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# ***KRAS G12C*—An Emerging Biomarker and Novel Investigational Target in NSCLC**

# Agenda

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Review the evolving NSCLC landscape, including actionable and emerging biomarkers

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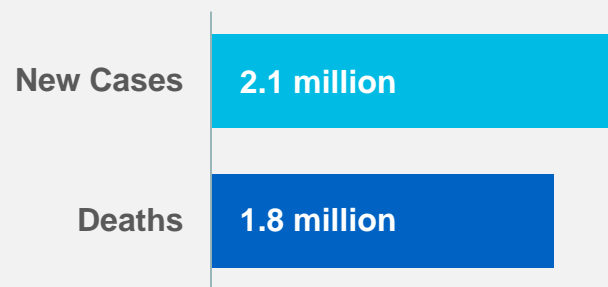
Raise awareness that *KRAS G12C* is the most prevalent emerging molecular target in NSCLC and define patient and tumor characteristics

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Discuss clinical guideline recommendations for molecular testing at diagnosis of NSCLC

# Lung Cancer Is the Leading Cause of Cancer Death<sup>1</sup>

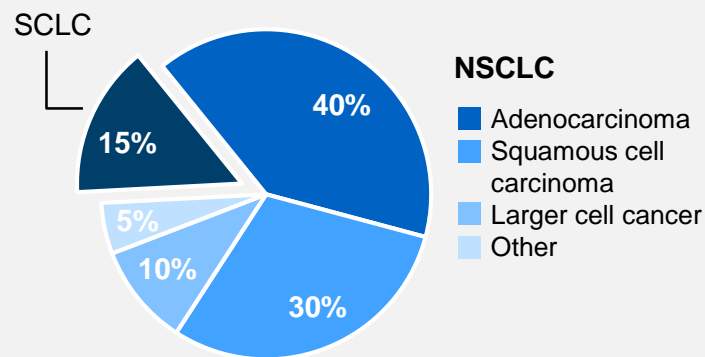
## Global Statistics



Number of Estimated Cases

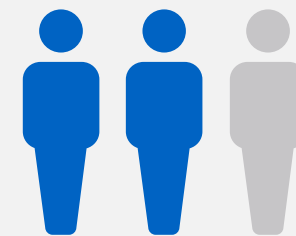
**2.1 million new cases** and **1.8 million deaths** due to lung cancer were estimated in 2018, representing **18.4% of cancer-related mortality**<sup>1</sup>

## Histological Subtypes



NSCLC accounts for **80%–85%** of all lung cancer cases with adenocarcinoma being the most common subtype<sup>2-5</sup>

## Late Diagnosis



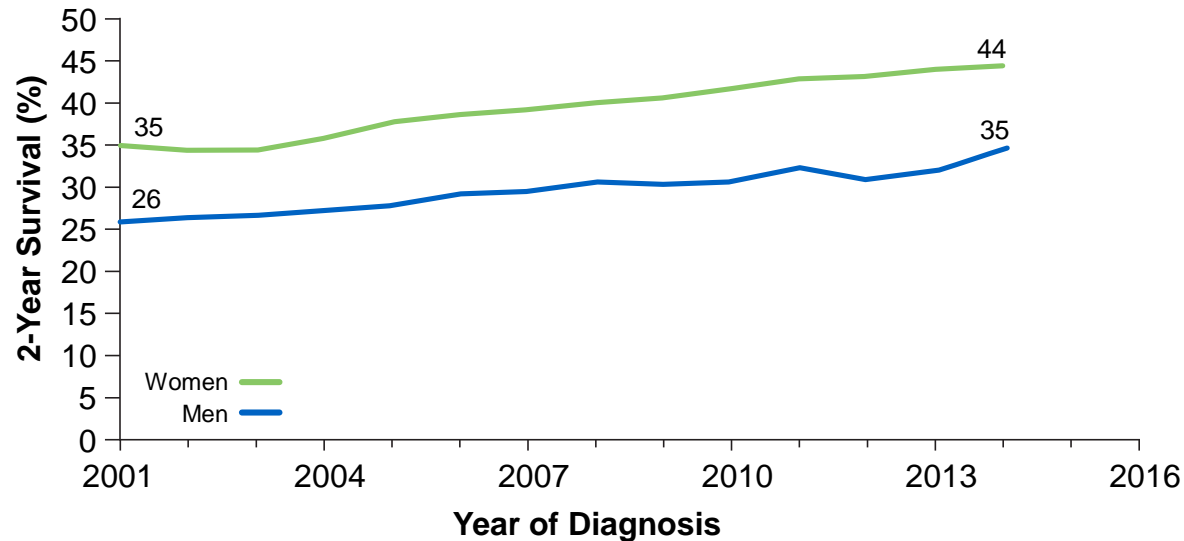
Most NSCLC patients (**66%**) are diagnosed with advanced or metastatic disease<sup>6</sup>

NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; SCLC, small cell lung cancer.

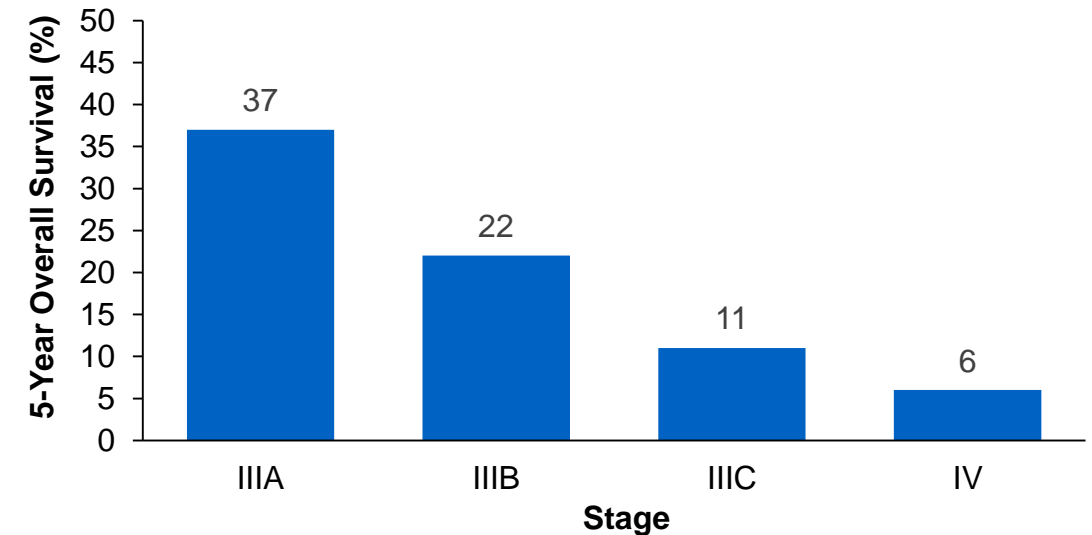
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# Despite Recent Treatment Advancements, Opportunities Remain to Improve Outcomes for Patients With NSCLC<sup>1-5</sup>

