# An update from the SU2C ovarian cancer dream team

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# DNA Repair Therapies for Ovarian Cancer

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## **DNA Repair Dream Team**

Impacting Ovarian Cancer Mortality Through Novel Therapies and Prevention



## **Aim 1: Basic Science**

Mechanisms of Sensitivity and Resistance to PARPi

# Aim 2: Clinical trials with novel therapies

Novel Drug Combinations to Extend PARPi Use

# **Aim 3: Clinical trials**

**OC Risk Assessment and Prevention** 

#### Aim 1 Mechanisms of Sensitivity and Resistance to PARPi



### Poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase (PARP)

An enzyme Involved in DNA repair

Binds directly to DNA damage

Recruits other proteins to the site of DNA repair

Ovarian Tumors are Hyperdependent on PARP



Modified from Alan Ashworth







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### BRCA2 is a Fanconi Anemia Gene



#### Discovery of the Fanconi Anemia/BRCA DNA Repair Pathway



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Mutations in any of these 20 genes:

- 1) Identify Tumors which will respond to a PARPi
- 2) Identify Women at risk of developing OvCancer

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Aim 2 objective: Extend PARP inhibitor efficacy to HR-proficient tumors





PARPi + PI3Ki – Aim 2B Preclinical

Mouse Models demonstrate that a PARP inhibitor and a PI3K inhibitor are synertistic



Ibrahim et al. Cancer Discov 2012, Juvekar et al. Cancer Discov 2012, Rehman et al. Cancer Discov 2012

Wulf G, Liu J, Palakurthi S, Matulonis U







\* 3 patients were excluded due to missing lesion diameters at baseline and follow up





#### PARPi + immune checkpoint blockade Catalyst project

Phase 1/2 Trial of Niraparib with Pembrolizumab in Recurrent Ovarian or TN-Breast Cancer



#### Importance of Functional Tests in Predicting PARPi Resistance: Generation of Ovarian Cancer Organoid Cultures



Fresh Ovarian Tumor Cells on DAY 1



High Grade Serous Ovarian Tumor Organoids-Day 7



These organoids (microtumors) can be directly tested for their sensitivity to new drugs

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#### **OC Risk Assessment and Prevention**





Aim 3A: Case/control evaluation for gene discovery and to determine risk associated with OC susceptibility genes

- Increased OC patients sequenced (2221 patients to date)
- No good publically available control population
- Sequenced 10,000 cancer free women from WHI for breast and ovarian cancer susceptibility genes
- Created Flossies database for public access
  - URL: https://whi.color.com/

## BRCA1 and BRCA2

#### Important DNA Repair Genes

- 16% of ovarian cancer is caused by inherited mutations in BRCA1 and BRCA2
- BRCA1 mutations: 40% lifetime risk of OC
- BRCA2 mutations: 20% lifetime risk of OC
- 50–80% lifetime risk of breast cancer
- Olaparib is a PARP inhibitor approved for recurrent OC with BRCA1/2 mutations (after 3 previous lines of treatment)

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These are other Genes in the Fanconi Anemia/BRCA Pathway

# A Family Gift



All women with ovarian cancer should have genetic testing

# Why should all women with ovarian cancer have Genetic Testing?

- Identifies cancer risk to other organs
- Allows other family members to know they are at risk
- 1/3 of inherited OC occurs in women with no family history of breast or ovarian cancer
- 40% of inherited OC occurs in women who are not younger than typical.
- Knowing your genetic status may be important for choosing therapy

Aim 3A	Aim 3B MAGENTA	Aim 3C WISP
Defining OC Gene Risk	Genetic Risk Assessment	Surgical Prevention



# making genetic testing accessible

The study of genetic testing from your living room. A Stand Up to Cancer/SU2C initiative at MD Anderson



Assess how well we can deliver genetic testing for breast and ovarian cancer risk to women in their living room

#### **TARGET** Population:

- Women without ovarian cancer
- Age ≥30
- No prior genetic testing

Personal history BC or family history BC/OC (Group 1, N=2,250) Relative with known mutation Cascade testing

(Group 2, N=750)

#### **MAGENTA Study Timeline**



<sup>1</sup> Color Genomics owns and operates a CLIA licensed and CAP-accredited laboratory in California, U.S.A. that will be performing the genetic testing. <sup>2</sup>All participants with a positive test result will receive genetic counseling over the phone

