

Inherited colon cancer and other inherited cancer predispositions

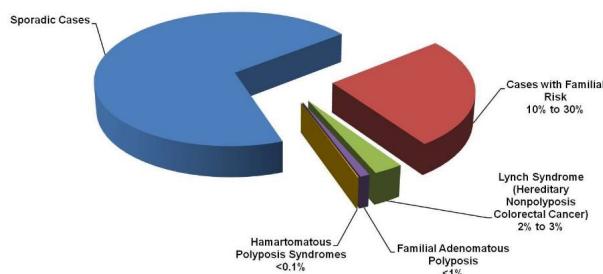
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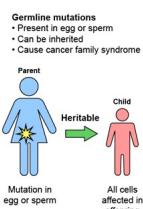
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Hereditary predisposition to colorectal cancer:

Colon Cancer Cases Arising in Various Family Risk Settings



- Rare conditions: +/- 10% CRC
- Major tumor risks
- Need for specific management with proven efficacy
- Possibility of screening in at risk relatives



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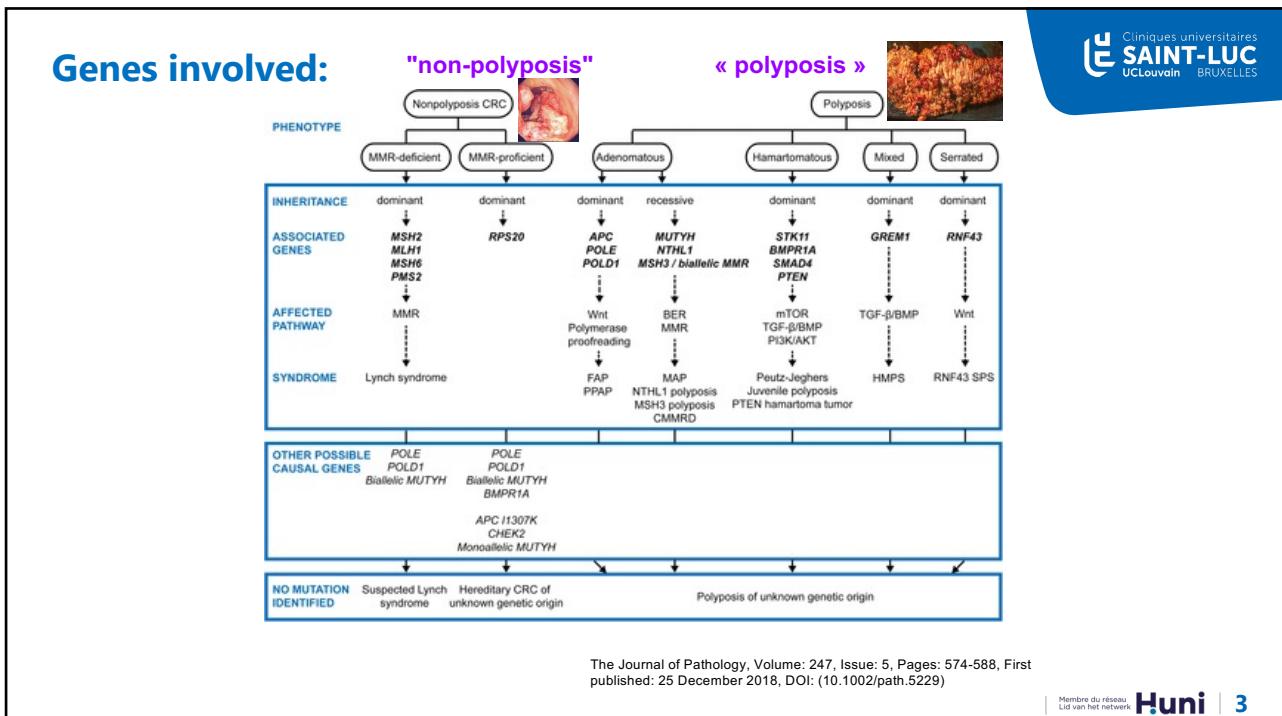


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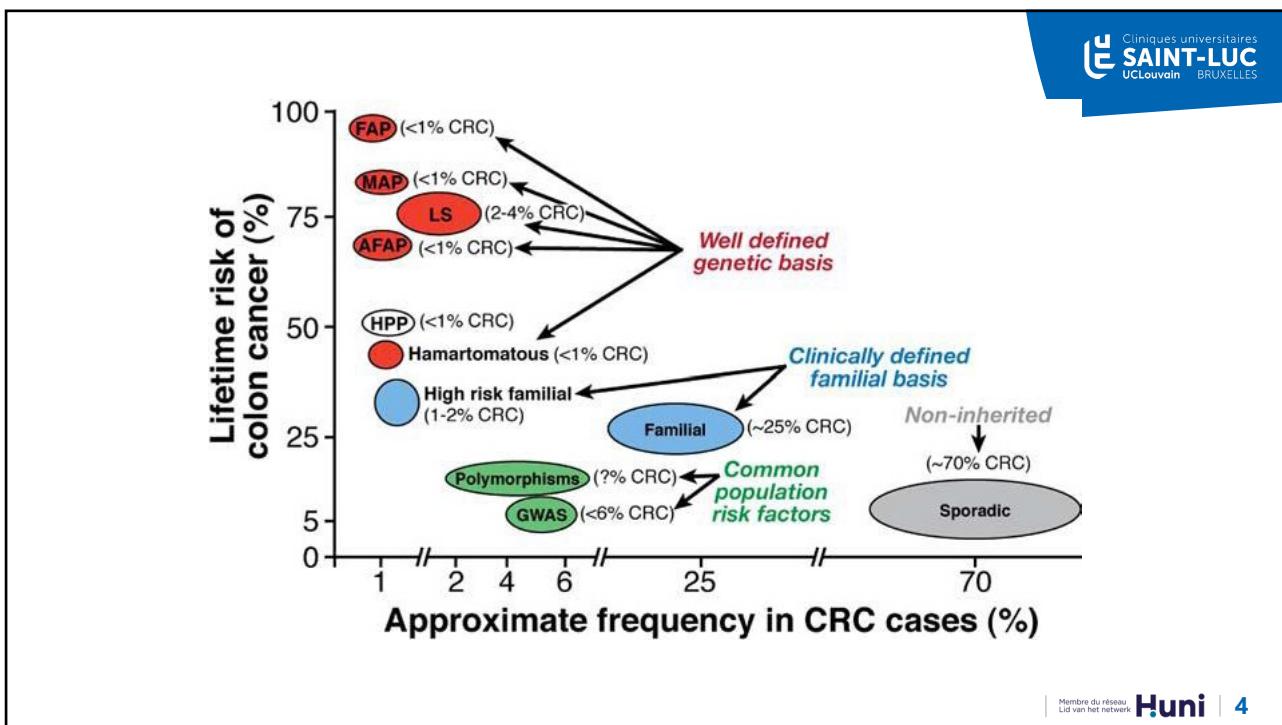


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Terminology:

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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

