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# Biosimilars – can we do without them?



Biosimilars – I can't imagine the world of medicine without them

#### There is a cost to cancer

cancer has the most devastating economic impact of any cause of death in the world.

WHO: Cancer world's top killer since 2010

The total economic impact of premature death and disability from cancer worldwide is \$2.5 trillion.

Managing the costs of cancer will be the model we use for other diseases

Cancer causes the highest economic loss of all of the 15 leading causes of death worldwide

17 percent of all 'healthy' years lost in the European Union

170 million years of "healthy life" lost due to death and disability from cancer in 2008

# There is a cost to cancer There is a cost to cancer care



#### Good news for medicine

Basic cancer science is paying back on its investment

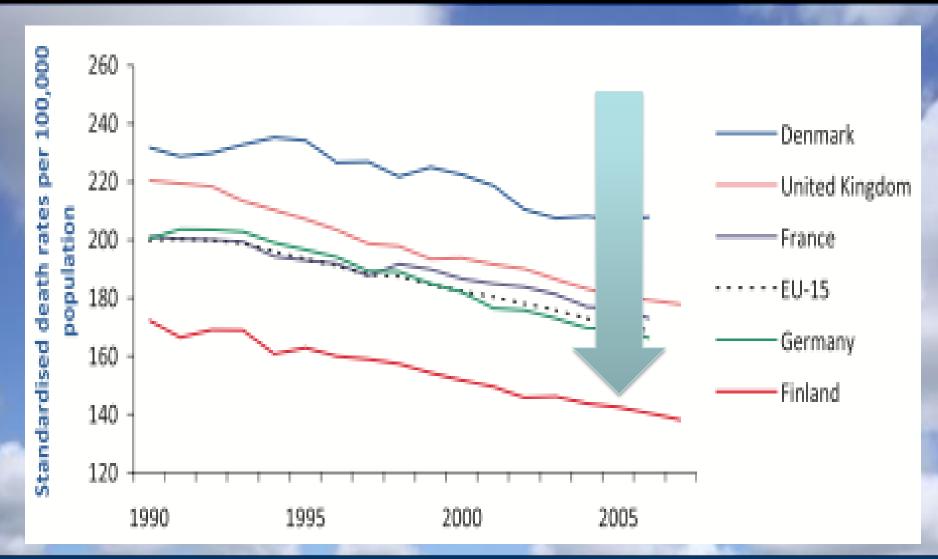
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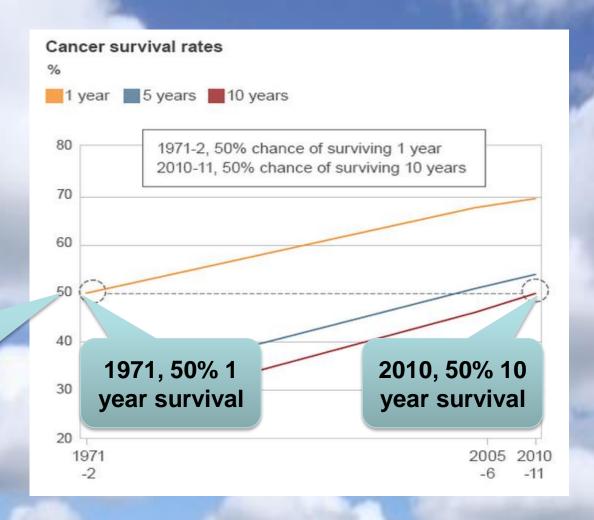
# Good news for cancer treatment: worldwide – more people survive cancer



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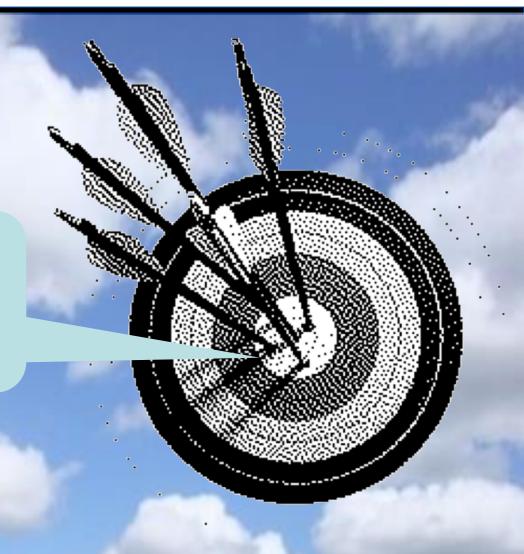
### Good news for cancer treatment: Cancer survival is improving



