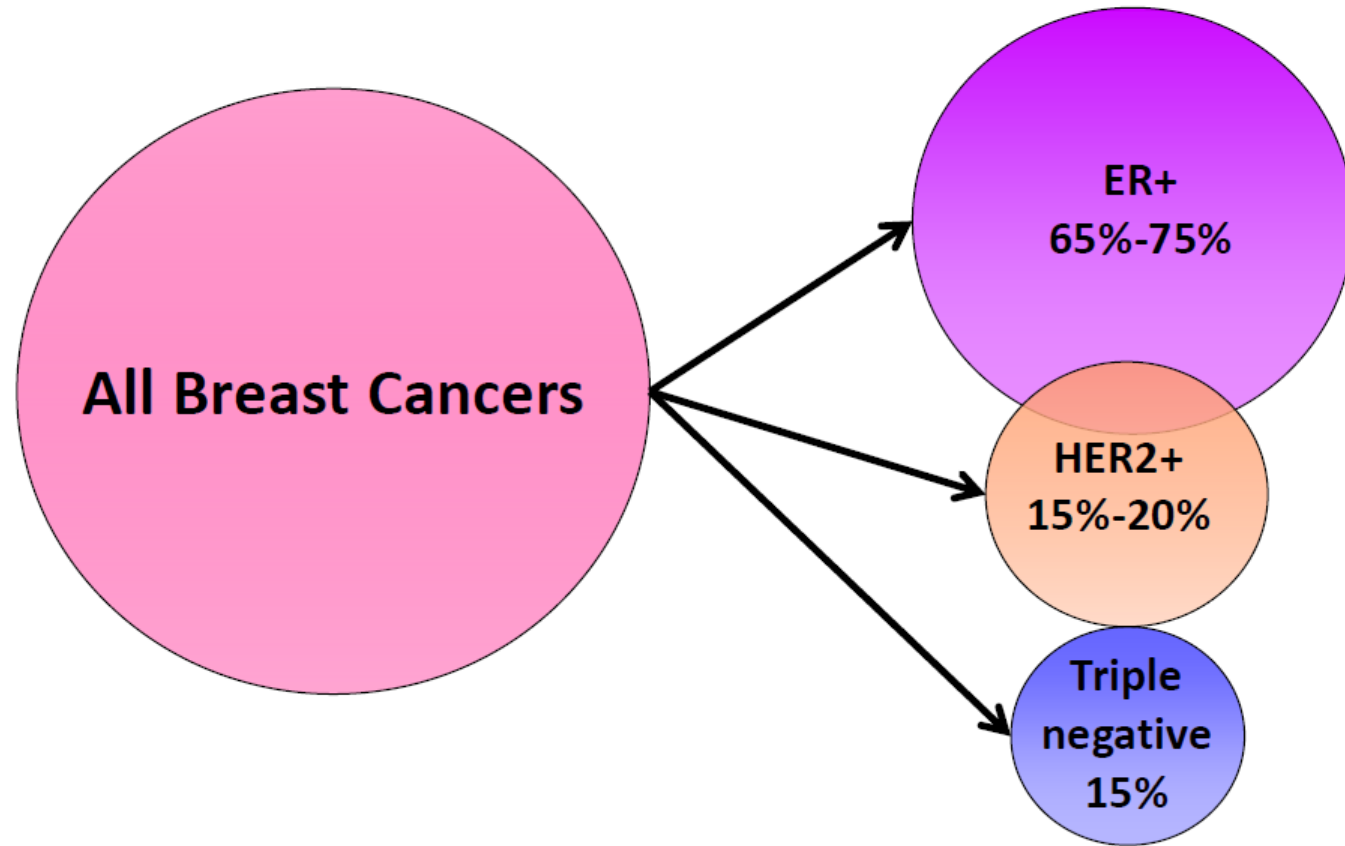


# Invasive Breast Cancer Subsets Defined by IHC

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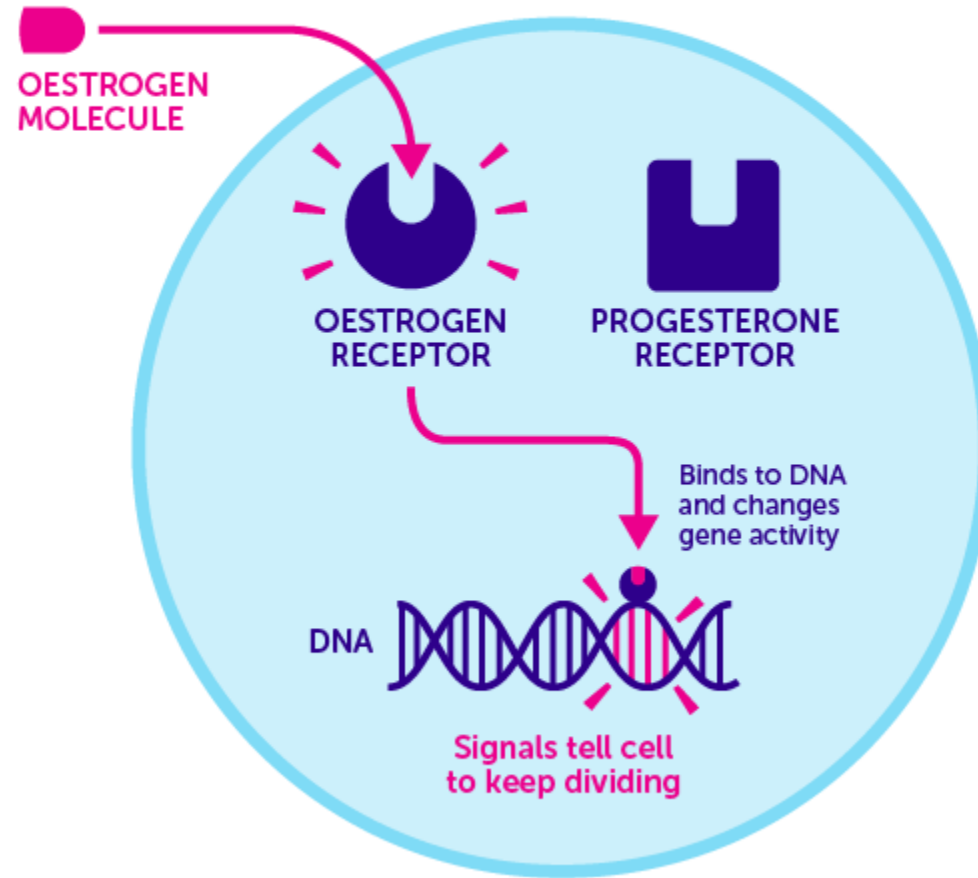
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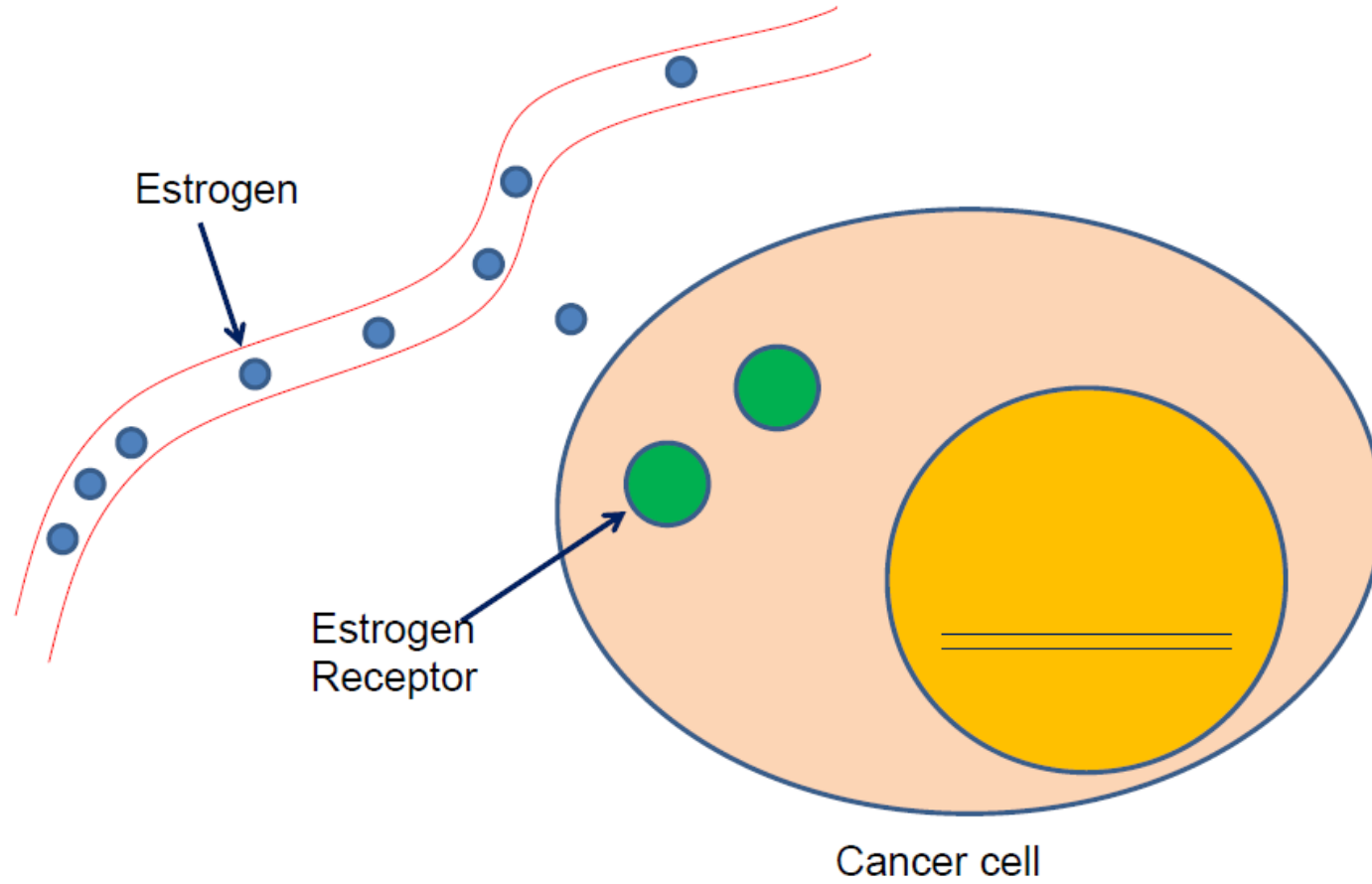
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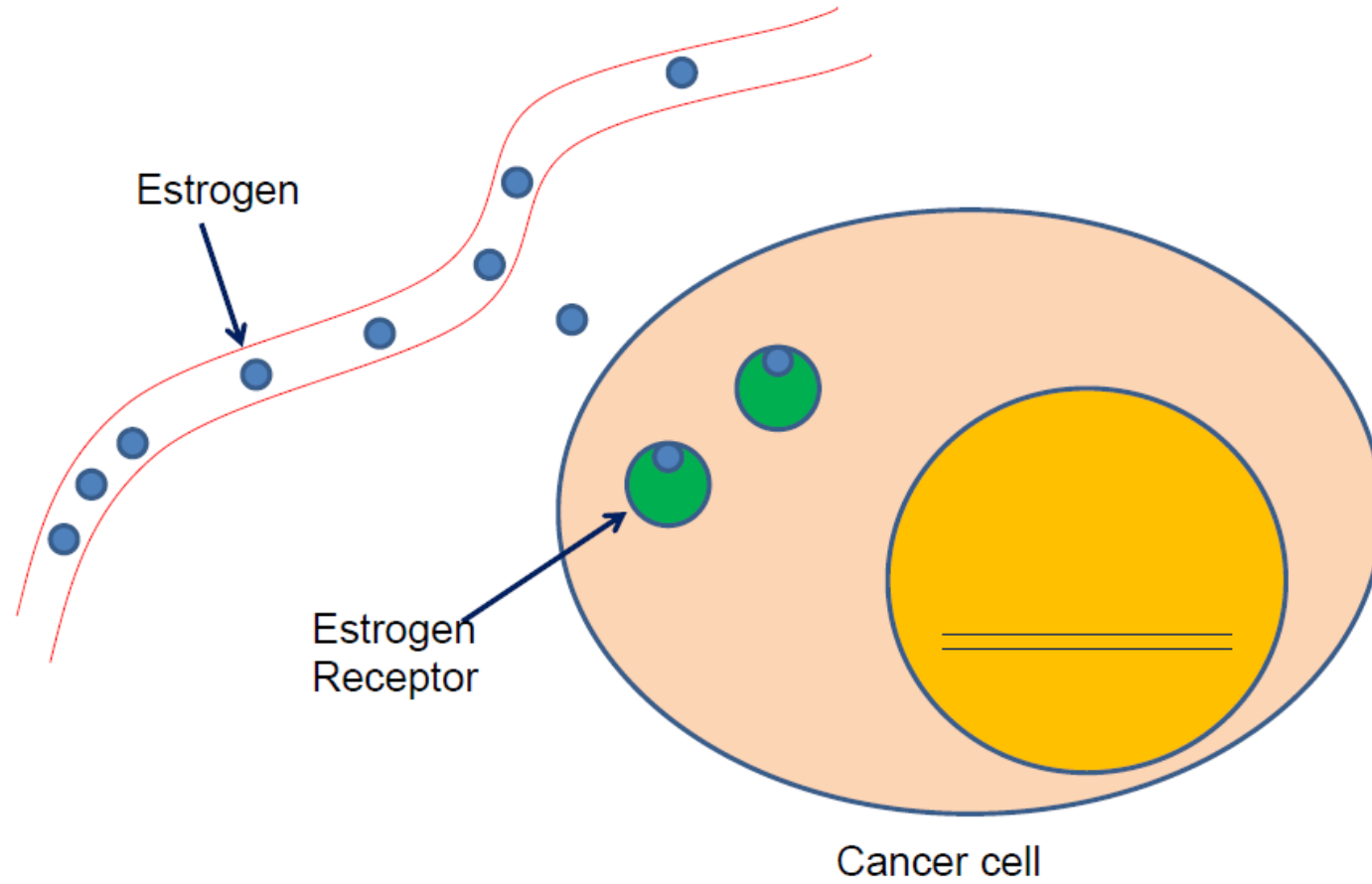
## “Targeted” therapy

