



# Ensuring Data Fitness for Oncology Research

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## Overview

- Enabling data network with data fit for oncology studies
- HUS Studyathon
- Guidelinathon





## What does it mean “ready for oncology studies”?

	Base Dx	Metastasis	Stage	Grade	Lymph nodes	Others (specify)	-Omics	Regimens	Radiation	Surgery	Extent	Dynamic	Episode of care	Death
Use case requirement	0.93	0.57	0.66	0.13	0	0	0.38	0.46	0.16	0.08	0.11	0.39	0.1	0.56
Vocab readiness	1	1	1	1	0.5	0.5	1	1	0.3	0.5	0.9	0.9	1	1
Model readiness	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.1	1	1	1	1	1
Available data/algorithm	0.77	0.65	0.79	0.69	0.48	0.58	0.40	0.69	0.50	0.62	0.46	0.35	0.31	0.69
Data Partners with data	20	17	20.5	18	12.5	15	10.5	18	13	16	12	9	8	18



## Oncology Data Readiness- Approach

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<b>Use case requirement</b>	0.93	0.57	0.66	0.13

How do we get to that?

1. Query
2. Assess
3. Patch or fix
4. Iterate 1-3.

Self-service on

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Query





## Recap: Data Query

- Queries:
  - general.sql: for general cancer concepts: diagnoses, treatments, other mgt, **284,958 concepts**
  - genomic.sql: for genomic concepts: small (usually SNPs), large (e.g. fusion proteins), DNA, RNA, protein level, **593,220 concepts**
  - episode.sql: for disease (progression, remission) and treatment (regimen) episodes, **8,052 concepts**

- Output:
  - All source-standard concept pairs, their domains, and their total counts
  - No patient related information

domain	source_concept_id	concept_id	count
m	35919362	35957667	6469
m	3017600	3017600	5



# Content of the Data Query

```
select 'd' as domain, drug_source_concept_id as source, drug_concept_id as standard, count(*) as cnt
from (
  select drug_exposure_id
  from drug_exposure
  join concepts on concept_id=drug_source_concept_id
union
  select drug_exposure_id
  from drug_exposure
  join concepts on concept_id=drug_concept_id
) a
join drug_exposure using(drug_exposure_id)
group by drug_source_concept_id, drug_concept_id
```

Records with hits in  
drug\_source\_concept\_id

Records with hits in  
drug\_concept\_id























Long list of  
cancer/genomic/  
episode concepts

```
select 'e' as domain, device_source_concept_id, device_concept_id
select 'p' as domain, procedure_source_concept_id, procedure_concept_id
select 'c' as domain, condition_source_concept_id, condition_concept_id
select 'o' as domain, observation_source_concept_id, observation_concept_id
select 'm' as domain, measurement_source_concept_id, measurement_concept_id
select 'v' as domain, null, value_as_concept_id
select 'i' as domain, episode_source_concept_id, episode_concept_id
```

Same query to the  
other tables



## OHDSI Cancer Network Dashboard

Institution	Valid Standard	Readiness ▲▼
Leeds	 99.97%	 100% <a href="#">More information</a>
GHDC	 99.94%	 100% <a href="#">More information</a>
INAH-1	 99.71%	 100% <a href="#">More information</a>
CHU Liege	 99.6%	 100% <a href="#">More information</a>
IIS La Fe	 99.36%	 100% <a href="#">More information</a>
Flatiron	 98.99%	 100% <a href="#">More information</a>
DFCI	 97.77%	 100% <a href="#">More information</a>
Rigshosp	 94.93%	 100% <a href="#">More information</a>
Emory	 92.31%	 100% <a href="#">More information</a>
UNSW	 86.84%	 100% <a href="#">More information</a>
Varha	 82.55%	 100% <a href="#">More information</a>

