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Collections as base for knowledge



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Stift Melk



Meckel Sammlung
Institute of Anatomy, University Halle/Saale

Philipp Friedrich Theodor Meckel (1755-1803), der Gründer dieser Sammlung, starb im Alter von 47 Jahren. Er ist noch immer Teil seiner Sammlung, da er bestimmte, dass sein Skelett zusammen gesetzt und ausgestellt wird.

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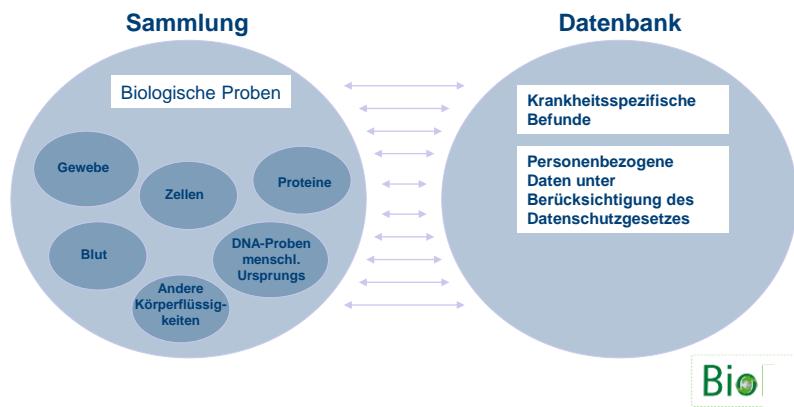
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Definition of Biobanks



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- ▶ Structured collection of biological materials and associated medical data



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“A collection of *biological material* and the associated *data and information* stored in an *organised system*, for a *population* or a *large subset of a population*. ”

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

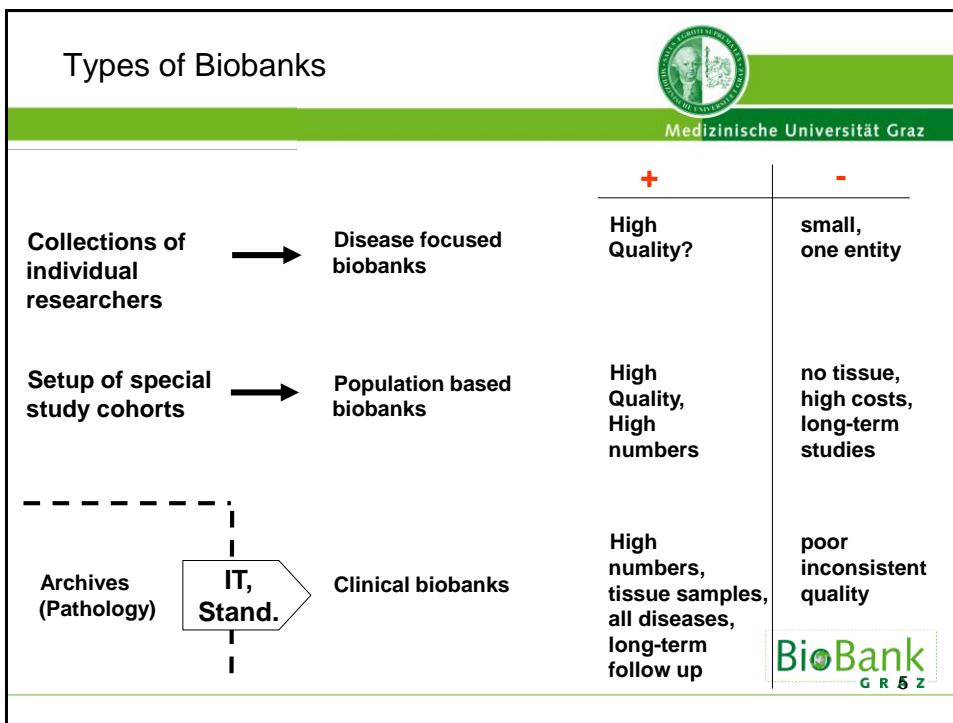


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History of law on biobanking in Austria

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Dekret der Studien-Hofkommission vom 18.10.1811, Z 1818 zur „Errichtung und Erhaltung anatomisch-pathologischer Cabinette“^[1] wurde zur Förderung des Unterrichtes in der Anatomie und pathologischen Anatomie die Errichtung von **anatomisch-pathologischen Sammlungen an allen medizinisch-chirurgischen Lehranstalten angeordnet** und Ärzte sogar ausdrücklich dazu verpflichtet, für die Bereicherung dieser Museen durch Anfertigung und Überlassung von Präparaten zu sorgen. ^[2] Diese Einsendungspflicht bezog sich sowohl auf interessante Präparate aus Leichenteilen, die im Zuge von Leichenöffnungen gewonnen wurden, ^[3] als auch – worauf hier schon hinzuweisen ist – auf sonstiges Material aus Kliniken^[4] und aus der freien Praxis.

Auszug aus Gutachten Prof. C. Kopetzki

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Personalized Medicine



JAMA 2006

Why now?



