

# Translating Data into Health:

Clinical Translational Research in the Digital Age

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Turning Research into Health

# The Paradigm Shift: Understanding each Individual Patient's Disease at the Cellular and **Molecular Level**



# Translation Delivered...

1. ...in Obstetrics/Gynecology
2. ...in Gene Transfer and Gene Editing
3. ...in Cancer
4. ...as a Center
5. ...in the Digital Age
6. ...as a Society
7. ...@ BIH/Charité

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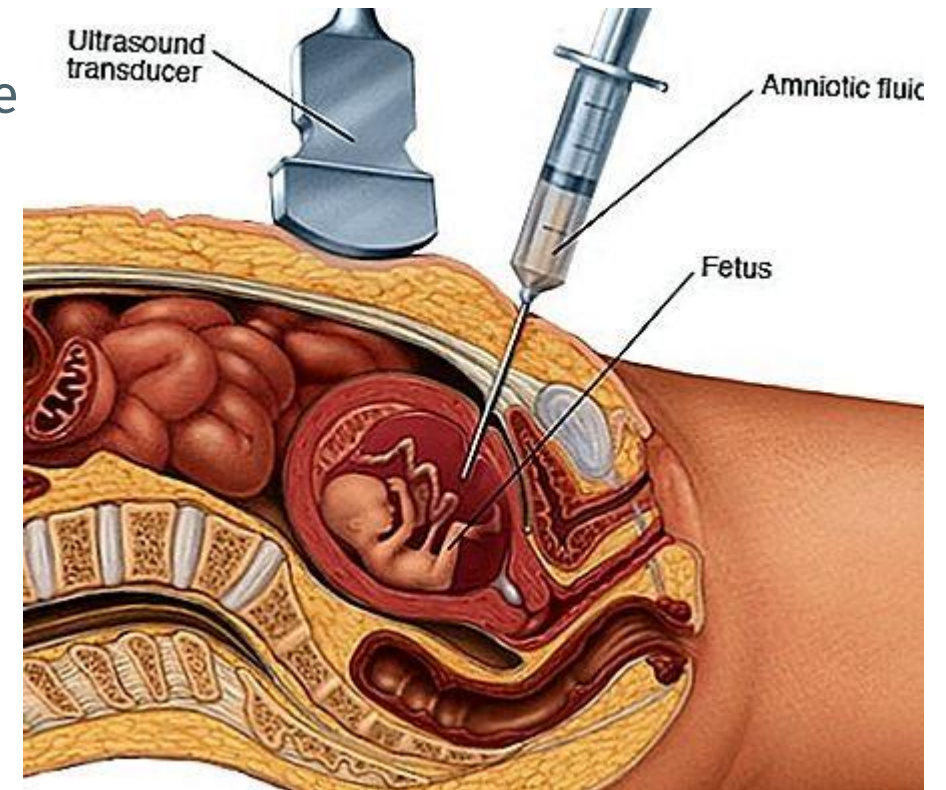
## Translation Delivered...

## ...in Obstetrics/Gynecology



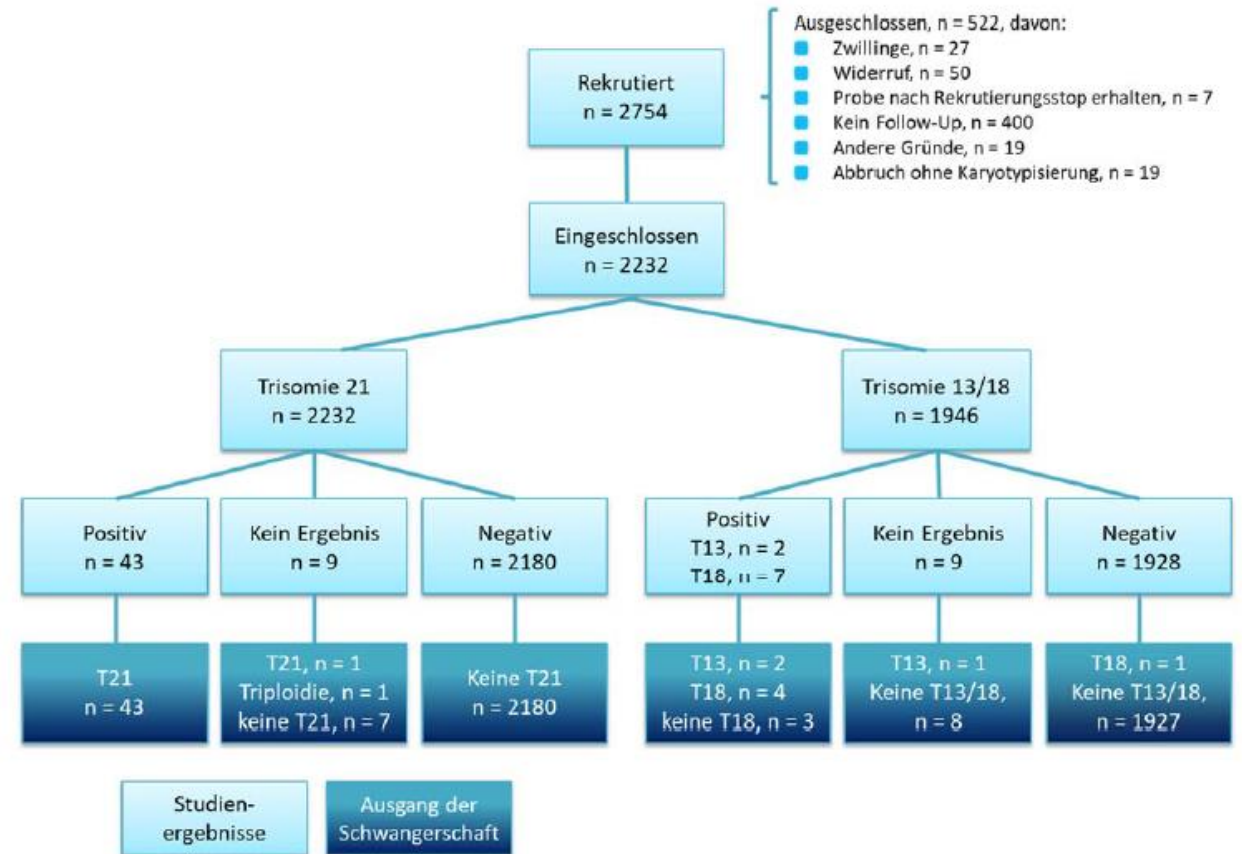
# Problem Amniocentesis

- Complication rate of harvesting a fetal tissue sample with a needle stuck into mother and child kills approximately 1% of pregnancies
- 1% of 60.000 procedures per year is 600



# Non-invasive Prenatal Testing NIPT

- Detecting fetal DNA in the mother's bloodstream is feasible but expensive by high-throughput sequencing to enumerate Chr 21 reads
- Early-to-market approach has allowed undelayed access and bootstrapping of an innovative
- cost-efficient approach by PCR sequencing of differentially methylated alleles



# Mission accomplished

- It can be done!
- Scientists can do/need to do business
- 1% of 175.000 lives is 1.750 lives
- KMU is instrumental
- G-BA needs an overhaul:
  - our application from 2013 will
  - be passed in 2020
- How Germany forces its startups to sell to the foreign competition



*„Bereits seit 2010 entwickelt LifeCodexx klinisch validierte, nicht invasive pränatale Tests. In 2012 wurde der PraenaTest® als Europas erster NIPT im Markt eingeführt. Bisher wurden knapp 175.000 Tests erfolgreich im LifeCodexx-Labor in Konstanz am Bodensee durchgeführt, davon zirka 105.000 von Proben aus Deutschland. LifeCodexx gehört seit Anfang 2018 zu Eurofins Scientific, eine international führende Laborgruppe.“*

# 2.

## Translation Delivered...

## ...in Gene Transfer and Gene Editing

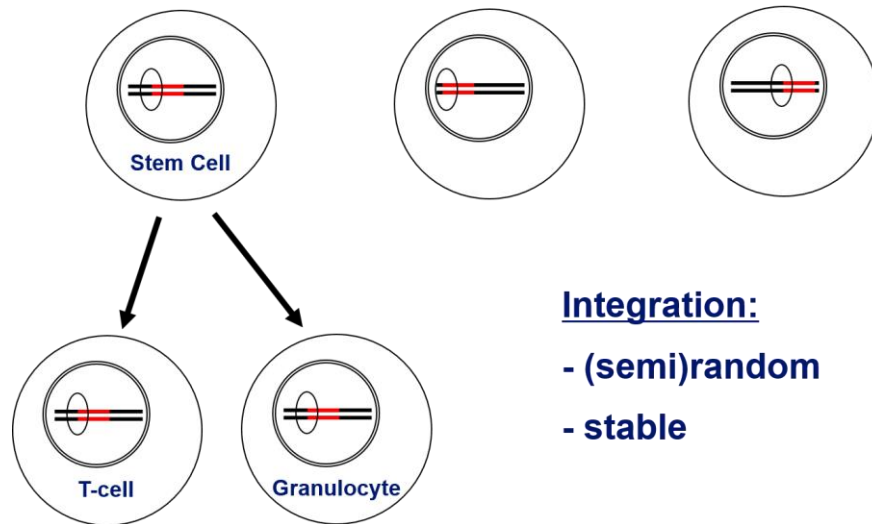
# Opportunity

- Gene therapy and gene editing have come of age
- Rare disease treatment and cancer immunotherapy require innovative approaches at the therapeutic use of genetic information
- Pharmacokinetics and -dynamics of gene transfer and editing are an essential prerequisite of any clinical application

# GeneWerk – Academic History

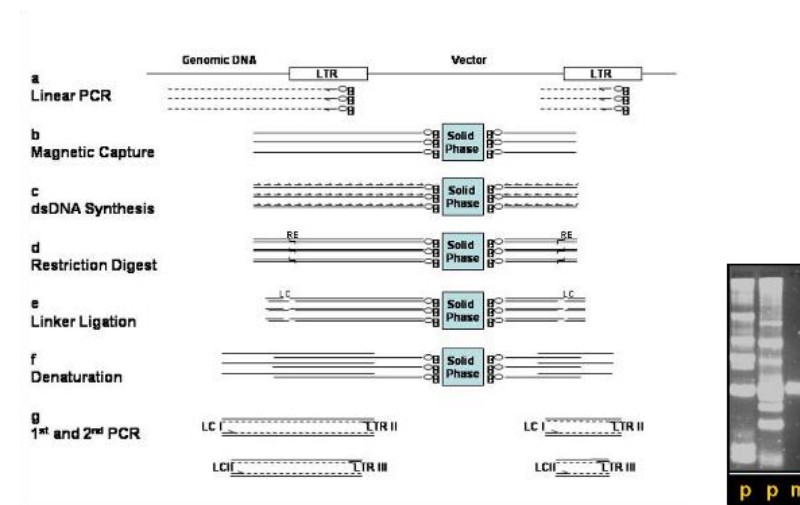
## 1996: Clonality of Hematopoiesis after Autologous Transplantation – Gammaretroviral Vector Gene Marking (CML; University Freiburg)

Clonal Marking by Integrating Vectors  
- Dissect the Clonal Composition in Gene-Modified Hematopoiesis and  
Follow Cellular Fate -



**Integration:**  
- (semi)random  
- stable

Integration Site Analysis by LAM-PCR



Schmidt M, et al, *Nat Methods*. 2007(12):1051-1057



# GeneWerk – Academic History

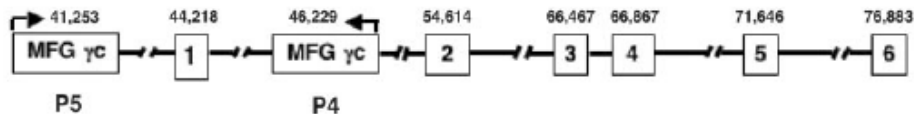
## Gammaretroviral Gene Therapy: Severe Adverse Events

2003

### LMO2-Associated Clonal T Cell Proliferation in Two Patients after Gene Therapy for SCID-X1

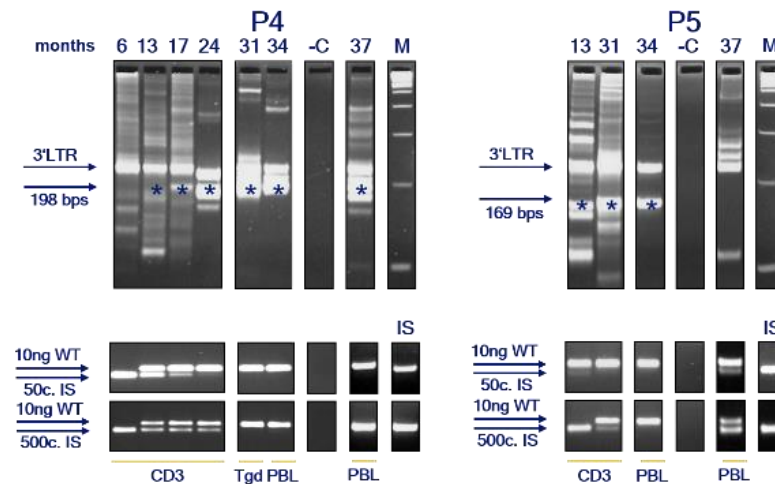
S. Hacein-Bey-Abina,<sup>1,2\*</sup> C. Von Kalle,<sup>6,7,8</sup> M. Schmidt,<sup>6,7</sup> M. P. McCormack,<sup>9</sup> N. Wulffraat,<sup>10</sup> P. Leboulch,<sup>11</sup> A. Lim,<sup>12</sup> C. S. Osborne,<sup>13</sup> R. Pawliuk,<sup>11</sup> E. Morillon,<sup>2</sup> R. Sorensen,<sup>19</sup> A. Forster,<sup>9</sup> P. Fraser,<sup>13</sup> J. I. Cohen,<sup>15</sup> G. de Saint Basile,<sup>1</sup> I. Alexander,<sup>16</sup> U. Wintergerst,<sup>17</sup> T. Frebourg,<sup>18</sup> A. Aurias,<sup>19</sup> D. Stoppa-Lyonnet,<sup>20</sup> S. Romana,<sup>3</sup> I. Radford-Weiss,<sup>3</sup> F. Gross,<sup>2</sup> F. Valensi,<sup>4</sup> E. Delabesse,<sup>4</sup> E. Macintyre,<sup>4</sup> F. Sigaux,<sup>20</sup> J. Soulier,<sup>21</sup> L. E. Leiva,<sup>14</sup> M. Wissler,<sup>6,7</sup> C. Prinz,<sup>6,7</sup> T. H. Rabbitts,<sup>9</sup> F. Le Deist,<sup>1</sup> A. Fischer,<sup>1,5†‡</sup> M. Cavazzana-Calvo<sup>1,2†</sup>

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### LMO2-Activation in Oncoretroviral SCID-X1 Gene Therapy

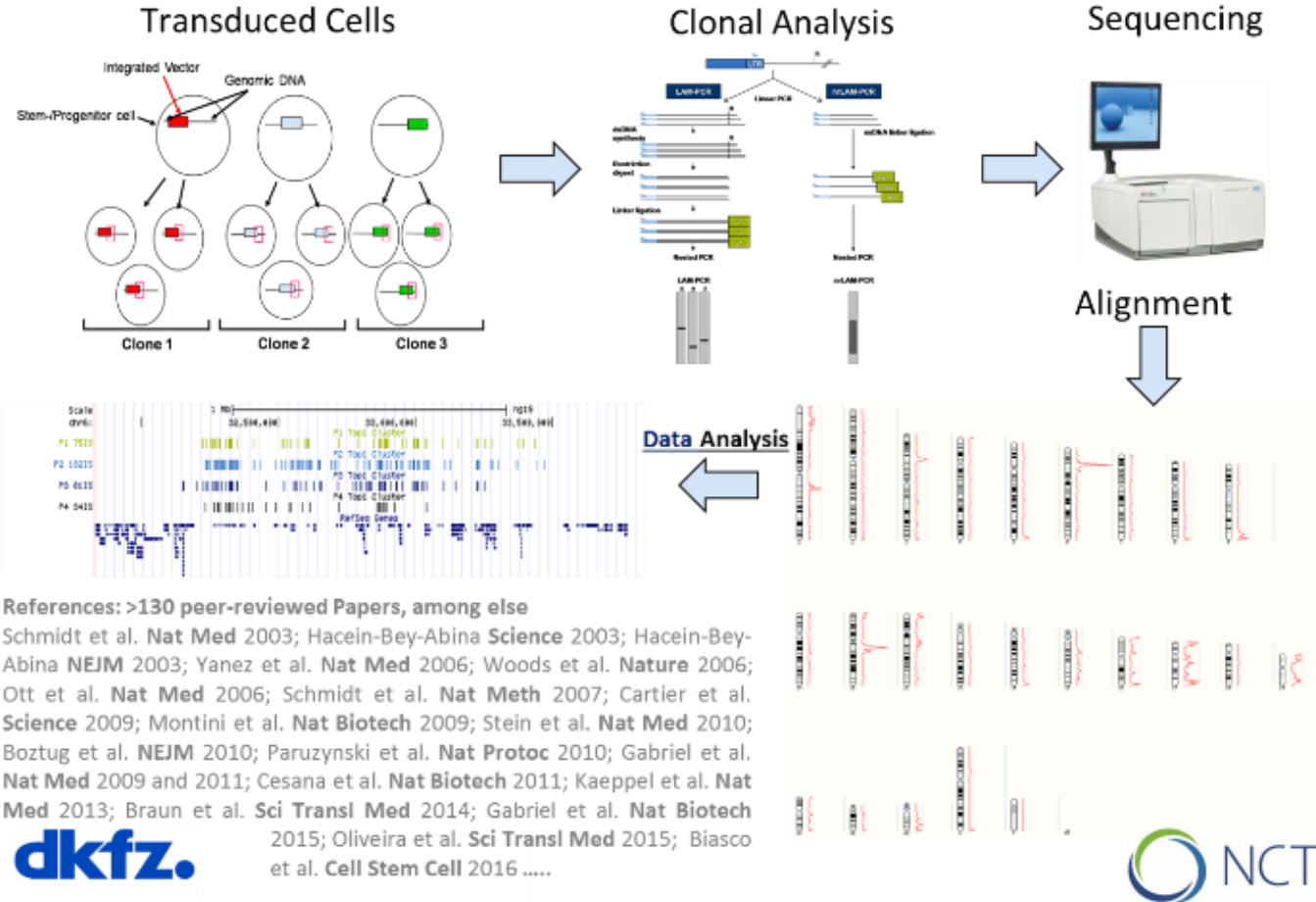
Cavazzana-Calvo et al., 2000: Clinical T-cell function restored



Hacein-Bey-Abina S, et al, *Science*. 2003(5644): 415-419

Leukemia

# Insertional Mutagenesis and Vector Safety Screen



## Milestones:

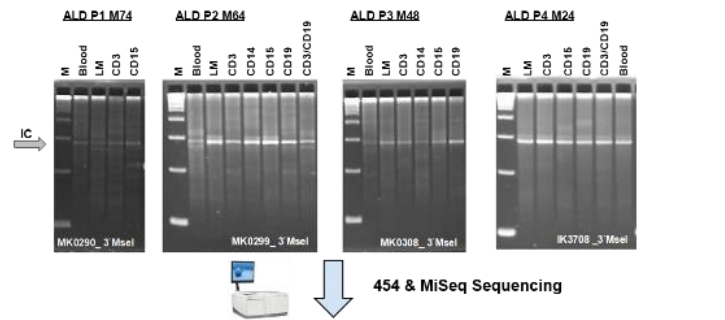
- **First** IS analysis in gRV clinical samples (D Kohn: ADA-SCID)
- Dissection of **first** SAEs in mice and humans (C Baum: MDR; M Cavazzana-Calvo, A Fischer: XSCID)
- **First** IS Analysis in LV clinical samples (A Cartier, P Aubourg: ALD)
- IS analysis in **first** western GT drug product **Glybera** (AAV1, LPLD, uniQure)

# GeneWerk – Academic History

## Lentiviral Vector Gene Therapy: Efficiency and Safety

2009

### Stable Polyclonal Hematopoietic Repopulation in Lentivirus ALD Gene Therapy



	P1 [#]	P1 [%]	P2 [#]	P2 [%]	P3 [#]	P3 [%]	P4 [#]	P4 [%]
Unique exactly mappable IS	6372		17875		9449		5086	
IS in Refseq Genes	4458	69.96	12860	70.94	6625	70.11	3672	72.20

➤ **Safe and Efficient**

Cartier N, et al, *Science*. 2009(5954): 818-823

#### RESEARCH ARTICLE

### Hematopoietic Stem Cell Gene Therapy with a Lentiviral Vector in X-Linked Adrenoleukodystrophy

Nathalie Cartier<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Solima Hassen-Bey-Abina<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Cynthia C. Bartholomew<sup>5</sup>, Fabrice Veres<sup>6</sup>, Manfred Schmidt<sup>7</sup>, Ina Kutschera<sup>8</sup>, Michel Vidaud<sup>9</sup>, Ulrich Abel<sup>10</sup>, Liliane Dal Corno<sup>11</sup>, Laure Cascaletti<sup>12</sup>, Nizar Bahoui<sup>13</sup>, Veronique Kleiner<sup>14</sup>, Denise Mittelstaedt<sup>15</sup>, Céline Besson<sup>16</sup>, Nadia Lathion<sup>17</sup>, Françoise Leteurtre<sup>18</sup>, Stéphanie Blanche<sup>19</sup>, Markit Anjili<sup>20</sup>, Emmanuel Payen<sup>21</sup>, Philippe Leboucq<sup>22,23,24</sup>, Bruno L'Honnig<sup>25</sup>, Pierre Bougnères<sup>26</sup>, Christof Von Kalle<sup>27</sup>, Alain Fischer<sup>28</sup>, Marina Cavazzana-Calvo<sup>29,30</sup>, Patrick Aubourg<sup>31,32</sup>

#### RESEARCH ARTICLE SUMMARY

### Lentiviral Hematopoietic Stem Cell Gene Therapy Benefits Metachromatic Leukodystrophy

Alessandra Biffi<sup>1</sup>, Eugenio Montini<sup>1</sup>, Laura Loriot<sup>1</sup>, Martina Cecani<sup>1</sup>, Francesca Fumagalli<sup>1</sup>, Fritiosa Platt<sup>1</sup>, Cristina Saldini<sup>1</sup>, Sabina Martino<sup>1</sup>, Andrea Calabro<sup>1</sup>, Sabrina Canale<sup>1</sup>, Fabrizio Benedicenti<sup>1</sup>, Giuliana Villani<sup>1</sup>, Luca Bianco<sup>1</sup>, Simone Leo<sup>1</sup>, Moha Kobbara<sup>1</sup>, Gianluigi Zametti<sup>1</sup>, William D. Rizzo<sup>1</sup>, Anilali A. L. Anli<sup>1</sup>, Maria Pia Ciccone<sup>1</sup>, Miriam Castagnoli<sup>1</sup>, Jiao J. Borestein<sup>1</sup>, Ubaldo Del Carlo<sup>1</sup>, David J. Dow<sup>1</sup>, Manfred Schmitt<sup>1</sup>, Andrea Assanelli<sup>1</sup>, Victor Nestivo<sup>1</sup>, Clélia Di Serio<sup>1</sup>, Elia Suppa<sup>1</sup>, Jason Gardner<sup>1</sup>, Christof von Kalle<sup>1</sup>, Claudia Benington<sup>1</sup>, Fabio Ciceri<sup>1</sup>, Attilio Rovelli<sup>1</sup>, Maria Grazia Roncarolo<sup>1</sup>, Alessandro Aiuti<sup>1</sup>, Maria Sessa<sup>1</sup>, Luigi Naldini<sup>1</sup>

#### MEDICINE

### Gene Therapy That Works

Inder M. Verma

The concept of gene therapy is disarmingly simple: Introduce a healthy gene in a patient and its product should alleviate the defect caused by a faulty gene or slow the progression of disease (1). Why, then, over the past three decades, have there been so few clinical successes in treating patients with this approach? A major obstacle has been the delivery of genes to the appropriate cell, tissue, and organ. How does one introduce a gene into the brain with trillions of cells, or the liver with billions of cells, or the rare hematopoietic adult stem cell that has the

potential to populate all lineages of lymphoid and myeloid cells? Much effort has been devoted to finding ways to efficiently deliver a therapeutic gene to the desired cell type, resulting in sustained production of the gene product, ideally through the entire life of the recipient, without unwanted side effects like genotoxicity or unsettling the immune balance (2). On pages 864 and 865 in this issue, Biffi *et al.* (3) and Aiuti *et al.* (4) report encouraging results using lentivirus-mediated gene therapy to treat children with rare genetic defects.

