

Genetic COPD: Understanding what we know, who we test, how we treat

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Objectives

- Review the Epidemiology of COPD Genetics
- Discuss the ATS guidelines for COPD Genetic Screening
- Understand the importance of Treatment options for Alpha One Anti-Trypsin Deficiency
- Review Treatment Options for patients with COPD and Alpha One Anti-trypsin deficiency
- Discuss Future research involving COPD

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Uncovering Alpha-1

- AAT deficiency, commonly called alpha-1, is a potentially fatal, genetic form of COPD¹
 - Alpha-1 is the major known genetic risk factor for COPD²
- Alpha-1 is not a rare disease but one that is rarely diagnosed³
 - Up to 25 million Americans have an abnormal allele (S or Z)⁴
 - An estimated 100,000 Americans have alpha-1⁵
 - 90% remain undiagnosed^{6,7}
 - Lengthy delay in diagnosis⁵
 - 8.3 ± 6.9 years between onset of symptoms and diagnosis⁵
- Laboratory testing is the only way to diagnose—it's fast, easy, and FREE
- Once you identify an alpha-1 patient through testing, there is a specific treatment

AAT, alpha₁-antitrypsin; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

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Current Myths of COPD

- All COPD (especially emphysema) is caused by smoking
- Alpha-1 is rare, so I don't need to test my patients
- Alpha-1 results exclusively in emphysema
- I don't need to test for alpha-1 since there are no treatments
- If I test, I only have to consider homozygous patients (Pi ZZ)
- There is no need to test a smoker for alpha-1
- I do not need to test older patients for alpha-1
- A complete diagnosis of alpha-1 can be made on serum levels alone
- I know an alpha-1 patient when I see one

The View From Above—What are we missing



Alpha-1 Is Not a Rare Disease but One That Is Rarely Diagnosed¹

The Problem

- Up to 25 million Americans have an abnormal allele (S or Z)²
- An estimated 100,000 Americans have alpha-1³
- **90% remain undiagnosed**^{4,5}
- **Early diagnosis and treatment is associated with health benefits**⁶
- Most common inherited risk factor for COPD (1 in 10 COPD patients)⁶

Alpha-1 in the US³



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Alpha-1: A Major Risk Factor for COPD

- Alpha-1 is a potentially fatal, genetic form of COPD¹
 - COPD is now the third leading cause of death in the US²
 - Alpha-1 may be a contributor in up to 3% of all COPD cases in the US³

DNA Molecule Unwinding From a Chromosome Inside the Nucleus of a Cell

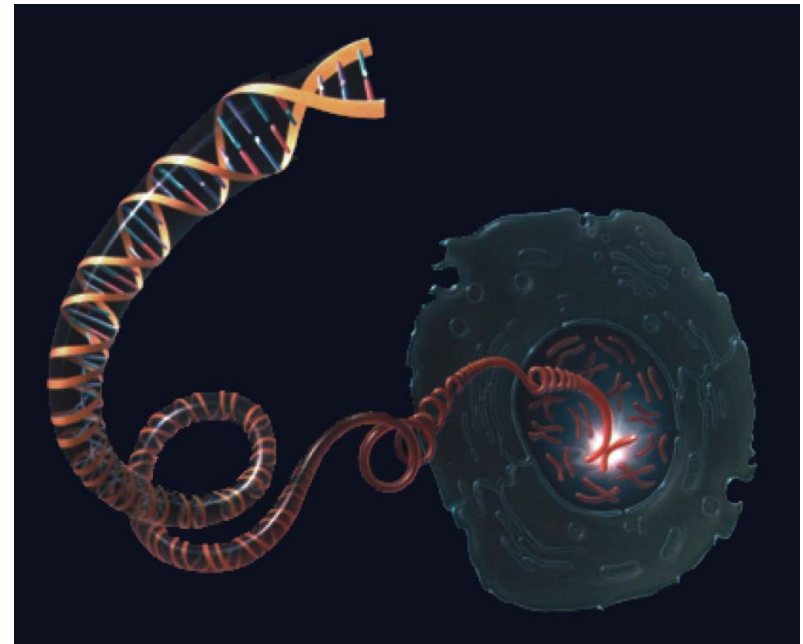


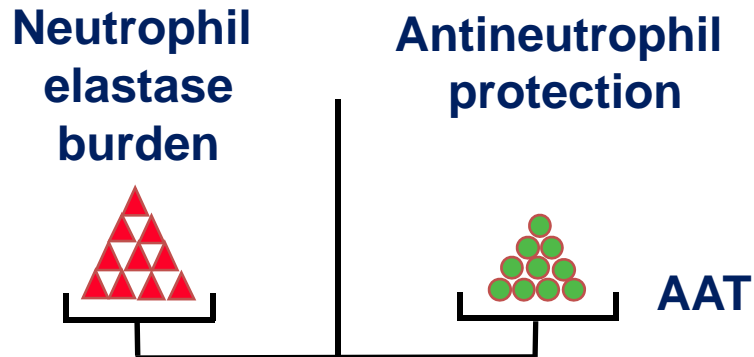
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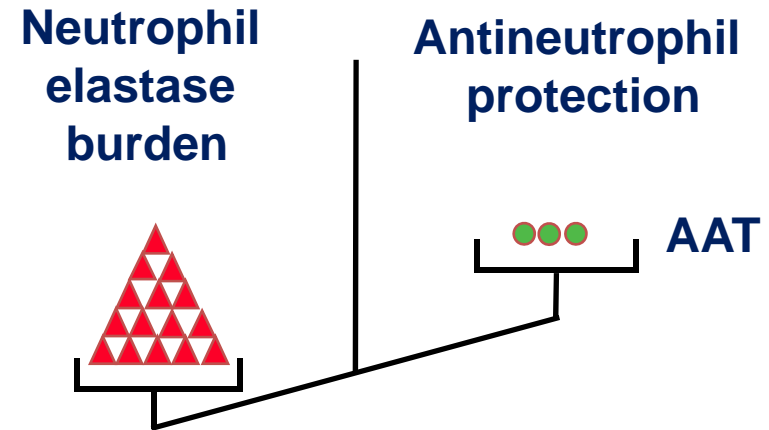
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Low Levels of AAT Leave Lung Tissue Vulnerable

Normal Protection



AAT Deficient



AAT, alpha₁-antitrypsin.

Köhnlein T, Welte T. *Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency: Clinical Aspects and Management*. Bremen, Germany: UNI-MED Verlag AG; 2007.

