

# Healthcare challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century ...and potential solutions

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# We believe in “Convergence Sciences”



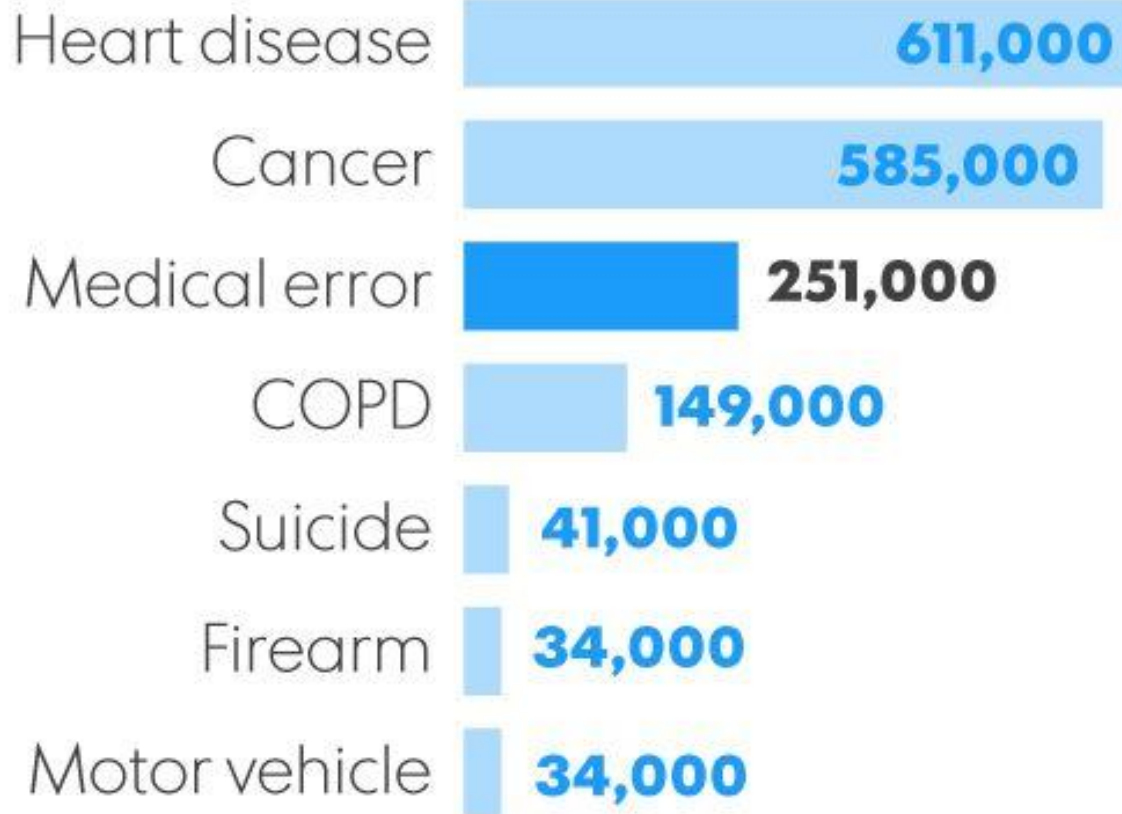
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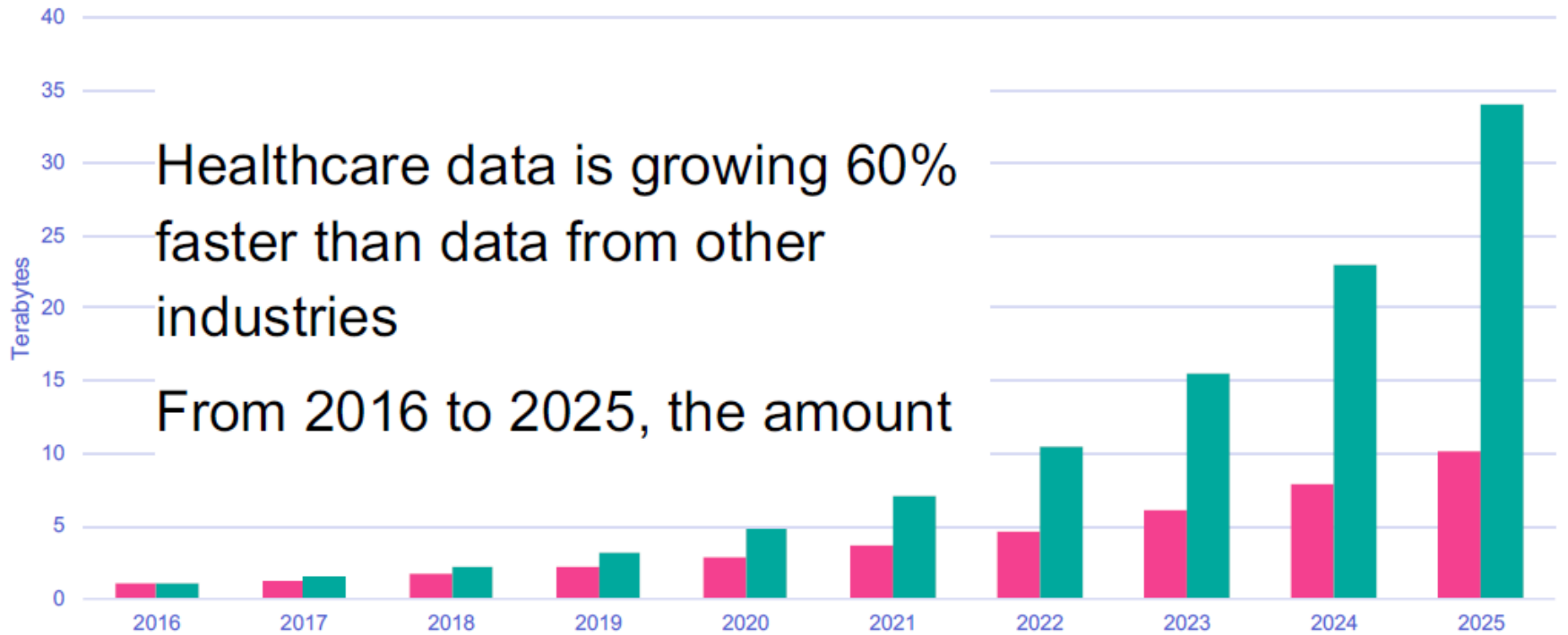
Medical Errors & Hospital-Acquired Infections  
**kill up to 440,000**  
**Americans**  
each year

That's more than two jumbo jets  
full of passengers crashing every day

## MEDICAL ERRORS NATION'S THIRD BIGGEST KILLER IN 2013

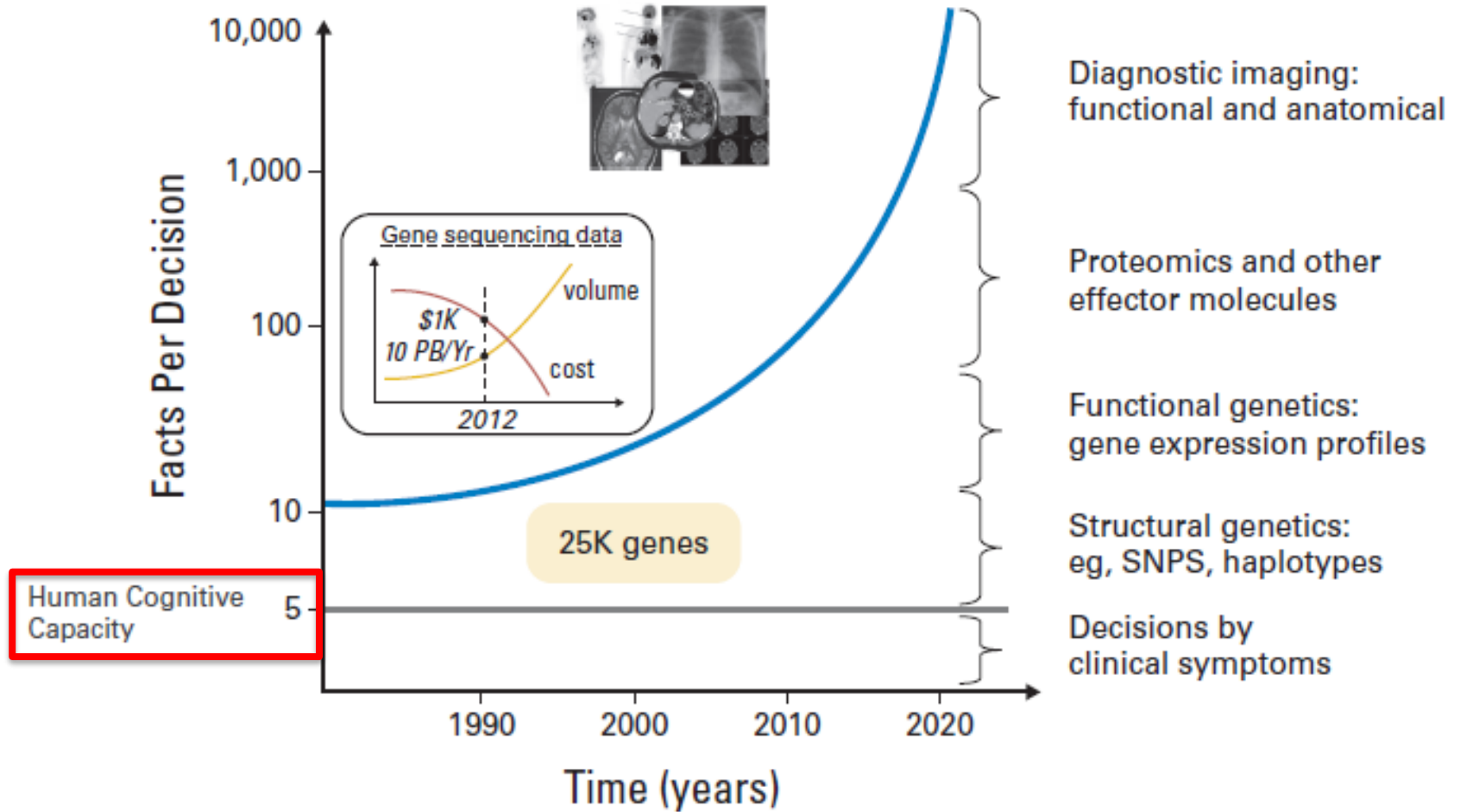


Source: Martin Makary, Michael Daniel study at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine



1 TB of Data Over Time: ■ All other Data

# The problem of Big Data – The doctor (and administrator) is drowning



# Evidence based medicine

Conventional  
Clinical Research

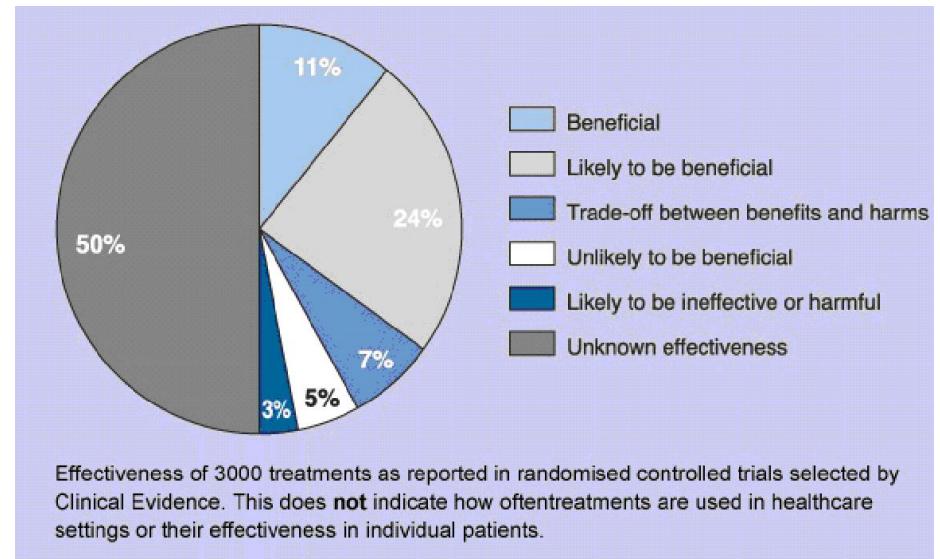
High data quality

Low data quantity

Controlled

- Assigned patients
- “EORTC-RTOG grade”  
QA/Protocol
- Biobanking, translational research

