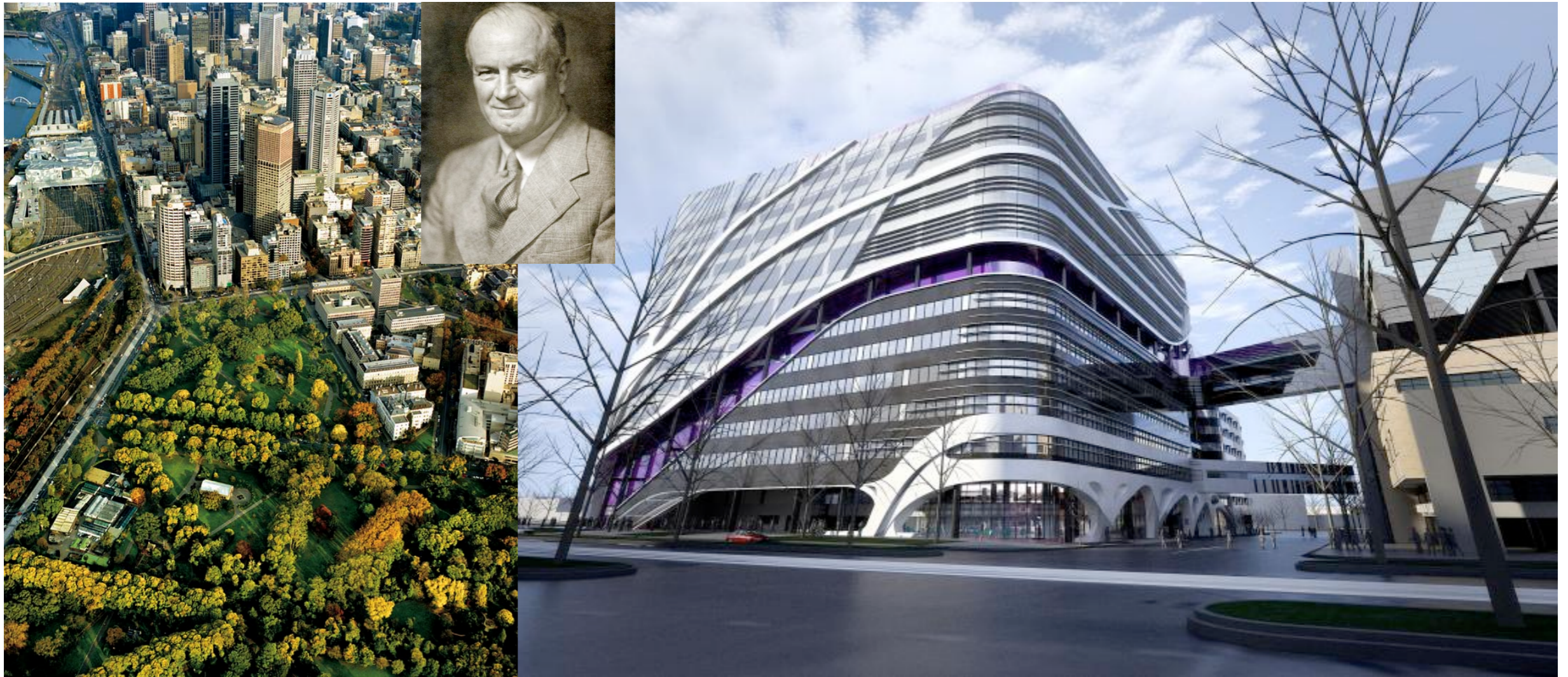


Global Genomic Medicine Collaborative (G2MC): Australia country update: **Cancer2015**



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Cancer 2015



- whole of health system “Framingham” type cancer cohort on a scale to impact Victorian health outcomes
- prospective collection of newly diagnosed cancer patients
- Total cancer journey from diagnosis, **agnostic** to cancer type, age, gender, stage, locus of care
 - epidemiological and QoL
 - clinical information, treatment and follow up
 - conventional and molecular pathology
 - clinical trials
- Cost of cancer to state, federal, insurers, patients of personalised medicine and targeted therapies
 - linkages to Cancer Registry, State and Federal databases
- **policy**

CANCER2015

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**TRANSLATING
DISCOVERIES
INTO *CURES***

