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*“Pseudopubertas Praecox and
Tumour Rupture”*

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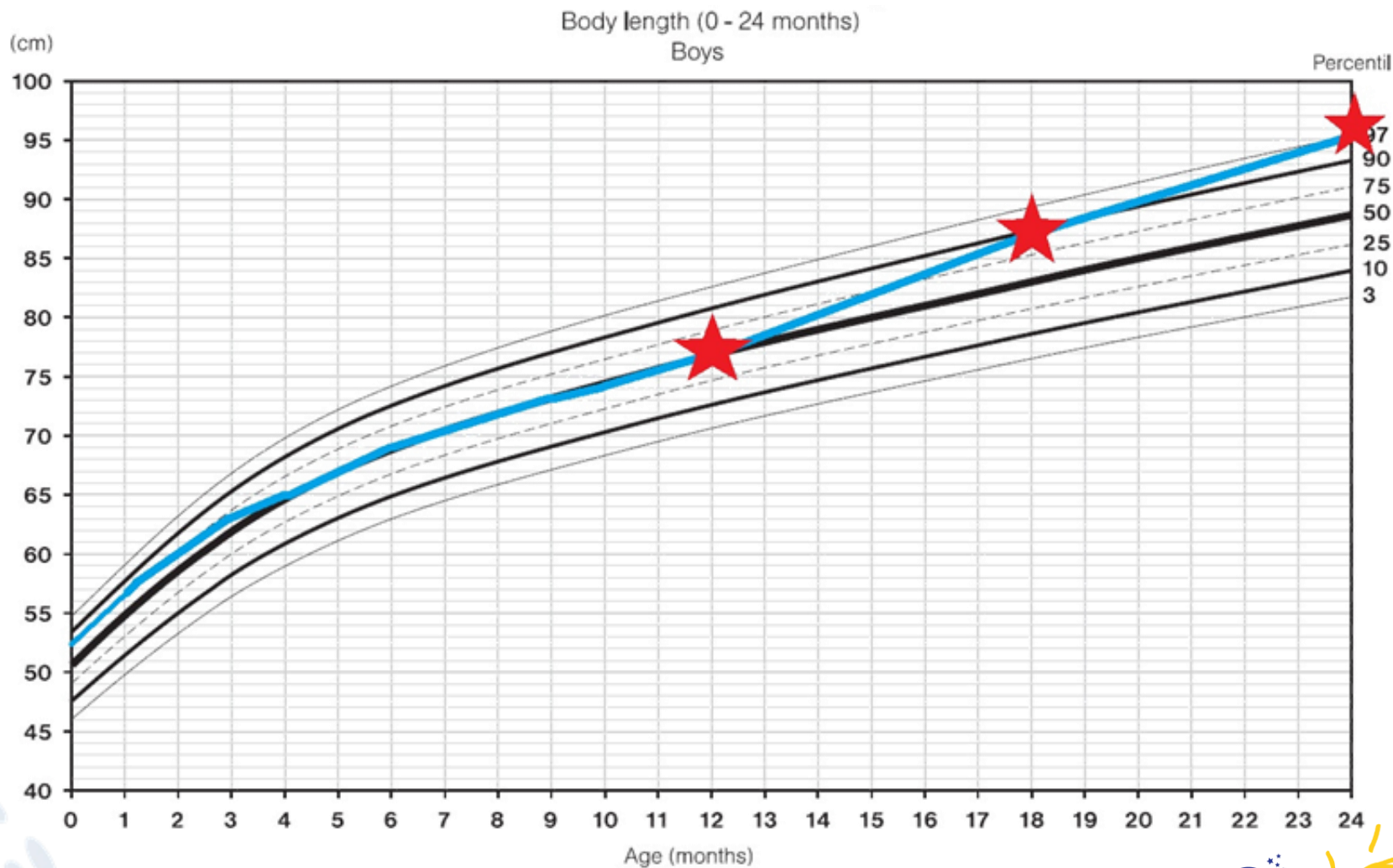
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Growth Chart





Presentation

- Clinical finding (June 2020 – 2y1m ♂)

- Growth chart: 50th p. → 97th p.
- 5 months pubic hair growth
- 1 month penis enlargement, testicles symmetrical, not enlarged
- Irritability, aggressiveness, increased appetite, sweating
- Bone age 5 y



- Lab finding

LDH	48.16	3.00-7.16	ukat/l
DHEAS	>27.00	0.01-0.53	umol/l
Testosterone	4.62	0.00-0.90	nmol/l
IGF-1	177	0-129	ug/l
Normal values: TSH, fT4, LH, FSH, cortisol			



