

# TUMORI DELLA MAMMELLA E DELL'OVAIO:

## GENETICA E PREVENZIONE

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## **IL TUMORE E' SEMPRE UNA MALATTIA MULTIFATTORIALE**

Il rischio genetico non è l'unico e può a sua volta essere modificato da altri fattori di rischio (ormonali, metabolici, ambientali, precedenti terapie, ecc.)



# ***MANAGEMENT OF FAMILIAL AND HEREDITARY CANCERS***

**New specific area of clinical oncology**

**Main objectives:  
Personalized Prevention and  
Personalized Therapy**



# RISCHIO FAMILIARE/EREDITARIO: I TRE *PILASTRI* FONDAMENTALI



***VALUTAZIONE DEL PROFILO DI RISCHIO***



***SORVEGLIANZA CLINICO-STRUMENTALE***



***STRATEGIE DI PREVENZIONE ATTIVA***



# “Hereditary breast cancer: ever more pieces to the polygenic puzzle”

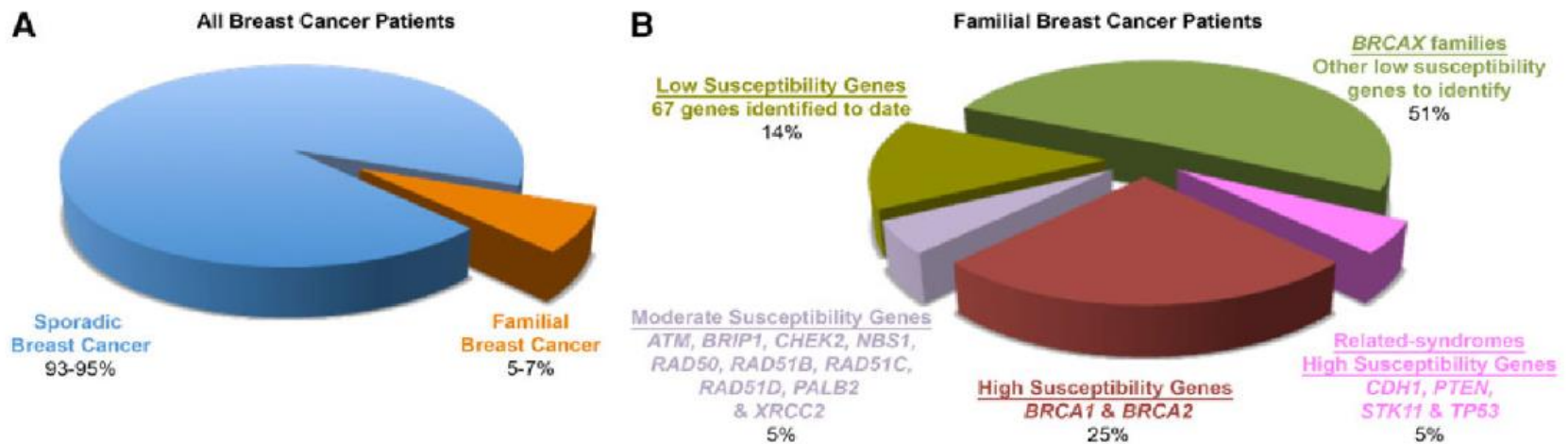


Fig. 1 Distribution of breast cancer patients. a Familial breast cancer represents a minor percentage of all breast cancer patients. b Proportion of familial breast cancer patients due to germ line mutations in high, moderate, and low penetrance cancer genes. BRCA1 and BRCA2 explain the vast majority of familial breast cancer attributed to

Modificato da: Melchor e Benitez, Human Genetics 2013



Rename the  
Hereditary  
Breast and  
Ovarian Cancer  
syndrome  
(HBOC) to  
**King syndrome**

(Nature, July 2019)



