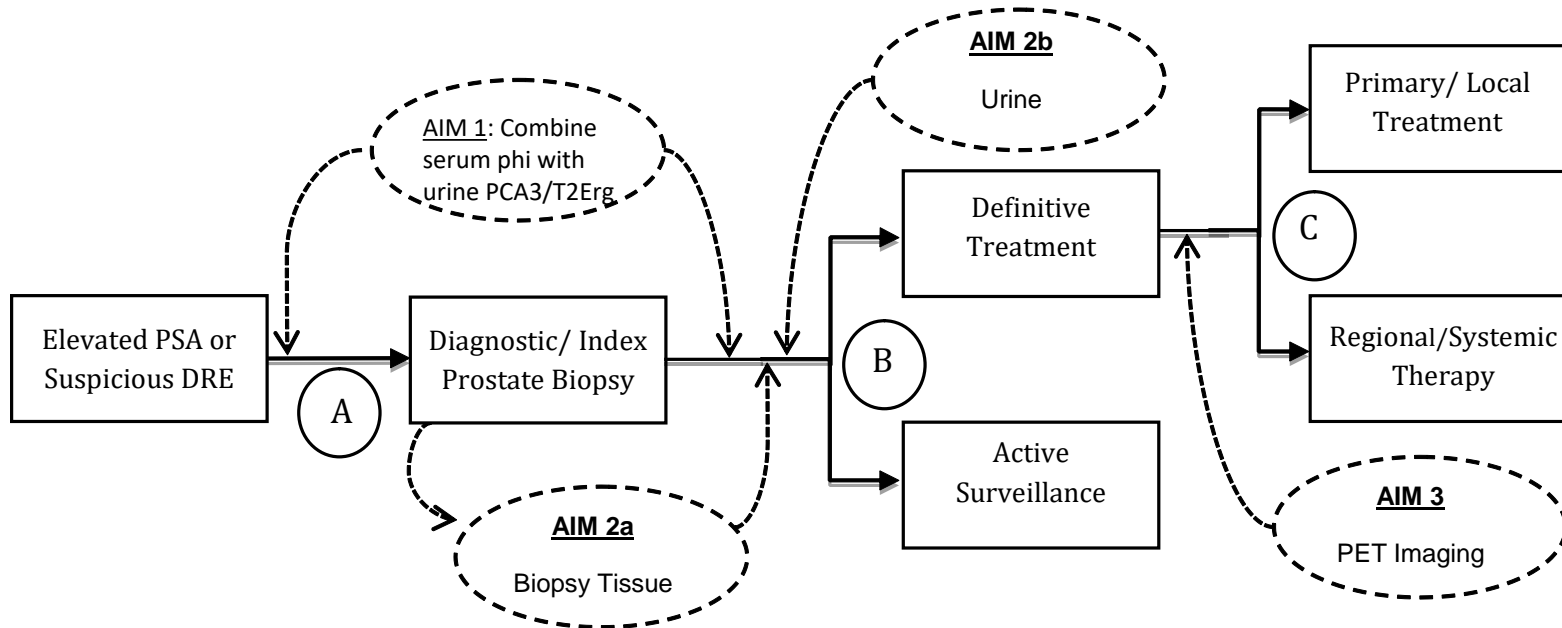




# Emory-Harvard-University of Washington Prostate Cancer Biomarker Center (an EDRN CVC)



**HYPOTHESIS:** early detection targeting aggressive prostate cancer, will enhance survival benefit of treating lethal disease yet reduce harms of over-treating indolent Pca

## **AIMS:**

- Validate combining phi, PCA3, T2Erg to predict biopsy (PCA3 Trial) and AS progression-PASS
- Validate multiplex RNA signatures (tissue, urine) to discern aggressive PCa (PASS, URS)
- FACBC-PET to detect occult metastatic in high risk primary prostate cancer

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## Clinical Deployment of New Biomarkers (Highlights): Emory-Harvard-University of Washington CVC

(Aim) Biomarker	1. Readiness	2. Intended Use	3. Type of biomarker	4. Specimen	5. Parameters
1) Phi-PCA3 combination	in clinical use (expanded indication)	Screening, surveillance (reduce unnecessary bx)	Protein (phi), RNA (PCA3)	Serum ( <i>phi</i> ), post-DRE urine (PCA3)	Increase specificity at high sensitivity
2) Urine EV Transcriptome	CLIA, clinical grade platform	Screening, surveillance (reduce unnecessary bx)	RNA	post-DRE urine	Increase sensitivity, specificity
3) Flucyclovine (Axumin) PET	in clinical use (expanded indication)	Detect occult metastases	Metabolic Radiotracer	PET imaging	Increase sensitivity over conventional imaging



