



# How Melanoma and Lung Cancer Oncology is Changing the Primary Brain Tumor Landscape

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### **Department of Neurosciences and Neurotherapeutics**

### **Mission**

#### To accelerate:

- Biological understanding of neurological disorders and cancer
- Drug discovery for various diseases
- Clinical development of drugs, devices in neurological diseases and cancers





# Why have we not made faster progress? Barriers

- Tumor/Disease heterogeneity
- Blood-brain barrier
- Immunosuppressive microenvironment
- Steriod use
- Radiation/Chemotherapy

- Tumors are different genetically
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**Better Drugs are Needed!** 

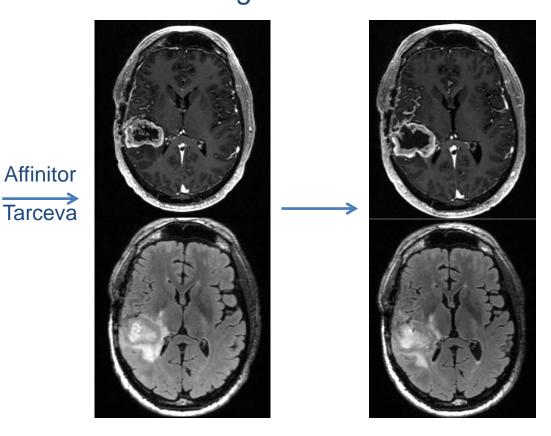




### Precision medicine Adapt as the Tumors Evolve: Case 1: 42 yo RHM uMGMT GBM

2<sup>nd</sup> Profiling: EGFR mut gone

**OS 34 months** 





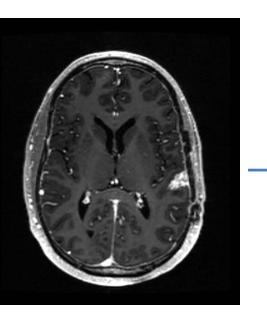


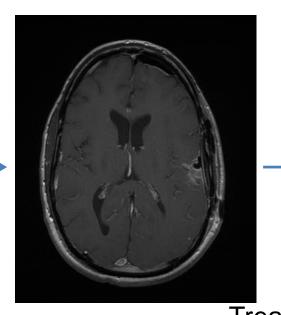
## Precision medicine Adapt as the Tumors Evolve: Case 2: 44 yo RHM uMGMT GBM

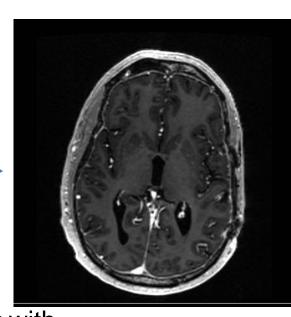
Progressed on XRT +Temodar PFS 6.9 months

**Profiling:** 

TOPO1+,BRAF V600E **OS > 21.3** months

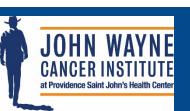






Surgery

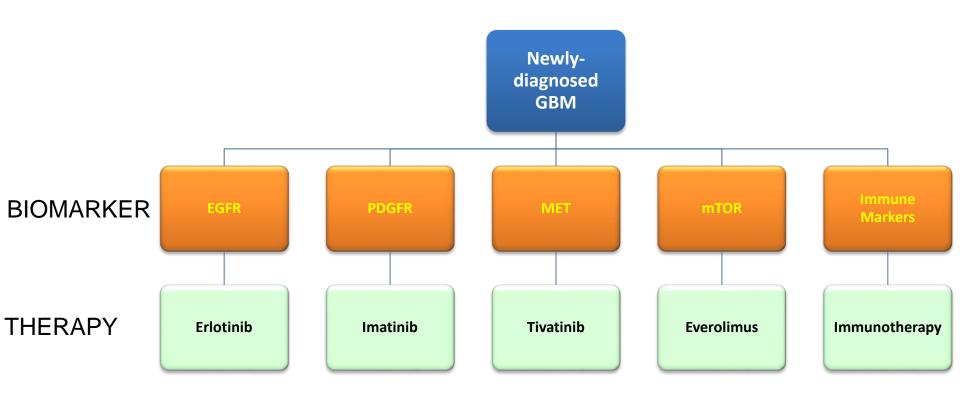
Treatment with Irinotecan + zelboraf





# Precision Medicine Pathway:

NextGen GBM Signature Biomarker-Driven Trials



Treat patients individually based on their own unique characteristics



Collaboration with physicians, scientists, patients, research institutions, industry and Philanthropy