# HBOC SYNDROME: beyond Breast and Ovarian Cancer

**Ovarian Ca**: ~15% (with *gBRCA1/BRCA2*), 50% (without *gBRCA1/BRCA2*)

*Bell et al. Nature 2011*

**TNBC**: 15-20% (with *gBRCA1/BRCA2*), 40% (without *gBRCA1/BRCA2*)

*Akashi-Tanaka et al. Clin Breast Cancer 2015*

*Loibl et al. Ann Oncol 2018*

**Advanced Prostate Ca**: 10-12% (with *gBRCA1/BRCA2* e/o *sBRCA1/BRCA2* ), 25% (without *gBRCA1/BRCA2*)

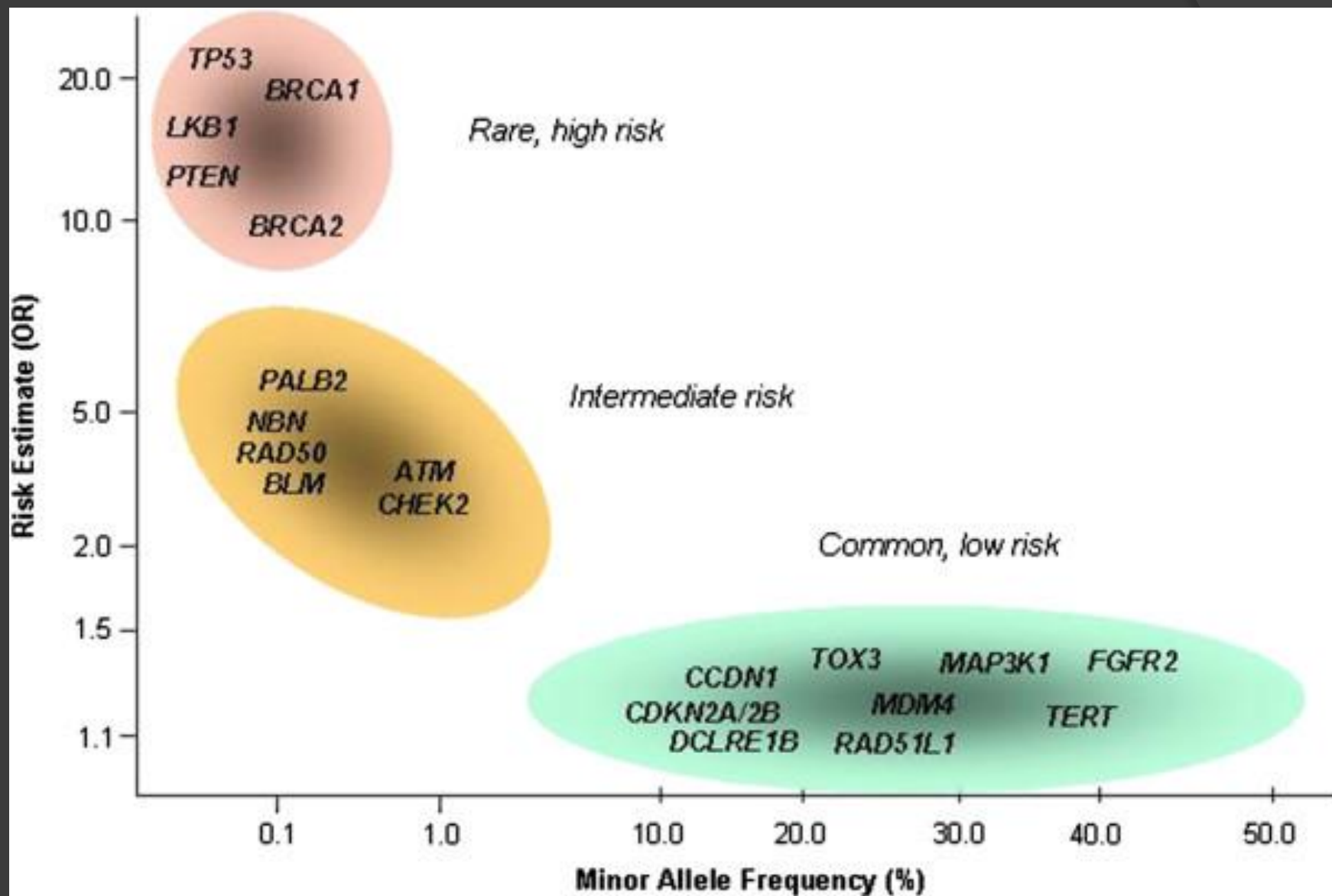
*Robinson et al. Cell 2015*

**Pancreatic Ca**: ~ 9% (with g- or s-*BRCA1/BRCA2*)

*Shroff et al. JCO Precis Oncol 2018*



# "Hereditary breast cancer: ever more pieces to the polygenic puzzle"





# ***Not only BRCA...***

## **HIGH PENETRANCE GENES FOR BREAST CANCER**

- TP53 (Li-Fraumeni syndrome)
- CDH1 (Hereditary Diffuse Gastric Cancer (HDGC) syndrome)
- PTEN (Cowden syndrome)
- SK11 (Peutz-Jeghers syndrome)
- MMR (Lynch syndrome) (still unconfirmed)