2-Year Survival by Year of NSCLC Diagnosis<sup>1</sup>



5-Year OS in Patients With Late-Stage NSCLC<sup>5</sup> (1999-2010)



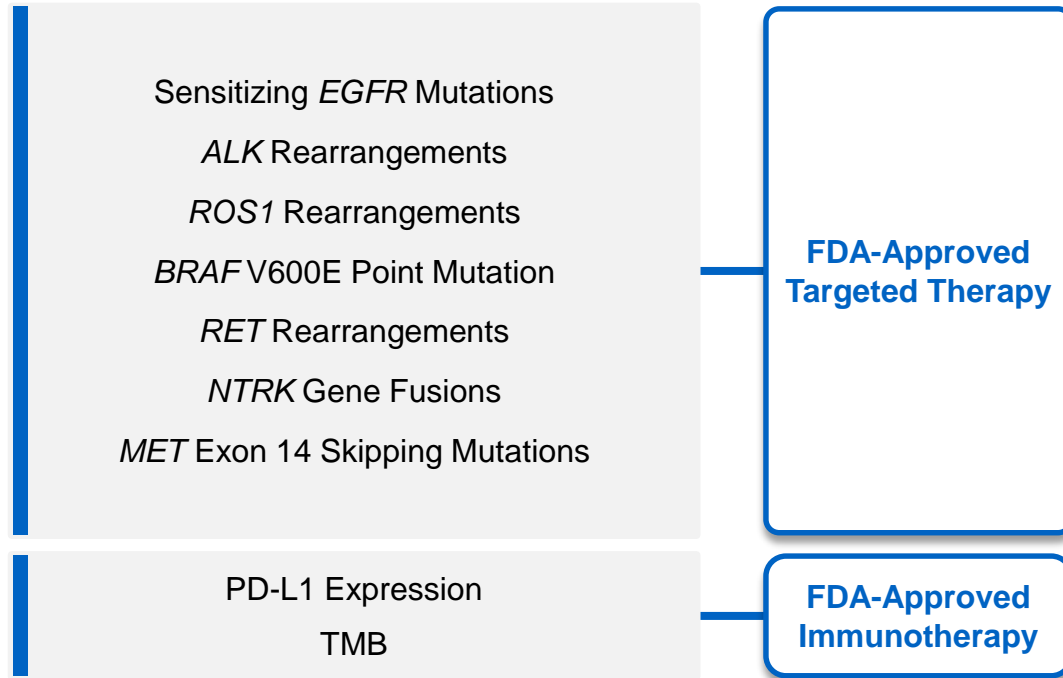
**Survival rates for patients with NSCLC are improving;  
however, 5-year survival is only 6% for patients with metastatic disease<sup>1,5</sup>**

NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; OS, overall survival.

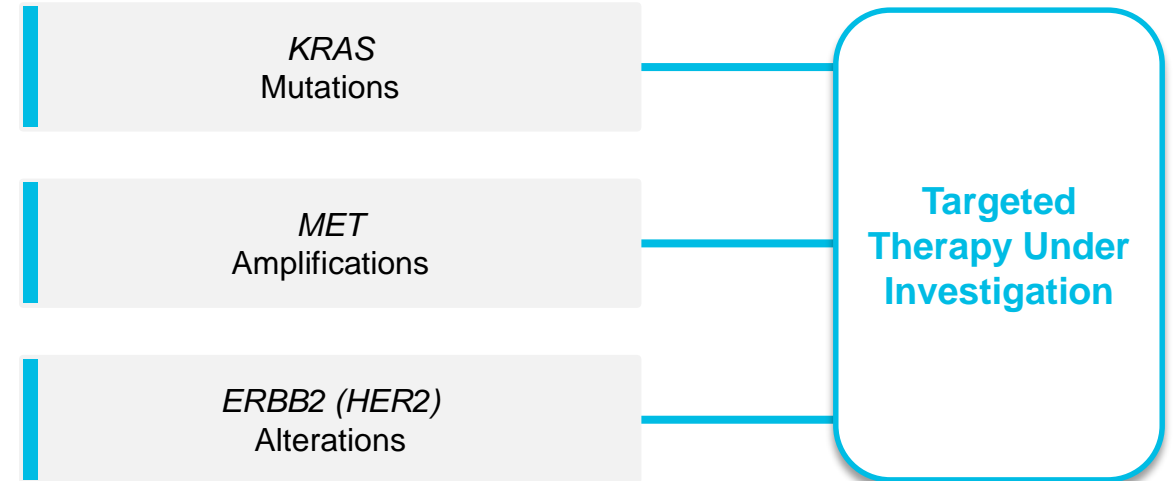
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# NSCLC Is a Heterogeneous Disease With an Increasing Number of Actionable and Emerging Biomarkers<sup>1,2</sup>

