

## IDENTIFYING AND MANAGING LYNCH SYNDROME

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# AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS PRESENTATION, PARTICIPANTS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING RELATING TO LYNCH SYNDROME:

- Prevalence of Lynch syndrome
- Methods for identifying at risk individuals
- Clinical features and medical management options
- Appropriate interpretation of test results

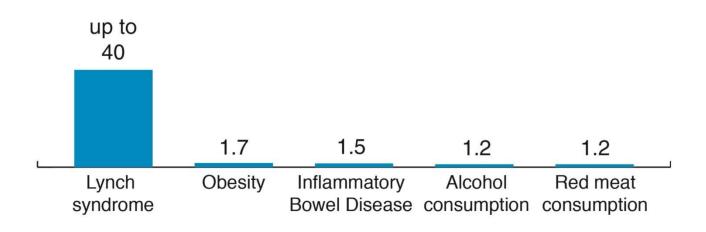
# LYNCH SYNDROME (ALSO KNOWN AS HEREDITARY NONPOLYPOSIS COLORECTAL CANCER: HNPCC)

- Population prevalence: ~1 in 300 1 in 500
- Associated with a significantly increased risk for colorectal and endometrial cancers
- Caused by mutations in the following genes:
   MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2, and EPCAM
- Autosomal dominant inheritance

# LYNCH SYNDROME IS THE SINGLE MOST COMMON EXPLANATION FOR HEREDITARY COLORECTAL CANCER

- ~2-4% of all colorectal cancer is due to Lynch syndrome
- ~6% of unselected colorectal cancer under age 50 is due to Lynch syndrome
- Average age of colorectal cancer onset in *MLH1/MSH2* carriers is 58 years (limiting analysis to those under age 50 will miss patients)
- Up to 24% of patients with colorectal cancer are at risk of having a hereditary colorectal cancer syndrome

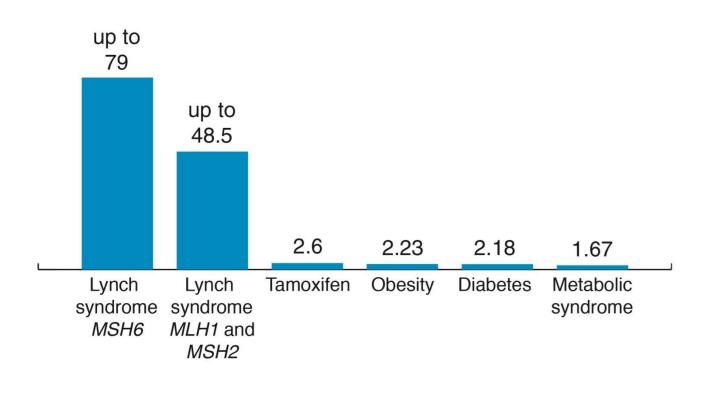
## RISK FACTORS FOR COLORECTAL CANCER (COMPARISON OF RELATIVE RISKS)



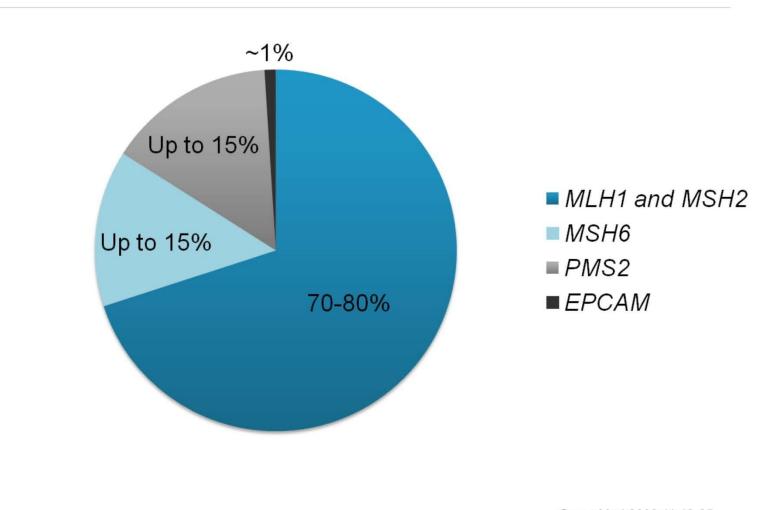
# LYNCH SYNDROME IS THE SINGLE MOST COMMON EXPLANATION FOR HEREDITARY GYNECOLOGICAL CANCERS

