

Pathology Innovation Collaborative Community

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The Alliance for Digital Pathology

A collaborative community with FDA participation

Steering Committee Meeting

July 2023



<https://pathologyinnovationcc.org/picc23-annual-meeting>



PICC23: UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF DIGITAL PATHOLOGY AND AI THROUGH REGULATORY SCIENCE

MEET **SYNERGIZE** **IMPACT**

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE MEETING SUMMARY](#)

Join us in-person in the Washington DC metro area on Jun 27-28, 2023 for the Pathology Innovation Collaborative Community Annual Meeting. The theme for Picc23 is "Meet. Synergize. Impact: Unlocking the Potential of Digital Pathology and Artificial Intelligence (AI) through Regulatory Science."

[Register here](#)

Why you should attend:

- Network with domain experts with keen interest in moving regulatory science forward through in-person interactive working sessions

Plcc23 took place on June 27&28 in Arlington, VA

Thank you to all attendees, presenters, our sponsors, and MDIC





Plcc23 Recap

Plcc23 occurred on June 27 and 28. A productive and collaborative meeting that brought together members to help advance Plcc and different initiatives. Thank you to everyone that joined us!

Click [here](#) for a recap of the event



Please rank the topics you believe can effectively synergize towards one large-scale regulatory science project.



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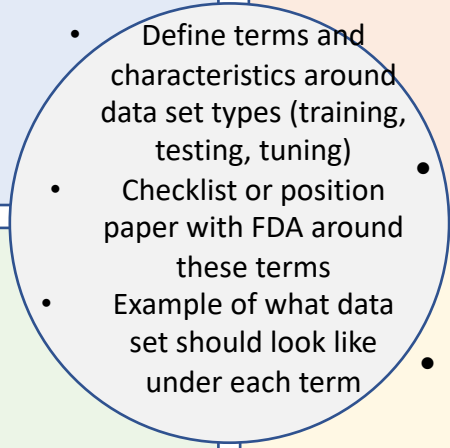
Real World Data Collection

Key elements, next steps, timeline

- Understanding of what RWD vs RWE is
 - RWD is clinical data – what is generated day to day. This is then **harmonized** (from different locations)/cleaned when you have an intended use to become evidence
- **Standards-based** data formats, minimum requirements.
- Standardized language and lab reporting is needed and a tangible RS tool
- **Least burden** to prepare the data

Pros for Patient, Clinical, R&D, and regulatory

- Helpful for the transition of **EUA** to 510k
- Established best practices – later define statistics behind this
- Could using an exiting LDT within the regular, routine pathologist’s workflow be a way to expedite gathering RWD? Does the vendor have the right to use this data? **“Triangle”** between lab, Vendor, and FDA
- **Registries**



Concerns for patients, clinical, R&D, and regulatory

- Is presented data true and accurate?
- Will the RWD gathering process via FDA for approval be so long that the technology is no longer applicable?
- Post-market surveillance issues? **Quality** assurance/control monitoring

Implications and efforts

- Understand current definitions within PCCP guidance
- Data variability needed will be specific to the question being asked
- These are recommendations
- Collecting data is active work, to be done by humans
- Early adopting labs using **LDTs** are the generators for much of this RWD

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Next Story:

Reducing Sepsis in Mothers Worldwide

FNIH

- Initial meeting
- Tue 7/18/2023

- connection
- Opportunities for collaboration

- Dedicated meeting
- Project overview; looking for collaborators

Public Private Partnerships - the Role of the FNIH

Governance:

- Establishes and manages a variety of structures appropriate to each partnership

Policy Management:

- Provides a "safe harbor" for interactions between and among companies, government, academic entities
- Creates and implements policies that support NIH ethical and policy standards

Program Management:

- Drives consensus across all stakeholders about appropriate scientific selection and execution of projects

Fundraising and Relationship Management:

- Directly solicits contributions
- Stewards and manages donor funds

Project Management:

- Ensures projects meet established deliverables and "go/no go" milestones

Intellectual Property Management:

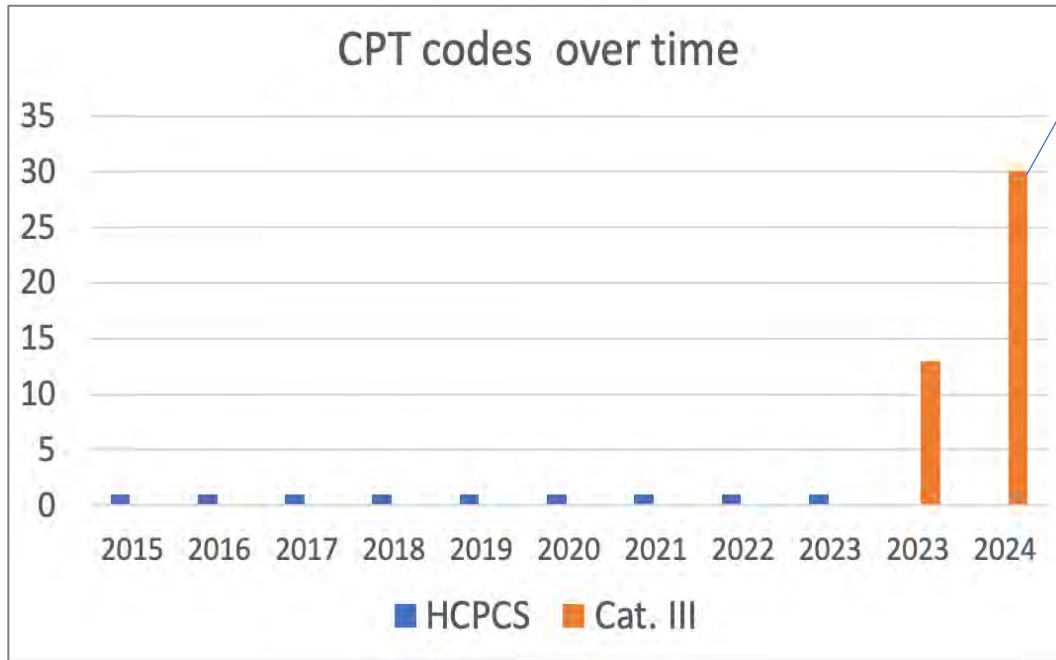
- Can provide "pre-competitive" structures for handling intellectual property, if needed