For scientists in the field of gene therapy, good news, tinged with occasional setbacks, has been trickling in over the past decade, starting with the successful clinical

Gene therapy trials show a beneficial effect in children suffering from a neurodegenerative disorder or an immunodeficiency disease.

trials of children with X-linked severe combined immunodeficiency disease (SCID) (5). Currently, more than 1700 clinical trials are under way worldwide, drawing on a wide array of gene therapy approaches for both acquired and inherited diseases (6). The approach involves genetically engineering a virus so that it infects a target cell to deliver a gene, but does not cause disease. Retroviruses (such as lentiviruses) integrate their genetic material, including the new gene, in to the host cell genome. Such transduced host cells are transplanted back into the patient and proliferate with the correct gene, producing healthy cells (see the figure). Biffi *et al.* and Aiuti *et al.* provide new hope to children with metachromatic leu-

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#### LETTERS

### Transfusion independence and HMG2 activation after gene therapy of human $\beta$ -thalassaemia

Marina Cavazzana-Calvo<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Emmanuel Payen<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Olivier Negre<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Gary Wang<sup>5</sup>, Kathleen Hehr<sup>6</sup>, Floriane Fuxi<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Julian Durr<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Maria Deraad<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Troy Brady<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Karen Westerman<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Benny Cavallaro<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Beatrix Gillet-Lagrand<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Laura Caracciolo<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Riccardo Sparga<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Lella Maschio-Crivetti<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Françoise Bernaudin<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Robert Giroc<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Ronald Dorazio<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Geert-Jan Mulder<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Axel Polack<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Arthur Bank<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Jean Soulier<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Jérôme Larghero<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Nabih Kabbara<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Bruno Dall'Aglio<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Bernard Gourmel<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Gérard Sordet<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Stany Chretien<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Nathalie Cartier<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Patrick Aubourg<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Alain Fischer<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Kenneth Cornetta<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Frédéric Galacteros<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Yves Beuzard<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Eliane Gluckman<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Frederick Bushman<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Solima Hassen-Bey-Abina<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, & Philippe Leboucq<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

#### RESEARCH ARTICLE

### Lentiviral Hematopoietic Stem Cell Gene Therapy in Patients with Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome

Alessandro Aiuti<sup>1</sup>, Luca Bianco<sup>1</sup>, Samantha Scaramuzzo<sup>1</sup>, Francesca Ferras<sup>1</sup>, Maria Pia Ciccone<sup>1</sup>, Cristina Baricordi<sup>1</sup>, Francesca Dionisio<sup>1</sup>, Andrea Calabro<sup>1</sup>, Stefania Giannelli<sup>1</sup>, Maria Carolina Costello<sup>1</sup>, Maria Bonvicino<sup>1</sup>, Lorenza Scavaglia<sup>1</sup>, Andrea Assanelli<sup>1</sup>, Miriam Castagnoli<sup>1</sup>, Sara Di Nardo<sup>1</sup>, Luciano Callegaro<sup>1</sup>, Claudia Benati<sup>1</sup>, Paolo Rizzardi<sup>1</sup>, Danilo Pollini<sup>1</sup>, Clélia Di Serio<sup>1</sup>, Manfred Schmitt<sup>1</sup>, Christof von Kalle<sup>1</sup>, Jason Gardner<sup>1</sup>, Fabio Ciceri<sup>1</sup>, Victor Nestivo<sup>1</sup>, Jiao J. Borestein<sup>1</sup>, Dow, Anne Galy<sup>1</sup>, Roberto Mittero<sup>1</sup>, Andrea Hinochti<sup>1</sup>, Ayse Metin<sup>1</sup>, Pinaki P. Banerjee<sup>1</sup>, Jordan S. Orange<sup>1</sup>, Stefania Galimberti<sup>1</sup>, Maria Grazia Valsecchi<sup>1</sup>, Alessandra Biffi<sup>1</sup>, Eugenio Montini<sup>1</sup>, Anne Villa<sup>1</sup>, Fabio Ciceri<sup>1</sup>, Maria Grazia Roncarolo<sup>1</sup>, Luigi Naldini<sup>1</sup>

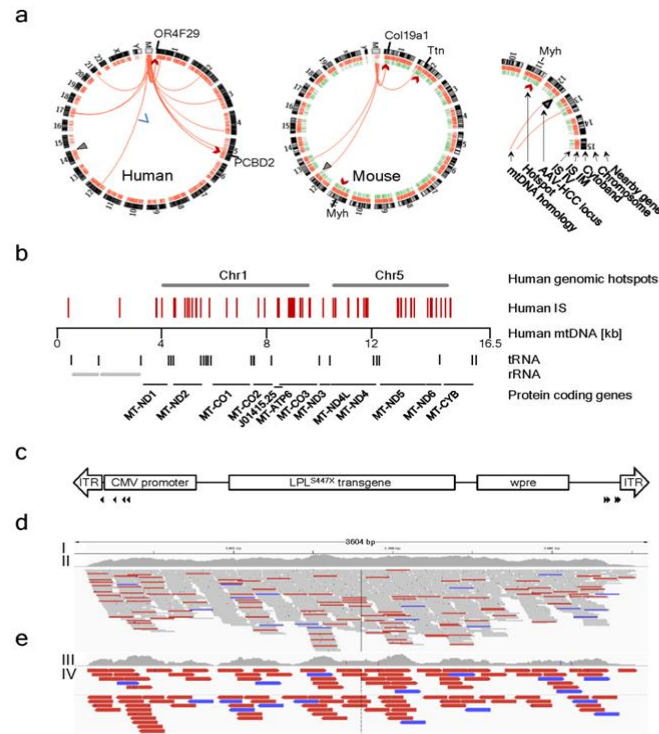


# GeneWerk GmbH – Academic History

## A largely random AAV integration profile after LPLD gene therapy

Kaepffel C, Beattie SG, Fronza R, van Logtenstein R, Salmon F, Schmidt S, Wolf S, Nowrouzi A, Glimm H, von Kalle C, Petry H, Gaudet D, Schmidt M. Nat Med. 2013 Jul;19(7):889-91. doi: 10.1038/nm.3230. Epub 2013 Jun 16.

Figure 1



### ABSTRACT

The clinical application of adeno-associated virus vectors (AAVs) is limited because of concerns about AAV integration-mediated tumorigenicity. We performed integration-site analysis after AAV1-LPL<sup>S447X</sup> intramuscular injection in five lipoprotein lipase-deficient subjects, revealing random nuclear integration and hotspots in mitochondria. We conclude that AAV integration is potentially safe and that vector breakage and integration may occur from each position of the vector genome. Future viral integration-site analyses should include the mitochondrial genome.

**Figure 1** AAV1-LPL<sup>S447X</sup> integration profile and persistence. **a,b**, AAV1-LPL<sup>S447X</sup> integration preference in the mitochondrial (mt) DNA genome after intramuscular (IM) injection; IV, intravenous; IS, exact mappable integration site. **(a)** Circos Plots show the distribution of human and mouse IS on the nuclear and mtDNA genome (mtDNA genome is increased in size). HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma. **(b)** Detailed scheme of integrations within the 16,539 bp circular human mtDNA genome (shown in linear form). Chr, chromosome; MT-, mitochondrial genes. **c–e**, Direct AAV1-LPL<sup>S447X</sup> vector sequencing of enriched mitochondrial (mt) DNA. **(c)** Scheme of the AAV1-LPL<sup>S447X</sup> vector including LAM-PCR and used primer locations (indicated by the black triangles). ITR, inverted terminal repeats; CMV, cytomegalovirus; LPL, human lipoprotein lipase; wpre, woodchuck hepatitis virus post-transcriptional regulatory element. **(d)** Whole sequence reads on vector AAV1-LPL<sup>S447X</sup>. Subpanel I: coverage information (maximum value = 67); subpanel II: mates alignment. Colored bars indicate reads that have a mate on mitochondria (blue bars) or on nuclear DNA (red bars). Gray bars indicate mates that are on the vector. **(e)** Selected sequence reads on vector AAV1-LPL<sup>S447X</sup>. Subpanel III: coverage information (maximum value = 13); subpanel IV: mates that map on mtDNA (blue bars) and on nuclear DNA (red bars). Upper portion of the subpanel shows forward reads, whereas lower portion displays reverse reads.



AAV1-LPL<sup>S447X</sup> ('Glybera') was developed to treat lipoprotein lipase deficiency (LPLD), an autosomal recessive disorder of lipid metabolism. AAV1-LPL<sup>S447X</sup> was approved by the European Medicines Agency as the first gene therapy product in the Western world.



# GeneWerk GmbH – BD & Milestones

- **Bootstrapping**
- **February 2020: 26 FTE**
- **GCP-compliant Quality Management System (QMS) that conforms to all relevant regulatory requirements**
- **Track record of successful on-site audits from clients**
- **Integration site monitoring in > 30 clinical studies**
- **IS studies in Kymriah samples**
- **IS / Vector safety studies as part of Zynteglo filing**
- **IS analysis wetlab validation completed 02/2020**
- **Preparation for building a subsidiary in the USA**

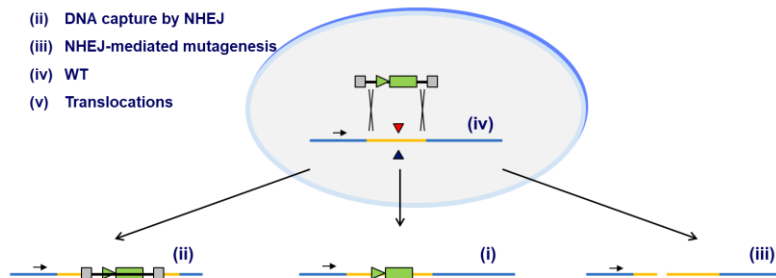


# Product Line 2 – Genome Editing On Off

## Unintended On-target Modification

### On-target modifications

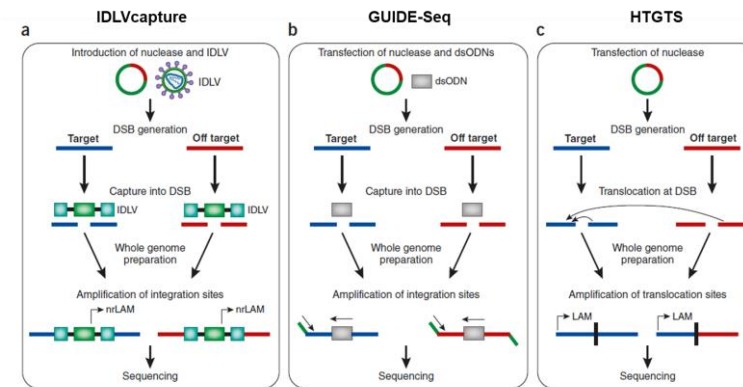
- (i) HDR-mediated gene editing
- (ii) DNA capture by NHEJ
- (iii) NHEJ-mediated mutagenesis
- (iv) WT
- (v) Translocations



S	Donor	HDR	DNACapture	NHEJ	WT	Transloc.
1	-			+	+	+
2	plasmid	+	(+)	+	+	+
3	Virus	+	+	+	+	+

→ creation of unintended genomic changes

## Off-Target Detection Methods



Gabriel et al.  
Nat Biotechnol. 2011

Tsai et al.  
Nat Biotechnol. 2015

Frock et al.  
Nat Biotechnol. 2015

Gabriel et al., Nat Biotechnol. "News & Views" (2015)

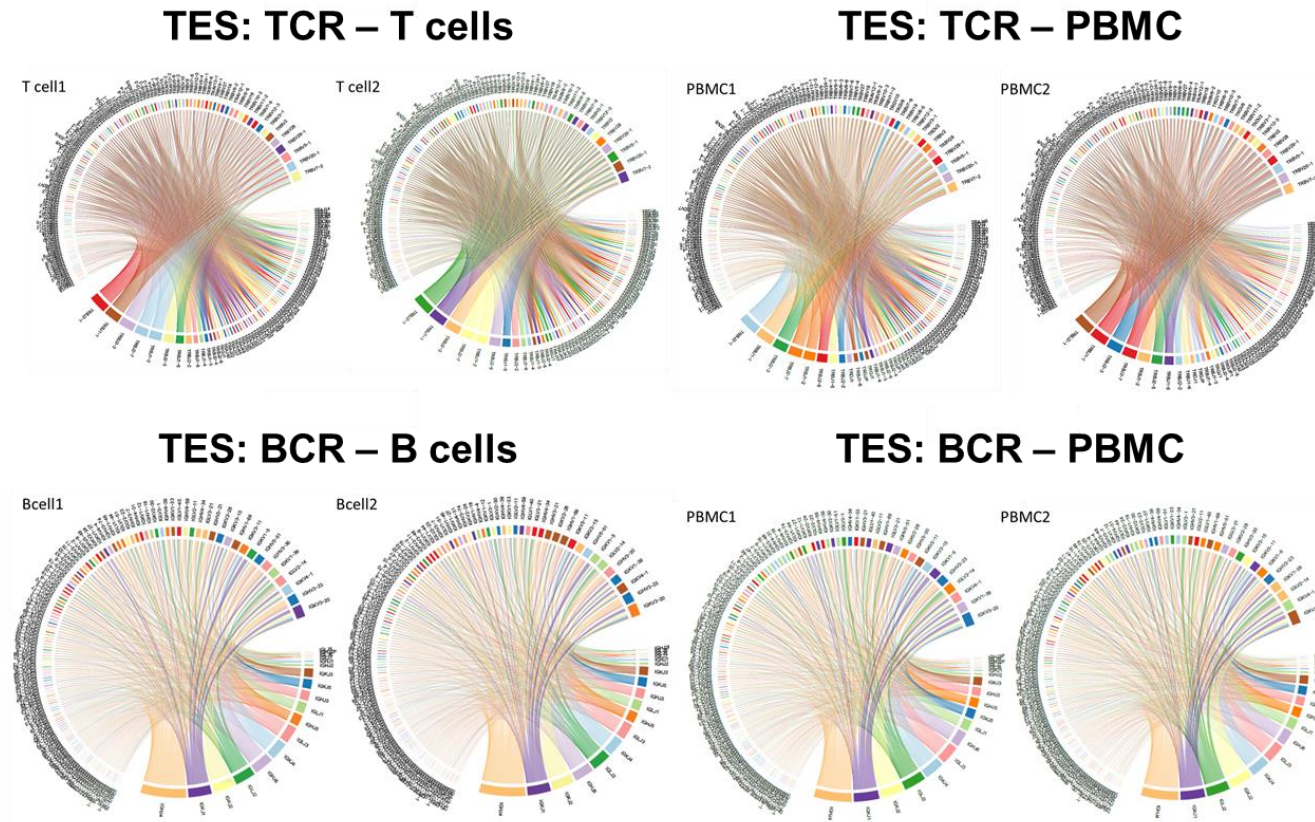
Customized gene editing On and Off target analysis:

- Genome wide Off target sequencing
- In silico Off target prediction
- Bioinformatical Analyses
- **Assessing unintended On- and Off- target modifications**



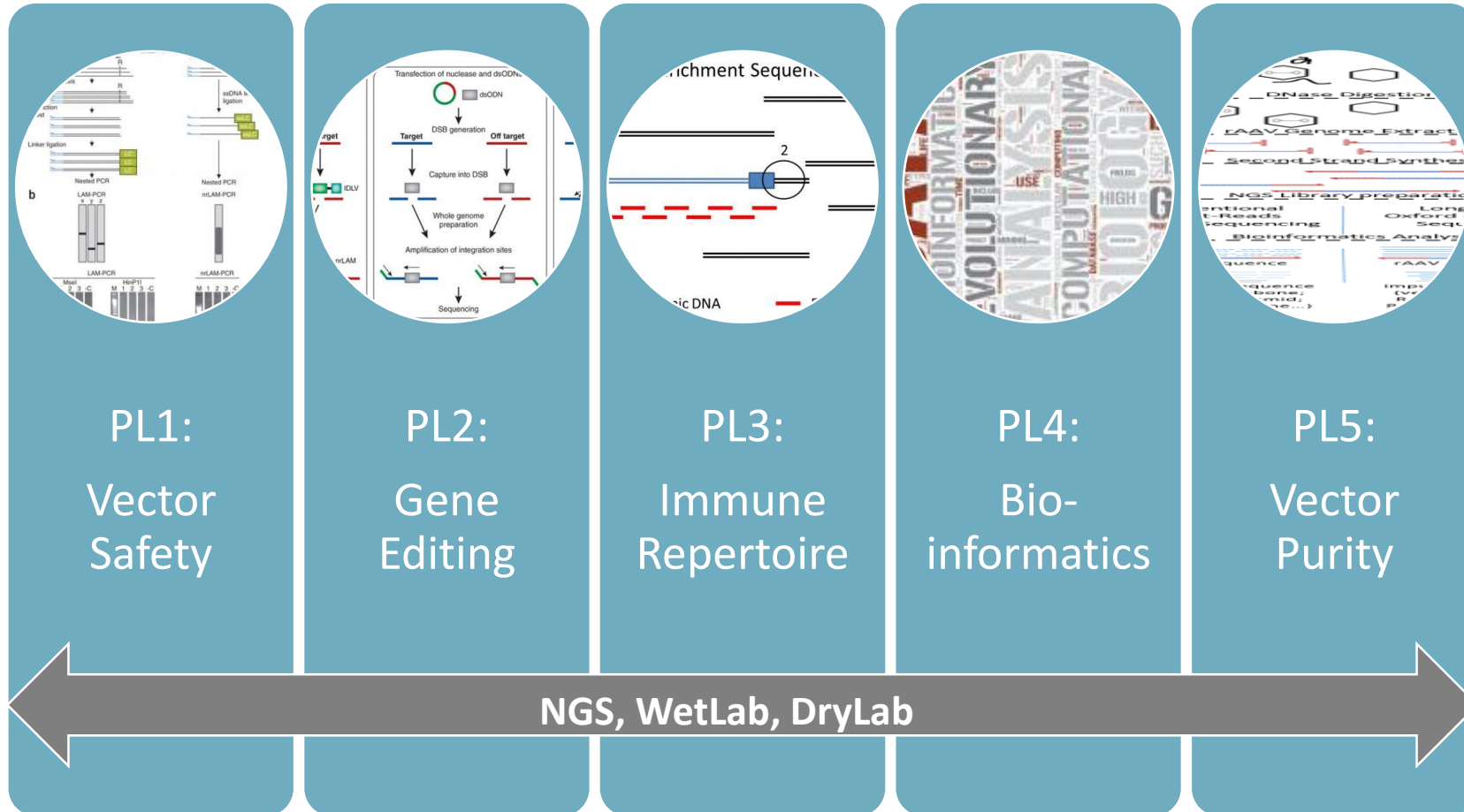
# Product Line 3: Immune Repertoire

## RACE-PCR or TES: T and B CELL RECEPTOR SEQUENCING



1. RNA/cDNA: 30-1000ng, 500k seq reads
2. Simultaneous sequencing of TCR:  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$  and BCR: A, D, E, M, G, L, K

# GeneWerk – Product Lines



# Mission accomplished

- Market access contribution to all major categories of gene therapy
- 90% of business outside of Germany
- 20% to 70% of market coverage
- The university technology transfer concept of the 90s needs an overhaul
- China issue?

