

Pharmacogenomics: Providing Personalized Medicine

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Learning Objectives

At the end of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

- Explain the basic science of liver enzymes and their genetic variations.
- Name the various liver enzymes most frequently tested in relation to psychiatric drugs.
- Describe the clinical indications for using pharmacogenomics.
- Discuss resources for interpreting pharmacogenomic test results.
- List the limitations of current pharmacogenomics tests.



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Pharmacogenetics is Defined

**“The role of genetics in
drug responses.”**

F. Vogel, 1959

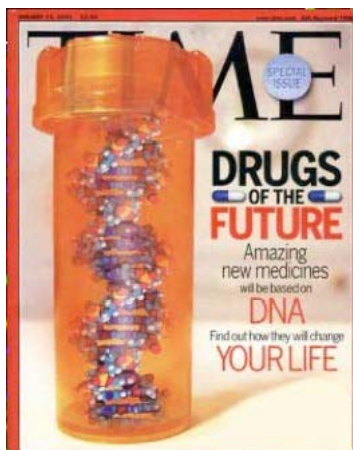


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Genotype <-> Phenotype associations

Relate genetic information (genotype):

1. ATCGCCGGATACCTAGAGAC...
2. ATCGCCGGAGACCTAGAGAC...

to observable traits (phenotypes), e.g.

1. Responds well to cholesterol medication
2. Develops hepatotoxicity



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Genome Variation

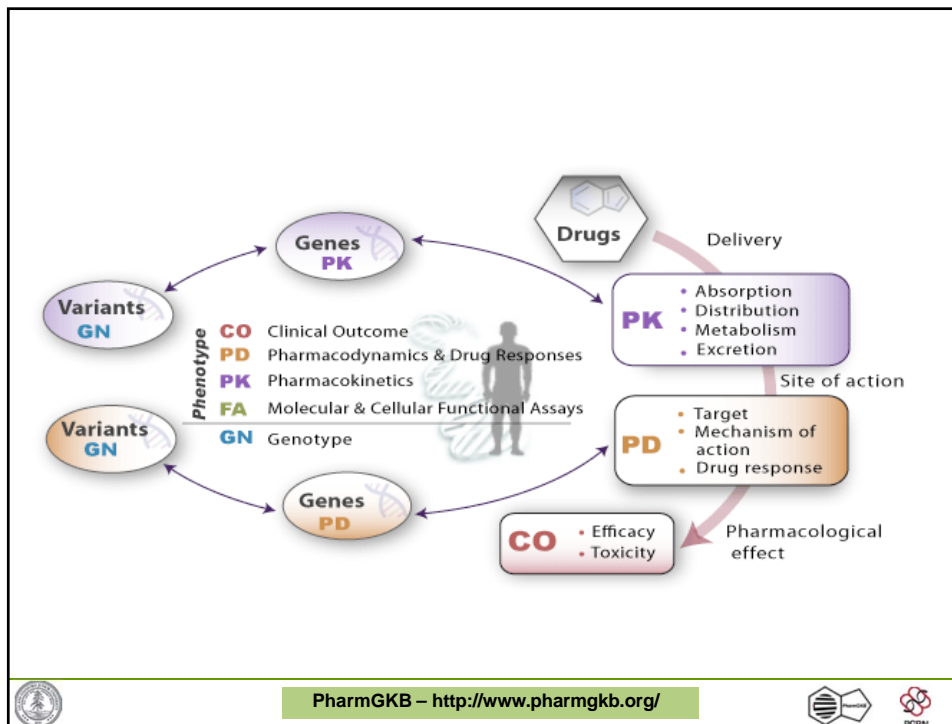
- About 10 million single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) identified in human population (~4 million present in any individual)
- Many small insertions/deletions in genes
- Many “copy number variants” with multiple copies of genes
- Almost anything else you can think of occurs...



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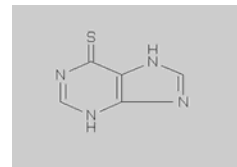
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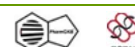
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Purine analogs

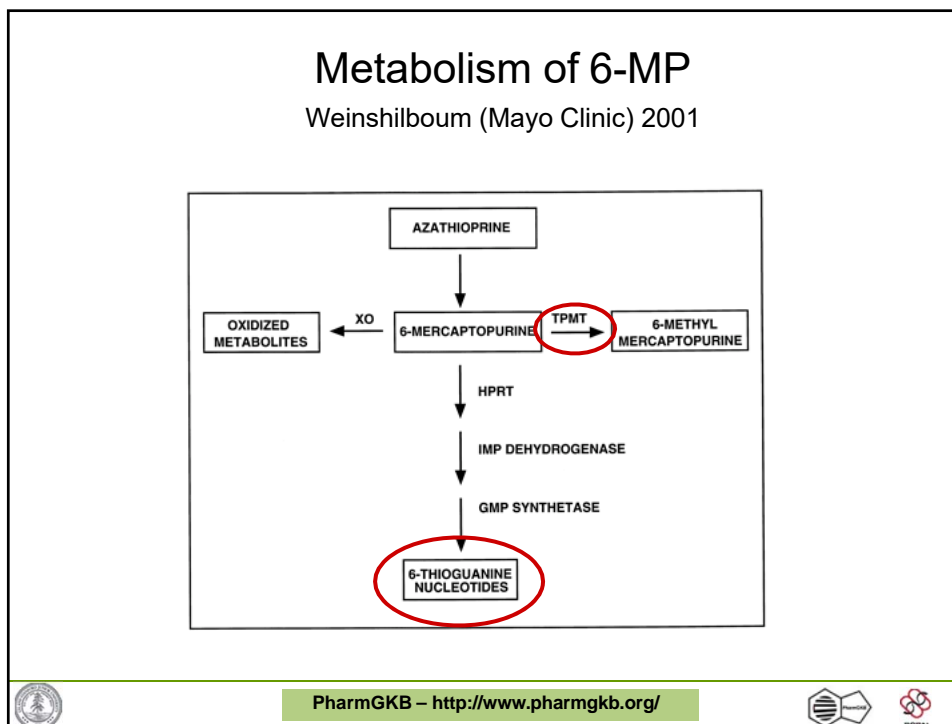
- 6-mercaptopurine, 6-thioguanine, azathioprine
- Used to treat lymphoblastic leukemia, autoimmune disease, inflammatory bowel disease, after transplant
- Interferes with nucleic acid synthesis
- Therapeutic index limited by myelosuppression



