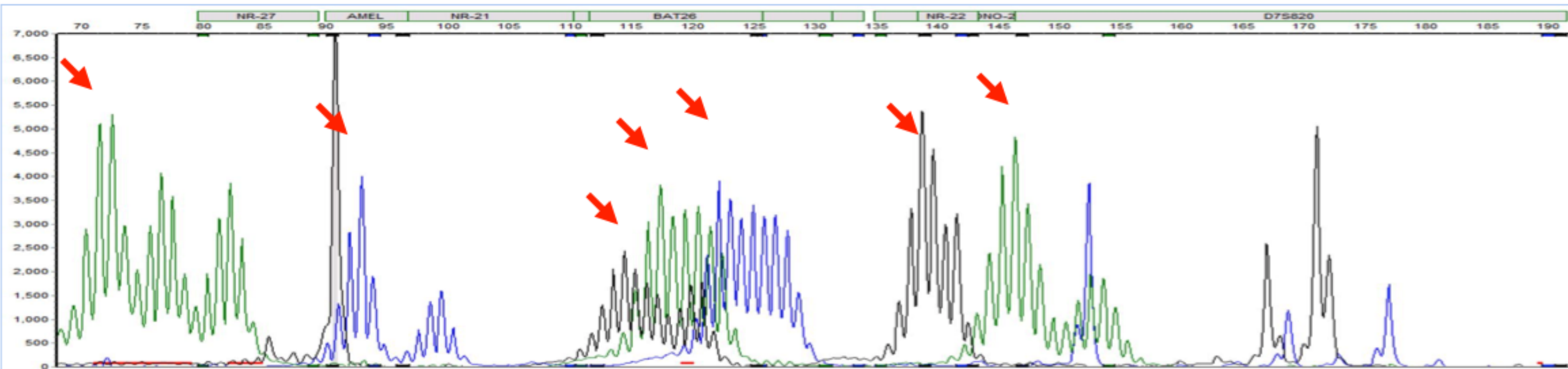
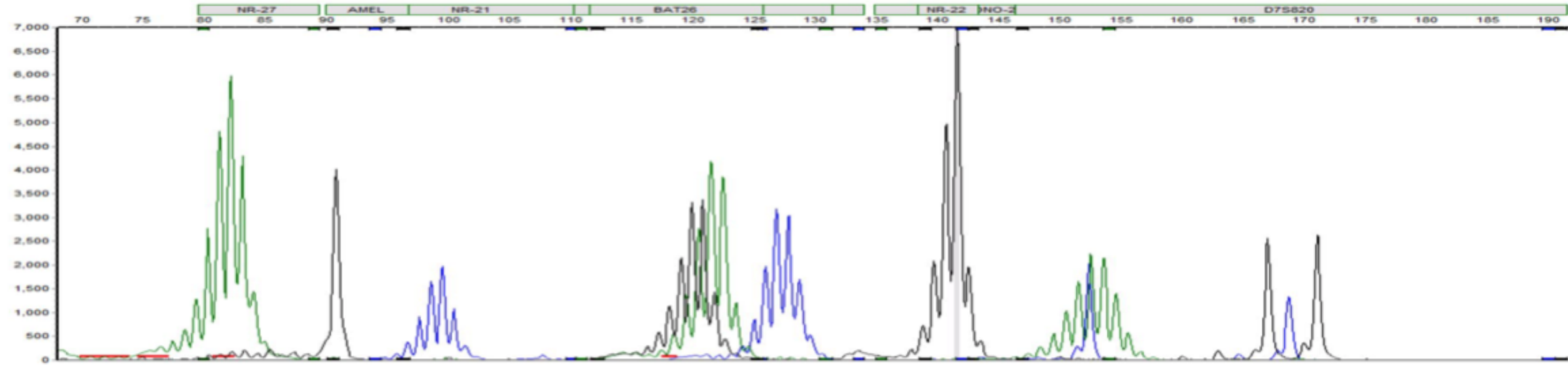
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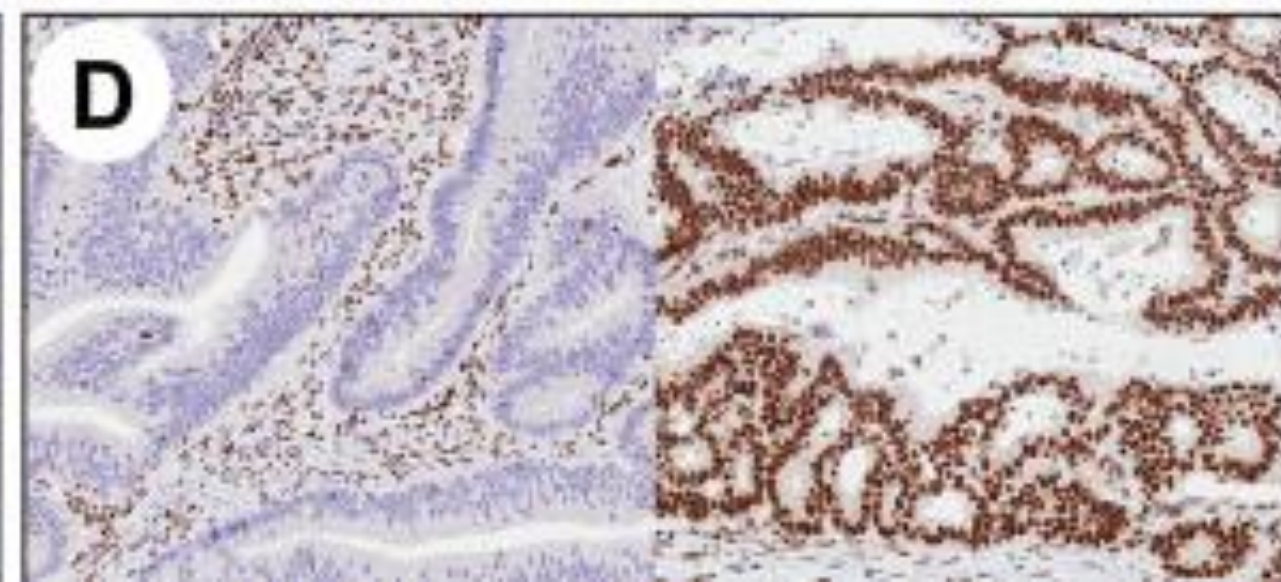
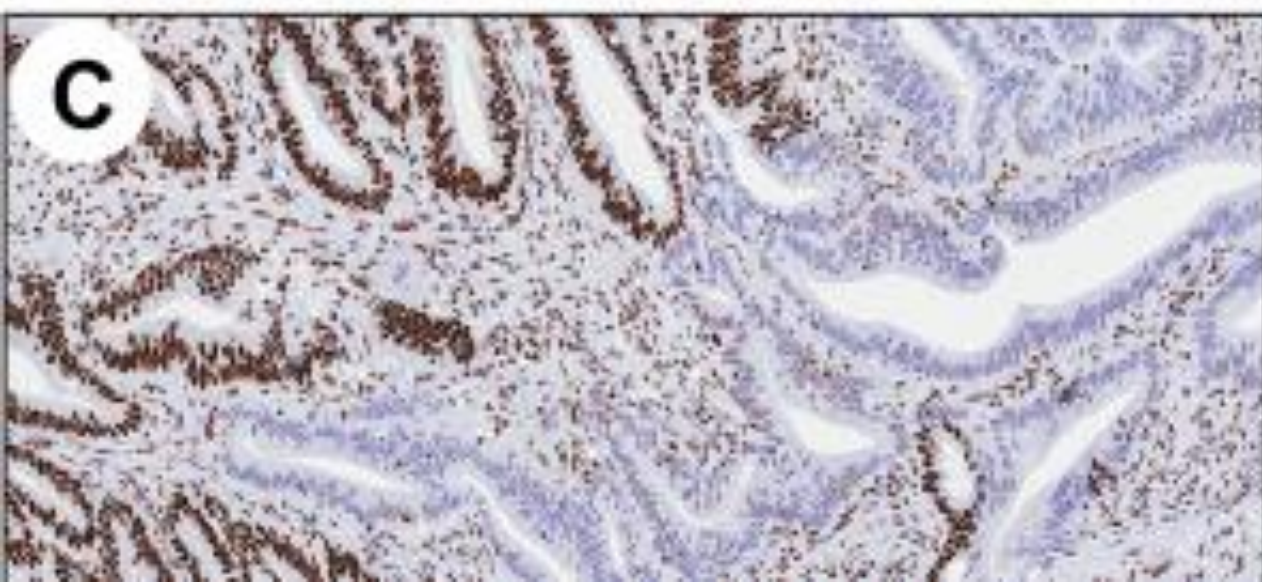
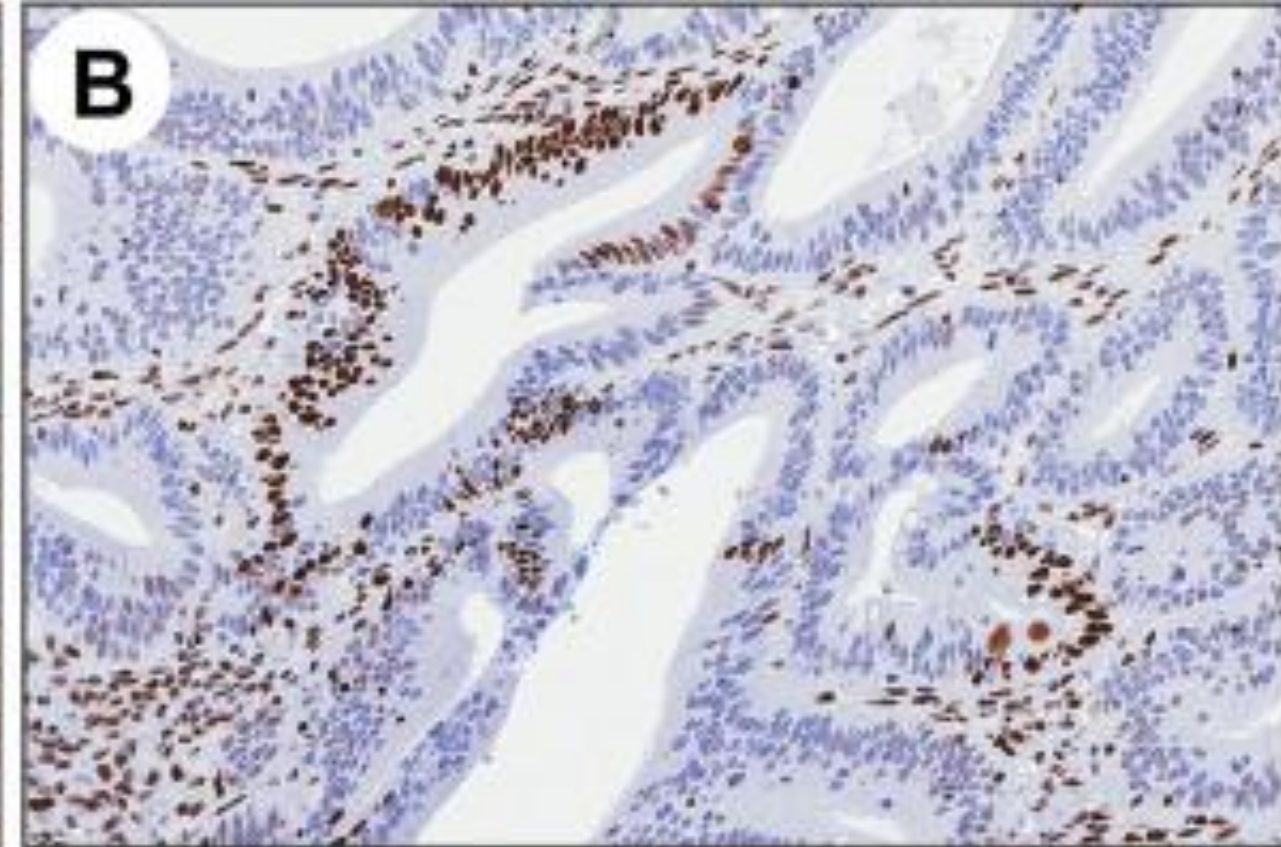
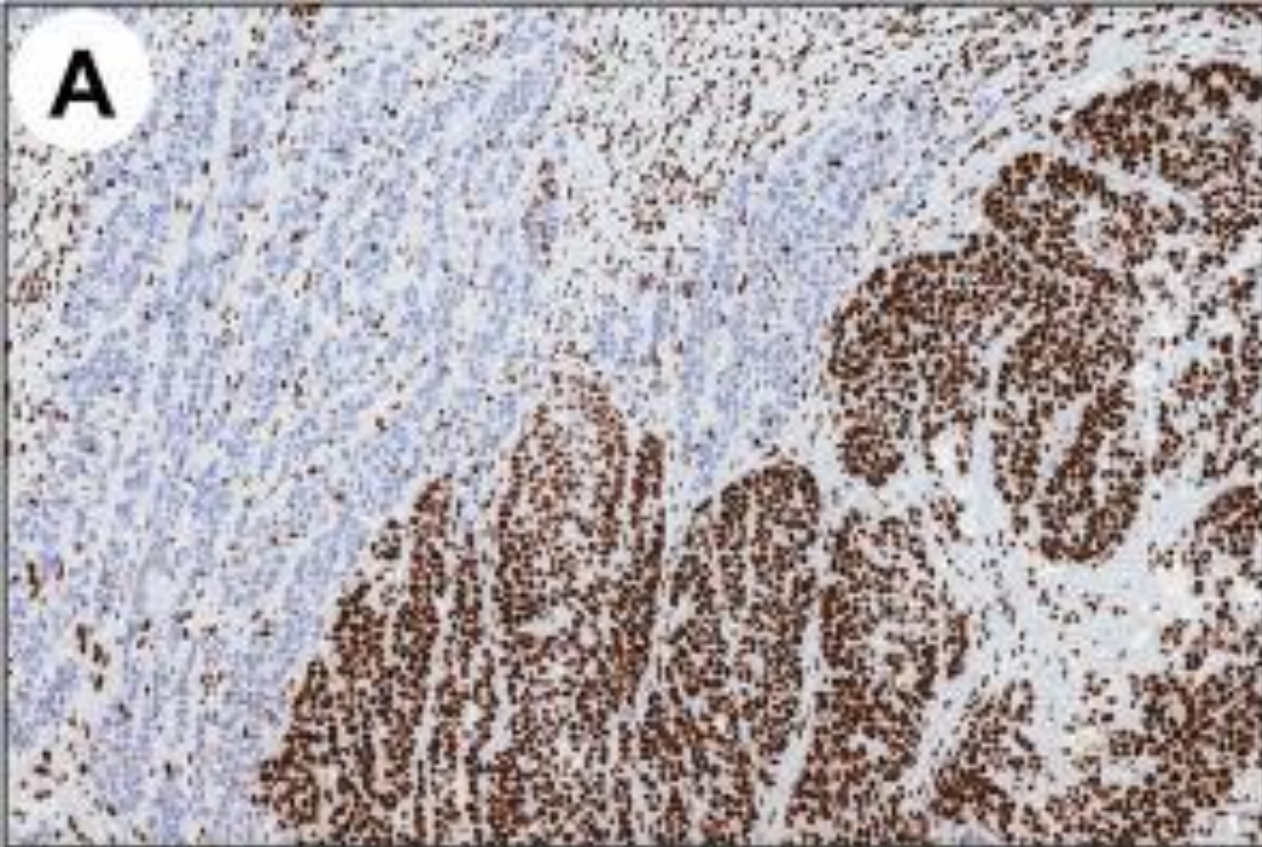


