#### Inherited breast and ovarian cancer

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# Accumulation of genetic alterations during carcinogenesis



Stratton MR, et al. Nature 2009 Membre du réseau Huni



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# Breast cancer in Belgium according to age



Figure 59 Breast cancer in females: incidence by age group and region, 1999-2008						
Age group 25-49	Age group 50-69	Age group 70+				
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Belgian Cancer Registry Huni

### **Breast cancer: risk factors**

- Sex
- 1 M / 100 F
- Age
- the risk increases with age
- but 15-20% before the age of 50
- Family history
- Personal history
- Environmental factors (geographic migration)
- Prolonged exposure to estrogens:
  - Early menarche
  - Late menopause
  - Late first pregnancy, few pregnancies
  - Lack of breast-feeding
- Other breast lesions (in situ carcinoma, atypical hyperplasia, radial scar, ...)
- Controversies: endocrine treatment for menopausal status, weight, alcohol, tobacco, ...

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#### **Breast cancer – genetic risk**

- \* 15% of healthy women have at least one 1st degree relative with breast cancer  $\rightarrow$  risk x 2
- Breast cancer risk increases with the number of 1<sup>st</sup> degree relatives with breast cancer
  - 1: x 1.8
  - 2: x 2.9
  - 3: x 3.9
- BRCA1 and BRCA2 germline mutations are responsible for 20-25% of familial breast cancer cases, but
   5% of all breast cancers
- > 50% of the genetic predisposition to familial breast cancer remains unexplained







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## **Ovarian cancer: risk factors**

- Age
- Obesity
- Reproductive history
- Birth control
- · Family history of breast, ovarian and colorectal cancer
- Personal history of breast cancer





# **Ovarian cancer genetics**

23% of ovarian carcinomas have a hereditary predisposition

Germline *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* mutations account for 20-25% of high grade serous ovarian cancer



Pietragalla A et al, Int J Gyn Can 2020 Toss A et al, Biomed Res Int 2015



### **Breast and ovarian cancer : multidisciplinary team**



- surgeon / gynaecologist
- medical oncologist
- radiation oncologist
- radiologist
- pathologist
- geneticist
- plastic surgeon





### **Definitions**

- Penetrance = the likelihood a given gene will result in disease
- High penetrance genes :
  - rare mutations
  - very high risk of disease
  - independently of other risk factors
- Low penetrance genes
  - frequent genetic variants
  - · interact with exogenous factors to cause the diseases

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#### « Hereditary » cancer syndromes



Foulkes WD, NEJM 2008

### Risk of breast cancer with proteintruncating variants in 34 genes



Breast Cancer Association Consortium, NEJM 2021 Membre durised Huni

# Guidelines for hereditary breast and/or ovarian cancer syndrome diagnostic testing criteria







Woman with breast cancer + one or more of the following

#### diagnosed ≤ 40 yrs

diagnosed < 50 yrs and one relative with bilateral, or ovarian, or breast < 50, or male breast cancer

- bilateral breast cancer and both diagnosed < 50 yrs
- ovarian cancer, any age
- triple negative breast cancer < 60 yrs</li>
- three individuals with breast cancer, one is a first degree relative (FDR) of the other two (excluding male transmitters) and one diagnosed < 50 years</li>
- individual of ethnicity associated with higher frequency of specific mutations (eg, Ashkenazi Jewish): eligible for founder mutation testing
- other family situations (eg multiple pancreatic cancer) with a priori chance of
- mutation >10% according to BRCAPRO or Evans criteria or Manchester score test more than one affected relative if criteria remain positive after excluding the negative case as a henocopy

Women with high grade epithelial ovarian cancer at any age (excluding mucinous ovarian cancer)

#### Male with breast cancer

Individual with pancreatic cancer at any age with ≥ 2 FDR excluding male transmitters with breast where one diagnosed <50 or bilateral, or ovarian, or 2 more pancreatic cancer at any age

#### Family history

Indication for analysis for all metastatic patients

 first degree unaffected relative of any of the above on a case by case basis
 testing of unaffected family members should only be considered when no affected family member is available and then the unaffected family member with the highest probability of mutation should be tested

https://www.college-genetics.be/



## BRCA1 and BRCA2



- Global prevalence of BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutations is estimated at 1/139 (Genome Medicine volume 12, Article number: 2 (2020))
- · Responsible for the majority of « hereditary » breast cancer cases
- 30 50% of breast cancer patients carrying a mutation have no known or significant family history (Eur J Cancer, 43 (11) (2007 Jul), pp. 1713–1717)
- Specific BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations are frequent in the Jewish Ashkenazi population (1/40 1/50)

