

# Data Science Techniques in Pricing and involvement of actuaries in non-conventional areas

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# Smart analytics comprises multiple data science areas and enables to shape the next level of risk understanding

Insights & Predictive Modelling



We use **machine learning** algorithms to explore and understand large data in order to identify hidden correlations and patterns and to **predict potential future outcomes**

Text analytics



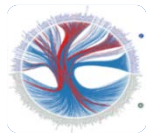
We leverage **text mining** and **natural language processing** algorithms to extract insights from unstructured data sources (usually from textual information)

Cognitive computing



We develop **cognitive computing capabilities** that combine various technologies including **machine learning**, **natural language processing** and **artificial intelligence** to facilitate human-machine interaction and to support business decision making

Visual Analytics



We employ **advanced visualization methods** to create visual representation of both structured and unstructured data to reinforce human cognition

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# Predicting health like smoking status

# Predicting Health: Smoker Propensity Model



## Problem

**Need to segment customers risks better for L&H products**

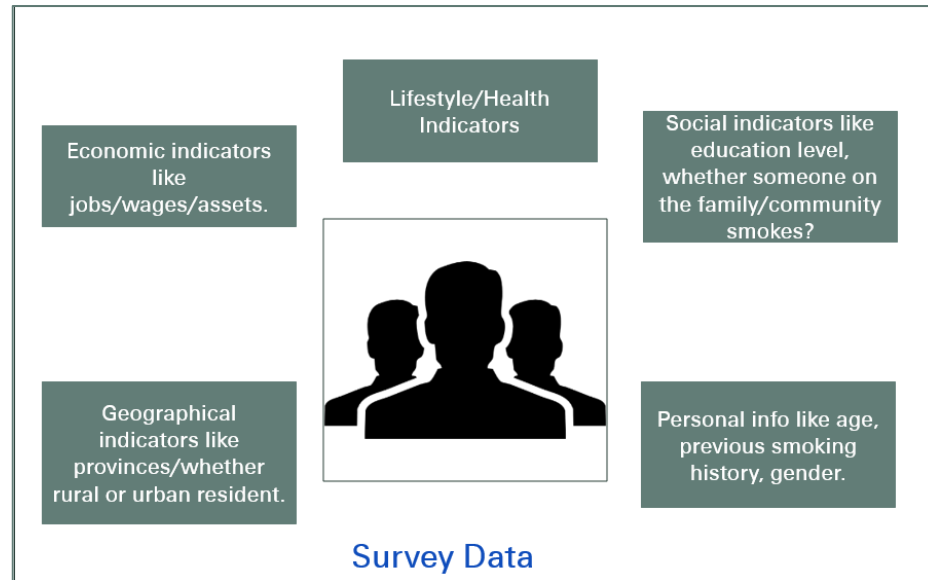
- Low disclosure rates
- Smoking as key risk criterion in UW
- Fluid test used to identify smokers (in USA, EMEA):  
time-consuming, costly and intrusive
- High smoker prevalence in certain markets

## Solution

**A model to predict smoking status**

- Faster underwriting process
- Cheaper & less cumbersome for applicants than fluid tests
- Targeted marketing
- Differentiation through new
- Scalability to other health parameters

# Smoker propensity model predicts the likeliness of an individual to be a smoker



**20–50%**  
of smokers do not disclose smoking in their life insurance applications.

## Insights found

- **Education:** Likelihood of being a smoker was found to decrease with increase in education level
- **Gender:** Males were found to more likely to be smoker compared to Females
- **Marital status:** Cohort who are divorced/separated are more likely to be smokers than who are married/widowed
- **Alcohol consumption:** Individuals who consumed alcohol were found to be more likely to smoke vs the teetotalers

# New critical illness products through insights generation





# Development of innovative Critical Illness (CI) products via Smart Analytics



**CI products limited to lump sum payout**

- Increase in cancer cases and evolution of CI
  - Increase in life expectancy after diagnosis
  - Changing client needs
- How do we build insurance products that are truly relevant for our clients ?



**Innovative CI products**

- With improved CI risk understanding, we are able to define new innovative CI products beyond the point of diagnosis.





