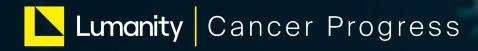


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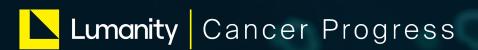
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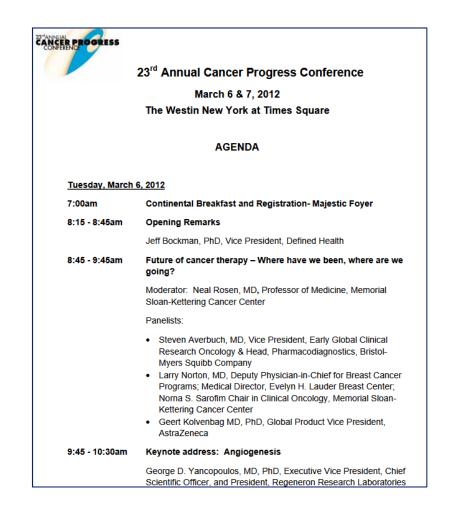
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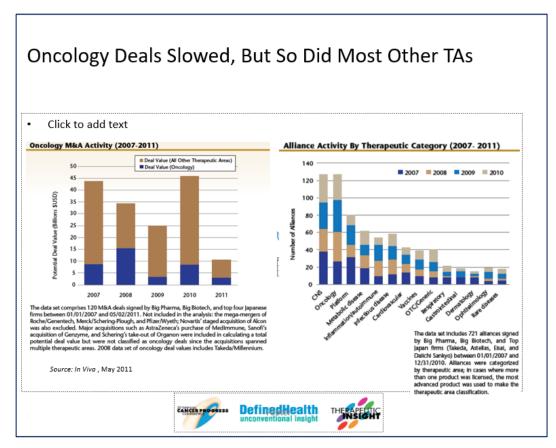
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### Our first iteration took place in 2012, after acquiring from its founders





## Cancer Progress first launched in 1985, making this the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary!



#### Defined Health and Communitech Market Intelligence to Collaborate on the 23rd Annual Cancer Progress Conference

October 6, 2011 | 4 min read

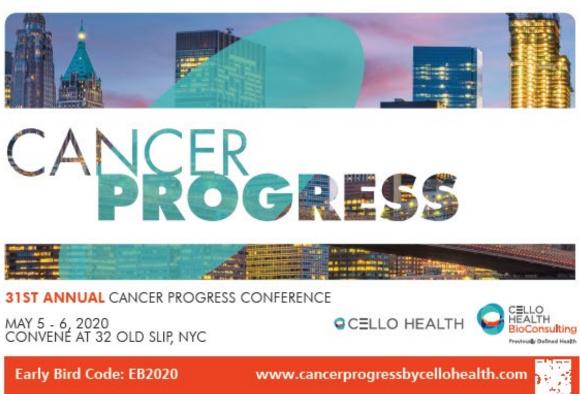


MORRISTOWN, NJ – Oct 5, 2011 -- Defined Health is pleased to announce our collaboration with Communitech Market Intelligence to produce the Twenty-Third Annual Cancer Progress Conference, which will be held at the Westin New York at Times Square on March 6th-7th 2012.

Communitech first launched Cancer Progress in 1985, and the conference has gained the utmost respect throughout the industry over the years. The typical audience consists of 150 senior

#### The last in-person Cancer Progress was scheduled for March 2020



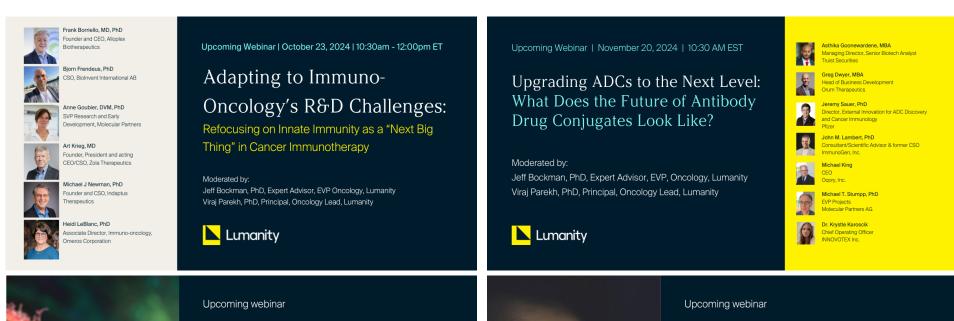


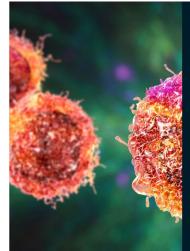


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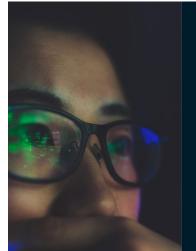




Oncology 2050: Have We Been Thinking About the Management of Cancer in the Right Way?

