

Update: genomic assays in N+
patients

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Latest ASCO Biomarker Guideline published two weeks ago.

(CPD learning goal: review of the ASCO guideline)

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Reporting Recommendations for Tumor Marker Prognostic Studies

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For the Statistics Subcommittee of the NCI-EORTC Working Group on Cancer Diagnostics

Moved from blood tests to genomic assays

Last guideline was in 2016

The Panel recommends against ordering two different tests for the same patients as these tests will provide similar information



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Biomarkers for Adjuvant Endocrine and Chemotherapy in Early-Stage Breast Cancer

Adapted from:

Fabrice A, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2022 April 19.
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Key Points

Diagnosis



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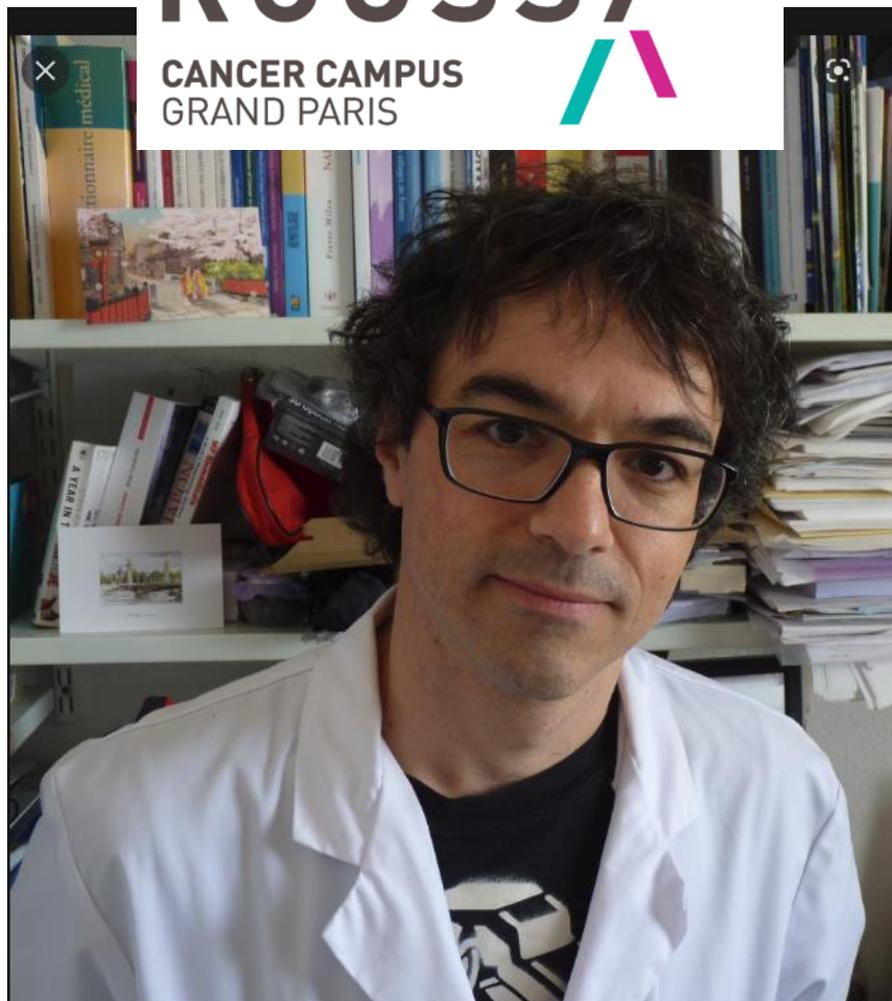


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(They've stopped talking about CYP2D6 and tamoxifen)

- Oncotype (21 gene signature)
- Mammaprint (70 gene signature)
- Endopredict (12 gene signature)
- PAM50 (50 gene signature)
- Ki67
- IHC4
- BCI two gene ratio ($[HOXB13/IL17BR \text{ ratio (H/I)}]$)

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Qualifying statement: The genomic assay is prognostic and may be used for shared patient-physician treatment decision making.

