

What Evidence?

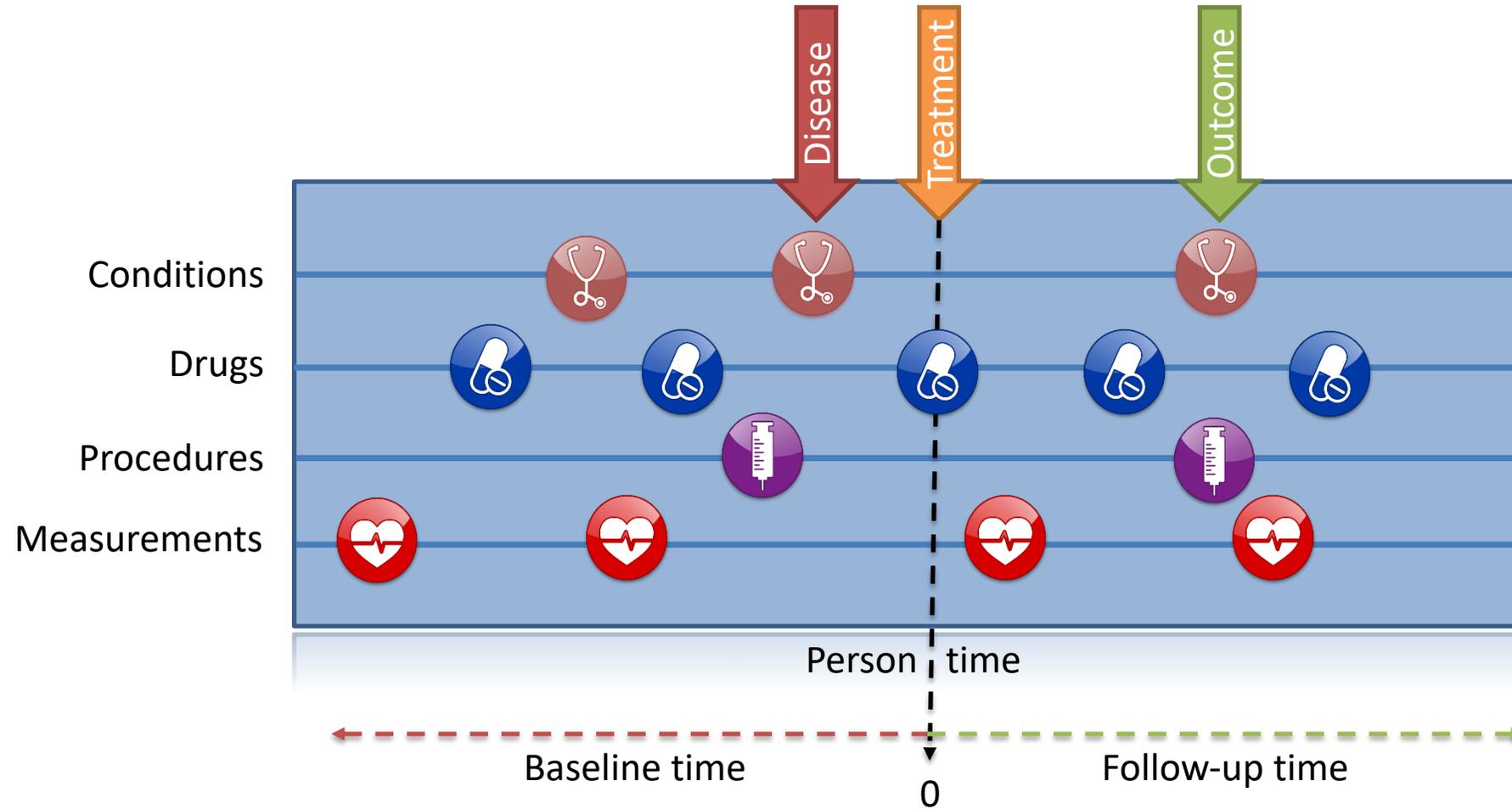


What evidence do we want to generate?

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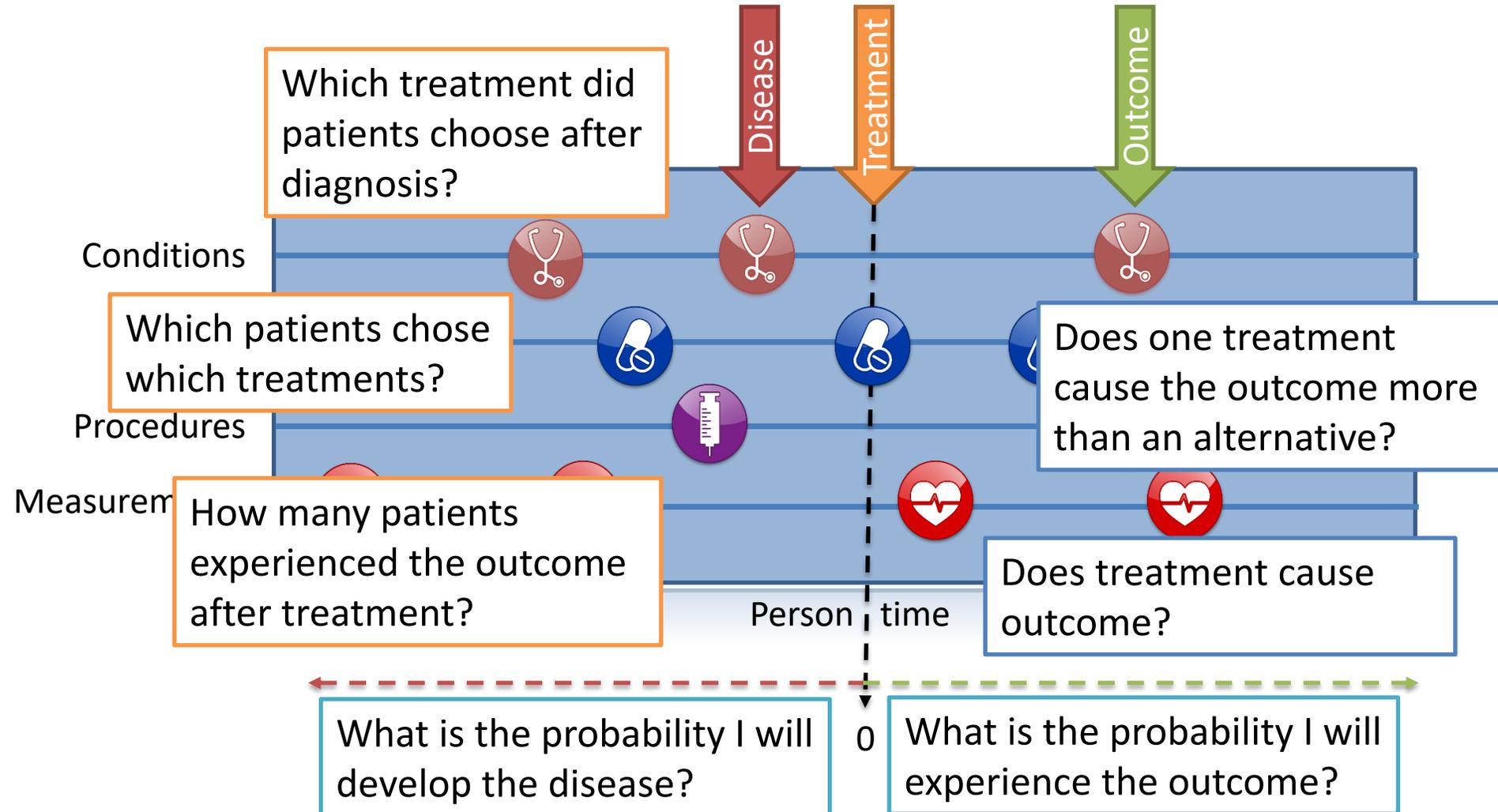