- ~ 2-4% of all endometrial cancer is due to Lynch syndrome
- ~9% of endometrial cancer under age 50 is due to Lynch syndrome
- Gynecologic (endometrial or ovarian) cancer is often the sentinel cancer

## RISK FACTORS FOR ENDOMETRIAL CANCER (COMPARISON OF ODDS RATIOS)



## PREVALENCE OF LYNCH SYNDROME MUTATIONS BY GENE



# IDENTIFYING PATIENTS AT RISK FOR LYNCH SYNDROME

#### SOCIETAL STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

- ACCC- Association of Community Cancer Centers
- AMA- American Medical Association
- ASCRS- American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons
- AGA- American Gastroenterological Association
- ASCO- American Society of Clinical Oncology
- NCCN- National Comprehensive Cancer Network
- SSO- Society of Surgical Oncology
- SGO- Society of Gynecologic Oncologists

#### "RED FLAGS" FOR PATIENTS WITH A CANCER DIAGNOSIS

- Colorectal or endometrial cancer before age 50
- MSI-High Histology in a colorectal cancer under age 60:
  - Mucinous, signet ring, tumor infiltrating lymphocytes, Crohn's-like lymphocytic reaction, medullary growth pattern
- Abnormal MSI/IHC tumor test result (Colorectal/ Endometrial)
- Two or more Lynch syndrome cancers\* at any age
- Lynch syndrome cancer with one or more relatives with a Lynch syndrome cancer
- A previously identified Lynch syndrome mutation in the family

\*Lynch syndrome cancers include: colorectal, endometrial, gastric, ovarian, ureter/renal pelvis, biliary tract, small bowel, pancreas, brain, sebaceous carcinomas

Red Flags identify patients at risk for Lynch syndrome for whom further clinical evaluation to determine appropriateness of genetic testing is warranted

Assessment criteria based on medical society guidelines. For these individual medical society guidelines, go to www.myriadpro.com/guidelines

#### MSI TUMOR TESTING vs MSI-HIGH HISTOLOGY

- MSI Tumor Testing
  - A PCR-based test performed on the tumor tissue. If the result is MSI-high, it's likely that the tumor was caused by mismatch repair dysfunction, which indicates a possible Lynch syndrome gene mutation
  - MSI tumor testing must be ordered specifically
- MSI-High Histology
  - Specific microscopic features of colon cancer cells that make it more likely to test MSI-high, and are therefore suggestive of Lynch syndrome
  - MSI histology features are part of the standard pathology work up of a tumor and will be found on the pathology report

#### "RED FLAGS" FOR PATIENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE CANCER

An individual with a family history of the following:

- Two or more relatives with a Lynch syndrome cancer,\* one before the age of 50
- Three or more relatives with a Lynch syndrome cancer at any age
- A previously identified Lynch syndrome mutation in the family

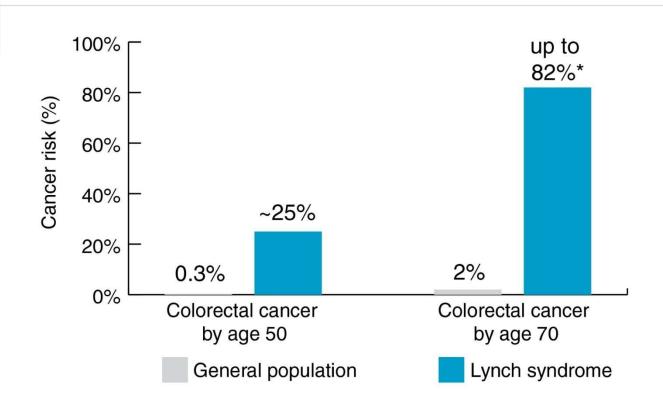
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#### LYNCH SYNDROME INCREASES COLORECTAL CANCER RISK