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Assess





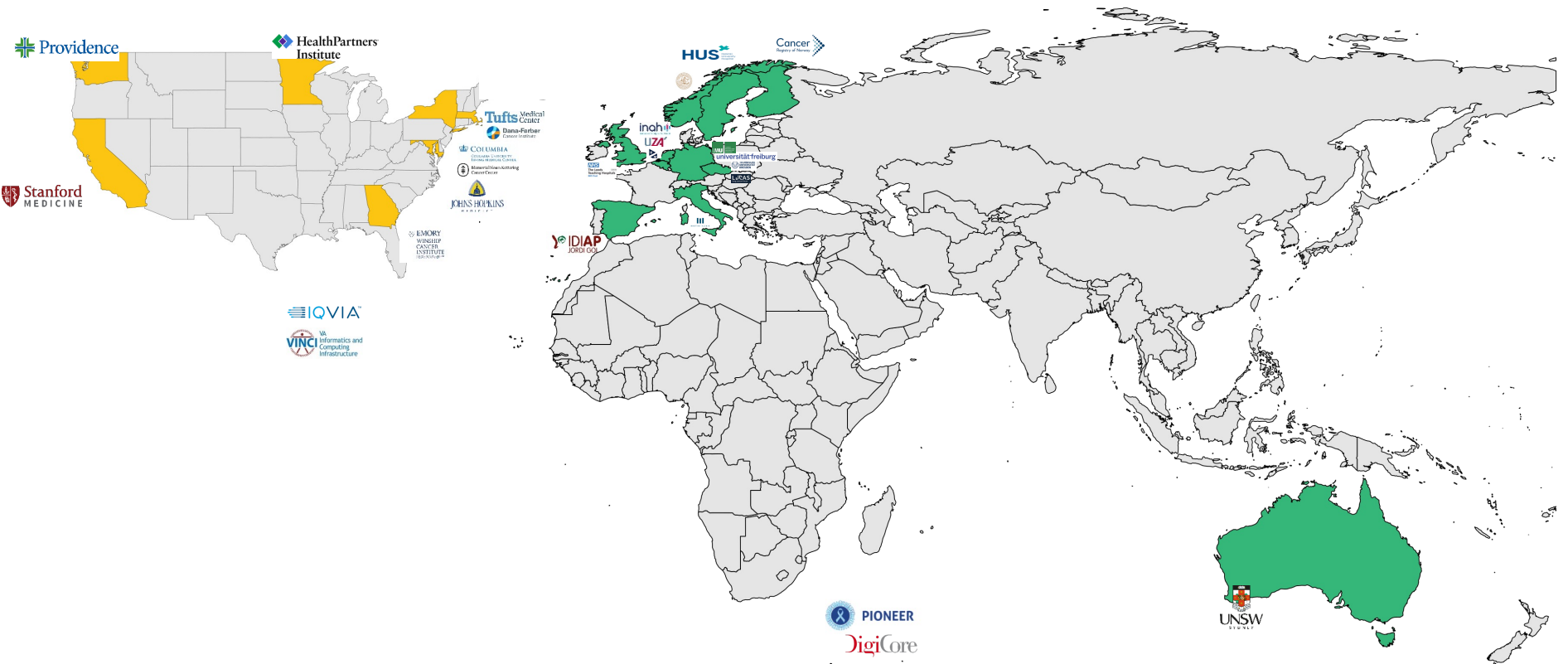
## Returned Query Results

- 367,697 general records from 50 partners
- 3,872 genomic records from 26 partners
- 28,049 episodes records from 16 partners