Q1

- What is the most probable tumour location based on this data?
 - a) CNS
 - b) Adrenal gland
 - c) Testes
 - d) Thyroid gland



Q1

- In which organ would you expect the tumour based on the presented data?
- a) ~~CNS~~
- b) **Adrenal gland** - peripheral precocious puberty
- c) ~~Testes~~ - Leydig cell tumour possible, but no asymmetry or enlargement
- d) ~~Thyroid gland~~



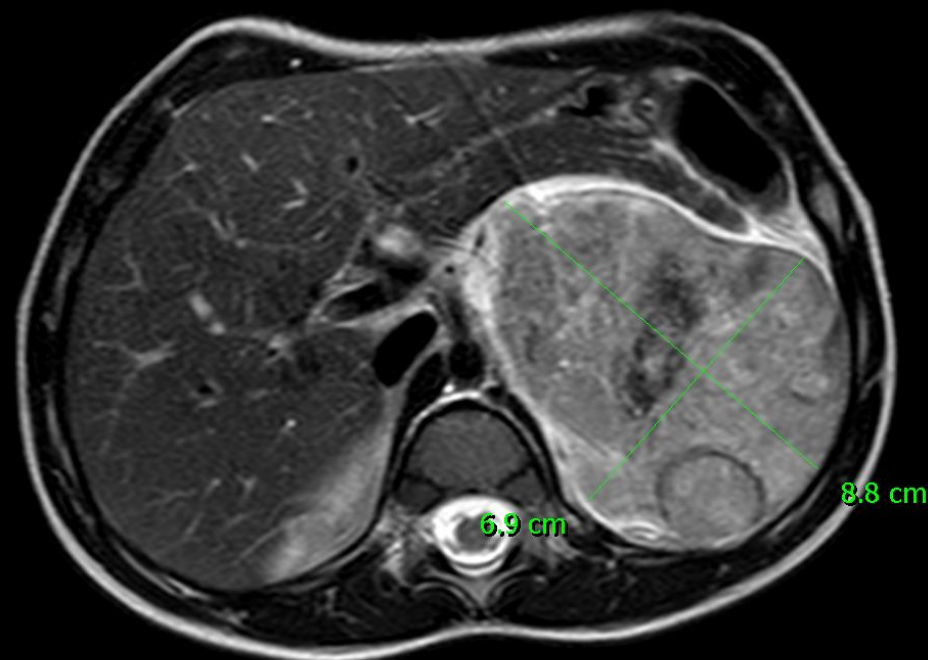
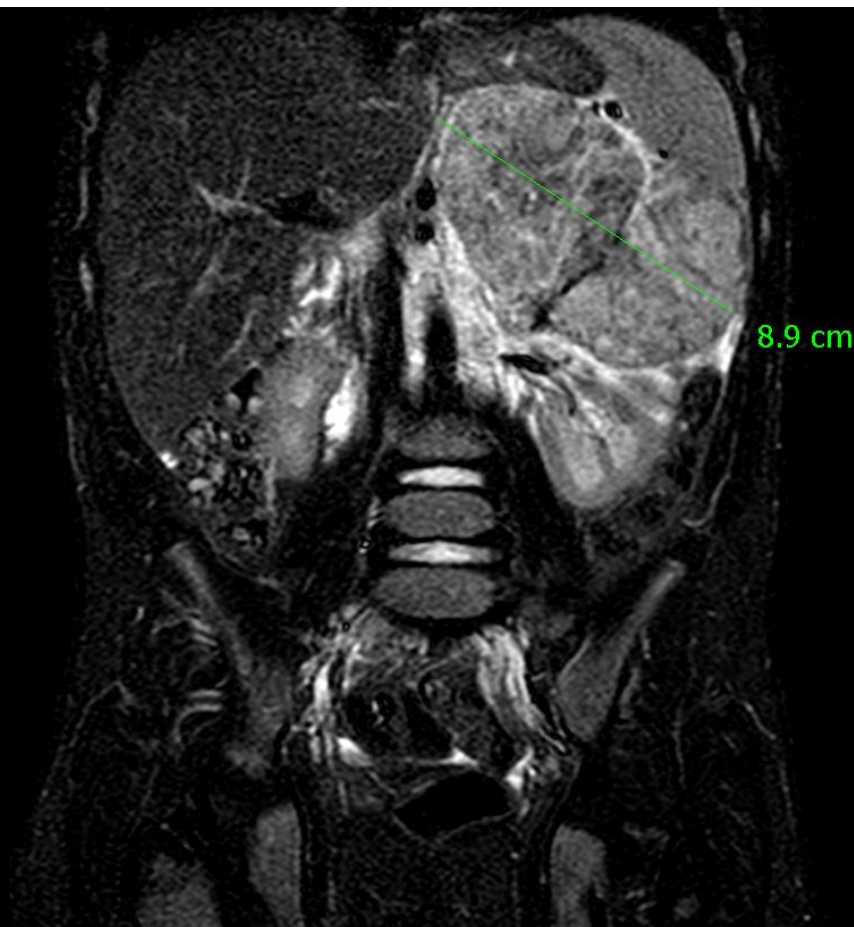
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MRI

