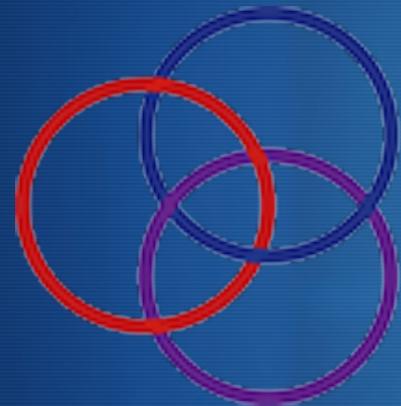




GLOBAL
DOWN SYNDROME
FOUNDATION®



Down
Syndrome
Alliance
OF THE MIDLANDS



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HumanTrisomeProject

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The Inspiration



Anna and John J. Sie



Sophia Kay Whitten and her brother, Patrick

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

[Margaret Mead](#)

Our Unique Affiliate Model!

The Global Down Syndrome Foundation is part of a network of affiliate organizations that work closely together on a daily basis to deliver on our mission, vision, values, and goals:

Global & Affiliates



❖ **Global:** was established as a 501(c)3 in 2009 and is “Dedicated to significantly improving the lives of people with Down syndrome through Research, Medical Care, Education, and Advocacy”

❖ Affiliates are:

- Established with a lead gift from Anna & John J. Sie Foundation
- Must work closely together to benefit people with Down syndrome
- Must be self-sustaining financially

Crnic Institute for Down Syndrome

*The First
Academic Home for Down Syndrome Research & Medical Care*

Crnic Institute is the 1st Academic Home for DS Research & Medical Care

- ❖ **38 Labs & Over 120 scientists working on DS research through the Crnic Institute**
 - 93 Super Group members – Large monthly meetings
 - SAB includes Nobel Laureate Dr. Tom Cech, and renowned scientists such as Drs. Larry Gold, Angelika Amon and Jeanne Lawrence
- ❖ **Global Core competencies – DS and Alzheimer’s Disease, DS and Cancer, DS and Autoimmune Diseases**
 - Other competencies – Autism, Cognition, Biology, Genetics and more
- ❖ **Creating a Pipeline of Scientists**
 - Scholarships for Graduate Students, Post-docs, and Fellows in DS Research that are now supported by two long-term funds



Crnic Institute Mission & Vision

- Significantly improve the lives of all people with Down syndrome
- Change the paradigm of how people with Down syndrome are perceived by society
- Change the paradigm of how people with Down syndrome are served in research and the medical care community
- Contribute meaningfully to something near and dear to our hearts



Delivering on our Mission & Vision

- We have Global representing self advocates and families at the table ensuring the priorities of the science benefit people with Down syndrome
- We have a team of scientists not only first in class but mission driven to make a difference (best minds & best hearts!)
- We have brought together scientists and clinicians
- We have an A+ Community of Down syndrome organizations who understand the importance of goal driven research
- NIH and key scientist understand the importance.



Crnic Institute Human Trisome ProjectTM Biobank:
A platform for transformational research

Crnic Institute Human Trisome Project (HTP)

- A clinical research study using the most advanced technology to understand what diseases and conditions people with Trisomy 21 are protected from and predisposed to
- The largest, most detailed study of people with Trisomy 21
- To create the largest public database for Down syndrome research to date
- To create the most comprehensive biobank of biological samples for Down syndrome research

Project goals

1. To enable a Precision Medicine approach to Down syndrome.
2. To define how trisomy 21 causes a novel disease spectrum.
3. To develop novel diagnostic and therapeutic tools that will benefit those with trisomy 21, and also millions of typical individuals.

People with Down syndrome have a different 'disease spectrum'

Heart Disease

Cancer

Stroke



Alzheimer's

Diabetes

Altogether, these 5 conditions account for ~58% of deaths in the U.S.A.

People with Down syndrome have a different 'disease spectrum'

An extra copy of ~200 genes modulates most major medical conditions!

Heart Disease

Cancer

Coronary Artery Disease
Atherosclerosis
Hypertension
Angiopathies



Alzheimer's

Diabetes

Autism
Congenital Heart Defects
Celiac Disease
Thyroid Dysfunction
Autoimmune Disorders
Vision Problems
Hearing Problems
Intestinal Atresia
Sleep Apnea

The ~6 million human beings alive today with trisomy 21 may hold solutions to many major medical conditions

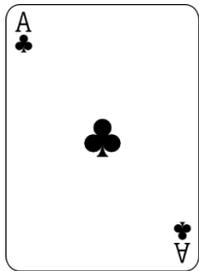
The thinking behind the HTP “A black box”

Trisomy 21



Down syndrome

Celiac Disease



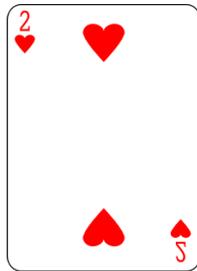
~5%

Intestinal Atresias



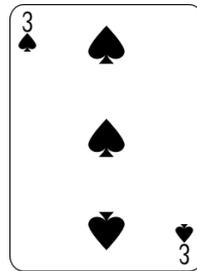
~12%

Thyroid Dysfunction



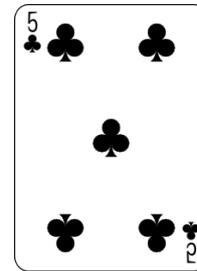
up to 18%

Seizures



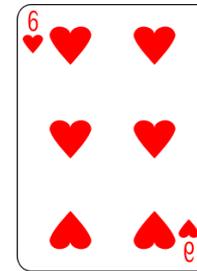
up to 13%

Leukemia



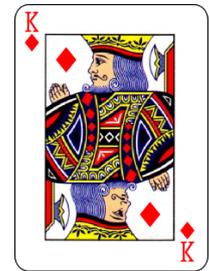
~1%

Congenital Heart Defects



40-50%

Autism



up to 10%

Each person is dealing with Trisomy 21 in his/her own unique, personal way



They are more awesome than different,
yet they are **ALL** different

Our motto:

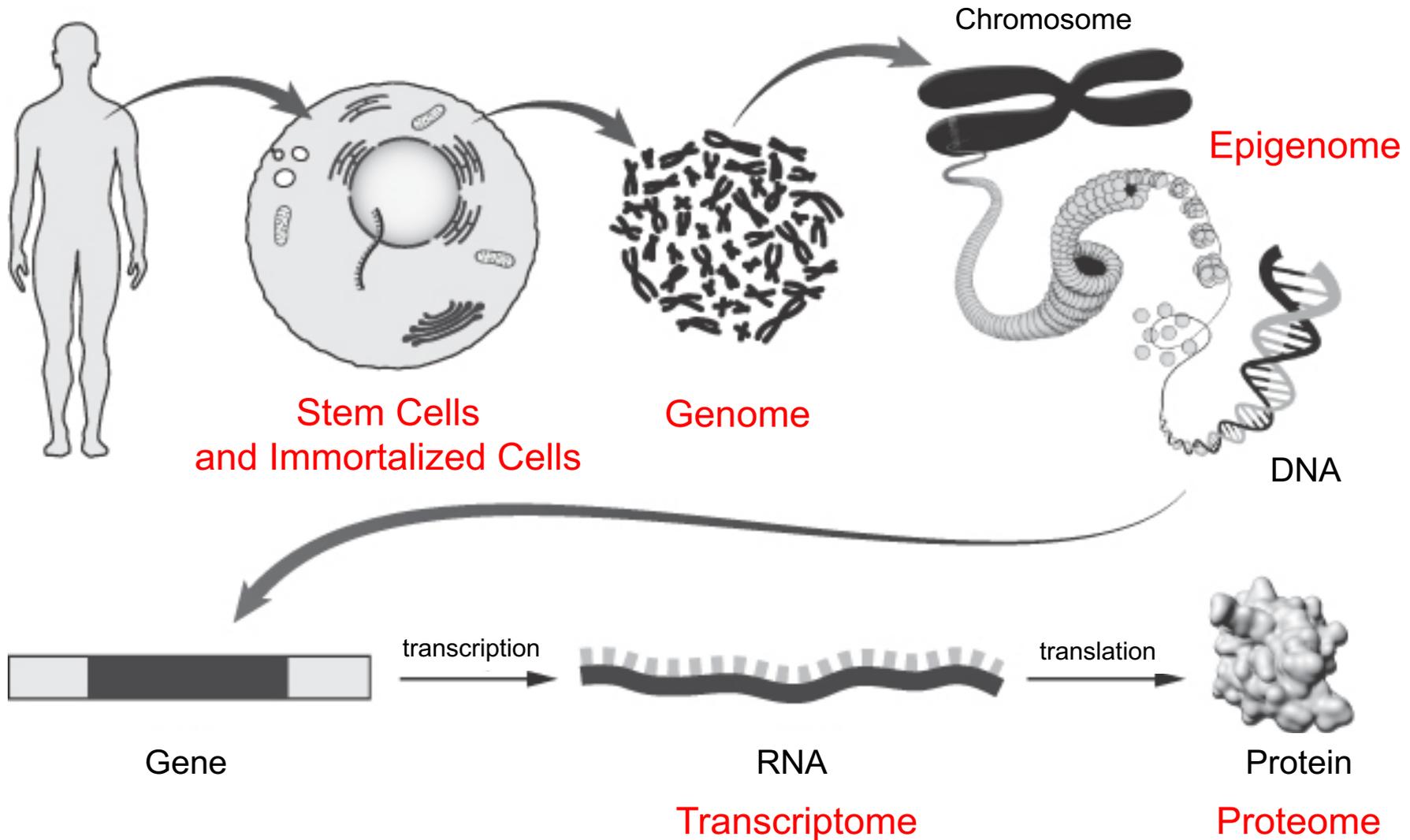
*Nothing in the study of Down syndrome makes sense except in the light of
Personalized Medicine*