- Drug which inhibits a protein or molecule that is only expressed in cancer or which only the cancer is dependent
- Offer the promise of reduced side effects compared to less targeted drugs

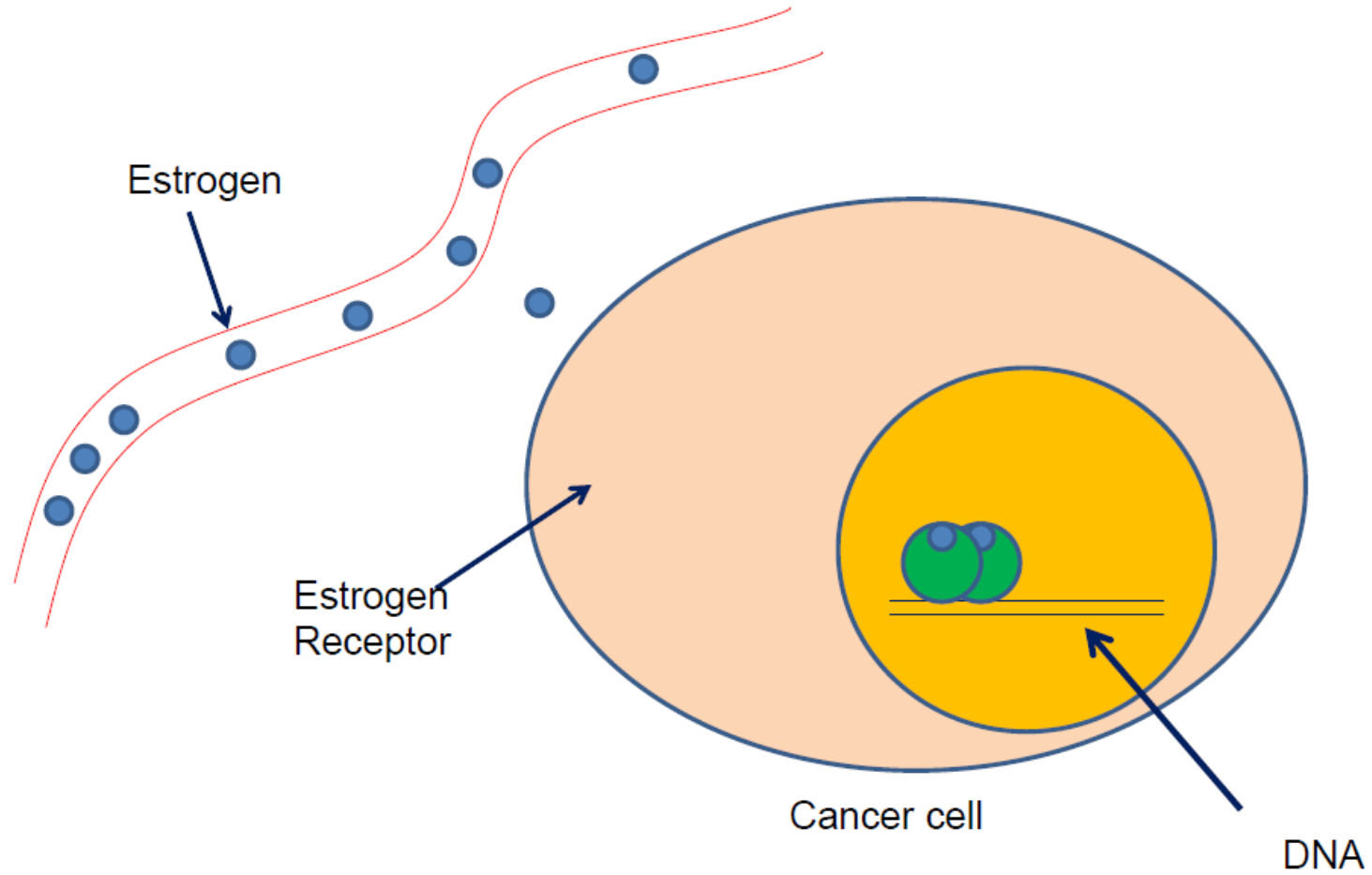
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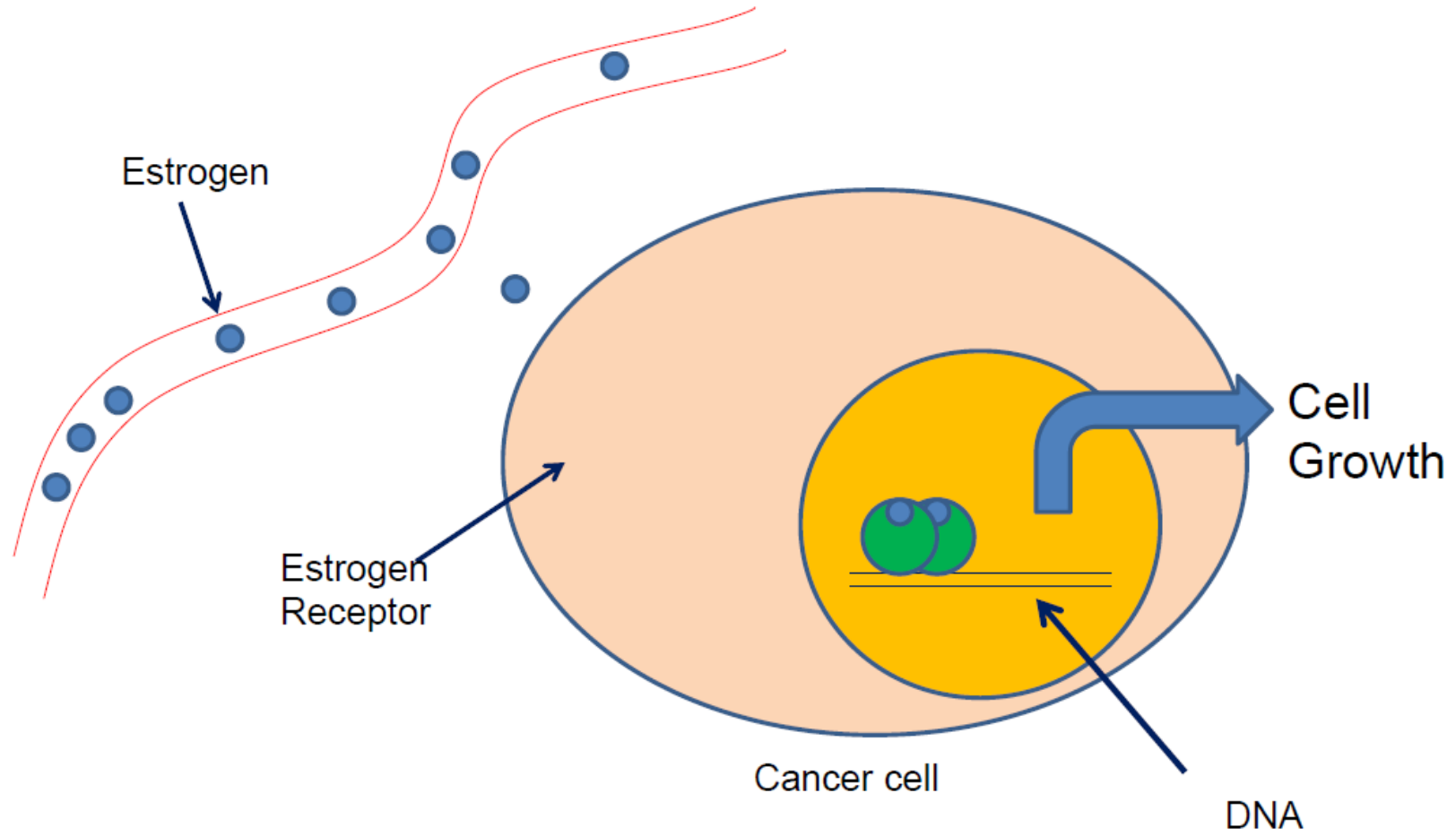


