

## ECHO SERIES

### Precision Medicine in Action:

Using Thyroid Cancer Biomarkers to Match the Right Patient  
with the Right Treatment at the Right Time

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## **PROGAM AGENDA**

- I. Thyroid cancer overview**
  - a. Epidemiology
  - b. Histological subtypes
  - c. Pathophysiology and disease course
  - d. Traditional standard of care therapies for advanced thyroid cancer
  - e. Advantages and disadvantages associated with the traditional watch and wait approach
- II. Molecular/Genomic alterations associated with thyroid cancer**
  - a. RET mutations as an example
  - b. Types of tests available to detect actionable molecular/genomic alterations in patients with thyroid cancer
  - c. Guidance on which tests should be used, when they should be used, and which patients should be tested
  - d. Best practices pertaining to processes and workflows for the integration of routine molecular/genomic testing into clinical practice
- III. Applying precision medicine approaches to the treatment of patients with advanced thyroid cancer**
  - a. Available targeted therapeutic options for patients with advanced thyroid cancer
  - b. Efficacy and safety profiles of available and emerging targeted therapeutic options for patients with advanced thyroid cancer
  - c. Integrating available and emerging targeted therapeutic options for patients with advanced thyroid cancer into clinical practice
- IV. Conclusion and questions and answers**

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This case-based live virtual activity will cover the treatment and management of patients with thyroid cancer.

**TARGET AUDIENCE**

This educational activity is intended for oncologists and endocrinologists as well as pathologists, along with their multidisciplinary teams in academic centers and the community setting who are especially challenged in keeping up with the most current data on new/emerging less commonly occurring genomic alterations, genomic testing methodologies, and optimal treatment decisions for patients with thyroid cancer.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Utilize best practices for identifying actionable thyroid cancer molecular/genomic alterations in routine clinical practice
- Integrate available and emerging targeted treatment options into routine clinical practice for the treatment of patients with advanced thyroid cancer based on results showing actionable molecular/genomic alterations

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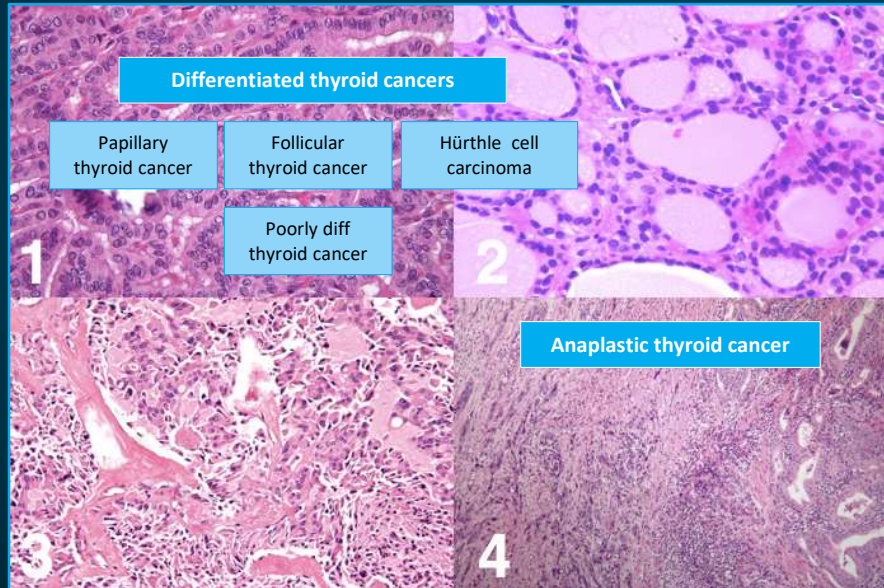
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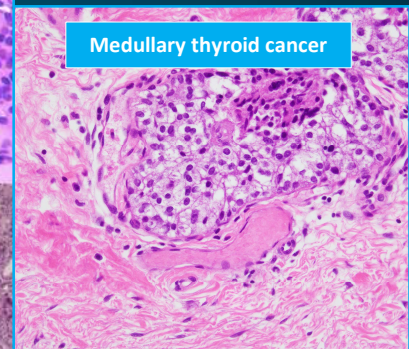
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# The Array of Thyroid Cancers

## Follicular Derived cancers

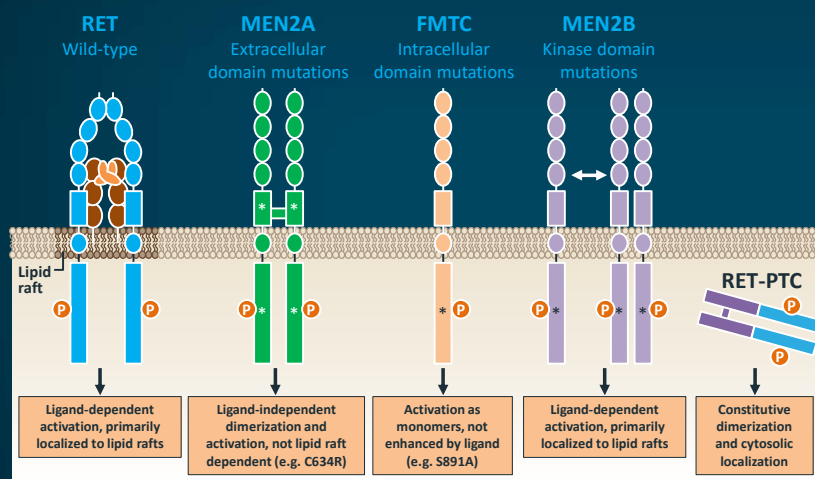


## Parafollicular C-cell derived



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## RET Proto-Oncogene



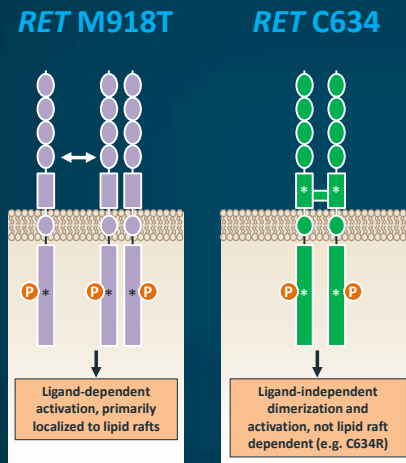
- *RET* proto-oncogene encodes transmembrane receptor tyrosine kinase
- Activated in thyroid cancer via 2 distinct mechanisms:
- *RET* mutations in cysteine-rich extracellular or kinase domains
- Gene rearrangement → fusion of *RET* to 5' upstream partner
- Both → ligand-independent signaling & oncogenesis

Mulligan, *Nature Rev Cancer*, 2014; Subbiah, et al. *J Clin Oncol*, 2020

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## Most Common *RET* Alterations in Medullary Thyroid Cancer (MTC)



