

**BeSHG Interuniversity Course in Genetics**  
14.20-15.00 Inherited colon cancer and other inherited cancer predispositions

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## Inherited colorectal cancer

- Rare : 10% of all the CRC**
- High risk:** cumulative risk of CRC:
  - 40 - 50 % at 70 yo for Lynch and hamartomatous polyposis
  - 100% at 40 yo for FAP linked to APC
- Need of medical care**
- Possibility of predictive testing**

**Somatic mutations**  
• Occur in *nongermline* tissues  
• Cannot be inherited

**Germline mutations**  
• Present in egg or sperm  
• Can be inherited  
• Cause cancer family syndrome

**Nonheritable**  
Mutation in tumor only  
(for example, breast)

**Heritable**  
Mutation in egg or sperm  
All cells affected in offspring

**Colon Cancer Cases Arising in Various Family Risk Settings**

Risk Setting	Approximate Percentage
Sporadic Cases	~85%
Cases with Familial Risk (10% to 30%)	~10%
Lynch Syndrome (Heredity Nonpolyposis Colorectal Cancer) (2% to 3%)	~2%
Hamartomatous Polyposis Syndromes (<0.1%)	<0.1%
Familial Adenomatous Polyposis (<1%)	<1%

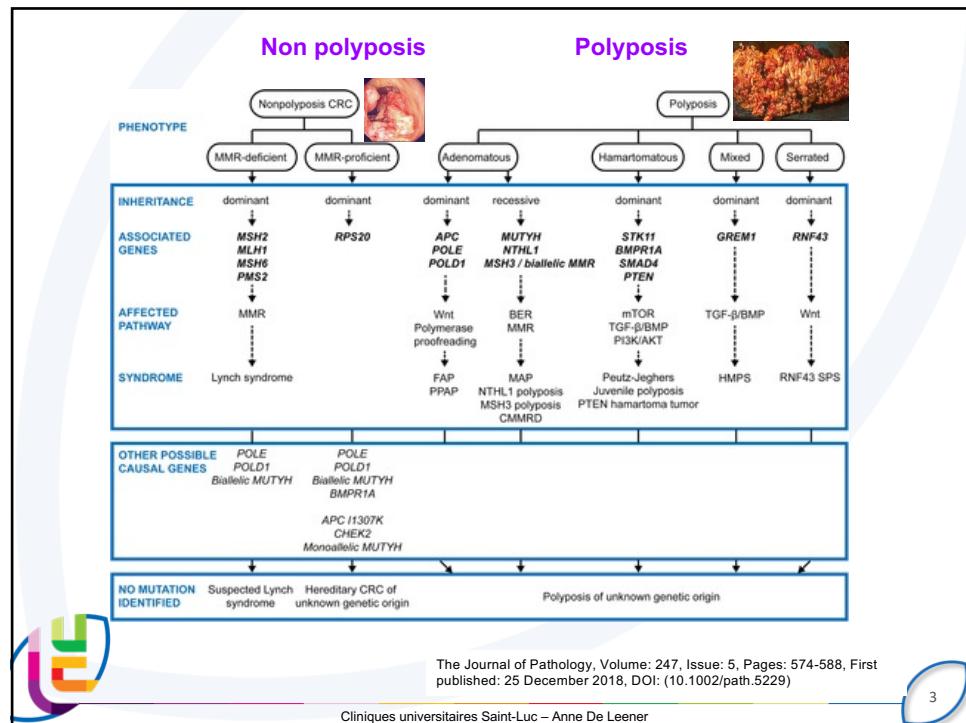
**“Polyposis”**  
FAP  
Attenuated polyposis  
Other polyposis

**“Non polyposis”**  
LYNCH Syndrome:  
5% CRC

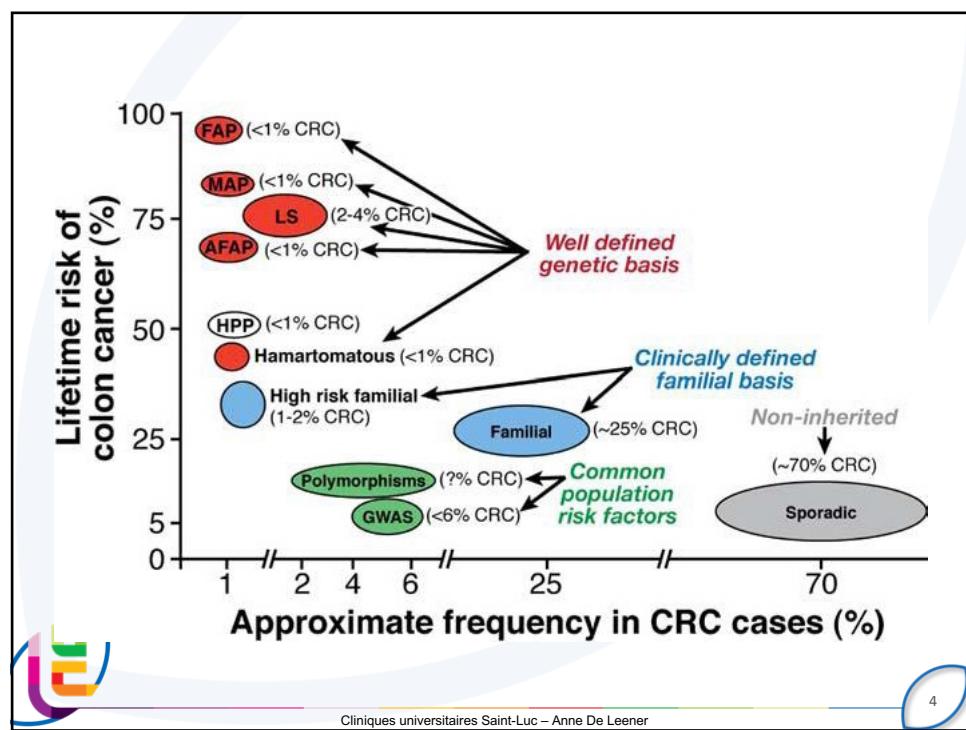
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## Introduction to Lynch Syndrome : Terminology

MMR = *MisMatch Repair*

MMRD = *Mismatch Repair Deficient*

MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2, EPCAM = 5 main genes involved in the MMR process

RER phenotype (*Replication ERRor*) = mutator phenotype cause by MMRD

MSI-H cancer (*MicroSatellite Instability-High*) = cancer with RER mutator phenotype = MMRD cancer