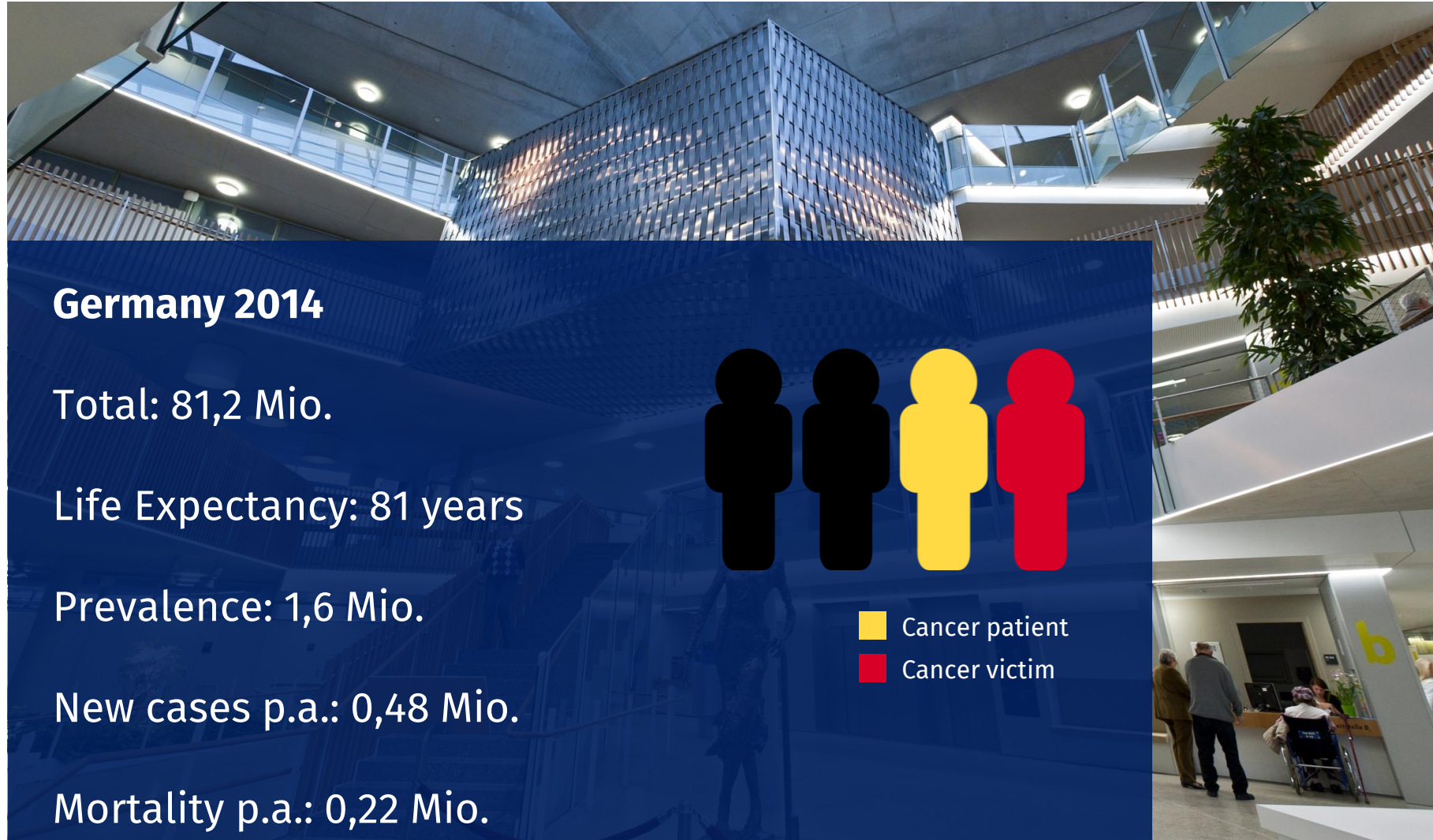
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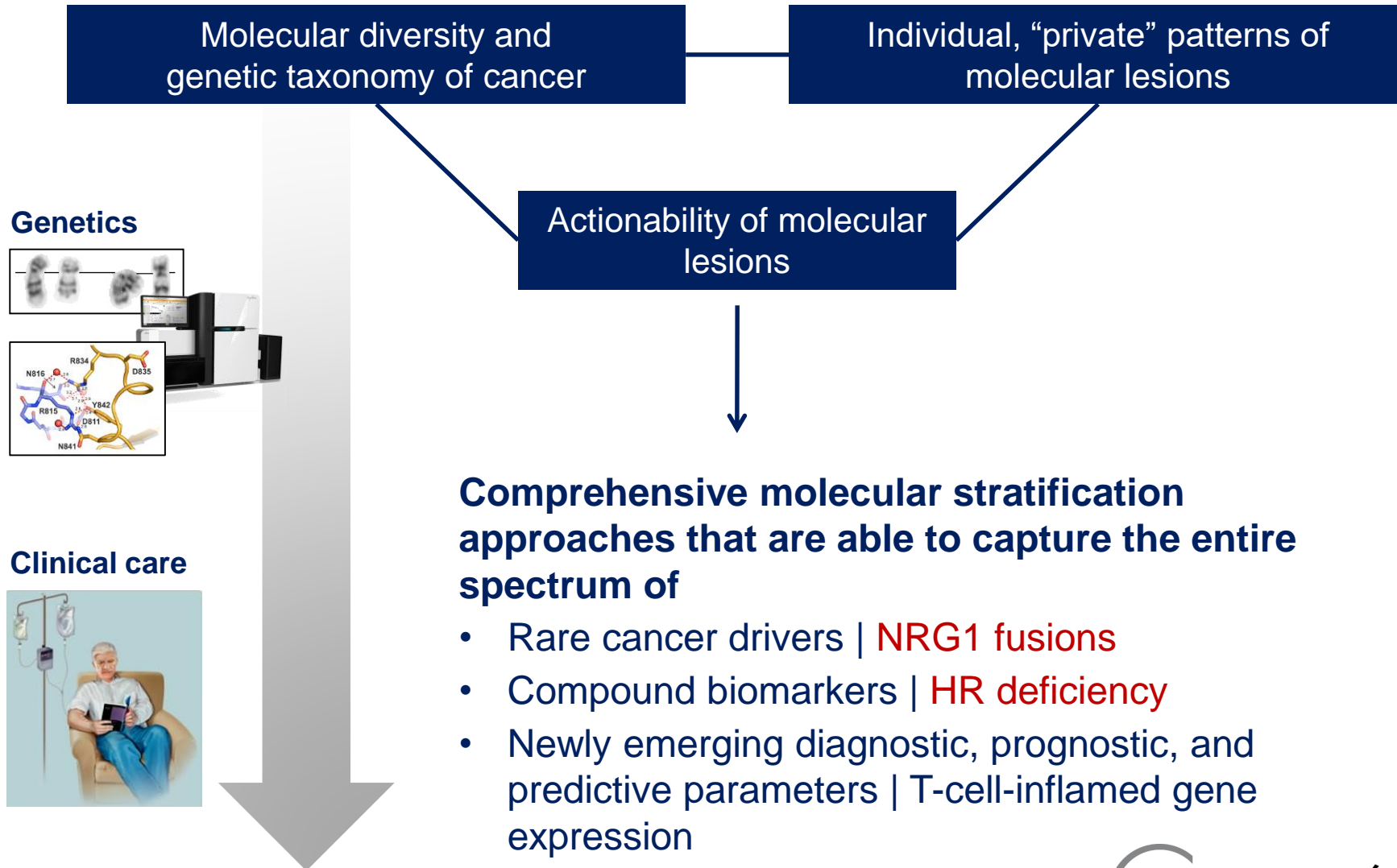
## ...in Cancer



# Every Second Citizen Gets Cancer at Some Point – One in Four of Us Will Die of It



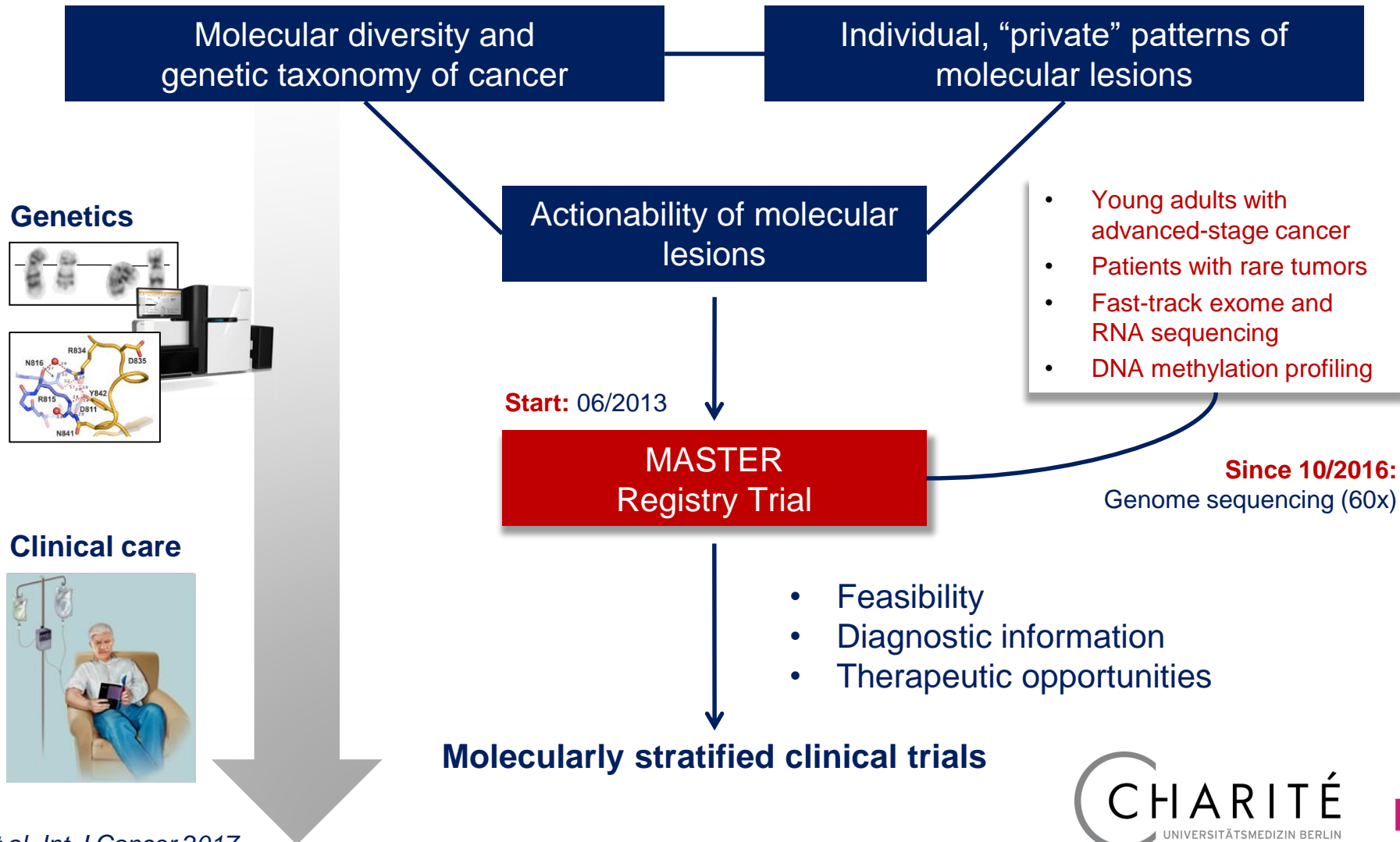
# Shared Interest in Comprehensive Molecular Profiling as Starting Point





# Eligibility and Methods

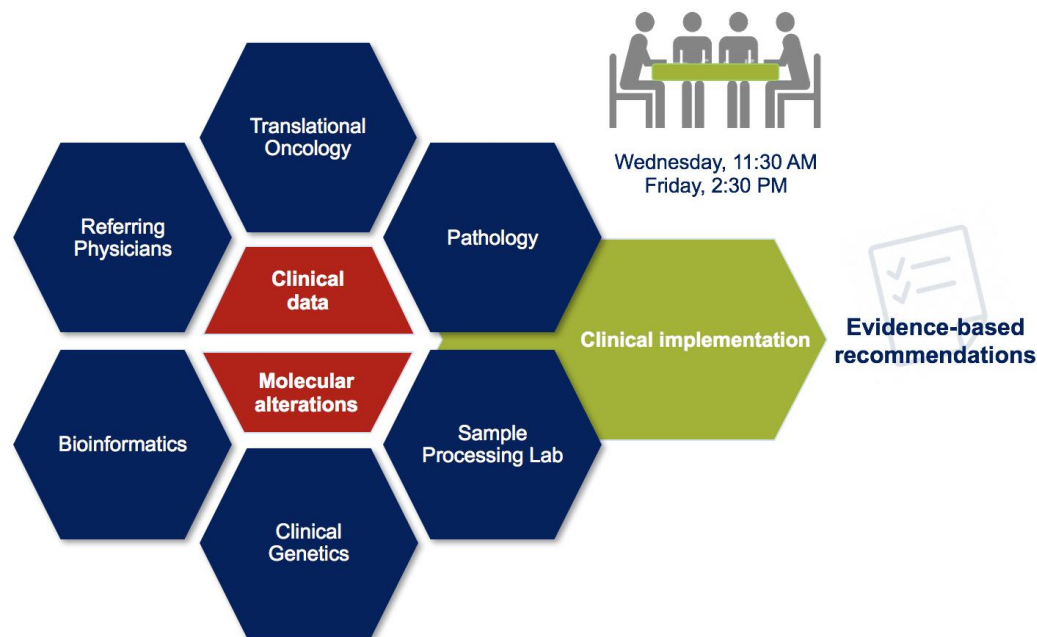
## Molecularly Aided Stratification for Tumor Eradication Research



# Infrastructure and Governance

## Strategic DKTK activity since March 2016

- Ethics approval at all sites
- Shared workflow for sample processing and molecular analysis
- Access to molecular data on all levels
- Joint clinical data repository
- Semiweekly molecular tumor board
- Bimonthly scientific board



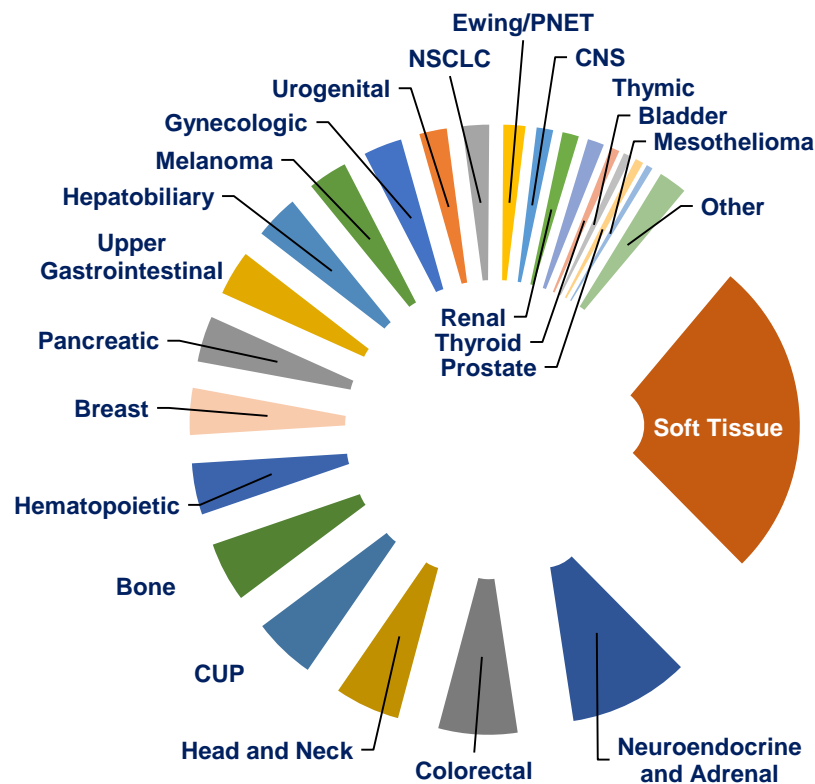
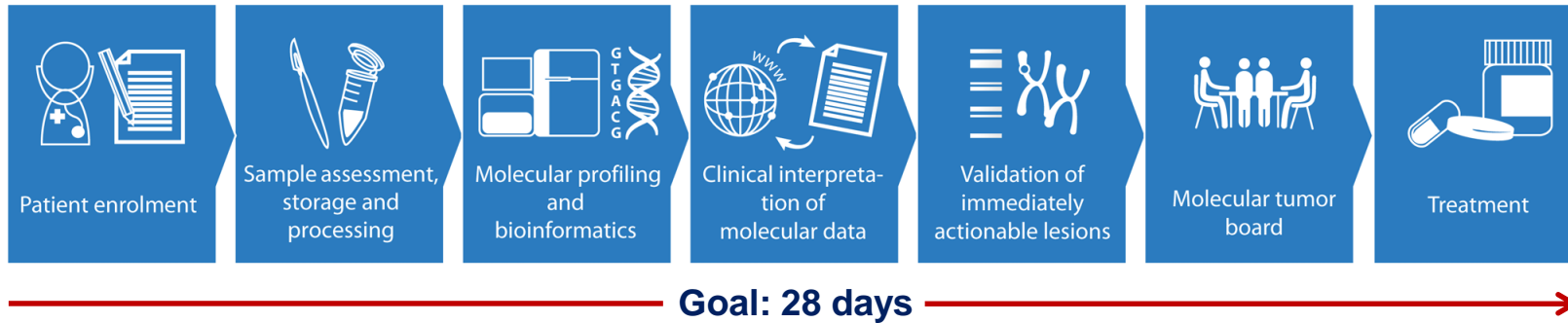
DKTK

German Cancer  
Consortium



BIH Berlin Institute  
of Health  
Charité & MDC

# Workflow and Accrual



**DKTK MASTER**

- PI3K-AKT-mTOR
- RAF-MEK-ERK
- Tyrosine Kinases
- Cell Cycle
- Dev. Pathways
- DNA Damage
- Immune Evasion

Intervention Baskets

**February 2020**

- 1,986 patients
- 99 ICD-10 codes
- 262 ICD-O-3 codes



# Current Results

## Clinical consequences and outcome

1,311 patients enrolled until  
October 2018

- Diagnostic implication
- Actionable germline alteration
- Treatment recommendation
  - Treatment implementation
    - Disease control rate
    - Overall response rate
    - PFS ratio  $\geq 1.3$

Median age, 45 years

Median overall survival, 12 months

Median follow-up duration, 6 months

4%

11%

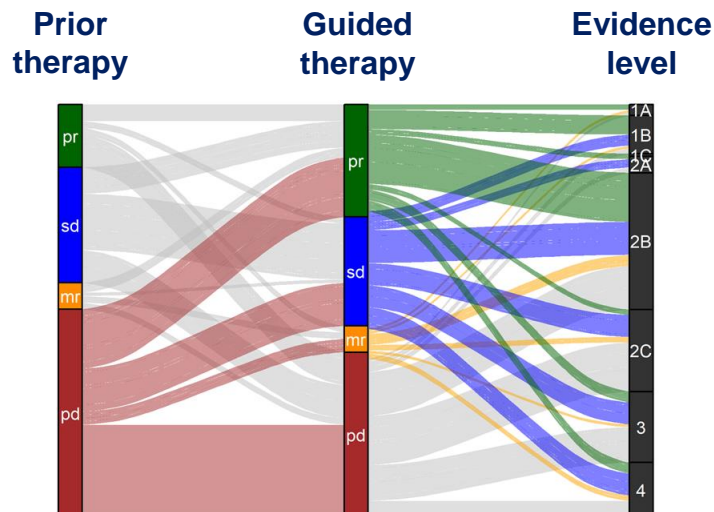
86% | 1,129 patients

31% | Intention to treat, 27%

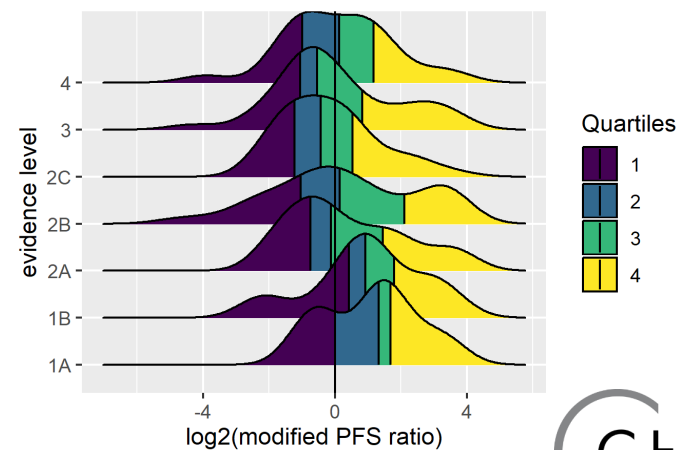
55% | Intention to treat, 15%

25% | Intention to treat, 7%

35% | Intention to treat, 9%



## PFS ratio benefit across evidence levels



# Diagnostic Implications

## Rationale for reevaluation of clinical diagnosis in 57 of 1,311 (4%) of cases

- Soft-tissue sarcoma, n=27
- Carcinoma of unknown primary site, n=19
- Close interaction with DKTK pathology network essential

Diagnosis	Mutation(s)	Differential Diagnosis	Potential Clinical Action
Soft-tissue sarcoma, not otherwise specified	CDK4/MDM2 amplification MYOD1 p.V125L/p.L122R PDGFRA p.D842V COL1A1-PDGFB TPM3-ALK	Liposarcoma Rhabdomyosarcoma GIST DFSP IMFT	CDK4/MDM2 inhibition CWS Guidance Crenolanib*, avapritinib* Imatinib* Crizotinib*
Synovial sarcoma	FUS-CREB3L2	LGFMS	Surgery
Hidradenocarcinoma	SS18-SSX2	Synovial sarcoma	Doxorubicin/ifosfamide
Neuroendocrine carcinoma	EWSR1-WT1	DSRCT	EWING 2008
Carcinoma of unknown primary site	RP3-388E23.2-NFIB FGFR2-WAC IDH1 p.R132H EWSR1-WT1 NUTM1-NSD3	ACC CCC CCC DSRCT NUT midline carcinoma	Vorinostat* FGFR inhibitor IDH1 inhibitor EWING 2008 BET inhibitor
Thymic carcinoma	NUTM1-BRD3	NUT midline carcinoma	BET inhibitor
Urothelial carcinoma	NUTM1-BRD4	NUT midline carcinoma	BET inhibitor

\* Not approved for this indication in Germany

## Clinical evaluation of rare germline variants in 180 tumor predisposition genes

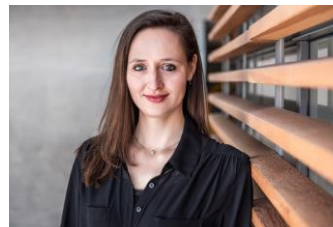
- Pathogenic variants (ACMG Class 5) in 60 tumor predisposition genes (*BRCA1/2*, *PALB2*, *ATM*, *NF1*, *MEN1*, *RB1*, *APC*, *SDHB*, *PTEN*, *CDH1*, *MSH2*, etc.) in 11% of cases
- Carrier status for autosomal recessive disorders (Fanconi anemia, Bloom syndrome, xeroderma pigmentosum, etc.) in 4% of cases
- Implications for patients and family members (genetic counseling, predictive diagnostics, surveillance, prevention)
- Entry points for targeted therapies in individual patients (e.g. PARP inhibition in patients with pathogenic *BRCA1/2* or *PALB2* mutations)



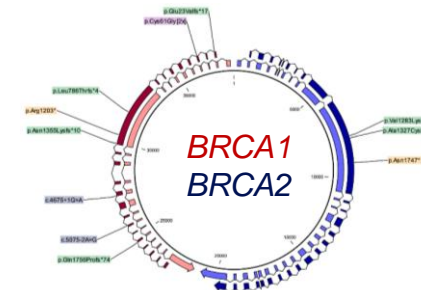
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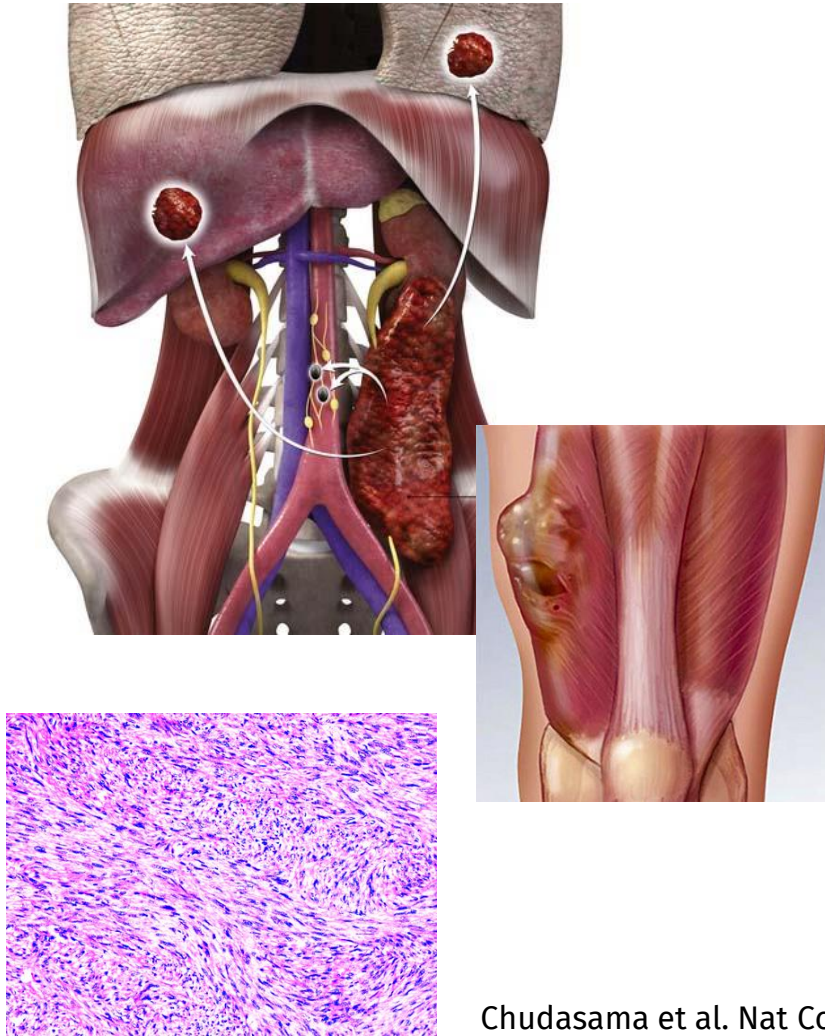


