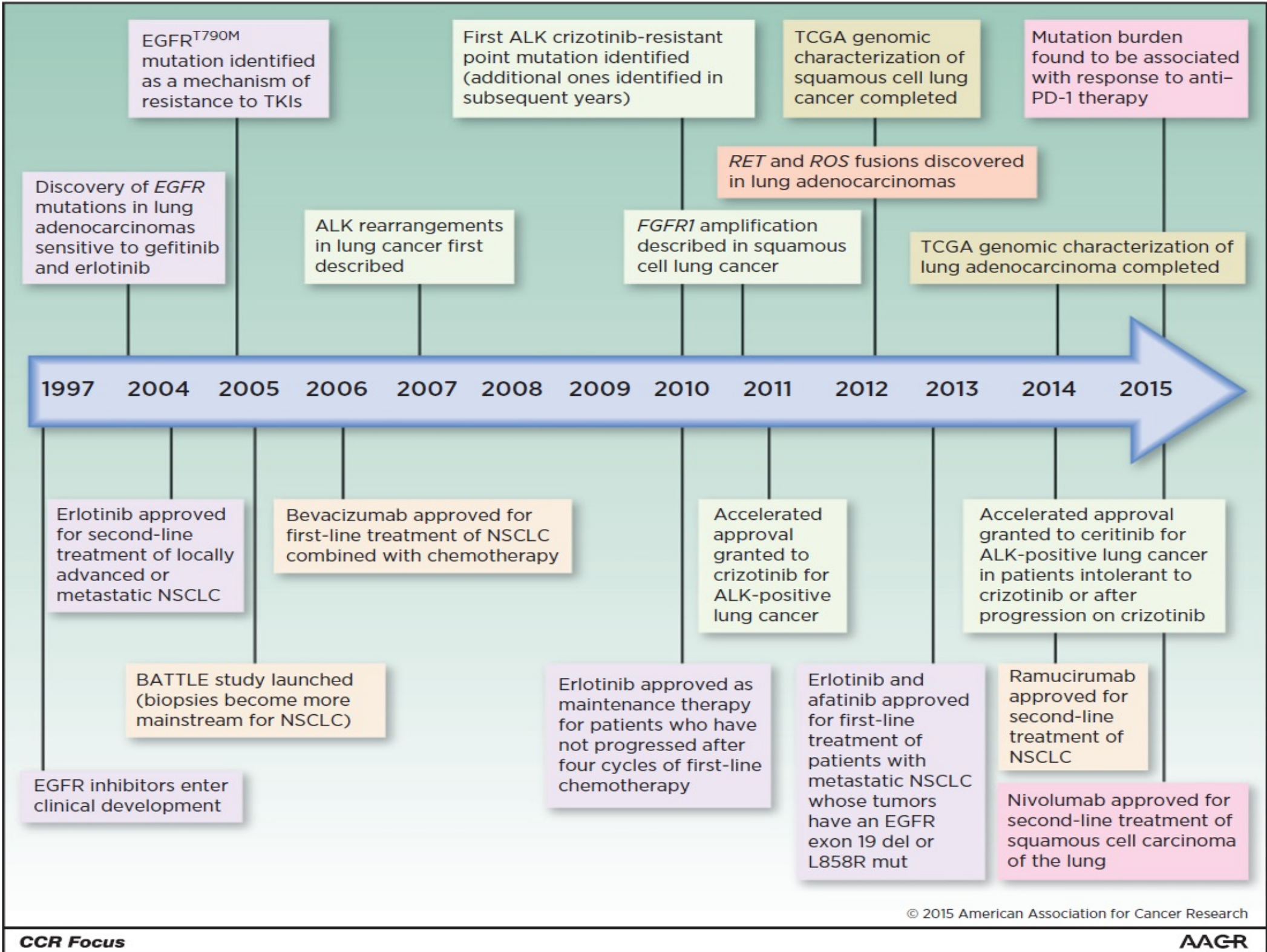
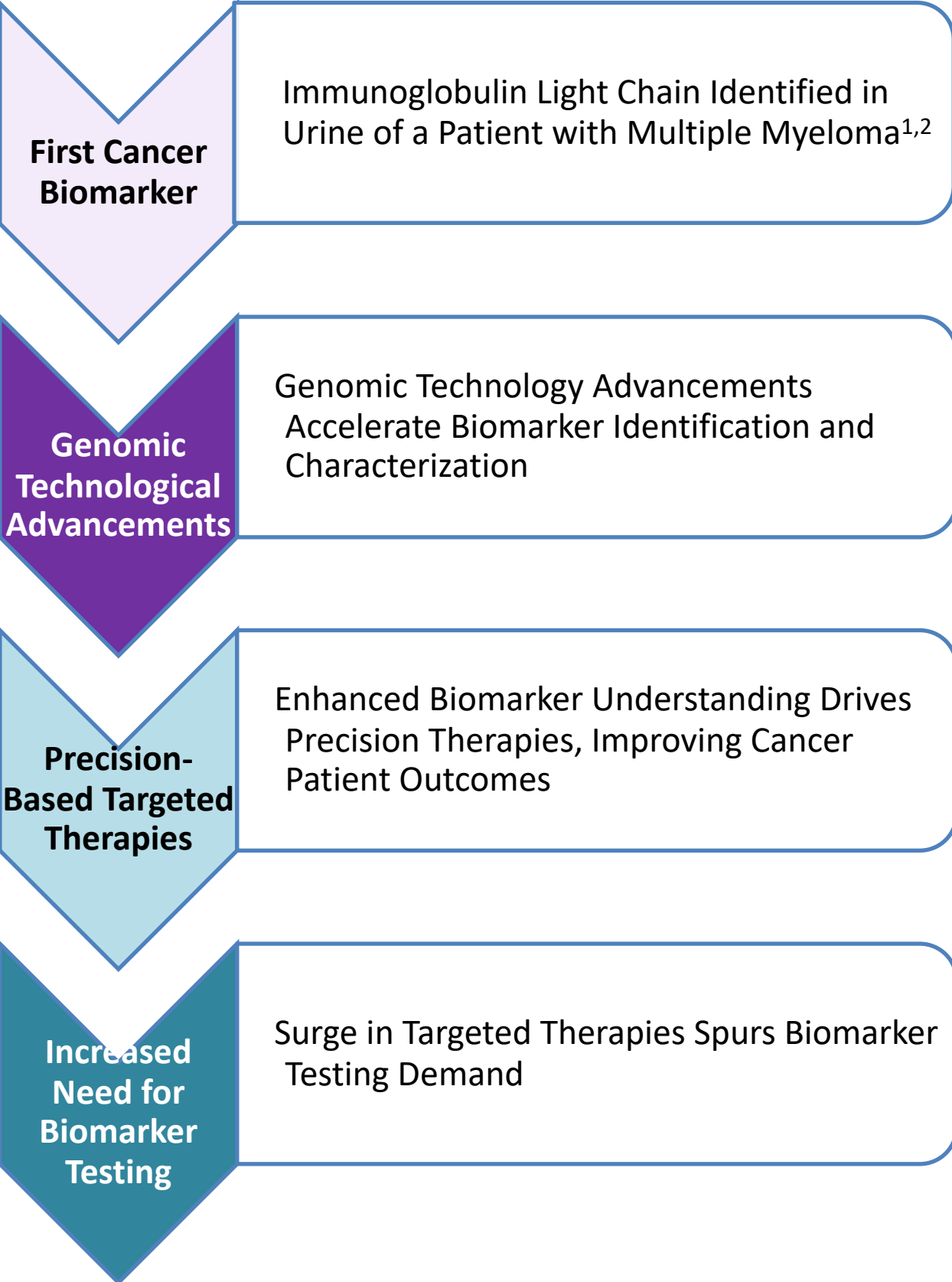


Health Care Disparities in Lung Cancer Genomic Profiling: Has Precision Oncology Widened the Gap?