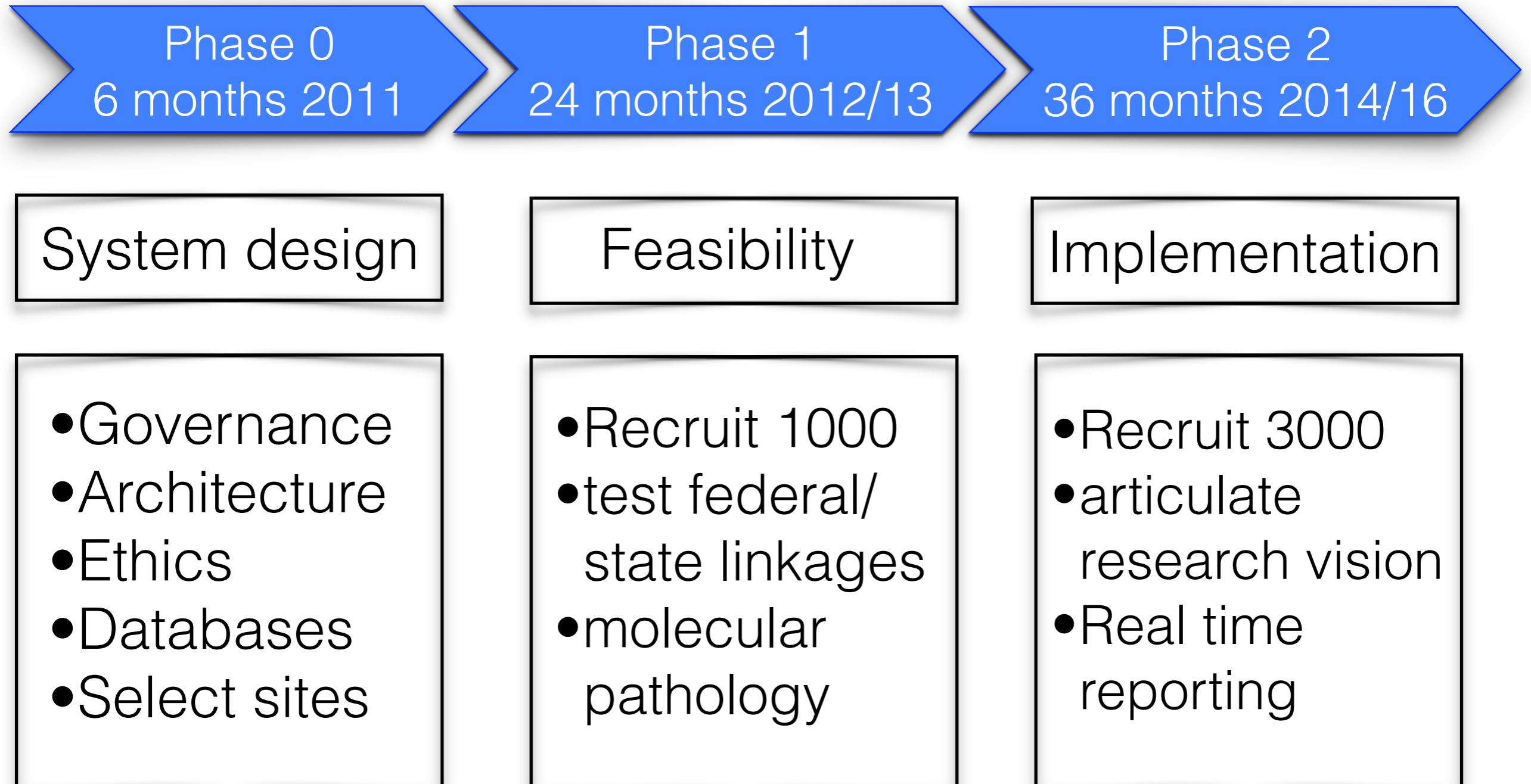
Cancer 2015 is one of the world's largest prospective, population-based cancer genomic cohorts. The major aim is to re-classify cancers molecularly, using next generation gene sequencing techniques, to promote more targeted treatment of cancer patients and improve patient survival and outcomes

Cancer 2015



- **Primary Aims**
 - map variation in cancer care and outcomes
 - assess quality of life
