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**“Precocious puberty and adrenal mass in an
infant with family history of early-onset cancer.
What’s the diagnosis and what’s next”**

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COI declaration

- None

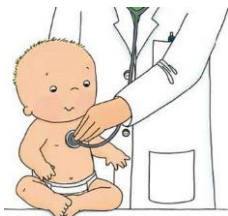
Case presentation

(August 2019)

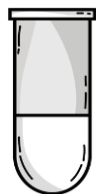


12-month-old Spanish girl with a 3-week history of pubic hair development and adult body odor

- No remarkable medical/surgical history

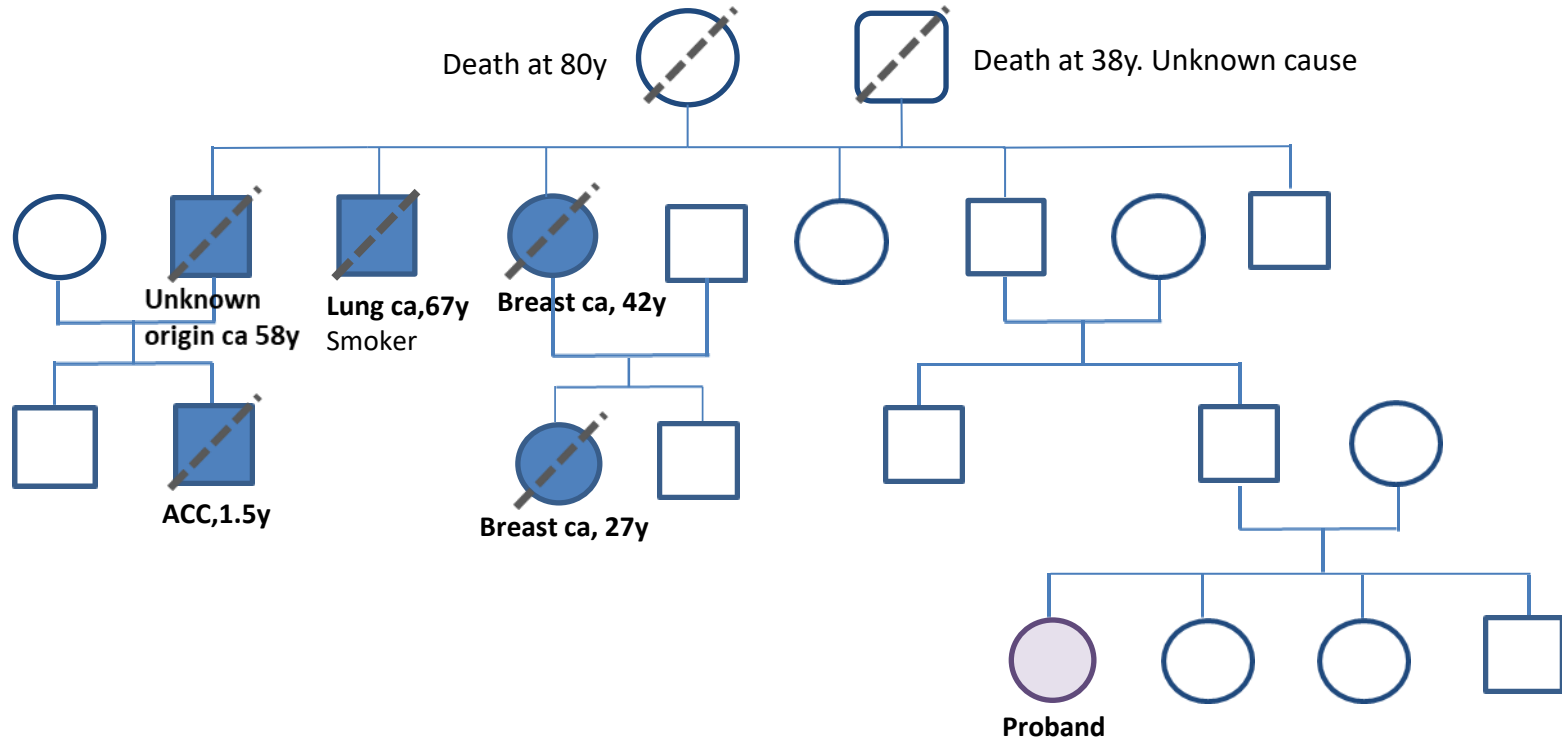


- BP 97-67 mmHg (p>99).
- Cushingoid facies. Pubarche (*Tanner stage P2S1*). Clitoromegaly (*Prader stage 1-2*).
- Rest of the exam normal.