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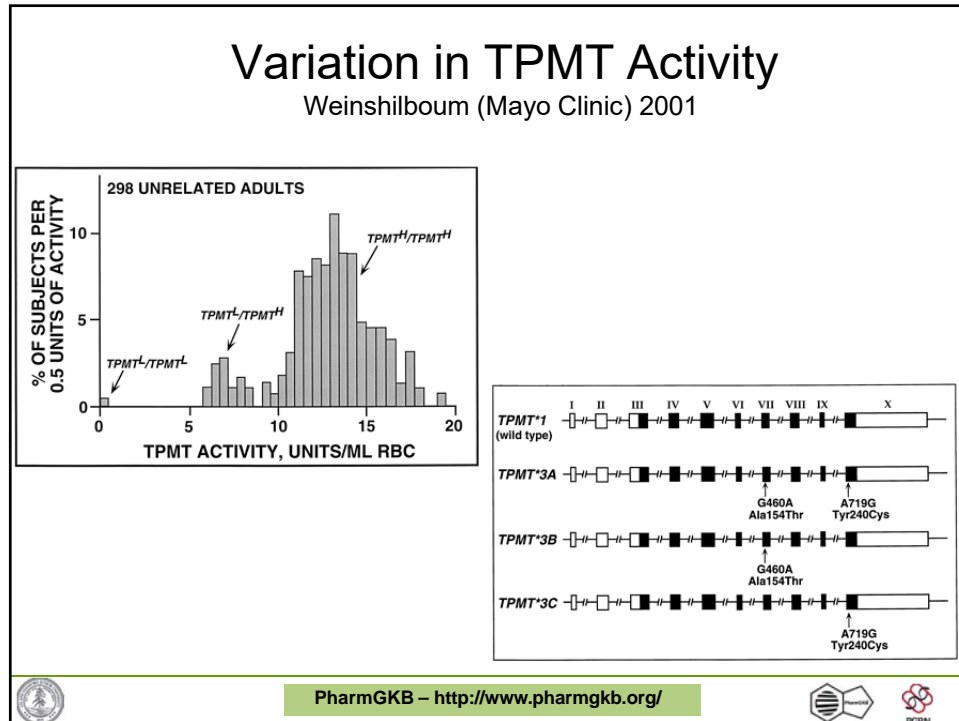
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Levels of TPMT can drastically affect levels of thioguanines

- More TPMT = less thioguanines
- Associated with risk of severe marrow toxicity
- Shows considerable variability in population

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6-MP and TPMT Story Summary

- Observation of clinical variability (toxicity)
- Observation of cellular variability (TPMT activity, TGN concentrations)
- Observation of genetic variability (genome variations in TPMT gene)

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The logic of pharmacogenetics

1. Identify variation in drug response
2. Associate it with genetic variation
3. Evaluate clinical significance
4. Develop screening tests
5. Individualize drug therapy



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What is the clinical promise?

- Focused treatment by pre-identifying genetic backgrounds likely to respond
- Reduce adverse events by predicting who is at risk
- A way to save drugs in the pipeline that are very effective only in subpopulations
- Better understanding of drug interactions



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Defining P-etics vs. P-omics

- **Pharmacogenetics** = study of individual gene-drug interactions, usually the gene that has the dominant effect on a drug response. (SIMPLE relationship)
- **Pharmacogenomics** = study of the full set of PK/PD genes, often using high-throughput data (sequencing, expression, proteomics) (COMPLEX interactions)



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Example: Codeine & CYP2D6

- Codeine is a commonly used opioid
 - must be metabolized into morphine for activity
- CYP2D6 is the protein that performs this metabolism
- 7% of caucasians have a variant version of CYP2D6 with no activity -> codeine does not work

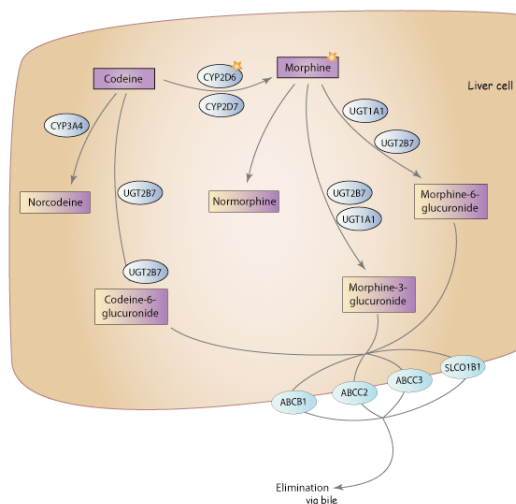


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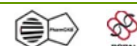