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# **Progress in Immuno-Oncology**

- Antibodies
  - VEGF
  - •EGFR
  - •PDGFR
- Vaccines
  - Peptide/Protein/Tumor cell lysates
  - Viral
  - Dendritic Cell
  - Oncolytics
- Small molecule agonists and inhibitors
  - •IDO
  - •TGF-beta
- Cytokines
  - •IL-2
- Immune checkpoint modulation
  - •CTLA-4
  - •PD-1, PD-L1
  - •TNFSRF
- Cellular therapy
  - •CARs, TCRs

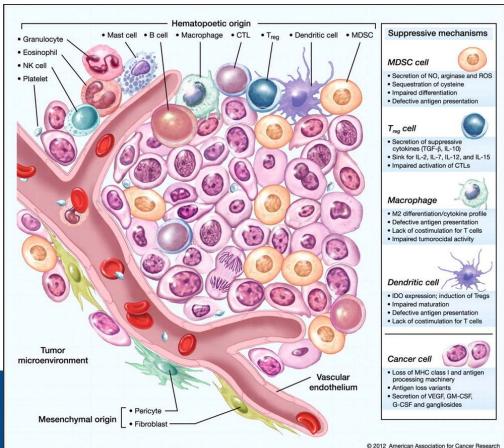


#### **Brain Cancers**

- We have tried them all
- Need complete removal
- Steriods limiting

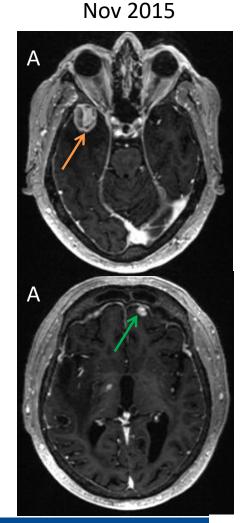
Cancer Research Reviews

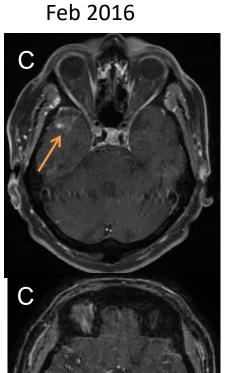
Toxicity limiting with newer agents



# Immunotherapy Responses in Brain Cancer: PCNSL

- 70 yo fireman with PCNSL that relapsed following kitchen sink including chemotherapy, transplant and radiation.
- Started Nivolumab









# Immunotherapy Responses in Brain Cancer: bMMRD Glioblastoma

#### Immune Checkpoint Inhibition for Hypermutant Glioblastoma Multiforme Resulting From Germline Biallelic Mismatch Repair Deficiency

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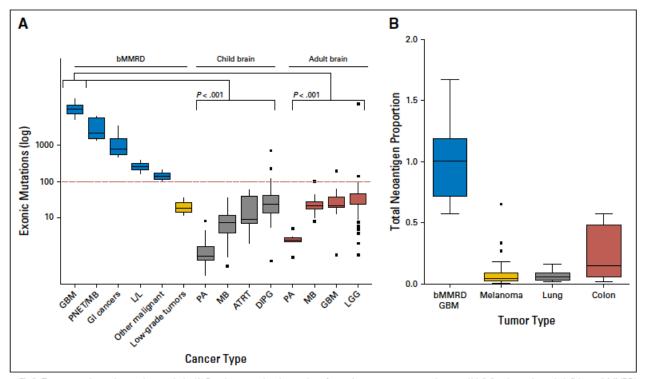
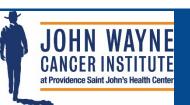


Fig 2. Tumor mutation and neoantigen analysis. (A) Boxplot comparing the number of mutations per tumor exome in several biallelic mismatch repair deficiency (bMMRD) cancer types with pediatric and adult brain tumors. (B) Ratio of the number of neoantigens found in immunoresponsive tumors from melanoma (n = 27), lung cancer (n = 14), and colon cancer (n = 7) data sets compared with median number of neoantigens in bMMRD glioblastoma multiforme (GBM; n = 13). ATRT, atypical teratoid rhabdoid tumor; DIPG, diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma; L/L, leukemia/lymphoma; LGG, low-grade glioma; MB, medulloblastoma; PA, pilocytic astrocytoma; PNET, primitive neuroectodermal tumor.