Digital Pathology

- Coding update
- CLFS – new PLA codes
- Remote work



The evolution of digital pathology codes



DP CPT	Year	CPT	Description	DP CPT	Year	CPT	Description
8827T	2024	88204	Cytopathology, fluids, washings or brushings, except cervical or vaginal	8831T	2024	88312	Intraoperative consultation, each additional tissue block (with frozen section)
8827T	2024	88206	Cytopathology, fluids, washings or brushings, except cervical or vaginal, single filter method with interpretation	8831T	2024	88313	Intraoperative consultation, cytology examination (eg, touch prep, touch prep), initial site
8827T	2024	88208	Cytopathology, concentration techniques, smears and interpretation	8831T	2024	88314	Intraoperative consultation, cytology examination (eg, touch prep, touch prep), each additional site
8827T	2024	88212	Cytopathology, venous-culter enhancement technique with interpretation, except cervical or vaginal	8831T	2024	88316	Immunofluorescence, per specimen, initial single antibody stain procedure
8827T	2024	88244	Cytopathology, cervical or vaginal, repeating examination by a pathologist	8831T	2024	88320	Immunofluorescence, per specimen, each additional single antibody stain procedure
8827T	2024	88250	Cytopathology, smears, any other source, screening and interpretation	8831T	2024	88342	Quantitation and selection of retained archival (ie, previously diagnosed) tissue(s) for molecular analysis
8827T	2024	88261	Cytopathology, smears, any other source, preparation, screening and interpretation	8831T	2024	88344	In situ hybridization (eg, FISH), per specimen, initial single probe stain procedure
8827T	2024	88262	Cytopathology, smears, any other source, extended study involving over 1 slide and/or multiple smears	8831T	2024	88354	In situ hybridization (eg, FISH), per specimen, initial single probe stain procedure, each additional single probe stain procedure
8827T	2024	88278	Cytopathology, evaluation of fine needle aspirate, immediate cytology, study to determine adequacy for diagnosis, first evaluation includes, each site	8831T	2024	88356	In situ hybridization (eg, FISH), per specimen, initial single probe stain procedure, each multiple probe stain procedure
8827T	2024	88277	Cytopathology, evaluation of fine needle aspirate, immediate cytology, study to determine adequacy for diagnosis, each separate additional evaluation episode, same site	8831T	2024	88358	Microarray analysis, in situ hybridization (quantitative or semi-quantitative), manual, per specimen, initial single probe stain procedure
8827T	2024	88279	Cytopathology, fine needle aspirate cytologic evaluation and interpretation with report	8831T	2024	88359	Microarray analysis, in situ hybridization (quantitative or semi-quantitative), manual, per specimen, each additional single probe stain procedure
8827T	2024	88281	Consultation and report on referred slides prepared elsewhere	8831T	2024	88377	Microarray analysis, in situ hybridization (quantitative or semi-quantitative), manual, per specimen, each additional single probe stain procedure, each multiple probe stain procedure
8827T	2024	88283	Consultation and report on referred material including preparation of slides	8831T	2024	88300	Blood smear, peripheral, interpretation by physician with written report
8827T	2024	88285	Consultation, comprehensive, with review of records and specimens, with report on referred material	8831T	2024	88307	Bone marrow, smear interpretation
8827T	2024	88281	Intraoperative consultation, first tissue block, with frozen section(s), single specimen	8831T	2024	88314	Electron microscopy, diagnostic

For all major use cases including

- Routine histology (2023)
- Immunohistochemistry (2023)
- Cytopathology (2024)
- Intraoperative Consultations (2024)
- Smears/bone marrows (2024)
- FISH and IF (2024)

Currently Category III codes

- not used for CMS billing
- established for volume tracking with new technologies
- must be used when performing the procedure

Questions, please e-mail:
Joe Lennerz or Stephen Black-Schaffer

DP CPT	Year	CPT	Description
0827T	2024	88104	Cytopathology, fluids, wa
0828T	2024	88106	Cytopathology, fluids, wa with interpretation
0829T	2024	88108	Cytopathology, concentr

DP CPT	Year	CPT	Description
0842T	2024	88332	Intraoperative consultation, e
0843T	2024	88333	Intraoperative consultation, cy

CLFS 2024 => new PLA codes

				Algorithmic Analyses		determining the risk of distant metastases, and prostate cancerspecific mortality, includes predictive algorithm to androgen deprivationtherapy response, if appropriate	2. Crosswalk to 0220U: 6 3. Gapfill: 1 4. Abstain: 1
9	80	X084U	NEW	Multianalyte Assays with Algorithmic Analyses	MAAA-DP	X084U: Oncology (lung), augmentative algorithmic analysis of digitized whole slide imaging for 8 genes (ALK, BRAF, EGFR, ERBB2, MET, NTRK1-3, RET, ROS1), and KRAS G12C and PD-L1, if performed, formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue, reported as positive or negative for each biomarker [**REVISED by CPT 6-12-2023]	1. Crosswalk to 0220U: 9 2. Gapfill: 0 3. Abstain: 0
10	84	X088U	NEW	Multianalyte Assays with Algorithmic Analyses: Immunology	MAAA-DP	X088U: Oncology (breast), augmentative algorithmic analysis of digitized whole slide imaging of 8 histologic and immunohistochemical features, reported as a recurrence score [**REVISED by CPT 6-12-2023]	1. Crosswalk to 0220U: 9 2. Gapfill: 0 3. Abstain: 0
11	72	X076U	NEW	Multianalyte Assays with	MAAA	Oncology (lung), flow cytometry, sputum, 5 markers (meso-tetra [4-carboxyphenyl] porphyrin [TCPP], CD206, CD66b,	1. Crosswalk to 0021U: 8 2. Gapfill: 1



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May 12, 2023

In accordance with the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) Post-Public Health Emergency (PHE) Guidance issued May 11, 2023, the New York State (NYS) Clinical Laboratory Evaluation Program (CLEP) will likewise allow pathologists and other laboratory personnel to review digital results and digital images remotely, under the conditions described below. The examination of physical slides requiring the use of a microscope or any examination that requires laboratory equipment other than a computer and VPN connection may not be performed at a location that does not hold a New York State clinical laboratory permit with the appropriate permit category.