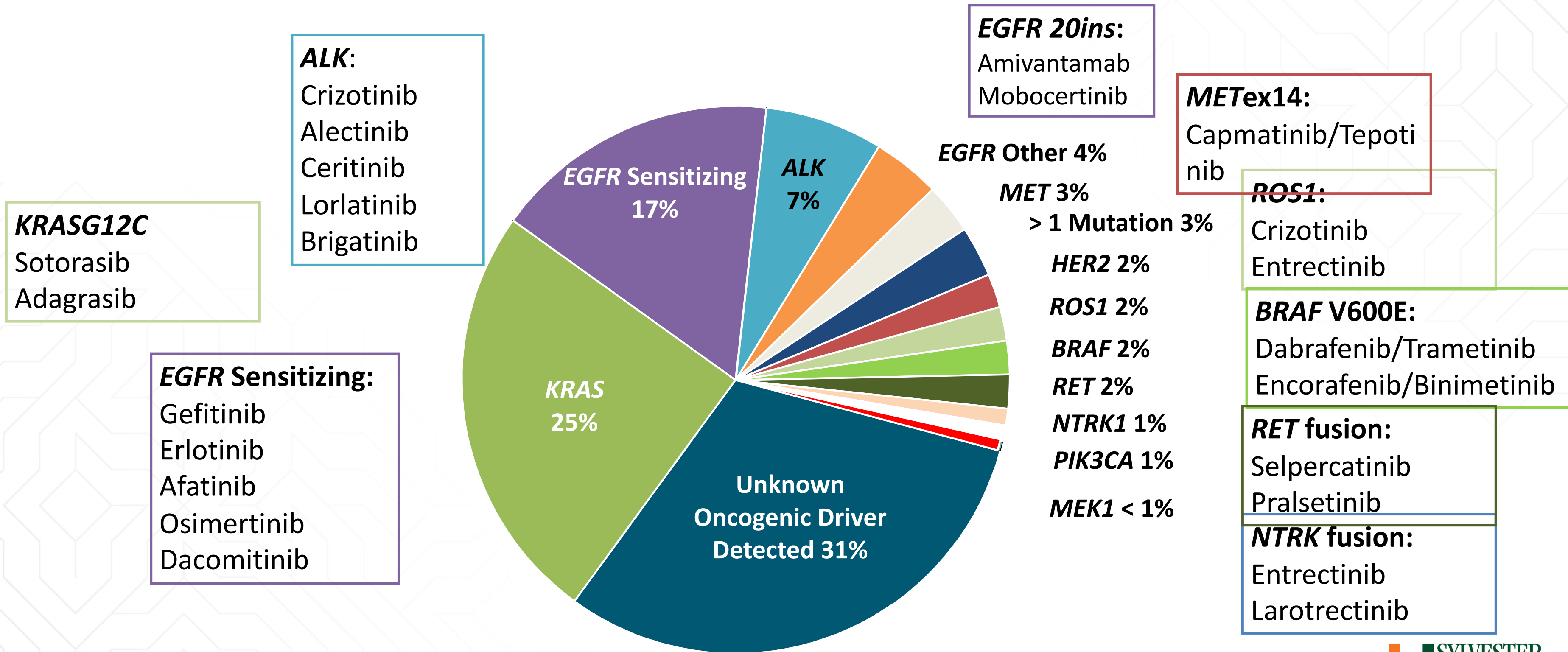
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Accelerated Biomarker Discovery: Driving Targeted Therapy Advancements and Biomarker Testing Demand



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Increased complexity of genomic alterations is expanding treatment options



The Gentrification of Lung Cancer Treatment

When I completed fellowship

Today



Brickell Avenue, Miami

\$60/sqft → \$666/sqft

- Chemo+/- Bevacizumab
- Erlotinib
- Hospice

Platinum-based Chemotherapy
ECOG 1594,
ECOG 4599

Erlotinib
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**With more Complexity in Testing & Treatment ,
There is more Room for Disparities**

