

The Search for Improved Outcomes in Pancreatic Cancer: From Altered Systemic Metabolism to Novel Early Detection Approaches

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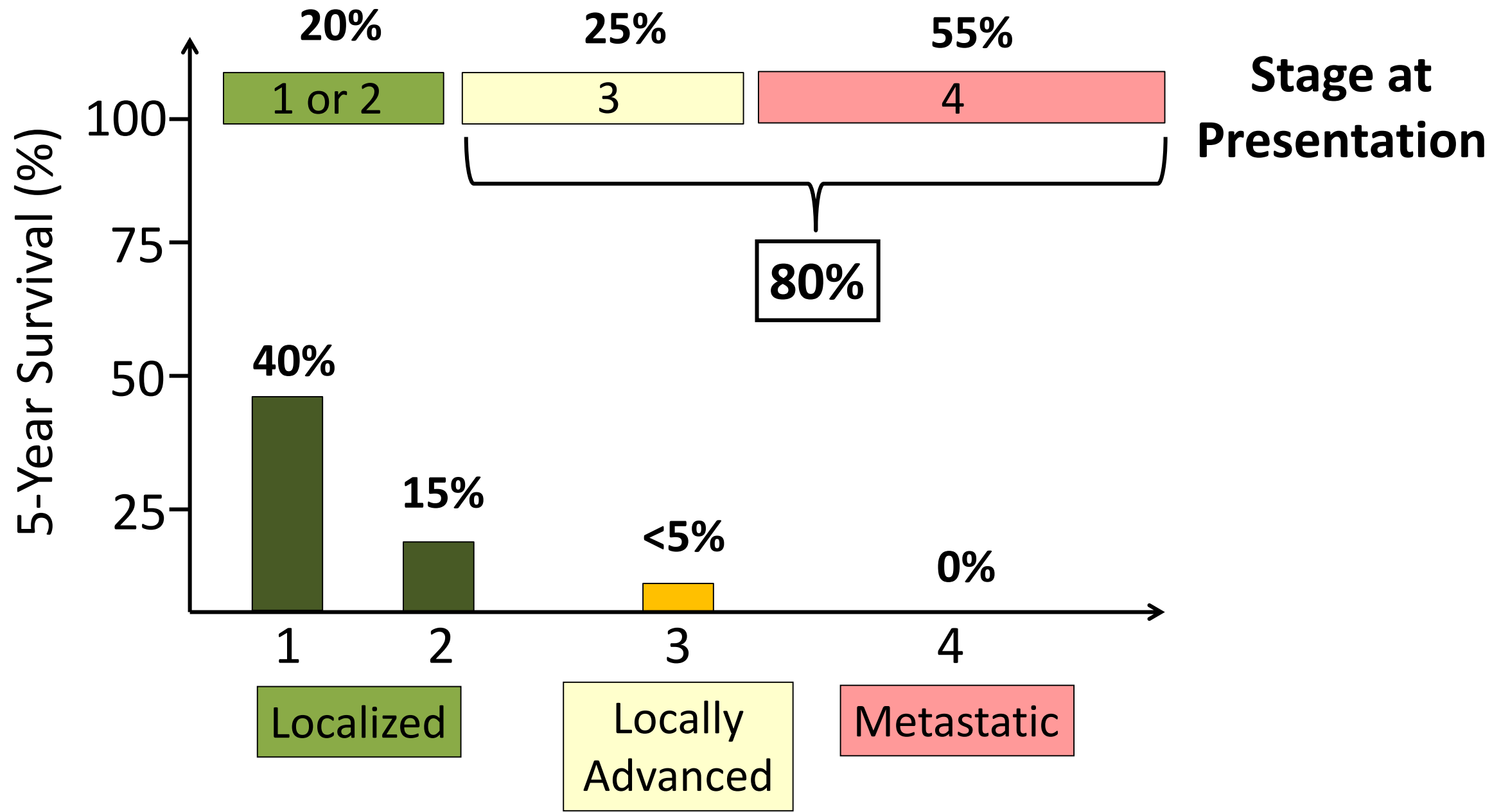
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DIABETES AND CANCER*

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THE presence of diabetes and cancer in the same individual is an association which promotes speculation and calls for a consideration of the possible relationship between the two diseases.

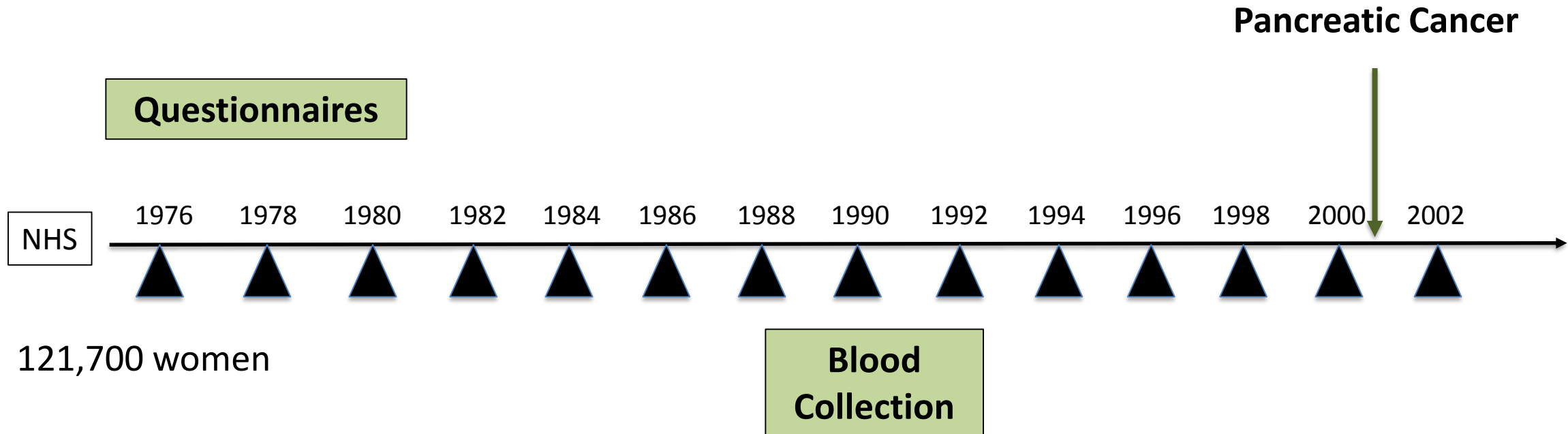
SUMMARY

Material. The 256 cases of malignant disease (which include eight cases of malignancy of types other than carcinoma) represent patients seen by Dr. Elliott P. Joslin and associates from 1898 to 1933.

The incidence of carcinoma of the pancreas was therefore extraordinarily high. In this series it was 12.9 per cent of the total number of cases as contrasted with less (often considerably less) than 5 per cent in general cancer statistics reported by others.

*From the George F. Baker Clinic, Elliott P. Joslin, M.D., Medical Director, New England Deaconess Hospital, Boston.

Longitudinal Cohorts



- ▲ = Questionnaire
- Demographics
 - Exposures
 - Diet
 - Medical diagnoses
 - Medications

Longitudinal Cohorts

Risk Factors

Pancreatic Cancer

Weight

Diabetes

Diabetes

NHS

1976

1978

1980

1982

1984

1986

1988

1990

1992

1994

1996

1998

2000

2002

121,700 women

**Blood
Collection**

Weight Change

**Cancer Associated
Factors**

▲ = Questionnaire

Inherited genetics
Circulating markers

Pancreatic Cancer Risks by Weight and Diabetes

	Diabetes Status	
	No diabetes	Diabetes
Person-years	4,344,683	340,410
No. cases*	764	236
Age-adjusted RR (95% CI)	1	2.37 (2.04, 2.75)

	Body-Mass Index (kg/m ²)		
	Normal Weight	Overweight	Obese
Person-years	3,262,564	1,259,687	391,131
No. cases*	653	382	133
Age-adjusted RR (95% CI)	1	1.23 (1.09-1.40)	1.55 (1.29-1.87)

* Participants who developed pancreatic cancer in NHS or HPFS

Chen Yuan

Germline Common Risk Variants

N=22

PanScan and PanC4 Consortia

Amundadottir et.al, *Nature Genetics* 2009; N=1.

Petersen et.al, *Nature Genetics* 2010; N=3.

Wolpin et.al, *Nature Genetics* 2014; N=6.

Childs et.al, *Nature Genetics* 2015; N=4.

Zhang et.al, *Oncotarget* 2016; N=3.