Remote examination, review, and results reporting policy conditions:

- The primary laboratory location must hold New York State (NYS) clinical laboratory permit (permit) to include the permit category(ies) relevant to the testing being offered.
- The laboratory director of the primary laboratory location is responsible for all testing performed, including tasks performed remotely.
- The primary laboratory location must maintain all documentation for testing performed, including remote work.
- Persons performing remote tasks must be bona fide employees of the primary laboratory location holding the NYS permit.
- Remote tasks are performed in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the laboratory director.
- The test report must include the location where the testing (i.e., examination or analysis) was performed. Remote sites operating under the primary laboratory location's permit may be indicated using a coding system rather than the remote site address.
- The primary laboratory location must maintain a list of all personnel performing remote work, to include name, tasks qualified to perform, and the address of the remote location including any code being used to identify the location on test reports. This list must be made available to the Department upon request.
- The personnel performing remote work must be included on the Department's facility personnel form (fpf).
- Transmission of patient data is maintained over a secure VPN or equivalent level of security.
- Confidentiality of data is maintained at all times and the primary laboratory location and all remote sites comply with applicable federal laws, including HIPAA.

Any questions related to this policy can be directed to clepcomp@health.ny.gov.



FDA

FDA Launches Pilot Program to Help Reduce Risks Associated with Using Laboratory Developed Tests to Identify Cancer Biomarkers

Pilot Geared Toward Sponsors of Certain Oncology Drug Products Used with Certain In Vitro Diagnostic Tests to Identify Patients for Certain Cancer Treatments



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For Immediate Release: June 20, 2023

Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced a new voluntary pilot program for certain oncology drug products used with certain corresponding in vitro diagnostic tests to help clinicians select appropriate cancer treatments for patients.

“We believe this guidance and the launch of the pilot program are important steps towards addressing safety risks posed by the use of poorly performing laboratory developed tests,” said Jeff Shuren, M.D., J.D., director of the FDA’s Center for Devices and Radiological Health. **“The pilot aims to help by making transparent performance recommendations for diagnostic tests used to select certain oncology drug treatments.”**

Under current FDA policy, an in vitro companion diagnostic test is one that provides information essential for the safe and effective use of a corresponding treatment. In oncology, for example, specific tests may be used to identify patients, such as those with a particular genetic mutation, who may or may not benefit from certain cancer treatments.

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<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-launches-pilot-program-help-reduce-risks-associated-using-laboratory-developed-tests-identify>

- LDT discussion

STUDY DATA TECHNICAL CONFORMANCE GUIDE

Technical Specifications Document

This Document is incorporated by reference into the following
Guidance Document(s):

**Guidance for Industry *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic
Format – Standardized Study Data***

For questions regarding this technical specifications document, contact CBER at
cber-edata@fda.hhs.gov or CDER at cdere-data@fda.hhs.gov

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Using Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning in the Development of Drug & Biological Products

Discussion Paper and Request for Feedback





Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
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2022 Annual Report
Detecting, Assessing, Preventing, and Managing Risks