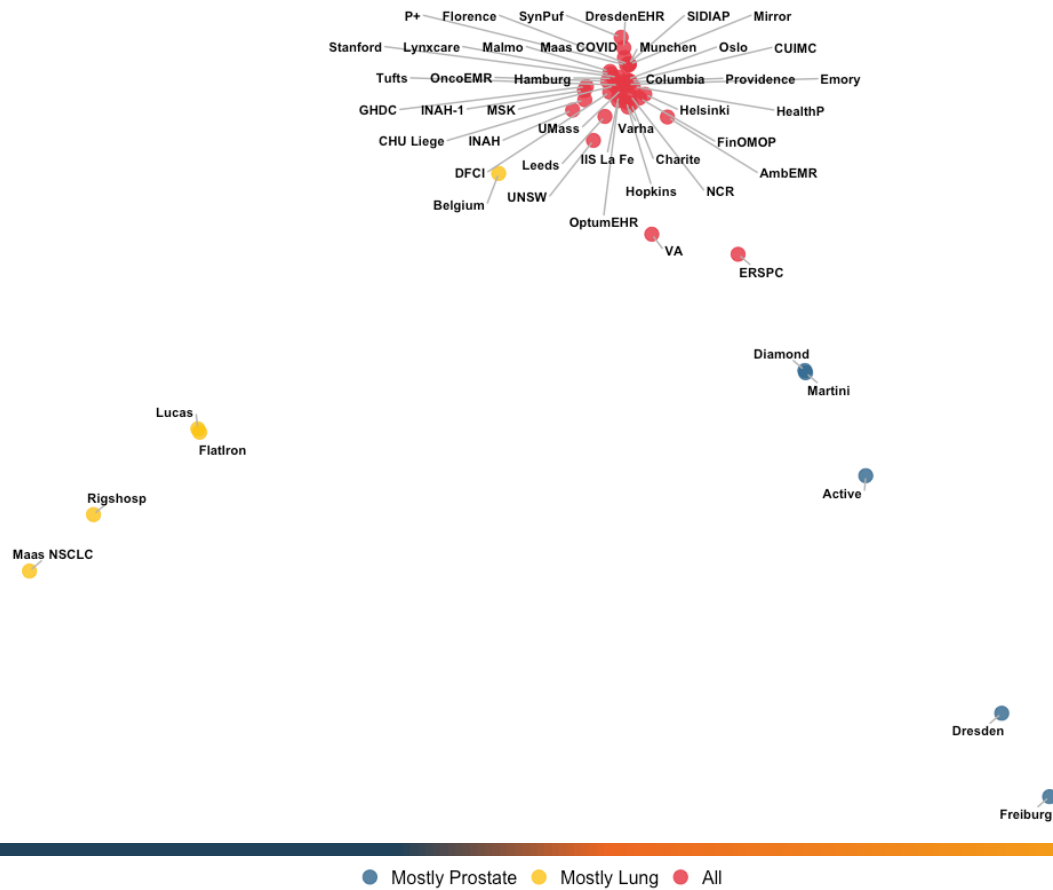


# Origin of Sites



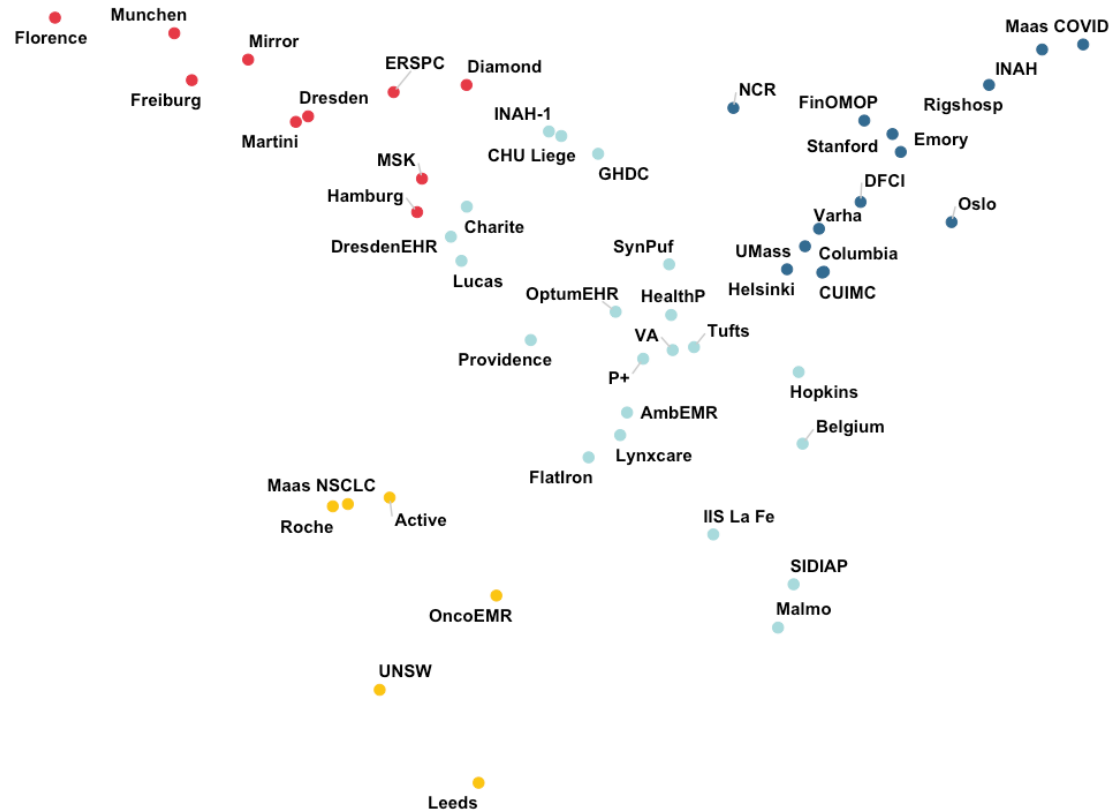


# Distribution of Cancer Types





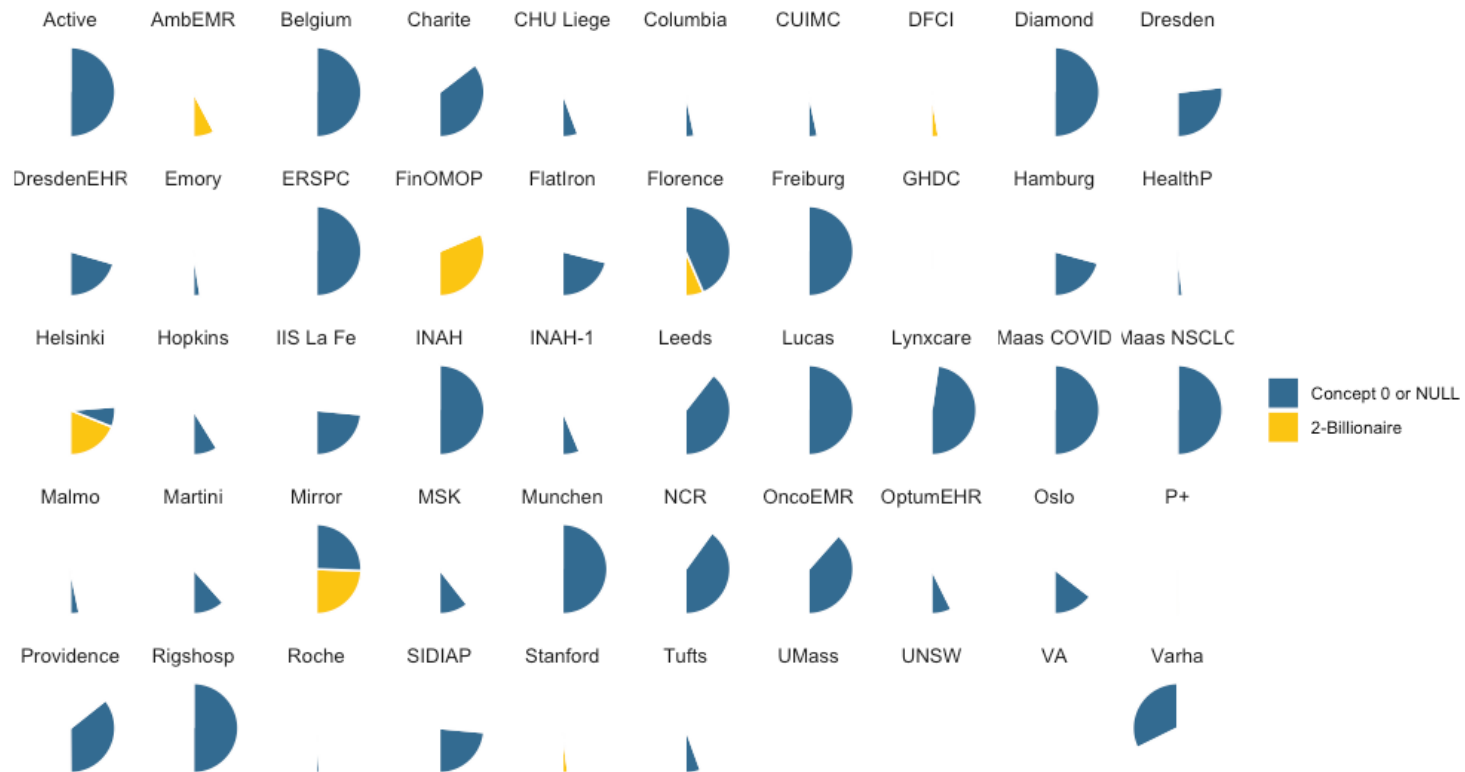
# Information Distribution per Domain



● Conditions dominate ● Drugs dominate ● Measurements dominate ● Balanced

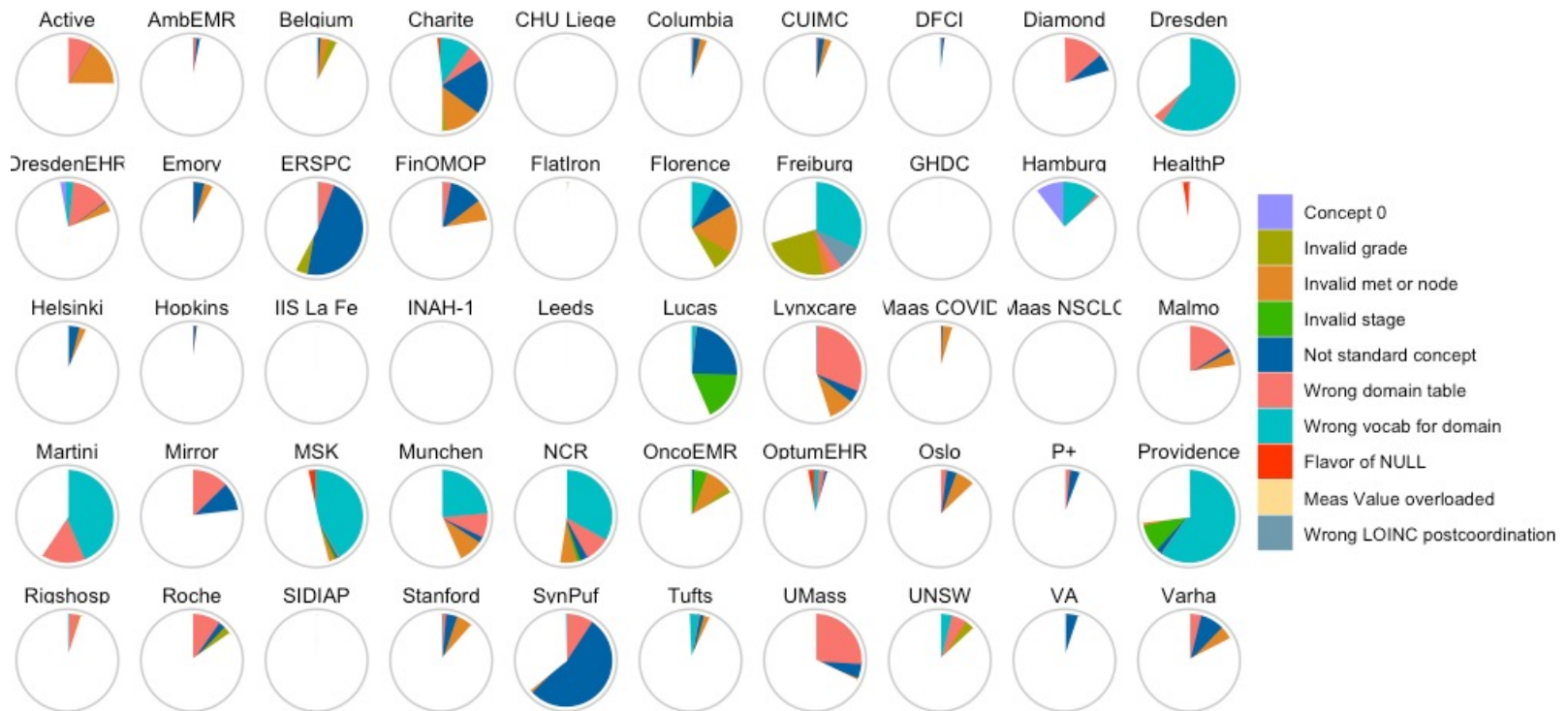


# Source Concepts – Misdemeanors





# Standard Concepts – Felonies





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Patch or Fix







# Patches

Patches are a temporary short-term fix!!  
Will be made available on Github for ETL purposes

## Fix of concepts

- Mets, stages, grades
  - NAACCR -> Cancer Modifiers
  - LOINC -> Cancer Modifiers
- Conditions
  - SNOMED -> SNOMED

