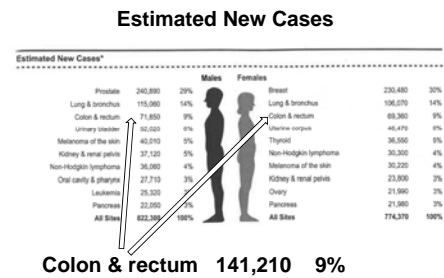


## Colorectal Cancer Screening

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## Estimated new cancer cases U.S. 2011



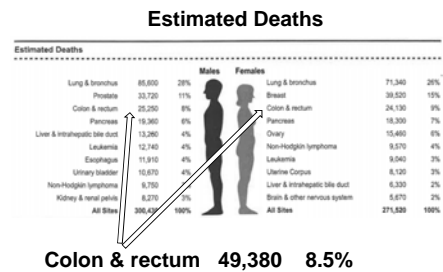
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## Colorectal Cancer Screening

**Why?**

**Primary Goal is to Prevent Deaths from Colon Cancer**

## Estimated cancer deaths U.S. 2011



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## Colorectal Cancer Prevention

- Most cancers develop from adenomatous polyps
- Progression takes ~10 years
- Screening and polyp removal reduces risk of developing CRC by ~90%
  - Cost effectiveness of CRC screening is consistent with other preventive measures

## Colorectal Cancer Survival Rates

Stage Distribution and 5-year Relative Survival by Stage at Diagnosis for 2001-2007, All Races, Both Sexes

Stage at Diagnosis	Stage Distribution (%)	5-year Relative Survival (%)
Localized (confined to primary site)	39	90.1
Regional (spread to regional lymph nodes)	37	69.2
Distant (cancer has metastasized)	20	11.7
Unknown (unstaged)	5	33.3

Data from: Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program, 2002-2006. Available online at <http://seer.cancer.gov>.

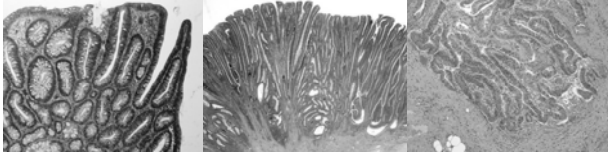
## Colorectal Cancer: Early detection

- Early detection associated with improved survival rates
- 5 year survival is ~90% for early stage CRC

## Colon Polyps

- Two thirds of polyps are adenomas
- Adenomas are found in ~25% of colonoscopies performed in people age 50 and in ~45% of people age 70
- Risk of CRC increases with adenoma size, number, villous histology

## Polyp Histology



*Tubular  
adenoma*

*Villous  
adenoma*

*Colon  
cancer*

## Colorectal Cancer Screening

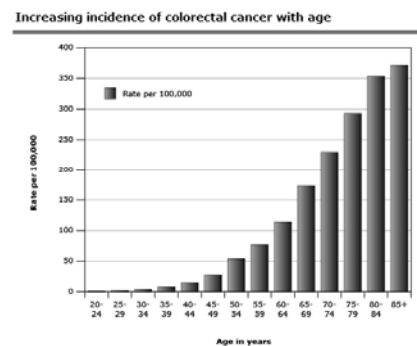
### Who?

- Men and women
- Average person has a ~5% lifetime risk of developing CRC - 90% of these occur in people > 50 years old
- Begin at age 50 for average risk

## The Downside of CRC Screening Effectiveness

- Only about half of people 50 years or older undergo screening
- Only 4/10 cancers are detected at an early stage
- Lack of public or professional awareness
- Financial barriers

## Age specific incidence of colorectal cancer



Data from: Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program, 2002-2006. Available online at <http://seer.cancer.gov>.