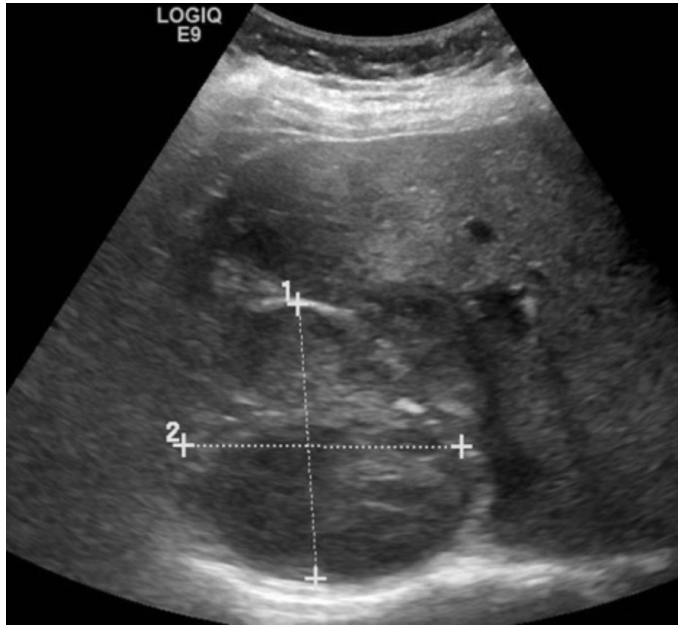


- ↑ Dihydro-epiandrosterone sulfate ($1601.49 \mu\text{g/dL}$) 17-OH-progesterone (16 ng/mL), androstendione (12 ng/ml) and testosterone (314 ng/ml).
- ↑ Morning and night cortisol serum levels ($34\text{-}35 \mu\text{g/dL}$). 24h urine catecholamines: normal

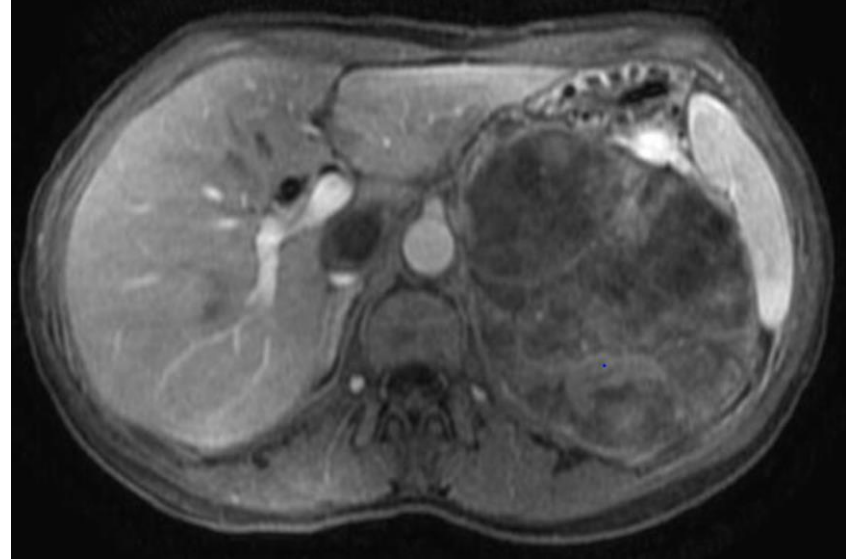
Family history



Abdominal ultrasound

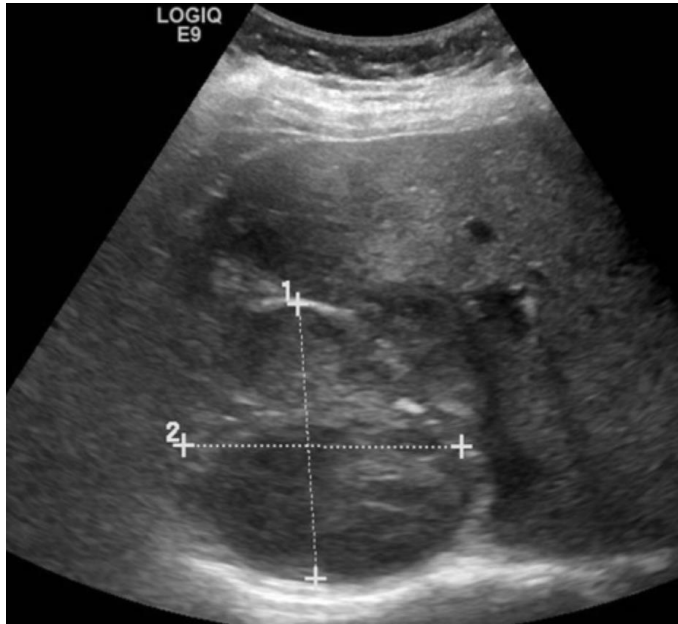


Abdominal MRI

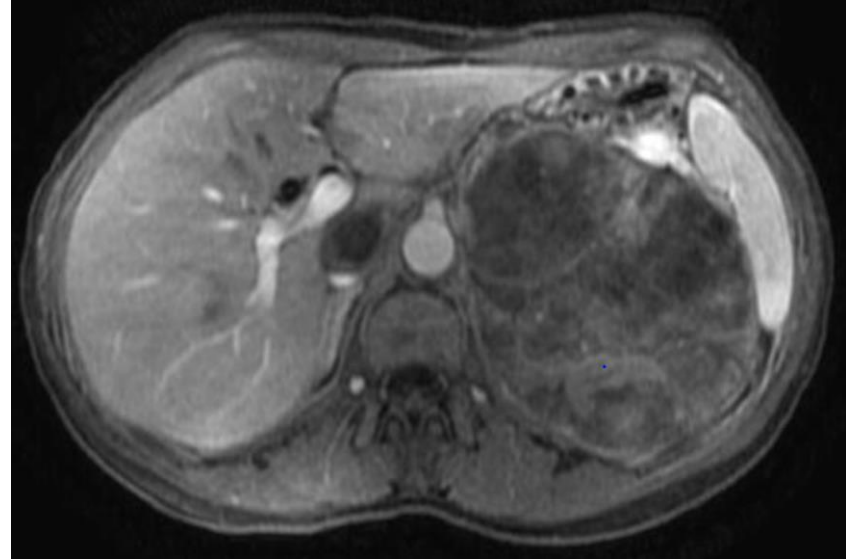


*Solid hypoechoic lesion of 70x55x60 mm in size in the **left suprarenal region** without calcification or cystic component, with **signs of renal and suprarenal vein invasion** and **thrombosis of the inferior vena cava**.*

