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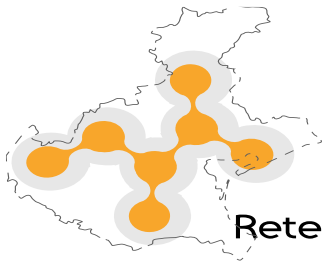
Regione del Veneto  
**Coordinamento Regionale per le Attività Oncologiche  
(CRAO)**

**Corso Formazione Esperti di Rete - Agenas**

**25 gennaio 2024 – Sede del CRAO**

**La Ricerca di Rete**

*Pierfranco Conte*

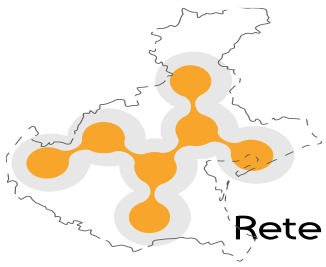


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## Oncology at the Cross Road

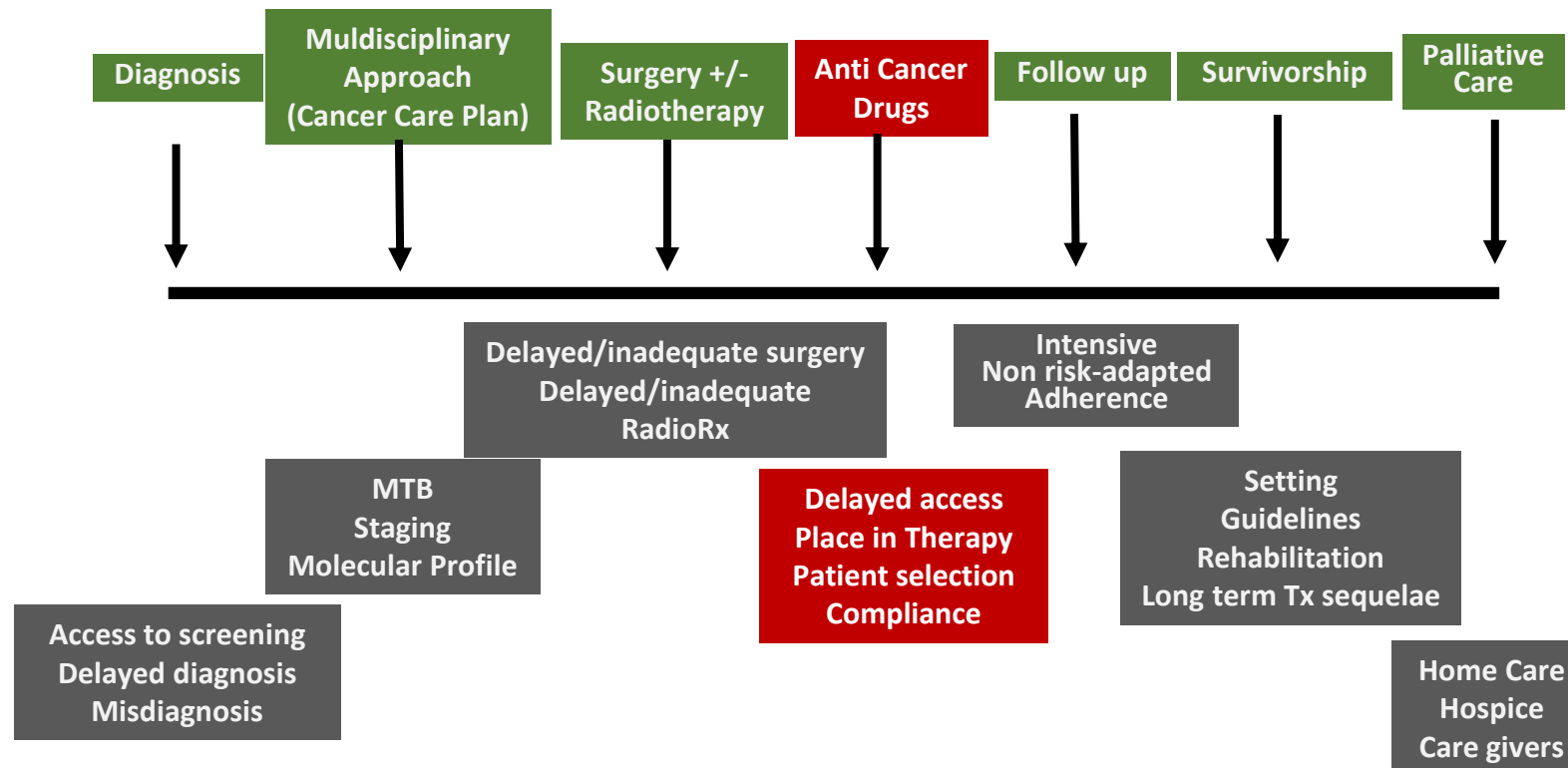
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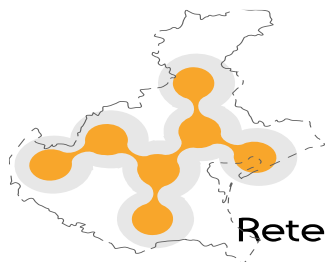
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# Patients' Journey in Oncology





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## Time to adjuvant chemotherapy for eBC in five italian regions