TailoRx patients younger than 50

RS	hormones	Hormone plus chemo
16-20	92%	94.7%
21-25	86.3%	92.1%

mammaprint

MammaPrint (70-gene signature).

Recommendation 1.8. If a patient is older than 50 and has high clinical risk breast cancer that is node-negative or node-positive with 1-3 positive nodes, the clinician may use the MammaPrint test to guide decisions for adjuvant endocrine and chemotherapy (Type: evidence-based; Evidence quality: intermediate; Strength of recommendation: strong).

THE BOTTOM LINE (CONTINUED)

Recommendation 1.9. If a patient is 50 years of age or younger and has high clinical risk, node-negative or node-positive with 1-3 positive nodes breast cancer, the clinician should not use the MammaPrint test to guide decisions for adjuvant endocrine and chemotherapy (Type: evidence-based; Evidence quality: high; Strength of recommendation: strong).

Recommendation 1.10. If a patient has low clinical risk, regardless of age, the evidence on clinical utility of routine MammaPrint test is insufficient to recommend its use (Type: evidence-based; Evidence quality: intermediate; Strength of recommendation: moderate).

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Prosigna

Prosigna (PAM50).

Recommendation 1.15. If a patient is postmenopausal and has breast cancer that is node-negative, the clinician may use the Prosigna test to guide decisions for adjuvant systemic chemotherapy (Type: evidence-based; Evidence quality: intermediate; Strength of recommendation: moderate).

Recommendation 1.16. If a patient is premenopausal and has node-negative or node-positive breast cancer, the clinician should not use the Prosigna test to guide decisions for adjuvant systemic chemotherapy (Type: informal consensus; Evidence quality: insufficient; Strength of recommendation: moderate).

Recommendation 1.17. If a patient is postmenopausal and has node-positive breast cancer with 1-3 positive nodes, the evidence is inconclusive to recommend the use of the Prosigna test to guide decisions for adjuvant endocrine and chemotherapy (Type: evidence-based; Evidence quality: intermediate; Strength of recommendation: moderate).

Recommendation 1.18. If a patient has node-positive breast cancer with ≥ 4 positive nodes, evidence on the clinical utility of routine use of the Prosigna test to guide decisions for adjuvant endocrine and chemotherapy is insufficient to recommend its use (Type: informal consensus; Evidence quality: insufficient; Strength of recommendation: strong).

Ki67

Ki67 combined with other parameters or immunohistochemistry 4 score may be used in postmenopausal patients without access to genomic tests to guide adjuvant therapy decisions.

Essentially, all studies show that among ER-positive cancers, the higher the Ki67, the worse the long-term survival. Also, the higher the Ki67, the higher the likelihood of pathologic complete response to NACT.

However, unlike ER or HER2, the expression distribution of Ki67 is not bimodal, and there is no natural threshold to define high or low Ki67 status.

Different studies have used different definitions of high Ki67, which makes interpretation of the literature challenging. Interobserver and interlaboratory variability in Ki67 assessment and a lack of standards further hinder setting a universal Ki67 threshold.

In an attempt to standardize a prognostic threshold, the St Gallen International Consensus on the Primary Therapy of Early Breast Cancer recommended $> 20\%$ as the threshold to define high risk.

In the past decade, the International Ki67 Breast Cancer Working Group has attempted to standardize Ki67 testing. The group recently reported that expression levels of Ki67 < 5% or > 30% can be reliably reported, but levels between those thresholds are unreliable.

Most studies of Ki67 expression have been conducted using samples from postmenopausal patients

Endocrine extension beyond five year decisions

Recommendation 1.23. If a patient has node-negative breast cancer and has had 5 years of endocrine therapy without evidence of recurrence, there is insufficient evidence to use *Oncotype DX*, *EndoPredict*, *Prosigna*, *Ki67*, or *IHC4* scores to guide decisions about extended endocrine therapy (Type: evidence-based; Evidence quality: intermediate; Strength of recommendation: moderate).

CTS[®] CALCULATOR

The CTS[®] is an online model for clinicians to predict late distant metastasis for women with ER-positive breast cancer who are recurrence-free 5 years after endocrine therapy. Patients should always seek advice from their doctors when interpreting the results from this tool.

