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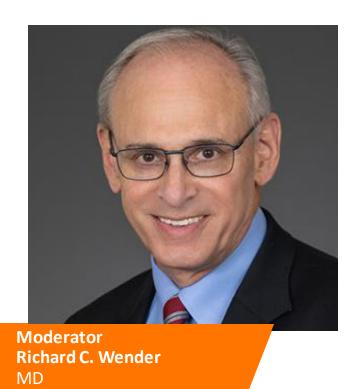
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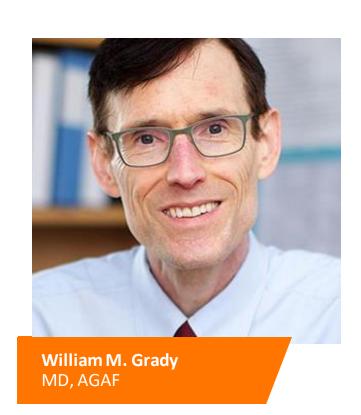


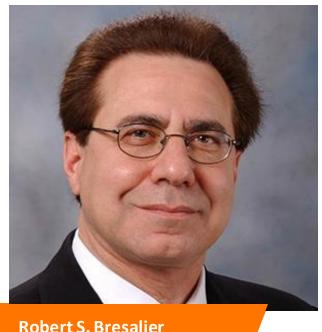


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Emerging Noninvasive GI Cancer Detection Tests: ctDNA Based Screening Tests

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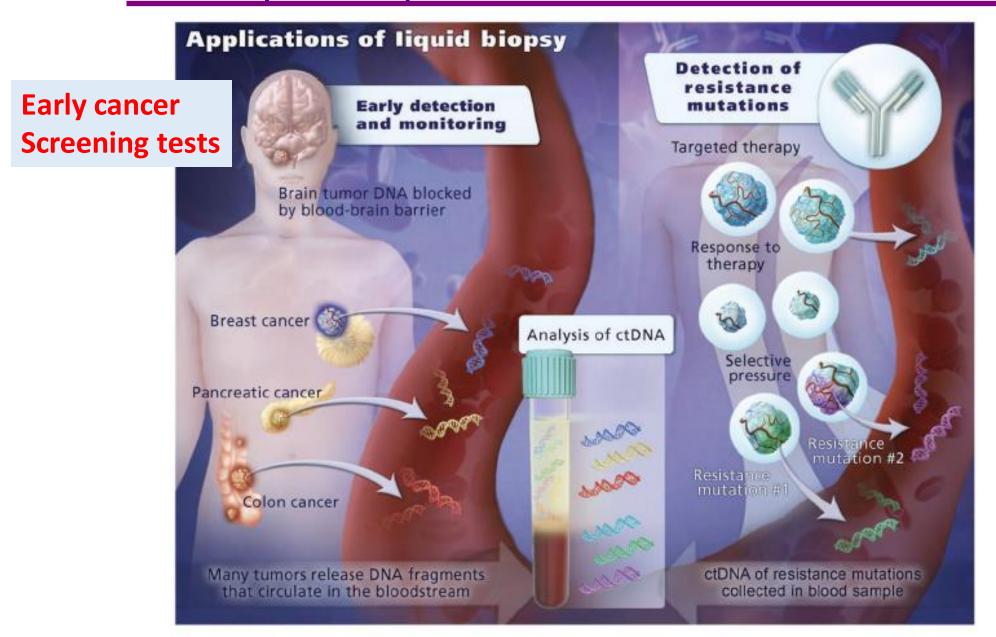
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ctDNA Colorectal Cancer Test Overview

- Test technology
- ctDNA based CRC tests

- MCED tests
 - Test landscape
 - Test performance for CRCs and other GI cancers
 - Test clinical utility

"Liquid Biopsies" and Cancer Detection



Overview: ctDNA and MCED test technology

- Biomarker assays based on panels of:
 - proteins
 - ctDNA: mutations, methylated DNA, chromatin fragments
 - ctDNA + proteins
- Emerging markers:
 - exosomal RNA and DNA
 - circulating microbial DNA
 - autoantibodies
- These tests depend on AI informed patterns of specific cancers.

ctDNA CRC screening tests

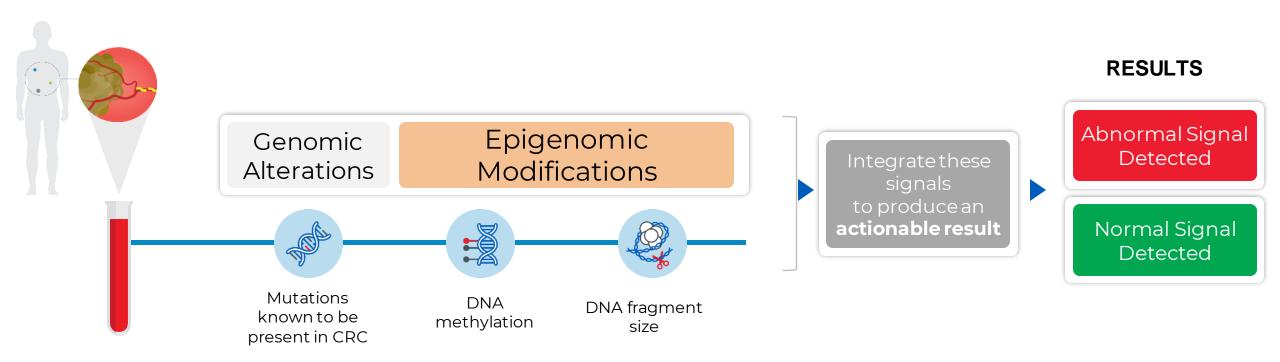
- Shield
 - Guardant Health
- ctDNA and protein assay
 - Freenome
- Epiprocolon (*mSEPT9*)
 - Epigenomics

Clinical Validation of a cell-free DNA Blood-based Test for Colorectal Cancer Screening in an Average Risk Population