Cancer Progress
June 27, 2024 | 10:30am - 12pm ET

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What's Next for IO: What and When is the Next Game Changer?

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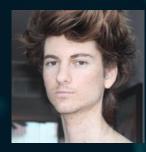
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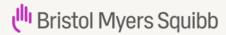


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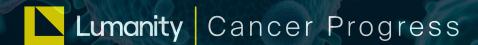












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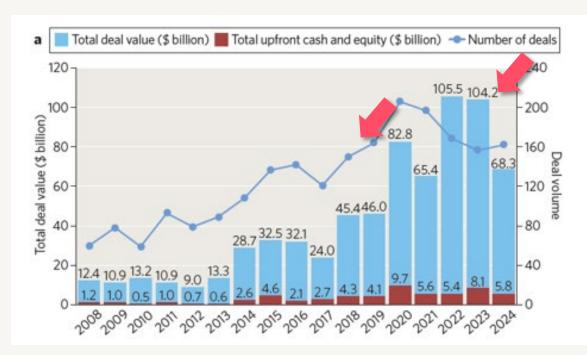


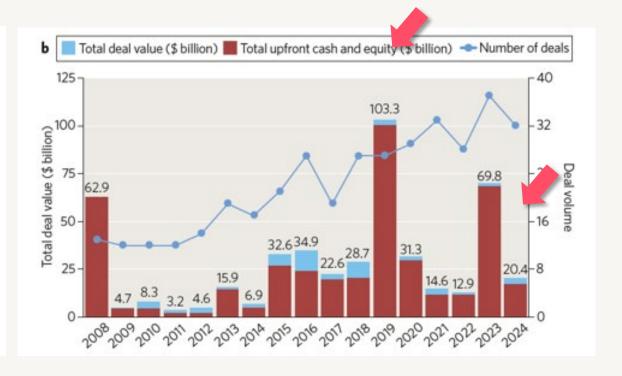
Dominique Verhelle, PhD MBA, Co-Founder & CEO NextRNA Therapeutics

# Firstly, yes, oncology activity is down—but while licensing is up, M&A is indeed down

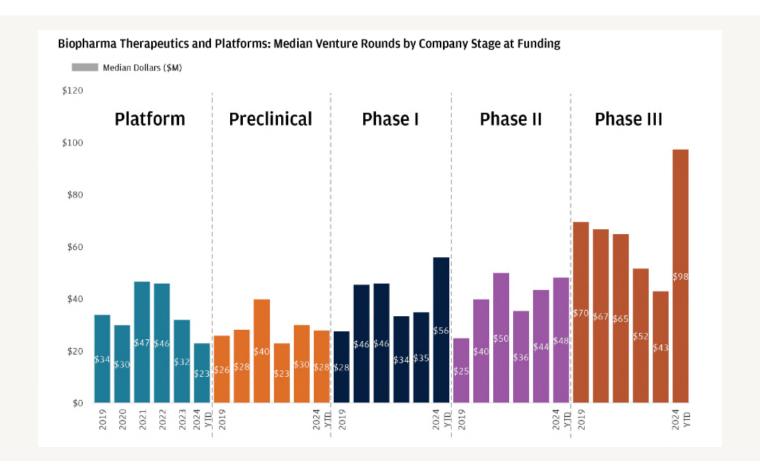
**Figure 1:** Biopharma activity. **a**, Partnership activity in oncology licensing. **b**, Merger and acquisition (M&A) activity in oncology.

