

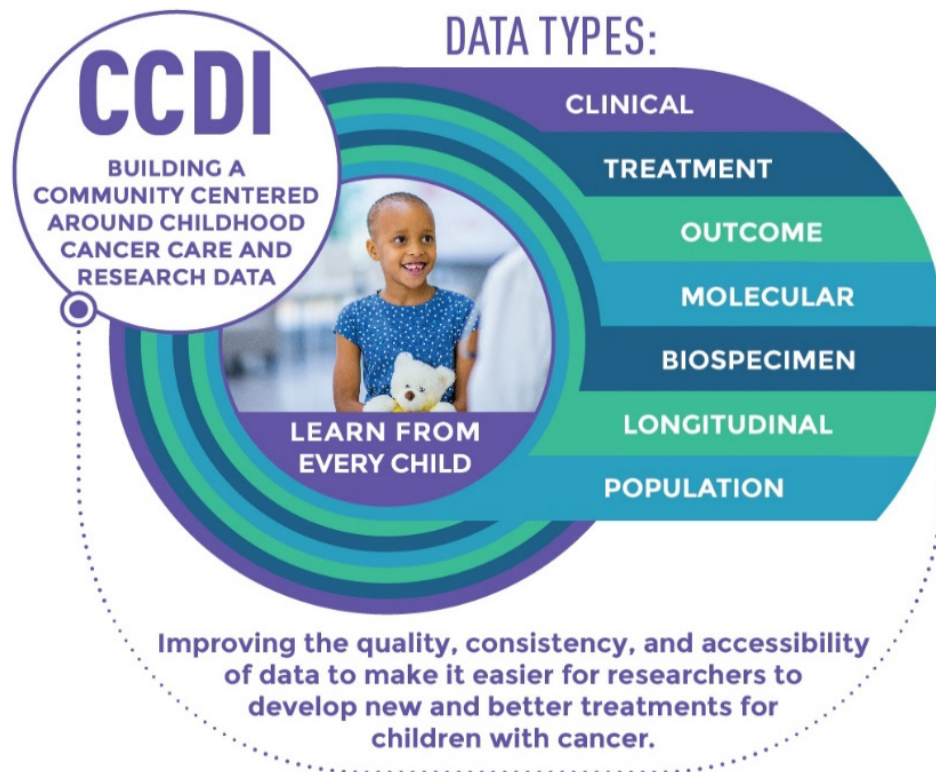
# Childhood Cancer Data Initiative Symposium

# Welcome and Overview of CCDI Progress



# Foundational Goals for CCDI

- Gather data from every child, adolescent, and young adult diagnosed with a childhood cancer, regardless of where they receive their care
- Create a national strategy of appropriate clinical and molecular characterization to speed diagnosis and inform treatment for all types of childhood cancers
- Develop a platform and tools to bring together clinical care and research data that will improve preventive measures, treatment, quality of life, and survivorship for childhood cancers



## Learn from and Use the Data



RPG Grants



EHR Pilots



Data Catalog



Cohorts



Training

## Aggregate and Generate Data



Clinical  
Outcomes



Pre-Clinical  
Models



Molecular  
Characterization



Survivorship  
Data



Data  
Supplements

## Build Foundational Data Infrastructure



Data Portal



Master  
Participant Index



NCCR



Data Modeling



Clinical Data  
Commons



Federated  
Infrastructure



Visualization &  
Analysis Tools



Molecular  
Targets Platform

# Program Vision: The Three Pillars of CCDI

All funded projects fit within one of these three pillars.

CCDI is highly collaborative and informed by community needs, so we must be strategic about:

- Funding priorities
- Project planning
- Tracking, reporting, and collecting information

Reporting on the sum total of CCDI's accomplishments—not simply individual projects—is critical for advancing the initiative and keeping the community up-to-date.

# Next Steps

## Building Data Infrastructure

Expand the Data Ecosystem with more tools and a portal for access and broad use

## Aggregate and Generate Data

Establish CCDI Rare Tumor Protocol that includes comprehensive clinical and molecular characterization, collected over time

## Learn from and Use the Data

Develop consortia/network opportunities to oversee and explore a series of EHR extraction feasibility studies to support all types of research

Foundational Phase of CCDI (2020 – 2022) – Develop a framework of critical activities that will fill major areas of need in the pediatric research community and support future efforts

Discovery and Expansion phases of CCDI (2023 – 2026....2029) – Establish opportunities to expand foundational efforts to make them work well together and create feasibility studies in the wider community

# CCDI High Priorities - Confirmed Across Working Groups

Priority	What CCDI Has Funded To Date (In progress)	Future CCDI Plans
<p><b>Patient Identifiers:</b> Required to connect patients across repositories for research, while preserving patients' privacy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CCDI Participant Index</b></li> <li>• National Childhood Cancer Registry PPRL</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporate patient-specific IDs for CCDI</li> <li>• Work with COG on alignment with COG identifiers</li> </ul>
<p><b>Data Models and Standards:</b> Required to enable data federation &amp; interoperability (API)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Childhood Cancer Clinical Data Commons( C3DC)</li> <li>• Data harmonization effort across data sets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporate harmonized data model into CCDI supported projects</li> <li>• Work to define standards across ecosystem</li> <li>• <b>Expand EHR extraction</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Consent:</b> Consent patients early, and to recontact or to opt-out at age of majority; power in the hands of the patients and families</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated for <b>Molecular Characterization Initiative (MCI)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Develop computable consent</b>, with consistent language that allows for research use</li> <li>• Incorporate consents for clinical and research use into CCDI protocols</li> </ul>
<p><b>Baseline Data Collection:</b> Collect more clinical data early, and identify high-value data elements for research (cohorts)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collection of additional data elements in CCDI data sets (MCI, others)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">cancer.gov/CCDI</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Working group to identify key data elements</b></li> <li>• Collect these data as part of CCDI studies (<b>Rare Tumor Initiative and Protocol</b>)</li> <li>• <b>Identify additional cohorts</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">#data4childhoodcancer</p>

# CCDI Symposium Breakout Sessions: Stakeholder Input to Move Forward

- Molecular Characterization Initiative and the potential for additional cohort studies
- Patient and family perspectives on computable consent and the CCDI Participant Index
- Electronic Health Records data extraction: current status and continuing challenges
- CCDI Data Ecosystem resources for constructing external controls for pediatric cancer clinical trials
- Collaborations and transformative research opportunities using data available through the CCDI Data Ecosystem
- Observational studies and novel interventional approaches for rare pediatric cancers





learn  
from  
every  
child



# Critical Importance of Pediatric Cancer Data

**Even our most effective treatments don't work for all patients**



*Improve understanding of why some cancers develop resistance or don't respond to treatment*

**Virtually no progress for some cancer types**



*Generate new ideas for interventions*

**Short- and long-term adverse effects of cancer and its treatment**



*Identify less toxic treatments and strategies for management*



How do we  
“see” data?

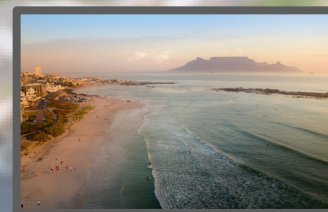
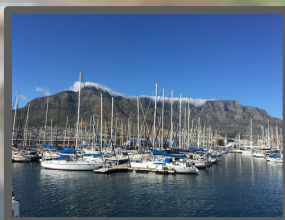
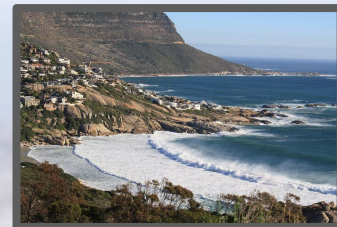
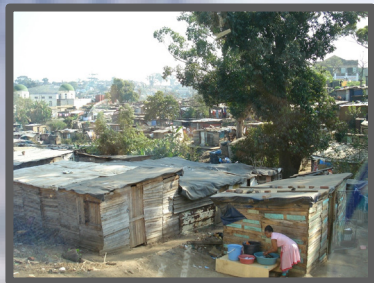


# What Are We Going to Study?



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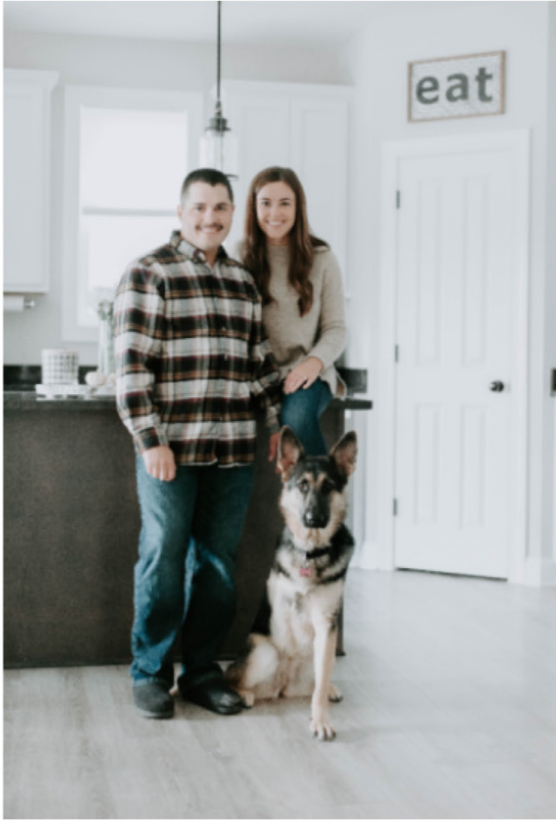










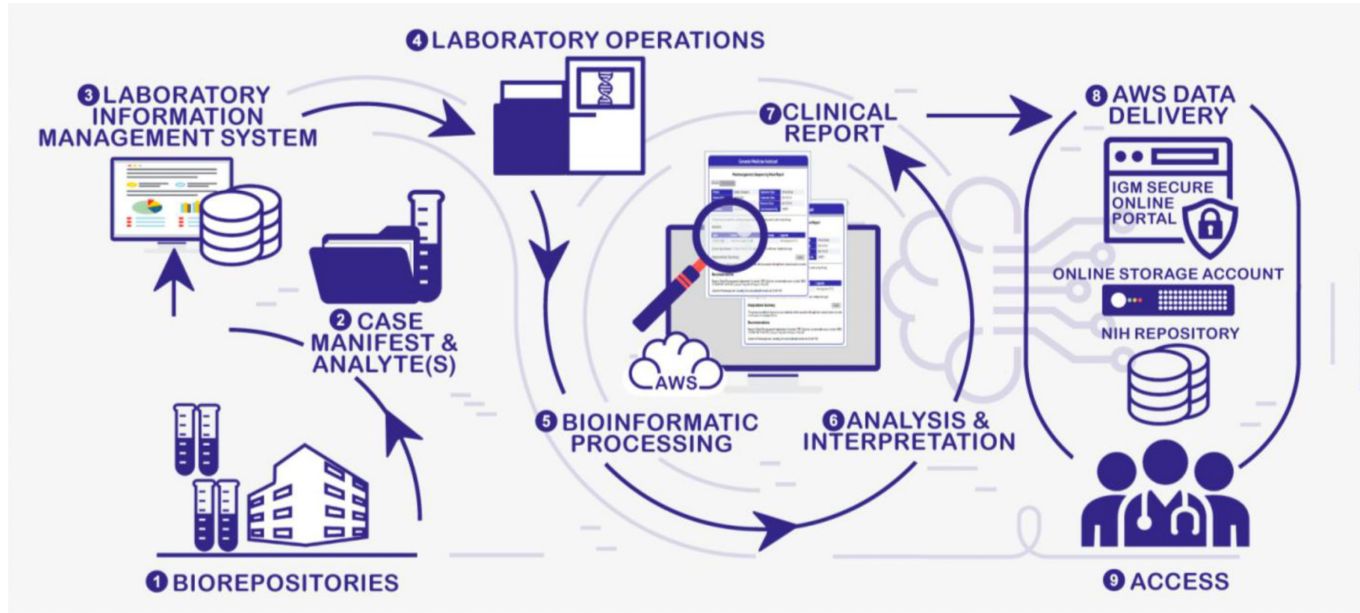


# The Molecular Characterization Initiative

Fueling Precision Pediatric Cancer Diagnosis and Perpetuating Discovery

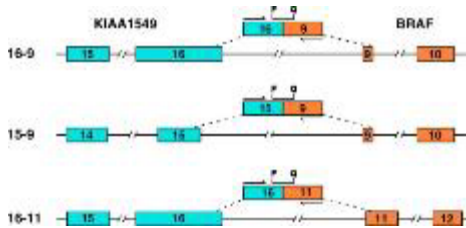
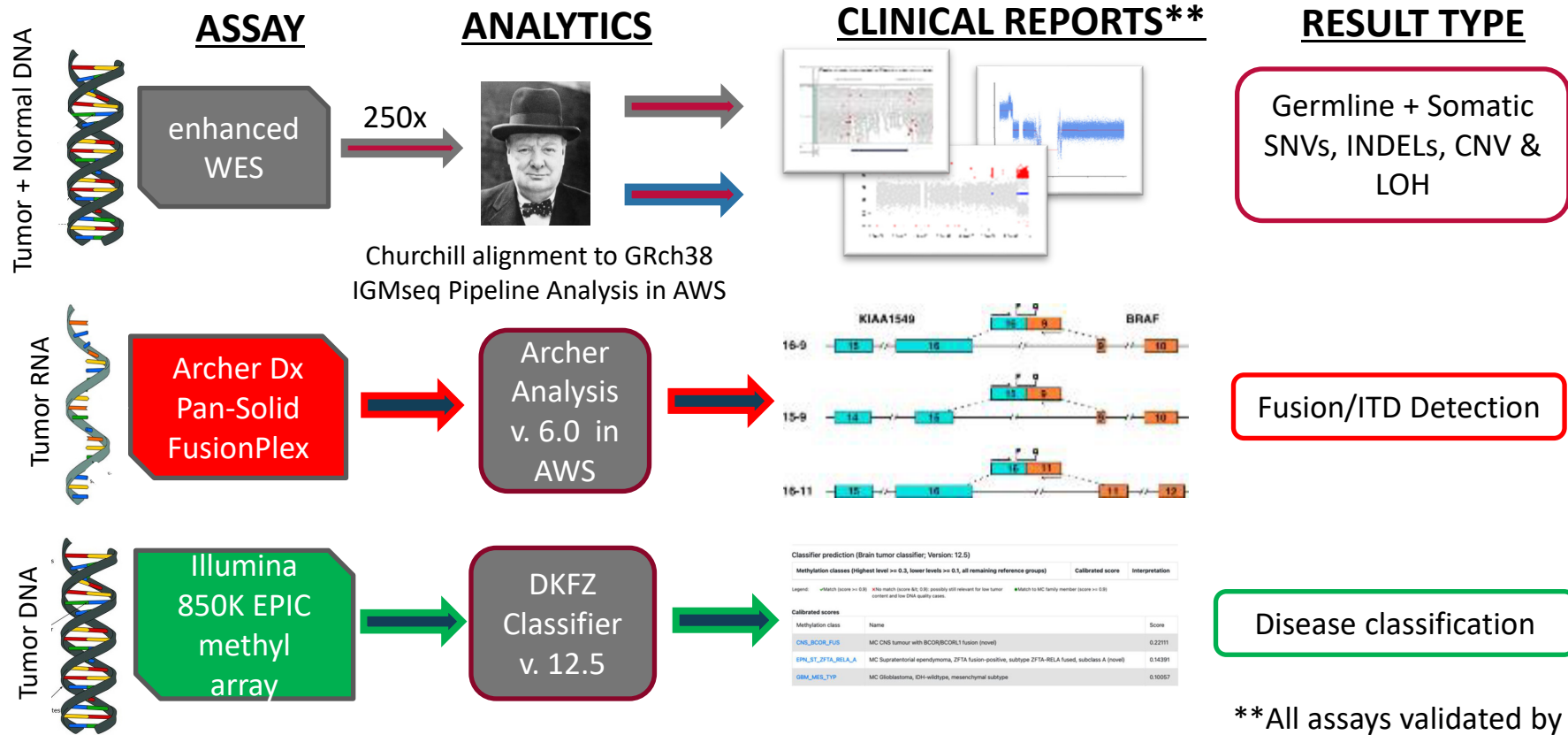
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# MCI: Pediatric Cancer Molecular Profiling



- NCI has contracted our clinical laboratory to perform molecular characterization of pediatric solid tissue malignancies for NCI-supported pediatric cancer cooperative groups, starting with the Children's Oncology Group (COG)
- Clinical testing (T/N exome, Archer FusionPlex, methylation arrays) and sign-out/return of results (**14d TAT**)
- **Data deposition** to CCDI public data repository within 90 days of test results
- To-date, we have studied patients with brain cancers, sarcomas and rare cancers

# MCI Assays and Analytics



Classifier prediction (Brain tumor classifier; Version: 12.5)

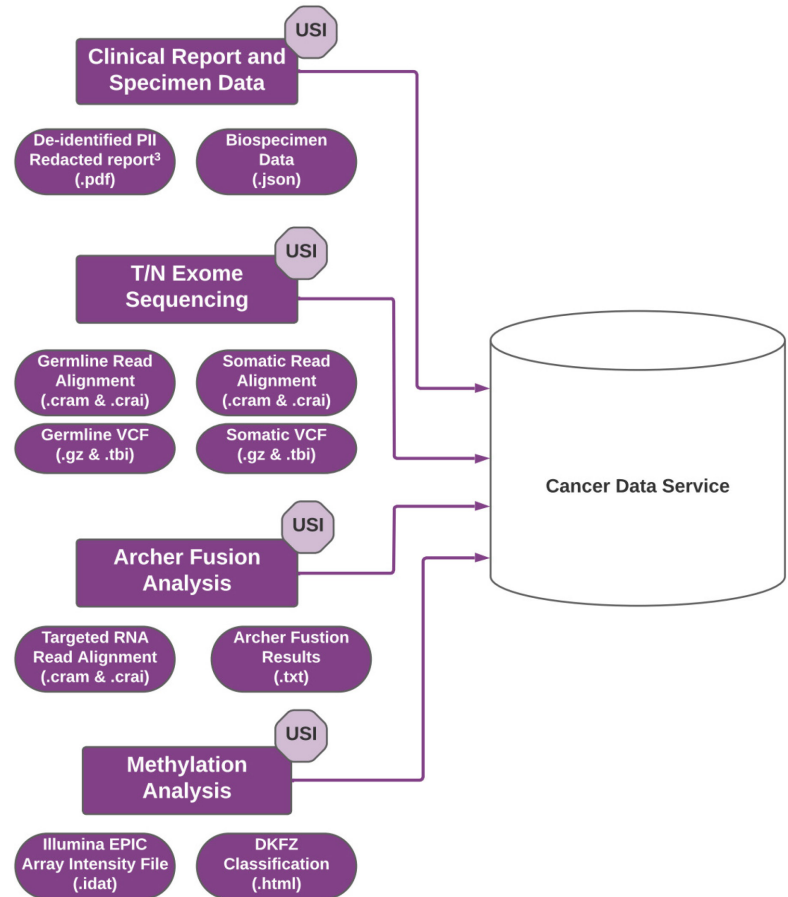
Methylation class (Highest level >= 0.3, lower levels >= 0.1, all remaining reference groups)	Calibrated score	Interpretation
CHS_BCDR_FUS	0.22191	MC CNS tumour with BCDR/BCORL1 fusion (novel)
EPH_A1_ZFTA_RELA_A	0.14291	MC Supratentorial ependymoma, ZFTA fusion-positive, subtype ZFTA-RELA fused, subclass A (novel)
GBM_MES_TYP	0.10057	MC Glioblastoma, CH-wildtype, mesenchymal subtype

Legend: - Match score >= 0.8: 95% match score < 0.5: possibly still relevant for low tumor content and/or low DNA quality cases. \* Match to MC family member score >= 0.8

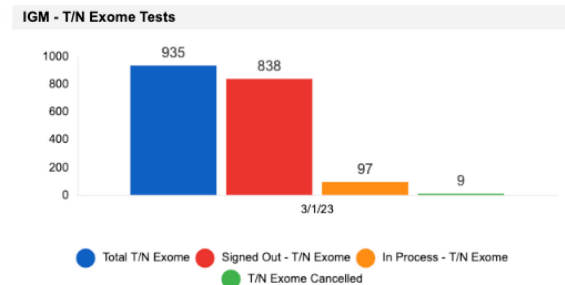
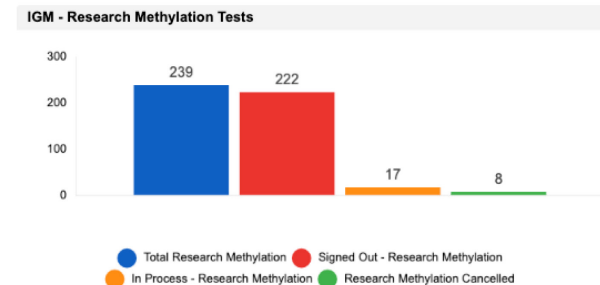
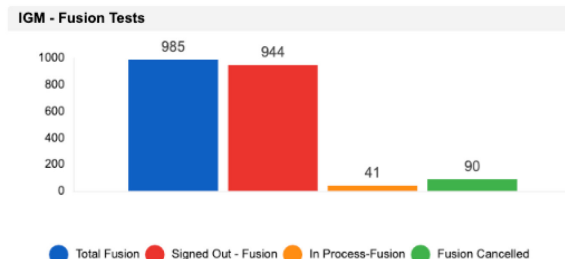
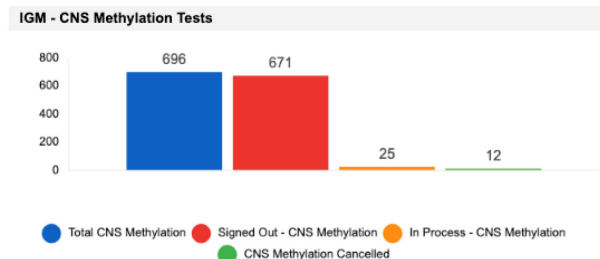
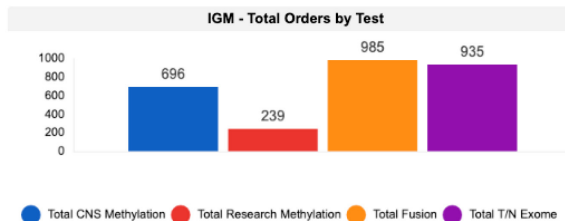
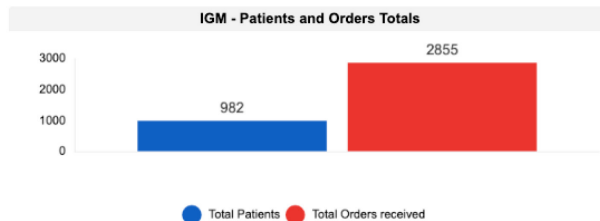
\*\*All assays validated by CAP and NYSDOH

# MCI Data Transfer to CCD

- Data transfer occurs once corresponding clinical report is signed out
- In addition to VCF from T/N exome, we transfer JSON format files of clinically relevant copy number altered and LOH regions for germline and somatic tissues
- Subsequent release of data into CCD by the NCI team occurs at an established cadence



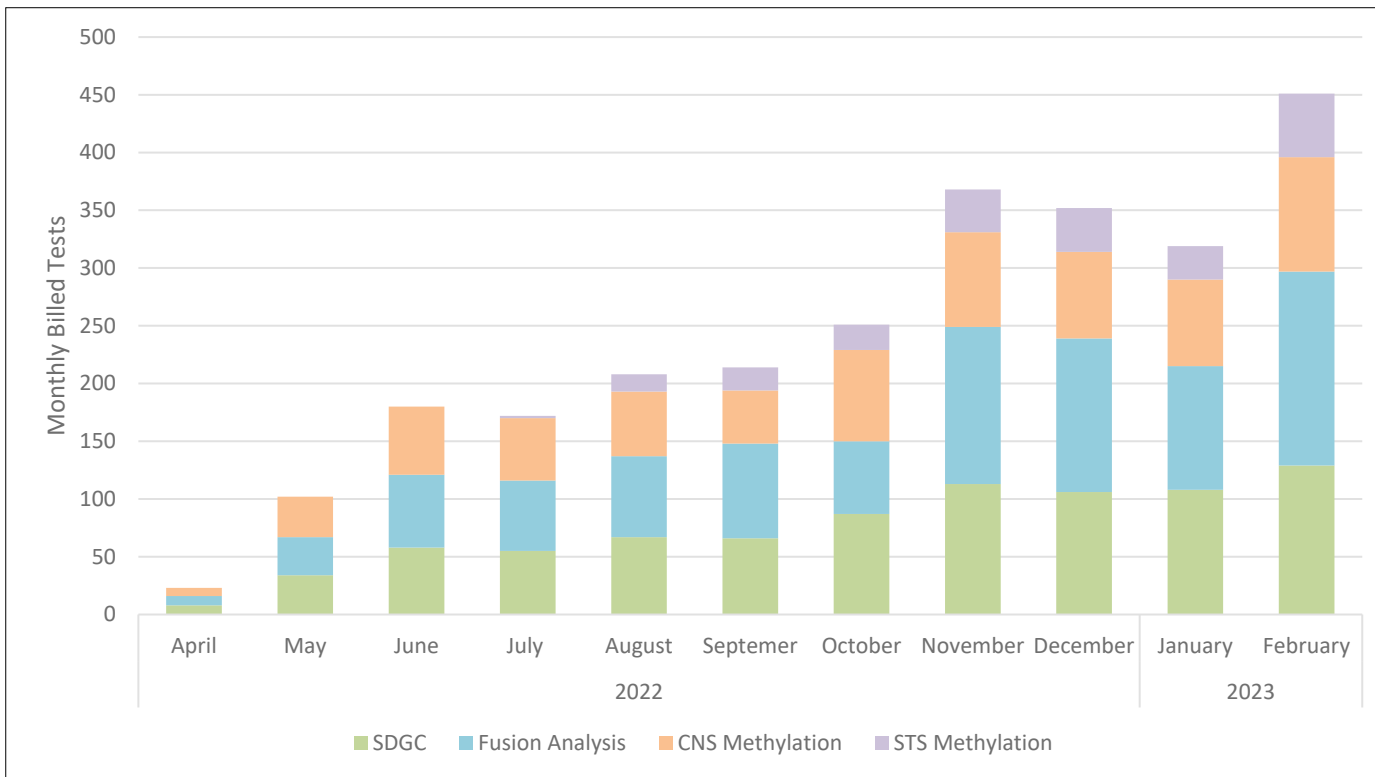
# Keeping Track of MCI Clinical Testing



- To-date, **1072 cases** with tumor and normal samples received at BPC
- 92% of submitted samples yielded adequate nucleic acids for testing

*Current as of 3/01/2023*

# MCI Testing Ramp-Up



Data from LabVantage monthly sign-outs

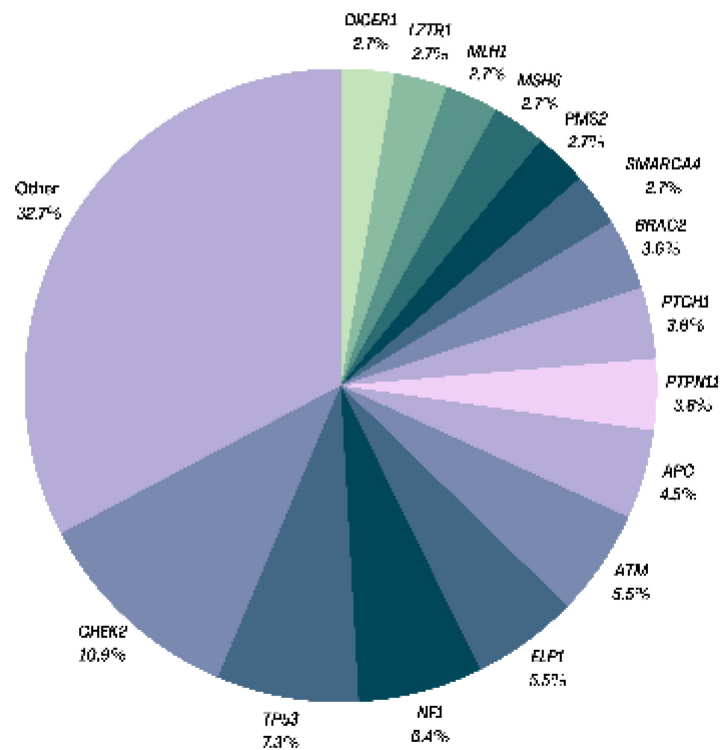
# Return of Germline Susceptibility Results in MCI

- Only pathogenic or likely pathogenic findings in genes that may be contributory to the underlying reason for studying cancer in the proband will be returned from a consensus list of germline cancer susceptibility genes
- Variants of Uncertain Significance in genes with clear association to the cancer type under study are reportable
- TP53 germline variants are interpreted using the ClinGen specific guidelines
- Reportable germline copy number variation includes gain, loss, biallelic loss or amplification reported in association with cancer predisposition (ACMG/CGC guidelines)
- We are not reporting typical secondary carrier findings such as those informing reproductive risk, nor will we return incidental findings
- The clinical report returning germline susceptibility results is sent electronically to the enrolling physician, who will coordinate a referral for local genetic counseling for patient and family, and offer familial cascade testing (where appropriate)

[https://cogmembers.org/prot/apec14b1/APEC14B1FACTs\\_MCI.pdf](https://cogmembers.org/prot/apec14b1/APEC14B1FACTs_MCI.pdf)



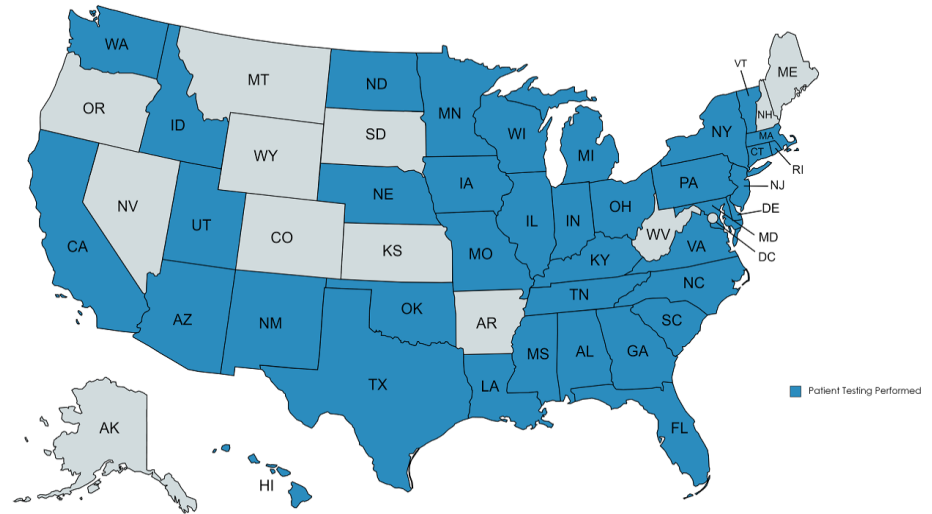
# MCI: Germline Findings



# Molecular Characterization Initiative

## In 2022...

- 693 patients enrolled & consented
- 2,008 orders received (~7% cancelled)
- Testing Completed
  - 627 Methylation (~5% cancelled)
  - 649 Fusion (~8% cancelled)
  - 594 Exome (~5% cancelled)
- 1,544 orders (77%) signed out within 14d TAT
- Patients from **38** states
- 160 tests performed for international patients (Canada, Australia, New Zealand)



1<sup>st</sup> case  
received  
March 31<sup>st</sup>

# Challenges to 14d TAT

TAT challenges scale with the complexity of the assay

- Wet lab, computational, analytical, sign-out
- Methylation < Archer < T/N exome

Scale of operations in wet lab is rate-limiting based on manual pipetting

- Automated pipetting robots will facilitate these protocols and enable higher throughput per tech

NGS instrumentation failures and loading optimization per flow cell

- Planned transition to Illumina NovaSeq X platform to replace NS6000 and verifying the NextSeq2000s

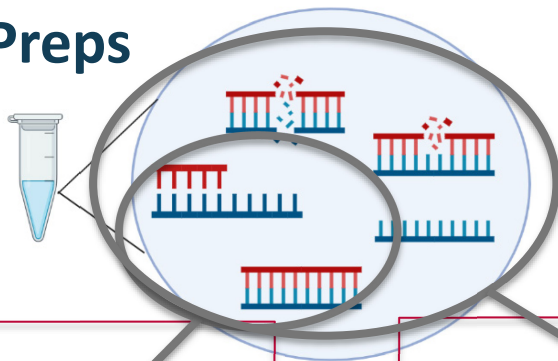
DNA input, data quality and coverage challenges of FFPE-derived tumor DNA for T/N exome assay

- New NGS library kit evaluation from Claret Biosciences in validation

IGMseq scalability is being challenged by increased volumes

- Planning is ongoing for a new NGS Workflow Manager, designed for this scale of operations, including automated sample sheets

# Comparing Library Preps



## NEBNext Ultra II FS

Fragmentation, End Repair, 5' Phosphorylation and dA-Tailing



Adaptor Ligation

with IDT unique-dual-indexed adaptor



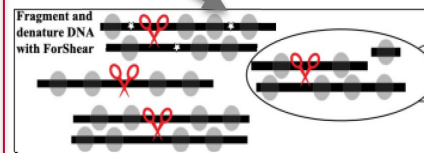
Clean Up/Size Selection

PCR Enrichment

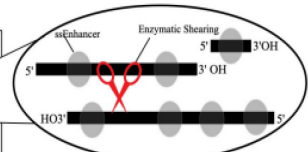


## Claret SRSly

Fragment and denature DNA with ForShear



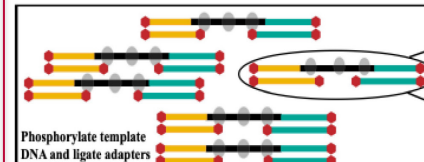
Enzymatic Shearing



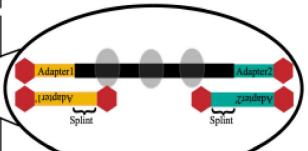
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Phosphorylate template DNA and ligate adapters

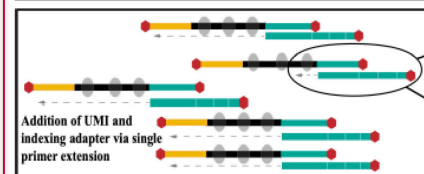


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Adapter2  
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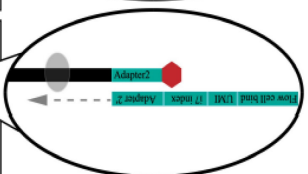