# Challenges

- Regulatory:
- Online Consent
  - 1<sup>st</sup> study at MD Anderson that uses online consent
  - Distress Plan
  - How can you provide support to someone who is distressed over the results they are receiving?
    - Setting up triggers through the questionnaires
- Legal:
- Ordering physician: Practicing medicine across state lines
- Genetic counseling: Licensing
  - Using genetic counselors from Color Genomics

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# The Tubal Hypothesis

A majority of serous ovarian and peritoneal carcinomas are actually seeded from cancer cells from the tubal epithelium





# **Study Design**

270 evaluable patients recruited into one of two arms

- Arm 1: interval salpingectomy with delayed oophorectomy
   (ISDO) with approximately 135 patients
  - Arm 2: risk-reducing salpingo-oophorectomy (RRSO) with approximately 135 patients.
  - Patient self-select arm, but MDs are mandated to recommend RRSO for BRCA1 carriers at age 40 and BRCA2 carriers at 45, if choose to delay BSO, then must reiterate that recommendation yearly.

# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HIGH-RISK WOMEN

Women at increased risk of ovarian cancer based on a genetic mutation are recommended to undergo removal of the fallopian tubes and ovaries (RRSO) by age 40 for BRCA1 and by age 45 for BRCA2.

For gene mutations including MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2, BRIP1, RAD51C, and RAD51D, there are recommendations to consider RRSO, although age is not specified.

#### **GOAL OF TRIAL**

To determine whether interval salpingectomy, followed by delayed oophorectomy (ISDO) can improve sexual functioning and menopausal symptoms compared to standard risk-reducing salpingo-oophorectomy (RRSO).

#### ELIGIBILITY

Pre-menopausal women between the ages of 30 and 50 with a documented mutation in one of the following eleven (11) ovarian cancer genes: BRCA1, BRCA2, BRIP1, PALB2, RAD51C, RAD51D, BARD1, MSH2, MSH6, MLH1, or PMS2.\* (ie, genes in the Fanconi Anemia/BRCA Pathway)

#### CHOICE 1: RISK-REDUCING SALPINGO- OOPHORECTOMY

The removal of both ovaries and the fallopian tubes •This is standard of care •Most effective preventative measure: reduces the •risk of ovarian cancer by 85-90% •Can also reduce the risk of breast cancer •If no personal history of breast cancer, can •take hormone replacement therapy to reduce menopausal symptoms

#### •WHAT ARE THE DOWNSIDES?

Causes menopause, symptoms of which include hot ashes, night sweats, vaginal dryness, mood changes and sleep disturbances
Premature menopause may also increase the risk of other important health conditions, such as osteoporosis and cardiovascular disease

#### CHOICE 2: INTERVAL SALPINGECTOMY WITH DELAYED OOPHORECTOMY

The removal of the fallopian tubes, while temporarily

delaying the removal of the ovaries

 Not yet proven to be effective at preventing ovarian cancer

 Retains ovaries, which helps delay the onset of menopause

• Avoiding premature menopause decreases the risk of some health conditions

#### WHAT ARE THE DOWNSIDES?

Research indicates that not all ovarian cancers originate in the fallopian tubes, so this surgery is not as effective in reducing risk as a salpingooophorectomy

May develop ovarian cancer

Requires a second surgery to remove the ovaries Not likely to reduce the risk of breast cancer





# WISP enrollment to date



	Number of
Mutation	Patients
BRCA1	27
BRCA2	8
RAD51C	1
PMS2	1
MSH6	2
MSH2	1

### DNA Repair Dream Team Strengths of DNA Repair Dream Team

- Diverse, complementary team of investigators from six world class institutions
- Novel therapeutic interventions for delivering near-term patient benefit
- Potential for reducing OC mortality through prevention
- Application of new basic science mechanisms to DNA repair profiling
- Biopsies from clinicallyannotated PARPi trials
- Recent olaparib, rucaparib, niraparib approval
- Industry collaborations
- Committed advocates



# Take home messages

- Defective DNA Repair in OvCA is a fundamental vulnerability of this cancer
- There is a lot of serendipity in science
- Need to support basic and clinical research simultaneously with a wide range of investigators
- Need to focus more on early detection, identification of women at risk, and prevention strategies

# Thank You!

- GOAL: Eliminate death and suffering from ovarian cancer
- Requires everyone working together; patients and families, advocates, researchers, medical providers
- Support from Advocacy Community is essential
- Raising awareness
- Supporting research financially
- Enrolling in clinical trials



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