The Human Trisome Project

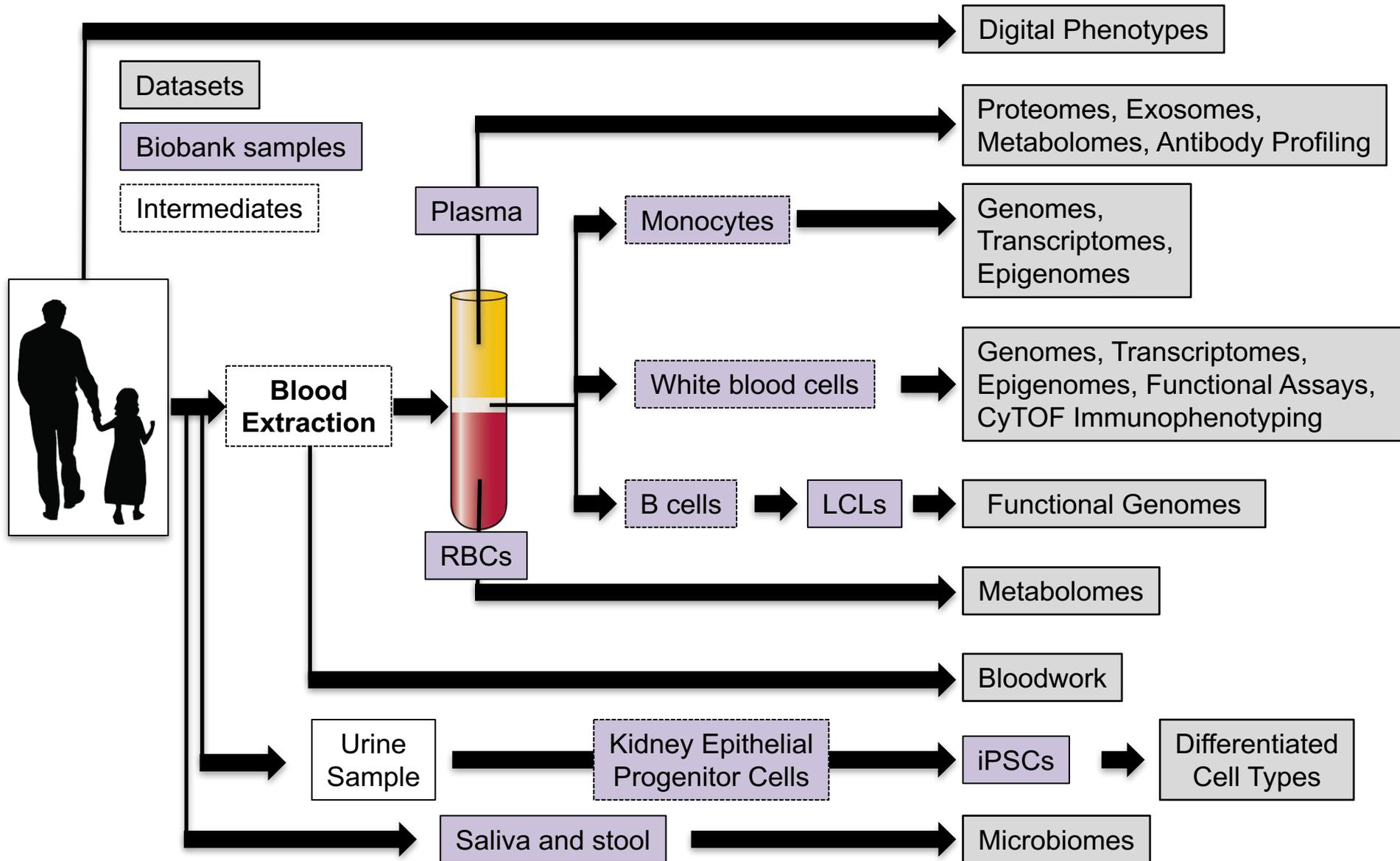
Unleashing the Power of Three

Opening the Black Box: The Ten Layers

Digital
Phenotypes



A large cohort study with multi-omics datasets, deep clinical data and a matching multi-dimensional biobank



LCLs: lymphoblast cell lines, iPSCs: induced pluripotent stem cells, RBCs: red blood cells

A team of clinical researchers gathers clinical data

Digital Phenotypes

The Sie Center and Rocky Mountain Alzheimer's Disease Center
(and soon the Denver Adult Clinic) administer rich databases
with hundreds of clinical metadata fields



Fran Hickey



Hunt Potter



Barry Martin



*Denver Adult Clinic
(coming soon)*

Clinical researchers in the Human Trisome Project team annotate medical records
and online participant surveys to create a rich REDcap database for each participant



