

# Underwriting Nuances in Breast Cancer Progression



# Agenda

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Risk Stratification with Medical Claims

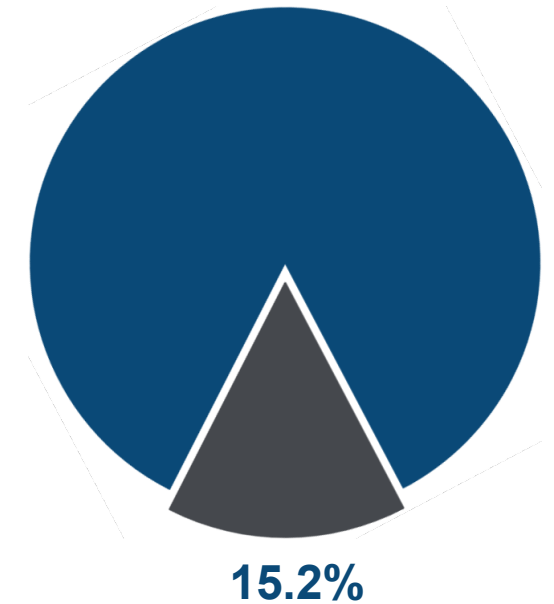
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# Breast cancer is the most common invasive cancer.

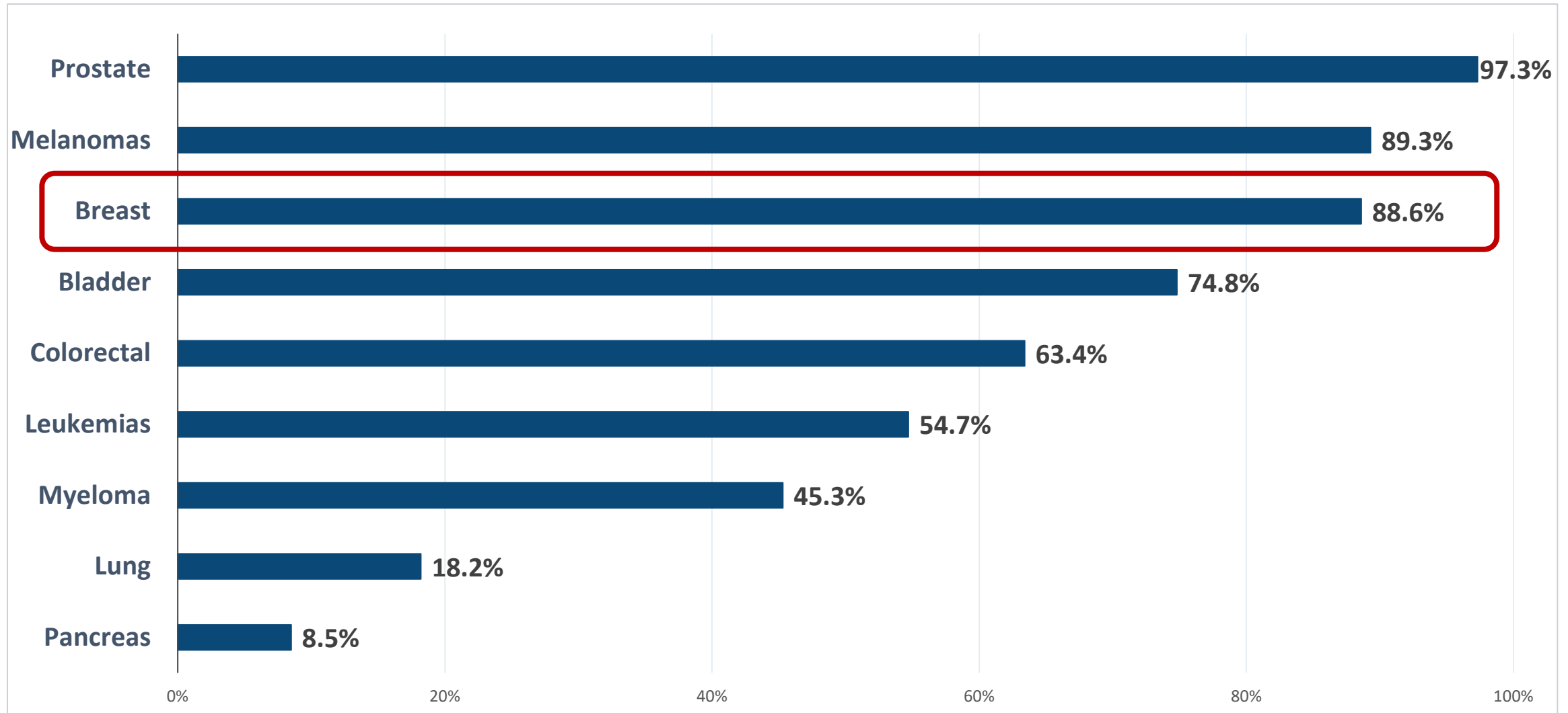
Common Types of Cancer	Estimated New Cases 2019	Estimated Deaths 2019
Breast	268,600	41,760
Lung	228,150	142,670
Prostate	174,650	31,620
Colorectal	145,600	51,020
Melanomas	96,480	7,230
Bladder	80,470	17,670
Leukemia	61,780	22,840
Pancreas	56,770	45,750
Myeloma	32,110	12,960

Breast cancer represents 15.2% of all new cancer cases in the U.S.



Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program  
<https://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/breast.html>

# Breast cancer has a high survival rate at five years.



<https://gis.cdc.gov/Cancer/USCS/DataViz.html>

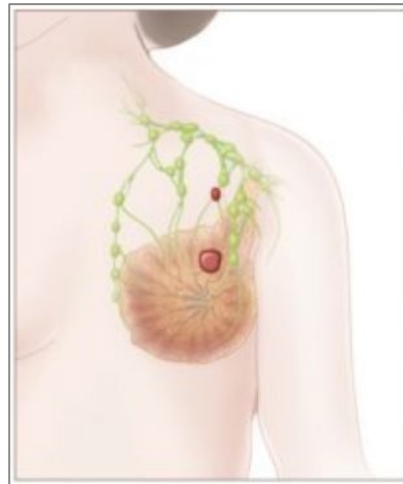
# Pathophysiology



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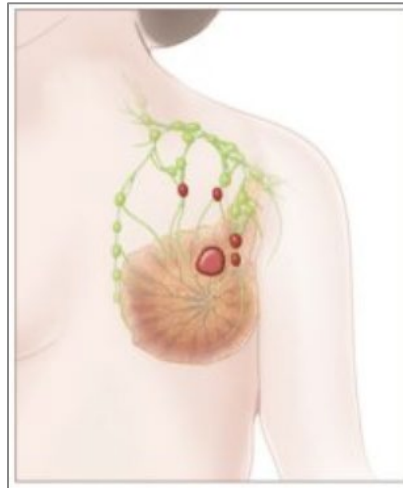
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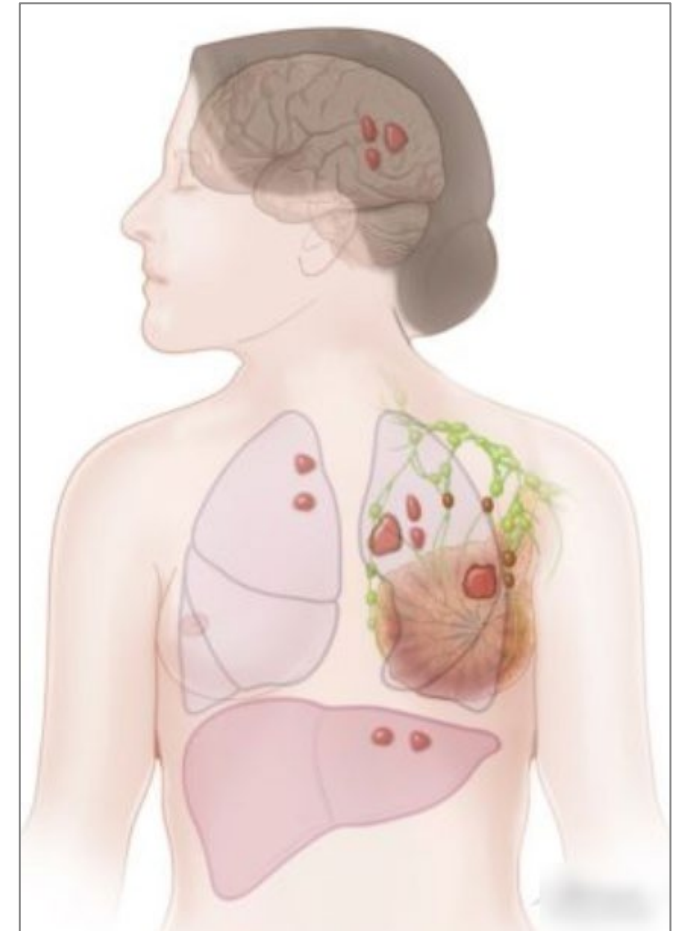
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Stage I



Stage III

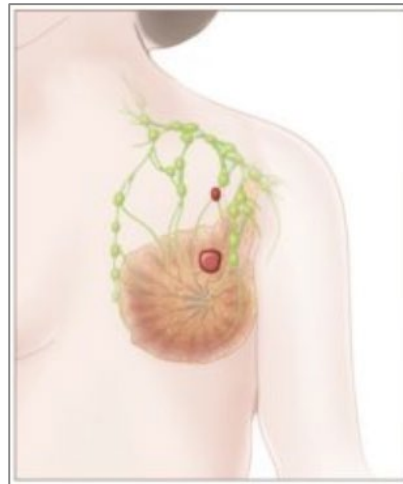


Stage IV

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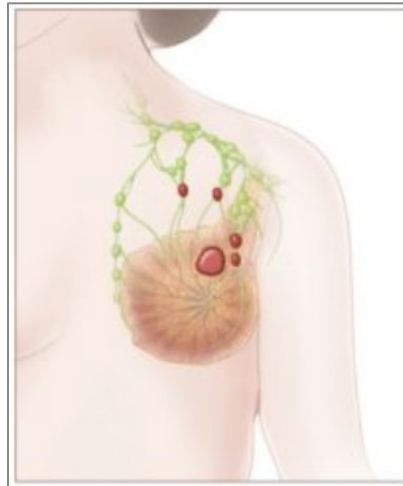
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C77.3: Secondary Malignancy Axilla Nodes



