

# The Good, The Bad, and Ugly



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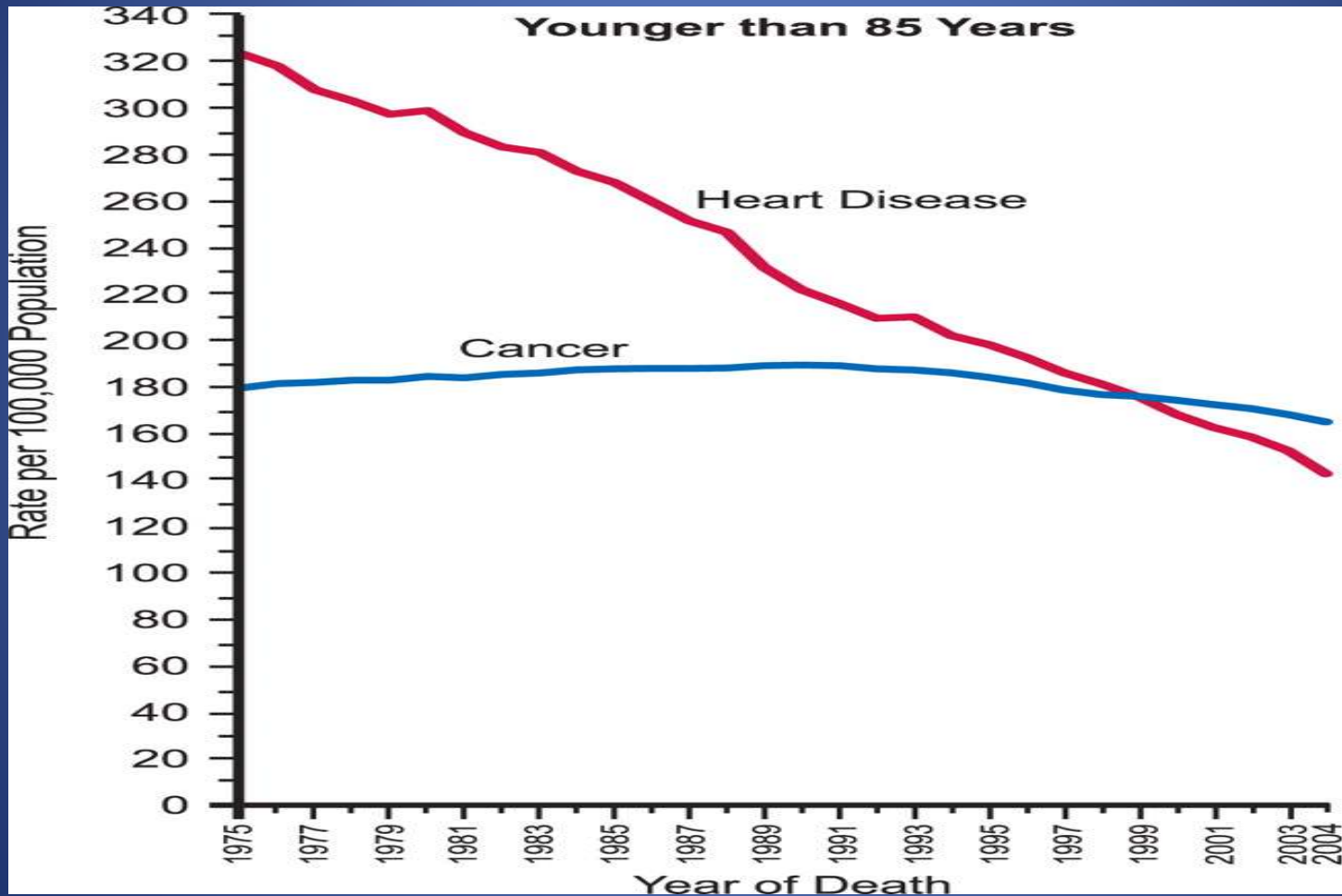
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# Cancer now causes 23% of all US deaths & is leading cause of death in those aged <85 yrs

