

# **Incidental Findings & Predictive Medicine**

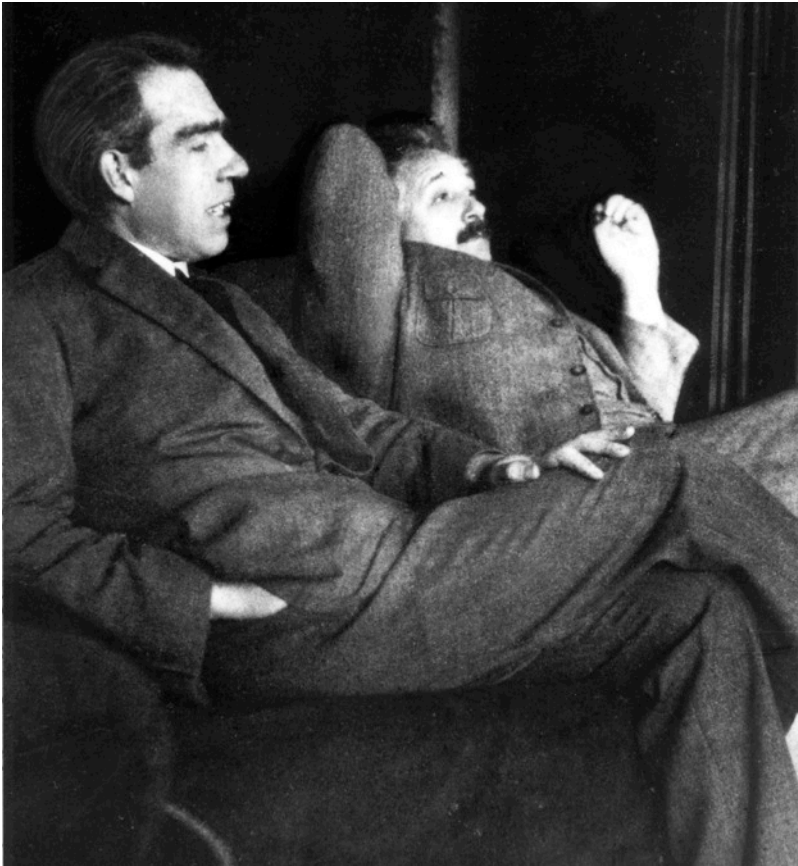
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# ClinSeq<sup>®</sup> & Predictive Medicine

- Started in 2006
- 1,000 patients
- 45-65 yo
- Selected & phenotyped for atherosclerosis
  - All other disorders ‘incidental’
- Consented for all ‘omic interrogations
- Consented for iterative phenotyping
- Opportunity to pilot IFs / Predictive medicine

# Eight Pathogenic Variants Among 12 Subjects

- *BRCA1* or *BRCA2*: six variants among eight participants
  - *BRCA1* p.Glu23ValfsX17 (c.del185AG) (x3)
  - *BRCA1* c.547+2T>A
  - *BRCA2* p.Ser1982ArgfsX22 (c.6174delT) (x3)
  - *BRCA2* p.Lys1828ValfsX4
  - *BRCA2* p.Thr2766AsnfsX11
  - *BRCA2* p.Arg3052Trp
- *SDHC*: p.Arg15X
- *MSH6*: p.Gln244X

# Malignant Hyperthermia Susceptibility

- Hypermetabolism, fever, rhabdomyolysis, hypertonicity, arrhythmia
- 1/2,000 – 1/10,000 prevalence
- RYR1 p.Arg614Cys - among 30 mutations in Eur. MH Group & 17 Amer. MH consensus panel list
  - No family or personal history, exposed x3

# Cardiomyopathy & Dysrhythmias

- *MYH7* IVS8+1G>A
  - Reinterpretation MRI > L ventricular non-compaction
- MYBPC3 p.Arg495Gln
  - Echo mild concentric L ventricular hypertrophy
  - Afib (+ FH Afib)
- MYBPC3 p.Gly490Arg
  - Echo: Asymm septal hypertrophy
- All w positive FH