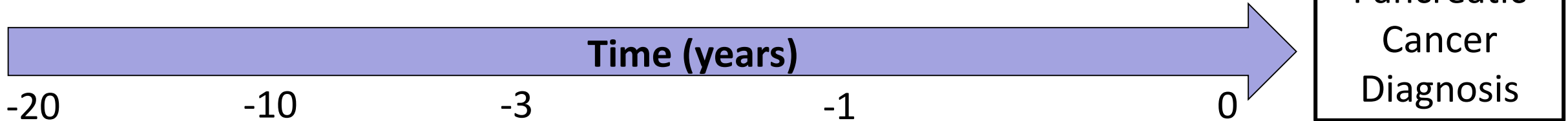
Klein et al, *Nature Commun* 2018; N=5.

Chr	Gene(s)	SNP	Alleles	OR (95% CI)	MAF	P	
1q32.1	NR5A2	rs2816938	A/T	1.21 (1.17-1.26)	0.23	3.4 x 10 ⁻¹⁵	
1q32.1	NR5A2	rs3790844	G/A	0.81 (0.76-0.86)	0.24	7.6 x 10 ⁻¹⁶	
1p36.33	NOC2L	rs13303010	G/A	1.26 (1.19-1.35)	0.11	8.4 x 10 ⁻¹⁴	*
2p13.3	ETAA1	rs1486134	G/T	1.13 (1.09-1.17)	0.28	4.6 x 10 ⁻⁹	*
3q29	TP63	rs9854771	A/G	0.90 (0.86-0.94)	0.36	4.5 x 10 ⁻⁸	*
5p15.33	TERT	rs2736098	T/C	0.84 (0.79-0.88)	0.27	6.9 x 10 ⁻¹⁵	*
5p15.33	TERT	rs35226131	T/C	0.67 (0.53-0.81)	0.03	2.2 x 10 ⁻⁸	
5p15.33	CLPTM1L	rs401681	T/C	1.19 (1.15-1.23)	0.45	9.3 x 10 ⁻¹⁷	
7p12	TNS3	rs47488569	T/A	0.83 (0.77-0.88)	0.12	4.4 x 10 ⁻⁸	
7p14.1	SUGCT	rs17688601	A/C	0.88 (0.84-0.93)	0.25	1.1 x 10 ⁻⁸	*
7q32.3	LINC-PINT	rs6971499	C/T	0.81 (0.76-0.87)	0.15	7.4 x 10 ⁻¹⁴	*
8q21.11	HNF4G	rs2941471	G/A	0.89 (0.85-0.93)	0.43	6.6 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	*
8q24.21	MYC	rs10094872	T/A	1.14 (1.10-1.19)	0.36	1.2 x 10 ⁻⁹	
8q24.21	PVT1	rs1561927	C/T	0.89 (0.85-0.93)	0.27	7.1 x 10 ⁻⁸	*
9q34.1	ABO	rs505922	C/T	1.27 (1.22-1.31)	0.35	7.4 x 10 ⁻²⁷	
13q12.2	PDX1	rs9581943	A/G	1.15 (1.12-1.19)	0.40	5.1 x 10 ⁻¹⁴	*
13q22.1	KLF5, KLF12	rs9543325	C/T	1.23 (1.18-1.30)	0.37	1.2 x 10 ⁻²²	
16q23.1	BCAR1	rs7190458	A/G	1.36 (1.27-1.44)	0.04	1.3 x 10 ⁻¹¹	*
17pq12	HNF1B	rs4795218	A/G	0.88 (0.84-0.92)	0.23	1.3 x 10 ⁻⁸	*
17q24.3	LINC00673	rs7214041	T/C	1.25 (1.19-1.30)	0.11	9.5 x 10 ⁻¹⁵	*
18q21.32	GRP	rs1517037	T/C	0.86 (0.80-0.91)	0.19	3.3 x 10 ⁻⁸	
22q12.1	ZNRF3	rs16986825	T/C	1.15 (1.10-1.20)	0.16	1.2 x 10 ⁻⁸	*

* All GWAS plus Pandora for replication

Risk Stratification

Risk Factors
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Risk Models for Pancreatic Cancer

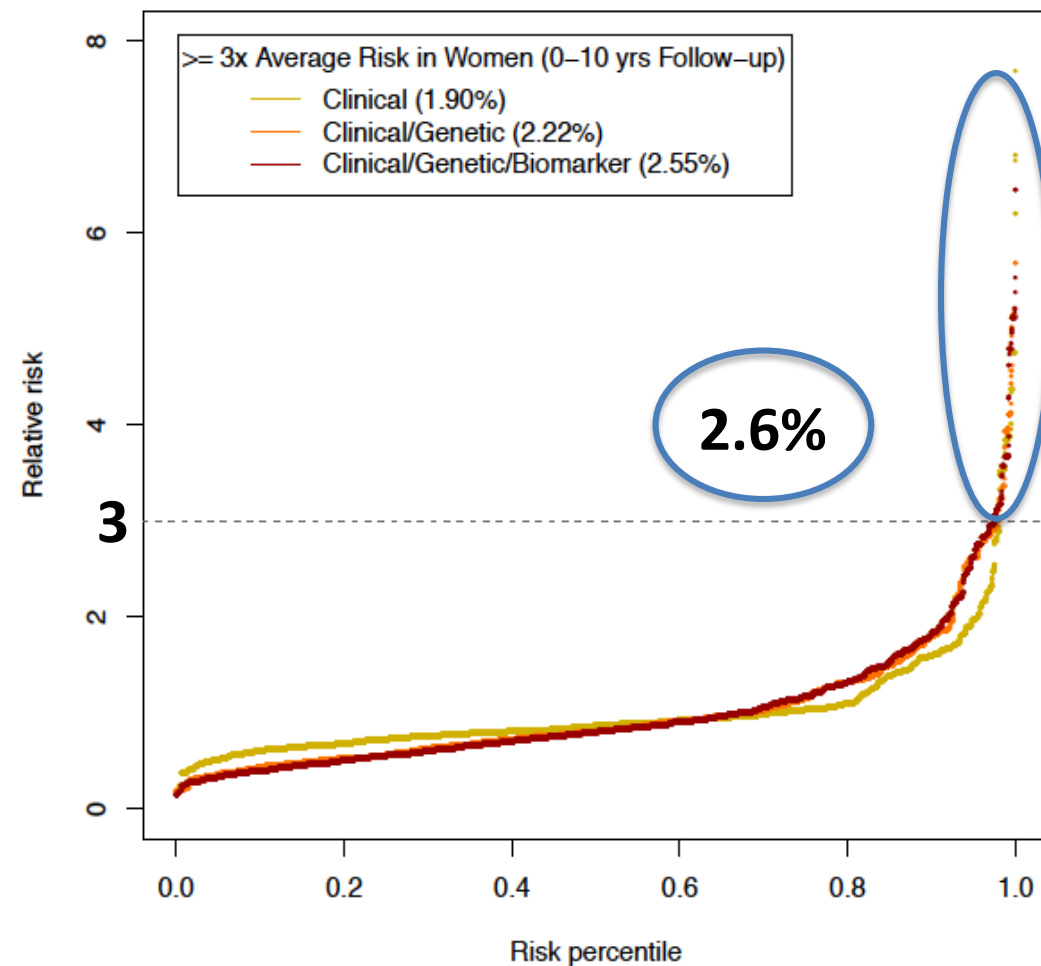
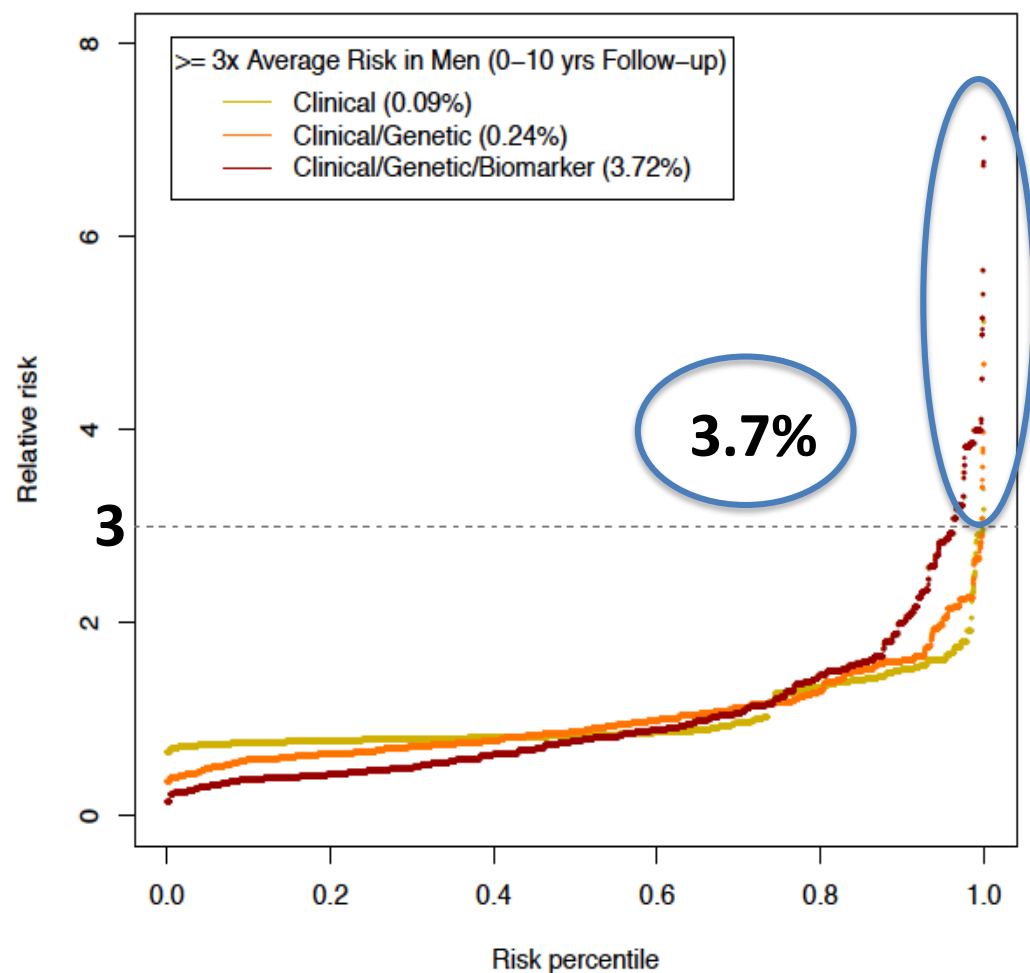
Pooled Data from 4 Prospective Cohorts: HPFS, NHS, PHS, WHI