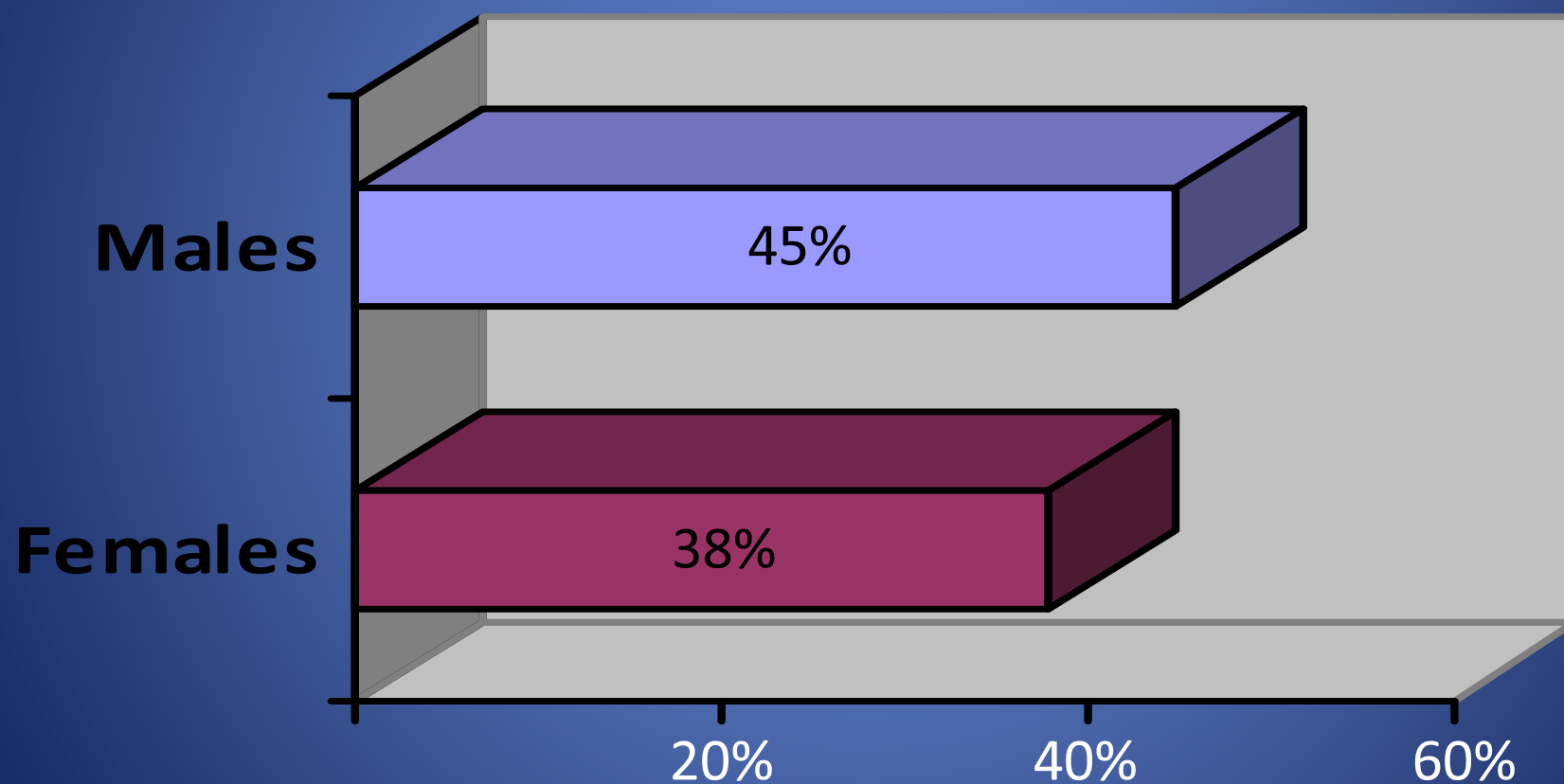


From Jemal, A. et al.  
CA Cancer J Clin 2008;58:71-96.

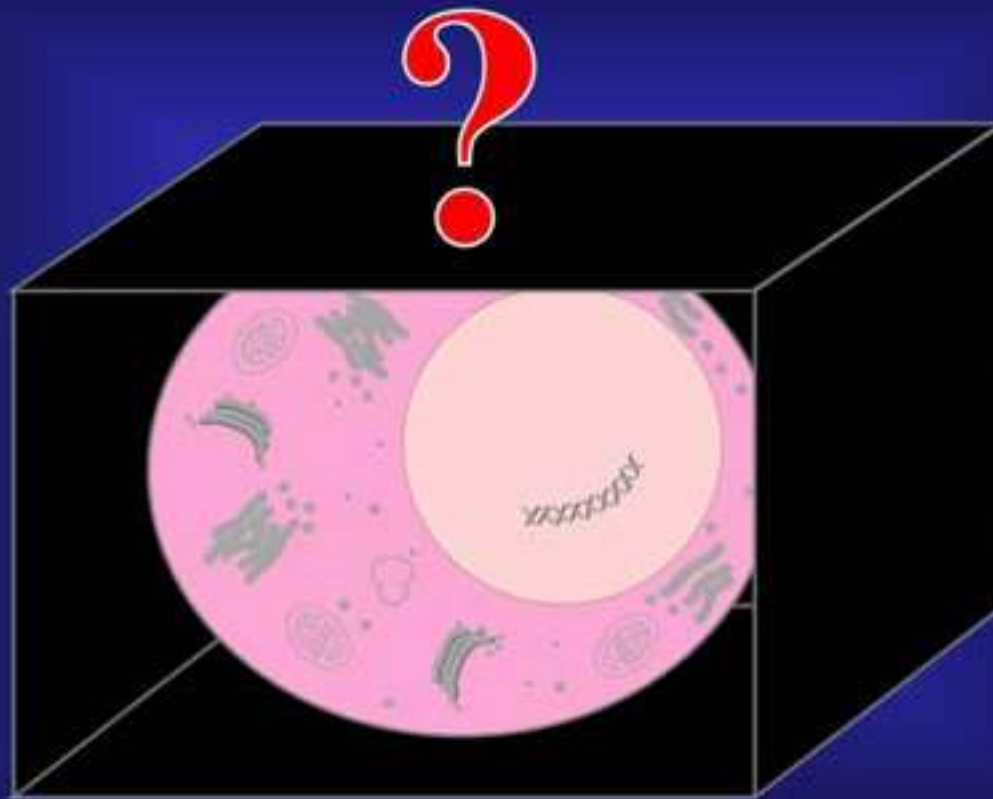
*Every 57 seconds another American dies  
of cancer: 63 over the past hour*