# The CI product development follow the best practice analytics project approach



## Problem Statement

- Understanding disease journeys for various critical illnesses
- Co-morbidity understanding
- Cost of treatment over disease lifetime
- Identify relevant factors for underwriting risks

## Medical Database

- Size: 100Gb
- Duration: 10 years
- 3.8 mio. persons
- 120k CI cases
- Health check-ups
- Policy & Claims data
- Diagnosis and treatment data
- Procedure and hospital data

## Data Engineering

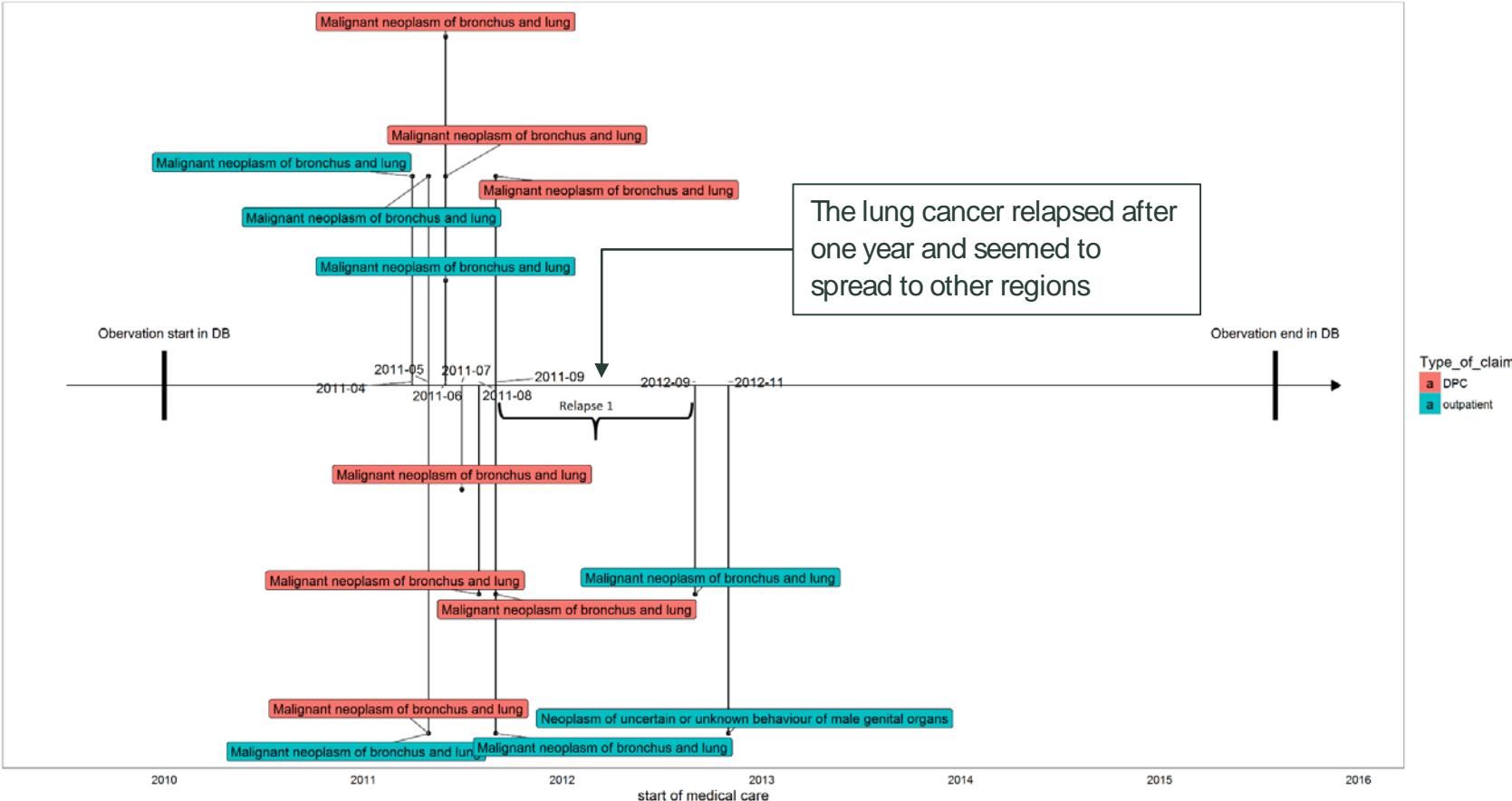
- Descriptive approach
- Data exploration
- Associative rule mining

## Insights Generation

- Patient disease timeline
- Disease journeys
- Co-morbidity heat map
- Cost lifecycle overview