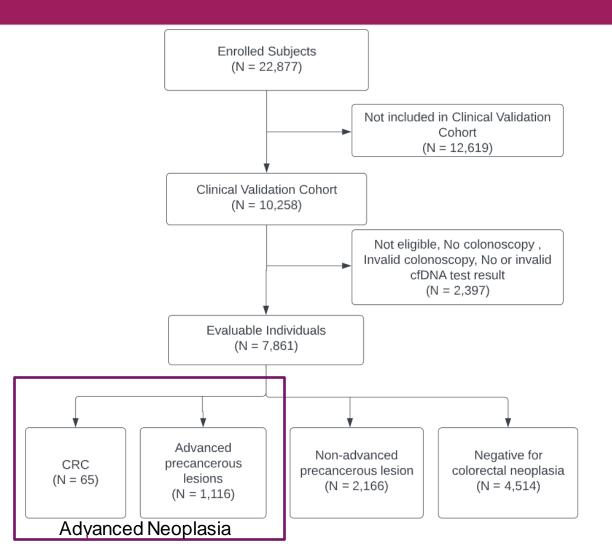
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cfDNA blood-based CRC screening test



Enrolled Participants



Colonoscopy Outcome	Histopathology Definition
CRC	CRC
Advanced Precancerous Lesion	Carcinoma in situ High Grade Dysplasia Villous architecture >25% Tubular Adenoma > 10mm Sessile Serrated Lesion > 10mm
Non-advanced precancerous lesion	Adenoma and sessile serrated lesion < 10mm
Negative for colorectal neoplasia	Negative colonoscopy Hyperplastic polyps

ECLIPSE met co-primary endpoints

CRC Sensitivity

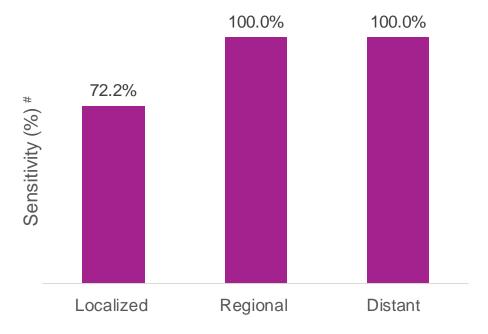
Specificity

83.1% (72.2 - 90.3)

89.6% (88.8-90.3)

Promising Early-Stage CRC Sensitivity

Overall CRC Sensitivity: 83.1% | Stage I – III Sensitivity : 80%



Excludes 3 lost to clinical follow-up (2/3)

* Assumes 5 incompletely staged malignant polyps are Stage I disease (1/5)

Stage I*
54.5% (12/22)

Advanced Precancerous Lesion Detection

Sensitivity for more advanced pathology trended higher

	lvanced finding on Colonoscopy	Sensitivity	
Advanced Lesions	1116	147	13.2% (11.3-15.3)
High Grade Dysplasia	31	7	22.6% (11.4-39.8)

- No significant differences in APL sensitivity based on key clinical characteristics
- Sensitivity for more advanced pathology trended higher

cfDNA blood-based test: poised to have high impact on CRC screening

	CRC Sensitivity ^{6,7}	Patient Adherence Rate ⁸⁻¹³	Effective Sensitivity
cfDNA Blood Test	83%	85 - 96%	75 - 80%
Colonoscopy	95%	28 - 42%	27 - 40%
FIT stool test	74%	43 - 65%	32 - 48%
Multitarget stool DNA test	92%	48 - 60%	44 - 55%

Screening programs require consideration of clinical effectiveness: Performance of the test under real world conditions¹⁴

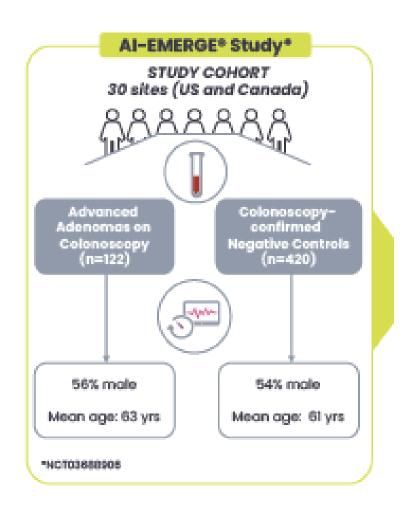
The cfDNA blood-based test is a highly effective CRC screening option

Conclusions

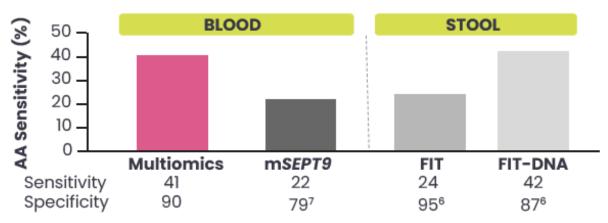
- This cfDNA blood-based test demonstrates 83% sensitivity, 90% specificity in average-risk CRC screening, including clinically relevant early-stage performance
- The ECLIPSE study diversity is reflective of the demographics of the intended use population in the US
- This cfDNA assay is the first blood-based test with performance comparable to current guideline-recommended non-invasive options for CRC detection
- Combined with improved adherence with blood-based diagnostics, this bloodbased testing strategy has the potential to have a significant impact on CRC screening in the population

ctDNA+ protein blood CRC assay

Assay-ctDNA and proteins (Freenome)

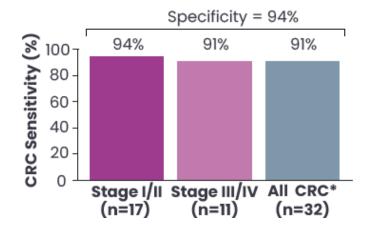


Adv Adenoma Detection



AA sensitivity was greater than mSEPT9, the only blood test for CRC screening currently available AA sensitivity was much higher than FIT and comparable to FIT-DNA

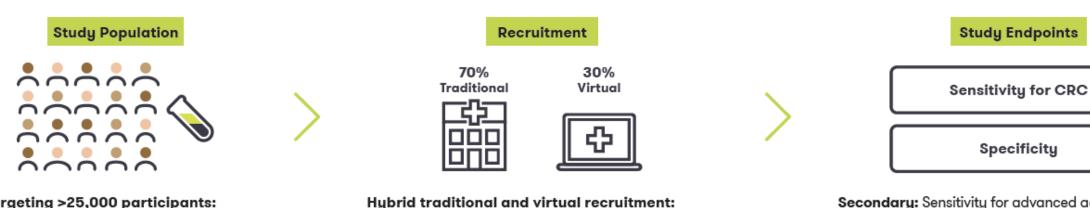
CRC Detection



PREEMPT TRIAL

Assay-ctDNA and proteins (Freenome)

Prospective, Blinded, Multi-center Registrational Study (NCT04369053)



Targeting >25,000 participants: 45-85 years of age, at average risk for CRC and willing to undergo a routine screening colonoscopy