FOCUS ON QUALITY ReCAP

### Use of Electronic Administrative Databases to Measure Quality Indicators of Breast Cancer Care: Experience of Five Regional Oncology Networks in Italy

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Adjuvant therapy within 8 weeks from surgery  
% of patients

Veneto	Liguria	Toscana	Piemonte	Umbria	Benchmark
73.7 %	66.7 %	NA	71.8 %	69.9 %	≥ 80%

No data available on breast cancer subtypes

### The VERO Study: The VEneto and ROMagna Breast project

#### IRST Meldola:

Ilaria Massa, Roberta Maltoni, Valentina Danesi, William Balzi, Andrea Roncadori

#### AUSL Romagna:

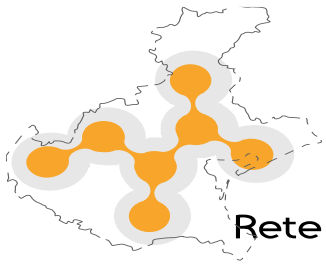
Mattia Altini, Roberto Grilli

#### Rete Oncologica Veneta:

Pierfranco Conte, Alberto Bortolami, Valentina Guarneri

#### Azienda Zero:

Manuel Zorzi

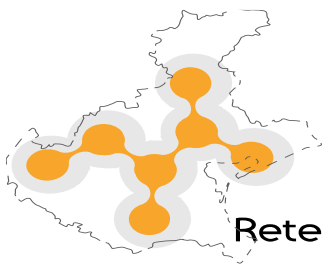


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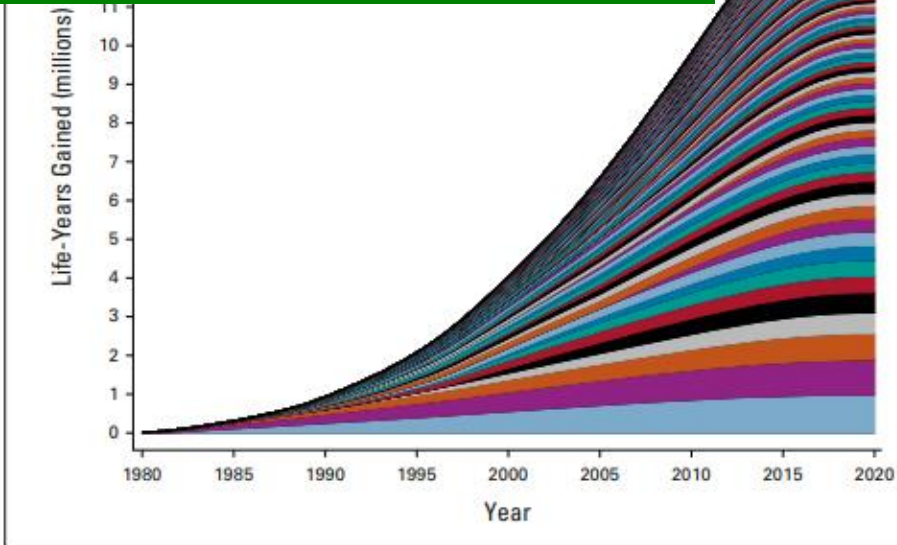
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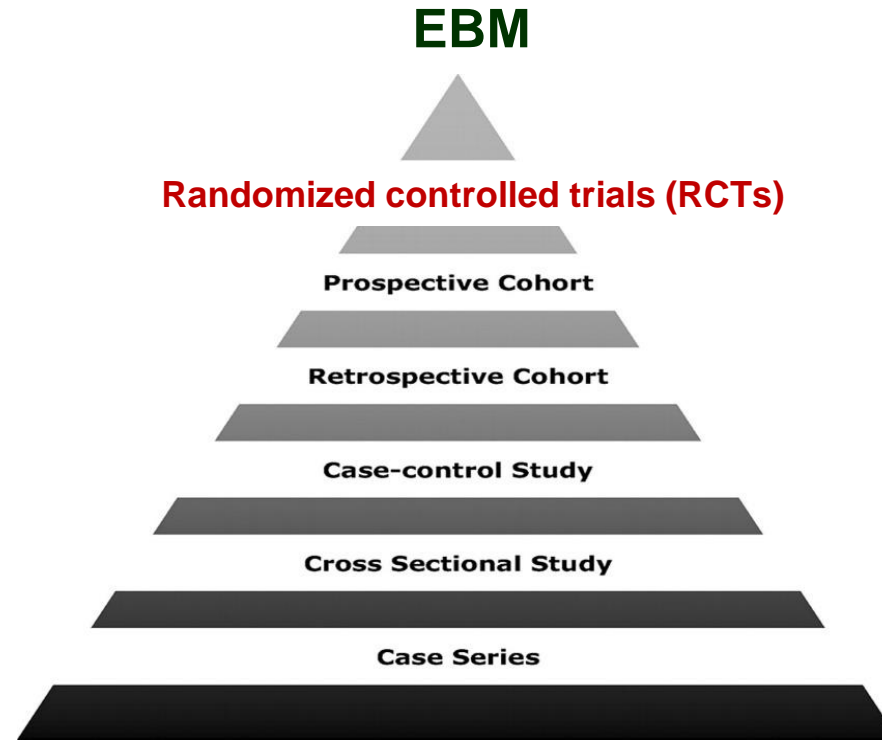
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**163/544 trials with OS improvement**  
**108,344 patients included in these trials**  
**14.2 millions years of life gained**



**FIG 1.** Cumulative life-years gained through 2020 by study. Each color-coded area represents cumulative life-years for 1 of 133 studies for which life-year gains were estimated.

