

## **Challenges and Opportunities in Molecular Diagnostics as Key Components of Molecular Medicine**

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**Diagnostics: Parallel Review and Coverage with Evidence Development**  
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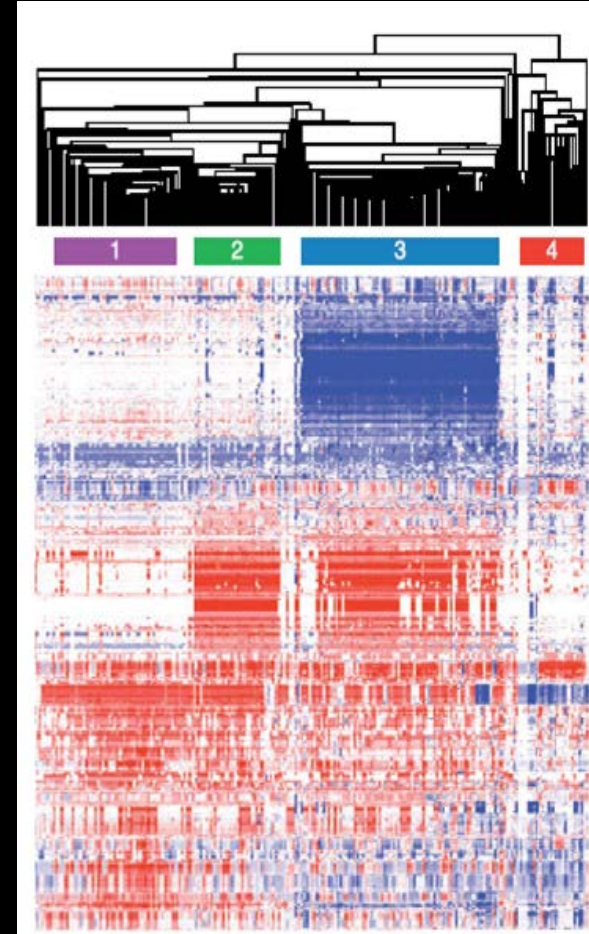
- **Board of Directors: Monsanto, Exelixis, Caris Life Sciences**
- **Scientific Advisory Board: Burrill and Co., Synthetic Genomics, Anacor**
- **IOM Forum on Global Infectious Diseases**
- **USG Activities: DoD, DHS**

**Sustaining Healthcare Innovation  
in an Era of Constraint**

**Biomarkers and Diagnostic Technologies as  
Major Value Drivers in Improving Diagnostic Accuracy  
Treatment Selection and Controlling Costs**

**The Challenge of Translation of  
Discovery Advances to Tangible Benefits  
for Patients and Society**

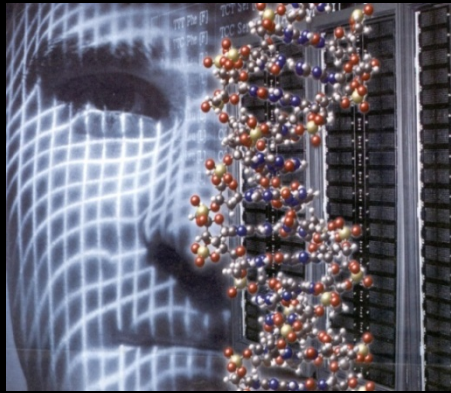
# Medical Progress: From Superstitions to Symptoms to Signatures



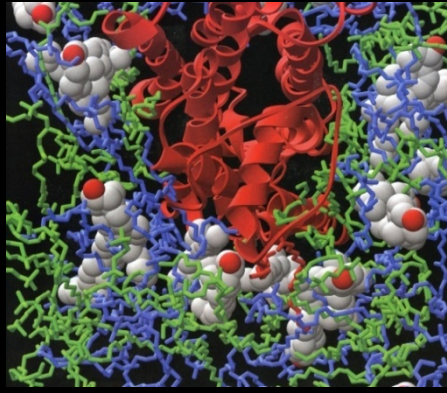


# Mapping The Molecular Signatures of Disease: The Intellectual Foundation of Rational Diagnosis and Treatment Selection

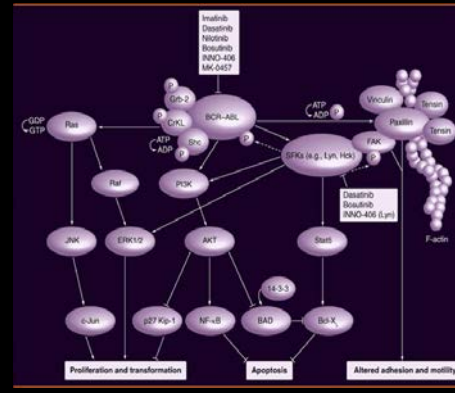
## Genomics



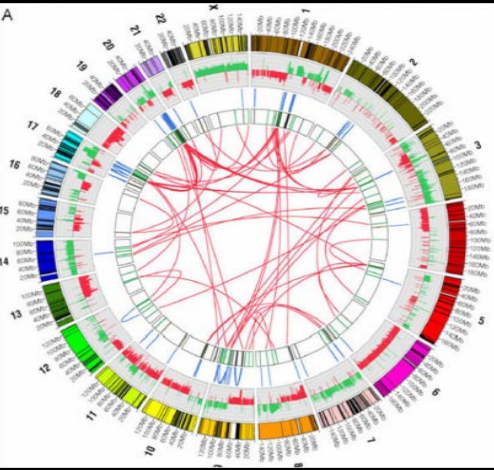
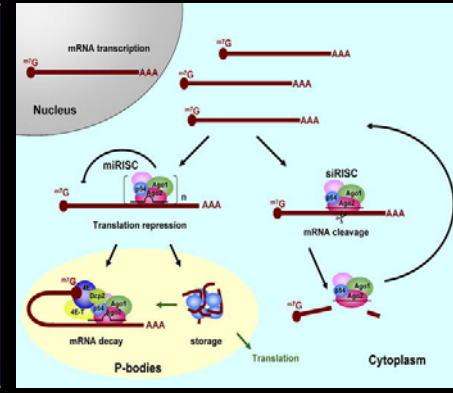
## Proteomics



## Molecular Pathways and Networks



## Network Regulatory Mechanisms



**ID of Causal Relationships Between  
Network Perturbations and Disease**

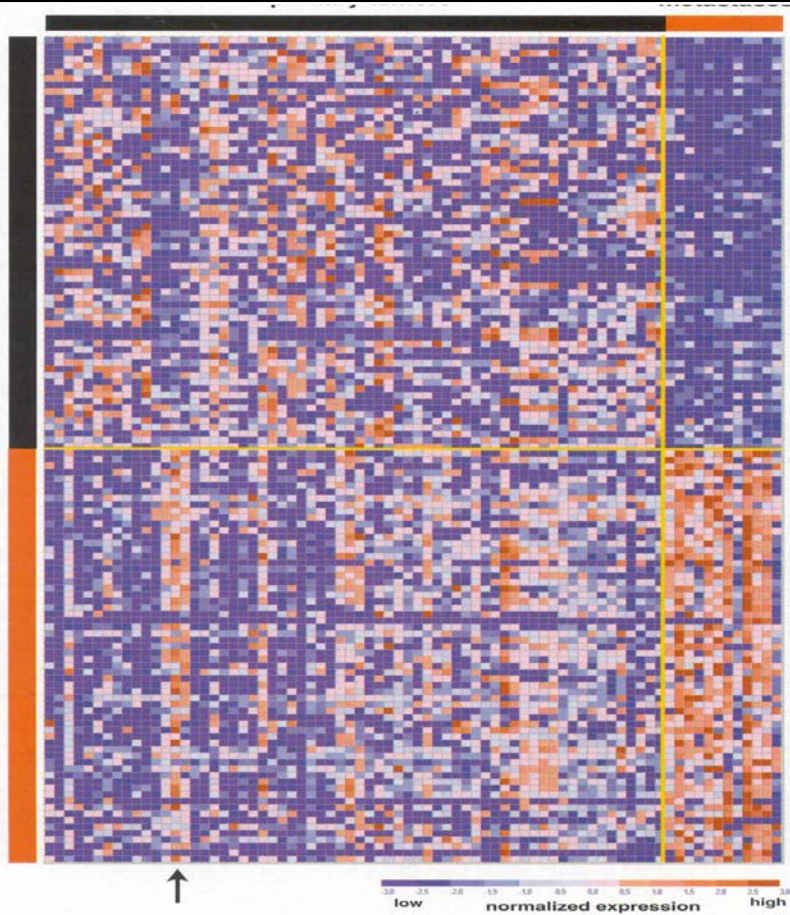


**Patient-Specific Signals and Signatures of Disease  
or Predisposition to Disease**

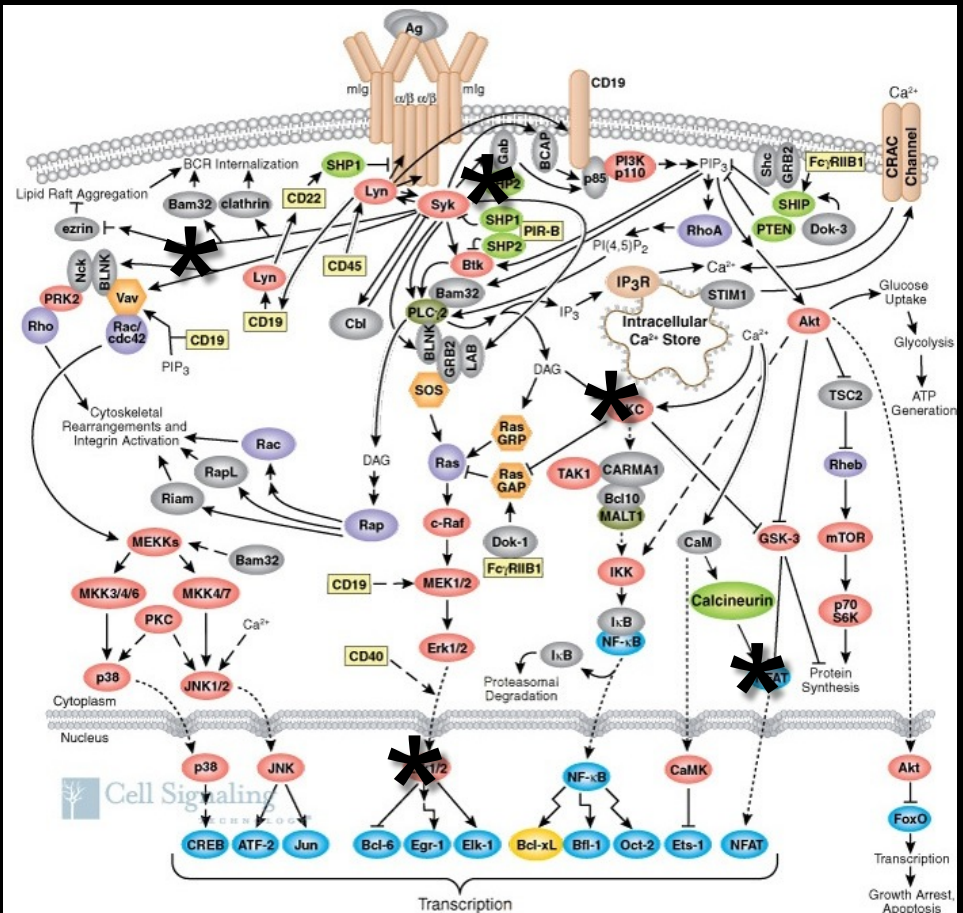


# Mapping Causal Perturbations in Molecular Pathways and Networks in Disease: Defining a New Taxonomy for Disease

## Disease Profiling to Identify Subtypes (+ or - Rx Target)



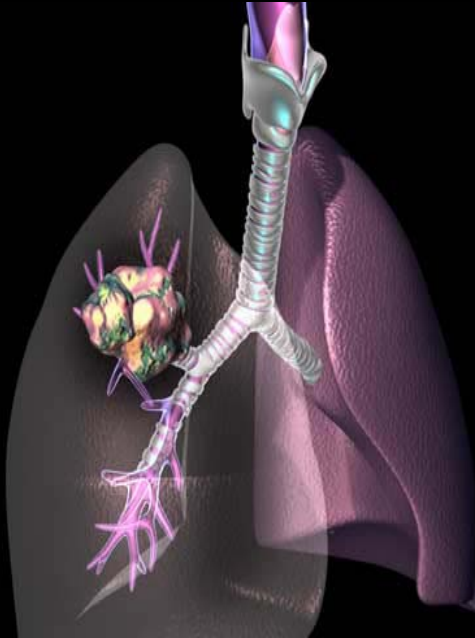
## ID Molecular Targets for MDx and/or Rx Action



# Mapping the Molecular Signatures of Disease, Disease Subtyping and Targeted Therapy: The Right Rx for the Right Disease (Subtype)



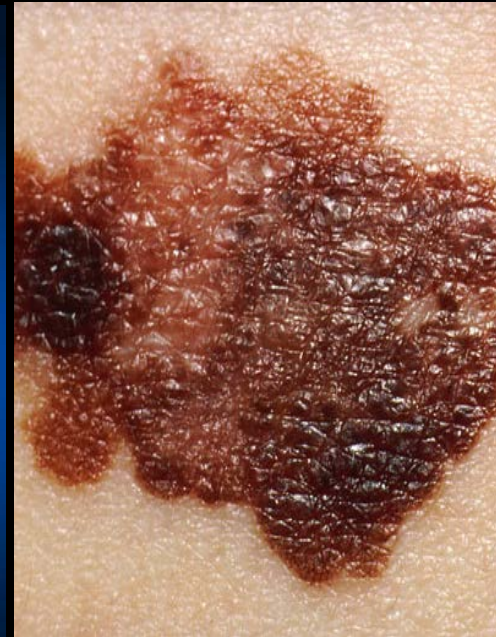
**Her-2+  
(Herceptin)**



**EML4-ALK  
(Xalkori)**



**KRAS  
(Erbix)  
(Vectibix)**



**BRAF-V600  
(Yervoy)  
(Zelboraf)**

# **Disease Subtyping and Targeted Therapy: The Right Rx for the Right Disease Subtype**

- **improved clinical outcomes**
- **cost-effectiveness in eliminating futile Rx**
- **reducing high failure rate of investigational drugs in clinical trials by testing only on relevant patients**
  - **faster and cheaper trials**
  - **greater regulatory clarity**
  - **premium pricing for guaranteed outcomes (P4P)**



# Critical Challenges for Biomedical R&D

- **acceleration of discovery phase knowledge without parallel gains in successful clinical translation and commercial ROI**
- **unacceptable high rates of failure of candidate Rx in clinical trials**
- **major knowledge gaps for rational discovery strategies to provide solutions for late onset chronic diseases**
  - **cancer, diabetes and neurodegeneration**

# **Molecular Diagnostics (MDx)**

**Frost and Sullivan 2011 and Dark Report 16 March 2012**

- **fastest growing segment of clinical pathology laboratory testing market**
  - **\$4.1 billion vs IVD \$48 billion (2010)**
  - **projected 11% CGR vs <5% IVD**
- **600 hospitals and 200 independent labs using MDx assays**
- **9 global companies control 75% market share**
- **60% MDx revenues from infectious diseases testing**
  - **HIV, HPV, HBV, HCV, CT/NG**
  - **C.difficile and MRSA**

# Evaluation and Validation of Biomarker-Based Diagnostic Tests

- **proof of concept (poc) and clinical validation**
  - do changes in biomarker expression correlate with disease risk and/or disease development and/or stage of disease and/or predict treatment response?
- **analytical validation**
  - robust, reproducible assay method
- **clinical utility and ‘fit for purpose’**
  - validation and regulatory approval for “intended use” setting(s)
  - compatibility with clinical practice/guidelines
- **improved outcomes**
  - demonstration that biomarker-driven changes in treatment decisions yield clinical/economic benefits



