





# Simultaneous Multi-Cancer Detection using a Cell-free Nucleic Acid Assay

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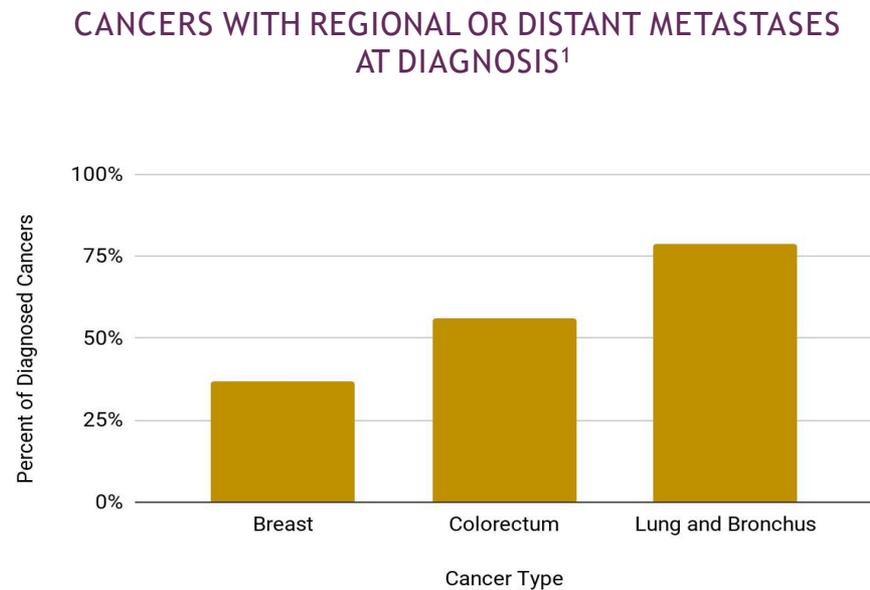
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# ☰☰☰ Many Cancers Are Detected Too Late

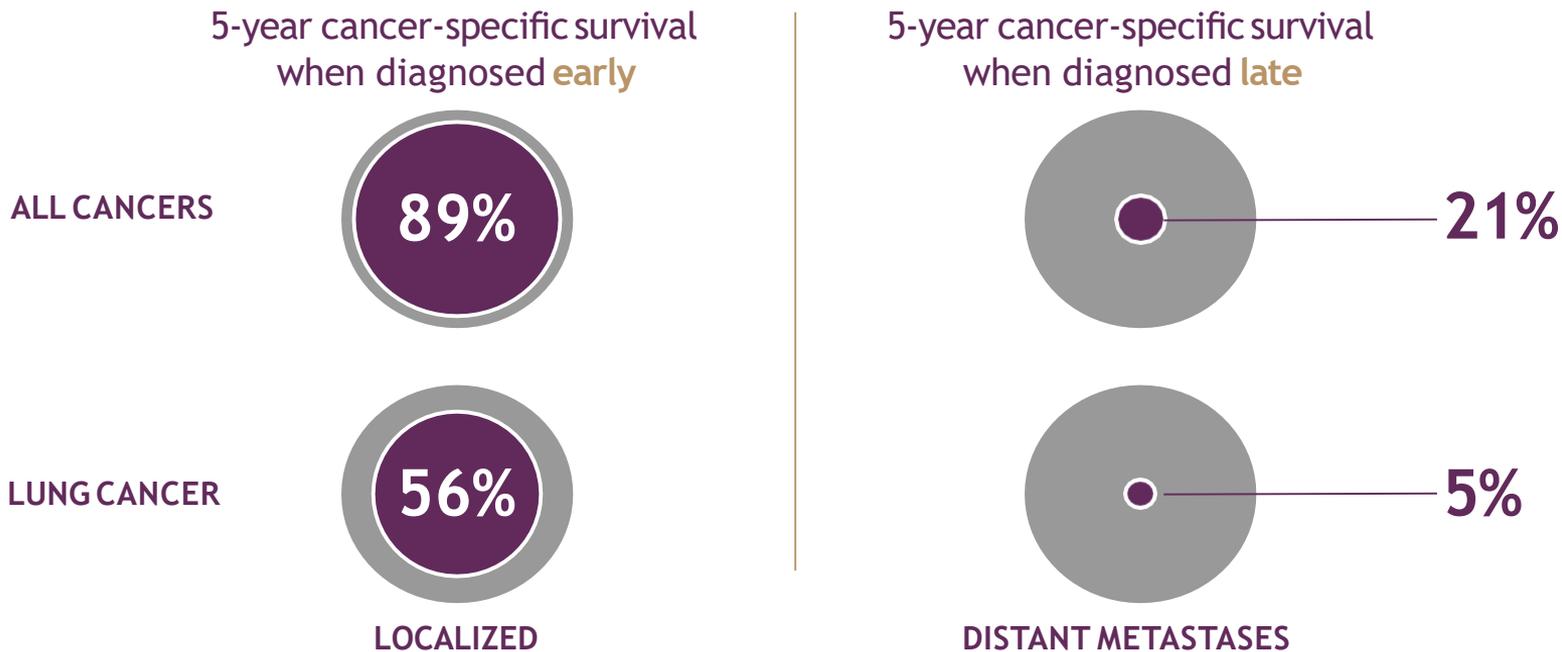


Treatment of metastatic cancer can be up to **2 times more costly** than treatment of nonmetastatic cancer<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Siegel RL, et al. *CA Cancer J Clin.* 2018;68(1):7-30.

<sup>2</sup>Based on stage II and stage IV breast, colorectal, and lung cancer, and metastatic/non-metastatic pancreatic cancer: Banegas MO, et al. *J Natl Compr Canc Netw.* 2018;16(4):402-410, and Byfield S, et al. *J Med Econ.* 2013;16(12):1379-1386.

# Early Diagnosis Can Dramatically Improve Cancer Survival



Source: Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program ([www.seer.cancer.gov](http://www.seer.cancer.gov)) SEER\*Stat Database: Incidence - SEER 18 Regs Research Data, Nov 2018 Sub. Includes persons aged 50-79 diagnosed 2006-2015 "Early/Localized" includes invasive localized tumors that have not spread beyond organ of origin, "Late/Metastasized" includes invasive cancers that have metastasized beyond the organ of origin to other parts of the body. Noone AM, Howlader N, Krapcho M, et al. (eds). SEER Cancer Statistics Review, 1975-2015, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD, [http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975\\_2015/](http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2015/), based on November 2017 SEER data submission, posted to the SEER website April 2018.



# Significant Challenges Exist for Single Cancer Screening

Cancer Type	Prevalence (%)	USPSTF Recommended Screening	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	Positive Predictive Value (%)	Compliance With Recommended Screening (%)
Breast <sup>1</sup>	0.35	Biennial mammography, women ages 55–79	87	89	4.4	72
Cervical <sup>2</sup>	1.5	Triennial cytology or quinquennial cytology/HPV test, women ages 21–65	93	94	19	83
Colorectal <sup>3</sup>	0.12	Colonoscopy	93	100	<i>Gold standard</i>	62
		Stool-based screening (FIT)	88	91	1.2	68
Lung <sup>4</sup>	0.18 (high risk: 1.1)	Annual low-dose CT for high-risk persons ages 55–80*	85	87	3.8	<5

\*Recommendation for lung screening limited to high-risk smoking population, which accounts for less than 30% of all lung cancers.