# Testing for Lynch

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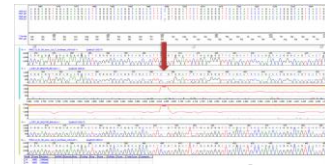
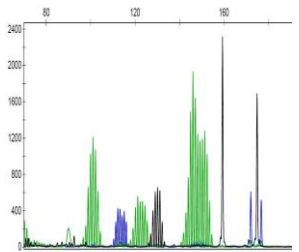
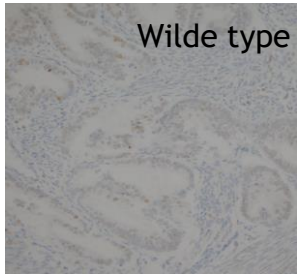
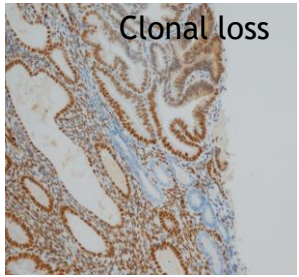
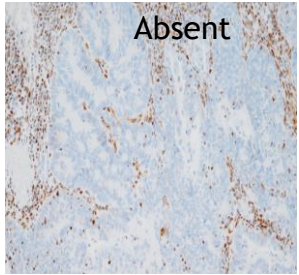
# Detection of MSI in tumor tissues using the PrecisionPlex™ MSI detection system













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RESEARCH ARTICLE

## The proportion of endometrial tumours associated with Lynch syndrome (PETALS): A prospective cross-sectional study

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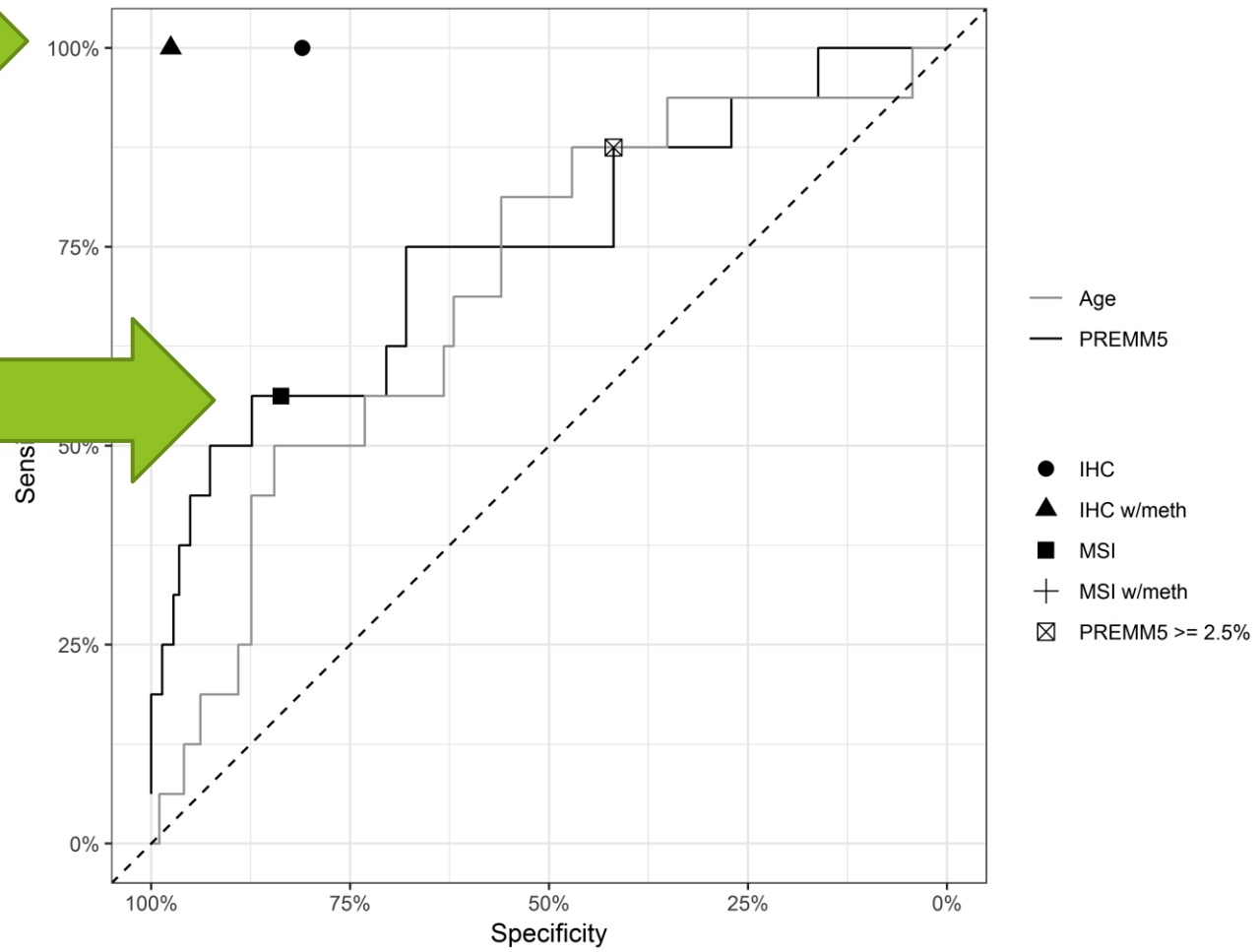
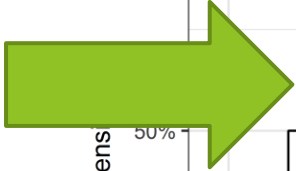
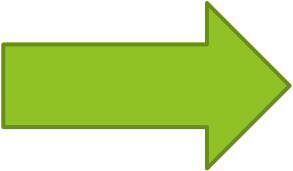
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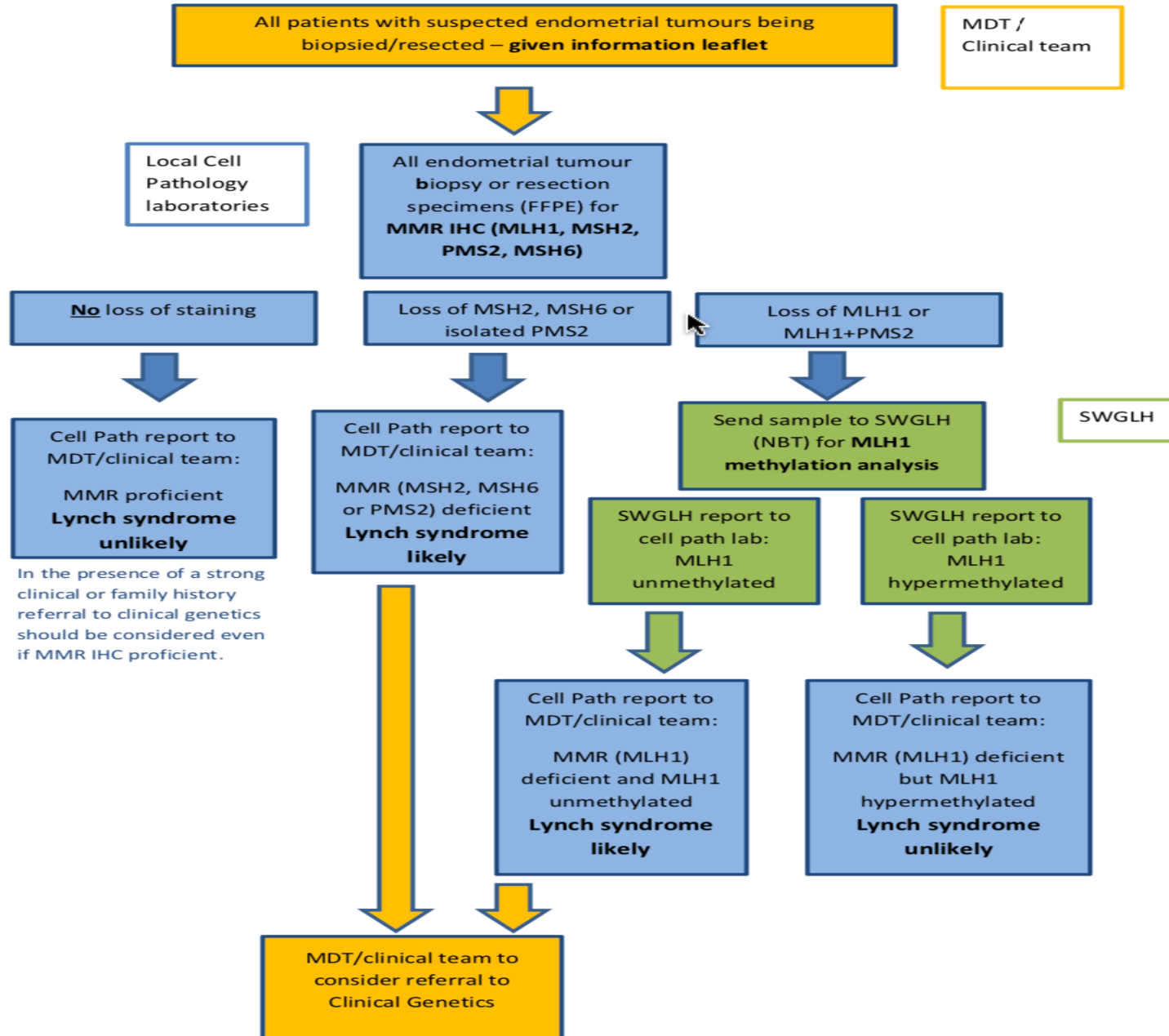
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**For the identification of patients with Lynch syndrome**