## Combine histology+topography

- ICDO, SNOMED histology concepts
- SNOMED conditions concepts without topography
- ICDO, SNOMED topography concepts
- SNOMED conditions with generic histology (malignant neoplasm)



## Fix

- New Vocabulary release for re-running the ETL
    - Only oncology fixes
    - This spring
    - Dissemination through Athena or <https://oncology.ohdsi.org>
- This is an exception!! We will not establish a new process separate from OHDSI.
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Iterate





## Before and after patching



# iCAN mNSCLC Studyathon

March 25-28, 2025  
Helsinki, Finland

**iCAN** Digital Precision  
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A COLLABORATION BETWEEN HUS & UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

## Exploring the Real-World Treatment Landscape of mNSCLC

In this studyathon, we are **characterizing real-world treatment patterns of metastatic NSCLC**, with a focus on **the adoption and impact of immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICIs) across different regions**.

 Study GitHub Repository: <https://github.com/ohdsi-studies/MNSCLCStudyathon>

The logo for 'nemesis' features a stylized profile of a person's head with a flame-like shape above it, followed by the word 'nemesis' in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font.





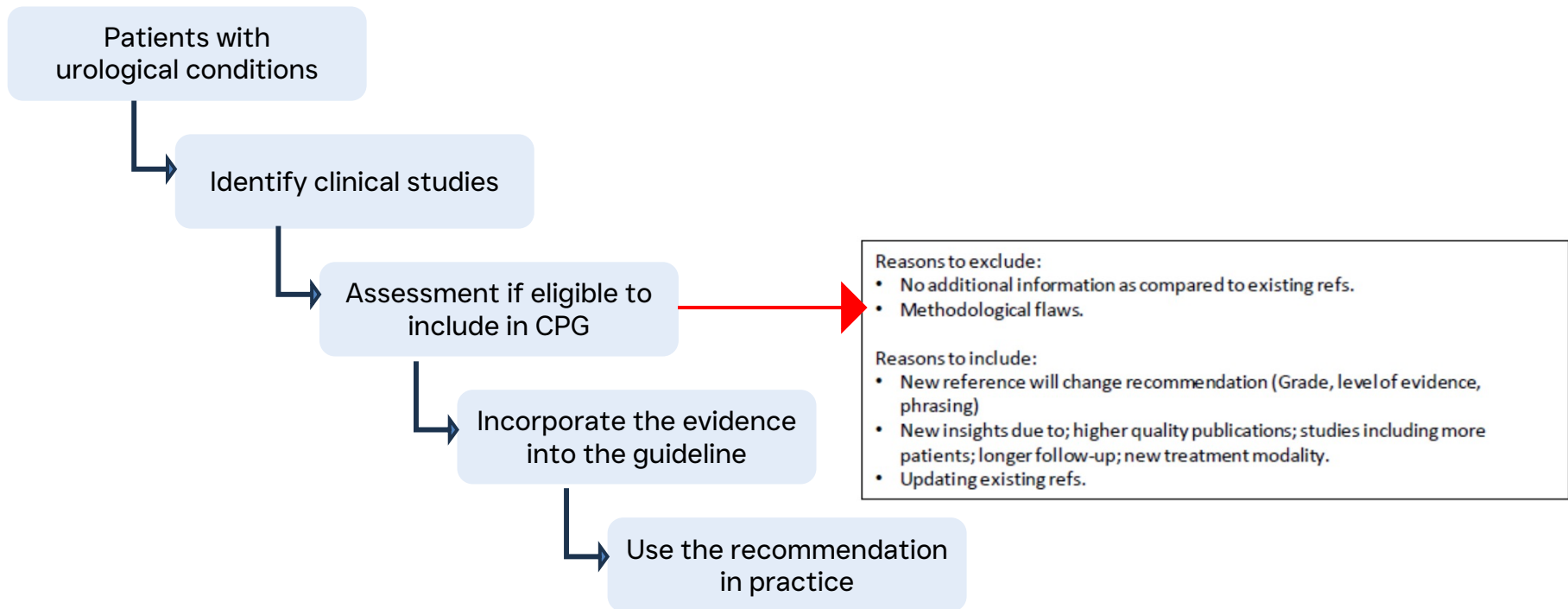
## Guidelinathon

How do we make RWE impactful?