AAT Is Critical to Safeguarding Lungs

- Lung damage results from an excess burden of neutrophil elastase AND lack of AAT
- Smoking, secondary smoke, dust, and exposure to fumes accelerate lung disease in alpha-1 patients
- Infections are additional risk factors in AAT-deficient individuals

AAT inhibits excess amounts of enzymes, such as neutrophil elastase, released in response to infection, injury, inflammation

Do ANY of Your Patients Present With These Complaints?

Alpha-1–related lung disease presents with common respiratory symptoms:

- Dyspnea (84%)¹
- Decreased exercise tolerance^{2,3}
- Wheezing (76%)¹
- Cough (42%)¹
- Excess sputum production (50%)¹
- Frequent lower respiratory tract infections^{2,3}
- History of suspected allergies and/or asthma⁴

Diseases Commonly Associated With Alpha-1

- COPD
- Bronchiectasis
- Liver disease
- Necrotizing panniculitis

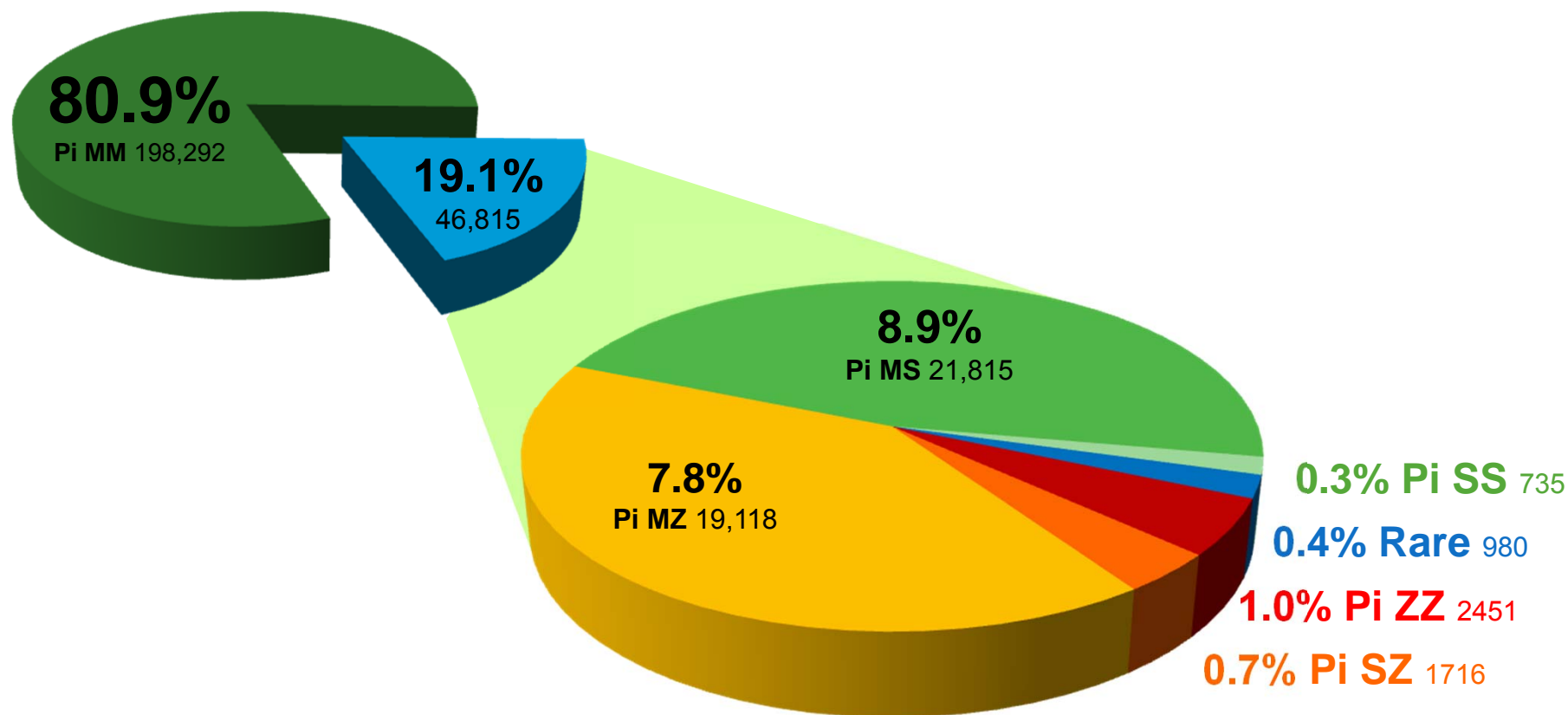
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What is alpha-1? Alpha-1 Foundation website. Available at: www.alphaone.org/healthcare/?c=01-What-is-Alpha-1-Healthcare. Accessed April 13, 2008.

Genetic Testing Found 1 in 5 Patients With Deficient Alleles*



MM (normal), MS (not deficient), SS (mildly deficient), MZ (mildly deficient), SZ (moderately to severely deficient), ZZ (severely deficient)

* Data represent patients tested for alpha-1 at the University of Florida Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Genetics Laboratory.

Data on file, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Genetics Laboratory, University of Florida.

Are You Overlooking Alpha-1?

