



# Precision Medicine

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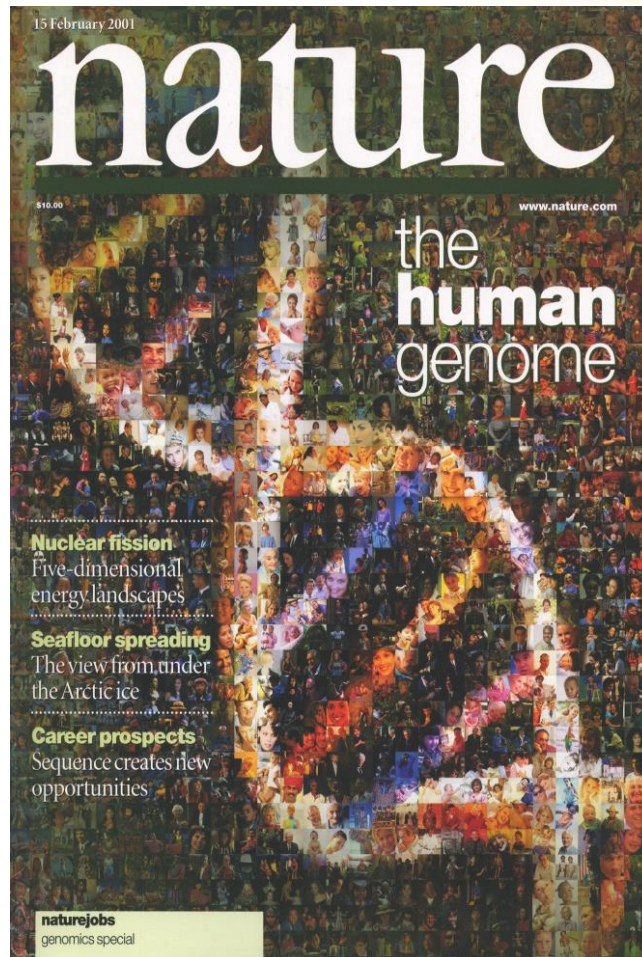
# Precision/Personalized Medicine



“And that’s why we’re here today. Because **something called precision medicine -- in some cases, people call it personalized medicine** -- gives us one of the greatest opportunities for new medical breakthroughs that we have ever seen.”

“And that’s the promise of precision medicine -- delivering the right treatments, at the right time, every time to the right **person.**” (President Obama)

# Sequencing the Human Genome 1990-2000



1990 - 2001

TEN YEARS – PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EFFORT – INTERNATIONAL – THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE – ESTIMATED COST \$2.5 BILLION



# Illumina units



Cost of sequencing highly reduced  
It is now possible for clinical  
sequencing all 22,000 genes for  
\$1,000 or less

# Oxford Nanopore sequencing unit

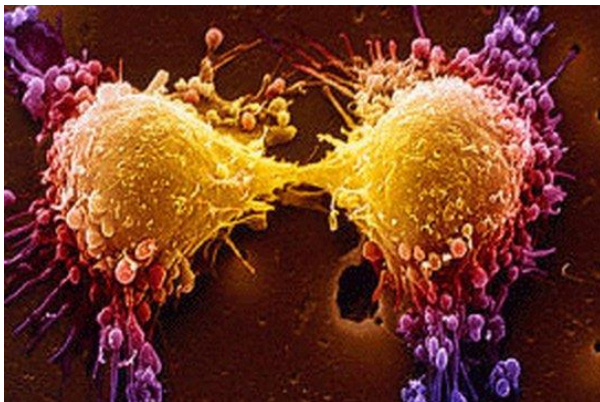


# Role of Precision Medicine

# Genetics in health and disease



**Can assess risk and eliminate or reduce rare disorders**



**Can effectively treat many disorders including cancer**

## THE POWER OF GENETICS



**Non-invasive prenatal diagnosis**

**Can diagnose molecular basis for childhood disorders**





# How to keep people healthy

**Prevent disease**  
**Detect disease early**  
**Treat disease effectively**



# **Rare Genetic Disorders**

**Individually rare but collectively a significant burden on the Society and Families**

# Tay-Sachs disease



**“Tay-Sachs disease is an autosomal recessive, progressive neurodegenerative disorder which, in the classic infantile form, is usually fatal by age 2 or 3 years” (OMIM) – Carrier freq. 1/250. Irish / British Isle descent 1/50 to 1/150. French Canadians, Louisiana Cajuns and Ashkenazi Jews 1/27.**

# Dor Yeshorim



## Dor Yeshorim

- A confidential genetic screening system used mainly by Orthodox Jews for the purpose of preventing the transmission of Jewish genetic disorders
- Participants do not receive their results, only their genetic compatibility with a potential marital partner.
- Dor Yeshorim screens for a panel of Ashkenazi Jewish genetic disorders for approximately \$200. If an individual has previously used this system, **updates are available** through the Dor Yeshorim Program.

*Dor Yeshorim will not screen already engaged or married couples.*

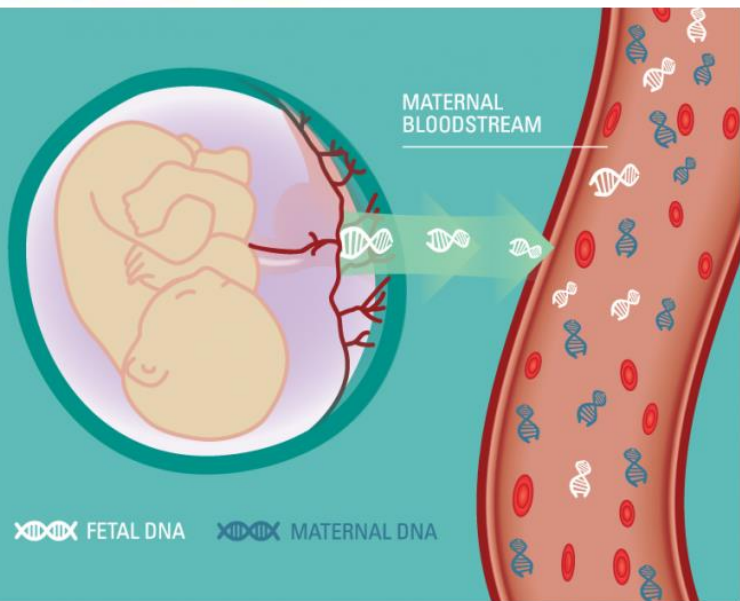
**Committee for Prevention of Genetic Diseases based in Brooklyn and others locations**

