# Molecular analysis of circulating tumor cells

# in prostate cancer: moving toward a liquid biopsy and personalized medicine

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# Prostate cancer is a significant health problem

#### Estimated New Cases\*

Prostate	233,000	27%
Lung & bronchus	116,000	14%
Colorectum	71,830	8%
Urinary bladder	56,390	7%
Melanoma of the skin	43,890	5%
Kidney & renal pelvis	39,140	5%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	38,270	4%
Oral cavity & pharynx	30,220	4%
Leukemia	30,100	4%
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	24,600	3%
All Sites	855,220	100%

#### **Estimated Deaths**

Liver

Lung &	bronchus	86 930	28%
-	Prostate	29,480	10%
Ċ	Colorectum	26,270	8%
	Pancreas	20,170	7%
er & intrahepati	ic bile duct	15,870	5%
	Leukemia	14,040	5%
E	Esophagus	12,450	4%
Urina	ry bladder	11,170	4%
Non-Hodgkin	lymphoma	10,470	3%
Kidney & r	enal pelvis	8,900	3%
	All Sites	310,010	100%



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# Our PATHOLOGIC description of prostate cancer has NOT evolved

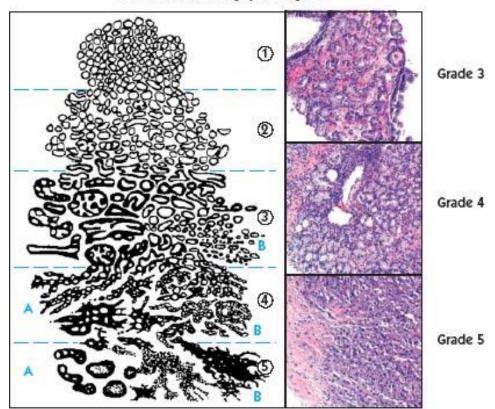


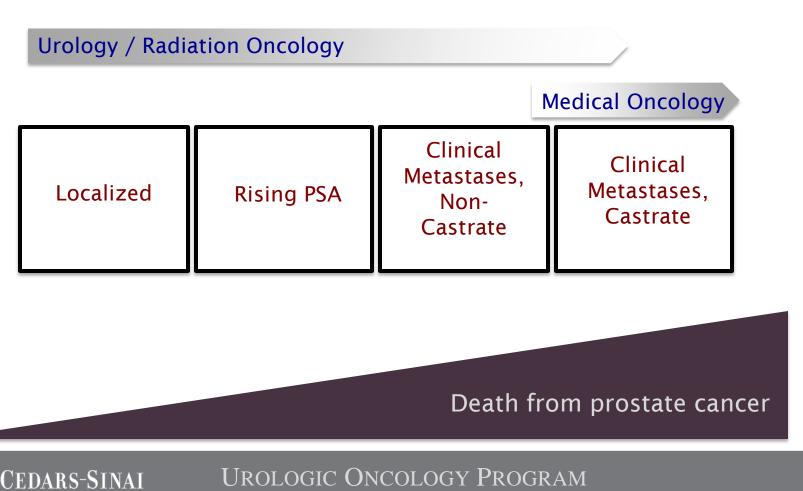
FIGURE 1. Gleason Grading System Diagram



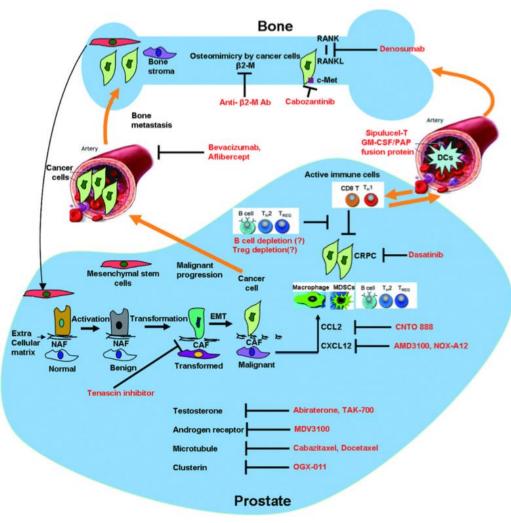
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#### Prostate cancer is classified relative to therapy: Clinical states model (2000)