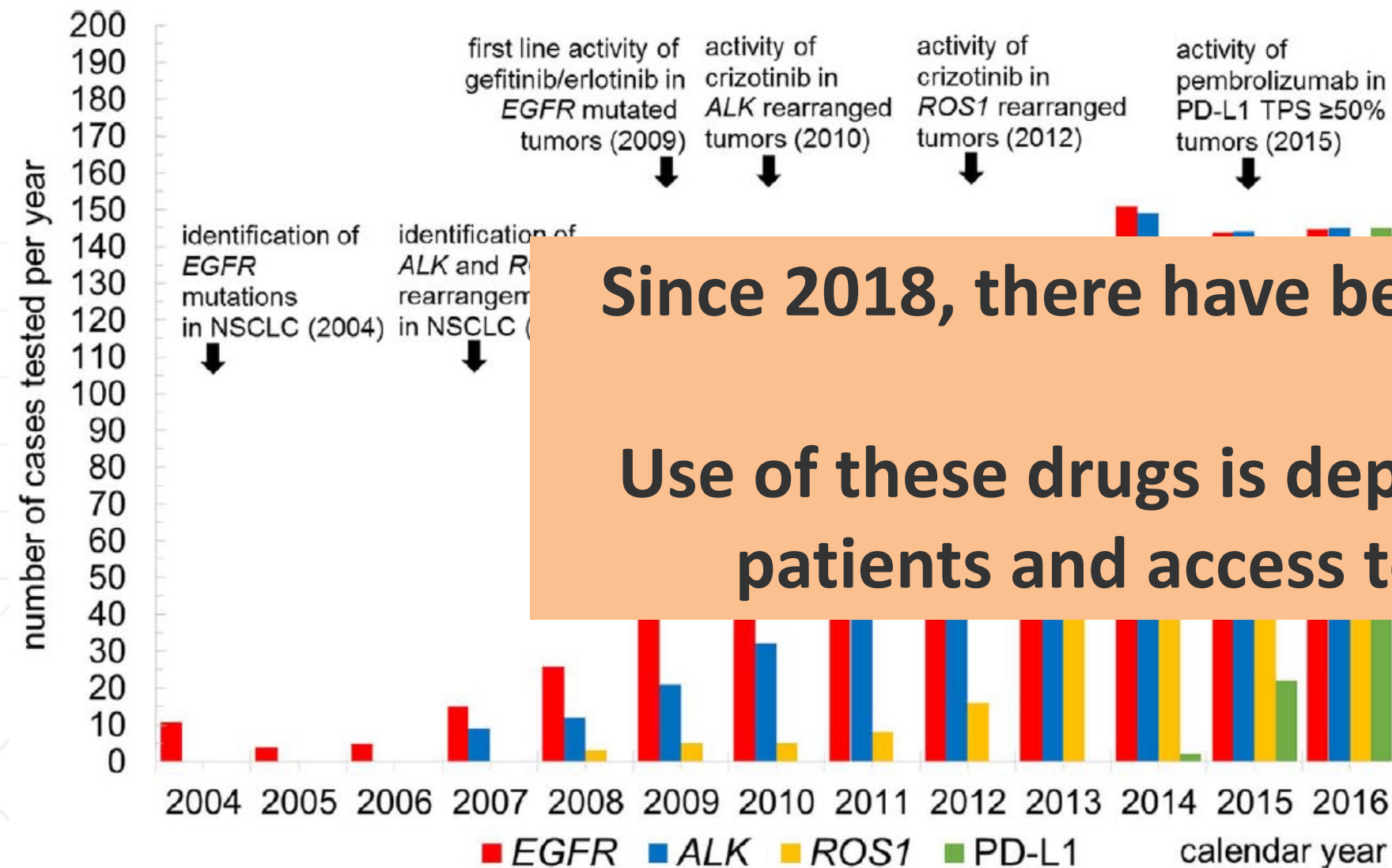
- Chemo-Immuno
- Immunotx

• Targeted Therapies:

- ✓ EGFR
- ✓ ALK
- ✓ ROS
- ✓ BRAF V600E
- ✓ Met Ex 14 Skip
- ✓ RET
- ✓ KRASG12C
- ✓ ERBB2
- ✓ NTRK

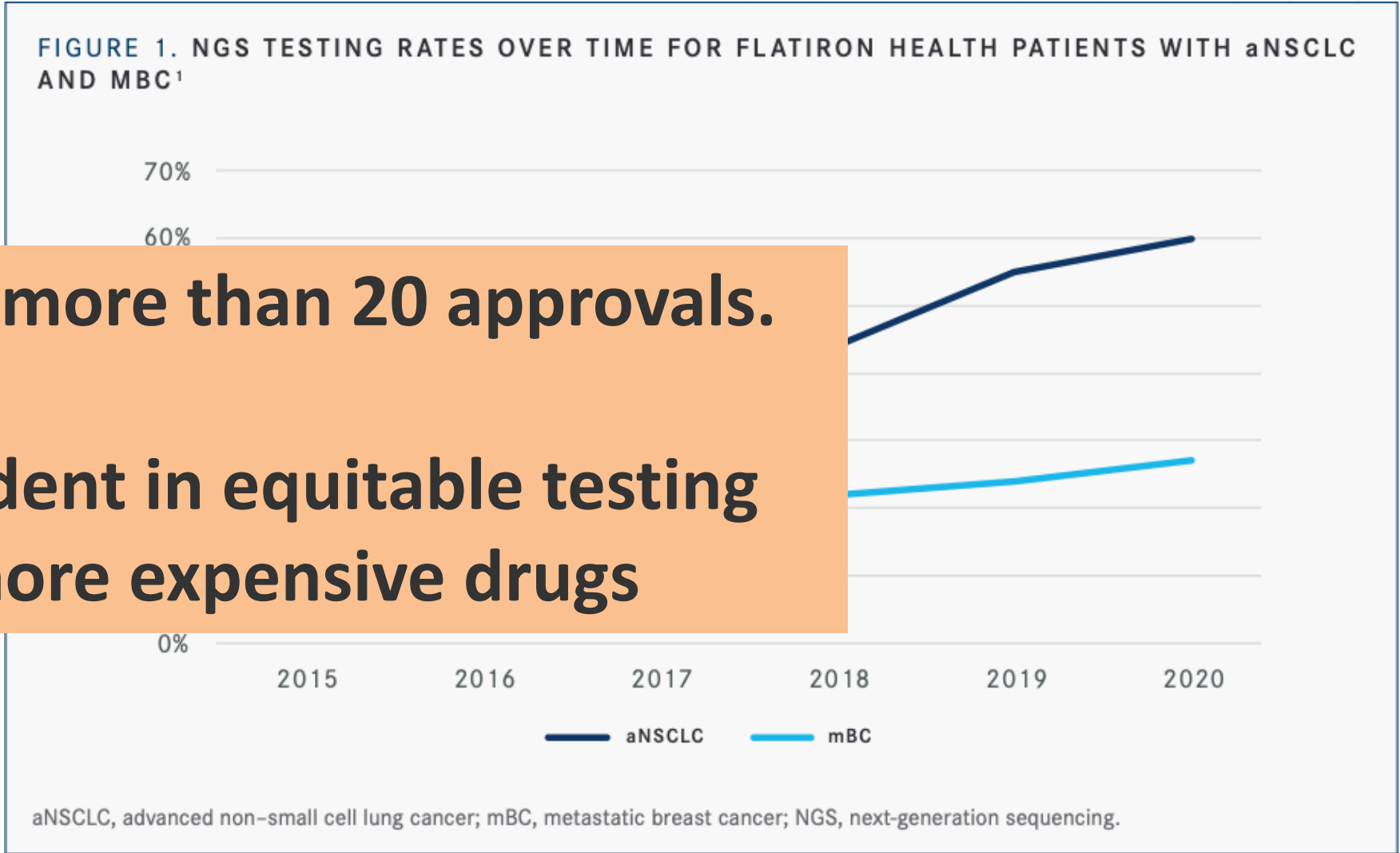
Increasing Biomarker Testing Volumes in Lung Cancer

Annual Biomarker Testing Volumes in Advanced NSCLC



Since 2018, there have been more than 20 approvals.