# Aim 4 Biospecimen Distribution: 7955 samples from 1923 subjects (2015-2020)

*Impact: 32 publications (original research articles, PubMed, 2015-20)*

Year	Recipient PI / Institution	Sample	Biomarker / Project	# Subjects	# sample
2015	A. Perry / Dublin, Ireland	Urine Pellets	epiCaPture	91	91
2015	H Whitaker/Cambridge, UK <sup>1</sup>	Whole Urine	Movember GAP Study	181	181
2015	H Pandha/Surrey, UK <sup>2</sup>	Whole Urine			181
2015	E. Diamandis/Toronto, Canada <sup>3</sup>	Whole Urine			179
2015	E. Davicioni/ San Diego <sup>4</sup>	Urine EV cDNA & FFPE			Compare urine & prostate transcriptomes
2015	J. Clark / Newcastle, UK <sup>5</sup>	Urine EV cDNA	Prostate Urine Risk Signature	100	100
2015	A. McDonald/ Penn State <sup>6</sup>	Plasma	microRNA project	34	102
2016	W. Catalona / Northwestern	Buffy Coat	Genomics of men on AS	30	51
2016		Saliva		71	71
2016	E. Riley / Freenome	Plasma	Genomic Analysis	20	176
2017	J. Codington / Emory	Serum	Diagnostic Sr. Antibody	31	31
2017	T. Liu / Pacific Northwest National Lab <sup>7</sup>	Whole Urine	Proteomics of Whole Urine	30	30
2017	C. Moreno / Emory <sup>8</sup>	Serum	Acuray platform test	10	10
2017	R. Arnold / Emory	Urine Pellets	mtDNA Mutations	45	45
2017-18	NCI Central Repository	Serum	URS Study	92	810
2017-18		Plasma			563
2017-18		Whole Urine			244
2017-18		Supernatant			48
2017-18		PBS Pellet			17
2017-18		RNALater Pellet			26
2017-18		Buffy coat			67
2017-18		Frozen Tissue			112
2017-19	FHCRC Central Repository	Serum	PASS Study	105	1143
2017-19		Plasma			1620
2017-19		Buffy Coat			125
2017-19		Whole Urine			324
2017-19		Supernatant			320
2017-19		PBS Pellet			22
2017-19		RNALater Pellet			58
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2018	R. Cummings / BIDMC <sup>9</sup>	Serum	Glycomics analysis	50	60
2018	R. Arnold / Emory	Urine EV RNA	mtDNA Mutations	13	13
2018	Lori Sokoll/ JHU <sup>10</sup>	Serum	PASS patients sr. PHI	557	657
2019	H. Kissick / Emory	Fresh tissue	T-cell response	18	18
2019	B. Olson / Emory	Fresh tissue	T-cell proliferation project	30	30
2018-19	E. Davicioni/ San Diego <sup>11</sup>	Urine EV cDNA	Urine Classifier Development	220	220
2019	Lori Sokoll/ JHU <sup>12</sup>	Serum	EDRN-BRL dev. Collab	90	90
2019	E. Davicioni/ San Diego <sup>11</sup>	Urine EV cDNA	Urine Classifier Development	90	90
<b>Total</b>				1923	7955

# Aim 1a): Combining Urinary PCA3, T2:Erg & Serum *phi* to Refine PCa Detection: Cohort & Biospecimen Collection

Development Cohort: 3 Sites, N = 516

Validation Cohort: 10 Sites (EDRN PCA3 Trial Group) N = 561

(Urine PCA3/T2:Erg in validation cohort previously reported, Wei et al JCO Sanda et al JAMA Oncology)

Collect Blood, Post-DRE Urine;  
Assay PCA3, T2:Erg & *phi*

Prostate Biopsy

Benign

Prostate  
Cancer

Analysis:

Specificity for Gleason  $\geq 7$  Pca @ 95% Sensitivity

# Prostate Health Index (*phi*)

*EDRN Team Participants: BRL, CVC, DMCC*

Parameter	Sensitivity	Specificity
<u>Development Cohort</u>		
Phi >24	96%	35%
PSA > 2.5	96%	17%
<u>Validation Cohort</u>		
Phi >24	92%	30%
PSA > 2.5	98%	18%

