



# DIGITAL INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY FOR ADDRESSING PREVALENT CHRONIC DISEASES

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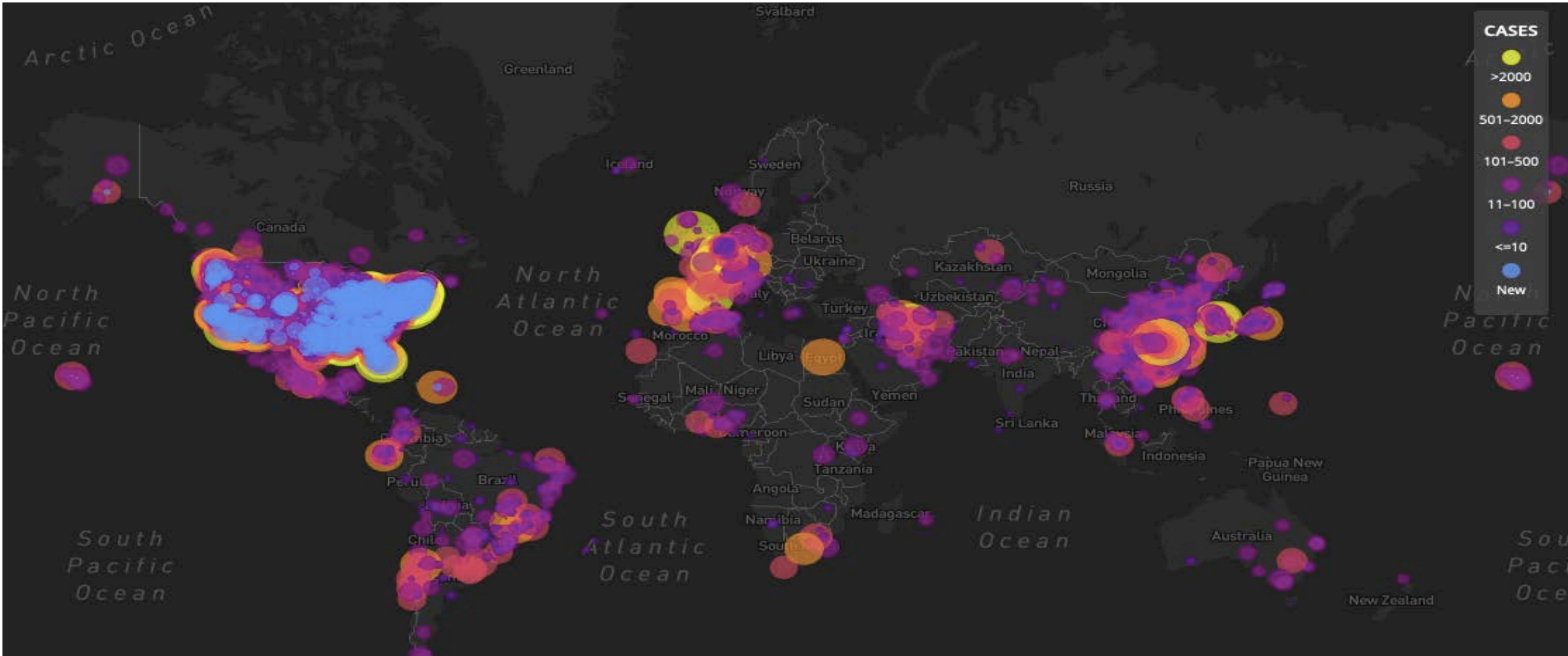
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# OBJECTIVES

- *Technology in management of chronic diseases, including understanding the facilitators and barriers*
- *Technology in clinical research capturing trial data (traditional and decentralized trials)*
- *Case study: integrative collaborative effort at understanding an unmet need in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)*