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Abdominal MRI



Chest CT, PET-CT: ruled out disseminated disease

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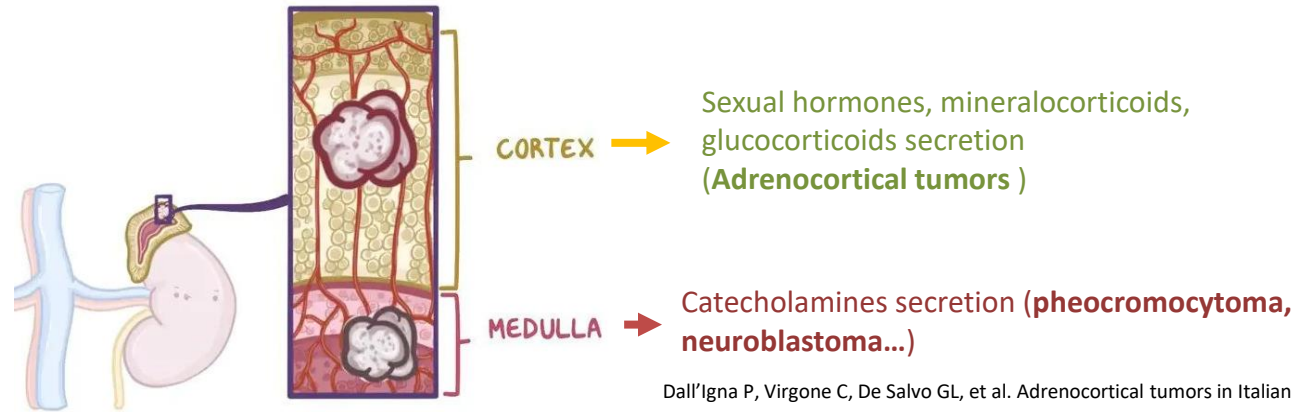
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Adrenocortical carcinoma (ACC)

- 0.2% of all childhood cancer cases.
- **Male/female** ratio: 1/2.
- **Biphasic age** distribution: <3 years and adolescence.
- Almost universally **functioning tumors** (+++ androgens>glucocorticoids).
- **Diagnosis:** bio-clinical presentation + hormonal secretion + radiology.



Radiology: large size (>3cm), heterogeneous, irregularly-shaped, hemorrhage, necrosis, vascular invasion

Table II. COG ACT Staging System for adrenal tumors

Stage	Definition
I	R0 (complete histological resection) and small localized tumors (< 100 gr or < 200 cm ³) with normalization of hormone levels after surgery
II	R0 and large localized tumors (≥ 100 gr or ≥ 200 cm ³) with normalization of hormone levels after surgery
III	<u>Unresectable tumors</u> or gross/macroscopic residual disease; Tumor spillage (pre- or intra-operatively); Failure to normalize hormone levels after exclusive surgery; Retroperitoneal lymph nodes involvement.
IV	Distant metastases

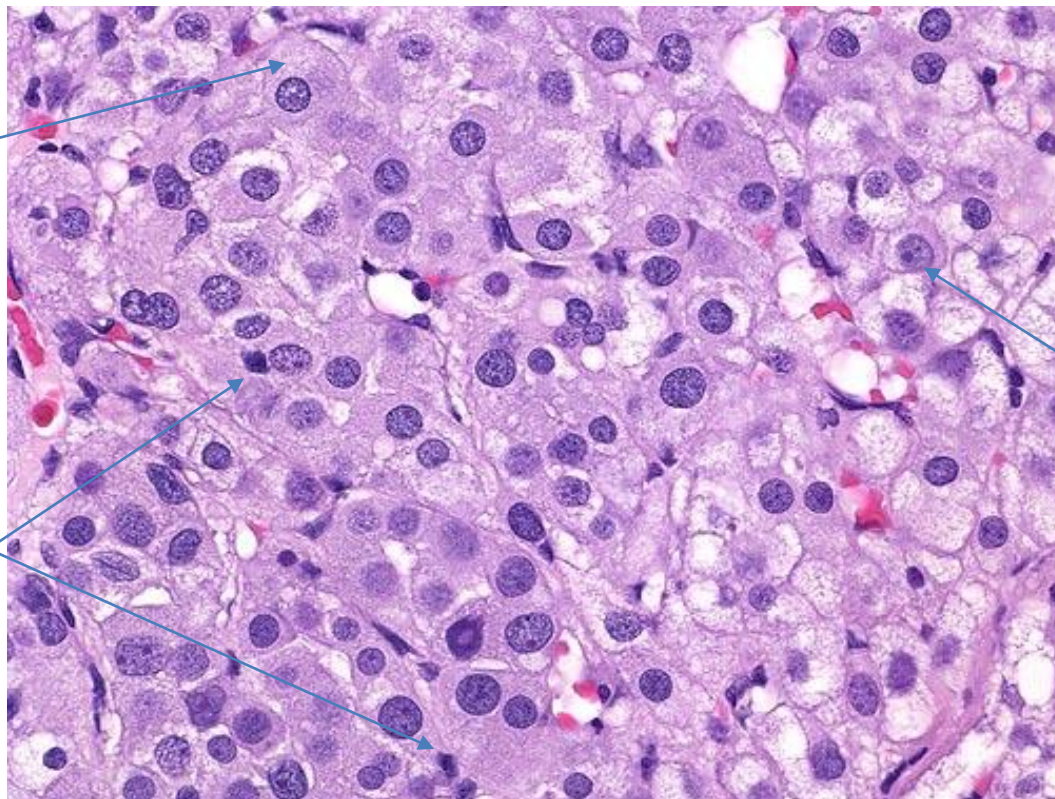




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Abundant
eosinophilic
cytoplasm