## Colorectal Cancer Screening

### Who?

- Increased risk groups begin screening before age 50 and/or are screened more often
- Personal history of CRC or adenomatous polyps
- Personal history of IBD (UC or CD)
- Family history of CRC or polyps (especially first degree relative, multiple relatives, age 60 or younger)
- Family history of hereditary CRC syndrome

## How? CRC Screening for Average Risk Individuals

- Begin at age 50 for average risk individuals
- Colorectal cancer prevention should be the primary goal

Consensus Guideline 2008: ACS, US Multi-society Task Force on Colorectal Cancer, American College of Radiology

## Primary Care Physician Practices

- 99% of physicians recommend CRC screening to patients (majority colonoscopy)
- Only 61% reported that their practice had implemented guidelines to ensure that eligible adults were offered screening
- Only 30% reported use of any reminder system (eg chart flags or computer prompts)
- Only 12% reported receiving a report about CRC screening rates for their patients
- FOBT performance issues (in-office testing, difficulty with tracking test completion)

Cancer Screening in the US, 2011. CA Cancer J Clin 2011; 61: 8-30.

## Tests that find polyps and cancer

- Flexible sigmoidoscopy every 5 years
- Colonoscopy every 10 years
- Double-contrast barium enema every 5 years
- CT colonography (virtual colonoscopy) every 5 years

Consensus Guideline 2008: ACS, US Multi-society Task Force on Colorectal Cancer, American College of Radiology

### Tests that mainly find cancer

- Fecal occult blood test (FOBT) every year
- Fecal immunochemical test (FIT) every year
- Stool DNA test (sDNA) interval uncertain

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### Screening and Surveillance of Increased Risk Patients

- small rectal hyperplastic polyps --- average risk
- 1-2 small (less than 1 cm) tubular adenomas --- colonoscopy at 5-10 years
- 3-10 adenomas or a large (over 1 cm) adenoma or any adenomas with high grade dysplasia or villous features --- colonoscopy at 3 years

Consensus Guideline 2008: ACS, US Multi-society Task Force on Colorectal Cancer, American College of Radiology

### CRC Screening Caveats

- For FOBT and FIT use take-home multiple sample method NOT DRE and stool test [misses >90% of colon abnormalities]
- The best test is the one that the patient will take
- Among all guidelines, there is least consensus on the role of CT colonography and stool DNA testing
- Waning role of barium enema

### 2009 Colon Cancer Screening Guidelines from the American College of Gastroenterology

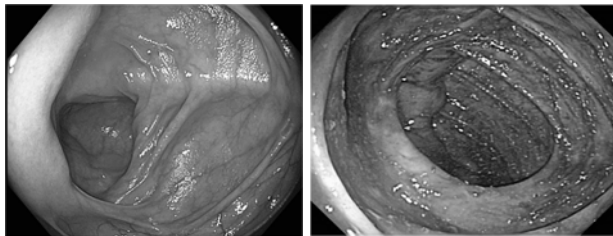
- Cancer PREVENTION tests preferred over cancer DETECTION tests
- Colonoscopy is the preferred CRC prevention test
- Colonoscopy every 10 years beginning at age 50 is preferred strategy; alternatives for patients who decline colonoscopy are flexible sigmoidoscopy or CT colonography

### 2009 Colon Cancer Screening Guidelines from the American College of Gastroenterology

- Screening for African-American persons should begin earlier -- begin at age 45 because of high incidence of CRC and a greater prevalence of right-sided polyps and cancers in this population
- New recommendations for bowel preparation to enhance quality of the exam (split dosing)

### 2009 Colon Cancer Screening Guidelines from the American College of Gastroenterology

- CT colonography performed every 5 years is an alternative for patients who decline colonoscopy
- Barium enema is not recommended for CRC screening/prevention
- Fecal testing is a cancer DETECTION test, not a PREVENTION test; fecal immunohistochemical testing (FIT) replaces the older guaiac-based fecal occult blood test (FOBT)
- Screening recommendations related to family history are modified from the 2008 guidelines.



