

Real-world impact of an in-house dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase (*DPYD*) genotype test on fluoropyrimidine dosing, toxicities, and hospitalizations at a multisite cancer center

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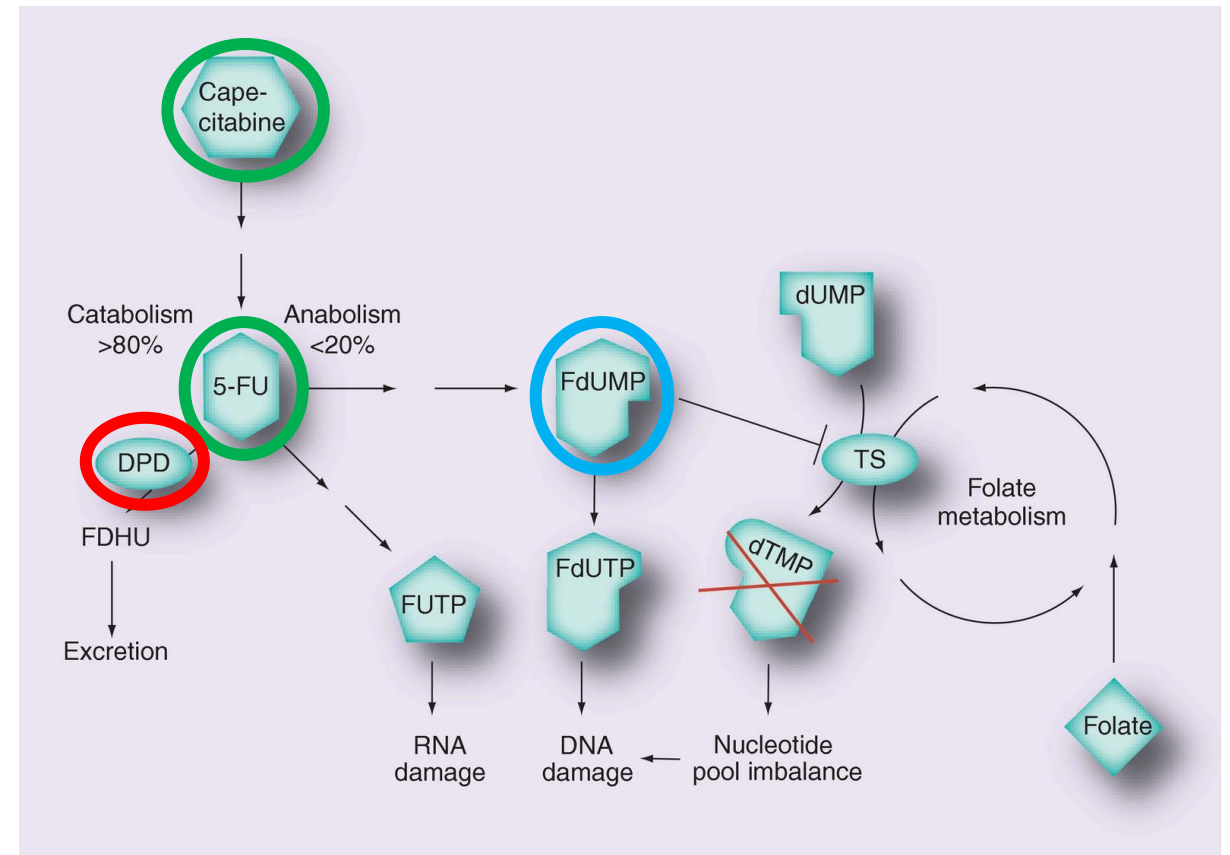
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Fluoropyrimidines (FP) & DPD/DPYD

- IV 5-fluorouracil (**5-FU**) and oral prodrug **capecitabine** (Xeloda)
 - Breast, colorectal, pancreatic, esophageal, head and neck cancers
 - Toxicities: neutropenia, GI, mucositis, and hand-foot syndrome (grade 3/4 ~ 30-35%)
 - Mortality rate from FP-related toxicities: ~0.1-0.5%
- Fluoropyrimidine pharmacology
 - **5-FU** bioactivated to **FdUMP** for efficacy
 - **5-FU** exposure determines toxicity
 - **5-FU** catabolized by dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase (**DPD/DPYD**)
 - ~80% of dose metabolized by DPD



DPYD Variants with Reduced DPD Activity

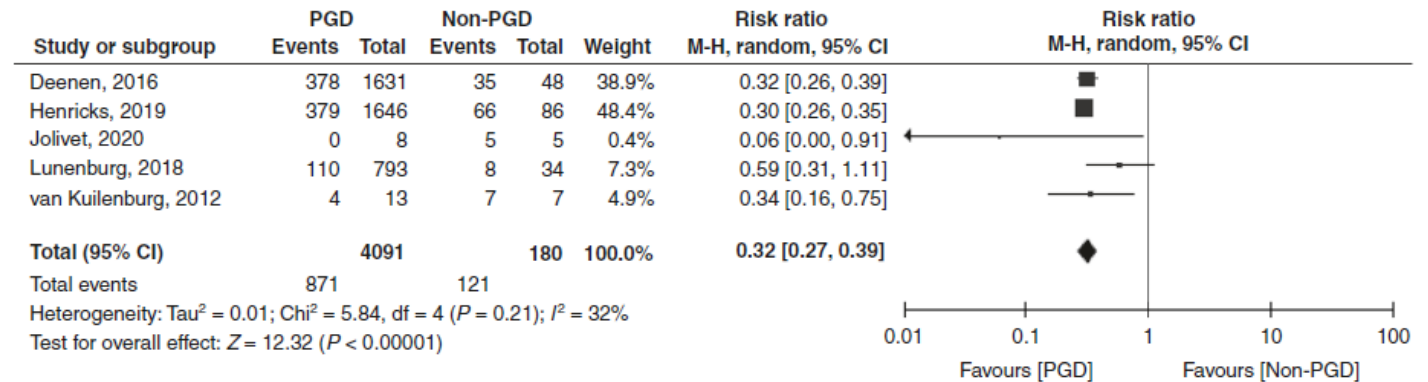
Activity	* Allele	rsID	Aliases	Genetic effect	Estimated reduction in enzyme activity	Allele Freq. (Eur)
No function	*2A	rs3918290	c.1905+1G>A, IVS14+1G>A	Splice site	50%	0.8%
	*13	rs55886062	c.1679T>G, p.I560S	Missense	40-50%	0.06%
	N/A	rs67376798	c.2846A>T, p.D949V	Missense	30%	0.4%
Reduced function	N/A	rs56038477	c.1129-5923C>G, HapB3	Nonfunctional transcript	25-30%	2-3%
	N/A	rs115232898	c.557A>G, p.Y186C	Missense	40-45%	1-2% (AA)