Adapted from HI Scher, Urology 2000



#### New targets and approaches in prostate cancer

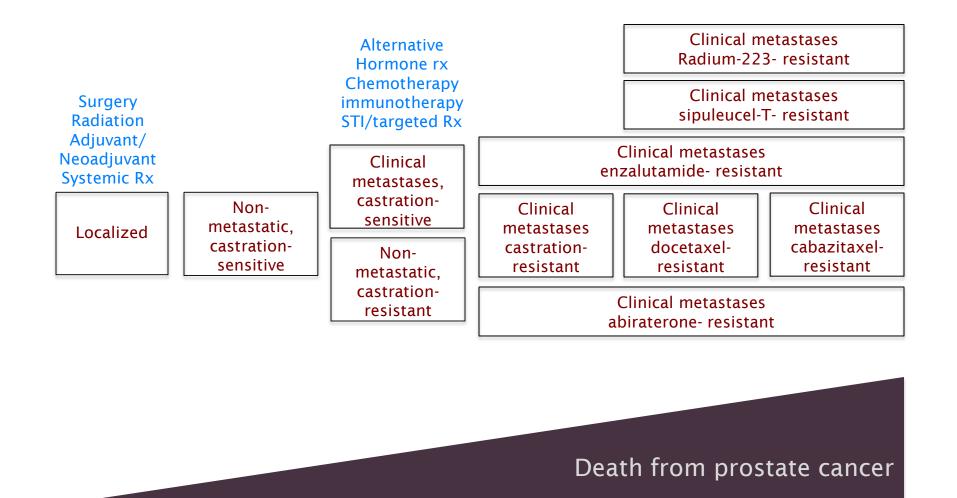


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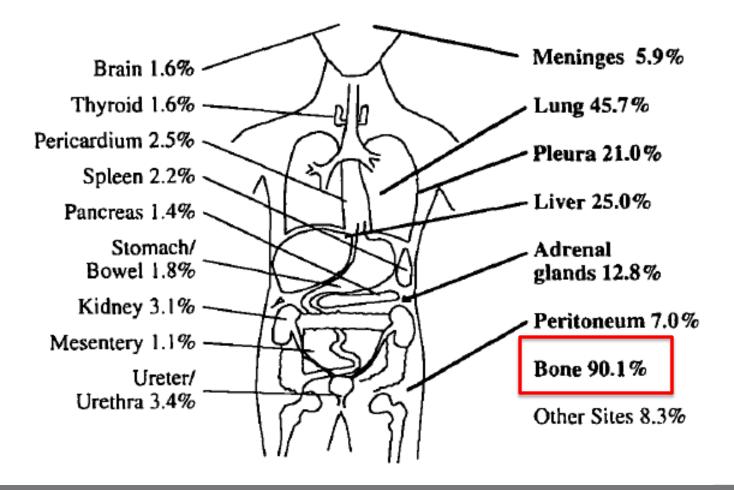
#### Prostate cancer is STILL classified by therapy: Clinical states model (2014)





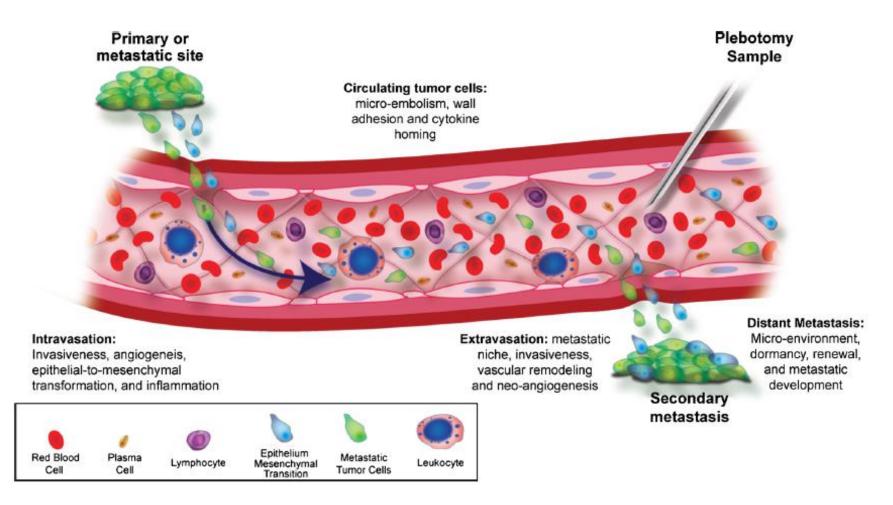
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## Tissue is difficult to obtain in prostate cancer