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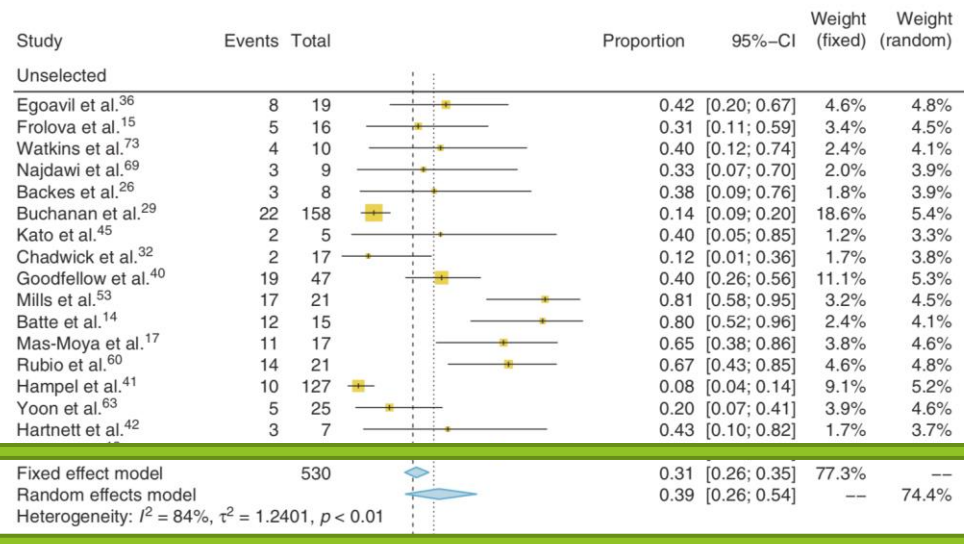




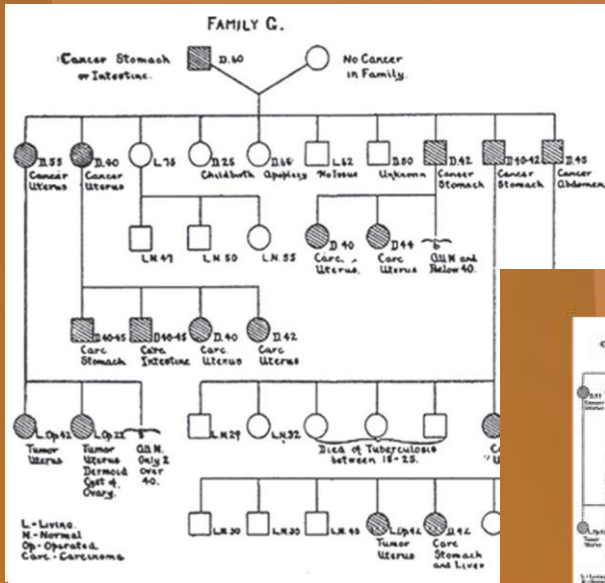
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## The proportion of endometrial cancers associated with Lynch syndrome: a systematic review of the literature and meta-analysis

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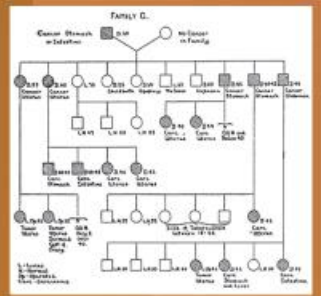


3% (2.6-3.5%)



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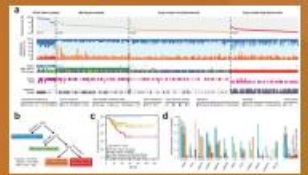
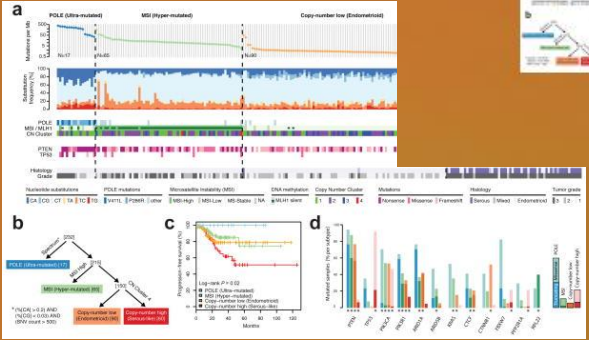
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**DECREASE IN MORTALITY IN LYNCH SYNDROME FAMILIES BECAUSE OF SURVEILLANCE**  
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**PREVENTIVE SURGERY FOR COLON CANCER IN FAMILIAL ADENOMATOUS POLYPOSIS AND HEREDITARY NONPOLYPOSIS COLORECTAL CANCER SYNDROME**

**LONG-TERM EFFECT OF ASPIRIN ON CANCER RISK IN CARRIERS OF HEREDITARY COLORECTAL CANCER: AN ANALYSIS FROM THE CAPP2 RANDOMISED CONTROLLED TRIAL**

**GASTROENTEROLOGY 2006;130:665–671**  
**Lynch Syndrome Families Because of**  
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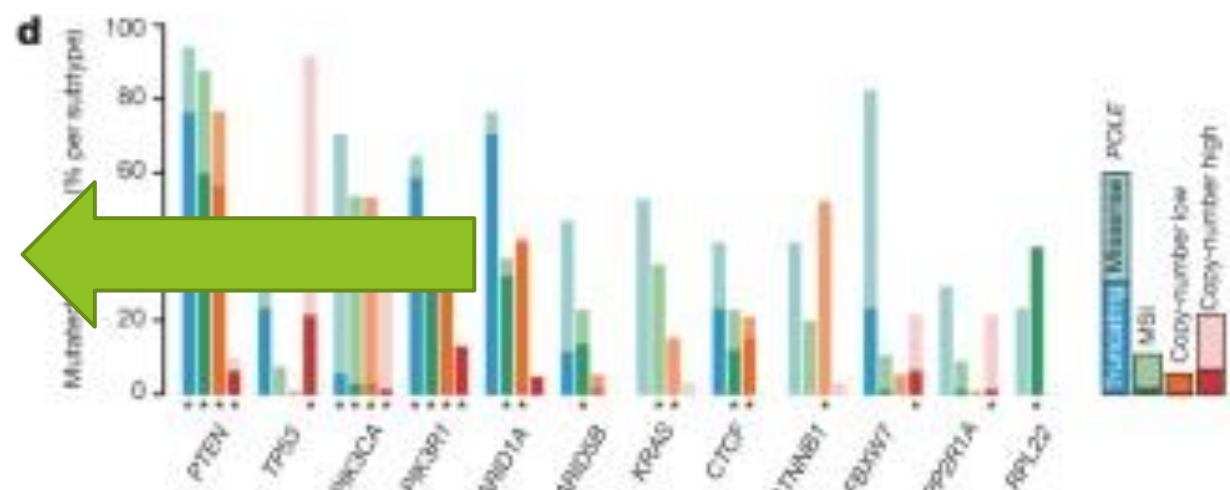
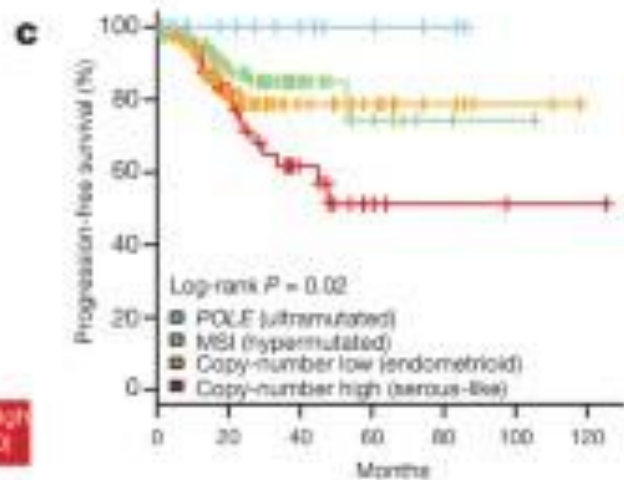
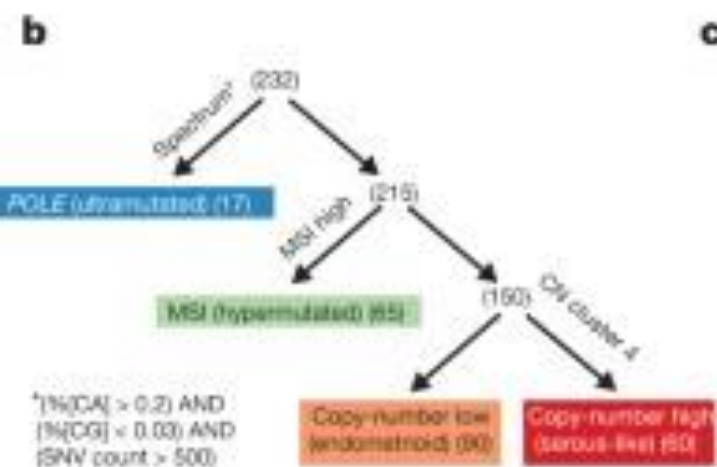
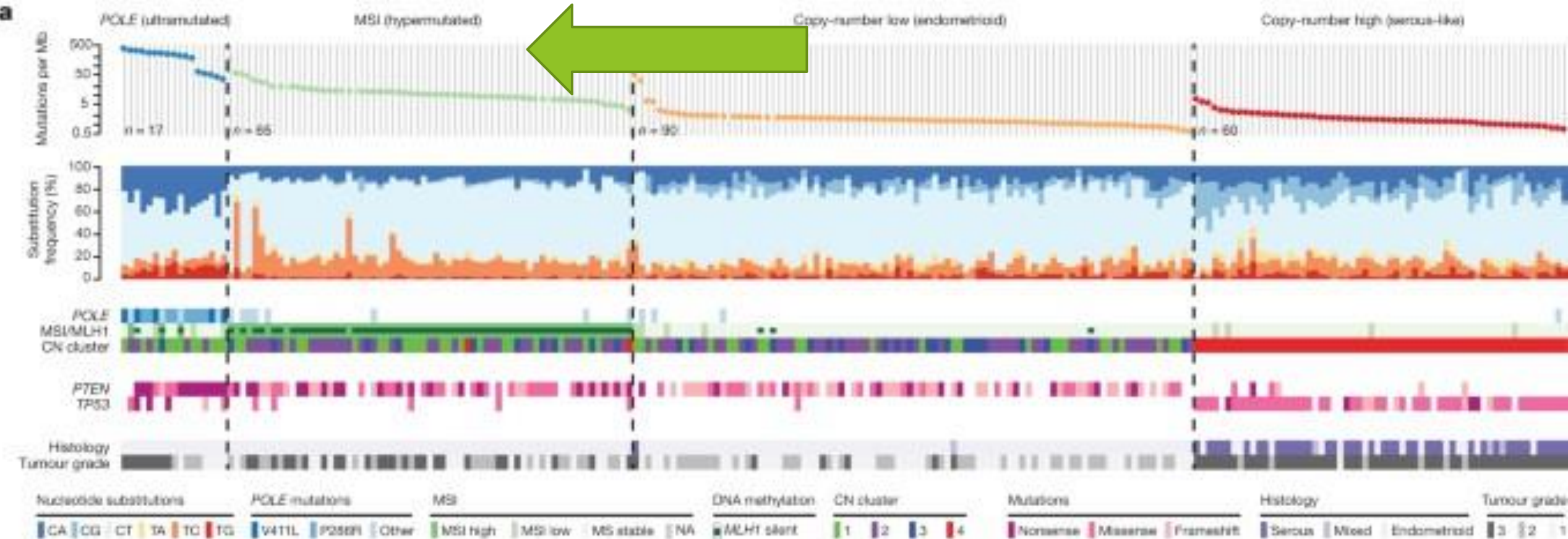
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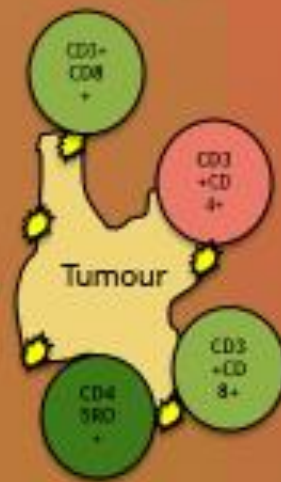