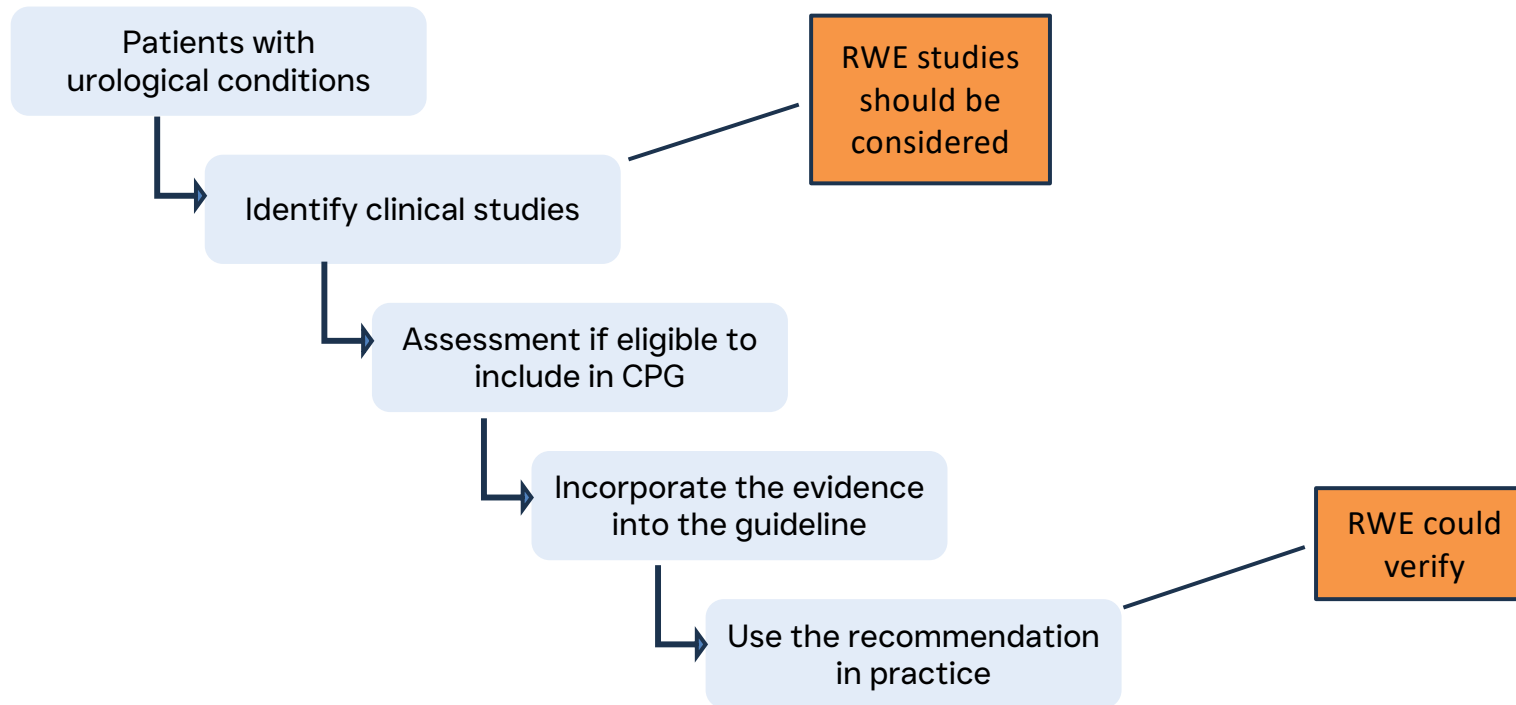
# How is guideline development done today?





