

FAST FACTS

NRG-GI008: COLON ADJUVANT CHEMOTHERAPY BASED ON EVALUATION OF RESIDUAL DISEASE (CIRCULATE-US)

Eligibility Criteria

A patient cannot be considered eligible for this study unless ALL of the following conditions are met.

- 3.0.1 The patient must have signed and dated an IRB-approved consent form that conforms to federal and institutional guidelines.
- 3.0.2 The patient must be ≥ 18 years old.
- 3.0.3 The patient must have an ECOG performance status of 0 or 1 (see [Appendix A](#)).
- 3.0.4 Patients must have histologically/pathologically confirmed Stage IIB, IIC, or Stage III colon adenocarcinoma with R0 resection according to AJCC 8th edition criteria.
- 3.0.5 No radiographic evidence of overt metastatic disease within 45 days prior to Step 1/Study entry (CT with IV contrast or MRI imaging is acceptable and **must** include chest, abdomen, and pelvis). Patients with a documented history of allergy to contrast dye or decreased renal function (but still meeting eligibility criteria) are allowed to proceed with CT scans without IV contrast.
- 3.0.6 The distal extent of the tumor must be ≥ 12 cm from the anal verge on colonoscopy or above the peritoneal reflection as documented during surgery or on pathology specimen (i.e., excluding rectal adenocarcinomas warranting treatment with chemoradiation).
- 3.0.7 The patient must have had an en bloc complete gross resection of tumor (curative resection). Patients who have had a two-stage surgical procedure first provide a decompressive colostomy and then in a later procedure to have the definitive surgical resection, are eligible.
- 3.0.8 The resected tumor specimen and a blood specimen from patients with Stage IIB, IIC, or Stage III colon cancer must have central testing for ctDNA using the Signatera assay by Natera (after Step 1/Study entry and before Step 2/Randomization). Patient must have sufficient tissue to meet protocol requirements (See [Table 16](#)). This blood specimen for the Signatera assay must be collected after surgery (and recommended at least 14 days post-surgery).
- 3.0.9 Tumor must be documented as microsatellite stable or have intact mismatch repair proteins through CLIA-approved laboratory testing or through testing by an accredited laboratory regulated by Canadian provincial health authorities. Patients whose tumors are MSI-H or dMMR are excluded.
- 3.0.10 The treating investigator must deem the patient a candidate for all potential agents used in this trial (5FU, LV, oxaliplatin and irinotecan).
- 3.0.11 The interval between surgery (post-operative Day 7) and Step 1/Study entry must be **no**

more than 60 days. Note: Step 1/Study Entry may occur as early as post-operative Day 7, but it cannot occur beyond 60 days from the actual date of the patient's surgery.

- 3.0.12 Availability and provision of adequate surgical tumor tissue for molecular diagnostics and confirmatory profiling.
- 3.0.13 Adequate hematologic function within 28 days before Step 1/Study entry defined as follows:
- Absolute neutrophil count (ANC) must be $\geq 1500/\text{mm}^3$;
 - Participants with benign ethnic neutropenia (BEN): $\text{ANC} < 1300 \text{ mm}^3$ are eligible.
 - BEN (also known as constitutional neutropenia) is an inherited cause of mild or moderate neutropenia that is not associated with any increased risk for infections or other clinical manifestations ([Atallah-Yunes 2019](#)). BEN is referred to as ethnic neutropenia because of its increased prevalence in people of African descent and other specific ethnic groups.
 - Platelet count must be $\geq 100,000/\text{mm}^3$; *and*
 - Hemoglobin must be $\geq 9 \text{ g/dL}$.
- 3.0.14 Adequate hepatic function within 28 days before Step 1/Study entry defined as follows:
- total bilirubin must be $\leq \text{ULN}$ (upper limit of normal) for the lab *and*
 - alkaline phosphatase must be $< 2.5 \times \text{ULN}$ for the lab; *and*
 - AST and ALT must be $< 2.5 \times \text{ULN}$ for the lab.
- 3.0.15 Adequate renal function within 28 days before Step 1/Study entry defined as serum creatinine $\leq 1.5 \times \text{ULN}$ for the lab *or* measured or calculated creatinine clearance $\geq 50 \text{ mL/min}$ using the Cockcroft-Gault formula for patients with creatinine levels $> 1.5 \times \text{ULN}$ for the lab.

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Note: Adjusted body weight (AdjBW) should be used for patients that have $\text{BMI} \geq 28$ ($\geq 30\%$ above IBW).