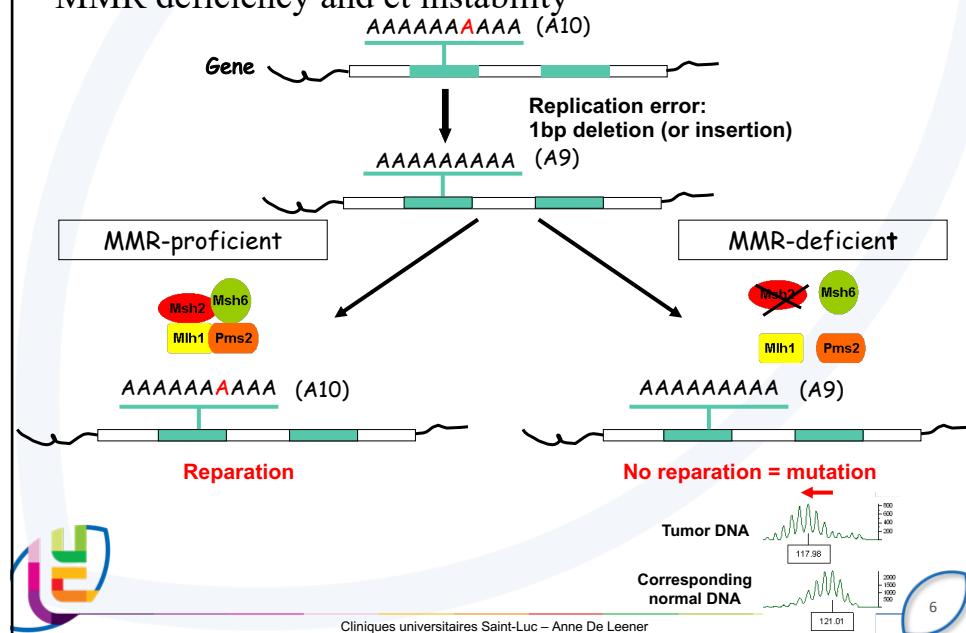
MSS = *MicroSatellite Stable*



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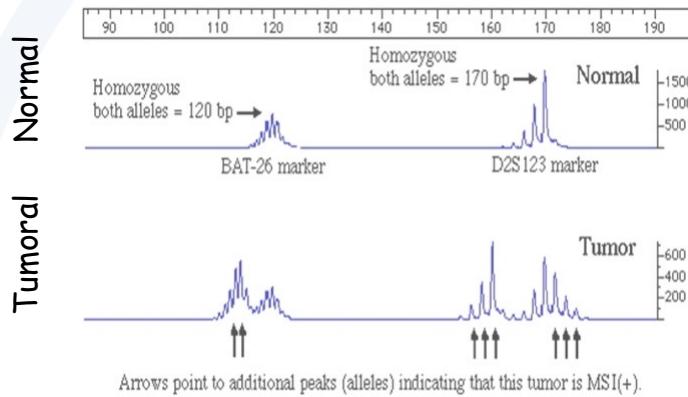
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## Introduction to LYNCH syndrome : MMR deficiency and et instability



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## Microsatellites instability (MSI): 15% of CRC



### MSI testing on Genotyper

Selection of at least 5 monomorphic microsatellites : no variation in the population



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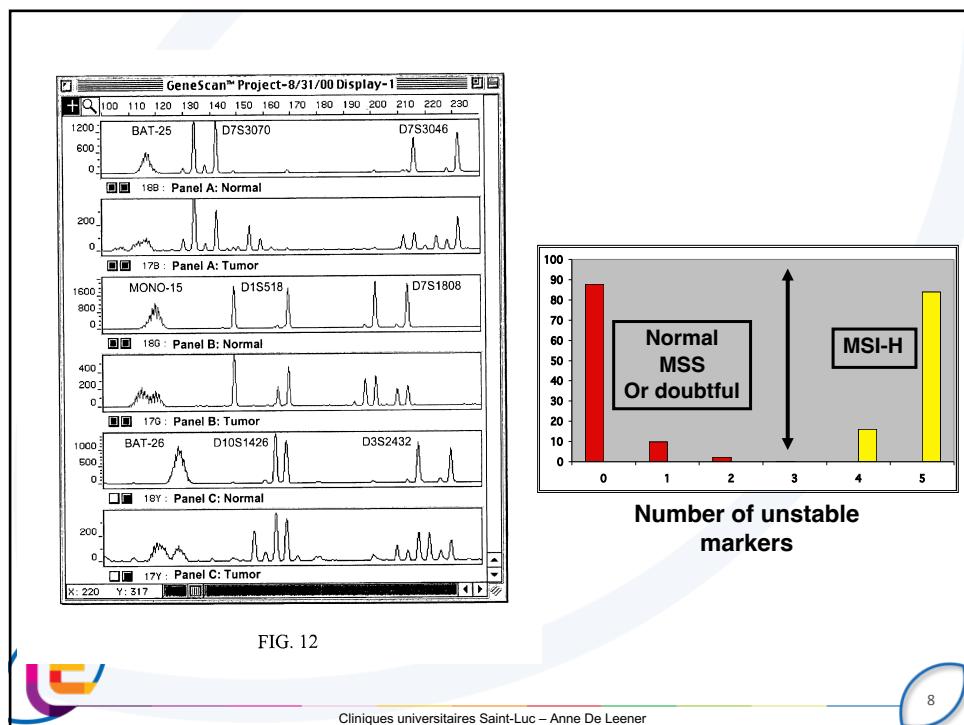
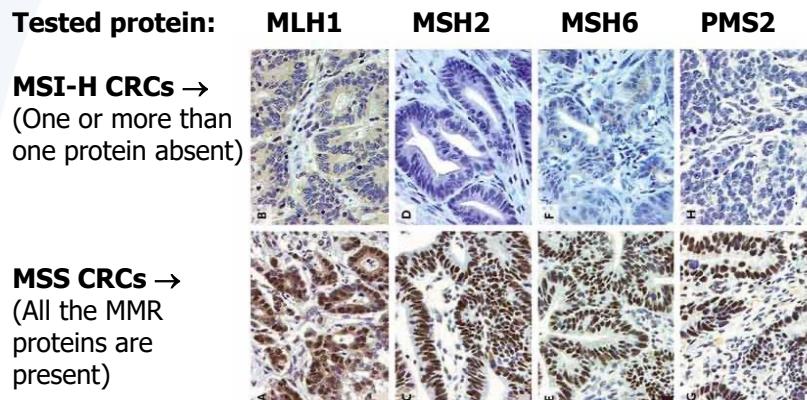


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## Immunohistochemistry of MMR proteins in CRCs



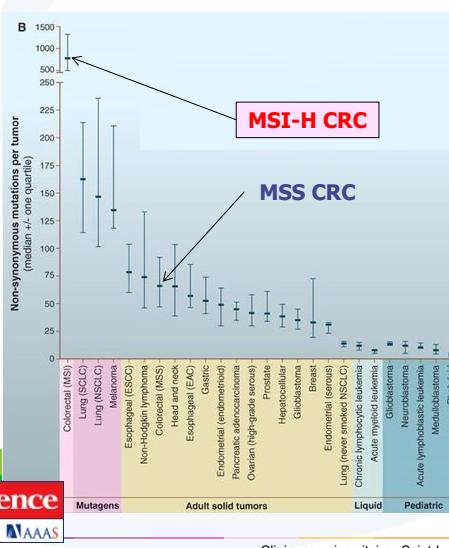
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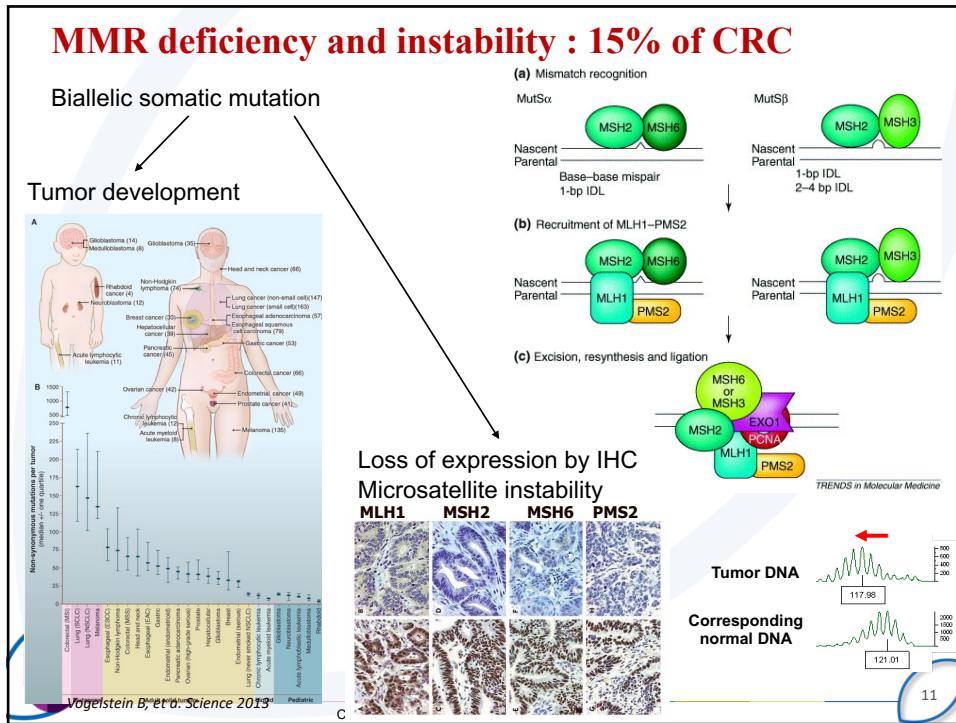
## Number of mutations accumulated : MSS vs MSI-H CRC