CT, computed tomography; FIT, fecal immunochemical test; HPV, human papillomavirus; USPSTF, United States Preventive Services Task Force.

<sup>1</sup>USPSTF. 2016. Lehman, et al. *Radiology*. 2017;283(1):49-58. White, et al. *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. 2017;66(8 [March]):201-206. <sup>2</sup>Polman, et al. *Lancet Oncology*. 2019;229-238. Cervical intraepithelial neoplasm 2 or greater (CIN2+). <sup>3</sup>USPSTF. 2017. United States Food and Drug Administration Premarket Approval P130017. Accessed March 26, 2019. White, et al. *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. 2017;66(8 [March]):201-206. United States Food and Drug Administration Premarket Approval P130017. Accessed March 26, 2019. Cologuard Test. Available from [www.cologuardtest.com/hcp/crc-screening-redefined](http://www.cologuardtest.com/hcp/crc-screening-redefined). Accessed March 26, 2019. <sup>4</sup>Humphrey, et al. *Ann Intern Med*. 159(6 [Sept]). Church, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2013;368:1980-1991. Ahmedin, et al. *JAMA Oncol*. 2017;3(Sept):1278-1281.



# Cumulative False Positive Rate From Single-Cancer Screening

Existing paradigms are associated with a high cumulative false positive rate

- FPRs of multiple single-cancer screening tests in an individual are additive
- A 60-year-old female with a history of smoking screened for 4 types of cancer would have a 37% false positive rate (FPR)
  - 10% FPR from mammography
  - 13.4% FPR from stool-based colon cancer screening
  - 7.4% FPR from cervical cancer screening
  - 12.8% FPR from low-dose computed tomography
- Each false positive would require follow-up tests or interventions with attendant risks
- These risks are not well understood at the population level because current paradigms only evaluate one cancer at a time
- These data underscore the need and rationale for a multi-cancer approach to early cancer detection



# Evaluation Criteria for a Multi-Cancer Early Detection Test



Identifies most types of cancer, the majority of which are deadly



Localizes the tissue of origin to efficiently direct a diagnostic work-up



Simple and easy access to maximize compliance



Very low false positive rate leading to high positive predictive value to optimize safety



Optimizes public health benefit by screening individuals >50 years old



Balances sensitivity and specificity to optimize overall cancer detection and public health benefit



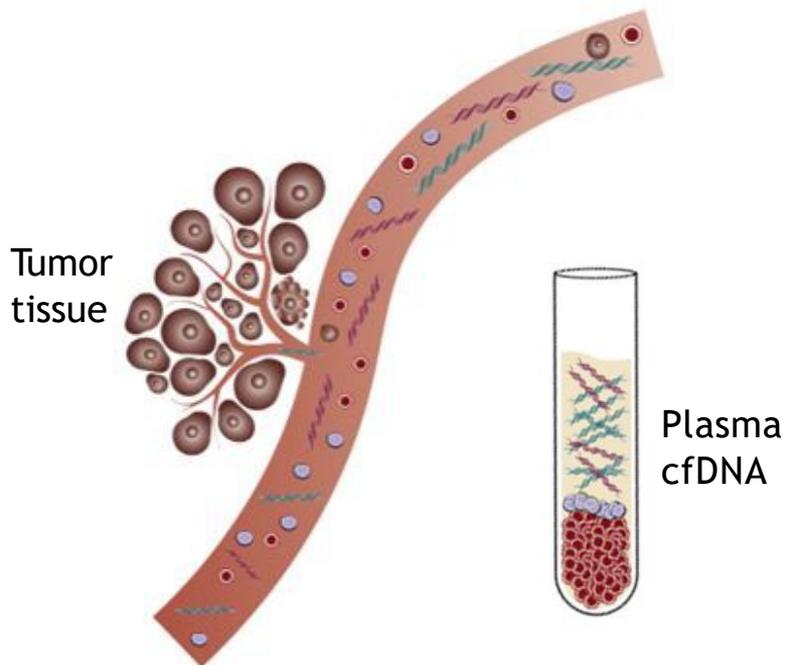
Avoids overdiagnosis by preferentially detecting lethal cancers



Validated by robust population-scale clinical studies

# Tracking Down Cancer in Blood

Tumors shed nucleic acids into blood and other body fluids, carrying cancer-specific information



## GRAIL compared test performance for 3 types of hallmarks of cancer in blood



Mutations  
(single base changes)



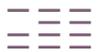
Chromosome alterations  
(copy number)



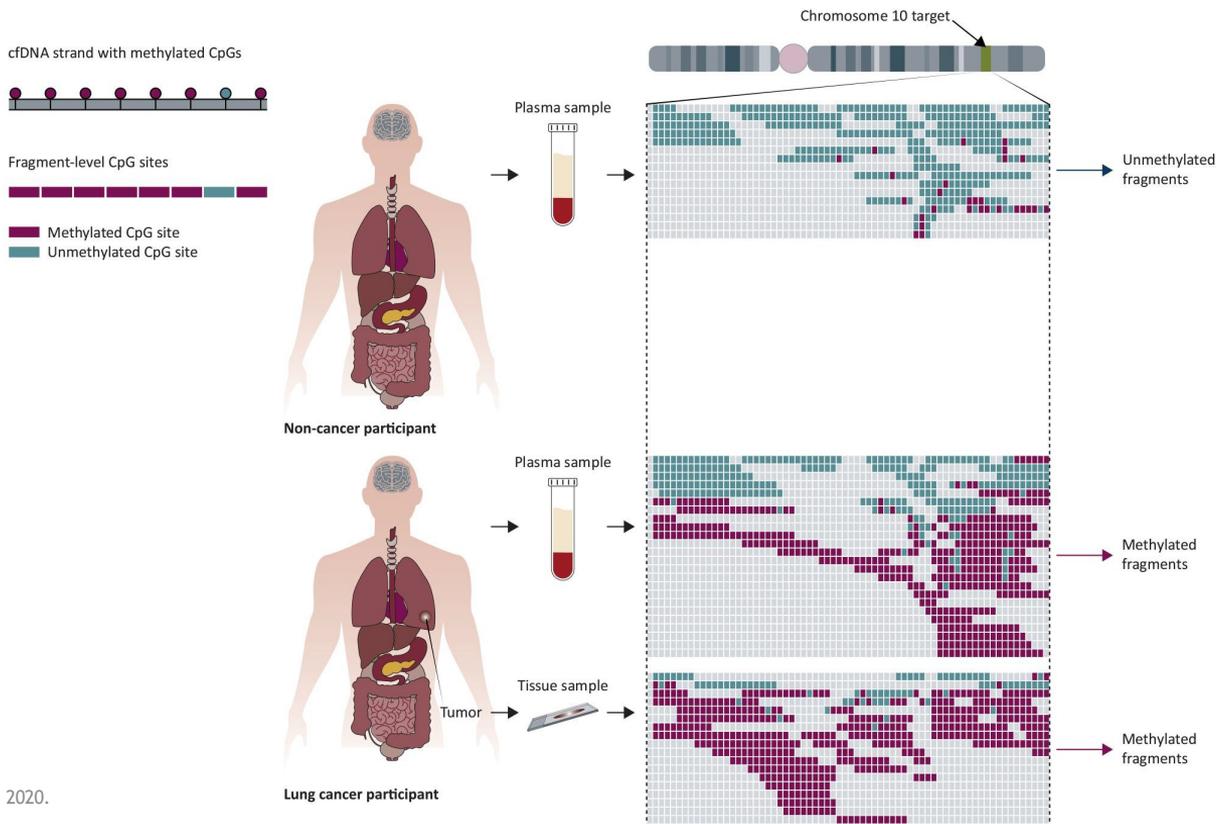
DNA methylation patterns  
(chemical modification)

*On the basis of results from CCGA substudy 1, DNA methylation analysis was selected for further development*

cfDNA, cell-free DNA.  
Figure from Liu MC, et al. *Ann Oncol*. 2020. DOI:10.1016/j.annonc.2020.02.011.