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## How do hormone therapies work?

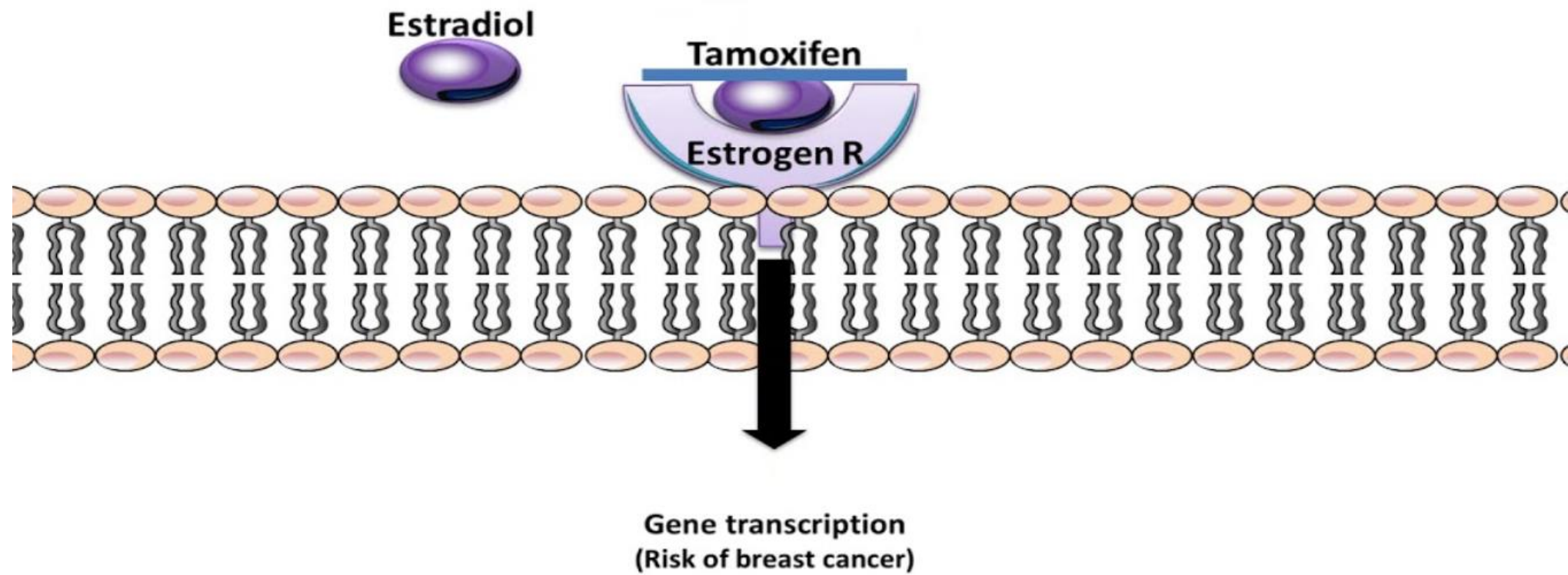
Hormone therapies slow or stop the growth of hormone receptor-positive tumors by preventing the cancer cells from getting the hormones they need to grow.

They do this in a few ways:

- Some hormone therapies, like tamoxifen, attach to the receptor in the cancer cell and block estrogen from attaching to the receptor.
- Some hormone therapies, like aromatase inhibitors and ovarian suppression, lower the level of estrogen in the body so the cancer cells can't get the estrogen they need to grow.

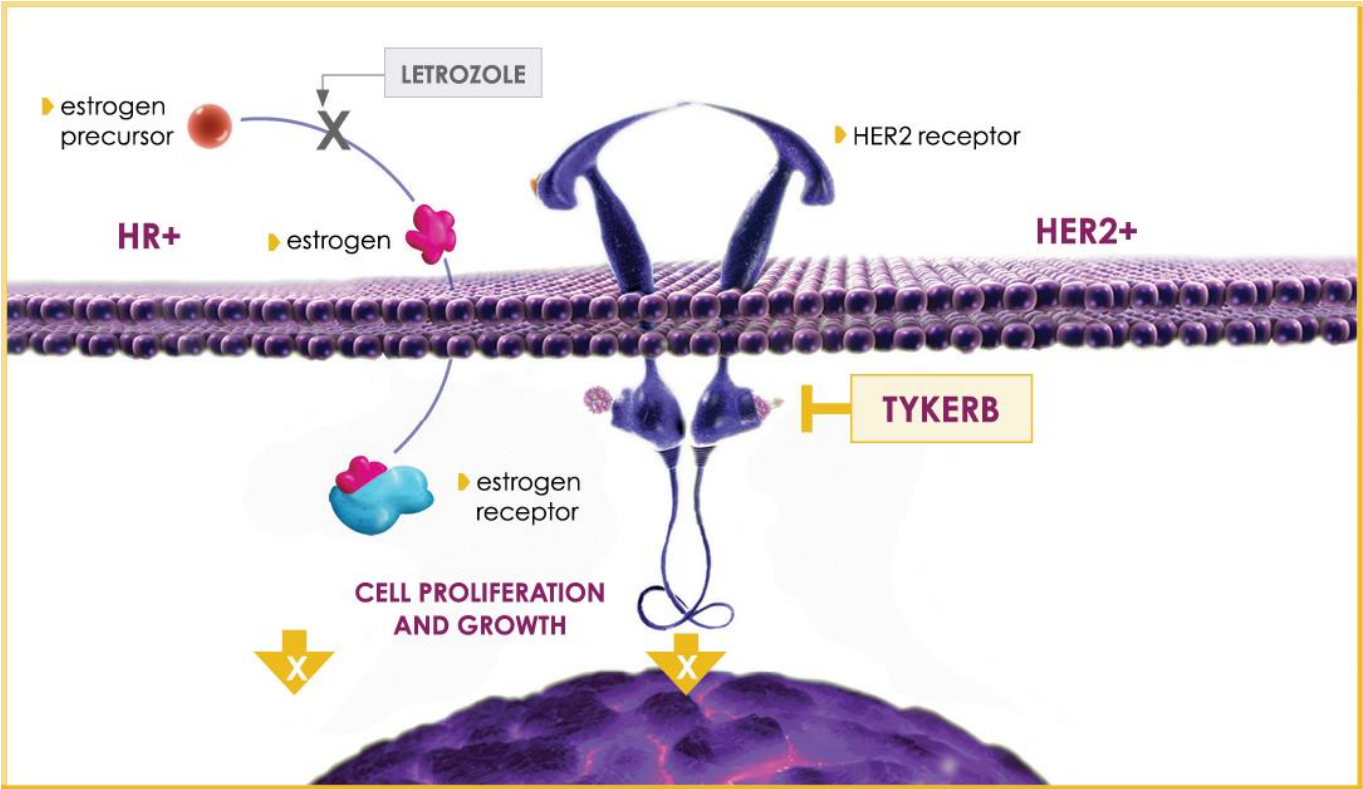
# Hormonal therapy

- The original targeted therapy
- Several types:
  - Tamoxifen
    - Blocks estrogen from binding to ER
  - Aromatase inhibitors (anastrozole, letrozole, exemestane)
    - Blocks production of estrogen
  - Fulvestrant (Faslodex)
    - Blocks estrogen from binding to ER and helps degrade ER