**Life-time probability of developing cancer:  
A problem coming soon to a family near you?**



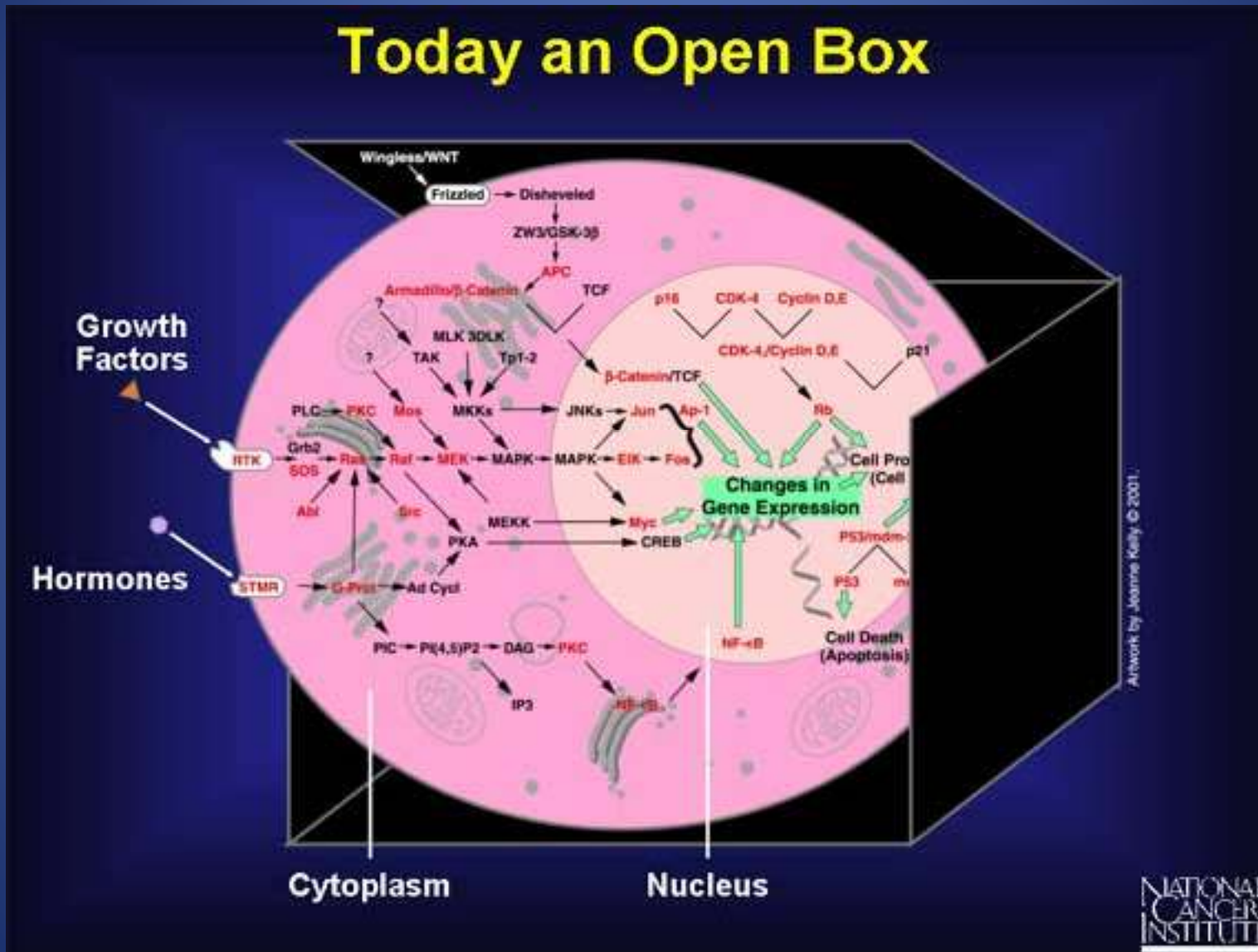
## Once a Molecular Black Box



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# Today an Open Box



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## New Directions in Oncology

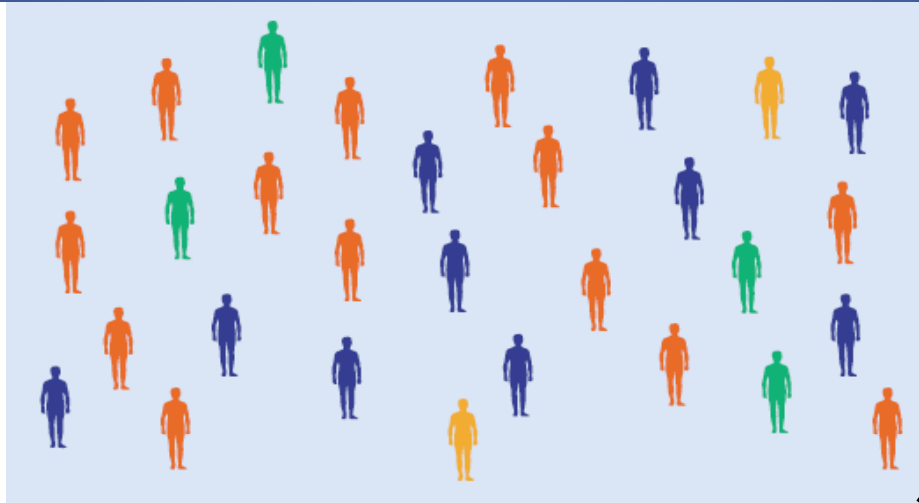
- Angiogenesis
- Apoptosis
- Signal Transduction
- Immunotherapy
- Other Targets
- Personal Therapy





