



# Personalized Care in Pediatric Medicine

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## What is Pharmacogenomics?



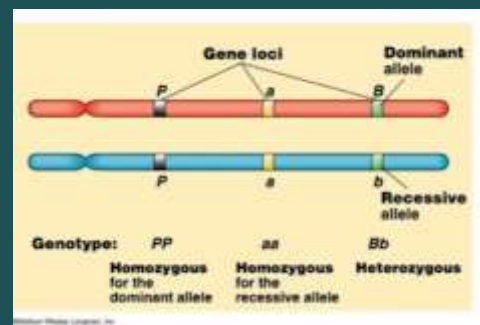
- ▶ Interchangeable with pharmacogenetics
  - ▶ Can be inferred as a single test result or the “bigger picture” as a science of pharmacogenomics
- ▶ Study of gene expression impact on both pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic processes
- ▶ One size does NOT fit all – era of personalized medicine

# What is Pharmacogenomics?

- ▶ Goal: to reduce adverse drug reactions (ADEs)
- ▶ Companion testing
- ▶ Salvaging drugs with a profile high in toxicity
- ▶ Increased medication regimen adherence?

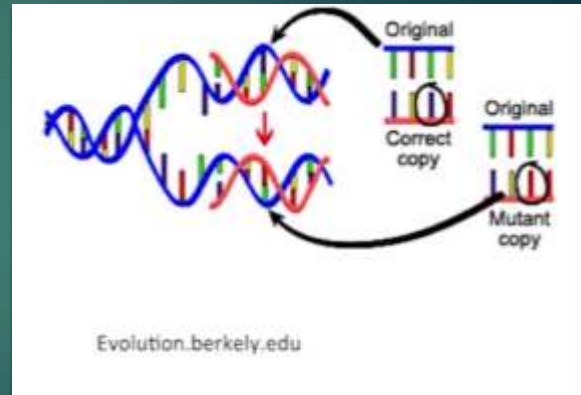
# Allele Review

- ▶ Genes can be polymorphic between individuals with the same gene
- ▶ Differences are represented by variants or alleles
- ▶ If alleles are the same = homozygous
- ▶ If alleles are different = heterozygous



## Mutation Review

- ▶ Can be single based substitutions, deletions, insertions
- ▶ “synonymous” – same enzyme coding
- ▶ “non-synonymous” – different enzyme coding
- ▶ Frame shifts move the entire codon down (or up)
- ▶ Induced mutations can occur such as by UV light



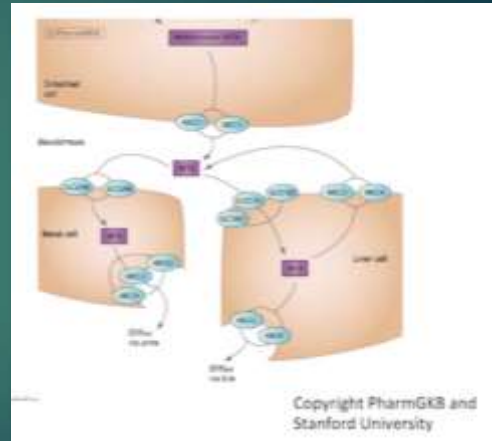
## Phenotype and Genotype Review

- ▶ Phenotype refers to the expression of a genotype
- ▶ Can be visible ie: eye color, skin color, height
- ▶ Can be invisible: blood type, disease
- ▶ Health care team may need to provide phenotypes



# Basics of Pharmacogenomics

- ▶ Drug metabolism
  - ▶ CYP enzymes
- ▶ Drug transport
  - ▶ SLCO1B1, ABCG2
- ▶ Drug targets
  - ▶ VKORC1, ADRB1
- ▶ Other
  - ▶ Downstream effect of metabolites



# Basics of Pharmacogenomics

- ▶ One more piece of information – use it like SCr or WBC
  - ▶ Only about 75% of heterozygotes show clinical manifestations
- ▶ Classifications include wild type (normal), heterozygotes (one variant) and homozygotes (two variants). Can be ultrarapid, rapid and poor metabolizers depending on gene expression
- ▶ **NOT** the only answer

## MEDICAL STAFF CONFERENCE

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### The Clinical Importance Of Pharmacogenetics