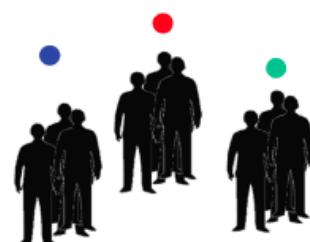
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Actual practical
medicine



Trial and Error

Future perspective of
medicine



The **right treatment** for
the **right person** at the
right time

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Effectiveness of drugs Europe 2014:



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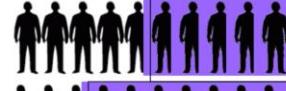
Hypertension Drugs 10-30%
ACE Inhibitors



Heart Failure Drugs 15-25%
Beta Blockers



Anti Depressants 20-50%



Cholesterol Drugs 30-70%
Statins



Asthma Drugs 40-70%
Beta-2-agonists



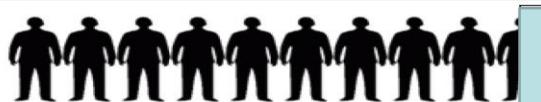
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Danger of drugs:



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► **6.7% of patients *in hospitals* experience serious drug reactions in Europe**



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Personalised Medicine



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<http://www.pfizer.ch/de/health/personalisierte-medizin>

- Back programming of genetic and metabolomics pathways
- Identification of biomarker
- Personalised therapy



The Path to Clinical Implementation from Translational Research



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► **Analytical validity** - Technical feasibility and optimization
– does the test measure what we say?

► **Clinical validity** – Diagnostic accuracy - does the test measure a value associated with a clinical condition?

- Sensitivity (false negatives)
- Specificity (false positives)

► **Clinical utility**

- will the test improve making a healthcare decision?
- Will the test be cost effective?

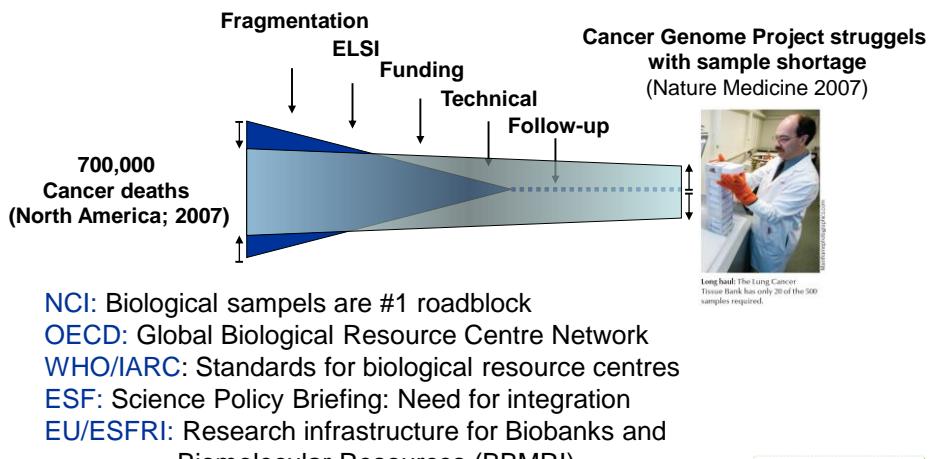


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Biobanks in Medical Research



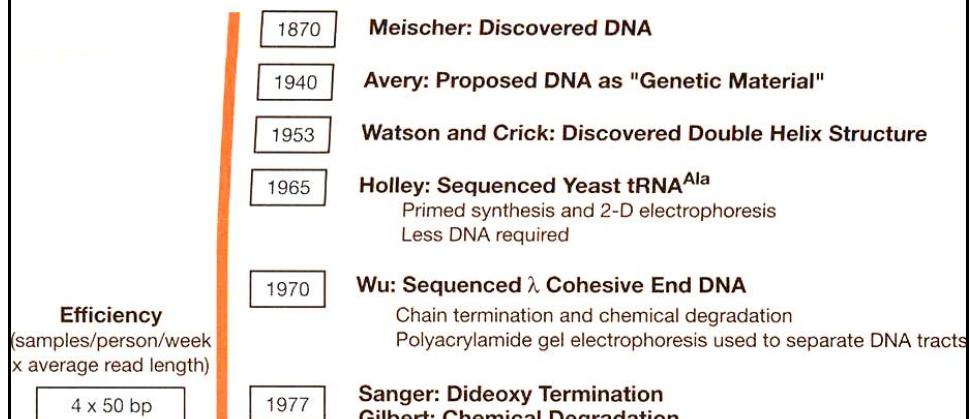
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History of DNA sequencing

