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# Research Updates on Colorectal Cancer Risk



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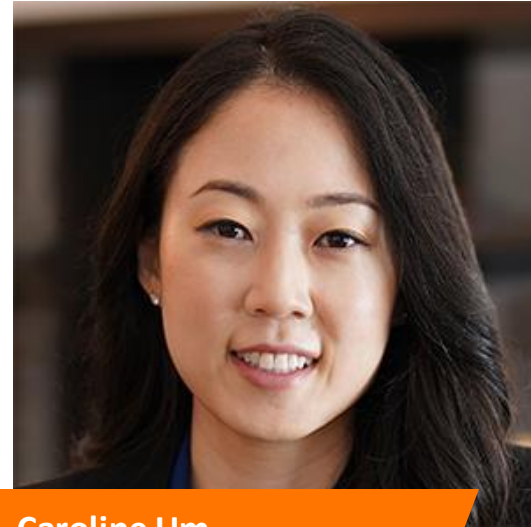
# Armchair Conversation: Barriers and Solutions to Reaching American Indian and Alaska Native Communities for Colorectal Cancer Screening



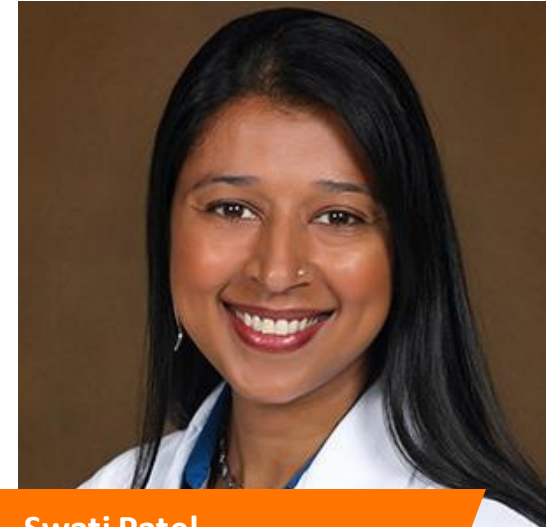
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# Colorectal Cancer and the Microbiome

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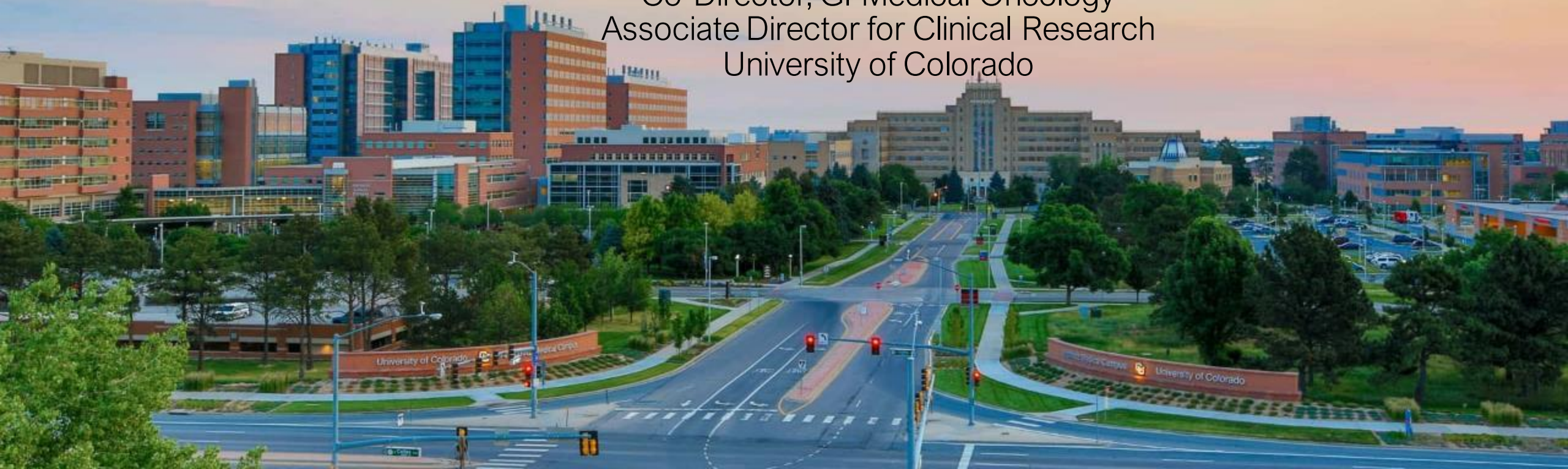


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# COLORECTAL CANCER AND THE MICROBIOME

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# Objectives: What do we know? What do we not know?

- **What is the gut microbiome?**
- **Factors that impact the gut microbiome**
- **What has been discovered about the gut microbiome and colorectal cancer?**
- **Future Directions**



# The Gut Microbiome



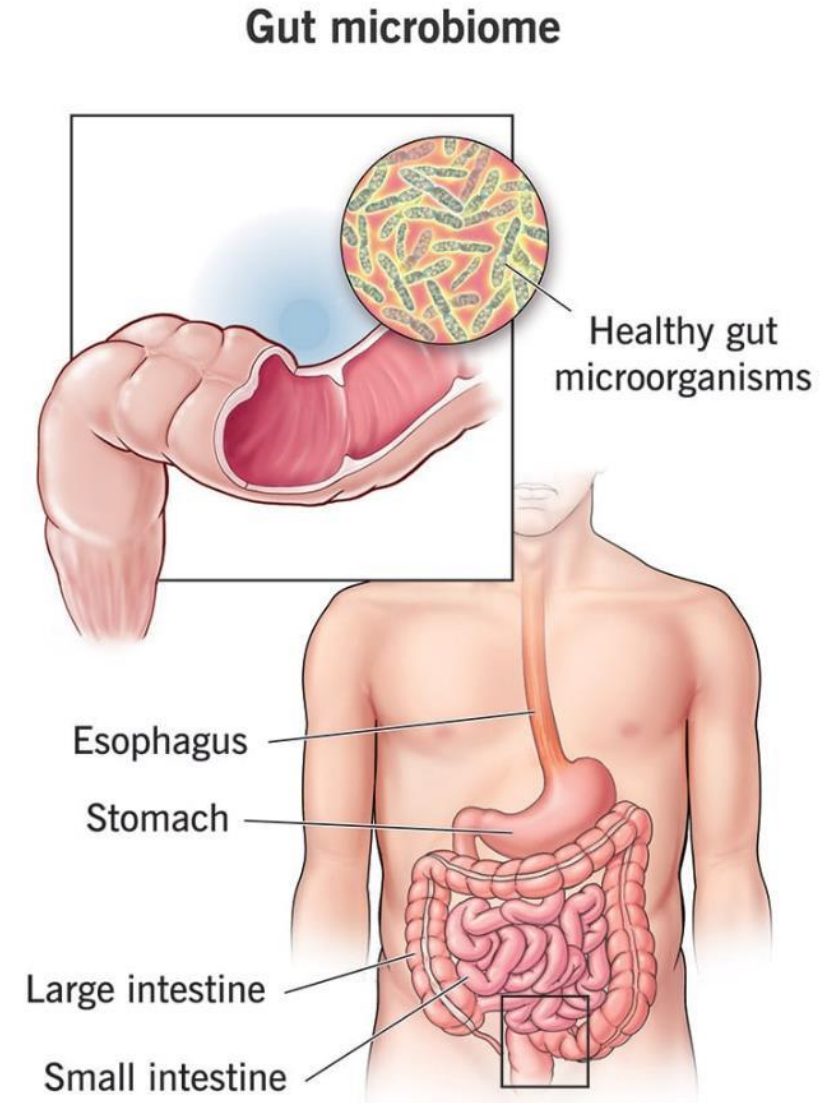
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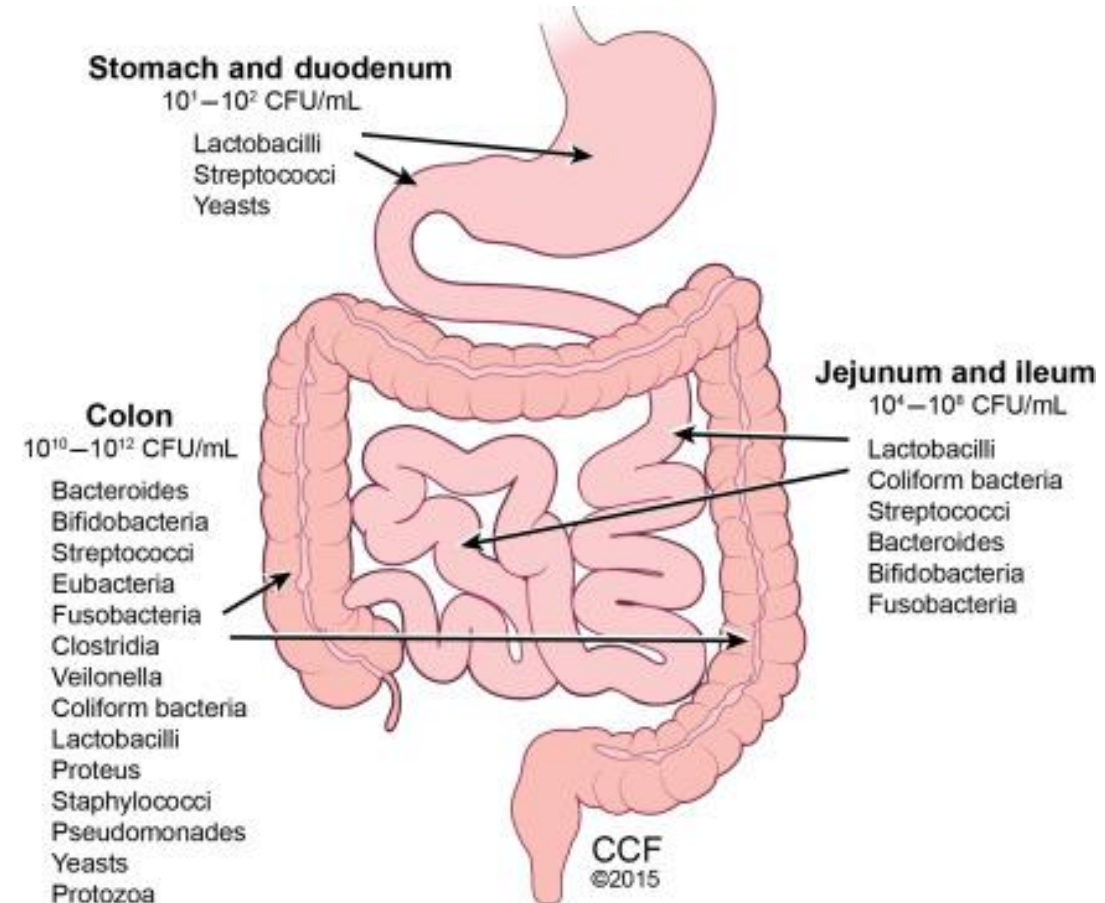
# What is the gut microbiome?

- A biome is a distinct ecosystem characterized by its environment and its inhabitants
- Your gut — inside your intestines — is populated by trillions of microscopic organisms
- These microorganisms include over a thousand species of bacteria, as well as viruses, fungi and parasites



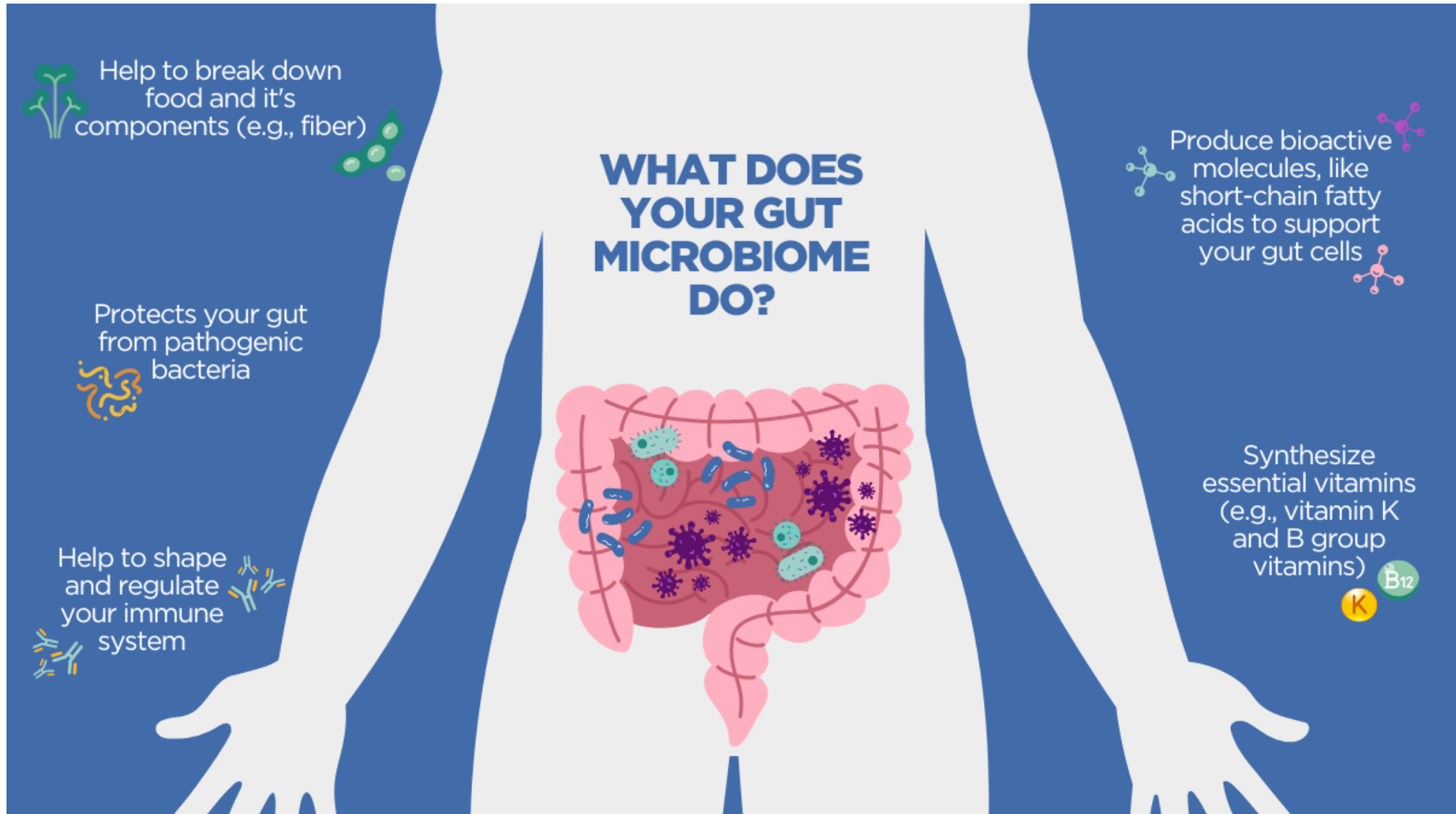
# What is the gut microbiome?

- Your gut microbiome is unique to you
- Infants inherit their first gut microbes during vaginal delivery or breastfeeding
- Later, your diet and other environmental exposures introduce new microbes to your biome

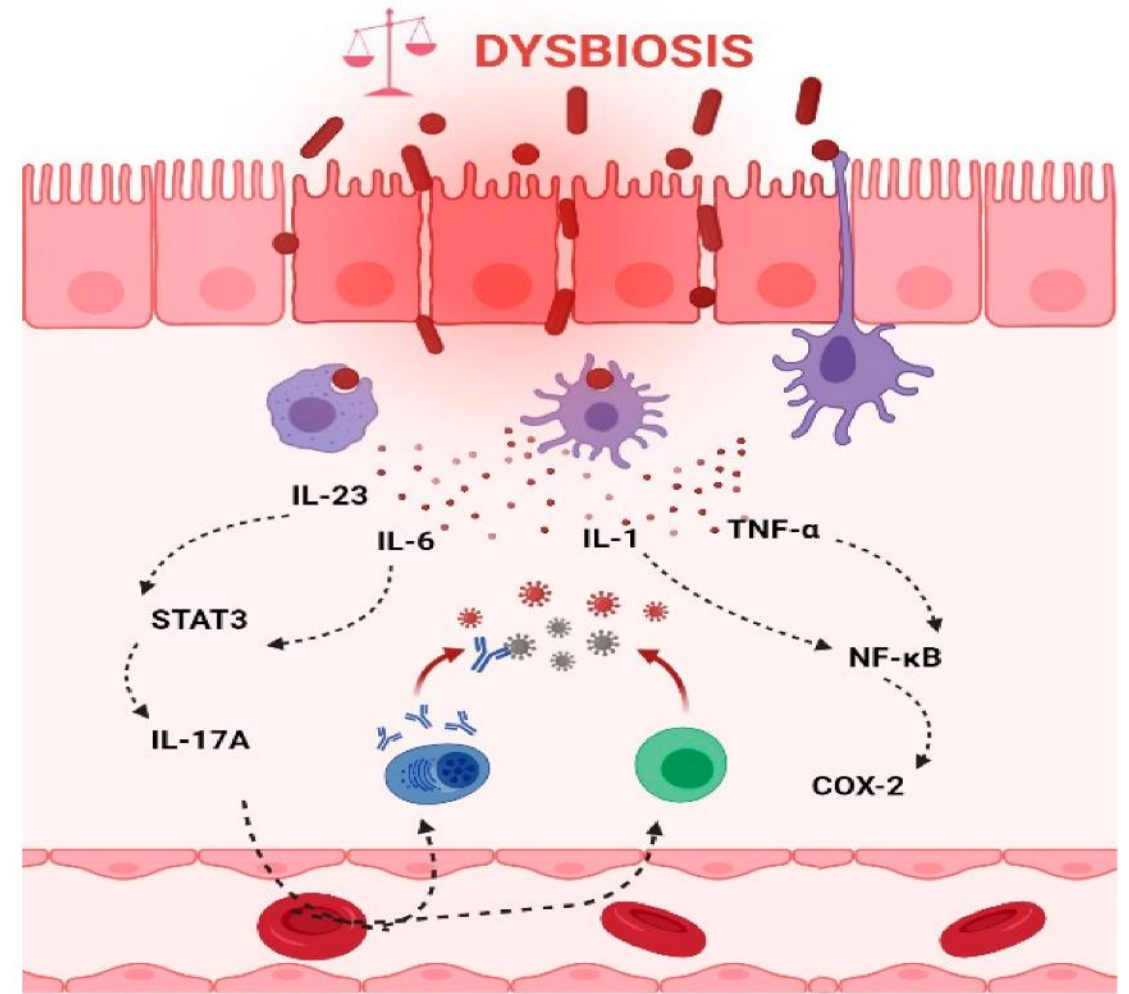
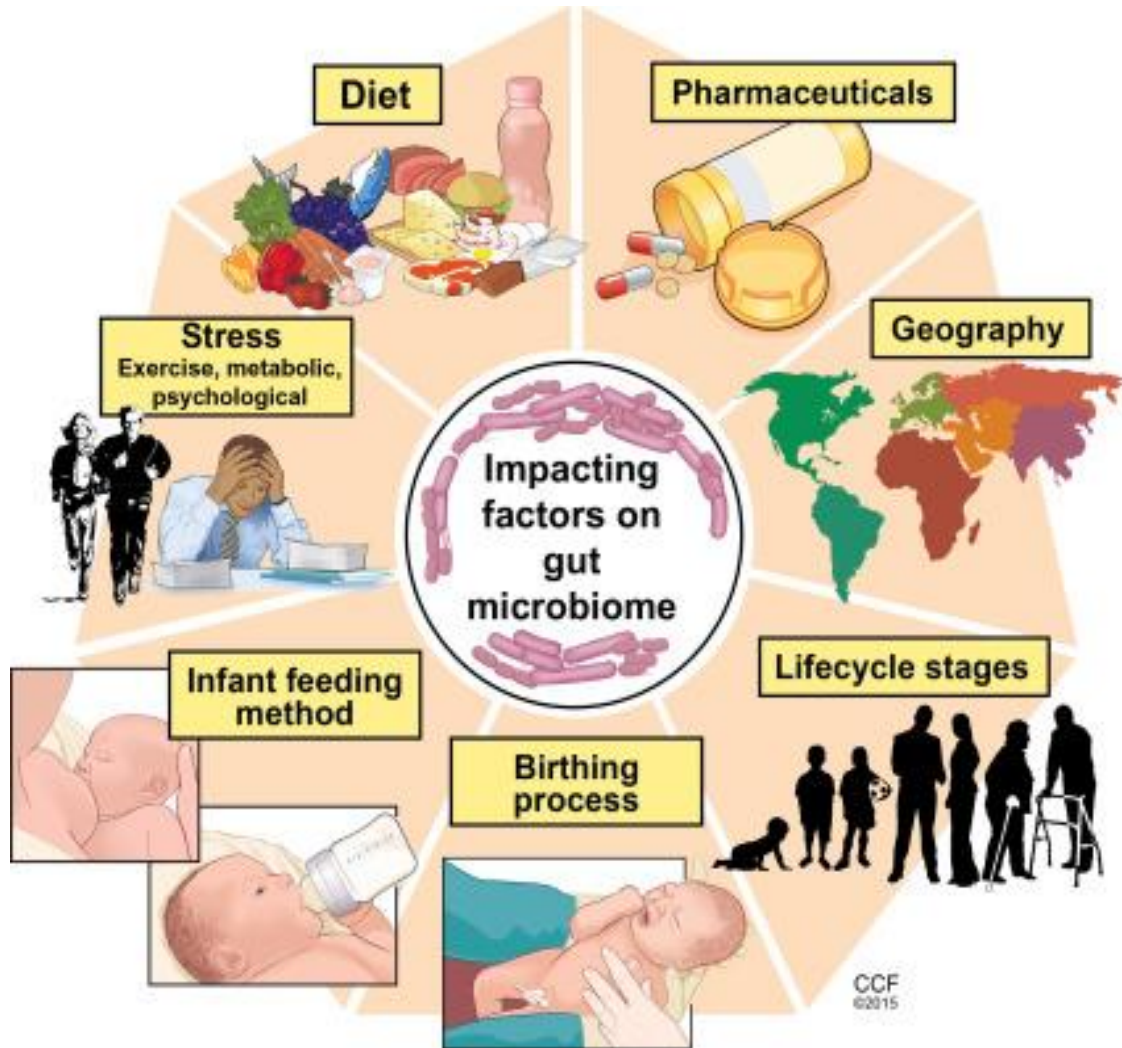




# What does the microbiome do?



# What Factors Impact the Gut Microbiome?

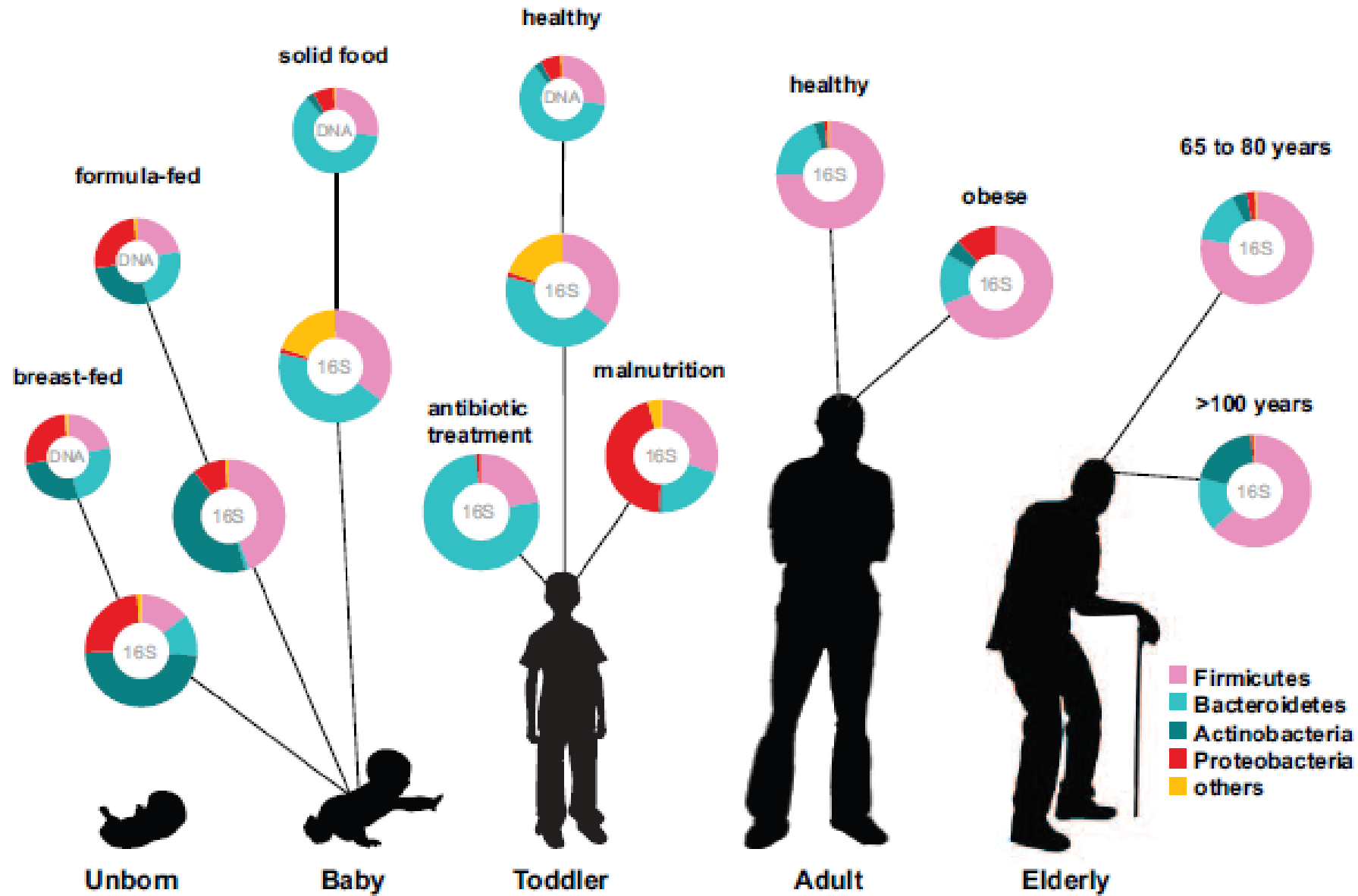


Gut microbiome. Cresci, et al. Adult short bowel syndrome. 2018.

