

# Considerations for the Return of Genomic Results

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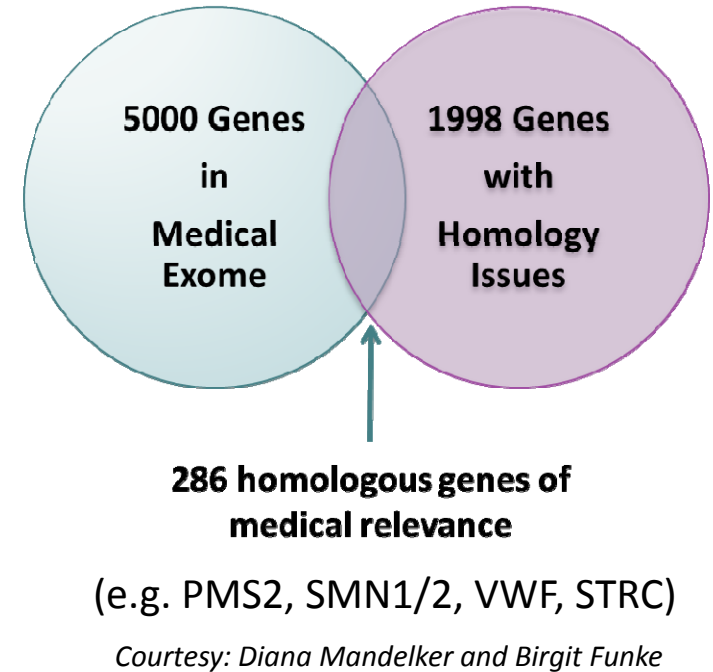




# Challenges to scaling genomic interpretation and ROR

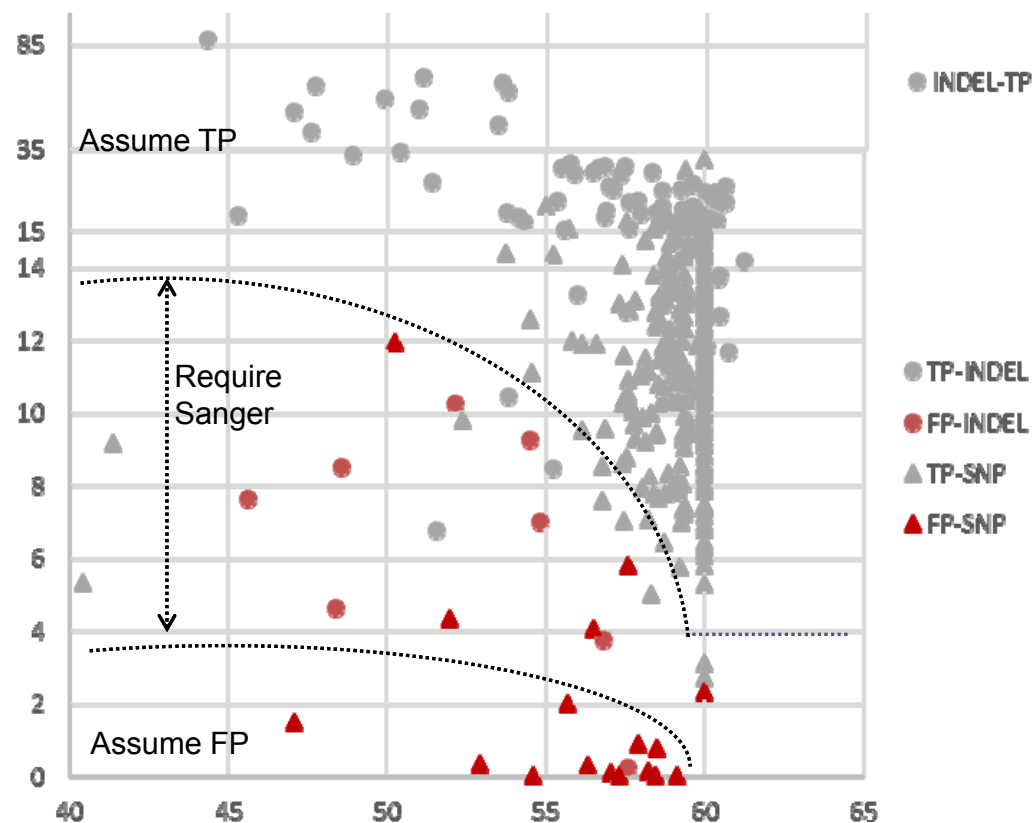
## Technical validity and sample identity

- Orthogonal confirmation with original sample addresses issues that happen even with CLIA NGS
  - Analytical validity of results
    - SNVs challenging in homologous regions
    - InDels often challenging
  - Sample mix-ups during testing process
- Yet, duplicate specimens and orthogonal confirmation are not scalable



Consider making some data available separately as unconfirmed research results requiring CLIA confirmation