Numerous
mitotic
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Enlarged hyperchromatic
nuclei with prominent
nucleoli

Biopsy (via posterior approach) *confirmed* diagnosis of Adrenocortical Carcinoma (ACC)

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Treatment of Adrenocortical Tumors with Surgery plus Lymph Node Dissection and Multiagent Chemotherapy

Stage III and IV → diagnostic confirmation by biopsy of the primary tumor or metastasis required (*percutaneous or open routes as indicated*)

Obsolete according to **EXPeRT/PARTNER recommendations (2021)**



Consensus Recommendations for

Adrenocortical tumors in children and adolescents

Final version (V. 8)

BIOPSY INDICATIONS

**Non-secreting tumors AND metastatic disease/unresectable primary tumor
AND atypical presentation [Level IV, grade B] via posterior approach.**

➡ *Mandatory after tumor resection*

Risk of tumor rupture and tumor shedding!!

Question 3

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Genetic counselling should be offered to all patients affected by adrenocortical tumors and to their families [Level IV; Grade A].

Hereditary cancer risk assessment

- **Suspicious family features.**
- **Rare tumors commonly associated with cancer predisposition.**
- Bilateral or multifocal tumors.
- Cancer diagnosis at a younger than expected age.
- Multiple synchronous or metachronous tumors, second tumors.
- Dismorphic features/ additional conditions (e.g., axillary freckling) indicative of an underlying syndrome.
- Unexpected/excessive toxicity to oncological treatments.
- Comorbidities (e.g immunodeficiency, short stature...).



Knapke S. Hereditary cancer risk assessment in a pediatric oncology follow-up clinic. *Pediatr Blood Cancer* 2012

Kuhlen M. Cancer susceptibility syndromes in children in the area of broad clinical use of massive parallel sequencing. *Eur J Pediatr* 2015

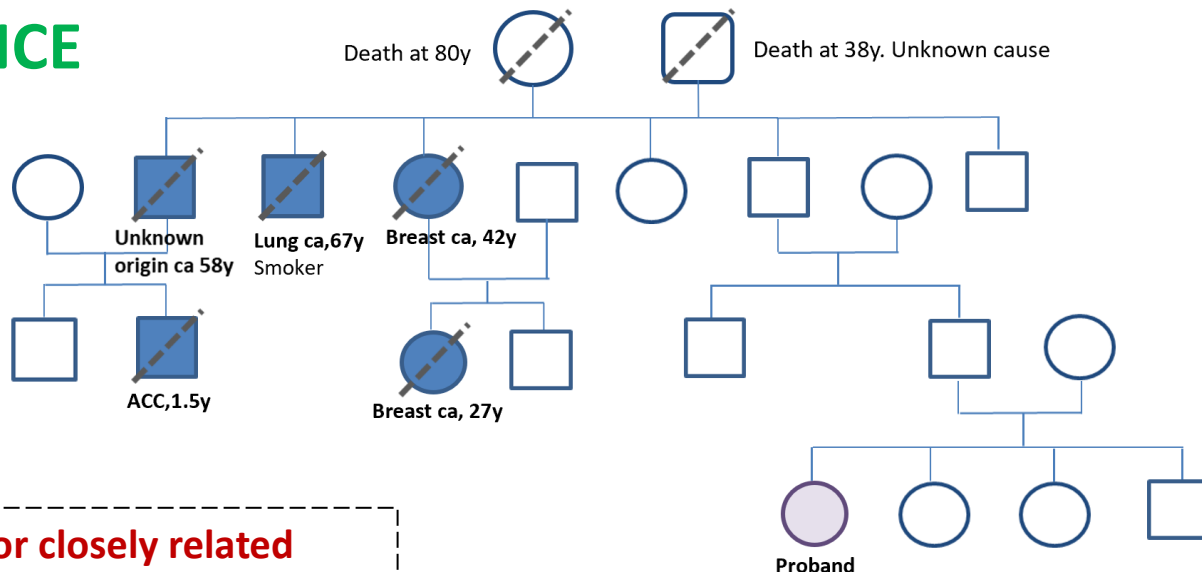


CANCER SURVEILLANCE IMPROVES SURVIVAL



(a) **Familial clustering of the same or closely related cancers**, (b) cancer diagnoses in two or more first-degree relatives, (c) **tumor patterns associated with a specific cancer predisposition syndrome**, (d) exceptional young age at diagnosis, (e) sibling with childhood cancer, and (f) consanguineous parents.

Family history



> *Fam Cancer*. 2021 Oct;20(4):257-262. doi: 10.1007/s10689-021-00233-5. Epub 2021 Mar 2.