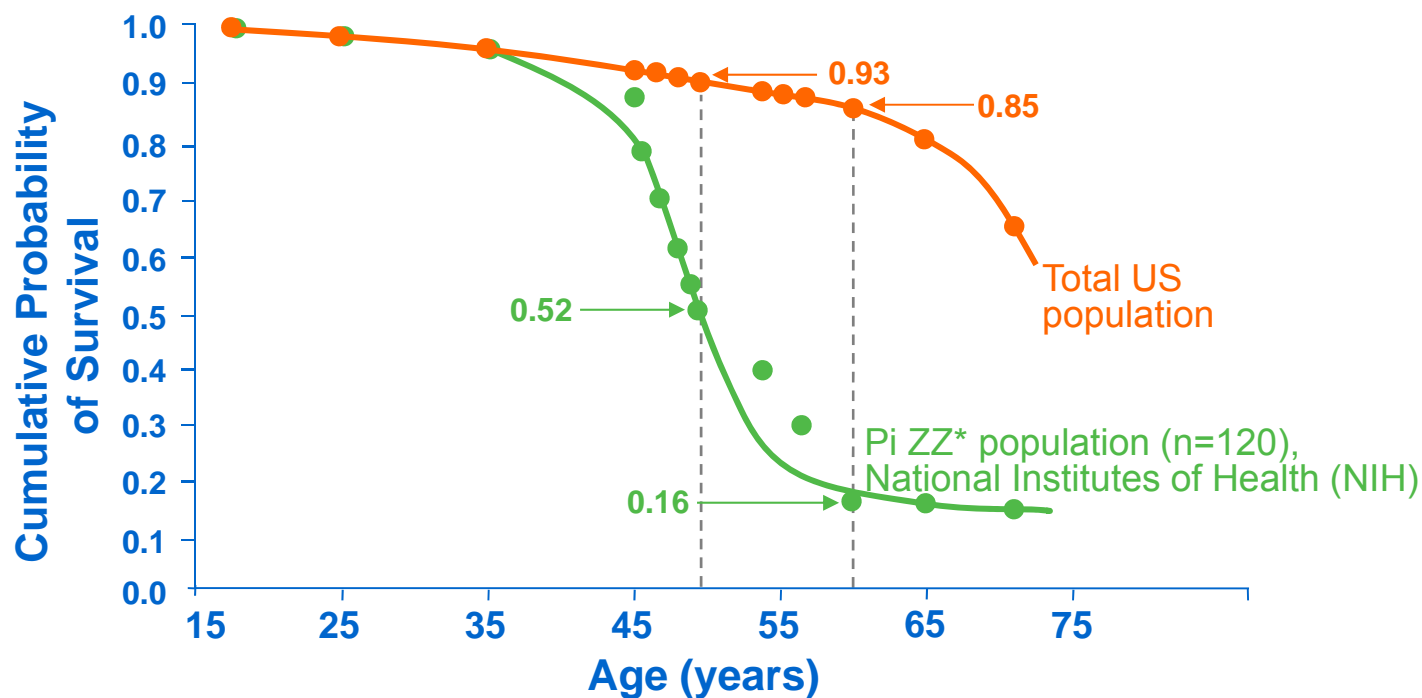
- Regional study in Kentucky reveals higher alpha-1 prevalence vs US national data
 - Regional study looked at prevalence of non-MM genotypes in a private pulmonary practice in Kentucky
 - Used retrospective chart review
 - Genotype data collected for 4308 patients screened for alpha-1 from October 2003 to October 2011
 - Data analyzed in aggregate and compared with previously published US national prevalence data

Results: Higher Regional Prevalence of Non-MM Genotypes vs US Population

	Observed Genotype	Prevalence in KY Cohort	Prevalence in Caucasian US Population
Genotype	(N)	(%)	(%)
MM	3948	91.64	94.0 to 96.0
MZ	113	2.62	2.0
MS	174	4.04	5.0
SZ	12	0.28	0.05
ZZ	12	0.28	0.01
SS	5	0.12	0.05
Rare M subtypes	32	0.7	
Rare, deficiency-related	12	0.28	
Total	4308	100.00	

Patients With Severe Alpha-1 Have Significantly Shorter Life Spans

Survival Analysis of Patients With Severe Alpha-1 (Pi ZZ) vs Total US Population



* Pi ZZ = severely deficient alpha-1 patient.

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There Is a Lengthy Delay in Diagnosis

In a survey of 1020 members of AlphaNet,* on average

- **2 to 3 physicians seen** before correct diagnosis
- **8.3 ± 6.9 years** between onset of symptoms and diagnosis
- Patients were **45.5 ± 9.5 years of age** when identified as AAT deficient
- **Steady increase in age at diagnosis** ($P < 0.05$) was observed between 1968 and 2003

* AlphaNet: Not-for-profit organization providing health management services for PROLASTIN DIRECT® led by alpha-1 experts and patients.

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American Thoracic Society Guidelines Recommend Testing ALL Symptomatic COPD Patients

The American Thoracic Society Guidelines

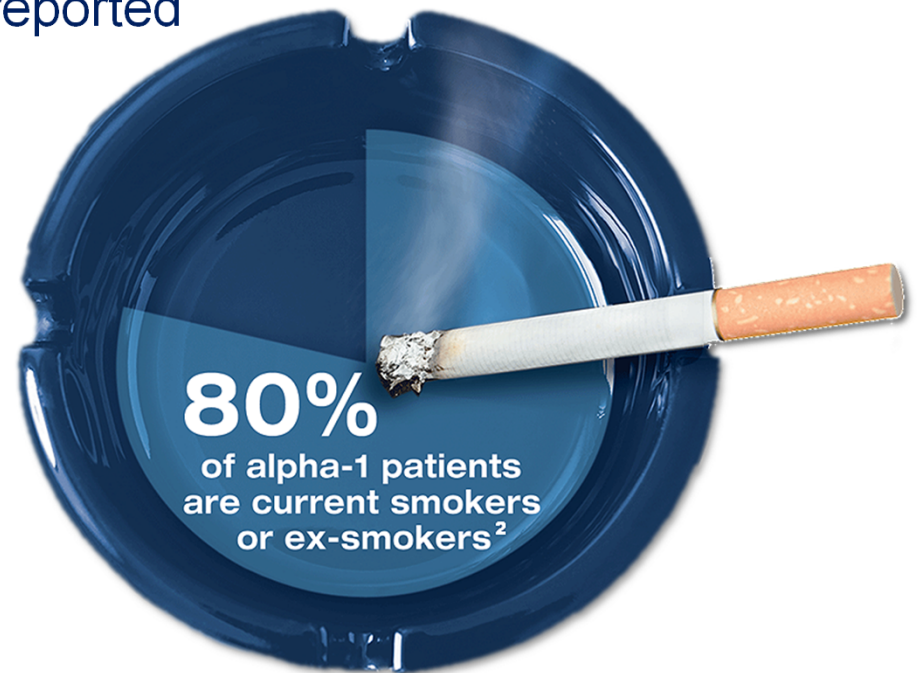
- Test all adults with symptomatic COPD, **regardless of smoking history**
- Test all adults with symptomatic emphysema, **regardless of smoking history**
- Test all adults with symptomatic asthma whose airflow obstruction is incompletely reversible after bronchodilator therapy
- Test asymptomatic patients with persistent obstruction on pulmonary function tests with identifiable risk factors (eg, smoking, occupational exposure)
- Test siblings of individuals with alpha-1

COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

American Thoracic Society/European Respiratory Society. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med.* 2003;168(7):818-900.