Accelerating Rare disease Cures (ARC) Program

**YEAR ONE:
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Pilot Project P³

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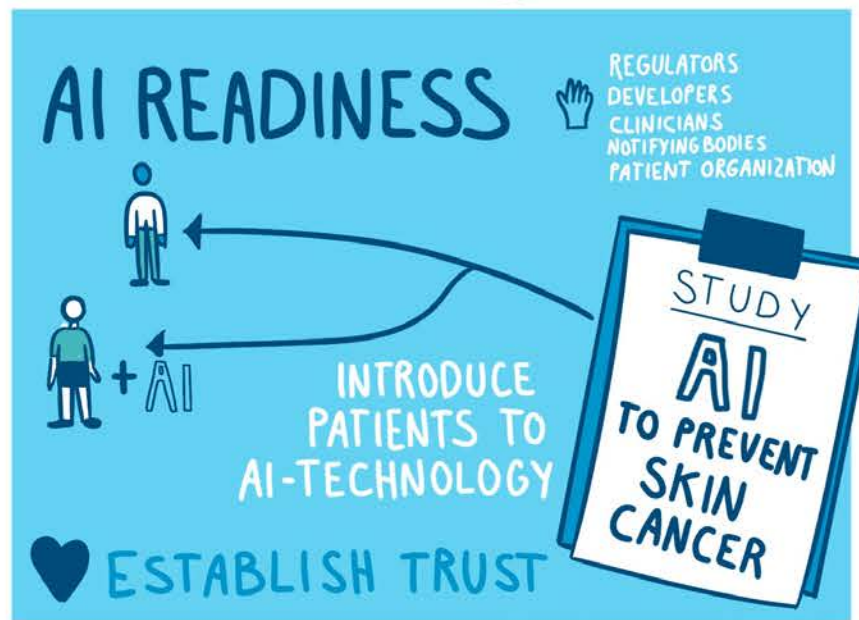
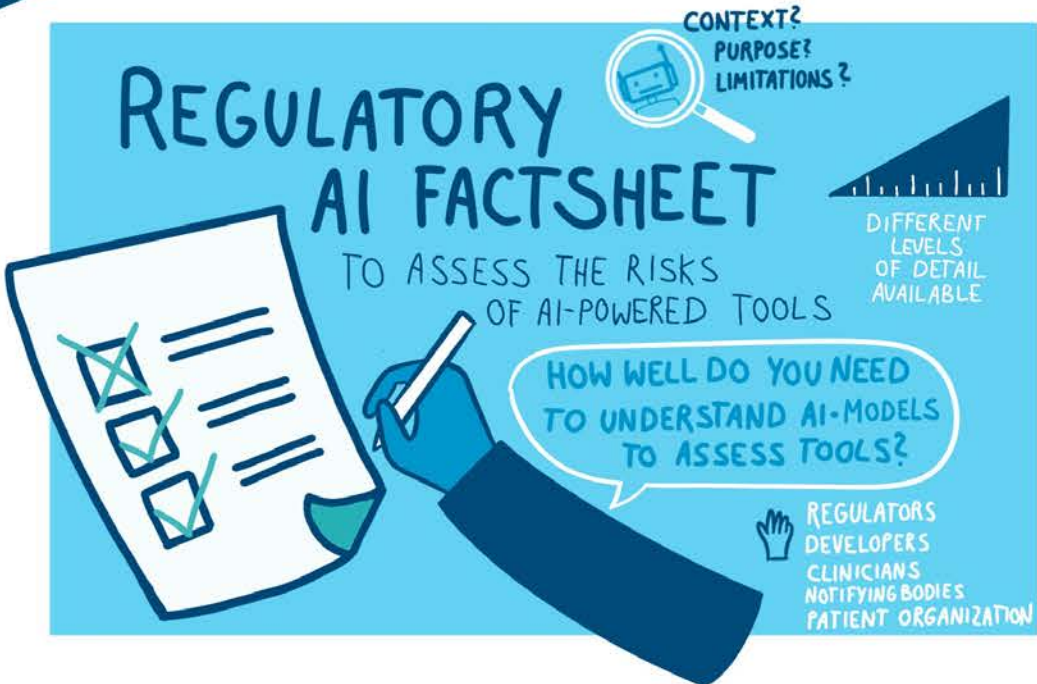
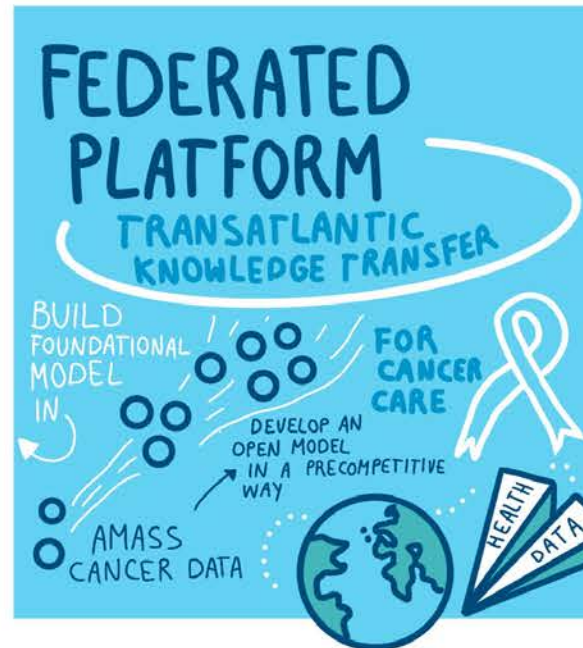
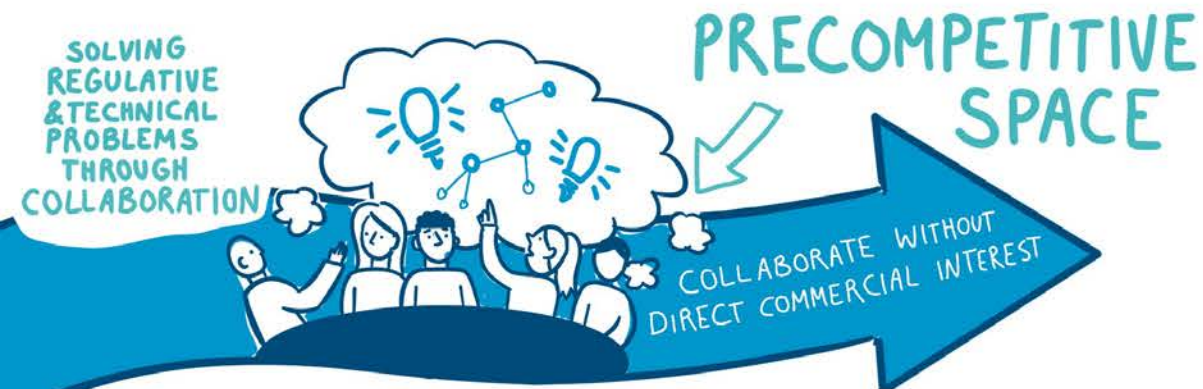




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Regulatory Science for AI

Overcoming regulatory barriers for the use of AI



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Keynote

Robert Eiss
National Institutes of Health

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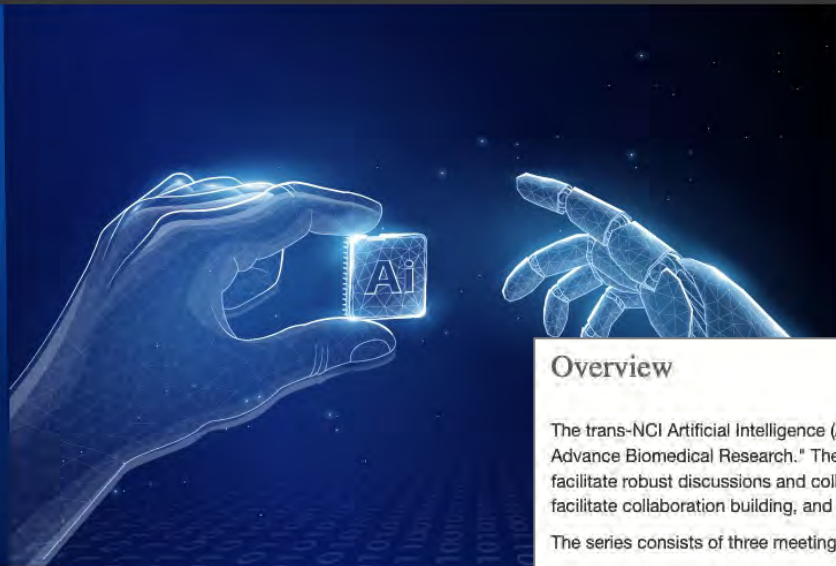
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United States - European Union:
**Artificial Intelligence
Engagement Seminar
Series**



Overview

The trans-NCI Artificial Intelligence (AI) Working Group is proud to announce a series of meetings focused on discussing "Equitable and Engaged AI to Advance Biomedical Research." These meetings will bring together diverse subject matter experts from both the United States and the European Union to facilitate robust discussions and collaborative efforts in the field of equitable and engaged AI. The objective of these meetings is to maximize interactivity, facilitate collaboration building, and encourage open sharing of information and novel ideas.