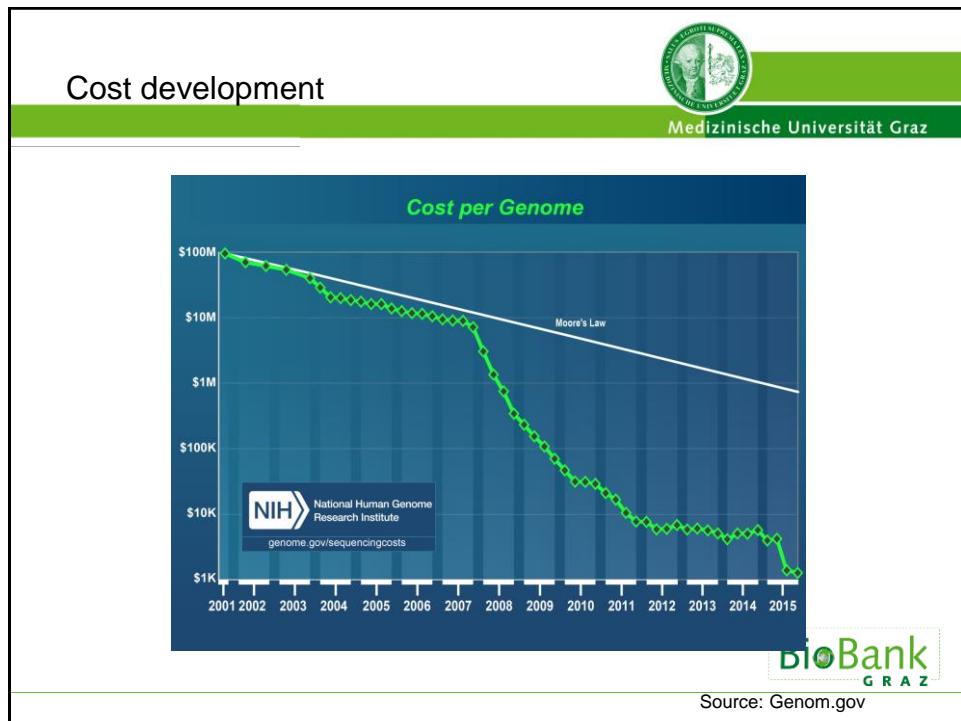
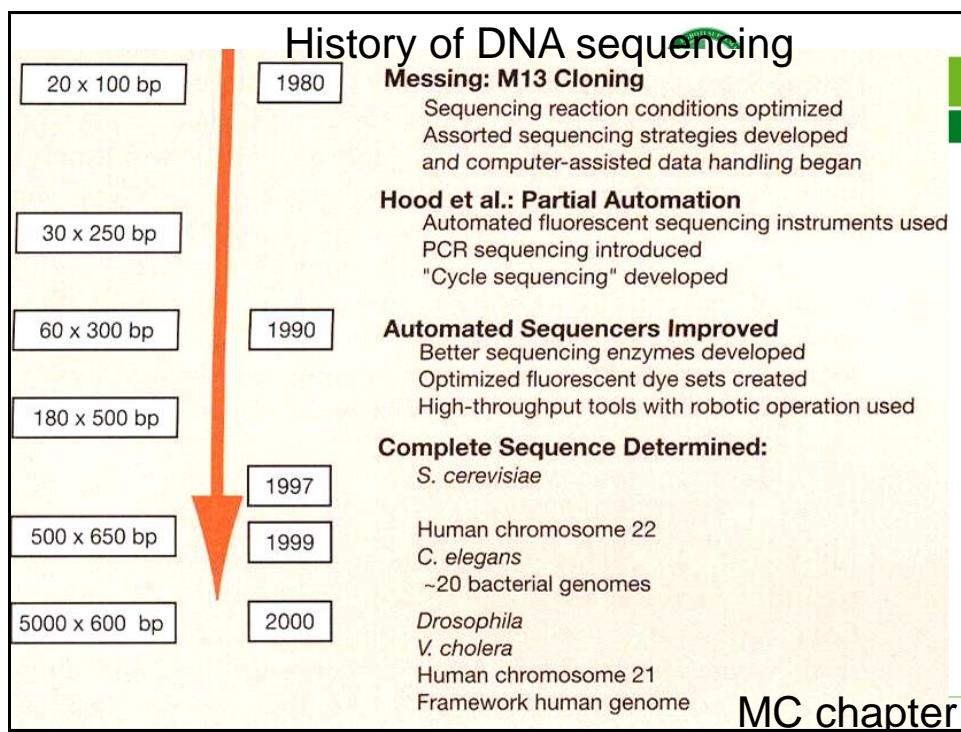