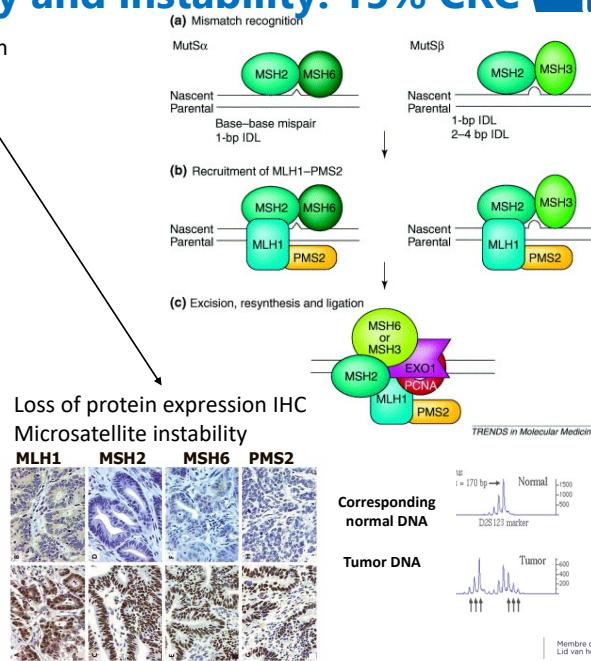
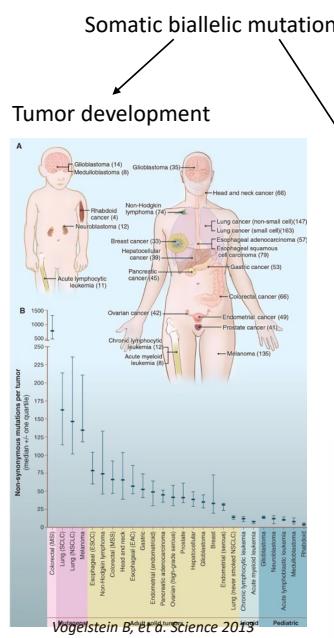
MSS = *MicroSatellite Stable*

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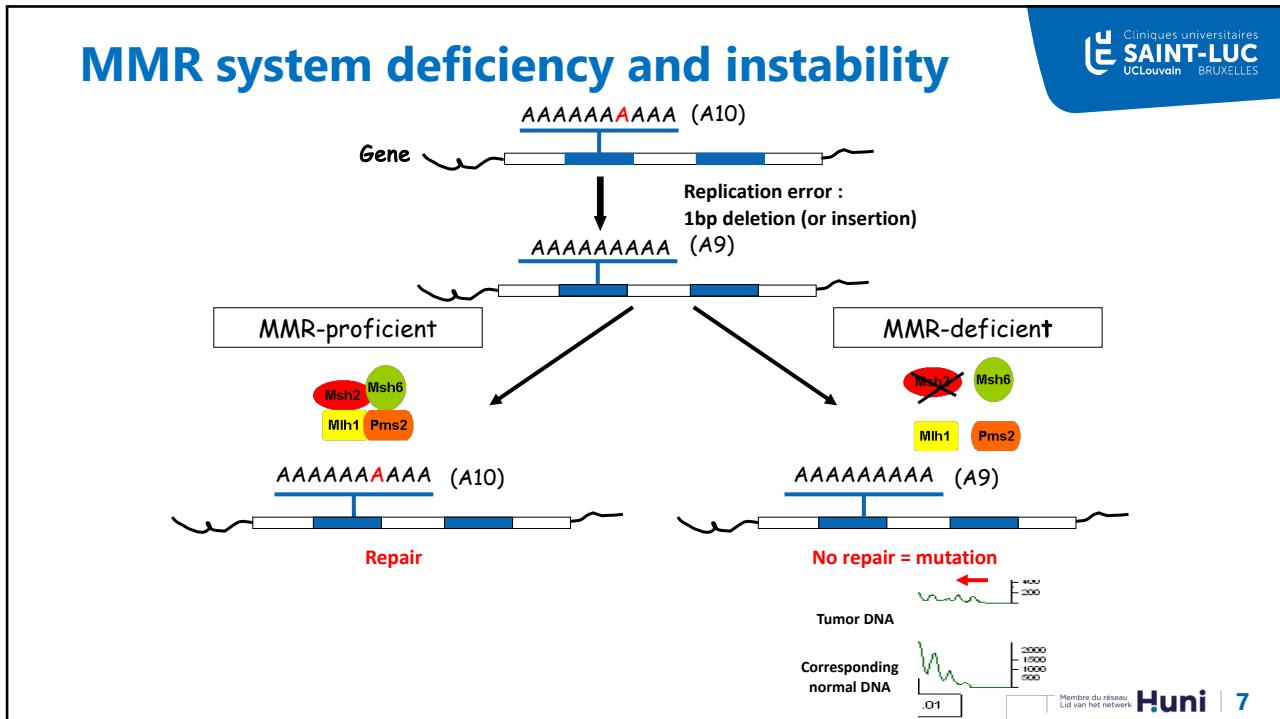
MMR system deficiency and instability: 15% CRC

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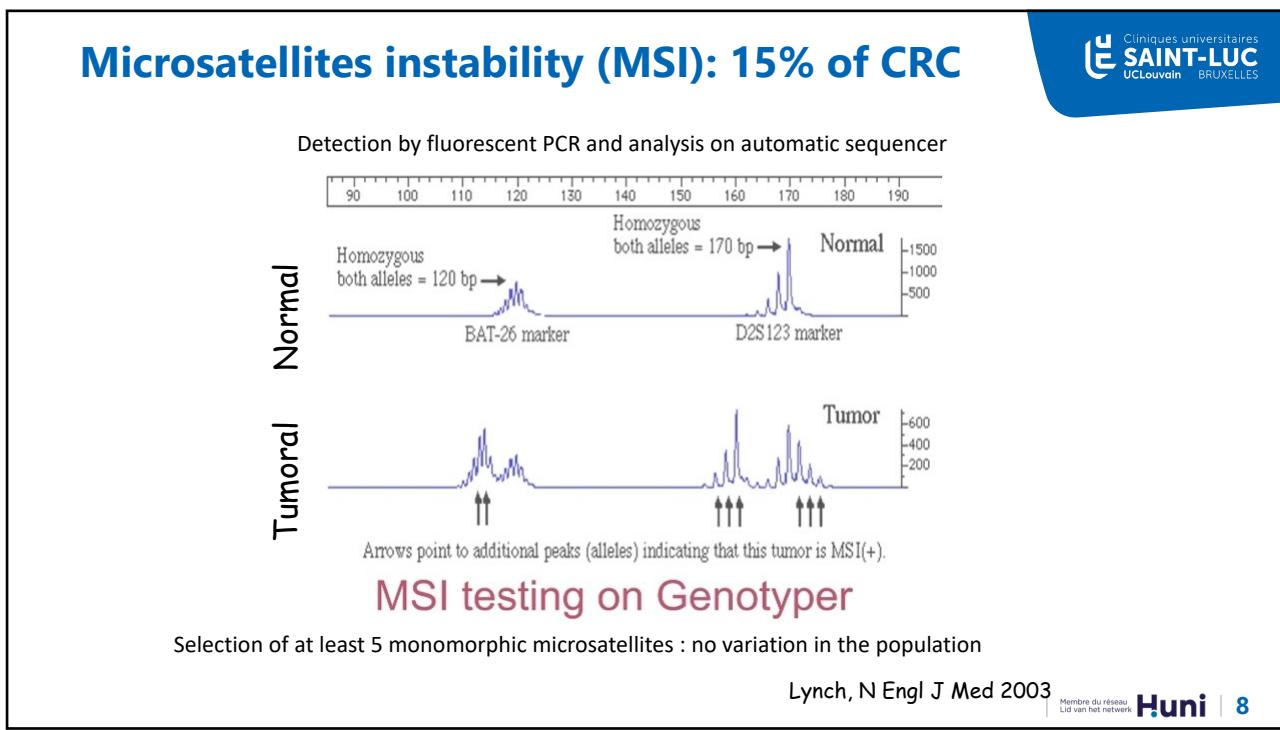