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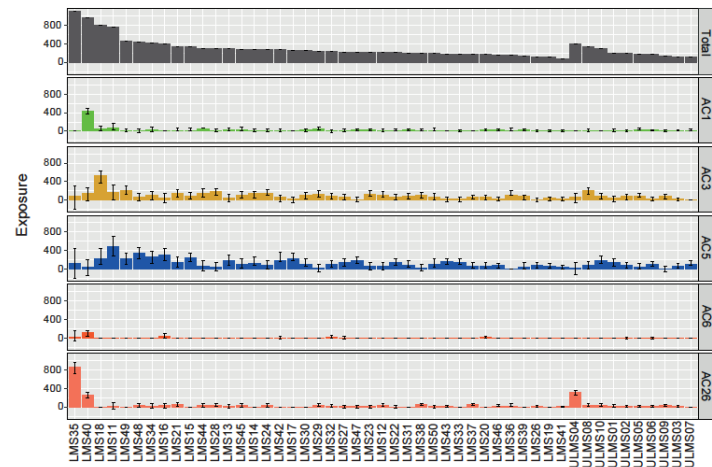
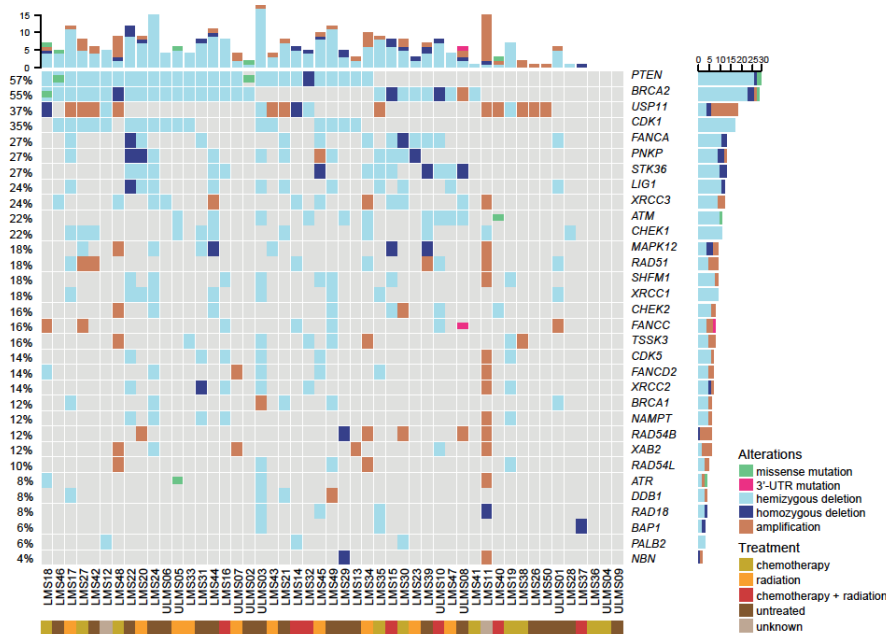
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Extrauterine und uterine Tumore

Gesamtexom- und RNA- Sequenzierung

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- Gesamtgenom-Duplikation (51%)
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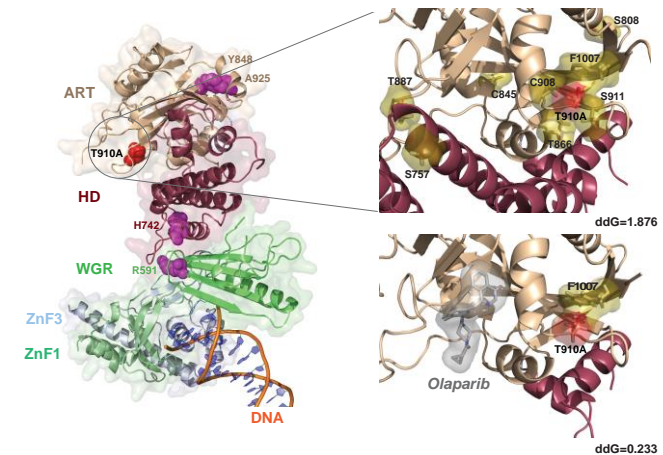
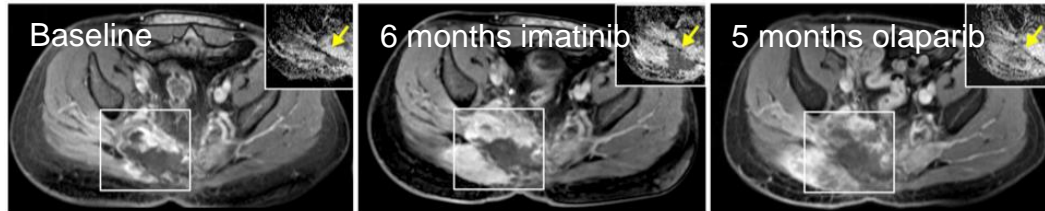
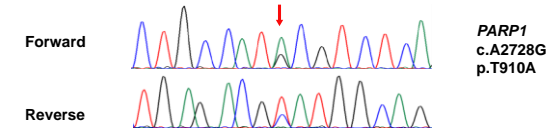
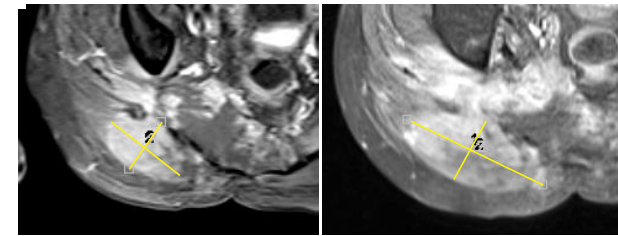
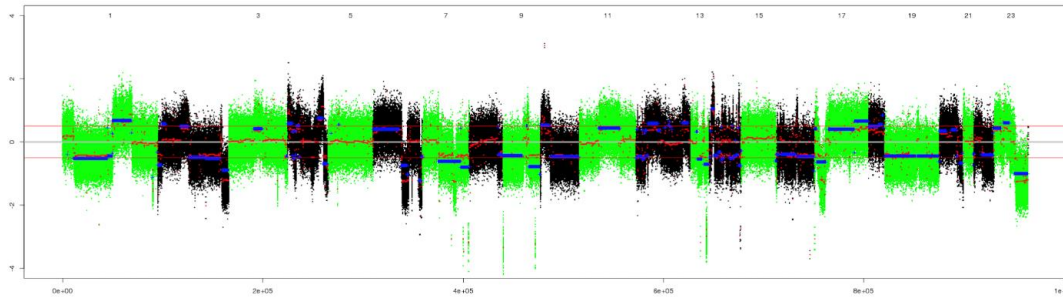
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# Homologous Recombination Deficiency

Clinical Trial  
NCT PMO-1603



**Defective homologous recombination (HR) in >90% of advanced leiomyosarcoma or chordoma**

- Alteration of individual HR genes, genomic instability, Alexandrov-COSMIC mutational signature 3

**Successful PARP inhibitor treatment of a patient with HR-deficient chordoma**

- Partial response lasting 10 months

**Newly acquired PARP1 p.T910A variant underlying secondary PARP inhibitor resistance**

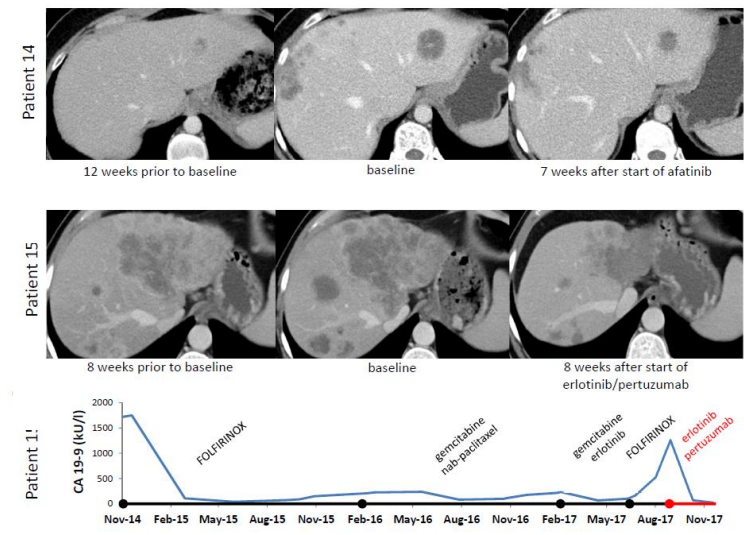
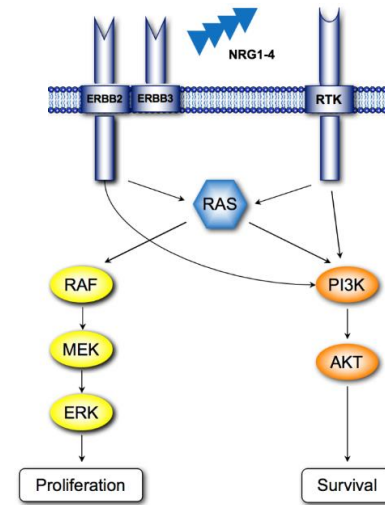
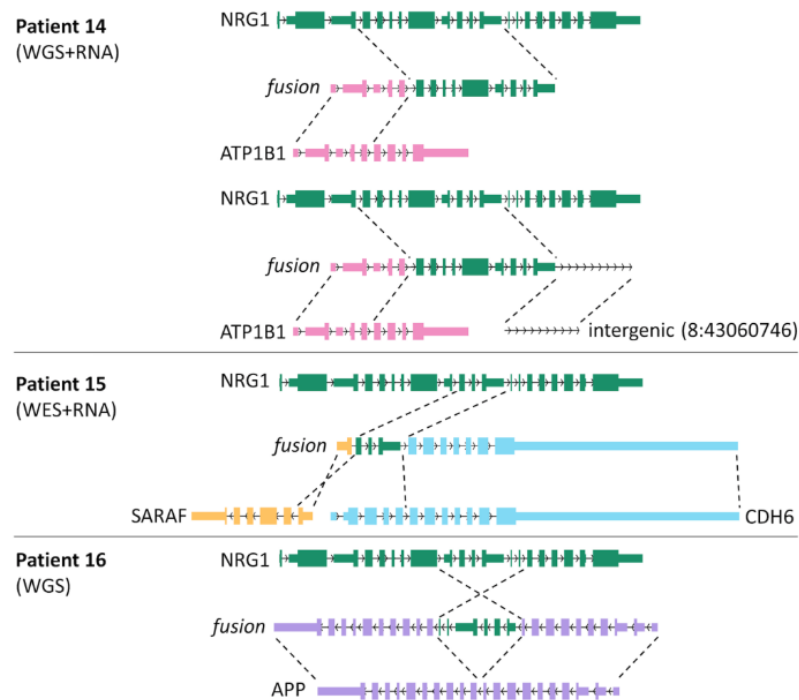
*Chudasama, Mughal et al. Nat Commun 2018*  
*Gröschel, Hübschmann et al. Nat Commun 2019*

BRCAness

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# NRG1 Fusions in Pancreatic Cancer



**NRG1 fusion and wildtype KRAS in 3 of 17 patients with pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC)**

- EGF-like domain retained in all cases
- Transforming activity in vitro and in vivo

**Successful ERBB-directed treatment of patients with NRG1-rearranged PDAC**

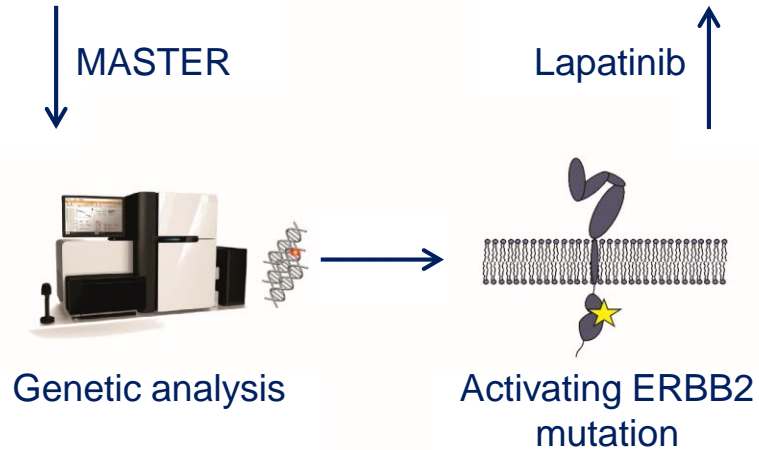
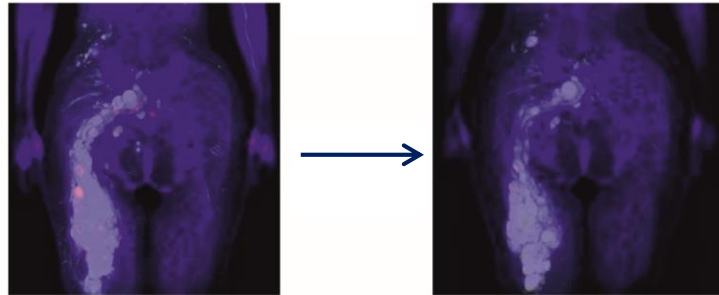
- Afatinib | Erlotinib/pertuzumab

**KRAS testing in all patients with advanced PDAC**  
*Heining, Horak, Uhrig et al. Cancer Discov 2018*



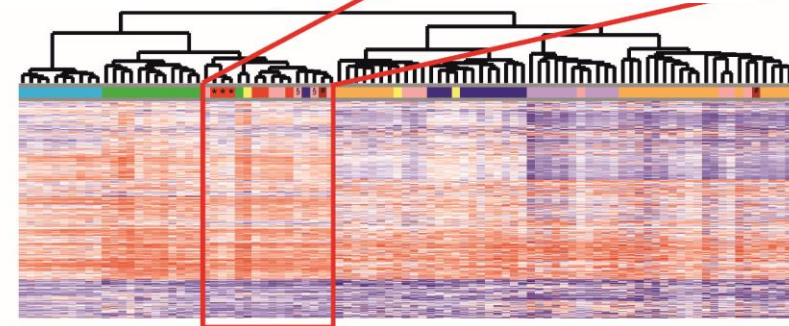
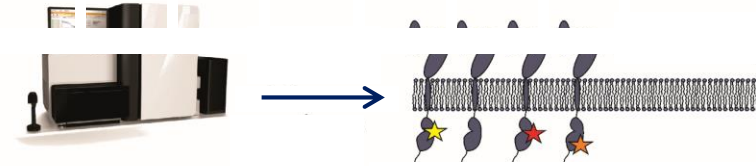
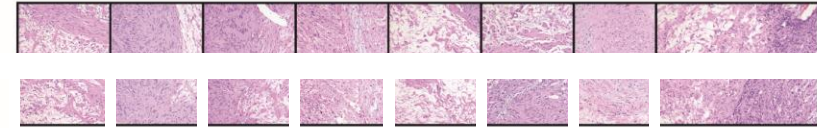
# Mutant ERBB2 in Neurofibroma/Schwannoma Hybrid Nerve Sheath Tumors

Index patient



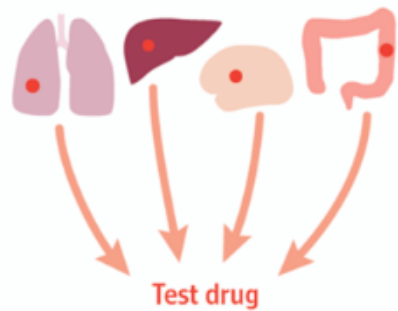
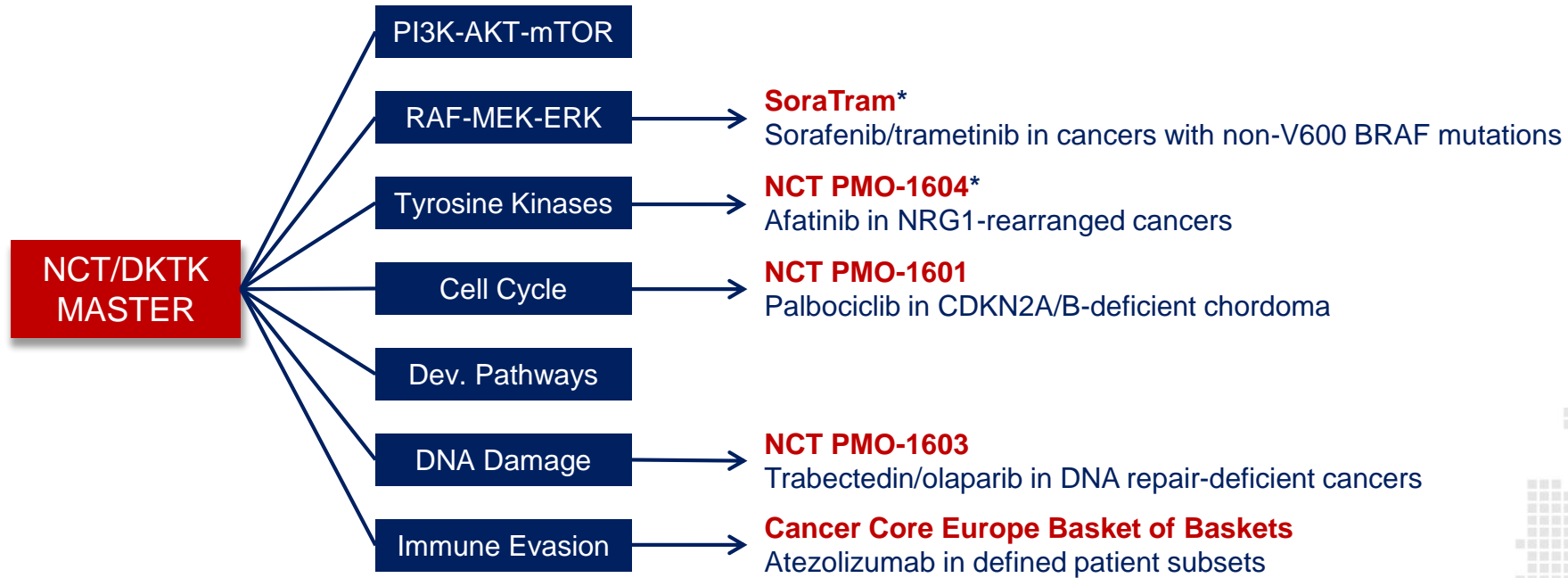
- Lasting (51+ months) response to lapatinib
- ERBB2 mutations only seen in the context of sporadic schwannomatosis (4 of 8 patients)

Validation cohort (18 tumors)



DNA methylation cluster with ERBB2-mutant tumors

# Stratified Clinical Trials



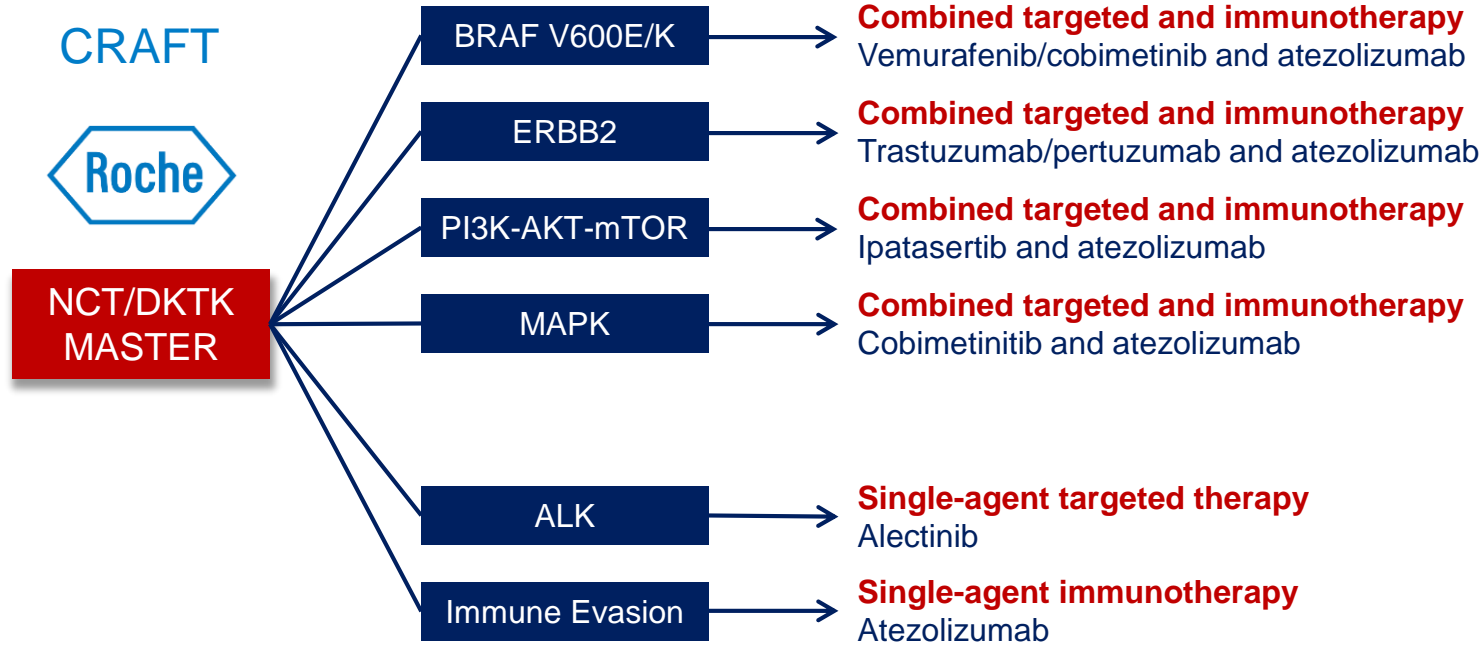
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# Stratified Clinical Trials



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## Trial Level

- Safety surveillance
- Protocol and quality management
- Response evaluation
- Repeat and liquid biopsies



# Scientific Output and Next Steps

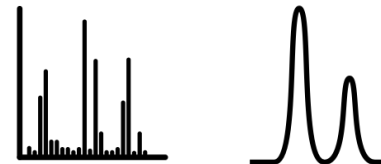
## Translational Research

- >25 multi-institutional projects
  - All partner sites
  - In part supported by DTKK Joint Funding
    - ImmuNeo MASTER\*
    - MARRIAGE\*
  - First patient-partnered research project
    - El PazoS
  - Modified PFS ratio as novel clinical endpoint
- >25 peer-reviewed publications



## Additional layers of patient characterization

- DNA methylation profiling
- Proteomics (INFORM/MASTER-PRO)\*
- Multiparameter imaging and radiomics
- Ex vivo drug sensitivity profiling