C50.211: Malignant Neoplasm of Breast



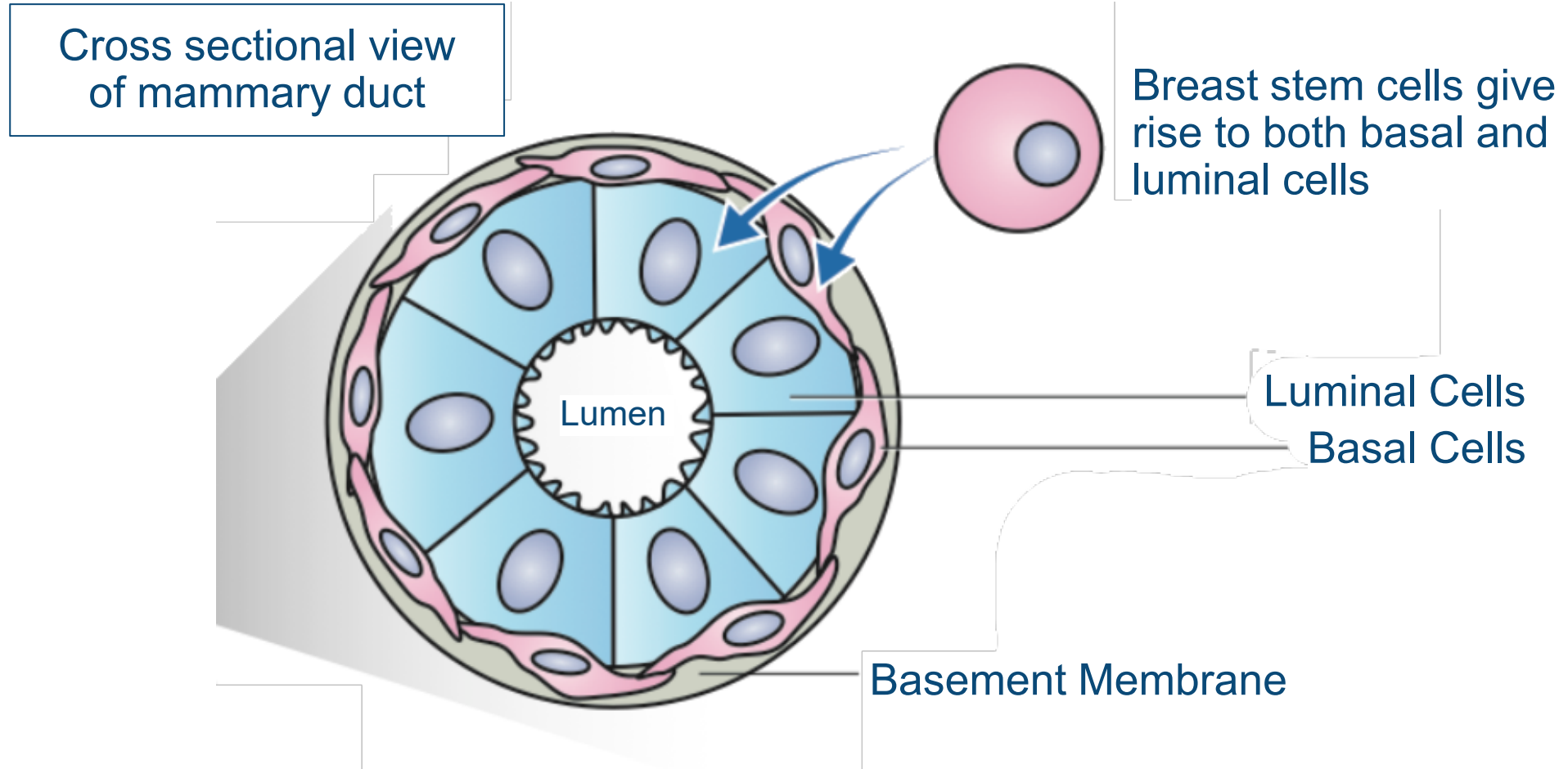
C77.8: Secondary Malignancy Multiple Nodes



