

Post-approval confirmatory / supplementary data: registries and observational trials

A potential role for 'comprehensive' cancer registries

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Postapproval data

- General motivation
 - providing stakeholders information on the continued safety and effectiveness of drugs, medical devices etc.
 - extension beyond experimental context (controlled conditions, selected patient populations, limited time horizons)
- Particularly
 - expedited / conditional approval allowing manufacturers to address unresolved issues (optimal dosing, long-term side effects, use in specific subgroups)

The Fate of FDA Postapproval Studies

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Table 1. Status of Postapproval Studies Established in 2009 and 2010.*

Study Status	2009	2010	Total
	<i>number (percent)</i>		
Total	296	318	614
Never started	78 (26)	47 (15)	125 (20)
Pending	17 (6)	13 (4)	30 (5)
Terminated	2 (1)	0	2 (<1)
Released	59 (20)	34 (11)	93 (15)
Still ongoing	68 (23)	88 (28)	156 (25)
Delayed	27 (9)	30 (9)	57 (9)
On schedule	41 (14)	58 (18)	99 (16)
Completed	150 (51)	183 (58)	333 (54)
Submitted	11 (4)	27 (8)	38 (6)
Fulfilled	139 (47)	156 (49)	295 (48)

Accelerated Approval of Oncology Products: The Food and Drug Administration Experience

John R. Johnson, Yang-Min Ning, Ann Farrell, Robert Justice, Patricia Keegan, Richard Pazdur

JNCI, 2011

- accelerated approval to 35 products for 47 new indications
- clinical benefit confirmed for 26/47 (conversion to regular approval)
- median time 3.9 years (range 0.8–12.6 years) for conversion
- confirmatory trials not completed for 14 indications

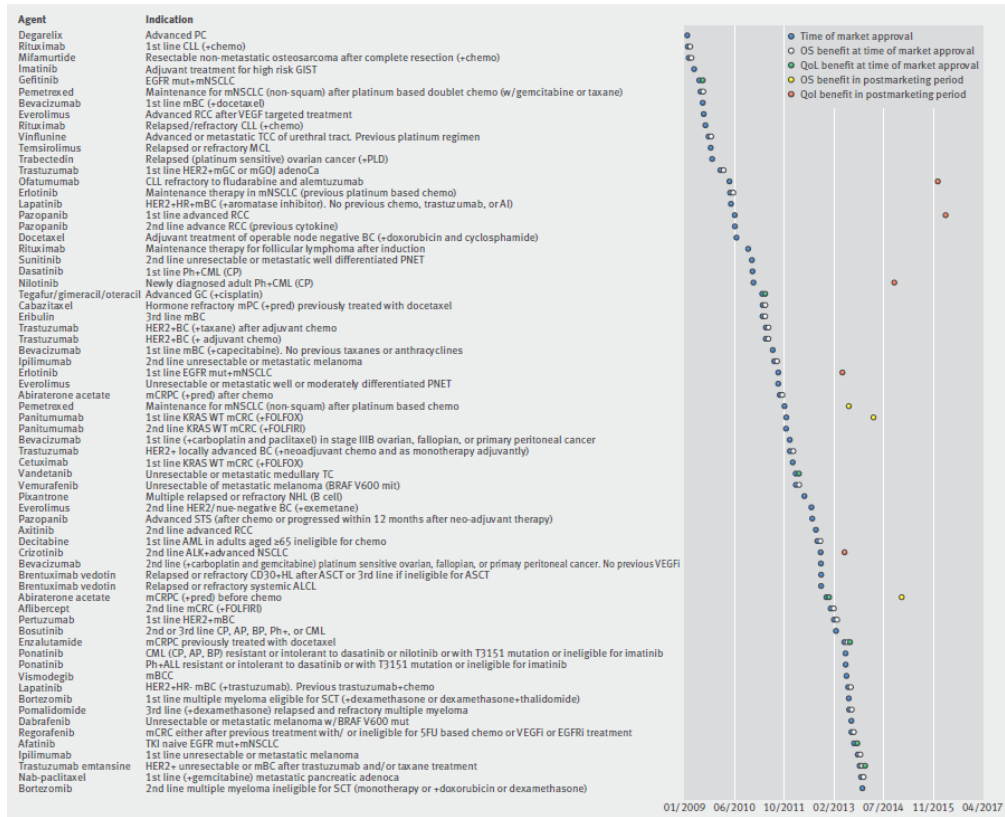
“The slow, irregular pace of postapproval studies contrasts starkly with the short, rigid deadlines and other shortcuts used to speed marketing approval”

“The “catch 22” is that we only know the true performance of a product after approval, but the product must be safe and effective in order to be approved” (Muni, 2005)

Availability of evidence of benefits on overall survival and quality of life of cancer drugs approved by European Medicines Agency: retrospective cohort study of drug approvals 2009-13

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Postapproval data

- Data collection methods?
 - randomized, double-blinded, controlled trial
 - randomized, unblinded clinical study
 - observational (conditions of approval) studies
 - non-randomized registry study with formal follow-up and data collection (single arm trial)
 - informal registry study (“open enrollment”) with less stringent follow-up and data collection
 - meta-analyses
 - model/laboratory studies

Postapproval data

Which methods are best for collecting and analyzing postapproval data?

- Potentially, a large array of methodologies may transfer information on a product's performance in the 'real world', provided that this information is understood in the proper context
- No single method can meet all of the needs of stakeholders
 - problem remains (and is perhaps even amplified):
when do we consider evidence compelling enough?

Postapproval data

- practical considerations do foster preferences for some methods over others, particularly in case of rare instances:

Expected incidence adverse reaction	Numbers of patients to be observed to of detect 1, 2, or 3 events		
	1	2	3
1 in 100	300	480	650
1 in 200	600	960	1300
1 in 1000	3000	4800	6500
1 in 2000	6000	9600	13000
1 in 10000	30000	48000	65000

(Grahame-Smith and Aronson, 2004)

Observational trials?

- Well-known caveats in methodology
(although sophisticated methods have emerged)
- Especially for rare conditions
 - low number of cases in clinical practices
 - representative samples (expertise across hospitals)?
 - need for adequate screening platforms to direct patients to the right doctor

(Clinical) registries

- Existing infrastructure with ‘real-world’ focus (population-based)
- Potential for flexible and adaptable data collection: retrospective and prospective data on a variety of different parameters
- Standardisation of longitudinal data collection with the capability to evolve (e.g. as more is learned about a given topic)
- Opportunities for linkage with other databases
- Rare conditions may be captured ‘along the way’
- Issues include:
 - (generally) voluntary on the part of doctors and patients
 - data quality and completeness