**Prevents breast cancer**

# Letrozole blocks production of estrogen



## Common side effects of hormonal therapy



**Dizziness**



**Bloating**



**Fatigue**



**Headache**

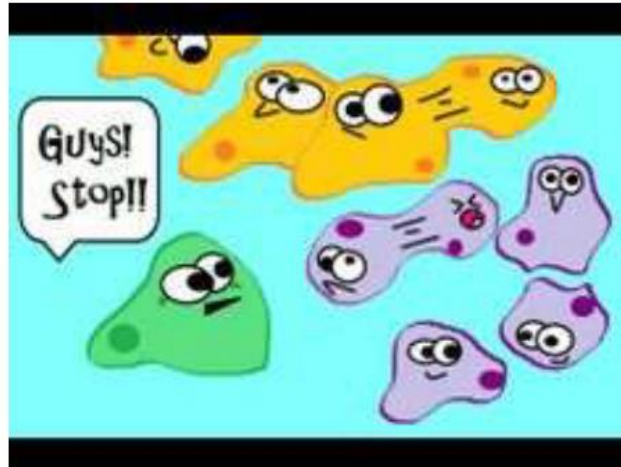


**Hot flashes**

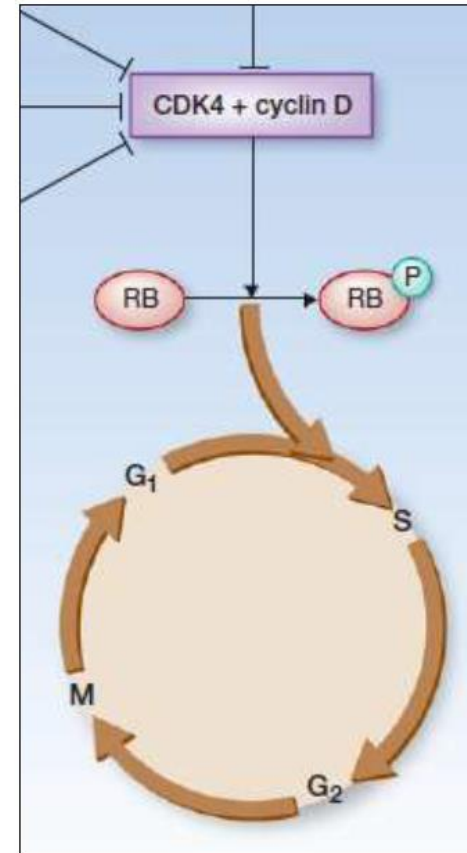


## Blocking cancer cell growth: Cyclin Dependent Kinase (CDK 4/6) inhibition

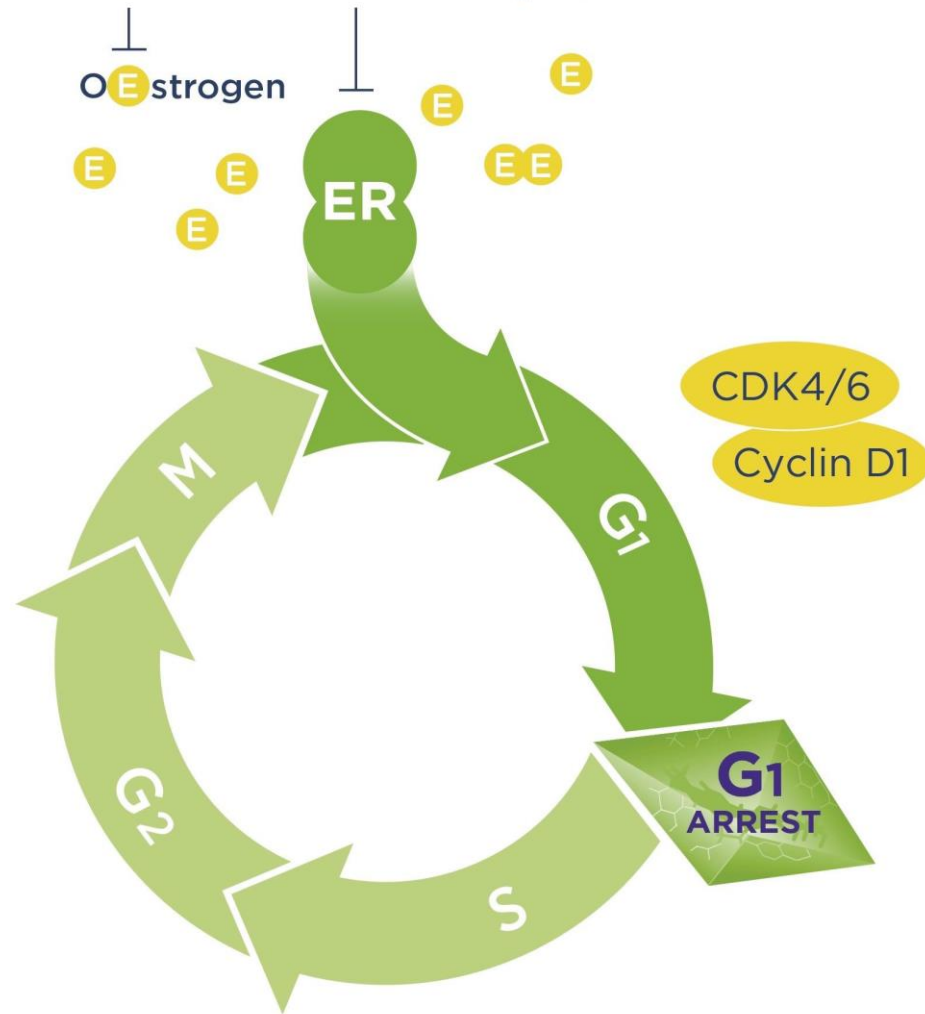
- A classic feature of breast cancer is uncontrolled growth



- In ER+ breast cancer, out-of-control growth may be due to a failure in the braking system: overactive CDK4/6