## Actionable Biomarkers in NSCLC<sup>3-7</sup>



## Emerging Biomarkers Currently Under Investigation in NSCLC<sup>4,8</sup>

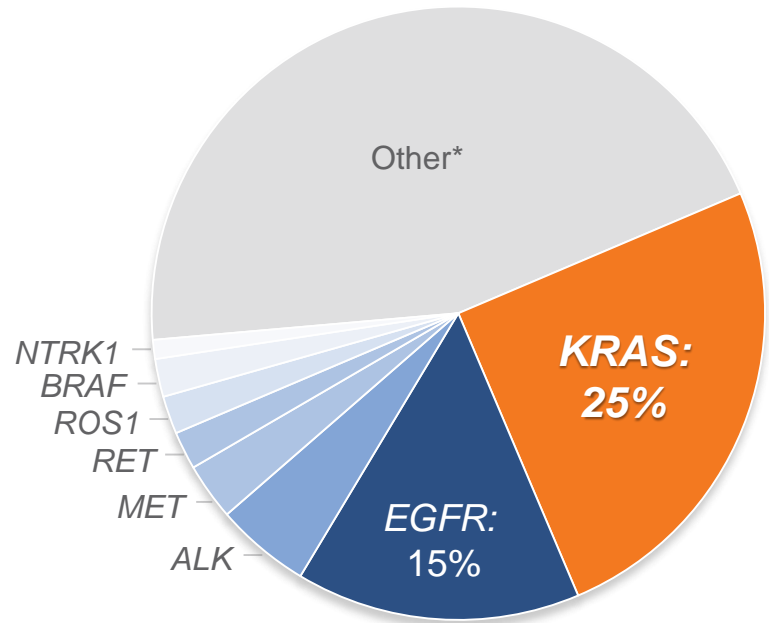


**Greater understanding of NSCLC heterogeneity has driven personalized approaches to patient management<sup>2</sup>**

ALK, anaplastic lymphoma kinase; BRAF, proto-oncogene B-Raf; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; ERBB2, erb-B2 receptor tyrosine kinase 2; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; KRAS, Kirsten rat sarcoma; MET, mesenchymal-to-epithelial transition; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; NTRK, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase; PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand 1; RET, rearranged during transfection; ROS1, c-ros oncogene 1; TMB, tumor mutational burden.

1. Skoulidis F, et al. *Nat Rev Cancer*. 2019;19:495-509. 2. Pennell NA, et al. *Am Soc Clin Oncol Educ Book*. 2019;39:531-542. 3. American Cancer Society. <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/lung-cancer/treating-non-small-cell/targeted-therapies.html>. Accessed August 24, 2020. 4. Pakkala S, et al. *JCI Insight*. 2018;3:e120858. 5. Food and Drug Administration. <https://www.fda.gov>. Accessed August 21, 2020. 6. Food and Drug Administration. <https://www.fda.gov>. Accessed August 21, 2020. 7. Food and Drug Administration. <https://www.fda.gov>. Accessed August 19, 2020. 8. Nagasaka M, et al. *Cancer Treat Rev*. 2020;84:101974.

# KRAS G12C Is the Most Prevalent Emerging Molecular Target in NSCLC<sup>1,2</sup>



**KRAS** is one of the most prevalent driver mutations in lung adenocarcinomas<sup>1</sup>

## KRAS G12C in NSCLC



**13% (1 in 8)** of patients with NSCLC have the **KRAS G12C** mutation, which is comparable to the prevalence of **EGFR** mutations (15%)<sup>1,2</sup>

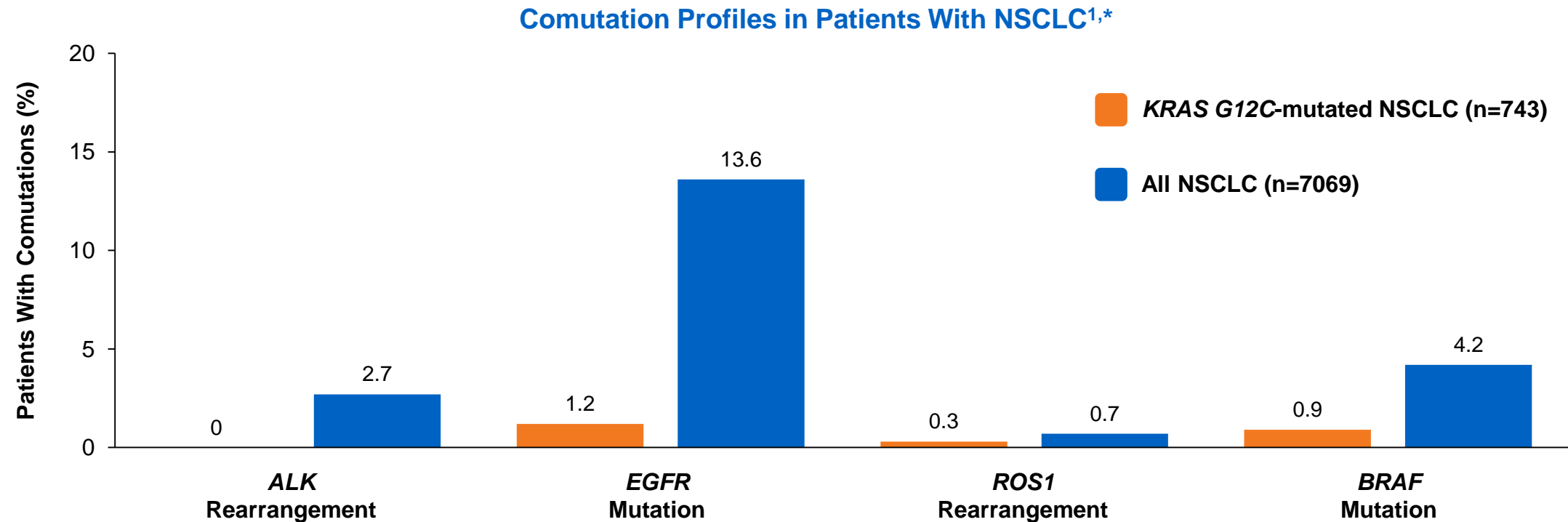
Identifying driver mutations in NSCLC allows for the potential for personalized medicine<sup>1</sup>

\*"Other" includes HER2, PIK3CA, MEK1, and patients with no driver mutation detected, but does not include TMB or MSI-H.<sup>1</sup>

ALK, anaplastic lymphoma kinase; BRAF, proto-oncogene B-Raf; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; HER2; human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; KRAS, Kirsten rat sarcoma; MEK1, mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 1; MET, mesenchymal-to-epithelial transition; MSI-H, microsatellite instability-high; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; NTRK1, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase 1; PIK3CA, phosphoinositide 3-kinase, catalytic, alpha polypeptide; RET, rearranged during transfection; ROS1, c-ros oncogene 1; TMB, tumor mutational burden.