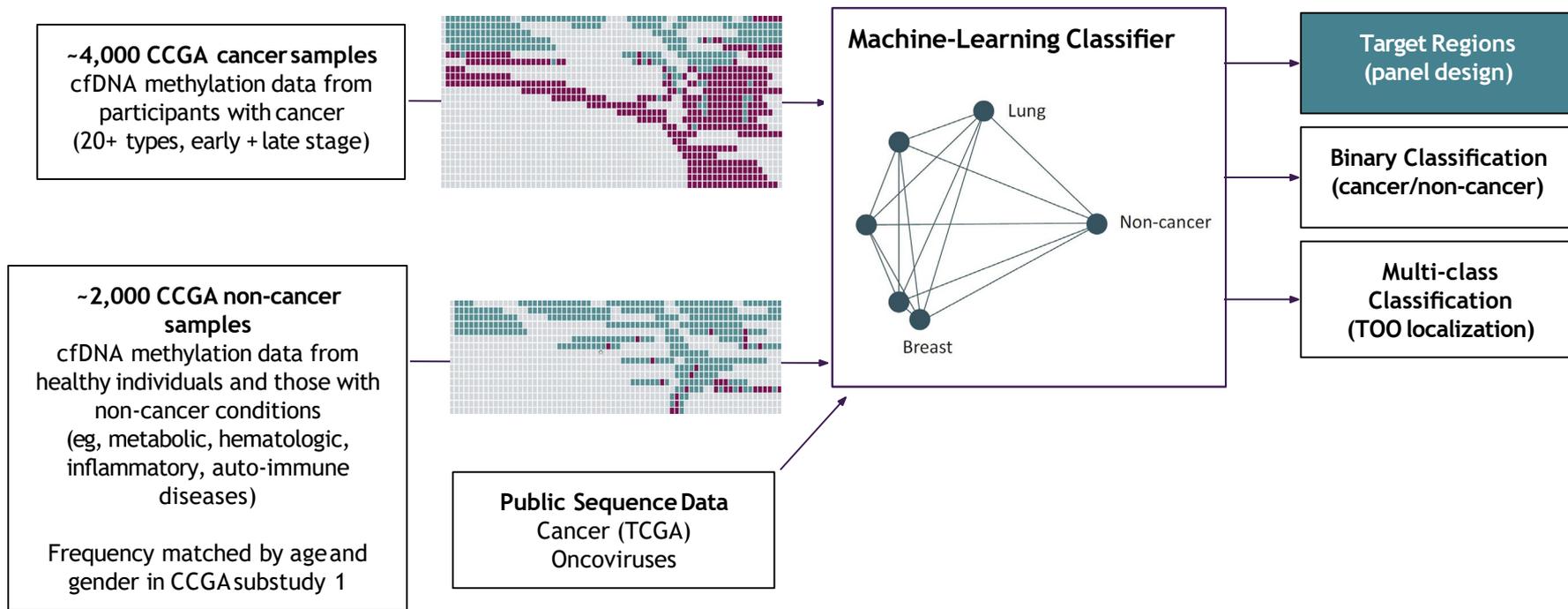
# Methylation Biology Differentiates Cancer From Non-Cancer



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# Machine-Learning Classifiers Detect Cancer and Localize TOO

Largest known methylation sequencing database developed in CCGA study



CCGA, Circulating Cell-free Genome Atlas study (NCT02889978); cfDNA, cell-free DNA; TCGA, The Cancer Genome Atlas; TOO, tissue of origin..



# Characteristics of Targeted Methylation Panel

Approximately 100,000 genomic regions

## Panel Version 1.0

	Size/Count
Targeted regions (Mb)	17.1
Probe regions covering target regions (Mb)	31.3
Probes (n)	1,121,325
Probe size (bp)	120 (60 bp overlap)
CpGs (n)	1,116,720

## Number of CpGs

Probe	CpGs (n)
Hypo	363,033
Hyper	585,181
Binary	218,506
Total	1,116,720

## Type of Genomic Region

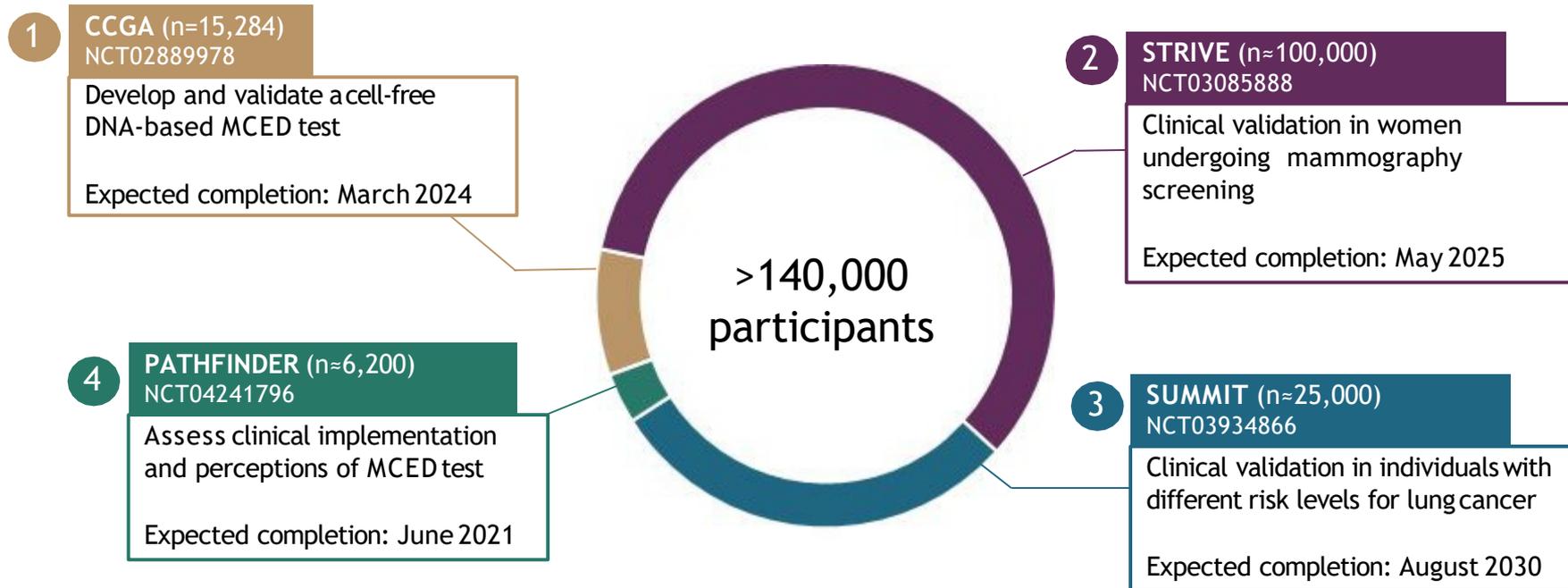
	CpGs (n)	%
1-5 kb upstream	193,818	17
Promoter	278,872	24
Introns	500,996	43
Exons	292,798	25
Intron/Exon Boundaries	247,752	21
5' UTR	134,144	11
Between genes	182,174	16
Not annotated	1,817	<1

UTR, untranslated region.