# PERSONALIZED CANCER MEDICINE

PATIENTS WITH SAME DIAGNOSIS ARE NOT ALL THE SAME

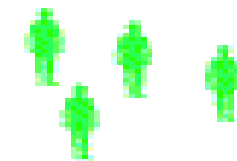


**Predicted good response to drug or combination of drugs**



**Predicted poor or no response to drug or combination of drugs**

**CHANGE DRUGS**



**Increased likelihood of toxicity of drug or combination of drugs**

**CHANGE DRUGS**

# The Regulatory Traffic Jam



# Factors Behind the Regulatory Traffic Jam



## US Gov't Agencies:

FDA

NCI

OHRP

CLIA

HIPAA

IRS

MEDICARE

OFFICE INSPECTOR GENERAL

PATENT OFFICE

JAHCO

TORT LAWS

## → Massive Regulatory Traffic Jam →



Costs ↑↑

Delays ↑↑

Frustrations ↑↑

Efficiency ↓↓

New ideas tested ↓↓

Investigator initiated trials ↓↓

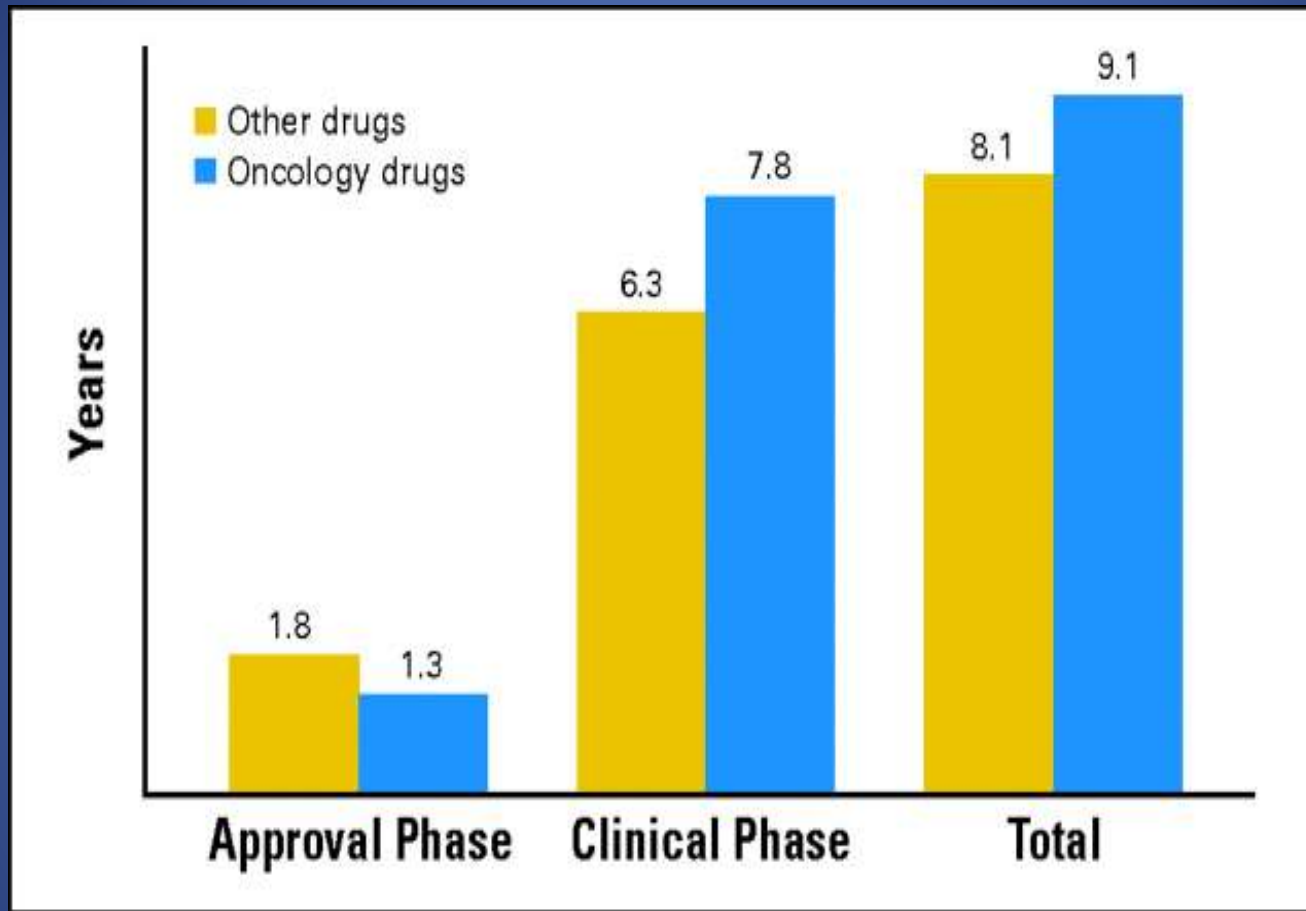
US competitiveness ↓↓

Rate of Progress ↓↓

Lives lost

*The ↑↑ costs mean you can't do trials without lots of funding → those with the money then drive the agenda!*





Dimasi JA, Grabowski HG. JCO 2007

# The New York Times

Grant System Leads Cancer Researchers to Play It Safe. NY Times, June 6<sup>th</sup> 2009

“These grants are not silly, but they are only likely to produce incremental progress,” said Dr. Robert C. Young, chancellor at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia and chairman of the Board of Scientific Advisors

# Los Angeles Times

## Medical clinical research slows for lack of patients. Shari Roan March 14, 2009

“Enrollment problems delay more than 70% of clinical trials from one to six months, according to a 2007 survey by CenterWatch, a Boston-based company that publishes information on clinical trials. In cancer care, less than 5% of patients enter clinical trials, even though more than 700 cancer therapies -- many that are highly promising -- clog the research pipeline.”

# The New York Times

Target Cancer

## New Drugs Stir Debate on Rules of Clinical Trials.

Amy Harmon, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010



# Mission

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To translate laboratory discoveries and clinical observations into hypothesis-driven clinical trials leading to targeted, tailored and personalized cancer treatments





# Dept of Investigational Cancer Therapeutics Timeline

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- July 04: Phase I Program initiated
- Sept 04: Phase I Clinic started  
(Clinical Center for Targeted Therapy)
- March 05: Phase I Inpatient Service started
- July 07: Dept of Investigational Cancer  
Therapeutics established

# Investigational Cancer Therapeutics

## Distinguishing Features

- Treatment is not disease-based but target-based.  
Diverse cancers treated.
- Treatment is based on early phase clinical trial.  
Correlative/translational aspects are critical.
- Treatment is not conventional. Virtually all patients are on trial.

Specialized business center

Regulatory infrastructure



# What kinds of trials do we do?

- Studies with new first-in-human molecules
- Trials of new combinations of experimental or approved drugs
- Protocols using new routes of delivery of drugs

Pt H (42/F) (Castleman's disease): Rx = anti-IL-6 Ab [CNTO328]

Castleman's Disease is driven by IL-6



Pt H (Baseline)