Mobile phlebotomy available to all participants and enabling recruitment from every ZIP code in the continental US

Secondary: Sensitivity for advanced adenomas and negative and positive predictive values for CRC detection

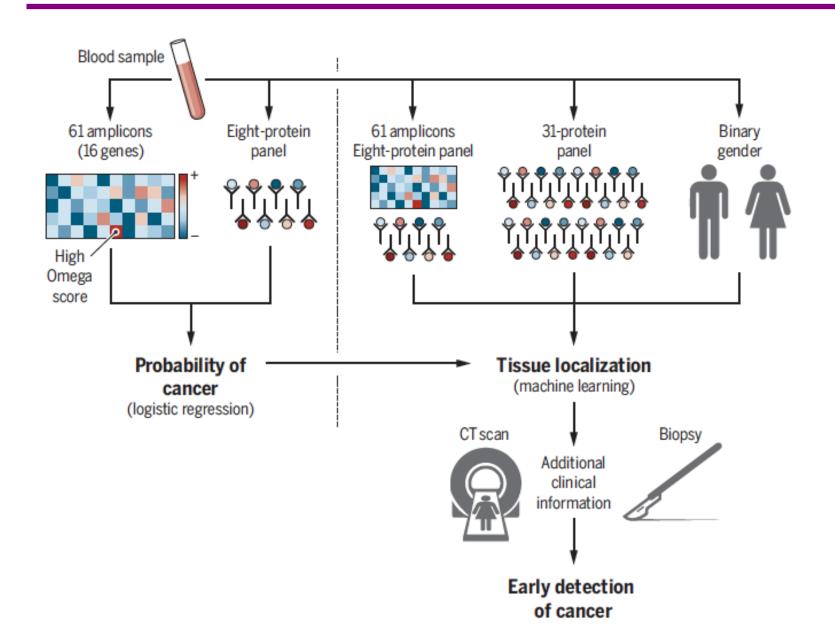
Compared to colonoscopy with histopathology as the reference method

- -N=49170 subjects enrolled between May 2020 and March 2022 (at the time of the Jan 26, 2023 snapshot).
- -Ethnic diversity well represented in enrolled study population

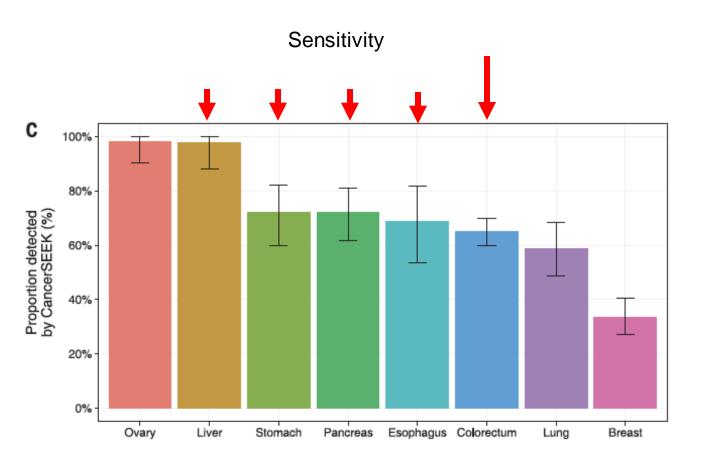
Multi-Cancer Early Detection Tests (MCED)

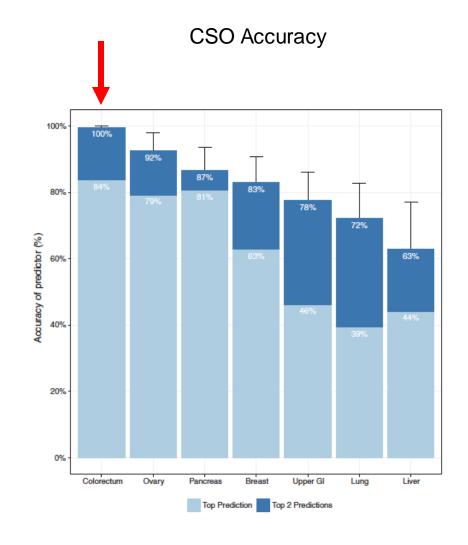
- CancerGuard™ (CancerSEEK)
 - Thrive/Exact Sciences
- Galleri™
 - Grail/Illumina
- MCED test-"anchor" indications
 - Guardant Health, Freenome, etc
- Other companies with MCED tests in development:
 - Foundation Medicine, AnchorDx, Burning Rock Biotech, GENECAST, Singlera Genomics, Laboratory for Advanced Medicine

CancerSEEK-MCED Assay



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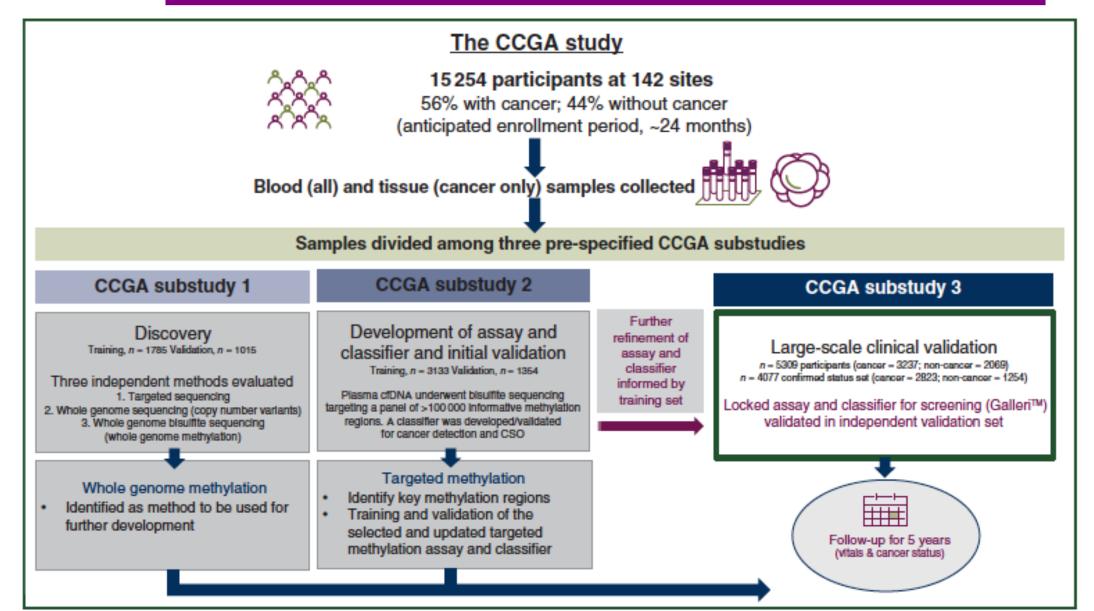