# Clinical Development Program

Test development, validation, and implementation in population-scale studies

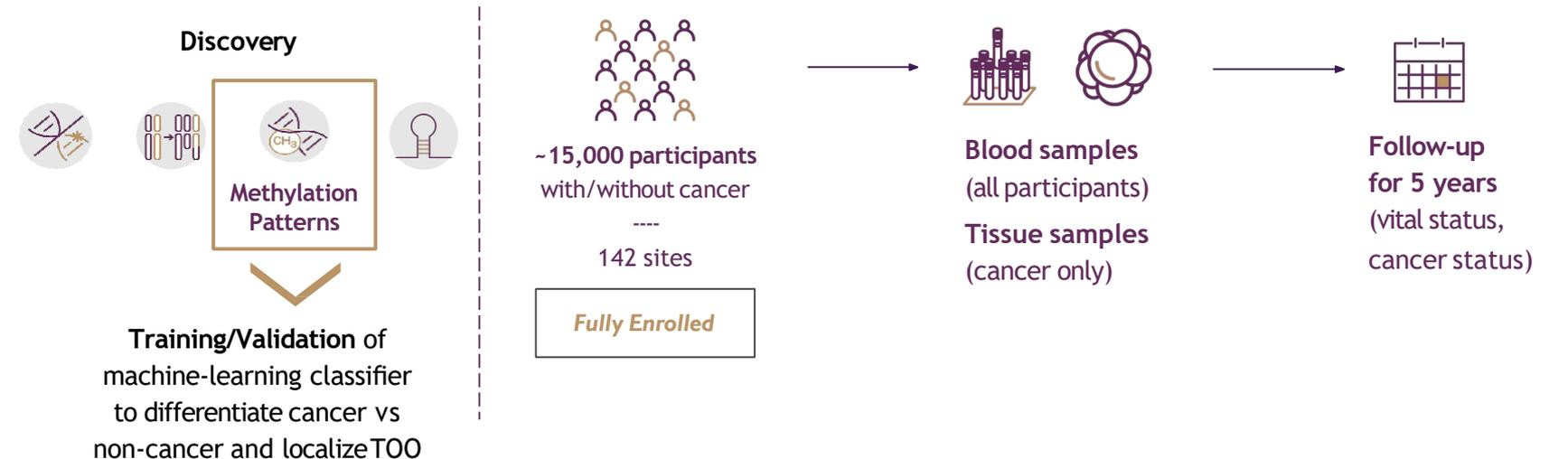


CCGA, Circulating Cell-free Genome Atlas; MCED, multi-cancer early detection.



# Circulating Cell-free Genome Atlas (CCGA) Study

Observational case-control study to develop and validate a cfDNA MCED test



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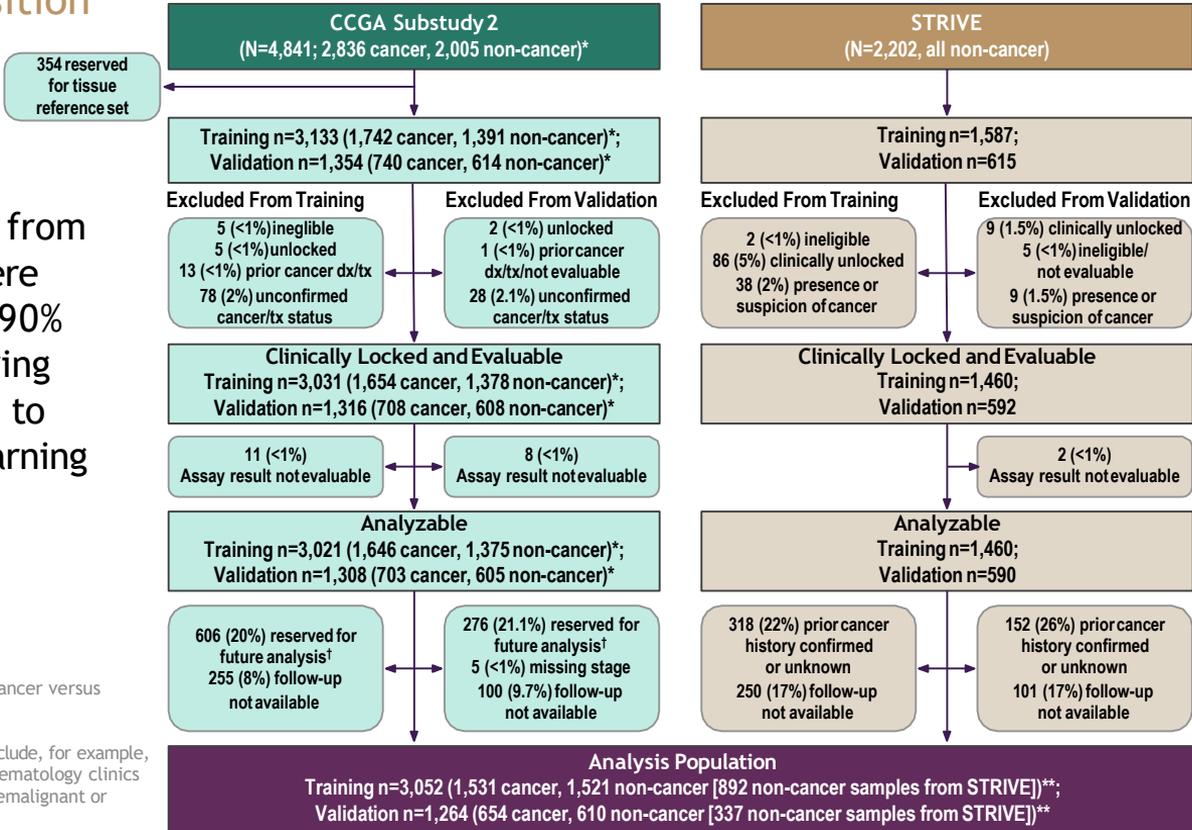
Sources: ASCO 2019; based on an initial analysis of 2,301 participants from training phase. Liu MC, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2019;37(suppl; abstr 3049). ASCO 2018; Klein EA, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2018;36(15\_suppl):12021. Liu MC, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2018;36(15 suppl):536.



