

Data Sharing Consortia and Large Datasets to Inform Cancer Diagnosis

Improving Cancer Diagnosis and Care: Patient Access to Oncologic Imaging and Pathology Expertise and Technologies: An NCPF Workshop

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Perspective

Strengthening Research through Data Sharing

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DATA SHARING HAS INCREDIBLE POTENTIAL TO STRENGTHEN ACADEMIC research, the practice of medicine, and the integrity of the clinical trial system. Some benefits are obvious: when researchers have access to complete data, they can answer new questions, explore different lines of analysis, and more efficiently conduct large-scale analyses across trials. Other advantages, such as providing a guardrail against conflicts of interest in a clinical trial system in which external sponsorship of research is common and necessary, are less visible yet just as critical.

Data Sharing Consortiums

Historical definition: “the practice of making data used for scholarly research available to other investigators” (Wikipedia & NIH)

Aggregation of datasets (different variables, to generate critical mass)

Increasing focus on real-world data collected as a routine byproduct of care

Flatiron Health as an example, but there are many others

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21st Century Cures

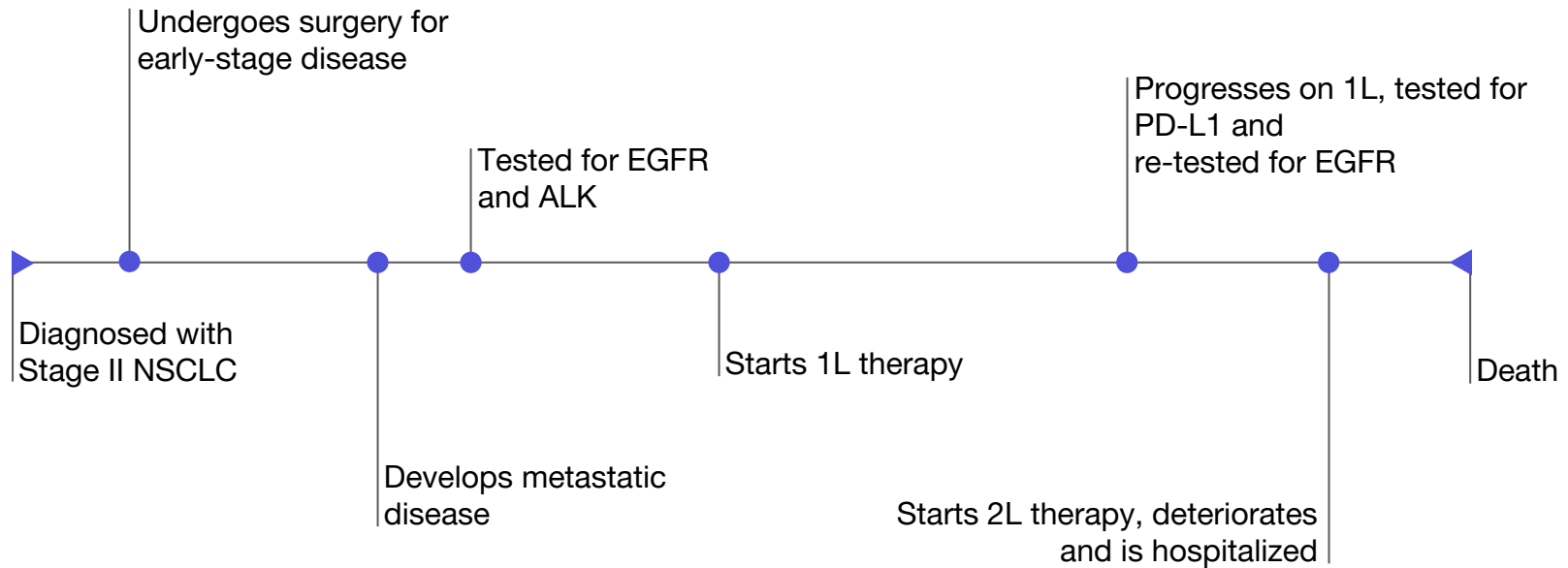


SEC. 505F. UTILIZING REAL WORLD EVIDENCE.

(a) In General. — The Secretary shall establish a program to evaluate the potential use of real world evidence—

(1) to help to support the approval of a new indication for a drug approved under section 505(c); and

(2) to help to support or satisfy postapproval study requirements.



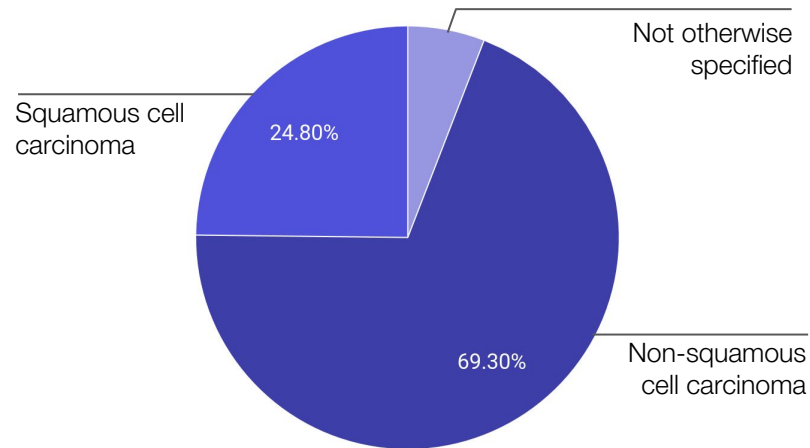
Large datasets can be used to inform cancer diagnosis and the interrelationship of diagnosis, treatment, and outcome, but it is important how they get curated