0-10 Yrs Population
N=956: 304 cases, 652 controls

0-10 Year Follow-up Population	Base Model	+ Genetic Risk Score	+ Circulating Markers
Covariates	Body-mass index Waist-hip ratio Physical activity Diabetes history Age, Sex Race/ethnicity, Smoking status, Family history, Chronic pancreatitis	wGRS (22 common risk loci in Caucasians)	Proinsulin Adiponectin Interleukin-6 Total BCAAs
LR <i>P</i>-value	--	2.9×10^{-9}	0.003
ROC AUC	0.61	0.67	0.69

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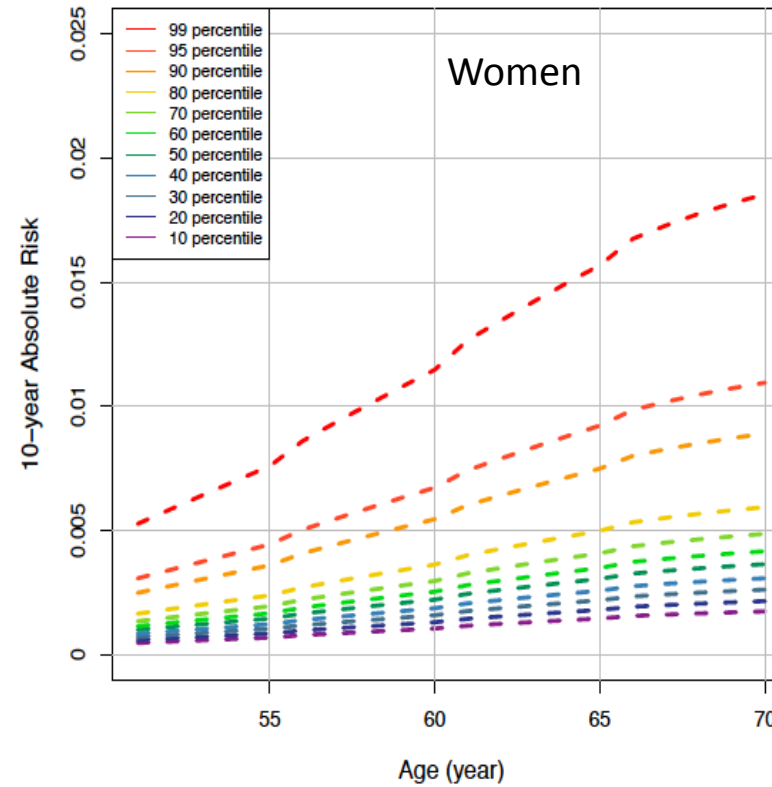
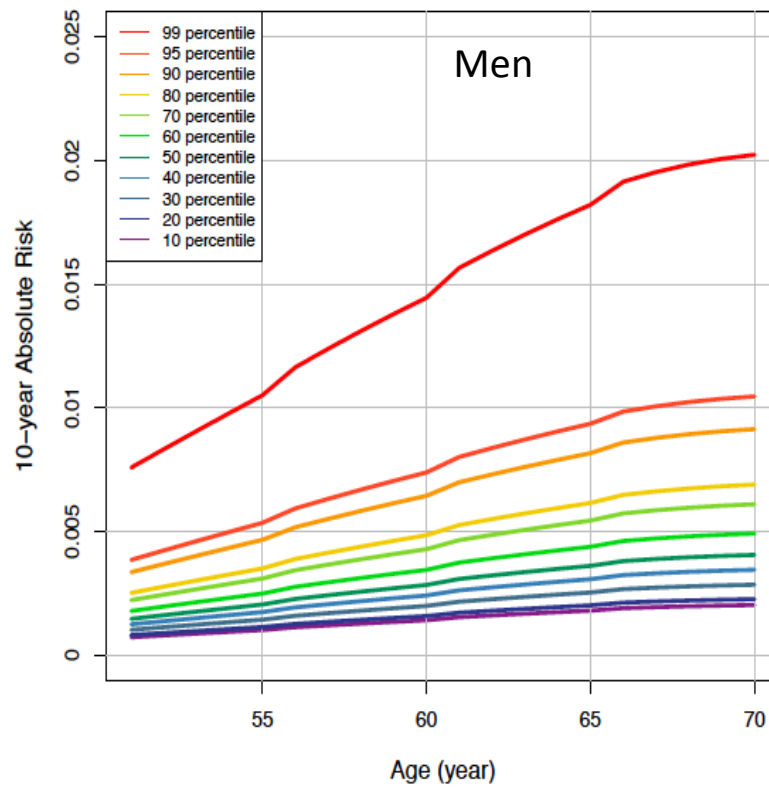
Identify Subjects with High Relative Risk



Absolute Risk Models for Pancreatic Cancer

Clinical + Genetic + Circulating Biomarker Model

10-Year Pancreatic Cancer Risk



Study Considerations

Improved Fit for Future Models	Reduced Fit for Future Models
“Missing” data: Smoking status (matched), history of pancreatitis or pancreatic cyst, and family history	Data not (yet) commonly available in standard clinical practice: e.g., germline genetic variants
Self-reported data from mailed questionnaires	Sample size
No changes in measurements over time	Model overfitting
No data on “early” symptoms, such as abdominal discomfort, back pain, weight loss, anorexia etc.	