- ◆ median number of non-synonymous mutations per tumor with genome wide tools
- ◆ MSI-H tumors have by far the greatest numbers of mutations

B Vogelstein et al. Science  
2013;339:1546-1558

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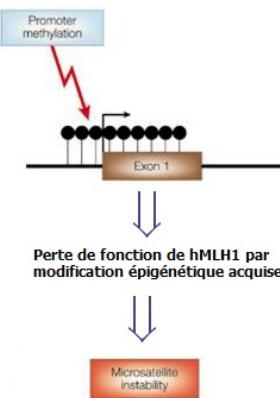
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## Sporadic MSI-H CRC: epigenetic MLH1 inactivation/Methylation

Hypermethylation of MLH1 = **the** mechanism of MMR loss of function for sporadic MSI-H CRCs

When considering a MLH1-negative CRC, 2 biological parameters are in favor of a sporadic disease

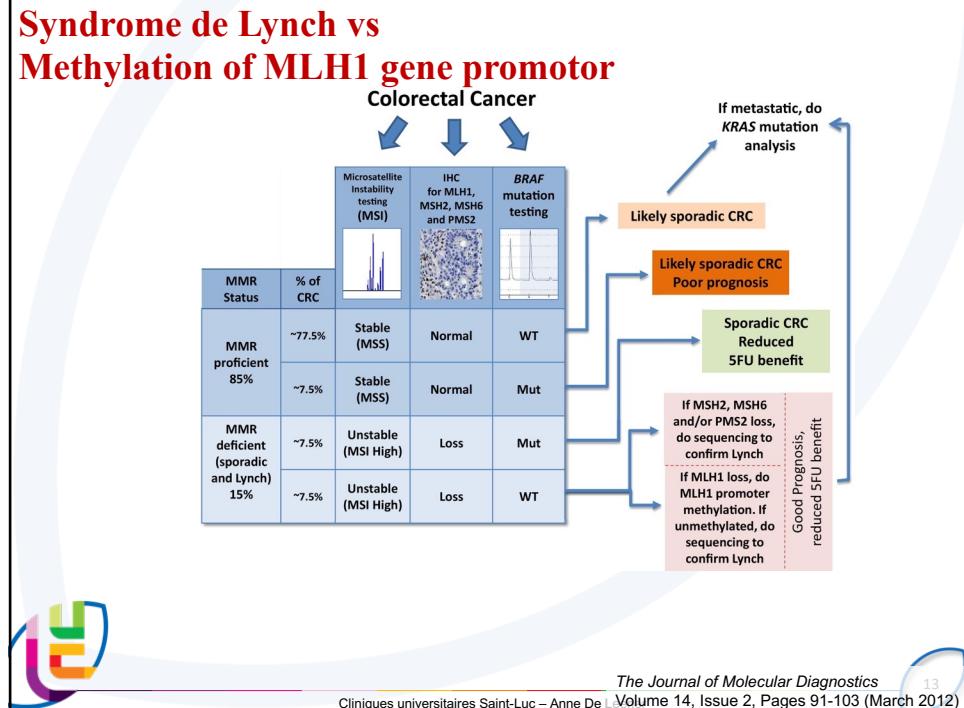
1. Hypermethylation of MLH1
2. Presence of BRAF V600E acquired mutation



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## Syndrome de Lynch vs Methylation of MLH1 gene promotor



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## Lynch syndrome: germline testing ? Importance of familial history

4 Oncogenetic testing for Lynch syndrome and FAP KCE Report 220Cs

**Prediction model:** PREMM, MMRpro, MMRpredict

**CLINICAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

The details of the evidence used to formulate the recommendations below are available in the scientific report and its appendices. The tables below follow the sequence of the chapters of the scientific report.

**Lynch syndrome**

**Recommendations**

Family history should be evaluated using a validated prediction model (e.g. PREMM1,2,6) or the revised Bethesda criteria. Individuals considered at risk should be referred for genetic counseling. A first step may be the retrieval and immunohistochemical analysis of stored samples of family members after appropriate consent. This is possibly followed by germline mutation analysis of the referred individual.

Investigation of all colorectal cancers by immunohistochemistry (IHC) of the four mismatch repair (MMR) proteins or by microsatellite instability (MSI) testing is recommended. In case of a positive family history (e.g. based on PREMM1,2,6) or other risk factors, both IHC and MSI should be performed if either MSI or IHC performed alone remains inconclusive.

Immunohistochemistry and MSI tests should only be performed in laboratories that are ISO accredited for these tests.

If the only reason for germline mutation analysis is a positive IHC for MLH1, germline mutation analysis should be accompanied by MLH1 promoter methylation or BRAF mutation analysis.