1. Pakkala S, et al. *JCI Insight*. 2018;3:e120858. 2. Data on file, Amgen; 2020.

# The *KRAS* G12C Mutation Rarely Overlaps With Actionable Driver Mutations<sup>1</sup>



Since *KRAS* mutations do not usually overlap with actionable driver mutations, patients with a *KRAS* G12C mutation are unlikely to be eligible for therapies targeting these other specific mutations<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>\*</sup>A retrospective study of 743 adult patients with advanced NSCLC treated in the Flatiron Health network between 2011 and 2019 with a *KRAS* G12C mutation detected via FoundationOne<sup>®</sup> tumor sequencing.<sup>1</sup>

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# KRAS G12C-Mutated NSCLC Tumors Are Heterogeneous<sup>1</sup>

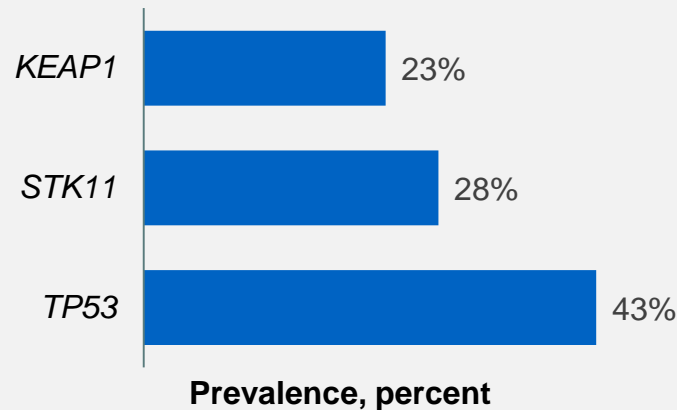
## The KRAS G12C Mutation Can Occur Regardless of Patient Characteristics



While *KRAS G12C* mutations are more common in patients with nonsquamous histology, ever-smokers, and Caucasian patients, they can be found in any patient with NSCLC<sup>2-4</sup>

## Comutations Contribute to the Heterogeneity of KRAS G12C Tumors

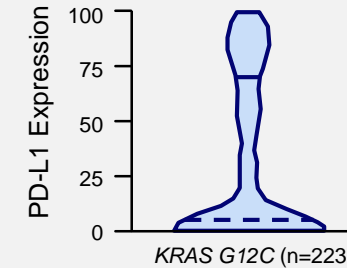
Patterns of Co-occurring Mutations in *KRAS G12C*-mutated NSCLC



*TP53*, *STK11*, and *KEAP1* mutations occur frequently in *KRAS G12C*-mutated NSCLC<sup>1</sup>

## KRAS G12C Tumors Demonstrate Varying Levels of PD-L1 Expression

PD-L1 Expression in Patients With *KRAS G12C*



PD-L1 Expression	% in Patients With <i>KRAS G12C</i>
0	48%
1%–49%	25%
≥ 50%	27%

Patients with *KRAS G12C* mutations have a range of PD-L1 expression; however, more than 60% of patients have no or low PD-L1 expression (< 49%)<sup>1</sup>

KEAP1, kelch-like ECH-associated protein 1; KRAS, Kirsten rat sarcoma; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand 1; STK11, serine/threonine kinase 11; TP53, tumor protein p53.

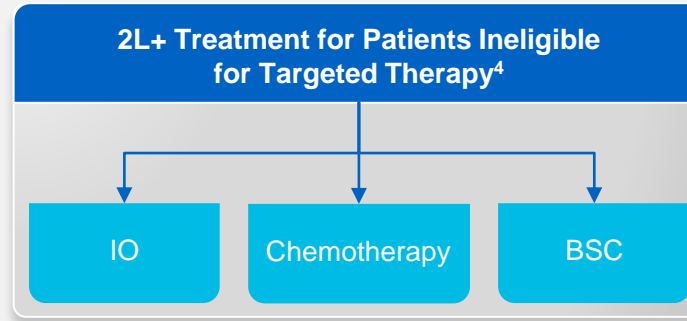
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# Patients With *KRAS* G12C Advanced NSCLC Have Limited Treatment Options Following Frontline Treatment<sup>1,2</sup>



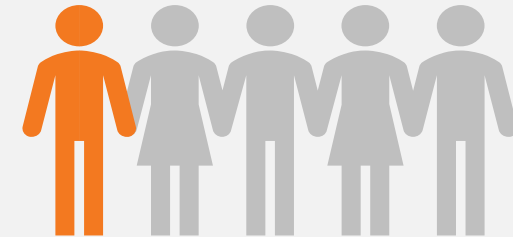
There are no currently approved therapies specifically targeting the *KRAS* G12C mutation<sup>3</sup>



Platinum-based chemotherapies and immunotherapy are the most common treatments<sup>2</sup>

**1 in 5**

advanced NSCLC patients with *KRAS* G12C mutations do not receive systemic therapy<sup>1</sup>