The Promise of Data Sharing at Scale

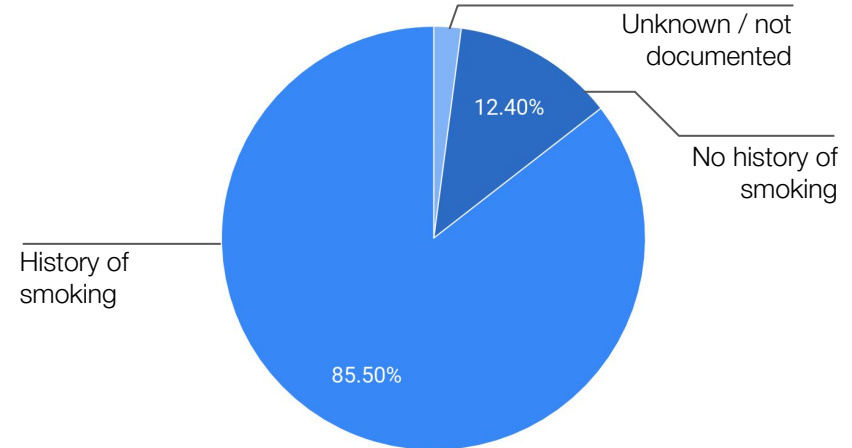
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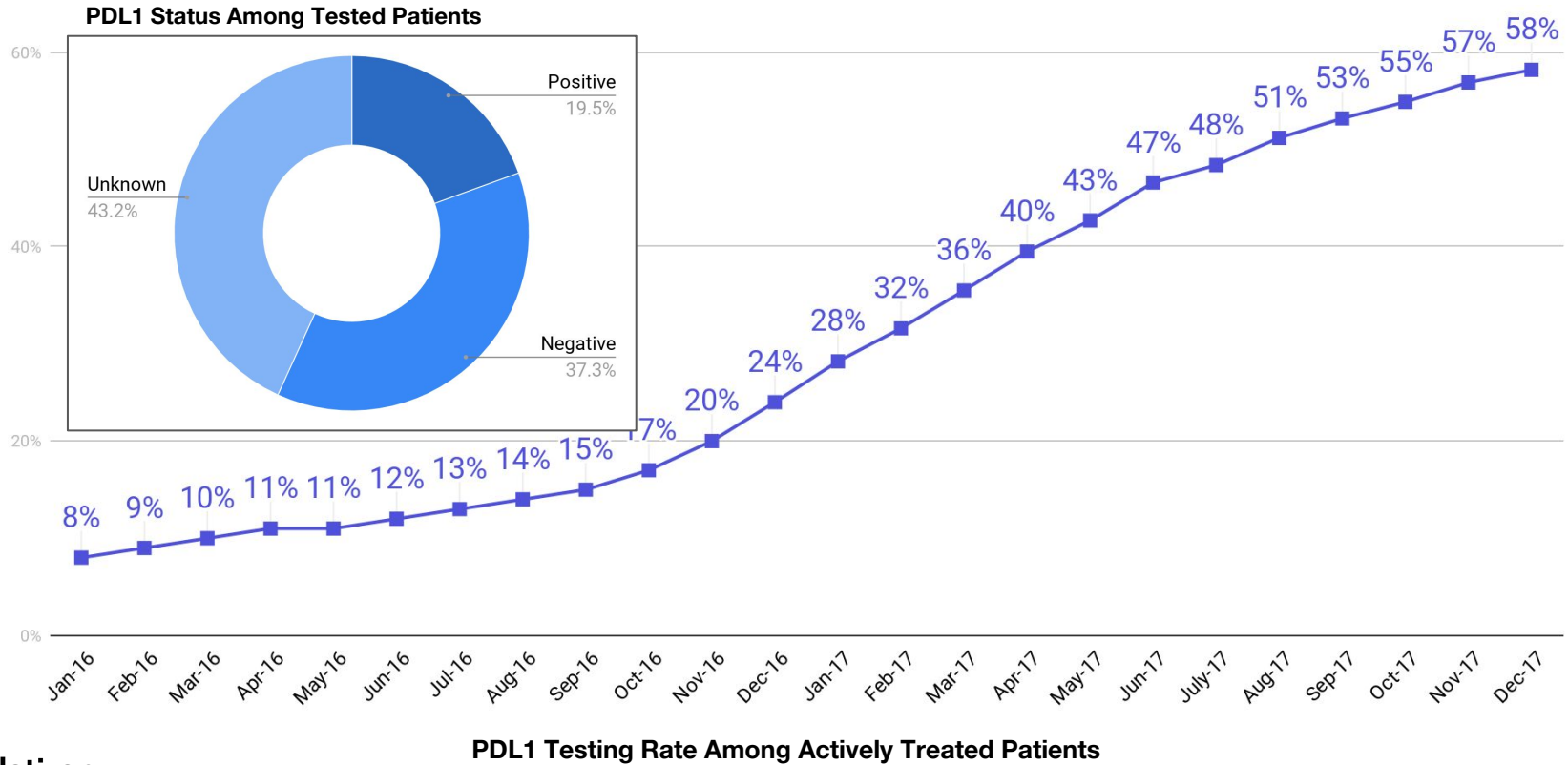
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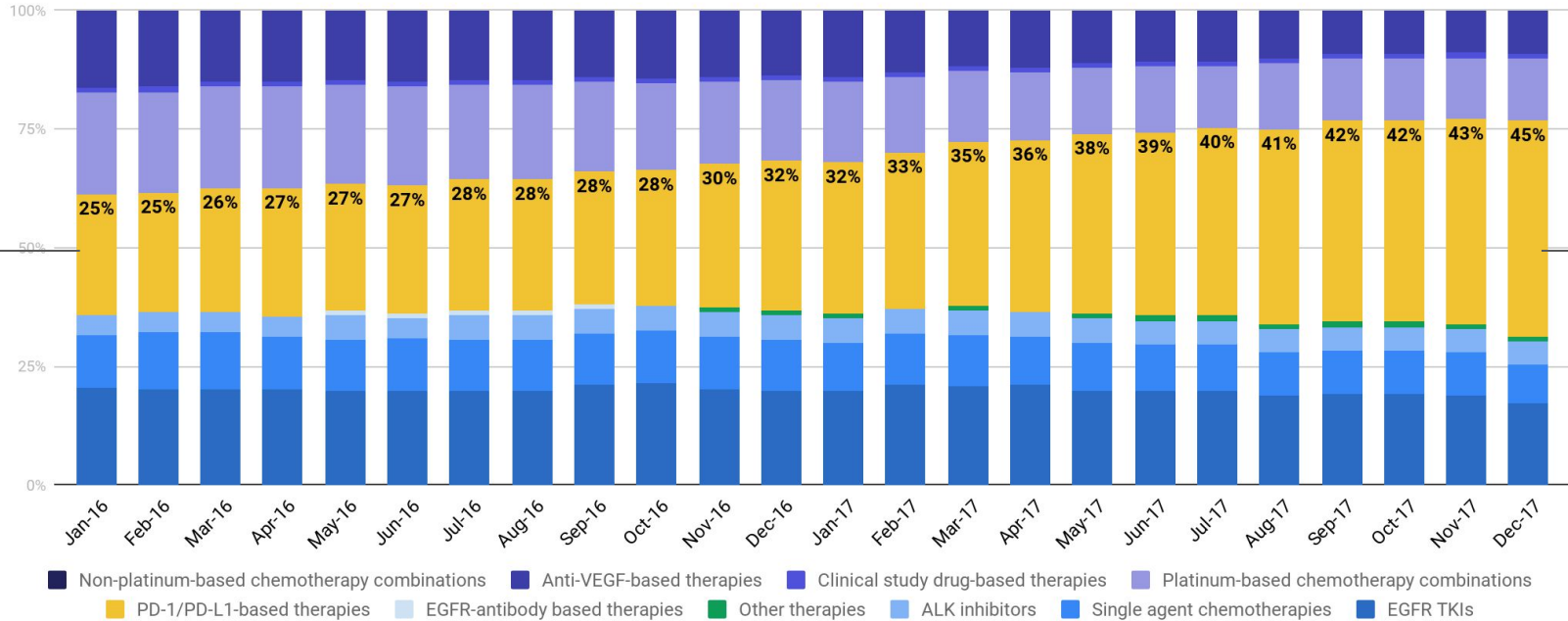


PDL1 Biomarker Testing



Patient Share by Therapy Class — PD1/PDL1

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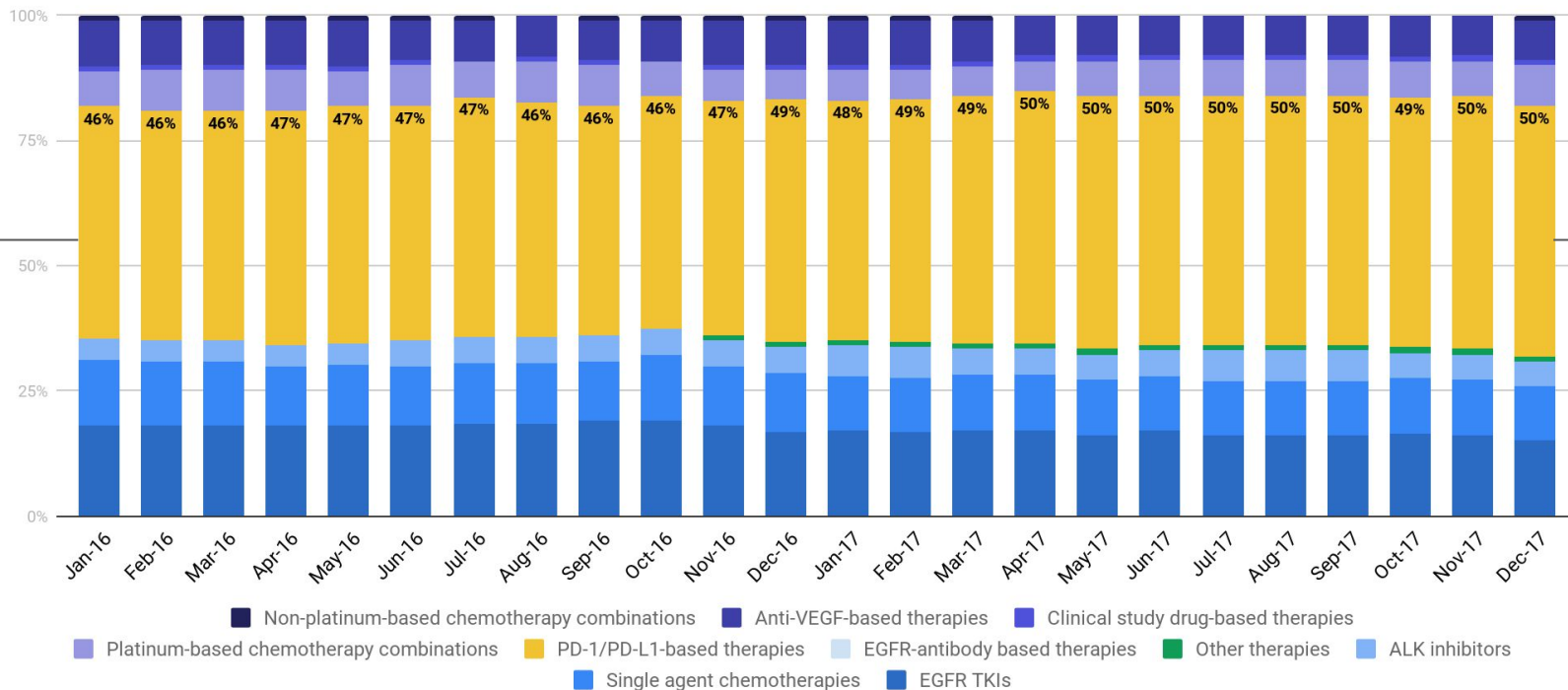