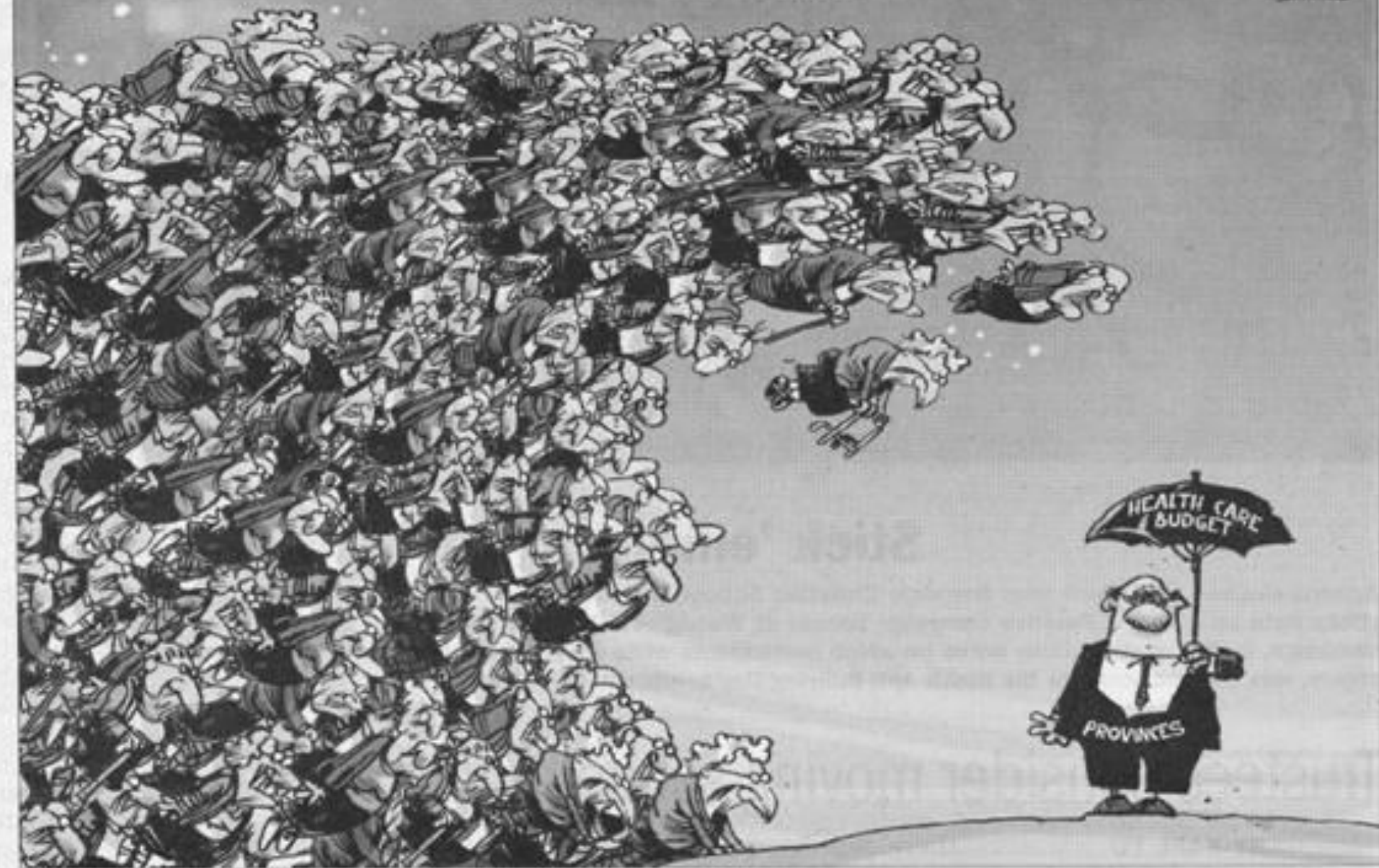
- Less than 3% of the patients
- Highly biased population
- Randomized trials rarely done for new technologies





# THE GREY TSUNAMI

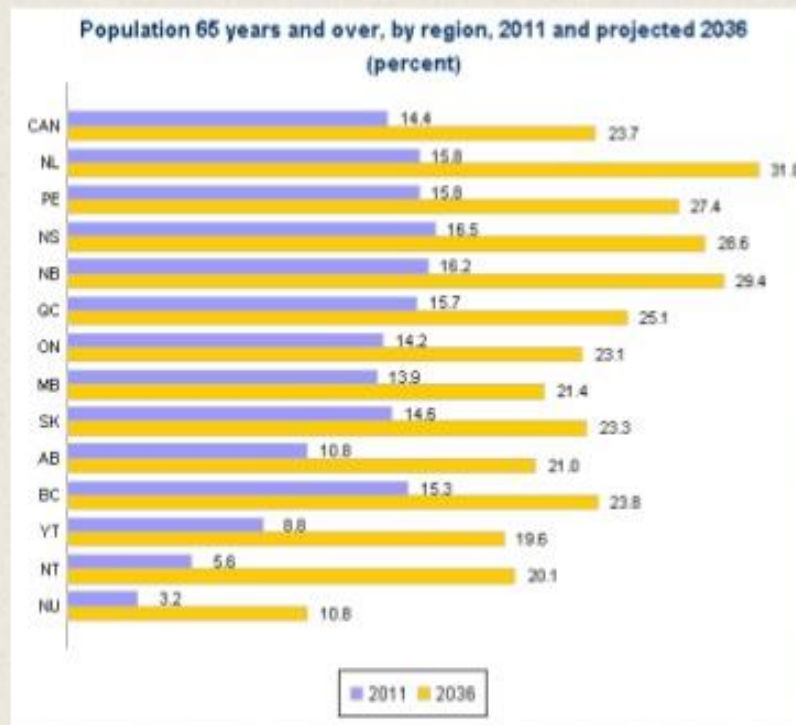
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# The grey tsunami

## Our Aging Population



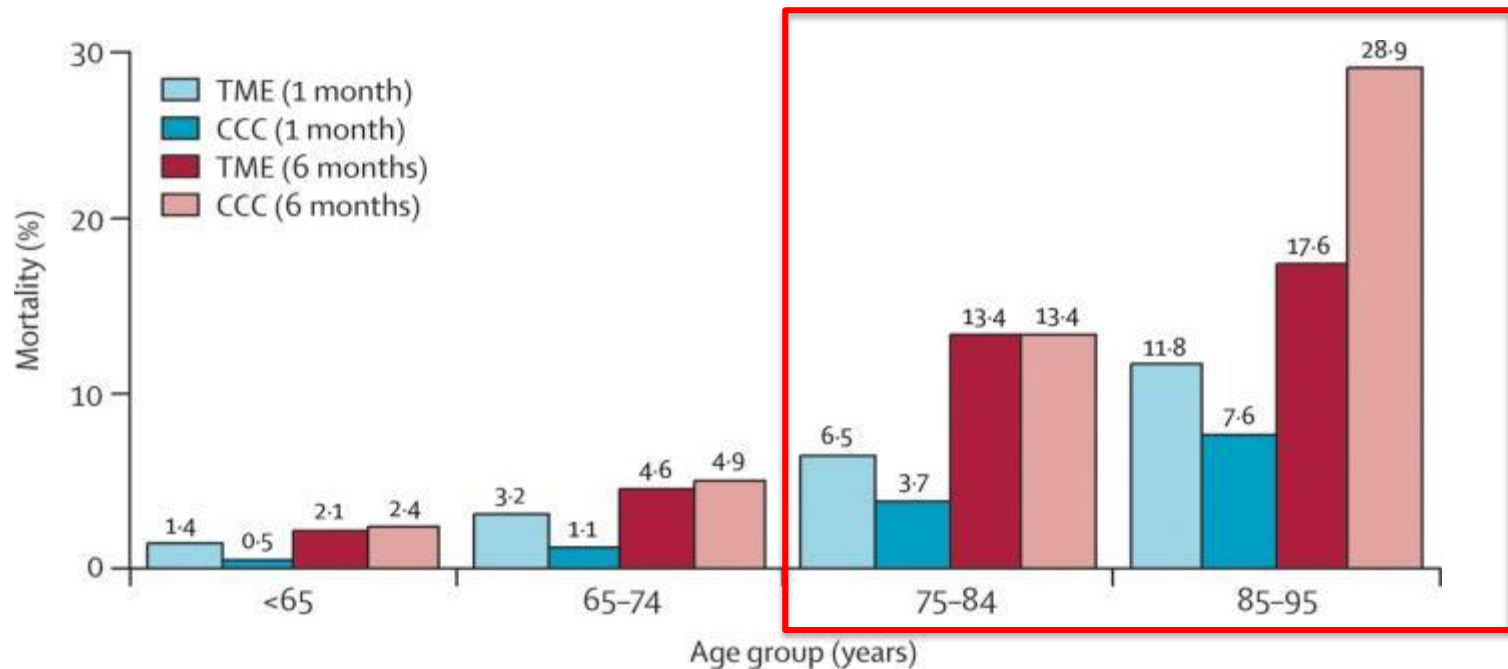
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The Silver or Grey *Tsunami* is a metaphor used to describe population aging

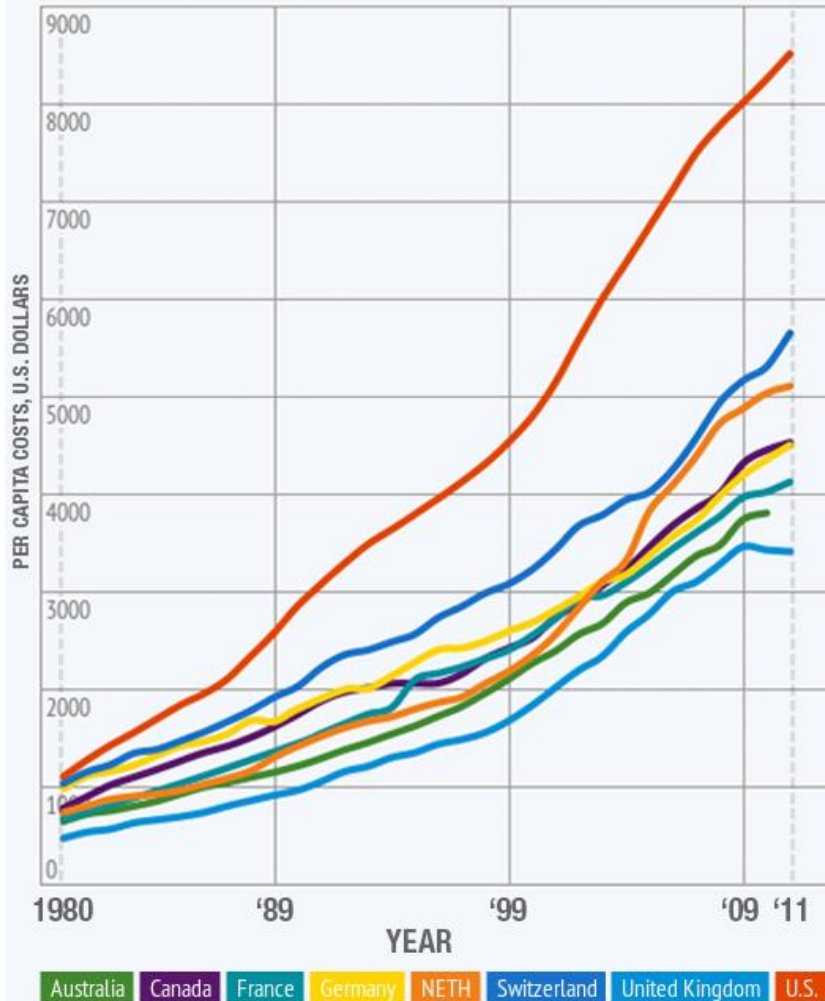
# Example: Elderly patient with rectal cancer

- having *no evidence* can have dramatic consequences



## HEALTH CARE COSTS: WE'RE NUMBER ONE!

Not only does the U.S. have the highest per-capita health costs in the world, but they've been going up faster than in other rich countries for the past three decades - yet we haven't gotten more or better care for our money.



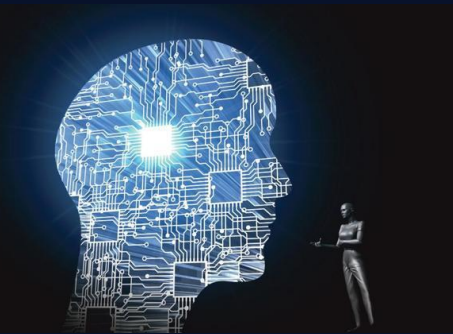
Source: The Commonwealth Fund

**The potential solutions?**

# The Fifth Revolution

## Cognitive

Big Data creates more  
knowledge



2010



2018

# Why? The 5 P's of Precision Medicine

« P » for Personalized

« P » for Preventive

« P » for Predictive

« P » for Participative

« P » for Pragmatic\*

*\*New:* Value-based healthcare get paid based on outcomes that matter to patients.

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# Machine Learning in Medicine