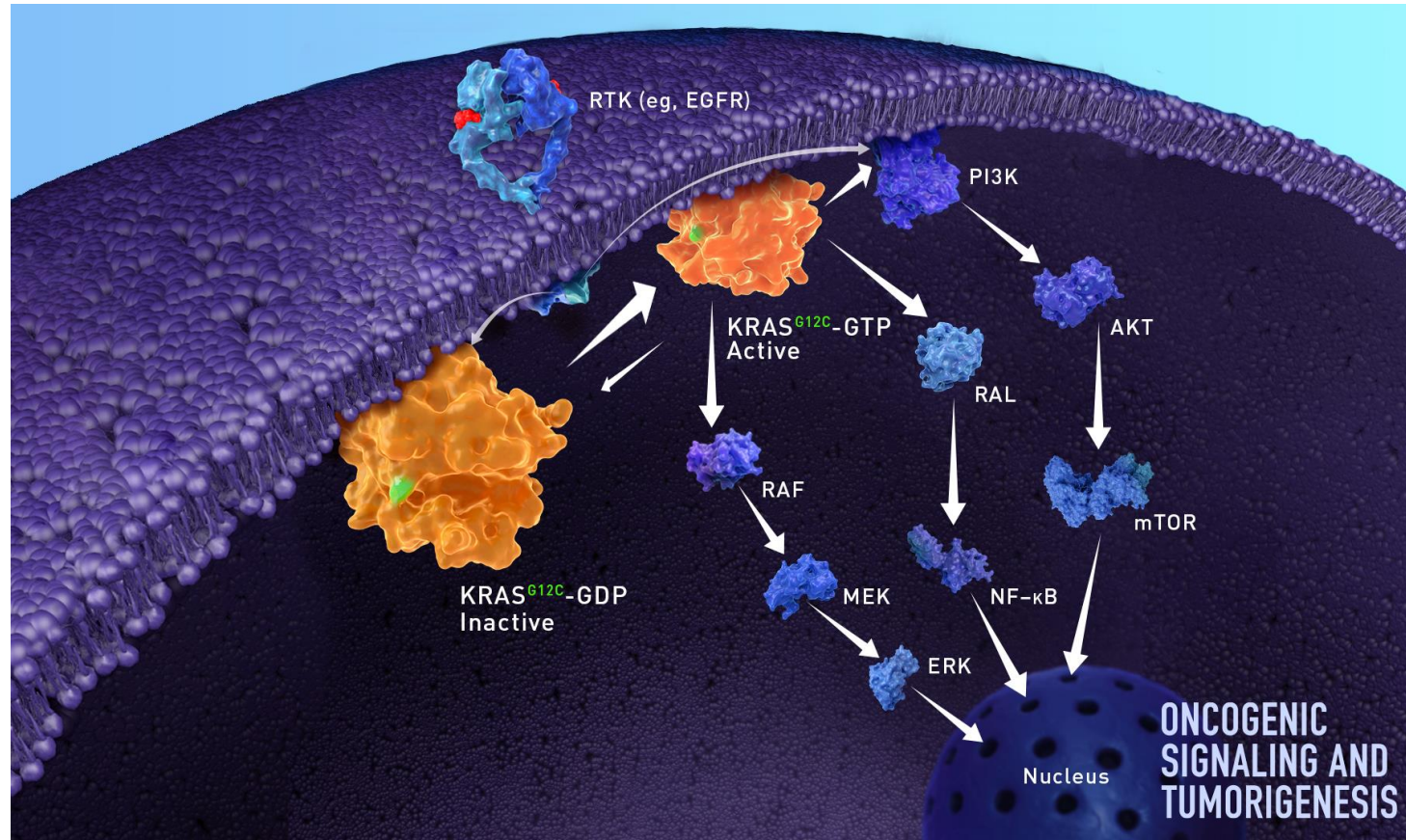


Patients may only receive best supportive care, potentially due to more advanced disease, comorbidities, and poor performance status<sup>5,6</sup>

2L, second line; BSC, best supportive care; IO, immunotherapy; *KRAS*, Kirsten rat sarcoma; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer.

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# KRAS G12C Drives Cancer Cell Growth and Survival<sup>1-5</sup>



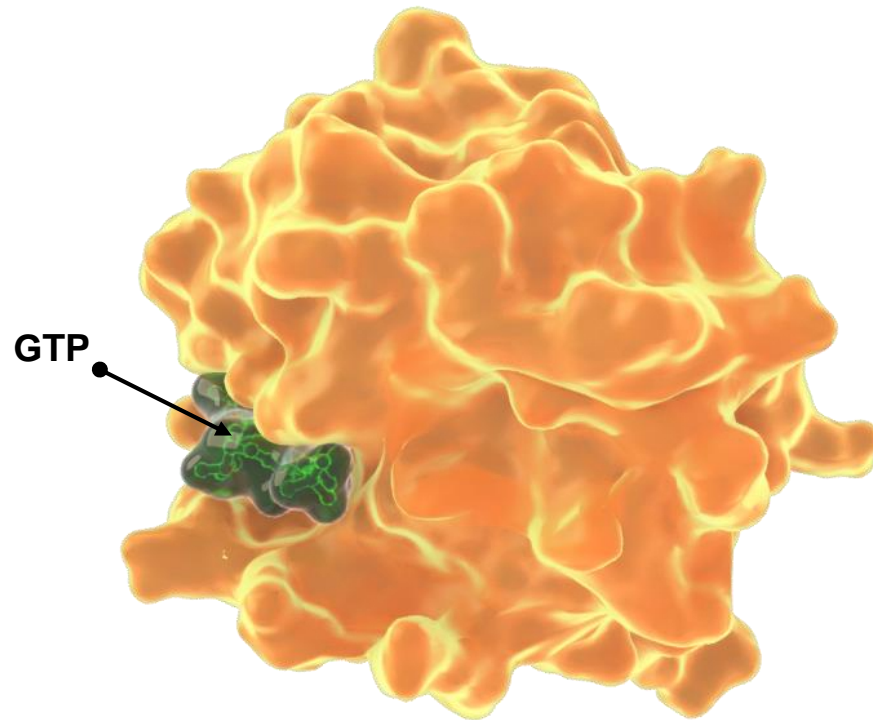
- The KRAS pathway regulates cellular **proliferation, differentiation, and survival**<sup>1,2,6</sup>
- **KRAS G12C** is a **single point mutation at codon 12**, which causes the glycine to be substituted with a cysteine<sup>7,8</sup>
- The **KRAS G12C** mutation favors the active form of the KRAS mutant protein, **supporting tumorigenesis**<sup>1,3</sup>

AKT, protein kinase B; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; ERK, extracellular signal-regulated kinase; GDP, guanosine diphosphate; GTP, guanosine triphosphate; KRAS, Kirsten rat sarcoma; MEK, mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase; mTOR, mammalian target of rapamycin; NF-κB, nuclear factor kappa-light-chain-enhancer of activated B cells; PI3K, phosphoinositide 3-kinase; RAF, rapidly accelerated fibrosarcoma; RAL, Ras-like; RTK, receptor tyrosine kinase.