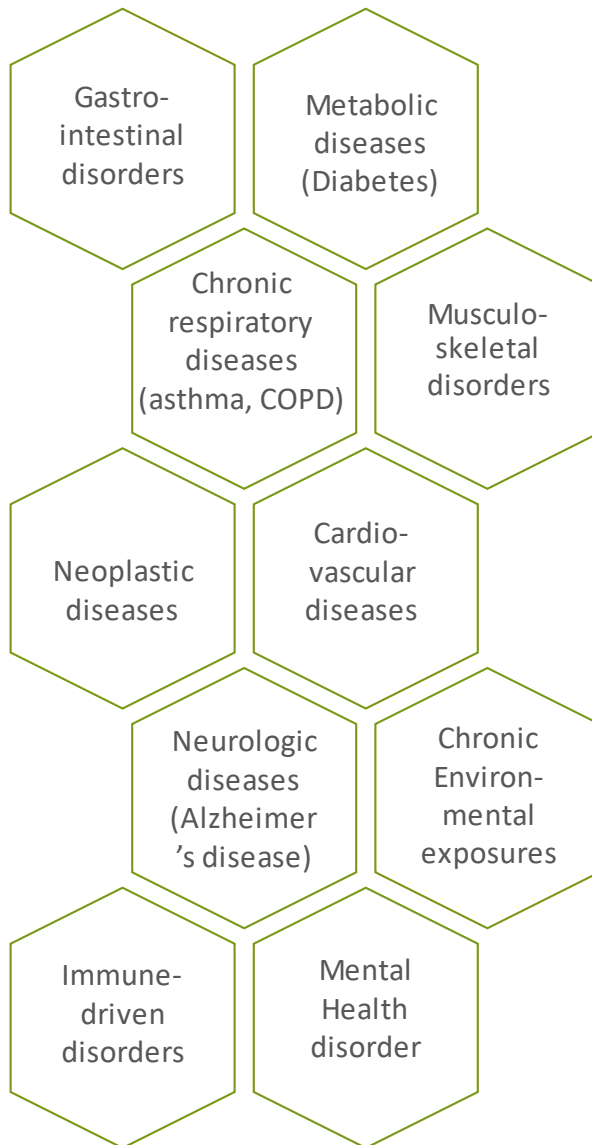
# COVID-19 PANDEMIC

# The pandemic has highlighted both health disparities AND health technology

[HealthMap COVID-19](#)

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# TECHNOLOGY (DIGITAL HEALTH) IN CHRONIC DISEASES DISEASE MANAGEMENT



- **Chronic Diseases in the United States<sup>1</sup>:**

- 6 in 10 adults suffers from a chronic disease
- 4 in 10 adults suffers from 2 or more chronic diseases
- Leading causes of death and disability
- Drivers of health care utilization and health care costs—\$3.8 Trillion

- **Technology for Chronic Diseases Can Facilitate Management<sup>2,3</sup>**

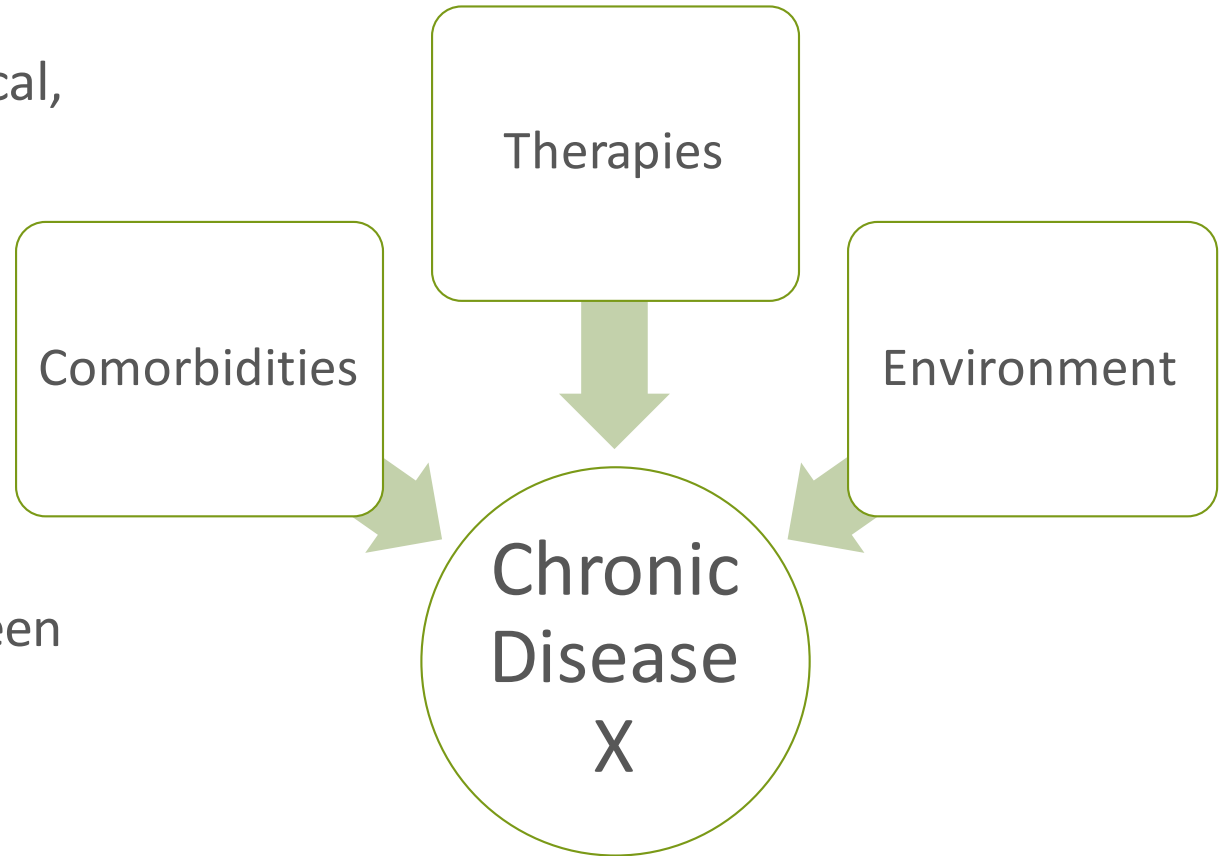
- Disease monitoring
- Medication management and adherence
- Behavior modification
- Telemedicine/telehealth
- Patient advocacy and community building
- Medical record management
- Comorbidity monitoring and management
- *Hospital/provide data management systems*