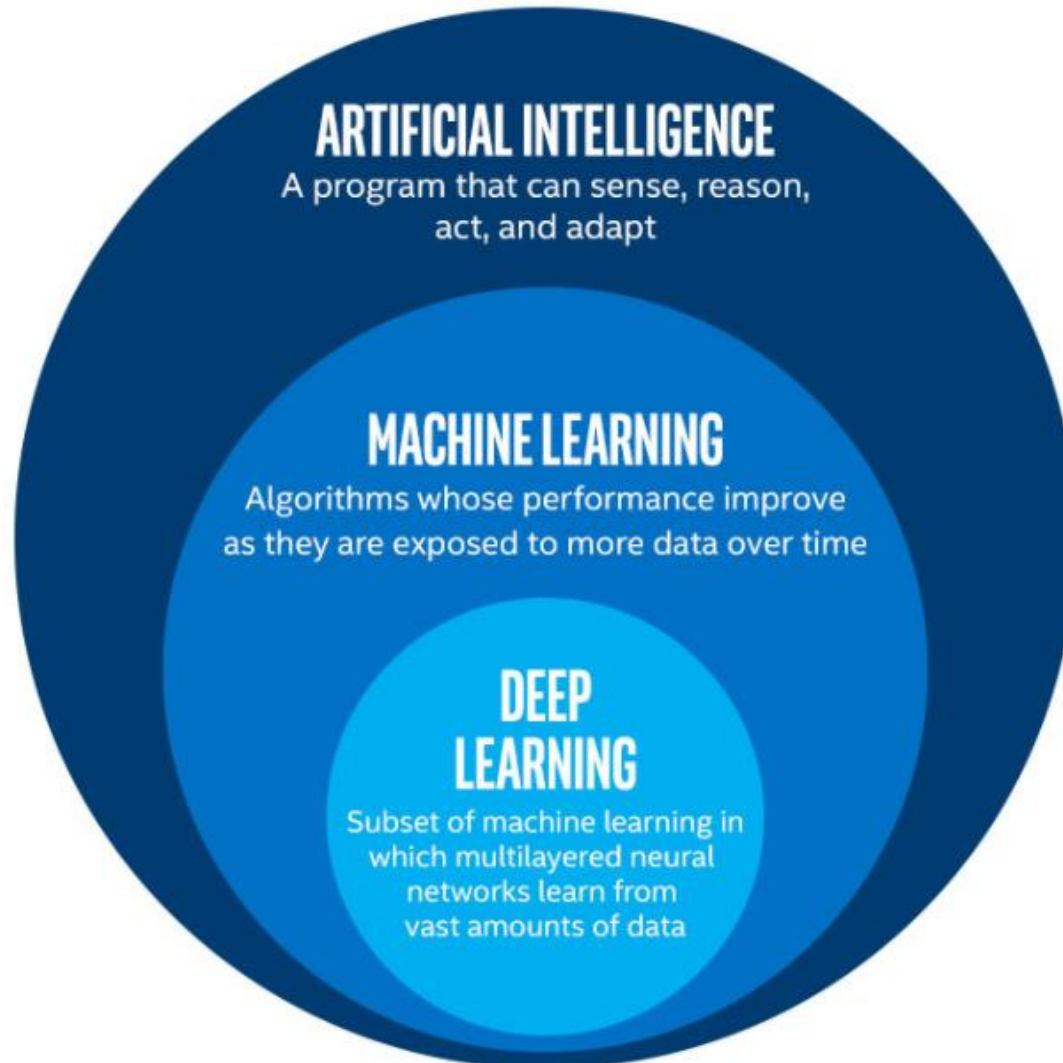
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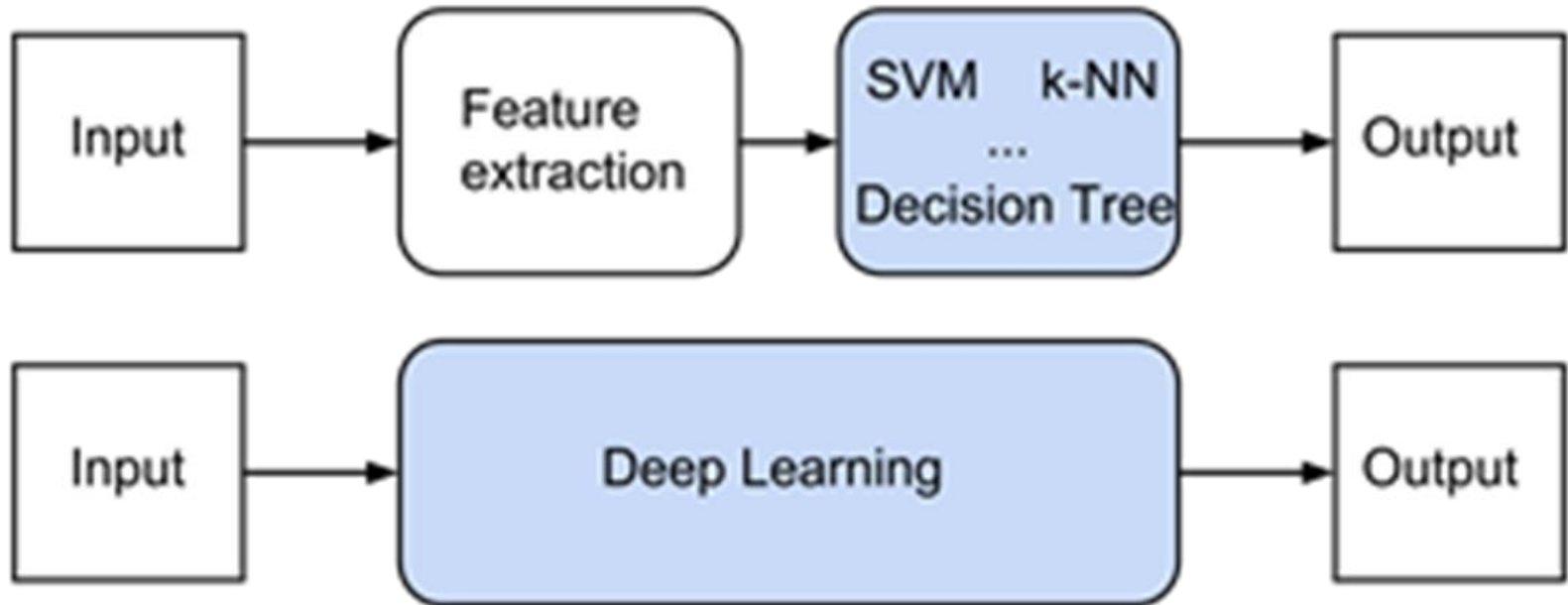
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# When we have large amount of data we need A.I.



# Glass box transparent and understandable >< the black box Deep Learning like



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# Automation Should Be Like Iron Man, Not Ultron

Courtesy of Joe Deasy

<http://queue.acm.org/detail.cfm?id=2841313>



***Iron Man's*** exoskeleton takes the abilities that Tony Stark has and *accentuates them*. By having his exoskeleton do this for him, he can focus on ***other things***. Of course, if he disagrees or wants to do something the program wasn't coded to do, he can *override* the trajectory.



***Ultron***, on the other hand, was intended to be *fully autonomous*. It did everything and was, basically, so complex that when it had to *be debugged* the only choice was (spoiler alert!) to destroy it.

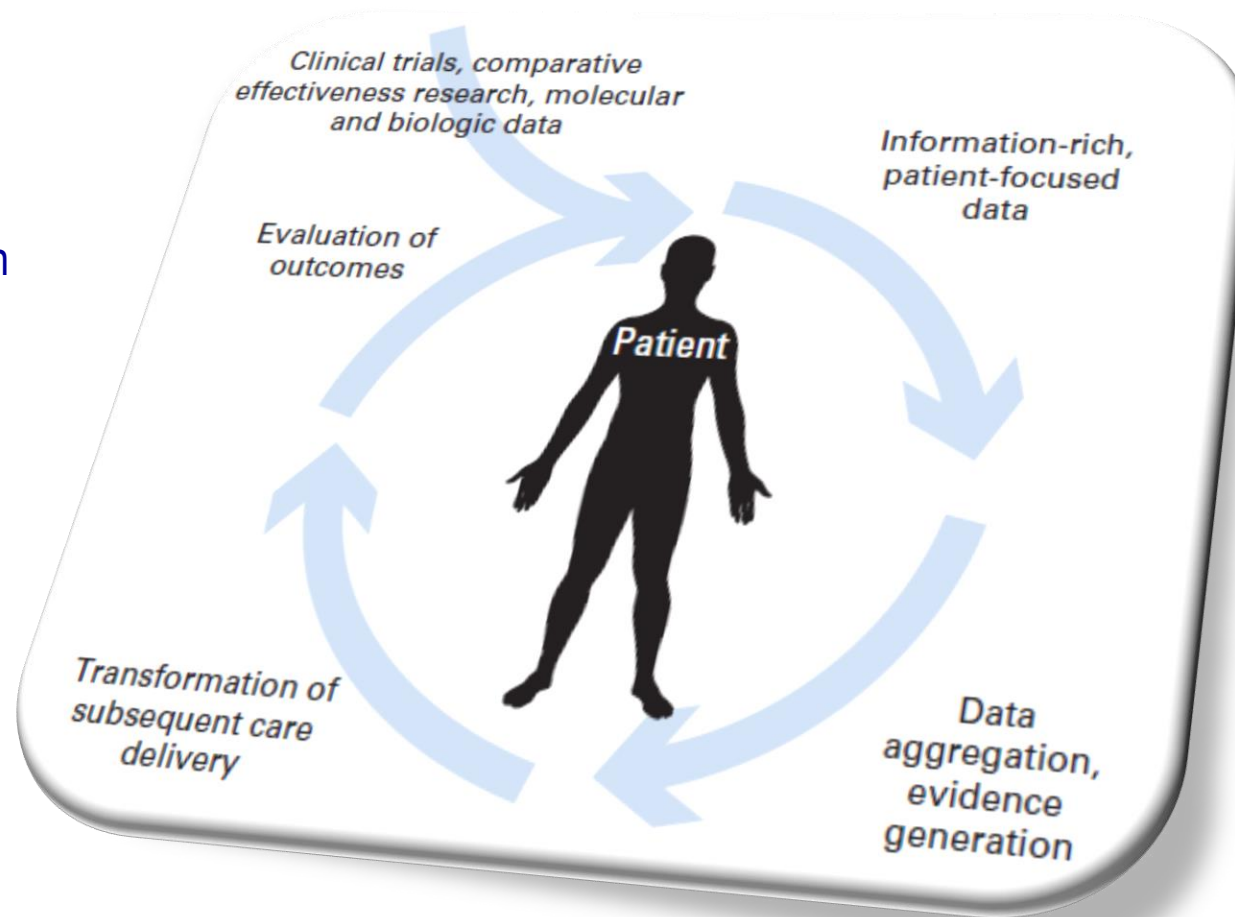
# Proposal: Use the 97%: Rapid Learning Health Care or “Big data in health care”

[..] rapid learning [..] where we can **learn from each patient** to guide practice, is [..] crucial to guide rational health policy and to contain costs [..].

*Lancet Oncol 2011;12:933*

Examples:

1. Radiotherapy CAT ([www.euocat.info](http://www.euocat.info))
2. ASCO's CancerLinQ
3. [www.predictcancer.org](http://www.predictcancer.org)



## Conventional Clinical Research

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## Rapid Learning Health Care (“Big Data”)

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### Reality

- Unassigned patients
- “Clinical grade” QA/Protocol
- Ad hoc biobanking/translational  
research

# Tension:

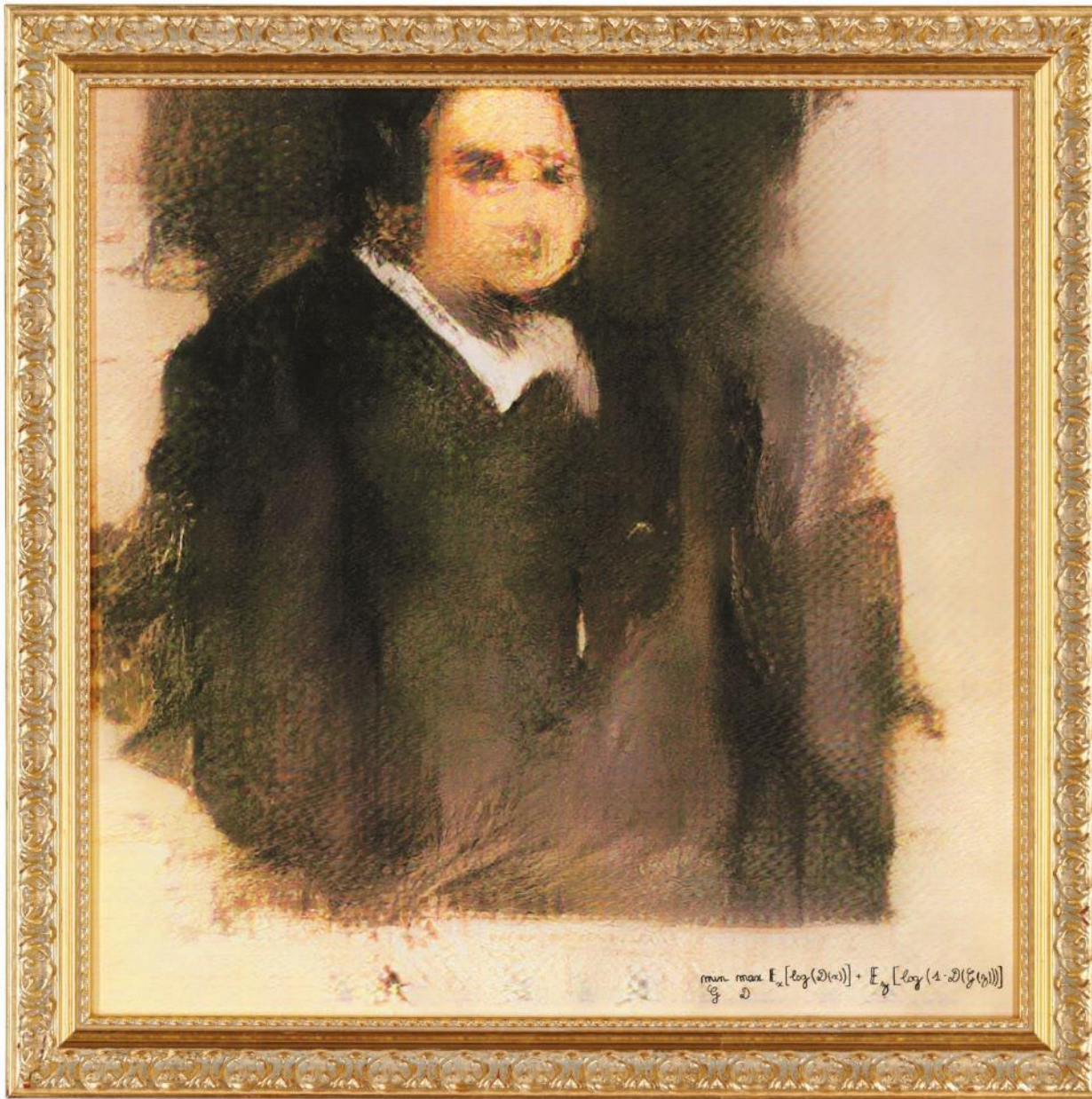
**Big Data-based solidarity >< Privacy of  
individuals**



# **The technologies helping protecting privacy:**

- 1. distributed learning of federated databases,**
- 2. synthetic data and**
- 3. blockchain-like solutions**