Unger JM et al, JCO 2023



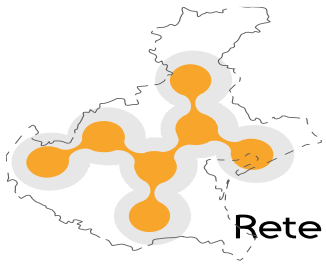
**EBM is largely based on RCTs**

**RCTs are in large part conducted to apply for marketing authorization**

**Regulatory Agencies decide on the basis of the risk/benefit ratio**

**This judgement does not take into account:**

- under-represented patients (elderly, unfit, with comorbidities, with comedications)
- treatment duration (e.g. ICIs, antiHER2 drugs)
- treatment sequences
- rare & long term toxicities
- impact on diagnostic-therapeutic pathways
- budget impact



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**Large proportion of new treatments only show a globally modest efficacy within RCTs**



Effect in clinical practice might be further diluted



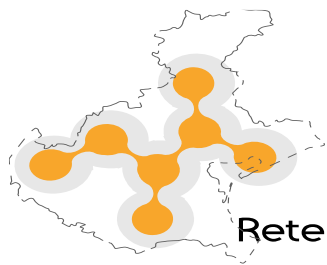
Real value of results may fall under an acceptable threshold of relevance



Post marketing studies could be useful to **confirm or refute the drug's benefit** on survival in real-world populations



**RWE analysis may challenge the magnitude of the efficacy previously shown in RCTs**



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JAMA Oncology | Original Investigation

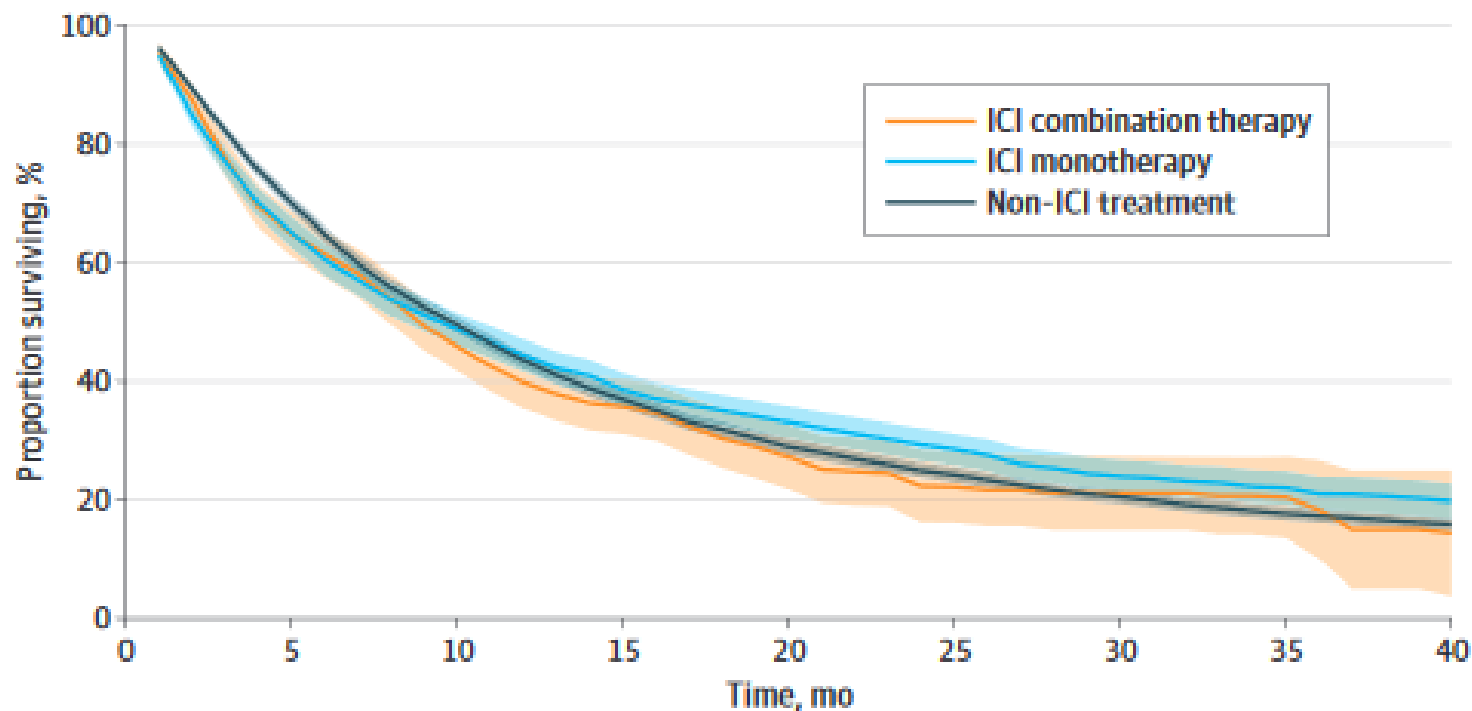
## Uptake and Survival Outcomes Following Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Therapy Among Trial-Ineligible Patients With Advanced Solid Cancers

Ravi B. Parikh, MD, MPP; Eun Jeong Min, PhD; E. Paul Wileyto, PhD; Fauzia Riaz, MD; Cary P. Gross, MD; Roger B. Cohen, MD; Rebecca A. Hubbard, PhD; Qi Long, PhD; Ronac Mamtani, MD, MSCE

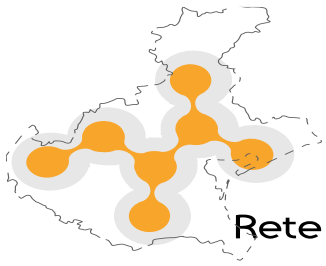
JAMA Oncol. 2021 Dec 1;7(12):1843-1850.

