

#### Increasing the Probability of Success for Alzheimer's Disease Interventions through Modeling and Simulation: The Past, The Present & The Future

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### **Critical Path Institute Consortia**



#### Twelve global consortia collaborating with 1,300+ scientists and 61 companies



**Coalition Against Major Diseases** Focusing on diseases of the brain



**Coalition For Accelerating Standards and Therapies** *Data standards* 



**Critical Path for Parkinson's Consortium** *Enabling clinical trials in Parkinson's Disease* 

**Critical Path to TB Drug Regimens** Accelerating the development of TB drug regimens and diagnostics



**The Duchenne Regulatory Science Consortium** *Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy* 

International Neonatal Consortium Neonatal clinical trials







Patient-Reported Outcome Consortium Assessing treatment benefit

Multiple Sclerosis Outcome

Measuring drug effectiveness in MS

Assessments Consortium

**Polycystic Kidney Disease** 

Focusing on diseases of the brain

**Outcomes Consortium** 

Electronic Patient-Reported Outcome Consortium Electronic capture of treatment benefit



Predictive Safety Testing Consortium Drug safety

**Pediatric Trials Consortium** Developing effective therapies for children

 ✓ Biomarkers
✓ Clinical outcome assessment instruments

- Clinical trial simulation toolsData standards
- 🗸 In vitro tools

#### **CAMD** as a Consortium





CAMD is aimed at developing drug development tools that advance regulatory science, and accelerate the delivery of innovative treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related neurodegenerative diseases that have impaired cognition and function.

#### **CAMD's 2016 Regulatory Pipeline**



	FDA EMA		$\bigstar$			
Disease or Target	Drug Development Tool	Feasibility <sup>1</sup>	Scoping <sup>2</sup>	Research <sup>3</sup>	Submitted <sup>4</sup>	Qualified <sup>5</sup>
Alzheimer's disease (AD)	Hippocampal vMRI Biomarker					
	CSF Biomarkers					
	Disease model of mild and moderate AD					
	Disease model of MCI/aMCI leading to AD	-				
Function & Cognition in Dementias	Digital Measures of Health in MCI leading to Dementia					



#### **OBJECTIVES**

**Past:** Develop a comprehensive clinical trial simulation tool for the mild-tomoderate stages of AD

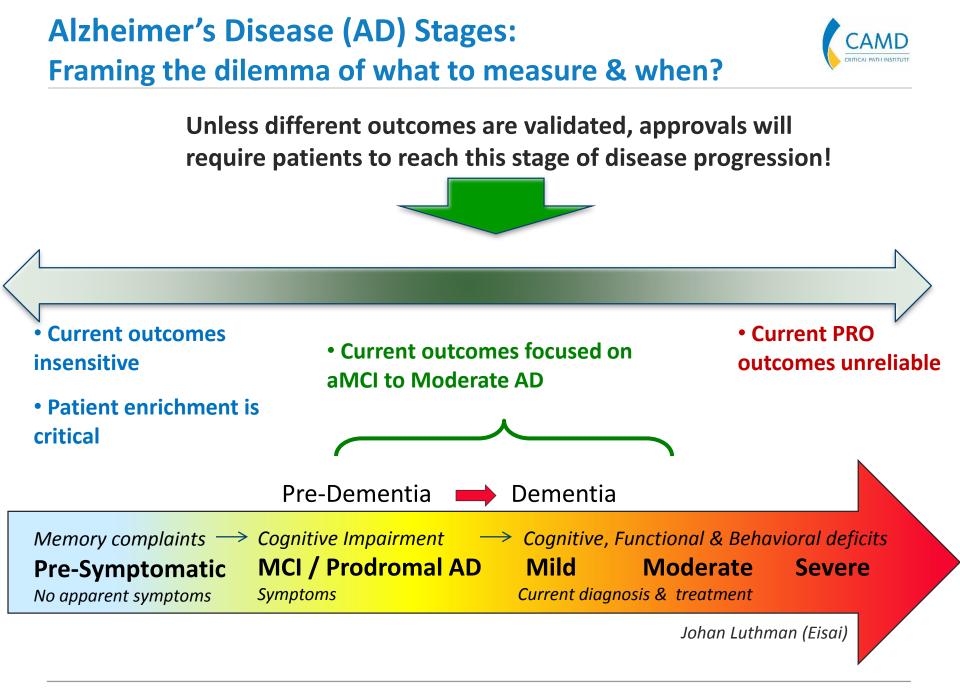
- History; Example of use; Lessons learned

**Present:** To develop a quantitative understanding of MCI disease progression and apply it to enrich MCI clinical trials

- Use of ADNI data & why importance of individualized data

**Future:** Develop a comprehensive clinical trial simulation tool that integrates clinical endpoints with imaging, biochemical and digital biosensor assessments from presymptomatic to MCI populations





#### Using accepted outcome measures......



#### 2014 CAMD Annual Meeting

- Richard Mohs (Lilly)

#### Symptomatic Treatment Effects on Cognition Appear Before Effects on Function - Donepezil

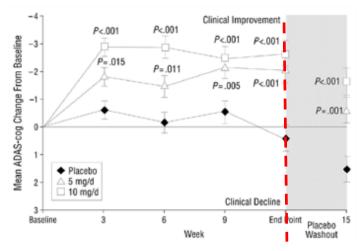


Figure Legend: Least squares mean (± SEM) change from baseline in the Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale–Cognitive Subscale (ADAS-cog) scores for patients with mild to moderately severe Alzheimer disease receiving 5 mg/d and 10 mg/d of donepezil hydrochloride and placebo. Of the 468 patients randomized to receive treatment, 457 were included in the intention-to-treat analysis at end point.