## Quality Scores for NGS Data – When is Sanger required?



### Whole Genome Variants

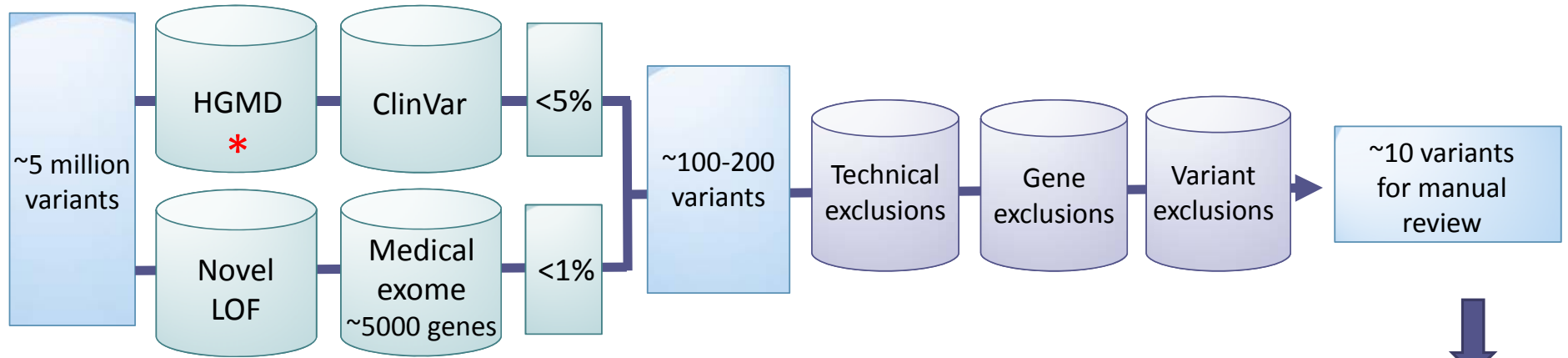
373 Assume True Positive

31 Require Sanger (7.4%)

13 Assume False Positive

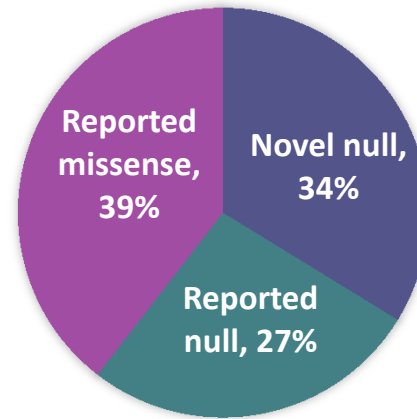
417 Total

# MedSeq Variant Analysis Pipeline and Detection Rates



*\*In non-diagnostic testing, 92% of variants reported as pathogenic in HGMD had insufficient evidence to support the claim.*

Variant Type	Average Review Time
Variant with literature	90 min
Variant with no literature	26 min



Several hours of review per genome

~2% (0-7) of filtered variants reported in MedSeq

Pathogenic  
Likely Pathogenic  
VUS – Favor Pathogenic

# Interpretation Differences in ClinVar

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## SPECIAL REPORT

### ClinGen — The Clinical Genome Resource

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*NEJM May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

11% (12,895/118,169) of  
variants have  
≥2 submitters in ClinVar



17% (2229/12,895)  
are interpreted differently

26% (97,422/377,075) of  
variants have  
≥2 submitters in ClinVar



17% (16,631/97,422)  
are interpreted differently



3.6% medically significant  
(P/LP vs VUS/LB/B)

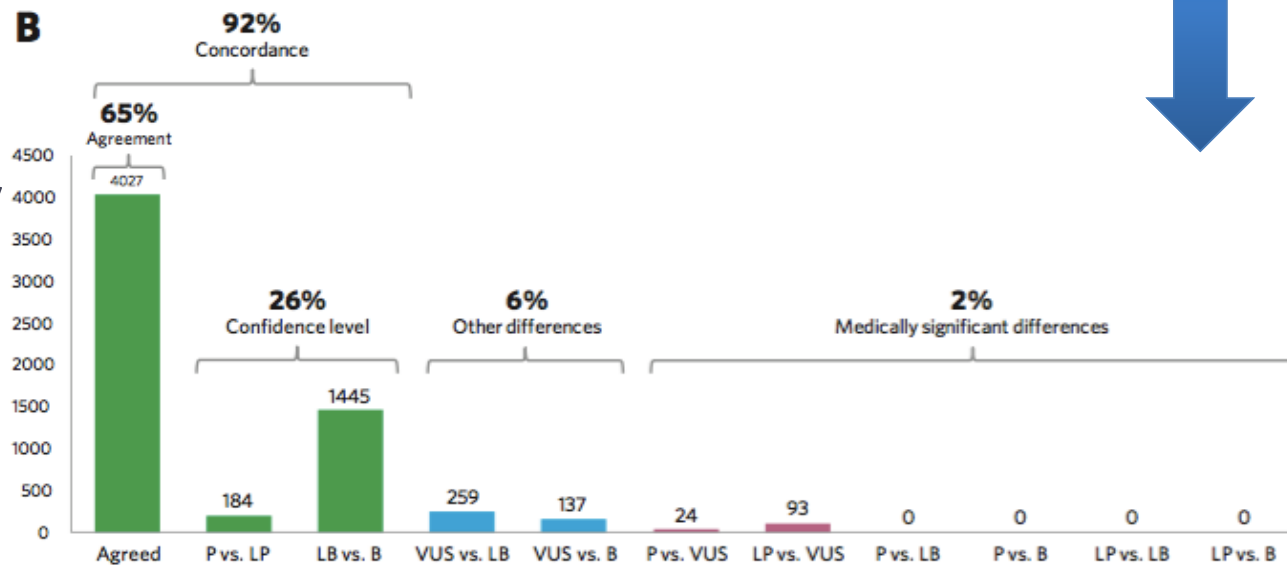
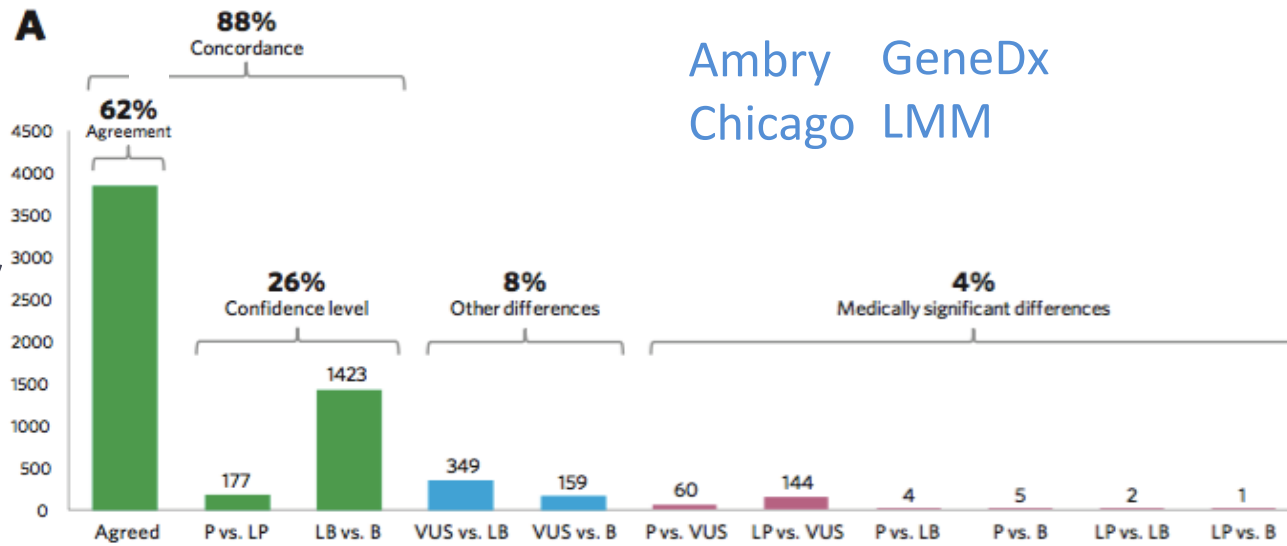