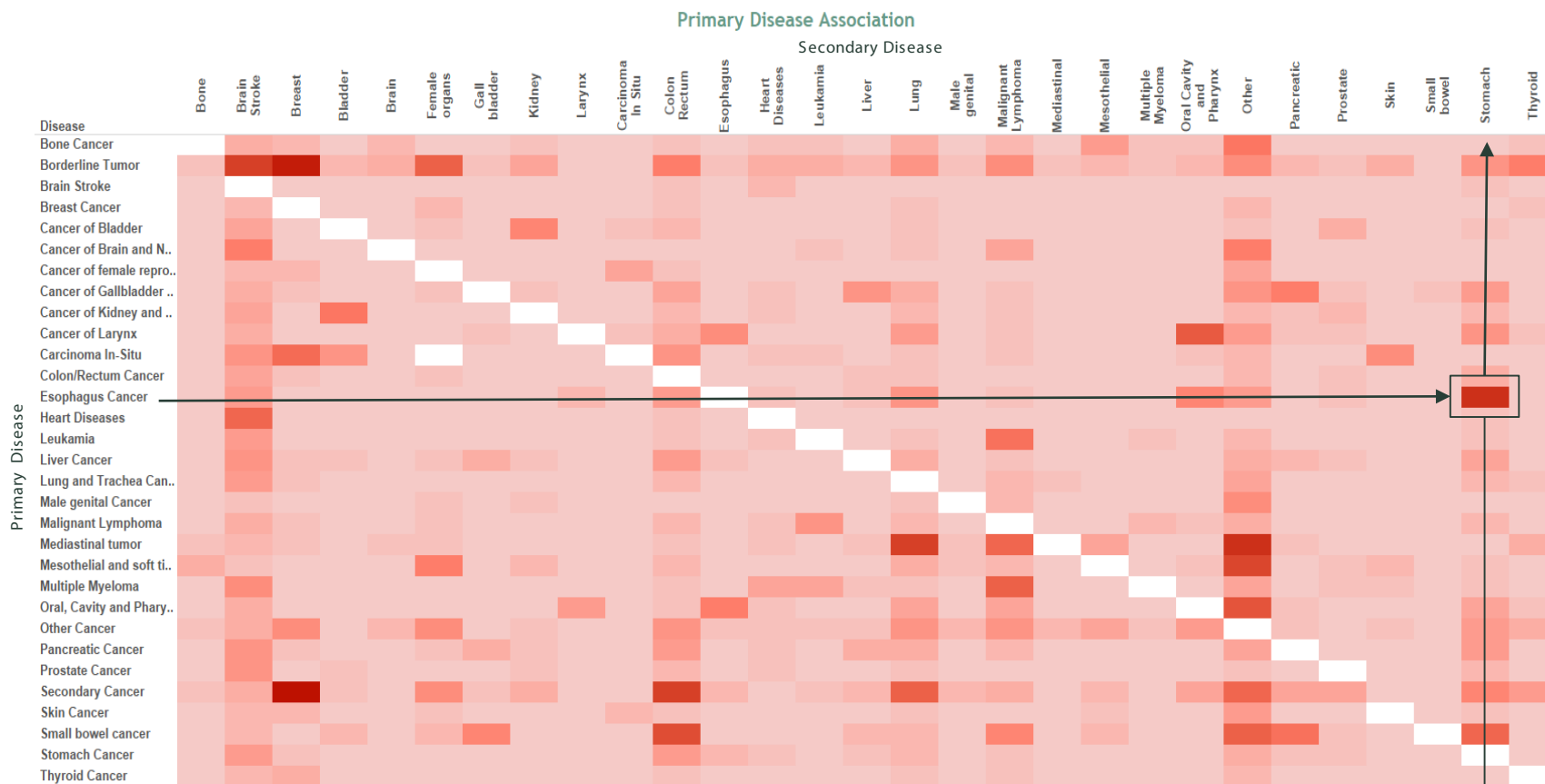
# Single Patient Diagnosis Timeline (Relapse 1 – Lung Cancer)

Disease Diagnosis timeline for patient M005864284  
 (Gender:male -- DOB:Nov 1973 -- Insured as:individual)