**Established by Rabbi Joseph Ekstein who lost four children to Tay-sachs**

**Each member of the group has a 1/5 chance of being a carrier for one of 9 disorders**

- **Individuals are tested during large sessions in Jewish schools and processed anonymously**
- **When couples are contemplating marriage, they can anonymously check for carrier status**
- **This approach was credited to “near total elimination” of Tay-Sachs in the population**

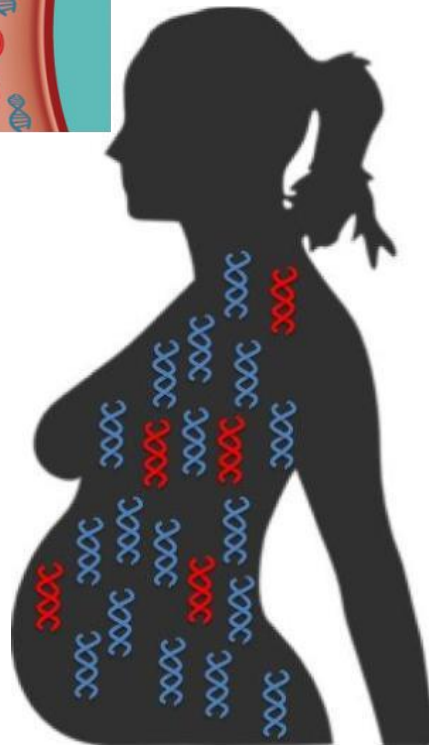
# Fetal DNA in maternal blood (cfDNA)



Women who become pregnant after age 35 are recommended to have fetal testing using amniocentesis or chorionic villus sampling. The ability to obtain fetal DNA from maternal blood is rapidly changing the need for invasive procedures.

[Bianchi et al NEJM 370:799-808, 2014](#)

In a general obstetrical population, prenatal testing with the use of cfDNA had significantly lower false positive rates and higher positive predictive values for detection of trisomies 21 and 18 than standard screening. (Funded by Illumina; ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT01663350.)



# Nicholas Volker



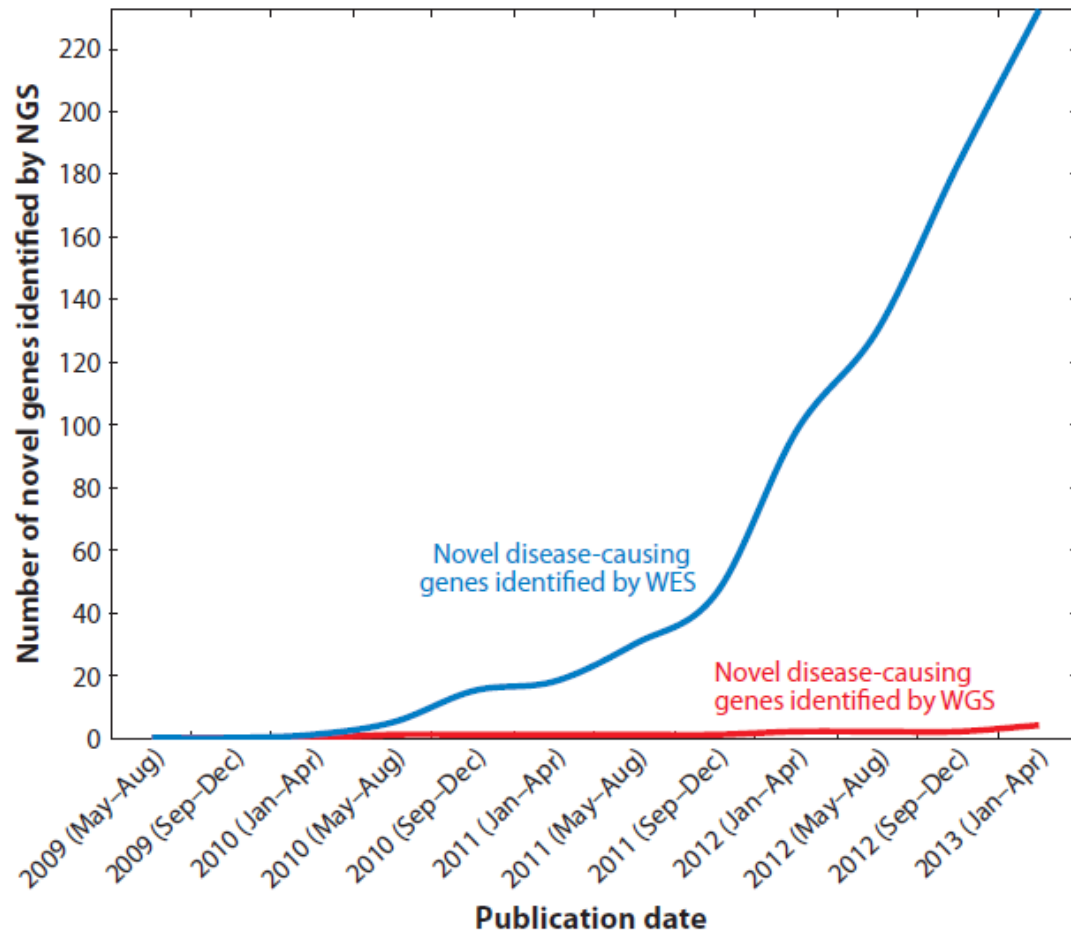
Nicholas Volker's intestine had been dangerously inflamed, necessitating a hundred surgeries including the removal of his colon. Based on DNA sequencing it was possible to identify two genetic mutations. 1. XLP: X-linked lymphoproliferative and 2. a gut disease that has not been described before. XLP can be treated by a bone marrow transplant of cells taken from umbilical cord blood. Nicholas is doing well, although he still takes drugs to prevent transplant rejection and will need more reconstructive surgery.

