

**Kan AI en big data  
ons aan  
verantwoordbare zorg  
helpen?**

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# Cases in Precision Medicine: Genetic Assessment After a Sudden Cardiac Death in the Family

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Sudden death in a family is associated with serious anxiety made, relatives should receive genetic testing and clinical as-



Smart Health, Wearables 15 min

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# Wat wearables en AI kunnen betekenen voor onze gezondheid

De voordelen van wearables zijn zo groot dat ze zonder twijfel zullen ingezet worden om ons gezond te houden. Wel moeten ze nog slimmer worden, en moet er een nieuw business- job- en opleidingsmodel komen.

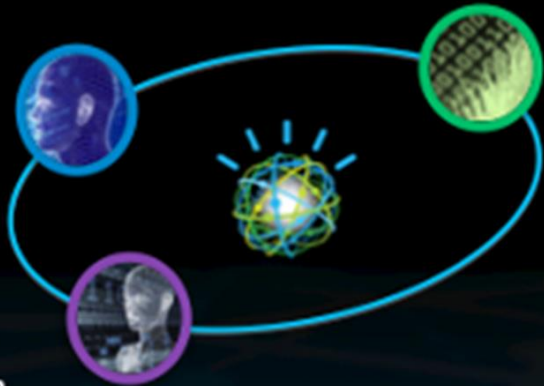
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IBM Watson brings together a set of transformational technologies to drive optimized outcomes

1 Understands natural language and human speech



2 Generates and evaluates hypothesis for better outcomes



3 Adapts and Learns from user selections and responses

...built on a massively parallel probabilistic evidence-based architecture optimized for POWER7

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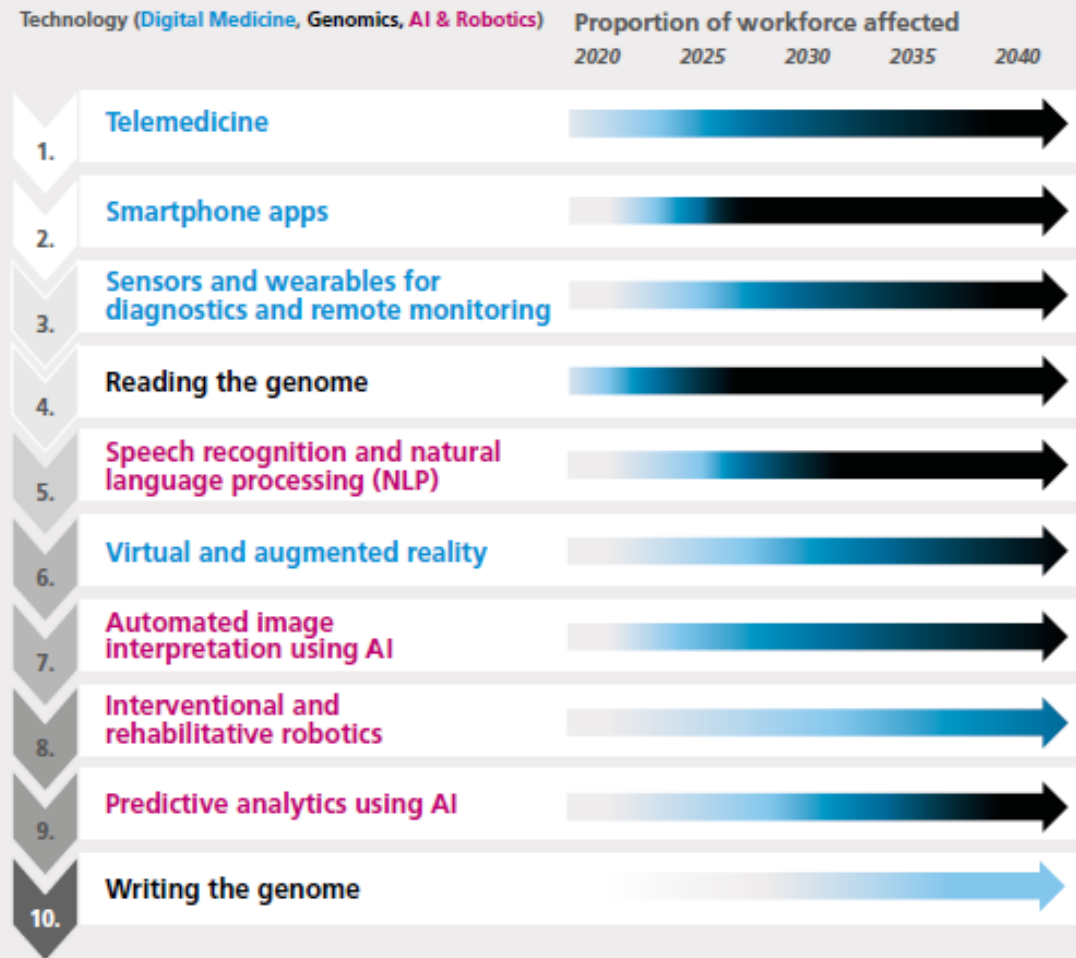


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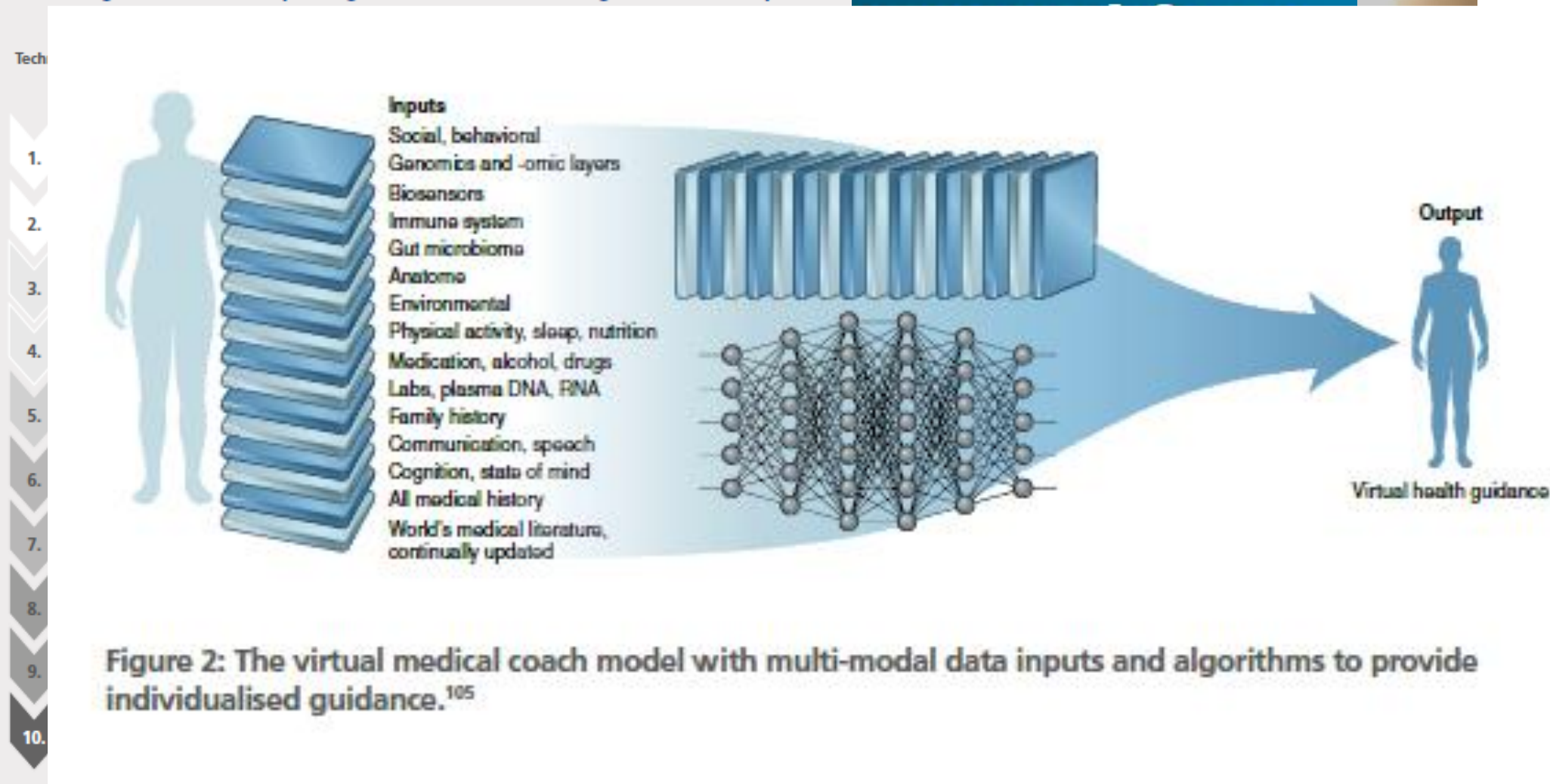


Figure 2: The virtual medical coach model with multi-modal data inputs and algorithms to provide individualised guidance.<sup>105</sup>

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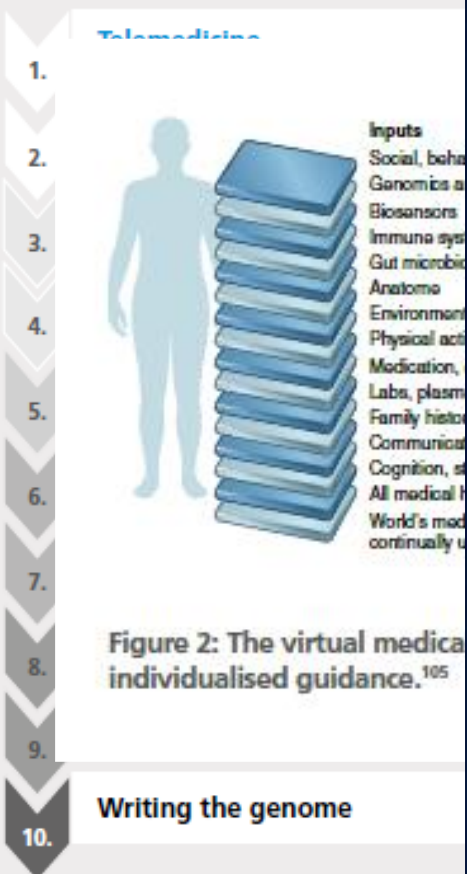


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### 7.3.2 Smartphone apps (Example 2 in Figure 1 – Chapter 3): myCOPD app

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a common long-term respiratory condition and one of the top five causes of death in the UK. myCOPD is an app that integrates education, symptom reporting and

pulmonary rehabilitation to improve self-management of COPD. Patients who use the app manage their condition more effectively and have fewer unplanned hospital admissions.<sup>127</sup>

Around **835,000** people in England alone are currently diagnosed with COPD<sup>128</sup>

Per year, COPD accounts for approximately **115,000** emergency admissions and **880,000** hospital bed days<sup>128</sup>

Users of the myCOPD app saw emergency admission rates reduce by approximately **19%**<sup>127</sup>

Not all COPD patients will be able or willing to use the app, for example, those with severe COPD or those who use supplemental oxygen.

If 50% of patients with COPD used myCOPD or an equivalent app, reduced admission rates for acute exacerbations would equate to a minimum approximate annual saving of

**84,000** bed days and **150** nurses' time back for clinical care

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DESKILLING

"PATIENT" → BELANGRIJKE PARTNER

CO DESIGN / SHARED DECISION MAKING

THE GAT of TIME

HAND YOURSELF

"COMPELLING"

CAUSAL??

+ verantwoordelijkheid!

"EDUCATION MOOD"

DIGITAL SKILL

WENN IN DER BEREICH??  
PUBLIK

+ INDUSTRIE → ROL!

↑ QUALITY OUTCOME

+ WIDE vs SMALL AI

MAN  
vs  
MACHINE  
vs  
MIXT + MISC

+ DIGITAL MEDICINE

ROBOTICA

HYPE vs REALITY

OPT-IN

BIAS  
EQUITY

+ WIE BESCHRIJFT / DEFINIERT AI

↳ OPERATIONELE DEFINITIE

"WAAKNEID" is niet langer meer

de standaard der dagen.

INVESTITIE WIE?

↳ moedigheid

↳ wie beslist??

\* Humane aspect → patiënt logica

NO PROOF

+ moreel kampen

+ Schasb → inwendige behandelproblema  
bias

+ pure accuracy vs betrouwbaarheid  
↳ wie rekene → nauwkeuring

OPINION

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# Key challenges for delivering clinical impact with artificial intelligence

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## Abstract

**Background:** Artificial intelligence (AI) research in healthcare is accelerating rapidly, with potential applications being demonstrated across various domains of medicine. However, there are currently limited examples of such techniques being successfully deployed into clinical practice. This article explores the main challenges and limitations of AI in healthcare, and considers the steps required to translate these potentially transformative technologies from research to clinical practice.

**Main body:** Key challenges for the translation of AI systems in healthcare include those intrinsic to the science of machine learning, logistical difficulties in implementation, and consideration of the barriers to adoption as well as of the necessary sociocultural or pathway changes. Robust peer-reviewed clinical evaluation as part of randomised controlled trials should be viewed as the gold standard for evidence generation, but conducting these in practice may not always be appropriate or feasible. Performance metrics should aim to capture real clinical applicability and be understandable to intended users. Regulation that balances the pace of innovation with the potential for harm, alongside thoughtful post-market surveillance, is required to ensure that patients are not exposed to dangerous interventions nor deprived of access to beneficial innovations. Mechanisms to enable direct comparisons of AI systems must be developed, including the use of independent, local and representative test sets. Developers of AI algorithms must be vigilant to potential dangers, including dataset shift, accidental fitting of confounders, unintended discriminatory bias, the challenges of generalisation to new populations, and the unintended negative consequences of new algorithms on health outcomes.

**Conclusion:** The safe and timely translation of AI research into clinically validated and appropriately regulated systems that can benefit everyone is challenging. Robust clinical evaluation, using metrics that are intuitive to clinicians and ideally go beyond measures of technical accuracy to include quality of care and patient outcomes, is essential. Further work is required (1) to identify themes of algorithmic bias and unfairness while developing mitigations to address these, (2) to reduce brittleness and improve generalisability, and (3) to develop methods for improved interpretability of machine learning predictions. If these goals can be achieved, the benefits for patients are likely to be transformational.

**Keywords:** Artificial intelligence, Machine learning, Algorithms, Translation, Evaluation, Regulation

## The Parable of Google Flu: Traps in Big Data Analysis

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# IBM Watson Flops For Cancer Treatment: Why Did AI Fail?



Opinion

## VIEWPOINT

## Challenges to the Reproducibility of Machine Learning Models in Health Care

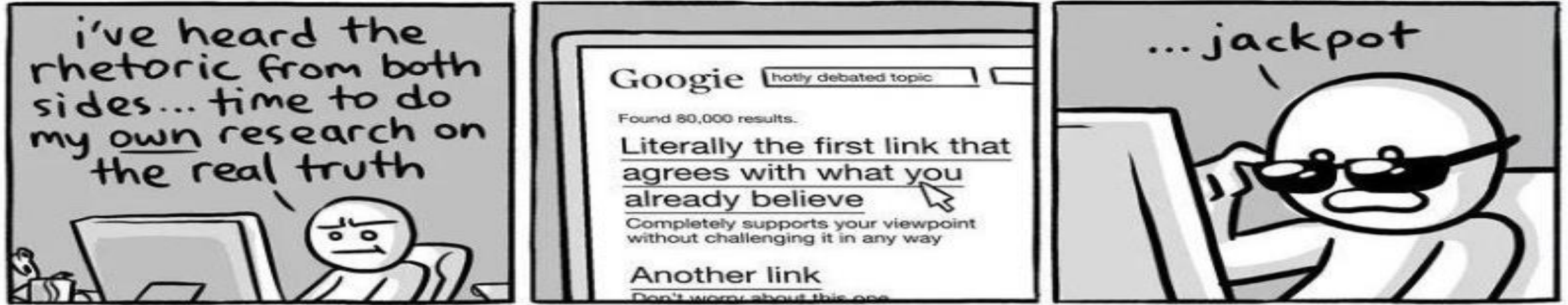
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**Reproducibility** has been an important and intensely debated topic in science and medicine for the past few decades.<sup>1</sup> As the scientific enterprise has grown in scope and complexity, concerns regarding how well new findings can be reproduced and validated across different scientific teams and study populations have emerged. In some instances,<sup>2</sup> the failure to replicate numerous previous studies has added to the growing concern that science and biomedicine may be in the midst of a "repro-

ways the case for machine learning studies) because these data are often biased, and models could operationalize this bias if not replicated. The challenges of reproducing a machine learning model trained by another research team can be difficult, perhaps even prohibitively so, even with unfettered access to raw data and code.

**Unique Challenges to Reproducibility Posed by Machine Learning**





**Intrinsic problems/opportunities of AI**

**Intrinsic problems/opportunities of Big data**

**Intrinsic problems /opportunities of health care**

# Artificial Intelligence (AI)

**That what makes a machine behave in a way we would call intelligent if it was done by a human**

# OXO (1952) - First game with Artificial Intelligence (A.I.)



The image displays the OXO (Noughts and Crosses) game interface. On the left is a circular board with a grid of green dots. On the right is a terminal window titled "Output From: OXO" showing the following text:

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DIAL MOVE: 6  
DIAL MOVE: 1  
DIAL MOVE: 2  
DIAL MOVE: 7  
DIAL MOVE: 9  
DRAWN GAME...  
  