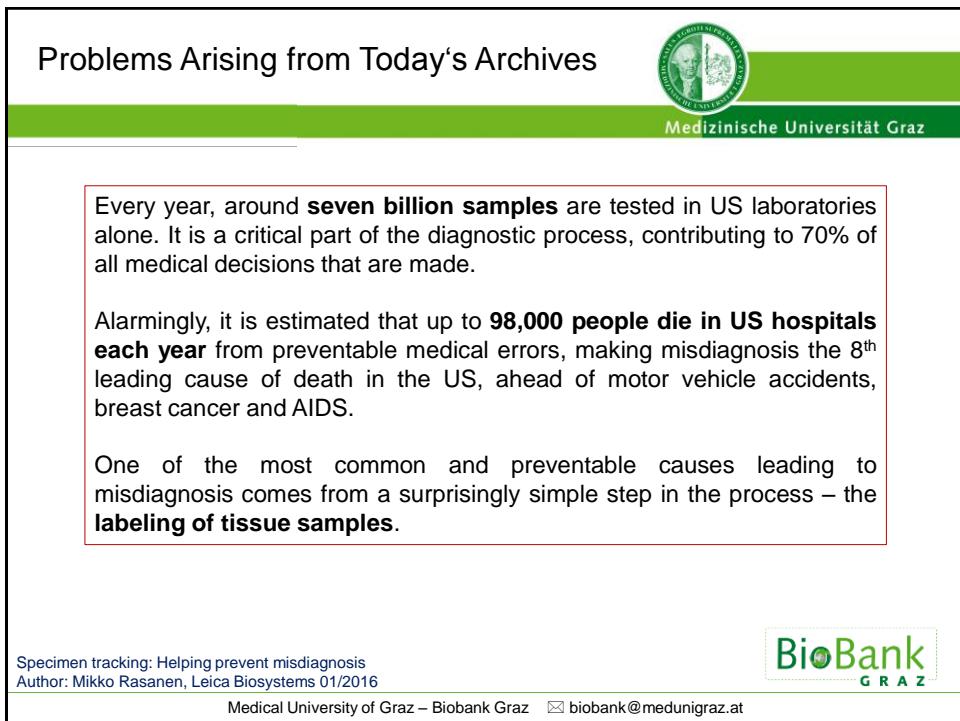
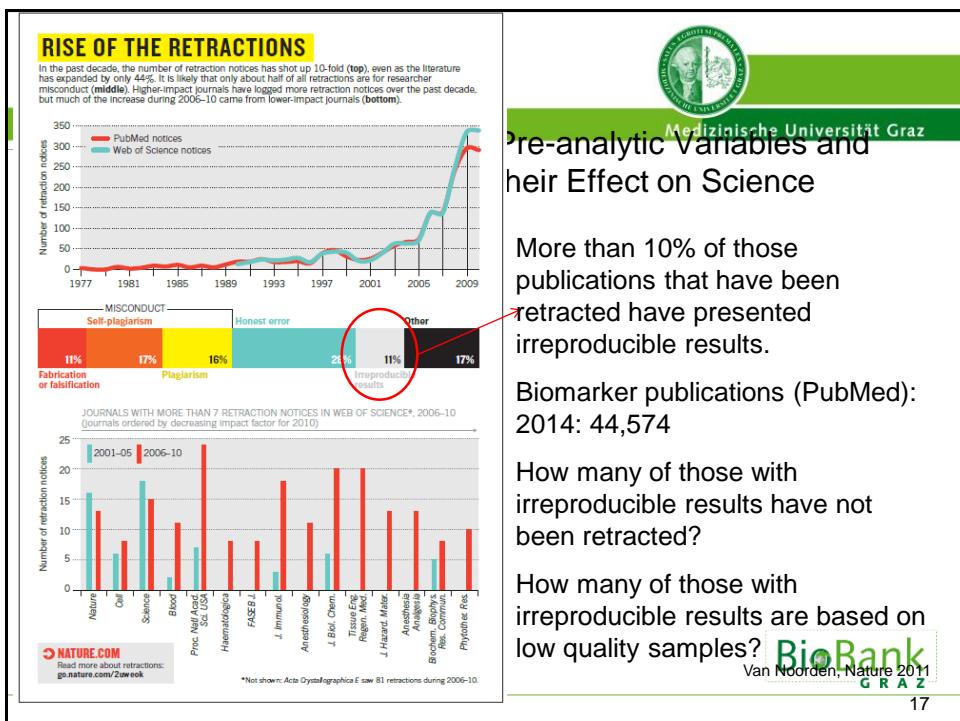
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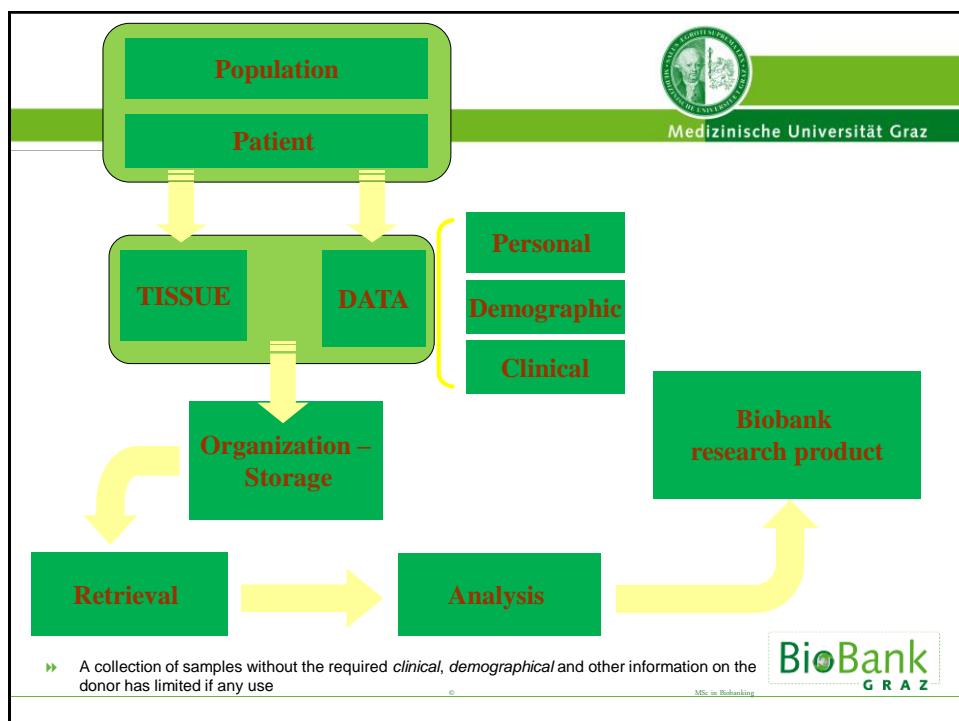
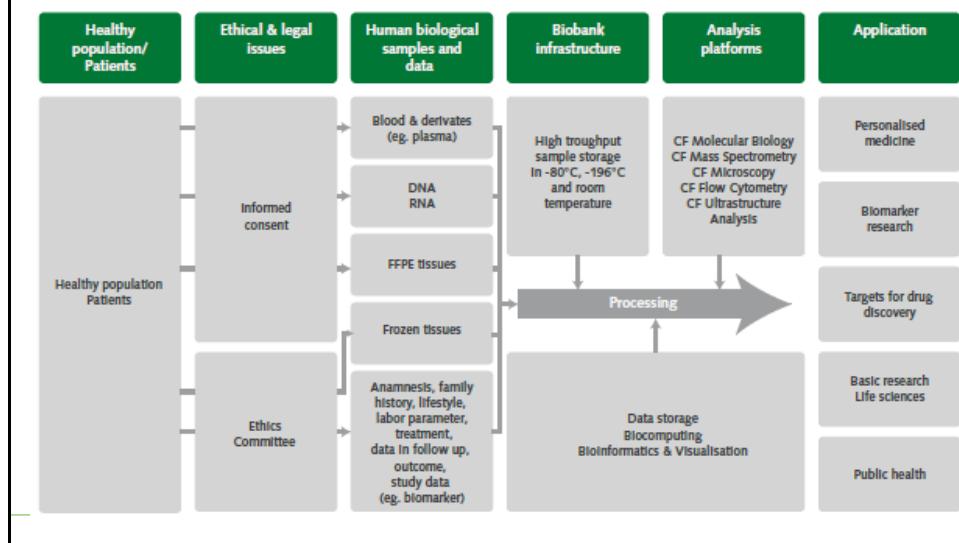