Next Generation CancerGuard™ MCED test

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99% Specificity	Bladder	Breast	Cervica	Colorectal	Esophageal	Liver	Lung	Ovarian	Pancreatic	Prostate	Renal	Stomach	Uterine	All Cancers
MDMs	50 (30- 70)	64 (39- 84)	100 (72- 100)	65 (50- 79)	100 (21- 100)	62 (36- 82)	85 (71- 93)	75 (41- 93)	67 (49- 81)	20 (6- 51)	45 (26- 66)	82 (61- 93)	90 (60- 98)	68 (62- 74)
Proteins	20 (8- 42)	35 (16- 61)	20 (6- 51)	26 (15- 42)	100 (21- 100)	23 (8- 50)	68 (52- 80)	100 (68- 100)	73 (56- 86)	30 (11- 60)	10 (3- 30)	46 (27- 65)	60 (31- 83)	43 (37- 50)
MDMs + Proteins	55 (30- 70) Stage II	64 (39- 84) Stage	100 (72- 100) Stage IV	79 (64- 89) Stage N/ A	100 (21- 100)	62 (36- 82)	90 (77- 96)	88 (53- 98)	83 (66- 93)	40 (17- 69)	45 (26- 66)	82 (61- 93)	90 (60- 98)	75 (69- 80)
MDMs	54 (42- 66)	62 (49- 73)	81 (70- 89)											
Proteins	25 (16- 37)	24 (15- 37)	68 (56- 78)	54 (40- 68)										
MDMs + Proteins	62 (50- 73)	67 (54- 78)	87 (77- 93)	83 (69- 91)										

Galleri-MCED Assay—mDNA based

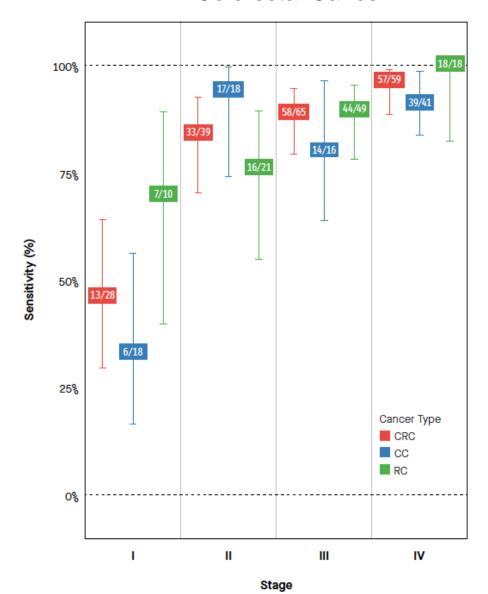


Galleri-MCED Assay-GI cancer detection

Table 1. The MCED Test Detected Multiple GI Cancers (All Stages) in CCGA3.

Cancer Type	Total N	Sensitivity % (95% CI)					
Liver/Bile-duct	46	93.5 (82.5 - 97.8)					
Esophagus	100	85.0 (76.7 - 90.7)					
Pancreas	135	83.7 (76.6 - 89.0)					
Colon/Rectum*	206	82.0 (76.2 - 86.7)					
Anus	22	81.8 (61.5 - 92.7)					
Gallbladder	17	70.6 (46.9 - 86.7)					
Stomach	30	66.7 (48.8 - 80.8)					

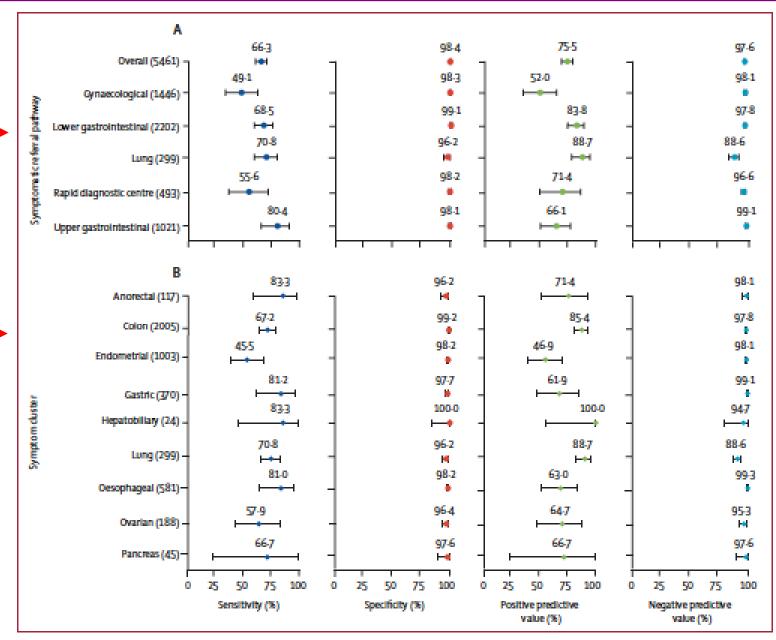
Colorectal Cancer



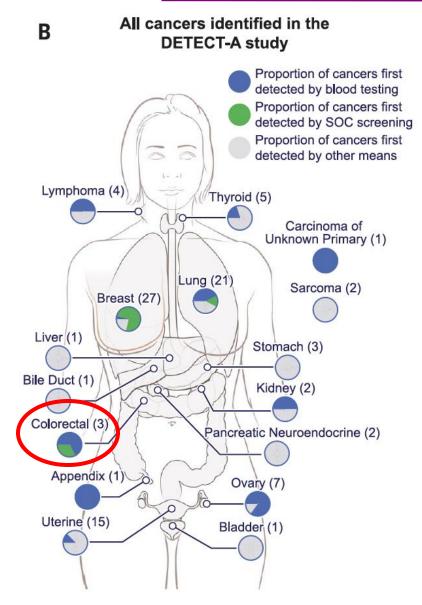
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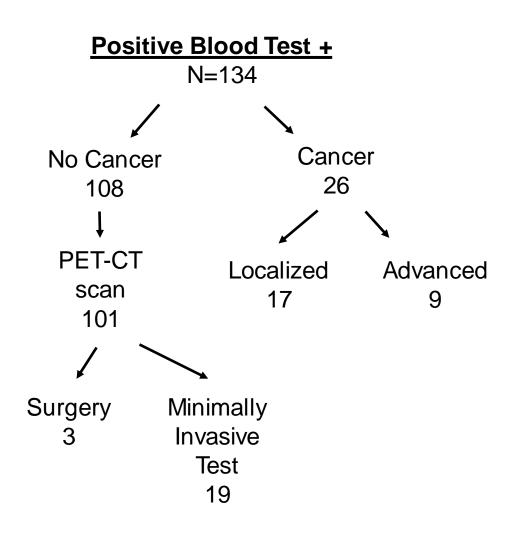