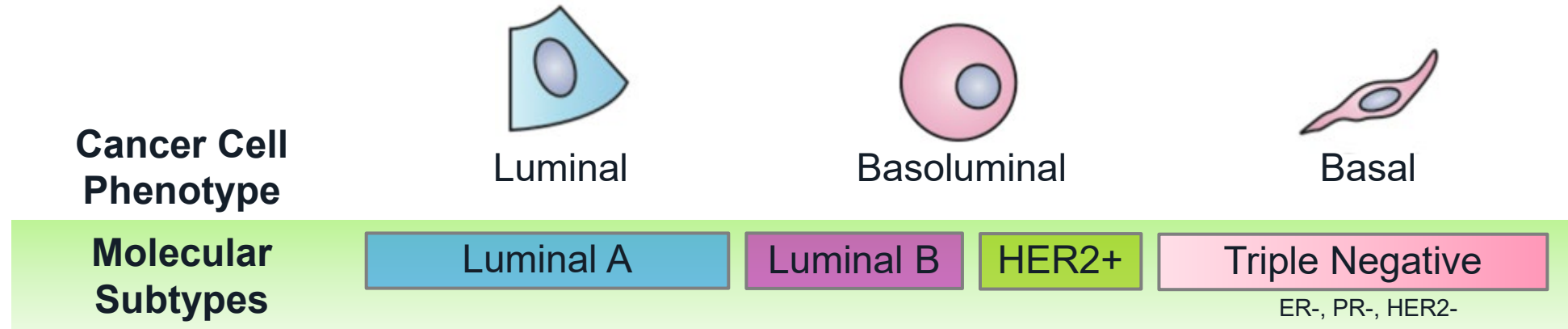
C78.7: Secondary Malignancy to Liver



# Mammary Duct Cell Types

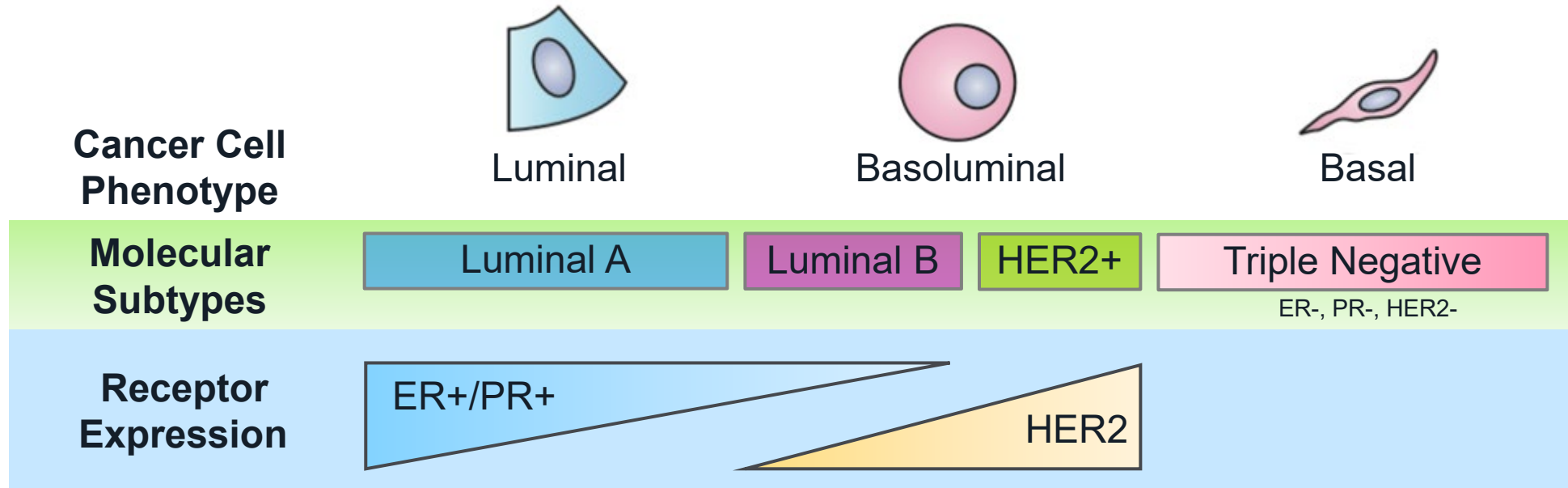


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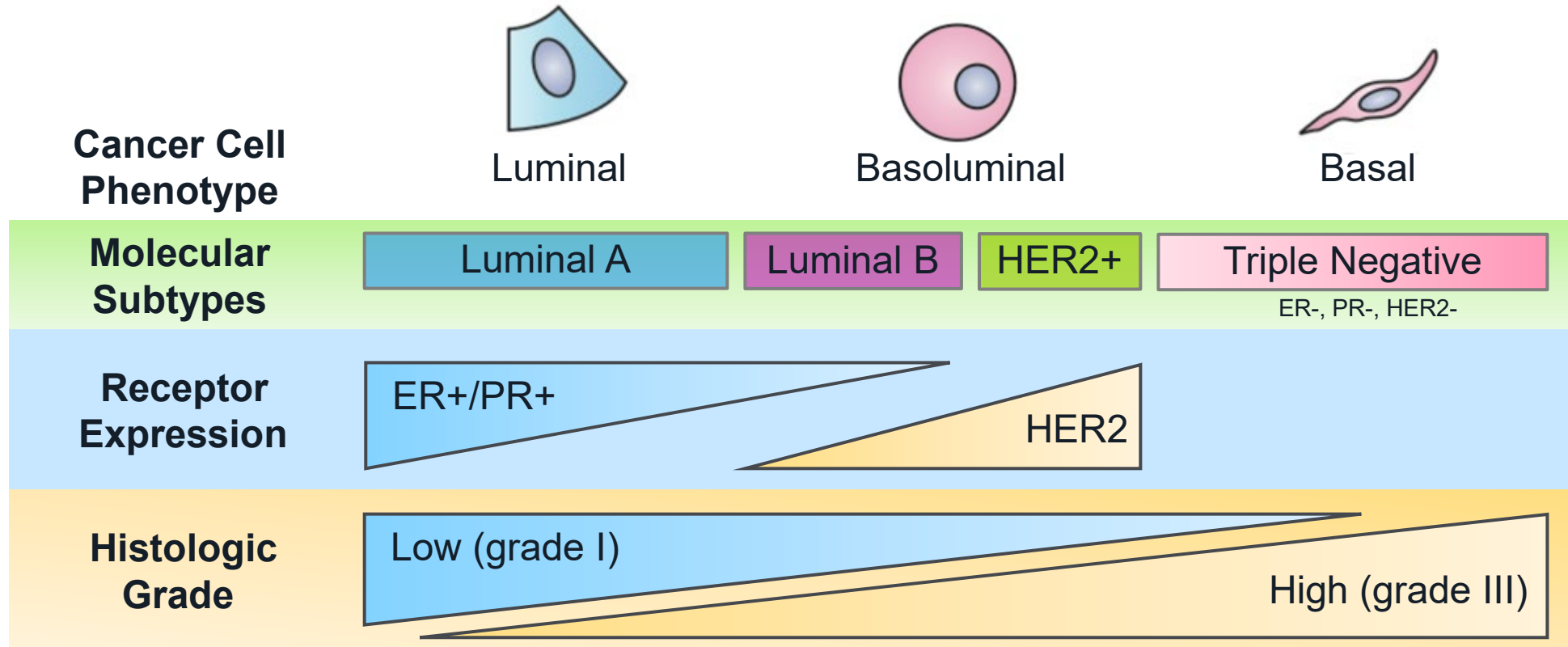
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# Breast cancer has four subtypes.