1.7% medically significant  
among clinical lab submissions

Steven Harrison



Ambry  
Chicago  
GeneDx  
LMM



**87% resolution**  
**(211/242)**

*Harrison et al.*  
*Genet Med, in press*

# Variant Knowledge Evolution

## Communicating new knowledge on previously reported genetic variants

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Variant classification changes—HCM data

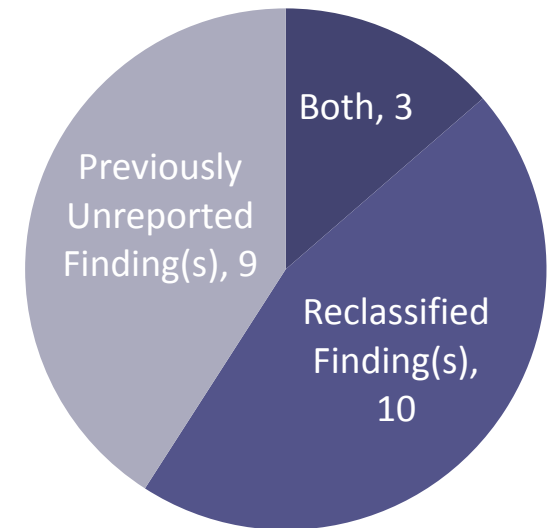


Genet Med. Apr 2012 PMID: 22481129

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## MedSeq Genome Reanalysis

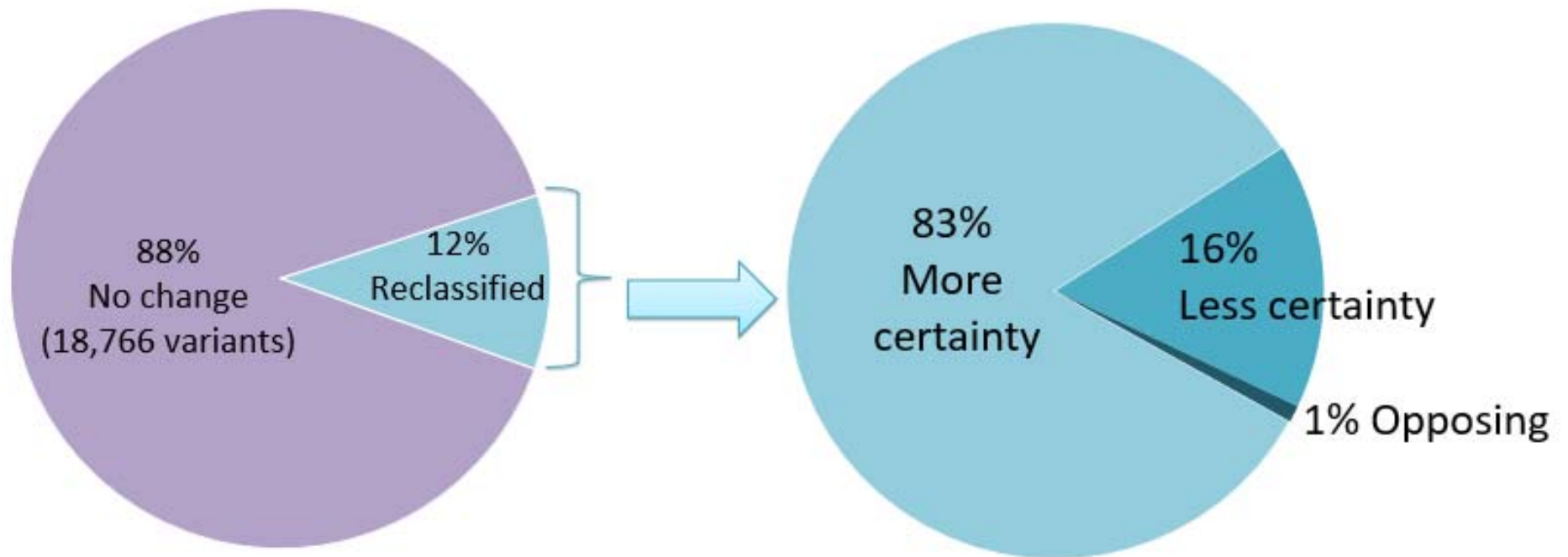
22% (22/100) Participants Received New or Reclassified Variants