Symptomatic Colorectal Cancer



Value of MCED tests beyond Standard of Care screening and Potential for Harm





Clinical Utility of MCED tests

Potential impact and unresolved issues

- Potential to revolutionize cancer screening-convenience, multiple cancers with one test, screening of non-standard of care cancers
- Issues for discussion
 - Cost effectiveness
 - Effectiveness of screening for "unscreened" cancers
 - Overdiagnosis
 - Unknown impact on cancer related mortality
 - Harms caused by unnecessary procedures and diagnostic tests
 - Patient and care provider anxiety
 - How to best evaluate MCED tests in the near-term

Conclusions

- ctDNA CRC screening assays appear to have sensitivity for CRC similar to other noninvasive CRC screening tests
- Current versions of ctDNA CRC screening tests will likely have lower sensitivity for colon adenomas and serrated polyps than stool based tests or colonoscopy.
- ctDNA based MCED assays and CRC screening
 - Technical performance of the assays is promising but more data is needed to determine role in CRC screening.
 - It is unclear how to best evaluate the performance of MCED tests





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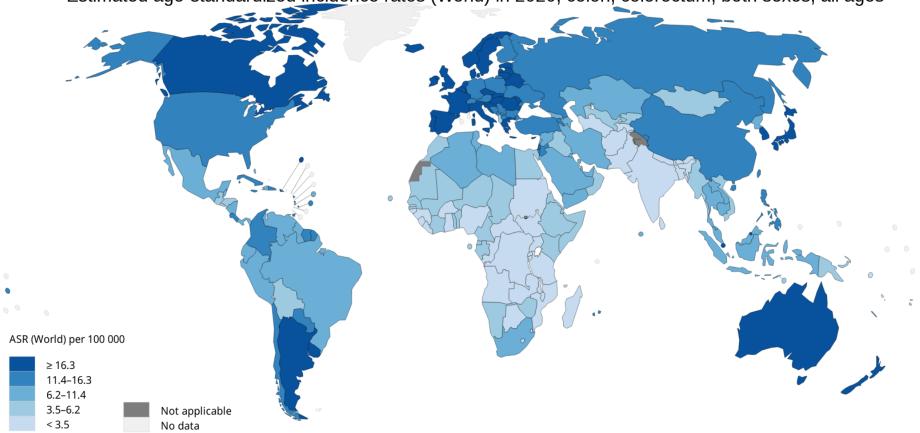






Colorectal Cancer is a Global Disease

Estimated age-standardized incidence rates (World) in 2020, colon, colorectum, both sexes, all ages



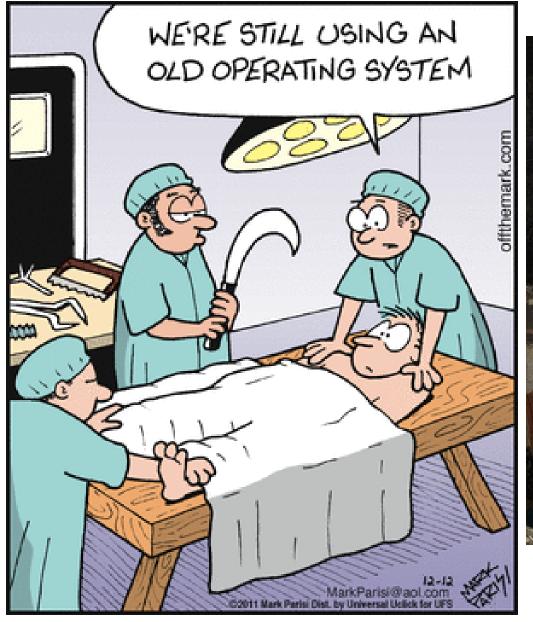
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Data source: GLOBOCAN 2020 Map production: IARC (http://gco.iarc.fr/today) World Health Organization

