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Précis: Crosstalk between pancreatic acinar cells and proinflammatory macrophages promotes initiation of acinar-to-ductal metaplasia via KRAS(G12D)–induced expression of the macrophage chemoattractant ICAM1.
Prospective Blinded Study of $BRAF^{V600E}$ Mutation Detection in Cell-Free DNA of Patients with Systemic Histiocytic Disorders


Précis: Cell-free DNA testing using plasma and urine samples may be a reliable, noninvasive method to identify mutations and monitor treatment response in histiocytic disorders.

Measuring Residual Estrogen Receptor Availability during Fulvestrant Therapy in Patients with Metastatic Breast Cancer

M. van Kruchten, E.G. de Vries, A.W. Glaudemans, M.C. van Lanschot, M. van Faassen, I.P. Kema, M. Brown, C.P. Schröder, E.F. de Vries, and G.A. Hospers

Précis: Decreased $[18F]$fluoroestradiol uptake visualized by PET/CT provides a measure of tumor ER availability and correlates with fulvestrant treatment outcome in patients with metastatic breast cancer.

Induction of Telomere Dysfunction Mediated by the Telomerase Substrate Precursor 6-Thio-$2'$-Deoxyguanosine

I. Mender, S. Gryaznov, Z.G. Dikmen, W.E. Wright, and J.W. Shay

Précis: 6-thio-$2'$-deoxyguanosine is a precursor of a telomerase substrate that is incorporated into newly synthesized telomeres, leading to telomere dysfunction and death in telomerase-expressing cells.

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