Key Components of a Biobank

Base Biobank Graz



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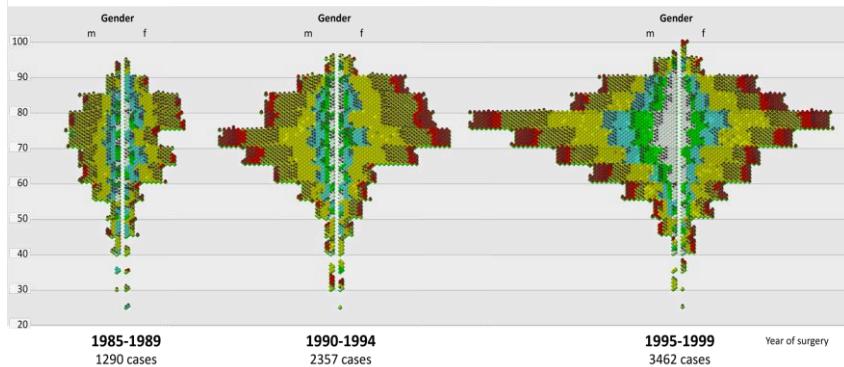


Colon Cancer Cases



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Age at diagnosis



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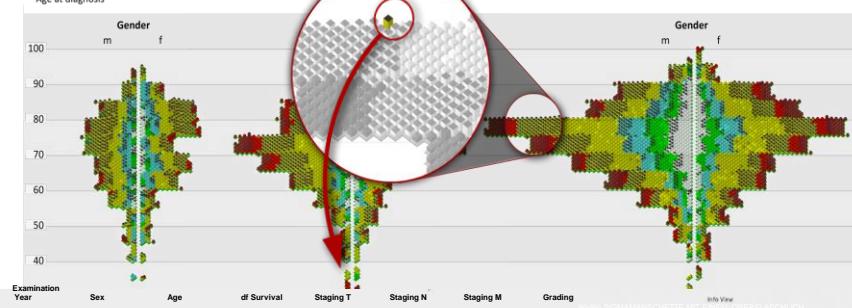
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Colon Cancer Cases



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Age at diagnosis



SGEDEINT EXULCIERGEGESEN UND BEIGEITS
RIGESCHÜRTEN INVAZIVEN, MITEL
TERFERIERTEN, SAEMTlichen DARMWANDSCHichten
RICHSSETZENDEN UND PERFORIEREN
ENOKARZINOM MIT EINER KONSKUTIVEN,
SZEIDERENDEN UND AUCH PHELEMONOSEN
ITZUENDUNG IM MITERFASTEN PARACOLISCHEN FETT-
UND BINDEGEWEBE ODER JEDON NACHWEISBAREN
IMPFLIKATEN. (P.T. 100%, P.O. P.N. 0, R. 0).
LAMMORIE ist VERIFIZIERBAR PARACOLISCHES
IMPFLIKATEN SOWIE AUCH TUMORFREIER
TZANTEL TUMORFREE APPENDIX MIT RESIDUEN
ICH APPENDICIS
OKALE VERWÄRUNG DER SUBMUKOSA. FOKALE
BRINES GRANULOZYTARE PERICOLOZYTIS
EBERHARD. ENTHALTEN INFLAMMATIONSEFFEKTEN IM
HELDEN DER VERFÄLLENEN SISMAPERFORATION
DURCH DAS TUMORGEBEWE.

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Change of Infrastructure

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Present

Past

Future

Library at Monastery Melk, Austria

Library at the Free University Berlin, Germany

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Biobank Graz: Labeling

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Cryo vials (-150°C)

2D data matrix codes

Tubes for fluids (-80°C)

FFPE blocks →
← Tissue slides
(room temp.)