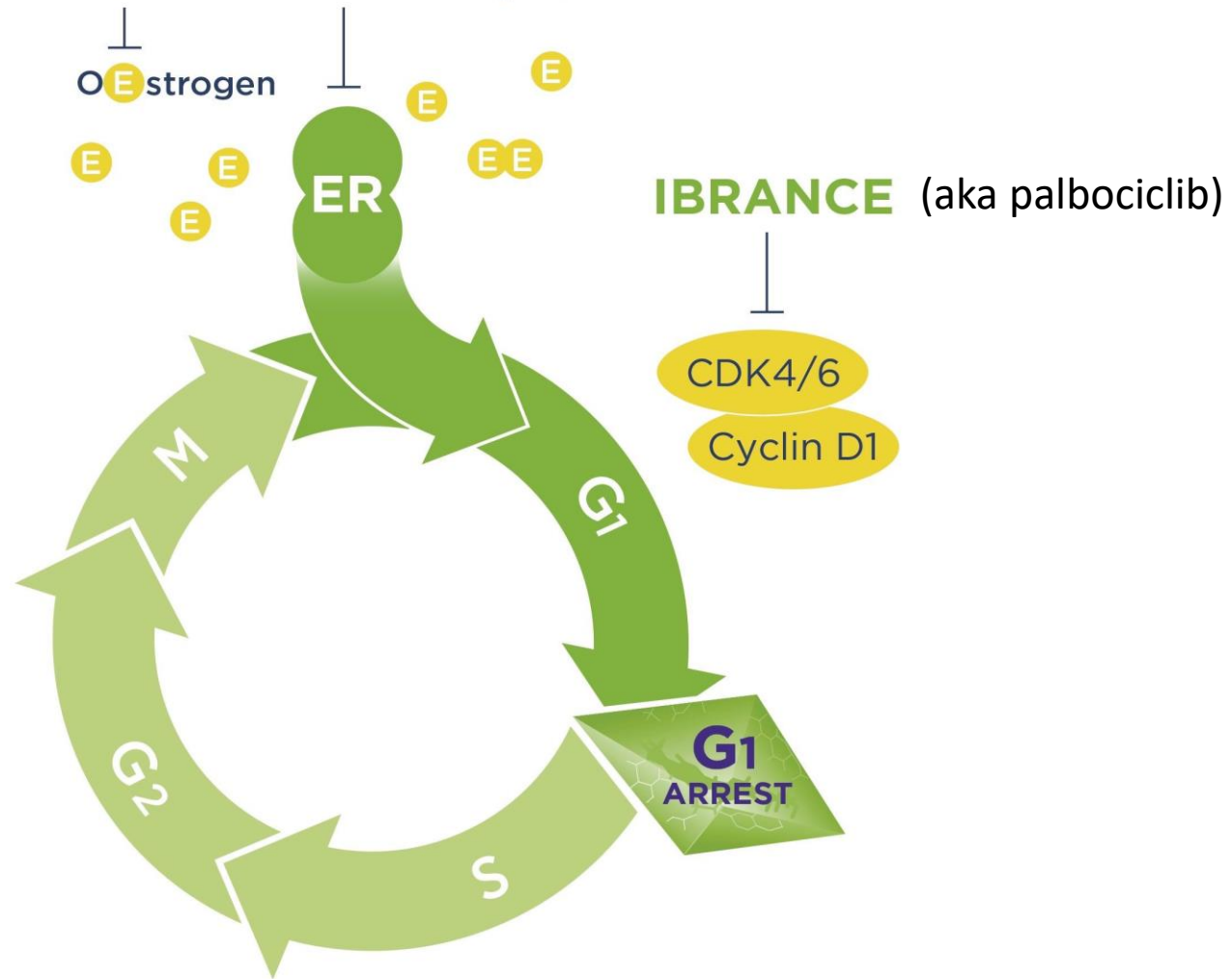


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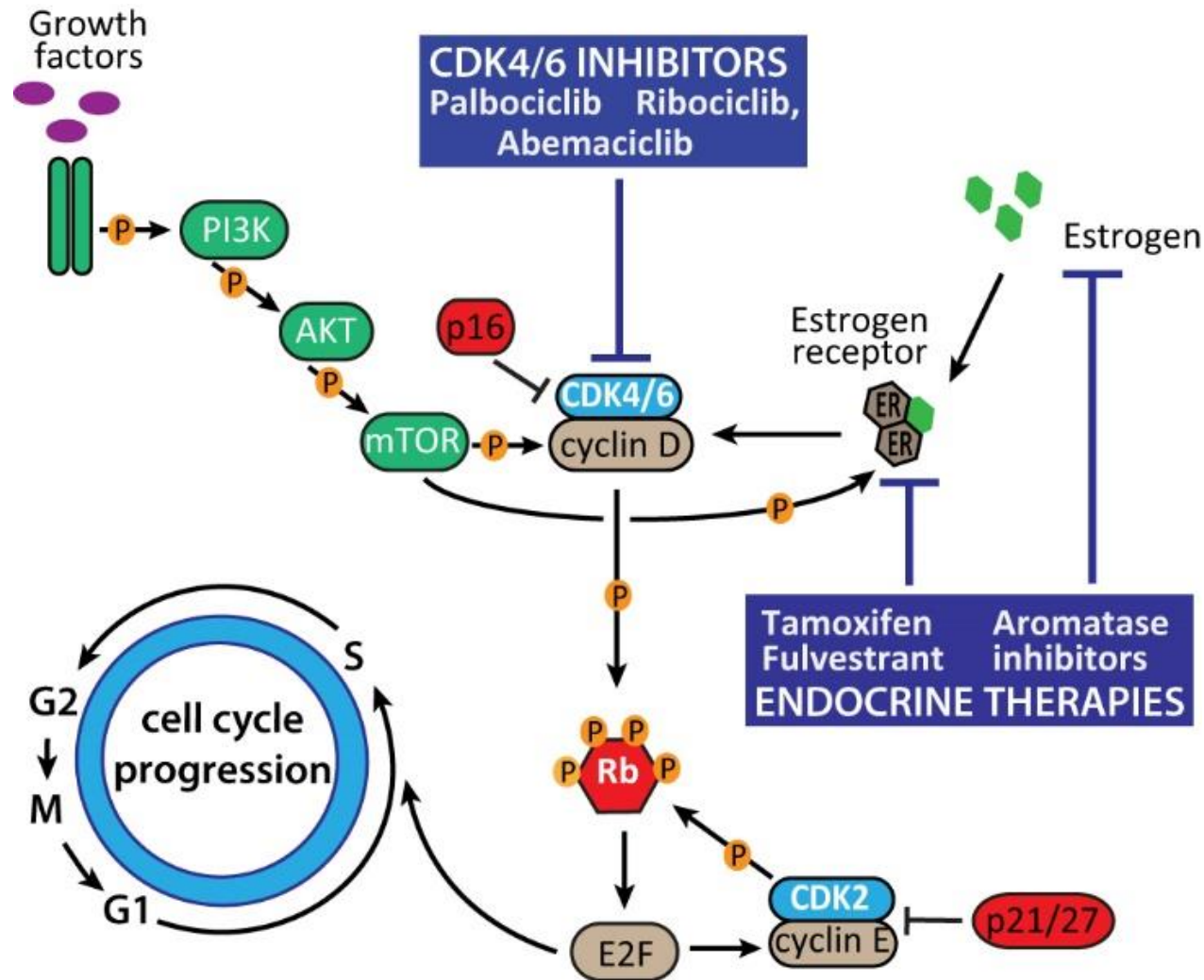
CDK4/6 kinase inhibitors are used in combination with endocrine therapy, and they significantly increase the progression-free survival of patients with advanced estrogen receptor-positive (ER+) breast cancer in the first-line treatment setting.

## Palbociclib (Ibrance)

- Palbociclib: oral inhibitor of CDK 4/6
- Taken daily, 3 weeks on, 1 week off
- Most common toxicities: low white blood cell count (but no infections), fatigue, mild hair thinning

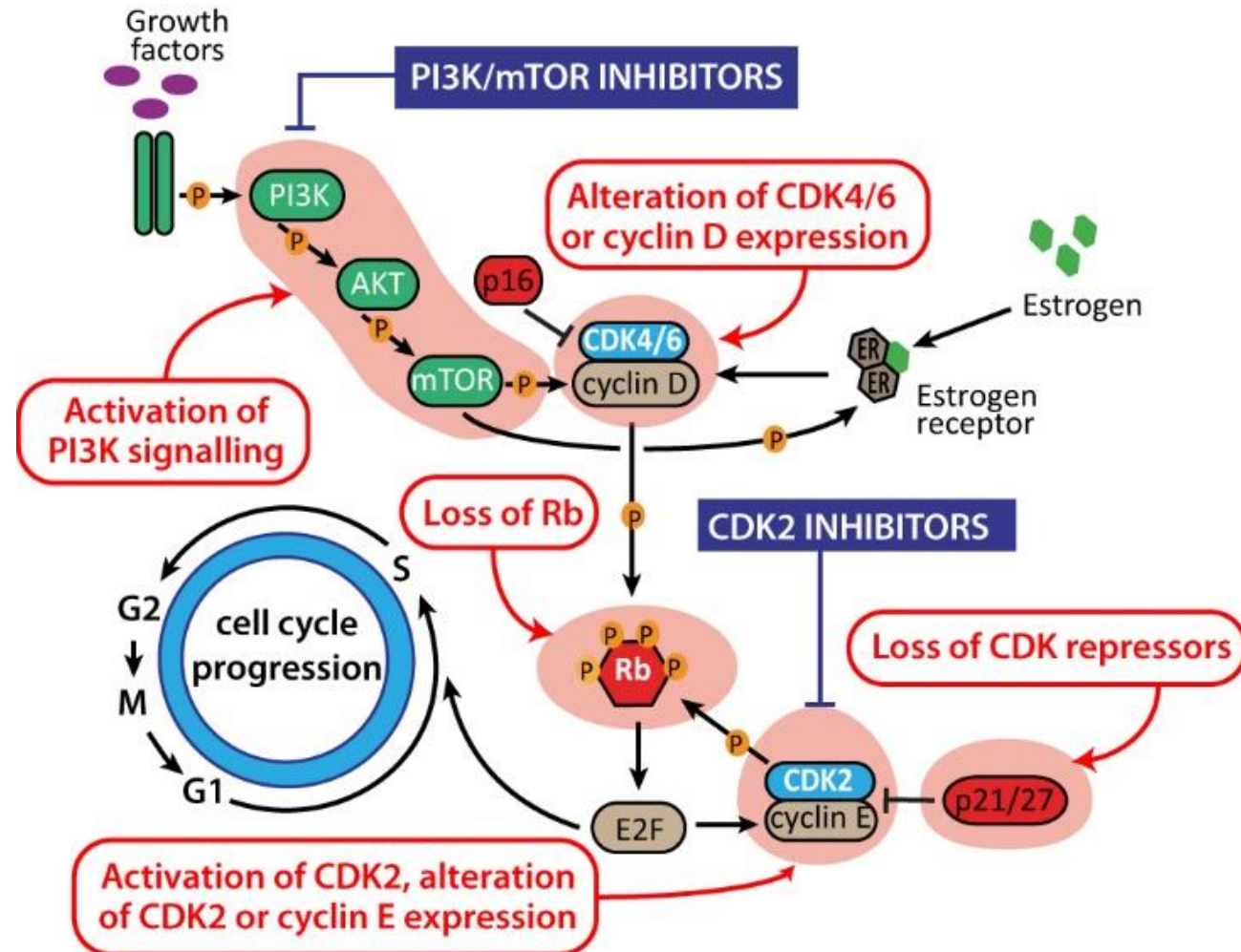


Regulation of cell cycle in ER+ breast cancer. Key pathways in promoting entry into the cell cycle in ER+ breast cancer and the nodes to which current therapies are targeted.



As the new standard of care in some countries, there is the clinical emergence of patients with breast cancer that is both CDK4/6 inhibitor and endocrine therapy resistant.