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Candidate Genes Involved in Metabolism of Codeine and Morphine

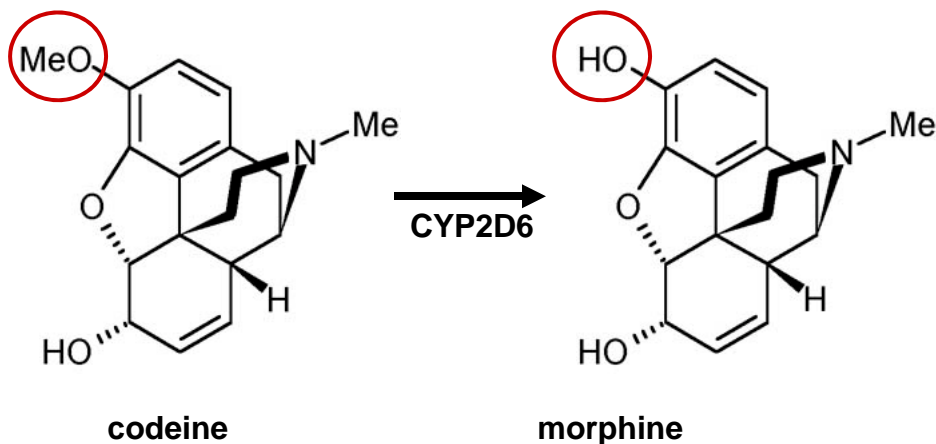


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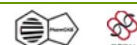


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The O-dealkylation of Codeine by CYP2D6



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Cytochrome P450 2D6

- Absent in 7% of Caucasians
- Hyperactive in up to 30% of East Africans
- Catalyzes the primary metabolism of
 - propafenone
 - Codeine
 - β -blockers
 - tricyclic antidepressants
- Inhibited by
 - **fluoxetine**
 - **haloperidol**
 - **paroxetine**
 - **quinidine**



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CYP2D6 Alleles

- >100 alleles reported
- Many alleles function not known
- ~50 alleles have no activity
- ~10 alleles have decreased activity
- The *2 variant can have 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 13 copies resulting in increased activity

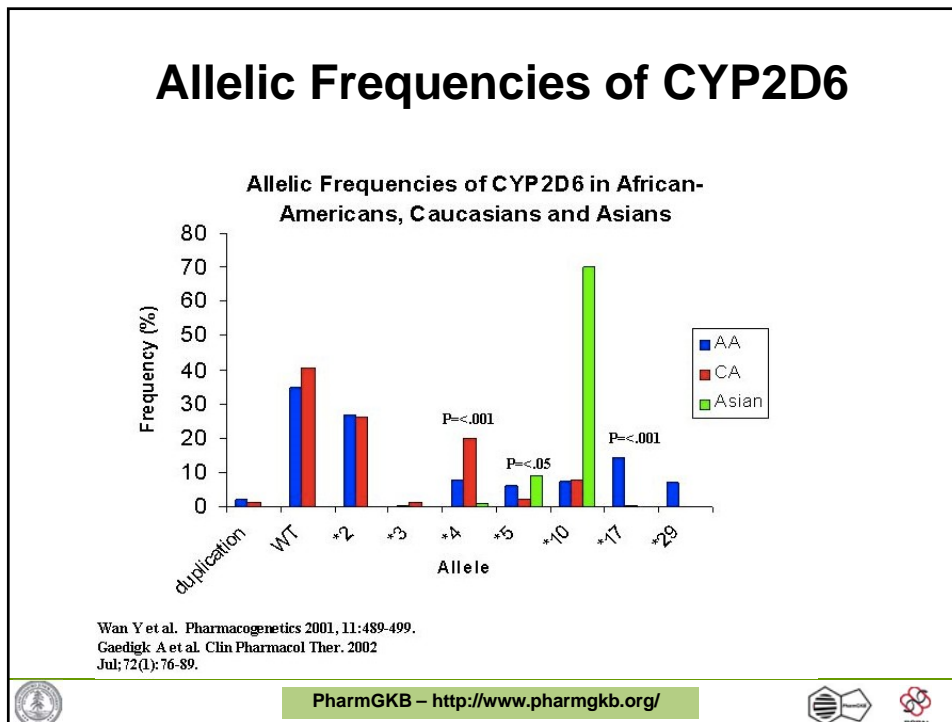
<http://www.cypalleles.ki.se/cyp2d6.htm>



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CYP2D6 and Simvastatin

- Simvastatin = HMG CoA reductase, used to decrease LDL, increase HDL cholesterol.
- Dose of simvastatin required to get cholesterol-lowering effect is related to 2D6 mutations and duplications.
Clin Pharmacol Ther. 2001 Dec;70(6):546-51.
- Another report demonstrates that “statins” are metabolized differently.
Biopharm Drug Dispos. 2000 Dec;21(9):353-64.

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Copy number polymorphisms = CNPs


- Increasing evidence for variation in the number of copies of a gene in humans
- Won't necessarily be picked up with normal genotyping technology (e.g. sequencing)
- Associated with cancers, genetic diseases, and now with drug response variation
- Methods for quantifying transcript level, to detect CNPs are coming down in costs



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Genetic Risk Assessment > and Genetic Counseling

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How It Works

What You'll Learn

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Helping you get to the right medications at the right dose more quickly

Not everyone responds to medications in the same way. A medicine that works well for others may not work well for you, and could result in significant side effects. In the United States, adverse drug reactions cause a great number of hospitalizations, and are a leading cause of death in hospitalized patients. Pharmacogenomics may prevent dangerous drug reactions by pre-identifying patients at risk. A pharmacogenomics analysis will study your genetic profile to determine what medications are likely to help you—or hurt you—before you even take the medication. This can help get you to the right medication faster, avoiding possibly life-threatening side effects.