# Nicholas in 2013





# Genes involved in childhood disorders

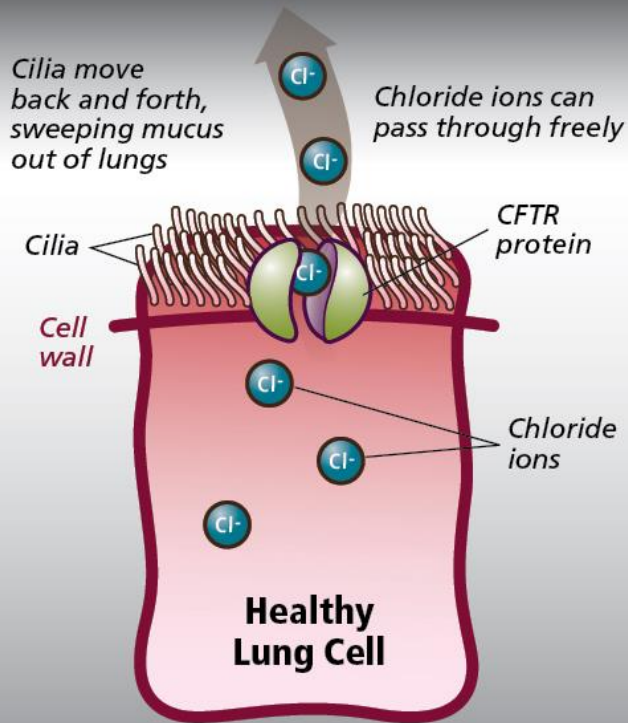


- >7,000 rare genetic diseases
- 70% effect children
- Millions of children affected
- Diagnostic Odessey
- Waited 5-30 years for Dx
- 40% wrong diagnosis at the beginning
- In 30% of cases WES can identify a gene and can lead to Dx
- Dx dictates treatment

From Boycott etal Ann. Rev. Med.  
65:19-31. 2014

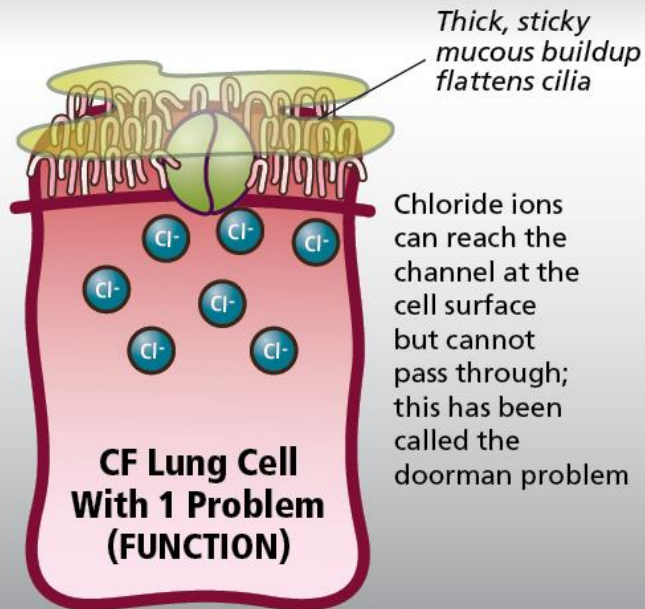
# Cystic fibrosis (CF)

## Gene Mutations in Cystic Fibrosis



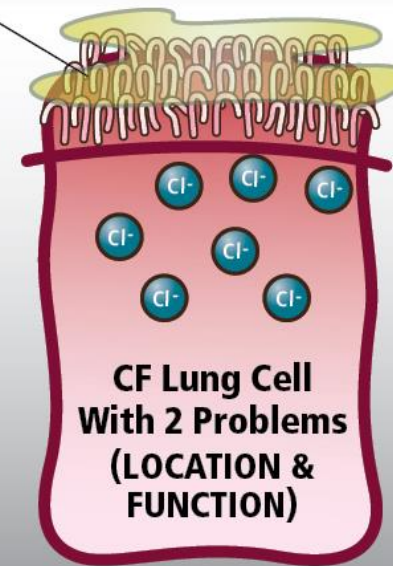
### Normal DNA:

CFTR protein develops normally, reaches the cell surface and becomes an open channel ("door") for chloride ions.



### Door-jamming mutation, including G551D:

The mutation affecting Laura and Cate Cheevers disables function at the cell surface.



### Common Delta F508 mutation:

The CFTR protein is made, but it just floats around inside the cell without ever reaching the surface.

# Cystic fibrosis treatment



Before Kalydeco  
and after taking  
for 2 years.