- Combined carrier frequency ~5-7% (~1/500 patients homozygous)
- Many other rare/singleton diminished activity variants reported

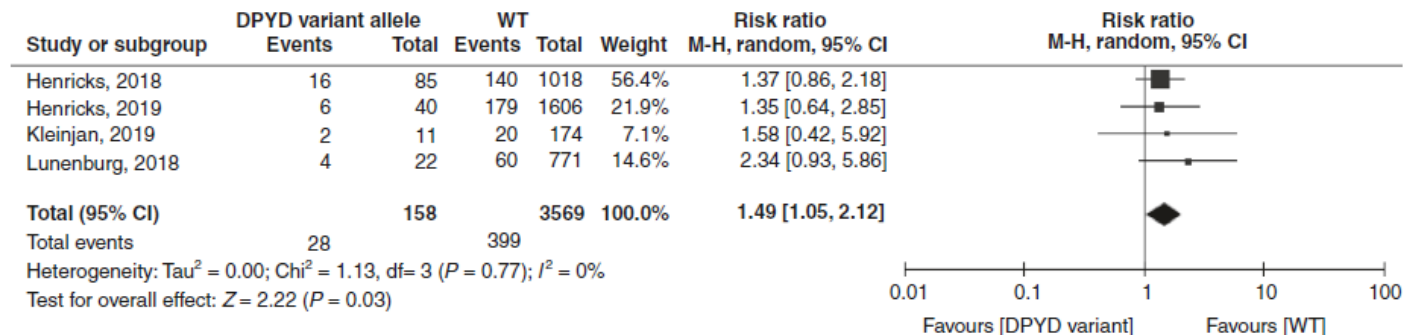
Toxicity and Treatment Outcomes with *DPYD*-guided Dosing Compared to Standard of Care BSA-based Dosing of Fluoropyrimidine

- A systematic review and meta-analysis of 17 eligible studies
 - Sample sizes ranging from 107-2617
 - Inconsistency in *DPYD* testing methods and allele coverage
 - Inconsistency in genotype-guided dose reductions (ranging from 9-83%)
- Reduced incidence of grade 3/4 overall toxicity (RR 0.32, 95% CI 0.27-0.39, $p < 0.00001$)
- No differences for overall response rates (RR 1.49, 95% CI 0.93-1.85, $p = 0.12$)

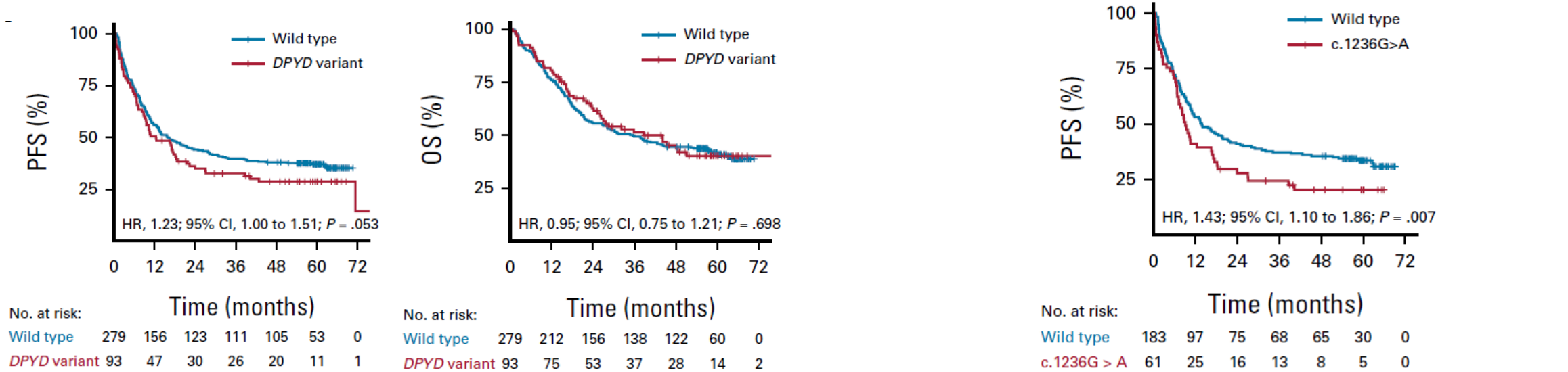
Grade 3/4 overall toxicity



Overall response



Survival Outcomes of *DPYD* Variant Carriers Receiving Genotype-guided Fluoropyrimidine Dosing



