

## Germline and Somatic DNA Repair Defects in Prostate Cancer

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## **Objectives**

- The concept of synthetic lethality of in the context of BRCAdeficient tumors
  - PARP inhibition
- Basics: ovarian cancer
  - Role of germline BRCA-status in treatment
- Resistance to PARP inhibition
  - Reversion mutations
- Journal article: detection of reversion mutations in cfDNA
- Why this matters



## **Germline BRCA Mutation**

Prostate Cancer is a BRCA associated malignancy

- along with Breast, Ovarian, and Pancreatic Cancers
- At risk populations include Ashkenazi Jews, Nordic populations, Italians, French, Hispanics, and African Americans

	% of localized Prostate Cancers <sup>1,2</sup>	Relative Risk of Prostate Cancer in Carriers <sup>1-3</sup>	
BRCA 1	0.44%	3.4	
BRCA 2	1.2%	8.6	



<sup>1</sup> Kote-Jarai Z, Et al. Br J Can 2011;105:1230-1234. <sup>2</sup> Leongamornlert D, et al. Br J Can 2012;106:1697-1701. <sup>3</sup> Breast Cancer Linkage Consortium. JNCI 1999;91:1310-1316.

## BRCA 2

- Associated with Higher Gleason Score, higher stage, and younger age of diagnosis<sup>4</sup>
- BRCA 2 carriers are considered High Risk by NCCN guidelines
  - PSA screening should be discussed starting at Age 40

## **Screening Guidelines Fall Short**

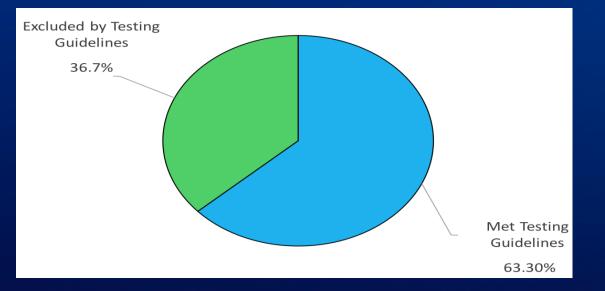
Examined 1158 localized PC patients with germline DNA testing

199 patients had a high risk germline mutation (BRCA 1 or 2, ATM, TP53, others)

Patients were compared to NCCN criteria for germline testing

CONCLUSION: Genetic testing guidelines and Gleason scores do not reliably identify PCa patients for the presence/absence of high risk germline variants

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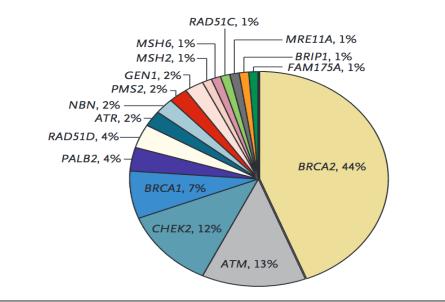
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### Inherited DNA-Repair Gene Mutations in Men with Metastatic Prostate Cancer

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Table 3. Germline DNA-Repair Gene Mutations in Seven Metastatic Prostate       Cancer Case Series.				
Case Series	Description	Patients	Patients with Mutations	
		no.	no. (%)	
1	Stand Up To Cancer–Prostate Cancer Foundation discovery series	150	15 (10.0)	
2	Stand Up To Cancer–Prostate Cancer Foundation validation series	84	9 (10.7)	
3	Royal Marsden Hospital	131	16 (12.2)	
4	University of Washington	91	8 (8.8)	
5	Weill Cornell Medical College	69	7 (10.1)	
6	University of Michigan	43	4 (9.3)	
7	Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center	124	23 (18.5)	
Total		692	82 (11.8)	



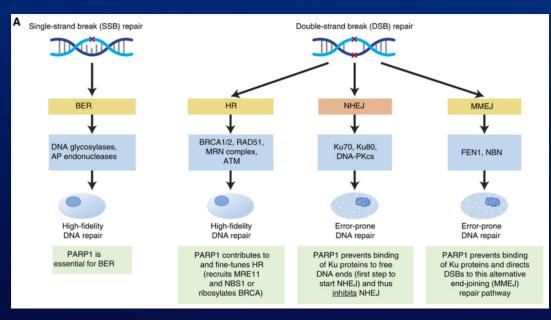
#### Figure 2. Distribution of Presumed Pathogenic Germline Mutations.

Shown are mutations involving 16 DNA-repair genes. Four genes did not have any pathogenic mutations identified and are not included in the distribution.

