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Building a Machine Learning Model to Find Undiagnosed Patients in Rare Disease

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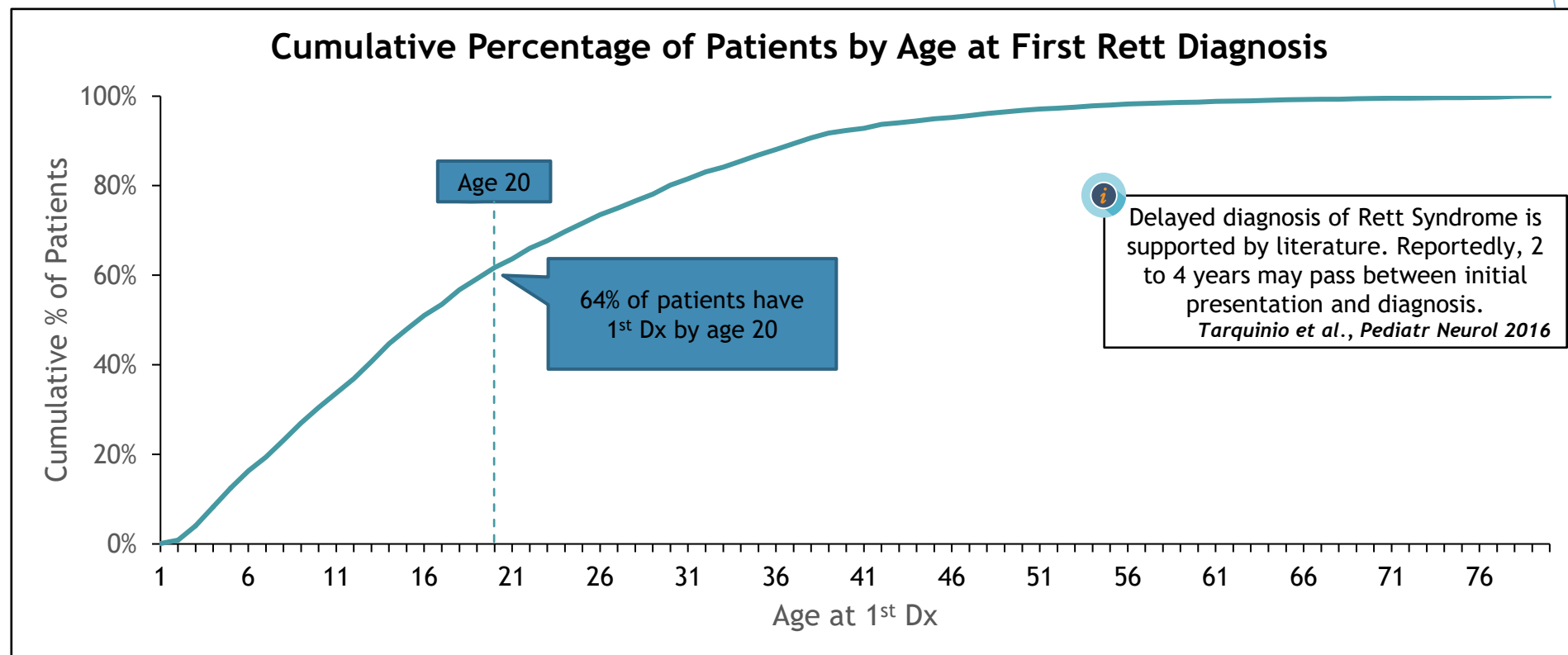
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Rett syndrome is a debilitating neurologic rare disease occurring primarily in females

Rett Syndrome		
 Epidemiology ^{1,2}	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rett Syndrome is a rare disease• Rett has a worldwide prevalence of 1 in 10,000 to 15,000 female births• Rett affects approximately 6,000 to 9,000 patients in the US	
 Disease Impact ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rett is a debilitating neurologic disease occurring primarily in females• Rett causes problems in brain function with rapid decline commencing around 6 to 18 months of age	
 Symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Major symptoms include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cognitive, sensory, emotional, and motor impairment• Loss of spoken communication, independence, and purposeful hand use	
 No FDA-approved treatment for Rett Syndrome		

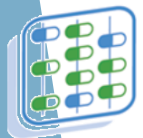
Rett is not commonly diagnosed until teenage years despite infant onset of brain decline

- Despite decline in brain functions commencing around 6 to 18 months of age, **only half of patients** were **diagnosed** with Rett Syndrome **by age 15**, suggesting delayed diagnosis
- Small patient populations with complex journeys are common in rare disease, where disease awareness may be low, frequently leading to prolonged time to diagnosis



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A machine learning approach applied to robust patient level data can identify undiagnosed patients earlier in their journey

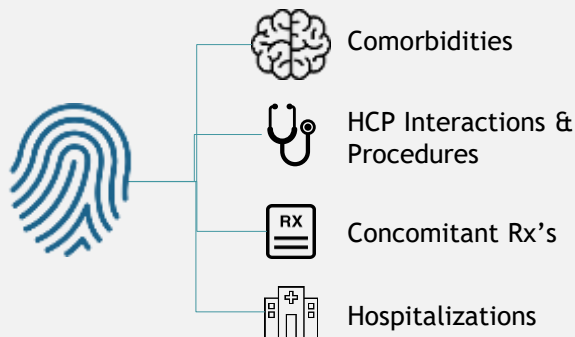
Find Patients with Disease X

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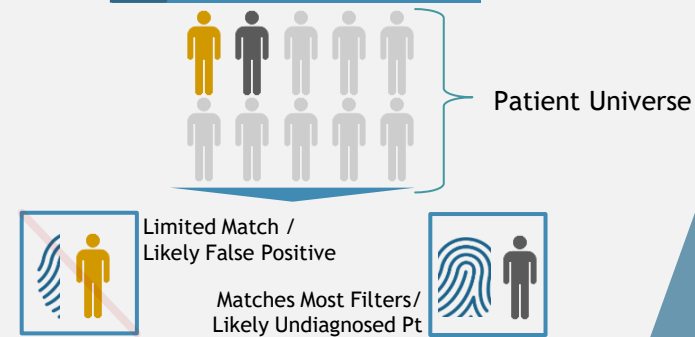
Identify a sample of patients with a **confirmed diagnosis** and determine variables that can **uniquely characterize** them leading up to diagnosis

2 Fingerprint



Focus on key drivers associated with diagnosis and **employ Machine Learning model to develop disease fingerprint**

3 Find



Use disease filters to narrow the predictive modeling universe / minimize false positives and **identify suspected patients with high confidence**

Impact Drivers

Patients mapped to **identifiable HCPs** for targeted outreach



Diagnosis

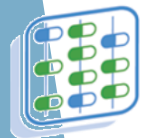
Extract **triggers** that can be used to **identify patients earlier**

