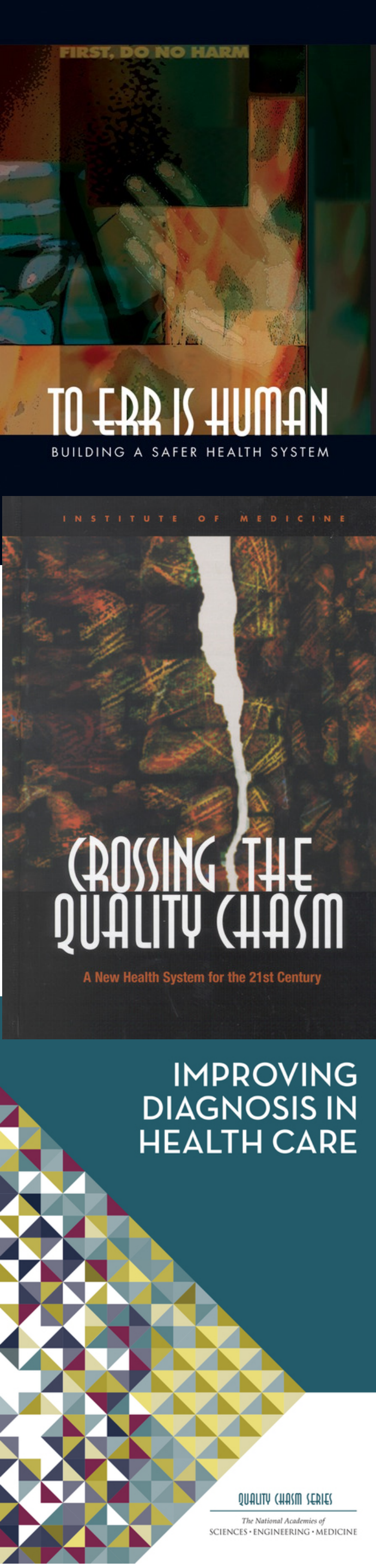
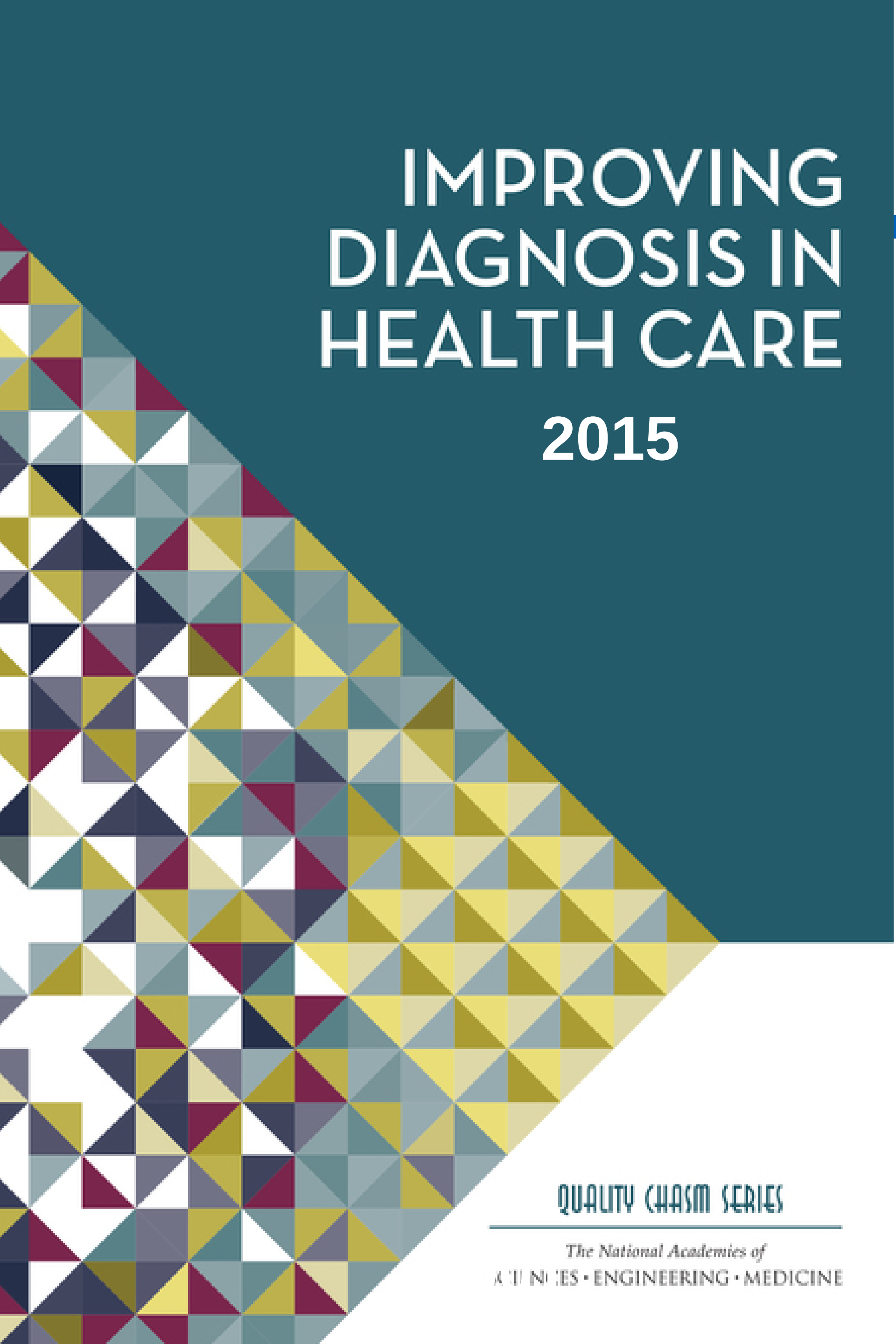