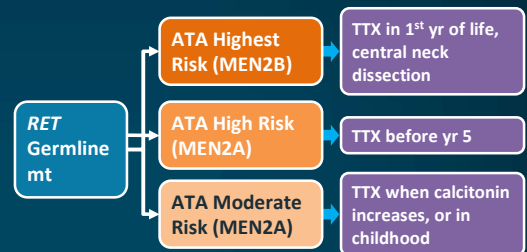
- *RET* mutations drive 60% of MTCs
- 20% of MTC are hereditary – all patients have germline *RET* mutations
- 50% of sporadic MTCs harbor somatic *RET* mutations
- *RET* M918T most common somatic mutation
- Germline *RET* M918T occurs in nearly all MEN 2B patients
- Germline *RET* C634 most common hereditary mutation (MEN 2A)
- *RET* C634 can also occur somatically

Ciampi, et al. *iScience*, 2019; Mulligan, *Nature Rev Cancer*, 2014

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## Genotype-Phenotype Correlation in Hereditary *RET*

<i>RET</i> mutation	Exon	MTC risk level	Incidence of PHEO	Incidence of HPTH	CLA	HD
G533C	8	MOD	+	–	N	N
C609F/G/R/S/Y	10	MOD	+/++	+	N	Y
C611F/G/S/Y/W	10	MOD	+/++	+	N	Y
C618E/R/S	10	MOD	+/++	+	N	Y
C620F/R/S	10	MOD	+/++	+	N	Y
C630R/Y	11	MOD	+/++	+	N	N
D631Y	11	MOD	+++	–	N	N
C634F/G/R/S/W/Y	11	H	+++	++	Y	N
K666E	11	MOD	+	–	N	N
E768D	13	MOD	–	–	N	N
L790F	13	MOD	+	–	N	N
V804L	14	MOD	+	+	Y	N
V804M	14	MOD	+	+	N	N
A883F	15	H	+++	–	N	N
S891A	15	MOD	+	+	N	N
R912P	16	MOD	–	–	N	N
M918T	16	HST	+++	–	N	N

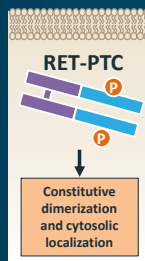


Phay, *Semin Surg Oncol*, 2000; Wells, *Thyroid*, 2015

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## RET Fusion-Driven Thyroid Cancer

### CCDC6-RET

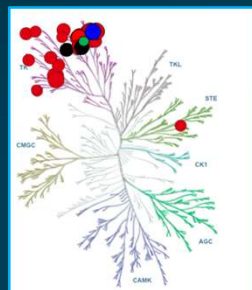


- *RET* fusions in < 10% of papillary thyroid cancers (PTCs)
- Seen less commonly in poorly differentiated and anaplastic thyroid cancers
- More frequent in pediatric and young adult PTCs, ~30%
- 58% in pediatric Chernobyl-induced cancers
- *CCDC6-RET* (*RET/PTC1*) & *NCOA4-RET* (*RET/PTC3*) are most common fusions
- More than twenty 5' fusion partners have now been described

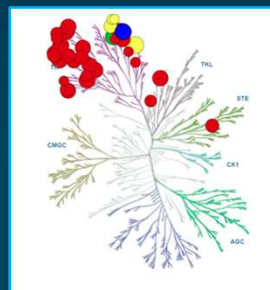
TCGA, *Cell*, 2014; Vanden Borre, *Oncologist*, 2017; Ricarte-Filho, *J Clin Invest*, 2013

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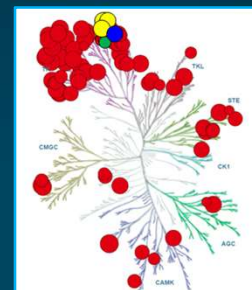
## Kinome Selectivity For MKIs With RET Activity



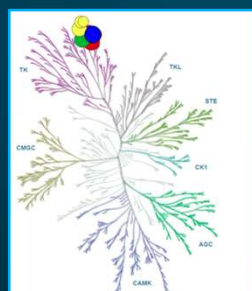
**cabozantinib**



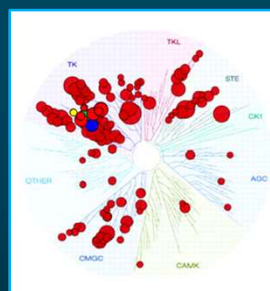
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**ponatinib**



**lenvatinib**

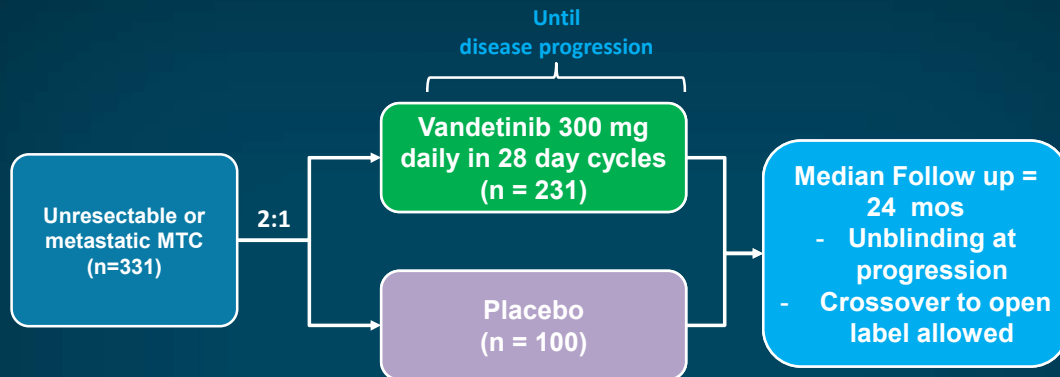


**RXDX-105**

- RET
- KDR/VEGFR2
- FGFR1-3/EGFR
- MET/ALK/ROS
- Other kinases

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## Vandetinib in Metastatic Medullary Thyroid Cancer



### Key eligibility criteria

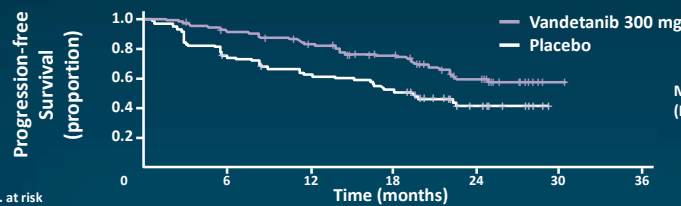
- RECIST-measurable disease
- PS 0-2
- Serum calcitonin  $\geq 500$  pg/mL
- No more than one prior therapy with a TKI

- Primary endpoint – progression free survival (PFS)
- Secondary endpoints – overall survival (OS), overall response rate (ORR), and safety
- Of 298 pts with sporadic MTC
  - 52.0% RET mutation positive
  - 45.3% RET unknown
  - 2.7% No RET mutation

Wells S. *JCO*. 2012; 30: 134.