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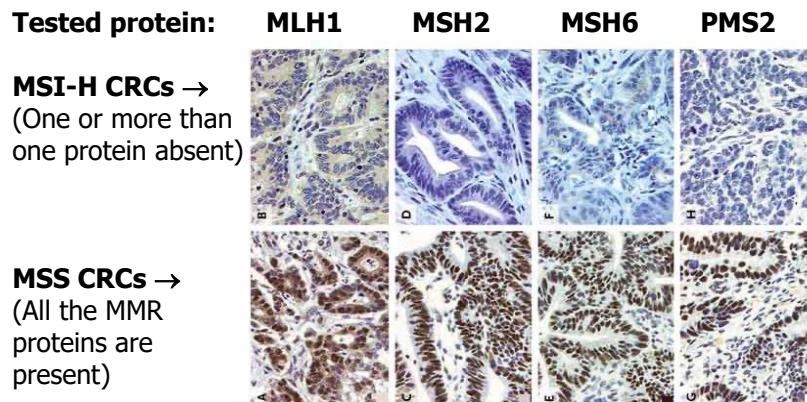


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Immunohistochemistry of MMR proteins in CRCs



Hampel, H. et al. N Engl J Med 2005;352:1851-1860

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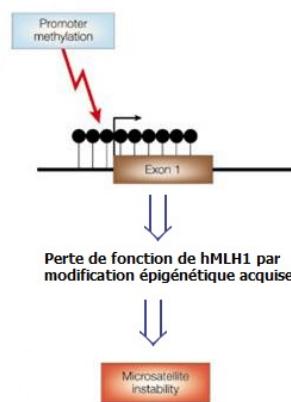
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Sporadic MSI-H CRC: epigenetic MLH1 inactivation/Methylation

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



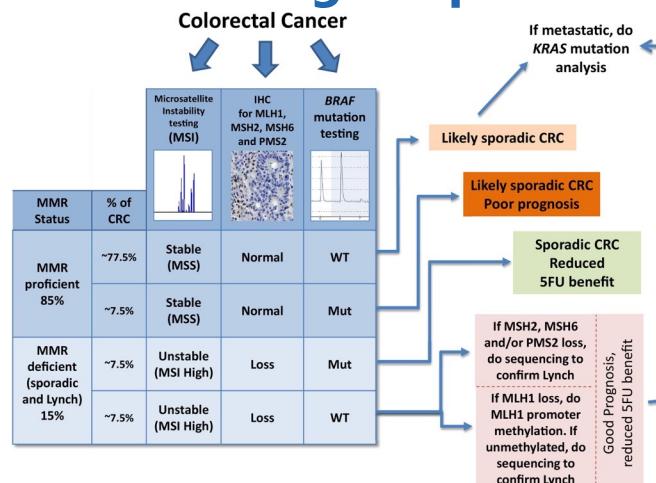
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Lynch Syndrome vs Methylation of MLH1 gene promotor

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LYNCH Syndrome: AD predisposition to MMR deficiency cancers

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Risk of colon cancer +/- 80% (?) H > 50% F

Follow up by coloscopy:

1x/1-2y

- ✓ predominantly MLH1 & MSH2: 46-61%-33-52%
- ✓ MSH6: 10-44%
- ✓ PMS2: 8-20%

and Gastric (intestinal type) +/- 6-13 % (Japan)

Endometrium +/- 34-54

Ovaries +/- 4-20

Urothelial +/- 1-7%

Other tumor risks:

- ✓ Small intestine (3-6%), hepatobiliary,
- ✓ Brain tumor (1-3%, glioblastoma): "Turcot syndrome"
- ✓ Pancreas (1-6%)

Skin lesions (1-9%):

- ✓ Sebaceous carcinoma ("Muir-Torre syndrome"), keratoacanthoma, epithelioma

Incidence: 1/600 - 1/2000

- ✓ Probably more frequent and lower penetrance -> 1/279 in the general population (?)

Effect of smoking ++

Role of chemoprevention: awaiting CAPP3 trial

Multidisciplinary follow-up

Relative risk > 8

Effect of tobacco +++

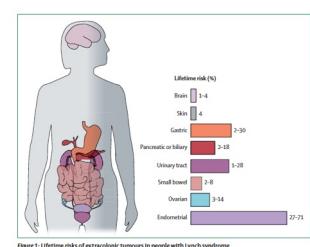


Figure 1: Lifetime risks of extracolonic tumours in people with Lynch syndrome

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Lynch syndrome: Diagnosis? Importance of family history

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Oncogenetic testing for Lynch syndrome and FAP

KCE Report 220Cs

Prediction programmes : 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 promotor 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 ⁹³ | 95 | 14 | 180 (5) |
| Greenon et al ¹⁰⁸ | 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) |

Oncogenetic testing for Lynch syndrome and familial adenomatous polyposis KCE Report 2015

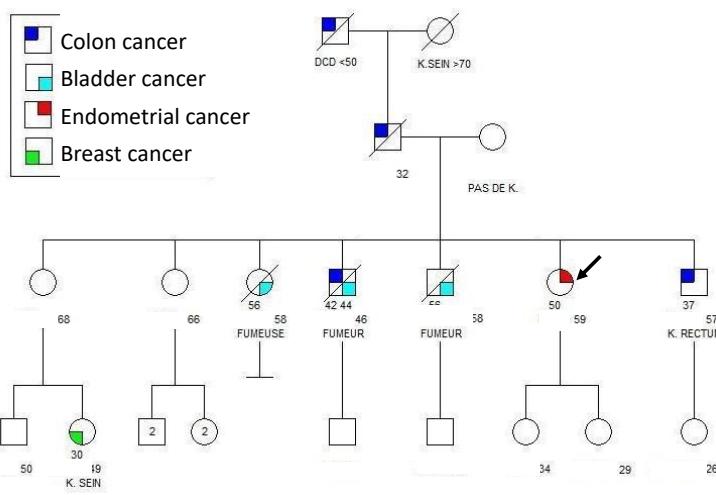
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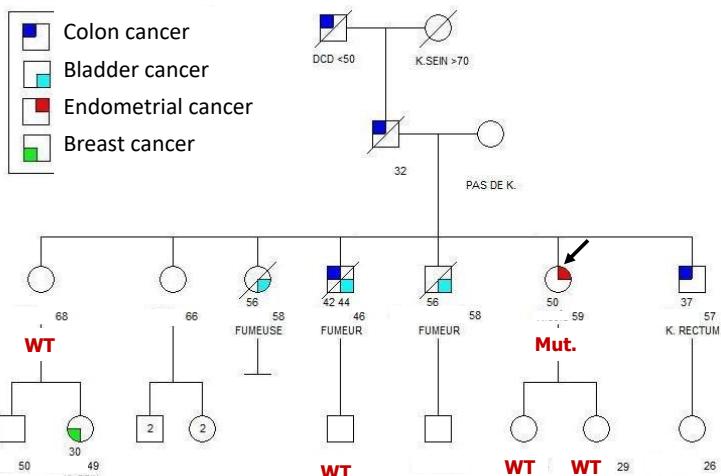
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MSH2 mutation found in the family: possibility of predictive testing

