

Colorectal Cancer

Newly Diagnosed Stage I-III (somatic)

When and what should be tested?

- Treatment eligible
- Stage I-III
- Newly diagnosed to make determination on adjuvant therapy as well as choice of regimen
- Tissue sample preferred
- Liquid biopsy if tissue sample inadequate for further testing

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- MLH1
- MSH2
- MSH6 or PMS2 for loss of protein expression via IHC
- MSI via PCR
- MRD
- MMR
- POLE/POLD1 with hypermutated phenotype (e.g., TMB>50)

Emerging

- cfDNA for MRD assessment/Oncotype DX (stage II-III)
- Consider PIK3CA

Assume CEA testing at initial diagnosis and ongoing monitoring will be conducted as standard of care. Initial evaluation of CEA will be an important monitoring consideration

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Newly Diagnosed Advanced Disease or Progression on Treatment (somatic)

When and what should be tested?

- Treatment eligible
- Stage IV (newly diagnosed, advanced, or progressed on treatment)
- Tissue sample preferred
- Liquid biopsy if tissue sample inadequate for further testing

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- Limited panel including:
 - KRAS
 - KRAS G12C
 - NRAS
 - BRAF / BRAF V600E
 - HER2 (via IHC+, FISH, or NGS)
 - TMB ≥ 50 mut/Mb
 - MSI
 - dMMR
 - NTRK
 - RET
 - POLE/POLD1 mutation
 - MRD

Emerging

- Comprehensive NGS panel

Complete appropriate diagnostic testing for all patients as outlined in this recommendation

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Prior to Second Line Therapy with I/O Agent (somatic)

When and what should be tested?

- Treatment eligible
- All patients prior to second line therapy with I/O agent
- Tissue sample preferred
- Liquid biopsy if tissue sample inadequate for further testing

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- Limited panel including:
 - MSI (for each metastatic lesion)
 - dMMR
 - NTRK
 - TMB
 - POLE/POLD1
 - MRD

Emerging

- Comprehensive NGS panel

Complete appropriate diagnostic testing for all patients as outlined in this recommendation

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Genetic High-Risk Patients

When and what should be tested?

- Histologically verified colorectal cancer in 3 relatives, at least one first degree relative
- Colorectal cancer in two successive generations
- At least one member being younger than 50 years
- Upon treatment by a medical oncologist
- Peripheral blood for germline mutation
- Tissue analysis

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- Testing for Lynch Syndrome*
- MLH1, MSH2, MSH6 or PMS2 via IHC test
- MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2 mutation or EPCAM (TACSTD1) mutation, MSI via PCR test
- If abnormal IHC or MSI, then MLH1 promoter methylation, EPCAM mutation or BRAF V600E should be tested

Emerging

- n/a

* MSI may be indicative of Lynch Syndrome, yet not diagnostic

If previously seen by a gastroenterologist, then testing of Lynch Syndrome should already have been conducted. If not, follow the recommendations above