

System Medicine, e-health e mobile health in Oncologia

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1992: Evidence Based Medicine

Evidence-Based Medicine

A New Approach to Teaching the Practice of Medicine

Evidence-Based Medicine Working Group D. Sackett et al

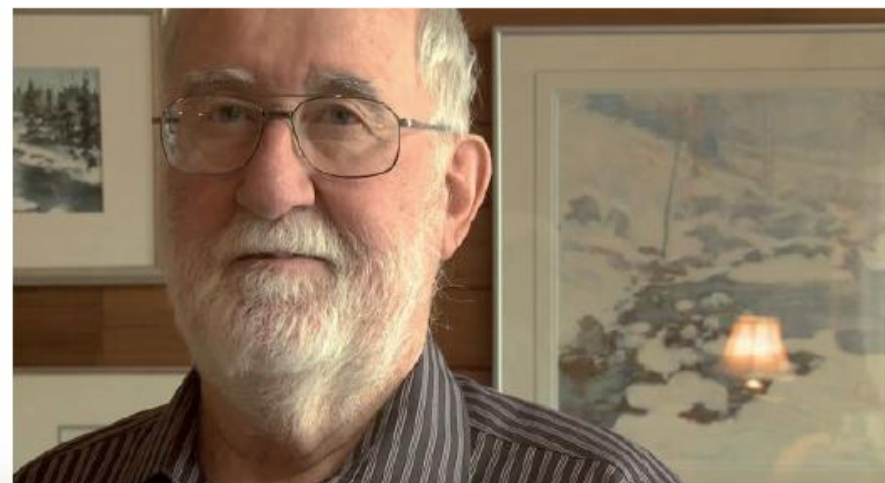
2420 JAMA, November 4, 1992—Vol 268, No. 17

David Sackett: addio al padre dell'Evidence-based Medicine

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Il “gigante tra i giganti” ci ha lasciati il 13 maggio 2015 e tutto il mondo lo ha ricordato¹⁻¹³. Ecco il mio doveroso omaggio all'uomo che ha illuminato la mia vita professionale, ha ispirato la nascita del Gruppo Italiano per la Medicina Basata sulle Evidenze, la costituzione della Fondazione GIMBE e mi ha onorato con la sua ultima lettera agli amici.





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EBM is the integration of

- **best research evidence** with
- **clinical expertise** and
- **patient values.**



What kind of evidence?.

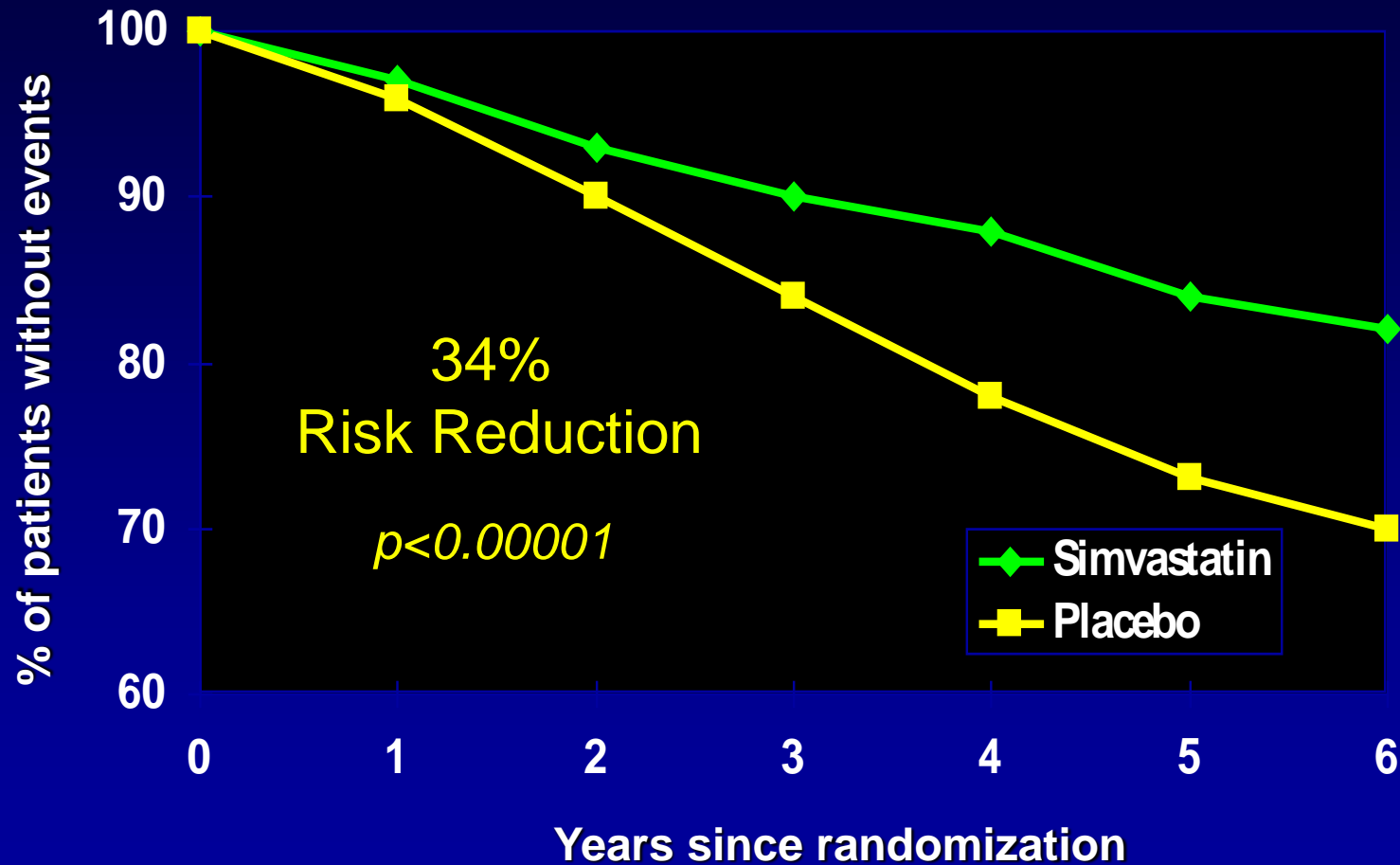
**Simple, disease-related
evidence**

1994: an example of simple Evidence

Scandinavian Simvastatin Survival Study (4S)

The Lancet, Vol 344, November 19, 1994

Coronary Death and Nonfatal MI



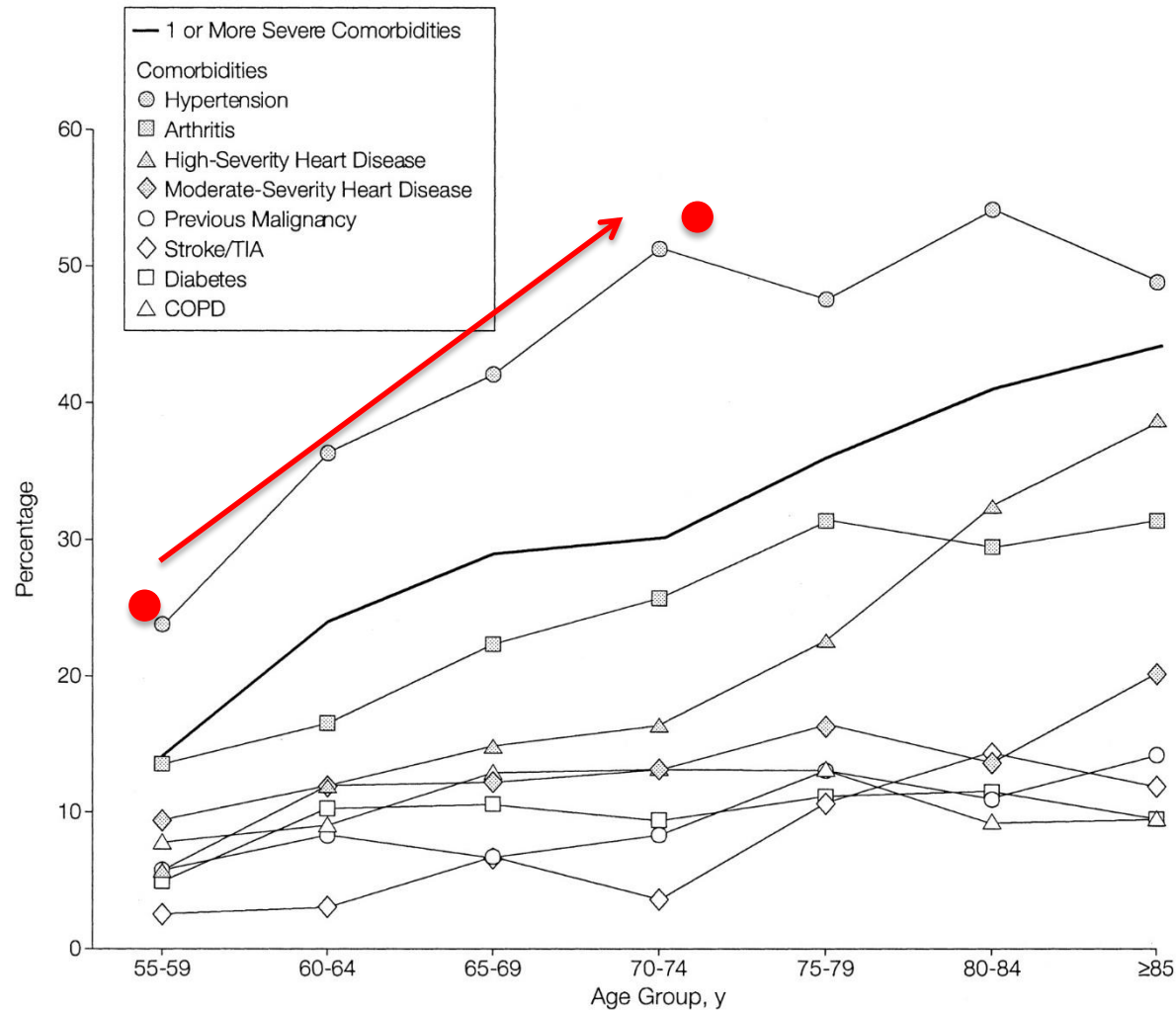
Inclusion Criteria: **Prior MI** and/or angina pectoris

Baseline Characteristics

	<u>Placebo</u> (n=2223)	<u>Simvastatin</u> (n=2221)
Mean age (years)- men	58.1	58.2
Mean age (years)- women	60.5	60.5
Angina only	21%	21%
MI only	62%	63%
Both angina and MI	17%	16%
Hypertension	26%	26%
Smoker	27%	24%
TC (mg/dL)	260	260
LDL (mg/dL)	180	180

Importance of co-morbidity

Prevalence and age trends for selected co-morbidities



....Changes occurred since 1992

- **Ageing**
- **Increased comorbidities - multimorbidities**
- These patients are usually **not included** in clinical trials

The “new” patients



The unknown
“new”
patients



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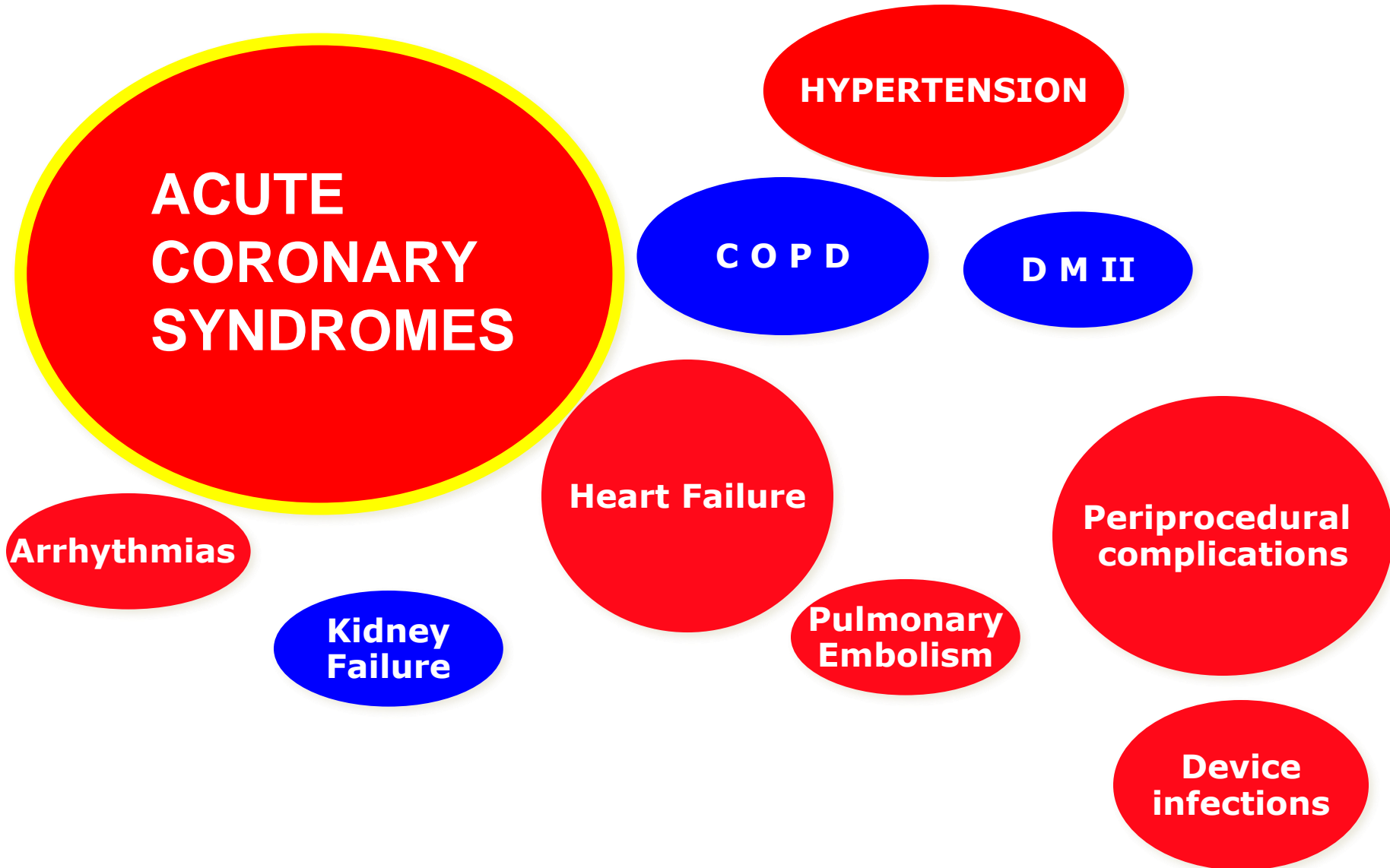
**Eligibility Criteria of Randomized Controlled Trials
Published in High-Impact General Medical Journals
A Systematic Sampling Review** **FREE**

Causes of failure to enrol in the trial

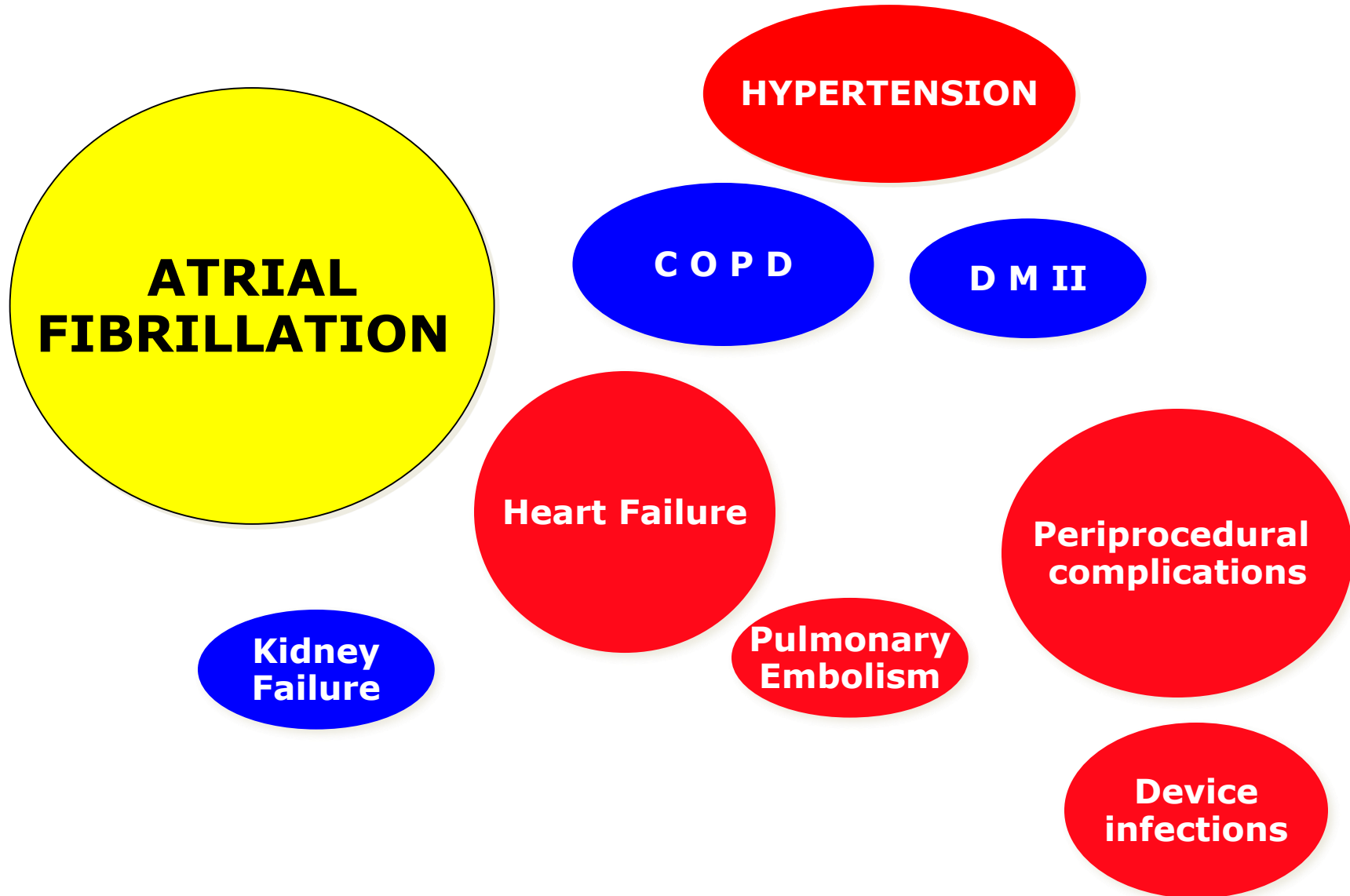
- Age >75 (72.1%)
- Comorbidities (81.3%)
- Polypharmacotherapy (54.1%)