# A caricature of the patient journey



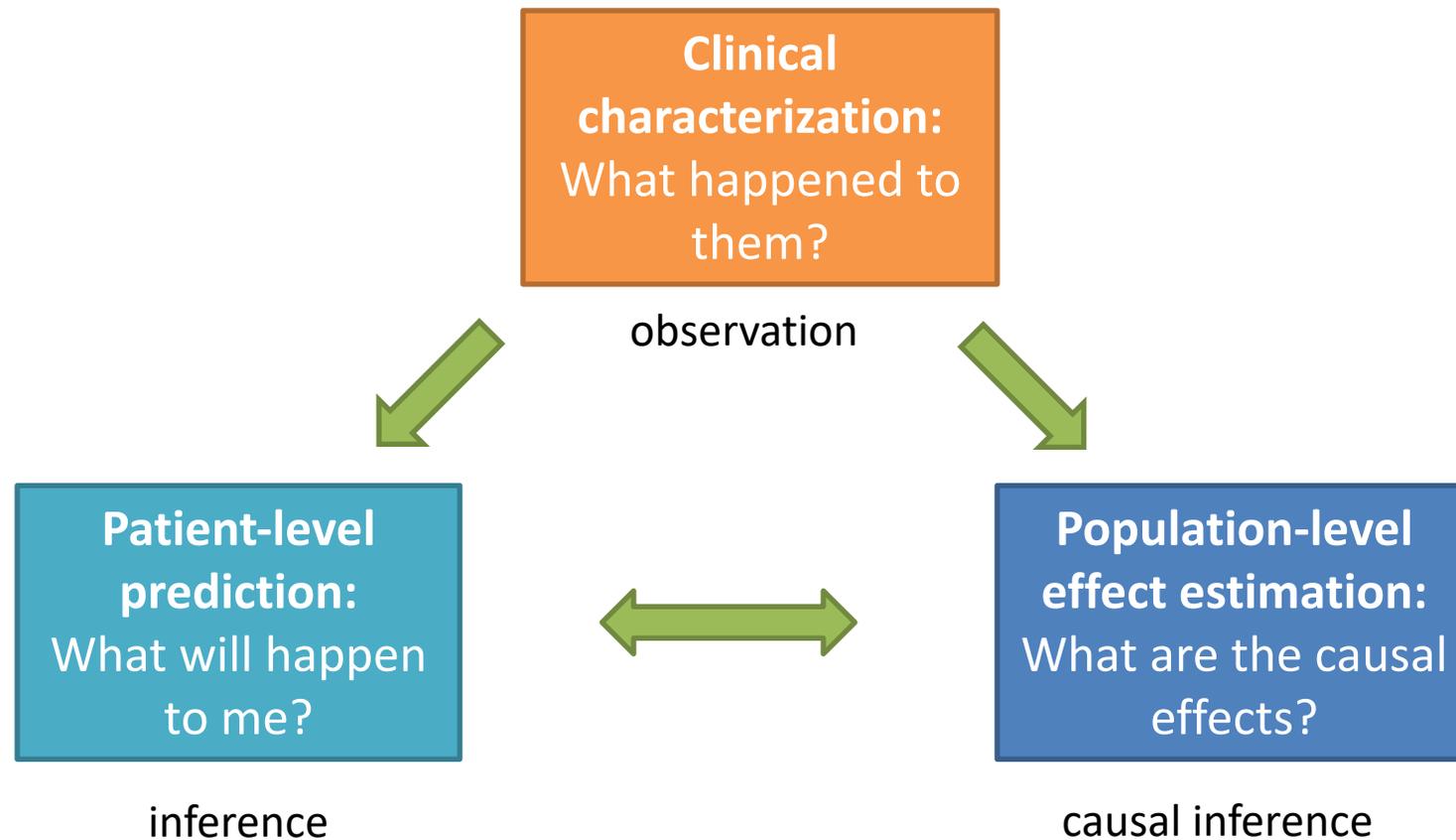


# Questions asked across the patient journey





# Complementary evidence to inform the patient journey





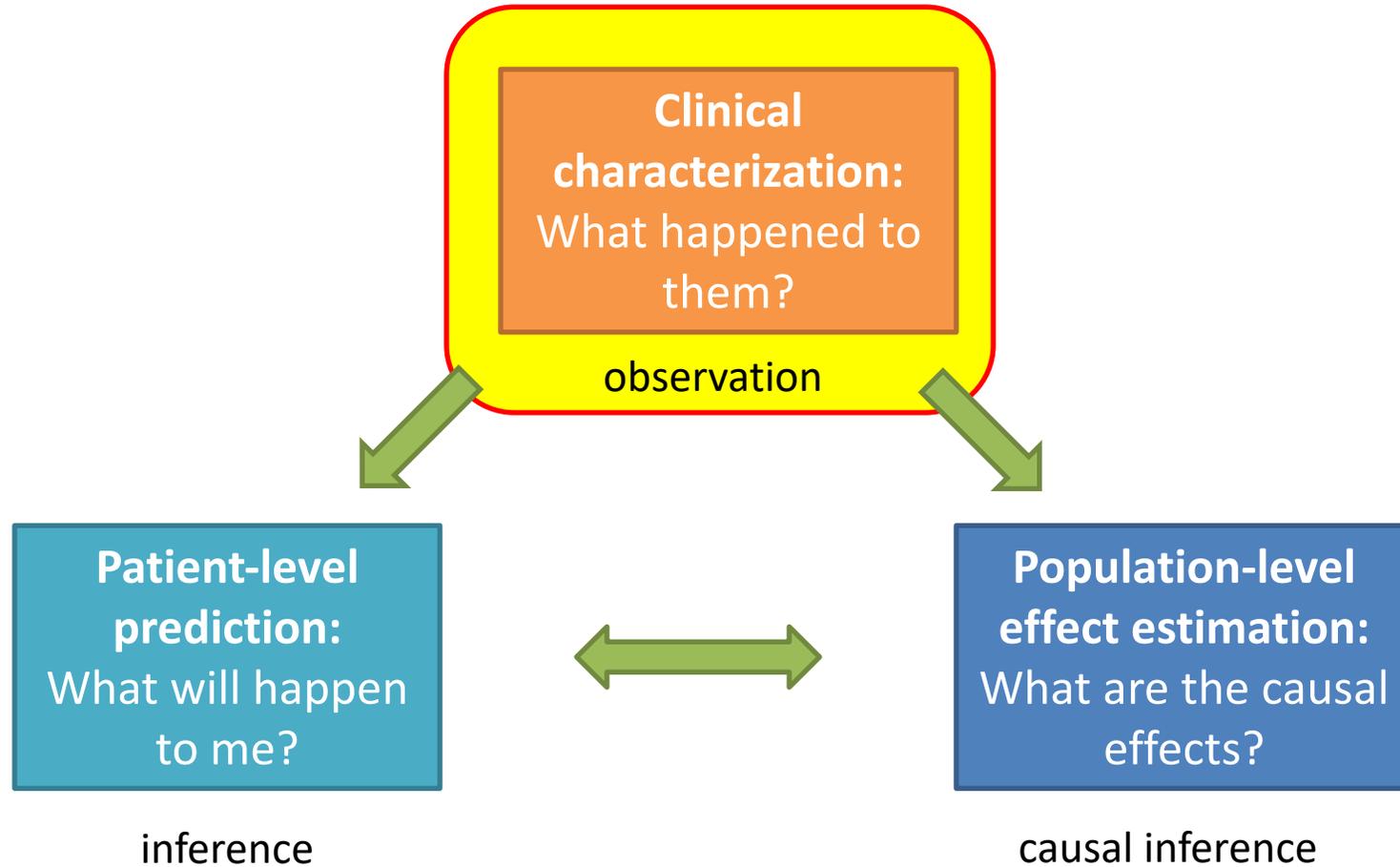
What evidence do we want to generate?  
**Treatment utilization studies**

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# Complementary evidence to inform the patient journey





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  - Why are treatment utilization studies relevant?
  - Multi-country DUS
  - Future directions and opportunities
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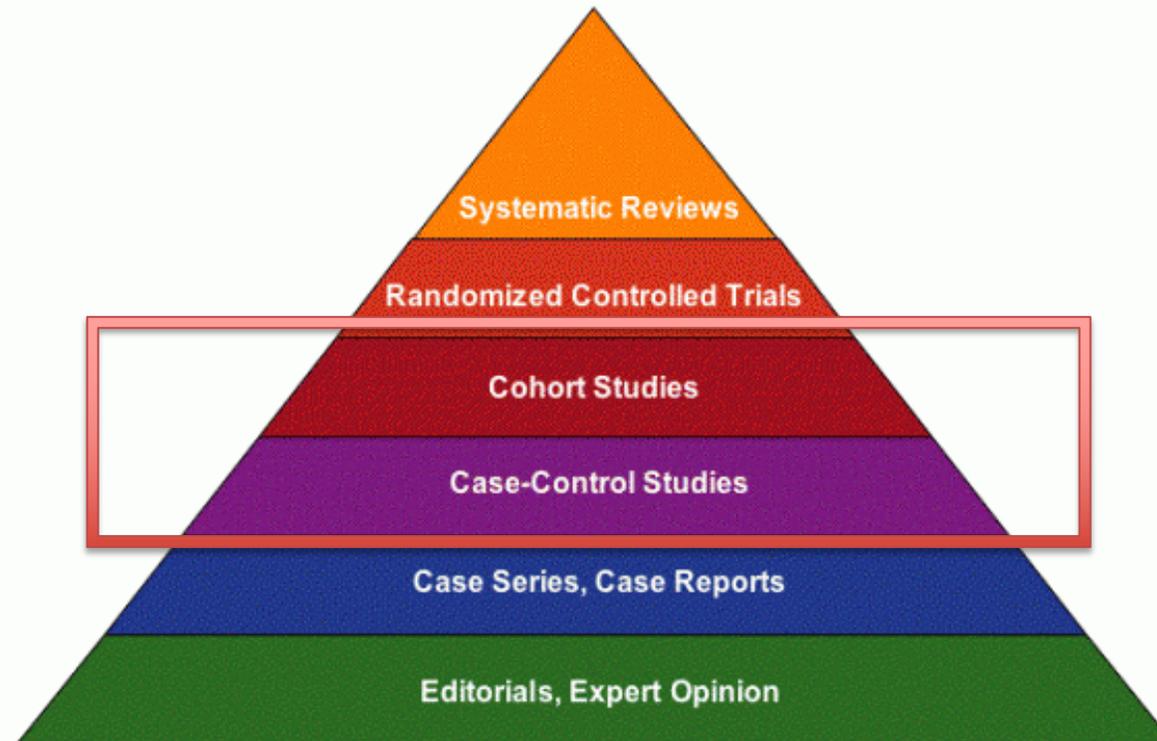


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# Why should I bother?





# Why 'real world' evidence?

## 1. When RCTs are not possible ...

Hazard

Parachute use to prevent death and major trauma related to gravitational challenge: systematic review of randomised controlled trials

Gordon C S Smith, Jill P Pell

**BMJ 2003**

### What this study adds

No randomised controlled trials of parachute use have been undertaken

The basis for parachute use is purely observational, and its apparent efficacy could potentially be explained by a "healthy cohort" effect

### The medicalisation of free fall

It is often said that doctors are interfering monsters obsessed with disease and power, who will not be satisfied until they control every aspect of our lives (*Journal*

**# OF RCTs = 0**

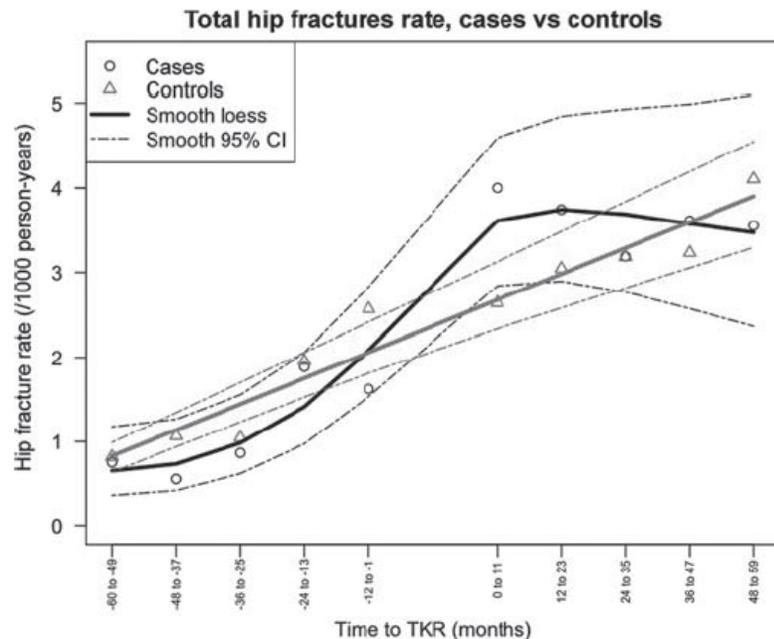


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- Over 20,000 TKA patients
- Over 3y median follow-up

Study completed in just under 1 year ...

How long would it take you to recruit and follow-up?

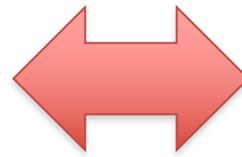
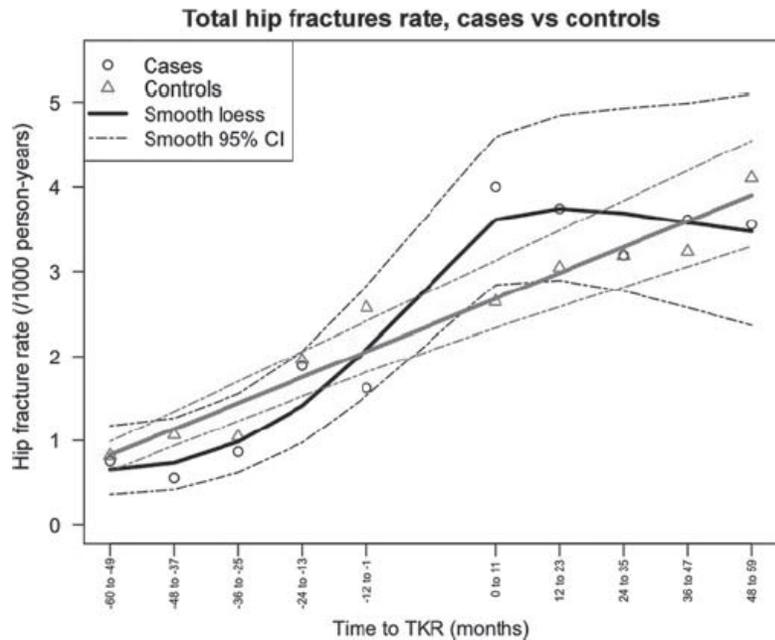


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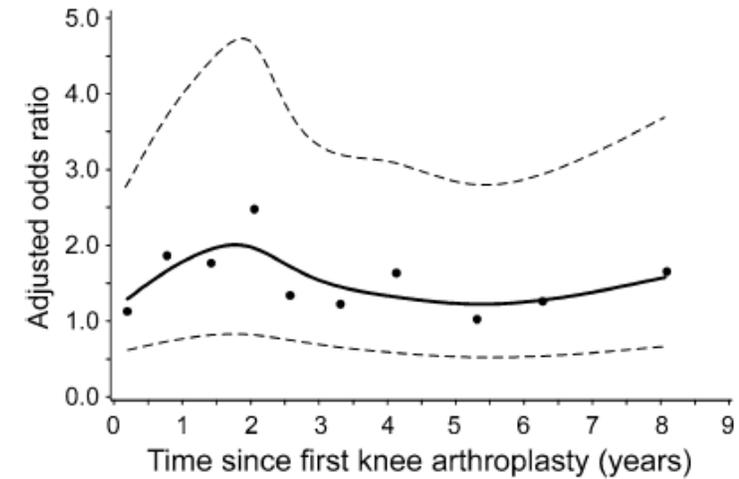
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**Knee Arthroplasty and Risk of Hip Fracture: A Population-Based, Case-Control Study**

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# Why 'real world' evidence?

## 3. External validity



### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- >70 year old
- Woman
- ...



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# REGULATORS HAVE A POINT (OR TWO) 😊

- Lack of evidence on certain population subgroups
- Adherence and persistence in actual practice
- On vs off-label use
- Risk Minimisation Measure/s Effectiveness

None of these can be assessed in RCTs or observational studies other than using 'real world' (routinely collected) data



# Actual Drug Users vs RCT participants

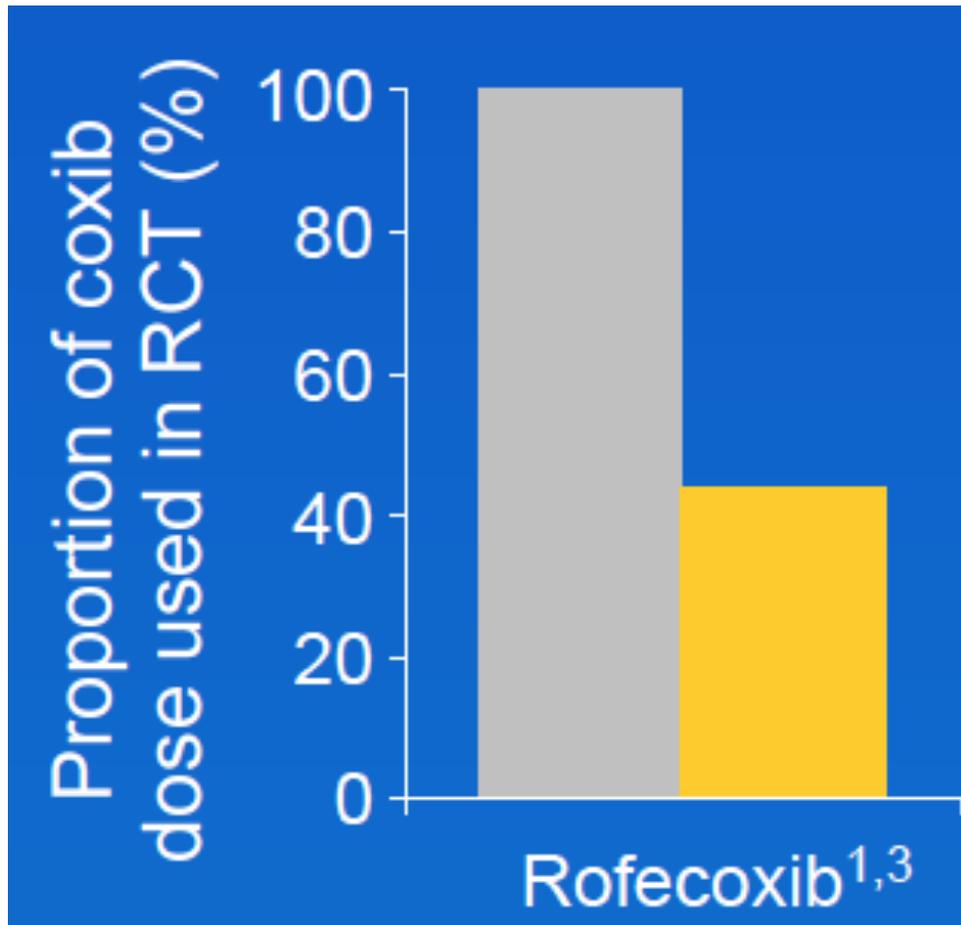
## How big is the gap?