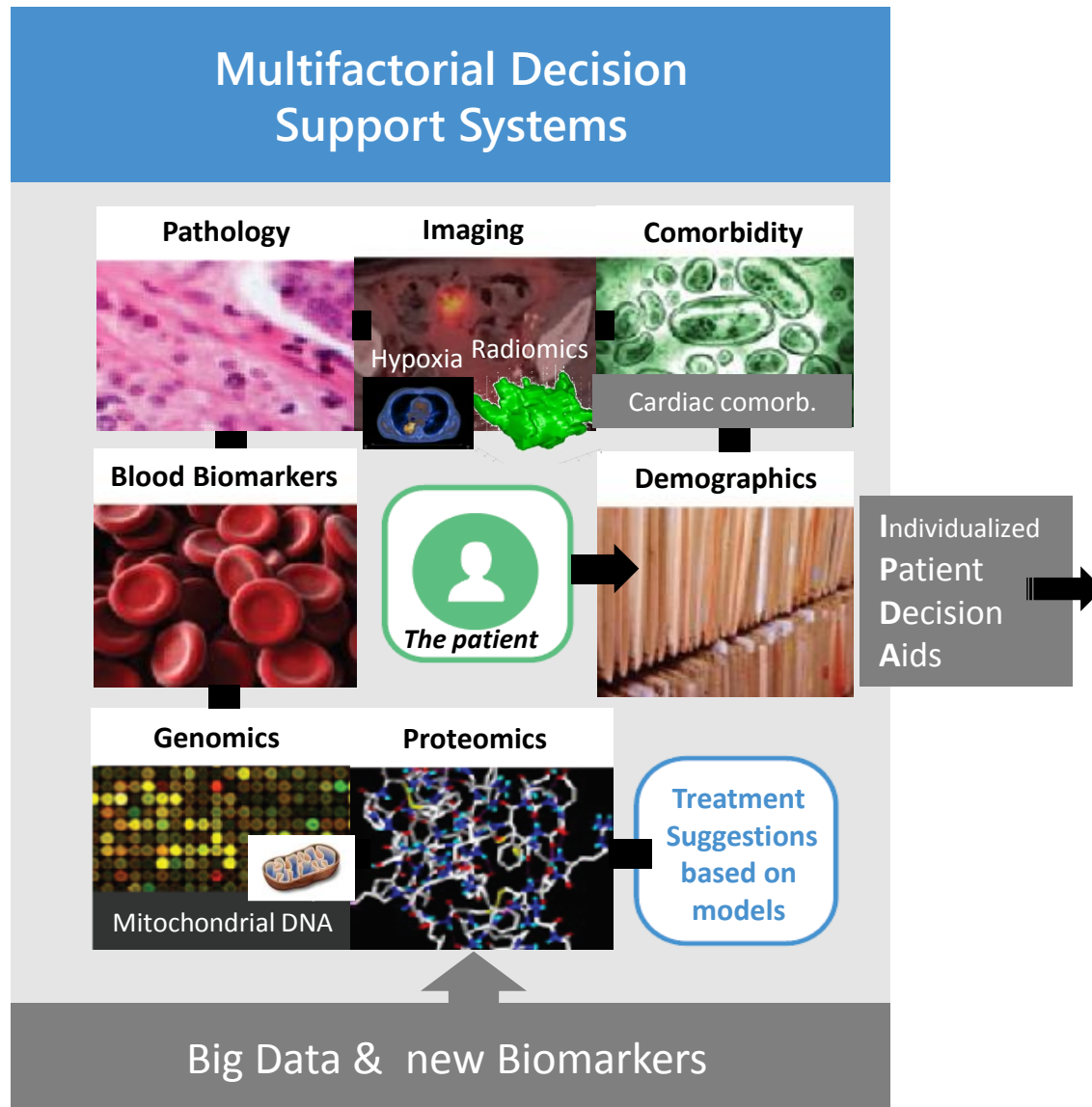


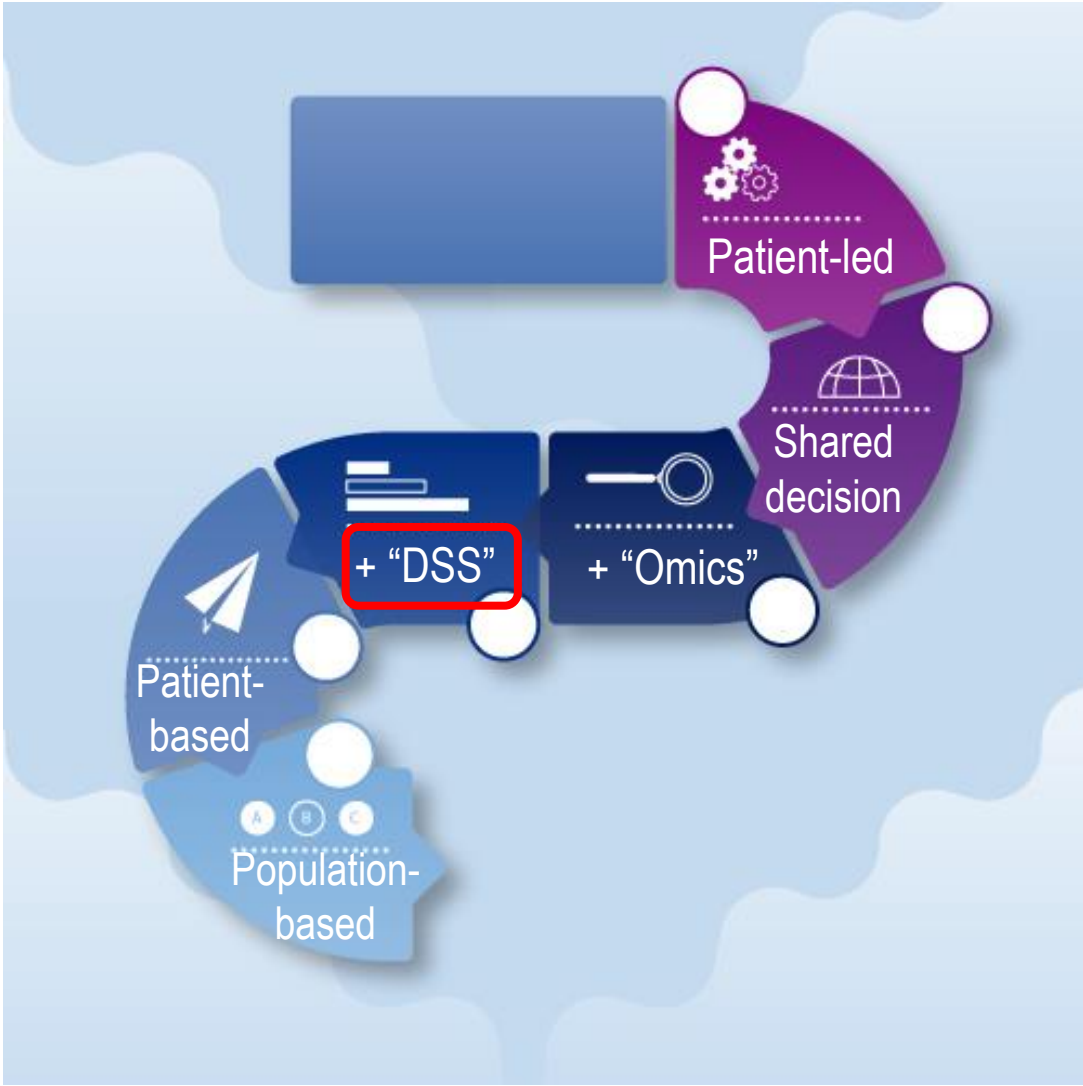


**Edmond de Belamy** is a generative adversarial network portrait painting constructed in 2018 by Paris-based arts-collective *Obvious*, sold for \$432,500 at Christies.

**Precision medicine will only progress if the collection and integration of *multimodal* data - qualitative and quantitative - across time, and health status can be facilitated in a responsible manner.**

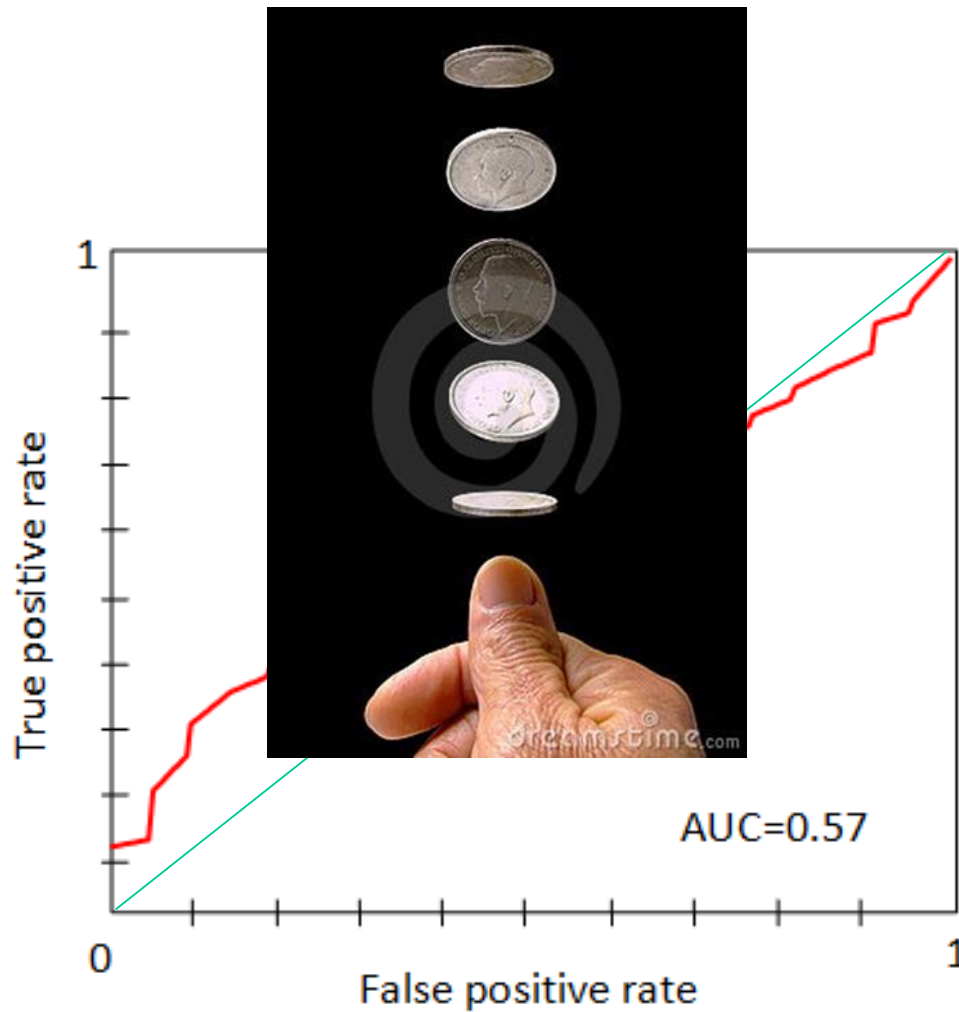
# The solution = a virtual machine







# Prediction by RadOnc's? Two years survival of NSCLC



Non Small Cell Lung Cancer

2 year survival

30 patients

8 MDs

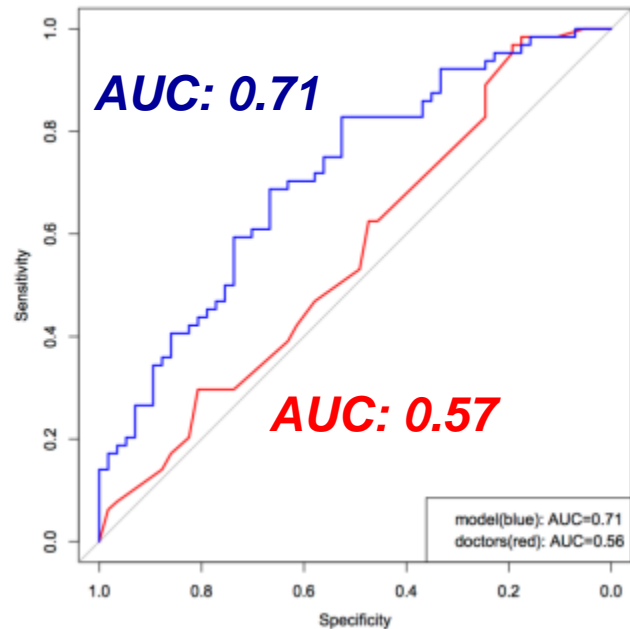
*Retrospective*

*AUC: 0.57 (AUC 0.5 = random)*

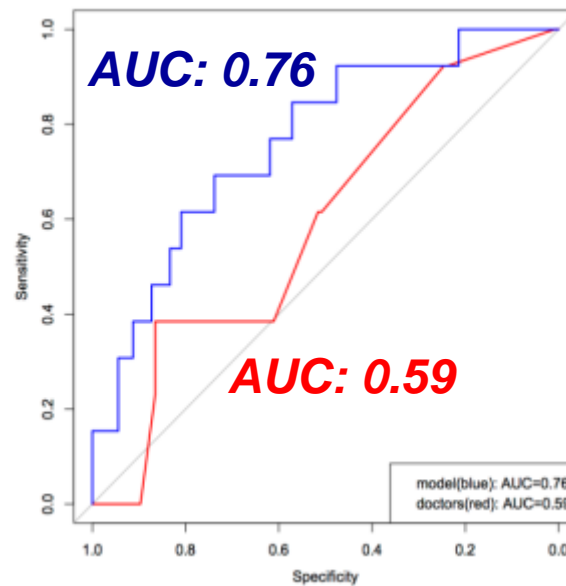


# Prospective trial (n=154): Models (blue) always significantly better than Rad Onc (red) & TNM

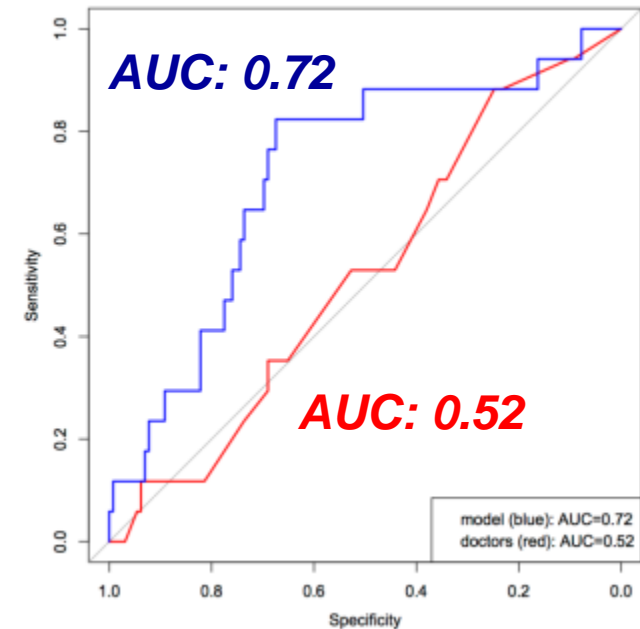
## Death at 2 years



## Dyspnea



## Dysphagia



— RO's  
— models



# The Telegraph

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## Cancer patients could rather than a doctor

Cancer patients may soon have their treatment decided by a doctor after scientists devised a way of predicting how sufferers will respond to different treatments.