# Circulating Cell-free Genome Atlas (CCGA) Study

## Participant Disposition

Non-cancer samples from the STRIVE study were included to ensure >90% confidence of achieving >99% specificity and to train the machine-learning classifier



\*At enrollment, prior to confirmation of cancer versus non-cancer status.  
 \*\*Confirmed cancer/non-cancer.  
 †Samples reserved for future analysis include, for example, a cohort of participants recruited from hematology clinics meant to understand ctDNA signal in premalignant or other hematologic conditions.

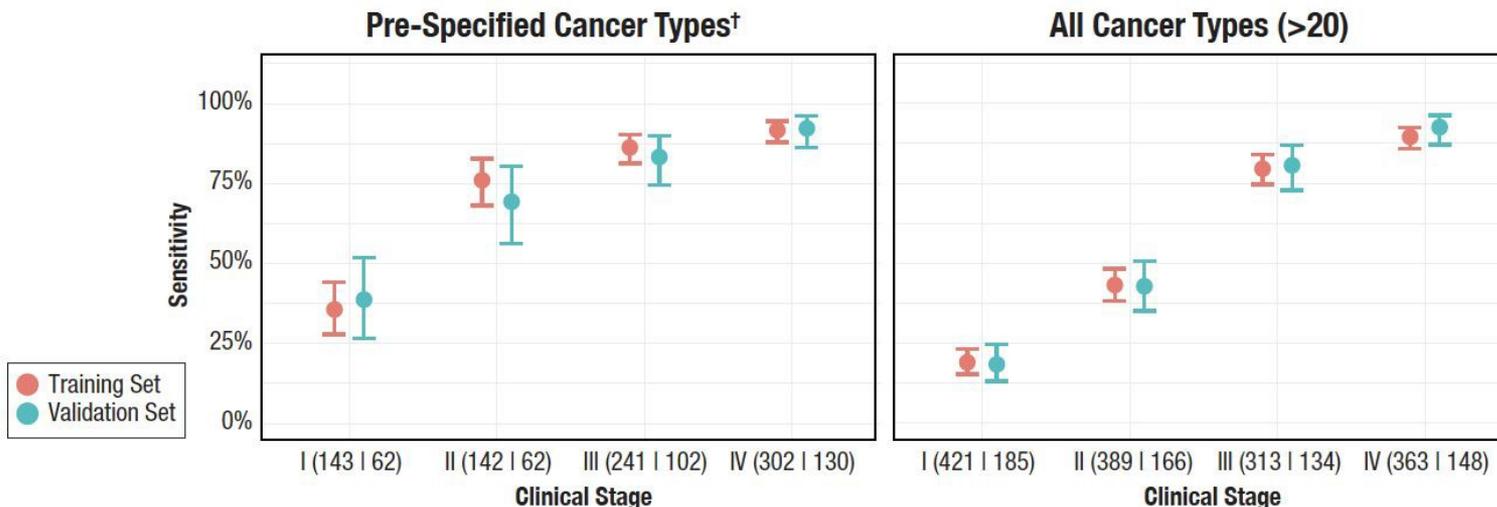


# Circulating Cell-free Genome Atlas (CCGA) Study

## Test sensitivity and specificity



- 76.4% (71.6-80.7%) sensitivity in pre-specified<sup>†</sup> cancer types (validation set)
- 54.9% (51.0-58.8%) overall sensitivity in >20 cancer types (validation set)
- Single fixed false positive rate (0.7%) across all cancer types

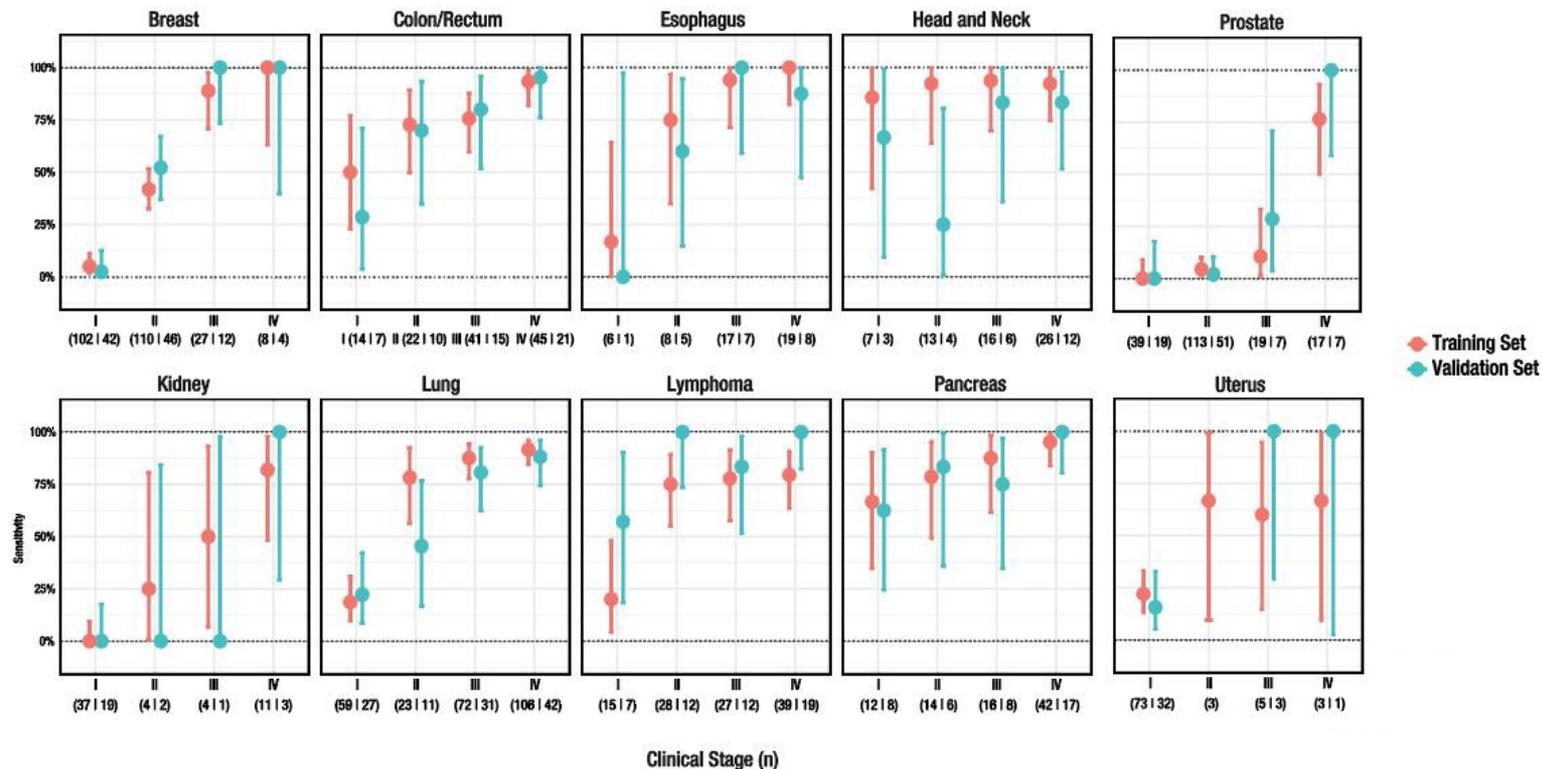


<sup>†</sup>Anus, bladder, colon/rectum, esophagus, head and neck, liver/bile-duct, lung, lymphoma, ovary, pancreas, plasma cell neoplasm, stomach. Plot excludes unstaged cancers.



