

# Identification of Neuropsychiatric CNVs in a Health System Population: High Prevalence, Penetrance, and Personal Utility

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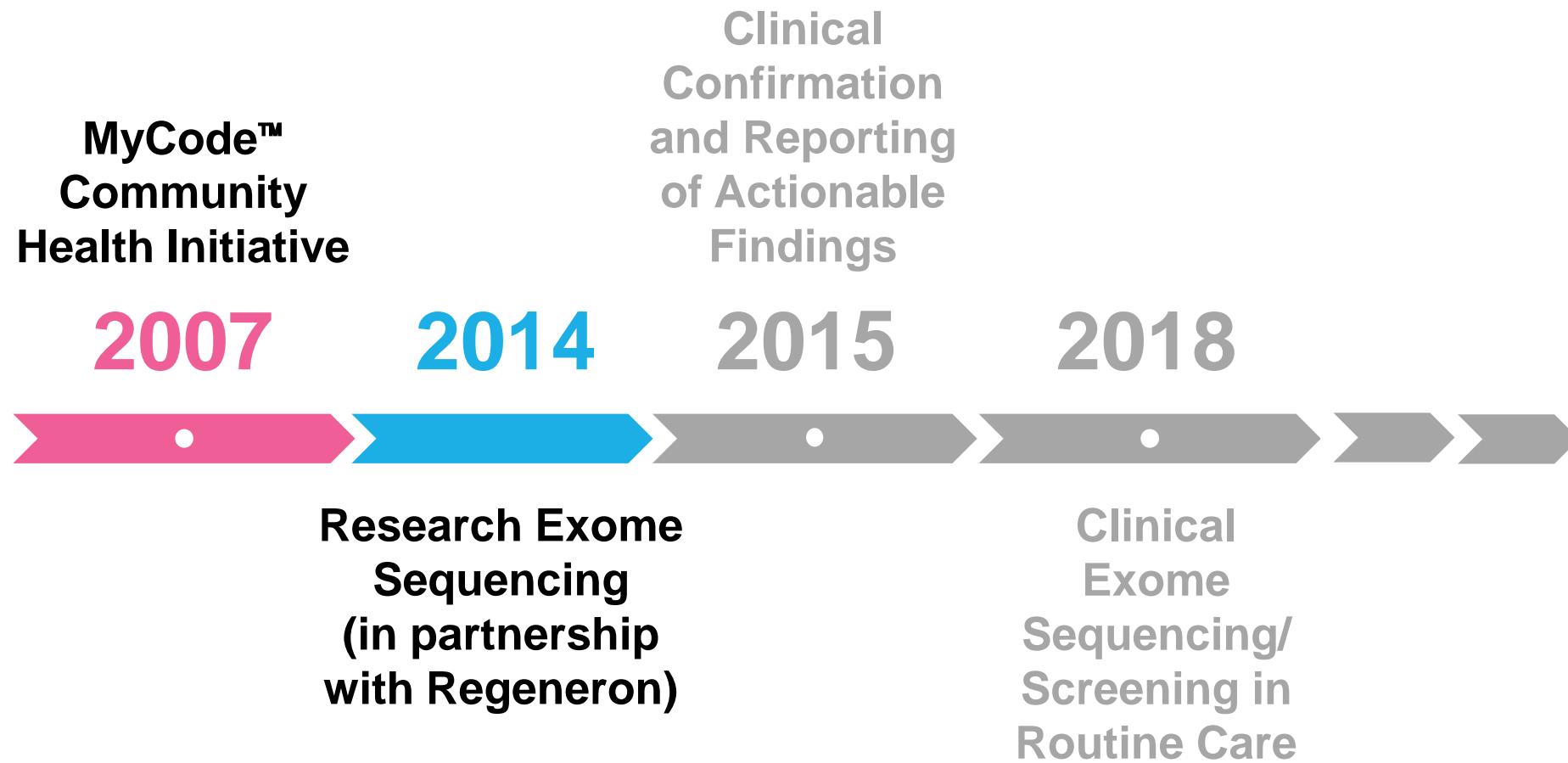
# Life saving stories...



- 39-year old woman in MyCode research project found to have disease-causing change in the *KCNQ1* gene; her mother died suddenly in her sleep at age 26
- *KCNQ1* – potassium channel gene; causes form of arrhythmia called Long QT syndrome which can result in sudden death
- Familial testing revealed her two sons (ages 9 and 13) also carry the change in *KCNQ1*; both have prolonged QT intervals, consistent with Long QT syndrome
- Mother and boys prescribed beta-blockers --- and family has automatic external defibrillator which they take to all of the boys' sporting events

*"I thank God for this program, that this [mutation] was found and I'm not burying one of my kids."*

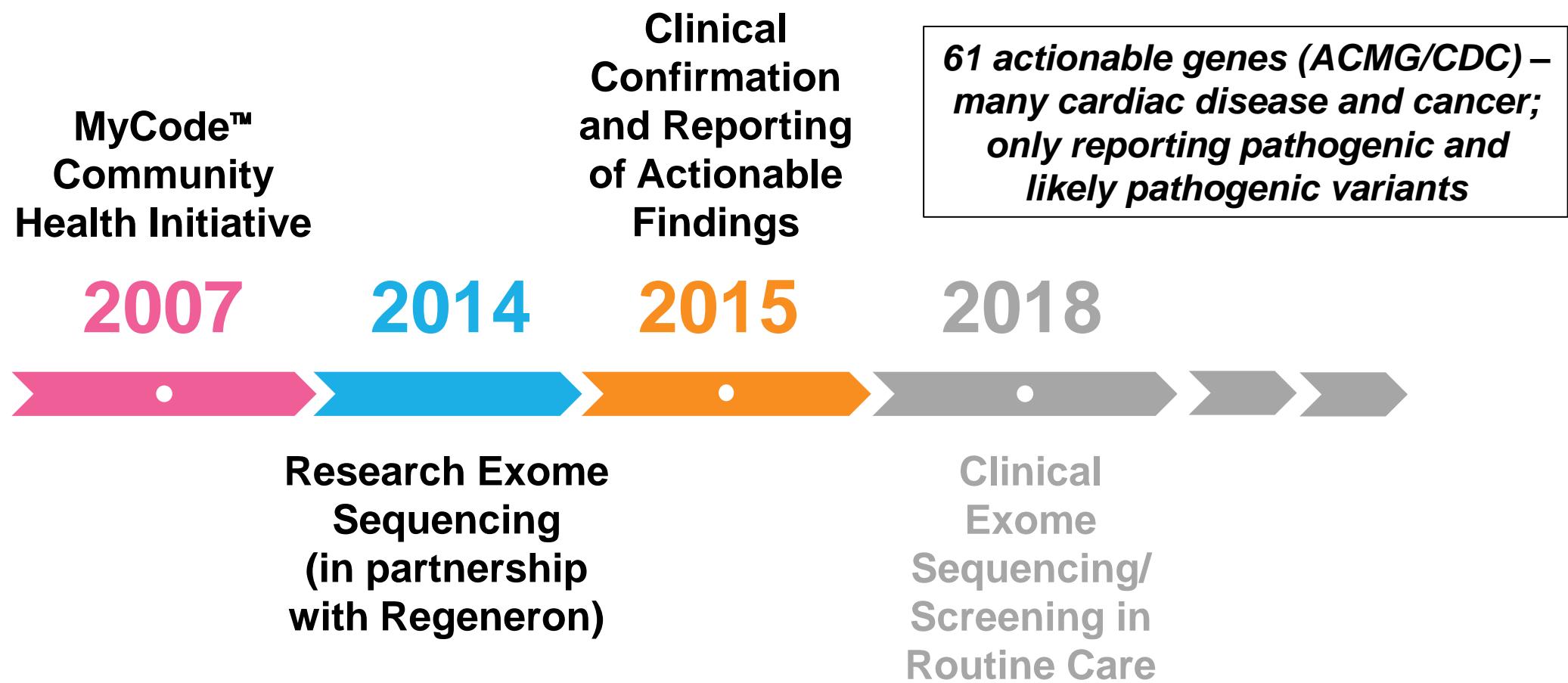
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 **mycode** Community Health Initiative