**Table 2. Test Performance in Detection of Lynch Syndrome**

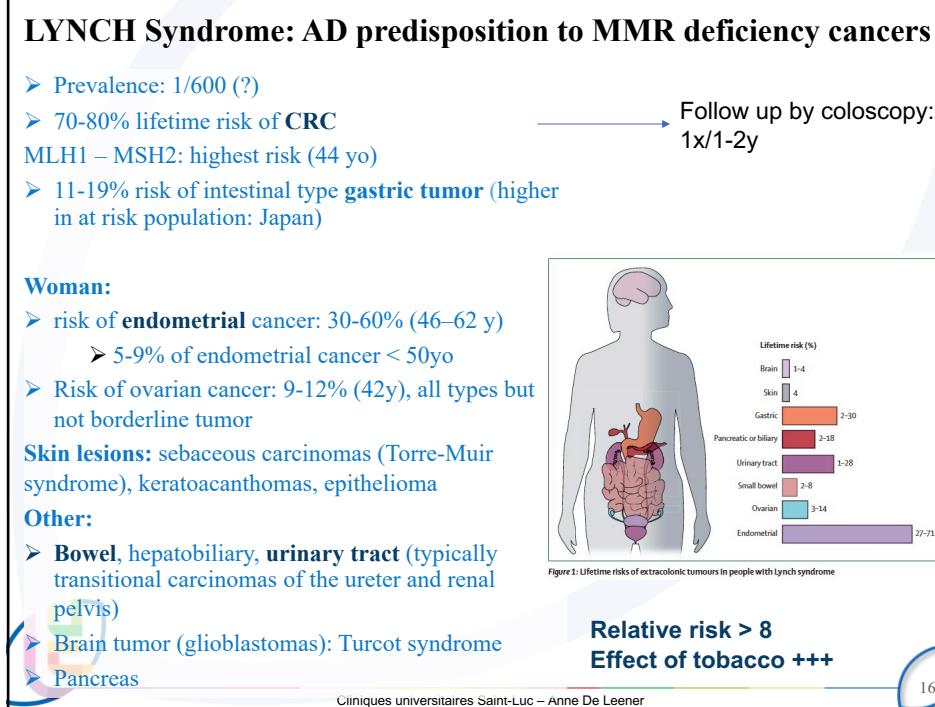
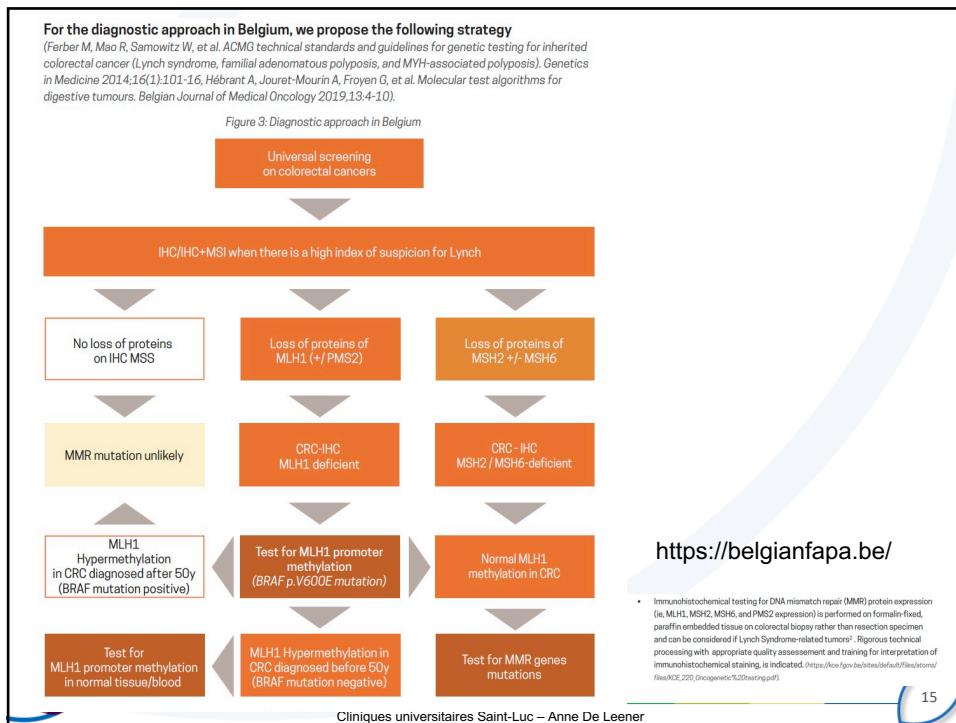
Test	Sensitivity, %	Specificity, %	Estimated Lynch probands missed (of 3550), No. (%)
Amsterdam II criteria	42-50	97-98	1780-2060 (50-58)
Revised Bethesda criteria	95	38	180 (5)
Barnetson et al <sup>83</sup>	95	14	180 (5)
Greenson et al <sup>108</sup>	92		280 (8)
MSI	89 (MLH1) 90 (MHS2) 76 (MSH6)		11-355 (0.3-10)
IHC	81 (MLH1) 88 (MHS2) 76 (MSH6)		390-425 (11-12)
Sequencing	99.5	99.9	0 (0)

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## LYNCH Syndrome

Table 1: Cumulative incidence at age 75 (%)

	MLH1	MSH2	MSH6	PMS2	Population risk
Colorectal cancer	60-80	60-80	10-20	10-20	4-5
Endometrial cancer	35	50	40	10-15	1.5
Ovarian cancer	10	17	10 <sup>b</sup>	3 <sup>b</sup>	0.8
Upper GI cancer	10-20	10-20	4-8	4	
Ureter-bladder-kidney	10-12	25-30	6-9	/	
Prostate cancer	10-20	20-30	/	/	10

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## Surveillance guidelines (FAPA)

Table 2: Surveillance guidelines

Disorder	Lower age limit (y)	Examination	Interval(y)
Lynch Syndrome & Presumed LS	Colorectal cancer (20-)25 <sup>a</sup> or 5y younger than the youngest age at diagnosis of CRC in family if diagnosed before 25y	Colonoscopy Essential to visualize the complete colon and the terminal ileum	1-2
	Gastric cancer (30-)35	Baseline Gastroduodenoscopy with gastric biopsy of the antrum Treating Helicobacter pylori infection when found Subsequent surveillance can be considered every 3-5y based on individual patient risk factors (MLH1/MSH2 mutations) and/or family history of gastric and duodenal cancer <sup>a</sup>	3-5
	Gynecological cancer (30-)35	Pelvic examination Transvaginal ultrasound and endometrial biopsy <sup>c</sup> Prevention options (use of oral contraceptives) <sup>b</sup>	1
	Age 40 or after completion of Childbearing	Hysterectomy and bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy should be discussed with women who are known to be MLH1/MSH2 carriers	
Urinary tract cancer <sup>d</sup>	(30-)35	Urinalysis for microscopic hematuria Urine cytology based on individual patient risk factor (MSH2 mutation) and/or family history	1
Revised Bethesda no MMR deficiency	20-40	Colonoscopy (interval need to be discussed in view of fam. history)	
Familial CRC 2 FDR With CRC or one FDR diagnosed < 50 years	40	Colonoscopy	5
Familial CRC One FDR with CRC > 50 years	40	Average risk method	

Other tumors are managed as in the general population.

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**Lynch : chemoprevention:**

- CAPP2 study: 861 Patients Lynch: 600 mg aspirine versus placebo during 4 years. Reduction of CCR occurrence with an average take of 25 month.
- CAPP3 study: studies the long-term effect of taking aspirin in 3000 Lynch patients by comparing 3 doses : 100, 300, or 600 mg/day.

[www.thelancet.com](http://www.thelancet.com) Vol 395 June 13, 2020

**Role of immuno-oncology in inherited CRC**

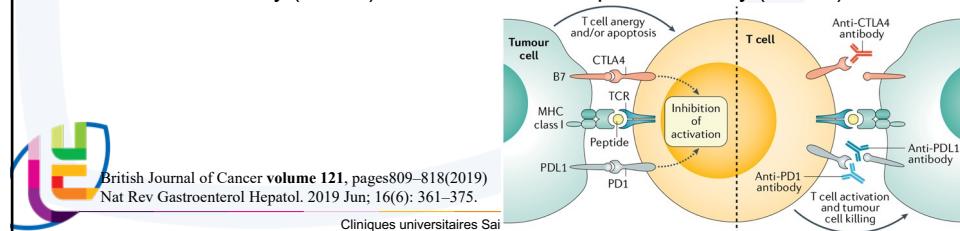
MSI-H tumor: Better prognosis

But: No response to 5FU

-> Lower interest of chemotherapy in stage II and III

-> immunotherapy:

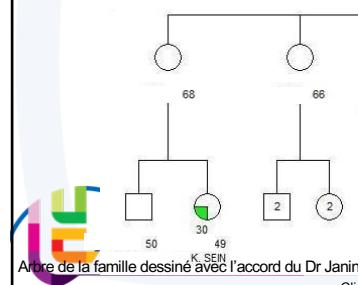
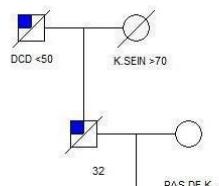
- Immunotherapy is class of treatments that **take advantage of a person's own immune system to help kill cancer cells**. There are several FDA-approved immunotherapy options for colorectal cancer, including for tumors with high microsatellite instability (MSI-H) or DNA mismatch repair deficiency (dMMR).