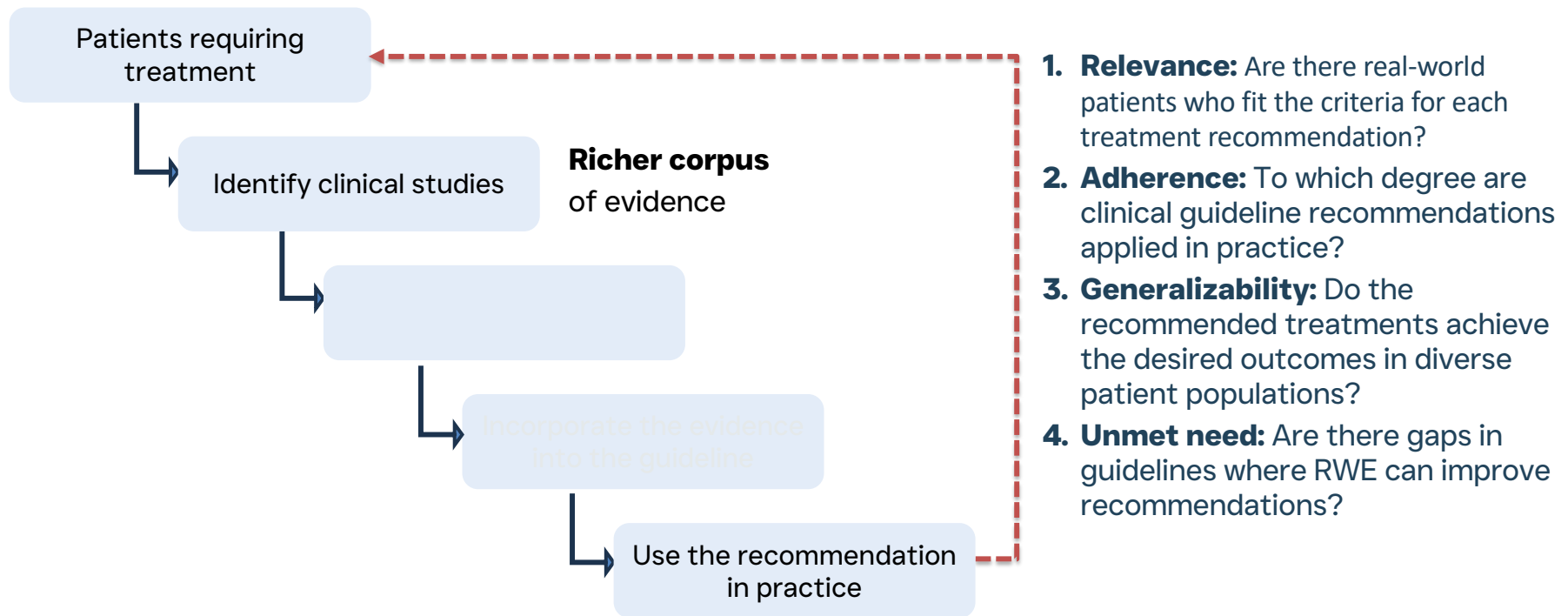


## RWE is missing from this process.





# What can RWE help with?





# Guideline Development Process Today

Currently

<b>(non-RWE) Study eligibility form high level evidence topics</b>				
<b>Guideline Panel:</b>		<b>Year of update:</b>		
Q1	Type of study - is the study design one of the following?	Yes ↓	Unclear ↓	No ↓
Q2	Participants in the study	Yes ↓	Unclear ↓	No ↓
Q3	Interventions and comparisons or tests in the study	Yes ↓	Unclear ↓	No ↓
Q4	Outcomes in the study	Yes ↓	Unclear ↓	No ↓
Final decision (subject to clarification of 'unclear' points)		Include	Unclear	Exclude

Add RWE

<b>RWE study eligibility</b>	
<b>Guideline Panel:</b>	
Q1	Retrospective non-interventional study on data from point of care?
Q2	Selected cohorts in the study
Q3	Comparisons or tests in the study
Q4	Outcomes in the study
Final decision	



## Problem: RWE studies are challenging

### RCT

- Controlled
- Randomized
- Designed for question
- Methodology well established for achieving study result

### RWE studies

- Healthcare driven
- Prone to bias and confounding
- Design often follows poor data
- Methodology for achieving study result and confounding control demanding

→ RWE studies need proper assessment

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# Adding RWE to guideline development

We need:

1. **Framework** for extracting populations and treatment recommendations from guideline
2. Process for Systematic RWE **Evaluation**
3. **Education** for guideline developers on RWD/E
4. Systematic approach to **develop** de-novo RWE for guideline integration

→ Generate RWE only if they can use it

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# Example Study



Urologic Oncology: Seminars and Original Investigations 41 (2023) 357.e11–357.e21

UROLOGIC  
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Clinical-Bladder cancer

## Real-world treatment patterns and clinical outcomes with first-line therapy in patients with locally advanced/metastatic urothelial carcinoma by cisplatin-eligibility

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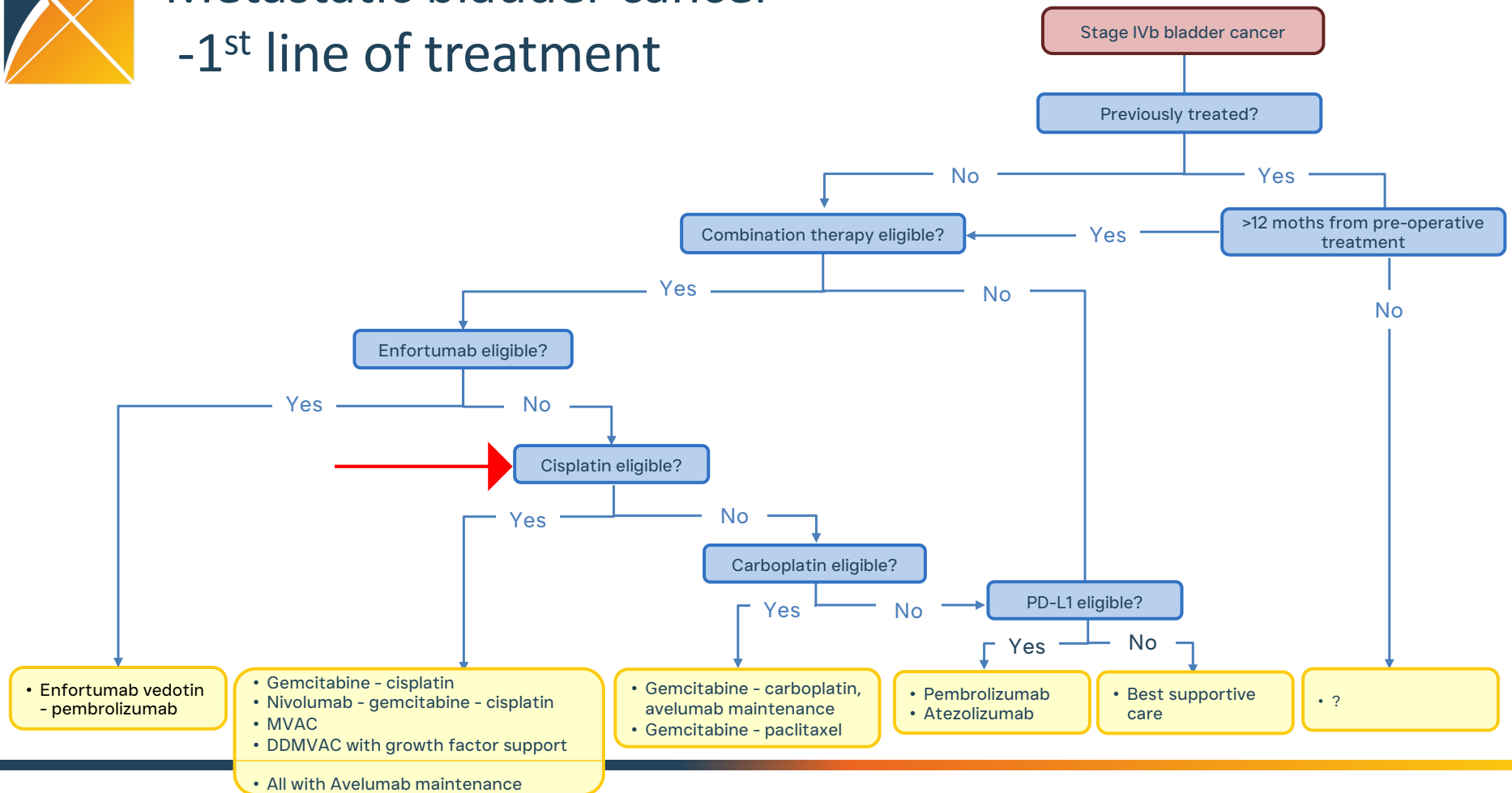
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Q2. Are participants in the study relevant?