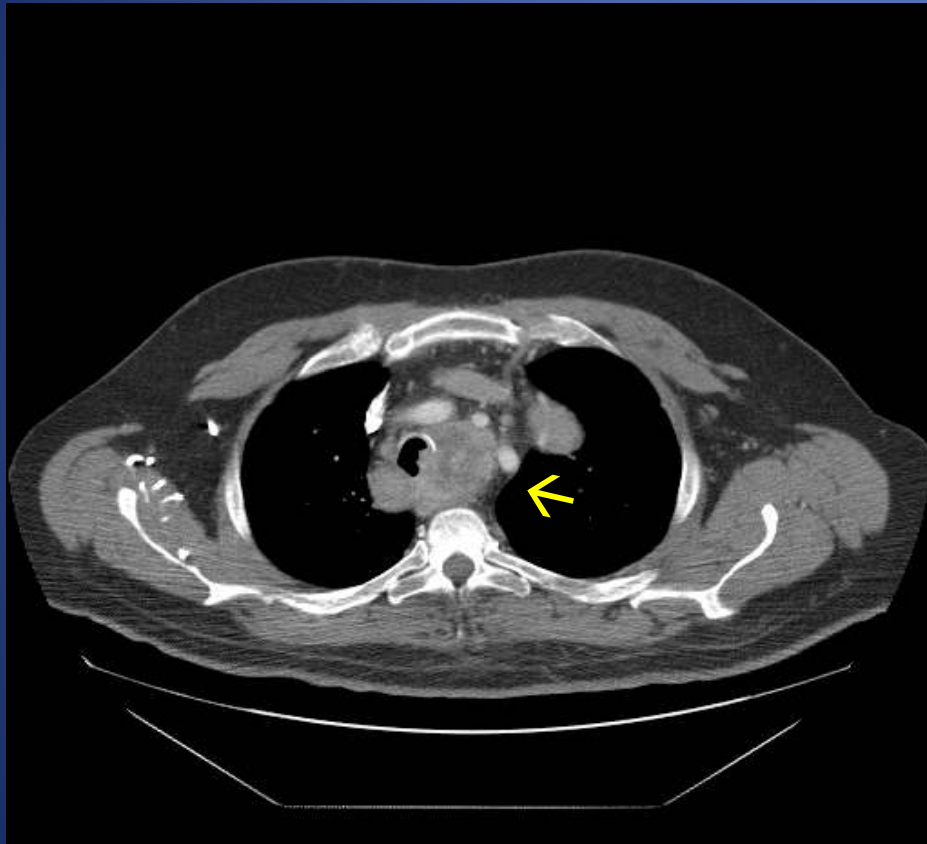
Pt H s/p 2 doses



Pt H s/p 6 doses

12/14 patients with Castleman's on study have responded

Pt X (55/M) (medullary thyroid cancer)  
Treatment = RET kinase inhibitor XL184



Pre-Treatment



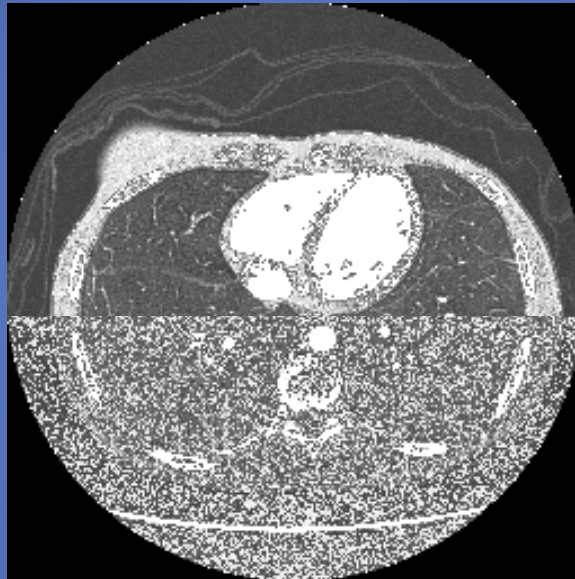
Post-Treatment week #3



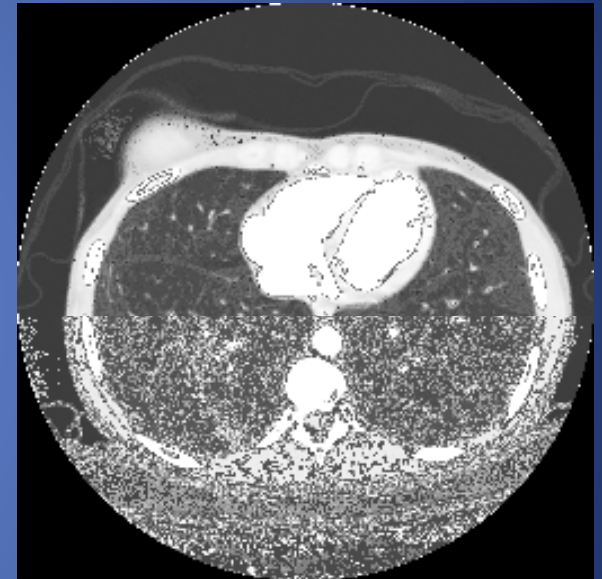
Pt M (28/F) (Ewing's sarcoma): Rx = IGFR Inhibitor



Dec. 8, '06



Jan. 25, '07



Mar. 1, '07

# Histology-Independent Target-Based Trials

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BRAF inhibitor: BRAF mutation+  
(thyroid, melanoma, colon etc)