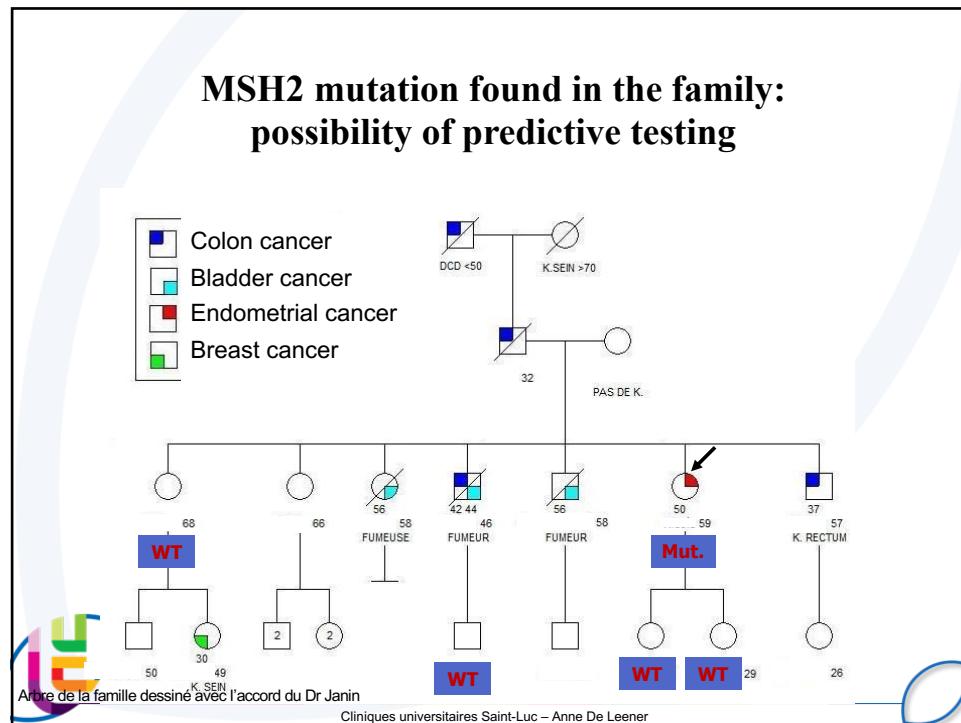
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**Case 1:**

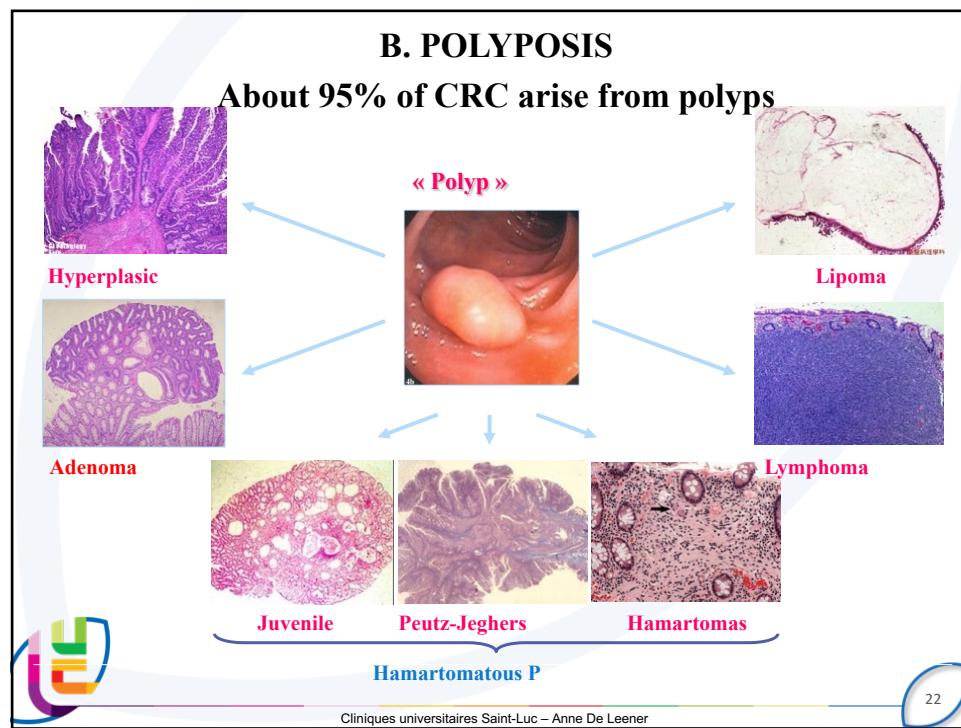
- [Blue square] Colon cancer
- [Blue square with teal cross] Bladder cancer
- [Red square] Endometrial cancer
- [Green square] Breast cancer



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## Colorectal polyposis « genetically determined »

### Adenomatous Polyposis

- Adenomatous polyposis Linked to *APC*  
*Familial Adenomatous Polyposis* (mutation *APC*)  
 Classic and attenuated forms
- Adenomatous polyposis linked to *MUTYH* (bi allelic mut. *MUTYH*)  
*MYH-Associated Polyposis (MAP)*
- Adenomatous polyposis associated with axin (mutation *axin 2*)
- Adenomatous polyposis associated with POL (mutation *POLE* or *POLD1*)



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## Colorectal polyposis « genetically determined »

### Hamartomatous polyposis

- Polyposis of Peutz-Jeghers (mutation *STK11/LKB1*) -> see Dr Duhoux
- Juvenile polyposis (mutation *SMAD4* or *BMPRIA*), associated manifestations
- Cowden\* (mutation *PTEN*) -> see Dr Duhoux
- Ganglioneuromatosis\*

\* Not associated with an increase of RR of CRC

### Hyperplastic polyposis (gene?)

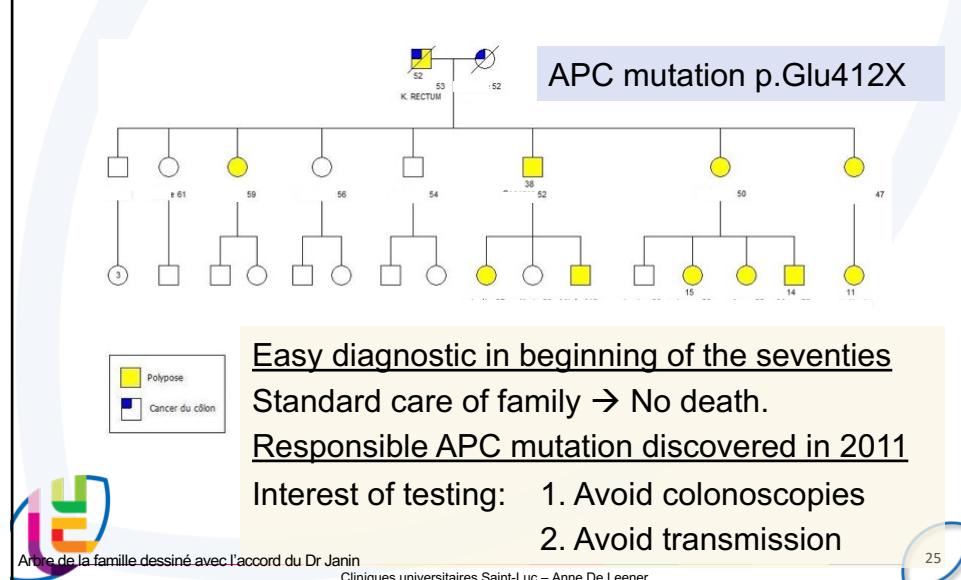


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## Familial Adenomatous Polyposis : clear autosomal dominant transmission



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## Familial Adenomatous Polyposis Genotype Phenotype correlation