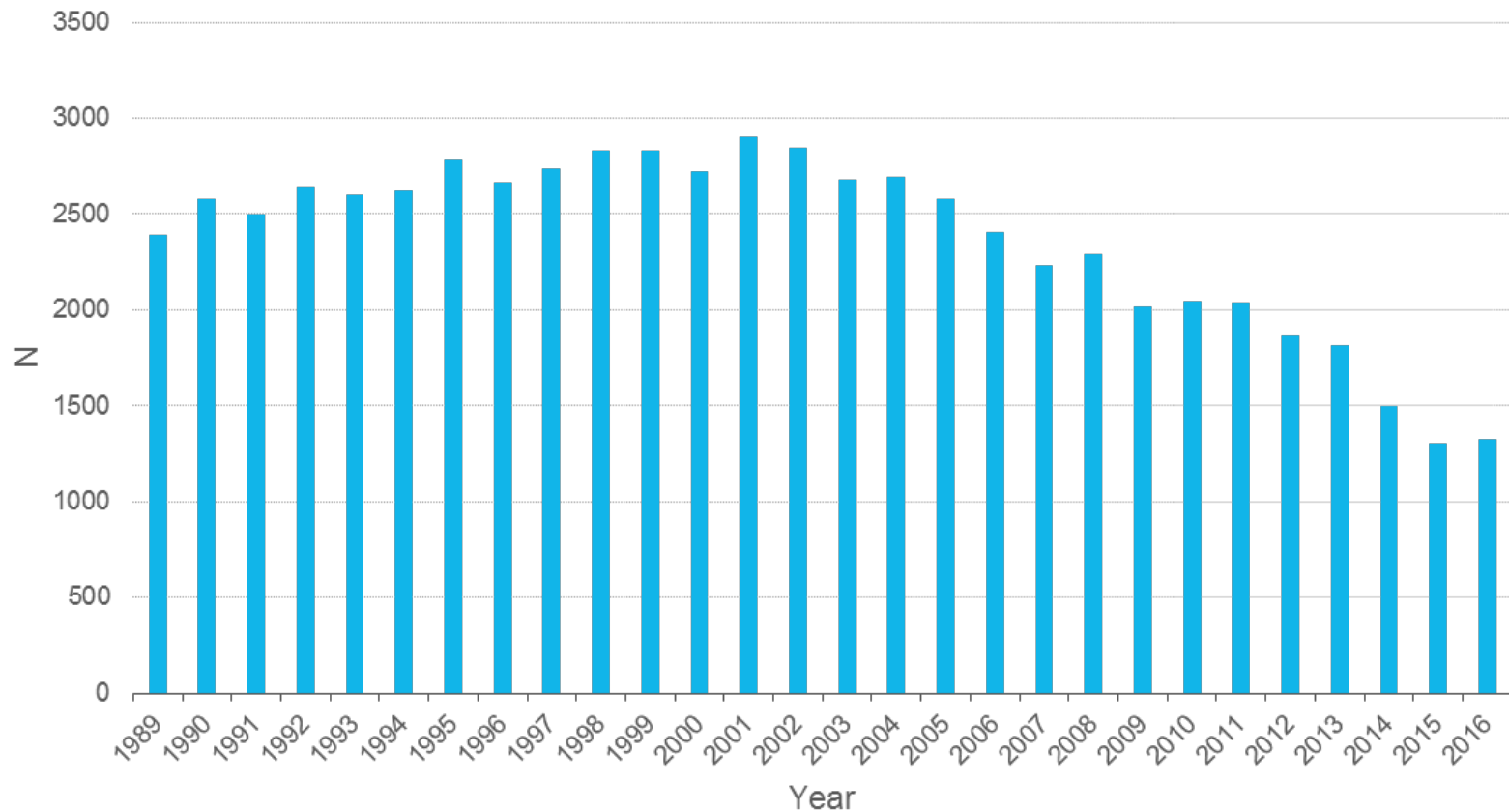
A role for cancer registries?

- Normally
 - person characteristics (date of birth, age at diagnose, date of death)
 - disease characteristics (topography, morphology)
- Sometimes
 - stage of disease
 - treatment (1st line)
 - cause of death
- Rarely
 - hormone receptors
 - comorbidity
 - recurrence, disease progression
- Hardly ever
 - genetic profile
 - 2nd and 3rd line treatment

(Kraywinkel, 2017)