## Treatment modalities beyond medical oncology

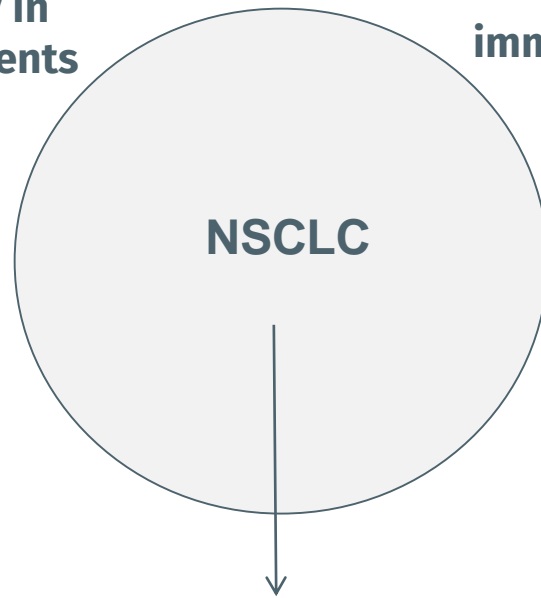
- Radiotherapy
  - MASTER-iRM



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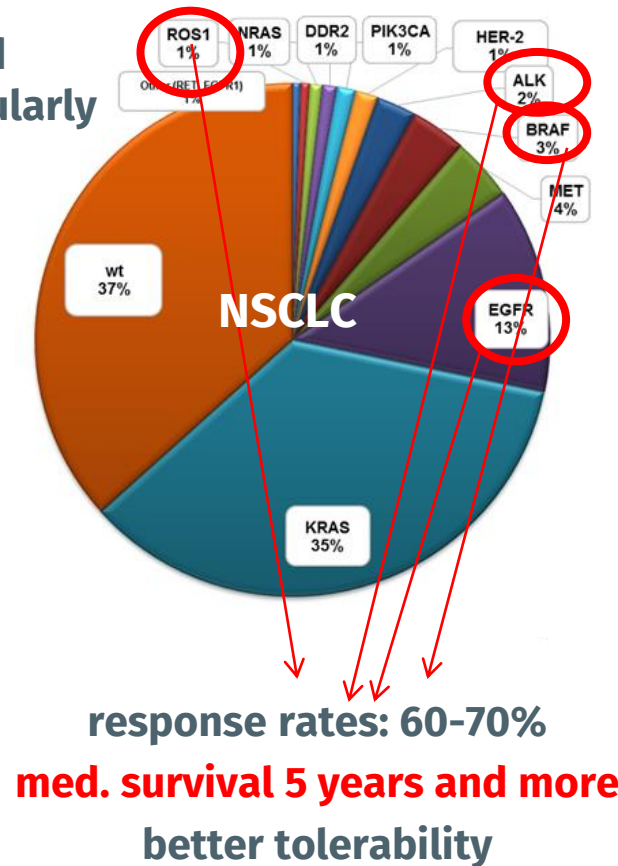
# Systemic Cancer Therapy Turns into Personalized Therapy: NSCLC as Example

10 years ago:  
chemotherapy in  
unselected patients



response rate: 20-30%  
med. survival: 1 year

today:  
targeted therapy (and  
immunotherapy) in molecularly  
selected subgroups



# Molecular test rates are not acceptable in Germany

Nicht-Plattenepithel-Karzinom	HJ1 2016 (n=157)	HJ2 2016 (n=249)	HJ1 2017 (n=309)	HJ2 2017 (n=492)	HJ1 2018 (n=525)	Gesamt (n=1732)
<b>Auf DrLTs getestet bei Erstlinie</b>						
Yes	141 (89.8%)	232 (93.2%)	290 (93.9%)	464 (94.3%)	504 (96.0%)	1631 (94.2%)
<b>DrLTs tested at 1<sup>st</sup>-line</b>						
EGFR	117 (74.5%)	197 (79.1%)	233 (75.4%)	372 (75.6%)	396 (75.4%)	1315 (75.9%)
ROS-1	84 (53.5%)	141 (56.6%)	190 (61.5%)	333 (67.7%)	338 (64.4%)	1086 (62.7%)
PD-L1	31 (19.7%)	70 (28.1%)	162 (52.4%)	349 (70.9%)	391 (74.5%)	1003 (57.9%)
ALK	115 (73.2%)	183 (73.5%)	226 (73.1%)	369 (75.0%)	386 (73.5%)	1279 (73.8%)
BRAF	47 (29.9%)	74 (29.7%)	115 (37.2%)	258 (52.4%)	283 (53.9%)	777 (44.9%)

F Griesinger, AIO Herbstkongress 2018

# A National Network Genomic Medicine Against Lung Cancer (nNGM)

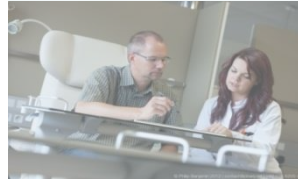


nNGM

Nationales Netzwerk  
Genomische Medizin  
Lungenkrebs

- Countrywide implementation
- Access for all patients
- Collaboration on determining best results
- Quality control
- Real-world outcome as a tool for reimbursement

Krankenhäuser und  
onkologische  
Facharztpraxen  
Pathologen vor Ort



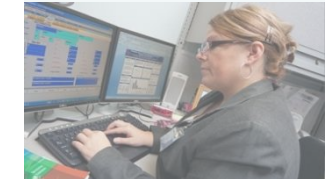
Pathologien der  
Spitzenzentren



Expertengremien in  
den CCCs



Datenbanken



**Patientenrekrutierung**  
**Probenentnahme**  
**Pathologische Diagnose**  
**Lungenkrebs**

**Umfassendes  
Genotyping**  
**Next Generation  
Sequencing**

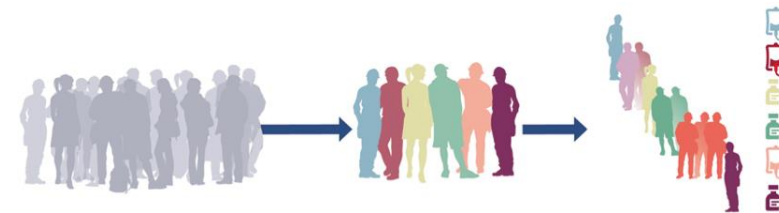
**Individualisierte  
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Empfehlung**  
**Zuordnung zu  
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**Dokumentation**  
**Epidemiologie**  
**Evaluation**

# The Precision Medicine Paradigm Delivered

## Molecular profiling based on whole-exome/genome and RNA sequencing in a multi-institutional clinical setting

- ✓ Is feasible
- ✓ Complements and advances routine molecular diagnostics
- ✓ Creates therapeutic opportunities
- ✓ Is particularly useful for detecting rare, complex, and newly emerging cancer drivers
- ✓ Needs to be evaluated within controlled clinical trials of genomics-guided therapies
- ✓ Is being integrated with additional layers of patient characterization
  - Proteomics
  - Epigenomics
  - Immune profiling
  - Functional profiling
  - Multiparameter imaging
- ✓ Will be extended to additional treatment modalities
  - Radiotherapy
  - Surgery





# 4.

## Translation Delivered...

## ...as a Center

# NCT 1.0 – Principles & Practice



UniversitätsKlinikum Heidelberg



All Clinical  
Departments  
with Oncological  
Activities

EVERY PATIENT



All Translational  
Cancer Research  
Groups

EVERY TRIAL



CREATING INTERDISCIPLINARITY

# NCT 2.0 – New Building & Structures



**IDENTITY & VISIBILITY**



# NCT 3.0 – The Next Level



**SCIENTIFIC &  
CLINICAL EXCELLENCE**

# NCT – Translation Delivered

- Internationally recognized profile areas and programs
- Comprehensive NCT core services & counselling and information services
- > 8.200 newly diagnosed and treated cancer patients
- >16.300 treated cancer patients
- > 6.700 second opinion
- Specialized interdisciplinary clinics, > 30 tumor boards & > 50 SOPs
- Overall research funding > 100 Mio. (2014-2016)
- > 580 clinical trials (2014-2016)
- More than 64% of all treated patients enrolled in clinical trials



# NCT Extension Funding and Budget Beyond Certified CC

Extension funding for NCT (BMBF)



Building extension (federal state)



Budget beyond certified CC (local funding)





# Next Step: NCT Annex

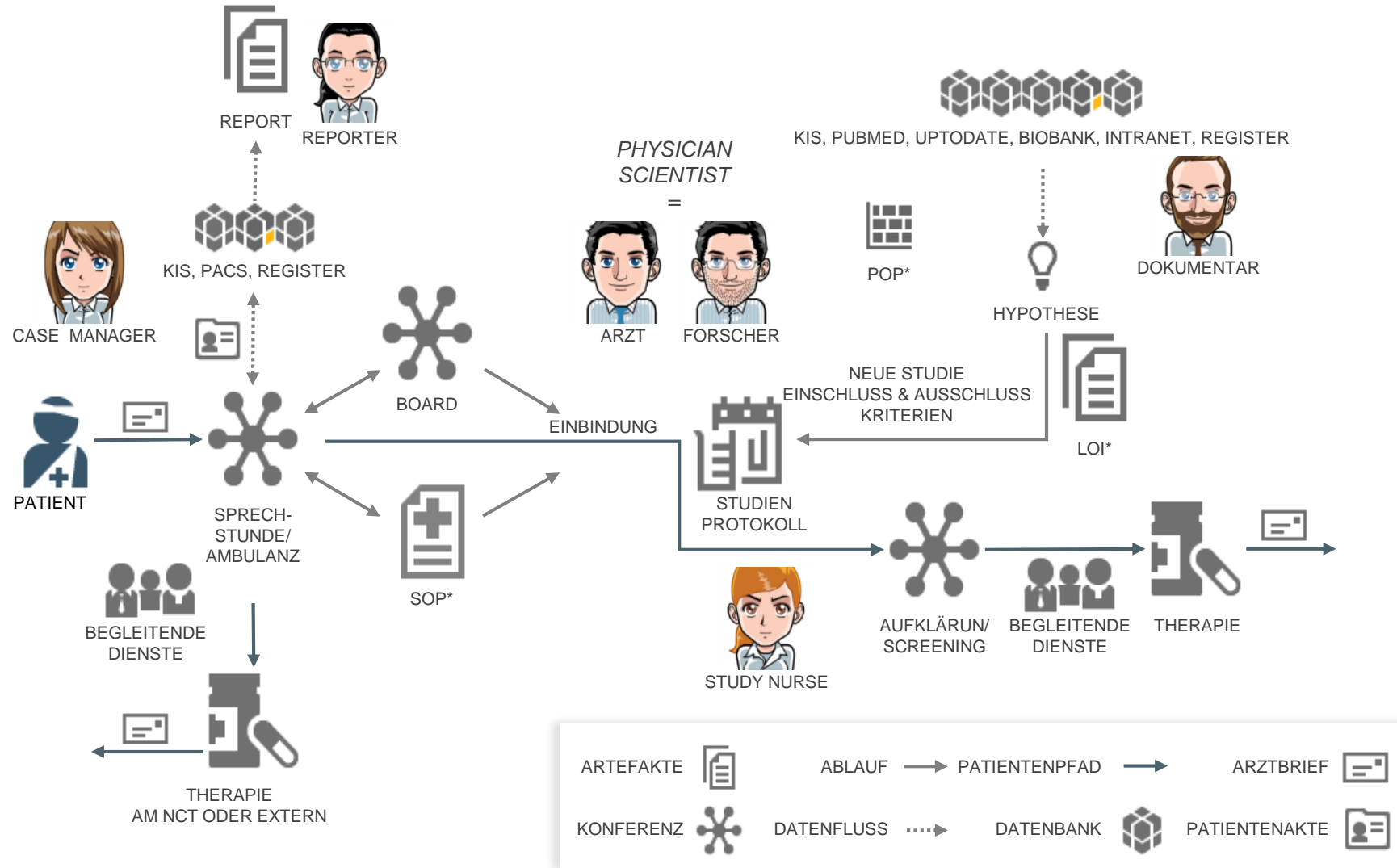


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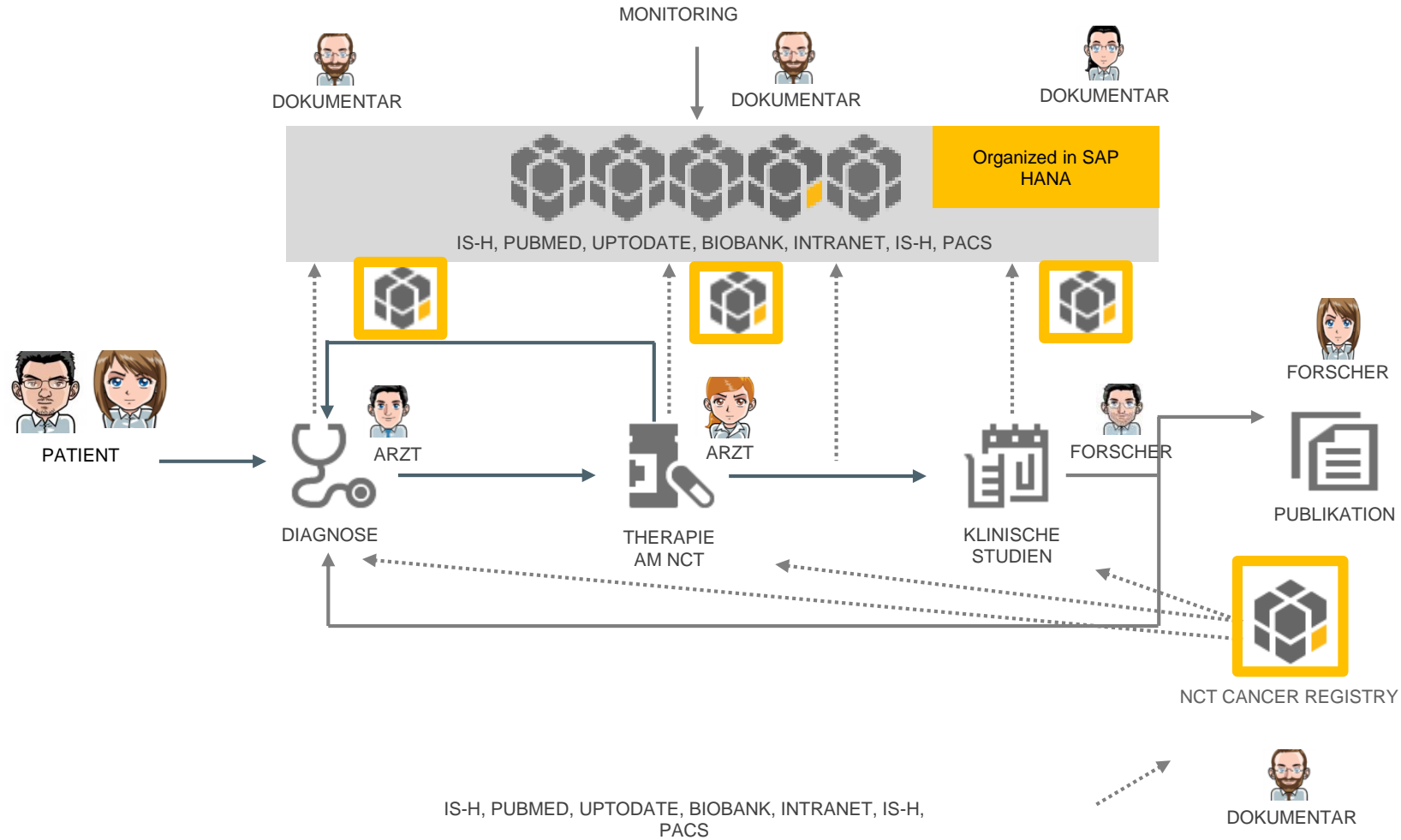
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## ...in the Digital Age

# NCT DataThereHouse: Current Scenario



# NCT DataThereHouse: NCT Clinical Development Strategy



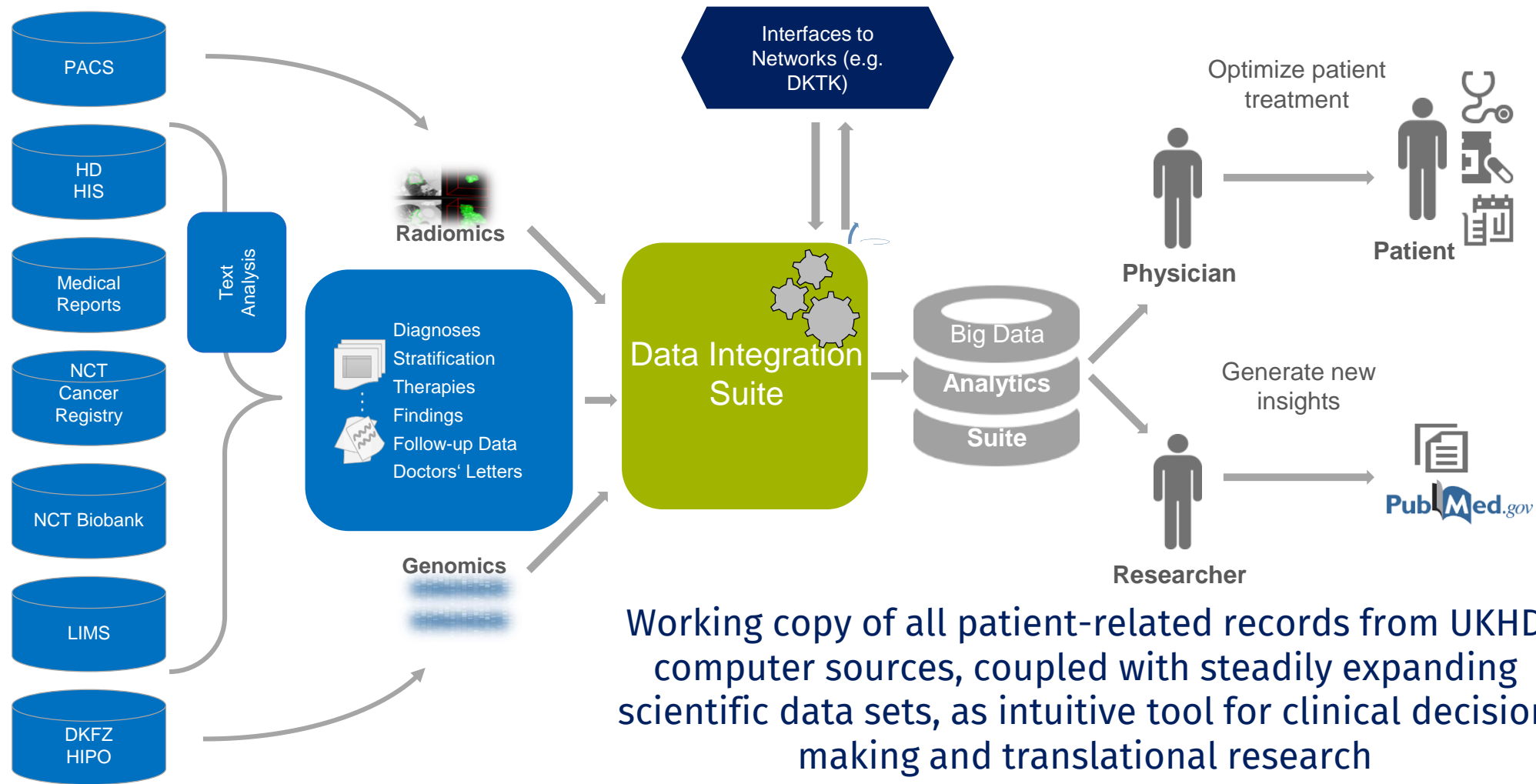
# NCT DataThereHouse



Display data from various sources for a comprehensive overview of information relevant for personalized treatment



# NCT DataThereHouse: Innovative Diagnostics and Therapies



# DataBox



- ✓ Structured, organized, complete
- ✓ Reliable and patient-centered
- ✓ Smart analysis concepts
- ✓ Innovative platform

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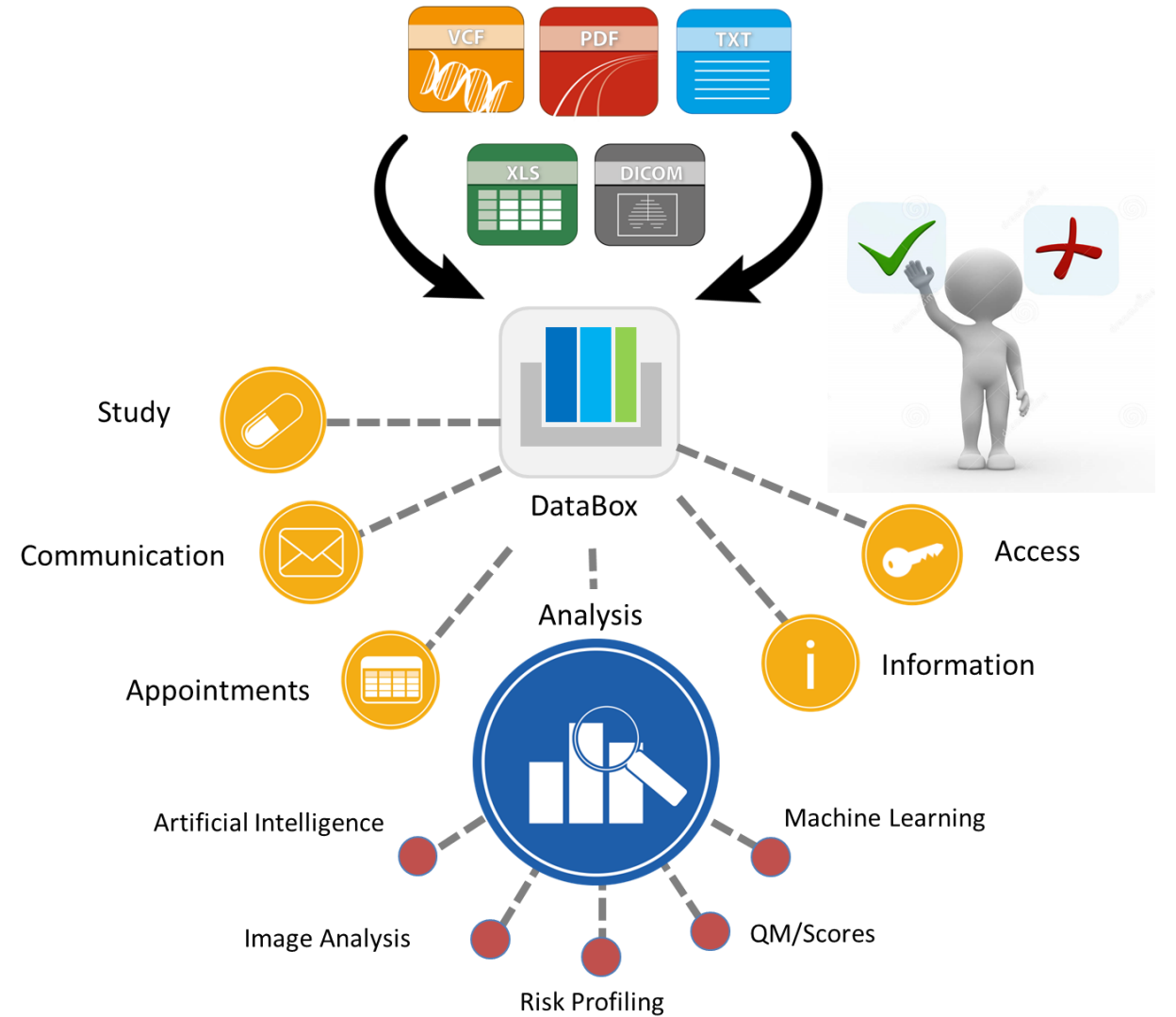


on the basis of a decision  
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# Idea

Management of complex health data

- Patient-centered platform
- Different sources
- Integration of innovative big-data-analysis concepts
- Machine Learning (ML)
- AI approaches



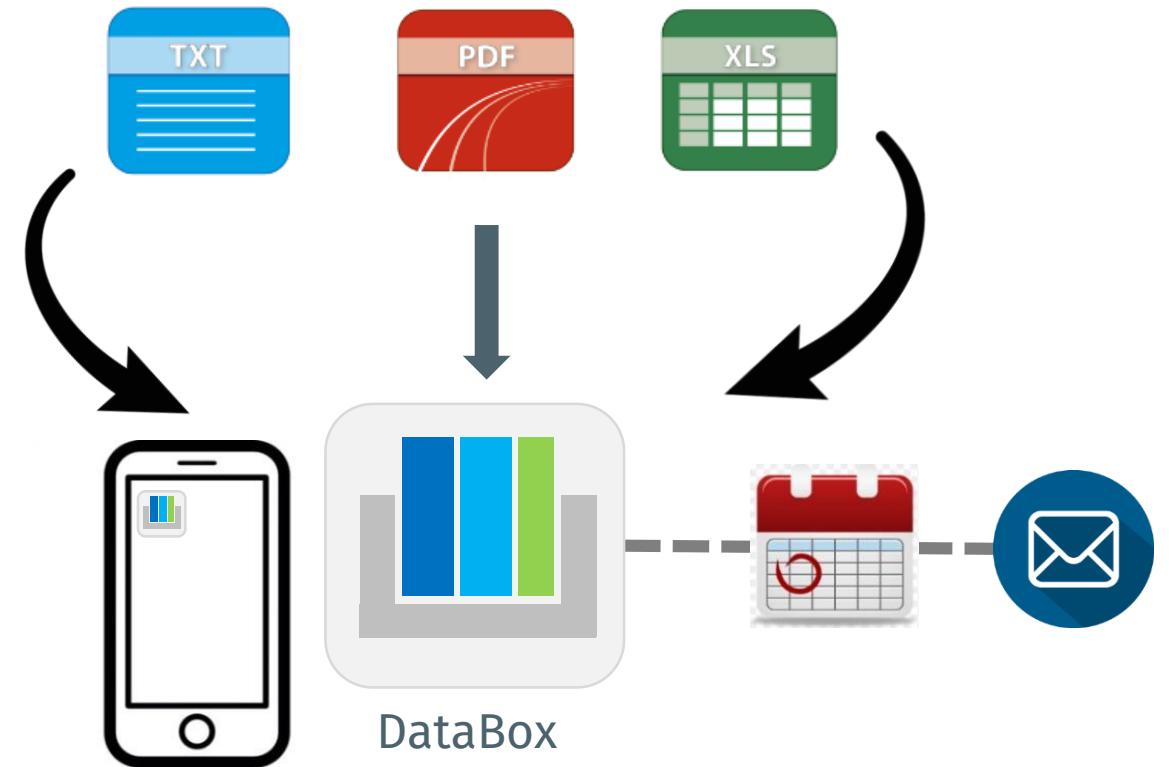
# Solution

All data is available in one central database.