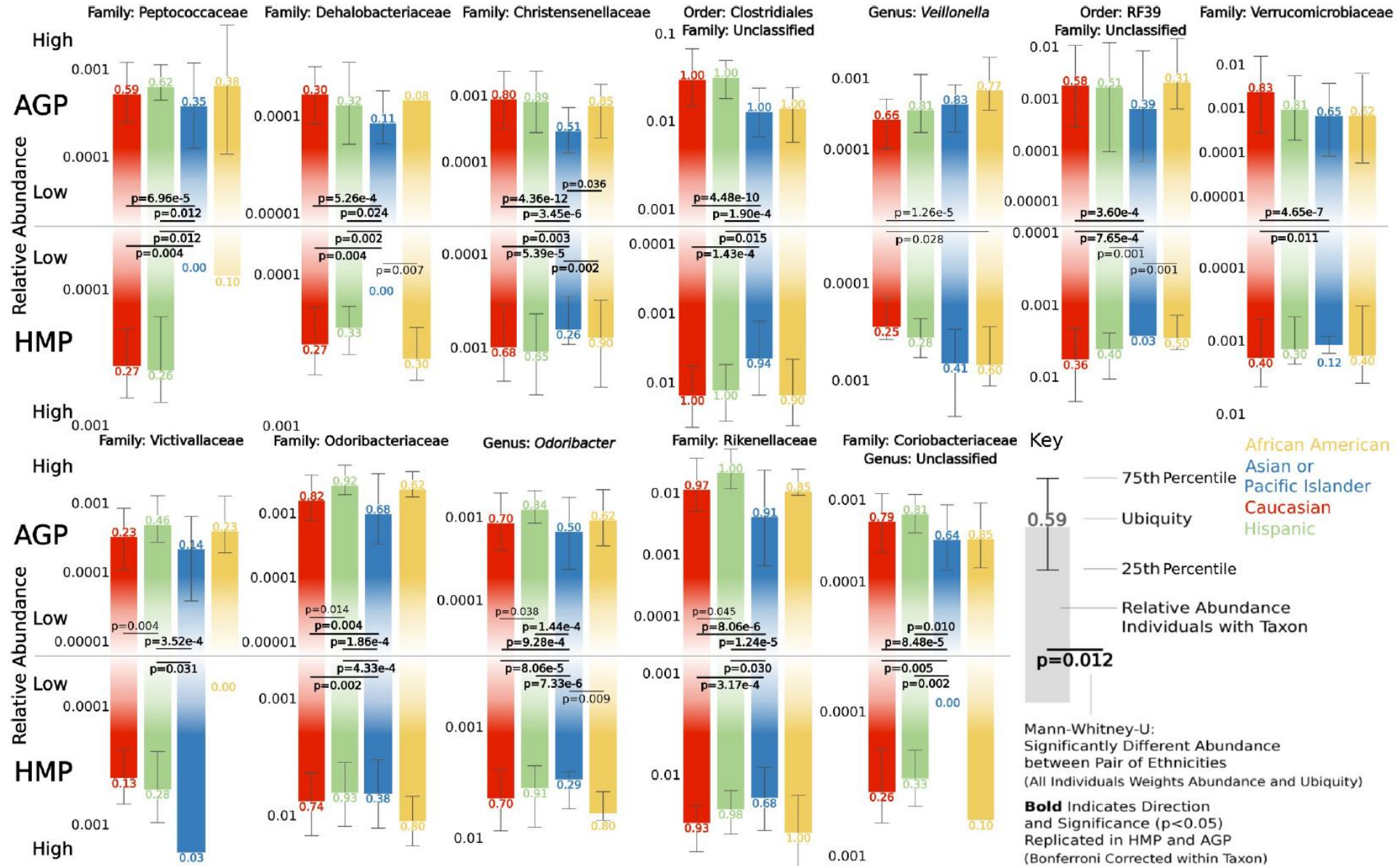
Torres Maravilla, et al. Role of gut microbiota and probiotics in colorectal cancer. *Microorganisms*. 2021

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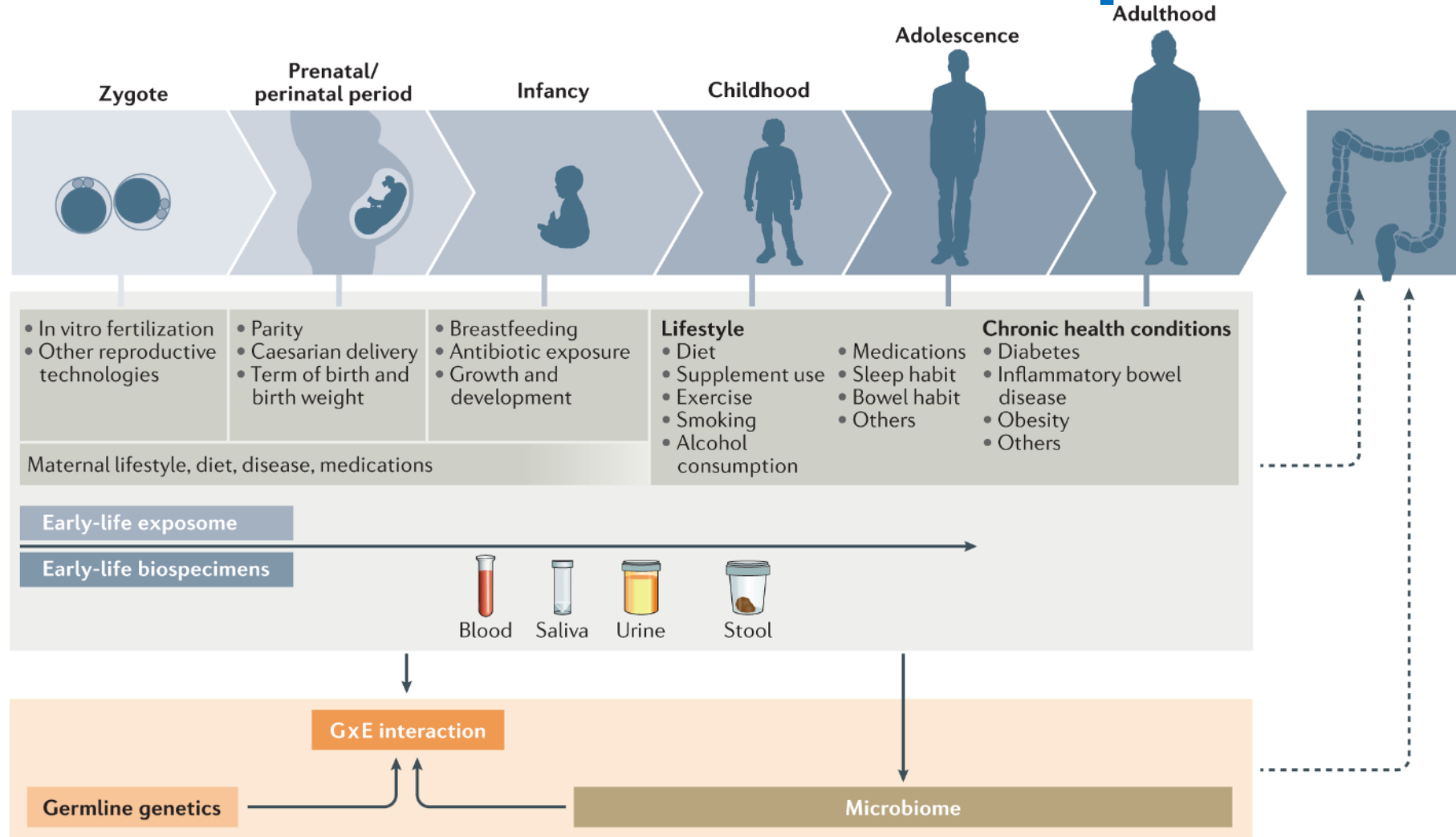
# Gut Microbiome Varies with Age



# Gut Microbiome Varies with Ethnicity



# Life-course exposures with potential effects on CRC development



# TAKE HOME POINTS

The gut microbiome is unique to all individuals

The gut microbiome helps with digestion, protects against other bacteria and illnesses, and helps to shape and regulate the immune system

Dysbiosis has been linked to many disorders including colorectal cancer

Gut microbiome varies by age and ethnicity, and alterations to the gut microbiome start as early as birth!



# The Gut Microbiome and Colorectal Cancer

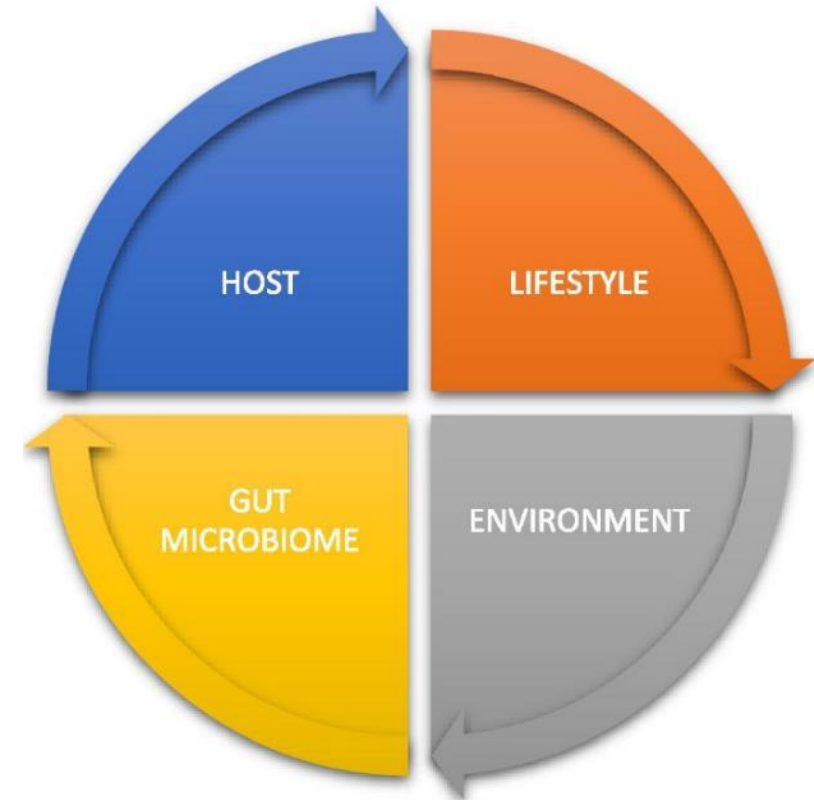
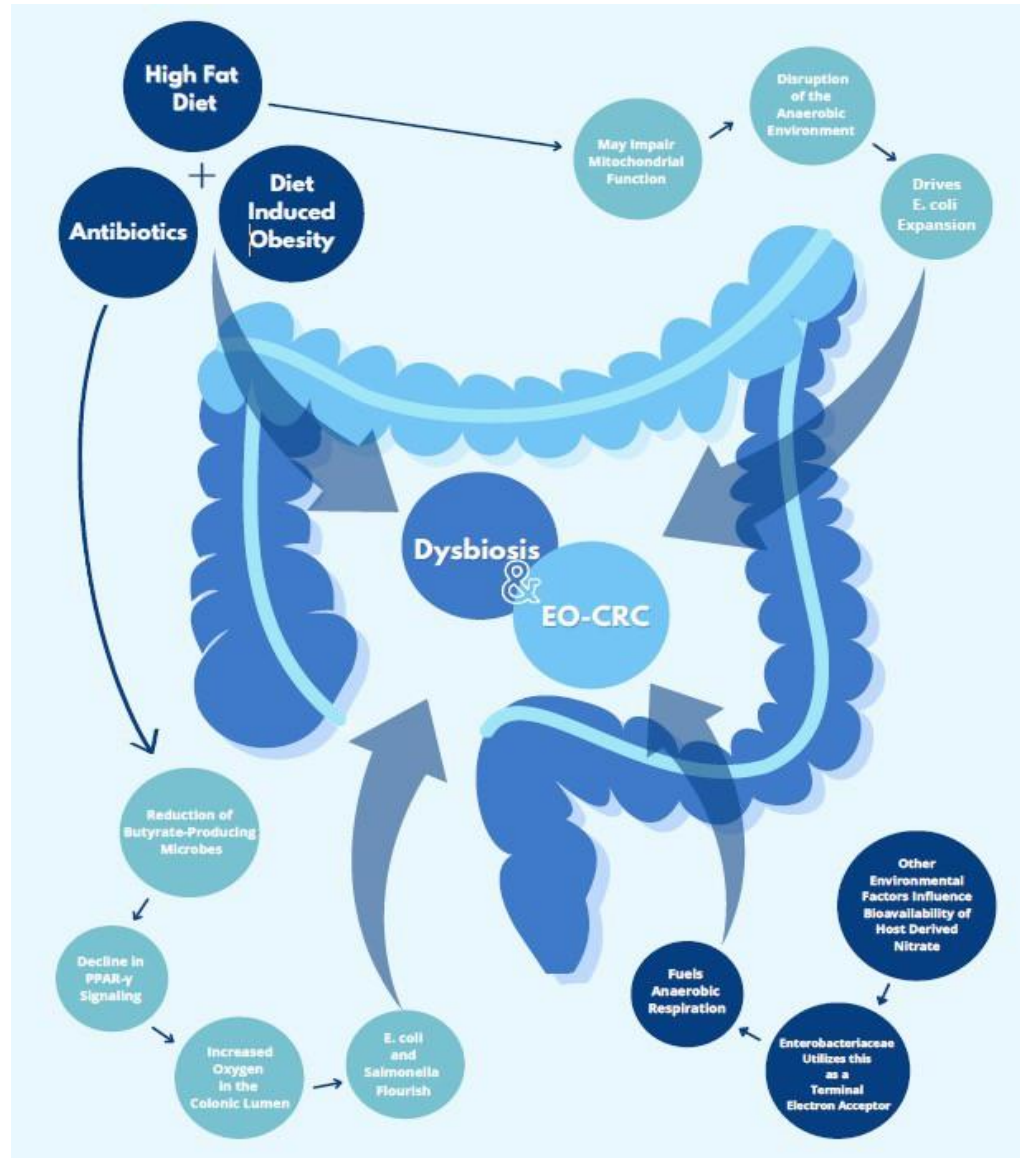


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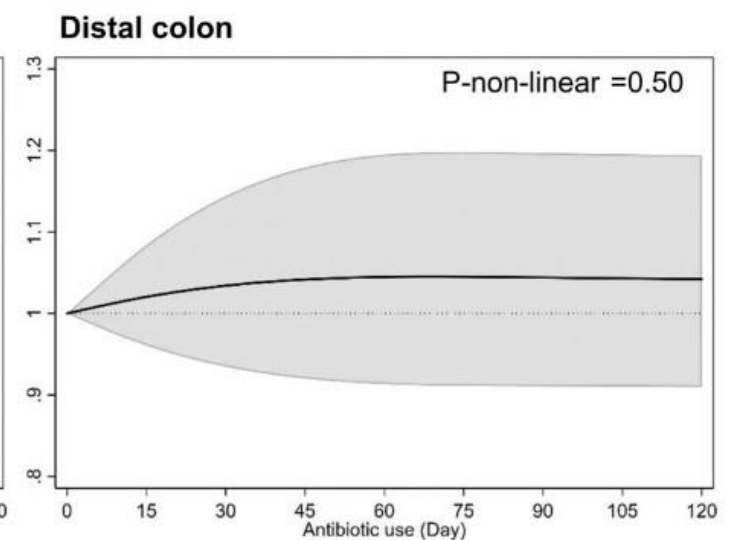
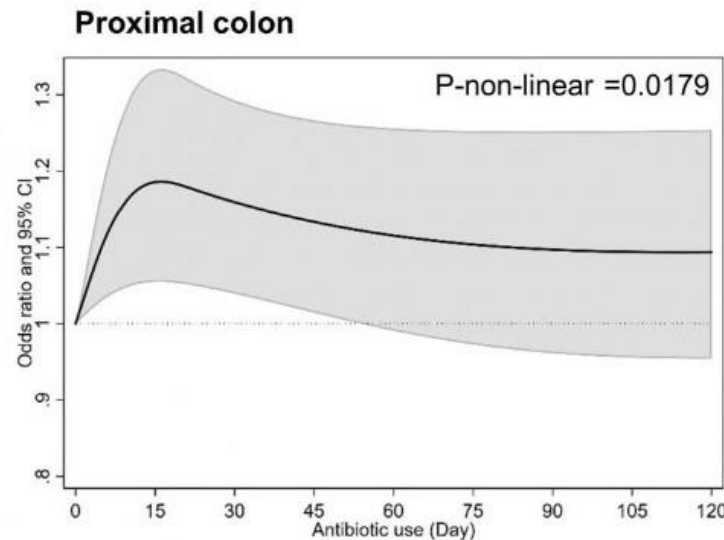
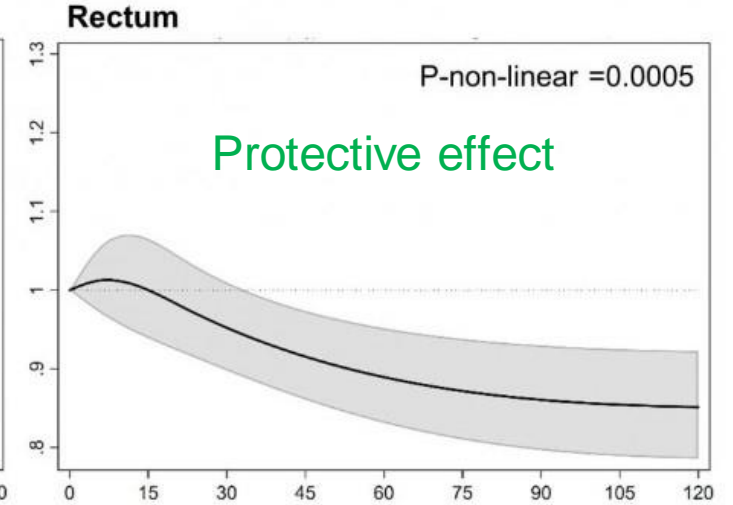
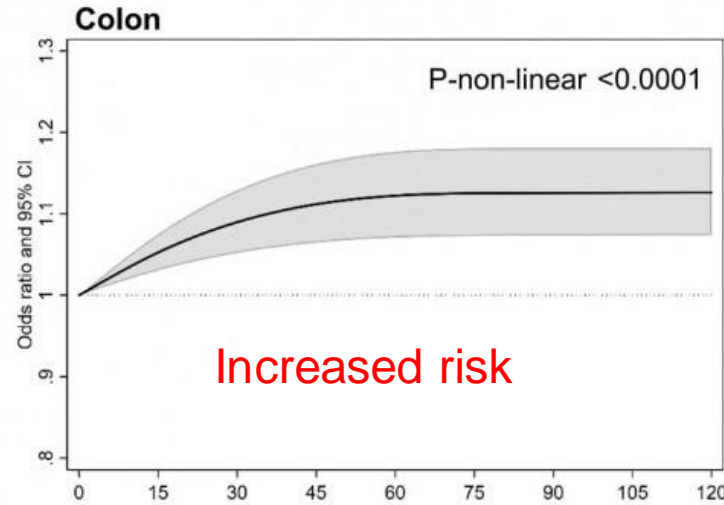
# CRC: The potential impact of the microbiome





# Antibiotic use and Colon Cancer Risk

- Matched case-control study of incident CRC cases diagnosed in the UK between 1989 & 2012 and up to 5 unaffected healthy patients
- ~29,000 CRC cases vs. ~137,000 controls
- Risk of colon cancer increased after antibiotic use in dose-dependent fashion, especially penicillins
- Prolonged antibiotic use appeared protective against rectal cancer
- Antibiotic-cancer association occurred after antibiotic exposure > 10 yrs prior to cancer diagnosis

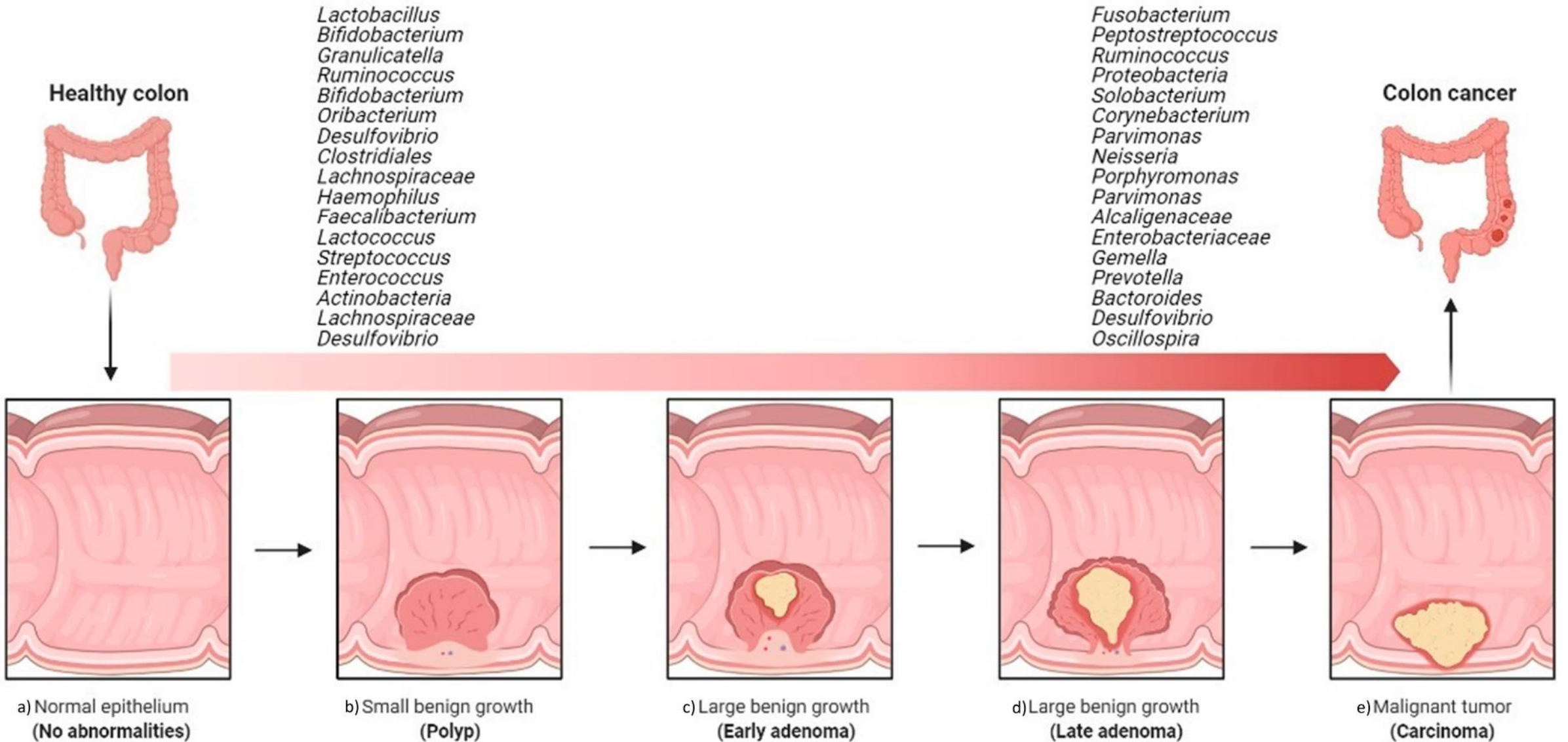


# Factors associated with the microbiome and CRC

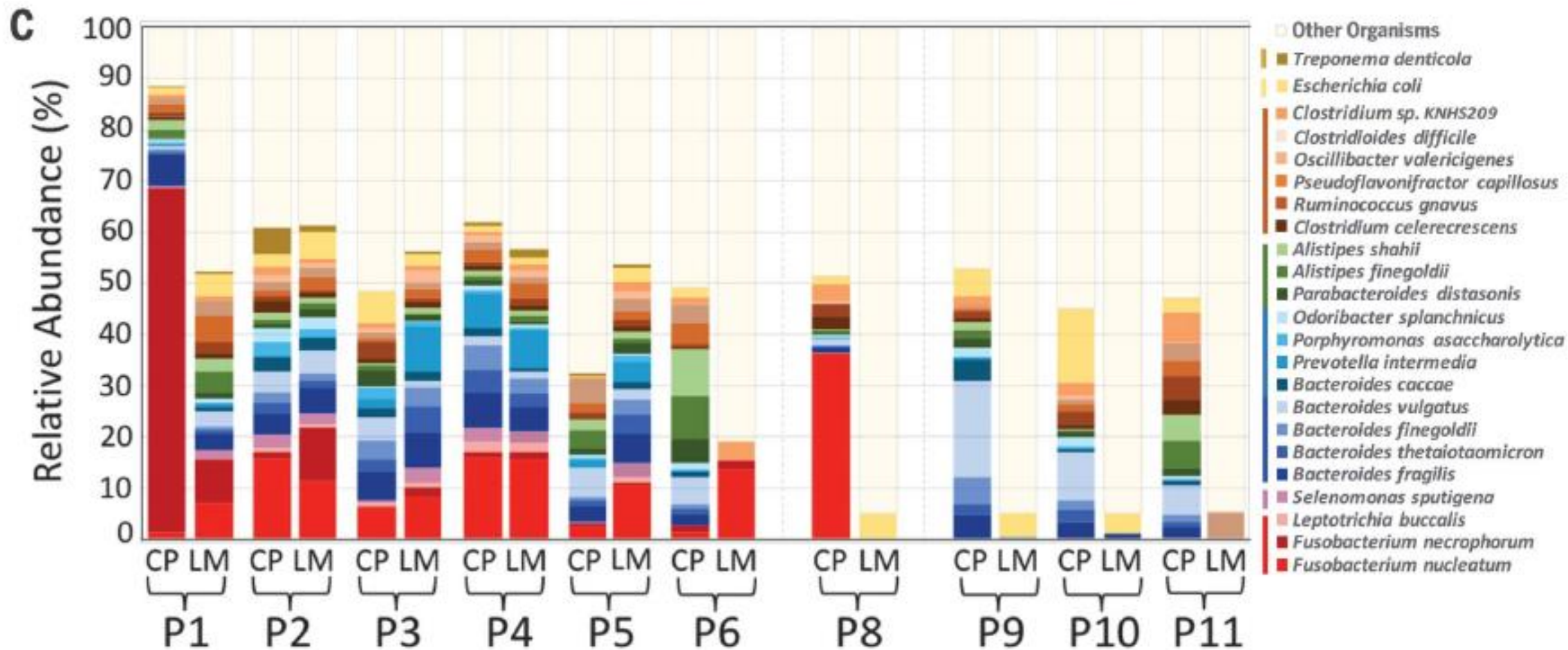
## *a confusing landscape!*

Factor	Outcome	HR
Birth by cesarean delivery <i>Cao et al. JAMA Netw Open 2023</i>	Females born by cesarean delivery had <b>higher</b> odds of EO-CRC	1.62 (1.01-2.60)
Women with a BMI > 30 <i>Liu et al. JAMA Onc 2019</i>	Females with a BMI > 30 had <b>higher</b> odds of EO-CRC	1.88 (1.07-3.30)
Obesity in men in childhood <i>Jensen et al: Int J of Obesity, 2018</i>	Higher weights in childhood that persist had <b>higher</b> odds of EO-CRC	2.62 (1.62-4.25)
BMI: Obesity in veterans <i>Low et al. Gastroent 2020</i>	Obesity associated with <b>lower</b> odds of EO-CRC	0.69 (0.55-0.86)
Antibiotic use and colon cancer <i>Zhang J et al: Gut. 2019</i>	Prolonged antibiotic use resulted in <b>higher</b> odds of colon cancer	1.17 (1.10-1.23)
Antibiotic use and rectal cancer <i>Zhang J et al: Gut. 2019</i>	Prolonged antibiotic use resulted in <b>lower</b> odds of rectal cancer	0.85 (0.79-0.93)