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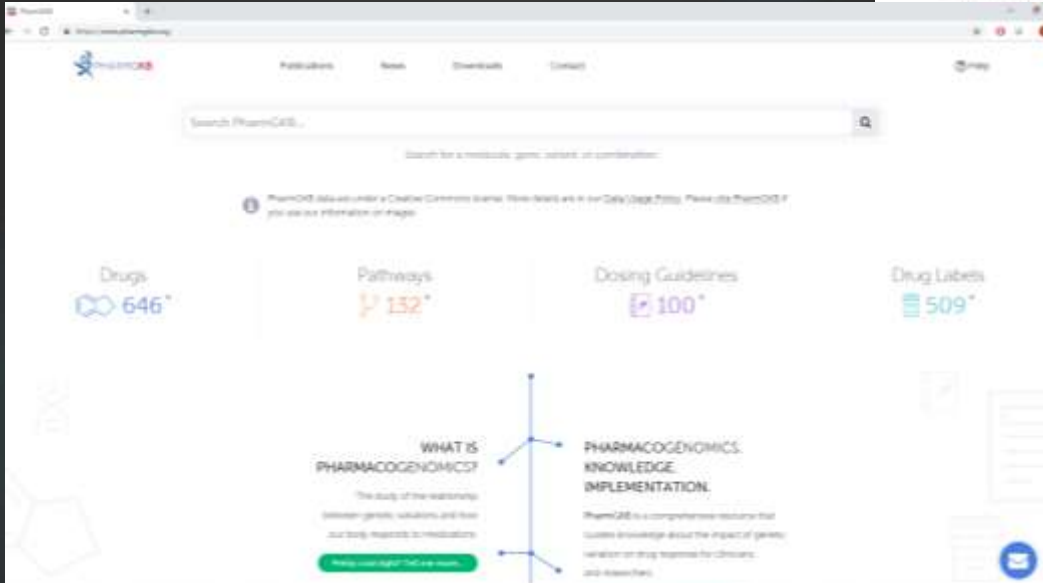
**DR. SMITH:** \* This morning Dr. Charles Becker, who is the Senior Medical Resident, will discuss certain aspects of pharmacogenetics. He will present some brief case histories to illustrate these points.

**DR. BECKER:** † Thank you, Dr. Smith. Unfortunately this topic is too broad for thorough discussion of the vast number of clinically important pharmacogenetic problems. McKusick in his recent compendium<sup>1</sup> listed some 1,500 diseases with

peripheral neuropathy developed. She was also treated with hydralazine for hypertension and a severe lupus-like syndrome ensued, with positive tests for the lupus erythematosus cell. This patient was a "slow acetylator" of isoniazid, and toxicity to this drug developed because of a slow rate of drug metabolism. This reaction also illustrates that hydralazine, which actually was introduced as an antituberculosis drug, is metabolized by the same enzyme system (nonmicrosomal) as isoniazid. Patients who are slow acetylators have a higher in-

## Clinical Use of Pharmacogenomics

- ▶ Pre-emptive testing not currently in wide use
  - ▶ Primarily occurring at teaching/university hospitals, cancer centers
  - ▶ Requires investment in time and money as well as key policy development
- ▶ The FDA currently lists PGx biomarkers in 107 drug labels
  - ▶ Actionable pharmacogenetic data
    - ▶ Increase in ADE
    - ▶ Reduction in drug efficacy
  - ▶ Clinical Pharmacogenomics Implementation Consortium (CPIC) has published Level 1 evidence dosing guidelines.
    - ▶ Designed to provide safe dosing/drug use recommendations for drug/gene pairs for which there is sufficient evidence to support variance specific dosing
    - ▶ They do not address who should be tested, they only assume the test has been performed for some reason and the data is available
  - ▶ As the assays become more accurate and the cost decreases, testing will become embedded in the implementation of personalized medicine



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**WHAT IS PHARMACOGENOMICS?**  
The study of the relationship between genetic variations and how our body responds to medications.

**PHARMACOGENOMICS KNOWLEDGE IMPLEMENTATION**  
PharmGKB is a comprehensive database that builds knowledge about the impact of genetic variation on drug response for clinicians and researchers.