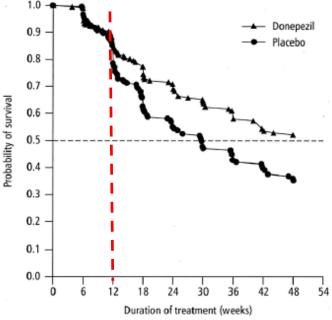


Figure 2. Kaplan–Meier survival estimates of time to clinically evident functional decline (by investigator, intent-to-treat population).

From: Rogers SL, et al. Donepezil improves cognition and global function in Alzheimer's disease. Arch Intern Med, 1998, 158:1021-1031. (Left) Mohs RC, et al. A one year, placebo-controlled preservation of function survival study of donepezil in patients with Alzheimer's disease. Neurology 2001; 57 (3): 481-488. .(Right)





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# Dementia is co-morbid across many neurodegenerative diseases



#### Which drug [molecular target] ?



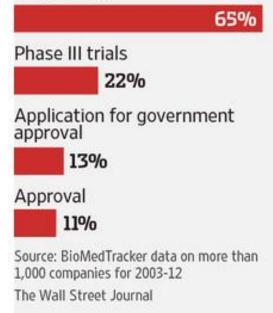
#### .....in which patients?



#### **Frequent Failure**

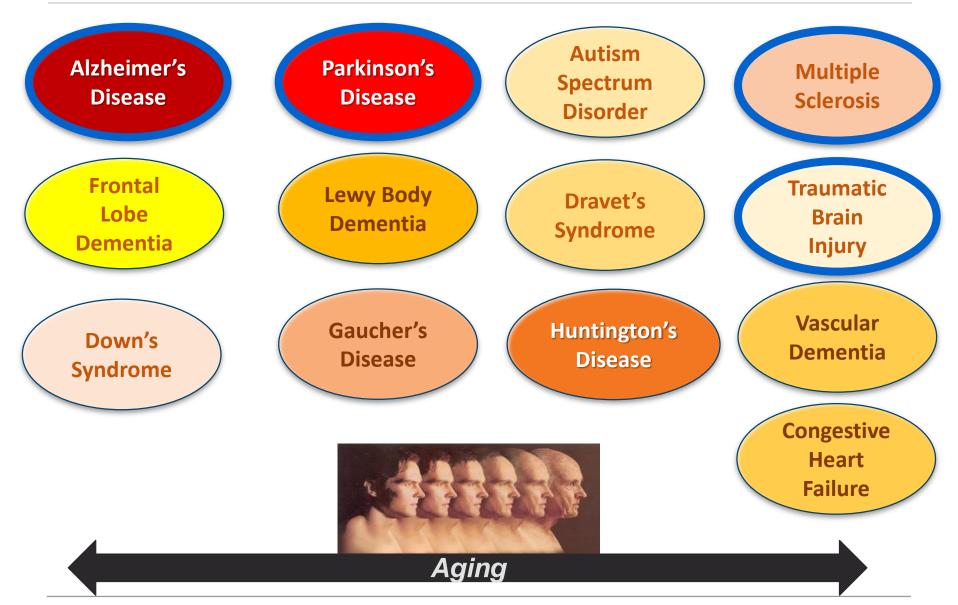
Drug companies are looking to new tools to improve their odds in the development process because it's currently such a long shot. The percentage of drugs in Phase I trials that advance to:

#### Phase II trials



## Well Recognized Diseases/Disorders with Co-morbid Dementia

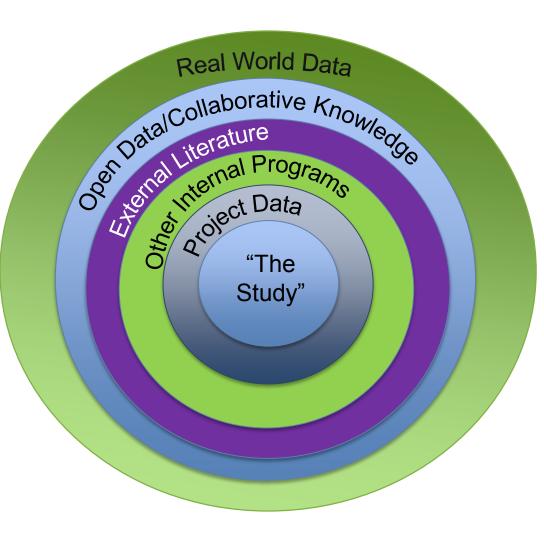




## **Knowledge Management:** "The Clinical Trialist's Dilemma"



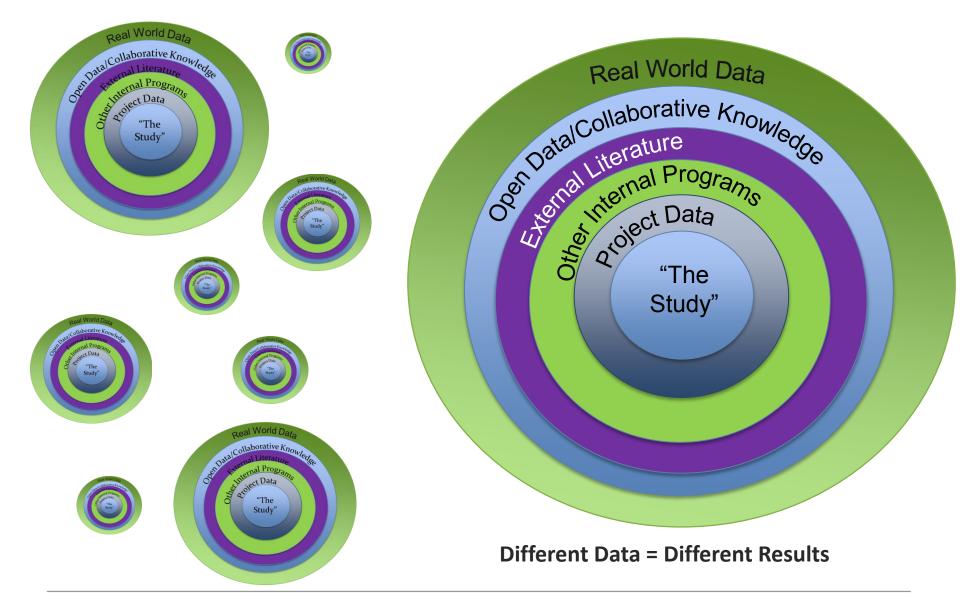
- The larger the "Knowledge Radius", the more likely the team is to make a "good decision" <u>BUT</u>
- The larger the radius, the less likely it is that a single team/organization will have a "systematic" structure for integrating and managing the information (KM)
- "Human Factors"
  - Confirmation Bias
  - Framing and Anchoring
  - Availability Heuristic (Temporal and Vivid) (LPCF)
  - Weighting



VS.

**Consortium Approach** 





### **AD Modeling Team Mission – February 2009**



- To develop a quantitative model to describe the progression of cognitive changes in mild to moderate AD to test and optimize operating characteristics of trial designs for AD (via simulations based on the model).
- To submit the results of the analyses to regulatory agencies for review and qualification for potential use (as, defined by the "Context of Use") to aid study design for teams involved in AD drug development
- Deliverables of a submission package for review, and tools, code and datasets for development team use

## Diverse Work Team (2009)

- Brian Corrigan (Pfizer)
- Kaori Ito (Pfizer)
- James A. Rogers (Metrum)
- Daniel Polhamus (Metrum)
- Mahesh Samtani (J&J)
- Richard Meibach (Novartis)
- Richard Mohs (Lilly)
- Yaning Wang (FDA)
- Vikram Sinha (FDA)
- Maria Isaac (EMA)
- Lawrence Lesko (UoF)
- Lon Schneider (USC)
- Bill Thies (Alzheimer's Association)

#### Broad Input from a variety of backgrounds







#### • What the tool is:

A clinical trial simulation tool to help optimize clinical trial design for mild and moderate AD, using ADAS-cog as the primary cognitive endpoint

#### • What it is based on:

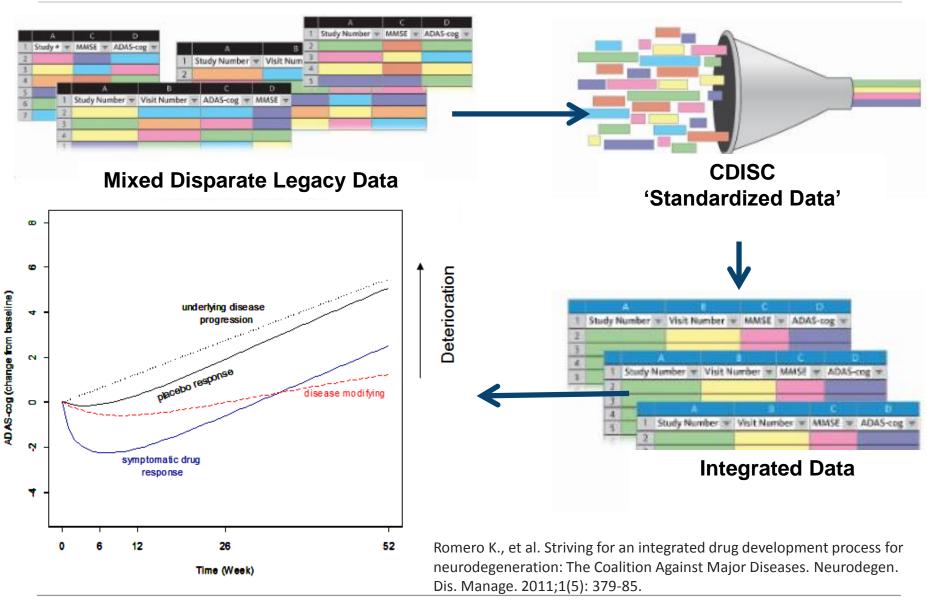
A drug-disease-trial model that describes disease progression, drug effects, dropout rates, placebo effect, and relevant sources of variability

#### • What it is NOT intended for:

Approve medical products without the actual execution of well conducted trials in real patients