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#### Roles of BRCA1 and BRCA2 in hereditary breast and ovarian cancer syndrome (HBOC)

- High penetrance but variable expression :
  - Cumulative risk of breast cancer : up to 70 % (at 80 y.o.)
  - Ovarian cancer : 40% (BRCA1) / 20% (BRCA2)



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#### **HBOC** : the cumulative cancer risk varies with age $\rightarrow$ higher in younger women





# BRCA1 and BRCA2

High penetrance : high risk of disease if mutation is found

But risk also depends on :

- Sex
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- Age
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- Family history
- Personal history
- Environmental factors (geographic migration)
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  - Late menopause
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#### BRCA1 and BRCA2

- Thousands of different sequence variants have been identified :
  - 1) mutations that are known or likely to be deleterious and disease-associated
  - 2) variants of unknown function
    - = UV : unclassified variants
  - 3) genetic variants that are likely to be neutral and without clinical importance





## BRCA1 and BRCA2

- BRCA1 :
  - breast (women) : young age, 70% cumulative risk
    - Triple negative
    - Risk of contralateral breast cancer: 40% after 20 years
  - ovary : 40-50% cumulative risk
  - colon
  - prostate

#### • BRCA2 :

- breast (women) : cumulative risk 50-70%
  - ER and PgR positive
  - Risk of contralateral breast cancer: 25% after 20 years
- ovary : lower cumulative risk than BRCA1 (20%)
- breast (men) : increased risk (10% of breast cancers in males have a BRCA2 mutation)
- Pancreas : 2-6%
- colon
- prostate
- larynx

Kuchenbaecker et al. JAMA. 2017 Jun 20;317(23):2402-2416.

#### Future risks of developing cancer for a female carrier at a range of ages in the next 10-year interval, 20-year interval, and so on



Chen, S. et al. J Clin Oncol; 24:863-871 2006

#### Annual Ovarian, Fallopian Tube and Peritoneal Cancer

			BRCA1				BRCA2	
Age Group (years)	No. of Patients	No. of Cancers	Person- Years	Annual Risk (per 100,000 per year)	No. of Patients	No. of Cancers	Person- Years	Annual Risk (per 100,000 per year)
30-34	413	2	865.6	231.1	47	0	90.4	0
35-39	566	6	2,223.1	269.9	92	0	388.7	0
40-49	1,009	43	3,958.6	1,086.2	276	1	1,174.3	85.2
50-59	549	34	2,029.9	1,675.0	207	5	853.2	586.1
60-69	216	9	975.3	922.8	98	3	475.2	631.3
70-74	128	4	659.1	606.9	59	1	363.2	275.3
Total	2,881	98	10,711.6	914.9	779	10	3,344.9	299.0

Finch, A. et al. J Clin Oncol; 2014 Merridre du réseau Lid van het netwerk Huni

# Guidelines for the managements of patients with BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutations

Tumor	Intervention	Recommendation
Breast cancer	Screening	Clinical examination every 6 months from 25* y AND • 25* – 35 y: Annual breast MRI • One mammogram at age of 30: if microcalcifications are present also do yearly mammogram (+/- US when indicted by radiologist) from age 30, else from age of 35 • 35 – 65 y: annual breast MRI and annual mammogram (+/- US when indicted by radiologist) alternating every 6 months • 65 – 75 y: Annual mammography (if quality is sufficient) • 755y: Consider mammogram every 2 y *Or 5 y younger than youngest diagnosis in the family if diagnosis <30y
	Risk reducing surgery	Bilateral mastectomy (comments: no standard follow-up with imaging after risk reducing mastectomy, nipple preservations is considered safe)
Ovarian cancer	Screening (not in folder)	Not recommended (comment: tailored program could be offered if patient refused risk reducing BSO $\geq$ 40 y)
BRCA1	Risk reducing surgery	Strongly consider BSO < 40 y

BRCA2 Risk reducing surgery Strongly consider BSO < 50 y

Belgian guidelines for Managing Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer: 09/2020 Update https://www.college-genetics.be/

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# Other genes implicated in an increased risk of breast cancer