**Source:** DealForma.

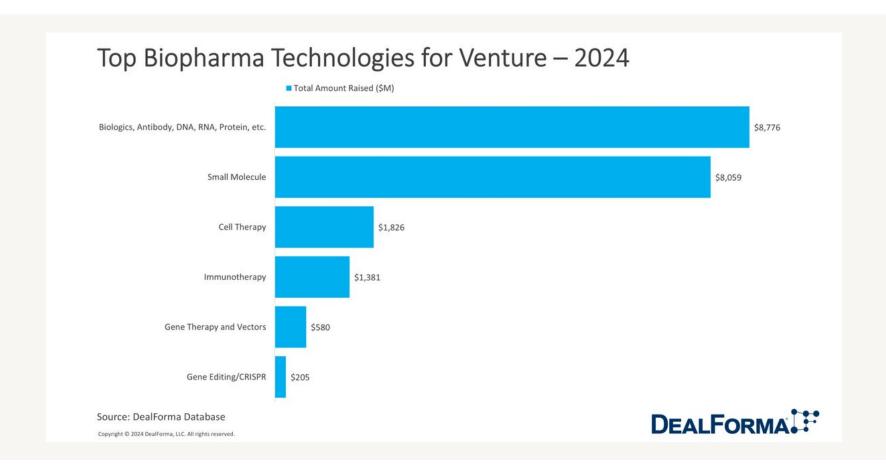




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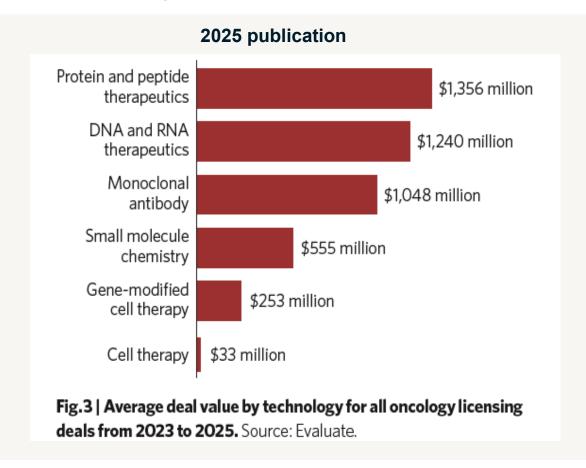


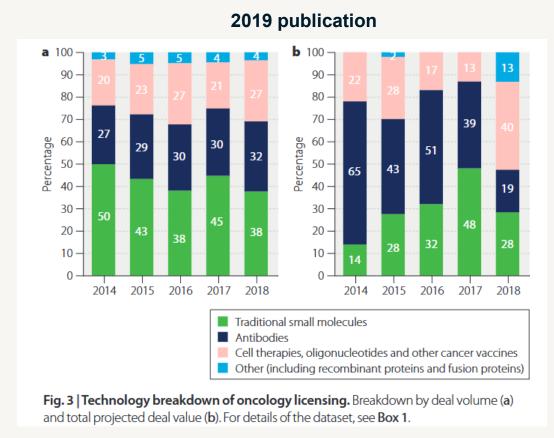
### Investment by modality (across TAs)



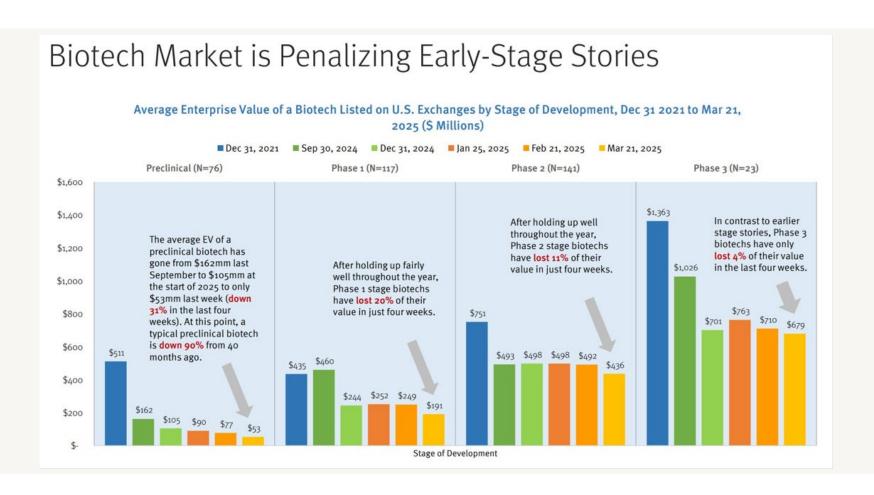
# Biologic platforms – and programs derived thereof – dominate oncology licensing deals

90% of Value per March 2025 Nature Article, Versus ~70% per March 2019 Nature Article





