

# Optimizing Precision Medicine in Cancer: Tumor Agnostic Treatment of TRK Fusion-Positive Cancers

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The case-based live activity will cover the treatment and management of patients with TRK fusion-positive cancer.

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This activity is designed to educate community medical oncologists, pediatric medical oncologists, pathologists, oncology nurses and other healthcare providers involved in the care of patients with advanced TRK fusion-positive cancers in adults and children.

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After completing the CME activity, learners should be better able to:

- Describe the pathogenesis driven by TRK pathway mutations across multiple tumor types
- Discuss the clinical trial data for both children and adults who have TRK fusion positive solid tumors treated with TRK inhibition
- Review current treatment and testing guidelines for TRK fusion driven tumors for both children and adults

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# **Program Agenda**

# I. Pathogenesis of TRK Fusions, Independent of Tumor Type

- a. What is a TRK fusion mutation?
  - i. Advances in biology and therapeutic targeting of TRK signaling
  - ii. Genomic aberrations involving NTRK
- b. NTRK fusion gene structures and tumor types
  - i. Variety of solid tumors are driven by fusion mutations
- c. Detection
  - i. Testing for TRK fusions (RNA sequencing, FISH, Pan-TRK IHC, etc)

# II. NCCN Guideline Evidence-Based Recommendations to Optimize Treatment for TRK Fusion Driven Cancers

- a. Targeted therapy: activity of first-generation TRK inhibitors
  - i. TRK inhibitors background and mechanisms
    - Larotrectinib clinical trials data review
    - Entrectinib clinical trials data review
  - ii. On-target side effects
- b. Resistance and sequential TKI therapy
- c. Future/investigational agents
  - Repotrectinib
  - Selitrectinib

# III. Integrated Approach to Treating TRK Fusion-Positive Cancers

- a. Multidisciplinary care
- b. Case Studies

## **IV.** Conclusions

# V. Questions & Answers

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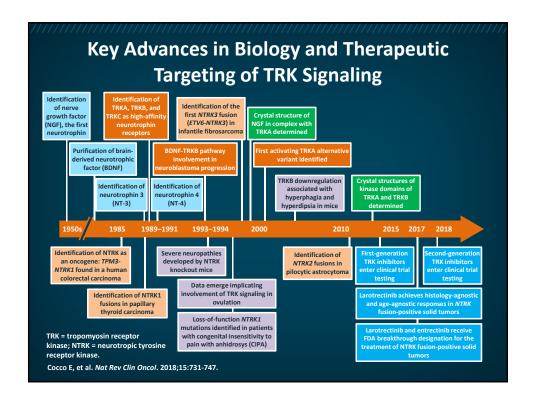
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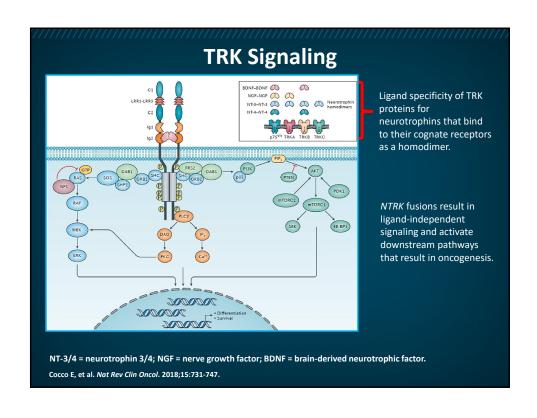
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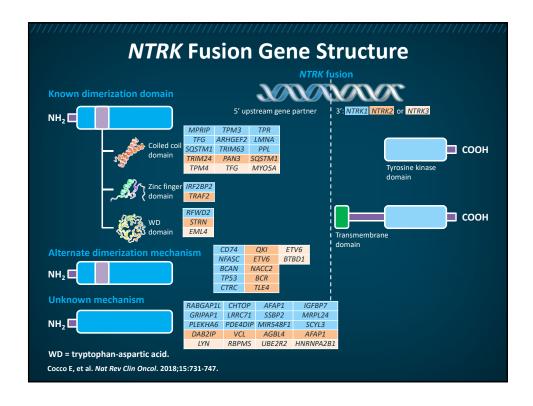
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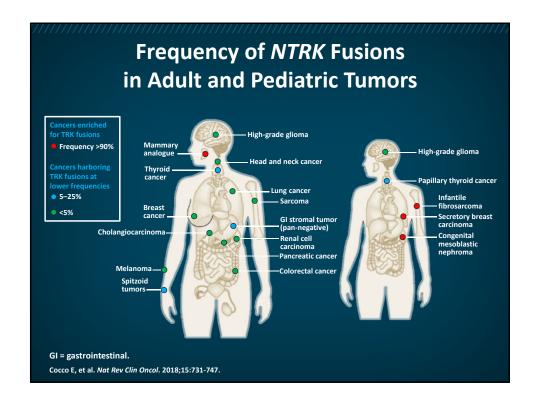
- Describe TRK fusion oncogenesis
- Identify tumors that harbor TRK fusions
- Discuss clinical trials for both children and adults with TRK fusion-positive solid tumors treated with TRK inhibition
- Review current treatment and testing guidelines for TRK fusiondriven tumors for children and adults