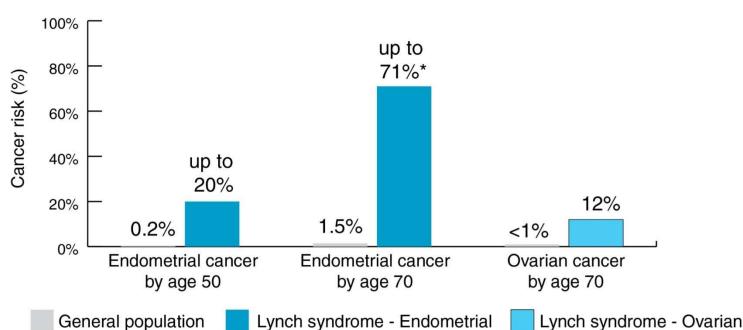


\*range of risk for colorectal cancer differs by gene

Statistics in Medicine 2003;22:1837-48. Int J Cancer 1999;81:214-8. Gastroenterology 2009;137(5):1621–1627.

#### LYNCH SYNDROME INCREASES GYNECOLOGIC CANCER RISKS

 Women with Lynch syndrome may present with a gynecologic cancer first

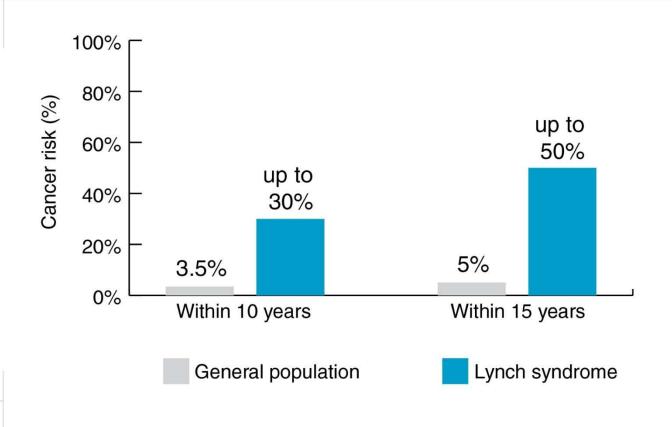


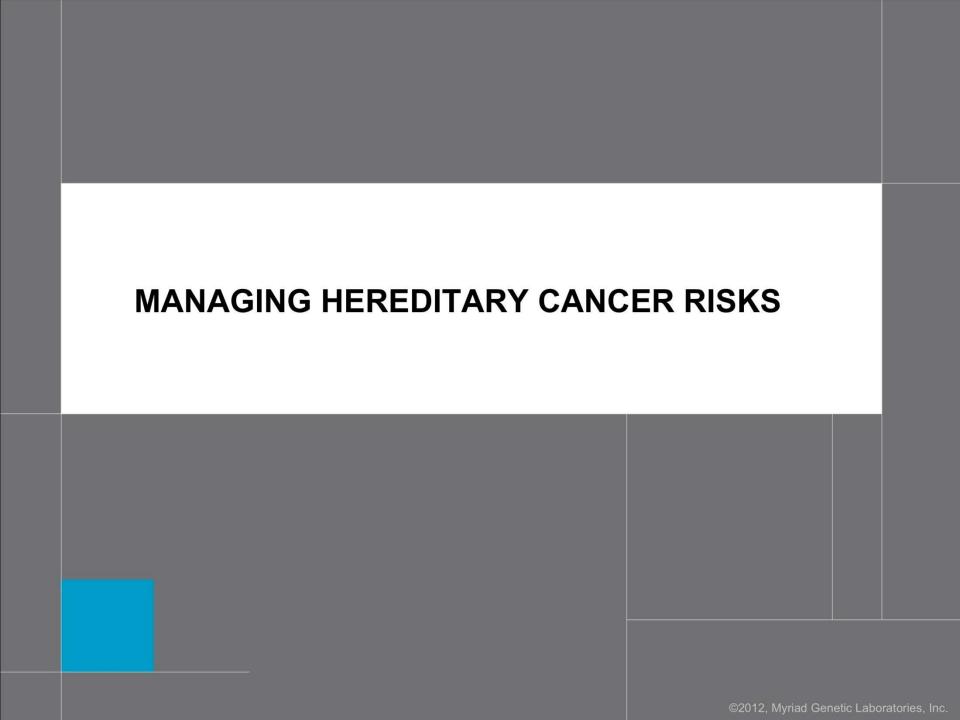
\*range of risk for endometrial cancer differs by gene

