



CURE ID
Challenging cases... New approaches

2023 CDRC Annual Meeting

April 18 - 20



CDRC Annual Meeting and Workshop Day 3: Thursday April 20 Morning

Utility of generating real-world data for assessing repurposed drugs in rare and ultrarare cancers.

Morning: closed door meetings

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| 1. CDRC Advisory Committee | 8:30-10:00 |
| 2. BREAK | 10:00-10:15 |
| 3. Session with FDA and NIH | 10:15-11:45 |
| 4. LUNCH | 12:00-1:00 |

Welcome



Good Morning



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CDRC Annual Meeting and Workshop Day 3: Thursday April 18 Afternoon

Afternoon: Rare Cancer (Sarcomas)

Introductions and Welcome: Marco Schito (C-Path) 1:00-1:15

Chairs: Marco Schito (C-Path) William Tap (MSKCC)

1. Sarcoma: The Evolution of Care in Rare Cancer: Establishing a Comprehensive Unified Approach - **William Tap** (MSKCC) 1:15-1:45
2. The Role of Patient Advocates in Generating Real World Data in Ultra Rare Cancer - **Denise Robinson** (EHE Foundation) 1:45-2:00
3. An EHR-connected Patient-Centric Registry for Rare Cancer Research - **Mark Shapiro** (xCures) 2:00-2:15
4. Opportunities to Catalyze Impact in Rare Cancer Clinical Repurposing Trials - **Clare Thibodeaux** (Cures within Reach) 2:15-2:30
5. Repurposed Drug Trials: Challenges and Opportunities: **Vidula Sukhatme** (GlobalCures) 2:30-2:45

Break 2:45-3:00

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1. Challenges and opportunities: Marco Schito (C-Path)

- Harnessing RWD to advance repurposed drugs for rare cancers 3:00-3:15

2. Panel Discussion 3:15-3:45

- **Brandi Felser** (SFA)
- **Christine Heske** (NCI)
- **Vidula Sukhatme** (GlobalCures)
- **Andrea Gross** (NCI)
- **Suanna Bruinooge** (ASCO)
- **Lennie Woods** (Clear Cell Sarcoma Foundation)

3. Next steps 4:45-5:00

4. Adjourn 5:00



Stacey Simpson Duke

June 4, 1971 - February 27, 2023

Stacey was vibrant, fierce, funny, creative, resilient, filled with life and love. She loved writing, teaching, preaching, knitting, running, singing, reading, improv, cooking, baking, and being a good friend and a great mom. She had a large online following. Stacey lived with stage-four cancer (leiomyosarcoma) for 6 years, and her many posts, honest and brave, about her experience with cancer were an inspiration to many. She leaves a legacy of countless people whose lives were deeply touched by her example, her faith, and her love.

*Sarcoma: The Evolution of
Care in Rare Cancer:
Establishing a Comprehensive
Unified Approach*

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Sarcoma: The Evolution of Care in Rare Cancers: Establishing a Comprehensive Unified Approach

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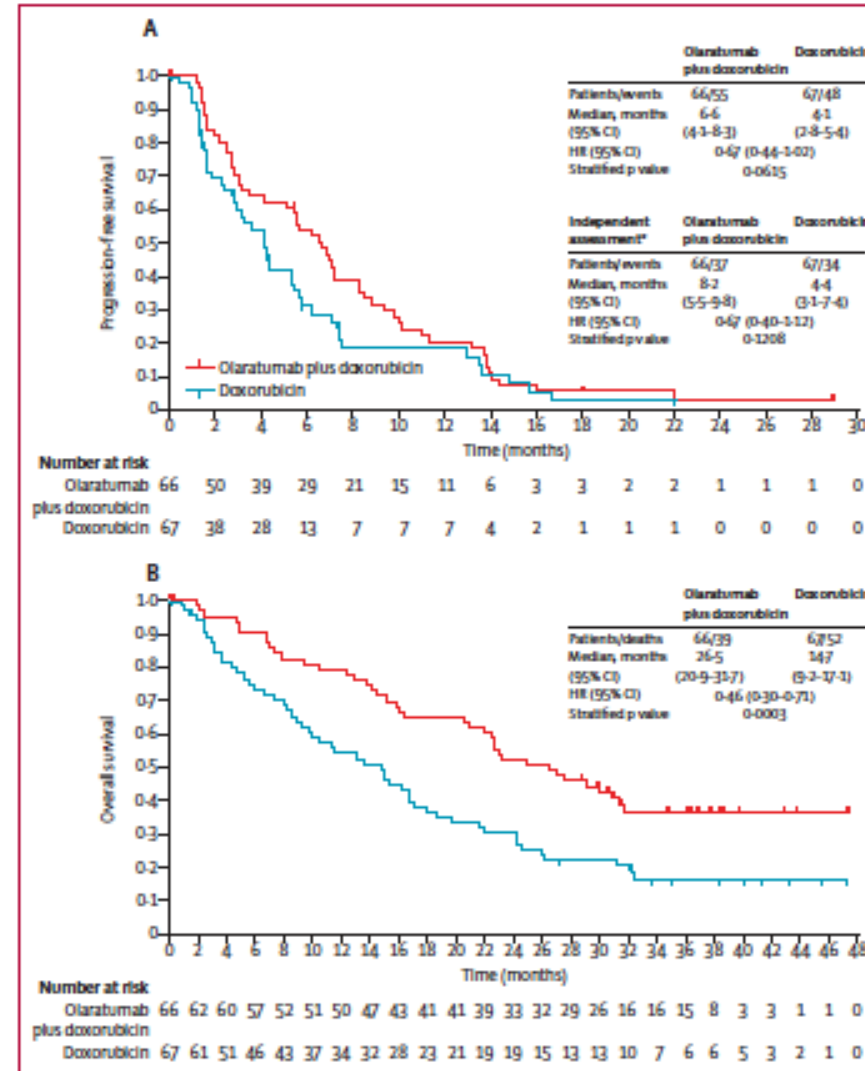
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Olaratumab and doxorubicin versus doxorubicin alone for treatment of soft-tissue sarcoma: an open-label phase 1b and randomised phase 2 trial

Lancet 2016; 388: 488-97

Adriamycin 8 cycles (600mg/m²); Any line of treatment



PFS 4.2m vs 6.6m

OS 14.7m vs 26.5m

JAMA | Original Investigation

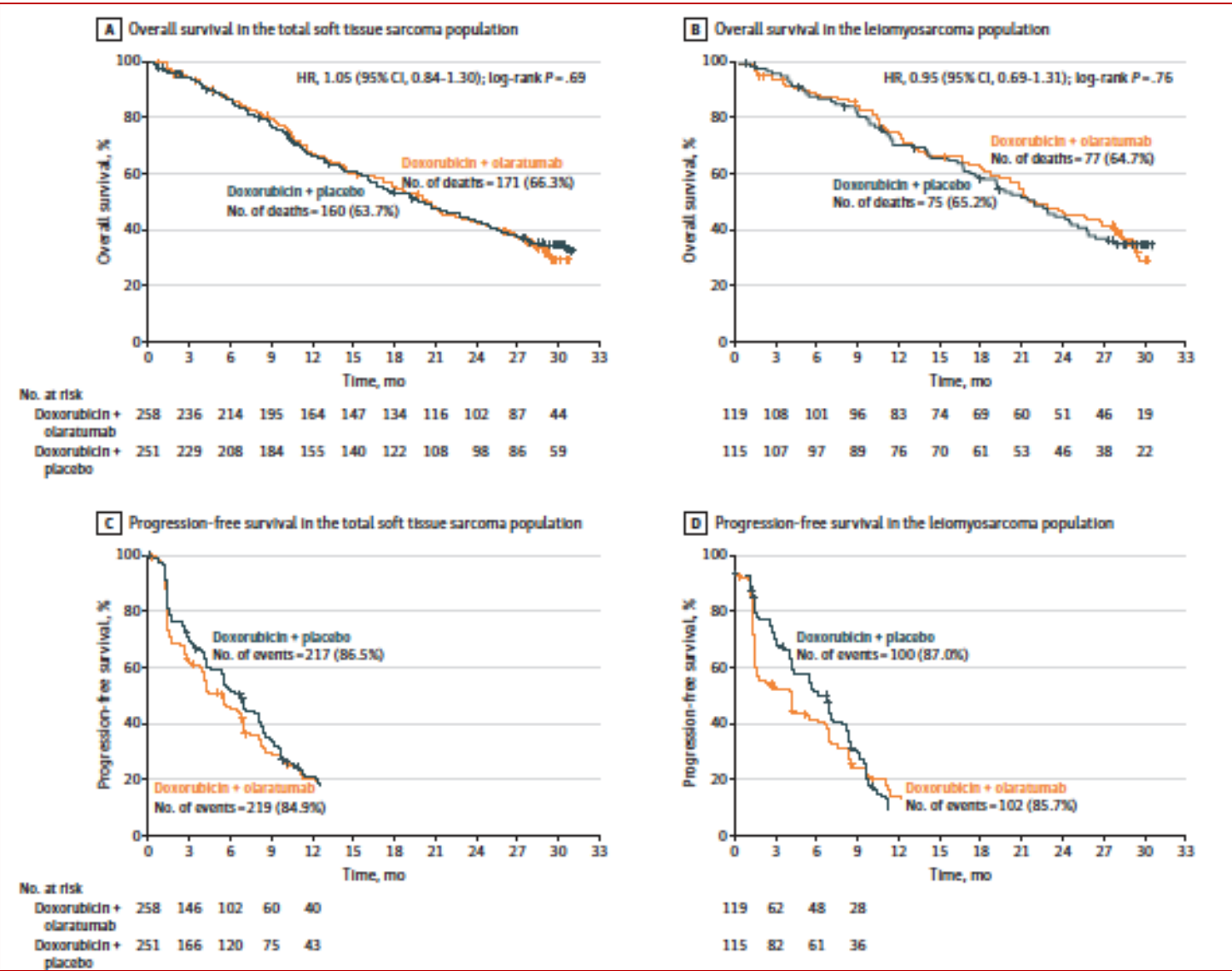
Effect of Doxorubicin Plus Olaratumab vs Doxorubicin Plus Placebo on Survival in Patients With Advanced Soft Tissue Sarcomas

The ANNOUNCE Randomized Clinical Trial JAMA. 2020;323(13):1266-1276.

Blinded/Placebo; OS primary endpoint
 1st/2nd line stetting
 Dual Primary endpoint (STS:LMS)
 Olara maintenance component

624 patients
 10 months

Characteristic	No. (%)	
	Doxorubicin + olaratumab (n = 258)	Doxorubicin + placebo (n = 251)
Age, median (range), y	57.0 (23-84)	57.0 (20-82)
<65	180 (69.8)	180 (71.7)
≥65	78 (30.2)	71 (28.3)
Sex		
Male	114 (44.2)	99 (39.4)
Female	144 (55.8)	152 (60.6)
Race ^a		
White	186 (72.1)	193 (76.9)
Asian	50 (19.4)	48 (19.1)
Black or African American	12 (4.7)	2 (0.8)
Other ^b	10 (3.9)	8 (3.2)
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity ^a	26 (10.1)	29 (11.6)
Geographic region		
Europe	108 (41.9)	106 (42.2)
North America	88 (34.1)	85 (33.9)
Rest of the world	62 (24.0)	60 (23.9)
ECOG PS ^c		
0 (Capable of normal activity)	153 (59.3)	150 (59.8)
1 (Restricted in strenuous activity)	105 (40.7)	101 (40.2)
Histology		
Leiomyosarcoma	119 (46.1)	115 (45.8)
Liposarcoma	48 (18.6)	43 (17.1)
Pleomorphic sarcoma	34 (13.2)	30 (12.0)
Other ^d	57 (22.1)	63 (25.1)
Duration of disease, median (range), mo	11.3 (0-260)	11.8 (0-192)
Metastatic disease at randomization	216 (83.7)	206 (82.1)
Prior systemic therapies ^e	73 (28.3)	69 (27.5)
Neoadjuvant	1 (0.4)	1 (0.4)
Adjuvant	8 (3.1)	10 (4.0)
Locally advanced	14 (5.4)	9 (3.6)
Metastatic	59 (22.9)	54 (21.5)
Prior radiation therapy	87 (33.7)	85 (33.9)



OS 20.4 v 19.7
 STS

OS 21.6 vs 21.9
 LMS

PFS 5.4 v 6.8
 STS

PFS 4.3 vs 6.9
 LMS

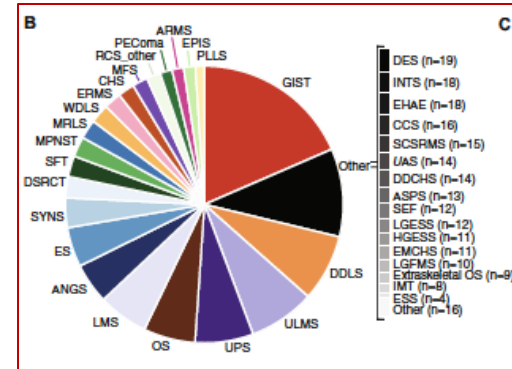
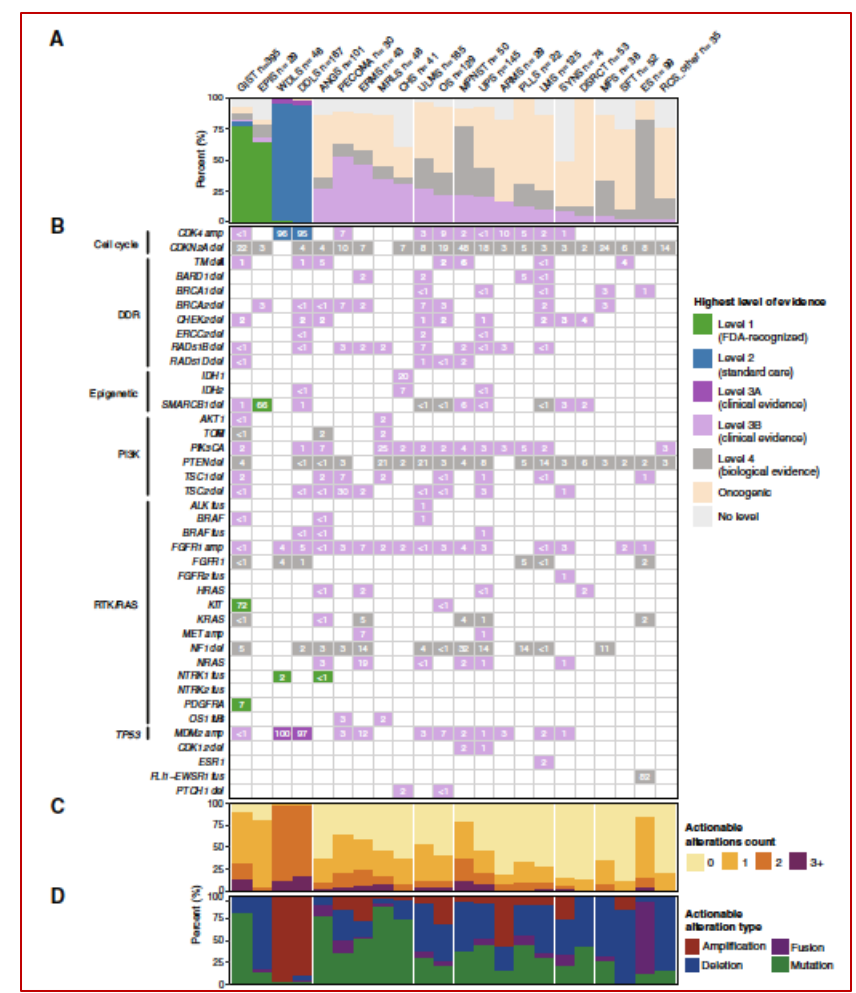
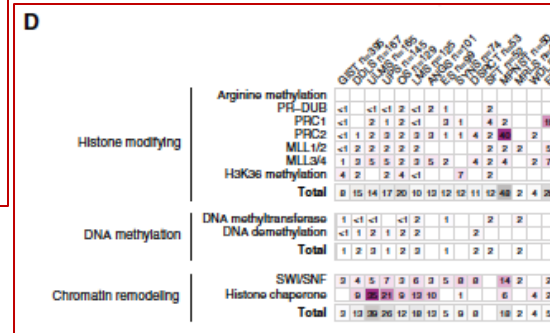
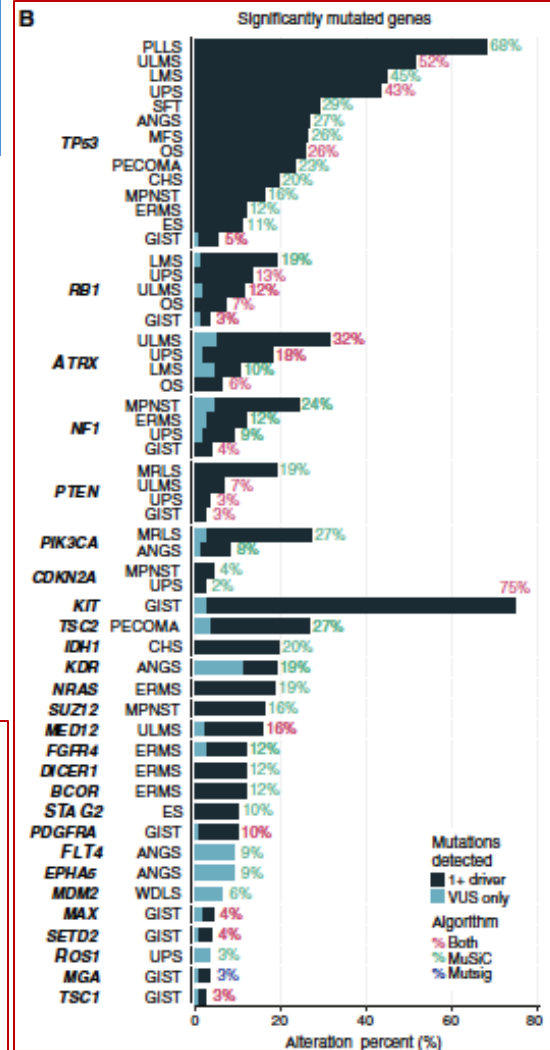
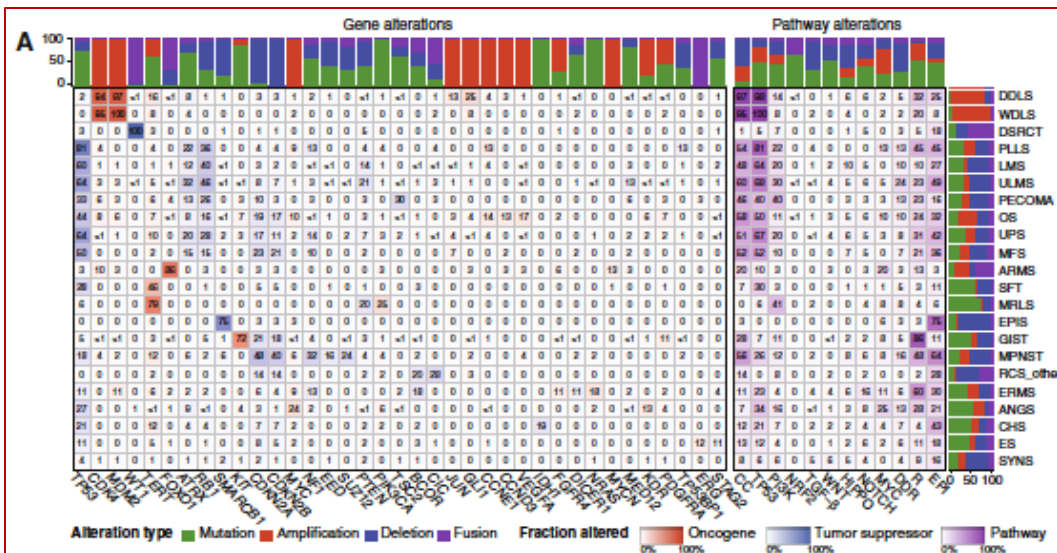
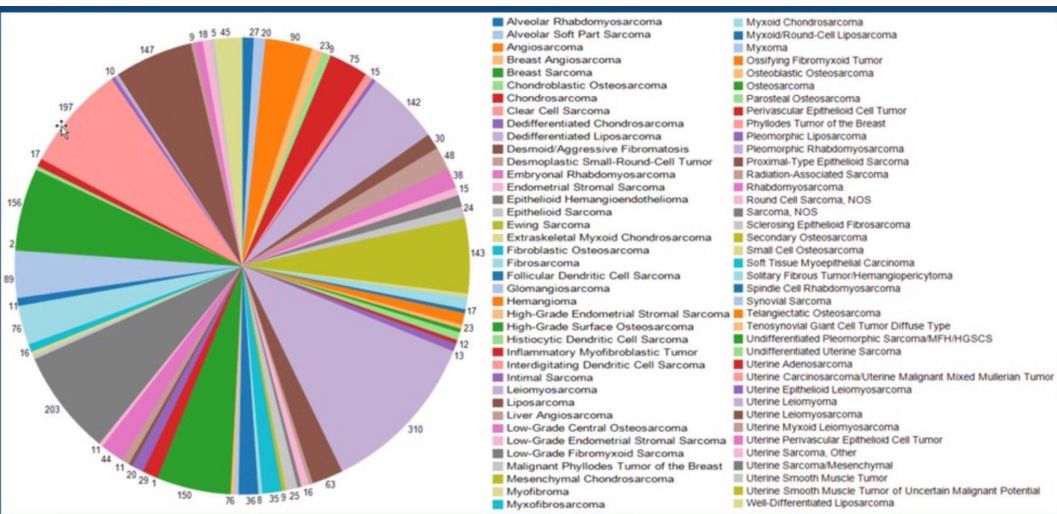
How Many Variable Confound a Clinical Trial

- 640 Randomized Participants
Evofofosamide, Palifosfosamide, Olaratumab, EORTC, Aldox, GeDDiS > 2000 randomized
- 40+ Disease Entities; Inter and Intra Subtype Variability
- Locally Advanced and Metastatic: Variations in clinical behavior
- 80-99 Sites Worldwide; 12+ countries
Variations in Practice and Referral Patterns; Subsequent lines of therapy for each disease
- Inappropriate Trial Designs and Outcomes (Overall Survival)
- Lack of contemporary data sets and accurate historical controls
- ? Scientific rationale – poor understanding of MOA
- Lack of biomarkers and correlative science
- ? Pharmacodynamics

True numbers of
comparable diseases
(In P3; P2 vs P3)

Studying different
populations of those
diseases in P1 → P2 → P3

How Have We Adapted?



Subtype Specific Clinical Trials

Understanding Ultra Rare Cancers

- Often new disease entities, recently genetically defined
- Natural history of the disease poorly understood/defined
- Genomic and clinical variability not described
- Clinical needs patient population need to be defined/measured
- Meaningful clinical and research outcome measures
- Unique features drug/technology need to be understood
- Unknown response or usage patterns for repurposed drugs

Refining Our Approach

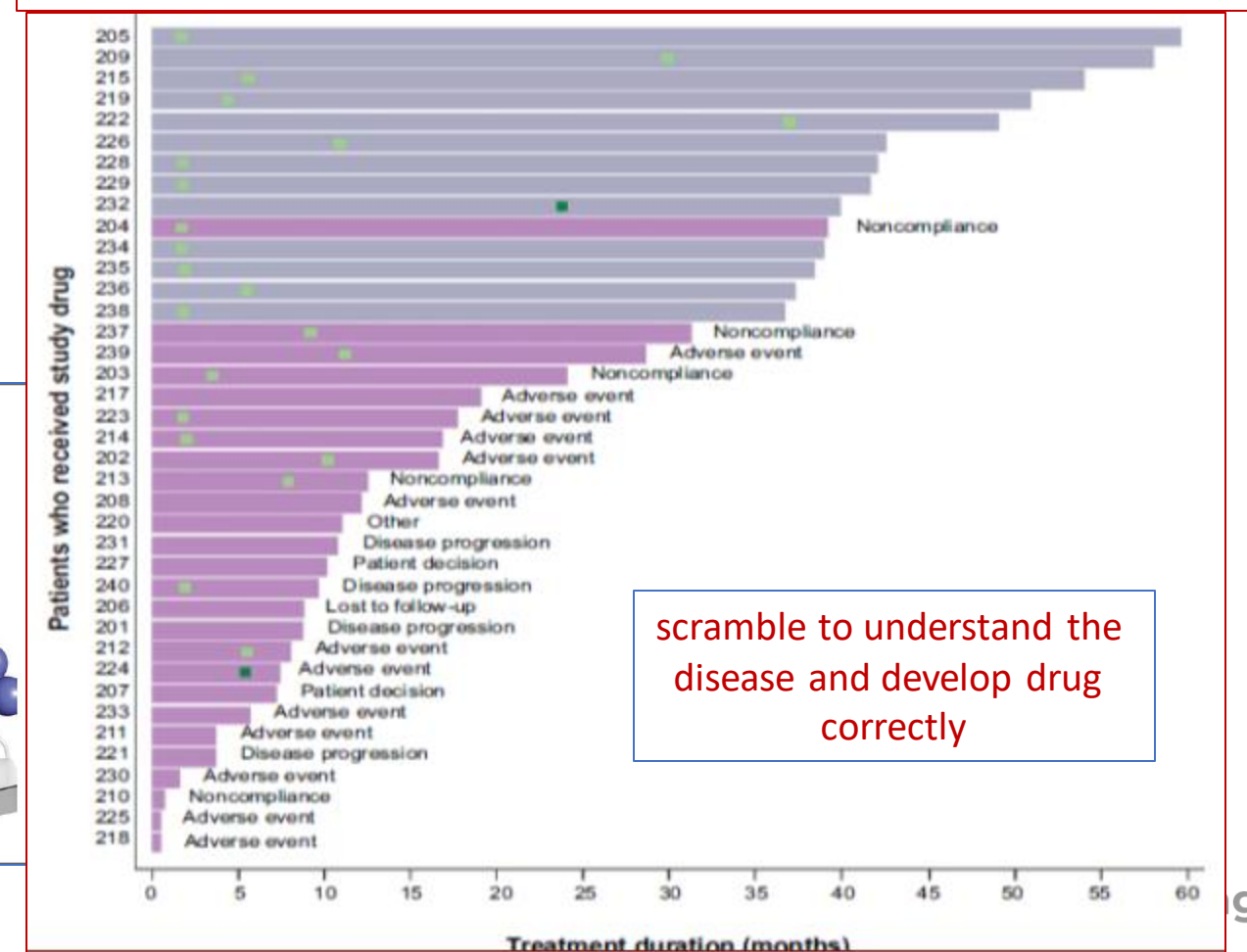
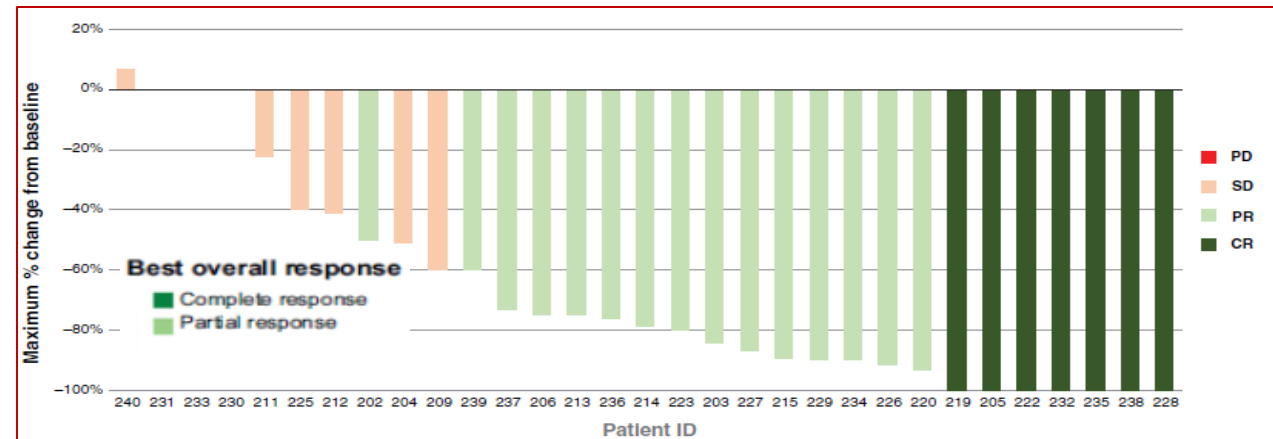
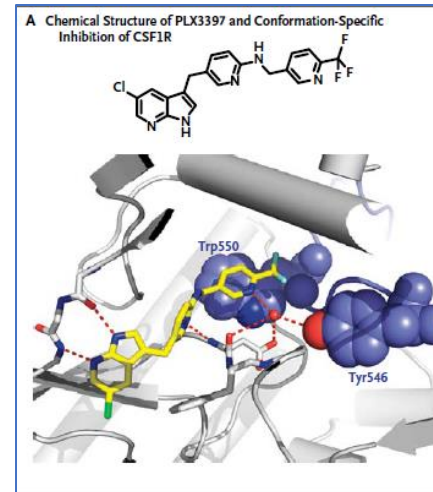
- Early signal finding studies to pivotal efforts
- Appropriate outcomes measures
- Novel unique trial designs
- New drugs/technology – understanding of biology and MOA
- Understanding the science
- What is the correct long-term application
- Reliance on Pharma and discordant goals
- Unique Regulatory tracts
- Patient Centric

Structure-Guided Blockade of CSF1R Kinase in Tenosynovial Giant-Cell Tumor

Part 2 Extension, six cohorts:

- 1) Mucoepidermal carcinoma salivary gland
- 2) Tenosynovial giant cell tumor
- 3) Gastrointestinal stromal tumor
- 4) Anaplastic thyroid carcinoma
- 5) Solid tumors with documented malignant pleural or peritoneal effusions, and
- 6) Miscellaneous tumor types, with scientific evidence supporting the involvement of CSF1R/KIT signaling in tumorigenesis

Tumor	Total treatment duration (days)	Best response
GIST	80	SD
GIST	111	SD
GIST	169	SD
GIST	345	SD
MEC	350	SD
Malignant effusion ^a	55	SD
Malignant effusion ^b	263	SD
Malignant effusion ^c	56	SD
Familial schwannomatosis	187	SD
Neurofibromatosis	199	SD
Neurofibromatosis	113	SD
ACC	57	SD
Mesothelioma	150	SD
Pancreatic neuroendocrine tumor	413	SD
Erdheim-Chester disease	494	PR
Mesothelioma	55	SD