Improving Cancer Diagnosis and Care:

Patient Access to Oncologic Imaging and Pathology Expertise and Technologies

Summary of the February 2018 NCPF workshop



IMPROVING DIAGNOSIS IN HEALTH CARE 2015

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A Call to Action

The diagnostic process is
complex, collaborative,
and involves *clinical*
reasoning and
information gathering.

Diagnostic Imaging & Pathology

A Critical Component in Cancer Care

*Today, diagnostic tests influence an estimated
60-70% of all treatment decisions **

*V. J. Dzaou: Realizing the Full Potential of Precision Medicine; NAM Perspective, Sept. 2016

*Imaging is essential for initial and follow-up
treatment decisions for nearly every cancer*

Oncologic Imaging

At every step of Cancer Care

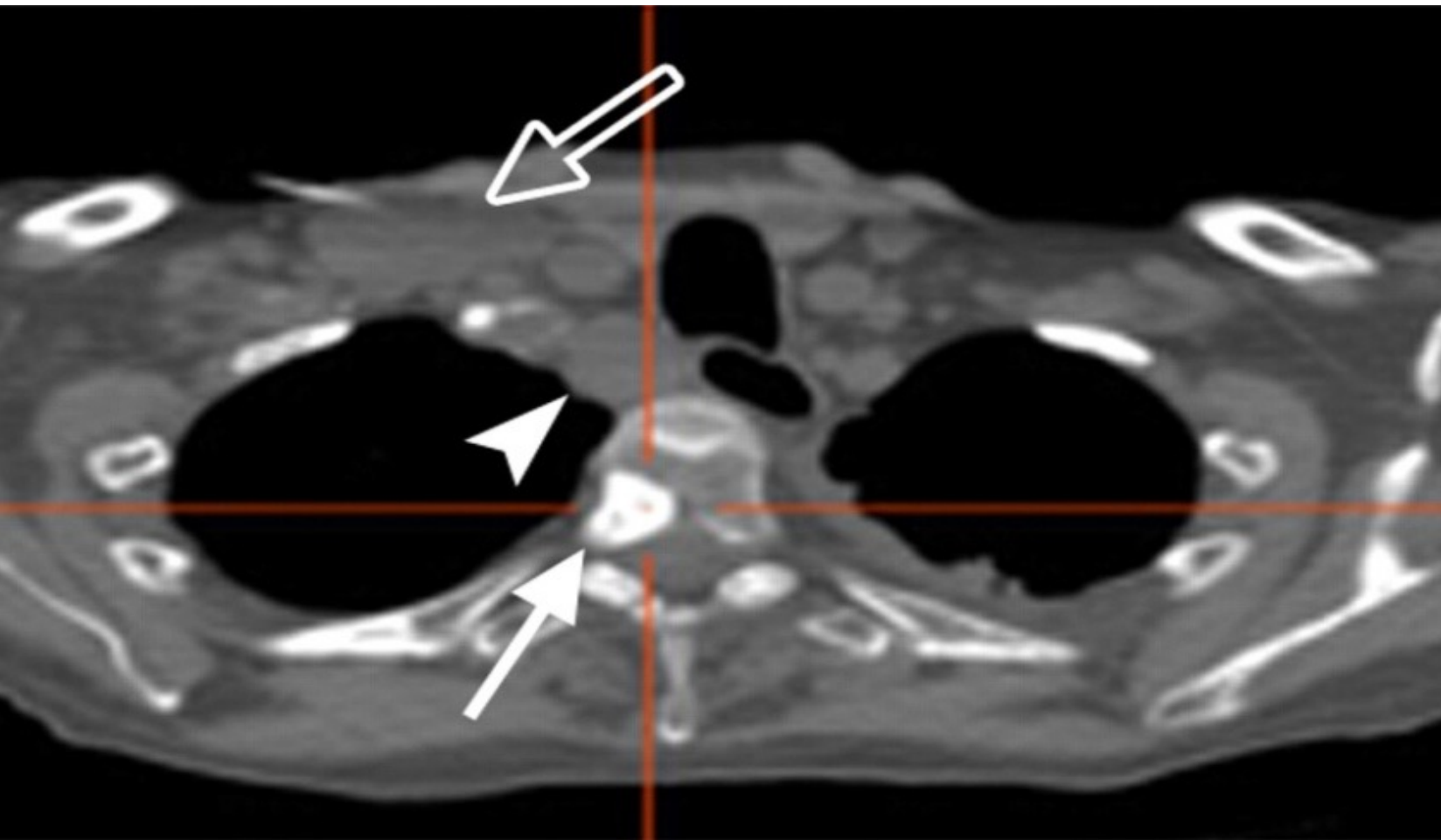
- **Cancer Screening**
(Ca Breast & Lung)
- **Cancer Detection/Localization**
- **Treatment Planning**
Imaging is a Road Map (GPS)
Exploratory Laparotomy
is no longer used for diagnostics
- **Treatment Follow-up**
 - Monitoring Treatment Response
 - Detection of Tumor Recurrence