## **MODERATE PENETRANCE GENES FOR BREAST CANCER**

- PALB2
- CHEK2
- ATM
- NBN

## **MODERATE PENETRANCE GENES FOR OVARIAN CANCER**

- BRIP1
- RAD51C and RAD51D

## **LOW PENETRANCE GENES and/or ALLELES**

- POLIGE  RISK SCORE

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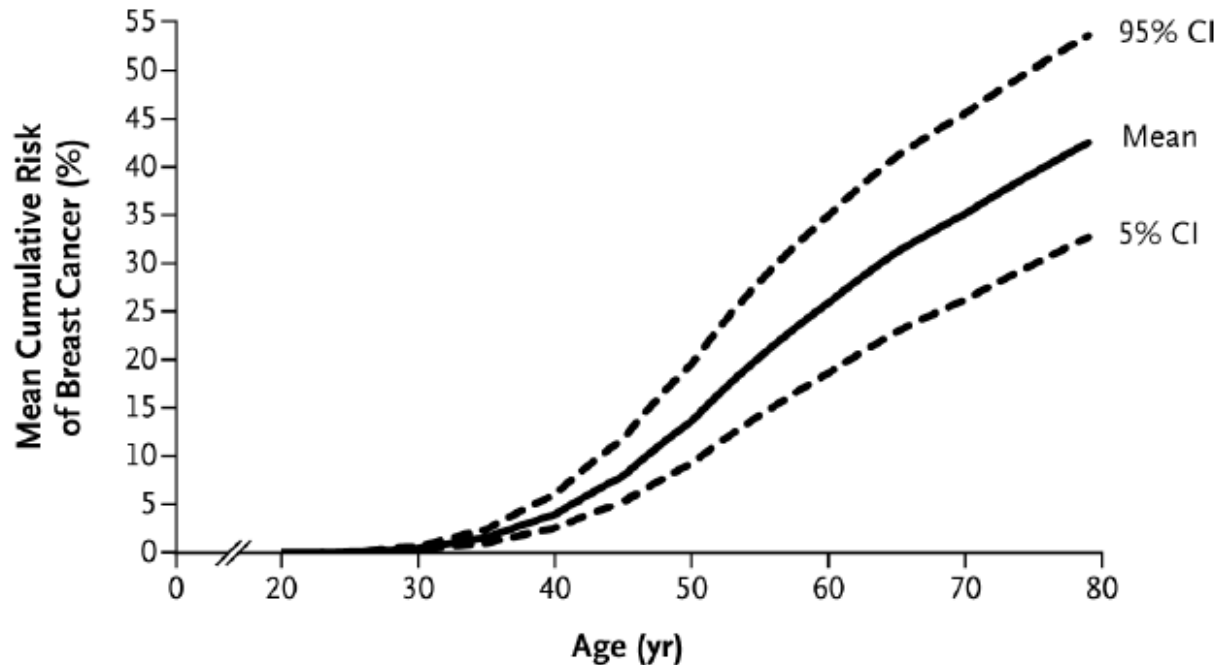
# Moderate Penetrance Genes and BC Risk

Cancer type	Gene	Average relative risk
Breast cancer	<i>ATM</i> <sup>6</sup>	2.8 (90% CI 2.2–3.7)
	<i>BARD1</i>	Insufficient data
	<i>BRIP1</i> (REFS 3, 20)	No evidence of association
	<i>CHEK2</i> (truncating) <sup>3</sup>	3.0 (90% CI 2.6–3.5)
	<i>CHEK2</i> (missense) <sup>47</sup>	1.58 (95% CI 1.42–1.75) for I157T
	<i>MRE11A</i>	Insufficient data
	<i>NBN</i> <sup>68</sup>	2.7 (90% CI 1.9–3.7) for c.657del5
	<i>PALB2</i> <sup>8</sup>	5.3 (90% CI 3.0–9.4)
	<i>RAD50</i>	Insufficient data
	<i>RAD51C/RAD51D</i> <sup>8</sup>	No evidence of association
	<i>XRCC2</i>	Insufficient data
	<i>SLX4</i>	Insufficient data