The series consists of three meetings each exploring various AI topics relevant to cancer research, with a specific focus on the following areas:

July 25th from 9am -12pm EDT

Meeting 1- **Privacy Preserving AI**: This session centers around AI techniques (e.g., federated learning) and ethical considerations that aim to safeguard and uphold the privacy of participants' data.

July 26th from 9am -12pm EDT

Meeting 2- **Community/Patient Engaged AI for Biomedical Research**: This session showcases technologies and tools that foster patient engagement in cancer research. It builds upon the well-established tradition of community-based participatory research in the U.S. and the EU, while incorporating the latest advancements in explainable AI.

July 28th from 9am -12pm EDT

Meeting 3 - **Ethical AI and the Inclusion of Underserved Communities**: This session aims to explore the ethical use of AI and foster the inclusion of underserved communities. It builds upon the principles of explainable AI, trust in AI, and technical strategies to address challenges associated with limited data sets and data annotation.

NCI Planning Committee

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Follow-up

- Data for Health Workshop
- September 2023
- Boston, MA
- Four tracks –
 - **Workshop 1** "Striking the Perfect Balance: Navigating Privacy Issues at the State Level"
 - **Workshop 2** "Bridging the Atlantic Divide: Crafting a Transatlantic Consent Form for Data Exchange"
 - **Workshop 3** "United in Health Data: Exploring a Federated Administrative Approach for Transatlantic Exchange"
 - **Workshop 4** "Data from Within: Advancing Healthcare through Brain-Computer Interface Insights"



GDPR vs. HIPAA

Privacy shield 1.0 => ended
March 2022 = EC => final stages

On **July 10th** the European Commission adopted its adequacy decision for the EU-US Data Privacy Framework.

On the basis of the **adequacy decision**, personal data can flow freely from the EU to companies in the United States that participate in the Data Privacy Framework.

Health data (more complicated)



Note: An adequacy decision is **one of the tools provided under GDPR to transfer personal data from the EU to third countries**. In theory, it should give EU residents the certainty that if their data is exported to the US, it will be processed with the same level of protection as within the EU.

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Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
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For more information and to discuss sponsorship opportunities, please contact
Jithesh Veetil, Senior Director at jveetil@mdic.org or Jennifer R. Waters, MXR Project Manager at jwaters@mdic.org

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Learn How to Apply for \$300,000 USD in Funding for Your Advanced Manufacturing Project!

MDIC recently demonstrated how to submit a successful application for the chance to earn \$300,000 USD and project support to manufacture an innovative medical device through the Advanced Manufacturing Clearing House initiative.

Experts Steve Zera, Senior Program Manager, AMCH and Prakash Patwardhan, Program Director, CFQ Advanced Manufacturing, illustrated the application process including explaining the submission criteria and eligibility requirements.

Do you have an innovative idea and want to be eligible for funding? If so, view the video below for instructions and insight into completing the application. If you're ready, select the application button and get started. Good luck!

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2023 Digital Pathology Codes



The College of American Pathologists (CAP) worked with the American Medical Association (AMA) CPT Editorial Panel to establish **13 new digital pathology add-on codes**. The new codes are intended to capture and report additional clinical staff work and service requirements associated with digitizing glass microscope slides for primary diagnosis. Digitization of glass microscope slides enables remote examination by the pathologist and/or in conjunction with the use of artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms. As a result of **CAP advocacy**, the new codes will help pathologists, pathology practices, and laboratories providing digital pathology digitization procedures appropriately report these services. The new digital pathology codes will be effective January 1, 2023.

The AMA CPT also added a new heading in the Category III section with CPT instructions and guidelines to define digital pathology digitization procedures. For more information on the digital pathology codes **[watch the Final 2023 Medicare Payment Regulations webinar](#)** or **[download the slides](#)**.

CPT Category III codes 0751T-0763T may be reported in addition to the appropriate Category I service code when the digitization procedure of glass microscope slides is performed and reported in conjunction with the Category I code for the primary service as noted in the below table.

CPT Code	Long Descriptor
+0751T	Digitization of glass microscope slides for level II, surgical pathology, gross and microscopic examination (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) ▶(Use 0751T in conjunction with 88302)◀
+0752T	Digitization of glass microscope slides for level III, surgical pathology, gross and microscopic examination (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) ▶(Use 0752T in conjunction with 88304)◀
+0753T	Digitization of glass microscope slides for level IV, surgical pathology, gross and microscopic examination (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

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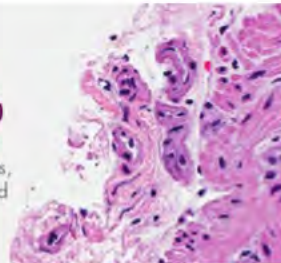
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PAST PRESENTATIONS

WHAT IS THE DIGITAL PATHOLOGY ASSOCIATION?

The DPA is a nonprofit organization comprised of pathologists, scientists, technologists and industry representatives dedicated to advancing the field of digital pathology.



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NEWS

AMA Announces Codes

AMA Addition of Digital Pathology

Webinar: Can AI Accelerate Regulatory Science

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We're getting all checked in and kicking off #PathVisions22. It's so good to see everyone again!