Molecular mechanisms of double-strand break DNA repair



Nat Rev Cancer.;12(1):68-78 Membre du réseau

### Estimated absolute risk of breast cancer associated with proteintruncating variants





Breast Cancer Association Consortium, NEJM 2021 Membre du research Huni

# PALB2

- Breast (women) : cumulative risk 30-60%
  - importance of family history
  - increased risk of contralateral breast cancer
  - anticipation
- Ovary : cumulative risk 5-15%
- Breast (men) : 1%
- Pancreas: weak but increased

,	Breast cancer	Screening	<ul> <li>25* – 35 y: Annual breast MRI</li> <li>One mammogram at age of 30: if microcalcifications are present also do yearly mammogram (+/- US when indicted by radiologist) from age 30, else from age of 35</li> <li>35 – 65 y: annual breast MRI and annual mammogram (+/ US when indicted by radiologist) alternating every 6 mont 65 – 75 y: Annual mammography (if quality is sufficient)</li> <li>&gt;75y: Consider mammogram every 2 y</li> <li>*Or 5 y younger than youngest diagnosis in the family if diagnosis &lt;30y</li> </ul>			
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	Ovarian cancer	Screening (not in folder)	Not recommended (comment: tailored program could be offered if patient refused risk reducing BSO $\ge 50 \gamma$ )			
		Risk reducing surgery	Strongly consider BSO at age of menopause (or earlier depending on family history			

Recommendation

Intervention

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# ΑΤΜ

- Breast (women) : cumulative risk 30%
  - importance of family history
  - contralateral breast cancer?
- Breast (men) : 0,5-1%
- Prostate
- Pancreas

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Tumor	Intervention	Recommendation			
		Clinical examination every 6 months from 25 y AND			
Breast cancer	Screening	35 – 40y: Annual breast MRI starting (or start 5 y before youngest diagnosis in family if diagnosis <40y)			
	Screening	40 -65y: Breast MRI every 2y and mammogram (+- echo) every 2y, alternating annually			
		65 – 75y: Annual mammogram (+- echo)			
		>75y: Consider mammogram every 2 y (if patient is in good health)			
	Risk reducing surgery	Bilateral mastectomy can be considered based on patient preference			
F	emale <u>non-carriers</u>	in ATM breast cancer families			
Tumor	Intervention	Recommendation			
		40 – 50 v: Annual mammogram			

Breast cancer Screening Screening 50 – 75 y: Screening within population screening program







# **ATM**

- Risk of radiosensitivity in heterozygotes?
  - Not demonstrated : mammogram recommended by NCCN 2021, but caution advised by Belgian guidelines
- No evidence of deleterious effect of radiotherapy, but debated
- Beware of the risk of biallelic mutation in offspring:
  - Ataxia telangiectasia test the partner if child wish (risk 1/100)







- Congenital dysmorphic syndrome : small size, microcephaly, abnormal thumbs or forearms, face, neurological or retinian signs
- Predisposition to cancer (leukemia, lymphoma, carcinoma...)
- +/- medullary insufficiency
- +/- immune abnormalities

Int J Radiation Oncol Biol Phys, Vol. 105, No. 4, pp. 698e712, 2019

# CHEK2

- Breast (women) : cumulative risk 20-45%
  - · importance of family history
  - risk of contralateral cancer : 25% after 20 years
- Breast (men) : 0,5-1%
- Prostate
- Colon: 8-10% -> colonoscopy starting at 40 years (every 5 years)







# RAD51C and RAD51D

- Breast (women) : cumulative risk 20-45%
  - importance of family history
  - remaining risk in non-carriers
- Ovary: 5-10%

Table 13: Recommendations for BRIP1, RAD51C and RAD51D carriers

Tumor	Intervention	Recommendation
Breast cancer (only for RAD51C and RAD51D, NOT for BRIP1)	Screening	Clinical examination every 6 months from 25 y AND • If <u>positive</u> family history (1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree) of breast cancer: 35 – 65 y: Breast MRI and mammography alternating annually (or start 5 y before youngest diagnosis in family if diagnosis <40y) 65 – 75 y: Annual mammography (+/- ultrasound when indicted by radiologist) >75y: Consider mammogram every 2 y (if patient is in good health)
	Risk reducing surgery	If strong family history or if diagnosed: consider risk reducing bilateral mastectomy
Ovarian cancer	Screening (not in folder)	Not recommended (comment: tailored program could be offered if patient refused risk reducing BSO $\geq$ 50 y)
	Risk reducing surgery	Consider BSO < 50 y