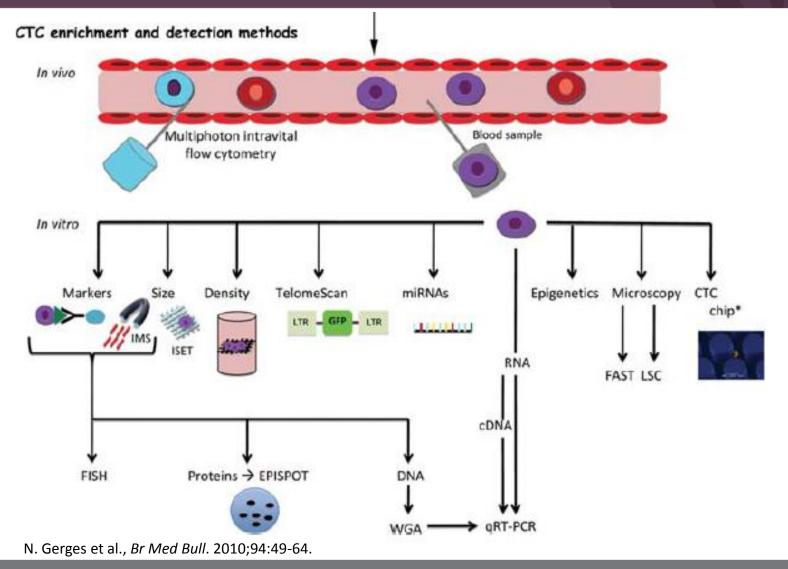


# Circulating tumor cells (CTCs)- easily accessible prostate cancer cells



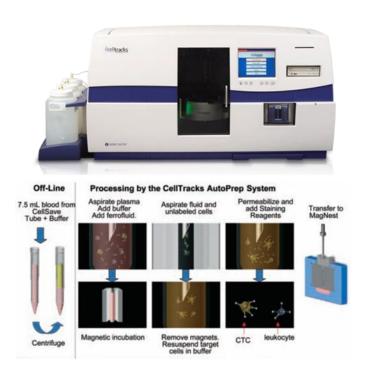


# CTC Technologies

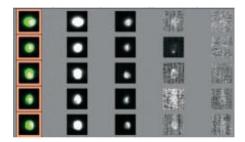




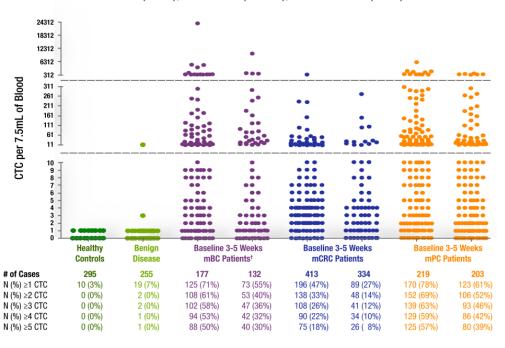
# CTC Technologies: CellSearch (Janssen Diagnostics, LLC)



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#### Frequency of CTCs in Healthy Controls vs Patients with Metastatic Breast (mBC), Colorectal (mCRC), and Prostate\* (mPC) Cancers<sup>2</sup>





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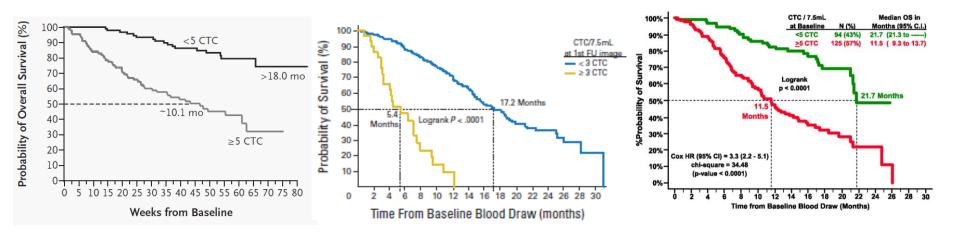
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### CTCs as a prognostic tool

Breast cancer

#### Colon cancer

#### Prostate cancer



Cristofanilli, M. et al., *N Eng J Med* 2004

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Cohen, SJ. et al., *J Clin Oncol* 2008 de Bono, JS. et al., *Clin Cancer Res* 2008

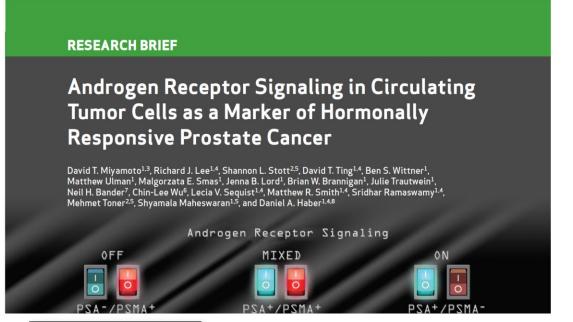
# **Beyond Enumeration of CTCs**



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# Could CTCs serve as a liquid biopsy?