Use of these drugs is dependent in equitable testing patients and access to more expensive drugs



Biomarker Testing Rates: MYLUNG

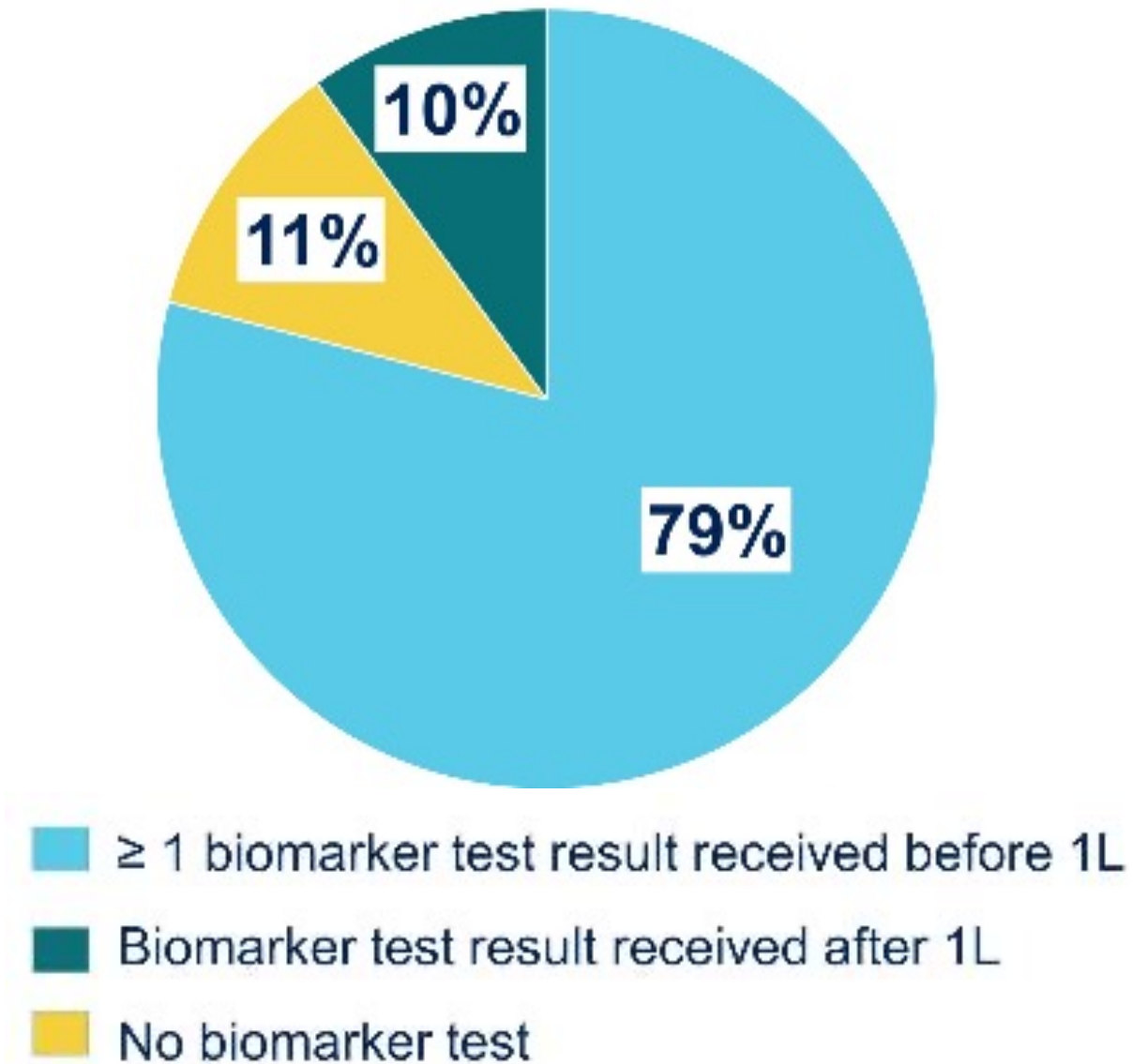
(Molecularly Informed Lung Cancer Treatment in a Community Cancer Network)

Test types	Overall N=3474	Nonsquamous N=2820
EGFR	70%	76%
ALK	70%	76%
ROS1	68%	73%
BRAF	55%	59%
PD-L1	83%	83%
Any biomarker	90%	91%
All 5 biomarker tests	46%	49%
NGS	37%	39%

Retrospective single-institution study of pts w/ newly diagnosed stage IV non-Sq NSCLC (N=335)²

- **Disparities in comprehensive biomarker testing**
- **18%-39% of patients began treatment before receiving molecular profiling results**

Testing Relative to 1L Treatment Initiation

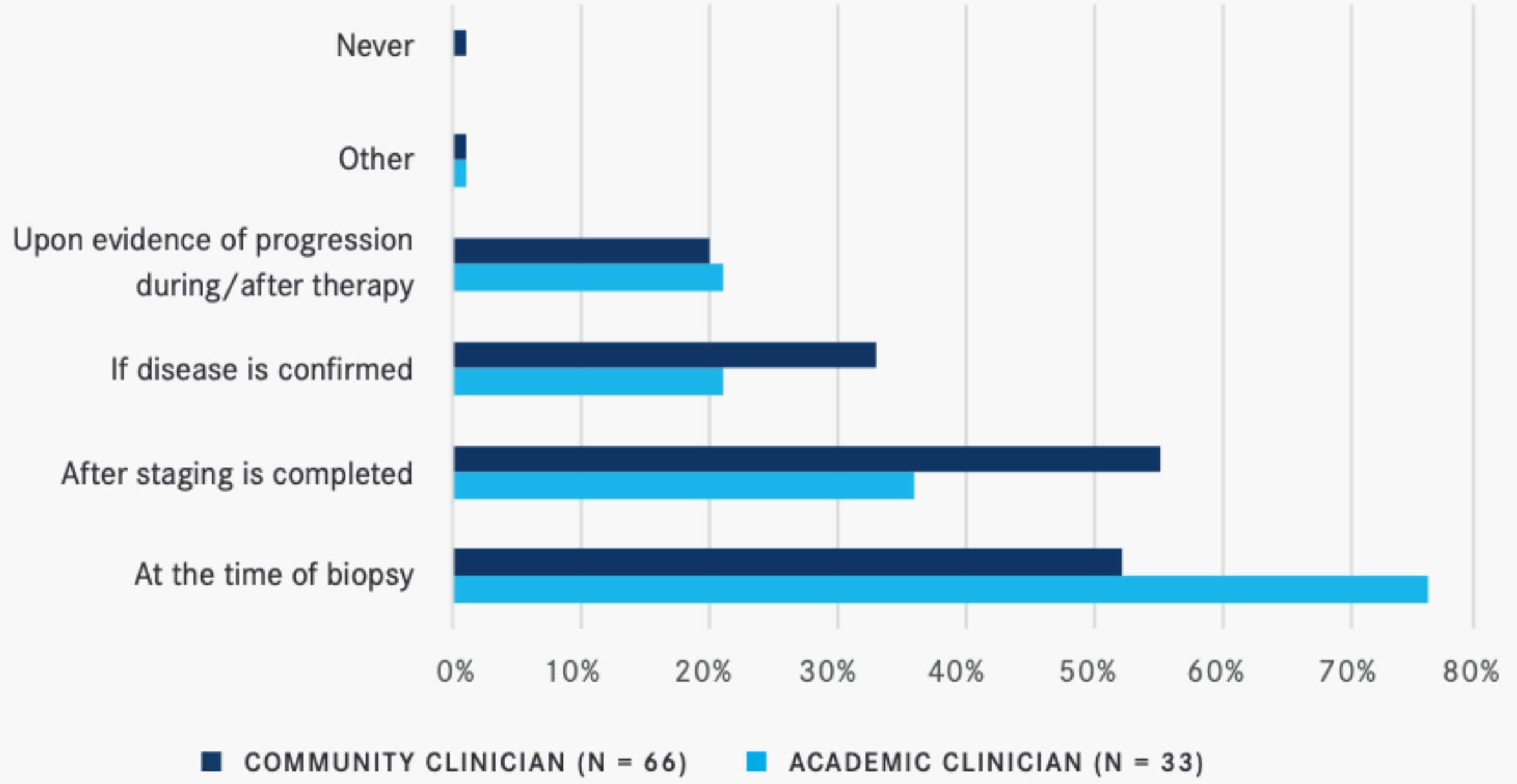


Pts w/ mNSCLC initiating 1L systemic therapy between 04/01/2018 and 03/31/2020 (n=3474)¹

- Patients with comprehensive genotyping have improved OS compared to patients with incomplete or no testing.