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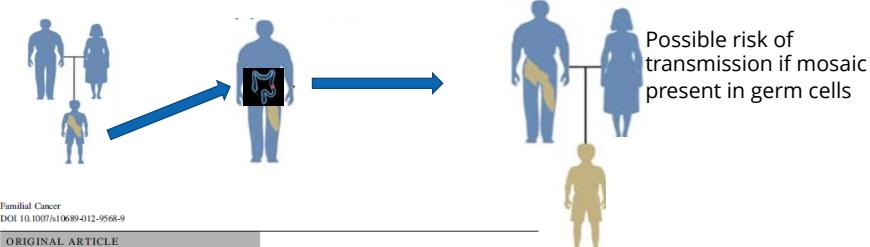


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Lynch syndrome: no germline mutation identified

Somatic versus mosaic mutation



Somatic mosaicism and double somatic hits can lead to MSI colorectal tumors

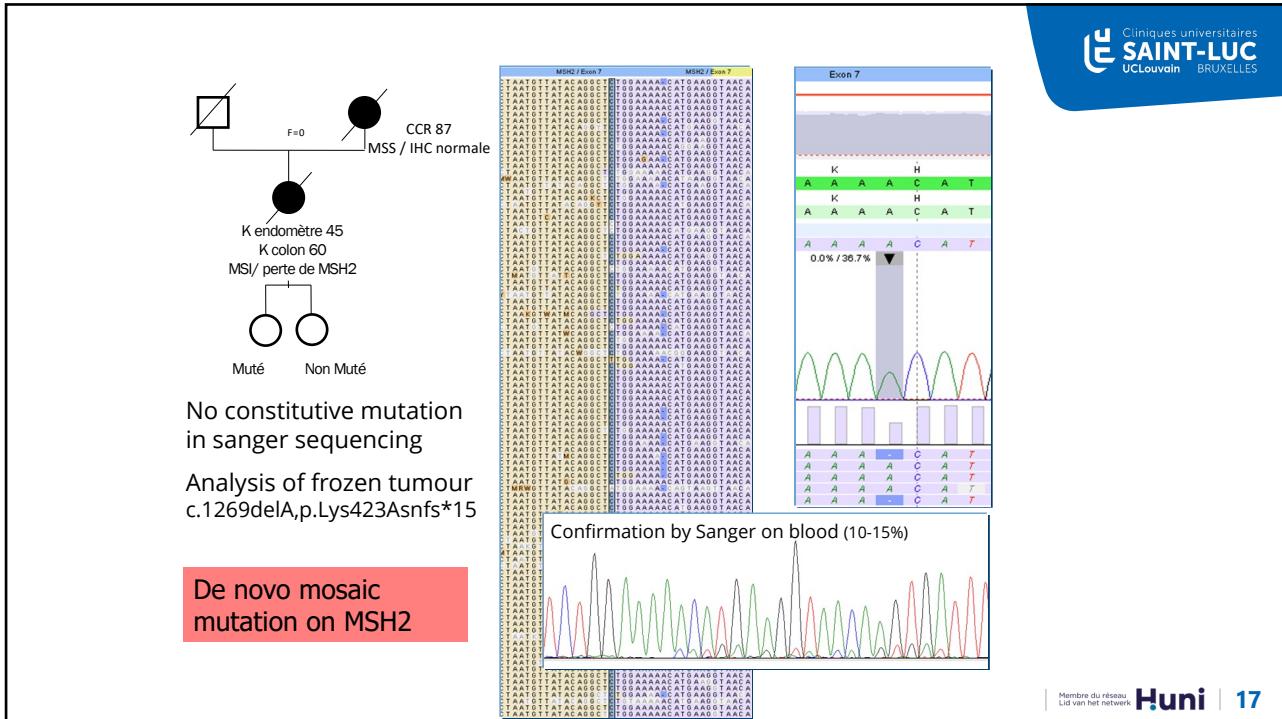
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Promoter mutation, deep intronic mutations, complex CNV: difficult to interpret
PMS2 gene conversion with PMS2-CL pseudogene

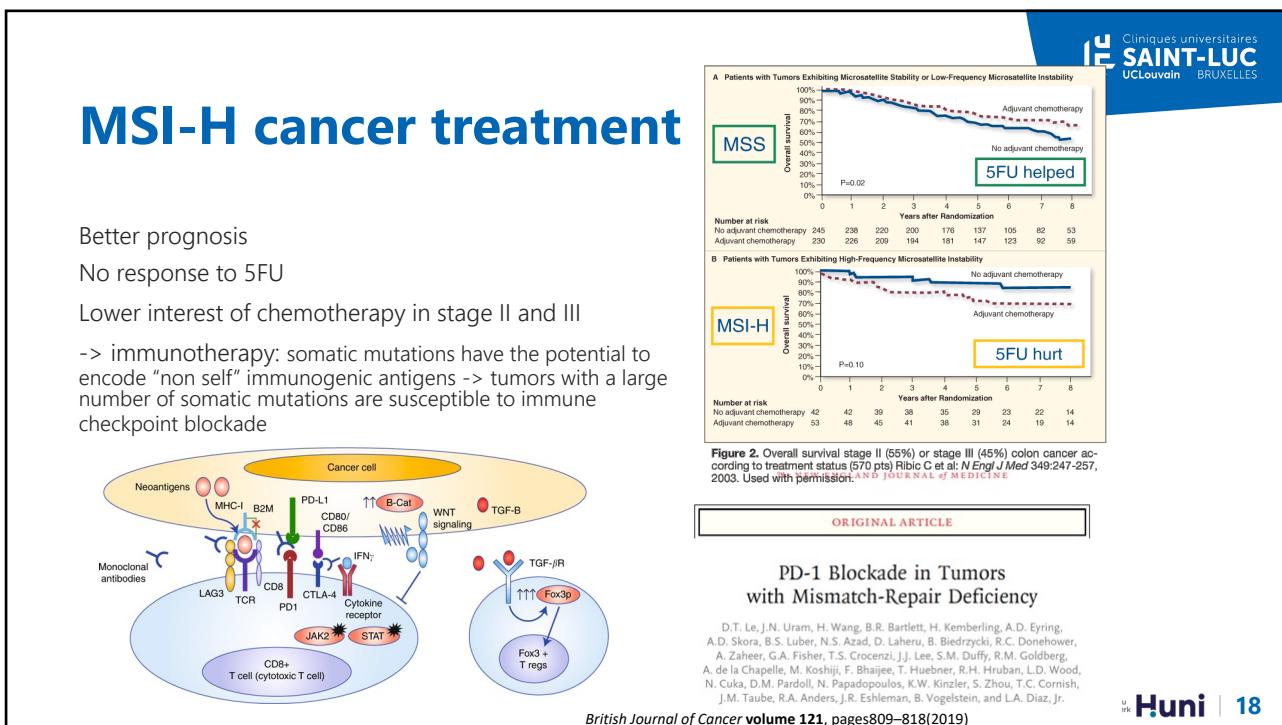
If possible: Analysis to be carried out on frozen tumour tissue
Then search for mosaic on adjacent healthy tissue