# Gaucher's disease

*Maria*

10th grader

Soccer enthusiast

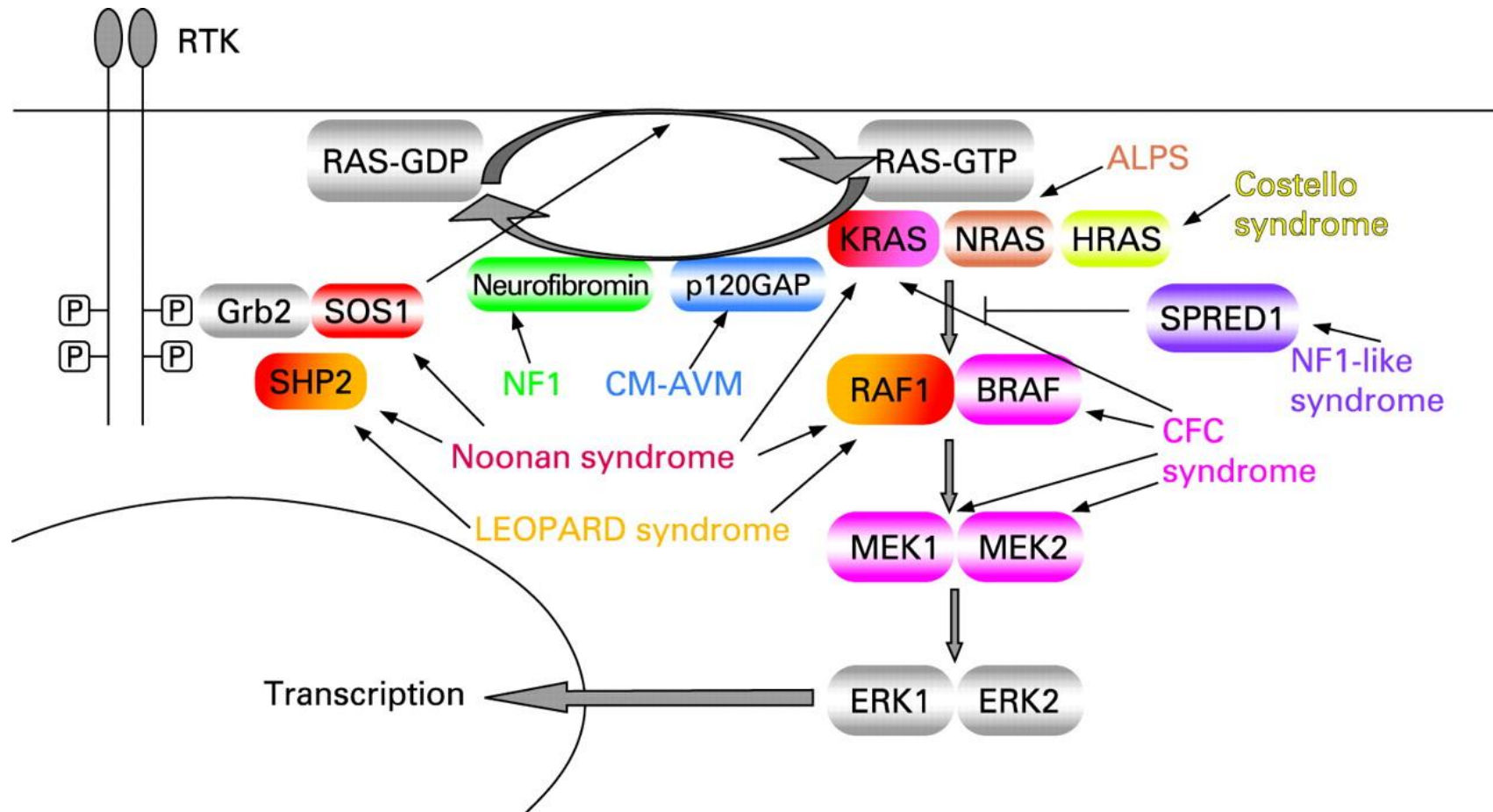
Gaucher patient on Cerezyme

Living life  
to her fullest



# **The Path from Genetic Discovery to Patient Care**

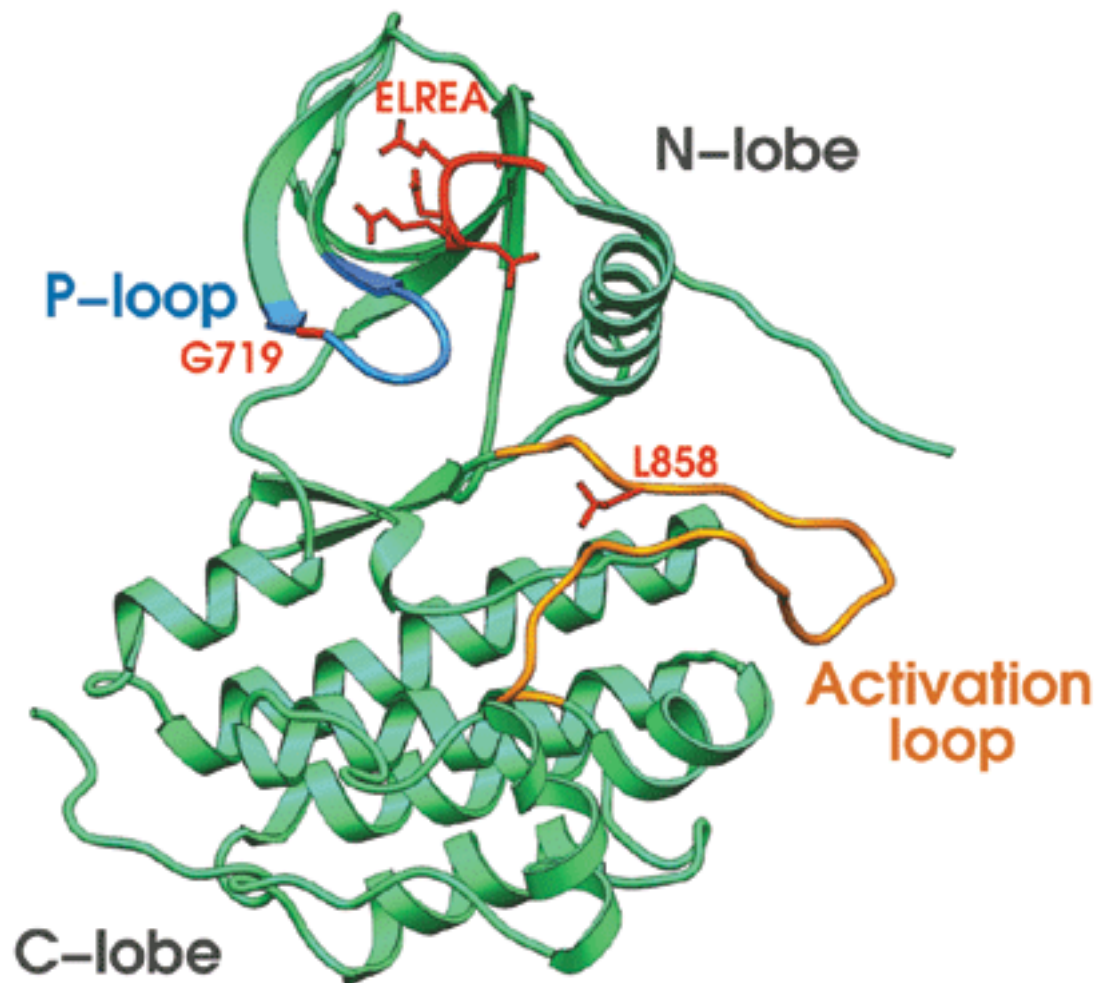
# Opportunities for Drug Development Noonan syndrome and many others



# Drug Development based on Gene Discovery



# EGFR Mutations and TKIs for NSCLC



Iressa approved  
in the EU with  
genetic test.