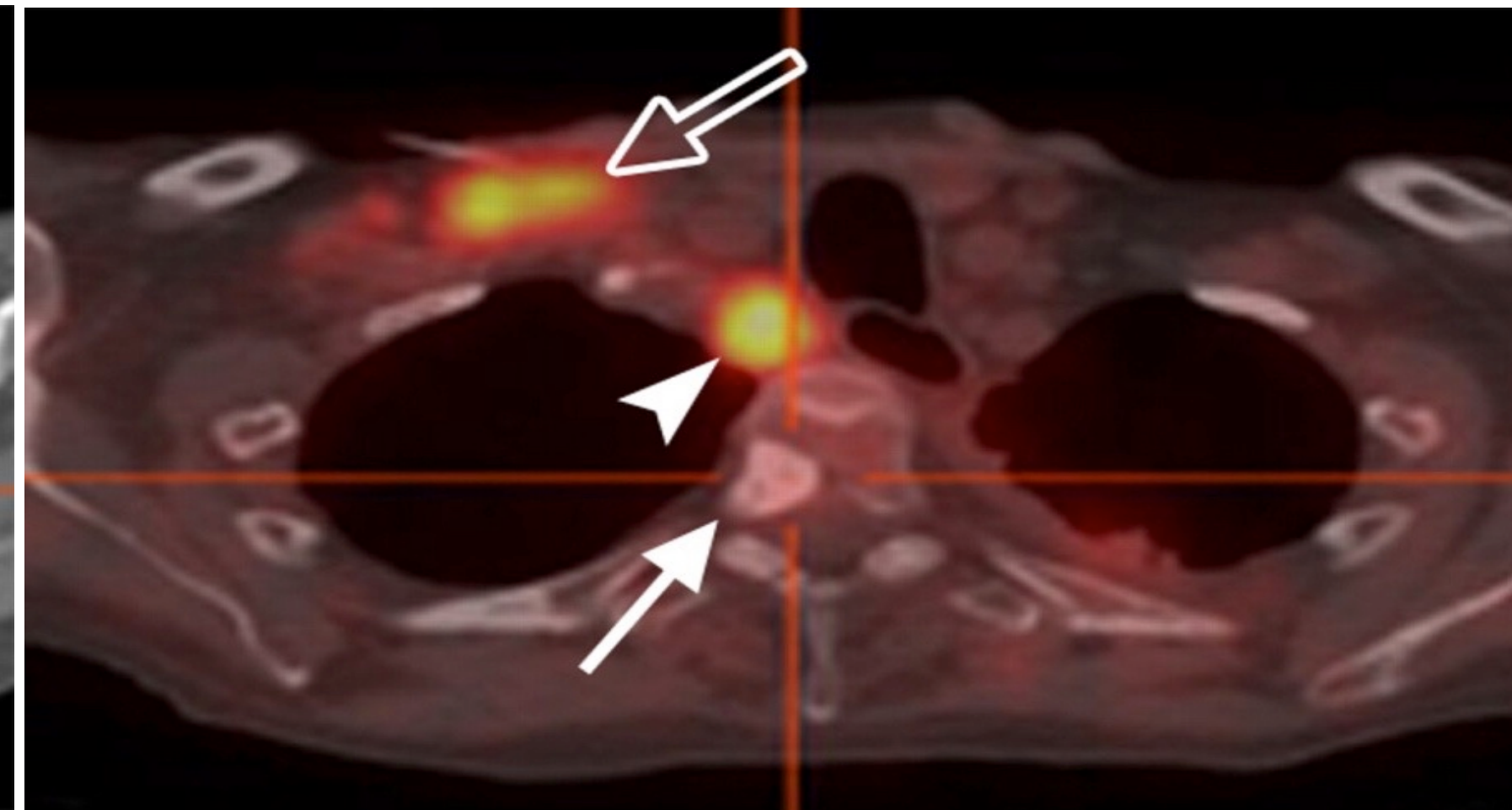
Virtual Laparotomy by Imaging

Molecular Imaging

