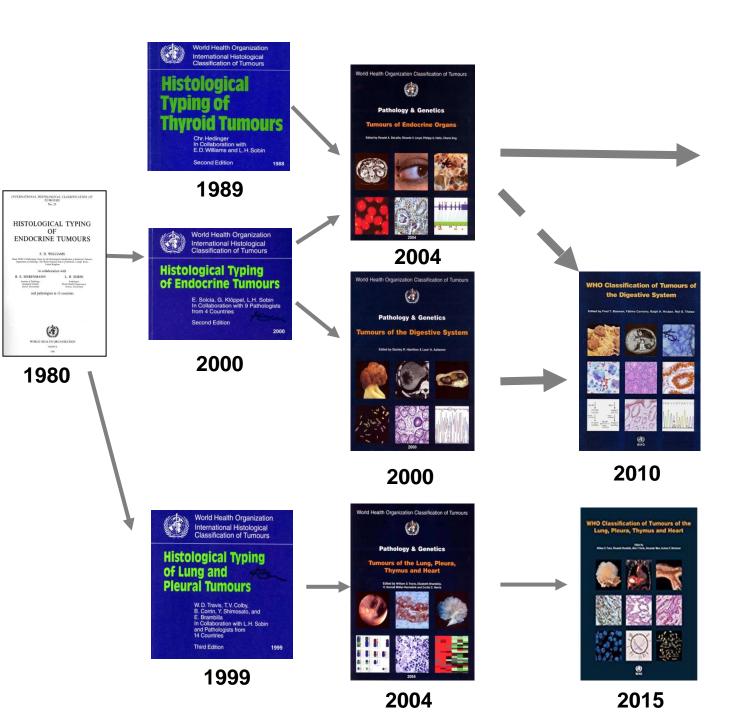


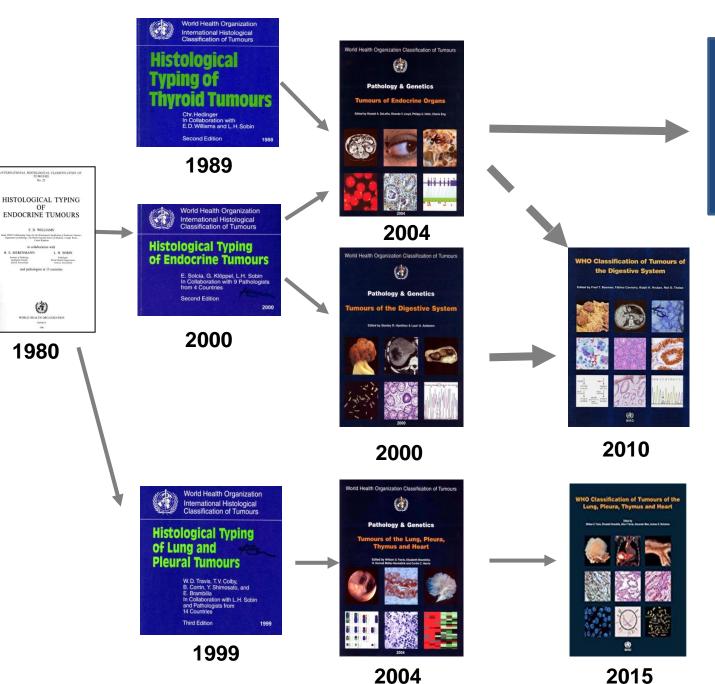
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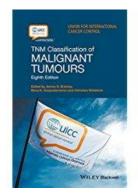
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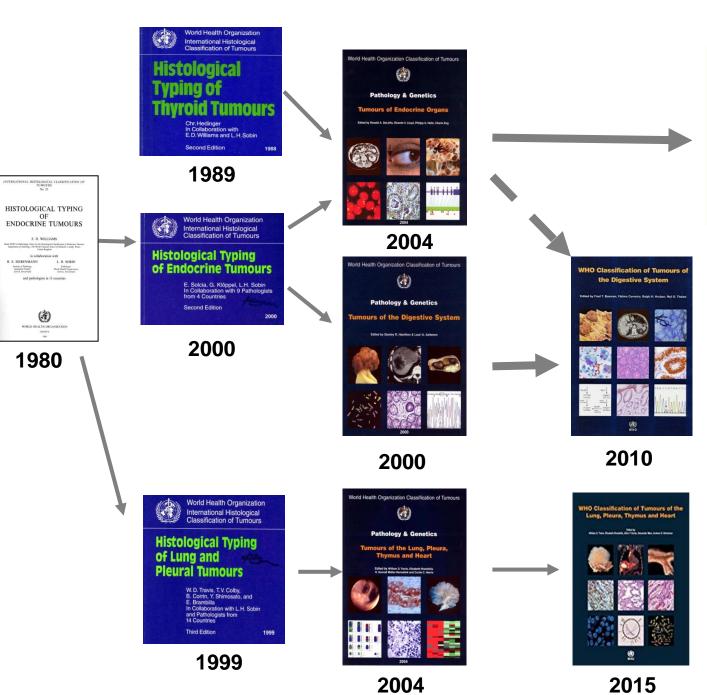


