







Prognostic Biomarkers in Mental Impairments: Current and Future

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What diagnostic and prognostic biomarkers are now being used in mental health, that are likely to appear routinely in the medical record?

- Age of symptom onset
- Premorbid social and academic attainment
- Substance abuse



Are there any biomarkers that distinguish between severe psychiatric disorders where work is not likely and those where work is recommended?

- There are no biomarkers that reliably distinguish between disorders;
- For people with psychosis, performance on cognitive tests is more strongly related to work status than other predictors;
- Performance on cognitive tests accounts for approximately 12% to 52% of the variance in functional outcomes in people with psychosis
- However:
 - Not usually in the medical record
 - Requires specialized testing
 - Not a strong enough predictor to use on an individual basis

Sources: Dickerson et al, 2017 J Nerv Ment Dis; Zaragosa Domingo et al., Schizophr Res Cogn 2015; Nuechterlein et al, 2011, Schiz Bull

- Have any markers emerged as the gold standard for clinical use?
 - No

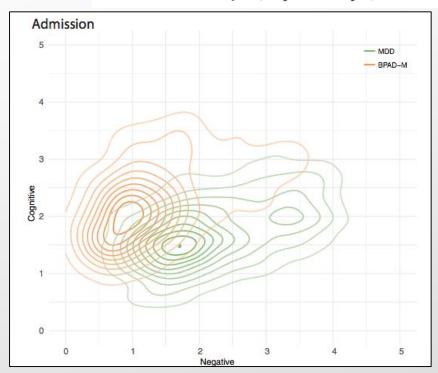
- How accessible is mental biomarker assessment (e.g., is it only available at specialized facilities)?
 - MRI
 - EEG
 - Cognitive testing

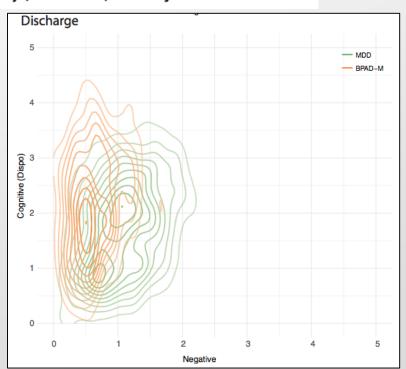


What advancements are likely in the next five years?

High Throughput Phenotyping for Dimensional Psychopathology in Electronic Health Records

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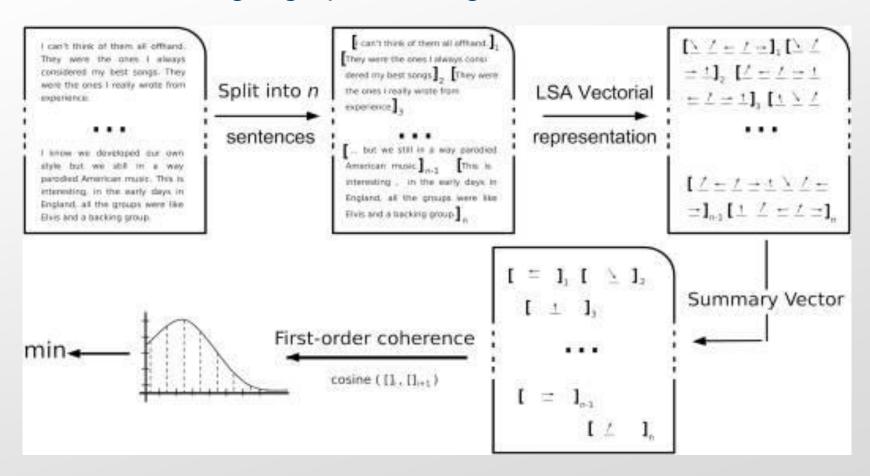


Source: McCoy et al., Biol Psych, 2018



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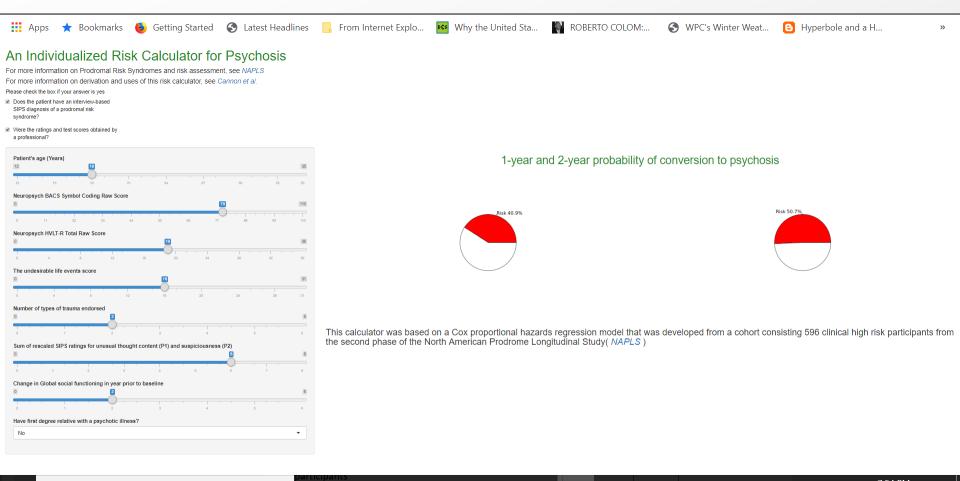


Source: Bedi et al., NPJ Schiz, 2015



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Multivariate predictive algorithms: NAPLS psychosis risk calculator



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