Kaplan-Meier plots and HRs for PFS and OS of pooled *DPYD* variant carriers

PFS of pooled *DPYD* c.1236G>A carriers

Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium (CPIC) Guidelines for Fluoropyrimidine and *DPYD*

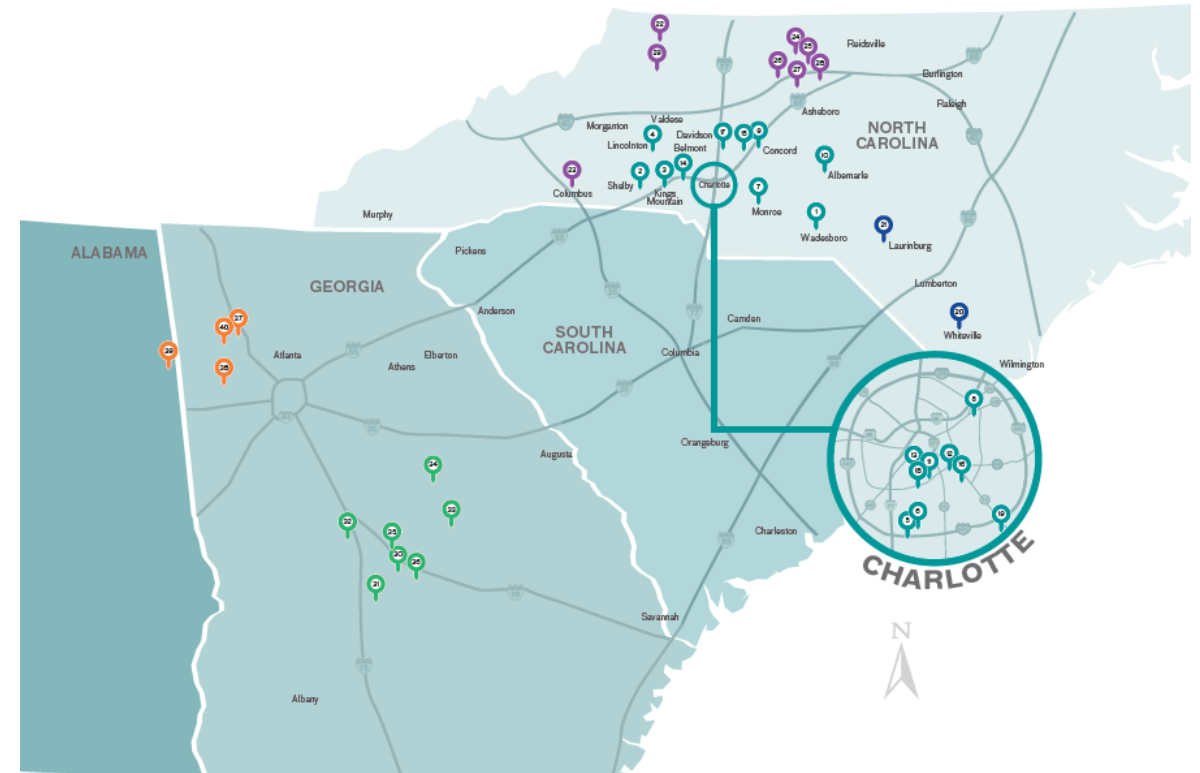
DPD Phenotype	<i>DPYD</i> Diplotype	DPD Enzyme Activity	Dosing Recommendation
Normal metabolizer	Two normal function alleles	Normal	Use label recommended dosage and administration.
Intermediate metabolizer	One normal and one reduced or no function allele, or two reduced function alleles	Decreased	Reduce starting dose by 50% followed by titration based on tolerability
Poor Metabolizer	Two no function alleles, or one no function and one reduced function allele	None	Avoid use or reduce starting dose by $\geq 75\%$ followed by titration based on tolerability



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Clinical Implementation of *DPYD* Genotyping Test at Atrium Health Levine Cancer

Atrium Health Levine Cancer



DPYD Testing Workflow

What?

DPYD genotyping

- 5 clinically actionable variants: DPYD*2A(c.1905+1G>A), c.2846A>T, c.1679T>G (DPYD*13), c.1236G>A (haplotype B3), c.557A>G

Where?