### Times are tough – and getting tougher – for early-stage companies





Source: Stifel, March 31, 2025

## A few simple topics to address...

- Unprecedented innovation everywhere, the issue always has been, but is especially true these days: how to fund the discovery and development of such innovation? For the established BioPharma companies, we discussed the tension between early and late-stage programs
- Early biotech has a variant issue: how to raise the funds, how to convince investors and/or partners of the value?
- Another struggle that platform companies face, whether large or small (albeit with different twists) is whether to deploy the technology against well validated targets and if so, can clinically relevant diffraction be achieved; or to go after less validated targets? Or in other words, how to balance clinical/commercial risk versus technical risk
- As the slides I quickly opened with show, industry interest in platforms waxes and wanes. And there is now a push for clinical assets, and this in turn has, in part, driven the rush of China deals. How are each of you dealing with these challenges/opportunities?

- Both for internal programs as well as external ones being considered: what triggers the go/no go or interest in a partnership, respectively are there types of preclinical readouts you value? Are there new endpoints for FIH, such as ctDNA?
- We are heavily represented here by biologics focused platform companies. So, true to the session's title, what are the next innovations in biologics: in antibodies, in RNA therapies (using and targeting), in cell therapies?
- We have major LOE looming, especially the checkpoint inhibitors. That's a big gap to fill on a company and Oncology basis. How are each of you thinking about the broadness vs the narrowness of the utility of your programs as you prioritize internally, as you messages externally? Or a variant question: how are you thinking about ROI?
- The past five years have been a wild ride for biotech, broadly, and for Oncology. And especially for Immuno-Oncology. We have seen Oncology cede some of its long-standing dominance in funding and partnering to AIID, Obesity, etc. So, big question as we near the end of our session: what is the state of Oncology, of IO, or precision oncology?

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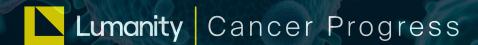












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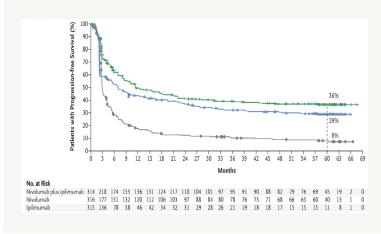
#### Oncology drug development does "work"

In the last 15 years, we have seen transformative successes including:

## **Curative Immunotherapies**

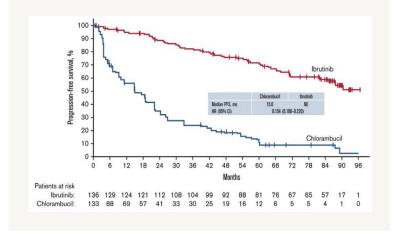
- Nivo ± Ipi for metastatic melanoma
- Anti-PD1 ± chemo for many indications
- CD19 CAR-T for r/r B-ALL and B-NHL

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## "Functional cures" in hematology

- BTK inhibitors for 1L CLL/SLL
- Anti-CD38 combos for 1L MM
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## Precision medicines for new patient populations

- KRAS G12C inhibitors
- PARPi for BRCAm/HRD cancers
- T-DXd for HER2-low/ultra-low breast cancer
- MET inhibitors for MET-mut NSCLC
- BRAFi + MEKi for BRAF V600E
- NTRKi for NTRK fusions
- RETi for RET fusions
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## ...so why break with dogma?

#### The probability of success is dismal

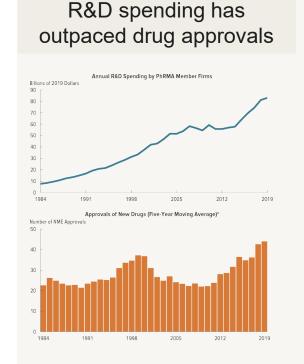
14% of new chemical substances that enter clinical trials at large pharma companies achieve regulatory approval (all therapeutic areas)

