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# Impact of New Underwriting Data Sources and Tools

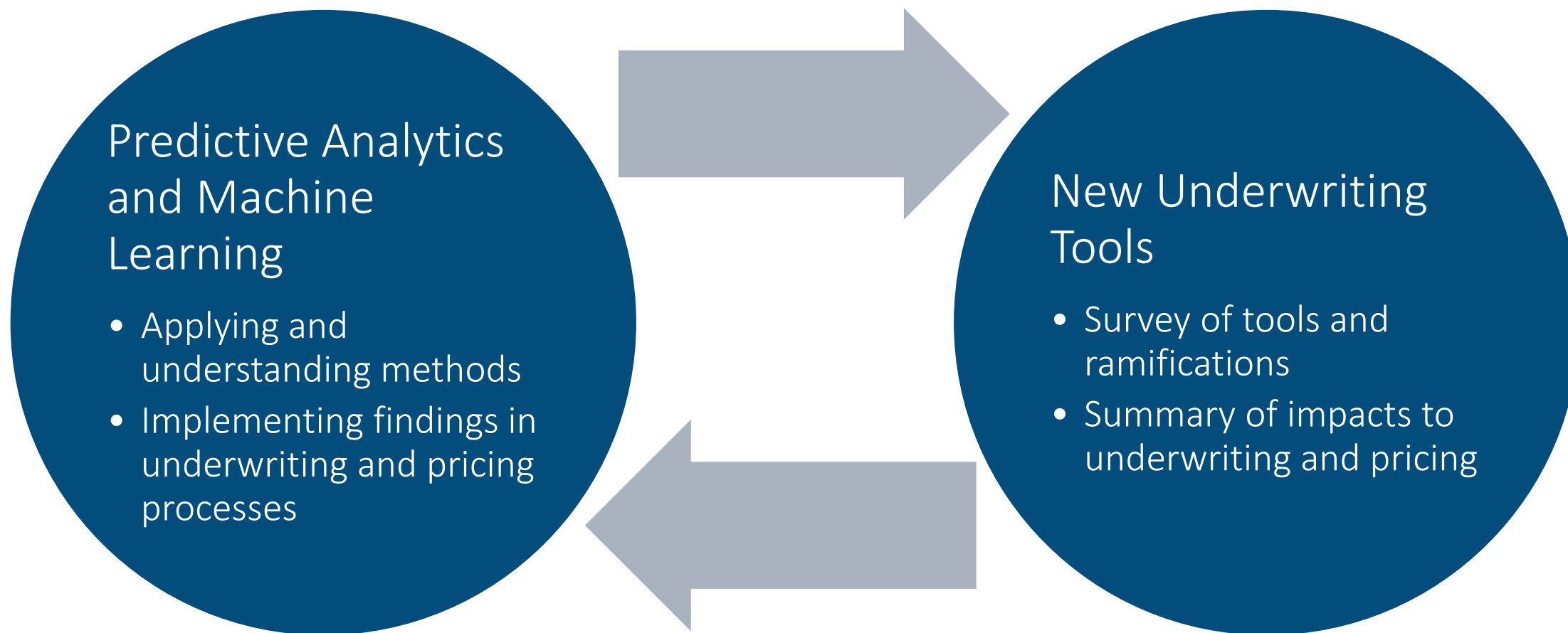