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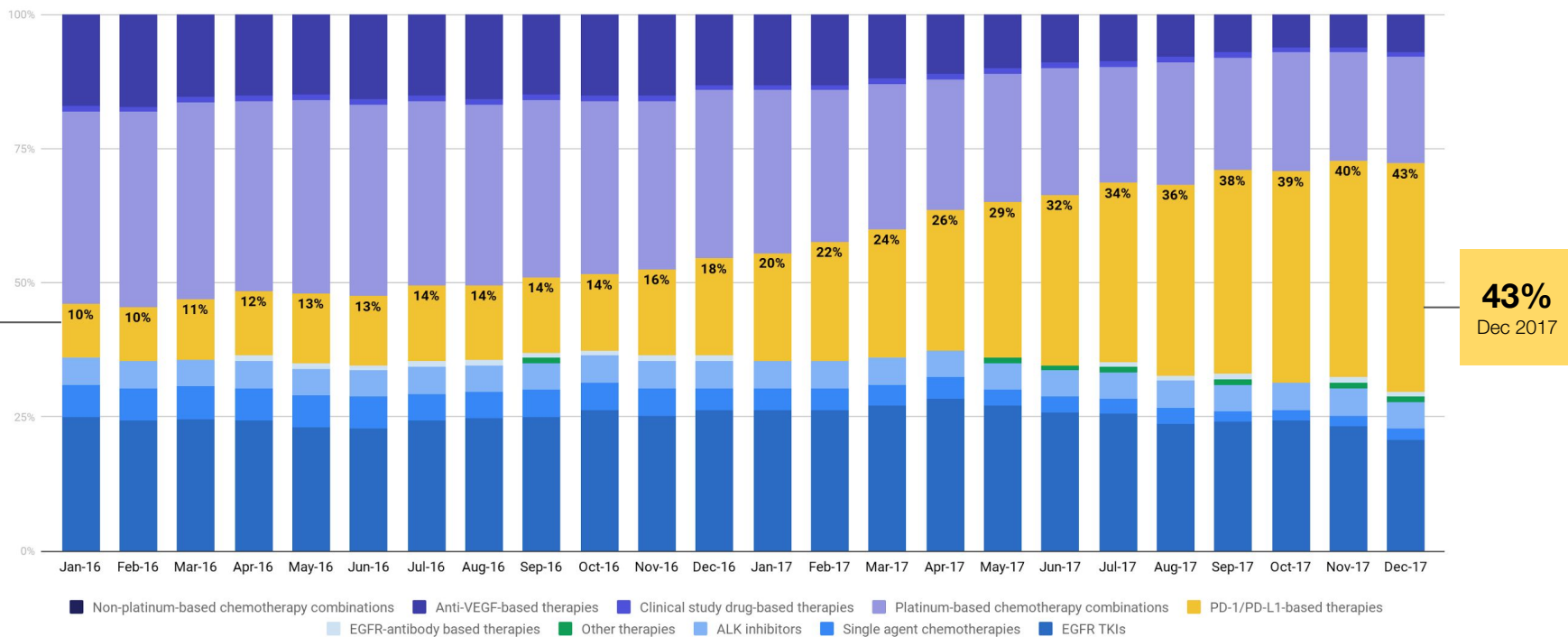
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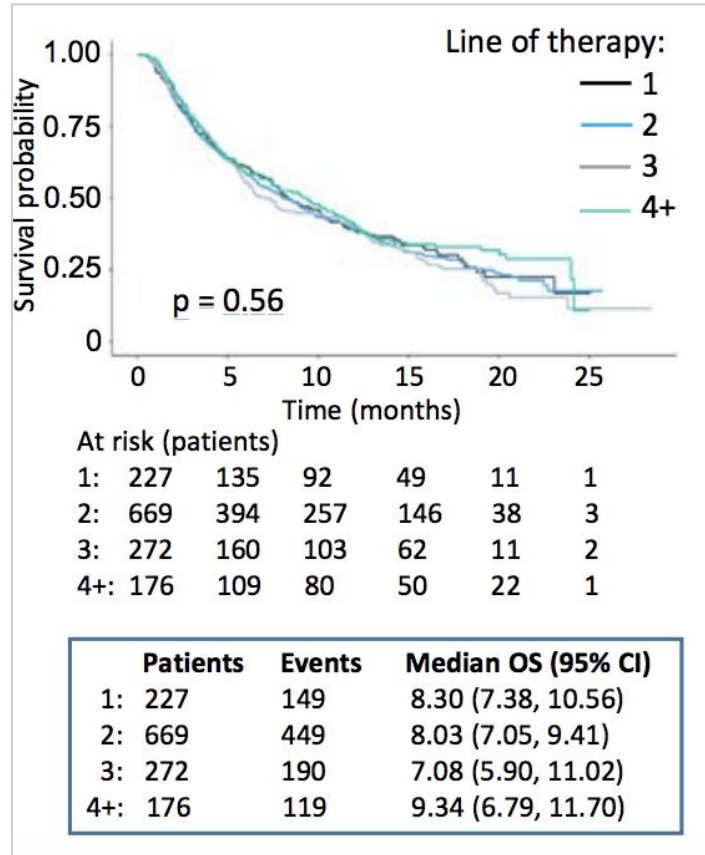


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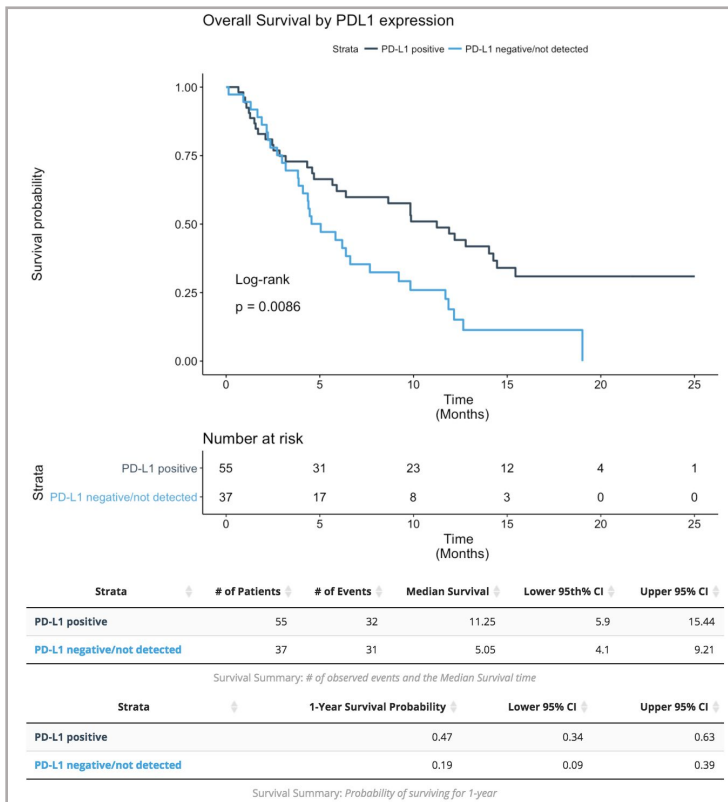


Overall survival of PD-1 treated mNSCLC patients



Findings: Stratification by line of therapy in which patients received their first PD-1 inhibitor did not reveal significant differences in OS estimates

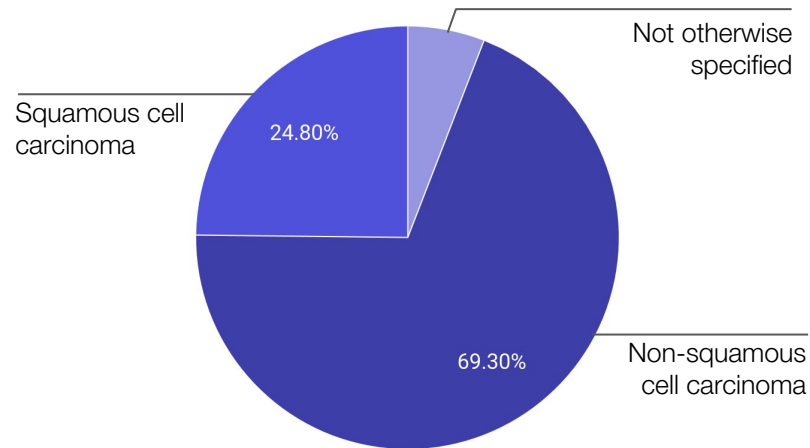
PDL1 expression predicts survival



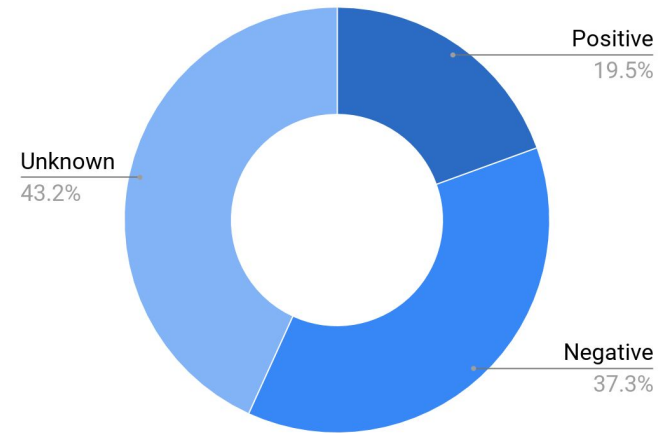
Findings: Patients who were PD-1 positive had a significantly longer median survival time (by ~5 months) and higher 1-year survival probability than those who were PD-1 negative