Angela Rachubinski

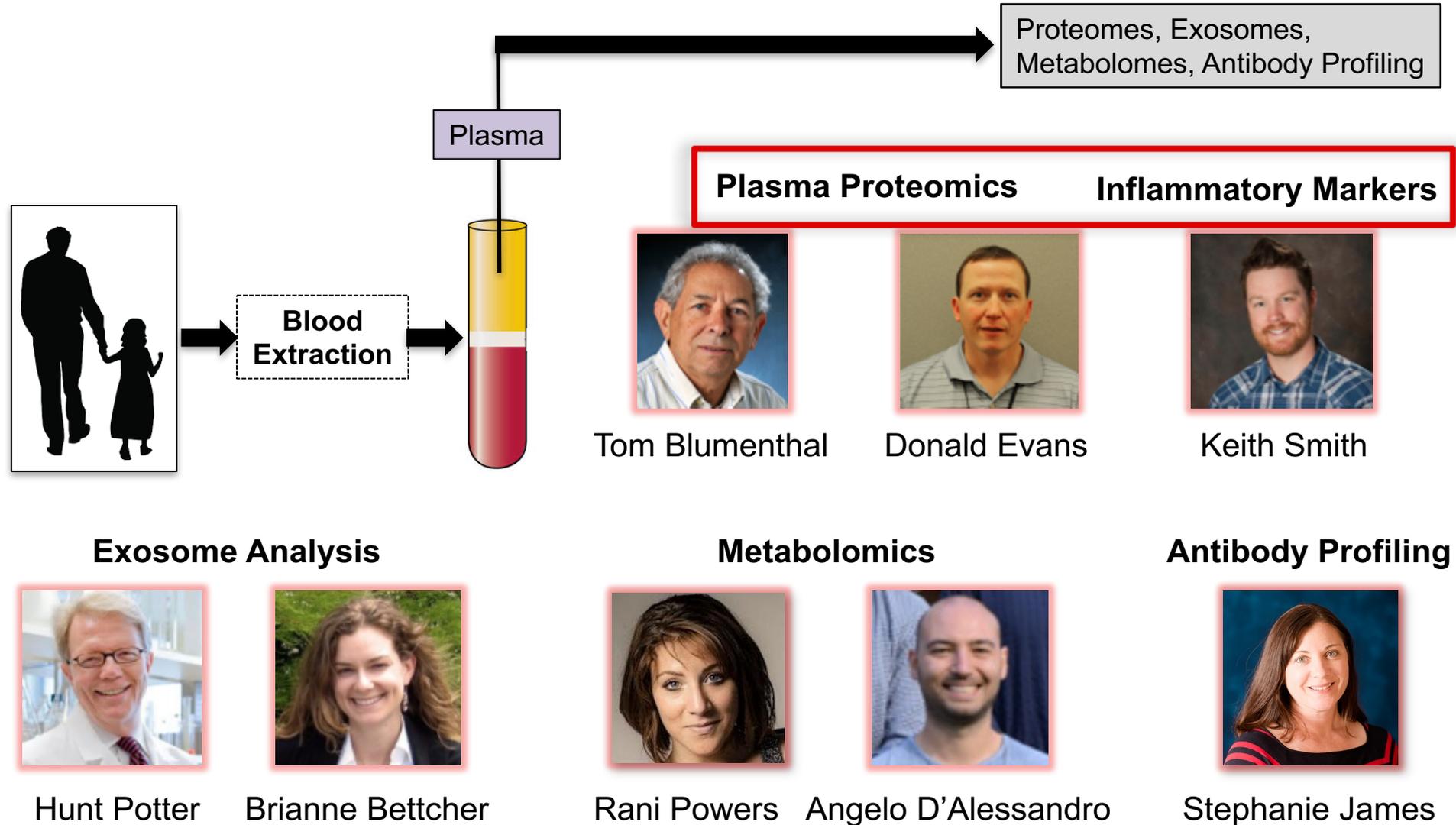


Erich Butcher

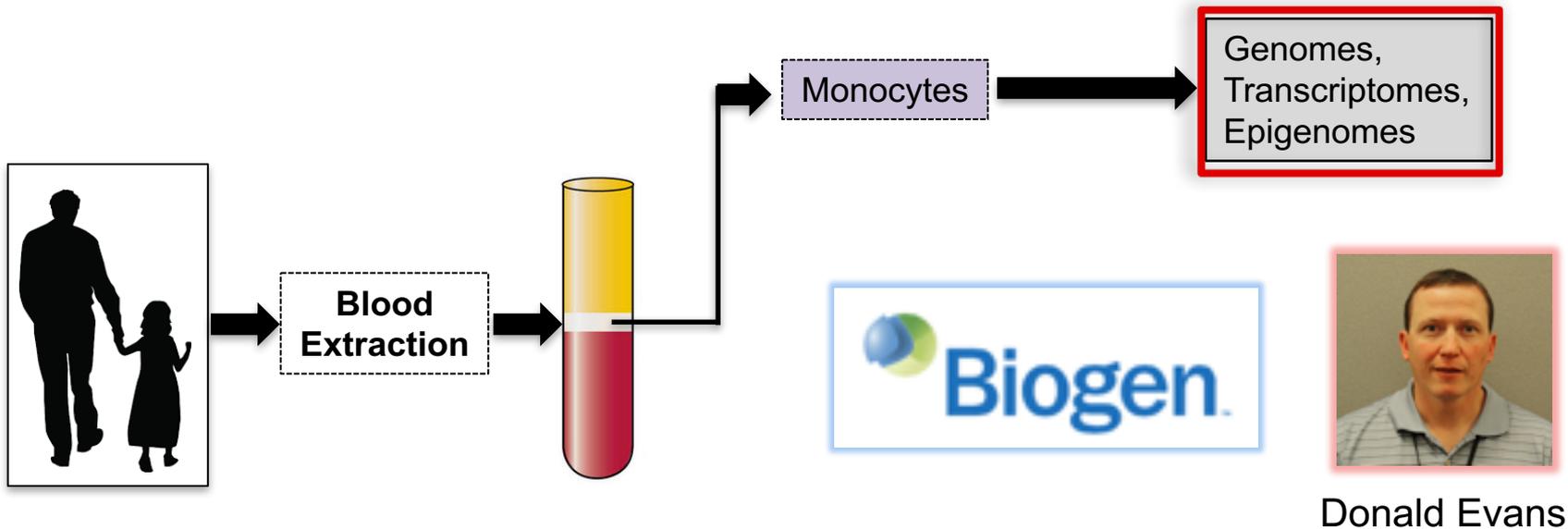


Juana Marmolejo

Plasma samples are stored for generation of proteomics data, neuronal and glial exosome analysis, metabolomics data and antibody profiling



Monocytes are purified and shipped to Biogen for generation of diverse datasets through a sponsored research agreement

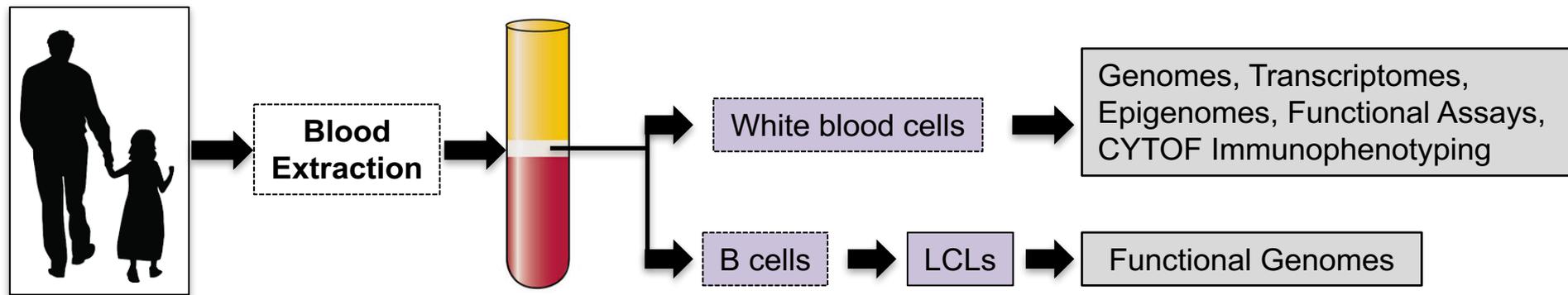


Biogen generates SNP data, DNA methylome analysis, RNA-seq data and ATAC-seq chromatin accessibility data.

Since monocytes are key players in neuroinflammation during Alzheimer's disease progression, these analyses could provide early biomarkers and novel mechanistic insights.