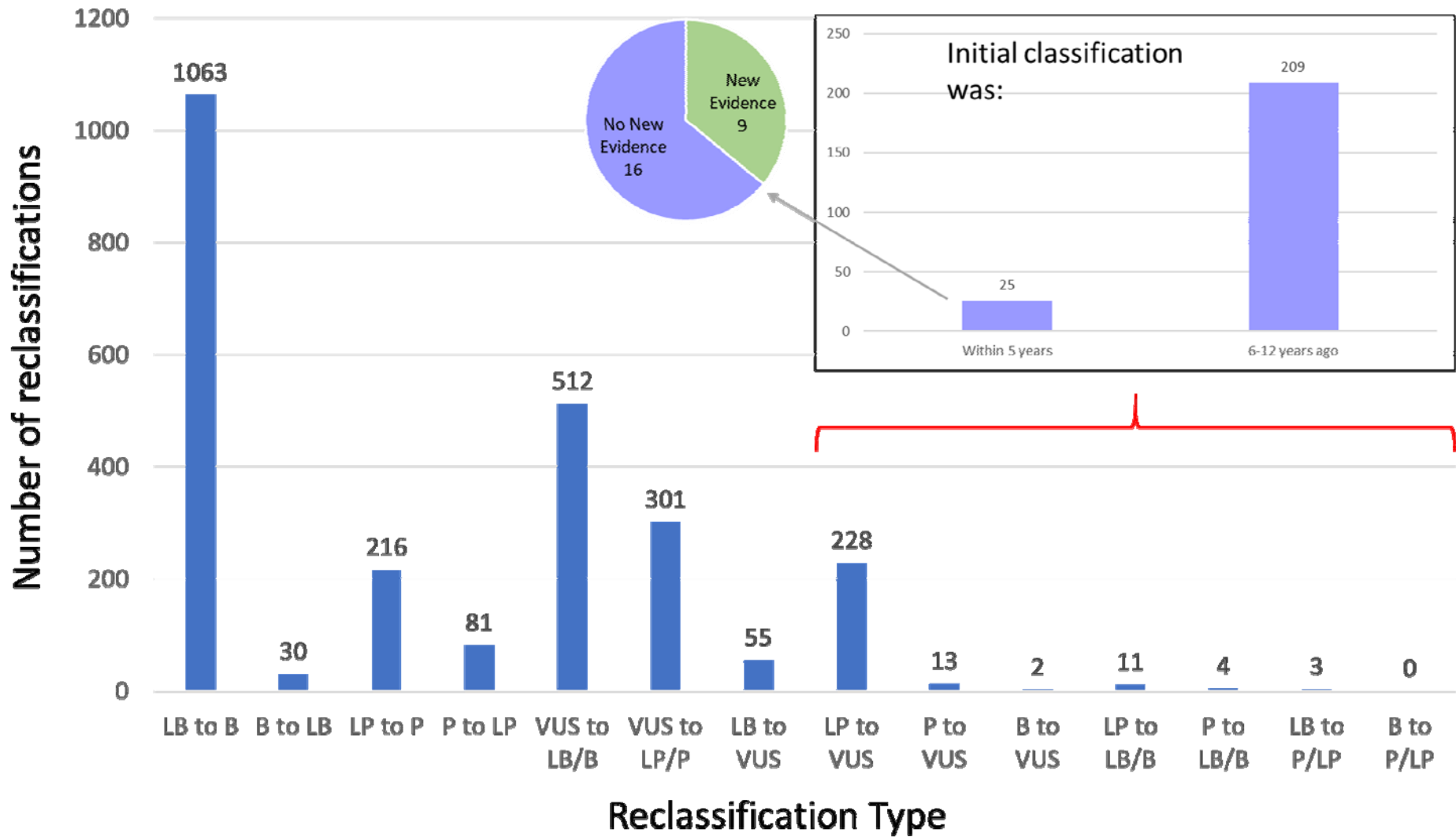
*Expert Panel interpretations sometimes change as well*



# Variant Reclassification Over 12 Years at the Laboratory for Molecular Medicine




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# Laboratory management of knowledge updates

1. Issue amended reports
2. Allow direct access to laboratory database (e.g. Emory)
3. Regularly deposit variants into ClinVar
4. Deliver automated knowledge updates on reported variants (e.g. GeneInsight)

# Reports, Structured Variant Data and Variant Updates Returned Via EHR (GeneInsight Clinic)



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**Name: XXX, XXX MRN: XXXXXX DOB: XX/XX/XXXX Sex: X**

**IMPORTANT USAGE & DATA LIMITATIONS**

	XX-XX-XXXX	FINAL	12/29/2015 10:09 AM	General Genome Report Sequence Confirmation Test Genome Sequencing	1. Blood, peripheral(Blood, Peripheral) 12/23/2014	Germline
	<a href="#">View Report</a>					
	<span style="border: 1px solid #0070C0; padding: 2px;">Mark ReportReviewed</span>					

		Variant	LMM Reported	LMM Families	Current Category*	Reported Category
		Heterozygous c.187C>G (p.His63Asp), Exon 2, HFE (Germline)	27	27	Pathogenic (04/17/2014)	Pathogenic
		Heterozygous c.484G>A (p.Gly162Arg), Exon 7, MYL2 (Germline)	3	2	Likely pathogenic (04/05/2016)	<del>Uncertain significance</del>

Unreviewed report

Reviewed report

Unreviewed high alert

Reviewed high alert

Unreviewed medium alert

Reviewed medium alert

Unreviewed low alert

Reviewed low alert

\* The current category field displays the variant significance only within the diseases/drugs that have been interpreted on each report, primarily defined by the ordered test. Additional interpretations, if present, outside these diseases/drugs are not considered.

# Updated Variant Information

## Reported Variant Interpretation History (Variant 2 of 2)

**IMPORTANT USAGE & DATA LIMITATIONS**

*Warning: This page only lists information on a single variant. This is outside of the patient report context and may be insufficient for re-interpretation of the patient report.*

## Heterozygous c.484G>A (p.Gly162Arg), Exon 7, MYL2 (Germline)

Patient

Report

Laboratory Laboratory for Molecular Medicine

Counts Reports (3), Families (2)

Current Category*	Reported Category
Likely pathogenic	Uncertain significance

### Alerts

Status	!	Alerted	Message
Unreviewed	!	04/05/2016 02:13 PM	The category for the MYL2 c.484G>A (p.Gly162Arg) association to Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy changed from Uncertain significance to Likely pathogenic. Reason for Update: New Evidence. Approved by: Birgit Funke.

Mark Alerts Reviewed

### Current Knowledge\*\* Approved 04/05/2016 02:13 PM by Birgit Funke

Category	Diseases/Drugs	Variant Interpretation
Likely pathogenic	Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy	The p.Gly162Arg variant in MYL2 has been reported in 1 individual with HCM (Olivotto 2008). It has also been identified by our laboratory in 1 individual with LVH, reduced EF and ST segment abnormality and occurred de novo in another individual with HCM, AV block and RBBB (LMM unpublished data). This variant was absent from large population studies. In vitro functional studies provide some evidence that the p.Gly162Arg variant may impact protein function (Burghardt 2013). However, these types of assays sometimes do not accurately represent biological function. Glycine (Gly) at position 162 is highly conserved in evolution and the change to arginine (Arg) was predicted to be pathogenic using a computational tool clinically validated by our laboratory. This tool's pathogenic prediction is estimated to be correct 94% of the time (Jordan 2011). In summary, although additional studies are required to fully establish its clinical significance, this variant is likely pathogenic.