- High consent rate (~65-85%)
- Recruited throughout system - both in-person (in clinics) and online (MyGeisinger)
- Exome and genotype data linked to clinical information from EHR and claims data from Geisinger Health Plan
- Cohort Characteristics:
  - Most of European ancestry (~95%)
  - Median age of 54 years
  - Median 13.8 years of longitudinal EHR data
  - 46 clinical encounters; 426 lab test values; 717 vital measurements

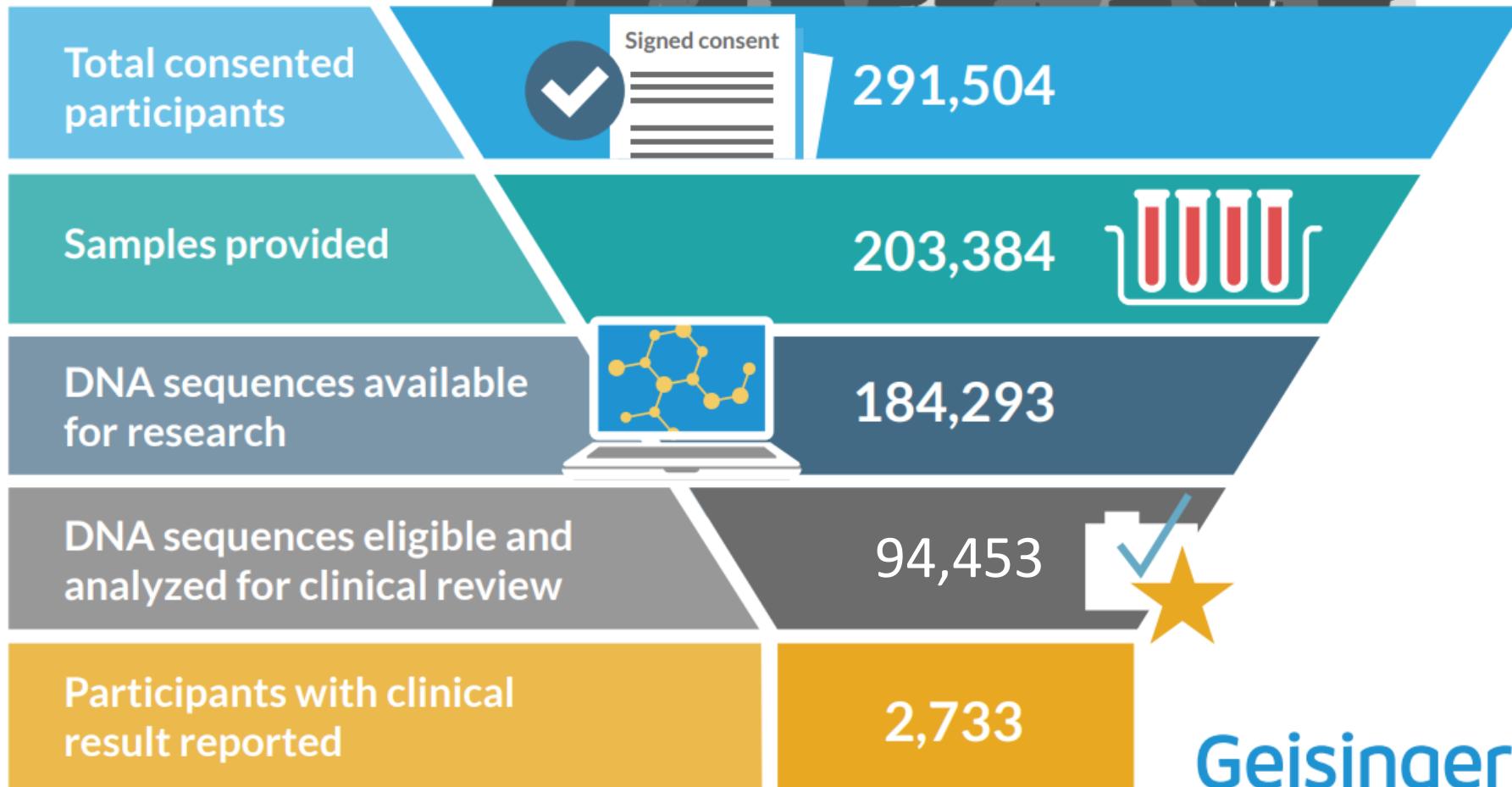
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# MYCODE® Scorecard



2 million Geisinger patients

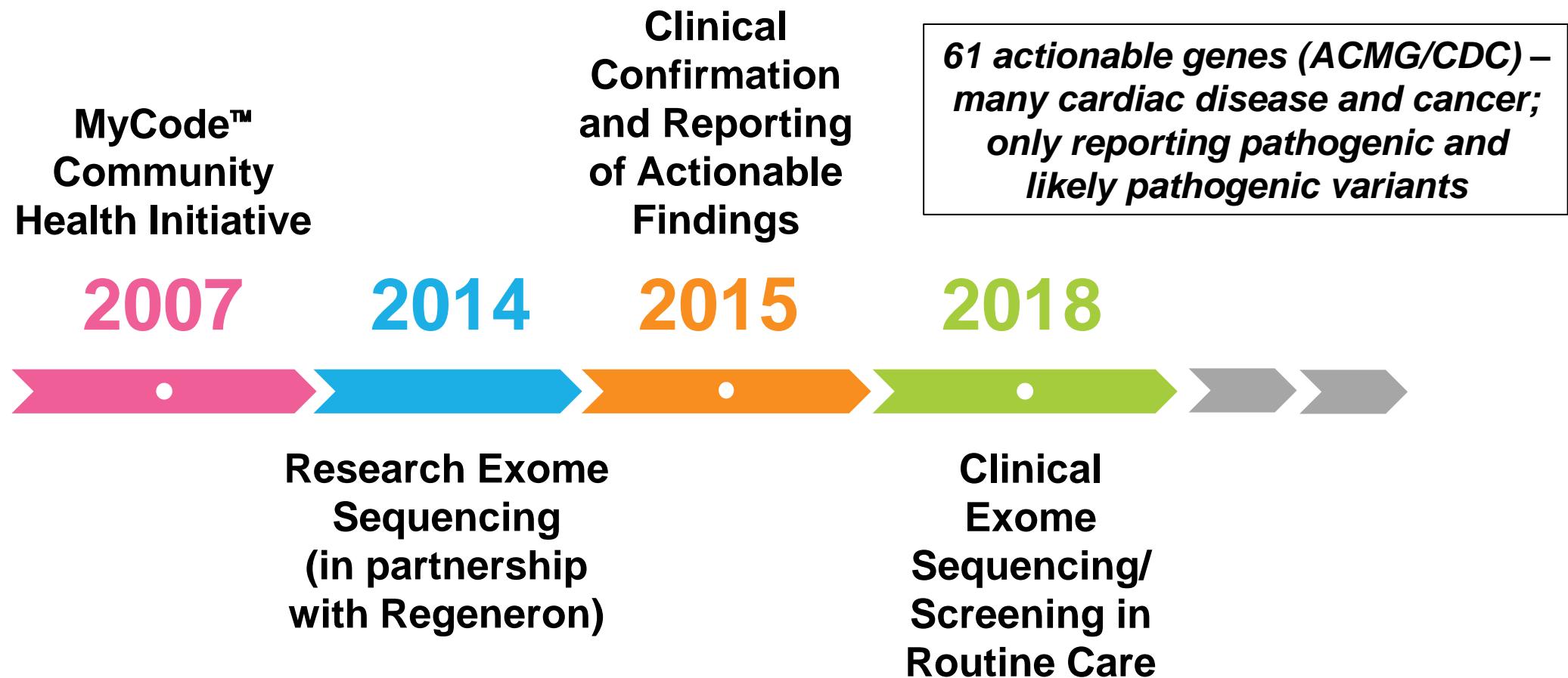


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# What about Precision Health for Brain Disorders?

