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Development of pharmacogenomic predictors of severe adverse drug reactions to chemotherapy from the treatment of pediatric cancer.

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The Ideal Medication

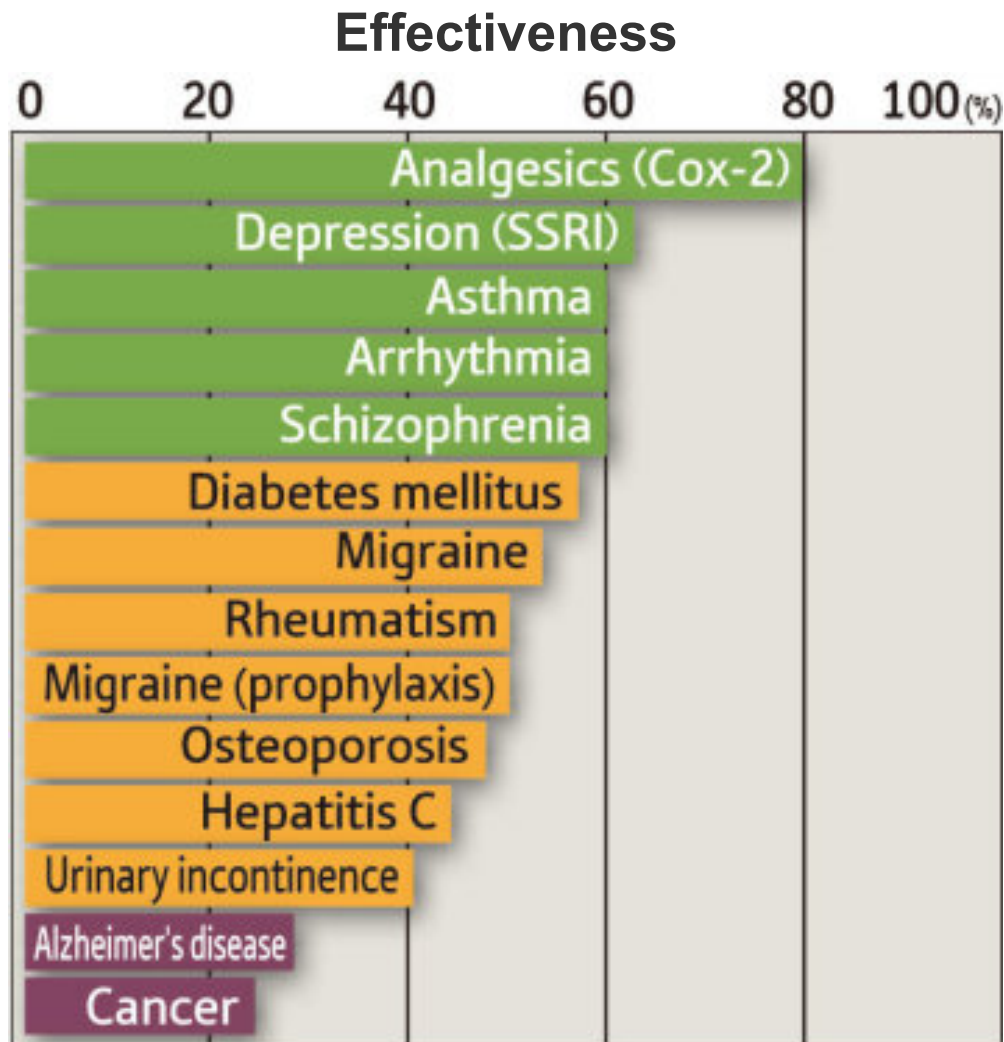


Effectively treats or prevents disease

Has no adverse effects



Medications are Not Effective in All Patients



In susceptible patients, medications can cause severe adverse drug reactions (ADRs)