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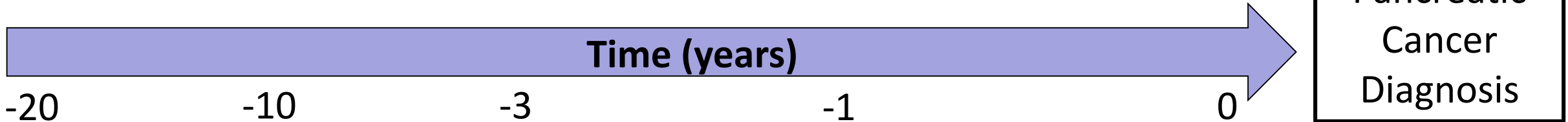
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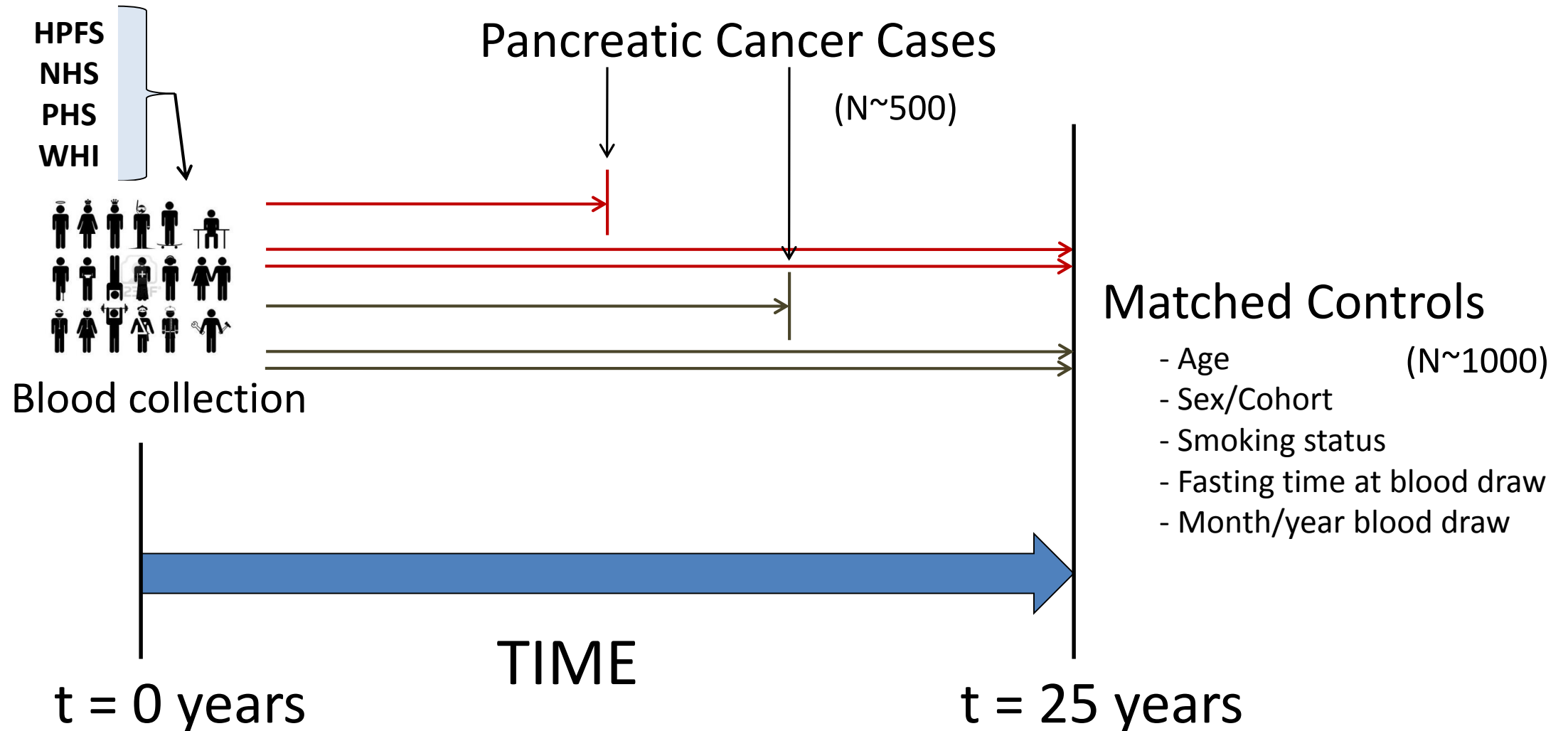
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- RUQ ultrasound