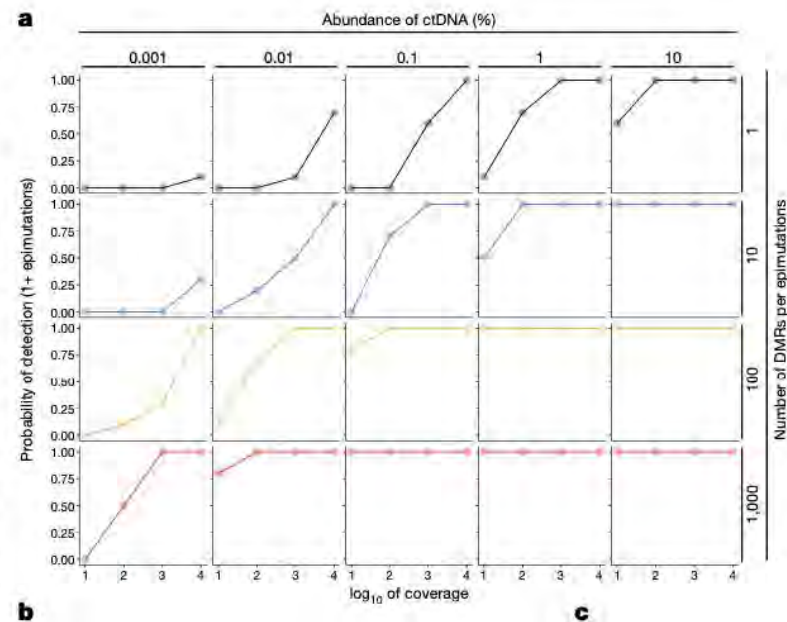
ctDNA

Sensitive tumour detection and classification using plasma cell-free DNA methylomes

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The use of liquid biopsies for cancer detection and management is rapidly gaining prominence¹. Current methods for the detection of circulating tumour DNA involve sequencing somatic mutations using cell-free DNA, but the sensitivity of these methods may be low among patients with early-stage cancer given the limited number of recurrent mutations^{2–5}. By contrast, large-scale epigenetic alterations—which are tissue- and cancer-type specific—are not similarly constrained⁶ and therefore potentially have greater ability to detect and classify cancers in patients with early-stage disease. Here we develop a sensitive, immunoprecipitation-based protocol to analyse the methylome of small quantities of circulating cell-free DNA, and demonstrate the ability to detect large-scale DNA methylation changes that are enriched for tumour-specific patterns. We also demonstrate robust performance in cancer detection and classification across an extensive collection of plasma samples from several tumour types. This work sets the stage to establish biomarkers for the minimally invasive detection, interception and classification of early-stage cancers based on plasma cell-free DNA methylation patterns.

The analysis of circulating tumour DNA (ctDNA) has numerous



Practical recommendations for using ctDNA in clinical decision making

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Check for updates

The continuous improvement in cancer care over the past decade has led to a gradual

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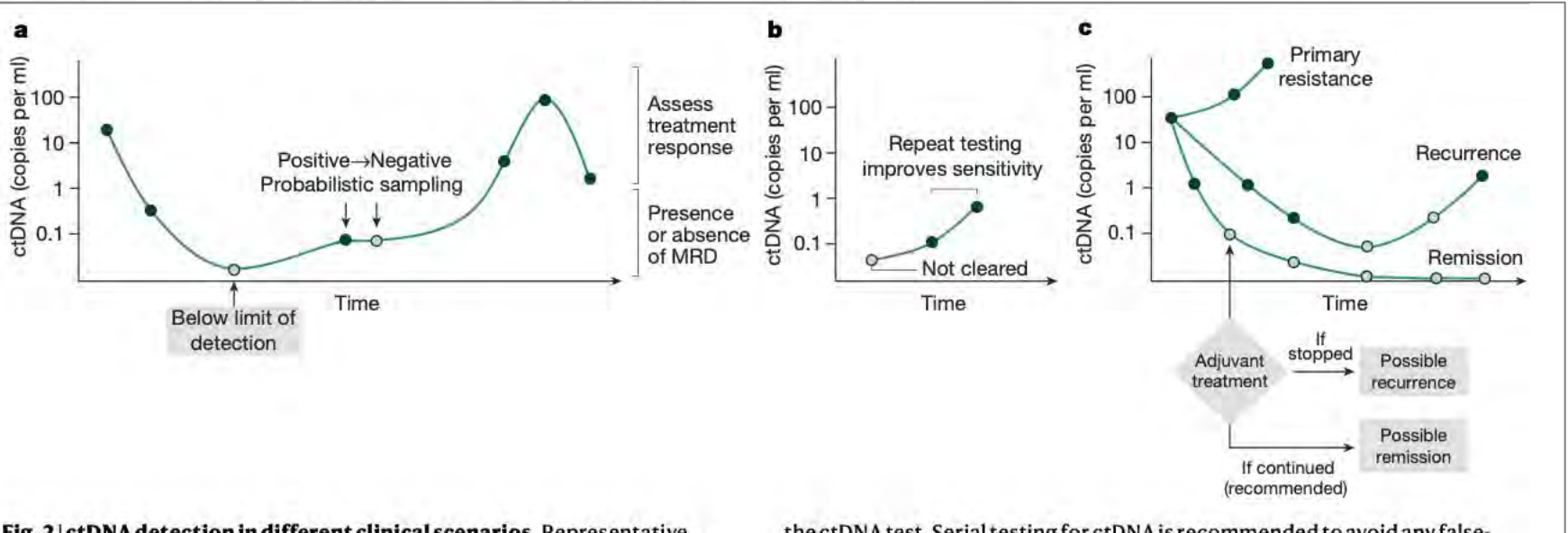


Fig. 2 | ctDNA detection in different clinical scenarios. Representative... the ctDNA test. Serial testing for ctDNA is recommended to avoid any false...

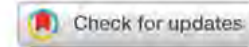
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Black, compared to white, women with residual estrogen receptor-positive (ER+) breast cancer after neoadjuvant chemotherapy (NAC) have worse distant recurrence-free survival (DRFS). Such racial disparity may be due to difference in density of portals for systemic cancer cell dissemination, called TMEM doorways, and pro-metastatic tumor microenvironment (TME). Here, we evaluate residual cancer specimens after NAC from 96 Black and 87 white women. TMEM doorways are visualized by triple immunohistochemistry, and cancer stem cells by immunofluorescence for SOX9. The correlation between TMEM doorway score and pro-metastatic TME parameters with DRFS is examined using log-rank and multivariate Cox regression. Black, compared to white, patients are more likely to develop distant recurrence (49% vs 34.5%, $p = 0.07$), receive mastectomy (69.8% vs 54%, $p = 0.04$), and have higher grade tumors ($p = 0.002$). Tumors from Black patients have higher TMEM doorway and macrophages density overall ($p = 0.002$; $p = 0.002$, respectively) and in the ER+/HER2- ($p = 0.02$; $p = 0.02$, respectively), but not in the triple negative disease. Furthermore, high TMEM doorway score is associated with worse DRFS. TMEM doorway score is an independent prognostic factor in the entire study population (HR, 2.02; 95%CI, 1.18–3.46; $p = 0.01$), with a strong trend in ER+/HER2- disease (HR, 2.38; 95% CI, 0.96–5.95; $p = 0.06$). SOX9 expression is not associated with racial disparity in TME or outcome. In conclusion, higher TMEM doorway density in residual breast cancer after NAC is associated with higher distant recurrence risk, and Black patients are associated with higher TMEM doorway density, suggesting that TMEM doorway density may contribute to racial disparities in breast cancer.