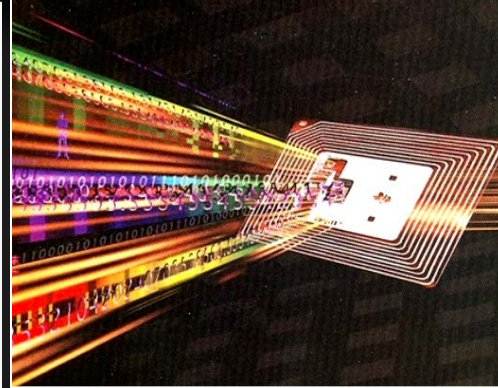
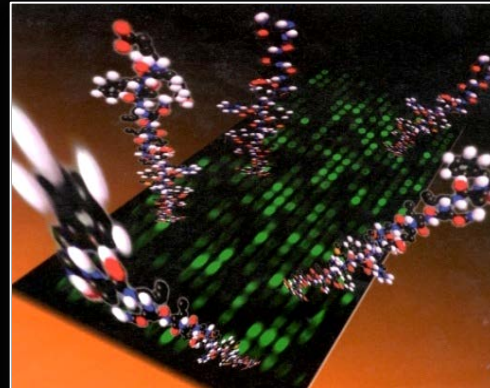
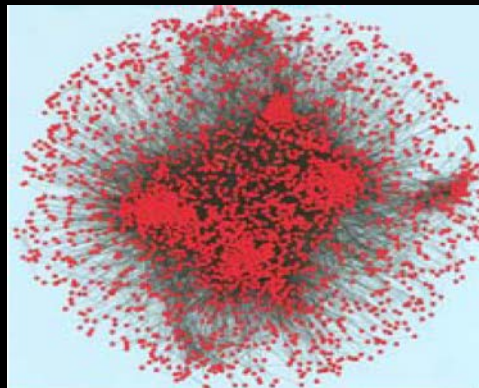
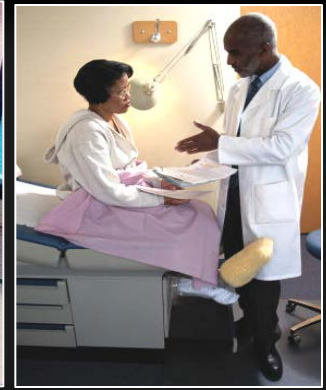
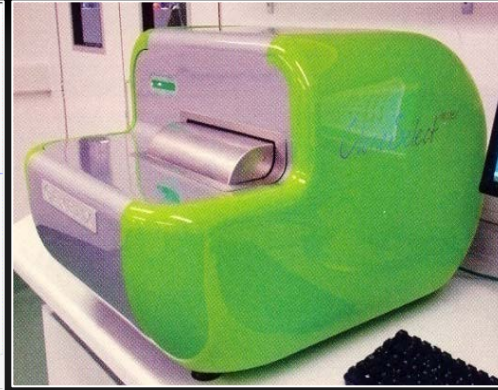
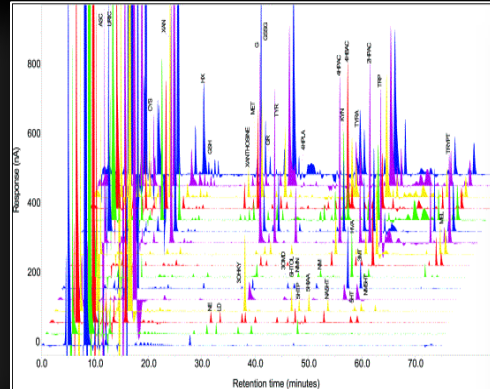
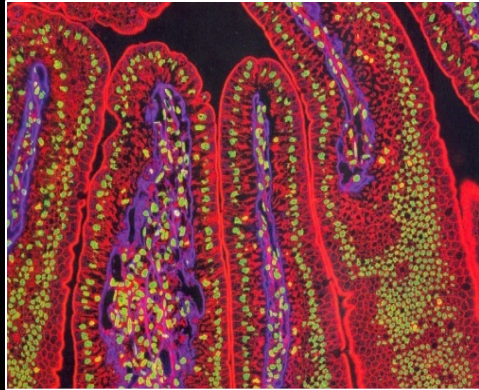
# **Translation of the Major Potential of Molecular Medicine into Routine Clinical Practice**

**The Poor Productivity of Biomarker R&D  
is a Legacy of Failure to Address Disease Complexity and the  
Need for Multidisciplinary Expertise and Rigorous Standards**

**The Complexity of Discovery and Validation  
of Biomarkers for Clinical Use is Comparable to  
(Bio)Pharmaceutical R&D**

**Success Demands a Systems-Based Approach**

# Identification and Validation of Disease-Associated Biomarkers: Obligate Need for a Systems-Based Approaches



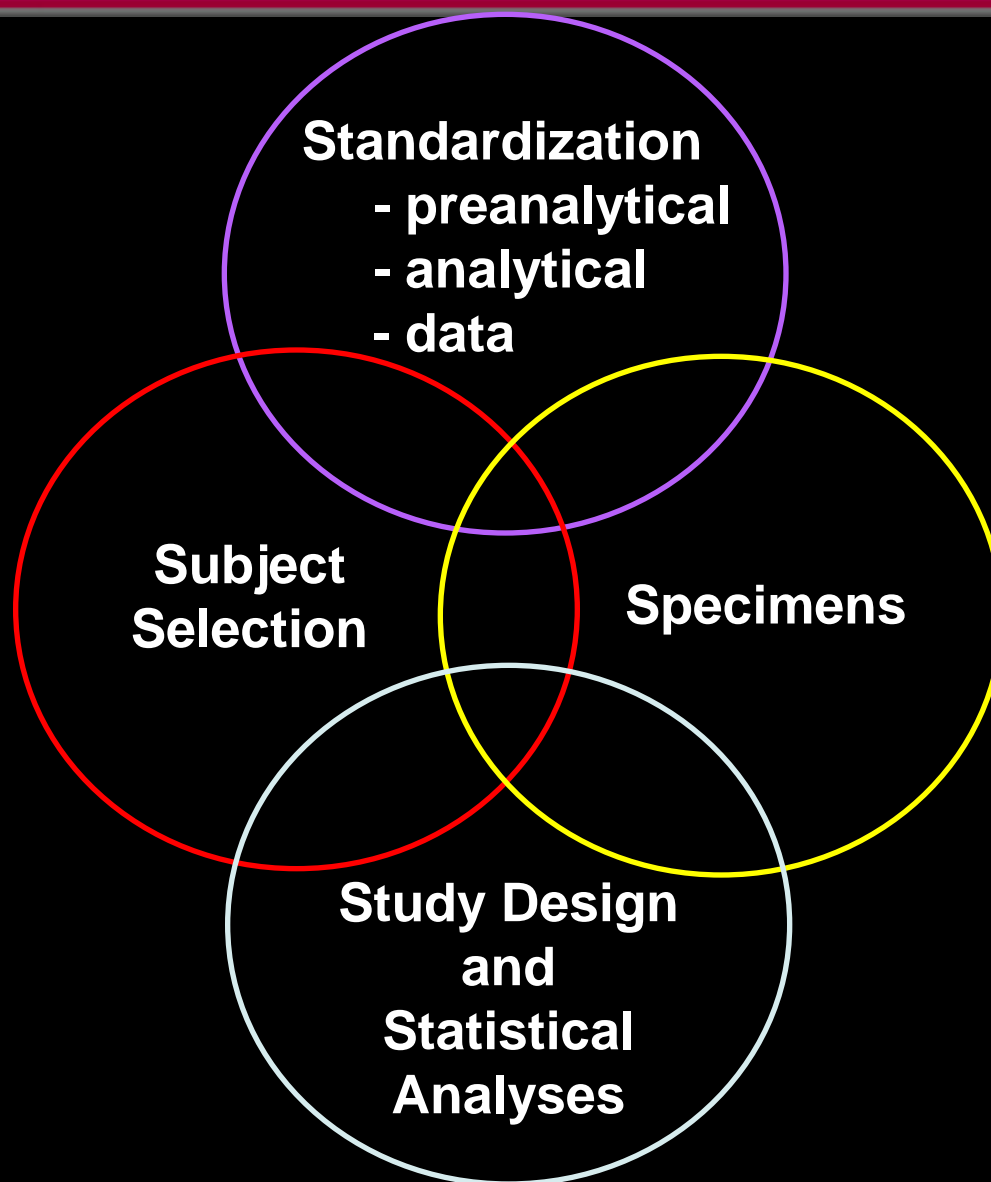
**Biospecimens  
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Molecular  
Pathway  
Analysis**

**Biomarker  
Validation  
and  
Multiplex Assays**

**Instrumentation  
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Informatics**

**Clinical  
Impact  
and  
Patient  
Monitoring**

# The Systems-Based Approach to Biomarker Validation





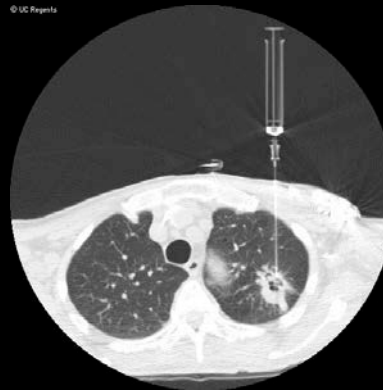
# Rigorous Selection of Specimen Donors and Specimen Collection



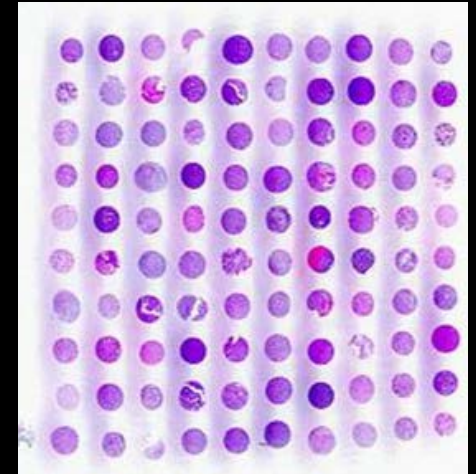
**primacy of standardized clinical phenotyping and annotated health records and outcomes for biospecimen collection**



**poorly standardized tissues and erratic availability**

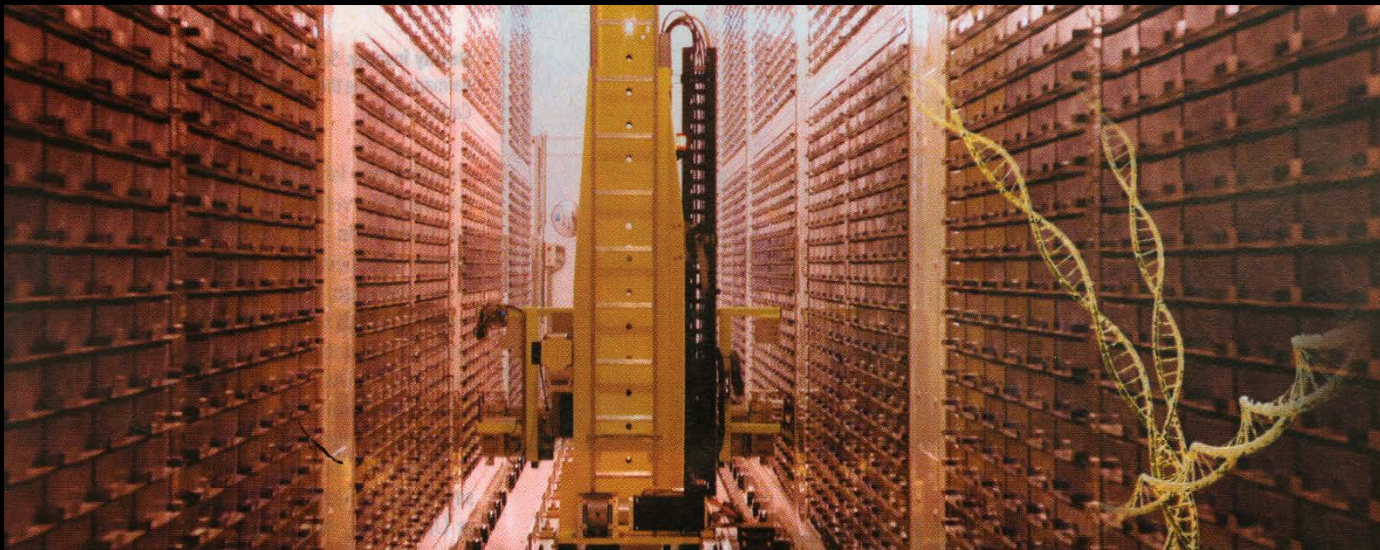


**challenge of obtaining fresh tissue**



**uncertain value of legacy tissue blocks**

# Access to High Quality Biospecimens, Biobanks and DNA Repositories: A Major Obstacle for Biomarker Discovery



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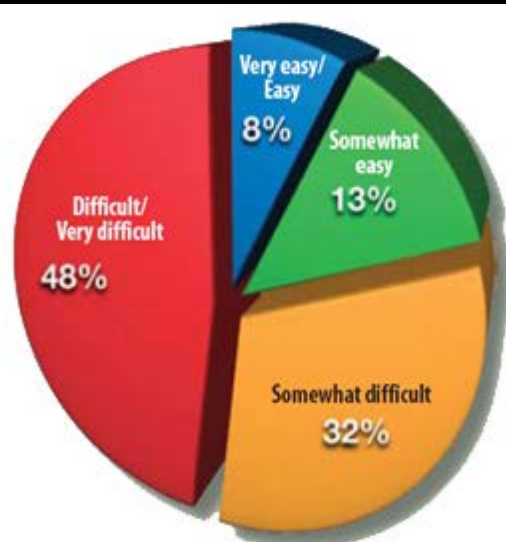
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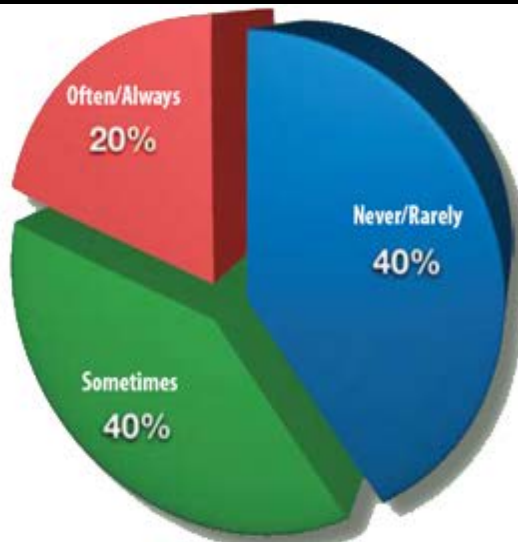


# Access to Quality Biospecimens for Medical Research: A Critical 'Choke Point' in Biomedical Research

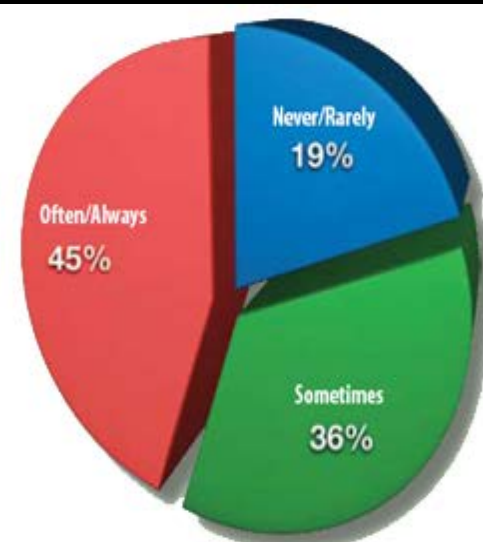
**Ease of Acquiring the Quality  
of Biospecimens**



**Question Their Data Because  
of the  
Quality of Biospecimens**



**Limit Research Scope of Work  
Due to the Shortage of  
Quality Biospecimens**



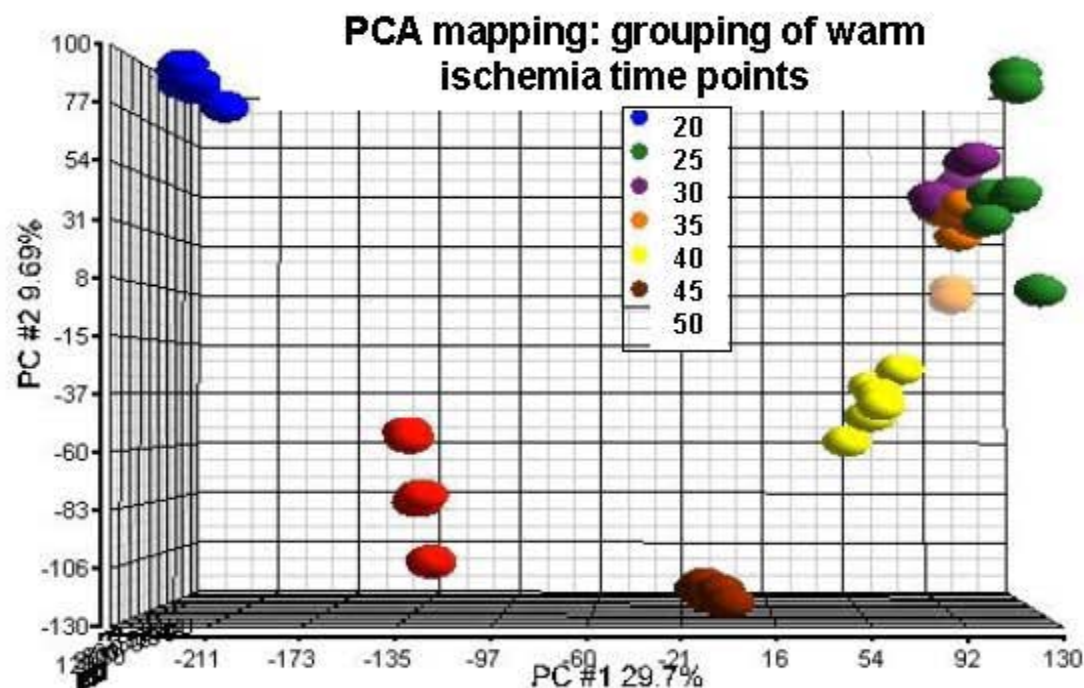
**Source: Office of Biorepositories and Biospecimen Research, 2009.**  
<http://biospecimens.cancer.gov/cahub/>



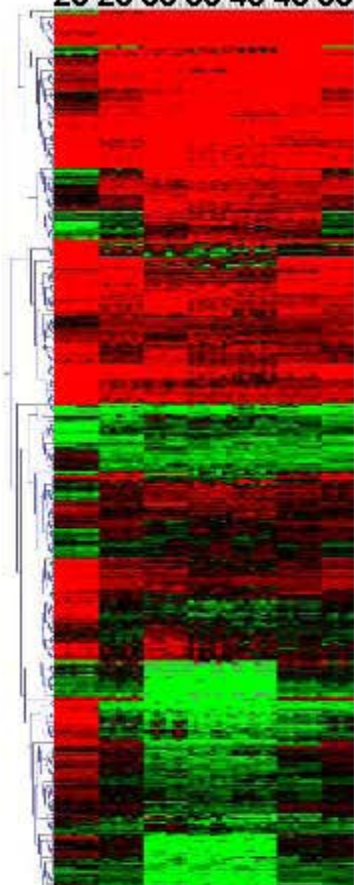
# Time Between Ligation Of Main Artery And Tumor Resection (Intrasurgical Ischemia) Affects Gene Expression In Colon Cancer (NCI-Indivumed study)