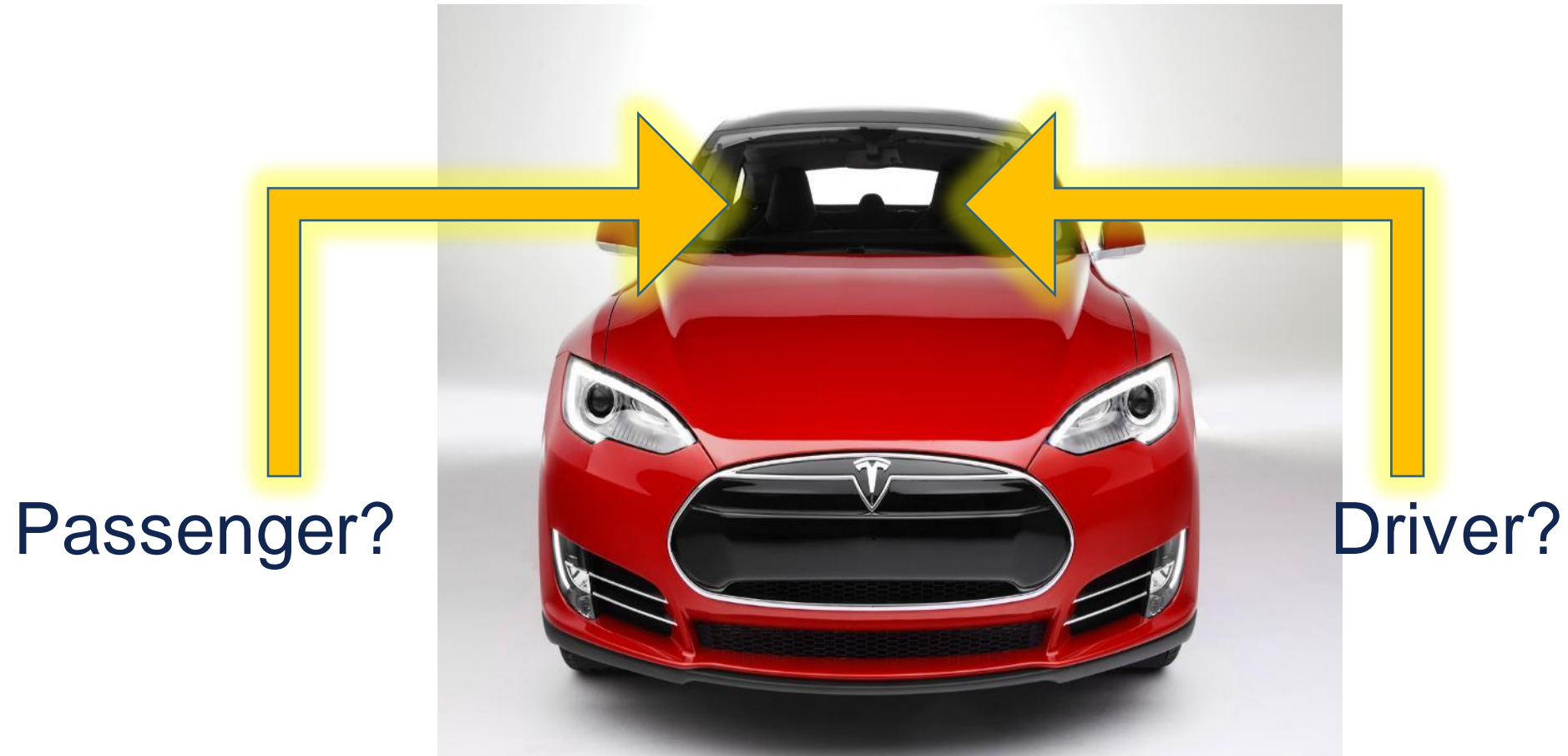
# Gut bacteria *shift* from polyp formation to cancer progression



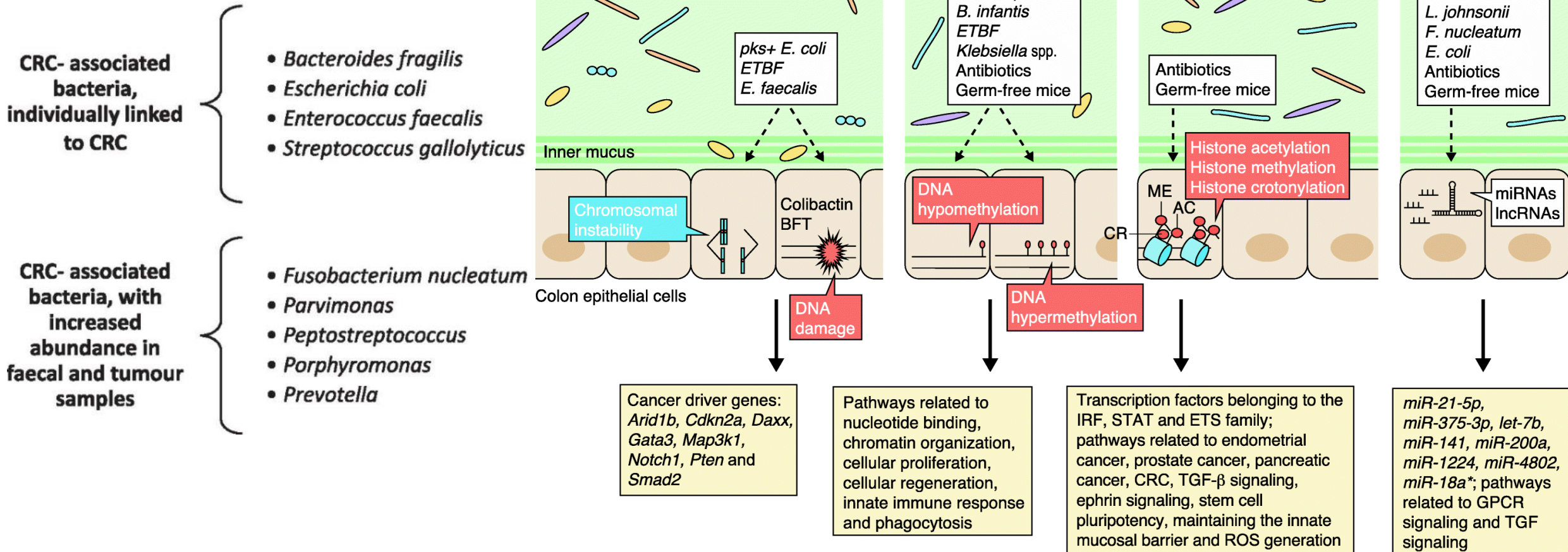
# Bacteria Often Co-Occur in the Primary Lesion and the Liver Metastasis



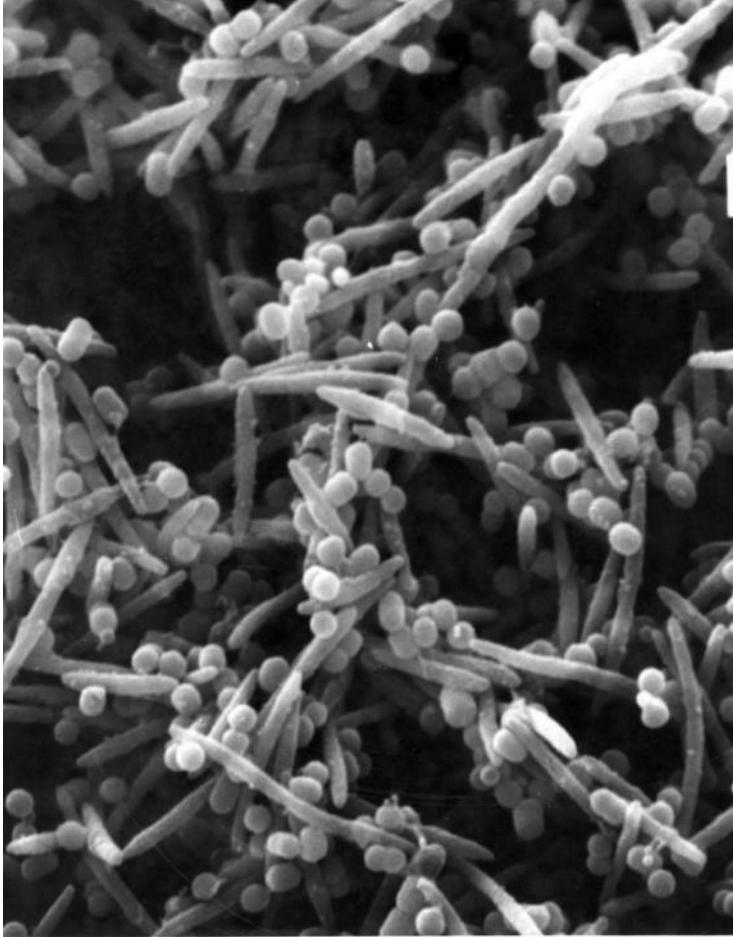
# What Do These Bacteria Do to Promote Cancer Growth?



# Effect of the gut microbiome on the colon epithelial cell genome and epigenome



# *Fusobacterium nucleatum*

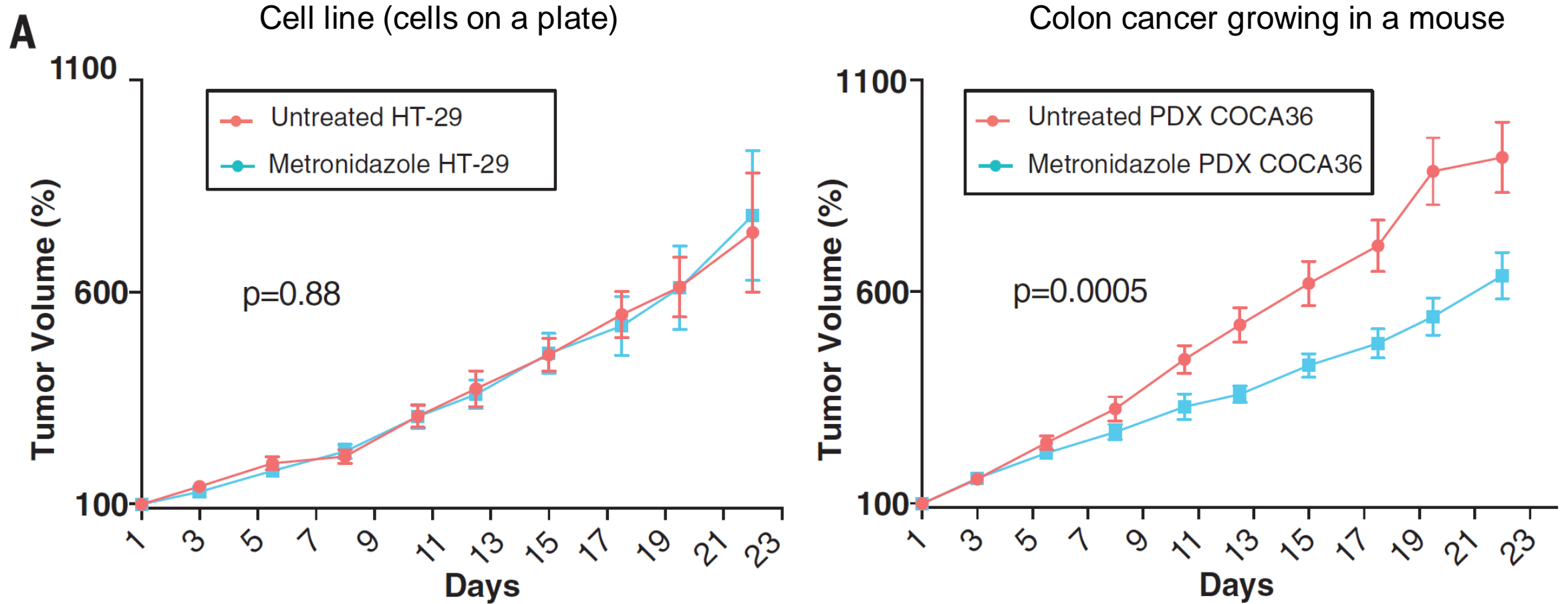


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- Associated with gingival plaque
- Seen in CRC associated with diets lacking whole grains and dietary fiber
- High levels seen in 7%, low or high levels seen in 15% of CRC
  - mostly right-sided, MSS ( $n = 598$ , mean age 67.2, SD 8.4)
- Associated with a lower density of immune cells



# Metronidazole slows tumor growth in *Fusobacterium*-colonized mouse models





# Is *Fusobacterium. nuc.* present in adenomas?

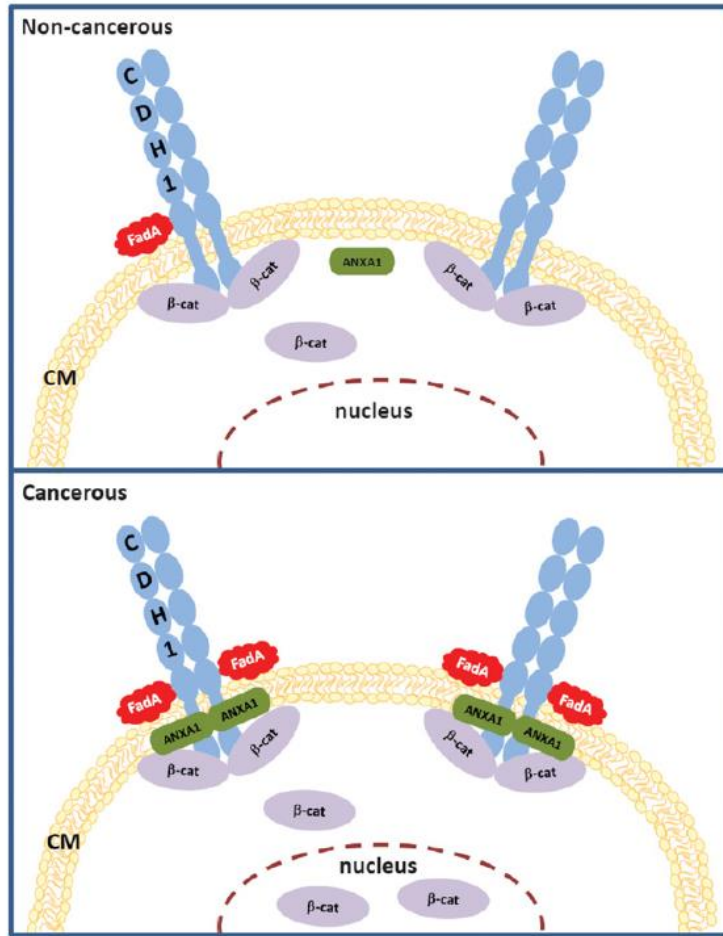
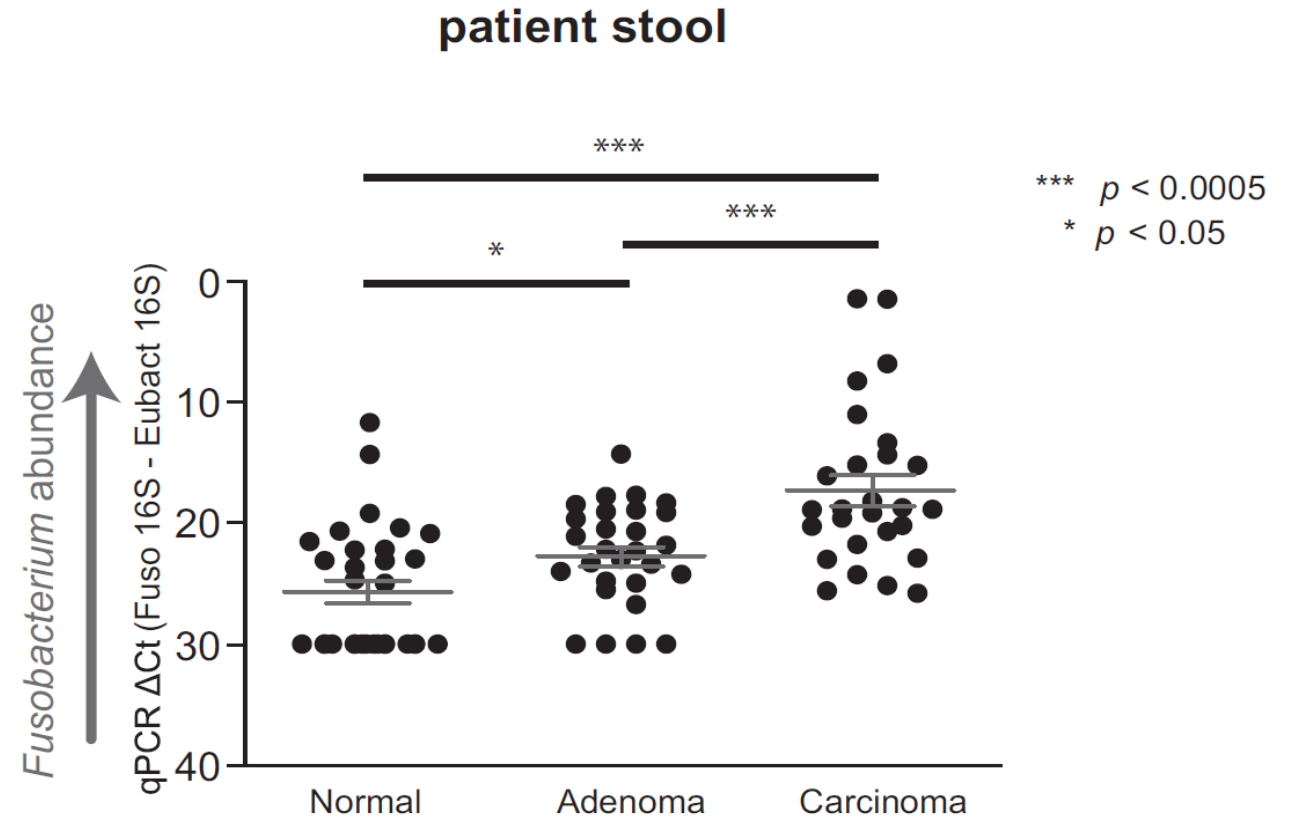
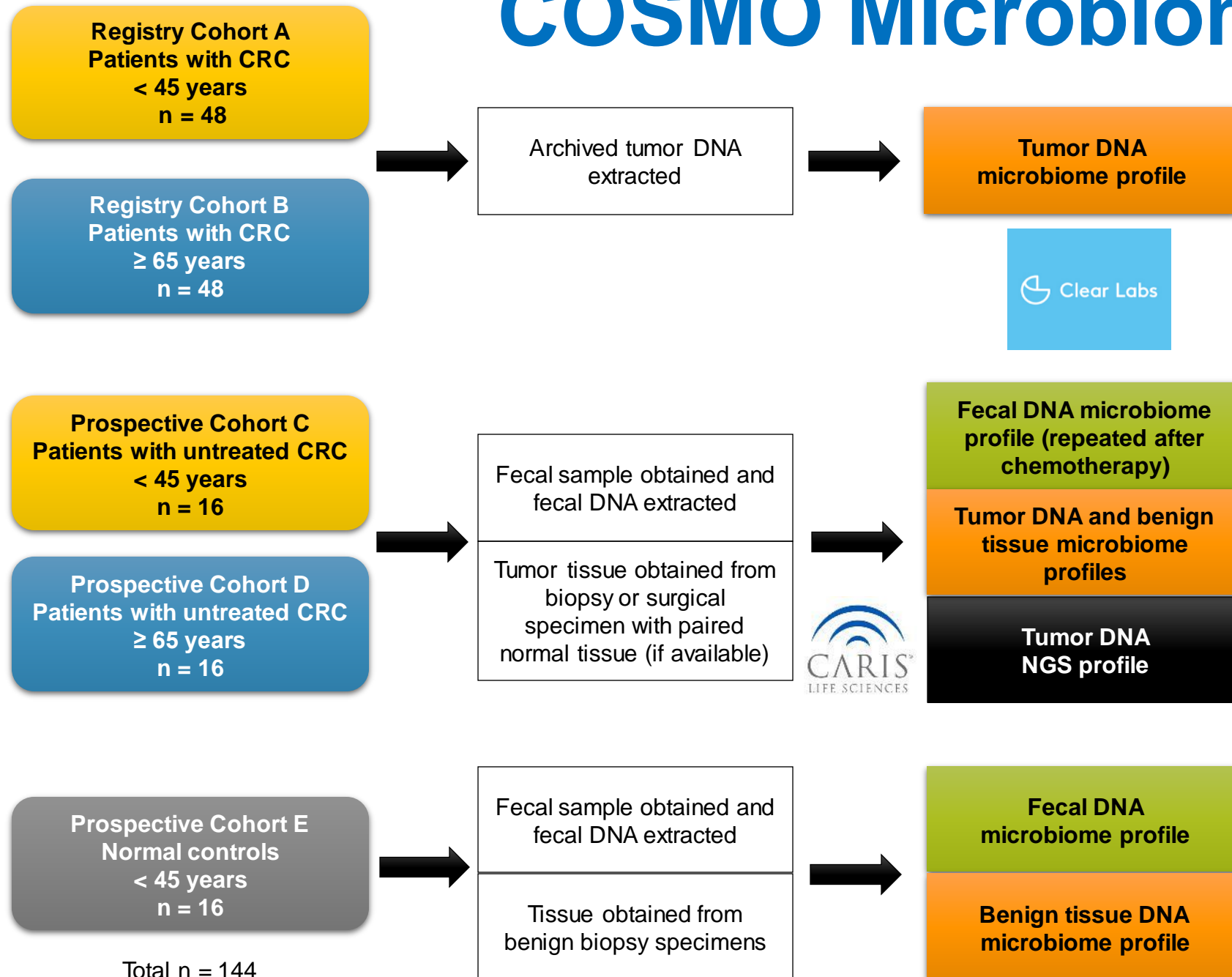


Figure 9. A “two-hit” model for CRC progression stimulated by *F. nucleatum*.

