



# The I-SPY Master Trials: A Model for Accelerating the Pace of Getting the Right Drugs to the Right Patients

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# The Problem for Patients



*30-50% of women with breast cancer are still die of their disease*

*It takes 10-15 years for new oncology drugs to reach patients*

*Many new therapeutic options-  
little chance to rapidly get  
them to patients*

*Access to new investigational drugs  
depends on where in the world you  
live*



# The Problem for Companies



*The cost to bring a new drug to the market is approximately \$2 billion*

*Absence of innovation in trial design/data collection tools to improve the efficiency and decrease the cost of trials*

*Cancer is a subset of diseases*

*Blockbuster approach won't work*

***Current path is UN-SUSTAINABLE***

## Knowledge Turns:

Indicators of time it takes for an experiment to proceed from hypothesis → result → new hypothesis → new result

# Efficiency in the Health Care Industries

## A View From the Outside

Andrew S. Grove, PhD

**T**HE HEALTH SCIENCE/HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY AND THE microchip industry are similar in some important ways: both are populated by extremely dedicated and

plex experiment. The test chips are monitored as an experiment progresses. If they show negative results, the experiment is stopped, the information is recorded, and a new experiment is started.

This concept is also well known in the health sciences. It is embodied in the practice of futility studies, which

e s a	<b>Knowledge Turn</b> for Metastatic → Adjuvant → Practice:	<b>20 years</b>
	<b>Knowledge Turn</b> for Neoadjuvant Phase 2 → Phase 3 → Practice:	<b>2-3 years</b>

developed and then turned into widely available products and services.

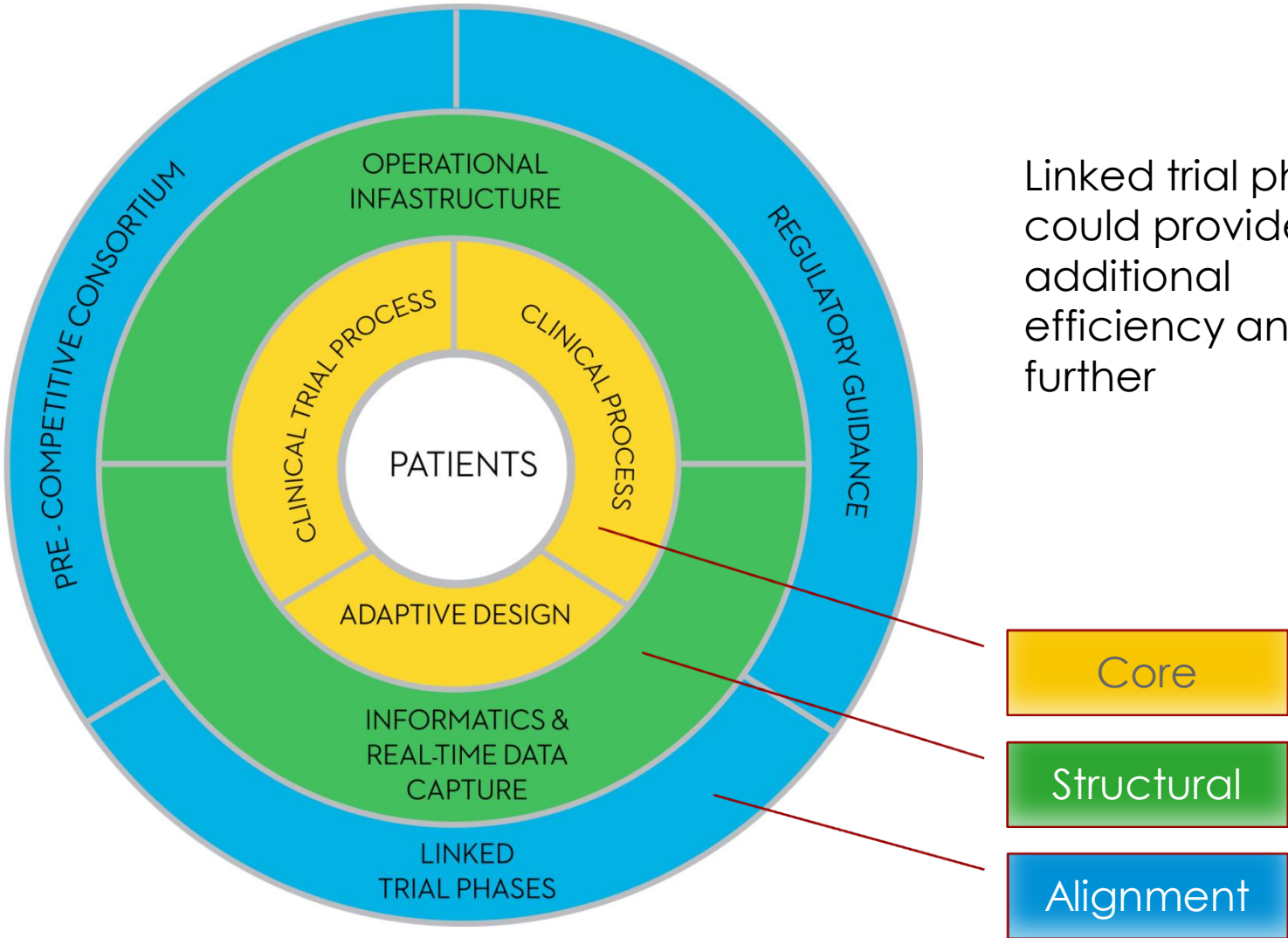
To be sure, there are additional fundamental differences between the 2 industries. One industry deals with the well-defined world of silicon, the other with living human beings. Humans are incredibly complex biological systems, and working with them has to be subject to safety, legal, and ethical concerns. Nevertheless, it is helpful to mine this comparison for every measure of learning that can be found.