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## Vandetanib Results in MTC



No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36
Vandetanib 300 mg	231	196	169	140	40	1	0
Placebo	100	71	57	45	13	0	0

		Vandetanib 300 mg			Placebo		
		Events	Patients	%	Events	Patients	%
Overall		73	231	31.6	51	100	51.0
Male		47	134	38.1	32	56	57.1
Female		26	97	26.8	19	44	43.2
White		70	218	32.1	50	97	51.5
Other race	Not calculated	3	13	23.1	1	3	3.3
WHO performance status $\geq 1$		28	77	36.4	23	42	54.8
WHO performance status = 0		45	154	29.2	28	58	48.3
Hereditary mutation		7	28	25.0	2	5	40.0
Sporadic or unknown mutation		66	203	32.5	49	95	51.6
Metastatic		67	217	30.9	51	97	52.6
Locally advanced	Not calculated	6	14	42.9	0	3	0.0
$\geq 1$ prior therapies		31	90	34.4	24	42	57.1
No prior therapy		42	141	29.8	27	58	46.6
Response to prior therapy	Not calculated	1	5	20.0	0	2	0.0
No response to prior therapy		19	42	45.2	11	23	47.8
Not evaluable/unknown best objective response to prior therapy		53	184	28.8	40	75	53.3

		Vandetanib 300 mg			Placebo		
		Events	Patients	%	Events	Patients	%
All patients with sporadic disease		66	203	32.5	49	95	51.6
RET mutation positive		40	110	36.4	25	45	55.6
RET mutation negative		1	2	50.0	5	6	83.3
RET mutation unknown		25	91	27.5	19	44	43.2
M918T mutation positive		35	101	34.7	25	41	61.0
M918T mutation negative		21	54	38.9	18	37	48.6
M918T mutation unknown		10	48	20.8	6	17	35.3

Wells S. *JCO*. 2012; 30: 134.

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## Vandetanib – Safety and Tolerability in MTC

### Common Adverse Events (safety population)

Adverse Event	Vandetanib (n=231)		Placebo (n=99)	
	No.	%	No.	%
Any grade occurring with an incidence = 10% overall				
Diarrhea	130	56	26	26
Rash	104	45	11	11
Nausea	77	33	16	16
Hypertension	73	32	5	5
Fatigue	55	24	23	23
Headache	59	26	9	9
Decreased appetite	49	21	12	12
Acne	46	20	5	5
Asthenia	34	14	11	11
Vomiting	34	14	7	7
Back pain	21	9	20	20
Dry skin	35	15	5	5
Insomnia	30	13	10	10
Abdominal pain	33	14	5	5
Dermatitis acneiform	35	15	2	2
Cough	25	10	10	10
Nasopharyngitis	26	11	9	9
ECG QT prolonged*	33	14	1	1
Weight decreased	24	10	9	9

Adverse Event	Vandetanib (n=231)		Placebo (n=99)	
	No.	%	No.	%
Grade 3+ occurring with an incidence of ≥ 2% on either arm				
Diarrhea	25	11	2	2
Hypertension	20	9	0	—
ECG QT prolonged*	18	8	1	1
Fatigue	13	6	1	1
Decreased appetite	9	4	0	—
Rash	8	4	1	1
Asthenia	6	3	1	1
Dyspnea	3	1	3	3
Back pain	1	0.4	3	3
Syncope	0	—	2	2

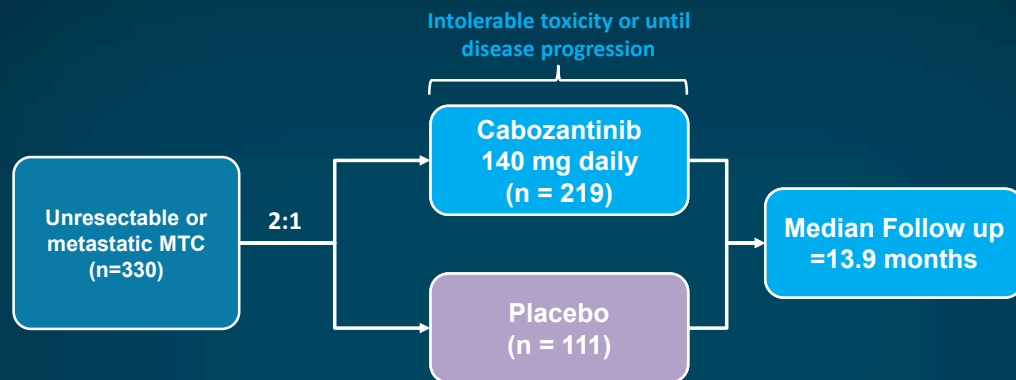
Prolonged QTc – vandetanib is only available through REMS program.

\*As defined according to the National Cancer Institute's Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events, v3 (see Results for the incidence of protocol-defined QTc prolongation as described in Methods, Safety and Tolerability).

Wells S. *JCO*. 2012; 30: 134.

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## Cabozantinib in Progressive, Metastatic MTC