- 34,131 patients with advanced non oncogene-driven NSCLC, urothelial cell, renal cell or hepatocellular carcinoma
- 9,318 (27.3%) patients were trial-ineligible
- From January 2014 to December 2019, ICI monotherapy increased from 0.1% to 19.4% among trial-eligible patients and from 0% to 39.2% among trial-ineligible patients
- Among trial-ineligible patients there was no OS differences between ICI monotherapy, ICI combination therapy or non-ICI therapies

Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier Curves of Overall Survival Among Trial-Ineligible Patients With Advanced Solid Tumors







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## Evidence Based or Evidence Biased Medicine?

**Randomized controlled trials (RCTs)**

**Challenge for Scientific Societies and Independent Research:  
RWD as a mandatory step to provide truly patient-oriented recommendations**

**Retrospective Cohort**

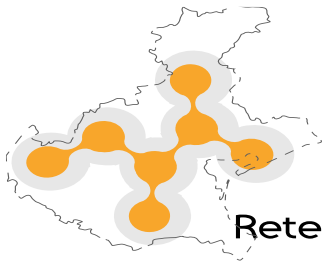
**Case-control Study**

**These findings raise the idea that overall survival in registration trials should be considered a surrogate for overall survival in the real world, along with other surrogates, such as response rate and progression-free survival**

*(Mailankody & Prasad, Jama Oncol 2017; 3(7): 889-890)*

National and International Guidelines are largely based on RCTs.

RCTs are in large part conducted for marketing authorization, NOT to provide evidence on the best treatment strategy.

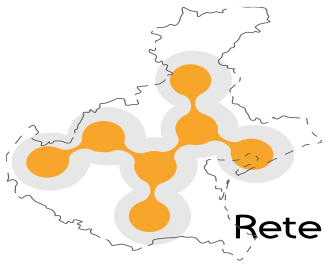


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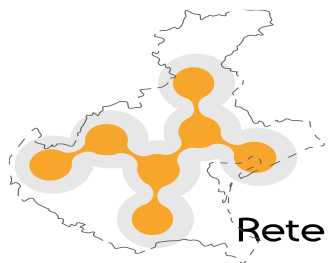
## SOUNDING BOARD

### **The Magic of Randomization versus the Myth of Real-World Evidence**

Rory Collins, F.R.S., Louise Bowman, M.D., F.R.C.P., Martin Landray, Ph.D., F.R.C.P.,  
and Richard Peto, F.R.S.

## **Targets of RWE**

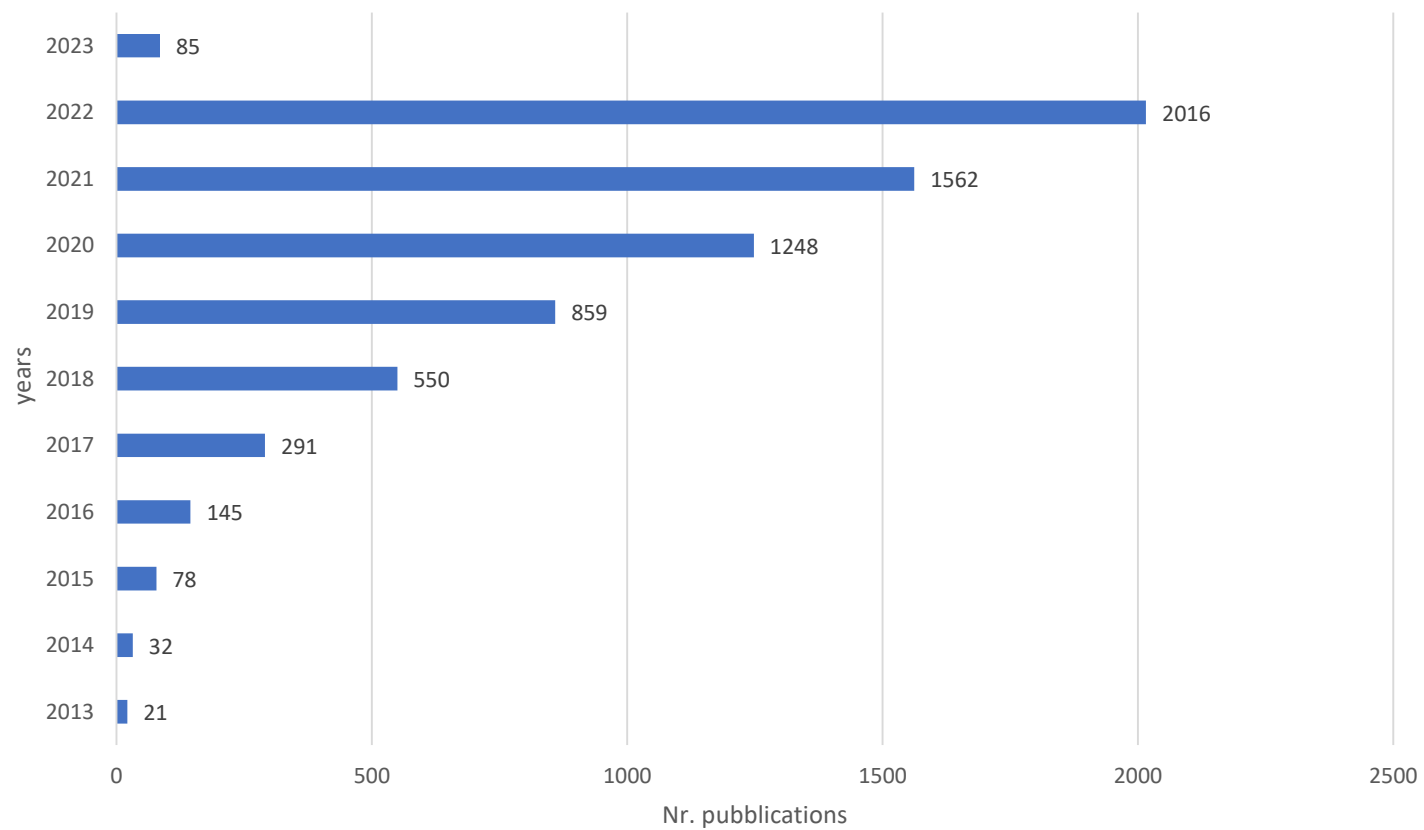
- Complement/provide data for Regulatory Authorities
- Comparative effectiveness data (rare populations, applicability, treatment sequences, rare&long term toxicities)
- Definition of diagnostic-therapeutic pathways
- Budget impact (whole disease model-bundled payments)
- Patient-oriented guidelines