1hr +  
30 minute cleanup

Addition of UMI and indexing adapter via single primer extension



Adapter2  
Adapter1



30 minutes +  
30 minute cleanup

To Index PCR

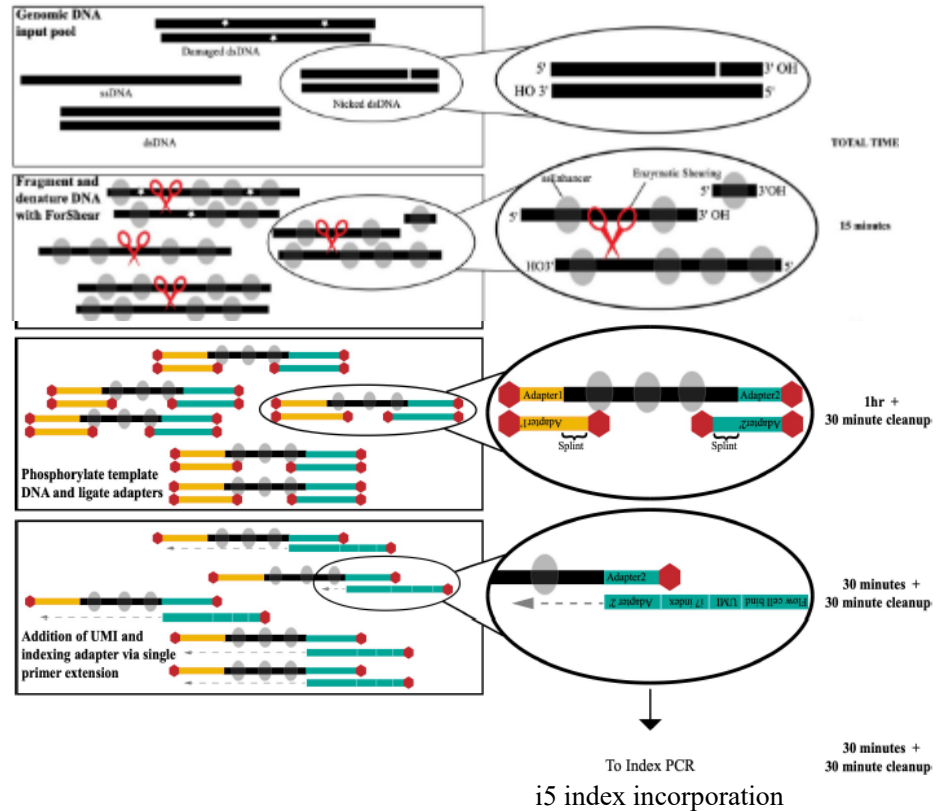
i5 index incorporation

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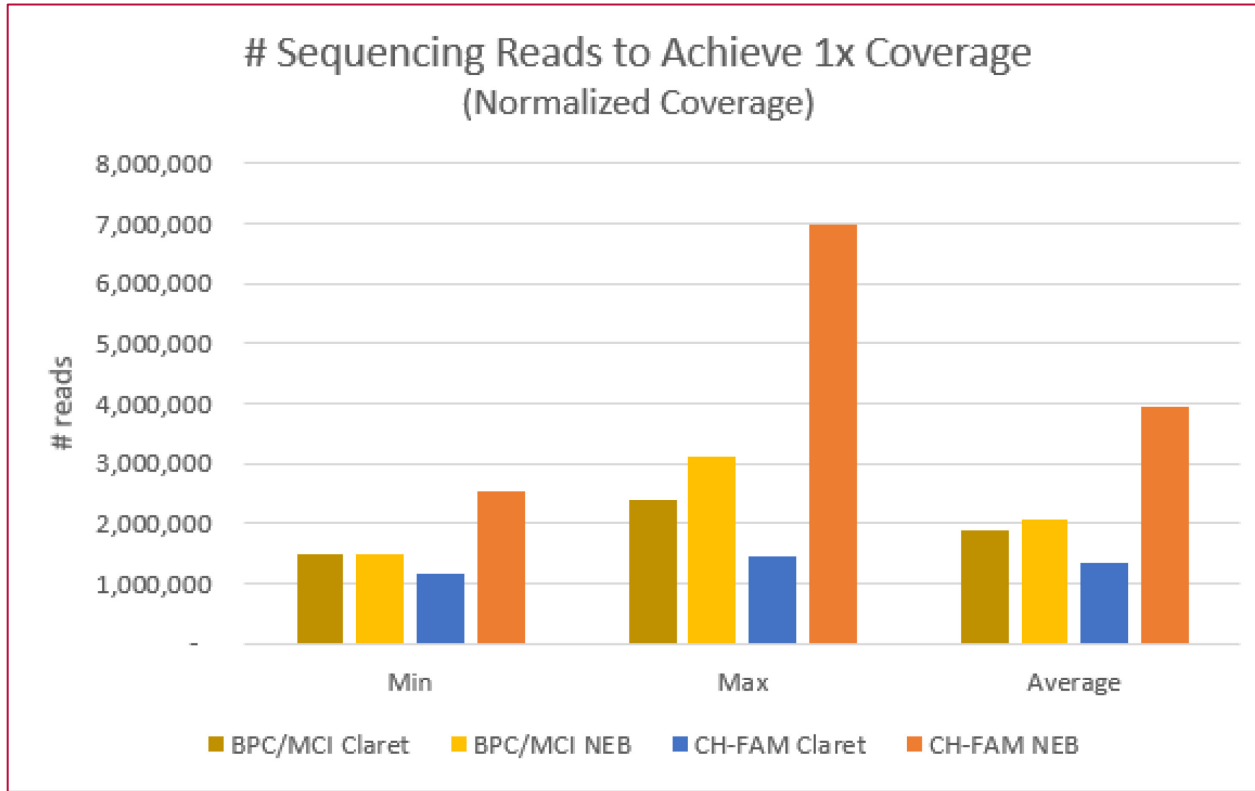
# Claret SRSLY chemistry

## Single Reaction Single-stranded Library

- SRSLY formula:
- 10ng – 50ng input of gDNA
- Current protocol with NEBNext Ultra II FS
- 250-500ng input of FFPE gDNA
- 100ng FF gDNA

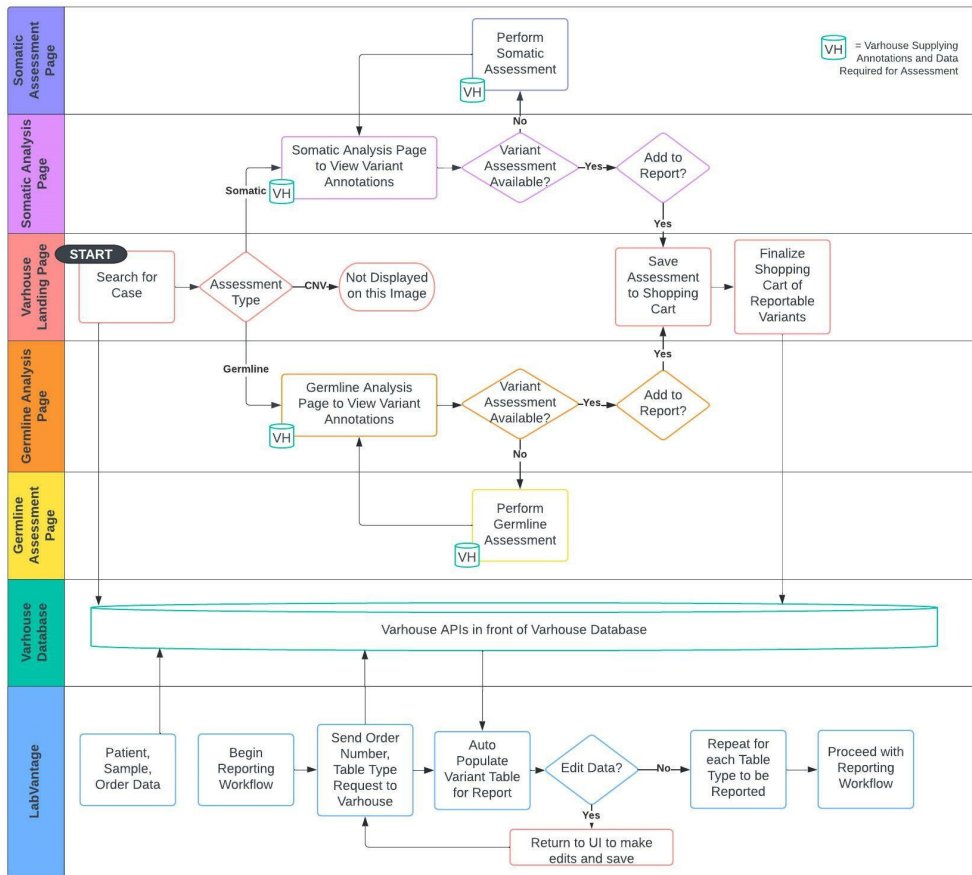


# Reads Needed to Achieve 1X Coverage



- Initial testing of the Claret NGS library utilized in-house DNA from FFPE-preserved cancer samples (CH-FAM) and MCI samples (BPC/MCI) in comparison to their clinical results from NEB libraries.
- This comparison evaluates the number of reads needed to achieve 1X coverage on the exome .bed file

# Automated Variant Annotation (AVA) Project



- The overarching goal of this multi-month development program is to facilitate the annotation of detected variants (germline and somatic) in the sign-out of tumor/normal exome assay results
- Varhouse is the IGM data lake that warehouses our variant annotations and the additional data required for assessment
- The indicated workflow permits clinical directors to assess both germline and somatic variants of all types prior to adding to report via “shopping cart”, used to auto-populate the variant table according to regulatory guidelines (ASCO/AMP/CAP or ACMG/CGC)

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# CCDI Data Ecosystem: Connecting Resources

*Status Update*

# Outline

## CCDI Data Ecosystem Objectives

### Foundational Infrastructure

- Data Input, Processing, and Access

## CCDI Components

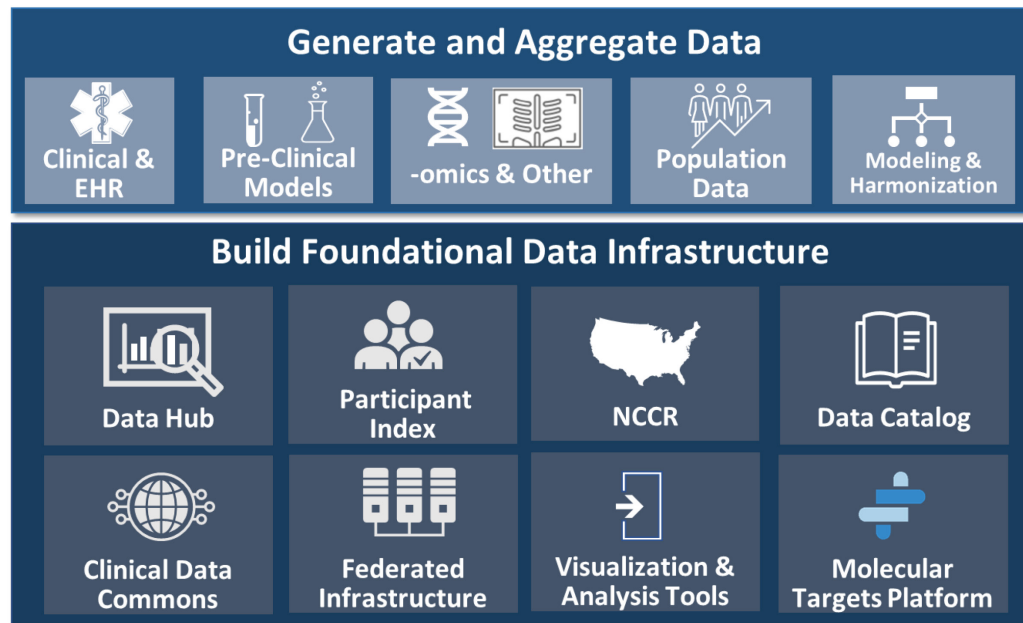
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# CCDI Objectives

# CCDI Data Ecosystem: Objectives

Create a platform that:

- Supports broad sharing of deidentified individual-level data
- Supports interoperability among existing and new data resources
- Enables the collection, query, visualization, and analysis of longitudinal patient data
- Offers a central Hub to facilitate discovery and analysis

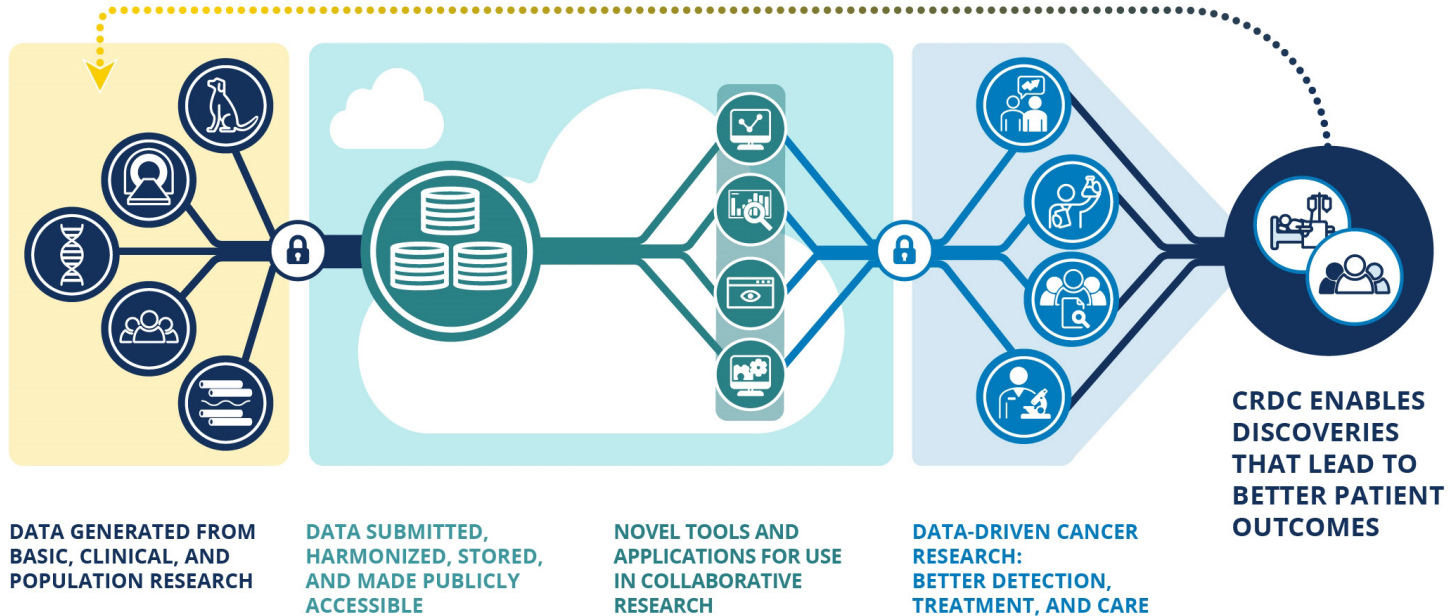




# Foundational Infrastructure

*Data Input, Processing, and Access*

# NCI Cancer Research Data Commons: Empowering Discovery



[datacommons.cancer.gov](https://datacommons.cancer.gov)

# CCDI Data Ecosystem Components: Connecting the Data

## Primary databases

- Childhood Cancer Clinical Data Commons
- Cancer Research Data Commons
- National Childhood Cancer Registry
- CCDI Data Federation

## Data processing & harmonization

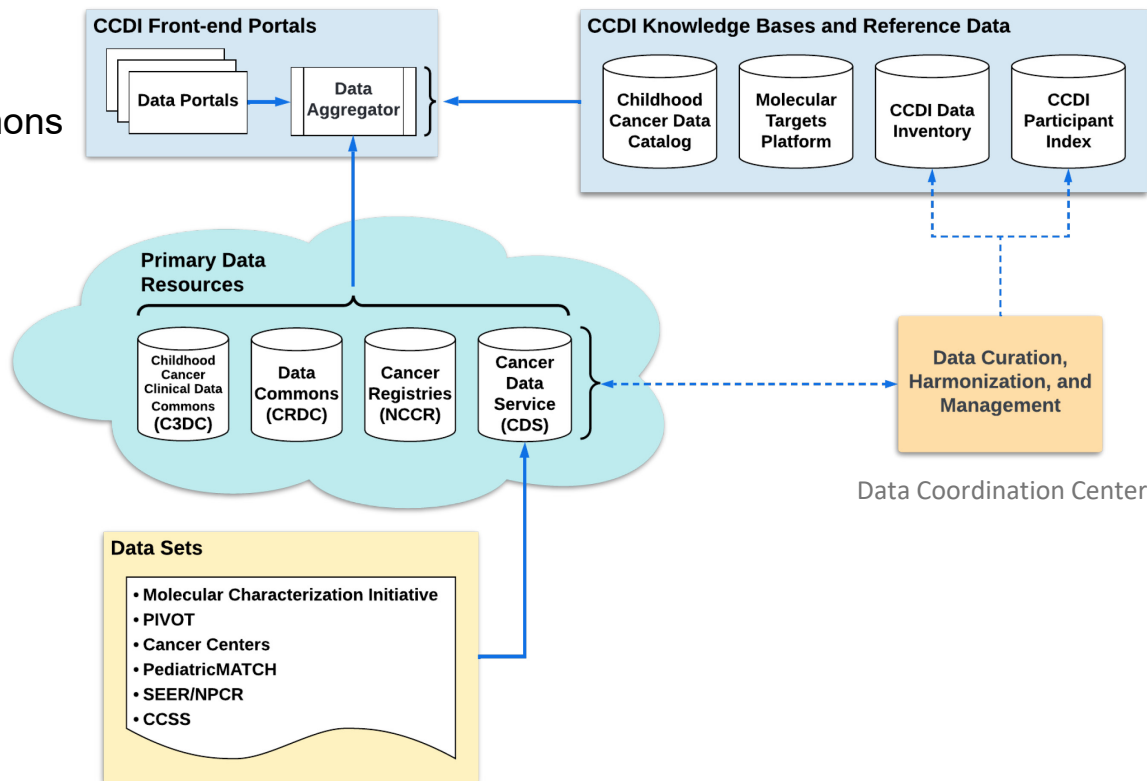
- Data Coordination Center

## Reference databases

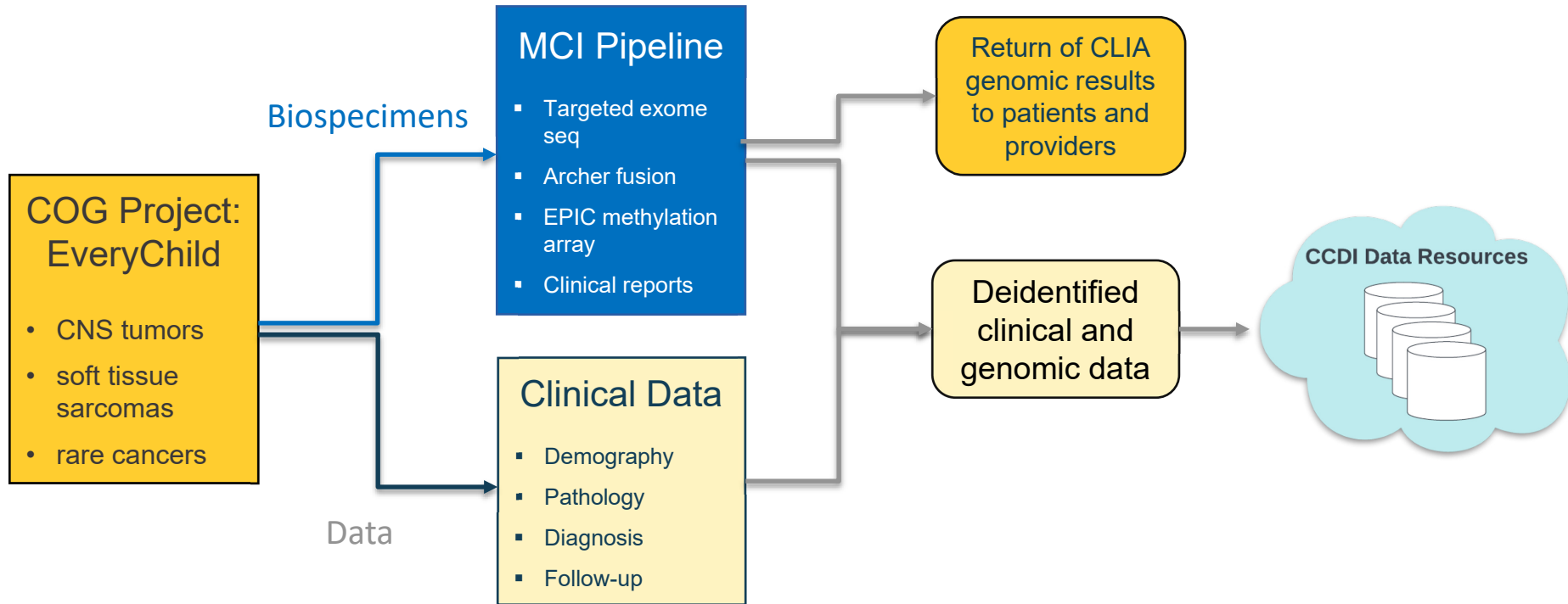
- Data Catalog
- Molecular Targets Platform
- Data Inventory
- Participant Index

## Data access

- Various portals



# Molecular Characterization Initiative Process



[Phs002790](#): Genomic data: 880 patients; Clinical data: 978 patients



# CCDI Data Access

## Study-level directories

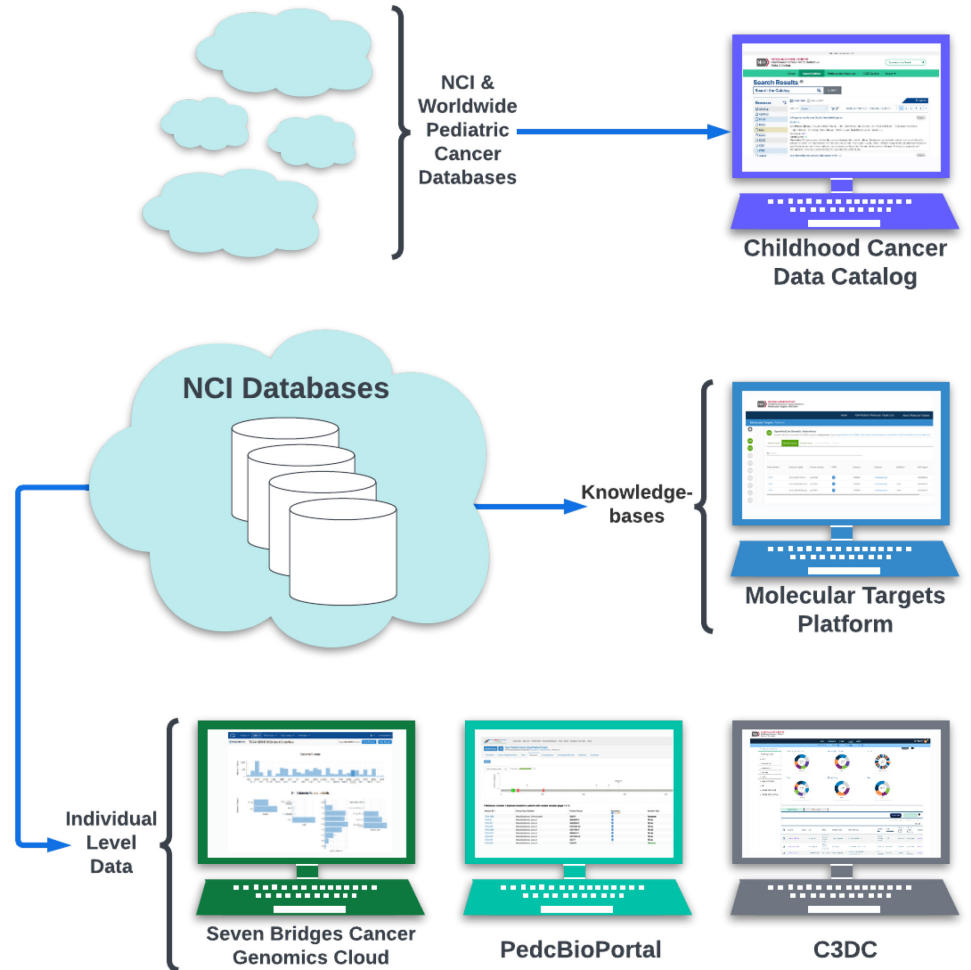
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## Aggregations and knowledge bases

- Molecular Targets Platform

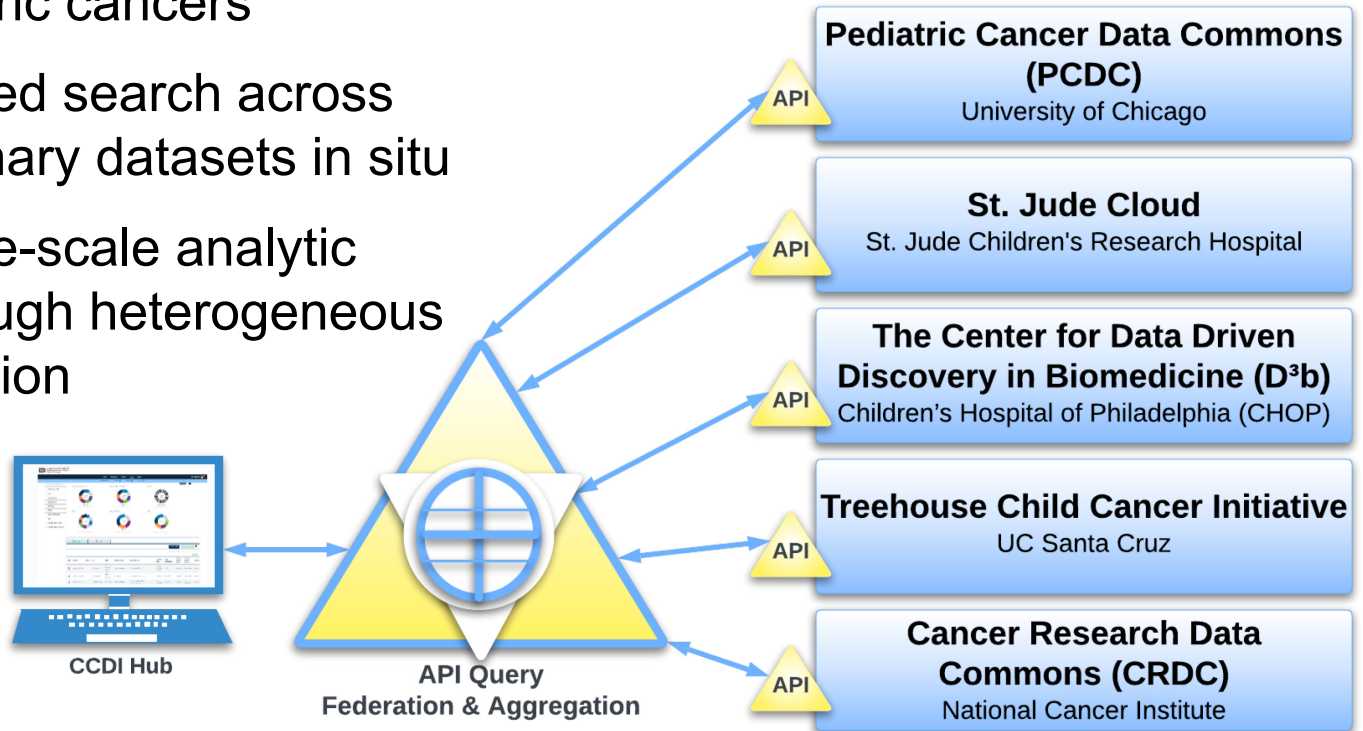
## Individual-level data

- Clinical: C3DC
- Genomics: PedcBioPortal
- Custom analyses: Cancer Genomics Cloud



# Data Federation Demonstration Project

- Aggregate clinical and research data of pediatric cancers
- Support faceted search across cross-disciplinary datasets in situ
- Facilitate large-scale analytic research through heterogeneous data aggregation
- Tentative MVP release in Q3, 2023



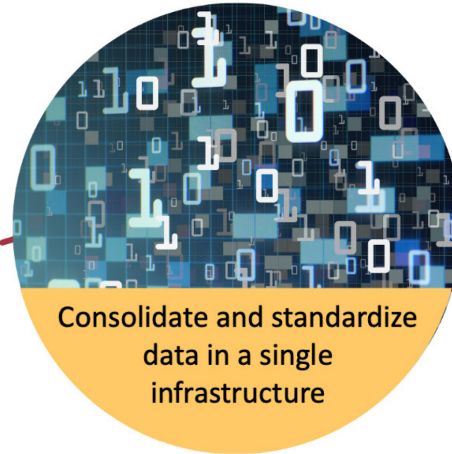
# CCDI Components

*A Deeper Dive*

# National Childhood Cancer Registry

Approximately 16,000 childhood cancer patients are diagnosed in the United States annually, compared with 1.8 million new cancer cases among all ages

Initial Registry Participation = ~70% of US population



## Data Domains:

- Longitudinal Treatment, Procedures, Outcomes (including pharmacy data, radiation oncology, claims, radiology, vital status)
- Social Determinants of Health (including financial toxicity, residential history)
- Clinical Trials and Survivorship Studies
- Germline Molecular Characterization

Statistics for cancers in children, adolescents, and young adults

HOME APPLICATION ABOUT HELP

Get Started with a Cancer Site ?

I. Leukemias

Choose a Statistic to Explore ?

Incidence

Trends Over Time

Recent Rates

Rates by Age ?

Compare By:

Sex

Race/Ethnicity

Age

Subtype

Both Sexes

Female

Male

Race/Ethnicity

Selected: All Races

Age

Selected: Ages <20

More Options

Precision:

0.1

Show Confidence Interval

### I. Leukemias

#### Trends in Age-Adjusted Incidence Rates, 1999-2019

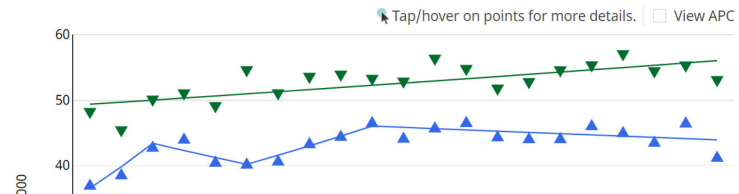
By Sex, All Races, Ages <20

NCCR Registries, representing up to 69% of all U.S. children, adolescents, and young adults (see footnote for included registries)



Graph

Data Table



<https://nccrexplorer.ccdi.cancer.gov/about/nccr.html>

# Childhood Cancer Data Catalog

- An inventory of pediatric oncology data resources
  - repositories, registries, knowledgebases, and catalogs
- 41 Resources, 203 Datasets
- Launched in April 2022
  - seven functional & data updates

<https://datacatalog.ccdi.cancer.gov/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Childhood Cancer Data Catalog. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Search Catalog, Participating Resources, CCDI Studies (highlighted with a red box), and About. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main header features a large image of a doctor examining a child, with the title "Childhood Cancer Data Catalog" and a brief description: "A searchable database of pediatric data resources, sharing clinical care and research data generated by the pediatric cancer research community." Below this is a search bar labeled "Search for Datasets" and a featured items section titled "Et tu, Data?" which lists "3 new resources, 11 new datasets, and quick access to CCDI data. Check out all Catalog updates. Read More >". The middle section highlights three participating resources: "National Childhood Cancer Registry Explorer", "Oncogenomics", and "OncoKB", each with a brief description and a "READ MORE >" link. The bottom section is titled "What can you expect from the Data Catalog" and provides a detailed overview of the catalog's purpose and the types of resources it includes, such as repositories, registries, programs, knowledgebases, and analytic tools. It also mentions that links to these resources are provided in the browse or search results. An "EXPLORE THE CATALOG" button is located at the bottom right.

# Molecular Targets Platform (MTP)

- Open Targets Platform with a focus on pediatric cancer data.
- Browse and identify associations between molecular targets, diseases, and drugs.
- Includes 215 from FDA Pediatric Molecular Target Lists
- 40,929 molecular targets and 63 diseases
- Launched August 2022

<https://moleculartargets.ccdi.cancer.gov/>

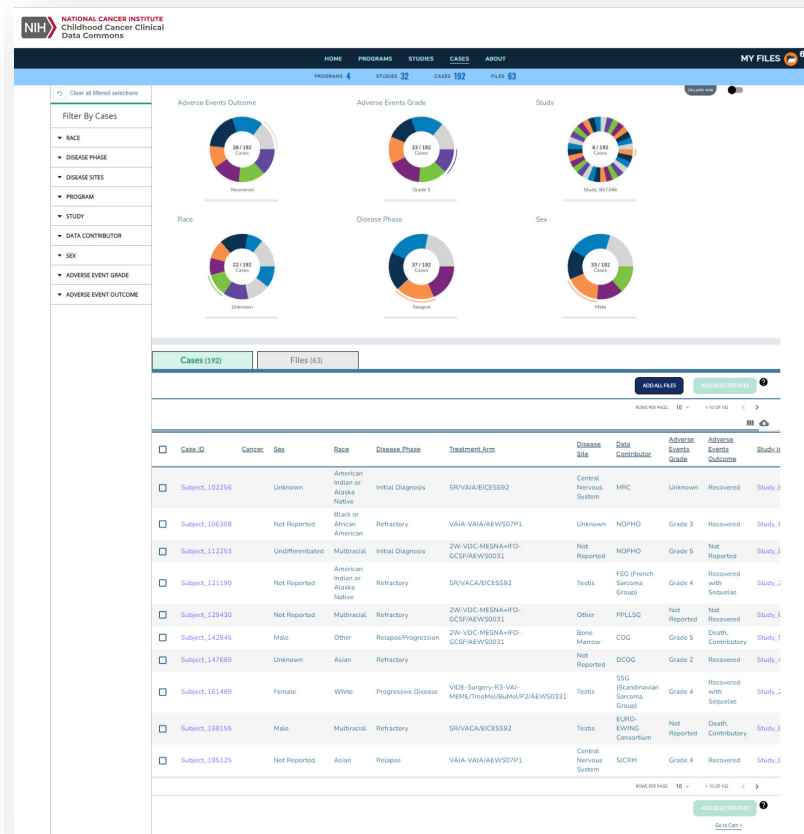
The screenshot displays the Molecular Targets Platform (MTP) interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, FDA Pediatric Molecular Target Lists, About Molecular Targets, and Pediatric Cancer Data Navigation. The main content area is titled "Evidence for ALK in neuroblastoma" and features a search bar. Below the title, there are two columns of information: "ALK" (FDA PMTL: Relevant Molecular Target) and "neuroblastoma". Each column includes a description, synonyms, and a list of associated diseases. The interface also features a grid of "OpenPedCan" data points for various categories like Somatic Alterations, Gene Expression, and Genetic Associations. At the bottom, there is a table of "OpenPedCan Somatic Alterations" with columns for Gene symbol, Dataset, Disease, Gene full name, Gene type, Protein RefSeq ID, and Total # Subseq. The table lists several entries for ALK, including those from the PETA, AI Cohorts, TARGET, TARGET Panel, and GMPF datasets.