# Life *changing* stories...

- 48-year old man in MyCode project found to have pathogenic 22q11.2 deletion
- Lives with parents, single
- Graduated HS, certificate in welding, drives, independently manages appointments / finances
- Typical 22q11.2 deletion facial appearance; no history of chronic medical conditions or surgeries
- Psychotic episode at 35, required hospitalization; psychiatry attempted discontinuation of medication at age 40 with recurrence of psychosis
- 22q del diagnosis supported continued treatment; currently stable on low dose of antipsychotic medication

*"It feels good to know that there's a medical name for my condition."*

# Neurodevelopmental/psychiatric Disorders (NPD)

- Characterized by impairments in cognition, communication, behavior, and/or motor functioning
- Impact about 14-18% of the nation's children and adults
- ~30% have genetic etiology
- Include disorders such as:
  - autism spectrum disorder
  - intellectual disability/developmental delay
  - epilepsy
  - ADHD
  - cerebral palsy
  - bipolar disorder
  - schizophrenia
  - depression
  - anxiety

# Significant Genetic Heterogeneity and Variable Expressivity in NPD

CNV	Frequency in clinical cohorts*	Autism spectrum disorder	Intellectual disability or developmental delay	Schizophrenia	Epilepsy
22q11.2	1 in 167	✓	✓	✓	✓
16p11.2	1 in 241	✓	✓	..	✓
1q21.1	1 in 309	✓	✓	✓	✓
15q13.2-q13.3	1 in 358	✓	✓	✓	✓
7q11.23	1 in 415	✓	✓	..	✓
15q11.2-q13	1 in 553	✓	✓	✓	✓
17q21.31	1 in 700	✓	✓	..	✓
16p13.11	1 in 788	✓	✓	✓	✓
17q12	1 in 985	✓	✓	✓	✓
17p11.2	1 in 985	✓	✓	..	✓
8p23.1	1 in 1854	✓	✓	..	✓
5q35	1 in 1970	✓	✓	..	✓
3q29	1 in 2101	✓	✓	✓	..



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Lancet Neurol 2013

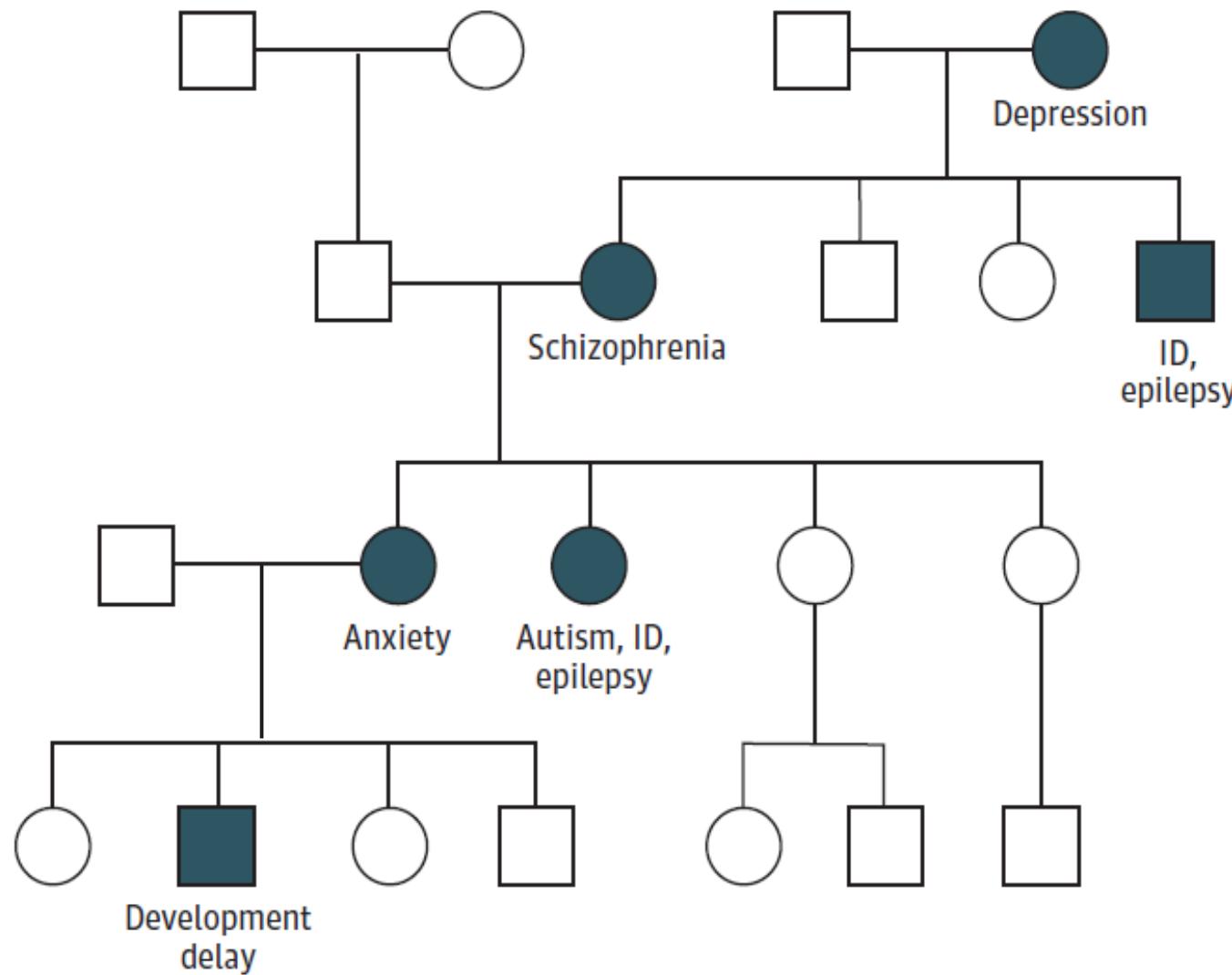
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Gene	Autism spectrum disorder	Intellectual disability or developmental delay	Schizophrenia	Epilepsy
<i>A2BP1</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>AUTS2</i>	✓	✓	..	✓
<i>CACNA1C</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>CASK</i>	..	✓	✓	✓
<i>CDKL5</i>	✓	✓	..	✓
<i>CNTNAP2</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>DISC1</i>	✓	✓	✓	..
<i>EHMT1</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>FMR1</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>FOXP1</i>	✓	✓	..	✓
<i>FOXP2</i>	✓	✓	✓	..
<i>GRIN2B</i>	✓	✓	✓	..
<i>MBD5</i>	✓	✓	..	✓