Publications or other tactics to **communicate evidence-based disease filters** with broader audience



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We defined a confirmed Rett cohort using an ICD-10 diagnosis code among historical APLD data

Total APLD/LAAD* Sample

6,310

All patients with 2+ Rett Dx codes over the most recent 4-year period (ICD 10: F84.2)

Cross-sectional Market Map Year Patients

3,983

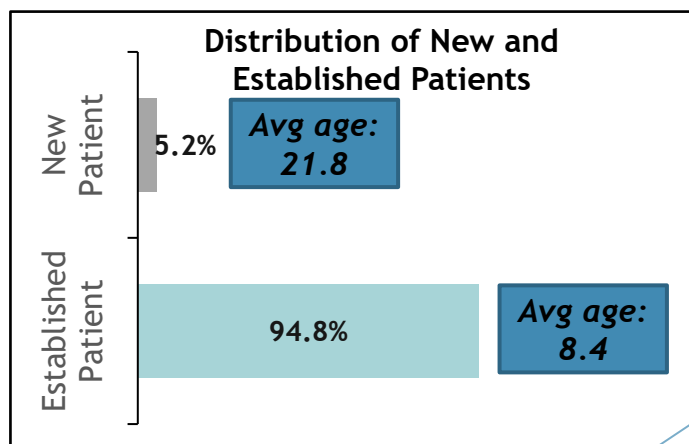
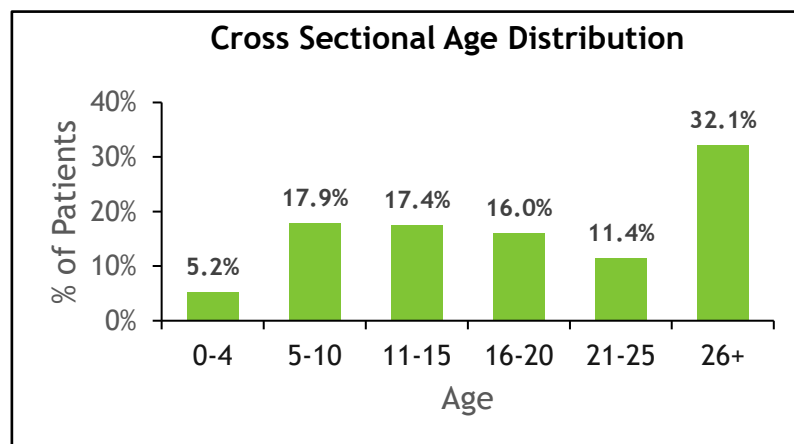
Female patients with at least 1 Rett Dx in the most recent year (11/2018-10/2019)



While ~10% of the sample were male, only females are included in this analysis



New patients are defined as those that have **no Rett Dx within 24 months prior** to the start of the most recent year and are **≤20 years old**, including patients with insufficient prior history to determine if they have a Rett Dx within 24 months. **Established patients** are those that are not new.



*APLD = Anonymized Patient Level Data

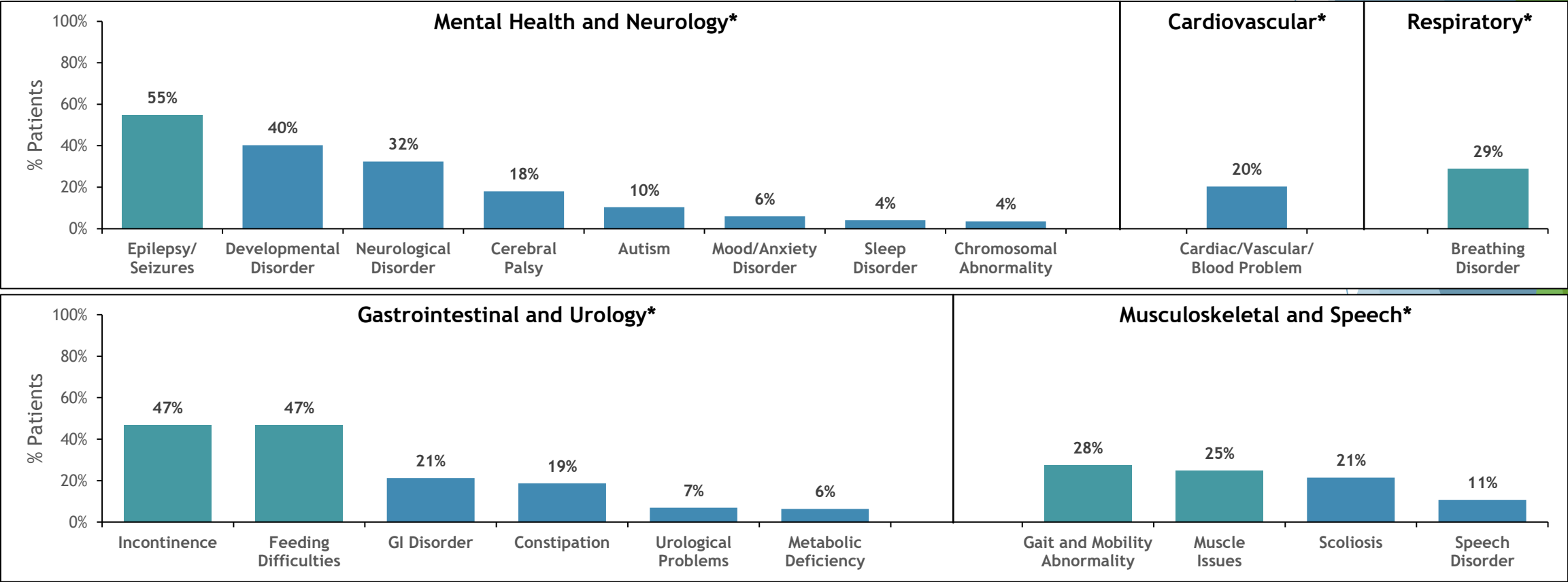
*LAAD = Longitudinal Access and Adjudication Data

Source: CRA Analysis of IQVIA APLD/LAAD Data Nov 2018 - Oct 2019

Characterization of Rett syndrome: Comorbidities (ICD-10)

5 broad categories captured the range of comorbidities Rett patients suffer

- Mental Health/Neurology, GI/Urology, Musculoskeletal/Speech, Cardiovascular, and Respiratory