- *PHI* improved detecting aggressive PCa with higher specificity
- Using  $PHI \geq 24$  to select men for biopsy can:
  - Avoid unnecessary biopsies in 36% of biopsy candidates

# Combining Urinary T2:Erg and PCA3 RNA

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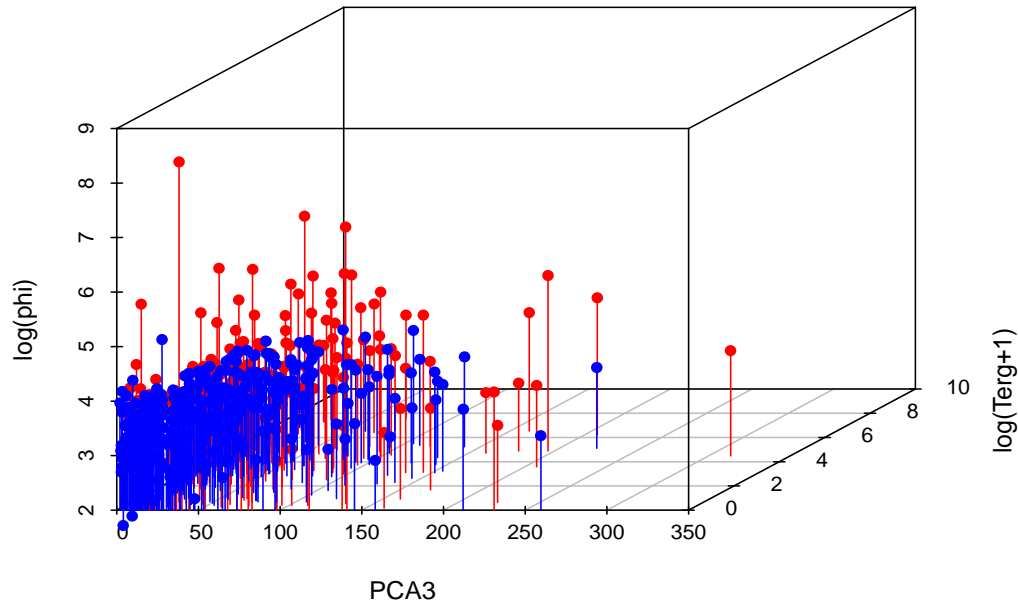
Biomarker	Assay Threshold for > 95% Sensitivity To Predict Gleason $\geq$ 7	Specificity
<b>PSA</b>	3.0	<b>18%</b>
PCA3	6.3	17%
T2-erg*	---	0%
<b>PCA3-T2erg</b>	19.1, 7.6	<b>39%</b>

*\*T2:erg maximum sensitivity is <95% because it exists in ~60% of PCa*



# Aim 1: Combining Serum Prostate Health Index with post-DRE Urine PCA3 and T2Erg Clinical Assays to Predict Aggressive Prostate Ca (E Huang et al)

**Serum Prostate Health Index (y axis), post-DRE Urine PCA3 (x axis), and T2Erg (z axis) clinical assay results stratified by aggressive Gleason 7+ prostate cancer (red) vs benign or indolent (blue) N=512**



Biospecimen Substrate	Biomarker Combination	Sensitivity	Specificity
Blood (serum)	Prostate Health Index ( <i>phi</i> )	95	27
Urine (post-DRE)	PCA3 + T2Erg	92	36
Blood <i>and</i> Urine	<i>phi</i> + PCA3 + T2erg	97	41
1 <sup>st</sup> Blood, then Urine	<i>phi</i> > PCA3 + T2erg	97	45
1 <sup>st</sup> Urine, then Blood	PCA3 + T2erg > <i>phi</i>	96	46

## Aim 1 (Set-aside Funds): Combine serum *phi* with Urinary RNA Testing to Refine Prostate Cancer Detection

- a) To determine if combining *phi* with urine PCA3, T2:Erg improves specificity for detecting 'aggressive' PCA (biopsy Gleason score  $\geq 7$ ) on *initial* biopsy
  - *EDRN CVC Training Set (completed, E Huang)*
  - *EDRN PCA3 Trial Validation (Y Zheng and E Huang, ongoing)*
  