1. Ryan MB, et al. *Nat Rev Clin Oncol*. 2018;15:709-720. 2. Simanshu DK, et al. *Cell*. 2017;170:17-33. 3. Neel NF, et al. *Genes Cancer*. 2011;2:275-287. 4. Ahmadzadeh T, et al. *J Clin Med*. 2018;7:153. 5. Ferrer I, et al. *Lung Cancer*. 2018;124:53-64. 6. Barbacid M. *Annu Rev Biochem*. 1987;56:779-827. 7. Cox AD, et al. *Nat Rev Drug Discov*. 2014;13:828-851. 8. Ihle NT, et al. *J Natl Cancer Inst*. 2012;104:228-239.

# Despite Nearly Four Decades of Scientific Efforts, Targeting KRAS Has Been One of Cancer Research's Toughest Challenges<sup>1</sup>

## Wild-Type KRAS



**Lack of surface pockets**  
makes tight binding of small molecules difficult<sup>1</sup>

**Competitive inhibition is challenging**  
due to the high affinity binding of GTP to KRAS<sup>1</sup>

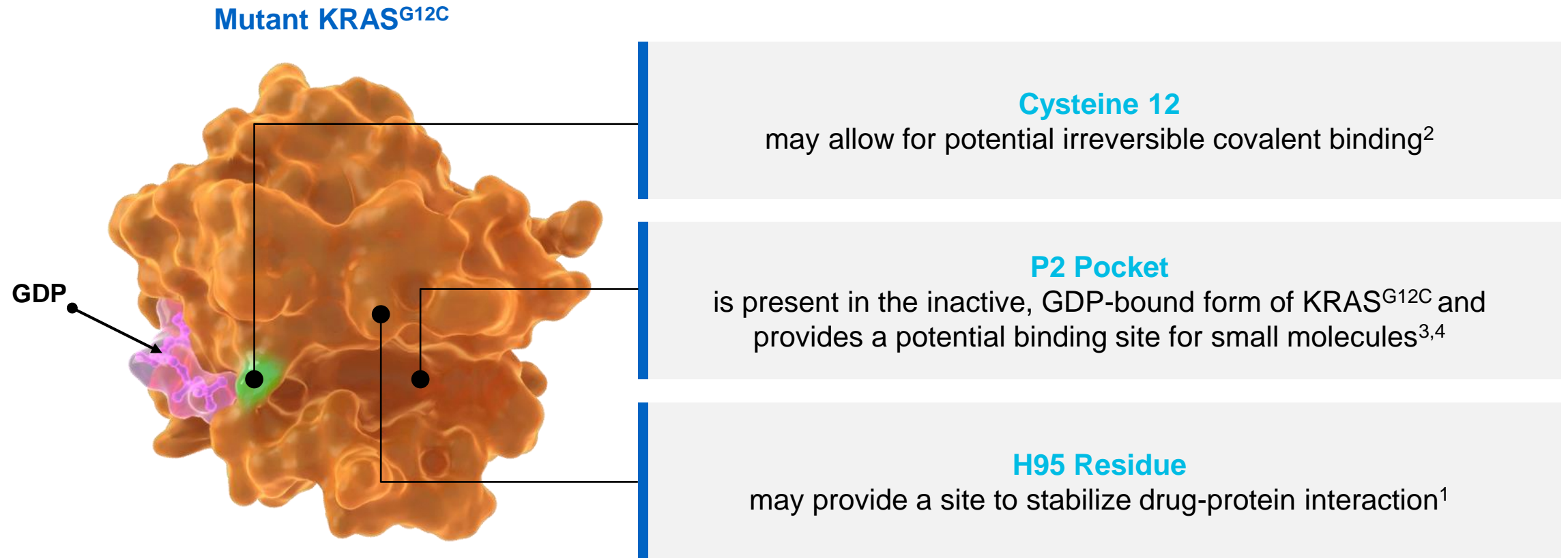
**Nonselective binding to wild-type KRAS**  
can inhibit wild-type KRAS and adversely affect normal cellular signaling<sup>2</sup>

GTP, guanosine triphosphate; KRAS, Kirsten rat sarcoma.

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# Investigating the Structure of KRAS<sup>G12C</sup> Reveals Unique Features of the Mutant Protein<sup>1</sup>