**HR+/HER2-** → Luminal A  
70% of all breast cancers

- Low grade
- Slow growth
- Best prognosis



**HR-/HER2-** → Triple Negative  
15% of all breast cancers

- More common in BRCA1 mutations
- Younger and African-Americans
- Hard to treat (lack targeted treatments)



**HR+/HER2+** → Luminal B  
10% of all breast cancers

- Faster growth than A
- More likely lymph node involvement
- Slightly worse prognosis than A



**HR-/HER2+** → HER2 Enriched  
5% of all breast cancers

- Grow faster than luminal types
- Targeted treatments aimed at HER2
- Higher risk of recurrence than luminal

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# Treatment Approaches

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Treatment Strategies	Chemotherapy			
	Hormonal Therapies		HER2 Targeted Therapies	
	Novel Targeted Therapies			

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Olaparib

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Talazoparib

Letrozole

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Ixabepilone

Exemestane

Lapatinib

Vinorelbine

Fulvestrant

Neratinib

Docetaxel

Palbociclib

Carboplatin

Nab-paclitaxel

Ribociclib

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**HER2 Positive  
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**Breast Cancer  
Chemotherapy  
(platinum-containing)**

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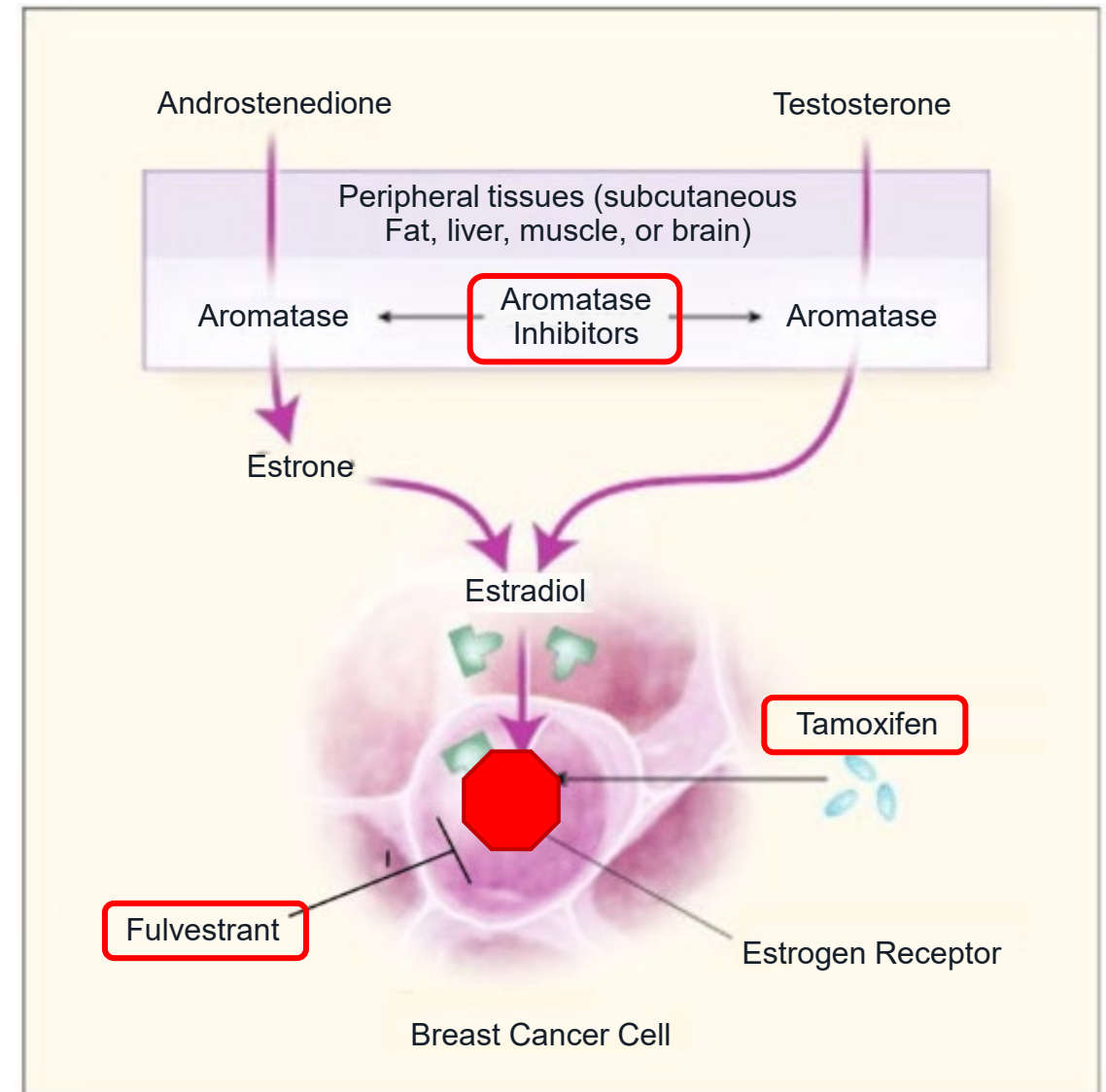
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**Breast Cancer  
Chemotherapy  
(PARP inhibitors)**