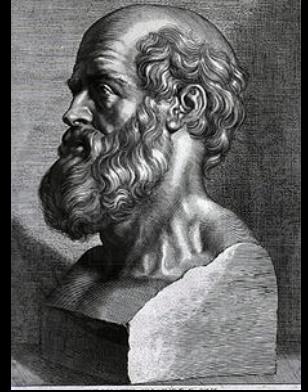
Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS)



Personalized Medicine ➡ Genomic Medicine

■ Hippocrates (370 BC)

“Different [medications] for different patients, for the sweet ones do not benefit everyone, nor do the astringent ones, nor are all the patients able to drink the same things”



■ Paracelcus (1541 AD)

“All things are poison and nothing is without poison, only the dose permits something not to be poisonous.”



■ Sir William Osler (1849-1919)

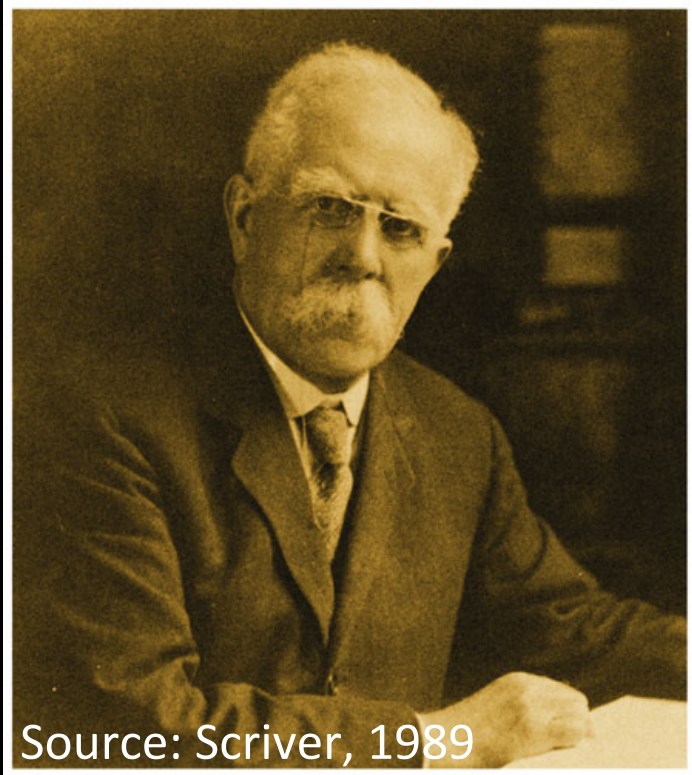
“If it were not for the great variability among individuals, medicine might as well be a science and not an art.”

“The good physician cares for the disease, the great physician cares for the patient.”



Sir Archibald Garrod (1857-1936)

- Successor to Osler at Oxford
- “Father of Biochemistry, Inborn Errors of Metabolism”
- “Pioneer of Pharmacogenetics”, and “chemical individuality” (1902)



Source: Scriver, 1989

“Every active drug is a poison when taken in large enough doses; and in some subjects a dose which is innocuous to the majority of people has toxic effects, whereas others show exceptional tolerance of the same drug”

Genomic Medicine

**Incorporate genomic information to
improve the safety and effectiveness of
patient treatment**



Strategies for Genomic Medicine



**Gene-Targeted
Therapeutics**

**Diagnostic
Genome-
Sequencing**

**Identify Good
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■ “Road-block buster”



Important Factors:

- Extreme (severe)
- Focused program

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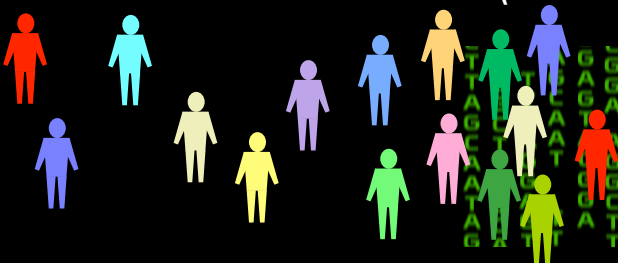
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CAUSES Clinic