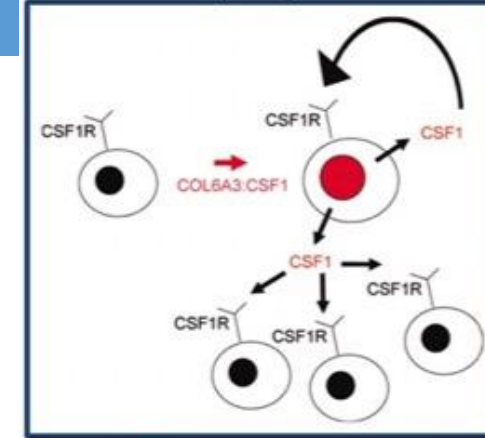


scramble to understand the disease and develop drug correctly

Tenosynovial Giant Cell Tumor (TGCT)

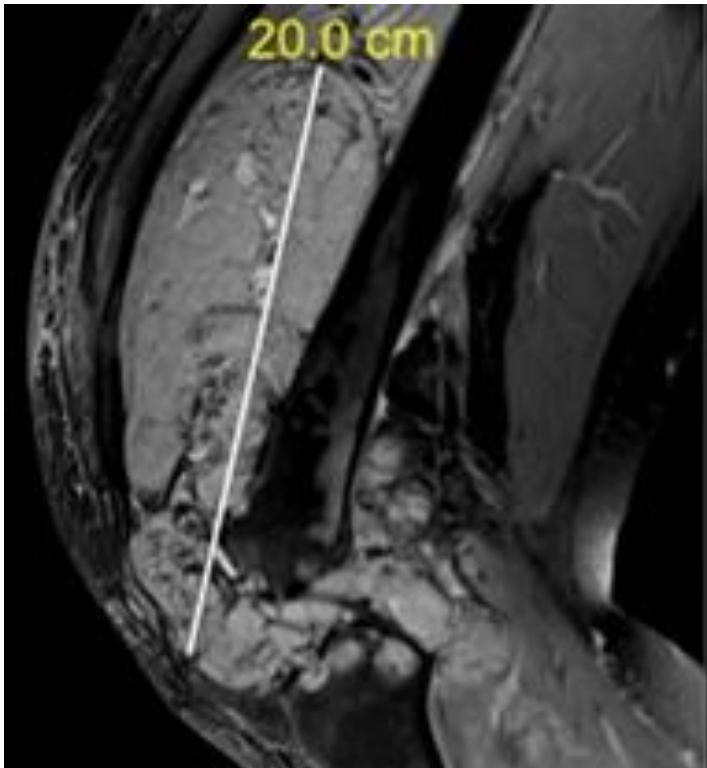
High Morbidity

- While usually not metastatic, disease is locally aggressive, and recurrence is common after surgical resection (particularly with Diffuse PVNS)
- Affects young & middle-aged adults of both sexes; no ethnic predisposition; patients are diagnosed in their 30s and 40s; and can live ~40years after diagnosis



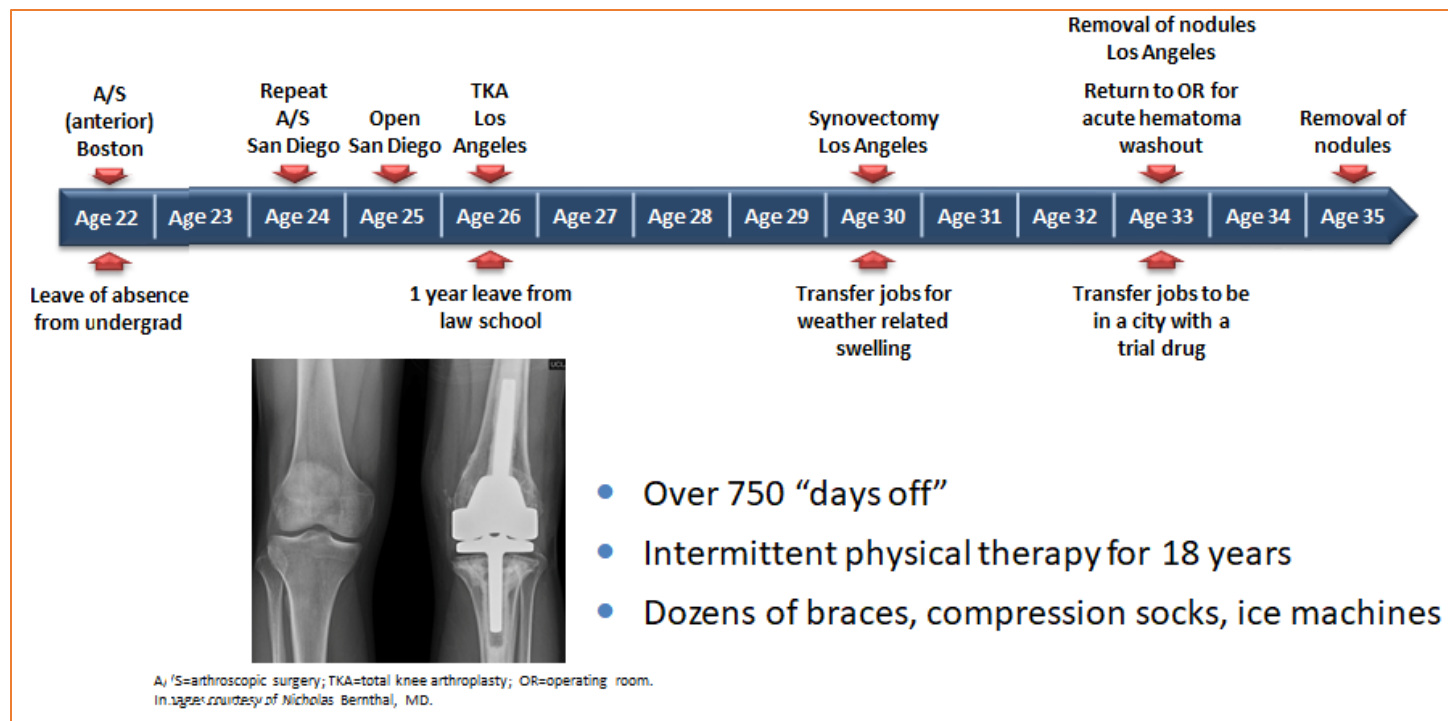
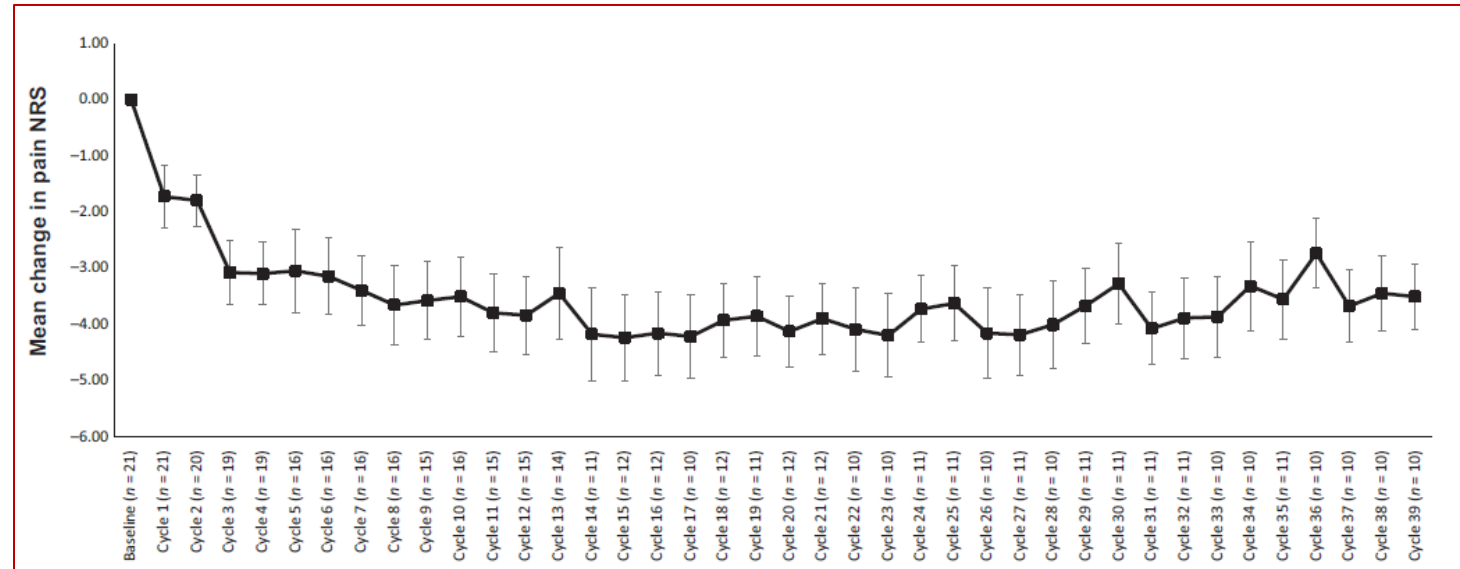
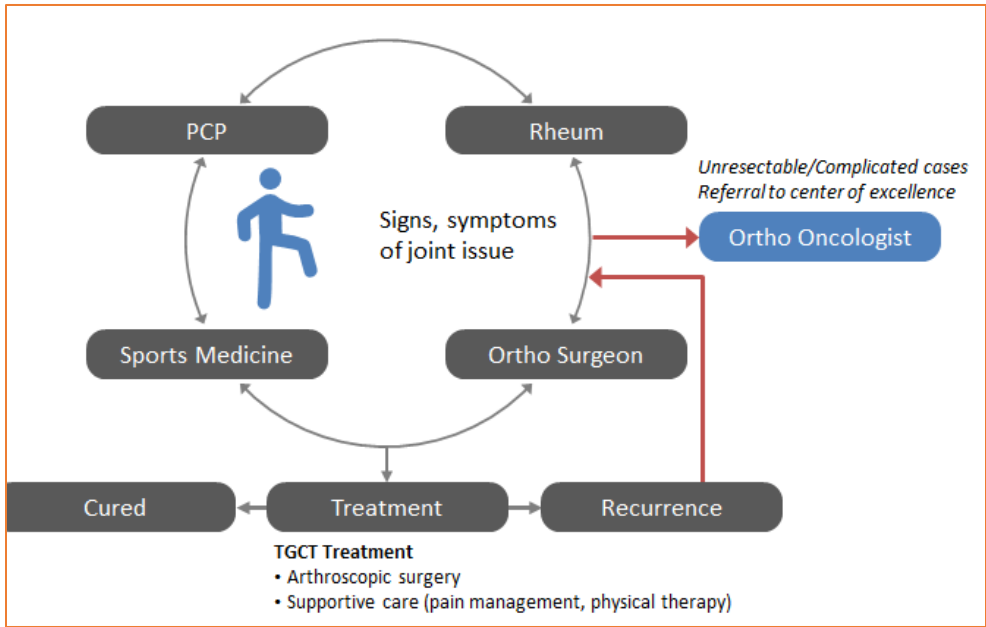
Gross features:

- Collagen deposition
- Subchondral bone erosions
- Repeat hemarthrosis



Clinical features:

- Usually single joint:
 - Swelling
 - Pain
 - ↓ range of motion
 - Stiffness
- Functional impairment
- Narcotic use
- Disability



The measurement of physical functioning among patients with Tenosynovial Giant Cell Tumor (TGCT) using the Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System (PROMIS)

Journal of Patient-Reported Outcomes (2019) 3:6

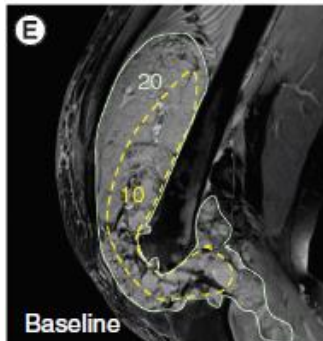
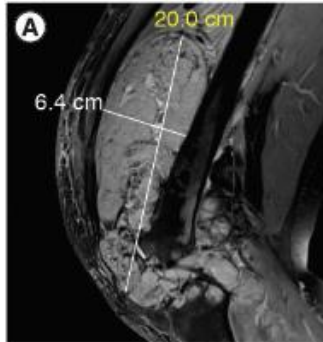
Clinical Therapeutics/Volume 11, Number 11, 2016

Patient-Reported Symptoms of Tenosynovial Giant Cell Tumors



CSF1 receptor inhibition of tenosynovial giant cell tumor using novel disease-specific MRI measures of tumor burden

Future Oncol. (2022) 18(12), 1449–1459



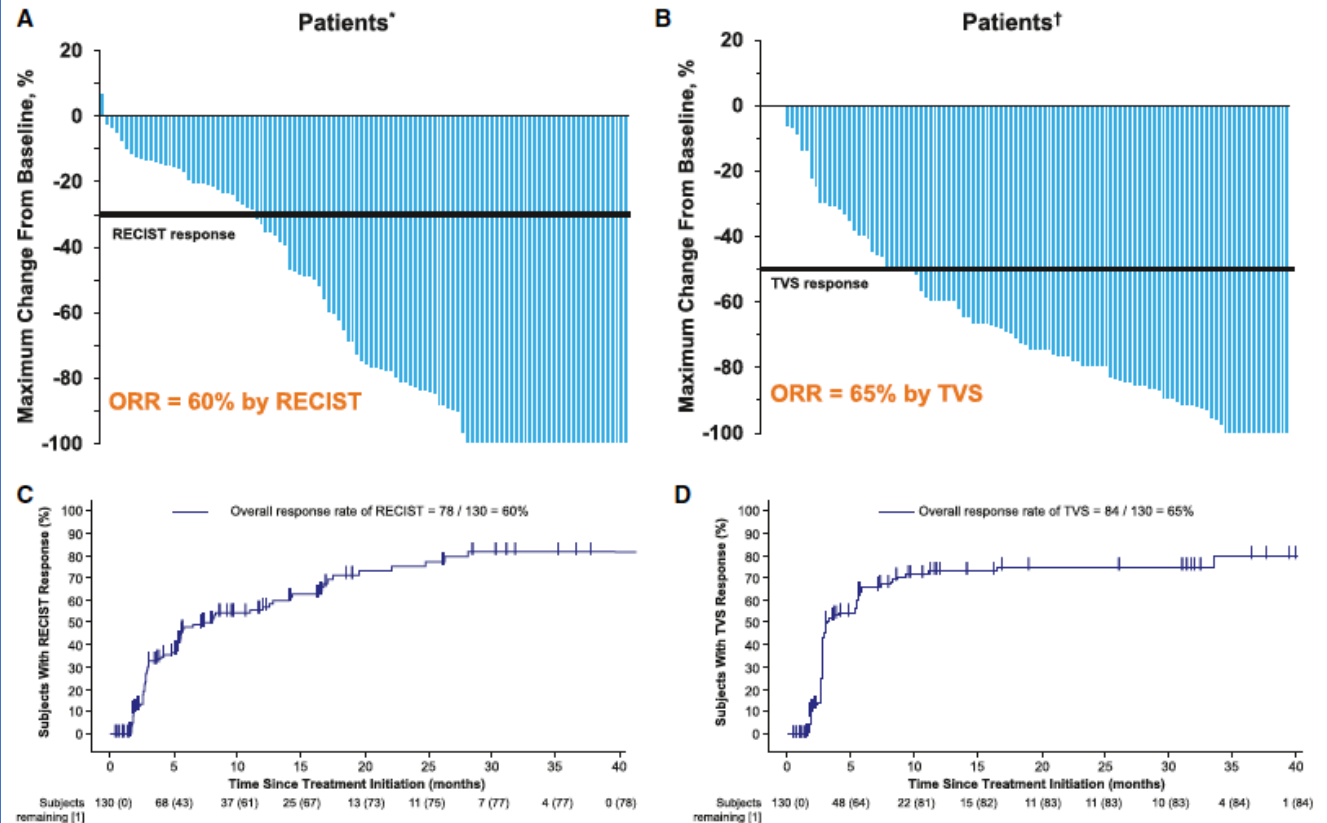
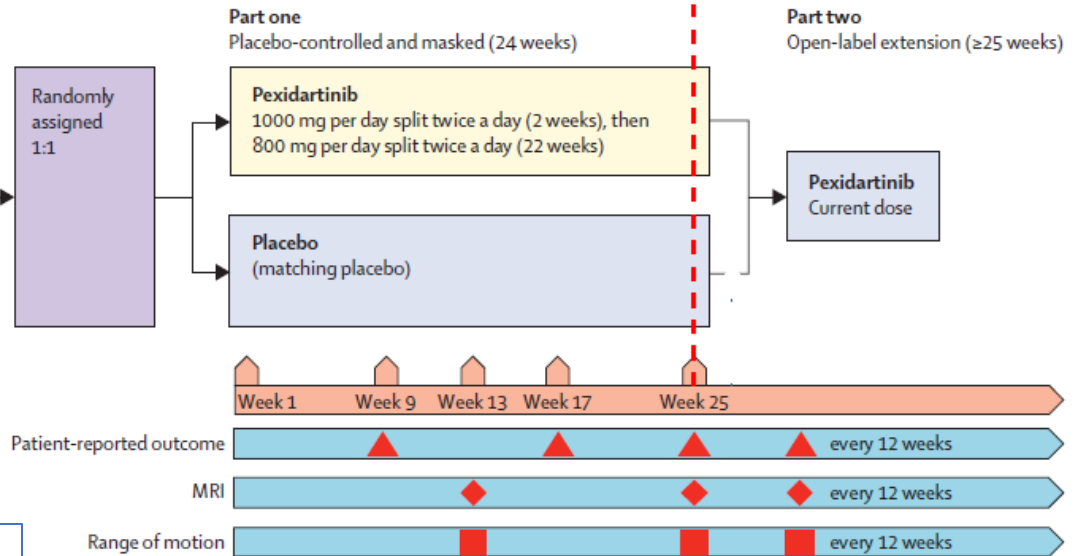
Need for Placebo? Outcome assumptions? Based on ORR P1

Patients

- Histologically confirmed, advanced, symptomatic tenosynovial giant cell tumours
- Surgical resection associated with potential for worsening of functional limitation or severe morbidity
- Measurable disease ≥ 2 cm by RECIST 1.1

Stratification

- US versus non-US sites
- Upper versus lower extremity



56-year-old female diagnosed w/TGCT Jun 10, 1988

Multiple prior surgeries, regular RBC transfusions

Started pexidartinib Sep 5, 2016, and still ongoing

Baseline pain: 5.6, decreased to 0.6 at week 25

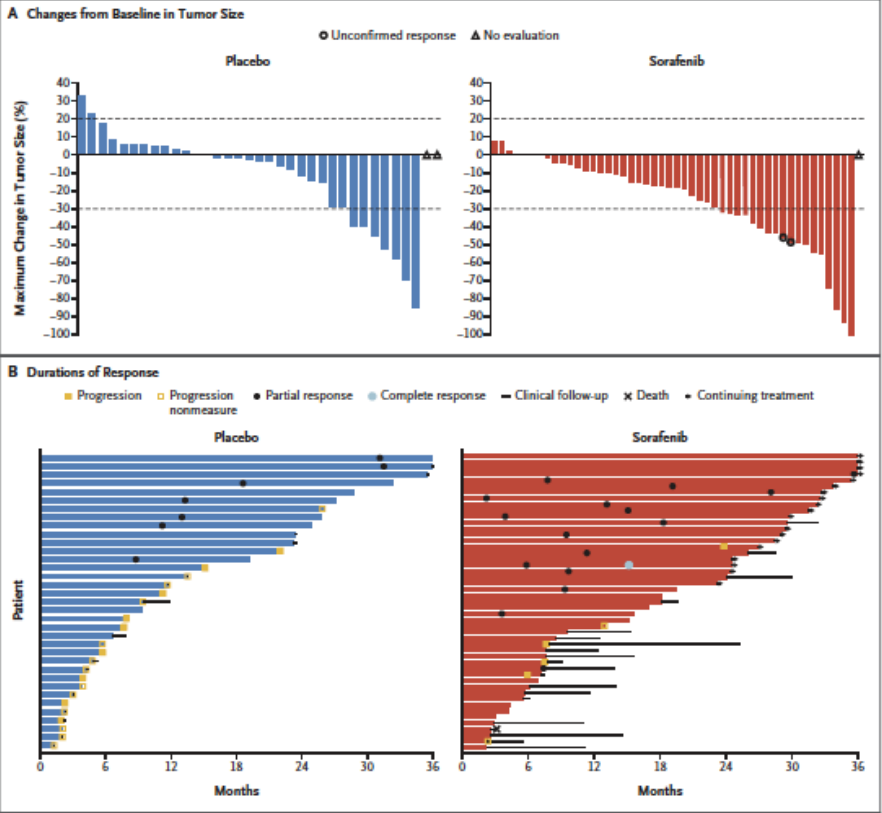
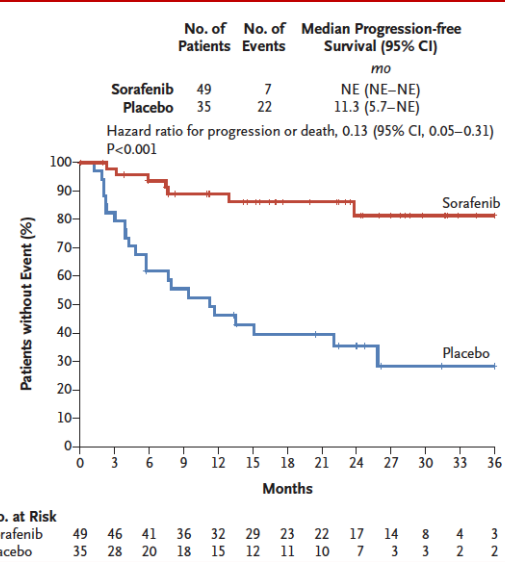


October 2016 November 2016 June 2017 September 2017 May 2018

Data Missingness
Reordered endpoints
Rare but dangerous cholestatic hepatotoxicity
Vanishing Bile Duct Syndrome
ODAC and REMS

Sorafenib for Advanced and Refractory
Desmoid Tumors

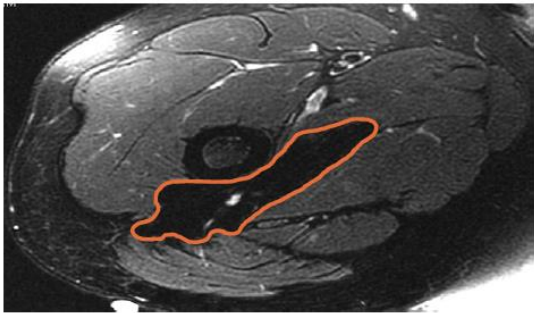
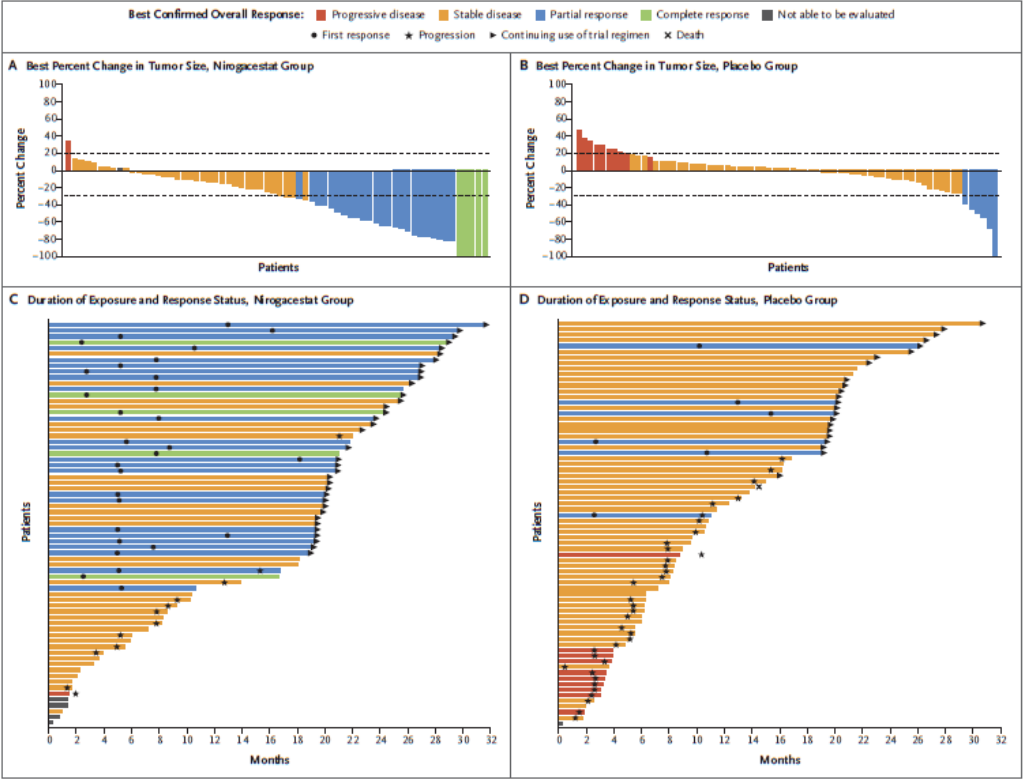
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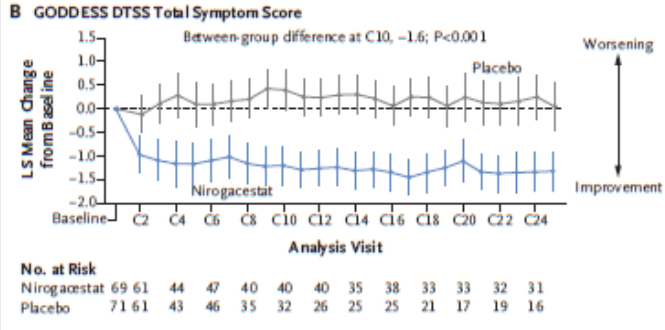
N Engl J Med 2023;388:898-912.

Nirogacestat, a γ -Secretase Inhibitor
for Desmoid Tumors



Prospective Development of a Patient-Reported Outcomes
Instrument for Desmoid Tumors or Aggressive Fibromatosis

Cancer 2020;126:531-539.



Subtype Specific Approval

FDA Approved

Pexidartinib – TGCT

Olaratumab – here then gone

Avapritinib – PDGFRA GIST

Ripretinib – 4th line GIST

Tazemetostat – Epithelioid Sarcoma

Fyarro – PEComa

Atezolizumab – ASPS

Eribulin and Trabectedin – L sarcomas

Larotrectinib – NTRK Sarcomas

NCCN Compendium Listed

- Sorafenib – Desmoid Type Fibromatosis
- Checkpoint Inhibitors Angiosarcoma, DDLPS, UPS, TMB>10
- Pembro+ Axitinib – ASPS
- Palbociclib – DDLPS
- Ivosidenib – IDH1 Mutated Chondrosarcomas
- Selpercatinib – RET gene fused sarcomas
- Alectenib - IMT

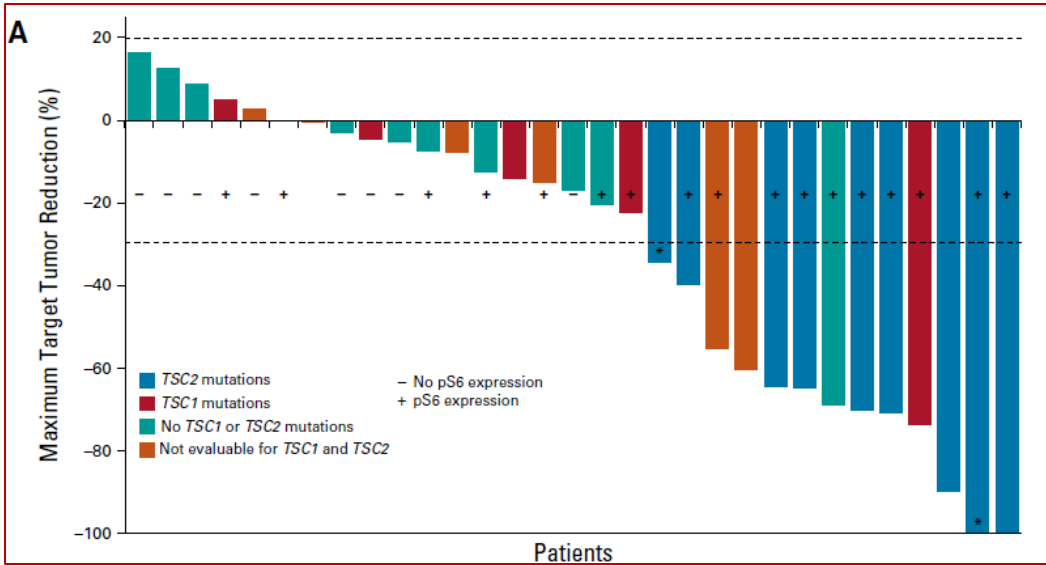
nab-Sirolimus for Patients With Malignant Perivascular Epithelioid Cell Tumors

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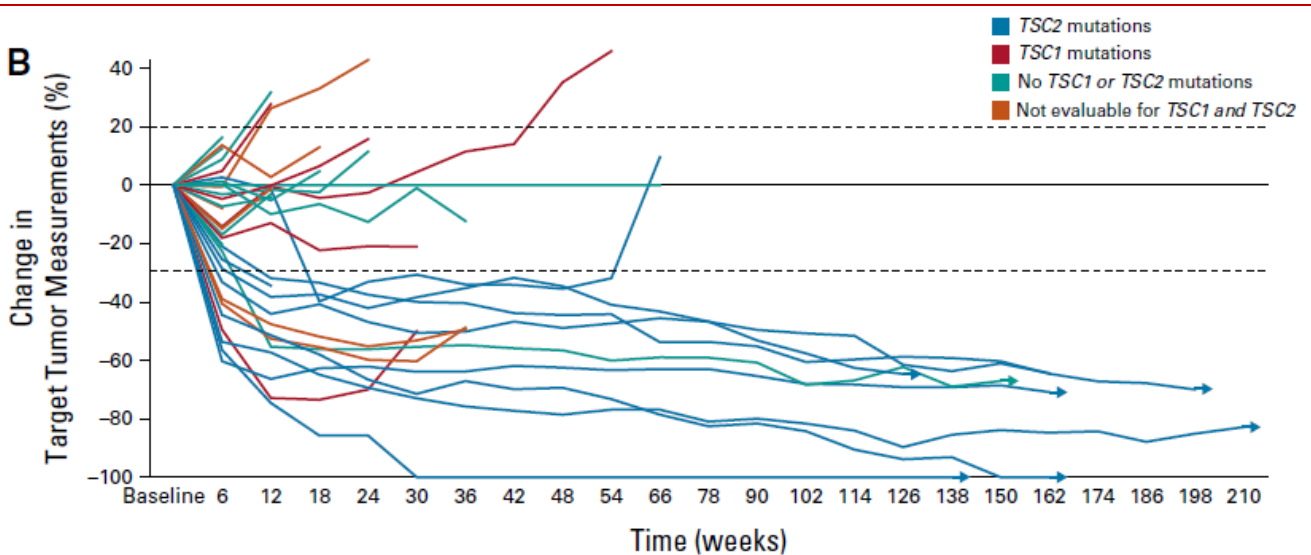
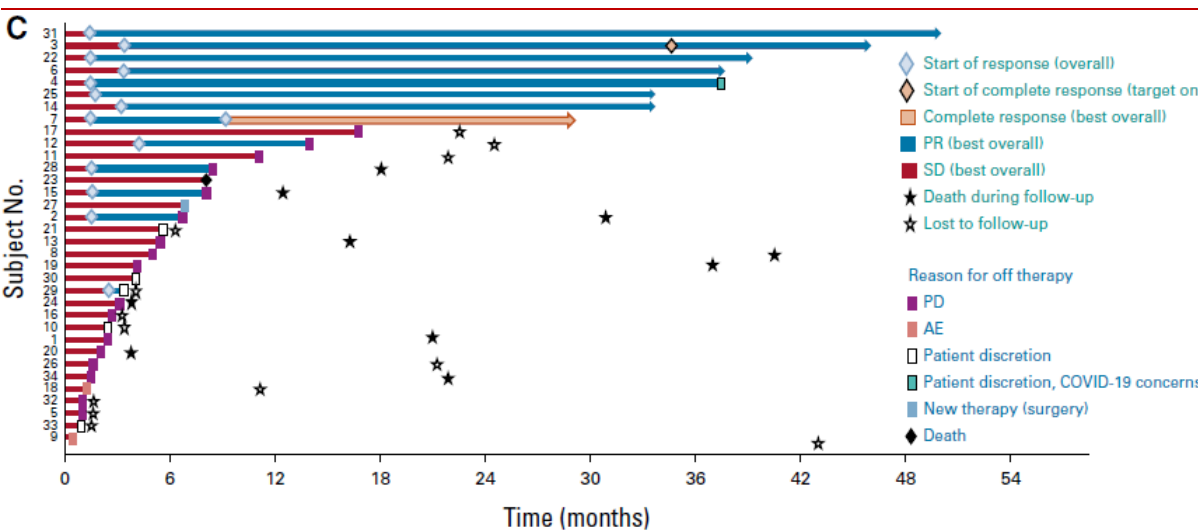
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ORR 39%
mDOR NR (2.5 years f/u)
mPFS 10 months
mOS 40.8 months








Better than rapa?
Some response patterns?