Data can be added and accessed via **smartphone app** or **web tool**.

- Available
- Structured
- Organized
- Functional
- Complete

**Patient empowerment!**



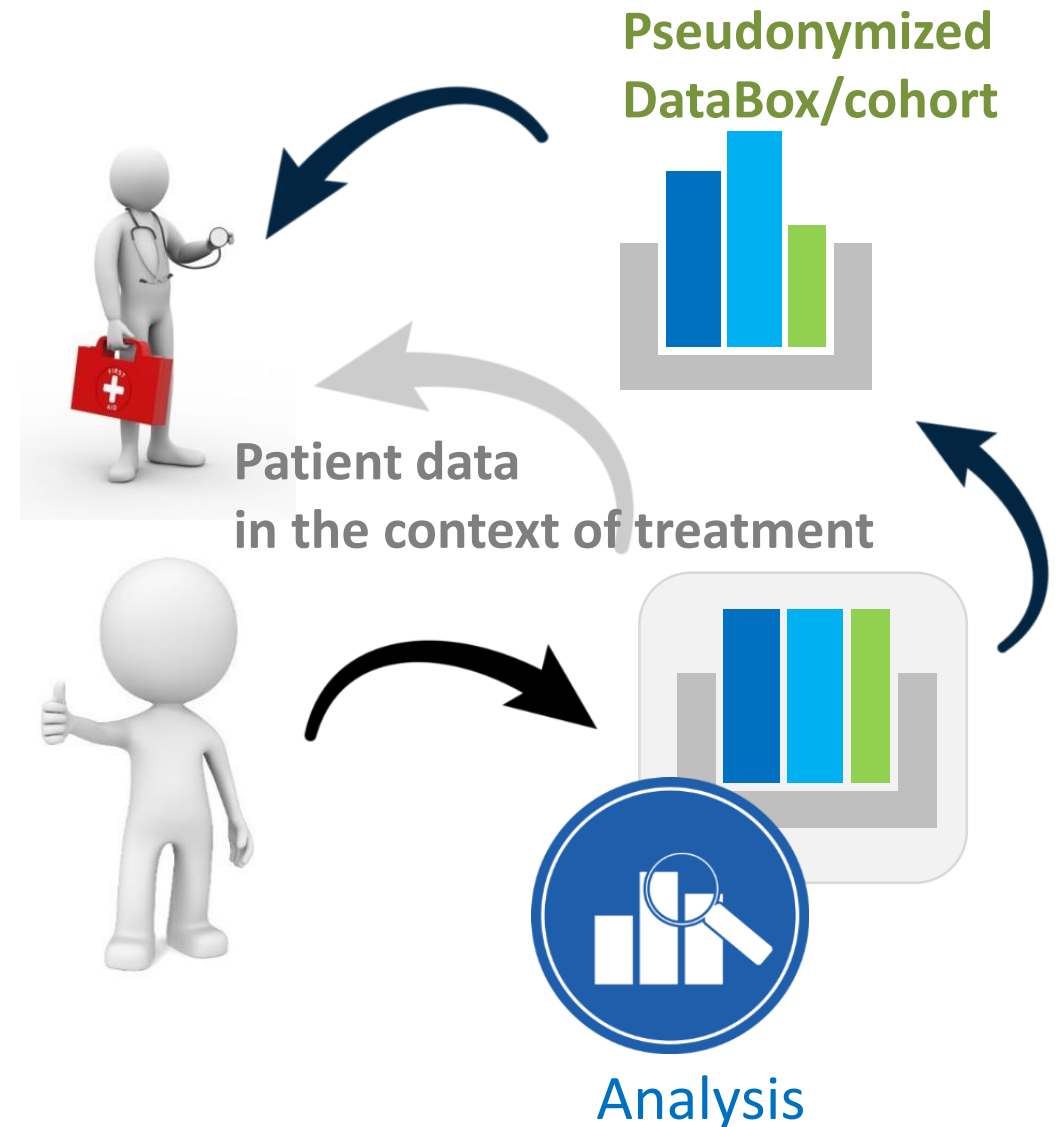
# Smart Analysis Concepts

## Physician-centered analysis

- Trans-sectoral and longitudinal data
- Molecular genetic analyses
- Scientific use
- Collectives of patients with rare cancer diseases

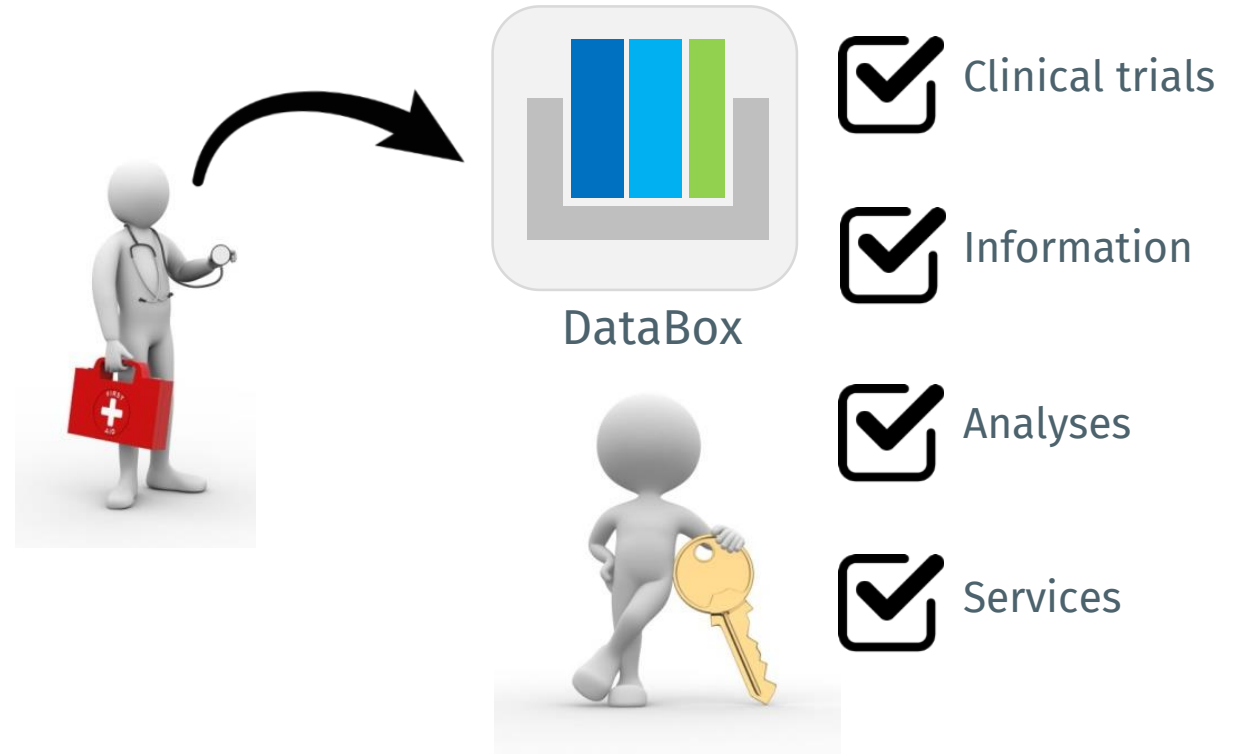
## Patient-centered functions

- On-demand availability of data
- Patient empowerment through comprehensive information and transparency
- Prevents redundant examinations
- Improved treatments
- Higher range of aligned trials

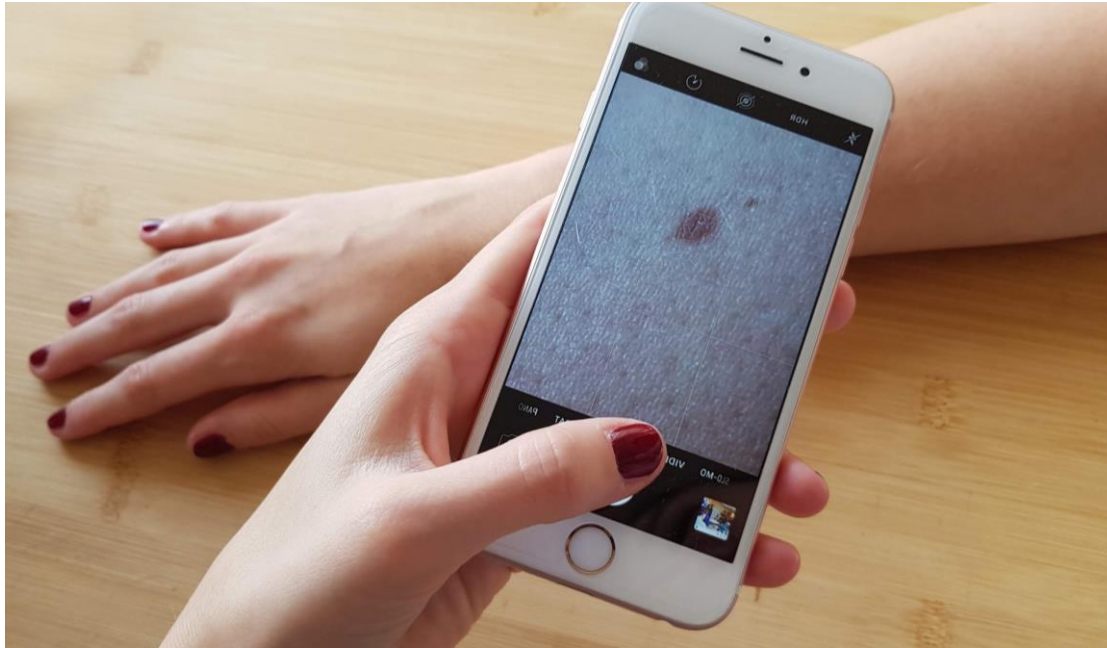


# Benefits

- Pseudonymized patient basic dataset for accredited, reliable institutions
- (e.g. to search for study participants)
- Information for patients on new trials or research projects (prior informed consent needed)
- Patients can share data upon request





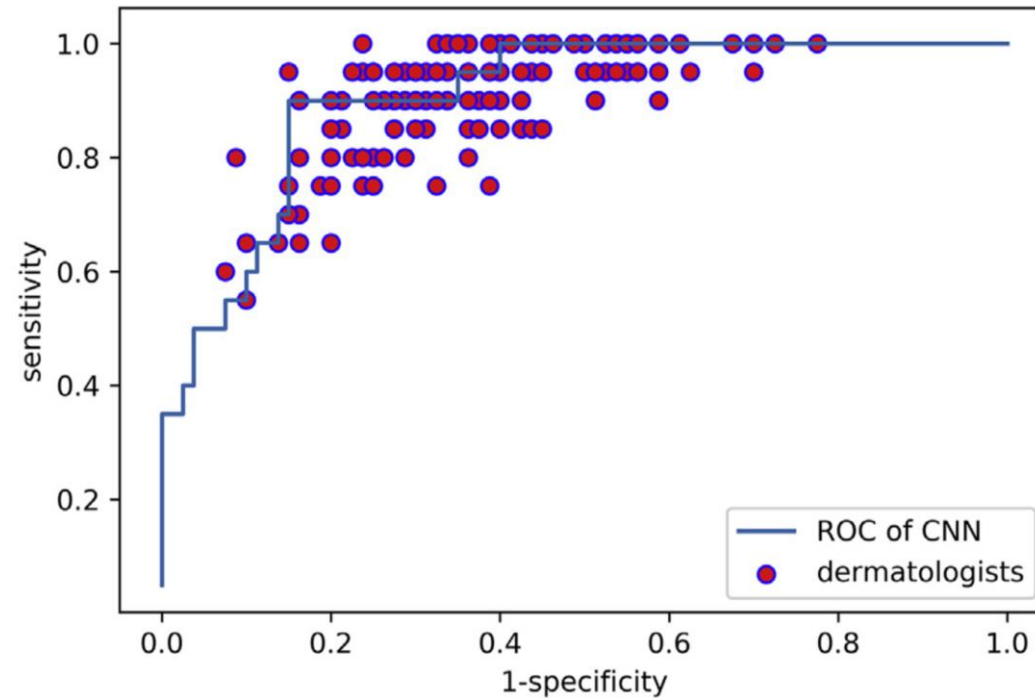


## AI- & App-enhanced Cancer Diagnostics

1. AI as a tool to enhance
2. ...the accuracy of clinical cancer diagnoses
3. ...the accuracy of histopathologic diagnoses.
4. Apps as a tool to overcome barriers to catch cancer early
5. Two telemedicine apps currently treating patients:
6. Facemorphing Apps  
Smokerface & Sunface

# Training with dermoscopic and testing with clinical images?

On par performance with 145 German dermatologists.



**CNN performed as good as board-certified dermatologists on clinical images despite never receiving training on clinical images.**

Brinker, Titus J., et al. "A convolutional neural network trained with dermoscopic images performed on par with 145 dermatologists in a clinical melanoma image classification task." *European Journal of Cancer* 111 (2019): 148-154.

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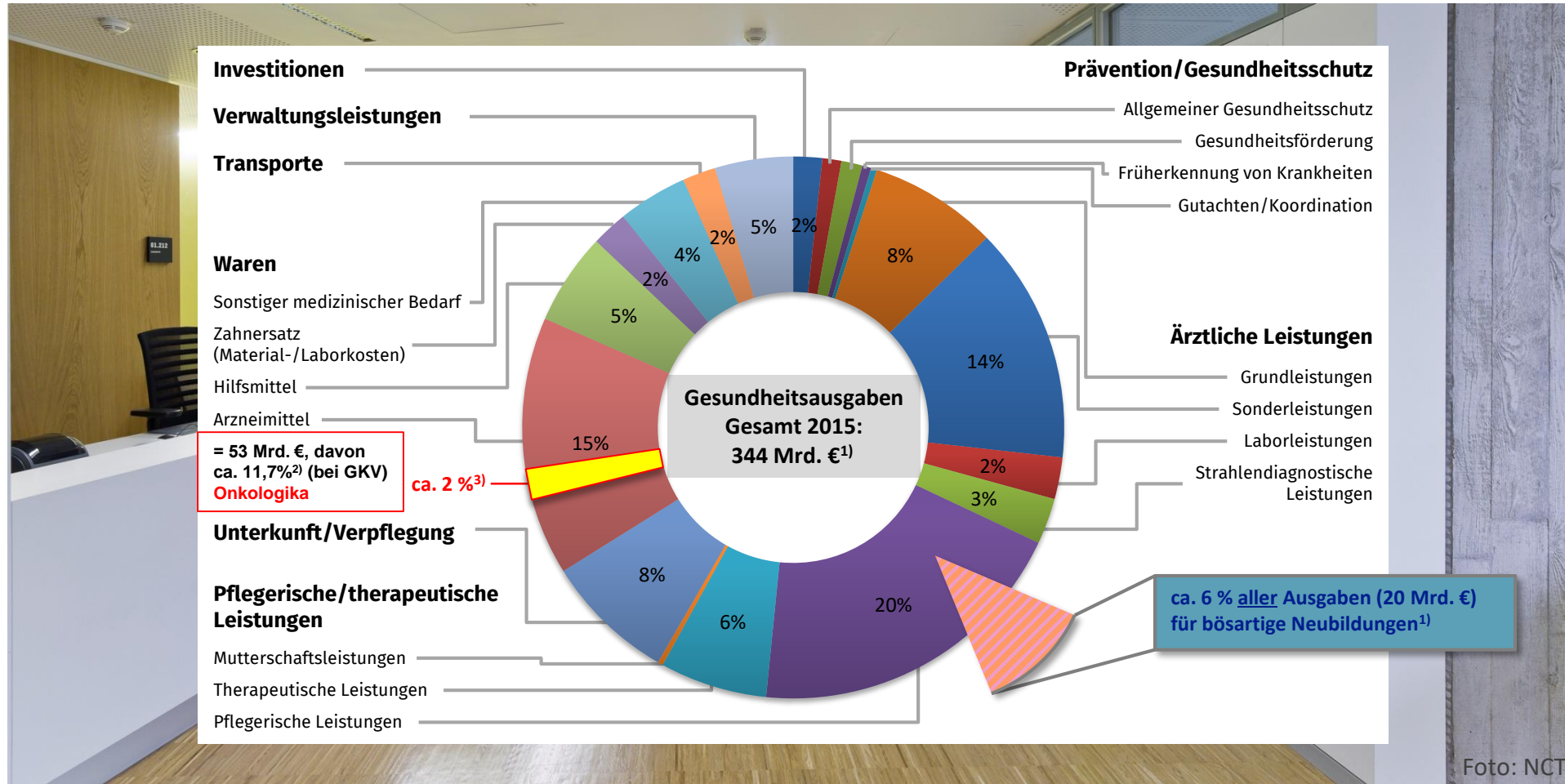
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## ...as a Society