Mechanisms for development of resistance to CDK4/6 inhibitors are highlighted

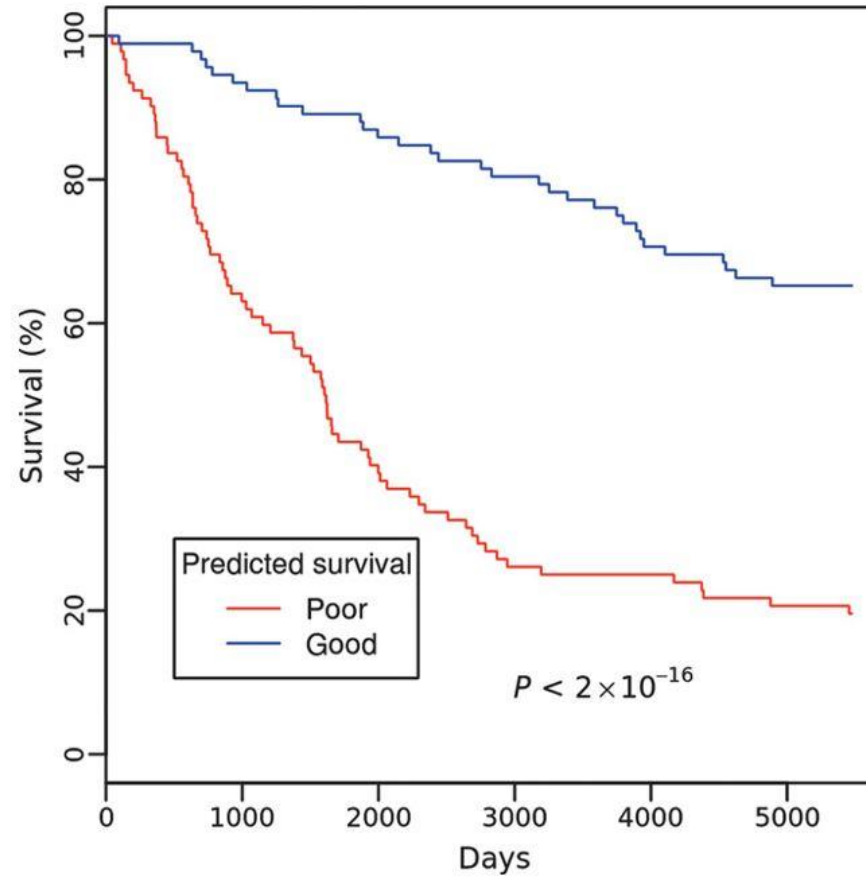


# Clinical Trials for drugs

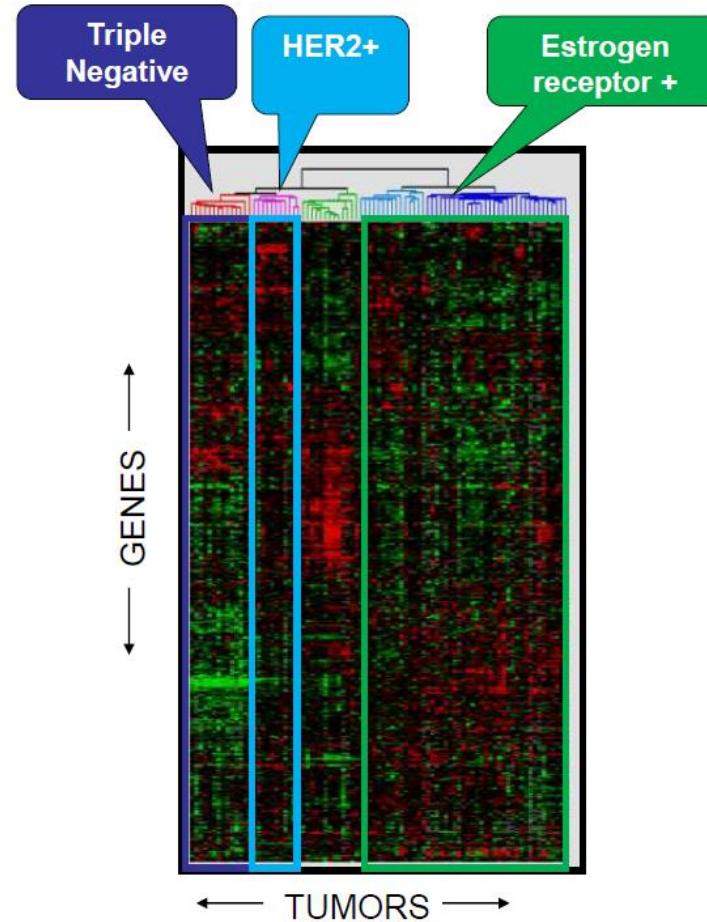
Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Phase IV
<b>20-80 participants</b>	<b>100-300 participants</b>	<b>1,000-3,000 participants</b>	<b>Thousands of participants</b>
Up to several months	Up to (2) years	One (1) - Four (4) years	One (1) year +
Studies the safety of medication/treatment	Studies the efficacy	Studies the safety, efficacy and dosing	Studies the long-term effectiveness; cost effectiveness
70% success rate	33% success rate	25-30% success rate	70-90% success rate

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Drug approved

## Efficacy in Phases II-III



## Breast cancer is family of different cancers



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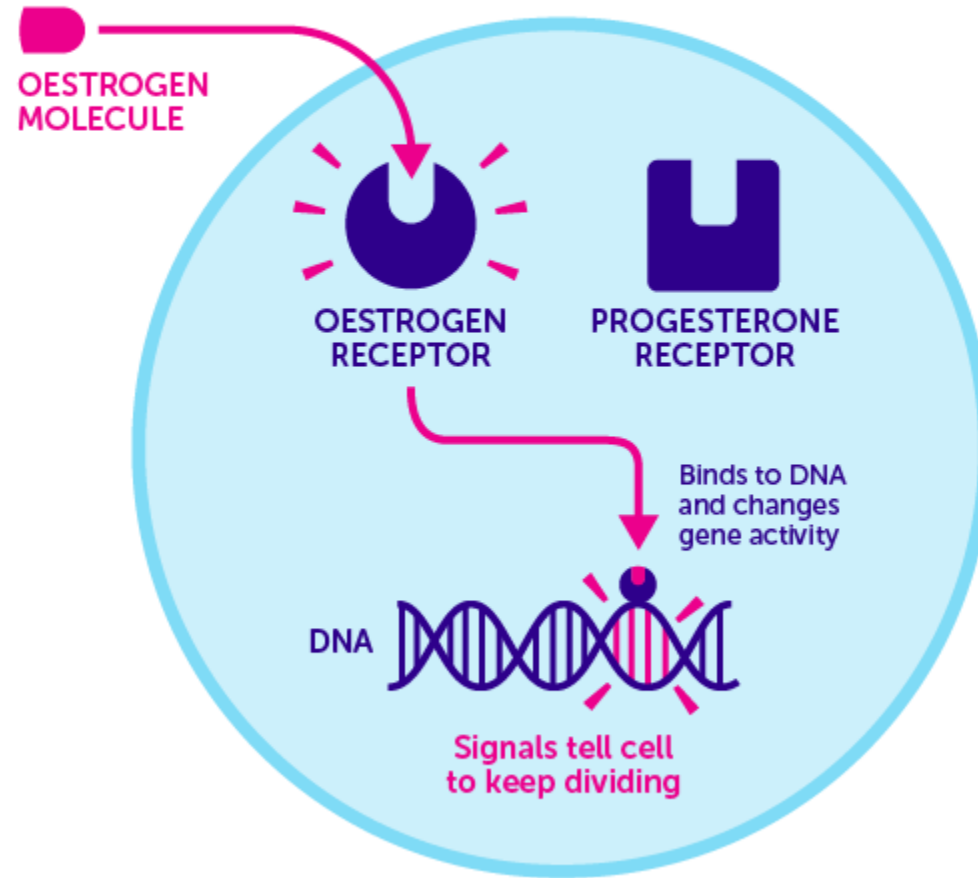
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# HER2 status

HER2 (human epidermal growth factor receptor 2) is a protein that appears on the surface of some breast cancer cells. It may also be called HER2/neu or ErbB2.

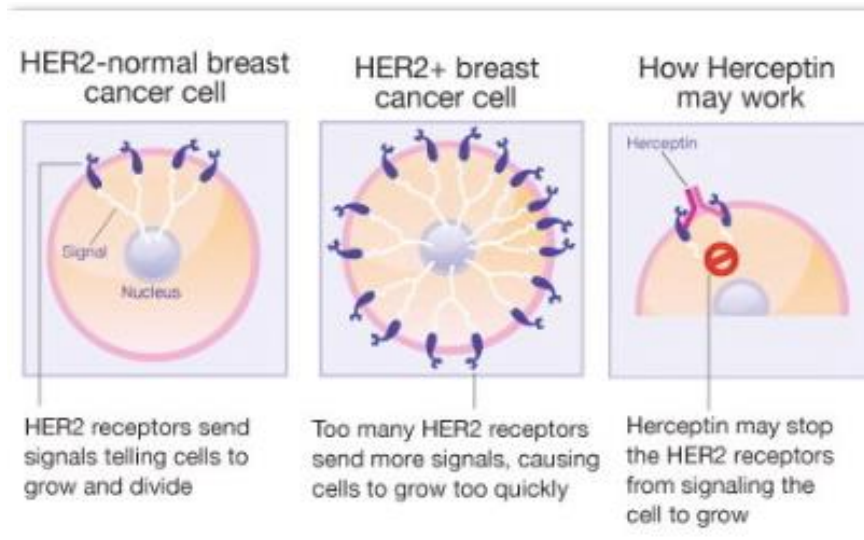
The HER2 protein is an important part of the pathway for cell growth and survival.

- **HER2-positive** breast cancers have a lot of HER2 protein. You also may hear the term HER2 over-expression.
- **HER2-negative** breast cancers have little or no HER2 protein.