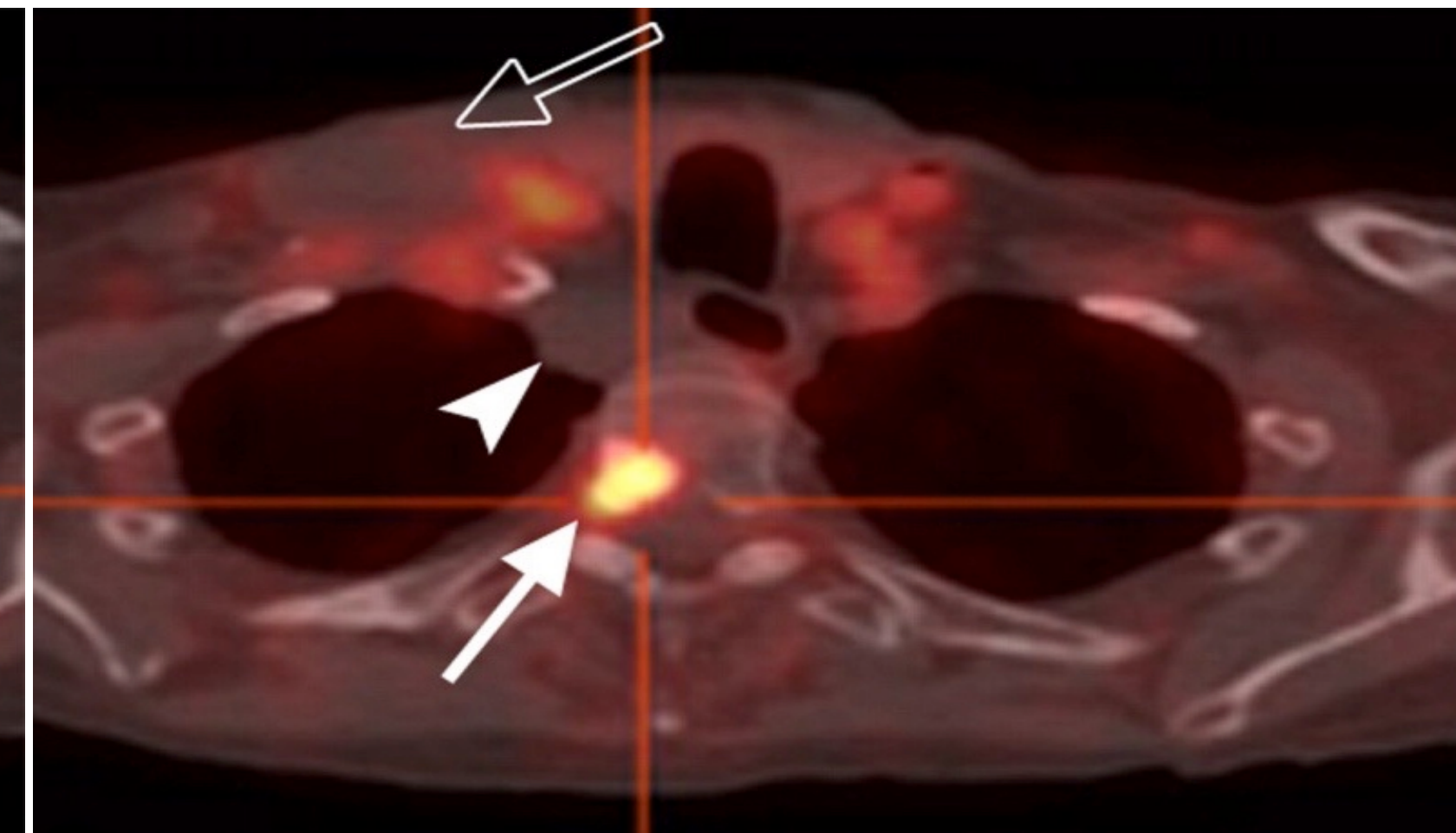
Imaging Biology of Prostate Cancer Metastasis