**Table 1** Comparison of the exclusion criteria in the FIT trial with the incident users of alendronate in the SIDIAP and DHR database

FIT exclusion criteria <sup>a</sup>	Operational definition/ICD-10 Codes	Incident users of Alendronate <sup>d</sup>	
		SIDIAP <i>N</i> = 14,316 (%)	DHR <i>N</i> = 21,214 (%)
Men	Sex according to administrative data	3818 (26.7 %)	3885 (18.3 %)
Age <55 years old	Age at first ALD dispensation	1844 (12.9 %)	1654 (7.8 %)
Age >80 years old	Age at first ALD dispensation	2347 (16.4 %)	5275 (24.9 %)



# Adherence in the real world .. vs RCT



**Adherence in RCT (Vigor study) vs “real life”**

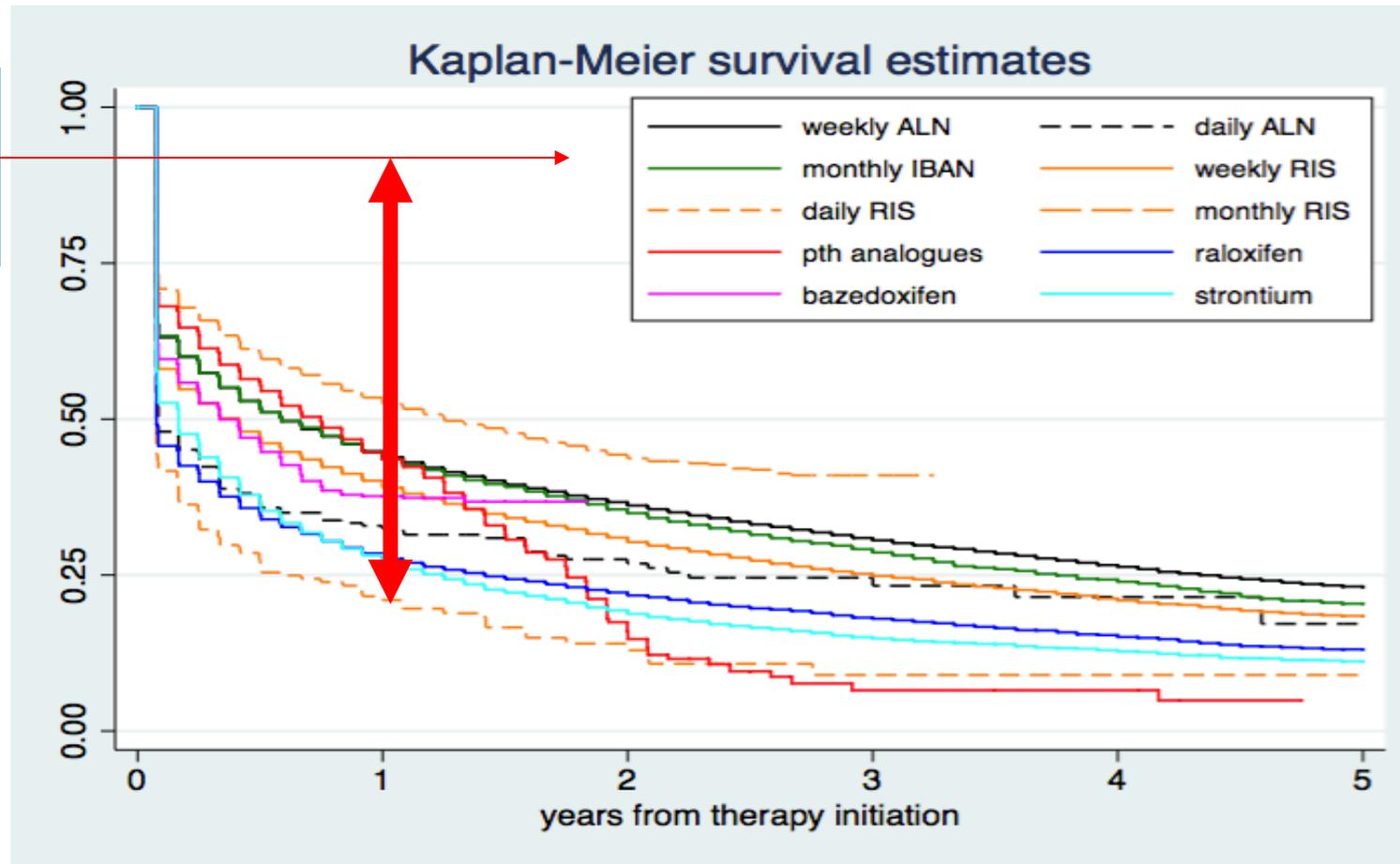
**Rofecoxib users in CPRD**

*[TV Staa PLoS One '09]*



# Persistence in actual practice conditions ...

3-year persistence  
In pivotal RCTs  
Was >90% for all these



*N = 127,076 SIDIAP participants, Cat, Spain*

*Carbonell C et al. Calcif Tiss Int 2015.*



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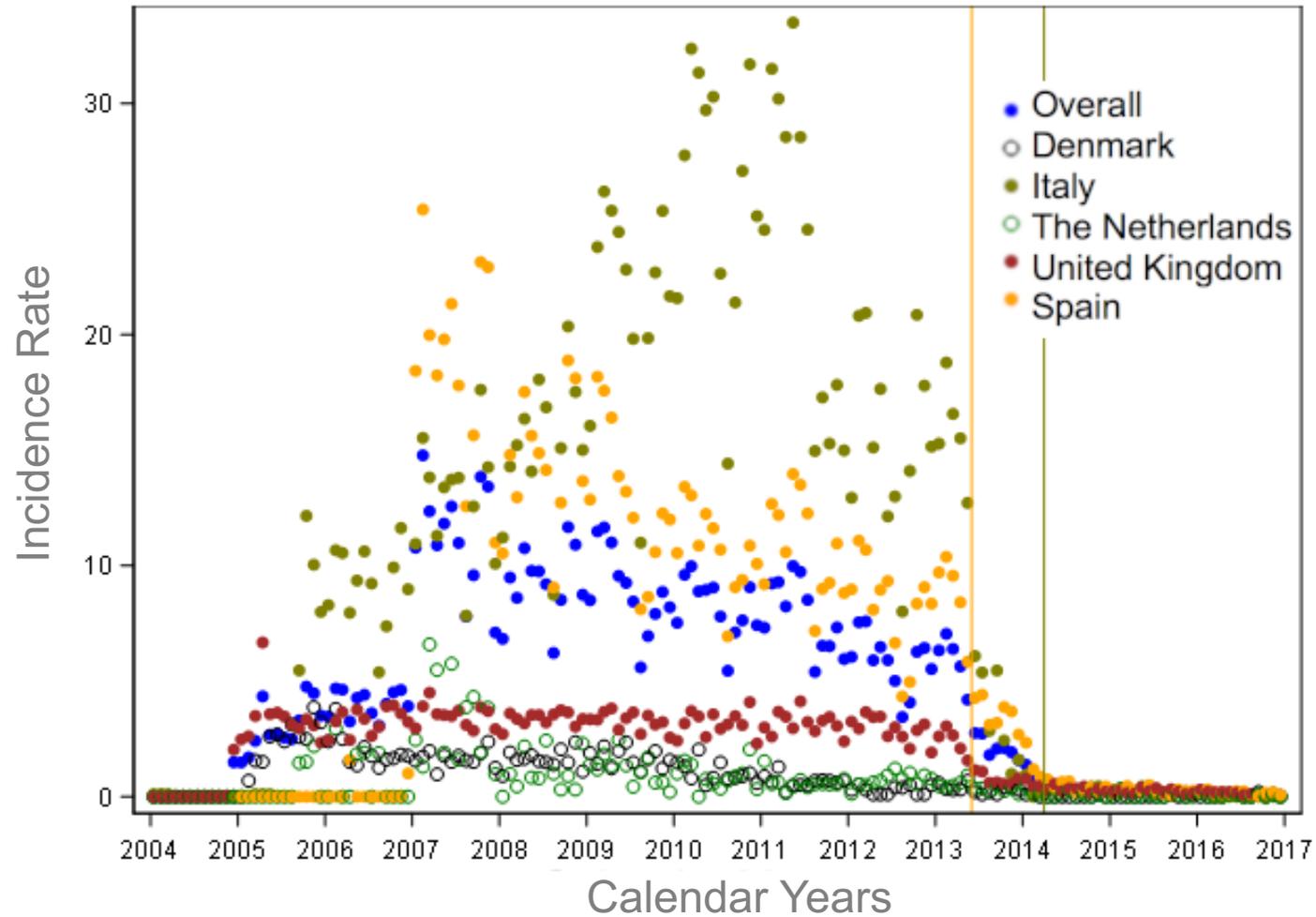
# THE **NEED** - The European context

- Different healthcare settings
  - Different funding systems
  - Different conditions of use for medicines
  - ...
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- **And hence the importance of EU-wide DUS for the EMA**