About 10-20 percent of newly diagnosed breast cancers are HER2-positive [20,41].

HER2 status is part of [breast cancer staging](#) and helps guide your treatment.

## Herceptin (aka trastuzumab)

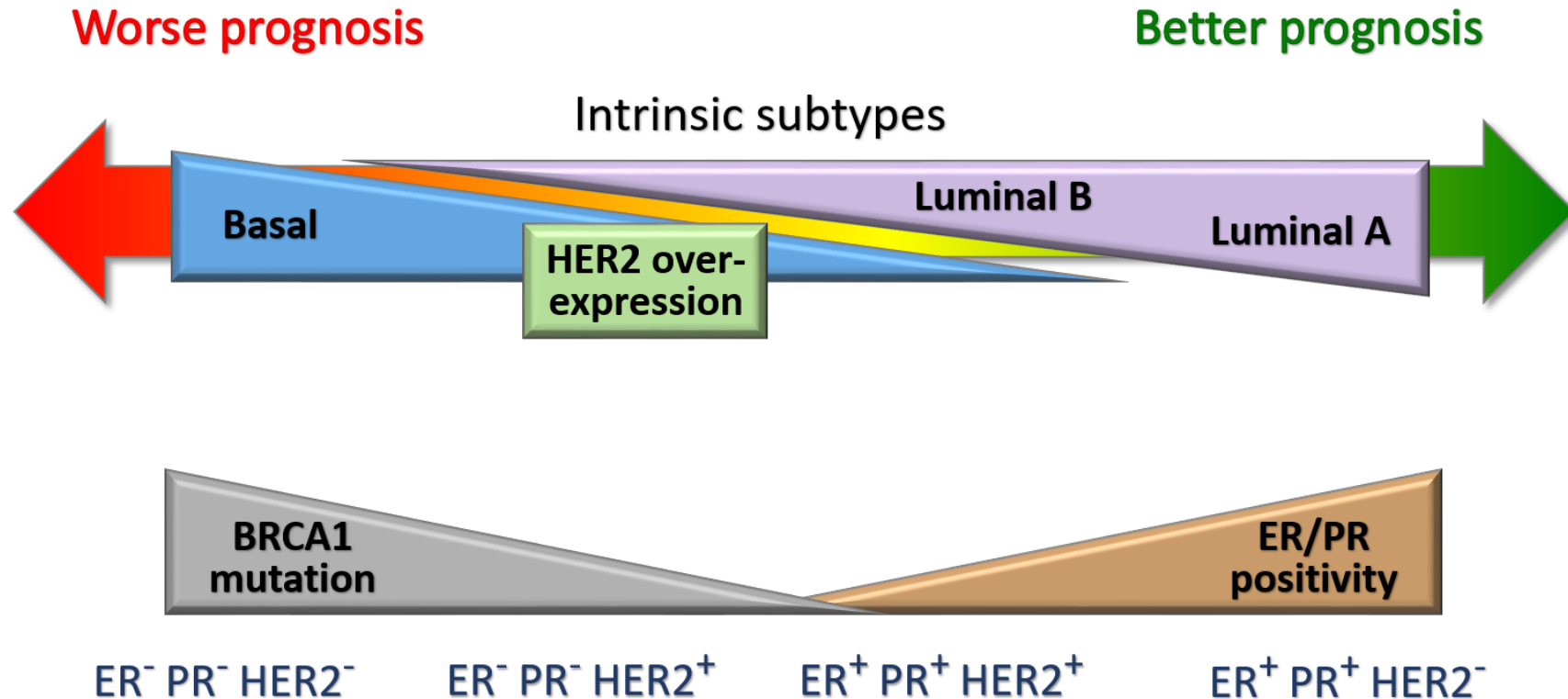


## Patient outcomes based on breast cancer intrinsic (molecular) subtypes

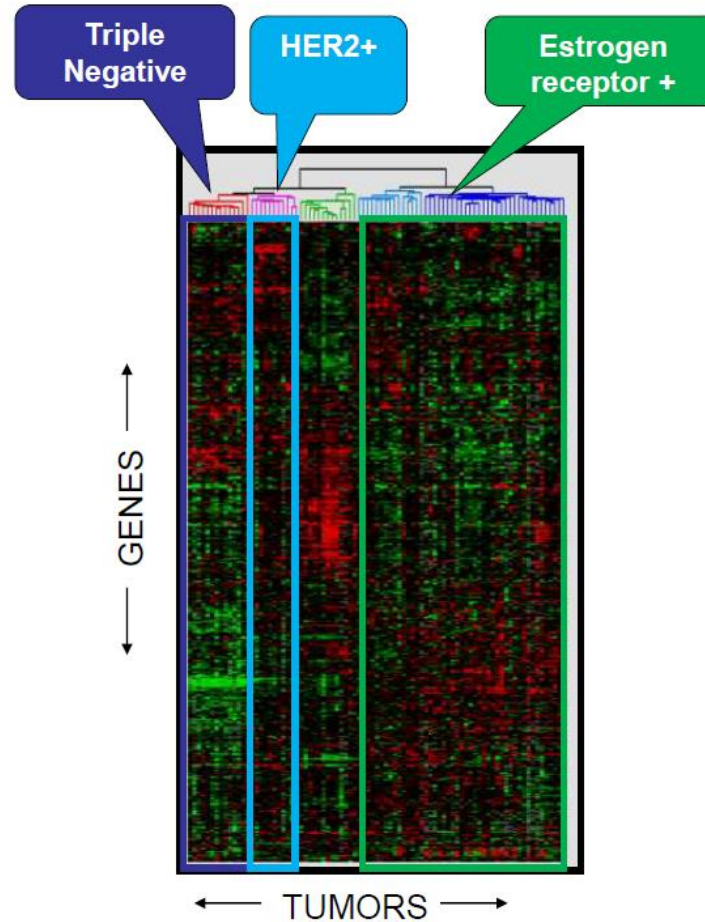
Expand information used to stratify patients for prognosis:

**Classical clinical parameters** age, node status, tumor size, histologic grade.

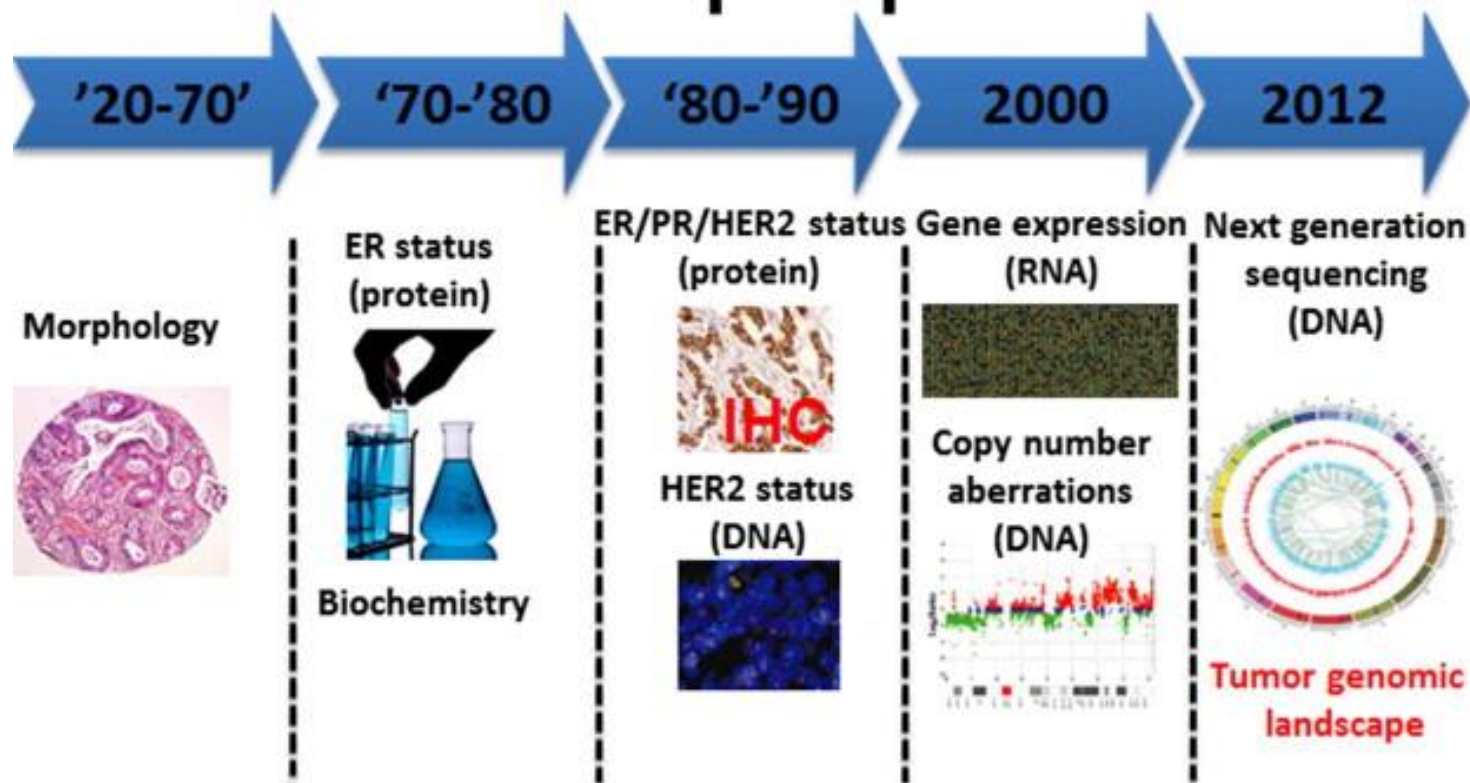
**Pathologic markers** ER, PR, and HER2.



