On the Road to Personalized Medicine: Adoption Paths for Molecular Diagnostics and Molecular Imaging

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The Unattractive Realities of Healthcare Delivery

- Excessive incorrect diagnoses
- Extravagant variability in clinical practice
- Empirical Rx
- Cost of medical errors
- Cost and risks imposed by lack of comprehensive health information
- Slow adoption of best practice and guidelines
- Procedure/intervention-based reimbursement policies
- Profligate waste
- Inequities in access to care
- Uncontrolled costs
- Fragmented care
- Limited data on outcomes and performance metrics
- Inadequate incentives for wellness
Fee-for-Service and Runaway Healthcare Costs

- the invisible hand of Adam Smith is absent from healthcare
- terminal illness for governments, business and patients/consumers
- supply creates its own demand
- caregivers make more money by providing more care
- consumers don’t select treatment choice
- caregivers don’t consider cost in treatment decisions
- neither consumers nor caregivers evaluate cost or benefit and simply seek “maximum” care
Healthcare Costs are Unevenly Distributed*

- 0.5% patients consume 25% of healthcare budget
- 1% consume 35%
- 5% consume 60%
- 10% consume 70%
- 75% of cost is for patients with chronic diseases

*Source: Healthcare Reform Now
G. Halvorson, Chairman and CEO
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals
Wiley, NY 2007 p.2
23% Medicare beneficiaries have 5 or more conditions
- polypharmacy and AEs
- poor patient compliance
- multiple physician/venue encounters
- poor communication/coordination between siloed healthcare services
- procedure-based reimbursement versus care continuum and outcomes
Oops!

Critical

What we can do about the health-care crisis

Senator Tom Daschle

With Scott S. Greenberger and Jeanne M. Lambrew
The Three Forces Shaping the Evolution of Healthcare

- Molecular medicine and personalized medicine
- Access, cost, and quality of care
- Proficient use of information (e.health)

VALUE
The Strategic Environment for Healthcare: New Value Propositions

- prospering in an environment of increasing constraints
- managing the limit(s) of society’s willingness and ability to pay for innovation
- controlling costs while enhancing quality and outcomes
- building new alliances to optimize value-driven outcomes
  - integration of Dx, Rx, Ix
  - reliable information drives rational decisions
social and economic value of reducing disease burden will rise

- earlier disease detection and mitigation
- rational Rx and guaranteed outcomes
- integrated care management of complex chronic diseases
- extension of working life
- disease patterns in emerging global markets mirror G8 nations
The Central Role of Next-Generation Diagnostic Technologies in Proficient Healthcare Delivery

- precision diagnosis
- rational Rx selection
- reduce error
- increasingly standardized clinical practice
- remote health status monitoring and patient compliance
- disease predisposition and risk mitigation
- increased personal responsibility for risk mitigation and wellness
- integrated care continuum
In Vivo Imaging
Personalized medicine: Key Drivers
Ignoring The Obvious in Clinical Practice

- diseases are not uniform
- patients are not uniform
- a “one-size fits all” Rx approach cannot continue

- inefficiency and waste of empirical Rx
- cost of futile therapy
- medical error and AEs
The Evolving Market for (Bio)Pharmaceutical Therapies

- **“Blockbuster” Rx**
  - empirical “one-size-fits-all”
  - population-based Rx

- **Stratified/Targeted Rx**
  - Rx targeted to patient subgroups with common molecular pathology
  - Dx-Rx combinations and Rx labeling

- **Individualized Rx**
  - relevant disease subtype
  - AE risk profiling
  - compliance monitoring

- **Personalized Healthcare**
  - integrated framework of coordinated care and longitudinal care
Personalized Medicine: The Initial Era - Targeted Therapeutics

Drug-Target Networks for FDA Approved Rx
Targeted Therapeutics: Identification of Subtypes of Disease with Different Molecular Pathologies

- right Rx for right disease subtype
- Dx – Rx combinations
Molecular Diagnostics, Disease Subtyping and Pharmacogenomics

“Riches in the Niches”

- right diagnosis, the first time
- right Rx selection, the first time
- rise of Dx-Rx combination
- Rx approval and labeling/reimbursement only with obligate Dx?
Molecular Diagnostics and Targeted Therapeutics

- premium pricing for predictable Rx outcomes
- pay-for-performance (P4P)
The Emergence of Drug: Diagnostic Combinations

