

# Estimands for PFS2

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- Introduction of the oncology estimands working group
  - PFS2
    - Definitions of PFS2
    - PFS2 mapped to the estimands framework
    - PFS2 data collection
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# Oncology Estimands Working Group



- Initiated and led by Evgeny Degtyarev (Novartis) and Kaspar Rufibach (Roche) in Feb 2018
- 35 members (16 from Europe and 19 from US) representing 19 companies
- To ensure common understanding and consistent definitions in close collaboration with regulators
- Established as EPSPI SIG (Nov 2018) and ASA Biopharmaceutical Section SWG (Apr 2019)
- Collaboration with regulators from the EMA, FDA, Japan, China, Taiwan and Canada
- Ongoing discussions with academia to define the scope for collaboration



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# Oncology Estimands Working Group Subteams

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- Causal subteam (Causality and principal stratification strategy)
  - Censoring subteam (Censoring mechanisms and their impact on interpretation of estimands)
  - Solid tumor case studies subteam (Position on estimands targeting PFS/DFS)
  - Hematology case studies subteam (Position on estimands targeting PFS/DFS)
  - Treatment switching subteam (Position on estimands targeting OS and PFS2)
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# Treatment Switching Subteam

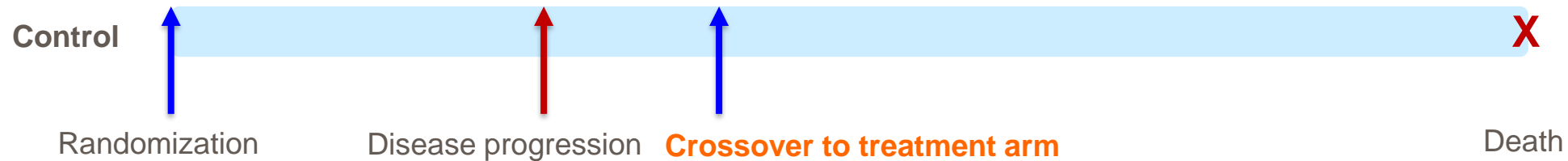


- Viktoriya Stalbovskaya  *closing in on cancer*
- Juliane Manitz  Darmstadt, Germany
- Marie-Laure Casadebaig 
- Emily Martin  Darmstadt, Germany
- Rui (Sammi)Tang 
- Godwin Yung 
- Vincent Haddad 
- Fei Jie 
- Christelle Lorenzato 
- Jiangxiu Zhou 
- Evgeny Degtyarev 
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# Focus of the treatment switching subteam



- Estimands for overall survival in presence of treatment switching
  - Treatment switching may affect interpretation of OS



- Estimands for PFS2
  - Intermediate endpoint recommend by the EMA when OS is very long

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- PFS2 is
    - recommended by the EMA as a surrogate endpoint for OS when OS cannot be measured (EMA, 2012)
      - ✓ Included in EMA labels, e.g., Olaparib
    - valued by the HTA for reimbursement evaluations
    - increasingly included as an endpoint in oncology studies to assess benefits of maintenance or sequential treatments
    - frequently presented at clinical conferences, e.g., ASCO
    - currently not considered as an endpoint by the FDA
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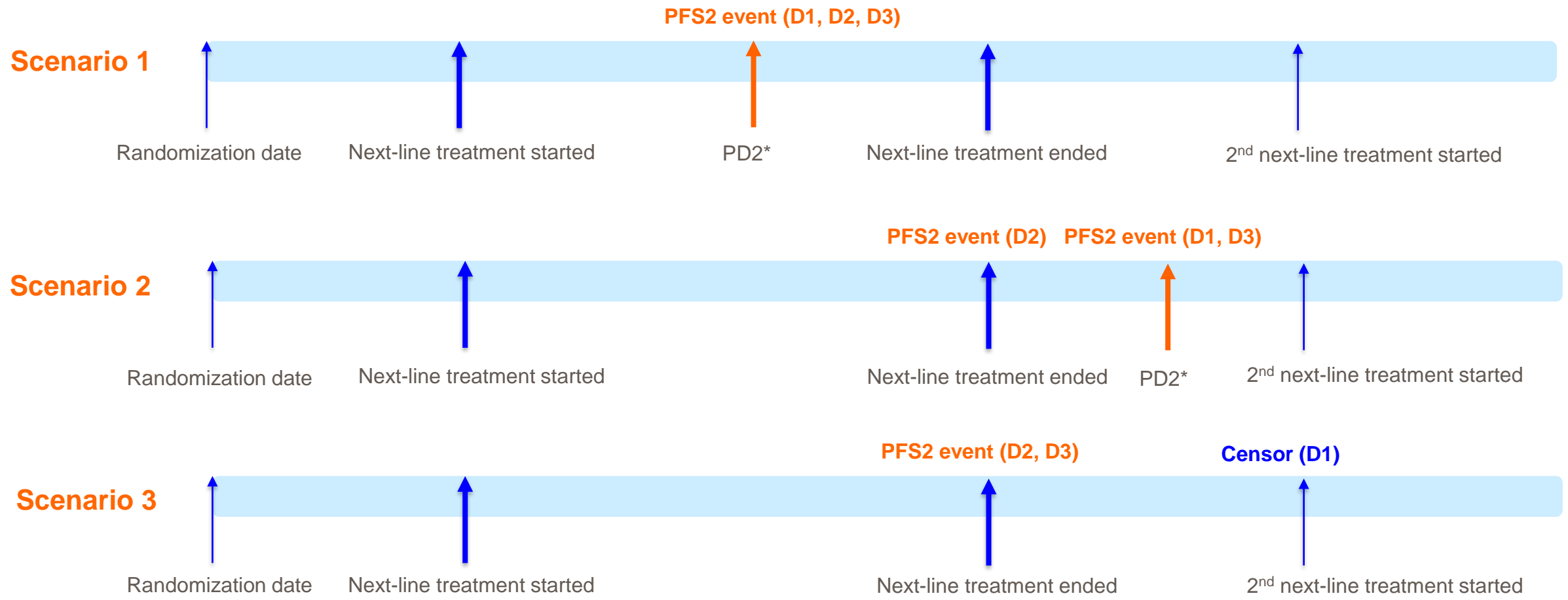
# Variety of definitions for PFS2