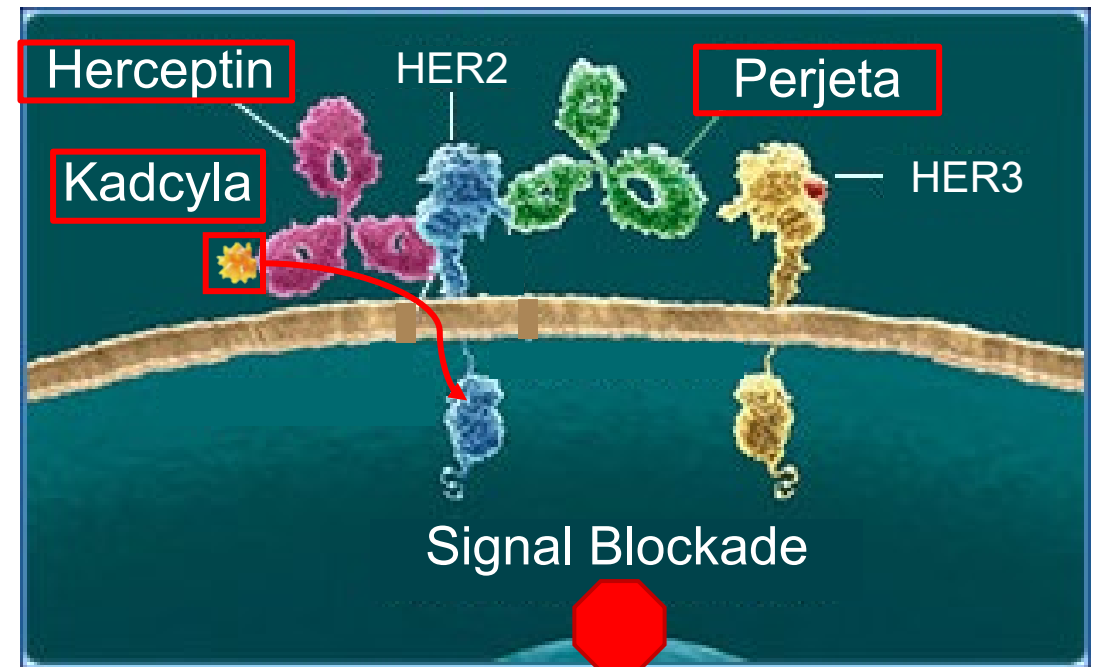
# Eighty percent of breast cancer is ER positive.

- SERMs
  - Tamoxifen
- Aromatase Inhibitors
  - Letrozole, exemestane, anastrozole
- Fulvestrant
- Kinase Inhibitors (CDK 4/6) if HER2-
  - Palbociclib (Ibrance)
  - Ribociclib (Kisqali)
  - Abemaciclib (Verzenio)
- Everolimus if HER2-