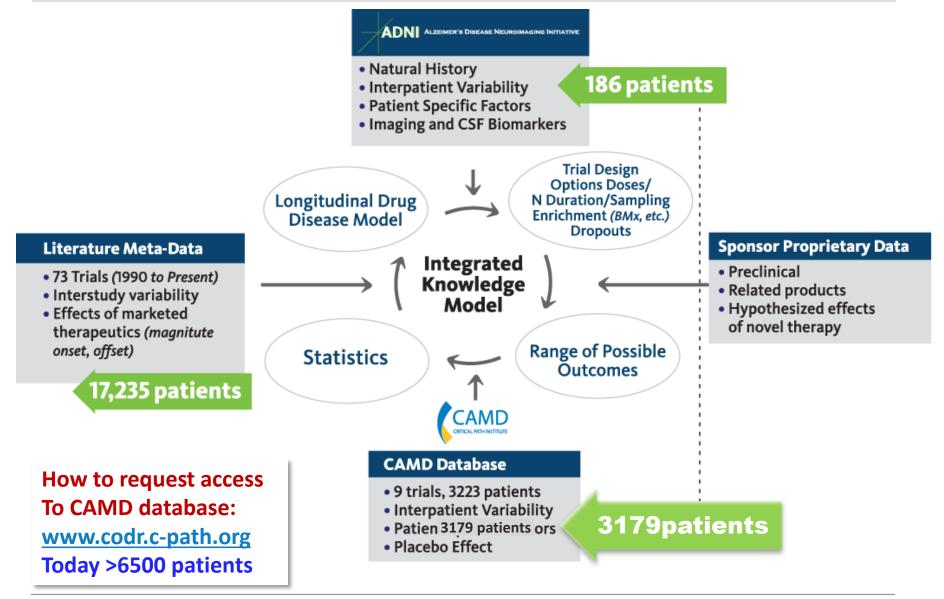
#### **Step 1: Data Standards**





## **Step 2: AD Drug-Disease-Trial Model** Integrating the Clinical Trialist's World



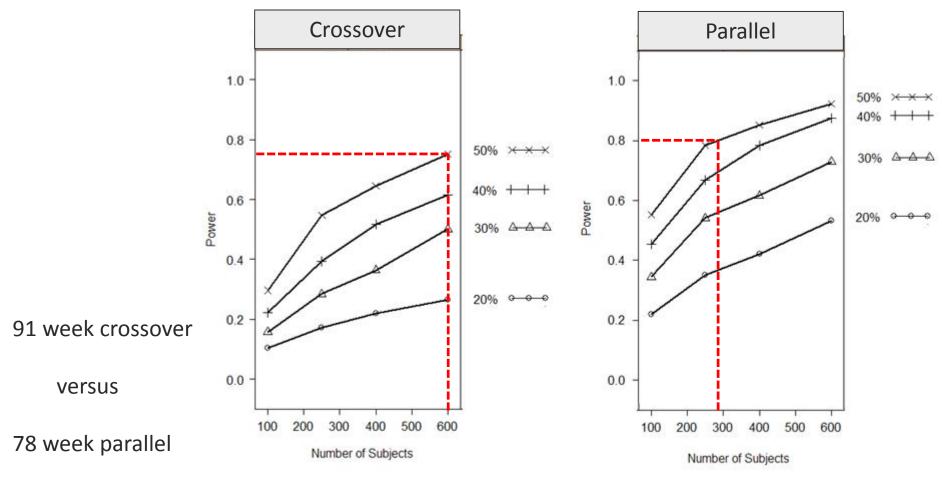


### **Step 3: Relevant Endpoints/Variables**

- Longitudinal cognitive instrument:
  - ADAS-Cog: 11 items, 0-70 points
- Basal cognitive instrument:
  - MMSE: 8 items, 30-0 points
- Demographics:
  - Baseline age and gender
- Genetics:
  - Number of APOE4 alleles
- Biomarkers
  - Not yet

## **Step 4 (use): Balancing power, sample size** and duration, given varying effect magnitudes

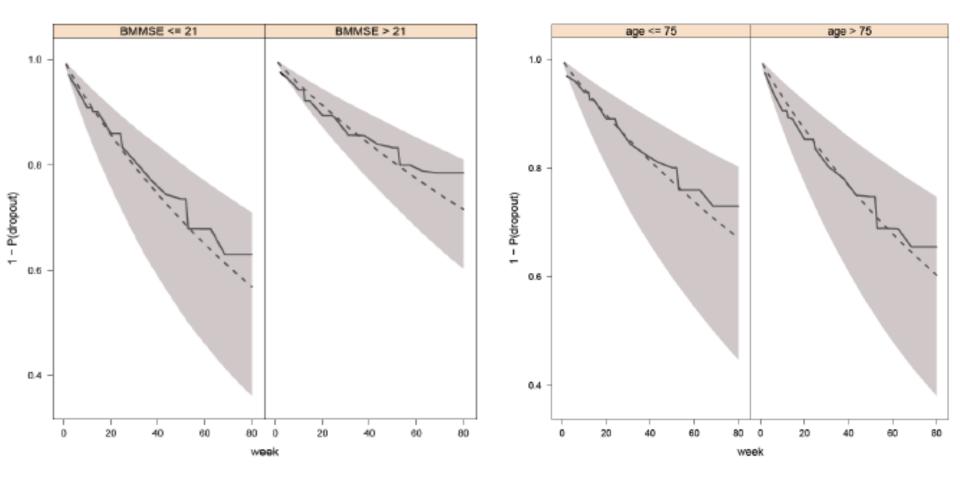




by effect magnitude

# Step 5 (use): Evolving dropout likelihood by baseline age and severity







#### The total journey took 1317 days (3 years, 7 months and 9 days)

- On June 12, 2013 the FDA determined the CTS tool was "Fit for Purpose."
- On September 19, 2013 the EMA determined the CTS tool was "Qualified for Use."