The Future of Drug Development in RARE Cancers

- Strong Science and Rationale – to start or with early signals
- Early/Focused Development Strategies
 - homogenous populations, deep understanding of genetic and clinical presentations for participants
- Clear understanding of the Natural History of the disease
 - genomic and clinical variants, response patterns and outcomes
- Objective and Subjective measures of disease impact that is meaningful for our patients*
- Consensus trial designs – outcome measures and endpoints, PRO
 - show appropriate impact and inform clinical usage
- Mirror designs and responsive diseases through clinical trial phases (P1→P2→P3)
 - appropriate controls to identify signals and define diseases
- Biomarkers and patient selection
- Iterative Correlative work
- Collaboration

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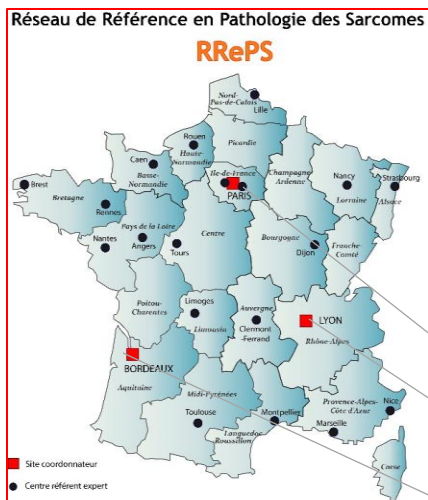
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Retrospective observational studies in ulcerative colitis
paper from the Connective Tissue Oncology Society (CTOS) meeting
experts on the minimum requirements for clinical trials in systemic treatments

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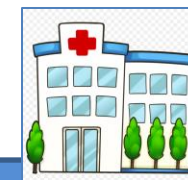
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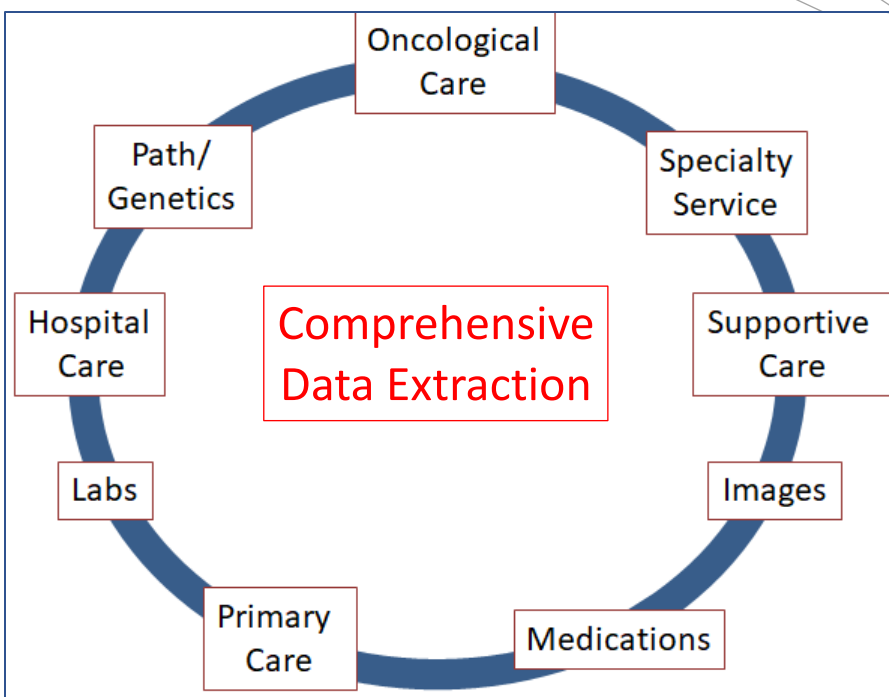


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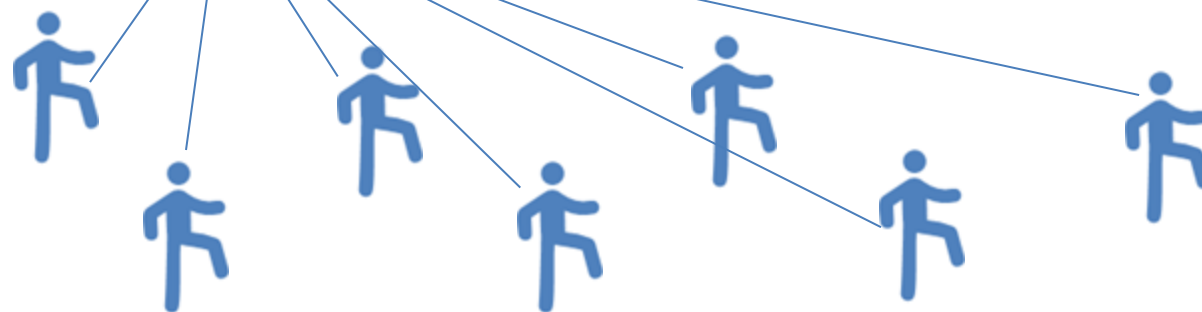
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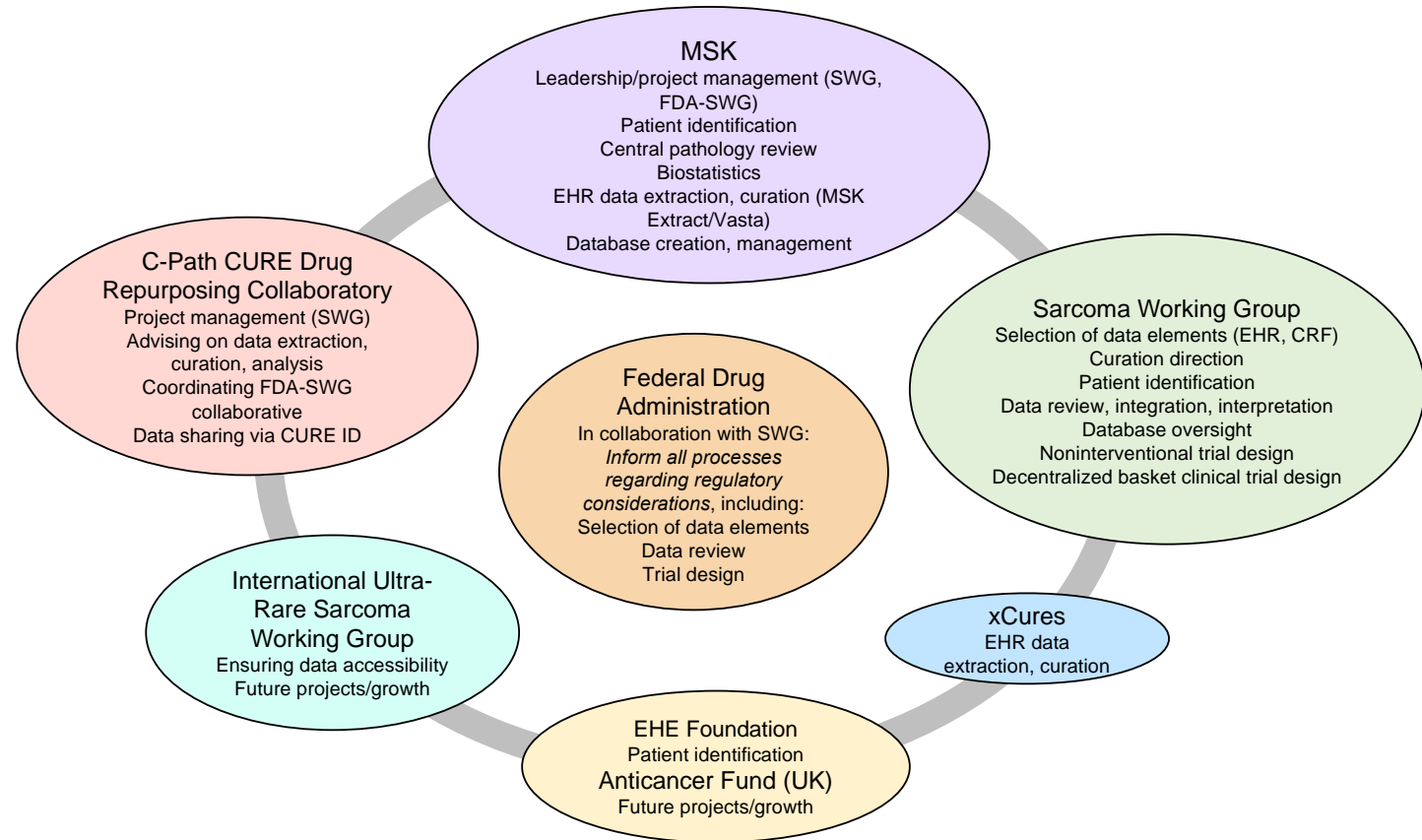
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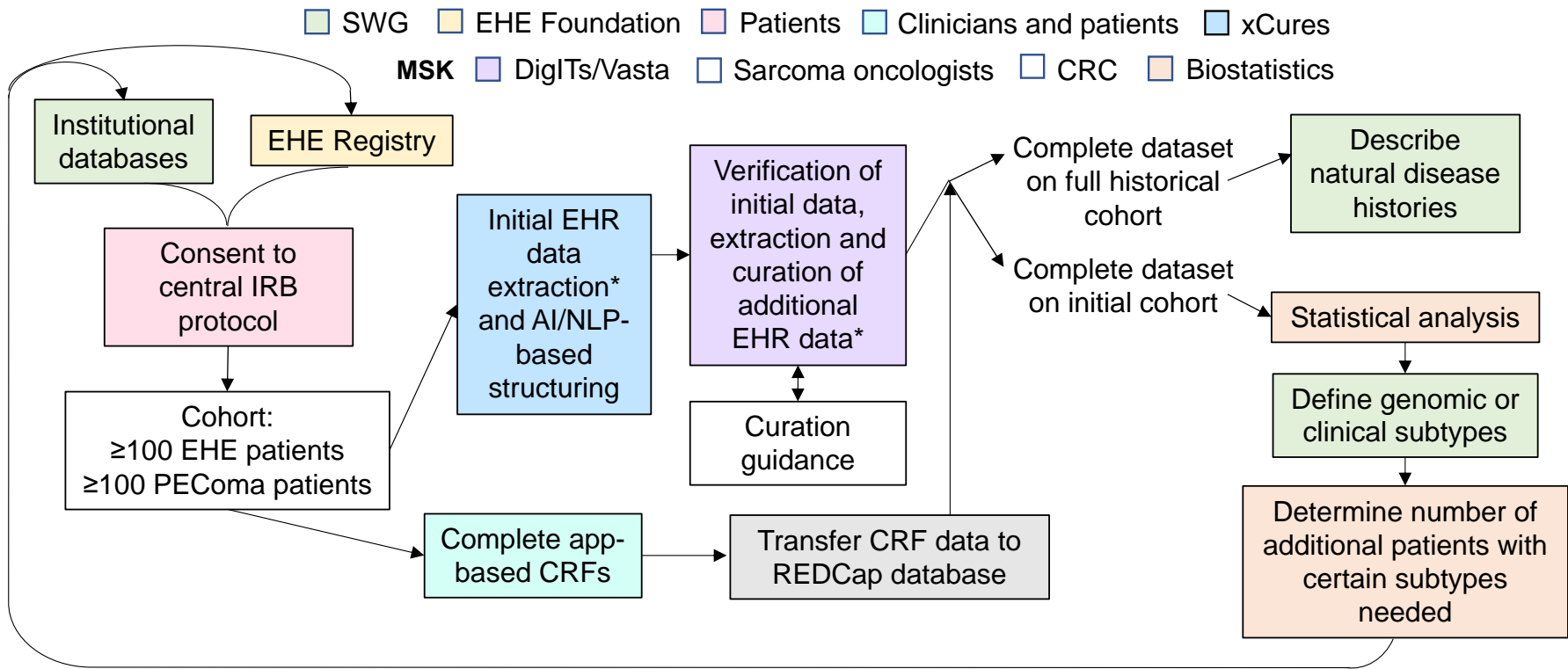
RWD; Nat Hx clinical and genetic variants; RWE response

Using RWD from EHRs to define the natural history, identify repurposed drugs, and optimize innovative non-interventional and interventional studies in ultra-rare sarcomas



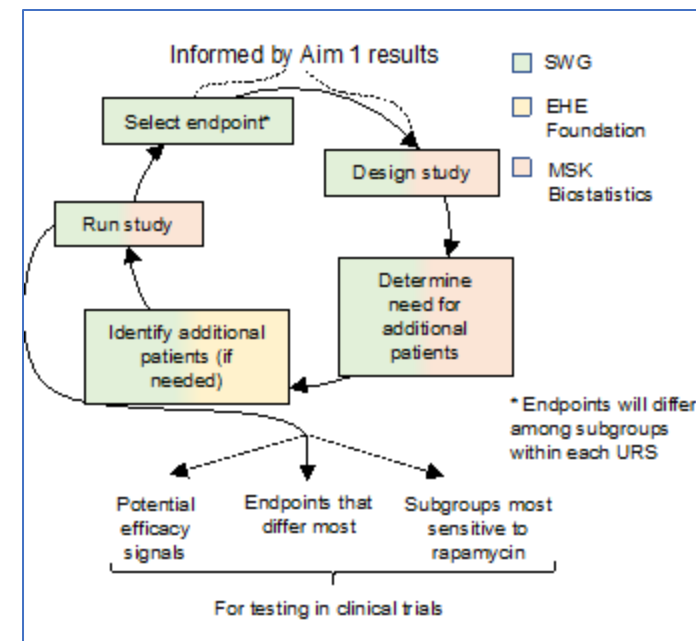
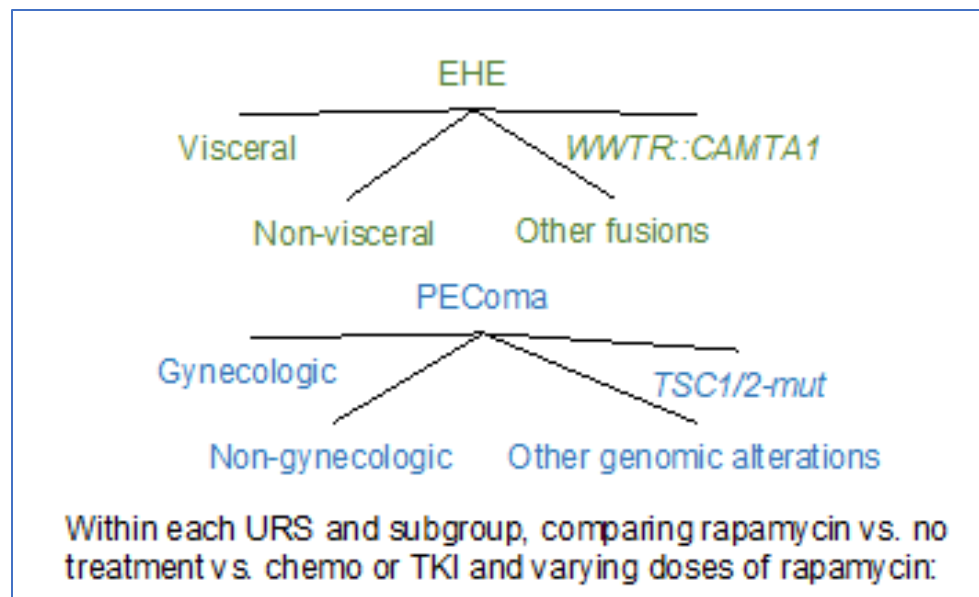
Aim 1. Establish a mechanism for complete data collection from multiple sources to establish a comprehensive clinical profile of an ultra-rare cancer, using EHE and PEComa as first examples.

- 1a. Develop a comprehensive algorithm for extracting data from EHRs in diverse clinical settings
- 1b. Establish the natural history of each URS by combining individual patient courses.
- 1c. Create a federated database system to facilitate international access for research purposes.



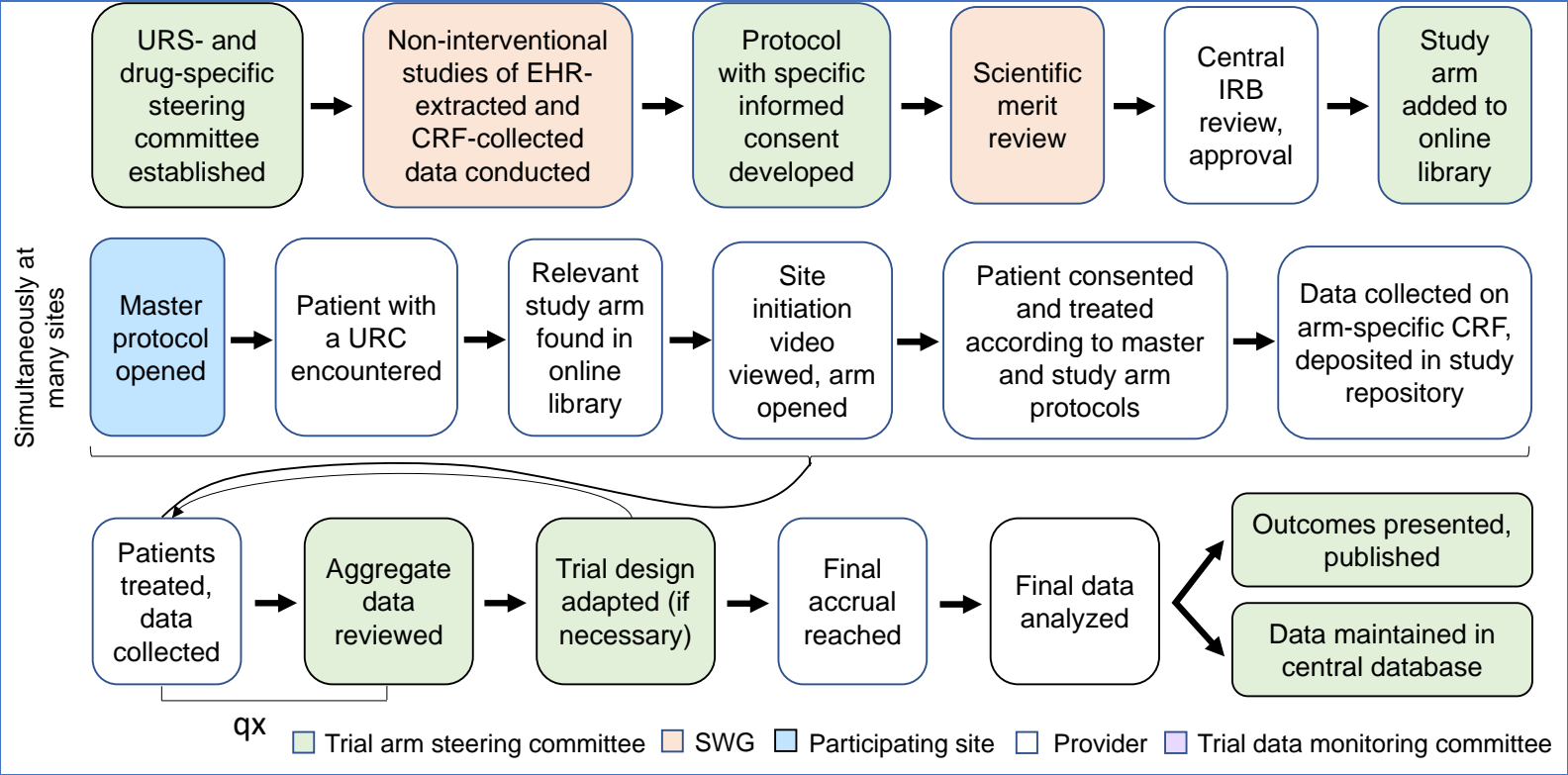
Aim 2. Establish a model for non-interventional clinical trials in ultra-rare cancers, evaluating rapamycin in EHE and PEComa as first examples.

- 2a. Create a comprehensive [historical control dataset](#) on the outcomes of the most common treatments
- 2b. Develop a [comprehensive approach for performing non-interventional trials](#) in URCs
- 2c. Develop [drug-specific dataset + correlative database](#) to inform regulatory interactions and clinical trials.



Aim 3. Establish a model for multidisciplinary collaboration with the FDA for ultra-rare cancers and develop a comprehensive, decentralized, adaptive basket clinical trial for URS.

- 3a. Establish an FDA-SWG collaborative team.
- 3b. Evaluate historical + non-interventional clinical trial data to shape data collection and analysis strategies
- 3c. Develop a master clinical trial protocol to evaluate repurposed or novel therapeutics URS.



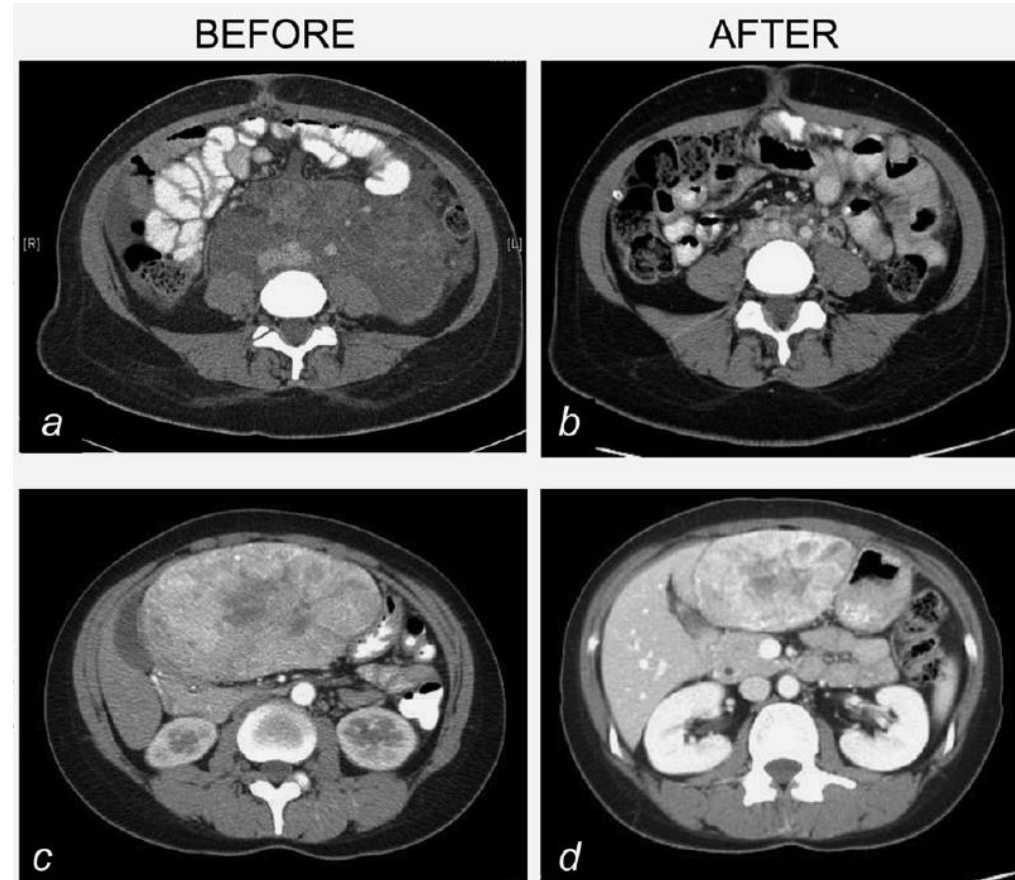
Extrarenal perivascular epithelioid cell tumors (PEComas) respond to mTOR inhibition: Clinical and molecular correlates

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New Molecular Insights, and the Role of Systemic Therapies and Collaboration for Treatment of Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma (EHE)

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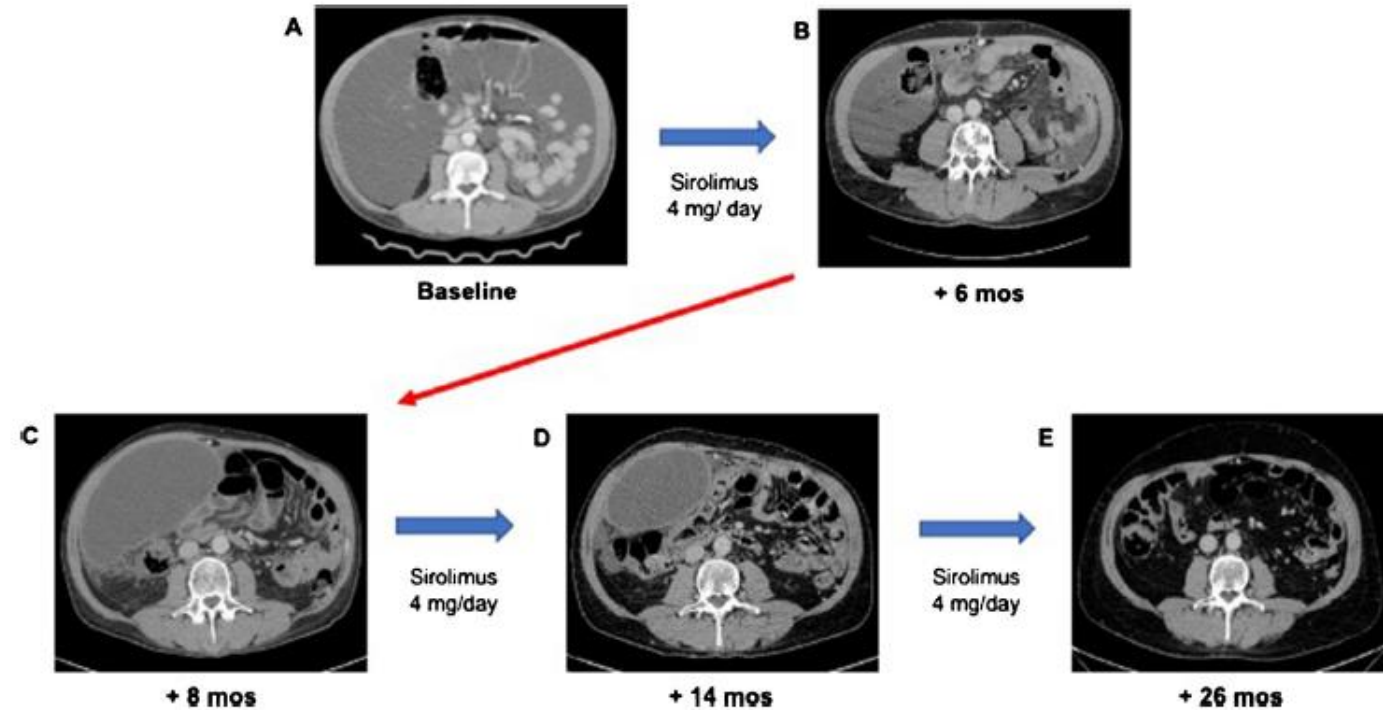
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Current Treatment Options in Oncology