# INDEPENDENT

## The computer will outperform doctors in predicting cancer patients' responses to treatment

Steve Connor  
22 April 2013



## The computers curing cancer: Software is better than doctors at judging which treatments will work

# Zimbabwe Star

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## Doctors Out-Maneuvered By Mathematical Models In Predicting Cancer Patients' Responses To Treatment

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## Mathematical Models Out-Perform Doctors in Predicting Cancer Patients' Responses to Treatment

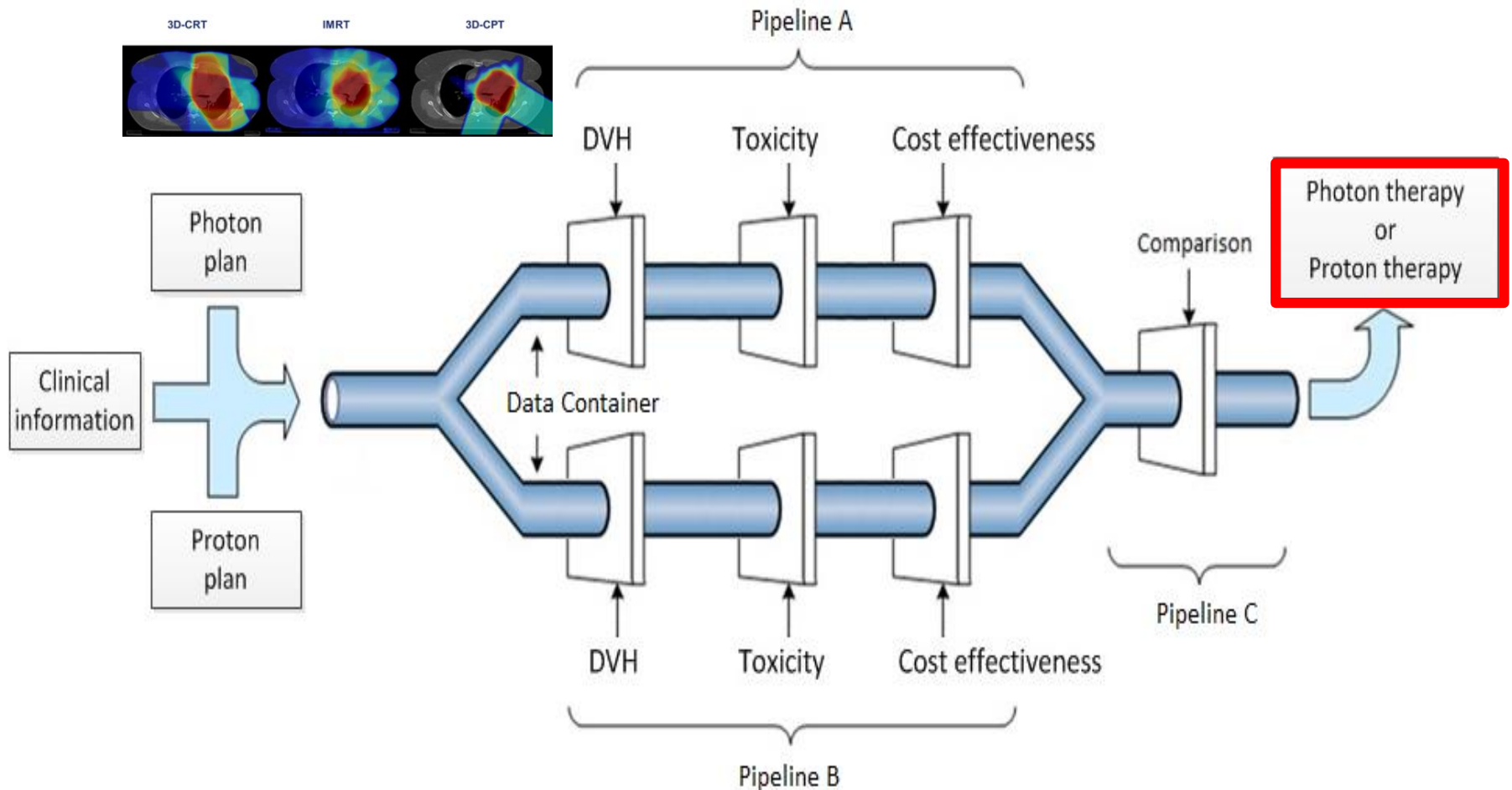
April 20, 2013 — Mathematical prediction models are better than doctors at predicting the outcomes and responses of cancer patients to treatment, according to new research presented today (Saturday) at the 2nd Forum of the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESTRO).

# Decision Support System

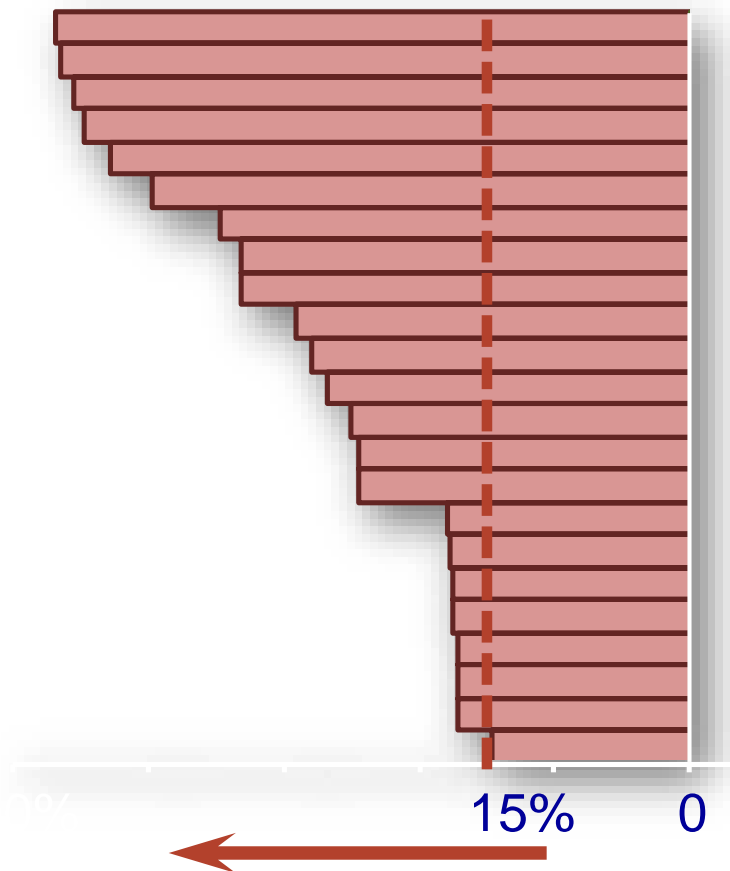
**example 1**

Protons versus photons

# Proton therapy Decision Support System



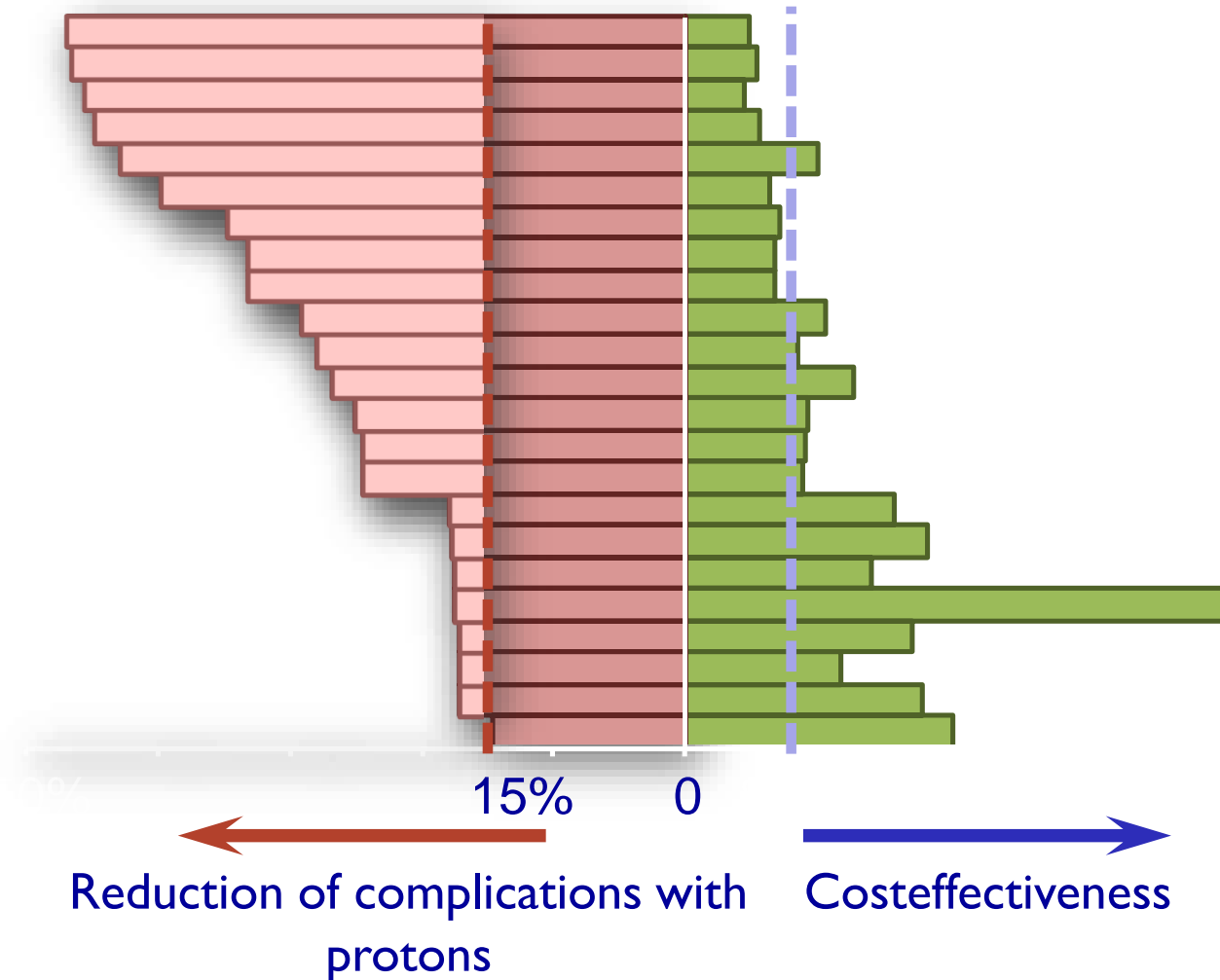
# Proton Decision Support for H&N cancer