LCI Molecular Biology and Genomics Laboratory

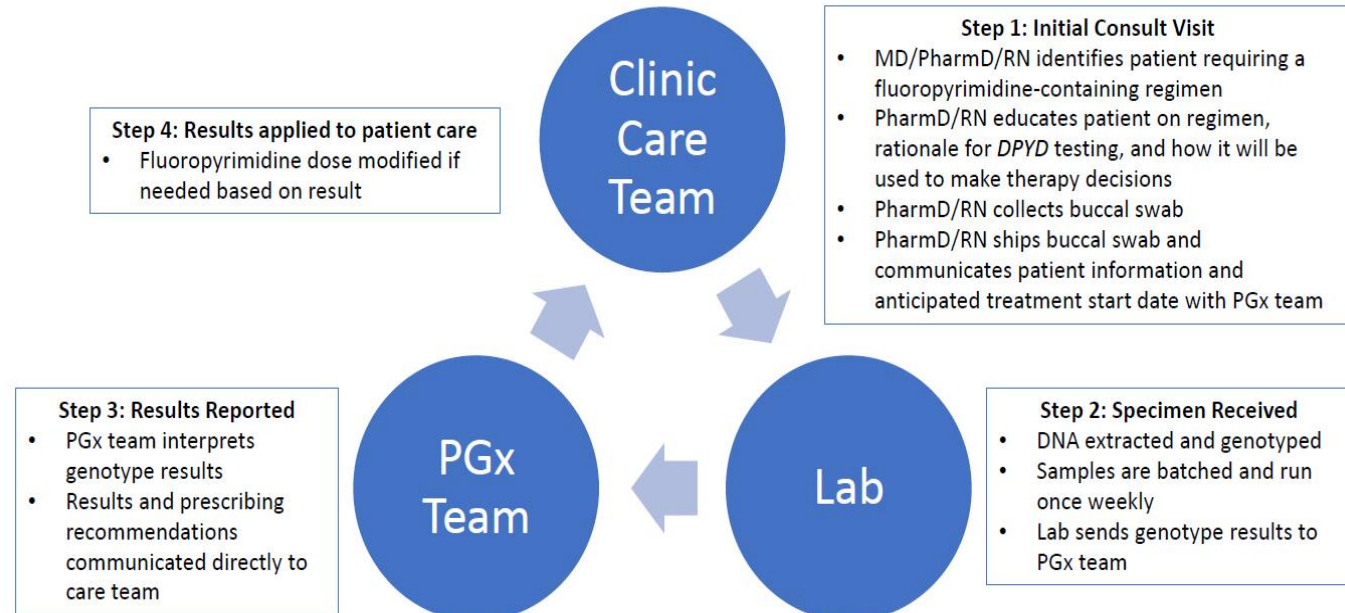
- Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA)-approved laboratory developed test
- Buccal swab kits available at 1 site (2020) → 2 sites (2021) → 15 sites (2022)
- Option for at-home collection

When?

Results available within 2-7 days

- Batch run twice weekly

How?




Best Practice Advisory Alerts

BestPractice Advisory - Pgxcontrol, Noresults

Critical (1)


Consider ordering a DPYD genotype test.



DPYD genotype may be useful for fluoropyrimidine dosing and use. A DPYD genotype test does not appear to have been ordered for this patient. Patients with certain DPYD variants may experience more toxicity with fluoropyrimidines. **Consider ordering a DPYD genotype test.**

See [CPIC clinical guidelines](#) for more information.

Remove the following orders?

 capecitabine (XELODA) 500 mg chemo tablet
Take 2 tablets (1,000 mg total) by mouth Once Daily for 14 days. Swallow whole with water. Do not crush or cut. Take with food. Normal, Disp-28 tablet, R-0

Apply the following?

Send DPYD genotype order request to pharmacogenomics team

[Review this patient's genomic indicators](#)

Acknowledge Reason


Pre-test alert

For patients who have not been tested:
Notifies prescriber to consider ordering a *DPYD* genotype test

BestPractice Advisory - Pgxdpyd, Im

Critical (1)


Pharmacogenomic Interaction - DPYD / Capecitabine




This patient is predicted to be a DPYD intermediate metabolizer/heterozygous carrier and may be at an increased risk of toxicity due to elevated plasma concentrations of fluoropyrimidines. **Consider a dose reduction of up to 50%**. Please consult a clinical pharmacist for more information.

See [CPIC clinical guidelines](#) for more information.

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Apply the following?

 E-consult to Pharmacogenomics

[Review this patient's genomic indicators](#)

Acknowledge Reason

Post-test alert

For patients with an observed variant:
Notifies prescriber to consider dose reduction



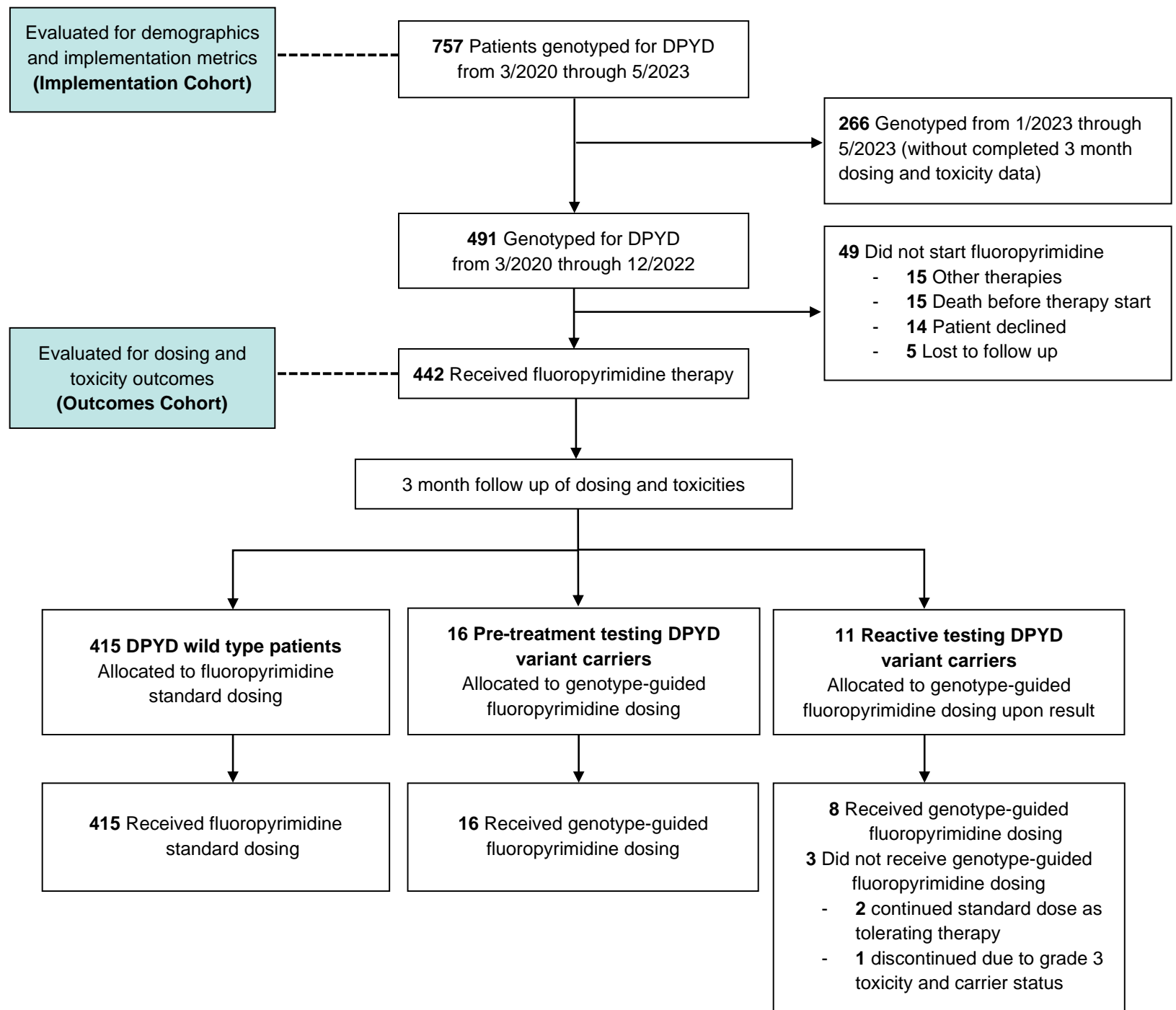
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Real-world Outcomes Study