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### FIT Test Kit



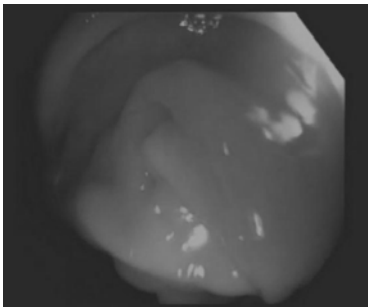
### 2009 Colon Cancer Screening Guidelines from the American College of Gastroenterology

- Key emphasis on **QUALITY** of colonoscopy
  - Trained examiner
  - Cecal intubation
  - Adenoma detection rate [target 25% in men and 15% in women]
  - Withdrawal times [6 minutes with no biopsies or polypectomies]

### 2009 Colon Cancer Screening Guidelines from the American College of Gastroenterology

- Key emphasis on **QUALITY** of colonoscopy
  - Polyp removal techniques
  - Piecemeal resection requires close follow up
  - After complete exam and adequate prep, follow screening and surveillance intervals
  - Detection rate is not 100%
  - Risks: perforation rate is <1 in 1,000

### Good Withdrawal technique



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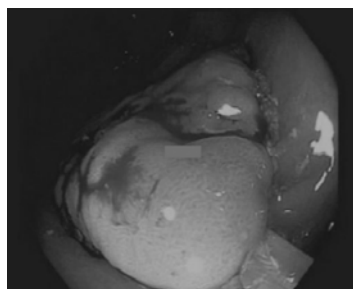
### Specific Screening Tests

- Stool DNA
  - Requires submission of an entire bowel movement (on ice) in customized kit
  - Expensive
  - False negatives do occur
  - Significance of "false positives" unknown (positive screen and negative colonoscopy)

## Specific Screening Tests

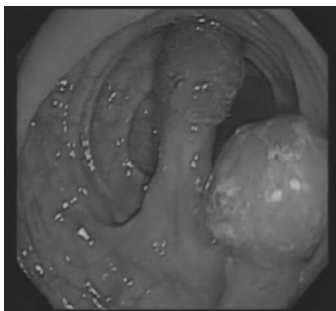
- CT Colonography
  - Multiple CT images
  - Bowel prep required to reduce false positives created by residual stool
  - Colonoscopy recommended for polyps >6 mm
  - Air insufflation required
  - Diagnostic yield for cancers and polyps over 10 mm is similar to colonoscopy
  - Disadvantages include potential miss of flat polyps, radiation exposure, extracolonic findings

## Central Injection video



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## Final Pedunculated video



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## CRC Screening Summary

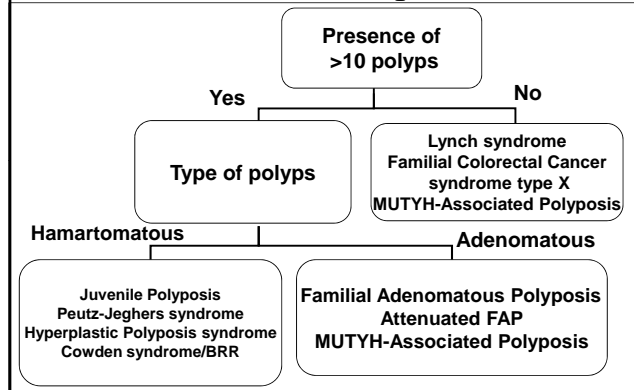
- Be familiar with and follow consensus recommendations
- Colonoscopy is the preferred screening test
- Any screening is better than no screening
- Screening is not a "one shot" endeavor
- Build system methods to capture the eligible cohort
- Ask about family history



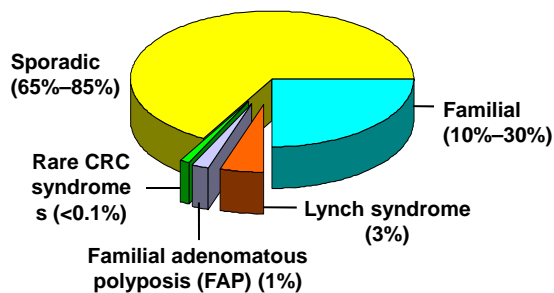
## Colon Cancer Screening: Family History Implications

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### Flowchart for Hereditary Colon Cancer differential diagnosis