## LYNCH SYNDROME INCREASES RISK FOR OTHER CANCERS

CANCER	GENERAL POPULATION RISK	RISKS IN LYNCH SYNDROME
Gastric	<1%	Up to 13%
Hepatobiliary tract	<1%	<10%
Ureter/renal pelvis	<1%	<10%
Small bowel	<1%	<5%
Brain/central nervous system (usually glioblastoma)	<1%	<5%
Pancreatic	<1%	<5%
Sebaceous adenoma or carcinoma	<1%	<10%

#### LYNCH SYNDROME INCREASES RISK OF A SECOND CANCER





#### MANAGING CANCER RISK IN LYNCH SYNDROME

- Surveillance
- Surgery

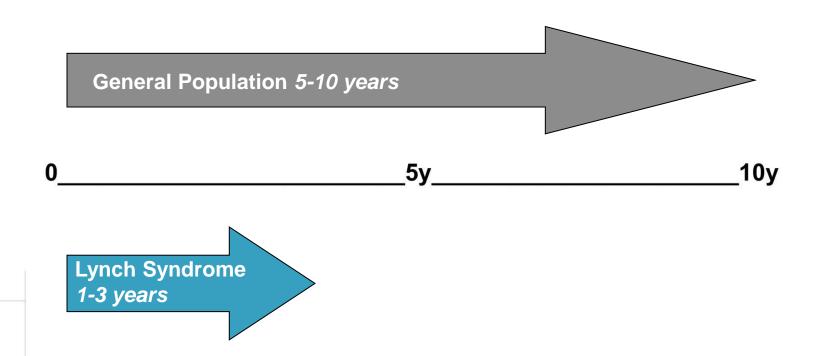
Any discussion of medical management options is for general informational purposes only and does not constitute a recommendation. While genetic testing and medical society guidelines provide important and useful information, medical management decisions should be made based on consultation between each patient and his or her healthcare provider.

#### LYNCH SYNDROME COLORECTAL CANCER SURVEILLANCE

- Colonoscopy at age 20-25y or 2-5y prior to earliest CRC under 25y, repeat every 1-2y
- Adenomas/cancers are often right-sided in Lynch syndrome
- Reduces CRC risk by over 50% and overall mortality by 65%
  - Results in diagnosis of earlier stage cancers

#### RATIONALE FOR FREQUENT COLONOSCOPY

Accelerated progression from adenoma to cancer



Am J Med 1999;107:68-77. Gut 2002 Feb;50(2):228-34. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2011;9(4):340-43.

# LYNCH SYNDROME COLORECTAL CANCER SURGICAL MANAGEMENT

- Surgical Considerations
  - For patients with colorectal cancer or more than one advanced adenoma consider colectomy with ileorectal anastomosis OR
  - Hemicolectomy with annual colonoscopy
- Surveillance options for patients with colorectal cancer
  - If hemicolectomy is performed, follow up with annual colonoscopy

Annals of Surgery 2010;252:507-513.

### LYNCH SYNDROME MANAGEMENT GYNECOLOGIC CANCERS

	PROCEDURE	AGE
Surveillance	Options include: -annual transvaginal ultrasound; -annual endometrial aspiration; -CA-125 testing	Begin at age 30-35 years
Surgical management	Hysterectomy and bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy	Option after childbearing is complete and/or at time of any intraabdominal surgery



## LYNCH SYNDROME MANAGEMENT OTHER CANCERS

		PROCEDURE*	AGE TO BEGIN	FREQUENCY
b	Sastric/small lowel cancer urveillance	Consider upper GI endoscopy (including side-viewing examination) Consider capsule endoscopy	30-35 years	2-3 years (depending upon findings)
	Jrothelial ancer	Consider urinalysis	Not specified	Annual
C	CNS cancer	Physical examination	Not specified	Annual
_	Pancreatic ancer	No recommendations at this time		