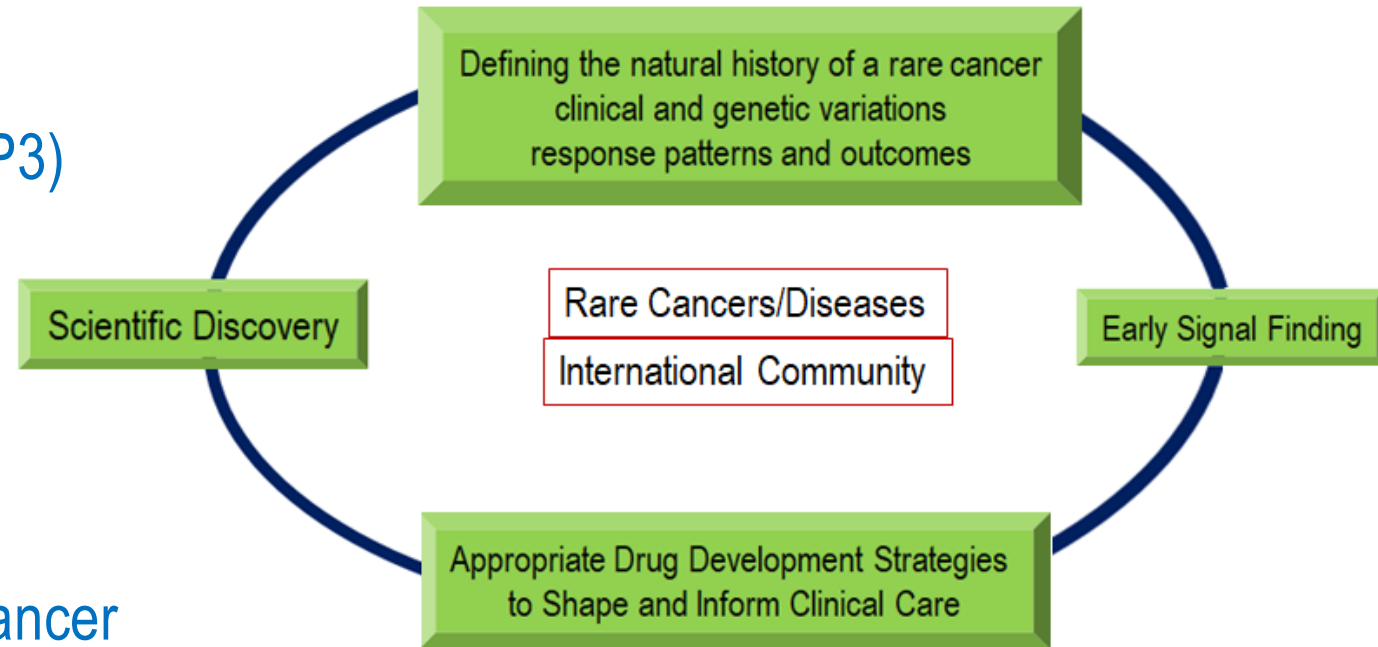
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Discovery and Innovation in Drug Development and Patient Care in Rare Cancers

Comprehensive Development Strategies

To ensure:

1. Successful Development Programs (P1 → P3)
2. Inform Clear Clinical Application
3. Further Understanding of Biology
 1. Of Disease
 2. Response Pattern
4. Build Inclusive Collaborative Networks
5. Advance Clinical Understanding of Rare Cancer
6. Set the Paradigm for Drug Development Strategies



**Inclusive to what is important to the patient!



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Challenging cases... New approaches

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The Role of Patient Advocates in Generating Real World Data in Ultra Rare Cancer

Denise Robinson (EHE Foundation)



Overview



- The EHE Foundation
- Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma (EHE)
- Ultra Rare Cancer Challenges
- EHE Patient Powered Initiatives
- Role of Advocates in Drug Repurposing
- Ongoing & Future Needs

The EHE Foundation



Our Mission: to find treatments and a cure for Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma (EHE)

Our Vision: a world where EHE is easily diagnosed and treatable

- Formed in 2015
- U.S. Based 501(c)(3) Patient Advocacy Organization supporting EHE patients and families in 80 countries
- What We Do:
 - Initiate & Support Collaborative Research
 - Provide Education & Support
 - Fundraising



Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma (EHE)

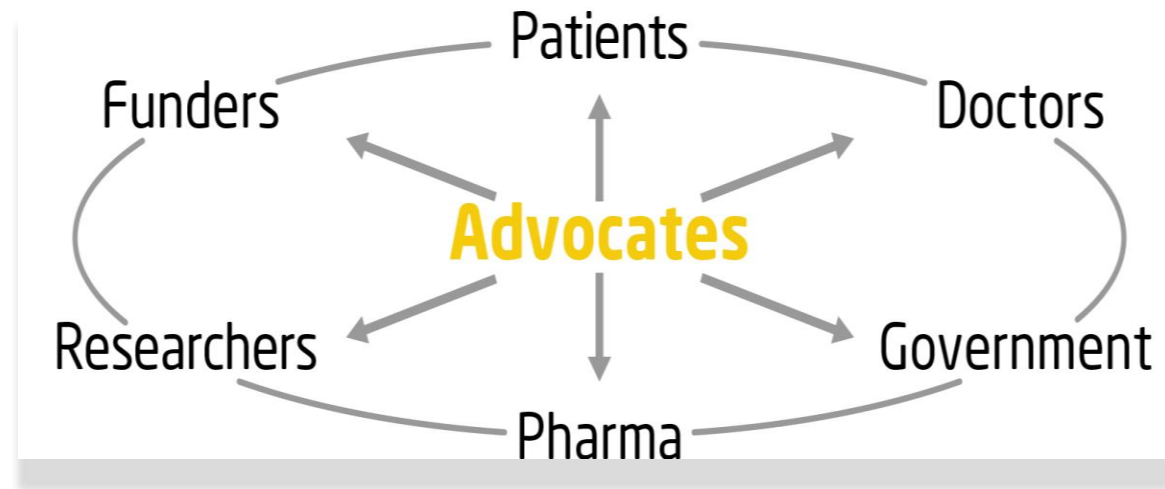


- An ultra-rare sarcoma – incidence estimated at less than 1 in 1 million
- Marked by gene fusions: ~90% WWTR1(TAZ)-CAMTA1; ~ 10% YAP1-TFE3
- Slightly more common in women; very rare in children
- Incidence peaks at 4th – 5th decade
- Clinical course is extremely variable & hard to predict
 - Can arise in anywhere in body: most common liver; lung, and bones
 - >50% presents with metastatic disease
 - May present as indolent, often progresses and becomes aggressive causing excruciating pain and usually fatal
- No well-proven treatments; no direct targeted agents
 - 'Wait & Watch' common approach
 - Patients encouraged to seek expert sarcoma care
- Patients report significant psychological burden
- No phase II/III RCTs conducted; results from (2) phase II trials are available
- Retrospective studies / case reports limited data



Ultra Rare Cancer Challenges

- Industry has little incentive to invest in ultra-rare rare cancer
 - Hospitals also have higher scrutiny of accrual / budgets
- 80 – 100 types of sarcoma; competition to access stakeholders is high – doctors, researchers, industry, funding
 - Expert centers see most patients; are more in demand by patients, advocates, and industry
 - Government / public funding often out of reach
 - Ultra-rare = challenged fundraising = limited resources
 - Organizational capacity is limited (time, talent, funding)
- Patients should seek expert care, but the reality is that many cannot access experts or they become too ill to travel to a specialty center
 - Community oncology needs to be educated / included



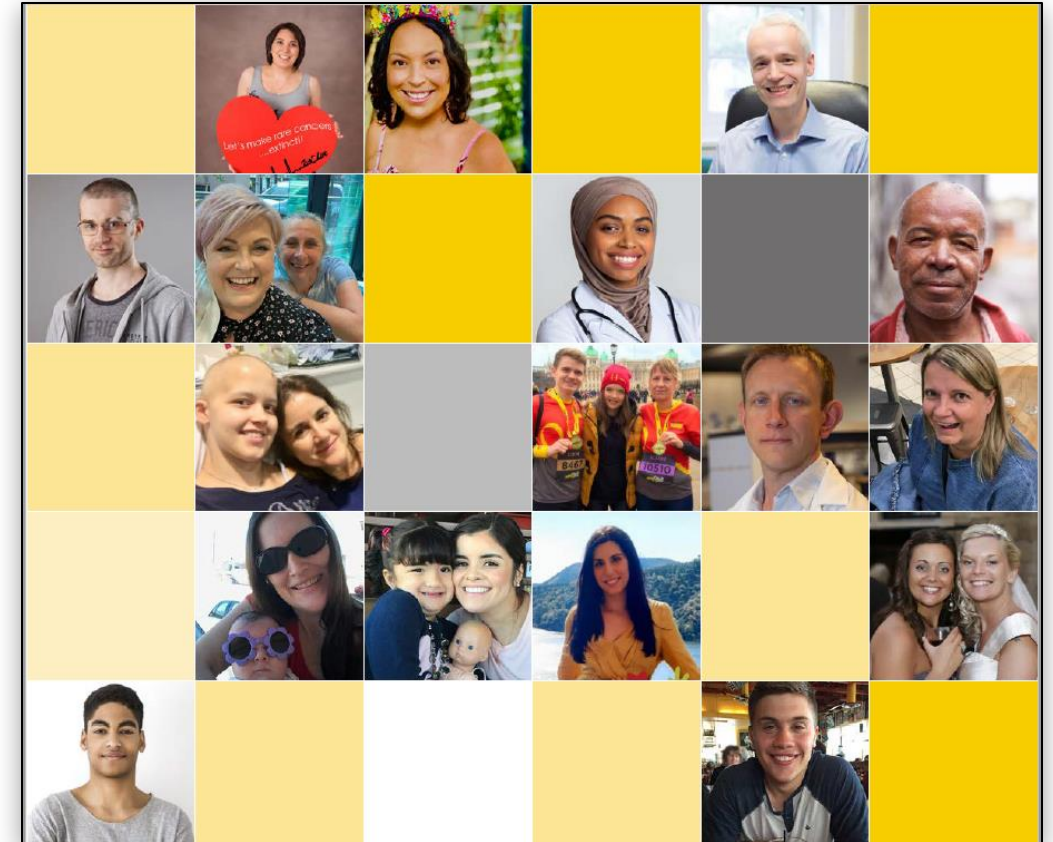
Advocates Carry a Large Burden in the Ultra-Rare Cancer Ecosystem

EHE Patient Powered Initiatives



Initiating & Funding Critical Projects

- EHE 360: Collaborative Research & Education
- EHE Research Grants Program
 - >\$1.75M total research funding to date
- EHE Biobank (US) – initiated 2020
 - EHE Model Development
- EHE Global Patient Registry – IRB approved April 2023
- XCELSIOR: Outcomes Registry Study – launch Q2 2023



Advocacy Driving Real World Data



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Patients Powering Research for Epithelioid
Hemangioendothelioma

EHE Global Patient Registry

A Natural History Study

The EHE Global Patient Registry empowers people with Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma (EHE) to join together to improve our understanding of this ultra-rare sarcoma.

For more information on how to register, [click here](#).



➤ *Soft-launch April 17th*

- Brings together ultra-rare patient experiences from around the world to answer critical questions
- Patient Self-reported Data - NORD IAMRARE® Registry Platform

EHE Global Patient Registry



- Describe people who have EHE, and better understand how EHE changes over a person's lifetime
- Learn about treatments and variations in management
- Identify doctors treating EHE
- Identify people who might be willing to take part in other ethically-approved research
- Help develop guidelines and recommendations to improve treatment outcomes for people with EHE
- Educate the EHE community
- Share data to support other research



EHE Registry: Participants & Surveys



- Patients' self-reported EHE journey
- People diagnosed with EHE anywhere in the world can contribute data
 - All ages; deceased patients included
- IAMRARE Platform - eConsent of Legal Adults, LARs, and Designated Representatives
- Self-report of EHE diagnosis; supporting evidence of diagnosis requested, not required

Baseline Surveys

XCELSIOR: Outcomes Registry Study



- A prospective, longitudinal database of clinical outcomes from past and present EHE patients
- Gathers data on effectiveness of treatments over time
- Will inform and serve the patient community, clinicians, researchers, and pharmaceutical companies
- Patients provide Consent & sign HIPAA release for access to all past and current treating hospitals
- Platform captures clinical data in a HIPAA-compliant database
- Builds a comprehensive cancer history
- Patients can view and download their data



Recent Patient Perspectives Survey

Simple global survey of patients' perspectives on Sirolimus for EHE to support EMA application for label expansion

- 122 patients responded
 - 42 patients were either on or had taken sirolimus
 - 27 patients were still on sirolimus
 - 17 without transplant
 - 10 post-transplant
 - 14 patients had stopped taking sirolimus
 - 1 patient survey was incomplete
 - 80 patients were not on sirolimus – reported it was important to them to be able to have access / their doctor choose to prescribe



Bridging Patients, Clinicians, and Researchers

- Ensure patients are aware of and have access to research – invite participation directly
- Generate data leveraging *Patients' Voices* – fill clinical data gaps
- Share knowledge to instigate new studies
- Be a bridge for researchers/investigators & patients – provide continuous awareness and feedback to keep interest & information forefront
- Leverage, share, or use patient-derived data to support or collaborate across stakeholders
- Advocate for and seek funding for rare cancer
- Continue to seek & foster, share capacity-building opportunities – do not re-invent the wheel with each rare cancer

Ongoing & Future Needs



Natural History &
Prospective Clinical
Data

Improved Outcome
Measures for
Clinical Trials

Persistent Sharing
Across
Stakeholders

Availability of
Genomic Testing

Increased Access
to Funding
Mechanisms

Rare Cancer
Awareness

Collaboration
Nationally and
Internationally

Industry
Collaboration &
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An EHR-connected Patient-Centric Registry for Rare Cancer Research

Mark Shapiro (xCures)



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COO, xCures

Mark Shapiro is the COO of xCures and principal investigator for XCELSIOR a patient-powered real-world data and outcomes registry in cancer. Prior to joining xCures, Mr. Shapiro was SVP, Operations at a global oncology CRO, where he was responsible for a team of about 500 drug development professionals in 30 countries, and a portfolio of more than 100 active clinical trials. He was previously a management consultant in the Clinical Development and Medical Affairs consulting practice at Syneos Health Consulting. He also managed a pediatric clinical trials network coordinating center at Duke University focused on clinical, pharmacogenomic, and psychometric research. He has published many peer-reviewed articles and patent applications related to clinical research and the use of AI/ML in clinical research and medicine. Mr. Shapiro is a graduate of the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University and holds a master's degree in Pharmacology from the Boston University, School of Medicine.



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An EHR-connected Patient-Centric Registry for Rare Cancer Research CDRC 2023 Annual Meeting

Mark Shapiro
xCures, Inc.

April 20, 2023

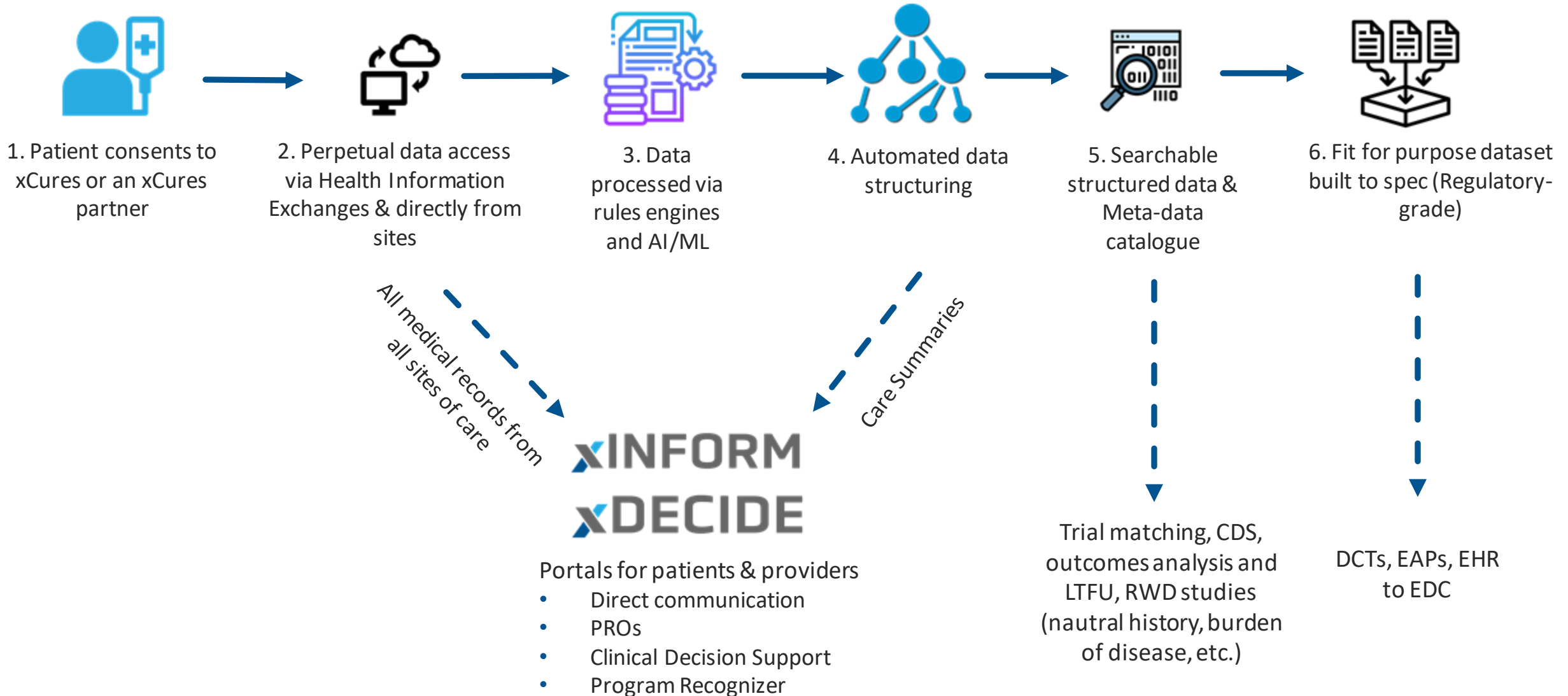
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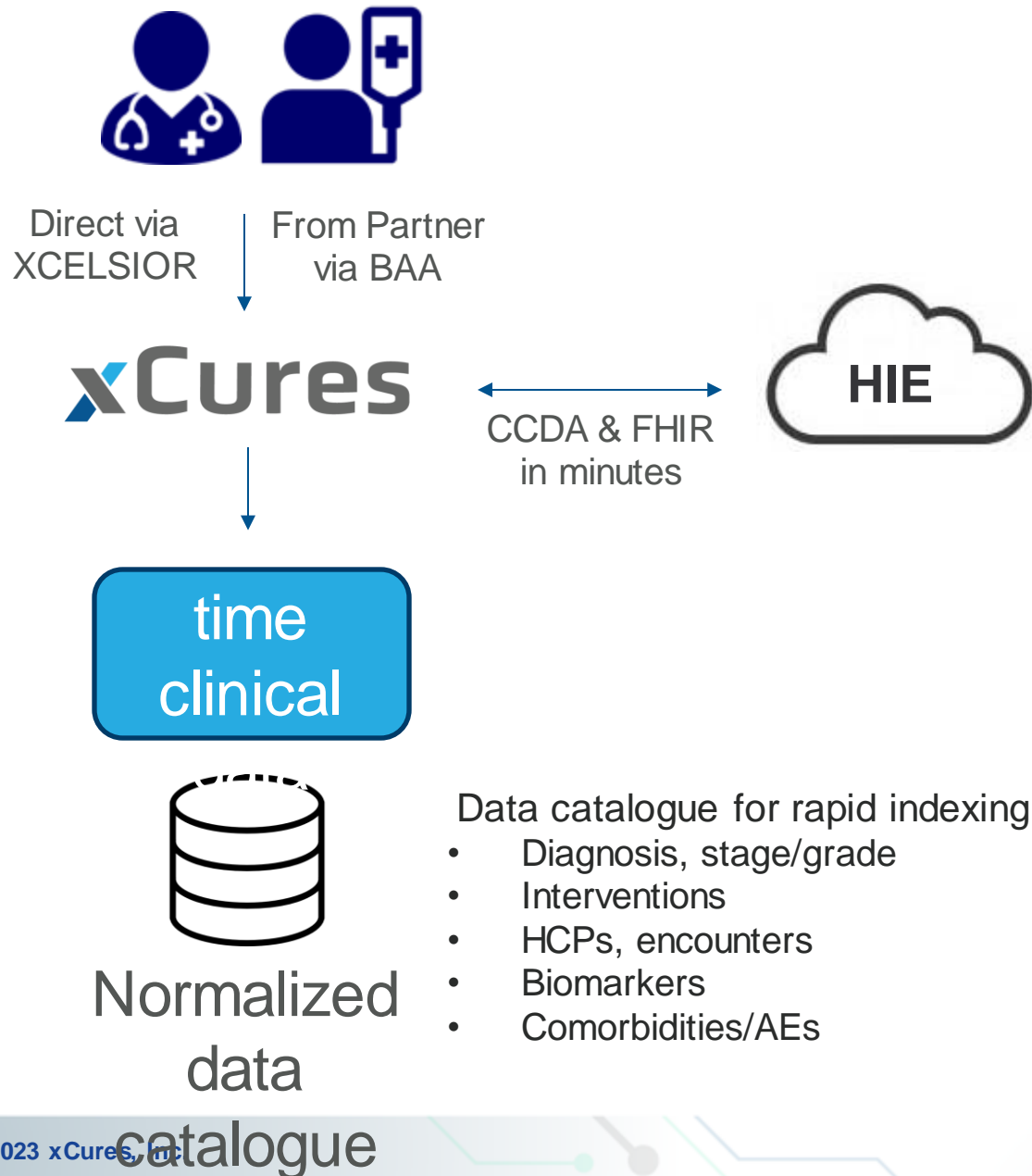
Improve cancer outcomes – one patient, one doctor,
and one treatment at a time.

Vision

To accelerate cancer research and care by continuously learning
in real time from every patient's journey, the experience of leading
oncologists, and the best available knowledge

A Direct-to-Patient/Physician Web-based Platform





Health Information Exchange integration

- Within minutes, xCures can gather and structure medical records from any institution on the exchange
 - >90% of academic medical centers
 - ~60% of health systems
 - = >70% of all cancer patients
 - **Rapidly growing due to Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program**
- CCDA and FHIR format
- Automated structuring of FHIR endpoints into longitudinal care summary
- Ongoing work mapping CCDA to FHIR
- Data can be refreshed within minutes

Sample medical records returned from HIE

xCures PHI Visible Hello Timothy!

Patient [Redacted]

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Oncology Summary 2/6/2023

Problem list - Reported
Active Problems

Problem	Noted Date
Intrahepatic bile duct dilation	01/24/2021
Sepsis	01/23/2021
Hypokalemia	07/20/2020
Hypertension, uncontrolled	03/20/2020
Overview: Chemotherapy induced	
Metastatic colon cancer to liver	02/27/2020

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Diverse sites of care and visit summaries:
Hospital,
Office,
Travel,
Infusion,
Orders,
Telephone,
Etc.

Integrated viewer

Hundreds of medical documents

Medical records received within minutes

xCures

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Patient: **** *

Requests

- Details
- Care Summary
- Care Summary
- Treatment Options
- Workflow
- Records
- Actions
 - Prompt Options Order
 - Review Options

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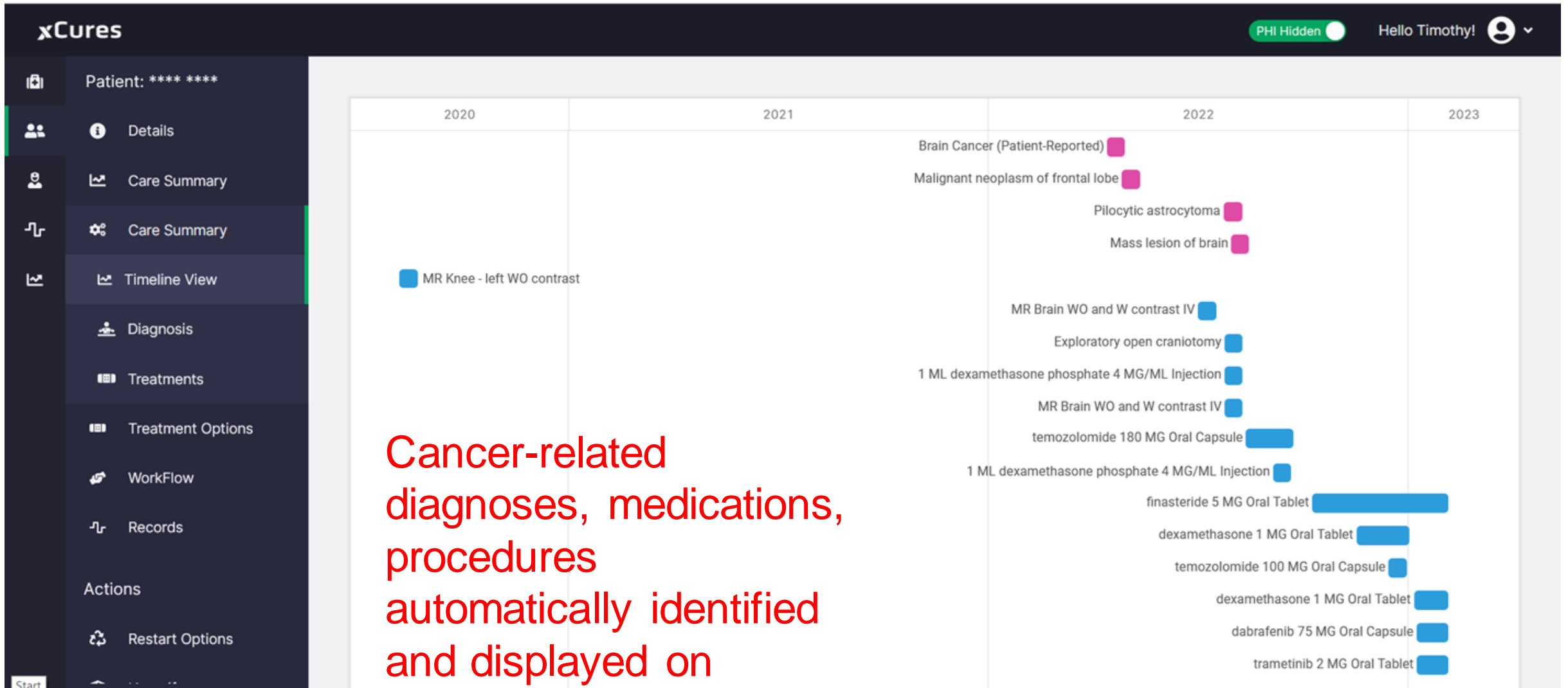
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Sample automated care summary



xCures Operates a Direct-to-Patient Precision Oncology Clinical Research Platform



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- Nationwide pan-cancer observational research protocol
- eConsent, completely virtual
- Direct access to medical records

- **Novel patient-centric platform**
 - Direct patient relationship and navigation
- **Part 11-compliant EHR-to-EDC**
 - Longitudinal, uninterrupted clinical data
- **Decentralized clinical trial capabilities**
 - Nationwide reach; bring the study to the patient

Entire Patient Clinical Dataset Centralized and Standardized

Clinic notes

Pathology

Radiology reports

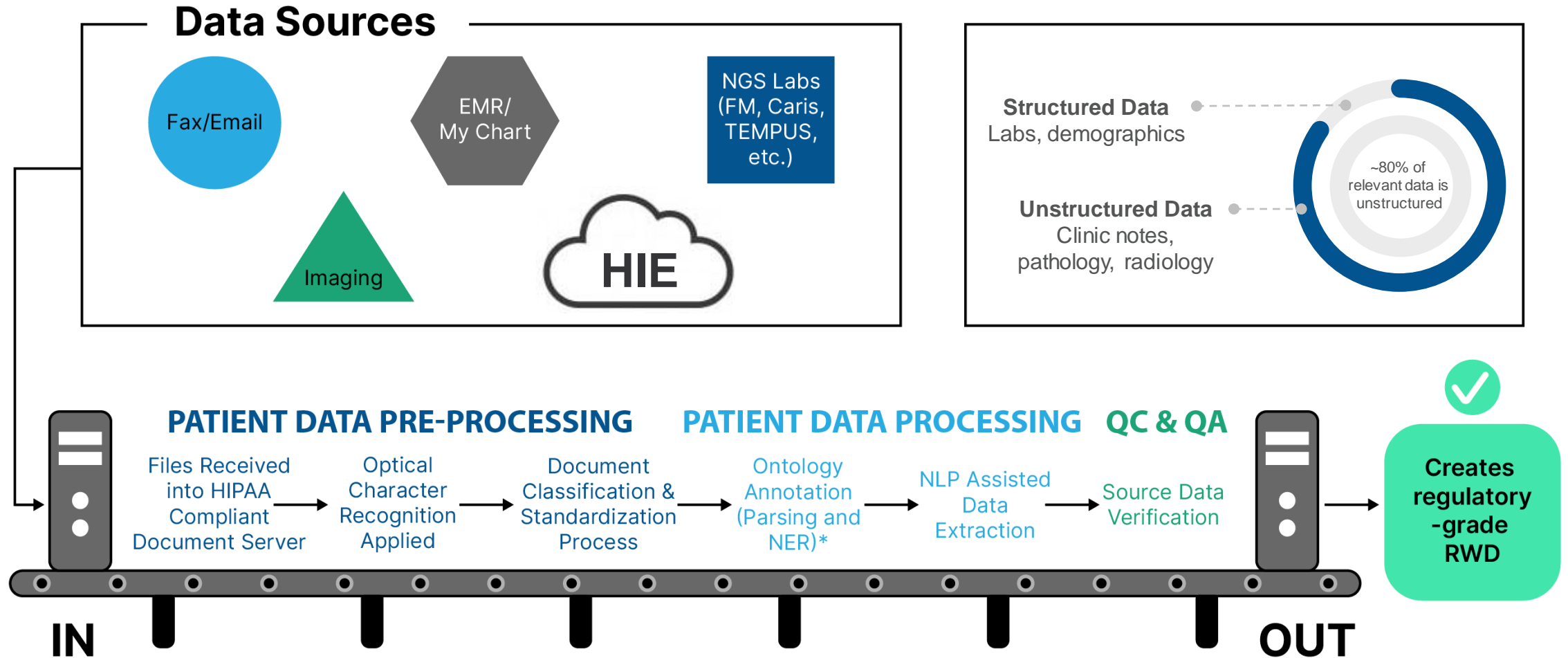
Labs and Genomics

Raw Imaging (DICOMs)

Raw Sequencing (FASTQs)