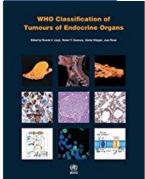




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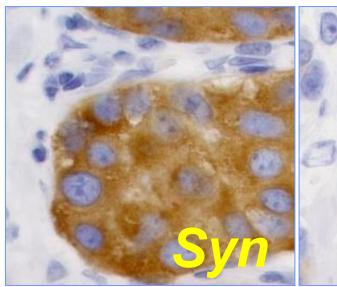


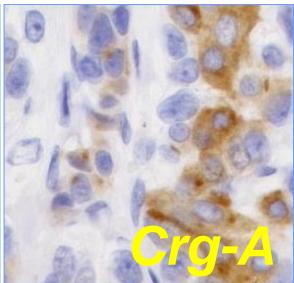
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## Neuroendocrine neoplasms:



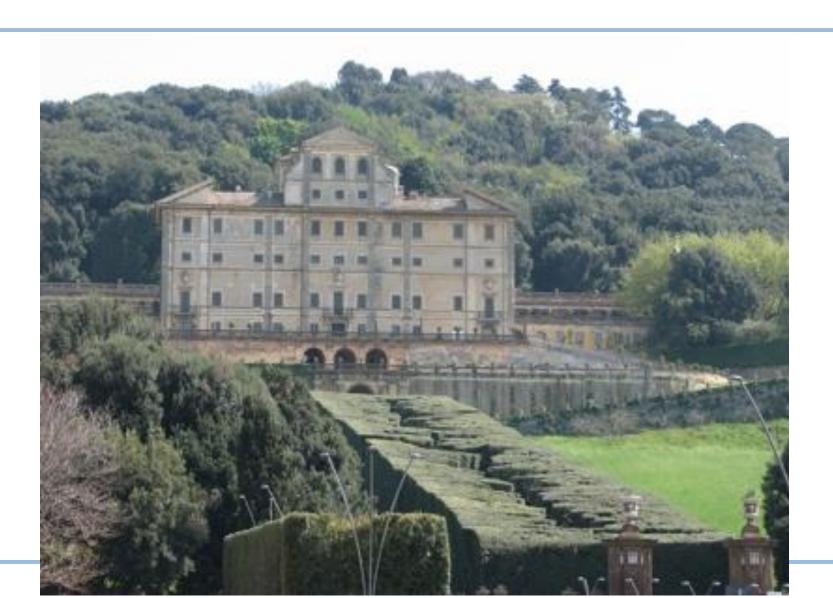
- Rare, in all organs
- Similarities with neurons
- Ability to produce hormones





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## **ENETS Frascati 2006/2007**