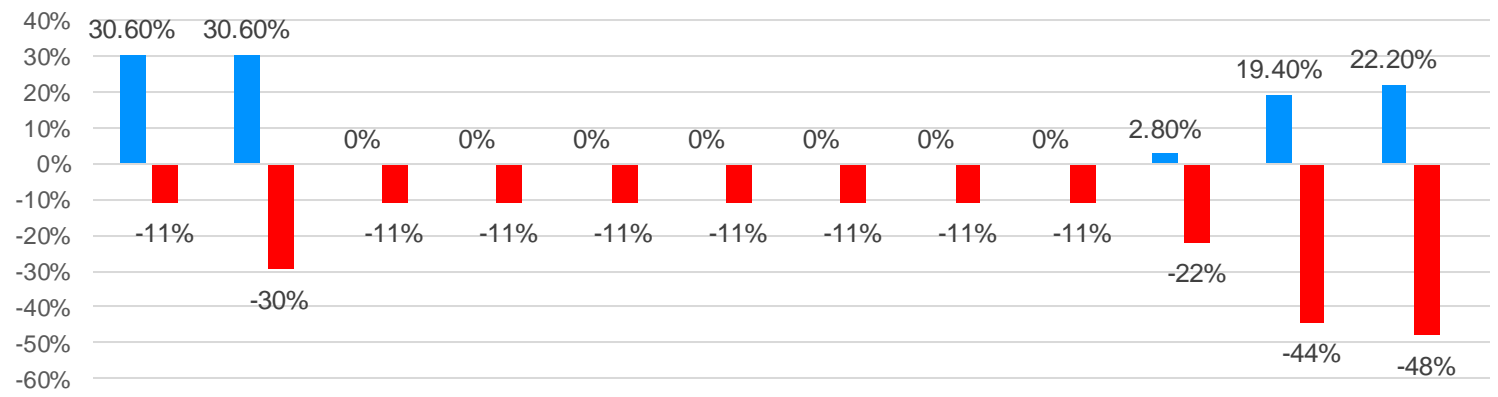
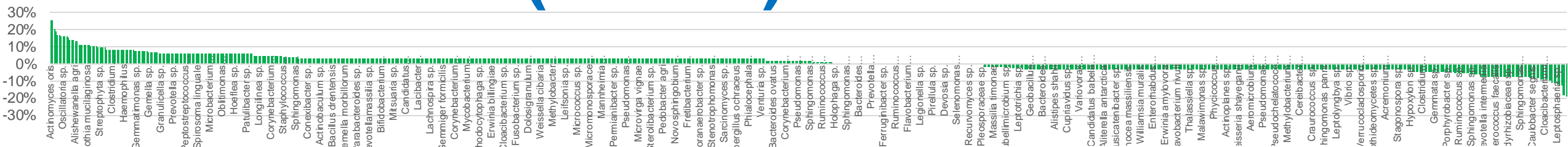
In non-cancerous cells (top panel), there is low level of Annexin A1 (ANXA1) and weak binding of FadA to E-cadherin (CDH1). In cancerous cells (bottom panel), Annexin A1 level increases, FadA binding enhances, FadA–E-cadherin–Annexin A1–β-catenin complex forms, β-catenin is activated, resulting in acceleration of cancer progression. CM, cell membrane.



# COSMO Microbiome Study



# Final Results (N = 63)



*Cladosporium sp.*  
*Fusobacterium nucleatum*  
*Clostridium perfringens*  
*Escherichia coli*  
*Leptosphaeria sp.*  
*Leptotrichia hofstadii*  
*Mycosphaerella sp.*  
*Neodevriesia modesta*  
*Penicillium sp.*  
*Pseudomonas luteola*  
*Moraxella osloensis*  
*Ralstonia sp.*

■ EOCRC ■ LOCRC

- *Cladosporium sp.* seen more in early-onset CRC
- *F. nuc.* was found in 30% of early and average-onset CRC (p = 0.94)
- Others were seen significantly more commonly in average-onset CRC (p < 0.05):
  - *Pseudomonas luteola*
  - *Ralstonia sp.*
  - *Moraxella osloensis*
  - *Clostridium perfringens*
  - *Escherichia coli*
  - *Leptotrichia hofstadii*
  - *Mycosphaerella sp.*
  - *Neodevriesia modesta*
  - *Penicillium sp.*
  - *Leptosphaeria sp.*



## What we know:

We now know that various microbes (and microbial communities) are found more frequently in the stool and mucosa of individuals with CRC

Gut bacteria shift from polyp formation to cancer development

Certain bacteria (*fusobacterium*) have been linked to colorectal cancer development

We also know that these microbes induce tumors in various mouse models



## What we don't know:

We know little about how the microbiome impacts colon epithelial cells (CECs) directly

*AND*

How these interactions might lead to modifications at the genetic and epigenetic levels that trigger and propagate tumor growth



# The future of the gut microbiome and colorectal cancer



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# Potential Clinical Applications: *Targeting or Using the Gut Microbiome*

## Screening biomarkers

- Detect CRC or adenoma in asymptomatic individuals

## Prognostic and/or predictive biomarkers

- Predict clinical outcomes in patients with CRC
- Predict treatment responses or adverse effects

## Modulation for CRC treatment

- Modify microbiota to improve immunotherapy or chemotherapy responses or reduce their adverse effects

## Modulation for CRC prevention

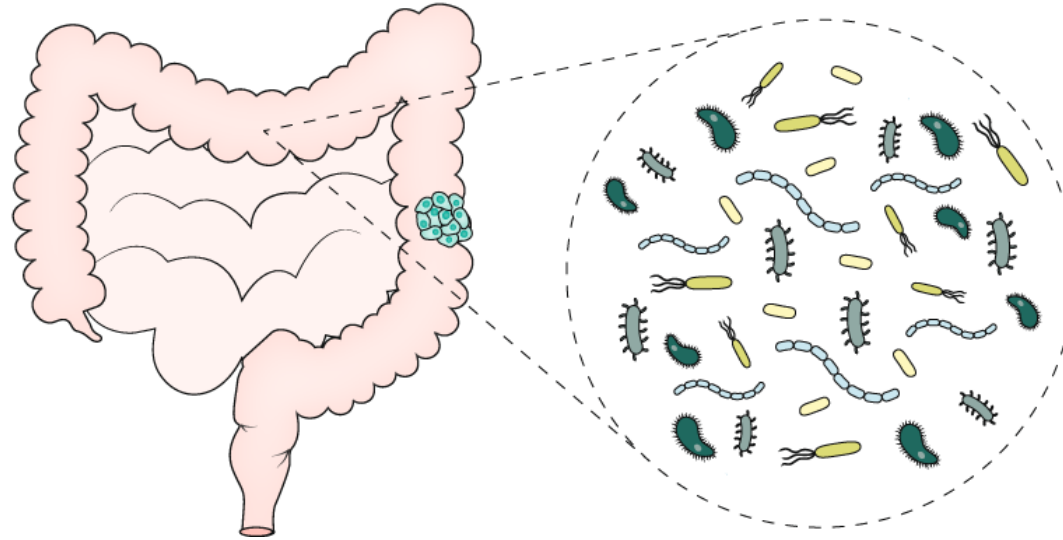
- Modify microbiota to prevent CRC in high-risk or average-risk populations

## Type of markers

- Microbial genes
- Microbial metabolites
- Microbiota-related serological markers

## Samples

- Faecal, oral, blood or tumour tissue

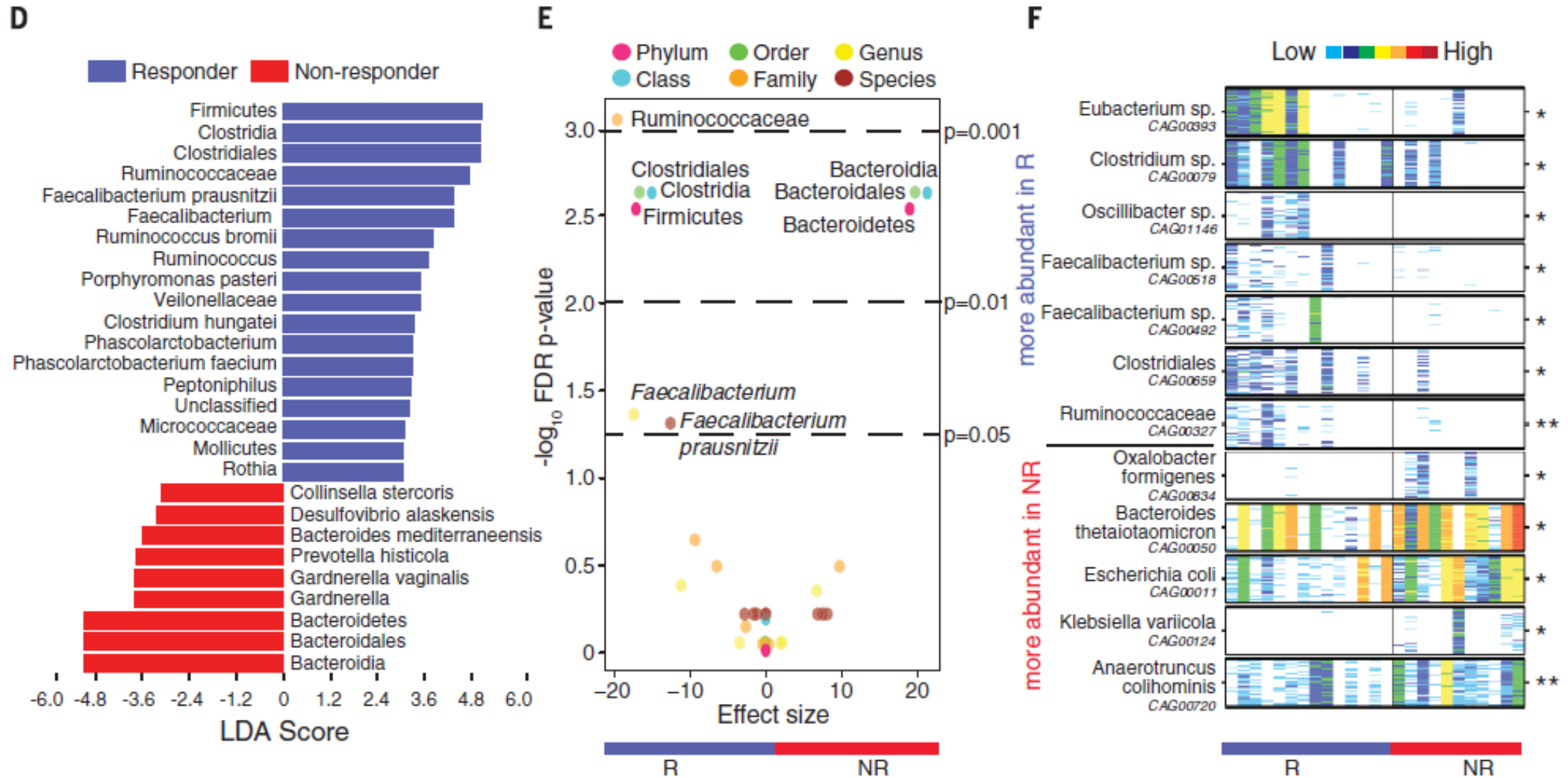


## Approaches

- Dietary intervention
- Prebiotics
- Probiotics
- FMT
- Antibiotics
- Postbiotics or microbial metabolites

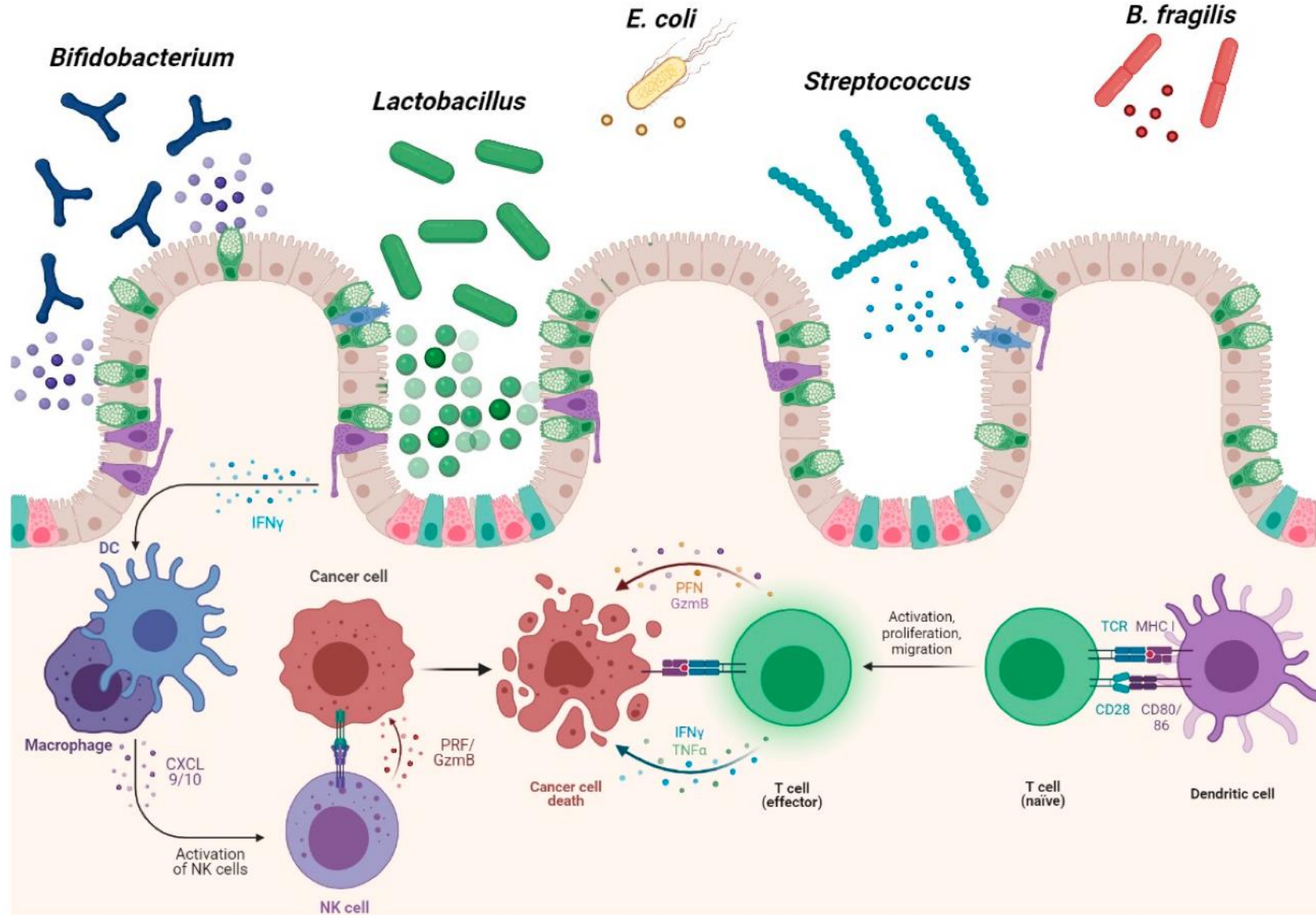


# Gut Microbiome Modulates Response to Anti-PD-1 Immunotherapy in Patients with Melanoma





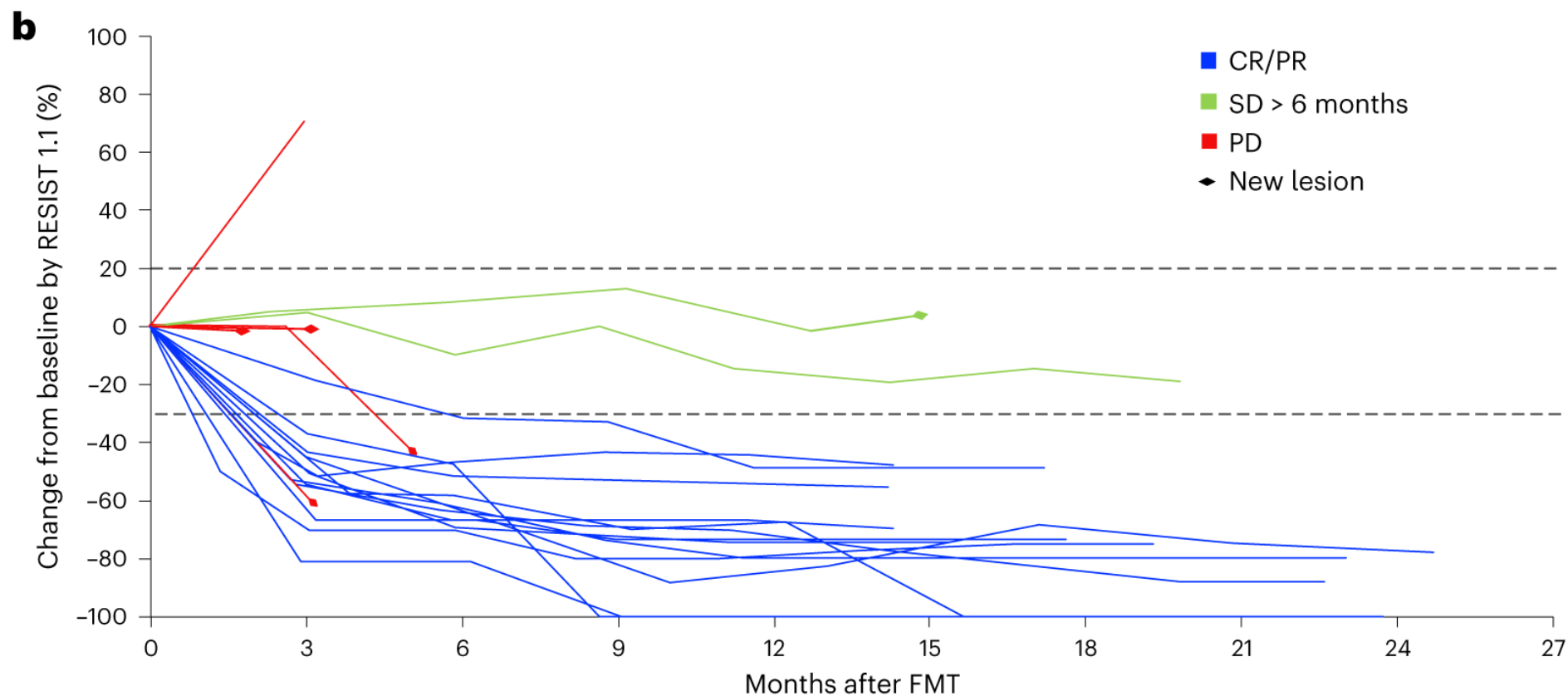
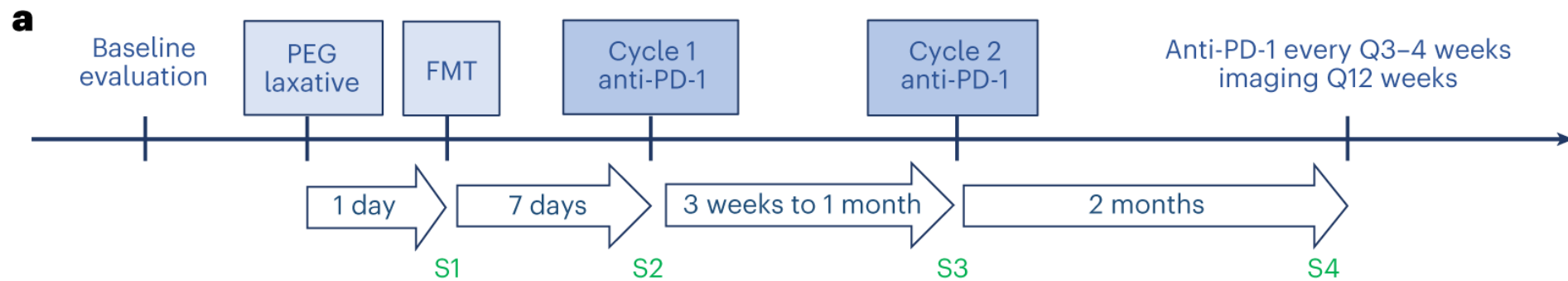
# Positive effects of microbiota and probiotics in CRC



# Fecal Microbiota Transplant Capsules

- Guideline approved for recurrent/refractory *C. difficile* infections (2013)
- Fecal Microbiota Transplant can improve immunotherapy-induced colitis
- Phase I study of patients with melanoma receiving immunotherapy and a fecal microbiota transplant (n = 40 patients)
  - 65% of the patients who retained the donors' fecal microbiota had clinical responses to the combination treatment





## What we need:

Need to implement more standardized analysis strategies

Collate data from multiple studies and institutions (a ton of data!)

This is an area where machine learning and AI may be helpful!

Utilize CRC mouse models to better assess these effects, understand their functional relevance, and leverage this information to improve patient care





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# Diet, Nutrition, & Colorectal Cancer Research in the ACS Cancer Prevention Studies

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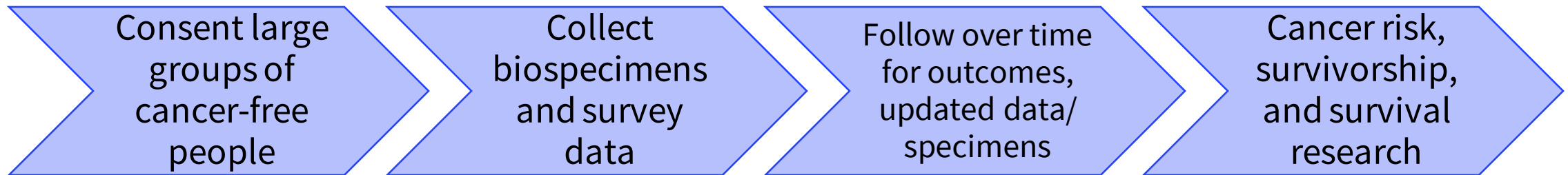
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# THE CANCER PREVENTION STUDIES (CPS)

For nearly 70 years, the American Cancer Society has conducted some of the world's largest prospective epidemiologic cohort studies to understand risk factors for cancer risk as well as progression, quality of life, and survival after a cancer diagnosis.



	<b>Hammond-Horn</b>	<b>CPS-I</b>	<b>CPS-II*</b>	<b>CPS-3*</b>
Years	1952-1955	1959-1972	1982-2022	2006-present
Participants	188,000	1,000,000	1,200,000	304,000
Volunteers	22,000	68,000	77,000	25,000
With blood (or DNA)	n/a	n/a	40,000 (70,000)	297,000

\* Tumor tissue for selected cancer types collected



# DIET & NUTRITION RESEARCH FROM CPS

2017

## DIET, NUTRITION, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND COLORECTAL CANCER

Chao A, et al. Amount, type, and timing of recreational physical activity in relation to colon and rectal cancer in older adults: the Cancer Prevention Study II Nutrition Cohort. *Cancer Epid Biom Prev* 2004.

McCullough ML, et al. Circulating Vitamin D and Colorectal Cancer Risk: An International Pooling Project of 17 Cohorts. *J Natl Cancer Inst* 2019.

McCullough ML, et al. Prospective study of whole grains, fruits, vegetables and colon cancer risk. *Cancer Causes Control* 2003.

Um CY, et al. Association between grains, gluten, and risk of colorectal cancer in the Cancer Prevention Study II Nutrition Cohort. *Eur J Nutr* 2003.

DECREASES RISK	INCREASES RISK
Physical activity <sup>1,2</sup>	Processed Alcoholic d Body fatne Adult attain
Wholegrains Foods containing dietary fibre <sup>7</sup> Dairy products <sup>8</sup> Calcium supplements <sup>9</sup>	Red meat <sup>10</sup>
Foods containing vitamin C <sup>11</sup> Fish Vitamin D <sup>12</sup> Multivitamin supplements <sup>13</sup>	Low intakes of non-starchy vegetables <sup>14</sup> Low intakes of fruits <sup>14</sup> Foods containing haem iron <sup>15</sup>
Cereals (grains) and their products; potatoes; animal fat; poultry; shellfish and other seafood; fatty acid composition; cholesterol; dietary n-3 fatty acid from fish; legumes; garlic; non-dairy sources of calcium; foods containing added sugars; sugar (sucrose); coffee; tea; caffeine; carbohydrate; total fat; starch; glycaemic load; glycaemic index; folate; vitamin A; vitamin B6; vitamin E; selenium; low fat; methionine; beta-carotene; alpha-carotene; lycopene; retinol; energy intake; meal frequency; dietary pattern	

Calle EE, et al. Overweight, Obesity, and Mortality from Cancer in a Prospectively Studied Cohort of U.S. Adults. *N Engl J Med* 2003.

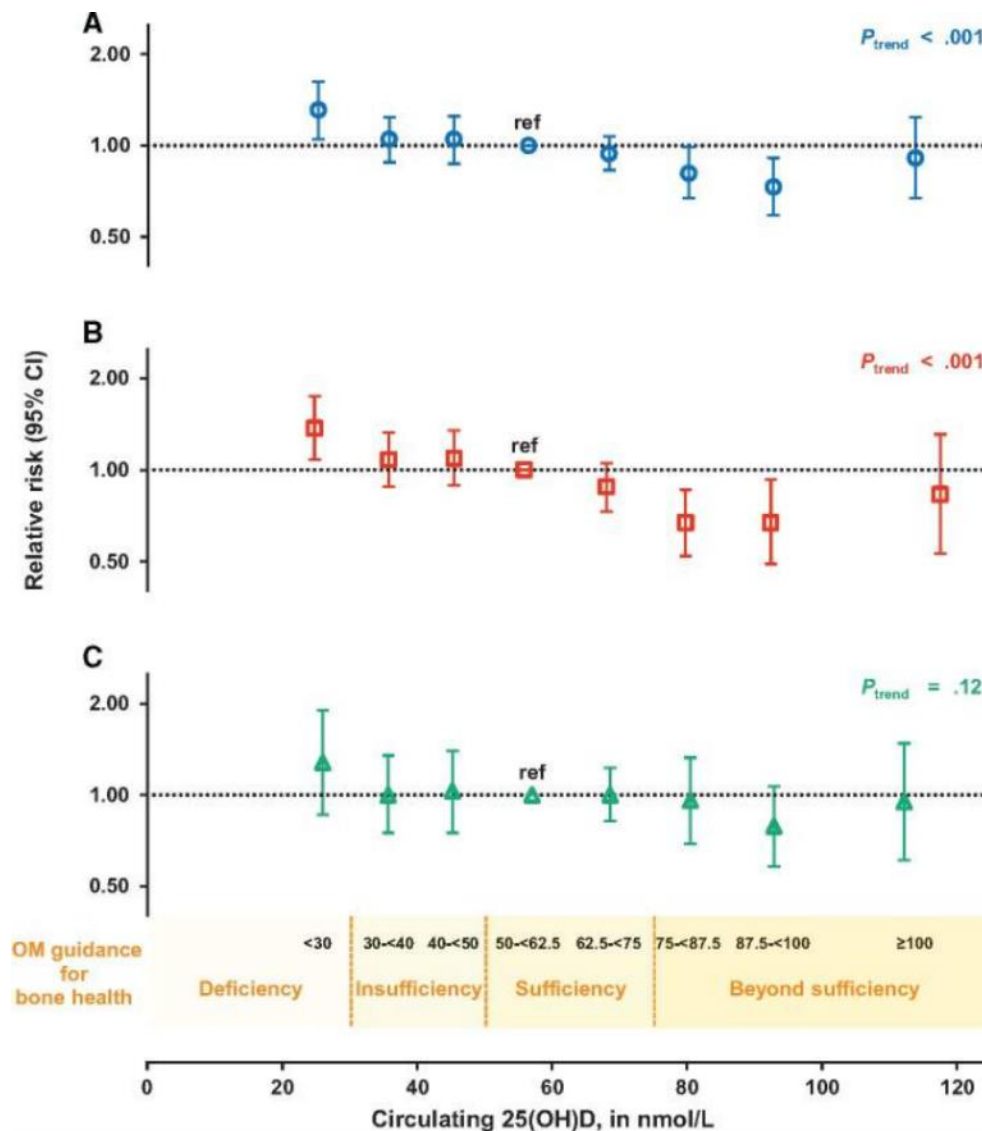
Chao A, et al. Meat Consumption and Risk of Colorectal Cancer. *JAMA* 2005.