Test ALL Patients With COPD Regardless of Smoking History

- At least 25% of long-term smokers develop COPD¹
- In a National Registry study (N=1129 patients with alpha-1), 80% were either current smokers (8%) or ex-smokers (72%)²
- In a separate study (N=878), 82.3% reported tobacco use with a pack-year history of 23.2 14.5 years³



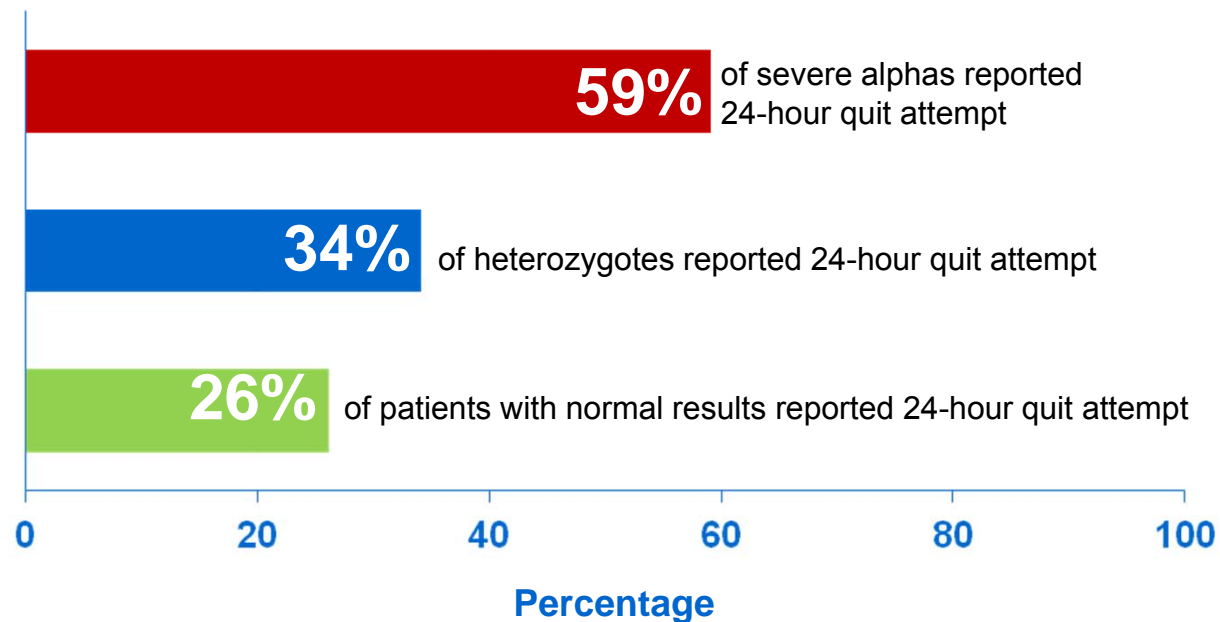
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Testing Improved Quit-Attempt Rates

Follow-up Study of Patients 3 Months After Test Results and Minimal Counseling (n=199)

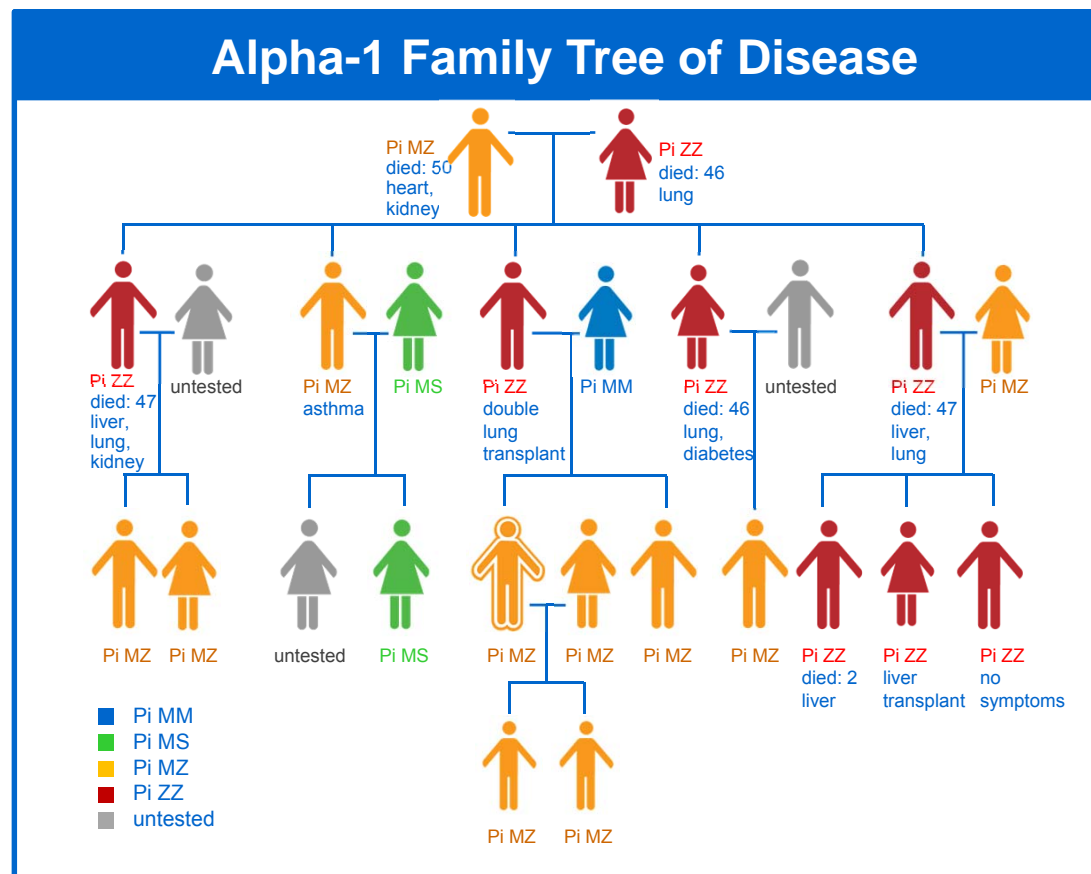


Finding Deficient Alleles Matters

- Promotes smoking prevention and cessation and other healthy lifestyle modifications
 - **Patients who are tested may be more likely to attempt to quit smoking¹**
- Increases potential for family testing and genetic counseling
- Raises awareness to avoid hazards of occupational respiratory pollutants