- b) To predict progression during active surveillance: PASS Cohort
  - *PASS Activated at Emory Site*
  - *Samples for phi to Hopkins BRL (N=657)*
  - *Model training: Phi effective to reduce unnecessary biopsy*
  - *Next step: Set aside proposal with BRL for validation (N=920)*





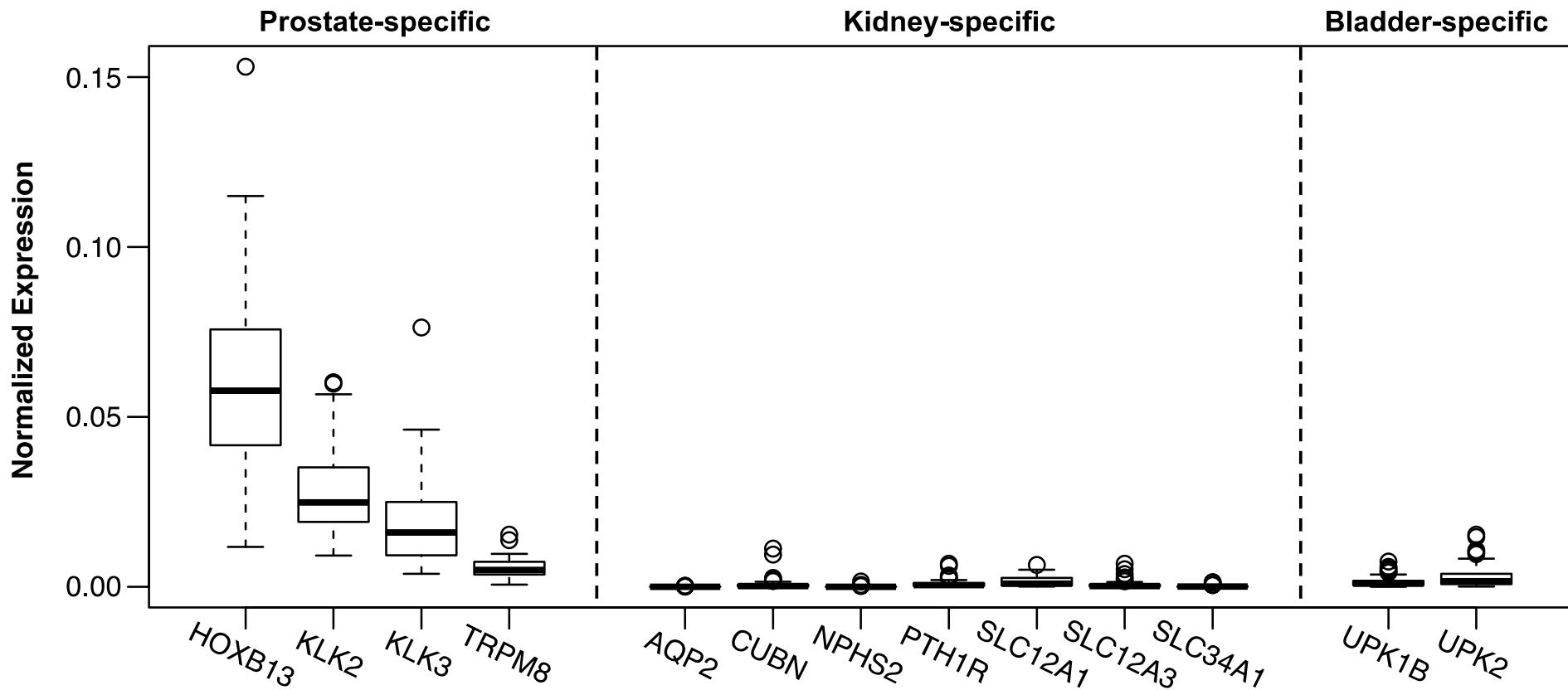
## Aim 2: Interrogating Multiplex RNA in Extracellular Vesicles from Post-DRE Urine for Pca Detection (K Pellegrini, C Moreno et al)

- ❖ EV's from post-DRE Urine as a source of prostate-derived RNA
- ❖ Targeted RNA-Seq (Precise Assay) for CLIA intermediate density RNA panels (several hundred)
- ❖ Whole-transcriptome analysis (clinical grade assay)