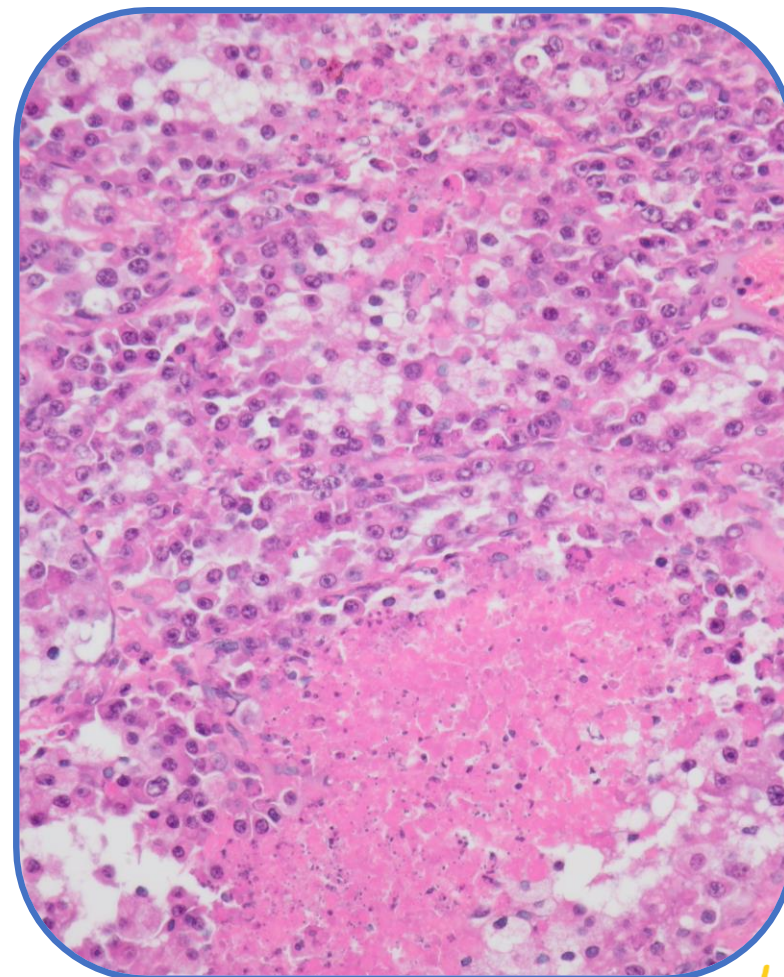


Estimated tumor volume: 540 cm³



First Surgery

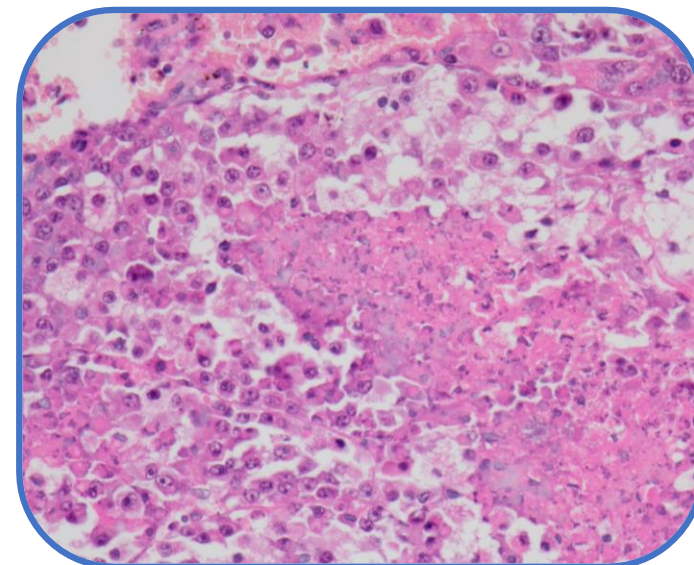
- Left adrenalectomy
 - Complicated with tumour rupture
 - Lavage of tumor bed
- Histology
 - 82x70x45 mm
 - Adrenocortical carcinoma
 - Mitoses, necrosis and calcifications, angioinvasion