Estimated at least 500 genes involved in NPD

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*Lancet Neurol* 2013

# Variable Expressivity within Families

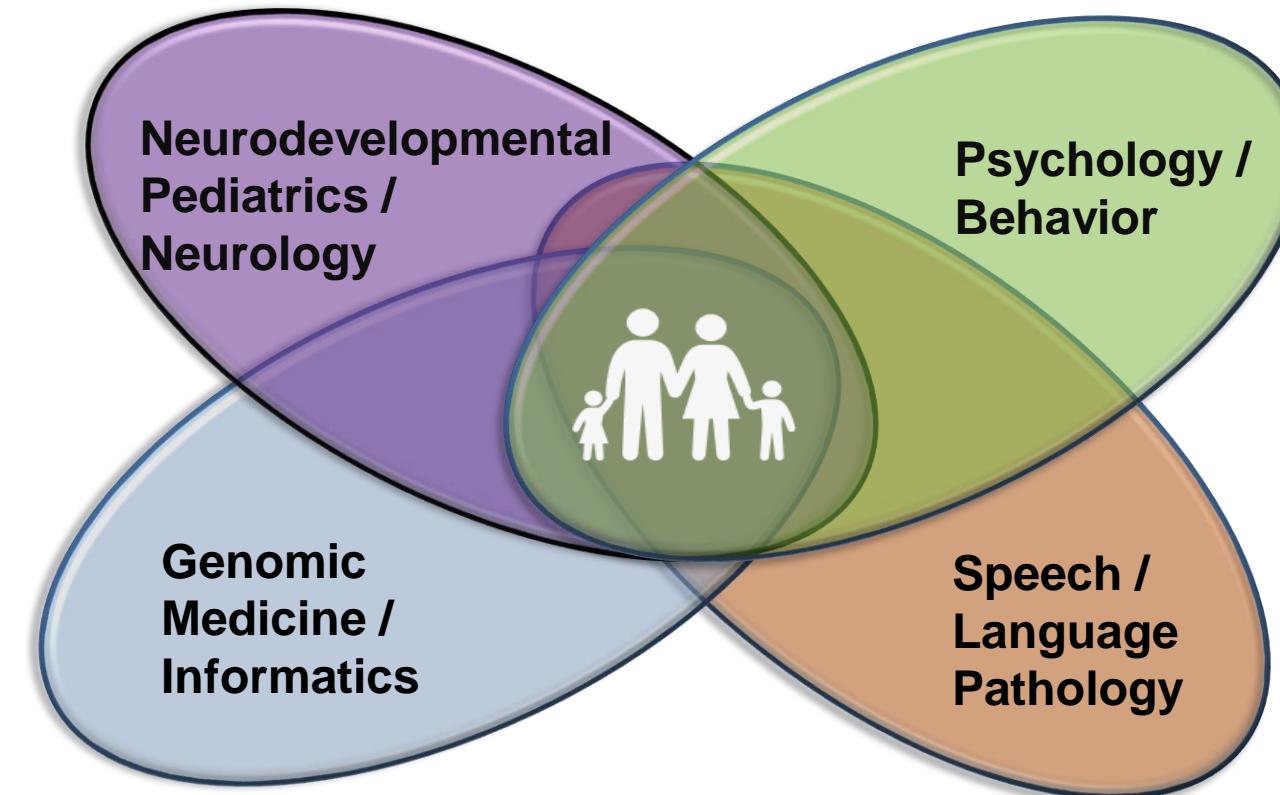


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Martin, Wain et al., JAMA Psych 2020

# Geisinger Autism & Developmental Medicine Institute

## A Precision Health Approach to Clinical Care



>9,000 unique patients to date

~35 new referrals per week

~6,200 visits per year (new and returns)

**Genetic testing ordered as part of routine clinical care:**

- Fragile X
- Exome Sequencing with CNV Analysis
- **Diagnostic Yield = 30-40%**

# Behavioral vs. Etiological Diagnosis

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## **Autism** **Angelman syndrome**

- Provides a diagnosis and accurate recurrence risk estimates
- Allows for targeted medical monitoring
- Enables development of etiology-specific interventions based on an individual's risk/resilience (primary etiology + polygenic risk scores)
- Genes to Mental Health (G2MH) Network (NIMH/NICHD)

# Unbiased, Genotype First Ascertainment of NPD

- To date, most studies on the neurodevelopmental/psychiatric phenotypic effects of genomic variants have investigated clinical or research cohorts with ID, ASD, SCZ, and other disorders.
- These largely pediatric studies are biased towards ascertainment of the most severe phenotypic consequences of genomic variants.
- More data is needed on the clinical consequences of genomic variants in unselected populations to understand broader phenotypes.

JAMA Psychiatry | Original Investigation

# Identification of Neuropsychiatric Copy Number Variants in a Health Care System Population

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- Examined the ***prevalence, penetrance, and personal utility*** of neuropsychiatric copy number variants (CNVs)
- Are genetic causes of neuropsychiatric disorders ready for inclusion in population screening efforts?

# Prevalence of Pathogenic CNVs

# MyCode Cohort CNV Analysis

- 90,620 patient-participants with sequence data passing QC for exome-based CNV calling
- Determined frequency of 31 pathogenic recurrent NPD CNVs (>250kb; e.g., 22q11.2 deletion; ClinGen Dosage Score = 3)
  - CNVs called from exomes using CLAMMS algorithm (Packer et al., 2015); validated by Illumina SNP data with PennCNV
  - CLIA confirmation for clinical reporting to participants



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# MyCode Cohort CNV Analysis - Prevalence

- 708/90,595 (**0.8%**) individuals have a pathogenic CNV
- *Only* 41/708 (5.8%) had a previously known genetic diagnosis in the EHR
  - Mean age = 20.33 yrs (compared to 50.04 yrs for all CNV+ individuals)

# Multiple large, population-based studies estimate the prevalence of pathogenic CNVs to be ~1%

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CNV	Dosage	No. (%)			
		DiscovEHR (n = 90 595)	deCODE <sup>47</sup> (n = 101 655)	EGCUT <sup>46</sup> (n = 7877)	UK Biobank <sup>48</sup> (n = 421 268)
Deletion	NA	354 (0.391)	226 (0.222)	16 (0.203)	745 (0.177)
Duplication	NA	356 (0.393)	276 (0.272)	28 (0.355)	879 (0.209)
CNV <sup>e</sup>	NA	708 (0.782)	502 (0.494)	44 (0.559)	1624 (0.386)
Broader Cumulative CNV list		0.8%	1.16%	0.7%	1.0%

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<b>DELETIONS</b>					
1q21.1 ( <i>GJA5</i> ) <sup>a,b</sup>	del	59 (0.065)	35 (0.034)	3 (0.038)	113 (0.027)
3q29 ( <i>DLG1</i> )	del	4 (0.004)	3 (0.003)	0	9 (0.002)
5q35 ( <i>NSD1</i> )	del	0	NR	0	0
7q11.23 ( <i>ELN</i> ) <sup>a</sup>	del	4 (0.004)	4 (0.004)	1 (0.013)	1 (0)
8p23.1 ( <i>GATA4</i> )	del	0	NR	1 (0.013)	4 (0.001)
10q23 ( <i>BMPR1A</i> )	del	1 (0.001)	NR	NR	3 (0.001)
15q11.2q13.1 BP1-3 ( <i>UBE3A</i> )	del	5 (0.006)	1 (0.001)	0	1 (0)
15q13.3 BP4-5 ( <i>CHRNA7</i> ) <sup>a</sup>	del	55 (0.061)	25 (0.025)	2 (0.025)	42 (0.010)
15q24 ( <i>SIN3A</i> ) <sup>a</sup>	del	2 (0.002)	NR	0	1 (0)
16p13.11 ( <i>MYH11</i> ) <sup>a</sup>	del	71 (0.078)	38 (0.037)	2 (0.025)	131 (0.031)
16p11.2 distal ( <i>SH2B1</i> )	del	28 (0.031)	19 (0.019)	NR	58 (0.014)
16p11.2 ( <i>TBX6</i> ) <sup>a</sup>	del	59 (0.065)	43 (0.042)	4 (0.051)	110 (0.026)
17p12 ( <i>PMP22</i> )	del	31 (0.034)	32 (0.031)	3 (0.038)	237 (0.056)
17p11.2 ( <i>RAI1</i> )	del	4 (0.004)	NR	0	2 (0)
17q11.2 ( <i>NF1</i> ) <sup>a</sup>	del	3 (0.003)	NR	0	9 (0.002)
17q12 ( <i>HNF1B</i> ) <sup>a</sup>	del	4 (0.004)	7 (0.007)	0	9 (0.002)
17q21.31 ( <i>KANSL1</i> )	del	0	NR	0	0
22q11.2 ( <i>TBX1</i> ) <sup>a,c</sup>	del	23 (0.025)	18 (0.018)	0	10 (0.002)
22q11.2 distal	del	1 (0.001)	1 (0.001)	0	5 (0.001)