Pilot Clinical Genome Sequencing
Program for BC Children's Hospital

(TIDE Program Diagnosis Rate: 89%)



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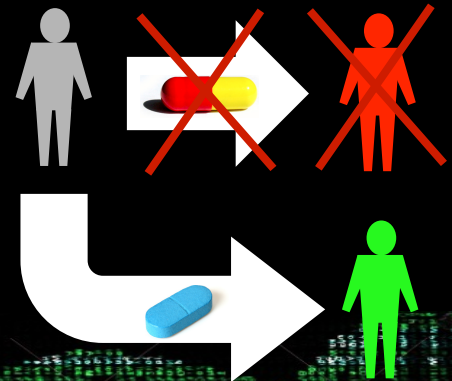


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- **High predictive (Odds Ratios >10)**
- **Phenotyping critical**
- **Do not require thousands of patients to identify predictive genomic factors**

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ADRs are a significant problem in the treatment of cancer

Canada: > 700,000 cancer survivors
USA: > 10,000,000 cancer survivors

- 75% of cancer survivors suffer ≥ 1 ADR
- **40% of cancer survivors have a severe ADR (life-threatening, or disabling)**

Anthracycline chemotherapy- induced heart toxicity

Anthracyclines

- e.g., Daunorubicin, Doxorubicin,
- Highly effective cancer therapy
- Significantly increased childhood cancer survival rates
- Today, administered to **60-70% of childhood cancer patients** (leukemias & solid tumors)
- Adults: breast cancer, sarcoma, lymphoma, leukemia, and others
- Over **900,000 patients** receive each year





Case Report from Dr. Rod Rassekh

- Previously healthy 8-year-old child presented with neuroblastoma to B.C. Children's Hospital
- Began doxorubicin chemotherapy



Case Report

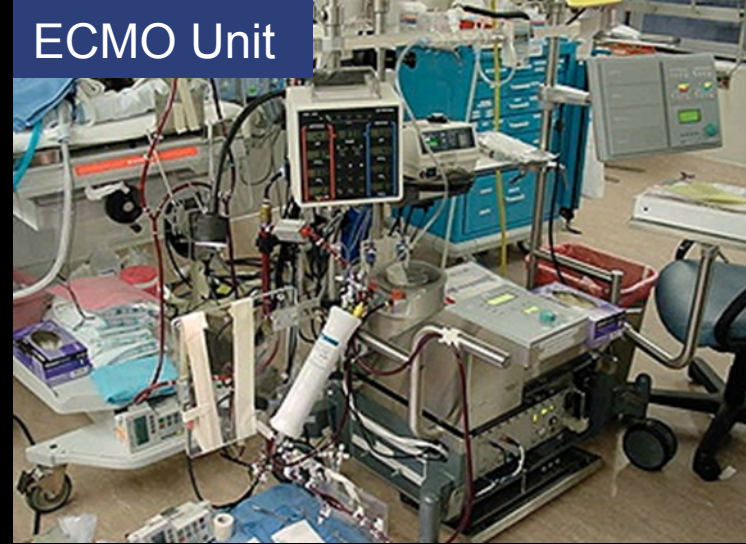
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- Began doxorubicin chemotherapy
- Prior to last cycle of treatment, visited B.C. Children's Hospital for routine CT scan, but became unwell during scan