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# PATIENT-FACING DIGITAL HEALTH TOOLS FOR CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT

These tools must sometimes account for the different patient types

- Addresses the needs of the patient: medical, personal, emotional, and functional
- Engages the patient and their family/caregivers
- Achieves patient self-management
- Allows for effective communication between patient and provider
- Increase overall accessibility

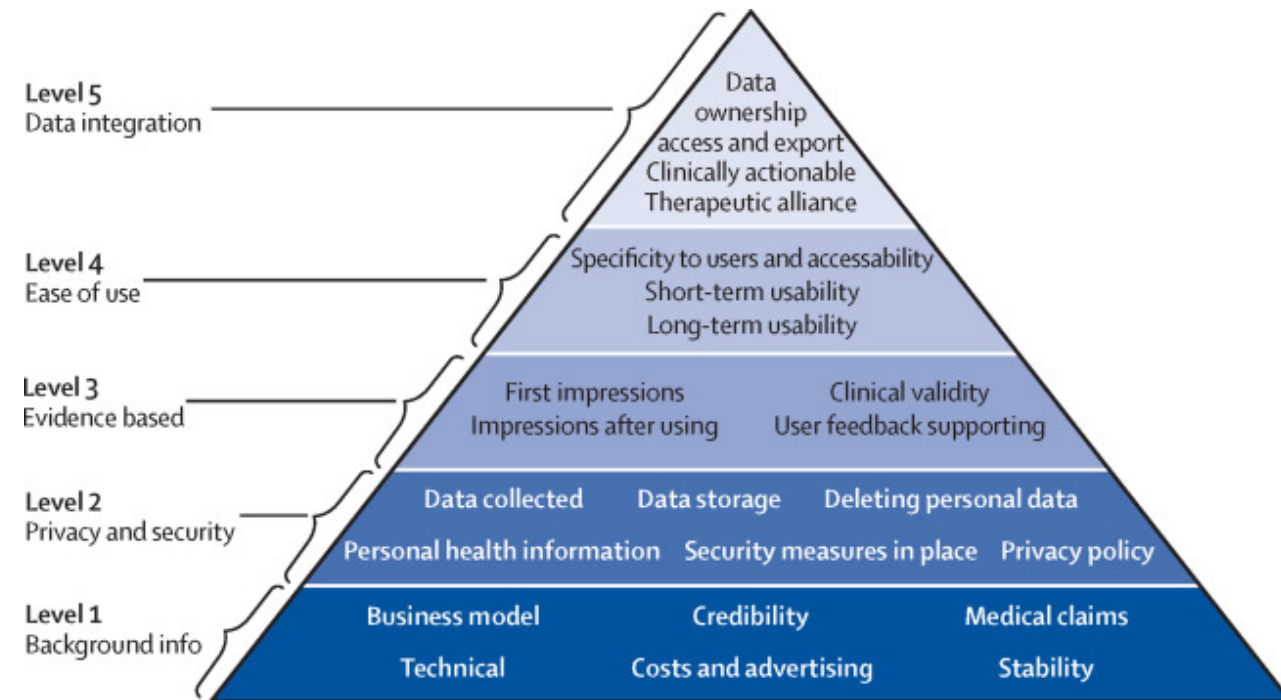


# THE LIMITLESS NUMBER OF DIGITAL TOOLS CREATE A DILEMMA FOR PATIENTS AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Barriers to utilization of technology include navigating the complex number of tools available (e.g., websites, apps, wearables)