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1q21.1 ( <i>GJA5</i> ) <sup>b</sup>	dup	90 (0.099)	60 (0.059)	6 (0.076)	177 (0.042)
5q35 ( <i>NSD1</i> )	dup	0	NR	0	0
7q11.23 ( <i>ELN</i> )	dup	8 (0.009)	1 (0.001)	1 (0.013)	14 (0.003)
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16p11.2 ( <i>TBX6</i> )	dup	63 (0.07)	51 (0.050)	7 (0.089)	138 (0.033)
17p12 ( <i>PMP22</i> )	dup	38 (0.042)	28 (0.028)	2 (0.025)	124 (0.029)
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22q11.2 ( <i>TBX1</i> ) <sup>d</sup>	dup	108 (0.119)	85 (0.084)	5 (0.063)	280 (0.066)
22q11.2 distal	dup	1 (0.001)	NR	0	13 (0.003)
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## Point of comparison



**0.8% NPD CNV prevalence**

Familial hypercholesterolemia: 0.4-0.5%

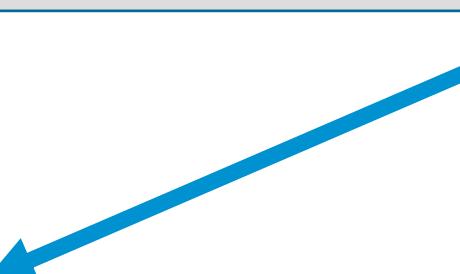
Lynch syndrome: 0.2%

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathies: 0.2%

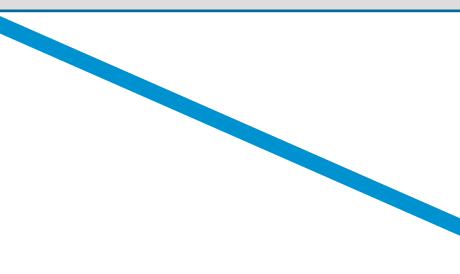
# Penetrance Estimates for Pathogenic CNVs

# MyCode Cohort CNV Analysis - Penetrance

Participants with evidence of NPD and/or congenital malformation (CM) consistent with the CNV in their EHR



Including depression/anxiety:  
66.4% (470/708)



Excluding depression/anxiety:  
28.8% (204/708)

# MyCode Cohort CNV Analysis - Penetrance

- Congenital malformation codes (central nervous system, cardiac, kidney/urinary, genital, cleft lip/palate) were enriched in EHRs of CNV-positive individuals (OR 2.00; 95% CI 1.60-2.49;  $p<0.001$ )
- Cleft lip/palate was observed in CNV-positive group with 9.84 higher odds, and other CM groups were 2-3 fold higher in CNV-positive

# Disclosing NPD CNVs to MyCode Participants

- **Select CNVs to be disclosed:**

- Included recurrent, pathogenic CNVs mediated by segmental duplications
- Clinical phenotypes that include NPD
- Prioritized CNVs based on number and type of non-NPD medical implications

- **Requirements for returning results:**

- Participant had NPD/CM documented in EHR
- Age 18 years or older
- Adequate consents on file and adequate sample available for clinical confirmation

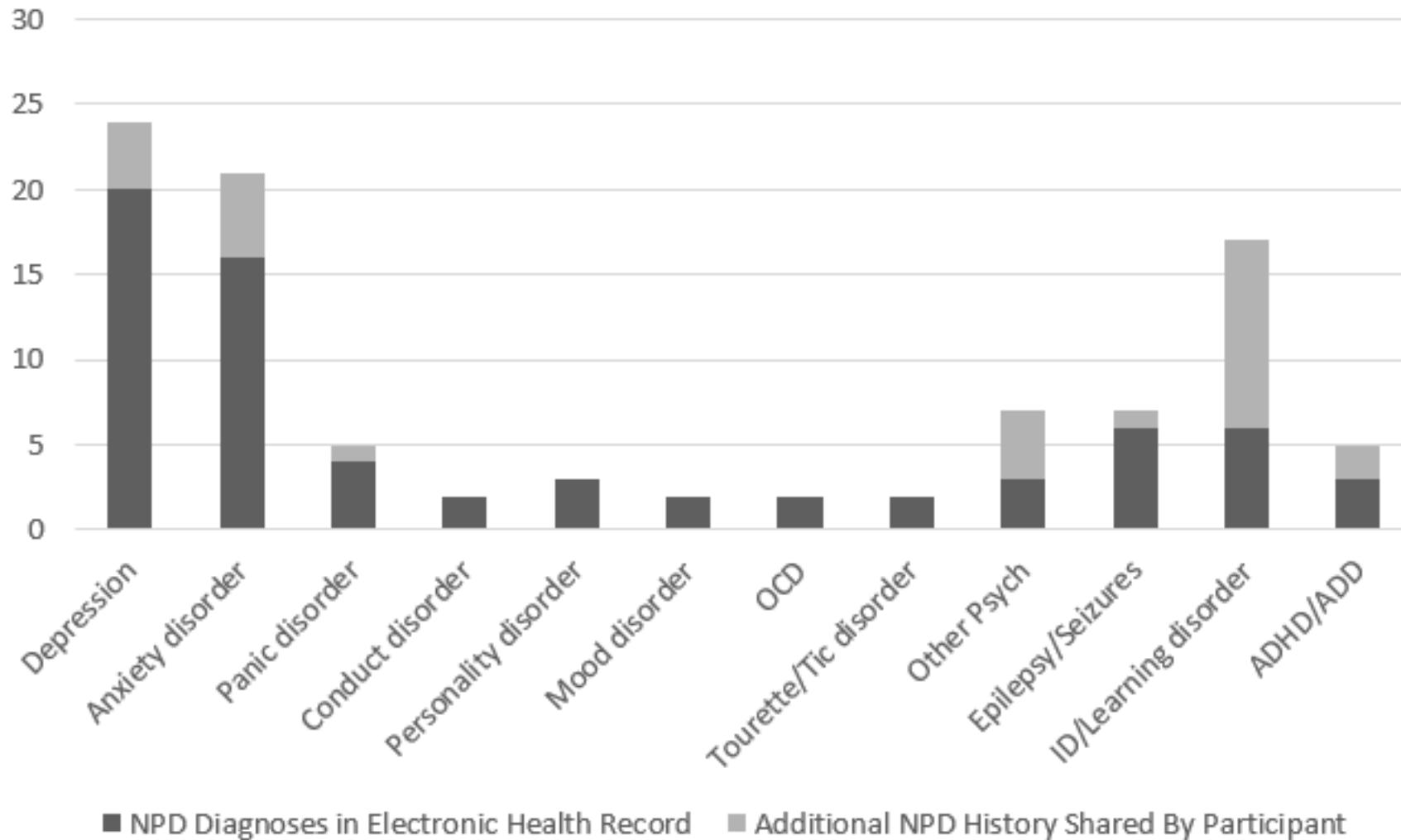
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# Penetrance is underestimated by EHR alone