# A previous example – EU-ADR Alliance Multi-country Population Level DUS

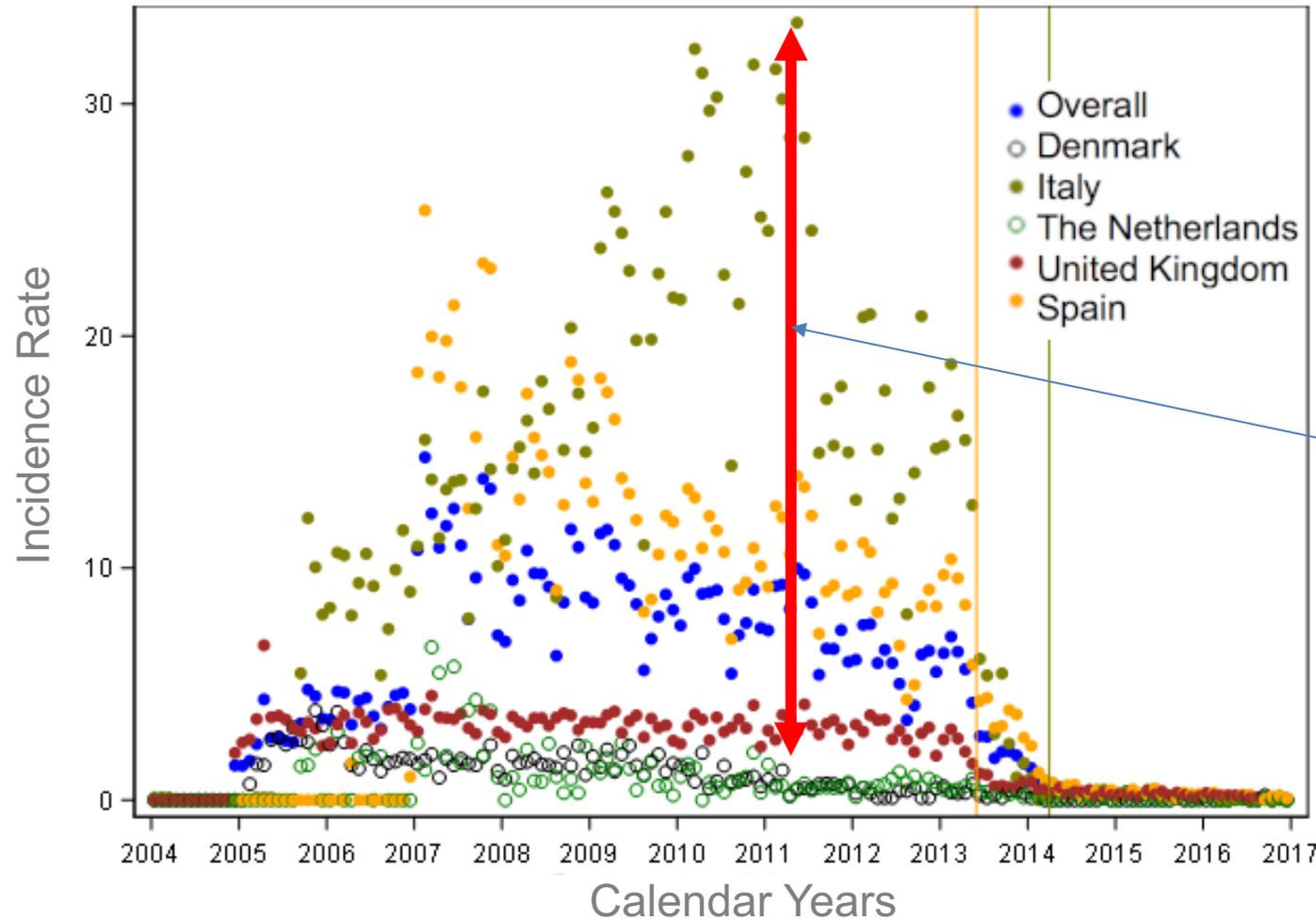
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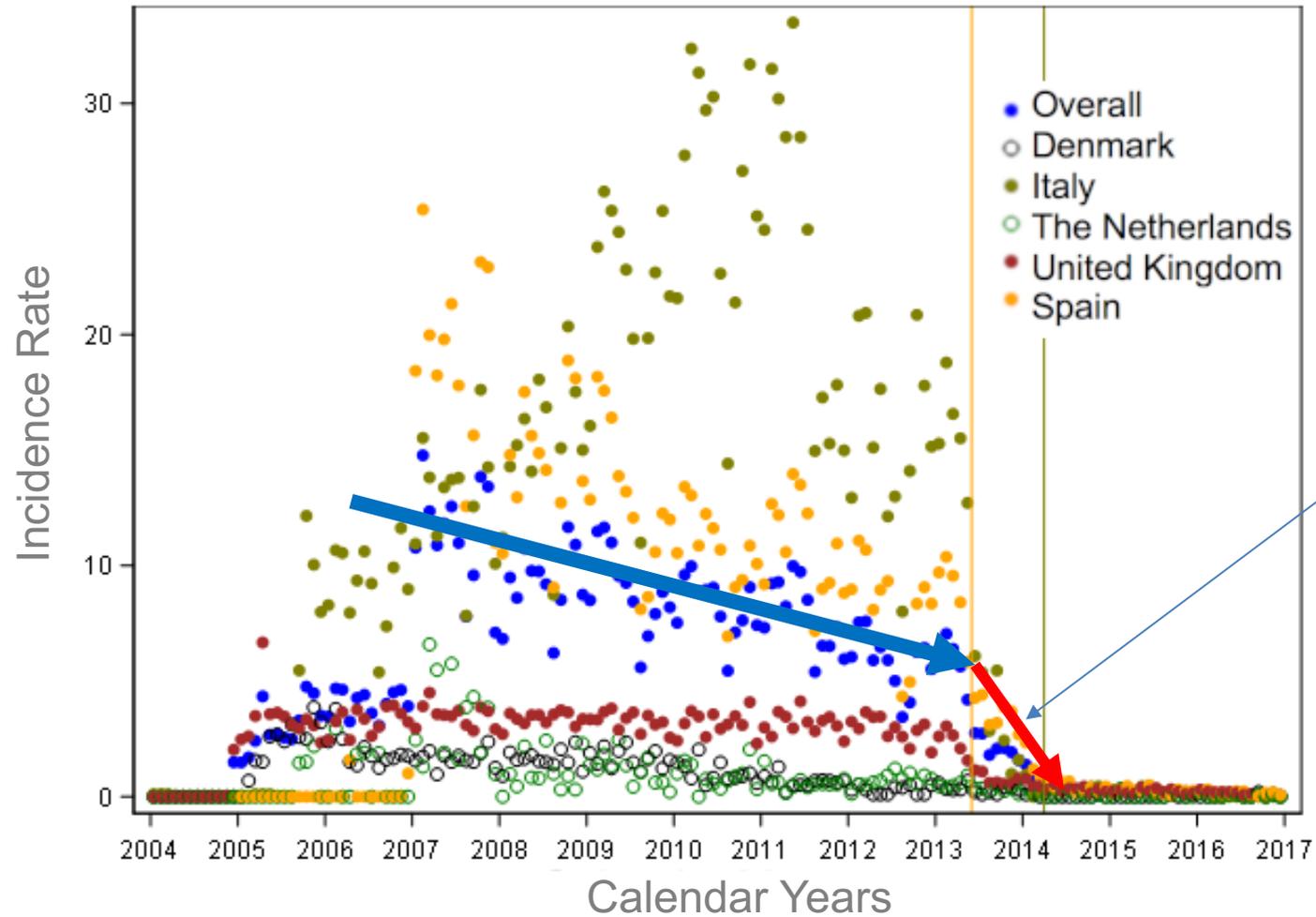


Between-country  
differences



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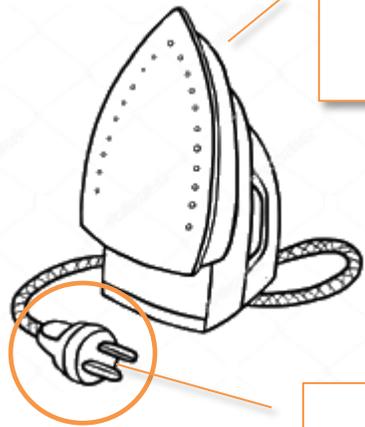


RMM  
Effectiveness



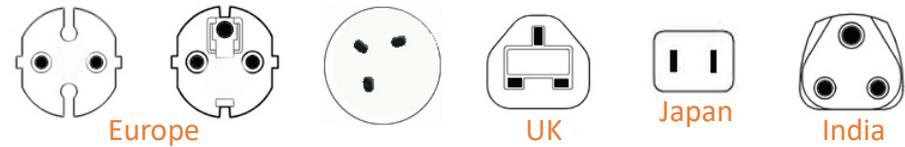
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Analytical method

Application to data



# The EU DUS challenge

## Interoperability



# What can (and should) be improved?

- Automation of common processes
  - Data curation, analyses
- Speed -> from 1-2 years to 1-2 days
- Reproducibility
- More complex analytics
- Visualisation/s



# EHDEN USE CASE 1 - DUS

	UC1 – DUS
ANALYSES/ TOOLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Population level (incidence, prevalence)</li><li>- Patient level (adherence, % with contra/indications)</li><li>- Treatment pathways</li><li>- Dose / Indication: NLP</li><li>- Secular trends (RMM)</li></ul>
DASHBOARD/S VISUALISATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Sunburst / Sankey plots</li><li>- Interactive filters/zoom</li><li>- Subgroup stratification</li><li>- Patterns over time</li></ul>



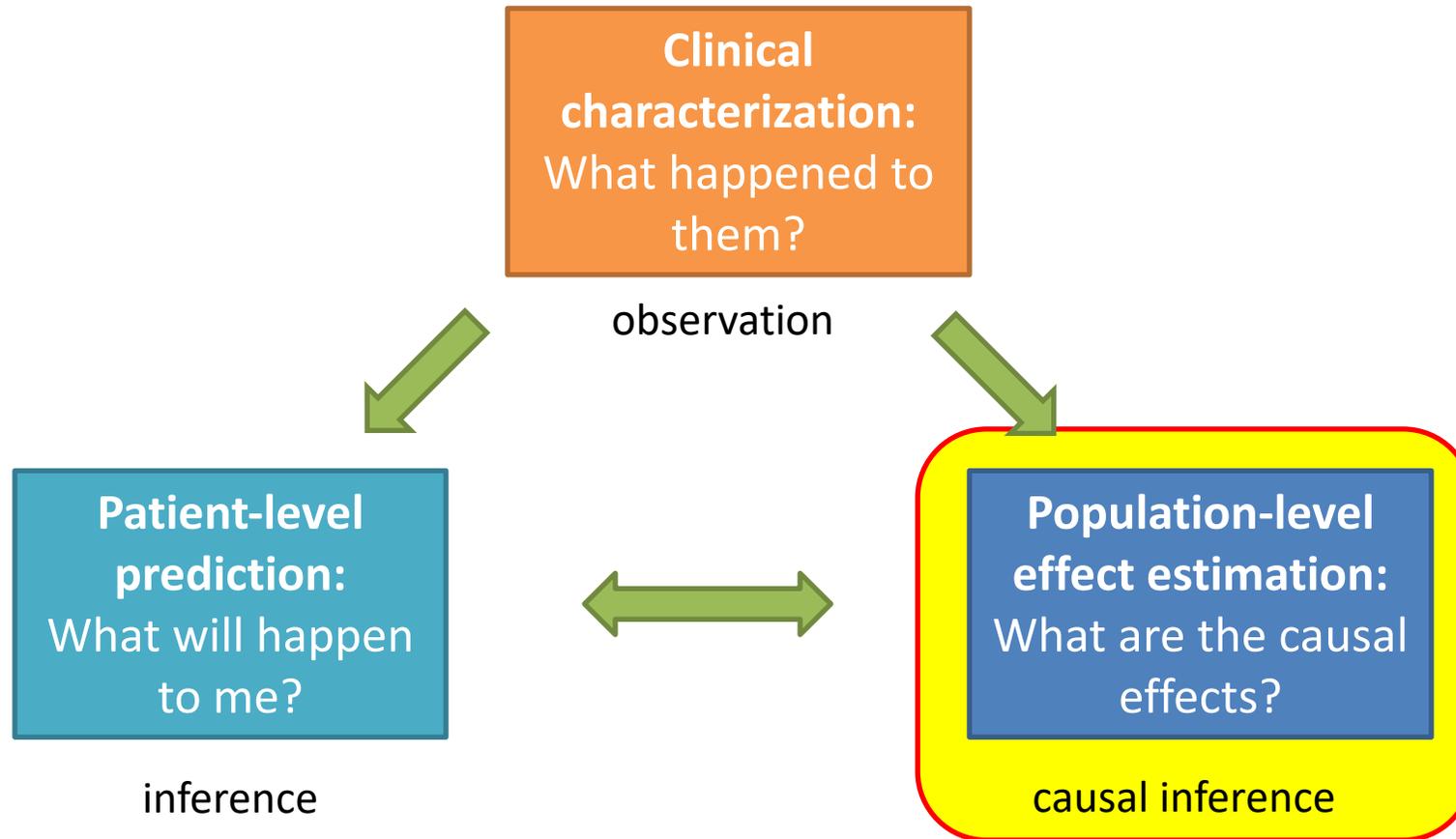
# What evidence do we want to generate?

## Pharmacovigilance

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# Complementary evidence to inform the patient journey





On  
the **lookout**  
for the **un**expected





Broad scope

Generic analysis  
strategies

Humility





# Individual case reports

**Report of Suspected Adverse Drug Reaction including Birth Defects** 224289

(Note: Identities of Reporter, Patient and Institution will remain Confidential)

**Patient** (Initials or Record # only) Age Sex Weight Height  
 [REDACTED] 05 DEC 2006 55 M 80 168

**Adverse Reaction Description:** DESC Date of Onset of Reaction: 29/11/06  
 Patient with a NON ST ELEVATION MI HAD DIAGNOSTIC ANGIOGRAM SHOWING SEVERE STENOSIS IN LAD. THE SAME DAY HAD PCI TO LAD DURING WHICH EXPERIENCED PROFOUND AND SUSTAINED HYPOTENSION NOT BELIEVED WITH ANAMINE 6mg (several 0.5mg boluses) AND IABP. IMPROVED AFTER HYDROCORISONE 200mg + PHENERGAN GIVEN. ??ALLERGIC REACTION TO CONTRAST (ISOVUE 370)

All Drug Therapy Prior to Reaction Asterisk Suspected Drug(s) (please use trade names)	Daily Dosage and Route	Date Begun	Date Stopped	Reason for Use
<span style="color: red;">*</span> ASPIRIN	300mg o	29/1/06	—	NSTEMI
<span style="color: red;">*</span> Clopidogrel	300mg 100mg bid	29/1/06	—	NSTEMI
<span style="color: red;">*</span> TEMAZEPAM	10mg	29/1/06		sedation
<span style="color: red;">*</span> Tirofiban	IV bolus + infusion	29/1/06	29/1/06	NSTEMI
<span style="color: red;">*</span> ALPACZAM	2mg IV	29/1/06	29/1/06	sedation
<span style="color: red;">*</span> GADOLINIC ACID	90ml IC	29/1/06	29/1/06	Angiogram
<span style="color: red;">*</span> ISOVUE 370		29/1/06	29/1/06	Angiogram

**Treatment** (of reaction): ANAMINE, hydrocortisone, phenergan

**Outcome:** Recovered  Not Yet Recovered  Unknown  Fatal  Date of Death

**Sequelae:** No  Yes  (describe) MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION

**Comments** (eg. relevant history, allergies, previous exposure to this drug):  
 NO KNOWN ALLERGIES BEFORE THIS EPISODE. HAD ANGIOGRAM IN ANOTHER HOSPITAL. THEN PCI SAME DAY. REACTION DURING PCI

**Reporting Doctor, Pharmacist, etc:** POSS  
 Name: [REDACTED]  
 Address: [REDACTED]

Signature: [REDACTED] 30/11/06

Headache	62%
Fatigue	56%
Dizziness	53%
Nausea	41%
Arthralgia	31%
Syncope	22%
Pain	22%
Asthenia	22%
Dyspnoea	21%
Malaise	21%

585 reports 14.6 AE per report

Dizziness	30%
Vomiting	20%
Pain	13%
Myalgia	11%
Fatigue	10%
Malaise	9%
Abdominal pain	8%

9938 reports 3.8 AE per report

Pain in extremity	10%
Hypoesthesia	9%
Paraesthesia	8%
Oedema peripheral	8%
Pain	7%
Arthralgia	6%

7088 reports 4.3 AE per report

## Clusters of interest

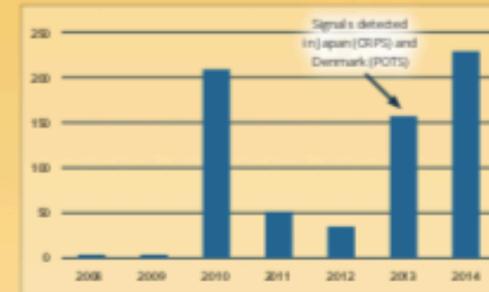
694 cases  
62% serious

Postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome:	64 reports
Chronic fatigue syndrome:	30 reports
Post viral fatigue syndrome:	18 reports
Complex regional pain syndrome:	12 reports

Please note that one case report may include two or more of these terms

85% of cases without one of these diagnoses

VigiBase entry over time



The large total in 2010 reflects the entry into VigiBase of a backlog of reports from the USA

The map below displays the countries of origin and their totals of cases which are included in the cluster of interest.