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Classical immunohistochemistry (IHC) markers such as ER, PR and HER2, together with traditional clinicopathological variables including, e.g., tumor size, tumor grade and nodal involvement, are conventionally used for patient prognosis and management.

The advent of high-throughput platforms for gene expression analysis has shown that tumor cell response to treatment is not determined by anatomical prognostic factors but rather intrinsic molecular characteristics that can be probed using molecular method.



Genomic tests analyze a sample of a cancer tumor to see how active certain genes are. The activity level of these genes affects the behavior of the cancer, including how likely it is to grow and spread. Genomic tests are used to help make decisions about whether more treatments after surgery would be beneficial.



## Genomics

- The study of an organism's complete set of genetic information.
- 'Genome'- the complete genetic information of an organism.
- The genome includes both genes and non-coding DNA.

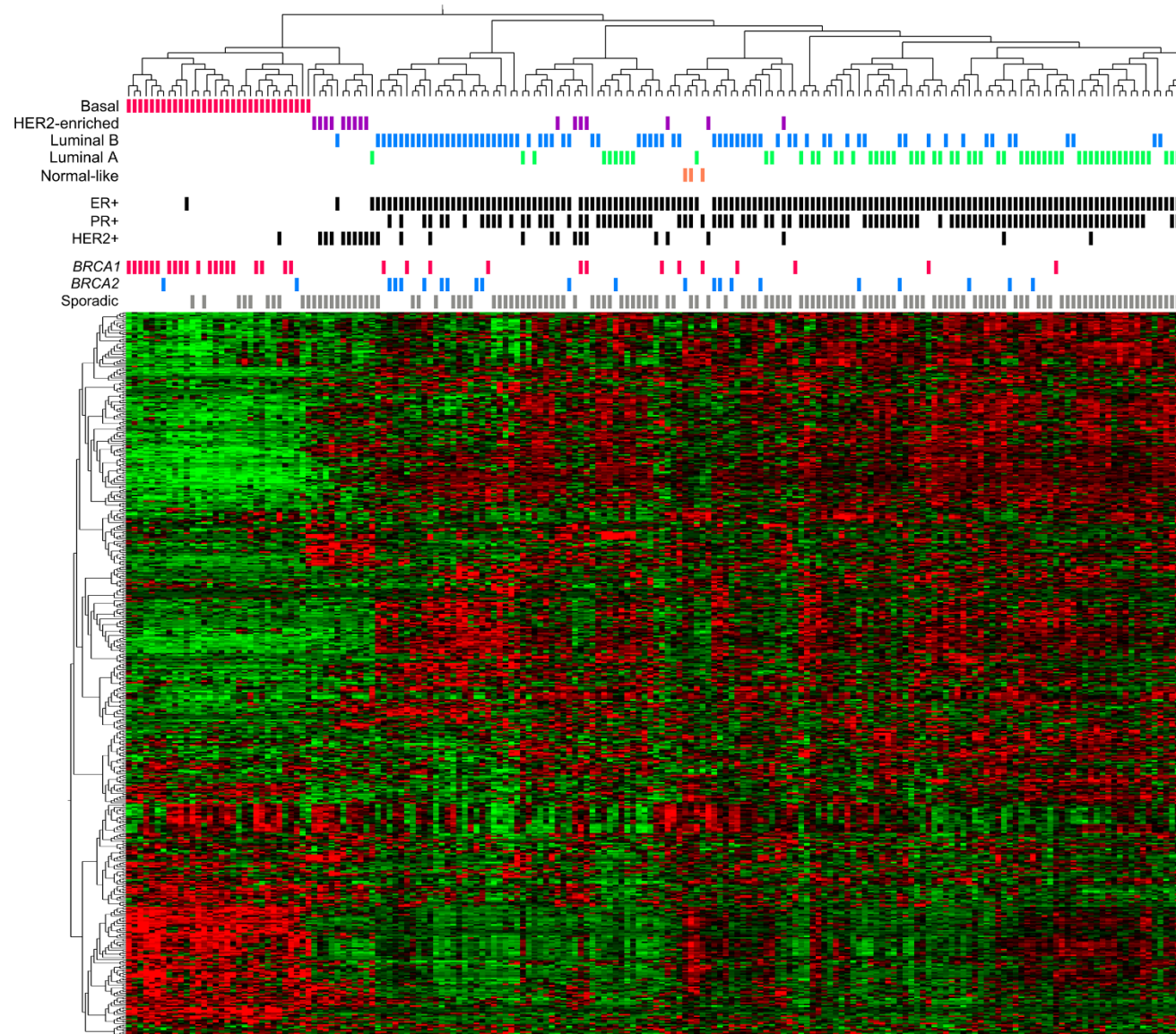
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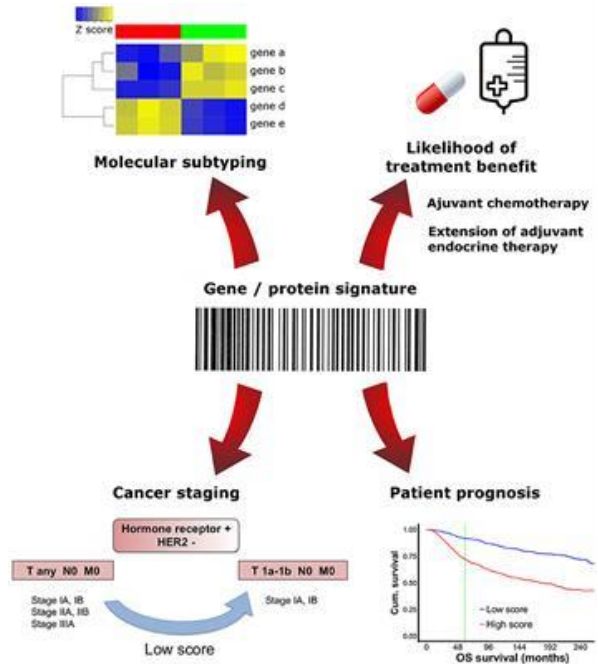
## Genetics

- The study of heredity
- The study of the function and composition of single genes.
- 'Gene'- specific sequence of DNA which codes for a functional molecule.

Subtypes of breast cancer, defined by differential expression of a panel of genes, have been shown to be predictive of risk of recurrence and benefit of hormonal therapy and chemotherapy.



# Goal: Better inform treatment decisions



## Oncotype Dx and Oncotype DCIS

**Estrogen receptor:** ESR1, PGR, BLC2, SCUBE2  
**Proliferation:** Ki67, STK15, Survivin, CCNB1, MYBL2  
**Related:** HER-2, GRB7, MMP11, CTSL2, GSTM1, CD68, BACG1  
**Reference Genes:** ACTB, GAPDH, RPLPO, GUS, TFRC

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## Prosigna

PGR, NAT1, BCL2, ESR1, MAPT, MDM2, CXXC5, GPR160, FOXA1, MLPH, SLC39A6, ACTR3B, BLVRA, TMEM45B, CDH3, MMP11, SFRP1, FOXC1, MIA, KRT14, MYC, BAG1, ERBB2, GRB7, PHGDH, PTTG1, KRT5, KRT17, UBE2C, CDC6, ANLN, ORC6L, TYMS, BIRC5, CEP55, CENPF, CCNB1, RRM2, MK167, CCNE1, KIF2C, CDC20, UBE2T, MYBL2, EX2O1, MELK, EGFR, FGFR4

## Breast Cancer Index

BUB1B, CENPA, NEK2, RACGAP1, RRM2  
 HOXB13:IL17BR (H/I or MGI ratio)

## MammaPrint

AL0B005D, COMBIG63649RC, LOC5120CJ, COMBIG45216RC, COMBIG38288RC, AA555029RC, COMBIG2655, 26552RC, FLT9, MMP9, DC13, EXT1, AL137718, PK428, HEC, ECT2, GMPS, COMBIG22185RC, UCH37, COMBIG35251RC, DCK, CENPA, SM20, MCM6, AKAP2, COMBIG5645, TRC, RFC4, DKFZP584D062, SLC2A3, NP1, COMBIG46831RC, COMBIG24252RC, FLJ11180, COMBIG51464RC, IGFBP5, IGFBP5, CCNE2, ESM1, COMBIG28217RC, DECI, AP2B1, CFFM4, PEC1, TOFB3, COMBIG45223RC, COMBIG55377RC, HSA250830, GSTM3, BBC3, CEGP1, COMBIG48328RC, WISP1, ALDH4, KAA1442, COMBIG32125RC, FGF10

## EndoPredict

**Cancer genes:** BIRC5, UBE2C, DHCR7, RBBP8, IL6ST, AZGP1, MGP, and STC2  
**House keeping genes:** CALM2, OAZ1, and RPL37A

## Videssa Breast

**SPBs:** IL-6, IL-8, TNF- $\alpha$ , INF- $\gamma$ , CEA, ErbB2, OPN, HGF, FasL, VEGF-C, VEGF-D  
**TaaBs:** ALG10, ATF3, ATP6AP1, BAT4 (GPANK1), BDNF, BMX, C15orf48 (NMES1), CSNK1E, CTAG1A, CTAG2, CTBP1, DBT, EIF3E, FRS3, GPR157, HOXD1, IGFBP2, MUC1, MYOZ2, p53, PDCD6IP, RAB5A, RAC3, SELL, SERPINH1, SF3A1, SLC33A1, SOX2, TFCP2, TRIM32, UBAP1, ZMYM6, ZNF510

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