Efficient Data Structuring from Health Records

Integrating structured data from HIEs with xCures NER / NLP technology



Structured and Unstructured Data Processing

NER & NLP Assisted Data Extraction

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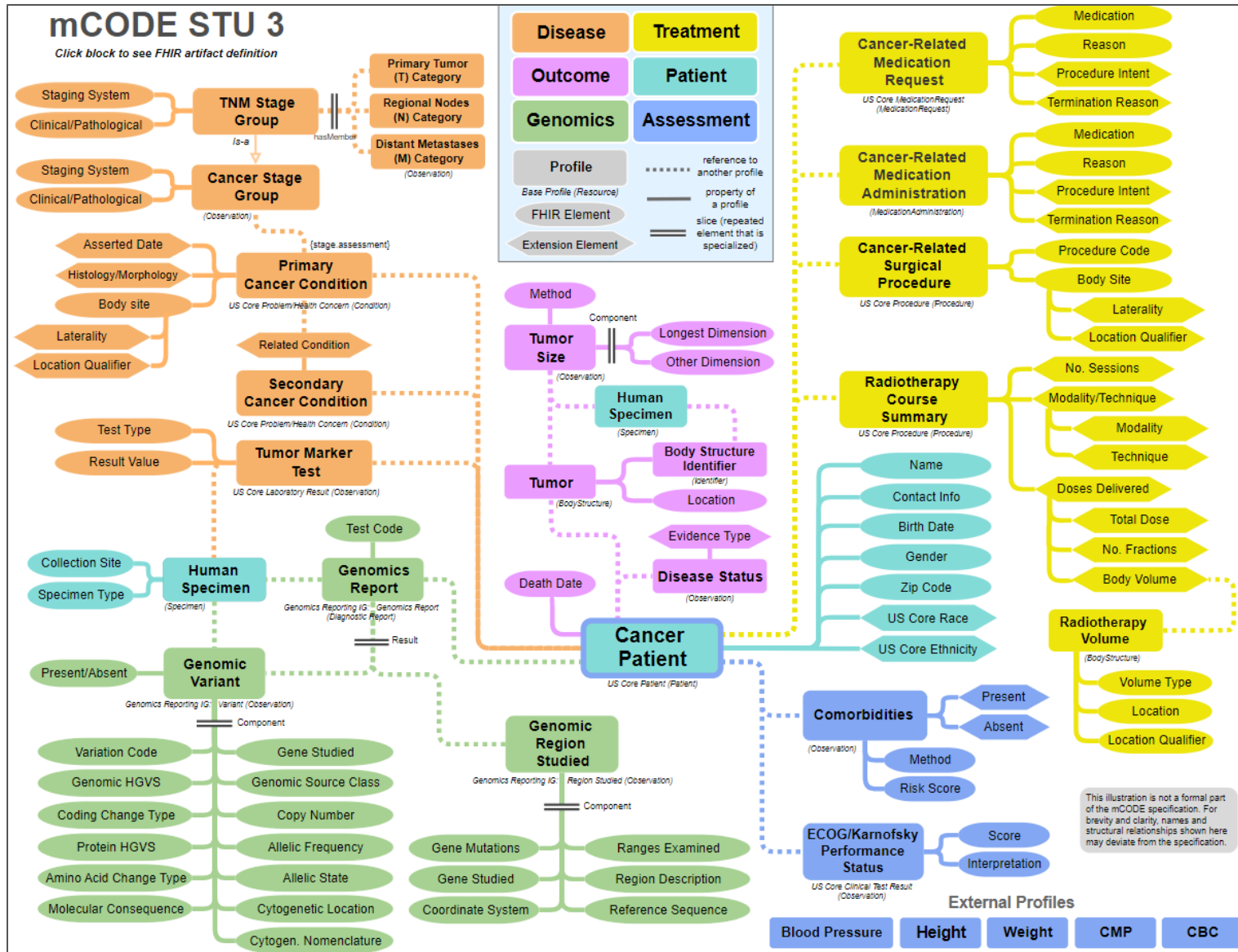
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*Source = Clinic note from 22JUN2021

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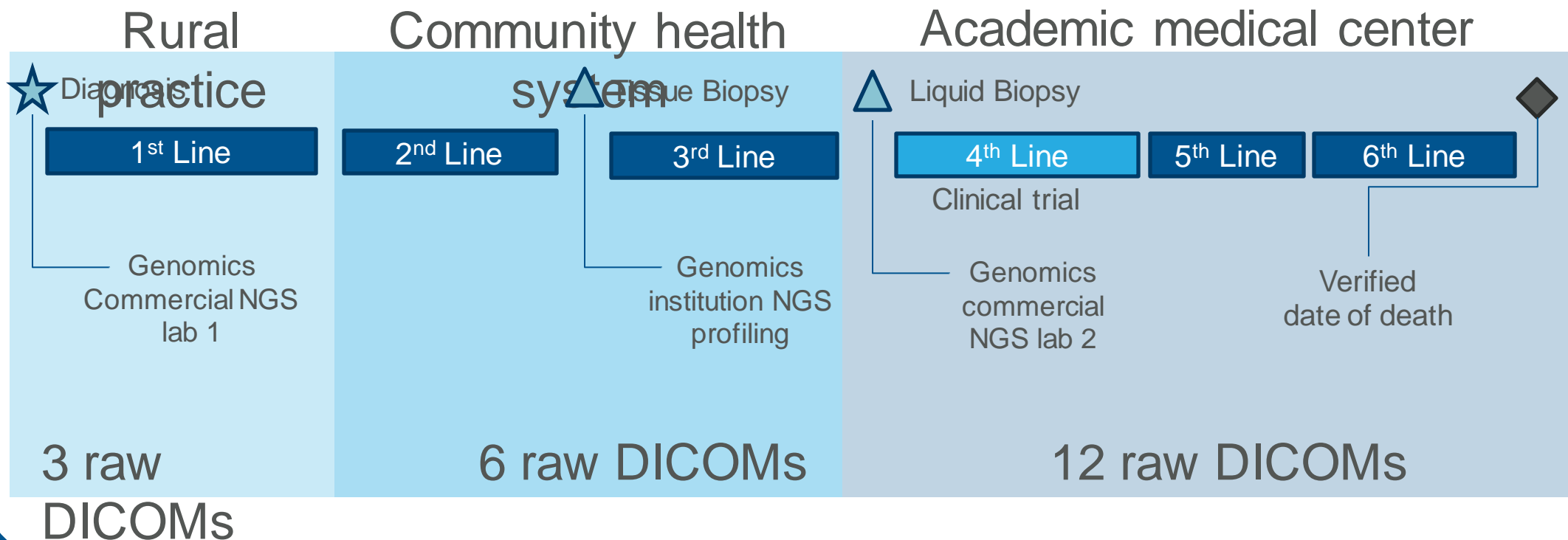
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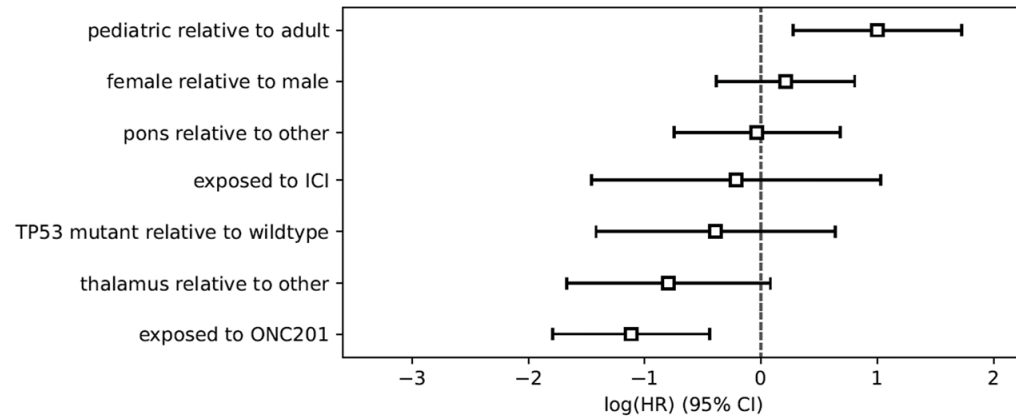
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Real-time Regulatory-grade Clinical data (RRC) from xCures



Core findings from 2022 SNO DMG abstract

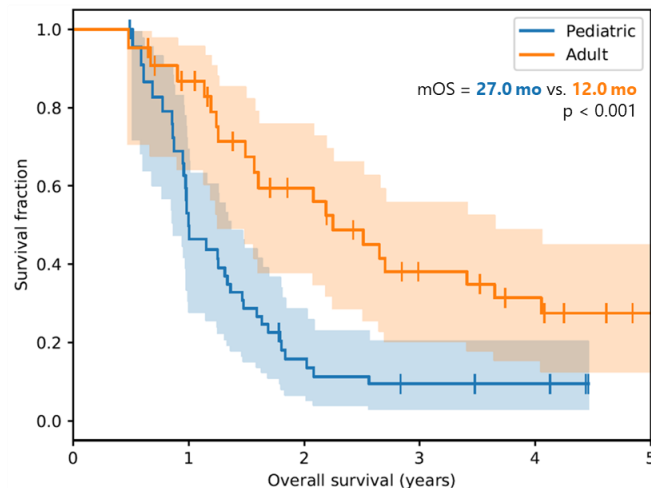
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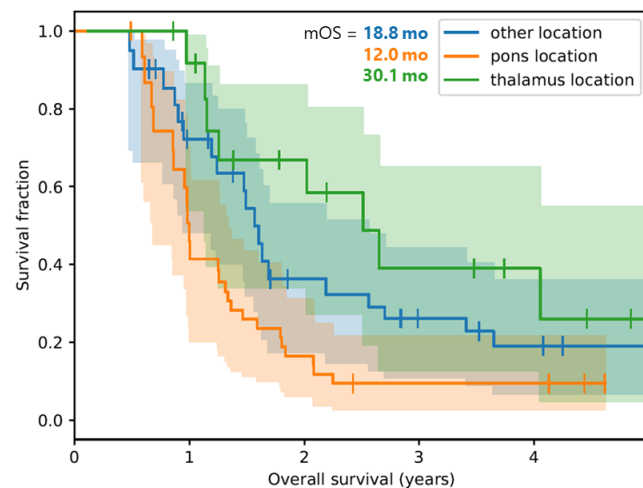
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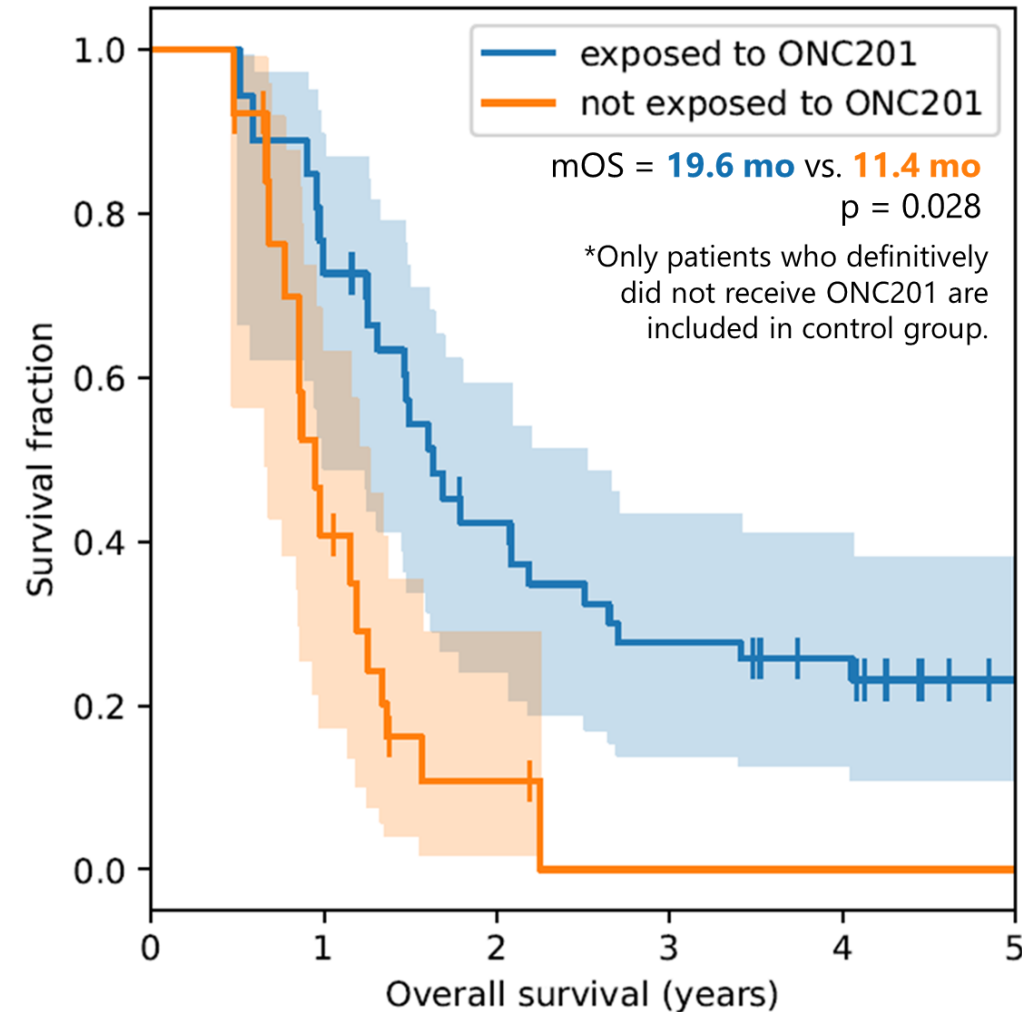
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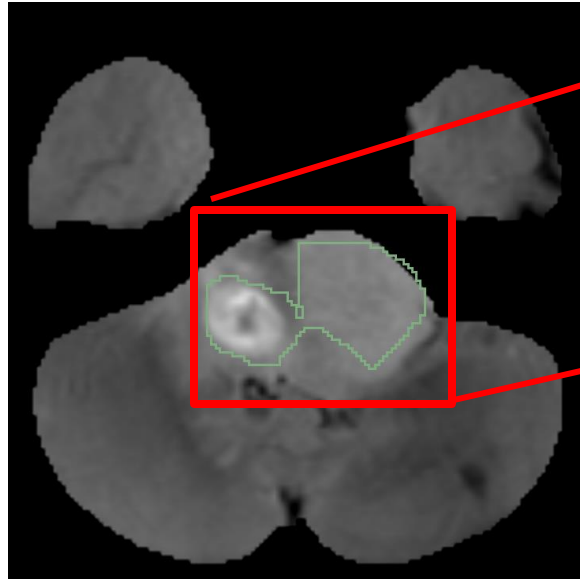
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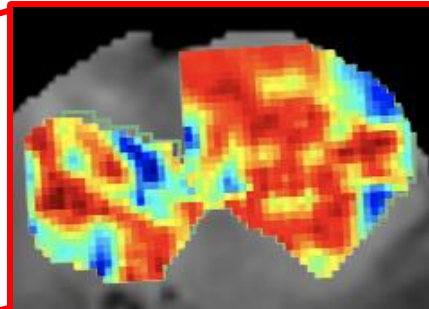
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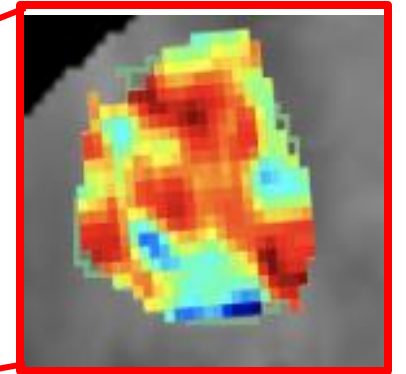
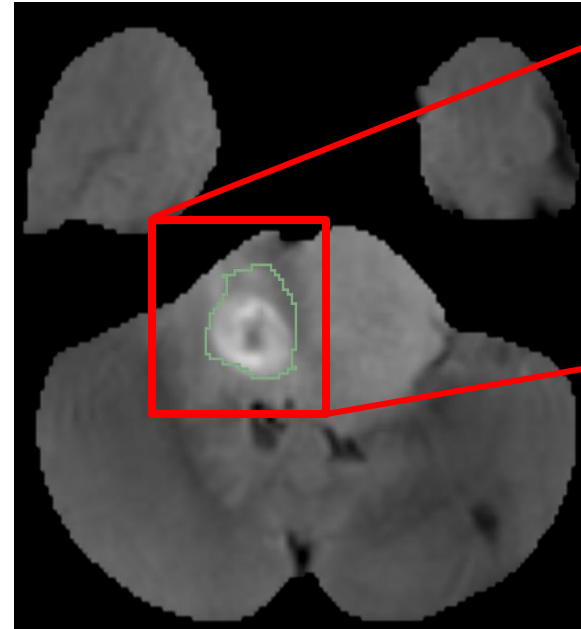
Tumor Isolated on MRI



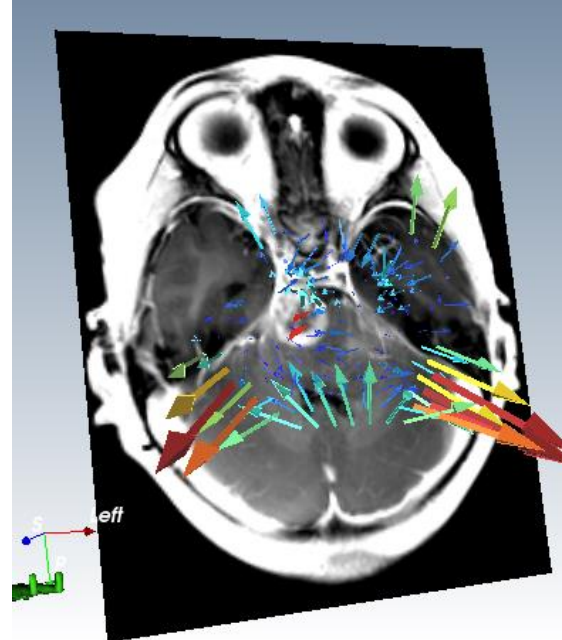
Tumor core + Edema



Tumor core



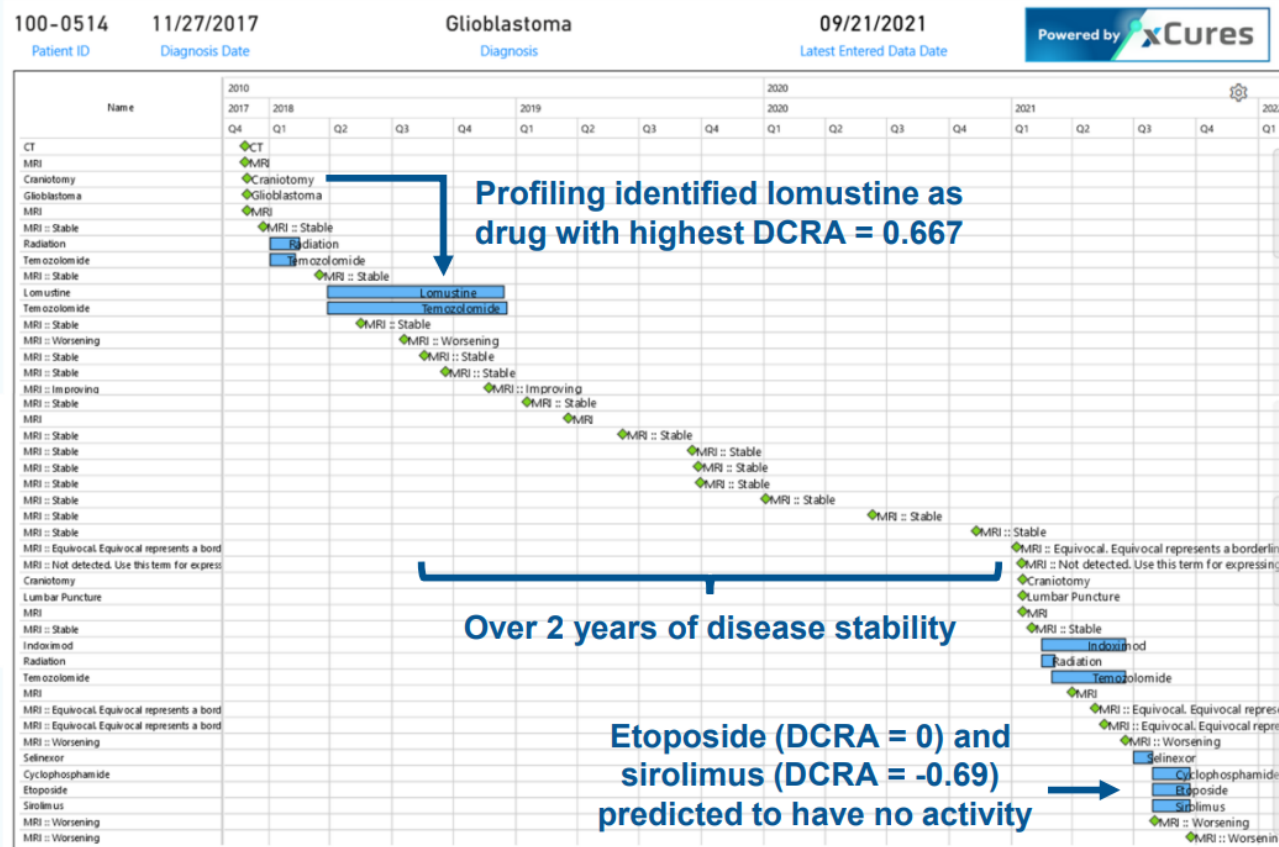
Mass Effect Quantification



Validation of Precision Oncology Algorithms

Platform enables deployment of point-of-care solutions

C Case example of lomustine activity



Treatment recommender, trial matching, and precision oncology algorithms can be delivered to physicians within the platform at the point-of-care.

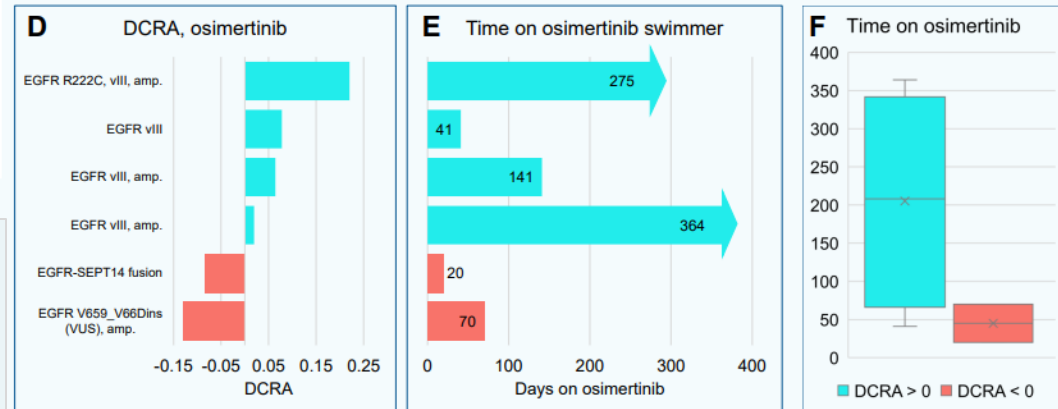
Genomics

MGMT equivocal
IDH1 wild type
ATRX E886fs
BCOR C1329fs
H3F3A G35R
TP53 R273H

PD-L1 negative
MSI stable
MMR proficient
TMB low, 6 Mut/Mb

- Partnership with Institute for Systems Biology to run precision oncology drug sensitivity models for patients with hard-to-treat cancers
- Retrospective analysis validates ISB systems biology model for many approved treatments used in a precision medicine model

Osimertinib time-on-treatment clinical correlations with DCRA



RWD Replication of an RCT

SOC +/- Optune in glioblastoma

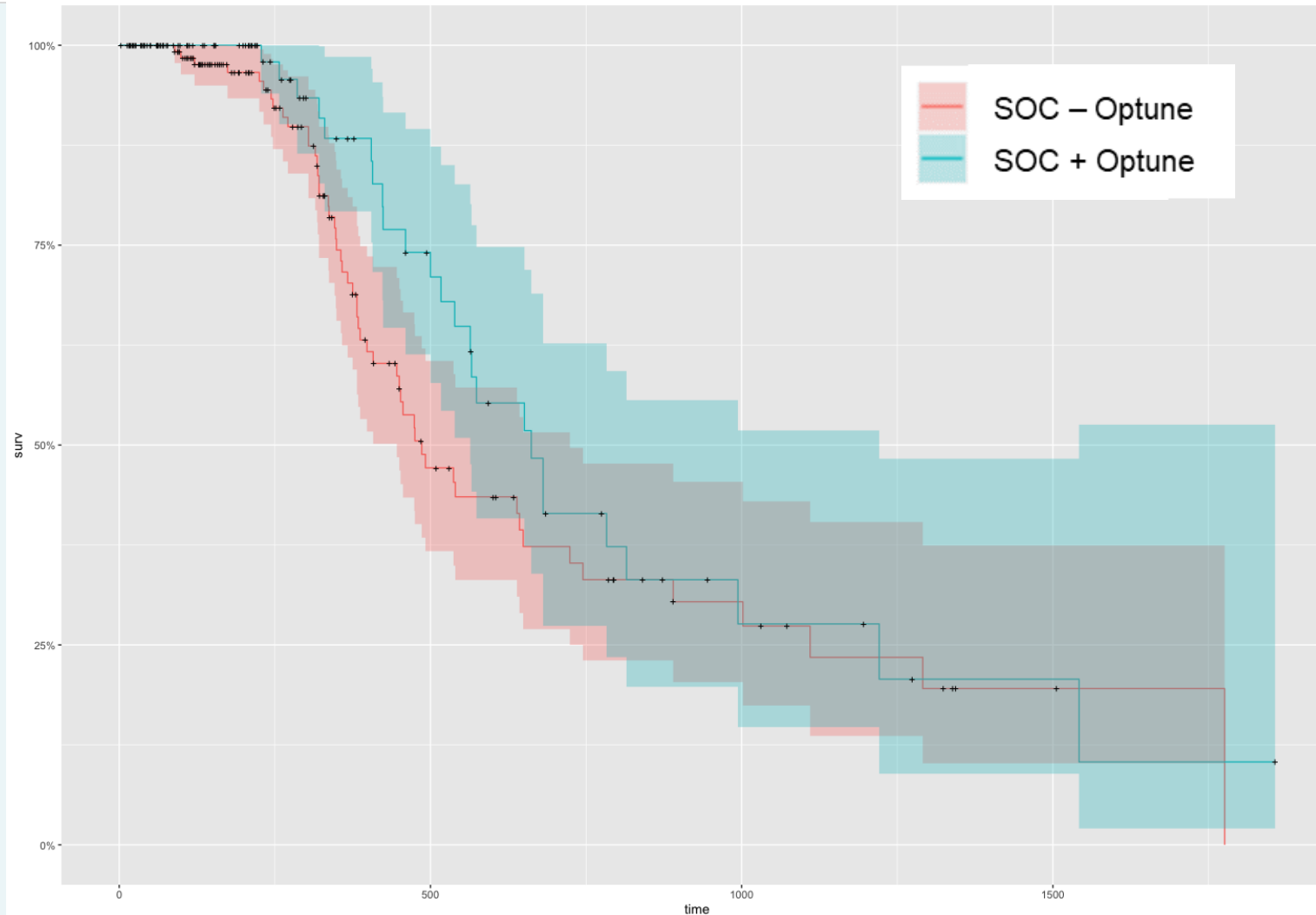
Overall survival from diagnosis

Population (N=246)

- Glioblastoma diagnosis (primary or secondary) on or after 1/1/2016
- Treated only with SOC agents (TMZ, radiation, lomustine, bevacizumab, other chemo)

Medial Overall Survival

- RW - SOC + Optune (blue, N=73) vs. SOC – Optune (red, N=173)
 - **21.8 mo vs. 16.0 mo ($p < 0.01$)**
 - Survival at 2 years = 42% vs. 37%
- RCT – TMZ + Optune 20.9 mo (n=466) vs. TMZ ((n = 229)
 - **20.9 mo vs. 16.0 mo ($p < 0.001$)**



CDRC Pilot for Sarcoma Drug Repurposing

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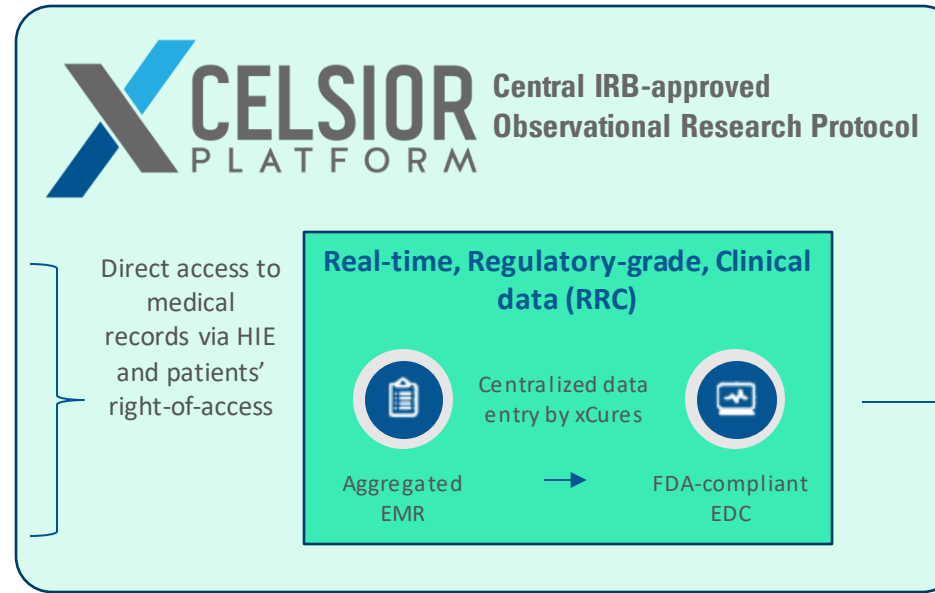


Patient recruitment driven by advocacy groups and clinician-researchers



Online e-consent

No institutional relationship required



Drug repurposing for sarcomas



Initial focus on EHE and PEcoma

For Clinician Researchers:

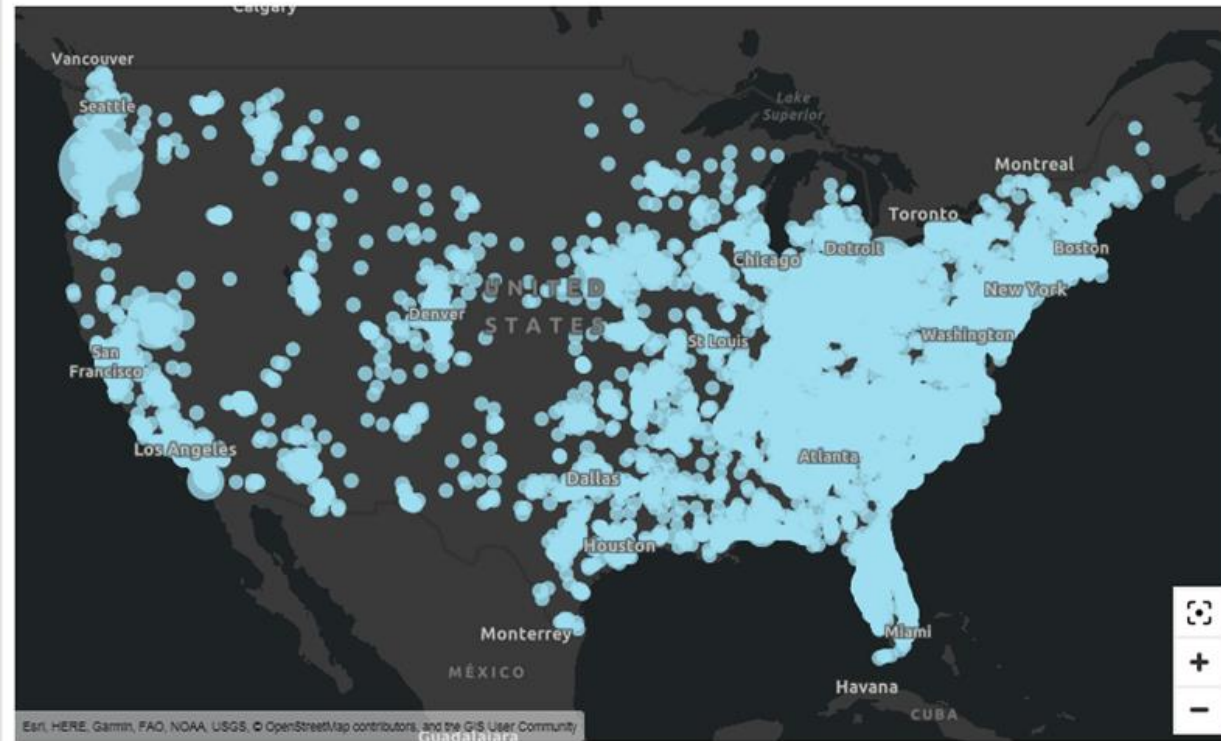
- Collaboration opportunities
- Data for design of prospective trials
- Publish case series with RWD
- Understand treatment landscape
- Real-time medical records and care summaries for patients across sites of care

Standardized
Real World
Data Lake

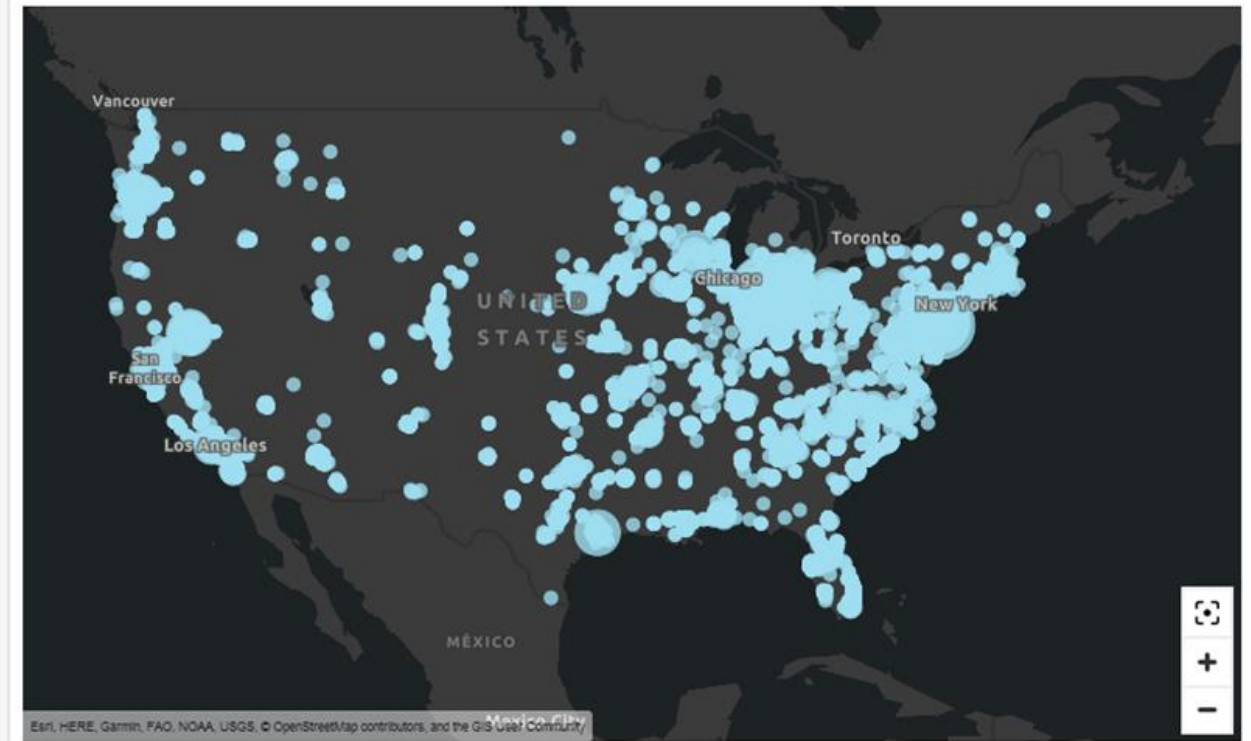
Patient Data Overview (4/14/2023)

Subjects	Subjects with Records	Average Record Count	Conditions	Medications	Procedures	Observations	Encounters	Unique Locations
56,776	46,277	1,456	443,213	4,763,591	3,725,085	32,436,836	13,631,963	133,829

Subjects



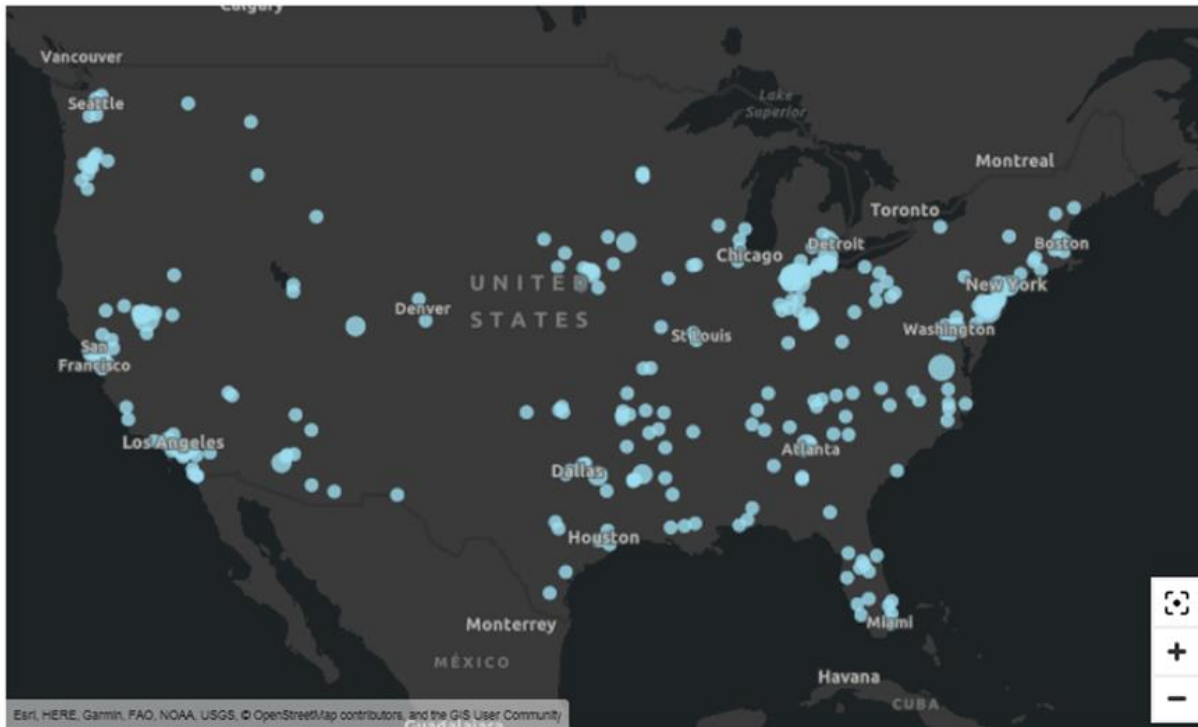
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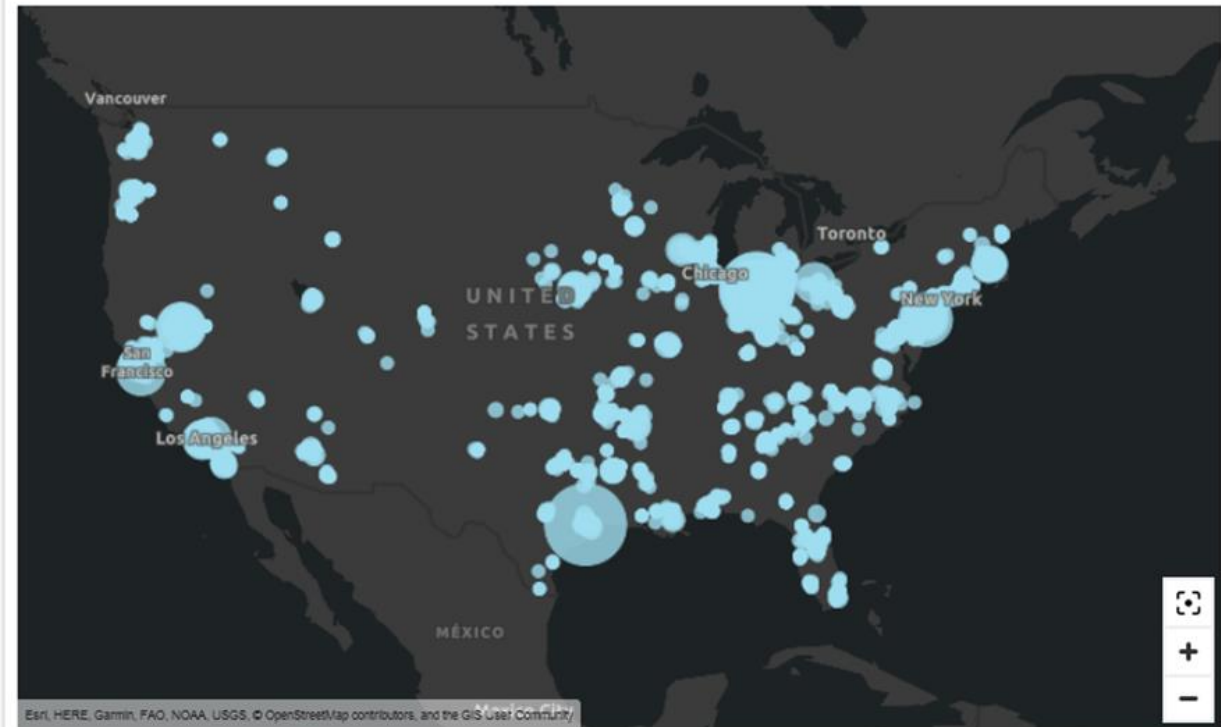
Overview of sarcoma patients

Subjects	Subjects with Records	Average Record Count	Conditions	Medications	Procedures	Observations	Encounters	Unique Locations
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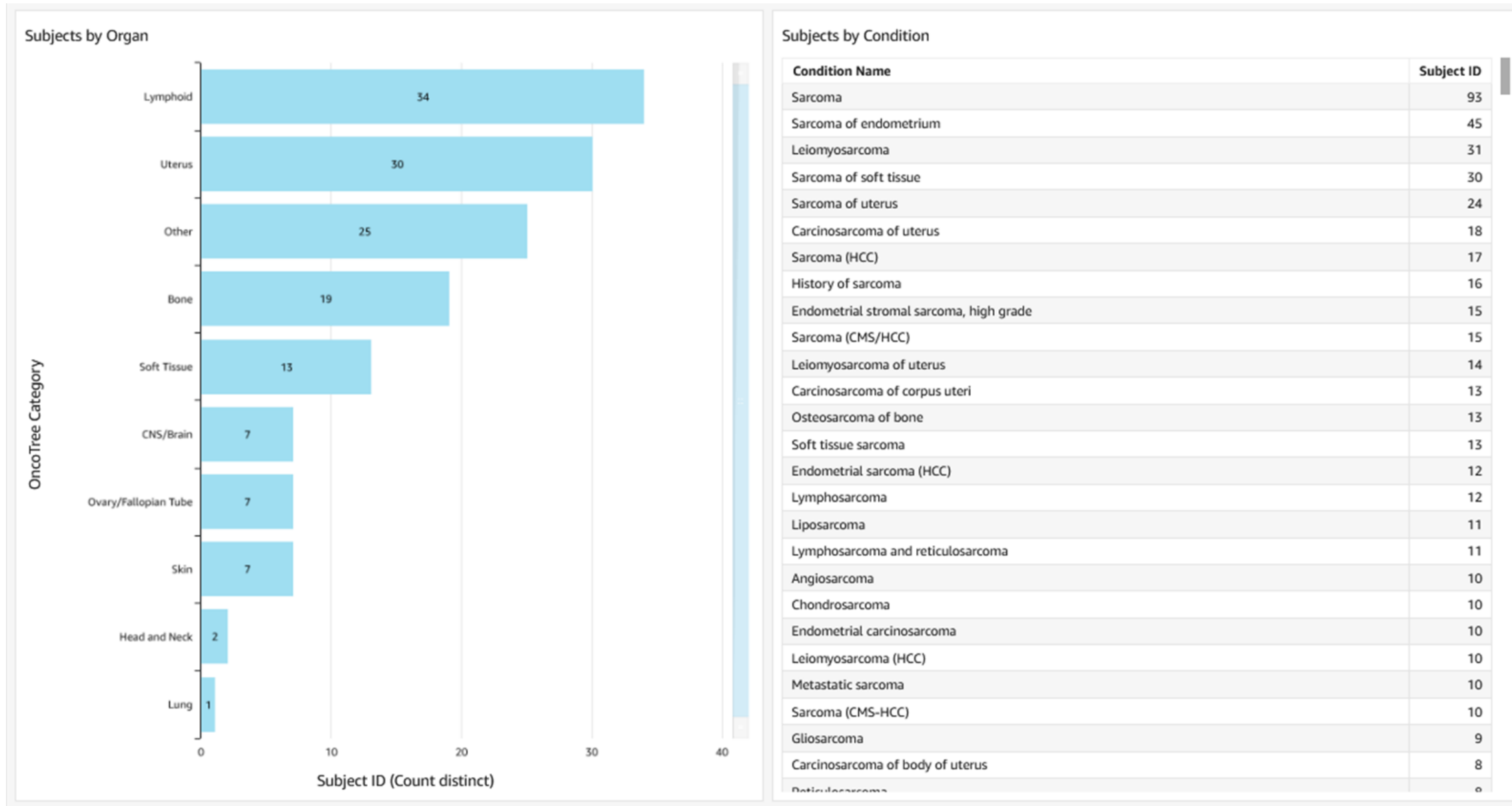
Subjects



Encounters



Preliminary Overview of Sarcoma Data



Sarcoma Condition/Medication Combinations

Subjects

211

Condition Medication Combos

111,553

Unique Conditions

621

Unique Medications

376

Conditions

Condition Name	Subject ID
Malignant neoplastic disease	78
Primary malignant neoplasm of soft tissues	50
Sarcoma	46
Primary malignant neoplasm of female breast	40
Primary malignant neoplasm of uterus	36
Malignant tumor of breast	32
Primary malignant neoplasm of endometrium	31
Malignant neoplasm of corpus uteri, excluding isthmus	30
Malignant neoplasm of endometrium of corpus uteri	28
Secondary malignant neoplasm of bone	28
Malignant neoplasm of female breast	26
Secondary malignant neoplasm of lung	25
Malignant lymphoma	20
Primary malignant neoplasm	20
Secondary malignant neoplasm of liver	20
Leiomyosarcoma	18
Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of soft tissues	18
Secondary malignant neoplastic disease	18

Medications

Medication Name	Subject ID
anastrozole 1 MG Oral Tablet	22
doxorubicin	14
25 ML doxorubicin hydrochloride 2 MG/ML Injection	13
medroxyprogesterone acetate 10 MG Oral Tablet	13
docetaxel	12
letrozole 2.5 MG Oral Tablet	12
pazopanib 200 MG Oral Tablet	12
pembrolizumab	12
temozolomide	12
cyclophosphamide	11
Gemcitabine-containing product	10
anastrozole 1 MG Oral Tablet [Arimidex]	10
medroxyprogesterone	10
tamoxifen 20 MG Oral Tablet	10
500 ML mannitol 200 MG/ML Injection	9
paclitaxel	9
pazopanib	9
capecitabine 500 MG Oral Tablet	8

Sarcoma Patients with Genomic Sequencing

Subjects with somatic NGS

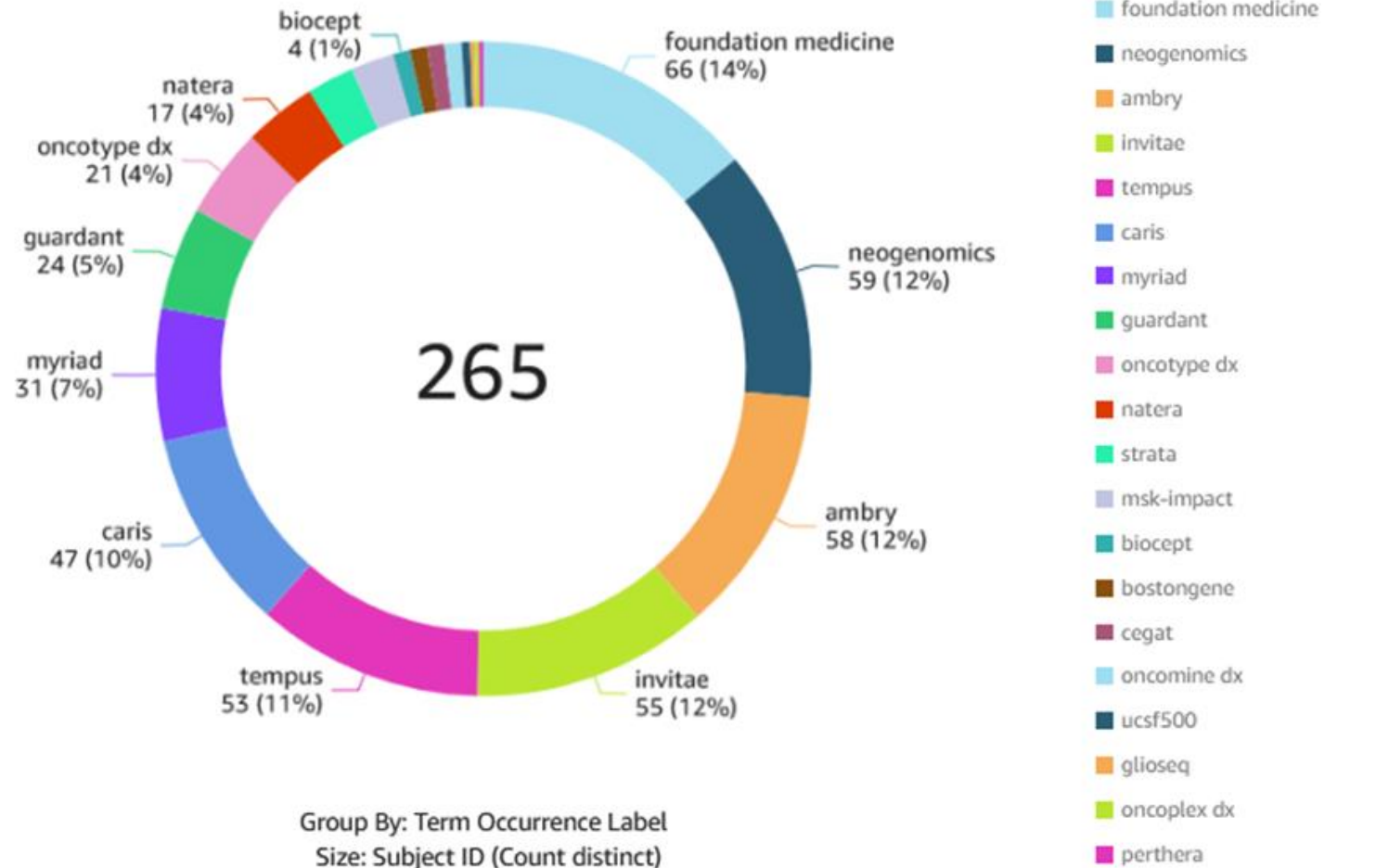
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Subjects with germline testing

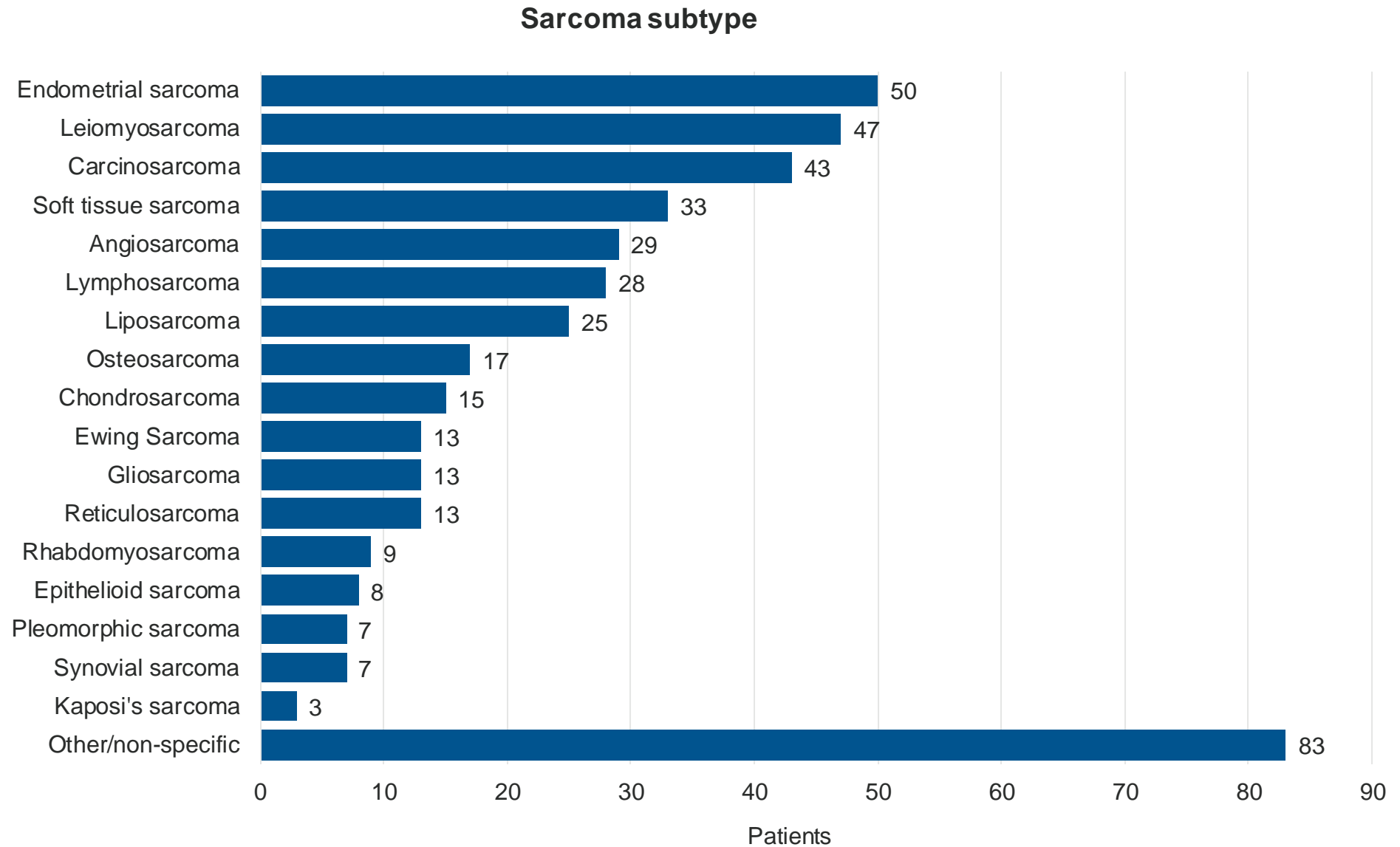
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Subjects with genomic profiling

SHOWING TOP 20 IN TERM OCCURRENCE LABEL



Sarcoma Patients by Subtype



Opportunities to Catalyze Impact in Rare Cancer Clinical Repurposing Trials

Clare Thibodeaux
(Cures within Reach)



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Vice President, Scientific Affairs with Cures Within Reach

Clare Thibodeaux, PhD is the Vice President, Scientific Affairs with Cures Within Reach and has over 20 years of scientific research and philanthropic experience. Clare joined the Cures Within Reach team in November 2015, and collaborates with key opinion leaders, research institution partners, industry representatives and patient advocates from any disease area globally to identify, centralize and vet clinical repurposing research for funding. She is responsible for leading scientific initiatives at Cures Within Reach, managing Cures Within Reach's scientific grant outreach and review process, leading the Science Advisory Board and developing research and patient education events. Clare also serves on the Advisory Board for the Critical Path Institute's CURE Drug Repurposing Collaboratory. She holds a PhD in Tumor Biology from Georgetown University and an MBA from George Mason University.



Opportunities to Catalyze Impact in Rare Cancer Clinical Repurposing Trials

*2023 CDRC Annual Meeting
April 20, 2023*



Clare Thibodeaux, PhD
Vice President, Scientific Affairs

- **Repurposing:** finding a new disease indication for a drug, device or nutraceutical already approved for human use
- **Repositioning / Rescue:** finding an indication for a human-safe, still-in-the-pipeline compound
- **Philanthropic:** able to be used by physicians and patients but not likely able to generate a profit in the market
- **Commercial:** able to generate a profit for an organization by bringing it to market through regulatory approval



Mission:

To leverage the speed, safety and cost-effectiveness of **testing already approved therapies for new indications** that improve patient quality and length of life, serving philanthropic and/or commercial uses – **driving more treatments to more patients more quickly.**

Together We're Making Real Patient Impact

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Diseases
Researched

118



Projects
Funded

75



Institutions
Funded

19



Success
Stories

\$83 million



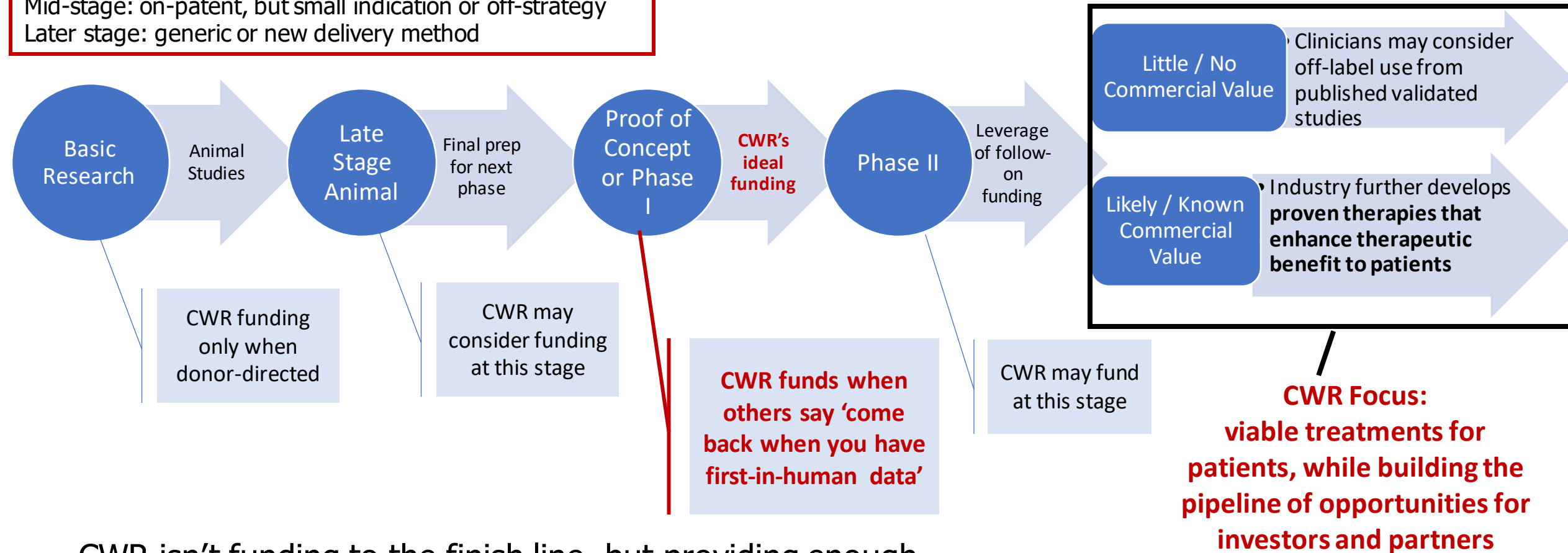
Follow-On Raised
by Researchers

Disease agnostic, Geography agnostic, Institution agnostic

We Enable Clinical Trial Funding at a Critical Stage of Therapy Development

Additive to Life Cycle Management:

Mid-stage: on-patent, but small indication or off-strategy
Later stage: generic or new delivery method



CWR isn't funding to the finish line, but providing enough **seed funds to achieve catalytic effect**

38 trials at 33 institutions in 27 diseases in 7 countries

47% rare diseases
21% ear nose throat
21% oncology
21% neurology
(neurodegenerative, mental health, pain)
13% infectious diseases
11% immune disorders / diabetes
8% ophthalmic
8% other

76% adult, 24% pediatric
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18 ongoing clinical
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diseases



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CWR Cancer Success Stories

- **Thalidomide** in **Multiple Myeloma**:

FDA approval



- **Laser Device** in **Prostate Cancer**: *follow-on funding and additional clinical trials*



- **Ablation Device** in **Pancreatic Cancer**: *online training tool and expansion to liver cancer*



- **Combination Therapy** in **Lung Cancer**: *support from industry for follow-on trial*



Leveraging Existing Funding

Enhancing Treatment Response in Recurrent/Metastatic Osteosarcoma with Hydroxychloroquine

CureAccelerator Live!, Current Research, Dr. Gordon, Drug, Minority/Underserved, Oncology, Pediatric, Rare, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Principal Investigator: Dr. Nancy Gordon

Disease: Osteosarcoma

Research Description: Osteosarcoma (OS) is an orphan disease affecting approximately 400 children and adolescents in the US each year. It almost always metastasizes to the lungs, which often results in a fatal outcome. Patients with relapsed/recurrent disease have limited therapeutic options, and long-term survival rates are less than 20%. Autophagy is a survival mechanism that protects OS cells from dying upon stressful conditions such as chemotherapy, often leading to tumor cell survival. Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) has been used to treat malaria for years, and it is known to block autophagy. This clinical trial will explore the feasibility, safety and potential efficacy of HCQ in combination with the currently recommended treatment combination of gemcitabine and docetaxel for patients with relapsed/recurrent OS. The team also plans to identify potential biomarkers to