- No increased risk of breast cancer
- Ovary: 5-15%

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	Risk reducing surgery	If strong family history or if diagnosed: consider risk reducing bilateral mastectomy
Ovarian cancer	Screening (not in folder)	Not recommended (comment: tailored program could be offered if patient refused risk reducing BSO $\gtrsim$ 50 y)
	Risk reducing surgery	Consider BSO < 50 y





# **Rare syndromes**

- PTEN Cowden syndrome
  - Macrocephaly & autism
  - Hamartoma + trichilemmoma
  - Increased risk of breast cancer (60% at 70 y.o.) + thyroid carcinoma + endometrium + colon
- STK11 Peutz-Jeghers syndrome
  - Hamartoma
  - · Abnormal pigmentation of skin and mucosa
  - Increased risk of breast cancer (40-60% at 70 y.o.) + cervix and endometrium + digestive tract + pancreas + lung + sex cord tumors

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# **Rare syndromes**

- CDH1
  - Lobular breast cancer (60% at 80 y.o., bilateral)
  - · Diffuse gastric cancer
  - Cleft lip and palate



- De novo mutations (7-20%), mosaicism  $\rightarrow$  family history not always present
- Breast cancer (HER2+) 6% of women with breast cancer < 30 y.o; risk >60%
- Sarcoma
- Adrenocortical carcinoma
- Leukemia
- Brain tumor
- Other cancers (lung, colon, pancreas, genito-urinary, skin, prostate, ...)

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Table 1. 2009 Chompret Criteria for Germline TP53 Mutation Sc	creening
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	Criterion
Ι.	Proband with tumor belonging to LFS tumor spectrum (eg, soft tissue sarcoma, osteosarcoma, brain tumor, premenopausal breast cancer, adrenocortical carcinoma, leukemia, lung bronchoalveolar cancer) before age 46 years AND at least one first- or second-degree relative with LFS tumor (except breast cancer if proband has breast cancer) before age 56 years or with multiple tumors; OR
11.	Proband with multiple tumors (except multiple breast tumors), two of which belong to LFS tumor spectrum and first of which occurred before age 46 years; OR
.	Patient with adrenocortical carcinoma or choroid plexus tumor, irrespective of family history

Abbreviation: LFS, Li Fraumeni syndrome.

BUT : nowadays, included in panel testing!!!

# Other genetic predisposition factors to breast and/or ovarian cancer

- Lynch syndrome
- ...

 $\rightarrow$  Pr De Leener

What if no genetic alteration is found?





#### What if no genetic alteration is found? → importance of family history (and other risk factors!)

• Software for risk assessment

#### • e.g. CanRisk



https://www.canrisk.org/

<u>CanR<sup>®</sup>sk</u>

# BRCAtool



http://brcatool.stanford.edu/

#### **BRCA1** and **BRCA2**: how to interpret the results?

- · Many mutations, different from one family to another
- A clearly deleterious mutation cannot be identified in all cases
- $\rightarrow$  2-step process :
  - Index case (usually a family member treated for cancer at a young age)
  - then analyze the relatives, if appropriate (usually asymptomatic)
- If **no mutation** could be identified after the analysis of the index case, the test should be considered as **non informative**, because the presence of a deleterious mutation cannot be excluded, and no presymptomatic test can be offered to the relatives
- If a **mutation** is identified, a **predisposition test** can be offered to the relatives : if it is negative, it can be concluded that the relative has not inherited the familial predisposition factor
- Minors : no indication to test



### **PARP Inhibitors**





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#### **BRCA1** Dysfunction and PARP Inhibition

#### **CONCEPT OF SYNTHETIC LETHALITY** Cell death by dual targeting of pathways that, in isolation, are not lethal



Adapted from Comen EA, et al. Oncology. 2010;24:55-62.



#### A Mechanisms of PARPi linked to BER/HRR nexus for tumors with BRCA mutations or BRCAness phenotype

#### B Mechanisms of PARPi linked to other target pathways





Litton J et al, NEJM 2018; Robson M et al, NEJM 2017 | Membre du réseau Huni | 47

# **Olympia : trial schema**





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## **Olympia : subgroupe analysis IDFS**