Testing Disparities: Community vs Academic Centers

FIGURE 2. WHEN BIOMARKER TESTING WOULD TYPICALLY BE ORDERED FOR PATIENTS WITH NSCLC BY PRACTICE SETTING⁵



Disparities in Access to Molecular Testing is Multifactorial

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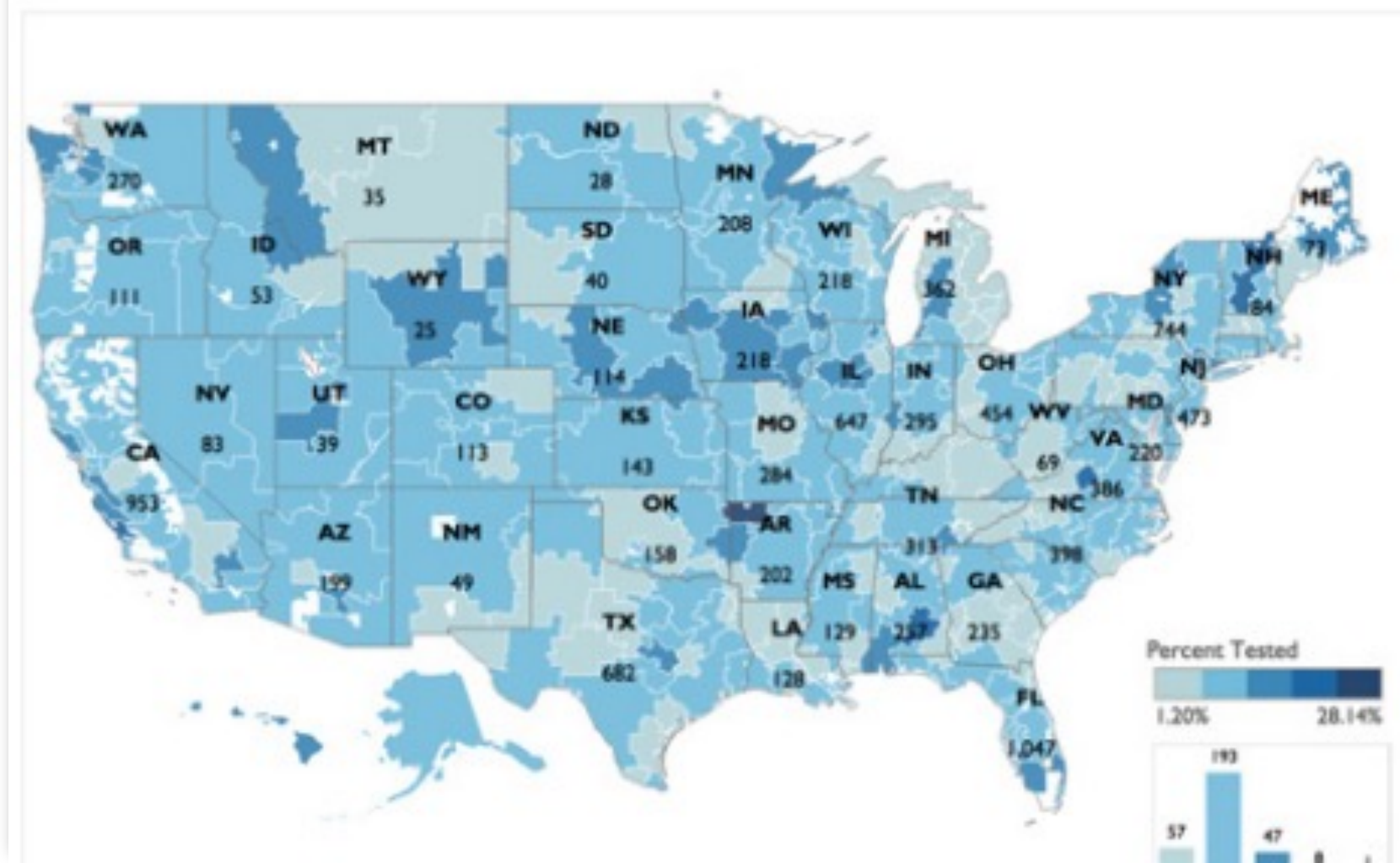
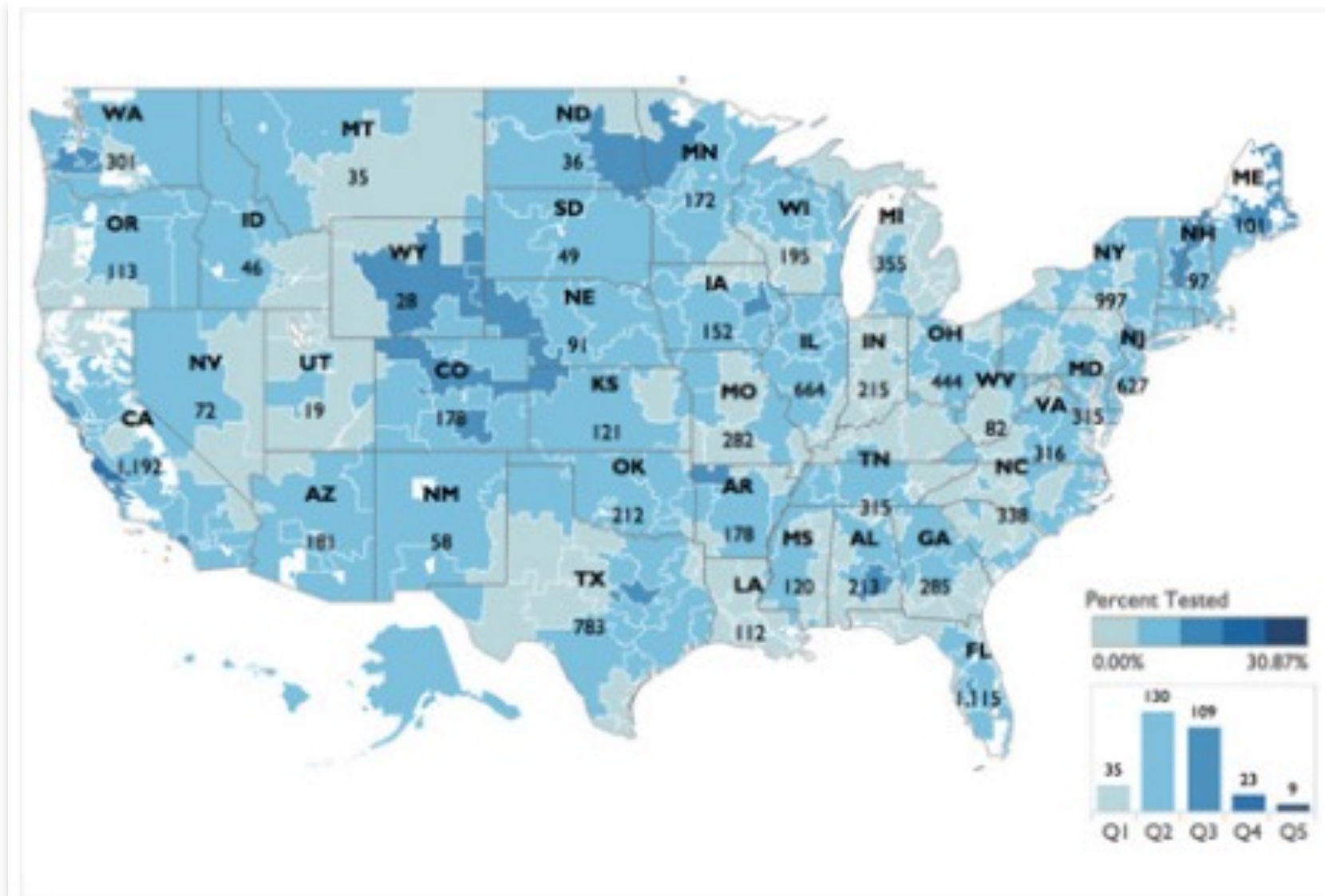
Open Access