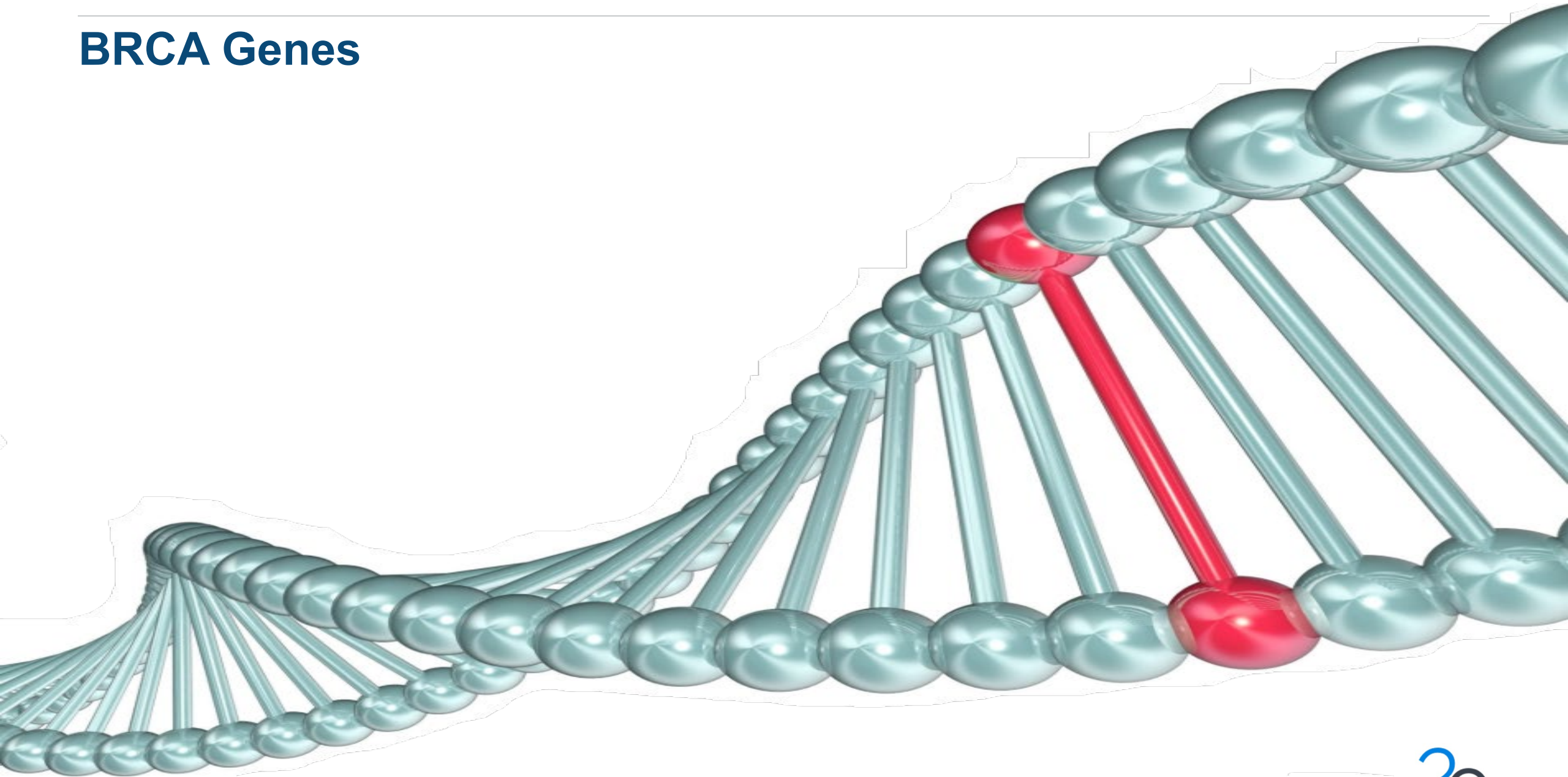
# Only fifteen percent of breast cancer is HER2 positive.

- Monoclonal Antibodies
  - Trastuzumab (Herceptin)
  - Pertuzumab (Perjeta)
- Monoclonal/Chemo (T-DM1)
  - Ado-trastuzumab emtansine (Kadcyla)
- Kinase Inhibitors (EGFR)
  - Lapatinib (Tykerb)
  - Neratinib (Nerlynx)