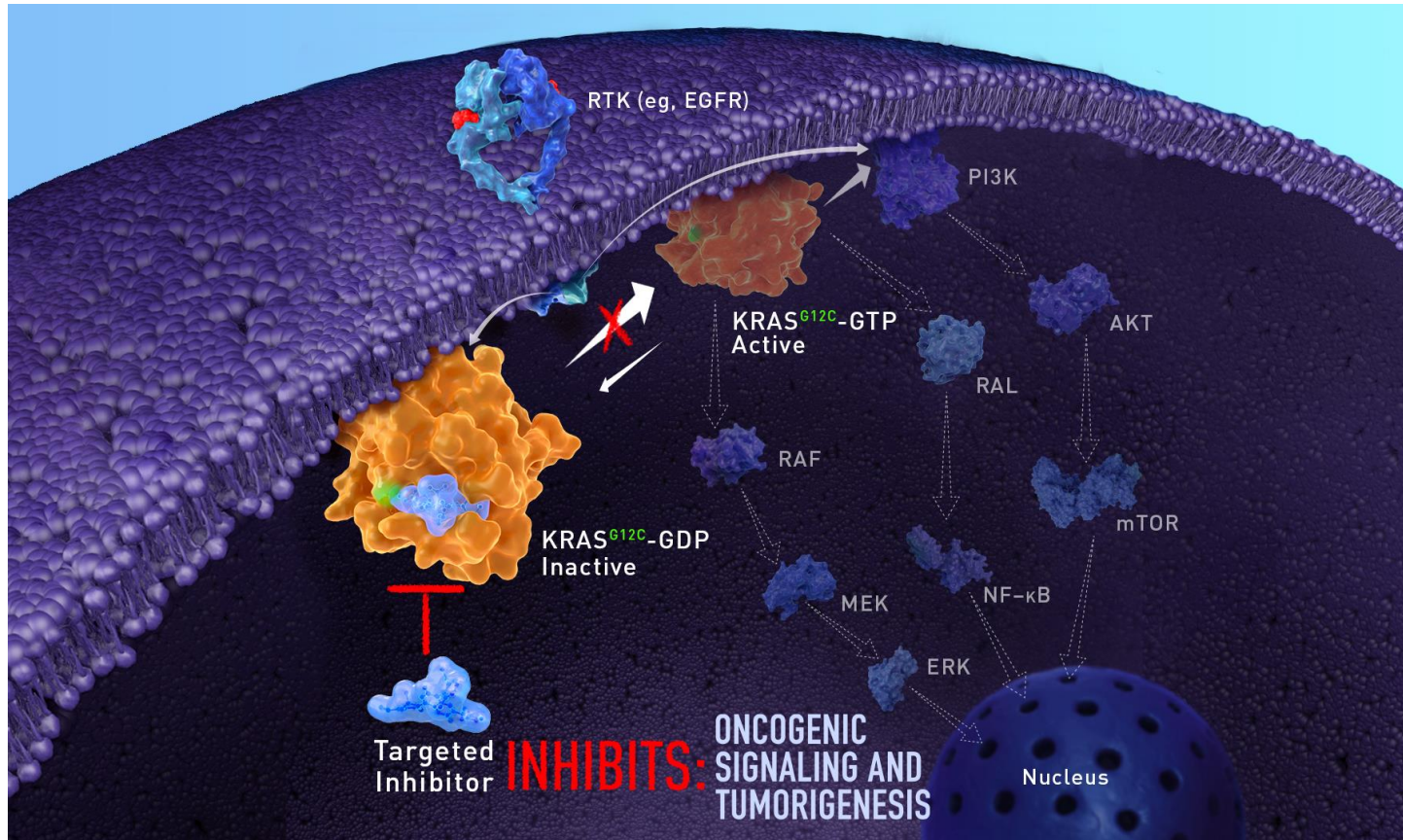


GDP, guanosine diphosphate; KRAS, Kirsten rat sarcoma.

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# Inhibition of KRAS<sup>G12C</sup> Represents an Important Therapeutic Approach in NSCLC and Is Currently Under Investigation<sup>1-7</sup>



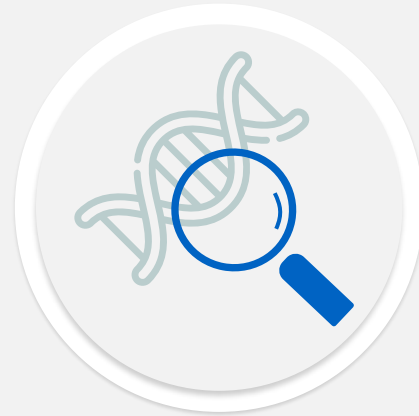
Targeted inhibitors could selectively lock the KRAS<sup>G12C</sup> mutant protein in the inactive state, **blocking oncogenic signaling** without affecting wild-type KRAS signaling<sup>1,8</sup>

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# Molecular Testing at Diagnosis Is Essential to Assessing Treatment Options in Patients With Advanced NSCLC<sup>1-3</sup>



Clinical guidelines recommend molecular testing in advanced NSCLC<sup>2,4,5</sup>



Comprehensive molecular testing allows for **selection of appropriate targeted therapies**<sup>2</sup>

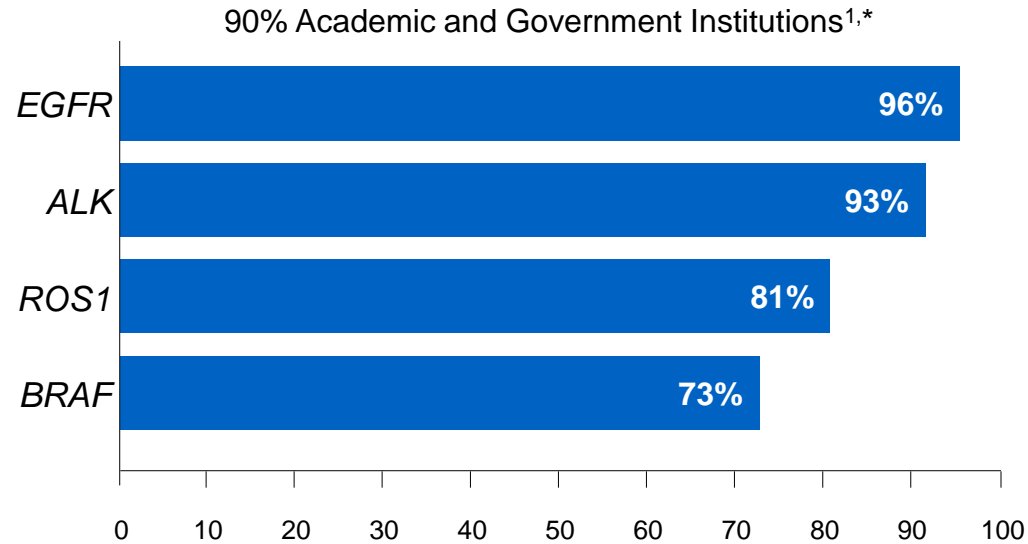
**Identification of biomarkers at diagnosis of advanced NSCLC can guide selection of appropriate treatments and improve patient care<sup>1,3</sup>**

1L, first line; 2L, second line; IO, immunotherapy; mOS, median overall survival; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer.

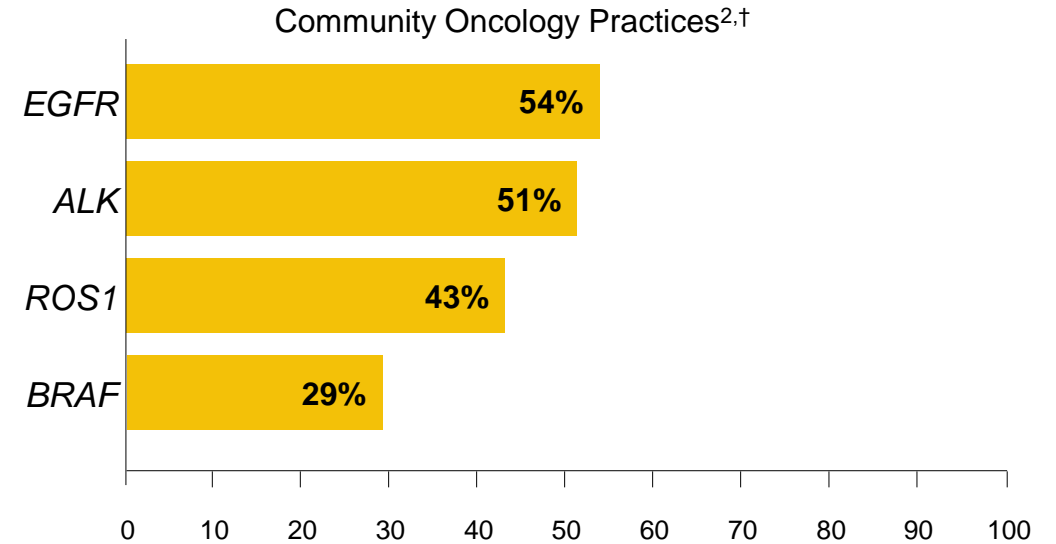
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# There Remains a Need to Improve Molecular Testing Rates in NSCLC<sup>1,2</sup>