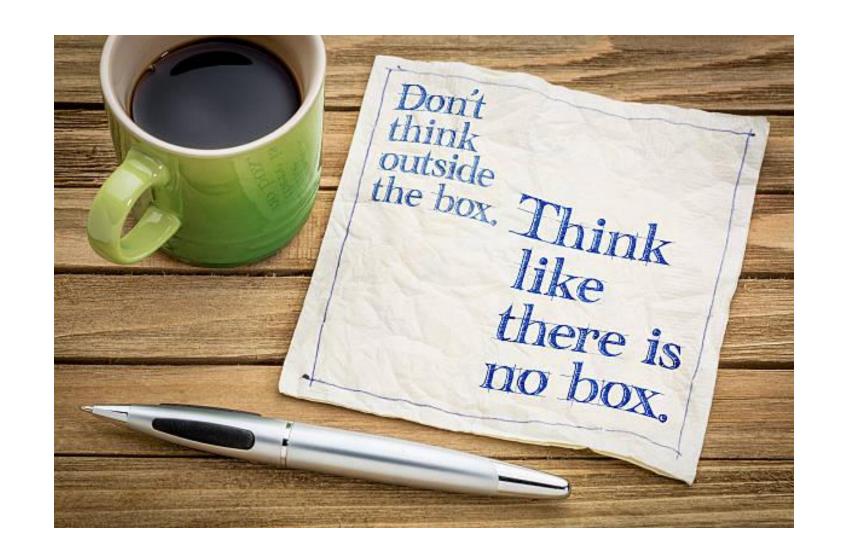


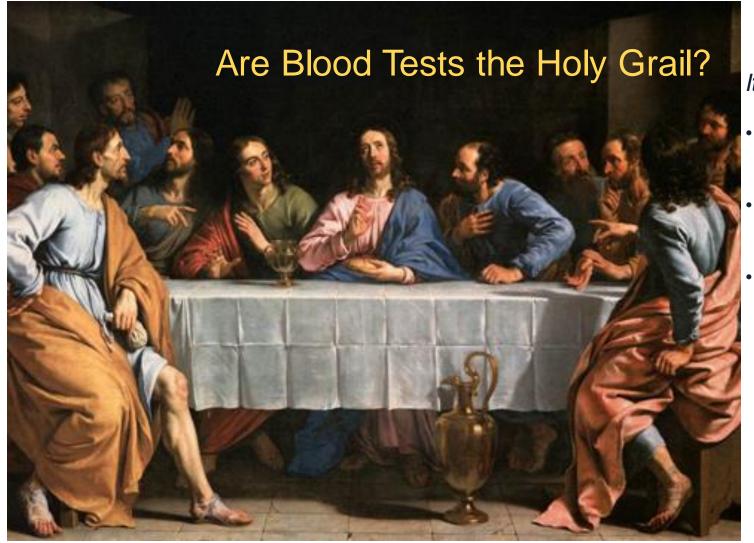
Overcoming multiple barriers to screening will require

- Efficient use of multiple screening modalities
- Continued development of noninvasive screening tests
- Improved personal risk assessment to best risk-stratify patients
- Development of organized screening programs to achieve targeted screening rates and reductions in CRC morbidity and mortality









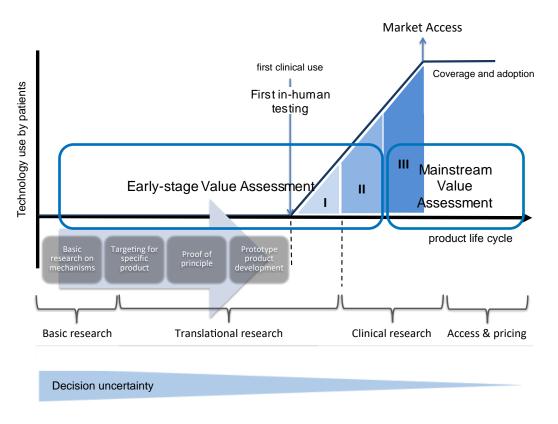
It's all about context

- What do we want to detect?
- In what clinical setting?
- How good is "good enough" (where do we set the bar)?

Colorectal Cancer Screening How Good Should a Test Be?



Individual Versus Population Benefit



IJzerman & Steuten, Applied Health Econ Health Policy 2011



Colorectal cancer is a global disease, and a "one size fits all" approach to CRC screening may not be relevant. Guiding Principles, however, are necessary and should be universal. The epidemiology of CRC will undoubtedly change over time which may alter the composition of intended use populations. We present a framework that allows a dynamic process that has broad application. This process is not bound by any one specific test.



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- Glaser and Delphi approaches adapted to be undertaken by a combination of webinars and voting via virtual platforms due to the constraints of the COVID-19 pandemic (in-person discussion during DDW 2022)
- The membership consisted of experts (gastroenterologists, endoscopists, gastrointestinal surgeons, public health physicians, epidemiologists, clinical biochemists and tumor biologists) with knowledge or experience in practice or research relevant to screening for CRC. **Forty-seven experts** were involved.
- A series of specific questions (each of which was a draft principle to be critiqued) was initially expanded from the original eight to ten and then, after the first consensus round of voting, further increased to 12. The 12 principles were progressively redrafted in response to specific feedback: webinars, conference seminars addressing specific issues and semi-structured discussions were held, and members voted and commented on each principle using a spreadsheet. After four rounds of voting, the consensus goal of >80% agreement (agree or strongly agree on a 5-point scale) was achieved for all 12 principles.
- The **explanatory text** for each principle was developed from the feedback received during the consensus process and from the extensive comments received during the consultation of experts and industry representatives. Multiple drafts of the explanatory text were circulated to the expert panel over a period of six months, and feedback has been incorporated into the final manuscript.



Topics Addressed in Each of the Principles Established by the Consensus Process

Principle Number	Topic				
1	Desired outcomes of CRC screening				
2	Screening is a multi-step process				
3	A screening test identifies individuals with an increased likelihood of CRC and/or advanced precursor lesions				
4	Nature of precursor lesions most important to detect				
5	New biomarkers might detect lesions with a different natural history				
6	Outcomes to be estimated in a screening population				
7	Expectations of a new non-invasive test				
8	An adjustable test positivity threshold accommodates different program goals				
9	Predicting value by paired comparison to a proven non-invasive test				
10	Evaluation proceeds through increasingly complex phases				
11	Accuracy required for evaluation in a screening population				
12	12 Analytic specifications, standards, and performance				



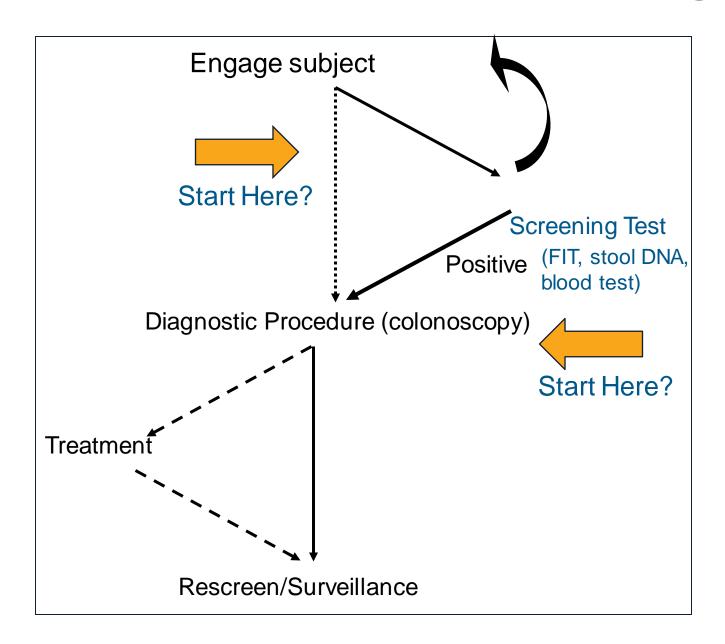
A rigorous and efficient four-phased approach is proposed

- Commencing with small studies to assess the test's ability to discriminate between CRC and non-cancer states (Phase 1)
- Followed by prospective estimation of accuracy across the continuum of neoplastic lesions in neoplasia-enriched populations (Phase 2).
- If these phases show promise, a provisional test-positivity threshold is set before evaluation in a typical screening population.
- Phase 3 prospective studies in a single screening round determine intention-toscreen program outcomes.
- Phase 4 studies involve evaluation over repeated screening rounds with monitoring for missed lesions.