EDSAC/USER FIRST (DIAL 0/1): 0  
DIA
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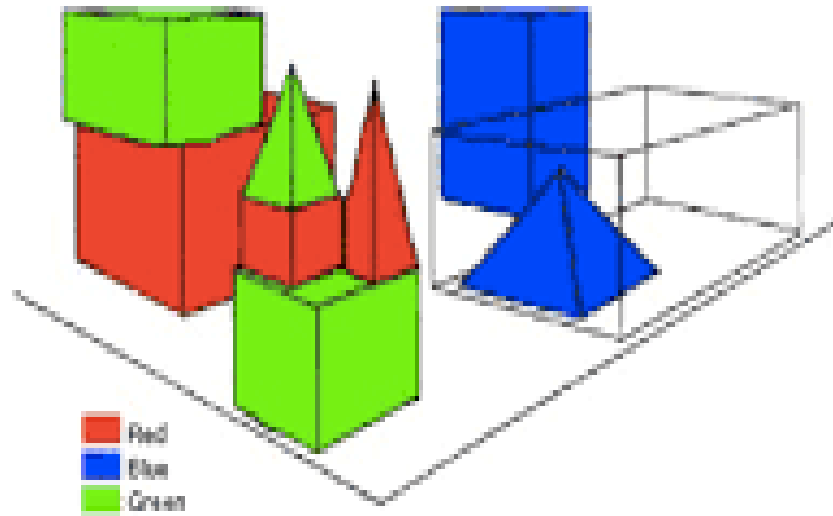
Below the terminal are control buttons: "Clear", "Reset", "Start", "Stop", and "Single E.P.". To the right of these buttons is a clock. At the bottom left are four progress bars labeled "SCR", "Order Tank", "Multiplier", and "Multiplicand", and an "Acc" label. To the right of these is a "LongTank" slider set to 0 and a "Short Tanks" checkbox which is checked. On the far right is a circular dial pad with numbers 0-9 and a hand pointing to 0.



## Artificial Intelligence (A.I.)

A screenshot of an early computer chess program interface. The main display is a circular window showing a chessboard with green dots representing pieces. To the right is an 'Output' window with text: 'DIAL MOVE: 6', 'DIAL MOVE: 1', 'DIAL MOVE: 2', 'DIAL MOVE: 7', 'DIAL MOVE: 9', and 'DRAWN GAME...'. Below the output window are buttons for 'Clear', 'Reset', 'Start', 'Stop', and 'Single E.P.'. At the bottom, there are control panels for 'SCR', 'Order Tank', 'Multiplier', 'Multiplicand', 'LongTank' (set to 0), and 'Short Tank' (checked).

# Conceptualisation of the world



**Person:** Pick up a big red block.

**Computer:** OK.

**Person:** Grasp the pyramid.

**Computer:** I don't understand which pyramid you mean.

SHRDLU language

**Manipulating symbols:  
2+2=4; 4+2=6; 2+2+2=6  
\*\$\*£%; %\$\*£M; \*\$\*\$\*\$£M**

**Creating “meaning”**

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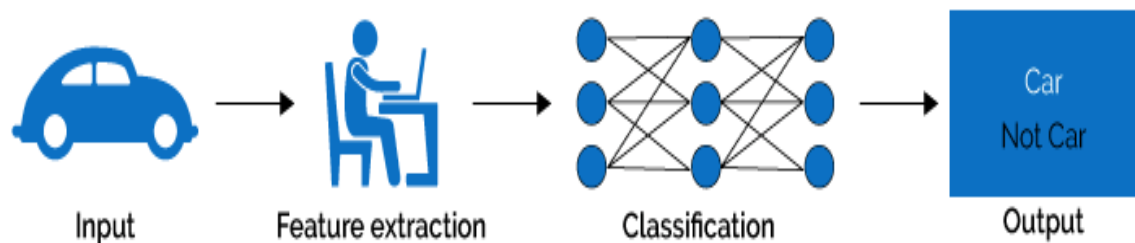
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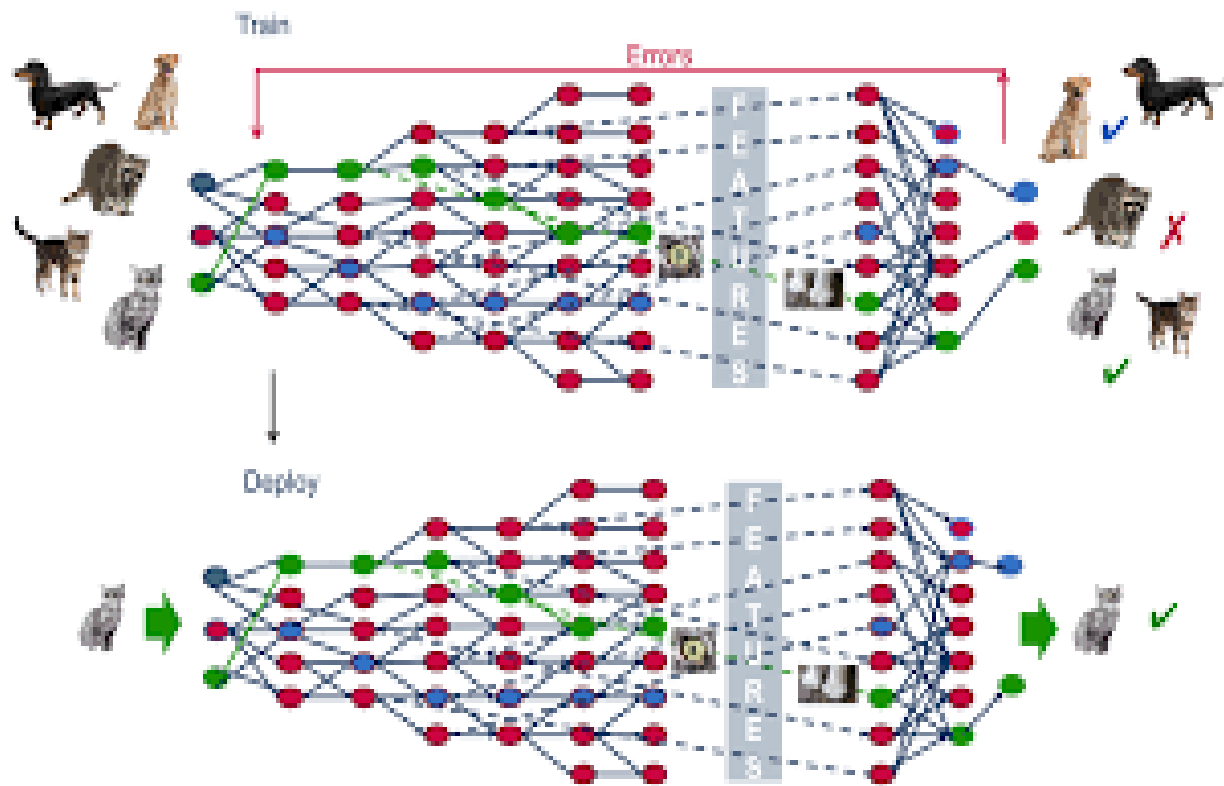
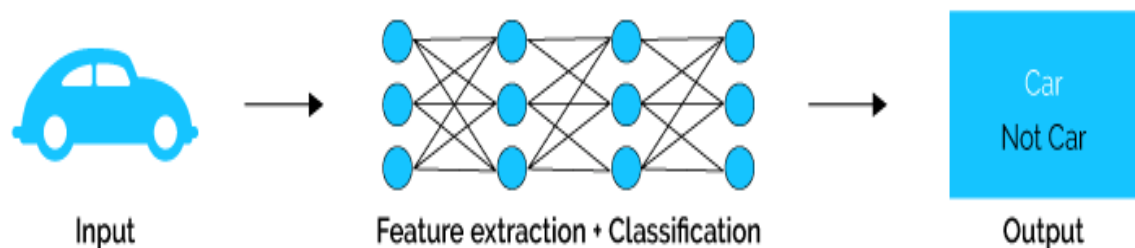
Person: ...  
Computer: ...  
Person: Gr...  
Computer: I d... did you mean.

SHRDLU language

## Machine Learning



## Deep Learning



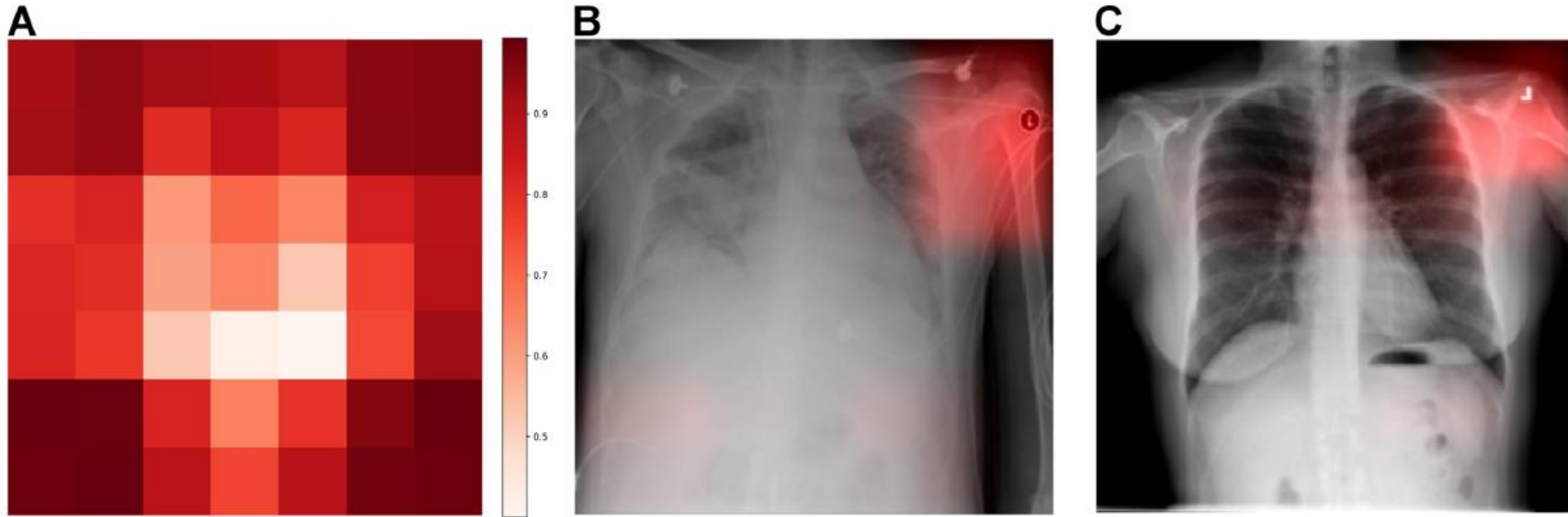
# Deep Learning

- Pattern recognition-Classification // Prediction
- Only recognizes what it has seen before; will always guess an answer
- Black box: very hard to find out HOW or WHY the answer is what the answer is



# Variable generalization performance of a deep learning model to detect pneumonia in chest radiographs: A cross-sectional study

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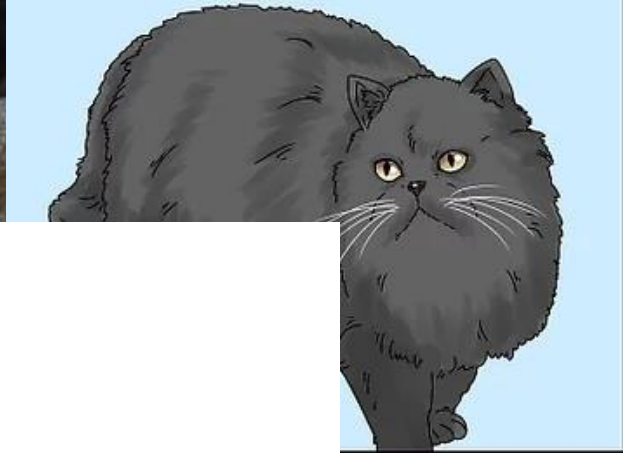
**Fig 2. CNN to predict hospital system detects both general and specific image features.** (A) We obtained activation heatmaps from our trained model and averaged over a sample of images to reveal which subregions tended to contribute to a hospital system classification decision. Many different subregions strongly predicted the correct hospital system, with especially strong contributions from image corners. (B-C) On individual images, which have been normalized to highlight only the most influential regions and not all those that contributed to a positive classification, we note that the CNN has learned to detect a metal token that radiology technicians place on the patient in the corner of the image field of view at the time they capture the image. When these strong features are correlated with disease prevalence, models can leverage them to indirectly predict disease. CNN, convolutional neural network.

# Deep Learning

- Pattern recognition
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- Black box: very hard to find out HOW or WHY the answer is what the answer is
- Need for (big) trainingsets (Big data)









**Time (and thus potential causality)**



WATER IS GOOD...



...BUT TOO MUCH  
AND YOU CAN DROWN



# context

Did Napoleon have an Apple or an Android smartphone?



Did Napoleon have an Apple or an Android smartphone?

WATER IS GOOD...



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context

NLP

NLU

"Call Beth, no John."

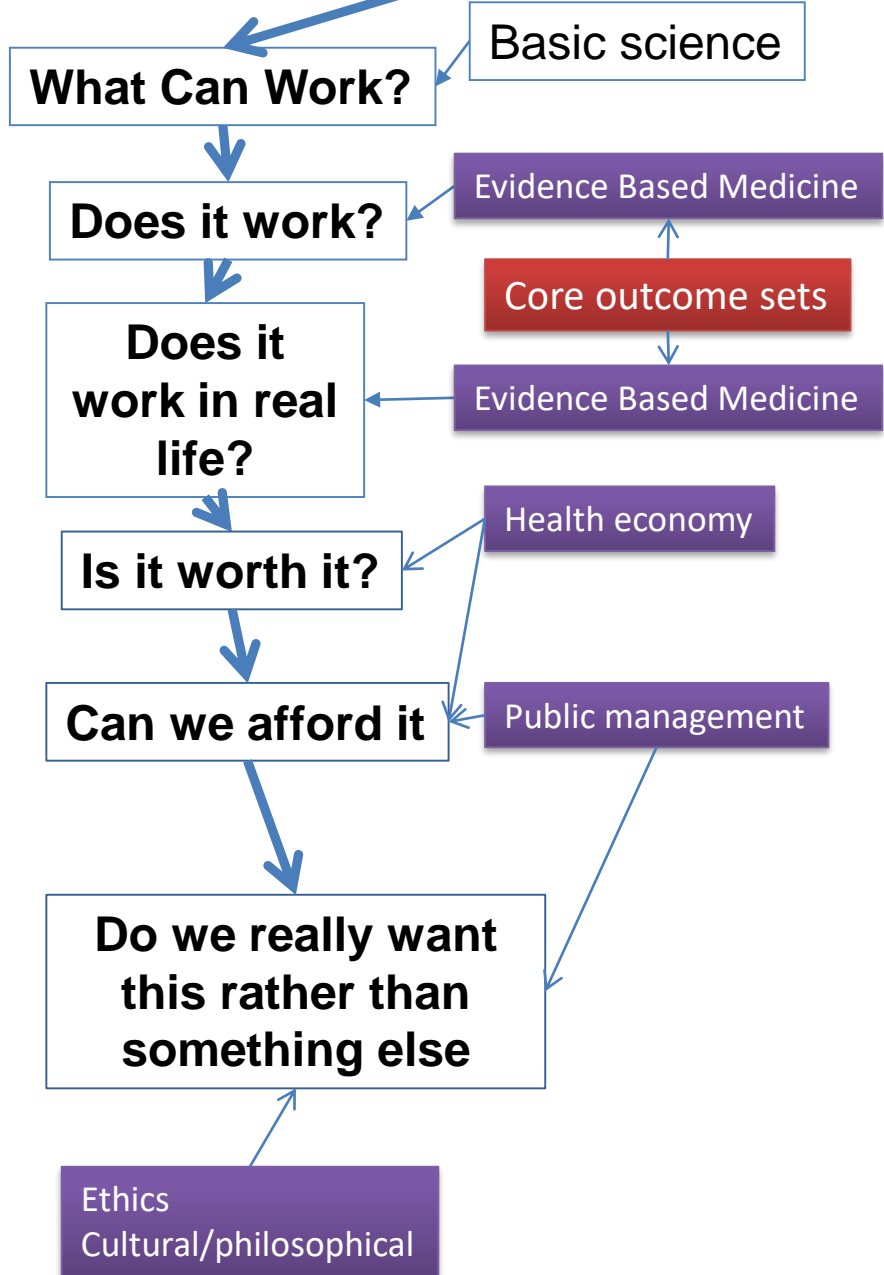
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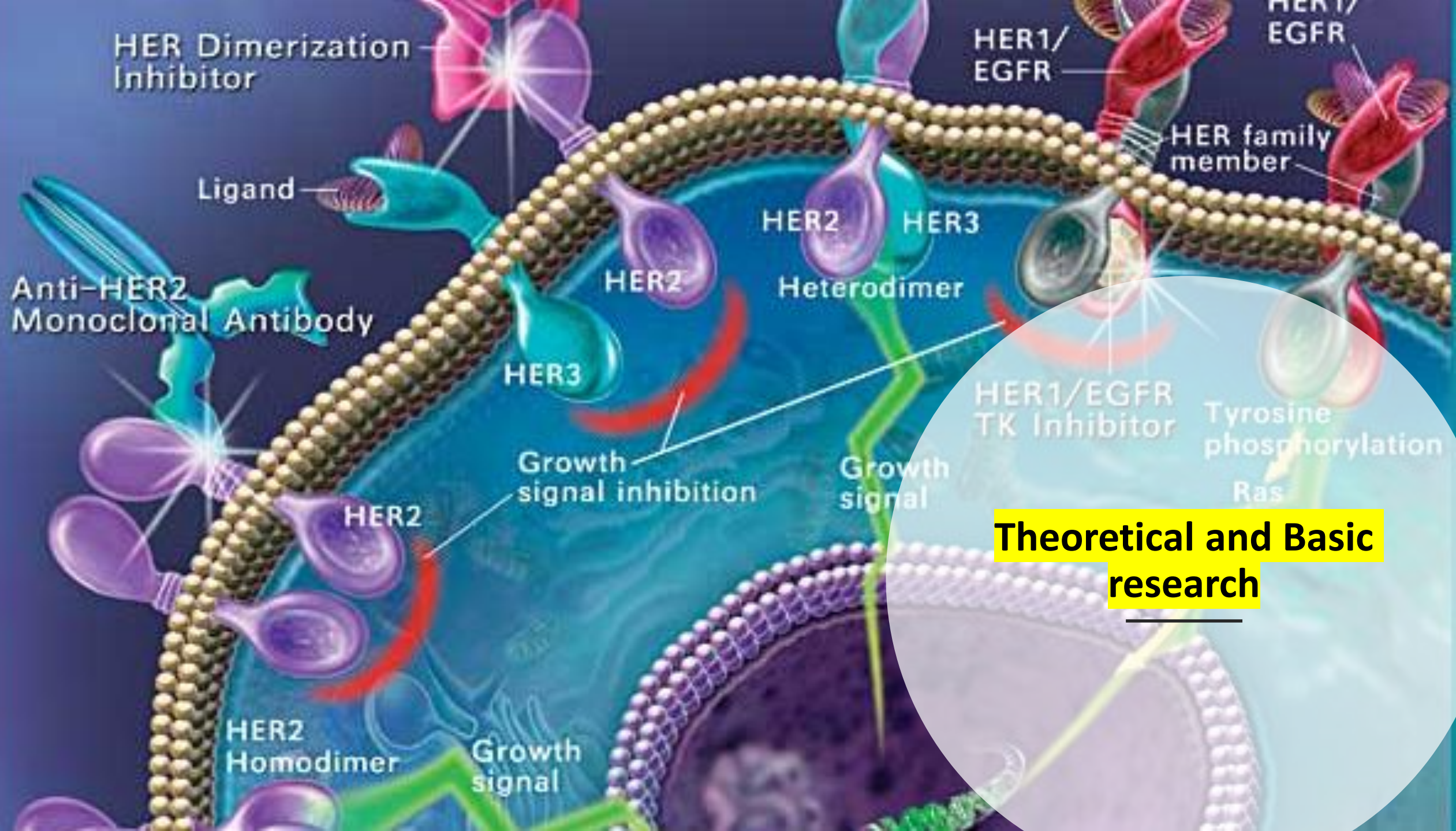
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meaning



# Intervention





**Theoretical and Basic research**

# Intervention

Basic science

Can it work?