# Pathogenesis









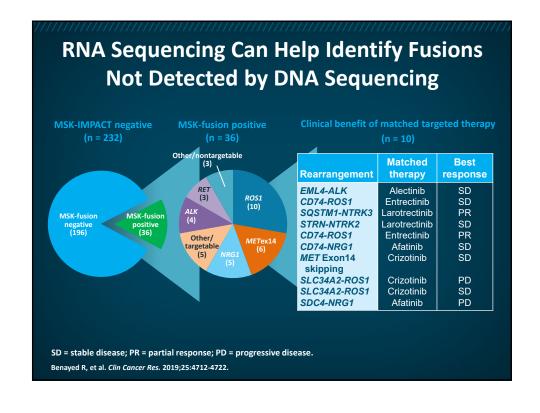
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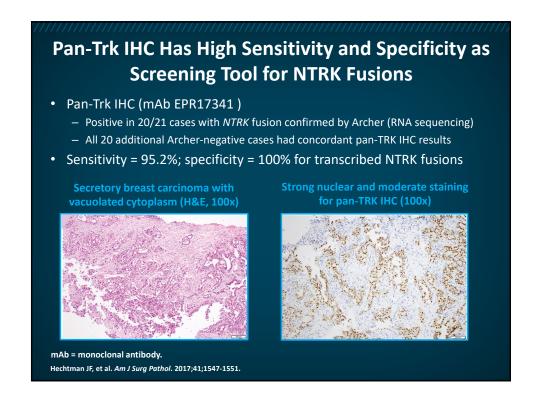
# **Testing for TRK Fusions**

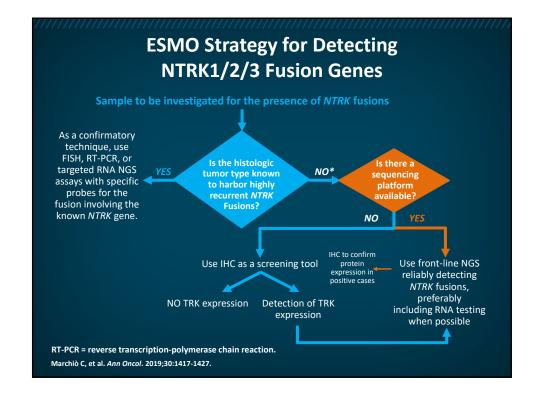
- Unlike somatic mutation assessment, NTRK fusion detection is not as straightforward.
- Various assays exist that interrogate DNA, RNA, and protein
  - IHC
  - FISH
  - RNA/DNA sequencing
  - Pan-TRK immunohistochemistry
- Assay selection can depend on tumor type and genes involved, available material, and assay accessibility/payer coverage.

DNA = deoxyribonucleic acid; RNA = ribonucleic acid; IHC = immunohistochemistry; FISH = fluorescence *in situ* hybridization.