# Taking Cancer Personal...

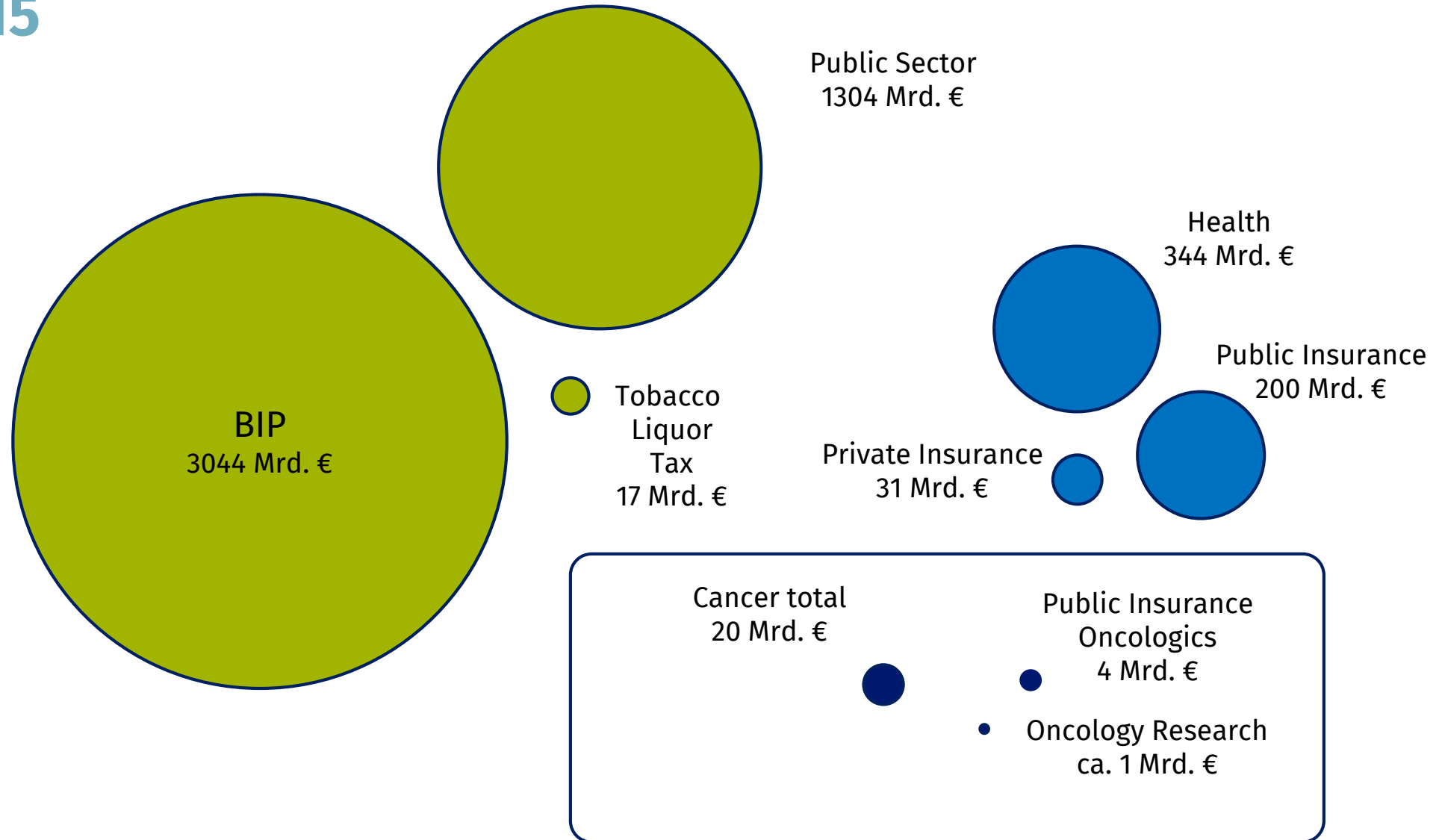


# We Are Spending What???

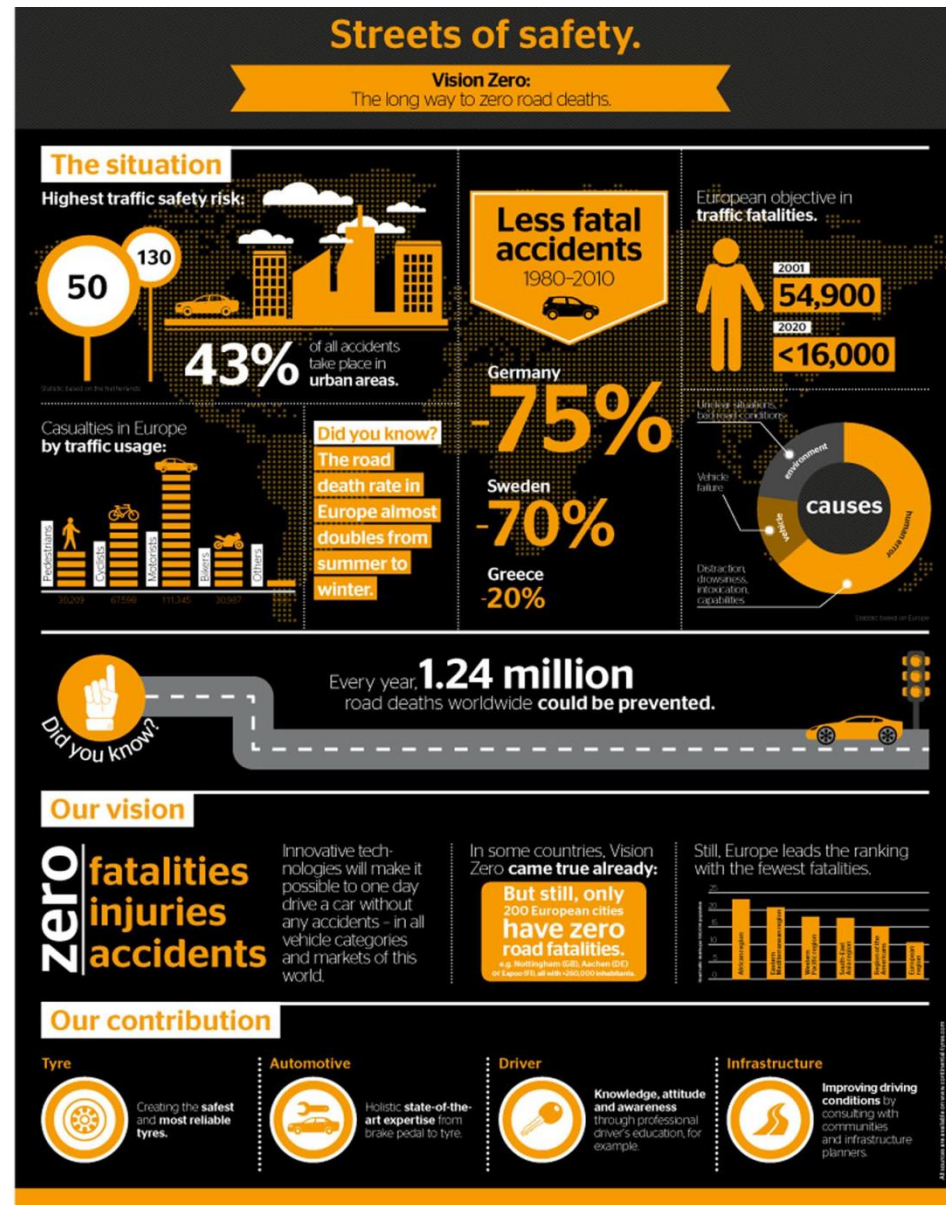
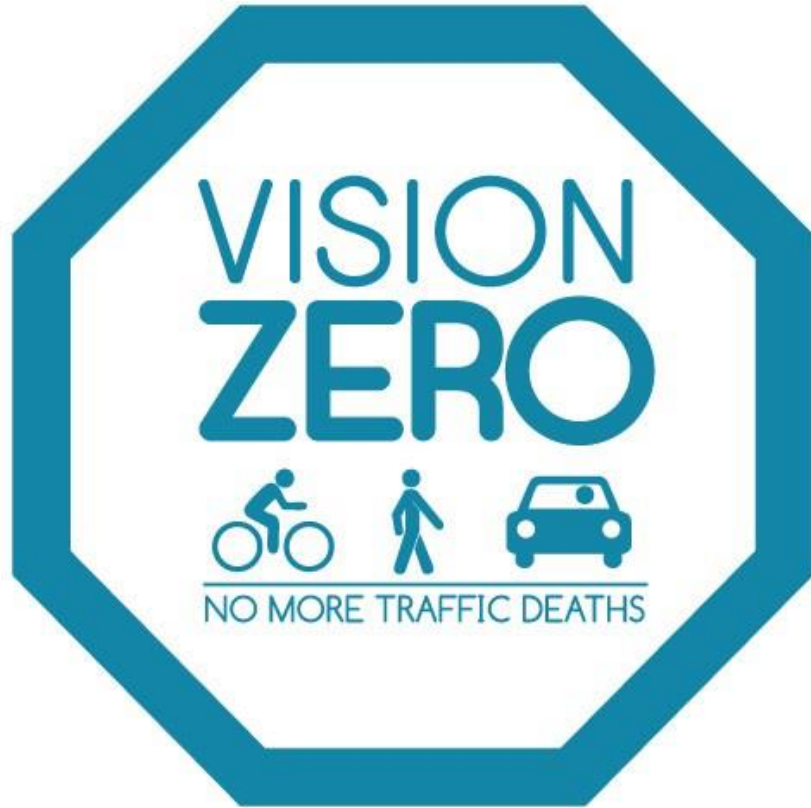




# Cost 2015

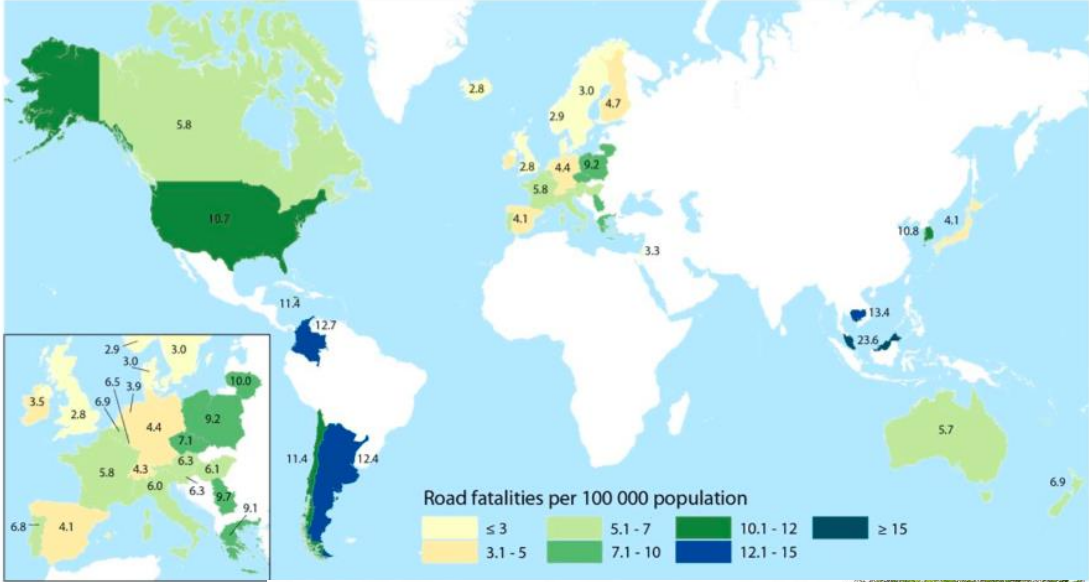
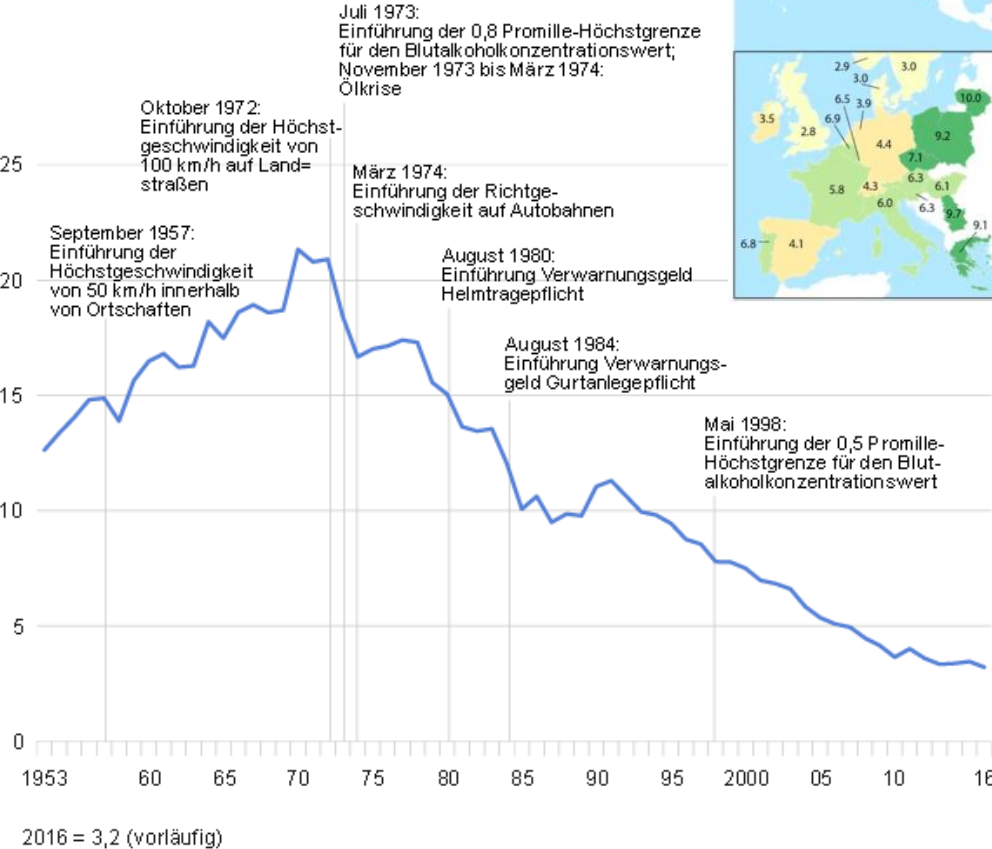


# Vision Zero



# An All-out Fight Against Other Causes of Death...

## Development of the number of traffic fatalities (Germany, in thousands)



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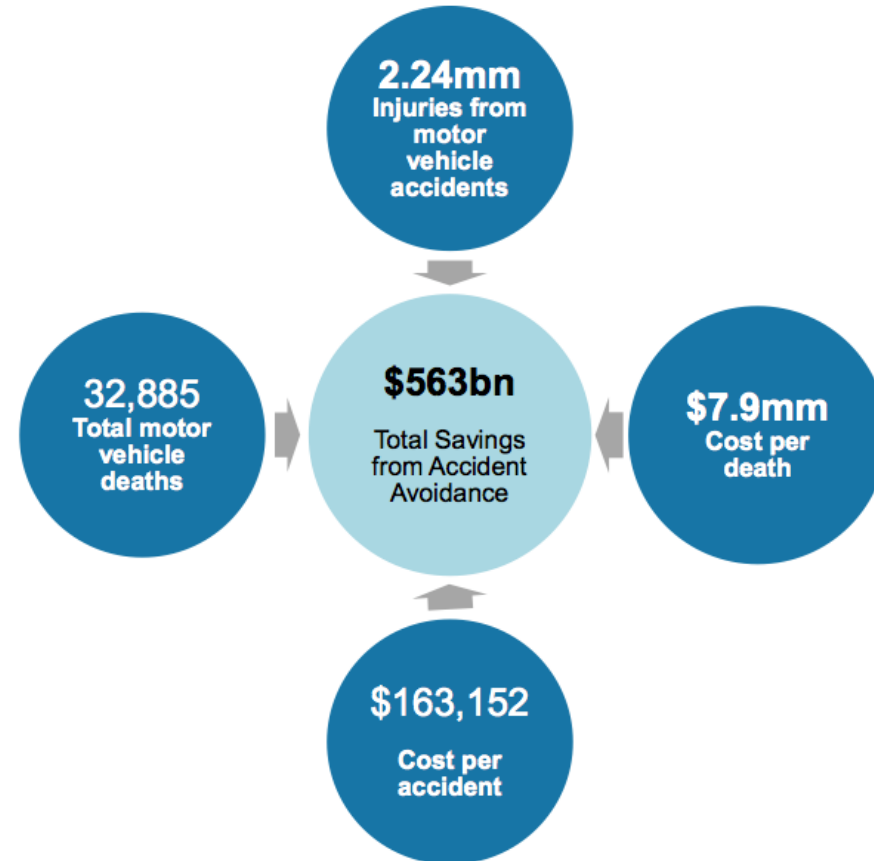
- Focus on fatalities and serious injuries
- Flaws in the transportation system identified as cause of collisions
- Focus on perfecting road system for imperfect human behavior
- Safety initiatives reduce societal costs



- Traditional thinking**
- Focus on overall collision rates
  - Human error identified as cause of collisions
  - Focus on perfecting human behavior on an imperfect road system
  - Safety initiatives are costly

# Expensive Prevention is Very Cheap...

US data



Source: US Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Federal Highway Administration, EPA, FDA, AAA, Morgan Stanley Research



## Models with the highest and lowest rates of driver deaths

### Lowest rates of driver deaths

Fewer than 6 driver deaths per million registered vehicle years, 2011 and equivalent earlier models, 2009-12

			Overall	MV	SV	SV roll
Audi A4 4WD	luxury car	midsize	0	0	0	0
Honda Odyssey	minivan	very large	0	0	0	0
Kia Sorento 2WD	SUV	midsize	0	0	0	0
Lexus RX 350 4WD	luxury SUV	midsize	0	0	0	0
Mercedes-Benz GL-Class 4WD	luxury SUV	large	0	0	0	0
Subaru Legacy 4WD	4-door car	midsize	0	0	0	0
Toyota Highlander hybrid 4WD	SUV	midsize	0	0	0	0
Toyota Sequoia 4WD	SUV	large	0	0	0	0
Volvo XC90 4WD	luxury SUV	midsize	0	0	0	0
Honda Pilot 4WD	SUV	midsize	2	0	2	0
Mercedes-Benz M-Class 4WD	luxury SUV	midsize	3	3	0	0
Ford Crown Victoria	4-door car	very large	4	4	0	0
GMC Yukon 4WD	SUV	large	4	0	4	0
Acura TL 2WD	luxury car	midsize	5	5	0	0
Chevrolet Equinox 2WD	SUV	midsize	5	3	2	0
Chevrolet Equinox 4WD	SUV	midsize	5	5	0	0
Ford Expedition 4WD	SUV	large	5	5	0	0
Ford Flex 2WD	SUV	midsize	5	0	5	0
Mazda CX-9 4WD	SUV	midsize	5	0	5	5

### Highest rates of driver deaths

More than 46 driver deaths per million registered vehicle years, 2011 and equivalent earlier models, 2009-12

			Overall	MV	SV	SV roll
Kia Rio	4-door car	mini	149	96	54	15
Nissan Versa sedan	4-door car	small	130	44	87	51
Hyundai Accent	4-door car	mini	120	65	53	16
Chevrolet Aveo	4-door car	mini	99	65	31	10
Hyundai Accent	2-door car	mini	86	43	48	20
Chevrolet Camaro coupe	sports car	large	80	19	60	25
Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew 4WD	pickup	large	79	40	36	17
Honda Civic	2-door car	small	76	46	29	10
Nissan Versa hatchback	4-door car	small	71	37	33	20
Ford Focus	4-door car	small	70	55	13	5
Nissan Cube	station wagon	small	66	38	29	6
Chevrolet HHR	station wagon	small	61	34	25	9
Chevrolet Suburban 1500 2WD	SUV	very large	60	31	28	9
Chevrolet Aveo	station wagon	mini	58	58	0	0
Mercury Grand Marquis	4-door car	very large	57	33	25	0
Jeep Patriot 2WD	SUV	small	57	44	9	3
Mazda 6	4-door car	midsize	54	34	17	3
Dodge Nitro 2WD	SUV	midsize	51	7	50	40
Honda Civic	4-door car	small	49	28	21	8

#### KEY:

overall: driver deaths per million registered vehicle years  
 mv: driver death rate in multiple-vehicle crashes  
 sv: driver death rate in single-vehicle crashes of all types  
 sv roll: driver death rate in single-vehicle rollovers (subset of sv)  
 2WD: 2-wheel drive | 4WD: 4-wheel drive



Vision Zero is im.....POSSIBLE!

# 22,000 Deaths per Year. Sounds Familiar?

## 3.5 Colon and rectum

Table 3.5.1  
Overview of key epidemiological parameters for Germany, ICD-10 C18–C21

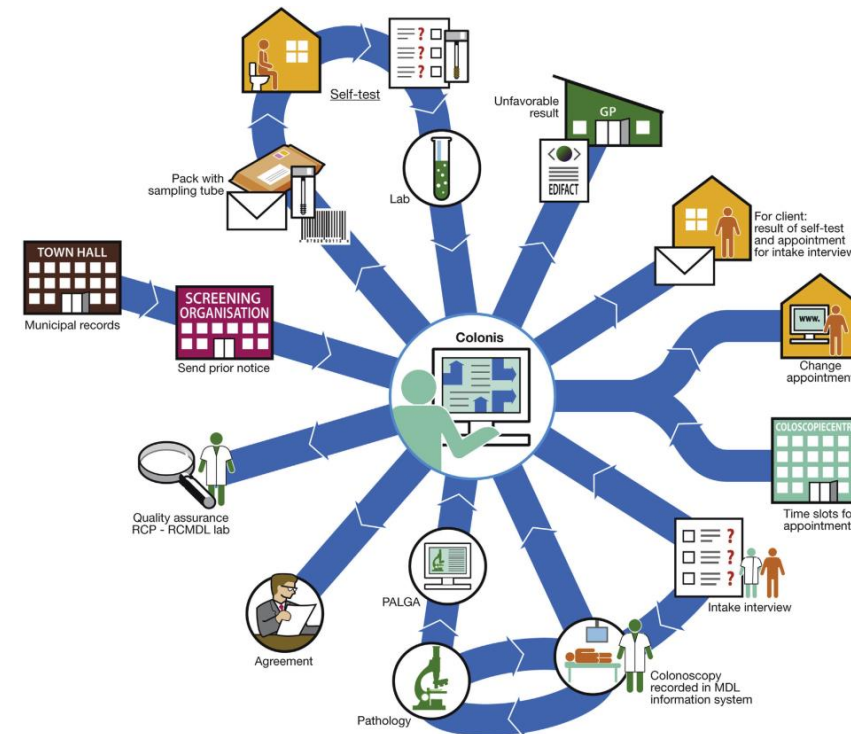
	2011		2012		Prediction for 2016	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
Incident cases	34,460	29,330	33,740	28,490	33,400	27,600
Crude incidence rate <sup>1</sup>	88.0	71.4	85.8	69.3	83.5	66.6
Standardised incidence rate <sup>1,2</sup>	59.5	37.9	57.1	36.8	52.7	33.9
Median age at diagnosis	71	75	72	75		
Deaths	13,863	12,439	13,772	12,200		
Crude mortality rate <sup>1</sup>	35.4	30.3	35.0	29.7		
Standardised mortality rate <sup>1,2</sup>	23.2	13.7	22.4	13.3		
5-year prevalence	117,700	98,800	116,200	97,200		
	<i>after 5 years</i>		<i>after 10 years</i>			
Absolute survival rate (2011–2012) <sup>3</sup>	52 (50–55)	52 (49–56)	38 (35–42)	40 (37–44)		
Relative survival rate (2011–2012) <sup>3</sup>	63 (60–66)	63 (58–68)	58 (55–61)	61 (54–70)		

<sup>1</sup> per 100,000 persons <sup>2</sup> age-standardised (European standard) <sup>3</sup> in percentages (lowest and highest value of the included German federal states)

# A sound Investment into long-Term Happiness :

Laureate of the Felix-Burda Award 2017:  
**Ernst J. Kuipers and team**  
(Erasmus University of Rotterdam)

- FIT send out to a cohort of > 850,000 individuals (> 55 y) including a prepaid return envelope (ca. 10 € / test)
- Analysis in central laboratory (ca. 10 € / analysis)
- ✓ > **70% participation rate**
- ✓ > **20,000 malignancies potentially avoided**



## In Germany:

ca. **20 Mio.** individuals are qualified for CRC screening

- Total ca. **350 Mio € / 5 years (0.022% of 1600 Billion € total Health Cost)**
- Potentially **life saving** in almost **500,000 individuals**
- **Consider: Tobacco + Alcohol Tax €17 Billion, Meat Production € 41 Billion**

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# Chances

## New Disruptive Technologies Meet Personalized Medicine

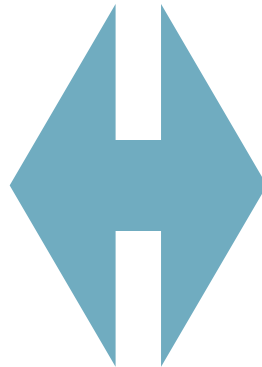
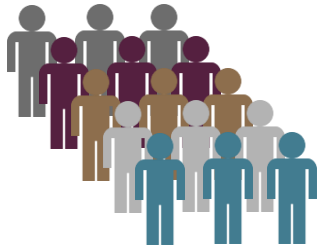
### Precision Medicine