### Expected local reactions

Injection site pain	75%
Injection site swelling	53%
Injection site erythema	40%
Injection site pruritis	13%
Asthenia	12%
Pain	9%
Injection site warmth	9%
Headache	8%
Pyrexia	8%
Muscular weakness	7%

4959 reports 3.1 AE per report

### Vasovagal reactions

Syncope	46%
Dizziness	28%
Loss of consciousness	28%
Fall	24%
Seizure	17%
Fall	15%
Immediate post injection reaction	12%
Nausea	9%
Presyncope	8%
Hyperhidrosis	8%

6517 reports 4.1 AE per report

Fatigue	100%
Dizziness	92%
Headache	88%
Nausea	80%
Arthralgia	71%
Myalgia	69%
Disturbance in attention	67%
Memory impairment	63%
Muscular weakness	55%
Pain	55%

83 reports 41.7 AE per report

Headache	75%
Nausea	63%
Dizziness	50%
Fatigue	50%
Arthralgia	38%
Pain in extremity	38%
Palpitations	38%
Disturbance in attention	38%
Quality of life decreased	25%
Muscle pain	25%

70 reports 8.5 AE per report

By the millions

### Vaccination exposure during pregnancy

Exposure during pregnancy	90%
Pregnancy test positive	19%
Abortion spontaneous	18%
Human chorionic gonadotropin positive	18%
Caesarean section	11%
Abortion induced	10%
Ultrasound scan normal	9%
Foetal disorder	9%

### Medication errors

No adverse event	89%
Inappropriate schedule of drug administration	48%
Incorrect product chosen	17%

Dizziness	61%
Headache	61%
Syncope	56%
Postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome	39%
Tremor	33%
Heart rate increased	33%
Electroencephalogram normal	33%
Fatigue	33%
Blood test normal	33%

### Lack of effectiveness

Smear cervix abnormal	44%
Human papilloma virus test positive	38%
Cervical dysplasia	30%
Papilloma viral infection	31%
Anogenital warts	13%
Vaccination failure	13%
Smear cervix	7%
Biopsy cervix abnormal	6%
Cervix carcinoma stage 0	6%
Colposcopy abnormal	5%

660 reports 3.3 AE per report

A black and white photograph showing a cheetah's face partially hidden behind tall, thin blades of grass. The cheetah's eyes and nose are visible through the foliage. The text "Hard to spot" is overlaid in white in the center of the image.

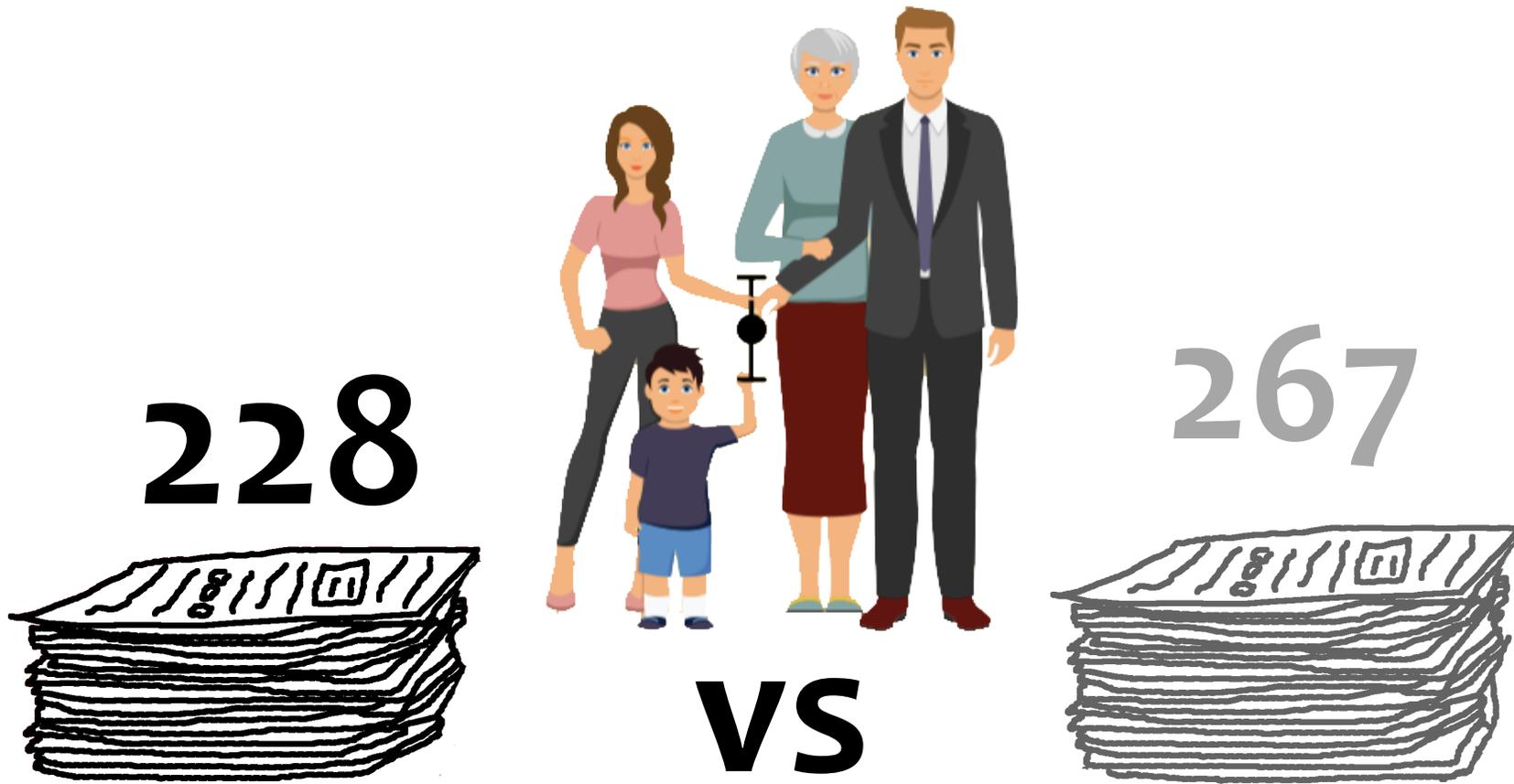
Hard to spot

A close-up photograph of a lion's face, focusing on its eye and nose. The lion is lying down in a field of dry, yellowish-brown grass. The image has a dark, muted color palette. The text "Hard to assess" is overlaid in white, sans-serif font across the middle of the lion's face.

Hard to assess

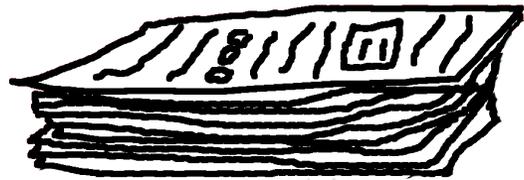


# Whose risk?





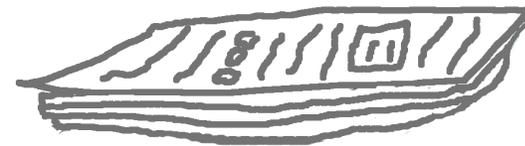
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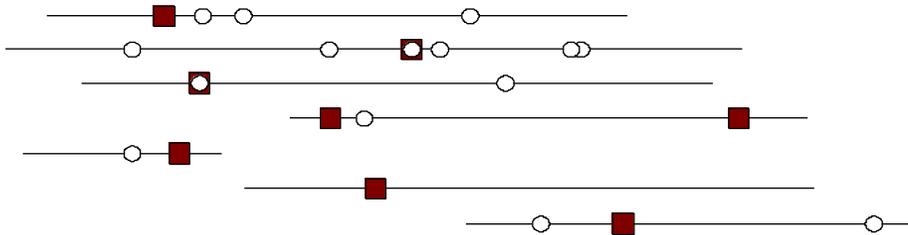
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# Observational health data

- + Denominators  
Longitudinal
- Secondary use  
No causality assessment



# Signal detection in electronic health records

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ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Structured Assessment for Prospective Identification of Safety Signals in Electronic Medical Records: Evaluation in the Health Improvement Network

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### Abstract

**Background** Pharmacovigilance signal detection largely relies on individual case reports, but longitudinal health data are being explored as complementary information sources. Research to date has focused on the ability of epidemiological methods to distinguish established adverse drug reactions (ADRs) from unrelated adverse events.

**Objective** The aim of this study was to evaluate a process for structured clinical and epidemiological assessment of temporally associated drugs and medical events in electronic medical records.

**Methods** Pairs of drugs and medical events were selected for review on the basis of their temporal association according to a calibrated self-controlled cohort analysis in The Health Improvement Network. Six assessors trained in pharmacovigilance and/or epidemiology evaluated seven drugs each, with up to 20 medical events per drug. A pre-specified questionnaire

considered aspects related to the nature of the temporal pattern, demographic features of the cohort, concomitant medicines, earlier signs and symptoms, and possible confounding by underlying disease. This informed a classification of drug–event pairs as known ADRs, meriting further evaluation, or dismissed. **Results** The number of temporally associated medical events per drug ranged from 11 to 307 (median 50) for the 42 selected drugs. Out of the 509 relevant drug–event combinations subjected to the assessment, 127 (25 %) were classified as known ADRs. Ninety-one (24 %) of the remaining pairs were classified as potential signals meriting further evaluation and 291 (76 %) were dismissed. Suggestive temporal patterns and lack of clear alternative explanations were the most common reasons that drug–event pairs were classified as meriting further evaluation. Earlier signs and symptoms and confounding by the underlying disease were the most common reasons that drug–event pairs were dismissed.

**Conclusions** Exploratory analysis of electronic medical records can detect important potential safety signals. However, effective signal detection requires that statistical signal detection be combined with clinical and epidemiological review to achieve an acceptable false positive rate.

### Key Points

Exploratory analysis of electronic medical records can detect important potential safety signals.

To achieve an acceptable false positive rate, statistical signal detection should be combined with clinical and epidemiological review.

Such review also requires a deep understanding of the analytical methods employed, and insight into data collection and medical practice in the setting at hand.