Methods

- Prospective, real-world, observational cohort study across 14 oncology clinics
- Eligible patients: those receiving or planning to receive fluoropyrimidine-based chemotherapy and undergoing in-house *DPYD* genotyping
- Primary endpoint:
 - Proportion of *DPYD* variant carriers receiving genotype-guided treatment modifications
- Secondary endpoints:
 - Mean first cycle relative dose intensity
 - Rates of fluoropyrimidine-related grade 3+ toxicities, hospitalizations, and treatment discontinuations
 - Compared between three groups:
 - *DPYD* wild-type patients
 - Pre-treatment testing *DPYD* variant carriers
 - Reactive testing *DPYD* variant carriers

CONSORT Diagram



- Pre-treatment testing: specimen collected prior to treatment start date
- Reactive testing: specimen collection on or after treatment start date.

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Characteristics	All patients (N=757)	DPYD wild type (N=712)	Pre-treatment testing carriers (N=32)	Reactive testing carriers (N=13)	p-value
Age (median, range)	63 (22-94)	63 (22-94)	68 (29-86)	59 (30-82)	0.501
Sex, female (N, %)	347 (46%)	323 (45%)	21 (66%)	3 (23%)	0.022
Race (N, %)					0.525
White	559 (74%)	521 (73%)	25 (78%)	13 (100%)	
Black/African American	146 (19%)	140 (20%)	6 (19%)	0 (0%)	
Asian	25 (3.3%)	24 (3.4%)	1 (3.1%)	0 (0%)	
Hispanic/Latino (N,%)	32 (4.2%)	31 (4.4%)	1 (3.1%)	0 (0%)	>0.999
Cancer type (N, %)					0.085
Colorectal	348 (46%)	327 (46%)	15 (47%)	6 (46%)	
Noncolorectal gastrointestinal	320 (42%)	304 (43%)	11 (34%)	5 (39%)	
Breast	35 (4.6%)	33 (4.6%)	2 (6.3%)	0 (0%)	
Genitourinary	31 (4.1%)	30 (4.2%)	0 (0%)	1 (7.7%)	
Head and neck	20 (2.6%)	16 (2.2%)	3 (9.4%)	1 (7.7%)	
Stage (N, %)					0.732
0, I, II	129 (17.2%)	120 (16.5%)	6 (19%)	3 (23%)	
III	225 (30%)	210 (30%)	12 (38%)	3 (23%)	
IV	338 (45%)	319 (45%)	12 (38%)	7 (54%)	
ECOG					0.927
0, 1, 2	600 (79%)	564 (79%)	27 (85%)	9 (70%)	
3, 4	23 (3.1%)	21 (2.9%)	1 (3.1%)	1 (7.7%)	
Unknown	134 (18%)	127 (18%)	4 (13%)	3 (23%)	
Treatment (N, %)					
Fluorouracil-based	415 (55%)	392 (55%)	15 (47%)	8 (62%)	0.610
Capecitabine-based	256 (34%)	239 (34%)	12 (38%)	5 (39%)	--
Monotherapy	225 (30%)	210 (30%)	13 (41%)	2 (15%)	0.142
Combination regimen	446 (59%)	421 (59%)	14 (44%)	11 (85%)	--
Did not start fluoropyrimidine-based treatment	86 (11%)	81 (11%)	5 (16%)	0 (0%)	--

DPYD Allele Frequency

	All patients (N=757)	DPYD wild type (N=712)	Pre-treatment testing carriers (N=32)	Reactive testing carriers (N=13)	Race
DPYD genotype (N, %)					
Wild-type (*1/*1)	712 (94%)	712 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	
Heterozygous carrier	45 (5.9%)	0 (0%)	32 (100%)	13 (100%)	
*1/c.1236G>A (HapB3)	23 (3.0%)	0 (0%)	16 (50%)	7 (54%)	22 White, 1 Asian
*1/c.2846A>T	8 (1.1%)	0 (0%)	5 (16%)	3 (23%)	8 White
*1/c.557A>G	7 (0.9%)	0 (0%)	7 (22%)	0 (0%)	6 Black, 1 White
*1/c.1905+1G>A (*2A)	5 (0.7%)	0 (0%)	2 (6.3%)	3 (23%)	5 White
*1/c.1679T>G (*13)	2 (0.3%)	0 (0%)	2 (6.3%)	0 (0%)	2 White