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PAST: Paraffin Sample Storage



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Manual Storage System



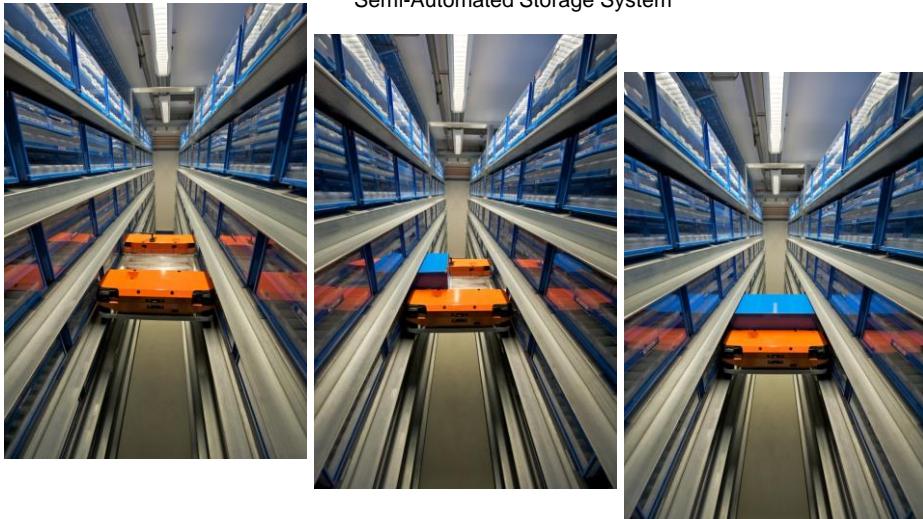
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PRESENT: Paraffin Sample Storage



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Semi-Automated Storage System

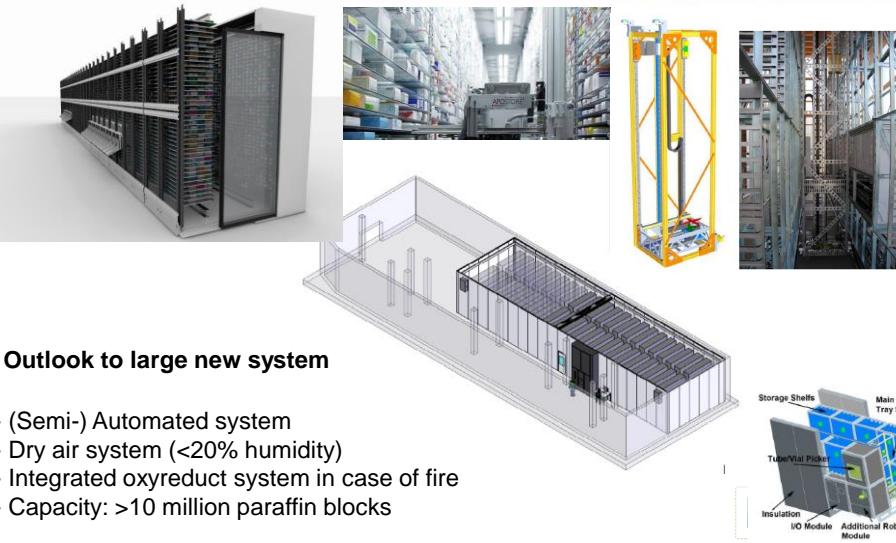


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FUTURE: Paraffin Archive, Outlook



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Outlook to large new system

- (Semi-) Automated system
- Dry air system (<20% humidity)
- Integrated oxyreduct system in case of fire
- Capacity: >10 million paraffin blocks

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PAST: Handling of Fluid Samples



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Manual Handling



manual pipetting

- ▶ hand written report files



Old robot

- ▶ simple pipetting robot
- ▶ hand written report files

- time between filling of primary tube and aliquoting
- accuracy of aliquoting
- errors in report files
- identification of stored tubes



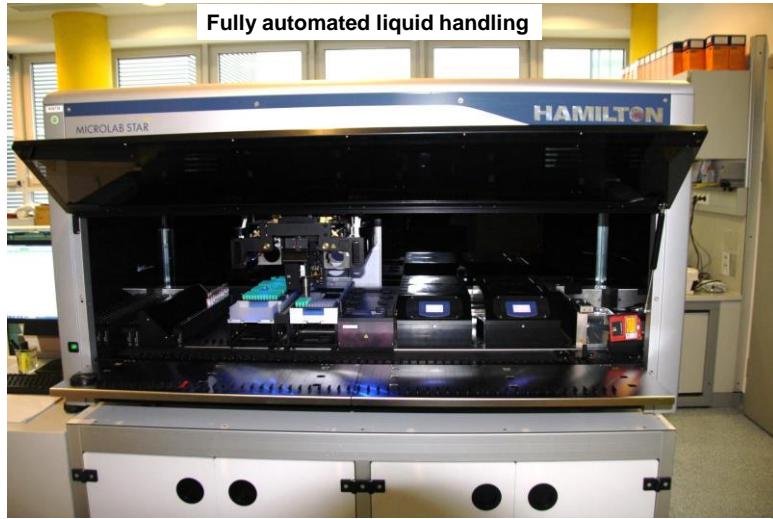
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PRESENT: Handling of Fluid Samples



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Fully automated liquid handling