<sup>\*</sup>Limited efficacy data

# INTERPRETING AND UTILIZING TEST RESULTS IN MEDICAL MANAGEMENT

#### INTERPRETING GENETIC TEST RESULTS

Positive for deleterious mutation(s)



- No mutation detected
  - Mutation(s) previously identified in the family



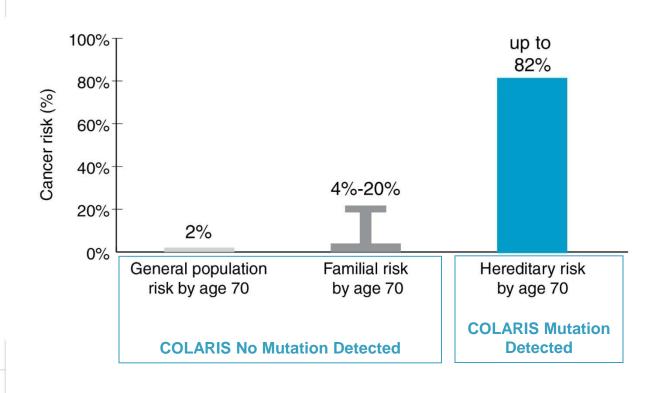
- No known mutation in the family
- Genetic variant of uncertain clinical significance



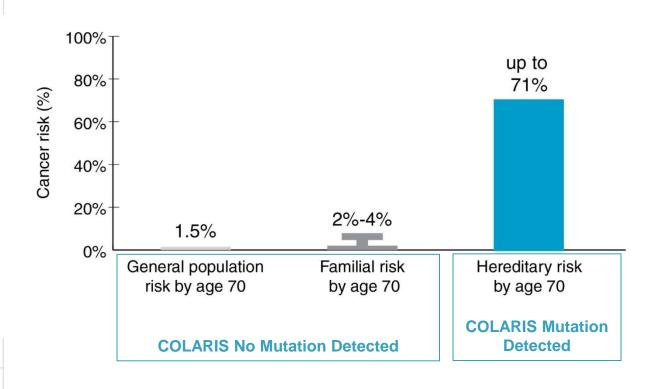
#### POSITIVE FOR DELETERIOUS MUTATION(S)

- Syndrome-associated cancer risks
- Relatives at risk
  - 50% chance for first degree relatives (children, siblings, parents) to inherit the mutation causing Lynch syndrome
- Test at-risk relatives for identified familial mutation(s)

## INTERPRETING TEST RESULTS UNAFFECTED PATIENT (COLORECTAL)



## INTERPRETING TEST RESULTS UNAFFECTED PATIENT (UTERINE)



#### GENETIC VARIANT OF UNCERTAIN SIGNIFICANCE

- Clinical significance not yet known
- Manage based on personal & family cancer/ adenoma history
- May be further clarified by
  - Testing of specified family members
  - Molecular or functional analysis
  - Population studies

#### BENEFITS AND LIMITATIONS OF GENETIC TESTING

#### Benefits

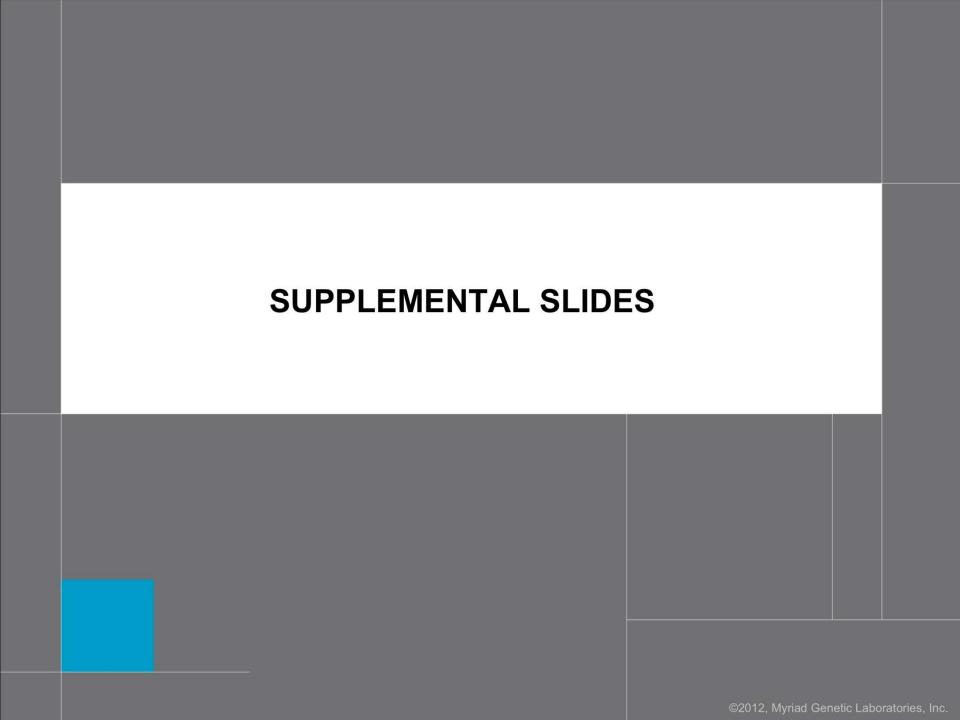
- Allows for individualized medical management
- Accurate risk assessment
- Alleviates uncertainty and anxiety
- Limitations
  - Genetic testing does not identify all causes of hereditary colorectal cancer