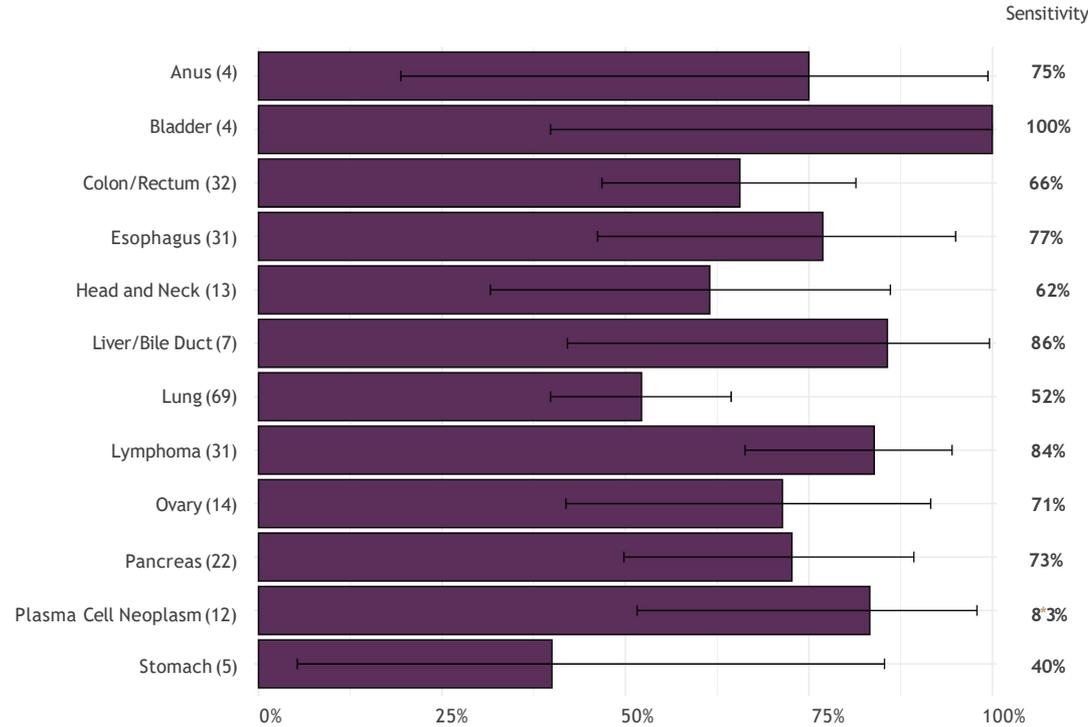
# Circulating Cell-free Genome Atlas (CCGA) Study

## Sensitivity by stage at 99.3% specificity





# Strong detection at early stages (I-III) of pre-specified cancer types



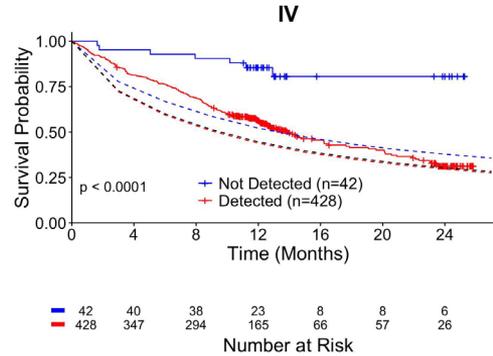
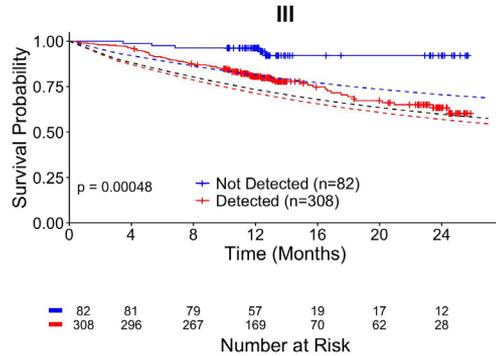
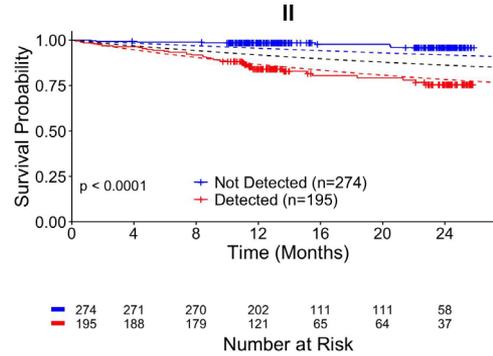
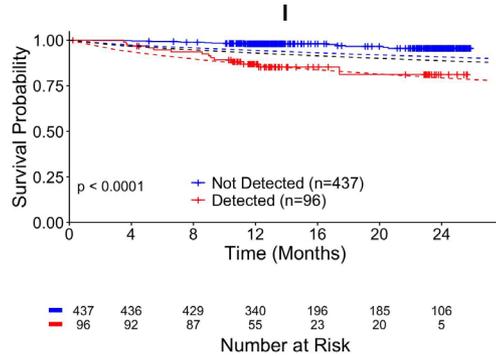
<sup>1</sup> Leukemia includes chronic lymphocytic leukemia and hairy cell leukemia (unstaged)  
Source: Liu MC (for Oxnard GR et al). Poster and oral presentation at American Society of Clinical Oncology Breakthrough Meeting October 11, 2019: Bangkok, Thailand. Abstract 44.



# Undetected Cancers Had Better Prognosis Than Expected\* When Adjusted for Age, Cancer Type, and Tumor Stage



Impact is greater for stages III/IV



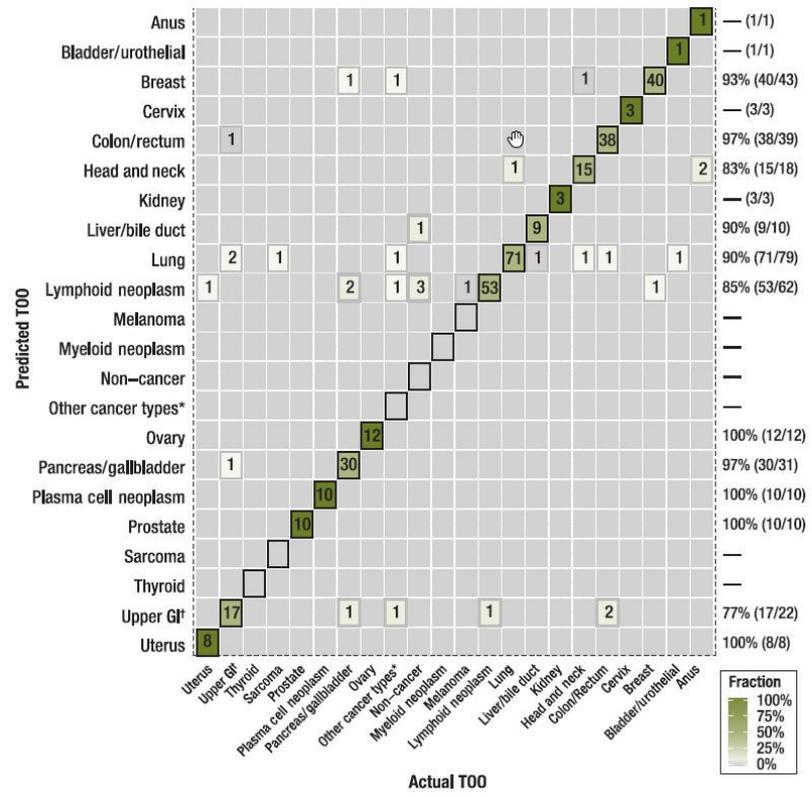
- SEER adjusted for total CCGA2 population
- SEER adjusted for CCGA2 not detected population
- SEER adjusted for CCGA2 detected population

\*SEER population adjusted for: age, clinical stage, and cancer type. Data on file.