MMR deficiency leads to a high mutation frequency



Translation of immunogenic neoantigens

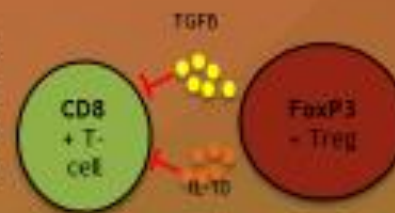


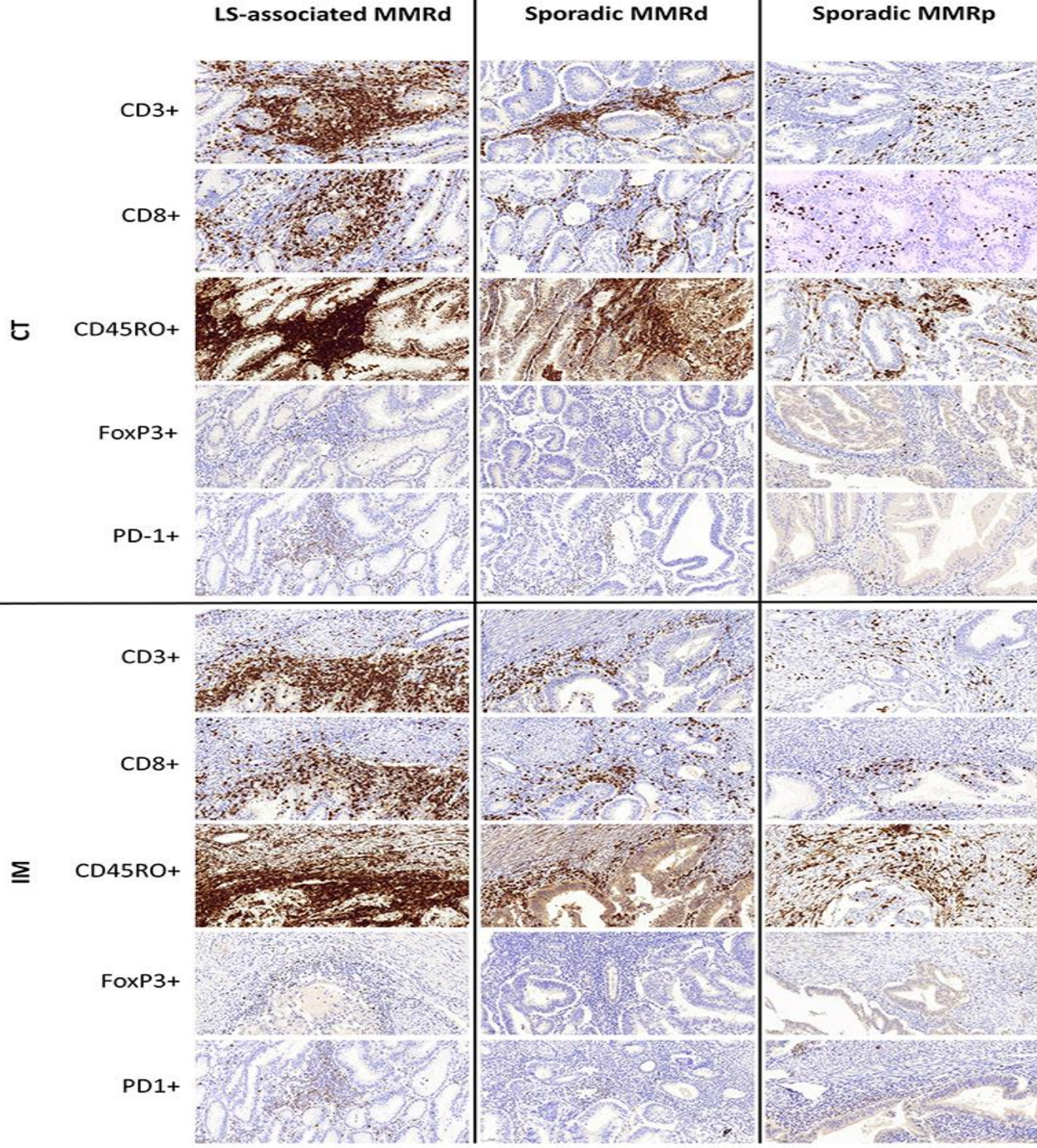
Upregulation of the PD-1/PD-L1 immune inhibitory axis



MMR deficient CRC's are characterised by a higher infiltration of CD3+ and CD8+ lymphocytes compared to MMR proficient CRC<sup>2</sup>.

Upregulation of immune inhibitory FoxP3+ regulatory T-cells

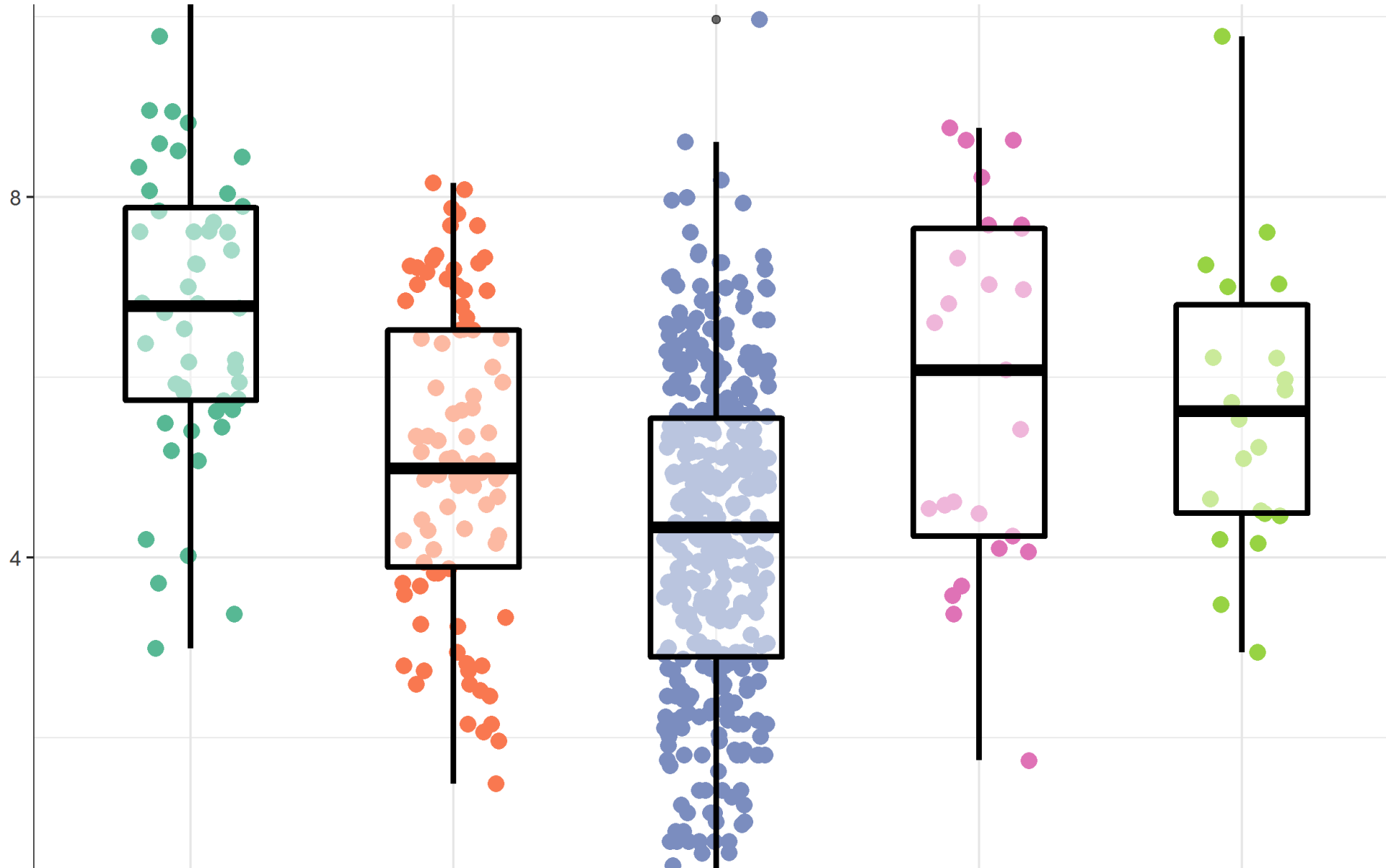




## Distinct Immunological Landscapes Characterize Inherited and Sporadic Mismatch Repair Deficient Endometrial Cancer

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Box-Cox-transformed Average CD8 Counts

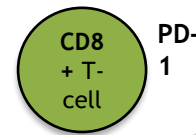


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- Conf.Lynch
  - MLH1.Methyl
  - Norm
  - Pole
  - Susp.Lynch

# Checkpoint inhibitors

- Immune check point mechanisms can be targeted by mono-clonal antibody-based therapies
- In 2000 Medarex launched its first clinical trials with a human Mab binding to CTLA-4.
- Approval of ipilimumab for the treatment of metastatic melanoma by the FDA in 2011.