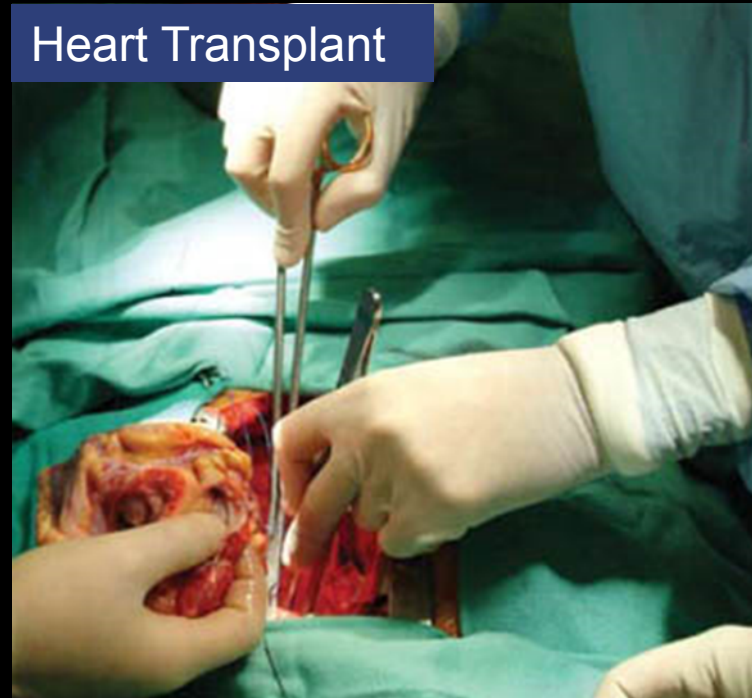
Case Report

- During CT scan:
 - Developed serious cardiac dysfunction with virtually no cardiac output
- Intubated and rushed to ICU
- Placed on extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) for 3 weeks
- 1 year later received a heart transplant
- First transplanted heart rejected
- Child received a second heart transplant
- Currently in cancer remission

ECMO Unit



Heart Transplant



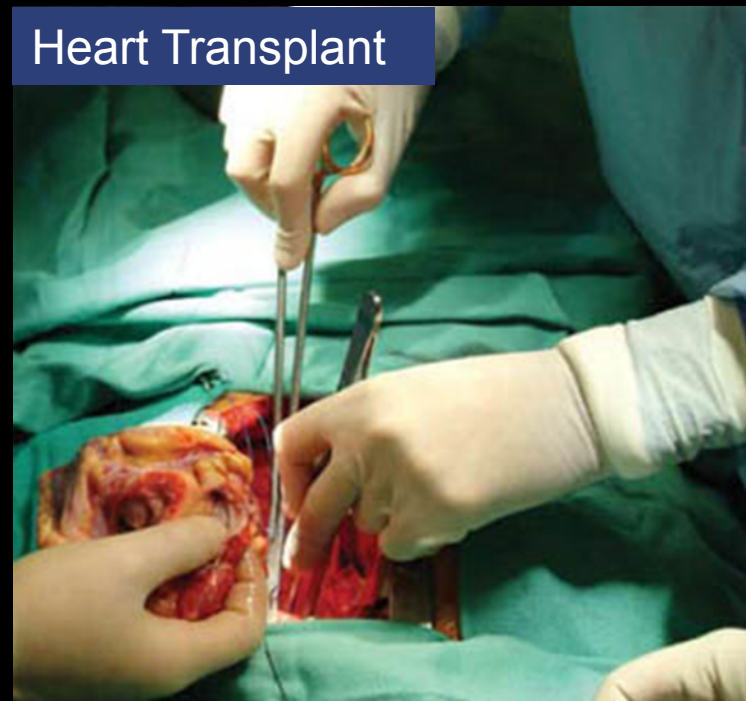
Anthracycline-Induced Cardiotoxicity

- Since 1967, recognized that anthracyclines can cause fatal cardiac toxicity (Tan et al., *Cancer*, 1967)
- 5-16% of patients suffer serious cardiomyopathy and heart failure
 - Toxicity can occur at low doses $<100 \text{ mg/m}^2$
 - While some patients tolerate $>1000 \text{ mg/m}^2$
- May require intra-ventricular assist device or heart transplant
- Increased severity in children, especially less than 4 years old
- 72% mortality rate for severe cases (BC Cancer 2010)