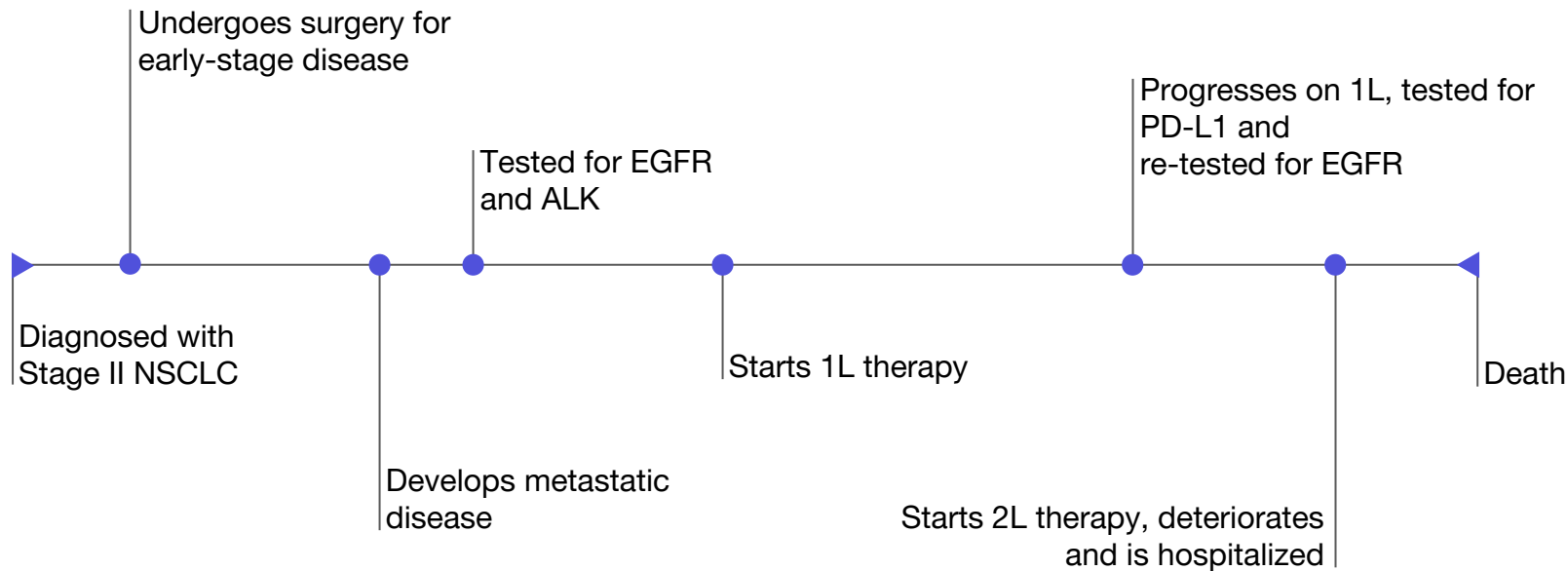
Hinges on Confident Diagnosis

Histology



PDL1 Status





Diagnostic events are a combination of clinical, pathological, radiological, & biomarker data - *in context*

Undergoes surgery for
early-stage disease

Tested for EGFR
and ALK

Progresses on 1L, tested for
PD-L1 and
re-tested for EGFR

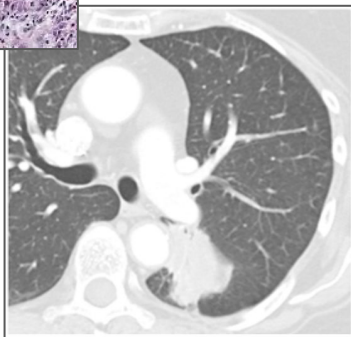
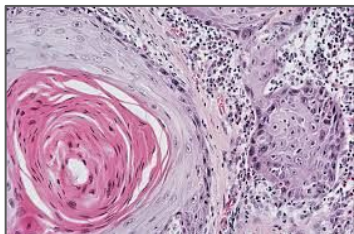
Death

Diagnosed with
Stage II NSCLC

Starts 1L therapy

Develops metastatic
disease

Starts 2L therapy, deteriorates
and is hospitalized



Gross Description

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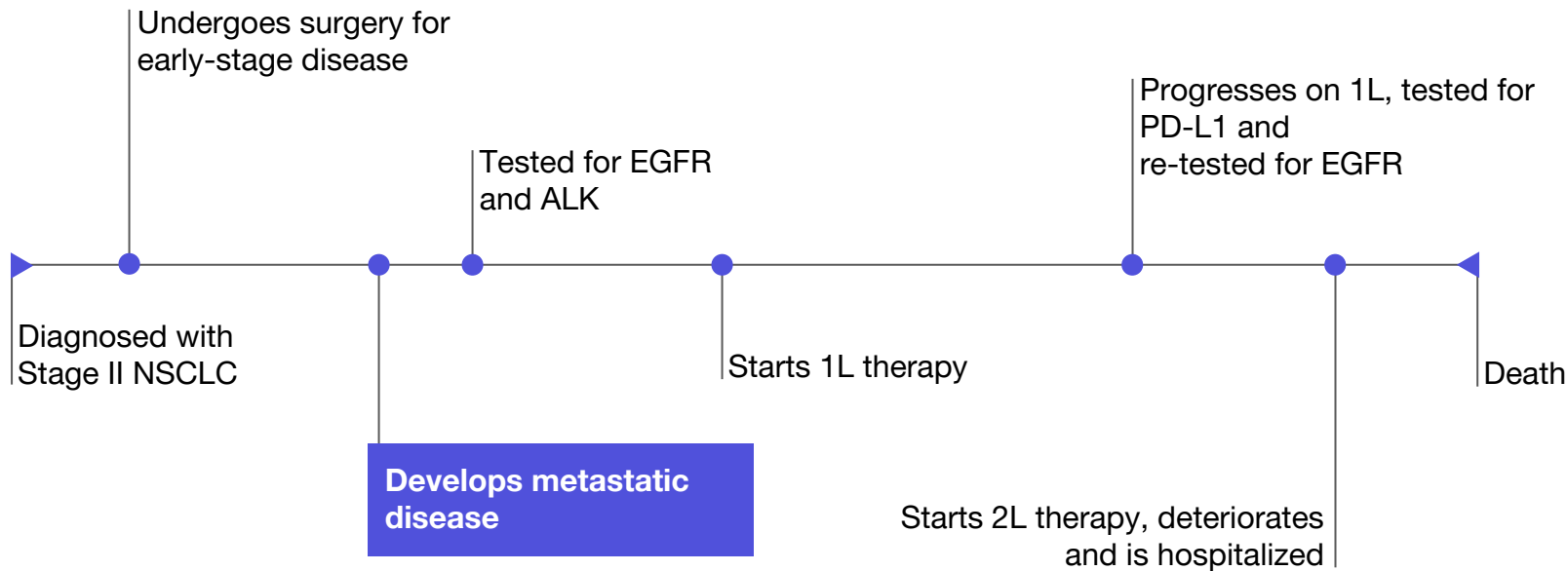
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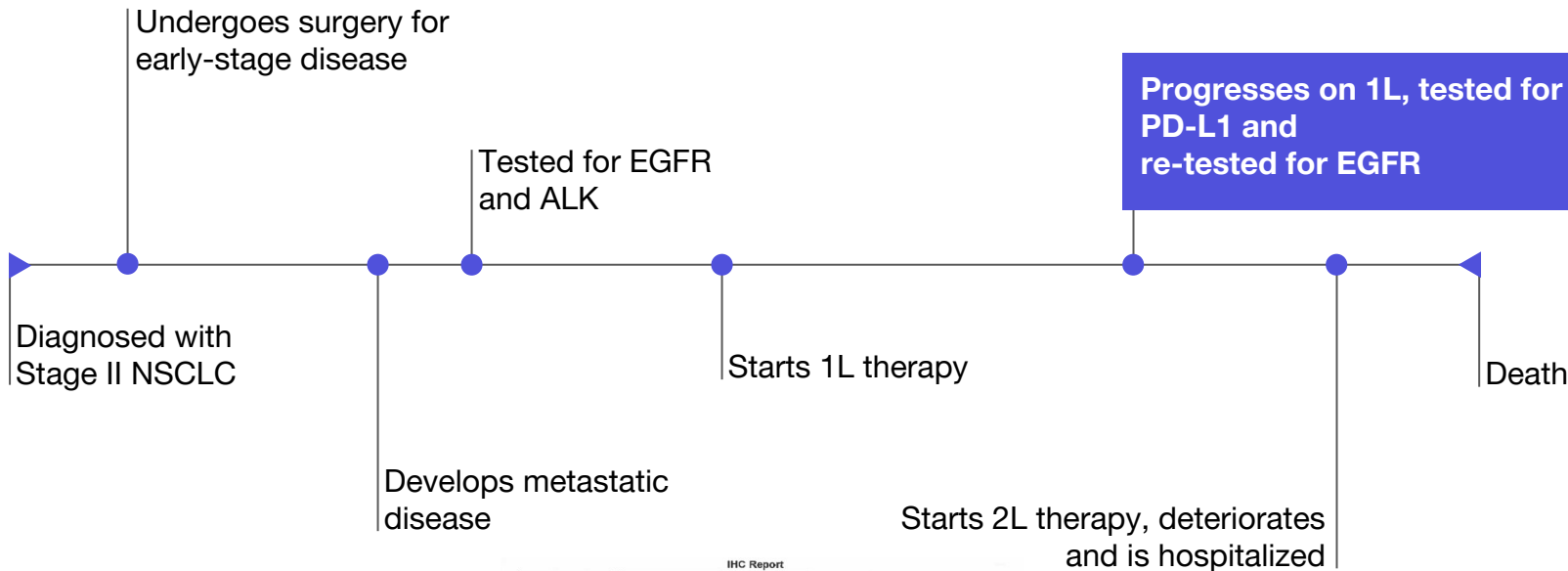
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Diagnosis

SPECIMEN SUBMITTED AS TRUCUT BIOPSY LEFT LUNG NODULE:
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- SEE ABOVE.



Path?