The sample processing team purifies CD4+ T cells, CD8+ T cells, T regs, B cells, monocytes and Natural Killers for generation of diverse –omics datasets, functional assays and lymphoblastoid cell lines

Every sample is analyzed by CyTOF for characterization of 150+ immune cell subtypes



Transcriptome and Epigenome



Kelly Sullivan



Brian O'Connor

CyTOF Immune Phenotyping



Kate Waugh



Elena Hsieh

Functional Assays (e.g. T reg functional assays)



Paula Araya



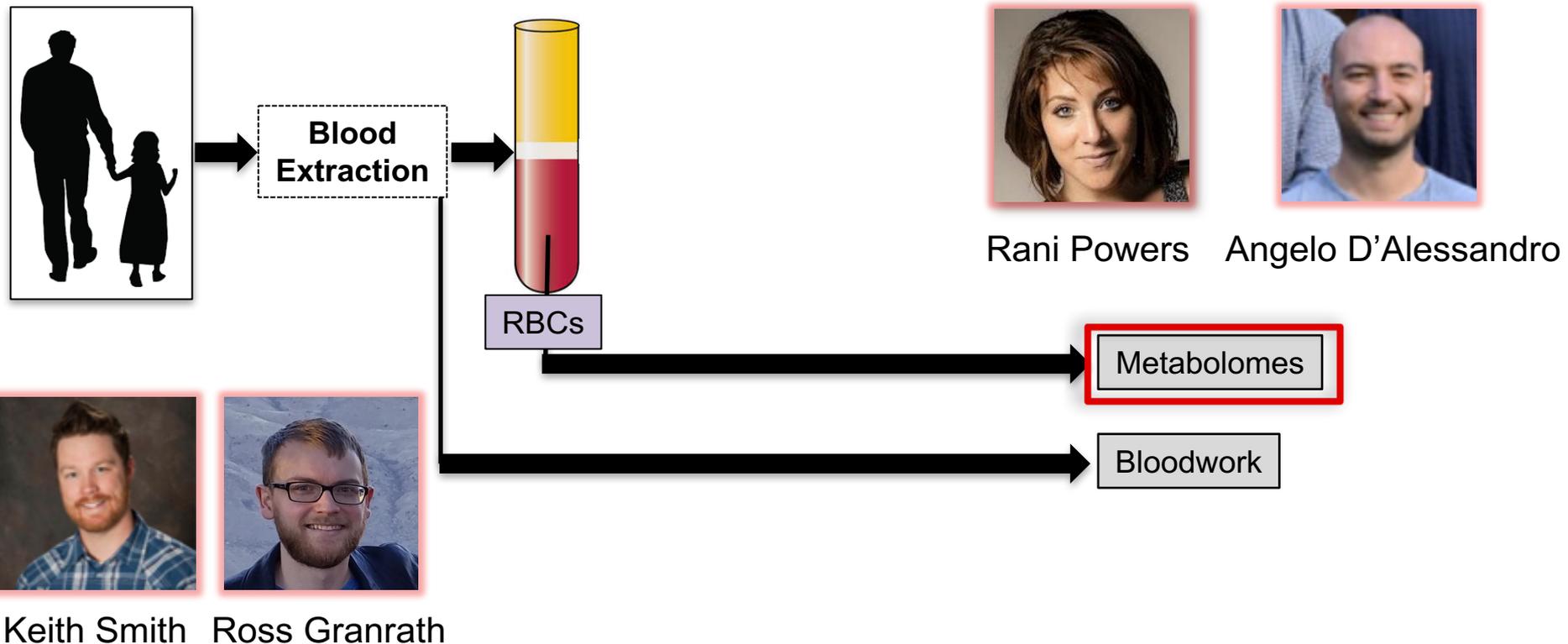
Stephanie Moon



Roy Parker

Red blood cells (RBCs) are analyzed for metabolic signatures that differ from those in plasma

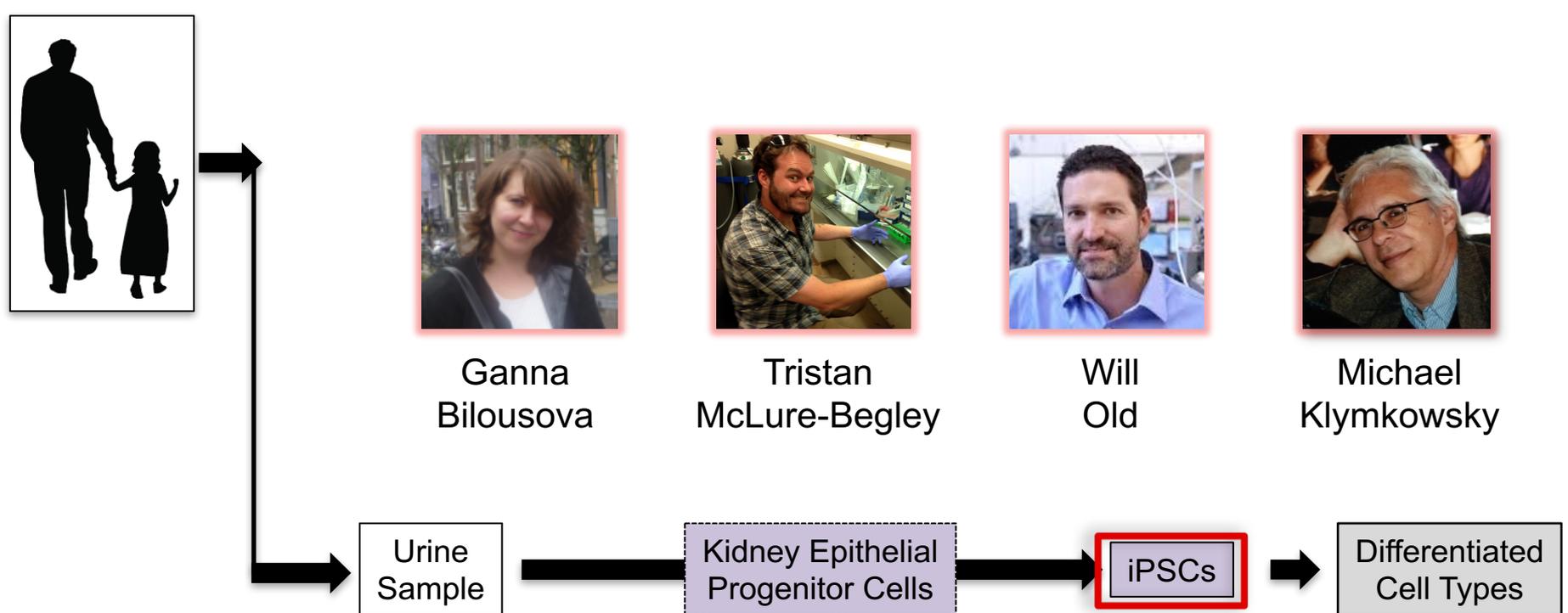
Bloodwork includes detailed white cell blood count, cellular morphology by cytopsin and smear, and key blood analytes