Underutilization and disparities in access to *EGFR* testing among Medicare patients with lung cancer from 2010 – 2013

Julie A. Lynch^{1,7*}, Brygida Berse^{2,3}, Merry Rabb⁴, Paul Mosquin⁴, Rob Chew⁴, Suzanne L. West⁴, Nicole Coomer⁴, Daniel Becker^{5,6} and John Kautter²

- Medicare claims data 2010-2013
- Geographic area most strongest predictor
- Race predictor (Blacks less likely, Asians more likely)
- Distance from a NCI Cancer Center
- Zip code and built environment



Racial disparities in biomarker testing and clinical trial enrollment

- **Real World Practice Cohort (Flatiron)**
 - N=14,768 Stage IV NSCLC
 - Diagnosed 1/2017-10/2020
 - Treated within 120 days of diagnosis
- Black patients less likely to get NGS biomarker testing (39% vs 50% NHWs)
- Participation in clinical trials higher in pts getting NGS



Biomarker Testing

All patients with NSCLC				
	NSCLC overall N=14,768	White N=9,793	Black/AA N=1,288	P-value, White vs Black/AA
Ever tested	11,297 (76.5%)	7477 (76.4%)	948 (73.6%)	0.03
Tested prior to first line therapy		6,064 (61.9%)	784 (60.9%)	0.47
Ever NGS tested	7,185 (48.7%)	4,904 (50.1%)	513 (39.8%)	<0.0001
NGS tested prior to first line therapy		3,081 (31.5%)	332 (25.8%)	<0.0001
Patients with non-squamous NSCLC				
	Non-squamous N=10,333	White N=6,705	Black/AA N=922	P-value, White vs Black/AA
Ever tested	8,786 (85.0%)	5,699 (85.0%)	764 (82.9%)	0.09
Tested prior to first line therapy		4,881 (72.8%)	662 (71.8%)	0.52
Ever NGS tested	5,494 (53.2%)	3,668 (54.7%)	404 (43.8%)	<0.0001
NGS tested prior to first line therapy		2,452 (36.6%)	274 (29.7%)	<0.0001

AA = African American; NGS = next-generation sequencing

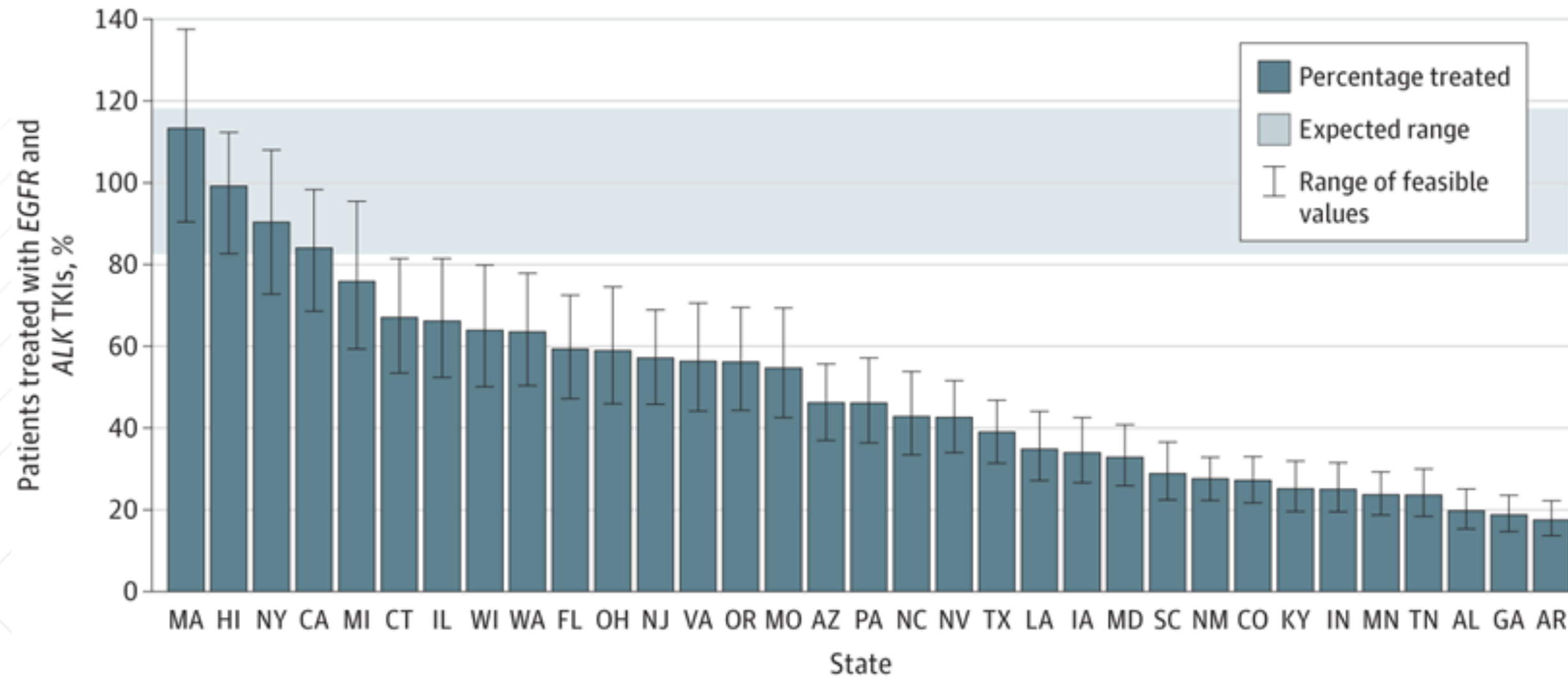
Clinical Trial Participation, Logistic Regression