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The screenshot displays a clinical decision support system interface. On the left, a patient profile for Russ Altman (Male, 11/05/1961) is shown with options to add patients, edit, or view lab results. Below this is a 'Drug and Genetic Phenotype List' with search and filter capabilities. The main area on the right is an 'Interaction Report' for the patient, showing a table of drug-drug interactions. The table includes columns for Overall Impact, Affected Drug, Drug Exposure (PK), Clinical Effect (PD), and Significant Cause(s). Interactions listed include hydrochlorothiazide, losartan, and naproxen, all with minor clinical effects. The report also shows genetic phenotypes like CYP2C9 Poor Metabolizer. A legend for icons is at the bottom right.

Overall Impact	Affected Drug	Drug Exposure (PK)	Clinical Effect (PD)	Significant Cause(s)
Minor	hydrochlorothiazide component of Hyzaar		Minor	
Minor	losartan component of Hyzaar + Expand Details	Prodrug	Minor	CYP2C9 Poor Metabolizer
Minor	naproxen + Expand Details		Minor	CYP2C9 Poor Metabolizer
	Claritin + Expand Details			
	Xolair			

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This screenshot shows a detailed list of drugs and genetic phenotypes, each with a checkbox for selection. The list is organized into two sections: 'Drugs' and 'Genetic Phenotypes'. The 'Drugs' section includes Claritin, Hyzaar, naproxen, and Xolair. The 'Genetic Phenotypes' section lists various pharmacogenomic markers such as ADRA2A Increased Response, COMT Intermediate Activity, CYP1A2 Hyperinducer, CYP2B6 Normal Metabolizer, CYP2C19 Normal Metabolizer, CYP2C9 Poor Metabolizer, CYP2D6 Intermediate Metabolizer, CYP3A4 Normal Metabolizer, CYP3A5 Intermediate Metabolizer, DPYD (DPD) Normal Metabolizer, F2 (Factor II) Positive Heterozygous, F5 (Factor V) Leiden Negative, GRIK4 Unfavorable Response, HLA-B*57:01 Negative, HTR2A Favorable Response, HTR2A Intermediate Activity, HTR2C Increased Risk, IFNL3 (IL28B) Favorable Response, MTHFR Intermediate Activity, NAT2 Slow Acetylator, OPRM1 High Sensitivity, SLCO1B1 Normal Function, TPMT Normal Metabolizer, and VKORC1 High Sensitivity.

Drugs	Genetic Phenotypes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claritin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADRA2A Increased Response
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hyzaar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMT Intermediate Activity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> naproxen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CYP1A2 Hyperinducer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Xolair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CYP2B6 Normal Metabolizer
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CYP2C19 Normal Metabolizer
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CYP2C9 Poor Metabolizer
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CYP2D6 Intermediate Metabolizer
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CYP3A4 Normal Metabolizer
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CYP3A5 Intermediate Metabolizer
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DPYD (DPD) Normal Metabolizer
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F2 (Factor II) Positive Heterozygous
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F5 (Factor V) Leiden Negative
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRIK4 Unfavorable Response
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HLA-B*57:01 Negative
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HTR2A Favorable Response
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAT2 Slow Acetylator
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPRM1 High Sensitivity
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLCO1B1 Normal Function
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TPMT Normal Metabolizer
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VKORC1 High Sensitivity

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Pharmacogenetic Laboratory Test Report		
Patient:	Date of Birth:	Collected:
Account:	Lab #:	Received:
Referrer:	Sample:	Reported:
RESULTS		
Test:	Phenotype:	Genotype:
CYP2D6	Intermediate Metabolizer	*1/*4
CYP2C19	Normal Metabolizer	*1/*1
CYP2C9	Poor Metabolizer	*2/*2
CYP3A4	Normal Metabolizer	*1/*1
CYP3A5	Intermediate Metabolizer	*1/*3
VKORC1	High Sensitivity	c.-1639G>A AA
HLA-B*57:01	Negative	*57:01-rs2395029T>G TT
SLCO1B1	Normal Function	*1/*14
TPMT	Normal Metabolizer	*1/*1
DPYD (DPD)	Normal Metabolizer	*1/*1
IFNL3 (IL28B)	Favorable Response	rs12979860C>T CC
NAT2	Slow Acetylator	*5B/*5C
F2 (Factor II)	Positive Heterozygous	c.*97G>A GA
F5 (Factor V) Leiden	Negative	c.1601G>A GG
MTHFR	Intermediate Activity	c.665C>T CT / c.1286A>C AA