 - measure health costs and societal value of cancer treatment
 - map the true prevalence of actionable mutations agnostic to cancer type
- **Secondary Aims**
 - *Facilitate the integration of molecular pathology into routine cancer care*
 - Provide a large-scale longitudinal cancer cohort for research

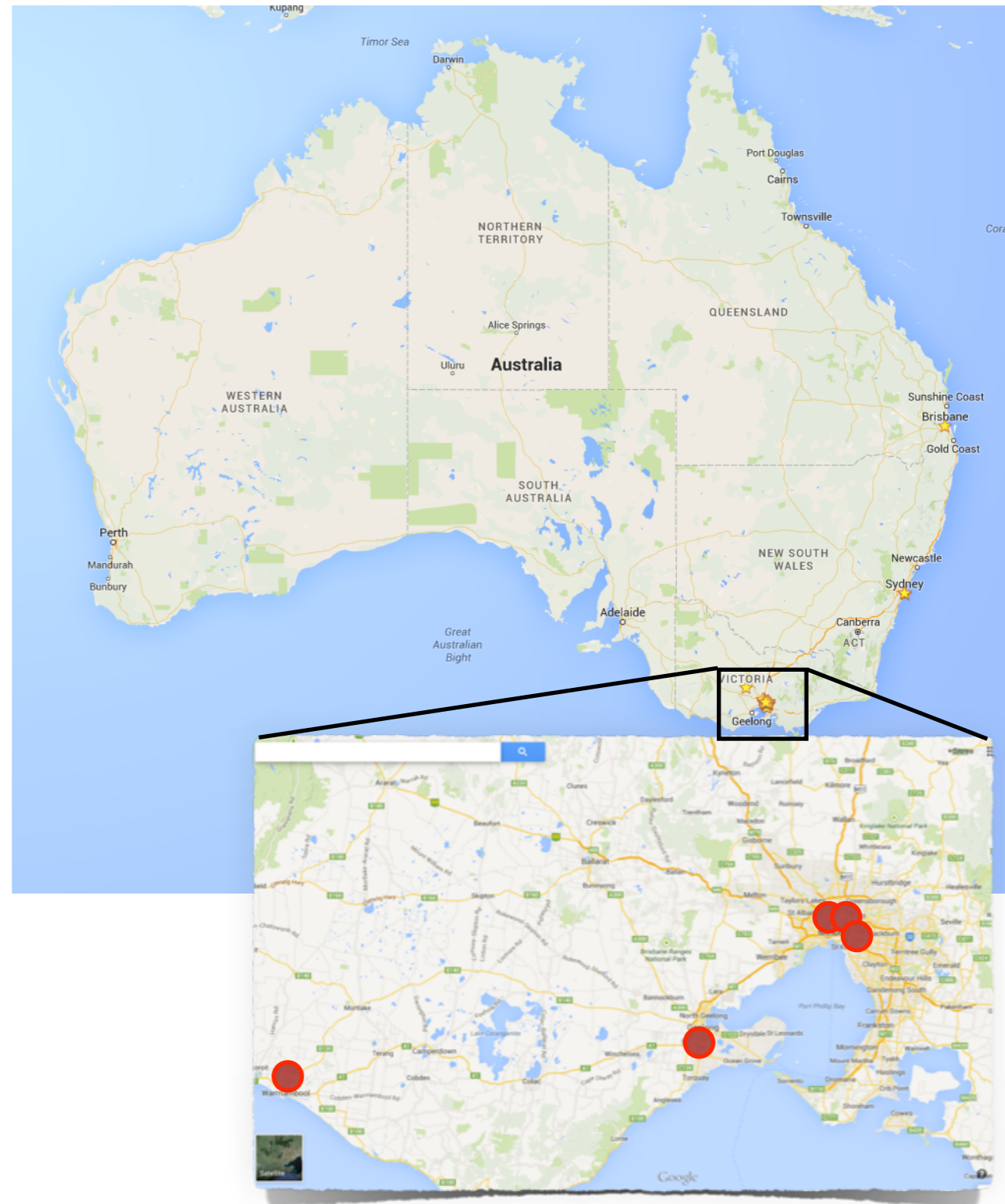
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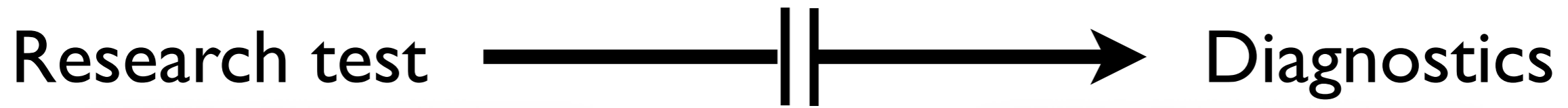
Recruiting sites: Cancer 2015