MEK inhibitor: Raf+ or Ras+ mutations

PI3K or mTOR inhibitor: PI3K+ mutations/PTEN loss

PI3K plus MEK inhibitor: PI3K+ mutation or PTEN loss &  
Ras+ or Raf+

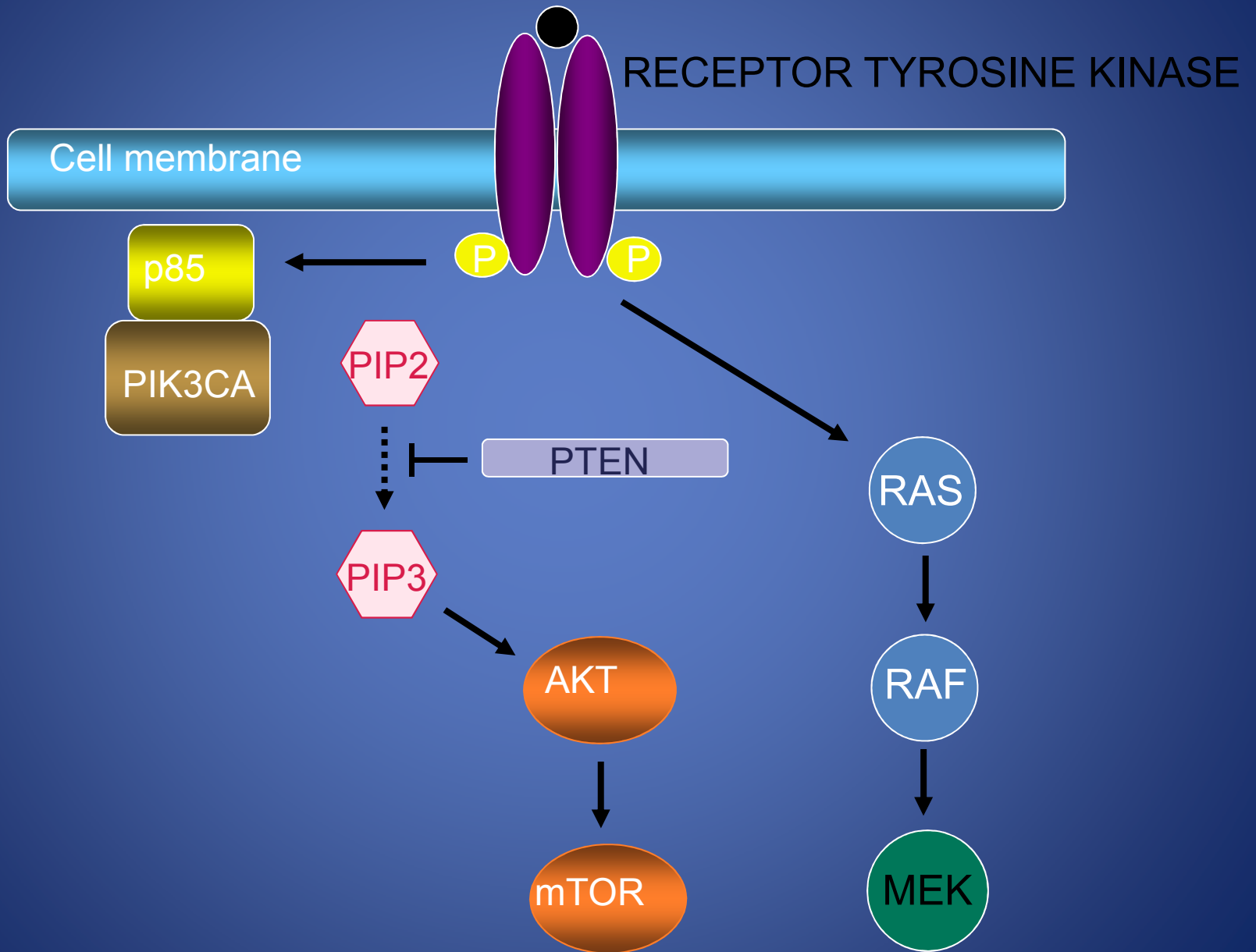
# Personalized Targeted Cancer Therapy

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## PREDICT

**P**rofile-**R**elated **E**vidence **D**etermining  
**I**ndividualized **C**ancer **T**herapy

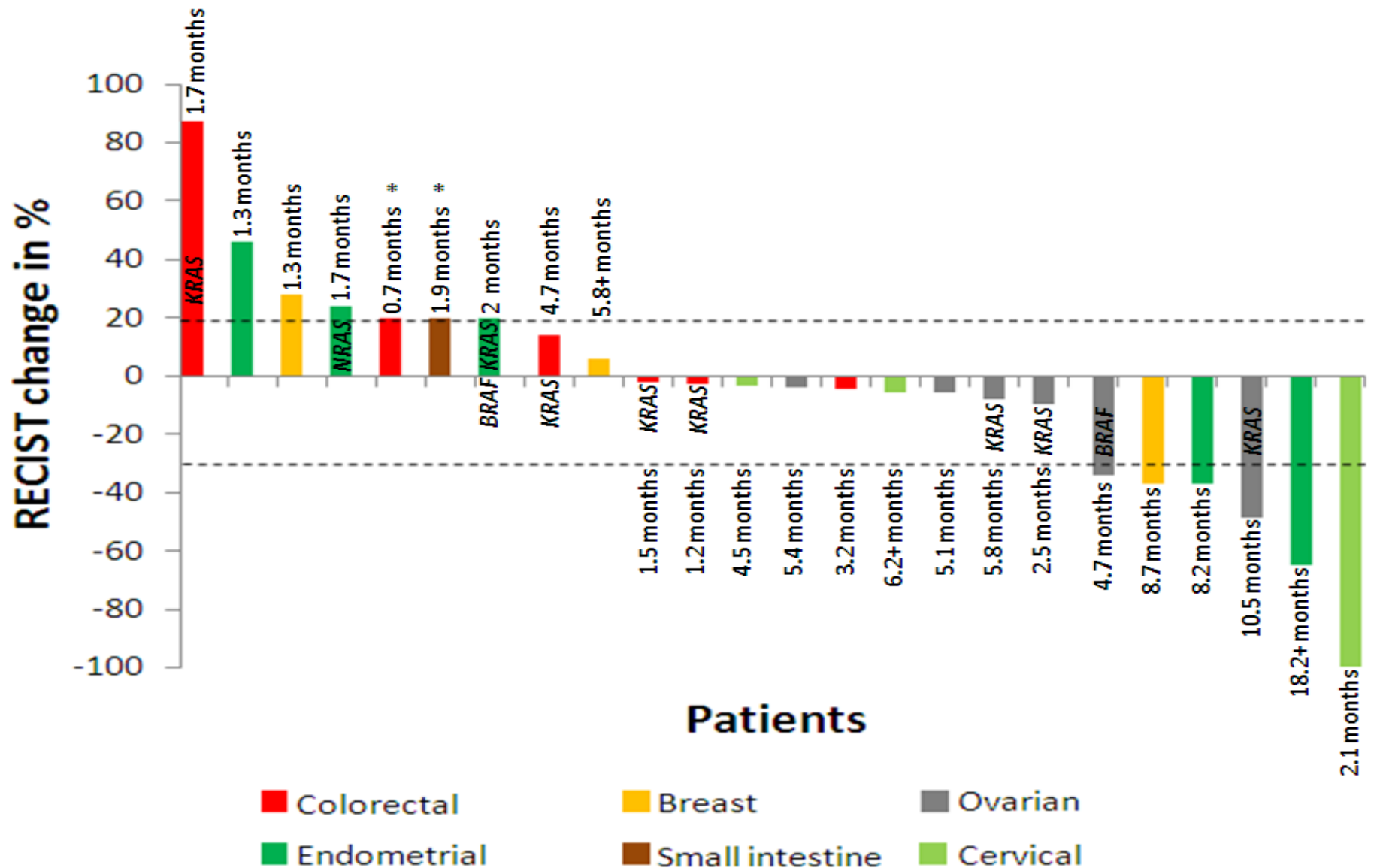