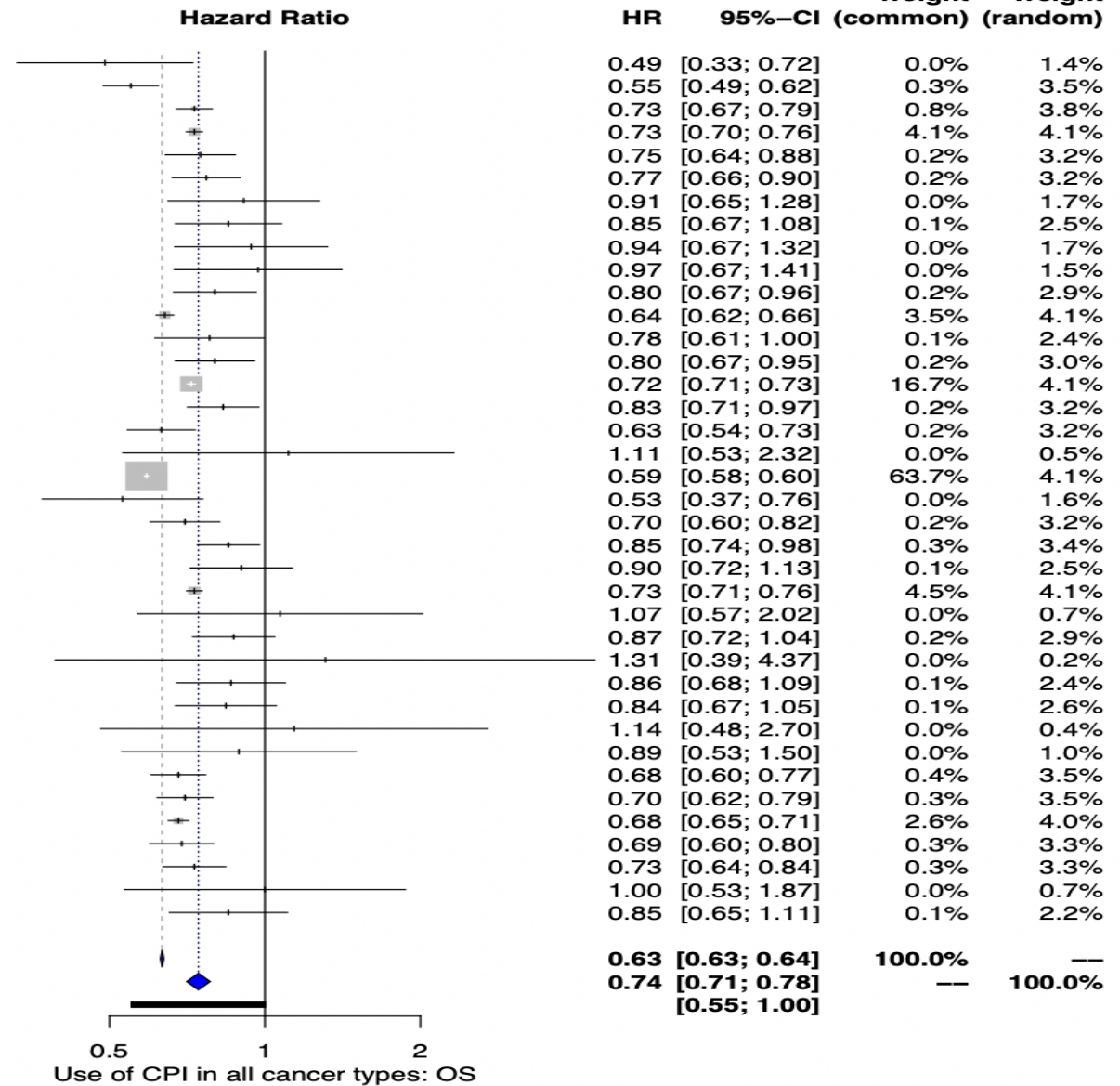
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Fradet et al., 2019	-0.31	0.0403	270	272
Borghaei et al., 2015	-0.31	0.0181	292	290
Zhou et al., 2017	-0.29	0.0790	213	212
Kojima et al., 2020	-0.26	0.0770	198	203
Shitara et al., 2020	-0.09	0.1721	256	250
Shitara et al., 2020	-0.16	0.1205	257	250
Shitara et al., 2018	-0.06	0.1735	296	296
Winer et al., 2021	-0.03	0.1904	312	310
Rudin et al., 2020	-0.22	0.0936	228	225
Paz-Ares et al., 2020	-0.45	0.0195	278	281
Finn et al., 2020	-0.25	0.1237	278	135
Cohen et al., 2019	-0.22	0.0897	247	248
Burtness et al., 2019	-0.33	0.0089	281	278
Burtness et al., 2019	-0.19	0.0809	300	300
Kang et al., 2017	-0.46	0.0767	268	131
Bang et al., 2018	0.10	0.3762	185	186
Vokes et al., 2018	-0.53	0.0046	135	137
Vokes et al., 2018	-0.63	0.1822	135	137
Ferris et al., 2016	-0.36	0.0786	240	121
Powles et al., 2018	-0.16	0.0702	467	464
Barlesi et al., 2018	-0.11	0.1155	396	396
Rittmeyer et al., 2017	-0.31	0.0173	425	425
Carbone et al., 2017	0.07	0.3237	271	270
Emens et al., 2021	-0.14	0.0932	451	451
Miles et al., 2021	0.27	0.6146	431	220
Spigel et al., 2021	-0.15	0.1230	284	285
Owonikoko et al., 2021	-0.17	0.1145	280	275
Pujade-Lauraine et al., 2021	0.13	0.4399	188	190
Pujade-Lauraine et al., 2021	-0.12	0.2661	188	190
Wu et al., 2019	-0.39	0.0615	338	166
Horn et al., 2018	-0.36	0.0629	201	202
Antonia et al., 2018	-0.39	0.0227	476	237
Fennell et al., 2021	-0.37	0.0725	221	111
Motzer et al., 2015	-0.31	0.0708	410	411
Hamanishi et al., 2021	0.00	0.3193	131	125
Jassem et al., 2021	-0.16	0.1339	277	277

**Common effect model** 10514 9163  
**Random effects model**  
**Prediction interval**

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# Lynch Syndrome Management

## Colonoscopy:

Every 2 years from

- MLH1 MSH2: 25 years onwards
- MSH6 PMS2: 35 years onwards

## Aspirin

~50% reduction of cancer risk

Lifestyle Modification

Prophylactic  
TAH-BSO

~age 40 years

PGD

@ Cancer  
diagnosis

- Adaptive surgery
- Personalised onco-therapy

	Red (1)	Amber (2)	Green (3)
Bowel screening	Absent	Present but not up to date	Up to date
Aspirin chemoprevention	Not discussed	Discussed and declined/Not indicated	Taken or not applicable
Helicobacter pylori test and eradication	Not discussed	Testing planned	Tested and managed accordingly
Cascading of genetic risk information to relatives	Not considered or refused	Considered and pending discussion at appropriate age	In place or not applicable
Gynaecological review	Not considered and patient potentially at risk	Considered and pending review	In place or not applicable
Prostate Review	Not considered and patient potentially at risk	Considered and pending review	In place or not applicable
Symptom awareness, access to additional support if required	Not discussed	Partially in place	In place



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## The Manchester International Consensus Group recommendations for the management of gynecological cancers in Lynch syndrome

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## Testing strategies for Lynch syndrome in people with endometrial cancer

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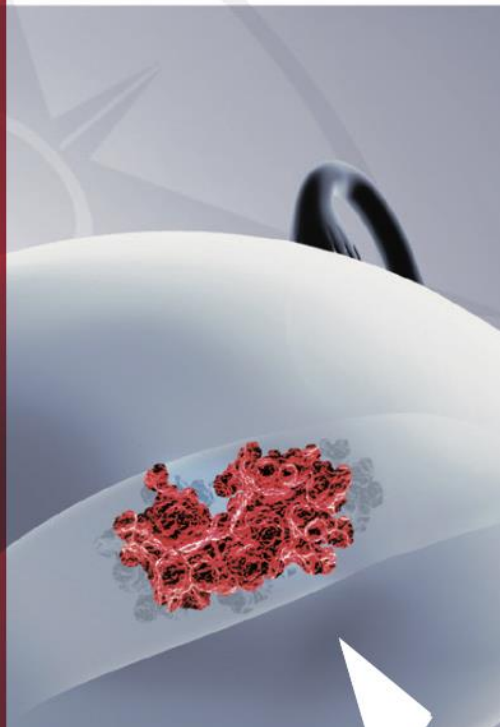
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# Dostarlimab for previously treated advanced or recurrent endometrial cancer with high microsatellite instability or mismatch repair deficiency

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**Definition of prognostic risk groups for both situations when molecular classification is known or unknown is presented as follows:**

	<b>Molecular Classification Unknown</b>	<b>Molecular Classification Known<sup>4,*</sup></b>
<b>Stage I</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage IA endometrioid + low-grade** + LVSI negative or focal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage I-II <b>POLEmut</b> endometrioid with no residual disease</li> <li>• Stage IA <b>MMRd/NSMP</b> endometrioid low-grade** + LVSI negative or focal</li> </ul>
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<b>Stage III</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage I endometrioid + substantial LVSI, regardless of grade and depth of invasion</li> <li>• Stage IB endometrioid high-grade**, regardless of LVSI status</li> <li>• Stage II</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage I <b>MMRd/NSMP</b> endometrioid with substantial LVSI, regardless of grade and depth of invasion</li> <li>• Stage IB <b>MMRd/NSMP</b> endometrioid high-grade**, regardless of LVSI status</li> <li>• Stage II <b>MMRd/NSMP</b> endometrioid carcinoma</li> </ul>
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## Ovarian and Endometrial Cancer Guidelines

13 March 2017

The BGCS has now released the first national comprehensive Ovarian and Endometrial cancer guidelines after completing public consultation and international and national peer reviewing.



# Commissioning responsibilities

Implementation of the Lynch syndrome pathway was included in the [NHS Planning and Contracting Guidance for 2020/21](#) and has been identified as a priority for Cancer Alliances and Genomic Medicine Service Alliances.

Stage	Funding responsibility
Initial tumour test	<p>IHC: Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) are responsible for providing funding to pathology services for IHC testing</p> <p>MSI: MSI is included in National Genomic Test Directory and is therefore funded nationally by specialised commissioning. There will also need to be funding for histopathological assessment, the responsibility for this lies with CCGs.</p>
Germline testing	<p>Germline testing for Lynch syndrome is included in the National Genomic Test Directory and is therefore funded nationally by specialised commissioning</p>
Surveillance and management of people with Lynch syndrome	<p>CCGs are responsible for funding surveillance pathways for people with Lynch syndrome including colonoscopy and gynaecological prevention strategies</p>



# Surveillance



Surveillance  
for women  
with Lynch  
syndrome

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## UNCERTAINTIES

# Should women with Lynch syndrome be offered gynaecological cancer surveillance?

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### What you need to know

- Lynch syndrome is an inherited genetic condition associated with an increased risk of endometrial and ovarian cancer in women
- Limited low quality evidence from observational studies show that gynaecological surveillance detects cancer in women with Lynch syndrome, but it is

the Prospective Lynch Syndrome database (<http://www.plsd.eu>). For a woman with Lynch syndrome, the lifetime risk of endometrial or ovarian cancer is 40-60% and 10-17%, respectively, the incidence increasing with age beyond 40 years.<sup>2</sup>

### Data sources and selection strategy

We searched CENTRAL, Medline, Embase, and the

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**Table 1 | UK, European, US, and National Comprehensive Cancer Network gynaecological surveillance recommendations for women with Lynch syndrome**

Guidelines	UK 2019 <sup>6</sup>	ESMO 2016 <sup>7</sup>	ASCO 2015 <sup>8</sup>	NCCN2021 <sup>9</sup>
Symptom awareness Education	Yes, age 25	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gynaecological examination	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Pelvic ultrasound	No	Yes	Yes	Not
CA125	No	Not stated	No	Not
Endometrial biopsy	No	Annually from age 30-35	Annually from age 30-35	Every 1-2 years from age 30-35
Hysterectomy and bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy	Yes†	Yes	Yes	Yes
Research needed	Yes	-	-	-

† Can consider at the physician's preference. ‡ No earlier than 35-40 years and preoperative endometrial biopsy and pelvic ultrasound. United Kingdom (UK) Manchester guidelines (NICE does not currently offer a recommendation on surveillance), European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO), American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN).