- Peter Mac
- Barwon Health
 - Geelong
 - Warrnambool
- RMH
- Cabrini



Molecular diagnostics



Laboratory Challenges

- capital
- accreditation
 - laboratory
 - scientific and clinical staff
 - quality assurance
- bioinformatics
- clinical informatics
- input material (FFPE)
- TATs

Scope of Accreditation 

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10.75 Molecular genetics

- .16 Predictive genetic testing
- .17 Pharmacogenetic testing
- .18 Genetic testing for mosaic gene variants (cancer and somatic mosaicism)
- .20 Assay for a defined mutation or polymorphism
- .23 Next generation sequencing
Targeted gene panel excluding exome and genome sequencing studies

Molecular pathology



- ABL1
- AKT1
- ALK
- APC
- ATM
- BRAF
- CDH1
- CDKN2A
- CSF1R
- CTNNB1
- EGFR
- ERBB2
- ERBB4
- FBXW7
- FGFR1
- FGFR2
- FGFR3
- FLT3
- GNA11
- GNAQ
- GNAS
- HNF1A
- HRAS
- IDH1
- JAK2
- JAK3
- KDR
- KIT
- KRAS
- MET
- MLH1
- MPL1
- NOTCH1
- NPM1
- NRAS
- PDGFRA
- PIK3CA
- PTEN
- PTPN11
- RB1
- RET
- SMAD4
- SMARCB1
- SMO
- SRC
- STK11
- TP53
- VHL



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Total tumour samples received

936 (86%) DNA >10ng/ul

854 (78%)
 Samples passed QC metric



TRUSEQ AMPLICON CANCER PANEL REPORT

Clinical Details
 Lung cancer

Results

Gene	Reference	Nucleotide Change	Protein Change	Read Depth ¹	Classification
PIK3CA	NM_006218.2	c.1624G>A	p.E542K	532/1794	Definitely Pathogenic
KRAS	NM_004985.3	c.436G>C	p.A146P	686/1090	Likely Pathogenic
TP53	NM_000546.5	c.853G>A	p.E285K	273/710	Definitely Pathogenic

Interpretation

The E542K mutation results in an amino acid substitution at position 542 in PIK3CA, from a glutamic acid (E) to lysine (K). This mutation occurs within the highly conserved helical domain. Mutant PIK3CA proteins have increased catalytic activity resulting in enhanced downstream signaling and oncogenic transformation in vitro¹. The PIK3CA E542K mutation is a common mutation in cancer. PIK3CA mutations predict a favourable response to PI3K/AKT/mTOR inhibitors such as rapamycin².

The A146P mutation results in an amino acid substitution at position 146 in KRAS, from an alanine (A) to a proline (P). This mutation causes constitutive activation of the KRAS protein and has been previously reported in lung cancer. Approximately 25% of lung adenocarcinomas have KRAS mutations but they are uncommon in lung squamous cell carcinoma and small cell carcinoma.

The E285K mutation results in an amino acid substitution from glutamic acid (E) to lysine (K) at position 285 in the conserved DNA binding motif of TP53. This is a known TP53 inactivating mutation. TP53 mutations are common in all lung cancer types^{3,4}.