clinical trial.

The difference is this: whereas the surrogate “end point” in the case of microchip development—the test chip failure—is well defined, its equivalent in the health sciences is usually not. Most clinical trials fall back on an end point that compares the extent by which a new drug or therapy extends life as compared with the current standard treatment. Reaching this end point usually takes a long time; thus, knowledge turns are slow. In many instances, a scientist’s career can continue only through 2 or 3 such turns. The re-



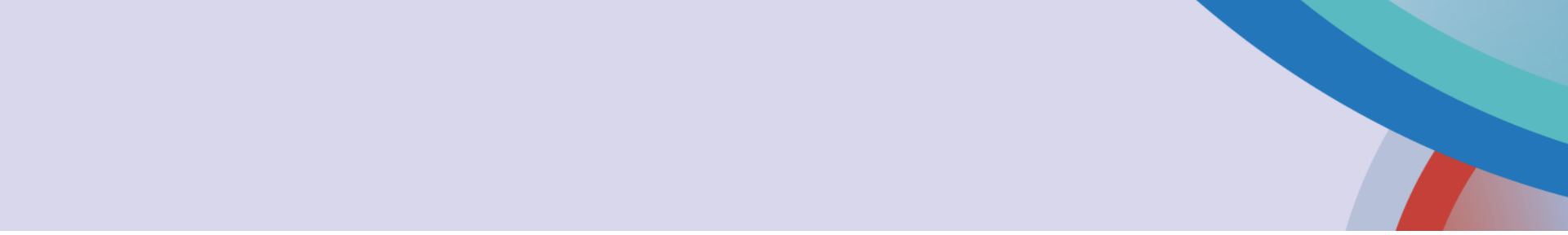
# A Process Model to Accelerate Knowledge Turns



# Optimize the Clinical Care Process

## *Women at Risk for Systemic Recurrence*

- Will not be cured with surgery alone
- Order of surgery, systemic therapy has no impact on survival outcomes
- Neoadjuvant approach is an opportunity
  - Downstage tumors, refine local therapy options
  - Better understand response to therapy, prognosis
  - Accelerate targeted drug development to improve outcomes in highest risk women
  - Particularly relevant as a tool to sort out optimal treatments in the molecular era