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Tumour size (mm)

Tumour Grade

Patient age (years)

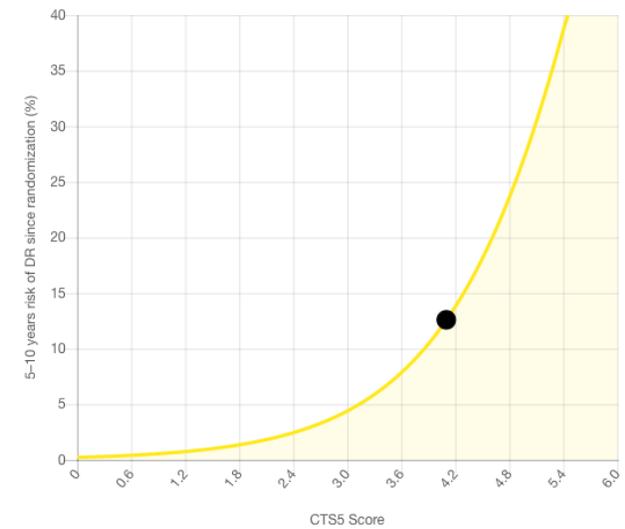
Number of nodes involved

CALCULATE RESULT ⇨

CTS ⑤ CALCULATOR

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UPDATE RESULT ⇨



CTS5 SCORE

4.1

5-10 YEAR RISK

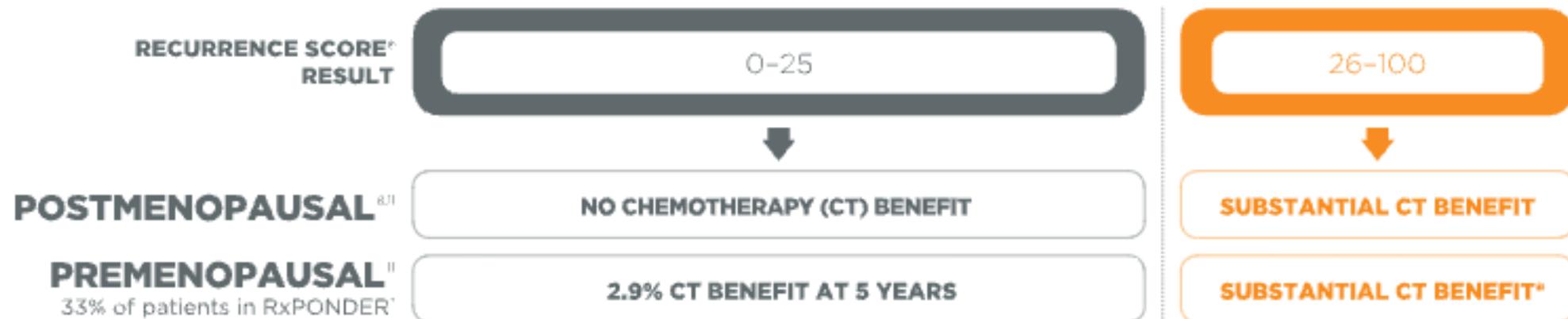
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CTS5 RISK GROUP

High

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Patient selection using the Oncotype DX test in node-positive patients⁸



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– Andrea, a breast cancer survivor

Women who benefit.



Newly diagnosed with invasive breast cancer (stage I, or II or operable stage III)