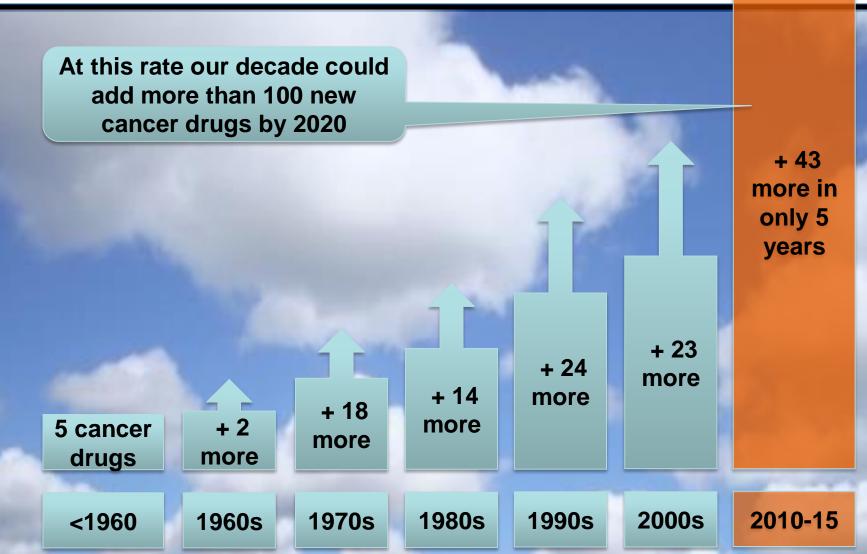


### Cancer survival is improving

Estimated - new medicines have accounted for 50-60 percent of the increase in cancer survival rates since 1975.



# Good news for cancer treatment: Innovation in cancer drugs



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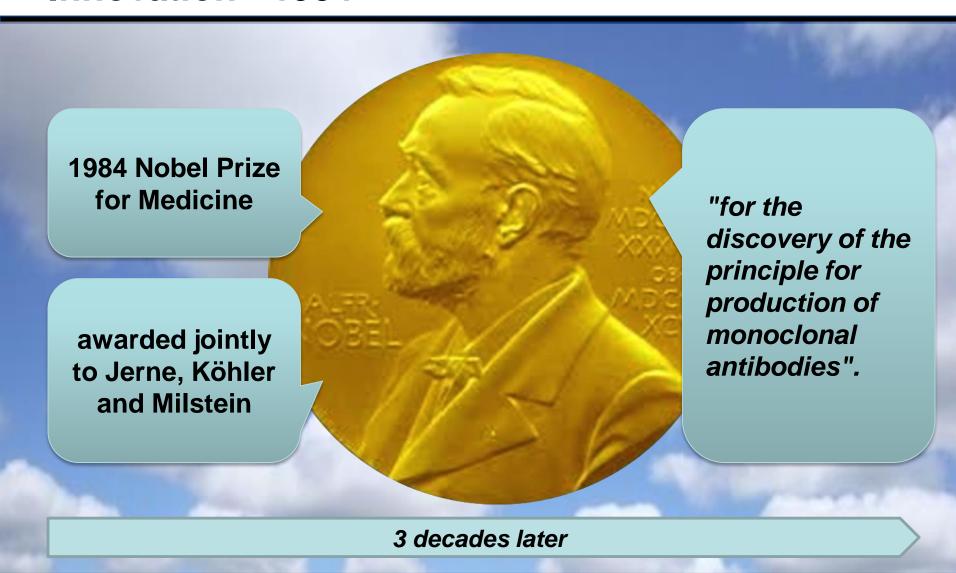
### Good news for medical treatment: Innovation for all medicines is rising

Number of Commercial **Investigational New Drugs** by year at the US FDA 5000 2000 1000

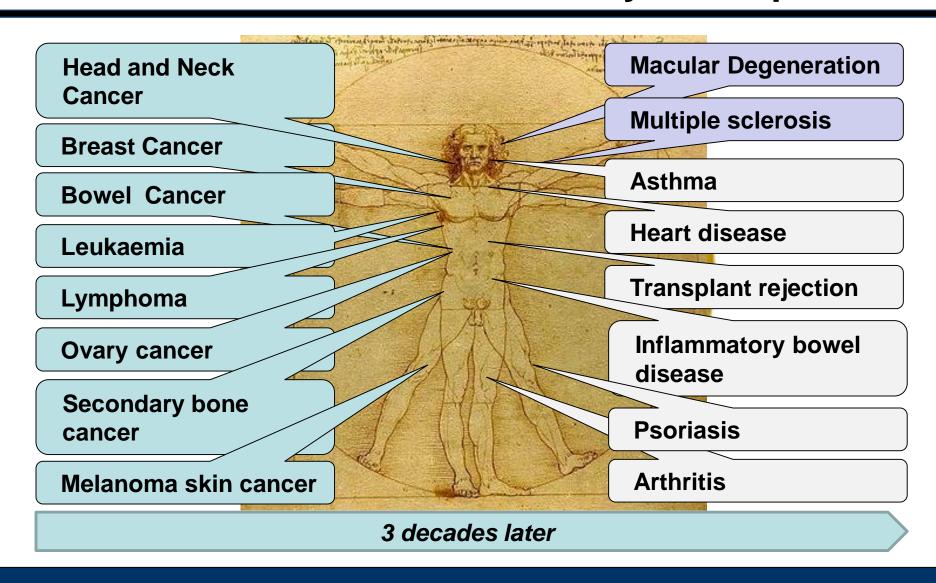
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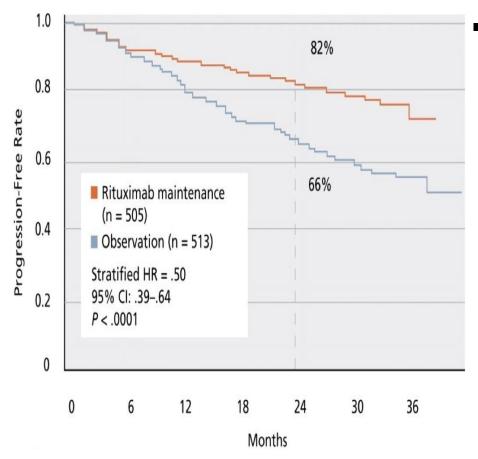
### Innovation - 1984