An historically fatal disease that has been turned into a chronic condition

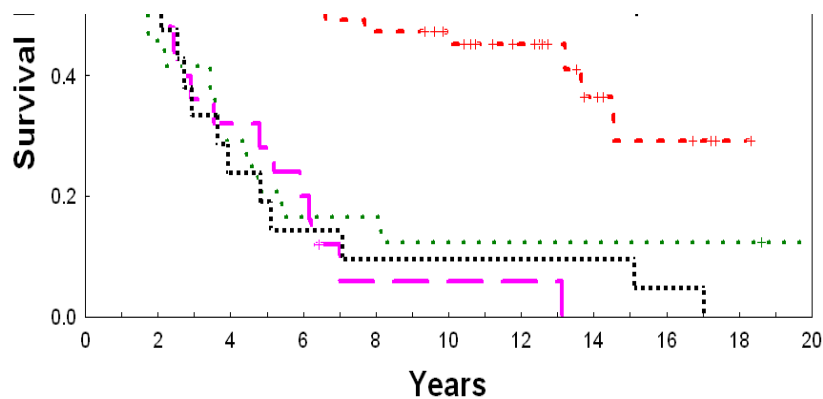
## **LESSONS FROM CML**

# Survival in Accelerated and Blast Phase CML Over Time

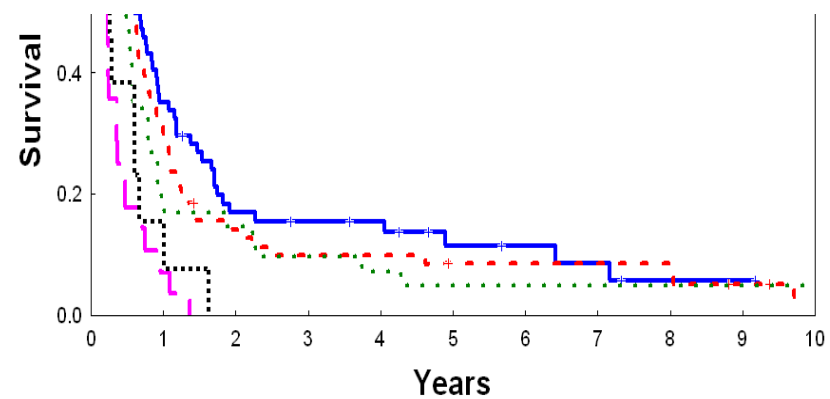
Accelerated Phase

Blast Phase

Testing new agents in the metastatic setting may NOT be optimal

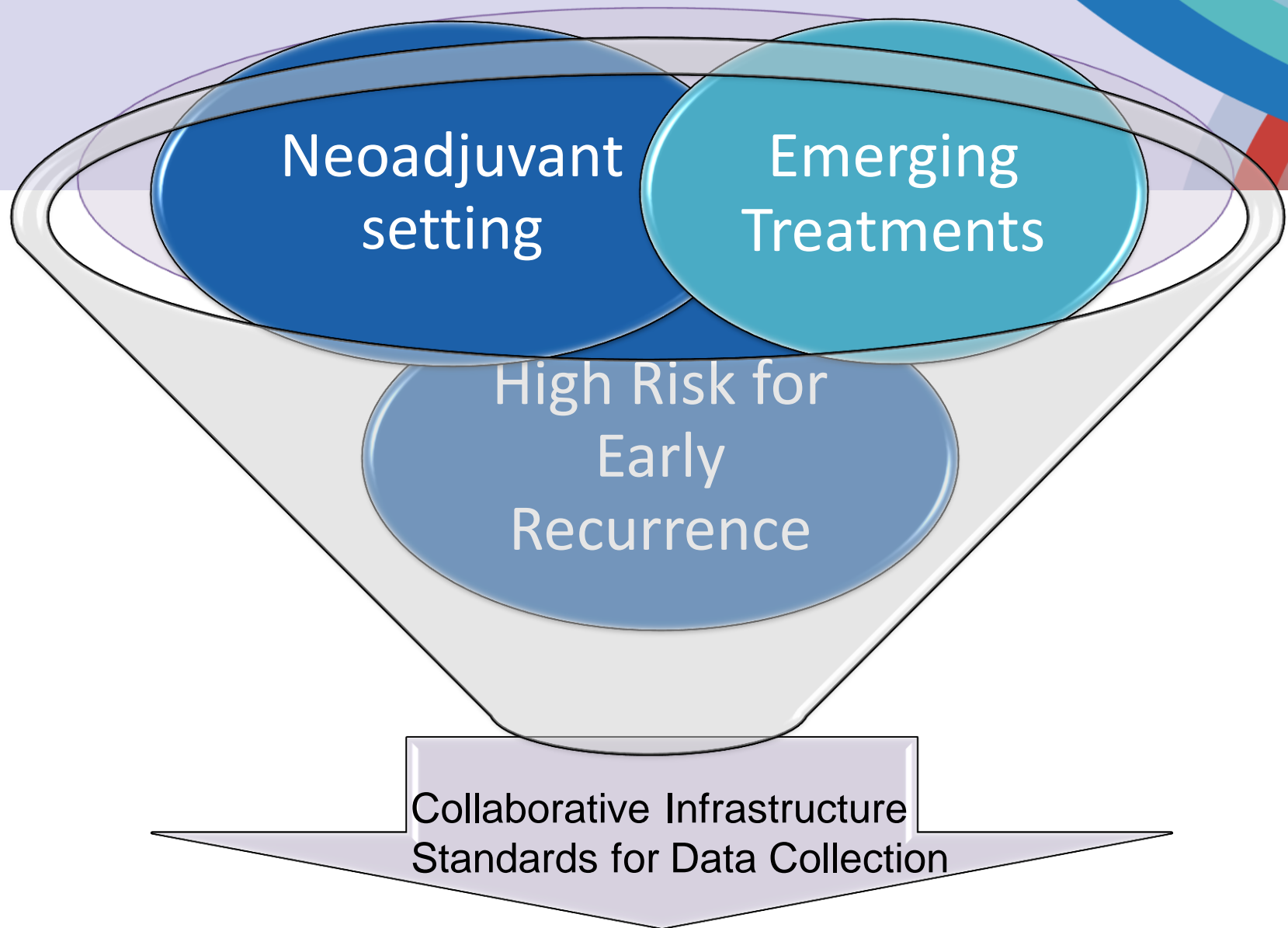


4A



5A



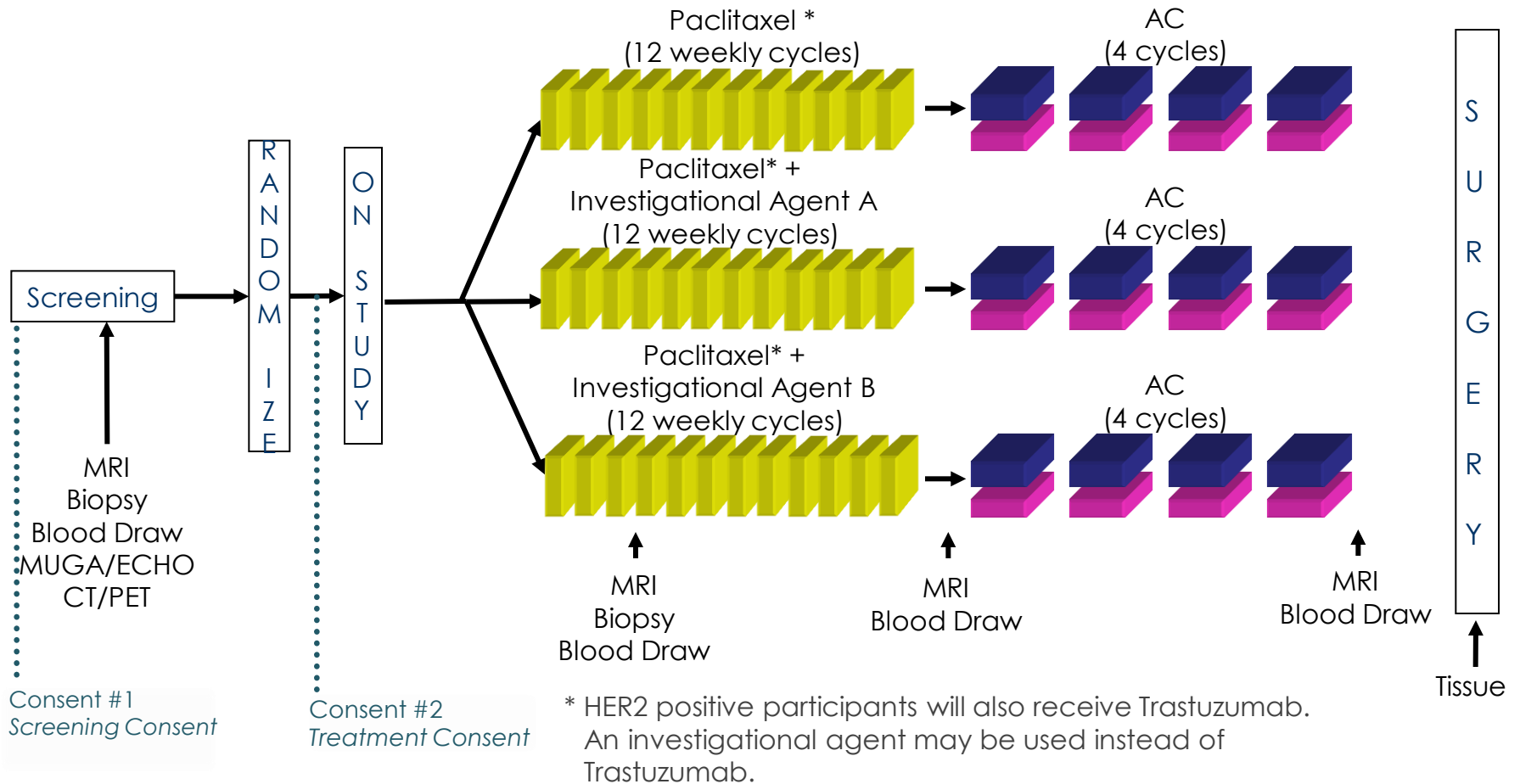