ECMO Unit



Heart Transplant



**Why does one patient develop
cardiotoxicity, while another
patient does not?**

Strategy to Identify Genomic/Clinical Factors of Drug Response

Identify children with ADRs & matched controls

Collect DNA samples (blood/saliva)

Detailed patient clinical characterization

Genomic Analyses to identify ADR risk variants

Replication & Functional Validation

ADR cases



Patient blood/saliva



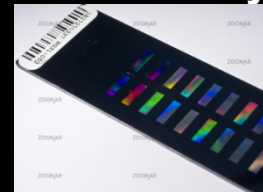
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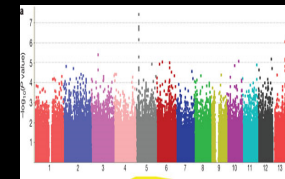
Clinical data



Custom GWAS Array



Statistical Analyses



Fine-Mapping & Imputation

Replication:
ADR cases & controls

Statistical Analyses

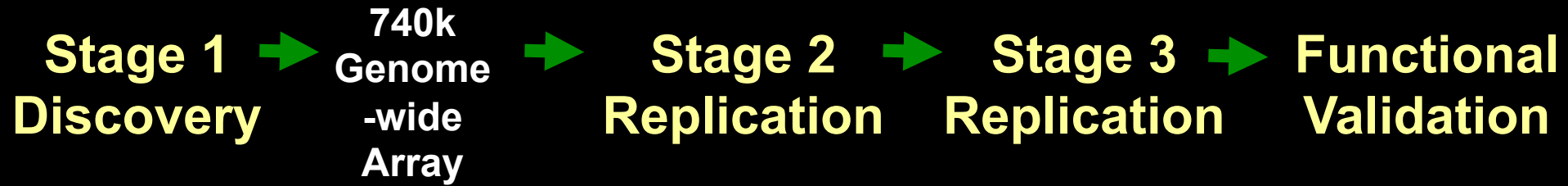
Functional Validation:
In vitro, in vivo analyses