# PI3K/AKT/mTOR Pathway



# TREATED PATIENTS

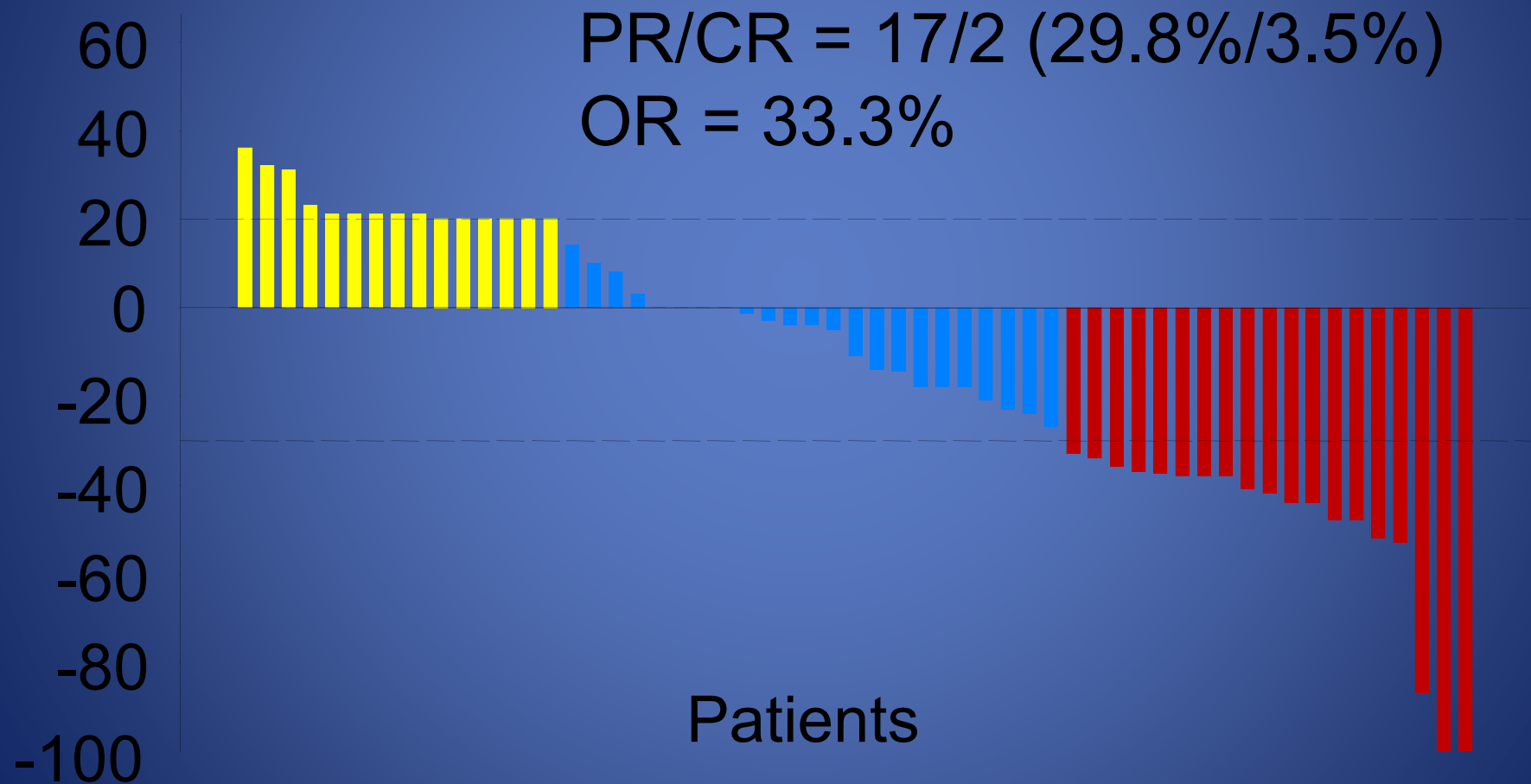
- Of the 36 patients with *PIK3CA* mutations, 24 (67%) were enrolled in clinical trials that included a PI3K/AKT/mTOR inhibitor.
- These patients had a median of 3 prior therapies (1-12).
- Types of cancer of the 24 treated patients:
  - Bowel (N=7)
  - Ovarian (N=6)
  - Endometrial (N = 5)
  - Breast (N=3)
  - Cervix: squamous (N=3)

