



# Genetics and Genomics in Clinical Medicine

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# National Thought Leaders on Personalized Medicine



“I believe we are moving into a remarkable and powerful new era in medicine and particularly in prescription drugs. I’d refer to it as an era of **personalized medicine.**”

**Michael Leavitt,  
Secretary HHS  
January 18, 2005**

# Personalized Medicine is a Disruptive Technology

**Personalized Medicine will revolutionize the way medicine is going to be practiced**

**Some are arguing that PM is a disruptive technology that is similar to:**

- **Development of building automobiles for the population**
- **Development of color television by RCA**
- **Development of personal computers**

**It is debatable if the existing healthcare infrastructure is adequate to meet the goals of PM**

# What changes in Healthcare are needed

- **There has to be a shift in emphasis on prevention**
- **There have to be strategies for early detection**
- **For existing drugs and treatments, it is necessary to show that incorporation of genetics and genomics in clinical decision making results in better outcomes**
- **There has to be a change in thinking that stratifying patient populations would provide value for all stakeholders**
- **Need bold steps by regulatory agencies for implementation**
- **Need a new framework to reimbursement**
- **Need a comprehensive training and education plan**

# Prevention

**Prevention is already practiced. Childhood vaccination is an example**

**For adult onset disorders, prevention requires identification of at risk individuals**

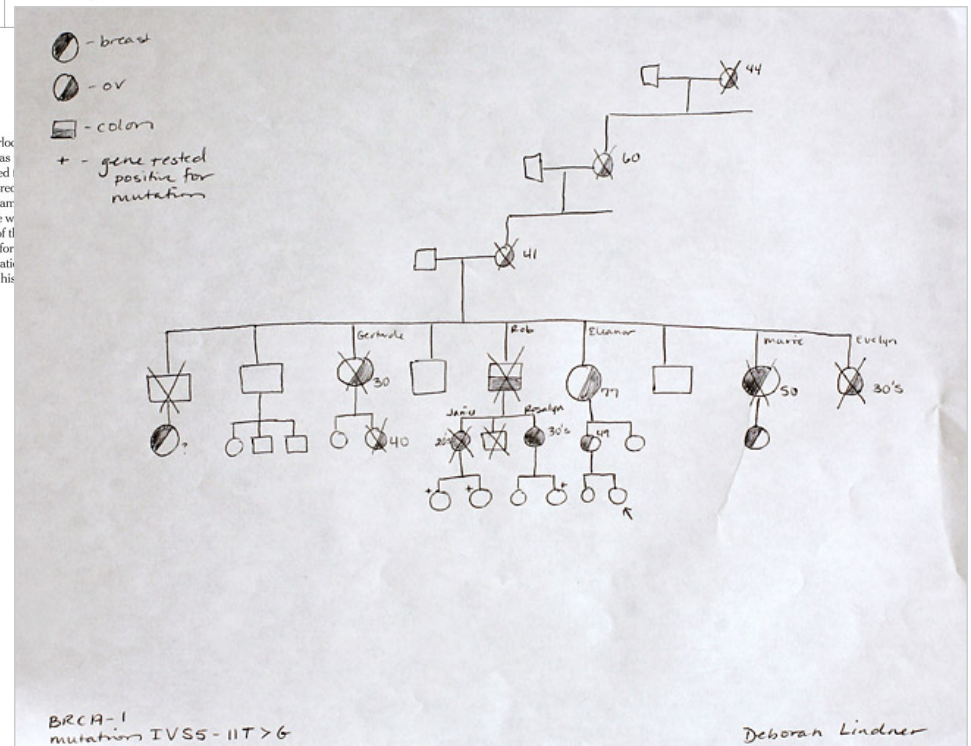
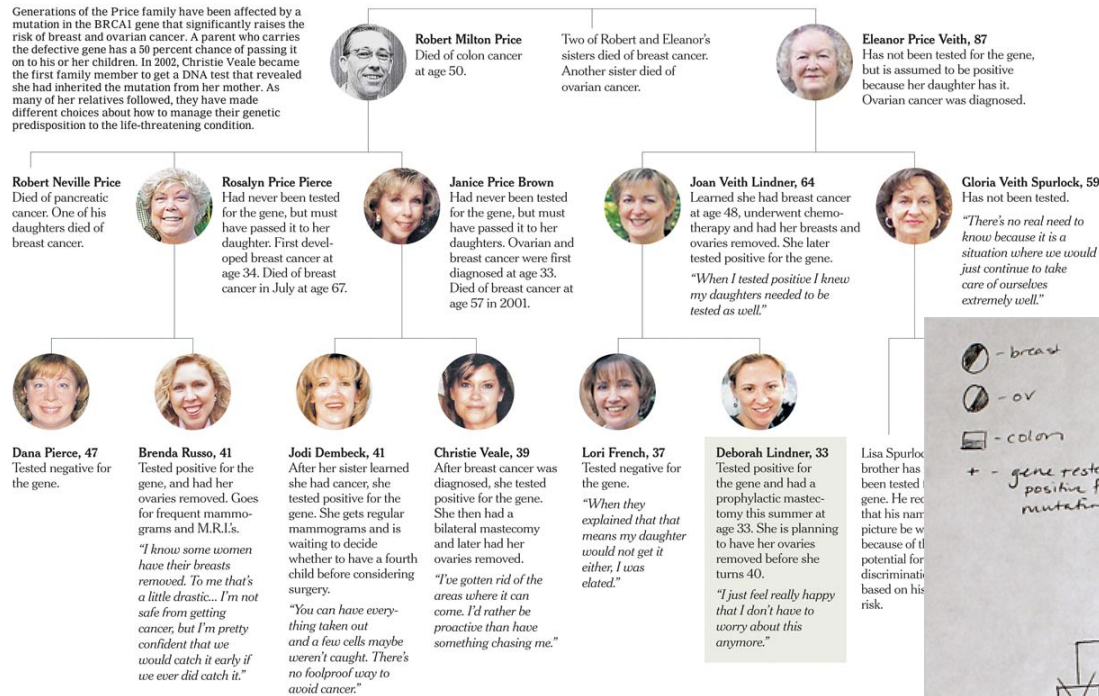
**Need development and utilization of risk scores**