Time to progression is dependent on when patient is evaluated

IHC Report

Lung, Right Upper Lobe Tissue

Review: Manual Assay Type: NEGATIVE

Tumor Stained: 0 Reference Range: NEGATIVE < 50% POSITIVE >= 50%

Intensity: 0

PD-L1, 22C3

Review: Manual Assay Type: NEGATIVE

Tumor Stained: 0 Reference Range: NEGATIVE < 1% POSITIVE >= 1%

Intensity: 0

Results: NEGATIVE, ELIGIBLE FOR OPDIVO®

PD-L1, 28-8

Comments: All non-small cell lung cancer patients are eligible for OPDIVO® (pembrolizumab) regardless of their PD-L1 status. The professional interpretation was performed at Flatiron, Inc., 6455 Mission Court, West Bloomfield, MI, 48324, CLIA: 23D2013964

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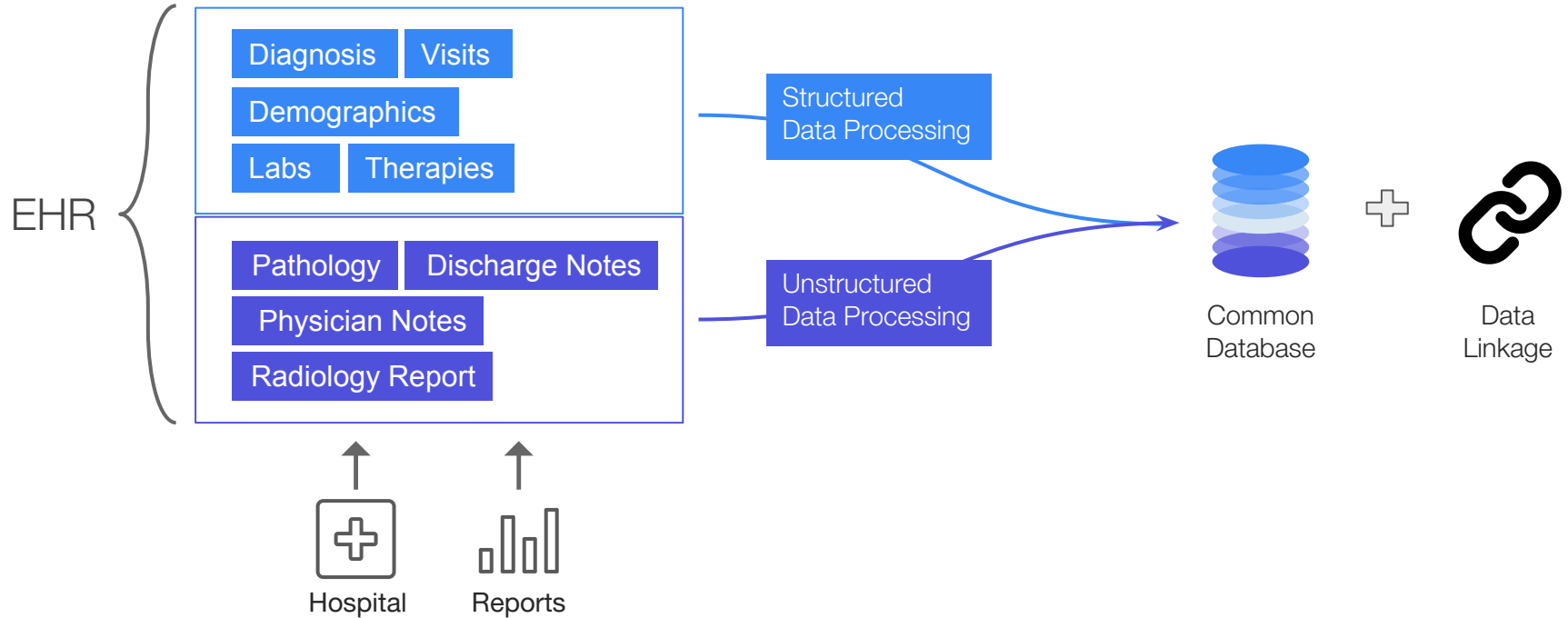
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Data Management Challenges

- Need for a common data model
- Scaled curation
- Access to identified source documents
- Differences in timing of assessments
- Data provenance
- Traceability
- Standard policies & procedures to synthesize complex clinical data
- Rigorous quality controls

Here's what that looks like at Flatiron...

Data source and curation



Curate in a reliable way (human, AI) and document data quality

and ALK

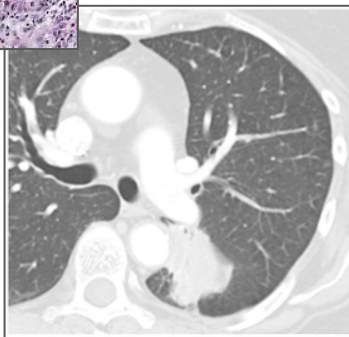
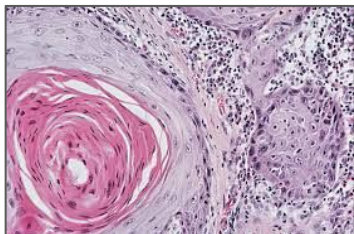
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Consistent approach to curating unstructured data

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PD-L1 IHC Report Scanned into EHR Contains Rich Data:

- Test status
- Test result
- Date biopsy collected
- Date biopsy received by laboratory
- Date result received by provider
- Lab name
- Sample type
- Tissue collection site
- Type of test (e.g., FISH)
- Assay / kit (e.g., Dako 22C3)
- Percent staining & staining intensity

... for every test the patient receives

Technology Enabled Abstraction



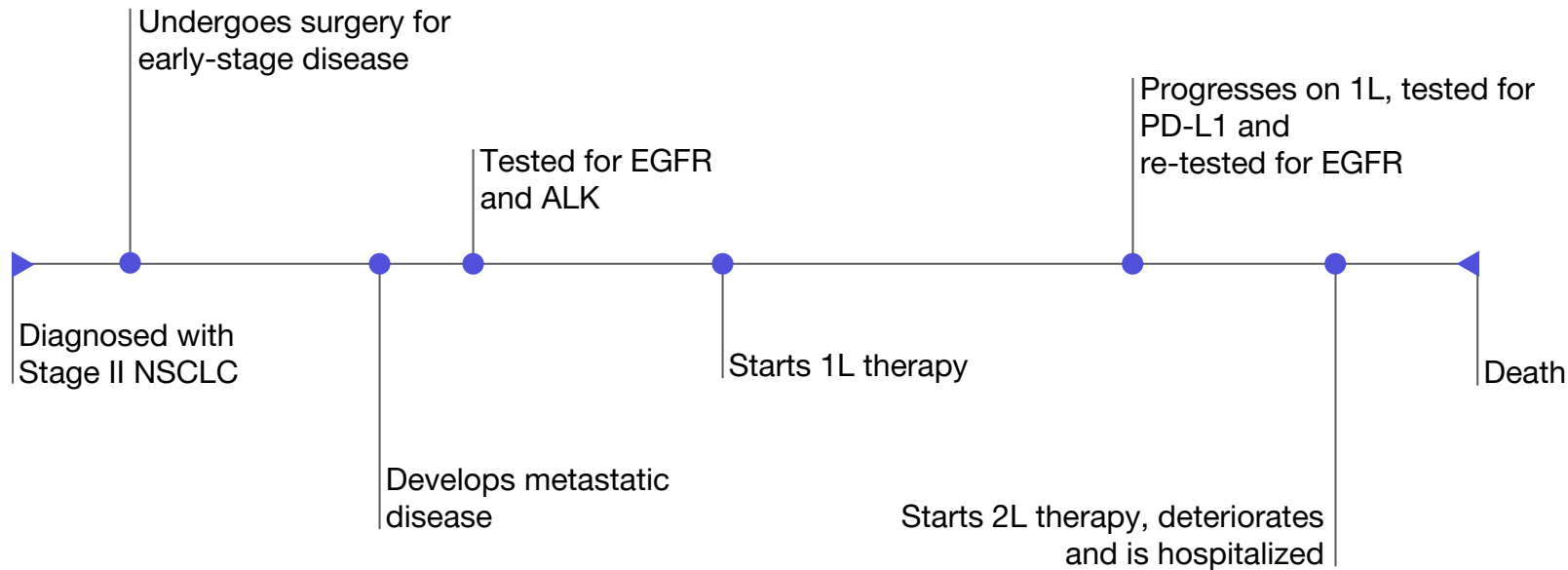
Expert abstractors

A network of abstractors comprised of oncology nurses, certified tumor registrars, and oncology clinical research professionals.