# Childhood Cancer Clinical Data Commons (C3DC)

- Allows researchers to search for participant-level data collected from multiple studies
- Facilitates longitudinal data collection and analysis
- Created C3DC data model in GitHub
- Tentative MVP release Q3 of 2023

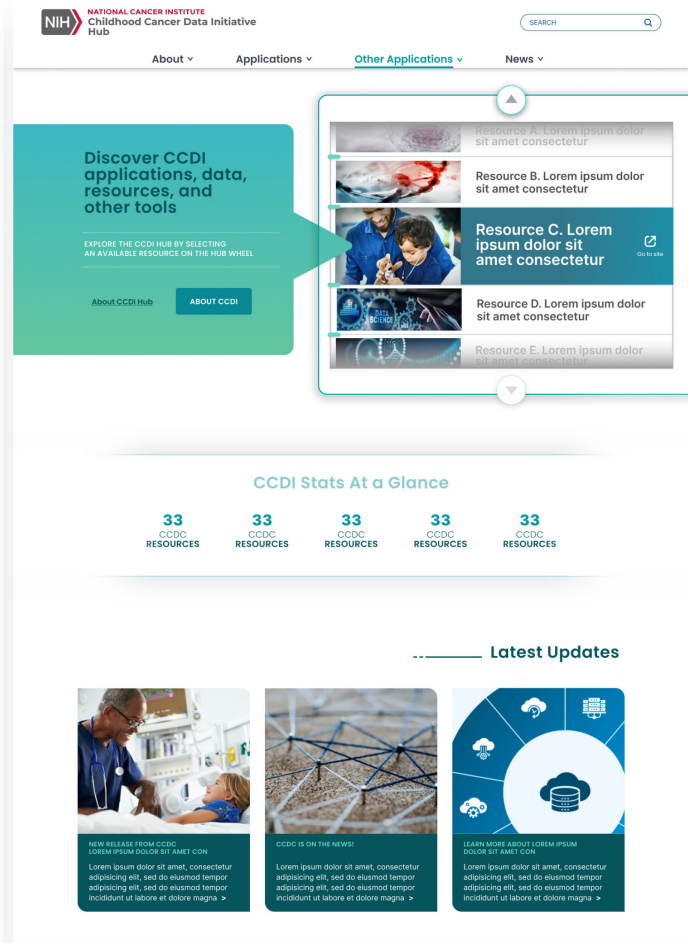
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# CCDI Hub

- CCDI Hub is an entry point for researchers, data scientists, and citizen scientists looking to use and connect with CCDI
- Facilitates exploration of CCDI applications, data, tools, and other resources
- MVP will be released in April 2023



# Contact Information

- Ask questions through CCDI Mailbox:  
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- Learn more on the CCDI Website:  
<https://www.cancer.gov/research/areas/childhood/childhood-cancer-data-initiative>
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# A National Initiative for Rare Cancers in Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults

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# Background: Rare Pediatric and AYA Cancer

- Rare cancer: Less than 150 cases per million per year
  - Very rare pediatric cancer:
    - Less than 2 cases per million per year (11% of all pediatric cancers)
- Challenges:
  - Accurate and timely diagnosis
  - Poor understanding of natural history and biology
  - Lack of standard therapy & treatment trials
  - Identification of centers with treatment expertise
- Substantial progress for select cancers, but
  - Siloed
  - Focus on few cancers
  - Insufficient patient numbers for most cancers
  - Data collection not standardized/structured

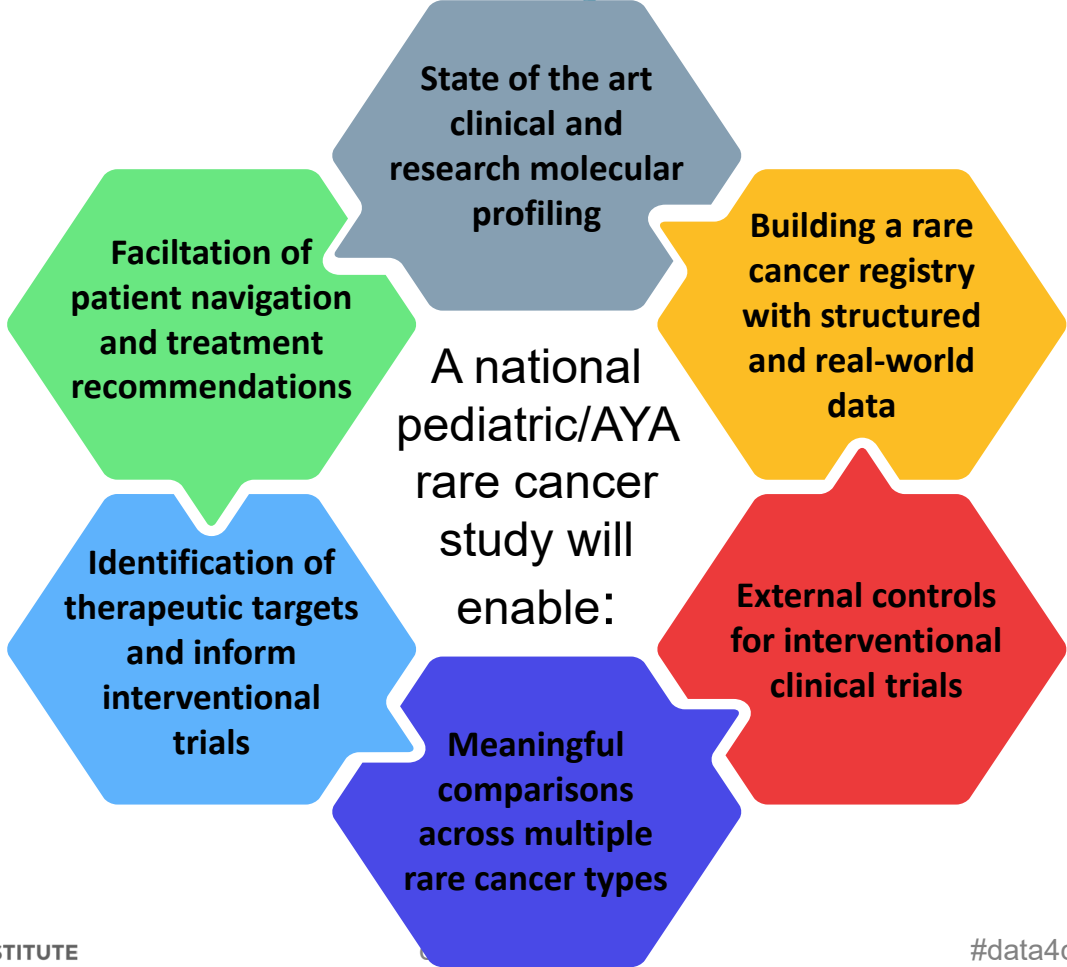
# Successful Pediatric/AYA Efforts

- PPB/DICER1 Registry
- My Pediatric and Adult Rare Tumor Network (MyPART)
- International pediatric ACC tumor registry
- ExPERT/PARTNER Consortium
- GlobalREACH – International Rb data commons
- Numerous disease specific clinical trials:
  - ARET0321 – Metastatic retinoblastoma
  - ARAR0331 – Nasopharyngeal carcinoma
  - ARAR0332 – Adrenocortical carcinoma
  - Larotrectinib in NTRK fusion tumors

# Lessons Learned: Rare Pediatric and AYA Cancer Efforts

- Despite ongoing efforts there remains a large unmet need
- Successful efforts have:
  - Advocacy, patient engagement, and disease champions
- Conducting registry/natural history studies first facilitates clinical trials
- Achieving meaningful cohorts is time efficient
- Partnership and integration with consortia / COG / PBTC / PNOC / CBTN / disease specific initiatives / community hospitals / advocacy and national experts is critical to accelerate rare tumor efforts
- A national effort will allow enrolling adequate numbers of participants to more rapidly, efficiently, and consistently study multiple rare cancers

# CCDI Coordinated National Study of Pediatric/AYA Rare Cancers



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- Key elements of the proposed national rare cancer study will be synergistic with CCDI and other rare tumor efforts:
  - CCDI:
    - Conduct of longitudinal epidemiological cohort studies
      - Genetic tumor predisposition
    - Collect core clinical information on the Molecular Characterization Initiative (MCI)
  - Other efforts:
    - Support data collection and connection
    - Patient navigation
    - Portable patient owned medical record
    - Ability to follow patients longitudinally and facilitate data for survivorship studies



# Objectives & Eligibility

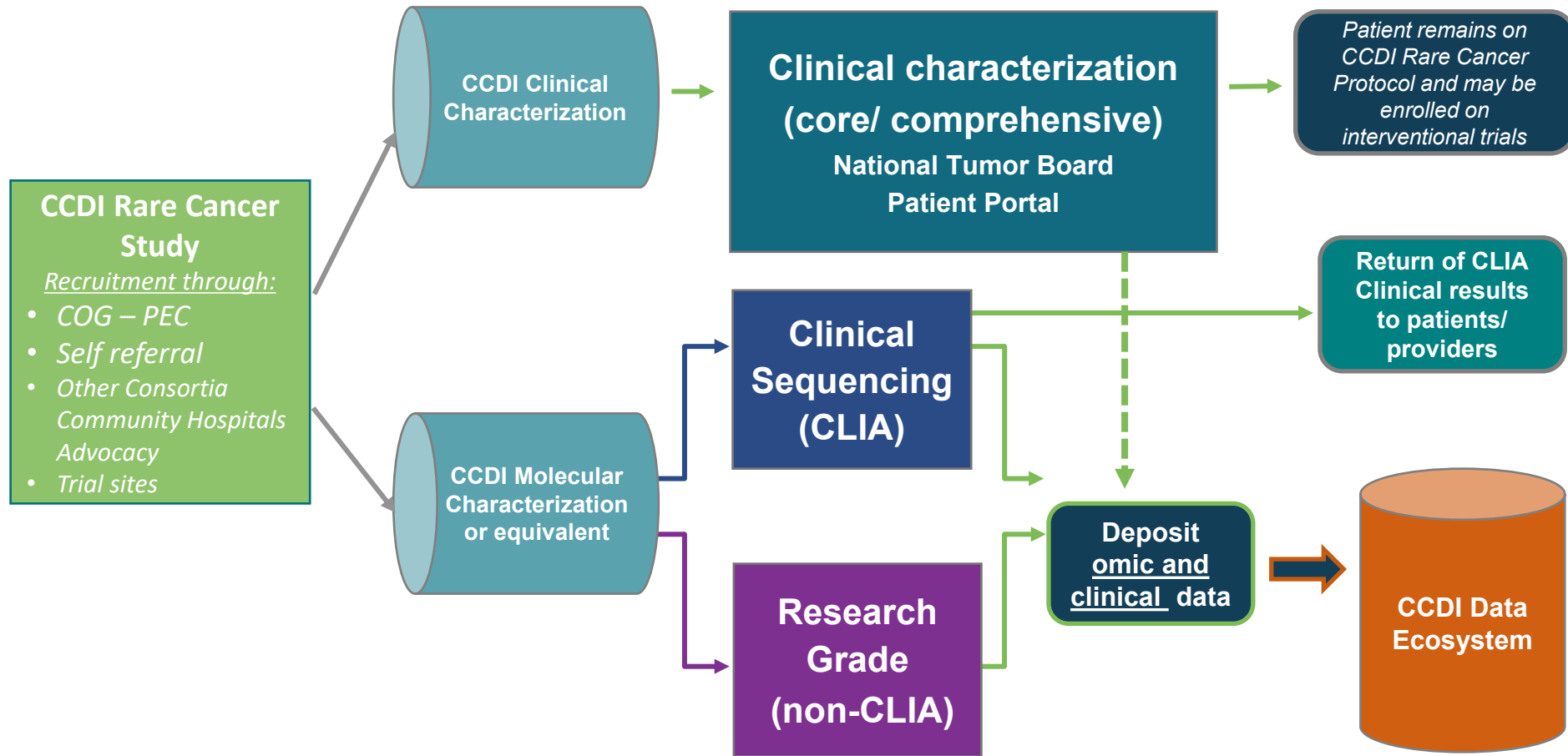
## Objectives:

- Determine feasibility of a national observational protocol for very rare pediatric and AYA solid cancers and hematologic malignancies
- Comprehensively and longitudinally evaluate the disease course of participants with rare cancers
- Collect clinical and research molecular characterization
- Determine feasibility of national molecular/clinical tumor boards for rare cancers

## Eligibility:

- Pediatric and young adult patients with rare solid tumors or hematologic malignancies

# CCDI-Coordinated Rare Pediatric/AYA Cancer Study



# Recruitment

- Self-referral
- All clinical care and research centers involved in the diagnosis and management of cancer in children and young adults
  - Initially, COG's Project Every Child (PEC) and CCDI's Molecular Characterization Initiative (MCI)
    - Will be utilized to identify patients for rare cancer study
  - Other consortia, such as PBTC, CBTN, CONNECT, PNOC, TACL etc. will be engaged
- Community hospitals/physician/advocacy

# Study Design

- Coordination:
  - CCDI coordinated national collaboration
  - Overall Study PIs
  - Rare cancer cohort PIs (rare tumor experts/champions)
- Self referral from anywhere
- Trial sites:
  - Potential to open at other sites
  - Not limited to COG sites (maximize ability to enroll patients who may not have access to COG site)
- Enrollment:
  - At participating sites for comprehensive, longitudinal evaluations
  - Remotely (electronic/phone consent) for collection of core data

# Study Design

- Data collection:
  - Core data set (remote patients)
  - Comprehensive data set (selected rare cancers)
  - Biospecimen analysis offered through the CCDI MCI for clinical molecular characterization
  - Research molecular characterization TBD
  - Data for patients enrolled through PEC-MCI, will be accessible to the national rare cancer study
  - Data sharing with other rare cancer registries to not duplicate efforts
- Data platform: TBD
- Patient portal: TBD
  - Entry of patient reported outcomes and patient information
  - Access to results/information

# Disease Specific National Molecular/Clinical Tumor Boards

## **Tumor board composition:**

- Clinicians and researchers with specific interest and experience in the rare cancer presented
- Genetic counselor to provide treatment recommendations for patients and build upon the collective knowledge base of treating clinicians
- Learn from and collaborate with already established molecular and clinical tumor boards
- Assemble experts from within and outside COG representing all expertise required to provide the very unique benefit of an expert opinion to patients with very rare cancers

## **NIH Rare Tumor Clinics:**

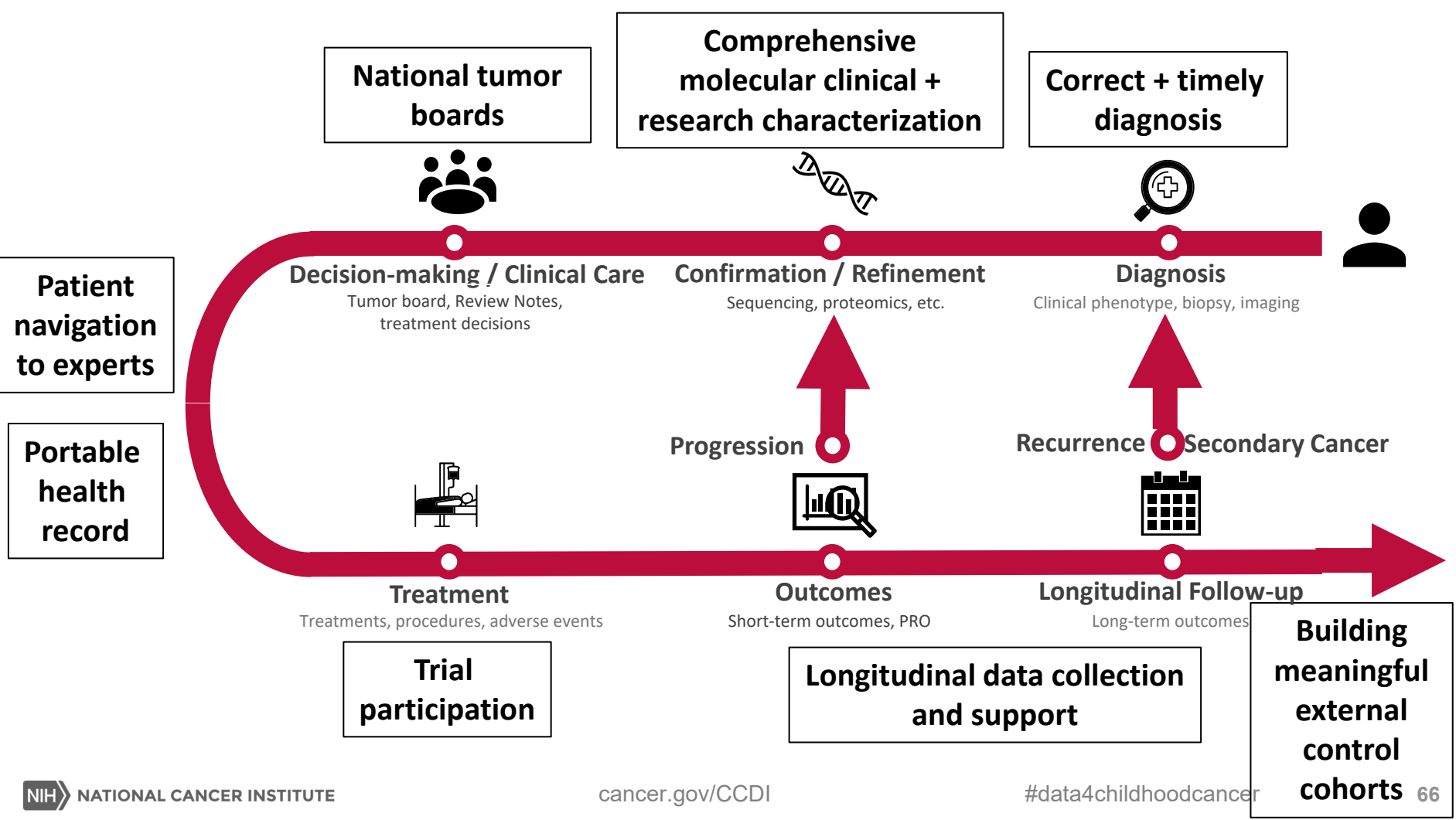
- Can complement this effort and allow for focus groups

# NIH Rare Tumor Clinics: wt-GIST, MTC, Chordoma

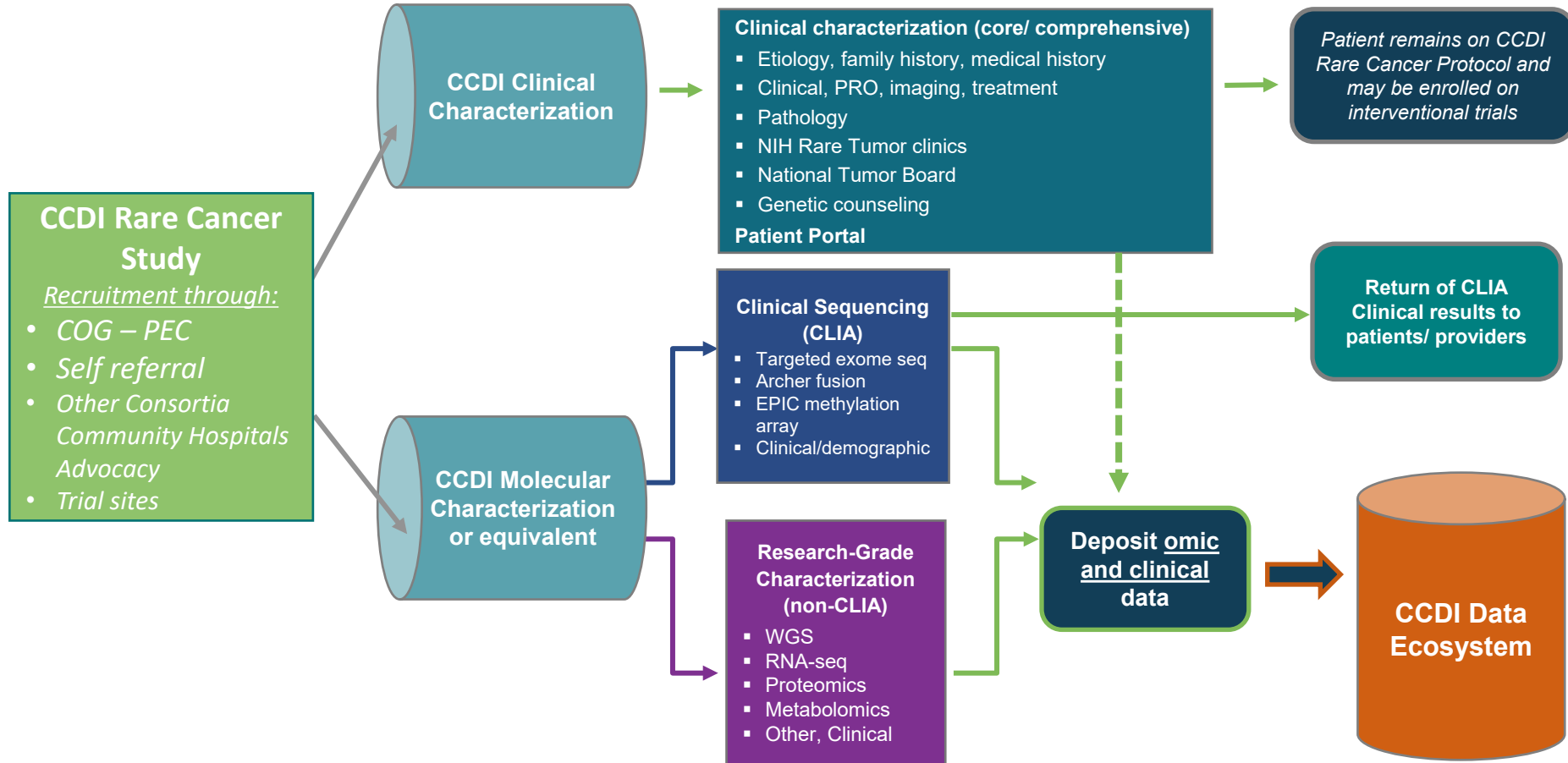
- Rare tumor clinics bring 8-10 patients with select very rare tumors to the NIH CC
  - Disease experts (intra- and extramural) and advocates
  - Detailed clinical evaluations
  - Patient reported outcome, focus groups
  - Patients meet with experts and receive “expert opinion”
- Current Specialty Clinics:
  - Wt-GIST
  - MTC
  - Chordoma
- Benefits:
  - Experts discuss experiences and approaches
  - Patients receive valuable recommendations
  - Trends and similarities more easily identified
  - Patients get to meet others with the same disease







# CCDI-Coordinated Rare Pediatric/AYA Cancer Study



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# Panel Discussion: CCDI Work in Progress



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# Rationale for Cohort Studies

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# Hypothesis-driven study question

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graph TD; A[Hypothesis-driven study question] --> B[Determine outcome(s) of interest]; B --> C[Identify study population]; C --> D[Use appropriate study design];
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## Determine outcome(s) of interest

- *Prevalence*
- *Latency from exposure*

## Identify study population

## Use appropriate study design

# Types of Studies *(Study Designs)*

Experimental

**Randomized  
controlled  
trials (RCT)**

Observational

**Cohort  
studies**  
(longitudinal)

**Case-control  
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(prevalent/incident)

**Cross-  
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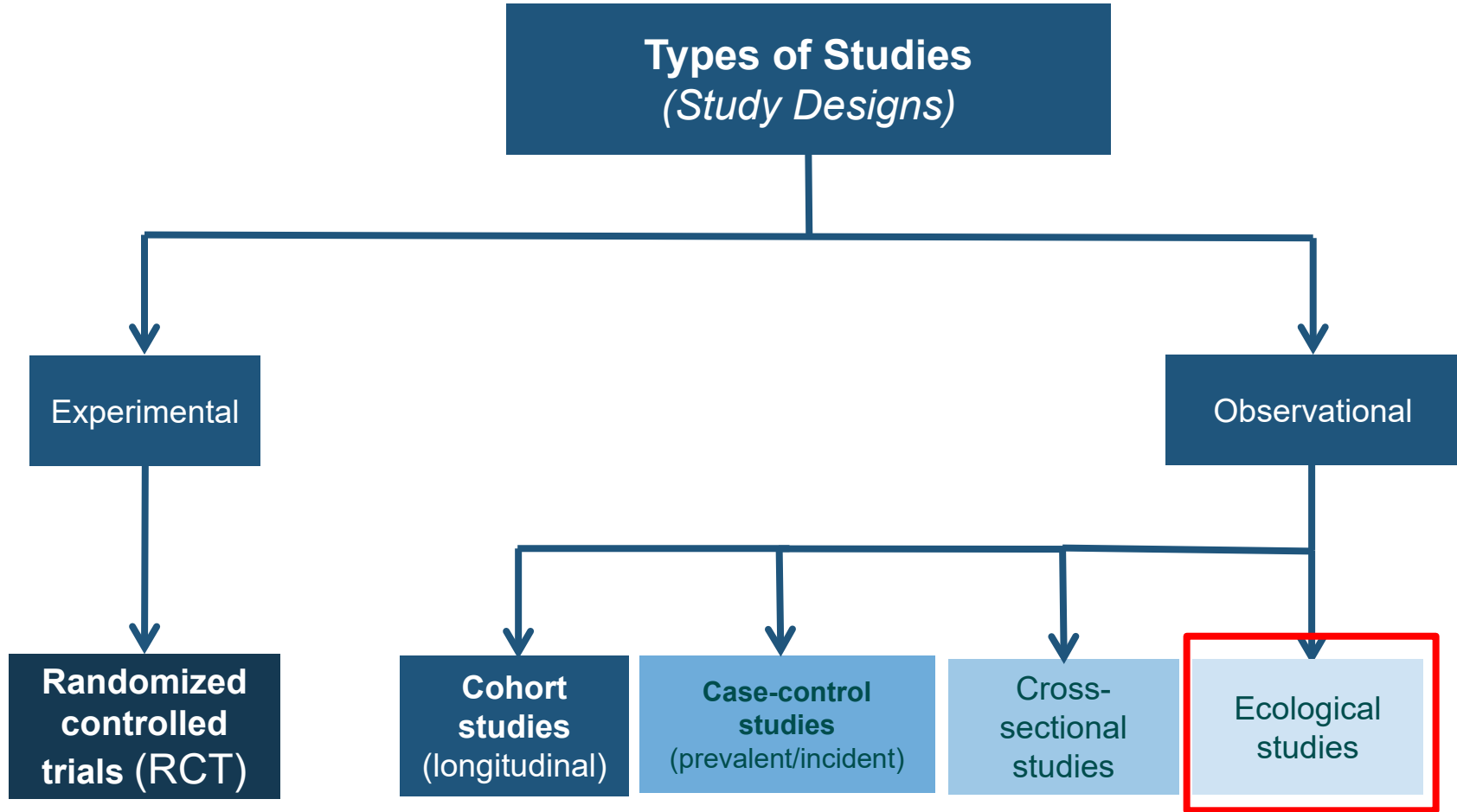
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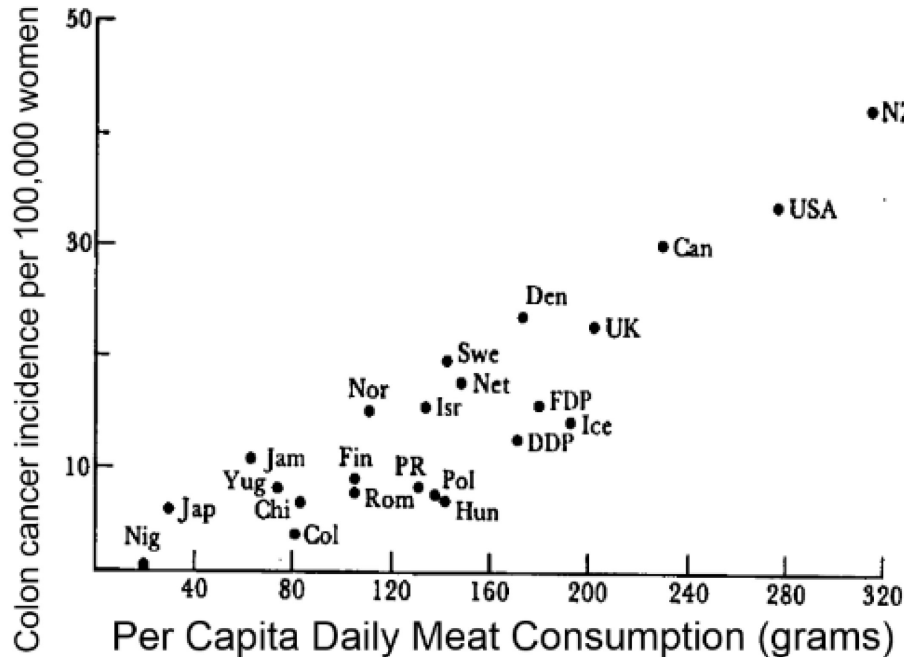
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# Ecological Study

- Compares large groups of people instead of individuals



**Subject to ecological fallacy**

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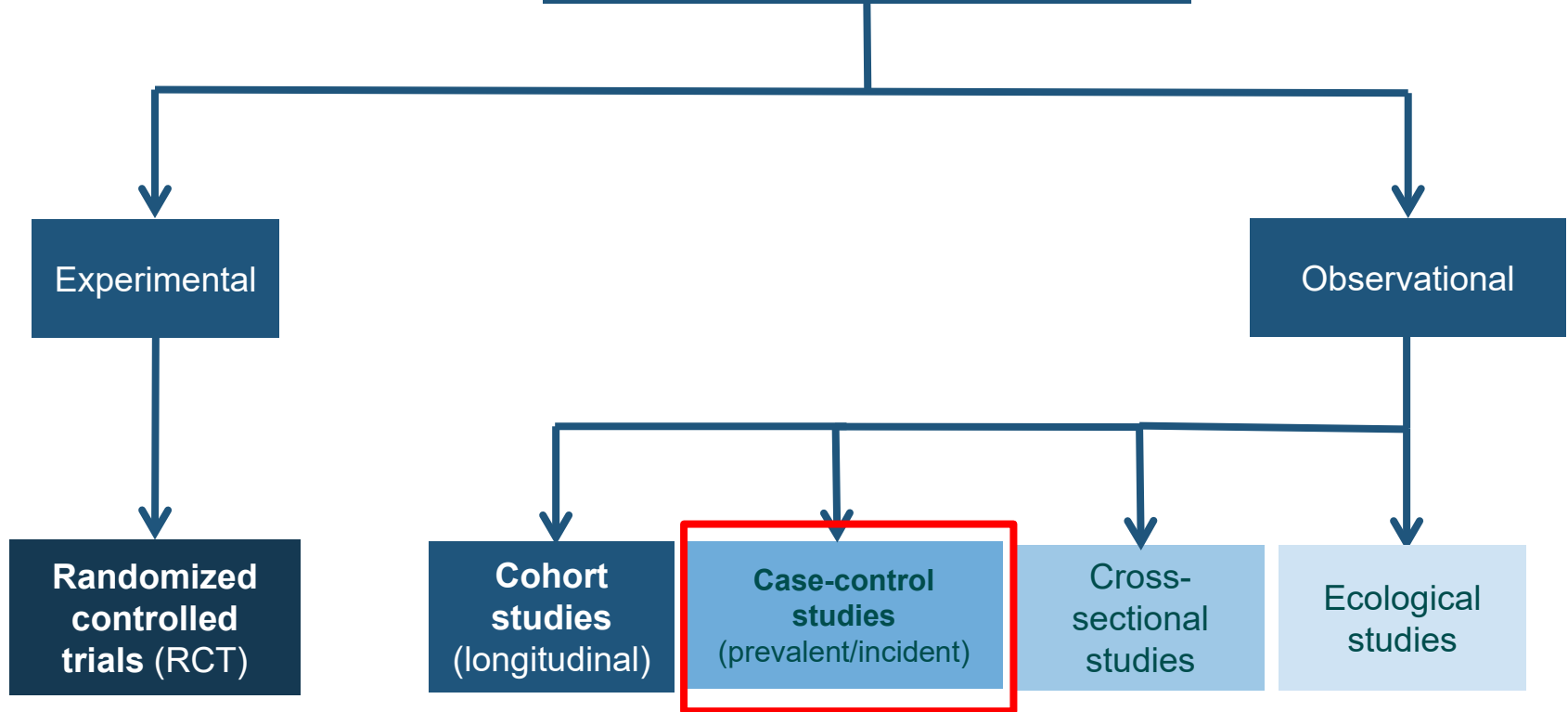
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# Cross-sectional study

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- Looks at data at a **single time point**
- **Outcome is present or absent** in a cross-sectional sample of patients
- Temporal relation between exposures and outcome is not possible
- **Cannot ascribe causality**
- BUT
  - Inexpensive and fast
  - Hypothesis-generating

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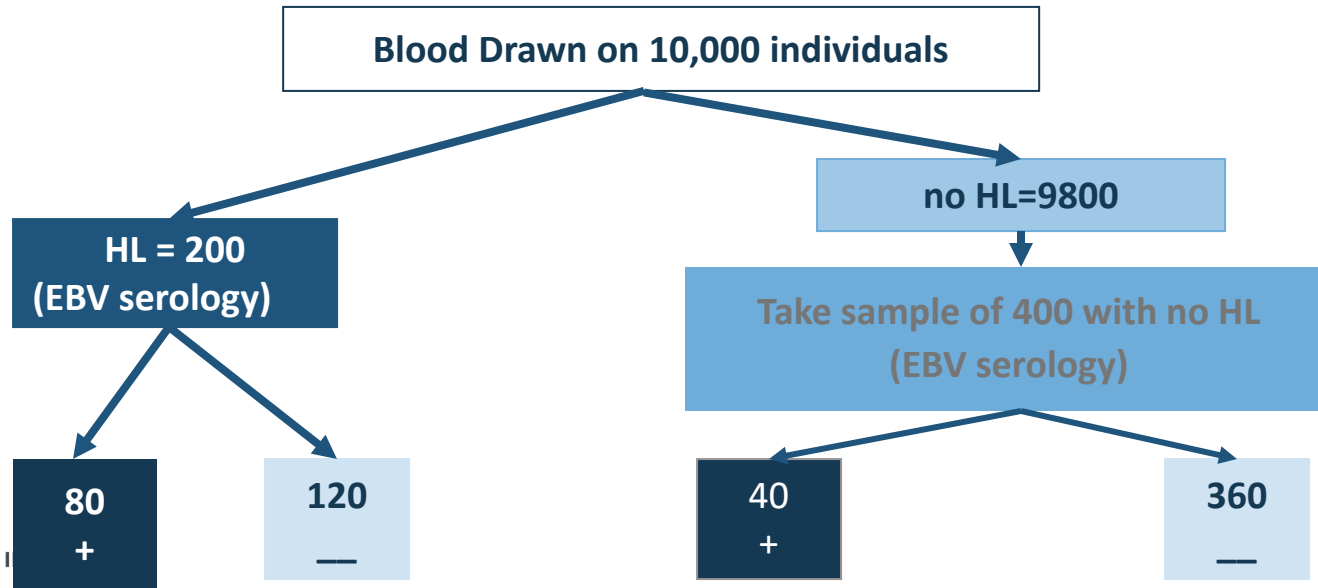
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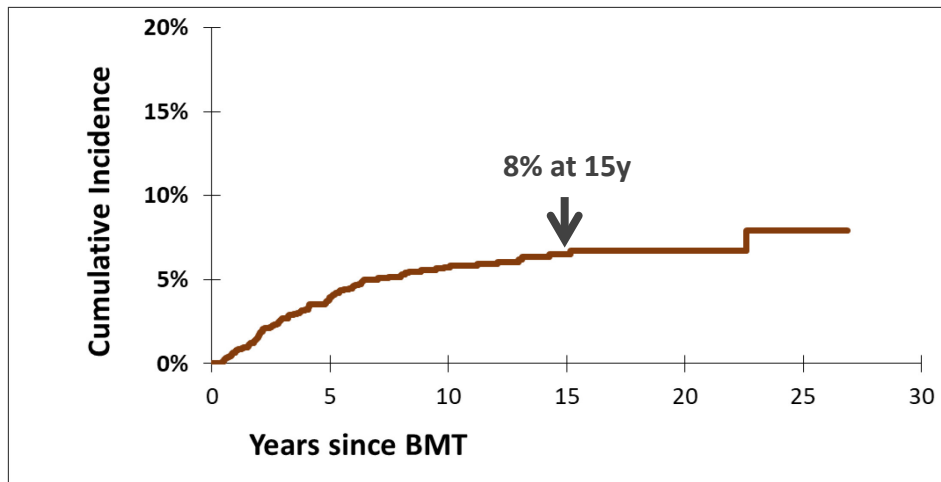
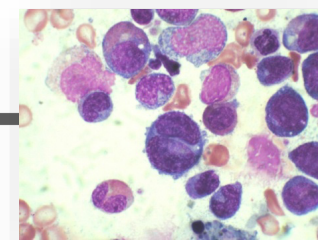
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# Nested case-control studies

- Case-control study nested within a cohort study
- Useful when exposure is expensive to measure and can be assessed at a later time in cases and matched controls (from within the cohort)

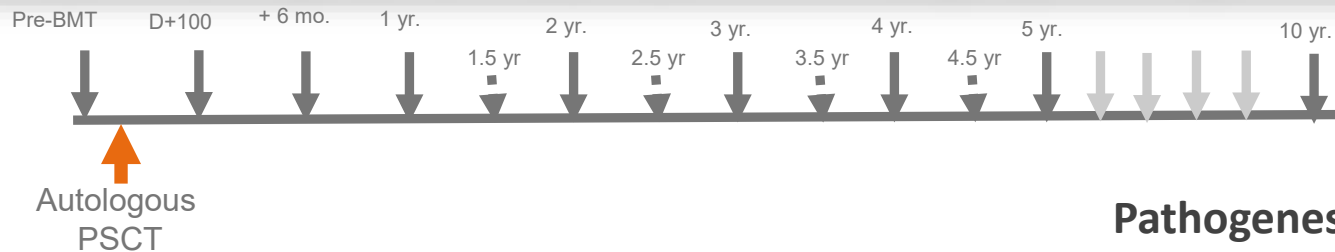


# Therapy-related Leukemia



High fatality

Prospective, longitudinal study in patients undergoing autologous BMT for HL/NHL



Pathogenesis and Prediction

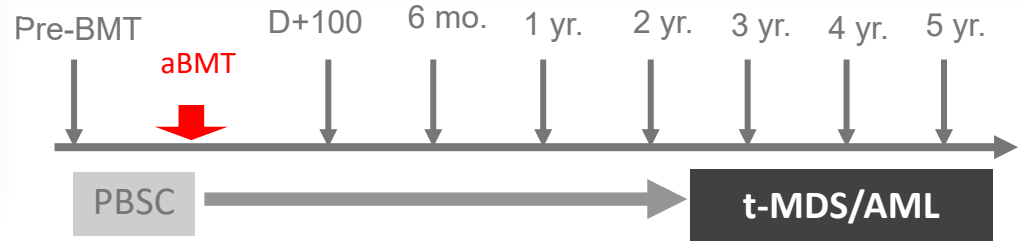


# Gene Expression Changes in CD34+ Cells in patients undergoing Autologous BMT for HL or NHL

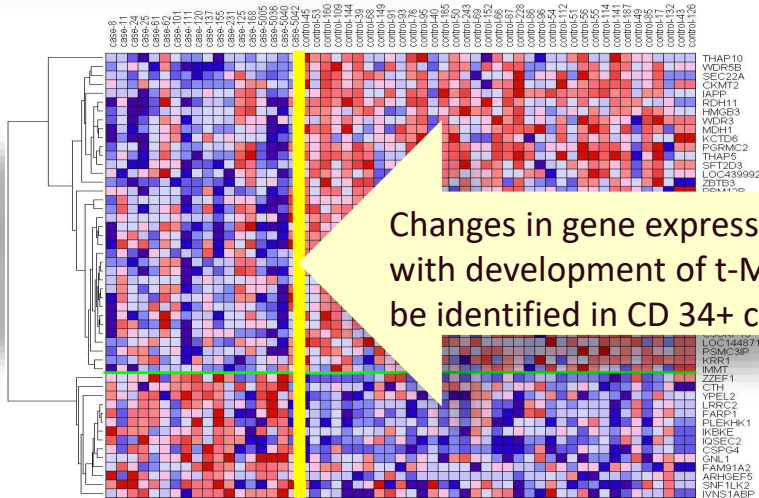
An optimal 38-gene **PBSC gene signature** accurately distinguished patients prior to aBMT at high risk of developing t-MDS/AML

**Specificity: 95% Sensitivity: 87.5%**

*Cancer Cell, 2011; 20:591-605*



Differential gene expression in CD 34+ cells from **PBSC**



# Prevalent Case-control Study Design

Source Population

A subset of the source population is identified to be potential members of the study population.

Study Population

Remaining Population

A sample of potential participants are assessed for inclusion criteria, and study participants are selected.

Study Participants

Non-participants

Investigators select eligible cases and then select eligible controls.