Method

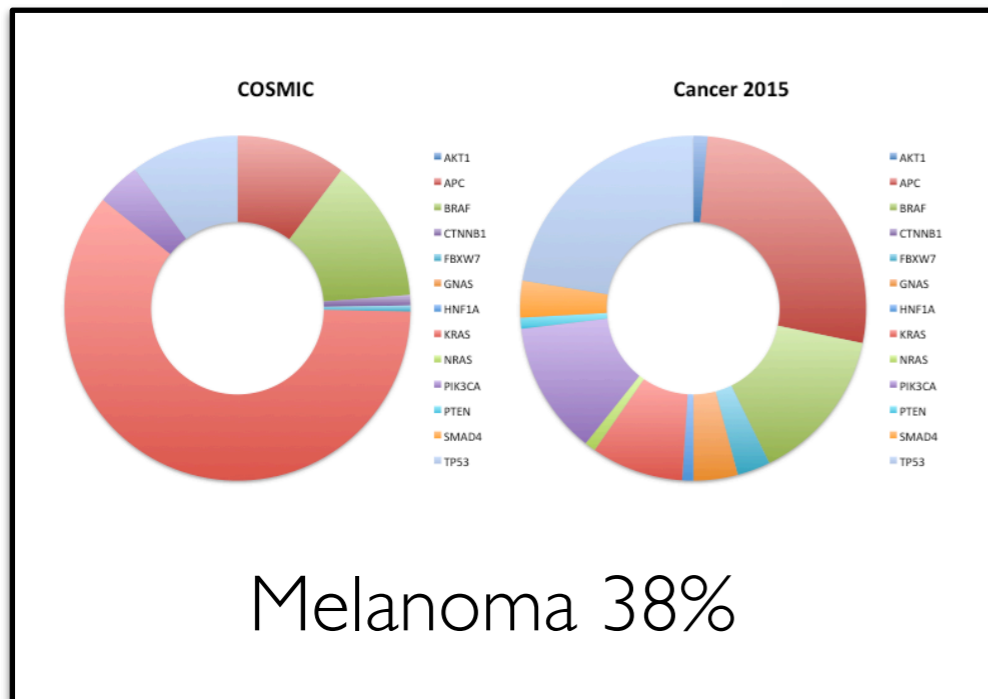
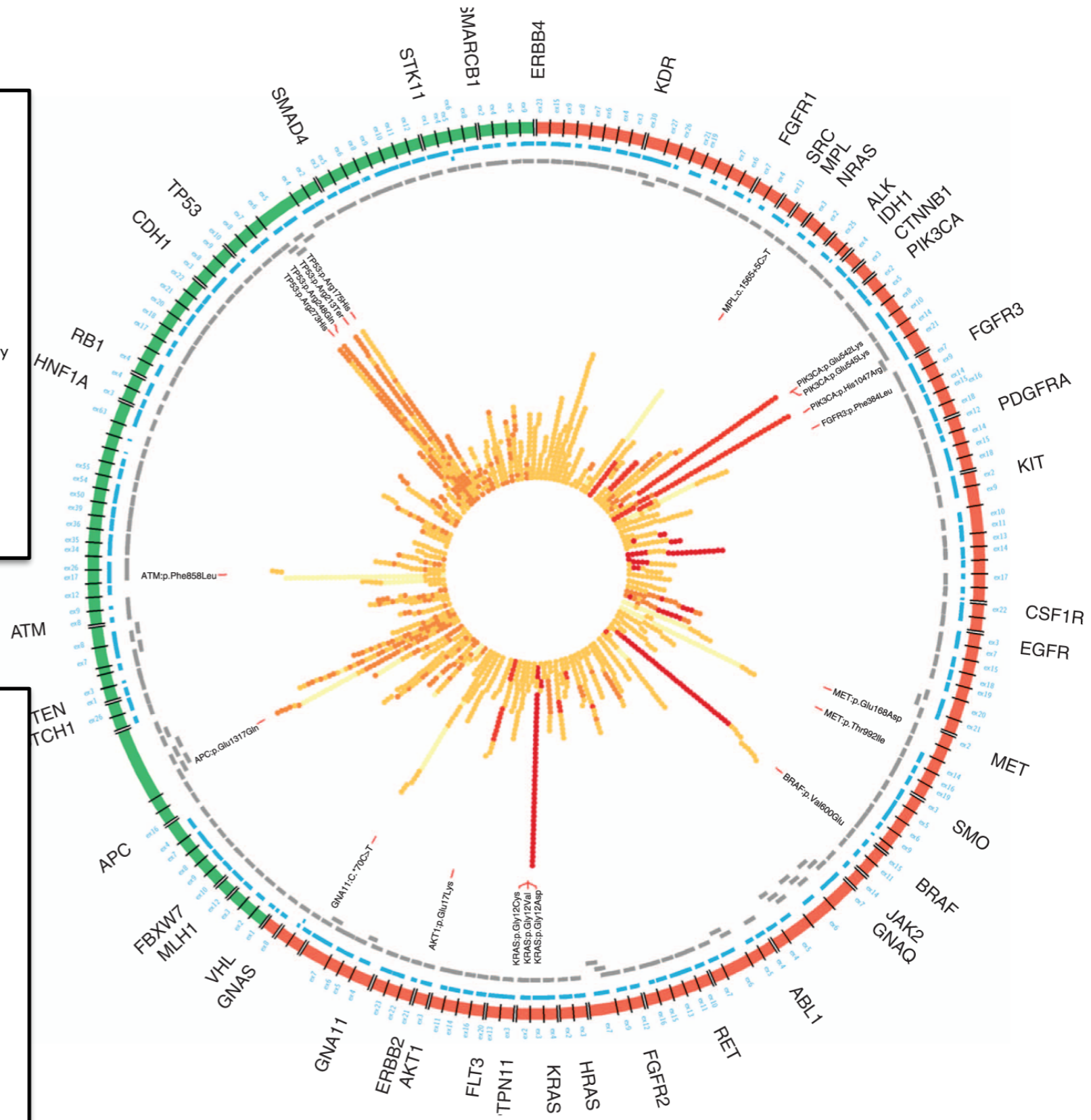
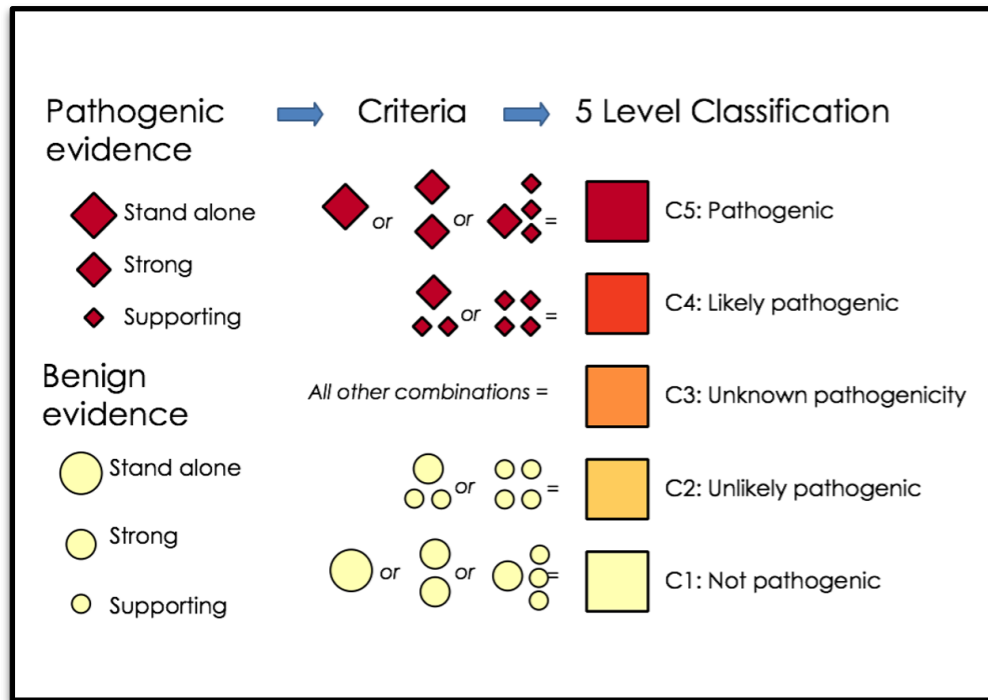
Tumour DNA is analysed using the Illumina TruSeq Custom Amplicon Cancer Panel, which targets the mutation hotspots of 48 cancer genes. Samples are uniquely indexed, pooled and sequenced on the Illumina MiSeq using MiSeq v2 chemistry at 2x150bp reads. Alignment, variant calling and annotation is performed using Peter Mac's amplicon-optimised pipeline v1.0. High quality Class 4 and 5 variants are reported above. Variant classification is according to the scheme proposed by Poon et al⁵.