Urine samples are processed for purification and amplification of kidney epithelial progenitor cells

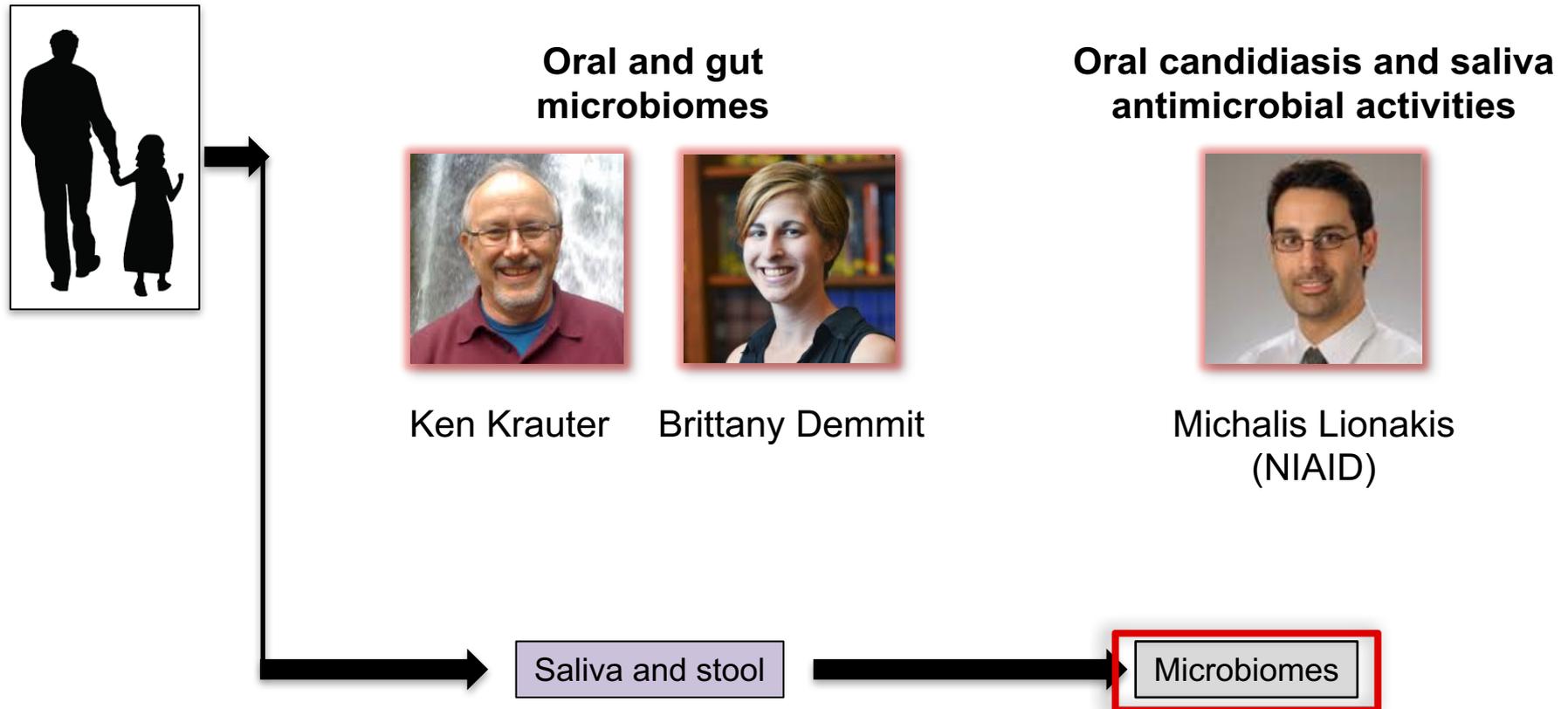
In turn, these are used to generate iPSCs with a novel RNA-based, vector-free protocol

iPSCs are then used to generate specific cell types and organoids



Saliva and stool samples are also collected and stored

These samples are used to define the oral and gut microbiome as well as functional assays



An Unprecedented Discovery Engine-Lots of Data

From **1000** individuals with Down syndrome, we will obtain:

genomes

epigenomes

transcriptomes

proteomes

metabolomes

functional genomes

bloodworks

immortalized cell lines

pluripotent stem cell lines

microbiomes

electronic medical records (EMR)

+ 500 typical controls, 250 of them close relatives



From a single blood draw,
with existing technology!

Leave no stone unturned

One of the largest datasets ever produced for any medical condition



- Digital Phenotypes
- Genomes
- Transcriptomes
- Proteomes
- Epigenomes
- Functional Genomes
- Metabolomes
- Microbiomes
- Bloodwork

Rosalind
Central Data Repository

5 petabytes
700+ CPUs

Researcher Gateway

Deep Blue Team

DREAM CHALLENGES
powered by Sage Bionetworks

Discoveries!