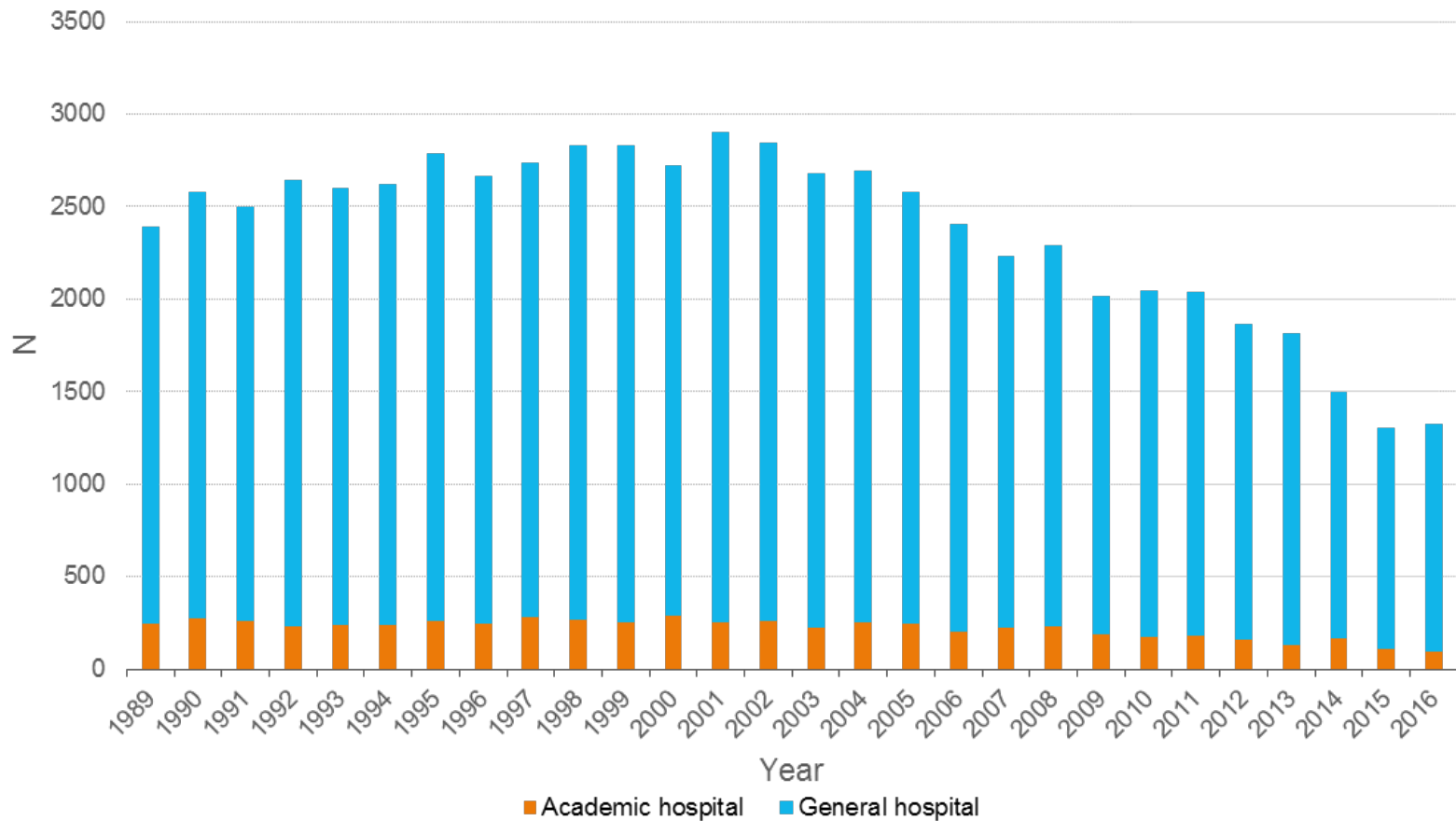
Examples from the NCR

Cancer of unknown primary (CUP): incidence



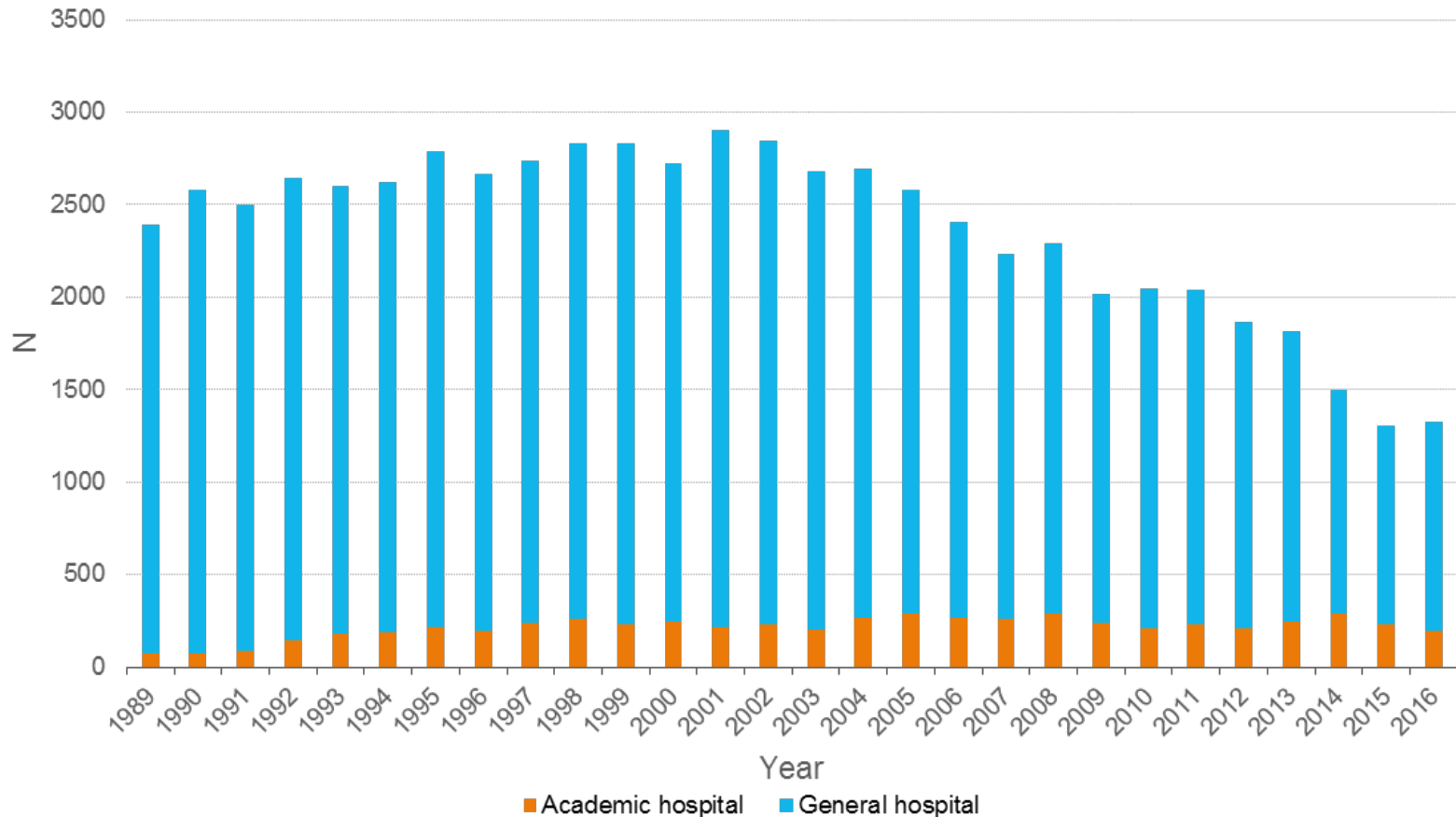
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Cancer of unknown primary (CUP): first visit