Implementation Metrics

Turnaround time (median, IQR)	Days
Overall turnaround time	6 (3-7)
Time from sample collection to receipt	1 (1-2)
Time from sample receipt to result	3 (2-6)

Timing of testing (N, %)	Patients (N=757)
Pre-treatment testing	621 (82%)
DPYD variant carrier rate	32 (5.2%)
Resulted by treatment start date	561 (90%)
Reactive testing	136 (18%)
DPYD variant carrier rate	13 (9.6%)
Collected on treatment start date	59 (43%)

Fluoropyrimidine modifications upon result return (N, %)	DPYD variant carriers (N=45)
Pre-treatment testing	32 (71%)
Dose reduced	27 (84%)
Not started ¹	5 (16%)
Reactive testing	13 (29%)
Dose reduced	9 (69%)
Discontinued ²	1 (7.7%)
No change ³	3 (23%)

¹13 died before treatment started, 1 declined chemotherapy, and 1 had treatment avoided due to variant and hepatic impairment.

²Due to variant and grade 3 toxicities.

³Tolerating therapy per provider.

Of 42 variant carriers, 38 (90%) had genotype-guided FP dose reduction or discontinuation

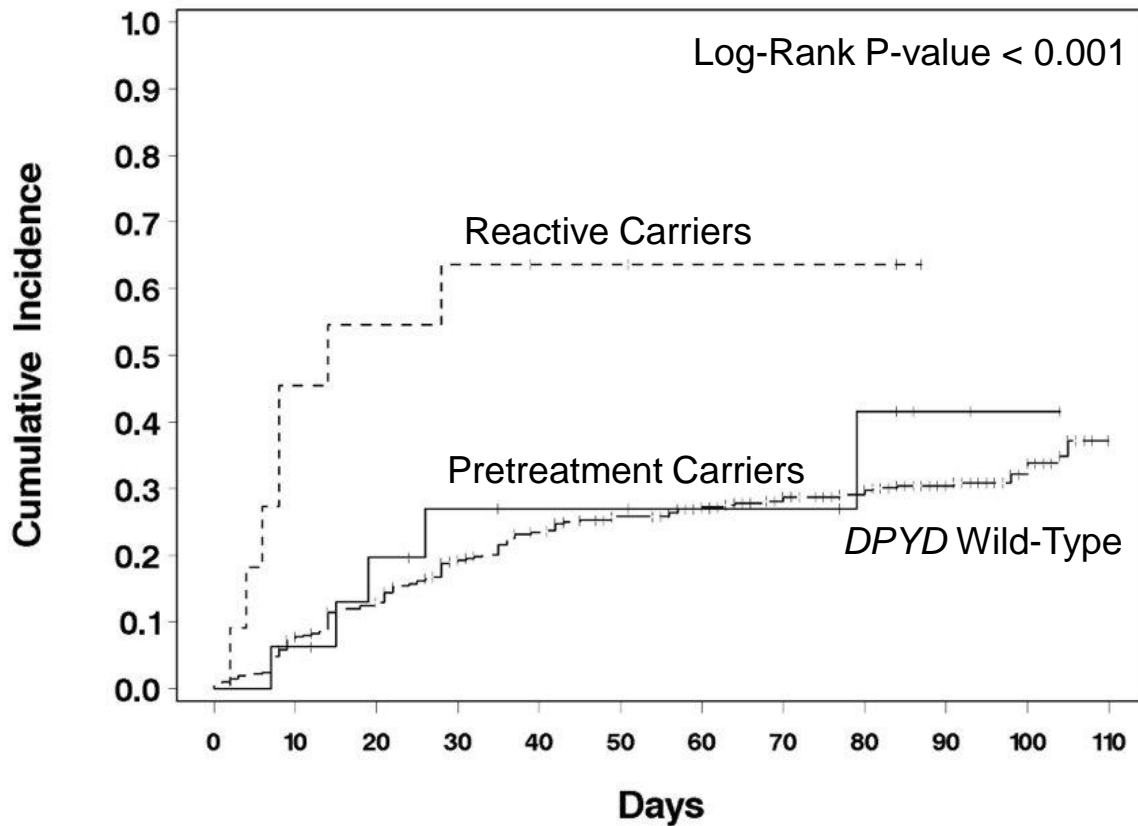
FP Dose Intensity, Grade 3+ Toxicities, and Hospitalization

	All patients (N=442)	DPYD wild-type (N=415)	Pre-treatment testing carriers (N=16)	Reactive testing carriers (N=11)	p-value
Relative dose intensity, first cycle (mean, range)	93% (26-121%)	94% (26-121%)	55% (29-89%)	95% (74-102%)	-
FP-related grade 3+ toxicity, N (%)	138 (31%)	126 (30%)	5 (31%)	7 (64%)	0.085
Hematological toxicity	66 (15%)	62 (15%)	1 (6.3%)	3 (27%)	0.277
Gastrointestinal toxicity	77 (17%)	67 (16%)	4 (25%)	6 (55%)	0.006
Hand-foot syndrome	7 (1.6%)	7 (1.7%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	>0.999
Other¹	2 (0.5%)	2 (0.5%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	>0.999
FP-related hospitalization, N (%)	64 (15%)	53 (13%)	4 (25%)	7 (64%)	<0.001
FP-related treatment discontinuation, N (%)	41 (9.3%)	37 (8.9%)	3 (19%)	1 (9.1%)	0.281