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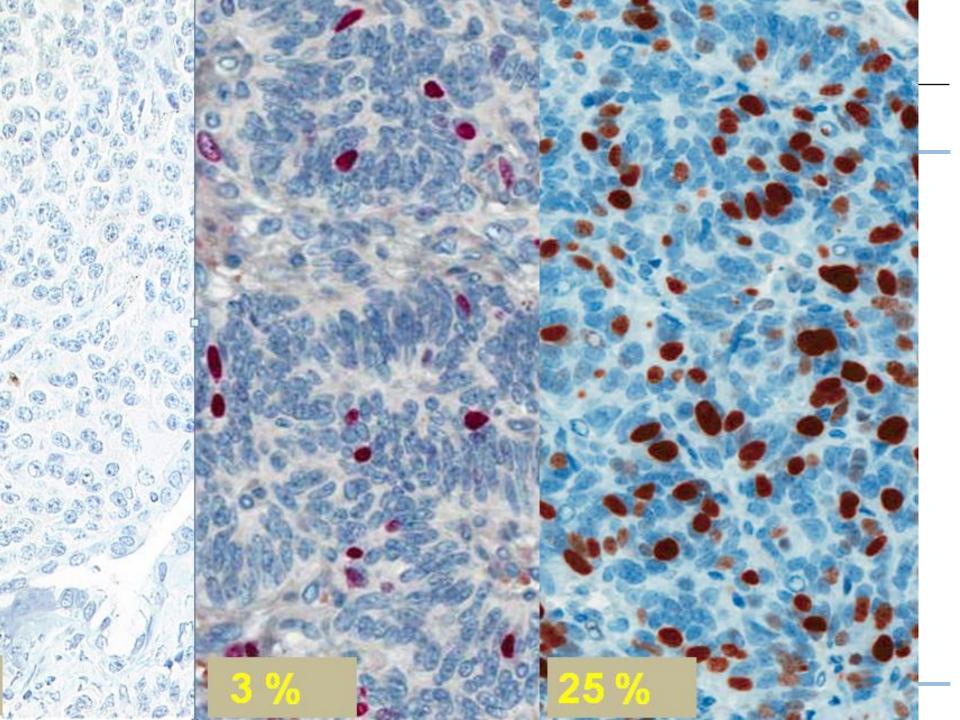
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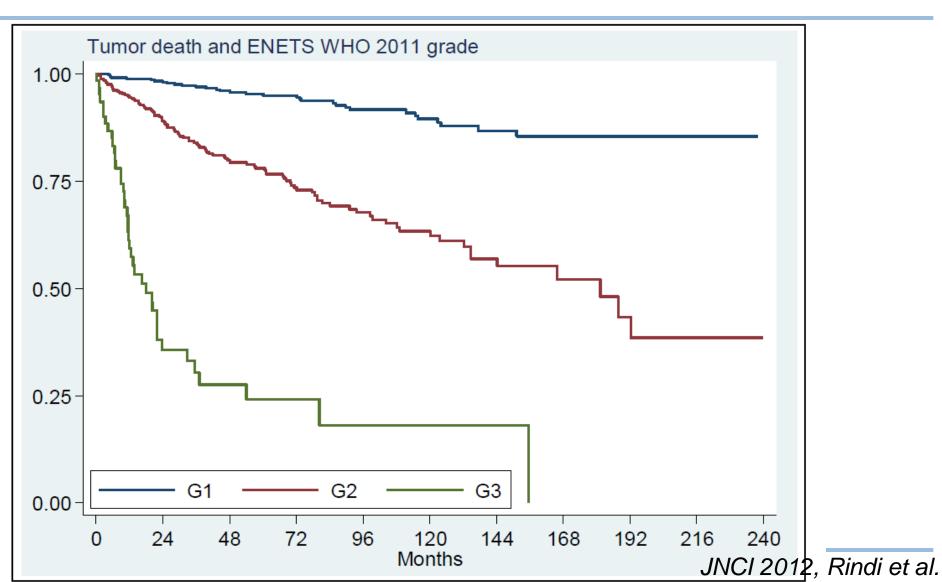
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# **TNM-Grading: Evidence pNET**







# **TNM-Grading: Evidence siNET**

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#### MV analysis, advanced Ileal/Jejunal- NET:

Variable	HR	95% CI	p
Model 1			
Female gender	1.73	0.55 - 5.44	0.348
Age at diagnosis, years <sup>a</sup>	1.02	0.97 - 1.07	0.337
Ki67 value <sup>a</sup>	1.18	1.07-1.31	0.001
No primary tumor resection	2.41	0.67-8.61	0.174
Model 2			
Female gender	1.67	0.55 - 5.10	0.365
Age at diagnosis, years <sup>a</sup>	1.03	0.98-1.07	0.159
Grading (G1: Ki67 ≤2%; G2: K	i67 3-209	%)	
G2 vs. G1	2.40	0.89-6.44	0.083
No primary tumor resection	3.13	0.94 - 10.42	0.063
Model 3			
Female gender	1.87	0.59 - 5.92	0.288
Age at diagnosis, years <sup>a</sup>	1.02	0.98 - 1.07	0.265
Grading (G1: Ki67 <5%; G2: K	i67 5–209	6)	
G2 vs. G1	3.99	1.46-10.91	0.007
No primary tumor resection	2.41	0.69 - 8.39	0.168

 Biologically, proliferation is a continuous variable

a Continuous variable



- 1. Neuroendocrine Tumor, NET G1
- 2. Neuroendocrine Tumor, NET G2
- 3. Neuroendocrine Carcinoma, NEC (small or large-cell)
- 4. Mixed adeno-neuroendocrine carcinoma, MANEC
- 5. Hyperplastic and preneoplastic lesions



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- 1. NET G1
- 2. NET G2
- 3. NEC G3

+ TNM Staging





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**Grading** 

<2% MIB <2 Mitosis

• 1. NET G1

• 2. NET G2

Differentiation

• 3. NEC G3





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# **USA**, grade based on mitosis

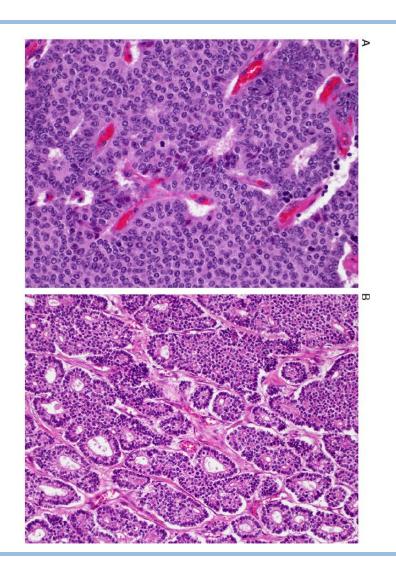


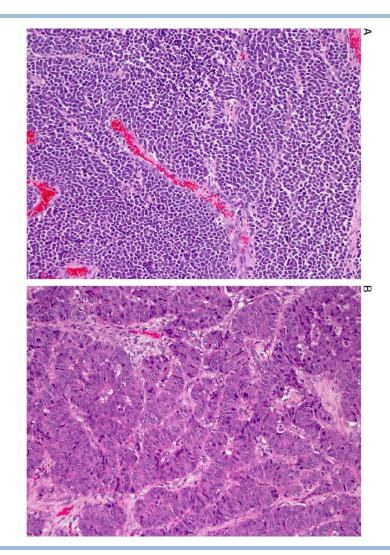
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	Ki-67	pN1	2y surv
53 grade concordant pNET G2	2-20%	47%	86%
19 grade discordant pNET	30-50%	52%	74%
43 morphologically pd NEC	50-100%	85%	22%

# Differentiation: grade discordant often WD







AJSP 2015, Basturk et al.