Study	Modality	Interval	Pathological variant status	Symptomatic	AEH detected	Cancers detected	Stage of cancers detected	Cancers Missed	Stage of Cancers missed
Cornou 2016 (n=177)	TVS+Bx+OPH	Annual	Proven LS	NK	NK	5 EC + 1 OC	NK	0	NA
Dove-Edwin 2000 (n=222)	TVS	Annual or Biennial	Mixed	NA	0	0	NA	2 EC	2xI
Eikenboom 2021 (n=164)	TVS +/- CA125 +/- Bx	Annual	Proven LS	8	7	4 EC 1 OC	EC: 4xI OC: IV	2 EC	2xI
Gerritzen 2009 (n=100)	TVS +/- Bx	Annual	Mixed	NK	4	3 EC* 2 OC	EC: Ib, Ic, IIIc OC: Ia, IIIc	0	NA
Helder-Woolderink 2013 (n=75)	TVS + CA125 +/-Bx	Annual	Mixed	0	1	1 OC	Ia	0	NA
Jarvinen 2009 (n=103)	Bx + TVS	2-3 years	Proven LS	2	0	18 EC 3 OC	EC: 12xI, 2xII, 2xIII	6	EC: 2xI OC: 2xI III
Ketabi 2014 (n=871)	TVS +/- Bx	Various	Mixed	10	3	7 EC + 1 OC	EC: Ia, 2x Ib, 2xIc, IV, 1xNK OC: IIb	2 AEH, 6 EC, 3 OC	EC: 3xIb, II, IIc, IIIc OC: 2xIc, IIIc
Le´curu 2007 (n=57)	TVS+CA125+Bx+OPH	Annual	Mixed	2	0	2 EC	NK	0	NA
Manchanda 2012 (n=41)	TVS+Bx+OPH	Annual	Mixed	2	1	3 EC*	EC: 3xIa	0	NA
Nebgen 2014 (n=55)	TVS+Bx^	Annual or Biennial	Mixed	0	2	1 EC	Ia	0	NA
Renkonen-Sinisalo 2006 (n=175)	Various	2-3 years	Proven LS	NK	4	11 EC	EC: 5xIa, 4xIb, IIb IIIa,	4 OC	3x I & 1x III
Rijcken 2003 (n=41)	TVS + CA125 +/- Bx	Annual	Mixed	0	3	0	NA	1 EC	1B
Rosenthal 2013 (n=95)	TVS and CA125	Annual	Mixed	0	NK	3 OC (EC not reported)	OC: 1a, 2x1c	0	NA
Stuckless 2013 (n=54)	TVS or Bx or CA125	Annual or Biennial	MSH2 only	NK	0	5 EC 1 OC	EC: 4xIa, IIIa OC: IIc	4 EC 4 OC	EC: 2x Ia, Ib, 1 NK OC: Ia, IIb, IIc, 1 NK
Tzortzatos 2015 (n=45)	Various	Annual	Proven LS	0	2	3 EC + 2 OC	EC: 2xII 1xIa OC: 2xIa	4 EC#	Ia, 2x Ib, II

# What to do then ...

Family

Symptoms

Access

Surveillance

Surgery

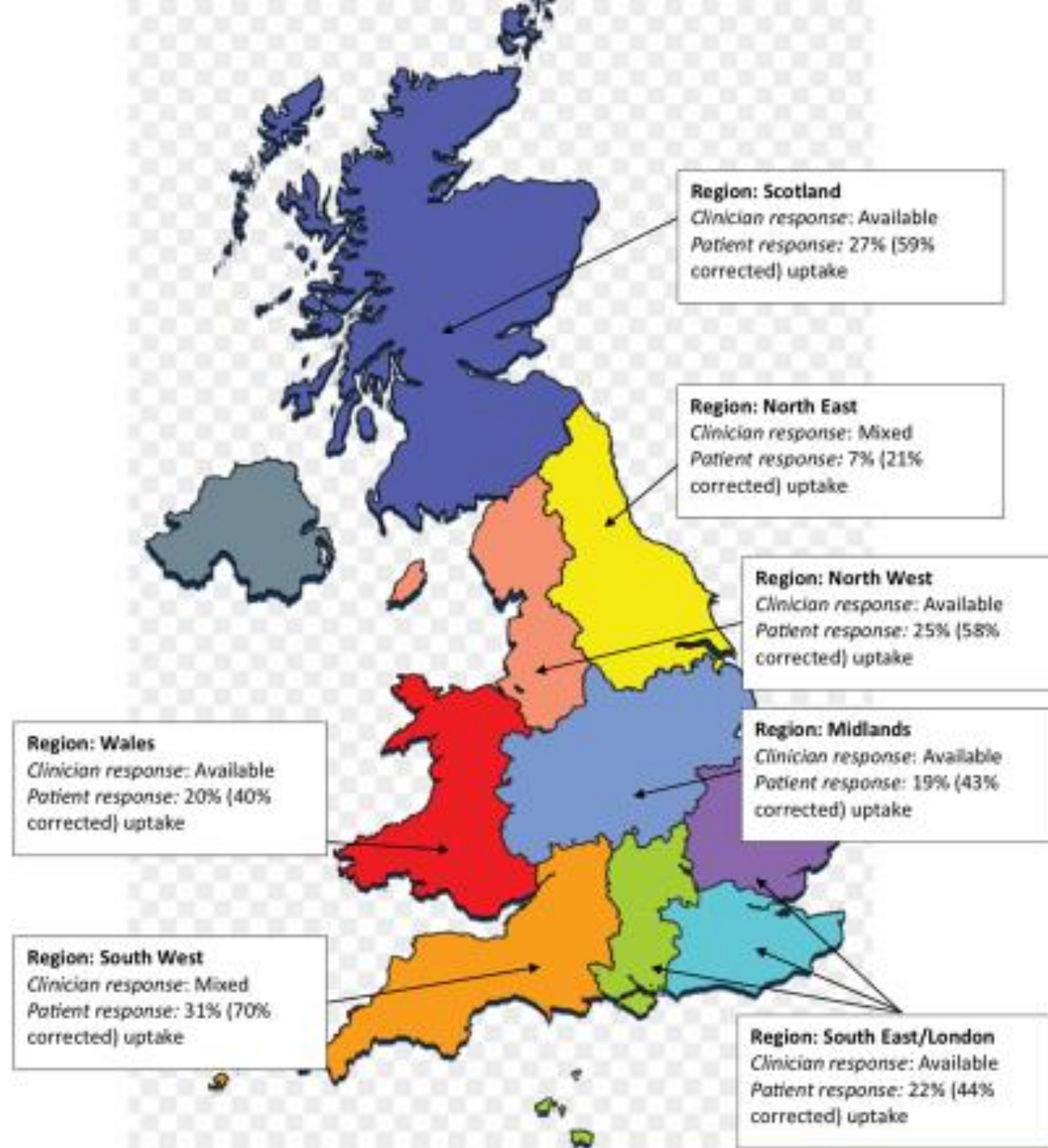
# Current Priorities

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## A mismatch in care: results of a United Kingdom-wide patient and clinician survey of gynaecological services for women with Lynch syndrome

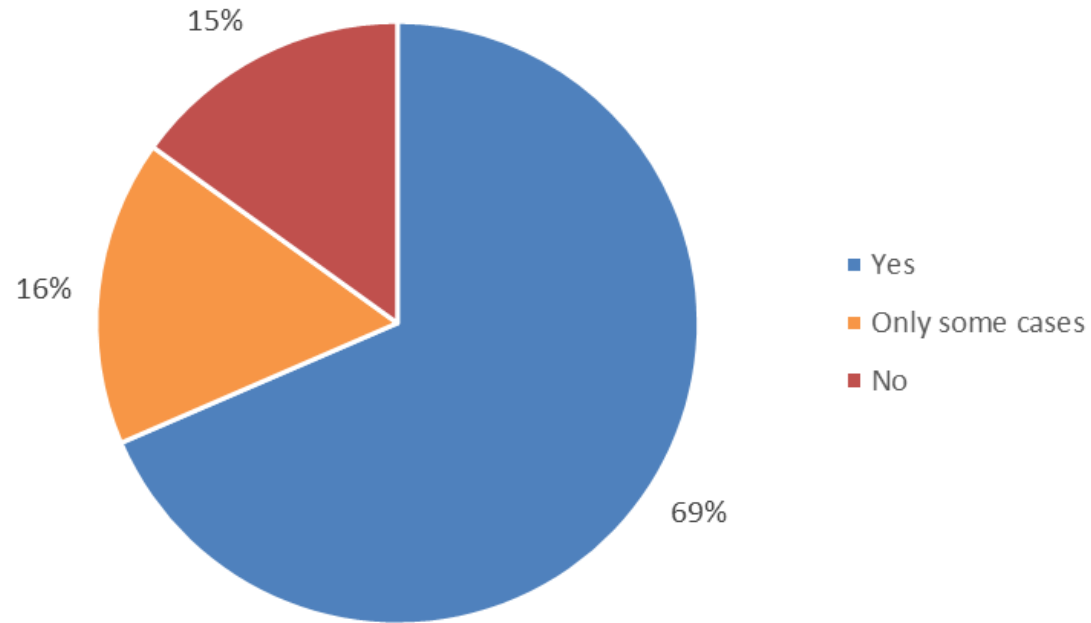
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- 20% of GO didn't know LS was associated with OC
- 18% of GO didn't agree with the universal LS screening in EC
- <5% of Cancer Centers were carrying out universal screening in EC
- The management of women with LS was far from uniform





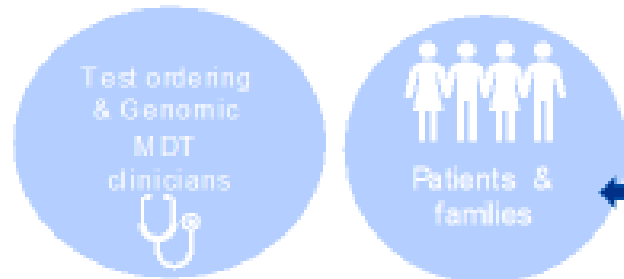
Universal testing of all new **endometrial cancer**  
cases for Lynch Syndrome  
(immunohistochemistry and/or MSI)





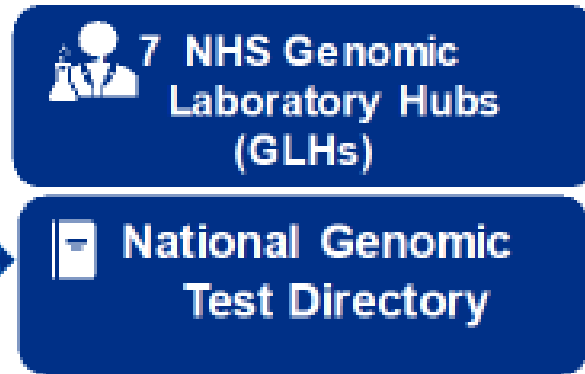
# NHS Genomic Medicine Service

## Clinical genomics & other specialist & cancer services



Informed patient choice and patients involved in all parts of NHS GMS governance

## National Genomic Testing service



National Whole Genome Sequencing provision

Whole Genome Sequencing interpretation & decision support

## Ongoing research & discovery



Elements delivered in partnership with Genomics England



## 7 Genomic Medicine Service Alliances

Multidisciplinary clinical leadership to embed genomic medicine across end-to-end patient pathways through engagement with networks across defined geographies

## Workforce development and education

Integrated & co-ordinated workforce development linked to HEE Genomics Education Programme and appointed workforce development leads

# GMS Alliance national projects

Project area	Key objectives
DPYD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of testing and implementation, identify barriers to equitable access, standardised MDT pathways and data collection</li> <li>Review of electronic systems to inform informatics/decision support projects</li> <li>Characterisation of additional relevant DPYD variants</li> <li>Scope availability of therapeutic drug monitoring</li> </ul>
Familial Hypercholesterolaemia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting primary care teams to increase the detection of FH in the community, in line with the NHS Long Term Plan commitment</li> <li>Drive improvement of genomic understanding and implementation of genomic test requesting in primary care through education of General Practitioners and other primary health care professionals, and support for pathway transformation in PCNs, focusing on FH as an exemplar</li> </ul>
Lynch Syndrome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess the effectiveness of remote approaches to family cascade screening</li> <li>Determine geographical variation and barriers to access to testing pathways across all relevant providers in the geography</li> <li>Embed ubiquitous testing for Lynch Syndrome in colorectal and endometrial cancer patients across the geography</li> <li>Demonstrate clinical impact of testing pathways on access to personalised/stratified care following a cancer diagnosis</li> <li>Develop and embed infrastructure to support pathway transformation and quality improvement in patient care working towards regional Lynch syndrome networks linking primary, secondary and tertiary care</li> </ul>
Pathology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement with pathology</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>blended learning package for clinical interpretation of tests in the Test Directory.</li> <li>Assessment, mapping and development of pathways - identify areas where delays and barriers exist, agreement model tissue pathway for genomic analysis to meet cancer TATs</li> </ul>
Sudden Cardiac Death	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for BHF pilot to introduce genomic testing pathway for SCD</li> </ul>
Monogenic diabetes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Embed monogenic diabetes into clinical practice through trained medical and nursing lead for monogenic diabetes in Trusts</li> <li>Local improvement support via existing trained Genetic Diabetes Nurses, embedded in the GMS Alliances</li> </ul>
Nursing and midwifery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use roadmap and tools developed by Global Genomics Nursing Alliance (G2NA), to ensure focus is maintained on a systematic and coordinated approach to embedding genomics in nursing and midwifery practice</li> </ul>