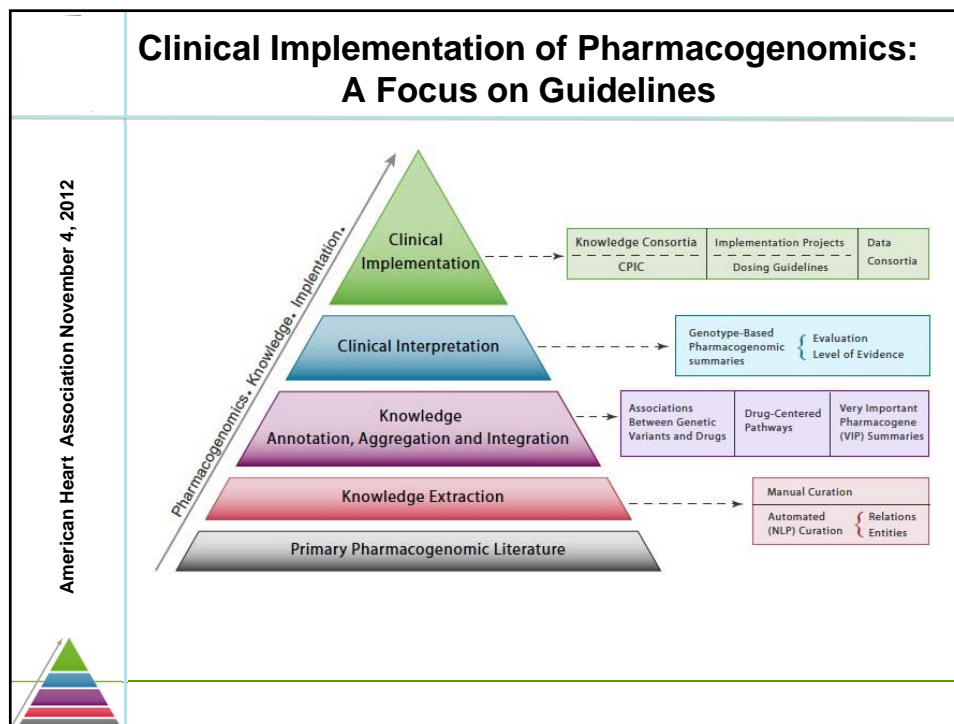
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CYP2B6	Normal Metabolizer	*1/*1
OPRM1	High Sensitivity	c.118A>G AA
HTR2A	Intermediate Activity	c.-998G>A GA
HTR2A	Favorable Response	c.614-2211T>C TC
HTR2C	Increased Risk	c.-759C>T CC
GRIK4	Unfavorable Response	c.83-10039T>C TT
CYP1A2	Hyperinducer	*1A/*1F
COMT	Intermediate Activity	c.472G>A GA
ADRA2A	Increased Response	c.-1252G>C GG

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CPIC: clinical pharmacogenetics implementation consortium

- CPIC guidelines are designed to help clinicians understand HOW available genetic test results should be used to optimize drug therapy.
- Key Assumption:
 - Clinical high-throughput and pre-emptive genotyping will become more widespread.
 - Clinicians will be faced with having patients' genotypes available even if they did not order test with drug in mind.



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What is CPIC?

The [Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium \(CPIC®\)](#) is an international consortium of individual volunteers and a small dedicated staff who are interested in facilitating use of pharmacogenetic tests for patient care.

One barrier to implementation of pharmacogenetic testing in the clinic is the difficulty in translating genetic laboratory test results into actionable prescribing decisions for affected drugs.

CPIC's goal is to address this barrier to clinical implementation of pharmacogenetic tests by creating, curating, and posting freely available, peer-reviewed, evidence-based, updatable, and detailed gene/drug clinical practice guidelines (click here for all CPIC publications). CPIC guidelines follow standardized formats, include systematic grading of evidence and clinical recommendations, use [standardized terminology](#), are peer-reviewed, and are published in a leading journal (in partnership with [Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics](#)) with simultaneous posting to [cpicpgx.org](#), where they are regularly updated.

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Key Points about a CPIC guideline

- Based on assumption that the test results are in hand and NOT to discuss the merits of doing the test
- Standardized formats
- Grading of evidence and of recommendations
- Peer reviewed
- Freely available
- Updated
- Authorship with COI policy
- Closely follow IOM practices



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CPIC guideline genes and drugs, highlights

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|---|--|
| • <i>TPMT</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– MP, TG, azathioprine | • <i>CFTR</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– ivacaftor |
| • <i>CYP2D6</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Codeine, tramadol, hydrocodone, oxycodone, TCAs | • <i>DPYD</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– 5FU, capecitabine, tegafur |
| • <i>CYP2C19</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– TCAs, clopidogrel, voriconazole | • <i>G6PD</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– rasburicase |
| • <i>VKORC1</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– warfarin | • <i>UGT1A1</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– irinotecan |
| • <i>CYP2C9</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Warfarin, phenytoin | • <i>SLCO1B1</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– simvastatin |
| • <i>HLA-B</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Allopurinol, CBZ, abacavir, phenytoin | • <i>IFNL3 (IL28B)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– interferon |
| | • <i>CYP3A5</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– tacrolimus |

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Guidelines

CPIC guidelines are designed to help clinicians understand HOW available genetic test results should be used to optimize drug therapy, rather than WHETHER tests should be ordered. A key assumption underlying the CPIC guidelines is that clinical high-throughput and pre-emptive (pre-prescription) genotyping will become more widespread, and that clinicians will be faced with having patients' genotypes available even if they have not explicitly ordered a test with a specific drug in mind. CPIC's guidelines, processes and projects have been endorsed by several professional societies – [read more](#).

Each CPIC guideline adheres to a standard format, and includes a standard system for [grading levels of evidence linking genotypes to phenotypes](#), how to assign phenotypes to clinical genotypes, prescribing recommendations based on genotype/phenotype, and a standard system for assigning [strength to each prescribing recommendation](#). The SOP for guideline creation has been published in Current Drug Metabolism: [Incorporation of Pharmacogenomics into Routine Clinical Practice: The Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium \(CPIC\) Guideline Development Process](#). The [CPIC authorship guidelines](#) were updated in June 2014.