# 3 decades of Innovation: 1984 to 2016 Monoclonal antibody development



### Monoclonals in cancer - lymphoma

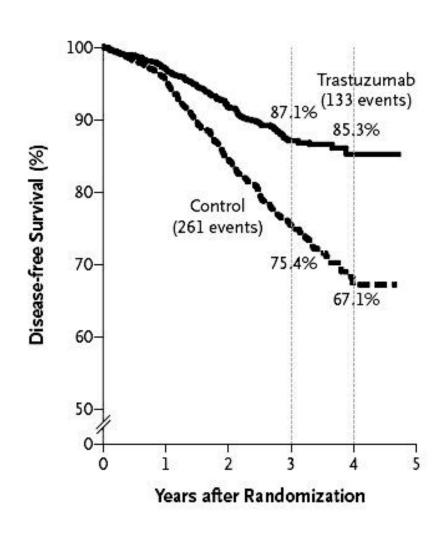


#### Rituximab

Halves lymphoma relapse



### Monoclonals in breast cancer

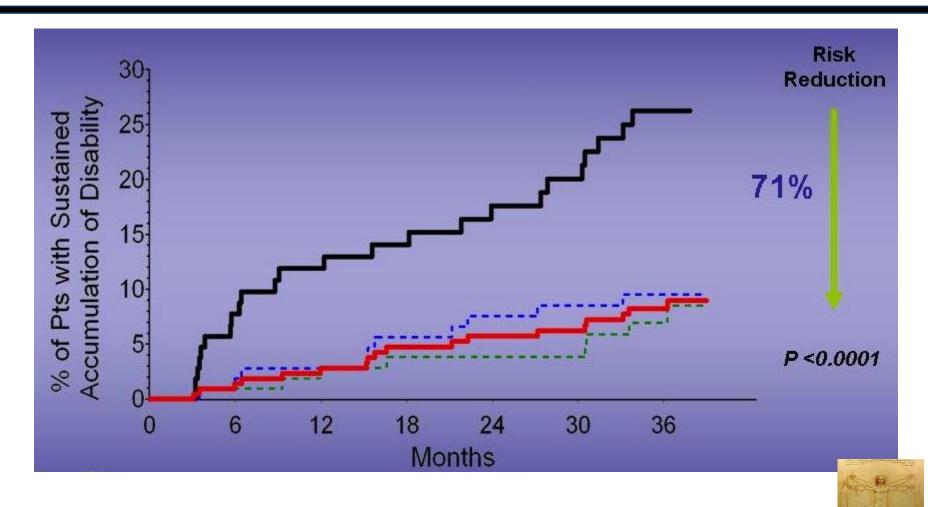


#### Trastuzumab

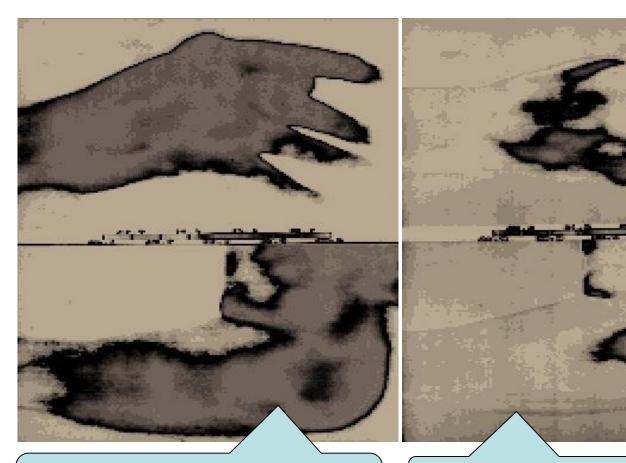
- Halves the chance of relapse
- Reduces death by 33%