Histology

Wieneke score			
1	Tumor weight > 400 g	N/A (ETV 540 cm ³)	✓
2	Tumor size > 10.5 cm	No (max. 82 mm)	
3	Extension into periadrenal soft tissues and/or adjacent organs	No	
4	Invasion into the vena cava	No	
5	Venous invasion	Yes	✓
6	Capsular invasion	No	
7	Presence of tumor necrosis	Yes	✓
8	Mitotic count	High	✓
9	Presence of atypical mitotic figures	Yes	✓
4 out of 9 criteria = „malignant“ tumour			



Wieneke classifying factors

<3	„benign“
3	„indeterminate“
>3	„malignant“



Q2

- Which cancer predisposition syndrome would you look for in paediatric ACC?
 - a) Familial adenomatous polyposis
 - b) Li-Fraumeni syndrome
 - c) Neurofibromatosis type 1
 - d) Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome
 - e) Fanconi anemia



Q2

- Which cancer predisposition syndrome would you look for in paediatric ACC?
- a) **Familial adenomatous polyposis**
- b) **Li-Fraumeni syndrome** - in 50% of children with ACC
- c) ~~Neurofibromatosis type 1~~
- d) **Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome**
- e) ~~Fanconi anemia~~



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Initial Staging



TP53 mutation **NEGATIVE**
No cancer predisposition found

	Before	After		
LD	48.16	5.62	3.00-7.16	ukat/l
DHEAS	>27.0	0.06	0.01-0.53	umol/l
Testosterone	4.62	<0.24	0.00-0.90	nmol/l
IGF-1	177	114	0-129	ug/l



Staging and Treatment

CureSearch
Children's Oncology Group

ARAR0332

Activated: September 18, 2006
Closed: May 28, 2013

Version Date: 08/03/10
Amendment: #2

CHILDREN'S ONCOLOGY GROUP

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

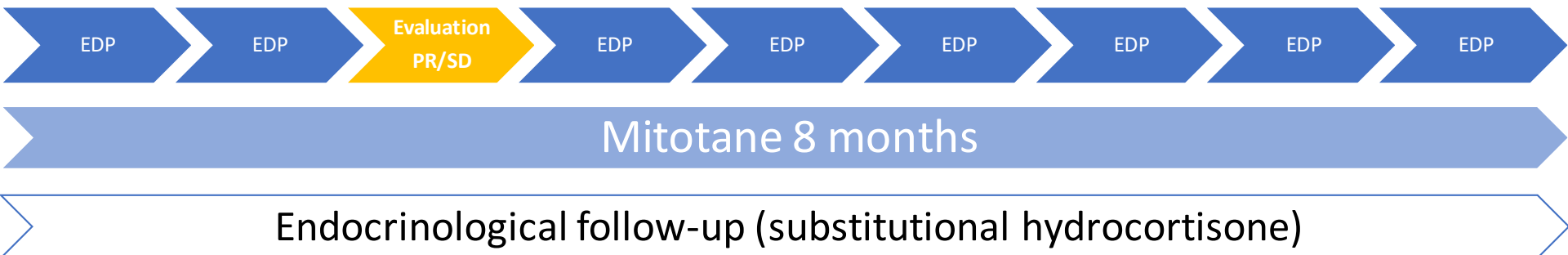
- **STAGE I –**
 - Completely resected, small tumors (<100 g and <200 cm³) with normal post-operative hormone levels
- **STAGE II –**
 - Completely resected, large tumors (≥ 100 g or ≥ 200 cm³) with normal post-operative hormone levels
- **STAGE III –**
 - Unresectable, gross or microscopic residual disease
 - Tumor spillage
 - Patients with Stage I and II tumors who fail to normalize hormone levels after surgery
 - Patients with retroperitoneal lymph node involvement
- **STAGE IV –**
 - Presence of distant metastases



Treatment Plan (stage III)



- 8 cycles of CTx + Mitotane daily
 - Cisplatin 50 mg/m² D1,2
 - Etoposide 100 mg/m² D1,2,3
 - Doxorubicin 25 mg/m² D4,5