**Family histories and genotyping/full genome sequencing**

# One Family with Breast Cancer History

## Living With the BRCA Gene: One Family's Story

Generations of the Price family have been affected by a mutation in the BRCA1 gene that significantly raises the risk of breast and ovarian cancer. A parent who carries the defective gene has a 50 percent chance of passing it on to his or her children. In 2002, Christie Veale became the first family member to get a DNA test that revealed she had inherited the mutation from her mother. As many of her relatives followed, they have made different choices about how to manage their genetic predisposition to the life-threatening condition.



# Early Detection

**Early detection in cancer leads better long term survival. Eg., Colon Cancer**

**Early detection can lead to prevent progression to diabetes. Diabetes prevention program (DPP) and Look AHEAD (Action for Health in Diabetes) for obesity, prediabetes and type II diabetes**

**Clinical as well as genetic and genomic information would help us with early detection**

# Colon Cancer Survival

Time of diagnosis is critical

**If detected at Stage I, chances of survival are 95%**

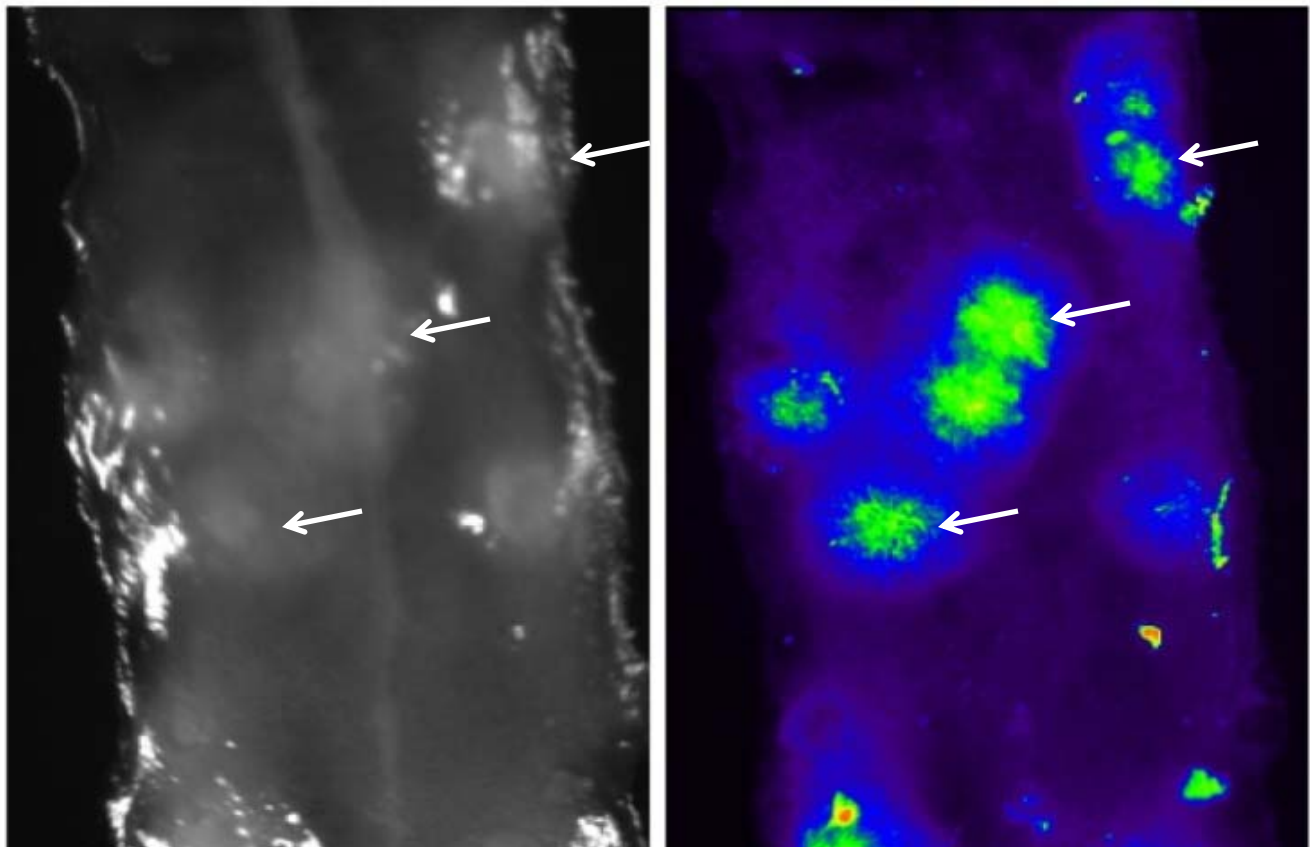
**If detected at Stage IV, chances of survival are 5%**

Early detection would be most helpful

There is a need for pathway specific biomarkers



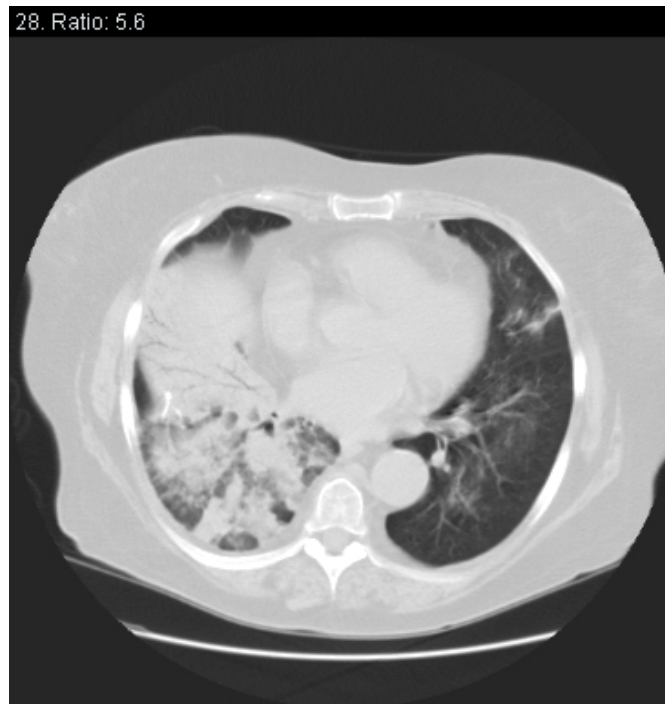
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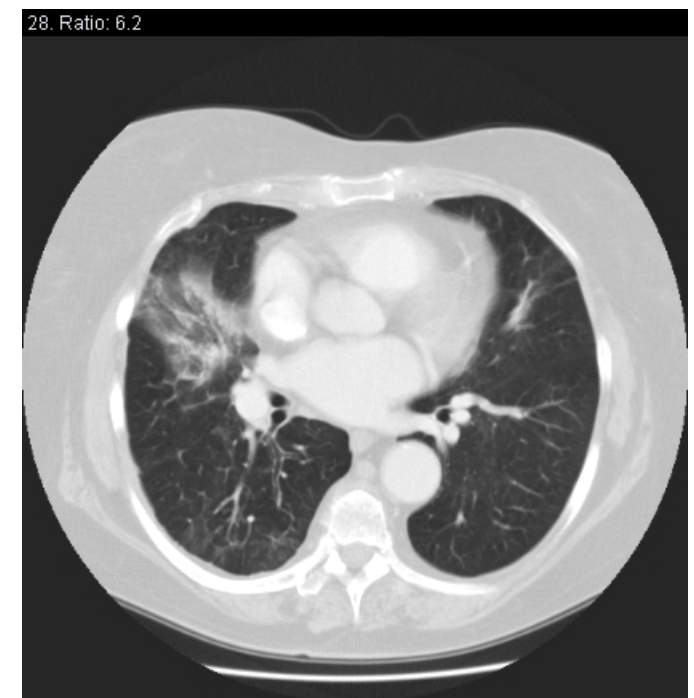
# Outcomes studies: Mrs. Baker's response to Iressa