Case Group

Control Group

Look back in time

Investigators assess prior exposures

Exposed

Unexposed

Exposed

Unexposed

# Study Design

## Eligibility - Cases

1. Individuals diagnosed with a primary cancer at age 21 years or younger
2. Subsequent development of a key adverse event

## Eligibility - Controls

1. Individuals diagnosed with a primary cancer at age 21 years or younger
2. No evidence of key adverse events

**Matching Criteria**  
Primary cancer diagnosis  
Year of diagnosis ( $\pm 5y$ )  
Race/ethnicity  
Time since primary cancer

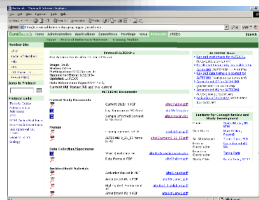
**Collect DNA from  
Cases and controls**



**Self-report of  
comorbidities**



**Summarize therapeutic  
exposures for cases and  
controls**



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100000001	ALLEN, JAMES	ACTIVE	2010-01-01
100000002	BROWN, SARAH	COMPLETED	2010-02-15
100000003	CHEN, MICHAEL	ACTIVE	2010-03-01
100000004	DAVIS, EMILY	COMPLETED	2010-04-10
100000005	GARCIA, CARLOS	ACTIVE	2010-05-01
100000006	HARRIS, LUCAS	COMPLETED	2010-06-01
100000007	JONES, OLIVIA	ACTIVE	2010-07-01
100000008	KIM, DAVID	COMPLETED	2010-08-01
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**Source documentation (Cases only)**

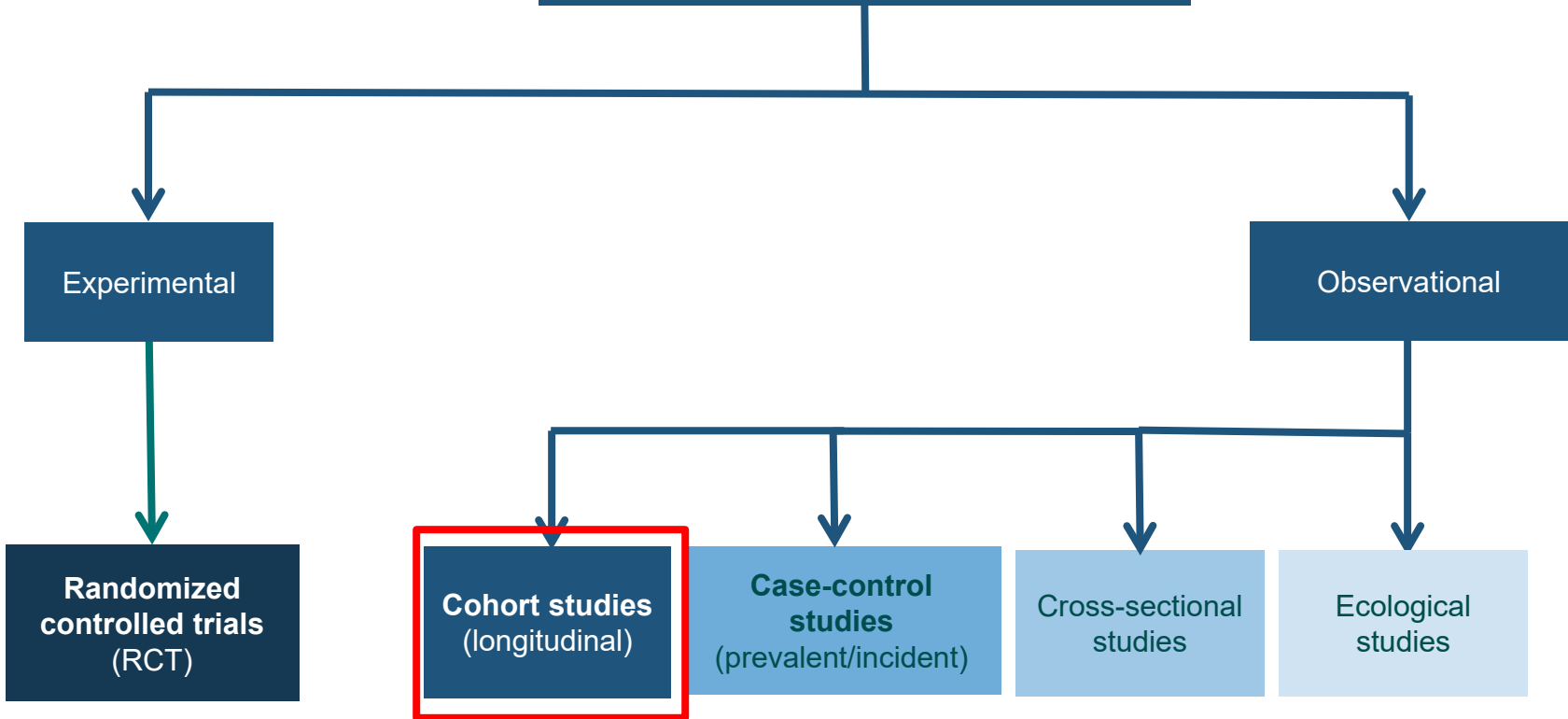
**Osteonecrosis** (*diagnostic radiology*)

**Cardiomyopathy** (*echocardiogram report*)

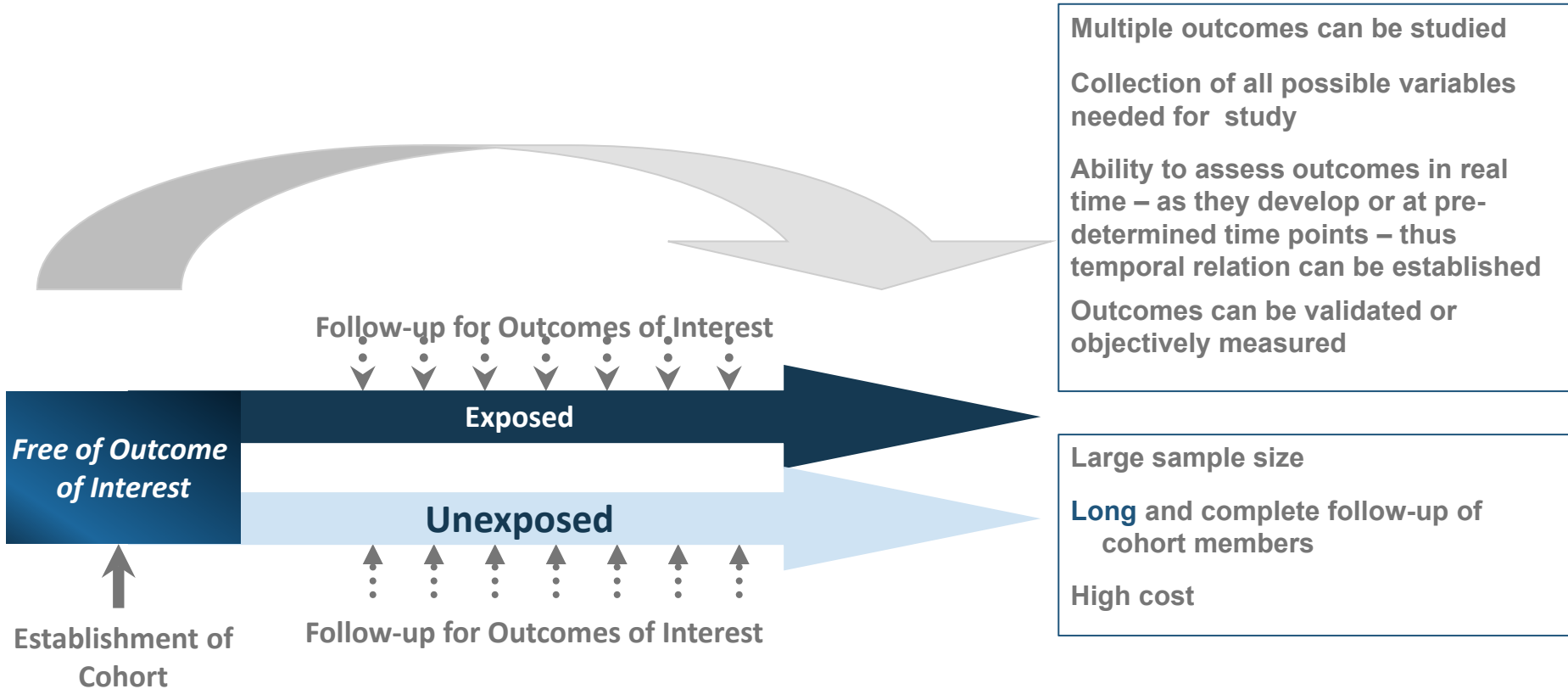
**Subsequent malignancies** (*pathology report*)

**Stroke** (*diagnostic radiology*)

# Types of Studies *(Study Designs)*



# Prospective Cohort Studies



Multiple outcomes can be studied

Collection of all possible variables needed for study

Ability to assess outcomes in real time – as they develop or at pre-determined time points – thus temporal relation can be established

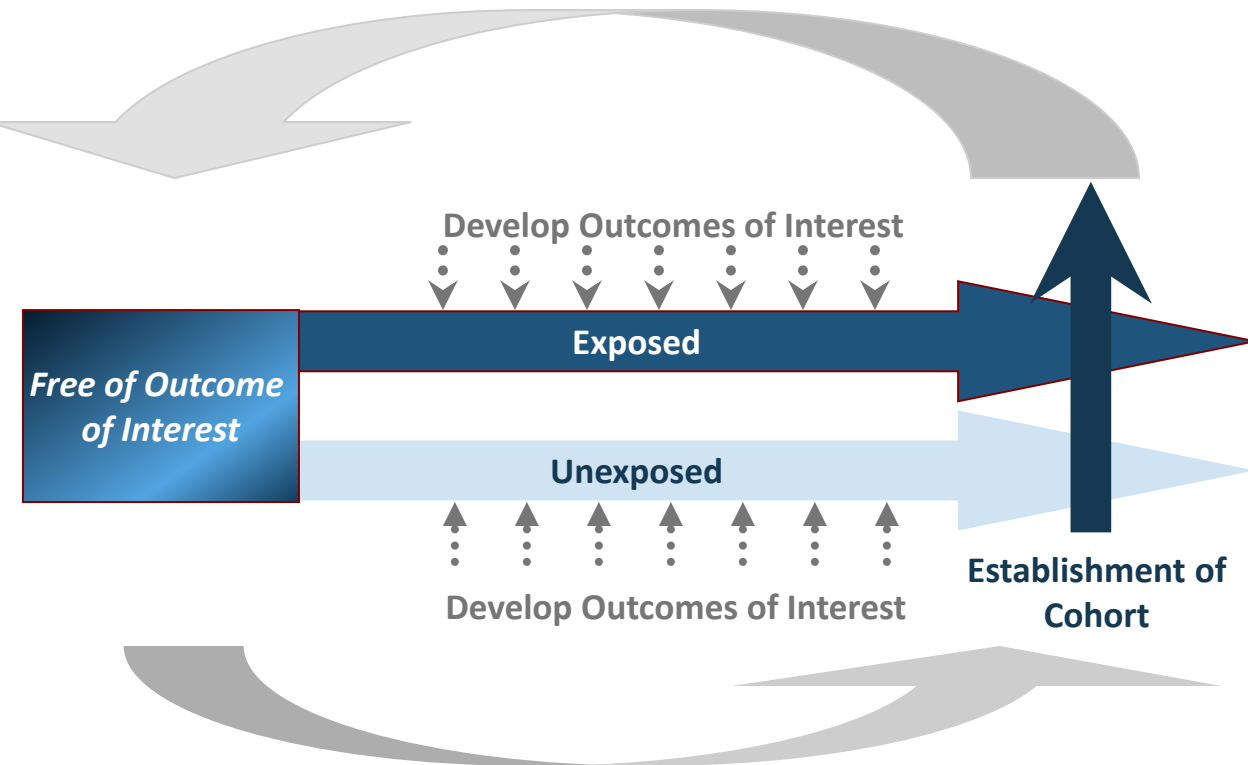
Outcomes can be validated or objectively measured

Large sample size

Long and complete follow-up of cohort members

High cost

# Retrospective Cohort Studies



## Advantages

Can be **completed in a more timely fashion** than prospective cohort studies

## Less expensive

If a cohort exposed 30y ago can be identified, then the appropriate latent period will already have passed and the epidemiologic questions of interest can be addressed solely on the basis of historical information.

One need not wait for decades to observe the eventual effects of the suspected carcinogen, as would be necessary in a prospective cohort.

# Measuring Exposure



## Harness AI

- **Questionnaires**
  - smoking history, alcohol consumption, occupation
- **Physical examination**
  - Blood pressure, height, weight
- **Laboratory tests**
  - Blood levels of specific exposures
- **Medical Records**
  - Therapeutic exposures
- **Biospecimens**
  - Omic exposures
- **Neighborhood exposures**

### Measurement of exposure

- **Measurement may be difficult, when exposure takes place many years before initiation of study**
  - Errors of measurement are likely to bias the apparent magnitude of association
- **Where extensive information on exposure happens to have been collected, the quality of the data may rival that which would be collected in a prospective cohort study**



# Measuring Outcomes

## Measurement of Disease

- **Procedures for disease identification should be identical for exposed and unexposed**
  - Population-based disease/ death registries
  - Questionnaires
  - Physician records
  - Physical examinations and lab tests

## Diagnostic Criteria

- **Diagnostic Criteria should be established before the study begins**
  - Pathology reports
  - Echocardiograms/ PFTs
  - Radiologic reports
  - Questionnaire reports

## Measurement of vital status

- **National Death Index (NDI) Plus**
  - Date of death, cause of death

# Non-participants – Selection bias

- **Non-participants will almost always differ from participants**
  - Selection bias
- **Affects generalizability of results**
  - Prevalence of exposures or incidence of disease may be lower or higher than in entire group
- **Affects measures of association**
  - Depends on size of group omitted from the study
  - Specific characteristics of the group omitted
- **Imperative that everything possible be done to include nearly everyone into the study**

# Characteristics of Participants vs. non-participants

**Participation rate:**

71%

**Participants more likely to be**

- Females 78% vs. 62%
- non-Hispanic white 77 % vs. 67 %
- Older
  - at study median 46.3 vs. 44.1y
- Shorter length of follow-up median 6.5 vs. 7.6y

**No difference in participation rates by**

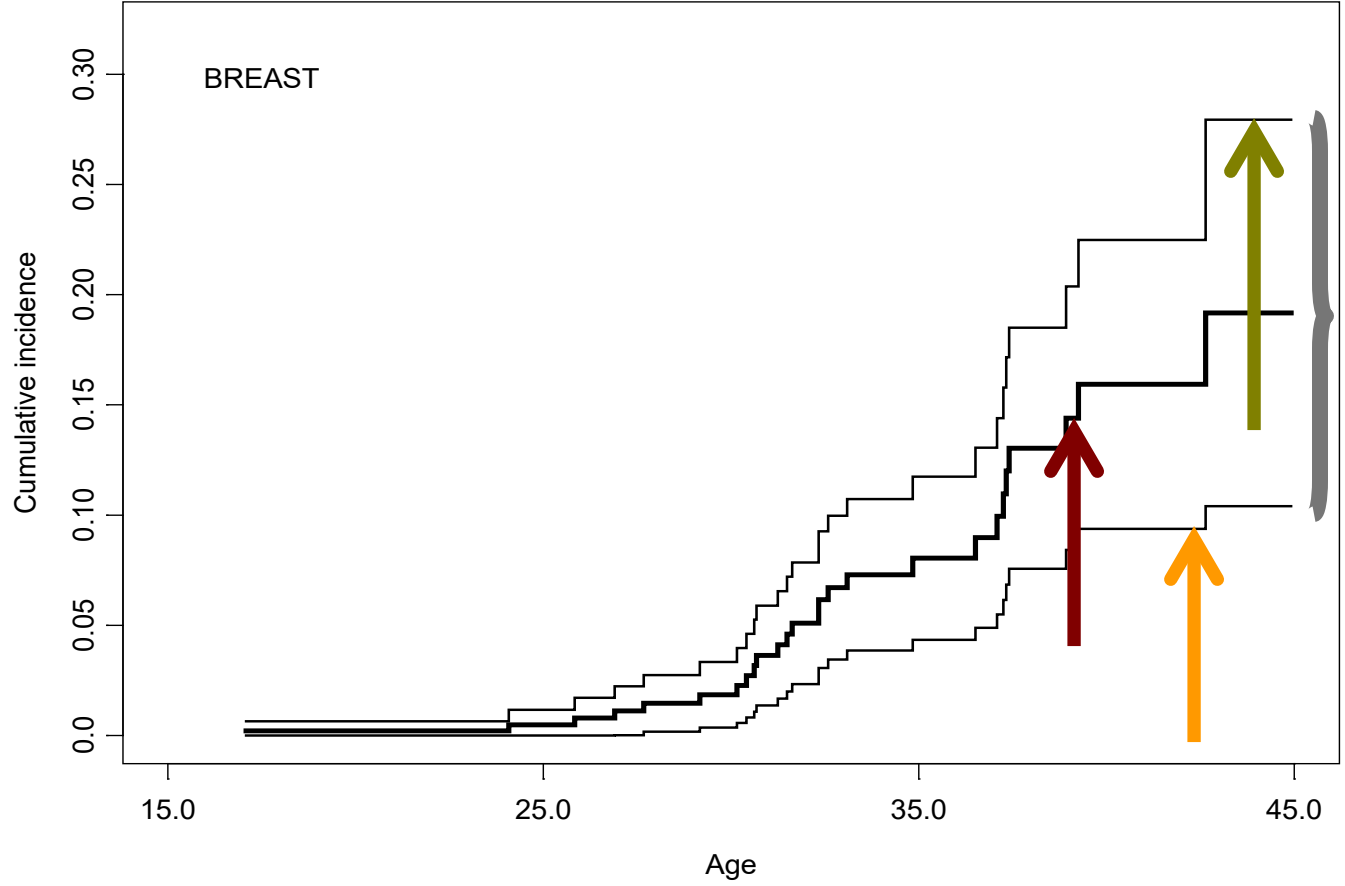
- Initial cancer diagnosis
- Participating site

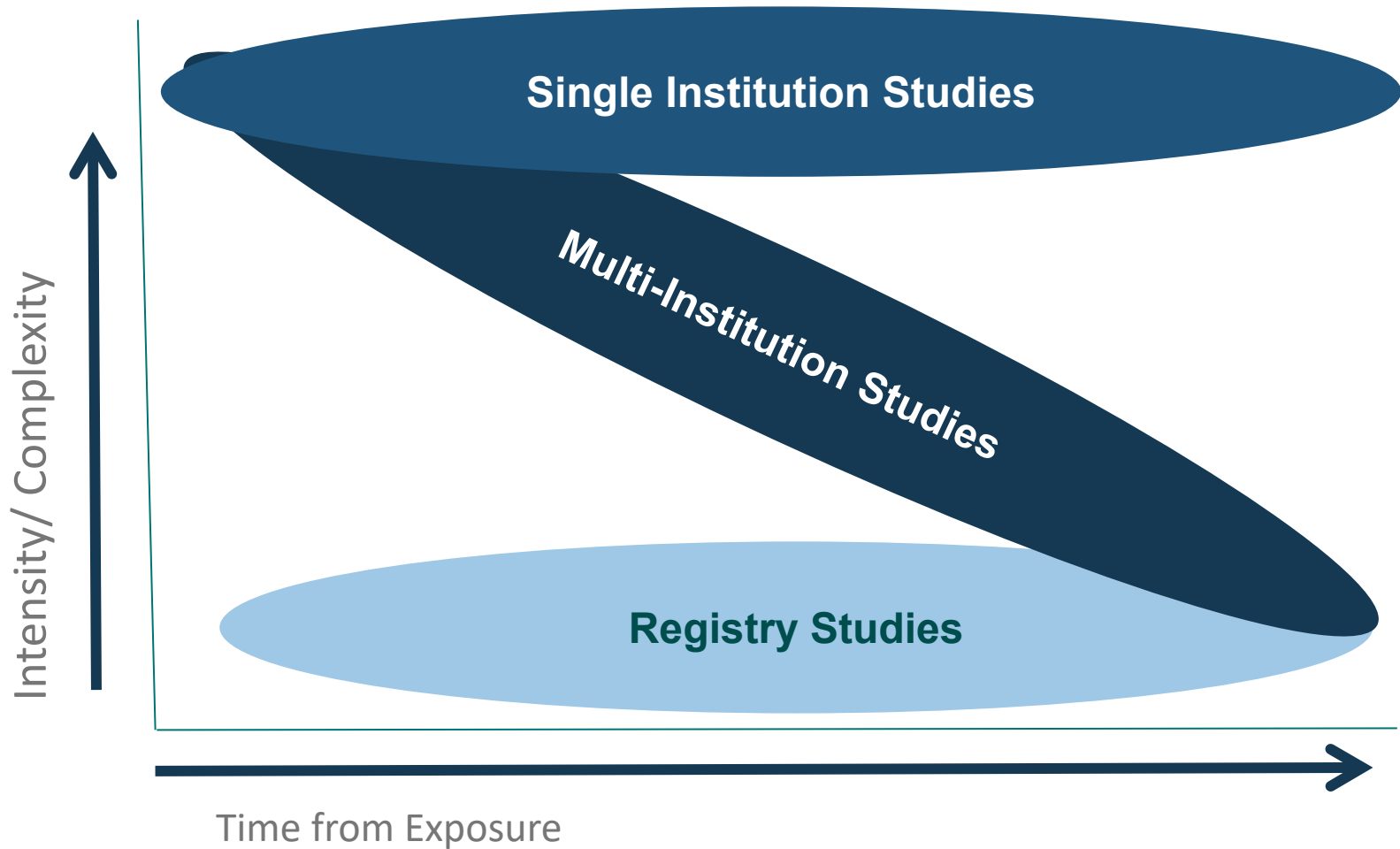
# Methods for tracing

- **Keeping track of large populations in the highly mobile US culture is a challenge**
  - Large amount of energy needed for follow-up and track
- **Follow-up requires individualized tracing efforts**
  - Ensure that differential losses to follow-up do not bias results
  - Hold losses to an absolute minimum
- **Tracing Resources**
  - Accurant databases or other person-locating service (web-based)
  - Medicare/Medicaid databases
  - National Death Index
  - National Change of Address database from USPS
  - Population-based cancer registries
  - Others

# Loss to Follow-up

- Selection bias
  - Precision of the outcomes – long-term
    - Population-based studies
      - Magnitude of risk
    - Clinical trials
      - overall/ event-free survival





# Registry-based studies

## Strengths

- Availability of very large numbers of patients
- Good for studying rare conditions or diseases
- Good for studying diseases with long latency
- Possible to address prevalence/incidence within specific parameters
- Control groups or 'matching' can be performed
- Allows examination of multiple risk factors
- Useful first step in establishing an association

## Limitations

- Loss to follow-up
  - Variability across sites
- Lack of many pre-existing disease or sociodemographic factors or health risk behaviors
- Dependence on participating sites in providing data
  - Variability in data points collected by site/ over time
- Lack of associated biospecimens
- Difficulty assigning 'causative' associations



# Single institution vs. multi-institutional vs. registry

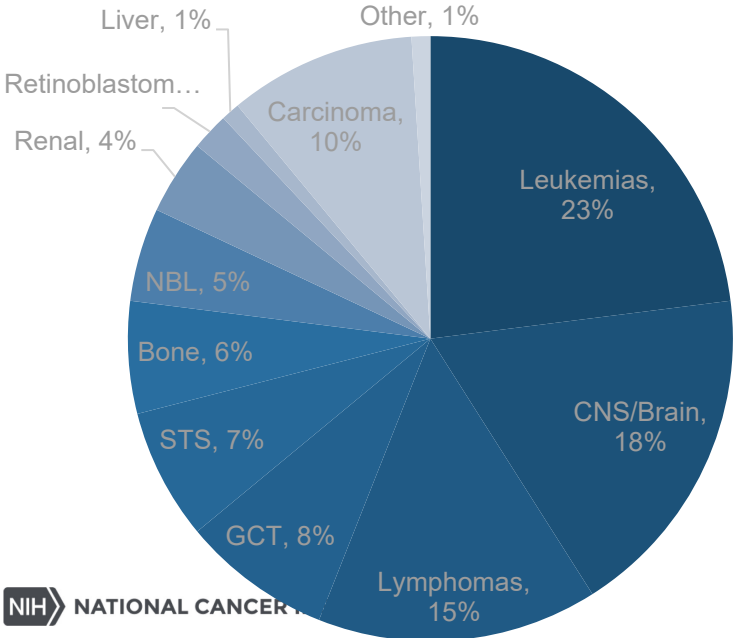
	Single Institution	Multi-institution consortia	Registry
Patient numbers	+	+++	+++++++
Diversity of population/ exposures	+	+++	+++++++
Rare conditions	+	++	+++++
Long latency	+++	+++	+++++
Control/matching	+++	+++	+++
Multiple risk factors	+++	+++	+++++++
Long term follow up (intensive)	+++++	++++	+++
Pre-diagnosis exposures	+++++	++++	++
Consistency in data points over time	+++++	+++	++
Associated biospecimens	+++++	++++	++

# Challenges with Pediatric Oncology Cohort studies

# Childhood cancer

15,000 cases of childhood cancer diagnosed each year  
In comparison – 229,000 lung cancers diagnosed each year

Not a single cancer



Five year survival rates can range from almost 0% for cancers such as DIPG, to as high as 90% for ALL

# Current cohorts

- **CCSS**

- Multi-institutional
- Therapeutic exposures (medical records)
- Radiation dosimetry
- Large sample
- Available sequencing data for a sub-cohort
- Diagnosed 1970-1999
- Self-report of outcomes
- 5y survivors

- **SJLIFE**

- Single institutional
- Therapeutic exposures (medical records)
- Radiation dosimetry
- Large sample
- Available sequencing data for a sub-cohort
- Diagnosed 1962-2012
- Clinically measured cohorts
- 5y survivors

## Challenges with current cohort studies

Selection bias

Differential attrition

Survival bias (sp. applicable to biospecimens)

Self-report of outcomes

Unable to evaluate early events

Not able to harness the study questions asked in randomized clinical trials



## ALTE05N1 Specific Aims

1. To **maintain regular, lifetime contact** with patients to obtain current contact information and self-reported health status.
2. To **locate patients who are lost-to-follow-up** for select protocols closed prior to creation of the LTFC.
3. To **provide current contact information/ health status back to the SDC**, which is accessible to the treating COG member institutions.

## ALTE05N1 Eligibility

- Enrollment on **active frontline COG therapeutic trial** for a primary malignancy OR
- History of enrollment on pre-identified **COG (or legacy group) therapeutic or non-therapeutic protocol** targeted for long-term follow-up.

## LTFC – Contact Information (at registration)

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- Patient's full name
- Patient's date of birth
  
- Patient's address, telephone number, and e-mail address
- Patient's gender
- Patient's race/ethnicity
- Patient's place of birth
  
- Patient's language preference
- Patient's father's and mother's full name, address, telephone number, social security number (optional), date of birth, language preference, email address
- Name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of a family member (preferably grandparent) or close friend who can be contacted when patient contact is not successful

# Legacy Protocols

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1. ALTE15N2 - LEAHRN
2. ALTE16C1 – chemotherapy and spermatogenesis
3. CCG 5942 – HL – with or without chest radiation
4. POG 9425/ 9426 – HL – with or without cardioprotectant
5. POG 9404 – T cell ALL and lymphoblastic NHL – cardioprotectant
6. POG 9754 – osteosarcoma - cardioprotectant
7. COG AHOD0331 – HL – dose-intensive treatment
8. CCG A9961 – average risk medulloblastoma – RT with randomization to CCNU/CPM



If epidemiologic studies are well designed and conducted, and if data are properly analyzed and interpreted, they can provide strong and reliable evidence on which to base policy and ultimately decisions affecting the health of the general public.



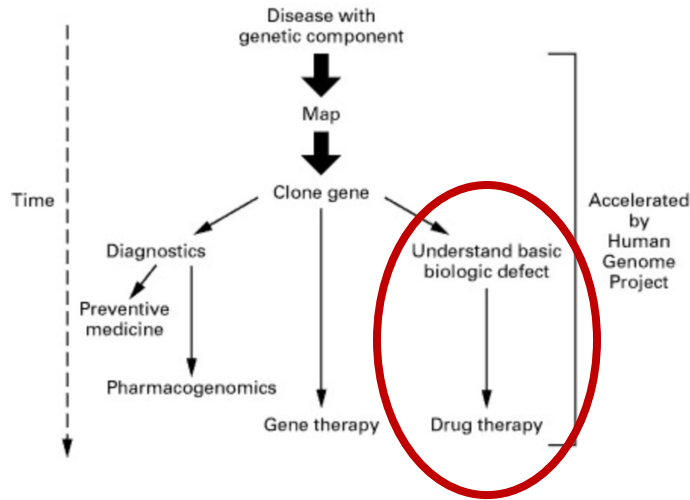
# Options for new cohorts: Building on the MCI

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## Roles and Perspectives:

- Children's Oncology Group CNS committee Vice-Chair
- Children's Brain Tumor Network, Clinical Data Working Group Lead
- INSPIRE, Executive Committee Co-Chair

**CHILDREN'S  
ONCOLOGY  
GROUP**

The Children's Oncology Group unites more than 10,000 experts in over 200 children's hospitals, universities and cancer centers, into a global team dedicated to the cure of all children with cancer.



**Children's Brain  
Tumor Network**  
*Until every child is cured*



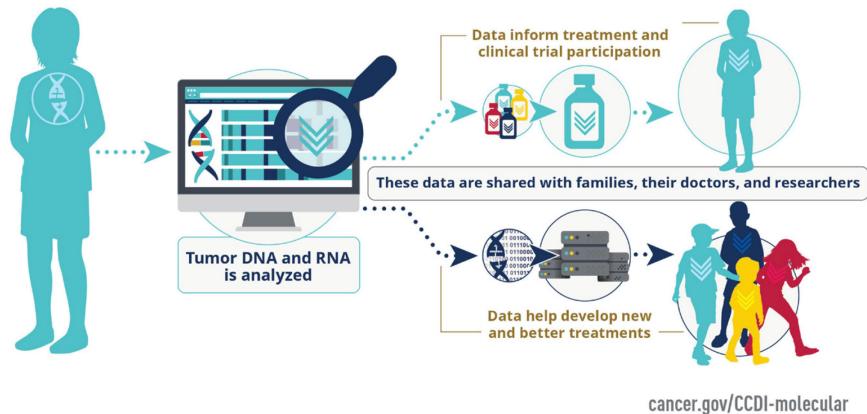
The INSPIRE consortium, established in September 2021, brings together all types of central nervous system tumors in a comprehensive data resource. Researchers involved in INSPIRE represent the following groups: the Children's Oncology Group (COG), the Pacific Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Consortium (PNOC), the International DIPG/DMG Registry (IDIPGR), the European Society for Pediatric Oncology (SIOPE), the Rare Brain Tumor Consortium (RBTC) and the Children's Brain Tumor Network (CBTN).



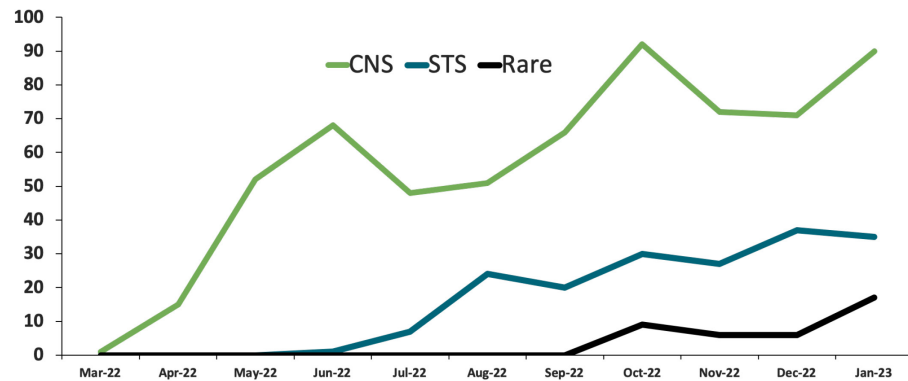
# Happy Birthday, MCI!



## CCDI Molecular Characterization Initiative?

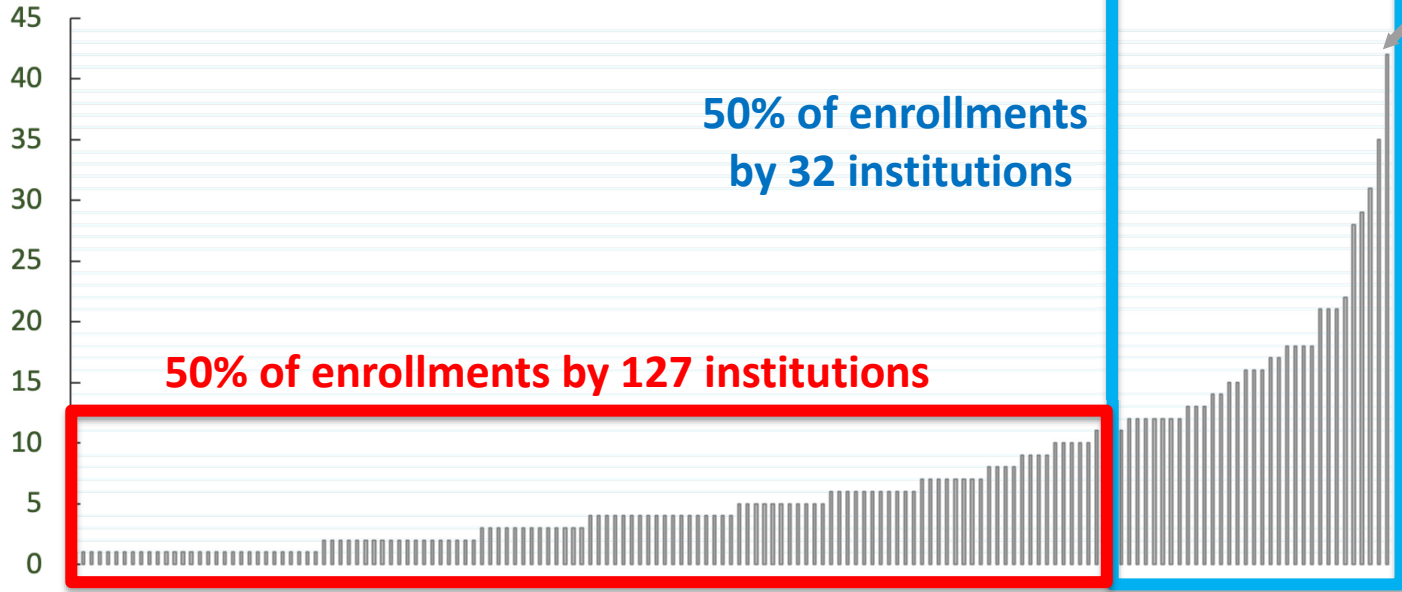


## Specimens for Sequencing (monthly)

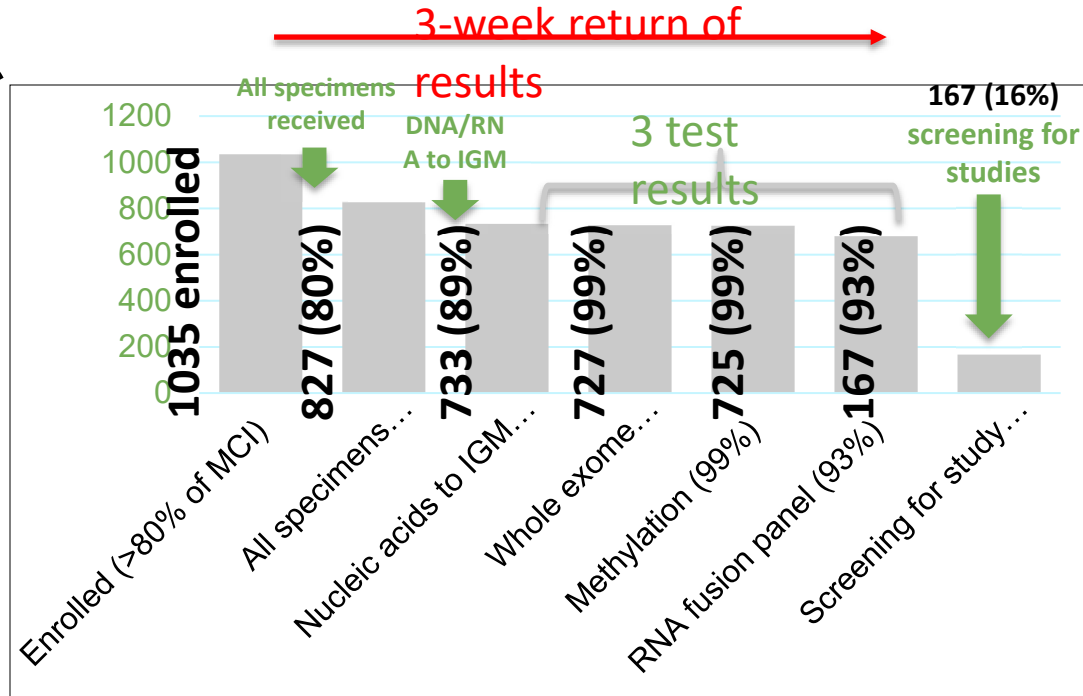




## COG Institutional Enrollment on MCI (initial 1103 patients)



# MCI Progress in CNS Tumors in the first year



# CNS Tumor Diagnoses in the MCI:

## First 1000 cases

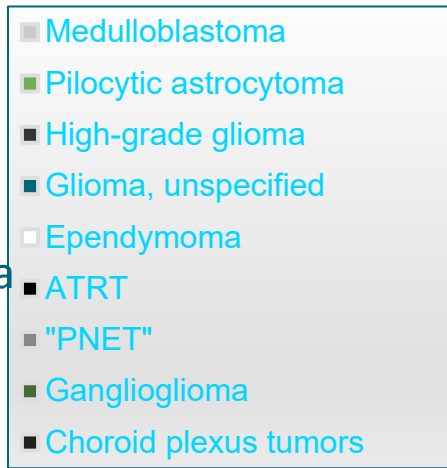
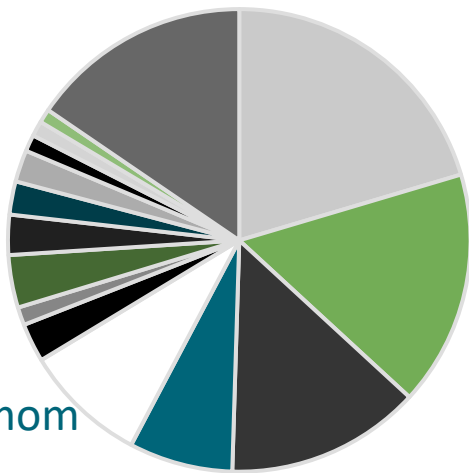
Other <  
1%

Rare  
tumors

Ependymoma

High grade  
glioma

Pilocytic  
astrocytoma





# Who is not currently included in the MCI

- Children who were diagnosed prior to the launch of the MCI
- Children with tumors at relapse
- Children with subsequent malignancy
- Diseases outside of CNS, STS, RAR

# What data is not included in the MCI

- Treatment for children who are not on therapeutic clinical trials
- Functional and Patient-reported outcomes



### Accelerating childhood brain tumor research to faster cures

Over 30 types of pediatric brain and spinal cord tumor clinical and molecular data, biospecimens, and cell-lines are available at no cost to academic researchers. Our open science model has shortened research time by up to 20 years.