# MAbs: 71% reduction in disability in multiple sclerosis



### MAbs: Controlling rheumatoid arthritis

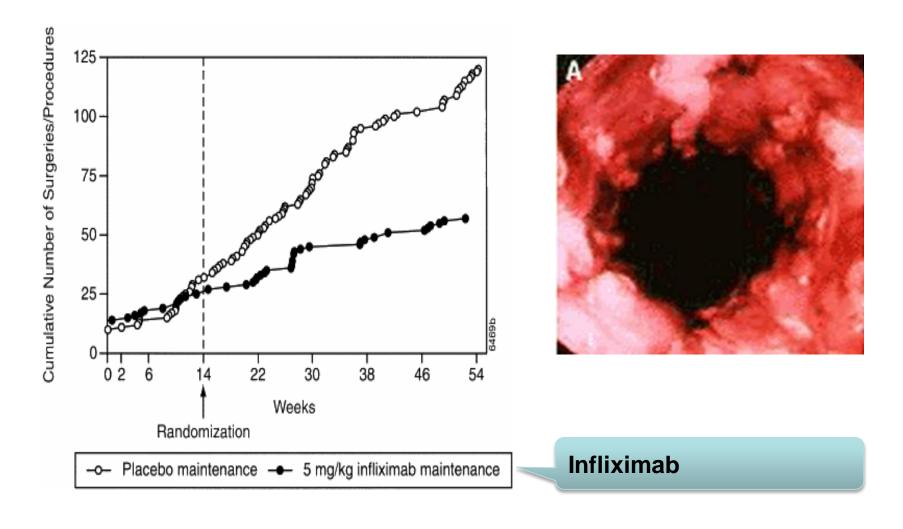


Thermal imaging of hand and elbow joints before.....

..and after Mab therapy



# MAbs - halves hospitalizations, surgeries, and procedures in fistulizing Crohn's disease



### **MAbs for psoriasis**



# New targeted precision medicines are transforming cancer care

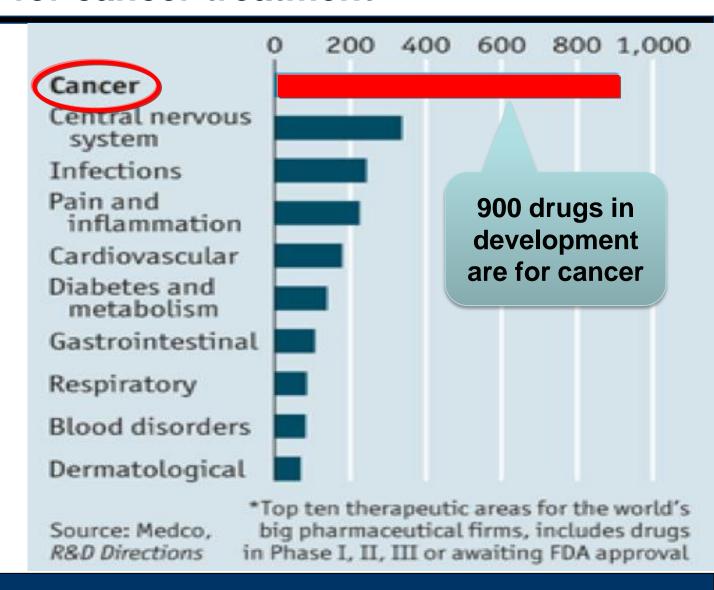
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Examples where survival	Gastrointestinal stromal tumour	Chemotherapy	12-18 months	Imatinib	Close to 5 years
has more than tripled	Relapsed Hodgkin lymphoma	Chemotherapy	1.2 years	Brentuximab vedotin	22.4 months

<sup>[1]</sup> Munoz and Kurzrock. Nat Rev Clin Oncol. 2012;9(11):631-42.

<sup>[2]</sup> The Value of Medical Innovation. http://valueofinnovation.org/a-world-free-from-cancer/#ref3 [Accessed May 2015].

#### Good news for cancer treatment

Drugs in development,



Biologics

Biologics

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Biologics – I can't imagine the world of medicine without precision targeted therapies

### The possibility at the millennium, 2000

Cell, Vol. 100, 57-70, January 7, 2000, Copyright @2000 by Cell Press Evading Insensitivity to apoptosis The Hallmarks of Cancer WNT → (Frizzled) → Dishevele (e.g. TGFp) Douglas Hanahan\* and Robert A. Weinberg† \*Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics and Hormone Research Institute University of California at San Francisco San Francisco, California 94143 <sup>†</sup>Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research and Department of Biology Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142 (e.g. FasL) the complexity of 200 different cancers And so the diversity of cancer might be may be explained by a few unregulated treated by a limited panel of concurrent targeted precision therapies pathways

### Where are we now?

I am sorry to report that you have breast cancer

Tell me doctor – what have I got?