## Reported Rates of Biomarker Testing



Respondents Requesting Molecular Testing for a Given Biomarker, %



Respondents Requesting Molecular Testing for a Given Biomarker, %

Only the minimum necessary biomarkers recommended in guidelines at the time of survey initiation are shown.<sup>3,4</sup>

Between 2017 and 2019, only **22%** of patients in community oncology practices were tested for all 4 of the guideline-recommended biomarkers (N=1203)<sup>2,†</sup>

\*IASLC international survey initiated in 2018 of HCPs from 102 countries (n=121 respondents from the US/Canada) involved in lung cancer care (N=2537): 43% academic, 47% government, 21% private, 5% other.<sup>1</sup> †A retrospective study analyzing genomic testing patterns in patients with advanced NSCLC from 2017–2019.<sup>2</sup>

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# KRAS Testing in NSCLC Is Recommended by Clinical Guidelines<sup>1-3</sup>

## CAP/IASLC/AMP Guidelines for NSCLC<sup>1</sup>

Single-gene or expanded panel *KRAS* testing recommended

## ASCO Guidelines for NSCLC<sup>2</sup>

Expanded panel *KRAS* testing recommended

## NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines<sup>®</sup>) for NSCLC<sup>3</sup>

Single-gene or expanded panel *KRAS* testing may be useful\*

**Consider including *KRAS* in your NSCLC biomarker panel**

\*The NCCN Guidelines for NSCLC state that *KRAS* is a prognostic biomarker and also state, "Owing to the low probability of overlapping targetable alterations, the presence of a known activating mutation in *KRAS* identifies patients who are unlikely to benefit from further molecular testing."

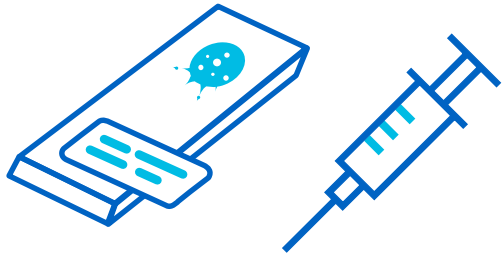
AMP, Association for Molecular Pathology; ASCO, American Society of Clinical Oncology; CAP, College of American Pathologists; IASLC, International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer; *KRAS*, Kirsten rat sarcoma; NCCN, National Comprehensive Cancer Network; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer.

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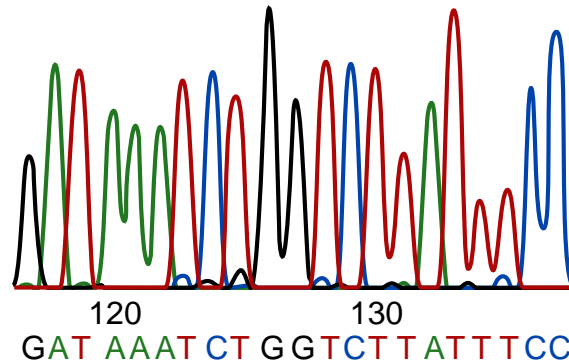
# The *KRAS* G12C Mutation Can Be Detected With Established Molecular Testing Platforms<sup>1,2</sup>

## Sample Collection



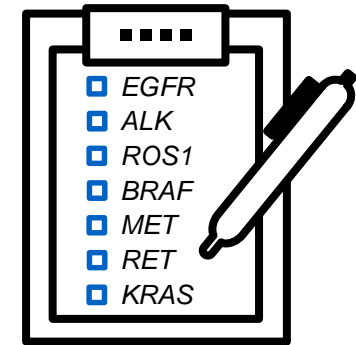
*KRAS* G12C can be detected using either **tissue or liquid biopsy** samples<sup>3</sup>

## Testing Platform



*KRAS* G12C can be detected by **single-gene testing** (eg, PCR) or by **expanded gene panels** (eg, NGS)<sup>1,2</sup>

## Test Reports



Many expanded panels **already include** **KRAS** mutations (eg, FoundationOne<sup>®</sup> CDx, Oncomine<sup>™</sup> Dx Target Test, Guardant360<sup>®</sup> CDx\*)<sup>1,4-7</sup>

**You may already have *KRAS* G12C results for your patients with NSCLC<sup>1,4-7</sup>**

\*Tests listed include FDA-approved companion diagnostic tests in NSCLC that can detect *KRAS* mutations as of August 2020.<sup>8</sup> The tests identified herein are examples of tests that are currently in use and are provided for educational and informational purposes only. This is not a comprehensive list, nor an endorsement by Amgen to use any specific test, but rather a list of FDA-approved tests that are more widely known and commonly used. *KRAS*, Kirsten rat sarcoma; NGS, next-generation sequencing; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; PCR, polymerase chain reaction.

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# Summary



NSCLC is a heterogeneous disease characterized by multiple molecular alterations that can inform treatment options<sup>1-3</sup>



*KRAS G12C* is one of the most prevalent driver mutations in NSCLC, occurring in ~1 in 8 of patients, comparable to EGFR mutations<sup>3,4</sup>



*KRAS*<sup>G12C</sup> inhibition may represent an important therapeutic approach in NSCLC that is currently under investigation<sup>5</sup>



Guidelines recommend molecular testing in advanced NSCLC; including testing for emerging biomarkers like *KRAS* mutations<sup>2,6,7</sup>

EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; KRAS, Kirsten rat sarcoma; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer.

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