## Pyramid for app evaluation framework<sup>1</sup>



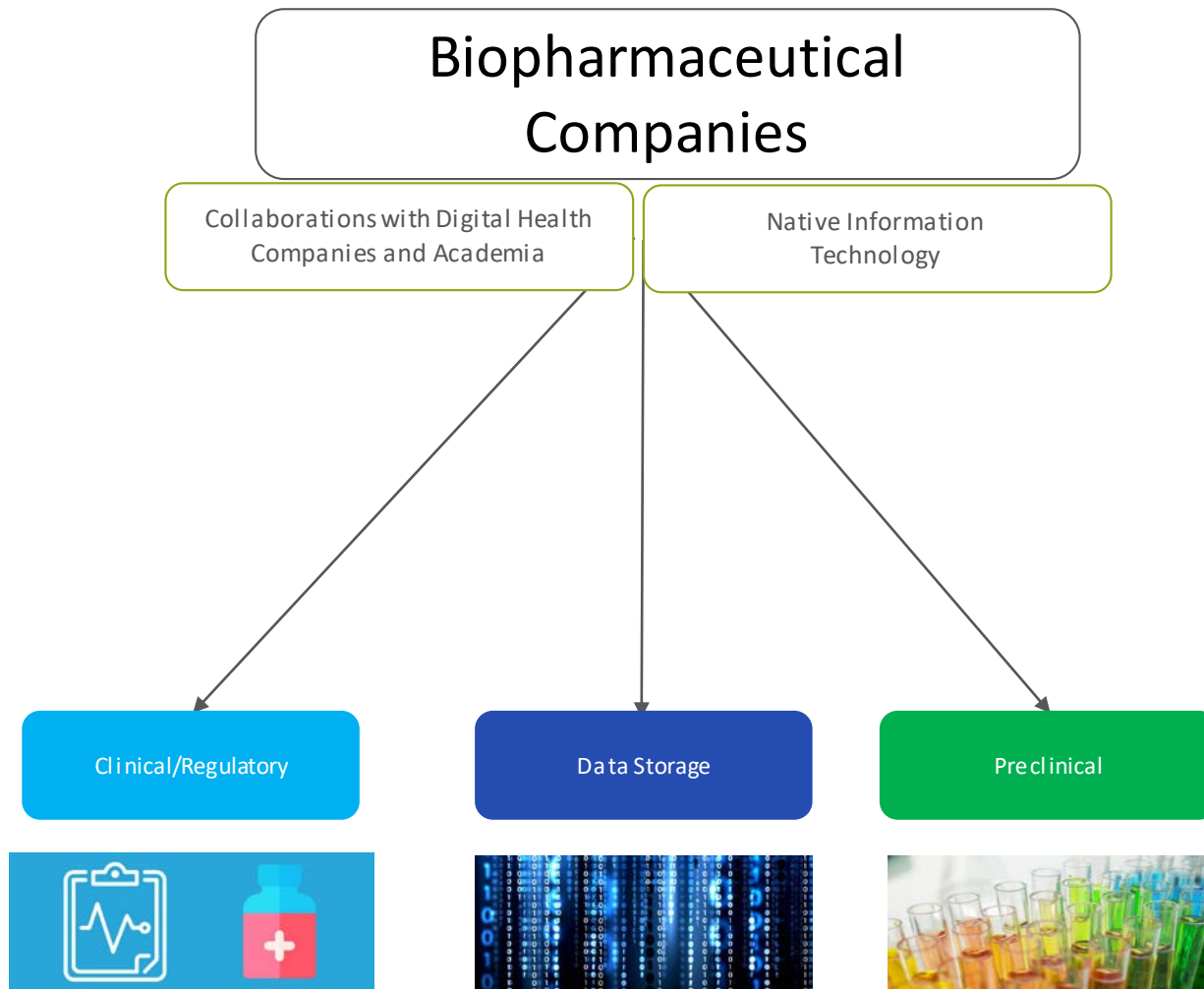
Like medicines, biopharmaceutical industry R&D are using digital tools for the development of drugs and as tools alongside drugs

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# TECHNOLOGY PARADIGM IN THE BIOPHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

Biopharmaceutical companies also rely on emerging technologies for a variety of functions



## Preclinical

- Artificial intelligence
- Automation
- Repositioning

## Data Storage

- Centralized, secure cloud-based
- Blockchain

## Clinical/Regulatory<sup>1</sup>

- Digital Biomarkers (including data from Wearables; capturing patient reported outcomes)
- Digital Therapeutics
- Study documents and systems (e.g., electronic data capture)
- Health authority submissions
- Real world evidence (e.g., eHR, etc)
- Promotion of Wellness