CBTN

## Data Science

# CBTN by the Numbers

Brain and CNS tumors are the most common cause of disease related death in children aged 0-19 years in the U.S. and across the globe, with approximately 412,000 children and young adults living with a brain tumor each year.



**4842**

Participants



**32**

Institutions



**66783**

Samples



**400 Tb**

Data Size



**307**

Projects



### Kids First Data Resource Portal

The Gabriella Miller Kids First Data Resource Portal provides access to more than 8,000 samples of childhood cancer and structural birth defects genomic data. The Kids First Data Resource Portal s...



### PedcBioPortal

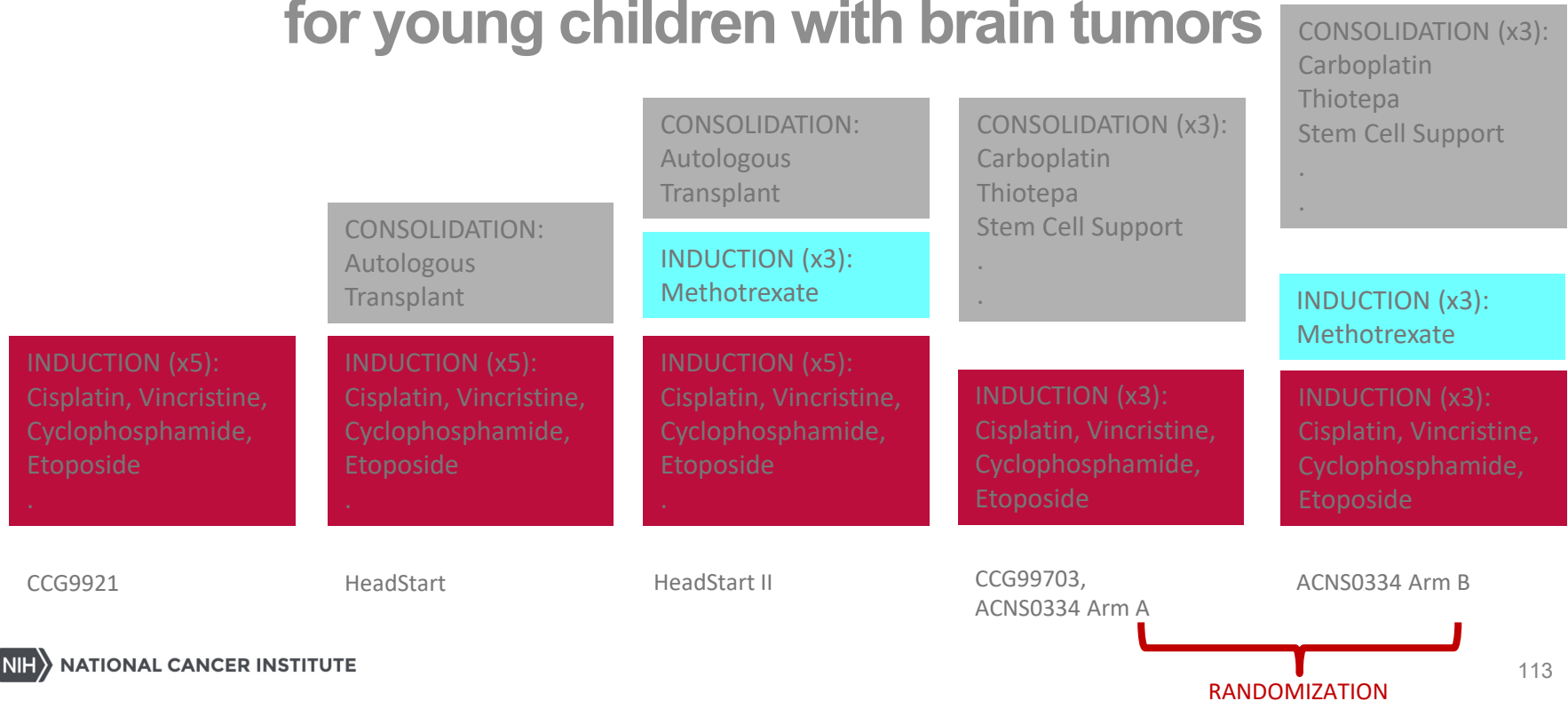
The PedcBioPortal is an open-access resource for childhood cancer genomics which enables users to visualize, analyze and also download large-scale cancer genomics data sets. These data allow resear...



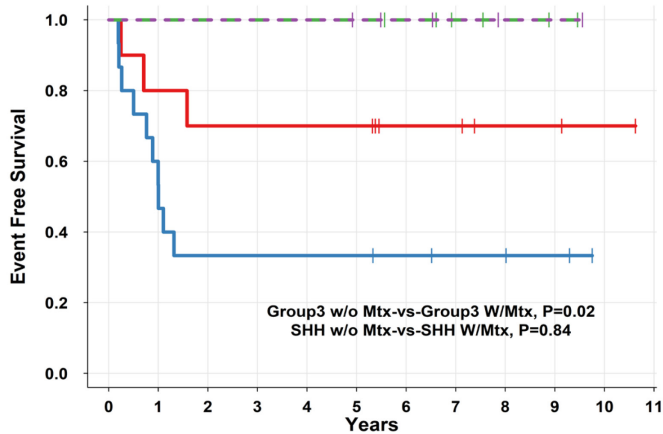
### Cavatica

Cavatica is a cloud-based portal environment developed to securely store, share and analyze large volumes of pediatric brain tumor genomic data to accelerate collaboration in research. Named for the ...

# Twenty years of clinical trials of radiation avoidance for young children with brain tumors



# ACNS0334 Trial evaluating efficacy of Methotrexate



SHH (n=11)

Group 3 Arm B with methotrexate (n=10)

Group 3 Arm A without methotrexate (n=15)

SHH w/o Mtx	5	5	5	5	5	4	3	2	1	1
SHH W/Mtx	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	3	2	1
Group3 W/Mtx	10	8	7	7	7	7	4	4	2	2
Group3 w/o Mtx	15	8	5	5	5	5	4	3	3	2

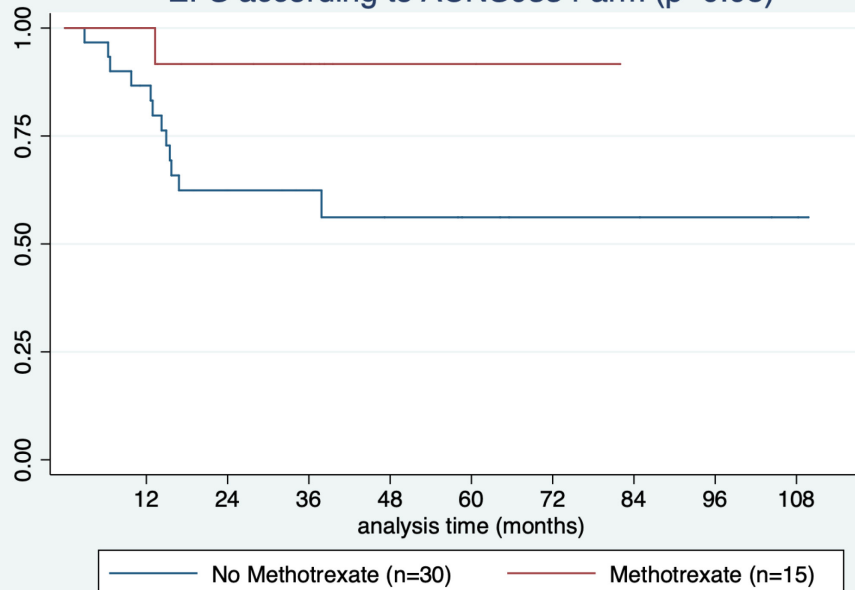
Majewski et al Presented at ASCO Annual Meeting 2020

# CBTN Young Child Medulloblastoma Cohort

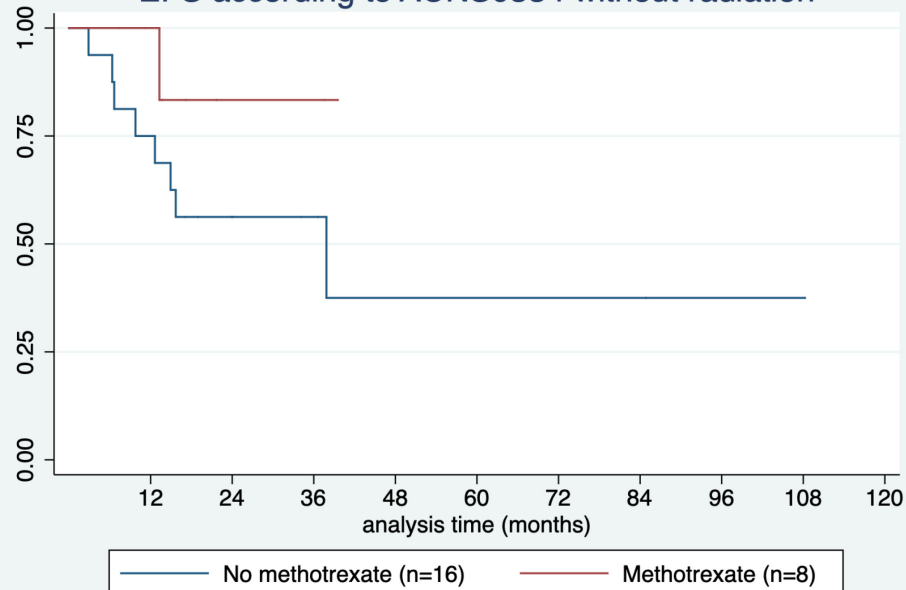
## ACNS0334-like analysis



EFS according to ACNS0334 arm ( $p=0.05$ )



EFS according to ACNS0334 without radiation

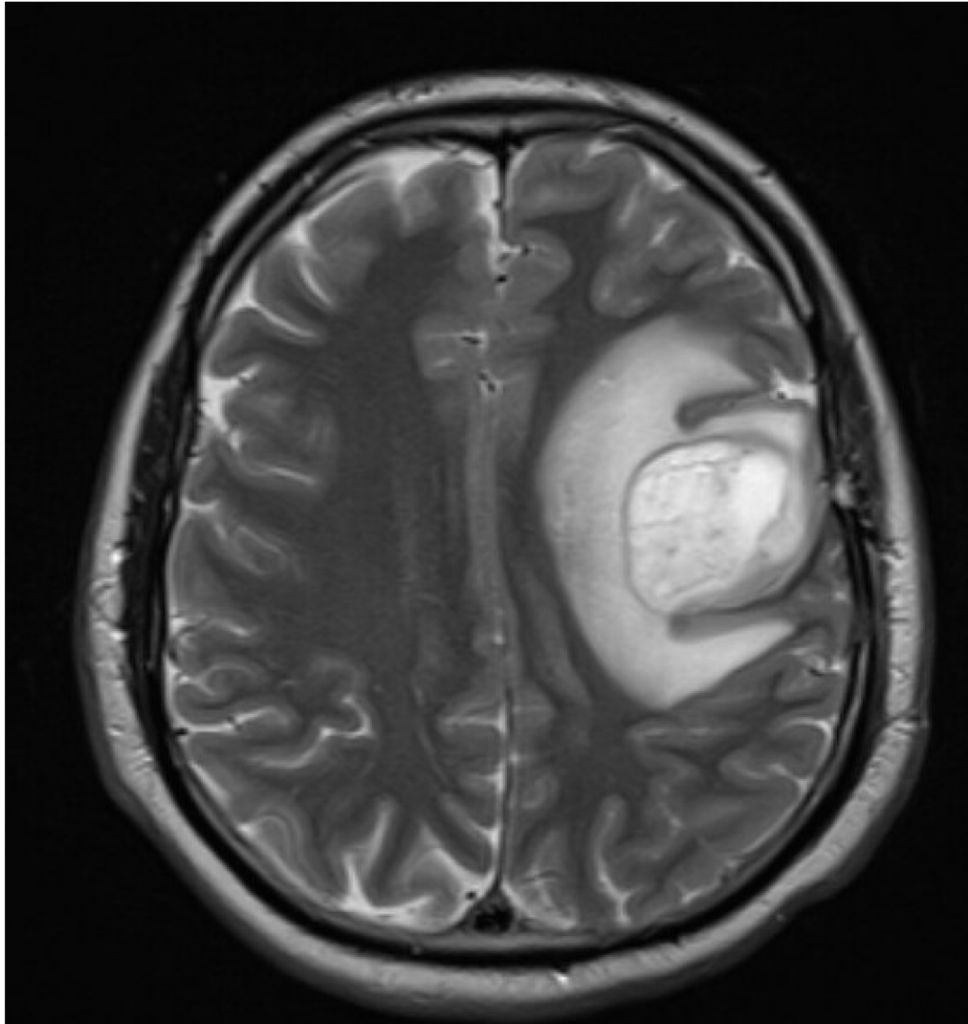


**Paradigm shift:  
In 2017, the FDA approved a drug (PD-1 inhibitor)  
for solid tumors with mismatch repair deficiency  
or microsatellite instability.**

Agnostic to histology

Included children

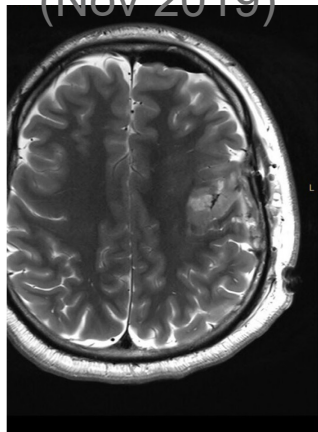
WHO List of Essential Medicines



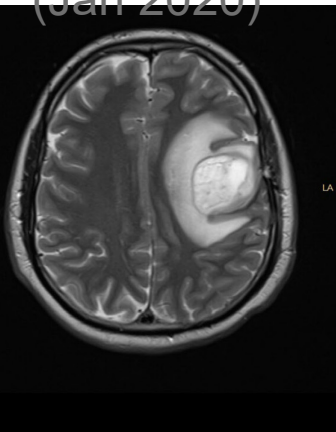
# “GBM” with complete response to immune therapy

(checkpoint inhibition)

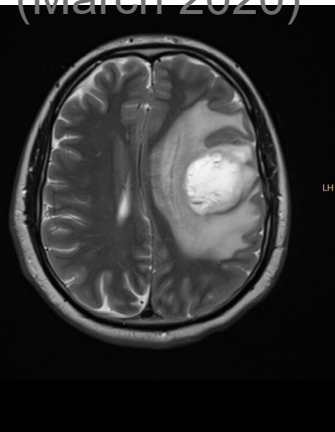
Post op residual  
(Nov 2019)



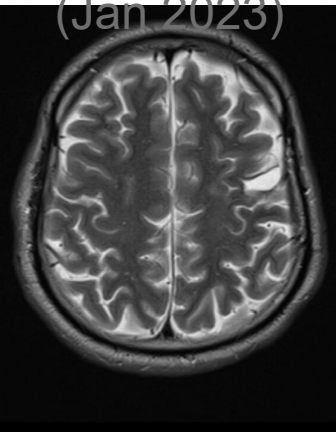
During Radiation  
(Jan 2020)



Start of maintenance  
(March 2020)



Off therapy maintained CR  
(Jan 2023)





# Reasons this patient's data is not in the CCDI (yet):

- **Diagnosis:** subsequent malignancy
- **Medical History:** leukemia and allogeneic transplant
- **Medical condition:** other chronic health problems
- **Language:** parents not English speaking
- **Age:** young adult



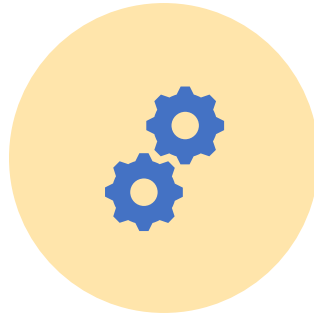
# Childhood Cancer Data Initiative (CCDI) Participant Index

*Cross-referencing Disparate Data*

# Outline



WHY DO WE NEED A  
PARTICIPANT INDEX?



HOW DOES THIS SYSTEM  
WORK?

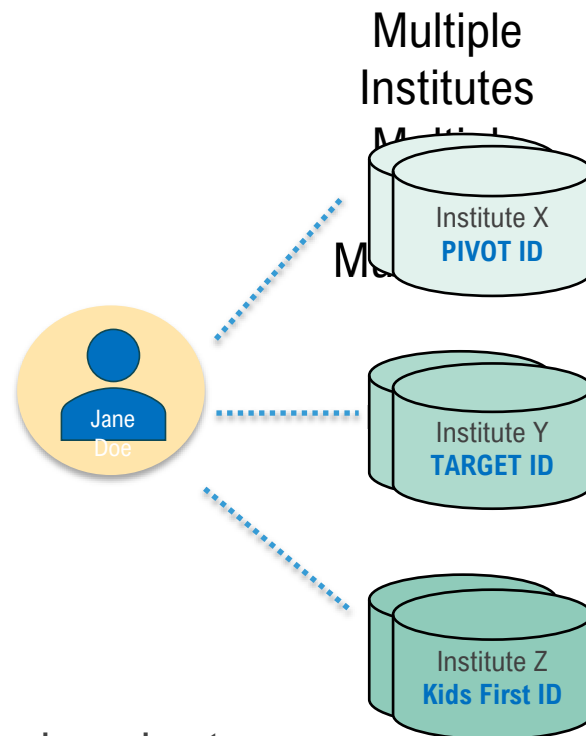


WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR  
THE PARTICIPANT INDEX?

# What are the challenges to cross-reference data?

Data cannot be cross-referenced by wider investigator community

- Childhood cancer data generated are often under different:
  - Protocols, studies, data types, repositories, institutions, times
  - Labeled with different research IDs
    - unique to their own entities



Power of the data are limited by fragmented clinical and -omic story



# Why do we need a CCDI Participant Index?

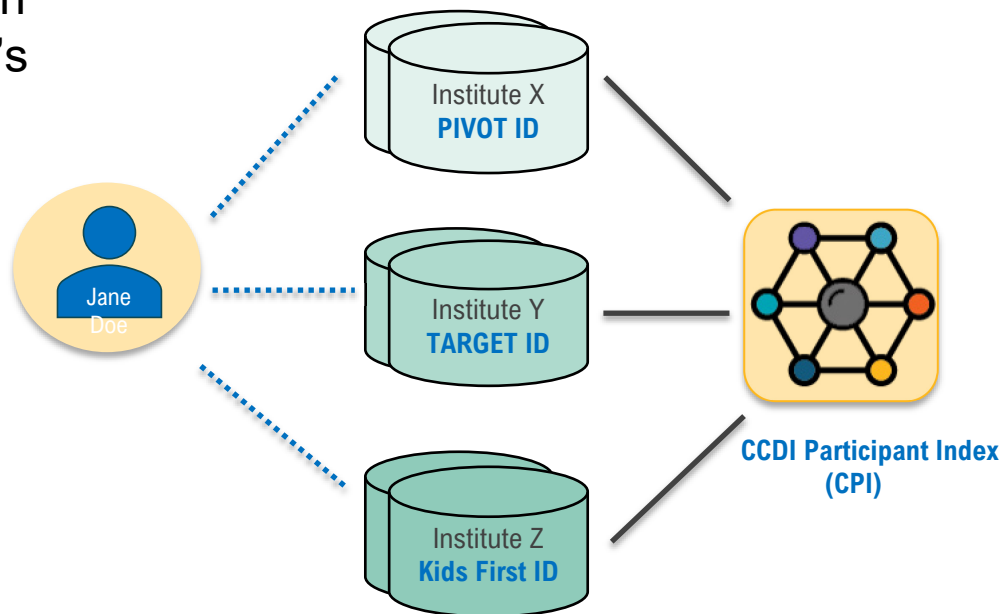
Its critical to connect data from multiple sources to:

- Address multifaceted research questions
- Understand the disease
- Develop new therapies
- Advance existing treatments

# How can we help solve this problem?

- Collect and cross-reference all known IDs attached to the same participant's data in different:

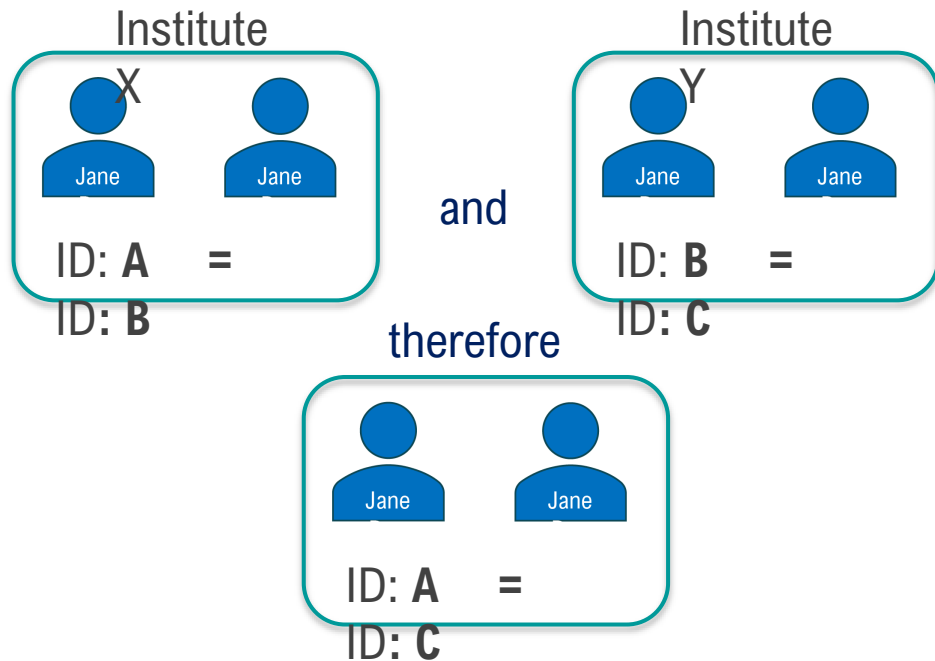
- Institutes
- Primary data sources
- Studies



# How will Participant Index enable data integration?

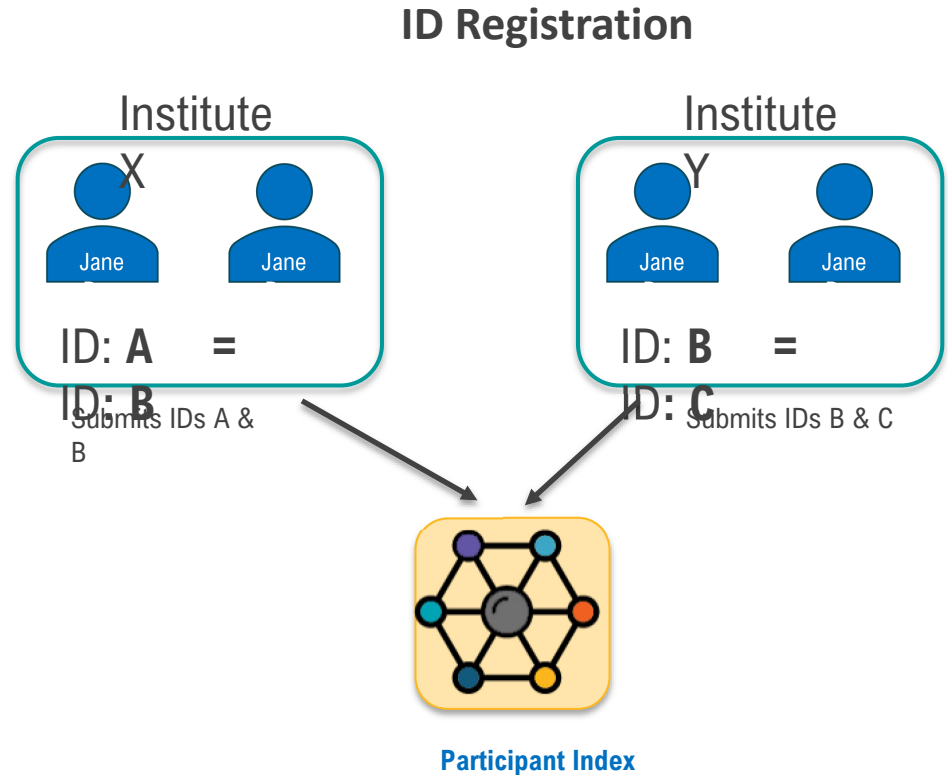
- CCDI Participant Index (CPI) will be a digital ID mapping and matching reference service to the CCDI Data Ecosystem
  - Primary resource controls data access
- Leverages direct and transitive associations between known identifiers that represent the same person
- Two broad operationally separate categories:
  - ID registration and management
  - ID query and retrieval

## Transitive Association Mapping



# Registration of IDs into the CPI

- Institutions supply pairs of IDs known to represent the same person are authorized as ID registrants
  - Publicly shareable research IDs
  - PII IDs using Privacy-Preserving Record Linkage (PPRL) software
- These ID pairs are loaded into the CPI resulting in directly and transitively mapped IDs

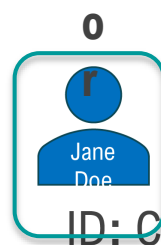
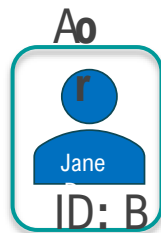
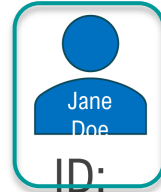




# ID Query and Retrieval

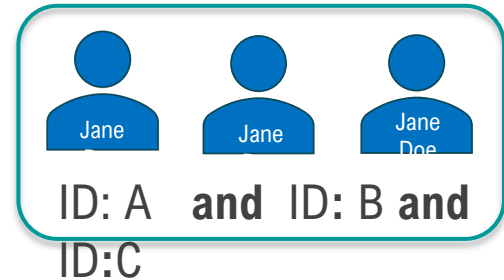
- Query the CPI with a known ID
- The CPI returns all deidentified publicly shareable research IDs
  - If the ID is associated directly or transitively with other known IDs

## Search

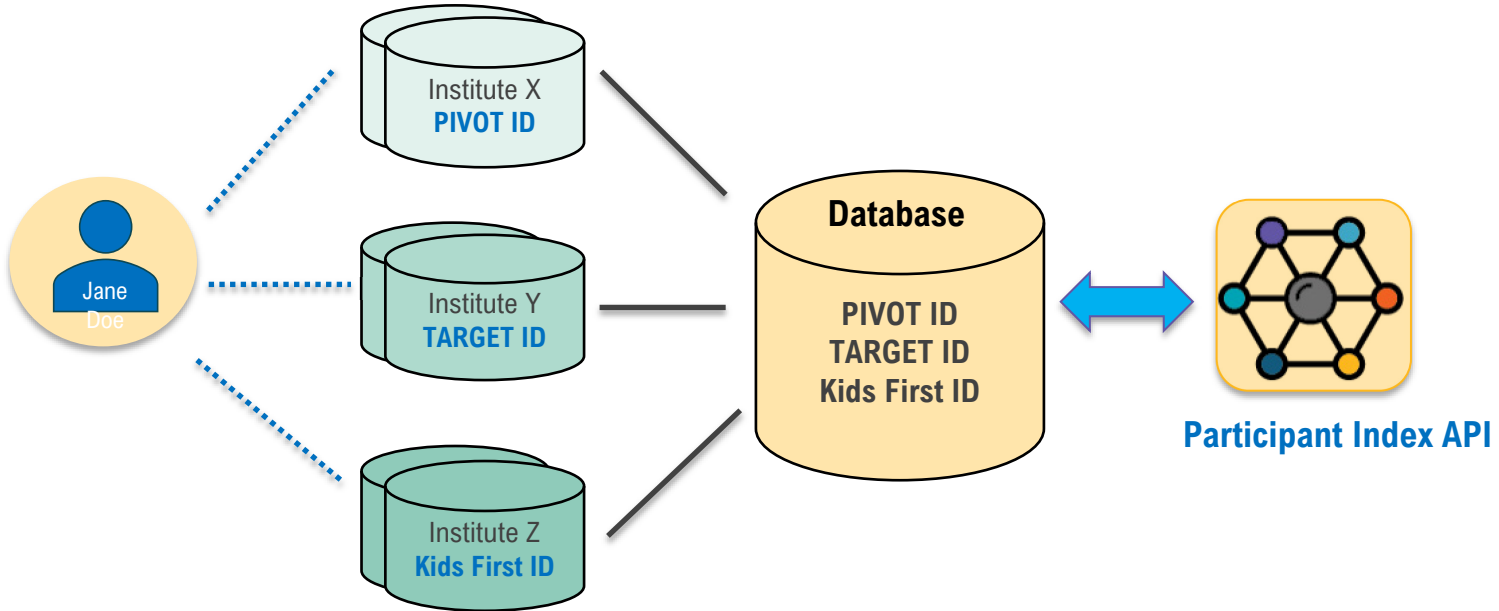


## ID Query & Retrieval

### Return



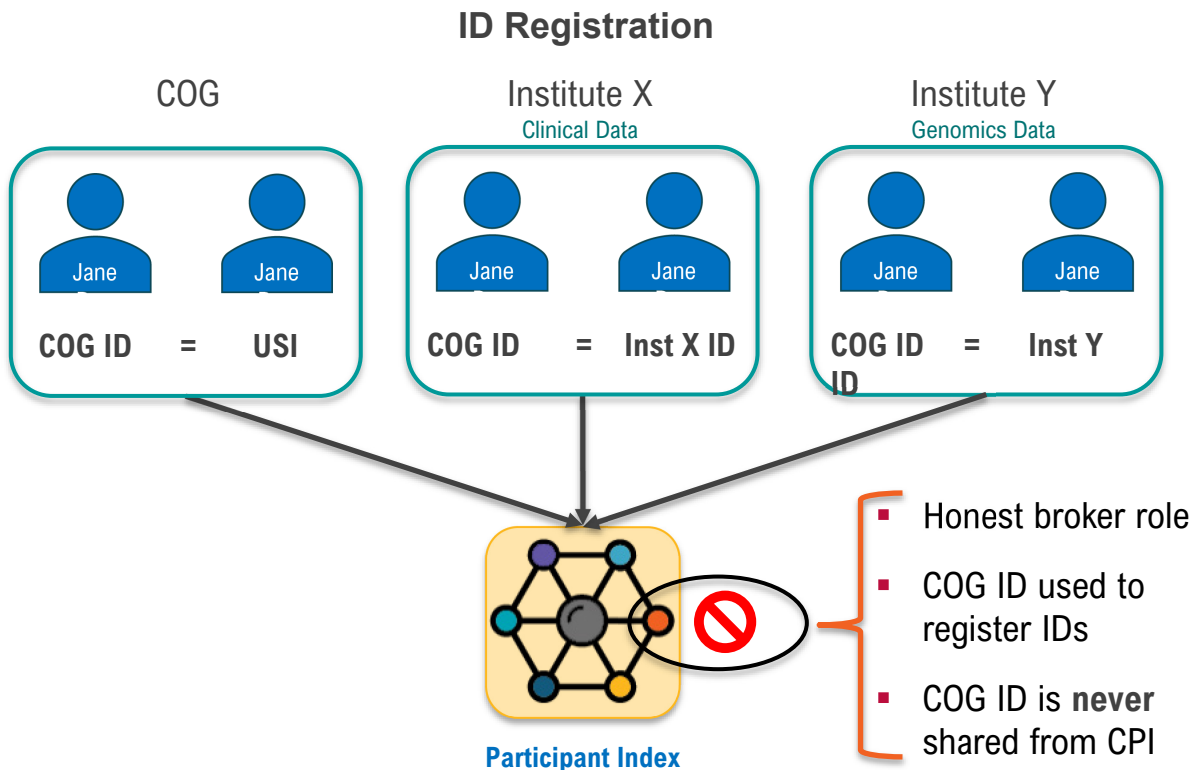
# Phase 1: Collect and Cross-reference with Public Shareable Research IDs



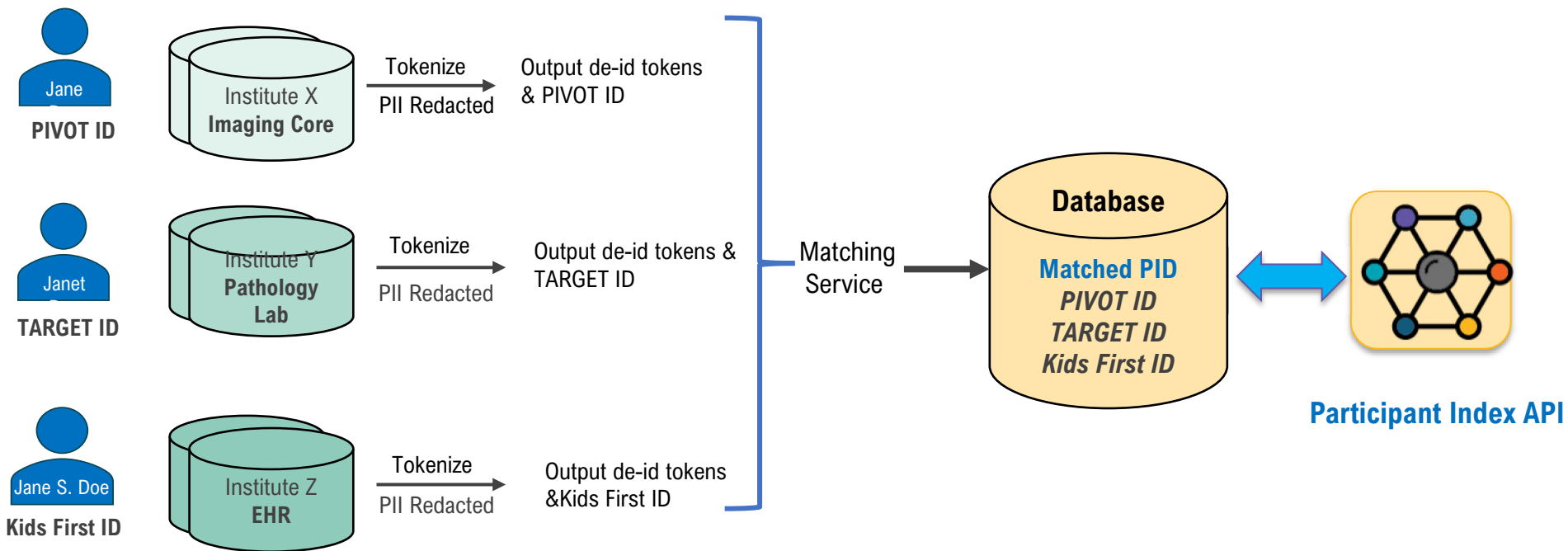
# Registration of COG IDs and Research IDs into the CPI

COG ID is the most ubiquitous ID in the pediatric Cancers

- Most institutions have COG IDs along with the local research IDs
- COG ID is only used for mapping and never shared

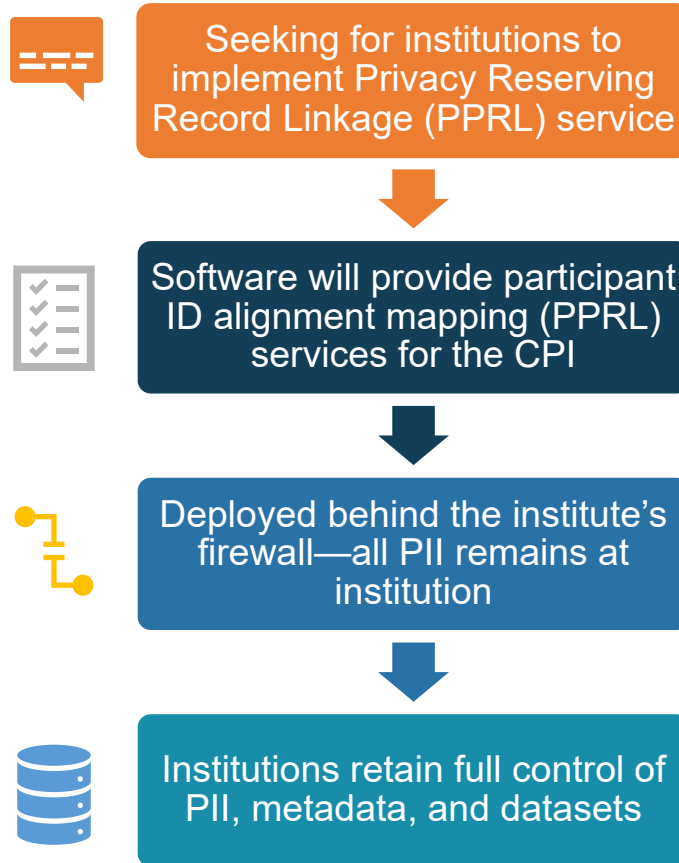


## Phase 2: Collect and Cross-reference with Hashed PII IDs



Tokenization is a process of replacing sensitive data with random numbers

# Call for Volunteers



# Contact Information

- Ask questions through CCDI Mailbox:  
[NCIChildhoodCancerDataInitiative@mail.nih.gov](mailto:NCIChildhoodCancerDataInitiative@mail.nih.gov)
- Learn more on the CCDI Website:  
<https://www.cancer.gov/research/areas/childhood/childhood-cancer-data-initiative>
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# Panel Discussion: Cohorts for Clinical and Translational Research