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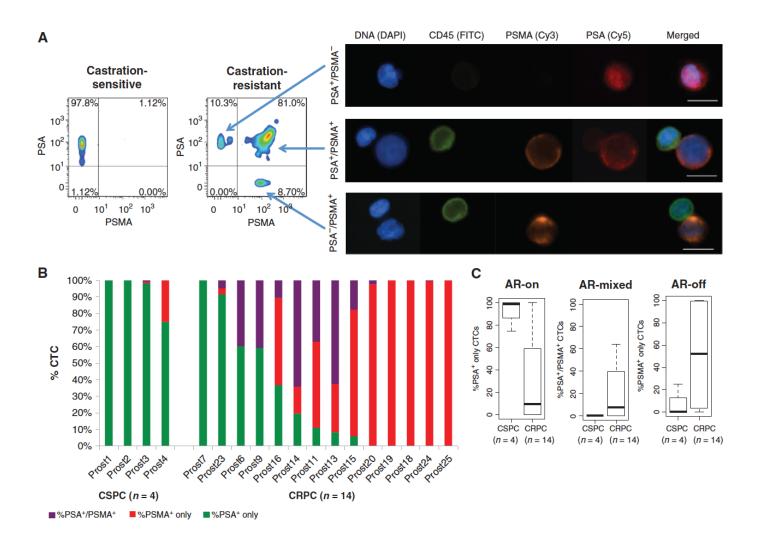
#### The Potential of Circulating Tumor Cells as a Liquid Biopsy to Guide Therapy in Prostate Cancer

Klaus Pantel<sup>1</sup> and Catherine Alix-Panabières<sup>2,3,4</sup>

**Summary:** Miyamoto and colleagues present data that prostate-specific antigen/prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSA/PSMA)-based measurements of androgen receptor (AR) signaling in circulating tumor cells (CTC) enable real-time quantitative monitoring of intratumoral AR signaling. This finding indicates that measuring AR signaling within CTCs may help to guide therapy in metastatic prostate cancer and highlights the use of CTCs as liquid biopsy. *Cancer Discov; 2(11); 974–5.* ©2012 AACR.

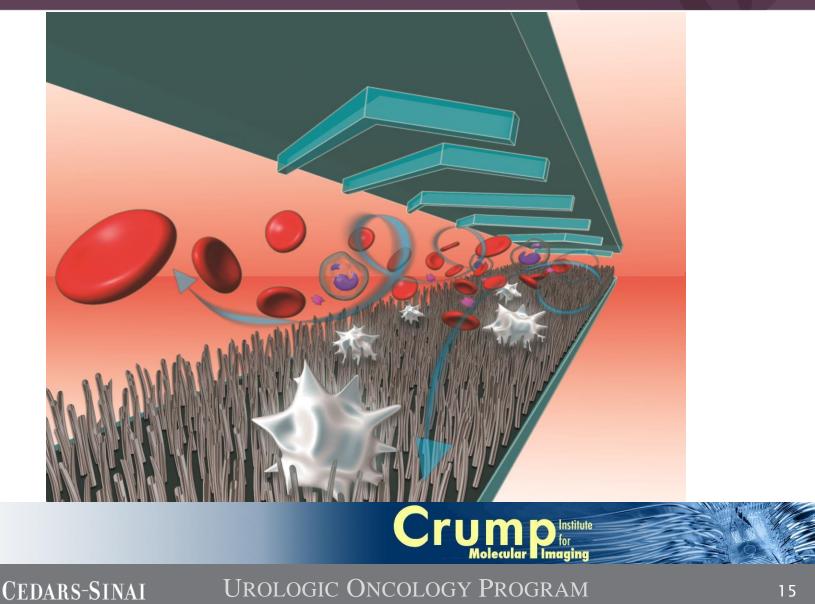
Commentary on Miyamoto et al., p. 995 (6).