### **Features of Techniques to Detect NTRK Rearrangements** Method **Detection of** Sensitivity Specificity **Screening Fusions** Partner **Expression** IHC High\* High<sup>†</sup> No Yes Yes Yes—protein FISH<sup>‡</sup> High High One per No No probe Yes—RNA High High Yes **RNA** seq Yes NGS DNA sea‡ Moderate High Yes Yes No Yes When payer coverage is not an issue, the best method to maximize NTRK fusion identification is NGS, preferably with both a DNA and RNA component. \*False negatives reported mainly in NTRK3 fusions; †In the absence of smooth muscle/neuronal differentiation; ‡Detected rearrangements by DNA-based assays may not result in fusions, and correlation with surgical pathology and predicted transcript (for sequencing) is needed. NGS = next-generation sequencing. Marchiò C, et al. Ann Oncol. 2019;30:1417-1427.



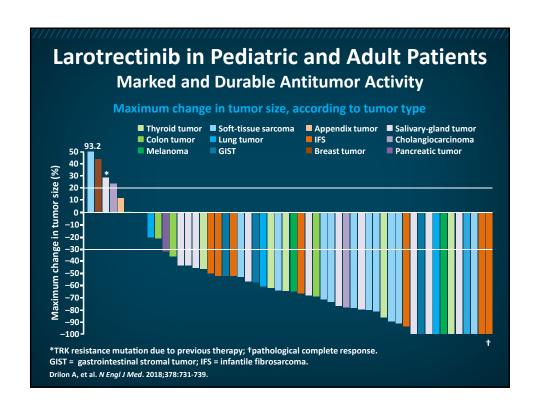


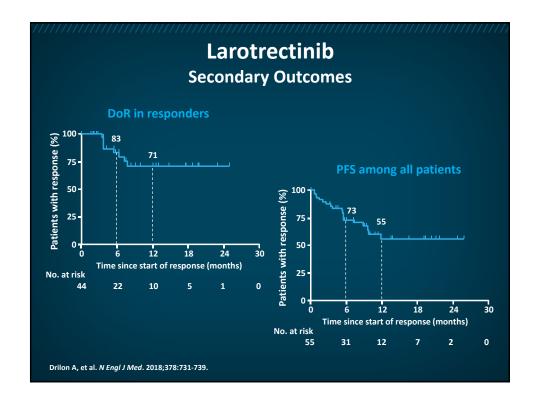


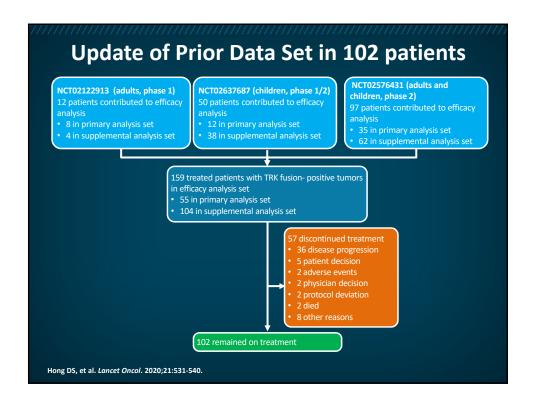
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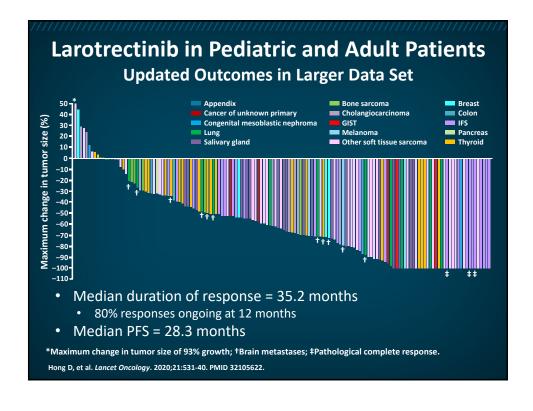
# **TRK Inhibition: Background** 1st-generation TRK inhibitors were granted landmark, tumor-agnostic approvals in 2018 (larotrectinib) and 2019 (entrectinib) **TRK Inhibitors** Larotrectinib Entrectinib Selitrectinib\* Repotrectinib\* Generation **First** Second Inhibits TRKA/B/C ROS1 **√ ALK** Resistance Inhibits most NTRK resistance mutations Not FDA approved. Drilon A. Ann Oncol. 2019;30(suppl 8):viii23-viii30.

