MRE11 Expression Is Predictive of Cause-Specific Survival following Radical Radiotherapy for Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer

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Précis: Findings define a biopsy marker that may predict the type of therapy most likely to cure individual patients of invasive bladder cancer.

The Sympathetic Nervous System Induces a Metastatic Switch in Primary Breast Cancer


Précis: Metastasis promoted by macrophages may be assisted by the sympathetic nervous system and thus blocked by drugs that antagonize adrenergic signaling.

The Promise of MicroRNA Replacement Therapy

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Hyaluronan Deficiency in Tumor Stroma Impairs Macrophage Trafficking and Tumor Neovascularization

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Dacarbazine Treatment before Peptide Vaccination Enlarges T-Cell Repertoire Diversity of Melan-A–Specific, Tumor-Reactive CTL in Melanoma Patients

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Précis: Clinical findings support the concept that the use of chemotherapy before a cancer vaccine can promote renewal of tumor-reactive T cells and extend survival.

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Modifying Akt Signaling in B-Cell Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Cells
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Chronic stress promotes adrenergic-dependent infiltration of macrophages into primary mammary tumors, leading to enhanced metastasis. In an immunofluorescence analysis, anti-β2-adrenergic receptor (green), anti-F4/80 (red), and nuclear counterstaining (blue) were used to visualize 66c14 mammary tumor cryosections from control and stressed mice. For details, see the article by Sloan and colleagues on page 7042 of this issue.