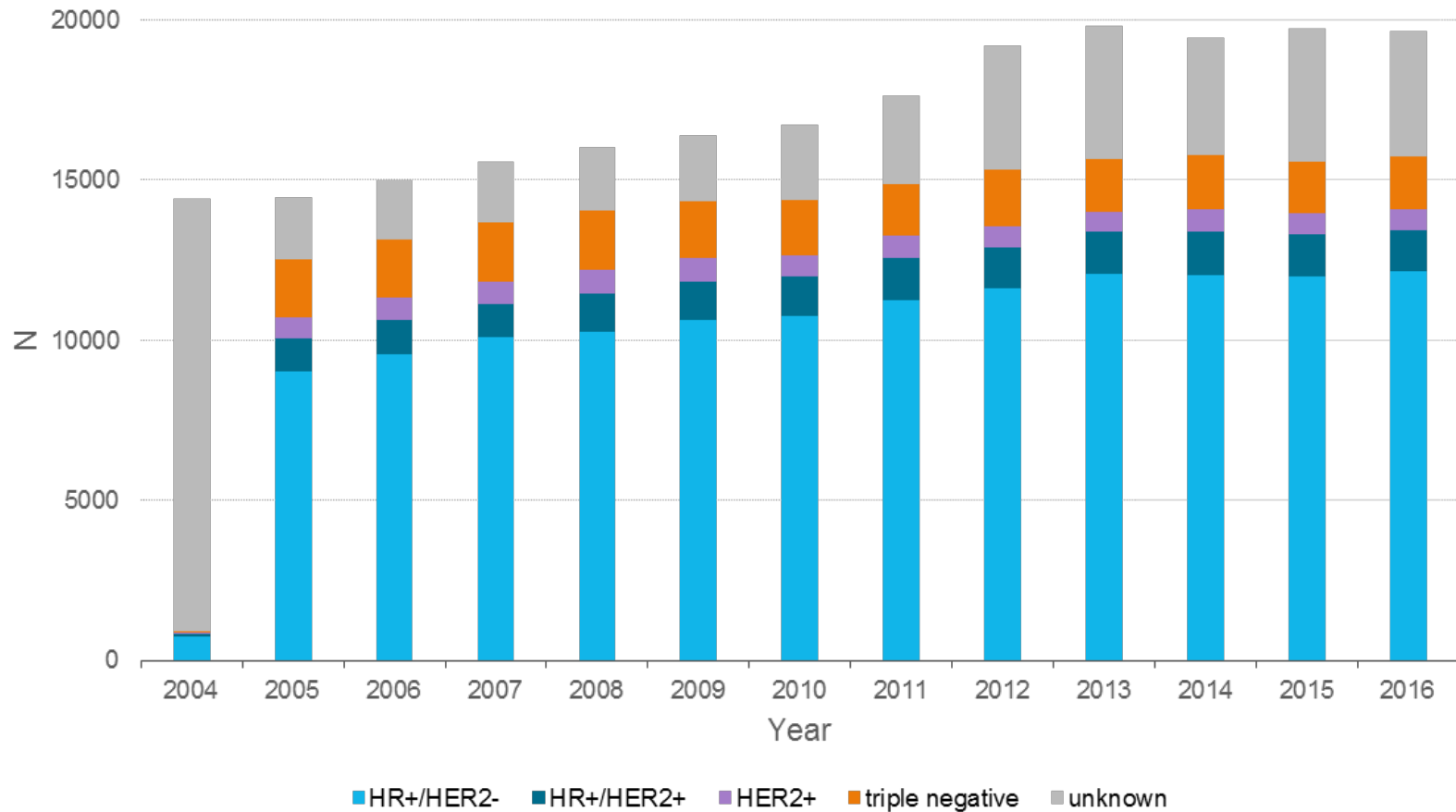
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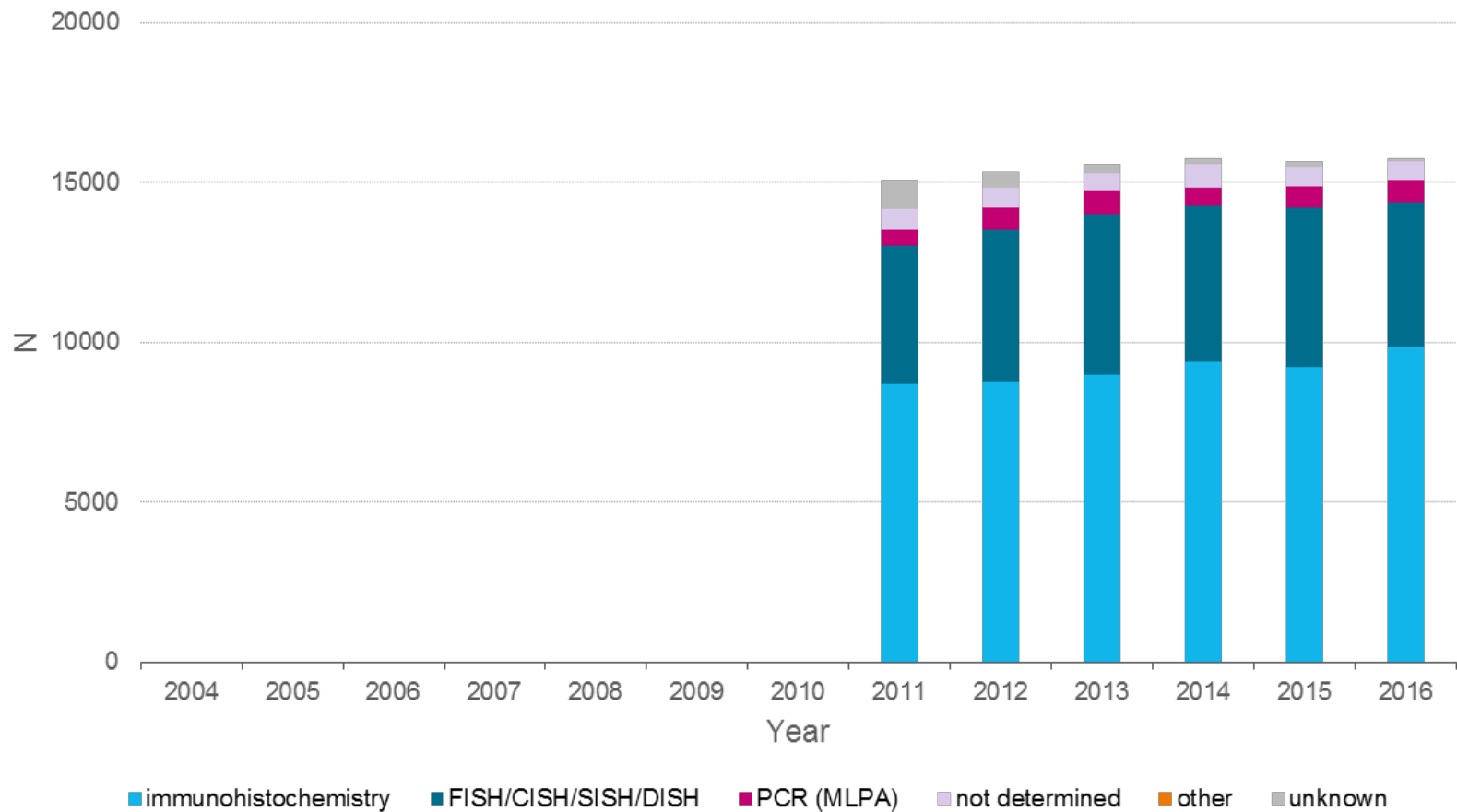
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Breast cancer receptors: ER, PR, HER2



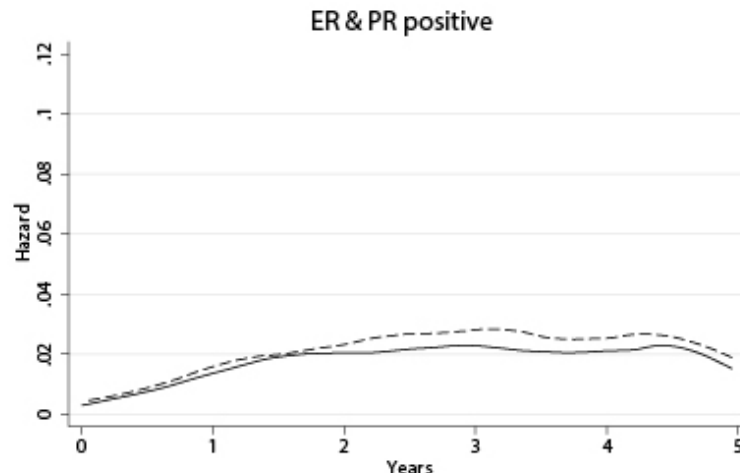
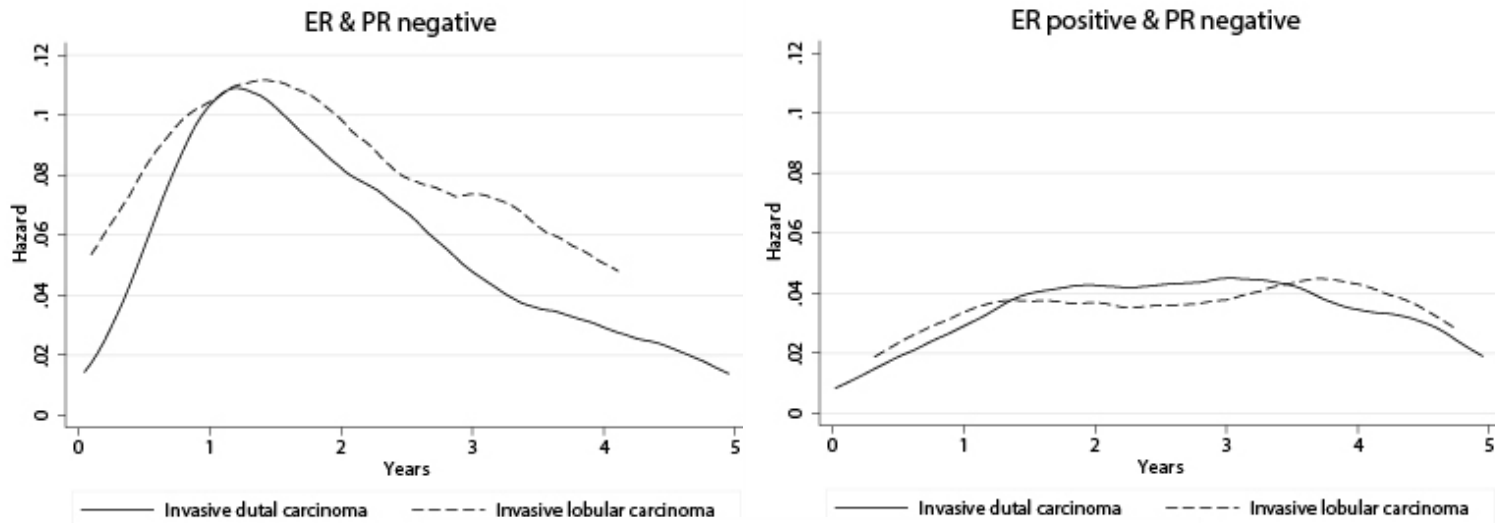
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Breast cancer receptors: HER2 detection method