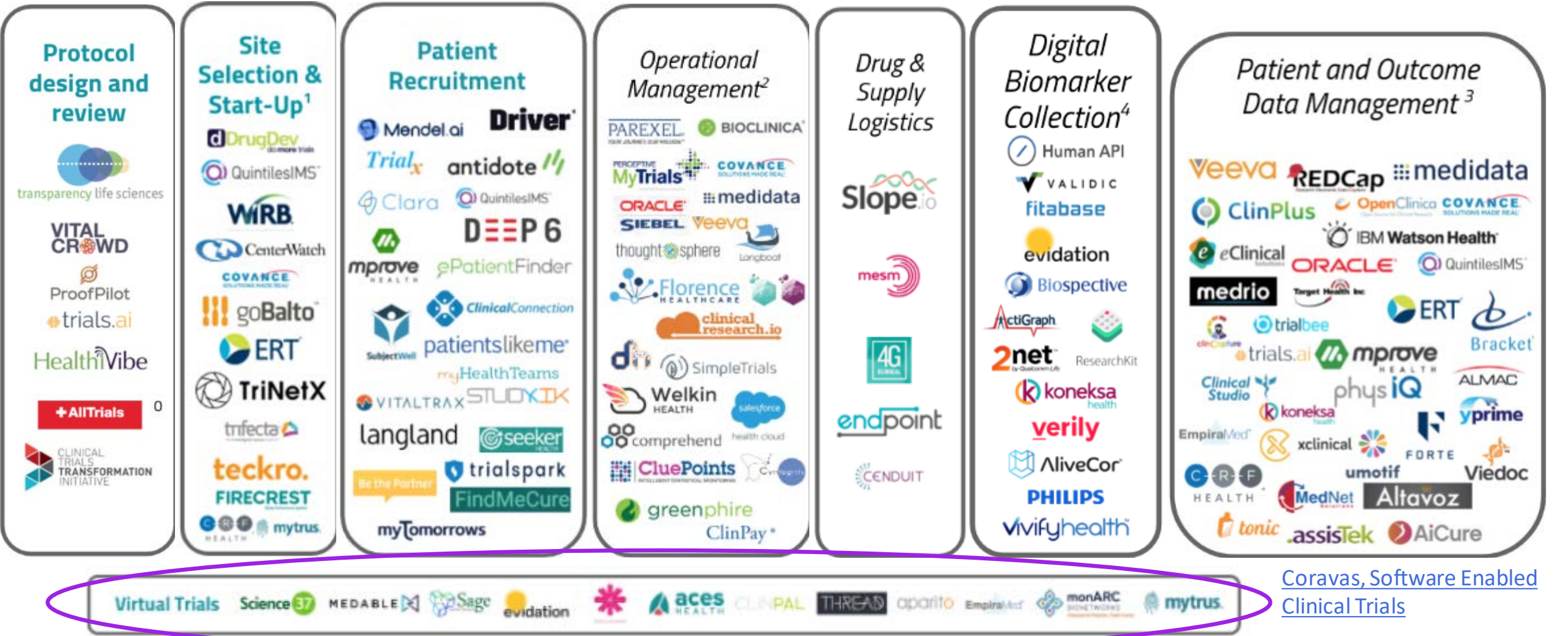
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# TECHNOLOGY IMBEDDED IN THE INDUSTRY CLINICAL RESEARCH PROCESS

Vast digital landscape for clinical research with rapid expansion due to decentralized trials



[Coravas, Software Enabled Clinical Trials](#)

# QUESTIONS

*How do we know the technology is effective in capturing important endpoints (e.g., patient reported outcomes)?*

*How can we integrate traditional and tech into clinical trials and disease management?*

*Who leads the way?*

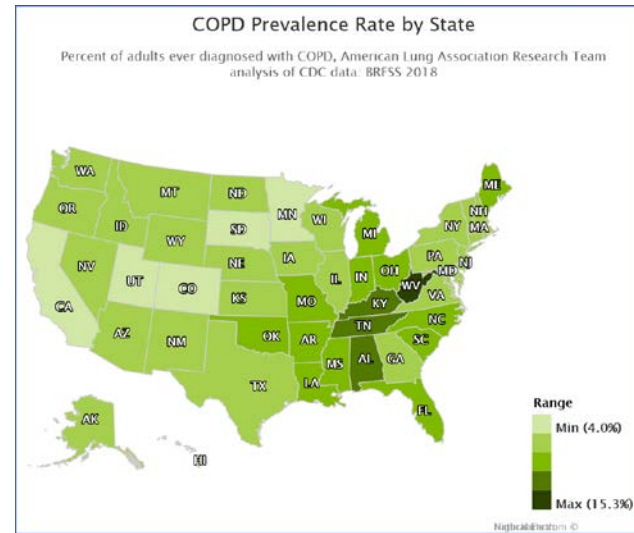
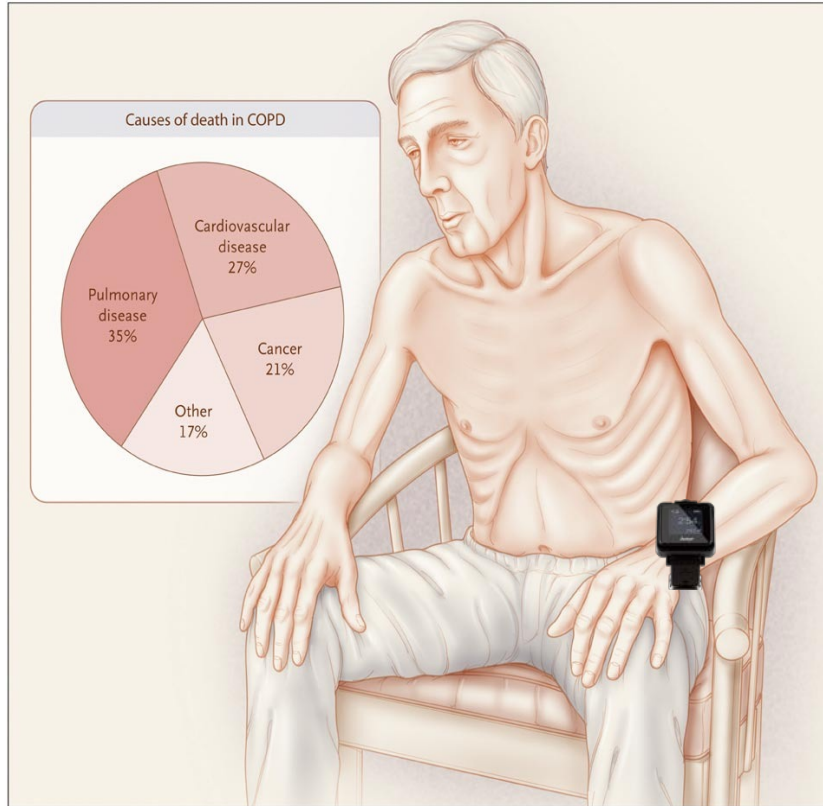