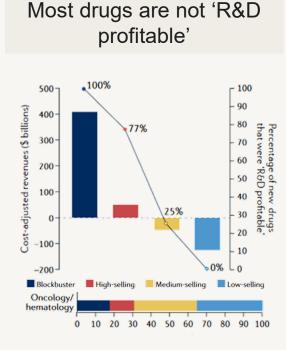


**3.4-5.3%** of oncology programs entering phase 1 advance to regulatory approval



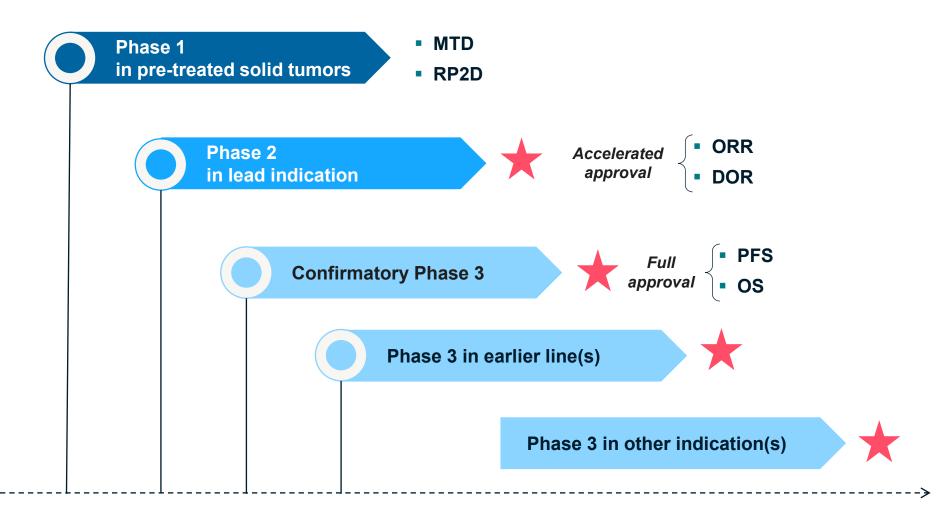
#### R&D costs more and has poorer ROI than ever





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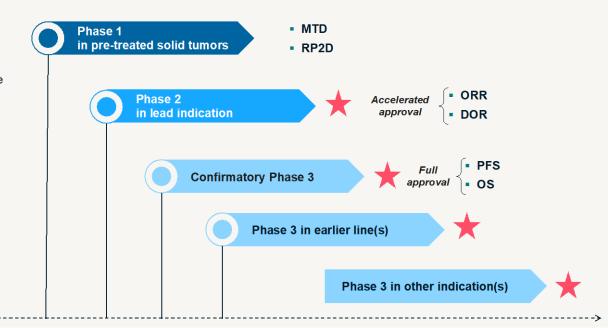


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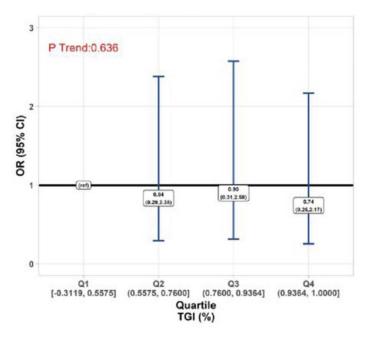
- When are current preclinical models are unable to show drug activity?
- When is late-line cancer a poor setting for signal-finding?
- When are response endpoints poor metrics for treatment efficacy?
- When does the traditional sequencing strategy fail to demonstrate value?

## Preclinical/translational models to test novel biology





Tumor growth inhibition (TGI) in murine models and success of lung cancer drugs (1996 – 2014)

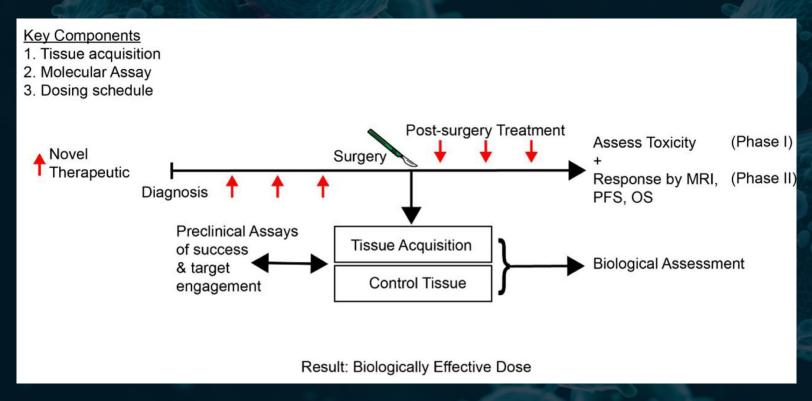


- What cancer biology demands different model systems?
- What needs to change about our approach to preclinical / translational research?
  - Mindsets
  - Methodologies
  - Technologies
  - Funding and incentives
  - Public-private partnerships