# Moderate Penetrance Genes and BC risk

**B** Breast-Cancer Risk for Female *PALB2* Mutation Carriers



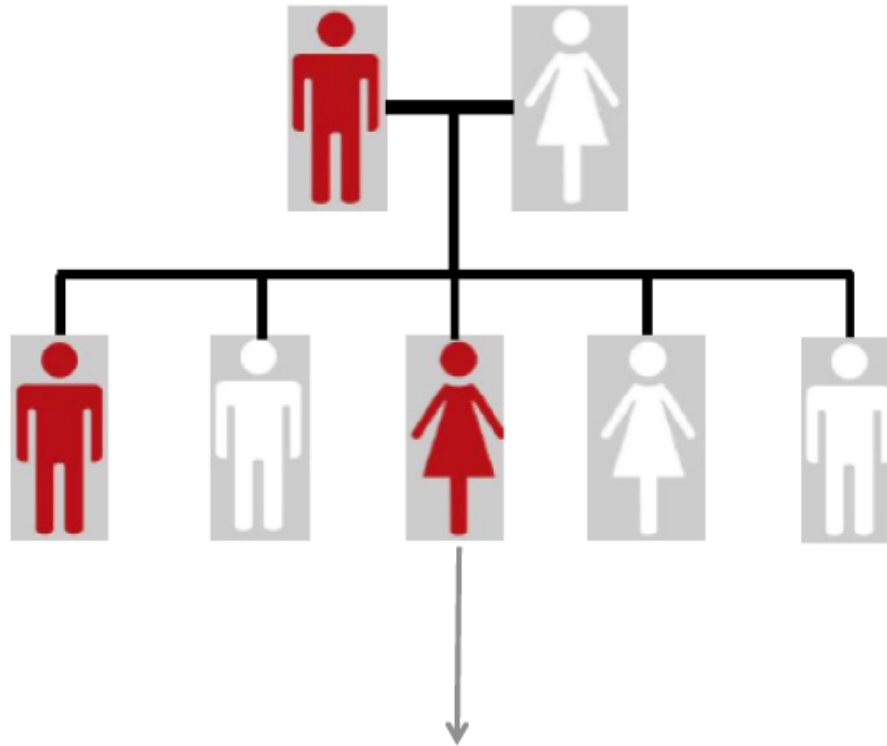
***PALB2***

Risk at 70 yrs age: 33%

With positive FH: 58%



## Lobular Breast Cancer and HDGC



**LBC is a CDH1-associated cancer disease affecting women and forming part of the HDGC syndrome.**

**Cumulative risk for breast cancer by 80 years is 42% for women with CDH1 mutations.**

# DIECI PUNTI CHIAVE PER RICHIEDERE UNA CONSULENZA GENETICA (ED EVENTUALMENTE IL TEST GENETICO)

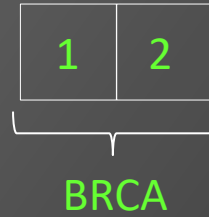
## ***FAI ATTENZIONE SE:***

1. Hai avuto un tumore del seno in età giovanile (cioè prima dei 36 anni) oppure un tumore triplo negativo (prima dei 60 anni).
2. Hai avuto un tumore dell'ovaio.
3. Hai avuto un familiare con tumore del seno giovanile oppure triplo negativo.
4. Hai avuto (o se in famiglia c'è stato) un tumore mammario maschile.
5. Hai familiarità di I° o II° grado per casi di tumore del seno e/o dell'ovaio.
6. In famiglia ci sono stati uno o più casi di tumore della prostata prima dei 50 anni.
7. In famiglia ci sono stati uno o più casi di tumore del pancreas prima dei 50 anni.
8. In famiglia ci sono stati uno o più casi di tumore del seno di tipo lobulare e/o tumori dello stomaco prima dei 50 anni.
9. Nella famiglia ci sono stati più tumori, specie se in età giovanile.
10. Tu stessa o qualcuno in famiglia ha già fatto un test genetico (per avere una "second opinion" o per fare "test di accertamento", rispettivamente).

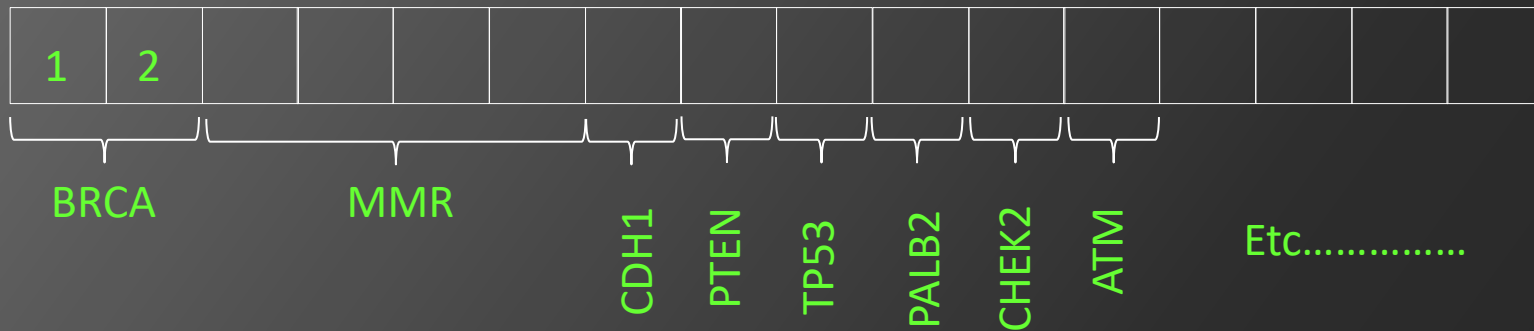
In questi casi, ti raccomandiamo di rivolgerti preferibilmente a Centri di Eccellenza Oncologica, con al proprio interno una High Risk Clinic

# Genetic Germline Testing: Clinical Approaches

## TARGET TESTING



## MULTIGENE PANEL TESTING



**KEY POINT: «ACTIONABILITY»!**



# NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING (NGS)

Finding of variants of  
unknown clinical significance  
(VUS)  
+  
Incidental Findings

Which genes and which variants  
are clinically ACTIONABLE?