## **Ki-67**



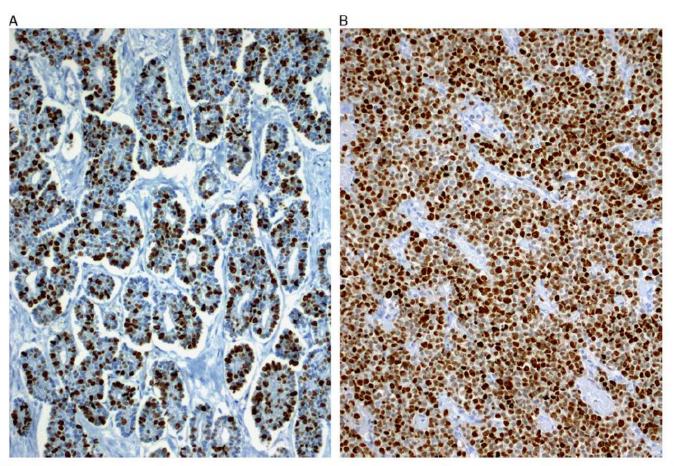
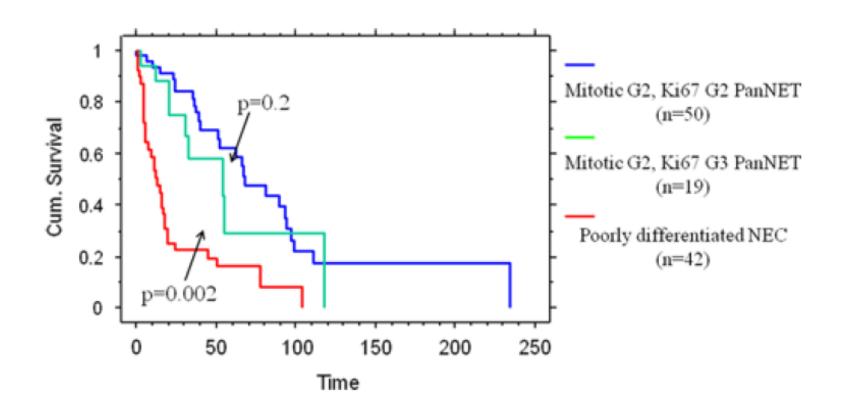


FIGURE 3. A, Average Ki67 proliferation index of grade-discordant PanNETs was 40% (as opposed to 74% of small cell-type and 66% of large cell-type poorly differentiated NECs). B, A small cell carcinoma with a Ki67 proliferation index of >95% is depicted here.

#### Survival





## **Progression NET to NEC**



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31 NET with focal area of poor differentiation

50% in primary, 50% in metastasis

**2y and 5y survival 88% und 49%** 

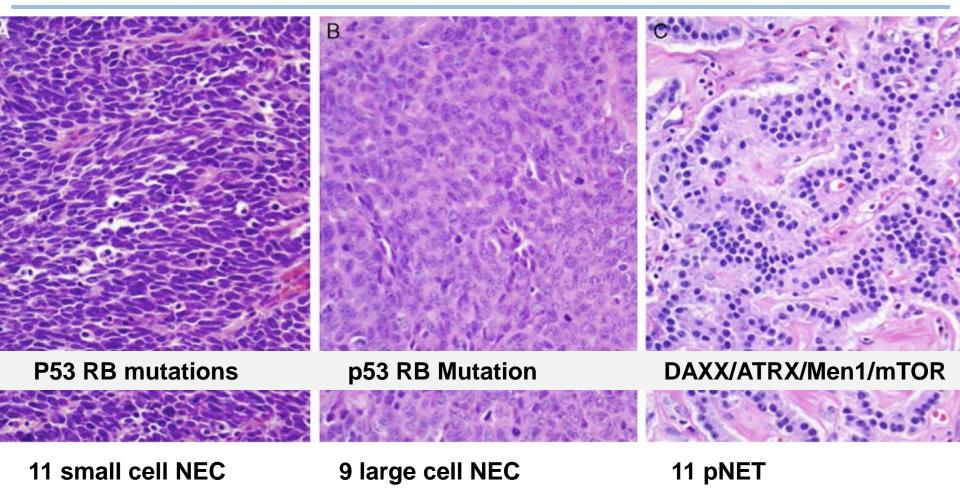
DAXX/ATRX/MEN1 mutations in secondary

p53 or RB mutations only in true PD

# G3 NEC, genetically ≠ NET



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# **Summary PanNET G3**



- NET G3 and secondary NET G3 behave differently from NEC G3
- Important are
  - Ki-67
  - Differentiation by morphology
  - Genetic marks (DAXX/ATRX/(MEN1) vs. P53 RB)
  - Clinical history (progression from NET G1/G2)