Van Spall HG, 2007

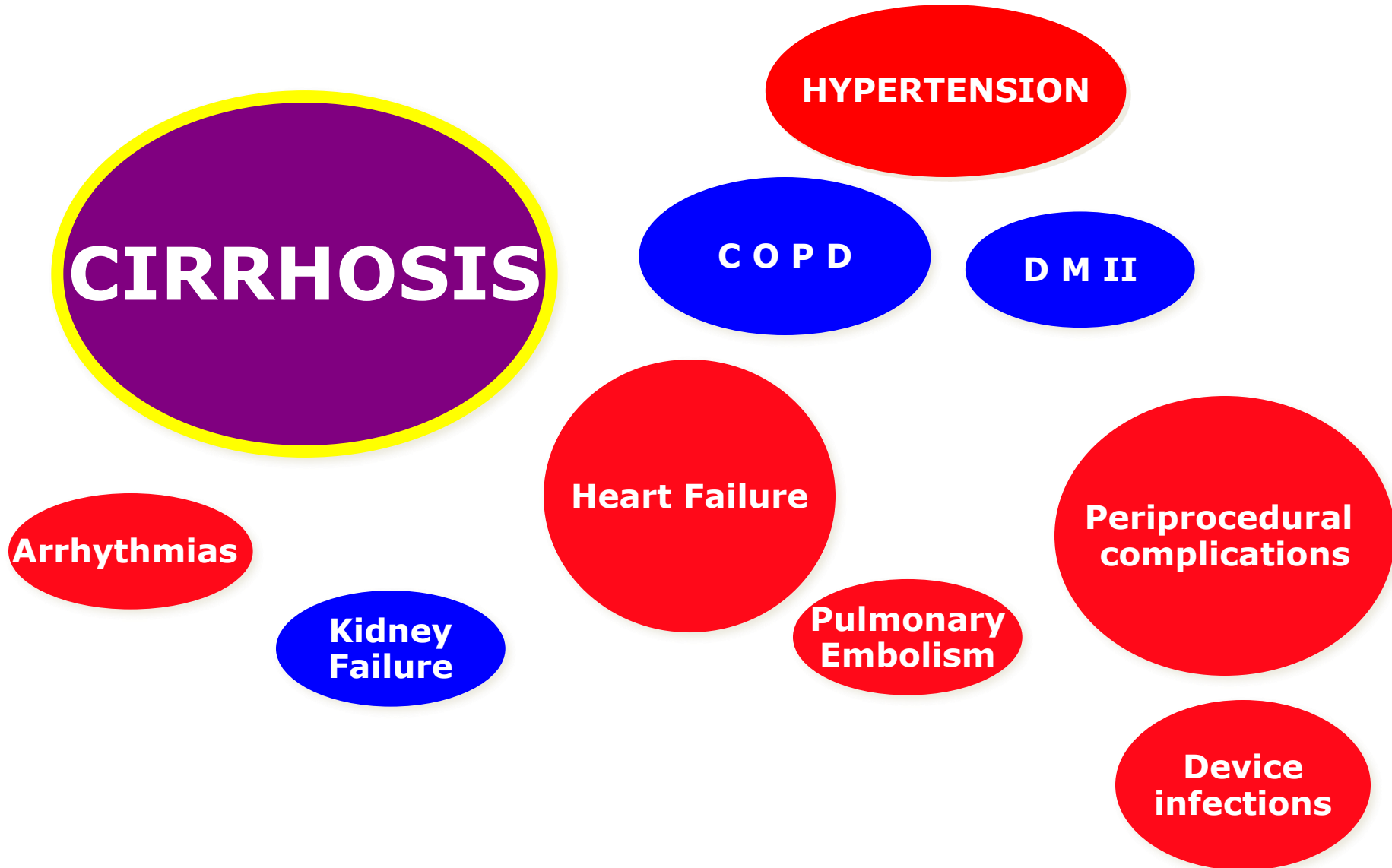
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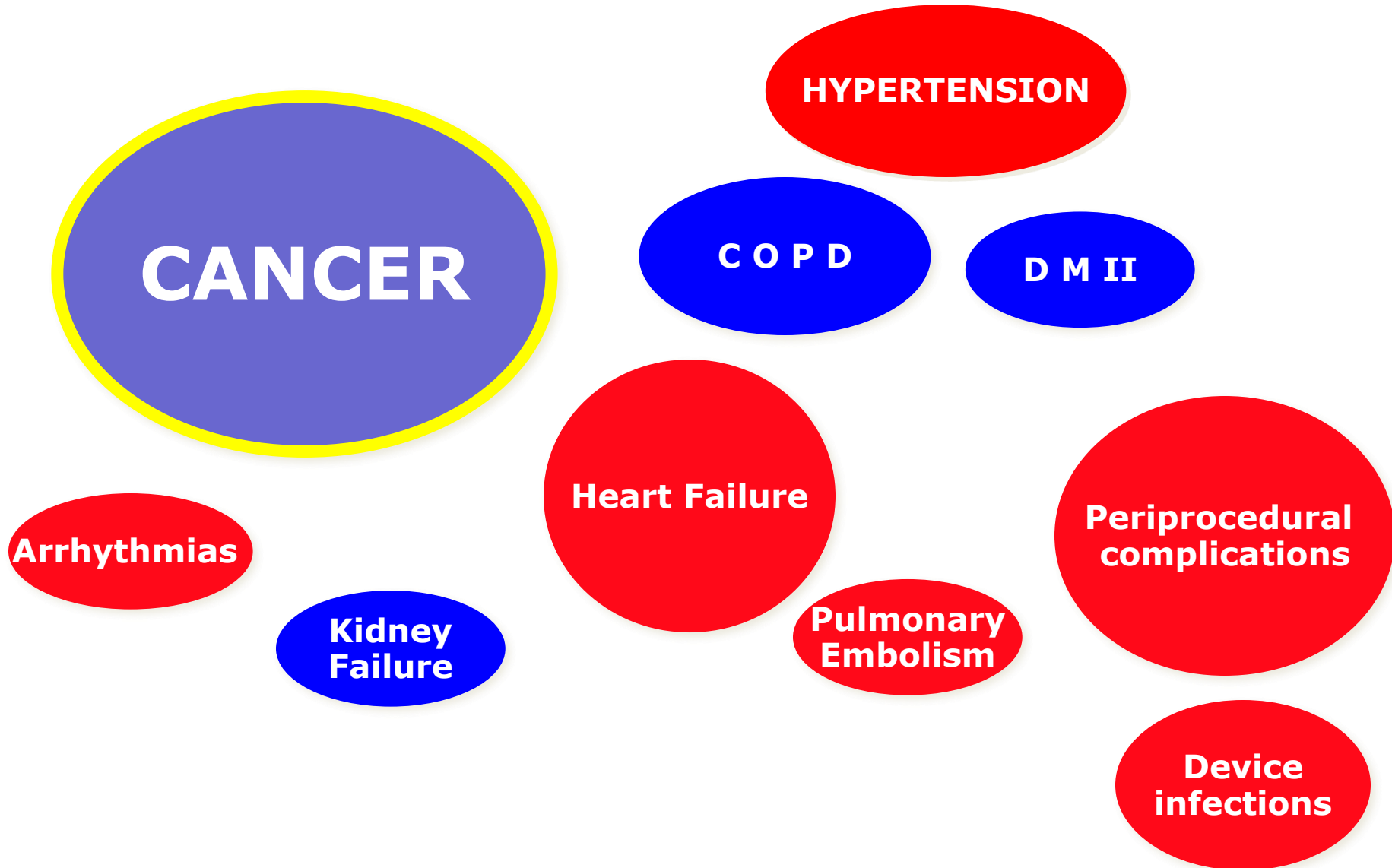
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An elementary approach to complexity

Some common measures of comorbidity

- Disease Count (DC) (!!!?)
- Charlson Index (CI)
- Index of Co-Existent Diseases (ICED_{DS}) ←
Index of Disease Severity (IDS)
- Geriatric Index of Comorbidity (GIC)

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A NEW METHOD OF CLASSIFYING PROGNOSTIC COMORBIDITY IN LONGITUDINAL STUDIES: DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION

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Evaluation of co-morbidity

Charlson co-morbidity index (1987)

Index 1

Chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases

Cardiovascular diseases:

myocardial infarction, cardiac decompensation,
angina pectoris, peripheral arterial disease,
intermittent claudication, abdominal aneurysm

Cerebrovascular diseases:

cerebrovascular accident

Hypertension (medically treated)

Diabetes mellitus

Auto-immune disease

Peptic ulceration

Dementia

Liver function disturbances

Index 2

Hemiplegia

Kidney function disturbances (moderate/severe)

Diabetes mellitus with terminal organ damage

Tumours: solid tumours, leukemia, lymphoma

Index 3

Liver function disturbances (moderate/severe)

Index 6

AIDS

Metastatic cancer

Etimologia della complessità

- **Complesso**, **complicato** e **semplice** sono termini che vengono tutti dalla stessa radice indoeuropea: **plek-** (parte, piega, intreccio). Da **plek-** derivano, in latino:
- Il verbo **plicare** = piegare
- Il verbo **plectere** = intrecciare
- Il suffisso **-plex** = parte
- La parola **semplice** = sine plex...

Etimologia della complessità

- Da cum- + plicare deriva: **Complicatus**

Ovvero: complicato (con pieghe)

Può essere “spiegato”

Etimologia della complessità

- Da cum- + plicare deriva:
Complicatus
- Ovvero: **complicato**
(con pieghe)
- Può essere “spiegato”



Tullio Tinti 4

- Da cum- + plectere deriva: **Complexus**
Ovvero: complesso (**con intrecci**)

- Non può essere “spiegato”

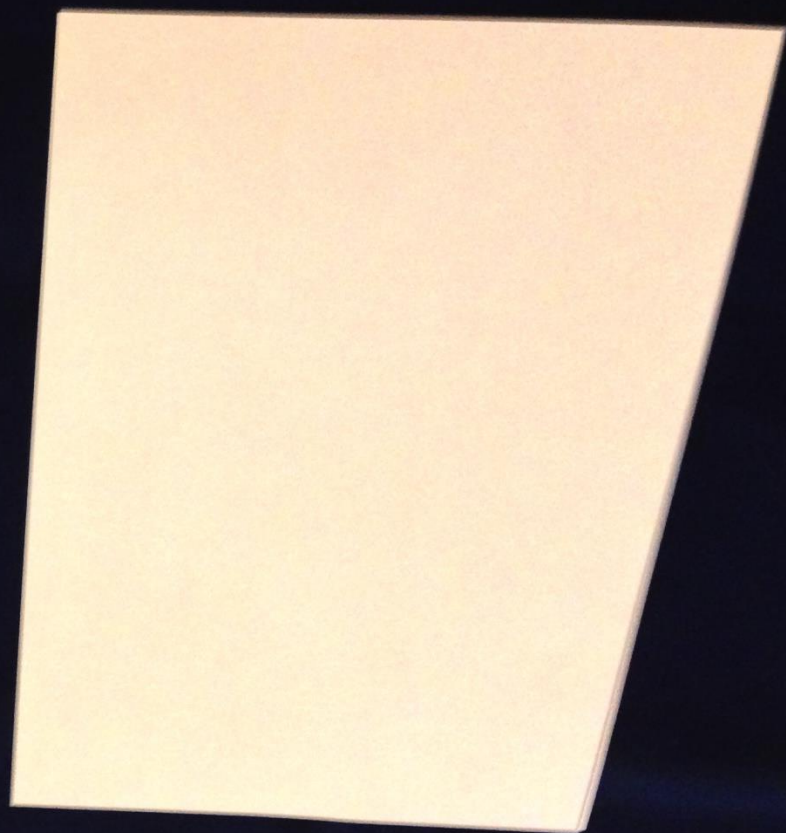
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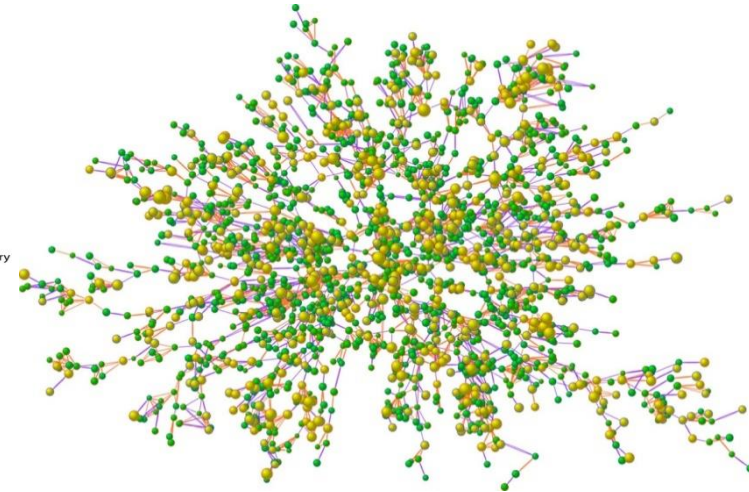
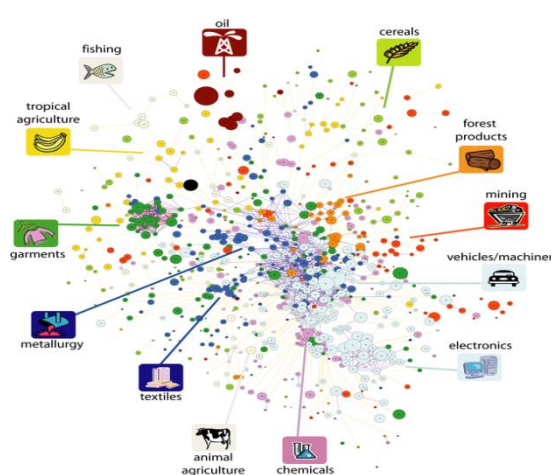
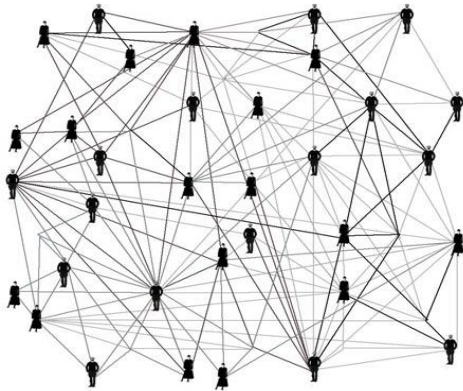
- Da **sine-** + **-plex** deriva: **Simplex**•
Ovvero: **semplice** (senza pieghe)• Né
complicato, né complesso





Complex Systems

- A complex system is a system composed of interconnected parts that **as a whole** exhibit **one or more properties** (behavior among the possible properties) not obvious from the properties of the **individual parts**.

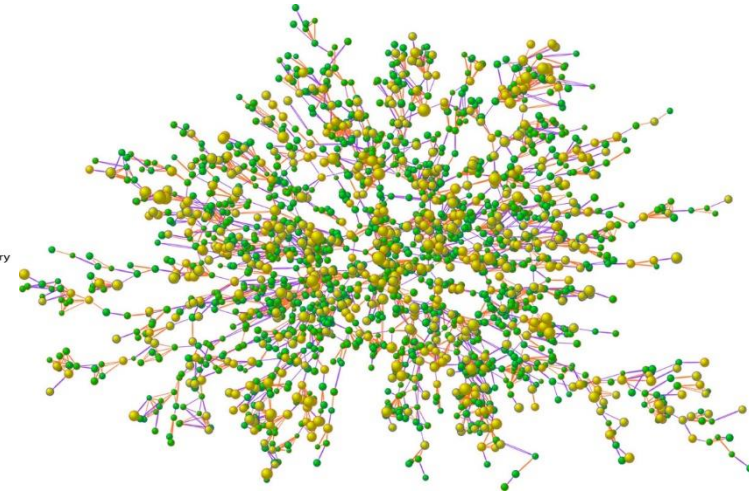
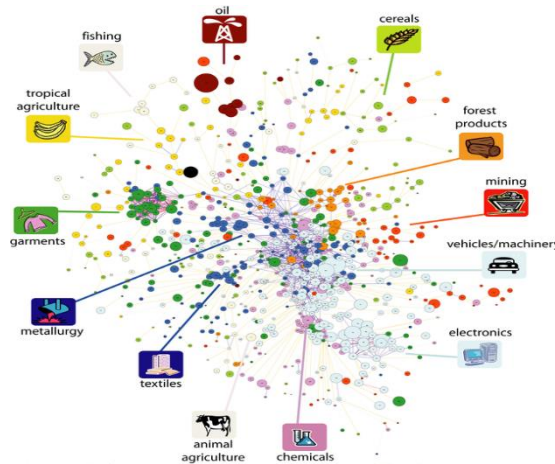
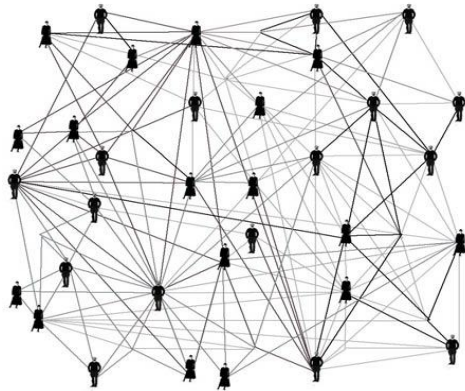


The systems perspective is rooted in the assumption that

- **the forest cannot be explained by studying**
- **the trees individually.**

Complex Systems

Examples of complex systems include **social systems**, **human economies**, **nervous systems**, **cells and living things**, including **human beings**.



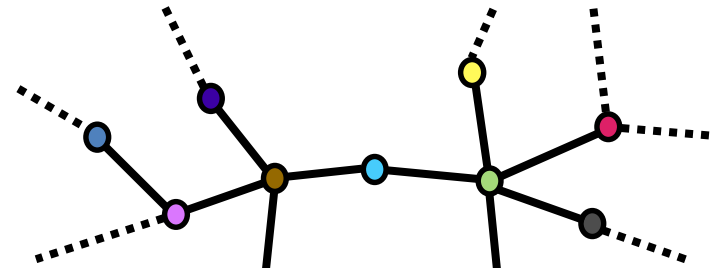
Reductionism vs System approach

Reductionism



- The Scientists base their research on a principle hypothesis that **complex systems can be understood by seeking out its most fundamental constituents.**
- **Complex problems are resolved by dividing them into smaller, simpler and more tractable units.**
- In the last 50 years, the **reductionist approach of has been successful** in revealing the chemical basis of numerous

System approach



In order to have a better understanding of the system wide behavior, three factors need to be considered:

Context: the inclusion of all components involved in a process (and their interactions).

Space: to account for the topographic relationships between and among components.