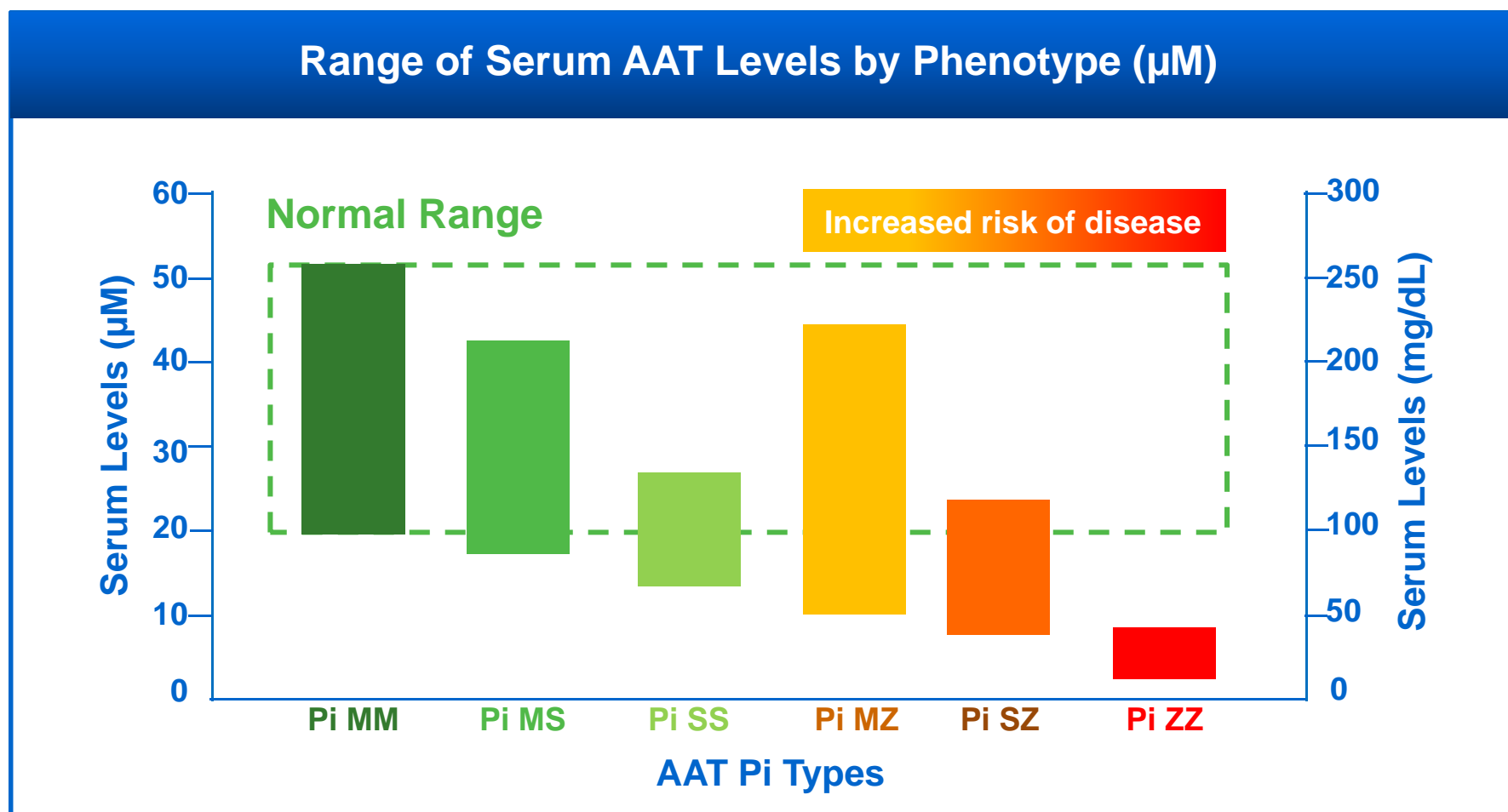
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Alpha-1 Is a Genetic Disorder: Test the Entire Family



**You're not just identifying a patient, you're discovering
an entire family at risk for lung disease**

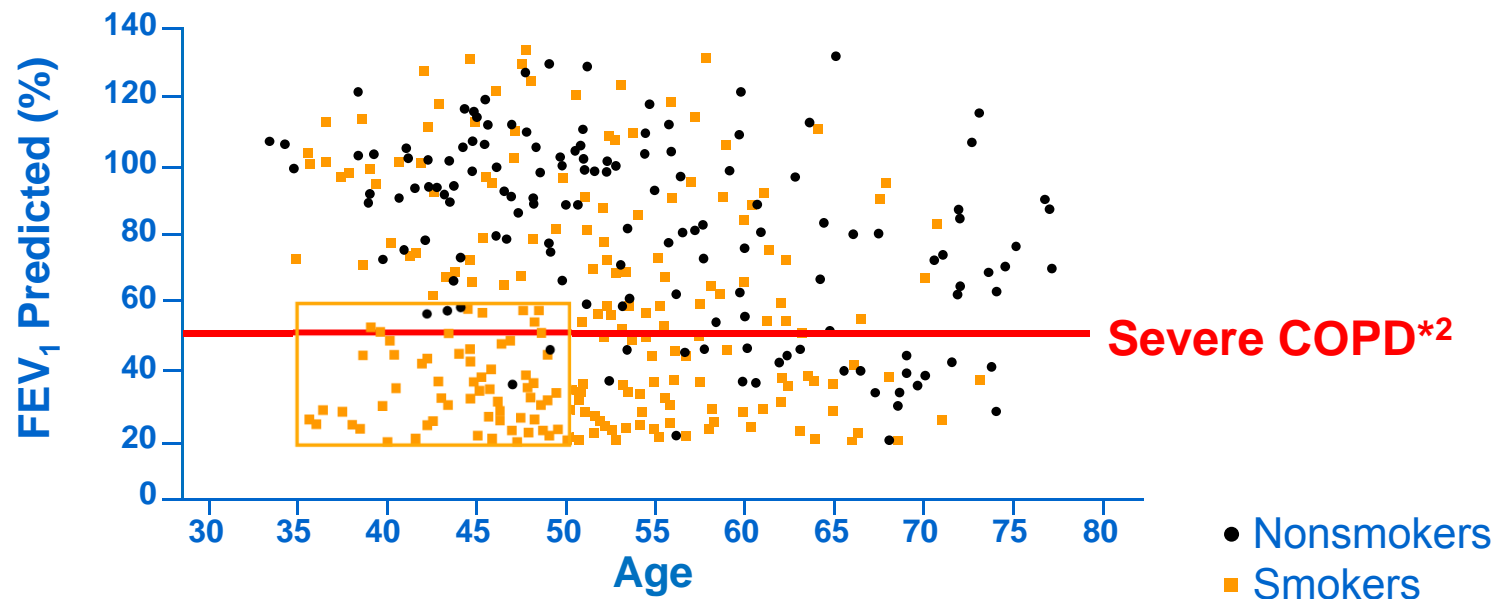
Serum Level Alone Is NOT a Complete Diagnostic Tool



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Who Do You Test and Who Are You Missing?