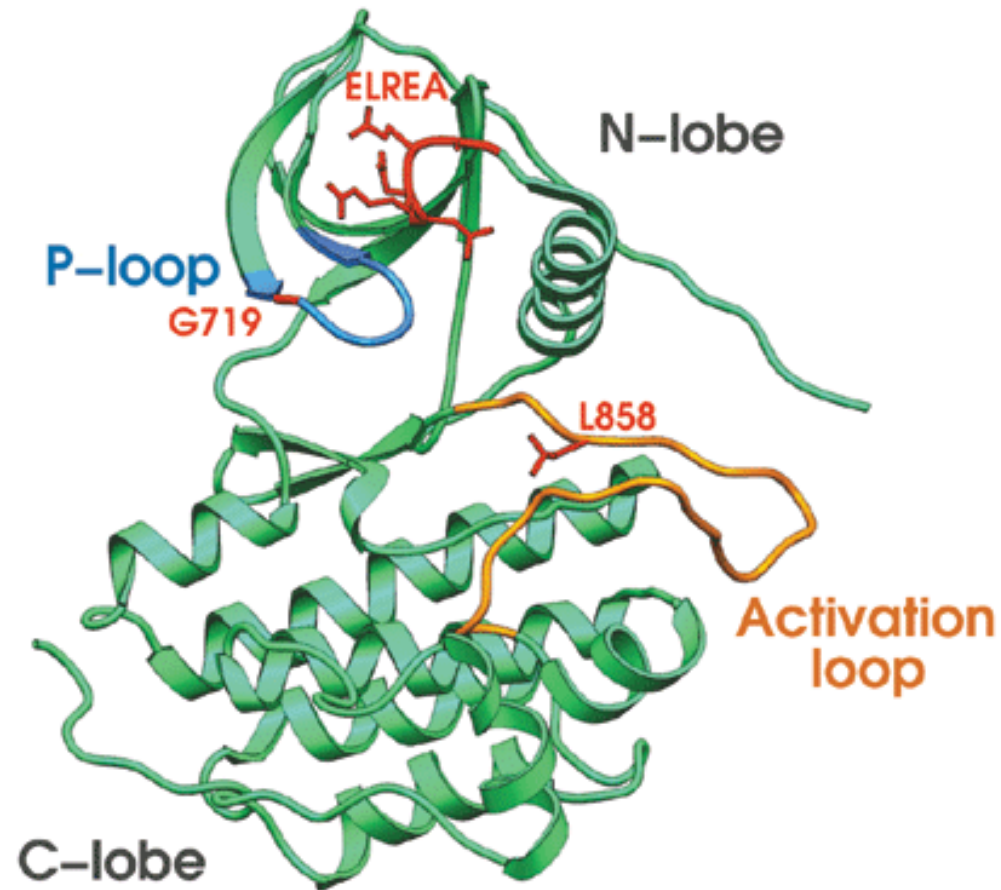
**Before**



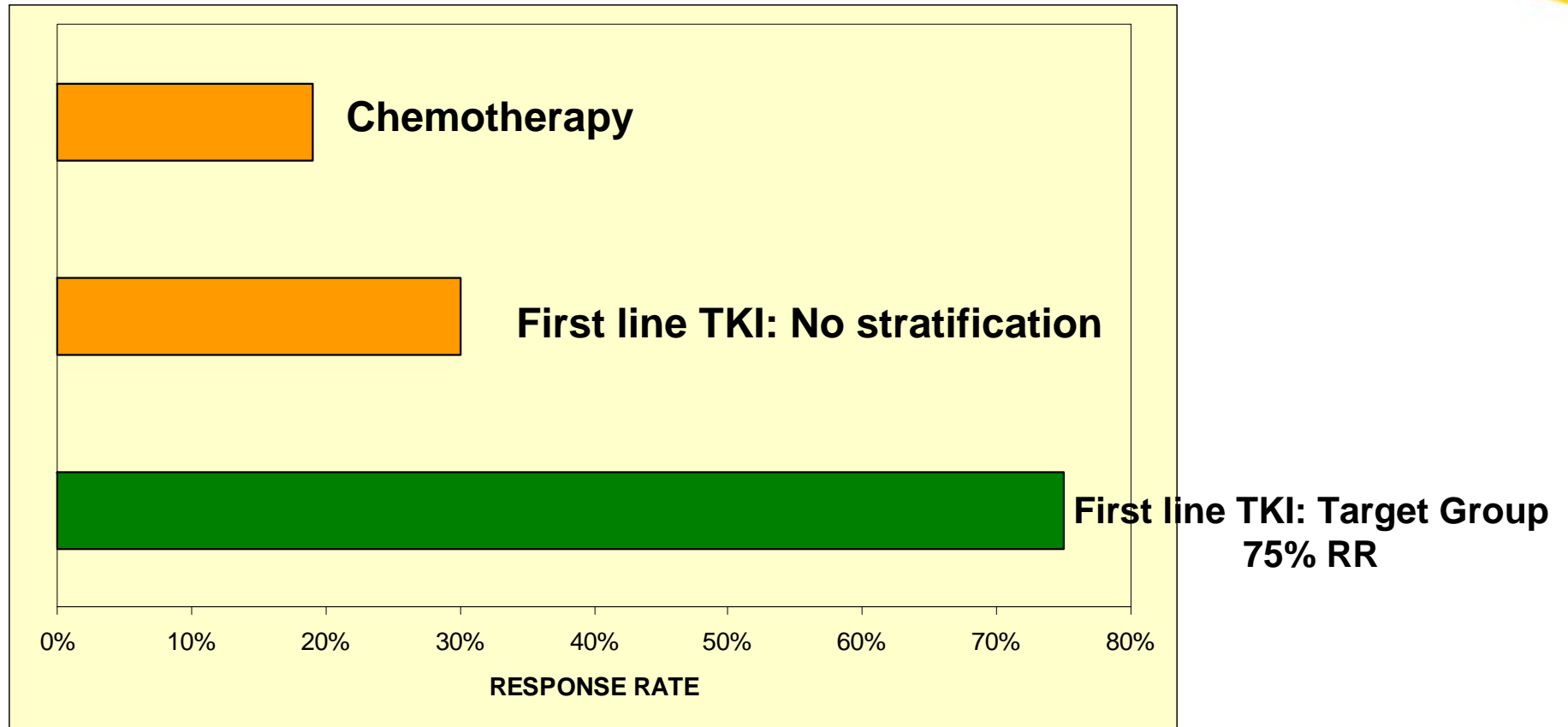
**Two months later**



# EGFR Mutations



# Appropriate clinical trial design may result in improved outcomes



Asahina, et al., 2006 Br J Ca 95(8):998.  
Inoue, et al., 2006 JCO 24(21):3340.  
Lee, et al., 2005 CCR 11(8):3032.  
Niho, et al., 2006 JCO 24(1):64.  
Lin, et al., 2006 Lung Cancer 54(2):193.

Reck, et al., 2006 Clin Lung Cancer (6):406  
Suzuki, et al., 2006 Br J Cancer 94, 1599.  
Kimura, et al., 2006 J Thorac Oncol. 1(3):260  
Giaccone, et al., 2006 CCR 12(20 Pt 1): 6049.  
Schiller, et al., 2002 NEJM 346(2):92

# Molecular Stratification for First-Line Gefitinib

	N	RR	DCR	OS (months)	PFS (months)	1-YR SURVIVAL
<b>Molecular Stratification of first line gefitinib</b>						
Asahina, et al., 2006 Br J Ca 95(8):998.	16	75.0%	81.0%	NR	8.9	
Inoue, et al., 2006 JCO 24(21):3340.	16	75.0%	88.0%		9.7	
<b>No stratification of first line gefitinib</b>						
Niho, et al., 2006 JCO 24(1):64.	40	30.0%		13.9		55.0%
Lin, et al., 2006 Lung Cancer 54(2):193.	53	32.1%	52.8%	9.4	3.2	41.5%
Reck, et al., 2006 Clin Lung Cancer (6):406.	58	5.0%	45.0%	29 weeks	7 weeks	
Suzuki, et al., 2006 Br J Cancer 94, 1599.	34	26.5%	50.0%	14.1		58.2%
<b>No stratification of first line erlotinib</b>						
Giaccone, et al., 2006 CCR 12(20 Pt 1): 6049.	53	22.7%	53.0%	391 days	84 days	
<b>Chemotherapy</b>						
Schiller, et al., 2002 NEJM 346(2):92	1155	19.0%		7.9		33.0%