Participants receiving CNV results often shared NPD history not documented in EHR



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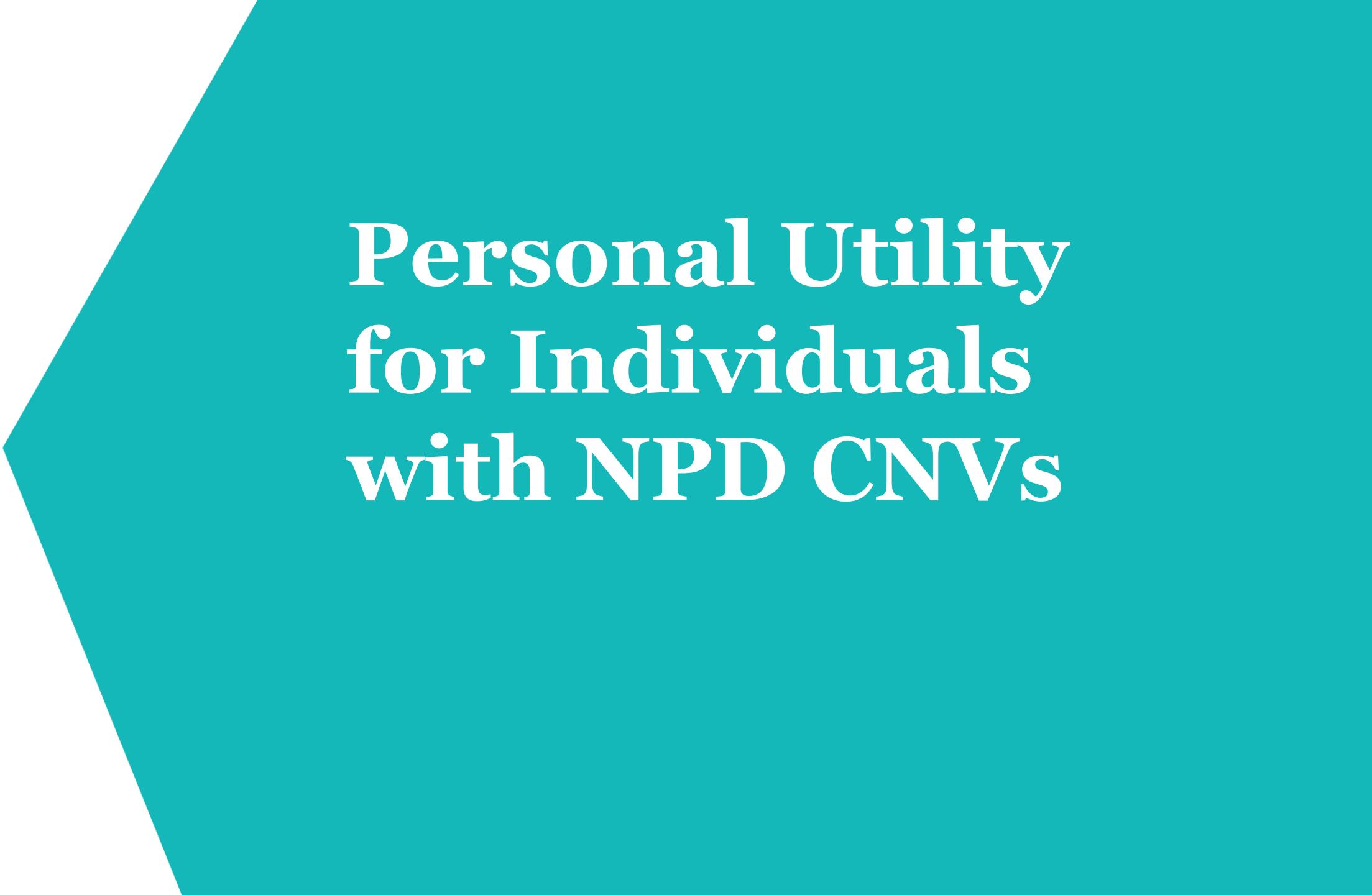


**35-70% NPD CNV  
penetrance estimate**

Familial hypercholesterolemia:  
30-50% risk for coronary event

Lynch syndrome:  
52-82% lifetime colorectal cancer risk

*BRCA1/2:*  
38-87% lifetime breast cancer risk

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# Personal Utility for Individuals with NPD CNVs

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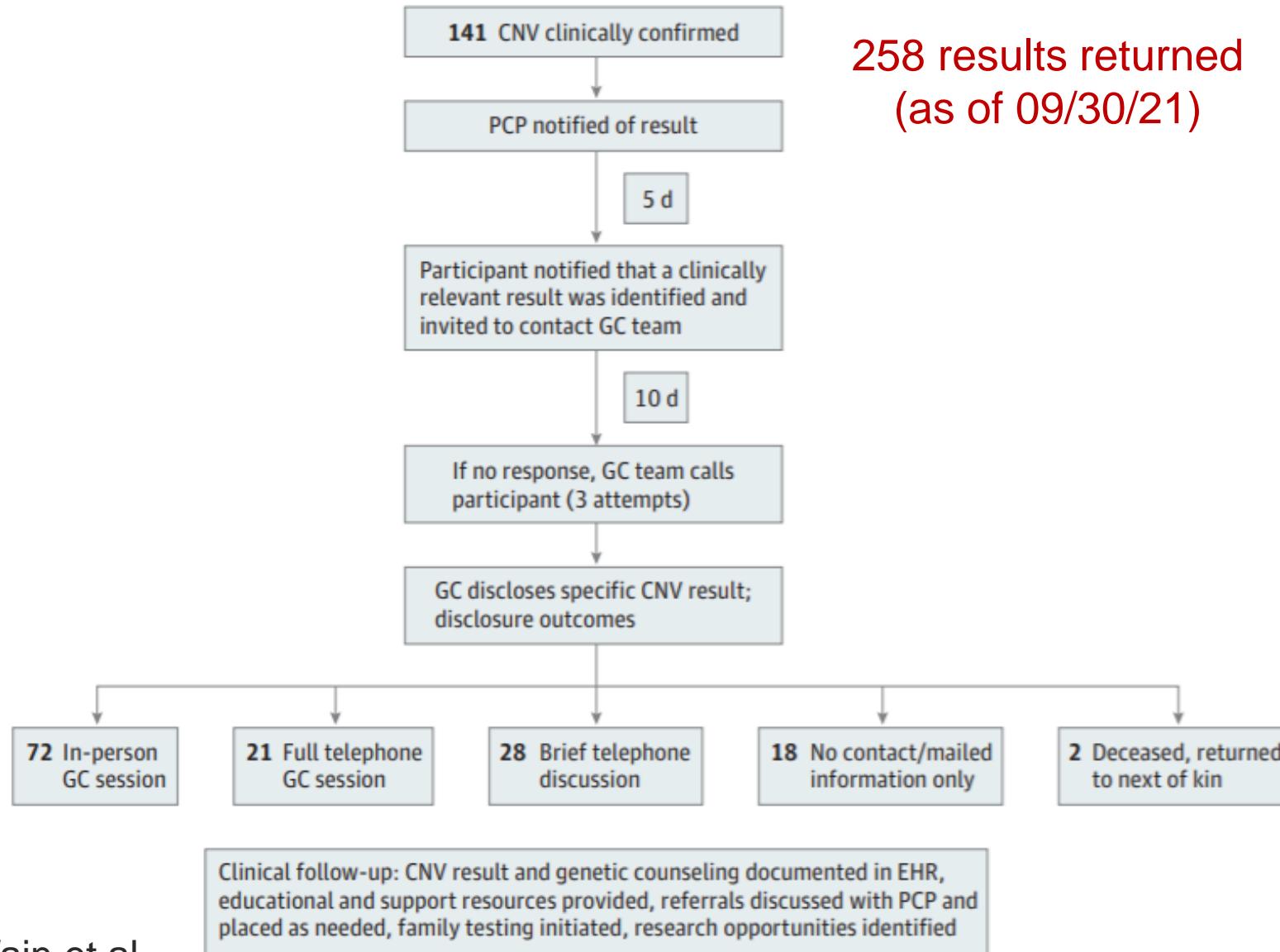
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Figure 2. Genetic Screening and Counseling Disclosure Process and Outcomes  
From 141 CNV-Positive Participants



141 out of 280 total individuals were eligible to receive results

### Gender

Female – 67%  
Male – 33%

### Age

Average: 48.5 yrs  
Range: 21-87 yrs

CNV indicates copy number variant; EHR, electronic health record; GC, genetic counselor; PCP, primary care professional.