LIMITED





# Circulating vitamin D and colorectal cancer risk: Pooled analysis of 17 prospective cohorts



All

Women

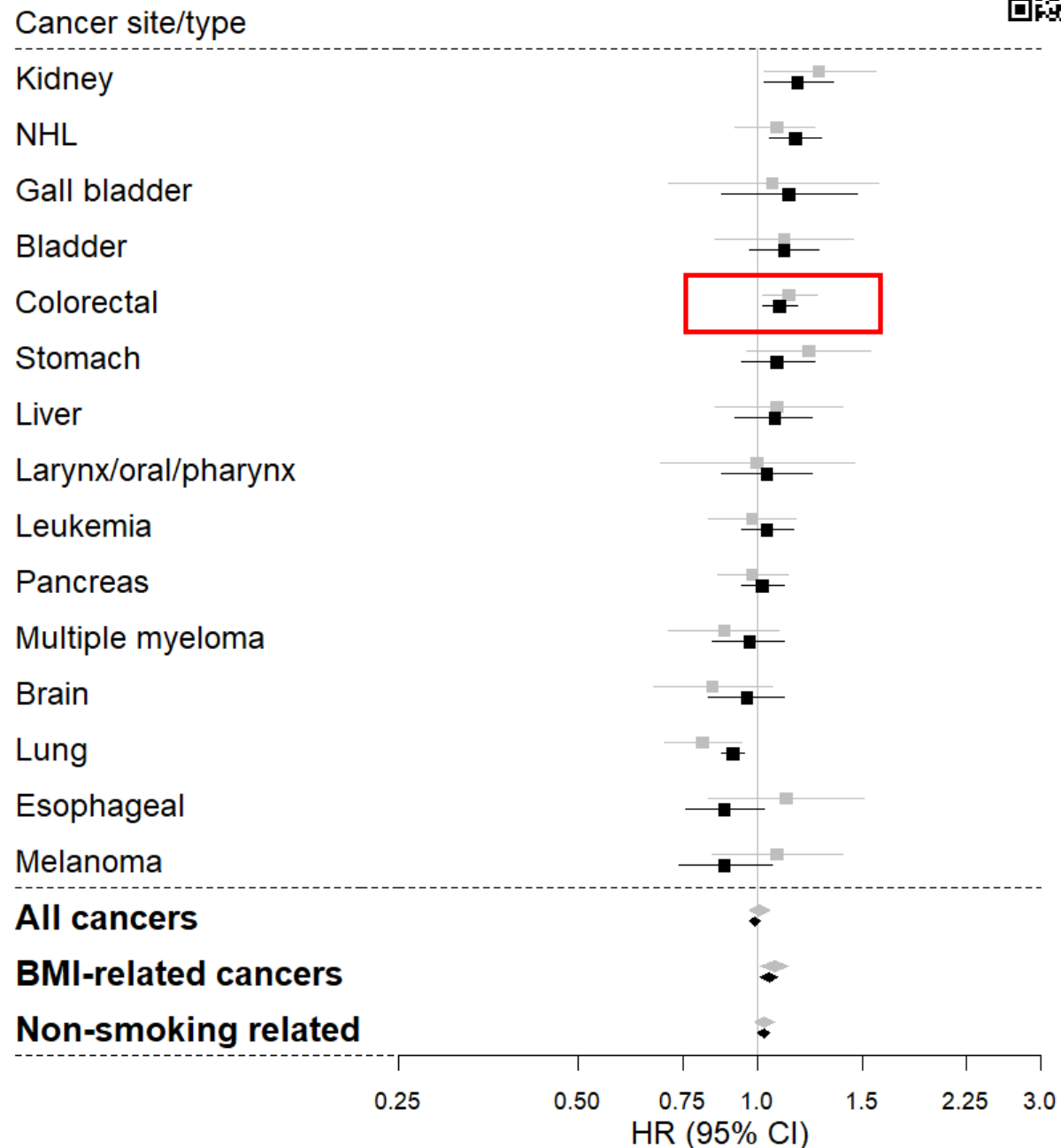
Men

Lower risk with circulating levels between 75-100 nmol/L

McCullough ML, et al. Circulating vitamin D and colorectal cancer risk: A pooled analysis of 17 prospective cohorts. *J Natl Cancer Inst* 2019.

# Sugar sweetened beverage consumption and risk of cancer mortality among adults in CPS-II (1982-2017)

■ All ■ Never smokers



# Diet and Activity Guidelines to Reduce Cancer Risk

Staying at a healthy weight, being physically active throughout life, following a healthy eating pattern, and avoiding or limiting alcohol may greatly reduce your risk of developing or dying from cancer.

**EXCESS BODY WEIGHT, POOR NUTRITION, PHYSICAL INACTIVITY, AND EXCESS ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION**

**= ABOUT 1 IN 5 CANCER CASES**



**OVERWEIGHT OR OBESITY RAISES A PERSON'S RISK OF GETTING ONE OR MORE OF**

**13 TYPES OF CANCER**

The American Cancer Society Diet and Physical Activity Guidelines for Cancer Prevention provide recommendations for weight control, physical activity, diet, and alcohol consumption to reduce cancer risk.

**The American Cancer Society recommends the following:**

**GET TO AND STAY AT A HEALTHY BODY WEIGHT THROUGHOUT LIFE.**

**BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE.**

### EXERCISE

ADULTS should get 150-300 minutes moderate-intensity activity/week or 75-150 Minutes vigorous-intensity activity/week or a combination of the two through the week

CHILDREN AND TEENS should get at least 1 hour of moderate- or vigorous-intensity activity each day.

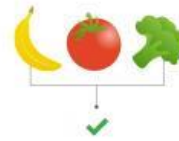
### LIMIT SEDENTARY BEHAVIOR

- Screen-based entertainment
- Sitting around
- Lying down



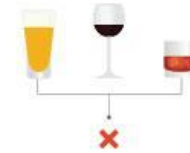
## FOLLOW A HEALTHY EATING PATTERN.

### MORE FRUITS AND VEGGIES ... LESS JUNK



- Foods high in vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients in amounts that help you get to and stay at a healthy body weight
- A colorful variety of vegetables – dark green, red, and orange
- Fiber-rich beans and peas
- A colorful variety of whole fruits
- Whole grains, like whole wheat bread and brown rice
- Red meats such as beef, pork, and lamb and processed meats such as bacon, sausage, deli meats, and hot dogs
- Sugar-sweetened beverages
- Highly processed foods and refined grain products

### IT IS BEST NOT TO DRINK ALCOHOL



- If you do choose to drink alcohol, women should have no more than one drink per day and men should have no more than two drinks per day.
- A drink is 12 ounces of regular beer, 5 ounces of wine, or 1.5 ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits.

Many environments – where people live, learn, work, shop and play – are not supportive of making healthy choices.

**The American Cancer Society recommends that public, private, and community organizations work together to increase access to affordable, healthy foods and provide safe, enjoyable and accessible opportunities for physical activity.**

**YOU CAN MAKE YOUR COMMUNITY HEALTHIER BY:**



- Asking for healthier meal and snack choices at school or work
- Speaking up at city council and other community meetings about the need for sidewalks, bike lanes, parks, and playgrounds to help make easier to walk, bike, and enjoy a variety of physical activities
- Supporting stores and restaurants that sell or serve healthy options



# WHAT'S AHEAD IN CPS



~2 million yrs ago  
Hunter-gatherers



1950s  
Convenience foods



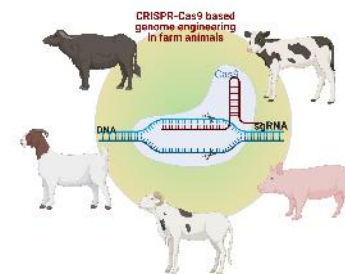
2010s  
Plant-based meat products



~12,000 yrs ago  
Agriculture & farming



1980s  
Genetic engineering



# WHAT'S AHEAD IN CPS



Improved dietary assessment

FOOD	SOURCE (CHECK ONE)				TIME	PORTION SIZE		
	HOME	RESTAURANT	WORK	OTHER		HOW MANY	FOOD MODEL	TICKERS OR ICE IN LINES
FOOD DESCRIPTION								
41.								
42.								
43.								
44.								
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46.								
47.								
48.								
49.								
50.								



## EVOLUTION OF DIETARY ASSESSMENT

Please estimate your average food use as best you can, and please answer every question - do not leave ANY lines blank. PLEASE PUT A TICK (✓) ON EVERY LINE

FOODS AND AMOUNTS	AVERAGE USE LAST YEAR					
	Never or less than once a month	1-3 per month	Once a week	2-4 per week	5-6 per week	7-8 per week
MEAT AND FISH (medium serving)						
Beef: roast, steak, mince, stew or casserole						
Beefburgers						
Pork: roast, chops, stew or slices						
Lamb: roast, chops or stew						
Chicken or other poultry eg. turkey						
Bacon						
Ham						
Comed beef, Spam, luncheon meats						
Sausages						



# WHAT'S AHEAD IN CPS



## Multi-omics research

- Lifestyle, environmental, & social factors
- Host genetics
- Oral and gut microbiomes
- Host and fecal metabolomes

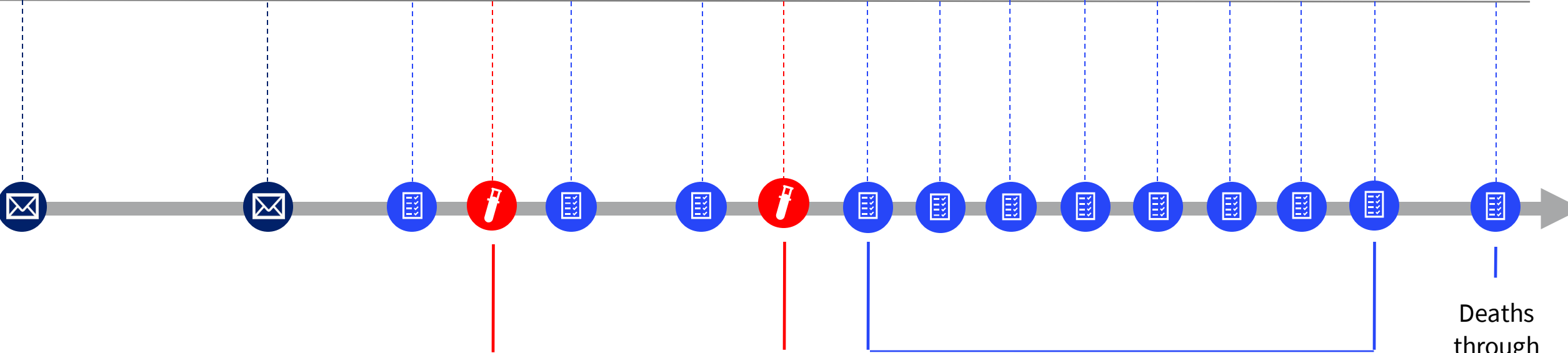




**Baseline Cohort: 1.2 million followed for mortality**

**Nutrition Cohort: 184,000 followed for cancer incidence & mortality**

1982 1992 1997 1999 2001 2003 2005 2007 2009 2011 2013 2015 2017 2022



Blood  
(n ≈ 37,000)



Buccal cell  
(n ≈ 70,000)



Tumor tissue collection

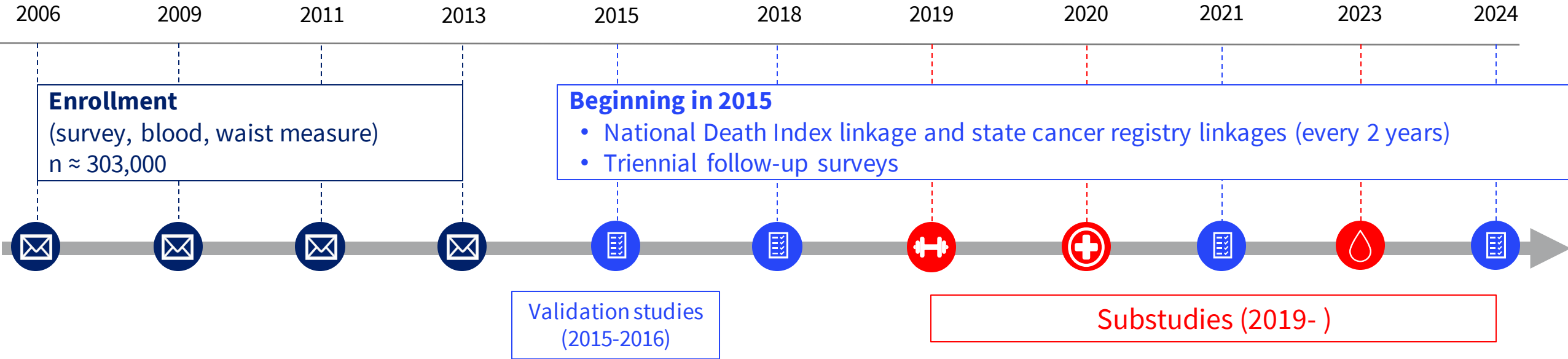


Deaths through 2022

**Cancer Prevention Study-II**

# Enrollment

# Follow-up



## Cancer Prevention Study-3

(2015- )  
Tumor tissue & digital pathology



(2019-2023)  
Accelerometry (n~20,000)



(2020- )  
Participant portal (n=75,000)



(2020-2023)  
Microbiome (n=10,000)



(2020- )  
COVID-19 app (n=10,000)



(2022-2023)  
HEALD (n=400)



(2024-2025)  
Repeat blood (n=10,000)



# WHAT'S AHEAD IN CPS



Racially/ethnically diverse participants

## VOICES OF BLACK WOMEN

### Enrolling Participant Groups:



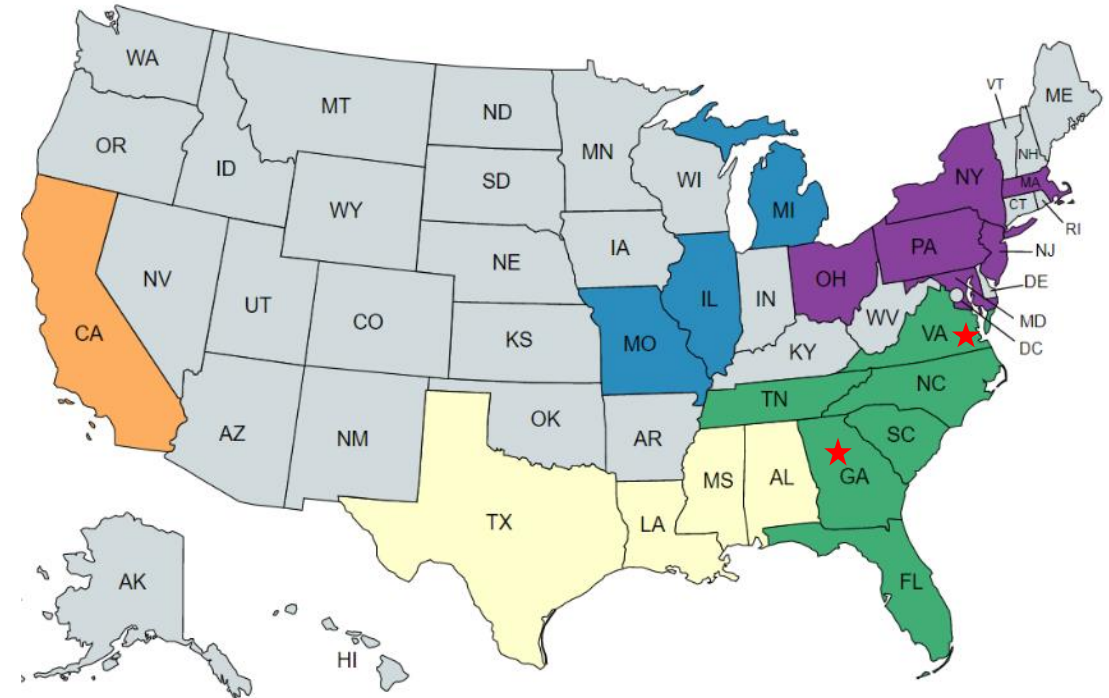
#### **Cancer-free cohort arm:** *(Pilot launched Oct 2023)*

- 85,000 women between ages 25-55 years
- No cancer history (except basal or squamous skin cancer)



#### **Survivor cohort arm:** *(Pilot launching Fall 2024)*

- 15,000 women previously diagnosed with breast, endometrial, or colon cancer
  - 95% of excess cancer deaths for Black women attributed to these 3 cancers
- Age <65 years at diagnosis



★ **2023 Pilot Sites:**  
Atlanta, GA  
Hampton Roads, VA





## Recruiting:

- Postdoctoral Fellows
- Study Management staff
- Data analysts





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# Potential Impact of Family History–Based Screening Guidelines on the Detection of Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer

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*I wish we had more time...*

**BACKGROUND:** Initiating screening for the prevention and detection of colorectal cancer (CRC) is limited. The authors assessed the impact of family history-based screening guidelines on the detection of early-onset colorectal cancer (EOCRC). The authors conducted a case-control study of 614 incident (772 individuals) incident cases of EO CRC and 772 controls. The American College of Radiology in 2008 for early screening, and the authors assessed the impact of screening initiation if these criteria had been applied. **RESULTS:** For cases, 25% of cases (614 of 2473 cases) and 10% of controls (74 of 772 controls) met the criteria for EO CRC. Among 614 individuals meeting the criteria for EO CRC, 4 met family history-based early screening criteria, and nearly all (4 or possibly even prevented) if earlier screening had been implemented. **CONCLUSIONS:** These findings suggest that family history-based screening guidelines are needed to improve the detection and prevention of EO CRC for patients at high risk for hereditary cancer syndromes. *Cancer* 2020;126:3013-3020. © 2020 American Cancer Society.

**KEYWORDS:** case-control study, family history, guidelines, sensitivity



## Health Record Encourage Referrals for Genetic Counseling and Testing Among Patients at High Risk for Hereditary Cancer Syndromes?

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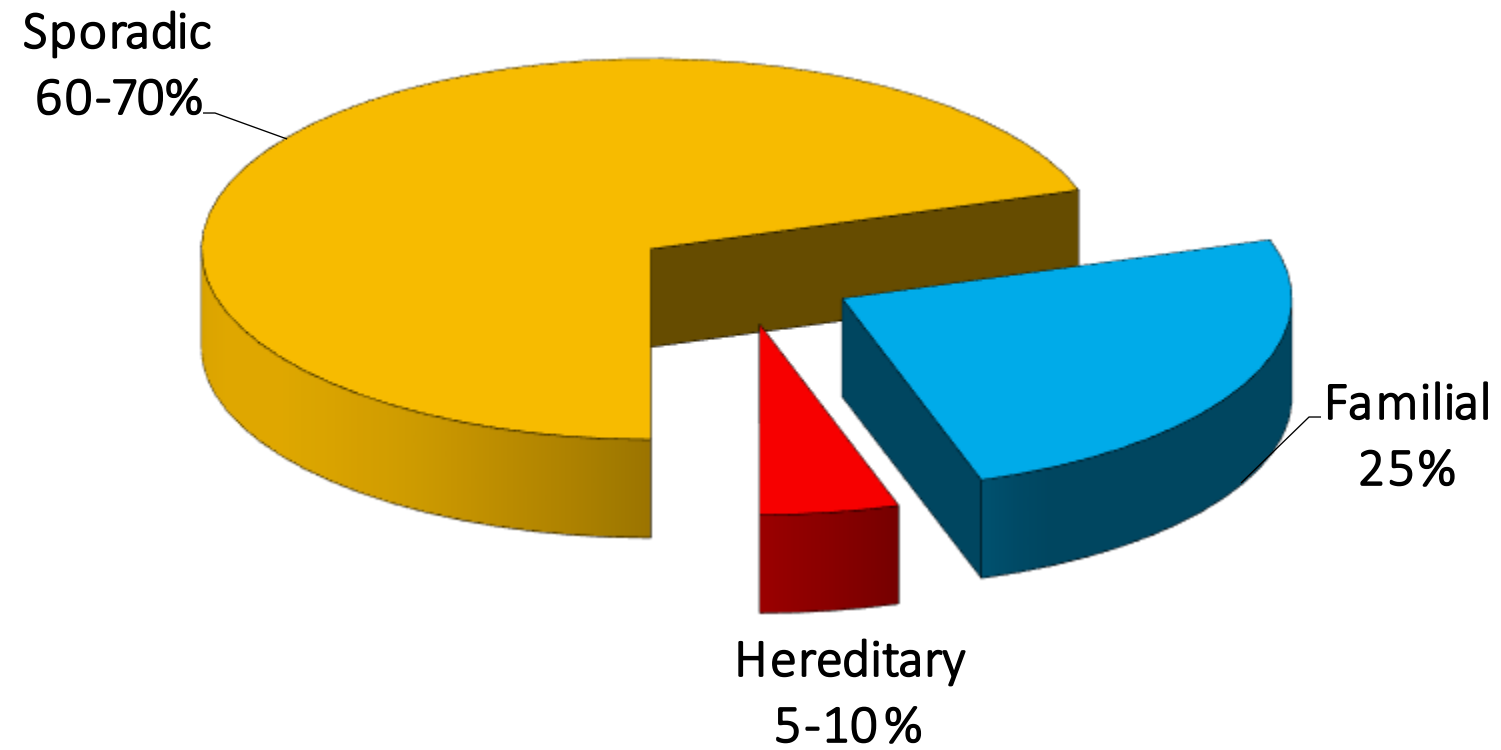
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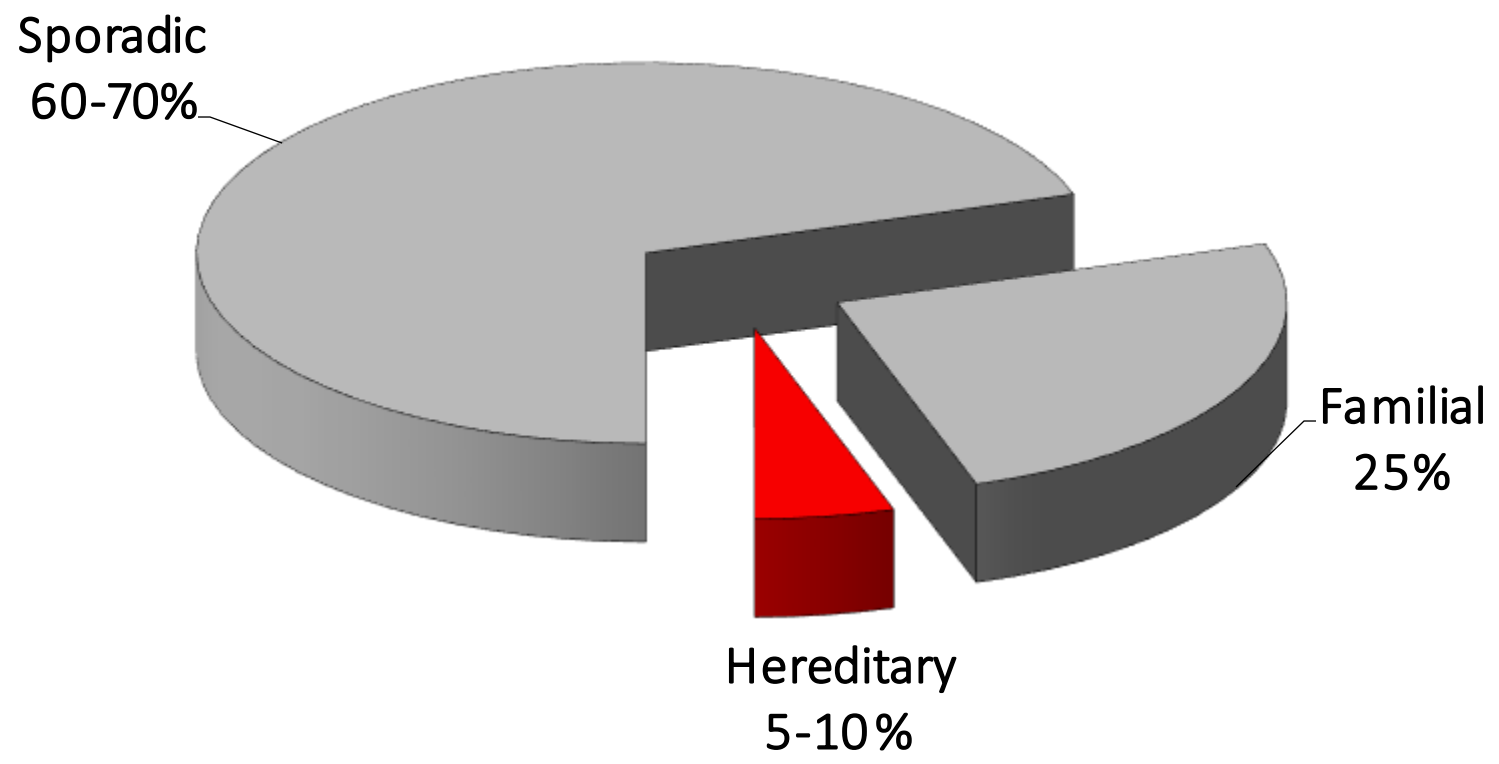
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Estimated New Cases\*