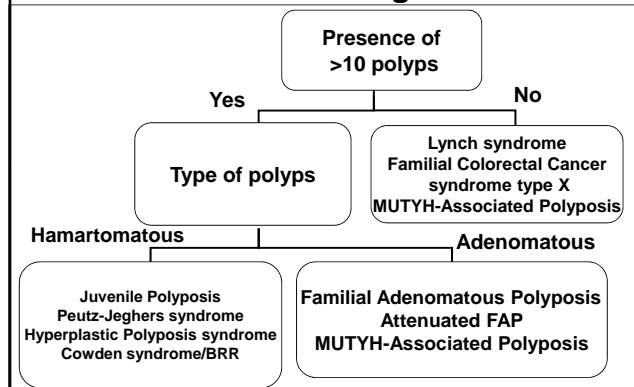


### Hereditary susceptibility to CRC



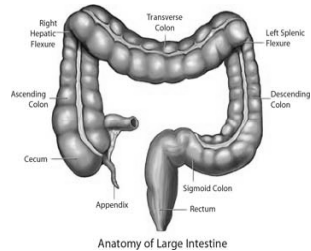
Adapted from Burt RW et al. *Prevention and Early Detection of CRC*, 1996

### Flowchart for Hereditary Colon Cancer differential diagnosis



## Lynch Syndrome

- Early but variable age at CRC diagnosis (~45 years)
- Tumor site in proximal colon predominates
- Extracolonic cancers: endometrium, ovary, stomach, urinary tract, small bowel, bile duct, sebaceous skin tumors



## Lynch Syndrome Management

Intervention	Recommendation
Colonoscopy	Every 1-2 y beginning at age 20-25 (MLH1 & MSH2), or 30 (MSH6 & PMS2)
Endometrial sampling	Every 1 y beginning at age 30-35
Transvaginal U/S	Every 1 y beginning at age 30-35
Urinalysis with cytology	Every 1-2 y beginning at age 25-35
History & Exam w/ review of systems	Every 1 y beginning at age 21

Lindor N et al. JAMA 2006;296:1507-17. & Vasen HFA et al. J Med Genet 2007;44:353-62.

## Lynch Syndrome Cancer Risks (to 70)

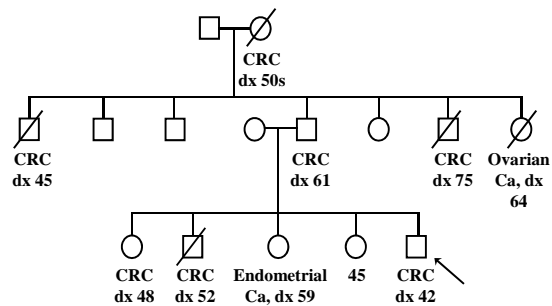
Cancer type	MLH1 & MSH2	MSH6	PMS2
Colon cancer (men)	40-80%	10-30%	20%
Colon cancer (women)	40-80%	10-30%	15%
Endometrial cancer	30-60%	15-30%	15%
Stomach	≤13%	≤3%	6%
Ovarian	12-24%	1-11%	6%

## Lynch Syndrome Prophylactic Surgery Options

- Options include subtotal colectomy, hysterectomy, and oophorectomy
- Subtotal colectomy does not eliminate cancer risk
- Hysterectomy eliminates risk of endometrial and ovarian cancer
- Expert panels made no recommendation for or against surgery due to unproven efficacy

Schmeler et al. NEJM 2006;354:261-9.

### The Family History Is Key to Diagnosing Lynch Syndrome – or is it?



### Bethesda Guidelines

- CRC dx <50
- Synchronous or metachronous CRC, or other HNPCC-associated tumors regardless of age
- CRC with MSI-H histology dx <60
- CRC with  $\geq 1$  FDR with an HNPCC-associated tumor, with one cancer dx <50
- CRC with  $\geq 2$  FDRs or SDRs with an HNPCC-associated tumor, regardless of age

Umar A, et al. JNCI. 2004;96(4):261-268.