Colorectal polyposis +++

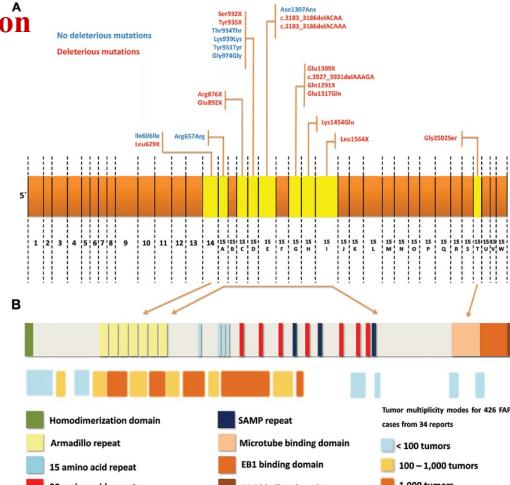
Cancer risk: 100% at 40 yo

**Extradigestive:**

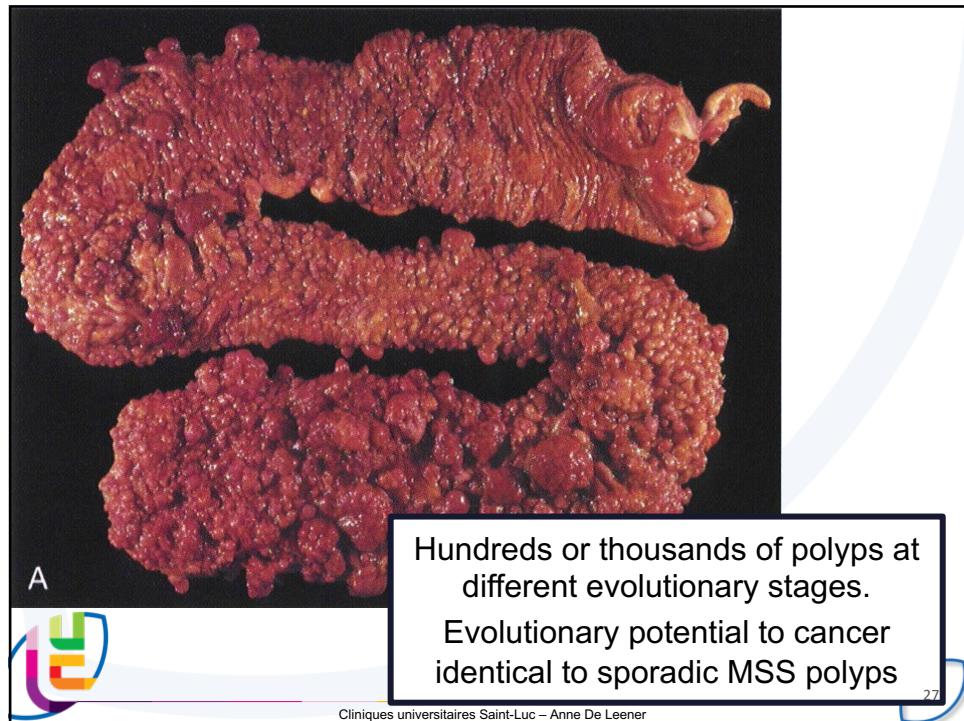
- duodenal polyposis
- glandulokystic polyposis
- gastric adenomas

**Manifestations extra-digestives**

- desmoid tumor
- Dermatological lesions
- Osteoma; dental anomalies
- Other cancer types



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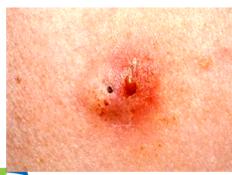
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### Germline APC mutations and predisposition to other tumors

APC loss-of-function mutations can participate to the development of other tumors that can also occur in FAP:

1. Malignant tumors: thyroid cancer (RR: 7,6), pancreas cancer (RR: 4,46), hepatoblastoma, medulloblastoma (Turcot Syndrome)
2. Benign tumors: adenomatous polyps of the upper digestive tract, desmoid tumors, osteomas, epidermoid cysts, benign hypertrophy of retina pigment epithelium

Skin lesions can occurs very early, before CRC



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## FAP with osteomas (Gardner syndrome)

- ◆ Bone deformation of the mandibular left angle



- ◆ Radiography → osteoma



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### Familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP)

#### Recommendations

It is preferable that first-degree family members of patients with classic adenomatous polyposis and a pathogenic APC (adenomatous polyposis coli) mutation are referred for genetic counseling at the age of 10-12 years. If a clinical picture characteristic of attenuated familial adenomatous polyposis (AFAP) is seen with multiple family members, this may take place at a later age (young adult age).

If a pathogenic APC mutation is found in the index patient, genetic testing is recommended as it may provide a decisive answer for all family members in relation to risk of the disorder. Children of mutation carriers have a 50% chance of the genetic predisposition to (A)FAP.

In the case of a person with MAP (biallelic MUTYH mutations), all brothers and sisters of this person should be referred for genetic evaluation given they have a 25% chance of a genetic predisposition. The a priori chance of MAP in a child of a patient with MAP is <1%, given the other parent has a small risk ( $\pm 2\%$ ) of being a carrier of a MUTYH mutation as well. To determine the risk for potential children of a patient with MAP, it is advised that MUTYH mutation testing is performed on the other parent. If the other parent is shown to be a mutation carrier, the children have a 50% chance of biallelic MUTYH mutations.

All patients under the age of 60 years with >10 adenomas cumulatively, should be referred for genetic counseling. Exceptionally, referral for genetic analysis should also be considered for young persons with <10 adenomas (high grade dysplasia). In persons  $\geq 60$  years of age with more than 10 adenomas cumulatively genetic testing should be considered in case of a positive family history of multiple adenomas.

Periodic endoscopic examination is recommended in the following patients:

- Patients with FAP, AFAP, MAP or 'adenomatous polyposis of unknown origin.'
- Persons with a pathogenic APC mutation
- Persons with biallelic pathogenic MUTYH mutations
- Risk carriers: first-degree family members of patients with adenomatous polyposis where the disorder cannot be confirmed by mutation analysis because a pathogenic mutation has not been found in the index patient
- Risk carriers: first-degree family members of mutation carriers, who have not (yet) been tested themselves.

Classic FAP: in mutation carriers or risk carriers of classic FAP; yearly surveillance using sigmoidoscopy is recommended from the age of 10-12  
AFAP or MAP: in mutation carriers or risk carriers of AFAP or MAP, surveillance using colonoscopy is recommended once a year or every two years from the age of 18.

Participation of patients in the FAPA registry<sup>b</sup> is recommended and should be offered to patients concerned.

APC mutation carriers should be screened for extracolonic manifestations.



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## FAP: follow up

Child carrier of the germline mutation or from a suspected FAP family without mutation identified

- ▶ Annual Recto-sigmoidoscopy from 10-12 yo
- ▶ Coloscopy when polyps are detected
- ▶ Prophylactic surgery at de 15-25 yo
  - colectomy with ileorectal anastomosis, or
  - coloproctectomy with ileo-anal anastomosis and ileal
- ▶ Supervision of rectum or reservoir
- ▶ Supervision of the upper digestive tract



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## Adenomatous polyposis associated with MUTYH (MAP)

### Prevalence

- 30% of « APC negatives » adenomatous polyposis with attenuated form  
**(15< polyps <100)**
- 10% of « APC negatives » adenomatous polyposis with classical form  
**(polyps >100)**

### Molecular genetic

- Bi allelic mutation of the **MYH gene (MUTYH): recessive**
- Gene involved in the Base Excision Repair system: accumulation of somatic mutations (transversions)

### Clinical characteristics?

- Mostly attenuated polyposis (<100), colon and duodenum.
- Dermatological lesions (sebaceous adenomas) other?