FEV₁ Percentage Predicted by Age for 378 Pi ZZ Patients Stratified by Smoking Status¹



* Stage III severe COPD, Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD) guidelines.

Remember, only a laboratory test can confirm the presence of alpha-1

COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; FEV₁, forced expiratory volume in 1 second.

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Now That You've Tested, What Next?

Common questions after testing

1. What if I find a deficient allele?
2. What if I find a ZZ?
3. What do I tell my patients?
4. Whom should I treat, and are there differences in augmentation therapy providers?
5. Are there “centers of excellence” to which I can refer?
6. What resources are available to help me?

After the Diagnosis: Breaking the News

- What patients often hear:
 - “You have a fatal genetic disease”
 - “You have 2 years to live”
 - “Get your affairs in order”
- Better (and truer):
 - “Now we know a reason for your symptoms”
 - “A disease management program is available to help you manage your alpha-1”
 - “There is specific therapy available for alpha-1–related lung disease”

Connie: Would You Test a 76-Year-Old?

- Ethnicity, age, and sex:
 - 76-year-old white female
- Profession:
 - Retired administrative assistant
- Personal history:
 - 40 pack-year smoker
- Medical history:
 - Diagnosed with advanced COPD 20 years ago; stable lung function
 - Current COPD medications
 - LAMA
 - SABA
 - ICS/LABA



Connie: Would You Test a 76-Year-Old? (cont.)

- Family medical history:
 - 2 brothers diagnosed with COPD
- Pulmonary function testing results:
 - FEV₁ 45% of predicted
- Intervention/Testing:
 - Tested for alpha-1 by her primary care doctor after educational lecture
 - AAT serum levels confirmed at 14 μ M
 - MZ allele combination identified through genotype testing
 - Confirmed through Pi testing (phenotyping)
- Diagnosis:
 - COPD confirmed
 - Heterozygote for alpha-1 with MZ genotype (“carrier”)



Connie: Case Resolution

- Actions taken for Connie:
 - Maintain current COPD medications
 - Maximize bronchodilators
 - Treat lung infections aggressively
 - Avoid all tobacco and environmental hazards



Connie: Case Resolution (cont.)

- Actions taken for Connie's family:
 - Family testing/genetic counseling offered
 - **Family testing results:**
1 MZ (Connie) yielded 3 ZZ
 - Son (50 years old): ZZ with normal lung function
 - Granddaughter (26 years old): ZZ; new diagnosis of COPD
 - Great-granddaughter (14 years old): ZZ with normal lung function
 - Daughter (53 years old): MZ;
Daughter's husband (not pictured): MZ
 - All counseled to avoid tobacco and environmental hazards
 - Routine follow-up for all to monitor PFTs



Robert:

Would You Test If Lung Function Stable?

- Ethnicity, age, and sex:
 - 62-year-old white male
- Profession:
 - Plumbing contractor
- Personal history:
 - 30 pack-year smoker; quit 5 years ago
 - Routinely consumes up to 4 beers/day
- Medical history:
 - Diagnosed with COPD 5 years ago
 - Current COPD medications
 - LAMA
 - SABA
 - Lab results from recent yearly physical showed elevated LFTs (negative hepatitis virus panel)



Robert:

Would You Test If Lung Function Stable? (cont.)

- Family medical history:
 - Father died of emphysema
 - Sister diagnosed with COPD and heterozygous alpha-1 MZ genotype
 - 7 brothers in the family
- Pulmonary function testing results:
 - FEV₁ 70% of predicted
 - FEV₁/FVC ratio 62% of predicted



Robert:

Would You Test If Lung Function Stable? (cont.)

■ Intervention/Testing:

- Tested for alpha-1 based on COPD diagnosis and elevated LFTs
 - AAT serum levels confirmed at 5 μ M
 - ZZ allele combination identified through genotype testing
 - Confirmed through Pi testing (phenotyping)

■ Diagnosis:

- COPD confirmed
- Alpha-1



Robert: Case Resolution

■ Actions taken:

- Genetic counseling and family testing recommended
- Lifestyle changes
 - Limit alcohol intake
 - Continue liver function monitoring
- Influenza, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, pneumococcal vaccinations
- Treat lung infections aggressively
- Maximize bronchodilators
- Follow up with pulmonologist in 6 months to review PFTs and determine need for augmentation therapy



What's Next for Patients With a Deficient Allele?

- Family testing and counseling
- Lifestyle changes
 - Smoking cessation
 - Exercise
 - Avoidance of environmental pollutants
 - Limit alcohol consumption
- Vaccinations
 - Influenza/pneumococcal
 - Hepatitis A/B
- Drug therapy for lung disorders
 - Bronchodilators
 - Inhaled steroids
 - Antibiotics
 - Oxygen
- Pulmonary rehabilitation

How Does Pulmonary Rehabilitation Help in COPD?

- Reduces dyspnea¹⁻³
- Improves endurance²
- Reduces number of hospitalizations^{2,3}
- Improves exercise capacity^{1,3}
- Improves HRQOL³
- Improves survival³
- Reduces anxiety and depression associated with COPD³

COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; HRQOL, health-related quality of life.

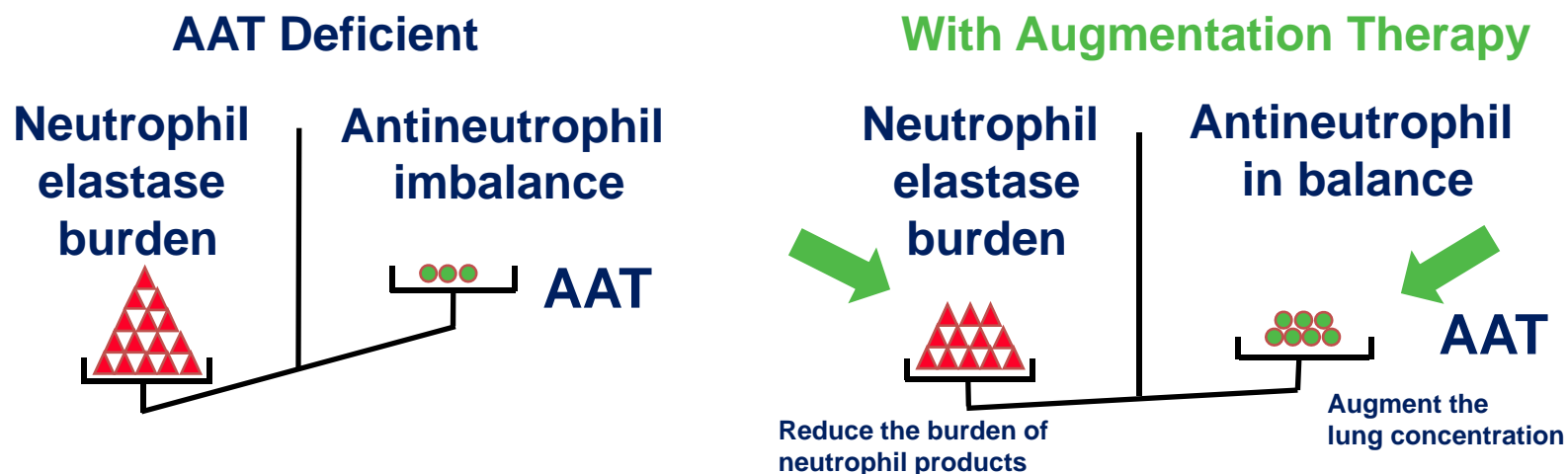
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Management Approaches for Patients With Severe Alpha-1