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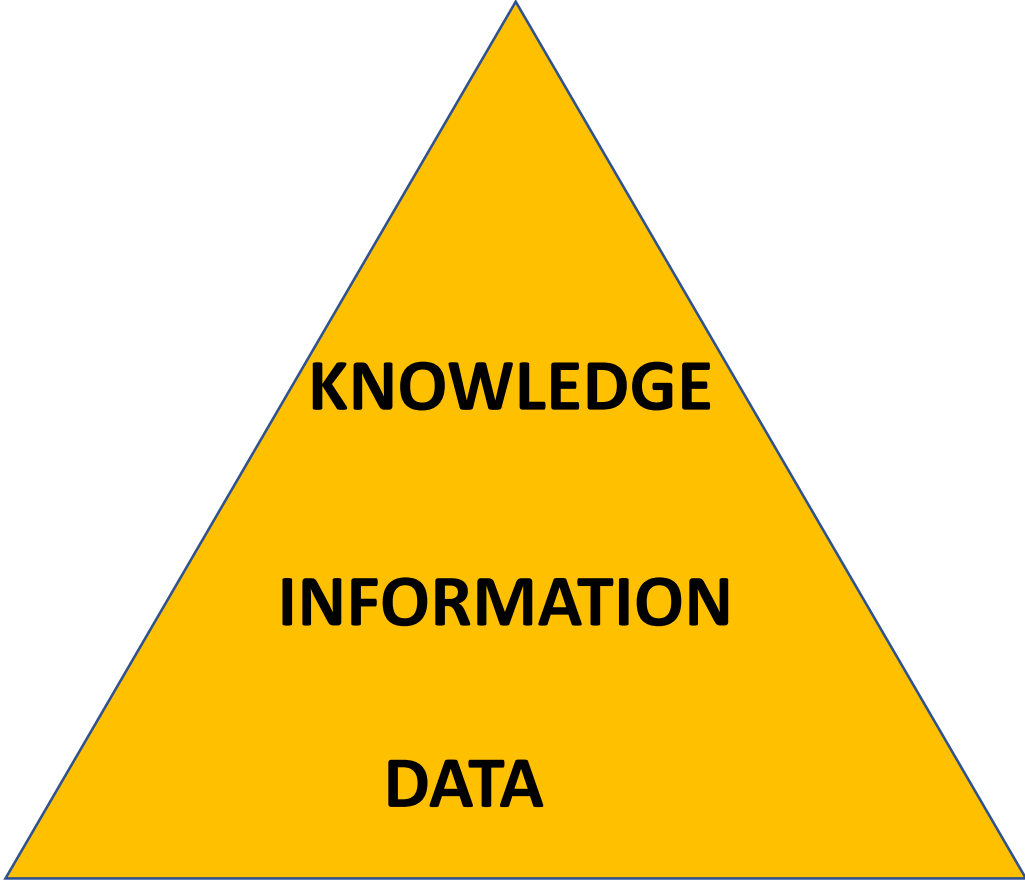
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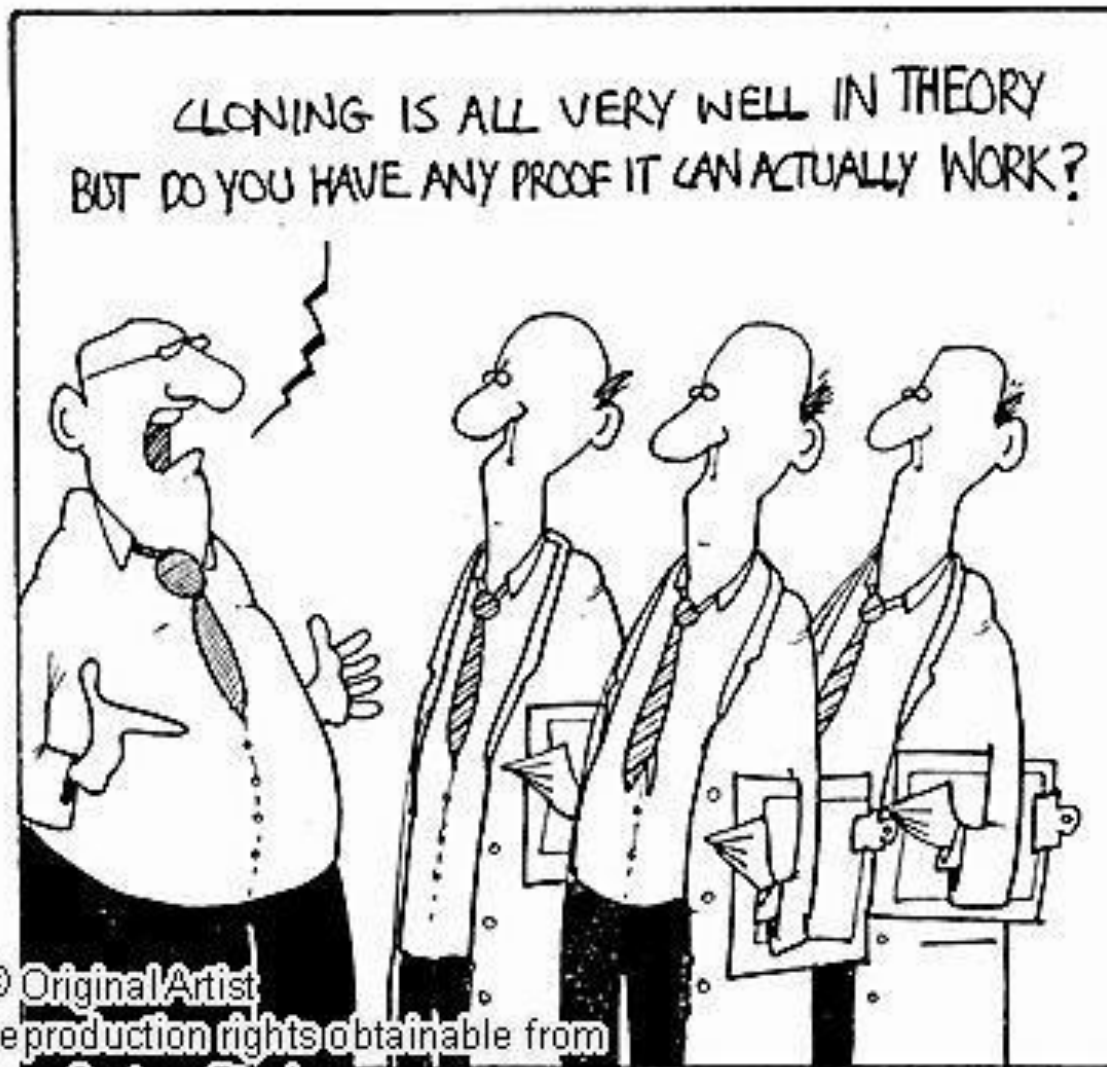


Intervention

Basic science

Can it work?

Does it work?



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**With the goal to decrease the  
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medical actions  
And  
Medical knowledge**

# Evidence Based Medicine

## Randomized Controlled Trial

Randomisation to ensure that the only difference between two experimental groups is the intervention under scrutiny



**Causality**



# Automated, electronic alerts for acute kidney injury: a single-blind, parallel-group, randomised controlled trial

F Perry Wilson, Michael Shashaty, Jeffrey Testani, Iram Aqeel, Yuliya Borovskiy, Susan S Ellenberg, Harold I Feldman, Hilda Fernandez, Yevgeniy Gitelman, Jennie Lin, Dan Negoianu, Chirag R Parikh, Peter P Reese, Richard Urbani, Barry Fuchs

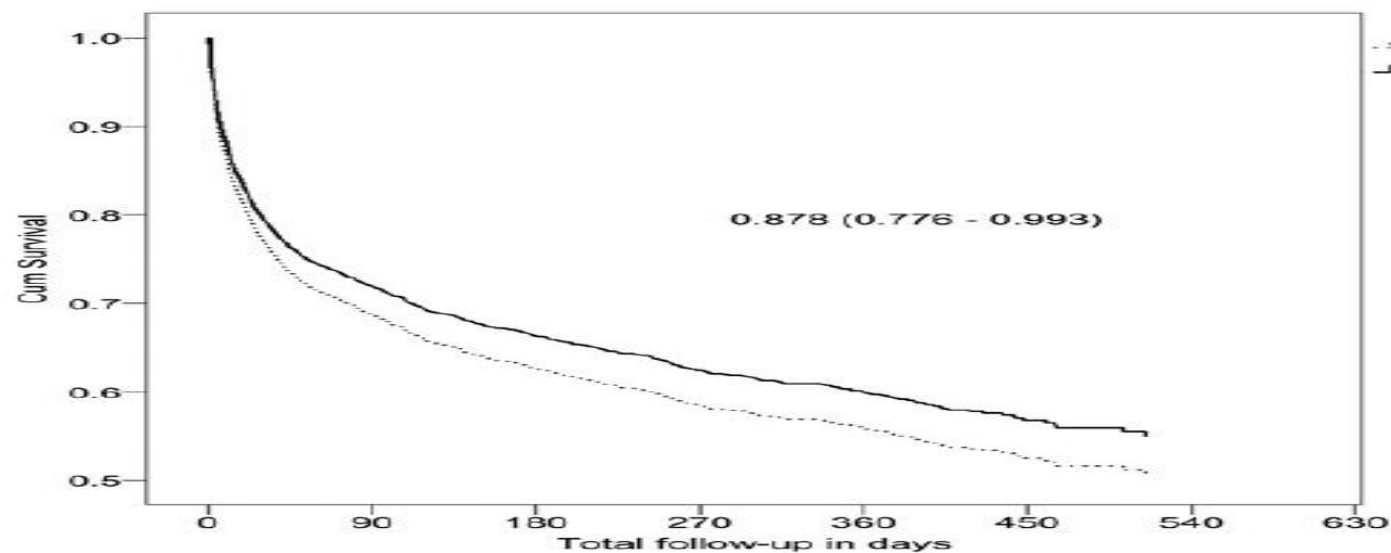


Nephrol Dial Transplant (2016) 0: 1–9  
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*Original Article*

A simple care bundle for use in acute kidney injury:  
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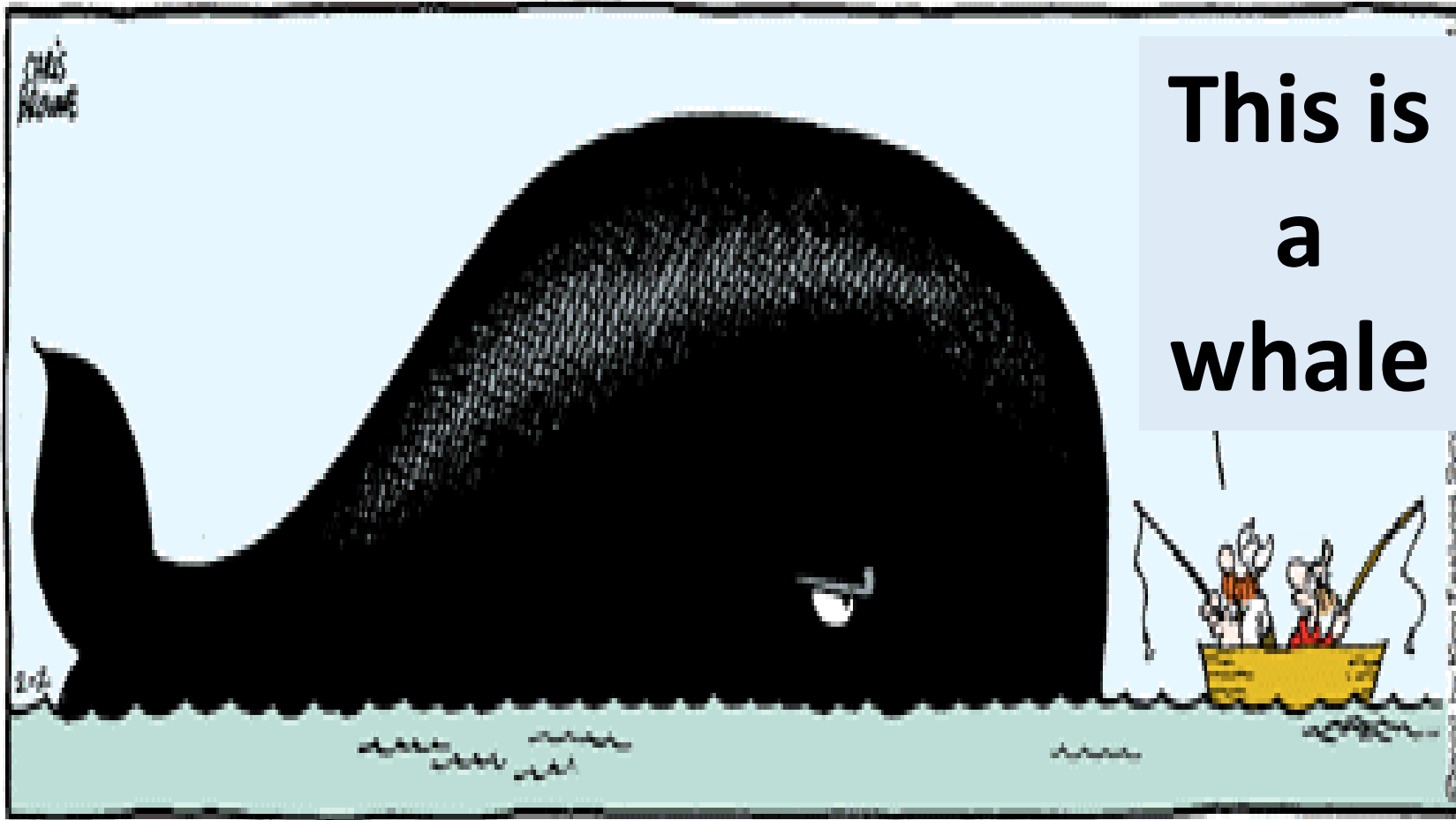
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# Evidence Based Medicine