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PAST: Liquid Storage at -80°C



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Storage in Manual Freezers



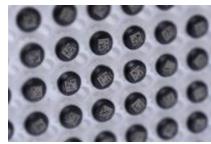
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PAST & PRESENT: Liquid Storage at -80°C



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PRESENT & FUTURE: Liquid Storage at -80°C



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- ▶ -80°C fully automated storage system
- ▶ Storage of tubes at -80°C
- ▶ Single tube picking at -80°C



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Cryo-Storage in Liquid N₂



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Past and Present



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Biobank Graz: Features



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- ▶ Europe's largest clinical biobank
- ▶ Central service facility of Medical University of Graz
 - ▶ Not based at a clinic or institute
 - ▶ Directly linked to Vice Rector of Research
- ▶ Collection work processes are embedded into the clinical routine system of University Hospital Graz
- ▶ About 20 million samples from 1.2 million donors
 - ▶ FFPE blocks and slides at RT (6 mill + 13 mill)
 - ▶ Body fluids at -80°C (1.5 mill)
 - ▶ Cryo tissue samples in vapor phase of liquid N₂ (-150°C) (0.1 mill)
- ▶ Collection of FFPE samples since 1984 (33 years)
- ▶ Collection of oncological serum samples since 1992 (25 years)
 - ▶ Both with longitudinal clinical data



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Biobank Graz: Features



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- ▶ Certified according to ISO 9001:2008
- ▶ Broad informed consent (open for biomedical research academic and non-academic research institutions)
- ▶ **“Research Biobank of the Year” 2014**
- ▶ **“Best European Academic Biobank” 2016**
in the “International Life Sciences Awards 2016”
- ▶ **“Most Outstanding Academic Biobank” 2016**
in the “Healthcare & Life Sciences Awards 2016”



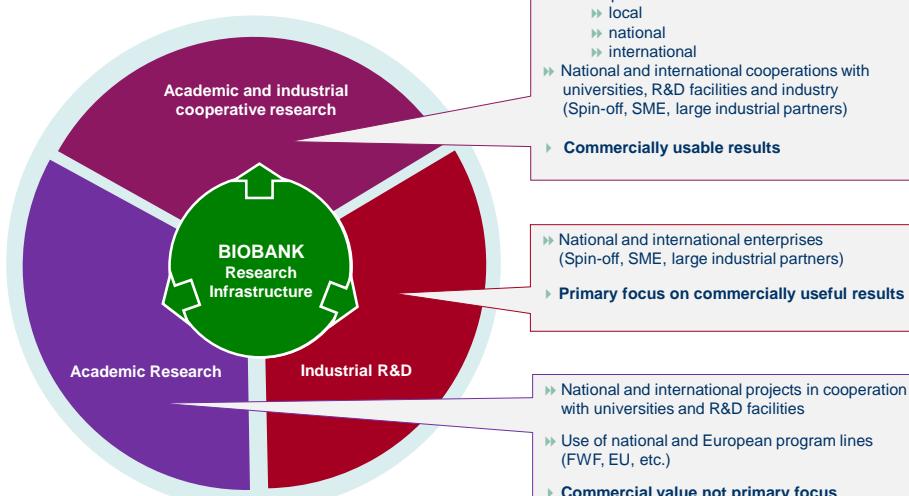
International Life Sciences Awards 2016
Best European Academic Biobank

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Biobank Graz: Project Service