[View CPIC's process for prioritizing CPIC guidelines](#)

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capecitabine	DPYD	guideline
carbamazepine	HLA-B	guideline
citalopram escitalopram	CYP2C19	guideline

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Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium Guidelines for Human Leukocyte Antigen-B Genotype and Allopurinol Dosing

MS Herschfield^{1,2}, JT Callaghan^{3,4,5}, W Tassaneeyakul⁶, T Mushiroda⁷, CF Thorn⁸, TE Klein⁹ and MTM Lee^{8,10,11}

Clin Pharmacol Ther. 2013 Feb;93(2):153-8

Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium Guideline for CYP2D6 and CYP2C19 Genotypes and Dosing of Tricyclic Antidepressants

JK Hicks¹, JJ Swen², CF Thorn³, K Sangkuhl⁴, ED Kharasch⁵, VI Ellingrod^{6,7}, TC Skarr⁷, DJ Müller⁸, A Gaedigk⁹ and JC Stjøl¹⁰

Clin Pharmacol Ther. 2013 May;93(5):402-8.

Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium Guidelines for HLA-B Genotype and Carbamazepine Dosing

SG Leckband^{1,2}, JR Kehoe^{1,2}, HM Dunnenberger³, AL George Jr⁴, E Tran⁵, R Berger⁶, DJ Müller⁸, M Whirl-Carrillo⁷, KE Caudle⁹ and M Pirmohamed⁹

Clin Pharmacol Ther. 2013 Sep;94(3):324-8.

Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium Guidelines for Thiopurine Methyltransferase Genotype and Thiopurine Dosing: 2013 Update

MV Relling¹, EE Gardner², WJ Sandborn³, K Schmiegels^{4,5}, C-H Pui⁶, SW Yee⁷, CM Stein⁸, M Carrillo⁹, WE Evans¹, JK Hicks¹, M Schwab^{10,11} and TE Klein⁹

Clin Pharmacol Ther. 2013 Apr;93(4):324-5.

Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium Guidelines for CYP2C19 Genotype and Clopidogrel Therapy: 2013 Update

SA Scott¹, K Sangkuhl², CM Stein³, J-S Hult^{4,5}, JL Mega⁶, DM Roden⁷, TE Klein⁸, MS Sabatine⁶, JA Johnson^{8,9,10} and AR Shuldiner^{11,12}

Clin Pharmacol Ther. 2013 Sep;94(3):317-23

Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium Guidelines for Dihydropyrimidine Dehydrogenase Genotype and Fluoropyrimidine Dosing

KE Caudle¹, CF Thorn², TE Klein³, JJ Swen⁴, HL McLeod⁵, RB Diasio^{5,6} and M Schwab^{7,8}

Clin Pharmacol Ther. 2013 Aug 29. Epub

Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium (CPIC) Guidelines for IFNL3 (IL28B) Genotype and PEG Interferon-α-Based Regimens

AJ Muir¹, L Gong², SG Johnson^{3,4}, MTM Lee^{5,6,7}, MS Williams⁸, TE Klein⁹, KE Caudle⁹ and DR Nelson¹⁰

Clin Pharmacol Ther. 2014 Feb;95(2):141-6.

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Linking genotype to phenotype

Table 1 Assignment of likely thiopurine methyltransferase phenotypes based on genotypes

Likely phenotype	Genotypes	Examples of diplotypes
Homozygous wild-type or normal, high activity (constitutes ~86–97% ^a of patients)	An individual carrying two or more functional (*1) alleles	*1/*1
Heterozygote or intermediate activity (~3–14% ^a of patients)	An individual carrying one functional allele (*1) plus one nonfunctional allele (*2, *3A, *3B, *3C, or *4)	*1/*2, *1/*3A, *1/*3B, *1/*3C, *1/*4
Homozygous variant, mutant, low, or deficient activity (~1 in 178 to 1 in 3,736 patients ^a)	An individual carrying two nonfunctional alleles (*2, *3A, *3B, *3C, or *4)	*3A/*3A, *2/*3A, *3C/*3A, *3C/*4, *3C/*2, *3A/*4

Supplemental Table S2. Association between allelic variants¹ and TPMT enzyme activity (49-59)

Functional Status	Alleles
Functional / normal activity/ wild-type ²	*1, *1S
Non-functional, variant, or mutant / no activity	*2, *3A, *3B, *3C, *4
Probable Reduced-function / decreased activity (most of these alleles are very rare)	*5, *6, *8, *9, *10, *11, *12, *13, *16, *17, *18

Clin Pharmacol Ther. 2011 Mar;89(3):387-91.

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Table2 Recommended dosing of thiopurines by thiopurine methyltransferase phenotype