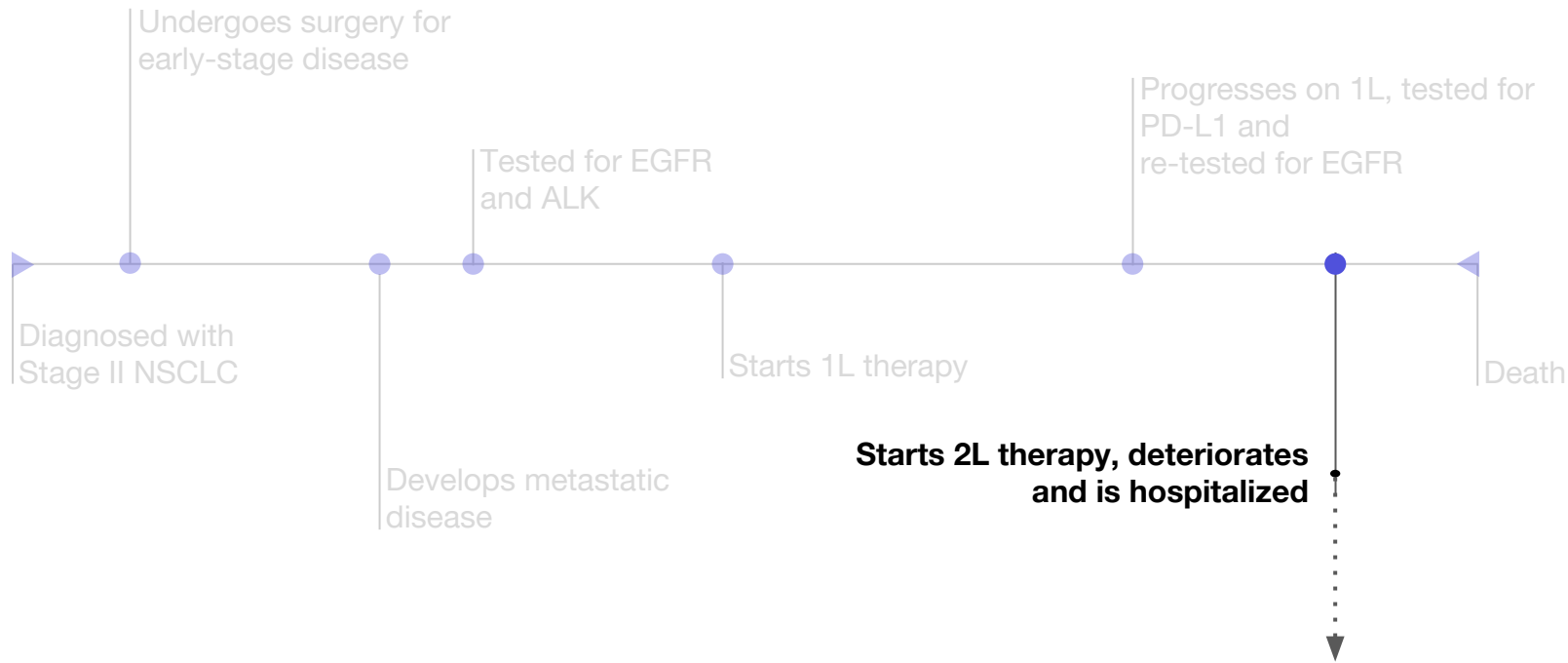


Flatiron Technology

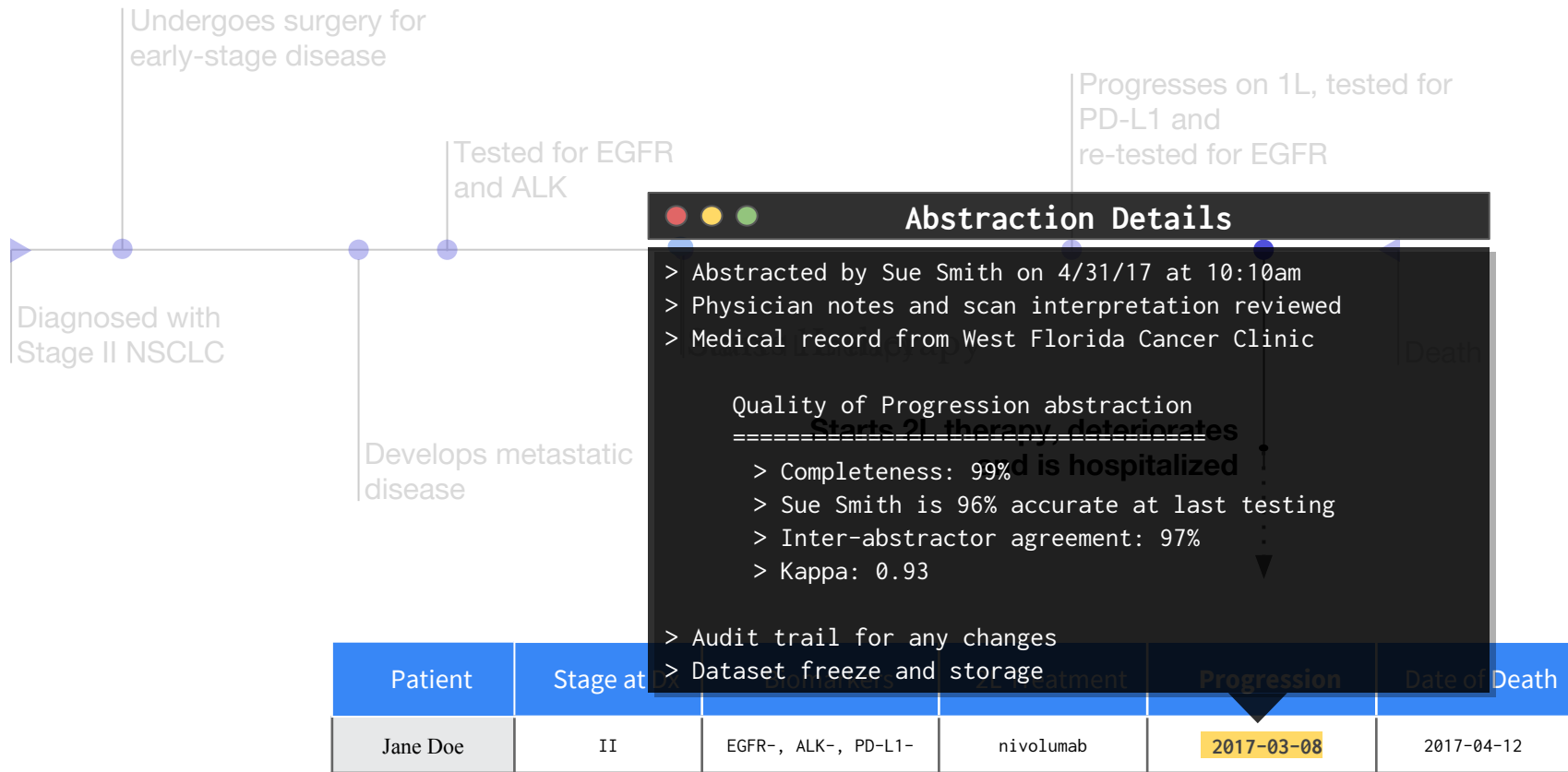
Software helps trained human abstractors efficiently organize and review unstructured documents to capture key data elements in predetermined forms.



Documentation of source, quality and provenance.

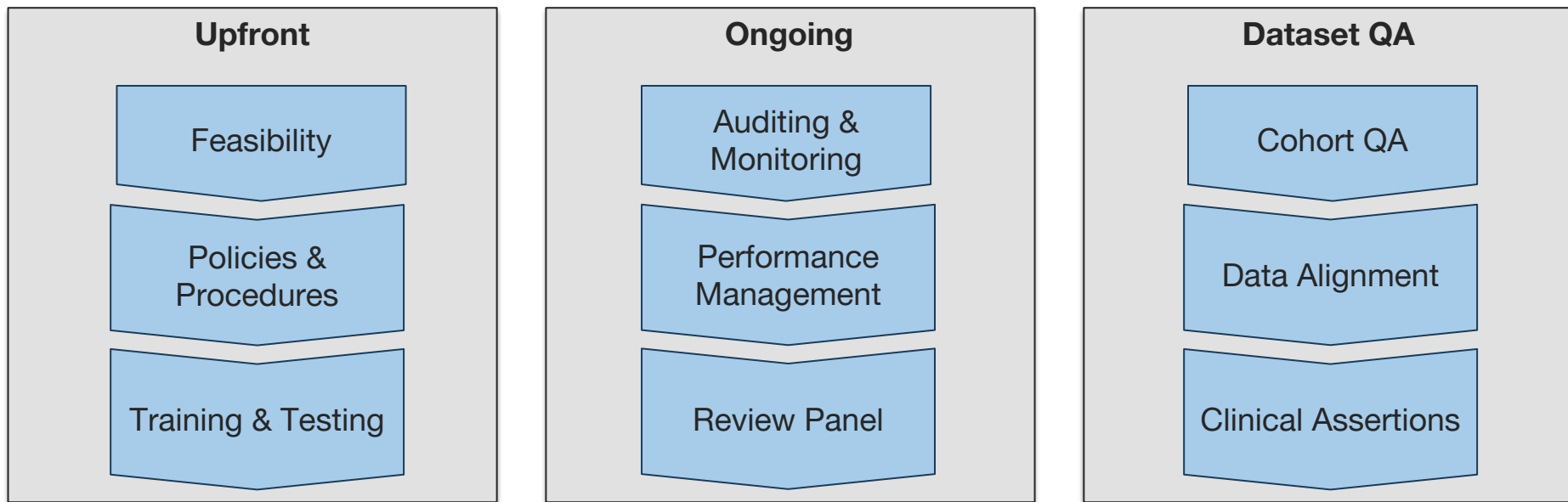


Patient	Stage at Dx	Biomarkers	2L Treatment	Progression	Date of Death
Jane Doe	II	EGFR-, ALK-, PD-L1-	nivolumab	2017-03-08	2017-04-12



Quality assurance & quality control

Centralized Controlled Environment



Resulting clinical data quality and completeness

Completeness of technology-enabled abstraction

Example: Advanced NSCLC

Variable	Structured data only	Flatiron data completeness
Metastatic diagnosis	26%	100%
Smoking status	0% ¹	94%
Histology	37%	99% ²
Stage	61%	95%
ALK results (of those tested)	9%	100% ³
EGFR results (of those tested)	11%	99% ³

¹ 58% are free text in dedicated field in EHR (requiring hand abstraction)