Current Research

**The University of Texas
MD Anderson Cancer
Center**

**CURES WITHIN REACH RESEARCHER SPOTLIGHT:
PROVIDING A VOICE OF HOPE FOR CHILDREN WITH BONE CANCER**



**Read about Dr. Gordon in
this Researcher Spotlight!**

- Co-winner of 2021 CureAccelerator Live! for Rare Diseases pitch event
- Ongoing trial adding hydroxychloroquine to chemotherapy
- **Additional funding supports a biomarker study** to identify any differences between responders and non-responders to repurposed therapy

Leveraging Existing Funding

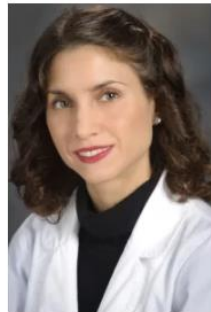
Adding Metal Detoxification Drugs to Improve Childhood Acute Myeloid Leukemia Outcomes

Current Research, Dr. Ohanian, Drug, Oncology, Pediatric, Rare, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Principal Investigator: Dr. Maro Ohanian

Disease: Pediatric Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Research Description: Metal contamination has been linked to increased numbers of many different cancers, including various blood cancers. Previous research has shown that toxic metals are associated with increased risk of acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and that the blood of AML patients contains significantly elevated levels of toxic metals when compared to healthy individuals. The research team has also shown that higher levels of toxic metals have a detrimental effect on survival outcomes in AML. This project is an expansion of an ongoing clinical trial in adult patients with AML and will add up to 40 pediatric, adolescent, and young adult AML patients, who will be treated with metal reduction therapy (a treatment used for metal poisoning) in combination with standard chemotherapy. Because these metal reduction drugs have already been proven to be safe and effective for metal



Current Research

The University of Texas
MD Anderson Cancer
Center

- Ongoing trial adding metal reduction therapy to chemotherapy
- Additional funding expands the adult clinical trial to include pediatric, adolescent and young adult patients
- **Allows for a wider age range of patients in the study** and potential data comparison across age groups

Attracting Follow-On Support

Preventing Relapse After Bone Marrow Transplant in Pediatric Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) with a Personalized Treatment

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Current Research, Diagnostic, Dr. Seif, Drug, Mid-Atlantic, Oncology, Pediatric, Rare

Principal Investigator: Dr. Alix Seif

Disease: Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

Research Description: Pediatric acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) affects approximately 3,000 children per year, and while rare, it is the sixth most common pediatric cancer. Children with ALL who need bone marrow transplants have a high risk of relapse after transplant, and these relapses are usually incurable. New ways to prevent relapse after transplant are urgently needed. Highly sensitive tests that use a fast method of identifying genetic fingerprints called "next generation sequencing" (NGS) can find very low levels of leukemia cells called "measurable residual disease" (MRD), and NGS MRD testing can find 1 leukemia cell in a million blood cells. The team will use NGS MRD testing after transplant to find those children with the highest chances of relapse. They will then match patients to personalized repurposed immune treatments based on features of each child's leukemia. The treatments include daratumumab (approved for multiple myeloma) and blinatumomab (approved to treat already relapsed ALL). If this highly sensitive testing is successfully in providing pediatric ALL patients with personalized, repurposed treatment to prevent relapse in



Current Research



Read more in the
CureAccelerator Live! poster

- Originally a single site pilot trial, **now expanded to 7 total sites across U.S.** following CWR funding
- Increased target enrollment over originally funded study
- Securing study drug donation from pharma
- Challenge: increased time for FDA approval and coordinating multiple IRB processes

Engaging Underserved Patients/Researchers

Repurposing a Diagnostic Device to Address Health Disparities in Esophageal Cancer Screening and Outcomes

Adult, Chicago, Current Research, Device, Diagnostic, Dr. Sims, Health Disparities, Minority/Underserved, Oncology, Rare, University of Illinois at Chicago

Principal Investigator: Dr. H. Steven Sims

Disease: Esophageal cancer

Research Description: Esophageal cancer can be divided into two types: adenocarcinoma (the majority of diagnoses in White patients) and squamous cell carcinoma (SCCA, the majority of diagnoses in Black patients). Black males in particular have poorer outcomes from esophageal cancer. Transnasal esophagoscopy (TNE) uses a flexible endoscope device to identify conditions that are risk factors for adenocarcinoma, such as Barrett's esophagus, and to monitor for adenocarcinoma through routine screenings. However, TNE is not currently used for SCCA routine screening. This community-based study will survey the population at community health centers to inquire about risk factors for SCCA (primarily tobacco and alcohol consumption). The research team will then use TNE on those with self-reported risk factors to screen for SCCA, focusing on Black males. Those patients with positive



Current Research



- Squamous cell esophageal cancer more common in Black patients; Black patients have poorer outcomes
- Repurposing a device typically used to screen for adenocarcinoma to develop a routine screening program for squamous cell carcinoma
- **Working with community-based organizations to engage, enroll and share results and address health disparities**

Engaging Underserved Patients/Researchers

Adding the Antibiotic Clofazimine to Chemotherapy for Triple Negative Breast Cancer in Nigeria

Adult, Current Research, Developing World, Dr. Ntekim, Drug, Minority/Underserved, Oncology, Rare, ReGRoW, University College Hospital Ibadan, Women's Health

Principal Investigator: Dr. Atara Ntekim

Disease: Breast cancer

Research Description: Breast cancer causes high cancer related death globally. A type called triple negative breast cancer is particularly deadly because it spreads very fast and can recur quickly after chemotherapy. It affects mostly younger women, especially among Black Africans. There is no specific treatment targeted against triple negative breast cancer except chemotherapy. Recently, scientists have discovered that clofazimine, an antibiotic which is being used to treat leprosy, can also destroy triple negative breast cancer cells in the lab. Clofazimine is well tolerated, very affordable and is already available in many countries including Nigeria. Based on the reported effect of clofazimine against triple negative breast cancer cells, the research team will conduct a phase I clinical trial to determine the dose of clofazimine that can be used safely with combination chemotherapy to improve patient outcomes in triple negative breast cancer. Results from this trial can be used in planning larger, follow-on studies that can establish the effectiveness of this repurposed drug in triple negative breast cancer. In addition, this research also seeks to establish a biomarker to help predict a patient's disease



Current Research



Read about Dr. Ntekim in this Researcher Spotlight!

- Higher cancer burden in low and lower-middle income countries (LMICs)
- **Repurposing generic, accessible drugs;** adding an antibiotic to chemotherapy in TNBC to improve outcomes
- Opportunity to engage stakeholders already working in LMICs to increase research in rare cancers globally

Summary: Catalytic Opportunities

- Researchers and clinicians can collaborate and be additive with funding sources to increase patient impact
- Expand patient engagement to include underserved patients and look for opportunities to address health disparities in rare cancers
 - Sarcoma example: pediatric osteosarcoma more common in minority patients, especially Blacks
- Rare cancers are a global problem; include researchers, patients and stakeholders from LMICs



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Repurposed Drug Trials: Challenges and Opportunities

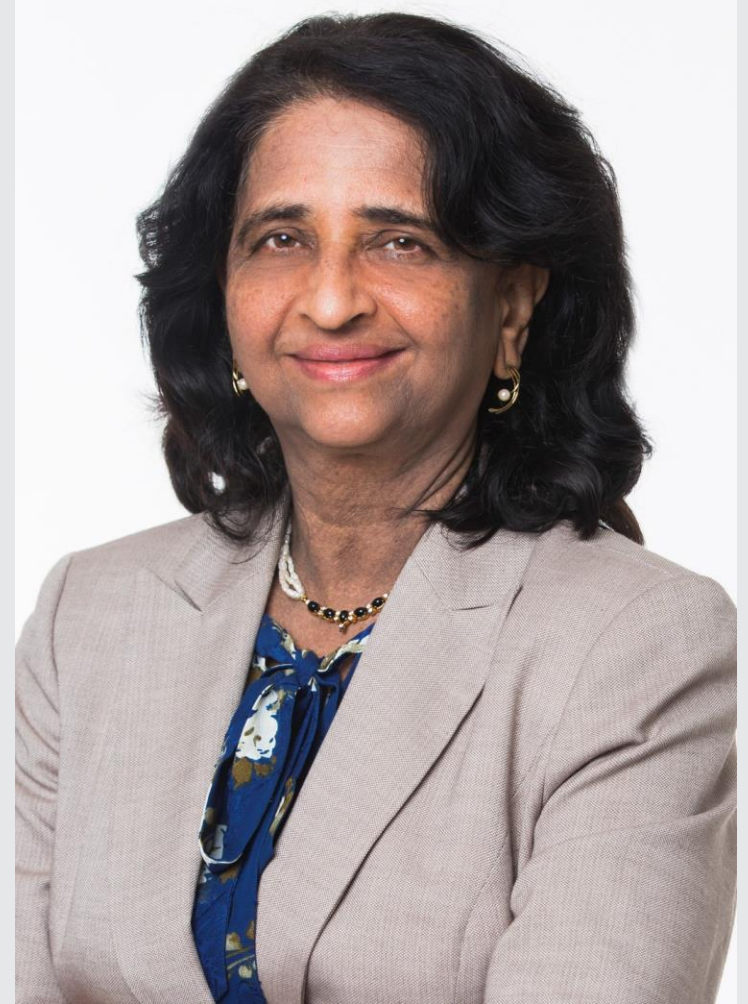
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Ms. Vidula Sukhatme

CEO, GlobalCures

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Repurposed Drug Trials: Challenges and Opportunities

Vidula V. Sukhatme MS

Co-Founder & CEO, GlobalCures, Inc.

Co-founder, Emory University Morningside Center for
Innovative and Affordable Medicine

April 20, 2023



Morningside Center for Innovative and Affordable Medicine

Why we exist:

To rapidly develop new, effective and affordable treatments for unmet medical needs (initially cancer)

How we do it:

By “adopting financial orphans”, scientifically promising treatments lacking financial reward

What we do:

- Identify promising financial orphan interventions (ReMedy Database)
- Prioritize treatments ready for testing and facilitate and fund clinical trials.
- Fund critical pre-clinical experiments, for ideas not ready for clinical studies
- Educate and advocate for adoption of “financial orphans”

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ReMedy-Cancer

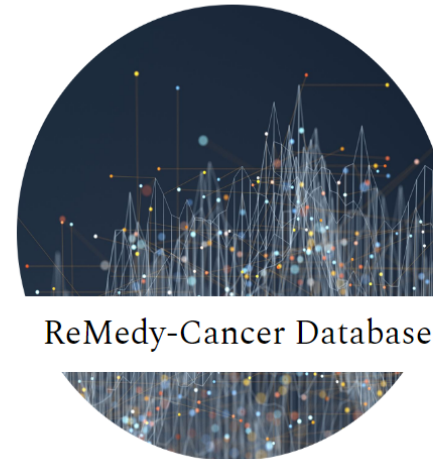
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ReMedy (Repurposed Medicines)-Cancer Database aims to make the process of finding repurposed drug data related to cancer easier for patients, physicians and potential investigators.

There are currently unmet needs in medicine due to expensive, toxic, and only moderately effective therapies. However, there are also scientifically promising ideas for new treatments which are not being developed largely because they lack sufficient financial incentive. Many of these potential treatments include FDA approved drugs that could be repurposed for other indications, such as cancer.

ReMedy-Cancer Database allows users to search for this information by Cancer Type, Drug Name, and Study Type. Users can also refine their results by Cancer Subtype, Cancer Stage, Drug Category, Concurrent Standard of Care Treatment (SOC), and Treatment Timing.



ReMedy-Cancer Database

Repurposed drug knowledgebase related to cancer treatments

ReMedy-Cancer Database is supported by the [Morningside Center for Innovative and Affordable Medicine](#), an interdisciplinary unit located within the Woodruff Health Sciences Center at Emory University. Extending the vision of [GlobalCures Inc.](#), a non-profit medical research organization, the Morningside Center was created to promote research, education, and advocacy for effective and affordable medical treatments that are not being pursued because of a lack of financial return.

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Study Type

Colorectal

Cancer Subtype

Study Drug

Drug Category

Stage

Concurrent SOC

Treatment Timing

CSV

PMID or Keyword

Search

Show 10 results per page

Total Results: 50

1 Clear Search

Case Reports (1-2 of 2) Clinical Trials (1-36 of 36) Observational (1-12 of 12)

PMID	Study Type	Stage	Drug Name	Treatment Timing	Dosage	Concurrent SOC	Number of Patients	Trial Outcomes (P = Primary)				Morningside Center Summary
		Cancer Type						Type	Control	Intervention	pVal	
Year		Sub-type	Drug Category									
32090192 2020	Clinical Trial Phase 2, Randomized, Open-Label	n/a Colorectal n/a	Metformin Anti-diabetic	Palliative	850 mg QD/850 mg BID	Targeted	139	BiomarkerP	Insulin level = 2.79 microU/mL	Arm 1= -2.47 microU/mL; Arm 2= -0.08 microU/mL; Arm 3= -1.16 microU/mL		A randomized phase II trial evaluating exercise, metformin, or both for metabolic biomarkers in Colorectal patients. Read More
30535909	Clinical Trial Phase 2	Metastatic (Stage 4)	Perindopril Erbumine	Palliative	4 mg daily	Chemo	10	Toxicity/Safety FeasibilityP		Grade 3 HFSR 50%		A phase II trial evaluating the effect of perindopril on hand-foot skin reaction (HFSR) incidence and severity in patients re... Read More

Morningside Center Clinical Trials

Study Name	Principal Investigator
Pilot Study of Biomarker Evaluation and Safety of Pre-Incisional Ketorolac for Patients Undergoing Surgical Resection for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer and Renal Cell Carcinoma	Viraj Master, MD, PhD
Paricalcitol and hydroxychloroquine (PH) combination with gemcitabine and nab-paclitaxel in advanced pancreatic cancer	Olatunji Alese, MD
Propranolol Hydrochloride and Pembrolizumab in Patients with Recurrent or Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma: A Single-Institute Phase II Trial	Bassel Nazha, MD, MPH
A Phase Ib/II Study of Propranolol with Fixed-dose Pembrolizumab in Patients with Unresectable Stage III and Stage IV Melanoma (Collaborative Trial with Roswell Park)	Melinda Yushak, MD, MPH
Neoadjuvant simvastatin and letrozole in early-stage hormone positive breast cancer	Ruth Sacks, MD
Treatment of Brain Metastases with Arginine Supplementation	Lisa Sudmeier, MD, PhD

Clinical Trials in Development

Study Name	Principal Investigator	Working Group
Phase Ib Study of diclofenac salvage in patients metastatic non-small cell lung cancer with early signs of progression on single agent PD(L)-1 blockade	Jennifer Carlisle, MD	Lung
Treatment of ovarian cancer with atovaquone	Namita Khanna, MD & Jane Meisel, MD	Gynecologic Oncology
Treatment of pediatric brain cancer with atovaquone	Tobey MacDonald, MD	Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
A phase II trial of T3 replacement for hypothyroidism induced by immune checkpoint blockade	TBD	Melanoma, Lung, GU

Challenges: Recruiting Clinical Investigators

Generic repurposed drug trials do not have pharma **Sponsors** and are considered as **Investigator-initiated trials** (IITs).

For IITS, the clinician is both the Sponsor and the Principal Investigator (PI) and responsible for all tasks below.

Major Tasks for Clinical Trials	Sponsor	Principal Investigator
Develop trial concept and protocol (drug, disease, clinical setting, statistics, etc)	✓ ✓ ✓	✓
File IND application or obtain exemption	✓ ✓ ✓	✓
Secure funding	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	
IRB process	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Conduct trial		✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
Patient recruitment	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Regulatory process (monitor/report/etc)	✓ ✓ ✓	✓

Challenges: Recruiting Clinical Investigators

- PIs do not have formal training for sponsor tasks
- Sponsor tasks require a substantial amount of time.
- Small repurposed drug trial budgets include only about 2-3% (40-60 hours) of PI's salary. No incentives (financial or reputational) to become a PI on a small trial if opportunities exist for enrolling patients on industry sponsored trials.
- Most PIs available for repurposed drug trials are 'Young Investigators' or 'Investigators in training' who need mentorship and institutional infrastructure to help with sponsor tasks.

Challenges: Funding

Philanthropic or government grants:

Scientific reviewers perceive the supporting data for new drugs as much stronger than supporting data for repurposed drugs. Hard to compete for funding available to both types of trials.

Data	New Drugs	Repurposed Drugs
Pre-clinical data	<i>Focused strong data</i>	<i>Fragmented, multi-user data</i>
Mechanism of action	<i>Single, well defined</i>	<i>Pleotropic, perception: “Dirty Drug”</i>
Dose response – new indication	<i>Well defined</i>	<i>Not well explored – supporting data in the form of retrospective studies</i>
Human Data	<i>None</i>	<i>Retrospective, case reports, small non-randomized studies</i>

Challenges: Funding

There are many small pilot, phase I or Phase II single arm trials done with repurposed drugs. However, the study design is not always optimal.

Reason: Inadequate funding

Most trials have funding in the amounts of \$50K to \$300K. Often, this amount is insufficient to include control arms, placebos, multiple doses, randomization or biomarkers.

Challenges: Successful Completion

Slow Accrual, End of Funding or PI no longer at the institution!

Metformin Hydrochloride in Treating Women With Stage I or Stage II Breast Cancer That Can Be Removed By Surgery

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT00984490

Recruitment Status ⓘ : Terminated (slow accrual)

First Posted ⓘ : September 25, 2009

Results First Posted ⓘ : July 13, 2012

Last Update Posted ⓘ : July 13, 2012

Metformin as a Chemoprevention Agent in Non-small Cell Lung Cancer

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT01717482

Recruitment Status ⓘ : Terminated (Poor accrual and funding ended)

First Posted ⓘ : October 30, 2012

Results First Posted ⓘ : June 19, 2019

Last Update Posted ⓘ : March 10, 2020

Metformin and Carbohydrate Restriction With Platinum Based Chemotherapy In Stage IIIB/IV Non-Squamous Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NS-NSCLC) (METRO)

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02019979

Recruitment Status ⓘ : Terminated (PI left the institution)

First Posted ⓘ : December 24, 2013

Results First Posted ⓘ : May 4, 2018

Last Update Posted ⓘ : May 4, 2018

Metformin in Non Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC):

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02285855

Recruitment Status ⓘ : Terminated (Poor Accrual)

First Posted ⓘ : November 7, 2014

Results First Posted ⓘ : January 6, 2020

Last Update Posted ⓘ : January 6, 2020

Challenges - Summary and Next Steps

- **Recruitment of Clinical Investigators**

- National agency to provide training/mentorship to clinical investigators
- Financial incentives and recognition for clinical investigators willing to work on financial orphans
- National agency to act as 'SPONSOR' for financial orphans

- **Successful Completion of the trial**

- National agency to recruit patients and help with accruals
- Innovation in multi-center trial design

- **Funding**

- Separate track for evaluation and funding of financial orphans

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needs!

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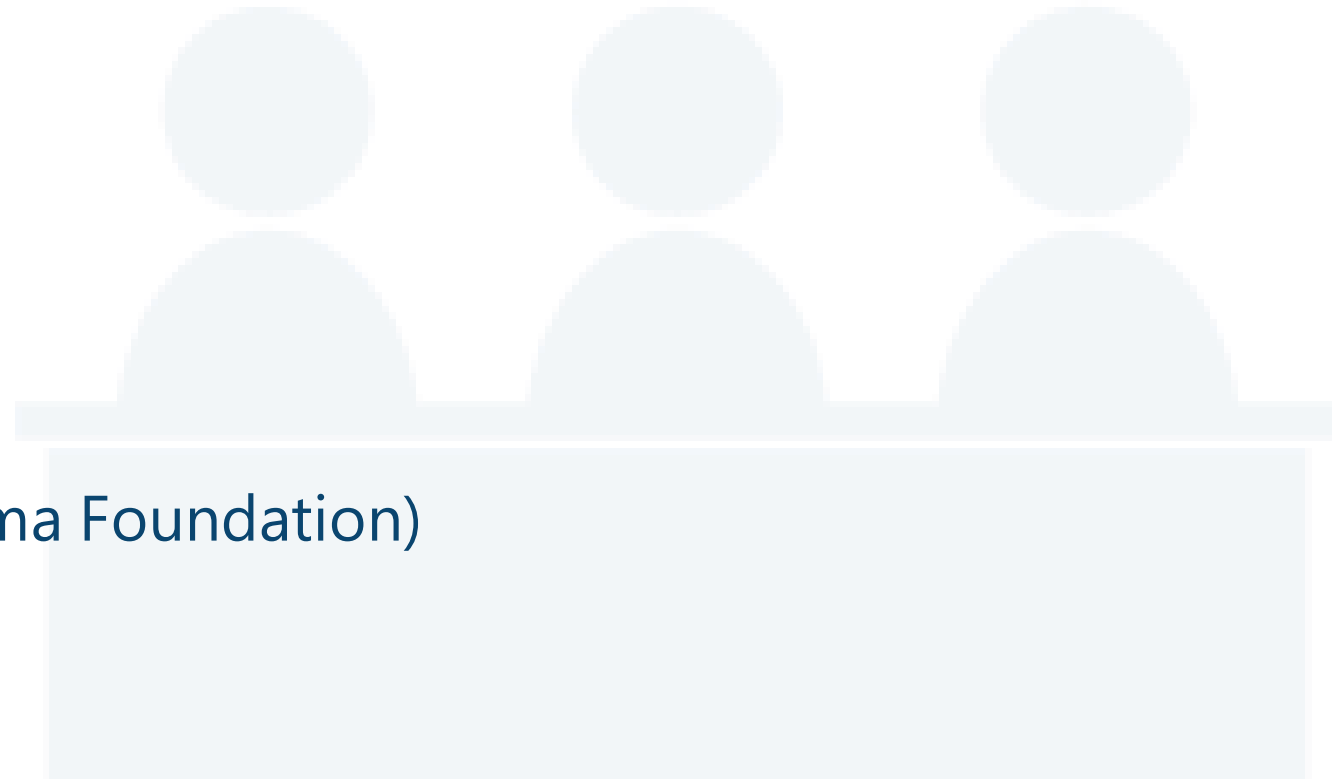
Challenges and opportunities



Harnessing RWD to advance repurposed drugs for
rare cancers

Panel Discussion

- **Brandi Felser** (SFA)
- **Christine Heske** (NCI)
- **Vidula Sukhatme** (GlobalCures)
- **Andrea Gross** (NCI)
- **Suanna Bruinooge** (ASCO)
- **Lennie Woods** (Clear Cell Sarcoma Foundation)



Brandi Felser

Chief Executive Officer, Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA)

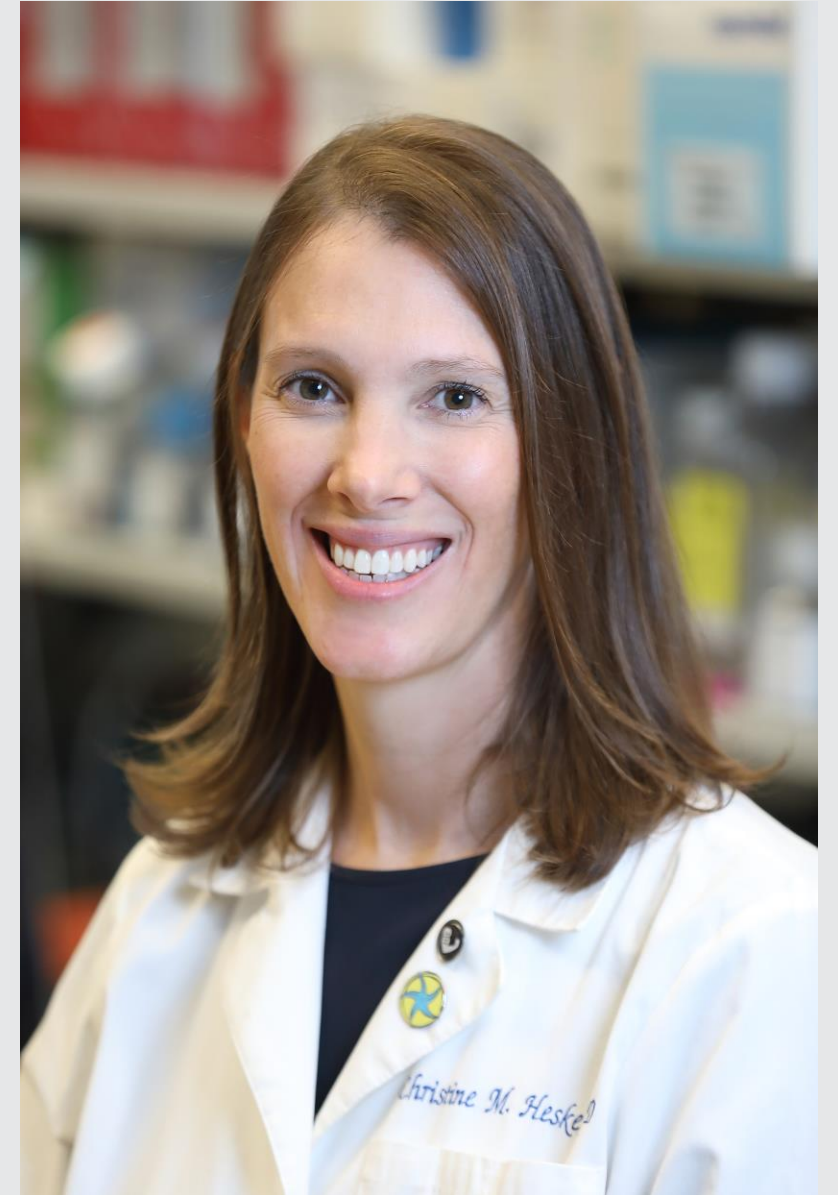
Brandi Felser joined the Sarcoma Foundation of America (SFA) as the Chief Executive Officer in December 2019. She has more than 20 years' non-profit senior leadership experience, most recently serving as the Chief Operating Officer – Chief of Staff at the National Breast Cancer Coalition. Brandi has a strong background in patient advocacy and education, as well as advancing cancer research and public policy initiatives. Having lost both of her parents to cancer, Brandi uses her passion and personal experience to elevate the voices of sarcoma patients and family members and to fund meaningful research that will ultimately lead to better outcomes for people diagnosed with sarcoma. She has a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from The George Washington University, and is completing a Master in Liberal Arts, Clinical Psychology, from the Harvard University Extension School.



Christine Heske

Investigator, National Cancer Institute

Dr. Christine Heske is a clinician and physician-scientist with an active translational and clinical research program focused on sarcoma treatments. Her goal is to improve outcomes for patients with pediatric sarcomas by understanding mechanisms of resistance and identifying and evaluating new therapeutic targets. After completing her undergraduate work at Harvard University, Dr. Heske received her M.D. from The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. She completed her pediatric internship and residency at Brown University/Hasbro Children's Hospital, followed by her fellowship training at the combined National Cancer Institute Johns Hopkins University Pediatric Hematology and Oncology program, where she served as Chief Fellow. In 2016, Dr. Heske began her own group as a Physician-Scientist Early Investigator in the Pediatric Oncology Branch. She was promoted to Investigator in 2021 and currently leads the Translational Sarcoma Biology Group. Dr. Heske holds board certifications in General Pediatrics and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology.



Ms. Vidula Sukhatme

CEO, GlobalCures

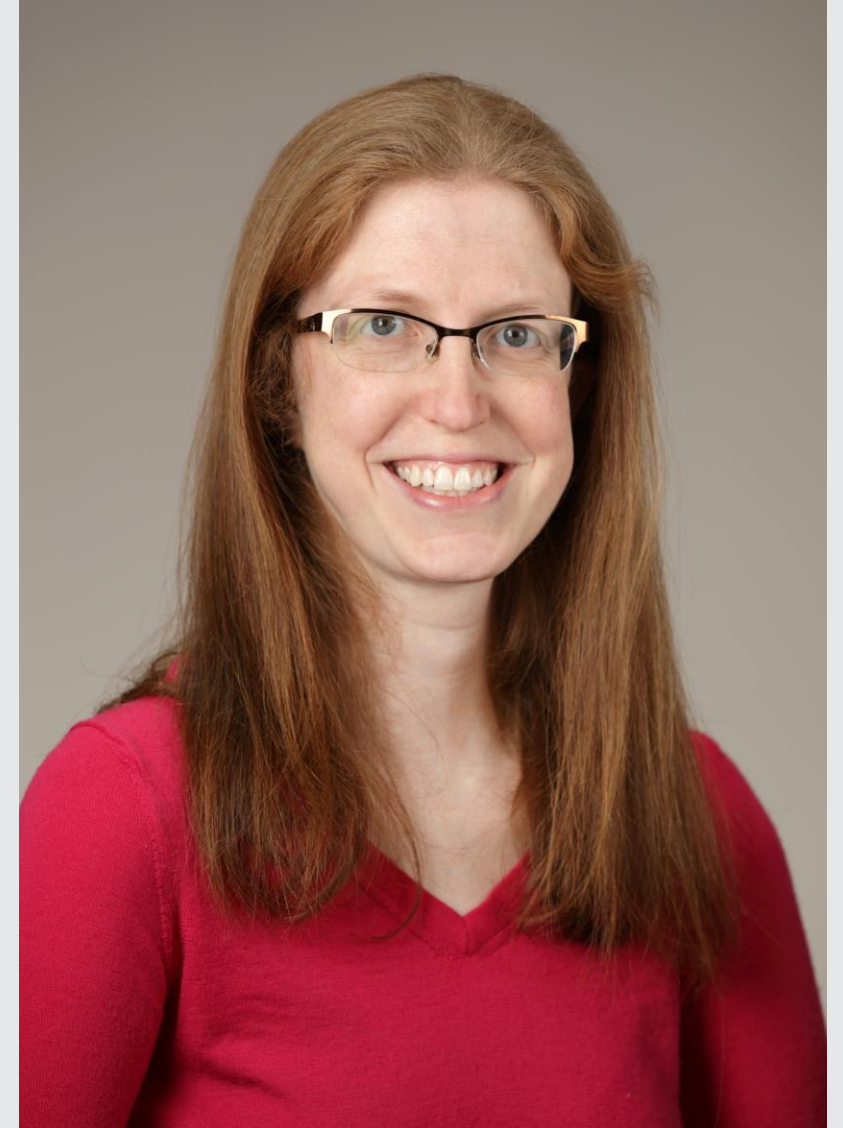
Ms. Vidula Sukhatme is the Co-founder and CEO of GlobalCures, Inc. Additionally, she played a role in founding the Morningside Center for Innovative and Affordable Medicine at Emory University. She has earned two master of science degrees: one in mathematics from Northeastern University and another in epidemiology from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She also has two decades of experience working with information systems in healthcare settings.