## Randomized Controlled Trial



**Systematic  
review**

Data mining: systematic reviews

**Deep learning/artificial intelligence/big data  
could help to**

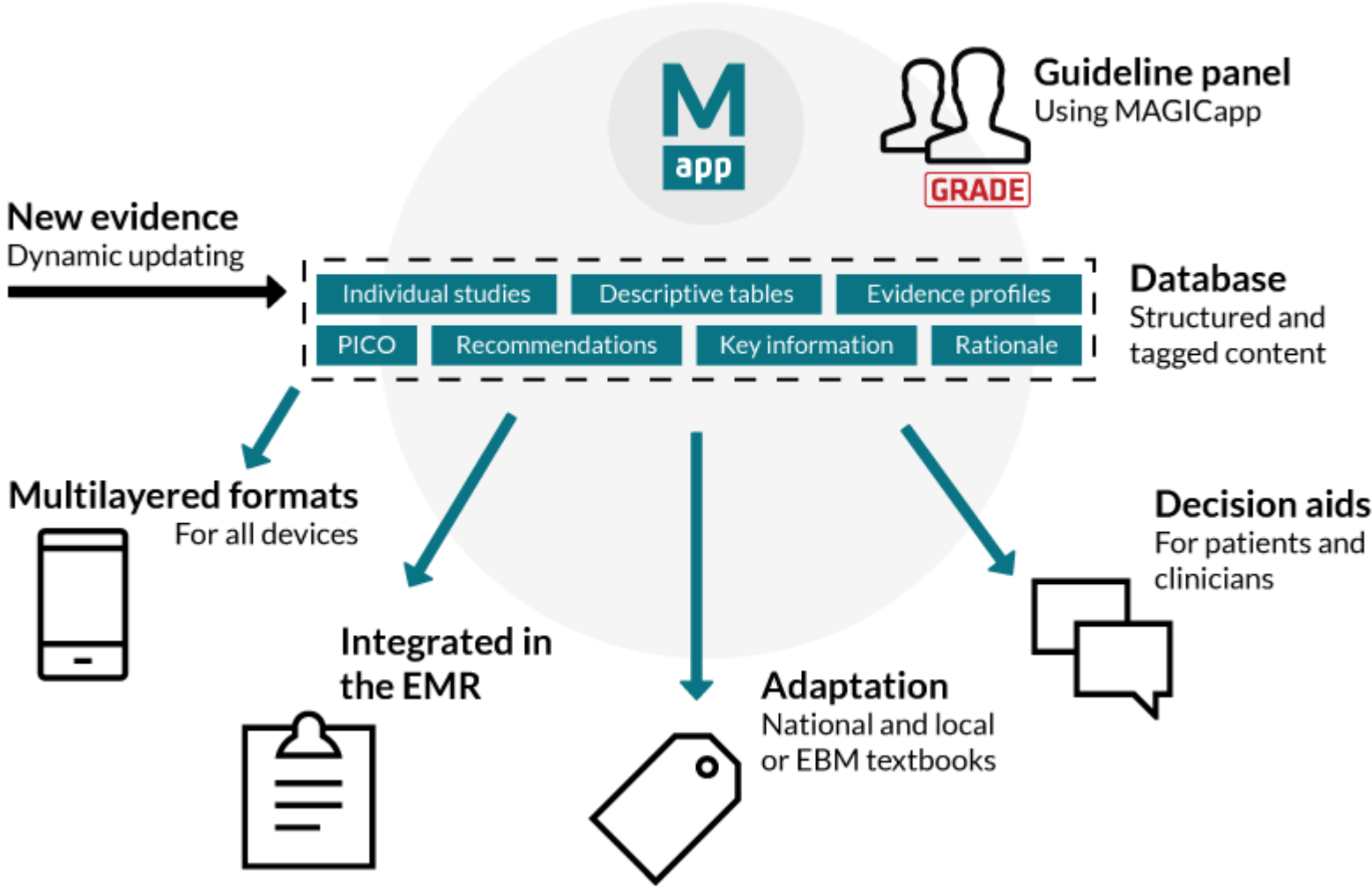
- **identify and select relevant literature/data**
  - **extraction of relevant data**
  - **presentation of data**

# Data mining: systematic reviews

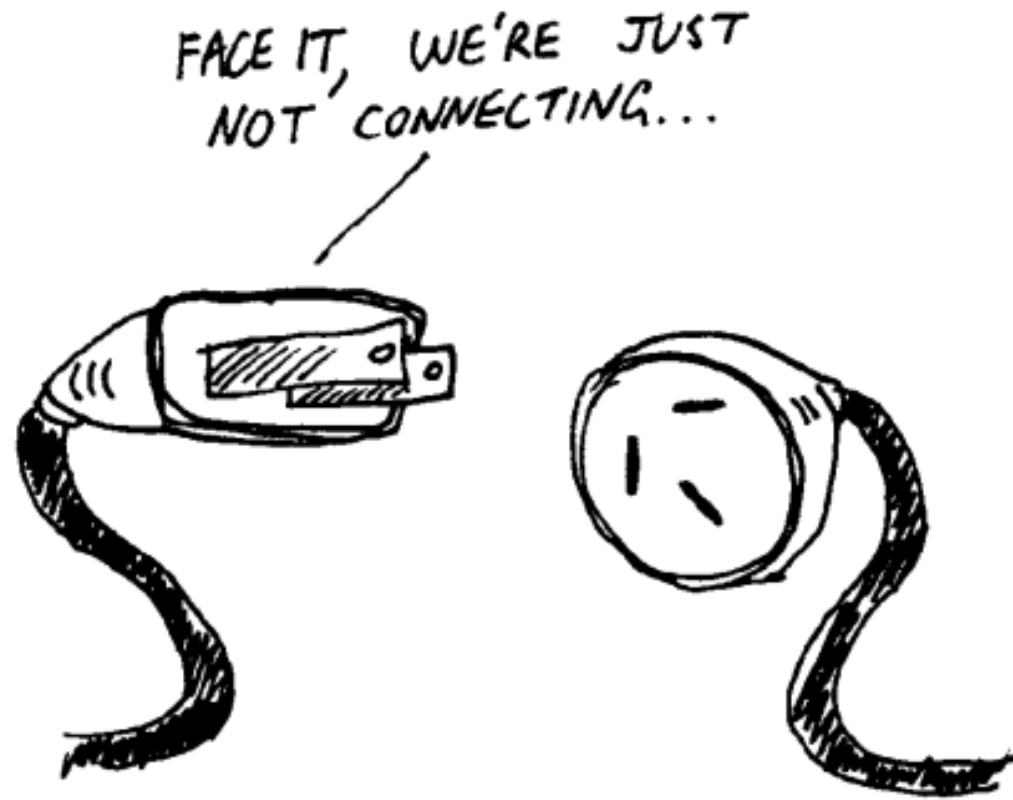
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Collins [226]	2004	26049	2805	Death rates per 1000 patient years	30–36 months	Relative risk	1.79	2.22	1.41
Couchoud [230]	2007	991	191	Death in patients aged 75 years and over	0–2 years	Hazard ratio	1.00	0.80	1.30
Ganesh [227]	2003	28392	4651	Death in patients without CAD	12–18 months	Relative risk	1.57	1.34	1.85
Ganesh [227]	2003	12905	1844	Death in patients with CAD	12–18 months	Relative risk	1.35	1.17	1.54
Ganesh [227]	2003	12905	1844	Death in patients with CAD	0–2 years	Relative risk	1.23	1.12	1.34
Ganesh [227]	2003	28392	4651	Death in diabetic patients without CAD	0–2 years	Relative risk	1.17	1.08	1.26
Ganesh [227]	2003	28392	4651	Death in patients without CAD	18–24 months	Relative risk	1.39	1.11	1.75
Ganesh [227]	2003	28392	4651	Death in patients without CAD	18–24 months	Relative risk	1.31	1.09	1.57
Lee [231]	2009	437	79	Death in diabetic patients	0–2 years	Hazard ratio	0.93	0.41	2.12
van de Luijngaarden [232]	2011	3976	955	Death in diabetic men aged 20–44 years	0–3 years	Hazard ratio	0.86	0.45	1.68
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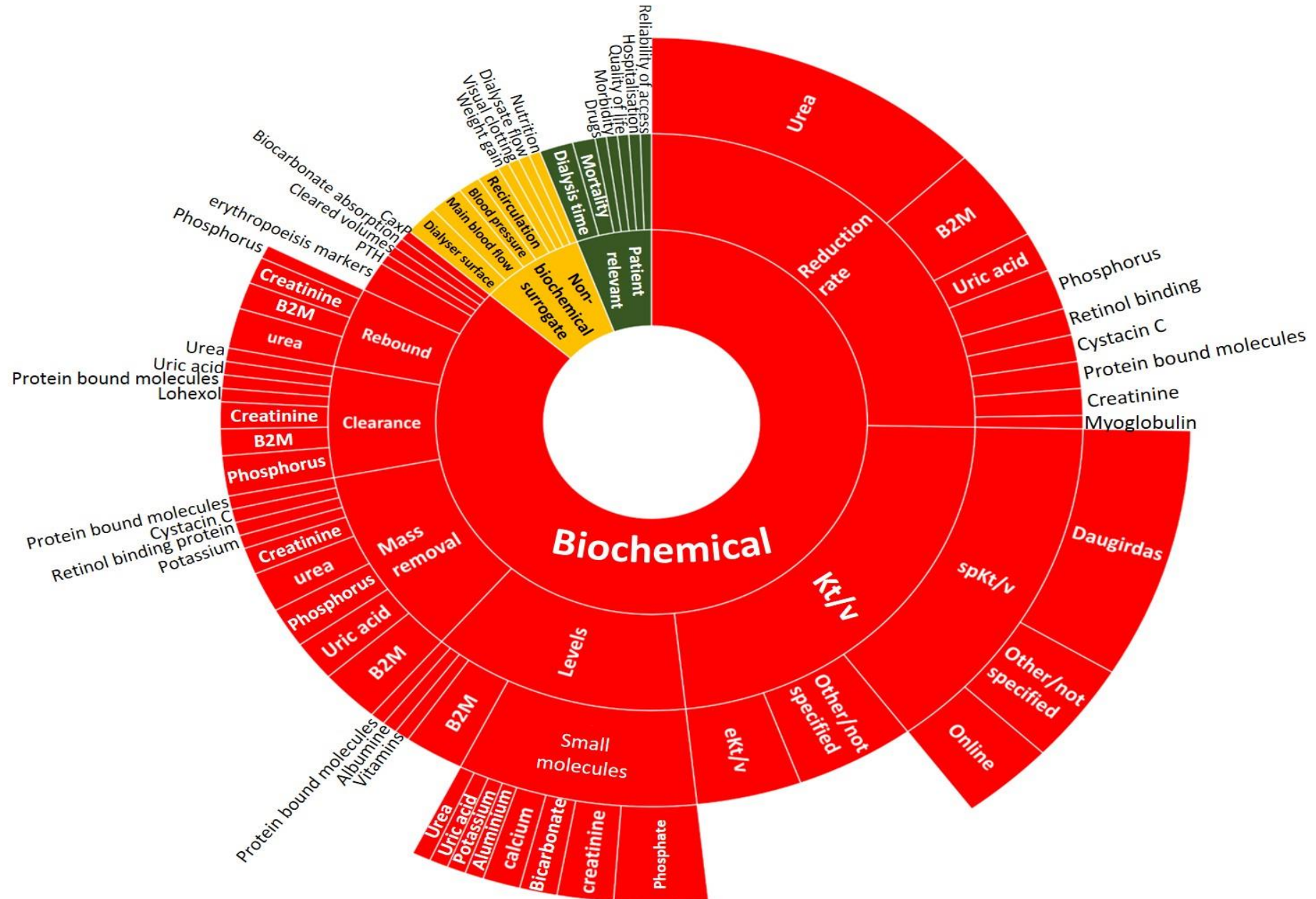
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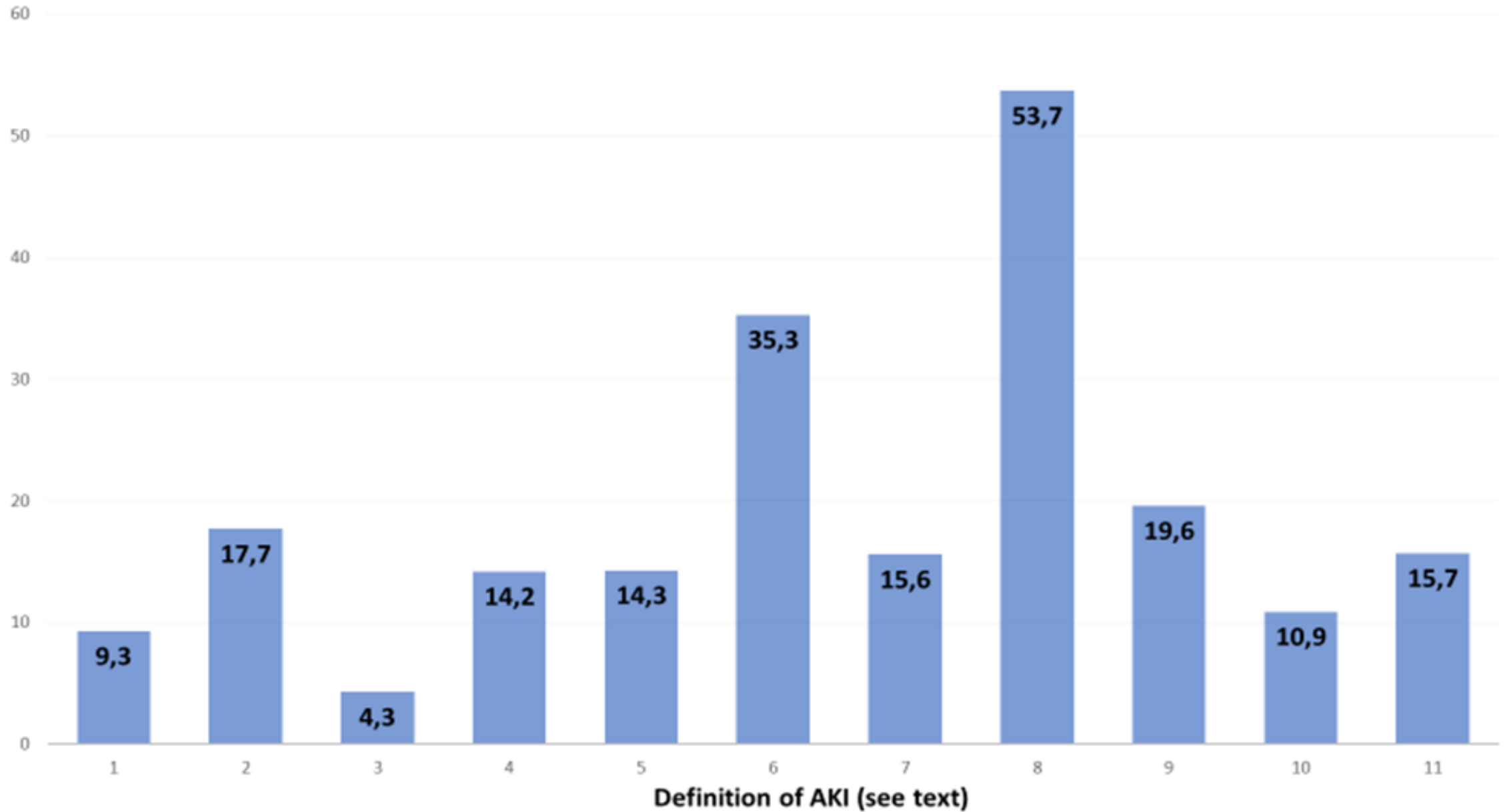
# Wrong outcomes impede meta-analysis