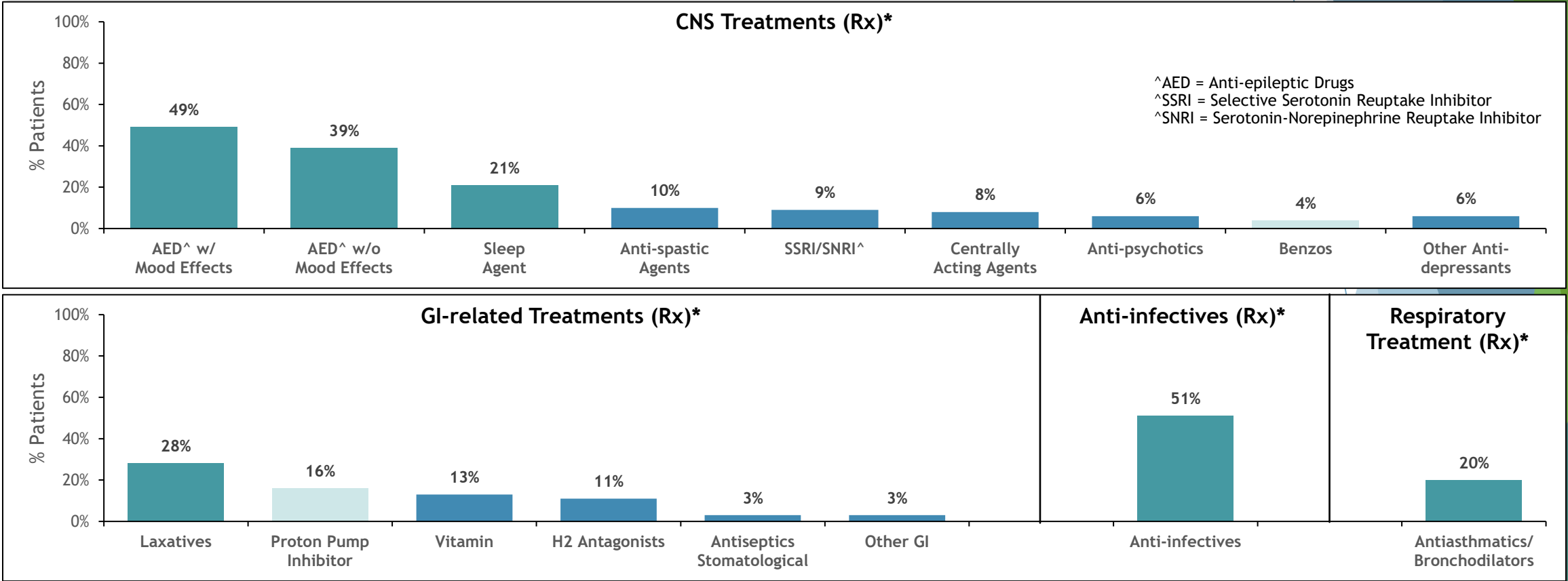


- Seizures, incontinence, feeding problems, breathing disorders and mobility/muscle issues are the most prevalent conditions
- Scoliosis, cardiovascular/blood and speech disorders are also not uncommon

Characterization of Rett syndrome: Treatment (Rx)

4 broad categories captured the prevalent treatment modalities for Rett patients

- CNS, GI-related, Anti-Infectives, and Respiratory

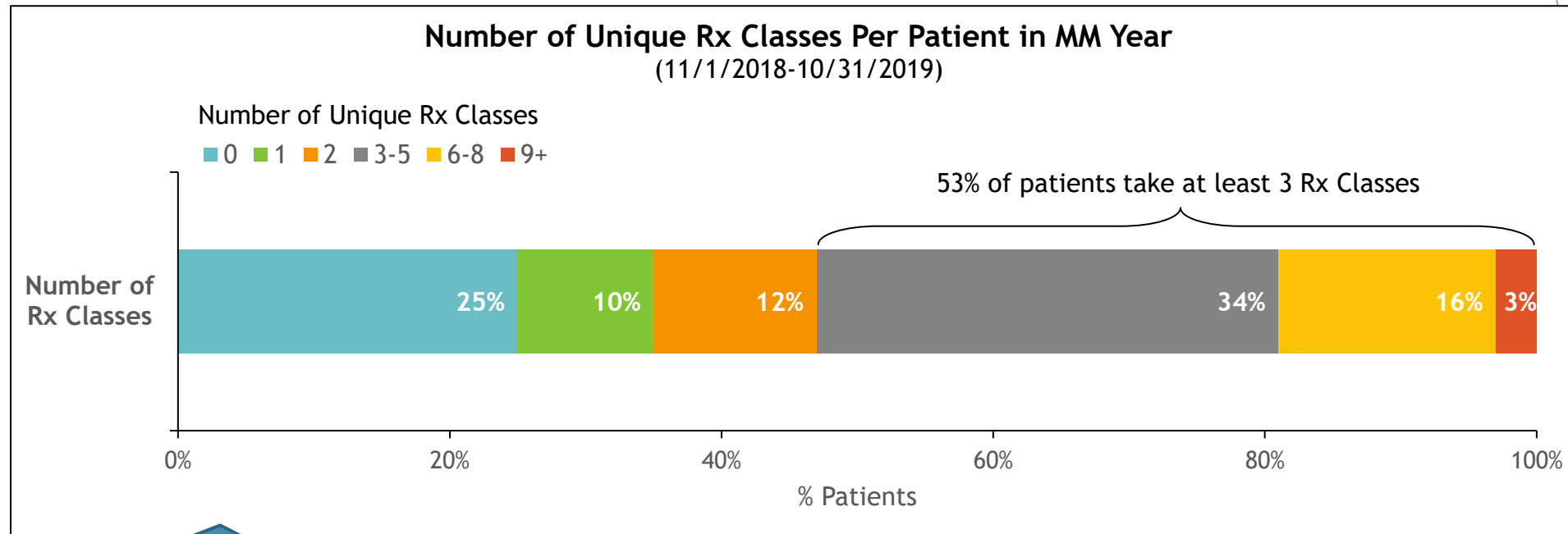


- AEDs, Sleep Agent, and Laxatives were the top Rx classes used within the MM year (11/1/2018-10/31/2019)
- Anti-infectives and respiratory treatments are also commonly used among patients

*Note: Patients could overlap among categories so that the sum could be over 100%
Source: CRA Analysis of IQVIA APLD/LAAD Data Nov 2018 - Oct 2019

Characterization of Rett syndrome: Treatment (Rx classes)

- Over half of patients use at least 3 different Rx classes
- Approximately 20% of patients are taking 6+ different Rx classes