### PSA/PSMA expression of CTCs relates to castration sensitivity

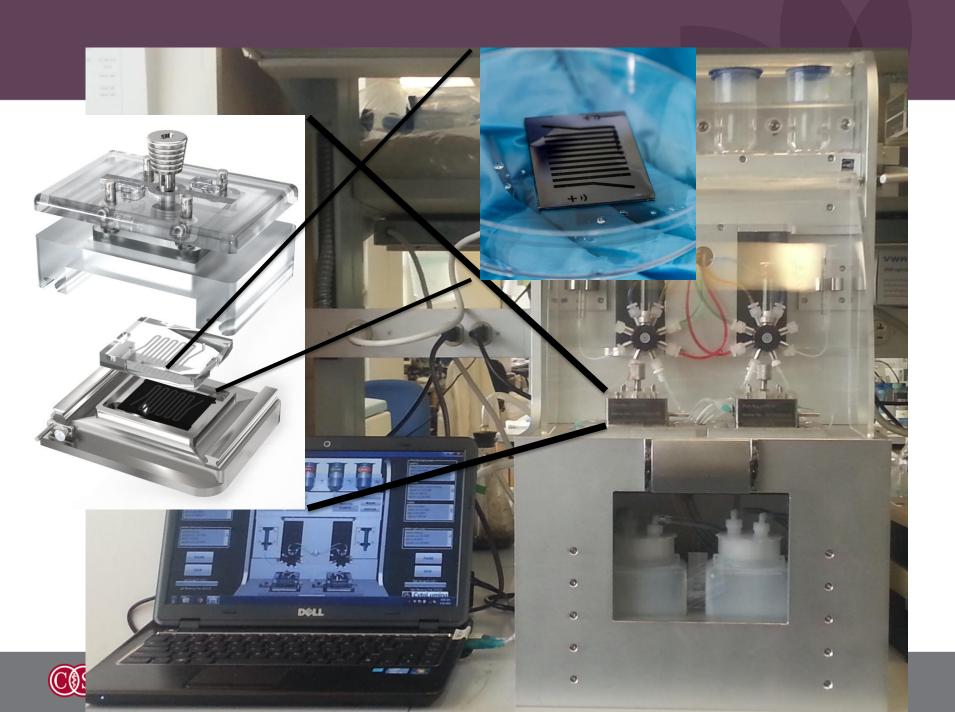


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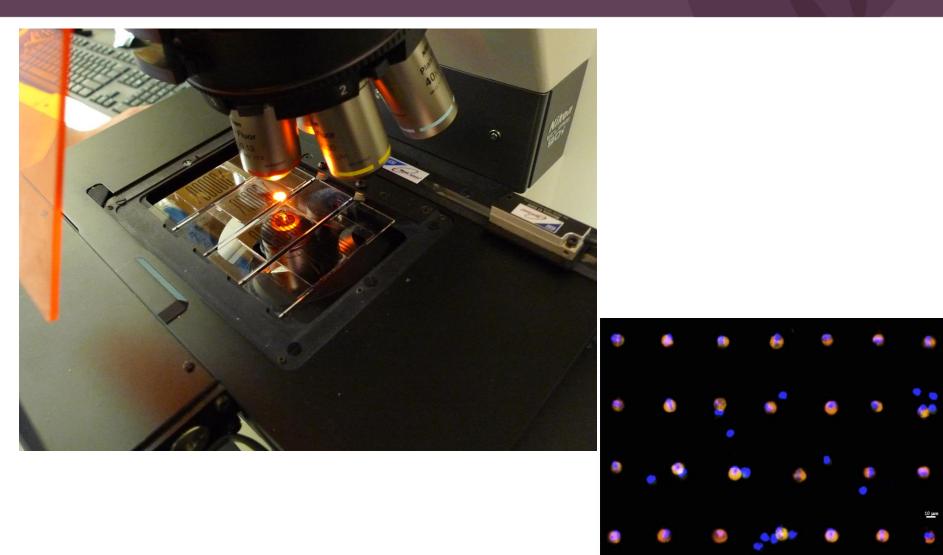
# NanoVelcro CTC isolation technology







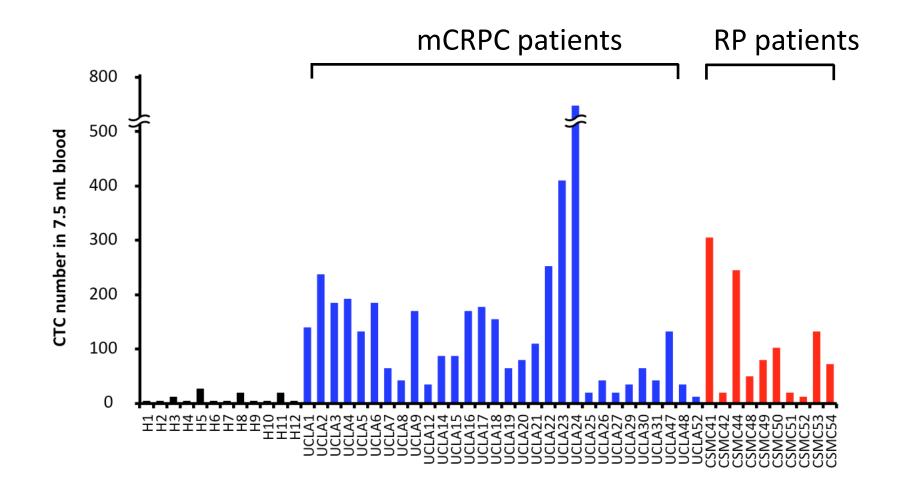
### Automatic microscopic scanning for CTCs





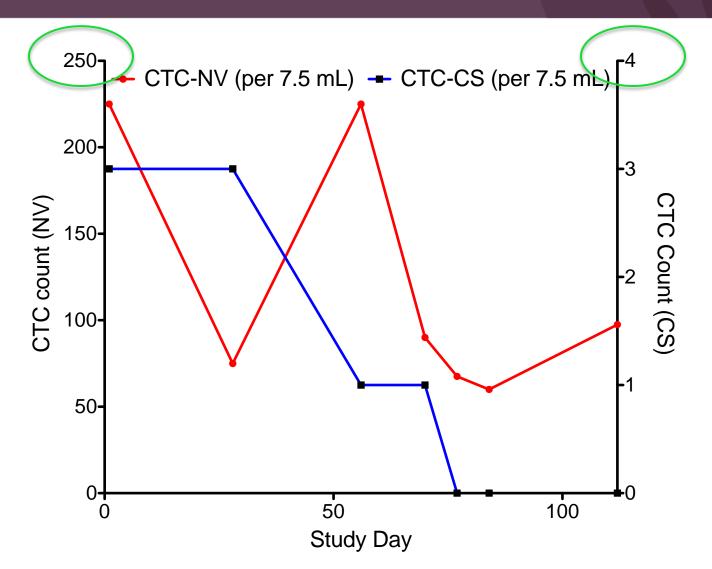
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# NanoVelcro chip for enumeration in localized PCa patients