		Males		Females			
Prostate	217,730	28%			Breast	207,090	28%
Lung & bronchus	116,750	15%			Lung & bronchus	105,770	14%
Colon & rectum	72,090	9%			Colon & rectum	70,480	10%
Urinary bladder	52,760	7%			Uterine corpus	43,470	6%
Melanoma of the skin	38,870	5%			Thyroid	33,930	5%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	35,380	4%			Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	30,160	4%
Kidney & renal pelvis	35,370	4%			Melanoma of the skin	29,260	4%
Oral cavity & pharynx	25,420	3%			Kidney&renal pelvis	22,870	3%
Leukemia	24,690	3%			Ovary	21,880	3%
Pancreas	21,370	3%			Pancreas	21,770	3%
<b>All sites</b>	<b>789,620</b>	<b>100%</b>			<b>All sites</b>	<b>739,940</b>	<b>100%</b>

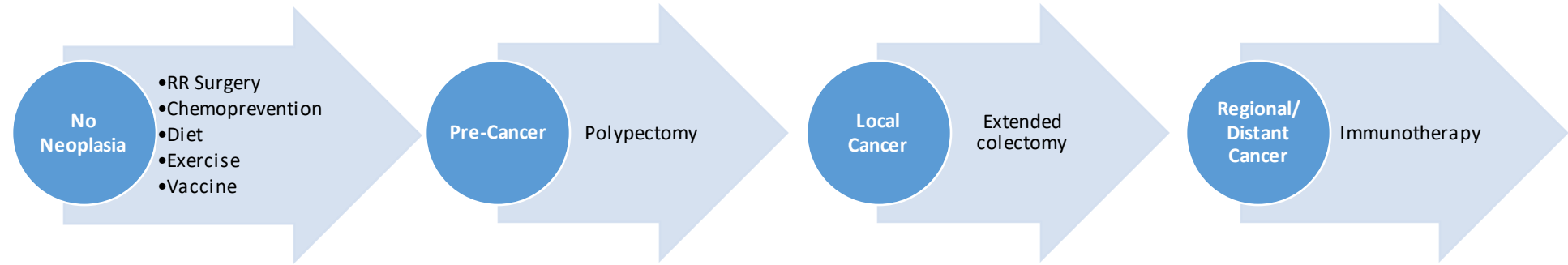
Estimated Deaths

		Males		Females			
Lung & bronchus	86,220	29%			Lung & bronchus	71,080	26%
Prostate	32,050	11%			Breast	39,840	15%
Colon & rectum	26,580	9%			Colon & rectum	24,790	9%
Pancreas	18,770	6%			Pancreas	18,030	7%
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	12,720	4%			Ovary	13,850	5%
Leukemia	12,660	4%			Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	9,500	4%
Esophagus	11,650	4%			Leukemia	9,180	3%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	10,710	4%			Uterine corpus	7,950	3%
Urinary bladder	10,410	3%			Multiple myeloma	6,190	2%
Kidney & renal pelvis	8,210	3%			Brain & other nervous system	5,720	2%
<b>All sites</b>	<b>299,200</b>	<b>100%</b>			<b>All sites</b>	<b>270,290</b>	<b>100%</b>





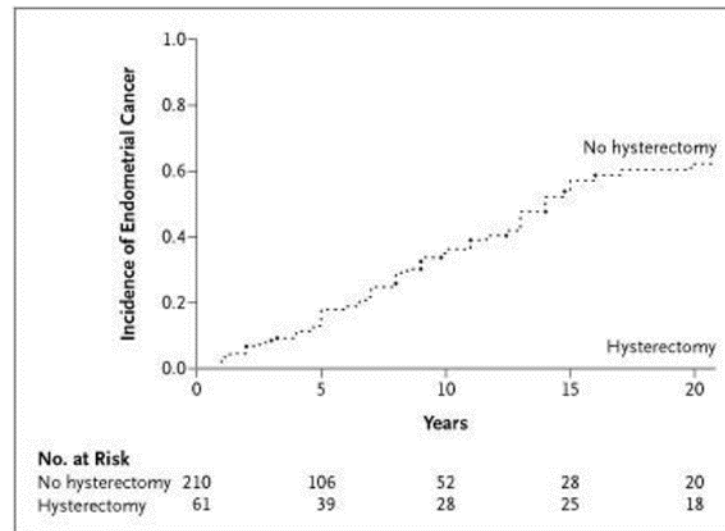
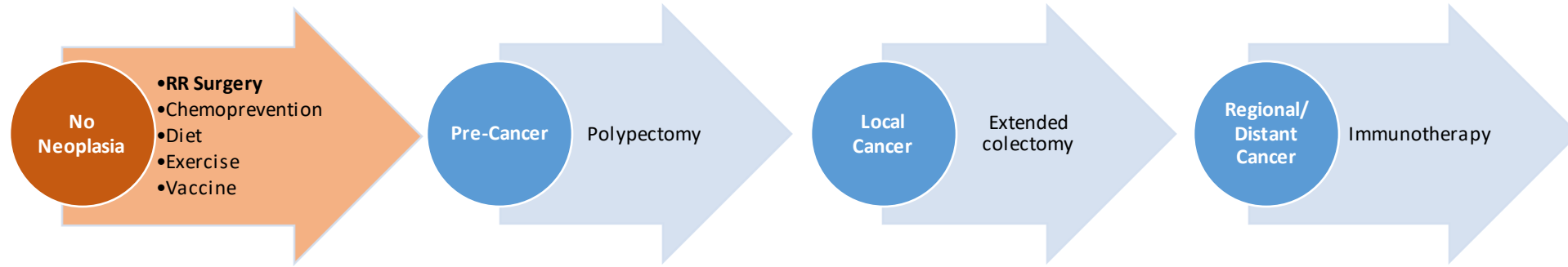
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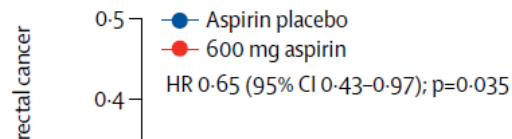
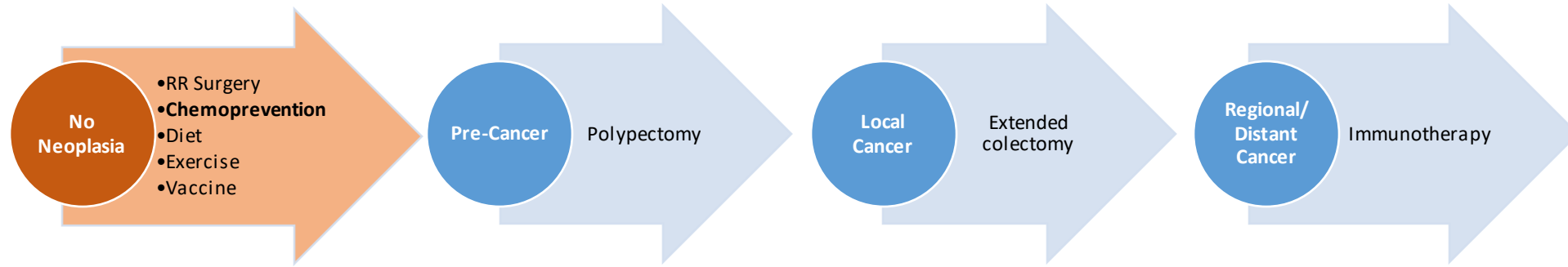




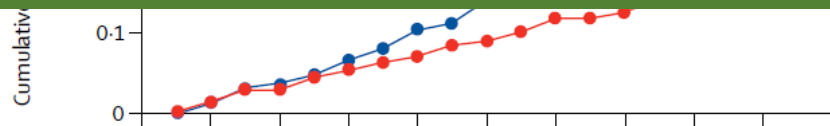
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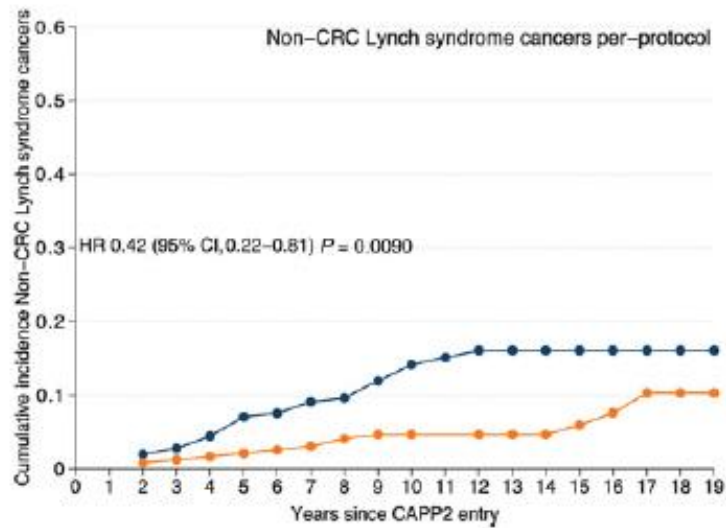
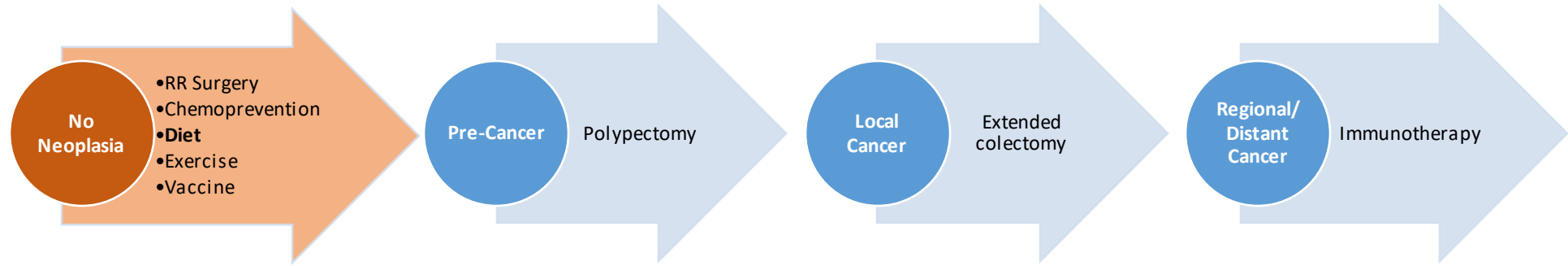
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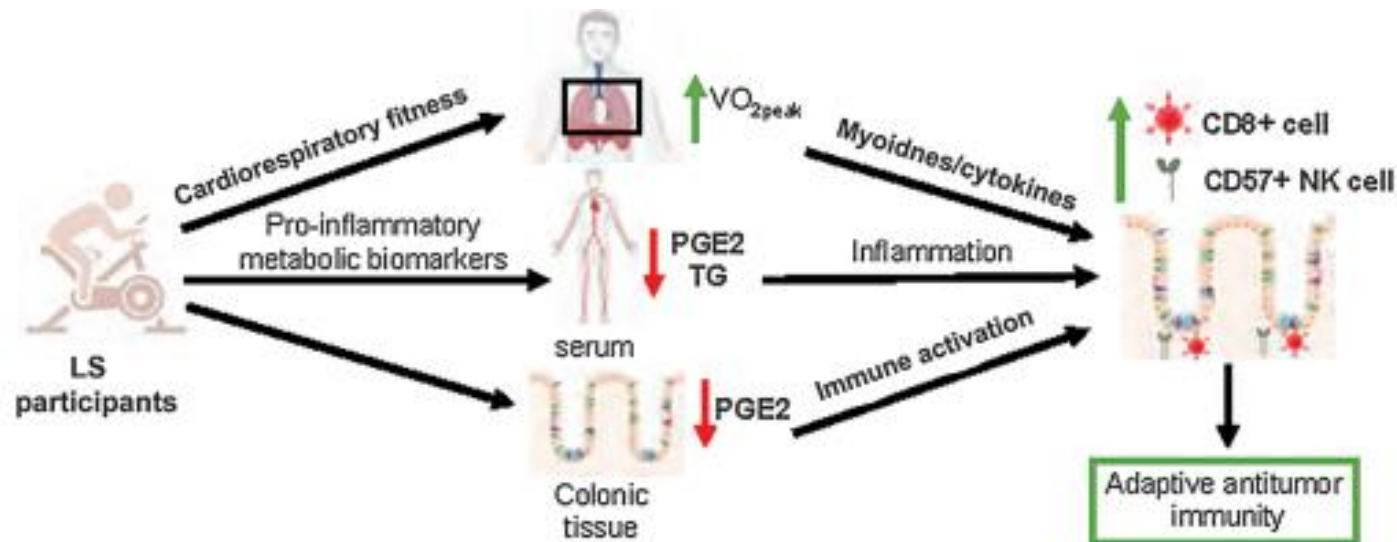
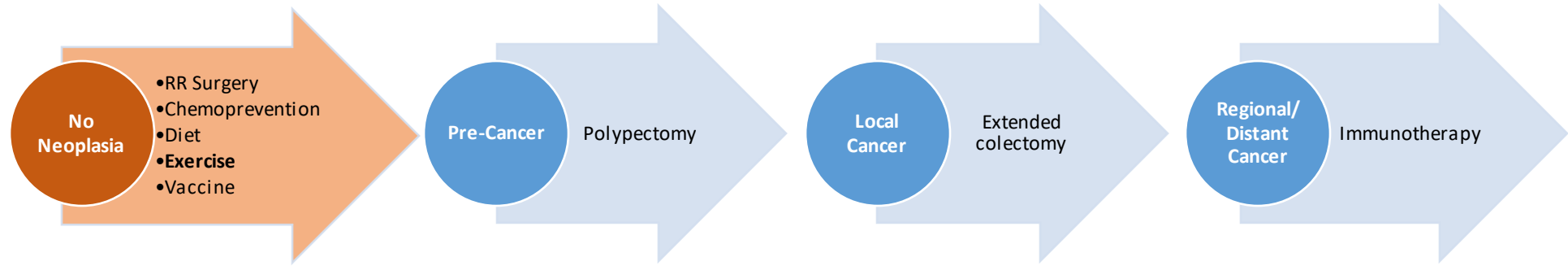
**Number Needed To Treat to Prevent 1 CRC = 24**



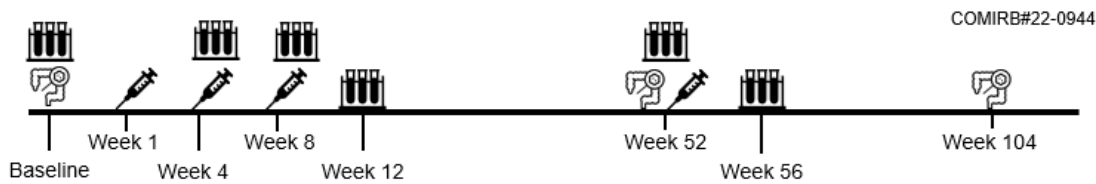
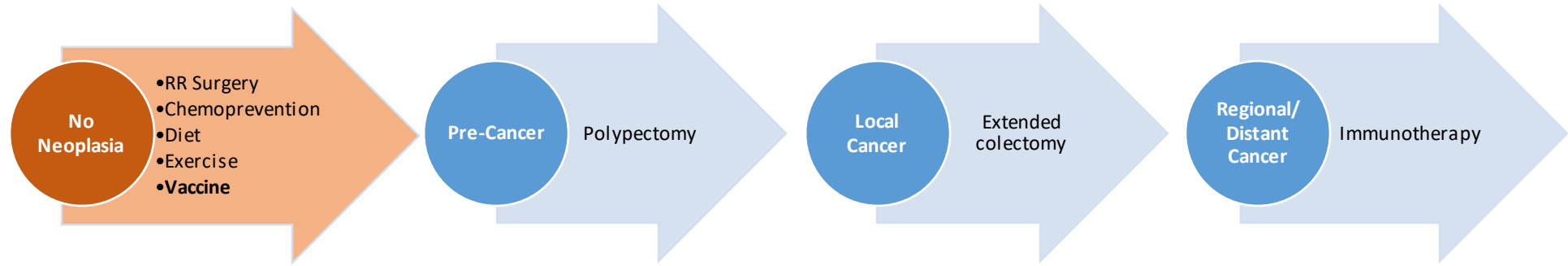
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Standard of Care Colonoscopy

Vaccine Administration

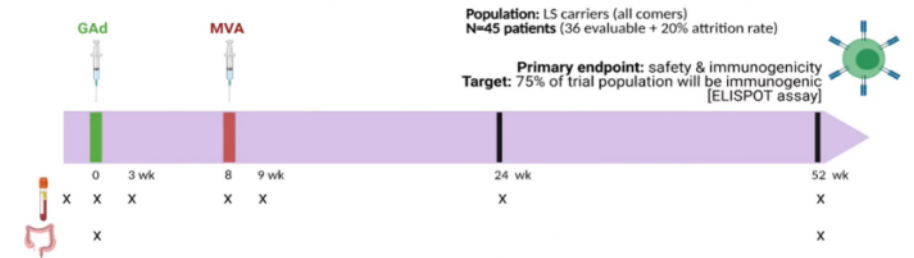
Research Blood Draw

ELIGIBILITY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lynch Syndrome Diagnosis</li> <li>Able to partake in research</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18 years of age</li> <li>Able to commit to 2 years of research-related appointments</li> </ul>
PRIMARY OUTCOME	
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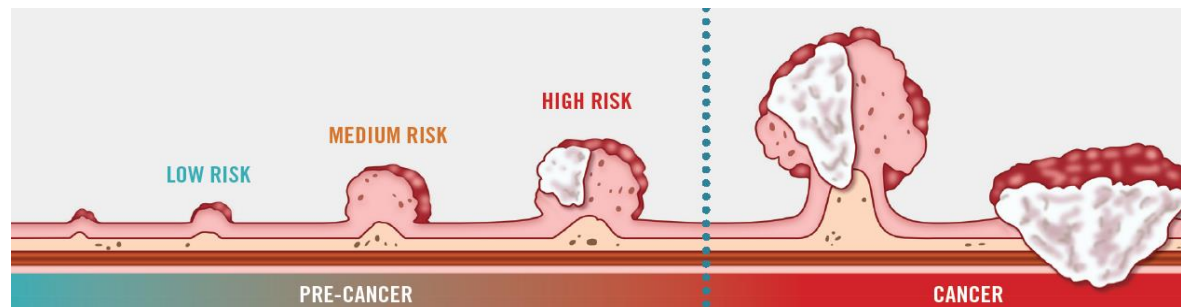
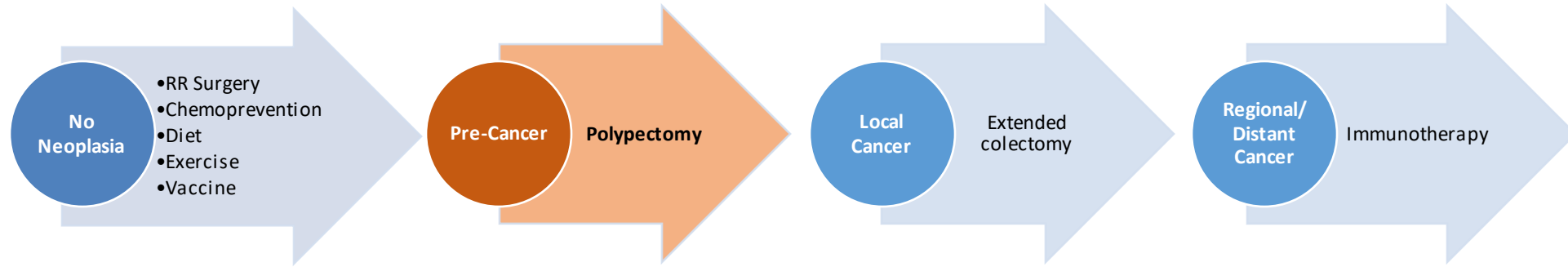


	cMS type	Mutation frequency (CRC) <sup>1</sup>	Mutation frequency (EC) <sup>2</sup>
TAF1B(-1)	A11	74.6%	50.0%
HT001(-1)	A11	86.2%	92.9%
AIM2(-1)	A10	81.6%	71.4%

TAF1B(-1): H-NTQIKALNRGLKKKTLKKAGIGMCKVSSIFFINKQKP-OH  
 AIM2(-1): H-HSTIKVKAKKKHREVKRTNSSQLV-OH  
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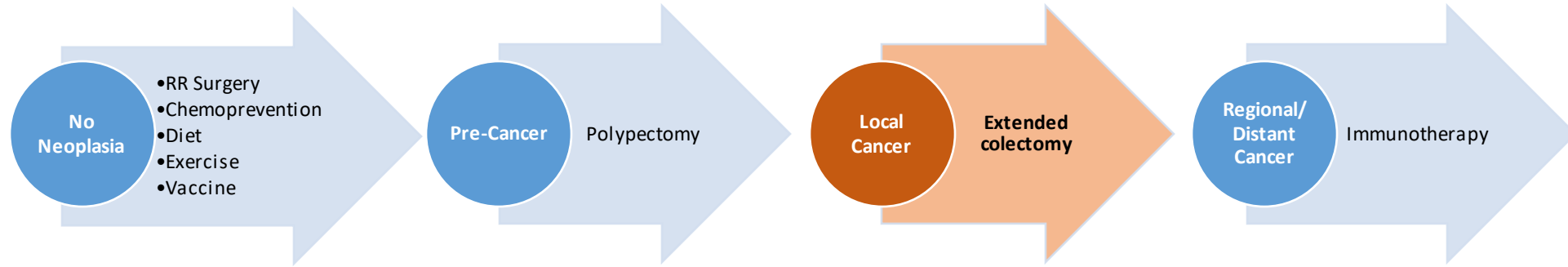


62% reduction in CRC Incidence

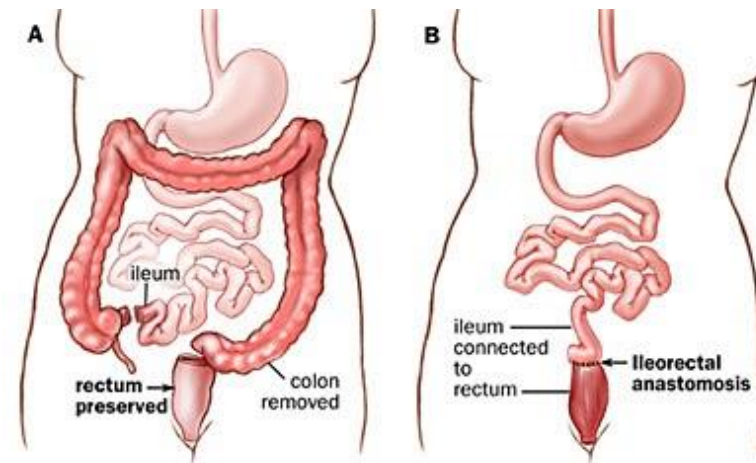
72% reduction in CRC Mortality



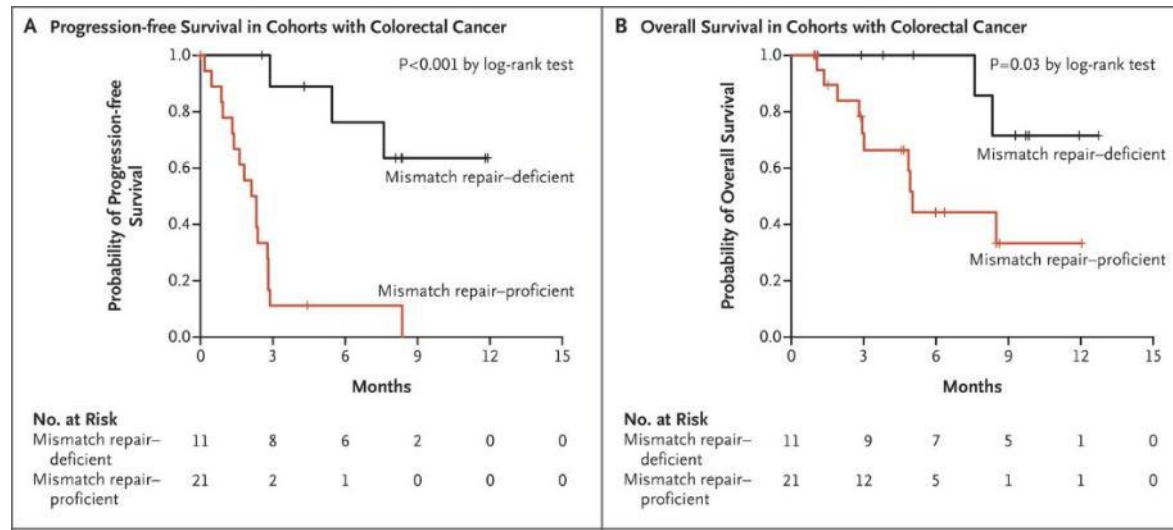
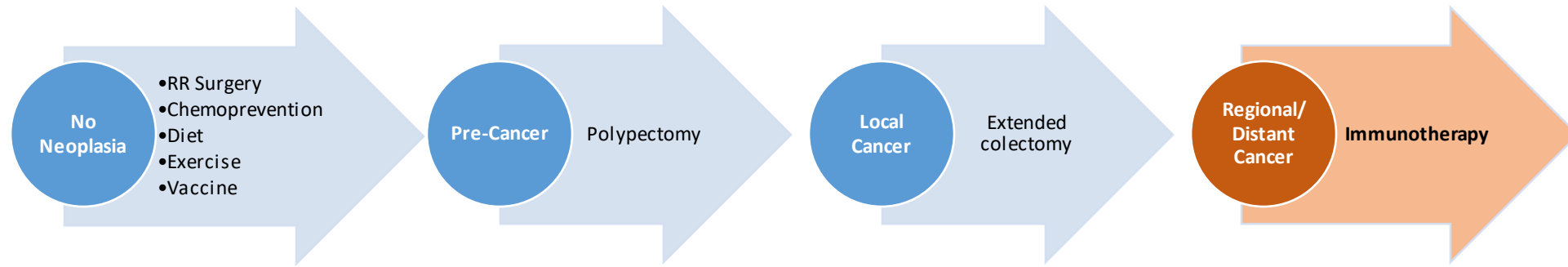
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- Cumulative risk of metachronous CRC at 10, 20, 30 years is 16%, 41%, 62%, respectively
- Extensive colectomy vs segmental
  - Extensive: 0/50 metachronous tumors
  - Segmental: 74/322 (22%) metachronous tumors



