Realizing the Dreams of Personalized Medicine

Data-Driven Medicine in the Age of Genomics

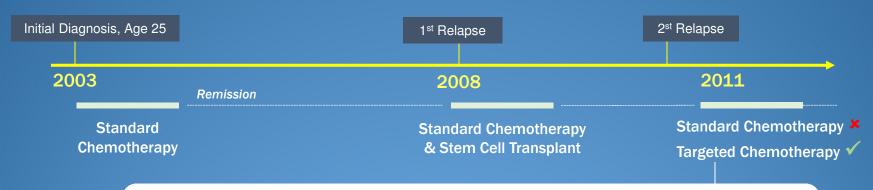
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The Promise of Personalized Medicine

"In Treatment for Leukemia, Glimpses of the Future" ...

A Patient's Clinical History: Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)





- Researchers compare whole genomes sequences and RNA of patient's normal & tumor cells
- Gene FLT3 is found to be significantly hyperactive in tumor cells
- FLT3 is targeted with Sutent, a drug already approved by FDA for kidney cancer



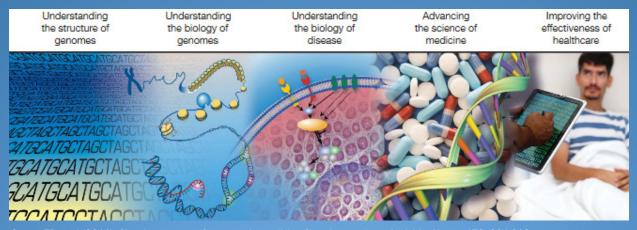
"I can't overstate the importance of those discoveries that really were driven out of the research lab, but made their way, just in a matter of weeks, from the research lab to helping me as a patient.... With new technology we have today... we're now able to decipher the very small changes that are present in my tumor genome which may look acutely different than someone else's..... Changes in my tumor genome that were unique led to changes in my treatment."

Lukas Wartman, MD , Medical Oncologist Washington University of St. Louis, July 2012



The Path Toward Personalized Medicine

Completion of the Human Genome Project in 2003 and a significant decline in the cost of whole genome sequencing jump-started the rapid expansion of research on genomics in disease diagnosis, treatment, and prevention



Green, ED et al (2011). Charting a course for genomic medicine from base pairs to bedside. Nature 470: 204-213

Change in personalized medicine investment from 2005 to 2010 ¹

175%

Biopharmaceutical companies investing in personalized medicine research in 2010 ¹

94 %

Prominent personalized medicine treatments & diagnostics available ²

13 in 2006

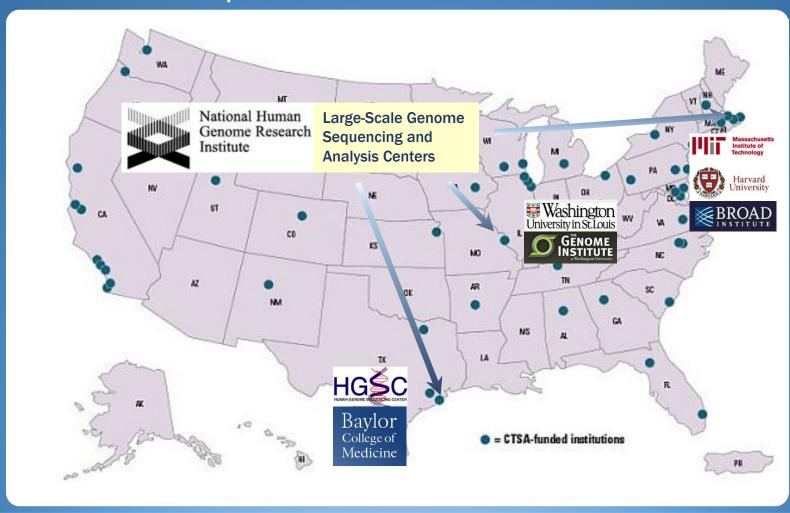
113 in 2014



¹ Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development, 2010; ² Personalized Medicine Coalition, 2014

Personalized Medicine Research in the U.S.

Federal support such as the NIH-sponsored Clinical & Translational Science Award and NHGRI Genome Sequencing Programs makes progress in Personalized Medicine possible





An International Healthcare Priority: United Kingdom

The UK invests £300M in the 100,000 Genome Project – a nationwide push to encourage regional life science investments and make the UK the worldwide leader in Personalized Medicine





"This agreement will see the UK lead the world in genetic research within years. I am determined to do all I can to support the health and scientific sector to unlock the power of DNA, turning an important scientific breakthrough into something that will help deliver better tests, better drugs and above all better care for patients....

As our plan becomes a reality, I believe we will be able to transform how devastating diseases are diagnosed and treated in the NHS and across the world, while supporting our best scientists and life science businesses to discover the next wonder drug or breakthrough technology."