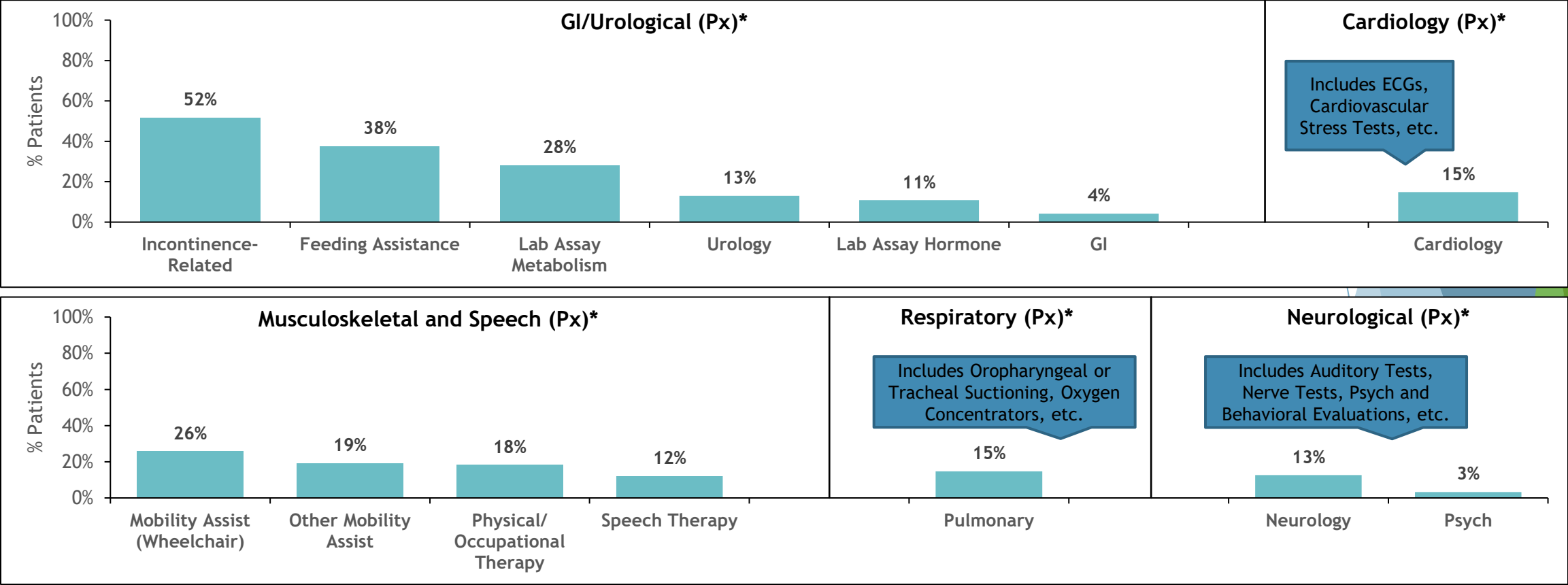


Patients may take multiple drugs within each Rx class, potentially adding further Rx burden

Characterization of Rett syndrome: Procedures (Px)

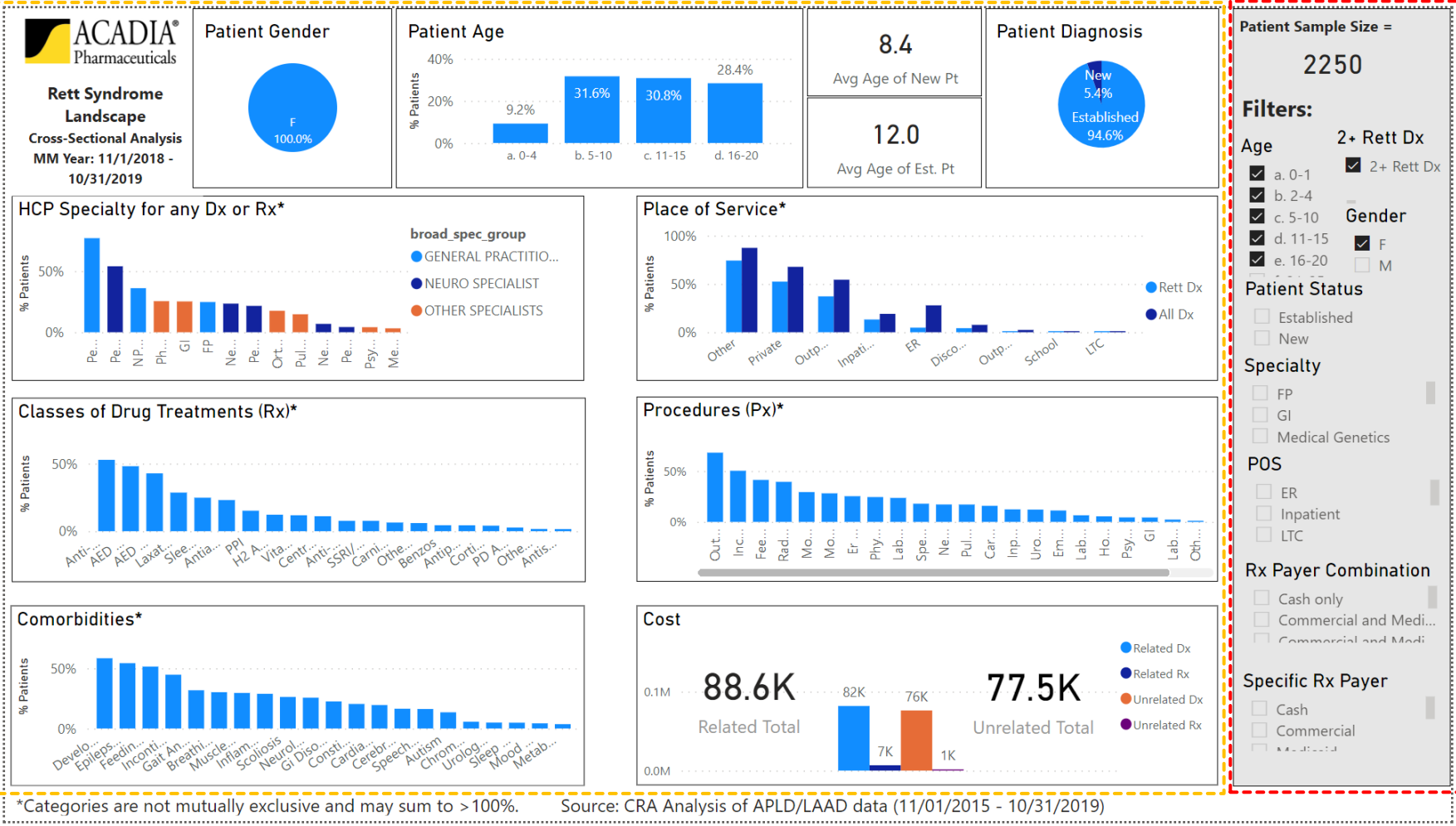
Procedures are grouped according to the comorbidities they address

- **GI/Urological** and **Musculoskeletal/Speech** are major categories of procedures



- Incontinence and feeding assistance affect one-half to one third of all Rett patients
- Mobility concerns (wheelchair-related), physical therapy, and speech therapy impact up to 1 in 4 patients