#### **Anatomic diagnosis**

#### **Malignant Neoplasm of Female Breast**

ICD-10-CM (Category C50)

Nipple and areola – right, left, unspecified

Central portion – right, left, unspecified

Upper-inner quadrant – right, left, unspecified

Lower-inner quadrant – right, left, unspecified

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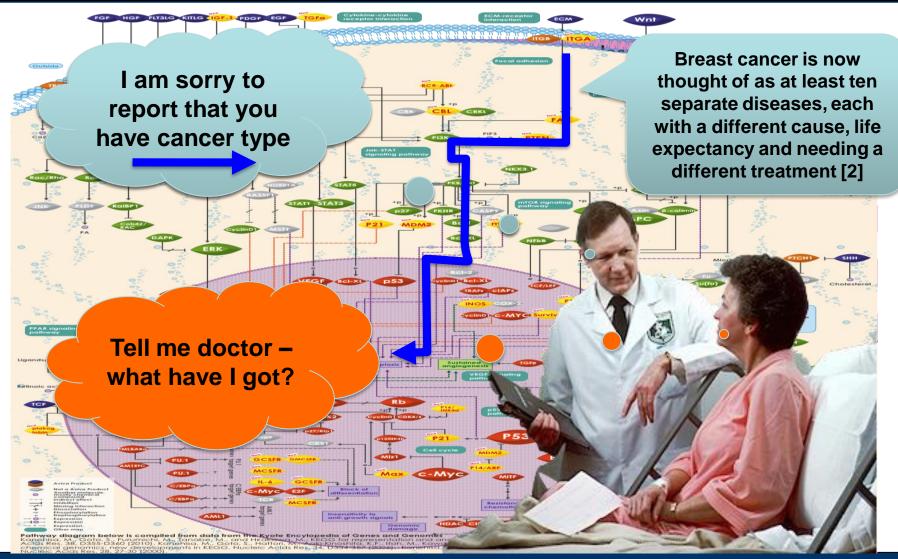
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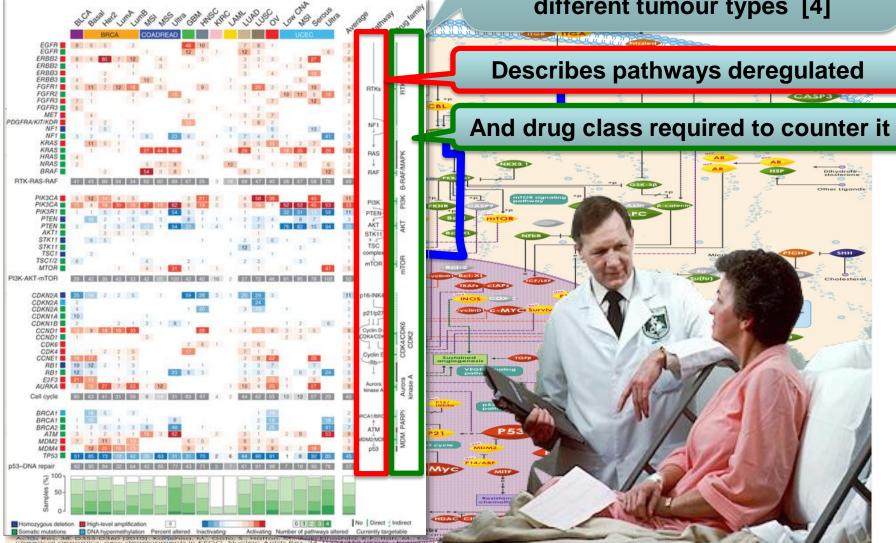
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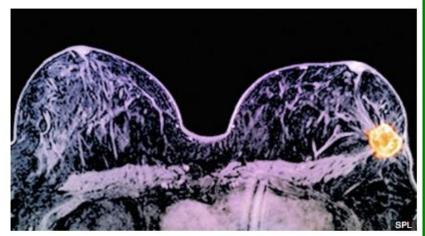
### Where are we soon?



The Cancer Genome Atlas is a working Map of functional and actionable alterations across different tumour types [4]





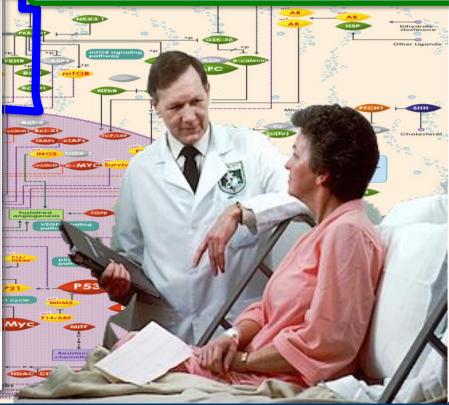


A pair of drugs can dramatically shrink and eliminate some breast cancers in just 11 days, UK doctors have shown.