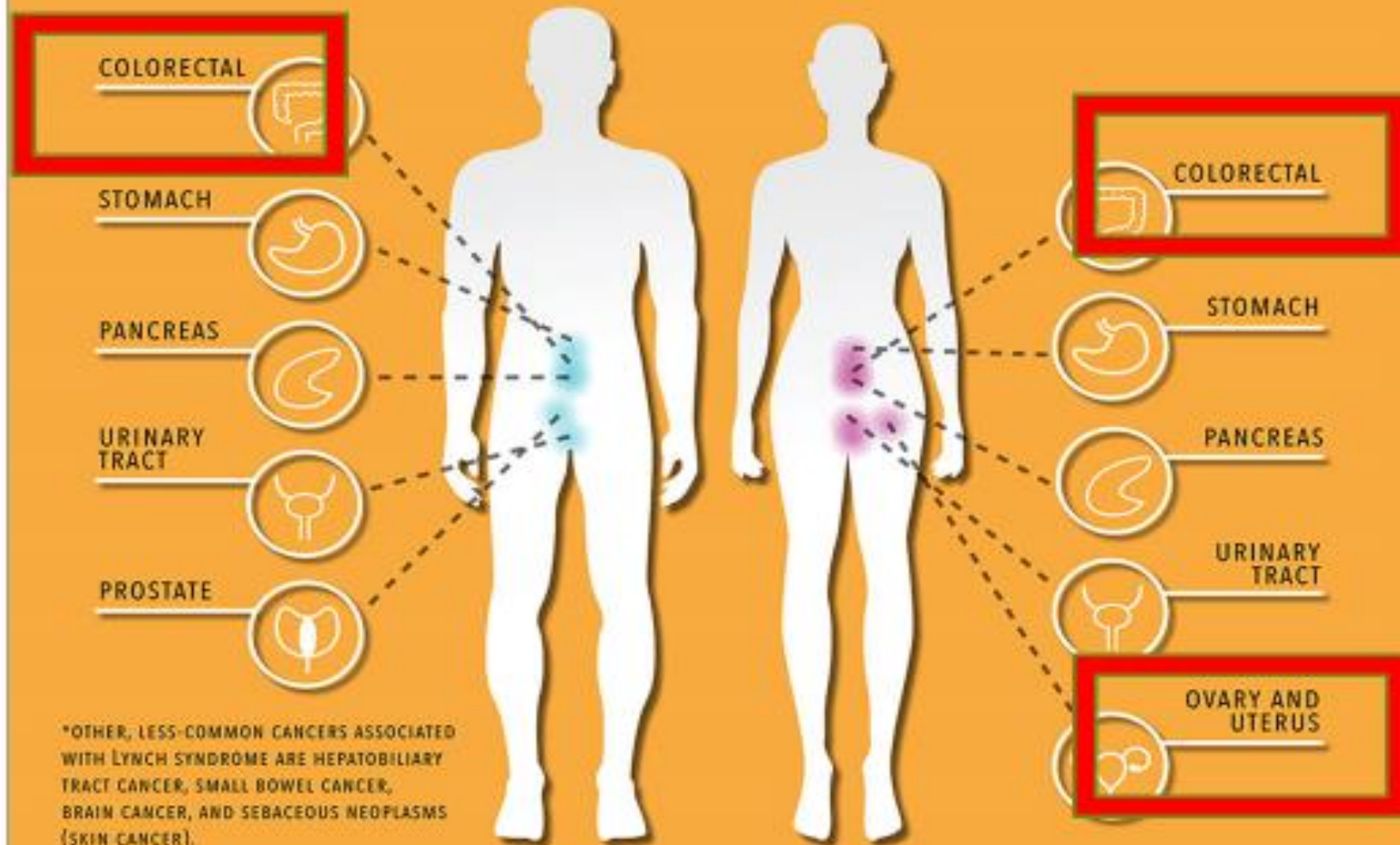


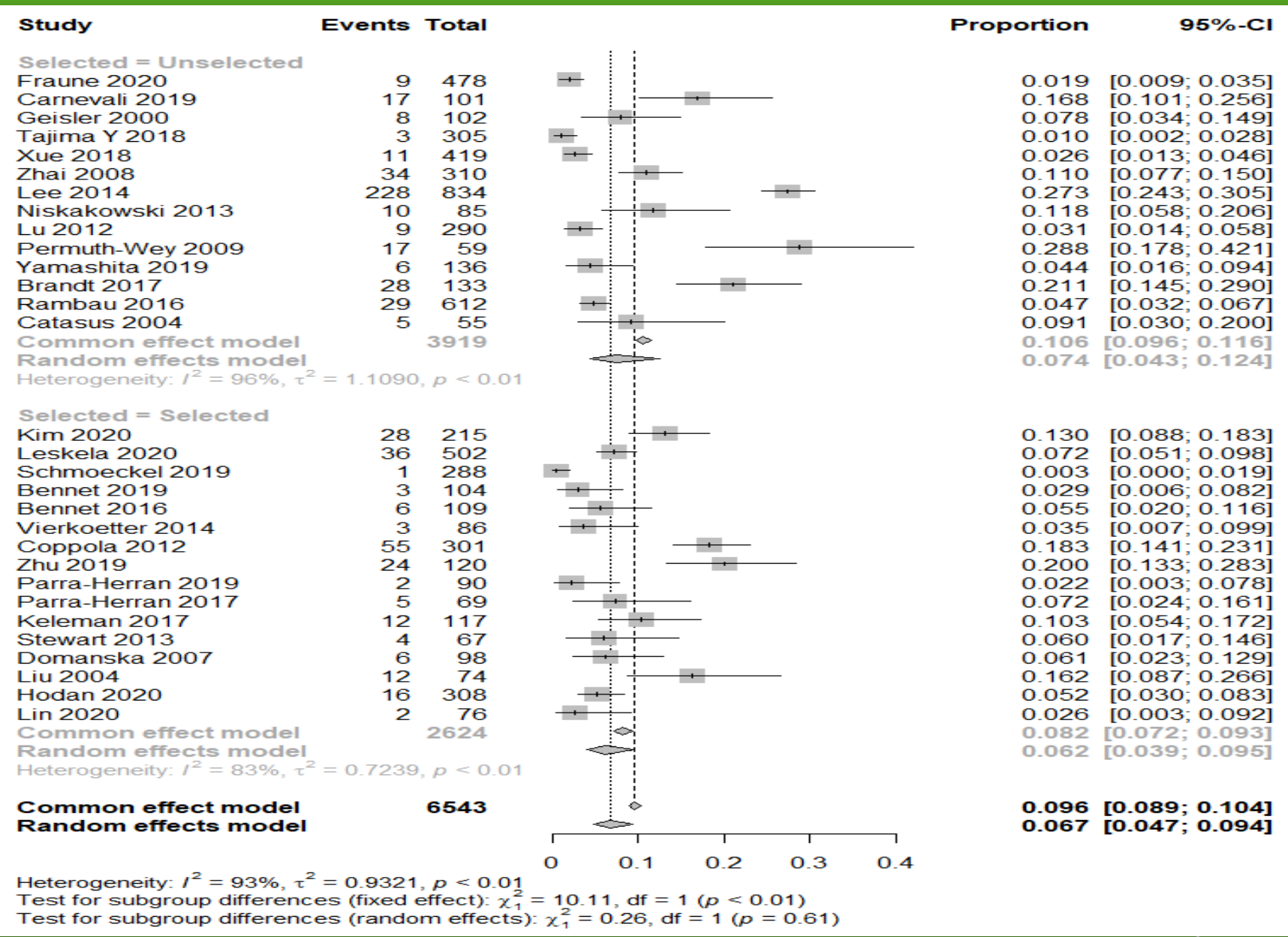


# Future directions



## THE MOST COMMON CANCERS IN LYNCH SYNDROME\*







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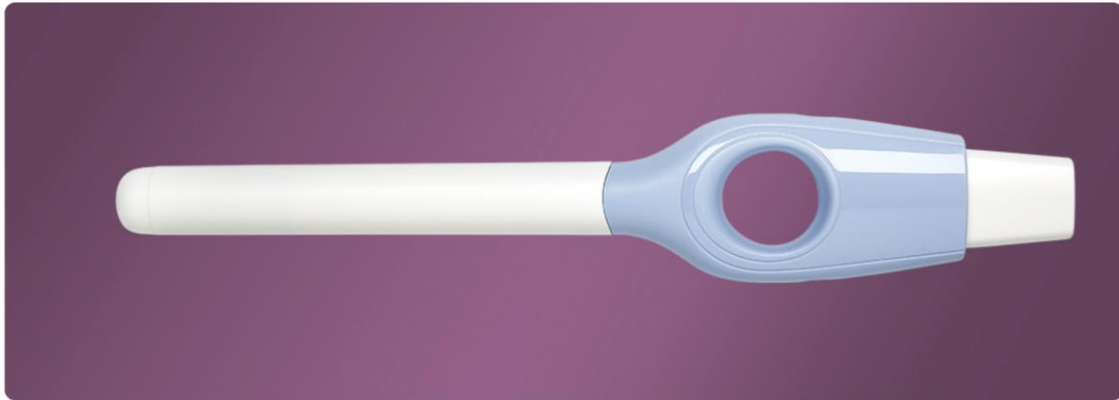


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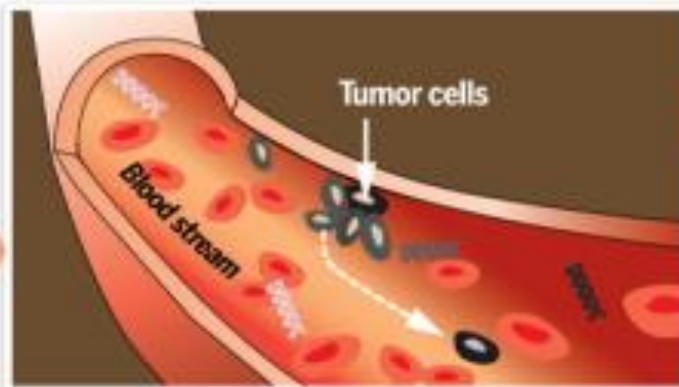
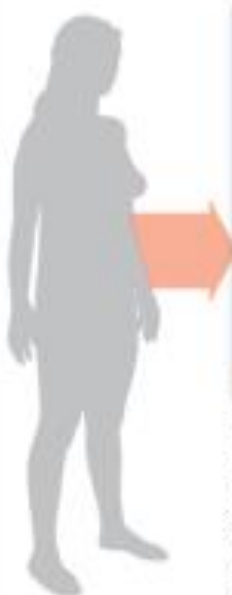
# Diagnostic accuracy of cytology for the detection of endometrial cancer in urine and vaginal samples

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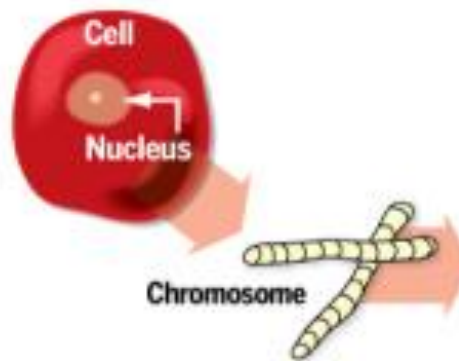
## How 'liquid biopsies' work

Different sections of a tumor have different genetic scripts. Taking a biopsy from the tumor itself will tell you only about the DNA in one part of the tumor.