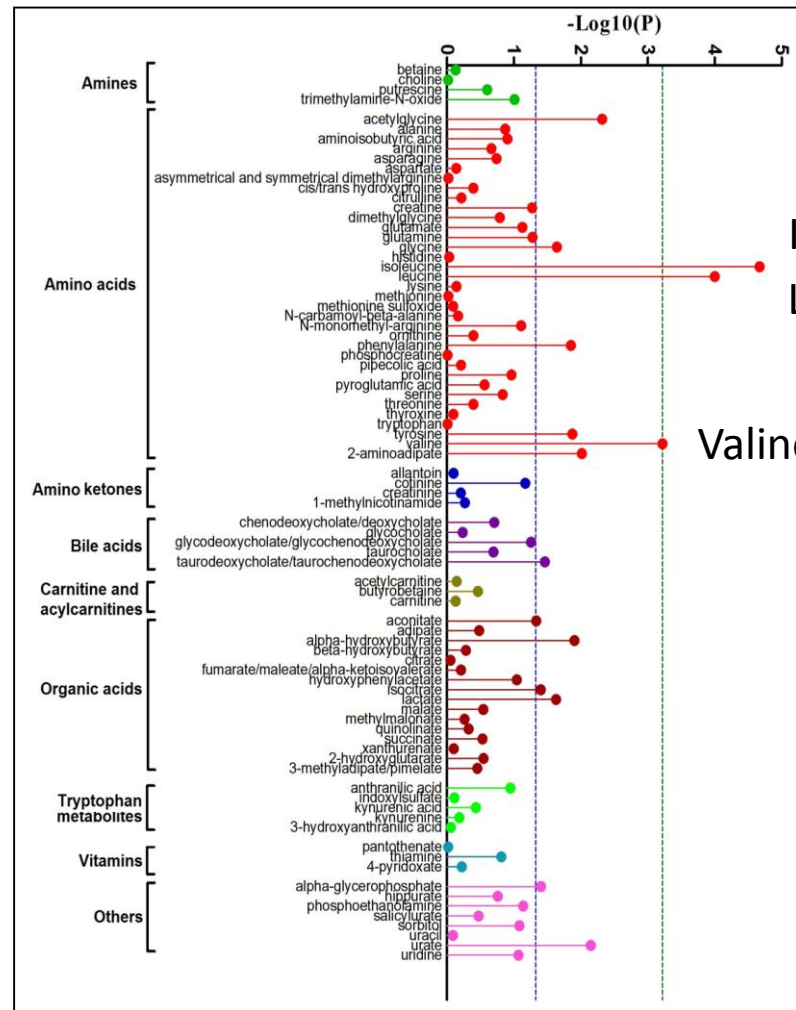
Imaging Features

- AP CT scan
- AP MRI
- EUS

Assessment of prediagnosis metabolic changes in PDAC



Prediagnosis Metabolic Alterations



N=83 metabolites 0.05 0.0006

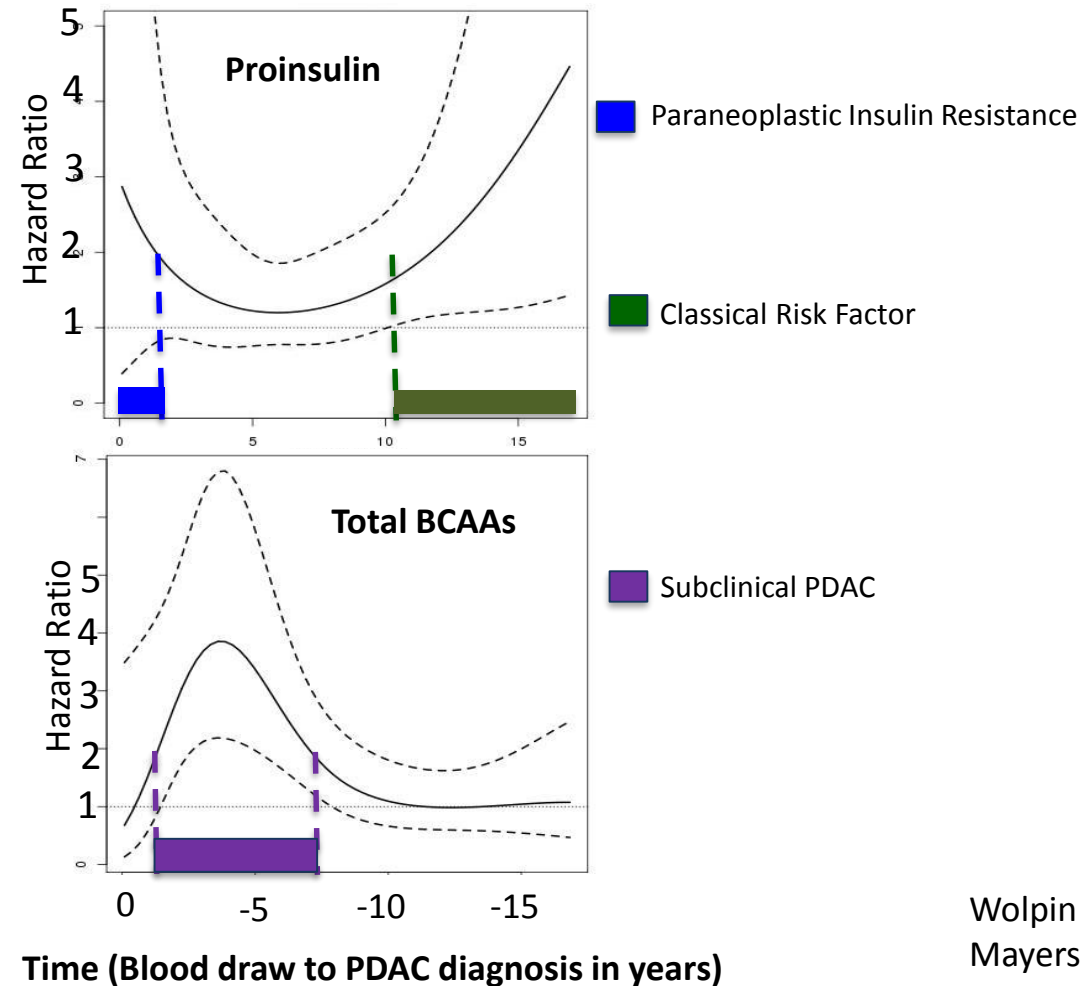
Conditional logistic regression

Branched Chain Amino
Acids (BCAAs)

Independent of:
Body-mass index
Physical activity
Current diabetes
Future diabetes
Hemoglobin A1c
Insulin markers



Prediagnosis BCAA Elevations in Humans

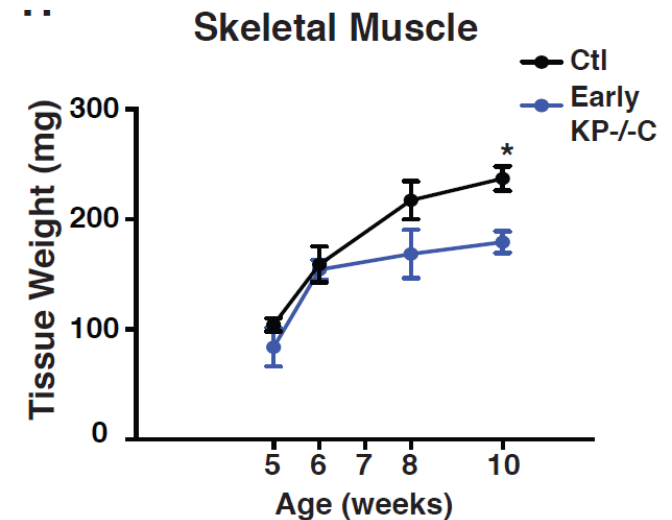
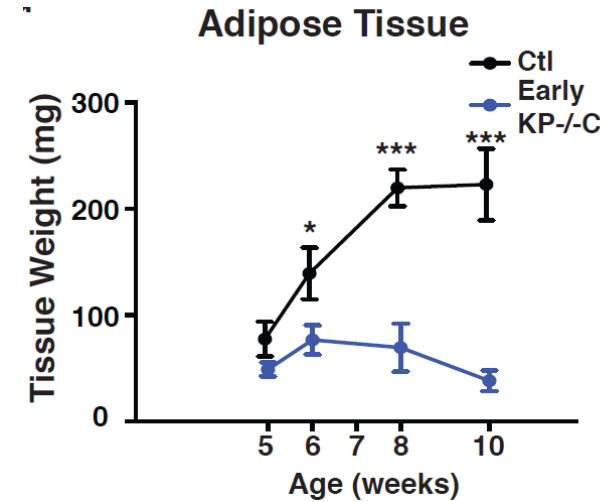
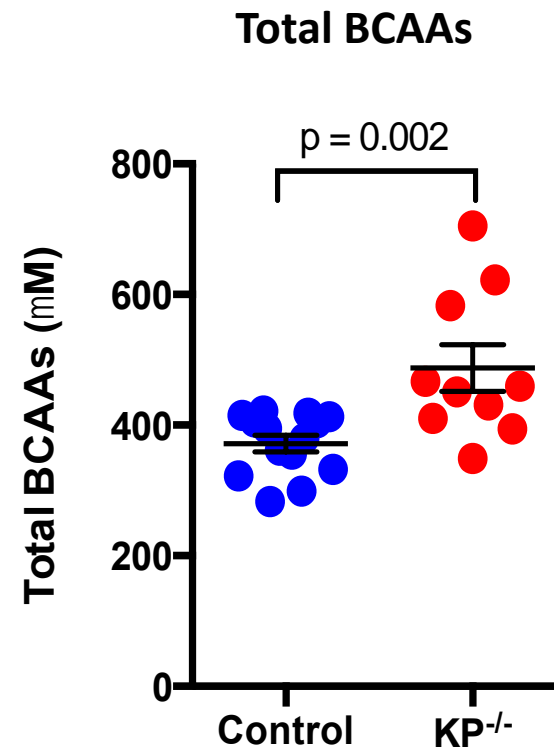


Wolpin et al. JNCI 2013;105:1027.
Mayers et al. *Nat Med.* 2014;20:1193.

BCAA elevations are associated with early pancreatic cancer in mouse models

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Matt Vander Heiden

KP^{-/-}-C Model:
LSL-Kras^{G12D/+}
Tp53^{fl/fl}
Pdx1-Cre



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Danai, Babic, Rosenthal et al. *Nature.* 2018;558:600.

Pancreas tumors do not directly utilize liberated BCAAs

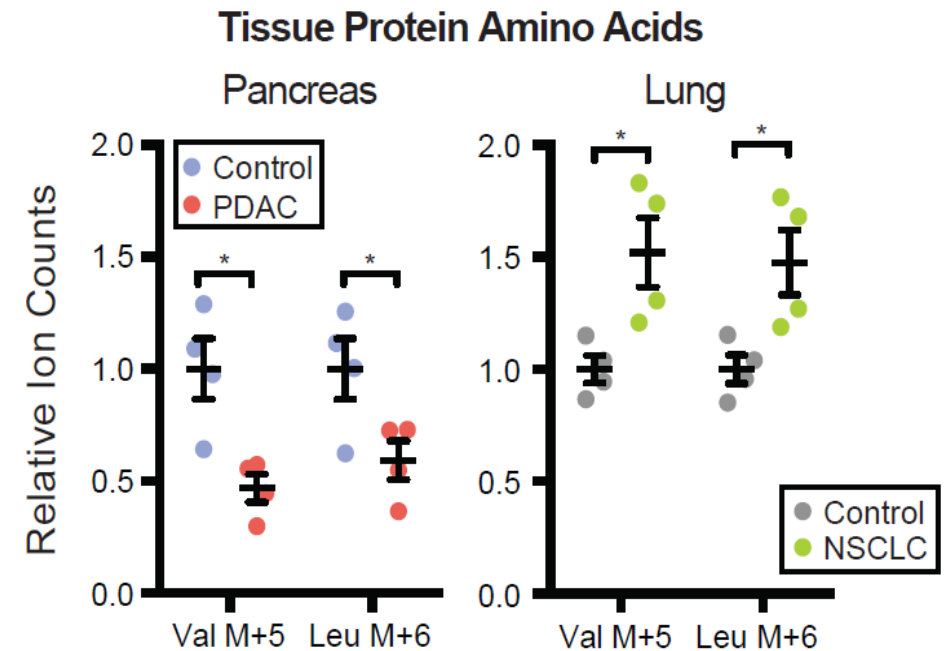
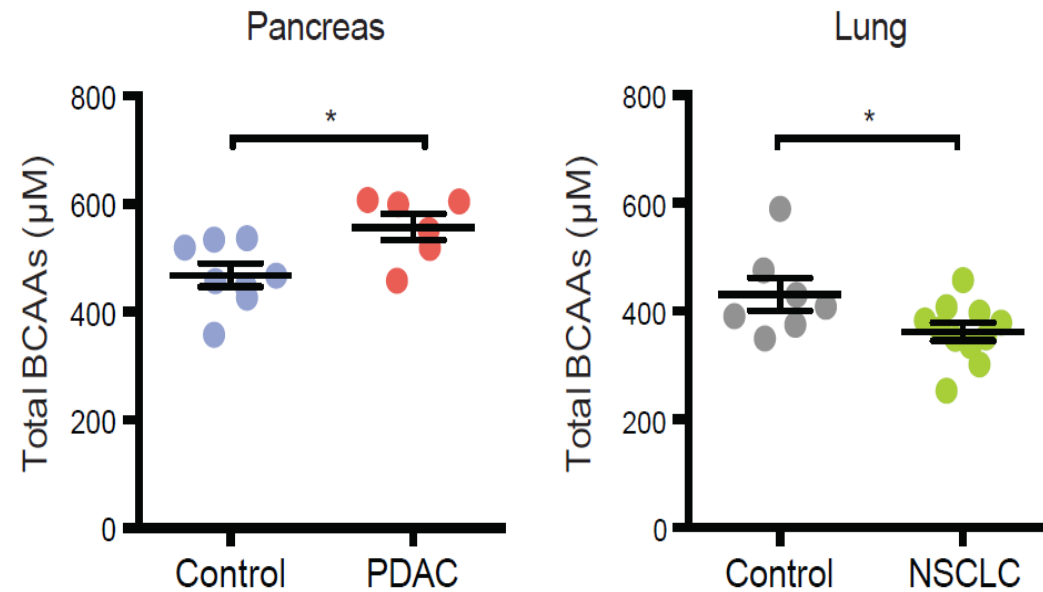
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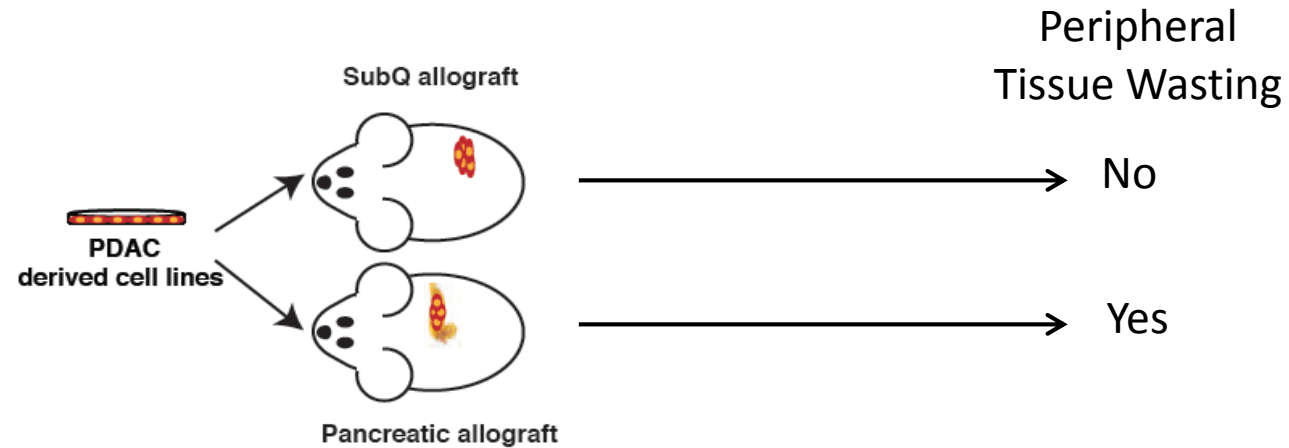
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PDAC: *Pdx1-Cre*

