Enhancing Awareness and Access

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Tom Marsilje, PhD aka Dr. Tom
Stage IV

Colon cancer has spread to other parts of the body:

- Distant lymph nodes
- Lung
- Liver
- Abdominal wall
- Ovary
- Colon
Promise of Immunotherapy ....

How the Promise of Immunotherapy Is Transforming Oncology

Wall Street Journal, December 4 2014
Search terms:
- Metastatic CRC
- Recruiting
- Not yet recruiting

270 trials total

What about phase 1 trials for solid tumors?
“As a patient, I had no interest in participating in a trial which had both the highest risk of failure as well as limited long-term benefit, even if the experimental therapy worked as designed. I knew that I may only have one shot at a trial, so I wanted to choose that trial wisely and make that potentially single shot count the most!” – Dr. Tom Marsilje
What does that mean?

- **MSS tumors**: Majority of patients (>95%) who have micro-satellite stable tumors (MSS)

- **No trials in China**: at that point, 4-5 years ago, Tom had concerns about listing trials that most people probably wouldn’t be able to access
What does that mean?

- **Highest “potential” chance of benefit:** Chance for a durable response, even if it’s a small chance. Immunotherapy trials* are characterized as highest “potential.”

- **Lowest “potential” chance of trial failure:** Trials can fail due to either safety or lack of efficacy. CRC trials that have advanced to Phase 2 or Phase 3* are characterized as lowest “potential” for failure.

* means parameters will evolve as science evolves
Hacking for Good: Improving Access to Clinical Trials

By Ben Holzman, Engineering & Product
Late Stage MSS-CRC Trial Finder
A Curated List Powered by Patients

< Search for colorectal cancer clinical trials... >

Geography
All Locations...

Phase
All Phases...

Recruitment Status
All Statuses...

☐ Immunotherapy only
☐ Prior immunotherapy allowed

Date Trial Added
From
To

Advanced search
NCT number
Therapy Name

☐ Save preferences?
Reset
Search

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http://trialfinder.fightcrc.org/
Curation Process

- Level 1 Curation
  - Research advocate team
    - Is this for stage 4 MSS CRC patients?
    - Is it immunology or phase 2 / phase 3 trial?
    - We now accept trials from China
  - In, Out, or Maybe
Curation process

- Level 2 curation
  - Super advocates with scientific background and scientist support
    - Generally decide questions around potential impact or complex eligibility criteria
  - In or Out, with comments
Impact of curation

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375 trials total vs 270 in CT.gov
Utilization since May 2017

- Over 14,000 users have utilized the tools, amounting to nearly 26,000 unique searches.
- Aside from the United States, the countries with patients using the tool the most are the United Kingdom and China.
- Users spend over two and a half minutes per session and navigate between two and three pages each session.
Tom Marsilje, 1972-2017

I DONT ALWAYS GO TO INFINITY

BUT WHEN I DO I GO BEYOND
Thank you to …

- Maia Walker, the wizard behind the curtain
- FightCRC research advocates who curate
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- Reece Garcia, the FightCRC staff person who juggles (and all the FightCRC staff who believed and helped)
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