- 3.0.16 HIV-infected patients on effective anti-retroviral therapy with undetectable viral load within 6 months are eligible for this trial.
- 3.0.17 Pregnancy test (urine or serum according to institutional standard) done within 14 days before Step 1/Study entry must be negative (for women of childbearing potential only).
- 3.0.18 Patients receiving a coumarin-derivative anticoagulant must agree to weekly monitoring of INR if they are randomized to Arm 1 or Arm 3 and receive capecitabine.

3.1 Ineligibility Criteria

Patients with any of the following conditions are NOT eligible for this study.

- 3.1.1 Colon cancer histology other than adenocarcinoma (i.e., neuroendocrine carcinoma,

sarcoma, lymphoma, squamous cell carcinoma, etc.).

- 3.1.2 Pathologic, clinical, or radiologic overt evidence of metastatic disease. This includes isolated, distant, or non-contiguous intra-abdominal metastases, even if resected.
- 3.1.3 Tumor-related bowel perforation.
- 3.1.4 History of prior invasive colon malignancy, regardless of disease-free interval.
- 3.1.5 History of bone marrow or solid organ transplantation (regardless of current immunosuppressive therapy needs). Bone grafts, skin grafts, corneal transplants and organ/tissue donation are not exclusionary.
- 3.1.6 Any prior systemic chemotherapy, targeted therapy, or immunotherapy; or radiation therapy administered as treatment for colorectal cancer (e.g., primary colon adenocarcinomas for which treatment with neoadjuvant chemotherapy and/or radiation is warranted are not permitted)
 Exception: one cycle of chemotherapy (regimen per treating physicians' discretion – 5-FU (2 weeks) or capecitabine (3 weeks) with or without oxaliplatin [[see Section 3.1.1](#)]) is allowed but not required after consent. The optional cycle of chemotherapy should be started \geq 4 weeks from surgery and should be completed before Step 2 randomization.
- 3.1.7 Other invasive malignancy within 5 years before Step1/Study entry. Exceptions are colonic polyps, non-melanoma skin cancer or any carcinoma-in-situ.
- 3.1.8 Synchronous primary rectal and/ or colon cancers.
- 3.1.9 Patients with known history or current symptoms of cardiac disease, or history of treatment with cardiotoxic agents, should have a clinical risk assessment of cardiac function using the New York Heart Association Functional Classification. To be eligible for this trial, patients should be class 2B or better.
- 3.1.10 Sensory or motor neuropathy \geq grade 2, according to CTCAE v5.0.
- 3.1.11 Blood transfusion within two weeks before collection of blood for central ctDNA testing.
- 3.1.12 Active seizure disorder uncontrolled by medication.
- 3.1.13 Active or chronic infection requiring systemic therapy.
- 3.1.14 Known homozygous DPD (dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase) deficiency.
- 3.1.15 Patients known to have Gilbert's Syndrome or homozygosity for UGT1A1*28 polymorphism.
- 3.1.16 Pregnancy or lactation at the time of Step 1/Study entry.
- 3.1.17 Co-morbid illnesses or other concurrent disease that would make the patient inappropriate for entry into this study (i.e., unable to tolerate 6 months of combination chemotherapy or interfere significantly with the proper assessment of safety and toxicity of the prescribed regimens or prevent required follow-up).

Eligibility Criteria for Cohort A Arm-2 patients on Second Randomization

- 3.1.1 Patient must have developed a ctDNA +ve assay during serial monitoring.
- 3.1.2 Patient's willingness to be re-randomized affirmed. (A Reaffirmation Form will be available on CTSU for patients to sign).
- 3.1.3 The patient must continue to have an ECOG performance status of 0 or 1 (see [Appendix A](#)).