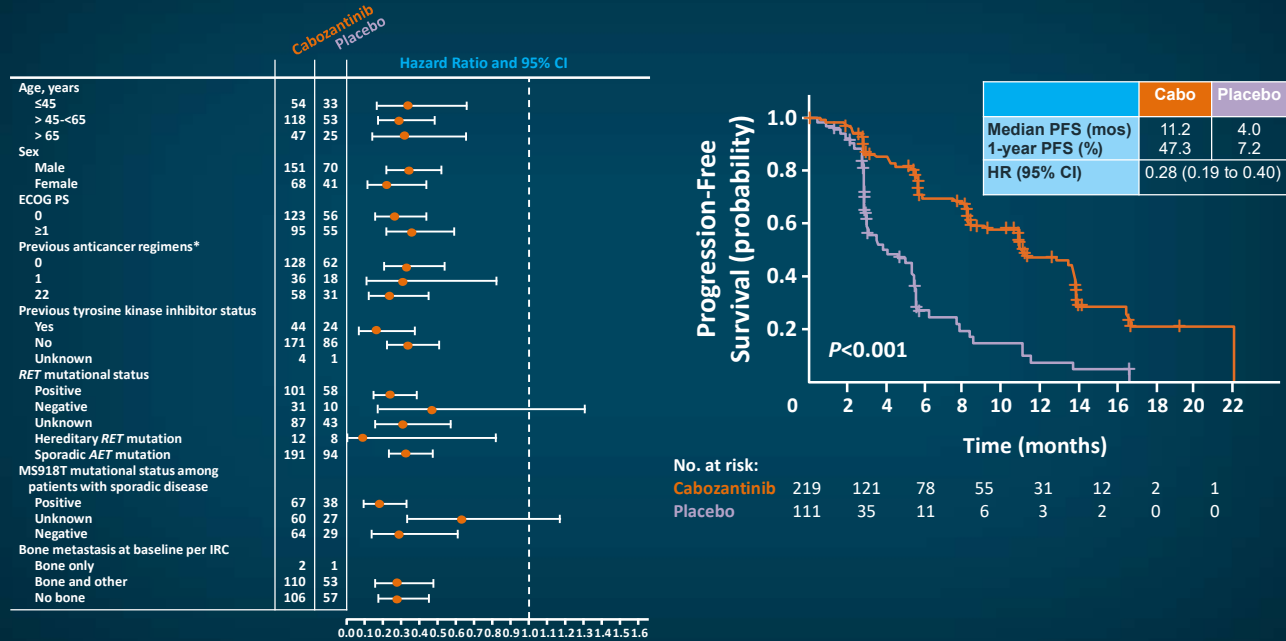
### Key eligibility criteria

- Definitively diagnosed non-resectable
- RECIST-measurable progressive disease
- No restriction on prior therapy, including other TKIs
- Primary endpoint – progression free survival (PFS)
- Secondary endpoints – tumor response rate, overall survival (OS), overall response rate (ORR), and safety
- RET mutation positive = 49.2% and negative = 12%
- RET status unknown = 39%

Elisei R. *JCO*. 2013; 31: 3639.

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## Progression Free Survival Analysis



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## Safety Analysis and Adverse Events

AEs Occurring in ≥ 10% of Cabozantinib-Treated Patients,  
by Maximum Severity Reported

Adverse Events	Cabozantinib (n=214)				Placebo (n=109)			
	All Grades		Grade ≥3		All Grades		Grade ≥3	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Diarrhea	135	63.1	34	15.9	36	33.0	2	1.8
Palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia*	107	50.0	27	12.6	2	1.8	0	—
Decreased weight	102	47.7	10	4.7	11	10.1	0	—
Decreased appetite	98	45.8	10	4.7	17	15.6	1	0.9
Nausea	92	43.0	3	1.4	23	21.1	0	—
Fatigue	87	40.7	20	9.3	31	28.4	3	2.8
Dysgeusia	73	34.1	1	0.5	6	5.5	0	—
Hair color changes	72	33.6	1	0.5	1	0.9	0	—
Hypertension	70	32.7	18	8.4	5	4.6	1	0.9
Stomatitis	62	29.0	4	1.9	3	2.8	0	—
Constipation	57	26.6	0	—	6	5.5	0	—
Hemorrhage	54	25.2	7	3.3	17	15.6	1	0.9
Vomiting	62	24.3	5	2.3	2	1.8	1	0.9
Mucosal inflammation	50	23.4	7	3.3	4	3.7	0	—
Asthenia	45	21.0	12	5.6	16	14.7	2	1.8
Dysphonia	43	20.1	0	—	10	9.2	0	—
Rash	41	19.2	2	0.9	11	10.1	0	—
Dry skin	41	19.2	0	—	3	2.8	0	—
Headache	39	18.2	1	0.5	9	8.3	0	—
Oropharyngeal pain	38	17.8	1	0.5	5	4.6	0	—
Abdominal pain	36	16.8	6	2.8	7	6.4	1	0.9
Alopecia	35	16.4	0	—	2	1.8	0	—
Pain in extremity	33	15.4	3	1.4	12	11.0	1	0.9
Back pain	32	15.0	5	2.3	12	11.0	1	0.9
Dyspnea	29	13.6	5	2.3	19	17.4	11	10.1
Arthralgia	29	13.6	2	0.9	8	7.3	0	—

Elisei R. *JCO*. 2013; 31: 3639.

AEs Associated With VEGF Pathway Inhibition

Adverse Events	Cabozantinib (n=214)				Placebo (n=109)			
	All Grades		Grade ≥3		All Grades		Grade ≥3	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Hypertension	70	32.7	18	8.4	5	4.6	1	0.9
Hemorrhage	54	25.2	7	3.3	17	16.6	1	0.9
Venous thrombosis	12	5.6	8	3.7	3	2.8	2	1.8
GI perforation	7	3.3	7	3.3	0	—	0	—
GI fistula	2	0.9	1	0.5	0	—	0	—
Abdominal/pelvic abscess	5	2.3	2	0.9	0	—	0	—
Non-GI fistula	8	3.7	4	1.9	0	—	0	—
Arterial thrombosis	5	2.3	2	0.9	0	—	0	—
Proteinuria	4	1.9	2	0.9	0	—	0	—
Wound complication	4	1.9	2	0.9	1	0.9	0	—
Osteonecrosis	3	1.4	1	0.5	0	—	0	—
RPLS	1	0.5	1	0.5	0	—	0	—

Treatment-related AEs:

- 79% of cabo pts had dose reductions
- 16% of cabo pts had dose discontinued

RPLS, reversible posterior leukoencephalopathy syndrome;  
VEGF, vascular endothelial growth factor.

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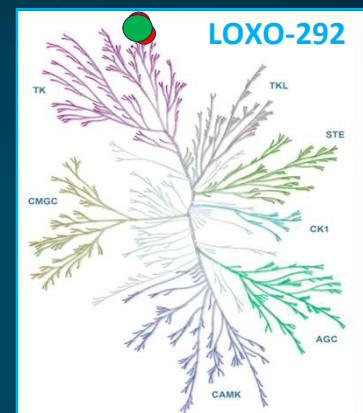
## Selective RET-targeted Therapy

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### Honing in on RET

- 2 new highly potent and specific RET inhibitors completed first-in-human trials
  - Selpercatinib (LOXO-292)
  - Pralsetinib (BLU-667)
- Both designed to potently inhibit
  - wildtype RET in fusions (in PTC, NSCLC, etc)
  - Oncogenic RET mutations (in MTC)
  - And V804 acquired gatekeeper mut, to prevent emergence of acquired resistance
- With little activity against KDR/VEGFR-2
- Efficacy of other MKIs may be limited by insufficient RET inhibition as toxicity from dose limiting off target effects, esp. at KDR, limiting RET blockade



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## LIBRETTO-001

### Efficacy of Selpercatinib in *RET*-Altered Thyroid Cancers

- LIBRETTO-001: open-label phase 1-2 trial, 65 centers, 12 countries
- 3 thyroid cohorts:
  - *RET*-mutant MTC, previously treated with vandetanib +/- cabozantinib
  - *RET*-mutant MTC, not previously treated with vandetanib or cabozantinib
  - *RET* fusion-positive previously treated thyroid cancer