Time: to consider the changing characteristics of each component

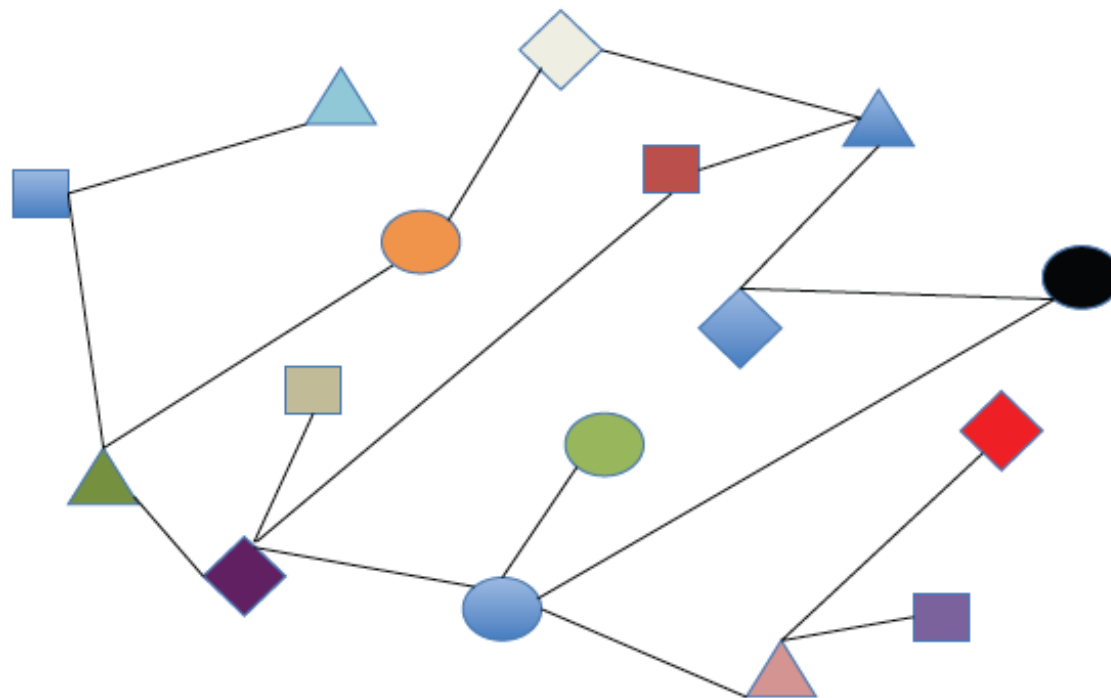
Review Article

Systems Medicine: The Application of Systems Biology Approaches for Modern Medical Research and Drug Development

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Conventional (reductionist) approach

- (i) Focuses on individual key molecular players
(nodes)
- (ii) Investigations are not time/space-inclusive
- (iii) Generalised research according to medical condition

Systems approach

- (i) Focuses on dynamic molecular interactions
(lines)
- (ii) Investigations are time/space-inclusive
- (iii) Bespoke research according to individual patient

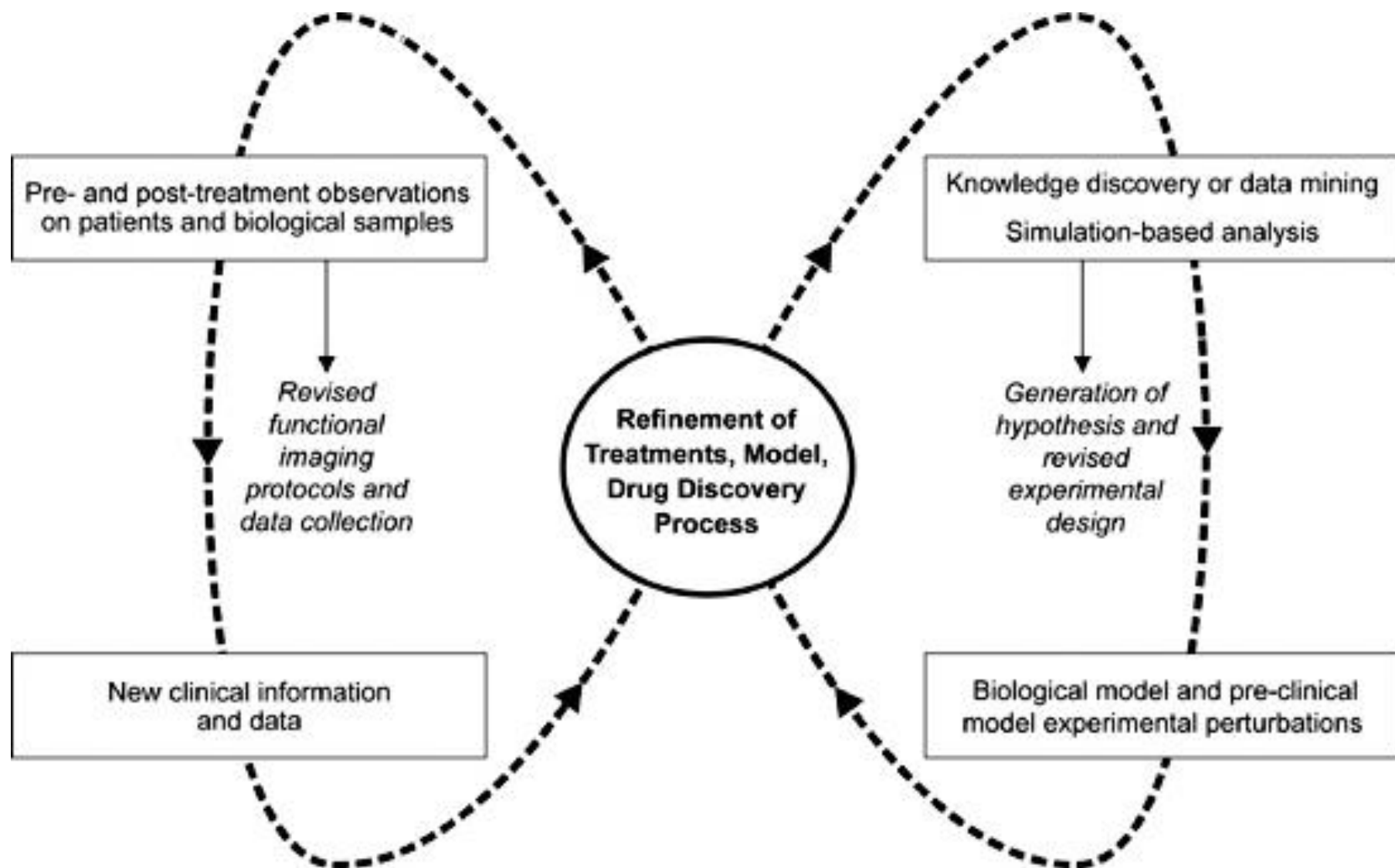
FIGURE 1: Overview of the main concepts for conventional (reductionist) and systems approaches to modern medical research.

Systems medicine in oncology

José Costa

systems medicine integrates **seven** approaches,

1. **disease-focused units** that combine clinical expertise with conceptual insight into medical problems. These units identify the necessary patient population and build high quality bio-repositories linked to clinical databases.
2. **quantitative analytical sciences**, mathematical modeling and computational biology are central to data acquisition, mining and display, biophysical analyses, and **multiscale in-silico modeling**.
3. **diagnostic imaging**, nuclear medicine, and functional imaging collectively provide digitized high-density macroanatomical and functional data sets.
4. **analytical laboratory technologies** enable multimodality and quantitative interrogation of tissues and biological fluids at the **molecular level**, as well as high-density **morphological** data sets at the tissue and cellular levels.
5. **instrumentation and methodology** development adapt, design, and optimize the 'omics' methodologies required to move applications into the clinical environment.
6. **bio-engineering generates novel ways to obtain quantitative information** from patient samples and develops new methods of delivering and targeting drugs
7. **information technology and computing databases** provide the high-performance computing and high-speed infrastructure required to move, distribute, analyze, archive and manage **massive amounts of 'omics' data**, and to support the overall process and to implement specific projects.



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New molecular oncology-changing era: prospects and challenges of cancer genome and integrative systems biology

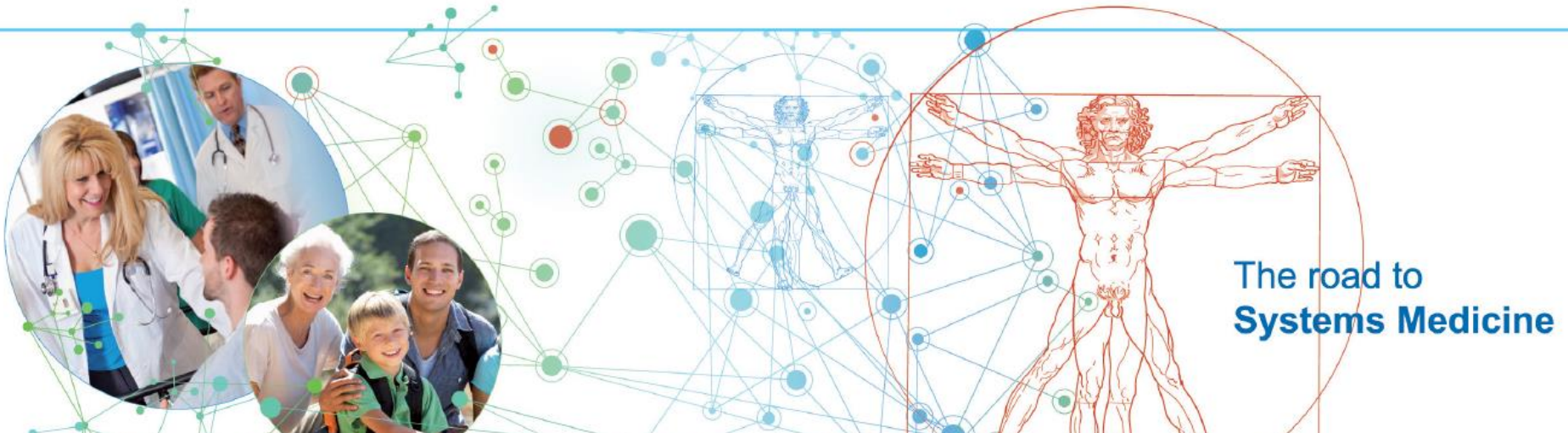
Expert Rev. Anticancer Ther. 11(1), 5–8 (2011)

“At the end of the first postgenomic decade, we are now facing a genomic revolution. The use of massively parallel genome sequencing technology for the simultaneous analysis of millions of genetic variants across the genome permits the identification of causal mutations underlying common human disorders.”

Conclusion

Advances in cancer biology and molecular oncology have resulted in an evidence-based standardization of multimodal treatment, including modern cytotoxic and biologic agents. This therapeutic strategy has improved survival of patients with solid cancers. Nonetheless, the rates of drug resistance, treatment failure and mortality still remain alarmingly high.

The latest developments in systems biology approaches provide a global understanding of how complex interactions of biological and environmental systems drive tumorigenesis, tumor growth and metastasis. This new era of molecular networks-based research might change oncological practice in the future.



Clinical needs in oncology and cardiovascular diseases as drivers for a Systems Medicine approach

REPORT

May 2014

The complexity of diagnosis

Up till now the decisional process in medicine entailed a “chain of exclusions” (guided by *evidence-based medicine*) of other diseases in order to reach a diagnosis.

One example is the “heuristic” thought: the highly experienced physician searches his memory for the pattern most similar to the one in question, in this way ruling out all the others.

Faced with **complexity**, the hierarchical exclusion process must be associated with the ability to **include the various elements**, as they **all** contribute to the genesis of the disease pattern.

The “inclusive” approach is therefore the only approach that respects the entirety of the “descriptors” necessary for guaranteeing the effectiveness of clinical medicine.

Nevertheless, there is another element typical of clinical medicine that cannot be overlooked: the **converging of different clinical conditions into one single dominant clinical element** (dyspnoea, fever, anaemia).

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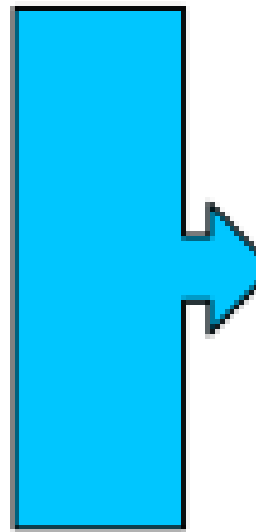
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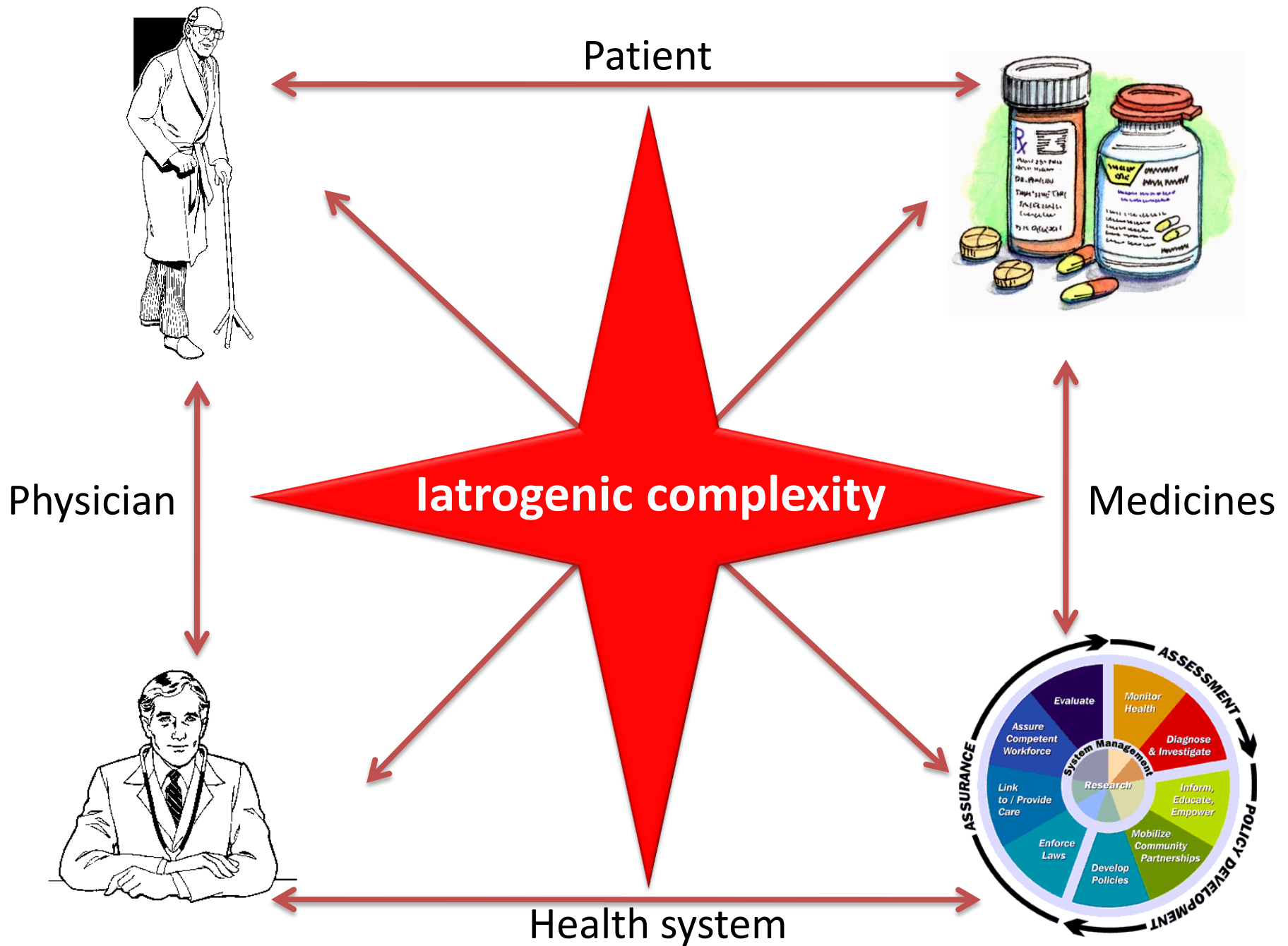
The complexity of one clinical element:

Dyspnoea

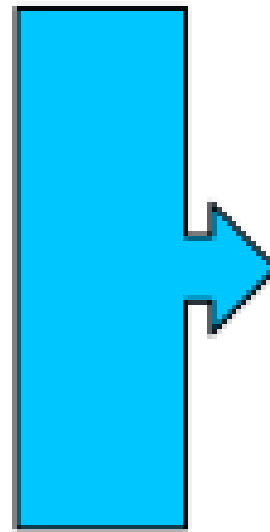
- Pulmonary embolism
- Heart failure
- Pneumonia
- Exacerbation of COPD
- Pleural effusion
- Anaemia
- Physical deconditioning



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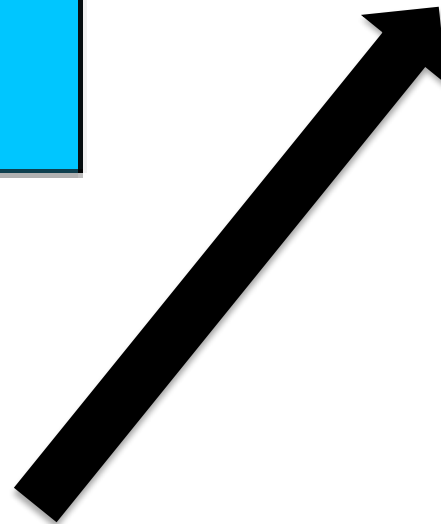


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An Evolving Scenario

Integrated Care supported by ICT

ICT as enabler of a new model of care

ELECTRONIC HEALTH

- Electronic health dossier
- Patient summaries
- Computerised clinical charts
- Electronic prescriptions
- Telematic certifications
- Telematic medicine....

....BIG DATA....CLOUD COMPUTING

Huge ubiquitous availability of clinical data to be mutually shared and integrated within the health system

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4P medicine

Predictive

Preventive

Participatory

Personalized

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Efficient patient management
Modulation of disease progress

Evidence-Based Medicine: A movement in crisis?

Professor Trish Greenhalgh FMedSci

Florence, 12th February 2015

A real case:

Mrs Patel, age 83 “feels unwell”

- Quinine 300 mg at night **“for my cramps”**
- Cholecalciferol 1 capsule daily **“for my bones”**
- Ramipril 5 mg daily **“for my blood pressure”**
- Simvastatin 40 mg daily **“for my cholesterol”**
- Aspirin / clopidogrel 75+100 mg daily **“for my blood”**
- Bisoprolol 10 mg daily **“after my heart attack”**
- Metformin 1g twice daily **“for my diabetes”**

Mrs Patel: Questions

1. What are her (many) **diagnoses**?
2. In Asian women over 80 with condition X, what is the **benefit** of drug Y and what are the **harms**?
3. In Asian women over 80 with multi-morbidity, **how does the benefit-harm balance change** as each additional drug gets added?
4. How do I go about **de-prescribing**?
5. How can I **share decisions** with Mrs Patel?

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**Potential Pitfalls of Disease-Specific Guidelines
for Patients with Multiple Conditions**

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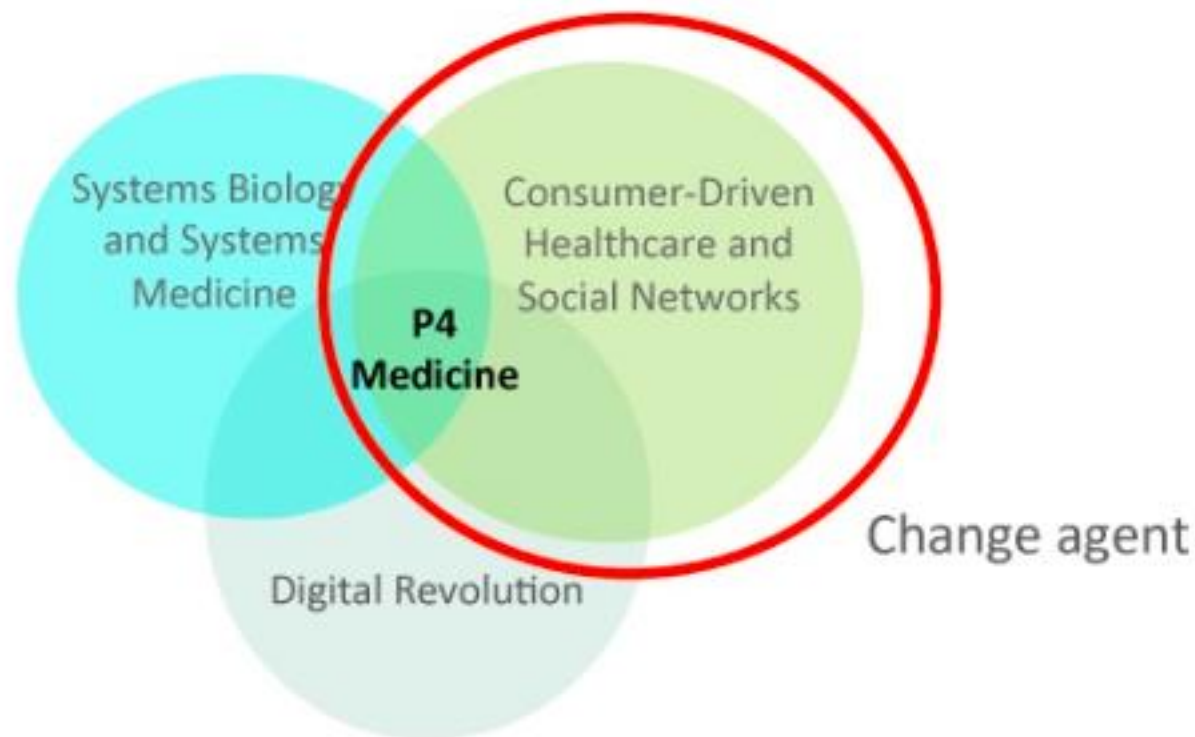
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The convergence of systems biology, the digital revolution and consumer-driven healthcare is transforming medicine from its current reactive mode, which is focused on treating disease, to a P4 Medicine mode, which is medicine that is predictive, preventive, personalized and participatory.