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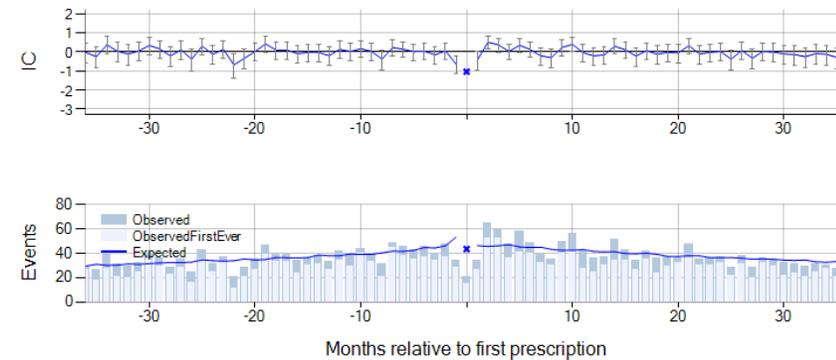
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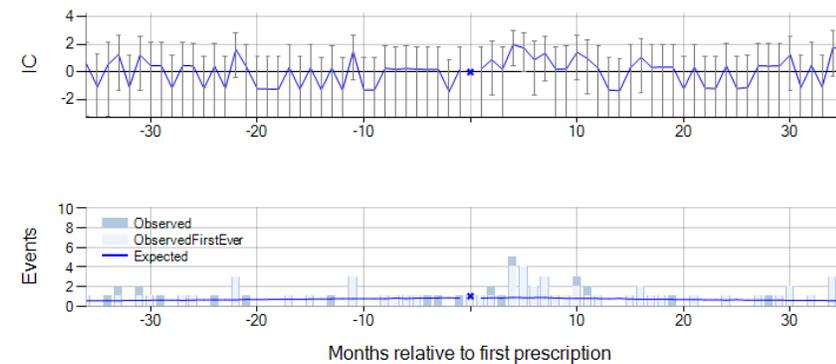
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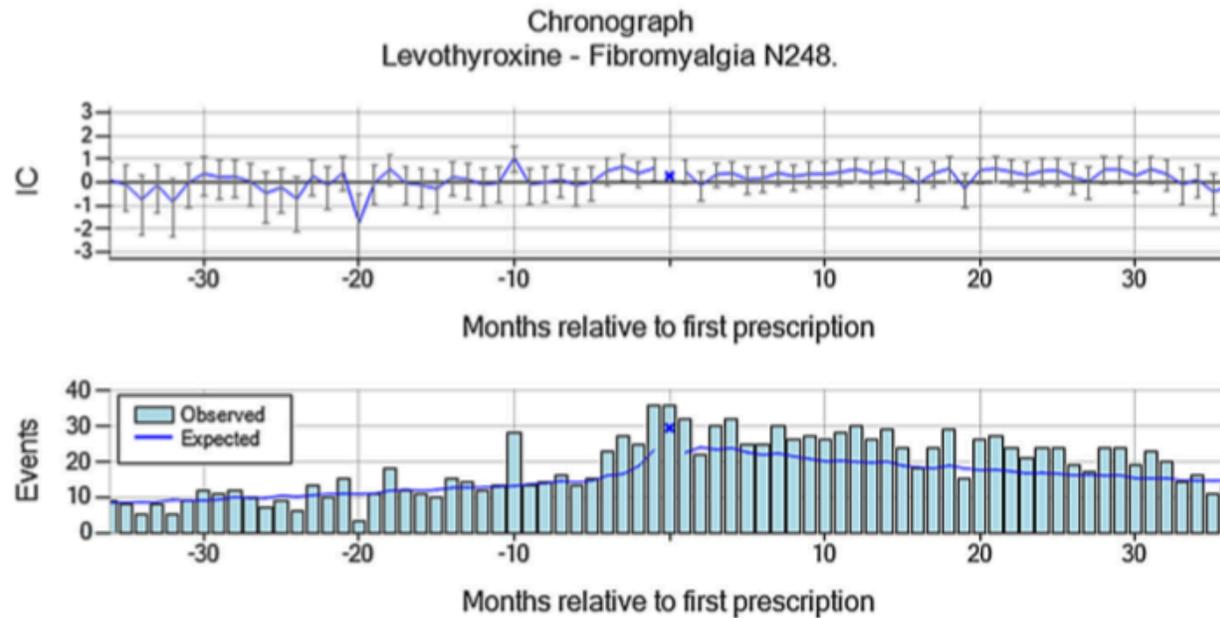


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# Signal strengthening in electronic health records



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ORIGINAL REPORT

## Longitudinal medical records as a complement to routine drug safety signal analysis<sup>†</sup>

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### ABSTRACT

**Purpose** To explore whether and how longitudinal medical records could be used as a source of reference in the early phases of signal detection and analysis of novel adverse drug reactions (ADRs) in a global pharmacovigilance database.

**Methods** Drug and ADR combinations from the routine signal detection process of Vigibase® in 2011 were matched to combinations in The Health Improvement Network (THIN). The number and type of drugs and ADRs from the data sets were investigated. For unlabelled combinations, graphical display of longitudinal event patterns (chronographs) in THIN was inspected to determine if the pattern supported the Vigibase combination.

**Results** Of 458 combinations in the Vigibase data set, 190 matched to corresponding combinations in THIN (after excluding drugs with less than 100 prescriptions in THIN). Eighteen percent of the Vigibase and 9% of the matched THIN combinations referred to new drugs reported with serious reactions. Of the 112 unlabelled combinations matched to THIN, 52 chronographs were inconclusive mainly because of lack of data; 34 lacked any outstanding pattern around the time of prescription; 24 had an elevation of events in the pre-prescription period, hence weakened the suspicion of a drug relationship; two had an elevated pattern of events exclusively in the post-prescription period that, after review of individual patient histories, did not support an association.

**Conclusions** Longitudinal medical records were useful in understanding the clinical context around a drug and suspected ADR combination and the probability of a causal relationship. A drawback was the paucity of data for newly marketed drugs with serious reactions. © 2015 The Authors. *Pharmacoeconomics and Drug Safety* published by John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

**KEY WORDS**—electronic medical records; temporal pattern discovery; adverse drug reactions; post-marketing surveillance; signal detection and analysis; individual case safety reports; pharmacoeconomics

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### INTRODUCTION

To evaluate the implications of suspected harm from a drug, as in safety signal analysis,<sup>1,2</sup> the fullest description of the clinical setting is essential. Too often, this information is incomplete in individual case safety reports (ICSRs) of suspected adverse drug reactions (ADRs).

The identification of signals in large collections of ICSR often starts by selecting drug-ADR combinations that are reported disproportionately more frequently than expected.<sup>3–7</sup> Decisions need to be made

whether the statistical signal should be subject to in-depth investigation and whether a signal should be communicated. Sometimes decisions in this process must be based on dubious or very limited information being available.<sup>8</sup> Randomized clinical trials, on which a drug's marketing approval is based, are not always publicly available, and supportive published case reports might not yet exist.

Electronic medical record (EMR) databases contain clinical data—diagnoses, observations, laboratory results, treatments, and other useful information—collected longitudinally over substantial parts of a patient's life. Longitudinal data might help us understand the relative chronology of drug use and the relationships between clinical events. They present opportunities for further insight into drug safety problems and have been used primarily in confirmatory studies. Recently, several initiatives have investigated

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# Risk group identification in electronic health records

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## Pneumonia following antipsychotic prescriptions in electronic health records: a patient safety concern?

Kristina Star, Andrew Bate, Ronald HB Meyboom and I Ralph Edwards

### ABSTRACT

**Background**  
In covering the Intercommunal Medical Statistics (MS) Health Disease Analyzer database of GP records from the UK, an increased registration of pneumonia subsequent to the prescription of some antipsychotic medicines was identified.

**Aim**  
To investigate the temporal pattern between antipsychotic prescriptions and pneumonia with respect to age, type of pneumonia and other chest infections, and antipsychotic class.

**Design of study**  
Self-controlled cohort analysis.

**Setting**  
Electronic health records from the UK MS Health Disease Analyzer database.

**Method**  
Three groups of pneumonia-related International Classification of Diseases (ICD)-10 terms and prescriptions of atypical and conventional antipsychotic medicines were studied. Separate analyses were carried out for patients aged  $\geq 65$  years. The observed rate of pneumonia terms registered in different time periods in connection to antipsychotic prescriptions was contrasted to the overall rate of pneumonia terms relative to prescriptions of other drugs in the same dataset.

**Results**  
In patients aged  $\geq 65$  years, an increased registration of a group of terms defined as 'acute chest infections' after atypical antipsychotic prescriptions, was identified. The corresponding increase after conventional antipsychotic prescriptions was much smaller. Bronchopneumonia had a striking increase after both atypical and conventional antipsychotic prescriptions, and was commonly recorded with fatal outcomes. Few registrations of hypertensive pneumonia were noted. Patients aged  $< 65$  years did not have a higher rate of acute chest infections after receiving antipsychotic prescriptions.

**Conclusion**  
The consistent pattern of an increased rate of chest infections after atypical antipsychotic prescriptions in older people seen in this outpatient study, together with the higher risk shown in a previous study on hospitalised patients, suggests a causal relationship. This is of importance since bronchopneumonia seems highly linked to fatal outcomes. In the absence of a mechanism, further investigation of the role of antipsychotics in older people is needed.

**Keywords**  
aged; antipsychotic agents; computerized medical records systems; pneumonia.

### INTRODUCTION

Pneumonia can result in serious consequences, particularly in patients who are old and frail. The higher risk of death in older patients with dementia using antipsychotic medicines,<sup>1,2</sup> shown in meta-analyses on placebo-controlled studies was, apart from heart-related events, due to infections such as pneumonia.<sup>3,4</sup> These publications did not reveal details of pneumonia rates, comparing antipsychotic and placebo treatments.

Infections (mostly pneumonia) were the reason for non-cancer mortality in 10% of new users of antipsychotics in a large database cohort study on older people and, compared with users of atypical antipsychotics, the group using conventional antipsychotics showed a higher incidence (although not statistically significant) of pneumonia-related

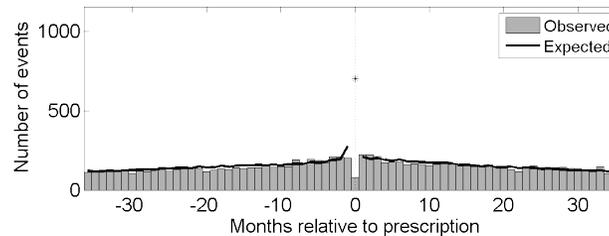
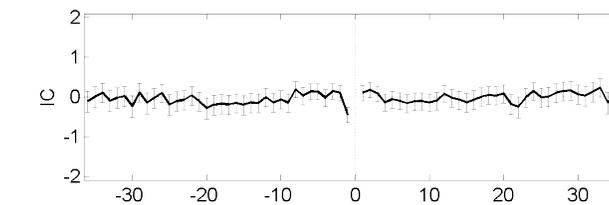
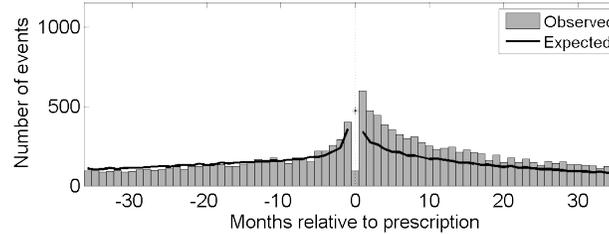
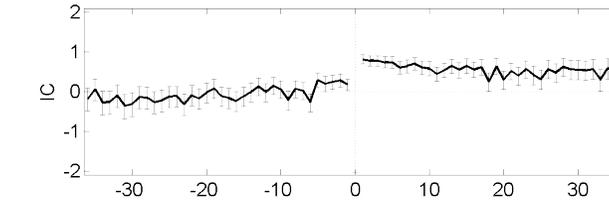
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Primary vs  
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Recorded?