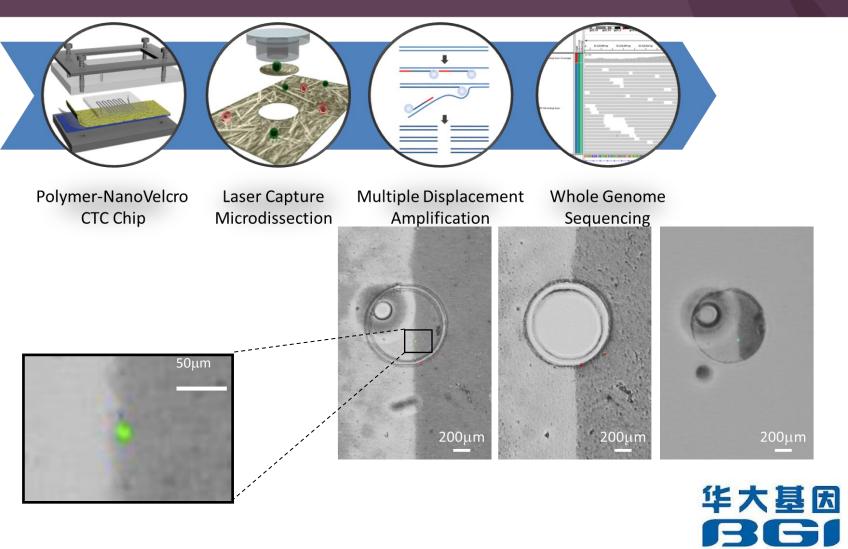
#### NanoVelcro (NV) vs. CellSearch (CS): advanced mCRPC





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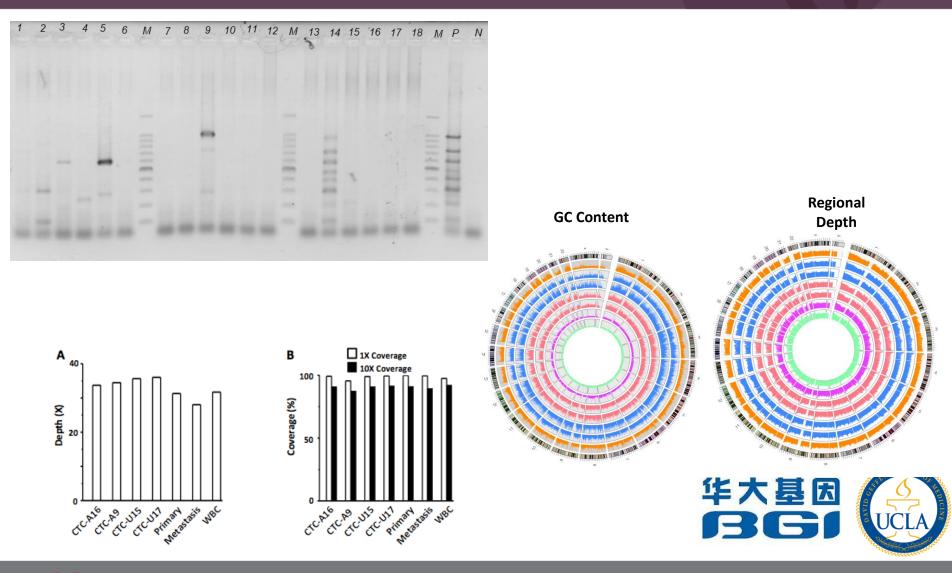
### Next generation sequencing in CTCs





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#### DNA extraction and sequencing quality assessment