# Genetic Counseling Disclosure Session Outline

- Four domains of focus:
  - Consent experience
  - Immediate psychosocial reaction
  - Impact on medical beliefs and self-image
  - Communication about results
- Promoted consistency between GCs
- Used for post-session GC written notes about participant responses, quotes, etc.

Patient: _____	MRN: _____	Date of Visit: _____	GC: _____
<p><b><u>Introductions and Contracting</u></b></p> <p>Thank participant for attending and describe purpose of visit.</p> <p><i>Probe: What do you remember about signing up for MyCode?</i></p> <p>Explain that a genetic change was identified that can cause medical concerns as well as learning differences and psychiatric illness.</p> <p><i>Probe: Tell me about your history of [condition]. What are your beliefs about why you have/had this?</i></p>			
<p><b><u>Obtain Family History</u></b></p> <p>Ask for permission to explore family history to get to understand family more fully. Participant may prefer to skip straight to disclosure.</p>			
<p><b><u>Discuss Results and Assess Response</u></b></p> <p>Provide educational resources and clinical report. Discuss clinical implications and address questions.</p> <p><i>Probe: How do you feel about this information? What kind of concerns do you have?</i></p> <p><i>Probe: Does this genetic information change anything about how you understand or view your [condition]? How do you feel about that?</i></p> <p><i>Probe: Does this information change how you think about yourself?</i></p> <p><i>Probe: Who would you talk to about this information? Why/why not?</i></p> <p><i>Probe: How does this experience and receiving this information compare to what you expected?</i></p>			
<p><b><u>Follow-up Plan</u></b></p> <p>Review any clinical follow-up with participant and discuss need for additional genetic counselor follow-up for participant or family.</p>			

eFigure 1: A genetic counselor results disclosure session outline was used to guide sessions, promote consistency between genetic counselors, and to standardize participant assessment for post-session data analysis.

# Mixed Methods Assessment of Participant Experience

Qualitative data analysis of two data-sets

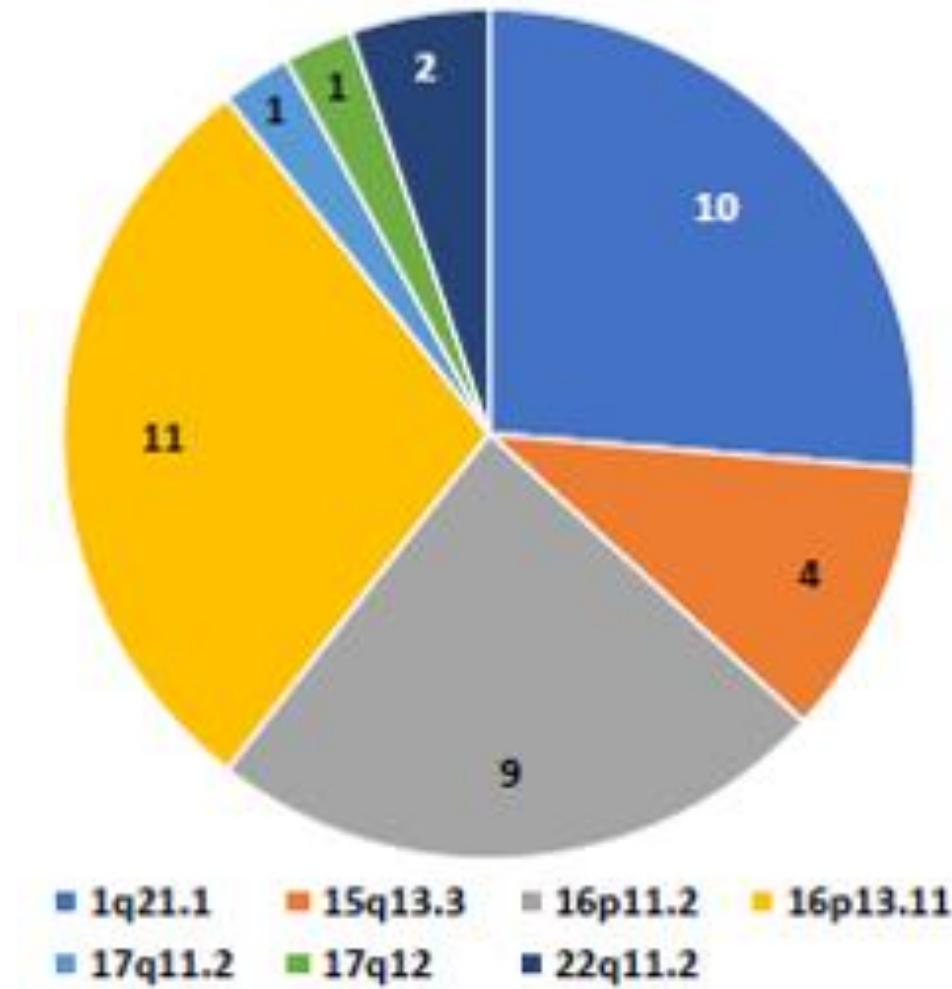
- GC written notes from GC session outline (n=38)
- Transcripts of audio-recorded sessions (n=14)
  - 13 additional transcripts (14 participants) with analysis now complete

Data-sets were assessed independently using a grounded theory approach

- Two independent coders generated codes for themes and subthemes
- Discussed to reach consensus and develop final codebooks
- For GC notes – coders discussed codebook with GC team as validation

# Mixed Methods Assessment of Participant Experience

*Number of Individuals per CNV*

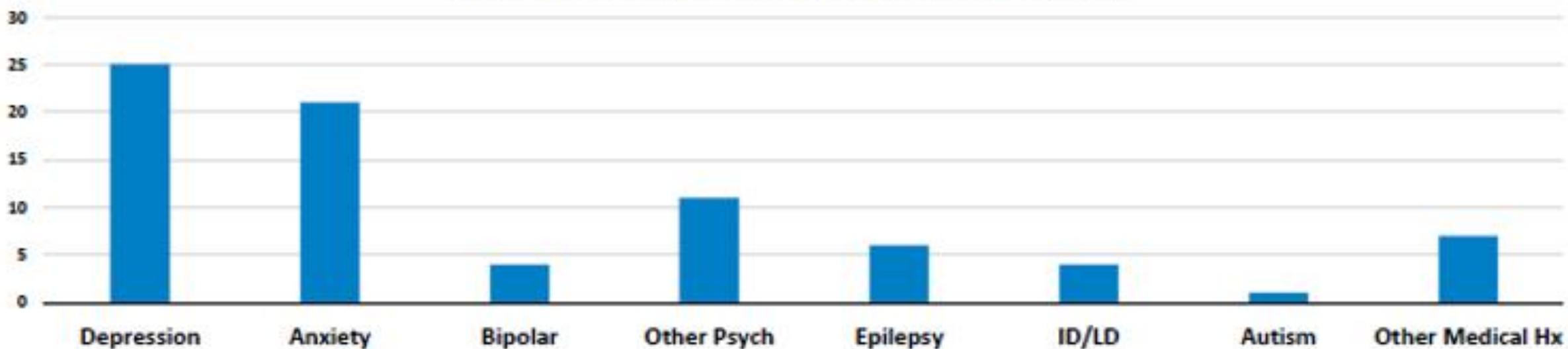


# Mixed Methods Assessment of Participant Experience

## *Age and Sex Across Data-sets*

	GC disclosure notes (n=38)	Transcribed audio-recordings (n=14)
Age (mean, range)	53.5 years, 21-87 years	49 years, 23-70 years
Sex	F = 24 (63%); M = 14 (37%)	F = 9 (64%); M = 5 (36%)