A comprehensive Power BI database allows Rett complexities to be parsed and visualized for exploration and buy-in

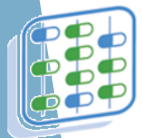


Snapshot overview of patient level data such as treatment, procedures, and comorbidities

Filters (Age, Gender, HCP Specialty, etc.) to select desired patient population with Rett Syndrome

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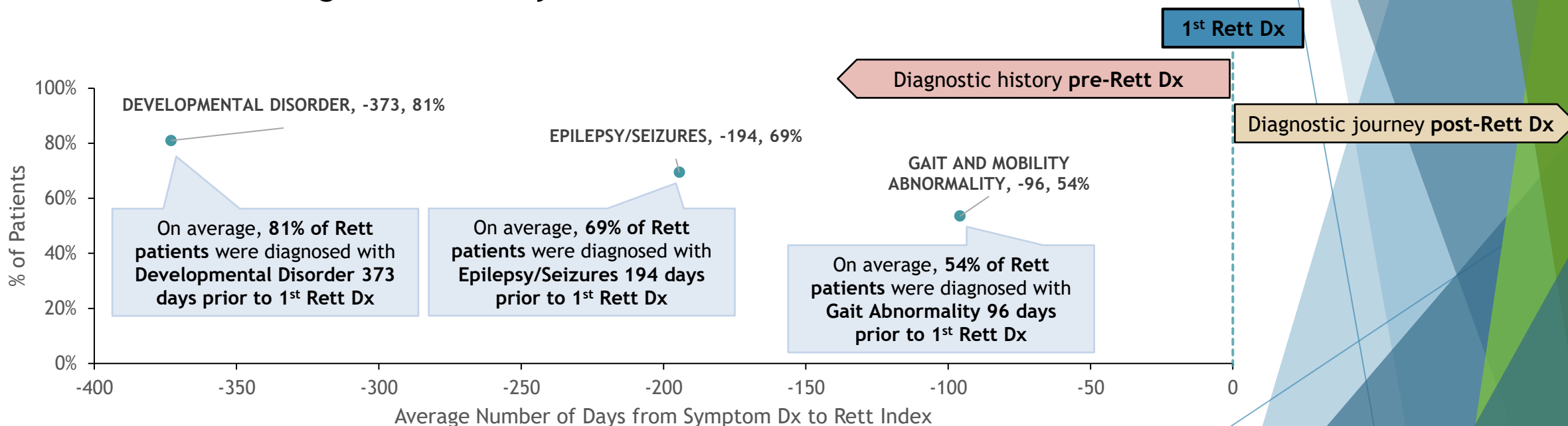
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A longitudinal mapping of the patient journey prior to a Rett diagnosis can identify ‘fingerprint’ characteristics

Rett Dx claims analysis suggested delayed diagnosis

- A comprehensive map of comorbidities/symptoms will enhance understanding of Rett patients’ diagnostic journey, which may help in patient identification and early diagnosis

Average Onset of Key Comorbidities Relative to 1st Rett Dx



- Major comorbidities such as Developmental Disorder, Epilepsy, and Gait Abnormality were diagnosed approximately 12 months, 6 months, and 3 months, respectively, prior to Rett diagnosis

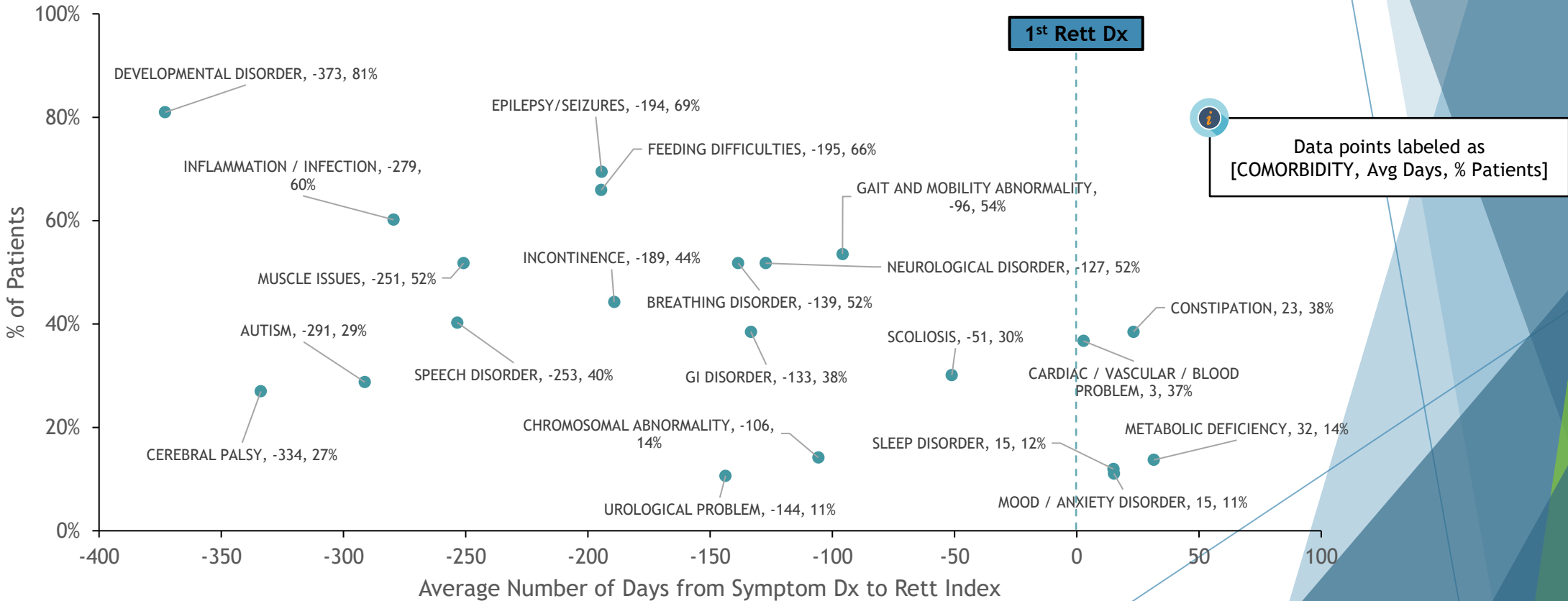
Note: Analysis does not require any washout and includes all patients with 2+ Rett Dx; some patients 1st Dx may reflect a change in coverage

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The ML model can leverage the full suite of patient interactions (Dx, Rx, Px) leading to Rett Dx

Common comorbidities/symptoms, average days of diagnosis from Rett Index Date, and prevalence in Rett patients were calculated to map Rett patients' diagnostic journey