Class	Description	Pathogenic Probability
1	Not Pathogenic or of no clinical significance	>0.99
2	Likely Not Pathogenic or of little clinical significance	0.95-0.99
3	Uncertain	0.05-0.949
4	Likely Pathogenic	0.001-0.049
5	Definitely Pathogenic	<0.001

This mutation panel is designed to detect single nucleotide variants and indels in the target regions only. Mutations in the 48 cancer genes that lie outside the target regions will not be detected. The technology employed here is not suitable for detecting loss of heterozygosity, copy number variations, gross structural rearrangements, or aneuploidies. At 1000x coverage, this assay has a detection limit of 5%. Variants detected in target regions with

TruSeq Amplicon Cancer Panel Report 1

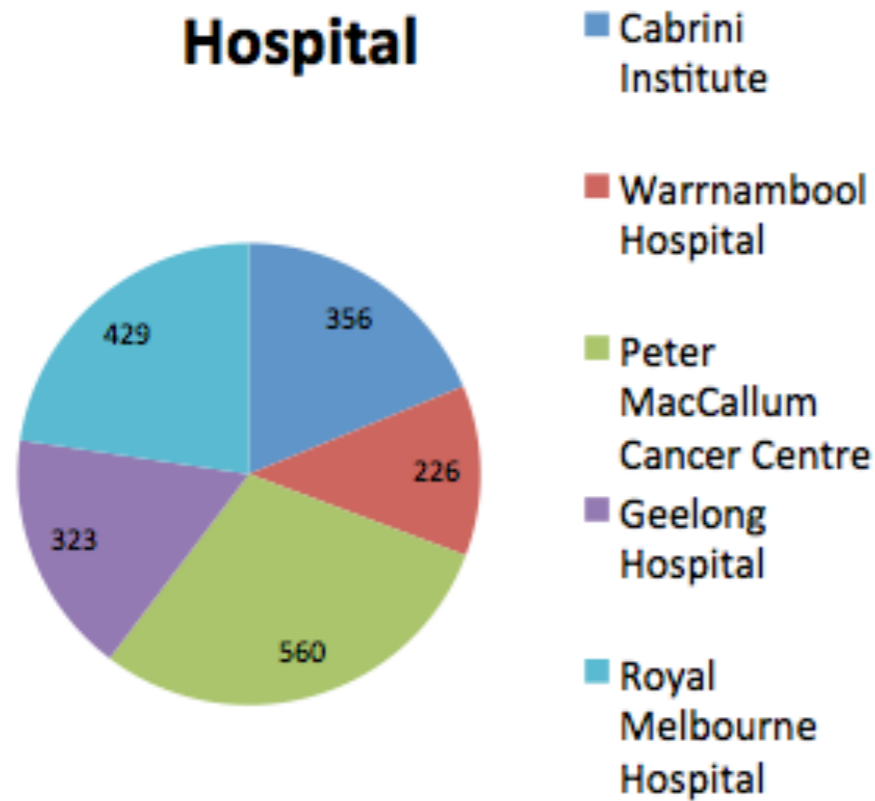
Landscape of actionable mutations



Cancer 2015 snapshot



Patients Recruited by Hospital

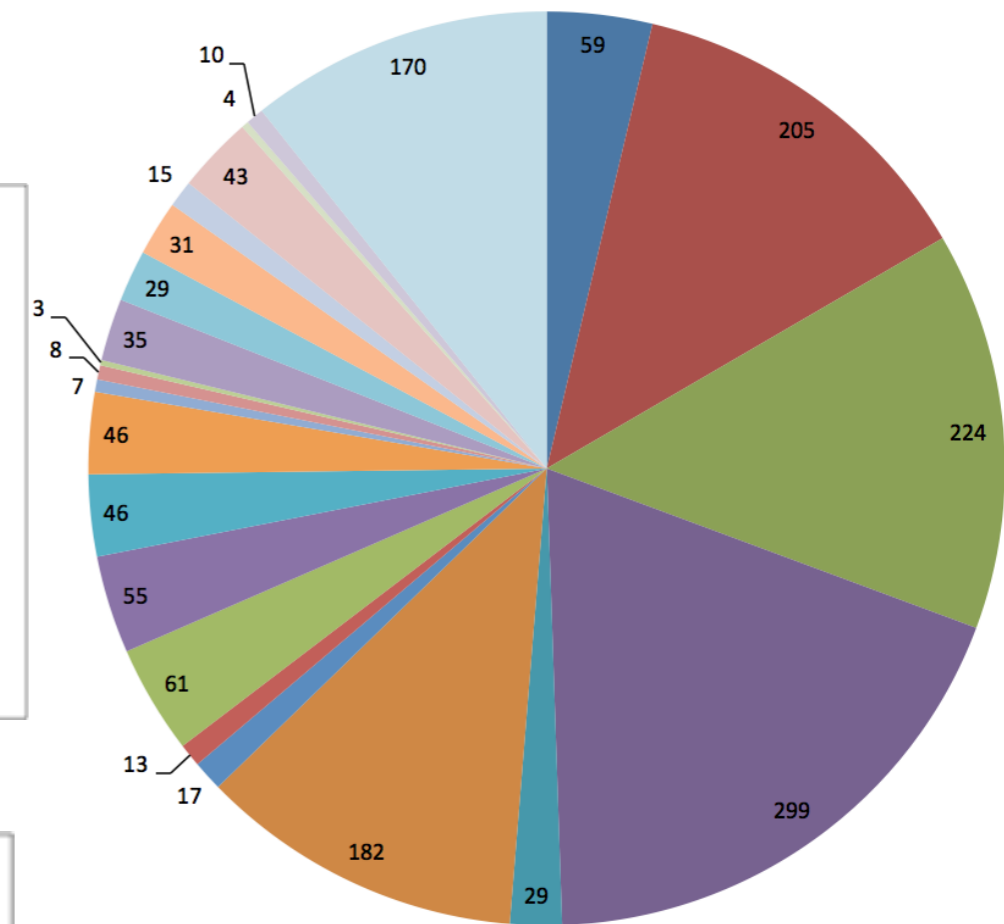


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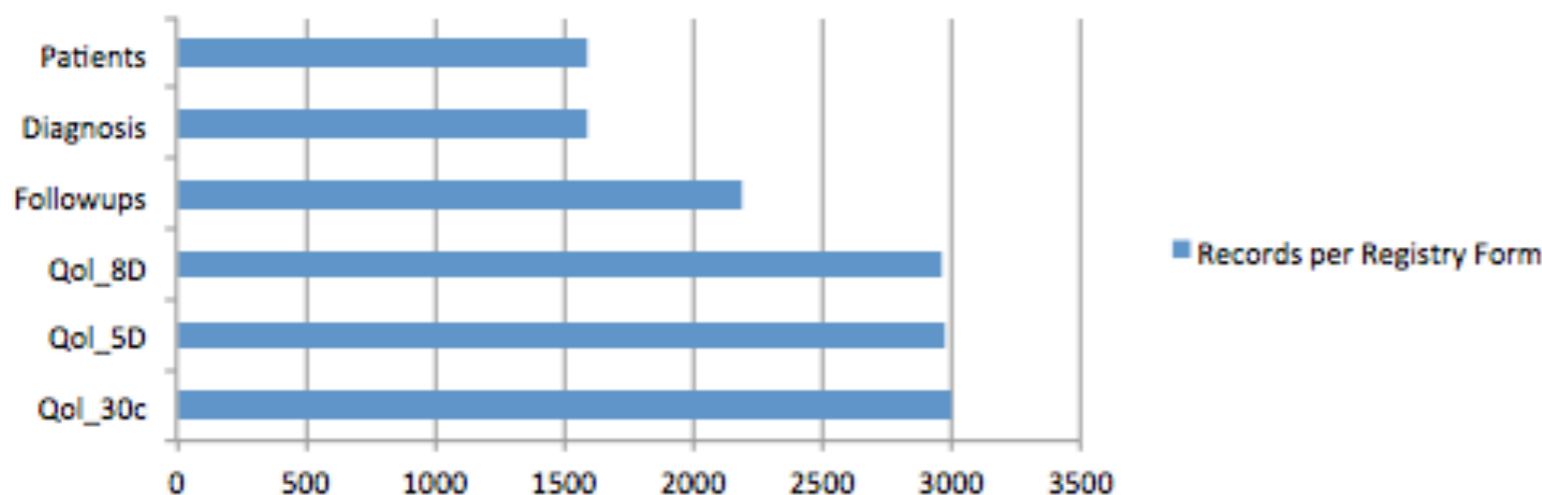
Overall Cohort Patients recruited per working day: 2.34