Assay drug response

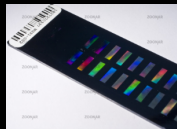
Matched controls



Study Design



Canadian patients of European Ancestry



Dutch patients of European Ancestry



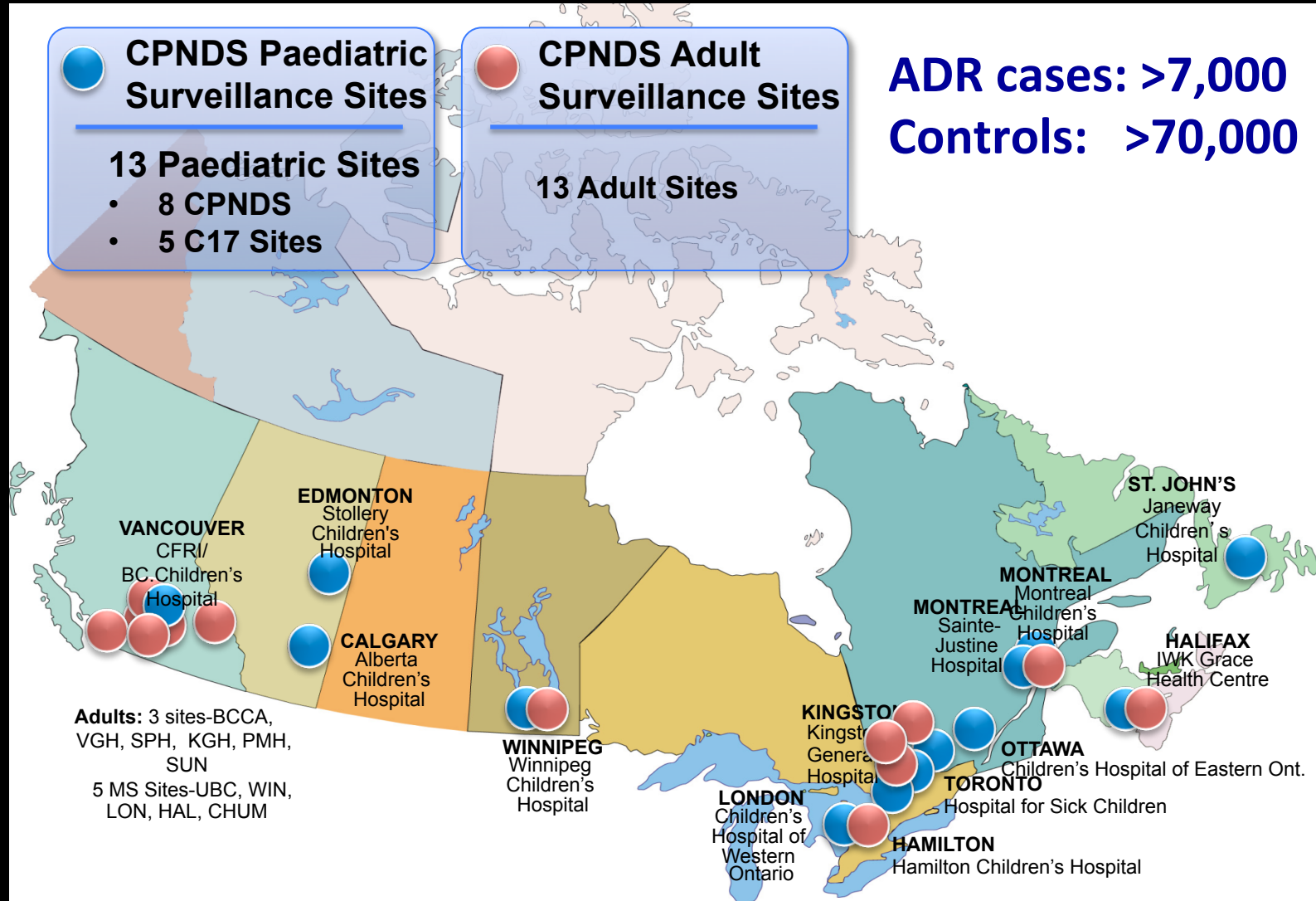
Patients of Worldwide Ancestries



Cell models

Stage 1: Canadian Discovery Cohort

CPNDS ADR Surveillance Network



Classification of Anthracycline-Cardiotoxicity

Controls
n=383

■ No cardiotoxicity, SF $\geq 30\%$, ≥ 5 yr follow-up

■ Grade 1 toxicity:

– Shortening fraction 27-30% or

ADR
Cases
n=73

■ Grade 2 toxicity: Moderate to Severe cardiotoxicity

– Shortening fraction $\leq 24\%$ or

■ Grade 3 toxicity: Symptomatic congestive heart failure

– Shortening fraction $< 15\%$ or

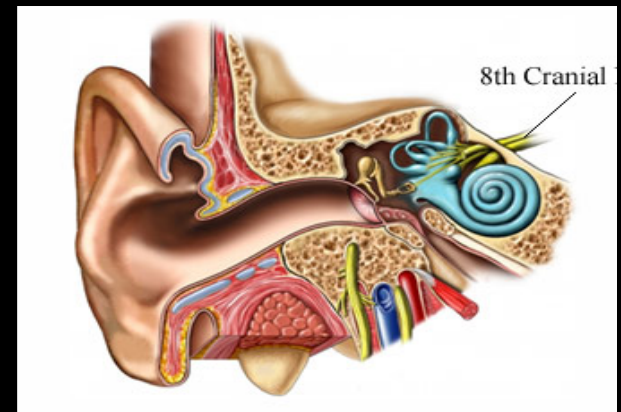
■ Grade 4 toxicity: Congestive heart failure requiring heart transplant or ventricular assist device