Submission for Regulatory Evaluation										
NOVEMBER 3, 2009     DECEMBER 21, 2009       CAMD Coordinating Committee Meeting     FDA Letter of Intent	DECEMBER 23, 2009 Cover letter and Briefing Booklet to FDA	APRIL 22, 2010 FDA Written feedback	APRIL 28, 2010 Meeting with CDER Alzheimer's Disease Modeling Review Team		MARCH 27, 2012 Comments received from FDA	AUGUST 22, 2012 Responses to FDA submitted	JANUARY 7, 2013 Detailed discussion with FDA regarding the programming code	JUNE 12, 2013 AD trial simulation tool deemed fit for purpose as a drug development tool		
EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY SCIENCE MEDICINES HEALTH	Letter of Intent to EMA FEBRUARY 10, 2010	Briefing package to EMA JUNE, 2010	Written response from EMA AUGUST 23, 2010	SA meeting with EMA SEPTEMBER 1, 2010	Submission to EMA MARCH 20, 2013	SAWP meeting with CAMD JUNE 4, 2013	Face-to-face meeting with SAWP JUNE 7, 2013	AD trial simulation tool qualified for use in trial design JUNE 27, 2013		

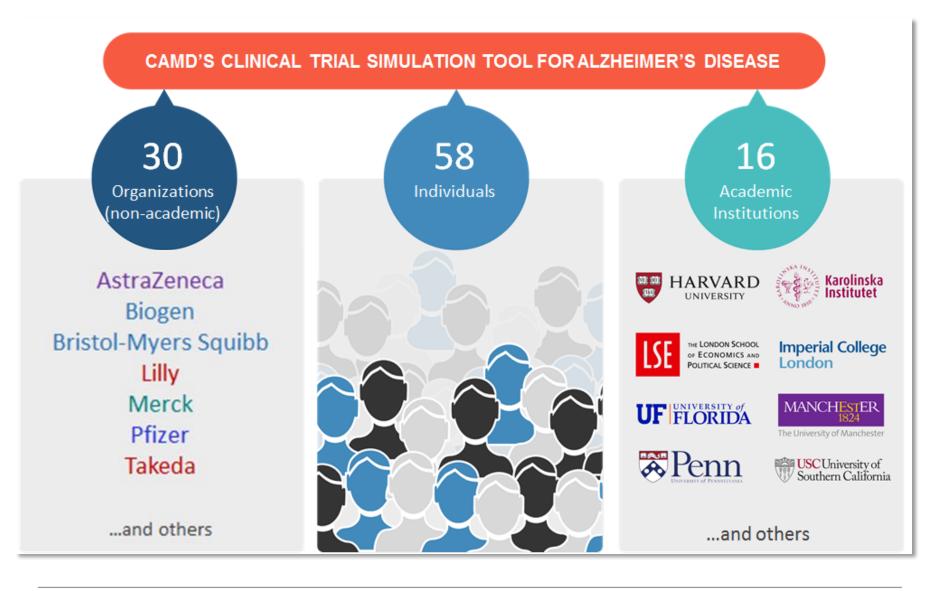


#### • Key factors for success:

- CAMD developed the integrated dataset using CDISC standard; data collected from literature, ADNI, and individual level data
- CAMD member companies provided data from >6000 patients; largest pooled dataset available from randomized, DB, controlled trials
- Establish partner relationship with regulators early in process
- Provide clear context of use
- Keep the team focused on the context of use
- Regulators are open to endorse quantitative drug development platforms
- Based on this case study, the process has been optimized

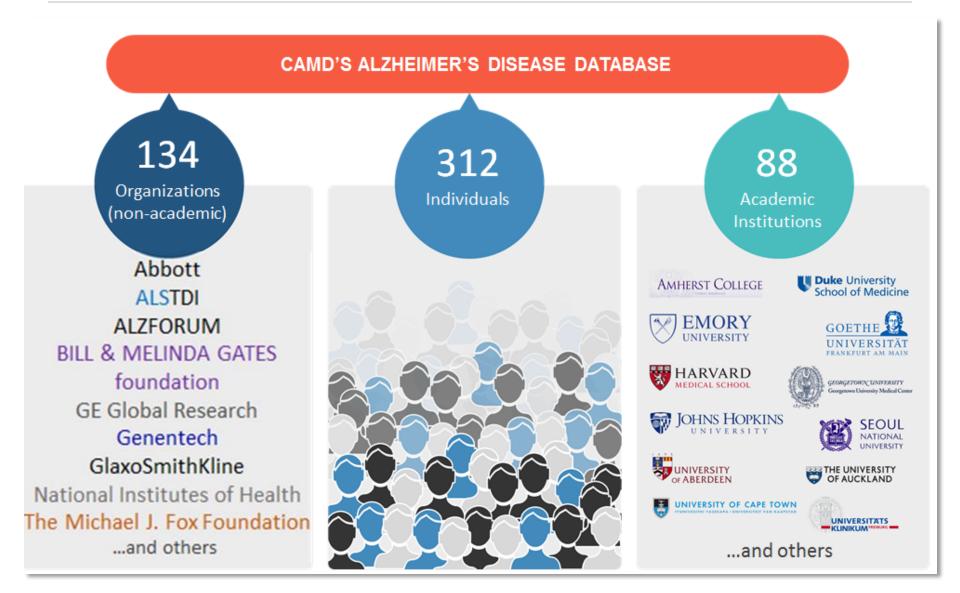
### **Requests for CAMD's Clinical Trial Simulation Tool**