# Miscellaneous

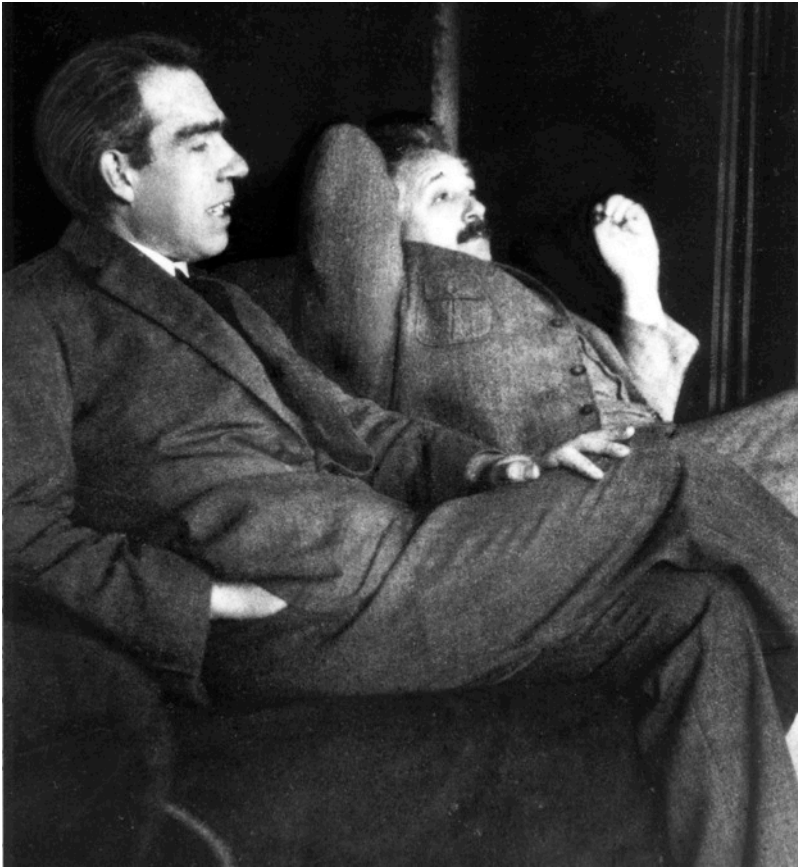
- *PPARG*
  - Familial partial lipodystrophy
- *HOX*
  - Limb anomalies
- *FLCN*
  - Birt-Hogg-Dubé syndrome
- *PMP22*
  - 3 patients with deletions > HNPP

# Conclusions

- Practical to extract clinically meaningful results from exomes/genomes
- Analytic validity not major challenge
  - Clinical validity needs to be our focus
- Customized, hypothesis-generating clinical research identifies undiagnosed disorders
- Counseling is challenging



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“Occurrences in this domain are beyond the reach of exact prediction because of the variety of factors in operation, not because of any lack of order in nature.”

*Albert Einstein*

# Challenges

- Known knowns
  - Clinicians not ready for this
  - Databases a major problem
- Known unknowns
  - Full spectrum of genotype-phenotype unknown
  - Difficult to interpret nearly all novel variants
  - How to cope with sensitivity
- Changing paradigm causes discomfort

# Four Documents

- **Points to Consider in the Clinical Application of Genomic Sequencing**
  - Korf et al.  
[http://www.acmg.net/StaticContent/PPG/Clinical\\_Application\\_of\\_Genomic\\_Sequencing.pdf](http://www.acmg.net/StaticContent/PPG/Clinical_Application_of_Genomic_Sequencing.pdf)
- **ACMG Recommendations for Reporting of Incidental Findings in Clinical Exome and Genome Sequencing**
  - Green et al. [http://www.acmg.net/docs/ACMG\\_Releases\\_Highly-Anticipated\\_Recommendations\\_on\\_Incidental\\_Findings\\_in\\_Clinical\\_Exome\\_and\\_Genome\\_Sequencing.pdf](http://www.acmg.net/docs/ACMG_Releases_Highly-Anticipated_Recommendations_on_Incidental_Findings_in_Clinical_Exome_and_Genome_Sequencing.pdf)
- **Incidental findings in Clinical Genomics: A Clarification**
  - [http://www.acmg.net/docs/Incidental\\_Findings\\_in\\_Clinical\\_Genomics\\_A\\_Clarification.pdf](http://www.acmg.net/docs/Incidental_Findings_in_Clinical_Genomics_A_Clarification.pdf)
- **ACMG recommendations for standards for interpretation and reporting of sequence variations: Revisions 2007**
  - Richards CS, et al. Genet Med. 2008 10:294-300

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# Charge to Working Group

- Whether a list should be made
- Generate a *specific* list
- Generate a *minimum* list of variants/conditions that laboratories should look for and return

# Inclusion on a Minimum List

- High penetrance or confirmatory testing
- Long asymptomatic period
- Highly efficacious treatment
- Not detected by NBS
- ACMG known pathogenic  $\pm$  expected pathogenic variants
- Revise the list periodically

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Convergence with Current  
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# Controversial Elements

- Preferences
  - *Constitutional mutations found in the genes on the minimum list (see Table) should be reported by the laboratory, regardless of the indication for which the clinical sequencing was ordered*
- Children
  - *Incidental (secondary) variants should be reported regardless of the age of the patient.*

# Controversial Elements

- Consent

- “Pre-test counseling should be done by a medical geneticist or an affiliated genetic counselor and should include a formal consent process.”
- “Prior to initiating WGS/WES, participants should be counseled regarding the expected outcomes of testing, the likelihood and type of incidental results that could be generated, and what results will or will not be disclosed.”

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*“...even though evidence is insufficient, the clinician must still provide advice, patients must make choices, and policymakers must establish policies”*

*US Preventive Services Task Force, 2009*