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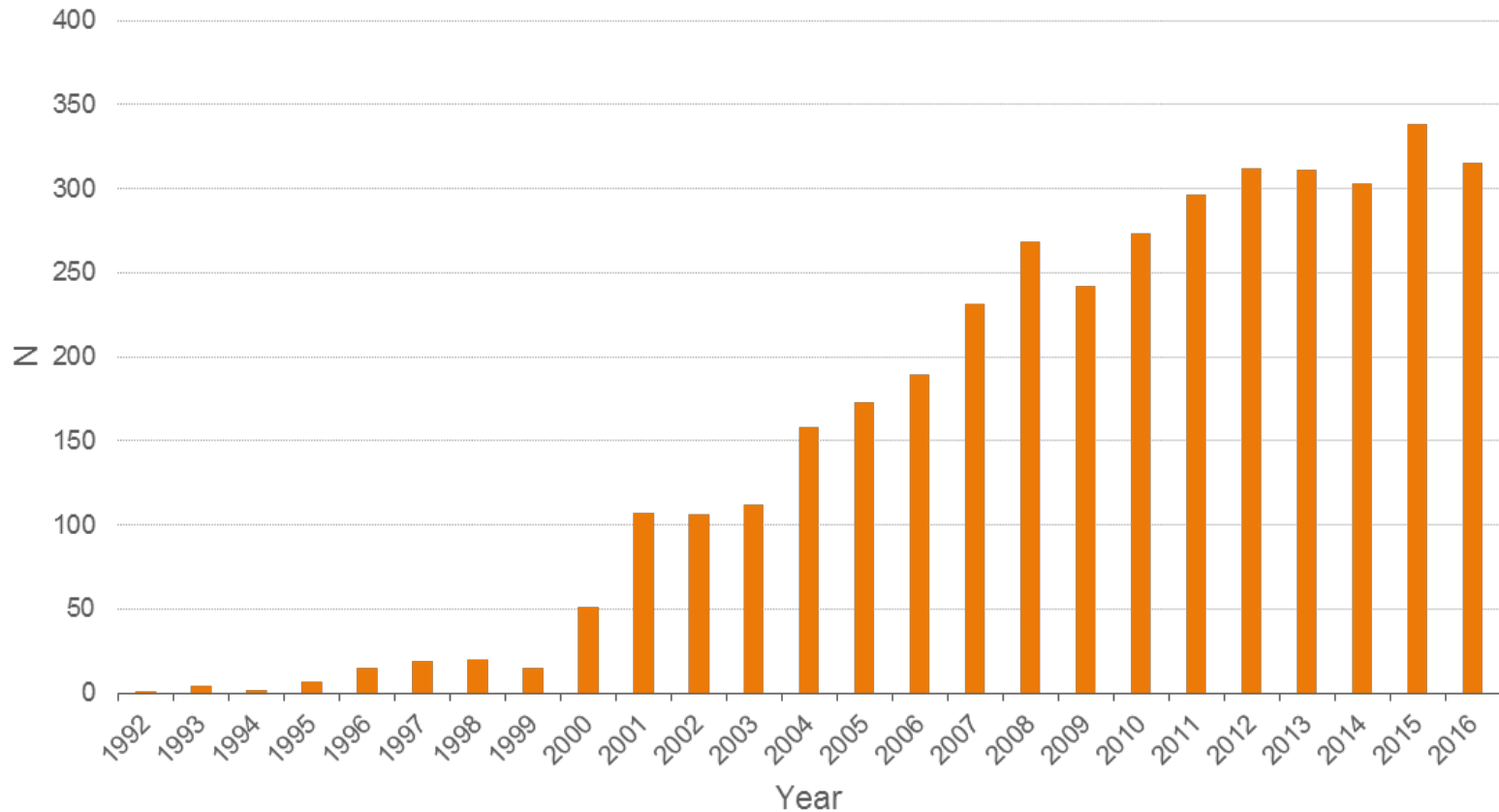
Breast cancer receptors: relation with recurrence



(Kwast et al, 2011)

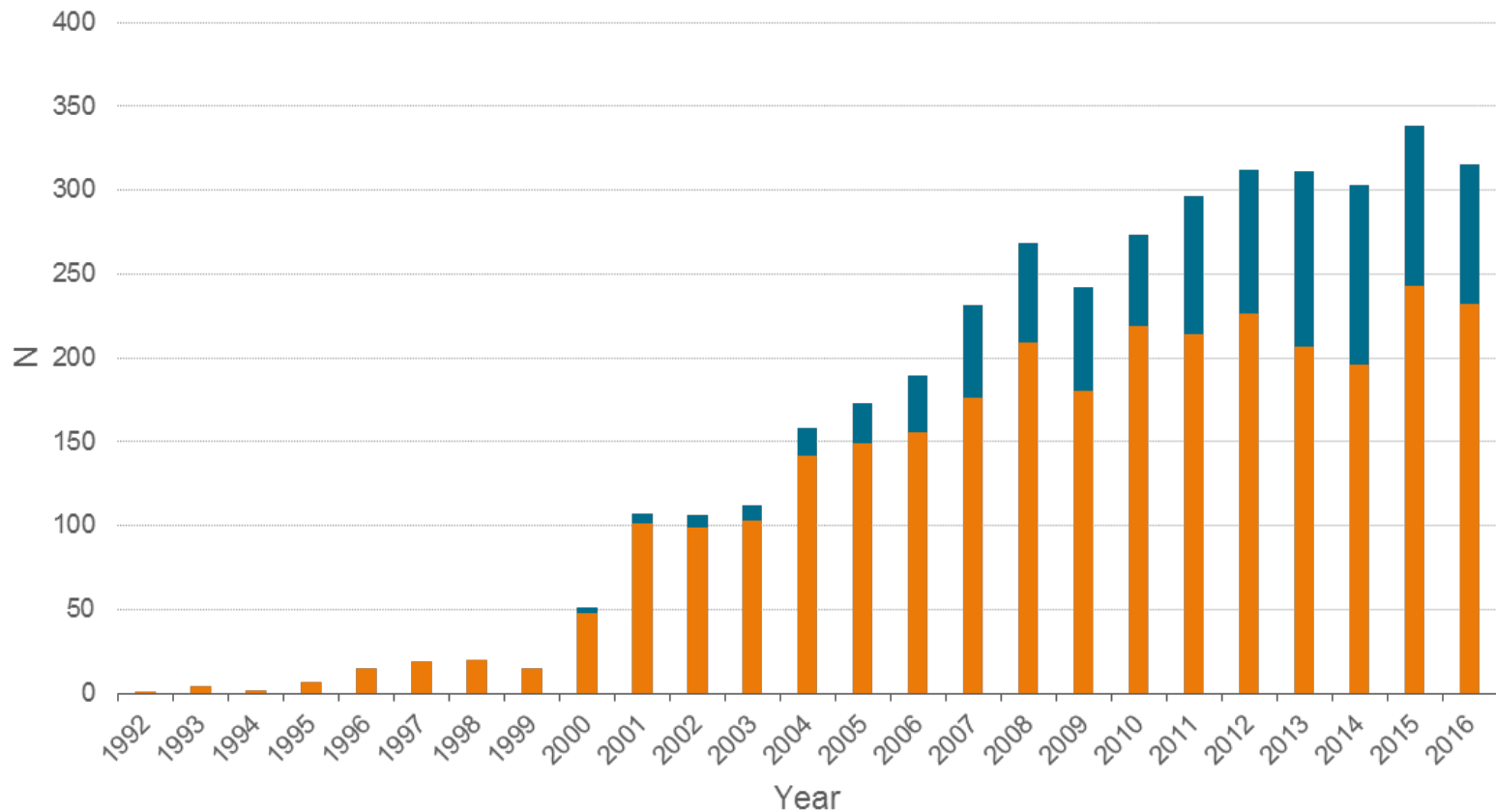
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- GIST: incidence