#### **Requests to Access CAMD's AD Database**





#### **CAMD** has joined GAAIN





## 2016 – Understanding of Disease Progression in MCI



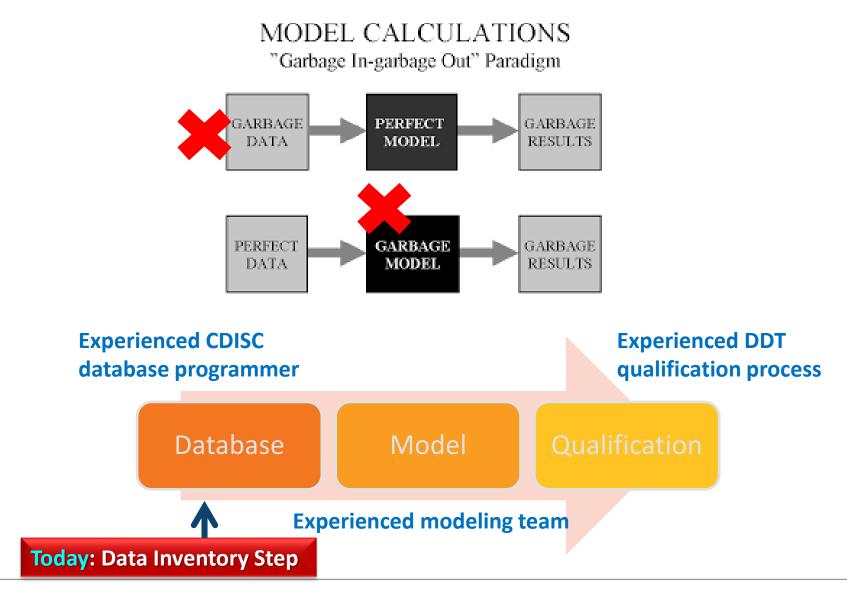
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## **Developing a Comprehensive MCI Database** (endpoints, covariate data) is a Critical Step for Success





## *Digital Measures of Health (DMH)* – What?.. How?... Why?



#### The What:

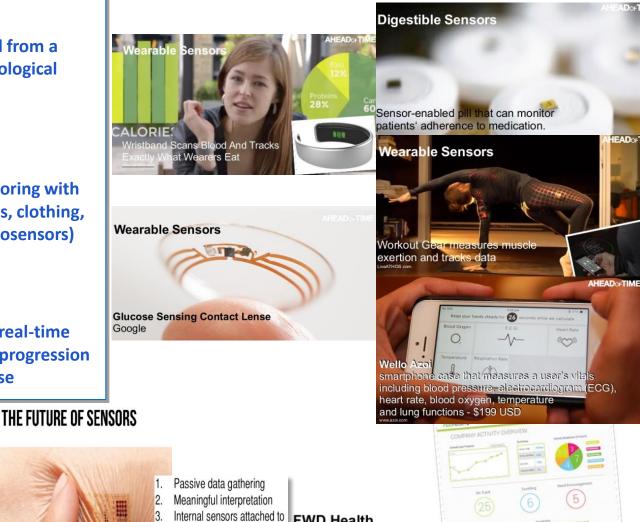
Data (signal output) collected from a biosensor that measures a biological recognition element

#### The How:

Continuous physiological monitoring with devices (wearables/smart phones, clothing, implants/ingestibles, remote biosensors)

#### The Why:

Improve our understanding of real-time changes in FUNCTION during the progression of life in health & disease



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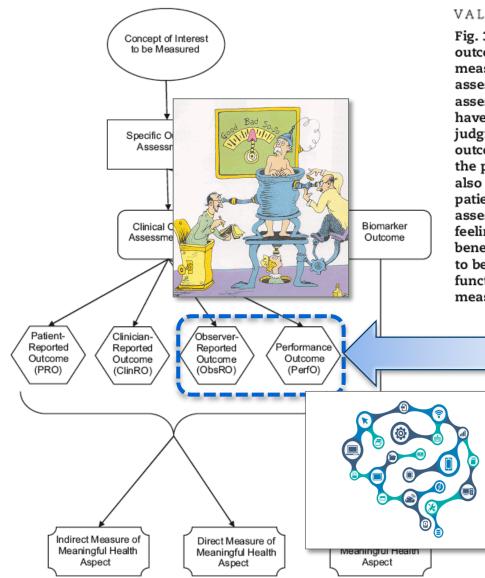
Wearable Sensors



body's organs

### **Digital Measures of Health:** Biosensor Observed Measures





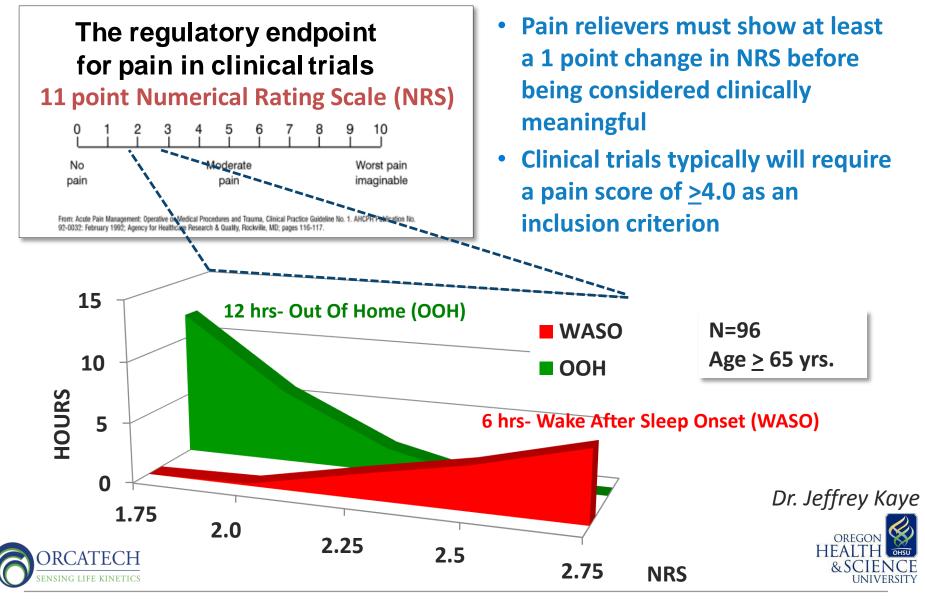
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Fig. 3 - Attributes of outcome assessments. A specific outcome assessment is selected or created to operationalize measurement of the concept of interest. Outcome assessments are of two major types: clinical outcome assessments and biomarkers. Clinical outcome assessments have an attribute identifying the type of person whose judgment can influence the reported measurement. Clinical outcome assessments may be influenced by the judgment of the patient, clinician, or a nonclinician observer; they may also be a nonjudged recording of a task performed by the patient (performance outcome). Clinical outcome assessments may be directly reporting the meaningful feelings or functions selected as the potential treatment benefit, or may be reporting measurements that are thought to be indirectly informative regarding those feelings or functions (see Fig. 1). Biomarkers can only indirectly measure the meaningful aspect of health.