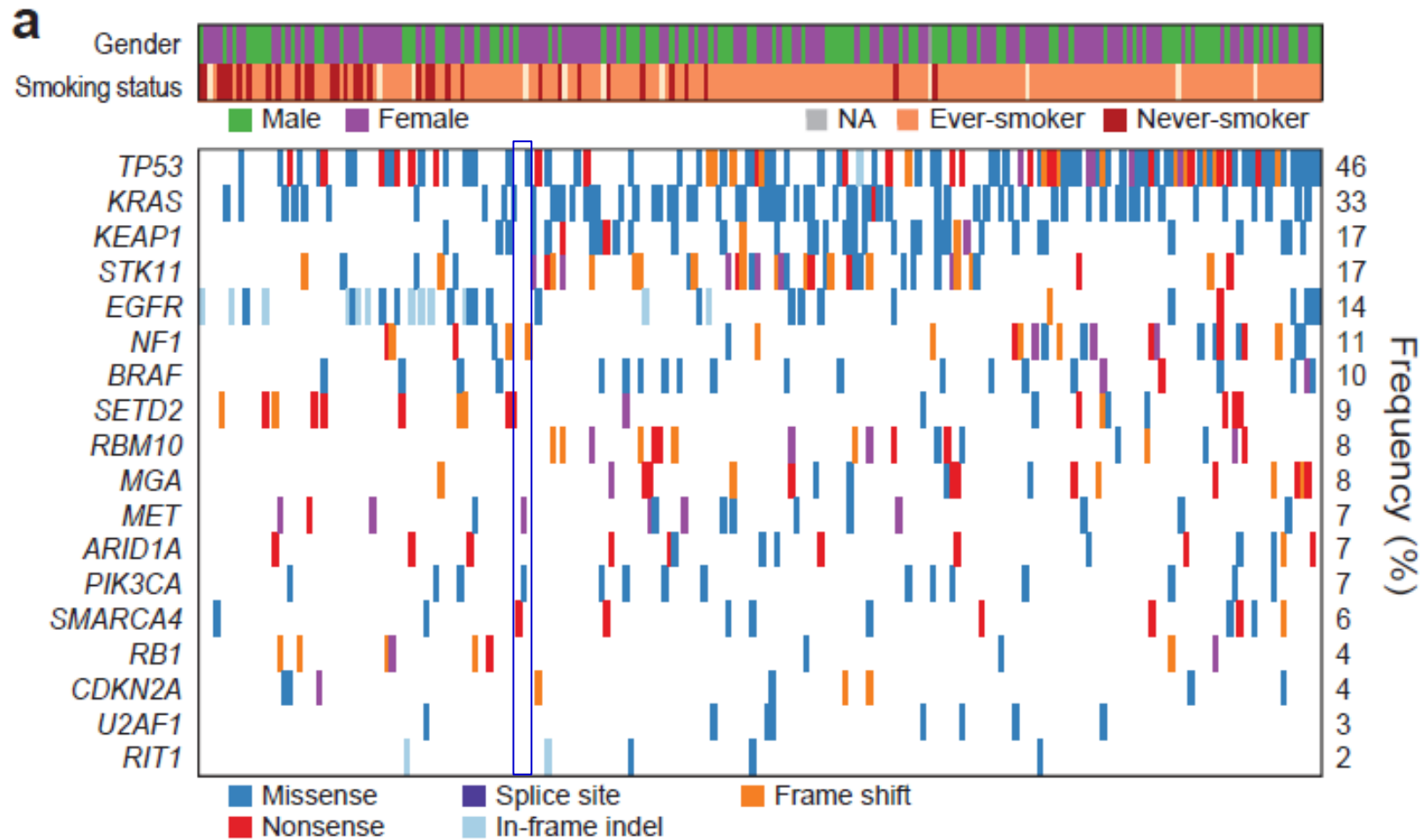
Tarceva approved  
in EU for first line  
therapy with test