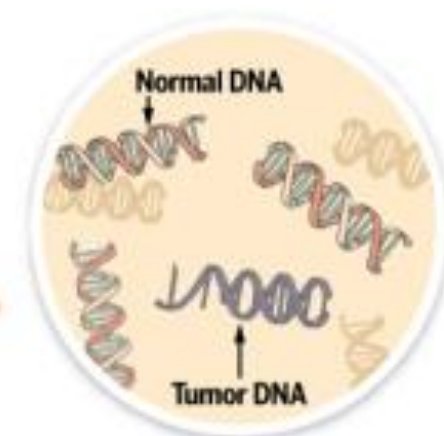
### Detecting tumor cells

Tumor cells die routinely just like other cells, and when they do, they shed DNA into a person's bloodstream. This means the bloodstream will contain DNA from all over the tumor, not just one section.



### Blood is drawn

Once a patient's blood sample is taken, technicians isolate the DNA by removing red blood cells, platelets and plasma. Technicians get the DNA from the nuclei of white blood cells.

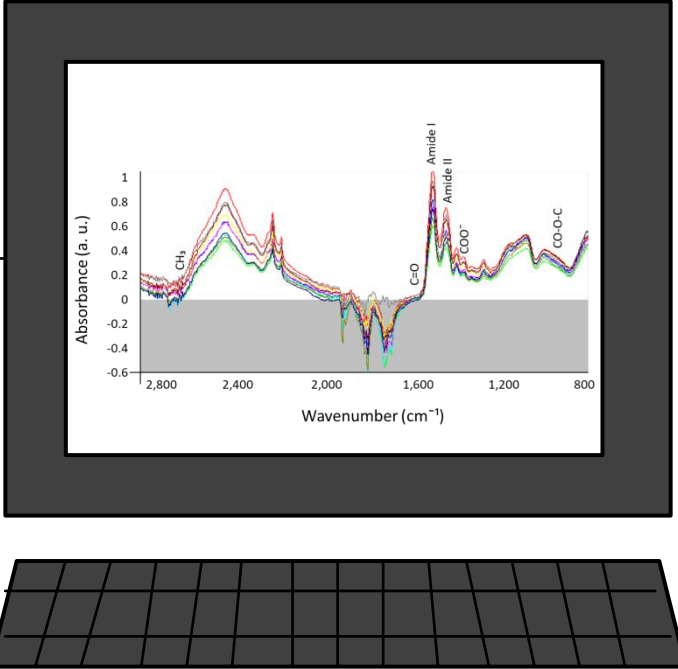
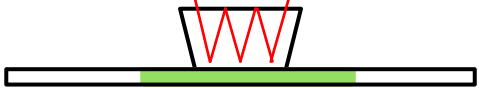


### DNA tumor

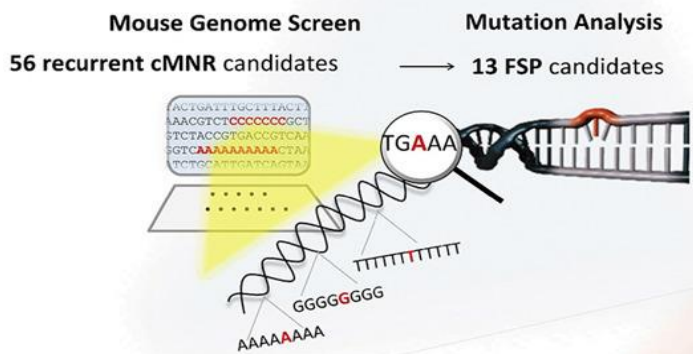
The DNA is then read searching for markers of cancer. These are areas of the genetic script in which cancer cells differ markedly from normal cells.

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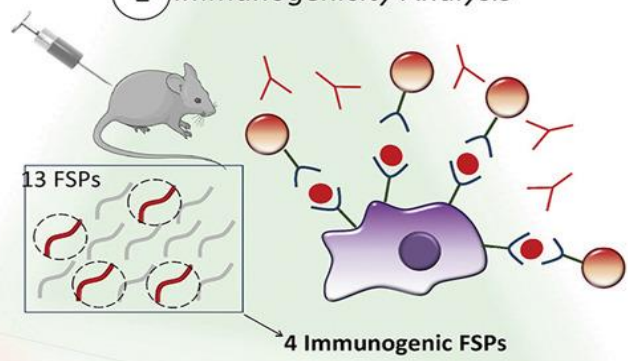
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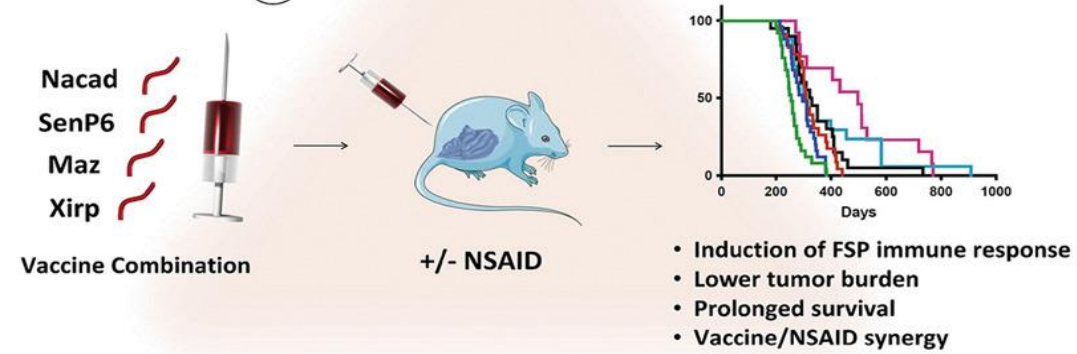
### 1 Neoantigen Selection



### 2 Immunogenicity Analysis



### 3 Vaccination of Lynch Model Mice





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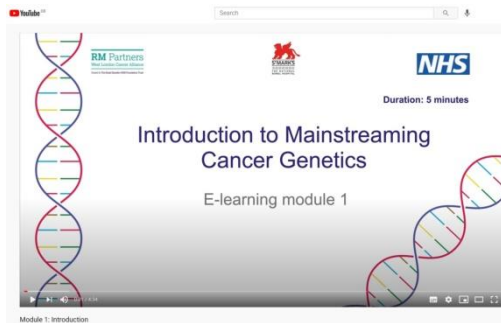
## Lynch Syndrome Early Diagnosis Pathway

One aim of the NHS Long Term Plan is that 75% of cancers will be diagnosed at an early stage. This can be achieved through targeted screening and personalised surveillance of those most at risk of developing cancer, such as those with Lynch syndrome.

Each year, 1,100 colorectal cancers are caused by Lynch syndrome, making it the most common form of hereditary colorectal cancer. An estimated 175,000 people have Lynch syndrome in the UK, but fewer than 5% of individuals know they have the condition (Bowel Cancer UK).

### Training Resources

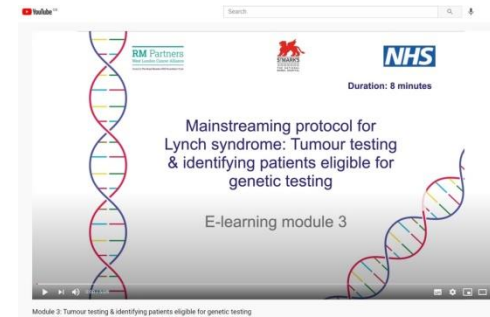
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- **Module 3: Tumour testing & identifying patients eligible for genetic testing**



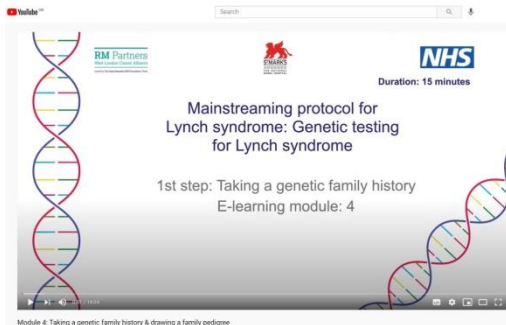
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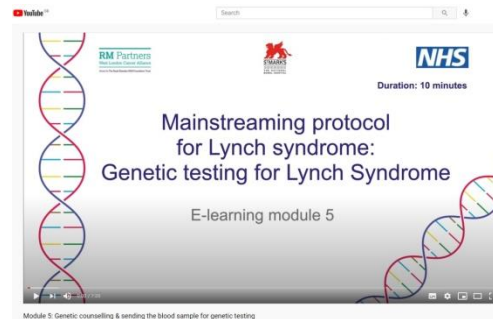
Introduction LS: 6 minutes



Identifying LS: 8 minutes



Family Pedigree: 15 minutes



Genetic counselling: 10 minutes



Genetic Results: 12 minutes

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# Screening and diagnosis

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence now recommends that all women with endometrial cancer are screened for Lynch syndrome

## Tumour-based testing

Tumour-based testing does not identify people with Lynch syndrome; it stratifies their risk for the condition.

### Immunohistochemistry

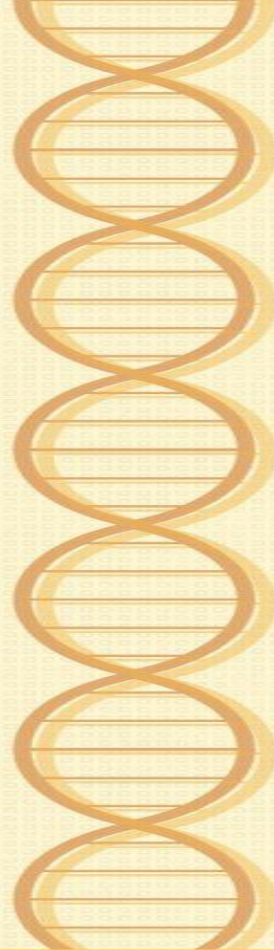
Immunohistochemistry tests for loss of MMR protein expression (MMR deficiency). There is a relative lack of specificity, associated with somatic loss of MMR expression.

### Microsatellite instability analysis

Microsatellites are repeated DNA motifs. Instability is a marker of hypermutation, as seen in Lynch syndrome-associated tumours. If microsatellite instability is high, Lynch syndrome is more likely.

## Germline testing

Involving genomic testing of the patient, germline testing is the only way in which a Lynch syndrome diagnosis can be made. It is done using next-generation sequencing, is expensive and can only be done in specialist centres.



# Risk-reducing strategies

## Hysterectomy

The lifetime risk of gynaecological cancer is sufficiently high to offer total hysterectomy +/- bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy for women with Lynch syndrome who have completed childbearing.

## Hormone therapy

The oral contraceptive pill reduces the risk of sporadic ovarian and endometrial cancer, and the levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine system reduces the risk of endometrial cancer in the general population, so it is thought these may also reduce cancer risk in Lynch syndrome.

## Aspirin

Aspirin has been shown to reduce the risk of cancer in Lynch syndrome. Trials to determine the best dose of aspirin for cancer prevention are ongoing.

## Lifestyle modifications

While few studies have specifically explored the effect of lifestyle choices on cancer risk in Lynch syndrome, smoking cessation, maintaining a healthy body mass index and increased exercise are thought sensible.

## Gynaecological surveillance

There is currently no strong evidence to support gynaecological surveillance for the early detection of gynaecological cancer in Lynch syndrome.

## The future...

Novel strategies are being tested to harness the Lynch syndrome patient's own immune system to prevent cancers through vaccination. Novel diagnostic methods, with the potential for complete automation, are in development; such technologies would simplify and reduce the costs of Lynch syndrome screening and diagnostic pathways.

This is a summary of a review published in TOG. For further details on Lynch syndrome, please read the full article:

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