## The DNA damage response is critical to genomic integrity and cellular survival

- DNA double strand breaks (DSBs) trigger homologous recombination repair (HRR)
  - High fidelity; BRCA-dependent
    - Rad51
  - BRCA-deficient cells demonstrate chromosomal instability as they rely on error prone repair mechanisms (nonhomologous end joining, NHEJ)

- Poly(ADP-ribose) polymerases (PARP)
  - PARP 1 most abundant; studied mostly in the context of DNA base excision repair (BEP)
  - DNA single strand breaks (SSBs)
- Cancer Center VS 10 in HRR; inhibits NHEJ



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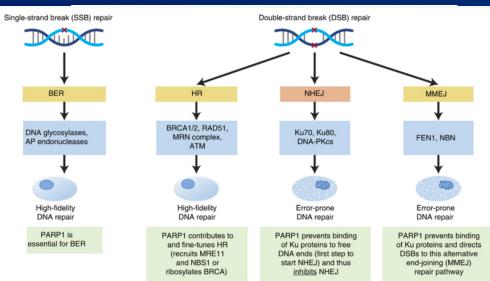
## BRCA1- and BRCA2-deficient tumors and "synthetic lethality"

- Deleterious germline mutations in BRCA1 and BRCA2 are associated with high risk of certain tumors
  - Breast cancer
  - Ovarian cancer
  - Prostate cancer

Synthetic lethality

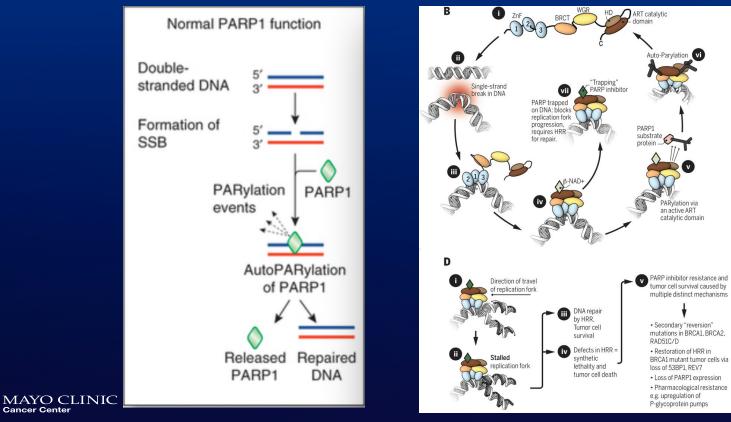
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### Poly(ADP-Ribose) Polymerase (PARP) enzymes are critical to the DNA damage response (DDR)



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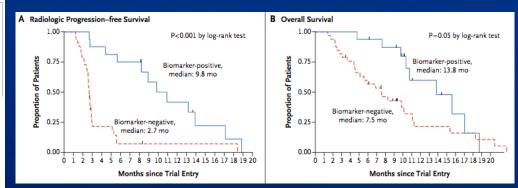
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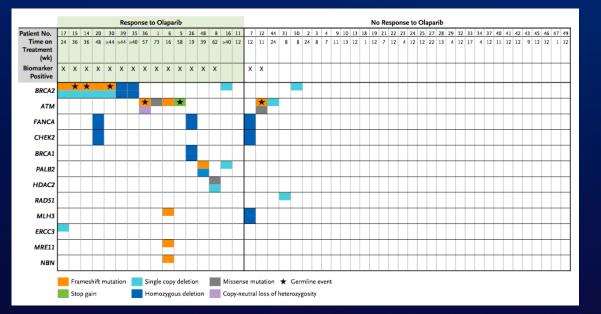
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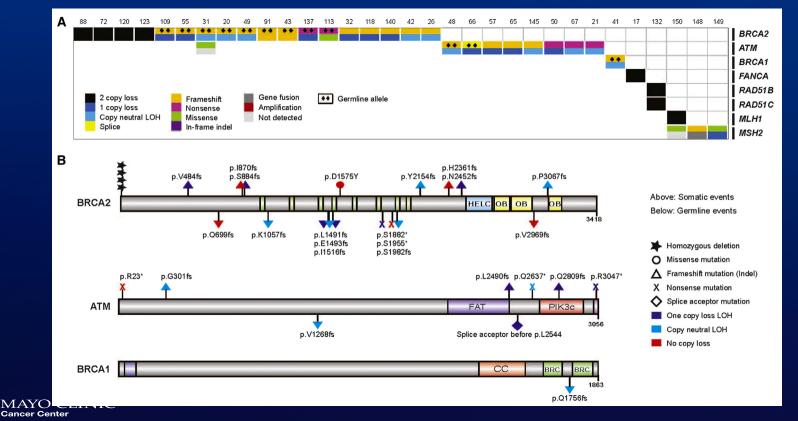
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## mCRPC: somatic and germline DDR defects



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# DDR defects are common in advanced prostate cancer

- 20-25% of metastatic prostate cancer may harbor defects in DDR genes
- Clinical trials targeting DRD are ongoing (and being developed)
  - Niraparib (Jannsen), Olaparib (Astra Zeneca), Rucaparib (Clovis), Talazoparib (Pfizer)