Average Onset of Comorbidities/Symptoms Relative to 1st Rett Dx

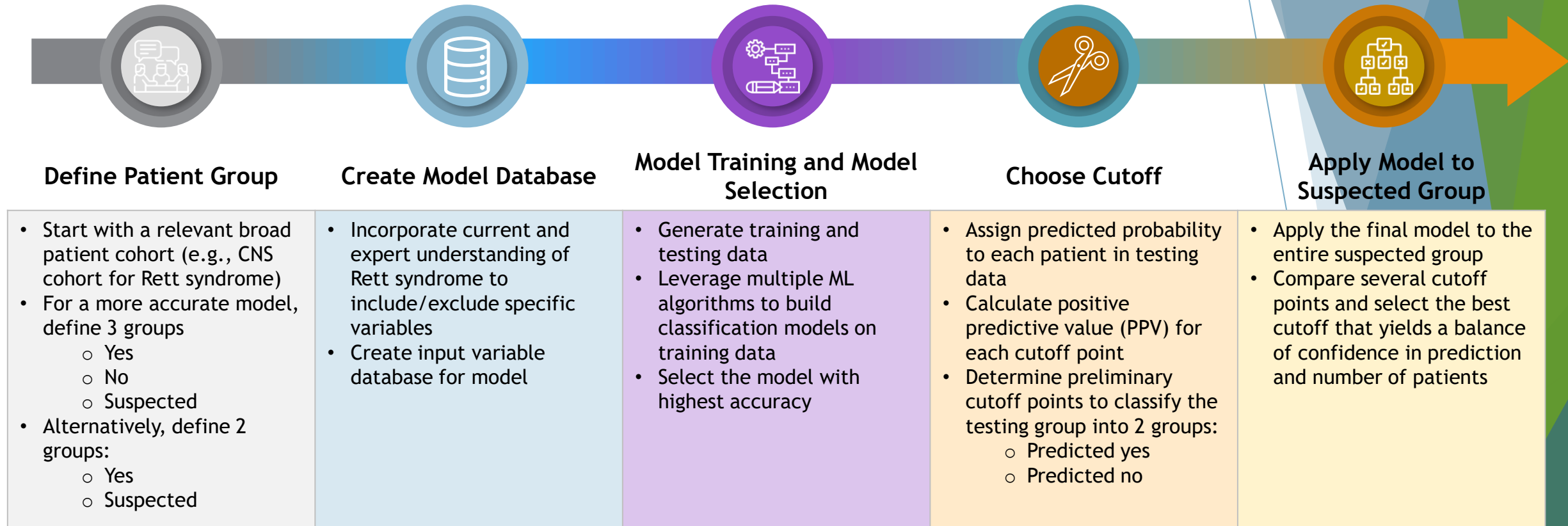


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ML modeling to find undiagnosed Rett patients will follow a similar approach as used in a psoriasis case

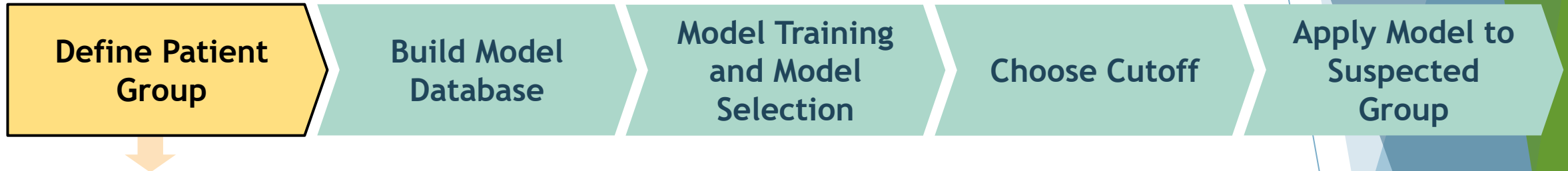


Psoriasis Case Study Background

- Subtype-A (ST-A) is a rare form of psoriasis (PsO) and can be under-coded in claims
- In this example, predictive modeling was employed to identify high-likelihood ST-A patients that do not have a formal ST-A Dx, among all PsO patients (Suspected Cohort)
- The model predicted the probability of being a ST-A patient for each of the patients in the Suspected Cohort (from 0 to 1), and positive predictive value (PPV) for each cutoff point

Patient Finding Process: Defining Patient Group

Patient finding process is demonstrated using a previous analysis done in Psoriasis



❖ Option 1: Create strict “Yes”, strict “No”, and “Suspected” Groups (**recommended**)

- Construct the model with strict “Yes” group and “No” group, and apply to the suspected patients

PsO Subtypes	Strict	Loose	Total
1. Subtype-A	1,363	1,306	2,669
2. Subtype-B	1,285	1,282	2,567
3. Subtype-C	2,928	2,714	5,642
4. Subtype-D	32,423	6,962	39,385
5. Subtype-E	30,327	46,125	76,452
6. Subtype-UNK		78,712	78,712
Total	68,326	137,101	205,427



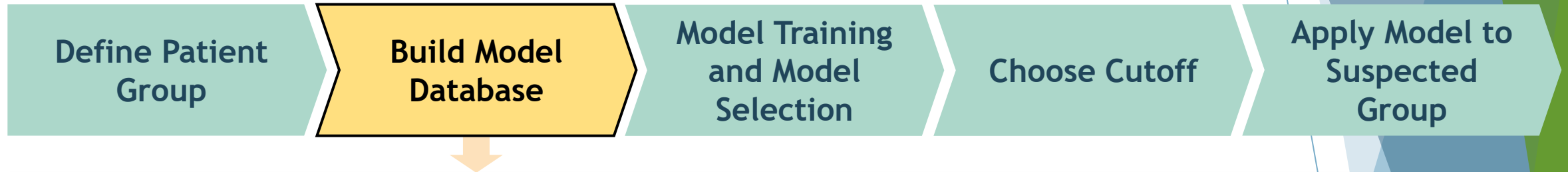
Model Group	Definition	# of Patients
Yes	Strict 1, Loose 1	2,669
No	Strict 2, 3, 4, 5	66,963
Suspected	Loose 2, 3, 5, 6	128,833

❖ Option 2: Create only “Yes” Group and “Suspected” Groups

- Train the model with “Yes” group and “Suspected” group, and apply to the suspected patients

Patient Finding Process: Building Model Database

Patient finding process is demonstrated using a previous analysis done in Psoriasis



❖ Select the input variables for the model

- Communicate with broader team and determine the predictor variables
 - Input from primary research
 - Provide initial profiling
- Common variables to include in the model
 - Demographic variables such as gender, age group, etc.
 - Frequency of visit to specialist
 - Occurrence of specific symptoms or comorbidities
 - Treatment type

Patient Finding Process: Training and Selecting Model

Patient finding process is demonstrated using a previous analysis done in Psoriasis