OBBR Office of Biorepositories  
and Biospecimen Research

## Intrasurgical Ischemia



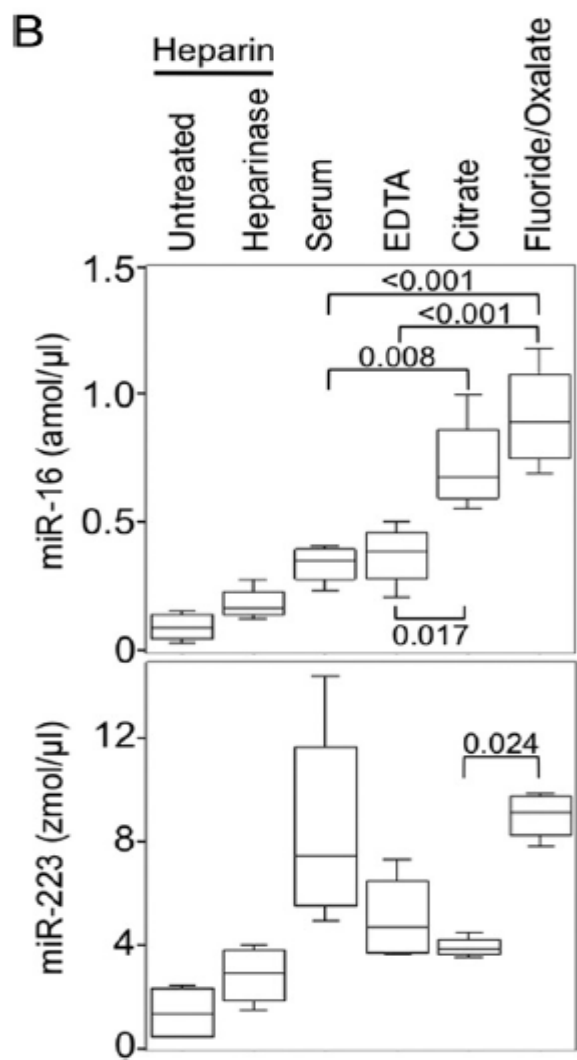
Warm ischemia (min)  
20 25 30 35 40 45 50



Indivumed-NCI Study: Courtesy of Dr. C. C. Compton



# Influence of Blood Collection Method on Detection of miRNAs



From: D. J. Kim et al. (2012) J. Mol. Diag. 14, 71

# Pervasive Problems in Biomarker Identification and Validation

## The Small 'N' Problem

JAMA (2011) 305, 2200

### Comparison of Effect Sizes Associated With Biomarkers Reported in Highly Cited Individual Articles and in Subsequent Meta-analyses

John P. A. Ioannidis, MD, DSc

Orestis A. Panagiotou, MD

**M**ANY NEW BIOMARKERS ARE continuously proposed<sup>1-3</sup> as potential determinants of disease risk, prognosis, or response to treatment. The plethora of statistically significant associations<sup>4,5</sup> increases expectations for improvements in risk appraisal.<sup>6</sup> However, many markers get evaluated only in 1 or a few stud-

**Context** Many biomarkers are proposed in highly cited studies as determinants of disease risk, prognosis, or response to treatment, but few eventually transform clinical practice.

**Objective** To examine whether the magnitude of the effect sizes of biomarkers proposed in highly cited studies is accurate or overestimated.

**Data Sources** We searched ISI Web of Science and MEDLINE until December 2010.

**Study Selection** We included biomarker studies that had a relative risk presented in their abstract. Eligible articles were those that had received more than 400 citations in the ISI Web of Science and that had been published in any of 24 highly cited biomedical journals. We also searched MEDLINE for subsequent meta-analyses on the same associations (same biomarker and same outcome).

## Failure to Work to Industry Standards

Nature Rev. Drug Disc. (2011) 10, 643



### Reliability of 'new drug target' claims called into question

Bayer halts nearly two-thirds of its target-validation projects because in-house experimental findings fail to match up with published literature claims, finds a first-of-a-kind analysis on data irreproducibility.



# **Quotes for Prominent Display in Every Biomarker Research Laboratory**

**“The technological capacity exists to produce low-quality data  
from low-quality analytes with unprecedented efficacy.”**

**“We now have the ability to get the wrong answers  
with unprecedented speed.”**

**Dr. Carolyn C. Compton  
Director, Office of Biorepositories and Biospecimen Research  
National Institutes of Health  
‘Institute of Medicine Workshop, July 2010’**

# Large Scale Profiling of Cancer Patients to Identify Cohorts Expressing Rx Target(s) for Phase II Trials

Target	# Patients Screened	# Eligible Patients	# Centers	# Countries
EML4 ALK <sup>+</sup> : lung cancer*	1500	82	9	1
HER2 <sup>+</sup> : gastric cancer**	3803	549	122	24

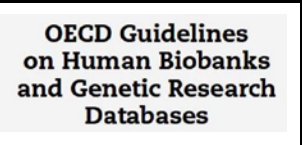
\* E.L. Kwak et al. (2010) NEJM 363, 1693

\*\* Y. Bang et al. (2010) Lancet 376, 687

# The Importance of Standardized Methods and Data Tracking Systems for Biobanks



- NCI Office of Biorepositories and Biospecimen



- OECD Research: National Biospecimen Network



- PHOEBE (EU): Promoting Harmonization of Epidemiological Biobanks in Europe



- BBMRI: Biobanking and Biomolecular Resources Research Infrastructure



- P3G: Public Population Project in Genomics



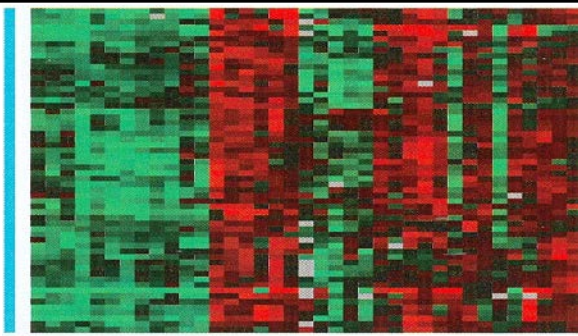
- UK Biobank



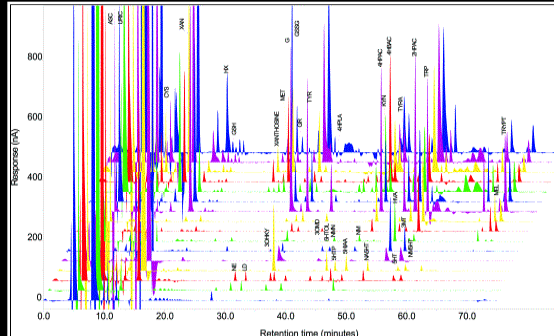
# Analytical Platforms for the Elucidation of the Design and Regulation of Complex Biological Networks

## Massively Parallel Biosignature Profiling

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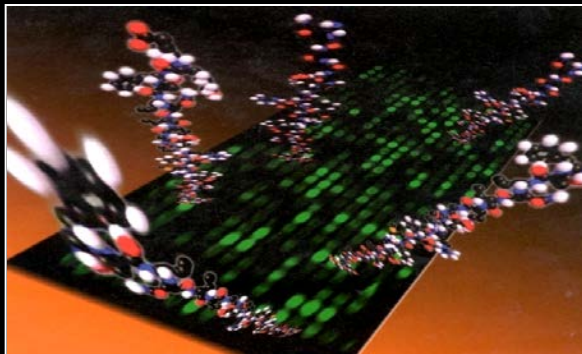
proteomics



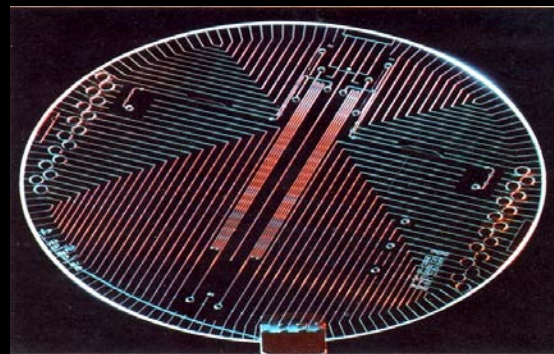
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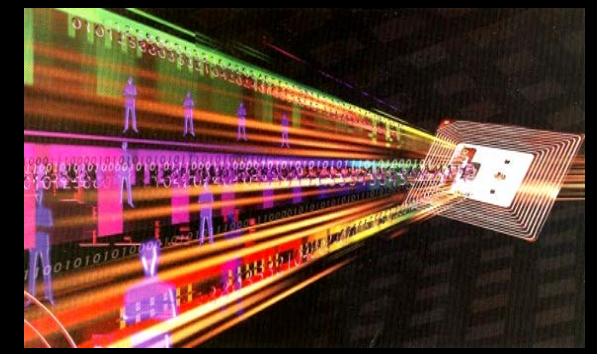
automated,  
high throughput  
multiplex assays



novel test formats  
and devices (POC)



complex signal  
deconvolution



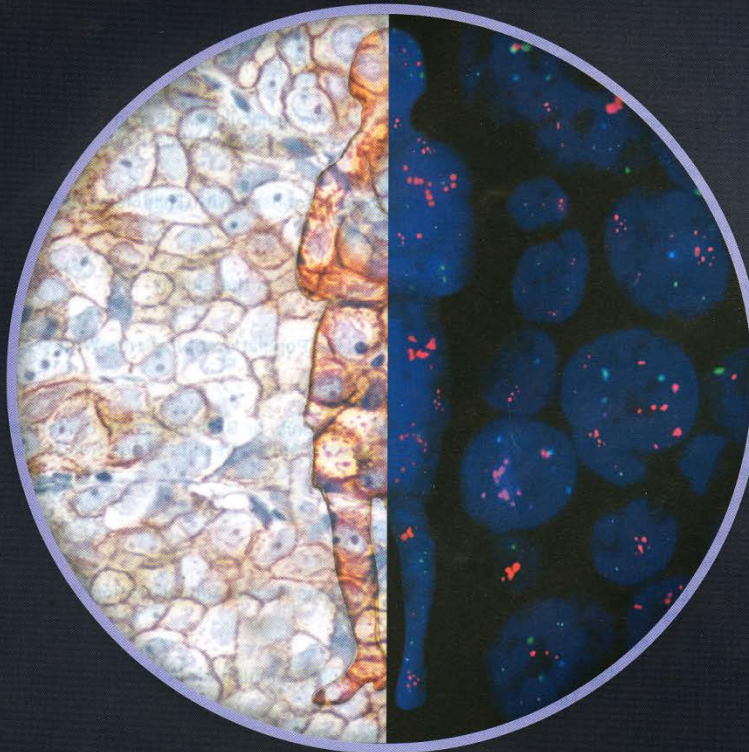
Large Datasets, Standardization and New Computational Analytics

# Identification and Validation of Biomarkers for Disease Risk, Detection, Diagnosis and Staging

- platform agnostic perspective
- but
- unit cost and compatibility with clinical practice will be highly influential in adoption
  - screening tests versus clinical evaluation
  - convenience and acceptance by physicians and patients
  - value proposition for payors
- and
- need to address anticipated barriers to approval/adoption
  - regulatory
  - clinical conservatism/education
  - displacement of existing Dx platforms/installed capital base



When testing for **HER2**



## **A second test may change her treatment**

Because of tumor heterogeneity and assay limitations —  
**consider a second test**

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## **IOM Committee Will Probe Duke Scandal Together With Other "Omics" Case Studies**

*By Paul Goldberg*

A committee of the Institute of Medicine will refrain from launching a police-style investigation of the Duke scandal, the group's chairman said.

"We are not an investigative body," said Gilbert Omenn, director of the University of Michigan Center for Computational Medicine and Biology and chairman of the IOM committee. "I think we are heading into a morass, to try to figure out what really happened at Duke and who should bear responsibility and who should be held accountable."

At its first meeting Dec. 20, the 19-member group struggled publicly to interpret its charge and design a plan for deriving science policy lessons

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## **Evolution of Translational Omics: Lessons Learned and the Path Forward**

Released: March 23, 2012

Type: Consensus Report

Topics: Biomedical and Health Research, Health Services, Coverage, and Access

Activity: Review of Omics-Based Tests for Predicting Patient Outcomes in Clinical Trials

Board: Board on Health Care Services

# Standards

- **pervasive end-to-end problem: from sample to answer**
  - **biospecimen acquisition, handling and storage**
  - **pre-analytical and analytical methods, data analysis and databanks**
  - **QC/QA of multiplex assays/equipment**
  - **trial design(s)**
- **role of professional societies, publishers and payors in raising the evidentiary bar**
  - **CONSORT, REMARK, STARD, STROBE, MIAME loc.cit**
- **full disclosure as prerequisite for replication and evidence-based meta-analytics**
- **increasing omission of key 'methodological data' as handicap to meta-analytics**

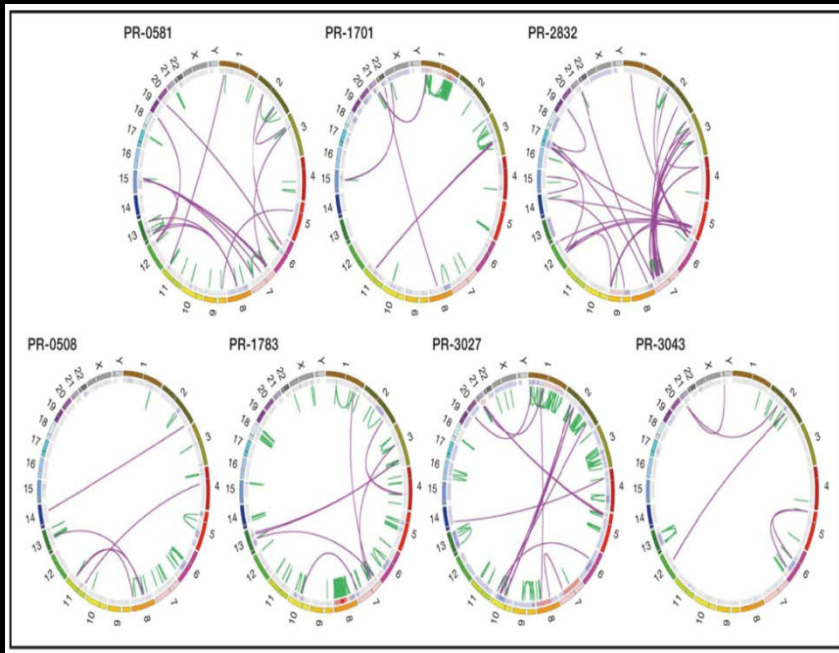
**Will Rapid, Low Cost Genome Sequencing Change Everything?**



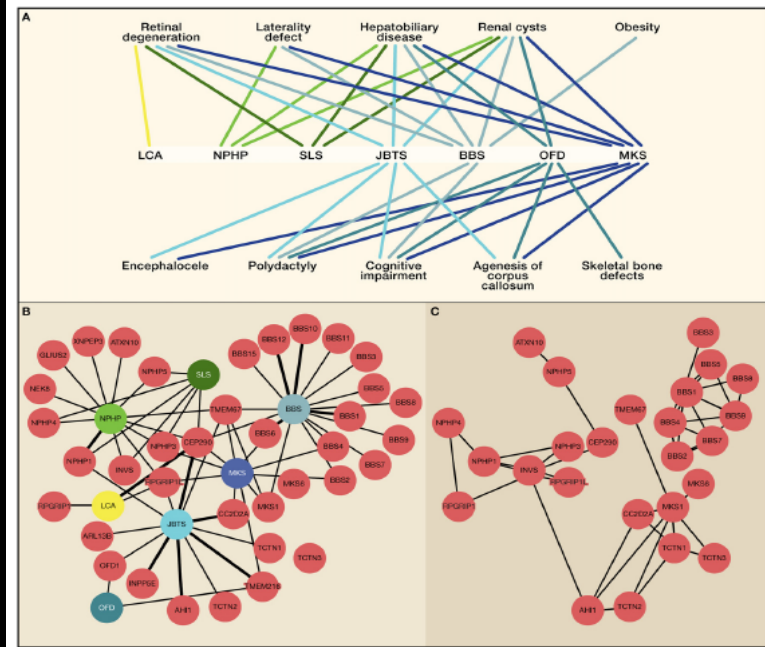
# Prepare for the “Tsunami of Genomic Information” ASCO Presidential Address: Dr. George Sledge Chicago, 5 June 2011

- “the day when a patient walks into her oncologists office carrying a memory stick containing personal genomic information could be less than a decade away”
- “when data are that cheap....things will get very, very complicated”

## Exome- or Whole Genome Sequencing



## Disease-Associated Perturbations in Pathways and Networks





# Next-Next-Generation Sequencing?



- disposable USB pocket-sized sequencer
- \$500-1000 unit
- 150 Mbp sequence/hour
- smaller instrument versus pending benchtop GridION 2K machine