### Amsterdam II criteria

- 3 or more relatives with verified HNPCC-associated cancer in family
- 2 more generations
- 1 case a first-degree relative of the other two
- 1 CRC dx <50
- FAP excluded

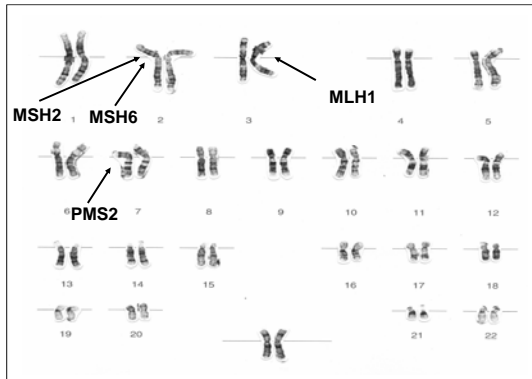
Does not include  
ovarian, gastric,  
brain, biliary tract or  
pancreatic cancer

Vasen HFA et al. *Gastroenterology*. 116:1453, 1999

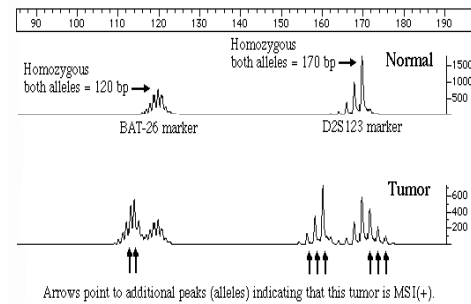
### Warning: Family Histories can be Deceiving

- Family size is getting smaller
- Wider use of colonoscopy likely to prevent many colon cancers
- MSH6 & PMS2 have lower cancer risks

## Lynch Syndrome Genes



## MSI testing on Genotyper

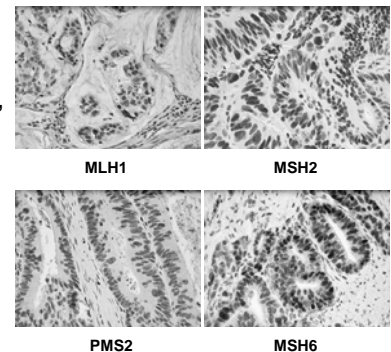


## Microsatellite Instability (MSI)

- Repetitive DNA sequences 1- 4 nucleotides (microsatellites) normally found genome
  - Mono: TCGAGG AAAAAAAAAA GGAGCT
  - Di: TCGAGG CACACACACACA GGAG
- With MMR failure, variability in repeats
- 95% of HNPCC tumors are MSI+
- 10%–15% of sporadic CRCs are MSI+

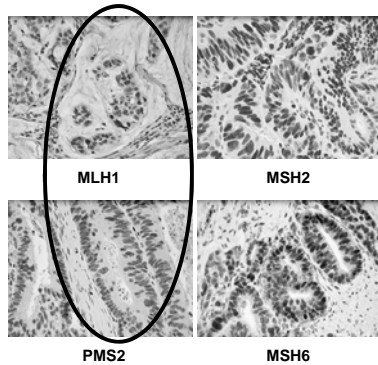
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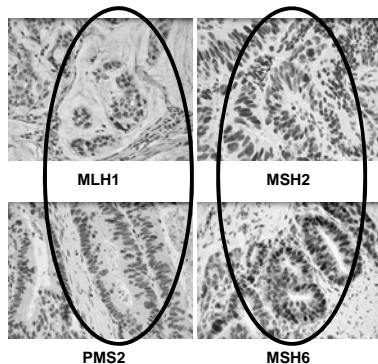


## Identification of Lynch syndrome in the Genetics Clinic

- Can predict who is more likely to have LS using family history criteria (Amsterdam & Bethesda)
- Can predict the likelihood of a MMR gene mutation using on-line programs
  - PREMM1,2
  - <http://www.dana-farber.org/pat/cancer/gastrointestinal/crc-calculator/>
  - MMRpro  
<http://www4.utsouthwestern.edu/breasthealth/cagene/>
  - MMRpredict  
<http://www1.hgu.mrc.ac.uk/Softdata/MMRpredict.php>
- Can order MSI and/or IHC on tumor to screen for LS
- Can diagnose Lynch syndrome with genetic testing