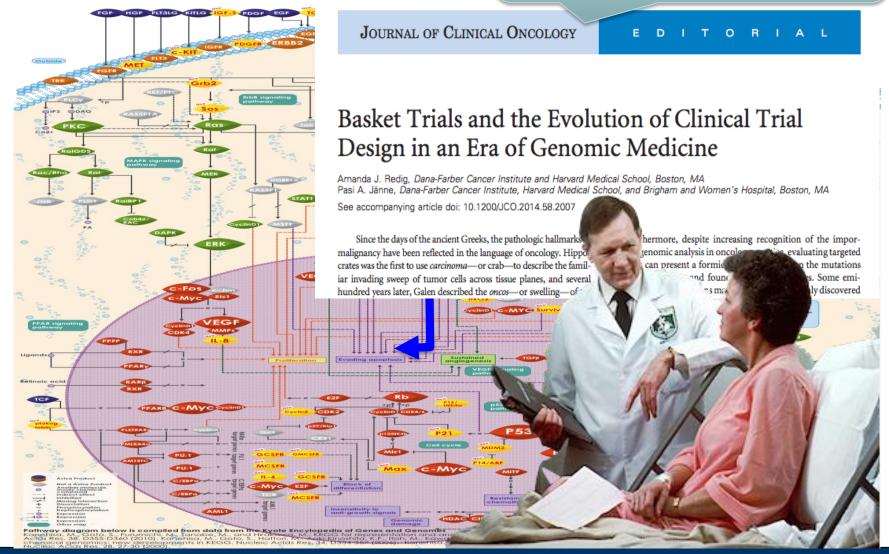
They said the "surprise" findings, reported at the European Breast Cancer Conference, could mean some women no longer need chemotherapy. 2016: Targeting two deregulated pathways with lapatinib and trastuzumab - Tumours can be gone in as short as 11 days! [5]

**Describes pathways deregulated** 

#### And drug class required to counter it



"Basket trials" now mean we will treat cancers by genomic diagnosis, not anatomic site [4]



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With 3 key steps deregulated – we need 3 concurrent cancer therapies

Will my health insurance cover that?

the average cost per month for a branded oncology drug in the U.S. is now approximately \$10,000 [2]

 $10,000 \times 3 \times 12 = 360,000 \text{ a year}$ 



## 2015 was another record year for drug innovation

#### STICKER SHOCK

New drugs for cancer and rare diseases came with hefty list prices

DRUG NAME	INDICATION	ANNUAL PRICE	
Kanuma	LAL deficiency	\$310,000	
Strensiq	Juvenile-onset hypophosphatasia	\$285,000	
Orkambi	Cystic fibrosis	\$259,000	
Uptravi	Pulmonary arterial hypertension	\$160,000-170,000	
Tagrisso	Lung cancer	\$153,000 <sup>a</sup>	
Alecensa	ALK-positive lung cancer	\$150,000 <sup>a</sup>	
Empliciti	Multiple myeloma	\$140,000 <sup>b</sup>	
Portrazza	Lung cancer	\$137,000 <sup>a</sup>	
Farydak	Multiple myeloma	\$119,000 <sup>a</sup>	
Ibrance	Metastatic breast cancer	\$118,200	
Ninlaro	Multiple myeloma	\$113,000 <sup>a</sup>	
Darzalex	Multiple myeloma	\$110,000	

a Based on announced monthly or four-week pricing, b For first year of treatment.

NOTE: Blue indicates a cancer drug; yellow indicates a rare drug treatment.

SOURCES: Companies, patient groups

8 cancer drugs approved in 2015 had a six-figure price [1]

The median wage in the US per person is \$26,695 [2]



# CAN WE AFFORD THE WAR ON CANCER?

Immunotherapy vaccines could extend survival in a handful of cancers. But personalizing treatment, payers argue, is not sustainable. Where should the line be drawn?

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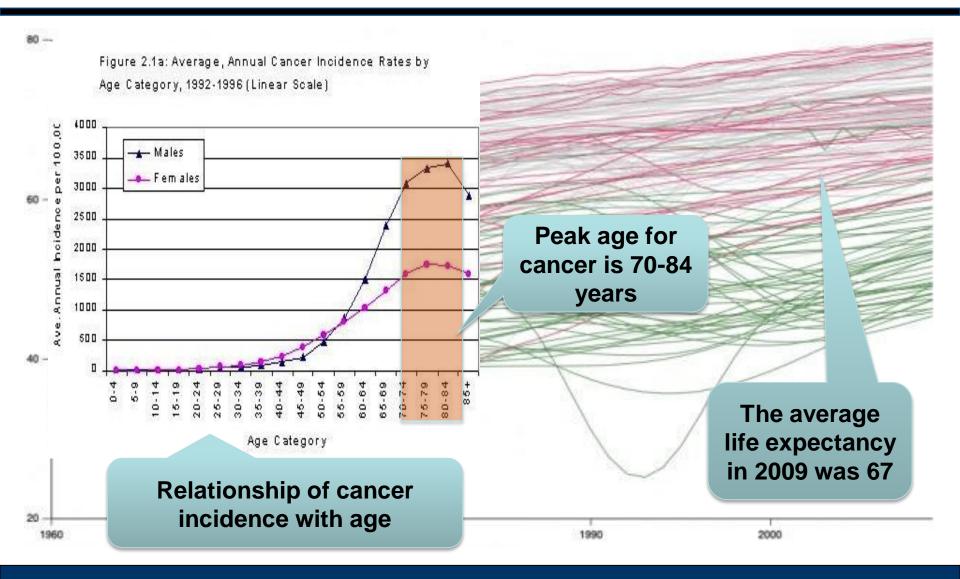
wo years ago, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration took a step that some thought would never occur — it approved the sipuleucel-T (Provenge) vaccine for late-stage prostate cancer. The move came after a protracted episode involving allegations of conflicts of interest among a pair of FDA advisory committee members who reviewed the