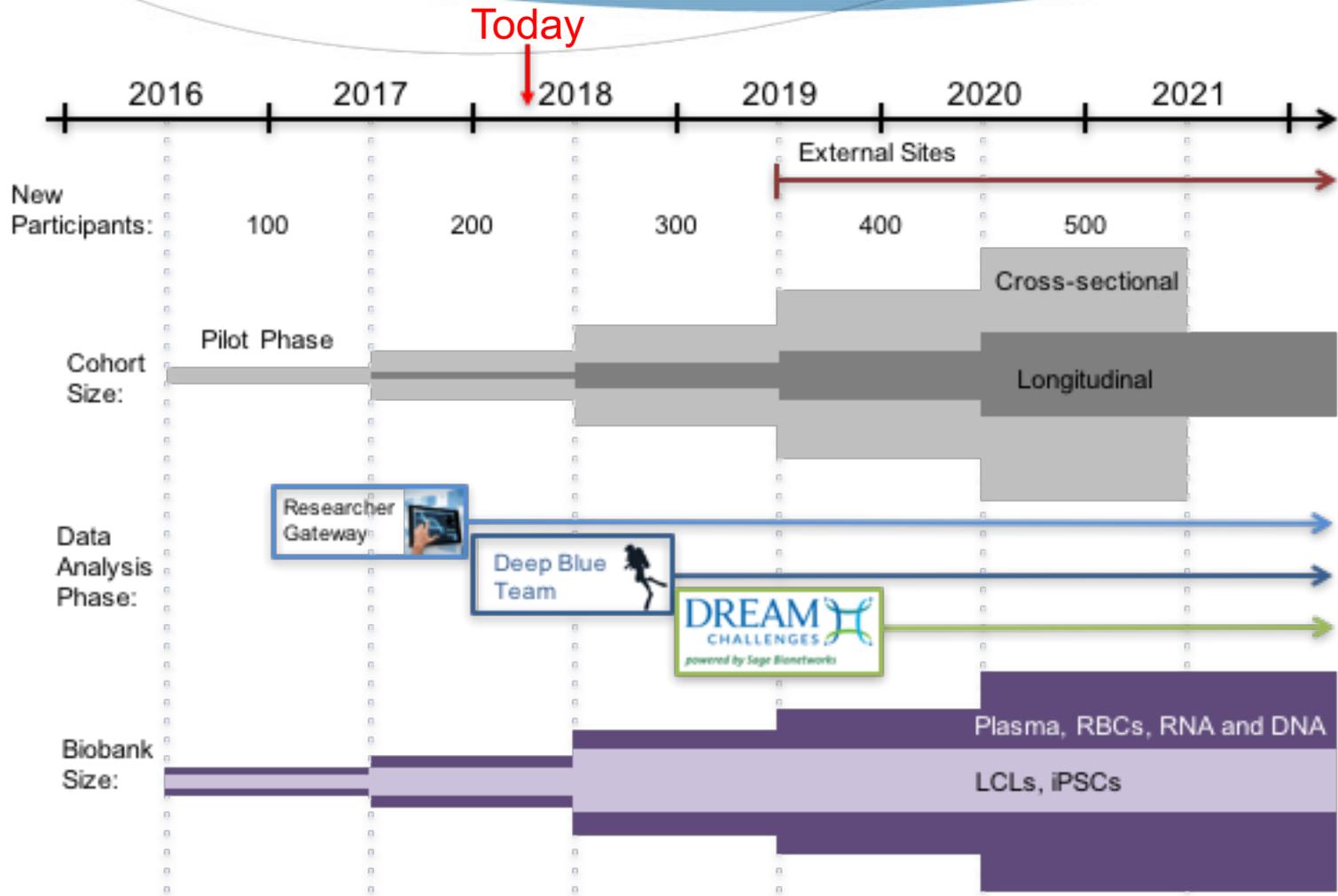
Turning data into discoveries

The Power of
Multidimensional Datasets



Going beyond the blueprint

HTP Timeline – Light Speed for Research...