Optimized Therapy  
for Individuals

*instead of*

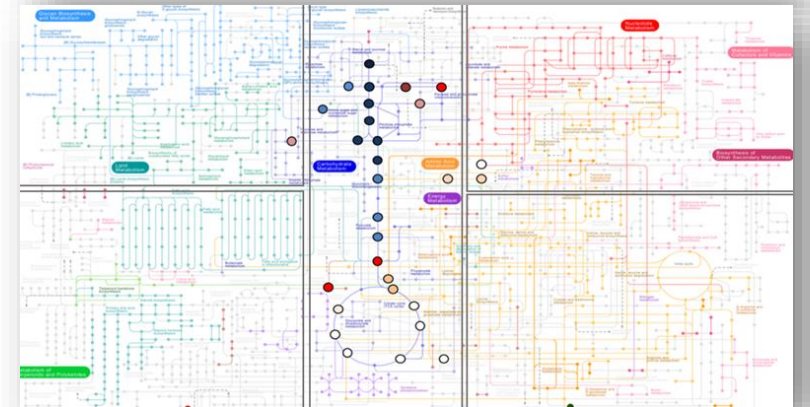
Blockbusters for  
Everyone



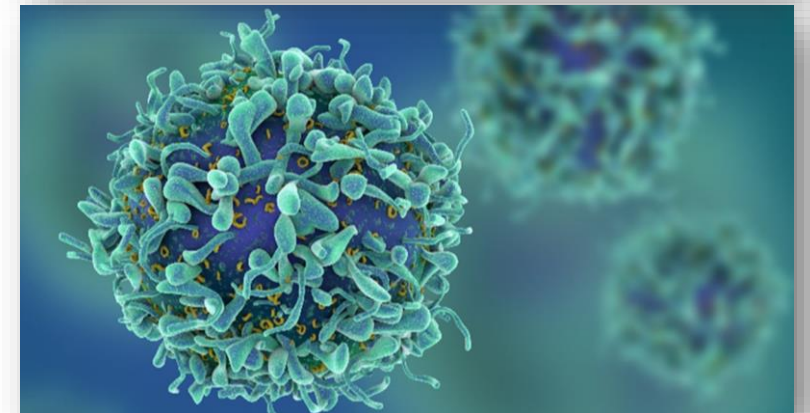
### Digital Medicine



### Omics



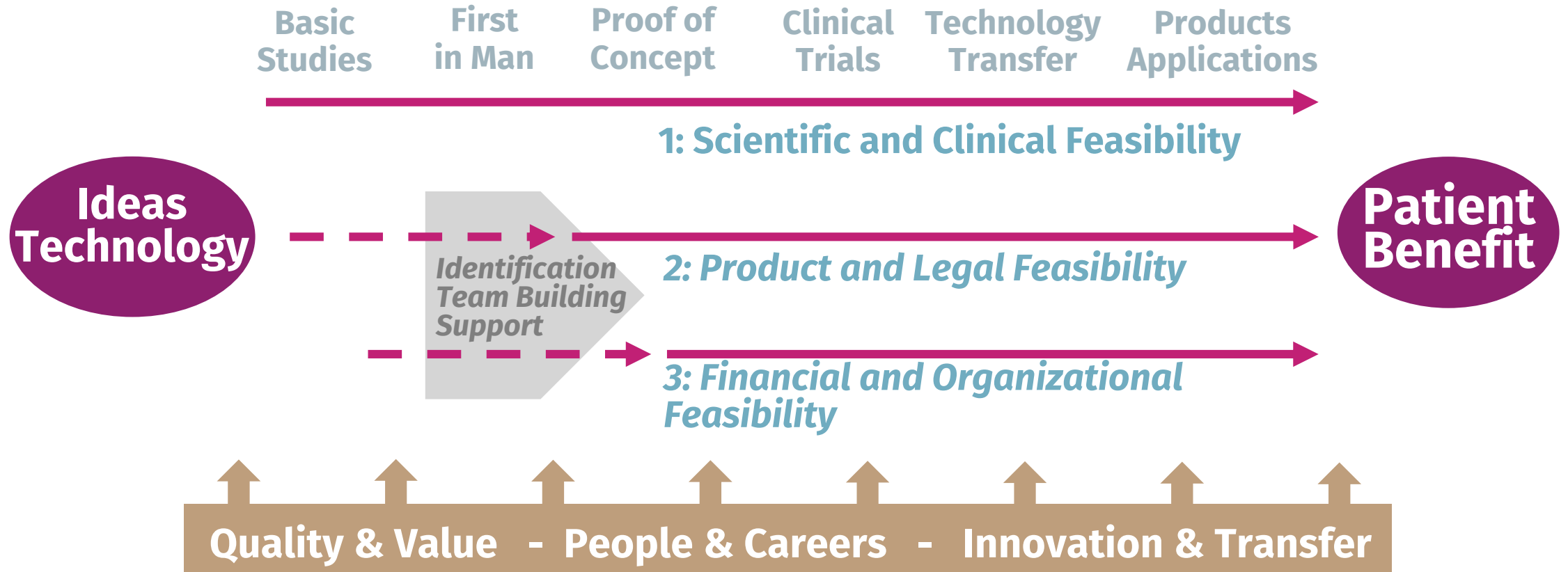
### Cell Engineering





# Translational Ecosystem

## Innovation Enablers: Addressing the Value Chain



# BIH: Core Principles

## Full Circle

Building a comprehensive translational Value-Chain  
From Bench to Clinical Reality ↔ Clinical Challenges to Bench

## Campus

One place to bring actors, institutions, clinics and infrastructure together

## Multisector

Community includes basic and clinical scientists, data scientists, technology expert, innovators, entrepreneurs and transfer experts

## Partnering

Cooperation with external partners from science an industry wherever needed

## Value

New mechanisms to ensure quality, value and robustness of processes and results

# Translational Ecosystem

## Innovation Enablers: Approaches and Incentives

<b>BIH-Academy</b>	<b><i>People</i></b>	<b>Task Approach Incentives</b>	<b>Establish a faculty skilled in medical translation Support personal development and careers BIA - Career Support Initiatives</b>
<b>QUEST</b>	<b><i>Quality</i></b>	<b>Task Approach Incentives</b>	<b>Assure optimal use of material and human resources Define and assure value of research Value-Incentives (<i>VoM</i>)</b>
<b>BIH-Accelerator</b>	<b><i>Support</i></b>	<b>Task Approach Incentives</b>	<b>Increase speed and probability-of-success in translation Bridge gaps in the translational process Translation-Incentives (<i>ToM</i>)</b>
<b>BIH-Innovation</b>	<b><i>Transfer</i></b>	<b>Task Approach Incentives</b>	<b>Increase effectivity of innovation transfer Provide structures and support for effective transfer Innovation-Incentives (<i>IoM</i>)</b>

# Translational Ecosystem

## Translation Clusters: Technology and Faculty

<b>Clinical Studies</b>		<i>Clinical Study Center Clinical Research Units</i>	<i>Medical Informatics Biostatistics BeLOVE</i>
<b>Digital Medicine</b>	<i>Data</i>	<i>High Performance Computing Health Data Platform</i>	<i>Artificial Intelligence Simulation / Digital Twins Big Data</i>
<b>Omics</b>	<i>Information</i>	<i>Next Generation Sequencing Mass Spectrometry Metabolomics</i>	<i>Biobanking Single Cell Approaches</i>
<b>Cell Engineering</b>	<i>Targeted Cells</i>	<i>Gene Editing Stem Cells ATMP / GMP</i>	<i>'Human on a Chip' Organoids</i>

# Translational Ecosystem

## Focus Areas: Address Burning Questions

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<b>Vascular Biomedicine</b>		<b>(Micro-)vascular dysfunction is a cross-cutting patho-mechanism contributing to many diseases in all major organ systems</b>
<b>Single Cell Approaches</b>	<b>Flagship Project 'Life Time'</b>	<b>Cells of a given cell type exhibit individual properties and fates – analysing and addressing that offers fundamentally new medical options</b>
<b>Regenerative Therapies</b>	<b>Flagship Project 'RESTORE'</b>	<b>Advanced therapies and 'living drugs' will replace and supplement approaches to allow true regeneration</b>
<b>Excellence Fund</b>		<b>Dynamic mechanism to support initiatives with high translational potential</b>



# Clinical Translational Research @ Charité & BIH

## Current challenges / improvement opportunities:

- Structure, coherence and governance
- Education and career development
- Clinical data management model

# Strategic Aims Supported by the CSC

## Strategic aims:

- Turn the Berlin health care environment into a learning system embodying a patient centered 'bedside to bench to bedside' approach
- Sophisticated diagnostics and innovative research
- Provide trial, intervention and prevention opportunities
- Maximal patient involvement
- Role in / Contribution to national programs in Germany

# Strategic Vision to Tactical Steps

## Herding the Cats

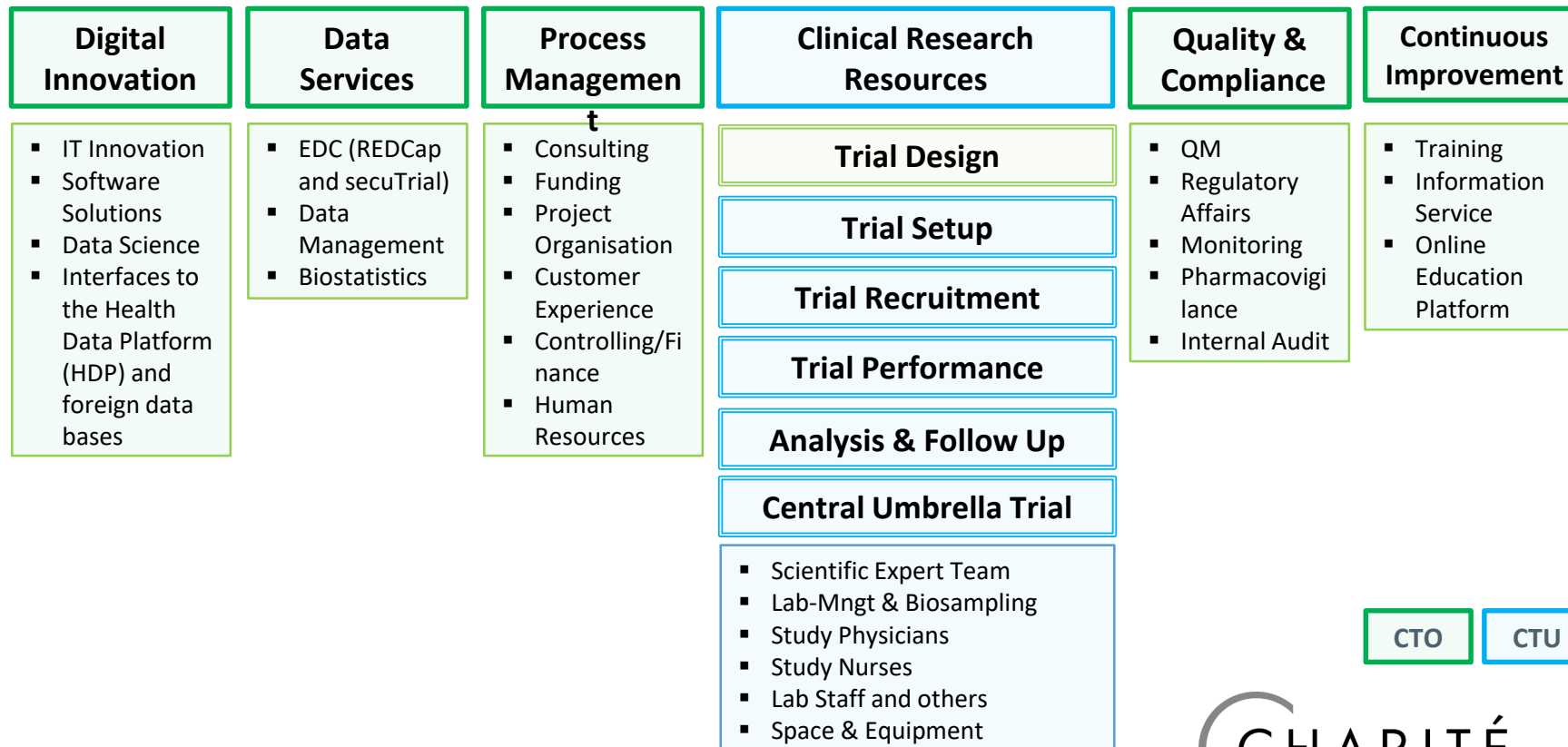
- Visions, wants and needs
- SWOT analysis – esp. strengths and weaknesses
- Gap analysis – operational gaps – strategic gaps
- **Define clinical and translational research as an end-to-end process**
- **Tracer Analysis (!)**
- Create/enhance transparency
- Feedback and consensus building
- Lateral leadership to get there

# Charité BIH Clinical Study Center

**Director**  
Prof. Christof von Kalle

**Executive Head**  
Dr. Alexander Krannich

**Scientific & Medical Head**  
Dr. Sein Schmidt

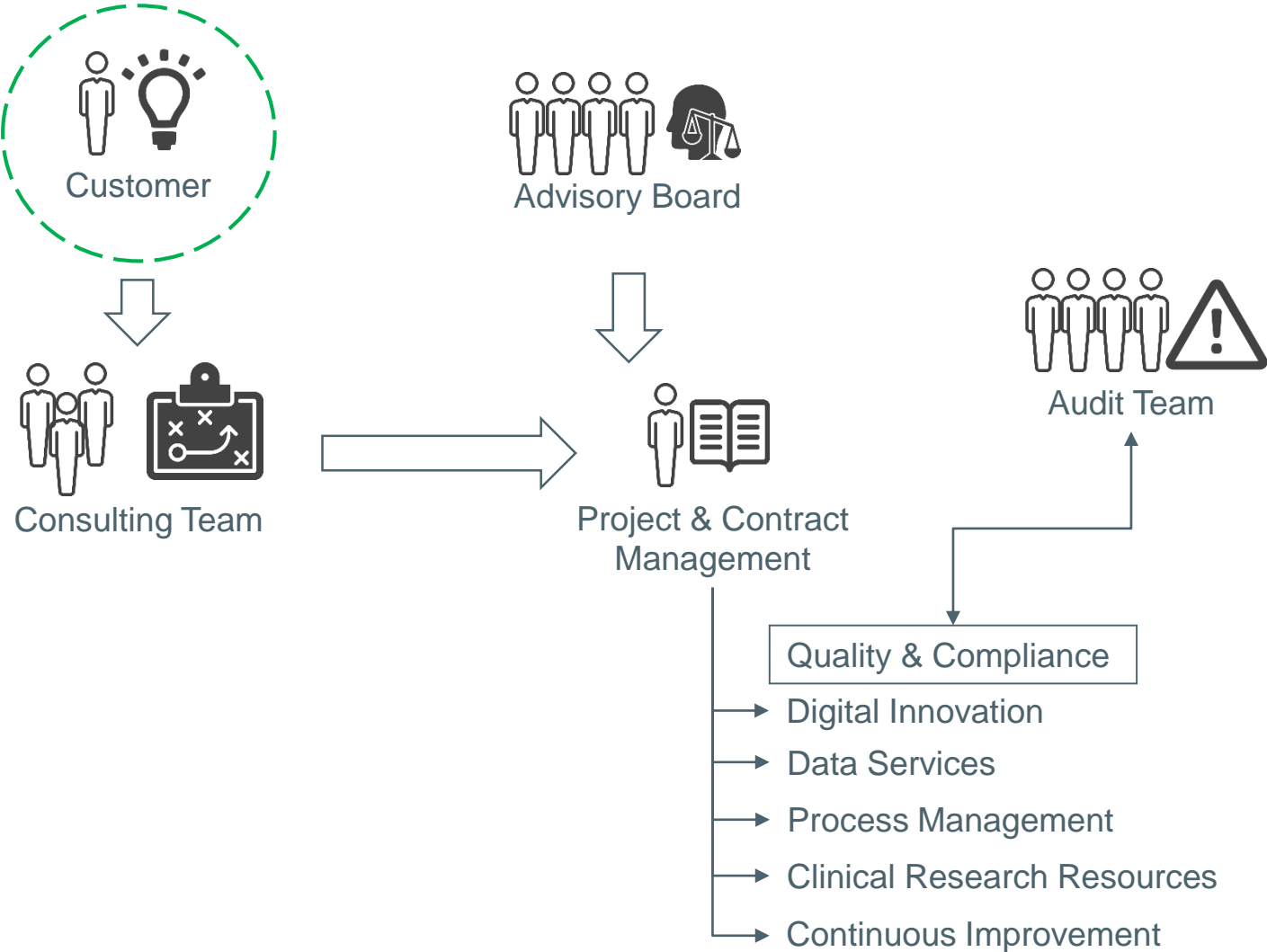


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# Reducing Complexity: One-stop Shop

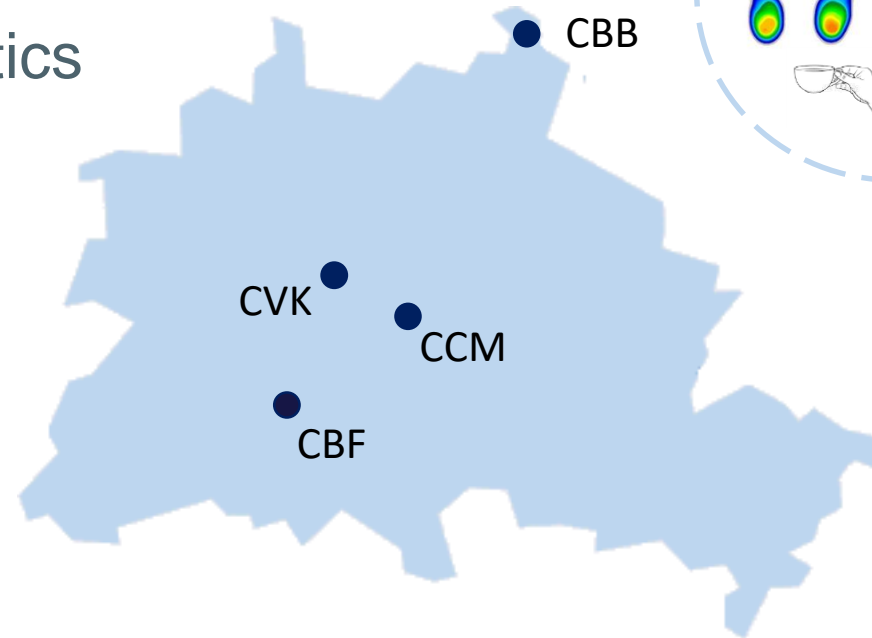




# Clinical Research Resources

Expertise, Space, Physicians, Nurses, Lab Staff, Equipment

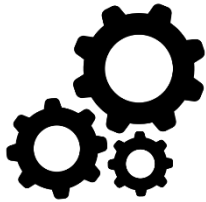
- **The Charité Umbrella Trial, developing a central umbrella-consent registry at the Charité**
- Backbone and deep phenotyping
- Kinetics and kinematics
- Physical Status
- Activity profile
- Trial setup
- Recruitment
- Performance
- Follow-up



# Data Services



- **Electronic data capture:** Harmonization and professionalization of both systems with common SOPs



- **Data management:** Automation through standardization via interfaces and coding to speedup processes



- **Biostatistics planning:** Close cooperation to iBikE with 3 statisticians under CSC payment as well as disciplinary leadership

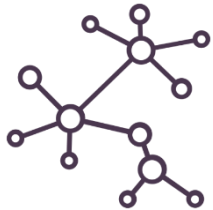
# Digital Innovation



- **Data science:** Machine learning pipeline as regular service for supervised prediction and unsupervised pattern detection within studies



- **Software solutions:** Establishment of electronic clinical trial management, monitoring, pharmacovigilance, document management and trial master file solutions

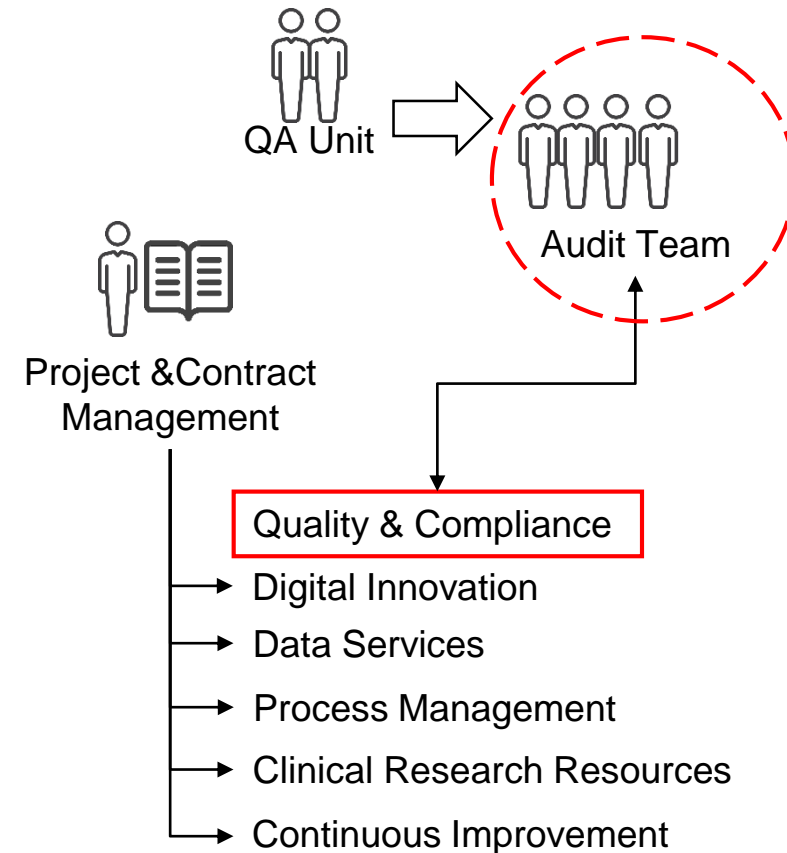


- **Interfaces:** Linking study data to the health data platform (HDP) and foreign data bases

# Quality & Compliance and Continuous Improvement

Service driven compliance, QM and training structures:

- **Quality management**
- **Internal audit**
- Online education platform
- Regulatory affairs
- Monitoring
- Pharmacovigilance
- Training
- Information service



# First Results

- Relocation of about thirty employees from four places (CVK, CBF, Reinickendorfer Str., Hessische Str.,) to the main CSC offices at CCM
- Unification and reorganization of all employees of CRU, KKS and CTMU in a new structure of five departments within a one-stop-shop model
- Initiation of a process to create new identity, services, cost models, procedures and SOPs with final certification
- Establishment of a quality and audit team to support studies to achieve inspection readiness
- Lead of Task Force Clinical Research Governance for drug and medical product studies to handle LAGeSo and BFARM requests
- Joint development of the quality guidelines and the central SOPs for clinical studies at the Charité together with the QA unit
- Establishment of an audit series to support all Charité initiated drug studies



# First Results

- Creation of a pre final Research Governance Framework
- Accompanying the Vivantes cooperation process regarding clinical research
- Establishment of a series of strategic plans for industry cooperation's with meetings with IQVIA, Pfizer, Parexel etc.
- Continuous services for more than 200 ongoing studies
- Provision of a free eCRF service for more than 300 studies
- Established institutional cooperation's:
  - Cooperation with Institute of Pharmacology and Toxicology for preparation of annual safety reports (DSURs) as well as to obtain support for second assessments of SAEs
  - Cooperation with Institute of Biometry and Clinical Epidemiology for all biometry and clinical epidemiology aspects
  - Support of the Ethics Committee regarding advice and legal delimitation questions
- Establishment of a legal basis for provision of health-related Quality of Life in German speaking countries by the CSC

# First Results

- Provision of health-related Quality of Life assessment tools & content to Academia and Industry (Switzerland, Austria, Germany)
- Strategic meetings with the BMG and *Stabstelle* VBHC to identify PRO software solutions for value-based health care in Germany
- Creation of a task force to coordinate the implementation of an umbrella consent at Charité
- Institutional collaboration meetings with the BCRT
- Creation of project fast-start-up managers
- Establishment of novel high-quality micro-RNA extraction from blood samples
- Clarification of BREXIT regulatory hurdles in clinical trials
- Signing an agreement between Charité and the State of Israel (Israel Innovation Authority)
  - 3 pilot trials
  - Full call together with other international partners (e.g. Mayo & Jefferson Clinic) in March

# Research Governance Framework 1/2

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# Translation Delivered...

...through understanding each individual patient's disease at the molecular level

1. ...in obstetrics/gynecology  
through high-throughput sequencing for non-invasive prenatal testing
2. ...in gene transfer and gene editing  
through pharmacokinetics and -dynamics of gene transfer and editing (integration site analysis, vector safety, clonal dynamics, VCN, on- and off-site gene editing, bioinformatics)
3. ...in cancer  
through molecular profiling based on whole-exome/genome and RNA sequencing in a multi-institutional clinical setting  
through centralized high-end molecular multiplex (NGS-based) diagnostics, regional networks, precision oncology and personalized therapies

# Translation Delivered...

4. ...as a center  
through interdisciplinarity, identity and visibility, scientific and clinical excellence
5. ...in the digital age  
through smart analysis concepts and patient empowerment
6. ...as a society  
through targeting a Vision Zero
7. ...@ BIH/Charité  
through hard smart exciting work!



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