tending a life by 4.1 months is worth the price of Provenge. It has also prompted larger questions about the underlying technology and the need to develop more vaccines.

Provenge is made by culturing a patient's immune cells with a recombinant antigen. The individualized product is then infused back into the patient, activating the immune system to target and attack the cancer. This "immunotherapy" underscores the move toward personalized

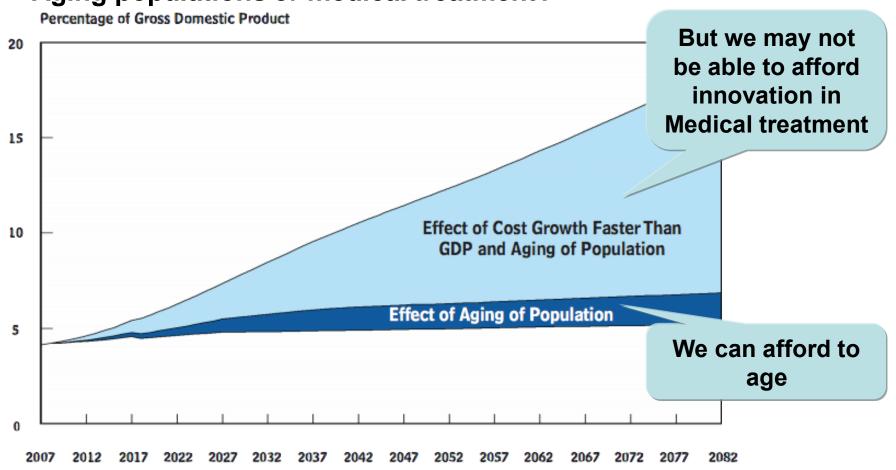


### But we have a problem: more cancer to treat

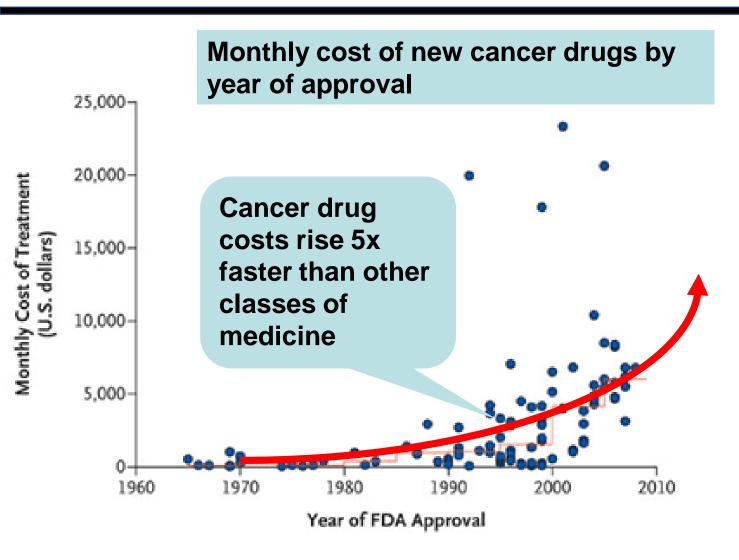


# Planning for the Future: What Will Happen to Costs?

What is the driver for increased spending: Aging populations or medical treatment?



## But we have a problem: treatment costs are rising





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## What are policy-makers trying to do?

Health Care

#### Will Health Costs Bankrupt America?

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Forbes Magazine dated March 14, 2011

What kept going up even in the depths of the worst recession since the 1930s? Health spending.