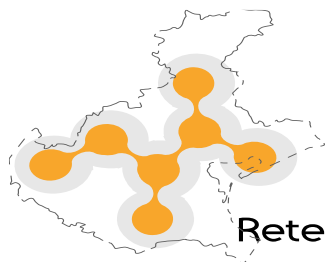


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## Real World Publications - Oncology





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## Milestones in the FDA's Real-World Evidence Activities



**Real-world data (RWD)** are data relating to patient health status and/or the delivery of health care routinely collected from a variety of sources. Examples of RWD include data derived from electronic health records, medical claims data, data from product or disease registries, and data gathered from other sources (such as digital health technologies) that can inform on health status.

**Real-world evidence (RWE)** is the clinical evidence about the usage and potential benefits or risks of a medical product derived from analysis of RWD.



<https://www.evidencebaseonline.com/>

2016



### **21st Century Cures Act**

Intended to promote more rapid development of drugs and biologics, this act also enhances the US FDA's ability to modernize clinical trial designs, including the use of RWE.

2018



### **Framework for FDA's Real-World Evidence Program**

Created in response to the 21st Century Cures Act, the framework provides guidance on how the FDA will evaluate the use of RWE to support regulatory decisions.

September 2021



### **GUIDANCE:**

Real-World Data: Assessing Electronic Health Records and Medical Claims Data To Support Regulatory Decision-Making for Drug and Biological Products

October 2021



### **GUIDANCE:**

Data Standards for Drug and Biological Product Submissions Containing Real-World Data

2022



### **PDUFA VII**

The sixth reauthorization of the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) incorporated as part of the FDA User Fee Reauthorization Act of 2022.

October 2022



### **Advancing Real-World Evidence Program**

Fulfills an FDA commitment under PDUFA VII. This seeks to improve the quality and acceptability of RWE-based approaches in support of new intended labeling claims, including approval of new indications of approved medical products or to satisfy post-approval study requirements.

November 2021



### **GUIDANCE:**

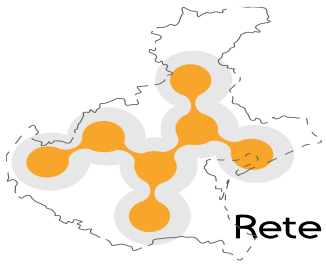
Submitting Documents Utilizing Real-World Data and Real-World Evidence to FDA for Drugs and Biologics

February 2023



### **GUIDANCE:**

Considerations for the Design and Conduct of Externally Controlled Trials for Drug and Biological Products



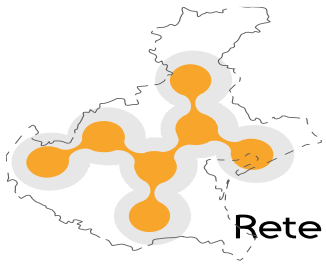
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## **RWE must be based on good quality Real World Data**

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### **BARRIERS to good quality Real World Data**

- Access to regional/national Data Bases (institutional data bases are NOT enough!)
- Data Availability (i.e. molecular characteristics/mutational profiles)
- Set of Data (i.e. proportion of patients; TTF, emergency room access, attrition rate)
- Quality of Data (EMR, source of data and data verification)
- Data interpretation (comparative effectiveness)
- Funding



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## MINISTERO DELLA SALUTE

DECRETO 30 maggio 2023.