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- EMA definition 1 (D1):
    - Time from randomization to **progression on next-line treatment, or death from any cause**, whichever is earlier; otherwise censored at the last time known to be alive and without second objective disease progression
  - EMA definition 2 (D2):
    - Time from randomization to **end of next-line treatment, second progression, or death from any cause**, whichever is earlier; otherwise censored at the last time known to be alive and without second objective disease progression
  - Alternative definition (D3):
    - Time from randomization to **progression on next-line treatment, or death from any cause**, whichever is earlier
    - Time from randomization to **end of next-line treatment, or death from any cause**, whichever is earlier **if progression on next-line treatment is not available**
    - Otherwise censored at the last time known to be alive and without second objective disease progression
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# Illustration of three definitions



\*PD2: progression on next-line treatment

# PFS2 mapped to the estimands framework



	Estimand 1 (EMA)	Estimand 2 (EMA)	Estimand 3
<b>Scientific question</b>	Relative effect of prolonging time to <b>progression</b> on next-line treatment or <b>death</b> if patients do not start a 2 <sup>nd</sup> next line therapy	Relative effect of prolonging time to <b>discontinuation</b> of next-line treatment, <b>progression</b> on it or <b>death</b>	Relative effect of prolonging time to <b>progression</b> (or <b>discontinuation</b> if progression is not observed) on next-line treatment or <b>death</b>
<b>Population</b>	Target population per key Incl./Excl. criteria		
<b>Endpoint</b>	PFS2 (Event: PD2/death)	PFS2 (Event: next-line treatment discontinuation/PD2/death)	PFS2 (Event: PD2/death <u>OR</u> next-line treatment discontinuation/death)
<b>Intercurrent event:</b> <b>discontinuation</b> of next-line <sup>1</sup> treatment when progression on next-line treatment <b>is observed</b>	Treatment policy (no censoring/no event)	Composite (Event)	Treatment policy (no censoring/no event)
<b>Intercurrent event:</b> <b>discontinuation</b> of next-line <sup>1</sup> treatment when progression on next-line treatment <b>is not observed</b>	Treatment policy (no censoring/no event)	Composite (Event)	Composite (Event)
<b>Intercurrent event:</b> start of 2 <sup>nd</sup> next-line treatment	Hypothetical (Censor)	Composite <sup>2</sup> (Event)	Composite <sup>2,3</sup> (Event)
<b>Summary measure</b>	HR		

1. If the next-line treatment is not treated until progression and only treated for a fixed dose or a fixed duration of period, e.g., CAR-T therapy, 2<sup>nd</sup> next-line treatment minus 1 day should be used instead
2. If discontinuation date of next-line treatment is not available
3. When progression on next-line treatment is not observed

# Requirements for data collection



Data Collection	Estimand 1 (progression/death)	Estimand 2 (discontinuation/progression/death)	Estimand 3 (progression/death OR discontinuation/death)
Start date of next-line treatment	Y	Y	Y
Stop date of next-line treatment		Y	Y
Reason for stopping next-line treatment*		Y	Y
Date of PD on next-line treatment	Y	Y	Y
Date of death	Y	Y	Y
Start date of 2 <sup>nd</sup> next-line treatment	Y	Y	Y

\*If the next-line treatment is not treated until progression and only treated for a fixed number of doses, e.g., CAR-T therapy

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- PFS2 is increasingly included as an endpoint to evaluate sustained PFS benefit beyond subsequent therapy when OS cannot be measured
  - Currently no consensus on definition of PFS2
    - Different definitions correspond to different scientific questions
    - Estimand 1 is most commonly adopted due to simplicity and EMA recommendation, e.g., Olaparib
      - However PD on next-line treatment may not be easily collected
    - Estimand 2 and 3 require extra data collection however it helps prevent heavy censoring which may lead to biased estimate
  - More guidance on PFS2 needed from the health authority and HTA
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