Effective identification of cancer predisposition syndromes in children with cancer employing a questionnaire

Miriam Schwermer ¹, Astrid Behnert ¹, Beate Dörgeloh ¹, Tim Ripperger ², Christian P Kratz ³

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Cancer patients who should be tested for germline disease-causing *TP53*^a

- Recommendation 1 All patients who meet the modified 'Chompret Criteria' should be tested for germline *TP53* variants:
- *Familial presentation*: proband with a *TP53* core tumour (breast cancer, soft-tissue sarcoma, osteosarcoma, central nervous system tumour, adrenocortical carcinoma) before 46 years AND at least one first- or second-degree relative with a core tumour before 56 years; *or*
 - *Multiple primitive tumours*: proband with multiple tumours, including 2 *TP53* core tumours, the first of which occurred before 46 years, irrespective of family history; *or*
 - *Rare tumours*: patient with adrenocortical carcinoma, choroid plexus carcinoma, or rhabdomyosarcoma of embryonal anaplastic subtype, irrespective of family history; *or*
 - *Very early-onset breast cancer*: Breast cancer before 31 years, irrespective of family history
- Recommendation 2 Children and adolescents should be tested for germline *TP53* variants if presenting with:
- Hypodiploid acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL); *or*
 - Otherwise unexplained *sonic hedgehog*-driven medulloblastoma; *or*
 - Jaw osteosarcoma

Li Fraumeni syndrome (LFS)

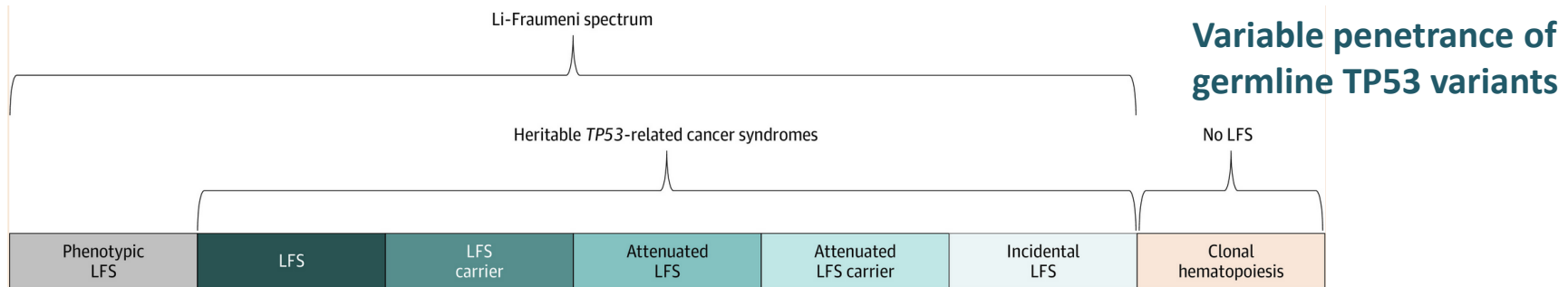
- Cancer predisposition syndrome.
- Inherited **autosomal dominant disorder**.
- Germline mutations in the **tumor suppressor protein P53** (17p13 chromosome).

Guidelines for the Li-Fraumeni and heritable *TP53*-related cancer syndromes

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ACC and LFS

- **ACC: often the presenting malignancy for LFS.**
- Risk for multiple **other cancers** (brain/breast ca, sarcoma, leukemia...).
- **~50–80% of children diagnosed with ACC have LFS.**
- **% TP53 germline mutations in ACC decreases with age (<10% adulthood).**



Petr EJ, Else T. Adrenocortical carcinoma (ACC): When and why should we consider germline testing? Presse Med. 2018 Jul-Aug;47(2):119-25.

Kratz CP, Freycon C, Maxwell KN, et al. Analysis of the Li-Fraumeni Spectrum Based on an International Germline TP53 Variant Data Set: An International Agency for Research on Cancer TP53 Database Analysis. JAMA Oncol. 2021;7(12):1800-5.

NM_000546.6(TP53):c.1010G>A (p.Arg337His)

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Allele ID: 27418
Variant type: single nucleotide variant
Variant length: 1 bp
Cytogenetic location: 17p13.1
Genomic location: 17: 7670699 (GRCh38) GRCh38 UCSC
17: 7574017 (GRCh37) GRCh37 UCSC

HGVS:

Nucleotide	Protein	Molecular consequence
NM_000546.6:c.1010G>A MANE SELECT ?	NP_000537.3:p.Arg337His	missense
NM_001126112.3:c.1010G>A	NP_001119584.1:p.Arg337His	missense
NM_001126113.3:c.*29G>A		3 prime UTR

... more HGVS

Protein change: R337H, R205H, R298H, R178H

Associated with

- Variable penetrance*
- Founder effect

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XAF1 as a modifier of p53 function and cancer susceptibility

X-linked inhibitor of apoptosis-associated factor 1



Chromosome 17p13

Extended haplotype
(*TP53*-R337H + *XAF1*-E134*): higher incidence of cancer.