Selzentry (maraviroc) tablets

trofile

CAMPTO irinotecan

Invader® chemistry

Pfizer

monogram

THIRD WAVE TECHNOLOGIES

COUMADIN (Warfarin Sodium Tablets, USP) Crystalline

Verigene® System

5-Fluorouracil

Bristol-Myers Squibb

Nanosphere

TheraGuide s-FU

MYRIAD®

Rochestra
capcitabine
Personalized Medicine: The Initial Era - Targeted Rx

● opening era in linking disease molecular pathology to rational Rx

● increasing payor, regulatory and public pressures for reliable ID of Rx-responsive patients

● demand for Dx-Rx combinations will intensify

● Dx-Rx combination will become an obligate element of NDA/BLA submission and product labeling

● development of Dx-Rx combinations as intrinsic components of R&D programs for investigational Rx
Personalized Medicine: From Pharmaceuticals to Pharmasuitables

Disease Subtyping: Right Rx for Right Disease

Reduction of Adverse Drug Reactions
Adverse Drug Reactions: Pharmacogenomics (2007) 8 (4), 311

- CDC (2006)
  - 6.7% of all US emergency department visits in 2004/05
  - additive burden from drug abuse, suicides and medical errors
  - 6.5%
- Germany (2004)
  - 6.2%
- France (2007)
  - 7.1%
Adapting to a Safety First World: RISK Trumps Benefit

“Sentinel Initiative”

“Safety First” Initiative

Vioxx®
(rofecoxib, MSD)

Avandia®
(rosiglitazone maleate)

Vytorin®
(ezetimibe/simvastatin) tablets

Cordarone®
(amiodarone)

Zocor®
(simvastatin)

Byetta®
(exenatide injection)

European Medicines Agency

The New York Times

The Washington Post

abc

CBS

NBC

FOX NEWS.com
## REMS: Retroactive Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies

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* Plenaxis and Ionsys are currently not marketed in U.S.
update labeling for Abacavir (Ziagen) to 
require pre-therapy 
screening for HLA-B*5701 allele to avoid fatal 
hypersensitivity

Table of Valid Genomic Biomarkers 
in the Context of Approved Drug Labels

http://www.fda.gov/cder/genomics/genomic_biomarkers_table.htm
US Regulatory Oversight of Pharmacogenomics and Drug Safety

- August 2008: two year study
- current focus on warfarin and tamoxifen (Mayo/LCA)

“to identify drugs (current/or future) for which pharmacogenomics may improve the dosing, effectiveness and safety .... and data could be used to relabel drugs or add to drug labels”

Dr. Larry Lesko
FDA Office Clinical Pharmacology
Pink Sheet 8/25/08 p. 12
Identification of Biomarkers for Toxicology and Adverse Events

- preclinical toxicology
  - FDA Critical Path Initiative
  - Predictive Safety Testing Consortium (FDA/EMEA)
- genetic polymorphisms and pharmacogenetic liabilities
  - class I/II metabolic enzymes (slow metabolizers)
  - drug transporters
  - HLAs
  - specific Rx receptors
  - ethnic variation
- Rx promiscuity and multi-target interactions
- genetic predisposition to serious unexpected adverse events
Adoption of New Technologies in Healthcare

● not merely innovation in technology
● parallel evolution and adoption of new business, financial and organizational models
● complexity of harmonizing incentives for diverse constituencies
● critical role of public policies in defining market entry barriers
  – regulation, reimbursement
  – professional standards and sustaining status quo
  – administrative procedures
  – governance of third party health insurance payments
● cost-based, event-/procedure-based incentives versus integrated care/disease management
Development of Molecular Diagnostics and Biomarkers for Personalized Medicine: The Need for End-to-End R&D Solutions

Complex Biosignature Profiling

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Signature Detection, Deconvolution and Multivariate Analysis

| multiplex assays | novel test devices (POC) | new algorithms |
Disease-Associated Biomarkers

- literature dominated by anecdotal studies
  - academic laboratories
  - small patient cohorts
  - poor replication and confirmatory studies

- lack of standardization

- very few biomarkers subjected to rigorous validation
  - case-control studies with sufficient statistical power
  - inadequate stringency in clinical phenotyping

- widespread lack of understanding of regulatory requirements
  - new regulatory oversight of multiplex tests (IVDMIAs)
Access to High Quality Biospecimens

- #1 obstacle to ID and validation of novel biomarkers
- inappropriate ‘turf’ battles over legacy specimens
  - public versus private funding
- unknown or variable quality of legacy biorepositories and limited linkage to clinical records
- inadequate national-level leadership/standards for biorepository specimens and management
- lack of mechanisms for systematic classification, coordination or distribution (priorities)
Challenges in Disease Biosignature Analysis: Signal Deconvolution of Complex ‘Noisy’ Multianalyte Profiles

genomics  proteomics  immunosignatures
Next-Generation Molecular Diagnostics and New Patterns of Regulatory Oversight
• patient-specific result (score or index)