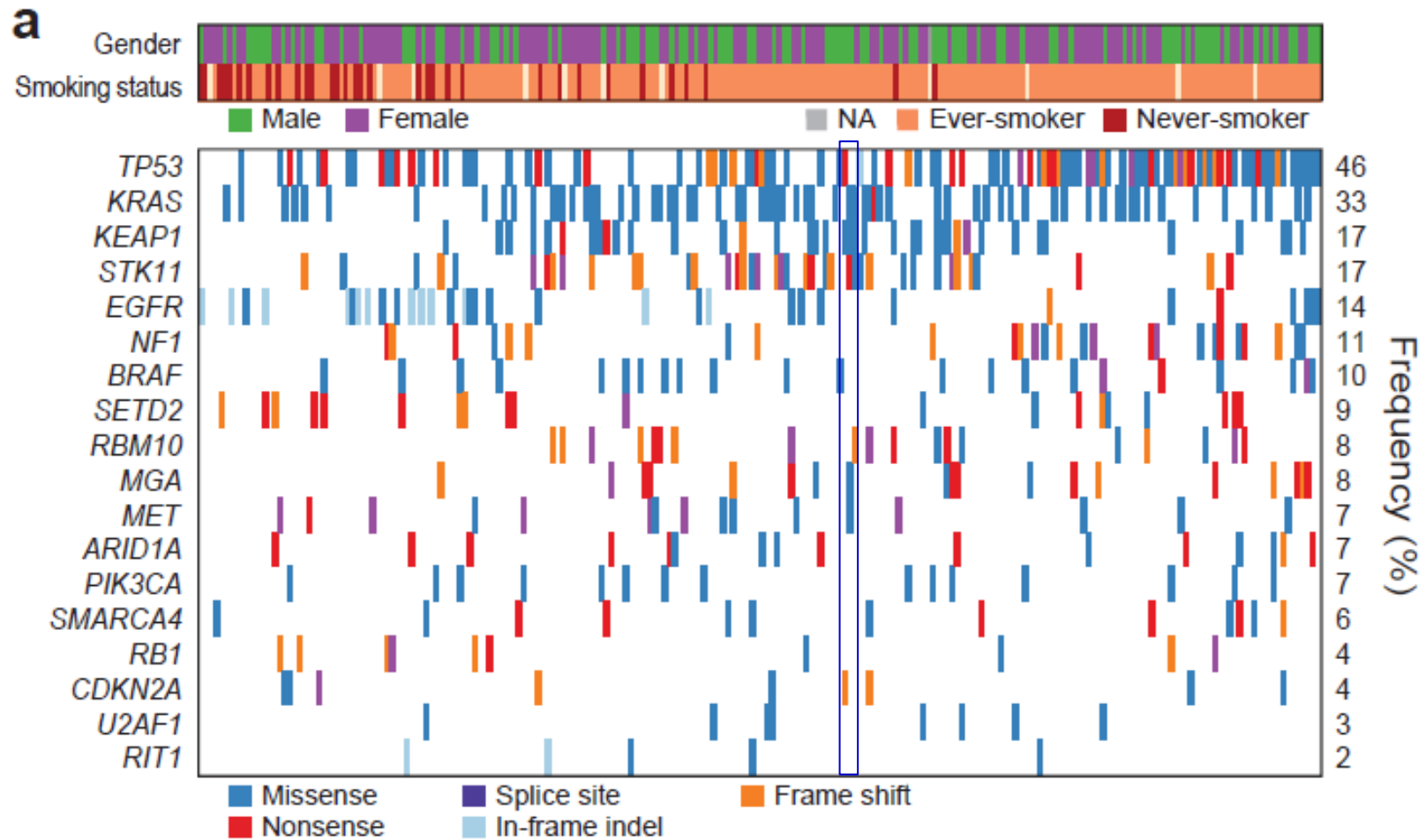
# EML-ALK translocations and drugs



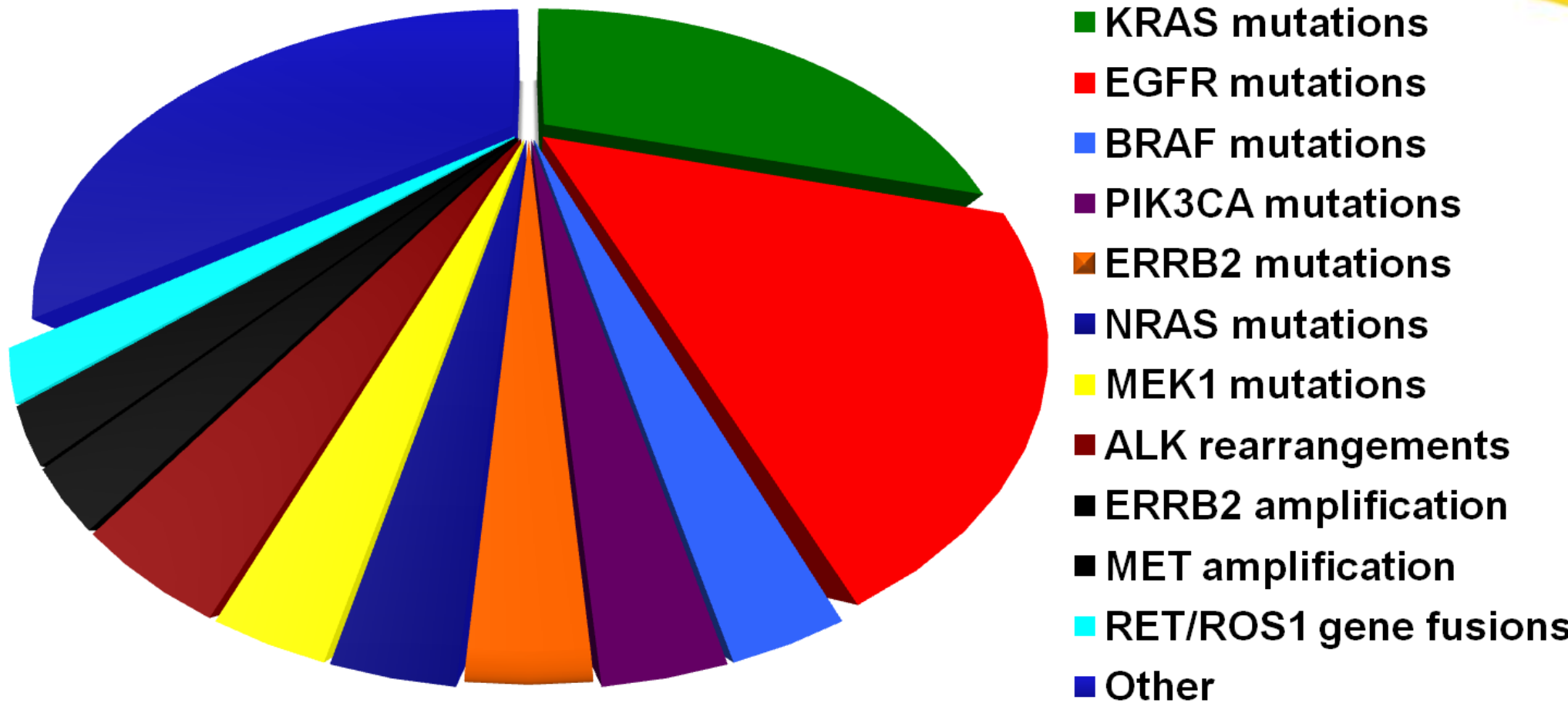
# NSCLC - Adenocarcinoma



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# Genetic changes in non-small cell lung cancer