Phase 3 and 4 findings will provide the real-world data required to model test impact on CRC mortality and incidence.

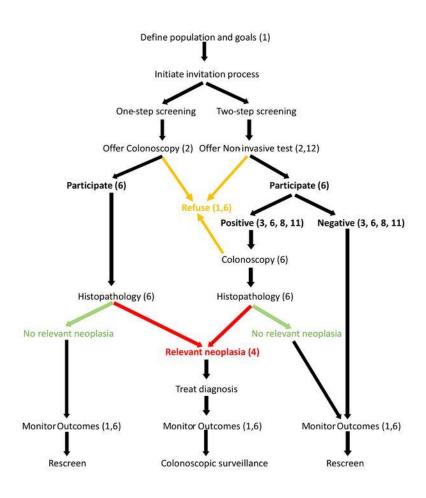


One-Step Versus Two-Step Screening





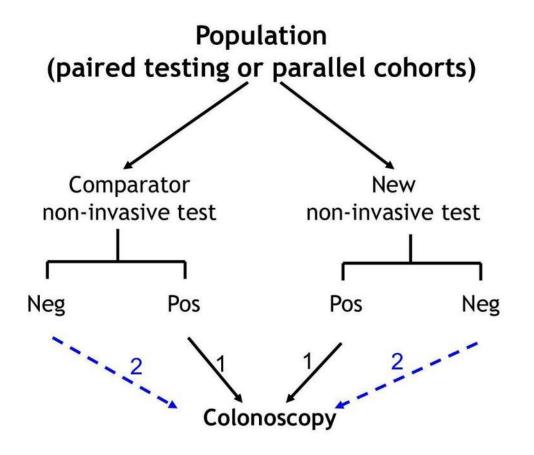
The multistep screening pathway characteristic of organised screening programs and demonstrating one-step and two-step strategies



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Diagrammatic outline of a trial design appropriate for comparing non-invasive tests in the initial phases of test evaluation. Prediction value by paired comparison with a proven non-invasive test



- 1 For comparing true-positive and false-positive fractions.
- 2 For comparing sensitivity and specificity (depending on biases due to population selection).

Paired testing is conducted in a single cohort where an individual does both the new and comparator test, whereas parallel testing is where study participants are randomized to one or the other test.

Goals, context and approach for each phase of evaluation, together with the hurdle identifying justification to advance to the next phase.

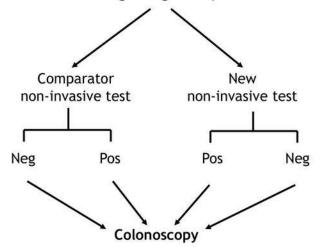
Phase	Goal(s)	Context	Approach and measures		Hurdle for progression
1	Main: Differentiates between CRC and non-neoplastic states?	Prescreening cohorts – limited	Distribution of test results in cohorts with and without CRC	•	Test result must differ significantly in cancer cases.
			l .		
2	Main: Detects early cancer and precursor lesions? Others: Initial positivity threshold? Accuracy relative to comparator? Causes of false positives.	Prescreening cohorts - extensive	Distribution of test results in cohorts with CRC relevant precursor lesions, other colorectal diagnoses and no disease. Parallel or paired testing of new and comparator tests will be informative.		Preliminary (although biased) estimates of accuracy are shown to be promising. ROC analysis identifies a suitable positivity threshold.
3	Main: Test accuracy in a typical screening evaluation? Test acceptance? Others: Test failure rate? Other variables for modelling effectiveness and costeffectiveness.	Screening populations – single round	Apply test prospectively to a typical unbiased intended-use population. Choose study design appropriate to program goal and jurisdictional context: e.g., colonoscope all for estimating test accuracy, parallel testing for comparing non-invasive tests and intention-to-screen outcomes.	•	A significant improvement in some aspect of screening. Non-inferior in accuracy to a comparator test, OR Accuracy likely delivers benefit. Feasible colonoscopy workload. Modeled effectiveness and cost-effectiveness are satisfactory.
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4	Main: Missed lesions or adverse events? Others: Participation rates over time and retest intervals?	Screening population – multiple rounds	Apply the test prospectively to an intended-use screening population over multiple rounds, with careful monitoring of population program outcomes.		

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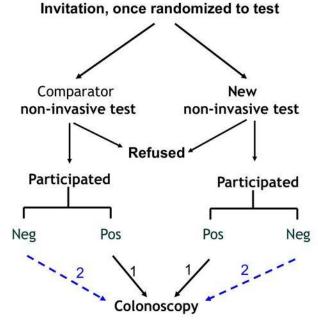
Study design frameworks applicable to phase III studies.

A. Unbiased Screening Population willing to undergo screening colonoscopy (paired tests in single cohort, or parallel cohorts doing a single test)



A. Design to determine test accuracy where all cases undergo colonoscopy (intention-to-screen cannot be ascertained).

B. Unbiased Screening Population



- 1 For comparing test true-positive and false-positive proportions.
- 2 For additionally comparing sensitivity and specificity.

B. Design for estimating intention-to-screen outcomes where accuracy of a new test can be compared with a non-invasive comparator either when colonoscoping only test positive individuals (compare true-positive and false-positive fractions) or all participants (sensitivity and specificity)

The Long and Winding Road





This Little Piggy Went to Market

Guidelines USPSTF

Regulatory FDA

Payors CMS





The Yellow Brick Road to Market



One Size May Not Fit All

Pivotal Evaluation of the Accuracy of a Biomarker Used for Classification or Prediction: Standards for Study Design

Clinical Context

- Clinical Application
- Define the target population and clinical setting intended for use of the biomarker.
- Define subject inclusion and/or exclusion criteria and process for enrollment.
- Define the setting for specimen collection.
- Ensure adequate generality in the population studied.
- Outcome
- Define the outcome of interest.
- Specify procedures for ascertaining and measuring the outcome.



COLOR GENOMICS

Rewriting Life

White-people-only DNA tests show how unequal science has become

Companies are selling disease-risk tests that only work in people of European ancestry. They hope to fix that soon.

by Antonio Regalado October 18, 2018



The Guardian



Genetics research 'biased towards studying white Europeans'

Ethnic minorities set to miss out on medical benefits of research, scientist warns

Hannah Devlin Science correspondent

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Genetics has learned a ton — mostly about white people. That's a problem.