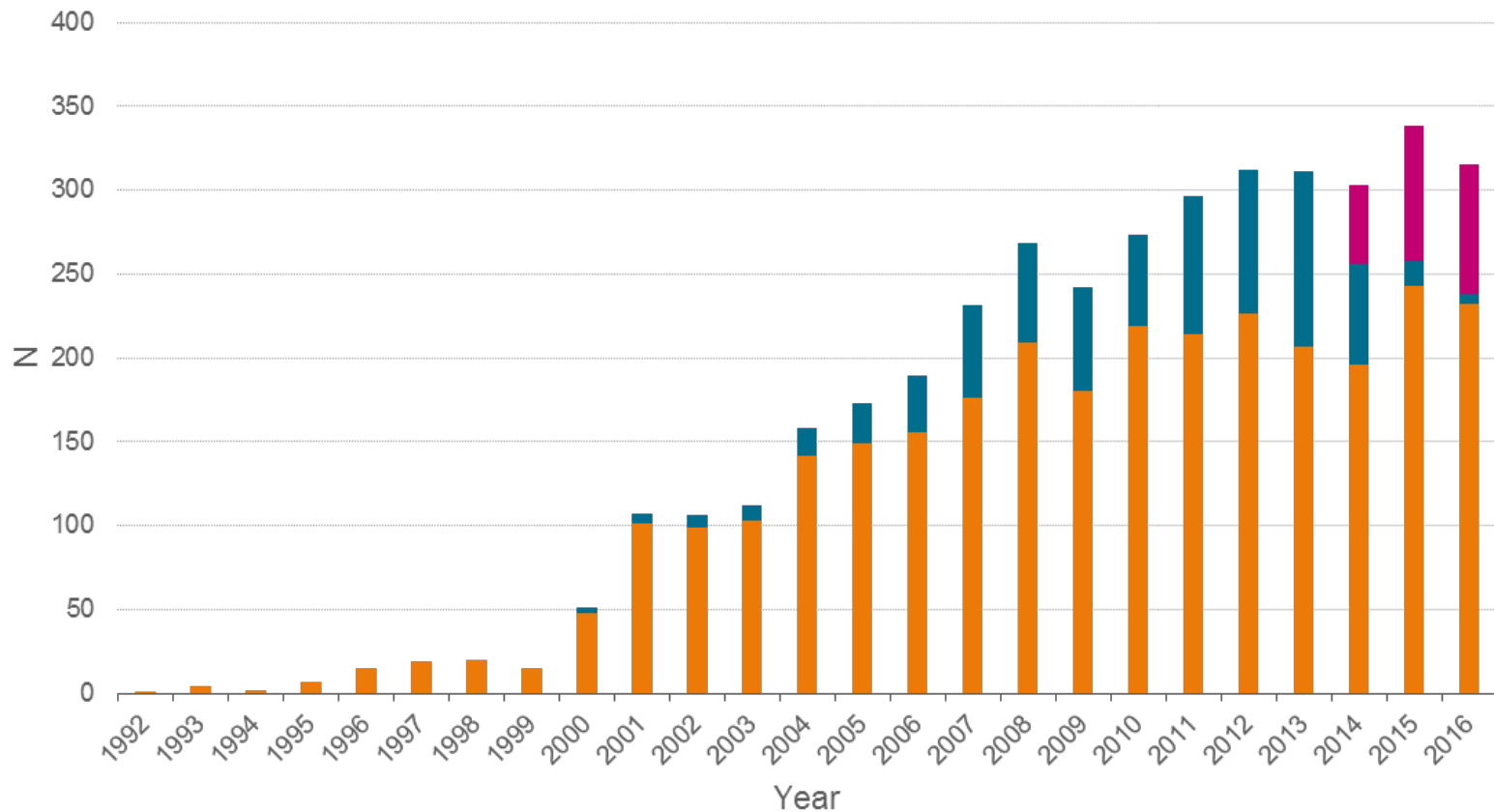
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- GIST: first line targeted therapy (blue)



Examples from the NCR

- GIST: first line imatinib (pink; in registry since 2014)

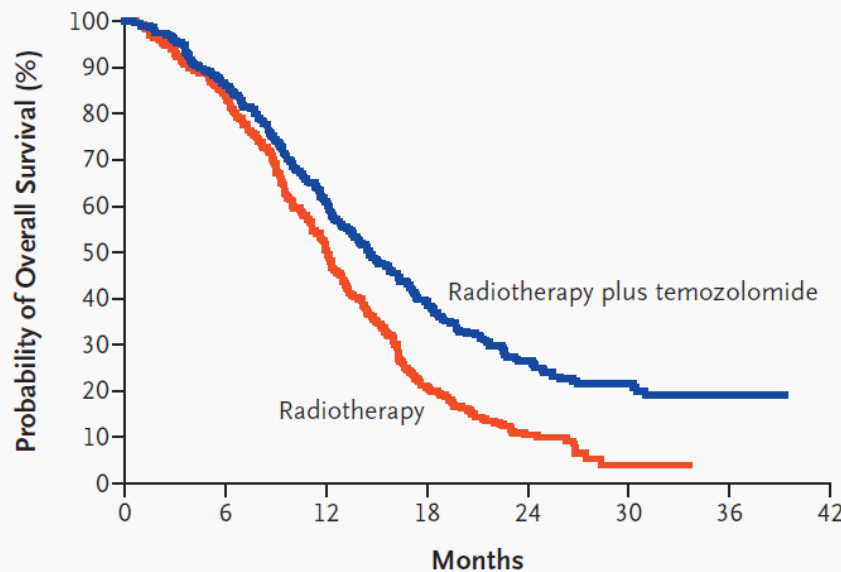


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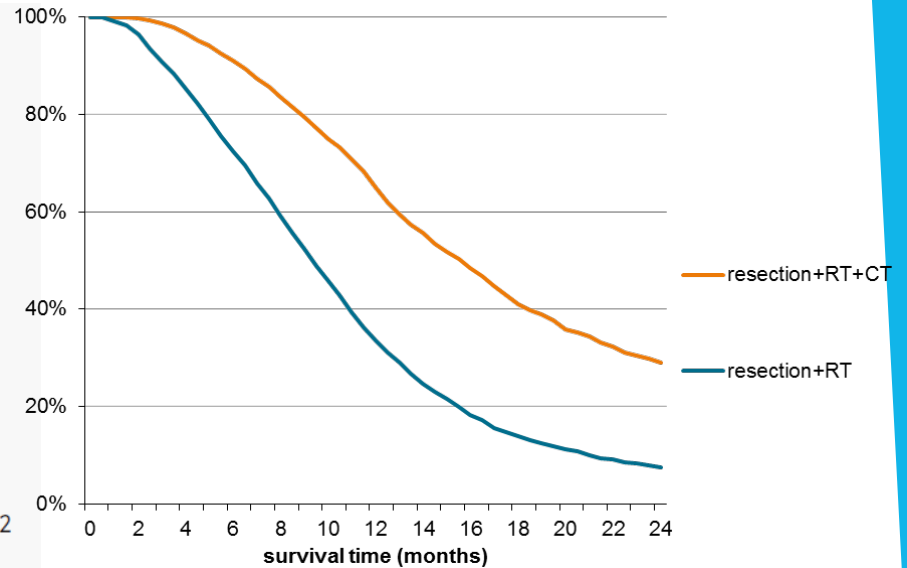
- GIST: additional data collection as of 2016
 - immunohistochemistry
 - CD117
 - DOG1
 - SDHB
 - mutations
 - BRAF
 - PDGF
 - SDH