# Larotrectinib—Selective TRK Inhibitor Antitumor Activity in TRK Fusion-Positive Cancers Methods • First study released — 55 patients, aged 4 months to 76 years, with TRK fusion-positive cancers • 3 protocols — Phase 1 study of adults — Phase 1—2 study of children — Phase 2 study of adolescents and adults • Primary endpoint = overall response rate • Secondary endpoints = DoR, PFS, safety DOR = duration of response; PFS = progression-free survival Drilon A, et al. N Engl J Med. 2018;378:731-739.





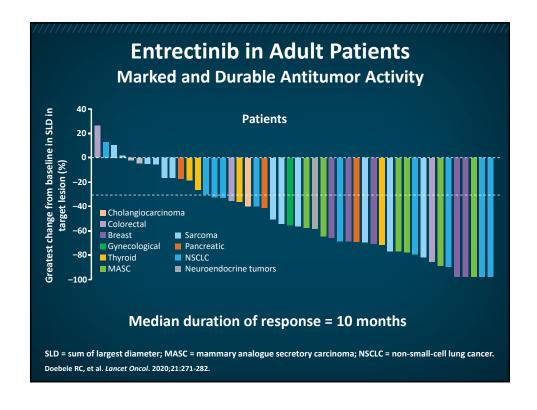


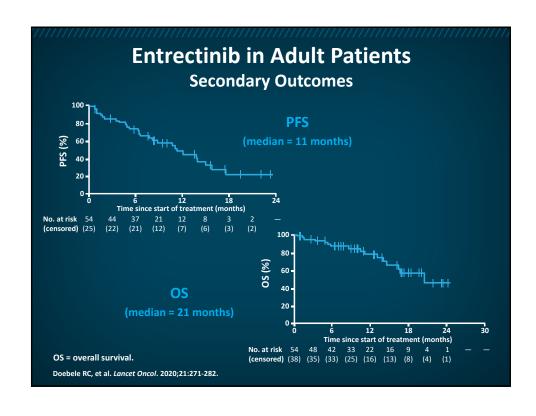


### **Entrectinib**—Multikinase TRK Inhibitor • 3 phase 1/2 clinical trials: ALKA-372-001, STARTRK-1, and STARTRK-2 54 pts ≥18 years (adults) with metastatic or locally advanced NTRK fusion-positive solid tumors who received entrectinib ≥600 mg/d **Activity Outcomes** Efficacy-evaluable Patients with baseline CNS disease population No Yes (n = 54)(n = 12) (n = 42)Patients achieving a 31 (57%) 6 (50%) 25 (60%) response, n (%) Best overall response, n (%) 4 (7%) 4 (10%) CR PR 27 (50%) 6 (50%) 21 (50%) SD 9 (17%) 4 (33%) 5 (12%) PD 4 (7%) 4 (10%) 3 (6%) 3 (7%) Non-CR or PD Missing or unevaluable 7 (13%) 2 (17%) 5 (12%) 12.9 (7.1–NE) 12.0 (8.7–15.7) Median DoR, mo, (95% CI) 10.4 (7.1-NE) NE 11.2 (8.0–14.9) 7.7 (4.7-NE) Median PFS, mo (95% CI)

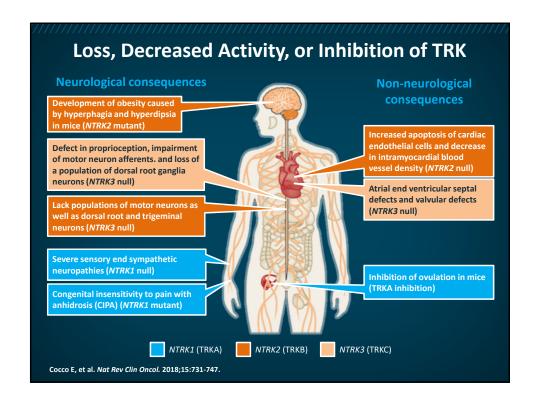
CNS = central nervous system; CR = complete response; mo = month(s); NE = not estimable.