CT



^{18}F -FDG PET/CT
Glycolysis



^{18}F -FDHT PET/CT
Androgen Receptor

Precision in Therapy Selection

Imaging as In Vivo Companion Diagnostics

Imaging in Drug Development

Imaging in Patient-Centered Value-Driven Population Health

Imaging in Drug Development

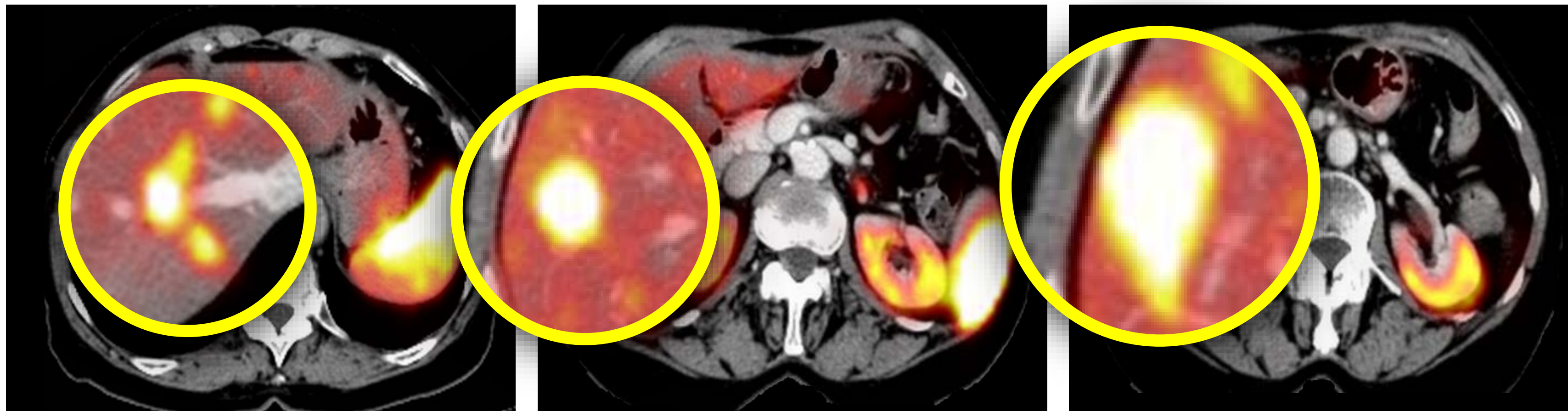
Accelerating anticancer drug development-opportunities and trade offs

[Nat Rev Clin Oncol.](#) 2018 Oct 1. [Epub ahead of print]

Theranostics: Molecular Imaging & Therapy

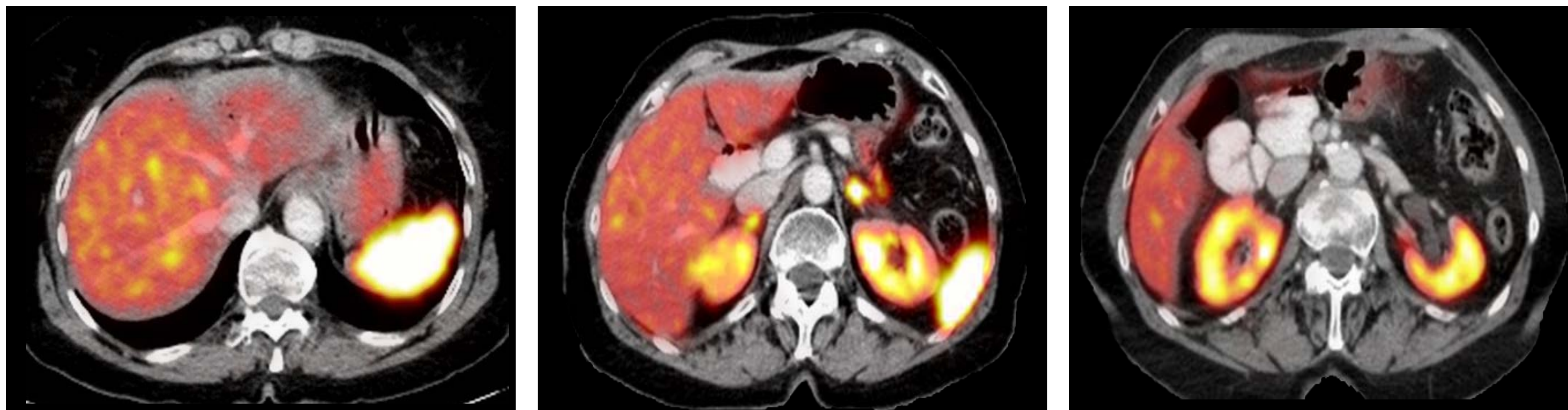
Metastatic NET - *Targeting Somatostatin receptors*