Evaluation

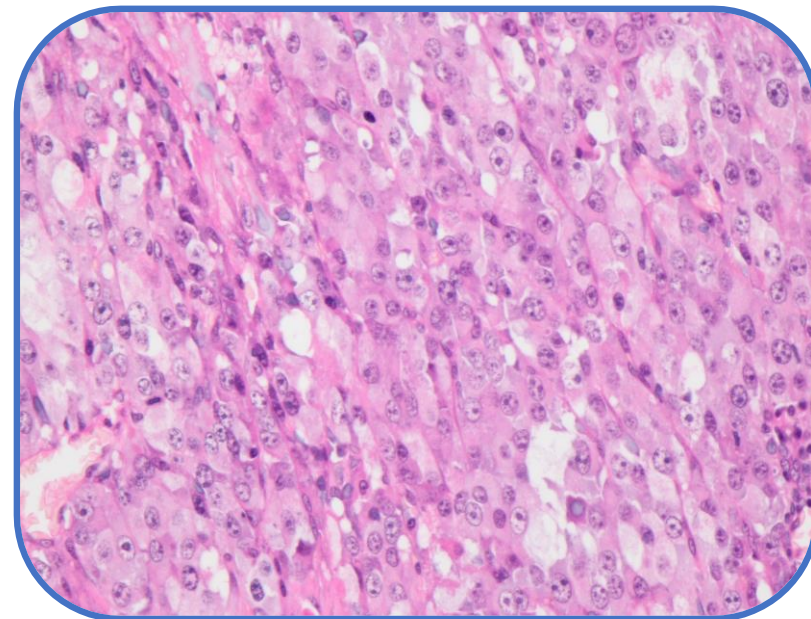
- MRI abdomen after 2nd cycle
 - No clear sign of tumour recurrence
- PET/MRI after 3rd cycle
 - Local recurrence?





Second Surgery

- Complete resection of the nodule
 - Histology
 - 10 mm
 - Confirmed adrenocortical carcinoma
 - Exploration of the abdominal cavity – no other suspicious tissue
- = 1st progression on treatment





Q3

- Which treatment modality would you use now?
 - a) Radiotherapy
 - b) Second line chemotherapy
 - c) Mitotane only & follow-up
 - d) Immunotherapy



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We did not know either...



• St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: Carlos-Rodriguez Galindo and Raul Ribeiro

- Recommendations:
 - Follow with 2nd line CTx:
**gemcitabine
+ capecitabine or 5-FU**
 - Keep Mitotane
 - Consider I-O
 - Pembrolizumab
(PD-L1 expression?)
 - Cabozantinib
 - RT probably not

Clinical Trial > Endocr Relat Cancer. 2010 Apr 21;17(2):445-53. doi: 10.1677/ERC-09-0281.

Print 2010 Jun.

Gemcitabine plus metronomic 5-fluorouracil or capecitabine as a second-/third-line chemotherapy in advanced adrenocortical carcinoma: a multicenter phase II study

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Affiliations + expand

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• INFORM registry

- Somatic TP53 mutation: not druggable
- Alternative lengthening of telomeres (borderline positive genomic signature): no drug target
- **MYC gain** (elevated expression):
consider BETi/AURKi/CDK7&9i/HDACi
- NTRK1 focal gain (w/o overexpression): consider NTRKi
- BRD4 overexpression: consider BETi
- MRAS overexpression: consider MEKi
- BRCAness: consider PARPi

intermediate

borderline

borderline

low



Second line treatment

- Capecitabine + Gemcitabine
 - Capecitabine (oral)
 - Gemcitabine (i.v.) D1, D8
 - + Mitotane still daily
- Substitutional treatment with hydrocortisone
- Follow-up with MRI and PET/MRI
 - All clear until 10/2021 (12 months on 2nd line treatment)
 - 10/2021 gemcitabine withdrawn due to repeated neutropenias



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What's next?

How long should the patient be kept on capecitabine?

What to do in case of progression? If localised? If metastatic?



Summary

- Adrenocortical carcinoma located in left adrenal gland – tumor spillage during adrenalectomy
- 1st (local) relapse/progression after 3 cycles of CTx



- 2nd line treatment Capecitabine + Gemcitabine + Mitotane for 1 year
- So far no 2nd relapse revealed
- INFORM study: no strong druggable target



Take home message

- Adrenocortical carcinoma is one of the rare childhood tumours
- Usual presentation in childhood originates from excess of androgens
 - precocious pseudopuberty/virilisation
 - growth acceleration
- Li-Fraumeni syndrome in >50% children with ACC
- Testing for druggable targets is important in the background of non-established treatment in refractory/relapsing tumours



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Take home message

- Guidelines were limited, but the situation is getting better



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SUPPLEMENT ARTICLE

Adrenocortical tumours in children and adolescents: The EXPeRT/PARTNER diagnostic and therapeutic recommendations

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