The overwhelming whiteness of genetics research is holding back medicine.

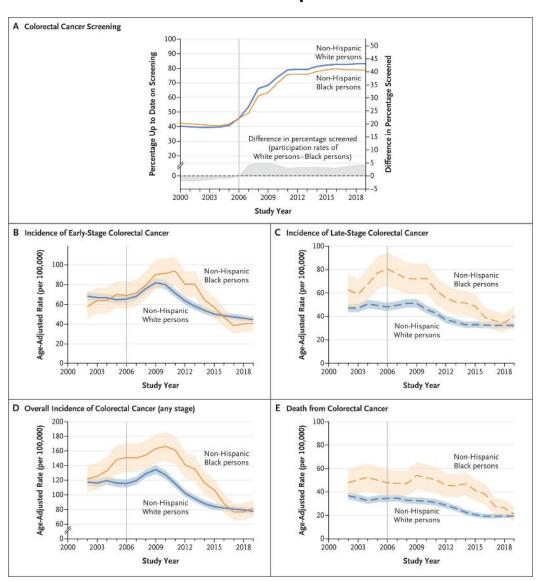


ZNA: A Matter of Place and Space



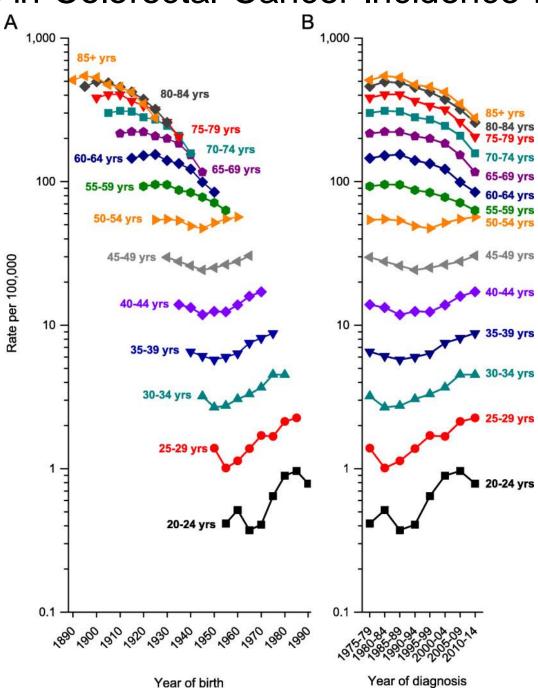


Association between Improved Colorectal Screening and Racial Disparities



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Trends in Colorectal Cancer Incidence Rates



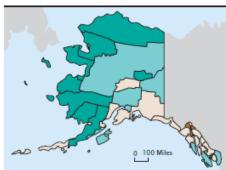
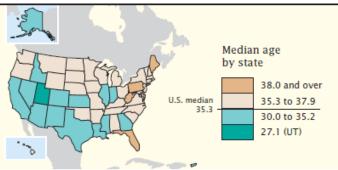
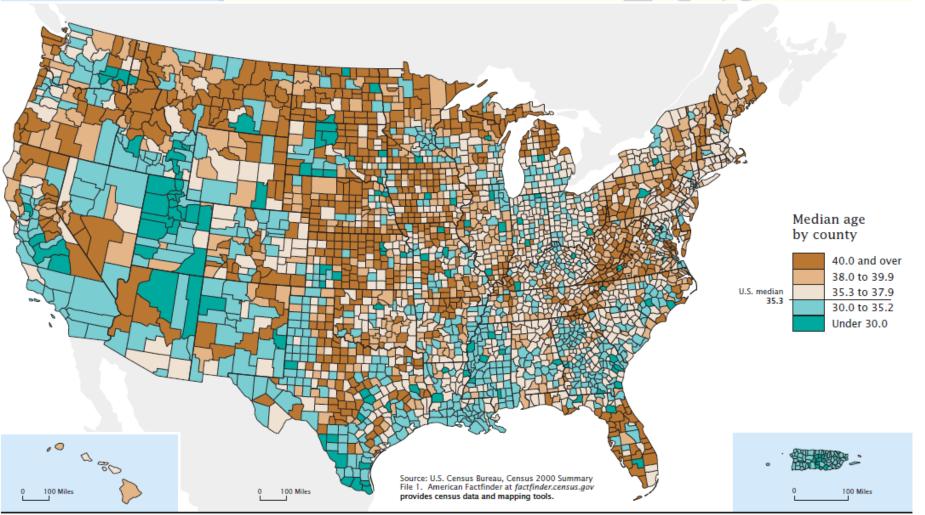


Figure 6. Median Age: 2000

(For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf1.pdf)





Non-Invasive Tests for CRC Conclusions

- What is the goal?- Depends on where/who you are
- Where does the field stand now?
 - -Lots of promising markers that need further testing
- What are the biggest challenges?
 - -Low sensitivity for early lesions, resources, acceptability (versus colonoscopy), long duration (and cost) from bench to bedside
- What are the bright spots?
 - -Technology, targeted resources
- What can we legitimately expect?
 - -As good or incrementally better than FIT, or perhaps FIT-DNA, **but** not as good as colonoscopy (we need to accept this)



Biggest Challenges?

Lack of sensitivity for early CRCs and Advanced Adenomas

• Depends on point of view (how good is "good enough"?)

Availability of samples and funding for Phase II/III studies

 EDRN- http://edrn.nci.nih.gov/resources/samplereference-sets/edrn-pre-validation-reference-setspecimen-sharing-guidelines

Clinical vs Laboratory assays

Cost of Phase IV Trial

- Don't have for FIT/Colonoscopy
- Comparison to accepted test adequate?

Meaning of false positives?



To Be Determined

- How do we combine markers (and different types of markers)?
- What is the optimal (or at least acceptable) combination of sensitivity and specificity?
 - ↑ Sensitivity vs ♥ Spec
- How do we report results? (quantitative vs qualitative measures)
- Intervals-How often do we screen?
- Will markers be generalizable to different molecular sub-types?
- Where does compliance factor in?
 Efficacy = Acceptability X Accuracy
- ARE MARKERS/SCREENING TESTS VALIDATED FOR AVERAGE-RISK OLDER INDIVIDUALS RELEVANT TO EOCRC (and which subgroups)?











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