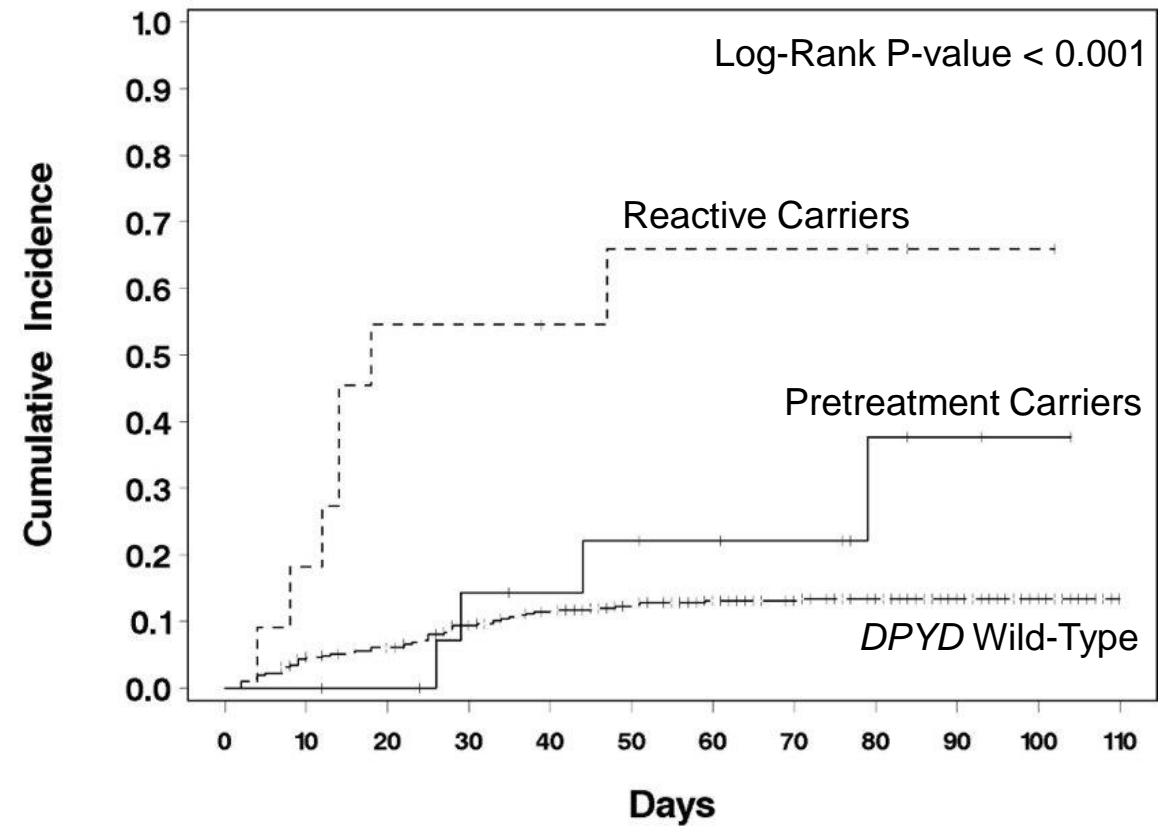
¹Cardiovascular related events

Cumulative Incidence

Grade 3+ Toxicities



Hospitalizations

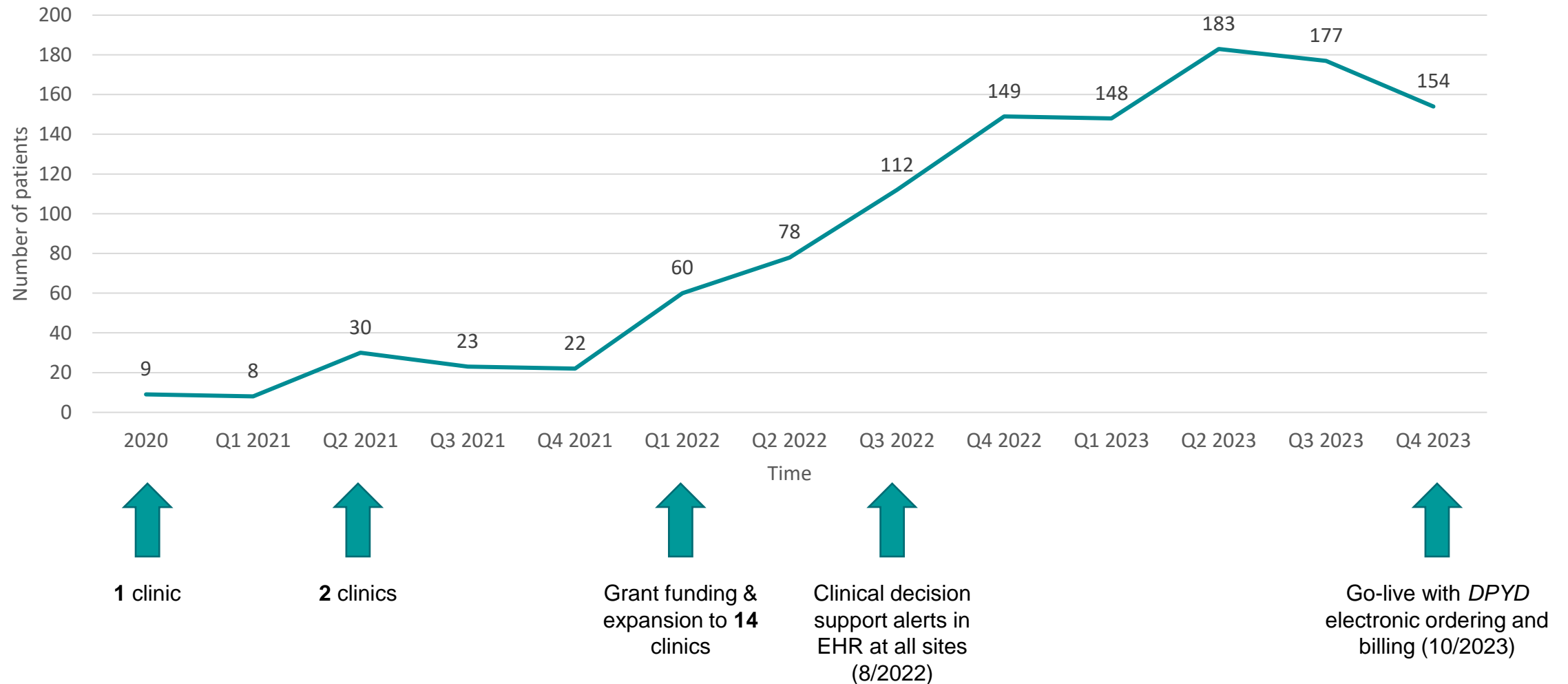


Co-variates	Grade 3+ Adverse Events (N=442)				Hospitalizations (N=442)			
	Univariate Results		Multivariable Results		Univariate Results		Multivariable Results	
	OR (CI)	p-value	OR (CI)	p-value	OR (CI)	p-value	OR (CI)	p-value
DPYD genotype category		0.092		0.130		<0.001		0.001
Wild-type vs. pre-treatment carriers	1.04 (0.36, 3.06)		1.25 (0.42, 3.74)		2.28 (0.71, 7.32)		2.02 (0.62, 6.56)	
Wild-type vs. reactive carriers	4.01 (1.15, 13.96)		3.57 (1.02, 12.49)		11.95 (3.38, 42.22)		9.59 (2.70, 34.04)	
Sex								
Male vs. female	0.84 (0.56, 1.26)	0.402	--	--	0.98 (0.58, 1.67)	0.946	--	--
Age (years)	1.00 (0.98, 1.01)	0.625		--	1.01 (0.99, 1.03)	0.507		--
Race		0.675		--		0.085		0.163
White vs. Asian	0.40 (0.09, 1.82)		--		0.39 (0.05, 3.08)		0.46 (0.06, 3.59)	
White vs. Black	1.07 (0.64, 1.80)		--		0.31 (0.12, 0.79)		0.35 (0.13, 0.90)	
White vs. Other	0.99 (0.34, 2.93)		--		NE (NE, NE)		NE (NE, NE)	
Ethnicity		0.409		--		0.887		--
Non-Hispanic vs. Hispanic	1.29 (0.53, 3.15)		--		1.32 (0.43, 4.04)		--	
Non-Hispanic vs. Other	4.52 (0.41, 50.25)		--		NE (NE, NE)		--	
Diagnosis		0.123		--		0.314		--
Non-GI vs. colorectal	1.05 (0.51, 2.17)		--		2.51 (0.74, 8.58)		--	
Non-GI vs. non-colorectal GI	1.59 (0.77, 3.29)		--		2.58 (0.75, 8.90)		--	
Stage		0.783		--		0.636		--
IV vs. 0/I/II/III	0.87 (0.57, 1.32)		--		0.77 (0.44, 1.33)		--	
IV vs. unknown	0.85 (0.38, 1.88)		--		0.89 (0.32, 2.48)		--	
ECOG		0.513		--		0.784		--
0/1 vs. 2/3/4	1.36 (0.74, 2.52)		--		1.25 (0.57, 2.73)		--	