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#### Grading

<3% MIB <2 Mitosis



- Neuroendocrine Tumor, NET/G1
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- 3a. Neuroendocrine Tumor, NETAG3

(small or large-cell)

Grading

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**+TNM Staging** 

## Concept of NET G3

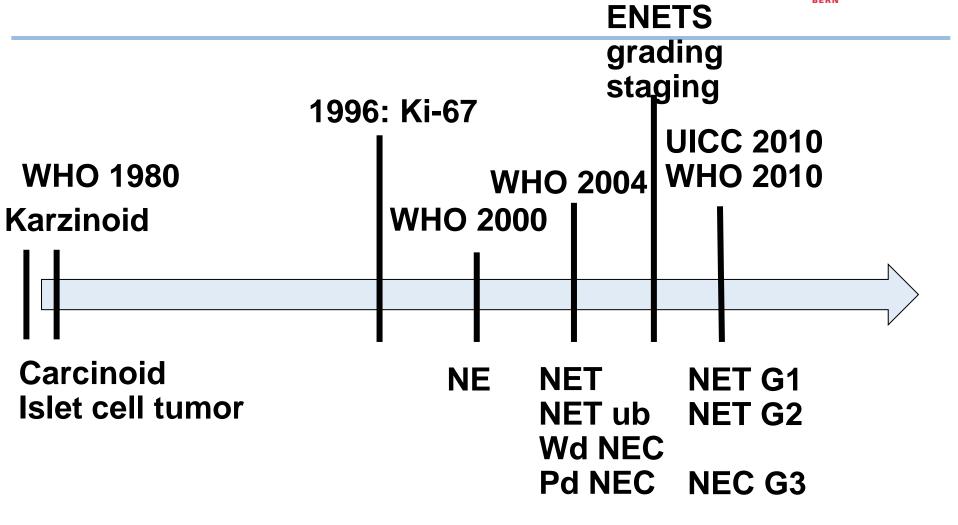
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- Genetically and morphologically group of well differentiated NET
- 2. Clinically less aggressive compared to NEC
- 3. Probably less responsive to Cisplatin than NEC
- 4. Clinical trials needed to determine optimal treatment
- Concept will most likely be implemented in GI (and lung) NET