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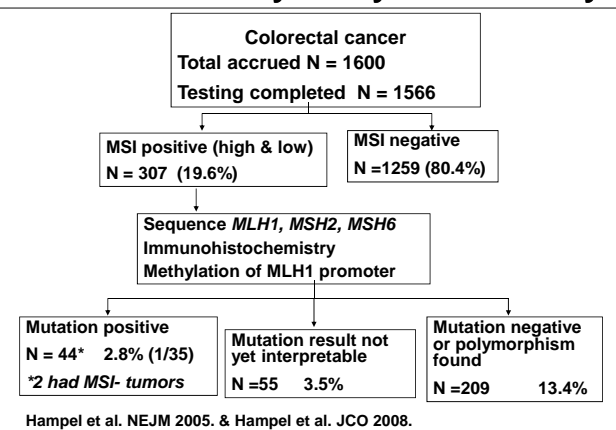
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## Identification of Lynch Syndrome among all Newly Diagnosed CRC Patients

- Unlikely to have good family history
- High volume
- Pathologists will know age at dx, synchronous primaries, but not likely to know all metachronous primary or family history of patients
- Must rely on screening tests for LS (MSI/IHC)

### Columbus-Area Lynch syndrome Study



### Family Studies of 35/44 CRC Probands

35 CRC probands have had genetic counseling

Degree of Kinship	Tested	Positive
First	99	52
Second	64	28
> Second	86	29
Total	249	109

Hampel et al. NEJM 2005;352:1851-60.; Hampel et al. JCO 2008.

### 44 CRC Proband Characteristics

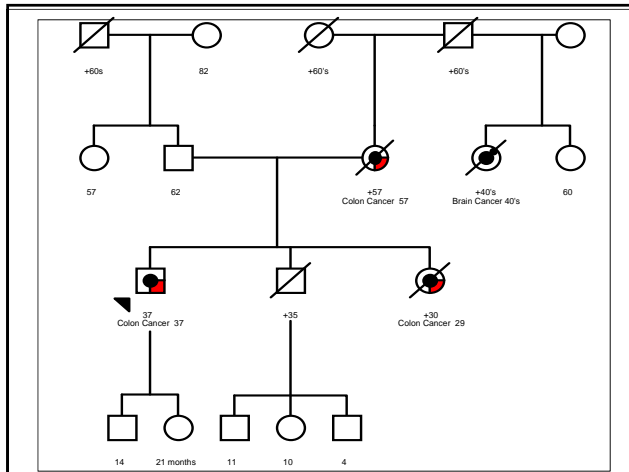
- Age at diagnosis – 51.4 (range 23-87)
- 50% diagnosed over age 50
- 25% did not meet either Amsterdam or Bethesda criteria
- Mutations
  - 20.5% *MLH1*
  - 52.3% *MSH2*
  - 13.6% *MSH6*
  - 13.6% *PMS2*

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### Familial Colorectal Cancer syndrome type X

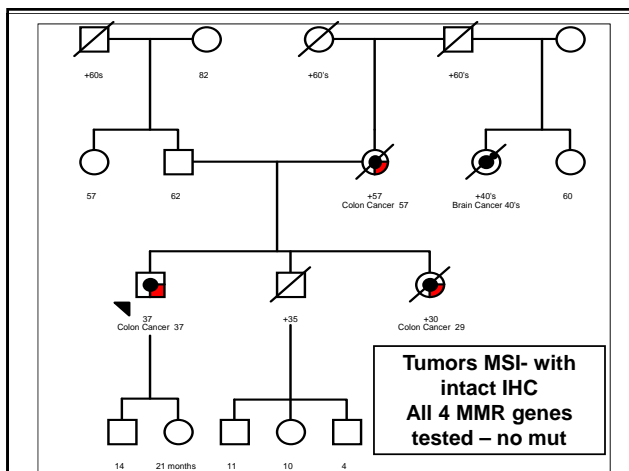
- ~40% of families that meet Amsterdam I criteria do not have an MMR gene mutation
- Only have increased risk for CRC
- CRC risk is lower than among families with MMR gene mutation (SIR 2.3 v 6.1)
- No testing available at this time
- Colonoscopy at least every 5 years beginning 5-10 years before the earliest CRC diagnosis in the family

Lindor et al. JAMA. 2005.