## Neoadjuvant window-of-opportunity studies





- When should we take this approach to signal-finding?
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Success Stories So Far	
Cancer Type	Median PFS in 1L
CML (chronic myeloid leukemia)	>> 10 years
CLL (chronic lymphocytic leukemia)	6–9 years
FL (follicular lymphoma)	6–8+ years
MM (multiple myeloma)	5–7 years
ALK+ NSCLC (non-small cell lung cancer)	3–6+ years

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## In vivo reprogramming of solid tumors





AbbVie and Umoja Biopharma Announce Strategic Collaboration to Develop Novel In-Situ **CAR-T Cell Therapies** 

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Written by Zacks Equity Research for Zacks →

Disease		Therapy	Trial	CR	2y EFS
Hem.	ALL	Ex vivo CAR-T: Tisa-cel	ELIANA	81%	~50%
	DLBCL	Ex vivo CAR-T: Axi-cel	ZUMA-1	58%	~40%
	MM	Ex vivo CAR-T: Ide-cel	KarMMa-3	39%	~30%
Solid	SS	Ex vivo TCR-T: Afami-cel	SPEARHEAD-1	0%	~10%
	NMIBC	In vivo GT: Adstiladrin	CS-003	51%	~36%

- Billions of \$ spent on T cell therapies, with limited success in solid tumors
- TME barriers limit trafficking, persistence, and efficacy
- What has to change?
  - Mindsets / decision rules
  - New platform technologies
    - Delivery efficiency
    - Overcoming TME immunosuppression
    - Beyond T cells
  - New clinical development approaches
- What are the low-hanging fruit?



## Other paradigms/reasons to break with dogma



Examples of paradi	Past successes	
Early interception	Can cancer be prevented by treating at-risk populations?	<ul><li>HPV vaccines</li><li>Tamoxifen for breast cancer prevention</li></ul>
Truly synergistic combinations	Can we identify combinations with more-than-additive efficacy?	<ul> <li>CDK4i + ET for HR+ breast cancer</li> <li>Anti-LAG3 + anti-PD1 for melanoma</li> </ul>
Down-staging oligometastatic cancer	Can we convert a subset of metastatic cancer into surgically curable disease?	<ul><li>Studies ongoing</li></ul>
"Try-it-all" precision oncology	Can we personalize treatment empirically in "avatar" models?	<ul><li>Studies ongoing</li></ul>
Current paradigm but more efficiently	How can we streamline clinical & regulatory processes/requirements?	<ul><li>AA pathway</li><li>BTD</li><li>CDx co-dev.</li></ul>

What is holding us back from realizing new paradigms?

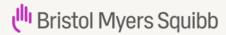
- Blind spots/misperceptions: How are we looking at the world the wrong way?
- Misaligned incentives/flawed strategies: How are we making decisions the wrong way?
- Hurdles to implementation: How are we stumbling in execution?



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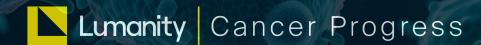












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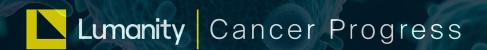
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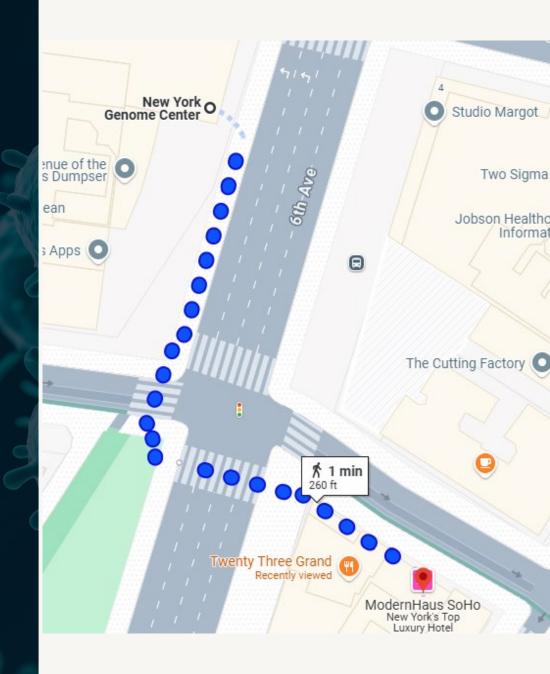
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