## *Number of Individuals per Clinical Diagnosis*



## Major Themes from CNV Disclosure Sessions Were Consistent Across Data-Sets

Discussed NPD history (e.g., learning/interpersonal difficulties) that were not recorded in EHR	<p>“I was a slow learner.” (Female, 17q11.2)</p> <p>“I was left out... I was different from other kids.” (Female, 1q21.1)</p>
Had previously explained NPD as a result of social circumstances (trauma, family disruption)	<p>“I do put a lot of [my learning disability on] what happened between mom and dad and the moving around.” (Male, 16p11.2)</p>
Expressed that CNV “fit” or “made sense” with lived experience	<p>“I knew I had anxiety. I knew I had different things, but I didn’t know where everything came from. This now brings everything around.” (Female, 1q21.1)</p>
Felt reassured that NPD was not their fault	<p>“It was very helpful. It took a lot of guilt off.” (Mother of Male, 22q11.2)</p>
Reported that “sense of self” stayed the same or improved	<p>“I think it does [change sense of self], because I realize there’s a medical, that’s something behind everything. It’s not just all in your head.” (Female, 1q21.1)</p>
Positive and negative emotions were often expressed together	<p>“I thought it was something bad, but it’s bad and a good thing at the same time, that information that you gave me.” (Female, 17q11.2)</p>
Believed information to be valuable, for themselves and family members	<p>“It feels good to know that there’s a name for my condition.” (Male, 22q11.2)</p> <p>“If this information is something that we can help [our son]... it’s good to know that now and not more when he’s... We can get a little bit more control of it now.” (Wife of Male, 16p13.11)</p>

# **Mixed Methods Assessment of Participant Experience**

- Participants described CNV results as **personally valuable**.
- **Positive responses outweighed negative** responses. Negative emotions were related to recounting past experiences.
- **Results are actively incorporated** into personal narratives, their “sense of self” and their understanding of their medical and family histories.
- Learning and understanding the CNV information was often of a **“group” nature with their family**.
- Participants were **open to discussing their NPD history** with the GC and often **planned to share CNV result with family and healthcare providers**.

## Point of comparison



# Personal vs. clinical utility

*“Genomic information has personal utility if and only if it can reasonably be used for decisions, actions or self-understanding which are personal in nature.”* – Bunnik et al. 2015

- Value of medical explanation for NPD
- Validation of experiences
- Enhanced understanding of self and family history

Inform educational and NPD support needs

Promote health decisions and treatment access to optimize NPD screening/care

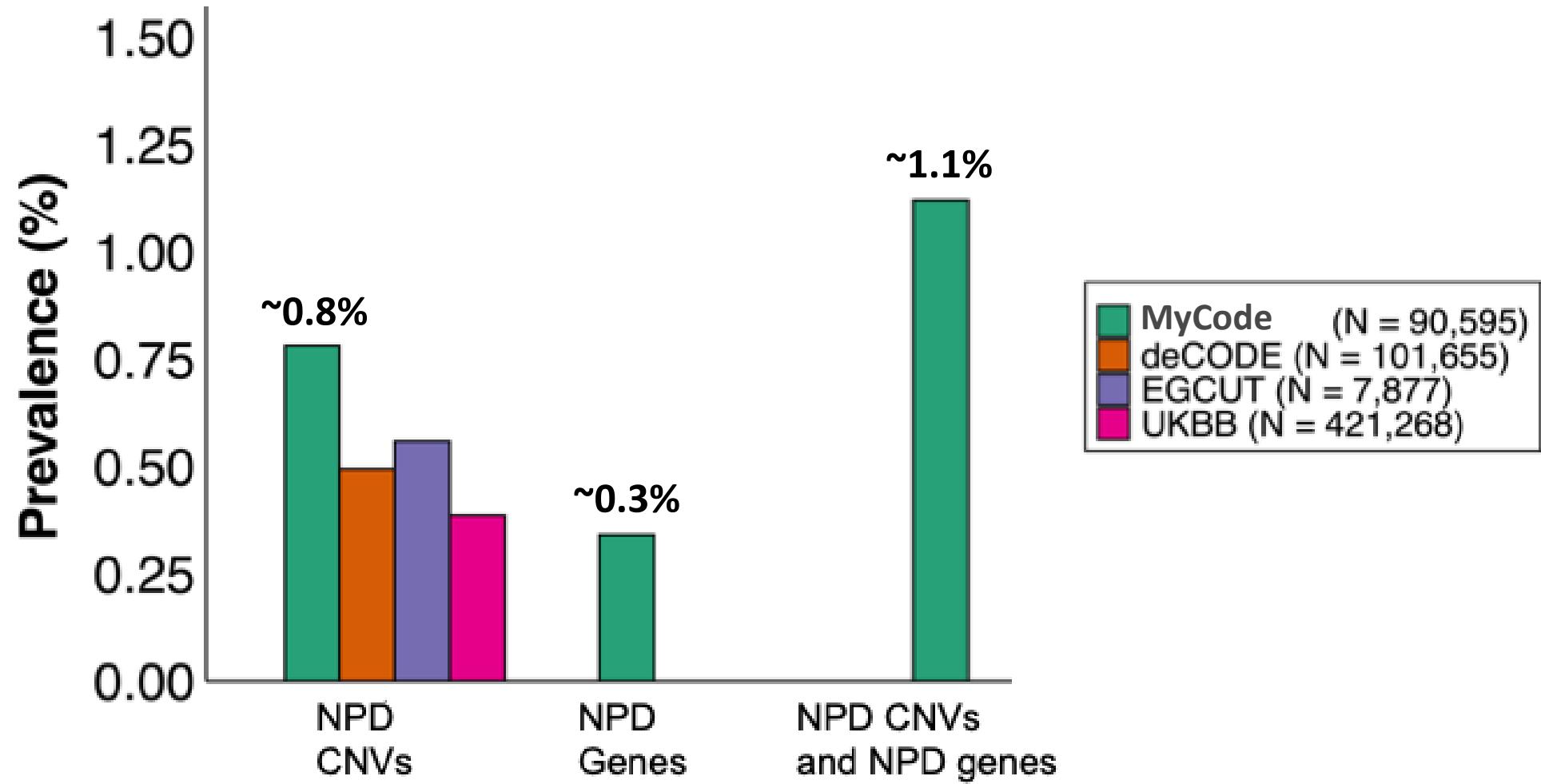
Screening for non-NPD health risks: hypocalcemia (22q11.2 del); renal cysts and diabetes (17q12 del)

Ability to test at risk family members (cascade testing)

# NPD Precision Health: Key Take-Aways

- **Recurrent pathogenic NPD CNVs are prevalent (0.8%)**
  - The majority of adults with NPD CNVs have not received a genetic diagnosis
  - At least 1.1% when 94 single gene disorders are included

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## NPD Precision Health: Ongoing work...

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