**Risk of misclassification:**  
Unappropriate medical decisions  
Patient's psychological stress

**Careful selection before referral**  
to multigene panel testing

**Genetic counseling:**  
essential!



# MULTIGENE PANEL TESTING

## FENOTIPO SPECIFICI

**MINOR NUMERO DI GENI**

**GENI SPECIFICI A  
PENETRANZA ALTA E  
MODERATA  
(ES. HBOC O COLON)**

**POSSIBILE PRESENZA DI  
GENI NON SPECIFICI AD ALTA  
PENETRANZA (ES. STK11)**

## NON FENOTIPO SPECIFICI

**MAGGIOR NUMERO DI GENI**

**ELEVATA PRESENZA DI GENI A  
BASSA E MODERATA  
PENETRANZA**

**MAGGIOR TASSO DI VUS**

**MAGGIOR RISCHIO DI  
INCIDENTAL FINDINGS**





# FAST TRACK

Why? To help treatment decisions

Indications:

BREAST

SURG:



conservative vs mastectomy  
(mono or bilat.)

RT:



yes or no (TP53 no!!  
BRCA1/BRCA2 yes)

ONC:



Trials with PARP-i/LH-RH an.  
versus salpingoophorectomy

OVARY

Target Therapy (PARP-i; others?)



# CANCER PREVENTION IN HIGH RISK SUBJECTS

**How to reduce risk**

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graph TD; A([How to reduce risk]) --- B[Surveillance]; A --- C[Lifestyle and Medical Prevention]; A --- D[Surgical Prophylaxis]
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**Surveillance**