0.3% of the population from Southern Brazil



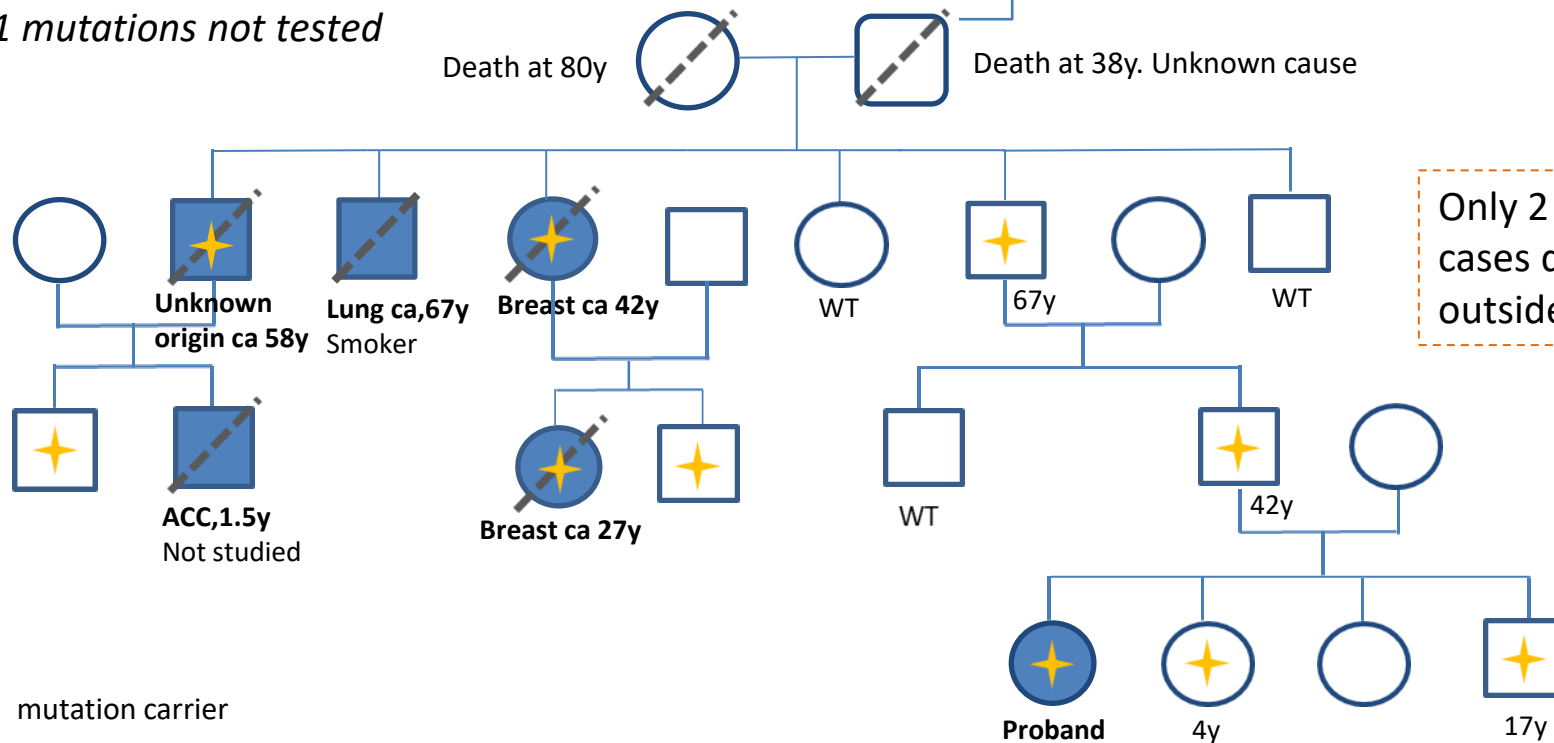
Pinto et al., Sci. Adv. 2020; 6 : eaba3231 24 June 2020