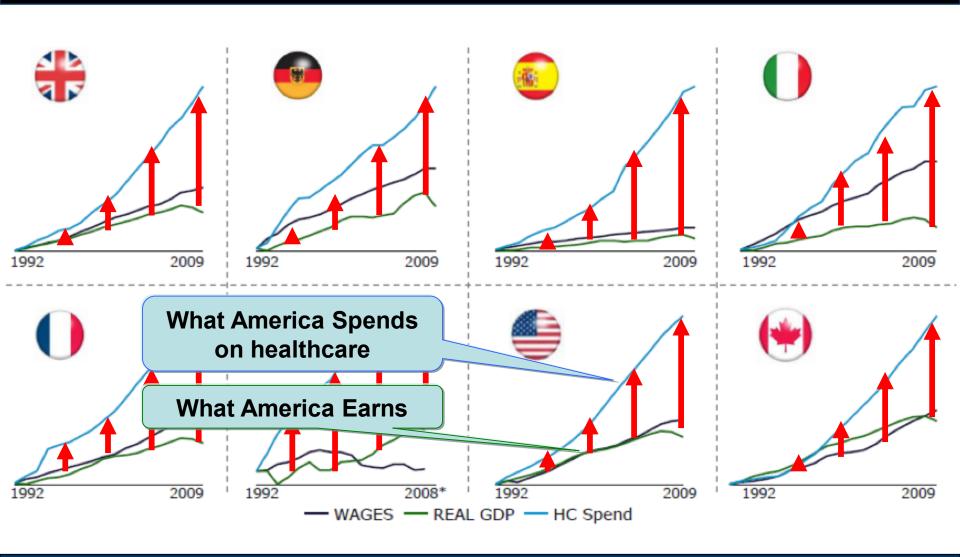
A forbes.com conversation with Robert Langreth, Avik Roy, David Whelan, Matthew Herper--and our audience.

What kept going up even in the depths of the worst recession since the 1930s? Health spending. It rose 4% in 2009 to an alltime record of 17.6% of gross domestic product. We are far above every other nation in health spending but don't have the longevity to show for it. Health costs are by far the biggest threat to the nation's fiscal health in the long run.

Health care costs are increasing at an annual rate of 7% a year, which if sustained will bankrupt Medicare in nine years and increase the nation's overall annual health care tab to \$4 trillion in 10 years.



# Medical Cost Inflation puts health services at jeopardy

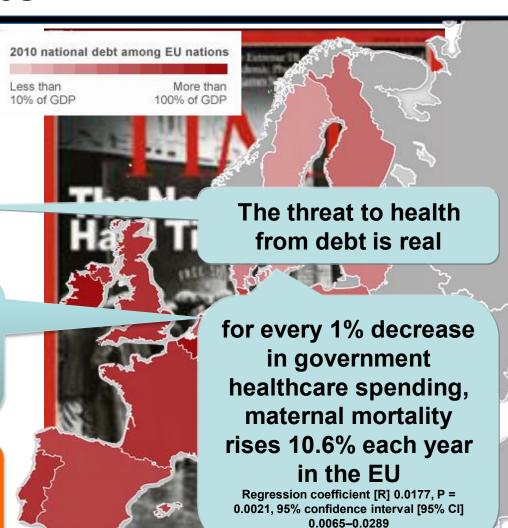


#### We live in difficult times

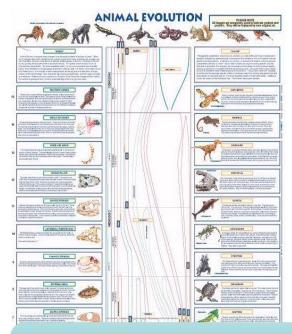
- To maintain essential services, such as health and education
- The world has borrowed money and created significant debt

Even when our current financial crisis is over we will have to repay debt leaving little spare for increased spending

Yet we need an "innovation fund" to enable our patients to access better care



## The Evolution of Medical Decision Making:



- Pre-EBM Evidence Based Medicine
  - Focus on a novel mechanism of action? Tumour control, PFS
- EBM Evidence Based Medicine
  - Focus on efficacy OS & QOL
- VBM Value Based Medicine
  - Focus on effectiveness and "value" to stakeholders

EBM "Does this intervention make you live significantly longer or live better?"



VBM "Is this worth doing compared with other things we could do with the same resource?"

by 2018, biologics worth \$68 billion in annual sales will lose patent protection

Even with only 20% discount, this should give the world a \$14 Billion health innovation fund

30% gets us \$21 Billion

40% pays back \$28 Bilion

## DEFINITION of 'Blockbuster Drug'

a drug that generates annual sales of at least \$1 billion

VBM "Is this worth doing compared with other things we could do with the same resource?"

## The WHO has made it very clear



- The leading cause of inefficiency in healthcare is underuse of generics and paying more than necessary for medicines [1]
- A Biosimilar is similar in terms of quality, safety, and efficacy to an already licensed reference biotherapeutic product [2]
- To use a more expensive version of a drug is "irrational, inappropriate, improper, incorrect" [3]

"The only drug that works is a drug that we can afford to give"

There are 196 countries in the world

Just 7 countries in the world buy 75% of all biologic drugs

The unmet need for cheaper biologics is significant

We have a common interest between patients, physicians, pharmacists, pharma' and payers in the success of biosimilars

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Biosimilars offer a reward to world health that will be substantial

# Biosimilars – why are they so important?



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