– U. K. Prime Minister David Cameron, August 2014*

*U. K. Government Press Release, August 1, 2014, https://www.gov.uk/government/news/human-genome-uk-to-become-world-number-1-in-dna-testing



An International Healthcare Priority: Qatar

Qatar Foundation launches the **Qatar Genome Project** as the nation's leadership makes the development of an international Center of Excellence in Personalized Medicine a national priority



Catar Tribune, December 11, 2013



An International Healthcare Priority: China

Beijing Genomics Institute leads the world in genomics investments, capturing at least 25% of market share ¹ as the only genome services organization with a global footprint



¹ ISI Group, Forbes, August 28, 2013



² National Institutes of Health, http://www.nih.gov/about/impact/impact_global.pdf

³ Testimony before U. S. Congress, September 10, 2014; http://www.rsc.org/chemistryworld/2014/09/us-genomics-lead-being-lost-china

A Complex Technical Challenge

Understanding linkages between genomic variation, disease treatments, and clinical outcomes requires innovative technical solutions to speed discovery

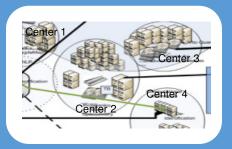




Across geographies ...



... and within organizations



3 Unstructured Data

From clinical notes ...





... to medical images ...

... to peerreviewed journals





... to websites

... to social media





A Challenging Business Environment

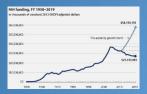
Technical innovation and regulatory policies must enable and encourage progress amid growing life science R&D costs and greater revenue threats

Extended R & D Timelines



- Shrinking pool of drug targets requires shift to complex therapeutic areas
- Increasingly complex eligibility requirements extend clinical trials
- More stringent regulatory requirements delay trials approval process

Revenue Uncertainty



- Any increases in public & private life science R&D funding not commensurate with the cost of conducting scientific research
- Shifting models related to medication access and reimbursement

Greater Competition



 Shorter timelines for data exclusivity and IP protection reduce barriers to entry for competitors with similar products



Tackling the Challenge of Unstructured Information

IBM Watson extracts scientific and clinical information from large volumes of unstructured text and transforms it into a structured format for analysis

1 Omics Data



Sample: Annovar

exonic NOD2 16 ... a frameshift ... SNP ... exonic GJB2 13 ... associated with hearing loss ... exonic CRYL1,GJB6 13 ... a 342kb deletion encompassing GJB6, associated with hearing loss ...

2 Clinical Data



Sample: Patient History

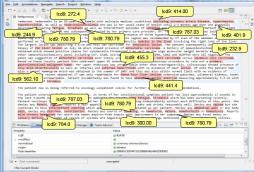
...was in good health until 2-3 months ago when she gradually developed fatigue and intermittent epigastric pain, ... most recent colonoscopy was within normal limits...

3 Knowledge Base



WATSONNatural Language Processing

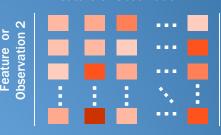




Structured Format

Concept Associations

Feature or Observation 1





IBM Watson as a Tool for Clinical Decision Support

IBM Watson helps oncologists at a leading Cancer Center mine millions of pages of peer reviewed literature for possible individualized treatments

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

IBM Watson helps fight cancer with evidence-based diagnosis and treatment suggestions









http://www.mskcc.org/cancer-care/watson-oncology

Medical information doubles in volume every five years, and physicians practicing in the rapidly changing field of oncology are challenged to remain current with medical literature, research, guidelines and best practices. Research centers such as MSKCC publish innovative findings in peer-reviewed journals, which are the most common medium doctors use to gather new medical information. Nevertheless, keeping up with the medical literature can take as many as 160 hours a week. It's not surprising that only about 20 percent of the knowledge that clinicians use today is evidence-based.

MSKCC began looking for a way to expand the accessibility and usability of medical evidence to improve patient outcomes across the field of oncology. It wanted to find a technology solution that could provide personalized diagnosis and treatment suggestions for individual patients.

"By sharing our experience and knowledge, coupled with the power of **Watson**, we can help physicians around the world understand and mine the subtleties of each person's illness and make evidence-based treatment decisions."

-Mark G. Kris, Attending, Memorial Sloan Kettering Thoracic Oncology Service and Lead Physician for IBM Watson Oncology



Keys to Accelerating Scientific Breakthrough

Leading biomedical research organizations investigating personalized medicine are asking for solutions that will give them a competitive advantage in therapeutic discovery

Policies must support:

- ✓ Standardization of clinical and life science data across geographic areas
- ✓ Development of technology solutions capable of processing the rapidly growing quantities of genomic and other types of complex life science data
- ✓ **Scientific collaboration** and **data sharing** across organizations and geographic boundaries in a **secure environment** appropriate for Protected Health Information
- ✓ Intellectual Property protection and financial incentives that will enable pharmaceutical R&D organizations to continue innovation



Thank You



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