**I-SPY 2**

# I-SPY 2 is Designed to

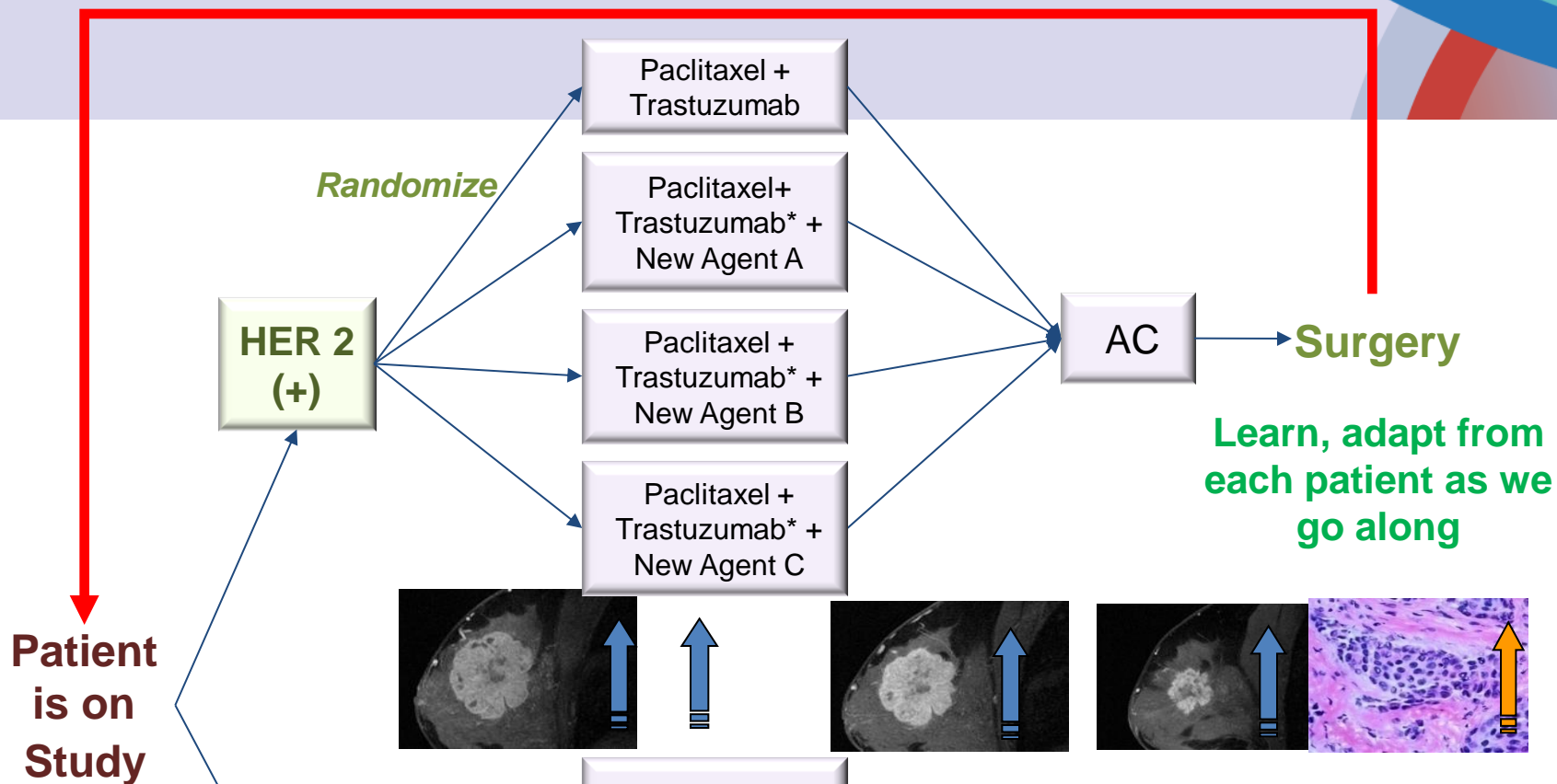
- Screen phase 2 agents in combination with standard chemotherapy in neoadjuvant setting
  - Endpoint is pCR
  - Design is adaptive within the trial, multiple agents, shared std arm
  - “Graduation” indicates an 85% predicted likelihood of success in a 300-patient phase 3 trial for drug biomarker pair