Define Patient Group

Build Model Database

Model Training and Model Selection

Choose Cutoff

Apply Model to Suspected Group

Step 1: Generate Training and Testing Data

- Random sampling of 80% of Subtype-A patients and 80% of PsO patients into Training Data
- Allocate the remaining 20% of each Subtype-A patients and PsO patients into Testing Data
- Use up-sampling method to balance both Training and Testing Data

Step 2: Build classification model on the Training Data

- Random Forest
- Conditional Forest
- Neural Network
- GBM

Step 3: Select the model with the highest accuracy

- Apply each model on the Testing Data and pick the one with the best accuracy:

$$\text{accuracy} = (a+d)/(a+b+c+d)$$

- Random Forest is selected

		True Indication	
		Yes	No
Model Predicted	Yes	a	b
	No	c	d

Patient Finding Process: Choosing Cutoff

Patient finding process is demonstrated using a previous analysis done in Psoriasis

Define Patient Group

Build Model Database

Model Training and Model Selection

Choose Cutoff

Apply Model to Suspected Group

Step 1: Add predicted probability into the balanced Testing Data

Patient ID	True Indication	Predicted Prob
a	No	0.01
b	Yes	0.70
...

Step 2: Add binary flag using cutoff x, iterative x from 0 to 1 by 0.01

Patient ID	True Indication	Predicted Prob	Cutoff = 0	Cutoff = 0.01	Cutoff = 0.02	...
a	No	0.01	Yes	Yes	No	...
b	Yes	0.70	Yes	Yes	Yes	...
...

Step 3: Calculate PPV for each cutoff points

- PPV (Positive Predictive Value) is calculated as $PPV = a / (a + c)$

		True Indication	
		Yes	No
Model Predicted	Yes	a	b
	No	c	d

Cutoffs	PPV
0.00	50.0%
0.01	52.9%
...	...
0.91	97.7%
...	...
0.99	100.0%
1	100.0%

Patient Finding Process: Applying Model to Suspected Group

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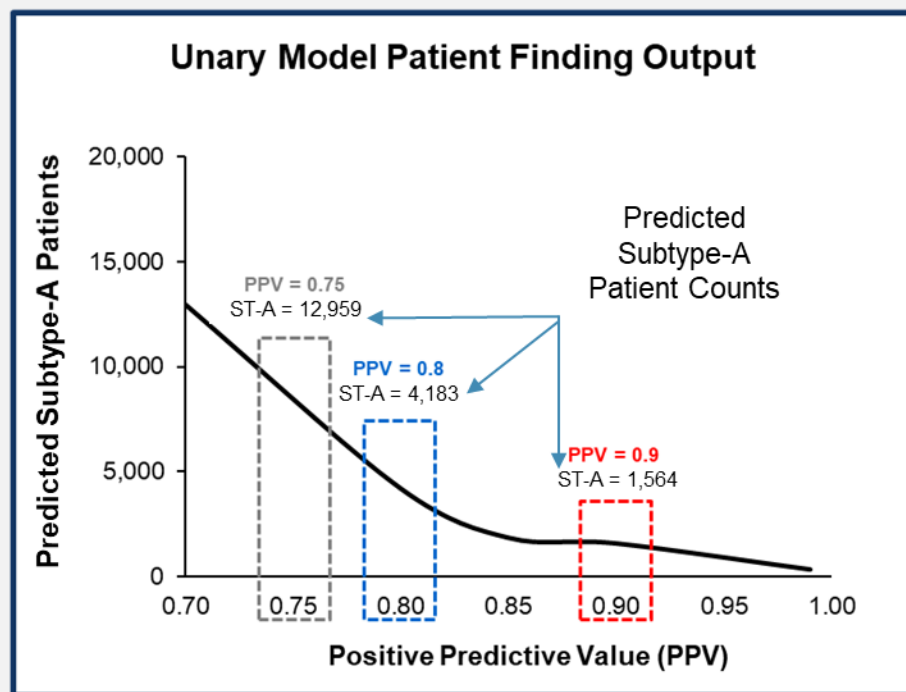
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Predicted Subtype-A Patients

	Low Confidence	Medium Confidence	High Confidence
PPV	0.75	0.8	0.9
Subtype-A Patients	12,959	4,183	1,564
Notes	Large # pts, low true positives	Med # pts, high true positives	Low # pts, very high true positives

- We propose a PPV of 0.9, since that generally means for every 10 predicted patients, the model will be correct for 9 of those patients
- In our prior analysis, we chose a PPV of 0.75. However, due to the increased use of the Subtype-A ICD-10 code we propose a more stringent cutoff for the model
- Additionally, the false positives are likely to be severe PsO patients treated by similar HCPs as Subtype-A patients

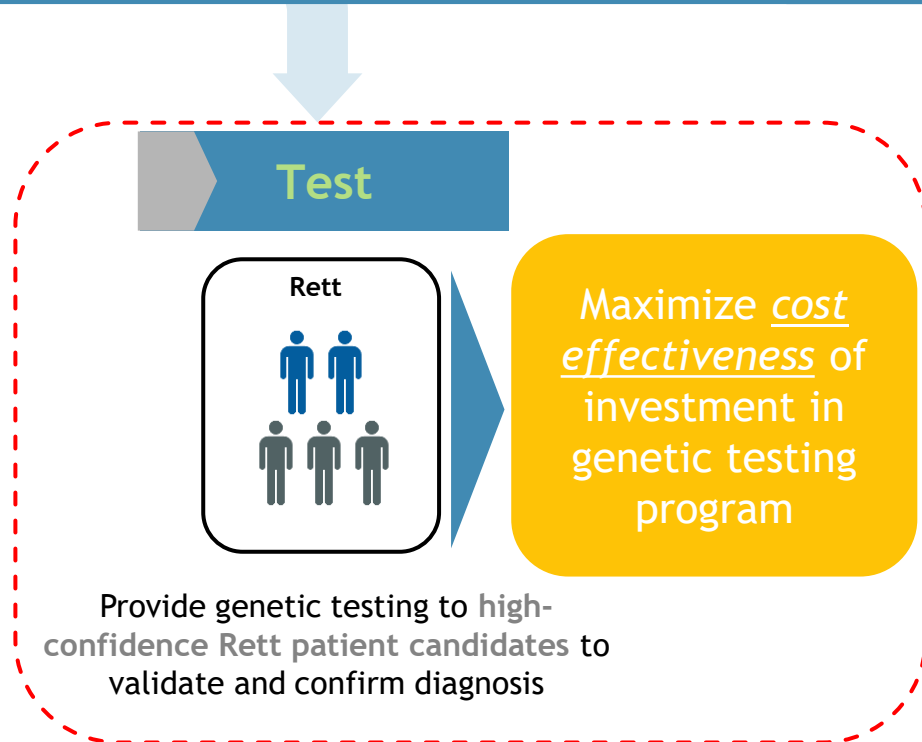
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Accelerated diagnosis can better align Rett patients with available treatment resources

Apply model key drivers as selection criteria for testing

Potential Future value generation

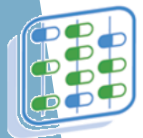


Inform/Basis for Additional Workstreams

- Accelerate Dx for undiagnosed/ misdiagnosed Rett patients
- Identify priority HCPs for targeted outreach
- Facilitate Rett patient registry
- Facilitate patient and HCP education
- Influence Rett guidelines to update early screening criteria based on top predictors

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Analytic and strategic leader focused on deriving business growth through acquisition evaluation, advanced analytics, strategic recommendations to help launch new products and indications for the organization.