**Lifestyle and  
Medical Prevention**

**Surgical  
Prophylaxis**

**NB: these options are complementary and sequential !**

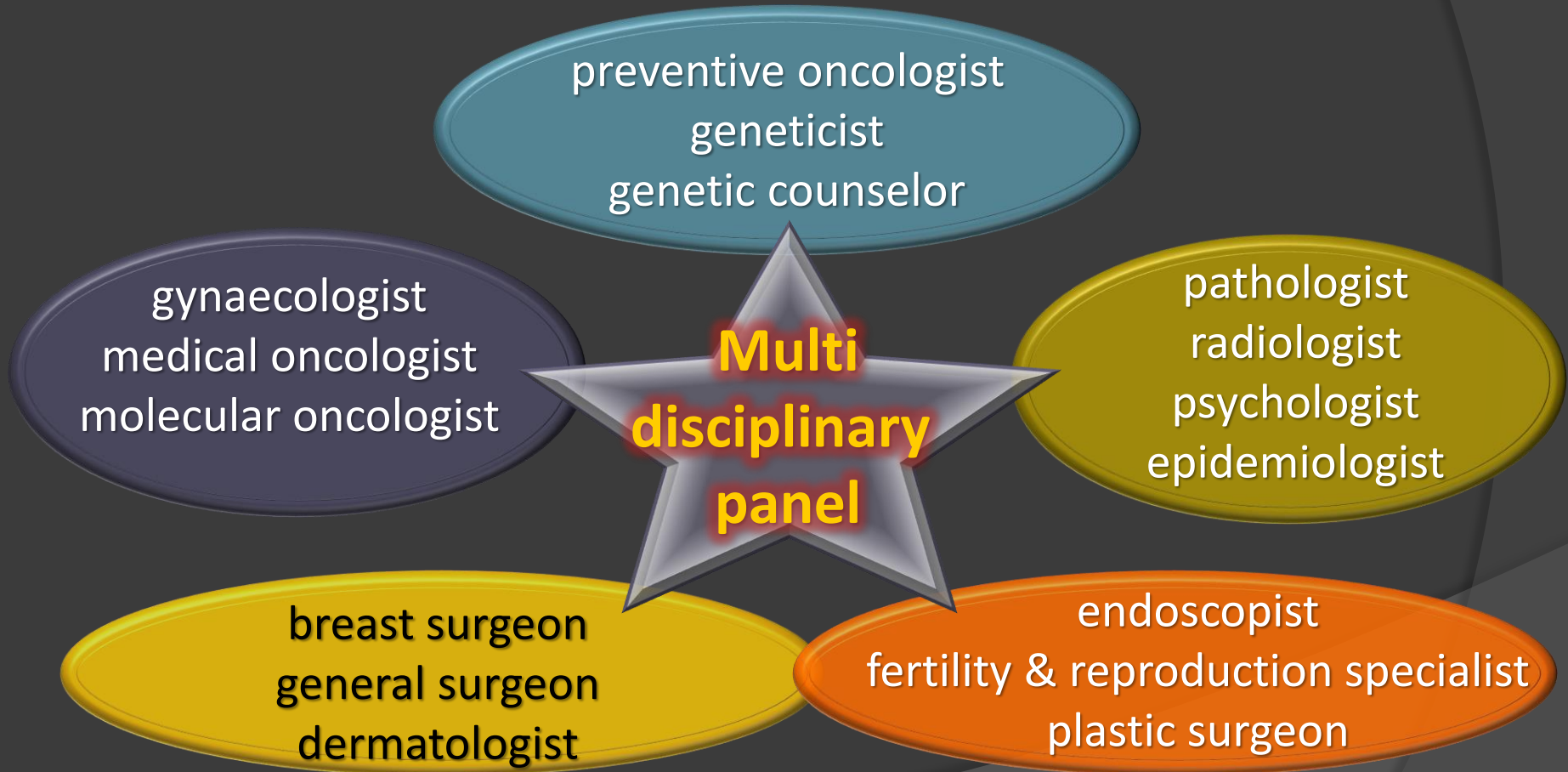


**PERSONALIZZAZIONE!**



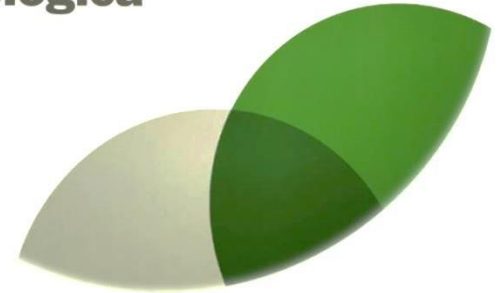
Recommended management of high risk subjects:

# ***IEO HIGH RISK CENTER***



# High Risk Center

## Prevenzione e Genetica Oncologica



# **SURVEILLANCE OF HIGH RISK (BRCA carriers)**

Importance of the combination:

**Mammography + TS**

+

**Breast US and Transvaginal US (+ Ca125)**

+

**Breast MRI (W.B.MRI in TP53)**

+

**Clinical visit**



# LIFESTYLE MODIFICATIONS





- **Mediterranean diet**
- **Season vegetables**
- **Legumes - Fish**
- **No refined food**
- **Reduce red meat consumption**
- **Cooking methods**





# Physical Exercise



Holmes et Al. Physical activity and survival after breast cancer diagnosis



JAMA 2005 May 25;293(20):2479-86  
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# MEDICAL PREVENTION



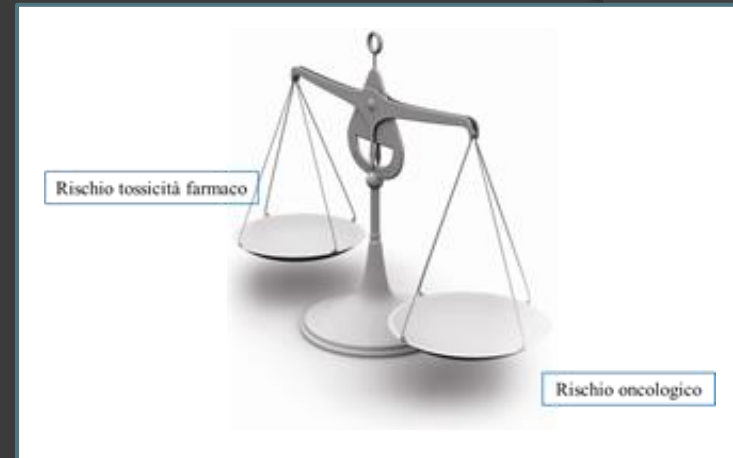
# BREAST CANCER MEDICAL PREVENTION

Tamoxifen at low dose («Baby Tam»)

Aromatase Inhibitors  
(Exemestane at low dose)

Metformin, Vit. D, NSAIDs

PARP-inhibitors



# BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations induce mostly different breast cancer phenotypes

**BRCA1**



~ 90% non-endocrine responsive BC  
(frequently triple negative and  
early onset)

**BRCA2**



~ 80% endocrine responsive and later  
onset

Targetable by SERMs (esp. tamoxifen) and AIs



# Randomized placebo controlled trial of low dose tamoxifen (“Baby-tam”) - Study Tam01

Women  
aged <75 yrs  
With ADH or  
LCIS or  
ER+ve/unk DCIS)



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Tamoxifen  
5 mg/day

Placebo

3 yr  
treatment  
+  
at least  
2 yr FU

**Primary endpoint: Incidence of invasive breast cancer or DCIS**

500 participants enrolled from 14 centers in Italy

Median follow up = 5.1 years (IQR 3.9-6.3)