Before
therapy



Imaging
(⁶⁸Ga)
DOTA-TATE

After
Lutetium
-177
(¹⁷⁷Lu)
DOTA-
TATE



Therapy
(¹⁷⁷Lu)
DOTA-TATE
Lutathera

Diagnostic Errors

Imaging & Surgical Pathology

- **Pathology – 6%***
- **Radiology 18%***

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TOP CLINICAL JUDGMENT FACTORS	# CASES*
Failure/delay in ordering diagnostic test	457
Misinterpretation of dx studies (X-rays, slides, films)	375
Narrow dx focus, failure to establish differential dx	246
Failure/delay in obtaining consult/referral	235
Failure to rule out abnormal finding	167

TOP COMMUNICATION FACTORS	# CASES*
Communication among providers regarding pt's condition	164
Patient/family communication -follow up instructions	159
Failure of provider to read medical record	61

TOP CLINICAL SYSTEM FACTORS	# CASES*
Patient did not receive results	133
Lack of/failure in follow/up system, new finding	113
Clinician did not receive results	43
Failure to identify provider coordinating care	33

Diagnostic Errors – Radiology

Added Value of Second Opinion by Oncologic Imager

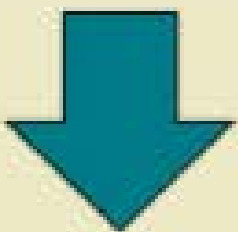
Author	Site	Modalities	n	Disagreement	Change in Management	Institution
Lorenzen J, 2012	Breast	Real-time US, mammo	374	-	26%	Germany
Lysack JD, 2013	H&N	CT, MRI	94	56%	38%	Canada
Spivey TL, 2015	Breast	US, mammo	380	-	53%	Chicago IL
Hatzoglou V, 2016	Neuro	CT, MRI	283	19%	15%	MSKCC
Lakhman Y, 2016	GYN	MRI	469	-	20%	MSKCC
Coffey K, 2017	Breast	MRI, mammo	200	28%	13%	MSKCC
Horvat JV, 2017	Breast	Real-time US	209	-	32%	MSKCC
Mannelli L, 2018	Pancreas	CT, MRI	65	13 %	20%	MSKCC

Misinterpretation of the Diagnostic Imaging studies

Top Contributing Factors

FACTOR	% CASES*
Clinical Judgment	67%
Communication	23%
Technical	22%
Administrative	16%
Clinical Systems	16%

TOP CLINICAL JUDGMENT FACTORS
misinterpretation of dx studies 48% (639)