# Opportunities for Intervention





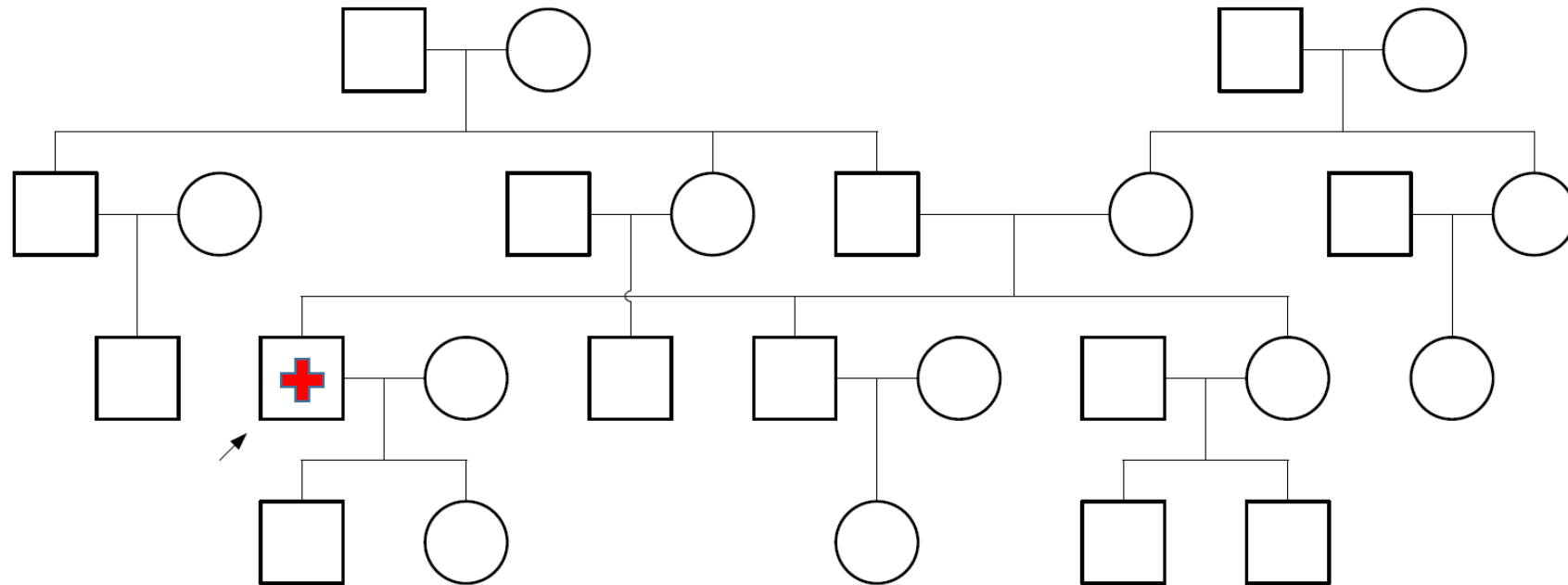


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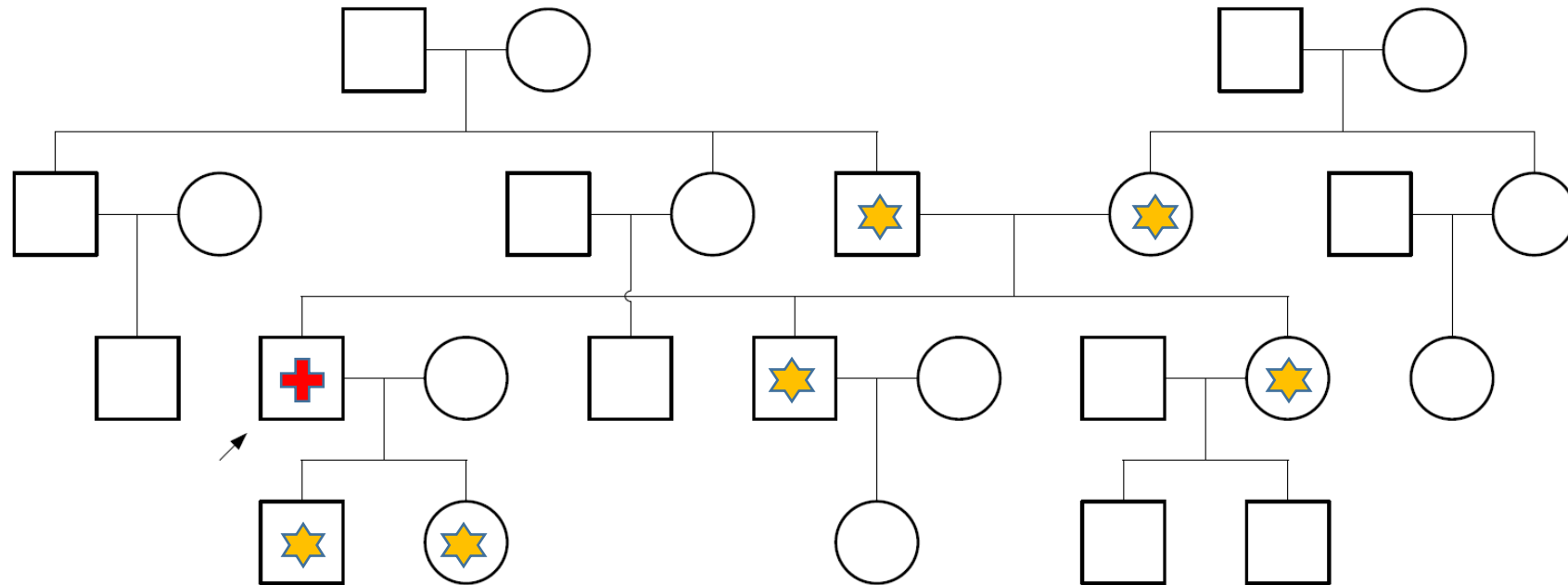


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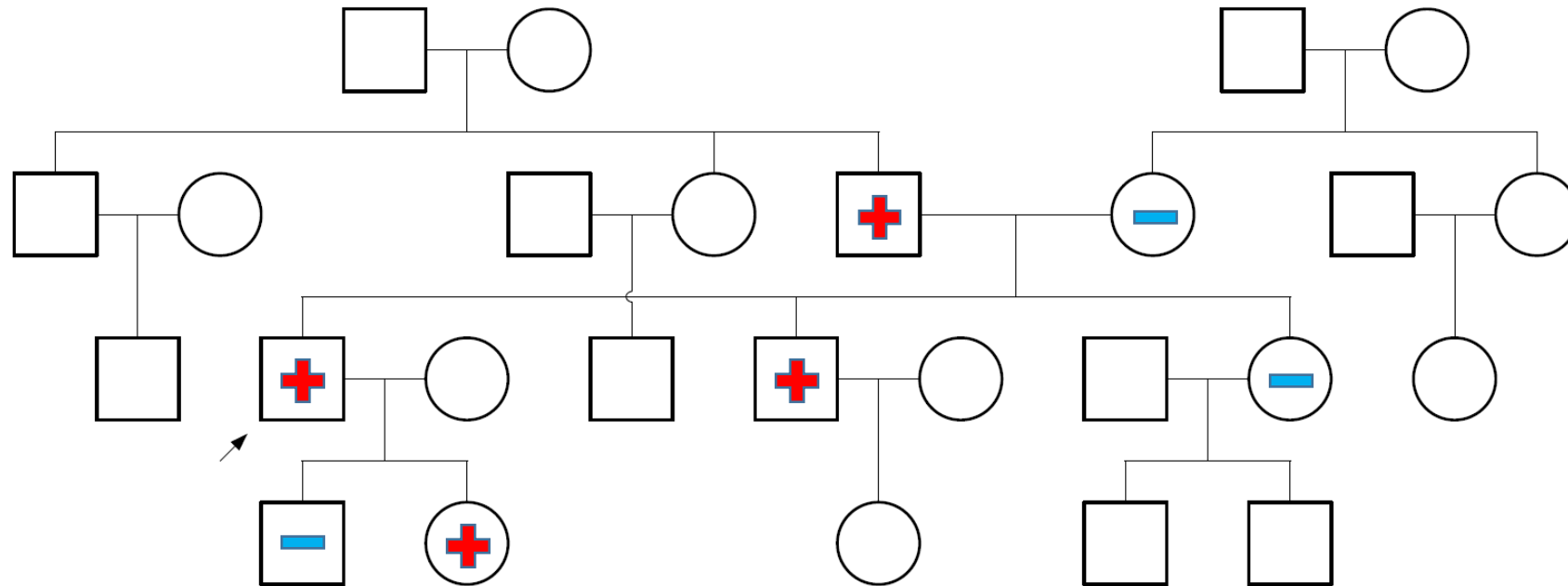


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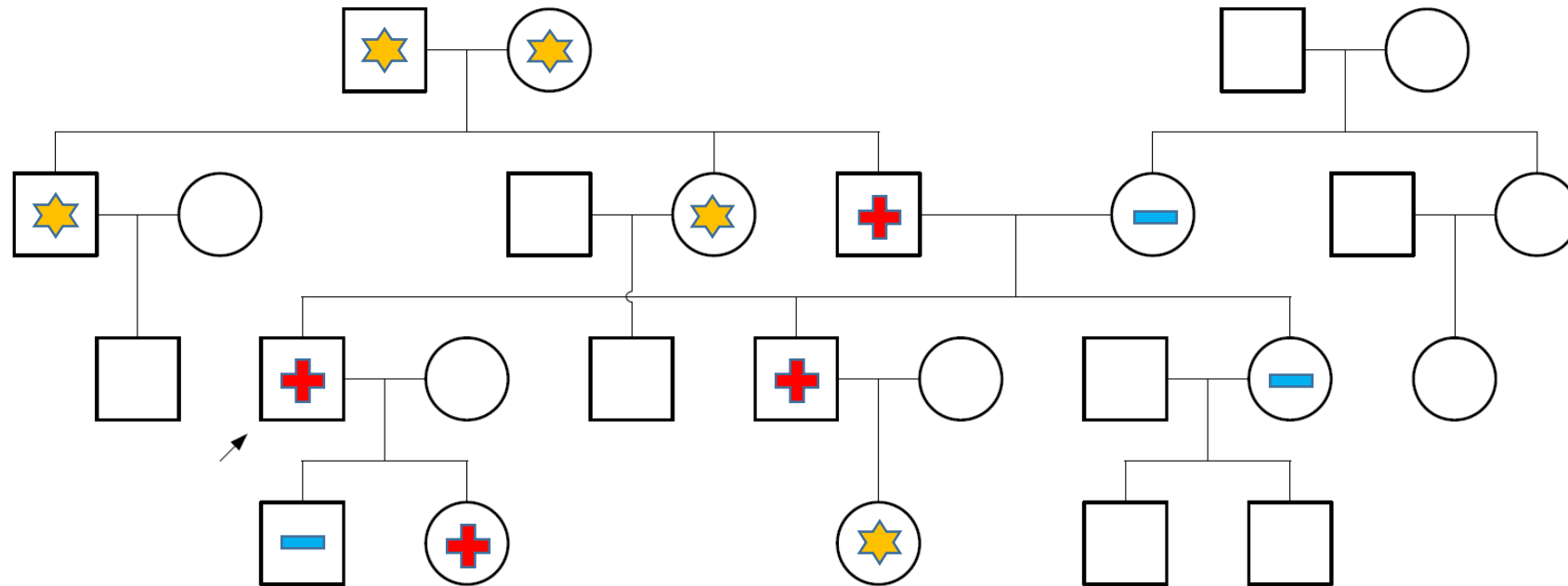


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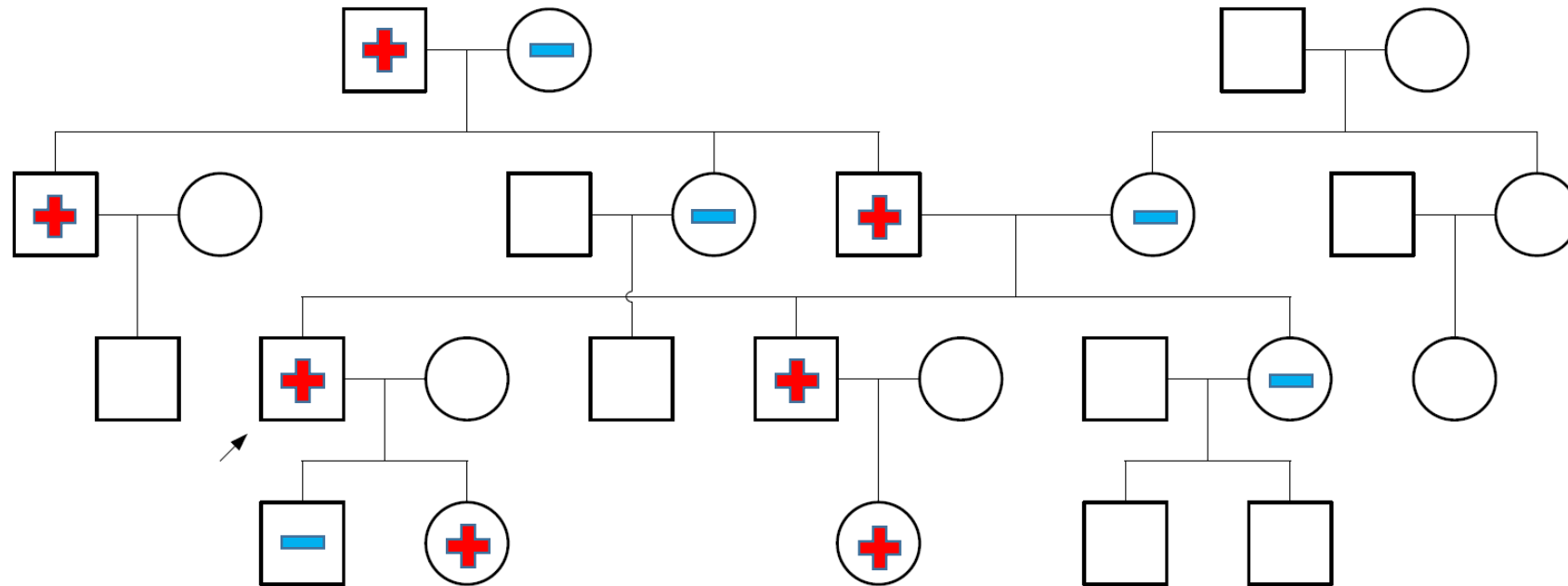


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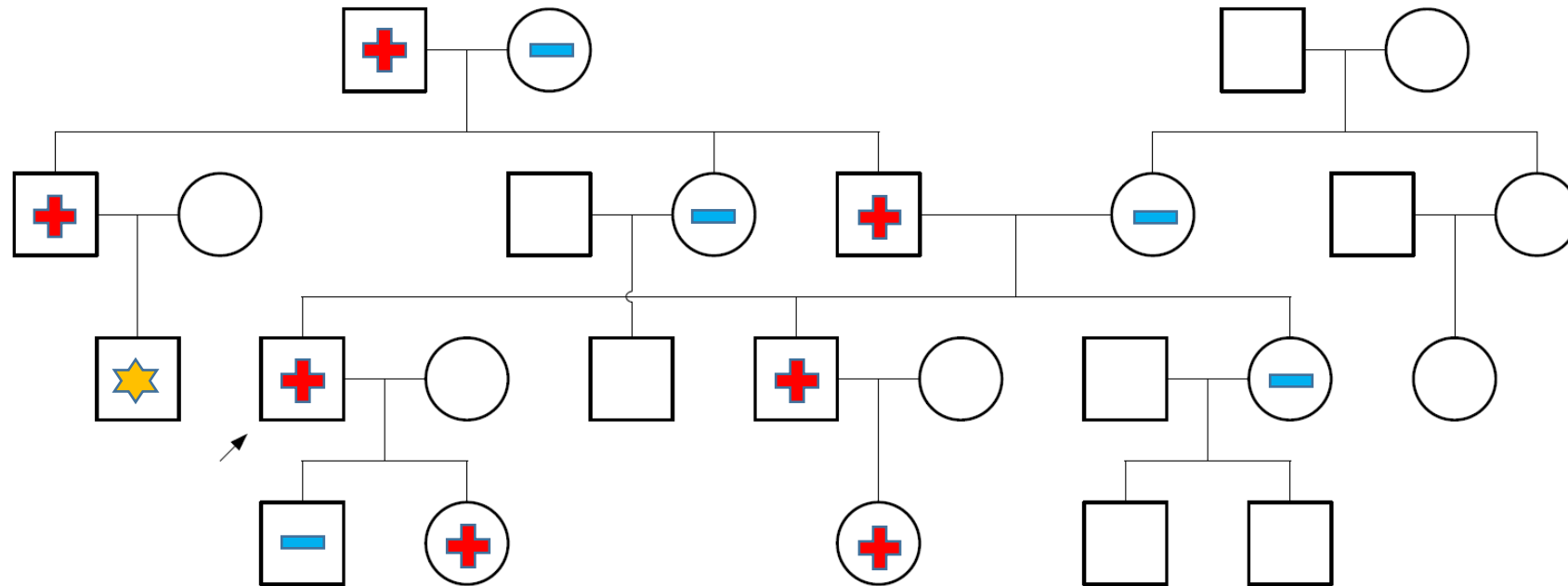


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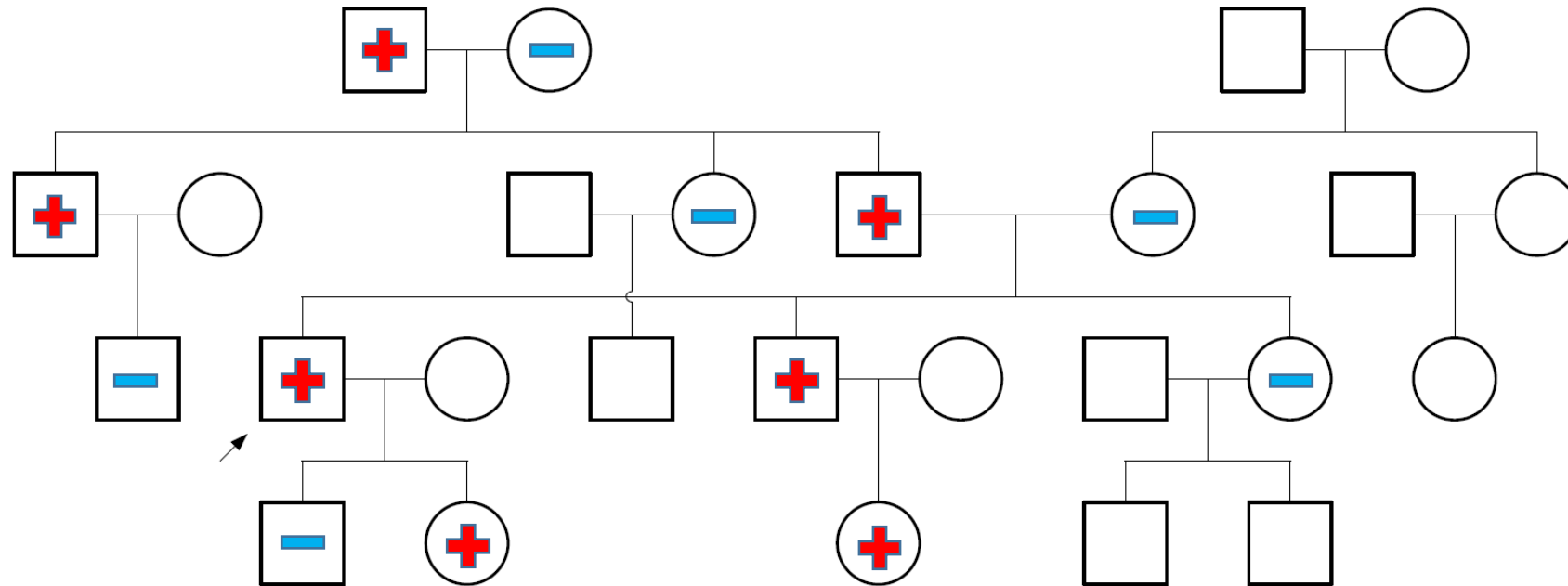


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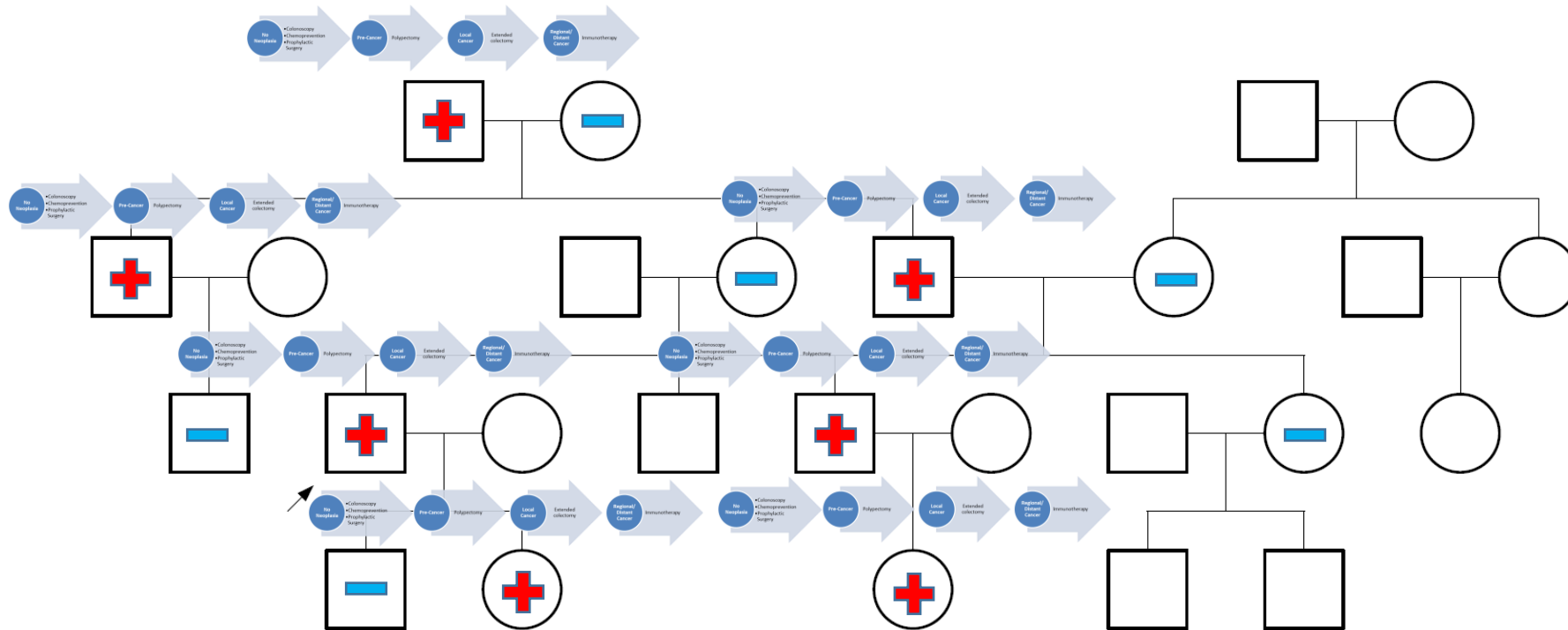
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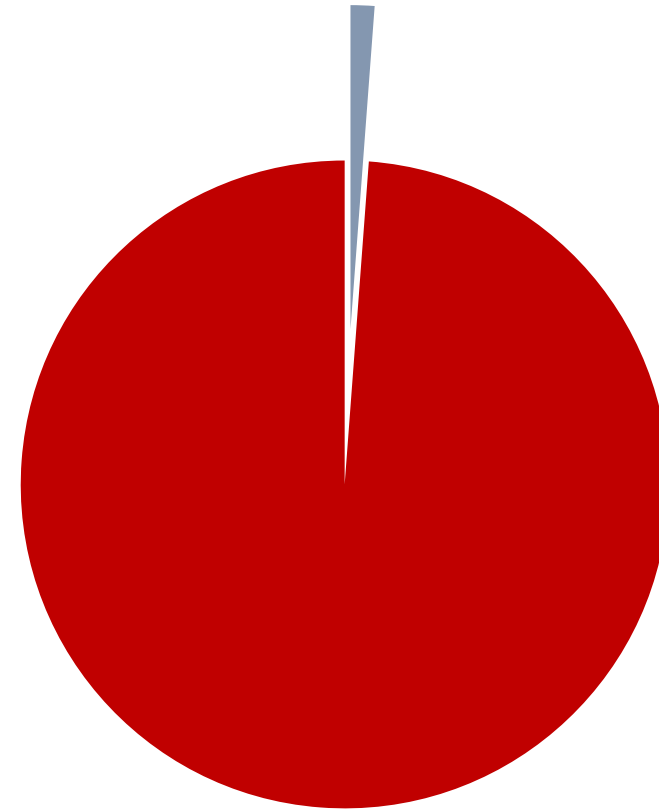
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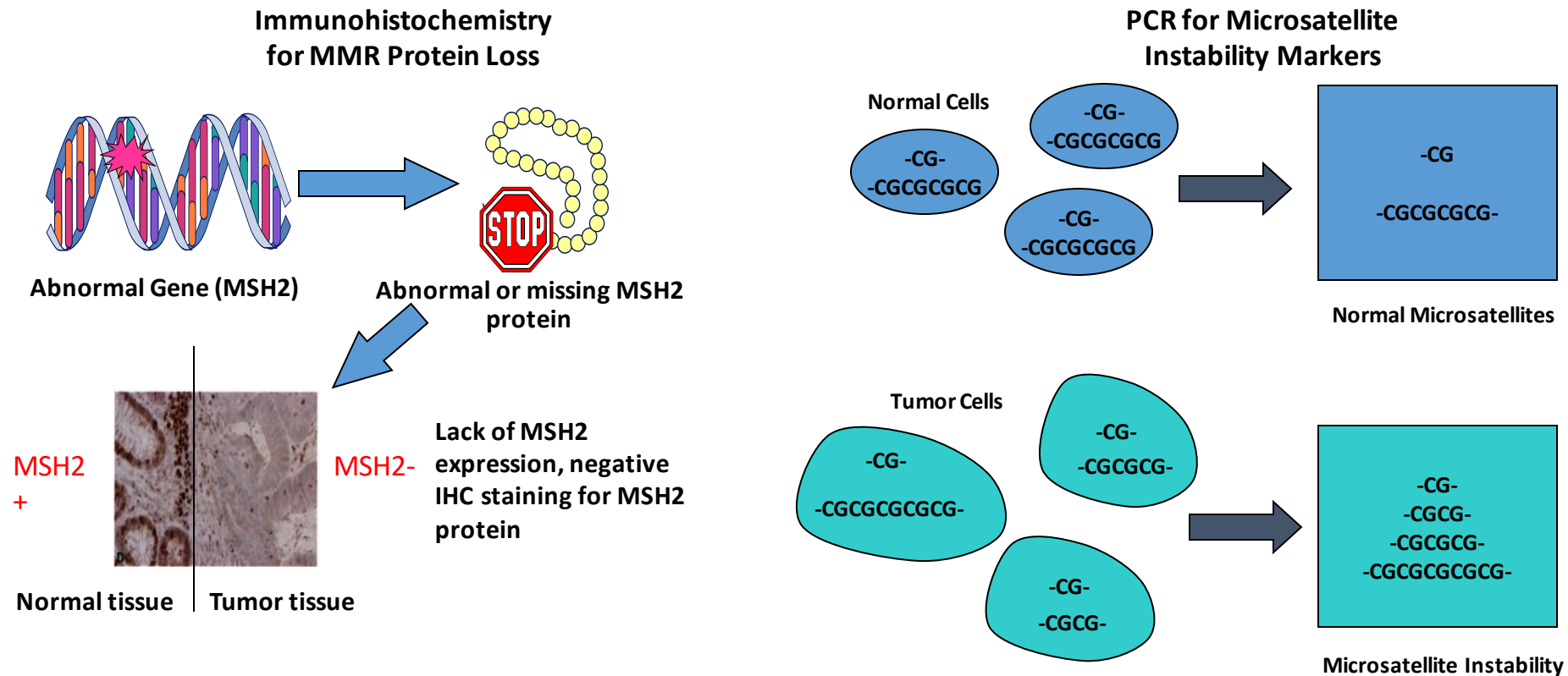