# Adequacy of dialysis: definitions in RCTs: a systematic review



# AKI: what are we talking about?

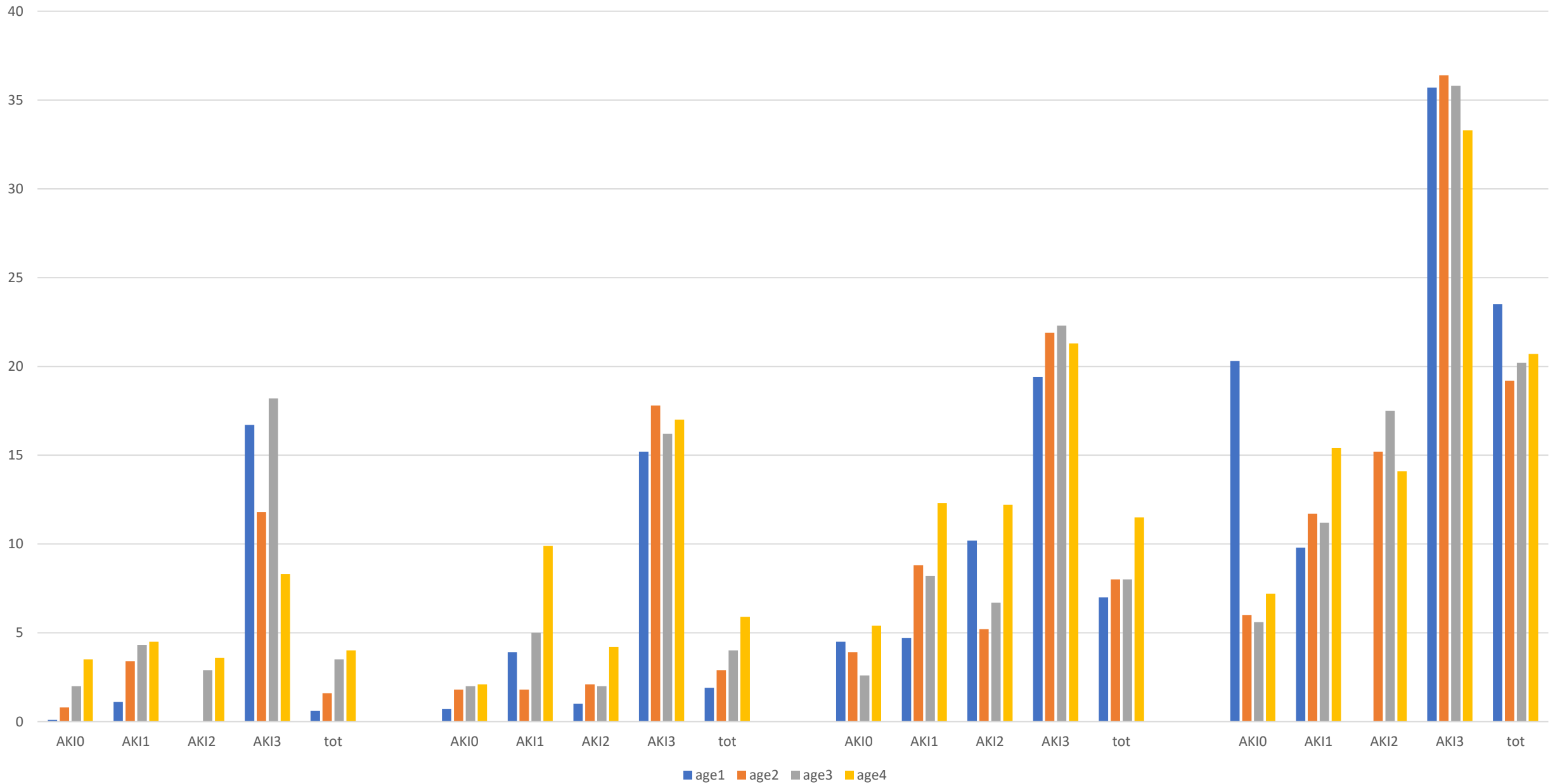




# AKI: what are we talking about?

Definition (see text)	Exp Beta adjusted for age, gender and SOFA score	95% CI	Unadjusted mortality positive patients	Unadjusted mortality Negative patients
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<b>2</b>	<b>3.33</b>	<b>2.91-3.80</b>	<b>20.3%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>2.87</b>	<b>2.35-3.49</b>	<b>28.5%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>6.14</b>	<b>5.22-7.88</b>	<b>26.9%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>4.96</b>	<b>4.24-5.80</b>	<b>22.7%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>3.63</b>	<b>3.16-4.17</b>	<b>15.6%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>5.09</b>	<b>4.46-5.81</b>	<b>24.7%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>3.53</b>	<b>3.09-4.03</b>	<b>18.3%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>3.64</b>	<b>3.17-4.18</b>	<b>15.6%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
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<b>10: only Screa</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>1.57-2.55</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	
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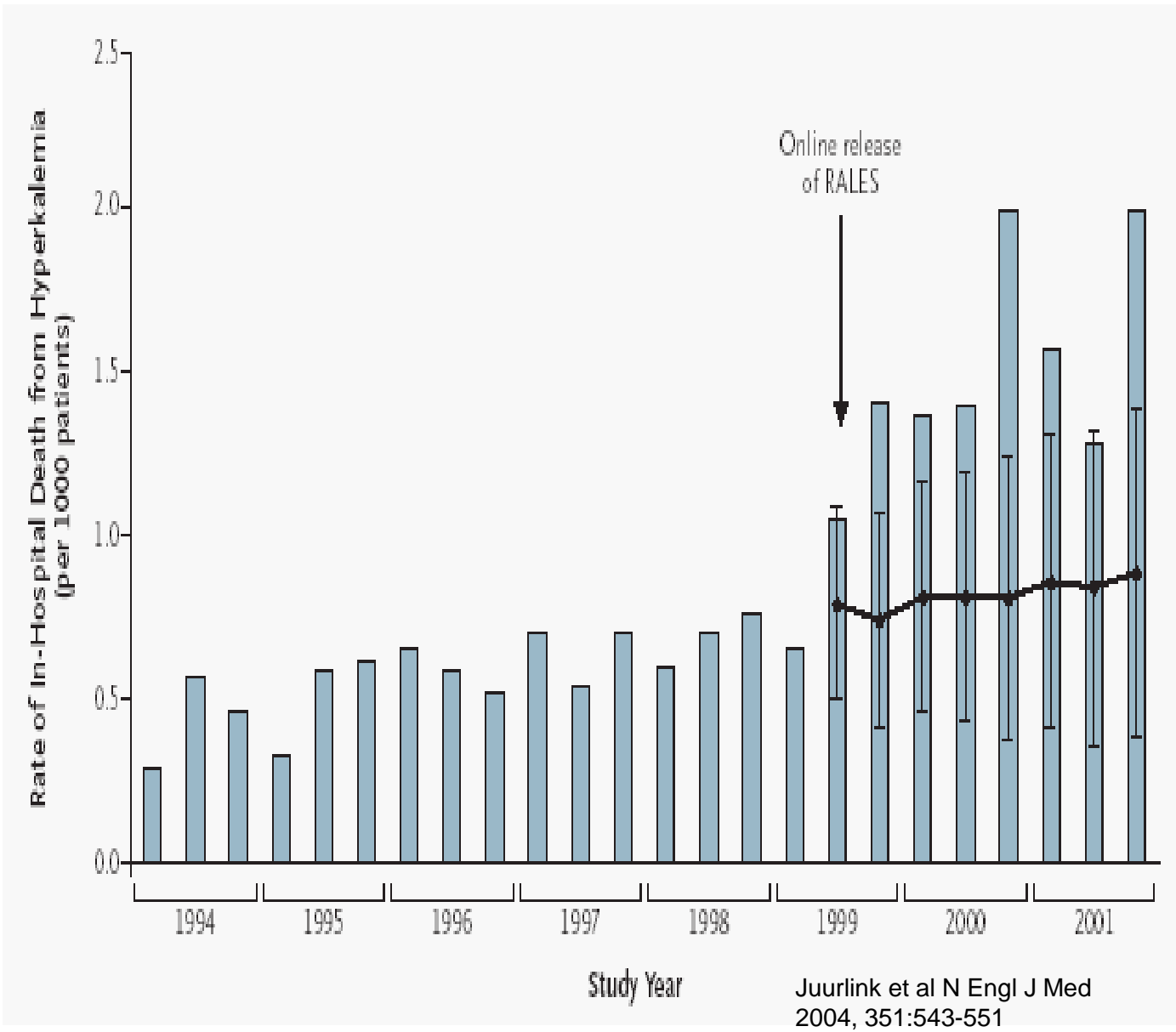
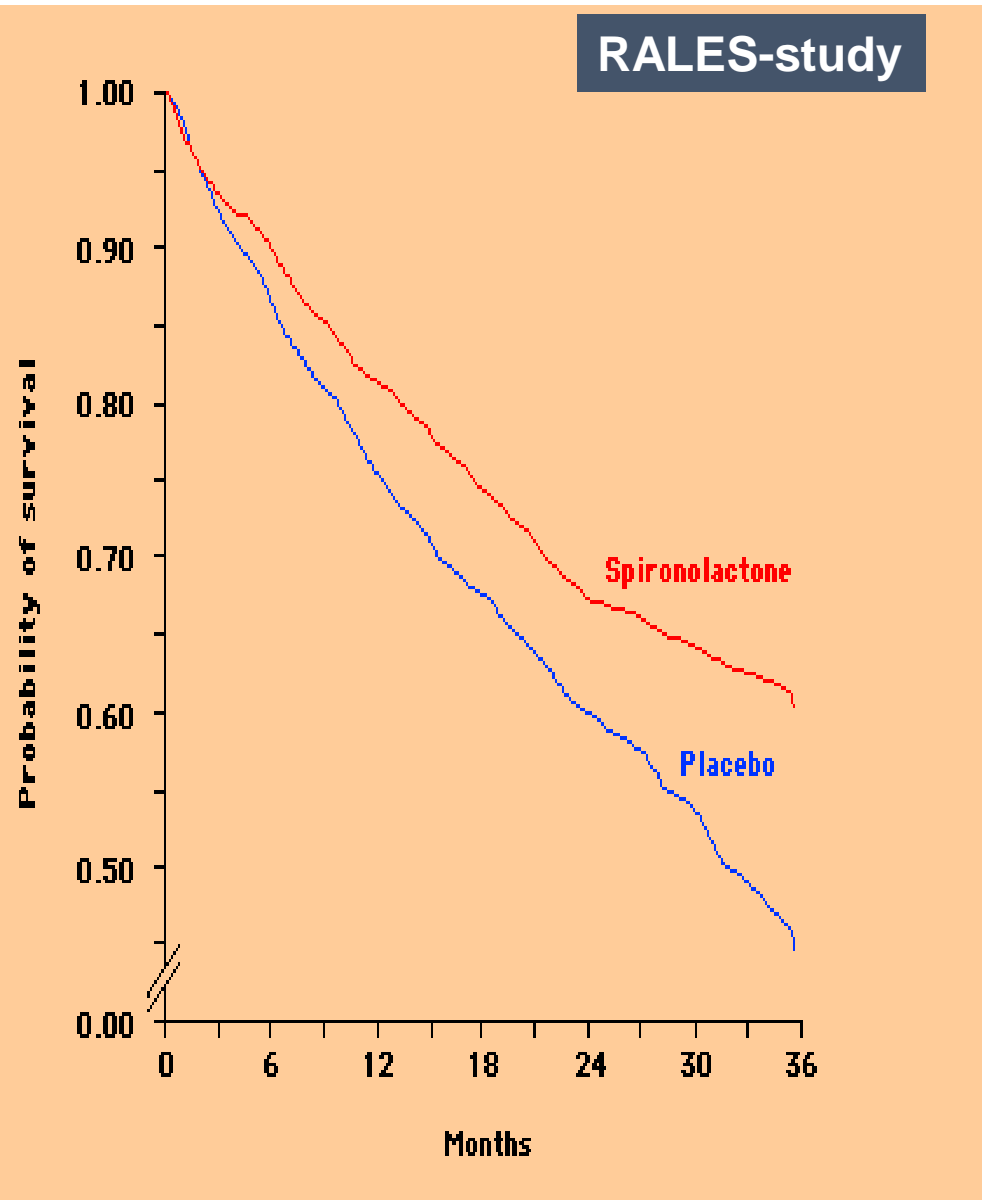
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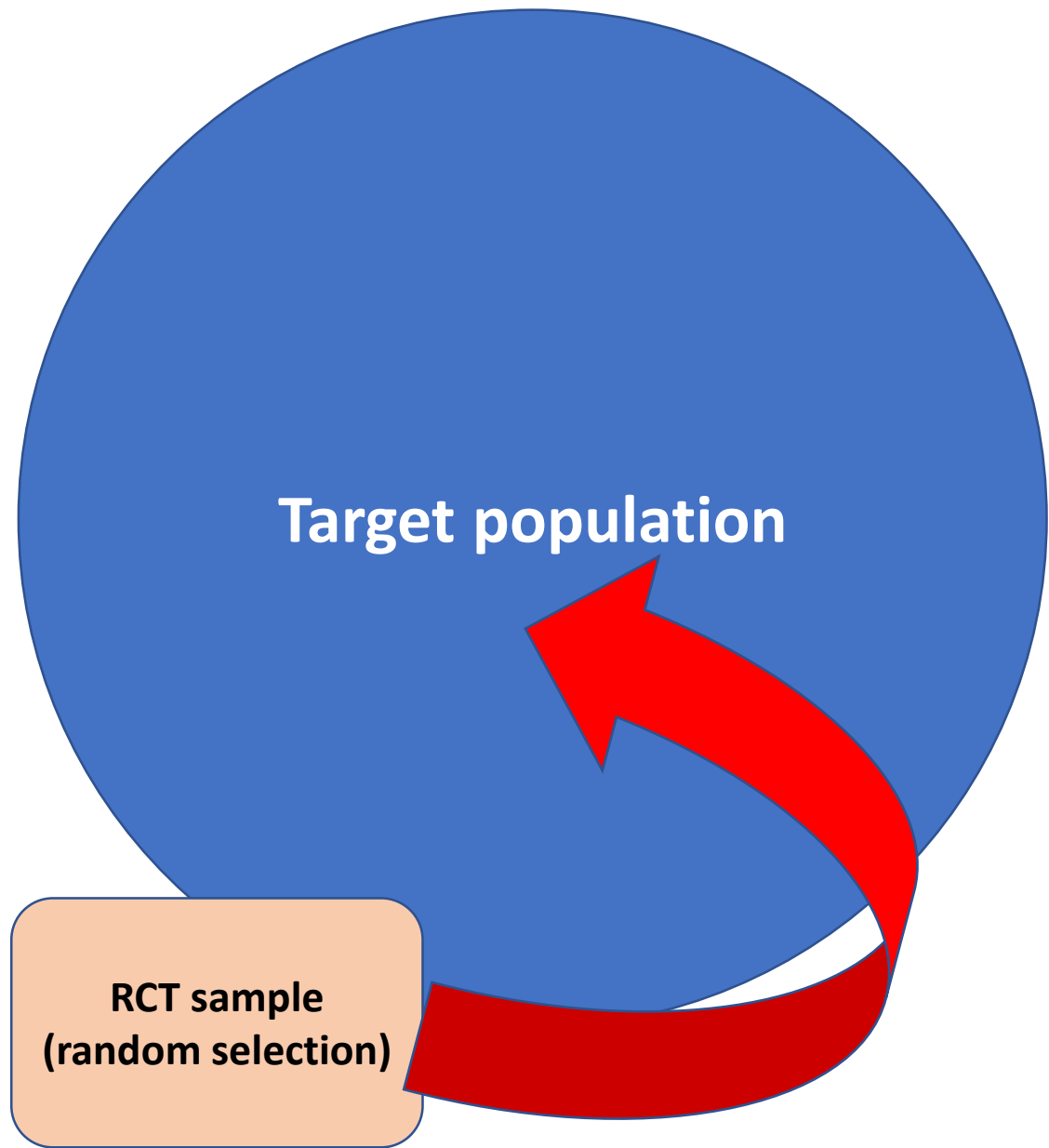


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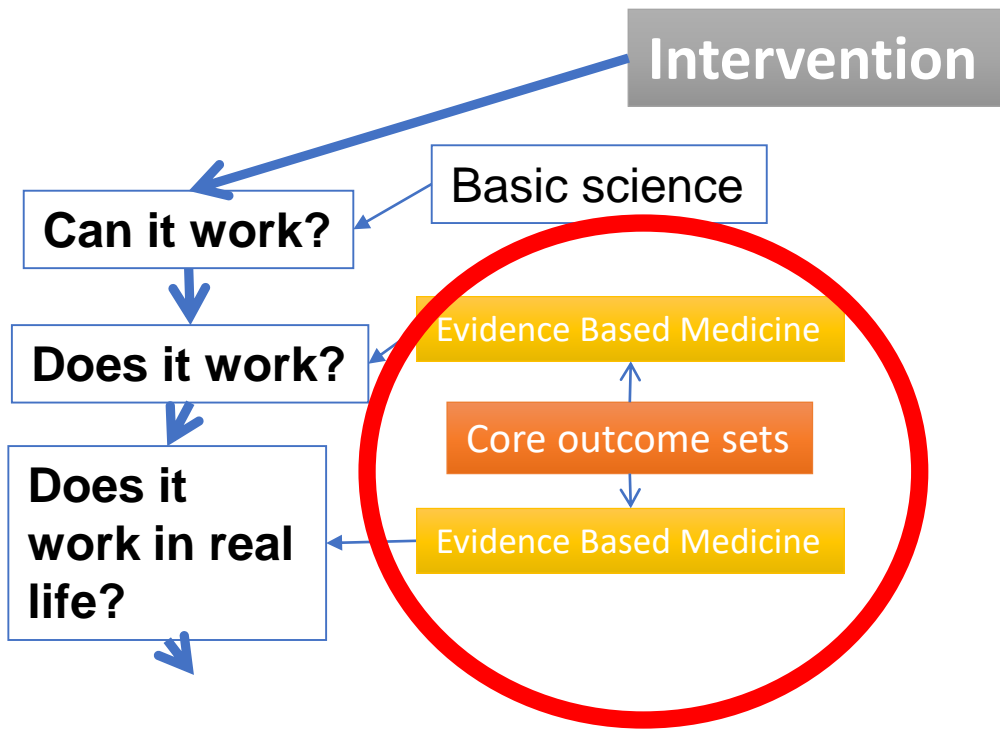




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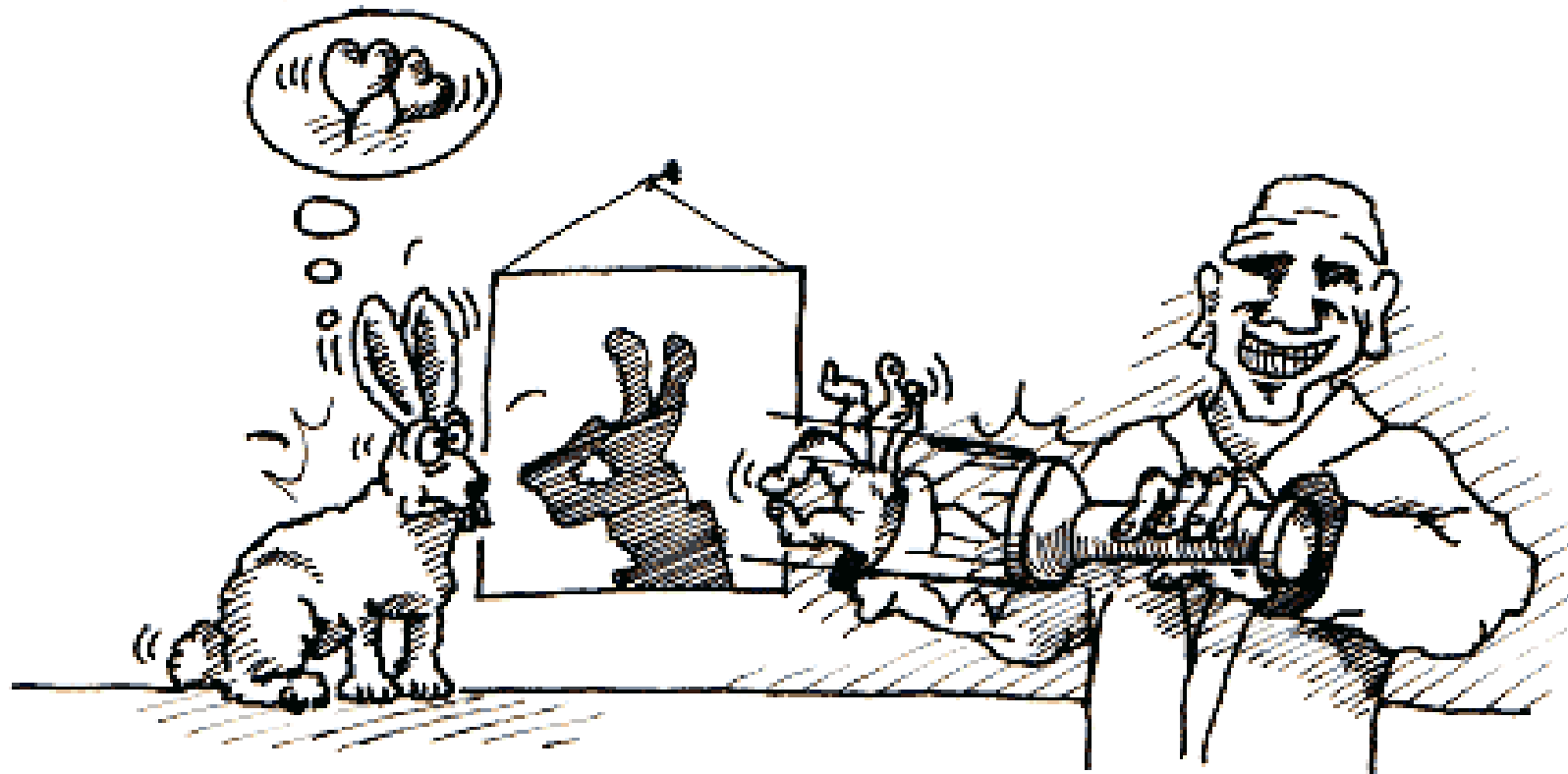
Transportability



**Big Data/AI can be helpful**

- **Uniformisation of data**
- **Completeness of data**
- **Correctness/veracity of data**
- **Representativity of data**

**V**eracity  
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**V**elocity



Observational studies  
NO VALUE ?