3.3• The potential of **personalized** medicine

There is the potential for biobanks to be key tools in enabling personalized medicine and for this to become a common approach within Europe. Personalized Medicine or ‘P4 Medicine’ involves the following characteristics ^{8,9,11,29}:

1. “*personalization*” which reflects the individual “digital genome”;
2. “*predictivness*” which is due to the ability to predict the risk of certain diseases based on “personal genome” information in combination with lifestyle data, age, sex, occupation etc.;
3. “*preventiveness*” that is based on individualized risk prediction,
4. this requires an active “*participation*” of the individual concerned in proactively maintaining their health.

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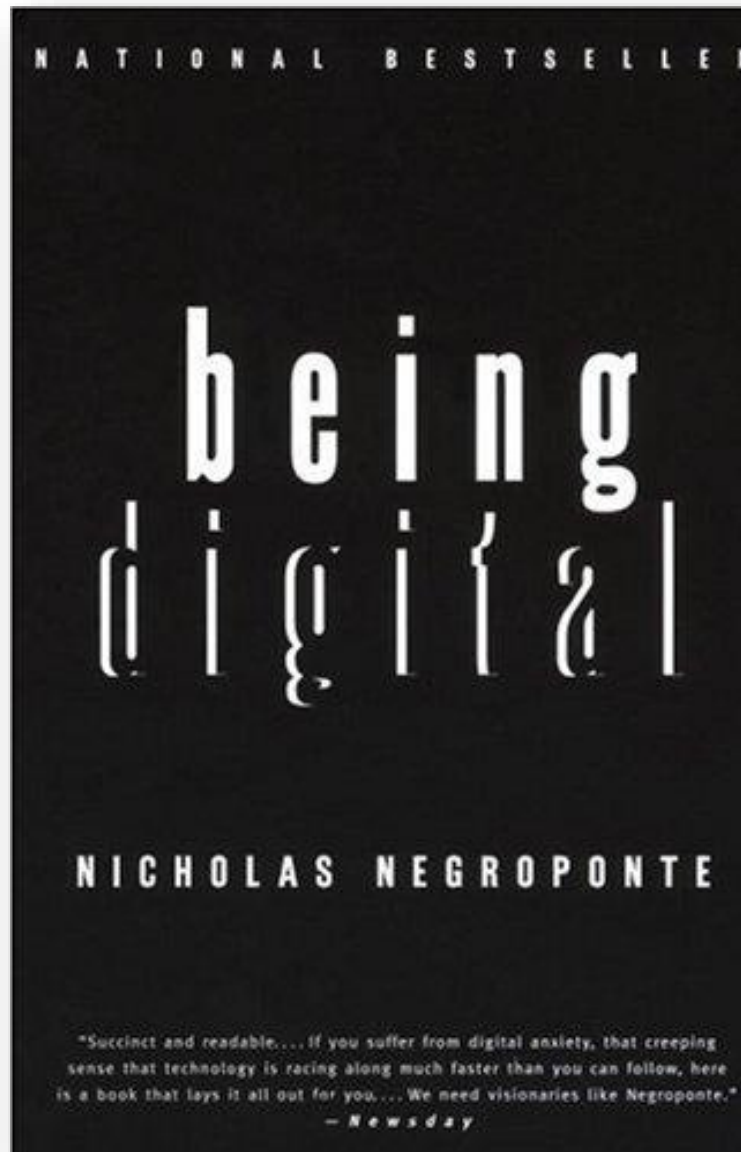
EUR 25302 — Biobanks for Europe - A Challenge for Governance

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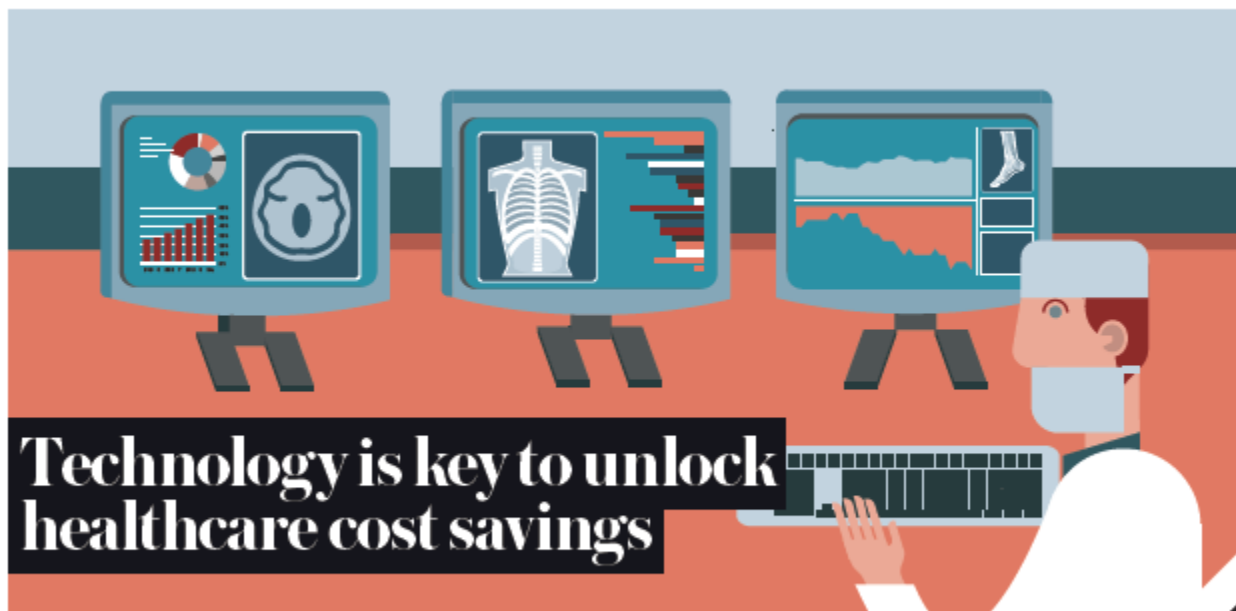
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Technology is key to unlock healthcare cost savings

As the UK population ages and more people live with illness, provision of healthcare must adapt to meet the new challenge, writes **Lilian Anekwe**

Connected healthcare, incorporating latest technologies, will improve outcomes

15%

forecast global increase in long-term illness, 2010-2020
Source: World Health Organization

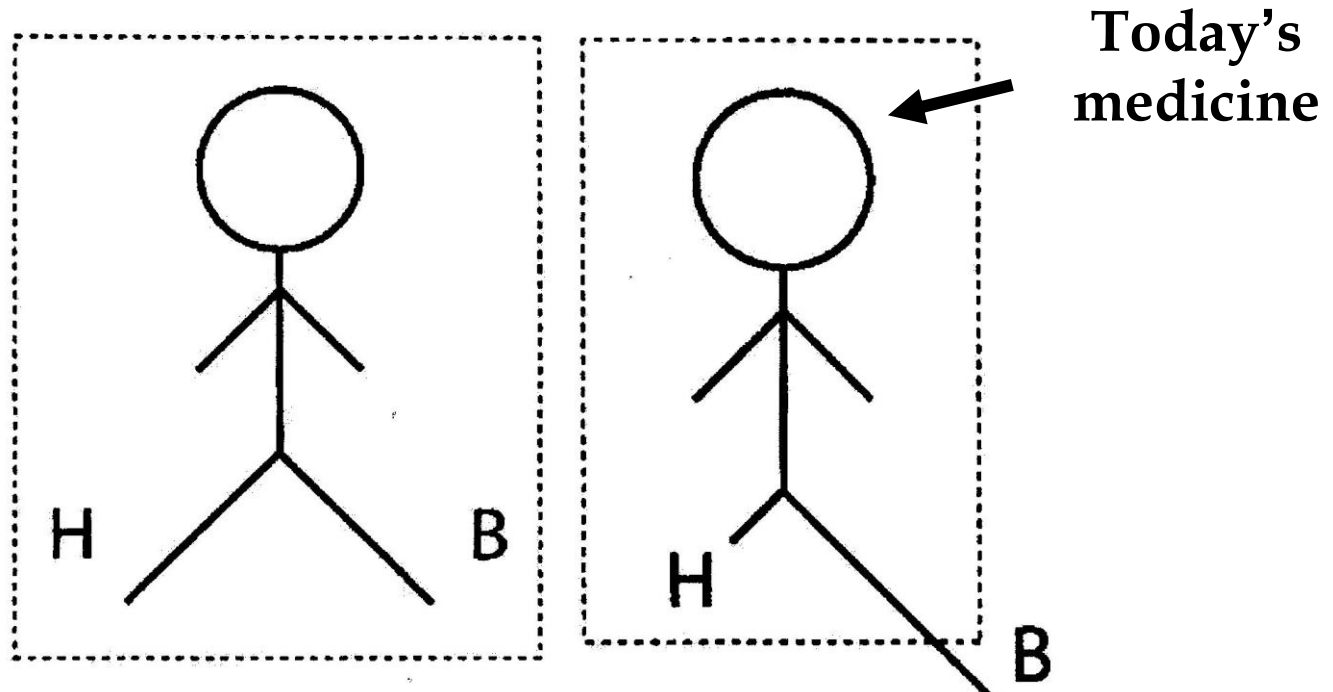
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people targeted for telehealth and telecare
Source: Department of Health

80%

of face-to-face interactions with the NHS are unnecessary
Source: Healthcare Informatics Congress 2011

The patient as a person



B: Biomedical model; H: Humanistic model

Hetlevik I. Evidence-based medicine in general practice: a hindrance to optimal medical care? *Scand J Prim Health Care* 2004; 22: 136-40

The Case for

PERSONALIZED MEDICINE

*We shed light on the demonstrated benefits
of personalized medicine and describe the
pathway for its widespread adoption to
improve healthcare.*

“Over the past decade, we have unlocked many of the mysteries about DNA and RNA...This knowledge isn’t just sitting in books on the shelf nor is it confined to the workbenches of laboratories. We have used these research findings to pinpoint the causes of many diseases, such as sickle cell anemia, cystic fibrosis, and chronic myelogenous leukemia.

Moreover, scientists have translated this genetic knowledge into several treatments and therapies prompting a bridge between the laboratory bench and the patient’s bedside.”

§ Senator Barack Obama *Illin*

Introductory remarks on the Genomics and Personalized Medicine Act (S.976)
March 23, 2007

Reducing Uncertainty: A fifth P : **PRECISION** MEDICINE

Researchers and health-care providers must have **access to vary large sets of health and disease-related data linked to individual patients**. These data are also critical for the development of the **Information Commons**, the Knowledge Network of Disease, and the development and validation of the **New Taxonomy**, different from **the usual Disease-based Taxonomy**.

Toward Precision Medicine NCR 2011

Toward Precision Medicine: **Building a Knowledge Network for Biomedical** **Research and a New Taxonomy of Disease**

Committee on A Framework for Developing a New Taxonomy of Disease

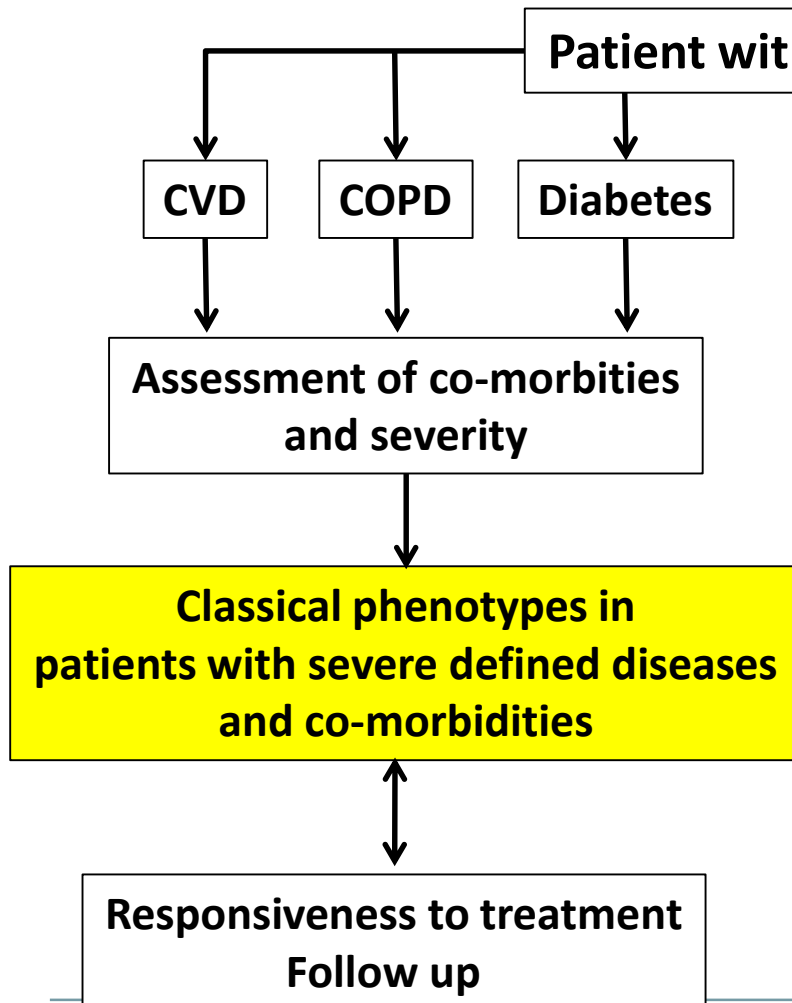
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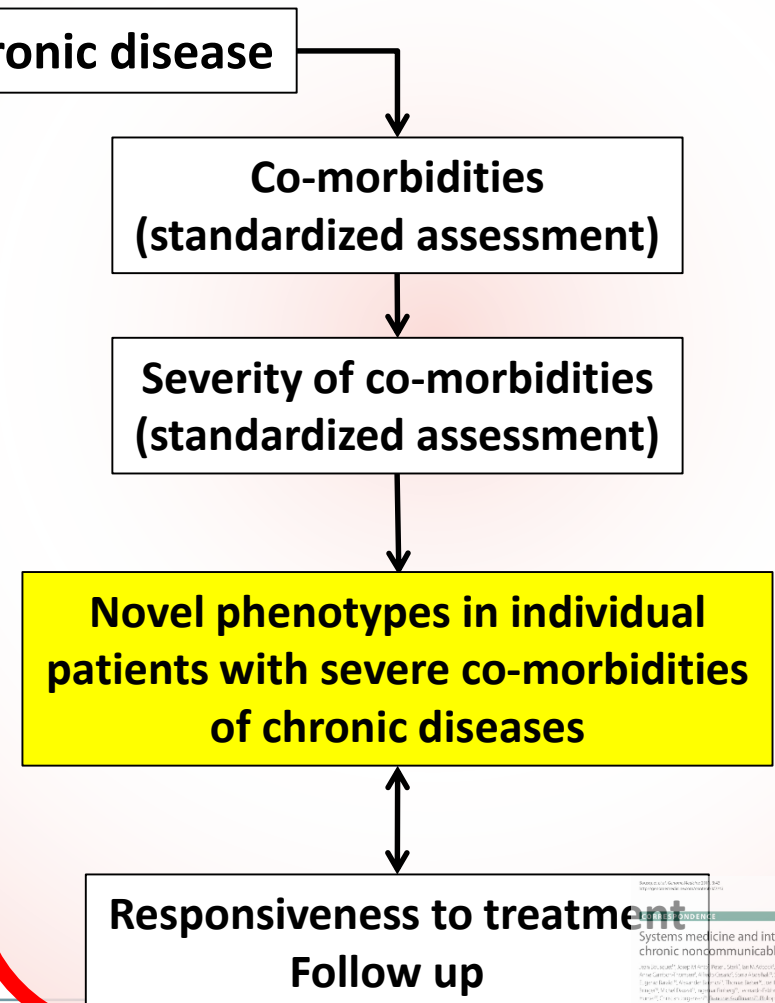
Classical phenotypes

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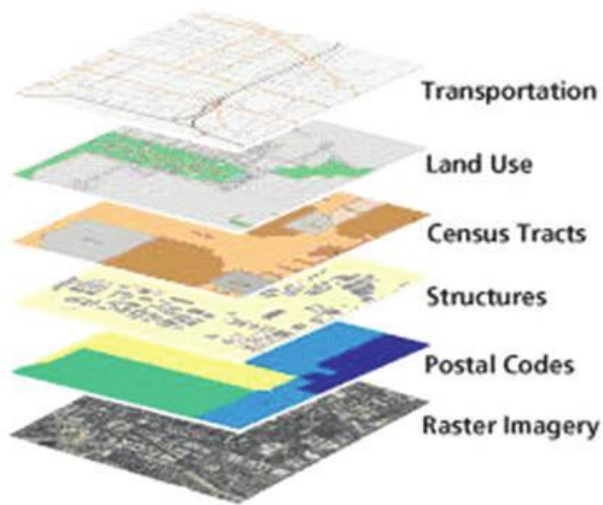
Discovery driven



Geographical Information System

System Medicine

Google Maps: GIS layers
Organized by Geographical Positioning



Information Commons
Organized Around Individual Patients

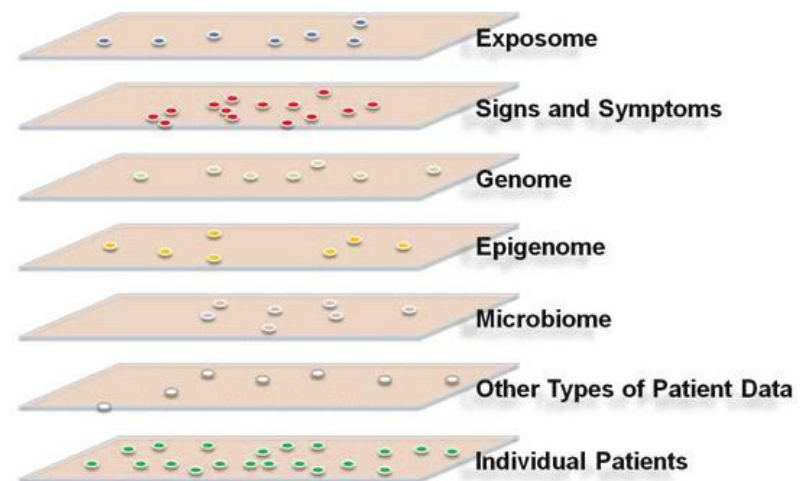


FIGURE 1-2 An Information Commons might use a GIS-type structure.