**Oxford Nanopore  
MinION Sequencer**



**Life Technologies Ion  
Proton DNA Sequencer  
Cost \$149,000  
Availability Mid-2012**

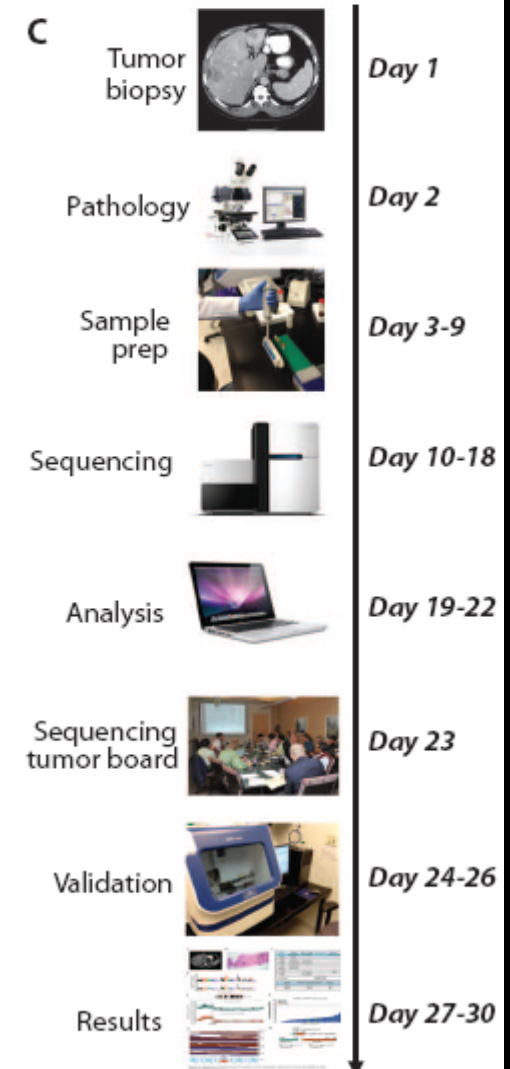
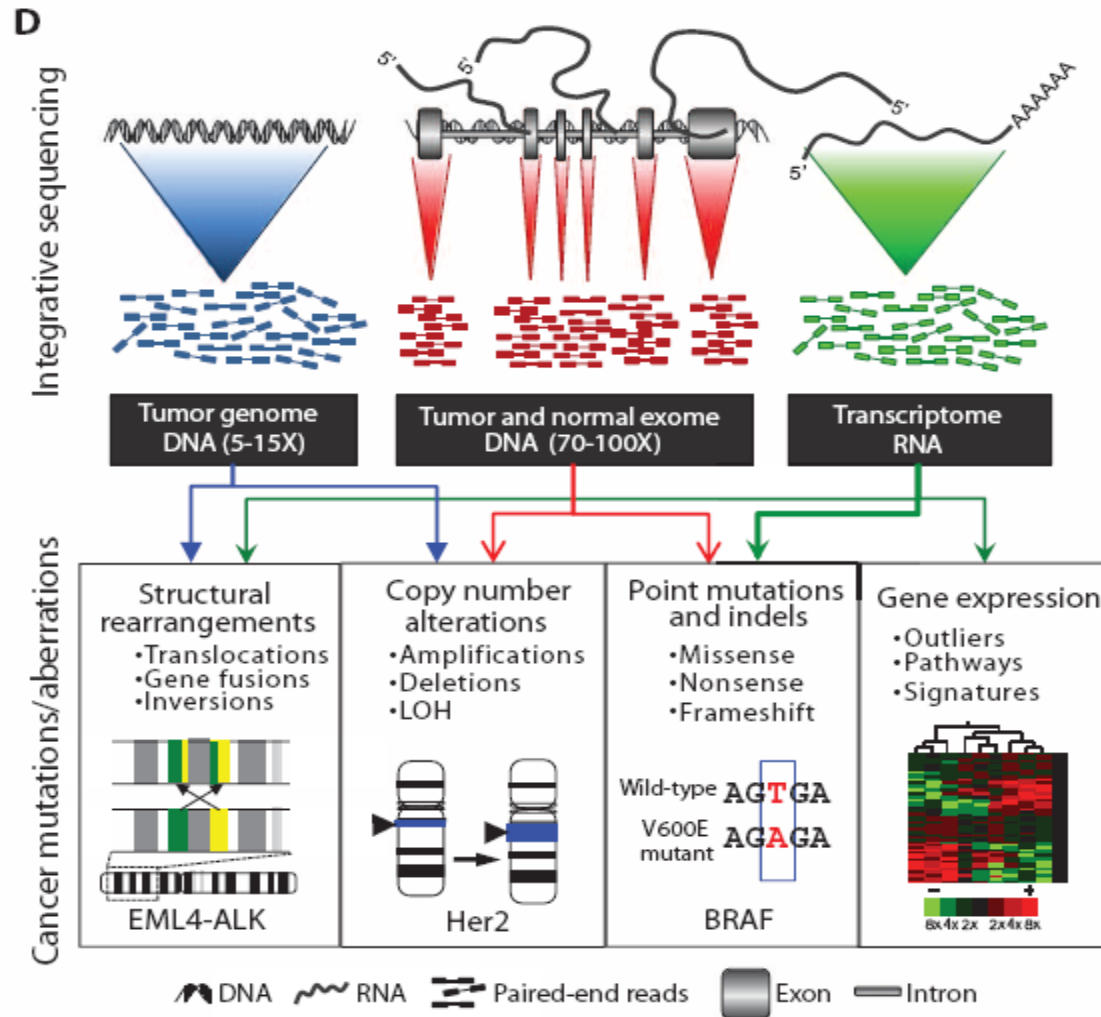
# **The Cost of Sequencing Versus The Cost of Computational Analysis and Storage**

- **the \$1000 genome,**
  - **the \$? analysis and interpretation cost**
  - **the \$? storage, retrieval and security costs**
- **turn around time (TAT) and analysis for clinical value cost**
- **regulatory and reimbursement policies**
- **obligations/duties to recontact/deidentify research participants/patients regarding Incidental Findings (IFs) and Individual Research Results (IRRs) detected in WES/WGS?**

# The Adoption of Genome Sequencing in Clinical Diagnostics

- from research odysseys to routine clinical use (“just another lab value!”)
- early clinical applications
  - infectious diseases
  - hereditary cancers and individual risk assessment
  - oncology
  - rare diseases of suspected genetic etiology
  - HLA profiling for transplant matching
  - cardiomyopathies
  - X-linked intellectual disability
  - congenital muscular dystrophy
  - mitochondrial disorders

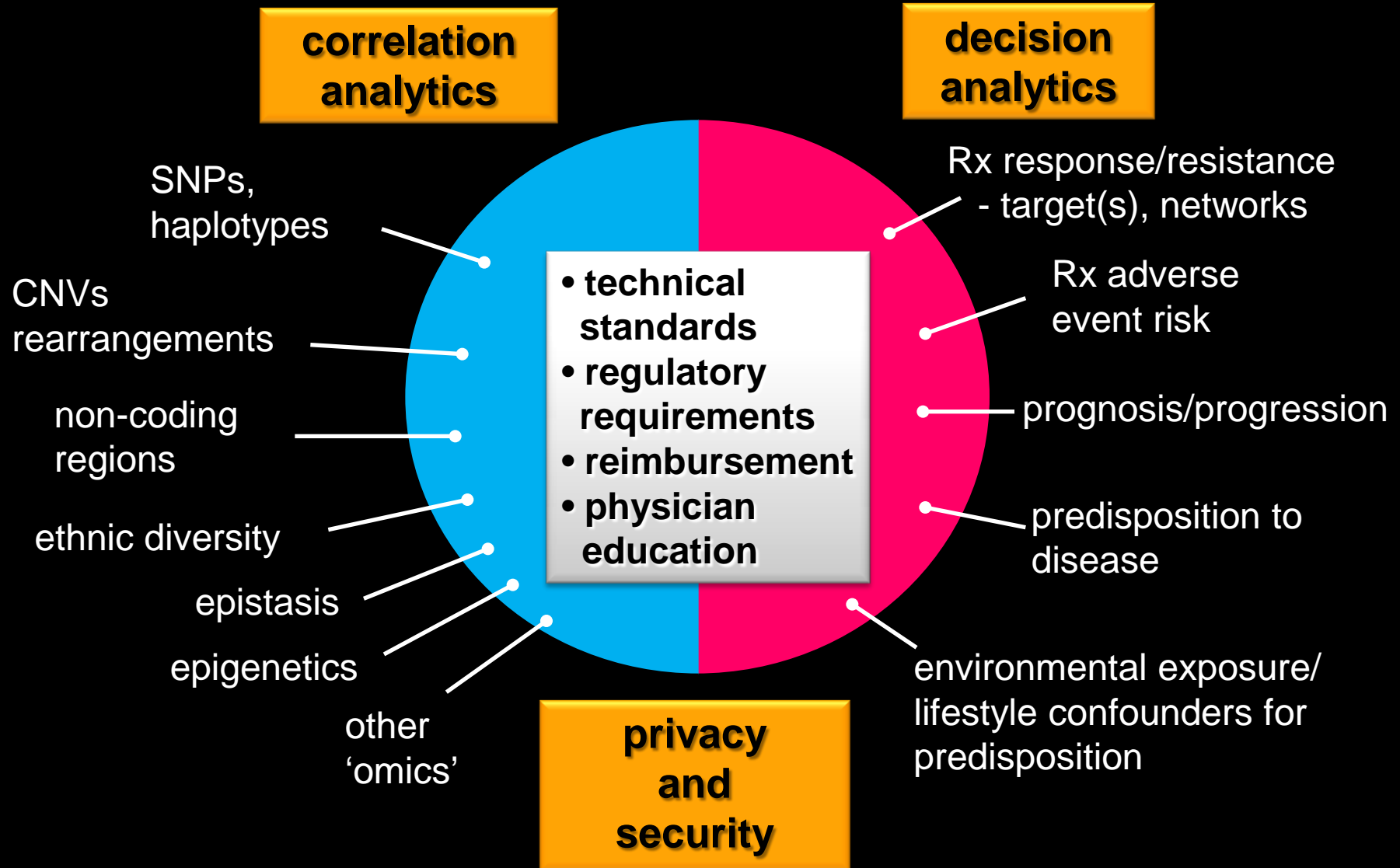
# High Throughput WGS for Personalized Oncology



From: S. Roychowdhury (2011) Sci. Trans. Med. 3, 175



# Low Cost Whole Genome Sequencing and Molecular Medicine: Dependency on Large Scale (Massive) Data Annotation and Analytics





# **Review of Validation Issues for Clinical Use of Genome Sequencing 23 June 2011**

- **minimum sequencing depth for reliable clinical decisions**
- **appropriate validation sample sets to evaluate platform accuracy**
- **metrics for quality of sequence assembly and alignment algorithms**
- **standardization of pre-analytical variables (e.g. preparation of libraries, extraction and quality control of nucleic acids, capture methods, amplification)**
- **source computer code(s) for analytical algorithms**
- **sequencers as Class III devices?**

# The Scale and Complexity of Human Genome Sequencing Data

## Accuracy and Comprehensiveness

- need for consensus metrics for these parameters
- population-based studies
  - pooled samples with low depth coverage (<10x)
- personal genomes for clinical diagnostics and care decisions
  - greater accuracy and confidence for base calling
  - regulatory oversight of QA/QC and analytics algorithms
- current technologies
  - 30-40x coverage to ID 92-95% of both alleles
  - 50-100x coverage to ID 99.9% sequence and rare variants
  - final sequence with only 1 error/ $10^6$  bases will still contain 6000 errors

# **Performance Comparison of WGS Platforms**

**(H.Y.K. Lam et. al. 2012 Nature Biotechnol. 30, 78)**

- **sequencing of blood and saliva samples from same individual on Illumina and Complete Genomics Platforms at 76x coverage**
- **only 88.1% SNVs concordant  $\equiv$  10,000s platform-specific calls in exons and intergenic regions**
- **need to supplement with exome sequencing to fill gaps in detection of coding variants**
- **only 26.5% indels concordant**
- **implications for use of WGS data for clinical decisions/regulatory submissions**



# **Statistical Sampling Powering Needs for Variant ID in Validation Studies: The Proportion of Theoretically Identifiable Variants in Different Population Sample Cohort Sizes (N)**

<b>Variant Frequency</b>	<b>N</b>				
	<b>100</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1000</b>	
<b>0.001</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>0.86</b>	
<b>0.002</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.98</b>	
<b>0.005</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	

**Adapted from: L. Bingsham and S.M. Leal (2009) PLoS Genetics 5, e1000481**

# **The Data Storage Challenge: The Price of Sequencing is Falling Faster Than Computer Storage Costs and Availability**

- **data ‘triage’: store only data deemed relevant and/or with differences to reference set**
  - **risk of bias/ignorance about value of discarded data elements**
- **data compression and ‘loss of precision’**
  - **different compression methods depending on desired end use/reuse needs**
- **unmapped reads cannot be compressed using current alignment frameworks**
  - **10-40% of reads remain unmapped to traditional reference genomes**
  - **60-70% for short RNA sequencing reads**
- **many samples may not be accessible/renewable**
  - **cancer**



## **Fed. Reg. 27 March 2012**

# **Implications of Large Scale Human Genome Sequencing**

- **collection, use and governance of exome- and WGS information**
  - **genetic/genomic databases and biobanks**
  - **role of health IT**
- **privacy and access**
- **balancing of individual and societal interests**
- **access and use by law enforcement agencies**

# **“The Incidentalome”**

- **2012 NIH proposal for screening exome-and WGS sequence data for findings of potential health or reproductive importance**
- **obligation to recontact/deidentify individuals in research studies**
- **criteria for “relevant” and “risk” in returnable findings?**
- **requirement to reidentify original donor in deidentified samples?**
- **resources and cost to implement with anticipated rapid growth in datasets?**
- **why limit to genomic research using biobanks and archived data?**
- **if research participants are accorded duties why not all patients sequenced as part of clinical care?**
- **expanded IRB responsibilities and competencies**



# **Genes For.....**

## **The Overly Simplistic and Deterministic Dangers of a Genome-Sequence Centric Perspective**

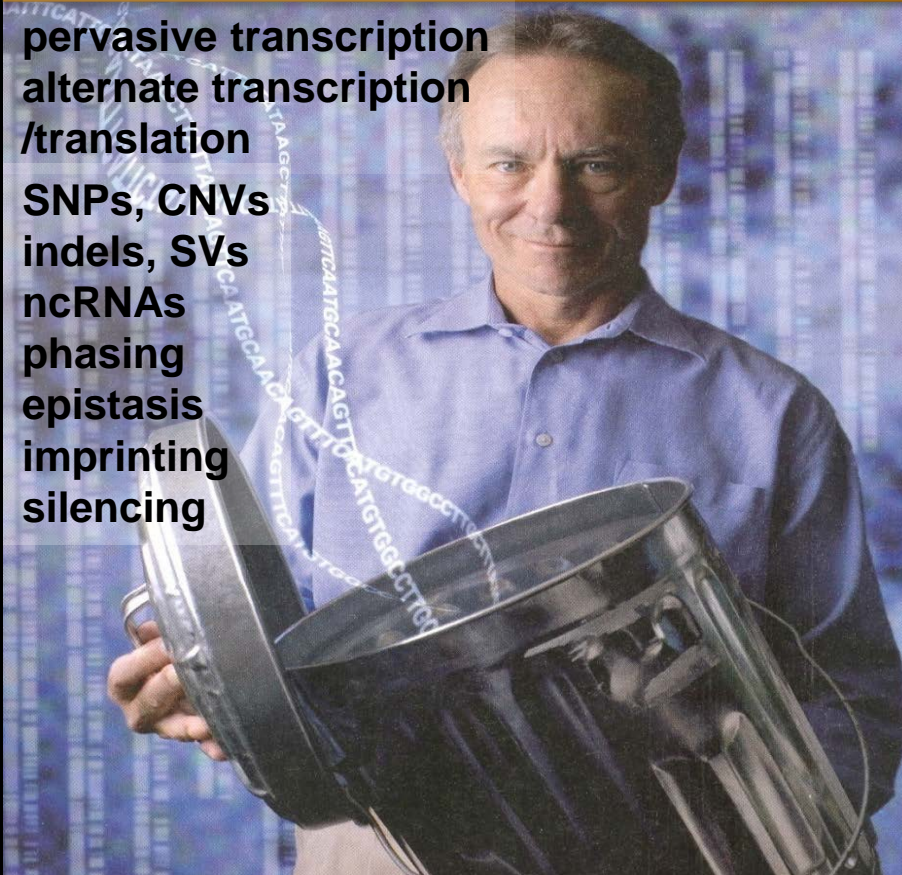
- **limits of current knowledge of genome organization and control dynamics**
  - **relationship to RNA regulome, protein expression and (in)stability of biological pathways**
- **limited value for robust predisposition profiling (epistasis.....)**
- **variable utility in different disease categories to inform optimum Rx treatment choice and guide new Rx discovery**

# Individual Variation, Genome Complexity and the Challenge of Genotype-Phenotype Prediction

## Junk No More!

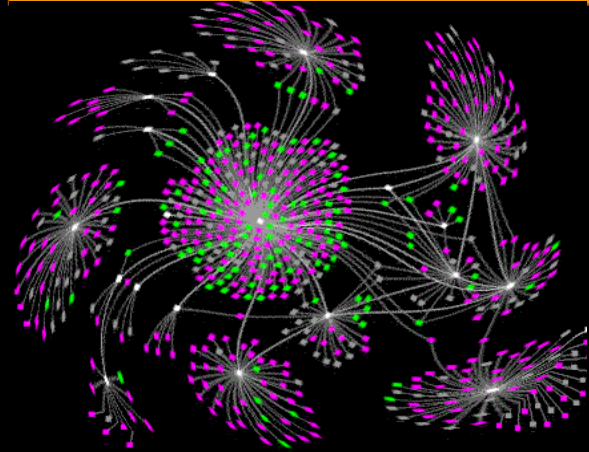
pervasive transcription  
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/translation