Stephen Chanock,  
MD



Greg Armstrong,  
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Lia Gore,  
MD



Philip J. Lupo,  
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MD, MS

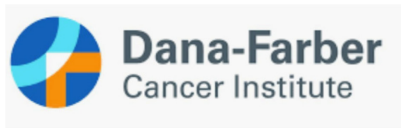


Ann Ramer,  
MPH

## **Childhood Cancer Data Initiative**

Suzanne George, MD

Scott Hammond, MD



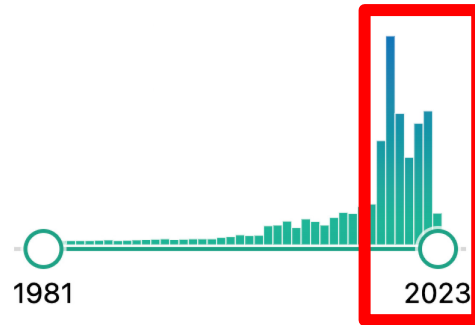
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# Most consent platforms are simple consents

- Capture patient preferences in a specific context
- Increasingly, these consents are obtained by digital means

- Clinical trial participation  
– therapeutic, interventional
- Clinical research consent  
– database, cohorts
- Data-sharing consents – within/outside an organization for clinical records, specimen sharing, genomic data sharing



# Digital consents are ubiquitous throughout many parts of our lives

## Intersection between consumer and patient – health data generated all the time

- Tech services – apps, wearables
- Pharmacy discounts
- Supermarket discounts



Apple



# Digital consent platforms are increasingly part of the traditional medical research experience

E-consenting for standard of care

E-consenting for Institution based clinical trials

Direct to patient online registries

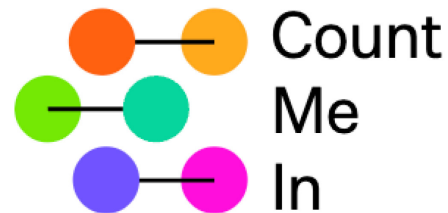
The LLS National Patient Registry, a project of the Michael J. Garil Patient Data Collective

A unique opportunity for blood cancer patients to share their knowledge about how COVID-19 vaccines affect

**All of Us**  
RESEARCH PROGRAM

**You have the power to drive health research.**

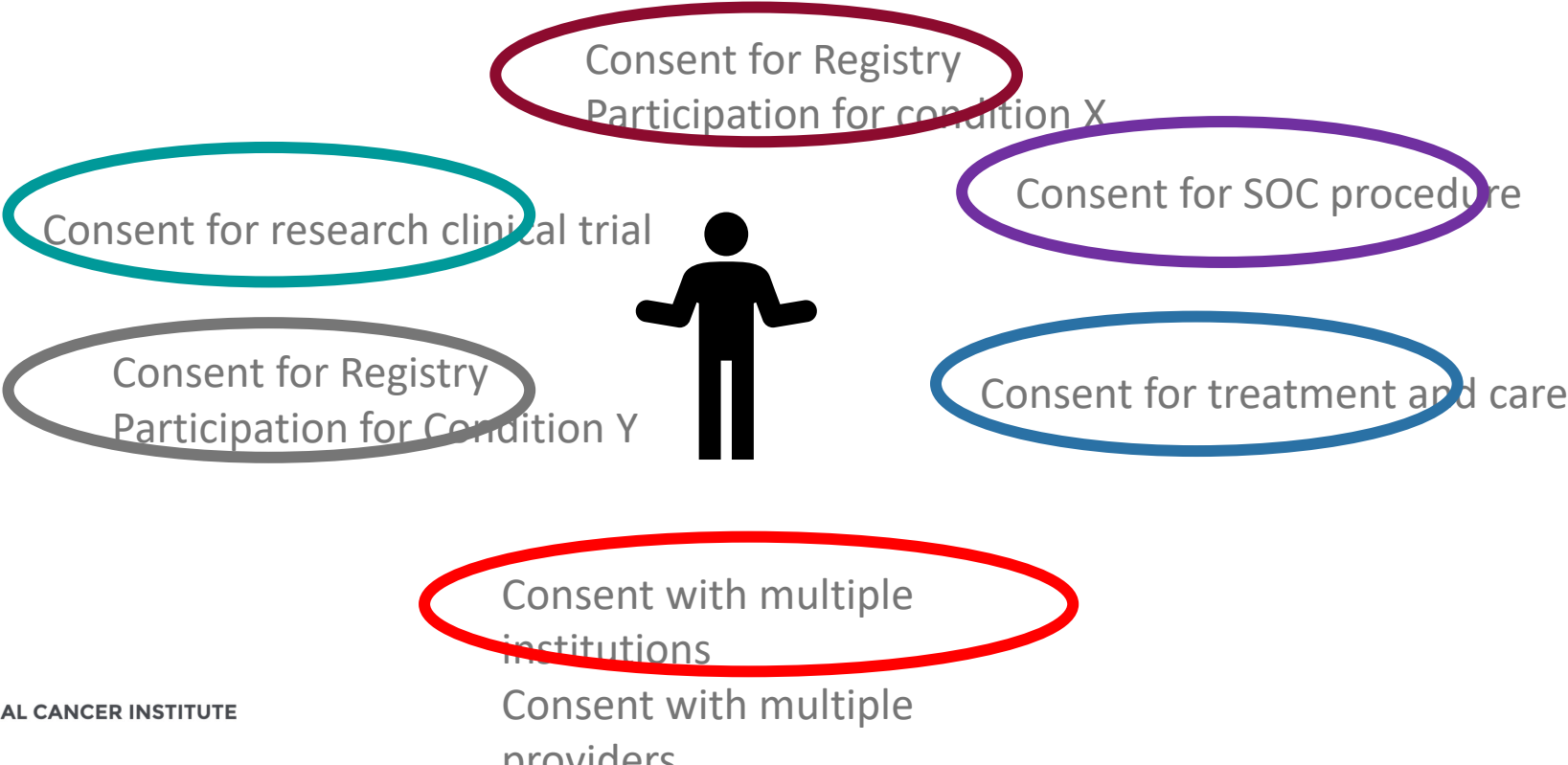
Without you, it



## The International Low Grade Glioma Registry

An international effort to advance the study of lower grade glioma

# This approach leads to multiple siloed consents and siloed data – which impacts patients and research



# Although a patient consent may be captured digitally...

- *it may not be easily modifiable*
- *it may not readily allow for use of the consented information*  
*(ex: broad consent to record release from EHR for research, but how to get those records)*

...capturing patient intent to allow continuous control over data and data usage

This can lead to either over-usage or under-usage depending on the context

# Alliance Participant Engagement Portal

- Aims to embed consent within a consent
- Patients consent to a master clinical trials
- Given an option to engage a secondary platform which allows for future research, serial individualized surveys, queries and **clinical trial updates, followup over time**
- Alliance version - many others are doing similar and have been over time

- Bidirectional communication at key touch points throughout trial
- Unique participant surveys connected to a public facing website
- Future – tool that allows participants to know how their data has been used

## ALLIANCE MCED BIOBANK Study

You're a hero! You're helping us fight cancer. Thank you for being part of the Alliance MCED Biobank Study.

Click on a topic button to get started:



Purpose



Participants

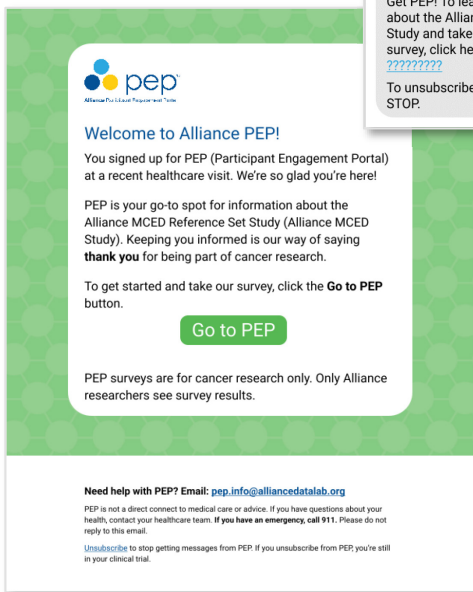



Benefits and



# Participant signs IRB approved consent for main trial and then is given the option to provide contact information for PEP enrollment

## 1. Participant gets a welcome text or email with a link



  
Alliance Participant Engagement Portal

**Welcome to Alliance PEP!**

You signed up for PEP (Participant Engagement Portal) at a recent healthcare visit. We're so glad you're here!

PEP is your go-to spot for information about the Alliance MCED Reference Set Study (Alliance MCED Study). Keeping you informed is our way of saying **thank you** for being part of cancer research.

To get started and take our survey, click the **Go to PEP** button.

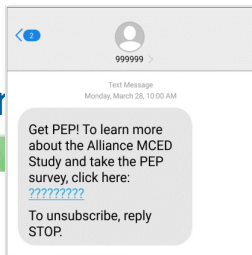
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

PEP surveys are for cancer research only. Only Alliance researchers see survey results.

**Need help with PEP? Email: [pep.info@alliancedatalab.org](mailto:pep.info@alliancedatalab.org)**

PEP is not a direct connect to medical care or advice. If you have questions about your health, contact your healthcare team. If you have an emergency, call 911. Please do not reply to this email.

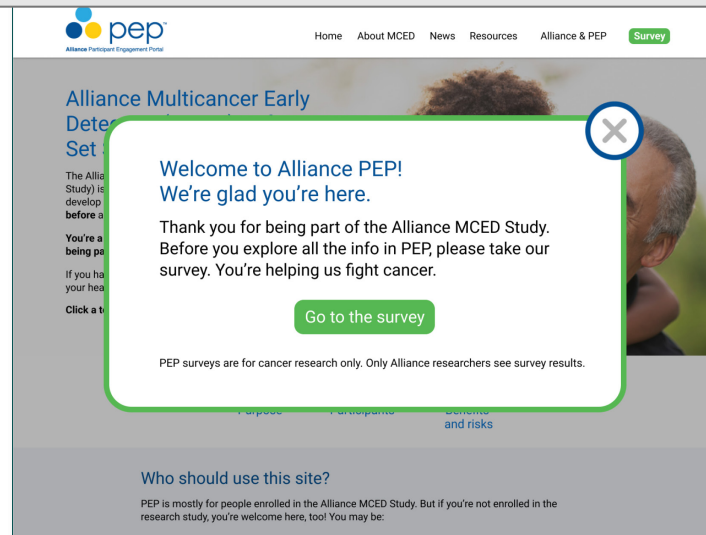
Unsubscribe to stop getting messages from PEP. If you unsubscribe from PEP, you're still in your clinical trial.




   
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Text Message  
Monday, March 28, 10:00 AM

Get PEP! To learn more about the Alliance MCED Study and take the PEP survey, click here: ????????  
To unsubscribe, reply STOP



  
Alliance Participant Engagement Portal

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Alliance Multicancer Early Detection Study

**Welcome to Alliance PEP!**  
We're glad you're here.

Thank you for being part of the Alliance MCED Study. Before you explore all the info in PEP, please take our survey. You're helping us fight cancer.

[Go to the survey](#)

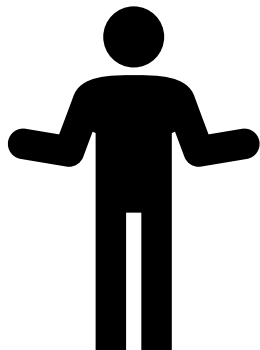
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Who should use this site?

PEP is mostly for people enrolled in the Alliance MCED Study. But if you're not enrolled in the research study, you're welcome here, too! You may be:

## 2. Link goes to the welcome pop-up. Participant clicks the go-to button to link to the PEP Surveys page.





## What are the opportunities to improve?



- What if someone changes their mind over time?
  - Consent YES/NO –the only option?
  - Consent to subsets –tracking in an accessible environment
- What if someone wants to extend consent to more than one entity but not to others?
- How can this be addressed in a patient centered way?

Ideally, consent utilizes standards for efficiency and multi-operability while achieving a patient centered approach

*standards for the data elements themselves*

*standards for the technical process that handles these standardized elements*

# Computable Consent

Allows for a **decision service** to parse and process patient preferences

Allows for an **API** to query/response for consent decisions/requests for access

Allows for **patients** to change preferences over time and provenance is maintained

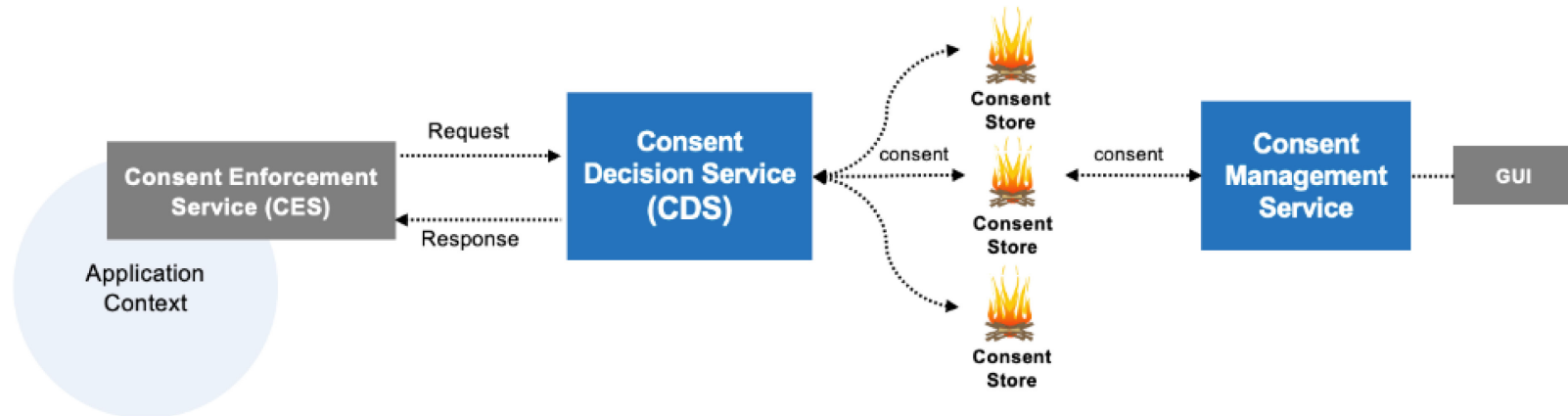
# Goals

## Patient Consents that are:

- **Interoperable**
  - FHIR Consent resource and a standard access API
  - An aggregation service to retrieve applicable consent from all sources
- **Computable**
  - A consent decision service to parse and process patient consents
  - An API for query/response about consent decisions
- **Applicable**
  - Different Types of Consent
    - Privacy, Research, Treatment, Advanced Health Directive
  - Proof of concept for various use-cases
    - HL7v2 Exchange, eHealth Exchange, Direct Exchange, FHIR (embedded and

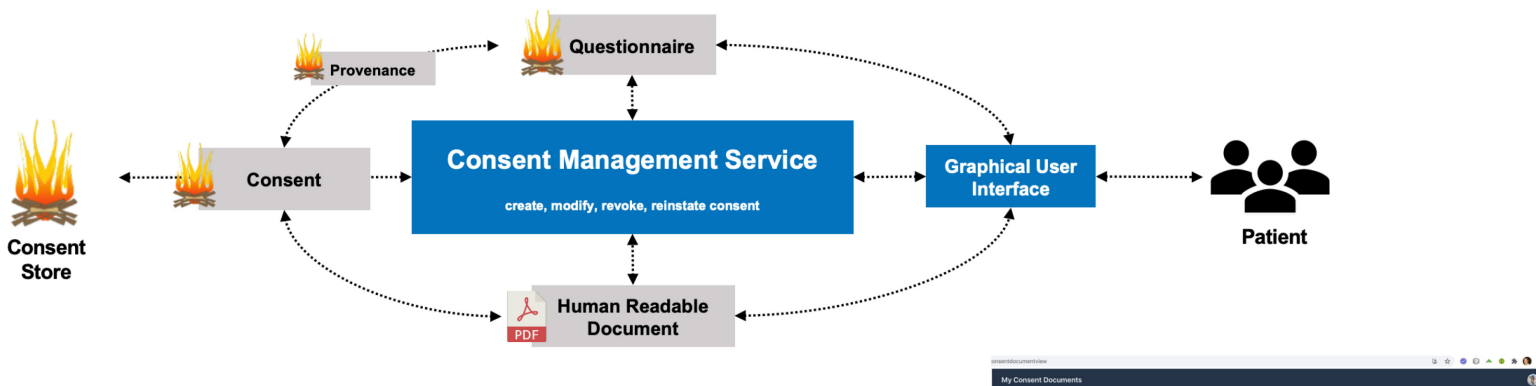
# ONC LEAP Consent Project – High Level Architecture

- ONC LEAP Patient Consent Project  
Mohammad Jafari, Ph.D. ONC LEAP  
Consent Project Director, San Diego  
Health Connect (SDHC)



## Consent Management Service

A service for patients to create, modify, revoke, and reinstate consents.



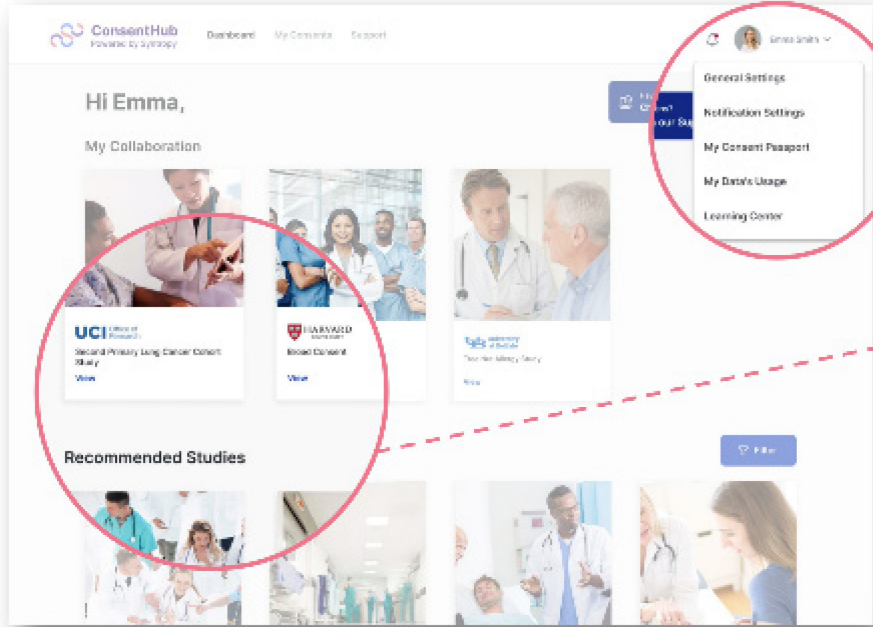
## ONC LEAP Consent Project

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- Centralized patient interface
- Visualizes relationships *across different entities*
- Delivers patient options for research participation based on


HIGHLIGHTED SOLUTION DETAILS

## ConsentHub Dashboard



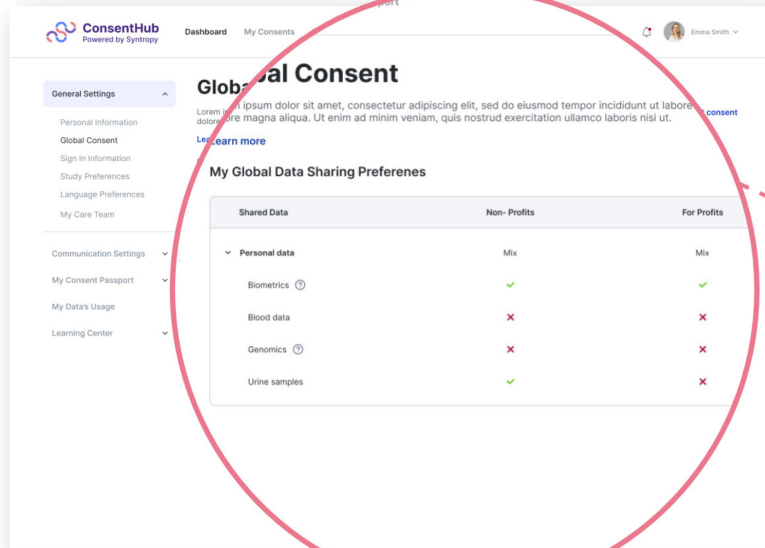
The screenshot displays the ConsentHub dashboard for a user named Emma. The top navigation bar includes the ConsentHub logo, 'Powered by Syntropy', and menu items for 'Dashboard', 'My Consents', and 'Support'. The main content area is titled 'Hi Emma, My Collaboration' and features three institution cards: 'UCI Office of Research', 'HARVARD University', and 'The University of Michigan'. Below this is a 'Recommended Studies' section with a grid of study images. A user profile dropdown menu is open in the top right corner, listing options like 'General Settings', 'Notification Settings', 'My Consent Passport', 'My Data's Usage', and 'Learning Center'. Red circles highlight the user profile menu and the 'My Collaboration' section. A red dashed line connects the 'My Collaboration' section to a text box on the right.

*From the ConsentHub dashboard, patients can easily see their active and existing relationships with participating institutions. They manually filter or scroll through system recommended studies (based on their Study Preferences) as well as toggle to their profile settings.*

 EPAM CONTINUUM

EPAM Continuum, a Primary & Care Model

## Updating Global Consent Preferences



- Preferences for what data are used
- Preferences for what entity uses specific data

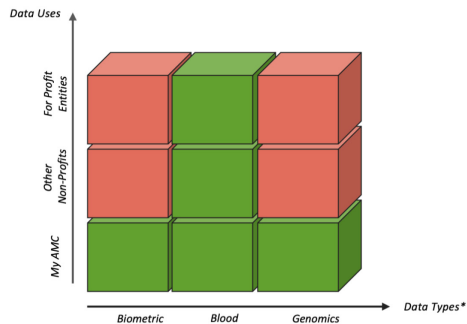
*Global Consent is the concept of breaking down a single consent record into what we call "consent features" to allow a patient to control their data sharing preferences at a more granular level.*



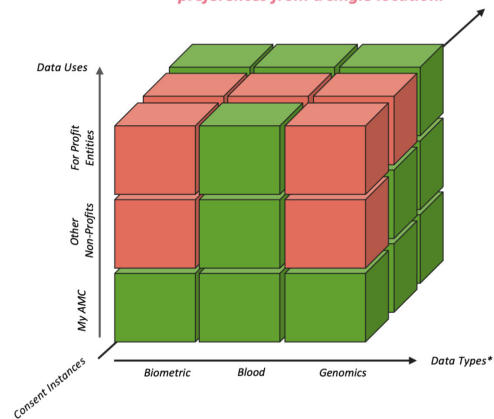


## Computable Consent – Introducing Granularity in Data Sharing Preferences

Introducing granular, computable consent would allow a patient to not only **understand** but **control the data type and use they are comfortable sharing** with significantly finer detail.



Then, with this power to read computable consent, we can provide historical views into their data sharing consent history and **empower the patient to control these preferences from a single location.**



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***A computable consent is a representation of patient consent in which privacy preferences are encoded in the form of machine-readable rules.***

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Such rules can be processed by a decision engine to adjudicate whether the consent permits a specific given activity, such as sharing the patient information with a requester, or enrolling the patient in a research project.

- Consents need to meet people where they are in their own health data journey **and adapt to changes in that journey**
- Allow patients to control data use over time with multiple entities
- Ensuring the patient data is used in a way that is always consistent with patient consent/control

# Extracting Clinical/Demographic Data from EHRs: Manual Approaches and Expectations from AI

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# Overview

- Challenges with electronic health record (EHR) data
- Landscape of oncology EHR data extraction
  - Single institution efforts
  - Extraction across different installations
  - Post-extraction processing of data
  - FHIR
  - CCDI/EHR pilots
- Lessons learned from EHR data extraction

# Challenges with Electronic Health Record (EHR) Data

- EHR data are collected for clinical purposes as part of routine patient care
  - Documentation useful for clinical purposes but perhaps not sufficient/understandable for research
- EHR data input and storage are not standardized
  - Multiple data types: Structured, unstructured, semi-structured
  - Data storage varies by hospital based on EHR system build
- Data standards variably implemented
  - Minimal Common Oncology Data Elements (mCODE) developed in 2018 by American Society of Clinical Oncology to create computable oncology data standards
    - Not all variables needed for research or patient care included (Wang, *JCO CCI*, 2022), especially in pediatrics

# Challenges with EHR Data and Potential for Improvement

- Creates challenges for manual and automated data collection
  - Vast majority of childhood cancer data collection is performed manually
    - Studies have shown inaccuracy in data manually collected (Miller, *JCO*, 2016)
  - Automated EHR data extraction has potential to improve current methods
    - More efficient
    - Standardizes collection
    - Can overcome some underlying EHR data challenges by coding extraction

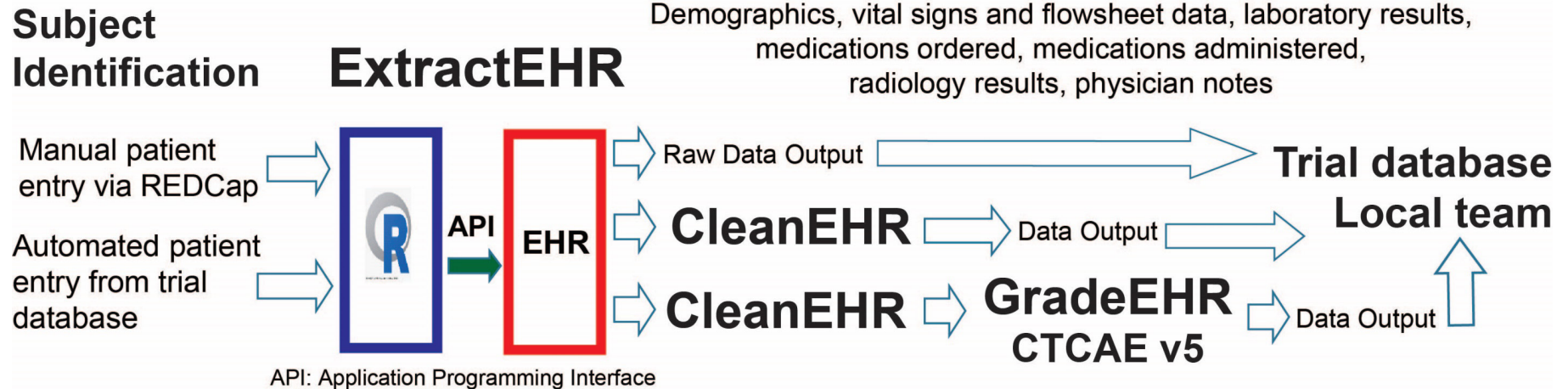
# Extraction of EHR Data

- Multiple single institution platforms implemented for extraction of specified data elements
  - Clinical Data Collector (CDC) extracted and mined real-world data to identify patients with metastatic renal cell carcinoma and classify outcomes (van Laar, *Clin Pharm Therapy*, 2020)
  - Algorithm to combine structured billing records with processed narrative text to identify colorectal cancer at a single institution had high accuracy (Zu, *AMIA Annual Symposium Proceedings*, 2011)
  - Integration of institutional cancer registry and EHR data to develop a childhood cancer survivorship cohort (Noyd, *PBC*, 2021)
- Multi-institutional extraction platforms crucial for broader improvement of childhood cancer data collection
  - e.g. ExtractEHR



# ExtractEHR

- R package that extracts data from EHR data warehouse



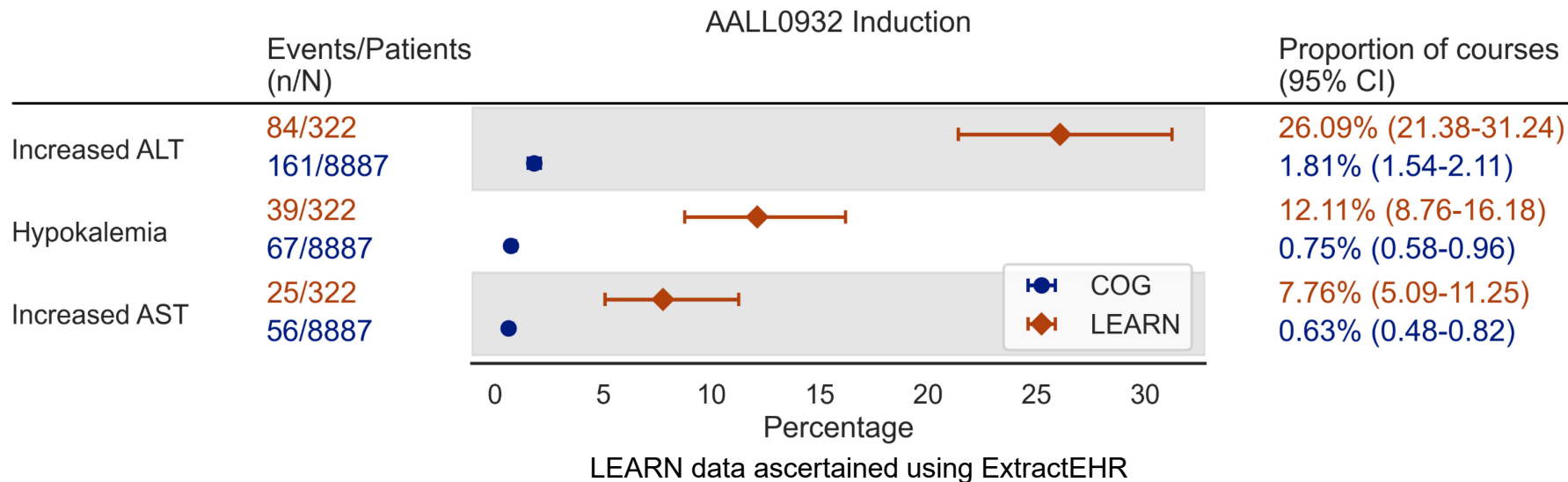
# ExtractEHR Implementation

- Implemented at 4 institutions to develop a network for clinical research using real-world data
  - Includes Epic and Cerner sites
  - 3 additional sites in process of implementation ExtractEHR (2 Epic, 1 Cerner)
- Extracted data require processing for use (CleanEHR, GradeEHR)
  - Cleaning, processing and grading performed centrally for consistency
- Extracted, processed data can be used to create analytic grade datasets to answer clinical questions that currently cannot use clinical trial data to answer
  - e.g. Accurate rates of laboratory adverse events (AEs) experienced during treatment

# ExtractEHR Use Case: Laboratory Adverse Events

- Data from 3 large pediatric hospitals to identify laboratory AEs
  - Acquired using ExtractEHR
  - Processed and cleaned to remove false positives using CleanEHR
  - Graded using GradeEHR
- Highly accurate compared to gold standard physician chart abstraction
  - 0.2% of lab AEs missed, 0.5% of lab AEs incorrect (Miller, *BJH*, 2017)
- Describe granular rates of laboratory AEs by chemotherapy course
  - Laboratory AEs inaccurately captured in Children's Oncology Group (COG) trial data
  - e.g. Daily neutrophil counts collected describe duration of neutropenia after chemotherapy (Miller, *PBC*, 2020)

# Automated Ascertainment is More Comprehensive than Manual Ascertainment



Miller, *BJH*, 2017,  
Miller, *Lancet Haematol*, 2022

# Extraction of EHR Data: HL7 FHIR

- Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) can access EHR data across EHR vendors
  - Created by Health Level Seven International (HL7) health care standards organization for exchange of EHR data across platforms
  - EHR vendor must support FHIR
  - Extracted data need processing for use
    - FHIR facilitates data extraction but does not normalize data post-extraction
    - Requires post-extraction data processing for data to be usable
  - Has not been widely tested in pediatric oncology

# CCDI ExtractEHR Pilots

- PEPN21EHR/PBTC-N15 (NCT05020951)
  - Open at 7 sites across COG and Pediatric Brain Tumor Consortium (PBTC)
    - Epic and Cerner EHRs included
  - Goal: Automatically extract EHR data and directly import into trial electronic data capture system (Medidata Rave) across institutions
    - Demonstrating feasibility in retrospective patients treated on early phase trials
    - Plans to implement into prospective trials
  - Successful uploads at multiple hospitals for both COG and PBTC
  - Permits comprehensive and accurate data capture to assess tolerability

# CCDI ExtractEHR Pilots

- Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER)
  - Extracting raw data for transfer to SEER registry
    - Hospital encounters, laboratory test results, medications, procedures, vital signs, radiology reports, pathology reports, oncology clinical notes
    - Limiting to oncology-related data elements
  - In process to transfer data from Children's Healthcare of Atlanta to Georgia Cancer Registry
  - Plans to extend to other registries

# Lessons Learned from EHR Data Extraction: Data Structure

- EHR systems vary by institution
  - Epic and Cerner are most common and cover >60% of large children's hospitals
  - Range of other systems in use, including homegrown systems
- Data storage structure varies by EHR vendor and between individual site implementations
  - Capabilities of technical terms vary
    - Familiarity with underlying data structure and ability to comprehensively identify desired data elements is variable
- Extracted EHR data are not ready for immediate use
  - Collected for clinical use so require careful processing with clinician guidance



# Lessons Learned from EHR Data Extraction: Mapping

- Installation requires mapping to identify data elements of interest
  - Requires time and clinician involvement to be comprehensive and specific
  - Same EHR system may have customized components at individual sites
- Once mapped, code can be used repeatedly for different use cases
  - Changes only required when underlying EHR system updates
    - e.g. new laboratory system implemented where test names change
- Extraction of all data elements with planned post-processing to identify desired elements alleviates part of mapping process
  - Cleaning/processing packages such as CleanEHR and GradeEHR can standardize post-extraction cleaning across sites

# Lessons Learned from EHR Data Extraction: Unstructured Data

- Unstructured and semi-structured data vary by site (notes, radiology, pathology)
- Natural Language Processing (NLP) can process extracted unstructured data
  - Requires successful identification of negation terms and training of the model
- NLP may not be 100% accurate, but can reduce number of charts requiring manual review to identify an outcome of interest
  - Reduced EHR charts needed to identify breast cancer recurrence by 90% (Carrell, *Am J Epi*, 2014)
  - Reduced chemotherapy courses needing manual review to identify typhlitis by 96% (Miller, *JCO CCI*, 2022)
- Could be improved by improved approaches to standardizing documentation

# EHR Data, Informed Consent and Data Sharing

- Informed Consent
  - EHR data typically included in consents for clinical trials
  - Cancer surveillance does not require informed consent
  - EHR data can be included in retrospective IRB-approved research
  - Some institutions may require specific consent for EHR data or specific components
    - e.g. genomic data
- De-identification processes may be required for data sharing
  - More challenging with free text/unstructured data

# Conclusions

- EHR data can be leveraged to widely capture demographic and clinical data
  - Multiple single and multi-institution processes implemented to accurately extract EHR data
  - Currently some outcomes can be fully automated, e.g. laboratory AEs
- EHR data extraction has challenges that require trained and/or centralized teams to help manage
  - Guiding data extraction
  - Processing extracted data for use
- Automated EHR data extraction permits development of comprehensive, granular real-world datasets that can improve knowledge in pediatric oncology

# Children's Oncology Group Clinical Data Release

*Implications For Linkage To Genomic And Other Datasets And Discovery*

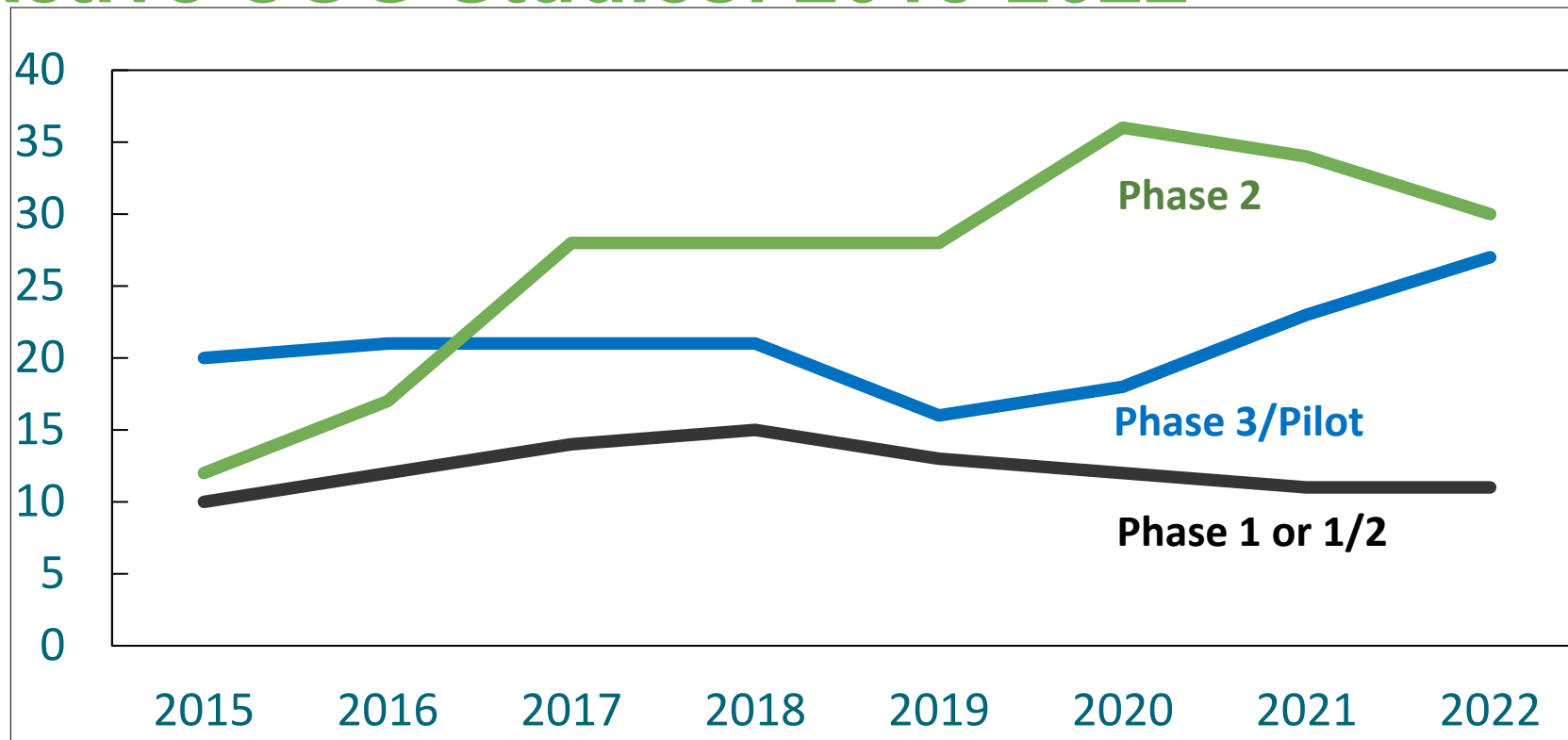
**Douglas S. Hawkins, MD**

**Group Chair, Children's Oncology Group**

# Children's Oncology Group (COG)

- Formed in 2000 by merger of four legacy pediatric oncology cooperative groups
- NCI-funded National Clinical Trial Network (NCTN) member; four other US adult cooperative groups
- Fast facts:
  - > 220 institutions in US (~200), Canada, Australia, New Zealand
  - > 8000 members
  - ~3000 therapeutic enrollments/year
  - ~9000 non-therapeutic enrollments/year (70% Project:EveryChild)