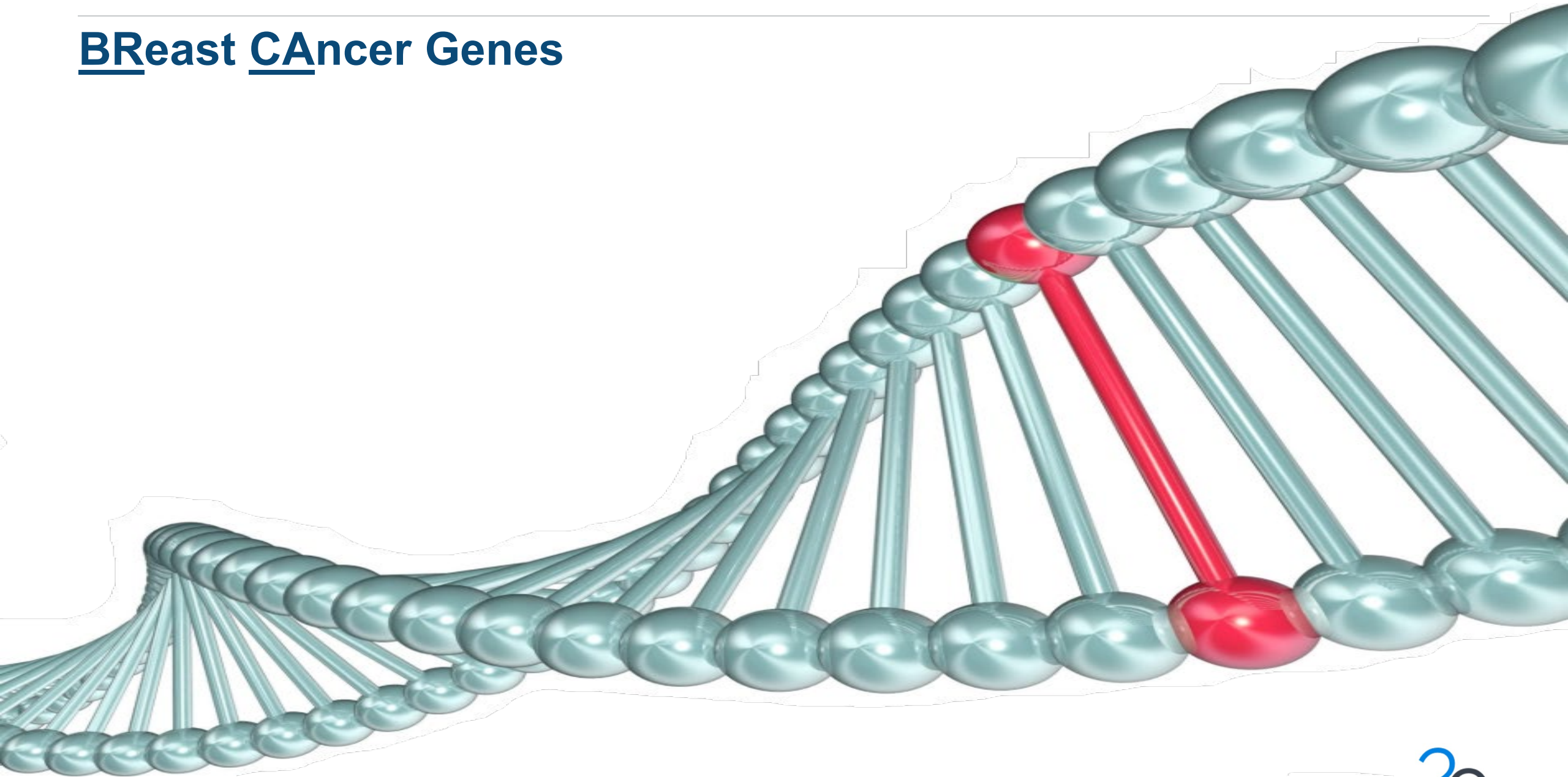


<https://www.genomeweb.com/drug-discovery-development/study-suggests-surrogate-endpoint-may-reflect-longer-benefit-early-her2#.XOC7hMhKhhE>

# BRCA Genes



# BReast CAncer Genes





# BRCA mutations increase risk of aggressive cancer.

- Most BRCA1 mutations are Triple Negative
  - Over 70% of BRCA1 mutation carriers will develop cancer
  - Tend to develop bilateral breast cancer
  - BRCA1 worse prognosis, BRCA2 little effect
- PARP Inhibitors
  - Talazoparib (Talzenna)
  - Olaparib (Lynparza)
- Platinum Agents – enhanced effect
  - Cisplatin
  - Carboplatin





# **Risk Stratification with Medical Claims**

# Medical claims provide a more complete picture of health status.



## Identifies conditions

- Morbidity-related conditions
- Substance abuse/psychiatry
- Cancer treatment
- Tobacco



## Adds efficiency

- Real-time data
- Interpreted by Irix
- Delivered instantly
- Fewer APS orders



## Widely adopted

- Medicare Supplement
- Disability income
- Long-term care
- Life (FUW, SI, FE, accel.)

Instant, indexed, inexpensive

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# Case 1: Underwriting Considerations

- What subtype?
  - ER+/HER2- (Luminal A)
- Has it spread?
  - No; simple complete mastectomy
- BRCA?
  - No
- Prognosis
  - 10-year overall: 94.1%\*

\*Long-term survival and stage I breast cancer subtypes. J Cancer Research and Practice; March 2016; 3(1): 1-8.

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## Case 2: Underwriting Considerations

- What subtype?
  - ER-/HER2+ (HER2 Enriched)
- Has it spread?
  - Yes, to lymph nodes
- BRCA?
  - Genetic susceptibility
- Prognosis
  - 5-year overall: 50.8%<sup>\*</sup>
  - 10-year overall: 25.0%<sup>\*</sup>

<sup>\*</sup>Asian Pac J Cancer Prev. 2018; 19(11): 3167-3174.

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## Clues about BRCA mutations can be found in medical claims.

- ICD-10 Code Z15.01: Genetic susceptibility to malignant neoplasm of breast
- ICD-10 Code Z15.02: Genetic susceptibility to malignant neoplasm of ovary
  
- ICD-10 Code Z40.01: Encounter for prophylactic removal of breast
- ICD-10 Code Z40.02: Encounter for prophylactic removal of ovary(s)
  
- CPT Code 19303: Simple complete mastectomy
- CPT Code 58661: Partial or total oophorectomy/salpingectomy
- CPT Code 58720: Salpingo-oophorectomy, unilateral or bilateral

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# Case 3: Underwriting Considerations

- What subtype?
  - ER-/HER2- (Triple Negative)
- Has it spread?
  - Yes; bone and liver
- BRCA?
  - Possible (carboplatin)
  - Triple Negative
- Prognosis
  - Median survival: 13 months<sup>\*</sup>

\*Survival outcomes for patients with metastatic triple-negative breast cancer: implications for clinical practice and trial design. Clin Breast Cancer. 2009;9(1):29-33.

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# Summary

- Breast cancer is the most common non-skin cancer.
- Molecular subtype can help determine outcome.
- Prescription histories with medical claims can identify breast cancer.
- A rules engine can consistently interpret breast cancer risk in seconds.



# Questions?

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