- Accelerate process of identifying drugs that are effective for specific breast cancer subtypes
  - Integration of biomarkers, analysis within subsets by design
  - Increase success of phase 3 or confirmatory trials
- Reduce the cost, time, and numbers of patients needed to get effective drugs to market through accelerated approval

# Summary of Study Plan



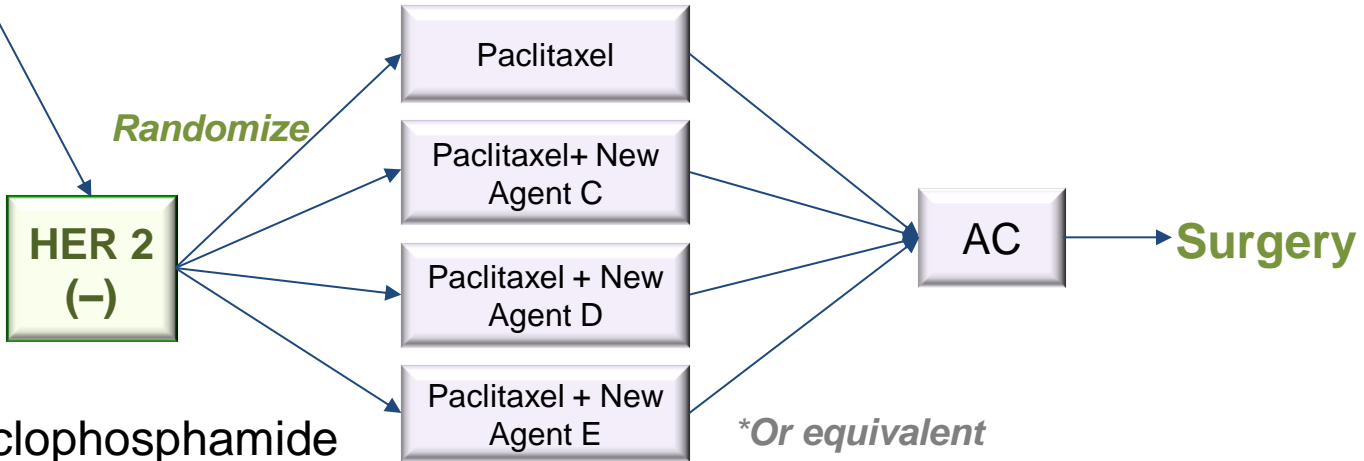
# I-SPY 2 Adaptive Trial:

## Introduce several new agents for a given profile



**Key**

- MRI
- Residual Disease (Pathology)

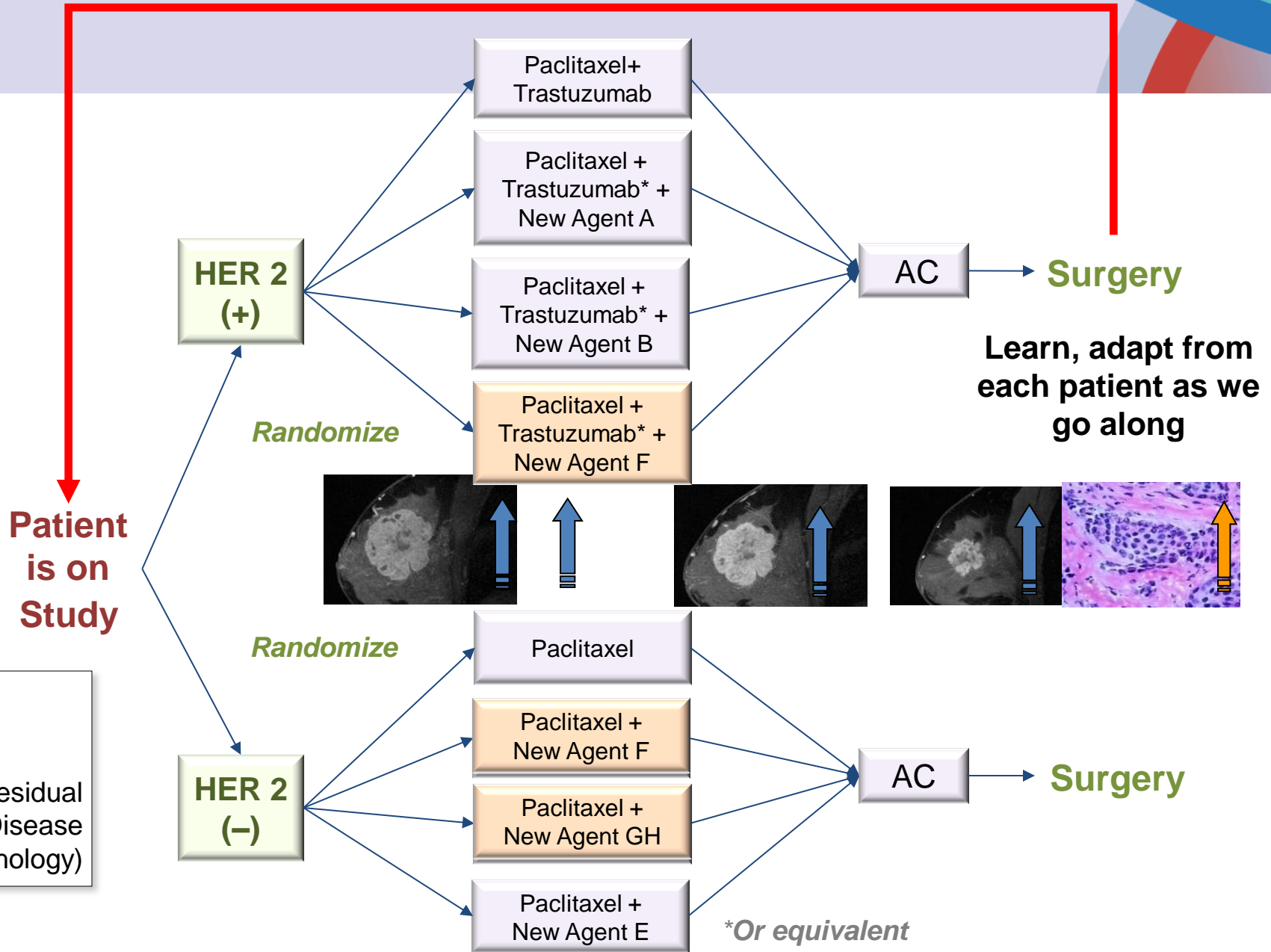


AC: doxorubicin/cyclophosphamide

\*Or equivalent

# I-SPY 2 Adaptive Trial:

## Learn, Drop, Graduate, and Replace Agents Over Time



I-SPY 2 TRIAL

# I-SPY 2 is a Standing Trial with a Master Protocol



TRONCS  
Transport Solutions

AMGEN™

MERCK  
Be well

Puma Biotechnology  
PBh  
up

SYNTA  
PHARMACEUTICALS

# I-SPY 2 Participating Organizations

## Sponsors and Managers



## Investigational Agent Providers



## Biomarker Device Providers



# Biomarker Categories in I-SPY 2

- When a drug leaves the trial, we learn the probability of success to predict response for