- Family testing and counseling
- Lifestyle changes
 - Smoking cessation
 - Exercise
 - Avoidance of environmental pollutants
 - Limit alcohol consumption
- Vaccinations
 - Influenza/pneumococcal
 - Hepatitis A/B
- Drug therapy for lung disorders
 - Bronchodilators
 - Inhaled steroids
 - Antibiotics
 - Oxygen
- Pulmonary rehabilitation
- Surgical procedures
 - Lung transplantation in end-stage lung disease
 - Lung volume reduction surgery
- Augmentation therapy

Once You've Identified an Alpha-1 Patient, There Is a Specific Treatment

Treatment of Alpha-1



AAT, alpha₁-antitrypsin.

Role of Augmentation Therapy in Patients With Severe Alpha-1

- Specific treatment by infusion of alpha₁-antitrypsin purified from pooled human plasma¹
- When given at 60 mg/kg body weight once weekly
 - Antineutrophil elastase capacity in lung epithelial lining fluid obtained by bronchoalveolar lavage increased to 60% to 70% of normal in alpha₁-deficient individuals²
 - AAT serum trough levels remained >11 µM³
- Goal of therapy:
 - Elevate levels of alpha₁-antitrypsin in plasma and lung interstitium^{1,2}

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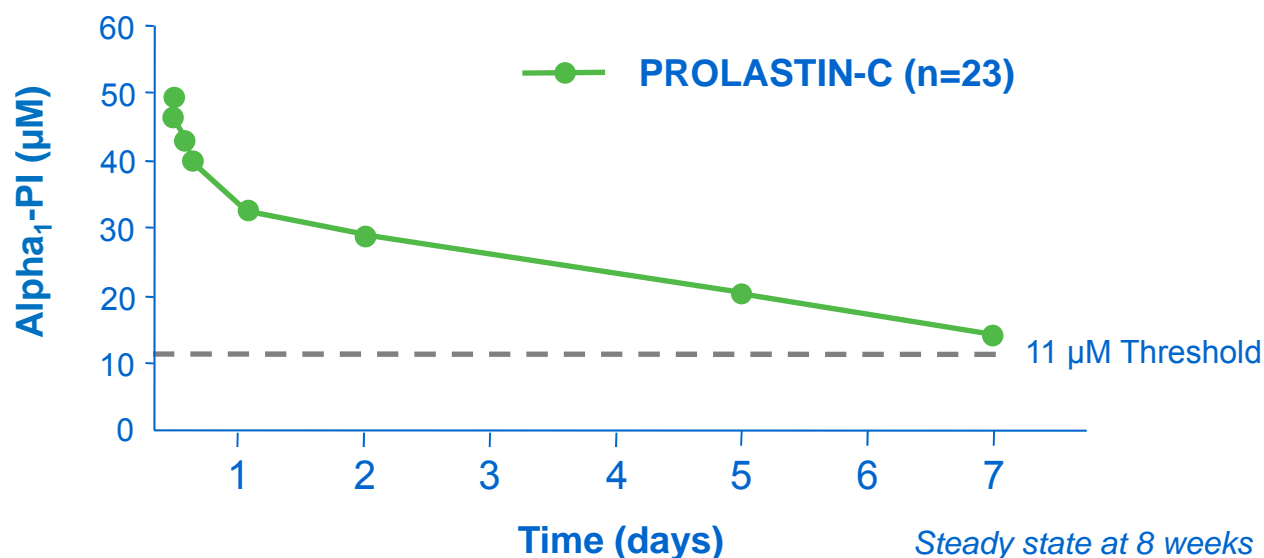
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PROLASTIN[®]-C (alpha₁-proteinase inhibitor [human]) Effectively Raises Alpha-1 Levels

**Mean Plasma AAT Concentration vs Time
Following Treatment With PROLASTIN[®]-C**



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Byron:

Would You Test After Cardiac Work-up?

- Ethnicity, age, and sex:
 - 55-year-old white male
- Profession:
 - Welder/forklift driver in a gate shop
- Personal history:
 - 81 pack-year smoker (3 ppd x 27 years); quit 4 years ago
 - Lives with smoker of 1 ppd
- Medical history:
 - HTN; mild
 - Diagnosed with COPD 4 years ago; moderate obstruction
 - Current COPD medications
 - LAMA
 - SABA
 - ICS/LABA



COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; HTN, hypertension; ICS, inhaled corticosteroid; LABA, long-acting beta₂-agonist; LAMA, long-acting muscarinic antagonist; ppd, pack per day; SABA, short-acting beta₂-agonist.

Byron:

Would You Test After Cardiac Work-up? (cont.)

- Family medical history:
 - Father died from MI at age 62
 - Mother had moderate asthma
- Pulmonary function testing results:
 - FEV₁ 43% of predicted
 - FEV₁/FVC ratio 62% of predicted



Byron:

Would You Test After Cardiac Work-up? (cont.)