Germinal heterozygous mutation
1010G>A (p.Arg337His) TP53

XAF1 mutations not tested

Family history

Portuguese origins

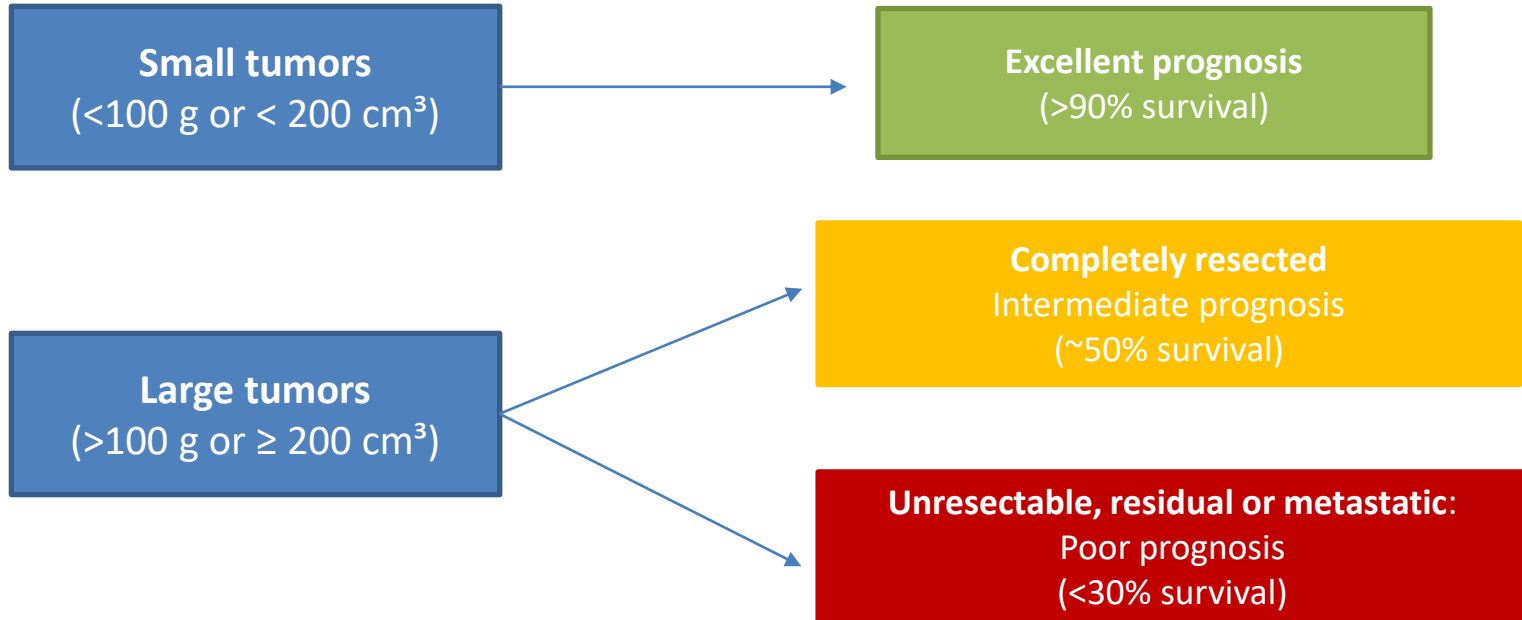


★ mutation carrier

WT wild type

Surgery: cornerstone of treatment

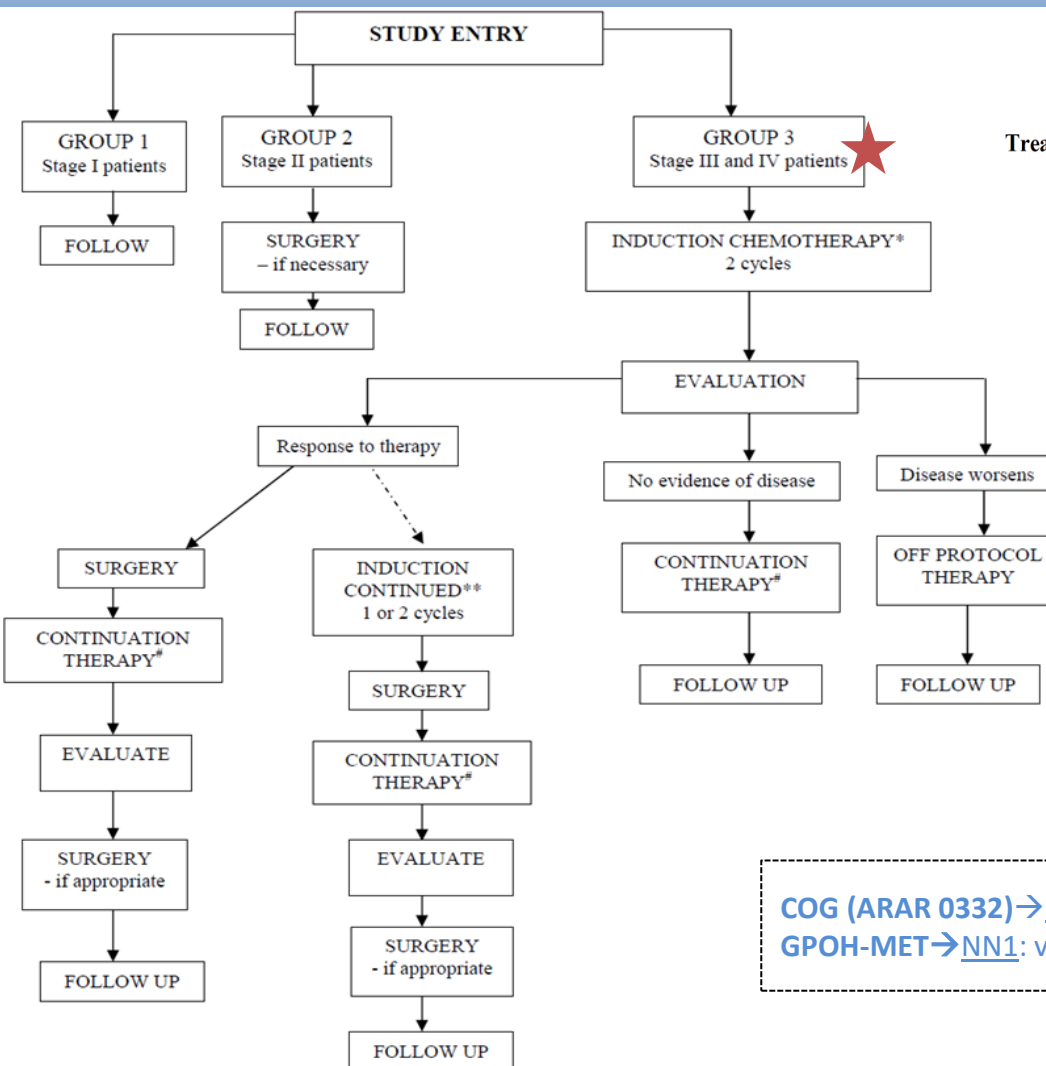
- Complete resection is key
- Avoid surgical spill



Treatment of Adrenocortical Tumors with Surgery plus Lymph Node Dissection and Multiagent Chemotherapy

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Stage III/IV:

- 2 to 4 cycles of chemotherapy (CED, NN1/2) before extended surgery and regional lymph node dissection.
- Adjuvant chemotherapy for a total of 6-8 cycles + mitotane.

