

# KRAS MUTANT COLORECTAL CANCER: THE NOW AND THE NEXT

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## INTRODUCTION



- KRAS mutation can occur in approximately 40% of cases of colorectal cancer
- Patients with mutations in KRAS are not candidates for therapy with anti-EGFR directed therapy with cetuximab and panitumumab

# **CHALLENGES IN TARGETTING K-RAS**



- RAS has been regarded as 'undruggable' for many years
- One of the reasons is that RAS proteins do not appear to have a binding pocket as they bind very tightly to the GDP-GTP binding site

#### **NEWER AGENTS**



- Newer agents are attempting to target the downstream targets especially the ERK pathway
- There are agents in early phase drug development that are targeting this pathway

### **NEWER AGENTS**



- There is renewed interest to target KRAS with directed siRNA therapy
- In addition combination of MEK inhibitors and PD-1 antibodies are being combined in patients with colorectal cancers



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