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\*\* The Current Knowledge only includes the following Diseases/Drugs Interpreted on Report: General Genome Report Disease, Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, Hereditary hemochromatosis

Prototype of  
a proposed  
EHR App

Will bring in  
3-4 star  
variants  
from ClinVar



ClinGen EHR App - Interpretations of patient reported variants

**Doe, Jane** 62yr, Female, 1/1/1954

**NM\_007294.3(BRCA1):c.5503C>T (p.Arg1835Ter) FINDINGS**

Source	Disease	Zygoty/Inheritance	Significance (reviewed)
✓ GeneDx	Hereditary breast and ovarian cancer syndrome	Heterozygous	Pathogenic (5/17/16)
✓ ClinVar ★★★☆	Hereditary breast and ovarian cancer syndrome	Autosomal dominant	Pathogenic (4/22/16)

**NM\_000179.2(MSH6):c.3632T>C (p.Leu1211Pro) FINDINGS**

Source	Disease	Zygoty/Inheritance	Significance (reviewed)
⚠ Ambry Genetics	Lynch syndrome 1	Heterozygous	<u>Uncertain significance</u> (8/20/15)
⚠ ClinVar ★★★☆	Lynch syndrome 1	Autosomal dominant	<u>Pathogenic</u> (11/24/15)

**UNMATCHED VARIANTS**

Variant	Disease	Zygoty	Significance (reviewed)
NM_170707.3(LMNA):c.1303C>T (p.Arg435Cys)	Hutchinson-Gilford progeria syndrome	Heterozygous	Likely pathogenic (4/20/13)
NM_004004.5(GJB2):c.670A>C (p.Lys224Gln)		Heterozygous	Uncertain significance (11/25/15)

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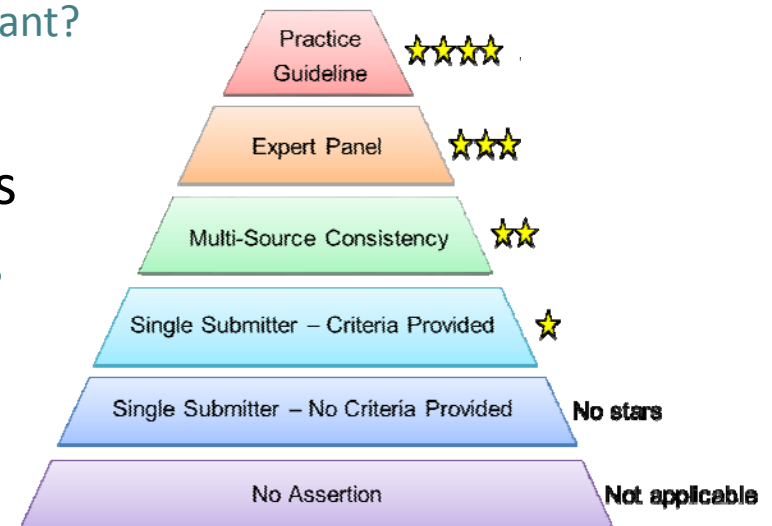
- ✓ Match
- ⚠ Potential discrepancy
- ⚠ Discrepancy (underlined)
- 🔗 Additional details

## Proposal for AoU Genetic ROR

- Begin with a small set of results that reach consensus for utility and sufficient evidence
- Label “clinical” and expand scope once a successful process is achieved
  - ACMG59 as starting point
  - Pathogenic as starting point
- Consider approaches to share additional data – label as “research”
  - Enable participants to share their raw data broadly
    - Array genotypes, BAMs, VCFs
    - List of annotated novel, rare or suspicious variants
  - Allow access to data when clinical context raises the prior probability of disease
    - CLIA confirmations and interpretations can be ordered as needed
  - Enable other studies that can delve deeper into the significance of these variants

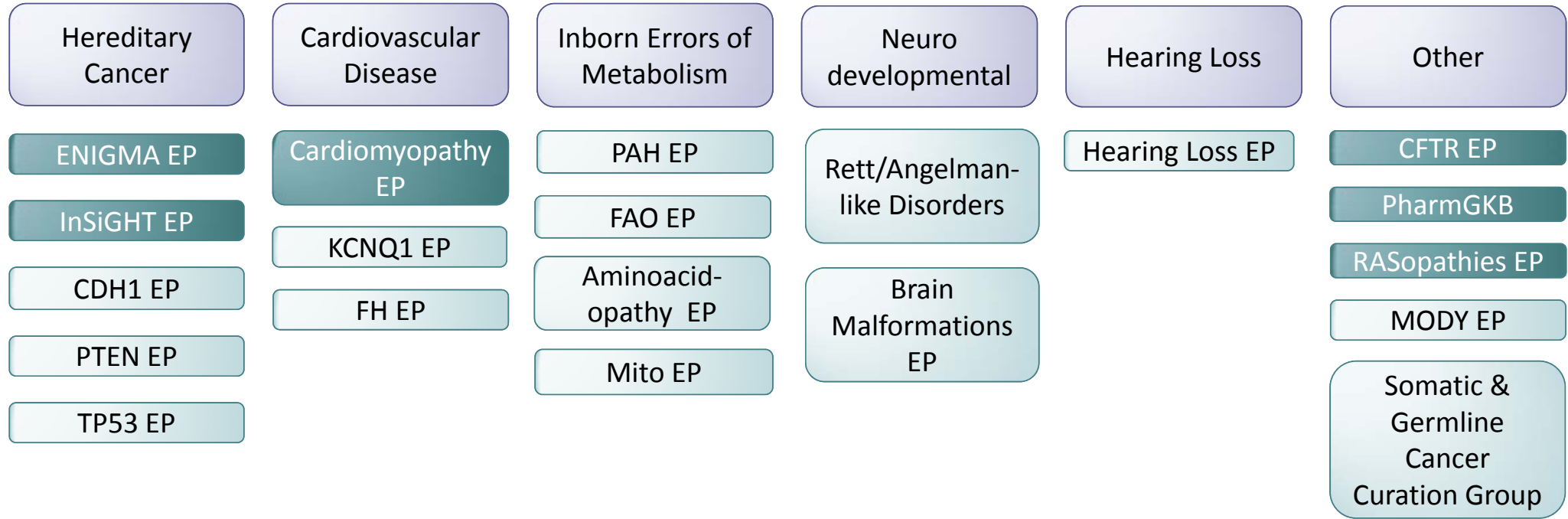
## Approaches to scale genomic interpretation