SNPs, CNVs  
indels, SVs  
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phasing  
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imprinting  
silencing



recognition of genome  
organizational and regulatory  
complexity

## Cell-specific Molecular Interaction Networks



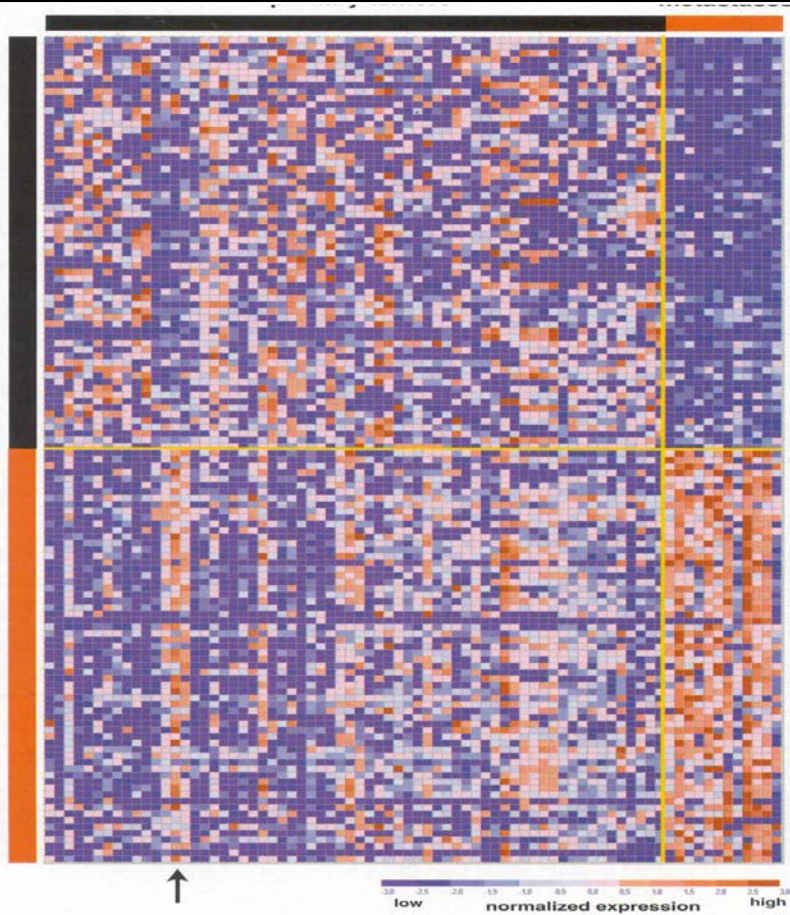
## Disease Perturbations



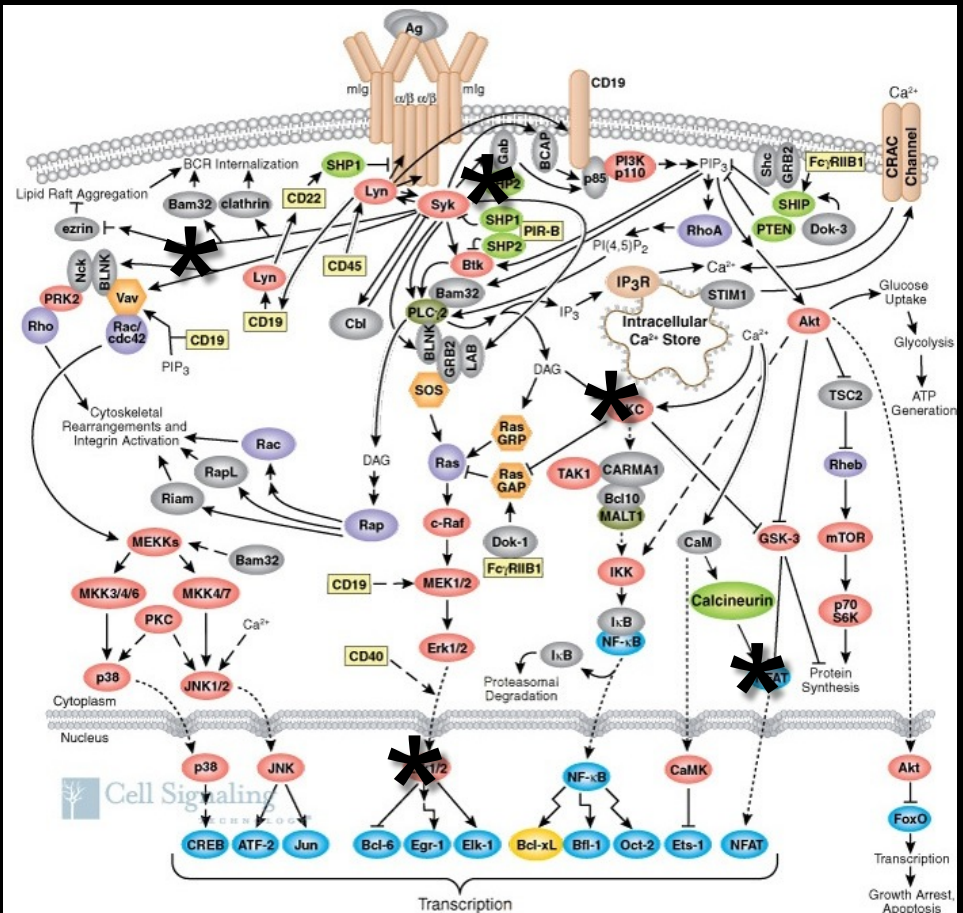


# Mapping Causal Perturbations in Molecular Pathways and Networks in Disease: Defining a New Taxonomy for Disease

## Disease Profiling to Identify Subtypes (+ or - Rx Target)



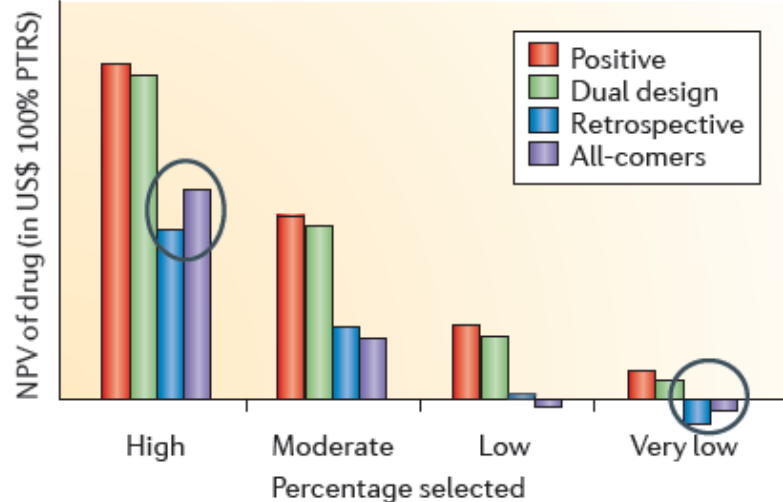
## ID Molecular Targets for MDx and/or Rx Action



# **The Heterogeneity of Biological Pathway Dysregulation in Different Diseases**

- **frequency of Rx susceptible ( $Rx^s$ ) and resistant ( $Rx^r$ ) phenotypes in different diseases and changes with disease progression**
- **implications for level of inter-patient variation and complexity of MDx profiling requirements**





#### Input parameters

Percentage selected by companion diagnostic

94%	64%	25%	6%
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Positive predictive value

41%	33%	39%	64%
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Therapeutic response in responders (scale 0–24)

18	18	18	18
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Percentage of all patients who respond

35%	35%	35%	35%
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#### Calculated parameters

Selected patient therapeutic effect

7.3	5.8	7.1	11.4
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All-comers therapeutic effect

7.2	4.1	2	1.8
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Selected patient market share

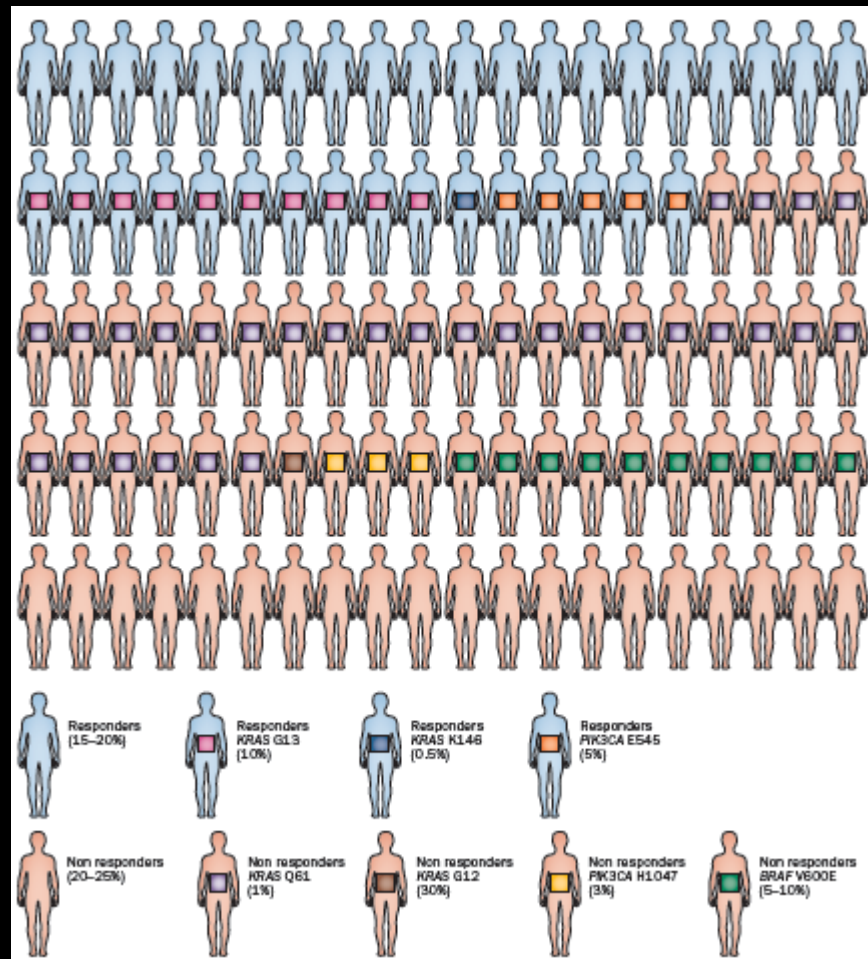
46%	35%	41%	65%
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All-comers market share

44%	24%	12%	11%
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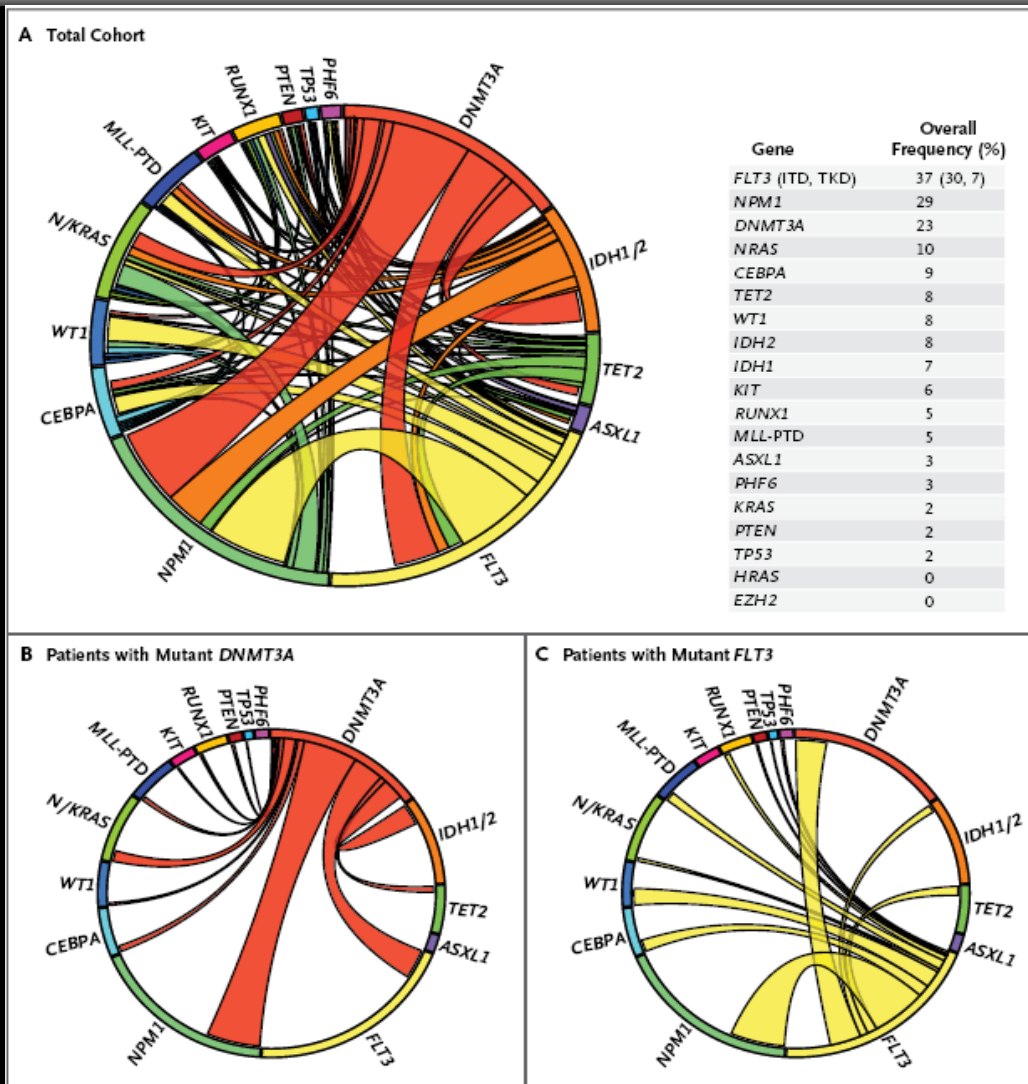
**Scenario-Modeling of NPV for  
New Investigational Drug  
Based on Probability  
of Technical and Regulatory  
Success (PTRS) and  
Biomarker Patient Selection  
From: M. R. Trusheim et al.  
(2011) Nature Rev-Drug  
Disc 10, 817**

# Frequencies of Molecular Alterations in CRC and Responsiveness to Cetuximab or Panitumumab



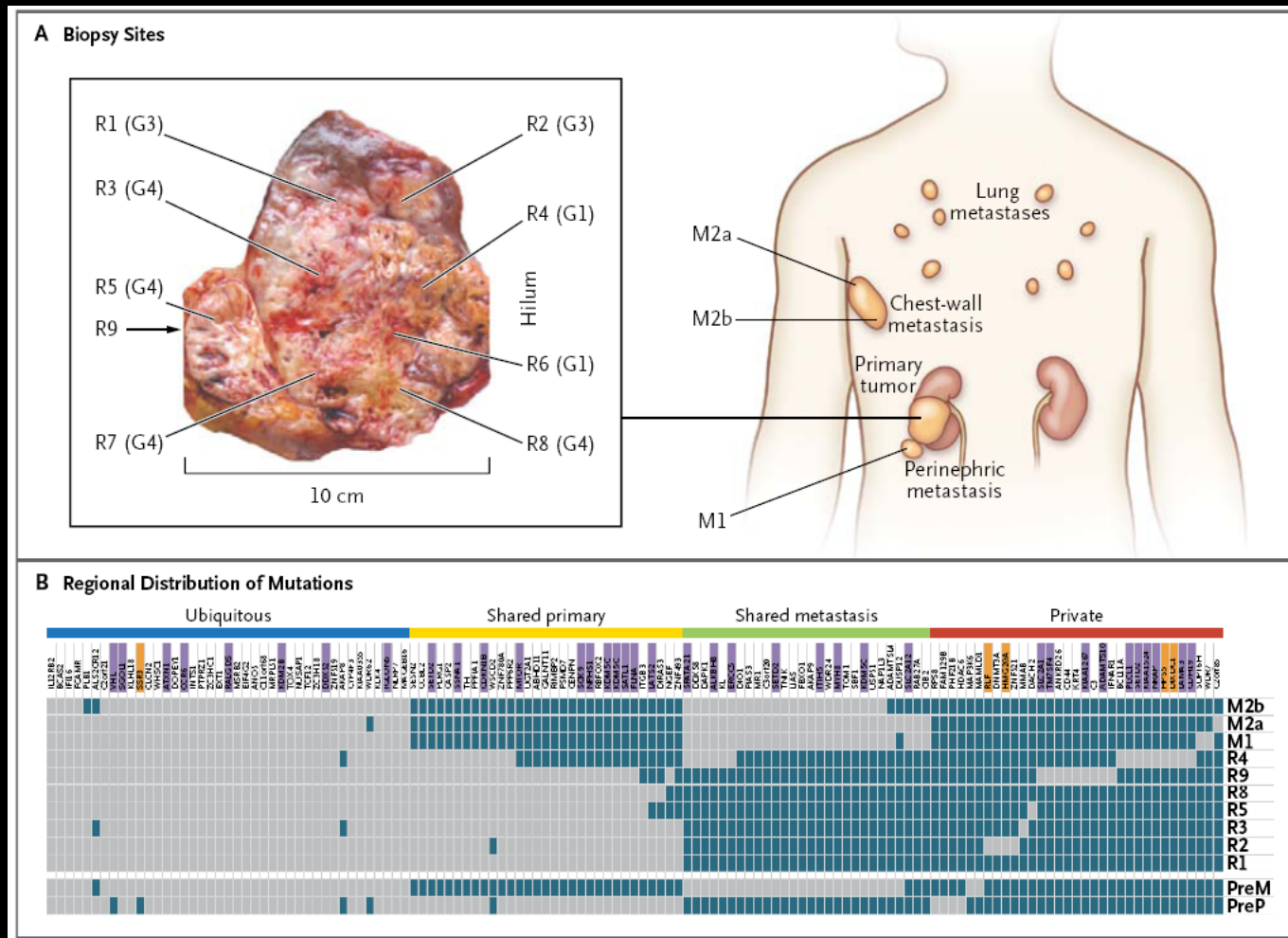
From: M. Martini et al. (2012) Nature Rev. Clin. Oncol.