## CASE STUDY: EXPLORING AN UNMET NEED IN CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE



# CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, AN UNMET CLINICAL NEED



- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a progressive illness characterized by persistent airflow limitations; symptoms include chronic cough, sputum, shortness of breath<sup>1</sup>
- In addition to respiratory symptoms, and exacerbations, people with COPD suffer from reduced activity and decline in quality of life<sup>2</sup>
- Estimated healthcare attributable to COPD is \$49 billion (2020)<sup>3</sup>
- Current patient-reported outcome tools may underestimate the disease burden related to loss of physical activity and independence<sup>2</sup>
- Can we better capture this data?

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# IMI: “RADICAL COLLABORATION” ACROSS SECTORS



Innovative Medicine Initiative (IMI) was founded to improve health and foster innovation

- IMI mission is to improve health by speeding up the development of, and patient access to, innovative medicines, in areas of unmet need
- History of IMI
  - European Technology Platform on Innovative Medicines (2005-2009) with focus on Alzheimer’s disease and safety
  - Public-private partnership with key players in health research: universities, research centers, the pharmaceutical and other industries, small and medium-sized enterprises, patient organizations, and medicines regulators
  - Second phase of IMI (IMI2, 2014-2020) had a budget of €3.3 Billion

## Achievements

12 years, 158 projects

Over 50% of these projects include a patient partnership

1,234 organization from 46 countries

5,943 publications

IMI projects have a citation impact nearly twice the EU average

28 tools approved by regulators

Digital health and patient-centric evidence generation

# DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROACTIVE TOOL TO CAPTURE AN UNMET NEED

- Physical Activity as a Crucial Patient Reported Outcome in COPD (PROactive) development was an IMI project from 2009-2016
  - Objective was to develop a method to assess physical activity objectively using validated activity monitor, used together with a set of questions, to capture the experience with physical activity in patients with COPD
- Process for the framework of PROactive
  - ✓ Develop a thorough and systematic set of literature reviews to inform the project
  - ✓ Select an appropriate activity monitors capable
  - ✓ Perform extensive qualitative research on how patients experience PA
  - ✓ Confirm the conceptual framework
  - ✓ Validation and delivery of final validated PRO tools in at least 10 languages of the EU

[PROactive Final Report 19 Dec 2018](#)

EFPIA: European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations

## EFPIA companies

- Almirall SA, Barcelona, Spain
- Astrazeneca AB, Södertälje, Sweden
- Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH, Ingelheim, Germany
- Chiesi Farmaceutici S.A, Parma, Italy
- Glaxosmithkline Research And Development LTD., Brentford, Middlesex, United Kingdom
- Novartis Pharma AG, Basel, Switzerland
- UCB Pharma SA, Brussels, Belgium

## Universities, research organisations, public bodies, non-profit groups

- Academisch Ziekenhuis Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands
- European Respiratory Society, Lausanne, Switzerland
- IS GLOBAL - Barcelona Institute For Global Health, Barcelona, Spain
- Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
- Royal Brompton And Harefield National Health Service Trust, South Kensington, United Kingdom
- The University Of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, United Kingdom
- Thorax Research Foundation, Kolonaki, Athens Greece, Greece
- Universitat Zurich, Zürich, Switzerland

## Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)

- Choice Healthcare Solutions Ltd, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, United Kingdom