- For novel predicted null variants, checklist can largely be automated if gene and exon level curation is performed in advance
  - ✓ Are null variants an established mechanism of disease?
  - ✓ How frequently are predicted null variants found in the gene in large population databases? Het vs hom? What is the constraint score in ExAC?
  - ✓ Are there other known pathogenic variants in the exon? Also check ExAC for nulls in that exon.
  - ✓ Is nonsense-mediated decay predicted?
  - ✓ Are there predicted null variants reported 3' (and 5') to the variant?
  - ✓ Is the exon alternatively spliced?
- Rely on ClinVar review levels for reported variants
  - Consider reporting only 3 star or 4 star variants
  - Could add 2 star variants (all submitters agree)





## Variant Curation Expert Panels (ClinGen-approved and in planning)



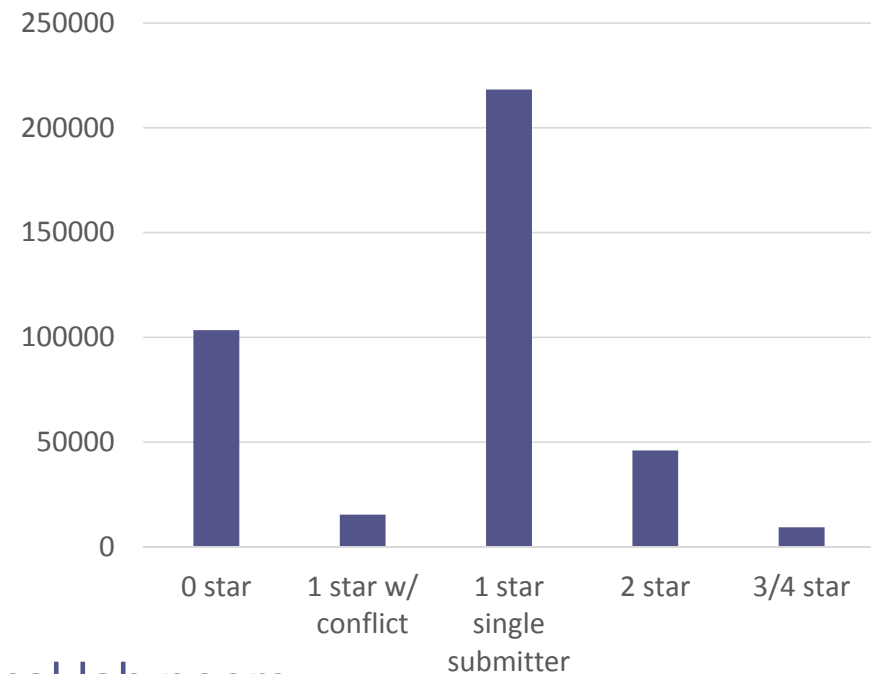
 Application approved by ClinGen for 3 star  submissions to ClinVar

 Planning to apply to ClinGen for 3 star submission level

9318 expert reviewed variants in ClinVar (2.5%)

## Which 1-2 star variants to report?

- Not all 2 star variants are created equal
- Not all 1 star variants are created equal
- 2 star: How many labs agree? Only 2 or many?
- Which groups(s) reported?
  - Single submitter criteria provided (1 star)
  - Experienced clinical lab
    - subjective – opinion of physicians and clinical lab peers
    - objective measures – volume of submissions in a disease area (data from ClinVar Miner)
- Date of last evaluation (evaluated within last 1-2 years)





# Caring

Supporting Participants with a Genomic  
Result & Their Clinicians –  
Principles & Implications for *All of Us*

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## Relevant *All of Us* guiding principles

- “focus not just on disease, but also on ways to increase an individual’s chances of remaining healthy throughout life”
- “empower study participants with data and information to improve their own health”


## Geisinger MyCode Participant Driven Principles

- Participant focus groups:
  - Wanted Geisinger to guide project
  - Comfortable receiving ALL results
  - Accepted we do not understand some results
  - Importance of placing genomic results in EHR
  - Share results with participants
  - Education, medical support to patients & clinicians


# Engagement to Develop Return Process

- Patient focus groups
- Ethics Advisory Council (EAC)
- Clinical Oversight Committee (COC)
- Precision Health Patient Advisory Board

Faucett WA & Davis FD, 2016,  
*Appl Trans Genom*





Applied & Translational Genomics  
Volume 8, March 2016, Pages 33–35



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### How Geisinger made the case for an institutional duty to return genomic results to biobank participants

W. Andrew Faucett  , F. Daniel Davis  
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*To return or not to return the results of genomics research:* that has been the question at the crux of an ongoing debate spawned by the increasingly rapid evolution of genomics.<sup>1</sup> Like many debates, this one arises from conflicting perspectives on broader concerns: for example, the purported distinction between research and patient care, the relationship between health care institutions and the communities they serve, and the role of patient- and research-participant-engagement in such debates (and in their resolution).

## Principles of MyCode Genomic Results Program

1. Geisinger expert consensus on which genes to evaluate & return
2. Pathogenic/likely pathogenic variants in medically actionable genes
3. Minimize false positives (specificity > sensitivity)
4. Patients choose how to follow up clinically
5. Supportive infrastructure for patients & clinicians



## Result return process

1. Primary care clinician notified of result via EHR
2. Patients notified in writing that result is available
3. Clinical Genomics team calls patients
  1. Disclose nature of results
  2. Schedule follow-up (detailed disclosure, clinical eval)
  3. Encourage family communication of results
4. Patients choose clinical follow-up approach
5. All patients receive educational/supportive materials on relevant genetic condition
6. Care coordination with co-managing clinicians

## Patient Support

- Multiple service delivery models
- Genetic counselors available for phone consults 5 days/ week
- Genetic counselors & physician geneticists available for in-person consults 3 days/week
- Genetic Counselor for most results
- Triage conditions with syndromic features to geneticists



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## Lessons – MyCode Patient Support

Follow-up Status	Positive Results	%
Clinical Genomics	245	45%
PCP or specialist	73	13%
Declined immediate follow-up	134	25%
Lost to follow-up	38	7%
Deceased/Withdrawn	9	2%
In Process	45	8%
Total	544	100%

# Results Returned

## MyCode® results returned

544 patient-participants have received results\* from the Genomic Screening and Counseling Program

For the latest results, see [go.geisinger.org/results](http://go.geisinger.org/results).