Lymph node-negative or those with 1-3 positive lymph nodes²



Tumor size up to 5cm

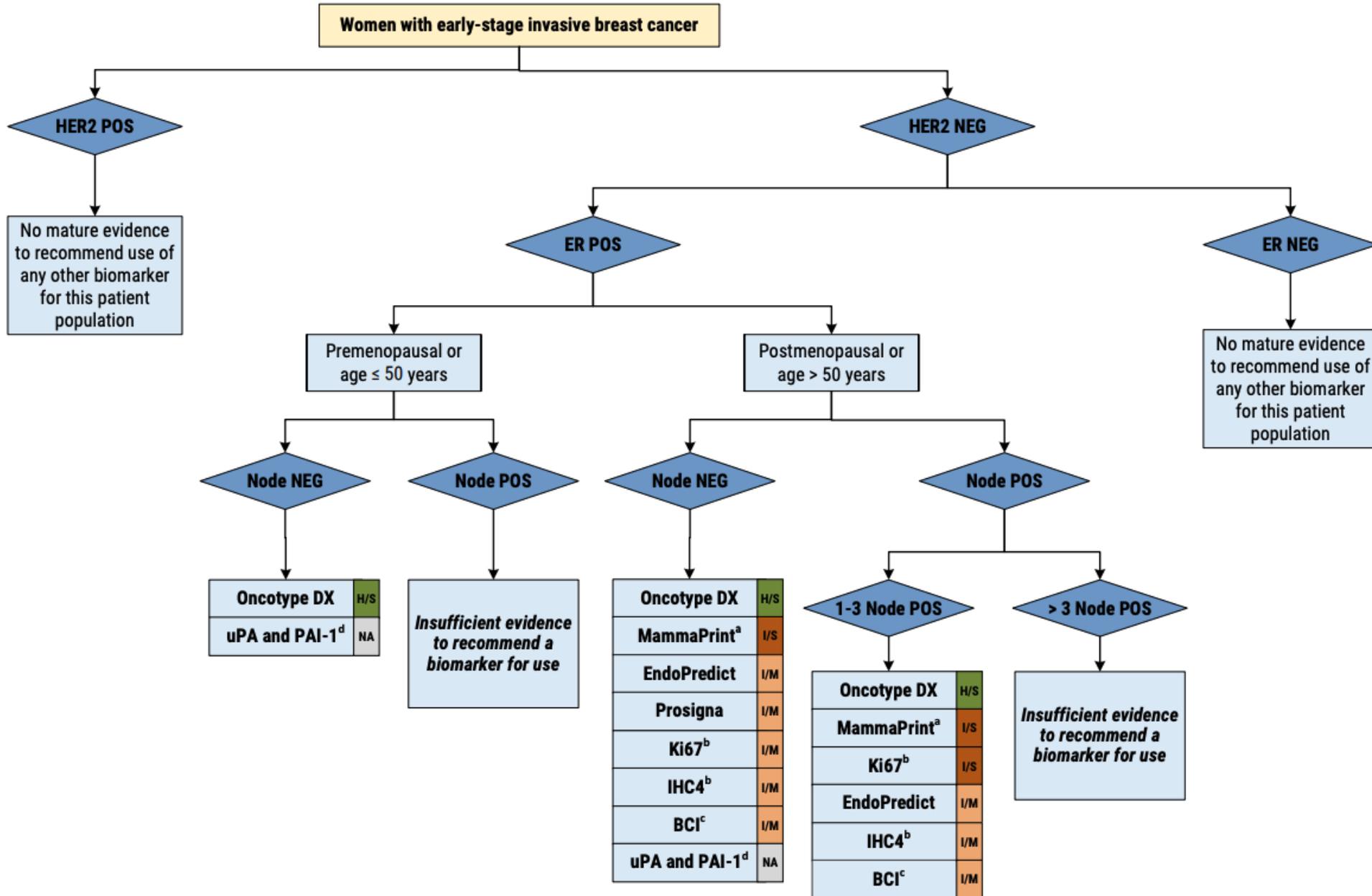


All Ages

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ASCO Guidelines

Algorithm on Biomarkers to Guide Decisions on Adjuvant Endocrine and Chemotherapy



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Criticisms of the guideline

- We don't have much information on higher risk N1 patients (ie the patient with high grade disease or 3 positive nodes)
- Contribution of suboptimal hormonal therapy
- non-inferiority not proved, could be missing 3% difference

What does 3% mean?

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By **Jeremy Wilson** CHIEF SPORTS REPORTER

OPTIMA addresses plenty of important unanswered questions, and ASCO strongly endorses research....

- Younger patients
- Higher risk N1 patients
- 4+ node patients
- True non-inferiority
- Properly controlled endocrine treatment