The proposed, individual-centric Information Commons (right panel) is somewhat analogous to a layered GIS (left panel). In both cases, the bottom layer defines the organization of all the overlays. However, in a GIS, any vertical line through the layers connects related snippets of information since all the layers are organized by geographical position. In contrast, data in each of the higher layers of the Information Commons will overlay on the patient layer in complex ways (e.g., patients with similar microbiomes and symptoms may have very different genome sequences).

SOURCE: FPA 2011 (left panel).

disease phenotype

Acute myeloid leukaemia
 Perineal hyperostosis
 Androgen insensitivity
 T-cell lymphoblastic leukaemia
 Papillary thyroid carcinoma
 Prostate cancer
 Ovarian cancer
 Lymphoma
 Breast cancer
 Pancreatic cancer
 Wilms tumor
 Spinal muscular atrophy
 Sandhoff disease
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 Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease
 Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
 Silver-Russell growth syndrome
 Spontaneous pneumothorax
 Fanconi anemia

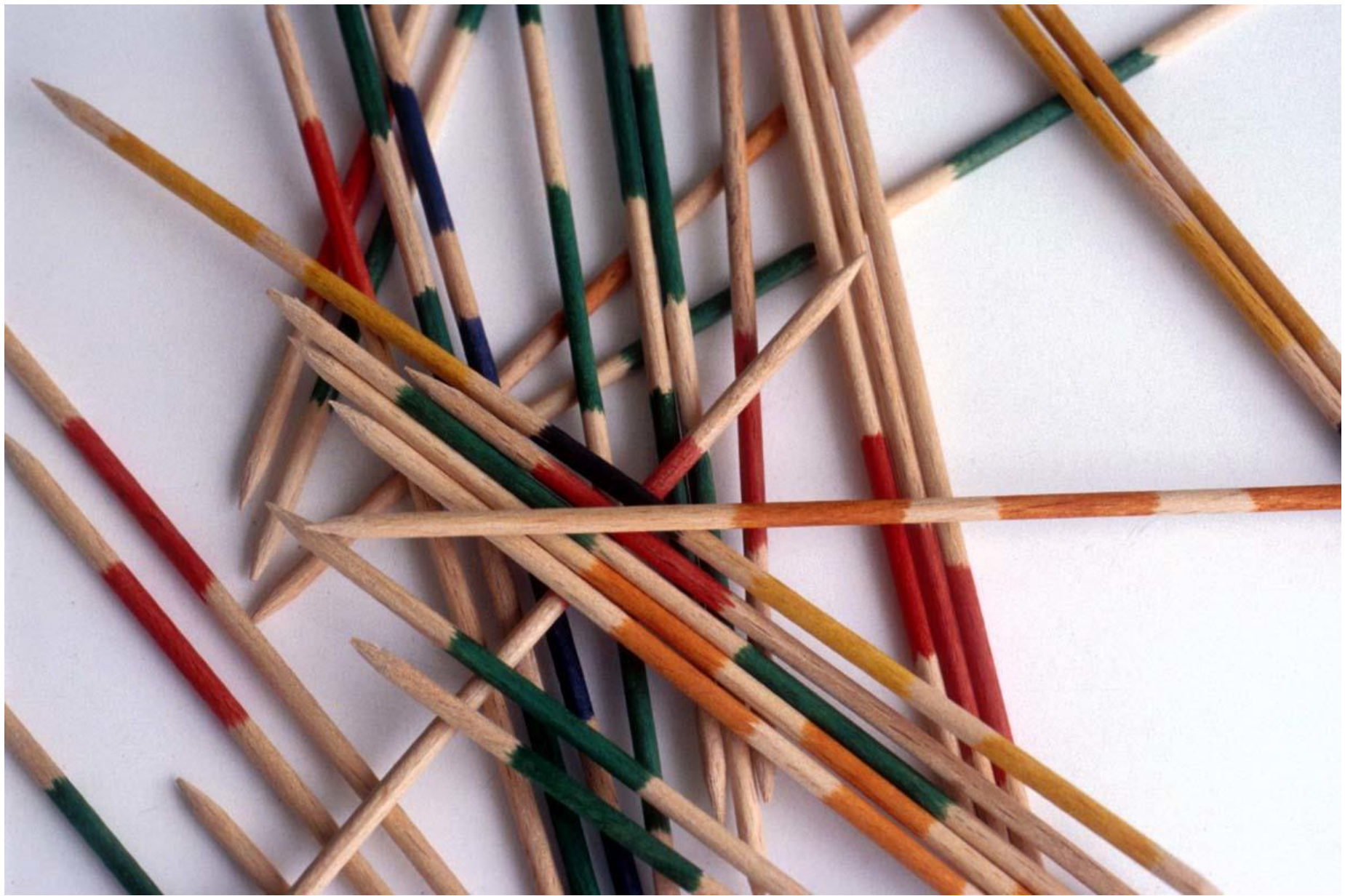
disease genome

APL
 AFM
 APM
 BRCA1
 BRCA2
 CDH1
 GABR
 HESX
 KHR2
 LAMA
 MSA2
 POC2A
 TPO
 MAD1L
 RAD51
 VAV2
 CHRNA
 BRCL1
 ATRP

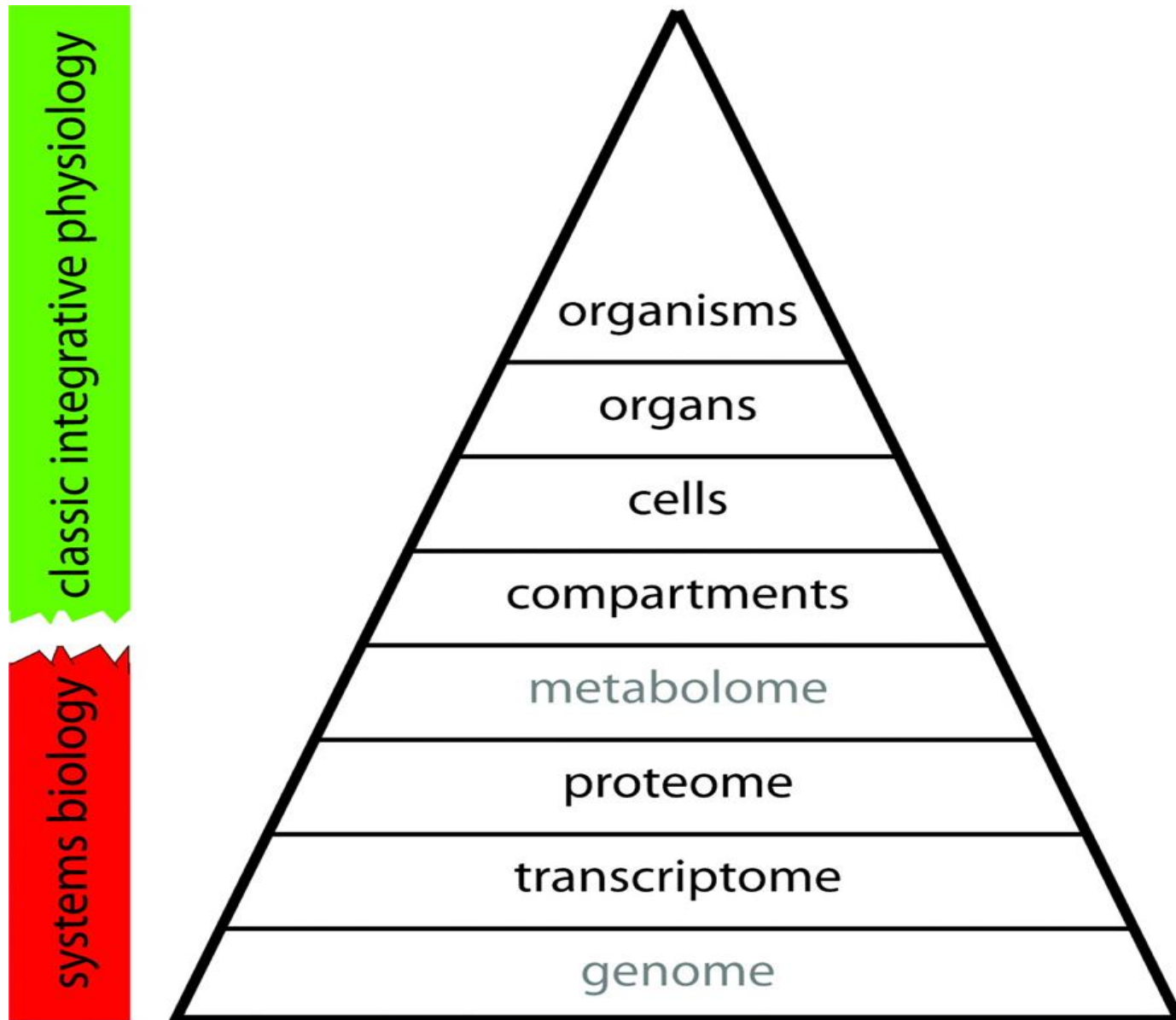
A network diagram illustrating relationships between various diseases. The nodes are represented by colored circles of different sizes, indicating their relative importance or frequency in the dataset. The colors correspond to the categories defined in the legend:

- Red:** Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, Spastic paraplegia, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Lipoatrophy, Sarcoidosis, Spina muscular atrophy.
- Blue:** Asphenogen insensitivity.
- Green:** Prostate cancer, Pancreatic cancer, Liver cancer, Ovarian cancer, Papillary follicle carcinoma, Acute lymphoblastic leukemia.
- Other colors:** Wilson's disease, Paraneoplastic, Axilla-lymphoecrosis.

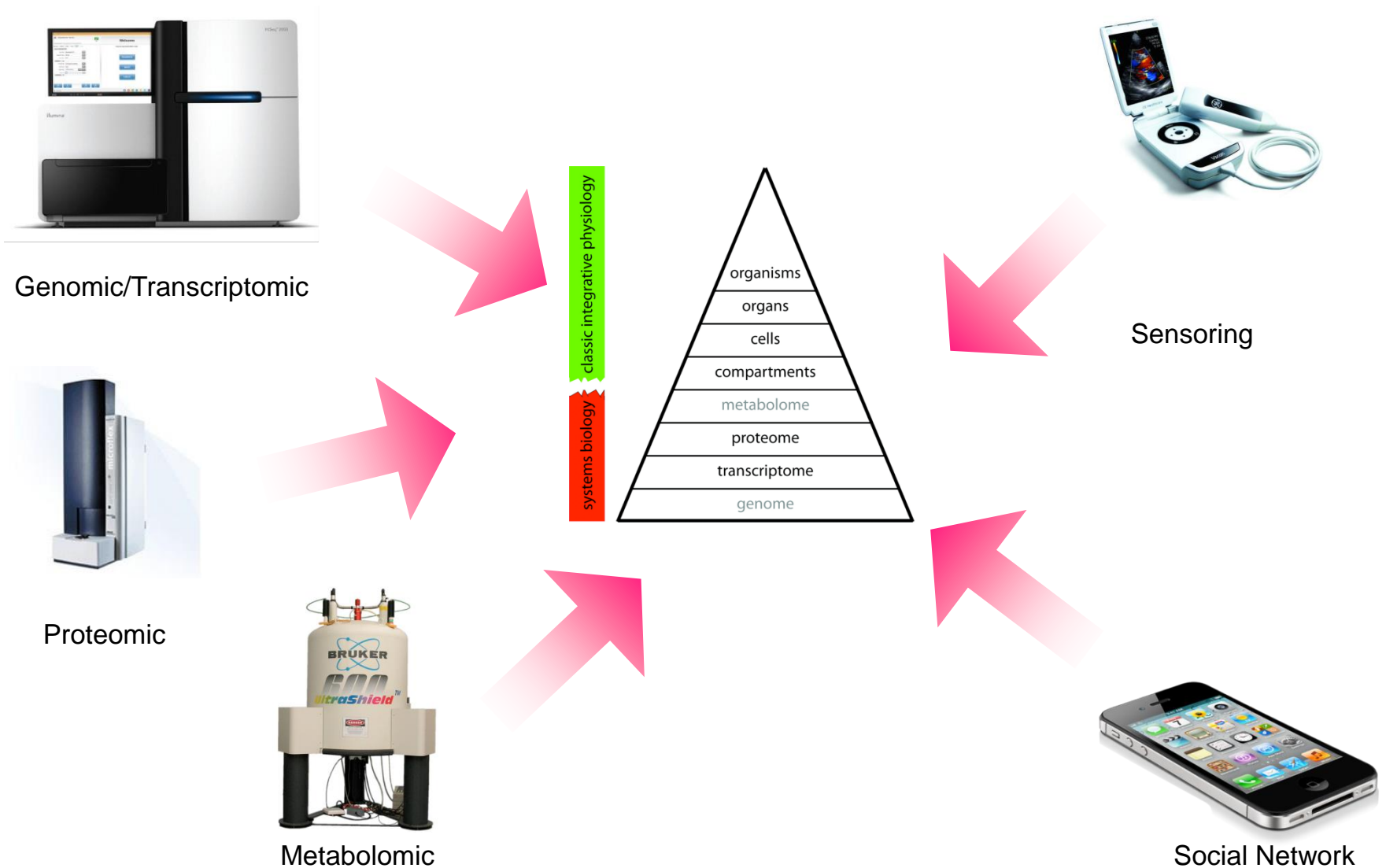
The connections (edges) represent relationships between these diseases, forming a complex network where certain diseases are highly interconnected with others.



System approach to disease states



Towards System Medicine



Towards System Medicine



Genomic/Transcriptomic

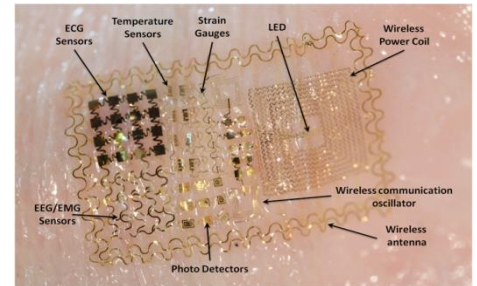
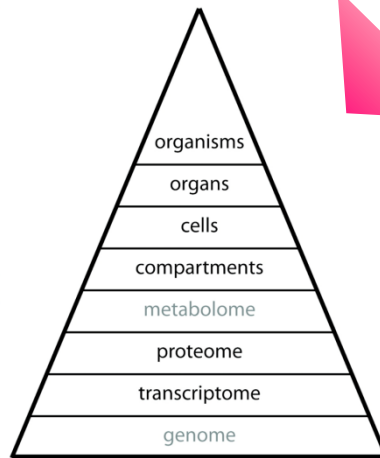


Proteomic



Metabolomic

classic integrative physiology
systems biology



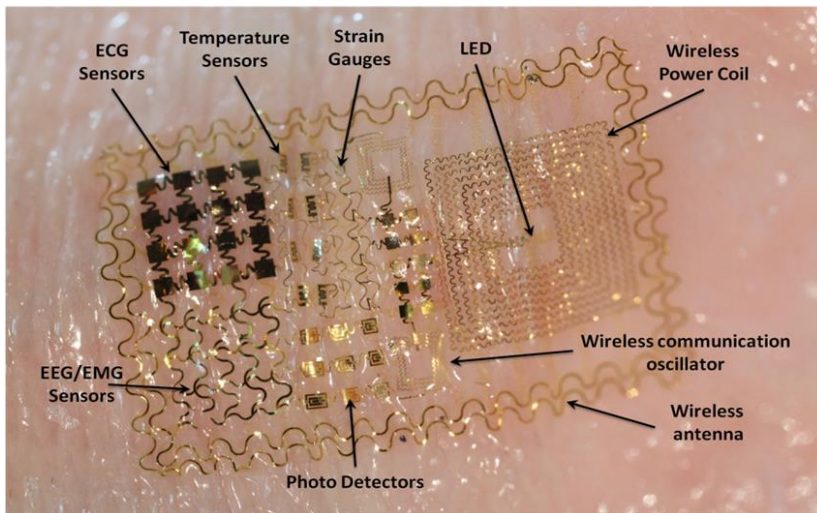
Sensing



Social Network

Phenotyping behaviour

- The **study of behaviour** is a special challenge for phenomics as it depends on both context and time, and it is obviously very variable.
- Currently available technologies combine tracking systems based on **GPS** (global position systems), **accelerometers**, and tools for monitoring the **neuronal activity**. The study of human behaviour can also be carried out via the use of **web-** and **smartphone-**based instruments.