Subgroup	Olaparib No. of patients with	Placebo an invasive-disease	Stratified h	nazard ratio	o for invas	ive-diseas	se-free survival	P value for heterogeneity
	event	total no.	1		1			
All patients	106 / 921	178 / 915			1		0.581 (0.455-0.737)	NA
Prior chemo					i			0.763
Adjuvant	36 / 461	61 / 455			- 1		0.601 (0.394-0.901)	
Neoadjuvant	70 / 460	117 / 460			1		0.555 (0.411-0.745)	
Prior platinum								0.144
Yes	34 / 247	43 / 239	_			_	0.773 (0.490-1.209)	
No	72 / 674	135 / 676		_			0.520 (0.389-0.689)	
HR status					1			0.509
HR+/HER2-	19 / 168	25 / 157		•			0.701 (0.381-1.268)	
ITNBC	87 / 751	153 / 758			1		0.563 (0.431-0.730)	
BRCA					1			0.998
BRCA1	70 / 558	126 / 558			1		0.524 (0.389-0.699)	
BRCA2	22 / 230	38 / 209 -			1		0.515 (0.300-0.862)	
BRCA1/2 both	0 / 1	0/3			1		NC	
					-			
		0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25		
No statistical evidence of	heterogeneity b	etween						
any subgroup and the ITT	IDFS treatmen	t effect	Favors	olaparib	Fav	ors place	00	

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# **NeoTALA : trial schema**



NEOTALA is a non-randomized, open-label, multi-center, single-arm, Phase 2 trial (NCT03499353)

EFS=event-free survival; HR=hormone receptor; ICR=independent central review; INV=investigator; OS=overall survival. "Study design was amended to include HR-positive, HER2-negative patients with BC and the patient numbers were reduced from 112 to 60 in order to address lower than expected enrollment. "Breadstaultary tasks must be removed by either lumpetchmy with clinically appropriate adaptive surgery. Patients may not have had surgery due to progressive disease and initiation of new anti-cancer therapy. "Long-term follow-up planned to be at 3 years, starting from the date of surgery for EFS and after the first does of drug for OS. However, Pitzer decided to make a strategic change in the development program for talazobarib in neoadjuvant BC and decided not to pursue further development in this setting. The study was closed after all patients completed safety follow-up and EFS/OS was not reached.

### NeoTALA : pCR rate

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pCR rates comparable to those observed with con anthracycline and taxane-based chemotherapy

#### Phase II study of maintenance olaparib in ovarian cancer: study 19



Platinum-sensitive high-grade serous ovarian cancer ≥2 previous platinum regimens Maintained PR or CR following last platinum regimen



Primary endpoint PFS by RECIST Secondary endpoints TTP by CA-125 (GCIG criteria) or RECIST, OS, safety

#### 82 sites in 16 countries

Ledermann et al. J Clin Oncol 2011;29 (suppl; abstr 5003); N Engl J Med. 2012 Apr 12;366(15):1382-92

Litton JK et al, ASCO 2021 Membre du réseau Lid van het netwerk Huni 53



Ledermann et al. J Clin Oncol 2011;29 (suppl; abstr 5003); N Engl J Med. 2012 Apr 12;366(15):1382-92

# Study 19: common adverse events\*



	(n=136)		(n=12	28)	
		Percentage of	of Patients		
Adverse event	Grade 1/2	Grade 3/4	Grade 1/2	Grade 3/4	
Any event	61	35	70	20	
Nausea	66	2	35	0	
Fatigue	42	7	34	3	
Vomiting	29	2	13	1	
Diarrhea	21	2	20	2	
Headache	18	0	11	1	
Decreased appetite	18	0	13	0	
Abdominal pain	16	2	23	3	
Anemia	12	5	4	1	
Dyspepsia	16	0	9	0	

\*Adverse events graded according to maximum CTCAE version 3.0 grade, experienced by >15% of patients in either treatment group.

Ledermann et al. J Clin Oncol 2011;29 (suppl; abstr 5003); N Engl J Med. 2012 Apr 12;366(15):1382-92

# Study 19: PFS by BRCAm status



82% reduction in risk of disease progression or death with olaparib

Presented by: Jonathan Ledermann et al at ASCO 2013

# **Study 19: PFS by BRCAm status**



BRCAwt, wild type (includes patients with no known BRCAm or a mutation of unknown significance)

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# **General conclusions**



- Breast cancer is frequent ovarian cancer is rare
- Genetic predisposition is only partially explained by BRCA1/2 mutations
  - +/- 10% of breast cancers are due to a genetic predisposition
  - < 5% are due to BRCA1 or BRCA2 germline mutations
  - Multiple different mutations exist
  - Only patients with a high probability of mutation should be tested
  - Other, rare genetic anomalies exist
- PARP inhibitors are promising treatment options for BRCAm breast and ovarian cancer patients
- · Future breast and ovarian cancer treatments will take into account constitutional and somatic GENETIC alterations

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