Targeted therapies for all of these genetic alterations are approved or in development

# Our experience

- **AT Dana Farber and Brigham and Women's Hospital, every new cancer patient is receiving a genetic profile using a 380 gene panel.**
- **A separate heme malignancy panel of 90 genes.**
- **We have tested more than 17,000 patients.**
- **All clinical decisions are based on profiling data.**
- **90% of the results are actionable.**

# Genetic testing is important

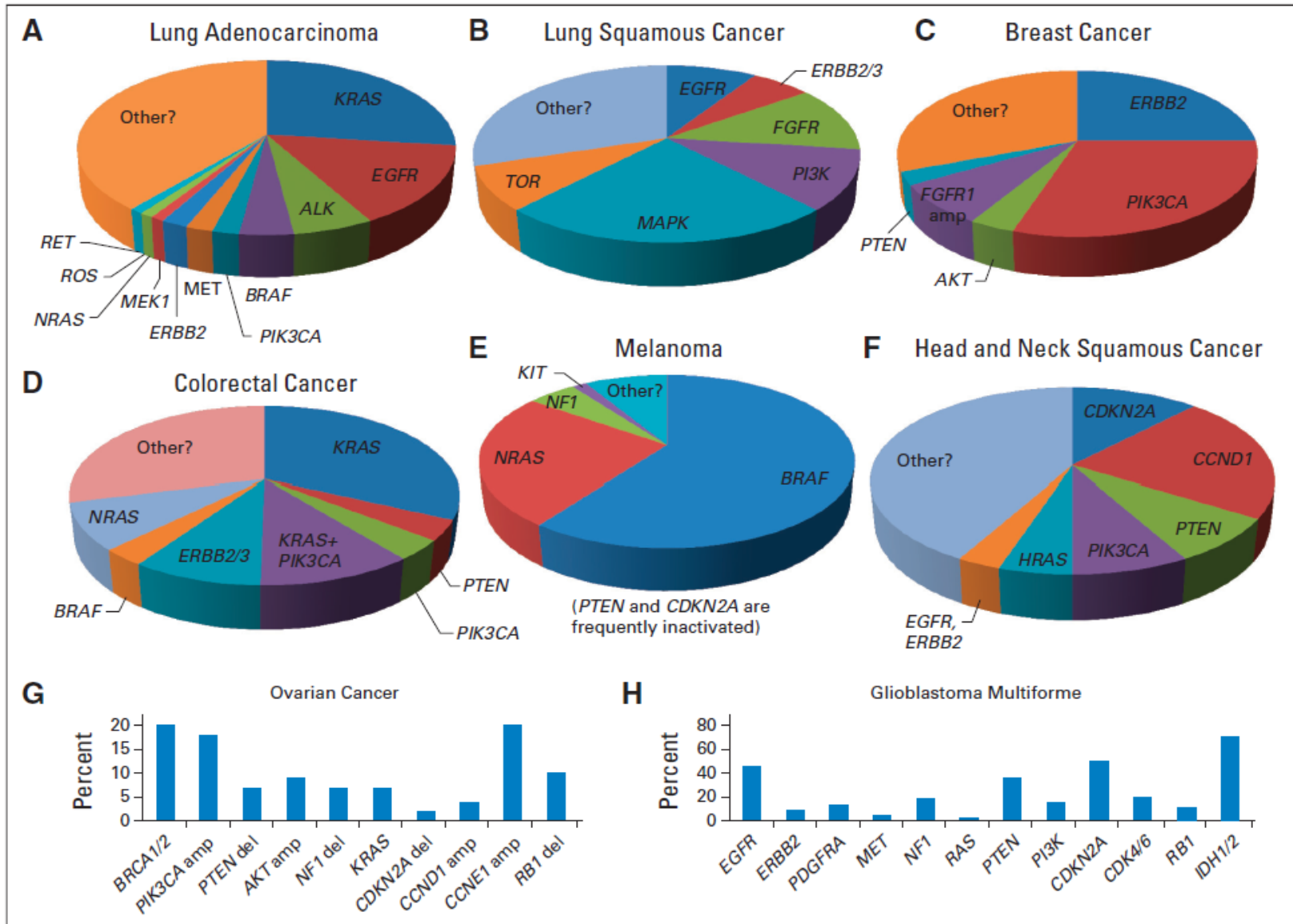
## Dr. Wartman's leukemia



FLT3 overexpression and use of  
Sunitinib (NY Times July 8, 2012)