ASSIGNING AI: SEVEN APPROACHES FOR STUDENTS WITH PROMPTS

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Abstract:

This paper examines the transformative role of Large Language Models (LLMs) in education and their potential as learning tools, despite their inherent risks and limitations. The authors propose seven approaches for utilizing AI in classrooms: AI-tutor, AI-coach, AI-mentor, AI-teammate, AI-tool, AI-simulator, and AI-student, each with distinct pedagogical benefits and risks. The aim is to help students learn with and about AI, with practical strategies designed to mitigate risks such as complacency about the AI's output, errors, and biases. These strategies promote active oversight, critical assessment of AI outputs, and complementation of AI's capabilities with the students' unique insights. By challenging students to remain the "human in the loop", the authors aim to enhance learning outcomes while ensuring that AI serves as a supportive tool rather than a replacement. The proposed framework offers a guide for educators navigating the integration of AI-assisted learning in classrooms.

TABLE 1 SUMMARY OF SEVEN APPROACHES

AI USE	ROLE	PEDAGOGICAL BENEFIT	PEDAGOGICAL RISK
MENTOR	Providing feedback	Frequent feedback improves learning outcomes, even if all advice is not taken.	Not critically examining feedback, which may contain errors.
TUTOR	Direct instruction	Personalized direct instruction is very effective.	Uneven knowledge base of AI. Serious confabulation risks.
COACH	Prompt metacognition	Opportunities for reflection and regulation, which improve learning outcomes.	Tone or style of coaching may not match student. Risks of incorrect advice.
TEAMMATE	Increase team performance	Provide alternate viewpoints, help learning teams function better.	Confabulation and errors. "Personality" conflicts with other team members.
STUDENT	Receive explanations	Teaching others is a powerful learning technique.	Confabulation and argumentation may derail the benefits of teaching.
SIMULATOR	Deliberate practice	Practicing and applying knowledge aids transfer.	Inappropriate fidelity.
TOOL	Accomplish tasks	Helps students accomplish more within the same time frame.	Outsourcing thinking, rather than work.