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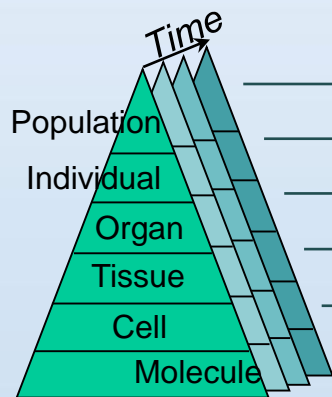
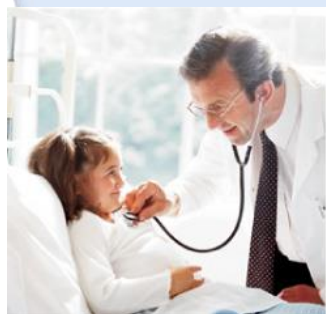
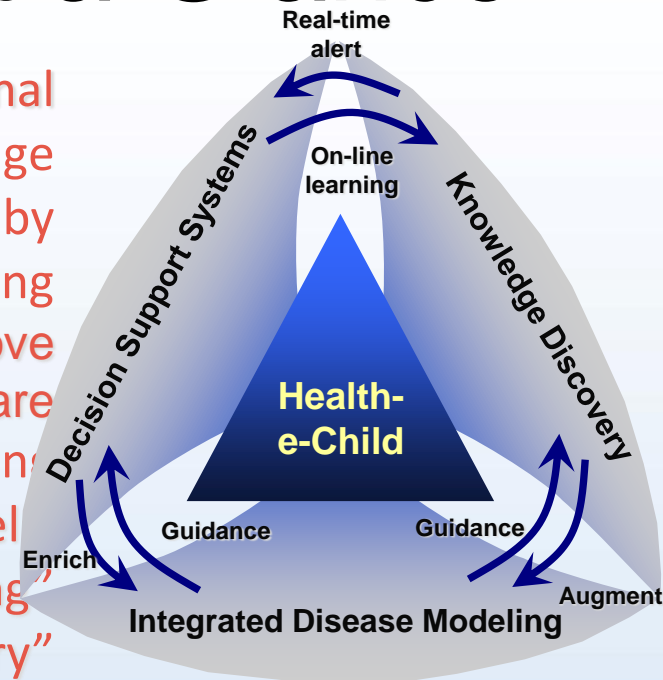


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Health-e-Child at a Glance

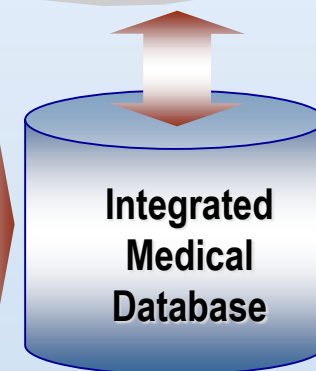
- Establish multi-site, vertical, and longitudinal integration of data, information and knowledge
- Develop a GRID based platform, supported by robust search, optimisation and matching
- Build enabling tools and services that improve patient care
- Two main use case scenarios leveraging disease model
 - “Aiding the Clinician in Decision Making”
 - “Clinical Studies, Knowledge Discovery”




Observation Process
Sensors

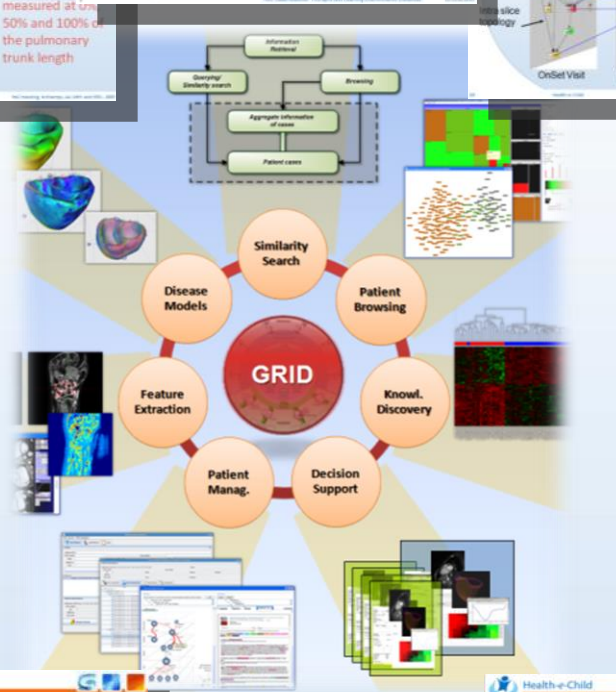
Imaging
Lab Data
Genomics
Proteomics
Demographics
Physician Notes
Life Style

Vertical
Data Integration





Information Society Technologies



Measurement of Pulmonary Trunk

Dynamic measurements of the Pulmonary Trunk

- Pulmonary trunk morphology classification based on the diameters measured at 50% and 100% of the pulmonary trunk length

RV and LV Automatic Modelling

Automatic

Surgery Planning

Virtual Volume Reduction Surgery

Personalised Simulation

Personalised Simulation: Results

Simulated parameters

Simulated results

Semantic Browsing

Biomechanical Model

Similarity Search

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Temporal Modelling

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- Each visit's internal dependencies are represented as edges between nodes of the same layer (intra slice topology)
- Temporal dependencies between visits are represented as edges between nodes belonging to different layers (inter slice topology)

Visual Data Mining

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Visual data

- Clustering
- Size
- Labels
- Hierarchy

Ontological hierarchy is reflected automatically

Genetics Profiling

PA - Cerebrum vs. Cerebellum

Siemens

Treatment Response

Example: treatment response

Follow-up (1 year)

Inferring Outcome

Temporal reasoning: Inferring outcome

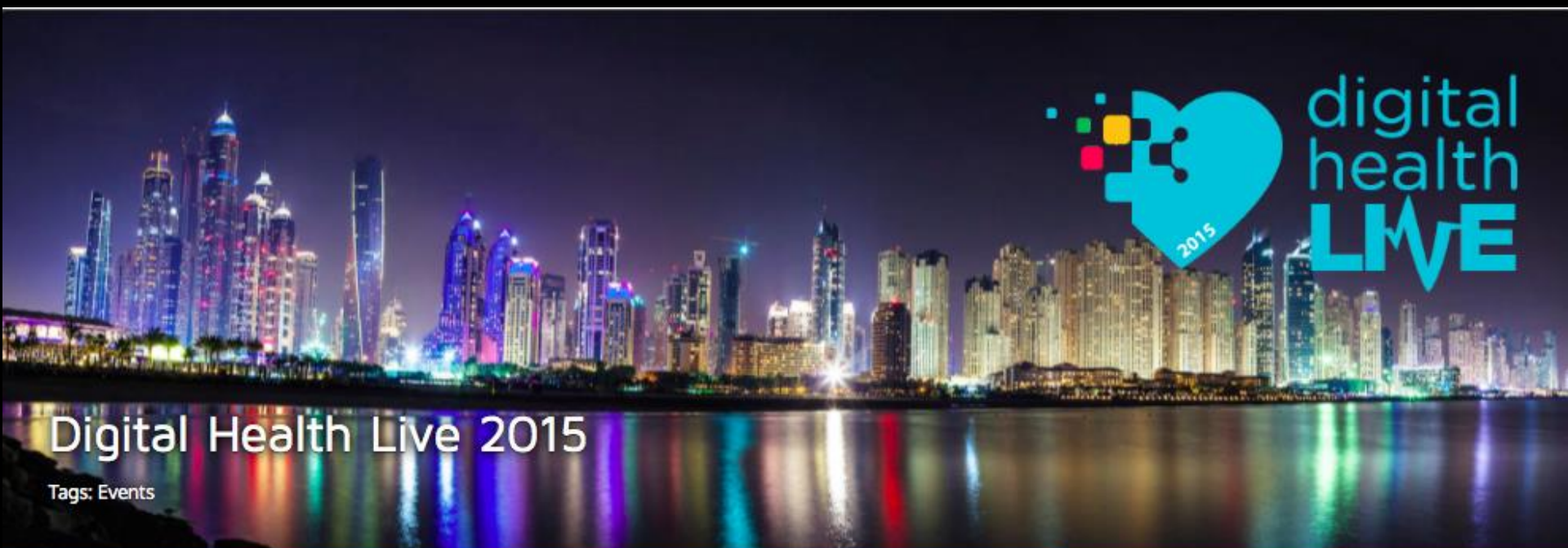
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Summary

- The importance of IT will increase the more personalized medicine becomes reality
 - to **automatically process and analyze** the data (genetics, proteomics but also imaging)
 - to provide **access to large annotated patient data bases**
- Health-e-Child has developed a multi-site system infrastructure supporting vertical data integration and offering both generic and specific tools
 - to **discover new knowledge**
 - to **aid in decision making**
- These are the first steps in a long journey towards support for **effective, personalized healthcare** in the 21st century.





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“Tonight, I'm launching **a new Precision Medicine Initiative** to bring us closer to curing diseases like **cancer and diabetes** — and to give all of us access to the **personalized information** we need to keep ourselves and our families **healthier**.”

President Barack Obama, State of the Union Address, January 20, 2015



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A New Initiative on Precision Medicine

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... Although the precision medicine initiative will probably yield its greatest benefits years down the road, there should be some notable near-term successes. In addition to the results of the cancer studies described above, studies of a large research cohort exposed to many kinds of therapies may provide early insights into pharmacogenomics — **enabling the provision of the right drug at the right dose to the right patient.**

Opportunities to identify persons with rare loss of function mutations that protect against common diseases may point to attractive drug targets for broad patient populations. And observations of beneficial use of mobile health technologies may improve strategies for preventing and managing chronic diseases. ...

The Precision Medicine Initiative: Data-Driven Treatments as Unique as Your Own Body



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Right now, most medical treatments are designed for the average patient.

But one size doesn't fit all, and treatments that are very successful for some patients don't work for others. **Think about it:**

- If you need glasses, you aren't assigned a generic pair. You get a prescription customized for you.
- If you have an allergy, you get tested to determine exactly what you're allergic to.
- If you need a blood transfusion, it has to match your precise blood type.



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**Precision Medicine — Personalized, Problematic,
and Promising**

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WHAT IS PRECISION MEDICINE?

The terms precision, personalized, and individualized medicine are often used interchangeably. Many physicians contend that they have always practiced individualized and personalized medicine. We agree and, for this reason, prefer the term precision medicine to emphasize the new aspects of this field, which is being driven by new diagnostics and therapeutics.

We define precision medicine as treatments targeted to the needs of individual patients on the basis of

- **genetic,**
- **biomarker,**
- **phenotypic, or**
- **psychosocial characteristics**

that distinguish a given patient from other patients with similar clinical presentations.

Inherent in this definition is the goal of improving clinical outcomes for individual patients and minimizing unnecessary side effects for those less likely to have a response to a particular treatment.

Technological Advances as Drivers of Precision Medicine

The **convergence** of

- genetics,
- informatics, and
- imaging,

along with *other technologies* such as:

- cell sorting,
- epigenetics,
- proteomics, and
- metabolomics,

is rapidly expanding the scope of precision medicine by **refining the classification of disease**, often with important prognostic and treatment implications.

Table 1. Examples of Conditions in Which Precision Medicine Has Been Used.*

Medical Field	Disease	Biomarker	Intervention
Cancer	Chronic myeloid leukemia	BCR-ABL	Imatinib ⁴
	Lung cancer	EML4-ALK	Crizotinib ³
Hematology	Thrombosis	Factor V Leiden	Avoid prothrombotic drugs ⁵
Infectious disease	HIV/AIDS	CD4+ T cells, HIV viral load	Highly active antiretroviral therapy ⁶
Cardiovascular disease	Coronary artery disease	<i>CYP2C19</i>	Clopidogrel ⁷
Pulmonary disease	Cystic fibrosis	<i>G551D</i>	Ivacaftor ⁸
Renal disease	Transplant rejection	Urinary gene signature	Antirejection drugs ⁹
Hepatology	Hepatitis C	Hepatitis C viral load	Direct-acting antiviral agents ¹⁰
Endocrine disease	Multiple endocrine neoplasia type 2	<i>RET</i>	Prophylactic thyroidectomy ¹¹
Metabolic disease	Hyperlipidemia	LDL cholesterol	Statins ¹²
Neurology	Autoimmune encephalitis	CXCL13	Immunotherapy ¹³
Psychiatry	Alcohol-use disorder	<i>GRIK1</i>	Topiramate ¹⁴
Pharmacogenomics	Smoking cessation	<i>CYP2A6</i>	Varenicline ¹⁵
Ophthalmology	Leber's congenital amaurosis	<i>RPE65</i>	Gene therapy ¹⁶

* In the biomarker column, proteins or genes that are probed to find the specific variants of interest are shown. AIDS denotes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, HIV human immunodeficiency virus, and LDL low-density lipoprotein.

Among these new technologies, **genetics and next-generation DNA sequencing methods** are having the greatest effect.

The prospect of sequencing whole exomes or genomes for less than \$1,000 reshapes our thinking about approaches to genetic testing.

The clinical implications will be greatest when the results of genetic testing are **actionable**, thus informing prognosis or treatment.

For example, the **molecular diagnosis of multiple endocrine neoplasia type 2** allows prophylactic thyroidectomy and regular screening for medullary thyroid cancer, pheochromocytoma, and hyperparathyroidism in affected persons; it also **spares unaffected family members** from unnecessary screening.

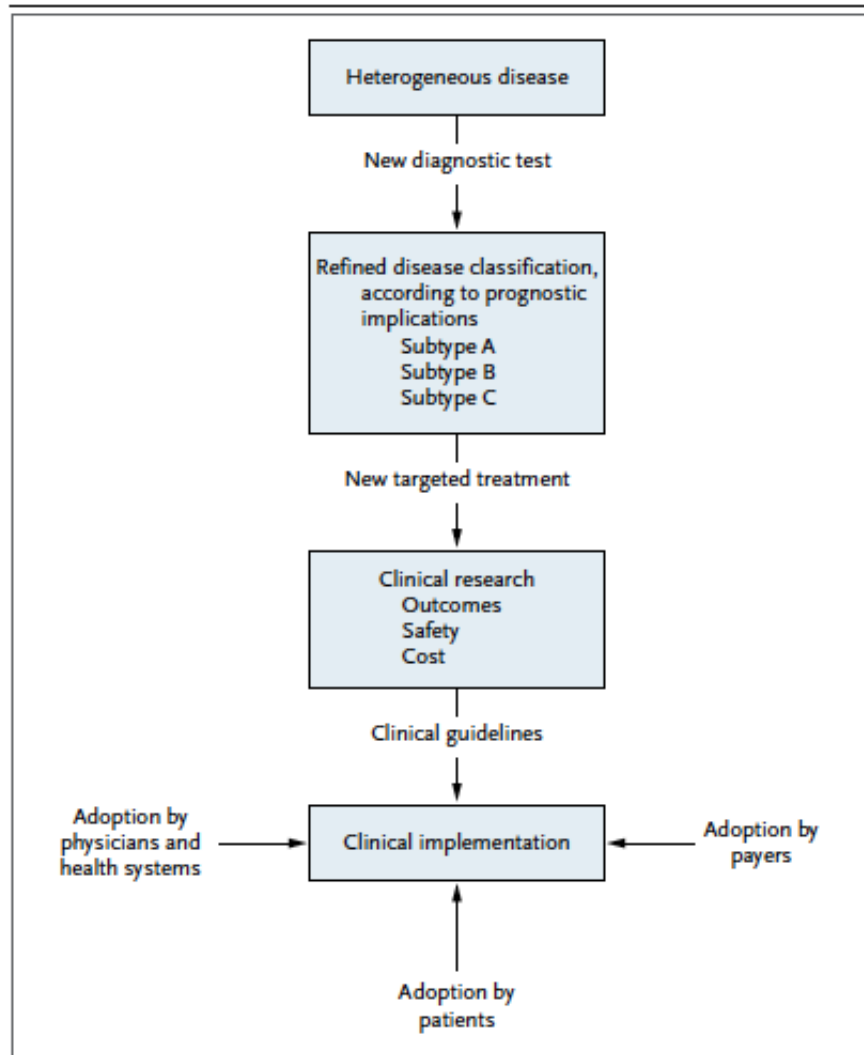
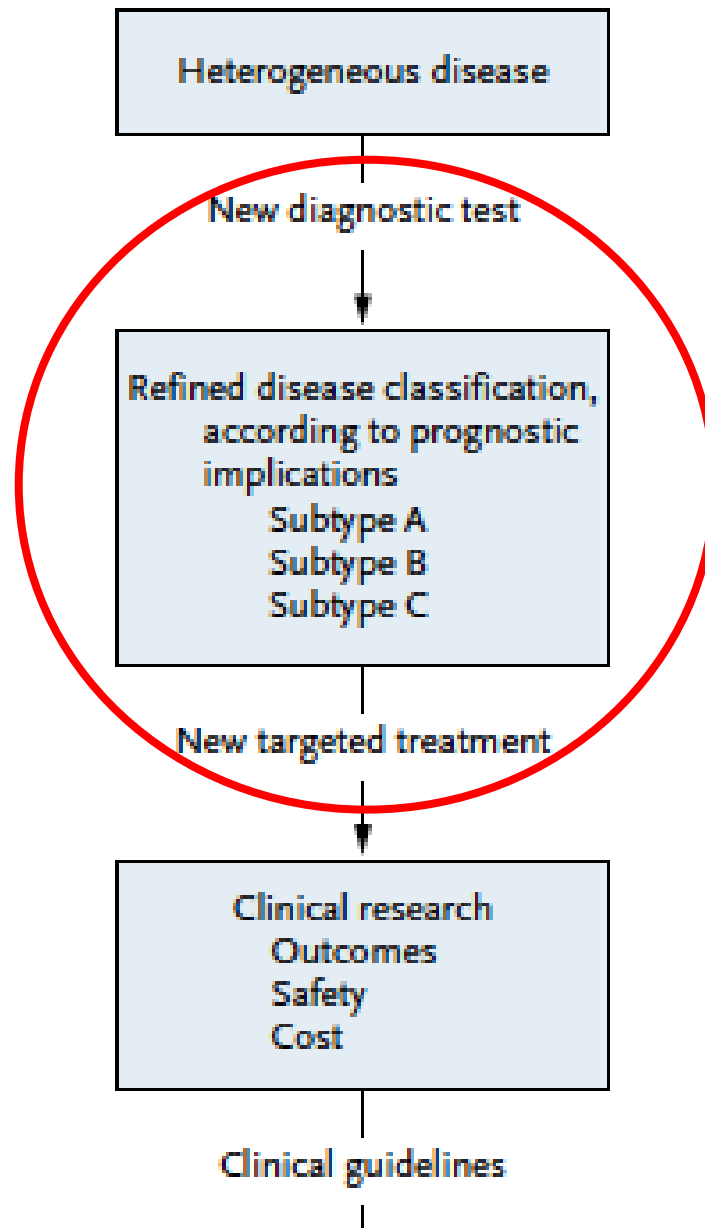


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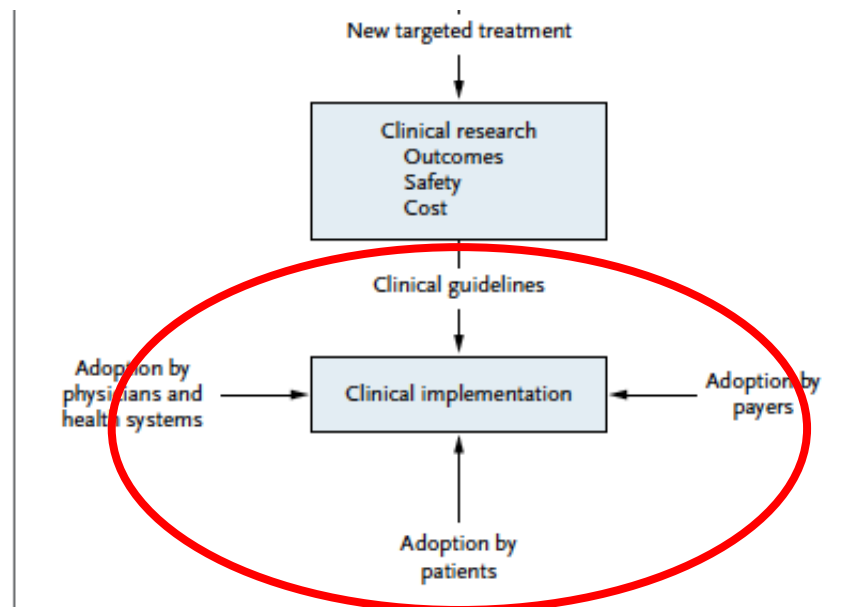


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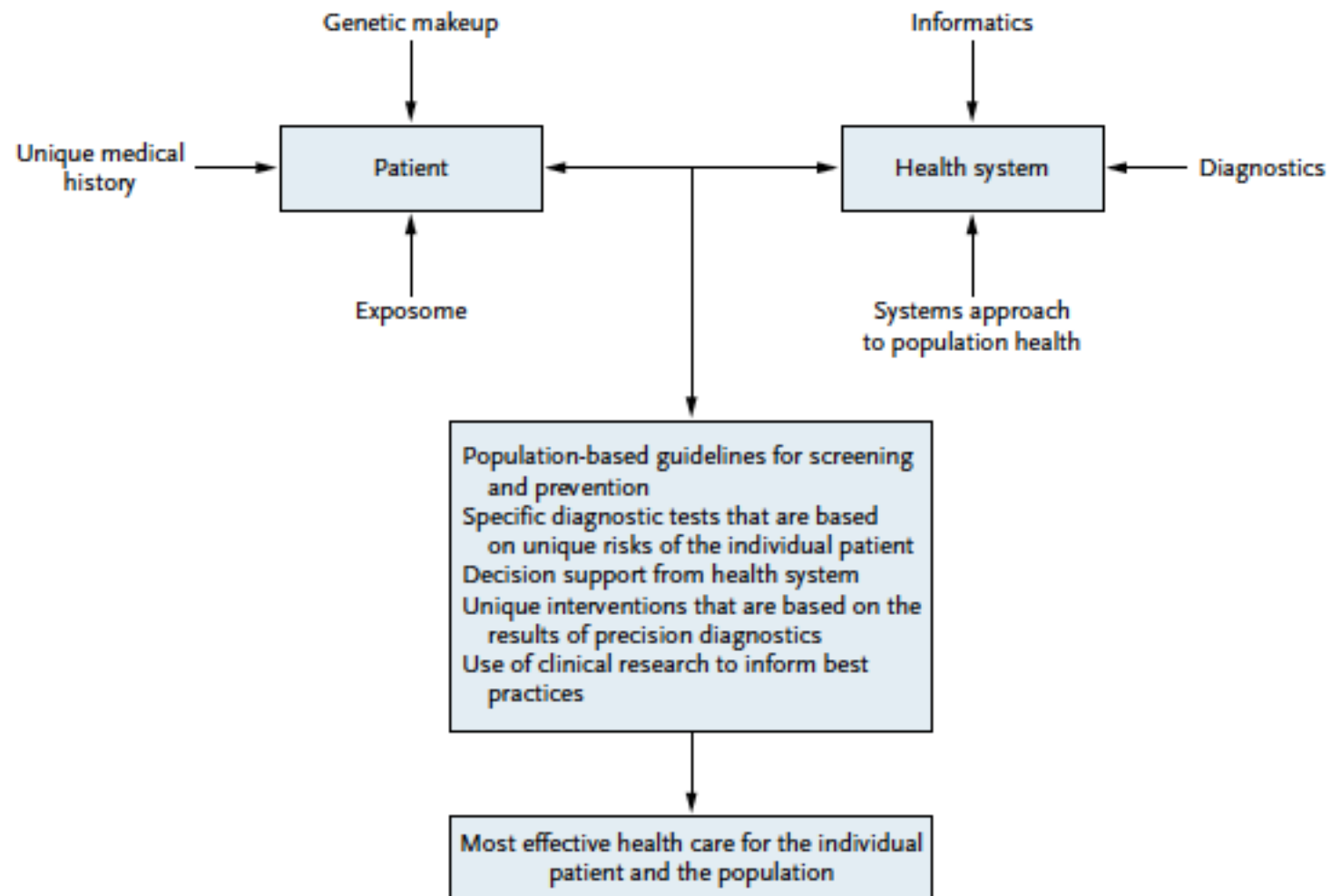


Figure 2. Implementation of Precision Medicine.