– Resting ejection fraction $< 20\%$

Cisplatin-induced hearing loss

Cisplatin-induced Hearing Loss

- **Cisplatin** is a widely used chemotherapeutic agent for the treatment of solid tumours
 - Highly effective in both adults and children
- Limitations for clinical application:
 - Nephrotoxicity
 - Neurotoxicity
 - **Severe bilateral hearing loss**
 - 10-25% of adults
 - 40-60% of children
- Sensorineural hearing impairment
 - **Permanent** and **progressive**
 - Lifetime cost: **\$400,000 to \$500,000** per patient for grade 3-4 hearing loss



Candidate-Gene Studies of Cisplatin-induced Ototoxicity identified variants in *TPMT*, *COMT*, *ABCC3*

ADME Panel: 220 Genes (~2000 SNPs)

Captures genetic variation in key genes involved in drug absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion (ADME) and toxicity

A) Discovery, Replication #1 (n=162)

Genetic variants in *TPMT* and *COMT* are associated with hearing loss in children receiving cisplatin chemotherapy

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Ross et al. *Nature Genetics* (2009)

B) Replication #2 (n=155)

Replication of *TPMT* and *ABCC3* Genetic Variants Highly Associated With Cisplatin-Induced Hearing Loss in Children

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Pussegoda et al. *Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics* (2013)

Can we identify additional genetic variants involved in cisplatin-induced hearing loss in children using a genome-wide analysis approach?

Study Design

Stage 1 Discovery



740k
Genome
-wide
Array

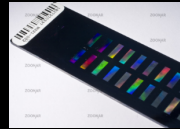


Stage 2 Replication



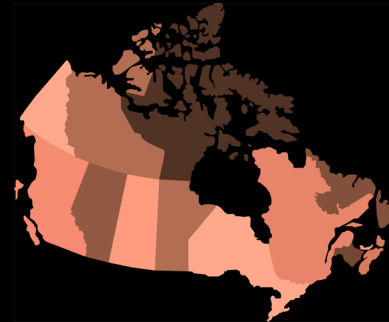
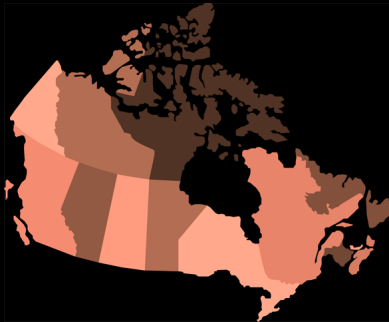
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Implementation of a Pilot ADR Prevention Program in British Columbia

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Implementing Pharmacogenetic Testing for:

- **Anthracycline-induced heart failure**
- **Cisplatin-induced deafness**

Site: B.C. Children's Hospital

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Overview of Project

1. Developed **clinical practice guidelines**.
2. Implemented an **ADR prevention program for two predictive pharmacogenetic tests** at the Regional Cancer centres across B.C. beginning at B.C. Children's Hospital.
3. **KEY GOAL:** To determine **how the PGx tests are perceived and utilized** by patients, physicians, and families before and after administration of the test.
4. Evaluating the **cost-effectiveness** of the pharmacogenetic tests.
5. Lay the groundwork for a **pharmacogenomic ADR prevention** program.



Potential Clinical Options for Personalized Anthracycline Therapy

Depending on predicted risk, clinicians can take different actions:

Low Risk

- Echocardiogram follow-up as usual

Intermediate Risk

- Intensify echocardiogram follow-up
e.g. patients in rural centres often miss appointments

High Risk

- Alternative medication (e.g. mitoxantrone) or dose
- Add cardioprotectant (e.g. dexrazoxane)
- Begin early treatment with ACE-inhibitors or beta-blockers to prevent further damage

Summary

- Identified genetic variants that are predictive of anthracycline-cardiotoxicity
- Identified genetic variants that are protective against cisplatin-hearing loss
- Functional studies to validate the mechanistic basis of these ADRs and explore new interventions
- Pilot implementation program ongoing in B.C.

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