# Mutational Complexity of Acute Myeloid Leukemia



From: J. P. Patel et al. (2012) NEJM 366, 1079

# Intratumor Genetic Heterogeneity in Multiple Regions at Primary Clear Cell Tumor and Three Metastases (Perinephric and Chest Wall)



From: M. Gerlinger et al. (2012) NEJM 366, 883



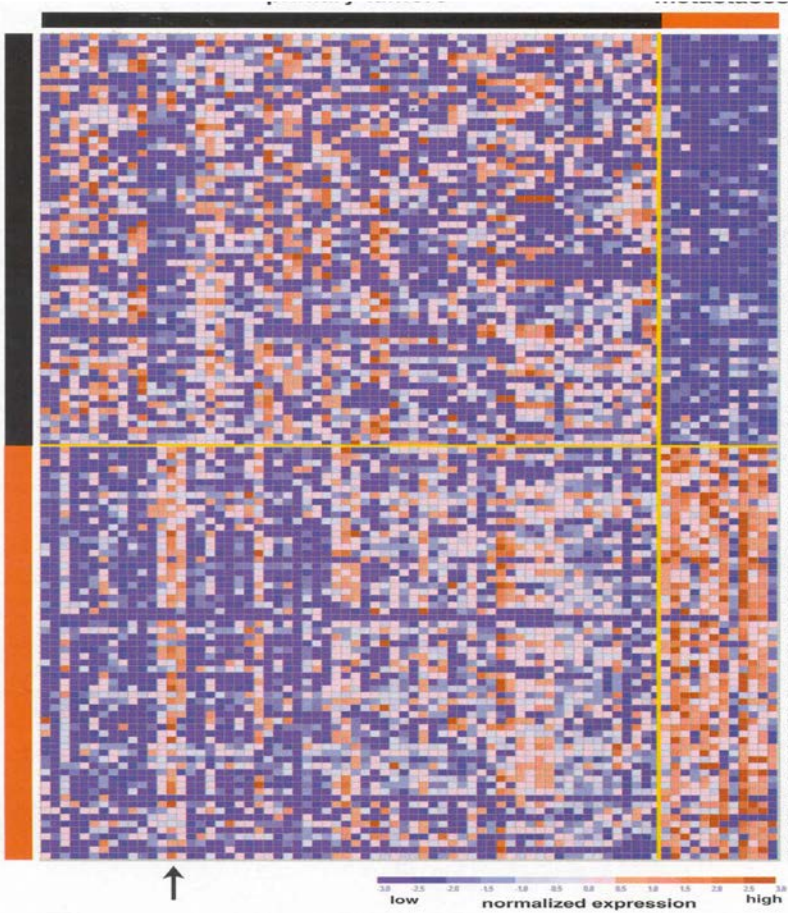
**Initial Response (A/B) of BRAF-V600 Positive Metastatic Miliary Melanoma  
After 15 Weeks Therapy with Vemurafenib (Zelboraf® - Roche)  
Followed by Rapid Recurrence of Rx-Resistant Lesions  
with MEKI C1215 Mutant Allele After 23 Weeks Therapy**



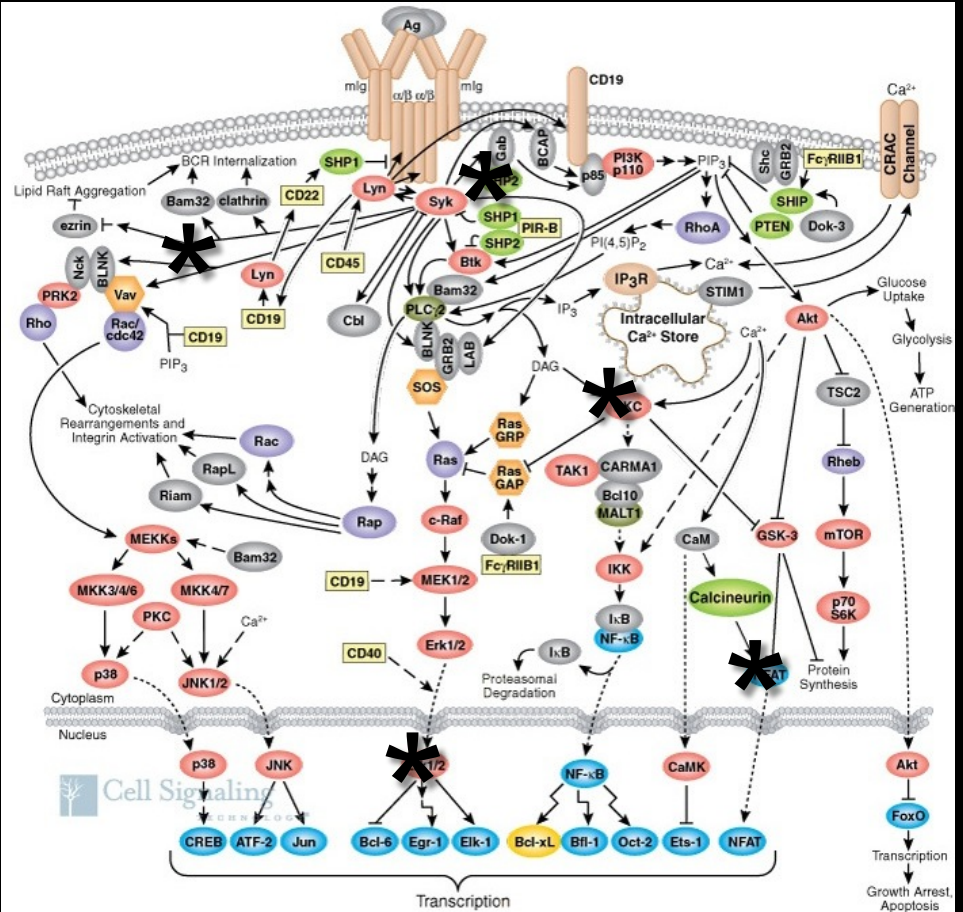
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et al. (2011)  
J. Clin. Oncol. 29, 3085**

# Mapping Dysregulation of Biological Networks in Disease

## Disease Profiling to Identify Subtypes (+ or - Rx Target)



## ID Molecular Targets for Rx Action and Blockade of Compensatory “By pass” Pathways



# Network Pharmacology

- **elucidation of definitive network ‘chokepoints’ as optimum targets**
  - **subvert adaptive cellular options to use alternate compensatory pathways**
- **the design challenge for multi-target polypharmacology**
  - **multi-agent therapy (patient tolerance?)**
  - **controlled multi-target promiscuity in a single moiety**

# Mandatory Use of Research Biopsies in Clinical Trials?

Time Point	Purpose
Pre-enrollment/ Pre-treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● ID of biomarkers to determine eligibility</li><li>● patient stratification in enrichment/adaptive clinical trial design</li></ul>
During Treatment Protocol and/or Post-Protocol Termination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● evaluate biomarkers/ biosignature profile and Rx responsiveness</li><li>● identify mechanisms of acquired resistance to investigational Rx</li></ul>



# Tough Questions

**Is the scale of pathway dysregulation in progressive late stage multigenic diseases too large to achieve Rx “homeostatic reset”?**

**Should MDx priorities in cancer, neurodegeneration and diabetes be best directed to earlier disease detection rather than stratification of patients with advanced disease?**

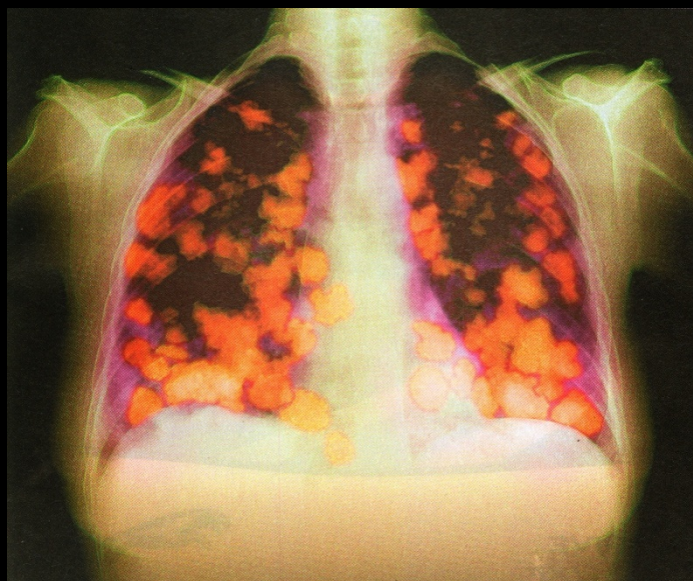
# Phase III Studies Comparing Chemotherapy With or Without Bevacizumab as First-Line Therapy for Advanced Epithelial Cancers

Neoplasm	Study	Bevacizumab Effect	
		PFS (months)	OS (months)
Breast	ECOG E2100	+5.9*	+1.5
	AVADO	+0.8*	-1.1
	RIBBON-1	+2.9*	+7.8
Ovarian	GOG 0218	+0.9	-0.6
Lung	ECOG E4599	+1.7*	+2.0
Gastric	AVAGAST	+1.4*	+2.0
Pancreas	CALGB 80303	+0.9	-0.1
CRC	Hurwitz	+4.4*	+4.7*
	Saltz	+1.4	+1.4

\*Statistically significant

Adapted from: A. Ocana et al (2011) J. Clin. Oncol. 29, 254

# Palliative Care as Evolving Standard of Oncology Care



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A S C O S P E C I A L A R T I C L E

## American Society of Clinical Oncology Provisional Clinical Opinion: The Integration of Palliative Care into Standard Oncology Care

*Thomas J. Smith, Sarah Temin, Erin R. Alesi, Amy P. Abernethy, Tracy A. Balboni, Ethan M. Basch, Betty R. Ferrell, Matt Loscalzo, Diane E. Meier, Judith A. Paice, Jeffrey M. Peppercorn, Mark Somerfield, Ellen Stovall, and Jamie H. Von Roenn*

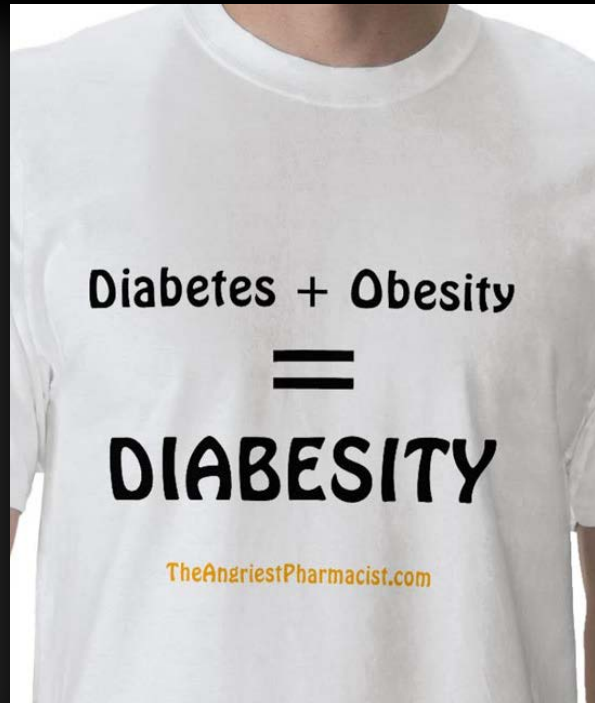
# Opportunities and Challenges for MDx for Ever Earlier Detection of Major Diseases

## Cancer Detection Before Metastasis



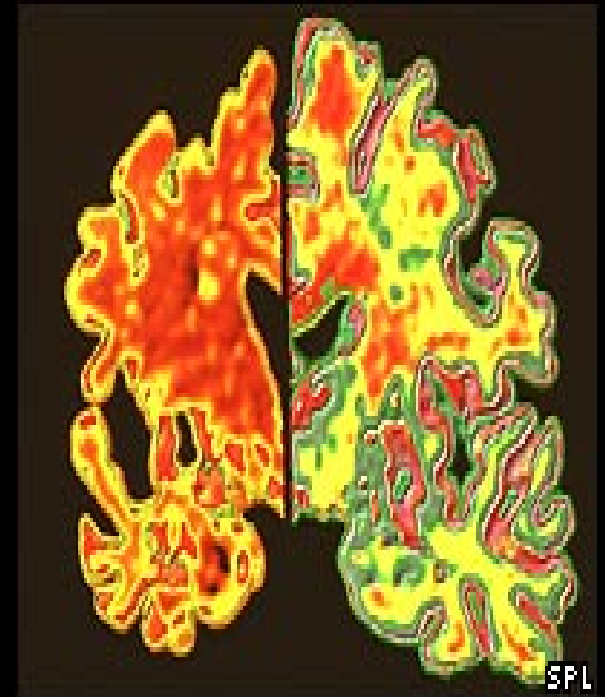
**Early Diagnosis and Curative Surgery**

## Cardiovascular/ Metabolic Diseases



**Lifestyle Changes and/or Rx to Limit Risk**

## Neurodegenerative Diseases



**The Dilemma of Early Diagnosis Without Rx**

# Defining The Molecular Taxonomy of Disease

- **subtypes of disease**
- **individual segmentation and unique patient-specific perturbations in biological networks**
- **increased segmentation and what will constitute an orphan disease?**
- **‘the incidentalome’**
- **longitudinal tracking of health status and early detection of disease**

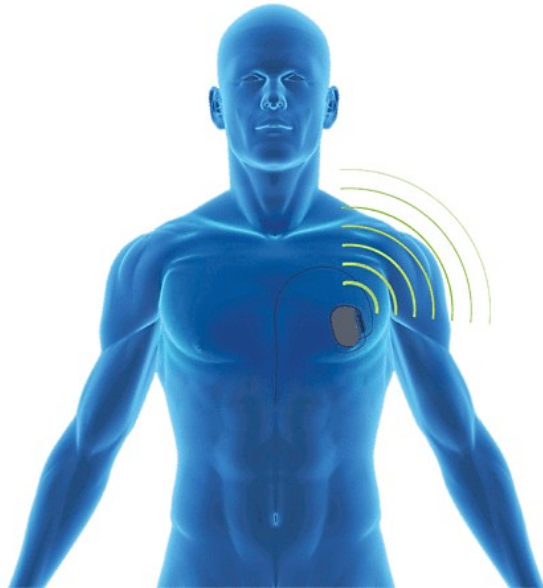


# **The Invasion of the Body Trackers**

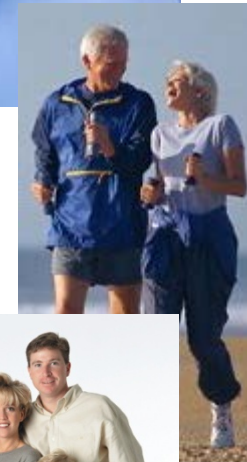
**Individual Biosignature Profiling Via  
Sensors and Devices**

**Remote Health Status Monitoring**

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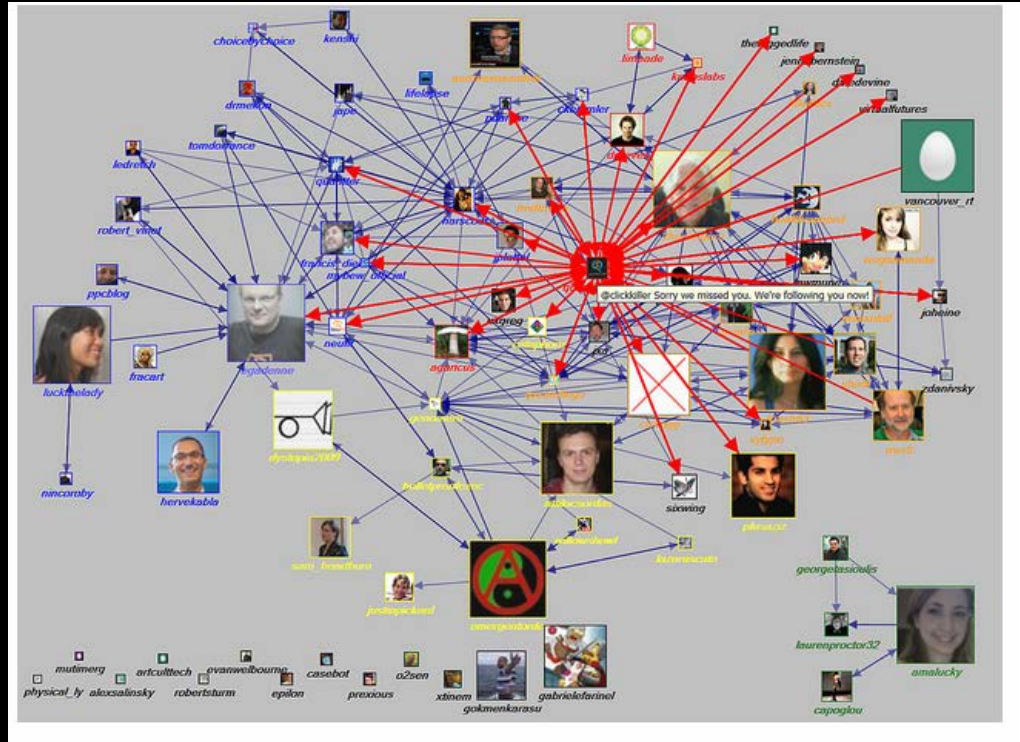


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# Remote Health Status Monitoring of Biometrics and Biomarkers Using Body Sensors and Devices (m.Health)

- Self-Tracking
- Personal Informatics
- Quantified Self
- Lifelogging
- LifeStream
- The Measured Life