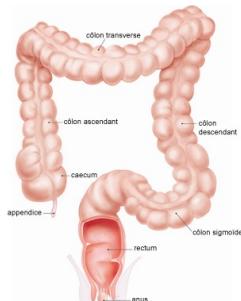
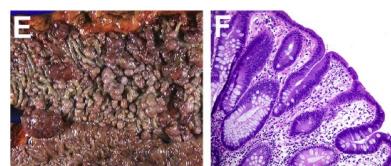


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## MUTYH: follow up of the index case

- CRC:** (Video) coloscopy at 20, 25, 30 yo -> each 2 y
- Duodenal:** surveillance: Esophagogastroduodenoscopy
- Initial consultation in **dermatology**



Average age at diagnosis: 45 yo



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## MUTYH: follow up of the family

### Indication of MUTYH analysis

**Targeted analysis** of the 2 mutations found in the index case

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**Targeted analysis or complete analysis**

**No analysis**

### Medical follow up

**Coloscopy** > 40y each 5y

**Coloscopy regarding test:**  
Biallelic: idem IC  
Monoallec: Colo / 5 y  
Ø MUT: Ø Coloscopy

**Coloscopy regarding genotype**  
(Mono or bi-allelic)

**No follow up**



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## MUTYH associated polyposis (MAP)

Monoallelic heterozygous *MUTYH* mutations, occurs in 1–2% of the Caucasian population

Various studies have reported an increased risk of gastric, liver and endometrial and breast cancer for monoallelic mutation carriers while other studies did not find statistical evidence for an increased risk of breast or liver cancer.

Site of cancer	HR (95% CI)*	Cumulative risk % (95% CI)**	
		Males	Females
<b>Biallelic carriers</b>			
Urinary bladder	19 (3.7–97)	25 (5.4–77)	7.6 (1.5–33)
Ovary	17 (2.4–115)		14 (2.2–65)
<b>Monoallelic carriers</b>			
Stomach	9.3 (6.7–13)	5.0 (3.6–6.9)	2.3 (1.7–3.3)
Hepatobiliary tract	4.5 (2.7–7.5)	2.9 (1.7–4.7)	1.4 (0.8–2.3)
Endometrium	2.1 (1.1–3.9)		3.3 (1.8–6.2)
Breast	1.4 (1.0–2.0)		11 (8.3–16)
Ovary	0.4 (0.1–2.6)		
Prostate	0.5 (0.3–1.0)		
Brain	2.1 (0.9–4.9)		
Renal pelvis/Kidney	2.3 (0.1–3.1)		
Pancreas	2.3 (0.2–4.1)		

NCCN Guidelines 2021: There are no specific data available to determine screening recommendations for a patient with a heterozygous *MUTYH* mutation and a second-degree relative affected with CRC.



Int J Cancer. 2016 October 1; 139(7): 1557–1563

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## POL oligopolyposis associated

### Polymerase proofreading associated polyposis syndrome (PPAP)

**POLE** DNA polymerase epsilon, catalytic subunit  
**POLD1** catalytic subunit of DNA polymerase delta

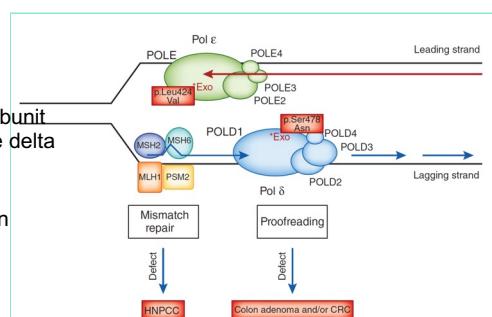
3'-5' proofreading exonuclease activity that corrects errors arising during DNA replication

#### Variable phenotype:

AD; from attenuated polyposis to HNPCC

CRC MSS without loss of expression MMR but hypermutated.

POLD1: increased risk of endometrial cancer



Rare cases of other features:

POLE homozygous splice site mutation -> FILS Syndrome (facial dysmorphism, immunodeficiency, livedo, and short stature)

OMIM: 615139

POLE compounds heterozygous mutations: intrauterine growth retardation, metaphyseal dysplasia, adrenal hypoplasia congenita, genital anomalies, and immunodeficiency (IMAGEI) OMIM 618336

POLD1 in-frame deletion of residue ser605 (AD) causes Mandibular hypoplasia, deafness, progeroid features, and lipodystrophy syndrome (MDPL) OMIM: 615381

Palles et al. Nature Genet 2013; 45: 136-144

The American Journal of Human Genetics 103, 1038–1044, December 6, 2018

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## Rare AR forms of adenomatous polyposis NTHL1

DNA N-glycosylase of the endonuclease III family catalyzes the first step in base excision repair BER  
Transversion G:C → A:T

- Rare
- 11 families
- Other cancer types not described

### MSH3

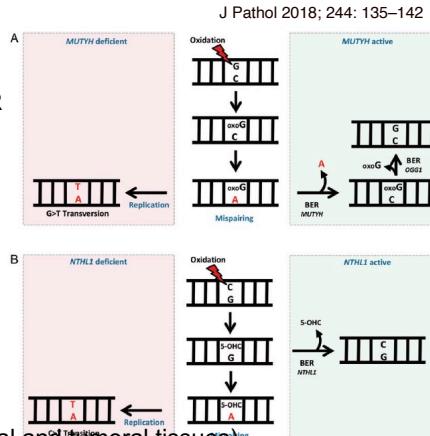
MMR associated protein

- Rare
- Loss of expression of MSH3 (in both normal and tumoral tissues)
- Tumeur MSI-H

### PMS2 (CMMRD)

IHC: no expression in both normal and tumor tissues

Increased risk of CRC, cerebral tumor, malignant hemopathy. Cafe au lait spot



The American Journal of Human Genetics 99, 337–351, August 4, 2016  
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## Other rare Adenomatous Polyposis

Germline mutation of ***AXIN2*** (R656X)

Finland families

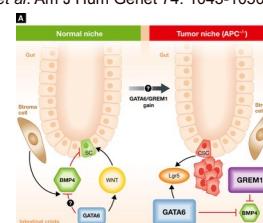
Attenuated adenomatous polyposis

Oligodontia (dental agenesis)

Wnt/β-catenin.



Lammi L et al. Am J Hum Genet 74: 1043-1050.



Germline mutation in ***GREM1***

Attenuated form

Ashkenazi Jewish families segregating  
autosomal dominant hereditary mixed polyposis  
syndrome due to duplication of the regulatory  
region

Has to be confirmed by larger studies

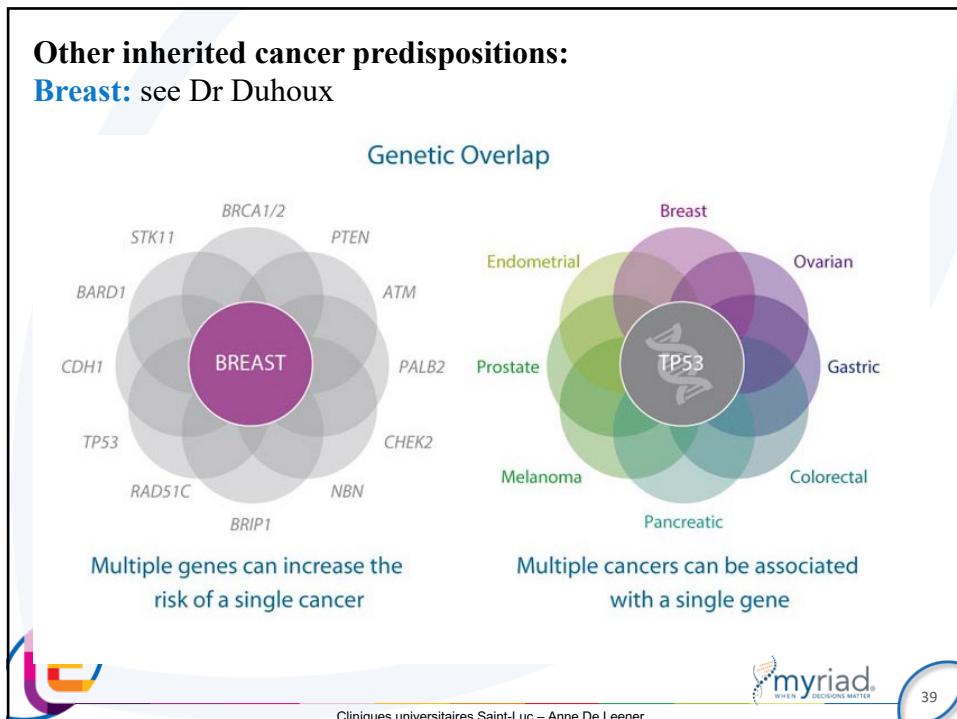
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## Other inherited cancer predispositions: Breast: see Dr Duhoux