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- Data Scientist and business collaborator leading projects across sales, marketing, IT, medical, finance, and executive functions

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Education & Qualifications

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- MA, French, Middlebury College
- BS, United States Air Force Academy

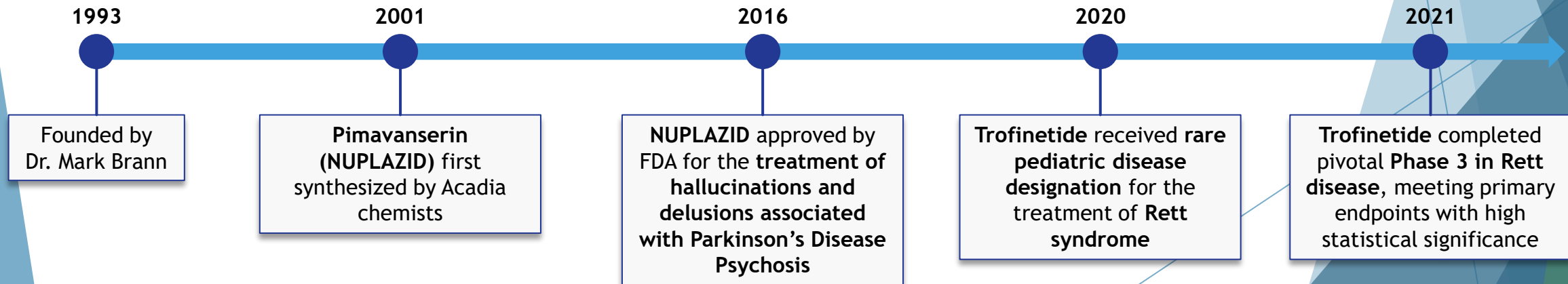
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- **Company Profile**

- Focused on developing innovative candidates in neuroscience areas
- Developed and commercialized NUPLAZID, the first and only approved therapy for hallucinations and delusions associated with Parkinson's disease psychosis
- Approximately 400 employees with plans to grow in 2022
- Offices
 - Corporate Headquarters in San Diego, CA
 - R&D Center in Princeton, NJ



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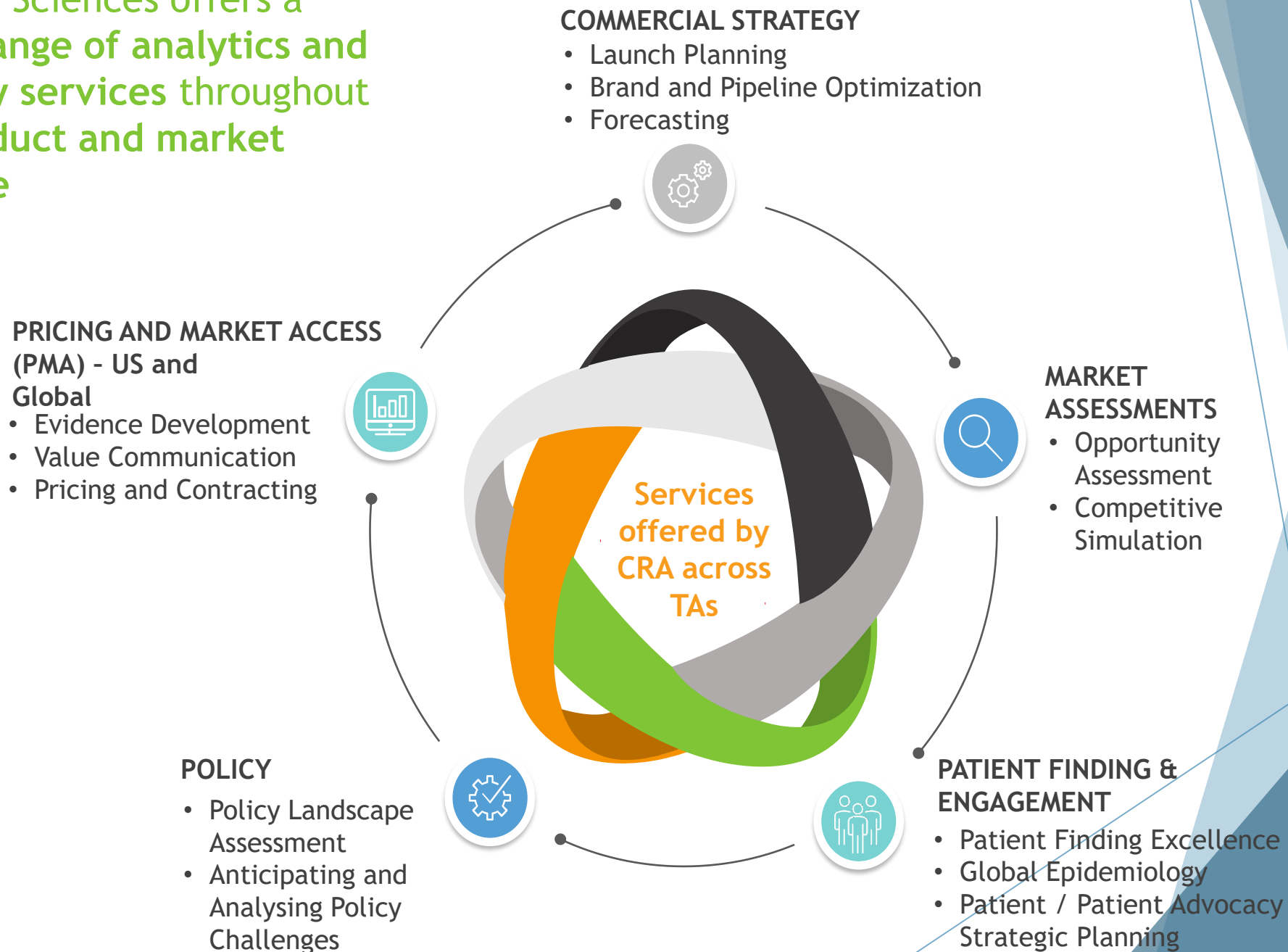
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