# Active COG Studies: 2015-2022



# Ways to access COG data

- NCI NCTN/NCORP Data Archive
- Database of Genotypes and Phenotypes (dbGaP)
- Pediatric Cancer Data Commons (PCDC)
- Database Requests
- Project:EveryChild (APEC14B1)



# NCI Data Archive



- NCI-supported phase 2/3 or 3 studies since January 2015
- 2021: scope narrowed to phase 3 primary publication, secondary publication with updated survival
- Patient-level data used in publications
- As of January 2023:
  - 36 COG studies available in NCI Data Archive
  - 69 COG studies/metadata submitted to NCI Data Archive, upload pending

**All data used to generate these publications**  
**are publicly available**

# NCI NCTN/NCORP Data Archive

Features	Bugs
Limited restrictions on access	Backlog in uploading datasets
All data to reproduce manuscript	Frozen datasets
Major clinical trials included	Phase 1 or 2 now excluded
USI available to link to other COG datasets	USI currently cannot be linked to non-COG datasets

# Database of Genotypes and Phenotypes (dbGaP)

- Developed to archive and distribute data and results from studies that investigated genotype/phenotype
- As of March 2023:
  - 27 studies with “Children’s Oncology Group” as search term
  - TARGET
  - Gabriella Miller Kids First
  - MP2PRT
  - Molecular Characterization Initiative
  - Rhabdomyosarcoma, germ cell tumors, etc

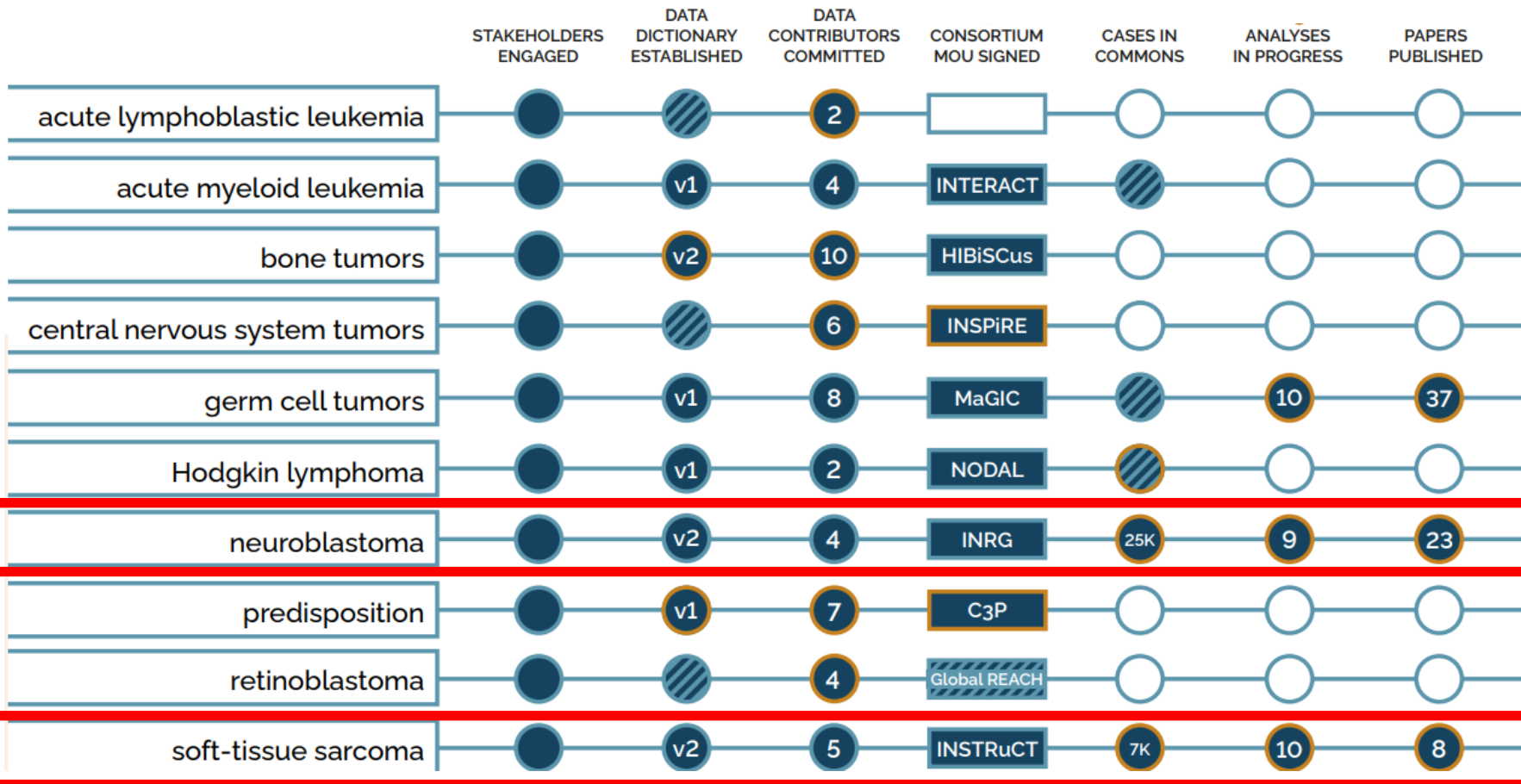
# Database of Genotypes and Phenotypes (dbGaP)

Features	Bugs
Limited restrictions on access	Selected tumors represented
Clinical data included	Frozen datasets
Some datasets derived from clinical trials	Most datasets unrelated to clinical trials
USI available to link to other COG datasets	USI currently cannot be linked to non-COG datasets

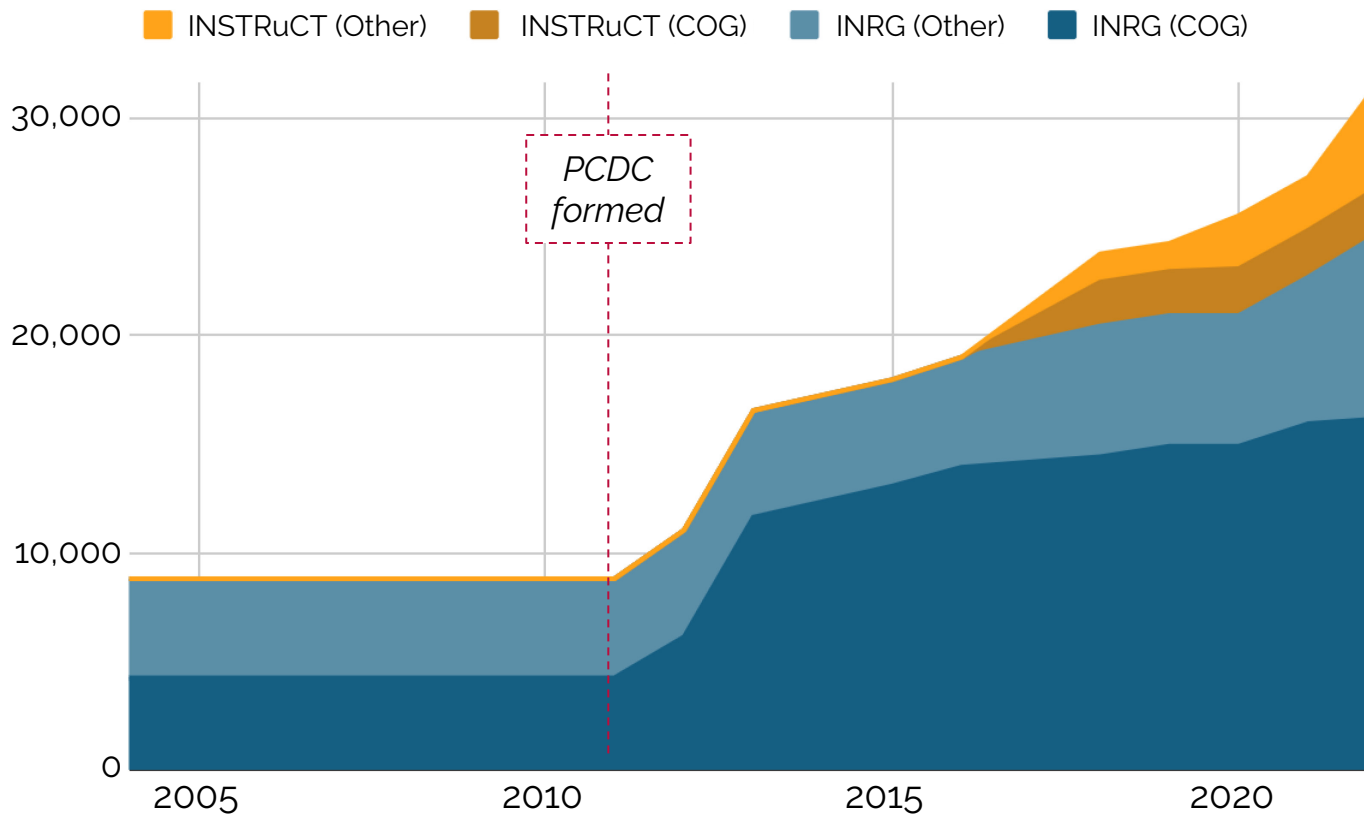
# Pediatric Cancer Data Commons (PCDC)

- Formed in 2011 to build upon neuroblastoma data commons (INRG)
- COG has master agreement for data transfers to PCDC
- *International collaboration*
- As of March 2023:
  - COG data from two diseases in PCDC
  - 8+ disease consortium plan to contribute data to PCDC

# Pediatric Cancer Data Commons (PCDC)



# Pediatric Cancer Data Commons (PCDC)



# Pediatric Cancer Data Commons

Features	Bugs
Limited restrictions on access	Only two diseases currently
Common data dictionaries used	Predominantly clinical data
International contributions	COG > other groups
USI available to link to other COG datasets	European data do not have USI-equivalent (yet)



# COG Database Requests

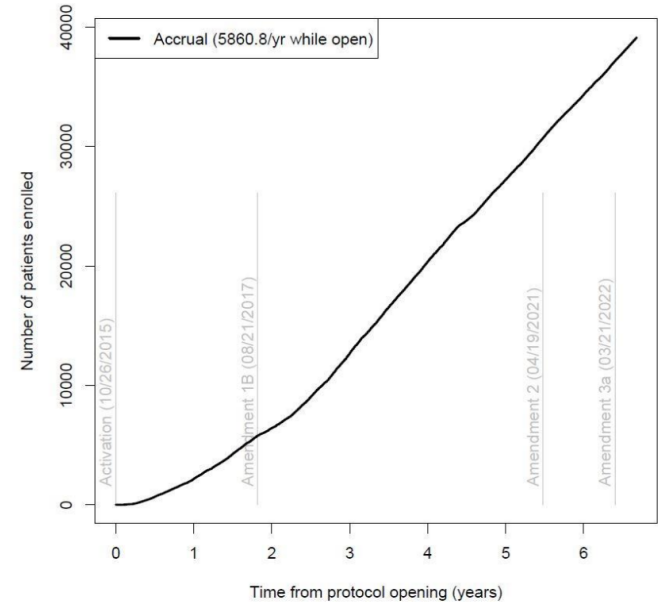
- COG has data sharing policy:  
<https://childrensoncologygroup.org/data-sharing>
- Data from completed studies
- Request from both COG and non-COG investigators
- In 2022, there were 35 requests

# COG Database Request

Features	Bugs
Clinical trial data are rich	If not collected, it is not available
Data request process open to all	Timelines may be long due to COG statistical bandwidth
Updated data possible	Data may not match publications
USI provided to link to other COG datasets	USI currently cannot be linked to non-COG datasets

# Project:EveryChild (APEC14B1)

- COG Biospecimen Bank at BPC (Columbus, OH)
- Launched in 2015
  - > 38,000 children enrolled
  - 5500-6000 enrollments/year
  - >200,000 biospecimens collected
  - Mechanism to enroll on MCI
  - Clinical annotation with outcome
  - **Permission for future contact**



# Project:EveryChild (APEC14B1)

Features	Bugs
Very large dataset	“Everychild” is still aspirational
Most diseases included	Not neuroblastoma, renal tumors
Clinical features and outcome included	Annotation not as rich or complete as clinical trial
Biobanking included	Not 100% collection, mostly diagnosis
Consent for future contact to support epidemiology	Contact requires approved and funded project

## Panel Discussion: Clinical Data and Annotation



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# Externally Controlled Trials in Pediatric Oncology: An FDA Oncology Perspective

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# Recently Released FDA RWE Guidances

**Real-World Data: Assessing Electronic Health Records and Medical Claims Data To Support Regulatory Decision-Making for Drug and Biological Products**

*Draft Guidance for Industry, September 2021*

**Data Standards for Drug and Biological Product Submissions Containing Real-World Data**

*Draft Guidance for Industry, October 2021*

**Real-World Data: Assessing Registries to Support Regulatory Decision-Making for Drug and Biological Products Guidance for Industry**

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**Considerations for the Use of Real-World Data and Real-World Evidence To Support Regulatory Decision-Making for Drug and Biological Products**

*Draft Guidance for Industry, December 2021*

**Submitting Documents Using Real-World Data and Real-World Evidence to FDA for Drug and Biological Products**

*Guidance for Industry, September 2022*

**Considerations for the Design and Conduct of Externally Controlled Trials for Drug and Biological Products**

*Draft Guidance for Industry February 2023*

RWD Source

Submissions

Design

# Considerations for the Design and Conduct of **Externally Controlled Trials** for Drug and Biological Products Guidance for Industry Overview

**Definition:** An externally controlled trial (ECT) measures outcomes in participants receiving the investigational treatment according to a protocol compared to outcomes in a group of people external to the trial who did not receive the same treatment.

**Appropriateness:** The suitability of an externally controlled trial design depends on the clinical setting. Consult the relevant FDA review division early in drug development to determine if an externally controlled trial is reasonable.



# Rationale for ECT

## Context for use



Feasibility Challenges



Ethical Concerns



Questionable Equipoise

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## Context for use



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Questionable Equipoise

## Potential Applications



Pediatrics



Rare Diseases



Significant unmet medical need



Molecular subgroups



Under-represented populations

# Rationale for ECT

- Primary Concern: Lack of randomization
- Before an ECT → consider the likelihood that such a trial design would be able to distinguish the effect of a drug
  - ECTs are more likely to provide convincing results when the effect size on a well-characterized outcome of interest is anticipated to be large
  - Well-defined natural history of the disease and understanding of relevant prognostic factors
- In many situations, the likelihood of credibly demonstrating the effectiveness of a drug of interest with an external control is low

# External Control Arm Designs

## Sources

Real World Data

Clinical Trial Data

Literature Based

## Temporality

### Concurrent Control

- Patient population treated during the same or similar time period, reflecting a similar standard of care

### Historical Control

- Non contemporaneous patient population where retrospective or retrospectively analyzed data is used as comparator

## Purpose

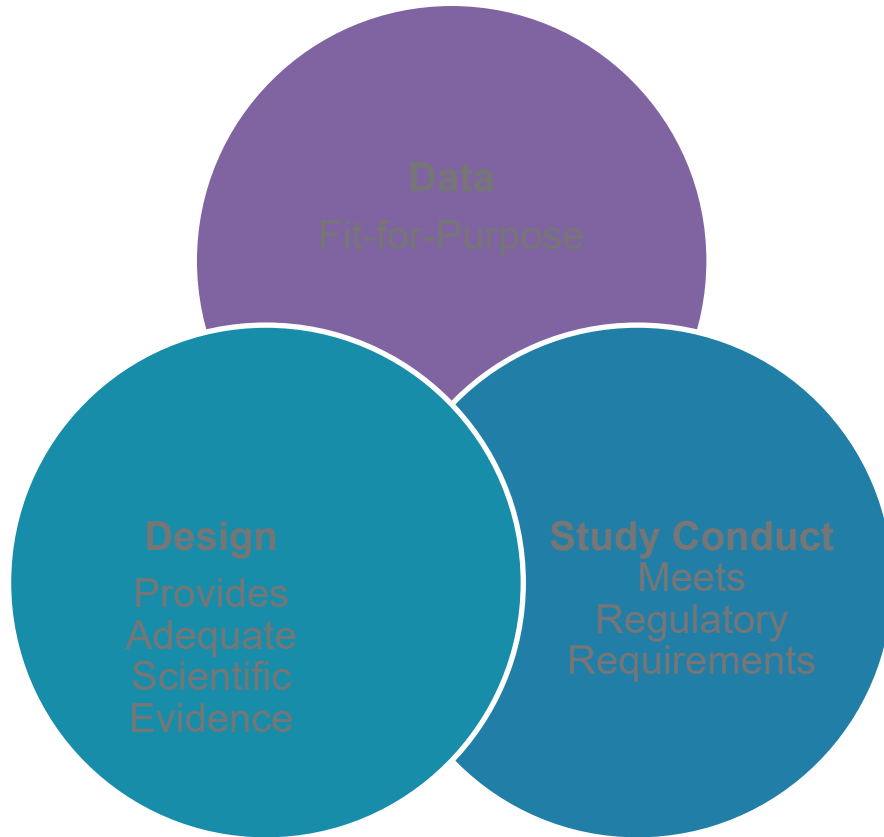
### Benchmark

- As benchmark, baseline, or natural history study [epidemiology]

### Comparator

- As individual patient level matched data for formal comparative study [effectiveness]

# Overall Considerations



**Data must be  
Fit-for-Purpose**

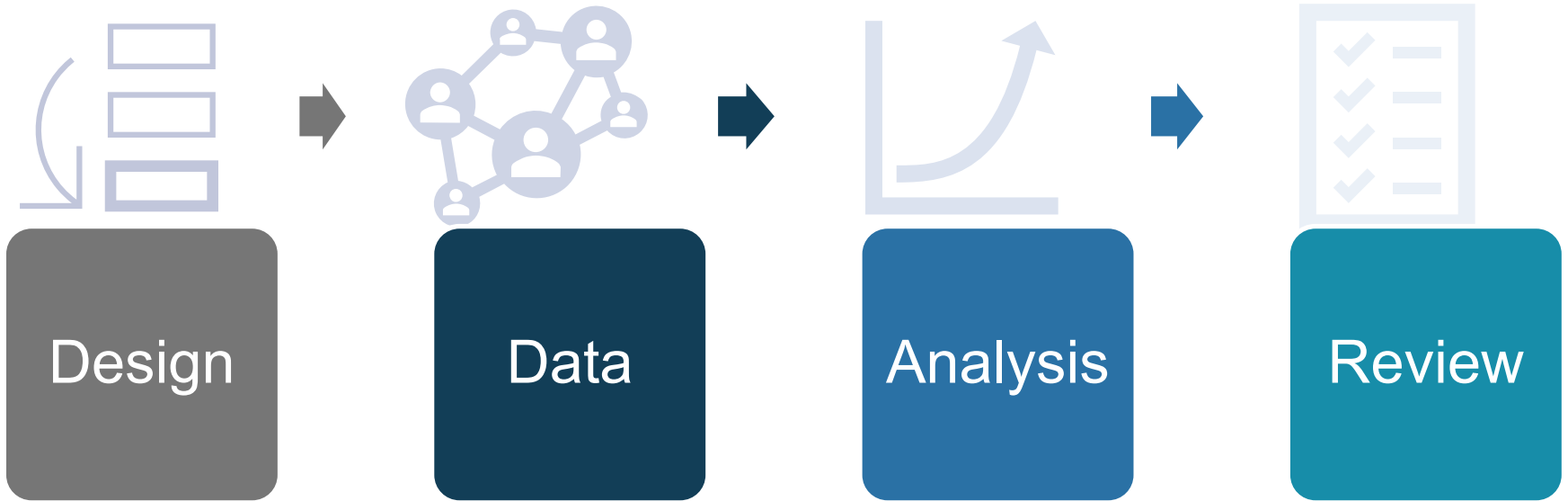
## **Relevance**

includes the availability of key ***data elements*** (exposure, outcomes, covariates) and sufficient numbers of representative patients

## **Reliability**

includes data ***accuracy, completeness, provenance, and traceability***

# ECT Considerations





Considerations

# ECT Design

- **Prespecified Protocol**→  
Careful planning in the design phase with respect to reducing the potential for bias prior to study initiation
- Sponsors should finalize study protocol and SAP before initiating the ECT
- **The estimand framework can be used to help design an EC trial**

Data sources

Baseline eligibility criteria

Appropriate exposure definitions and windows

Well-defined, clinically meaningful endpoints

Cogent analytic plans

Approaches to minimize missing data and sources of bias





Additional  
Design

Considerations

# Selection Bias

A systematic error in a study that occurs due to factors that influence study participation or eligibility.

## Factors May Include



Geography



Treatment era



Eligibility Criteria



Healthy User Effect

# Confounding

Distortion of the measure of the effect of a medical product on an outcome due to another factor

- Associated with the exposure
- Causal risk factor for the outcome (disease)
- Not on the causal pathway (not an intermediate cause)

To establish effectiveness, it is essential to distinguish the effect of the drug “from influences, such as spontaneous change in the course of the disease, placebo effect, or biased observation”

*Sec. 314.126*

*Adequate and well-controlled studies*

# Index Date Selection

A specific and difficult challenge is specifying the index date

Determination of the index date in the treatment arm and the EC arm should avoid analyses that include a period of time (immortal time) during which the outcome of interest could not have occurred in one of the two arms



Considerations

# Summary of Considerations for Assessing Comparability of Data

## Time Periods

- Standard of Care

## Geographic Region

- Access to Care

## Diagnosis

- Expected variation

## Prognostic Factors

- available and similar

## Treatments

- Factors such as dose and duration

## Other Treatment-Related Factors

- LOT, Concurrent Treatment Regimen

## Follow-up periods

- Index date

## Intercurrent events

## Outcome

- Measurement

## Missing Data

# Summary of Considerations for Assessing Comparability of Data

## Example: Outcome Ascertainment

- **Well defined outcome:** Availability, accuracy, and completeness
- FDA recommends defining an outcome of interest based on the clinical, biological, psychological, and functional concepts of the condition

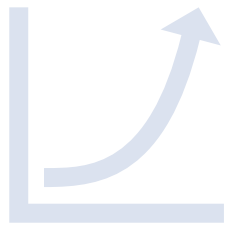
### Clinical Trials

- ORR
- RECIST 1.1



### Observational Study

- Scan availability and assessment frequency challenges
- Use of proxy (TTD) may not be sufficient



Considerations

# Analysis Considerations

## Missing Data

- The proposed analytical methods should include a strategy for missing data
  - ✓ data that may not be available (e.g. type and frequency of assessments)
  - ✓ patient follow-up data

## Misclassification

- Misclassification can occur when the value of a measurement is assigned to an incorrect category for subsequent analysis, potentially affecting estimates of the observed drug-outcome association



# Review

# Considerations



# Considerations for Review



## Communication

### *Communicate early and often*

(Include justification for ECT design, fit-for-purpose data proposal, planned analyses, data submission)

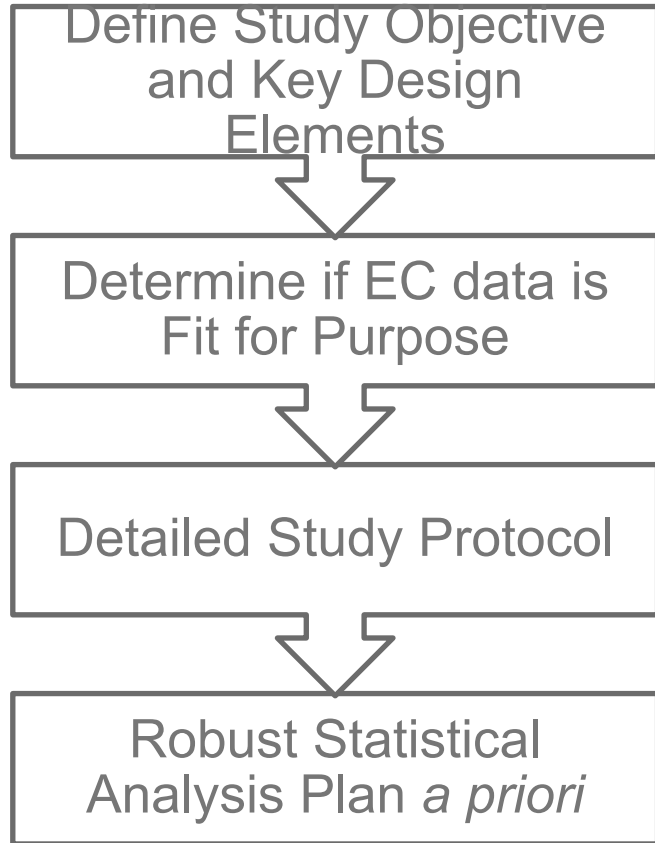


## Document Access

### *Marketing applications require relevant patient-level data*

If sponsors do not own the data, they must have agreements for FDA to access sources documents and data for auditing

# Review: ECT Study Conceptualization

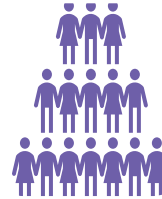


Completeness of Capture

Comparability of Populations



Data Source



Patient Population



Appropriate Comparison



Available Data



Measurement



Endpoints



Possibility



Challenge

# Project Pragmatica

**Advancing evidence generation for approved oncology medical products by exploring innovative trial design approaches that introduce functional efficiencies and patient centricity through integration with real-world routine clinical practice.**

Trials need to be designed to address relevant questions,. “We’ve made these trials way too complicated, just mind-bogglingly complicated .

**-Richard Pazdur, OCE Director**

## Pragmatic Clinical Trials

- 1) Intent to inform decision-makers
- 2) Intent to enroll a population relevant to the decision in practice and representative of the relevant patients/populations
- 3) Intent to
  - (a) streamline procedures and data collection or
  - (b) measure a broad range of outcomes

### Pragmatic Elements

Recruitment:  
Patients and  
Investigators

Trial Intervention  
and Delivery

Measurement

Eligibility

Organization

Follow  
up

Recruitment

Flexibility  
in Delivery

Primary  
Outcome

Setting

Flexibility  
in  
Adherence

Primary  
Analysis

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# Population Comparability

## Examples

### Baseline attributes

- Age
- Sex
- Race
- Socioeconomic

### Disease characteristics

- Severity
- Duration
- Signs and symptoms
- Performance status
- Prognostic or predictive biomarkers
- Comorbidities

## Potential challenges

Availability of relevant confounding factors are known and well-characterized

Confounding factors are captured

Factors assessed with appropriate methods and measured similarly across compared groups

Analytic methods sufficiently address the differences

Eligibility Criteria can be applied to the ECA

# Example Data elements



Unique patient identifier  
Consent date for registry  
participation

## Demographic characteristics

- Birthdate
- Sex
- Race
- BMI, lifestyle
- SDOH\*

## Clinical characteristics

- Diagnosis
- Comorbidities
- Biomarkers\*
- Cytogenetics\*

## Treatment information

- Chemical name
- Drug product name
- Formulation and dosage
- Initiation and completion dates
- Procedures
- ADEs

## Outcome information

- Clinical events
- Date of occurrence

# Covariate Ascertainment and Validation

## ■ Confounding

- Associated with the exposure
- Causal risk factor for the outcome (disease)
- Not on the causal pathway (not an intermediate cause)

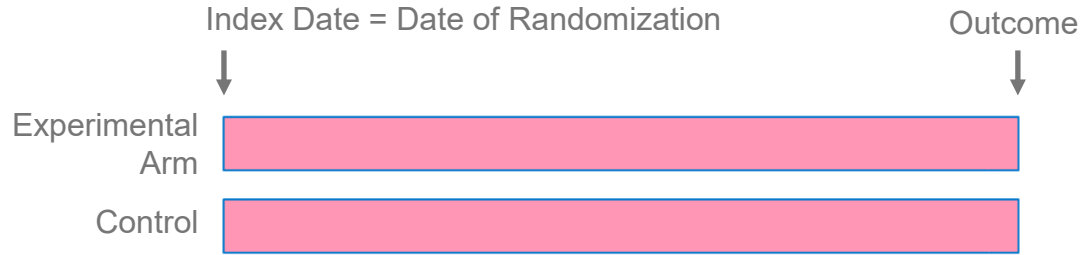
## ■ Effect Modifier

- A factor that biologically, clinically, socially, or otherwise alters the effects of another factor (Porta 2014)

Type of confounders	Examples	Strategy
Measured	Age and sex	Restriction Matching Stratification Standardization Regression analysis Propensity scores
Unmeasured but measurable	Smoking Body mass index Disease severity	External adjustment Proxy measures Imputation
Unmeasurable	Frailty	Self-controlled design Instrumental variable Mendelian randomization Active comparator Regression discontinuity design Sensitivity analyses

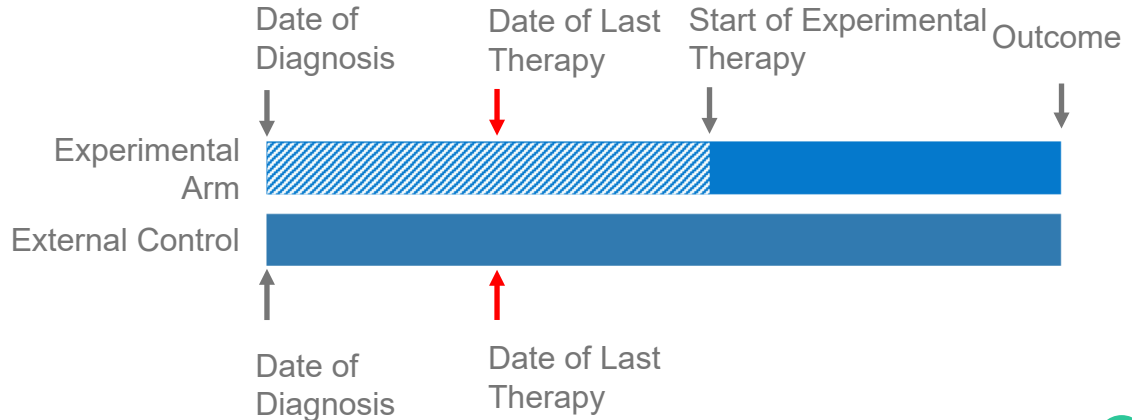
# Index Date Selection

## Randomized Controlled Trial



## Externally Controlled Trial

A specific and difficult challenge is specifying the index date (start of the observation period for assessing endpoints)



Estimand Framework

Population of interest

Treatment/intervention to be studied

Endpoint or outcome

Intercurrent events (occur post-randomization and interfere with the interpretation of results)

Summary measure

**Design is a pivotal step!**

**Careful planning in the design phase prior to study initiation can reduce issues in the analysis phase.**

## The suitability of an externally controlled trial

- heterogeneity of the disease
- preliminary evidence regarding the drug product under investigation
- approach to ascertaining the outcome of interest
- the goal of the trial (superiority or non-inferiority)

# Design

- Design considerations should be prespecified in a protocol and SAP, including:
  - selection of a suitable data source
  - availability of baseline characteristics and eligibility criteria
  - exposure definition
  - well-defined, clinically meaningful endpoints
  - key baseline clinical covariates
  - concomitant therapies
  - index date designation\*
  - consistency of outcome assessments
  - analysis plan

\*Given the lack of randomization in externally controlled trials, differences in the way the index date is determined across trial arms may lead to biased effect estimates.

# Data

- External control data from another trial may offer advantages. Regardless of data source, it is important to establish the comparability of participant characteristics for trial and external control data :
  - Time periods
  - Geographic regions
  - Diagnosis
  - Prognostic factors
  - Treatment related factors
  - Follow-up periods
  - Intercurrent events
  - Outcome ascertainment, and
  - Missing data

# Analytic

- Various statistical methodologies may be appropriate, and FDA does not recommend a specific approach.
- Sponsors should develop a prespecified statistical analysis plan that includes:
  - Analysis of all primary, secondary, and exploratory endpoints
  - Statistical power and sample size calculations
  - Approaches to control the chance of erroneous conclusions, specifically with strategies to deal with → missing data, description of sources of misclassification that may result in bias, and a robust sensitivity and subgroup analysis plan.

# Improving clinical trials with the use of tumor genomic classification

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# Precision Medicine: Finding the right drug for the right patients



the promise...



vs. the reality



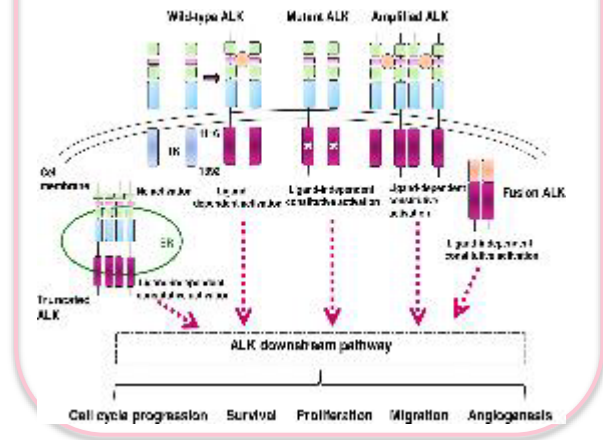
# Case study 1

## ALK as a tumor target

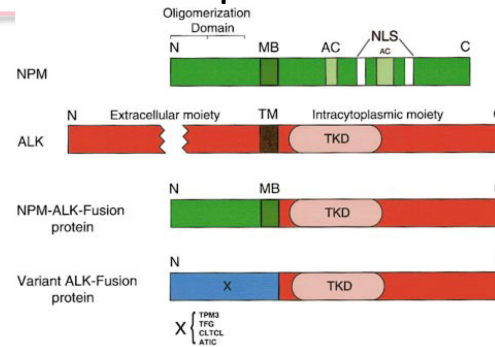
# ALK: Anaplastic Lymphoma Kinase

- ALK is a receptor tyrosine kinase, that activates multiple downstream signal transduction pathways (e.g., MAPK-ERK, PI3K-AKT, and JAK-STAT)<sup>1</sup>
- Normal ALK plays a pivotal role in cellular communication and in the development and function of the nervous system<sup>1, 2</sup>
- ALK aberrations → constitutive activation of ALK → cancer development and progression<sup>2</sup>
- **ALK Alterations in Cancer**
  - NSCLC: ALK fusions 3-7%<sup>3-5</sup>
  - ALCL: ALK fusions 90+%<sup>6</sup>
  - IMT: ALK fusions 50%<sup>7</sup>
  - Other tumors: NB, HGG

## ALK signaling in normal and cancer cells<sup>2</sup>



## ALK fusion protein domains<sup>8</sup>



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# Study ADVL0912: Phase 1/2 Study of Crizotinib in Pediatric Patients with Relapsed and Refractory Solid Tumors

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ORIGINAL REPORT

## Targeting ALK With Crizotinib in Pediatric Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma and Inflammatory Myofibroblastic Tumor: A Children's Oncology Group Study

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**Table 2.** Clinical Activity in Patients Treated With Crizotinib

Outcome	ALCL165 (n = 6)	ALCL280 (n = 20)	IMT (n = 14)
Best overall response			
Complete response	5 (83)	16 (80)	5 (36)
Partial response	0	2 (10)	7 (50)
Stable disease	1 (17)	2 (10)	2 (14)
Progressive disease	0	0	0
Therapy duration, years, median (95% CI)	2.79 (0.31 to n/a)	0.4 (0.18 to 1.0)	1.63 (0.55 to 2.30)
Time to first PR/CR, days, median (95% CI)	26.5 (24 to n/a)	27 (25 to 29)	26.5 (27 to 134)

**ALCL:** 26 patients

- ORR for patients treated at doses of 165 (ALCL165) and 280 (ALCL280) mg/m<sup>2</sup> were 83% and 90%, respectively
- CRs observed in 83% (five of six) of ALCL165, 80% (16 of 20) of ALCL280
- 12 ALCL patients proceeding to transplantation

**IMT:** 14 patients

- ORR 86%
- CRs in 36% (5 of 14)

Mosse YP, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2017;35(28):3215-3221.