Among Patients who were Black/African American (AA) and White - overall NSCLC

Variable	Odds ratio (95% CI)	P-value
Biomarker testing before start of first-line therapy (yes vs no)	2.29 (1.64-3.20)	<0.0001
Ever NGS (yes vs no)	2.41 (1.56-3.70)	<0.0001
Race (Black/AA vs White)	0.45 (0.26-0.79)	0.005

Among all covariates evaluated, the additional factors associated with clinical trial participation among Black and White patients included: age at diagnosis, histology, stage III vs IV, and practice volume

Osimertinib or Alectinib Use by State Medicaid Programs, Compared With Expected Levels of Use, 2020-2021



- Est **66%** of patients with *EGFR*- and *ALK*-altered metastatic disease received indicated targeted therapies across all states
- Rates of targeted therapy use ranged from **18%** (Arkansas) to **113%** (Massachusetts)
- **91%** of states had lower rates of targeted therapy use than expected

Real World Data Analysis of Patients Lost at Each Step of the Precision Oncology Pathway

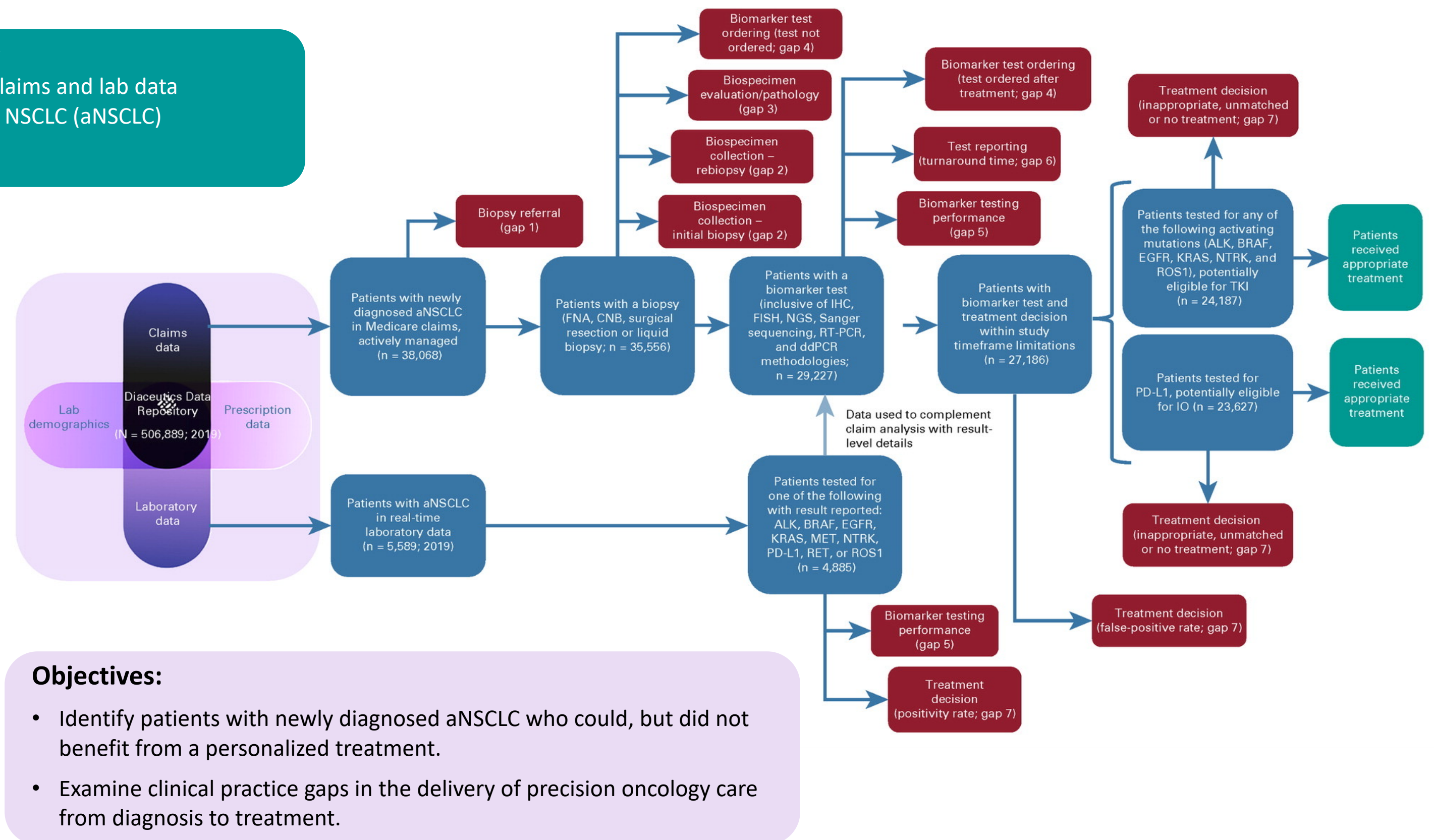
Diaceutics' Data Repository

- Commercial and Medicare claims and lab data
- Newly diagnosed, advanced NSCLC (aNSCLC)
- N = 506,889