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## Patient Characteristics

- *RET*-mutant MTC, previously treated: n = 55
  - 60% *RET* M918T
  - 13% extracellular cysteine-rich domain mt
  - Familial and sporadic patients enrolled
- *RET*-mutant MTC, not previously treated: n = 88
- *RET* fusion+ thyroid cancer: n = 19
  - PTC, PDTC, ATC, HCC
  - 47% *CCDC6-RET*
  - 32% *NCOA4-RET*

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Characteristics	<i>RET</i> -Mutant MTC Previously Treated (N=55)	<i>RET</i> -Mutant MTC Not Previously Treated (N=88)	Previously Treated <i>RET</i> Fusion-Positive Thyroid Cancer (N=19)
Median age (range) — yr	57 (17-84)	58 (15-82)	54 (25-88)
Sex — no. (%)			
Male	36 (65)	58 (66)	9 (47)
Female	19 (35)	30 (34)	10 (53)
Race — no. (%)†			
White	49 (89)	75 (85)	14 (74)
Asian	0	4 (5)	2 (11)
Black	1 (2)	1 (1)	1 (5)
Other	5 (9)	8 (9)	2 (11)‡
ECOG performance-status score — no. (%)			
0	11 (20)	43 (49)	5 (26)
1	41 (75)	42 (48)	12 (63)
2	3 (5)	3 (3)	2 (11)
Histologic type of thyroid cancer			
Medullary	55 (100)	88 (100)	—
Papillary	—	—	13 (68)
Poorly differentiated	—	—	3 (16)
Hurthle cell	—	—	1 (5)
Anaplastic	—	—	2 (11)
Median no. of previous systemic regimens (range)	2 (1-8)	0 (0-2)	4 (1-7)
Previous regimen — no. (%)			
Cabozantinib, vandetanib, or both	55 (100)	0	—
Vandetanib only	18 (33)	0	—
Cabozantinib only	13 (24)	0	—
Cabozantinib and vandetanib	24 (44)	0	—
Radioiodine	—	—	16 (84)
Sorafenib, lenvatinib, or both	—	—	13 (68)
Multitargeted kinase inhibitor therapy	55 (100)	7 (8)	15 (79)
1	26 (47)	6 (7)	7 (37)
≥2	29 (53)	1 (1)	8 (42)
Therapy other than multitargeted kinase inhibitor therapy	17 (31)	9 (10)	14 (74)
4 (7)	4 (7)	2 (2)	6 (32)
Brain metastases — no. (%)			
<i>RET</i> alteration — no. (%)			
<i>RET</i> M918T mutation	33 (60)	49 (56)	—
<i>RET</i> V804 M/L mutation	5 (9)	6 (7)	—
<i>RET</i> extracellular cysteine mutation	7 (13)	20 (23)	—
Other mutations	10 (18)	13 (15)	—
<i>CCDC6-RET</i> fusion	—	—	9 (47)
<i>NCOA4-RET</i> fusion	—	—	6 (32)
Other <i>RET</i> fusion	—	—	4 (21)

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## Selpercatinib Safety Profile in Thyroid Patients

- Most common  $\geq$  gr 3/4 treatment-related AEs

- HTN
- Transaminitis
- Diarrhea

- 30% patients had dose reduction d/t TRAE
- 2% discontinued selpercatinib d/t TRAE

### AEs reported in $\geq 15\%$

Adverse Events	Adverse Events, Regardless of Attribution					Treatment-Related Adverse Events		
	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Any Grade	Grade 3	Grade 4	Any Grade
Number of patients (percent)								
Any adverse event	9 (6)	42 (26)	95 (59)	11 (7)	162 (100)	45 (28)	3 (2)	153 (94)
Dry mouth	69 (43)	5 (3)	0	0	74 (46)	0	0	63 (39)
Hypertension	10 (6)	25 (15)	34 (21)	0	69 (43)	19 (12)	0	49 (30)
Diarrhea	44 (27)	8 (5)	9 (6)	0	61 (38)	4 (3)	0	27 (17)
Fatigue	35 (22)	24 (15)	2 (1)	0	61 (38)	1 (1)	0	41 (25)
Increased aspartate aminotransferase level	37 (23)	6 (4)	13 (8)	1 (1)	57 (35)	12 (7)	1 (1)	45 (28)
Nausea	44 (27)	13 (8)	0	0	57 (35)	0	0	25 (15)
Constipation	44 (27)	11 (7)	1 (1)	0	56 (35)	0	0	26 (16)
Increased alanine aminotransferase level	26 (16)	7 (4)	17 (10)	1 (1)	51 (31)	16 (10)	1 (1)	42 (26)
Headache	36 (22)	11 (7)	0	0	51 (31)	1 (1)	0	21 (13)
Peripheral edema	42 (26)	5 (3)	1 (1)	0	48 (30)	0	0	29 (18)
Increased blood creatinine level	27 (17)	12 (7)	0	0	39 (24)	0	0	22 (14)
Abdominal pain	25 (15)	8 (5)	5 (3)	0	38 (23)	0	0	6 (4)
Arthralgia	25 (15)	10 (6)	0	0	35 (22)	0	0	8 (5)
Vomiting	26 (16)	8 (5)	1 (1)	0	35 (22)	0	0	12 (7)
Hypocalcemia	14 (9)	13 (8)	6 (4)	1 (1)	34 (21)	0	0	5 (3)
Back pain	19 (12)	10 (6)	2 (1)	0	31 (19)	0	0	1 (1)
QT interval prolonged on electrocardiography	11 (7)	16 (10)	4 (2)	0	31 (19)	3 (2)	0	21 (13)
Cough	25 (15)	4 (2)	0	0	29 (18)	0	0	2 (1)
Rash	25 (15)	3 (2)	0	0	28 (17)	0	0	13 (8)
Dizziness	25 (15)	2 (1)	0	0	27 (17)	0	0	9 (6)
Abdominal distension	18 (11)	7 (4)	0	0	25 (15)	0	0	12 (7)
Hypothyroidism	14 (9)	11 (7)	0	0	25 (15)	0	0	12 (7)
Weight increased	11 (7)	9 (6)	5 (3)	0	25 (15)	1 (1)	0	8 (5)

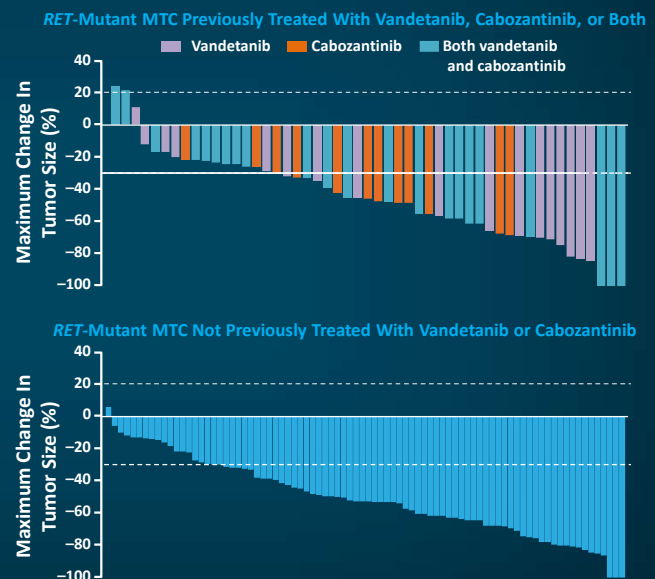
d/t = due to, TRAE = treatment-related adverse events.  
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## Selpercatinib Efficacy in MTC