## ADVL0912 Operational logistics

- **6 years to enroll 40 patients<sup>1</sup>**
- Investigator Sponsored trial (IST)
- COG Phase 1 network
- 28 US sites
- ALK testing:
  - Local labs using CLIA certified assays
    - Immunohistochemistry (IHC)
    - Fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH)
  - No central confirmation



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# FDA approves crizotinib for children and young adults with relapsed or refractory, systemic anaplastic large cell lymphoma



## January 2021

### Resources for Information | Approved Drugs

Oncology (Cancer) / Hematologic Malignancies Approved Medications

Drug Information Submitted to Clinical Oncology (DISCO)

On January 14, 2021, the Food and Drug Administration approved crizotinib (Xalkori, Pfizer Inc.) for pediatric patients 1 year of age and older and young adults with relapsed or refractory, systemic anaplastic large cell lymphoma (ALCL) that is ALK-positive. The safety and efficacy of crizotinib have not been established in older adults with relapsed or refractory, systemic ALK-positive ALCL.

Efficacy was evaluated in Study ADVL0912 (NCT00939770), open-label trial in patients 1 to <21 years of age that includes

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Regulated Product(s) Drugs Prescription Drugs

# FDA approves crizotinib for ALK-positive inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor



## July 2022

### Resources for Information | Approved Drugs

Oncology (Cancer) / Hematologic Malignancies Approval Notifications

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The safety and efficacy of crizotinib were evaluated in two multicenter, single-arm, open-label trials that included 14 pediatric patients from trial ADVL0912 (NCT00939770) and 7

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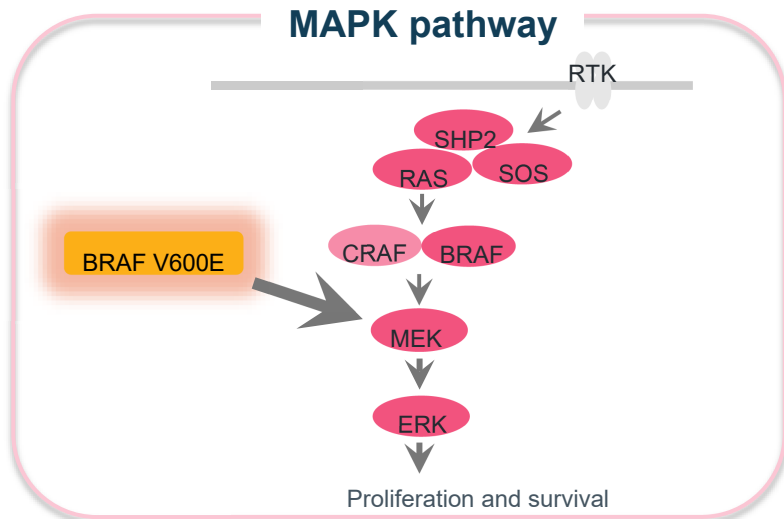


## Case Study 2: BRAF as a tumor target

Can we go faster?



## The RAS-RAF-MEK-ERK (MAPK) pathway is frequently dysregulated in human cancer<sup>1-4</sup>

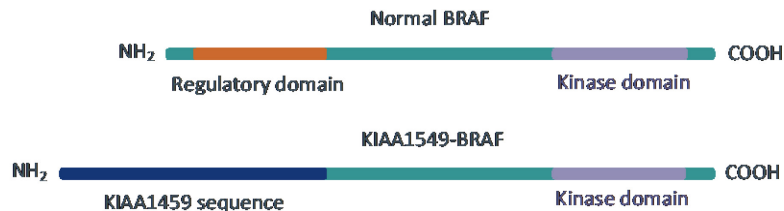


- RAS and BRAF are the most frequently mutated genes in this pathway<sup>1</sup>
- ~90% of all BRAF mutations encoding constitutively active BRAF V600E<sup>1</sup>
- Tumors expressing BRAF V600E mutations are highly sensitive to RAF and MEK inhibitors<sup>1</sup>

## BRAF alterations in pediatric low-grade glioma (pLGG)

- pLGG is the most frequent brain tumor diagnosed in children<sup>5</sup>
  - ~ 1000 patients diagnosed/year in US
- Genomic alterations in BRAF occur in up to 75% of pLGG<sup>6,7</sup>
  - *KIAA1549-BRAF* fusion are drivers in ~ 80% of all pilocytic astrocytomas<sup>6,8,9</sup>
  - BRAF V600E in 17% of pLGGs<sup>9</sup>

### KIAA1549:BRF fusion



1. Yaeger R and Corcoran R. *Cancer Discov.* 2019;9:329–341. 2. Prior I, et al. *Cancer Res.* 2020;80:2969–2974. 3. Ross J, et al. *Int. J. Cancer.* 2016;138:881–890. 4. Rankin A, et al. *Oncologist.* 2021;26:e153–e163. 5. Ostrom et al., *Neuro Oncology.* 2022; 24(S3), iii1–iii38 6. Ryall S, et al. *Acta Neuropathol Commun.* 2020;8(1):30. 7. Faulkner C, et al. *J Neuropathol Exp Neurol.* 2015;74(9):867–72. 8. Sholl LM. *Precis Cancer Med.* 2020;3:26. 9. Ryall S, et al. *Cancer Cell.* 2020;37(4):569–583.e5.

# FIREFLY-1: Phase 2 study of tovorafenib monotherapy

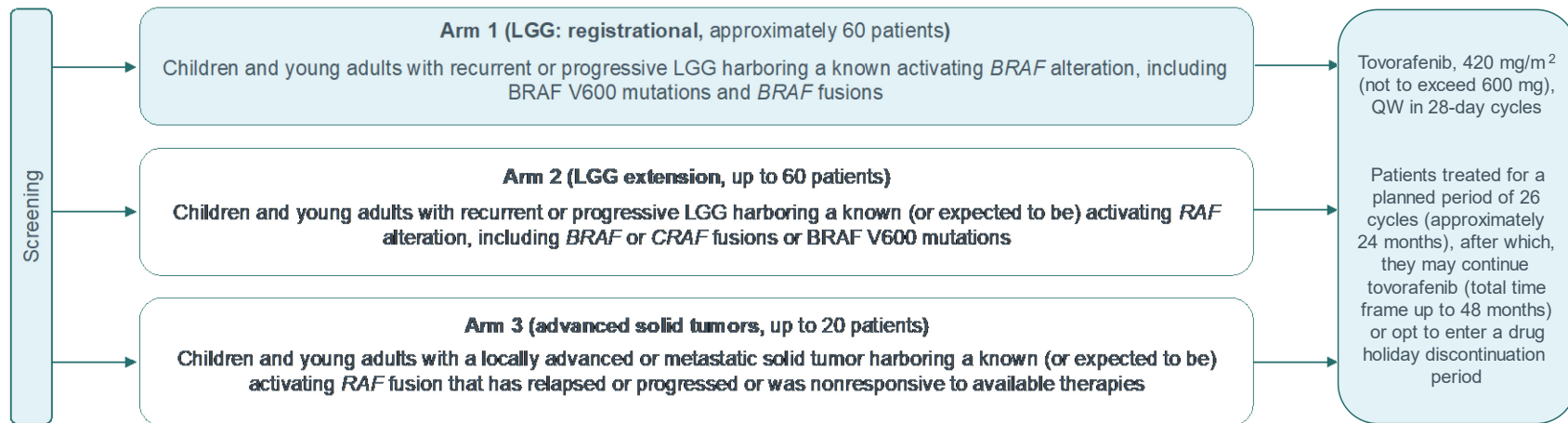


## 14.3.1 Study design<sup>1</sup>

- **Multicenter, open-label phase 2 study evaluating tovorafenib in pediatric or young adult patients with LGG or an advanced solid tumor**
- **Eligibility: patients aged 6 months–25 years, with a *RAF*-altered tumor, and  $\geq 1$  prior line of systemic therapy with radiographic progression**
- **3 treatment arms\***

## 14.3.2 Endpoints

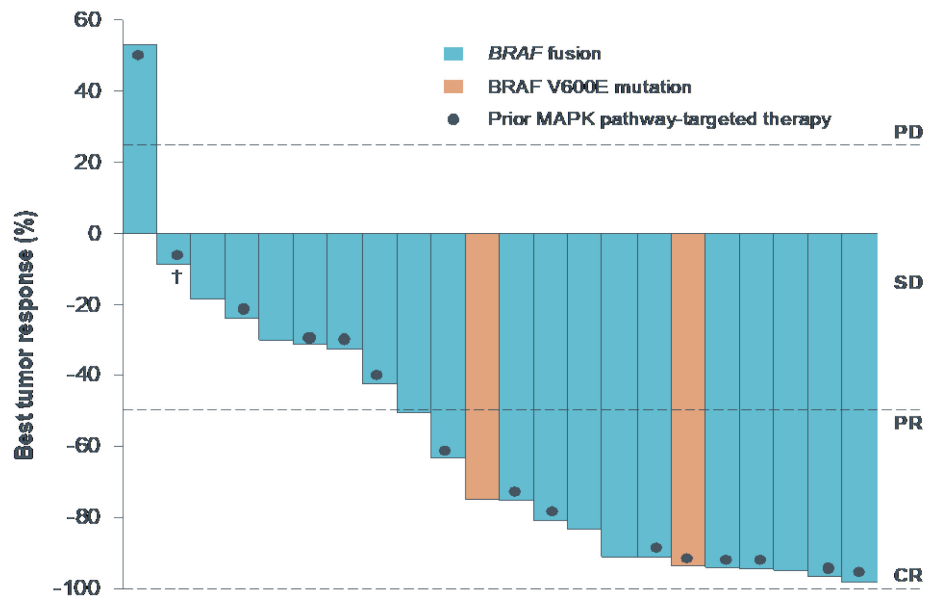
- Primary endpoints are tumor response per independent review (arm 1 by RANO criteria, arm 3 by RECIST v1.1 and safety (arm 2)
- Secondary endpoints (arms 1 and 3) include safety, PK, DoR, PFS, TTR, CBR



Enrollment to arm 1 and arm 2 has now been completed; arm 3 is actively enrolling patients.  
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# FIREFLY-1 interim analysis

Clinical activity of tovorafenib in patients with RANO-evaluable pLGG lesions (n=22)<sup>1</sup>



Response (IRC)	RANO evaluable n=22*
Overall response rate (95% CI)	64% (41–83)
BRAF fusion (n=20)	60%
BRAF V600E (n=2)	100%
Clinical benefit rate <sup>#</sup>	91%
Best overall response	
Partial response (13/22)	59%
Unconfirmed partial response (1/22)	5%
Stable disease (6/22)	27%

April 14, 2022 data cutoff. \*3/25 patients lacked evaluable lesions per RANO criteria based on independent review committee evaluation. †Progressive disease due to presence of new lesions. #Patients with best overall response of complete response, partial response/unconfirmed partial response, stable disease. Kilburn L, et al. 2022 SNO Annual Meeting: Abstract CTNI-68 and presented poster.

# FIREFLY-1 Operational Logistics

- **14 months accrual (Arm 1, N=77)**
- Industry-sponsored, leveraging PNOCC network
- 36 global study sites
  - US, Canada, Australia, Denmark, Germany, Israel, S. Korea, Singapore, Switzerland, United Kingdom
- Molecular testing:
  - Local labs using CLIA certified assays
    - FISH, RT-PCR, NGS, Immunohistochemistry
  - Retrospective central confirmation → Development of CDx



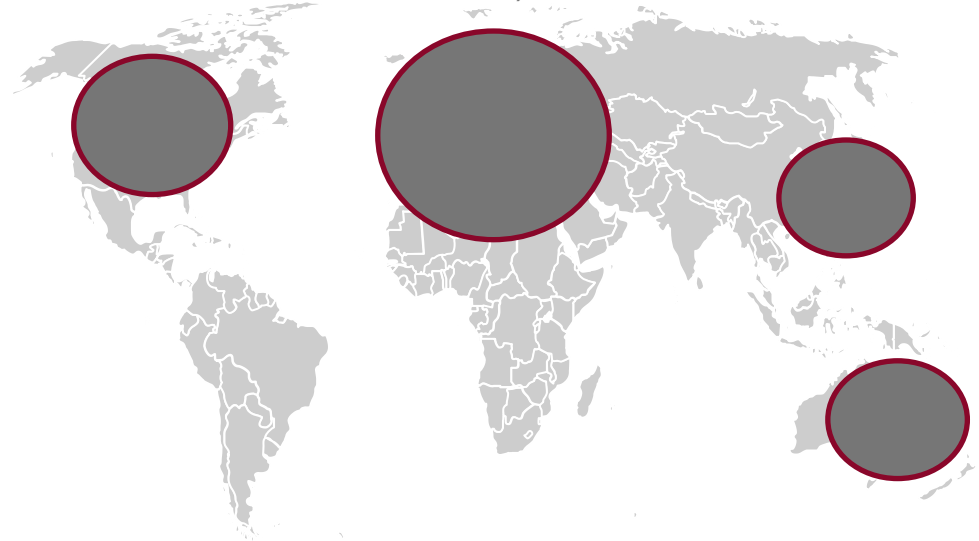
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# FIREFLY-2/LOGGIC: Pivotal Phase 3 Study Of Tovorafenib (DAY101) In Newly Diagnosed pLGG

- Randomized trial of 400 patients
- Collaboration between Day One and the LOGGIC consortium, internationally recognized experts in pLGG research
- Approximately 100 potential sites (~65 from the LOGGIC consortium)

**LOGGIC**  
**EUROPE**

**LOGGIC: Low Grade Glioma In Children**





How can we make these  
types of trials more  
efficient?

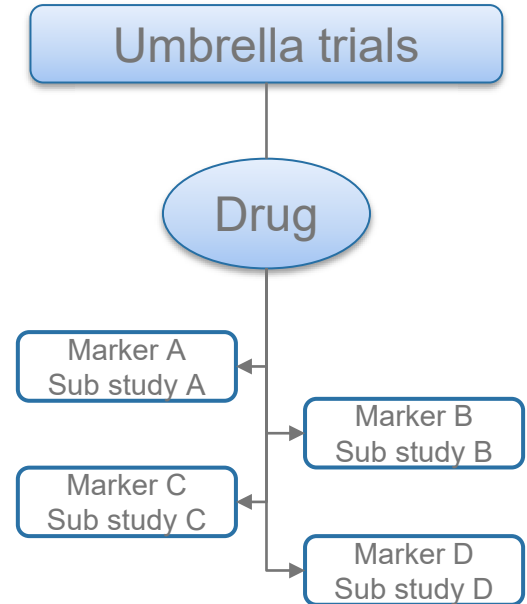
# 1. These are rare tumors

- Typical approach: Focus on high-volume clinical trial sites/hospitals where genomic testing is routine practice
- Challenges:
  - Access: Molecular testing may not be routine; who pays?
  - Routine testing may not detect rare variants
  - Miss patients outside of high-volume centers
- Potential solutions:
  1. Widespread implementation of molecular testing
  2. Broader patient reach: Global studies; Just-in-time site activation; decentralized clinical trials



## 2. Data: How do we do more with less?

- Contextualization of outcomes data in rare tumor types
  - Robust historical data on outcomes often not available
  - Randomized trials not feasible or require substantial time to conduct, global collaboration required
- Potential Solutions:
  - Regulatory flexibility for rare/orphan diseases
  - Novel trial designs (e.g., platform studies)
  - Leverage **all** available data (RWE, Registries, Compassionate use, ISTs)





### 3. The Wild West of diagnostics: Lack of uniformity

- Large variety of testing modalities and methods; requires central confirmation of genomic alteration
  - Retrospective vs. real-time; Discordant results?
- Development of Companion Diagnostic (Commercial test)
  - Requires clinical and analytical validation of assay
  - Availability of tumor tissue; age and quality of sample
  - Ultimate question: will test be used?
- Potential solution:
  1. FDA's pilot program: define minimal performance criteria to allow use of any test meeting those standards



## 4. Unanswered questions

- Approach to patients with more complex molecular alterations?
- Understanding mechanisms of resistance that may develop in response to targeted therapy → implications for treatment
- Use of combinations
  - Novel-novel
  - Novel + standard of care
  - Can we initiate combinations earlier?



# Thank you!



# The Potential for Archived Pediatric Cancer Clinical Trial Data to Contribute to RWD and RWE

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# Data Resources

*For RWD and RWE*

# RWDData Resources

- Clinical and Translational Data Sources
  - Some existing sources: COG, St Jude LIFE, PanCareLIFE, CPNDS
  - What might be developed
- **Objective:** Make trial data (RWD) as RWE useful in designing and accelerating pediatric cancer clinical trials

# Children's Oncology Group (COG)

- 200 centres across North America, Australia, New Zealand, Europe
- 90% of 14,000 children with cancer annually in the US are cared for at COG member institutions
- Demonstrated success in outcomes
- 100 active clinical trials ongoing at any one time
  - Underlying biology, front-line treatment, new/emerging treatments, supportive care, survivorship

# PanCare Life - Europe

- Funded by an EU FP7 grant
- 14,000 "well characterized" childhood cancer survivors
- 17 institutions from 8 European countries
- 11 data providers from 5 other countries
- Specific outcomes of interest for the initial grant (2013-18) include fertility, hearing loss, health-related QoL



# St Jude Life

- Activated in 2007; St. Jude and other funders
- Lifetime cohort of childhood cancer survivors (n=4,382)
- Core battery assessment
- Includes annual clinical assessments and questionnaires
- SNP, whole genome, epigenetic and exome sequencing for some patients

## Global Databank of the Canadian Pharmacogenomic Network for Drug Safety (CPNDS)

- Funded by Federal and Provincial Grants to the University of BC (2004 to present)
- Globally-accessible databank of pediatric ADR clinical and genomic data
- More than 11,257 patients (still growing); drug-exposed cases (n=11,343) and controls (n=106,408)
- ~ 70% children with cancer
- Longitudinal – up to 40 years of follow up data
- Genomic data increasingly important for proper drug response evaluation

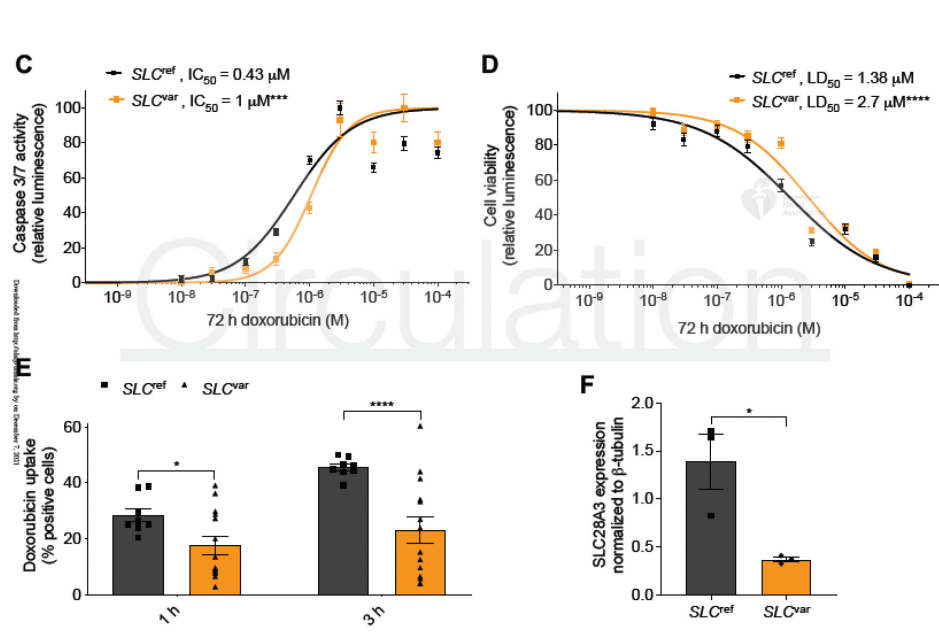
# Validation of SLC28A3 in a patient-derived iPSC cardiomyocytes

- **SLC28A3 variant exhibits increased cell viability when exposed to doxorubicin**

## Identification of Drug Transporter Genomic Variants and Inhibitors That Protect Against Doxorubicin-Induced Cardiotoxicity

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<https://doi.org/10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.121.055801>  
Circulation. 2022;145:279–294

- 2.0-2.3-fold higher LD<sub>50</sub> (P<0.0001) when exposed to doxorubicin
- 2-fold reduced doxorubicin uptake into cells
- 3-fold reduced expression



# Validation of RARG in patient iPSC-derived cardiomyocytes

- ***RARG*<sup>S427L</sup> exhibits reduced cell viability when exposed to doxorubicin**

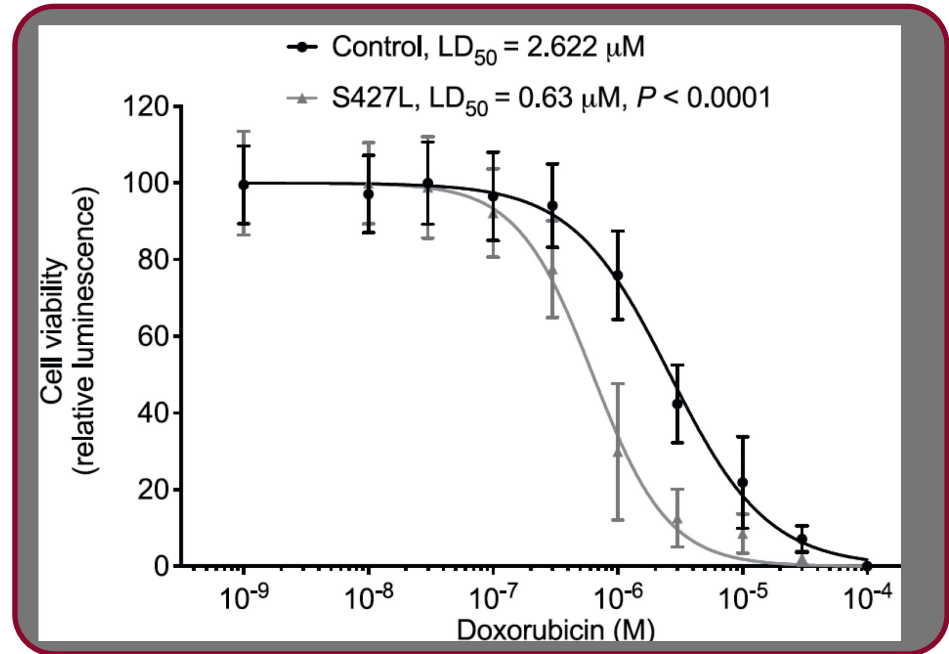
## Cell Stem Cell

Article

***RARG* variant predictive of doxorubicin-induced cardiotoxicity identifies a cardioprotective therapy**

Tarek Magdy,<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> Zhenqian Jiang,<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> Marisa Jaura,<sup>1,2</sup> Haneesh Ferozli,<sup>1,2</sup> David Lynn-Leddy,<sup>1,2</sup> Sarangshyan Argy,<sup>2</sup> Mitali Ramesh-Sajada,<sup>1,2</sup> Hui-Hsuan Kuo,<sup>1,2</sup> S. Ashley Fotherman,<sup>1,2</sup> Mousumi Ghosh,<sup>1,2</sup> Brian T. Dornstien,<sup>1,2</sup> Mingming Zhao,<sup>1,2</sup> Pradyumn Sapkota,<sup>1,2</sup> Colin J. Ross,<sup>1,2</sup> Bruce G. Carrigan,<sup>1,2,3</sup> Daniel Bernstein,<sup>1,2</sup> and Paul M. DiGirolamo<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

- Patient-derived iPSC cardiomyocytes
- *RARG*<sup>S427L</sup> carriers exhibit:
  - 4.2-fold lower LD<sub>50</sub> (P<0.0001) when exposed to doxorubicin



# RWD and RWE in Pediatric Oncology

*Some History*

# Some History of what has been done with RWD/RWE

- Improving successive studies
- Defining risk stratification
  
- RCTs in pediatric cancer are becoming increasingly impossible
  - How might data inform pragmatic trials?
  - How might data be used to construct external controls?
    - *FDA Guidance*

## RWD and RWE have improved survival outcomes in adults and in children

- Multidisciplinary molecular tumour board comprehensively reviewed patient clinical and genomic characteristics to develop N-of-one treatment regimens.
- Most patients were adults but some children. Overall, 265/429 therapy-evaluable patients (62%) were matched to  $\geq 1$  recommended drug.
- Eighty-six patients (20%) matched to all drugs recommended by the board.
- 38% received physician's choice regimen, generally with unmatched approach/low degree of matching.
- Patients who receive board-recommended regimens have significantly longer progression-free and overall survival, and are better matched to therapy.
- RWD have been also used to demonstrate the beneficial effects of pediatric oncology drugs in combination on overall survival.

## Non-clinical trial data using PRO to validate benefit of reduced toxicity of reduced up front treatment

- A recent study from CCSS demonstrated a reduced incidence of severe late effects in the most recent cohort of childhood Hodgkin lymphoma survivors.
- N~ 3,000: females twice as likely as males to experience a CTCAE grade 3-5 event. From the 1970s to the 1990s, there was a 20% reduction in decade-specific risk of CTCAE grade 3-5 events.
- Conclusion: a contemporary regimen for low-to-intermediate risk Hodgkin lymphoma reduces the risk of a grade 3-5 adverse event by 40% v. survivors who received  $\geq 35$  Gy of chest radiotherapy along with an anthracycline or alkylator (HR 0.6, 95% CI 0.4 - 0.8).



# Challenges

*In the Use of RWD and RWE*

# A few challenges

- It still takes up to three years just to get a clinical trial underway and additional years to build the required steps from the RWD that emerged and climb them.
- Despite presumed data quality, there are missing data.
- A system to ensure that appropriate patient-level data are captured, managed and validated is needed.
- Getting the use of RWD and RWE right in pediatric oncology, with its well-developed infrastructure and central governance means similar models can be tried for other conditions and for other drugs.
- A new focus should include health equity, assessing interventions for patients treated off study, assessing implementation for evidence-based cancer control and supportive care interventions.

# Are we working with the correct data?

- Previous studies of AVN have investigated protocol-based cumulative doses of corticosteroids rather than actual cumulative dose the patient received
  - St. Jude TVX GWAS:** Age and **treatment arms** *Blood*, 117(8), 2340–2556. (2011)
  - AALL0232 GWAS:** Age, sex, ancestry and **treatment arms** *Blood*, 126(15), 1770–1776. (2015)
- CPNDS databank – example patients**

Patient ID	Sex	Chemo Protocol	Arm and/or regimen	Status	Dose expected per protocol (mg/m2)		Actual doses received (mg/m2)		Comments
					Dexamethasone	Prednisone	Dexamethasone	Prednisone	
TOR150463	Female	AALL0232	SER, Arm PH	Alive, completed treatment	280	5,280	260	2,520	Corticoids discontinued due to the development of osteonecrosis.
CAL600057	Male	CCG 1961	Regimen C	Alive; completed treatment	210	8,815	210	8,615	Missed some doses of prednisone due to neuropathy and steroid induced muscle weakness at end of maintenance.
TOR151353	Female	AALL 0331	SER, S/H Risk	Alive; completed treatment	988	0	628	0	Missed dexamethasone doses due to suspicion of osteonecrosis.

**Previously reported**
**Not analyzed in previous studies**

# Capturing dose intensity is important

## Patient 1 – just under age 24 months

- Treated for Germ Cell tumour on protocol CCG 8882
  - Cumulative dose 400mg/m<sup>2</sup>
- Tolerated full-course of cisplatin therapy without hearing loss
  - Normal bilateral hearing 3-years following cisplatin treatment (tested in high frequencies up to 12kHz).
- Cisplatin given as 20mg/m<sup>2</sup> per day x 5 days x 4 cycles

## Patient 2 – just over age 12 months of age

- Treated for Hepatoblastoma on protocol POG 9645
  - Cumulative dose 400mg/m<sup>2</sup>
- After 3 cycles of cisplatin, developed grade 3 ototoxicity
  - Audiogram results: 250/35, 500/20, 1000/30, 2000/70, 3000/80. No response beyond. Impression: Normal to borderline normal hearing to 1000 Hz sloping to severe loss in the high frequencies for at least the better ear (as no ear specific responses obtained).
- Cisplatin given as 100mg/m<sup>2</sup> per day x 1 day x 4 cycles

## Comparing cumulative dose vs dose to the time ototoxicity is first noted

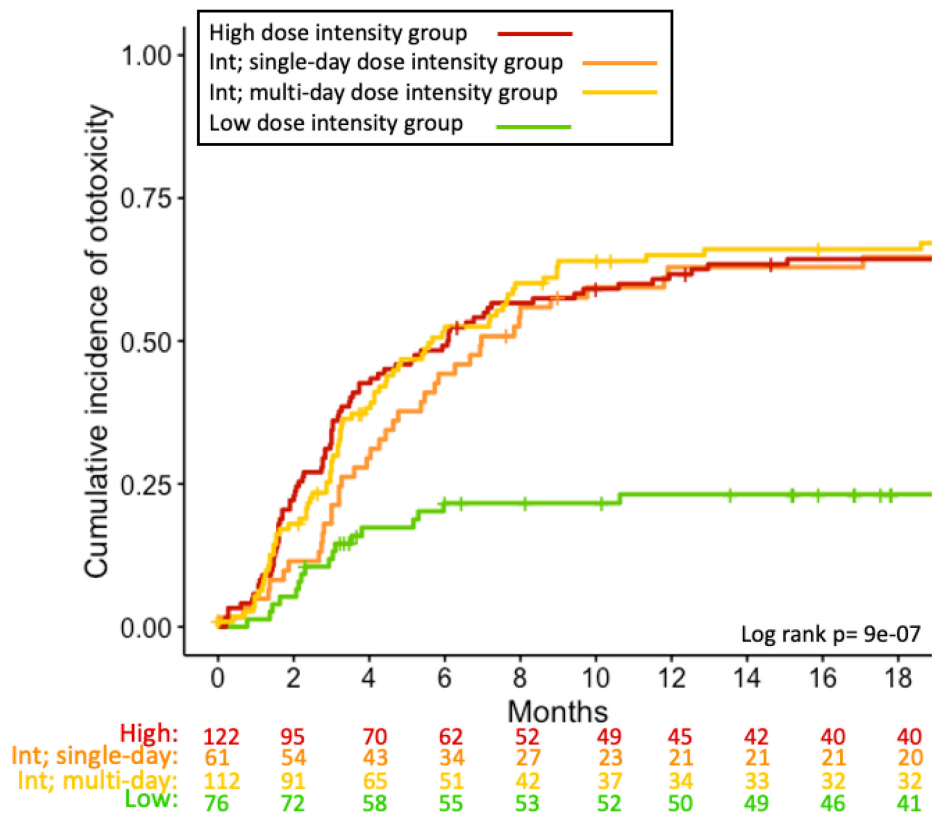
<b>N = 371</b>	<b>Case n = 237</b>	<b>Control n = 134</b>	<b>P-value</b>
<b>Cumulative Dose (mg/m<sup>2</sup>)</b>			
Median (range)	400 (120, 800)	400 (55.0, 760)	0.6809
<b>Dose to Toxicity (mg/m<sup>2</sup>)</b>			
Median (range)	300 (67.4, 800)	400 (55.0, 768)	<b>6.309e-06</b>

# Protocols grouped to similar cisplatin dose intensities

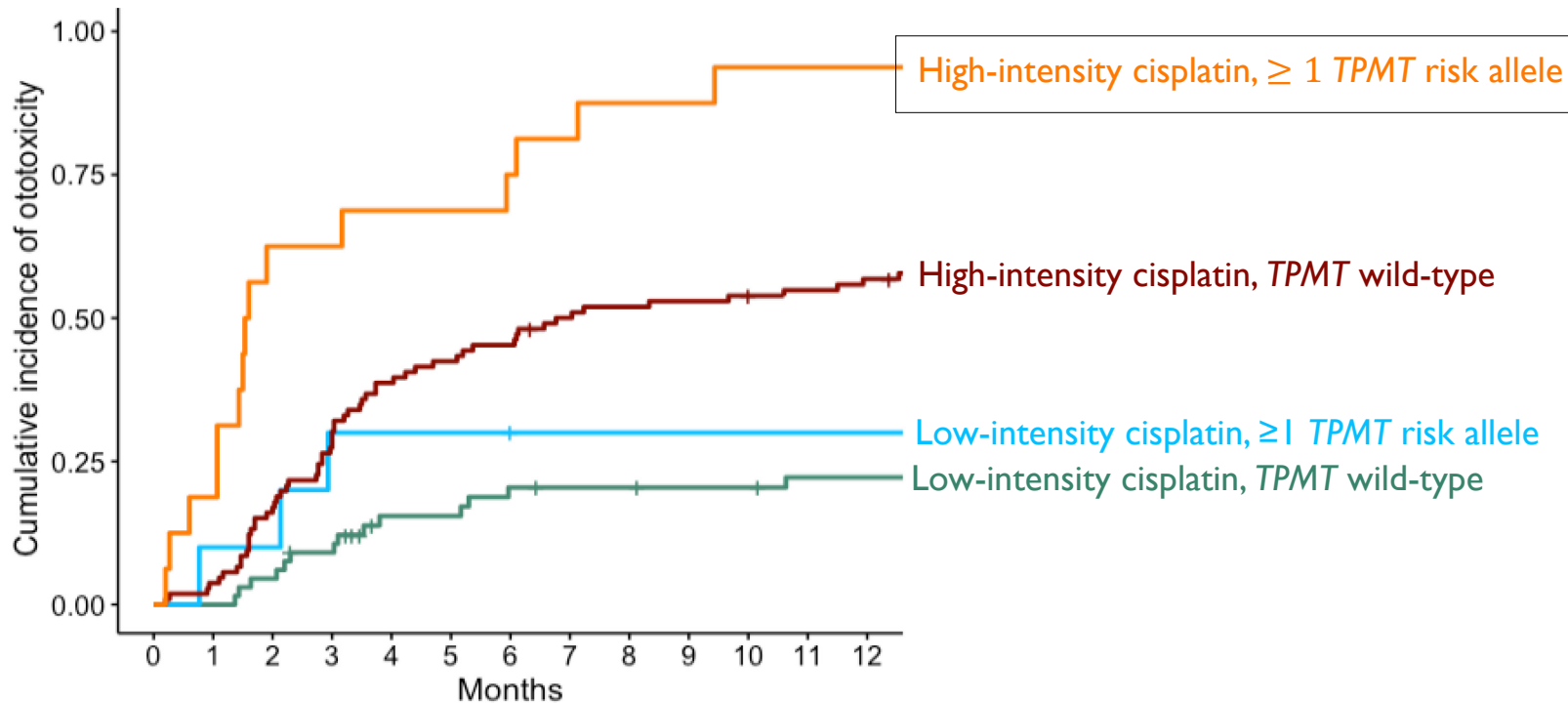
Group (intensity)	Characteristics
1. High	90-100mg/m <sup>2</sup> x 1 day. 21-28 days apart. 4-6 cycles. Cumulative dose 360-600mg/m <sup>2</sup>
1. High (longer rest/blocked)	90-120mg/m <sup>2</sup> x 1 day. 35-90 days apart (blocks) 4-6 cycles. Cumulative dose 480-540mg/m <sup>2</sup>
1. High (fewer cycles)	90-100mg/m <sup>2</sup> x 1 day. 21-28 days apart. 2-3 cycles. Cumulative dose 180-300mg/m <sup>2</sup>
1. Medium	75mg/m <sup>2</sup> x 1 day. 21-28 days apart. 6 cycles. Cumulative dose 450mg/m <sup>2</sup>
1. Medium (longer rest/blocked)	70-75mg/m <sup>2</sup> x 1 day. 34-70 days apart (blocks). 6-8 cycles. Cumulative dose 420-600mg/m <sup>2</sup>
1. Medium	60mg/m <sup>2</sup> x 1 day. 21 days apart. 5 cycles. Cumulative dose 300mg/m <sup>2</sup>

Group (intensity)	Characteristics
1. Medium 2-day/cycle	50-60mg/m <sup>2</sup> x 2 days. 4-8 weeks apart (blocks) 4-8 cycles. Cumulative dose 450-800mg/m <sup>2</sup>
1. Medium 4+ days/cycle	40-50mg/m <sup>2</sup> x 4-5 days. 28-90 days apart (blocks) 2-4 cycles. Cumulative dose 200-800mg/m <sup>2</sup>
1. Low	20-33.3mg/m <sup>2</sup> over 3-5 days. 21 days apart. 4-6 cycles. Cumulative dose 400-600mg/m <sup>2</sup>

# Cumulative incidence of ototoxicity stratified by cisplatin dose intensity



# Cumulative incidence of cisplatin-induced ototoxicity by dose intensity and *TPMT* carrier status



Red; wildtype <i>TPMT</i> :	106	89	65	58	50	48	44
Red; $\geq 1$ <i>TPMT</i> variant :	16	6	5	4	2	1	1
Blue; $\geq 1$ <i>TPMT</i> variant:	10	9	7	7	6	6	6
Green; wildtype <i>TPMT</i> :	66	63	51	48	47	46	44



# Panel Discussion: Accelerating clinical trials in childhood cancer



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