Jan. 1, 2018

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mycode | 150000+  
PARTICIPANTS

Risk condition	Patients per risk condition	Gene	Patients per gene
<i>CDC tier 1 conditions (click link)</i>			
<b>Hereditary breast and ovarian cancer</b> (early breast, ovarian, prostate and other cancers)	203	<b>BRCA1</b> <b>BRCA2</b>	68 135
<b>Familial hypercholesterolemia</b> (early heart attacks and strokes)	92	<b>APOB</b> <b>LDLR</b>	31 61
<b>Lynch syndrome</b> (early colon, uterine and other cancers)	50	<b>PMS2</b> <b>MSH6</b> <b>MSH2</b> <b>MLH1</b>	18 23 6 3
<b>Cardiovascular risk</b>			
<b>Cardiomyopathy</b> (diseases of the heart muscle with dangerous complications)	53	<b>MYH7</b> <b>MYBPC3</b> <b>TPM1</b> <b>TNNI3</b> <b>TNNT2</b> <b>MYL3</b> <b>LMNA</b>	8 29 2 3 5 4 2
<b>Arrhythmia</b> (irregular heartbeat with risk for cardiac arrest)	38	<b>SCN5A</b> <b>KCNQ1</b> <b>KCNE1</b> <b>KCNH2</b>	20 13 2 3
<b>Arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy</b> (disease of the heart muscle with risk for cardiac arrest)	27	<b>DSP</b> <b>PKP2</b> <b>DSG2</b> <b>DSC2</b>	12 13 1 1
<b>Marfan syndrome</b> (connective tissue disease that can cause heart, eye, and skeletal problems)	4	<b>FBN1</b>	4

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## MyCode® results returned (continued)

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Risk Condition	Patients per risk condition	Gene	Patients per gene
<b>Cardiovascular risk (continued from front)</b>			
<b>Heritable thoracic aortic disease</b> (genetic predisposition to weakening of the wall of the aorta, leading to swelling and sometimes rupture)	8	<b>ACTA2</b>	8
<b>Cancer risk</b>			
<b>Hereditary pheochromocytomas and paragangliomas</b> (tumors that can release extra hormones and, rarely, become cancer)	10	<b>SDHB</b> <b>SDHC</b> <b>SDHD</b>	4 3 3
<b>Multiple endocrine neoplasia type 1</b> (tumors that can release extra hormones and, rarely, become cancer)	5	<b>MEN1</b>	5
<b>Multiple endocrine neoplasia type 2</b> (early thyroid cancer)	17	<b>RET</b>	17
<b>PTEN hamartoma tumor syndrome</b> (early breast, thyroid, uterine and other cancers, with intellectual disability in some cases)	3	<b>PTEN</b>	3
<b>Tuberous sclerosis</b> (multiple types of benign [non-cancer] tumors)	1	<b>TSC2</b>	1
<b>Li-Fraumeni syndrome</b> (early breast, soft tissue, brain, adrenal and other cancers)	8	<b>TP53</b>	8
<b>Familial adenomatous polyposis</b> (early colon cancer)	2	<b>APC</b>	2
<b>Von Hippel-Lindau</b> (early kidney cancer and benign tumors of brain, eye, pancreas and adrenal gland)	1	<b>VHL</b>	1
<b>Other</b>			
<b>Malignant hyperthermia</b> (life-threatening condition usually triggered by exposure to certain drugs used for general anesthesia)	22	<b>RYR1</b>	22
<b>Fabry disease</b> (enzyme defect leading to damage of blood vessels in the skin and cells in the kidneys, heart, and nervous system)	1	<b>GLA</b>	1
<b>Vascular Ehlers-Danlos</b> (disease of the connective tissues, including arteries and muscles, that can increase the risk for health complications, such as rupture of arteries)	1	<b>COL3A1</b>	1
<b>Hereditary hemochromatosis</b> (too much iron in blood, can lead to liver and heart problems)	1	<b>HFE</b>	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>547</b>		<b>547</b>

## Support in MyCode Genomic Results Program

- **Patient support**
  - Opportunity to meet with clinical genomics team
  - Family history intake
  - Condition-specific multi-disciplinary clinics
- **Clinician support**
  - EHR tools for detailed phenotyping, documentation
  - Continuing Medical Education
  - Opportunity to consult clinical genomics team
- **Both**
  - Provider / Patient friendly genomic reports