#### **IN SUMMARY**

- Screen for "Red Flags"
  - Colorectal cancer before age 50
  - Endometrial cancer before age 50
  - Two or more Lynch syndrome-related cancers in an individual or family
- Discuss genetic testing options
- Interpret genetic test results and stratify risk accordingly
- Establish appropriate medical management plan



# KNOWLEDGE IS POWER... AND HOPE



#### **CANCER RISKS DIFFER BY GENE**

GENE	MEAN AGE COLON CANCER	CRC	GYNECOLOGIC CANCER
MLH1 MSH2	58 years	Up to 82%	Endometrial: up to 60% Ovary: up to 12%
MSH6	54 years	Men: up to 69% Women: up to 30%	Endometrial: up to 71% Ovary: up to 12%
PMS2	50 years	Men: up to 20% Women: up to 15%	Endometrial: up to 15% Ovary: Increased, exact risk has not been defined



## NO MUTATION DETECTED NO KNOWN MUTATION IN THE FAMILY

- Rules out known causes of Lynch syndrome
- Manage based on the negative result and personal & family cancer/adenoma history
- If patient was unaffected, consider testing an affected relative for Lynch syndrome (either via genetic testing or tumor analysis)

#### NO MUTATION DETECTED: NEGATIVE FOR KNOWN MUTATION(S) IN THE FAMILY

- General population cancer risks—if no cancer history on the other side of the family
- Avoid unnecessary screening/surgery

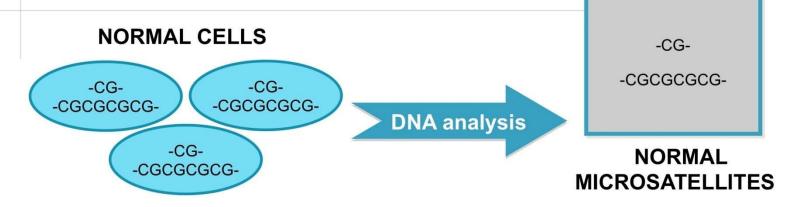
# GENETIC DISCRIMINATION MYTH VERSUS REALITY

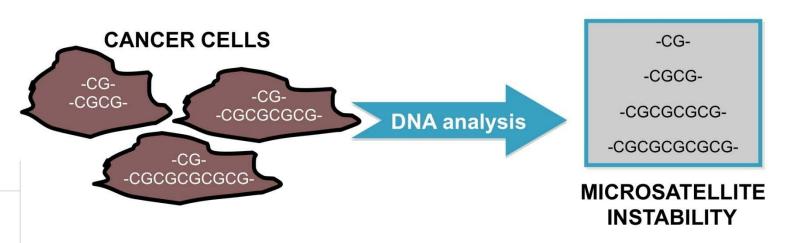
- Federal and state laws prohibit the use of genetic information as a 'pre-existing condition'
  - Federal HIPAA legislation
  - The majority of states have additional laws
  - Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA)