COG (ARAR 0332) → CED: cisplatin, etoposide and doxorubicin
GPOH-MET → NN1: vincristine, ifosfamide, adriamycin/NN2: carboplatin, etoposide

Mitotane [1,1-dichloro-2- (0-chlorophynyl) -2 (p-chlorophenyl) -ethane, or O'p'DDD]

- **Synthetic insecticide derivative.**
- Inhibitor of **mitochondrial cortisol synthesis** (11 β hydroxylation).
- **Duration of treatment:** variable depending on the cooperative groups (1-2y).
- **Side effects:** gastrointestinal and neurological.

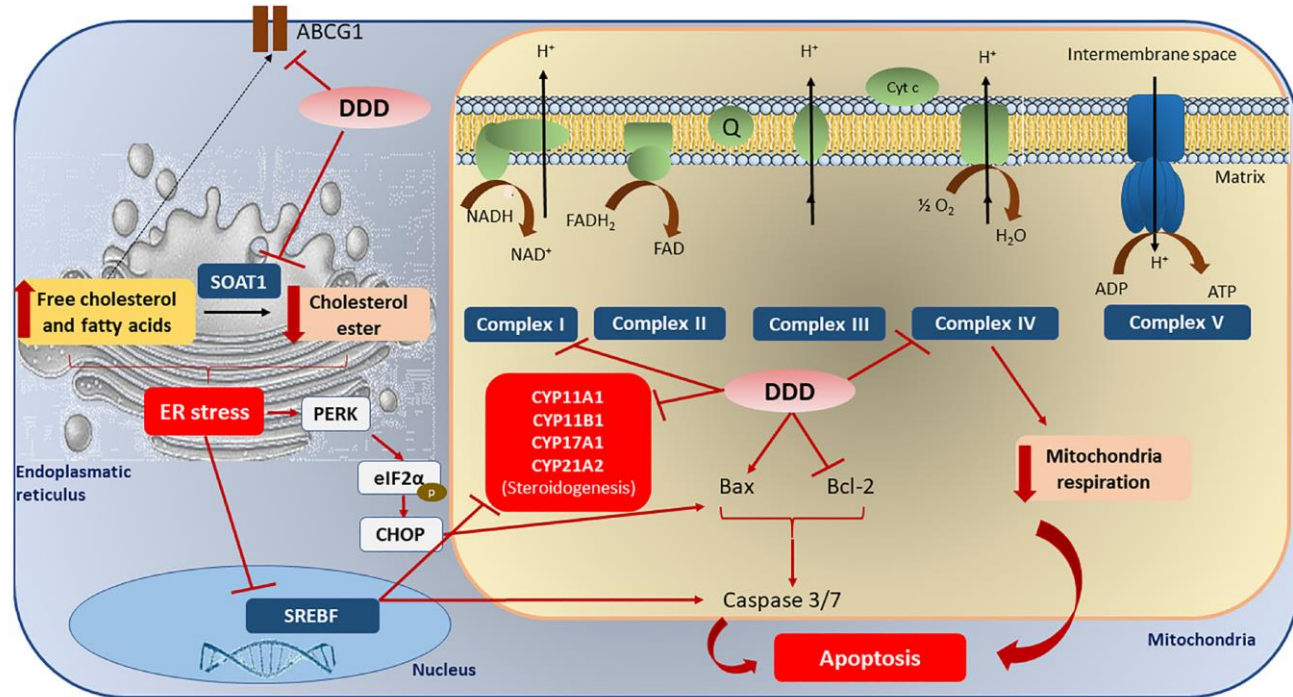


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Adrenal cells

August 2019

Surgery

February 2020

Sept 2022

5 cycles of induction chemo

63% tumor reduction

3 cycles of adjuvant chemo

10% tumor reduction
Small reduction thrombus extension

Complete resection
Margins not involved
47.2 g, 120 cm³
Retroperitoneal LN dissection (NO)
Hormonal levels normalized

Complete remission and cancer free

DAY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mitotane							
Cisplatin							
Etoposide							
Doxorubicin							
G-CSF							

Day 21

x 8 cycles

Long-term follow up

ACC with unfavourable clinical and/or histological risk factors

Clinical, hormonal and imaging evaluation:

- Every 3 months in years 1 and 2
- Every 4 months in year 3
- Every 6 months in year 4
- Yearly in year 5

Altered steroid hormones found at diagnosis remain as the best hormonal markers of relapse

Li Fraumeni (< 18y)

Brain tumor

- Annual brain MRI

Soft tissue and bone sarcoma

- Annual whole-body MRI

() Clinical exam and abdominal US every 6 months.*

DISCUSSION

Take home messages

1. **Genetic counselling** to all patients affected by **ACC** and families.
2. **Patients with hereditary cancer benefit from ca surveillance** → importance of early testing.
3. **ACC** often is the **presenting malignancy** for **LFS**.
4. **>50%** children diagnosed **with ACC** have **LFS**.
5. **Surgery**: cornerstone of treatment.
6. **Avoid initial tumor biopsy** if typical presentation of ACC (risk of **tumor spillage**).