ÉTIENNE GILSON

WITH A FOREWORD BY  
CHRISTOPH CARDINAL SCHÖNBORN

FROM  
ARISTOTLE TO DARWIN  
AND  
BACK  
AGAIN



A JOURNEY  
IN  
FINAL  
CAUSALITY,  
SPECIES,



AND EVOLUTION

IGNATIUS



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# Biases in electronic health record data due to processes within the healthcare system: retrospective observational study

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## **WHAT IS ALREADY KNOWN ON THIS TOPIC**

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Dynamic processes within the healthcare system, such as the hours when clinics are open and when patients are scheduled to be seen, leave an imprint on electronic health record data

## **WHAT THIS STUDY ADDS**

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An evaluation of using the effects of healthcare processes on 272 laboratory tests to predict three year survival in the full patient populations seen over a year at two large hospitals

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## A clinically applicable approach to continuous prediction of future acute kidney injury

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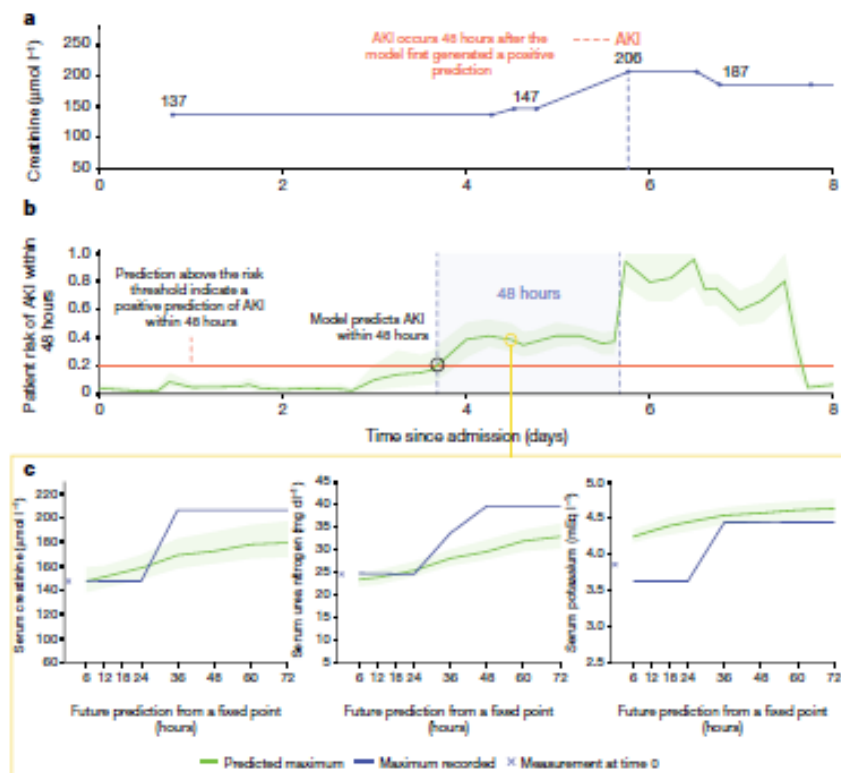


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are we there yet?

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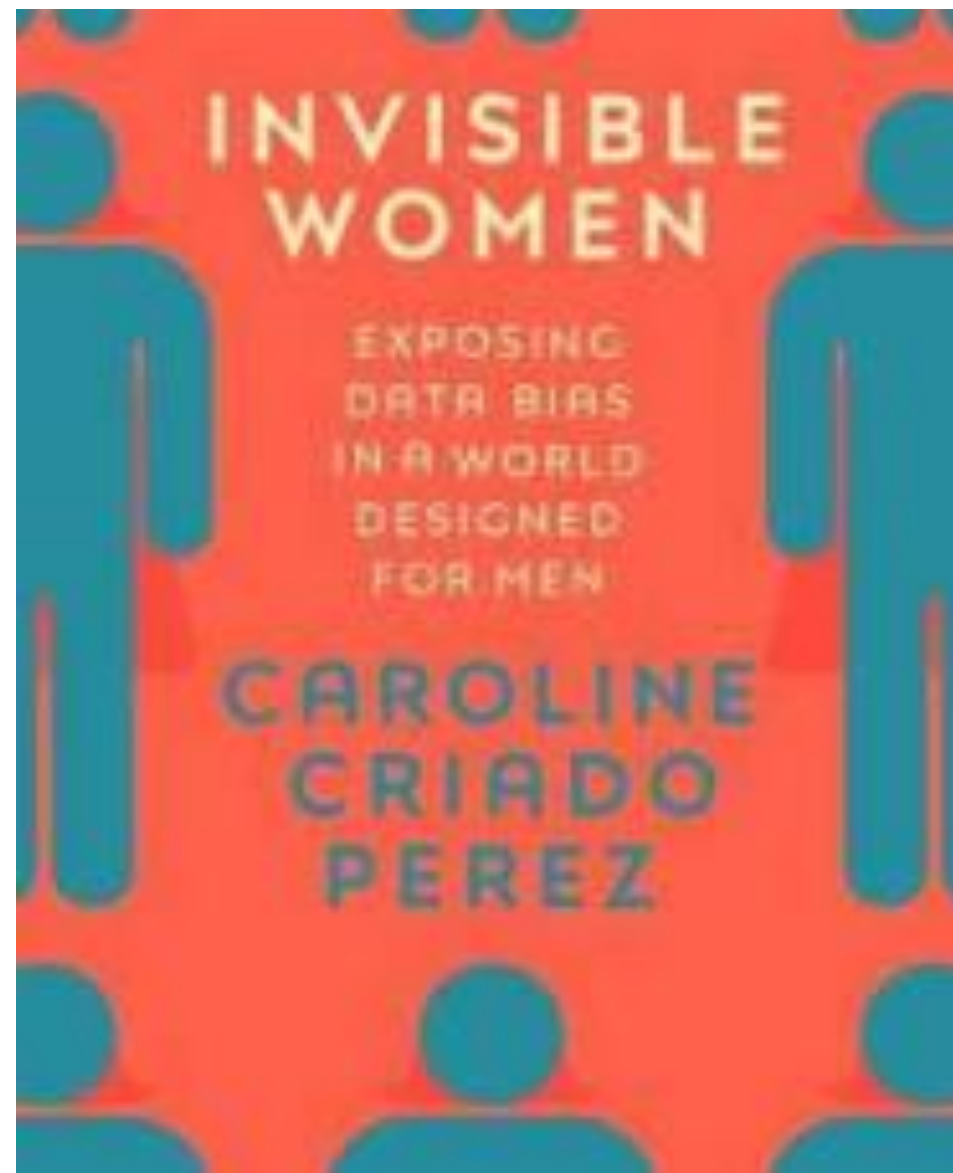
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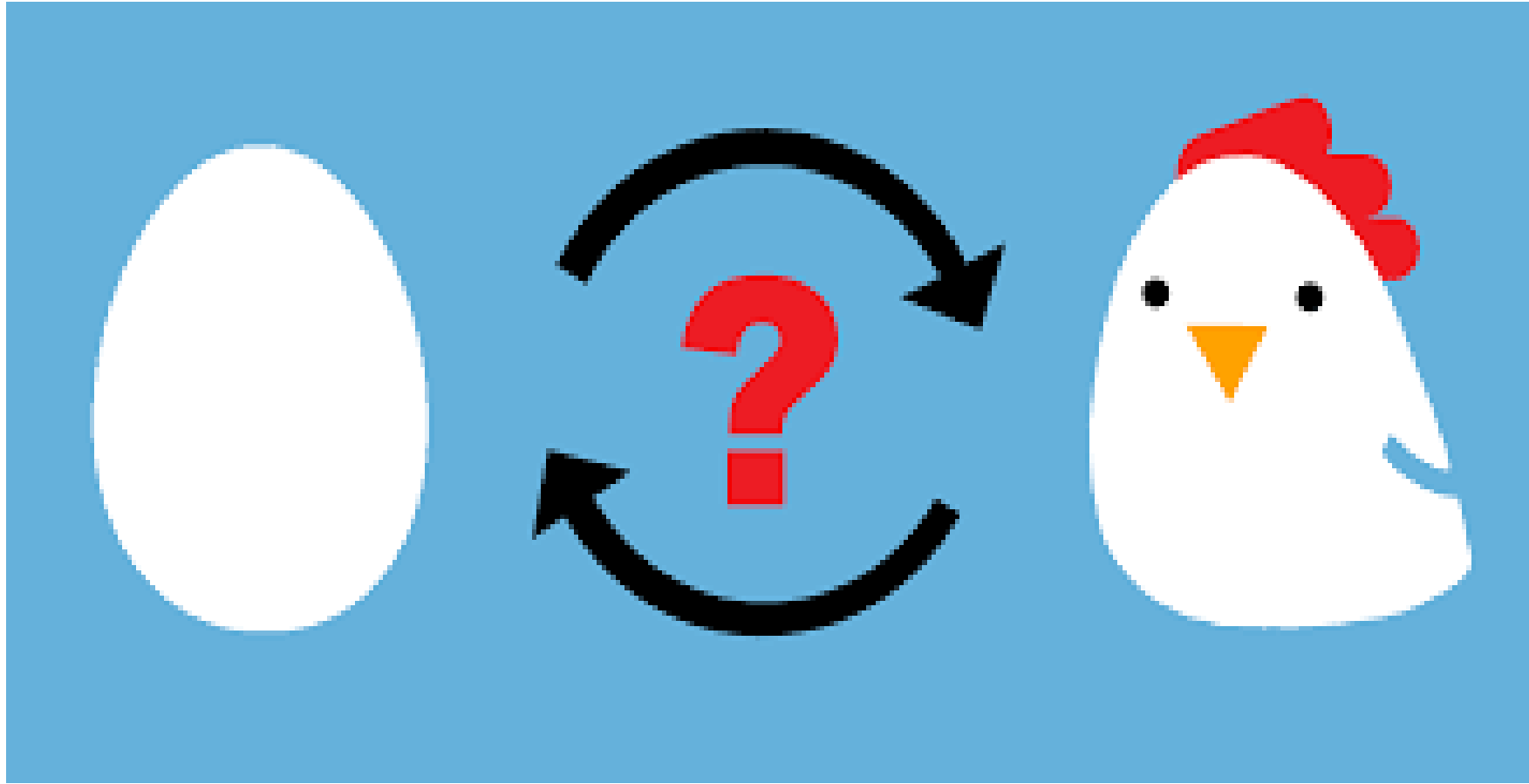
#### ECONOMICS

## Dissecting racial bias in an algorithm used to manage the health of populations

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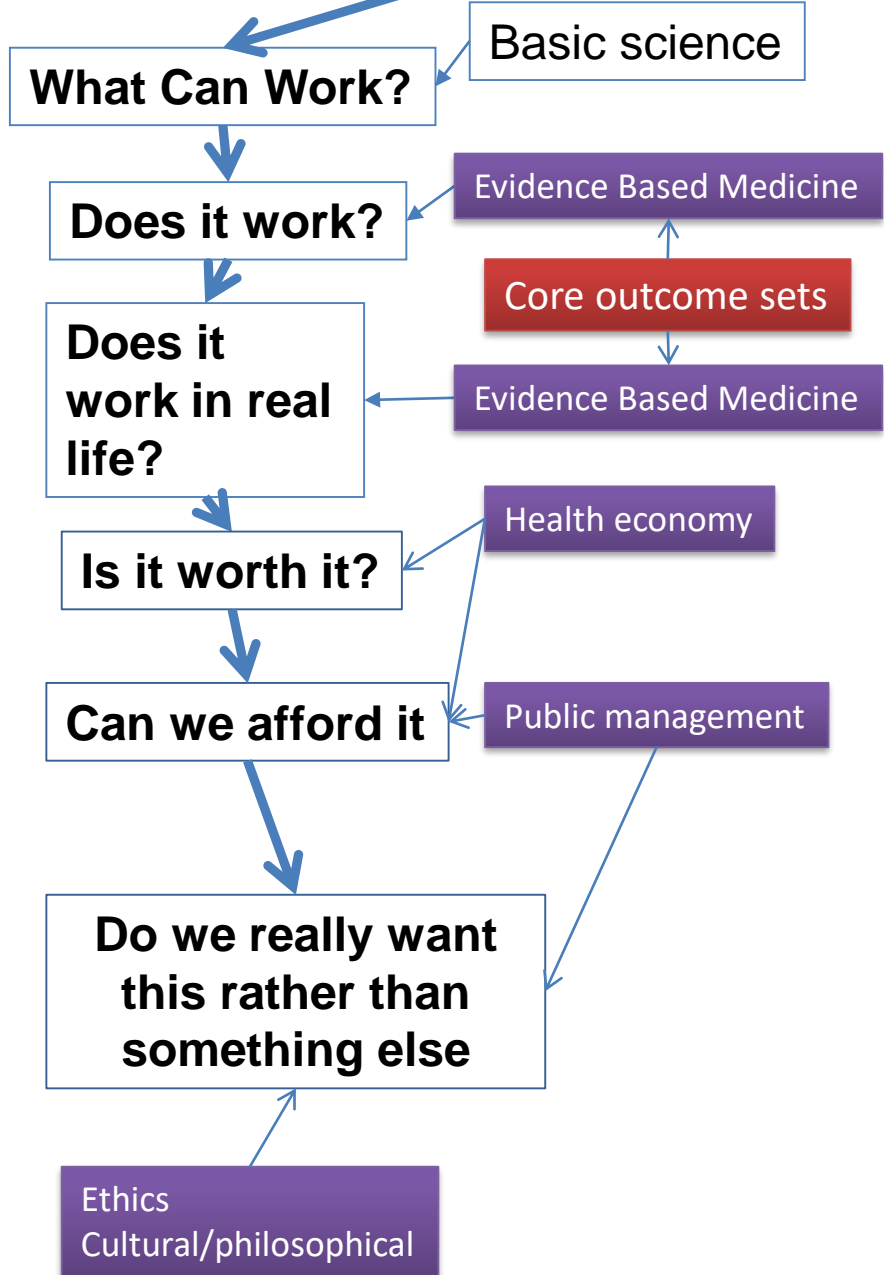
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**Causality**

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**PER 84000  
patients!!!!**

**NNT: 51/42000 => 1/823**

**Mortality from pneumococcal pneumonia: 2 vs 2**

**Overall mortality: 3006 vs 3005**

**Overall CAP: 747 vs 787**





How much does Herceptin cost?