² Including 8% of patients with results pending or unsuccessful test

³ Including 6% of patients with results pending or unsuccessful test

Accuracy of technology-enabled abstraction

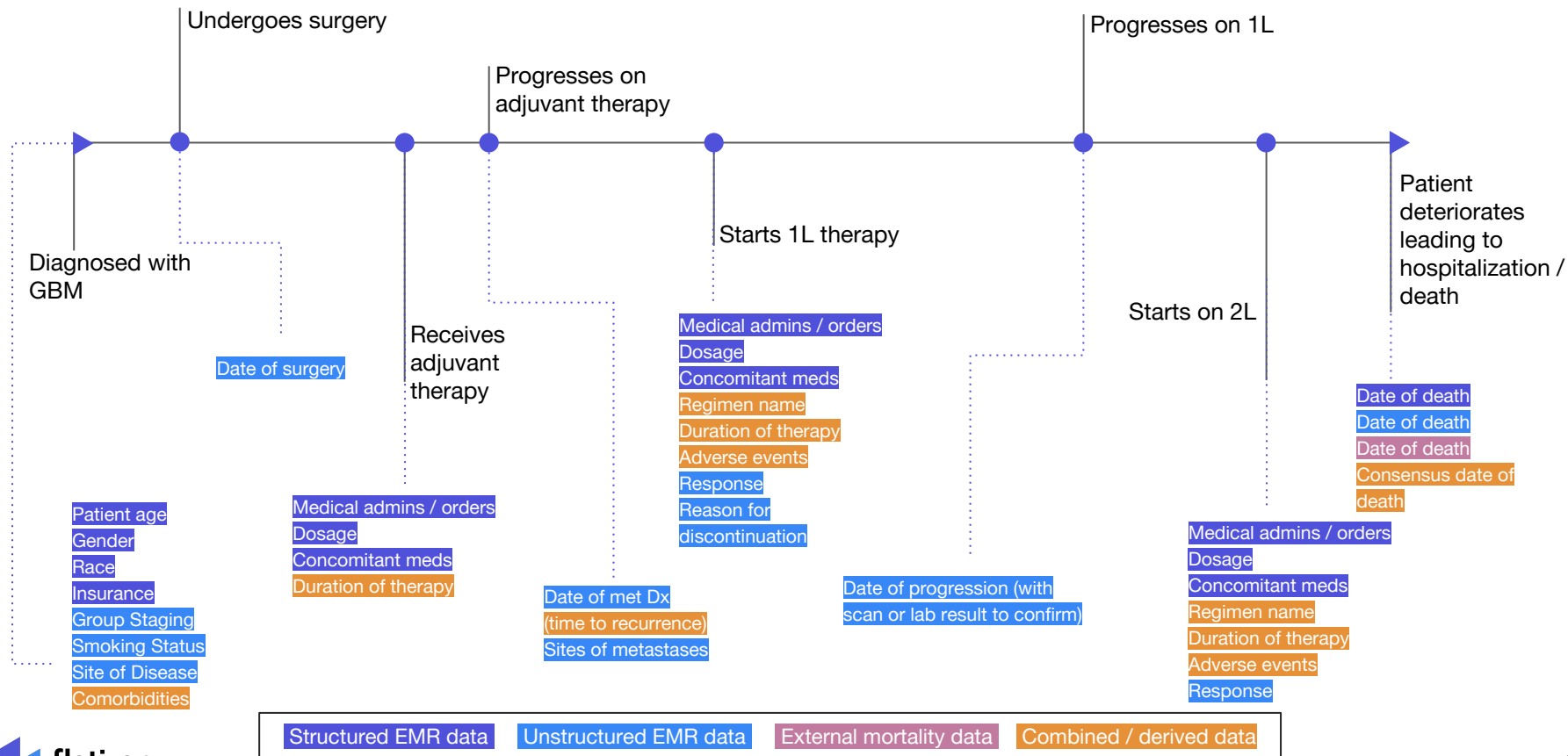
Example: Sites of metastases

Site of met	Inter-abtractor agreement	Kappa
Bone	97%	0.93
Brain	96%	0.91
Liver	92%	0.83
Lung	94%	0.87

Link Datasets

Flatiron	External	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Demographics● Diagnosis● Visits● Therapies● Physicians Notes● Discharge Notes● Pathology Reports● Radiology Reports● Mortality*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">🔗 Genomics🔗 Admin Claims🔗 Sensors & PROs🔗 Mortality🔗 Other EHRs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Core🔗 Linked

A comprehensive view of the patient journey



*Relative timing not exact

Collaboration with the FDA



- Determine how and when Flatiron data can be used to document the effectiveness and safety of cancer drugs
- Define optimal ways to analyze Flatiron data
- Document endpoints (e.g., evidence of tumor burden or survival) that are clinically meaningful in the Flatiron data
- Best describe the reliability and quality of our data for end-users

RWE QUALITY

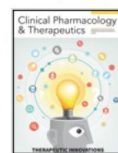
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Development

Harnessing the Power of Real-World Evidence (RWE): A Checklist to Ensure Regulatory-Grade Data Quality

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Abstract

The role of real-world evidence (RWE) in regulatory, drug development, and healthcare decision-making is rapidly expanding. Recent advances have increased the complexity of cancer care and widened the gap between randomized clinical trial (RCT) results and the evidence needed for real-world clinical decisions.[1] Instead of remaining invisible, data from the >95% of cancer patients treated outside of clinical trials can help fill this void.

DEFINING RWE

RWE is generated from high-quality data that are 1) derived from relevant RWD sources, 2) cleaned, harmonized, and deduplicated to fill in gaps, and 3) include endpoints. Quality assessment is needed to encompass the entire process to generate RWE, from data sources and processing to defining appropriate use cases (Figure 1).

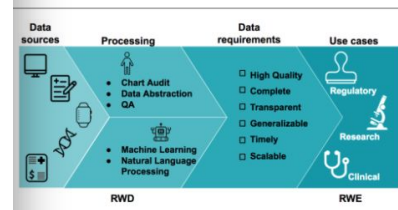


Figure 1. [Open in figure viewer](#) | [Download Powerpoint slide](#)

The journey from data to evidence. Real-world data (RWD) are data that are routinely collected in the form of electronic health records (EHRs), patient disease registries, wearables, genomic datasets, medical claims registries, and others. These data can be aggregated, linked, and processed to produce key conclusions in the form of real-world evidence (RWE). The proposed checklist can be used to assess if the quality of the RWD is regulatory-grade.

Real-world data (RWD) source depends on the RWE hypothesis and .[3] As the EHR is a contemporaneous (prospective or retrospective) account of the clinical narrative, it provides detailed details and longitudinal follow-up for outcomes. The

Meta-characteristics of RWD and RWE

Regulatory grade RWE, a potential checklist

- ☐ **Clinical Depth**
Data granularity to enable appropriate interpretation and contextualization of patient information.
- ☐ **Completeness**
Inclusion of both structured and unstructured information supports a thorough understanding of patient clinical experience.
- ☐ **Longitudinal Follow-up**
Ability to review treatment history and track patient journey going forward over time.
- ☐ **Quality Monitoring**
Systematic processes implemented to ensure data accuracy and quality.
- ☐ **Timeliness / Recency**
Timely monitoring of treatment patterns and trends in the market to derive relevant insights.
- ☐ **Scalability**
Efficient processing of information with data model that evolves with standard of care.
- ☐ **Generalizability**
Representativeness of the data cohorts to the broader patient population.
- ☐ **Complete Provenance**
Robust traceability throughout the chain of evidence.

Data Quality Concerns

These will always be there, so, we need to figure out a way to address them

Challenges with Images

Images captured as part of routine care differ in meaningful ways from those captured within clinical trials:

- Raw images are not available for central review
- Imaging reports generated outside of clinical trials often lack info needed for RECIST
- RECIST requires comparison to prior charts. Radiologists interpreting imaging may not have access to prior images.

Accounting for Changing Interpretations Over Time

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1. Large left upper lobe bronchogenic carcinoma extending to the left hilum markedly increased in size since prior study
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6-2 → 4.2 cm
JS PET
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Need a consistent approach to documenting quality

Appendix B: Flatiron Health PD-L1: Inter-rater agreement and kappas on abstracted variable

Project:

FDA

PD-1 inhibitors in aNSCLC

Note: For questions where a high percentage of patients have a common answer (e.g., PD-L1 testing status), kappa may be significantly lower than inter-rater agreement. In these cases, it may be more accurate to use inter-rater agreement to measure reliability of the data.

Kappas scale

Almost perfect	0.8 to 1.0
Substantial	0.6 to 0.8
Moderate	0.4 to 0.6
Fair	0.2 to 0.4
Slight	0 to 0.2

Table: Enhanced_AdvancedNSCLC

Summary of variable inter-rater agreement and kappas

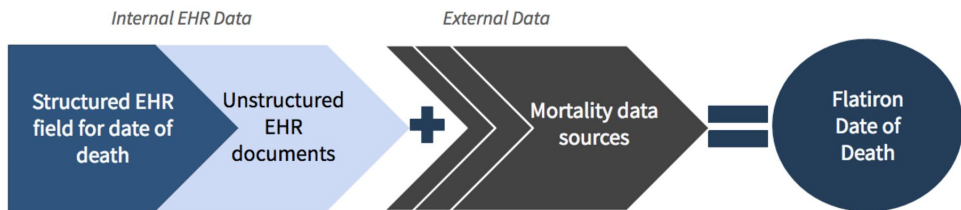
Variable	Description of variable	Corresponding question(s) on abstraction form	Question type	Inter-rater agreement (exact day for dates)	Kappa (exact agreement)	Kappa (30-day window for dates)
DiagnosisDate	Date of initial diagnosis	Enter the date of initial diagnosis	date	0.795	0.794	0.902
AdvancedDiagnosisDate	Date of diagnosis of advanced disease: first recurrence or metastasis	Enter the date of the first diagnosis of metastatic or advanced NSCLC	date	0.695	0.695	0.796
MetastaticDiagnosisDate	Date of diagnosis of metastatic disease	Enter the date of initial diagnosis [for ~55% of patients in the cohort who are diagnosed metastatic]	date	0.795	0.794	0.902
		Enter the date of distant metastatic diagnosis [for ~45% of patients in the cohort who are diagnosed non-metastatic]	date	0.527	0.476	0.557
Histology	Histology	Select the histology	drop down	0.947	0.894	
GroupStage	Group stage at time of initial diagnosis	Select the group stage	drop down	0.848	0.768	
SmokingStatus	Documented history of smoking	Smoking status	drop down	0.934	0.695	
EgfrTested	Indicator of whether the tumor was tested for a EGFR mutation	Was the tumor tested for a EGFR mutation?	boolean	0.927	0.84	
AlkTested	Indicator of whether the tumor was tested for an ALK rearrangement	Was the tumor tested for an ALK rearrangement?	boolean	0.901	0.791	
PdL1Tested	Indicator of whether the tumor was tested for PD-L1 expression	Was the tumor tested for PD-L1 expression?	boolean	0.901	0.547	
KrasTested	Indicator of whether the tumor was tested for a KRAS mutation	Was the tumor tested for a KRAS mutation?	boolean	0.894	0.728	
Ros1Tested	Indicator of whether the tumor was tested for a ROS-1 rearrangement	Was the tumor tested for a ROS-1 rearrangement?	boolean	0.881	0.725	