# Stratifying patient populations

**Some of the strategies are developed by**

**Pharmaceutical companies. Eg., Herceptin**

**Some strategies are required by regulatory agencies.**

**Eg., Panitumimab and EMEA**

**Some strategies are suggested by regulatory agencies.**

**Eg., Genetic testing for warfarin dosing by FDA**

**Some strategies are being developed by Pharma and**

**Biotech companies. Eg., New class drugs for**

**Tarceva resistant lung tumors**

**A new value proposition for drug developers**

# Drug Marketability and Value (From Lechleiter of Lilly)

**Benefits**

Using markers to identify target patients results in smaller *possible* market.

But *likely* market is greatly increased, since higher response rate drives:

- Greater, faster uptake
- Increased cycles delivered by capturing all responders.

Also protects non-responders from drug related adverse events.



**Example: Peak sales increase for marker with 25% frequency**

Measure	Base	With marker (3 scenarios)		
Market size (pts)	200k	50k	50k	50k
Response rate	25%	50%	75%	90%
Peak share	20%	80%	80%	95%
Patients Rx'd Responders (Rs) Non-Rs	40k	40k	40k	47.5k
	10k	20k	30k	42.75k
	30k	20k	10k	4.75k
Total cycles: (6 per R, 2 per Non-R)	120k	160k	200k	266k
Price per cycle	\$1k	\$1k	\$1k	\$1k
Peak sales	\$120m	\$160m	\$200m	\$266m
		+33%	+66%	+122%

**Extent of benefits depends on frequency of and response rate with marker.**

# Reimbursement

**Insurance companies and CMS will reimburse if:**

- **Use of genetic information in clinical decisions is shown to be effective**
- **If the FDA requires the use of such treatment**
- **If treatment guidelines suggest use of genetic information**
- **If there is a good cost/benefit ratio**



# A Prospective Randomized Clinical Trial

**Creating an optimal warfarin dosing  
nomogram (**CROWN**)**

**Nomogram development phase (500 patients)**

**Randomized controlled clinical trial (1,200 patients) with relevant clinical endpoints and a cost-effectiveness analysis.**

**Participating hospitals**



# Regulatory Activity



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**In Milestone, FDA Pushes  
Genetic Tests Tied to Drug  
Agency Seeks to Tame  
Risks of Blood Thinner;  
Some Doctors Protest  
By ANNA WILDE MATHEWS  
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# FDA Approves Label Change for Warfarin

## FDA Approves Genetic Testing Labeling For Blood-thinning Drug

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"Today's approved labeling change is one step in our commitment to personalized medicine. By using modern science to get the right drug in the right dose for the right patient, FDA will further enhance the safety and effectiveness of the medicines Americans depend on,"

Andrew C. von Eschenbach, M.D.  
Commissioner of FDA

# Cost/Benefit Analysis for Warfarin testing

“We estimate that formally integrating genetic testing into routine warfarin therapy could allow American warfarin users to avoid 85,000 serious bleeding events and 17,000 strokes annually. We estimate the reduced health care spending from integrating genetic testing into warfarin therapy to be \$1.1 billion annually, with a range of about \$100 million to \$2 billion.”

**Andrew McWilliam, Randall Lutter and Clark Nardinelli**  
Office of Policy and Planning at the FDA  
AEI-BROOKINGS JOINT CENTER FOR REGULATORY  
STUDIES November 2006

# Reimbursement systems

**Current reimbursement systems in the US do not provide incentives for development or implementation of diagnostics for diagnosis or treatment decision.**

**Develop value propositions about how reimbursement can benefit all parties**

**Models for thinking about a revamped reimbursement systems**

**Experiments with Payor, Providers and Government**

# Education

**Educating Healthcare professionals**  
**Incorporating genetics into clinical training**  
**Educating the public**  
**Incorporating genetics into curricula**