# Highly Accurate Tissue of Origin Localization

- 96% of samples with assigned TOO (validation set)
- 93% of those calls were correct
- Highly precise localization to a single tissue site across >20 distinct tumor sites
- Consistent performance in the training set

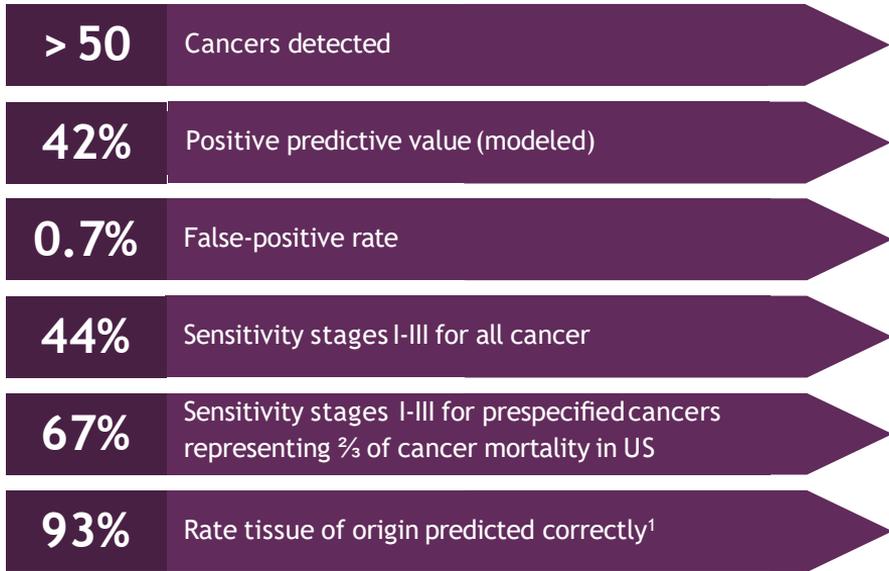


TOO, tissue of origin.  
 \*Other cancer types, training: mesothelioma, penis, pleura, small intestine, testis, and vulva, as well as one sample missing primary cancer type information. Other cancer types, validation: orbit, merkel cell carcinoma of the scalp, penis, testis, vagina, vulva.  
 †Upper GI: Esophagus and stomach.



# Key Performance Features of Multi-Cancer Early Detection Test

## Demonstrated in CCGA Sub-study 2 validation



- Anorectal
- Bladder/urothelial
- Esophageal
- Gastric
- Head and neck
- Liver/bile-duct
- Lymphoid neoplasm<sup>2</sup>
- Melanoma
- Myeloid neoplasm
- Ovarian
- Pancreas/gallbladder
- Plasma cell neoplasm
- Renal
- Sarcoma
- Seminoma
- Skin
- Testicular
- Thyroid
- Uterine
- Vaginal
- Vulva

**Currently screened**

- Breast
- Cervical
- Colorectal
- Lung
- Prostate

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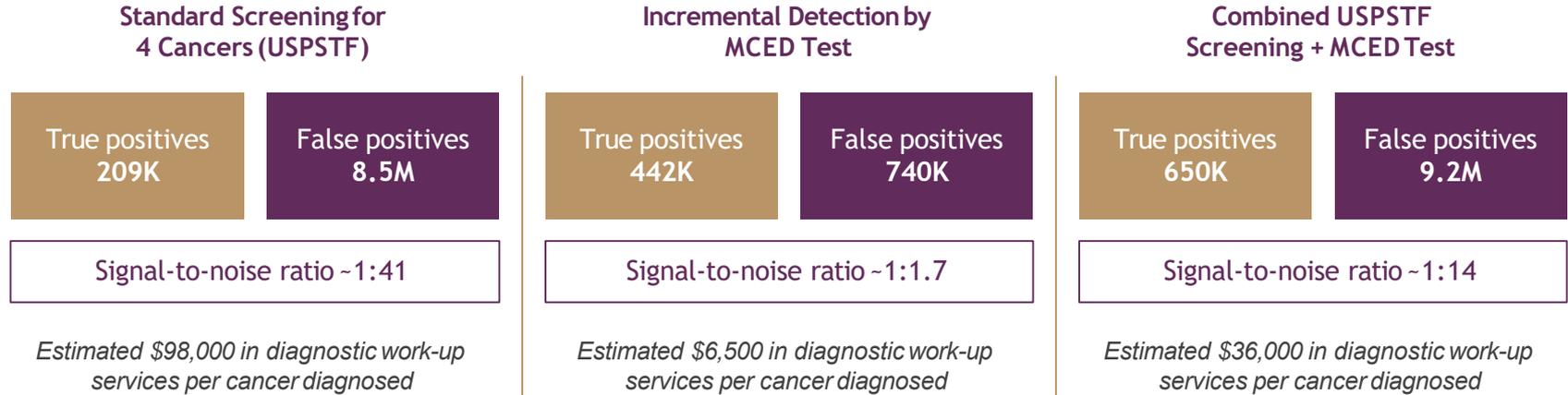
Liu MC, et al. *Ann Oncol.* 2020;31(6):745-759. DOI: 10.1016/j.annonc.2020.02.011.

<sup>1</sup>Based on tissue of origin class assigned in 96% of cases where cancer was detected.

<sup>2</sup>Lymphoid neoplasm includes lymphoma and leukemia. Leukemia includes chronic lymphocytic leukemia and hairy cell leukemia.