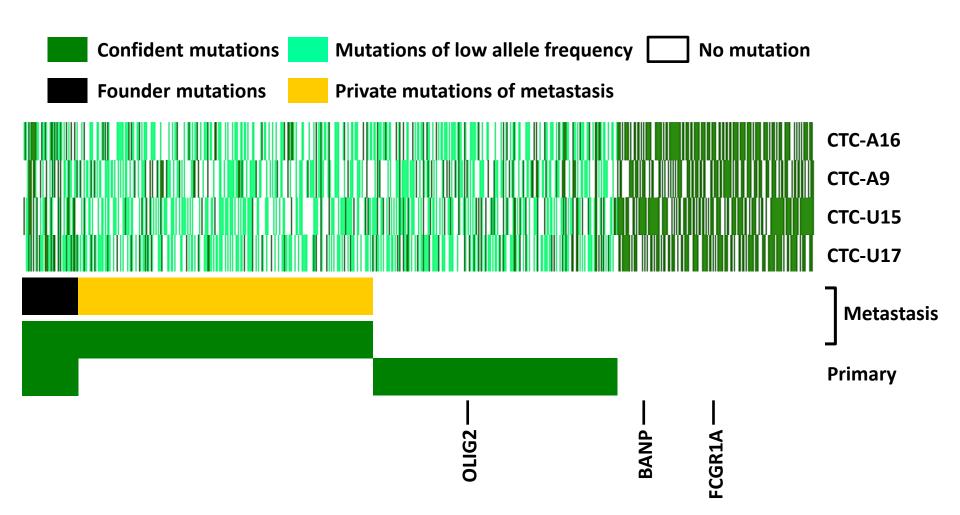


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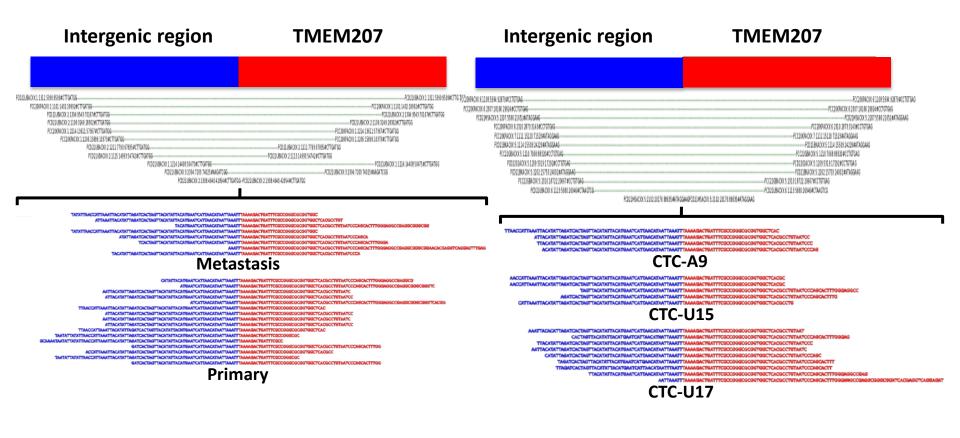
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# CTC genomic alteration landscape

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### Shared rearrangements between primary, metastasis, and CTCs





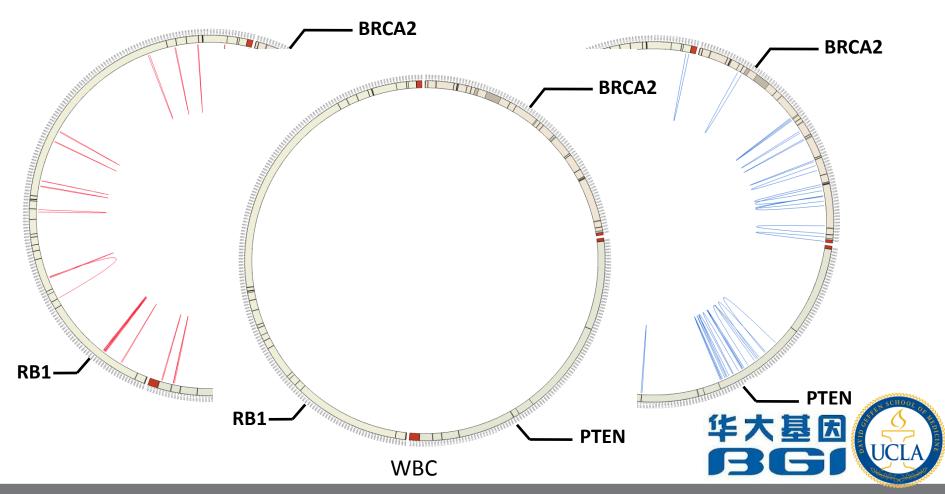


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# Structural variations in cancer-related genes: tumors and CTCs

