The Pathology of Rare Cancers

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A True Story

• 56 year old female
• Mass in the ileum
• Diagnosed as GIST
• Glivec
• Tumor Progression
• Dose Escalation
SYT break apart probe
Take Home Messages

- Rare cancer diagnosis is challenging
  - Rarity
  - Intrinsic difficulties
  - Complex integration of morphology and genetics
- Significant source of inequalities
- Referral networks are the solution
- Pathology community is ready