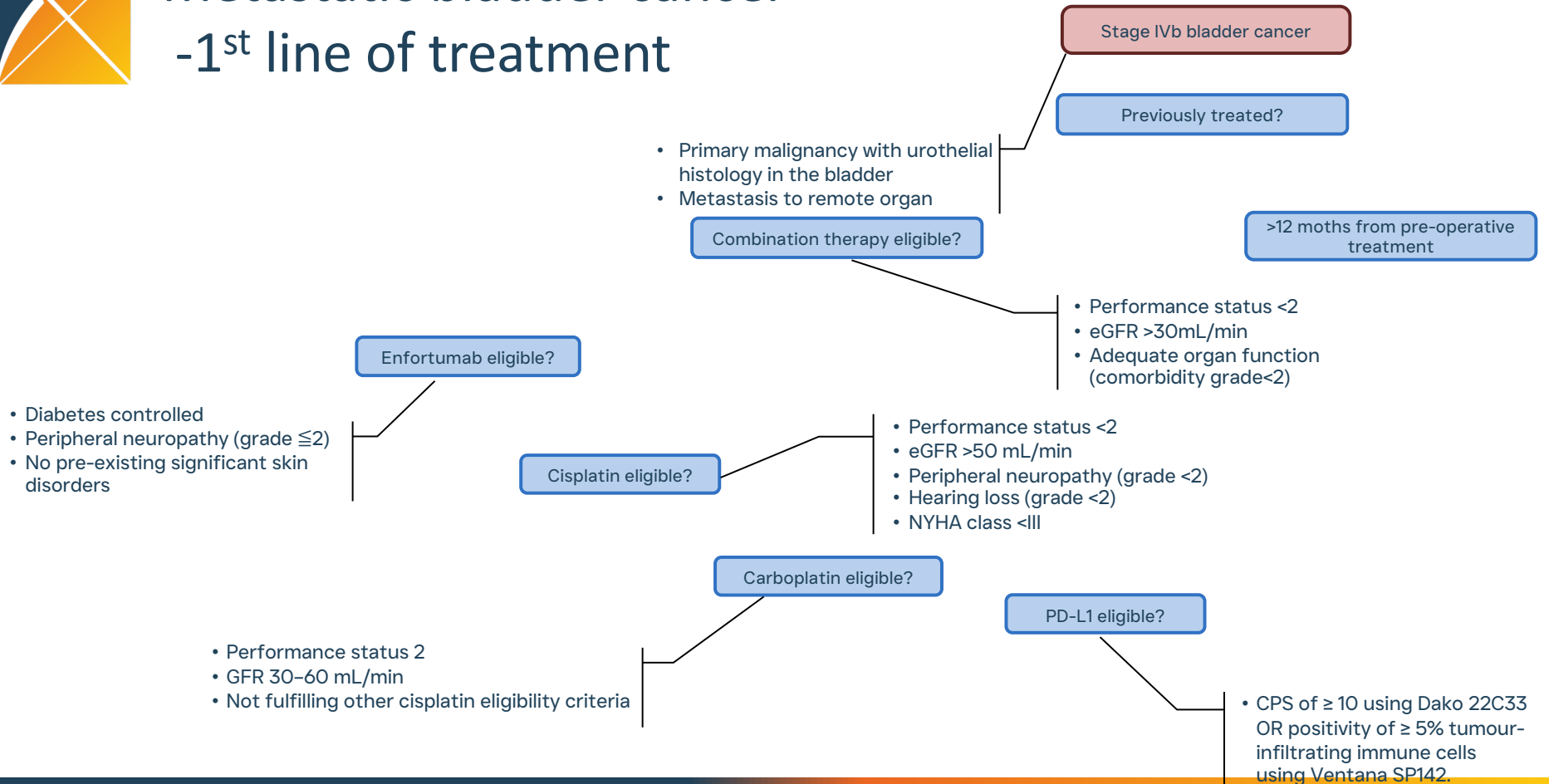


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## Guidelinathon Data Readiness

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Use case requirement	0.93	0.57	0.66	0.13

Plus:

Regimens	-Omics
0.46	0.38

→ New round of iteration

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## Summary

- Cancer is more than vanilla OMOP
  - ... if we want to do meaningful RWE
- Data need to be assessed
- Data often need to be fixed
- Oncology WG is innovating these
  - They need to become standard OHDSI

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