Patients by Histotype



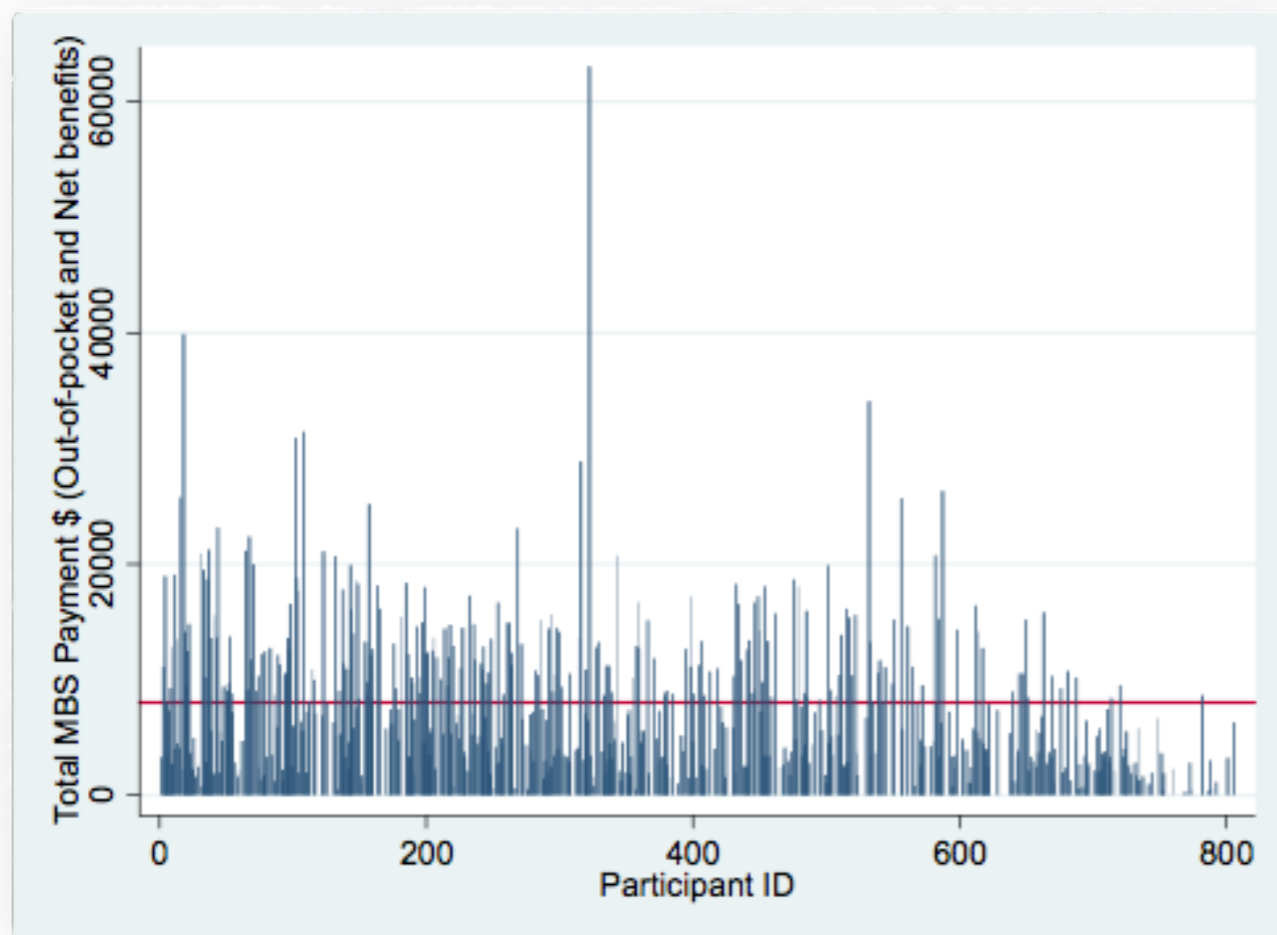
Records per Registry Form



- Renal
- Prostate
- Melanoma
- Ovarian
- Oesophagogastric
- Cervical
- Anal
- Lymphoma
- Head and Neck
- Breast
- Colorectal
- Endometrial
- Bone and Soft Tissue
- Cancer of Unknown Primary
- Hepatic
- Central Nervous System

Health economics

MBS data (N=523, first linkage)



Total Per Participant MBS Cost
(Out-of-pocket and Net benefit)

Mean \$7997

Min: \$31.20

Max: \$62,992

Total Per Participant MBS Cost
(Out-of-pocket cost only)

Mean: \$1,675

Min: \$0.00

Max: \$24,303

Total Per Participant MBS Cost
(Net benefit cost only)

Mean: \$6,322

Min: \$31.20

Max: \$38,688

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An Australian Government Initiative
National Collaborative Research
Infrastructure Strategy