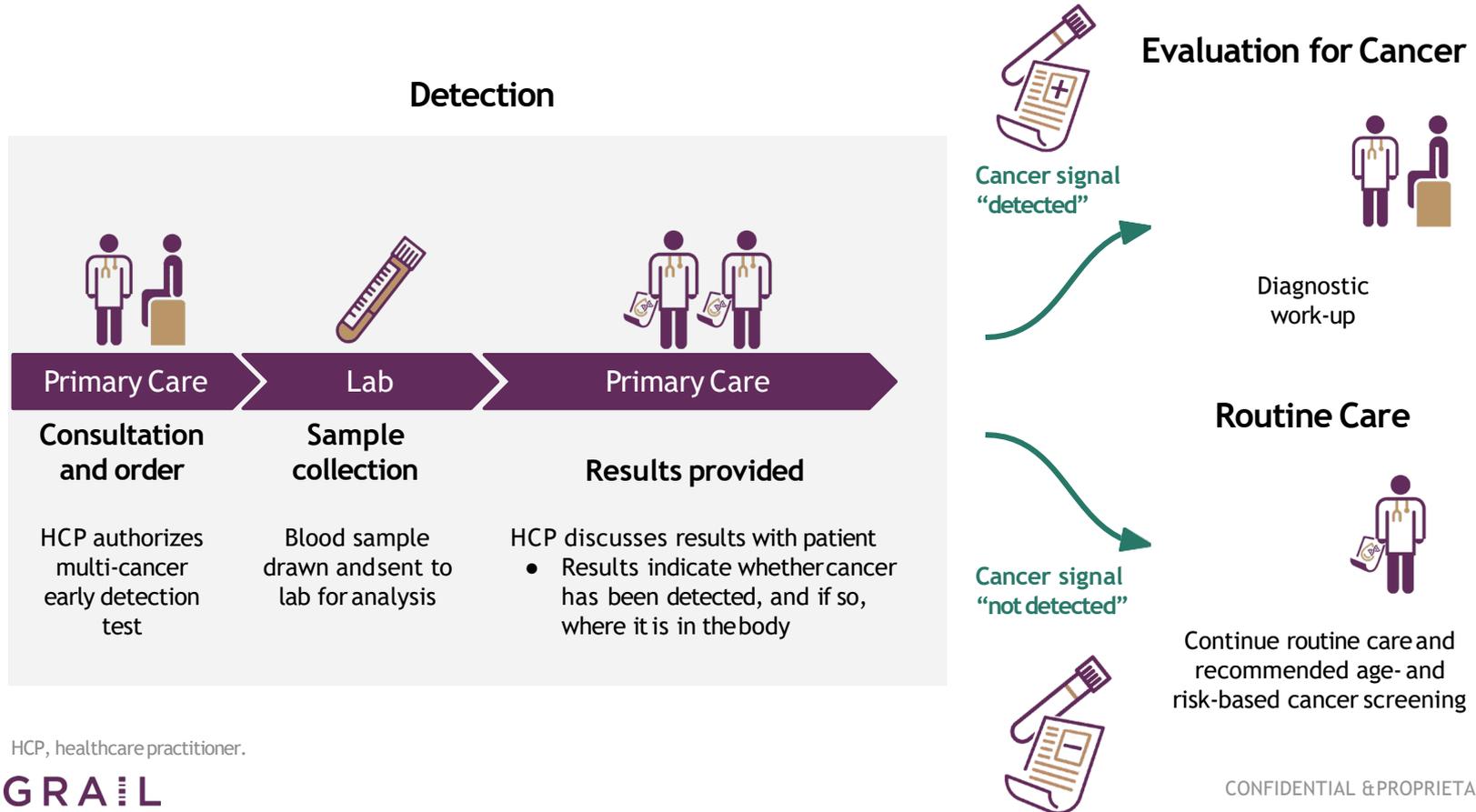
# GRAIL's MCED Test Identifies More Cancers More Efficiently Than Guideline-Recommended Screening Programs<sup>1</sup>



K, thousand; M, million; MCED, multi-cancer early detection test; USPSTF, United States Preventive Services Task Force.

<sup>1</sup>Based on Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) incidence in individuals 50-79 years old who are screening eligible and have average risk of cancer. Data on file. Diagnostic work up based on National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) guidelines, with unit costs applied based on Medicare pricing and a commercial multiplier (2.3x). Assumes nationally-representative adherence to USPSTF A or B recommended screening (breast, colorectal, lung, and cervical cancer) and 100% screening with MCED test in the USPSTF-screened group.

# A Multi-Cancer Early Detection Test Can Easily Be Integrated Into Existing Clinical Workflows



HCP, healthcare practitioner.



# PATHFINDER

A return-of-results study to assess implementation in existing clinical workflows



## Study Objectives

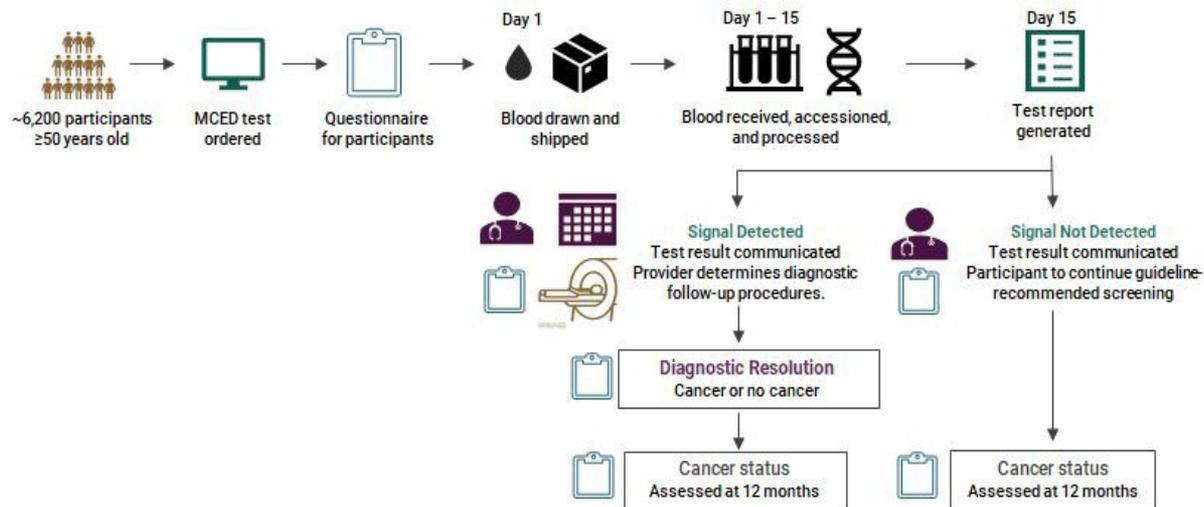
### Primary

- Determine the extent of diagnostic testing needed to achieve diagnostic resolution<sup>1</sup> following a “signal detected” test result

### Secondary

- To evaluate test performance
- To assess participants’ perceptions about the MCED test

## Study Design



MCED, multi-cancer early detection.

<sup>1</sup>Diagnostic resolution is defined as either (1) pathologic confirmation of an invasive or hematologic malignancy, or radiologic confirmation in the absence of pathology, or (2) completion of diagnostic evaluations without a cancer diagnosis.



# The GRAIL Approach: Cell-Free DNA-Based Multi-Cancer Early Detection

## Circulating Cell-free Genome Atlas (CCGA) Sub-Study 2



- Targeted methylation analysis of cfDNA simultaneously detected >50 cancers, and accurately predicted their tissue of origin, including high-mortality cancers that lack screening paradigms
- Cancers were detected across all stages (stage I-III sensitivity: 43.9%; stage I-IV sensitivity: 54.9%) at a specificity of >99% and a single false positive rate of <1%, approaching that needed for population-scale multi-cancer early detection
- Tissue of origin can be predicted with >90% accuracy, which will be critical to help direct follow-up diagnostic evaluations
- These findings support continued development of this test for clinical use

cfDNA, cell-free DNA.

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