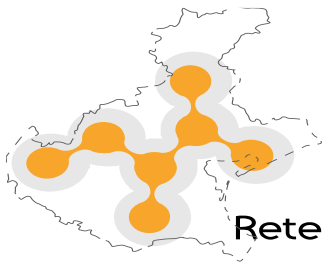
**Istituzione dei *Molecular tumor board* e individuazione dei centri specialistici per l'esecuzione dei test per la profilazione genomica estesa *Next generation sequencing* (NGS).**

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***“Istituzione dei Molecular Tumor Board e individuazione dei centri specialistici per l'esecuzione dei test per la profilazione genomica estesa Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)”***

**2. ISTITUZIONE DEI MOLECULAR TUMOR BOARD NELL'AMBITO DELLE RETI ONCOLOGICHE REGIONALI**

# Diagnostic alternatives and interpretation



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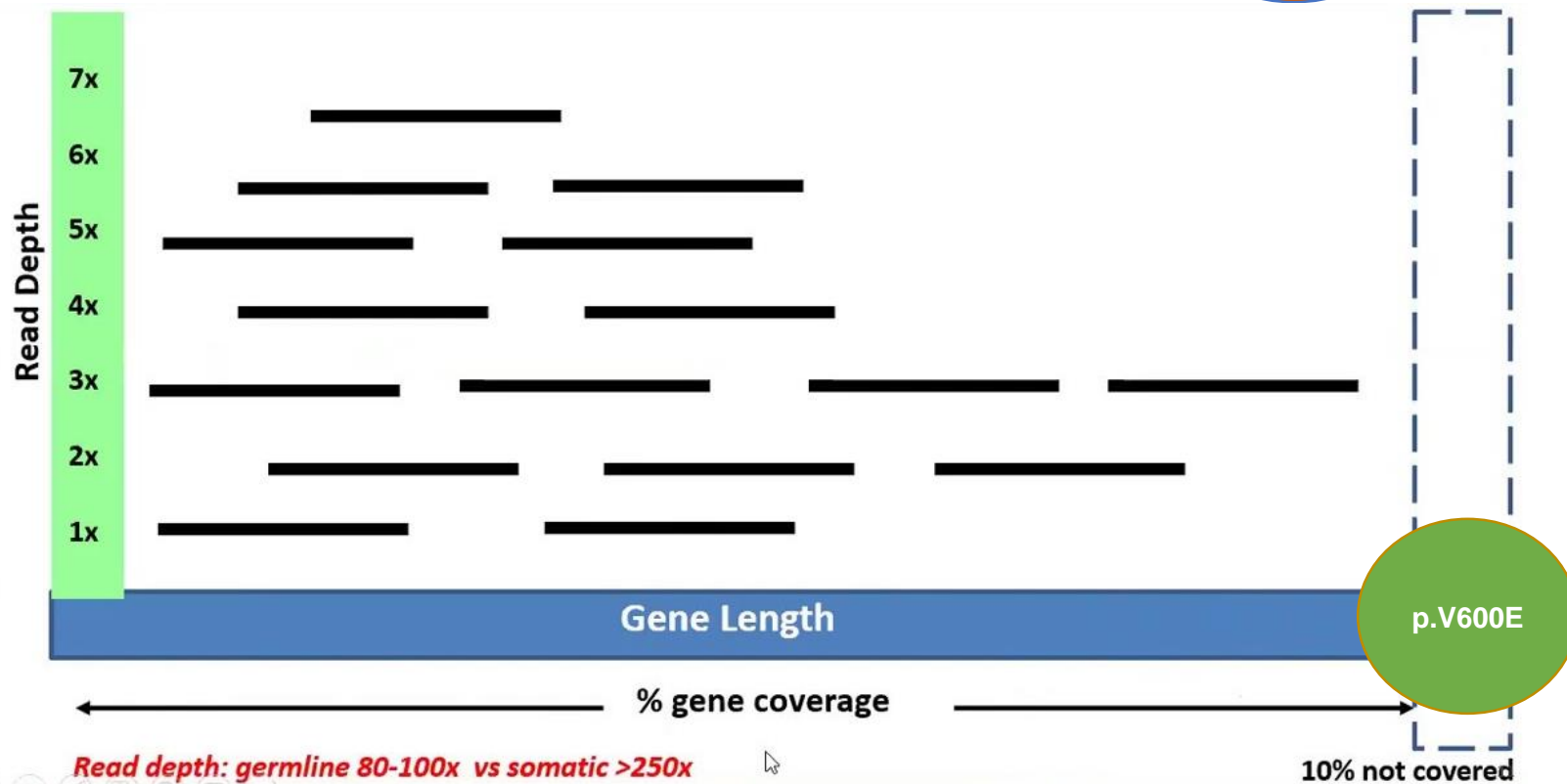


**Real Time PCR**  
*BRAF* p.V600E

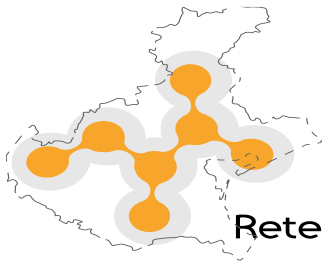
p.V600E

wt

**NGS**  
*BRAF* wt







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## Precision Oncology.....still a long road ahead

Prevalence of specific dysregulations in the general population of cancer patients

**Largely unknown with the exception of «classic» dysregulations (PanRAS, PIK3CA,PTEN,BRCA,ALK,ROS,EGFR,HER2, BRAF,NTRK, MSI... ) already included in routine molecular diagnostics**