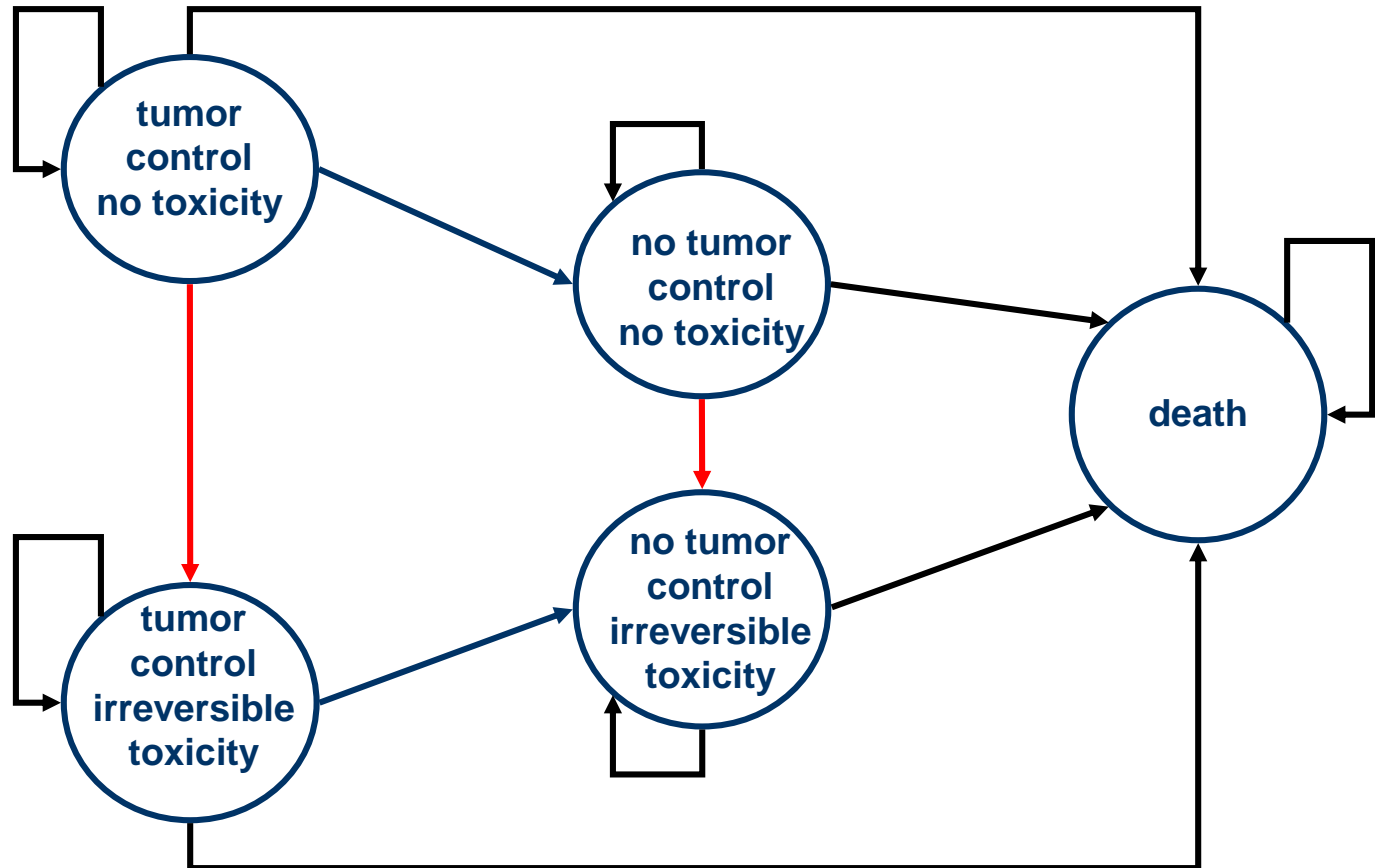
Reduction of complications with protons

Cheng Q, Roelofs E, Lambin P et al. Radiother Oncol 2016

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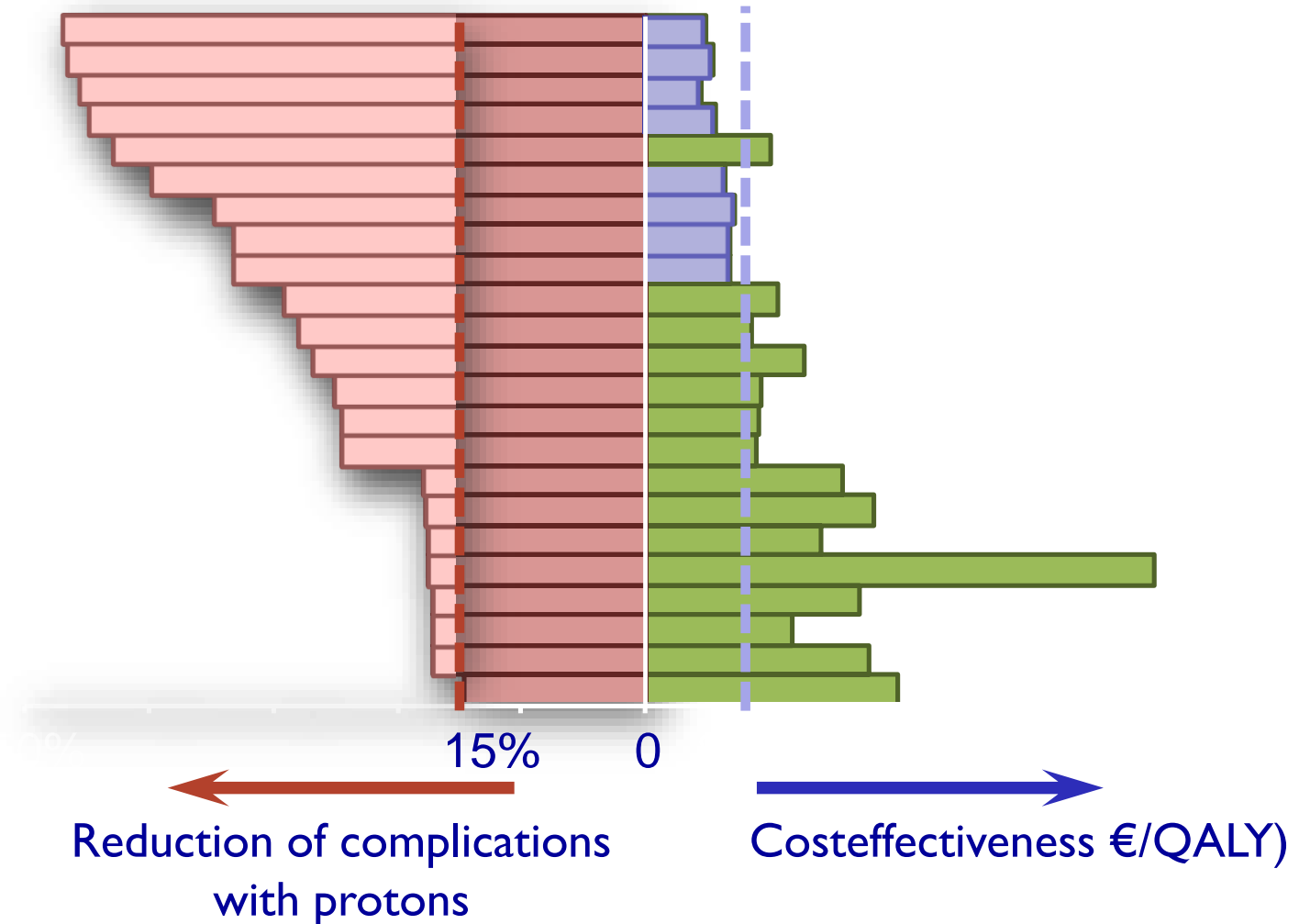


# Markov model cost-effectiveness Lung cancer

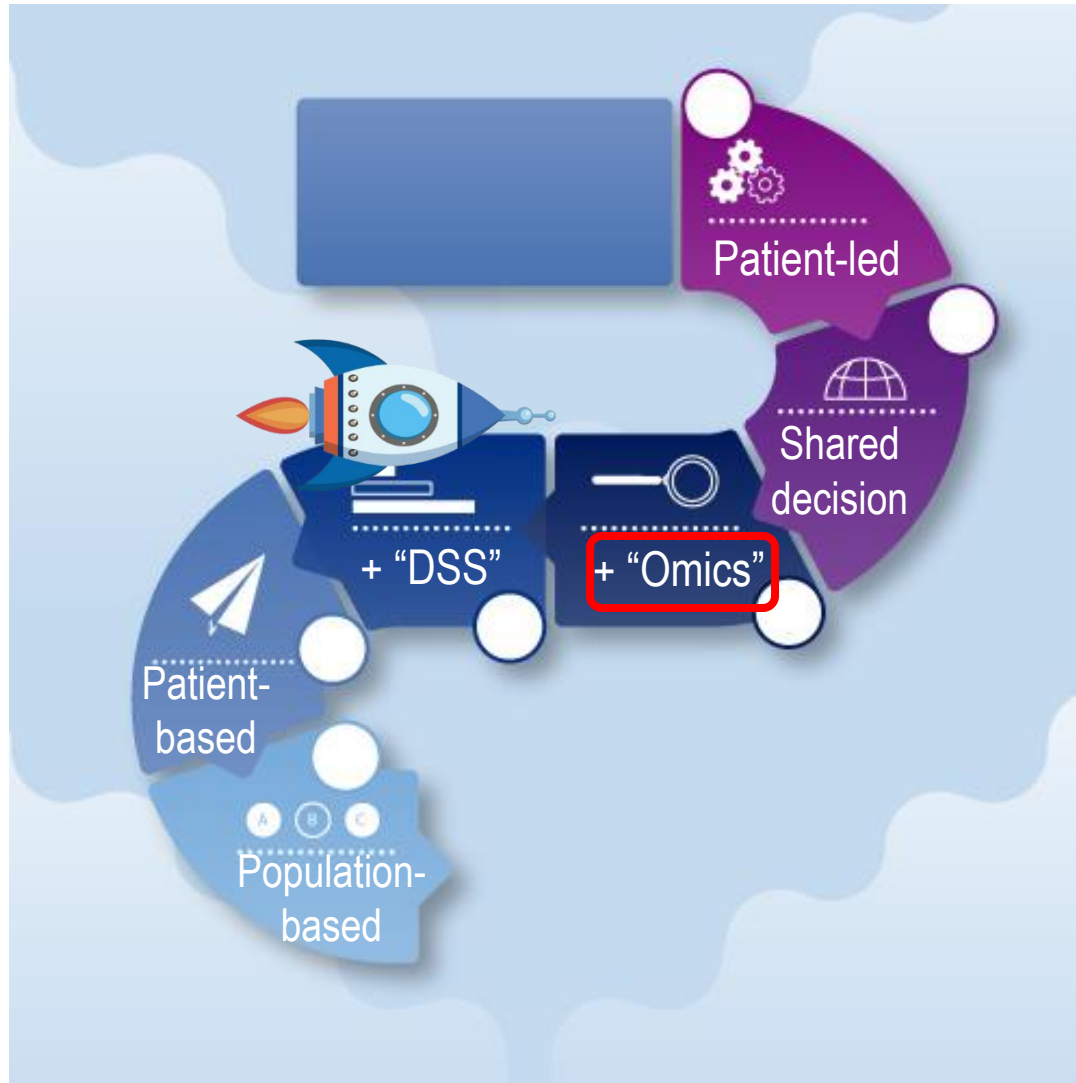




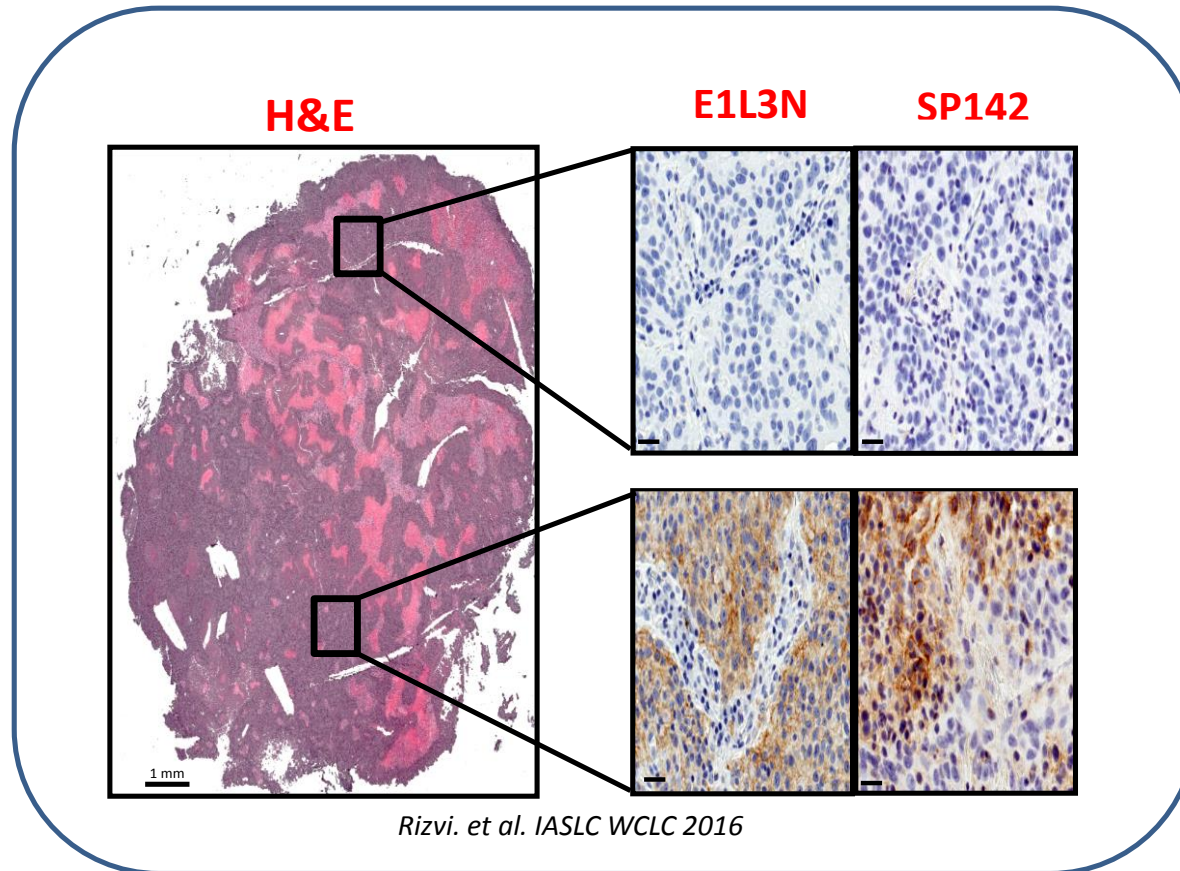
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# There are still unknown variables



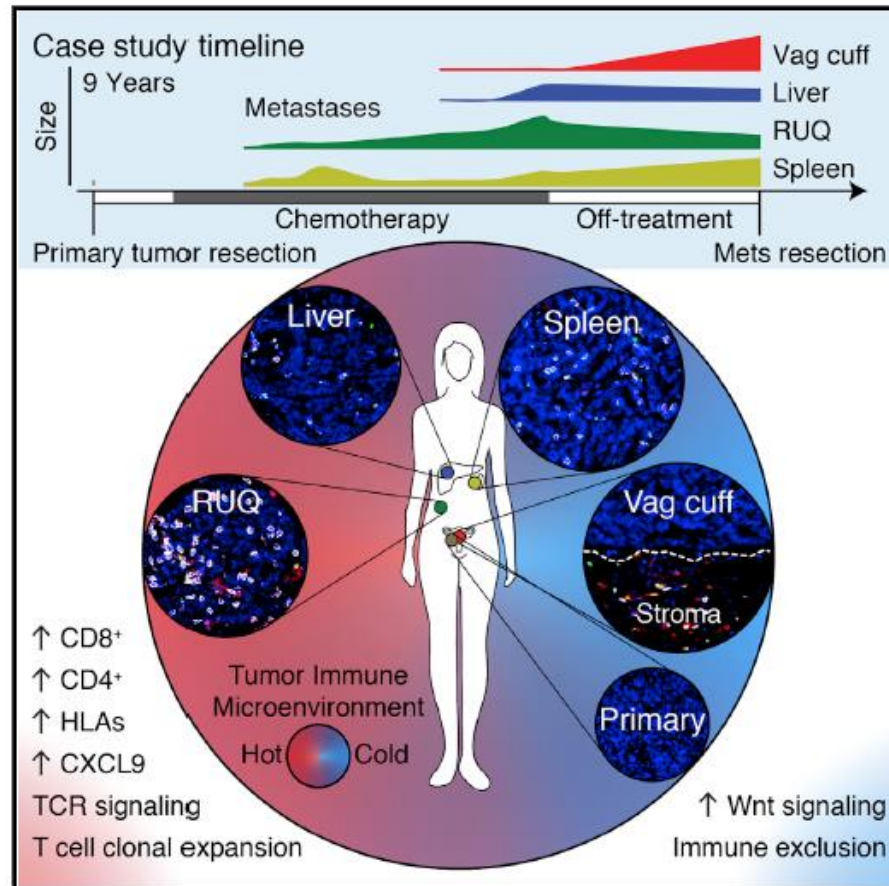
# Cancers are Heterogeneous (RCC)



- PD-L1 alone is not an optimal biomarker
- Additional biomarkers are needed....