• analytical/interpretational algorithm non-transparent to end user

• result cannot be independently derived or confirmed by another laboratory without access to proprietary information used in the development and derivation of the test
Companion Molecular Diagnostics for Rx Products

- Lack of inter-agency coherence on policy
  - Drug and device Divisions
- Drug standard (CDER) influences Dx review
  - Reluctance to act to impose labeling change
- Uncertainty about the level of validation required for predictive assays
  - Retrospective data
  - Prospective-retrospective data analysis
  - Prospective trials
“request FDA regulatory jurisdiction over all LDTs”
December 2008

“Genentech’s proposal poses a chilling effect on innovation in patient care while stifling the promise of personalized medicine.”

January 2009
Automated Image Analysis and Digital Pathology
“Virtual Pathology”

- automated high throughput capabilities
- greater efficiency of machine-based image analysis
  - no observer fatigue
  - reduced inter-observer variability
- quantitative market analysis
- crucial importance of standardization
Personalized Medicine: Challenges for Clinicians

- sustained awareness of relevant conceptual advances and new products/services
- timing and training for adoption into routine practice
- accurate identification of relevant patients for use of MDx profiling and targeted Rx selection
- understanding payor coverage to ensure appropriate reimbursement
- new malpractice risks
Payor Value Propositions Do Not Align with Clinical Value Propositions
Reimbursement for Diagnostic Tests

- inadequate US Medicare coding and payment mechanisms
  - outmoded, out-dated, lacking in transparency, inconsistently applied
- no effort to link reimbursement to value
- inappropriate assignment of existing CPT codes to new tests
- engagement of third party payers who derive economic/clinical value from new Dx
Background: Variants in genes involved in warfarin metabolism and sensitivity affect individual warfarin requirements and the risk for bleeding. Testing for these variant alleles might allow more personalized dosing of warfarin during the induction phase. In 2007, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration changed the labeling for warfarin (Coumadin, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Princeton, New Jersey), suggesting that clinicians consider genetic testing before initiating therapy.

Objective: To examine the cost-effectiveness of genotype-guided dosing versus standard induction of warfarin therapy for patients with nonvalvular atrial fibrillation.

Results: In the base case, genotype-guided dosing resulted in better outcomes, but at a relatively high cost. Overall, the marginal cost-effectiveness of testing exceeded $170,000 per QALY. On the basis of current data and cost of testing (about $400), there is only a 10% chance that genotype-guided dosing is likely to be cost-effective (that is, <$50,000 per QALY). Sensitivity analyses revealed that for genetic testing to cost less than $50,000 per QALY, it would have to be restricted to patients at high risk for hemorrhage or meet the following optimistic criteria: prevent greater than 32% of major bleeding events, be available within 24 hours, and cost less than $200.
KRAS Profiling and Anti-EGFR Monoclonal Antibody Therapy

- greater response in patients with wt-KRAS versus mutant-KRAS
- estimated $604 million/year savings (ASCO)
- ODAC meeting 12/08 but formal position not defined

regulatory approval

clinical guidelines
The Perceived Value of Evidence for Coverage Determinations by Order of Significance

- BCBSA, Hayes, Kaiser Approval
- coverage in other plans
- inclusion in clinical guidelines of a major Association or College
  - discrepancy among guidelines, e.g. mammography
  - perceived rigor of the Association or College
  - agenda of Association or College
- peer review clinical journals
- FDA approval
- CLIA approval
Personalized Medicine: Disease Predisposition Profiling
Disease Risk Predisposition Profiling (PDx) and Risk Mitigation

Risk Identification

PDx and Disease Risk Profiling

Data

Health Status Monitoring

Increased Personal Responsibility for Wellness

Incentives for Risk Mitigation

Risk Alerting and Tracking
• slower evolution than many predict
• complexity and Genome-Wide Association Studies (GWAS)
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The premature quest to provide consumer genomic testing (CGx) for future risk of major diseases
“Celebrity Spit”: Launch of 23andMe Personal Gene Profiling Service
Health Status Monitoring and the Promotion of Wellness
Wellness:

- economic and societal pressures for increased consumer responsibility for wellness
- remote monitoring of individual health status
- crucial role of healthcare information systems
  - integrated Rx care for complex chronic conditions
  - outcomes and comparative effectiveness
  - earlier detection of disease episodes and risk mitigation
  - wellness versus illness
On Body: In Body Sensors/Devices
For Real Time and Remote Monitoring of Individual Health Status