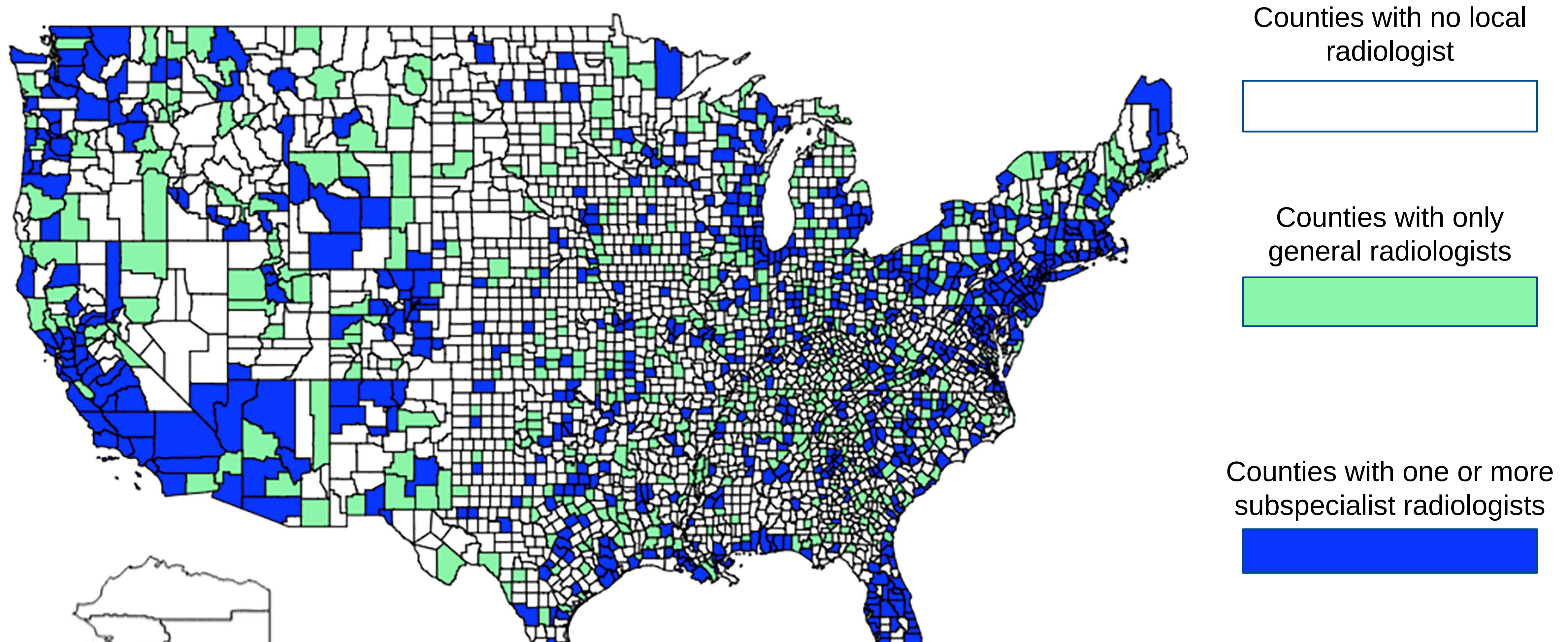


PROCEDURE	% CASES
CT scan (Abdomen, Head, Chest)	18%
Diagnostic radiography (CXR / Ortho)	13%
Mammography	10%
MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging)	10%
Diagnostic ultrasound	3%

ADDITIONAL CLINICAL JUDGMENT FACTORS INCLUDE:
failure to appreciate / reconcile relevant sign/symptom/test result
narrow dx focus—failure to establish differential diagnosis

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Where *Are* the Radiologists?



Less populous and more rural counties have fewer radiologists overall and less radiologists subspecialty

Potential Actions to Improve Patient Access to High-Quality Oncologic Imaging

Improve Education and Training in Oncologic Imaging

- Update core and continuing radiology curricula, training, and evaluation to include a greater emphasis on oncologic imaging competencies
- Facilitate and recognize oncology subspecialization in radiology
- Use peer-learning programs to promote quality improvement among radiologists
- Prepare radiologists to incorporate machine learning algorithms into clinical practice
- Emphasize communication and intra- and interdisciplinary collaboration

Expand Access to Expertise in Oncologic Imaging

- Form second-opinion networks and cancer imaging consortia
- Develop tools and mechanisms for imaging referrals at cancer centers
- Build community capacity in oncologic imaging through telementoring
- Create oncologic imaging expertise within radiology departments

Potential Actions to Improve Patient Access to High-Quality Oncologic Imaging

Increase Integration and Collaboration Among Specialties in Cancer Care

- Engage tumor boards to help integrate specialties for diagnosis and care management
- Provide incentives for interdisciplinary collaboration

Improve and Adopt Use of Clinical Decision Support

- Collaborate with patients and physicians to design decision support tools
- Effectively embed decision support tools into clinical workflow
- Incorporate patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) within these systems
- Create machine-readable clinical practice guidelines

Potential Actions to Improve Patient Access to High-Quality Oncologic Imaging

Support Innovation in Oncologic Imaging

- Develop machine learning methods to process complex, multi-modality, time-based data
- Use artificial intelligence and interconnectivity to create a more dynamic, proficient, precise, and efficient healthcare workforce
- Ensure appropriate validation and workforce training before disseminating new technologies into clinical practice.