Validation of Endpoints

Data Quality & Validation Framework	
Face Validity	• Oncologist agreement with definition & approach
	• Regulator and other stakeholder agreement with definition & approach
Feasibility & Quality of Variables (structured & abstracted)	• Completeness of collected data
	• Inter-rater agreement on progression dates for duplicate abstracted patients
	• Qualitative feedback from abstractors reviewing the medical records
Validity of Outputs	• Likelihood of predicting a downstream event (e.g., overall survival)
	• Association between OS and PFS/TTP <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Patient-level correlation○ Responsiveness of endpoint to treatment effects

Evaluate data against a reference standard

E.g., gold standard = National Death Index



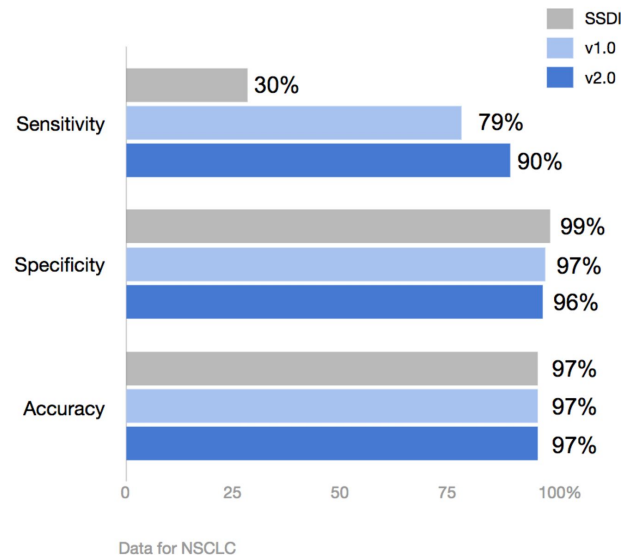
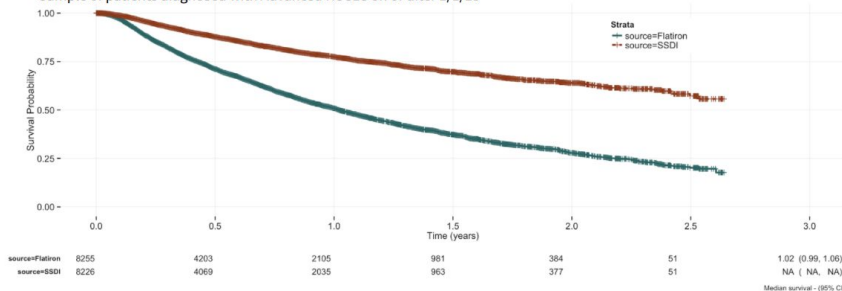
Dedicated field for Patient Date of Death (DoD)

Unstructured documents (e.g., death certificates, condolence cards)

Data vendors selected on basis of data coverage and recency

OS: Advanced NSCLC diagnosis to death

Sample of patients diagnosed with Advanced NSCLC on or after 1/1/13



Data in context reinforces diagnostic accuracy

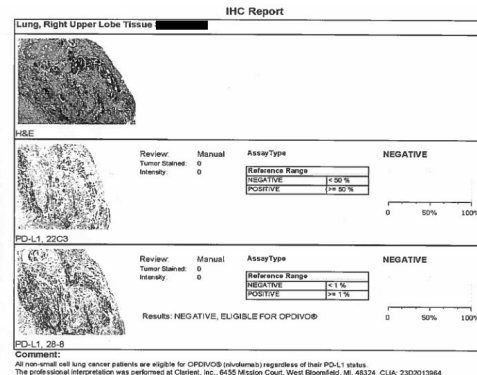
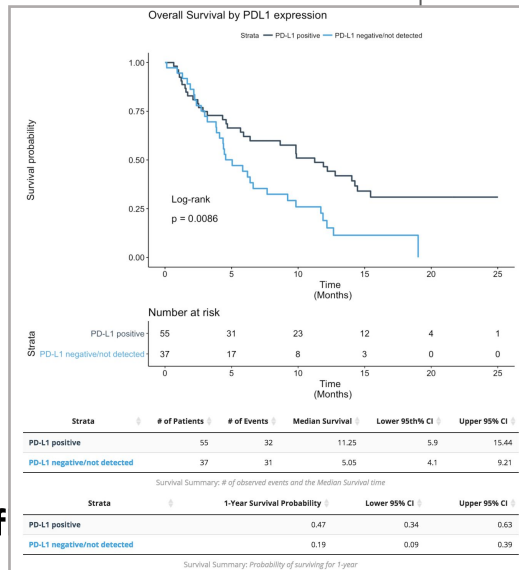
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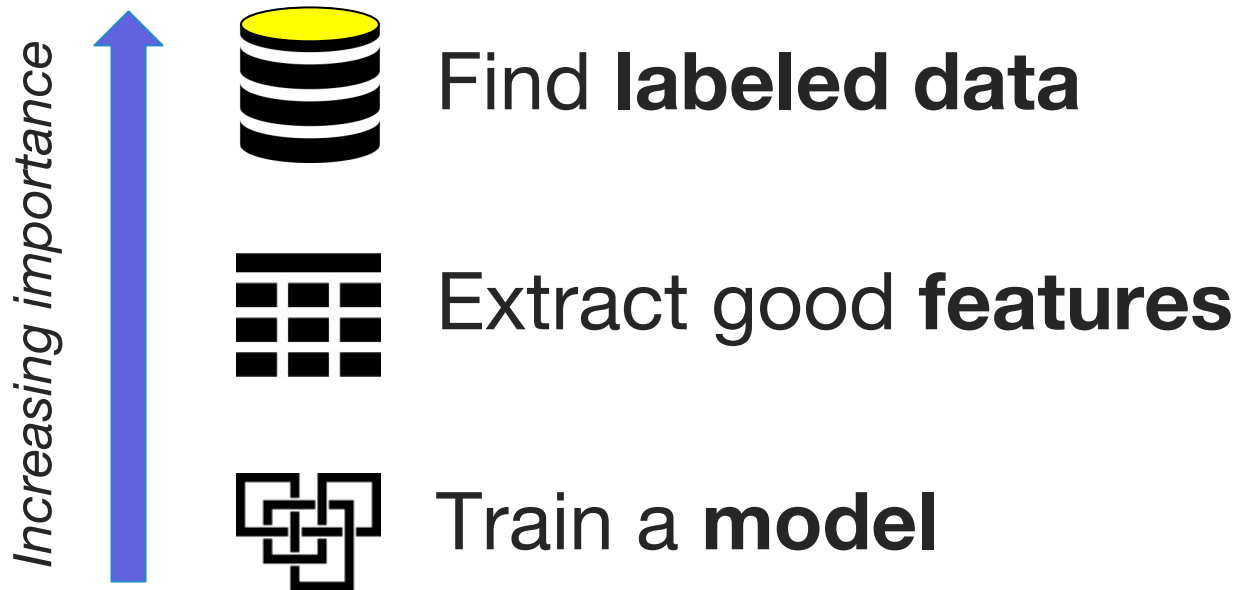
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Labeled data helps with AI / machine learning



> 500k patients processed



Clinically informed features



Technical expertise



Problems to be Solved

- Ambiguous interpretation
- Differing issues in scan timing
- Data curation standards with appropriate labeling to support AI/ML
- Data linkage - privacy while maintaining adequate information for context
- Consistent approach to documenting data quality
- Consistent endpoint definitions
- Appropriate use of AI/ML

Policy Context for Data Sharing

- Enabling policy (21st Century Cures, PDUFA VI)
- Privacy, security and governance
 - Need approaches to maintain privacy while ensuring adequate contextual information
- Incentives for data sharing
- Regulatory policy that drives standards
 - Consistent approach to documenting data quality
 - Consistent endpoint definitions
 - Incorporating machine learning and AI

Take Home Summary

- Data sharing consortiums offer the opportunity to observe the interrelationship between diagnosis, treatment, and outcomes at scale
- To achieve this we must solve the challenges of data aggregation, curation, and confident assessment of data quality - this can be achieved
- With respect to diagnostic data quality, we must resolve issues related to ambiguous interpretation, differences in scan timing, data curation standards, evaluation of data in context, and the roles of machine learning and artificial intelligence