#### **TESTING FOR HEREDITARY CANCER RISK**

- Available through healthcare providers
- Federally-certified clinical laboratory
  - Turnaround time ~2 weeks
  - Insurance preauthorization services available

MICROSATELLITE INSTABILITY (MSI)
MICROSATELLITES IN TUMOR COMPARED TO
NORMAL TISSUE

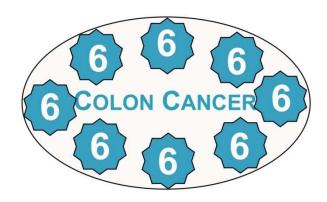




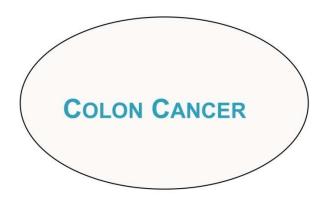
MSI analysis compares DNA extracted from slides of paraffin-embedded colorectal cancers to DNA from normal tissue

#### **IMMUNOHISTOCHEMISTRY (IHC)**

- Antibody stains look for MMR proteins: MLH1, MSH2, MSH6 and PMS2
- Lack of staining = missing protein and possibility of an underlying genetic mutation



Normal expression of MSH6 protein



MSH6 protein absent

# SCREENING FOR LYNCH SYNDROME: MSI AND IHC

 MSI and IHC testing can be used as screening tools and are not diagnostic for Lynch syndrome

		LYNCH SYNDROME- RELATED CANCER*
Colorectal & Endometrial cancer	10-15%	Up to 90-95%

 Challenges in performing MSI and IHC testing, and in results interpretation exist

\*MSI-H or loss of staining of ≥1 MMR protein

## TUMOR TESTING STRATEGIES FOR AFFECTED PATIENTS

- If MSI and/or IHC testing is performed on a select group of patients, Lynch syndrome cases may be missed
  - The Revised Bethesda Criteria misses up to 30% of Lynch syndrome patients
- Consider routine MSI and/or IHC screening of all colorectal and endometrial cancers regardless of age at diagnosis or family history
- Proceed to genetic testing in cases where tumor results are suggestive of Lynch syndrome

### GENETIC TESTING FOR UNAFFECTED PATIENTS

- Genetic testing for unaffected patients whose risk of Lynch syndrome exceeds 5% could improve health outcomes in a cost-effective manner
- PREMM<sub>1,2,6</sub> model can be used to further evaluate individuals meeting 'Red Flags'
  - PREMM<sub>1,2,6</sub> model is available at: www.dana-farber.org/premm

# DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS ADENOMATOUS POLYPOSIS SYNDROMES

CONDITION	ATTENUATED FAMILIAL ADENOMATOUS POLYPOSIS	MYH-ASSOCIATED POLYPOSIS
Gene:	APC	MYH
Inheritance:	Autosomal Dominant	Autosomal Recessive
Polyp Number:	Less than 100	0 - 1000
Colorectal Cancer Risk:	≥ 80% by age 70	≥ 80% by age 70

- Can present with colorectal cancer with none or a limited number of adenomas
- Similar cancer spectrum to Lynch syndrome
- MAP can present with MSI-H and MSI-L colorectal tumors

# DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS FAMILIAL COLORECTAL CANCER TYPE X (FCCTX)

ETIOLOGY:	Unknown; likely heterogeneous
CLINICAL DEFINITION:	Amsterdam-1 criteria without evidence of MMR deficiency
FREQUENCY:	40-50% of families meeting the Amsterdam-1 criteria

- Increased risk of colorectal cancer only
- Lower risk of colorectal cancer compared to Lynch syndrome with a later mean age of cancer diagnosis
- Fewer right-sided, synchronous and metachronous colorectal cancers

#### MSI-H COLORECTAL CANCER HISTOLOGY

- Right-sided
- Poorly differentiated
- Tumor infiltrating lymphocytes
- Crohn's-like lymphocytic reaction
- Mucinous
- Signet-ring differentiation
- Medullary growth pattern

#### **ENDOMETRIAL CANCER HISTOLOGY**

- Wide variety of histologic types, including endometroid and non-endometroid tumors
- Increased association between Lower Uterine Segment tumors and Lynch syndrome