#### **Biosensor Observed Measures**

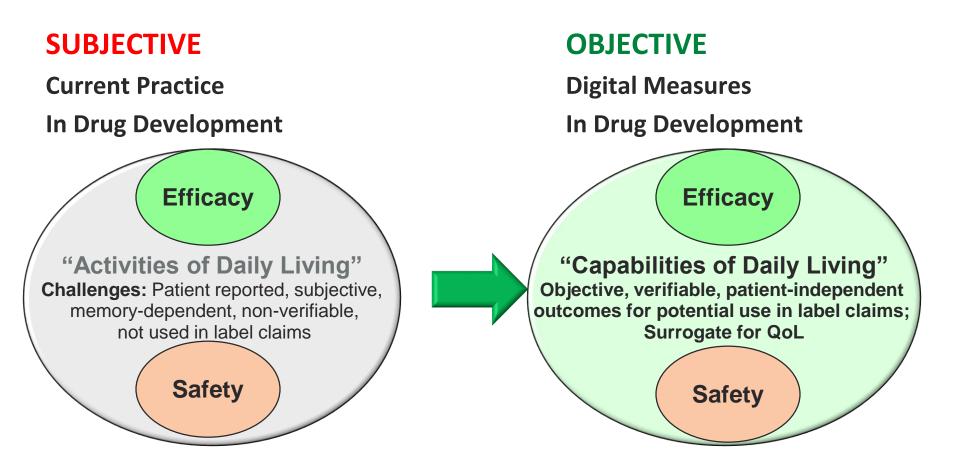
- Less 'observer specific bias'
- No need for 'observer training'
- Potential for lower cross-site variance of measures
- Reduced clinical fees

# Can biosensor measurements 'observe' functionally meaningful changes before accepted outcome measures?



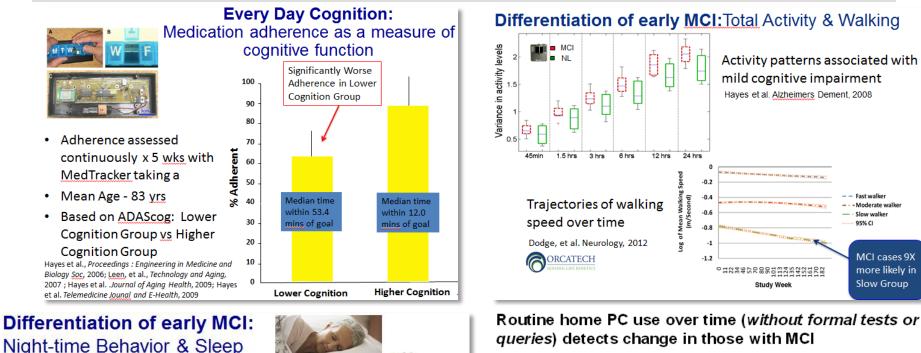
**DMHs** enable a paradigm shift in assessing capabilities of daily living, CDLs [aka, 'Quality of Life', QoL]