Andrea Gross

Assistant Research Physician, Center for Cancer Research

Dr. Andrea Gross is a board-certified pediatrician and pediatric oncologist who earned her medical degree at the University of Connecticut and completed pediatric residency at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She completed a pediatric hematology/oncology fellowship at Children's National Medical Center and is currently an Assistant Research Physician working in the Pediatric Oncology Branch at the National Cancer Institute in the lab of Dr. Brigitte Widemann. Dr. Gross has been the lead associate investigator on the phase 2 trial of selumetinib for patients with neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF1) and inoperable plexiform neurofibromas since 2015, which led to the first FDA approved medication for NF1 in 2020. Her research focuses on clinical trials for tumor predisposition syndromes. Her areas of interest include developing and utilizing functional outcome measures to define clinical benefit of therapies for tumor predisposition syndromes like NF1, designing and running clinical trials for rare disease populations and working with patient advocates to increase patient engagement in clinical trial design.



Suanna Bruinooge, MPH

Division Director of Research Strategy and Operations, ASCO's Center for Research and Analytics (CENTRA)

Suanna Bruinooge, MPH, is the Division Director of Research Strategy and Operations in ASCO's Center for Research and Analytics (CENTRA). CENTRA generates, integrates, analyzes, and shares oncology data to foster innovation in research and patient care and help develop and evaluate ASCO's policy positions. CENTRA develops and implements ASCO's research priorities, including the Targeted Agent Profiling and Utilization (TAPUR) clinical trial and projects to advance clinical trial design and methodology. CENTRA also staffs ASCO's Cancer Research Committee and Research Community Forum. Prior to joining ASCO, Suanna worked for seven and a half years in the U.S. House of Representatives, working for Congresswoman Nancy Johnson (R-CT) and Congressman Vernon Ehlers (R-MI). Ms. Bruinooge earned a Master of Public Health in Health Policy at The George Washington University's Milken Institute School of Public Health in 2015. Suanna also has a B.A. in political science from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI.



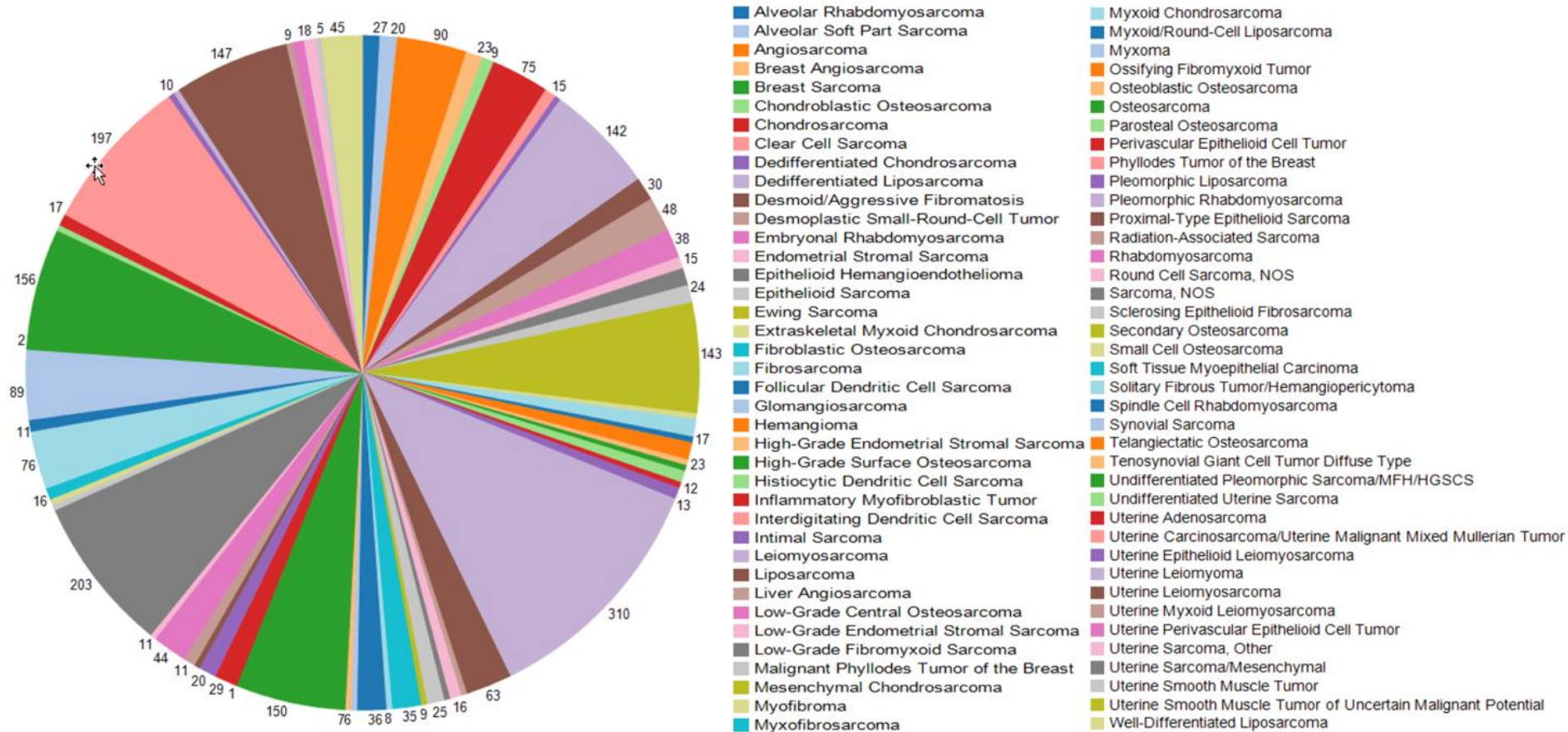
Lennie Woods

Executive Director and Co- Founder, Clear Cell Sarcoma Foundation

Lennie Woods is executive director and co- founder of the Clear Cell Sarcoma Foundation (formerly Sara's Cure) along with her husband of 30 years, Denny. As a Charleston native and college of Charleston graduate, she was able to build a successful career in Real Estate until life's direction took a drastic change in when her daughter, Sara, was diagnosed with Clear Cell Sarcoma during a church mission trip to Guatemala. After flying home Lennie and Denny were told Sara was metastatic and there was no treatment or cure, they immediately decided that this was not acceptable for their daughter or anyone suffering from this ultra-rare cancer. Lennie is blessed with a drive to get answers and make the connections needed for success. The CCSF was established for the purpose of finding the right treatment for clear cell sarcoma by bringing the patients and their experiences together, so CCS has a bigger voice within the cancer research community. Thanks to some amazing doctors and aggressive surgery, Sara has been NED since 2018.



Sarcoma subtypes



The Anticancer Fund
supports rare sarcoma
trials

Genetic and molecular drivers for different Sarcomas

Sarcomas with fusion genes					
Fusion genes involving TET genes					
	Gene (N-C)	Chromosomal location	Clinical Significance	Proposed function of gene product	Detection Method
Ewing's/PNET	EWSR1-FLI1 PAX8-1, PRC	t(11;22)(q24;q12) t(11;22)(p22;q12)	Diagnostic PAX8-1	Overexpression of Oncofetal & f. MYC	IHC (FLI1) Karyotype
IGF1R/mTOR inhibitors/PARPi/LSDi Splice Switch/GAMPER Oligos					
Desmoplastic Small Round Cell Tumor	FUS-REV EWSR1-25G				
	EWSR1-WT1	t(11;22)(p13;q12)	Diagnosis,	up-regulates oncogenic factors e.g. PDGF, IL2RA, BAIALP3, TALLALMLP1	IHC (WT1) FISH (EWSR1 break-apart probe) Karyotype
IGF1R/? CHK1i					
Clear cell sarcoma		t(12;22)(q13;q12) t(2;22)(q33;q12)	Diagnosis	Up-regulation of ARNT2, ATM, GPP34, MITF gene	FISH (EWSR1 break-apart probe), PCR
cMET					
Angiosarcoma of Visceral Cyst	FUS-ATF1 EWSR1-ATF1 EWSR1-ATF1 CREB1	t(12;18)(q13;p11) t(12;22)(q13;q12) t(2;22)(q33;q12)	Diagnosis		FISH
Extraskeletal myxoid chondrosarcoma	EWSR1-NR4A1 TAF2 NR4A1 TOP11- NR4A3 TFG-NR4A3	t(9;22)(q22;q12)	Diagnosis		FISH, RT-PCR (NR4A3-EWS fusion)
TKIs/Trabectedin					
Myxoid/round cell sarcoma	FUS-DDIT3	t(12;16)(q13;p11)	Diagnosis,	Overexpression of	FISH (FUS break-apart probe)
Trabectedin/PI3Ki/ATC/Eribulin					
Low Grade Fibromyxoid Sarcoma / HGCT	FUS- CREB3L2 FUS- CREB3L1	t(7;16)(q33;p11) t(11;16)(p11;p11)	Diagnosis		FISH (FUS break-apart probe), RT-PCR
Fusion genes involving RTK genes					
Congenital mesoblastic nephroma	ETV6-NTRK3	t(12;15)(p13;q25)	Diagnosis		FISH, RT-PCR
Congenital fibrosarcoma	ETV6-NTRK3	t(12;15)(p13;q25)	Diagnosis		FISH, RT-PCR
Inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor	TRK3-ALK TRK4-ALK CLT-ALK RANBP2-ALK	t(1;2)(p11;q21) t(2;2)(p11;q21) t(2;2)(p11;q21)			IHC (ALK protein) FISH, RT-PCR
Fusion genes involving chromatin remodeling genes					
Synovial sarcoma	SS18-SSX1	t(X;18)(p11;q11)	Diagnosis,		FISH (SYT probe), RT-PCR, IHC (TLE1 protein)
PDGFRi/ATC/BRD9/CDK4i					
TLE1 gene					
Endometrial stromal sarcoma	JAZF1-SUZ12 JAZF1-PHF1 EPC1-PHF1	t(7;17)(p15;q21)	Diagnosis		RT-PCR
Hormonal blockade					
Fusion genes involving growth factors					
Dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans	PDGFRB	t(17;22)(q12;q13)	Diagnosis	Up-regulate the expression of PDGFR	FISH
PDGFRB inhibitors					
Giant Cell Fibroblastoma	COL1A1-PDGFRB	t(17;22)(q12;q13)	Diagnosis		FISH, RT-PCR
RANKL inhibitors					
Other type of fusion genes					
Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma	PAX3-FOXO1 PAX3-MLL7	t(2;13)(p13;q14) t(2;13)(p13;q14)	Diagnosis		FISH (FOXO1A Break-apart probe), Karyotype, RT-PCR
FGFR4 inhibitors					
Alveolar soft part sarcoma					IHC (TFES), RT-PCR
Aneurysmal bone cyst	CDH11-USP6 THRAP3-USP6 CNBP-USP6 OMD-USP6	t(16;17)(p11;p11) t(1;17)(p11;p11) t(3;17)(p11;p11) t(9;17)(p11;p11)	Diagnosis		FISH, RT-PCR
VEGF/METi/PD-1i					
Tenosynovial giant tumor	COL6A3				
Hemangiopericytoma					
Pericytoma	ACTB-C				
Sarcomas with specific oncogenic mutation					
Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors	KIT RET	t(17;22)(q12;q12) t(17;22)(q12;q12)	Diagnosis	Activating Tyrosine kinase	IHC (KIT), PCR
TKIs/MEK inhibitors					
Rhabdoid tumor	EZH2	q11.22	Diagnosis	LOH	IHC (loss of INI1)
Atypical lipomatous tumor/Well-differentiated liposarcoma				Cyclin dependent kinase	FISH (MDM2, CDK4 amplification)
MDM2/CDK4 inhibitors					
Fibromatosis	APC inactivation	Trisomy 20 Deletion			IHC (p catenin)
TKIs/GSI/Notchi					

Bill Tap

Personalized medicine?

- Genomic
- Epigenetic
- Transcriptomic perturbations

Drug resistance

- Classical
- Tumor acidosis
- Dormancy and reoccurrence

Biomarkers

- Cytokines
- miRNAs
- Extracellular vesicles
- Circulating Tumor Cells
- cfDNA

Treatment likely is multifactorial

- Combination therapy

Capture RWD being generated every day regarding repurposed drugs

- How can we harness existing clinical experience to generate hypothesis using RWD (clinician submitted reports or EHR data extraction) that can be tested in RCTs?

E.g., checkpoint inhibitors in Sarcomas

High response rates were seen in classic Kaposi sarcoma (CKS), with ORR of 0.69 (95% CI 0.51–0.82).

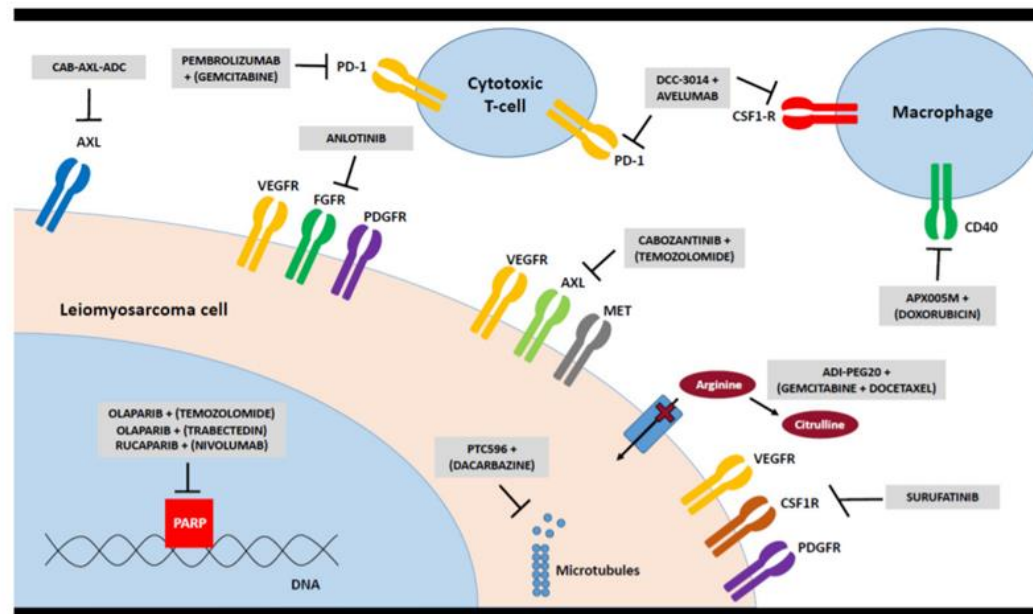


Figure 1. New possible treatment strategies and their mode of action for patients with LMS.



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Review

Immune checkpoint inhibitors in treatment of soft-tissue sarcoma: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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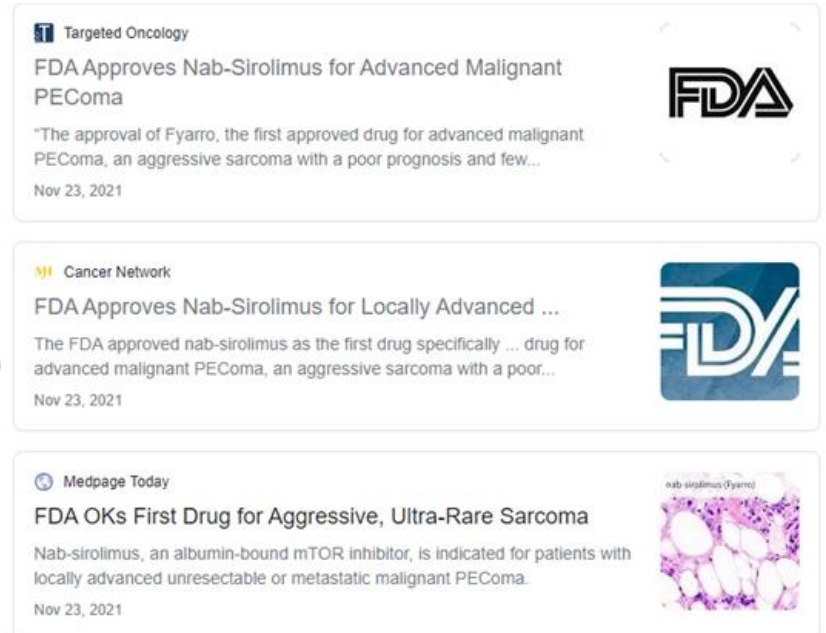
Unesbulin (second-generation BMI-1 inhibitor) for soft tissue sarcoma (Orphan drug designation by EMA)

EHRs to systematically collect RWD for sarcoma subtypes



Opportunities...gold nuggets?

1. Imatinib Mesylate used in GIST
 - Potential for tyrosine kinase inhibitors for other sarcoma subtypes?
 2. Rapamycin used in PEComa
 - Can also use mTOR inhib for Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma (EHE)
 3. Immunotherapy used in Angiosarcomas
 - β -blockers (+/- propranolol) checkpoint inhibitors
 4. Others?
 - Antibiotics for liposarcoma
 - Systematically capture off-label use in practice of medicine
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- ✓ What's in the pipeline and is there sufficient data on off-label usage?
 - ✓ Use of molecular markers to identify genomic correlates of response



Engage all stakeholders

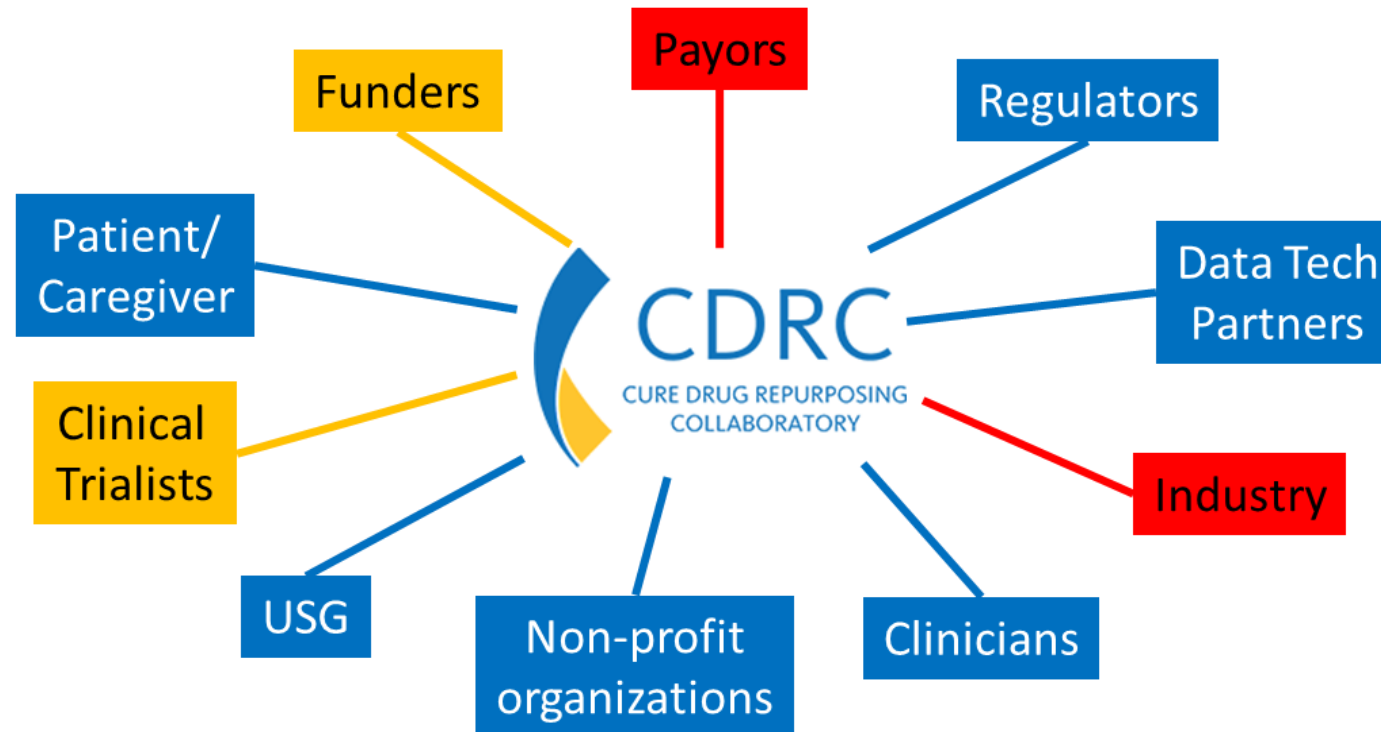
Patient advocacy groups

- Denise Reinke stood up the Patient Drug Repurposing Task Force
 - Lennie Woods (Clear Cell)
- Leiomyosarcoma drug repurposing task force presentation by CDRC
- Sarcoma coalition (Denise and Leslie are panel members)

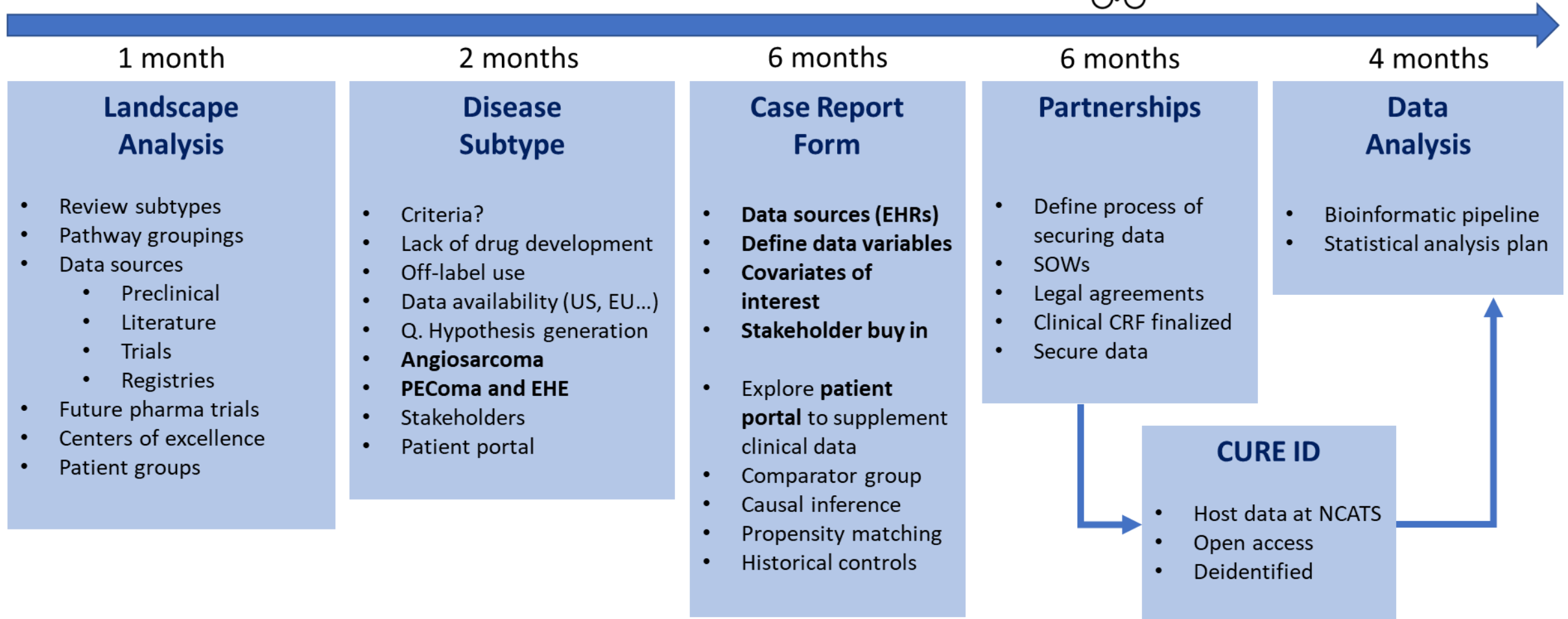
Review

Unmet Medical Needs and Future Perspectives for Leiomyosarcoma Patients—A Position Paper from the National Leiomyosarcoma Foundation (NLMSF) and Sarcoma Patients EuroNet (SPAEN)

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CDRC sarcoma timeline

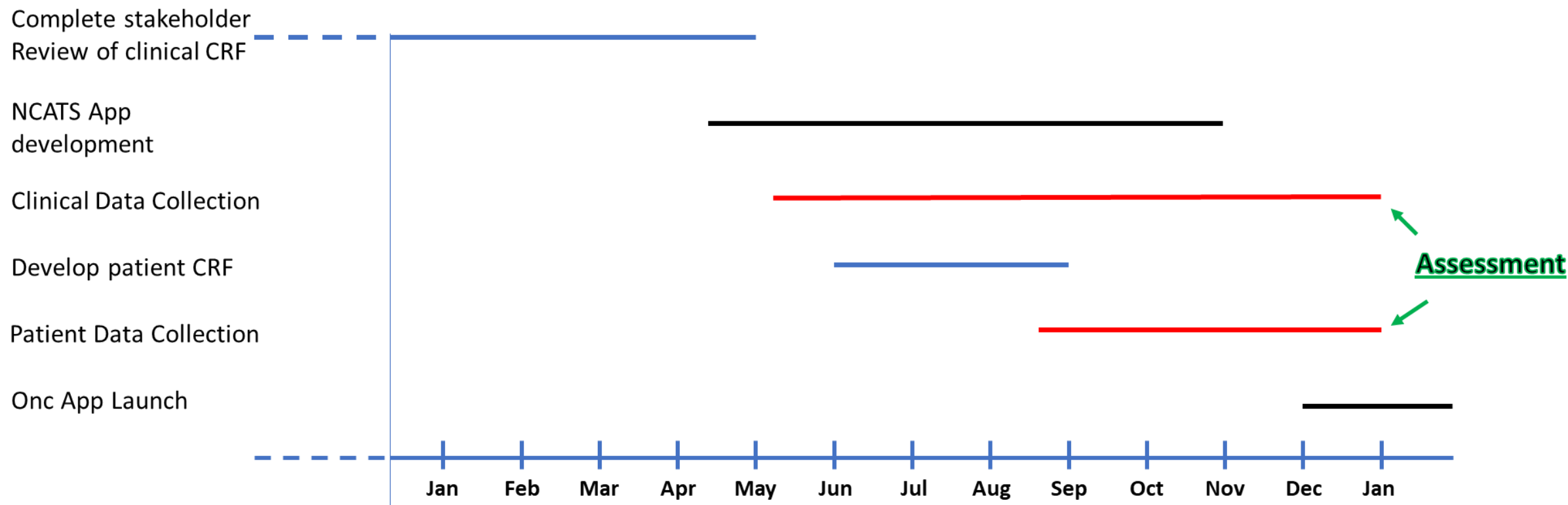


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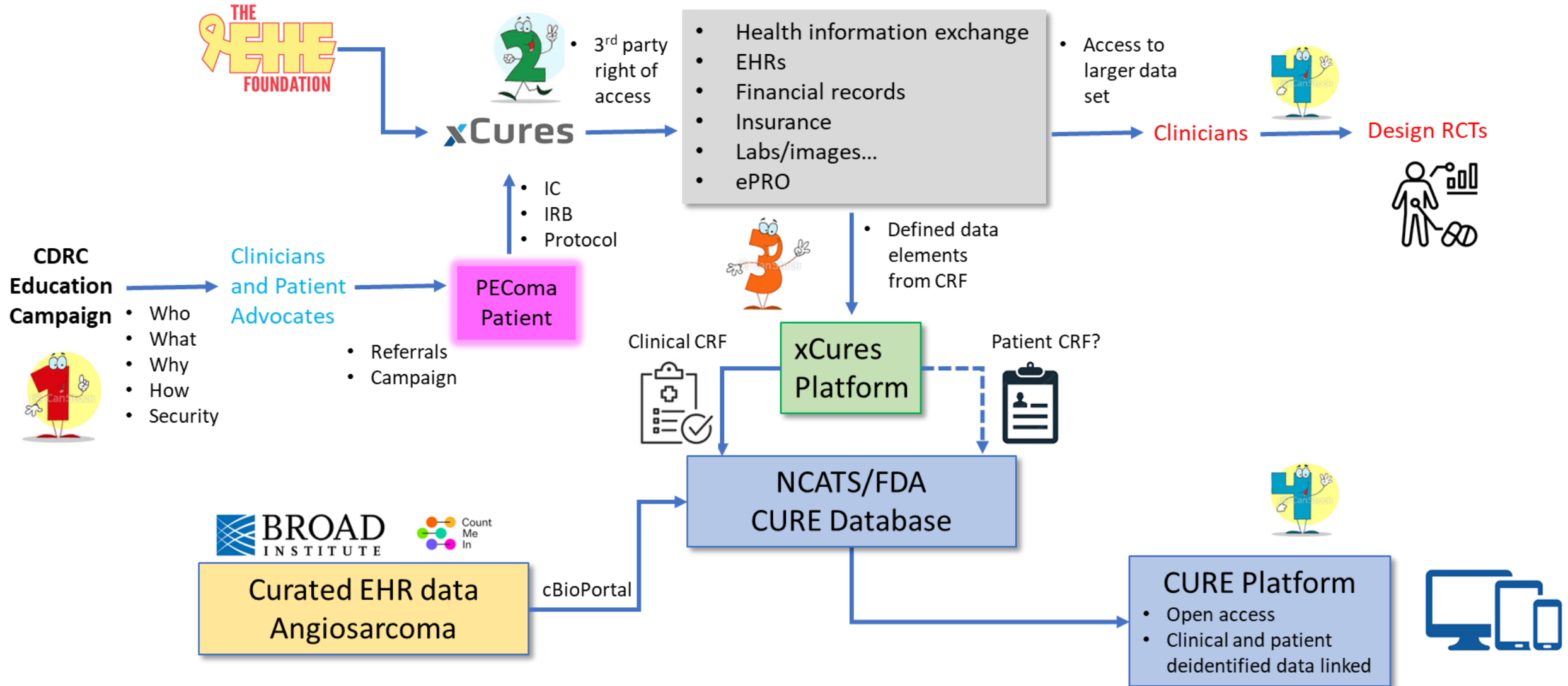


Goals

- Capture key data elements using RWD and share deidentified CRF publicly
- Identify potential FDA approved drugs that improve outcomes but have not been labeled for the indication
- Insights for clinical trials



Pilot study: Draft of data flow



Question & Answer



Wrap up and next steps



Goodbye and Thank You



Thank You





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