Natural history of cancers from same organs and histologies with specific genetic dysregulations

**Largely unknown (i.e. BRCAm vs PALB2m breast cancer; BRCAm vs BRCAwt breast cancer)**

Sensitivity to «standard» treatments of tumors from same organs and specific dysregulations

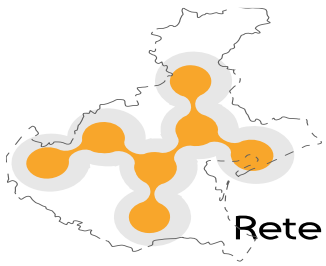
**Some data indicate that BRCAm tumors respond better to platinum compounds and that oncogene-driven NSCLC is less responsive to ICI**

Sensitivity to «targeted» treatments of tumors from different organs and same dysregulations (agnostic approach)

**Largely unknown for most dysregulations. The clinical value of PARPi is significantly different according to tumor type and tumor stage.**

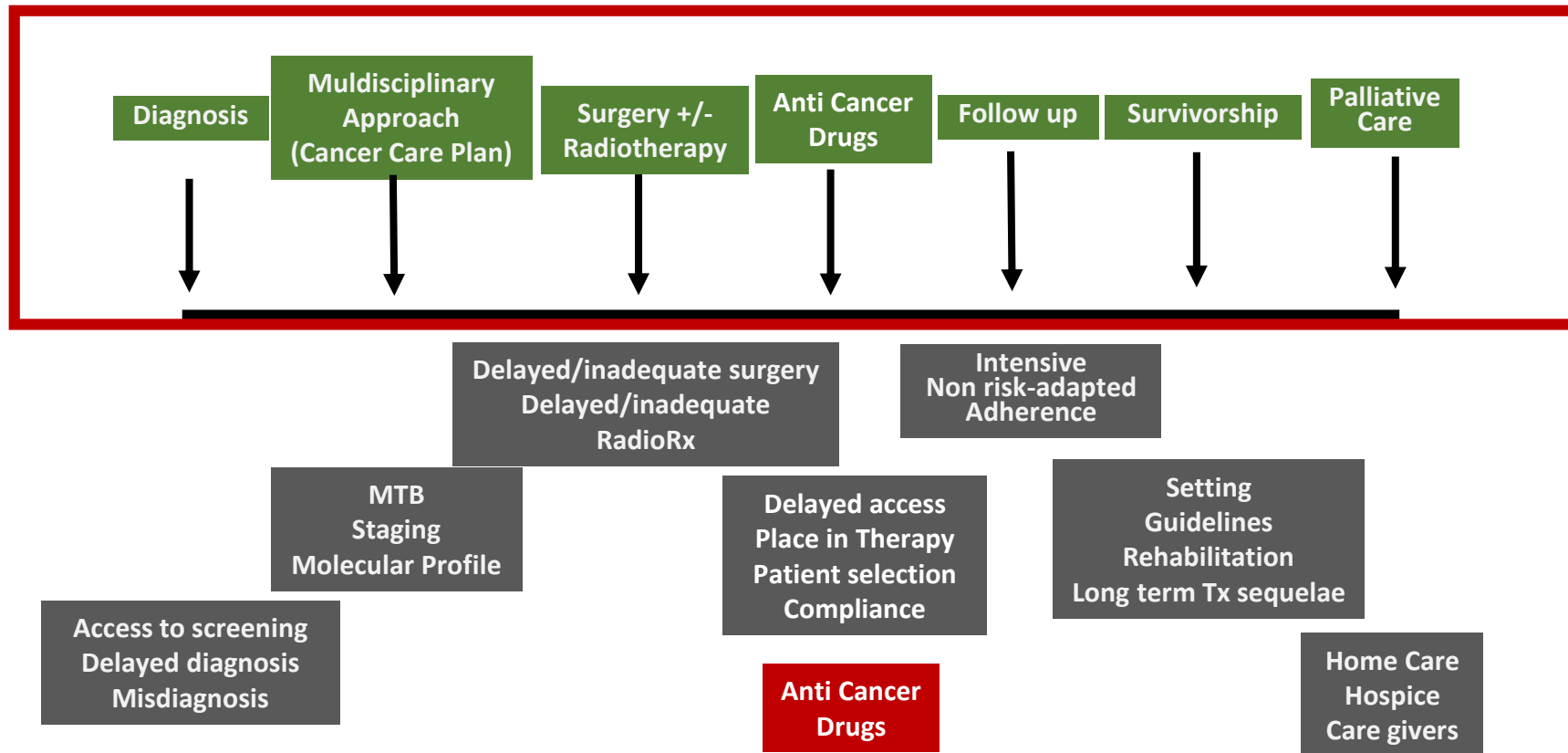
Relevance of concomitant mutations to dictate sensitivity/resistance to targeted treatments

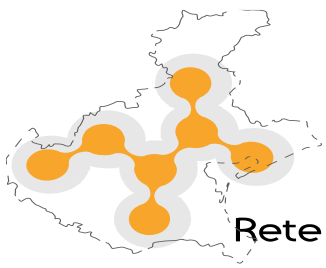
**Largely unknown; not considered in ESCAT or OncoKB**