– Established, IDE Biomarkers  
– HR, HER2, Mammaprint: 10 signatures

– Qualifying Biomarkers

– Exploratory Biomarkers  
– new response predictors

FDA Cleared or Approved  
Stratification/randomization

**Hypothesis  
Testing**

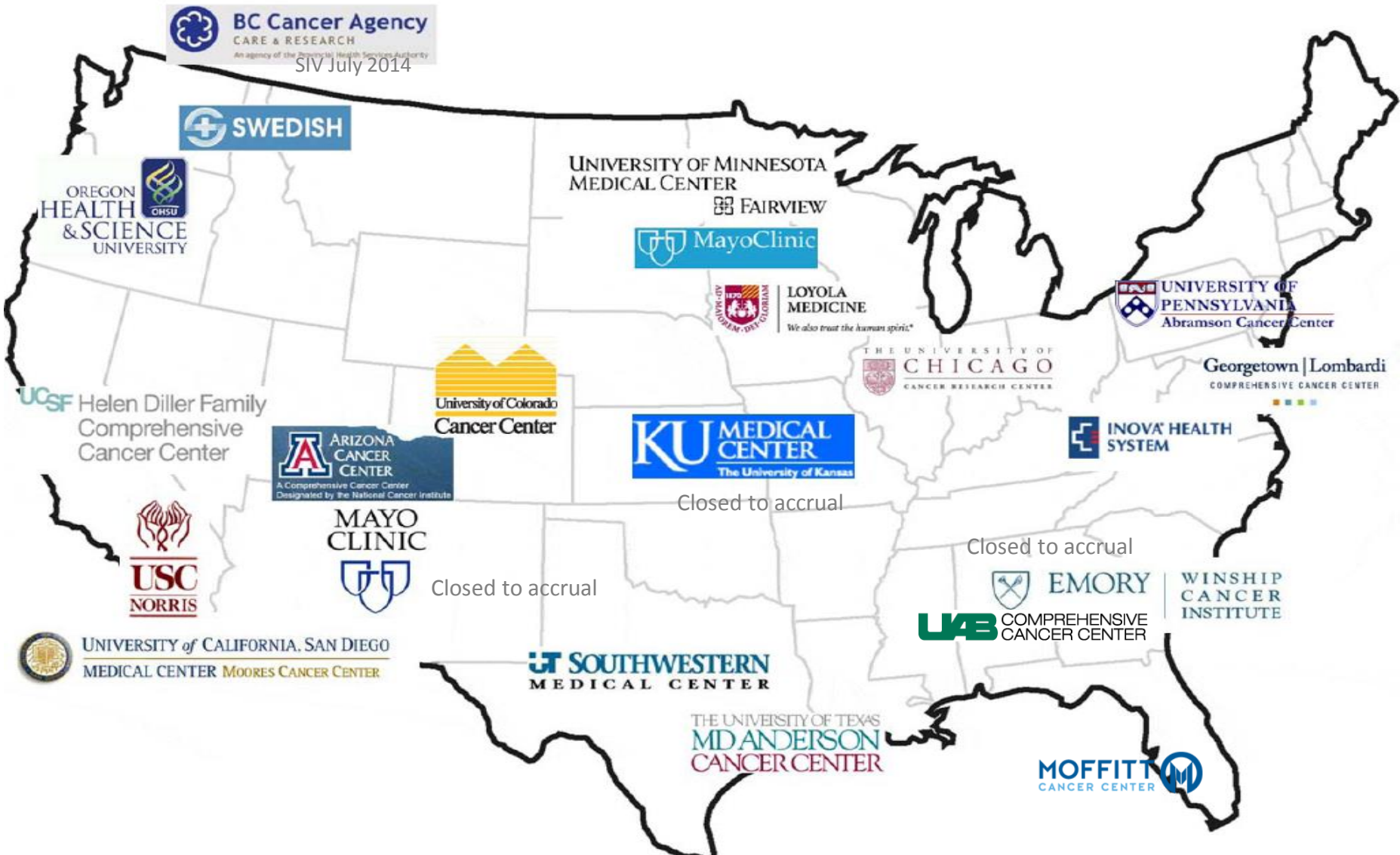
**Hypothesis  
Generating**

Biomarker IDE as part of Drug IND facilitates  
companion diagnostic FDA PMA approval