#### Primary and Metastasis

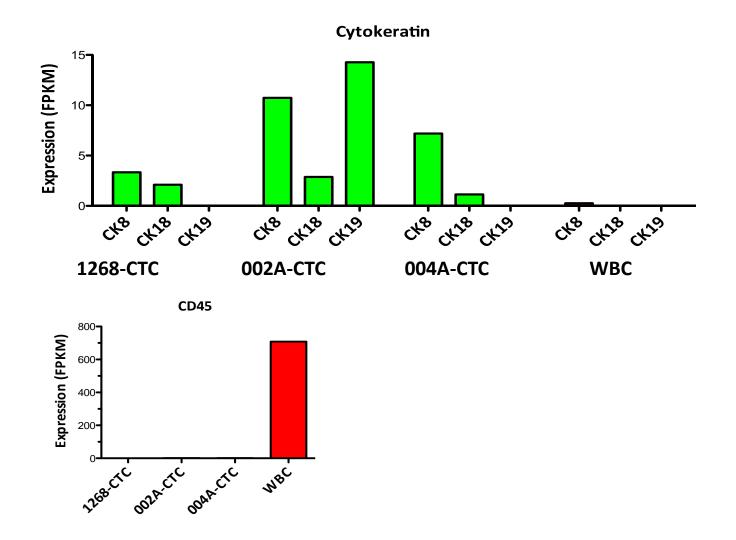
**CTCs** 





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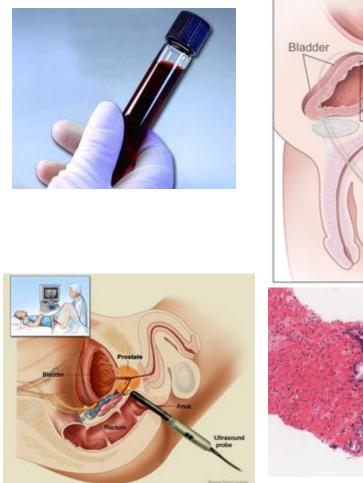
## RNA assessment from CTCs-qPCR



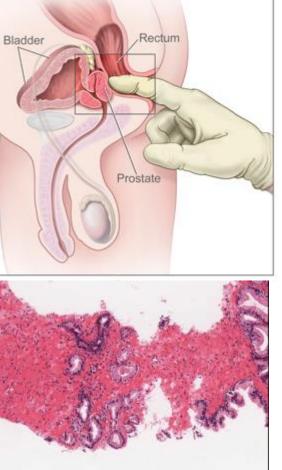
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# Prostate cancer detection and evaluation in 2014 has not evolved significantly



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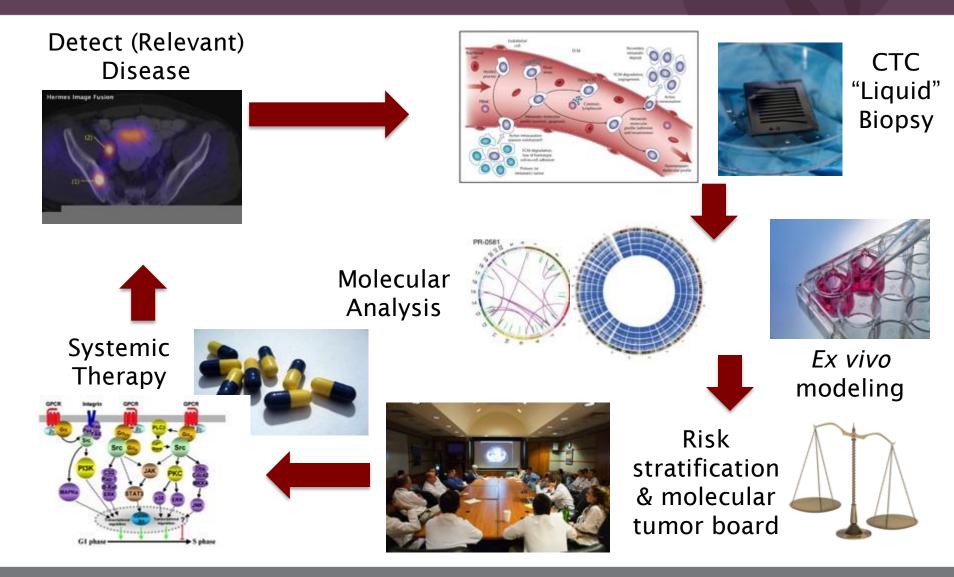




- Prostate cancer is only pathologically characterized at diagnosis
- The only characterizations used are morphologic (Gleason score) and clinic- NO MOLECULAR FEATURES
- Current experimental approaches involve painful tissue extractions such has bone marrow biopsies



# Modernizing personalized medicine using circulating tumor cells

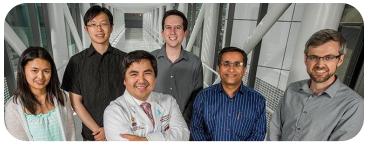


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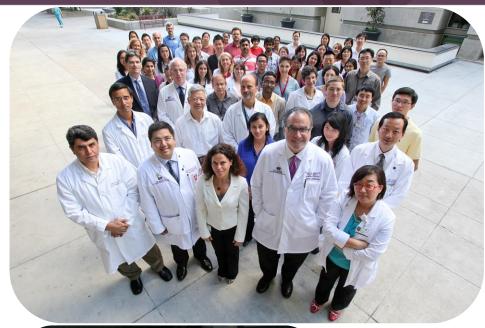
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