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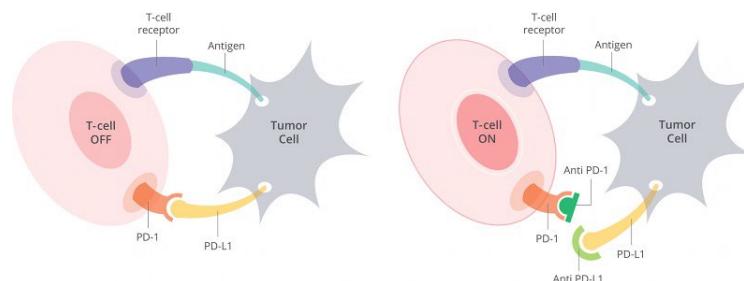
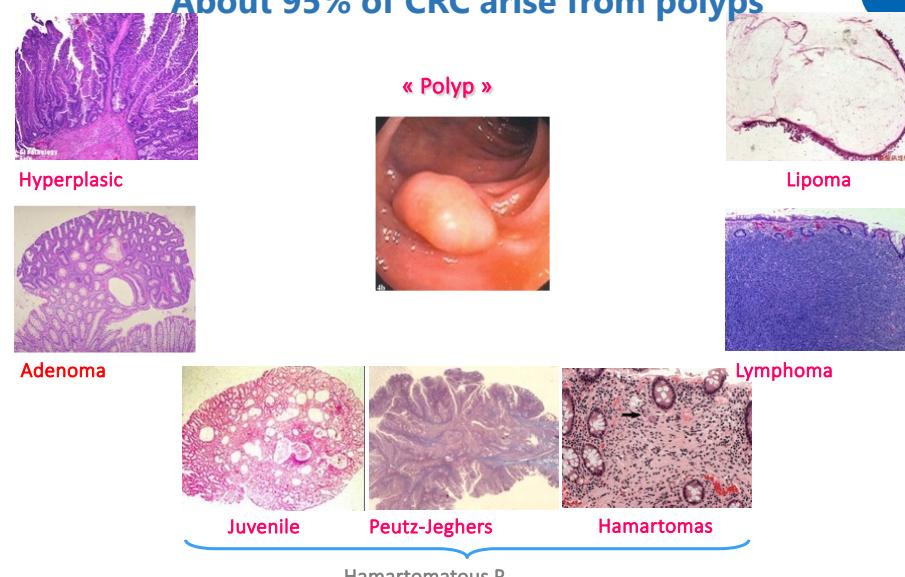
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Lynch: chemoprevention:

- CAPP2 study: 861 Lynch patients: 600 mg aspirin versus placebo for 4 years. Reduction in the occurrence of CRC with a mean intake of 25 months.
- CAPP3 study: studied the long-term effect of taking aspirin in 3000 Lynch patients by comparing 3 doses: 100, 300, or 600 mg/day.

Role of immuno-oncology in hereditary CRC

- FDA: use of pembrolizumab (May 2017), then nivolumab (July 2017), then the combination of ipilimumab (antibody directed against the CTLA-4 receptor) and nivolumab (anti-PD1) (July 2018) in the treatment of stage IV hypermutated/MSI cancers progressing on chemotherapy.

**POLYPOSIS****About 95% of CRC arise from polyps**

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*)

Colorectal polyposis « genetically determined »

Hamartomatous polyposis

- Polyposis of Peutz-Jeghers (mutation *STK11/LKB1*) -> see Pr Duhoux
 - Juvenile polyposis (mutation *SMAD4* or *BMPR1A*), associated manifestations
 - Cowden* (mutation *PTEN*) -> see Pr Duhoux
 - Ganglioneuromatosis*
- * Not associated with an increase of RR of CRC

Hyperplastic polyposis (gene?)

Familial adenomatous polyposis or FAP

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- Incidence: 1 per 7000 to 1 per 14000 births
- Prevalence: 26 (\pm 4) patients per 1,000,000
- Causes 1% of colorectal cancers
- Germline mutation of the *APC* gene (5q21-22)
- Tumour suppressor gene: maintenance of **b-catenin** (CTNNB1) outside the cell nucleus
- Activation of the Wnt/b-catenin-APC pathway
- Autosomal dominant transmission
- Very high penetrance (but not always)

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The diagram illustrates the Wnt signaling pathway. It shows the extracellular Wnt protein interacting with Frizzled receptors and a co-receptor, either a Cation (Ca²⁺) receptor or a RGS domain. This triggers a series of intracellular events: CK1, Dsh, GSK-3, and JNK are activated. GSK-3 phosphorylates b-catenin, which then forms a complex with APC and Axin. This complex is targeted for degradation by the proteasome, involving NLK, TAK1, and PP2A. The free b-catenin can then translocate to the nucleus, where it acts as a transcriptional co-activator with CBP and p300, or as a co-repressor with Groucho and HDAC, depending on the presence of SOX proteins. The pathway also involves PKC and CaMKII, and is inhibited by CK1 and PP2A.

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Familial Adenomatous Polyposis Genotype Phenotype correlation

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Colorectal polyposis +++

Cancer risk: 100% at 40 yo

Extra-coloreal digestive disease

- duodenal polyposis
- glandulokystic polyposis
- gastric adenomas

Extra-digestive manifestations

- desmoid tumor
- Dermatological lesions
- Osteoma; dental anomalies -> **gardner syndrome**
- Other cancer types

A Schematic of the *APC* gene structure showing various mutations. Key mutations include Ser532X, Tyr532X, Thr532X, Arg532X, His532X, Asp532X, Glu532X, Lys532X, and Gly532X.

B Schematic of the *APC* protein domains. Domains include Homodimerization domain, Armadillo repeat, 15 amino acid repeat, 20 amino acid repeat, SAMP repeat, Microtubule binding domain, EB1 binding domain, and PDZ binding domain.

C Bar chart showing the number of mutations for different tumor multiplicity modes. Attenuated FAP (436), Classic FAP (1596), Severe polyposis (1393), Desmoid tumors (1250), Gardner syndrome (1464), and Moderate penetrance mutation (1307).

Moderate penetrance mutation 1307 | 24

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Familial Adenomatous Polyposis

- ✓ Congenital hypertrophy of the retinal pigment epithelium
- ✓ Dermatological lesions: epidermoid cysts, lipomas, etc.
- ✓ Pancreatic adenocarcinoma: RR:4.46 TIPMP (?); acinar cell carcinoma; papillary and cystic tumours; endocrine tumours; pancreaticoblastoma
- ✓ Brain tumours: Medulloblastoma > Glial tumours
- ✓ Thyroid carcinoma: RR:7.6. Papillary carcinoma ++; "cribriform morular" architecture
- ✓ Hepatoblastoma ++ hepatocellular carcinoma; intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma



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Suggested analysis if
>20 adenomas
>10 polyps and / or family history / suggestive lesion



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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)

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Molecular genetics:

- Bi allelic mutation of the **MYH gene (MUTYH)**: recessive
 - Failure of the BER (Base Excision Repair) system to repair oxidative damage to DNA
 - Accumulation of somatic mutations in the form of transversions: G:C → T:A

Prevalence:

- 16 to 40% of attenuated adenomatous polyposis (15 < polyps <100) APC negative
- 7.5 to 12% of classic adenomatous polyposis (polyps >100) APC negative
- Incidence: 1/5000 to 1/40000
- Frequency of heterozygotes? 1 to 2% general population?

Clinical Manifestations?

