

### **Mutation Detection Strategies**

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- What type of sample are you using?
  - Paraffin embedded tissues may limit options
- What type of mutation is it?



# **Common Types of Mutations**

- Point mutation
- Translocation
- Amplification
- Deletion
- Microsatellite instability



## **Point Mutations**

- Diseases associated with point mutations
  - Hereditary diseases
  - Tumors with somatic mutations in oncogenes



#### Oncogenes

- Dominant genesOne copy mutated
- Activating mutations
  - Point mutation
  - Amplification
  - Translocation







- Is it in a consistent, small, and reproducible region?
- Is it variable across a larger region?
  - Sanger sequencing
  - Next generation sequencing





### KRAS Codons 12 &13





## **Oncogene Detection Techniques**

- PCR detection methods
  - Screening techniques
  - Allele specific PCR
- Full sequencing methods
  - Sanger sequencing
  - Single base extension
  - Pyrosequencing
  - Next generation sequencing





## Screening for Mutations





# Allele Specific PCR





### Allele Specific PCR



- Gene Sequencing Approaches
  - Dideoxy sequencing ("first generation")
    - Sanger sequencing
    - Single base extension sequencing ("SNaPshot")
  - Pyrosequencing
  - Next generation sequencing



### Translocation

- Diseases associated with translocations
  - Hereditary diseases
  - Tumors with somatic mutations
- Are both partner genes known and consistent?









- DNA based PCR testing
- RNA based RT-PCR testing
- Fluorescent in situ hybridization (FISH)



# In Situ for Translocations

- Fusion probes
  - One probe on each partner
  - Both genes must be known
  - Will only pick up consistent partner genes



- Break-apart probes
  - Probes flank the break point on one partner
  - Only one gene must be known
  - Will pick up variable translocations





### **Fusion for Translocation**







## **Break-Apart for Translocation**







- Diseases associated with amplification mutations
  - Hereditary diseases
  - Tumors with somatic mutations



# In Situ for Amplification







## **Deletion Mutations**

- Diseases associated with deletions
  - Hereditary diseases
  - Tumors with somatic mutations in tumor suppressor genes



### Suppressor Genes

- Recessive genesBoth copies mutated
- Inactivating mutations
  - Point mutation
  - Deletions
  - Methylation





- Loss of heterozygosity
- In situ hybridization (FISH or CISH)
- Comparative genomic hybridization





### Size of PCR product (basepairs)





### Relative amount of PCR product



## Tumor suppressor gene





### PCR Short Tandem Repeats

#### Allele 1





#### PCR product for allele 1



#### PCR product for allele 2

### **PCR** Analysis

Normal

#### Loss of heterozygosity





### Capillary electrophoresis





### In Situ for Deletion







- Diseases associated with expansion or contractions of microsatellites
  - Hereditary diseases
  - Lynch Syndrome tumors



### Microsatellites

- Short tandem repeats
  - 2 to 7 basepairs in length
    - Dinucleotide, Trinucleotide, Tetranucleotide...

### ATCG

Repeated a variable number of times
ATCG ATCG ATCG ATCG ATCG ATCG



## Short Tandem Repeats

Mononucleotide TTTTTTTTT

(10 repeat allele)

Dinucleotide

CACACACA

(4 repeat allele)

Tetranucleotide GACTGACTGACT

(3 repeat allele)





## **Microsatellite Instability Testing**