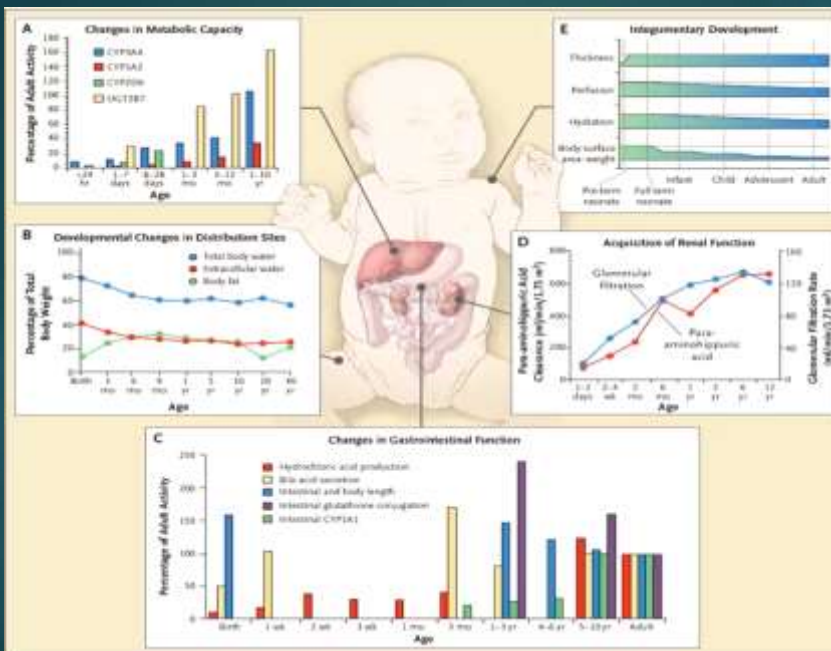
## Pharmacogenomics Candidate

- ▶ Narrow therapeutic index
  - ▶ Toxicity and effective dose closely related
- ▶ Single gene mutation vs. multigenetic
- ▶ Published dosing guidelines
- ▶ Validated, reliable assay
- ▶ Many more...

# Medication Consideration in Children

- ▶ 60% receive prescription medication annually
  - ▶ 25% have a chronic condition
    - ▶ Accounting for 70% of rx
- ▶ Children are at high risk for ADEs
- ▶ ADEs rank between 4-7 most common cause of death
- ▶ Healthcare costs of ADEs > 177 billion \$
- ▶ As much as 60% of those ADEs associated with genetic variants in drug metabolizing enzymes

Becker ML and Leeder JS Pharmacogenomics 2010;11:1591-1602  
 Amur S et al Personalized Medicine 2010;7:633-642



# Developmental Pharmacogenomics

- ▶ Ontogeny
  - ▶ The development or course of development especially of an individual organism
  
- ▶ Ontogeny of drug metabolizing enzymes (DME)
  - ▶ Impact of the organism's maturation on the disposition of a drug
  - ▶ Direct effect on systemic exposure

*Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary, 1999*

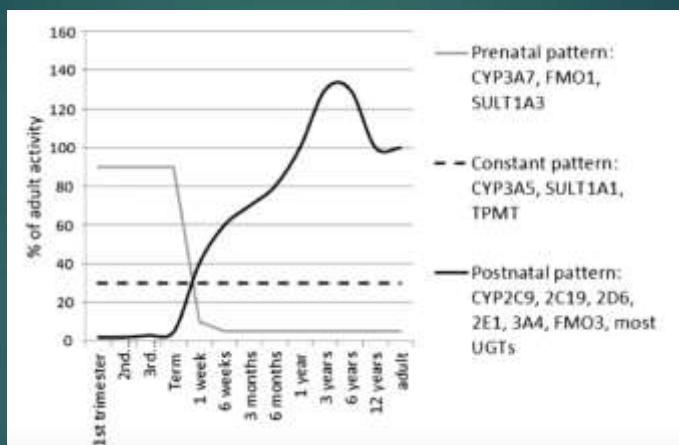
# Example of Ontogeny With Respect to PGx

- ▶ Chloramphenicol
  - ▶ Grey baby syndrome
    - ▶ Grey appearance
    - ▶ Accompanied by multi organ failure
    - ▶ Increased toxic concentrations resulting in death
  
- ▶ UGT2B7
  - ▶ Immature at birth

De wildt SN et al Arch Dis Child 2014;99:1137-1142



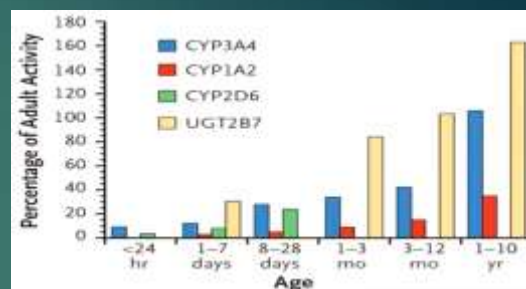
# Patterns of DME with Maturation



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 Leeder JS et al J Clin Pharmacol 2010;50:1377-1378