Image 1: An illustration of a sensor device integrated within the body.
Image 2: A close-up view of blood cells, possibly indicating a monitoring device.
Image 3: Cover page of IEEE Spectrum magazine with the title "Me & My RFID".
Image 4: An X-ray image showing an integrated sensor system within a skeletal structure.
“Savings from broad-band remote monitoring for all chronically ill patients are potentially quite remarkable….as much as 30 percent of all hospital, out-patient and drug expenses”

Robert Litan
Kaufman Foundation December 2005

On Body: In Body Sensors and Devices

**Objective**
- remote monitoring of health status

**Applications**
- multi-feature monitoring and broadband wireless networks
  - ubiquitous sensing
- enhanced autonomy for in-home aged
- proactive alerting and intervention to mitigate health incidents
- monitoring of patient compliance
- coupled linkage to remote Rx dispensing for efficient disease management
The Costs of Non-Compliance with Rx Regimens

- $177 billion projected cost
- 20 million workdays/year lost (IHPM)
- 40% of nursing home admissions
- Projected 45-75% non-compliance (WHO)
- 50-60% depressed patients (IHPM)
- 50% chronic care Rx (WHO)
“Knowledge and Evidence Doesn’t Translate Easily into New (or Rational) Behaviors”

- science (impact is too often unknown and abstract)
- industry (incremental timidity driven by short-term focus on markets and valuation)
- payors (cost control)
- physicians and healthcare professionals (status, revenue and recognition)
- patients (unaware and uninvolved in healthcare decisions)
- politicians (populism and short-term fixes)

Personalized Medicine: Consumer-Centric Healthcare: A Key Driver

- Structural shift in healthcare delivery from encounter-/procedure-driven to incentives for integrated disease management
- Clinical and economic benefits of coordinated care of complex chronic conditions
- Cost-shifting to consumers
- Lifestyle and disease risk mitigation
- New information intermediaries
- Cost-driven transitions from ‘passive patient’ to ‘engaged consumer’
The Key Element in Future Primary Healthcare Delivery???
The Medical Home Concept for Coordinated Care of Complex Chronic Conditions

Connected Care
Technology-enabled Care at Home

State of Technology in Aging Services According to Field Experts and Thought Leaders

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The Infocosm: Emerging Networks of Global Connectivity
The Great Network Inflection Point

- multi-billion user internet
- AORTA (always on, real time, access)
- connectivity via low cost, portable, multi-function devices
  - “universal connection devices”
- every piece of information will have geographic and time coordinate
- ubiquitous access plus customized profiling creates a world shaped by individual choices
Consumer-Directed Healthcare: The Wellness Premium

- leveraging social and peer networks
- increased role of fitness industry and entertainment in healthcare
  - “success via distraction”
- “virtual touch”
  - web-based consultation and diagnostic algorithms
  - emerging generational gap in need for direct physical interaction with physician
- evolution of ‘near-patient’ health status profiling
  - POC and in-home Dx
  - OBIBs
In-Home Health Connection: Engaging the Elderly
A New Healthcare Ecosystem Arising From Technology Convergence

Devices/Diagnostics (Dx)
- Wearable
- Fixed
- Implantable

Data Trans. Networks

Integrated Disease Management
- Analytics and Data Mgmt

Software and Services

Patient
- increased Dx accuracy
- improved Rx selection
- earlier detection and intervention
- comprehensive EMR
- PHR

Consumers

Decision-Support for MD/Health Professionals
- personalized health and compliance alerts

Integrated Services for Longitudinal Care
- pharmacy
- homecare
- wellness

Wellness Initiatives
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passive and active data collection

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**Integrated Disease Management**
"If we want to get universal health IT in the near term, I do not see an alternative to the “stick”, even if combined with carrots".

Peter Orszag
Director, Congressional Budget Office
Medical Device Daily
25 July 2008, p.2
Personalized Medicine: Progressive Evolution Based on Increasingly Comprehensive Profiling of Disease Risk and Health Status

- **Targeted Care**
  - rational Rx based on profiling of underlying molecular pathology
  - MDx and disease subtyping

- **Individualized Care**
  - rational Rx based on comprehensive molecular profiling of individuals
    - disease subtypes and optimum Rx
    - Rx AE risk
    - disease predisposition risk and mitigation

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The Urgent Imperative for New Drivers of Efficiency and Equity in Healthcare Delivery

- Earlier detection and prevention of disease episodes
- Proficient use of information: anytime, anywhere
- Molecular profiling of patients and their diseases

Rational Therapeutics and Personalized Medicine

Optimum Use of Costly Resources

Wellness versus Illness
Building an Integrated Framework for Personalized Medicine

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