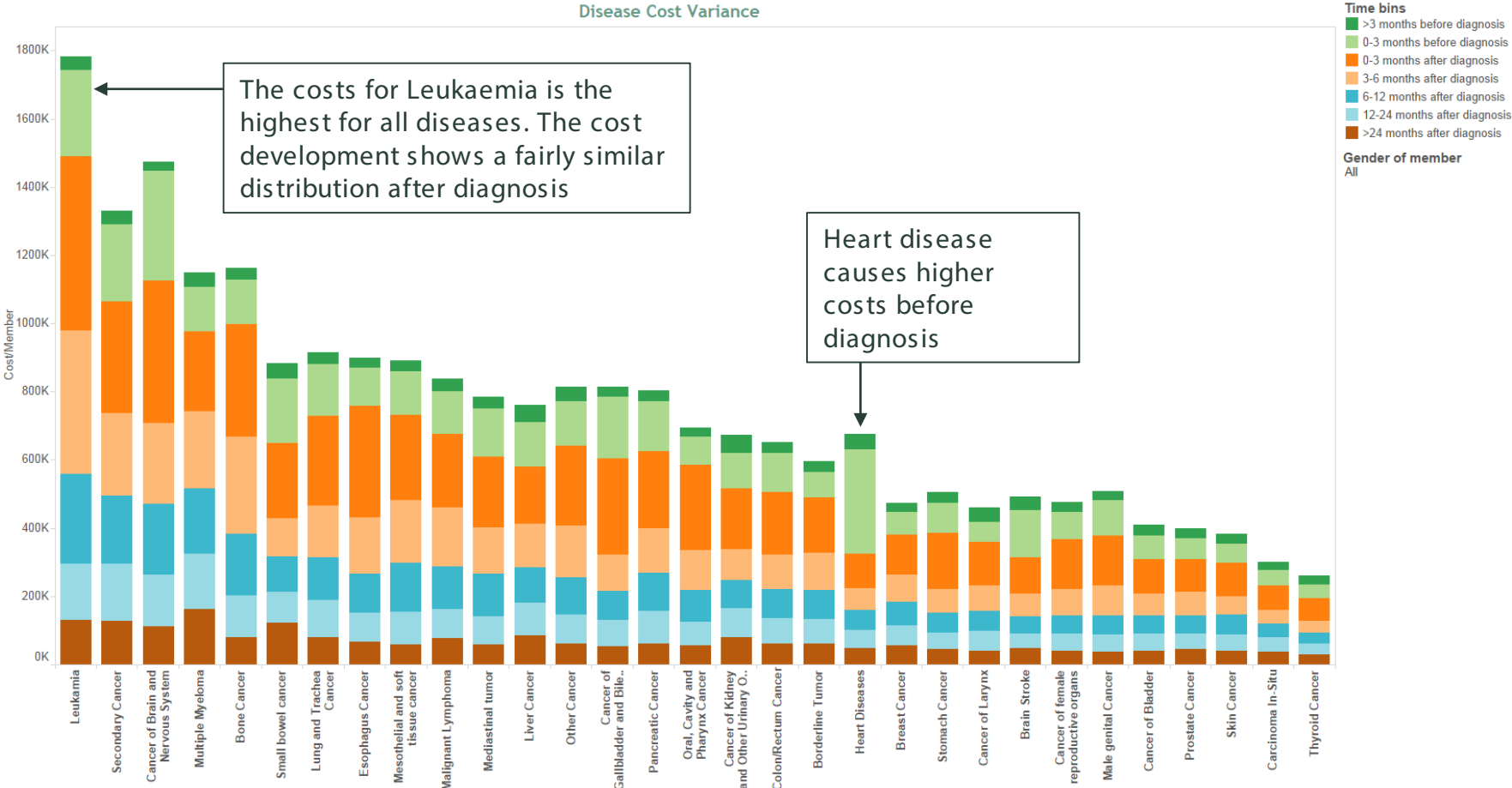
# Understanding of typical co-morbidities helps to shape a more flexible CI product



Percentage  
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Esophagus cancer is strongly correlated to Stomach cancer as a secondary disease.

# Treatment costs for different critical diseases vary over time, especially before and after diagnosis





# Better Understanding of Cancer Risk through Data analytics could enable new CI products



## New CI Product Propositions

- 1 Tier products**  
Replacing a one time pay-out with a stage-wise pay-out
- 2 Variable pay-out products**  
Pay-out based on cancer-site, demography and co-morbidity
- 3 Insurance for cancer survivors**  
Examine disease timelines to structure products aimed at cancer survivors
- 4 Cancer recurrence products**  
Develop products with relevant waiting periods and pay-outs
- 5 Insurance for co-morbidities**  
Insurance cover for commonly co- occurring diseases for cancer patients



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