# **NEUROENDOCRINE** NEOPLASMS (NENs)

**NENS**: A SPECTRUM OF HETEROGENEOUS TUMORS AFFECTING THE NEUROENDOCRINE CELLS (THE CELLS THAT RELEASE HORMONES INTO THE BLOODSTREAM). **NENs ARE CLASSIFIED AS:** 

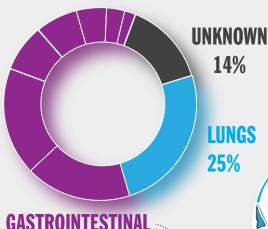
#### ► NECs:

POORLY DIFFERENTIATED **NEUROENDOCRINE** CARCINOMA, DISPLAYING HIGH-GRADE MALIGNANCY. E.G. LARGE CELL AND SMALL CELL CARCINOMAS.

#### ► NETS:

WELL-DIFFERENTIATED NEUROENDOCRINE TUMOURS SHOWING EITHER BENIGN OR UNCERTAIN BEHAVIOR. E.G. TYPICAL AND ATYPICAL CARCINOID.

### **INCIDENCE of NENs**



18%

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### DIAGNOSTIC & THERAPEUTIC CHALLENGES

- VARIETY IN:

**CLINICAL PRESENTATIONS** 

TERMINOLOGY AND CLASSIFICATIONS THERAPEUTIC OPTIONS/APPROACHES

- 60% ARE ADVANCED AT THE TIME OF DIAGNOSIS
- LIMITED PHASE III EVIDENCE FOR CHEMOTHERAPY
- 33 MONTHS MEDIAN PATIENT SURVIVAL WITH ADVANCED NET

## **TYPES of LUNG NENs**

TYPICAL CARCINOID ATYPICAL CARCINOID

NEC ►

LARGE CELL CARCINOMA SMALL CELL CARCINOMA

More aggressive

#### PANCREATIC GASTRIC APPENDICEAL COLONIC 3% LARGE BOWEL 2%

61%

RECTAL

SMALL INTESTINE

### MARKERS FOR NENS DIAGNOSE **IN TARGETED BIOPSIES**

CONFIRMATION OF NEUROENDOCRINE NATURE: CHGA, SYP, CD56, CD57, UCHL1, NSE

**CONFIRMATION OF EPITHELIAL ORIGIN:** Cytokeratins AE1/AE3, CAM5.2, CK18, CK8

**GRADING AND STAGING:** 

MITOTIC INDEX (MI), KI-67 LABELING INDEX (LI



PITUITARY: PIT-1, T-PIT, SF-1 **PARAGANGLIOMA: TH, GATA-3 PARATHYROID: PTH. GATA-3** THYROID: TTF-1, CALCA

THORACIC: INSM1, CD56

PULMONARY: TTF-1, POU2F3, SYP, INSM1, OTP

**DUODENAL: ISL-1, PDX-1, CDX-2** 

**PANCREATIC &** 

SMALL INTESTINE: ISL-1, PDX-1, CDX-2

**MIDGUT: CDX-2, INA** 

HINDGUT/RECTAL: SATB2, PEPTIDE YY, CDX-2, ISL-1

RECTAL: PAX6, PAX8, SECG, INSM1

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