Precision medicine

should be viewed as a means of providing the best available health care for a population by

- **identifying the needs and**
- **improving the outcomes of individual patients.**

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hnRNPA1 couples nuclear export and translation of specific mRNAs downstream of FGF-2/S6K2 signalling

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Possible relevance to cancer and areas for further investigation

At first sight, prior reports demonstrating the **translational repression** of XIAP and BCL-XL through HNRNPA1-**heterogeneous nuclear ribonucleoprotein A1** binding would suggest that **overexpression of this RNP in cancer could be associated with reduced levels of these anti- apoptotic proteins.**

This *should link to enhanced responsiveness to cytotoxic therapies and improved patient survival.* Instead, increased hnRNPA1 expression correlates with worse patient survival. Our data now provide a mechanism to explain this apparent conundrum.

Regulatory agencies and payers will need to evaluate and support, when appropriate, advances in precision medicine if patients are to receive maximum benefit.

When the term precision medicine disappears from our lexicon, we will know that a revised disease classification with more targeted treatment options has become the norm.

The Future of Cancer Treatment

Battling Metastases

Stopping tumors from spreading

Epigenetic Drugs

Regulating the genes that cause cancer

Personalized Medicine

Antibodies can be produced that target and destroy cancer cells

Immunotherapy

Vaccines, cytokines, checkpoint inhibitors, immunomodulating drugs

Cell Based Therapy

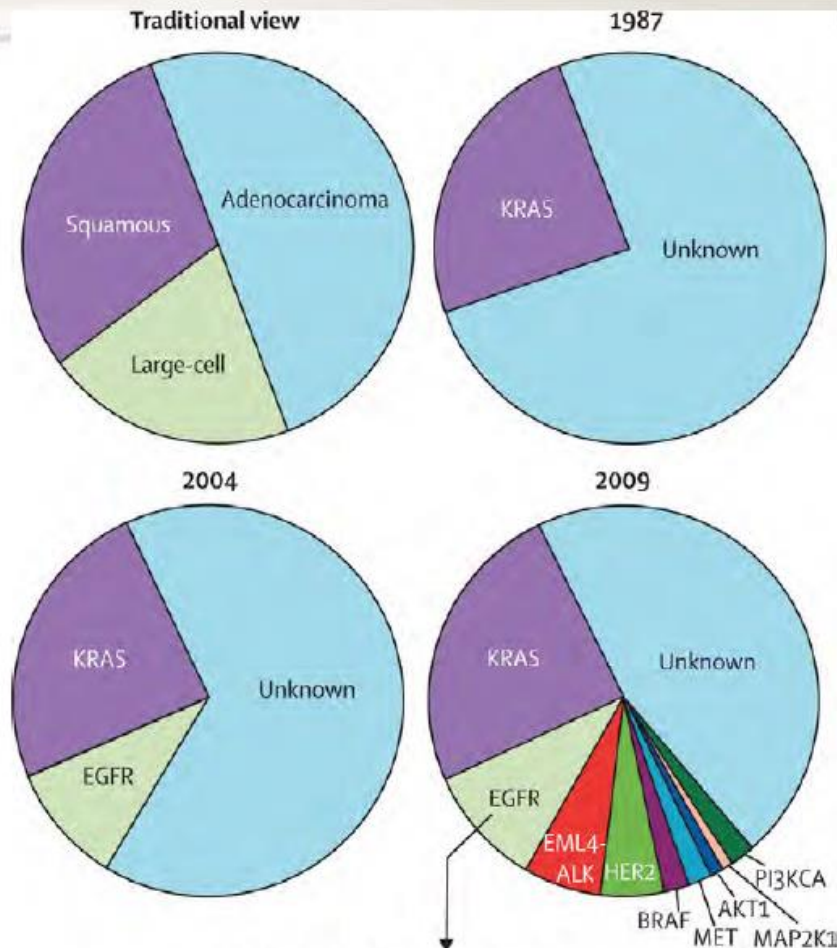
Immune cells are isolated, genetically re-engineered to attack the patient's tumor and re-infused



All Treatment Begins With a Diagnosis Made by Pathologists



Change in View of Lung Cancer



- **Mutations associated with drug sensitivity**
EGFR Gly719X, exon 19 deletion, Leu858Arg, Leu861Gln
- **Mutations associated with primary drug resistance**
EGFR exon 20 insertions
- **Mutations associated with acquired drug resistance**
EGFR Thr790Met, Asp761Tyr, Leu747Ser, Thr854Ala



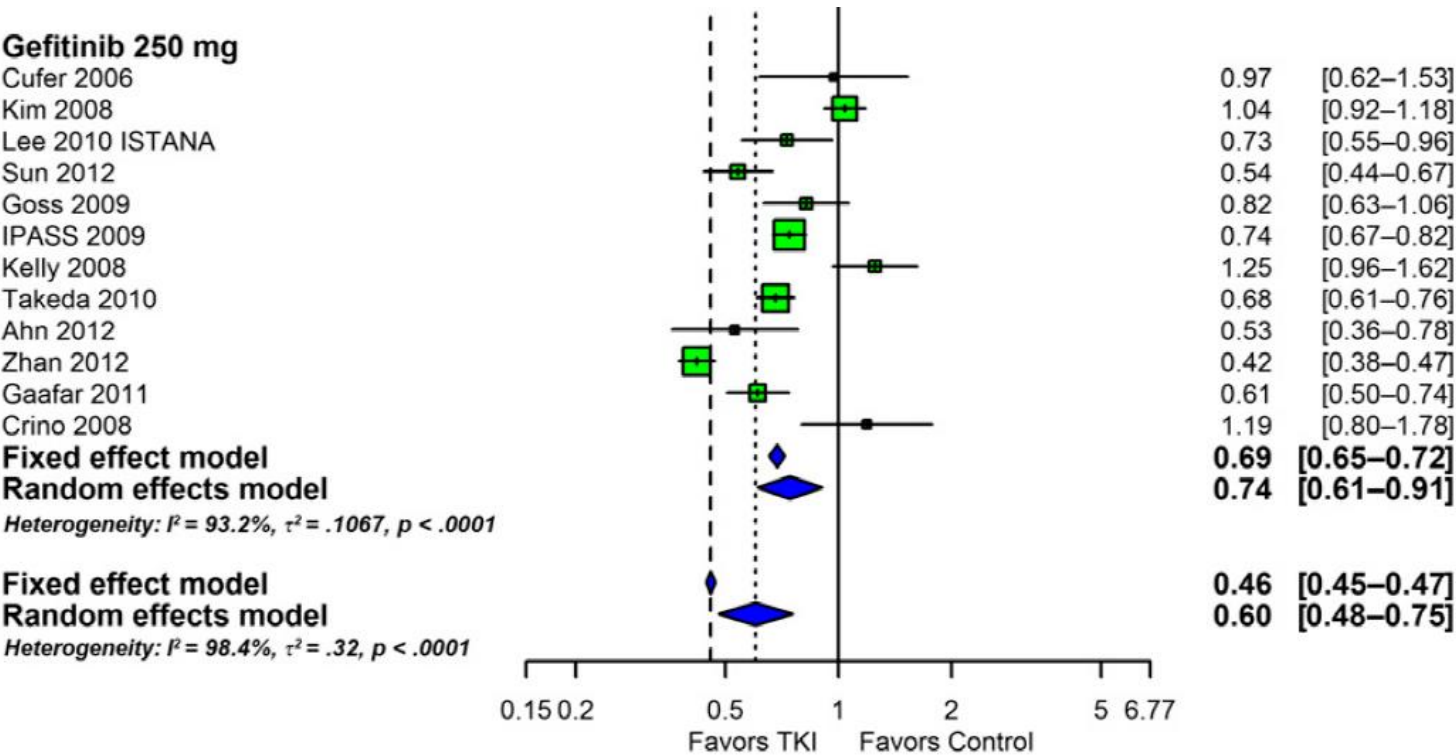
Drug name (Brand name)	Biomarker	Indication
ado-trastuzumab emtansine (Kadcyla®)	<i>ERBB2 (HER2)</i>	Breast cancer: Indicated, as a single agent, for the treatment of patients with <i>HER2-positive</i> , metastatic breast cancer who previously received trastuzumab and a taxane, separately or in combination.
Afatinib (Gilotrif®) <i>cf. Table 2</i>	<i>EGFR</i>	NSCLC: Indicated for the first-line treatment of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose tumors have epidermal growth factor receptor (<i>EGFR</i>) exon 19 deletions or exon 21 (L858R) substitution mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test.
Anastrozole (Arimidex®)	<i>HR</i>	Breast cancer: Indicated for i) adjuvant treatment of postmenopausal women with Hormone receptor (<i>HR</i>)-positive early breast cancer; ii) first-line treatment of postmenopausal women with HR-positive or HR unknown locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer.
Arsenic trioxide (Trisenox®)	<i>PML / RARα</i>	Leukemia: For induction of remission and consolidation in patients with acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL) whose APL is characterized by the presence of the t (15;17) translocation or <i>PML / RAR-alpha</i> gene expression.
Azathioprine (Imuran®)	<i>TPMT</i>	Leukemia: Guides adjustment of dose in treatment of acute lymphoblastic leukemia: Patients with inherited little or no thiopurine S-methyl-transferase (TPMT) activity are at increased risk for severe drug toxicity from conventional doses. It is recommended that consideration be given to either genotype or phenotype patients for <i>TPMT</i> .

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EGFR-TK mutation testing in adults with locally advanced or metastatic non-small-cell lung cancer

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1 Recommendations

1.1 The tests and test strategies listed below are recommended as options for detecting epidermal growth factor receptor tyrosine kinase (EGFR-TK) mutations in the tumours of adults with previously untreated, locally advanced or metastatic non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC), when used in accredited laboratories participating in an external quality assurance scheme. The laboratory-developed tests should be designed to detect the mutations that can be detected by one of the CE-marked tests as a minimum.

- therascreen EGFR RGQ PCR Kit (CE-marked, Qiagen)
- cobas EGFR Mutation Test (CE-marked, Roche Molecular Systems)
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- Sanger sequencing followed by fragment length analysis and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) of negative samples.

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1.2 There was insufficient evidence for the Committee to make recommendations on the following methods:

- high-resolution melt analysis
- pyrosequencing combined with fragment length analysis
- single-strand conformation polymorphism analysis
- next-generation sequencing
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Drug name (Brand name)	Biomarker	Indication
Platinum therapies <i>cf. Table 2</i>	<i>ERCC1</i>	<p>Multiple cancers:</p> <p>Bladder cancer: Low <i>ERCC1</i> expression is associated with greater survival in bladder cancer patients treated with platinum-based therapies.</p> <p>Colon cancer: In a study of advanced colorectal cancer treated with 5-fluorouracil/oxaliplatin, low <i>ERCC1</i> expression is associated with longer survival. High expression of <i>ERCC1</i> is associated with response to irinotecan therapy.</p> <p>Gastric cancer: Patients treated with (5-fluorouracil/leucovorin/oxaliplatin) regimen or first-line cisplatin-based regimens respond significantly better if they show lower levels of <i>ERCC1</i> expression.</p> <p>Lung cancer: Enzyme excision repair complementing factor 1 (<i>ERCC1</i>) helps repair DNA damage caused by platinum-based therapy. Low <i>ERCC1</i> is a favorable indicator for response to platinum therapy.</p>
Ponatinib (Iclusig®)	<i>BCR-ABL1</i>	<p>Leukemia: The molecular response measured by BCR-ABL1 RT-qPCR assists in identifying suboptimal responses and can help inform the decision to switch to alternative therapies that may be more efficacious (or to pursue more stringent monitoring). Ponatinib is a kinase inhibitor, which inhibits the in vitro tyrosine kinase activity of ABL and T315I mutant ABL.</p>
Tamoxifen (Nolvadex®) <i>cf. Table 2</i>	<i>ER</i>	<p>Breast cancer: Available evidence indicates that patients whose tumors are ER positive are more likely to benefit from tamoxifen therapy.</p>

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Tositumomab (Bexxar®)	<i>CD20</i>	Lymphoma: Is indicated for the treatment of patients with CD20 antigen expressing non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.
Trametinib (Mekinist®) <i>cf. Table 2</i>	<i>BRAF</i>	Melanoma: Indicated for the treatment of patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with <i>BRAF</i> V600E or V600K mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test.
Trastuzumab (Herceptin®) <i>cf. Table 2</i>	<i>HER2 / neu receptor</i>	Breast cancer: Indicated for i) the treatment of <i>HER2</i> overexpressing breast cancer; ii) the treatment of <i>HER2</i> overexpressing metastatic gastric or gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma.
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Vemurafenib (Zelboraf™)	<i>BRAF V600E</i>	Melanoma: Indicated for the treatment of patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with <i>BRAF</i> V600E mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test. The <i>BRAF</i> V600E mutation is found in about half of

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Earlier this year, TIME explored the promise of precision medicine in treating cancer patients. We featured one woman who was taking a drug typically used for melanoma to treat her brain tumor. Here's an update on how she's doing

In November 2013, [MaryAnn Anselmo—who was on the cover](#)



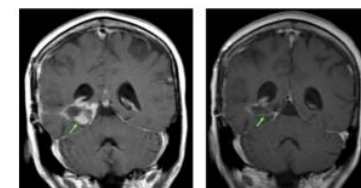
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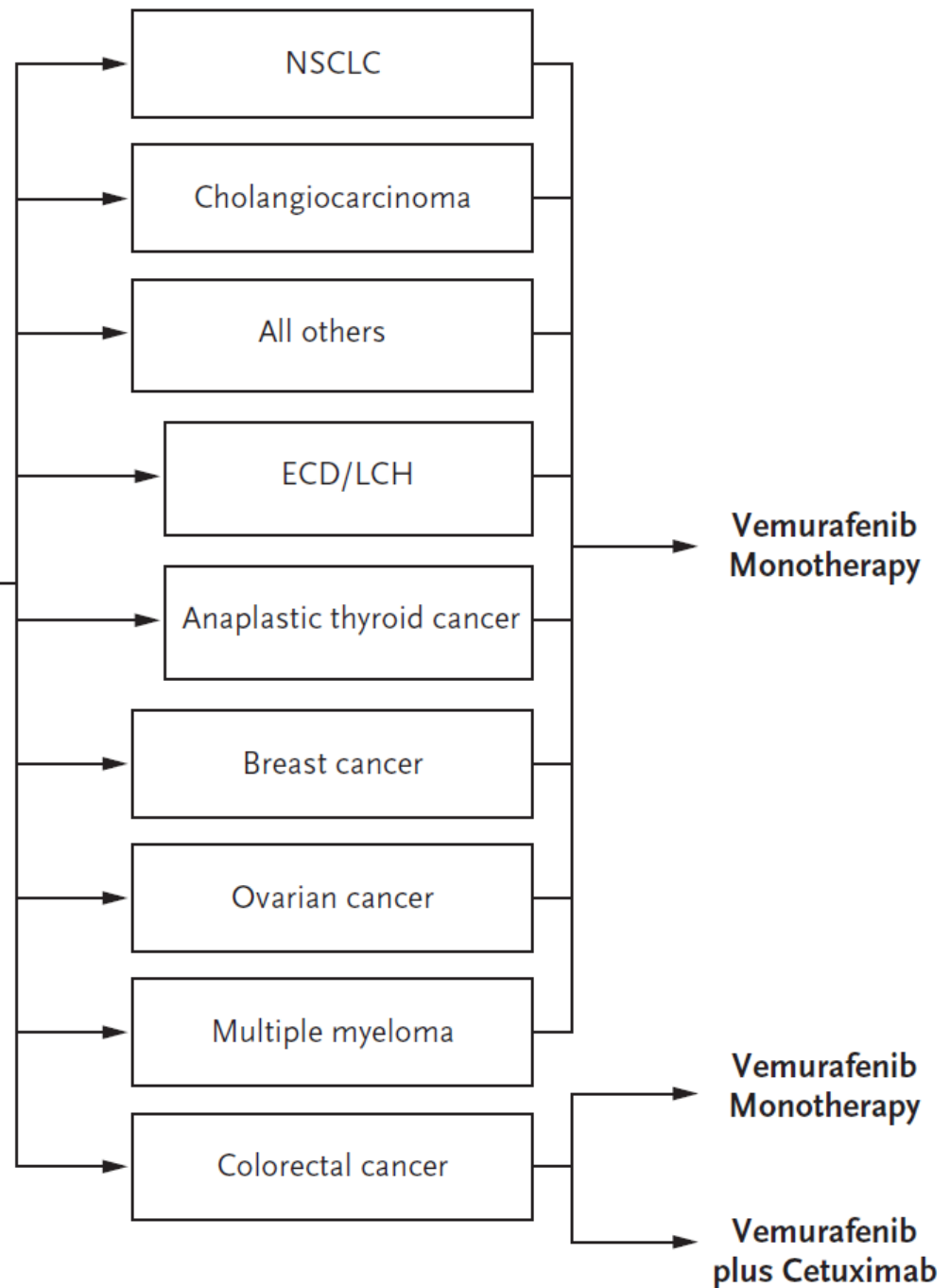