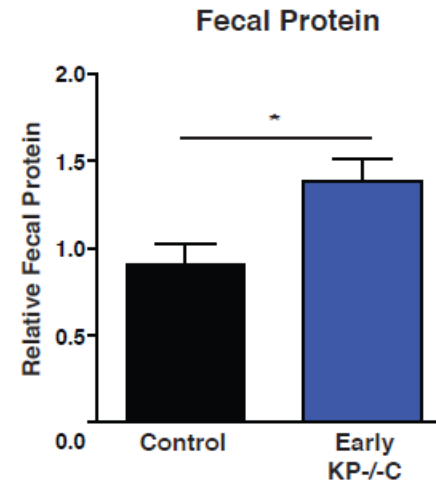
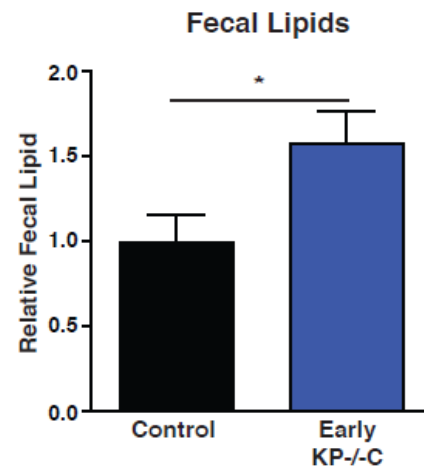
NSCLC: Inhaled *Cre*



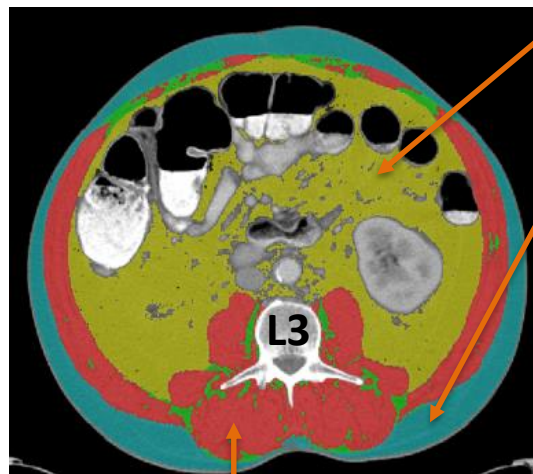
Pancreatic Exocrine Insufficiency



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Pdx1-Cre



Body Composition Measurements



Skeletal muscle (red)

Visceral adipose (yellow)

Subcutaneous adipose (blue)

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Mayo Clinic
MGH
Stanford Univ
UNC-Chapel Hill

Body composition segmentation in 679 pts with newly diagnosed, previously-untreated pancreatic cancer

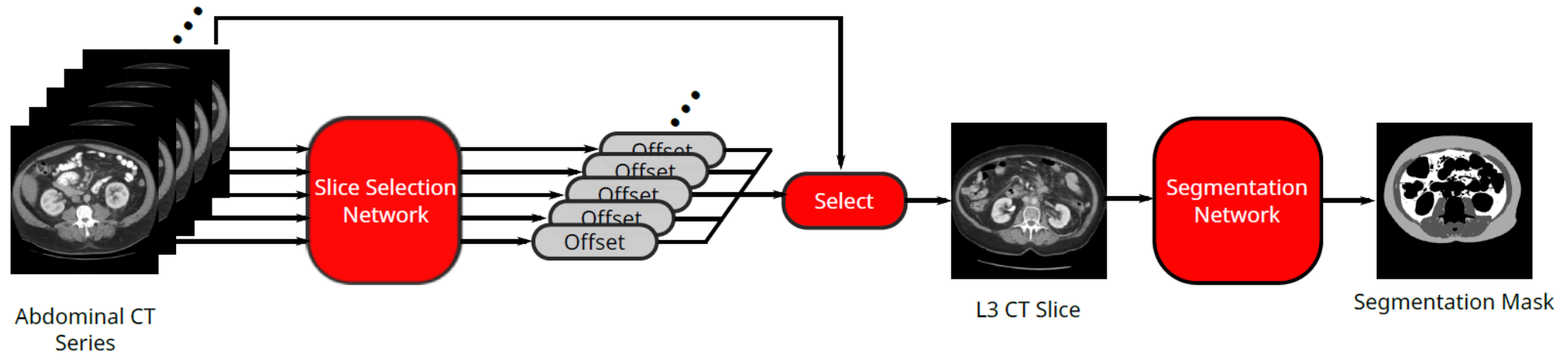
65% of 679 pts with PDAC of all stages had sarcopenia

64% of 213 pts with localized PDAC had sarcopenia

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Sarcopenia defined as skeletal muscle index (SMI): men, $<55.4 \text{ cm}^2/\text{m}^2$; women, $<38.9 \text{ cm}^2/\text{m}^2$