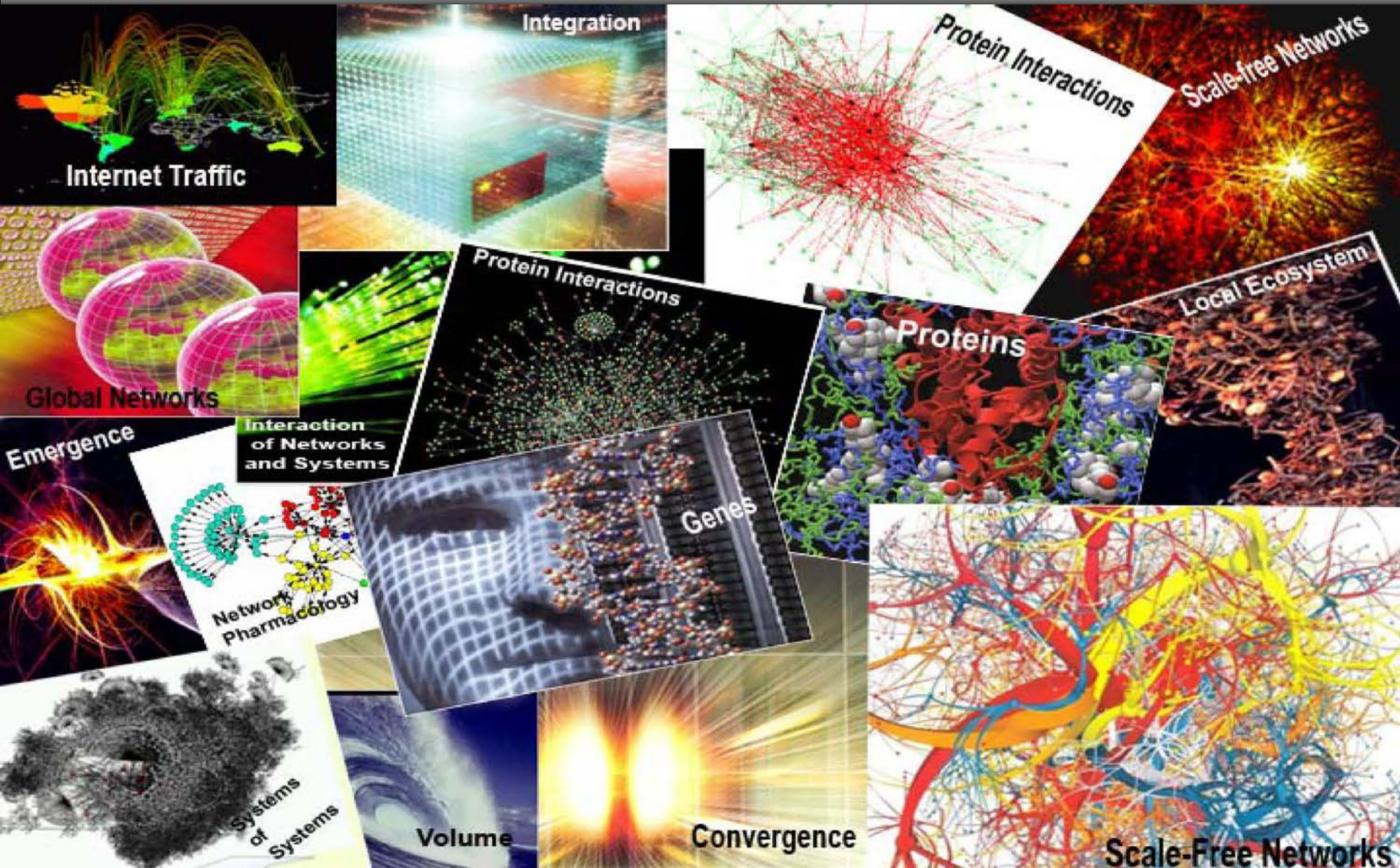
NodeXL maps of tweets about Quantified Self  
Posted on January 26, 2011 by Alexandra Carmichael

# **Mobile Devices, Remote Health Monitoring and Rapid Data Expansion**

- **expand concept of biobank to include ‘virtual and living repositories’**
- **individual becomes their own control**
  - **longitudinal monitoring of individual ‘deltas’ versus comparison with averaged larger cohort**
- **rich data streams for outcome analysis and epidemiological studies**
  - **consent, privacy and security**
  - **compliance monitoring**



# Data: The Fastest Growing Resource on Earth



**Managing Massive Data**

**Standards for Data Reporting and Database Design**

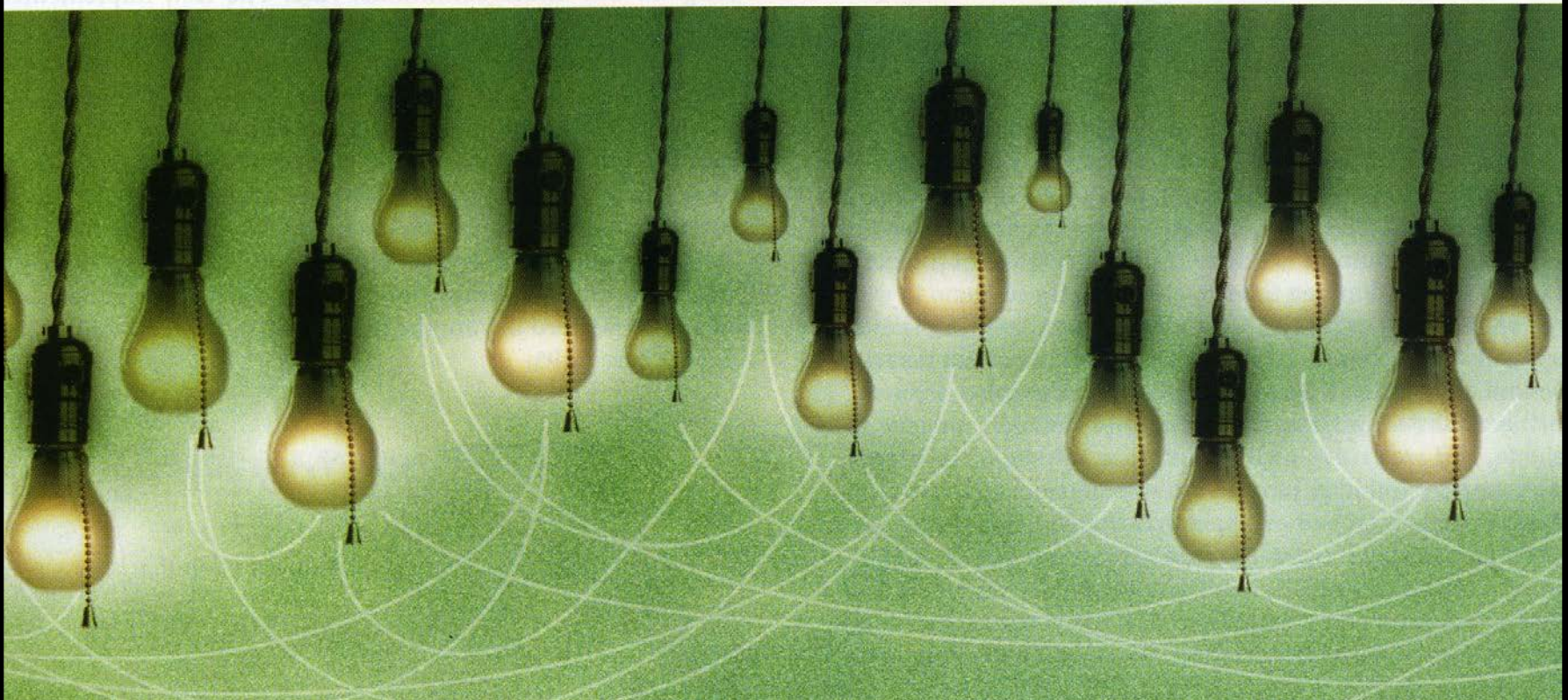
**Interoperability of Databases  
Across The Continuum from Discovery to Patient Care**

**New Analytics and High Performance Computing**

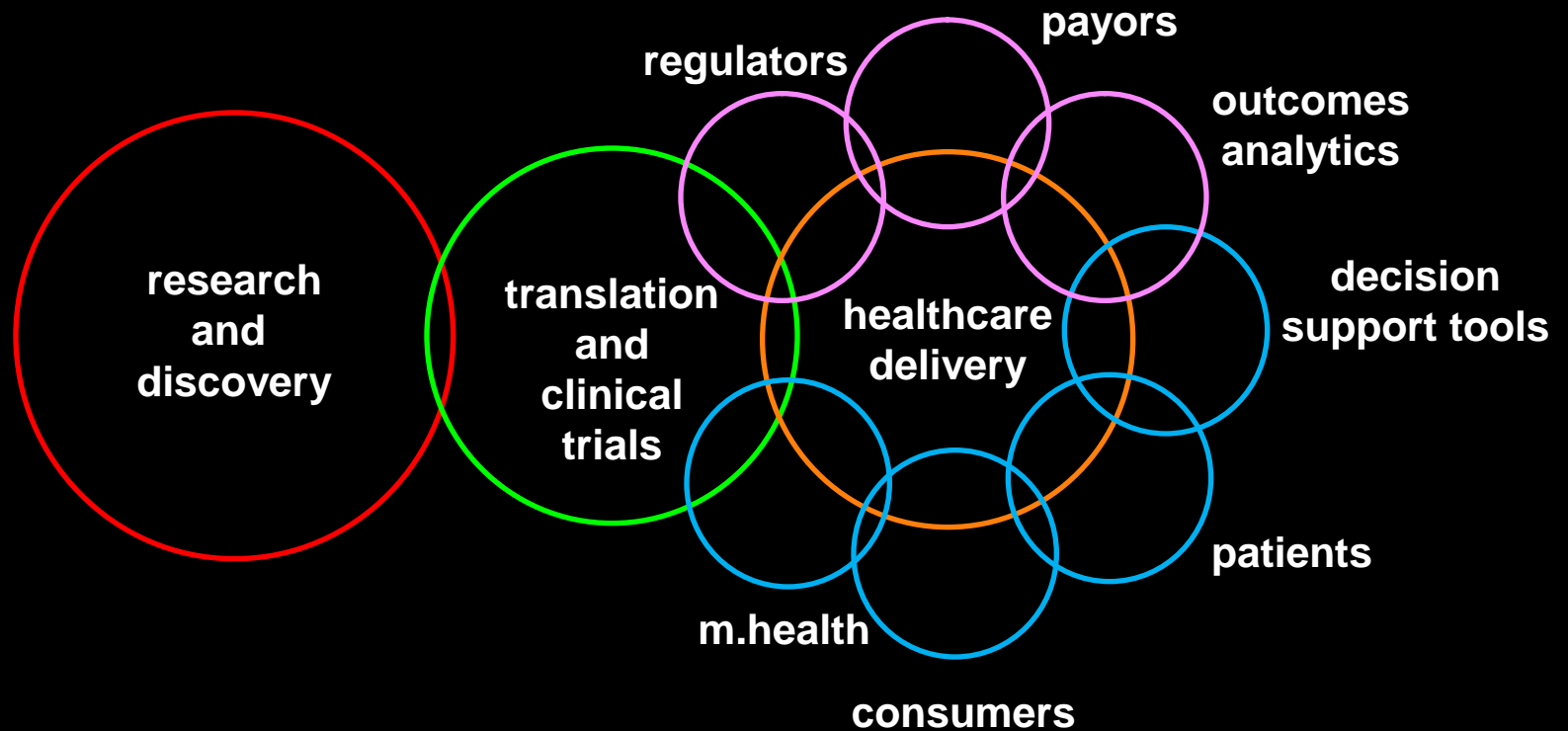


# Silos Subvert Solutions: Protecting Turf and Sustaining the Status Quo

HELL IS THE PLACE WHERE NOTHING CONNECTS — T.S. ELIOT



# The Need for Facile, Seamless Data Exchange Formats for Large Scale Biomedical Data Systems



# The Design Challenge for Next Generation HIT Systems

- **today EHRs not designed to support secondary use of data to inform research/translational medicine**
- **lack of harmonized data standards in different disciplines/delivery systems as handicap to data meta-analytics outside of original capture institution**
- **urgent need for new data integration models**
  - **current and planned RCTs**
  - **observational data from primary care provider and patient self-reported data**
  - **SEER (surveillance, epidemiology and end results) data**
  - **m.health/sensor net remote data monitoring**
  - **payer data**



# Representation of Datasets and Abstractions

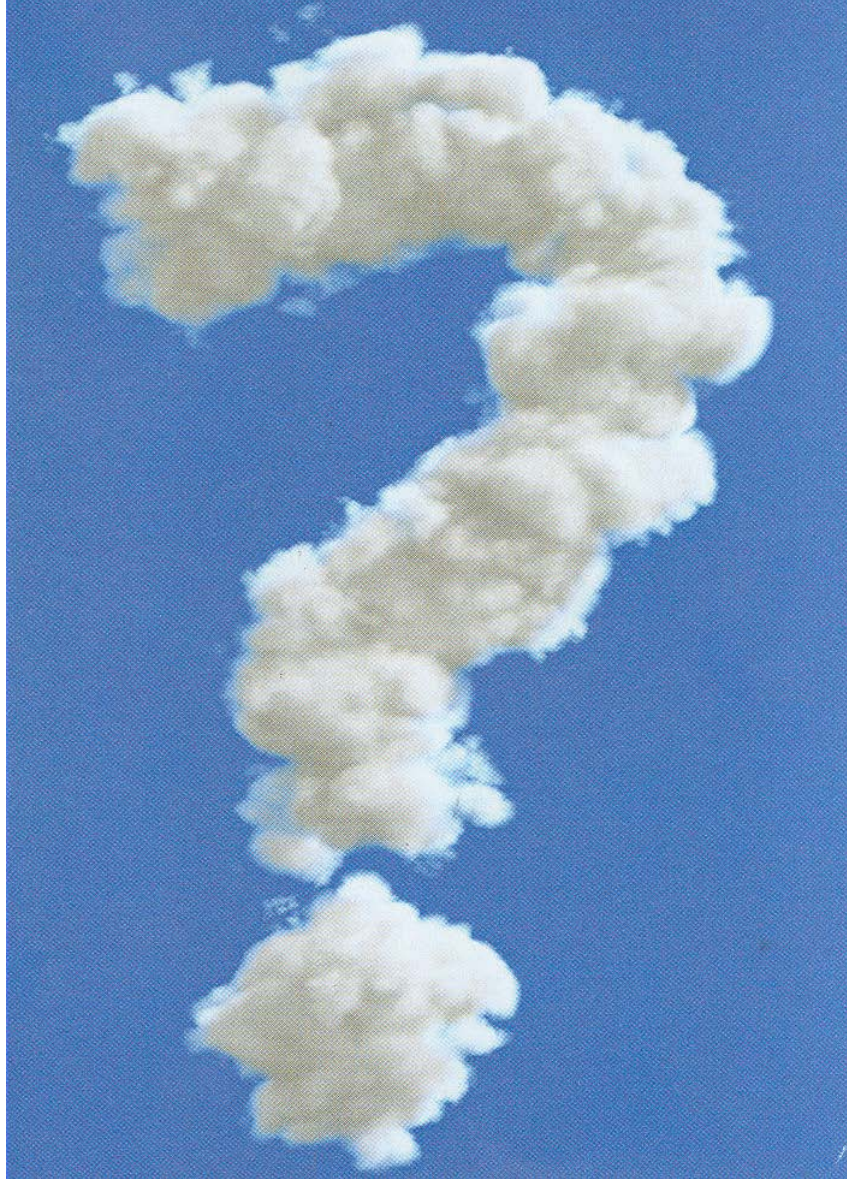
## Discovery

- controlled vocabularies and formal ontologies
- minimal information checklists and open source repositories
- algorithms and source code for analytical tools

## Translation and Adoption in Routine Care

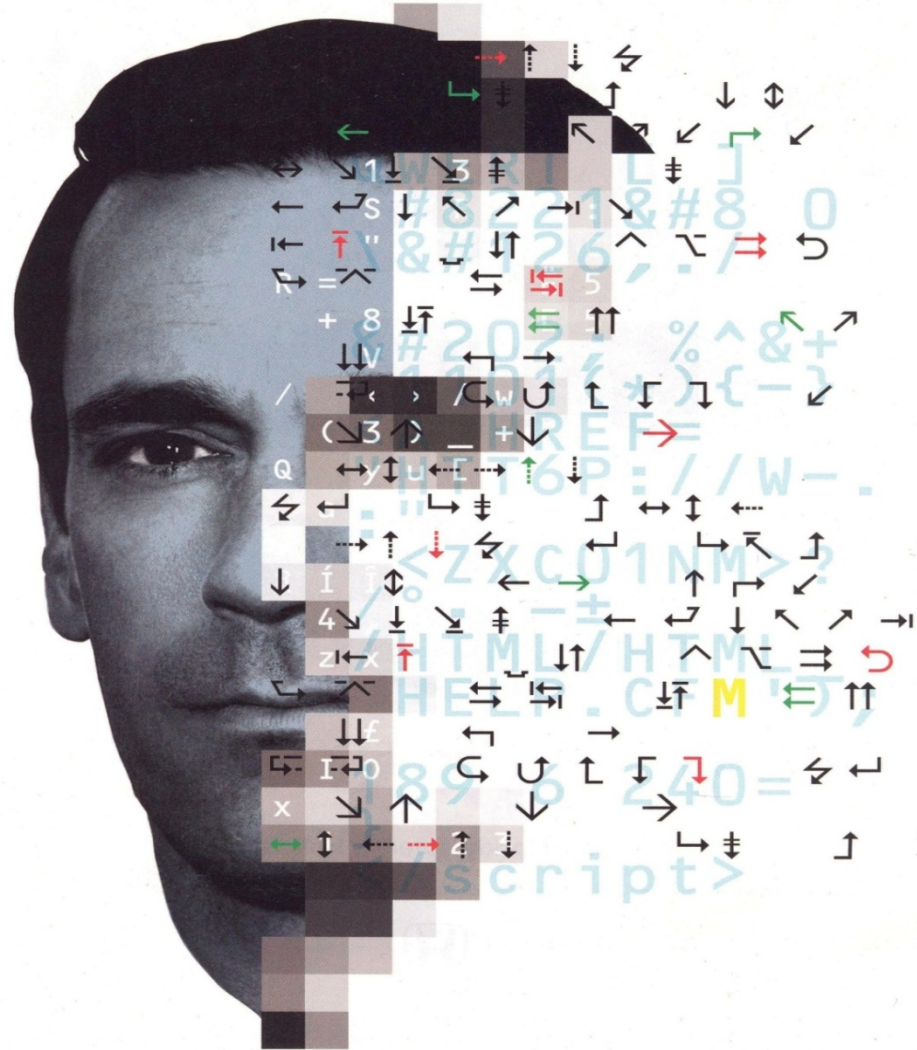
- exchange formats and semantic interoperability
- cross-domain harmonization/integration/migration/sharing
  - community-driven (eg. SMBL.org, BioSharing catalogue), industry-driven (eg. Pistoia Alliance), regulatory-driven (eg. CDISC), clinical (eg. HL7)
  - reimbursement (CPT, ICD) and HITECH EMR/MU
- consent, privacy, confidentiality, security
- meta-data tools
- machine-based natural language processing and decision support algorithms