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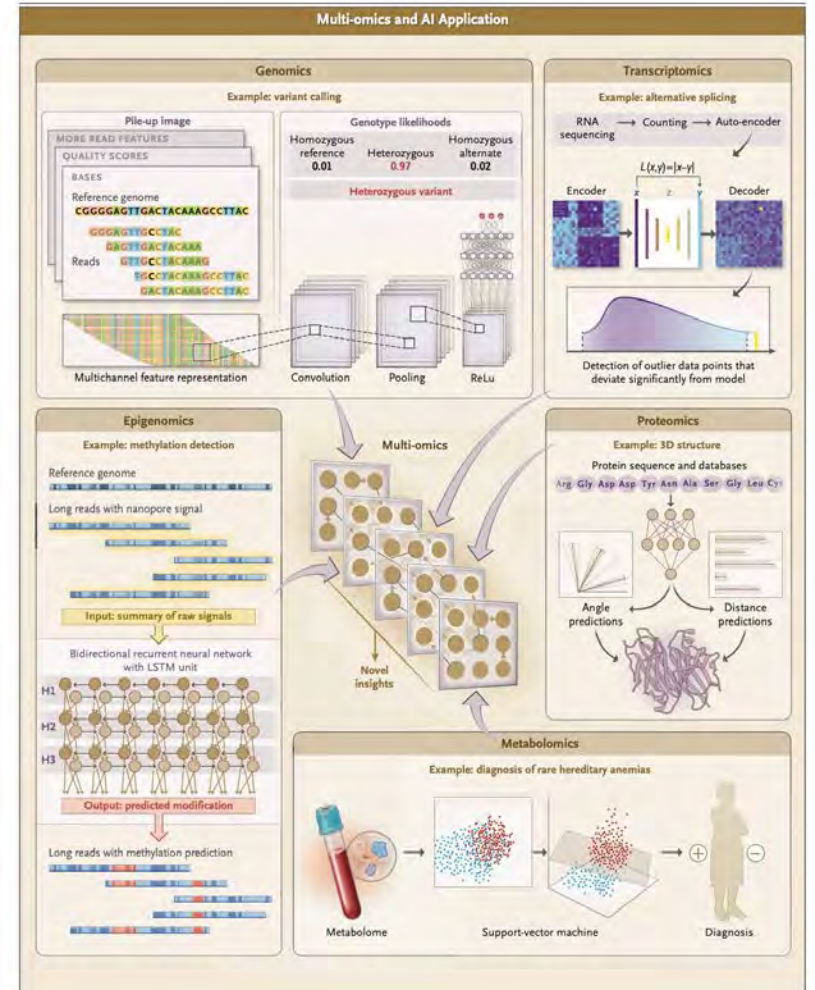
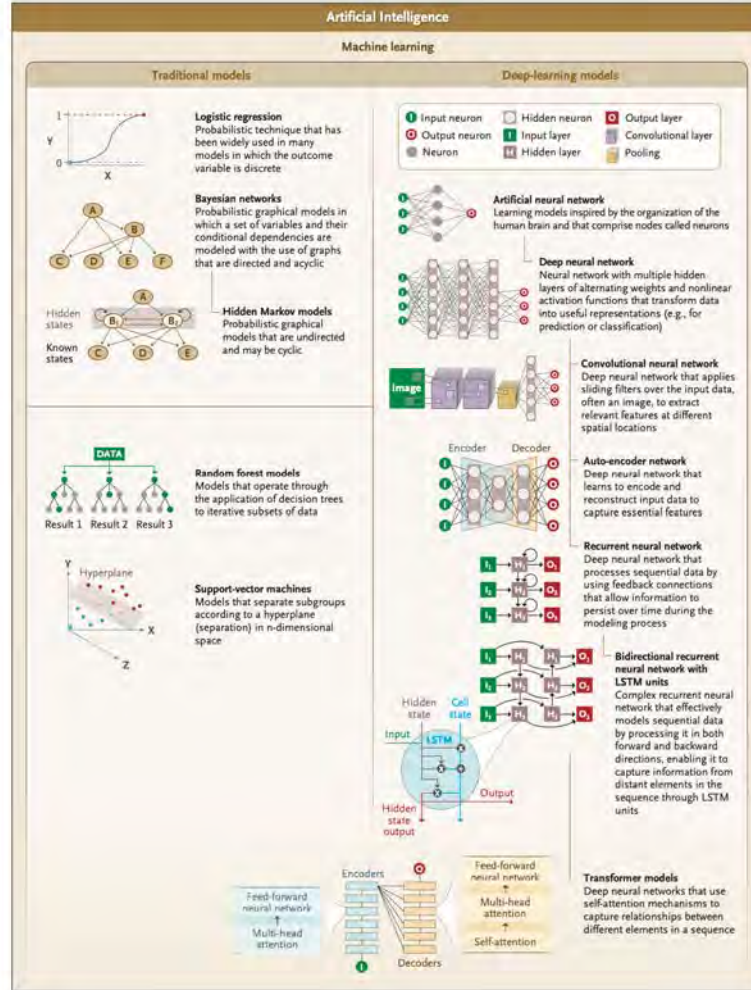
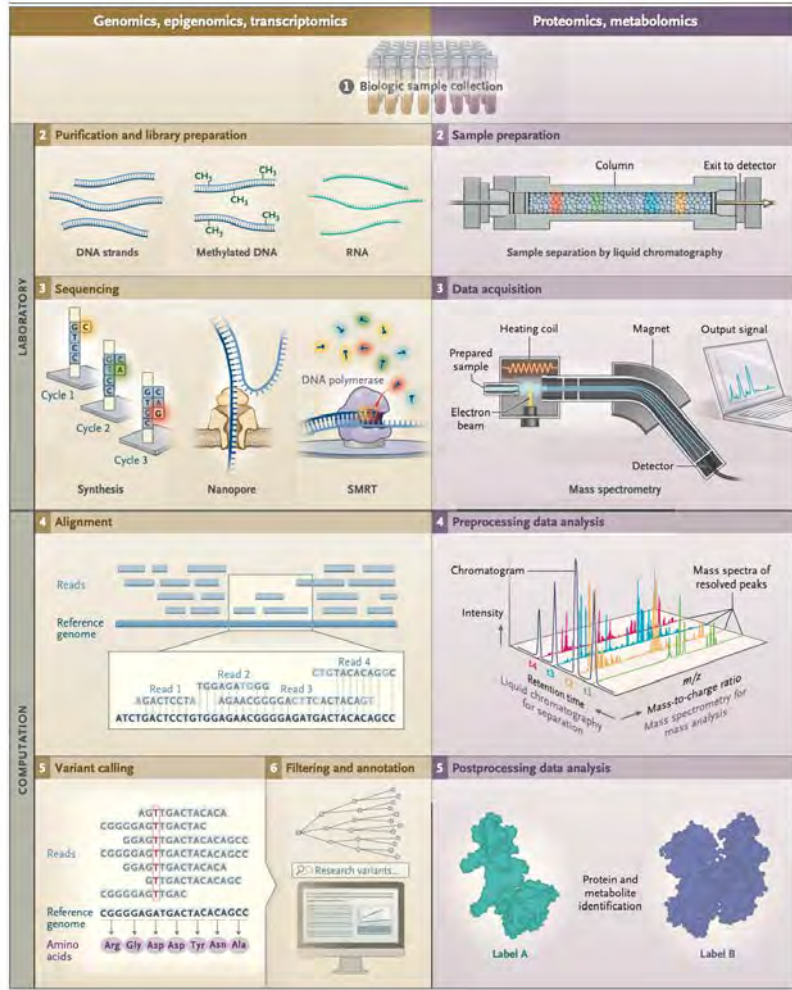
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NEW METHODS SUCH AS GENOMIC SEQUENCING AND MASS SPECTROMETRY have prompted dramatic increases in the amount of molecular data available to scientists and health care professionals seeking more refined diagnoses and increased therapeutic precision.¹ Although the largest advances have been made in genetic sequencing of DNA and RNA, medical applications of high-dimensional measurement of proteins and metabolites are increasing.

Analytic tools have been improved in parallel to match the volume, velocity, and variety of these molecular “big data.” The emergence of machine learning has proved especially valuable. In these approaches, computer systems use large amounts of data to build predictive statistical models that are iteratively improved by incorporating new data. Deep learning, a powerful subset of machine learning that includes the use of deep neural networks, has had high-profile applications



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Table. Representative Examples of AI-Generated Differential Diagnoses Compared With the Final Complex Diagnostic Challenge Diagnosis, Along With Subsequent Differential Quality Score

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Encephalitis due to Behçet disease	Neuro-Behçet disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neuro-Behçet disease Viral meningitis (eg, d) Bacterial meningitis Tuberculous meningit Fungal meningitis (eg Primary central nervo Central nervous syste Neurosarcoidosis Central nervous syste Multiple sclerosis 	
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Abbreviations: AI, artificial intelligence; CASPR2, contactin-associated protein-like 2; CNS, central nervous system; GPT-4; Generative Pre-trained Transformer 4; LGII, leucine-rich glioma-inactivated protein 1; NMDA, N-methyl-D-aspartate.

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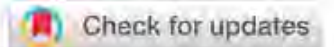
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Integrated multimodal artificial intelligence framework for healthcare applications

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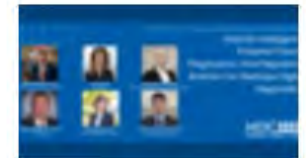
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