Before

Now

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BRAF V600–positive (testing per local methods)
Vemurafenib, 960 mg twice daily orally
Primary end point
Response rate at wk 8
Secondary end points
Progression-free survival
Time to progression
Best overall response
Time to response
Duration of response
Clinical benefit rate
Overall survival
Safety



Figure

Incorporation of Genetic Testing to Improve on Current Screening and Treatment Algorithms

PROSTATE CANCER

Patient Selection:

Panel of Germline SNPs to Identify Men with High- or Intermediate- Risk of Prostate Cancer

PSA Screening:

Genetic Correction of PSA using PSA-SNPs to Improve Performance of PSA Screening and Need for Prostate Biopsy

Predicting Prostate Biopsy Results:

Incorporation of PCA3, TMPRSS-ERG Tests to Evaluate Risk of Positive Biopsy

Predicting Need for Treatment:

Incorporation of Oncotype, Prolaris, Panel of Germline SNPs to evaluate for Aggressive Disease

Predicting Need for Adjuvant Therapies:

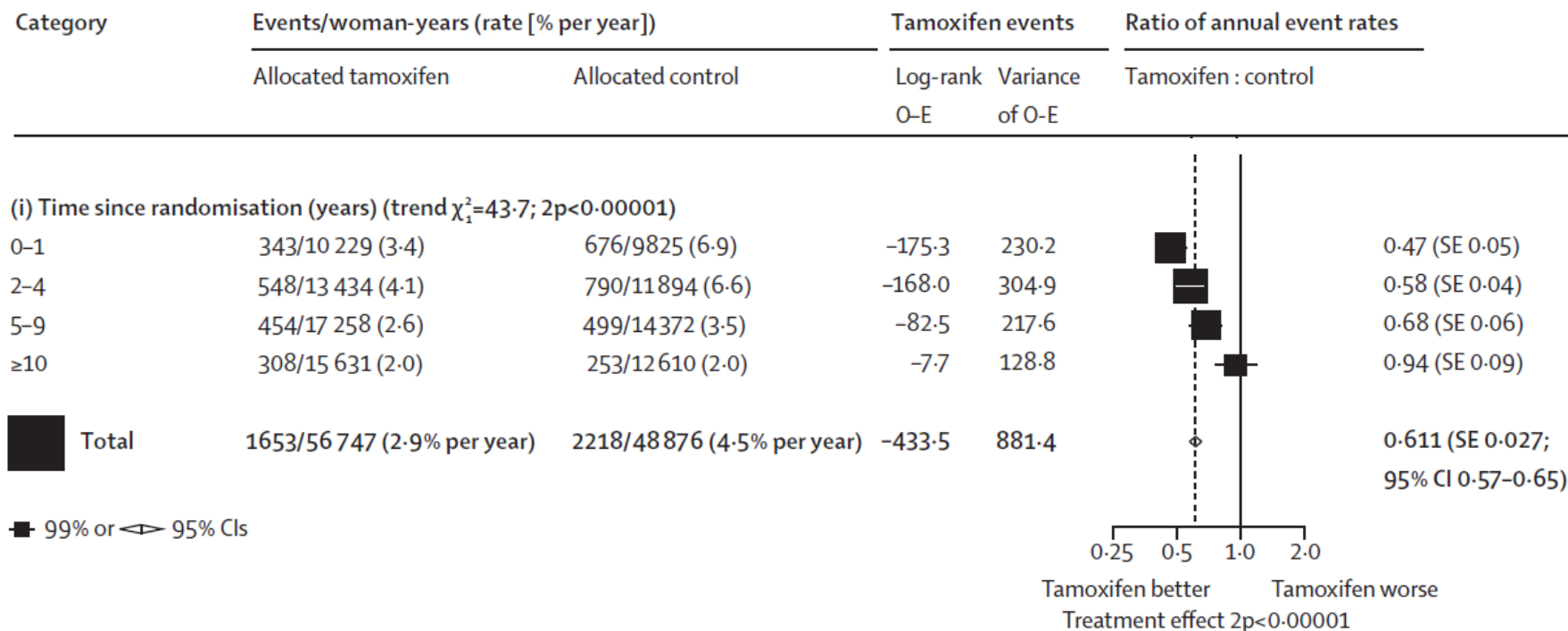
Incorporation of Decipher Test to evaluate for risk of biochemical recurrence and/or metastases

Table Commercially Available Genetic Assays Based on Somatic Mutations Within Prostate Cancer Tumors

Proposed Utility	Test Name	Commercial Company	Sample	Measures	References and/or Website(s)
Distinguish between aggressive and non-aggressive prostate tumors	Prolaris	Myriad Genetics	Prostate biopsy tissue	48-gene expression panel involved in cell cycle progression	77, 82, 83 www.myriad.com/treating-diseases/prostate-cancer/
	Oncotype DX, Prostate	Genomic Health, Inc	Prostate biopsy tissue	17-gene expression panel involved in multiple pathways	78, 79 http://prostate-cancer.oncotypedx.com/en-US/prostate/professional/introducing-gps/validation-clinical-experience http://prostate-cancer.oncotypedx.com/en-US/prostate/professional/resources/bibliography
Determine need for repeat biopsy after a negative prostate biopsy	ProgenSA PCA3	Gen-Probe (Hologic)	Urine	PCA3 gene expression	66, 84-86 www.gen-probe.com/products-services/progenSA-pca3
	Mi-Prostate Score	University of Michigan Labs	Urine, serum	TMPRSS2-ERG, PCA3, PSA	www.pathology.med.umich.edu/handbook/?search=MIPS
Determining metastasis after radical prostatectomy	Decipher	GenomeDx Biosciences	Prostate tissue	22-gene multi-pathway expression panel	87 http://genomedx.com/?s=prostate+test

Relevance of breast cancer hormone receptors and other factors to the efficacy of adjuvant tamoxifen: patient-level meta-analysis of randomised trials

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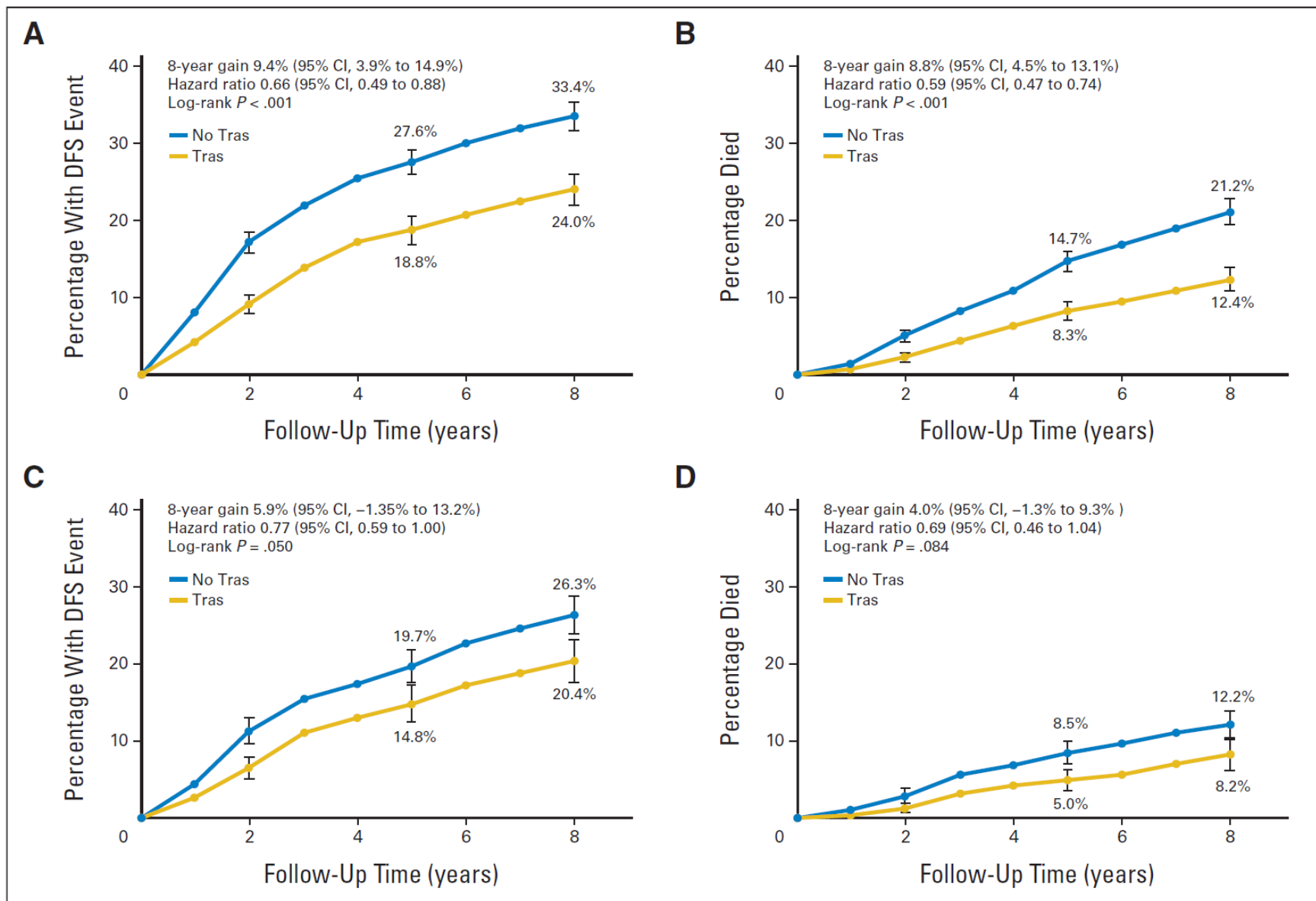


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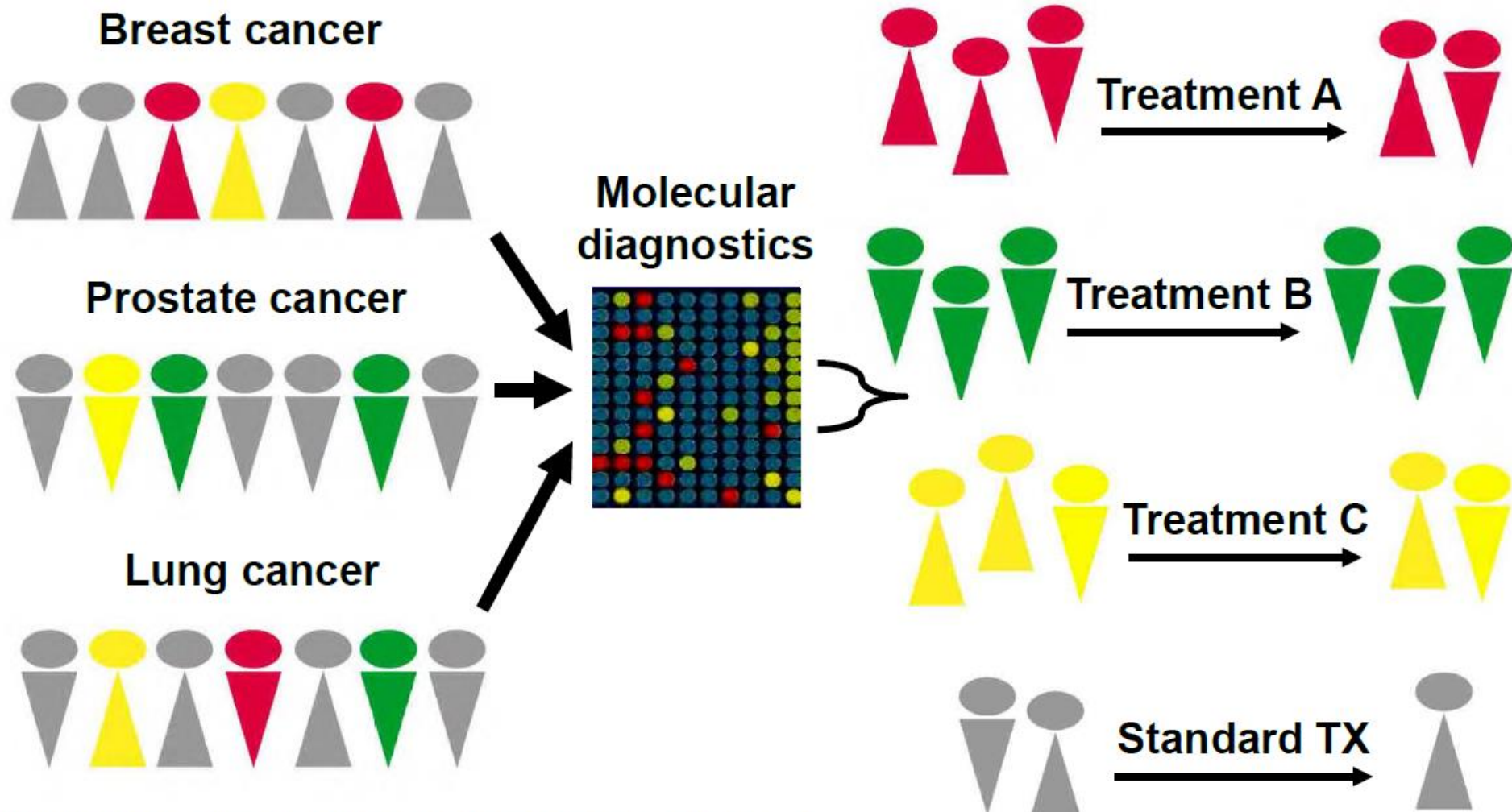
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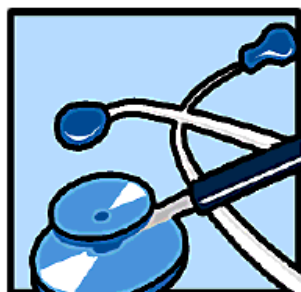
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BILANCIO/ Con il potenziamento della sanità digitale risparmi per 6,9 mld all'anno

Telemedicina, l'ora delle App

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Sviluppare programmi innovativi per gestire i dati e i processi clinici

Avanti con il "digitale"! Cioè con il numerico, contare non sulla punta delle dita, come l'etimologia del termine suggerirebbe, ma con sistemi informatici, quello che è fornito dallo studio dei pazienti e richiesto dalla gestione dei loro problemi. Questa l'essenza della tanto enunciata e annunciata, ma ancora solo assai parzialmente realizzata "rivoluzione digitale" della sanità.

Addio agli eccessi di medicina difensiva

La medicina difensiva genera sovracosti stimati intorno ai **10-12 miliardi all'anno**. Oltre a «costare», la medicina difensiva influisce negativamente sulla qualità dell'assistenza sanitaria.

Medici che dichiarano di prescrivere per ragioni di medicina difensiva:

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Exercise Apps

1. Exercise Counts Calculator (American Cancer Society): [Web](#)
2. Endomondo Sports Tracker (fitness tracker): [Web](#) / [iPhone](#) / [Android](#) / [Blackberry](#) / [Windows Phone](#)
3. Fitbit (activity and sleep tracker): [Web](#) / [iPhone](#) / [Android](#)
4. Loops (Livestrong): [Web](#)
5. MapMyFitness (fitness tracker): [Web](#) / [iPhone](#) / [Android](#) / [Blackberry](#) (See also: [MapMyRun](#), [MapMyRide](#), [MapMyWalk](#), [MapMyHike](#))
6. MyStart! Walking Paths and Tracker (American Heart Association): [Web](#) / [iOS](#)
7. Nexercise (workout game): [Web](#) / [iPhone](#) / [Android](#)
8. Runtastic PRO (run tracker): [Web](#) / [iOS](#) / [Android](#) / [Windows Phone](#) (See also: [Runtastic Six Pack Abs](#))
9. Target Heart Rate Calculator (American Cancer Society): [Web](#)
10. Zombies, Run! (running game): [Web](#) / [iPhone](#) / [Android](#)



Nutrition Apps

1. Calorie Counter (American Cancer Society): [Web](#)
2. Calorie Tracker (Livestrong): [Web](#) / [iOS](#) / [Android](#) / [Windows Phone](#)
3. Calorie Counter: diets & activities (calories, water and fitness tracker): [iOS](#)
(See also: [Calories Counter Plus: diets and activities](#))
4. Calories Count (calorie counter and activity tracker): [Web](#) / [iOS](#) / [Android](#) / [Web](#) / [iPhone](#) / [Android](#)
5. Lose It! (calorie counter for weight loss): [Web](#) / [iOS](#) / [Android](#) / [Kindle](#) / [Nook](#)
6. Fatsecret (calorie counter and diet and fitness tracker): [Web](#) / [iPhone](#) / [Android](#)
7. Meal makeover (healthy recipes): [Web](#) / [iOS](#)
8. MyFitnessPal (calorie counter and diet tracker): [Web](#) / [iOS](#) / [Android](#) / [Windows Phone](#)
9. Restaurant Nutrition (restaurant nutrition information): [iPhone](#) / [Android](#)
10. SuperTracker (U.S. Department of Agriculture): [Web](#) (Includes: Food-A-Pedia, Food Plans and Tracker, Physical Activity Tracker and My Weight Manager)
11. Virtual Dietitian (American Cancer Society): [Web](#)

Quit Smoking Apps

1. ASPIRE (MD Anderson): [Web](#)
2. Cigarette Calculator (American Cancer Society): [Web](#)
3. Freedom From Smoking® (American Lung Association): [Web](#)
4. MyQuit Coach (Livestrong): [iPhone](#)
5. QuitMedKit (MD Anderson): [iPhone](#)
6. SmokefreeTXT (National Cancer Institute): [Text messaging](#)
7. Smokefree Apps (National Cancer Institute): [QuitSTART](#) / [NCI QuitPal](#) / [QuitGuide](#)
8. Smoking Cost Calculator (American Cancer Society): [Web](#)
9. Tobacco Free Teens (MD Anderson): [iPhone](#)

Sun-Safety Apps

1. UV Index (Environmental Protection Agency): [Web](#) / [iPhone](#) / [Android](#) / [Blackberry](#)

Kids Apps

1. Apps for Healthy Kids (U.S. Department of Agriculture): [Web](#)

General Health Information Apps

1. CDC Health Tips (Centers for Disease Control): [Text messaging](#)
2. MD Anderson Mobile (MD Anderson): [iPhone](#)

Risk Assessment Tools

1. Breast Cancer Risk Assessment Tool (National Cancer Institute): [Web](#) / [Mobile](#)
2. Cancer Risk Check (MD Anderson): [Web](#)
3. Colorectal Risk Assessment Tool (National Cancer Institute): [Web](#)
4. Melanoma Risk Assessment Tool (National Cancer Institute): [Web](#) / [Mobile](#)
5. My Life Check (American Heart Association): [Web](#)

Screening Exams Apps

1. Find a Health Center (U.S. Department of Health & Human Services): [iPhone](#)
2. Mammogram Reminder (American Cancer Society): [Web](#)

Cancer Treatment and Survivorship Apps

1. Cancer.net (American Society of Clinical Oncology): [iOS](#) / [Android](#)
2. Caring Bridge (CaringBridge.org): [Web](#) / [iPhone](#) / [Android](#)

Remember, apps, like health goals, are a personal choice. What works for you, may not work for someone else.

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