**28000 euro/year**



**Primary endpoint effect size: disease free survival at 2 year:**

**7,6 %(85,5% vs 78,2%).**

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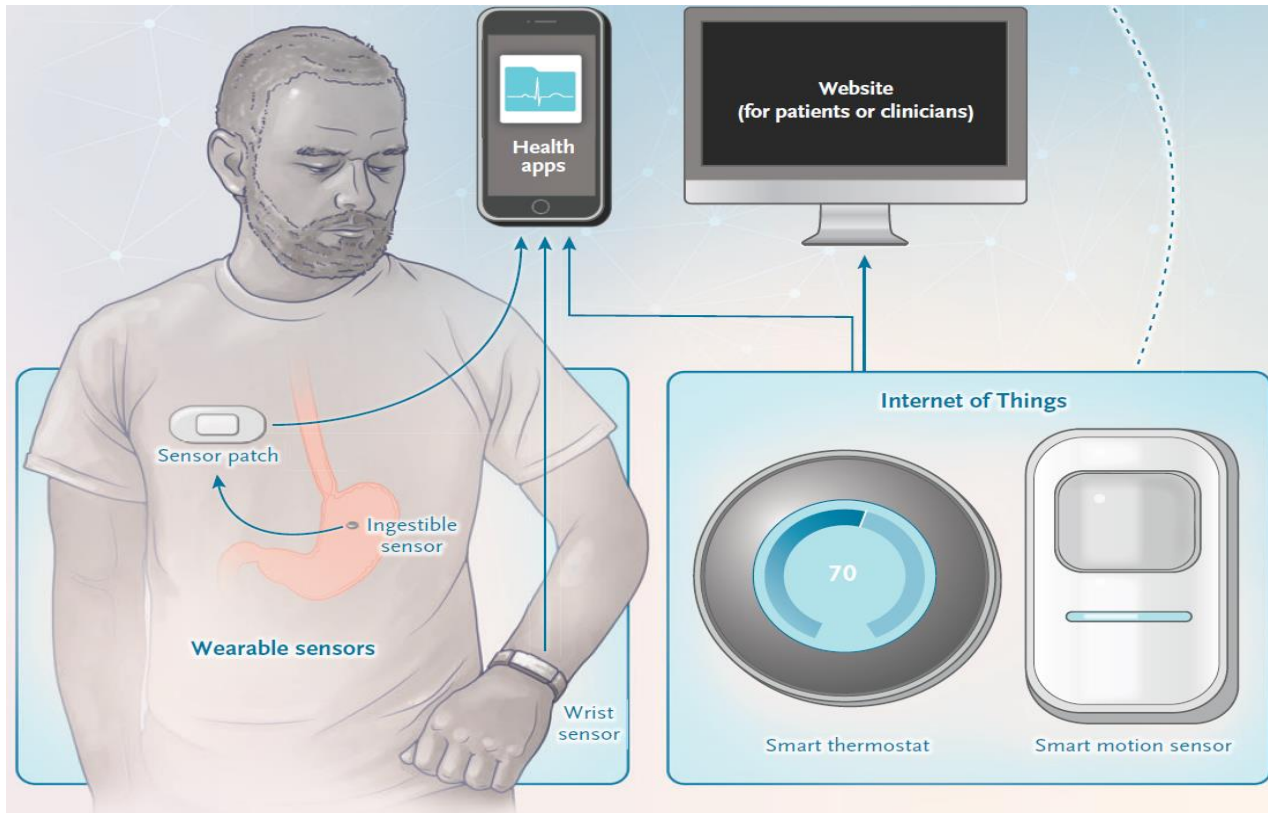
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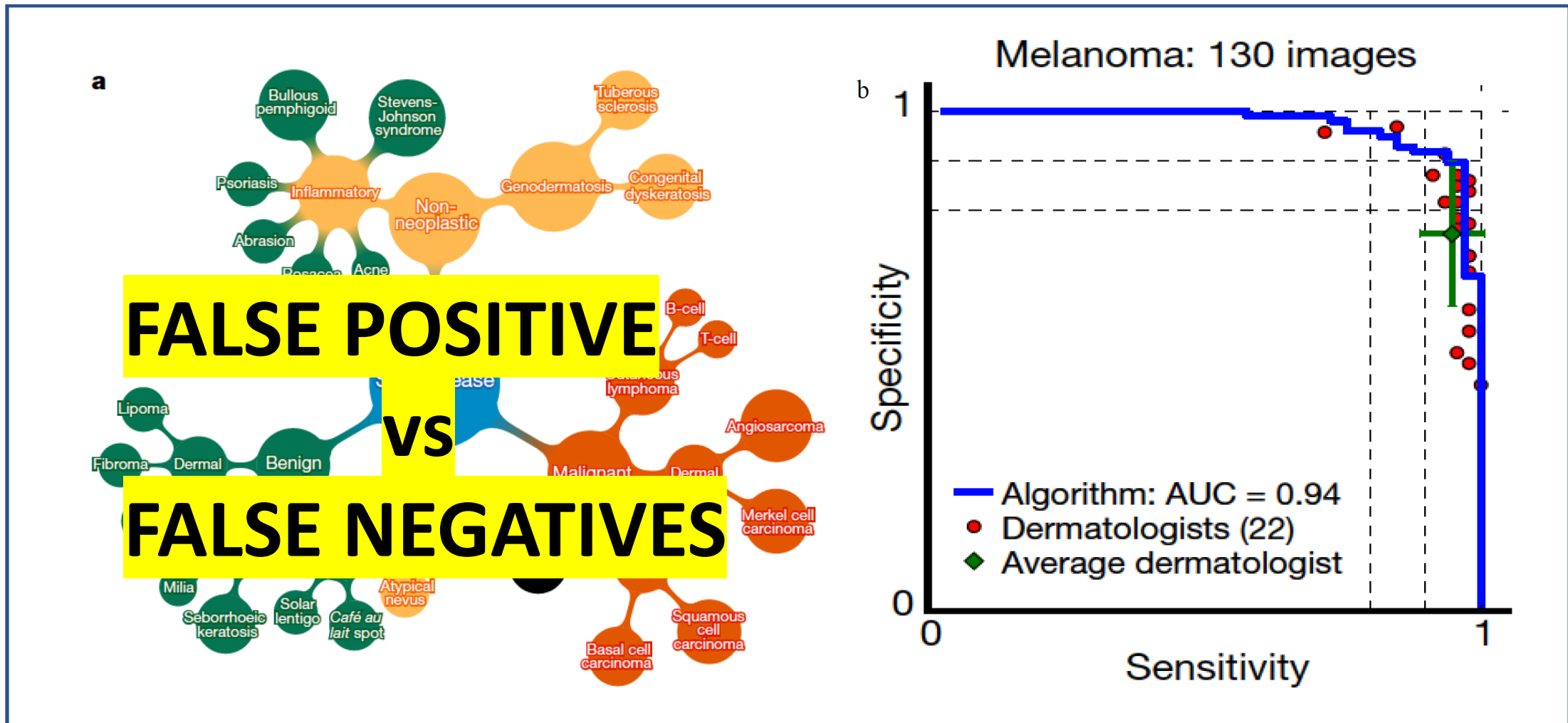
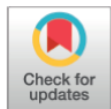


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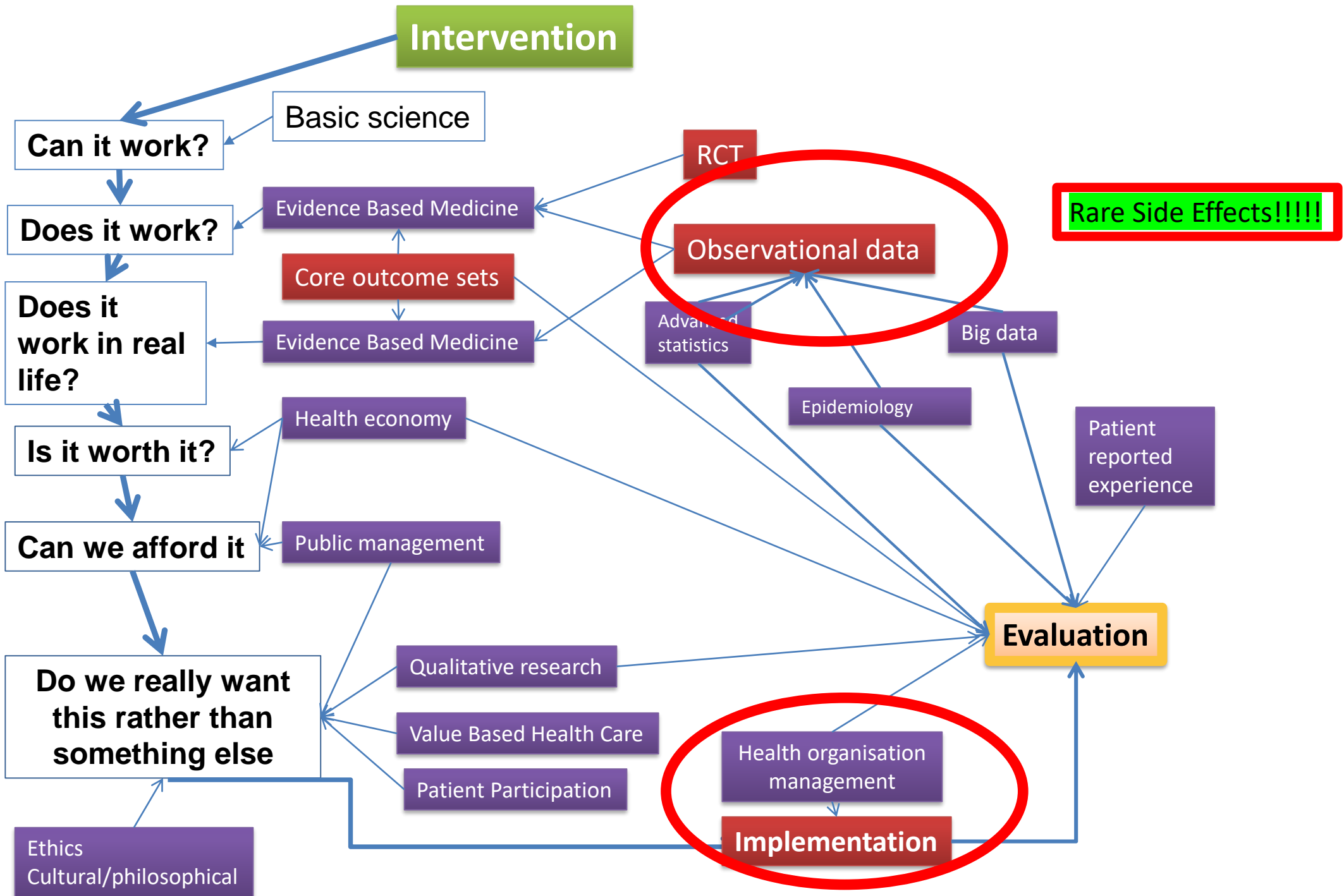
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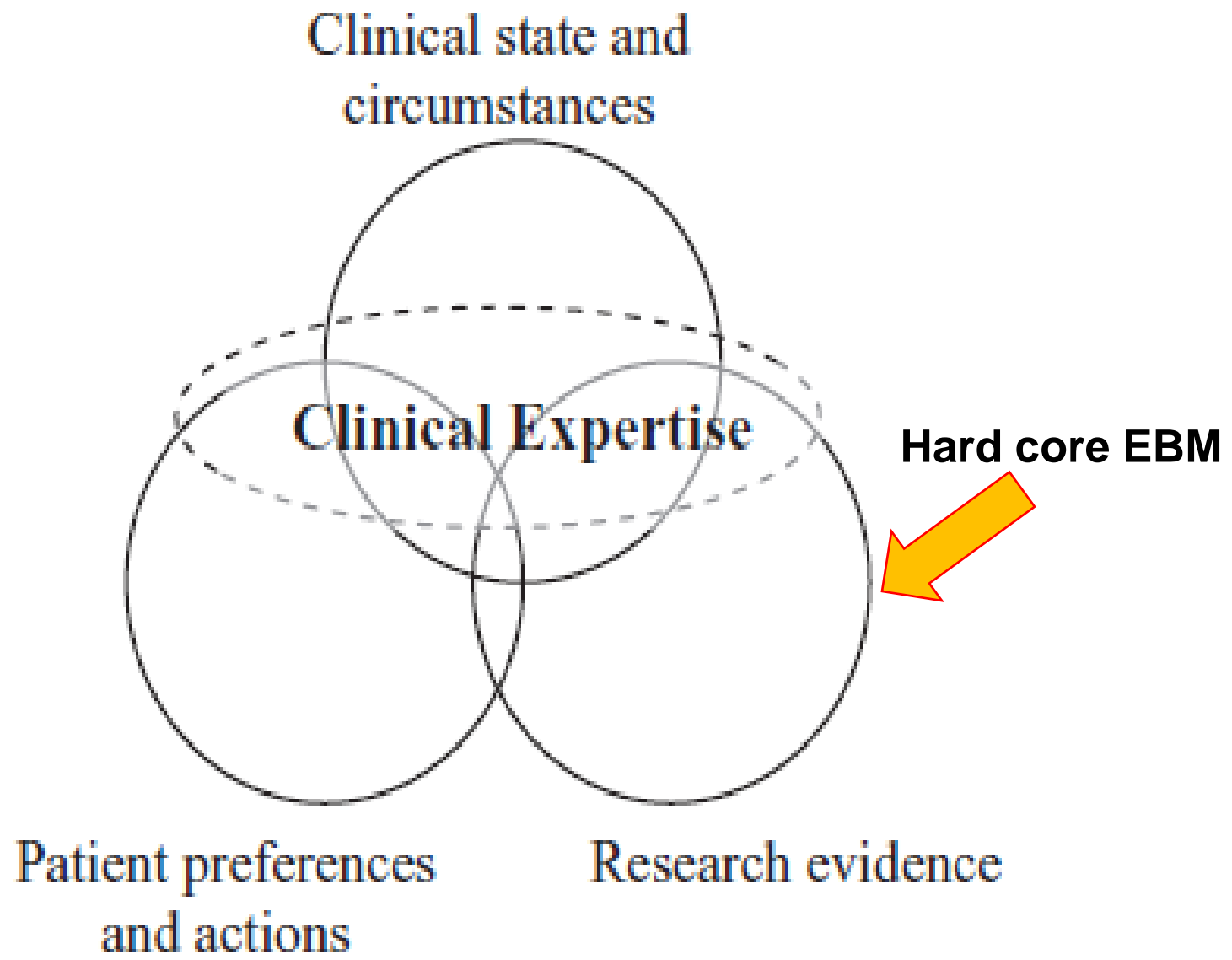
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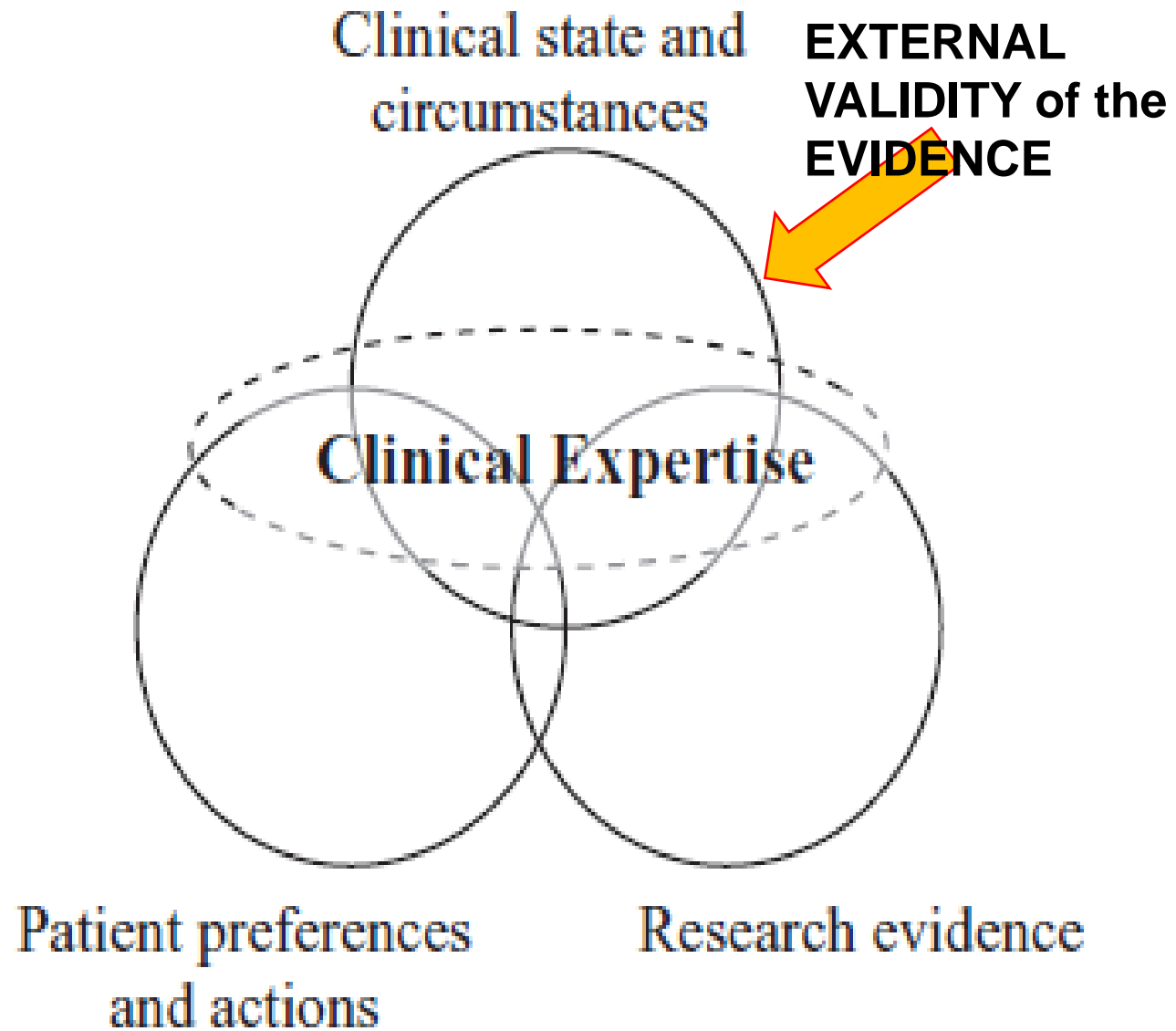
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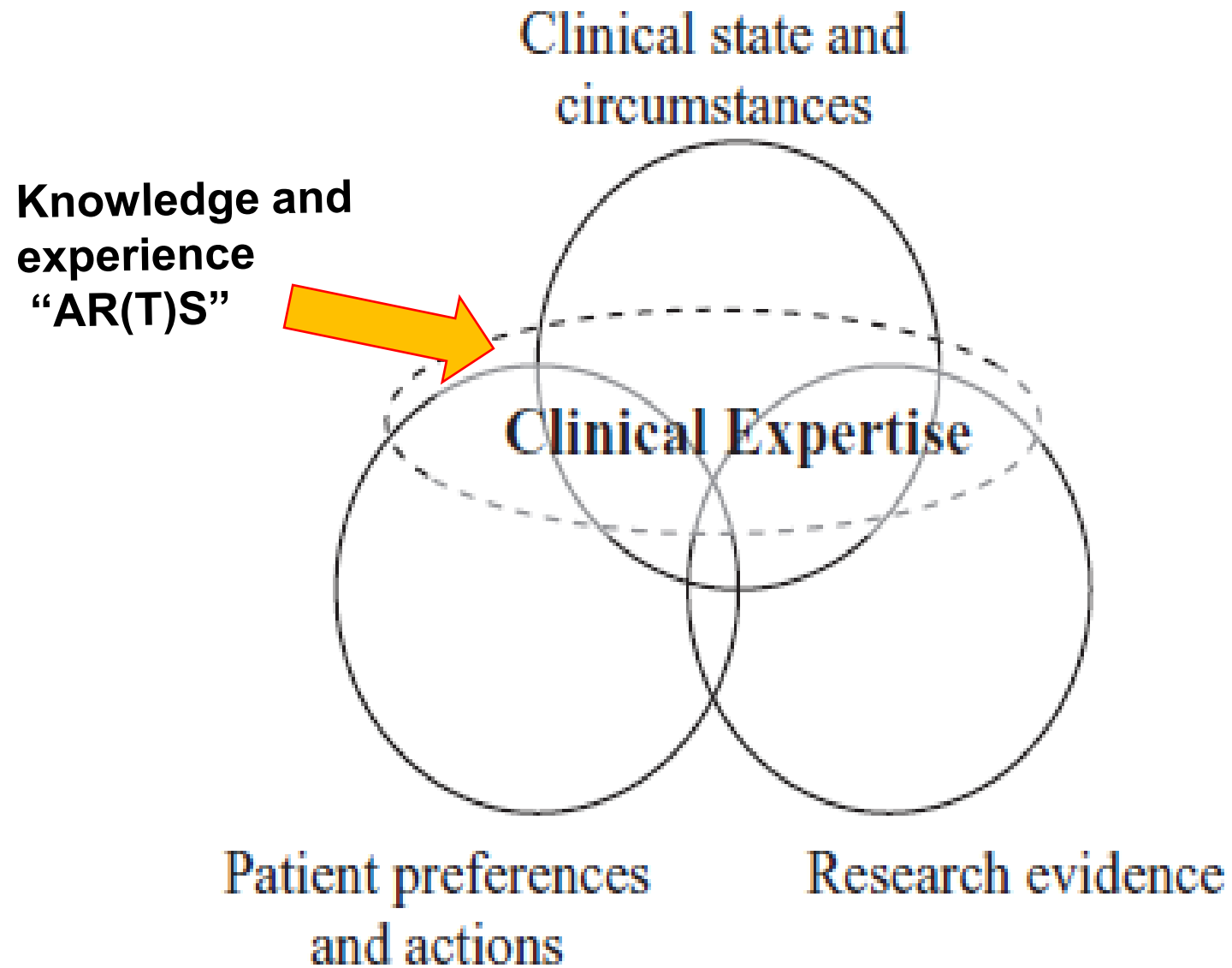