- 3.1.4 No radiographic evidence of overt metastatic disease.
- 3.1.5 Pregnancy test (urine or serum according to institutional standard) done within 14 days before second randomization must be negative (for women of childbearing potential only).
- 3.1.6 Adequate hematologic function within 28 days before second randomization defined as follows:
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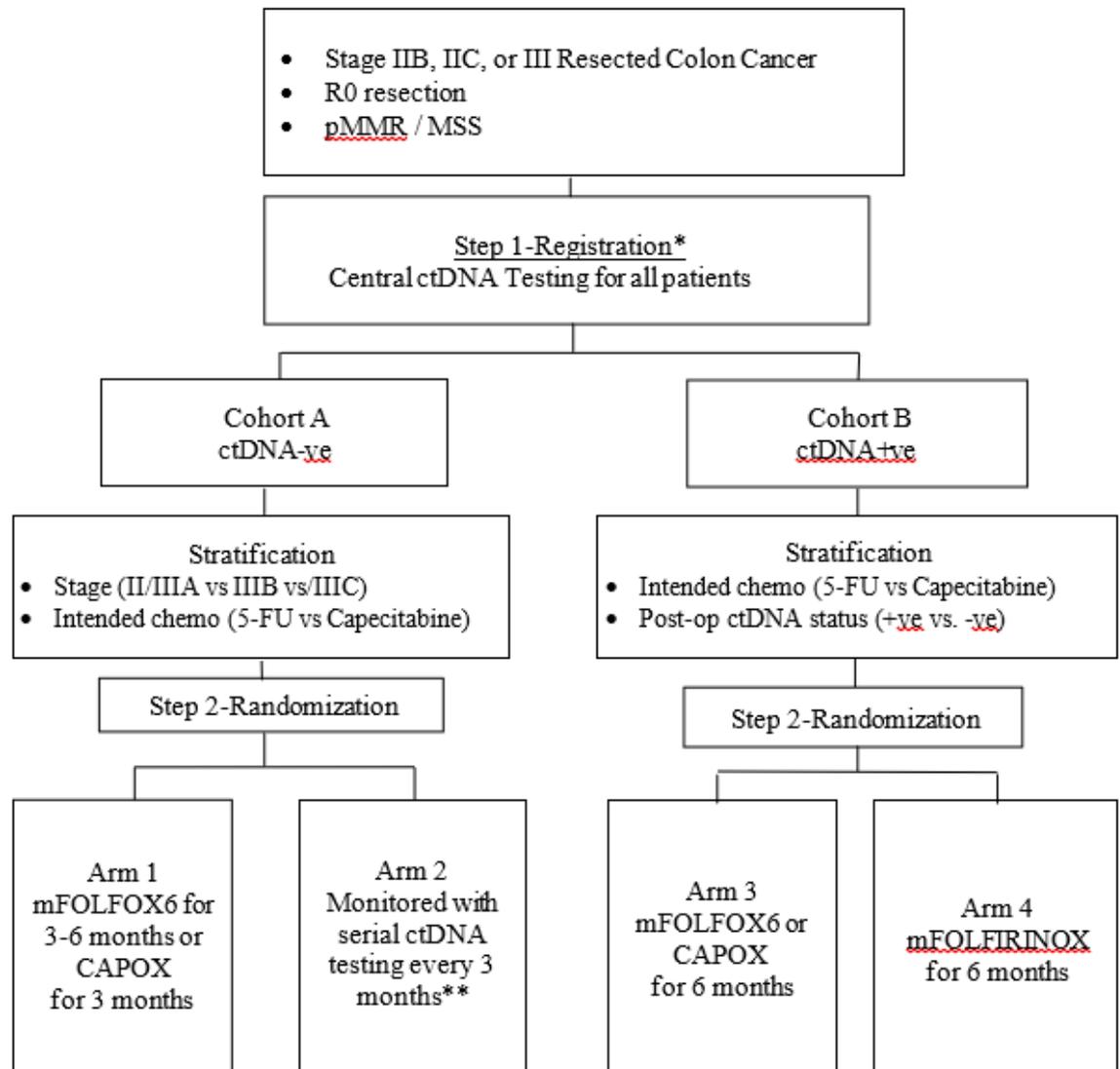
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Ineligibility Criteria for Cohort A Arm-2 patients on Second Randomization

1. Pregnancy or lactation at the time of second randomization.
2. No longer a candidate for systemic chemotherapy (FOLFOX, CAPOX, and mFOLFIRINOX) in the opinion of the treating investigator.

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* For patients on all arms, one cycle of chemotherapy (regimen per treating physicians' discretion – 5-FU (2 weeks) or capecitabine (3 weeks) with or without oxaliplatin) is allowed but not required after consent. The optional cycle of chemotherapy should be started ≥ 4 weeks from surgery and should be completed before Step 2 randomization. After randomization, refer to the appropriate regimen in [Section 5.0](#).

**Patients in Cohort A (Arm 2) who develop a ctDNA +ve assay during serial monitoring may transition to the ctDNA+ve cohort (Cohort B) and undergo a second randomization.