# Healthcare Data in the Cloud: Security, Confidentiality and Access





# Technology Acceleration and Convergence: The Escalating Challenge for Professional Competency, Decision-Support and Future Education Curricula



# **Overcoming Gaps in Physician Knowledge of Molecular Medicine and a Paper-Centric Healthcare System**

- **90% of Americans lack confidence in their clinicians ability to understand and use genetic information**
  - [http://www.cogentresearch.com/news/Press%20Releases/CGAT\\_2010](http://www.cogentresearch.com/news/Press%20Releases/CGAT_2010)
- **professional cultural vulnerability/reluctance to acknowledge**
- **refuge in outdated SOC/guidelines that fail to integrate much new molecular profiling data**
- **protracted deliberations by professional societies/boards**
- **less than 4% of 8967 ACGME programs relate to genetic expertise (JAMA 2011 306, 1015)**
- **MD curriculum/CME challenges**
- **generational gap in IT use/facileness and resistance to computerized decision-support tools**

# **New Partnerships to Advance Clinical and Observational Trials on Biomarkers as a Foundational Element of Molecular Medicine**

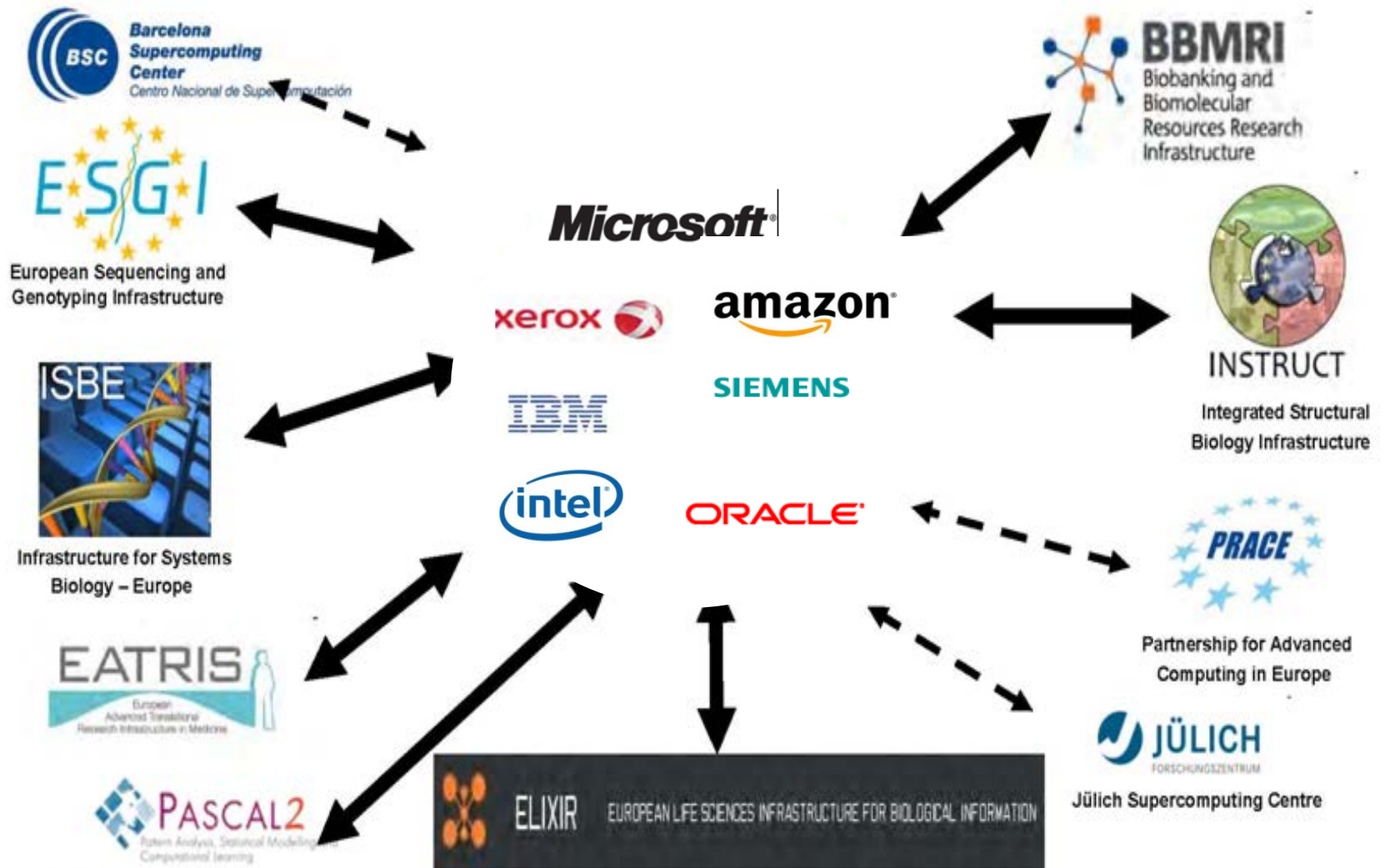
**public:private partnerships and pre-competitive consortia to establish analytical and data standards**

**industry collaboration to validate disease-specific biomarkers in clinical trials**

**use of aggregated EMR and observational data to validate biomarkers and CER**

**social media and patient advocacy groups as catalysts to accelerate clinical trials and CER**





# BATTER-UP: Biomarkers of Anti-TNF Treatment Efficacy in Rheumatoid Arthritis-Unresponsive Populations

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 Bristol-Myers Squibb

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Genentech

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Because health matters

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 **Long Island Jewish Medical Center**

# The Partnership to Advance Clinical Electronic Research

- use of aggregated EMR data to facilitate clinical research



# Proactive Engagement of Patient Communities in Investigational Clinical Trials and Observational Outcomes Studies

- Collate, Annotate, Curate and Host Clinical Trial Data with Genomic Information from the Comparator Arms of Industry- and Foundation-Sponsored Clinical Trials
- Building a Site for Sharing Data and Models to evolve better Disease Maps.



**CYCORE**

CYber-infrastructure for  
COmparative Effectiveness REsearch



CENTER FOR WIRELESS &  
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## PURPOSE

To improve cancer-related comparative effectiveness research by better capturing data on physiological, behavioral and psychological status from research participants at home and as they go about their daily lives.



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# Regulatory Science

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2011 – 2015



Responding to  
the Public Health  
Challenges  
of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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## Driving Biomedical Innovation:

Initiatives to Improve  
Products for Patients



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A STRATEGIC PLAN  
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## Advancing Regulatory Science at FDA



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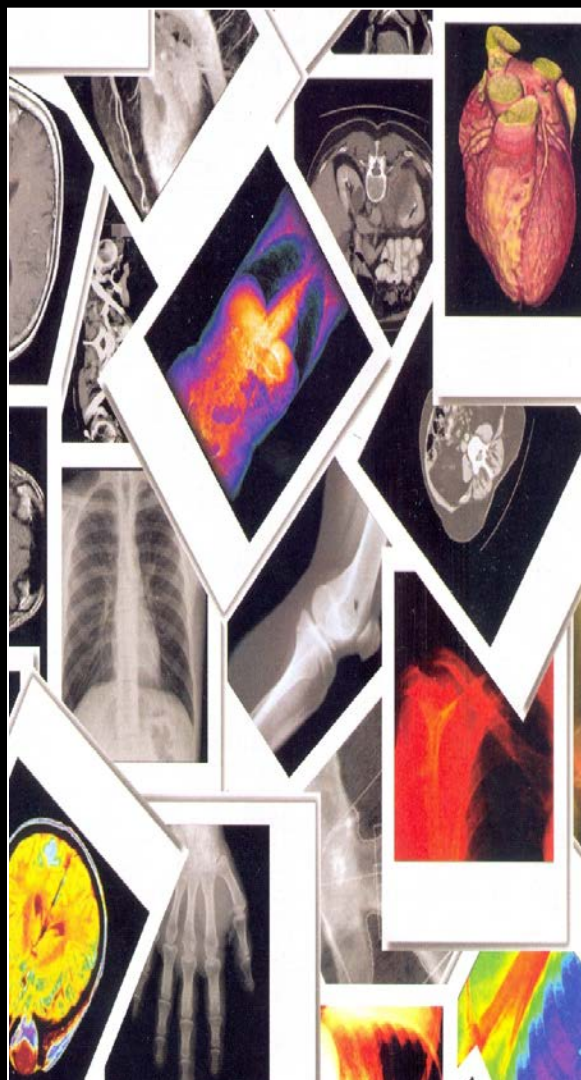




# Why LDTs and IVDs May Become MIA

- **draft guidelines (1 June 2011)**
  - **prohibit sale of research use only (RUO)/ Investigational Use Only (IUO) products based on “reason to know” that will be used on clinical samples**
- **need for greater clarity of guidelines for regulatory approval**
  - **IVDMIA validation**
  - **WES and WGS validation**
  - **MDx: Rx combinations**
  - **MDx profiling for investigational Rx combinations**
  - **mandatory biopsy profiling for oncology trials**

# How Much New Technology Can We Afford?





THE REIMBURSEMENT LANDSCAPE FOR

## Novel Diagnostics

- ▲ CURRENT LIMITATIONS
- ▲ REAL-WORLD IMPACT
- ▲ PROPOSED SOLUTIONS



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### Personalized Medicine:

*Trends and prospects for the new science of genetic testing and molecular diagnostics*

Working Paper 7  
March 2012



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Medicine Coalition

### *Issue Brief*

The Adverse Impact  
of the US Reimbursement System  
on the Development and Adoption  
of Personalized Medicine Diagnostics

By David Parker, Ph.D, Boston Healthcare

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## Crossing the Three Chasms:

## Complex Molecular Testing and Medicare Regulations

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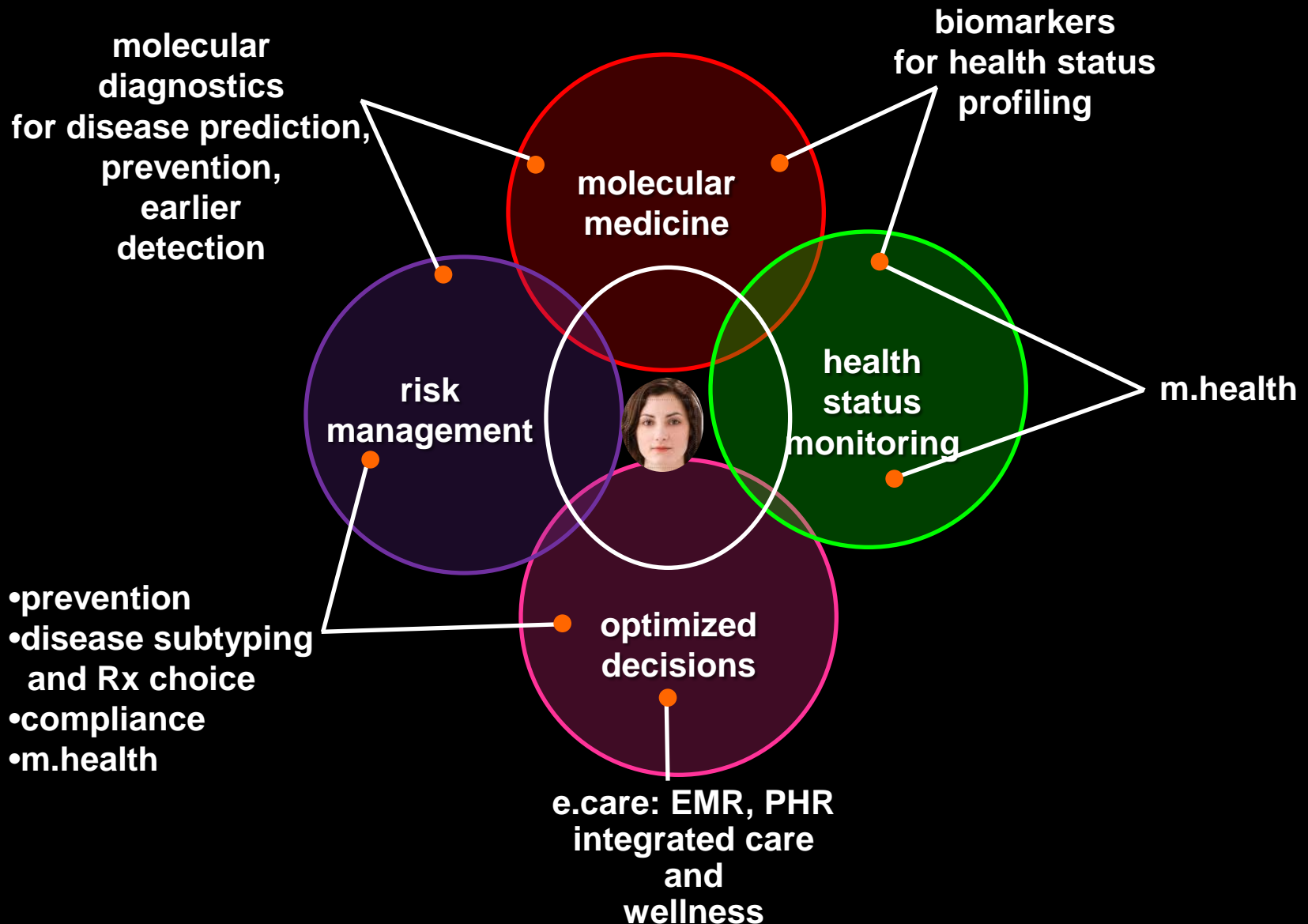


# **If You Build It, Will They Pay?**

## **If It Isn't Billable, It Won't Happen!**

- **#1 will test alter patient management?**
  - reduce cost of care
  - improve outcomes
- **#2 what additional resources/services/training are affected by test adoption?**
- **#3 perception of RCT as only 'gold standard'**
  - narrow interpretation that discounts value of observational studies
- **#4 payer demand for regulatory approval to be eligible for reimbursement or CED**
- **#5 mindset of 'lab data' as low cost (<1% total cost) despite role in most treatment decisions (>85%)**
  - unianalyte versus multiplex tests
  - outdated US reimbursement codes

# The Key Strategic Elements in the Evolution of Molecular Medicine





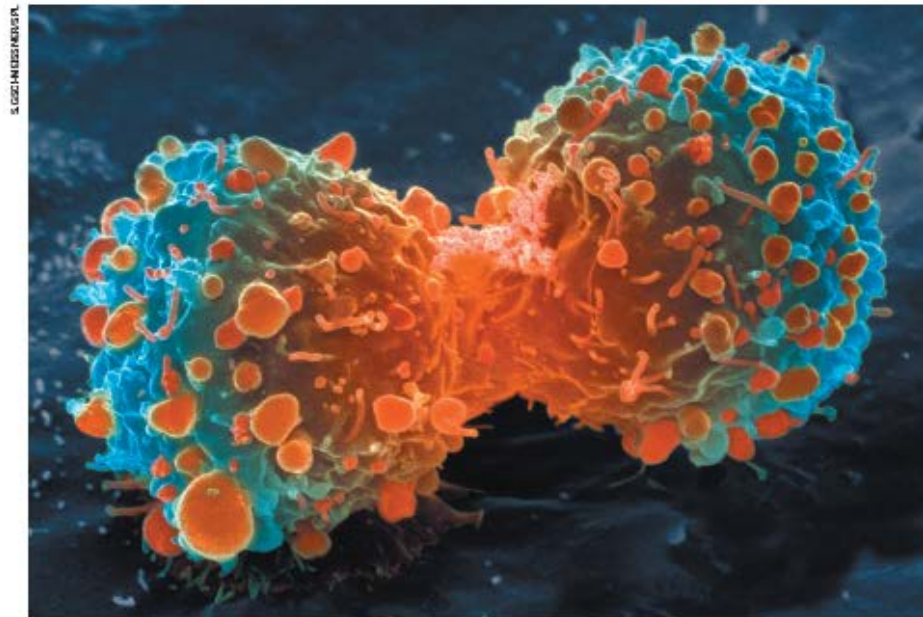
# COMMENT

**AVIAN INFLUENZA** Shift expertise to track mutations where they emerge **p.534**

**EARTH SYSTEMS** Past climates give valuable clues to future warming **p.537**

**HISTORY OF SCIENCE** Descartes' lost letter tracked using Google **p.540**

**OBITUARY** Wylie Vale and an elusive stress hormone **p.542**



Many landmark findings in preclinical oncology research are not reproducible, in part because of inadequate cell lines and animal models.

## Raise standards for preclinical cancer research

C. Glenn Begley and Lee M. Ellis propose how methods, publications and incentives must change if patients are to benefit.

# **Sustainable Health: Societal and Individual**

## **The Complex Path to Proficient, Personalized Healthcare**

- **the potential economic and health benefits from biomarkers for molecular diagnostic profiling transcend any other current category of healthcare innovation**

# **Sustainable Health: Societal and Individual**

## **The Complex Path to Proficient, Personalized Healthcare**

- **realization of this potential will not be straightforward and will require:**
  - **improved technical standards for biomarker R&D**
  - **sophisticated integration of complex multidisciplinary expertise (from silos to systems)**
  - **proactive (inter)national leadership to establish comprehensive resources for biobanks, cyberinfrastructure and HIX data inter-operability**
  - **new clinical trial designs for Rx/MDx combinations**
  - **more frequent updating of SOC guidelines to reflect disease subtypes and patient heterogeneity**

# **Biomarkers, Molecular Diagnostics and Molecular Medicine: Regulatory and Reimbursement Reform as Key Success Determinants**

- **clarity and faster responsiveness of regulatory frameworks to address new MDx technologies**
- **new reimbursement models for next-generation complex MDx tests that reflect R&D risk, cost and value**
- **“Crossing the Three Chasms” (B. Quinn)**
  - **Medicare billing rules**
  - **coding and reimbursement rules**
  - **coverage for innovative technologies**