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## Sources of Data

### Identificazione dei casi

Casi di tumore al polmone NSCLC  
incidenti nel 2017



Registro  
Tumori  
Veneto

### Fonti dei dati per il calcolo degli indicatori

#### Flussi amministrativi

SDO, SPS, Registro mortalità,  
farmaceutica, Hospice, Assistenza  
protesica, PS, Device, Assistenza  
domiciliare

#### Flusso di anatomia patologica

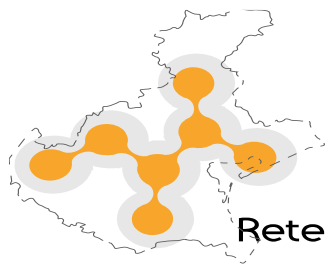
referti istologici, referti citologici

#### RTV - Registro Polmone

archivi di registro, collegamenti SIL  
delle ASL, cartelle cliniche

### Data links and interpretation:

a multidisciplinary team including physicians, pathologists, pharmacists and epidemiologists



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## Thoracic Cancer

Thoracic Cancer ISSN 1759-7706

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Estimated direct costs of non-small cell lung cancer by stage at diagnosis and disease management phase: A whole-disease model

Alessandra Buja<sup>1</sup>, Michele Rivera<sup>1</sup>, Anna De Polo<sup>1</sup>, Eugenio di Brino<sup>6</sup>, Marco Marchetti<sup>6</sup>, Manuela Scioni<sup>2</sup>, Giulia Pasello<sup>4</sup>, Alberto Bortolami<sup>7</sup>, Vincenzo Rebba<sup>3</sup>, Marco Schiavon<sup>1</sup>, Fiorella Calabrese<sup>1</sup>, Giovanni Mandoliti<sup>5</sup>, Vincenzo Baldo<sup>1</sup> & PierFranco Conte<sup>4,8</sup>

**Table 3** Estimates of average (and confidence interval) per-patient costs of care for NSCLC by disease stage (€) during the first year after diagnosis

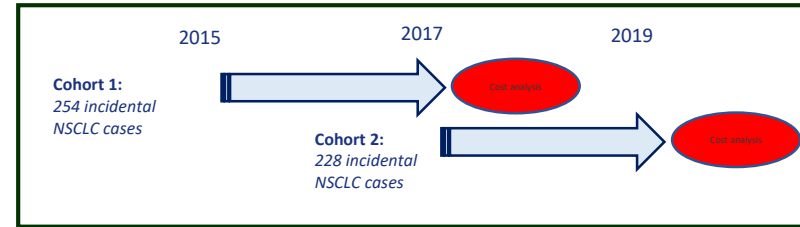
	Average total costs	Cost ratio vs. stage I
Stage I	16 291 (95 % CI: 15 284–17 505)	1
Stage II	19 530 (95 % CI: 18 263–21 091)	1.19
Stage III	21 938 (95 % CI: 20 271–25 252)	1.34
Stage IV	22 175 (95 % CI: 22 127–22 190)	1.36
Pancoast	28 711 (95 % CI: 27 711–29 890)	1.79
TOTAL	21 328 (95 % CI: -20 897–22 322)	

VALUE IN CANCER CARE ReCAP

## Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer: Real-World Cost Consequence Analysis

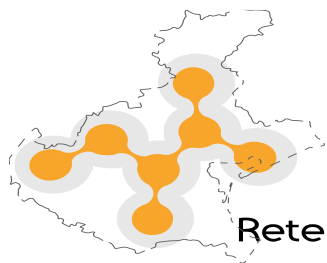
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Buja A et al, JOP 2021



Regression models dependent variable	Coefficient 2017 (ref 2015)	95% CI	p-value
Hospitalization costs	343.9	383.7 ; 0.9	0.37
Outpatient visits costs	192.0	314.1 ; 0.6	0.541
Emergency room costs	39.8	27.6 ; 1.4	0.149
Hospice costs	-911.3	397.0 ; -2.3	0.022
Hospital delivered drugs costs	2976	1116.0 ; 2.7	0.008
Medical devices costs	522.6	371.9 ; 1.4	0.160
Other Drugs costs	-55.1	44.84 ; -1.2	0.219
Total costs	3006	1148.0 ; 2.6	0.009

- Total costs adjusted for age, stage at diagnosis, sex, cohort, at 2 yrs after cancer diagnosis
- significant **increase in the average costs** of patients in the 2017 cohort
- significant **decrease** in the average cost of **hospice care**
- significant **increase** in the average cost of **drugs**
- **Significant OS improvement at 2 yrs**



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# Periplo Foundation Outcome-COsts-CAnCER Programme

## OCOCA Lung

(evaluation of impact of the introduction of the clinical pathway  
on health outcome, costs and quality of care in NSCLC patients) – PI V Guarneri



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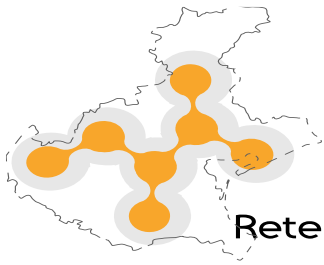


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DEGLI STUDI  
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**Studio osservazionale di coorte che prevede la raccolta di tutti i casi di NSCLC diagnosticati in Regione Veneto in tre anni differenti (2017,2019,2021) per valutare:**

- 1) **Qualità delle cure**
- 2) **Costi della presa in carico globale**
- 3) **Esiti in termini di sopravvivenza globale**



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## **From Cancer Institutions to Oncology Networks for the benefit of our patients**