Examples from the NCR

- Glioblastoma: ‘real world’ confirmation of Stupp-trial



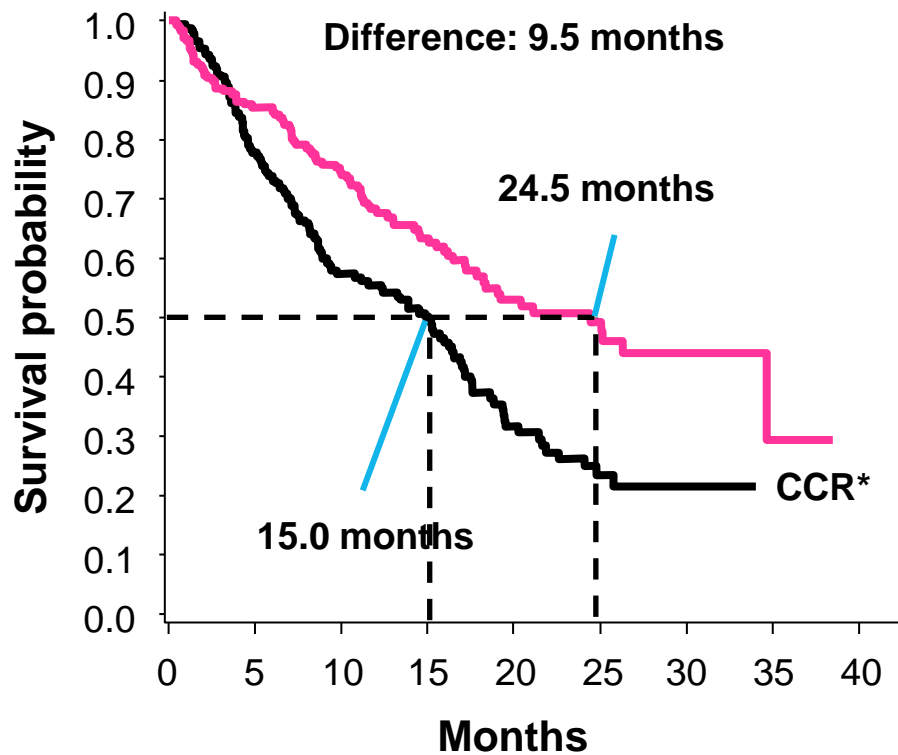
No. at Risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36
Radiotherapy	286	240	144	59	23	2	0
Radiotherapy plus temozolomide	287	246	174	109	57	27	4



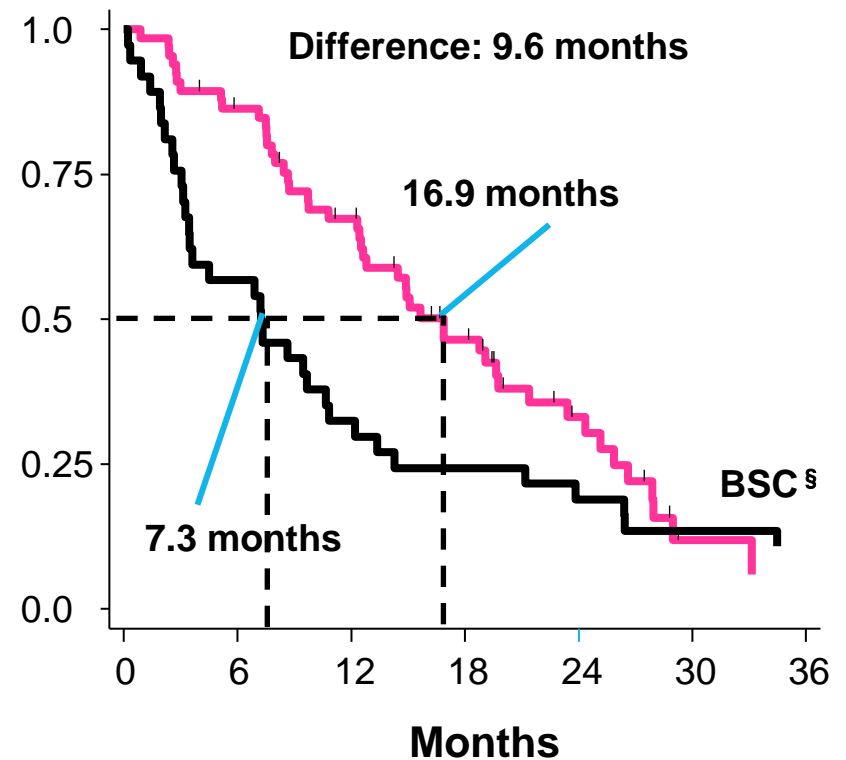
(Ho et al, 2014)

Examples from the NCR

The phase 3 AZA-001 trial¹



Dutch daily practice (PHAROS MDS)²



§BSC, best supportive care

MDS, myelodysplastic syndromes; *CCR, conventional care regimens (includes best supportive care, low-dose cytarabine and intensive chemotherapy)

²Dinmohamed AG et al. *Leukemia*. 29:2449-51 (2015)

¹Fenaux P et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 10: 223-32 (2009)

Examples from the NCR

Therapeutic effectiveness of novel, expensive agents in daily practice

Retrospective studies:

- Azacitidine: MDS patients (2008–2011)
- Ibrutinib: ibrutinib-treated CLL patients (2015–2016)
- Brenduximab vendotin: brentuximab vendotin-treated HL patients (2015–2016)
- Nivolumab: nivolumab-treated HL-patients (2016–2018)

Prospective studies:

- Pomalidomide: MM patients (2015– ; pay-for-performance)
- Daratumumab: MM patients (2018– ; pay-for-performance)

'Comprehensive' cancer registry?

- National database since 1989
 - coverage estimated at 95%
 - > 2 million cases in database
 - > 100.000 cases per year
- Flexible registry...