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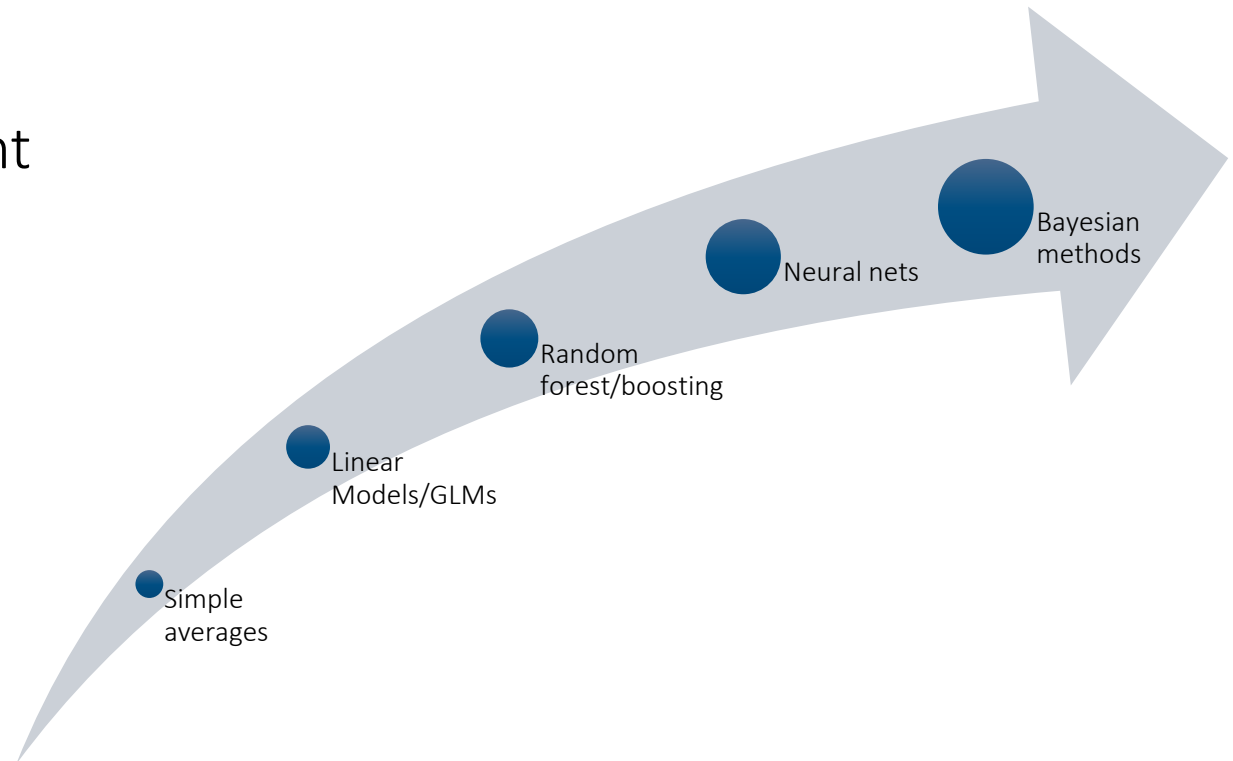
# Overview