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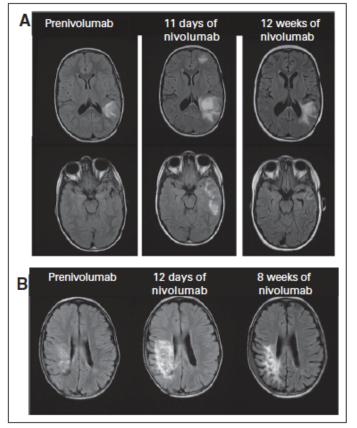


Fig 3. Initial changes and resolution of magnetic resonance imaging findings during treatment with nivolumab. (A) T2 flair sequences pretreatment, during clinical deterioration after treatment initiation, and resolution in subsequent scans for the index patient with glioblastoma multiforme (GBM). (B) Similar sequences for the patient's brother with GBM.

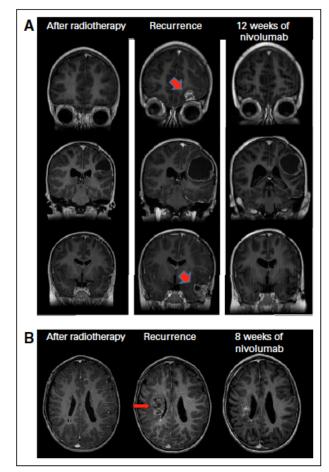
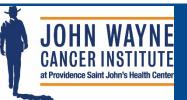


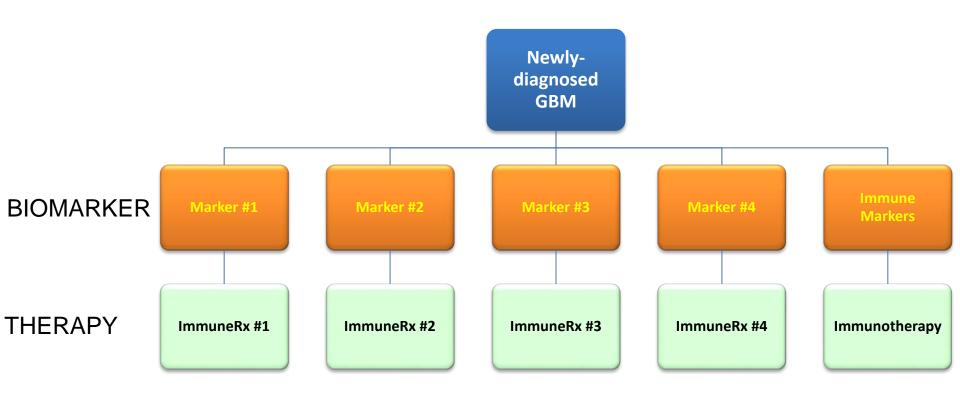
Fig 4. Tumor response by magnetic resonance imaging. (A) Gadolinium-enhanced T1 sequences of the index case showing tumor status after initiar radiation therapy, at relapse, and on the recent scan during treatment. (B) Similar sequences for the patient's brother's tumor. Red arrows indicate enhancing tumor.



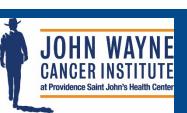


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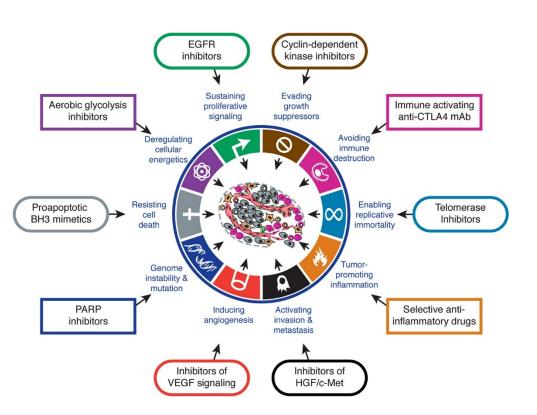


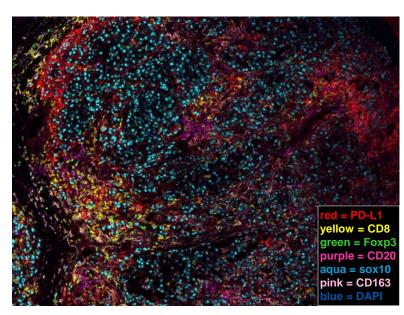
# **Shift in Paradigm**

Newly Diagnosed **Glioma Patients** Imaging/Labs Surgical resection Genomic, Proteomic **Tumor Profiling** Modeling-driven Stratification: Targeted Personalized Therapy

**Precision Medicine in Action** 

## Cancer is Complex





Advanced genomics, informatics, and Big data analytics are helping us unravel this complexity





## **Experimental Design: Translational Research**