PLCRC
Patient population: Colorectal carcinoma (all stages)

**Observational study:
Collection of data**

**Interventional study:
Cohort Multiple Randomised
Controlled Trial (cmRCT)**

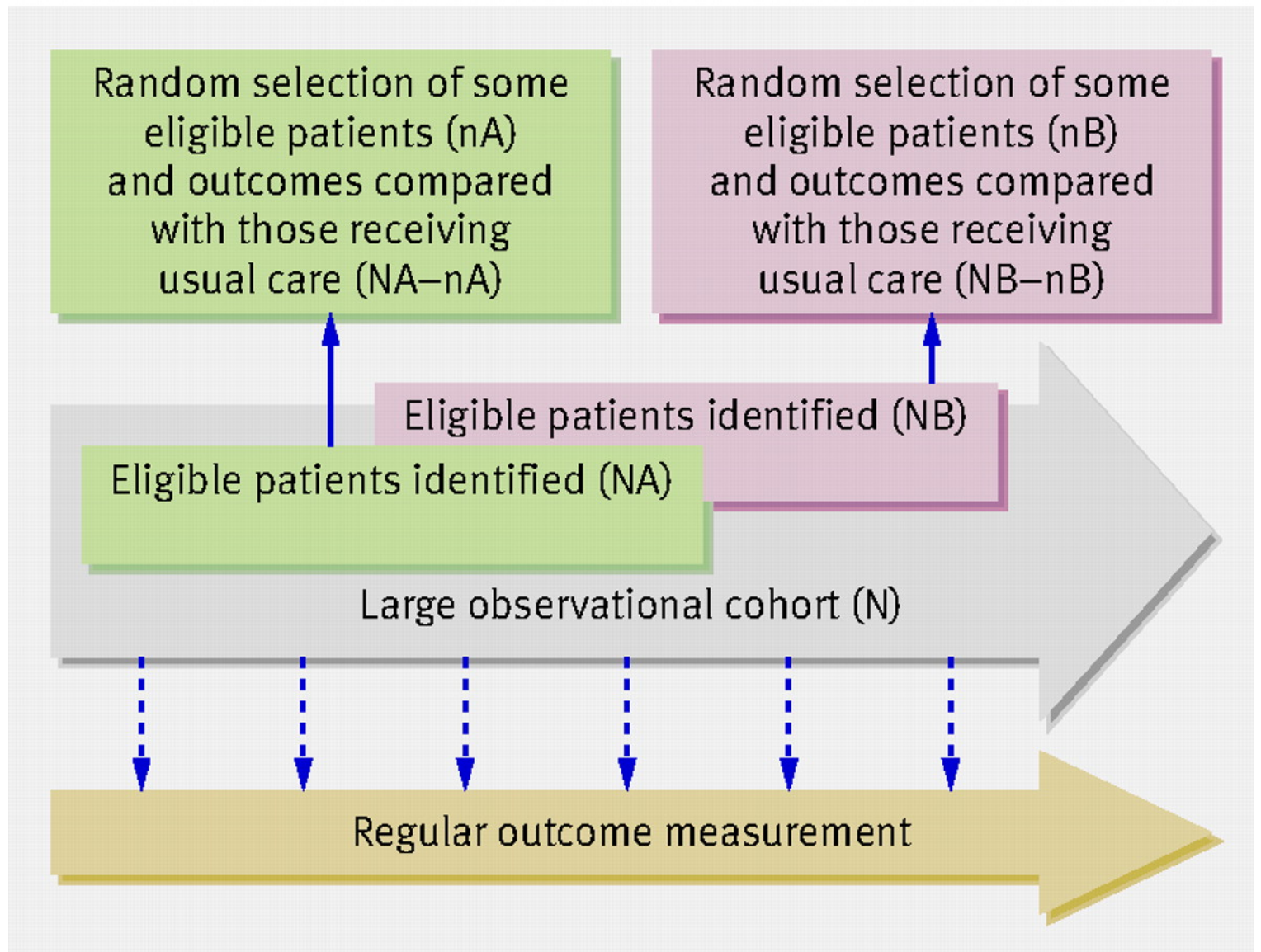
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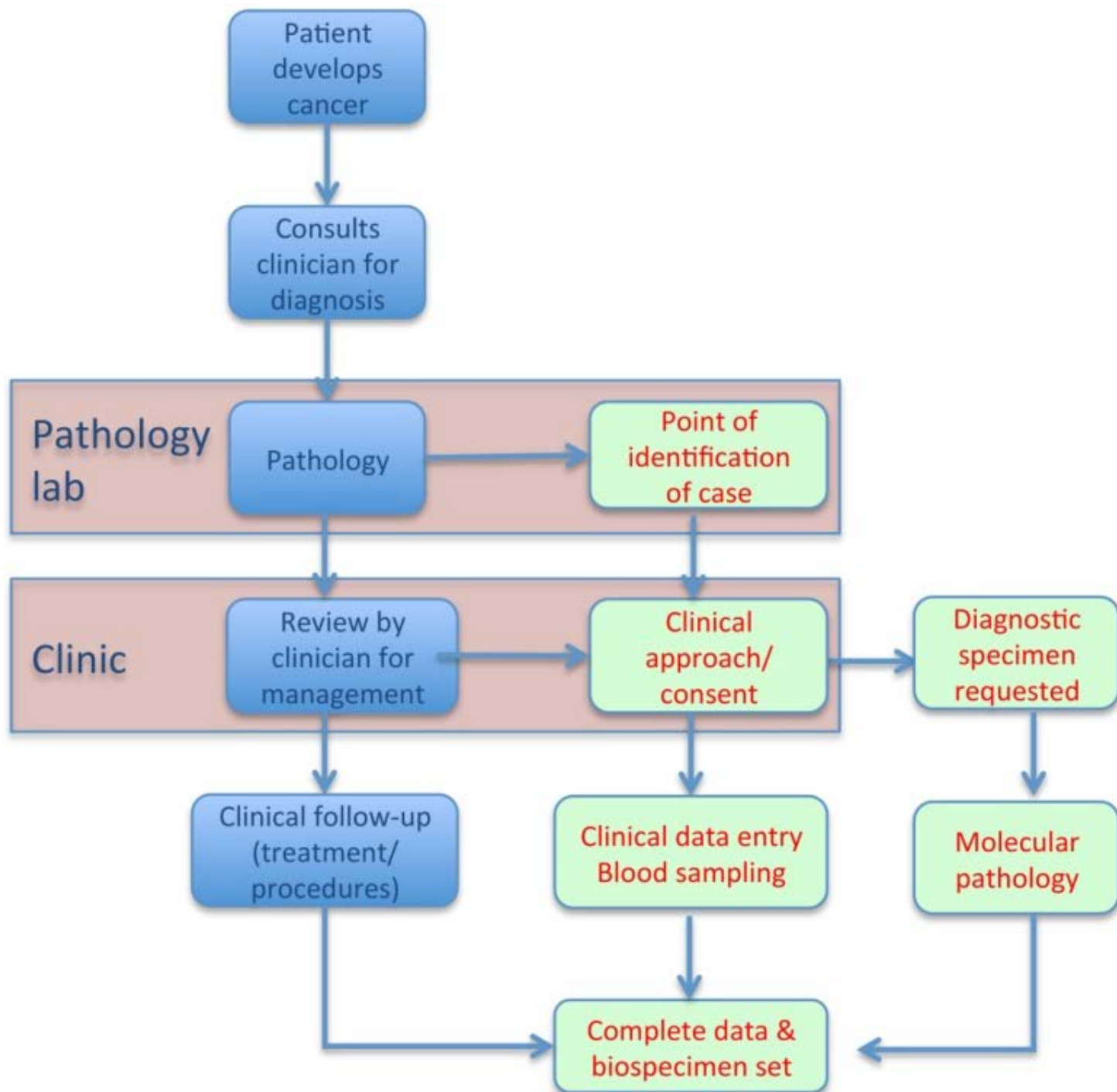
Tissue

Blood

PROMs

(Relton et al,
2010)





Summary

- Data for postapproval evaluation of agents may be hard to come by.
- Most postapproval studies have yet to confirm preliminary results used to substantiate initial approval.
- Cancer registries may aid in collecting impactful data on well-defined outcomes of interest in postapproval evaluation and observational studies.



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