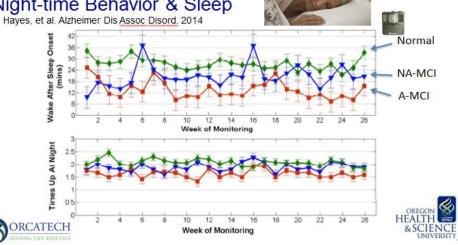


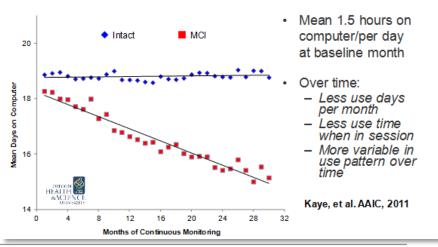


### "Digital Biomarkers: Sensing Life Kinetics"

#### - Dr. Jeffrey Kaye, Director, Oregon Center for Aging & Technology



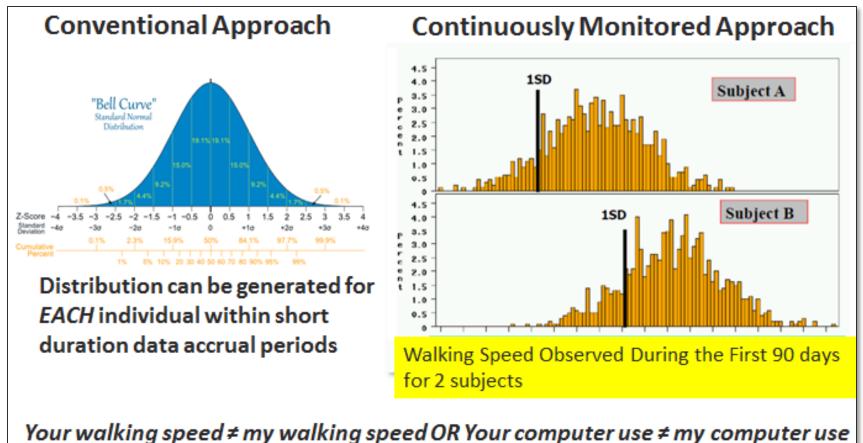




## Improving clinical trials through continuous data collection:

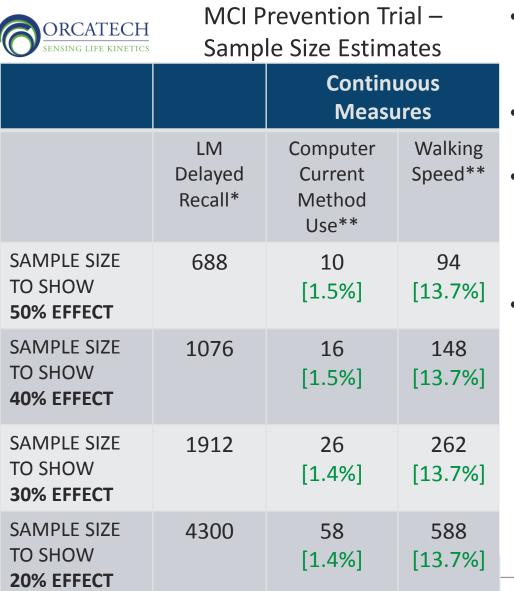


#### Smaller samples, more precise estimates, faster, and ecologically valid True "Precision Medicine" with "Real World Data"



Courtesy of H. Dodge

## Transforming Clinical Trials with High Frequency, Objective, Continuous Data: "Smart Data" for Each Subject

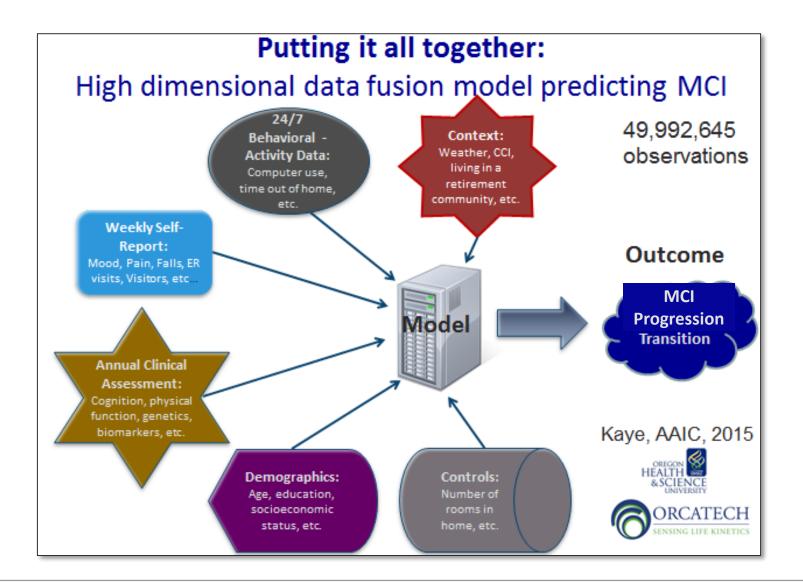


- Reduces required sample size and/or time to identify meaningful change.
- Reduces exposure to harm (fewer needed/ fewer exposed)
- More precise estimates of the trajectory of change; allows for *intra-individual* predictions.
- Provides the opportunity to substantially improve efficiency and inform go/no-go decisions of trials. <14% of current patient costs with standard measures.

Dodge, et al., PLoS One, 2015

### Modeling and Simulation as a Tool to Enhance Understanding of Dementia





#### Summary



- Analyses focusing on single biomarkers will unlikely provide a comprehensive picture of their contribution to understand disease progression.
- Disease progression modeling allows for a quantitative understanding of the interplay between sources of variability (biomarkers, baseline severity, genetics, demographics, etc.).
- In order to develop such models, patient-level data are required.
- A comprehensive expansion of the CAMD CODR database can provide the foundation for such disease progression modeling analyses.
- Regulatory review and endorsement of such disease progression models as quantitative-based clinical trial enrichment platforms provide the trust for sponsors and regulators to apply these platforms as drug development tools.
- Continuous collection of Digital Measurements of Heath will enable a future that uses "Real World Evidence" to practice "Precision Medicine".









## **DIGITAL BIOMARKERS CONFERENCE**

*Use of Biosensors in Clinical Trials: Barriers & Solutions to the Current Landscape* 

March 31 and April 1, 2016

Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center

#### **Goals & Desired Outcomes**

- View the current landscape of approaches to use biosensor technologies to assess changes in patient function across neurodegenerative diseases with impaired cognition
- Understand the current gaps & barriers that impede the advancement of regulatory science progress for these technology platforms.
- Prioritize which gaps & barriers that would have the highest impact across more than one disease to advance regulatory science.
- Formalize the output of the meeting by publishing a manuscript detailing the findings and recommendations of the participants.

### WCoP Pre-Meeting Workshop -Role of Pharmacometrics in Regulatory Science



#### WCOP PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP ROLE OF PHARMACOMETRICS IN REGULATORY SCIENCE Sunday, August 21, 2016 | 08:30 AM – 04:00 PM Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Meeting Room P3

#### Workshop Goals & Desired Outcomes

- Align on the intent and objectives of pharmacometrics within the regulatory science space
- Discuss value of quantitative drug-disease-trial models as drug development platforms
- Prioritize potential novel outcome measures as endpoints to be modeled for drug-disease trial models, such as digital biomarkers



## **Thank You**

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