Improve Data Curation, Integration, and Sharing

- Develop systematic approaches for data curation, anonymization, and aggregation
- Standardize data elements and information nomenclature
- Use structured or synoptic reporting to ensure data completeness and quality
- Adhere to the FAIR principles (findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable)
- Include data from diverse populations

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Improving Cancer Diagnosis and Care

Patient Access to Diagnostic Expertise in Oncology - Pathology

- Issues similar to Radiology are faced by pathology
- Should there be mandatory review of all new cancer diagnoses?
- Use of checklists for pathology sign out?
- Beware of dissemination of new technologies without an adequate evidence base & workforce training.
- Need for standardized display of meaningful data, data integration, timely communication of findings
- Convergence of imaging and pathology on the horizon as pathology goes digital – **Integrated Diagnostics**

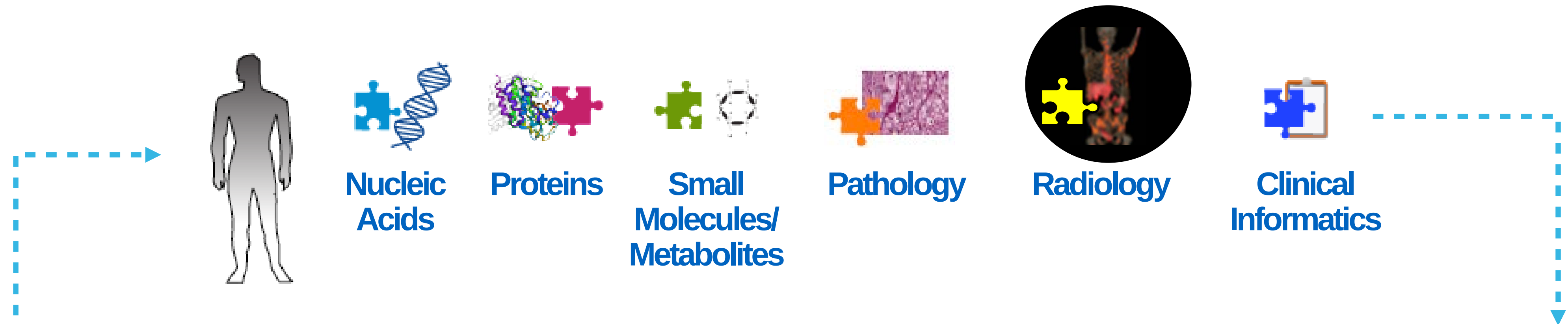
Cancer Diagnostics - Integrated Diagnostics - *A Team Effort*
Convergence of Life Science, Physical Science, Engineering & Beyond



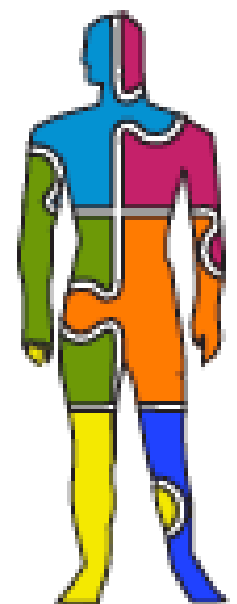
Precision Oncology: **Integrated Diagnostics**

Quantitative, Multidimensional, Dynamic Evaluation of Cancer

Measurement Domains - Standardized and Quantitative



Personalized Treatment



Precision Oncology
Medicine, Surgery,
Rad Onc and/or
Image-guided
Intervention

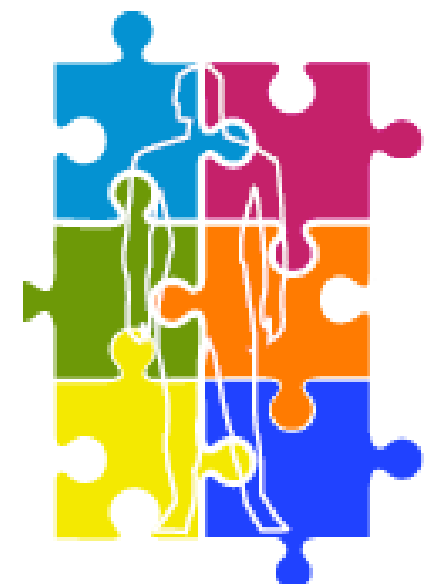
Predictive Modeling

Biomarkers
Prior Outcome data



Integrative Analysis

Computable data
Connected databases
Intuitive visualization



Radiology & Pathology – *Common Themes*

The complexity of cancer diagnosis and treatment requires a **multidisciplinary approach** - integrated teams of oncologists, surgeons, rad. onc, pathologists, radiologists, APP, nursing & biomedical informaticians.

- **Governance:** Formal interdisciplinary governance structure within an organization is critical to set standards and monitor progress.
- **Measurement:** Measure outcomes frequently, and modify plans accordingly
- **Essential requirements for quality improvement:**
 - o Culture (constructive not punitive)
 - o Infrastructure (data systems and analysts)
 - o Leadership (clinical and operational)

Thank you!