## MUTYH-Associated Polyposis (MAP)

- Recessive – carrier frequency high (1/100)
- Biallelic mutations found in;
  - $\leq 1/3$  of polyposis cases without APC mutations or evidence of vertical transmission
  - 0.2-6.7% of CRC dx <50 without polyps
- Y165C & G382D common in W.E. Caucasians
- E466X in Eastern Indian families



## MAP Management

- Colonoscopy every 1-2 y begin at 25-30
- UGI endoscopy and side viewing duodenoscopy every 3-5 y begin at 30-35
- Subtotal colectomy or proctocolectomy depending on adenoma density and distribution

## Familial Colorectal Cancer Risks

**Table 1.** Selected Familial Relative Risk (FRR) Estimates for Proband Considered Only First-Degree Relative (FDR) Family History

No. of affected FDRs	No. of probands	FRR (95% CI)
0	2,252,366	0.89 (0.87-0.91)
1	87,089	1.95 (1.82-2.09)
≥1	94,931	2.05 (1.96-2.14)
2	6966	3.01 (2.66-3.38)
3	762	4.43 (3.24-6.00)
4	92	7.74 (3.71-16.24)
≥5	22	19.98 (7.29-43.24)

**Table 2.** Familial Relative Risk (FRR) Estimates for Proband With 0 or 1 Affected First-Degree Relative (FDR) and Increasing Numbers of Affected Second-Degree Relatives (SDRs)

No. of affected FDRs	No. of probands	No. of affected SDRs	FRR (95% CI)
0	0	0	1.06 (0.83-1.35)
0	1	224,409	1.08 (0.99-1.17)
0	0	33,437	1.20 (1.05-1.36)
0	0	8027	1.48 (1.13-1.93)
0	0	65,782	1.82 (1.72-1.93)
1	0	84,761	2.12 (1.96-2.29)
1	0	3,776	3.31 (1.85-5.93)
1	0	1,951	5.37 (2.27-9.92)

**Table 4.** Selected Familial Relative Risk (FRR) for Proband With Affected First-Degree Relative (FDR) or Second-Degree Relative (SDR) Diagnosed at Certain Ages

Proband	No. of probands	FRR (95% CI)
≥1 affected FDR diagnosed <50 y of age	4284	5.31 (3.79-7.48)
≥1 affected FDR diagnosed between 50 and 59 y of age	12,084	2.53 (2.24-2.86)
≥1 affected FDR diagnosed ≥60 y of age	86,342	2.02 (1.93-2.11)
≥1 affected FDR diagnosed between 50 and 59 y of age	29,284	2.22 (2.04-2.42)
≥1 affected FDR diagnosed between 60 and 69 y of age	76,439	1.98 (1.86-2.09)
≥1 affected FDR diagnosed between 70 and 79 y of age	32,410	1.97 (1.83-2.12)
≥1 affected FDR diagnosed ≥80 y of age	36,783	1.97 (1.86-2.08)
≥1 affected SDR diagnosed <50 y of age	13,638	5.84 (3.83-8.92)

Taylor, DP, Gastroenterology 2010;138:877-886.

## GINA

- Prevents health insurers from denying coverage, adjusting premiums, or otherwise discriminating on the basis of genetic information.
  - Group and self-insured policies
- Insurers may not request that an individual undergo a genetic test.
- Employers cannot use genetic information to make hiring, firing, compensation, or promotion decisions.
- Sharply limits a health insurer's or employer's right to request, require, or purchase someone's genetic information.

## Familial Colorectal Cancer Screening Recommendations

- FDR diagnosed <50
  - Colonoscopy every 3-5 years beginning at age 40
- FDR diagnosed 50-60
  - Colonoscopy every 5 years beginning at age 40
- FDR diagnosed >60
  - Colonoscopy every 5 years beginning at age 50
- Otherwise follow Average Risk recommendations

## Resources

- Heather Hampel
  - 614-293-7240
  - Heather.Hampel@osumc.edu
- Family HealthLink
  - <https://familyhealthlink.osumc.edu>
  - Free, on-line tool that assesses family history of cancer and cardiovascular disease