# Patterns of DME with Maturation

| CYP ENZYME | BIRTH                 | POST - NATAL                      |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| CYP 1A2    | NEGLIGIBLE            | 50% ADULT EXPRESSED AT 1 YEAR     |
| CYP 2B6    | NEGLIGIBLE            | 50% ADULT EXPRESSION AT 16 MONTHS |
| CYP 2D6    | NEGLIGIBLE            | 100% ADULT EXPRESSED AT 2 WEEKS   |
| CYP 2C9    | 20% OF ADULT ACTIVITY | 50% ADULT EXPRESSED AT 1 MONTH    |
| CYP 2C19   | 30% OF ADULT ACTIVITY | 100% ADULT ACTIVITY BY 12 MONTHS  |



Kearne CL et al NEJM 2003;349:1157-1167  
 Leeder JS et al J Clin Pharmacol 2010;50:1377-1387

## Disease State

- ▶ Variable pharmacodynamic effects
- ▶ Prevalence in children vs adults
  - ▶ PPHN w/ sildenafil
- ▶ Pediatric diseases not observed in adult population
  - ▶ Kawasaki disease
- ▶ Variable presentation of diseases
  - ▶ HTN in adults vs. children

## Pharmacist Assessment in Gene/Drug Pairing

- ▶ Is the treatment similar between the pediatric and the adult population?
- ▶ Based on the drug of interest what genes are important?
- ▶ Are the variations associated with specific consequences in vivo?
- ▶ What is the development profile for the gene of interest?



- Ondansetron
  - “no data available on CYP2D6 genotype's effect on Ondansetron response in pediatric populations
  - “no reason to suspect CYP2D6 genetic variation will affect drug's metabolism differently in children....”
  - CYP2D6 activity depends strongly on developmental aspects
- SSRIs
  - “Data describing relationship between CYP2D6 and CYP2C19 genotype and SSRI exposure are scarce” – use caution and close monitoring

Bell GC et al Clin Pharmacol Ther 2017;102:21-218  
 Hicks JK et al Clin Pharmacol Ther 2015;98:127-134



- ▶ **Total → 65 with pediatric labeling including PGx**
  - ▶ 56 of them derived from adult trials
  - ▶ 9 derived from pediatric trials
  - ▶ 40 deemed “suitable” for pediatric patients
  - ▶ 16 unclear

## When are Pharmacogenomic Tests Worth it?

- ▶ What is the number needed to treat?
- ▶ What is the ethnic variation?
- ▶ How much does the test cost to run? To interpret?
- ▶ Can insurance reimburse?
- ▶ What are the cost savings gained through the implementation of this type of pre-emptive testing?

## Ethics of Pharmacogenomics in Children

- ▶ Incidental finding vs secondary findings
- ▶ American college of medical genetics and genomics
  - ▶ Published list of around two dozen VIP genes that will be required to be reported when exome and genome sequences are returned – initially discussed regardless of age
  - ▶ "this evaluation and reporting should be performed for all clinical germline exome and genome sequencing, including the 'normal' of tumor-normal subtractive analyzes in all subjects, irrespective of age, but excluding fetal samples."
  - ▶ "the working group also felt that the ethical concerns about providing children with genetic risk information about adult-onset diseases were outweighed by the potential benefit to the future health of the child and the child's parent of discovering an incidental finding where intervention might be possible"

# Ethics of Pharmacogenomics in Children

- ▶ American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
  - ▶ Published "Disclosure of Incidental Findings From Next-Generation Sequencing in Pediatric Genomic Research"
  - ▶ Published "Ethical and Policy Issues in Genetic Testing and Screening of Children" advocating "predictive genetic testing for adult onset conditions generally should be deferred unless and intervention initiated in childhood may reduce morbidity or mortality"
  - ▶ "decisions about whether to offer genetic testing and screening should be driven by the best interest of the child"

# What's Next?

- ▶ Add more drug/gene pair decision to support
- ▶ Alter prescriber to pre-emptive testing when appropriate
- ▶ Create new IT platform for handling pharmacogenomic results
- ▶ Move to clinical exome sequencing when appropriate
- ▶ Develop institutional policies on consenting, reporting of incidental findings in children

# Thank You!

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