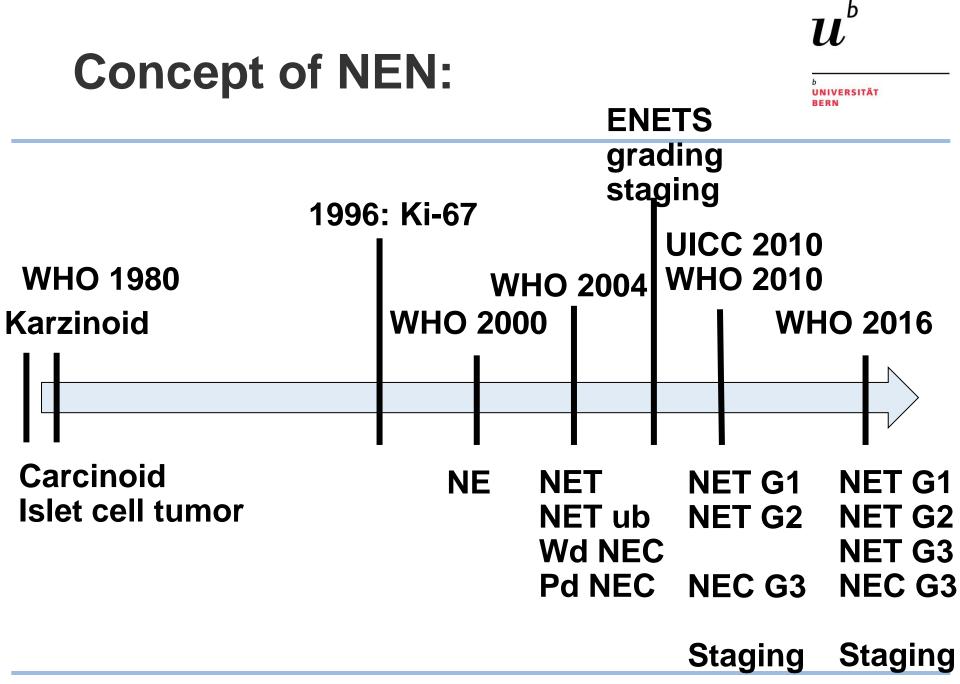


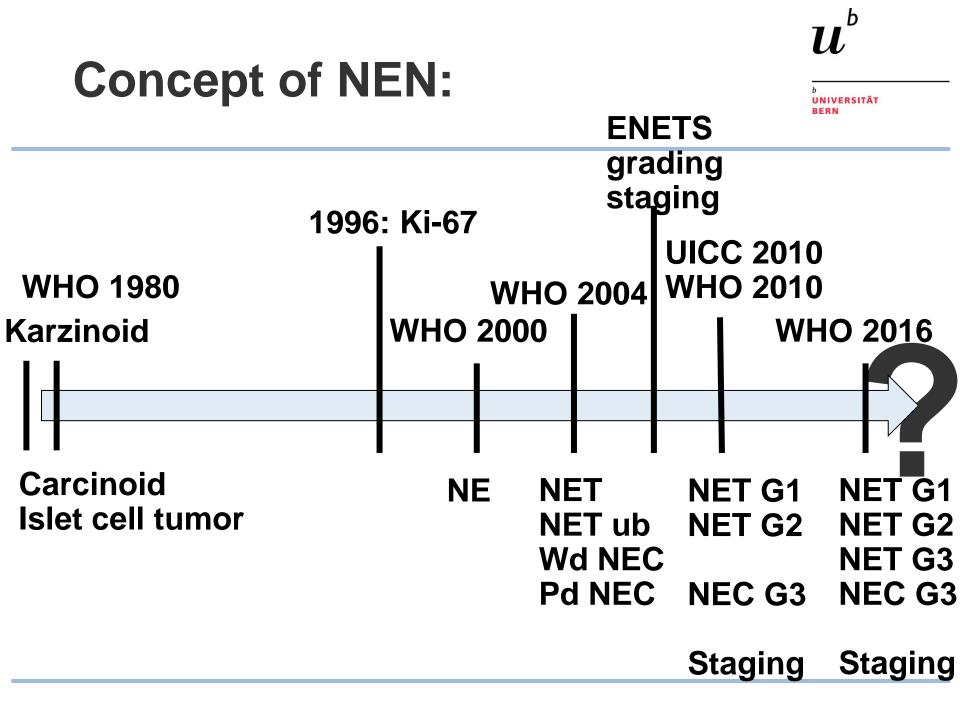
**Concept of NEN:** 

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**Staging** 





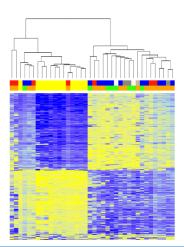
# Future classification by Expression $u^b$ **Genetics/ Epigenetics?**

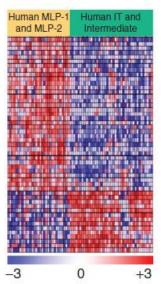
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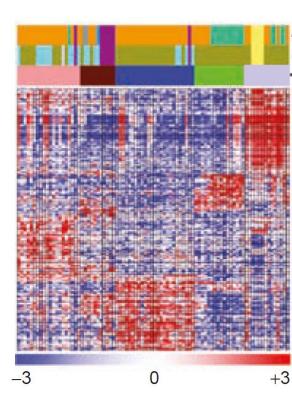
pNET, **RNA** expression profiles: 4 Subgroups

pNET, miRNA expression profiles: 2 Subgroups

pNET, **Methylation data** 









## NEN treatment development: Needs

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Collaborations across institutions and disciplines

Clinical trials / follow-up of patients



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