# Waterfall plot of patients with *PIK3CA* mutations treated with therapies targeting the PI3K/AKT/mTOR pathway

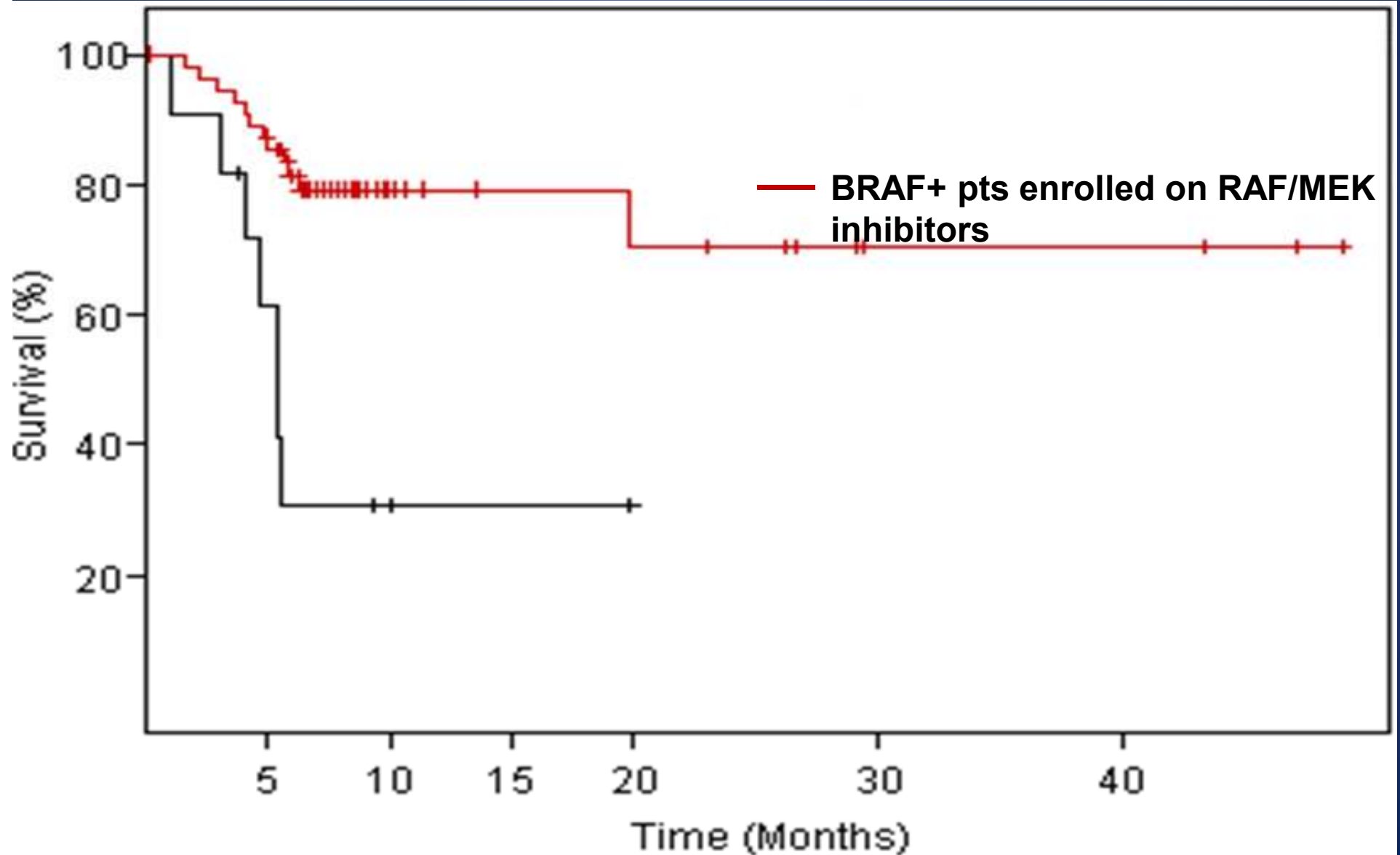




# Waterfall Plot. Response of BRAF+ Patients to BRAF or MEK Inhibitors (n=57)



# Overall Survival in BRAF+ Patients. RAF/MEK vs. Other Phase I Therapies



# Ongoing Phase I protocols

<u>Protocol</u>	<u>Pathway Target</u>	<u>Current status</u>
MLN8237 (2009-0474)	Aurora Kinase Inhibition	enrolling
MLN8237+Paclitaxel (2009-0493)	Aurora Kinase Inhibition	enrolling
ABT-348 (2009-0936)	Aurora Kinase Inhibition	enrolling
ABT-348+Gemcitabine+Carboplatin (2009-0936)	Aurora Kinase Inhibition	pending
ABT-348 +Docetaxol (2009-0936)	Aurora Kinase Inhibition	pending
Avastin+Sorafenib (2006-0638)	c-kit+VEGFR	enrolling
Dastanib+Avastin+Paclitaxel (2009-0521)	c-kit, SRC+VEGF	enrolling
Valproic Acid+Sorafenib (2007-0170)	HDAC+c-kit	enrolling
Valproic Acid+Sutent (2007-0170)	HDAC+c-kit	enrolling

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GSK2118436/GSK1120212 (2009-0949)	BRAF/MEK	enrolling
GSK1120212+Docetaxol,Erlotinib, Premetrexed, Abraxane	MEK+Chemo	pending
AZD8330 (2006-1097)	MEK	enrolling
Doxil+Velcade+Gemcitabine (2003-1002)	Proteosome inhibition+Chemo	pending
GSK1120212/GSK2141795 (2010-0122)	MEK+AKT	pending
GSK2126458 (2009-0048)	PIK3CA	enrolling
PX866 (2007-0935)	PIK3CA	enrolling
Valproic Acid+Avastin (2005-0676)	HDAC+VEGF	enrolling
CUDC-101 (2010-0483)	HDAC, EGFR, HER2	enrolling

# Ongoing Phase I protocols

<u>Protocol</u>	<u>Pathway Target</u>	<u>Current status</u>
ABI-009 nab-rapamycin (2006-1107)	mTOR	enrolling
Avastin+Temsirolimus+Carbo(arm1) Avastin+Temsirolimus+Paclitaxel (arm2) (2010-0486)	VEGF+mTOR+Chemo	enrolling
R7112 (2007-0683)	MDM2	enrolling
Sirolimus+Cetuximab (2009-0226)	mTOR+EGFR	enrolling
Sirolimus+Docetaxol (2009-0558)	mTOR+Chemo	enrolling
Sirolimus+Vorinostat (2009-0729)	mTOR+HDAC	enrolling
Temsirolimus/Topotecan/Bortezomib (2008-0425)	mTOR+Proteosome inh+Chemo	enrolling
CVS-426	IGFR+Ang2	pending (April 2011)
BIIB-021+Imatinib	HSP90+c-kit	pending (April 2011)

- “Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not disappoint us” Romans 5:3-5