## ***LOW-DOSE TAMOXIFEN (5 mg/day) («Baby-TAM»)***

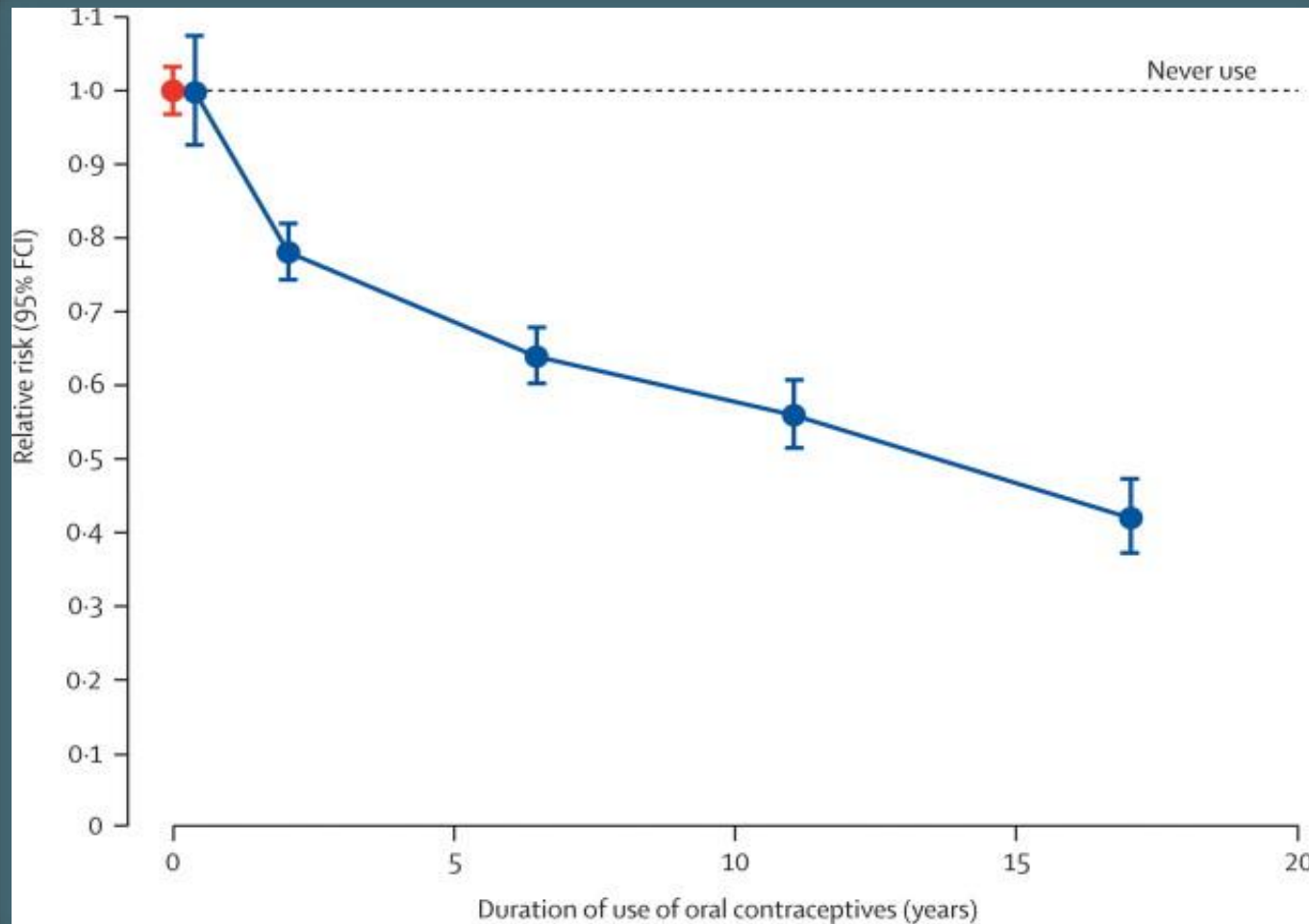
- Now it is practice–changing in ER+ DCIS, LCIS and AH
- Next step: a phase III study of «*Baby-TAM*» in healthy women at high risk (BRCA2 mutation carriers, Tyrer-Cuzick High-Risk, High Mammographic density) to be designed



# **Oral contraceptives on ovarian cancer risk and breast cancer risk in BRCA mutation carriers**



# Ovarian cancer and oral contraceptives analysis of 45 epidemiological studies for a total of 23.257 women with ovarian cancer and 87.303 controls



Relative risk of ovarian cancer based on duration of use of oral contraceptives stratified for study, age, parity and hysterectomy.



## Effect of oral contraceptives on ovarian and breast cancer risk in women with a known BRCA1/2 pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant:

### **Risk reduction:**

- oral contraceptives **reduce the risk for ovarian cancer by 45% to 50% in BRCA1 mutation carriers and by 60% in BRCA2 mutation carriers**
- risks appeared to decrease with longer duration of oral contraceptive use

*McLaughlin JR et al. Lancet Oncol 2007.  
Narod SA et al. N Engl J Med 1998.  
Iodice S et al. Eur J Cancer 2010.  
Moorman PG et al. J Clin Oncol 2013..*