Objective response rate per RECIST v1.1, determined by independent review committee

- RET*-mutant MTC, previously treated:
  - ORR = 69% (95% CI, 55 to 81)
  - CR = 9%, PR = 60%
- RET*-mutant MTC, not previously treated:
  - ORR = 73% (95% CI, 62 to 82)
  - CR = 11%, PR = 61%
- Responses seen across all *RET* mutations
  - incl *RET* V804



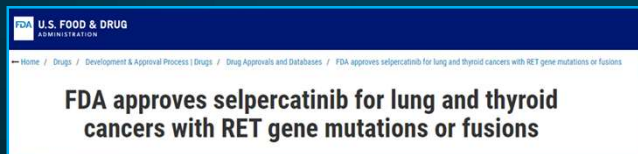
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## Selpercatinib Efficacy in MTC

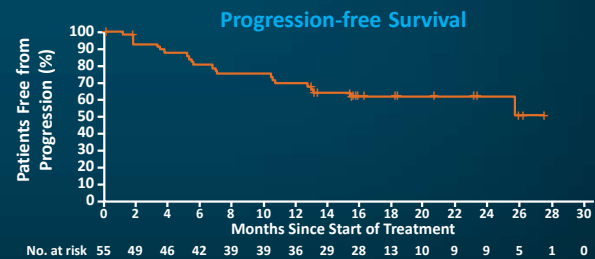
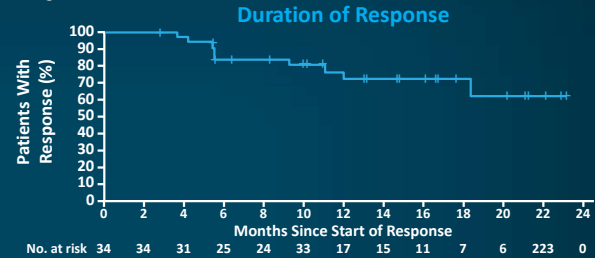
### Duration of response & progression-free survival

- Median DOR not yet reached
  - (95% CI, 19.1 mos to NE)
  - Median follow-up = 14.1 mos
- Median PFS not yet reached
  - Median follow-up = 16.7 mos
  - (95% CI, 24.4 mos to NE)



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RET-Mutant MTC Previously Treated With Vandetanib, Cabozantinib, or Both



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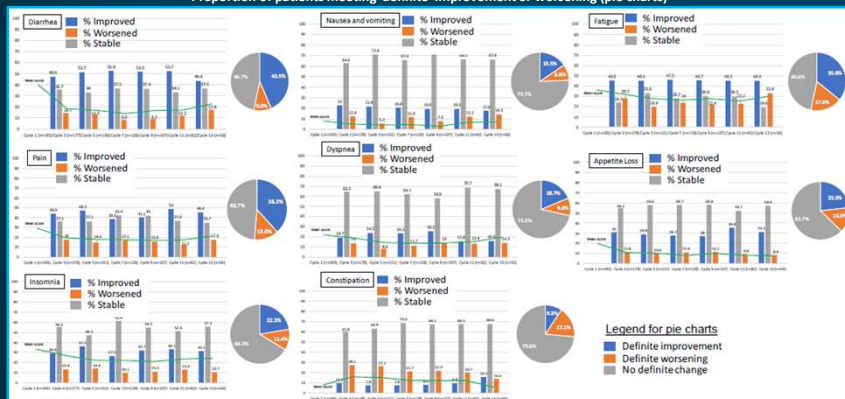
## LIBRETTO-001 Patient-Reported Outcomes in MTC

- EORTC QLQ-C30 & Modified Systemic-therapy Induced Diarrhea Assessment Tool (mSTIDAT)

### Symptom subscales (QLQ-C30)<sup>a</sup>

Mean scores and proportion of patients meeting a clinically meaningful difference (CMD) by cycle of therapy (bar and line graphs)<sup>b</sup>

Proportion of patients meeting 'definite' improvement or worsening (pie charts)<sup>c</sup>



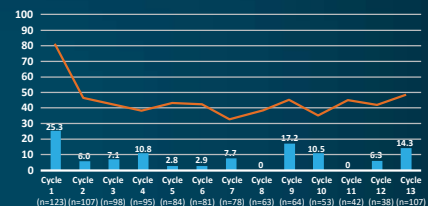
<sup>a</sup> Scored 0-100: lower scores represent fewer symptoms

<sup>b</sup> Improved/Worsened: Each patient was categorized as "improved" or "worsened" at each study visit if the CMD (decrease or increase of 210 points, respectively) was met versus their baseline score, all other patients were "stable" if the CMD was not met

<sup>c</sup> Definite improvement/definite worsening: Each patient was categorized as having a "definite improvement" or "definite worsening" if the CMD (decrease or increase of 210 points, respectively) was met versus this baseline score, and no further changes of 10 points or more were observed at any subsequent assessment. All remaining patients did not meet the criteria for 'definite' change in this study.

Wirth, et al., abstr 3214, ESMO, 2020

### Proportion of patients with diarrhea and severity, by cycle of therapy (mSTIDAT)



Line graph: proportion of patients experiencing diarrhea  
Bar graph: proportion of those patients with diarrhea who indicate it as 'severe'

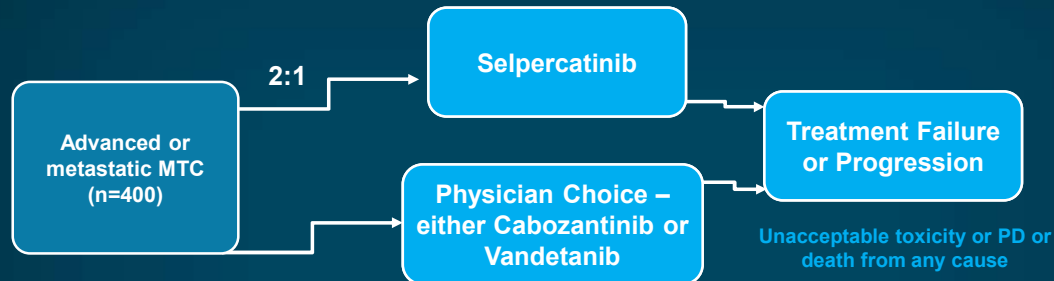
### Conclusions:

- GI symptoms, esp. diarrhea, frequent at baseline
- After initiation of selpercatinib, pre-defined clinically meaningful ↓ in diarrhea by Cycle 3 seen
- Most patients improved or remained stable on each subscale of QLQ-C30
- Data suggest favorable tolerability of selpercatinib in RET-mutant MTC

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## Future Directions with Selpercatinib in MTC

**LIBRETTO-531:** A Multicenter, Randomized, Open-label, Phase 3 Trial Comparing Selpercatinib to Physicians Choice (Cabozantinib or Vandetanib) in Patients With Progressive, Advanced, Kinase Inhibitor Naïve, *RET*-Mutant MTC



### Key eligibility criteria

- No prior systemic therapy for metastatic disease
- Age  $\geq 12$  years
- Primary endpoint – progression free survival (PFS)
- Secondary endpoints – treatment failure-free survival, overall survival (OS), duration of response rate (DOR), and safety
- Crossover to selpercatinib allowed at progression

Clinicaltrials.gov. (LIBRETTO-531) NCT04211337.

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## NCCN Guidelines Version 2.2020 Thyroid Carcinoma – Medullary Carcinoma

### RECURRENT OR PERSISTENT DISEASE DISTANT METASTASES

Asymptomatic disease →

- Disease monitoring
- Consider resection (if possible), ablation (eg, RFA, embolization, other regional therapy)
- Systemic therapy if not resectable and progressing by RECIST criteria
  - Preferred Regimens
    - Vandetanib (category 1)
    - Cabozantinib (category 1)
    - Selpercatinib (*RET* mutation-positive)
  - Useful in Certain Circumstances
    - Pembrolizumab (TMB-H [210 mut/Mb])

Asymptomatic disease or progression →

- Systemic therapy or clinical trial
  - Preferred Regimens
    - Vandetanib (category 1)
    - Cabozantinib (category 1)
    - Selpercatinib (*RET* mutation-positive)
  - Other Recommended Regimens
    - Consider other small-molecule kinase inhibitors
    - Dacarbazine (DTIC)-based chemotherapy
  - Useful in Certain Circumstances
    - Pembrolizumab (TMB-H [210 mut/Mb])
- EBRT/IMRT for local symptoms
- Consider intravenous bisphosphonate or denosumab therapy for bone metastases
- Consider palliative resection, ablation (eg, RFA, embolization, other regional therapy), or other regional treatment
- Best supportive care

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## Case Study

### History of breast cancer

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## Case Study

- 59 yr old woman with a history of breast cancer was found to have an elevated carcinoembryogenic antigen (CEA) of 456 ng/dl during a routine follow up visit.
- She had no specific complaints and presented with no signs or symptoms.
- PET/CT was performed with a left thyroid lobe uptake and metabolically active lymphadenopathy, bilaterally. CT scans of neck, chest, abdomen and pelvis revealed extensive lymphadenopathy in neck and upper mediastinum, but no metastatic disease.

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## Audience Polling

**What would be your next steps?**

- A. Order follow up calcitonin levels
- B. Do an FNA of her thyroid
- C. Do an FNA of her thyroid and lymph nodes
- D. All of the above
- E. A and C

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## Case Study (continued)

- Calcitonin levels were 7500 pg/dl and FNA of thyroid and 2 lymph nodes confirmed MTC
- Pt underwent total thyroidectomy and bilateral modified radical neck dissections
- Final pathology showed – MTC Staging pT3, pN1b, cM0, stage IVA

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## Audience Polling

**Patient continues to be asymptomatic. What would your next steps be?**

- A. Order genetic testing
- B. Order calcitonin levels every 6 months
- C. Order calcitonin and CEA levels every 3 months
- D. A and B
- E. A and C

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## Discussion Question

When monitoring a patient with a diagnosis of thyroid carcinoma, at what level of calcitonin or other laboratory marker do you consider intervening with systemic therapy? A percentage increase or absolute value? Or combine it with imaging findings?

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## Case Study

### Disease Progression

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### Case Study – Disease Presentation in 2004

- 64 year-old female presents with 5 cm thyroid mass
- FNA: thyroid CA
- Total thyroidectomy and bilateral neck dissection:
- Multiple large lymph nodes fixed to trachea
- Pathology: 5.8-cm MTC with extra-thyroid extension and 20 positive lymph nodes with ENE
- Surgical margins not clear

FNA=fine needle aspirate; MTC=medullary thyroid carcinoma; ENE=extranodal extension.

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## Case Study – Disease Presentation in 2004 (continued)

- No c-cell hyperplasia
- Negative biochemical survey for MEN2 features of parathyroid/adrenal disease
- Negative RET germline testing for hotspots
- Radiation oncology assessment

MEN2=multiple endocrine neoplasia type 2.

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## Case Study – Disease Progression in 2007 (continued)

- Repeat neck/chest dissection:
  - 1. Thymus: follicular hyperplasia; neg. for malignancy
  - 2. **Right paratracheal: - 2/2 LN positive for MTC - Greatest dimension = 1.5 cm - Focal ENE**
  - 3. **Left subclavian nodes: - (11/11) (~1.3 cm)**
  - 4. Right upper paratracheal: - negative for malignancy (0/4)
  - 5. **Lung, wedge resection (RUL): - lymphangitic carcinomatosis and microscopic foci of metastatic medullary carcinoma – LN: negative for CA (0/1)**

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## Case Study – Disease Progression in 2010 (continued)

- Some flushing and diarrhea
- Stable post-op imaging
- Calcitonin up to 2000 pmol/L
- Positive octreoscan in upper mediastinum with faint uptake in lungs bilaterally
- Commences therapy with octreotide to control symptoms

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## Case Study – Disease Progression in 2013 (continued)

- CT imaging:
  - Surgical clips in the mediastinum consistent with previous lymph node dissection
  - Evidence of previous right neck dissection
  - Interval increase in right upper paratracheal 2 cm lymph nodes
  - Left upper paratracheal superior mediastinal lymph node 2.6 cm
  - Left supraclavicular lymph node stable
  - Left prevascular lymph nodes stable
  - Right hilar enlarged lymph nodes stable
  - Previous right upper lobe wedge resection anteriorly
  - Numerous right lung nodules all <1 cm
  - Left lobe stable 5 mm
  - Status post remote median sternotomy