■ Intervention/Testing:

- Symptoms were more severe than expected based on PFT results; sent for cardiac work-up (negative)
- Tested for alpha-1 by practitioner after attending medical conference
 - AAT serum levels confirmed at 5 μ M
 - ZZ allele combination identified through genotype testing
 - Confirmed through Pi testing (phenotyping)

■ Diagnosis:

- Emphysema
- Severe alpha-1



Byron: Case Resolution

■ Actions taken:

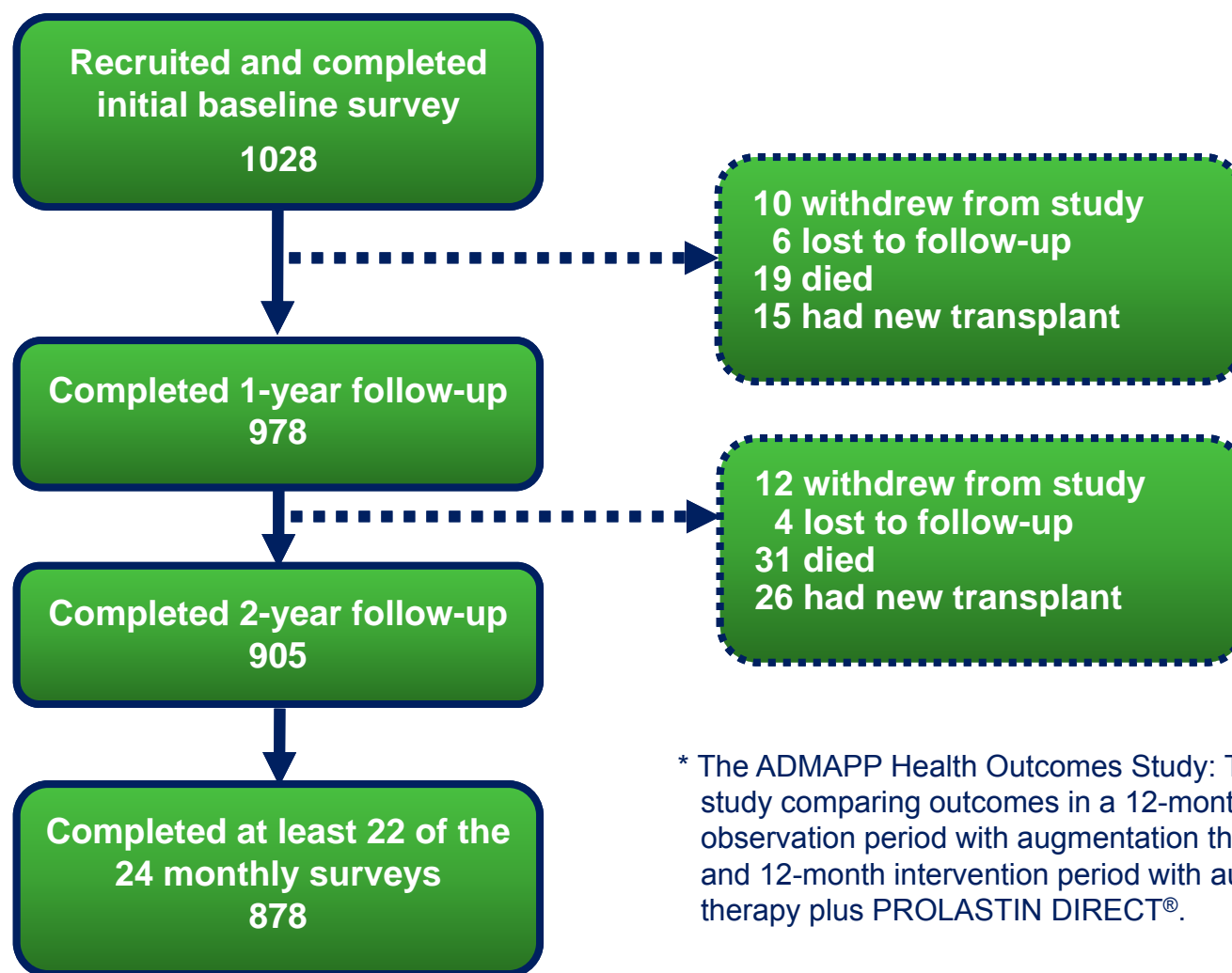
- Genetic and lifestyle counseling provided
- Recommended instituting weekly intravenous augmentation therapy with PROLASTIN®-C (alpha₁-proteinase inhibitor [human]) for severe alpha-1
- Enrolled patient in PROLASTIN DIRECT®
 - AlphaNet* coordinator assigned



* AlphaNet: Not-for-profit organization providing health management services for PROLASTIN DIRECT led by alpha-1 experts and patients.

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The Only Proven Approach to Alpha-1 Health Management: ADMAPP* Study Design



* The ADMAPP Health Outcomes Study: Two-year study comparing outcomes in a 12-month observation period with augmentation therapy alone and 12-month intervention period with augmentation therapy plus PROLASTIN DIRECT®.

ADMAPP* Results: PROVEN Alpha-1 Health Management Benefits

Significant Improvements in Health Outcomes After Intervention Year (n=878)*

	10% reduction in COPD exacerbations	<i>P</i> <0.001
	12% reduction in unscheduled physician visits	<i>P</i> =0.03
	21% reduction in emergency room visits	<i>P</i> =0.02

- Significant (10%) increase in the use of long-acting bronchodilators (*P*<0.001)
 - Translates into more optimal medication use

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Summary: Uncovering Alpha-1

- Alpha-1 is not a rare disease but one that is rarely diagnosed¹
 - Up to 25 million Americans have an abnormal allele (S or Z)²
 - An estimated 100,000 in the US are AAT deficient³
 - 90% remain undiagnosed^{4,5}
 - Lengthy delay in diagnosis³
 - 8.3 ± 6.9 years between onset of symptoms and diagnosis
- Laboratory diagnosis required
 - Use Grifols AlphaKit™ tests—fast, easy, and FREE
 - Test all adults with symptomatic COPD regardless of smoking history
 - Test all family members when a deficient allele is found
- When you do find an alpha-1 patient, there is treatment and support

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Resources to Help You Manage Alpha-1

Resources for healthcare professionals and patients

- AlphaNet
1-800-577-2638
www.alphanet.org
- Alpha-1 Foundation
1-877-228-7321
www.alpha-1foundation.org
- Alpha-1 Association Genetic Counseling Center
1-800-785-3177
www.alpha1.org/support/genetic-counseling-program
- Clinical Resource Centers
alpha-1foundation.org/clinical-resource-centers

Upcoming Studies in COPD

- Reducing Exacerbations in COPD
 - Antibodies to Interleukin-5
- Proper Use of Inhaled Steroids in COPD
 - Bone Fracture Risk
 - Use in stable COPD
- Appropriate Stepwise Approach to COPD Management
 - LABA/LAMA Combinations
 - Triple Therapy
 - Injectable SQ Therapy

Kilimanjaro—19,341 Feet