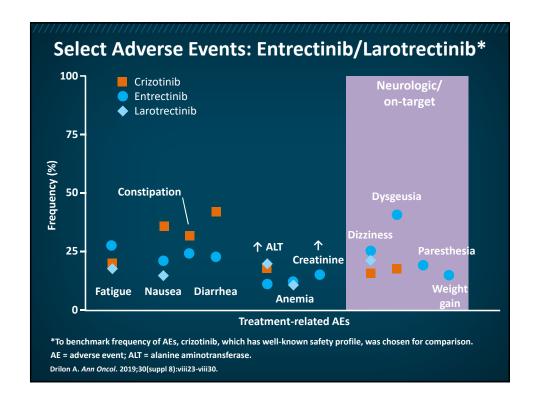
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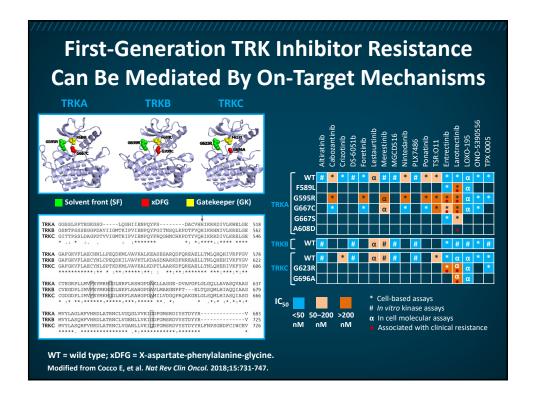












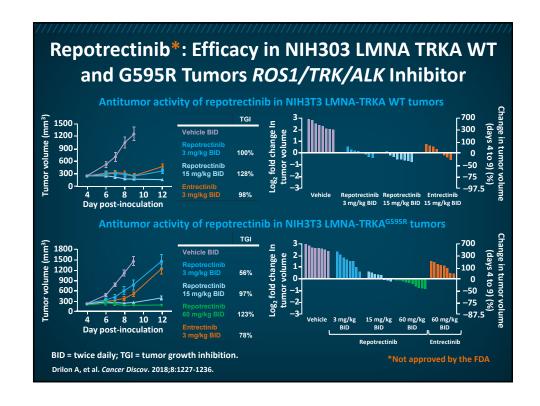
# Repotrectinib\*—Next Generation Multikinase TRK Inhibitor

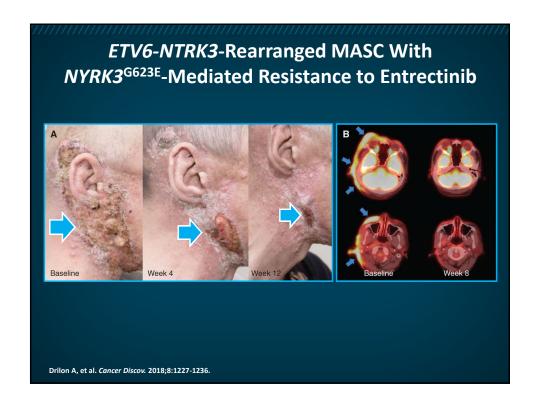
- Use of TKI with activity against ROS1/TRK/ALK can result in significant benefit in tumors harboring ALK, ROS1, or NTRK1-3 rearrangements, but resistance invariably develops
- The emergence of on-target kinase domain mutations is a major mechanism of acquired resistance
- Repotrectinib (TPX-0005)
  - A rationally designed, LMW, macrocyclic TKI
  - Selective and highly potent against ROS1, TRKA-C, and ALK
  - Exhibits activity against several solvent-front substitutions in vitro and in vivo

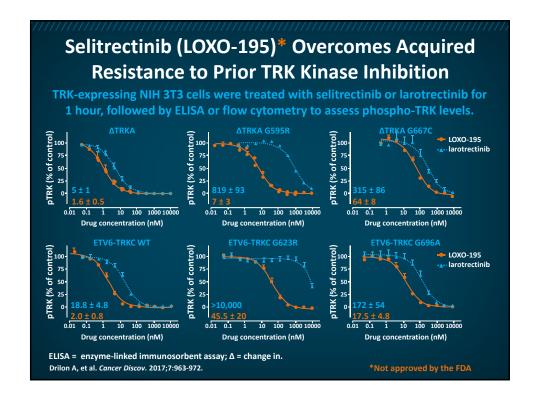
TKI = tyrosine kinase inhibitor; LMW = low molecular weight.