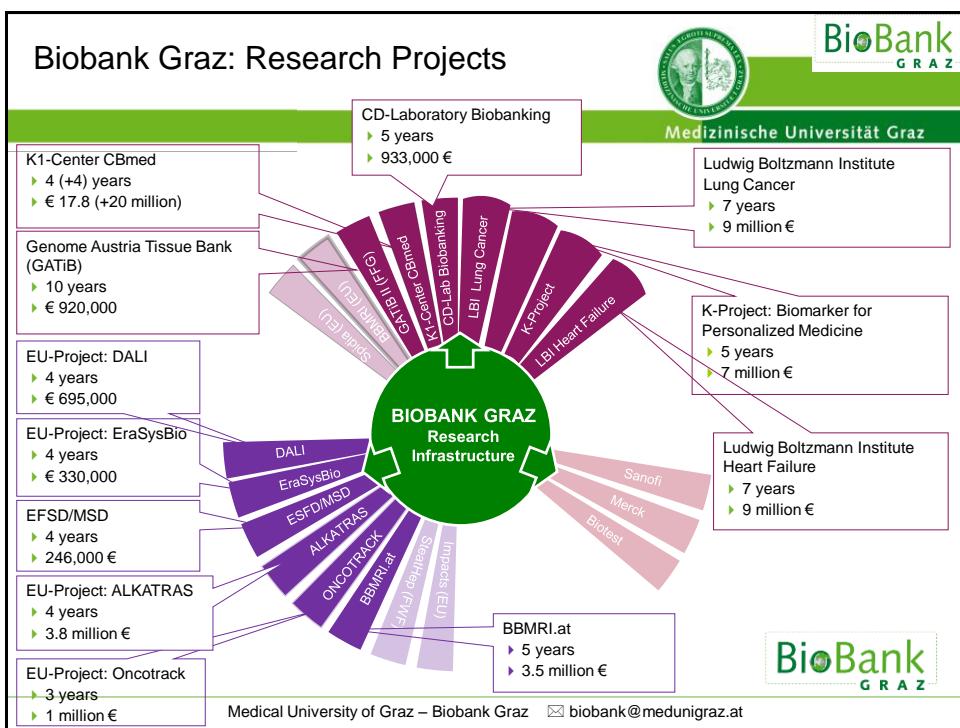


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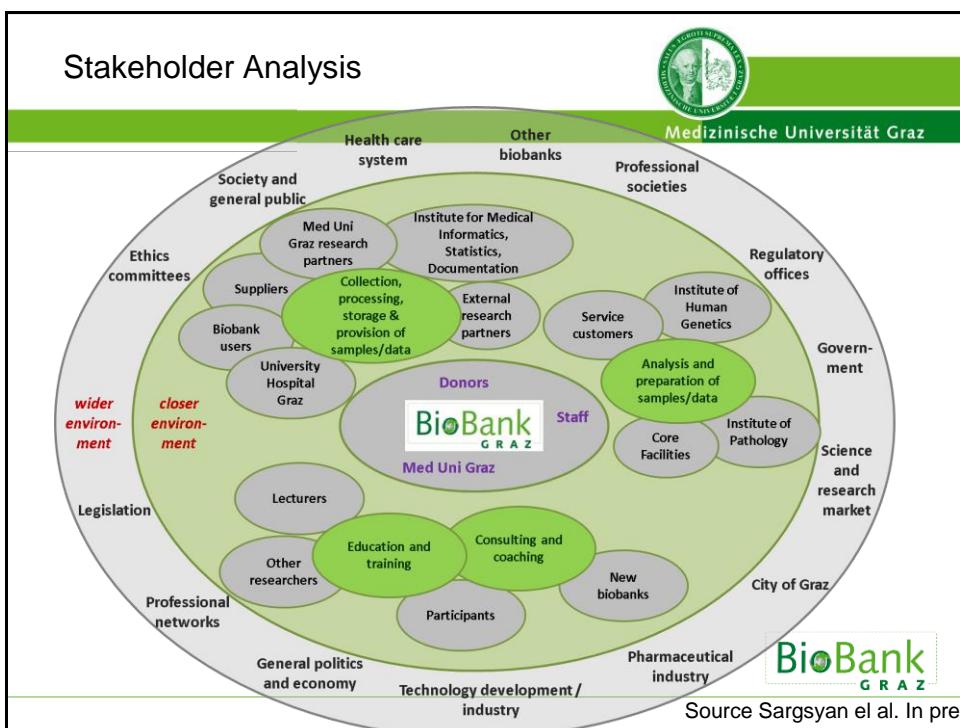


Focus in Different Stages of Biobanking

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	Biobanking 1.0	Biobanking 2.0	Biobanking 3.0
Main Focus	Quantity	Quality	External Stakeholders
Number of Biospecimens	+++++	+++	++
Person Related Data	++	+++	++++
Biospecimen Data	+	+++++	++++
Stakeholder's Needs	+	+	+++++ (circled)
Sustainability	+	+	+++++ (circled)

Source: Sennaroglu Dilek et al. 2012



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Diabetes and Pregnancy Vitamin D And Lifestyle Intervention for Gestational Diabetes Mellitus Prevention

- Diabetes mellitus during pregnancy is a very serious disease with dire consequences for both mother and baby. As a result, babies can be born with growth disturbances, breathing problems or low blood sugar. In the long run, diabetes mellitus during pregnancy - also called Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) - constitutes insofar a problem for mother and baby as it might lead to overweight (obesity) and diabetes in the future. Due to the lack of typical symptoms and Europe-wide standards in diagnosis and treatment it is very difficult to diagnose GDM. The number of affected people rises constantly; in some countries, almost 20% of pregnant women have GDM.
- The EU-project DALI is the framework for 13 partners from 11 countries to cooperate in a Europe-wide and large-scale study with the aim to develop effective preventive measures for GDM.
- During the next four and a half years, DALI will investigate the actual spreading of the disease by using standardized diagnostic methods. Furthermore, possible preventive measures will be tested.
- <http://www.dali-project.eu/>

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Blood and cryo sample logistics

Scanned before
send to partners



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Scanned and ordered in
boxes before send to partners



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Blood sample

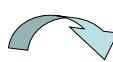
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Send to Graz
Samples will be scanned



Blood sample



Centrifuge
3500rpm/ 10 min.



2D-
Barcode



Store in
freezer



Store in Lobo- or Roborack
(already scanned in Graz)



Cap with
capcluster

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Example for blood sample protocol

RackBarcode	Y	Z	request number	blood sample ID	material	sender	patient ID	date of blood collection
x	1	A	50000084-04	123456789	Serum	Gynäkologie Graz	2010009	15.03.2010
x	1	B						
x	1	C						
x	1	D						
x	1	E						
x	1	F						
x	1	G						
x	1	H						



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Placentaq sample



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Example for placenta sample protocol

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Opportunities of Biobanking Education at the Medical University of Graz



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- MSc in Biobanking (4 semesters) at the Medical University Graz
<http://postgraduate-school.medunigraz.at/universitaetslehrgaenge/masterlehrgaenge/msc-in-biobanking/>



- Elite Academy Graz, Diploma Study 3 Semester
<http://www.eliteacademygraz.eu/en/>