	MP		Azathioprine		TG			
Phenotype	Implications for MP and azathioprine pharmacologic measures	Dosing recommendations for MP	Classification of recommendations ^a	Dosing recommendations for azathioprine	Implications for pharmacologic measures after TG	Dosing recommendations for TG	Classification of recommendations ^a	
Homozygous wild-type or normal, high activity	Lower concentrations of TGN metabolites, higher methylTIMP, this is the "normal" pattern	Start with normal starting dose (e.g., 75 mg/m ² /d or 1.5 mg/kg/d) and adjust doses of MP (and of any other myelosuppressive therapy) without any special emphasis on MP compared to other agents. Allow 2 weeks to reach steady state after each dose adjustment. 4,25,29	Strong	Start with normal starting dose (e.g., 2-3 mg/kg/d) and adjust doses of azathioprine based on disease-specific guidelines. Allow 2 weeks to reach steady state after each dose adjustment. 4,27,29	Strong	Lower concentrations of TGN metabolites, but note that TGN after TG are 5-10x higher than TGN after MP or azathioprine	Start with normal starting dose. Adjust doses of TG and of other myelosuppressive therapy without any special emphasis on TG. Allow 2 weeks to reach steady state after each dose adjustment. 4,16	Strong
Heterozygote or intermediate activity	Moderate to high concentrations of TGN metabolites; low concentration of methylTIMP	Start with reduced doses (start at 30-70% of full dose; e.g., at 50 mg/m ² /d or 0.75 mg/kg/d) and adjust doses of MP based on degree of myelosuppression and disease-specific guidelines. Allow 2-4 weeks to reach steady state after each dose adjustment. In those who require a dosage reduction based on myelosuppression, the median dose may be ~40% lower (44 mg/m ²) than that tolerated in wild-type patients (75 mg/m ²). In setting of myelosuppression, and depending on other therapy, emphasis should be on reducing MP over other agents. 4,13,15,21,23,26,29,33,37	Strong	If disease treatment normally starts at the "full dose", consider starting at 30-70% of target dose (e.g., 1-1.5 mg/kg/d), and titrate based on tolerance. Allow 2-4 weeks to reach steady state after each dose adjustment. 4,27,29,31	Strong	Moderate to high concentrations of TGN metabolites; but note that TGN after TG are 5-10x higher than TGN after MP or azathioprine	Start with reduced doses (reduce by 30-50%) and adjust doses of TG based on degree of myelosuppression and disease-specific guidelines. Allow 2-4 weeks to reach steady state after each dose adjustment. In setting of myelosuppression, and depending on other therapy, emphasis should be on reducing TG over other agents. 4,16	Moderate
Homozygous variant, mutant, low, or deficient activity	Extremely high concentrations of TGN metabolites; fatal toxicity possible without dose decrease; normally TAMP metabolites	For malignancy, start with drastically reduced doses (reduce daily dose by 10-fold and reduce frequency to thrice weekly instead of daily, e.g., 10 mg/m ² given just 3 days/week) and adjust doses of MP based on degree of myelosuppression and disease-specific guidelines. Allow 4-6 weeks to reach steady state after each dose adjustment. In setting of myelosuppression, emphasis should be on reducing MP over other agents. For nonmalignant conditions, consider alternative nonthiopurine immunosuppressant therapy. 4,24,29,31	Strong	Consider alternative agents. Strongly if using azathioprine start with drastically reduced doses (reduce daily dose by 10-fold and dose thrice weekly instead of daily) and adjust doses of azathioprine based on degree of myelosuppression and disease-specific guidelines. Allow 4-6 week breacheach steady state after each dose adjustment. Azathioprine is the likely cause of myelosuppression. 27,29,31,33	Strong	Extremely high concentrations of TGN metabolites; fatal toxicity possible without dose decrease	Start with drastically reduced doses ¹⁶ (reduce daily dose by 10-fold and dose thrice weekly instead of daily) and adjust doses of TG based on degree of myelosuppression and disease-specific guidelines. Allow 4-6 weeks to reach steady state after each dose adjustment. In setting of myelosuppression, emphasis should be on reducing TG over other agents. For nonmalignant conditions, consider alternative nonthiopurine immunosuppressant therapy. 4	Strong

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Supplemental Table S5. Evidence linking genotype with phenotype			
Type of experimental model (in vitro, in vivo preclinical, or clinical)	Major findings	References	Level of evidence*
In vitro	MP's catabolism to methylmercaptapurine absent in human erythrocytes, lymphocytes, liver, and kidneys from <i>TPMT</i> homozygous deficient individuals	(28, 113-115)	High
In vitro	TG's catabolism to methylthioguanine	(116)	High
In vitro	Mechanisms of functional inactivation for <i>TPMT</i> *2, *3A, *3B, *3C, *4 demonstrated by expression of specific variant alleles	(31, 117, 118)	High
In vitro	Heterologous expression of <i>TPMT</i> catabolizes mercaptopurine to methylmercaptapurine, thioguanine to methylthioguanine, and TIMP to methylTIMP	(119, 120)	High
preclinical	<i>TPMT</i> knock-out mice have more morbidity and mortality from thioguanine and mercaptopurine than wild type mice; heterozygotes were at intermediate risk.	(121)	High
clinical	<i>TPMT</i> wild-type patients with ALL have higher risk of hematologic relapse than those with at least one variant <i>TPMT</i> allele, particularly in regimens that are primarily antimetabolite-based; wild-type patients with IBD have higher risk of treatment failure	(122-124)	High

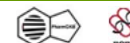
High: Evidence includes consistent results from well-designed, well-conducted studies.

Moderate: Evidence is sufficient to determine effects, but the strength of the evidence is limited by the number, quality, or consistency of the individual studies; generalizability to routine practice; or indirect nature of the evidence.

Weak: Evidence is insufficient to assess the effects on health outcomes because of limited number or power of studies, important flaws in their design or conduct, gaps in the chain of evidence, or lack of information



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COVERAGE RATIONALE

The use of pharmacogenetic Multi-Gene Panels to guide therapy decisions is proven and medically necessary for antidepressants and antipsychotics medication when ALL of the following criteria are met:

- The individual has a diagnosis of major depressive disorder or anxiety; **and**
- The individual has failed at least one prior medication to treat their condition; **and**
- The Multi-Gene Panel has no more than 15 relevant genes (refer to [Table 1](#))

The use of pharmacogenetic Multi-Gene Panels for genetic polymorphisms for any other indication, including but not limited to pain management, cardiovascular drugs, anthracyclines, or polypharmacy, is unproven and not medically necessary for evaluating drug-metabolizer status due to insufficient evidence of efficacy.