# Predictive Analytics

## In Brief

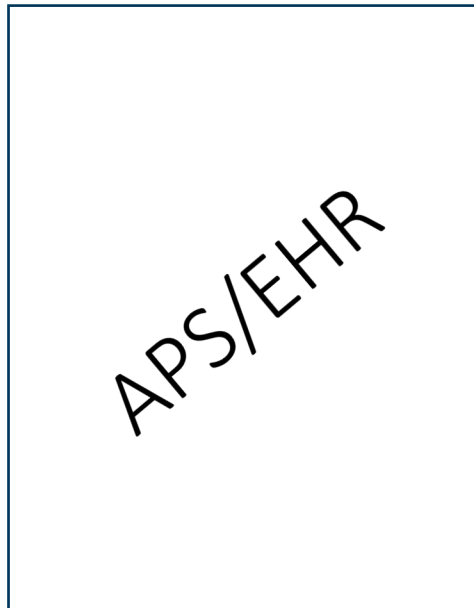
- What It is
  - “A collection of statistical techniques that analyze current and historical facts to make predictions about future or otherwise unknown events” – Wikipedia
- What It Is Not
  - Cure-all for analysis
  - Data miracle worker
  - Existential threat



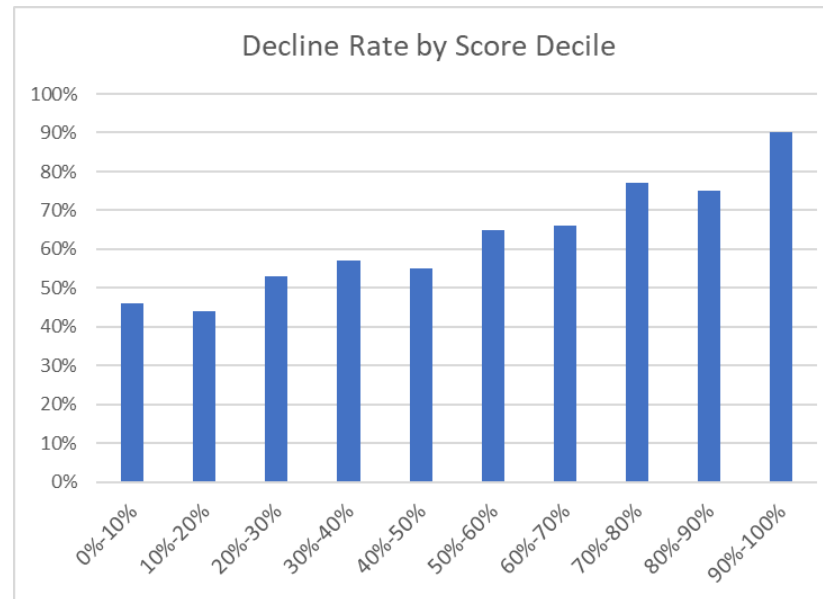
# Machine Learning

## Use Case: Automated Document Scoring

1) APS or EHR contains useful but unstructured information



2) ML and NLP techniques reveal patterns associated with UW outcomes

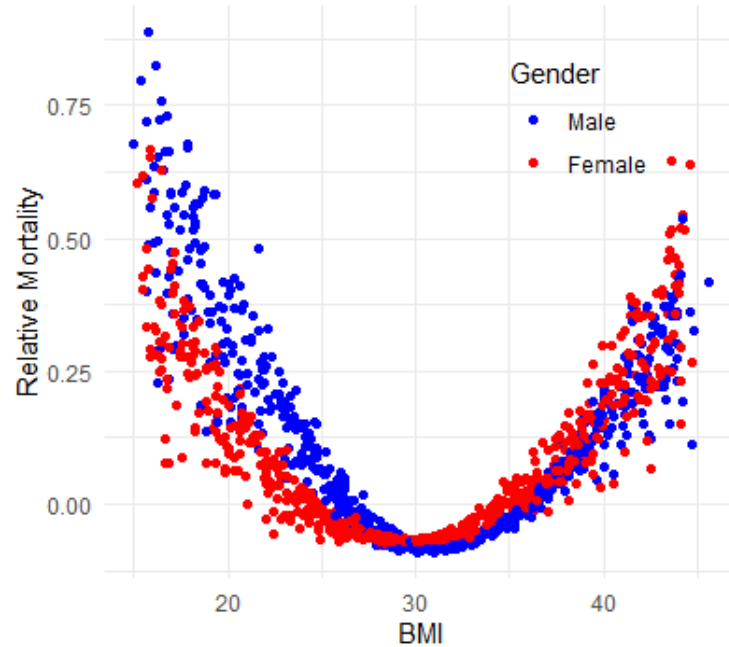


3) Models can highlight where significant information is located

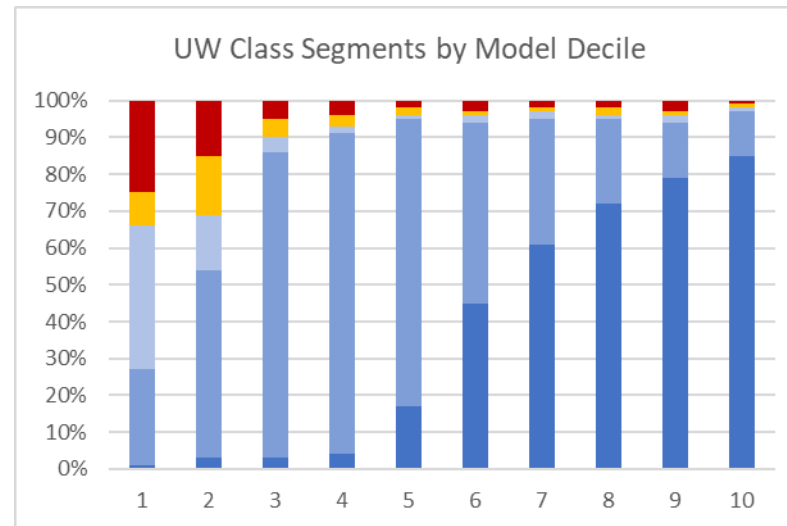
- Axillary: 12, 28, 30
- Prostate: 12, 56, 57
- Svc: 33
- Ancillary: 39, 40, 41, 43
- Jaundice: 59
- Excision: 59, 61, 62