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



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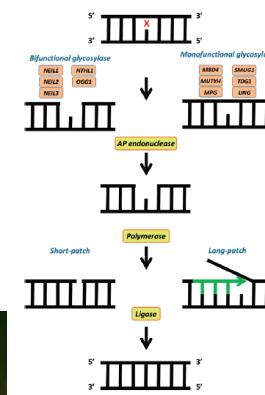


Figure 1. The BER pathway. The damaged nucleotide X is removed by a monofunctional or bifunctional DNA glycosylase, and the gap is processed by an AP endonuclease. One nucleotide (short-patch) or multiple nucleotides (long-patch, green) are incorporated by a polymerase, and a ligase seals the remaining nick to complete the DNA repair process. For a comprehensive review of the mammalian BER pathway, see [57] or [58].

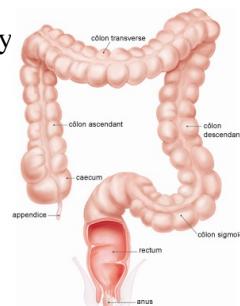
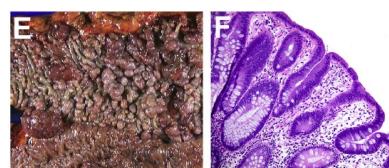
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MUTYH: follow up of the index case

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

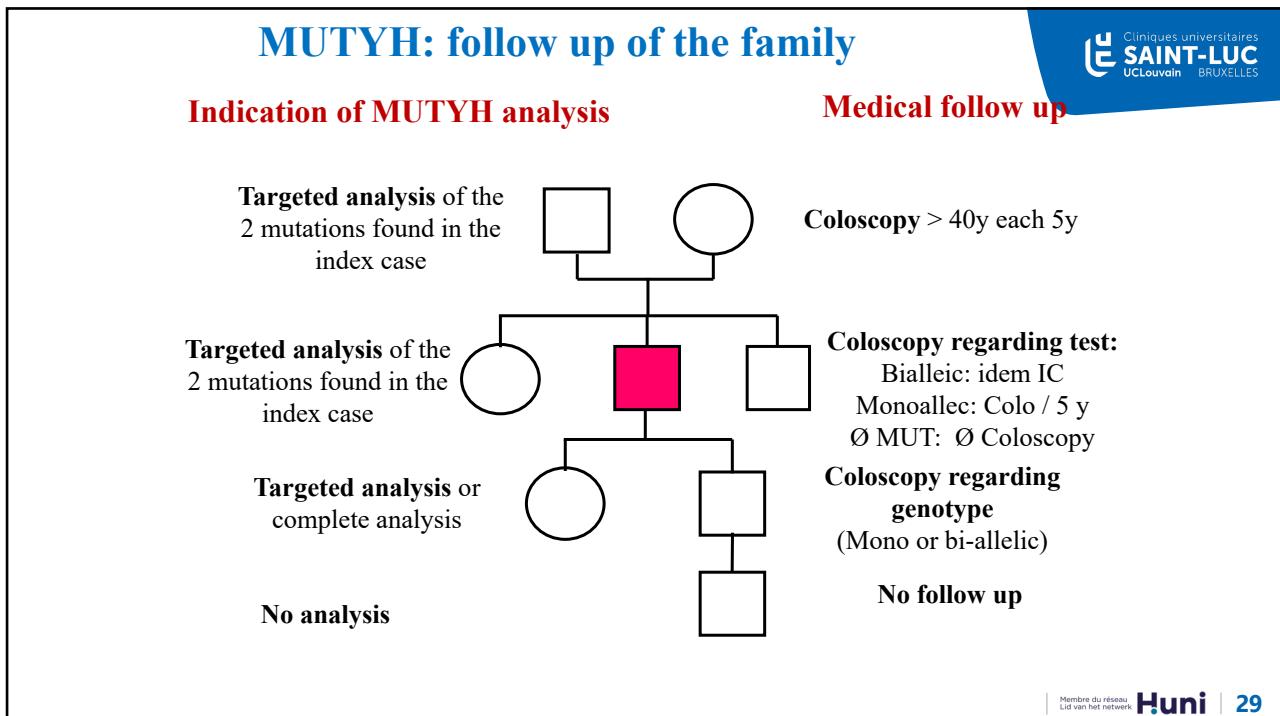


Average age at diagnosis: 45 yo



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MUTYH associated polyposis (MAP)

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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 |
| Biallelic carriers | | | |
| Urinary bladder | 19 (3.7–97) | 25 (5.4–77) | 7.6 (1.5–33) |
| Ovary | 17 (2.4–115) | | 14 (2.2–65) |
| Monoallelic carriers | | | |
| Stomach | 9.3 (6.7–15) | 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 2023: 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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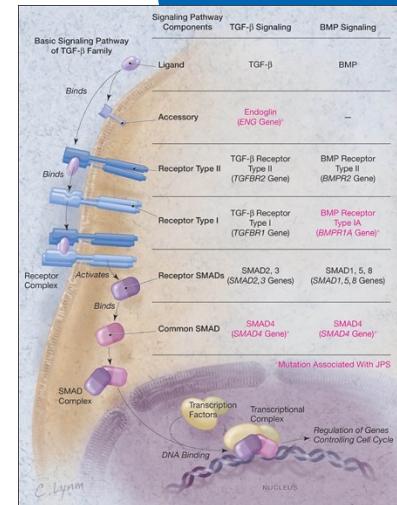
Juvenile polyposis:

- Germline mutation of the *MADH4* gene = *SMAD4* (20% of cases) or of the *BMPR1A* gene (20% of cases) >> *ENG*
- Autosomal dominant transmission
- Incidence: 1/100,000
- Very high penetrance

Phenotype/genotype correlations described

Colorectal or disseminated digestive polyposis

- ✓ > 3-5 juvenile polyps in the colon
- ✓ often < 20 years of age



Extradigestive manifestations:

- ✓ Macrocephaly; mental retardation; hypertelorism
- ✓ CIA; CIV
- ✓ Pulmonary stenosis
- ✓ Cryptorchidism
- ✓ Intestinal malrotation (15%)

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Juvenile polyposis:



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Risk of colorectal cancer (40-50%) > Gastric (if polyps: 21%) > pancreatic > small intestine

- ✓ Pure gastric forms (*SMAD4*)
- ✓ Rendu Osler syndrome (*SMAD4*)
 - ✓ Telangiectasias, epistaxis and arteriovenous malformations (skin, mucous membranes, lung, liver, brain)
- ✓ Infantile forms
 - ✓ deletion 10q23 carrying *BMPR1A* and *PTEN*
 - ✓ More severe, but not always associated with juvenile polyposis



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Follow-up of patients with a predisposition to CRC:

| Familial setting | RR | 95% CI |
|--|------|--------------|
| One first-degree relative with CRC | 2.25 | 2.00 to 2.53 |
| < 45 y | 3.87 | 2.40 to 6.22 |
| 45–59 y | 2.25 | 1.85 to 2.72 |
| > 59 y | 1.82 | 1.47 to 2.25 |
| Two or more first-degree relatives with CRC | 4.25 | 3.01 to 6.02 |
| Only two first-degree relatives | 3.76 | 2.56 to 5.51 |
| One second- or third-degree relative with CRC | 1.50 | |
| Two second-degree relatives with CRC | 2.30 | |
| One first-degree relative with an adenoma < 60 y | 1.99 | 1.55 to 2.55 |

Table 2. Colonoscopy surveillance recommendations for individuals with germline pathogenic variants (high-penetrance syndromes) [14]