0/1 vs. unknown	1.24 (0.71, 2.14)		--		0.88 (0.41, 1.89)		--	
Treatment Route								
Oral vs. IV	1.69 (1.09, 2.60)	0.018	--	--	1.15 (0.66, 2.00)	0.625	--	--
Treatment Regimen								
Monotherapy vs. combination	1.73 (1.11, 2.69)	0.015	1.69 (1.08, 2.65)	0.022	1.45 (0.81, 2.60)	0.210	--	--

Discussion

- Real-world analysis of U.S.-based patients receiving *DPYD* genotyping demonstrated:
 - *DPYD* implementation across multiple clinic locations proved feasible
 - Almost all variant carriers received genotype-guided fluoropyrimidine modifications
 - Pre-treatment testing with genotype-guided dosing reduced severe toxicities and hospitalizations compared to reactive testing
- Study limitations
 - Performed at a single institution with in-house testing capabilities
 - Small sample size of *DPYD* variant carriers
 - Toxicity data collected from standard of care clinic notes and lab results
 - Limited to 3-month follow up, did not include survival endpoints

DPYD Testing Volume Per Quarter



ASHP 2023 Best Practices Award

In-house genotyping program identifies safer doses of fluoropyrimidine chemotherapies



EHR physician alert for *DPYD* testing when 5-FU or Xeloda ordered



Cheek swab sample provided by patient



Sample tested for 5 variants at in-house CLIA-certified lab



Results reported via EHR in an average of 3 days



1,200+ patients tested across 14 sites



Next Steps

- Expand variant coverage based on pending AMP recommendations
- Evaluate multi-gene panel testing in the same population
- Begin banking DNA to perform *DPYD* sequencing for discovery/validation
- Conduct cost analyses
- Expand testing to Wake Forest and Advocate Aurora

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