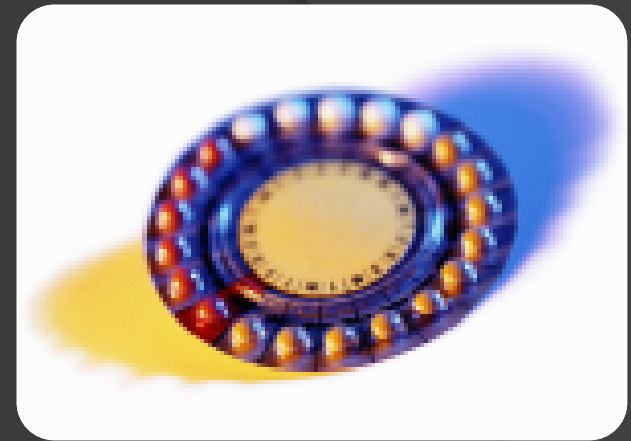
## Effect of oral contraceptive use on breast cancer risk among BRCA1/2 mutation carriers:

### **Conflicting data:**

- modest but statistically significant increase: *Narod SA et al. J Natl Cancer Inst 2002; Haile RW et al. Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev 2006.*
- not significantly associated with breast cancer risk: *Lee E et al. Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev 2008; Milne RL et al. Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev 2005.*



# Prevenzione farmacologica del carcinoma ovarico con i contraccettivi orali



- La pillola contraccettiva riduce il rischio ovarico fino al 50%
- La protezione permane per almeno 15 anni
- L'uso della pillola moderna non appare aumentare significativamente il rischio del seno, specie iniziandola in giovane età (>20-25 anni)



# PROFILASSI CHIRURGICA

Ovaries?

Breasts?

Everything?



# MASTECTOMY

✓ PROPHYLACTIC (in healthy carriers)

✓ CONTRALATERAL / RR (in patients)



**TIME TO DECIDE !**

**ALWAYS PERSONAL DECISION !**



# MASTECTOMIA PROFILATTICA

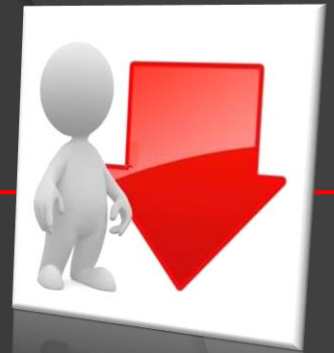


## PRO

Riduzione del rischio

Riduzione dell'ansia

Soddisfazione estetica



## CONTRO

Più chirurgia

Irreversibilità

Riduzione del rischio non  
completa (rischio residuo:  
differenti punti di vista in letteratura)

Complicazioni

(post chirurgiche o nel tempo)

Riduzione della sensibilità,  
modificazione corporea

Insoddisfazione estetica



# PROPHYLACTIC SURGERY IN BRCA MUT. CARRIERS



## PRIORITA': RISCHIO GINECOLOGICO!

**SALPINGO-  
OPHORECTOMY**



BC risk reduction but early  
menopause

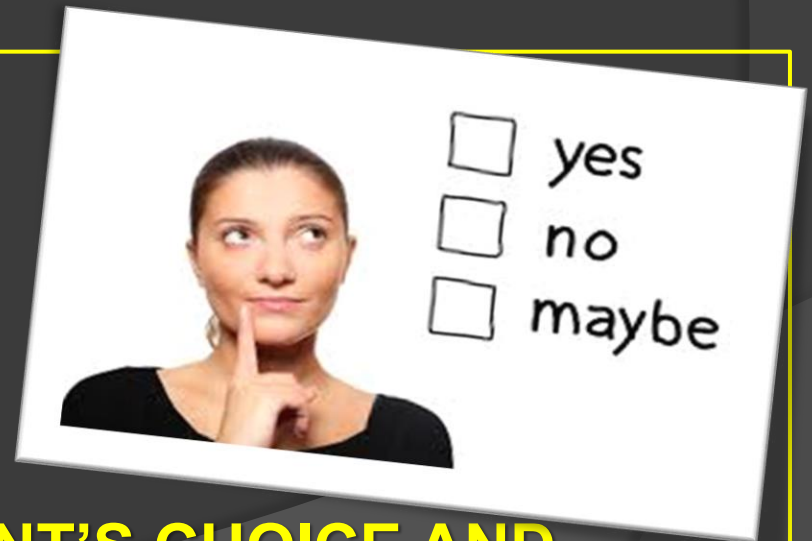
**SALPINGECTOMY?**



Preserves fertility but still under  
studies



**RIGHT  
TIMING**



**PATIENT'S CHOICE AND  
PERSONALIZED PROGRAM**



# HIGH RISK SUBJECTS MANAGEMENT: WHAT IS NEEDED?

## ESSENTIALS:

➤ High Risk Clinic

➤ New physician-patient relationship

➤ Share certainties and uncertainties

➤ Non-directive medicine

➤ Time to decide (on genetic testing and RR measures)

➤ Psychological/decision support

➤ To any person one **personalized pathway**:

**NO ONE SIZE FITS ALL !**

# ◎ HEREDITARY CANCER



"OF COURSE I'M SURE IT'S HEREDITARY. MY FATHER TREATED YOUR FATHER FOR THE SAME THING."

Thank  
you!