# Lynch Syndrome is Grossly Under-Recognized

Only ~1.2% (10K/830K) Lynch mutation carriers in the US are aware of their diagnosis



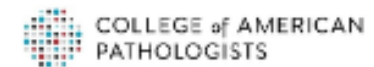
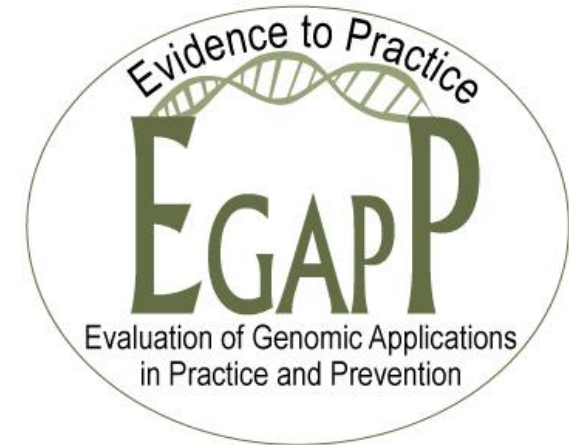
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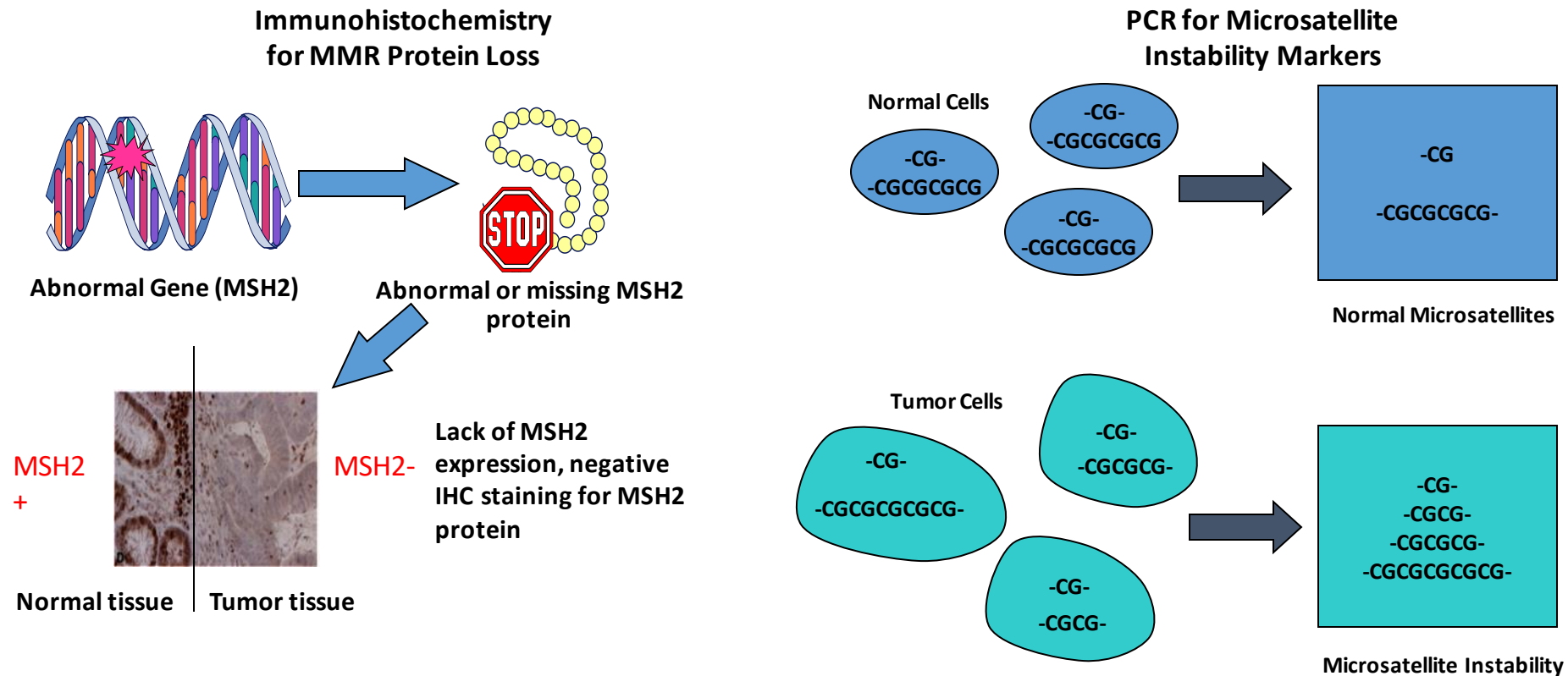


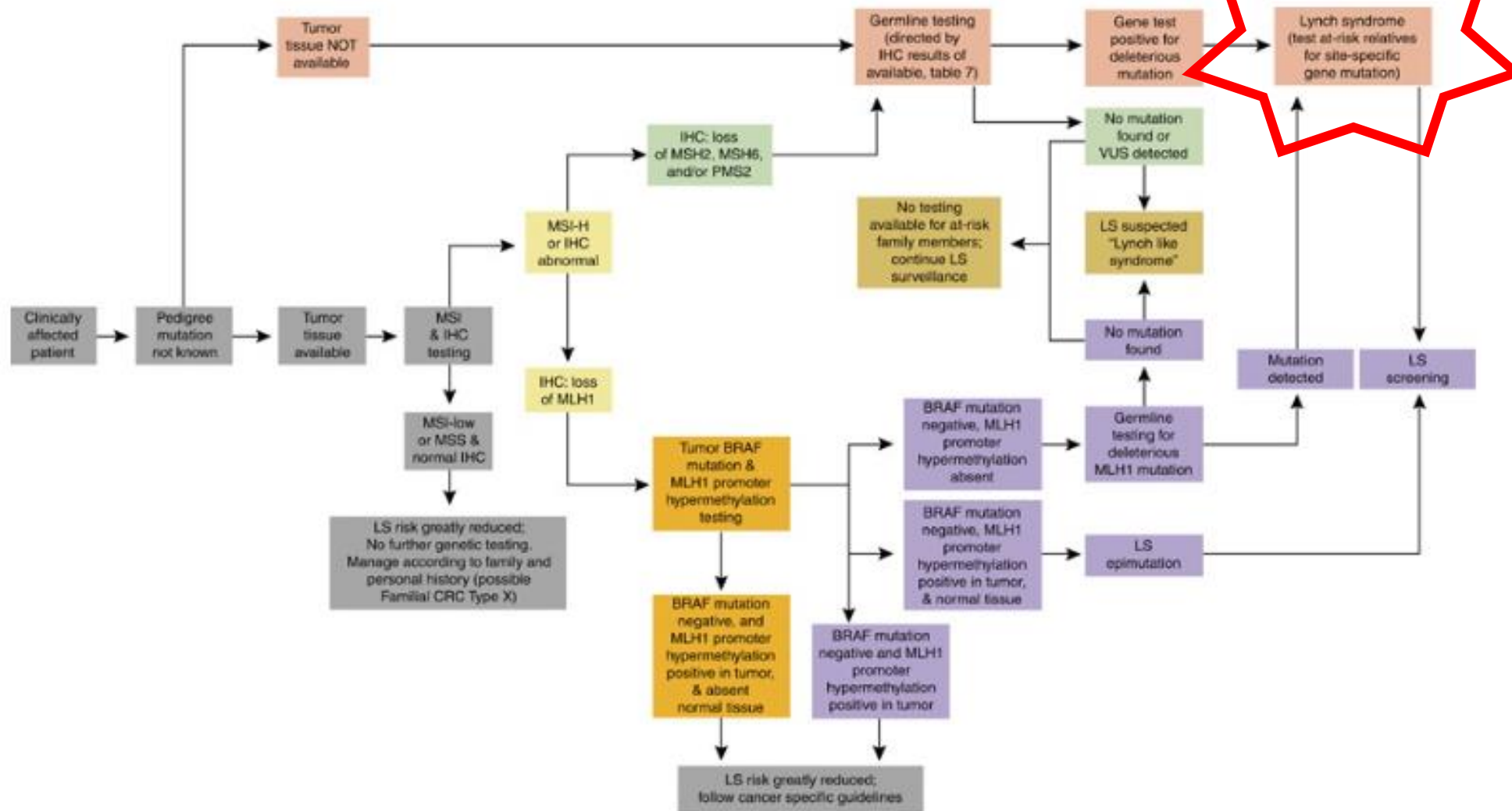
# Lynch Syndrome Diagnosis: Universal Tumor Testing

“The Evaluation of Genomic Applications in Practice and Prevention (EGAPP) Working Group found sufficient evidence to recommend offering genetic testing for Lynch syndrome to individuals with newly diagnosed colorectal cancer (CRC) to reduce morbidity and mortality in relatives.”



# Lynch Syndrome Diagnosis: Tumor Screening







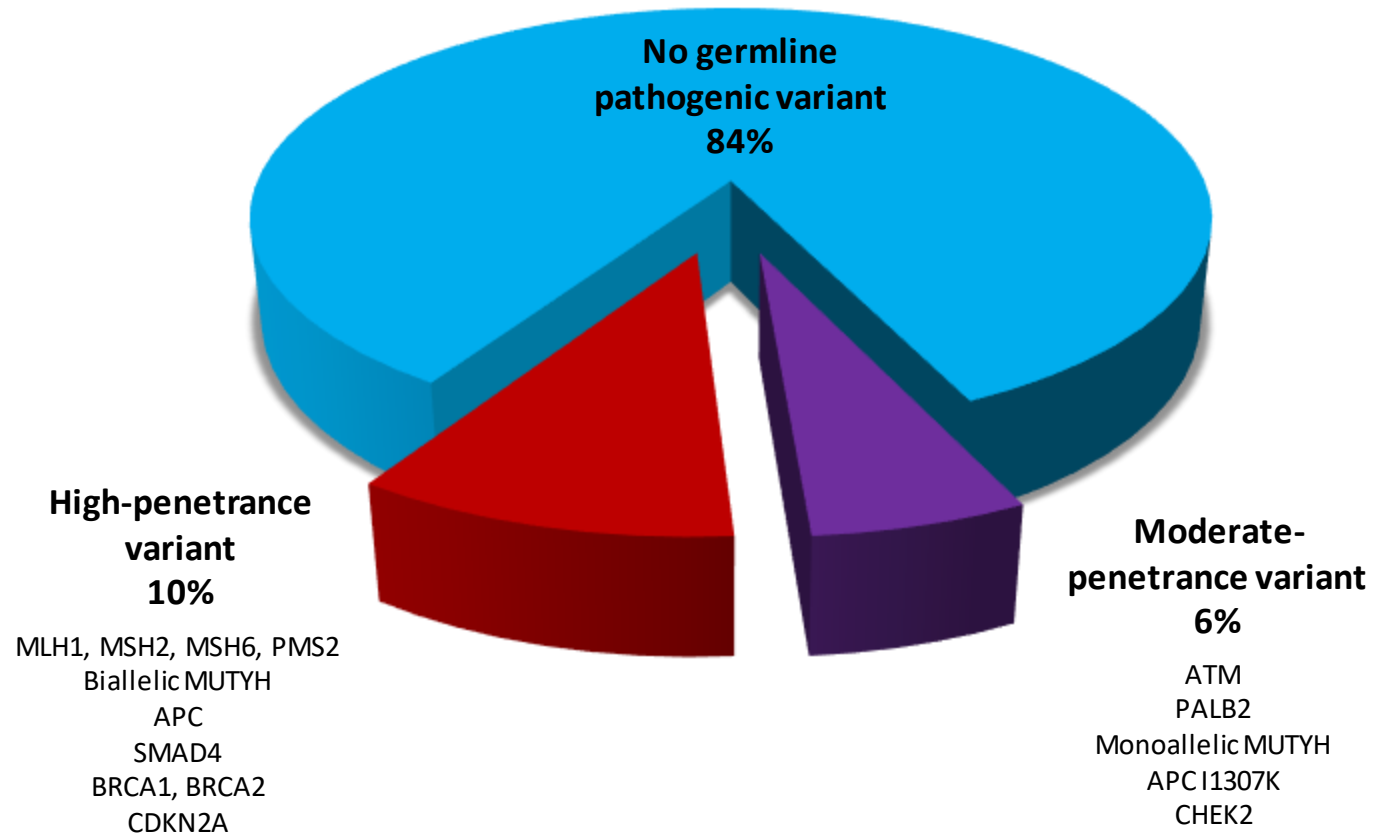
## Low Referral Rate for Genetic Testing in Racially and Ethnically Diverse Patients Despite Universal Colorectal Cancer Screening



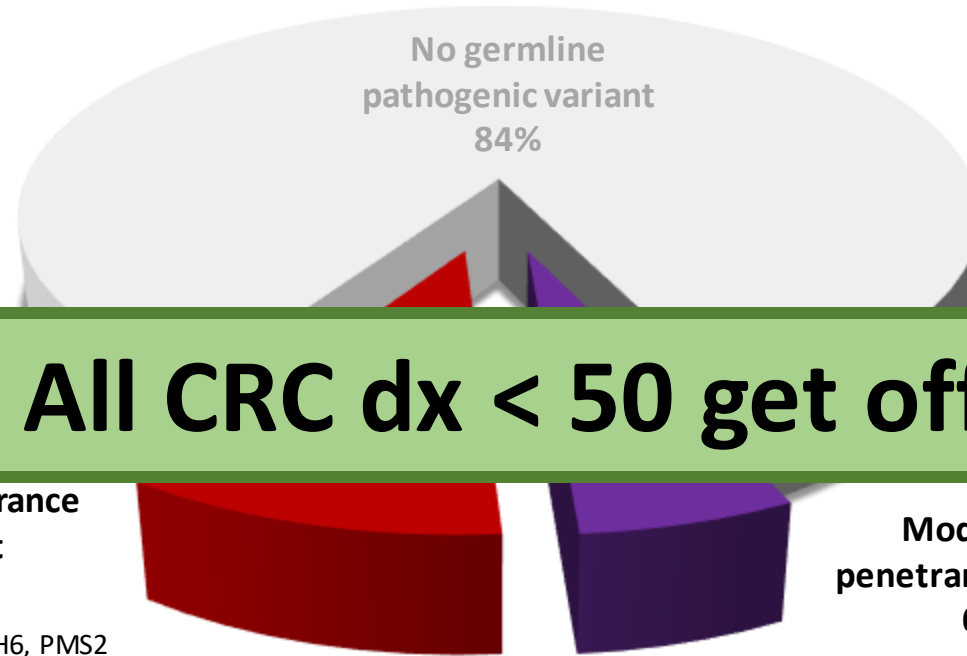
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Overall, 92% of colorectal tumors were analyzed for mismatch repair deficiency without significant differences among races/ethnicities. However, minority patients were significantly less likely to be referred for genetic evaluation (21.2% for NHW patients vs 16.9% for African American patients and 10.9% for Hispanic patients;  $P = .02$ ). Rates of genetic testing were also lower among minority patients (10.7% for NHW patients vs 6.0% for AA patients and 3.1% for Hispanic patients;  $P < .01$ ). On multivariate analysis, African American race, older age, and medical center were independently associated with lack of referral for genetic evaluation and genetic testing.









**Since 2017: All CRC dx < 50 get offered MGPT**

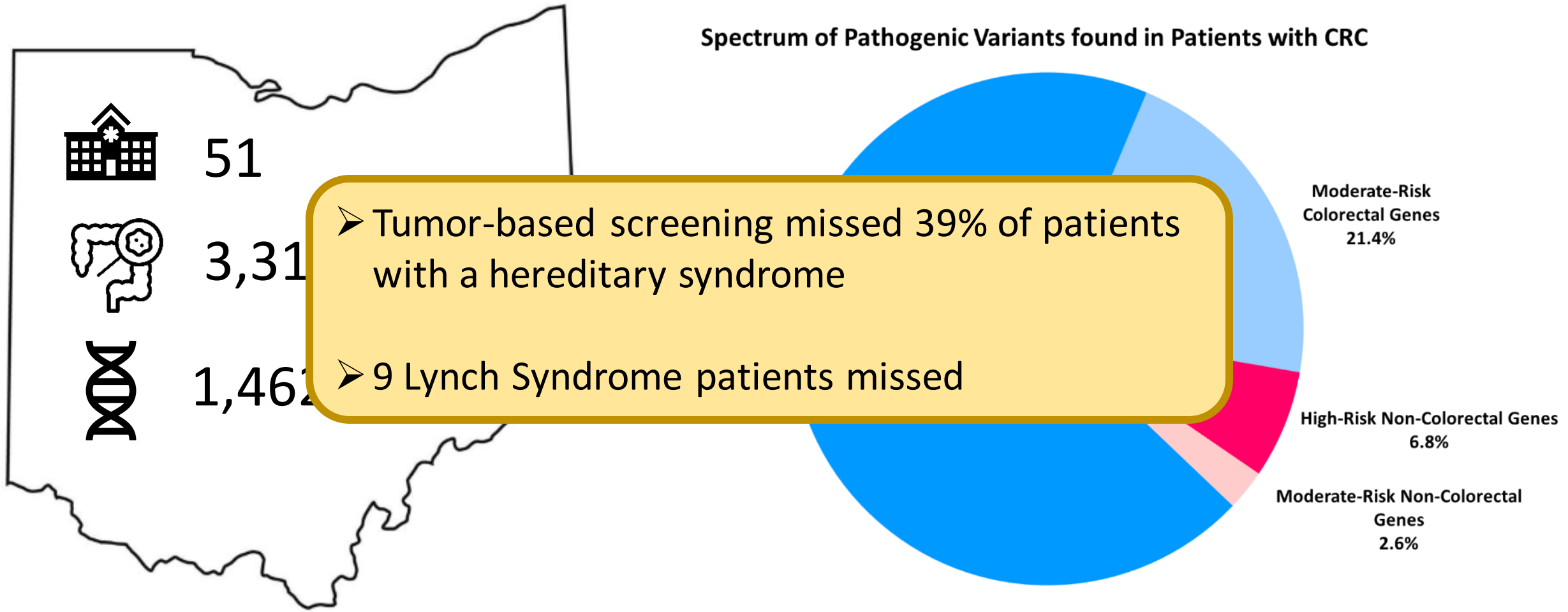
**High-penetrance variant**  
**10%**  
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BRCA1, BRCA2  
CDKN2A

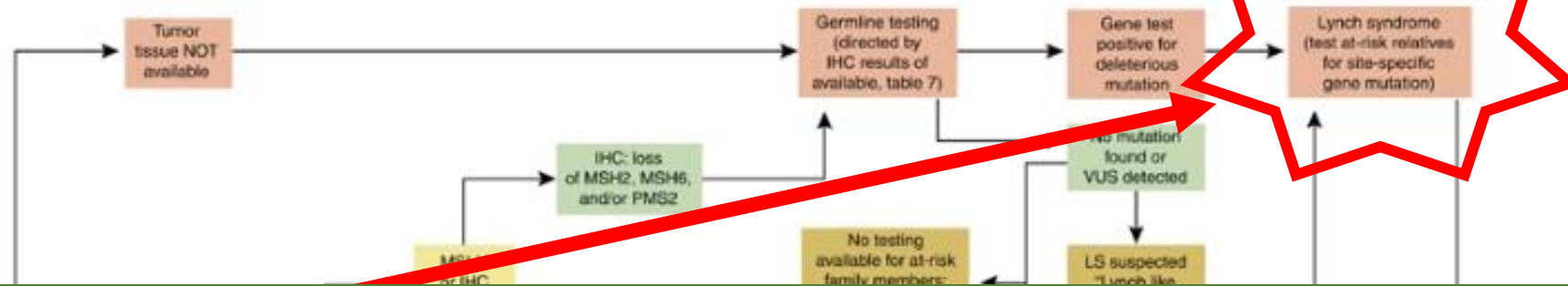
**Moderate-penetrance variant**  
**6%**  
ATM  
PALB2  
Monoallelic MUTYH  
APC1307K  
CHEK2





### Spectrum of Pathogenic Variants found in Patients with CRC





**Since 2022:**  
 Consider germline MGPT evaluation for LS and other hereditary cancer syndromes for all individuals with CRC aged  $\geq 50$  years at diagnosis (2B)

LS risk greatly reduced:  
follow cancer specific guidelines





# Challenges that lie ahead

- Cost & care delivery burden

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE – BREAST ONCOLOGY


**A Randomized Trial Comparing the Effectiveness of Pre-test  
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# Challenges that lie ahead

- Cost & care delivery burden
- Expertise needed

 **RESULT: NO PATHOGENIC VARIANTS IDENTIFIED**

**Variant(s) of Uncertain Significance identified.**

GENE	VARIANT	ZYGOSITY	VARIANT CLASSIFICATION
BRIP1	c.3302C>T (p.Pro1101Leu)	heterozygous	Uncertain Significance
DICER1	c.278G>A (p.Gly93Glu)	heterozygous	Uncertain Significance
GATA2	c.460A>G (p.Ser154Gly)	heterozygous	Uncertain Significance
MSH3	c.3382A>G (p.Met1128Val)	heterozygous	Uncertain Significance
RECQL4	c.2836C>T (p.Arg946Cys)	heterozygous	Uncertain Significance

**About this test**  
 This diagnostic test evaluates 84 gene(s) for variants (genetic changes) that are associated with genetic disorders. Diagnostic genetic testing, when combined with family history and other medical results, may provide information to clarify individual risk, support a clinical diagnosis, and assist with the development of a personalized treatment and management strategy.



# Challenges that lie ahead

- Cost & care delivery burden
- Expertise needed
- May push disparities downstream





# Final Thoughts


- Exciting developments in diet, lifestyle and medications
- Universal germline testing has the potential to significantly improve diagnosis of hereditary syndromes
- Operationalizing this for the 3<sup>rd</sup> most commonly diagnosed cancer will require
  - Adapting to new models of genetic counseling & testing
  - Training a workforce
  - Attention to health equity





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