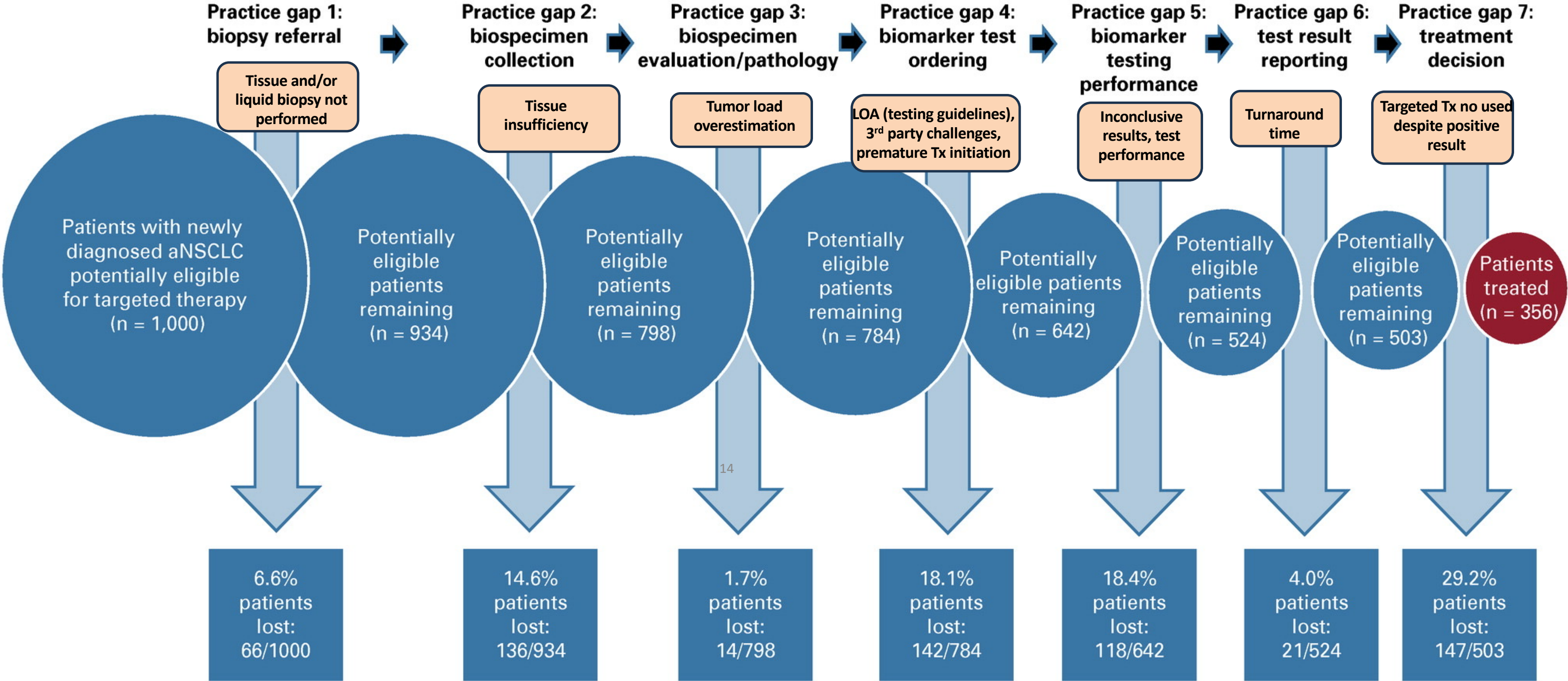
49.7% of patients lost to factors related to biomarker testing

Of patients who received biomarker testing, 29.2% did not receive appropriate targeted treatments

~64% of potentially eligible patients with aNSCLC not benefiting from precision oncology therapies



Clinical Practice Gaps with Biomarker Testing in Advanced NSCLC



Approximately **50% of patients** are lost in precision oncology due to gaps in biospecimen processing and diagnostic testing

IASLC: Barriers to Biomarker Testing

Timing

- **Turnaround time requesting and treating respondents**
 - ≥10 days – 29% (highest % in North America)
- **Turnaround time performing and interpreting assay respondents**
 - 0 to 5 days - **29%**
 - 6 to 10 days – **53%**
 - 11 to 15 days – **16%**
 - >15 days – **2%**

Awareness

- **~33%** unaware of most recent testing guidelines
- **75%** hold multidisciplinary tumor boards to discuss cases

Access

- **Molecular testing:**
- In-house laboratories – **30%**
- Completely outsource – **43%**
- Partially in-house and partially outsource – **28%**

Quality

- Insufficient tumor cells – **83%**
- Inadequate tissue quality – **55%**
- Lack of sensitivity of assay or assay use failure – **18%**
- Inadequate technical laboratory expertise – **10%**

Cost

- Direct patient pay - **44 – 63%**
- Public/government support – **40 – 61%**
- Pharmaceutical company sponsorship – **29%**
- Private insurance – **16 -27%**

How to Address Disparities in Testing


1. Advocate for Legislation for Universal coverage of guideline-recommended biomarker tests
2. Ensuring coverage of biomarker testing for all patients – including those insured through Medicaid
3. Uniform Payer Coverage Policies of Tumor Biomarker Testing
4. Guidelines for Uniform Testing & Reporting of Results
5. Talk to your Institution about Reflex Testing- Simplify the Process



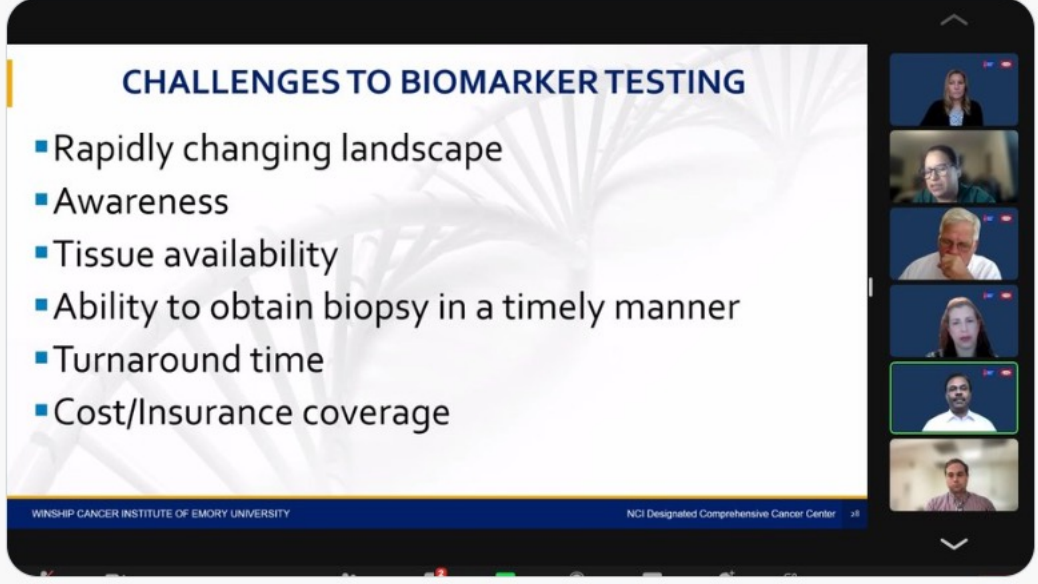
Health Equity in Biomarker Testing and Targeted Therapy

Targeted therapy can improve survival and quality of life by connecting patients to the most beneficial treatment for their disease.

Advancements in cancer treatment are saving more lives – leading to declines in cancer deaths in recent years.¹ This important progress is driven by developments in *targeted therapy* which identifies and attacks certain types of cancer cells with specific *biomarkers* – molecules like proteins or genetic alterations such as mutations, rearrangements, or fusions.



Dr. Estela Rodriguez @Latinamd · Oct 26, 2022
Started the week with an excellent lecture by @RamalingamMD on Challenges of #biomarkertesting as part of @AmericanCancer #ECHO series where "Everybody Teaches, Everybody learns"
Delighted to represent @sylvestercancer and partner with @JhanelleGray as facilitative sites for FL



CHALLENGES TO BIOMARKER TESTING

- Rapidly changing landscape
- Awareness
- Tissue availability
- Ability to obtain biopsy in a timely manner
- Turnaround time
- Cost/Insurance coverage

Dr. Bruce Johnson and Rami Manochakian, MD #CancerEducation

Thank You

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