Gina Kolata

# Genomic Alterations in Actionable Pathways



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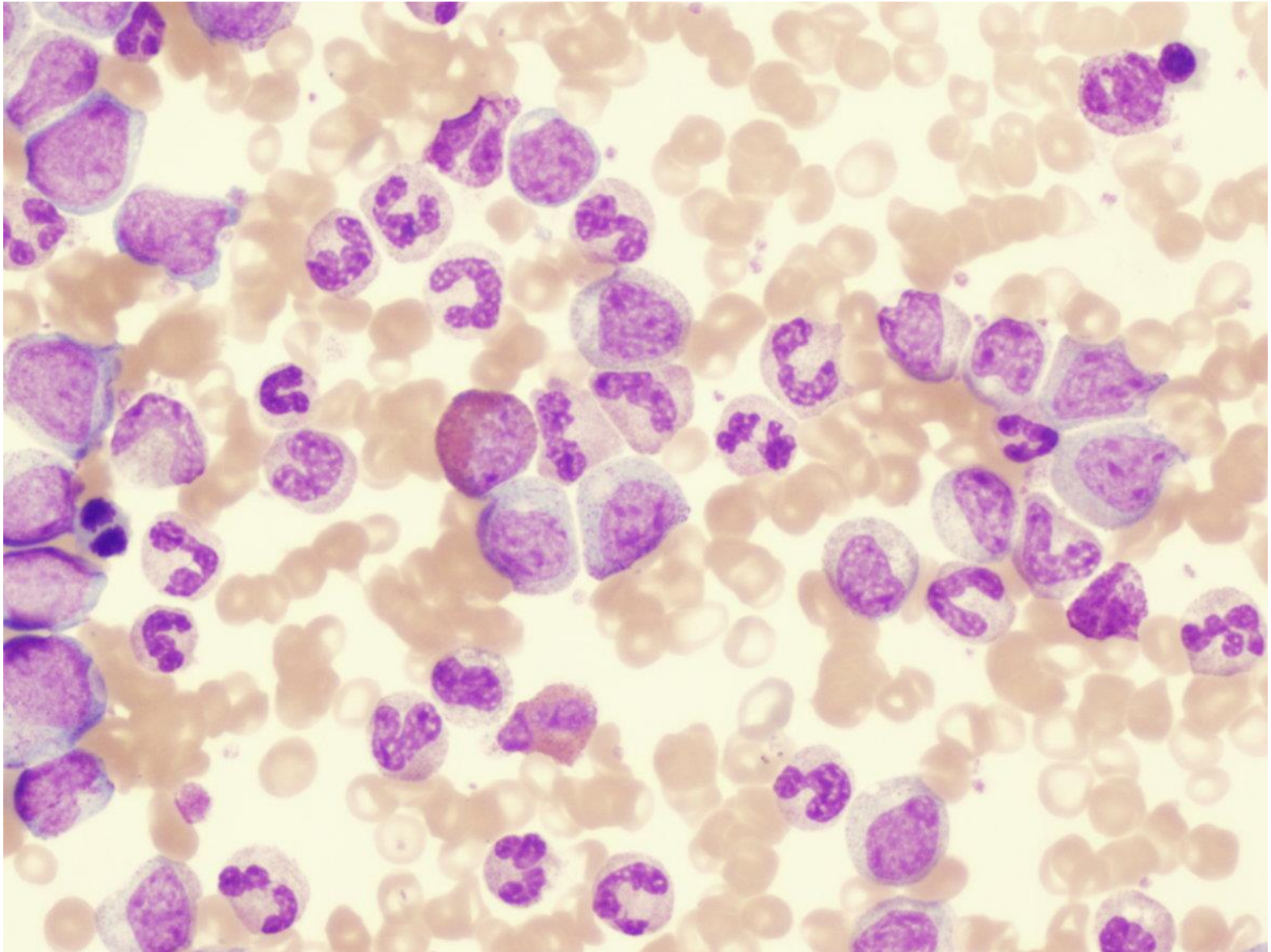
# FDA Approved Targeted Drugs Are Rapidly Increasing

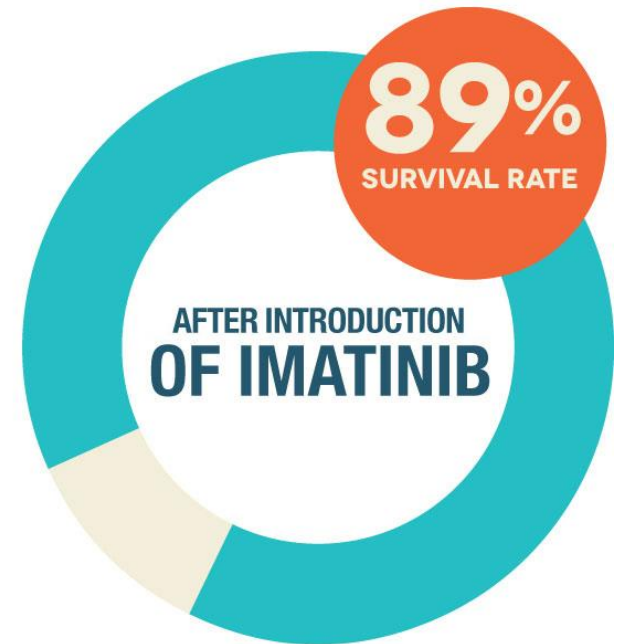
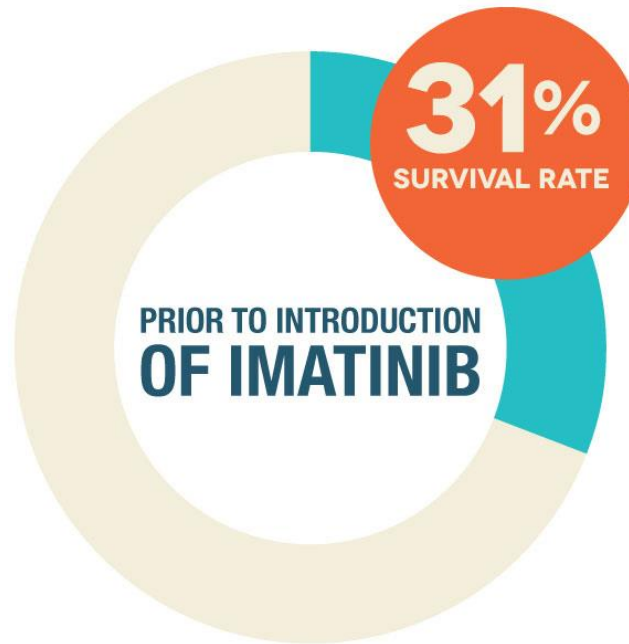


70% of cancer drugs in development have a biomarker



# Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML)





**5-YEAR SURVIVAL RATE FOR CML PATIENTS**

**Introduced in 2001  
2012 revenues 4.7 BB  
Patients diagnosed with CML are  
now having normal life spans**

# Future for Precision Medicine

- **Scientific knowledge about the role of genetics in many disease is increasing rapidly**
- **This knowledge is leading to development of novel drugs and therapies**
- **Continued reductions in cost of DNA sequencing is making genetic testing more affordable**
- **It is likely that genetic/genomic testing will play a more important role in cancer drug development and patient care**