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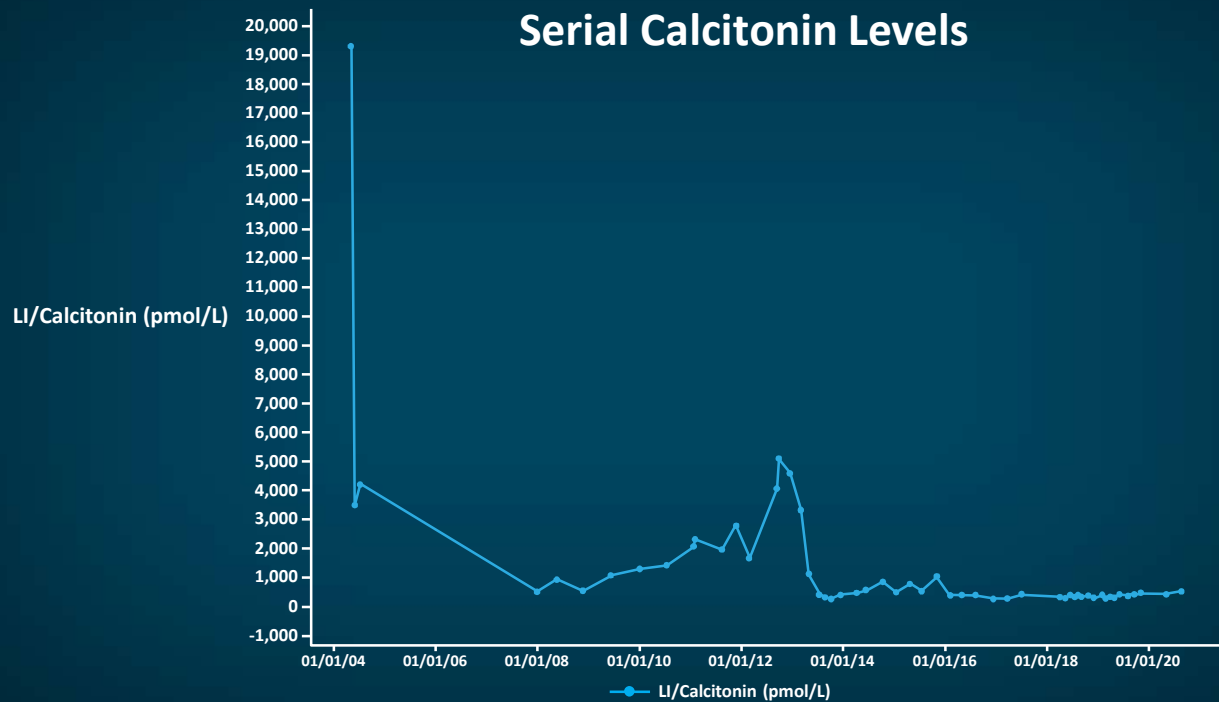
## Case Study – Disease Management (continued)

- Not a candidate for more surgery
- Commence systemic therapy
- Starts on vandetanib
- Unable to tolerate full 300-mg daily dose
- Scaled back to 200-mg daily
- Stable on vandetanib
  - Control of QT with calcium/Rocaltrol issues

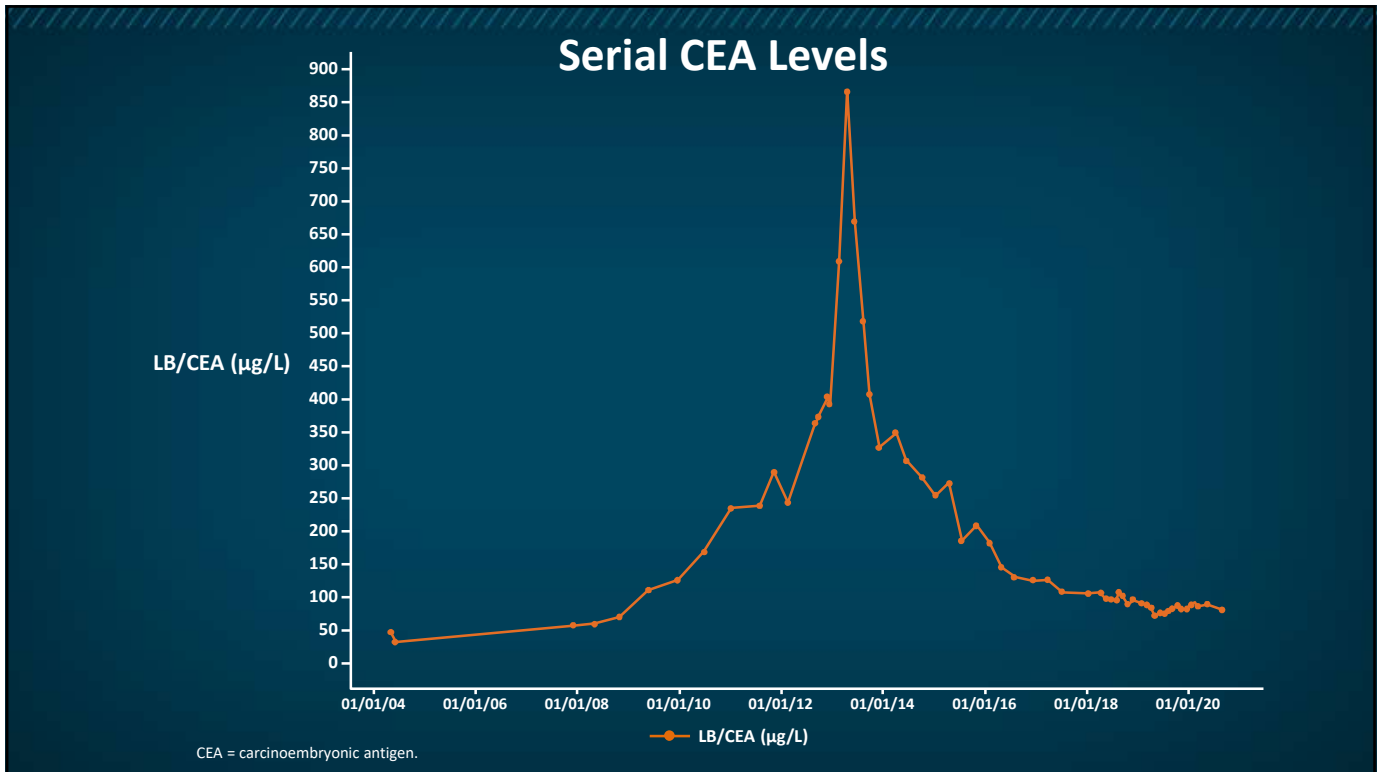
Rocaltrol = calcitriol.

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## Serial Calcitonin Levels



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## Audience Polling

**Given this patient's surgical history and current medical history, what would be your preferred next step?**

- A. Switch to a more selective RET inhibitor
- B. Perform somatic mutational studies
- C. Continue current therapy and monitor calcitonin & CEA levels every 3-6 months

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## Discussion Question

When do you typically order mutational testing in your patients with thyroid carcinoma?

What triggers your ordering?

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**Thank you!**

**Questions & Answers**

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