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Table 1. Antidepressant, Antipsychotic Drugs and Associated Genes

Drug	Gene(s)	Select Associated References
Sertraline	CYP2C19, CYP2D6, COMT, TXNRD2	CPIC Guideline for CYP2D6 and CYP2C19 Genotypes and Dosing of Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (Hicks et al., 2015)
Citalopram	CYP2C19, SLC6A4, GRIK4, HTR2A, FKBP5, COMT, TXNRD2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPIC Guideline for CYP2D6 and CYP2C19 Genotypes and Dosing of Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (Hicks et al., 2015) Polymorphisms in GRIK4, HTR2A, and FKBP5 Show Interactive Effects in Predicting Remission to Antidepressant Treatment (Horstmann et al., 2010)
Escitalopram	CYP2C19, SLC6A4, COMT, TXNRD2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPIC Guideline for CYP2D6 and CYP2C19 Genotypes and Dosing of Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (Hicks et al., 2015) Interaction between serotonin transporter gene variants and life events predicts response to antidepressants in the GENDEP project (Keers et al., 2011)
Fluoxetine	FKBP5, COMT, TXNRD2	Polymorphisms in GRIK4, HTR2A, and FKBP5 Show Interactive Effects in Predicting Remission to Antidepressant Treatment (Horstmann et al., 2010)
Paroxetine	CYP2D6, HTR1A, FKBP5, COMT, TXNRD2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPIC Guideline for CYP2D6 and CYP2C19 Genotypes and Dosing of Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (Hicks et al., 2015) Polymorphisms in GRIK4, HTR2A, and FKBP5 Show Interactive Effects in Predicting Remission to Antidepressant Treatment (Horstmann et al., 2010) SSRI response and HTR1A (Yevtushenko et al., 2010)
Fluvoxamine	CYP2D6, COMT, TXNRD2	CPIC Guideline for CYP2D6 and CYP2C19 Genotypes and Dosing of Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (Hicks et al., 2015)
Venlafaxine	CYP2D6, FKBP5	Polymorphisms in GRIK4, HTR2A, and FKBP5 Show Interactive Effects in Predicting Remission to Antidepressant Treatment (Horstmann et al., 2010)
Amitriptyline	CYP2C19, 2D6	CPIC Guideline for CYP2D6 and CYP2C19 Genotypes and Dosing of Tricyclic Antidepressants (Hicks et al., 2017)
Nortriptyline	CYP2D6	CPIC Guideline for CYP2D6 and CYP2C19 Genotypes and Dosing of Tricyclic Antidepressants (Hicks et al., 2017)
Clomipramine	CYP2C19, 2D6	CPIC Guideline for CYP2D6 and CYP2C19 Genotypes and Dosing of Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (Hicks et al., 2015)
Doxepin	CYP2C19, 2D6	CPIC Guideline for CYP2D6 and CYP2C19 Genotypes and Dosing of

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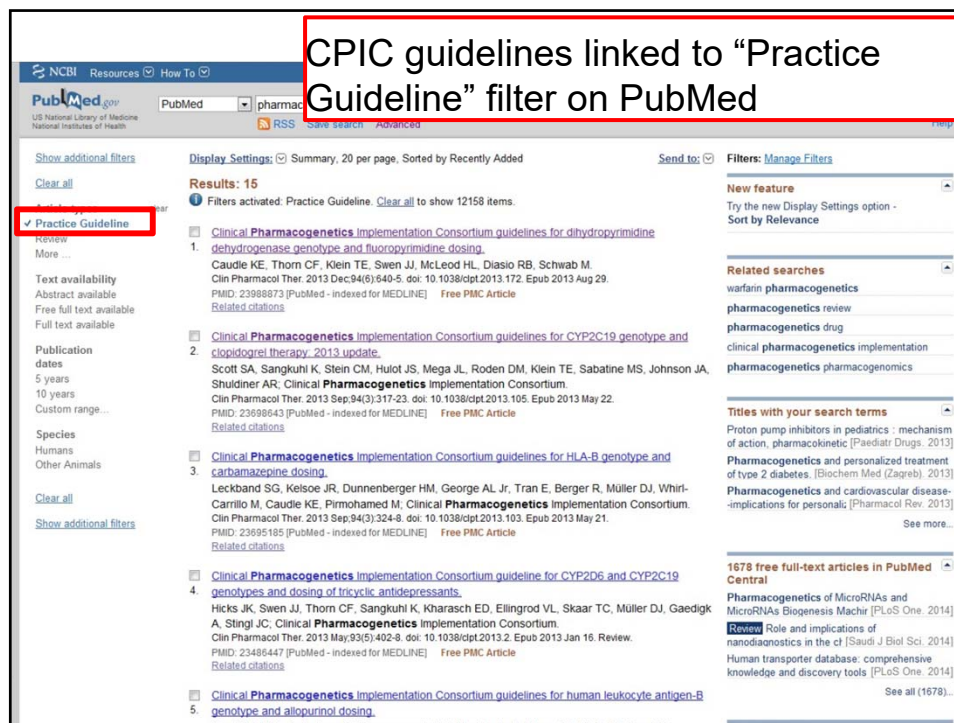
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Conclusions

1. Pharmacogenomics combines molecular understanding of drug response and human genetic variation to optimize drug use.
2. Currently rolling out in clinical use, mostly based on genotyping → sequencing coming
3. Need good information systems to support clinical use by clinicians (physicians and pharmacists)



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