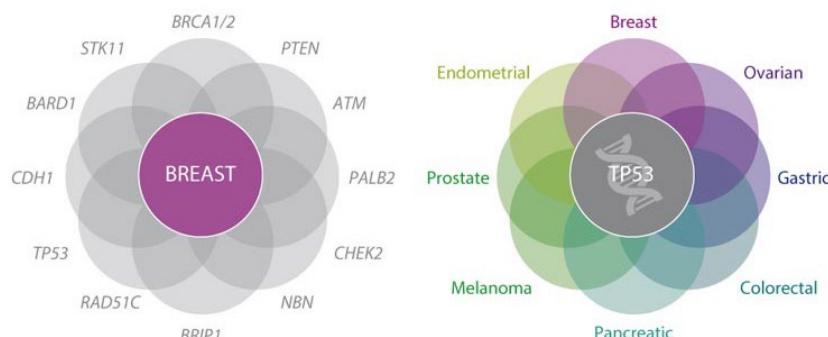
| Syndrome (gene) | Family history of CRC | Age at CRC screening initiation | Screening interval if no adenomas |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| No mutation* | No | 50 | 10 years |
| | Yes (≥ 1 FDR) | 40 [†] | 5–10 years |
| FAP (APC) | N/A | 10–15 | 1 year, colectomy if polyps too numerous |
| Lynch syndrome (MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2) | N/A | 20–25 | 1–2 years until age 40, then every year |
| MAP (MUTYH biallelic) | N/A | 25–30 | 1–3 years depending on polyp burden |
| Juvenile polyposis (SMAD4, BMPR1A) | N/A | 15 | 1–3 years depending on polyp burden |
| Peutz–Jeghers (STK11) | N/A | 15 | 2–3 years depending on polyp burden |
| Li–Fraumeni (TP53) | N/A | 20–25 | 3 years |
| Hereditary breast ovarian cancer (BRCA1/BRCA2) | No | 50 | 10 years |
| | Yes | 50 or per family history | 5 years |

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Other inherited cancer predispositions: Breast (ovary, prostate): see Pr Duhoux

Genetic Overlap



Multiple genes can increase the risk of a single cancer

Multiple cancers can be associated with a single gene

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Heredity of pancreatic cancer:

5-10% of pancreatic cancers

Surveillance?

Familial: at least two relatives and no mutation identified

Hereditary pancreatitis: 40% risk Pancreatic Cancer (RRX69):
SPINK1 (AR), *PRSS1* (AD), *CFTR*

Non-syndromic :

BRCA2: if FDR+. 6% families >> *BRCA1*

CDKN2A (p16): if FDR+ cofactor = tobacco (RRX47)

PALB2 if FDR+.

Syndromic :

Peutz Jeghers Syndrome: TIPMP: 20% Pa. Ca. risk (RRX132)

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

FAP (*APC*) rare: pancreaticoblastoma

ATM +/-

? *TP53* (LFS)

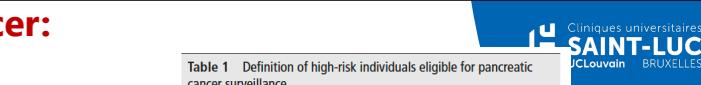


Table 1 Definition of high-risk individuals eligible for pancreatic cancer surveillance.

| Gene mutation | PDAC family history criteria | Agreement | Grade |
|---|--|-----------|-------|
| <i>LKB1/STK11</i> (Peutz-Jeghers syndrome) | Regardless of family history | 99% | 1 |
| <i>CDKN2A</i> p16* (FAMMM) | With at least one affected FDR | 99% | 1 |
| <i>CDKN2A</i> p16* (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 a 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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Predisposition to the development of gastric cancer

CDH1 (tumour suppressor gene) : Epithelial cadherin

Somatic alteration: loss of expression of e-cadherin association :

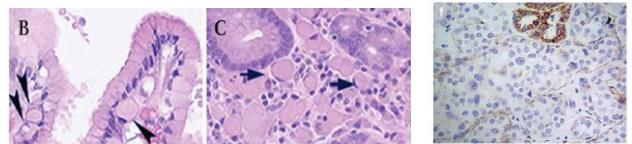
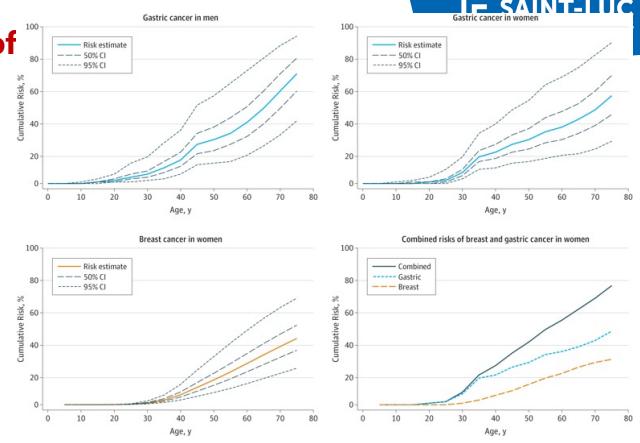
- ✓ Diffuse gastric cancer
- ✓ Lobular breast cancer (60% risk at 80a), bilateral
- ✓ Clefts (CLP)

CTNNNA1

Code for a e-catenin: same complex as CDH1

Penetrance to be determined in larger studies

No risk of breast cancer or CLP described



Young J Choi, Modern Pathology 2008; 21, 1224–1237
 J Med Genet. 2015 Jun; 52(6): 361–374.
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MAP3K6 and MYD88 (AR): to be clarified

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Kidney: genes involved in sporadic forms of kidney carcinomas.

3-9% of kidney cancers are linked to a hereditary predisposition



| Von Hippel Lindau | HPRC | HLRCC | Birt Hog Dubbé | Tuberous sclerosis of Bourneville | Cowden Syndrome (PHTS) | Autres SDHdeficient |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| VHL (80% of hereditary cancers) | MET | FH | FLCN | mTOR, TSC1/2 | PTEN | SDHx SMARCB-1 |
| Tumour suppressor genes (TSG) | Oncogène | TSG | TSG | Oncogène, TSG | TSG | TSG |
| Clear cell carcinoma Renal cysts ! Wait-and-see attitude ! De novo or mosaic mutation | Papillary carcinoma (WHO 2022) (<15%) High RR (100%?) | Non-classical papillary carcinoma or WHO 2022 FH-deficient (mostly old type 2) ! Risk of M+ ! | Chromophobe carcinomas Hybrid tumours Oncocytomas Slow growth | Angiomyolipomas Low potential oncocytic tumour (LOT) | Macrocephaly! Up to 34% risk of kidney cancer (renal cell cancer) | RCC-SDHB deficient RCC-SMARCB-1 deficient |
| Hemangioblastomas Pancreatic NET - Pheo/PGL | Rare | Cutaneous leiomyomas Uterine leiomyomas (! Sarcomas) | Fibrofolliculomas Cysts - pneumothorax | 1/6000 births Syndromic form with high penetrance | Macrocephaly Ca endometrium, thyroid, colon (hamartomatous polyposis) | Phéo/PGL |
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| <p>! Importance of the history and clinical examination</p> | | | | | | |