Automated Peripheral Tissue Segmentation



Two-part Neural Network

Training set of 600 manually segmented scans from pancreatic cancer patients

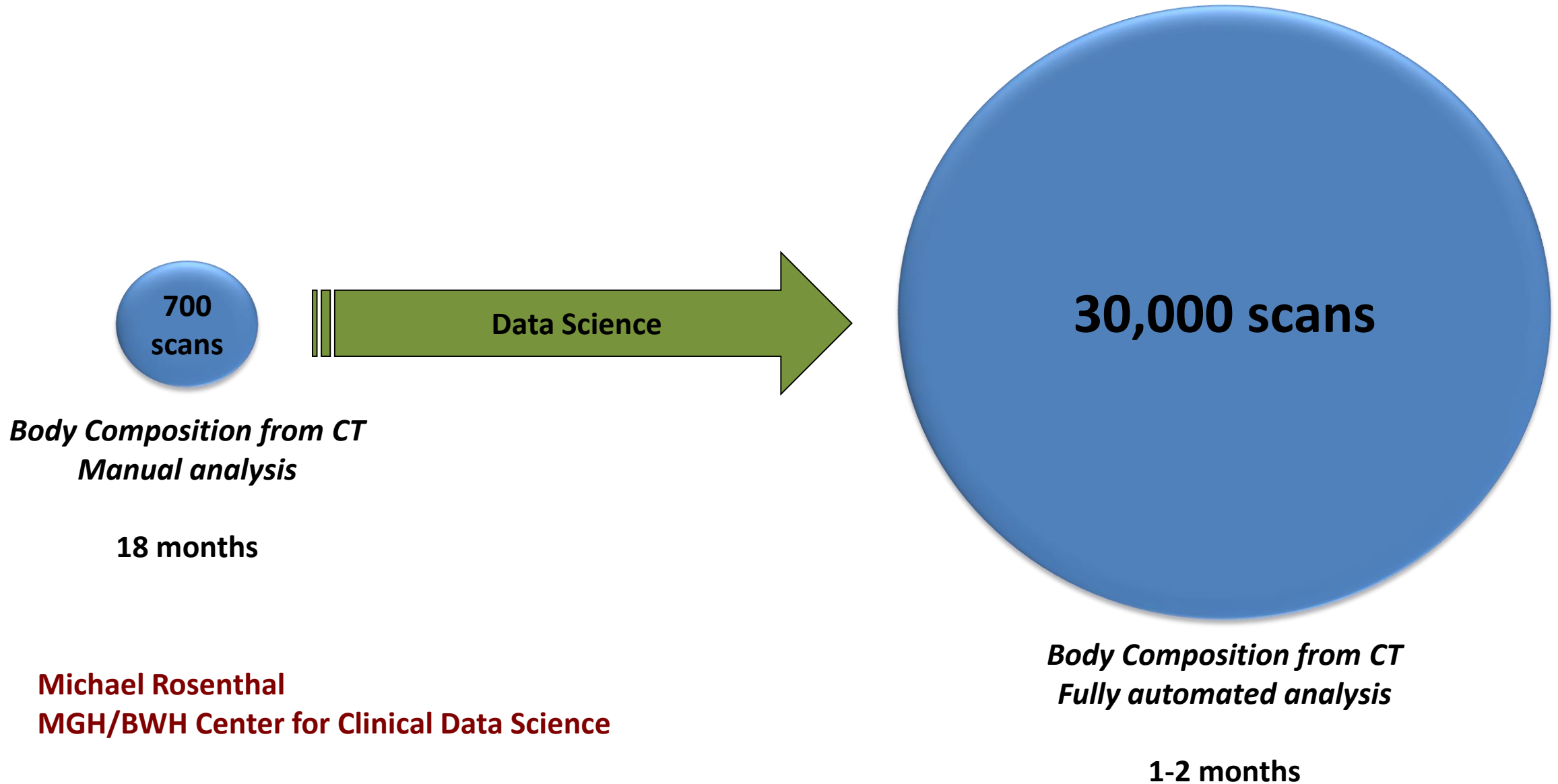
Testing set of 560 manually segmented scans from patients with lymphoma

Testing set correlation coefficients for three compartments by machine vs. human = 0.986-0.994

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Case Series to Population Scale