# Participating Trial Sites – 20 Sites Open to Accrual

>1200 patients screened, >30 patient/month, >550 have completed surgery



# I-SPY 2 TRIAL Study Team

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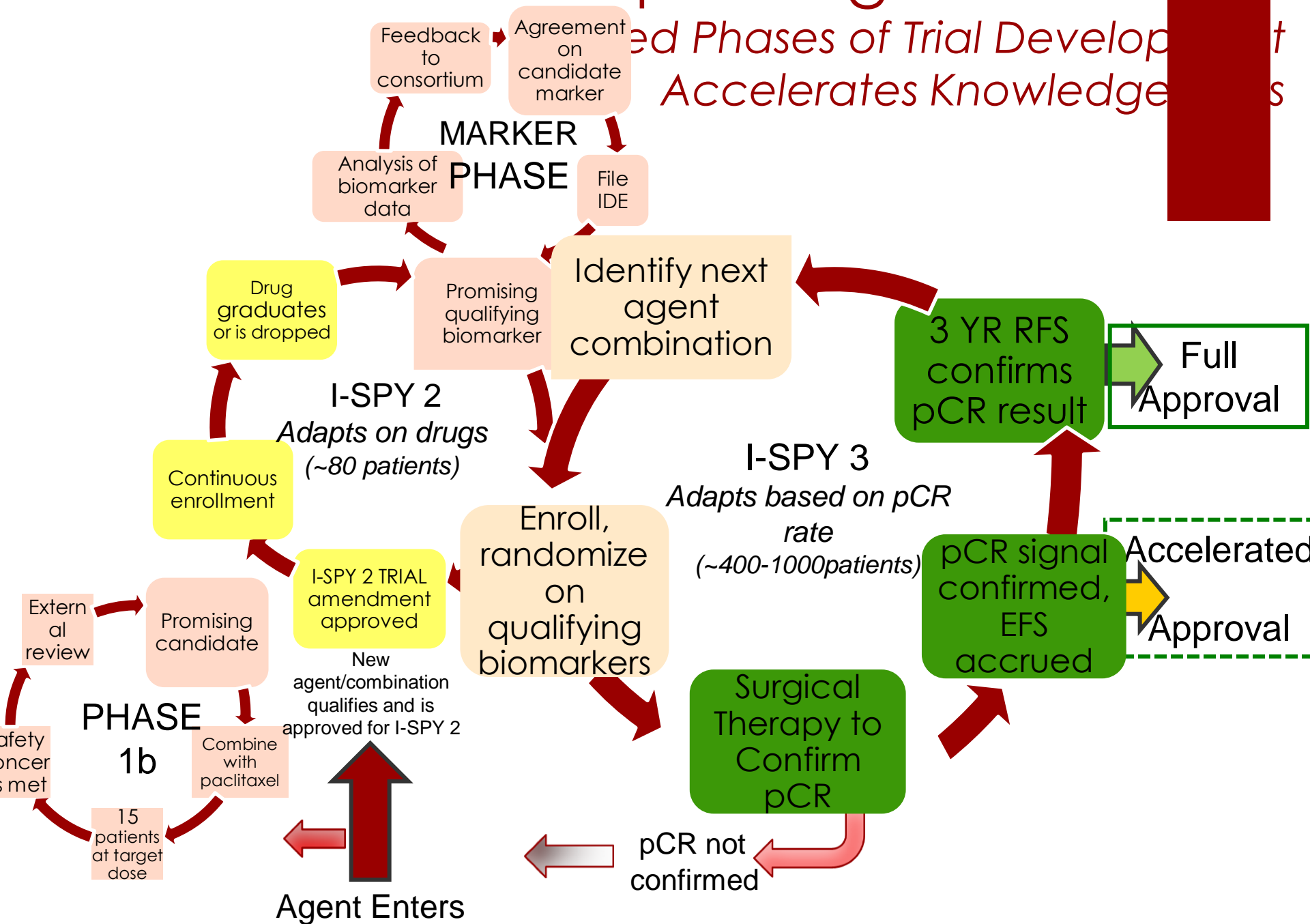
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# I-SPY Milestones

- Demonstrated that pCR endpoints work better by subtype
- Enlisted multiple pharma companies into same trial
- Developed I-SPY 2 infrastructure
  - IT systems to support adaptive learning
  - New methods to distribute credit
- Successful integration of adaptive randomization, including real time data collection and use in driving ongoing randomization
- Demonstration of the standing trial concept
  - multiple arms, single backbone and Master IND
  - 8 drugs introduced into the study, several in the pipeline
- Graduation of 2 agents, with biomarker signatures
  - Neratinib (Puma Biotechnology) ( Dec 4, 2013): HER2+ HR-
  - Veliparib (AbbVie) (Dec 13, 2013): HER2- HR- (triple negative)
- Accelerated Approval guidance issued by FDA
  - Next step: I-SPY 3 international trial

# Compressing the Timeline

Accelerated Phases of Trial Development  
Accelerates Knowledge



# The Value of A Consortium Model



- The power of a consortium enables innovation
  - No one group can effect change on their own
  - Allows companies to participate in meaningful change that would otherwise be seen as self serving if they went alone
  - Promote new approaches to verified point of care data
- Promotes international collaboration and dialogue
- Ensures drugs will be more available across the world at same time
- A faster more efficient process for approving more drugs at a lower cost