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# Enough data

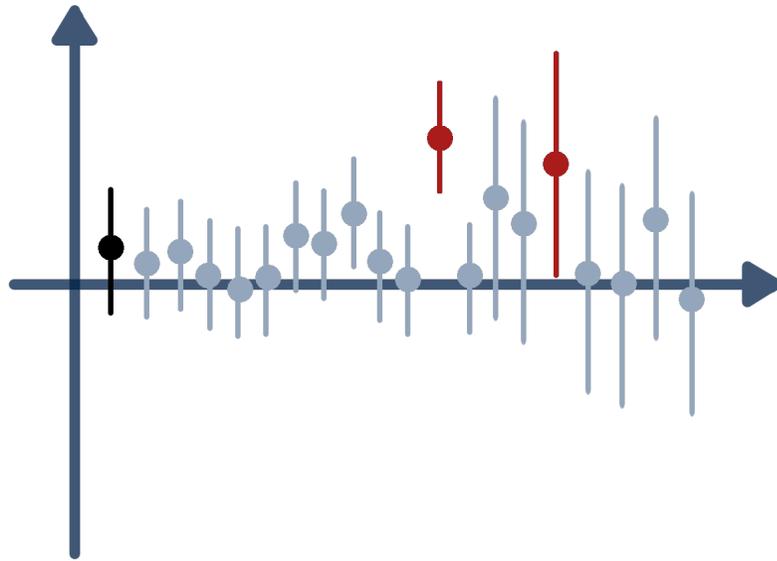


on patients  
**at risk**





# Iteration and exploration





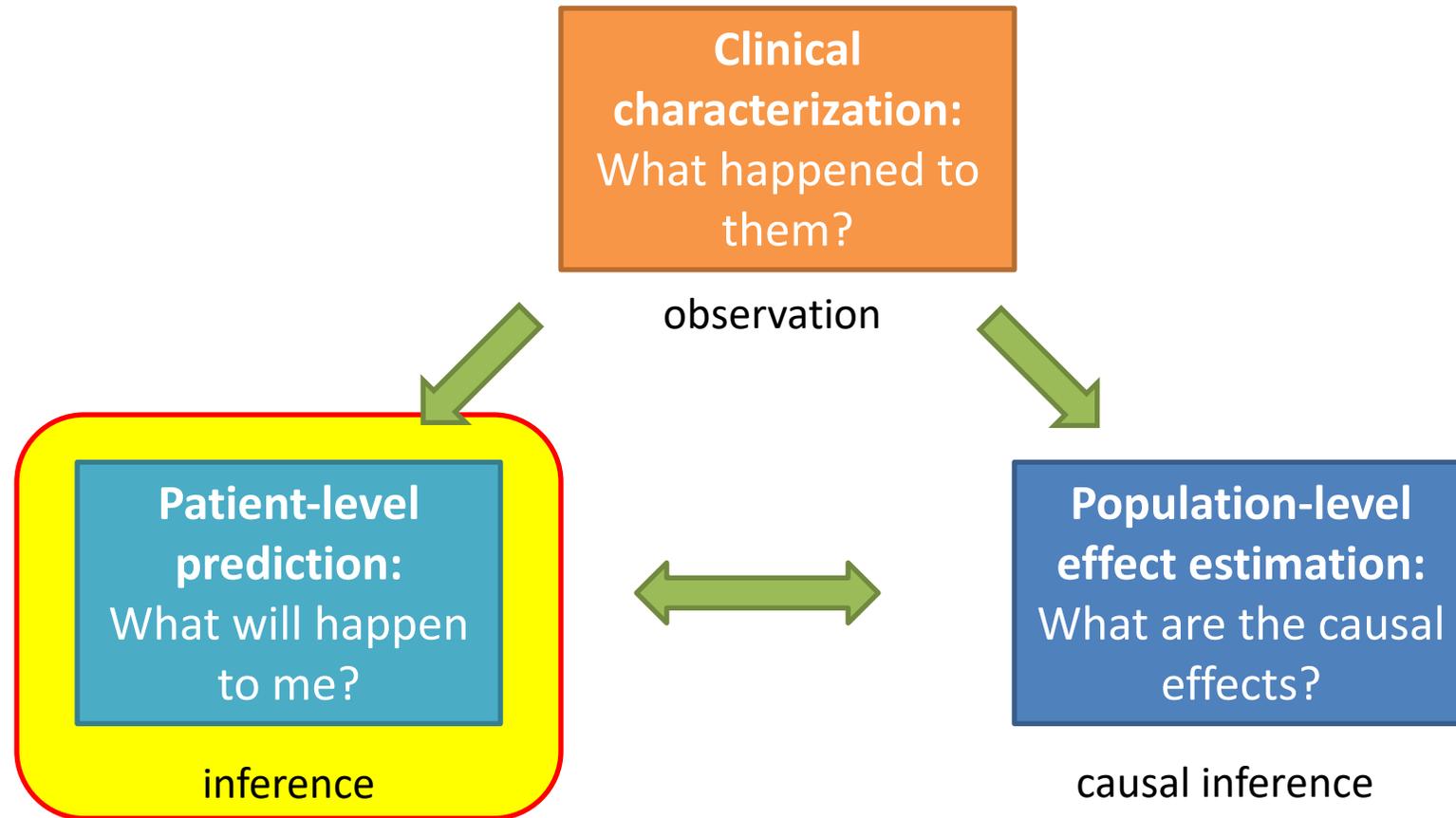
# What evidence do we want to generate?

## Patient-level prediction

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# Complementary evidence to inform the patient journey



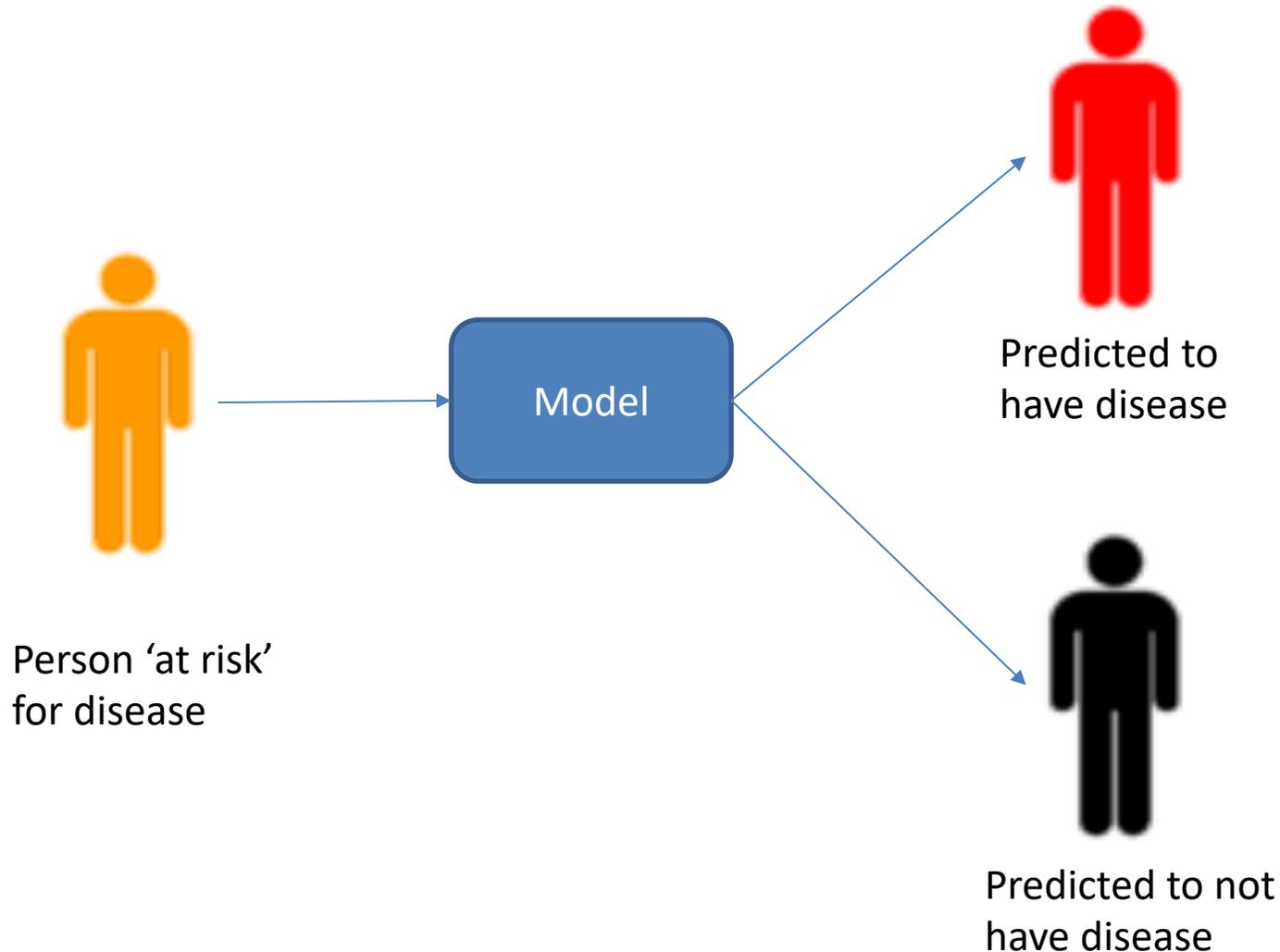


# A candidate for predictive modeling?

- Fairly common disease (~80-110 cases per 100,000 person-years; lifetime risk ~5-13%)
- Serious prognosis following initial diagnosis
  - Though technical advances have greatly decreased mortality and improved quality of life
- The earlier the diagnosis, the higher likelihood of an effective treatment



# Would you use this model in clinical practice?



## Opportunity:

- Patients predicted to have disease who are confirmed and can obtain more timely treatment, reducing disease-related mortality

## Challenges:

- Prediction is imperfect
  - 10% False positives – induces unnecessary worry and results in extra tests to refute model finding
  - 20% False negatives – provides inappropriate reassurance, potentially delaying timely treatment
- Model is not interpretable by a non-expert
- Results can be uncertain



# Screening for breast cancer in 2018— what should we be doing today?

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## ABSTRACT

Although screening mammography has delivered many benefits since its introduction in Canada in 1988, questions about perceived harms warrant an up-to-date review. To help oncologists and physicians provide optimal patient recommendations, the literature was reviewed to find the latest guidelines for screening mammography, including benefits and perceived harms of overdiagnosis, false positives, false negatives, and technologic advances.

For women 40–74 years of age who actually participate in screening every 1–2 years, breast cancer mortality is reduced by 40%. With appropriate corrections, overdiagnosis accounts for 10% or fewer breast cancers. False positives occur in about 10% of screened women, 80% of which are resolved with additional imaging, and 10%, with breast biopsy. An important limitation of screening is the false negatives (15%–20%). The technologic advances of digital breast tomosynthesis, breast ultrasonography, and magnetic resonance imaging counter the false negatives of screening mammography, particularly in women with dense breast tissue.

**Key Words** Breast cancer, screening mammography, digital breast tomosynthesis, overdiagnosis



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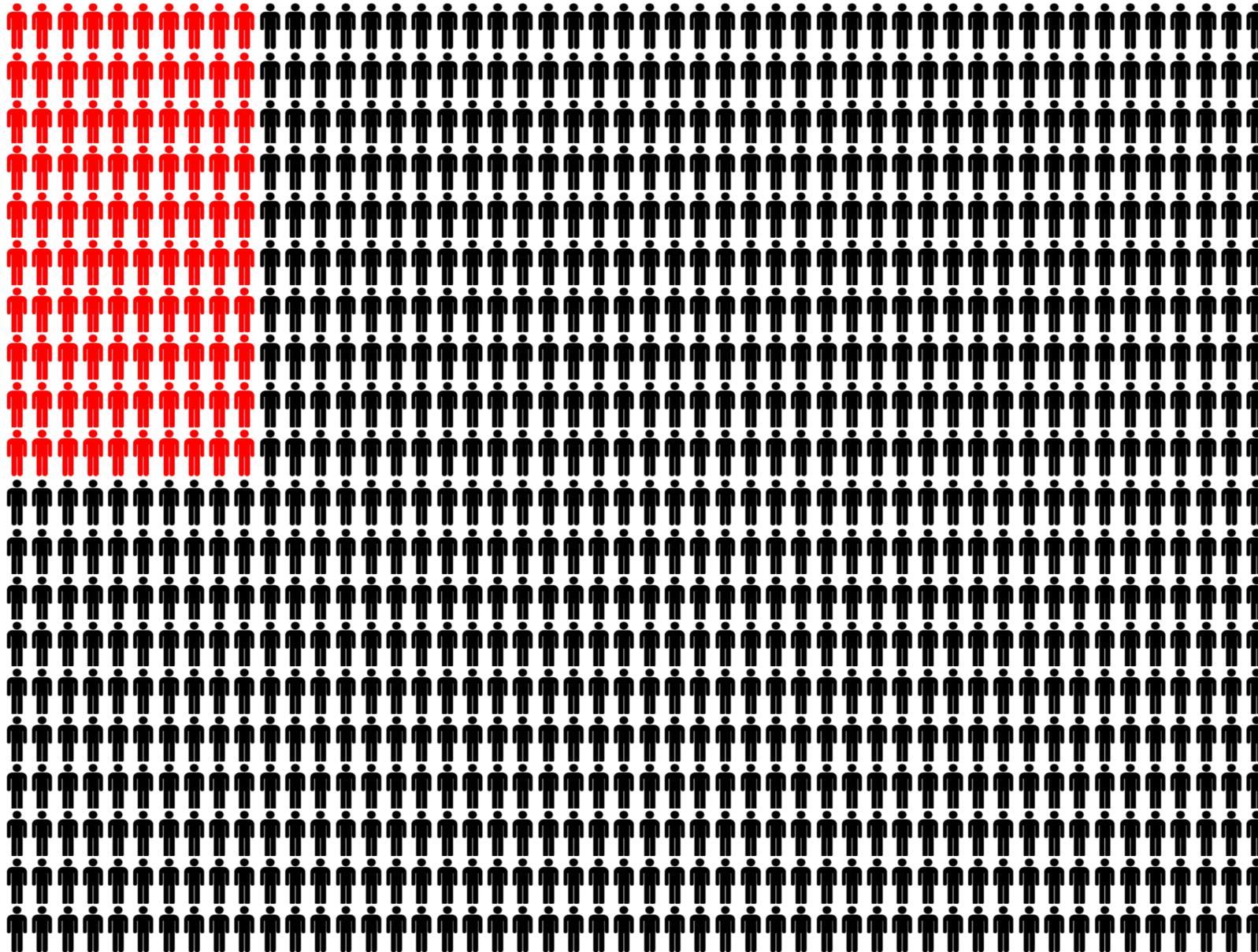