# Heterogeneous Tumor-Immune Microenvironments among Differentially Growing Metastases in an Ovarian Cancer Patient

## Graphical Abstract



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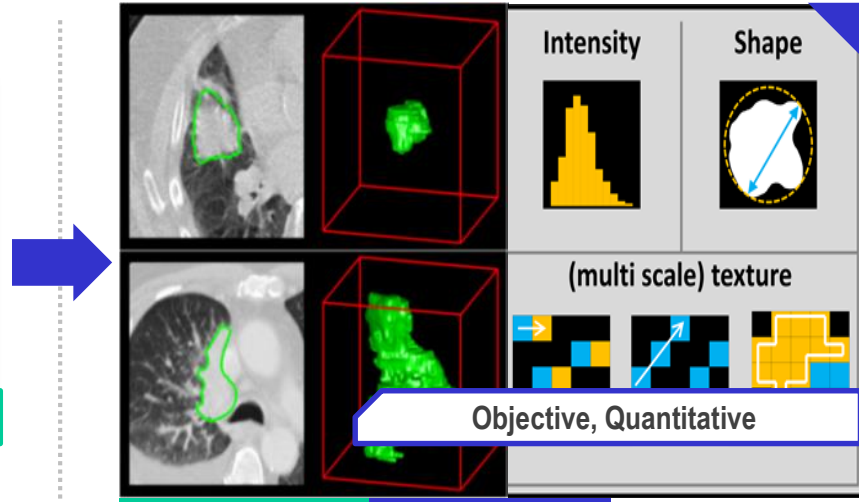
## In Brief

Distinct tumor immune microenvironments co-exist within a single individual and may help to explain the heterogeneous fates of metastatic lesions often observed post-therapy.

# The Radiomics hypothesis



**Humans are apes**  
There is only so much information we can hold at the same time



**Quantitative Image Analysis**  
Will disrupt current interpretative, subjective imaging



# Future of Radiomics: combine information towards “Holomics”, “Panomics” or “Totalomics”

## Defining the biological basis of radiomic phenotypes in lung cancer

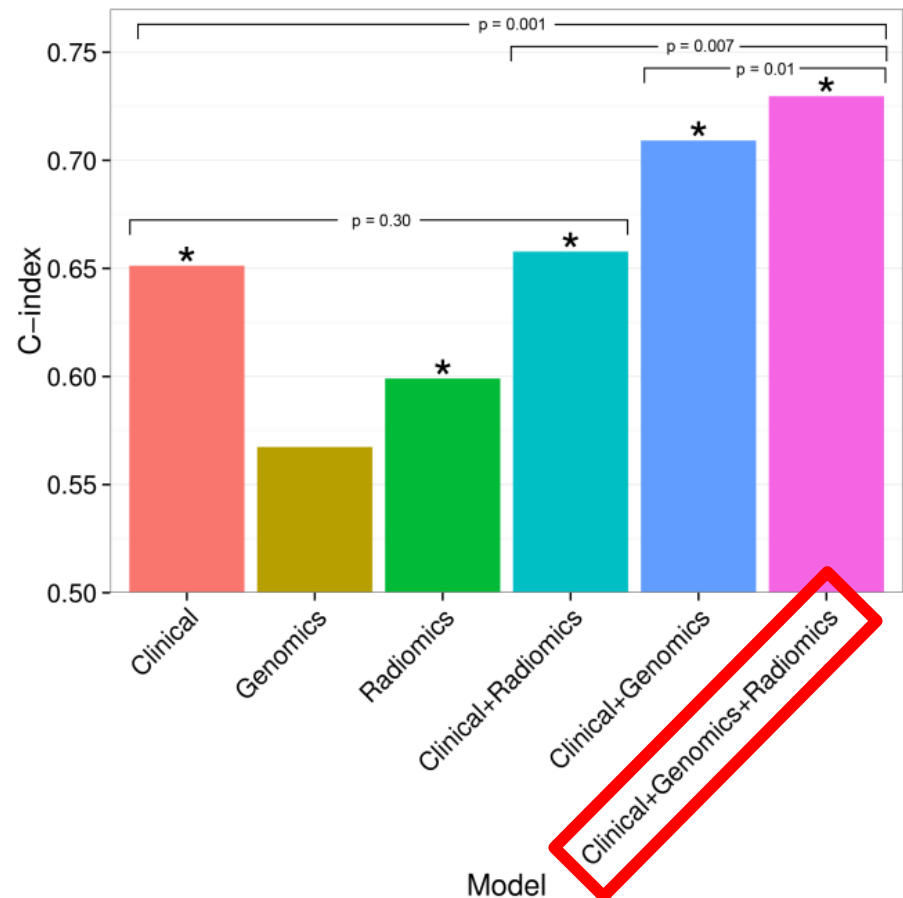
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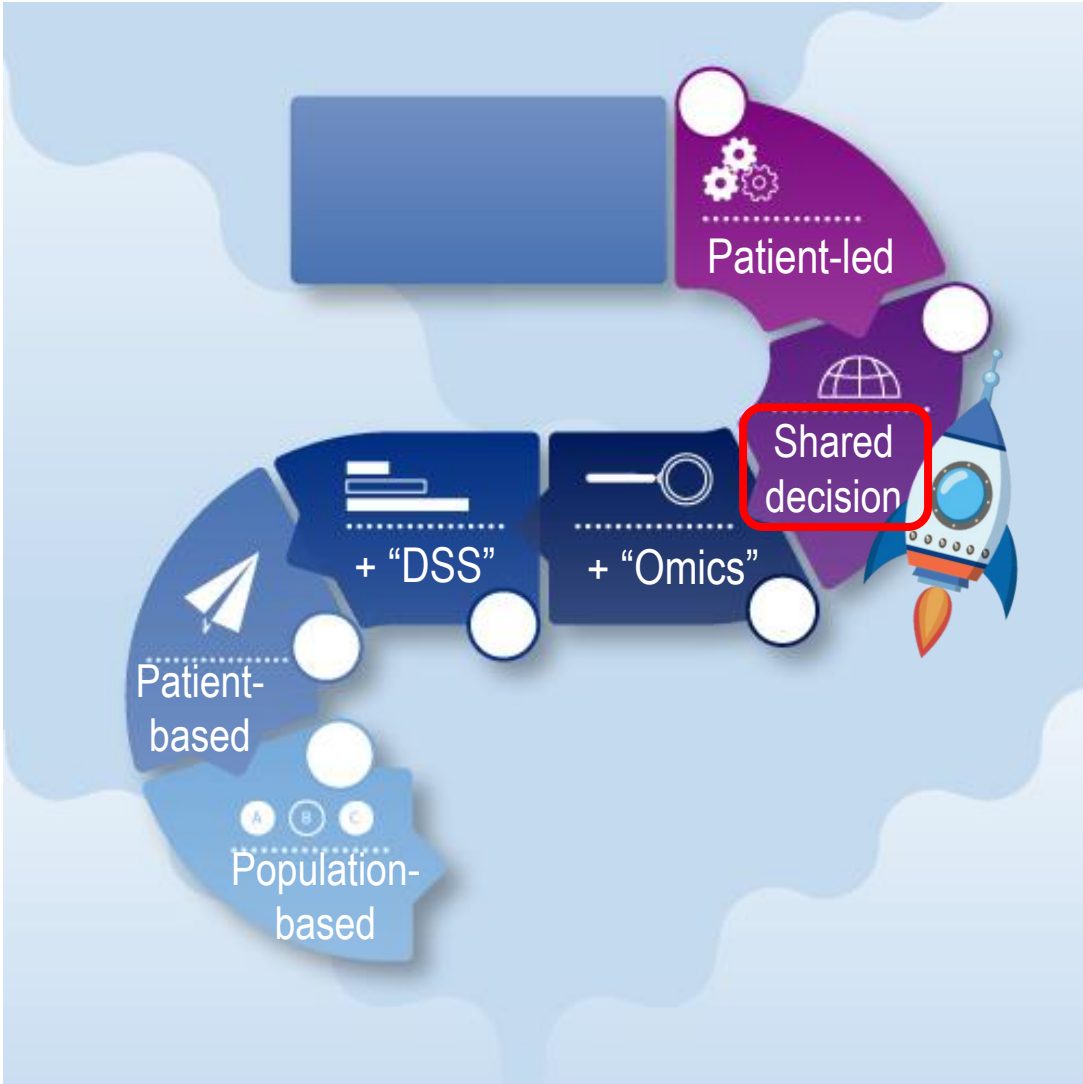
Combining different data types resulted in increased prognostic performances.

<sup>18</sup>F-fluorodeoxyglucose positron-emission tomography (FDG-PET)-Radiomics of metastatic lymph nodes and primary tumor in non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) – A prospective externally validated study

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Combining imaging information based on FDG-PET-Radiomics features from tumors and LNs is desirable to achieve a higher prognostic discriminative power for NSCLC.







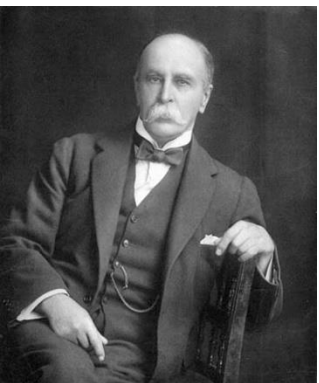


# About the 4th « P»: Participatory

“The good physician treats the disease;

the great physician treats the patient who has the disease”.

Dr. William Osler, the father of modern medicine



# ...Nothing about me without me...

Valerie Billingham, Through the patients eyes. Salzburg seminar sessions 356, 1998.

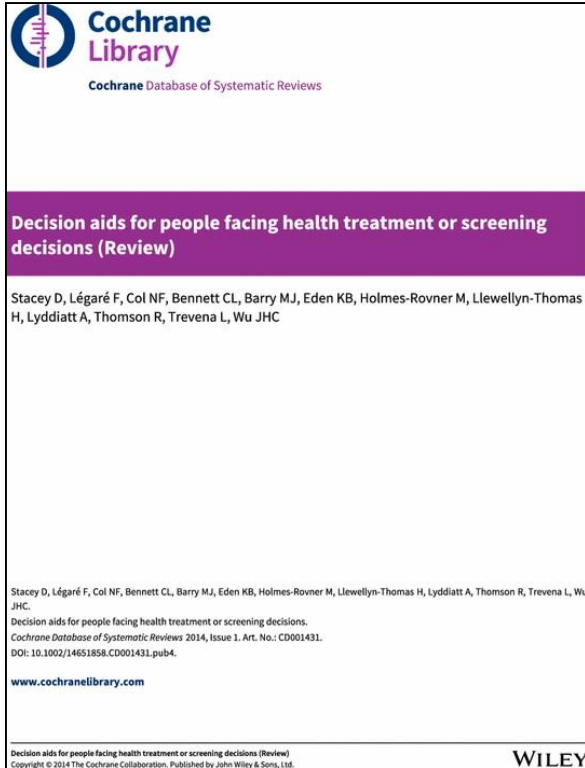
## Healthcare in a land called People Power: *nothing about me without me.*

Tom Delbanco, MD, Donald M. Berwick, MD, Jo Ivey Boufford, MD, Edgman-Levitan, PA, 4, Gunter Ollenschager MD, Diane Plamping, PhD, and Richard G. Rockefeller, MD .

2001 *Health Expectations*, 4, pp. 144-150.

# SDM: The current evidence

Cochrane database of systematic reviews 2017, issue 4. Art. No. C0001431



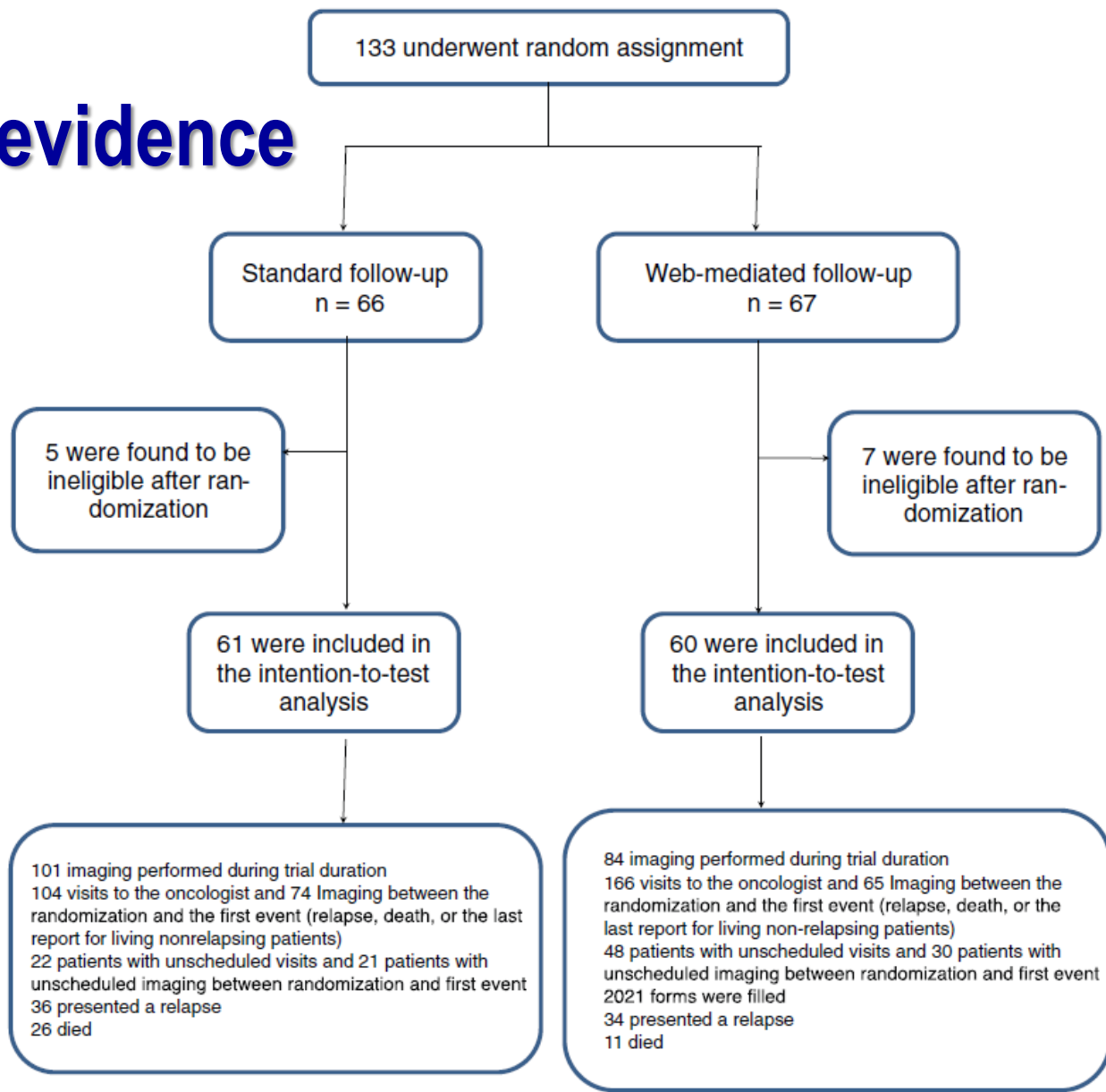
## Increase in:

- **Participants' knowledge** (52 studies; N=13.316; ++++)
- **Accuracy** risk of perceptions (17 studies; N=5.096; +++)
- **Congruency** between informed values and care choices (10 studies; N=4.626; ++)

## Decrease in:

- **Decisional conflict** (27 studies; N=5.707; +++)
- **Indecision** about personal values (23 studies; N=5.068; +++)
- **Proportion** of passive people in decision making (16 studies; N=3.180; ++)

# Patient app: The current evidence



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Weight variation	-2.7	-2.6	-3.4	-3.8	-4.4	-3.8	-3.8	-3.6	-1.7	-3	-0.8	-0.9	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.5	-0.2	0.6	0.6	0.5	1.9	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.8	3.8	4.3		
Appetite loss	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	
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Pain	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	
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Fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Face swelling	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lump under skin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Voice changing	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blood in sputum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

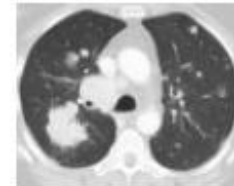
Objective response  
after induction  
chemotherapy:  
Maintenance

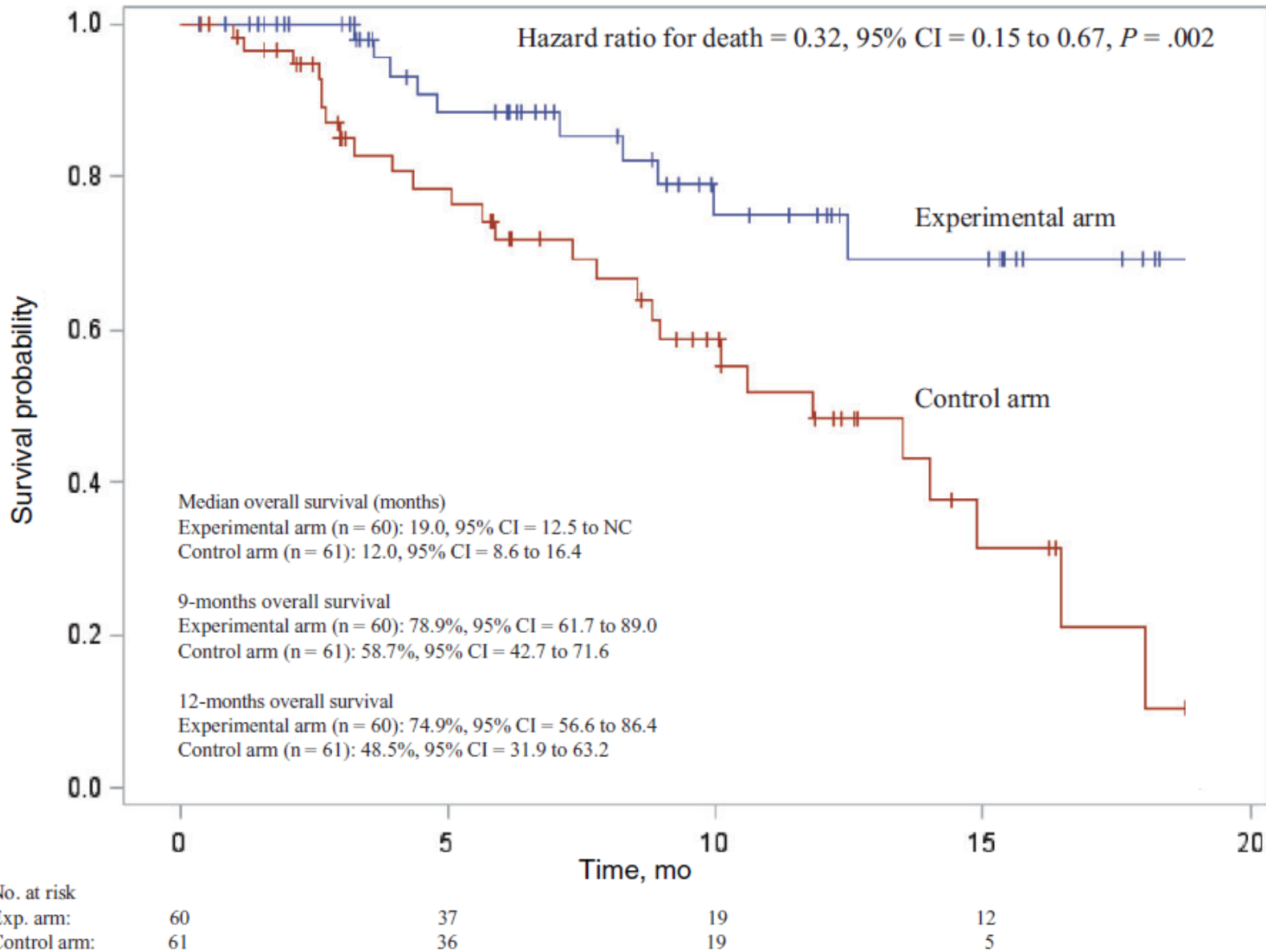


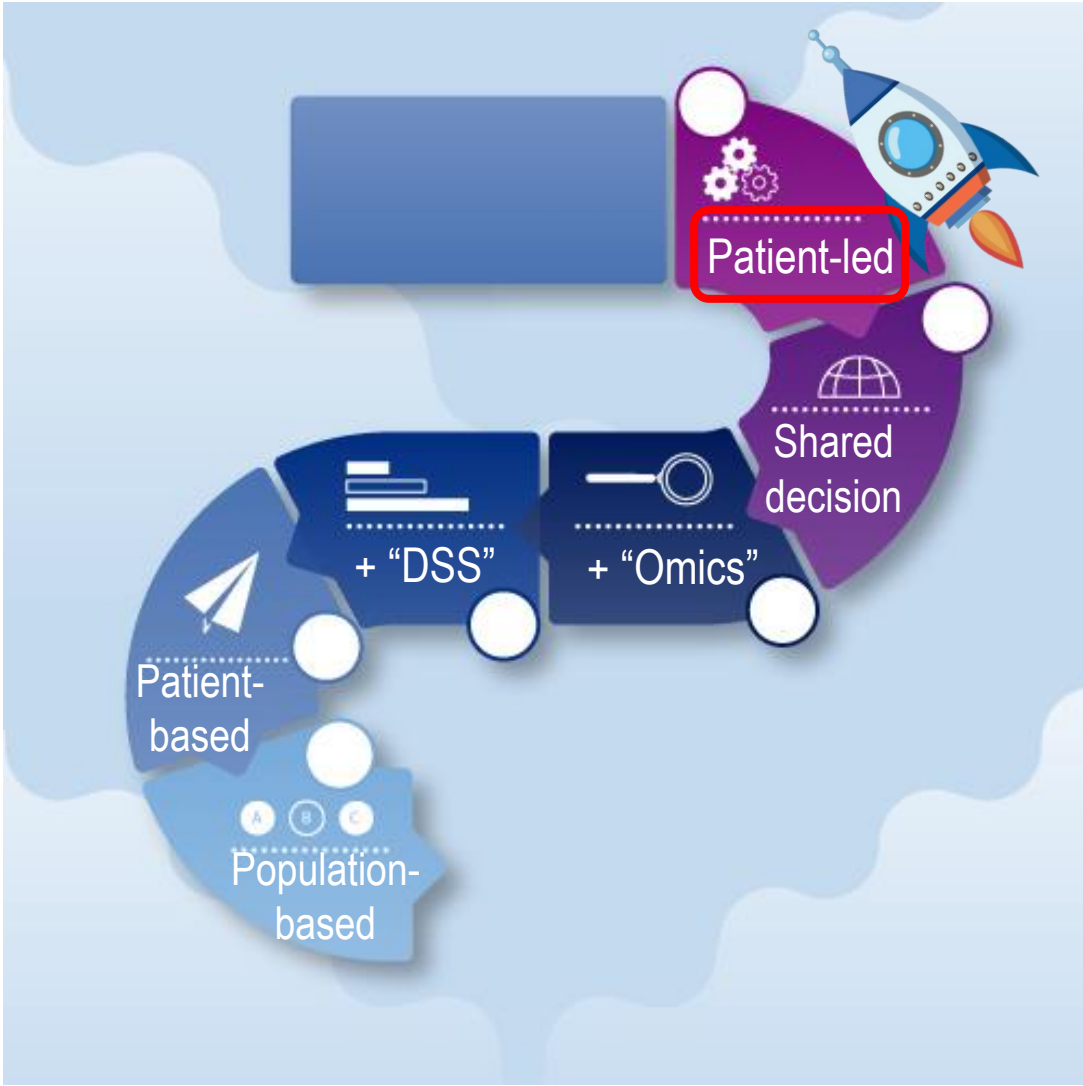
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→ Docetaxel



Progression:  
→ Nivolumab

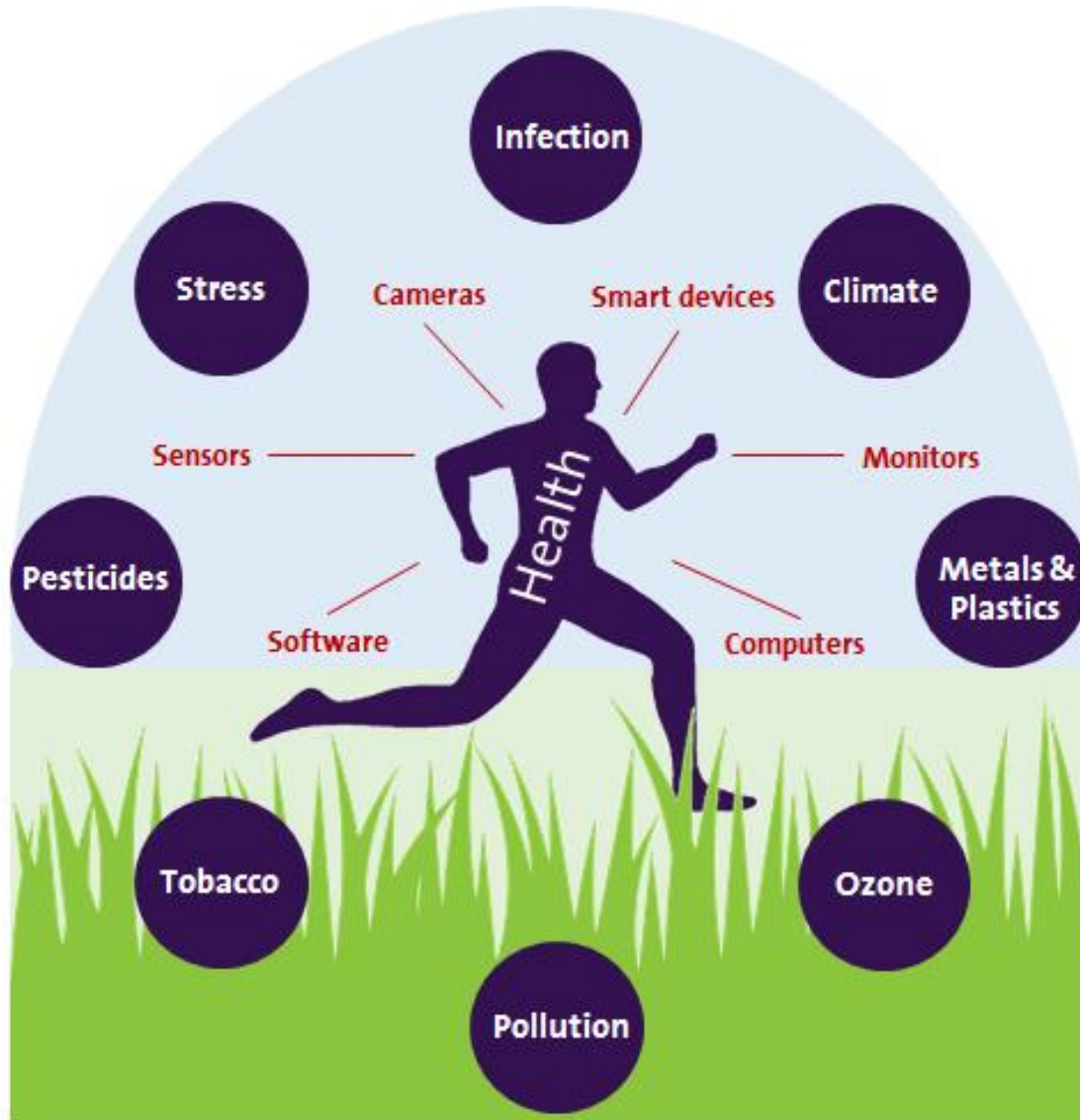








# The Exposome, adapted from NIH





# What's next?

The patient managing its own data  
= *Patient Electronic Health Record*

Data =



# Conclusions

- Healthcare challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
  - Too much information
  - Aging of the population “the silver tsunami”
  - Lack of evidence of treatment efficacy
  - Tension solidarity >< privacy
  - Increase costs
  - Request for more participative medicine
- There is evidence level 1 in favor of Shared Decision making (« Participatory Medicine »)

# **My Opinion**

**The clinicians who do not use A.I., will be replaced by the clinician who does.**



**Thank you  
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