## Patient organisations

- British Lung Foundation, London, United Kingdom
- Netherlands Asthma Foundation, Leusden, Netherlands

## FACTS & FIGURES

Start Date	01/09/2009
End Date	31/05/2016
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Grant agreement number	115011

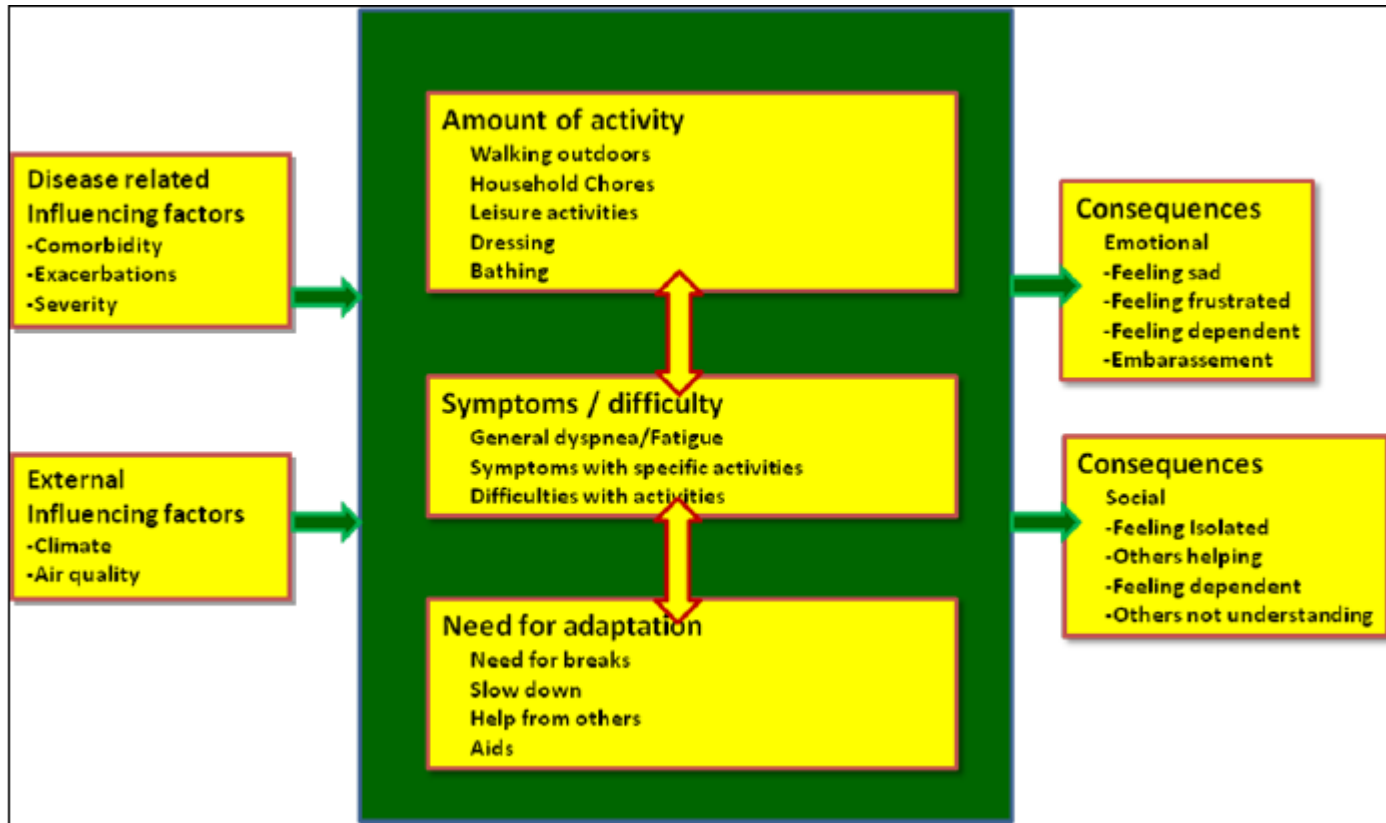
Type of Action:  
RIA (Research and Innovation Action)

Contributions	€
IMI Funding	6 767 597
EFPIA in kind	7 230 350
Other	1 637 875
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>15 635 822</b>



# COMPONENTS OF THE PROACTIVE DEVELOPMENT

## Creation of a concept of the patient experience of physical activity



## Integrations of questionnaires with digital activity monitors

DynaPort MoveMonitor



Actigraph GT3X



[PROactive Final Report 19 Dec 2018](#)

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# PROACTIVE TOOL

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- The consortium two patient reported outcome tools to capture physical activity
  - Daily PROactive Physical Activity in COPD (D-PPAC)
  - Clinical Visit PROactive Physical Activity in COPD (C-PPAC) – 7-day recall
- These tools are a combination of questionnaires and digital monitoring devices to accurately measure the disease burden in an area of unmet need in COPD patients
- They can be used in the clinical trial setting
- Adopted by EMA Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) in March 2018