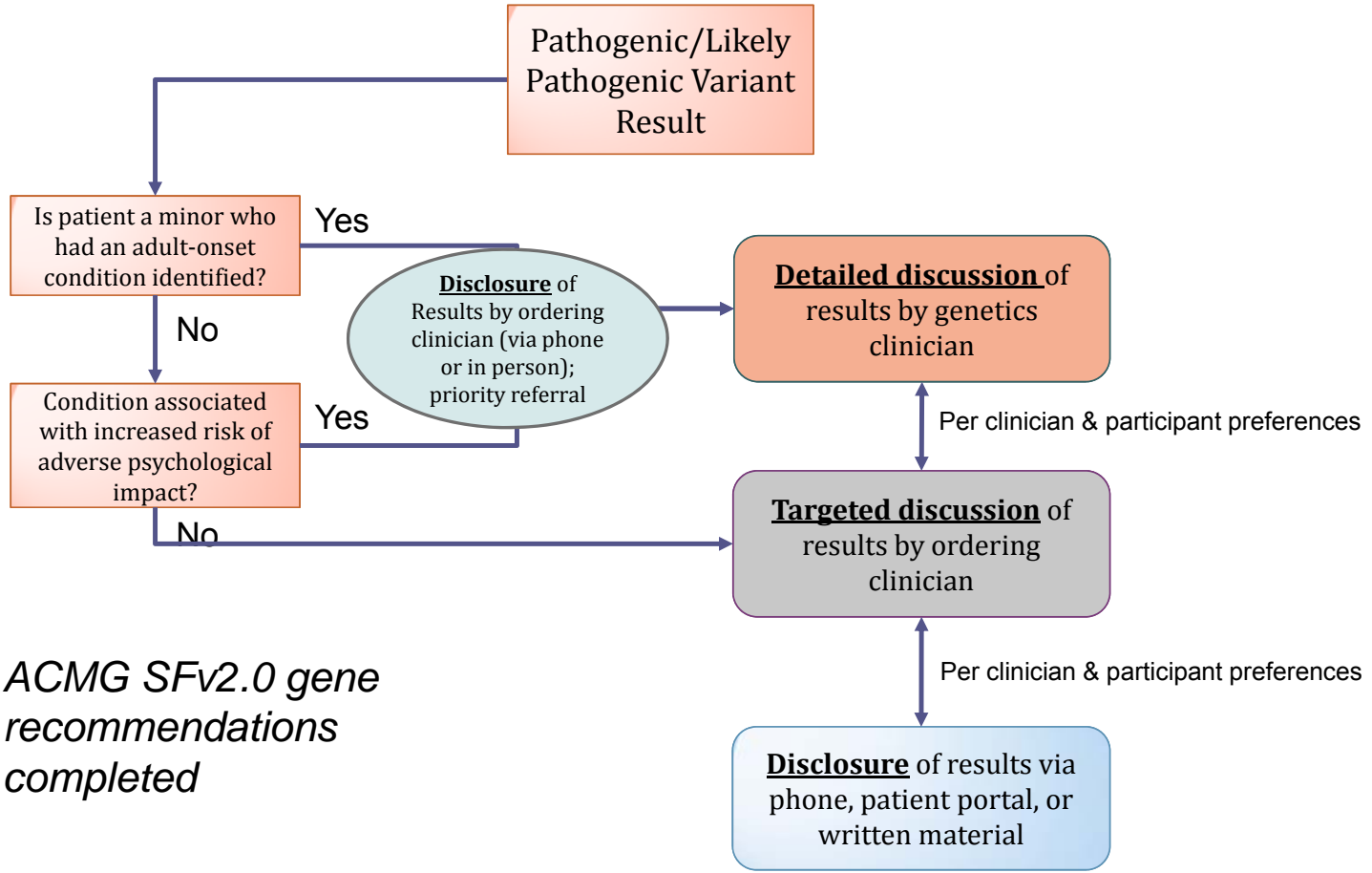
## Lessons – MyCode Patient Support

- Positive feedback from qualitative interviews
  - “[I]t’s a good thing to know for you and your family members...if you find something you can nip in the bud, it’s not nearly as expensive”
  - “Nobody’s been very upset or even my kids who have potential of having it themselves have been very laid back about it actually”
- Facilitating cascade testing is challenging

## MyCode Clinician Support

- CME modules
  - Low uptake, but want to know they are there
  - PCPs prefer brief, risk management focused on support
- PCPs prefer Genomics disclose results & guide evaluation
  - PCP role is to support process
  - Want Genomics help with current management
- Returning results increased clinician support of MyCode

# ClinGen Consent & Disclosure Recommendation Working Group



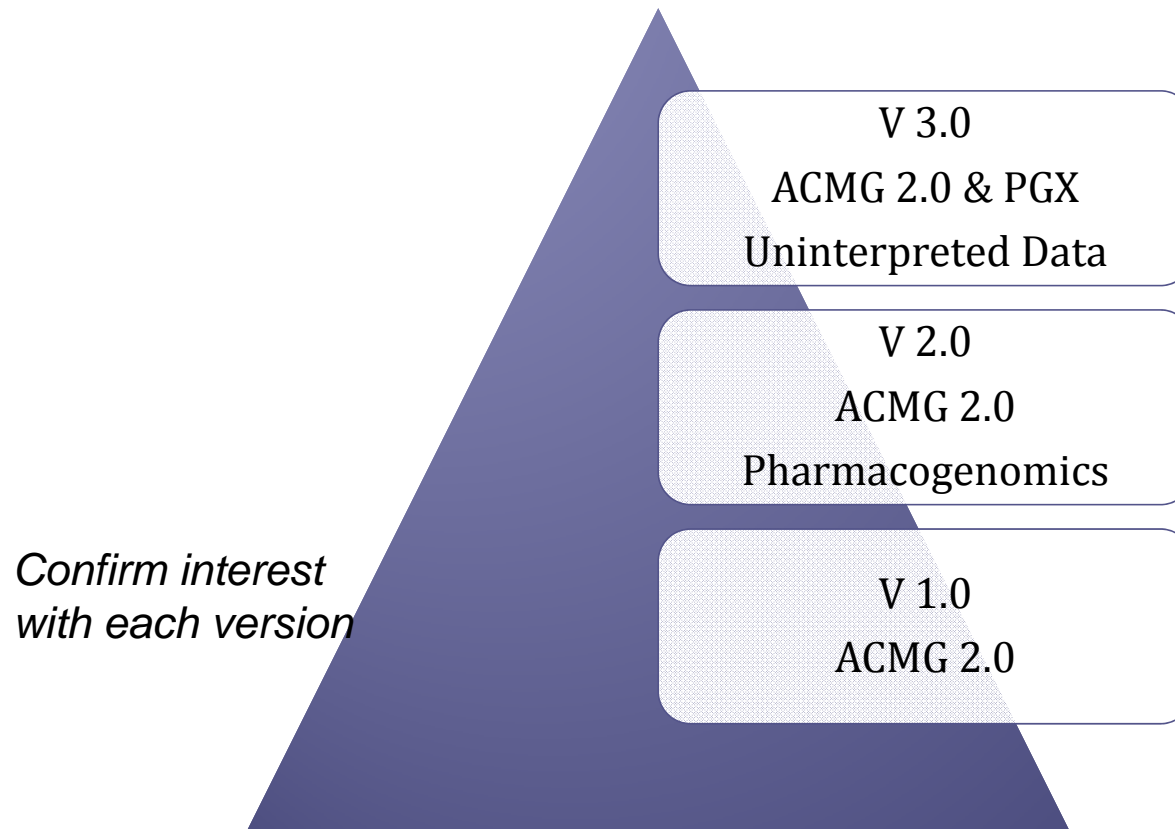
*ACMG SFv2.0 gene recommendations completed*



## *All of Us* - Thoughts On What To Return

- ACMG 2.0 (59 genes)
  - Manageable numbers – 3.5 – 4%
  - “High Value” – medically actionable
  - GC community familiar
  - Commercial lab support – education materials
- Pharmacogenomics
  - Most participants will receive result (100%)
  - More value for older participants
  - Return with educational materials & limited GC and pharmacist support
- “Uninterpreted Data”
  - Process / Format

# All of Us Results Sharing Versions



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