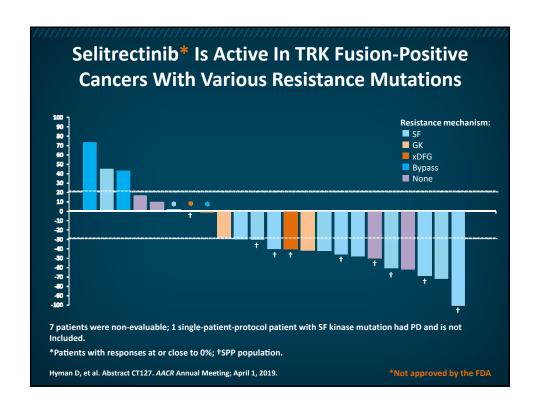
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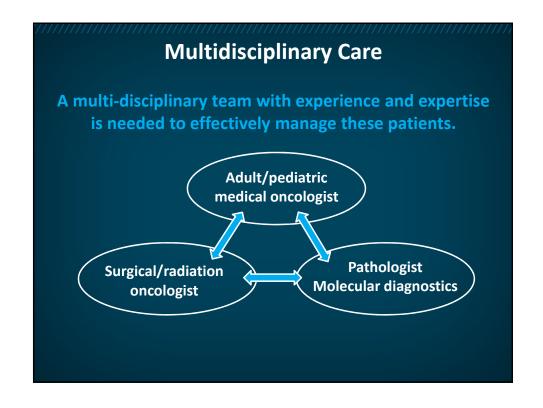


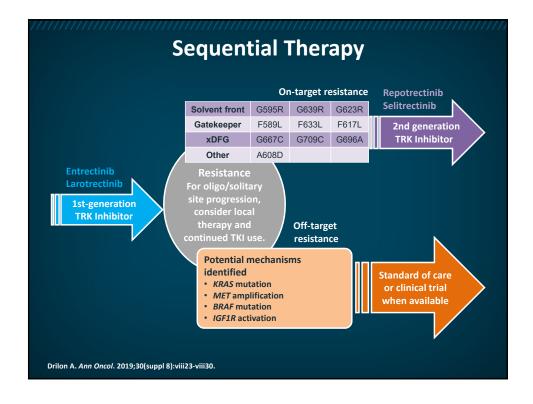






# Integrated Approach to Treating TRK Fusion-Positive Cancers





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# **Case Two: Presentation**

- A 42-year-old female with widely metastatic melanoma is found to harbor an NTRK1 fusion in her cancer. She is treated with entrectinib with a durable 3-year response, followed by a subsequent progression.
- Which of the following statements is true?
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  - b) Larotrectinib
  - c) Standard-of-care chemotherapy
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# **Case Two: Treatment**

- Repotrectinib is initiated on trial. The patient responds to therapy; however, a year later, her weight starts to progressively increase. A physical exam is unremarkable for fluid retention. No intervention has yet been tried.
- Which of the following statements is true?
  - a) Weight gain is an on-target consequence of TRK TKI therapy.
  - b) Dose modification should not be considered in patients with refractory TRK inhibitor-related weight gain.
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# **Conclusions**

- NTRK fusions, encoding TRK-fusion proteins, are oncogenic drivers of adult and pediatric tumors, which has supported a basket-trial approach to drug development
- These fusions are found at high frequencies in rare cancer types and lower frequencies in other tumor types
- TRK fusions are clinically actionable, ie, 1st-generation TRK inhibitors (larotrectinib or entrectinib) result in histology- and age-agnostic activity
- Resistance to TRK inhibition can be mediated by the acquisition of NTRK kinase domain mutations for which 2nd-generation TRK inhibitors (selitrectinib and repotrectinib) have been developed
- TRK inhibitors are well-tolerated; occasional on-target adverse effects are predictable

Cocco E, et al. Nat Rev Clin Oncol. 2018;15:731-747.

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# **Resources and Societies**

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American Cancer Society	https://www.cancer.org/
American Society of Clinical Oncology	https://www.asco.org/
National Cancer Institute	https://www.cancer.gov/
National Comprehensive Cancer Network -	https://www.nccn.org/professionals/physicia
Guidelines	n_gls/default.aspx