# CONCLUSION

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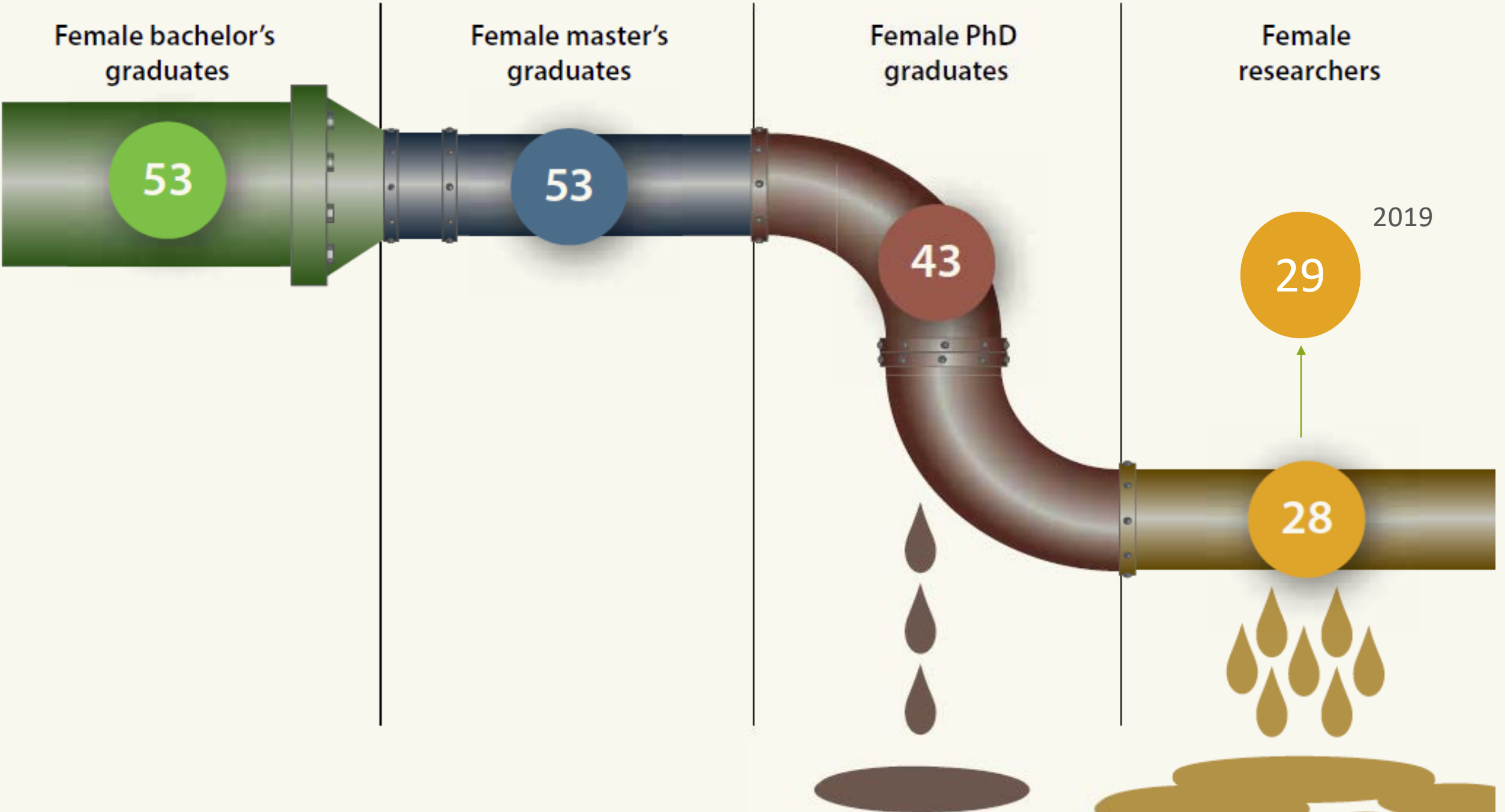
- Chronic diseases are highly prevalent in the US population and healthcare related costs are impactful
- Digital health tools and other technologies must address multiple personas, which makes it difficult to design effective tools
- Additionally, evaluation the variety of tools available is not intuitive and healthcare providers are not generally trained for these activities
- Biopharmaceutical companies also utilize digital tools in clinical research, and may use them in a clinical trial for development of medicines addressing patient needs
- The IMI's PROactive project demonstrates a “radical collaboration,” to address unmet need in COPD patients
- These collaborations can advance medicine and technology for improved patient outcomes





THANK YOU





Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics estimates based on July 2015  
<https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/is-the-gender-gap-narrowing-in-science-and-engineering/> on data from its database, July 2015