Original timeline proposed in December 2015

LCLs: lymphoblast cell lines, iPSCs: induced pluripotent stem cells

307 Blood draws to date!

HTP00001



October 10, 2016

2017 DSA of the Midlands

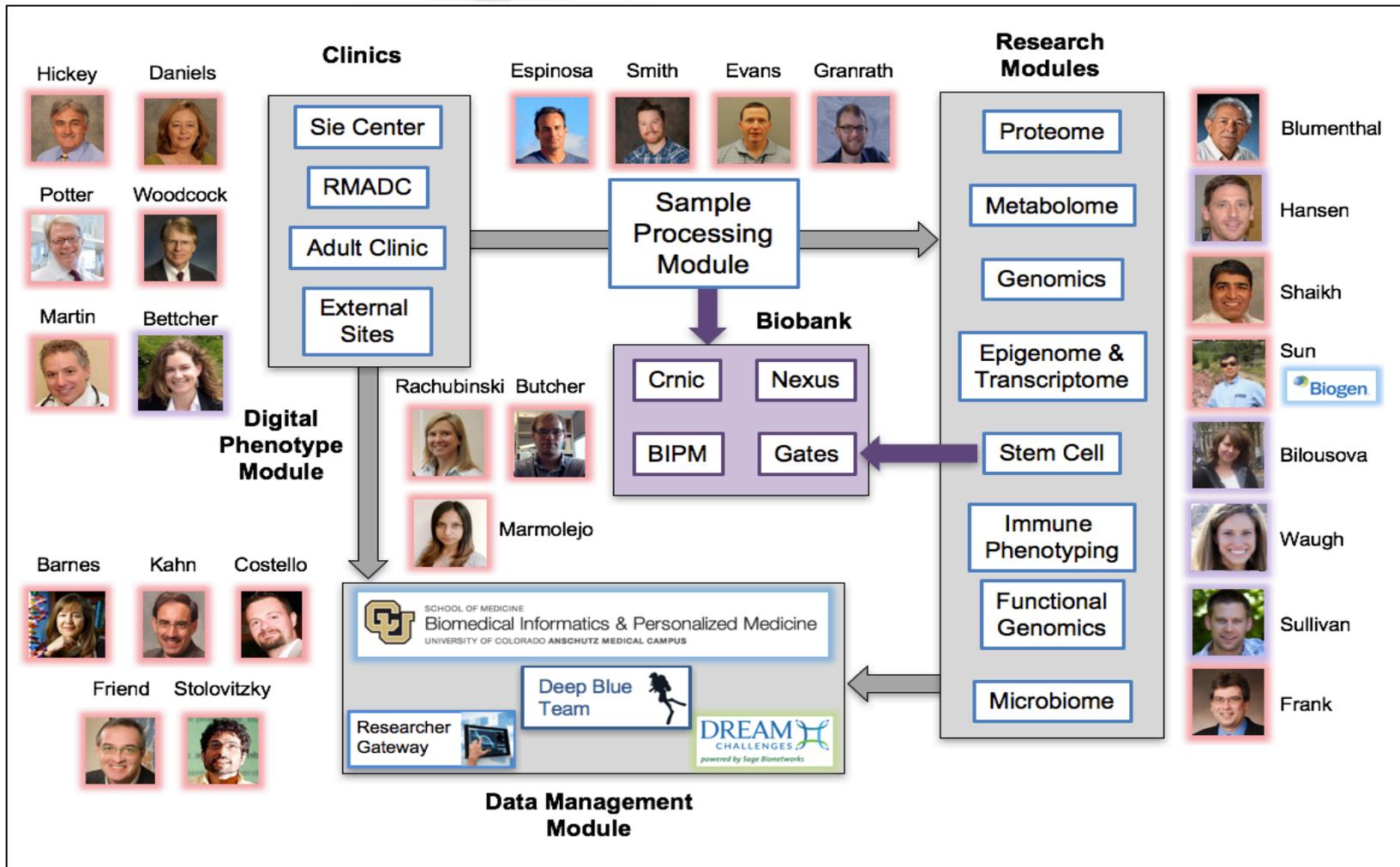
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September 7, 2017

Crnice Institute Human Trisome Project™

Blasting into year two of the project!



UNLEASHING THE POWER OF THREE!

The Crnic Institute will make the HTP dataset easily accessible and available to the public

- This will raise the entire field of Down syndrome research by providing new scientists with important data/samples/tools
- This will help current scientists who lack a large enough group of participants with Down syndrome to pursue their theories or their dream ideas

The Crnic Institute data collected through the HTP will allow Down syndrome to become the most understood genetic condition versus the least understood

The Crnic Institute data collected through the HTP will help us develop novel diagnostic and therapeutic tools

- First and foremost, benefit those with Trisomy 21, and millions of typical individuals

Trisome.org



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RESEARCH TO DEVELOP THE HUMAN TRISOME PROJECT BIOBANK



PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

The purpose of this study is to provide qualified and approved researchers with access to biological samples and health information to answer specific research questions. This project will significantly increase the speed of Down syndrome research and the understanding of associated medical conditions such as leukemia and Alzheimer's disease.



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Anyone who is 6 months – 89 years old who:

1. Has Down syndrome (any type, including mosaic or partial Down syndrome/trisomy21)
2. Has a family member with Down syndrome but does not him/herself have Down syndrome
3. Does not have Down syndrome and does not have a family member with Down syndrome (this would be a "control" group to compare with those affected by Down syndrome).



MAIN PROCEDURES INVOLVED

Participation would include a single successful blood draw, a mouth swab and allowing researchers to look at your health information. It is optional to give a stool sample and take part in the study for a longer time frame.

DURATION OF PARTICIPATION

A single visit to collect blood and a mouth swab, fill out a health survey, with the option of a stool sample and repeat visits for a longer term study.

INTERESTED?

Contact Angela Rachubinski at 303-724-7366
or htp@ucdenver.edu

Compensation will be provided.

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Active protocol in clinicaltrials.gov

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The Crnic Institute Human Trisome Project Biobank (HTP)

<p>This study is currently recruiting participants. (see Contacts and Locations) <i>Verified September 2016 by University of Colorado, Denver</i></p> <p>Sponsor: University of Colorado, Denver</p> <p>Collaborator: Linda Crnic Institute for Down Syndrome</p> <p>Information provided by (Responsible Party): University of Colorado, Denver</p>	<p>ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02864108</p> <p>First received: July 21, 2016 Last updated: December 13, 2016 Last verified: September 2016 History of Changes</p>
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Frequently Asked Questions

Who can participate?

- Anyone ages 6 months – 89 years
 - Individuals with DS (if over 18 an LAR or equivalent must be provided), their parents and siblings
 - Individuals without DS

What happens when I join?

- Mouth swab
- Blood draw
- Participant survey
- Medical release for access to outside records
- Compensation is provided

Frequently Asked Questions

Other optional procedures

- Urine sample
- Stool sample
- Additional blood sample
- Return of research results
- Longitudinal data collection
- Information about additional studies

Frequently Asked Questions

What happens to my information?

- Your information is stored in HIPAA-compliant databases
- Only 'de-identified' information will be provided to researchers

What happens to Data, Tissue, Blood and Specimens that are collected?

- Both the investigators and sponsors of this research may study your data and samples
- Use of identified samples must have additional approval
- Any product or idea created by the researchers working on this study will not belong to you
- There is no plan for you to receive any financial benefit from the creation, use or sale of such a product or idea

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the possible discomforts or risks?

- Typical risks associated with blood draw
- Potential loss of privacy

Is there a benefit for participants?

- Although there are no direct benefits to you, it may help future generations understand the unique issues associated with Down syndrome.

Can I change my mind?

Yes, absolutely. Your participation is voluntary at all times, You can withdraw at any time by contacting the study staff.

Thank You!



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