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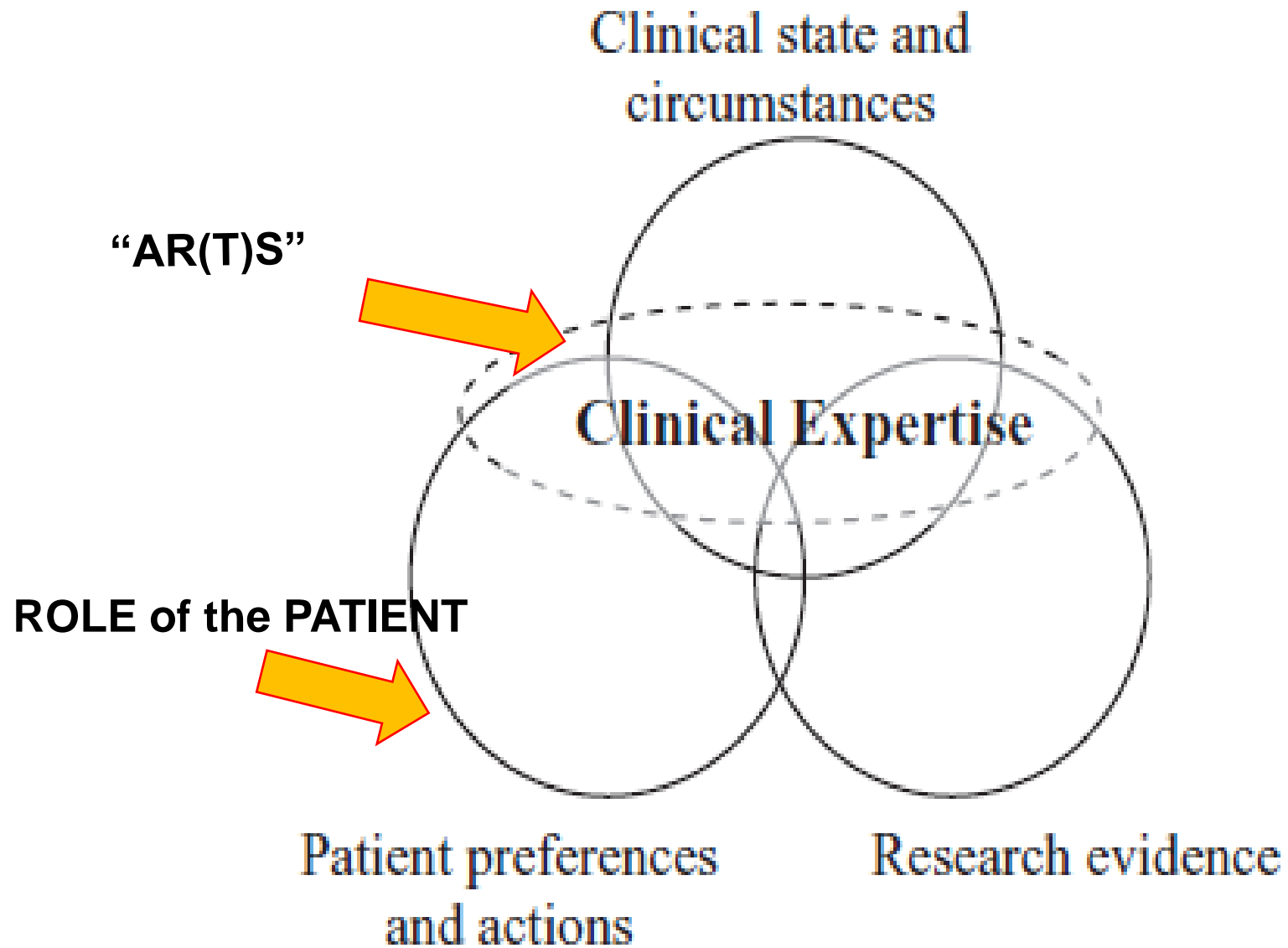




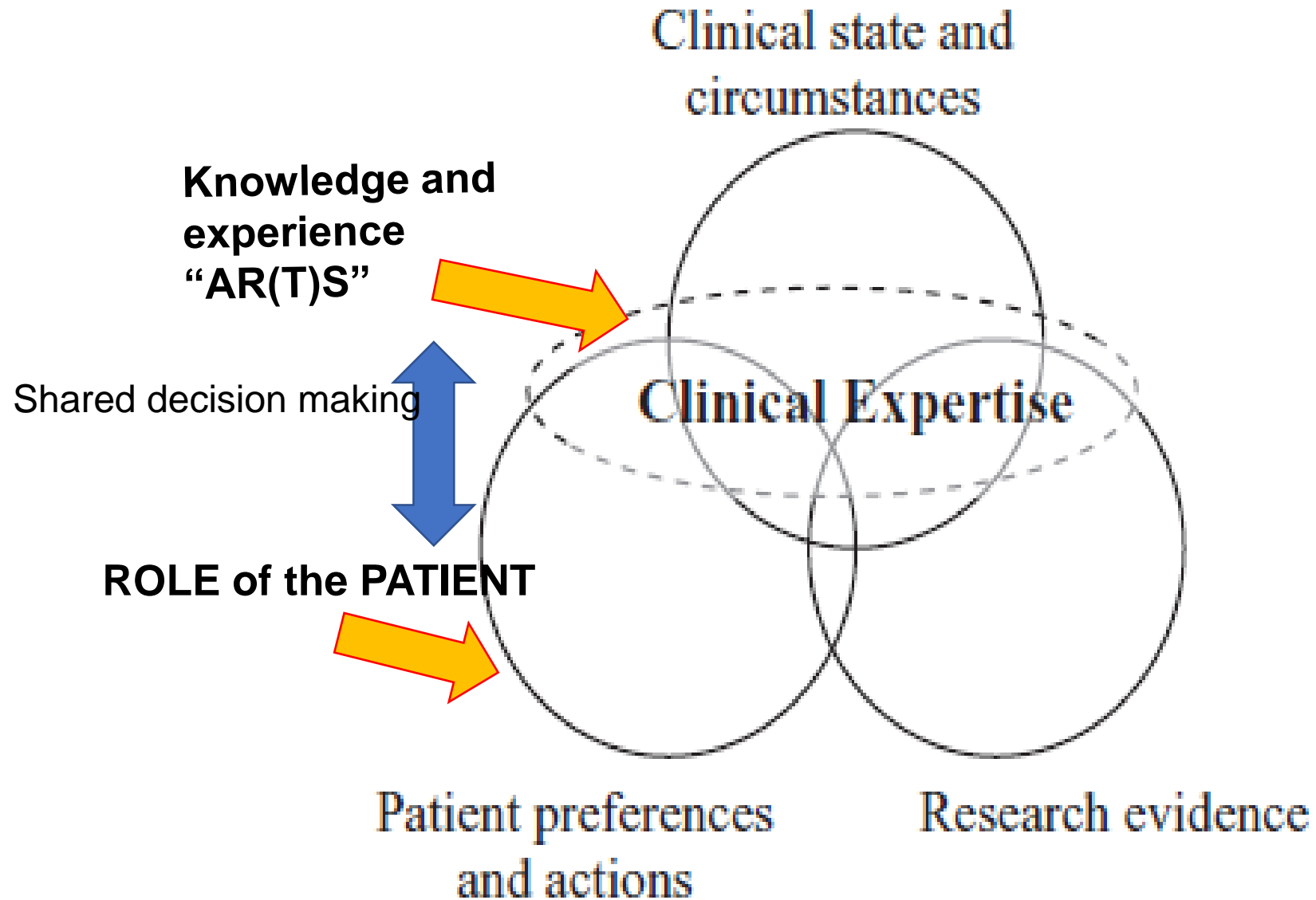
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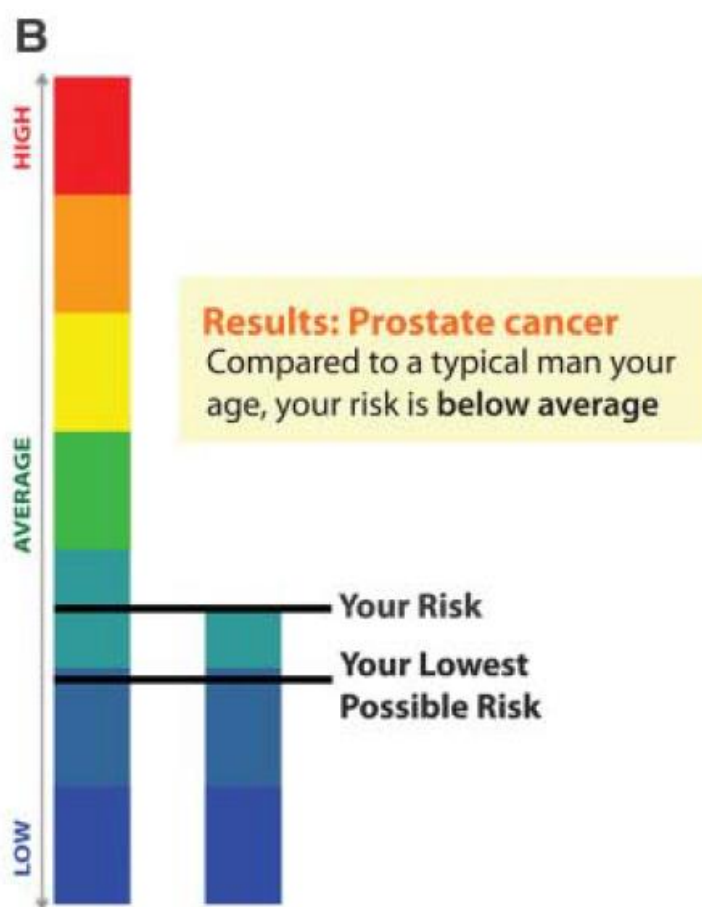
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# Visualizing Uncertainty About the Future

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## Decision: No Additional Therapy



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- 12 out of 100 people die because of cancer.
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## Decision: Chemotherapy

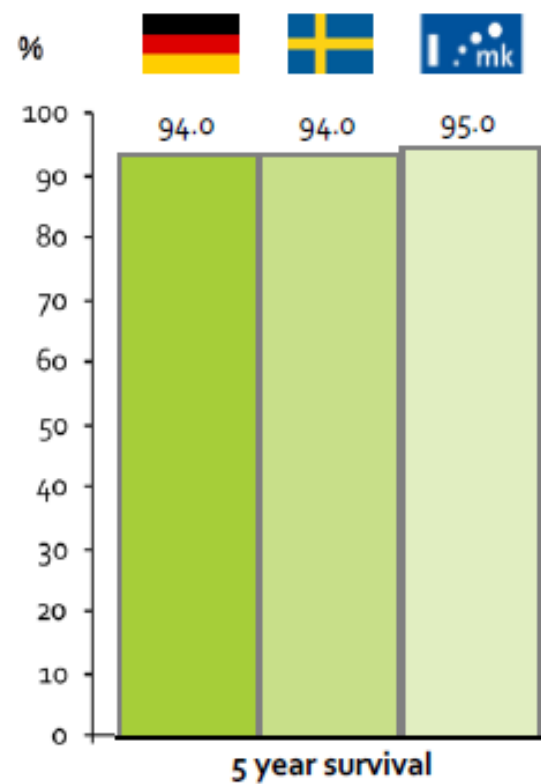


- 78 out of 100 people are alive in 5 years. Plus...
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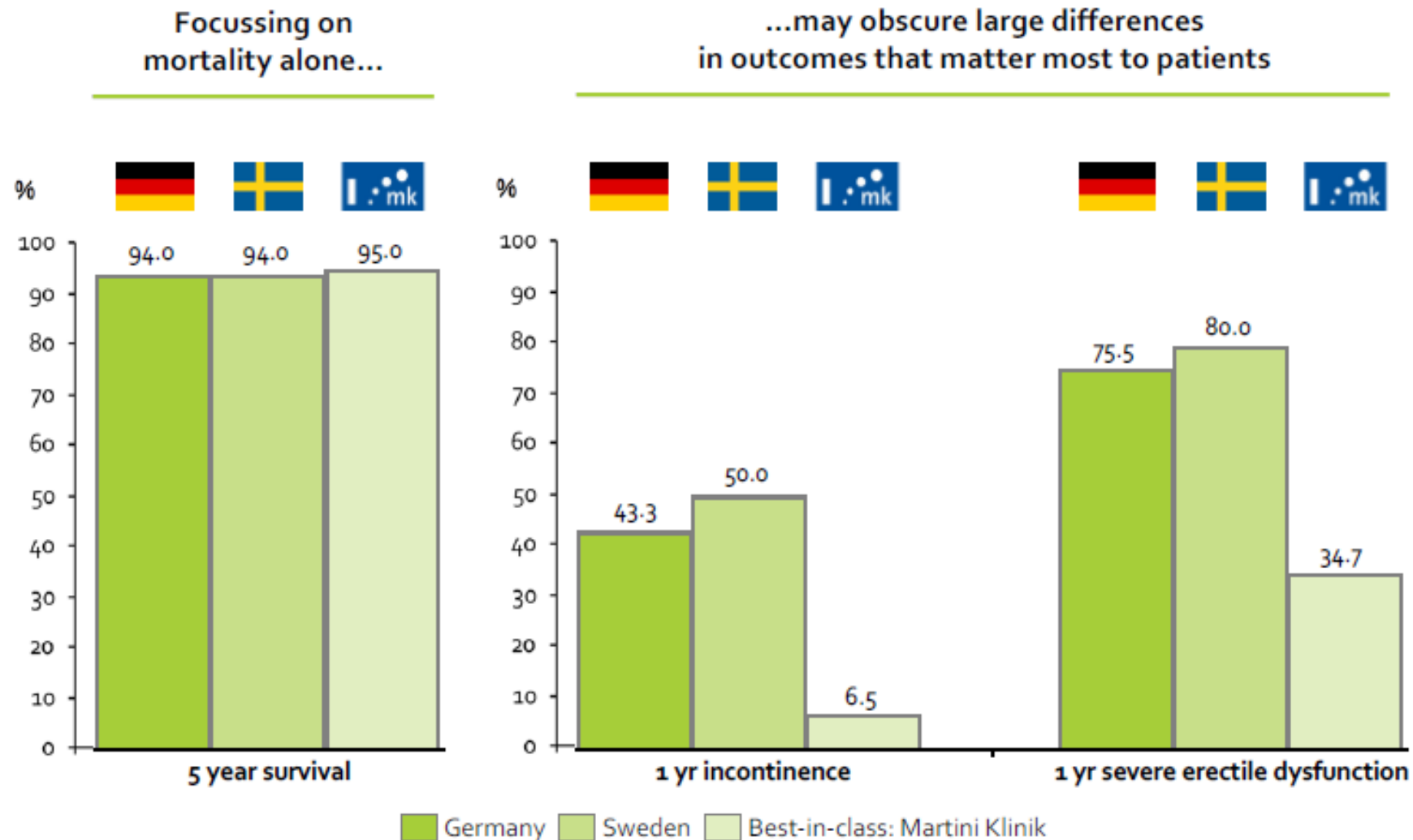
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