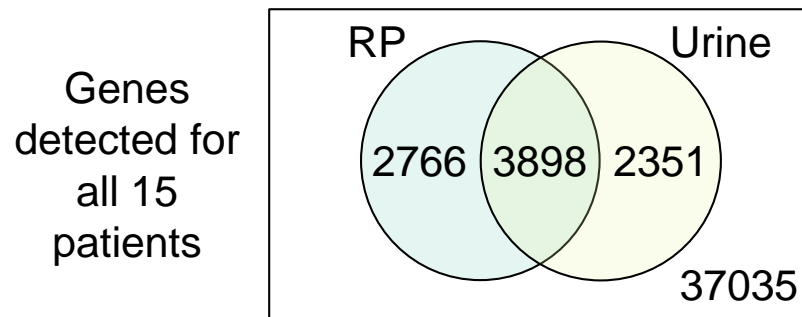
# Urine Vesicles Enriched for Prostate RNAs

Prostate-specific transcripts were detectable in post-DRE urine at higher levels than kidney/bladder-specific genes



# Transcripts Detected in Both RP and Urine

- Pilot evaluation of matched tumor (RP) and post-DRE urine EV specimens were collected from 15 patients
  - Gene expression assessed by whole transcriptome microarray (Affymetrix)
- Initial (Pilot) Analysis:
  - Comparison of transcript detection in tumor and urine specimens
  - Correlation of RP and urine transcript levels



- Over 9000 genes detected in RP tissue or post-DRE urine EV
  - 3898 transcripts were in BOTH prostate tissue AND Evs (i.e. target biomarkers)
- Ongoing:
  - Case-control study to train model (N=303); prevalidation in CVC Biopsy cohort

## Aim 3: Detection of Prostate Cancer Micrometastatic Disease by FACBC-PET

*D Schuster, M Alemozaffar, et al in press*

- ❖ Patients with high grade prostate cancer, no metastases on standard imaging (CT or MRI, bone scan) enrolled
- ❖ On-study Flucyclovine (Axumin) PET (has current FDA approval for recurrence, NOT initial diagnosis) then prostatectomy with extended lymphadenectomy (pelvic+lower retroperitoneal)
- ❖ Endpoint: Flucyclovine PET Accuracy in detecting occult metastases
- ❖ Specificity of regional metastases noted on Axumin-PET = 99%



## Prostate Ca Detection: Biomarkers From Discovery to Clinical Assay by the EDRN *(32 publications from Emory CVC from 2015-2020)*

<b>Biomarker</b>	<b>EDRN Role</b>	<b>Type of EDRN Site (Location)</b>	<b>Outcome/ Status</b>
Prostate Health Index ( <i>phi</i> )	Validation	BRL (Hopkins) CVC (Cornell, Harvard, Hopkins, UTHSC-SA)	FDA-approved
TMPRSS2:Erg Fusion (T2:Erg)	Discovery, Validation	BDL (Michigan) CVC (Harvard-Cornell)	CLIA/ Commercially Deployed
Urine PCA3, T2:Erg (eg MIPs)	Validation	DMCC (FHCC), BRL (Hopkins) CVC's (Harvard, UTHSCSA) Trial Consortium (10 sites)	FDA-approved (PCA3); CLIA (T2:Erg)
Tissue/Urine RNA-Seq	Discovery to Clin Assay	BDL (Michigan)	CLIA
Urine Transcriptome	Discovery to Clin Assay	CVC (Emory-Harvard-Univ Washington)	CLIA

# Ongoing Team Science Biomarker Development:

*EDRN Team Participants: BDL, CVC, BRL, DMCC*

Multi-site Trial	EDRN Sites	Endpoint	Biomarkers
Upgrading Study <i>Thompson, Leach, Sanda, et al</i>	DMCC; CVC (Emory, UTHSC-SA); Multisite Trial Group; BDL's (CPDR, EVMS, Hopkins Michigan); BRL's (Hopkins, PNNL)	Outperform biopsy in discerning aggressive vs indolent cancer (Upgrading at Prostatectomy)	Serum: <i>phi</i> , Tissue: RNA, RNA-Seq Urine: PCA3, T2:Erg, Targeted RNA-Seq, Transcriptome, Proteoglycomics
Combining MRI+ Serum and Urine Biomarkers <i>Wei et al</i>	DMCC; New Multi-center Imaging Group, BDL's, BRL, CVC's	Aggressive Prostate cancer at initial biopsy	Serum: <i>phi</i> , Urine: PCA3, T2:Erg, Transcriptome, Targeted RNA-Seq, Proteoglycomics

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