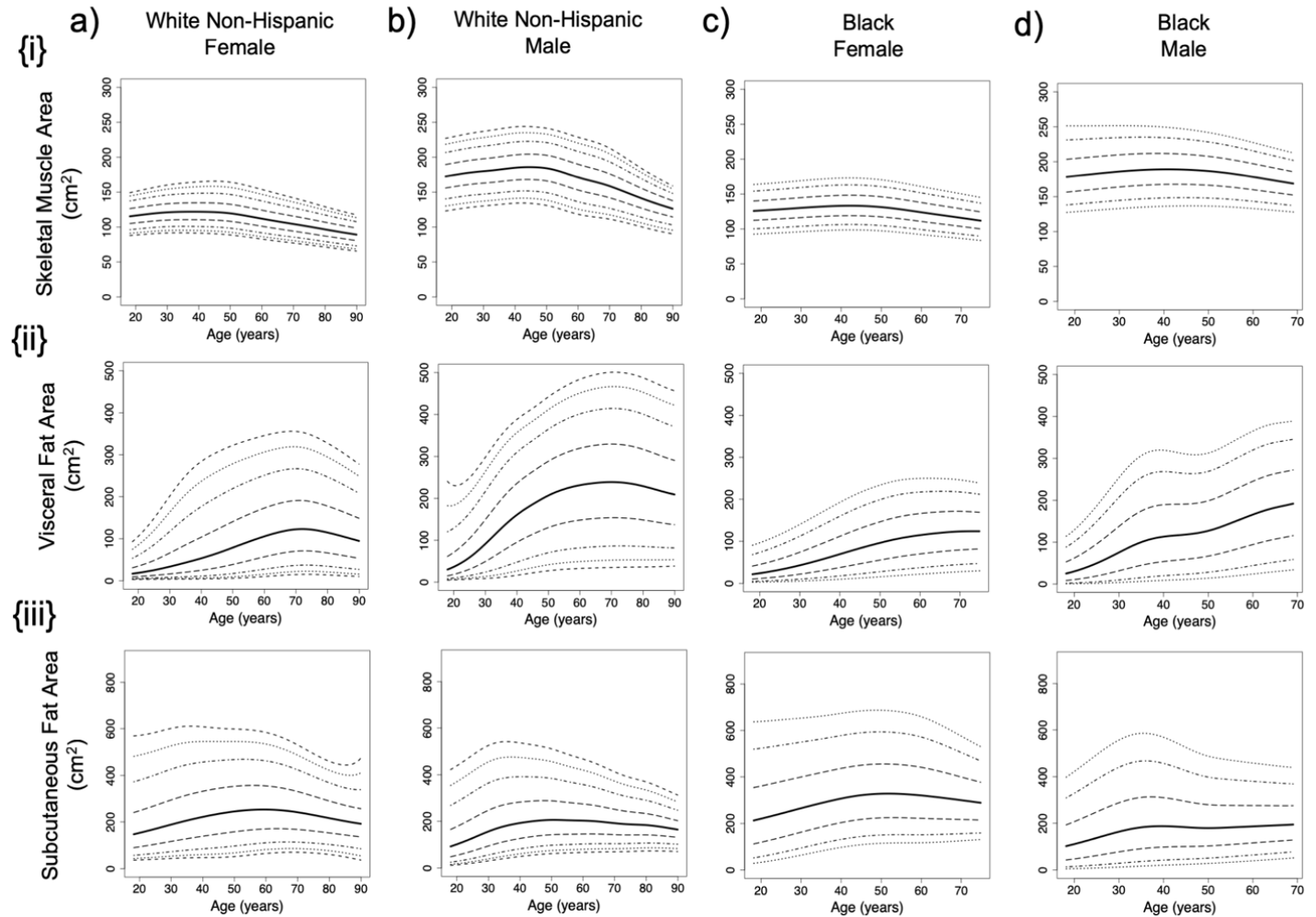


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Population Metrics

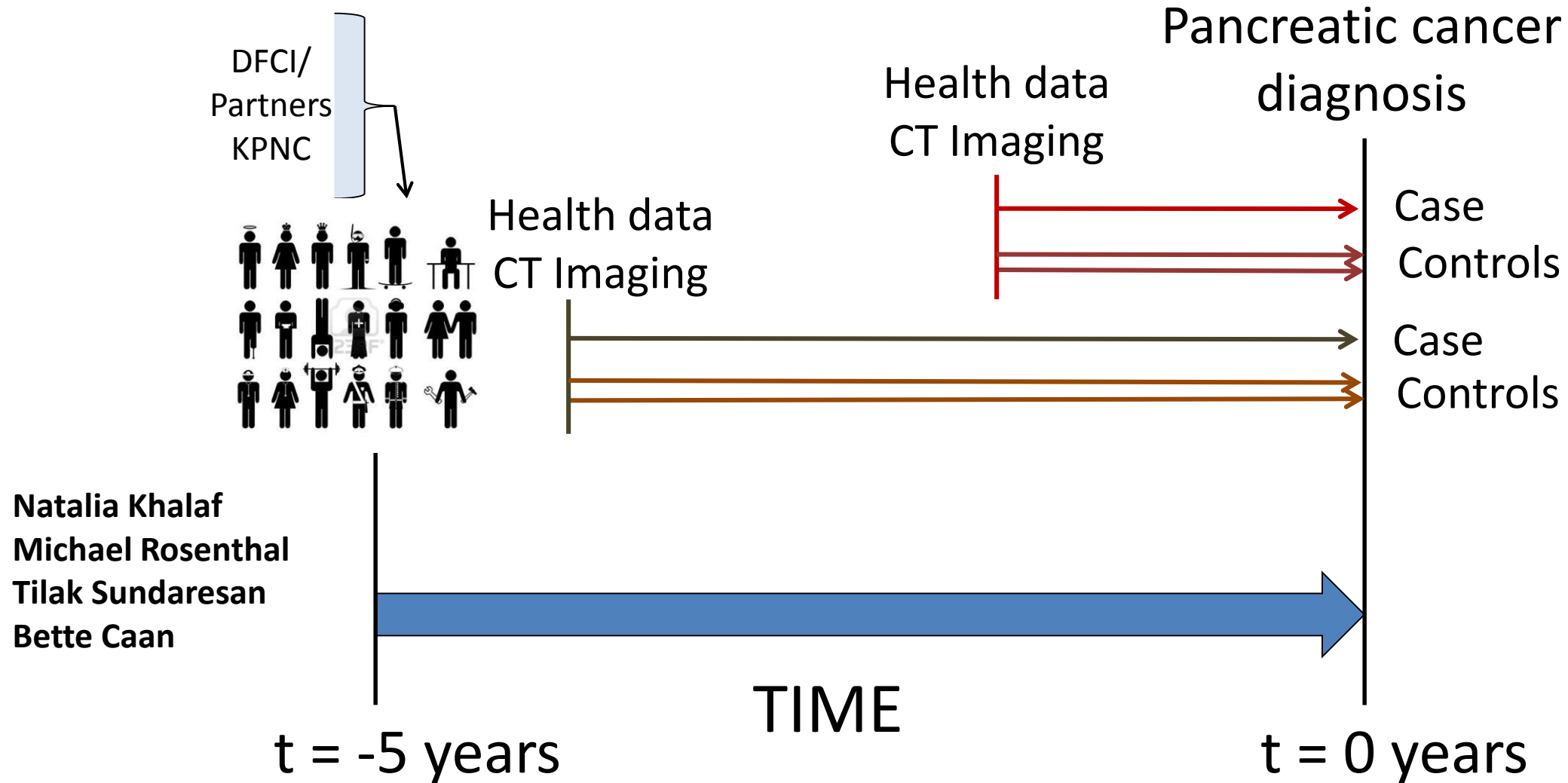
28,411 outpatient AP CT exams
from patients seen within
Partners Healthcare in 2012

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From inferior to superior, the lines represent the 3rd (short dashed line), 5th (dotted line), 10th (dashed and dotted line), 25th (long dashed line), 50th (solid line), 75th (long dashed line), 90th (dashed and dotted line), 95th (dotted line) and 97th (short dashed line) percentiles.

Imaging-Based Risk Modeling within Large Health Systems

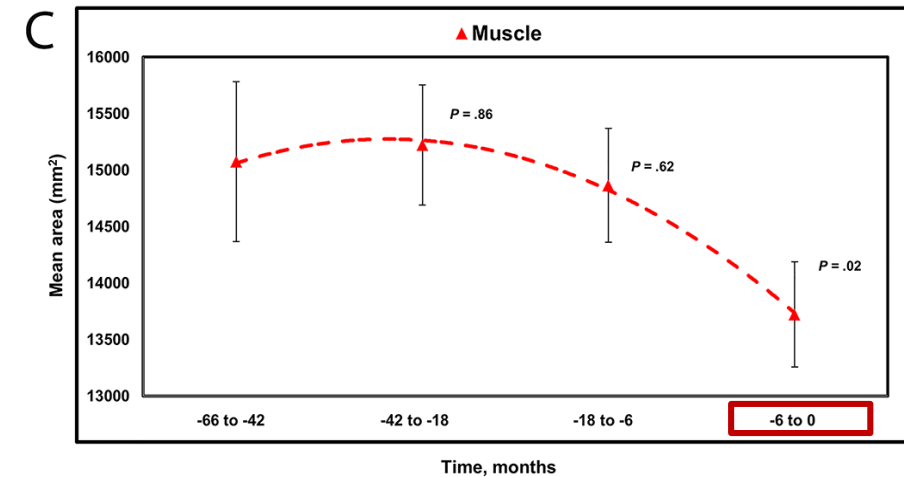
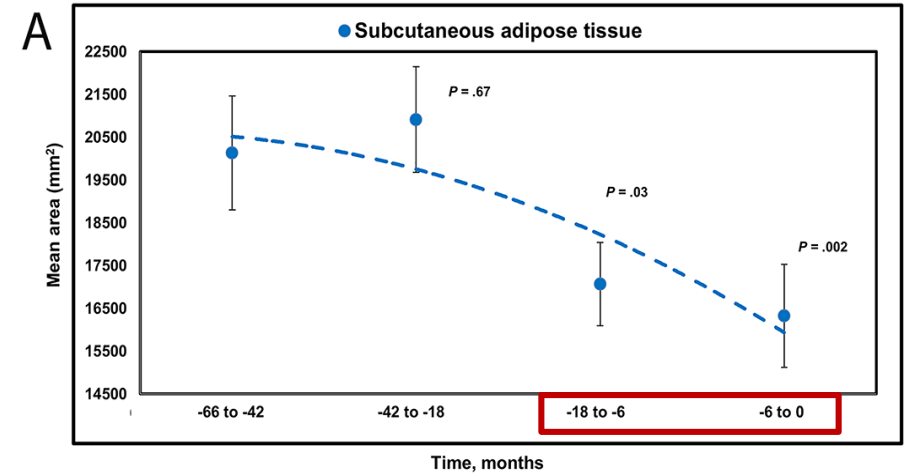


Sah RP et al. Phases of Metabolic and Soft Tissue Changes in Months Preceding a Diagnosis of Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma. *Gastroenterology*. 2019.

Suresh Chari's group (Mayo Clinic)

68 patients with 2 or more CT scans before pancreatic cancer diagnosis

Muscle and AT wasting before diagnosis



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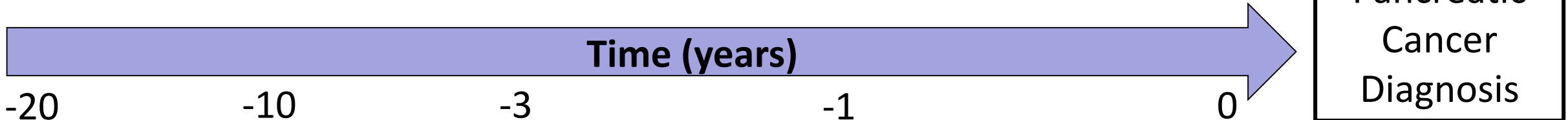
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Rooming

MYCHART Incomplete Qnrs Completed Qnrs Answer Qnrs Illness Impact Consult Orders Reason For Visit Verify Rx Benefits Complex Vitals Medications Allergies OB/Gyn Status

History

Medications

No medications on file.

✓ Mark as Reviewed Never Reviewed

Allergies/Contraindications

☐ No Known Allergies Never Updated (History)

No Allergies on File

✓ Mark as Reviewed Unable to Assess Never Reviewed

OB/Gyn Status

Never Reviewed

History

Medical History

None

Family History

Problem	Relation
Cancer	Mother

Tobacco Use as of 5/13/2019

Never assessed smoking status.

Smokeless Tobacco: Unknown status of smokeless tobacco use.

Alcohol Use as of 5/13/2019

Not Asked.

Frequency of alcohol consumption: Not asked

Number of drinks when drinking: Not asked

Frequency of binge drinking: Not asked

Surgical History

None

Family Status

Relation
Mother

Custom History

Family Pedigree	Responses	Comments
Family Pedigree scanned into Media Manager?	Unanswered	

Medications

Medical History

Family History

Smoking

Machine Learning for Pancreatic Cancer Early Detection



Identifying individuals at high risk for pancreatic cancer through machine learning analysis of clinical records and images

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HSPH: Peter Kraft

MIT: Regina Barzilay

End Goal

Develop practical tool to identify individuals in the general population at elevated risk for pancreatic cancer who should be enrolled in **interception programs** for disease **prevention** and **early detection**.

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