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## Pancreatic cancer:

5-10% of the the PC

Familial PC: > 2 relatives and no germline mutation

Surveillance?

Pancreatitis: increased risk of PC up to 40% (RRX69):  
SPINK1 (AR), PRSS1 (AD), CFTR

Non syndromic :

BRCA2 : if familial history: 6% >> BRCA1

CDKN2A (p16): if FH + (RRX47)

PALB2: if FH +

Syndromic :

Peutz Jeghers Syndrome : TIPMP : 20% risk (RRX132)

LYNCH : rare (RRX8,6) but medullary and MSI-H

FAP (APC) rare : pancreaticoblastoma

ATM +/-: if FH

? TP53 (LFS)

Table 1 Definition of high-risk individuals eligible for pancreatic cancer surveillance.

Gene mutation	PDAC family history criteria	Agreement	Grade
<i>LKB1/STK11</i> (Peutz-Jeghers syndrome)	Regardless of family history	99%	1
<i>CDKN2A p16*</i> (FAMMM)	With at least one affected FDR	99%	1
<i>CDKN2A p16*</i> (FAMMM)	Regardless of family history	77%	1
<i>BRCA2</i>	If at least one affected FDR, or at least two affected relatives† of any degree	93%	2
<i>PALB2</i>	If at least one affected FDR	83%	2
<i>MLH1/MSH2/MSH6</i> (lynch)	If at least one affected FDR	84%	2
<i>ATM</i>	If at least one affected FDR	88%	2
<i>BRCA1</i>	If at least one affected FDR	69.6%‡	3
Regardless of gene mutation status	If at least three affected relatives† on the same side of the family, of whom at least one is an FDR to the individual considered for surveillance	97%	2
Regardless of gene mutation status	If at least two affected relatives† who are FDR to each other, of whom at least one is an FDR to the individual considered for surveillance	93%	2
Regardless of gene mutation status	If at least two affected relatives† on the same side of the family, of whom at least one is an FDR to the individual considered for surveillance	88%	2

\*Only encompassing CDKN2A mutations leading to changes in the p16 protein.

†Wherever relative is stated, this indicates blood relatives only.

‡An additional 20.3% somewhat agreed with surveillance (total 89.9%).

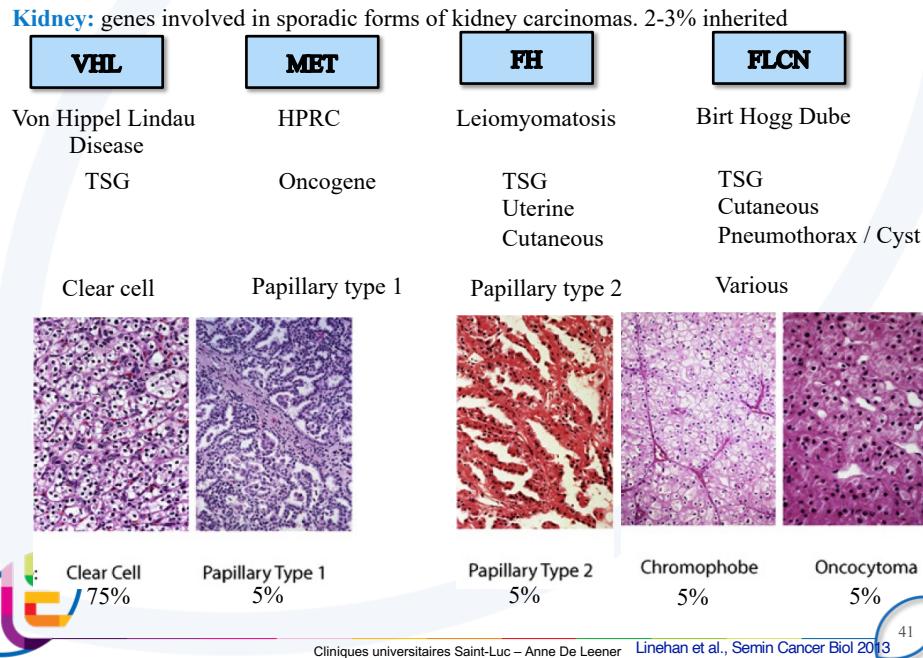
ATM, ataxia telangiectasia mutated; BRCA2, breast cancer 2; CDKN2A, cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor 2A; FAMMM, familial atypical multiple mole melanoma; FDR, first-degree relative; GRADE, Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development, and Evaluations; HBOC, hereditary breast and ovarian cancer; LKB1/STK11, liver kinase B1/serine/threonine kinase 11; Lynch syndrome, *MLH1*, mutL homolog 1; *MSH2*, mutS homolog 2; *MSH6*, mutS homolog 6; PALB2, partner and localizer of BRCA2; PDAC, pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma.

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## Other inherited cancer predispositions



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### Kidney:

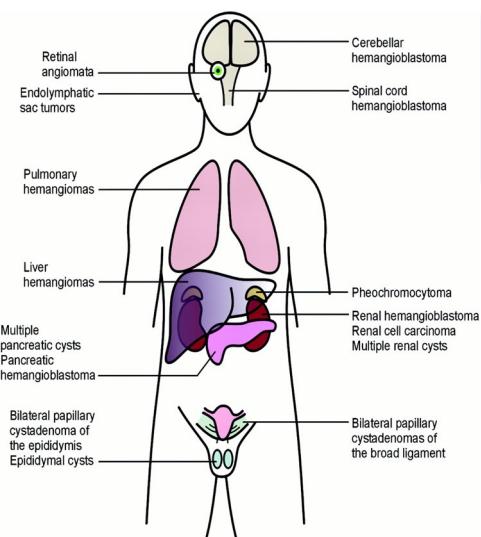
**Von Hippel Lindau** (80% of inherited cases)

1<sup>st</sup> cause of hereditary renal and pheo. cancers  
1/36000

Mutation in VHL gene (> 300), also in 75% of the sporadic cancers (somatic)  
Hemangioblastoma (of the retina)

### Pheochromocytoma and PGL:

See Dr Persu



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## Next Generation Sequencing : Use of gene panel in clinical practice ?

Mixed investigation without a priori

Time saving

Cheaper

Possibility of several germline mutations in a same individual

To take into account

- Number of genes limited by panel
- Coverage
- VUS
- Incidental findings
- link with pathology

Gene Panel 26 (35 actually) multiplicom  
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## General conclusion: Partners involved in the correct care for high risk subjects

**Many doctors:**

- General Pract.
- Gynecologist
- Radiologist
- Surgeon
- Oncologist...

**Geneticists**

- Oncogeneticist
- Molecular biologist

**THE FAMILY**

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