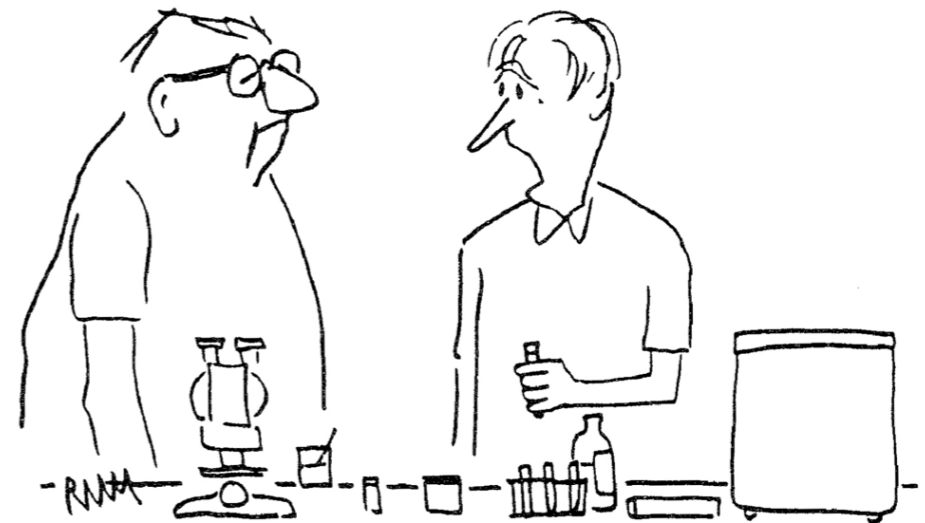
Linking research and patient care

Victorian
Cancer
Research
Funded by The VCA

Session questions: lab perspective

- **Primary activities undertaken/accomplishments**
 - reconfiguration of diagnostic cancer lab to NGS-based somatic and germline testing from hardware refresh to workforce including education and training
 - implementation of automated clinical cancer diagnostic and IT systems to process samples from sequencer through to reporting
 - implementation of decision support tools to aid the curation of clinical diagnostic samples
 - competency in diagnostic NGS with NATA (ISO) accreditation
 - integration with research genomics and bioinformatics, close clinical collaborations
 - establishment of a Molecular Tumour Board
- **Key challenges**
 - funding! capital, personnel etc
 - bioinformatic support for diagnostic assay/pipeline development, software engineers
 - clinical grade databases, immaturity of bioinformatics software, unskilled diagnostic workforce
 - staccato supply chain from vendors that does not support diagnostic labs
 - resource burden of cycle of development whilst still supporting clinical service
- **Opportunities**
 - annotated databases, cancer pathology issues

Questions



"I've narrowed the diagnosis down to 16 possibilities."

Data and informatics issues

	Mitigation	Suggested guidelines
<p>Most variant databases were created for research, not clinical use, and have unknown error rates and varying formats and semantics</p> <p>Laboratories are using databases without understanding their limitations</p> <p>Accessing the data in a useable way requires data manipulation skills beyond those of most people working in laboratories</p>	<p>A review of variant databases that are being used for clinical oncology is urgently needed, together with a certification process for individual variants</p> <p>Global initiatives such as GA4GH and ClinGen² are standardising variant databases</p> <p>Data federation application programming interfaces are needed to standardise access to clinical variation data</p>	<p>Clinical variants should use Human Genome Variation Society¹ nomenclature including genome build and transcript</p> <p>Databases maintain a uniform application programming interfaces to retrieve clinical variants</p> <p>Clinical variants are annotated with phenotype and pathogenicity conforming to standard ontologies</p> <p>Clinical variants are annotated with a standardised certification of confidence or trust</p>
<p>Data used for clinical diagnostics must be timely</p> <p>Many laboratories are unaware of the timeliness of database variants and might be relying on old or superseded data</p>	<p>Online clinical data federation or periodic refresh ensures the latest knowledge is used in diagnostic reports</p> <p>Diagnostic reporting systems should notify clinicians of variant pathogenicity changes in either local or external variants</p>	<p>Underlying data sources should be indicated in clinical reports together with version or access date, or both</p>
<p>Sharing of variant data characterising the function of rare variants is lacking</p>	<p>The GA4GH Matchmaker Exchange initiative targets this need along with initiatives to aggregate well curated datasets—eg, ClinGen²</p>	<p>Reported variants should be uploaded to a database accessible by the public along with the phenotypes</p>
<p>Phenotype corresponding to a genotype is poorly captured at sample registration</p> <p>Phenotype information is not often associated with variants in databases</p>	<p>Standards for phenotype ontology need to be captured at sample registration by web page embeddable software</p> <p>The GA4GH and ClinGen working groups are addressing this issue</p>	<p>A uniform phenotype ontology (eg, Human Phenotype Ontology, International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems 10th Revision, and Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine) should be used to record a patient's phenotype before diagnostic analysis</p>
<p>The high turnover of technology is driving laboratories to create ad-hoc bioinformatic solutions without robust assay validation</p> <p>Generic pipelines are being used rather than those matched to the assay characteristics</p>	<p>The use of software engineering test methods needs to be applied to pipeline validation</p> <p>An accredited pipeline validation framework, independent of assay or bioinformatics, is needed urgently</p>	<p>Clinical pipelines should be independently validated by software engineering testing for the combined pipeline and assay</p>
<p>The biochemical focus of existing diagnostic assays is too restricted for the development of data-centric HTS assays</p>	<p>Laboratories need to outsource HTS diagnostics to suitably resourced institutions or build up an in-house team of bioinformatics and data manipulation specialists</p>	<p>Accreditation agencies need to expand to cover the information technology aspects of laboratory accreditation</p>
<p>Insufficient curation decision support has resulted in labour-intensive curation restricting sample processing capacity</p>	<p>The development of robust web applications is needed for a molecular diagnostic environment that must integrate global clinical quality knowledge-bases</p>	<p>Clinical variant curation needs to be accredited by national professional pathology organisations</p>
<p>Concordance is lacking between pipeline results from different laboratories^{3,4}</p>	<p>Assays combined with their analytical software and data sources need to be standardised urgently</p> <p>Variants including copy number and structural variants should be represented uniformly</p>	<p>Pipeline analysis should be standardised and accredited by professional pathology organisations for common assays</p>