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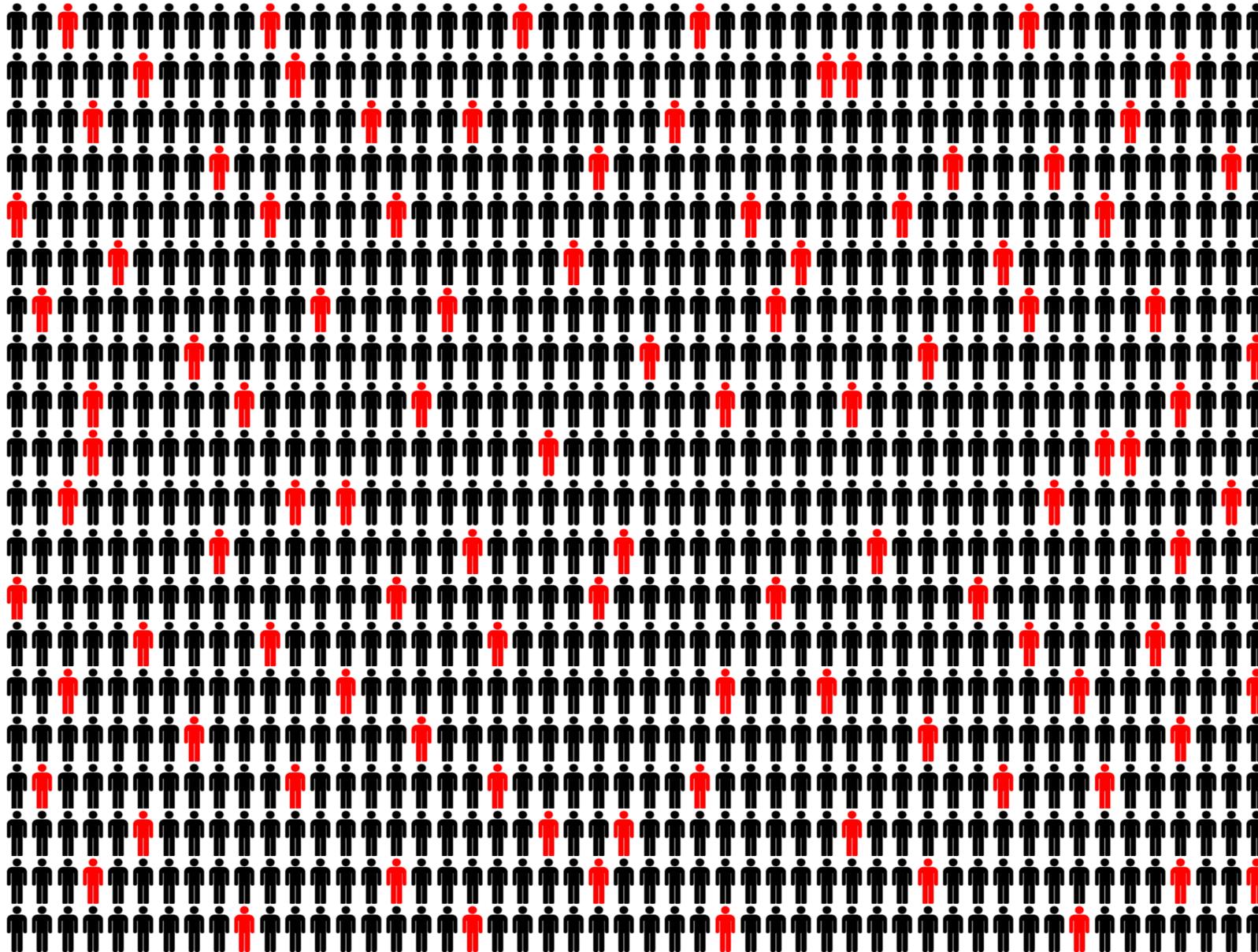


Amongst a target population of 1000 patients, 10% of the patients experience the outcome during the time-at-risk





Without predictive modeling, EVERYONE has a 10% risk and outcomes are randomly distributed across the population





Largest probability  
 $p=0.82$

2<sup>nd</sup> Largest probability  
 $p=0.81$

10<sup>th</sup> Largest probability  
 $p=0.65$

rank all 1000 patients by their predicted probability of experiencing the outcome

Decreasing risk of outcome



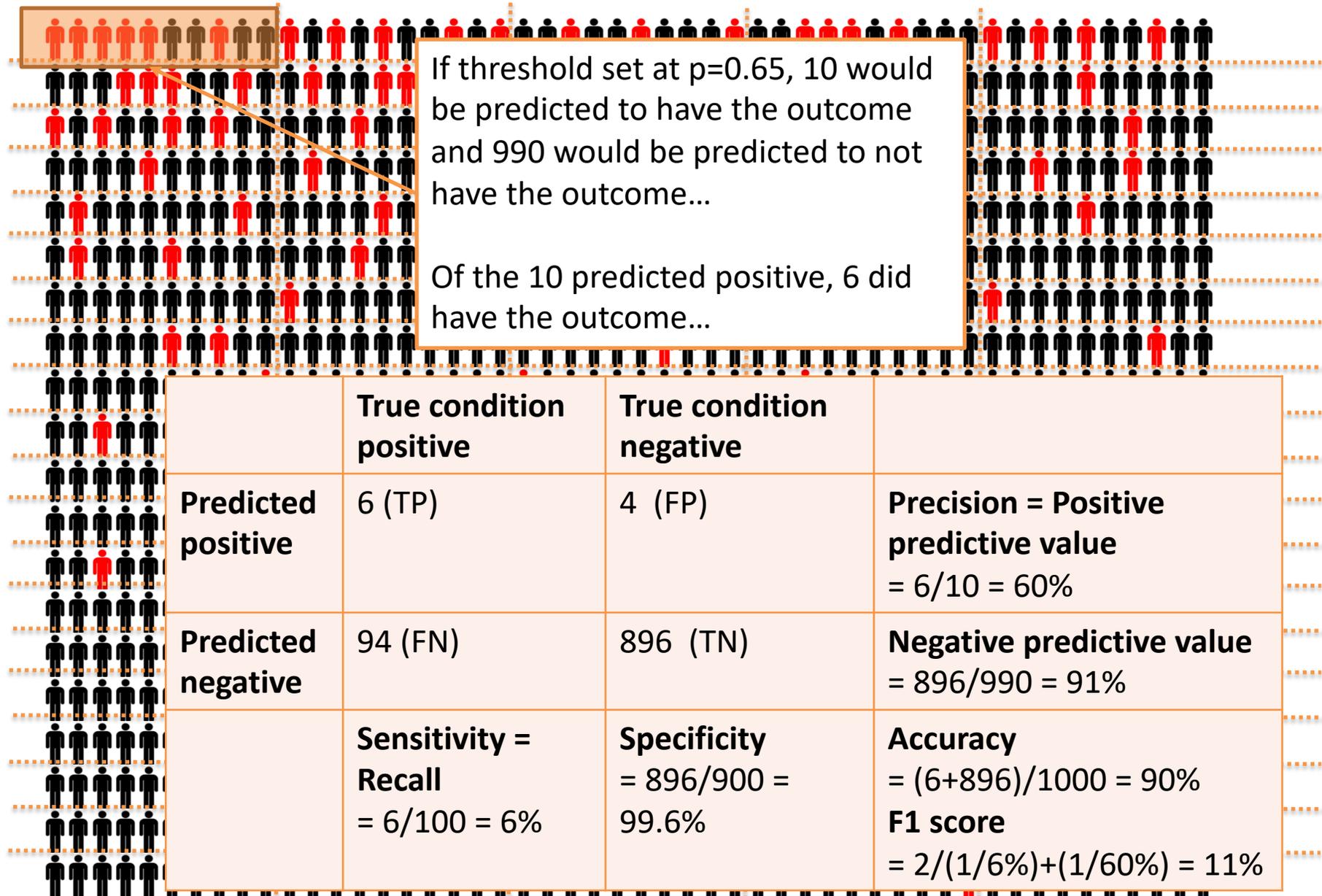
100<sup>th</sup> Largest probability  
 $p=0.42$

250<sup>th</sup> Largest probability  
 $p=0.27$

1000.  
Smallest probability  
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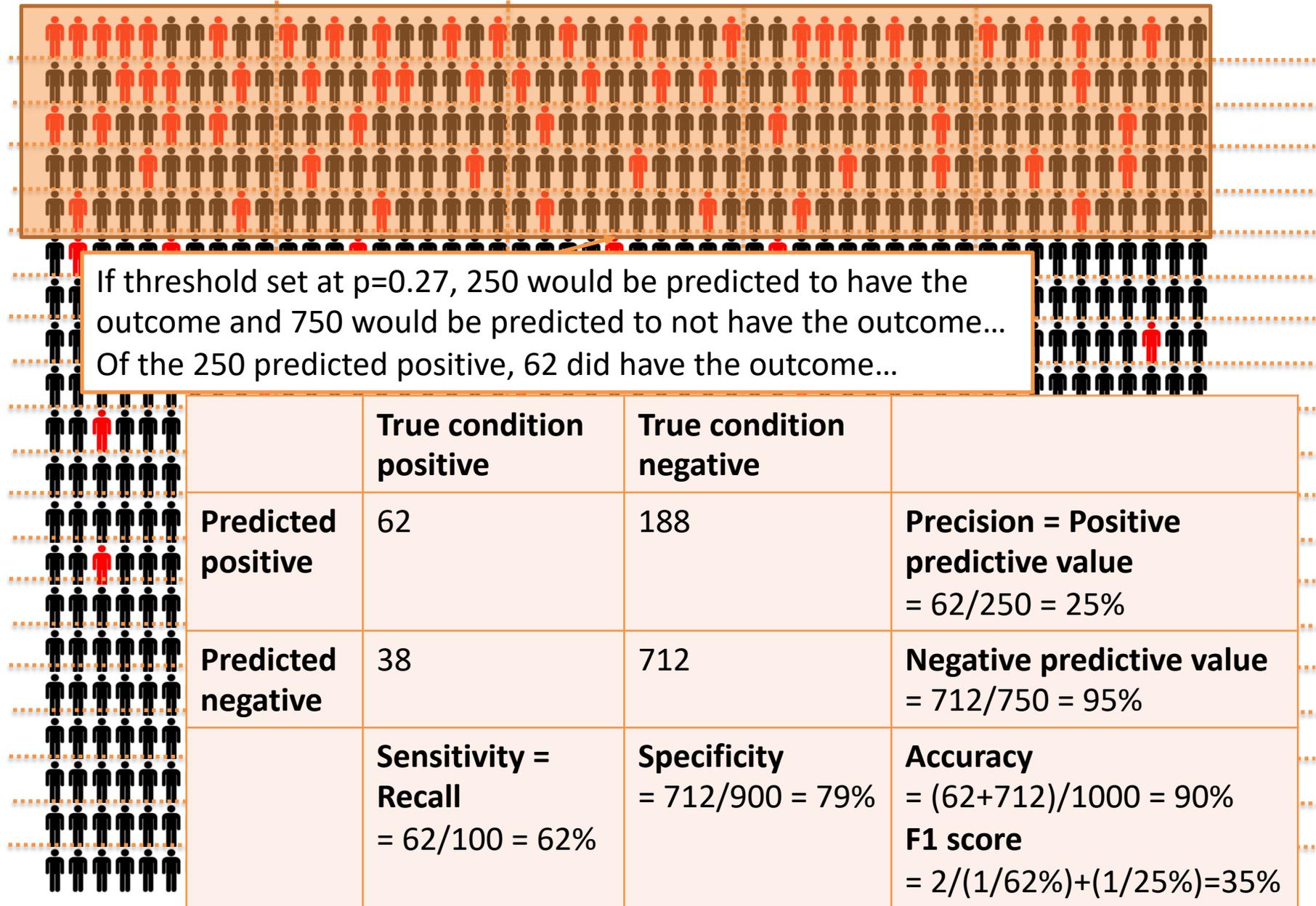


# Choosing a threshold on the predicted probability can operationalize the model results into a decision-making criteria





# Different thresholds offer different tradeoffs in operating characteristics





# What are the key inputs to a patient-level prediction study?

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## **Design and implementation of a standardized framework to generate and evaluate patient-level prediction models using observational healthcare data**

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Input parameter	Design choice
Target cohort (T)	
Outcome cohort (O)	
Time-at-risk	
Model specification -which model(s)? -which parameters? -which covariates?	



# Types of prediction problems in healthcare

Type	Structure	Example
<b>Disease onset and progression</b>	Amongst patients who are newly diagnosed with <b>&lt;insert your favorite disease&gt;</b> , which patients will go on to have <b>&lt;another disease or related complication&gt;</b> within <b>&lt;time horizon from diagnosis&gt;</b> ?	Among newly diagnosed AFib patients, which will go onto to have ischemic stroke in next 3 years?
<b>Treatment choice</b>	Amongst patients with <b>&lt;indicated disease&gt; who are treated with either &lt;treatment 1&gt; or &lt;treatment 2&gt;</b> , which patients were treated with <b>&lt;treatment 1&gt;</b> (on day 0)?	Among AFib patients who took either warfarin or dabigatran, which patients got warfarin? (as defined for propensity score model)
<b>Treatment response</b>	Amongst patients who are new users of <b>&lt;insert your favorite chronically-used drug&gt;</b> , which patients will <b>&lt;insert desired effect&gt;</b> in <b>&lt;time window&gt;</b> ?	Which patients with T2DM who start on metformin stay on metformin after 3 years?
<b>Treatment safety</b>	Amongst patients who are new users of <b>&lt;insert your favorite drug&gt;</b> , which patients will experience <b>&lt;insert your favorite known adverse event from the drug profile&gt;</b> within <b>&lt;time horizon following exposure start&gt;</b> ?	Among new users of warfarin, which patients will have GI bleed in 1 year?
<b>Treatment adherence</b>	Amongst patients who are new users of <b>&lt;insert your favorite chronically-used drug&gt;</b> , which patients will achieve <b>&lt;adherence metric threshold&gt;</b> at <b>&lt;time horizon&gt;</b> ?	Which patients with T2DM who start on metformin achieve $\geq 80\%$ proportion of days covered at 1 year?



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