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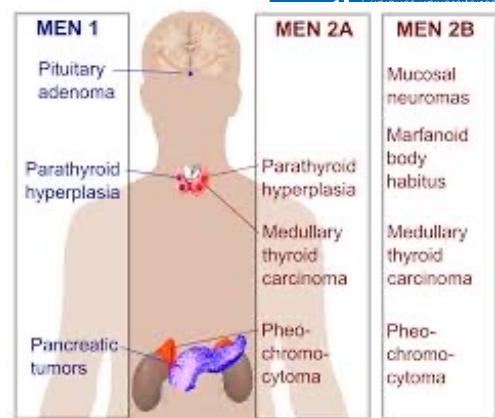
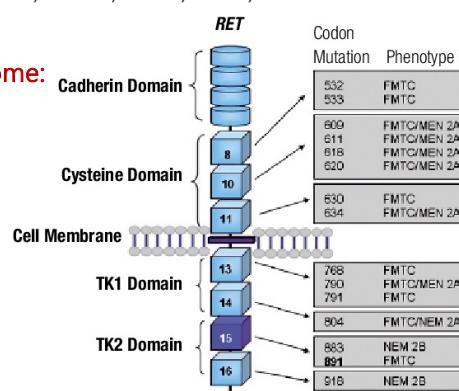
Other inherited cancer predispositions

Melanoma: CDKN2A, CDK4, BAP1, MITF, MC1R

Endocrine syndrome:

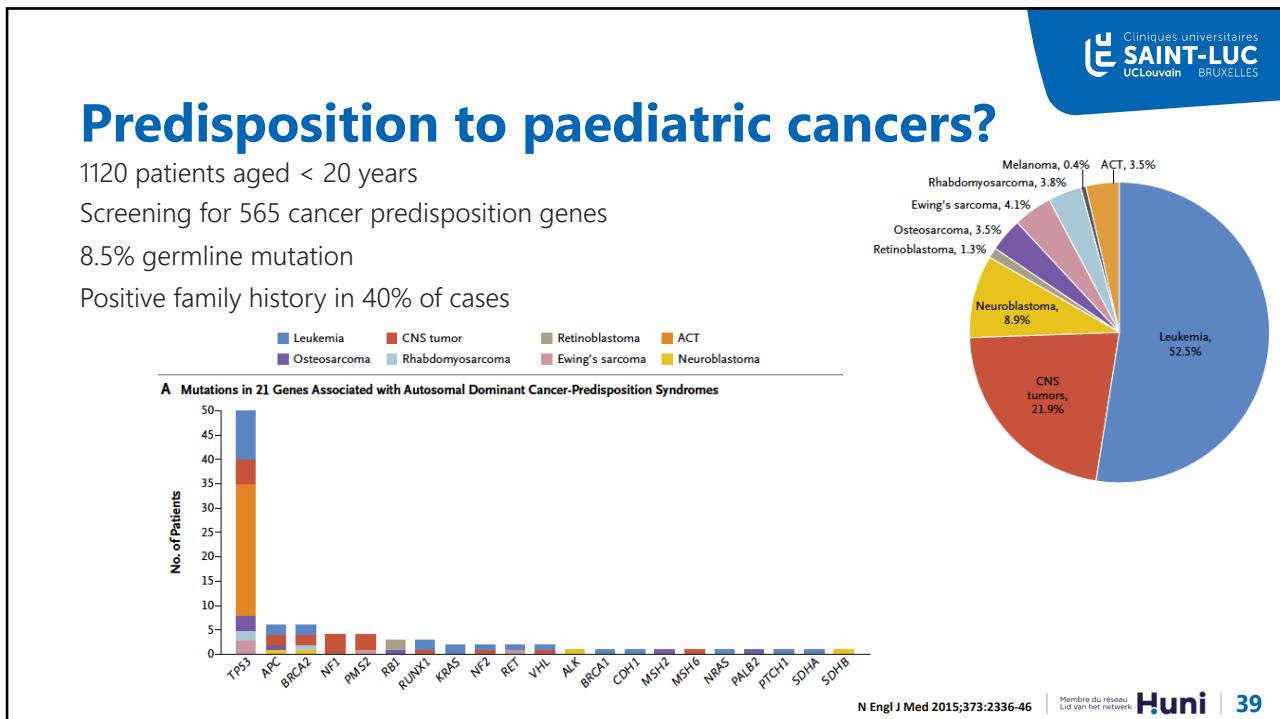
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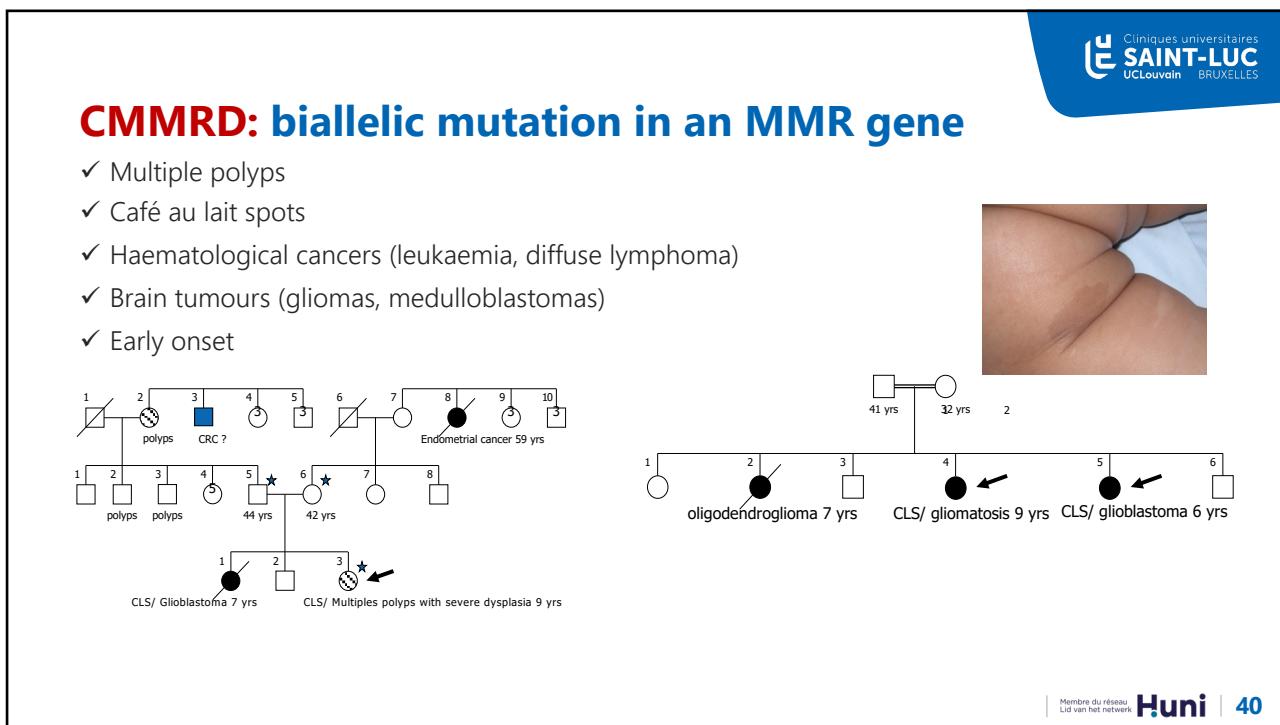


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General conclusion: Partners involved in the correct care for high risk subjects

Multidisciplinary team:

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

Geneticists

- Oncogeneticist
- Molecular biologist

THE FAMILY

Adapted care

High-risk subjects must be

Informed

Identified

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