# Predictive Modeling

Use Case: Calibration and validation of new risk assessment tool



Build a model



Convert model patterns into decisions

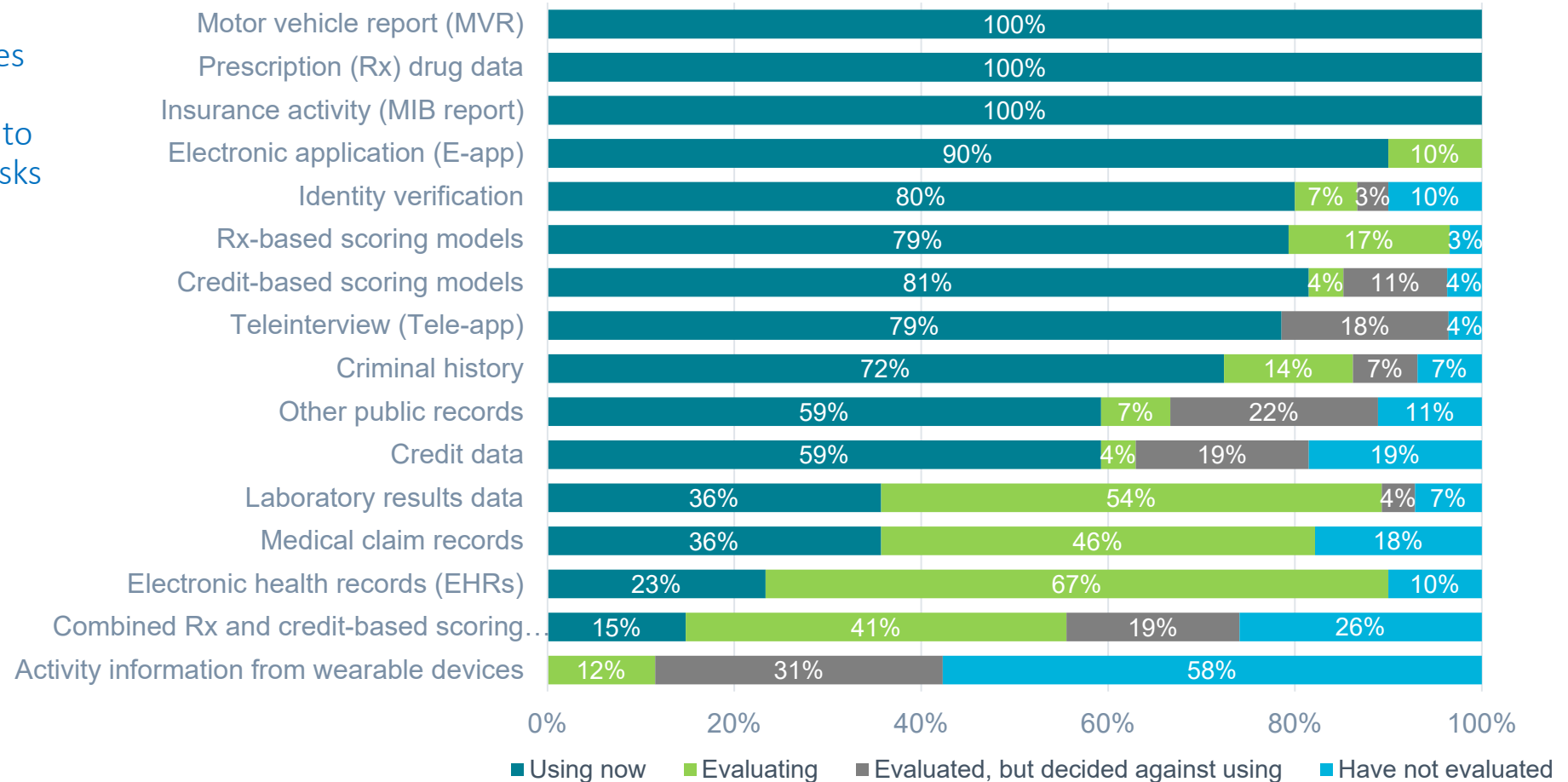
		New Classification			
		A	B	C	RU
Existing Classification	A	Green	Green	Light Green	Light Green
	B	Light Pink	Green	Green	Green
	C	Light Pink	Light Pink	Green	Green
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	Dec	Red	Red	Light Pink	Green

Iterate and tune classifications

# Underwriting Tools and Information Sources

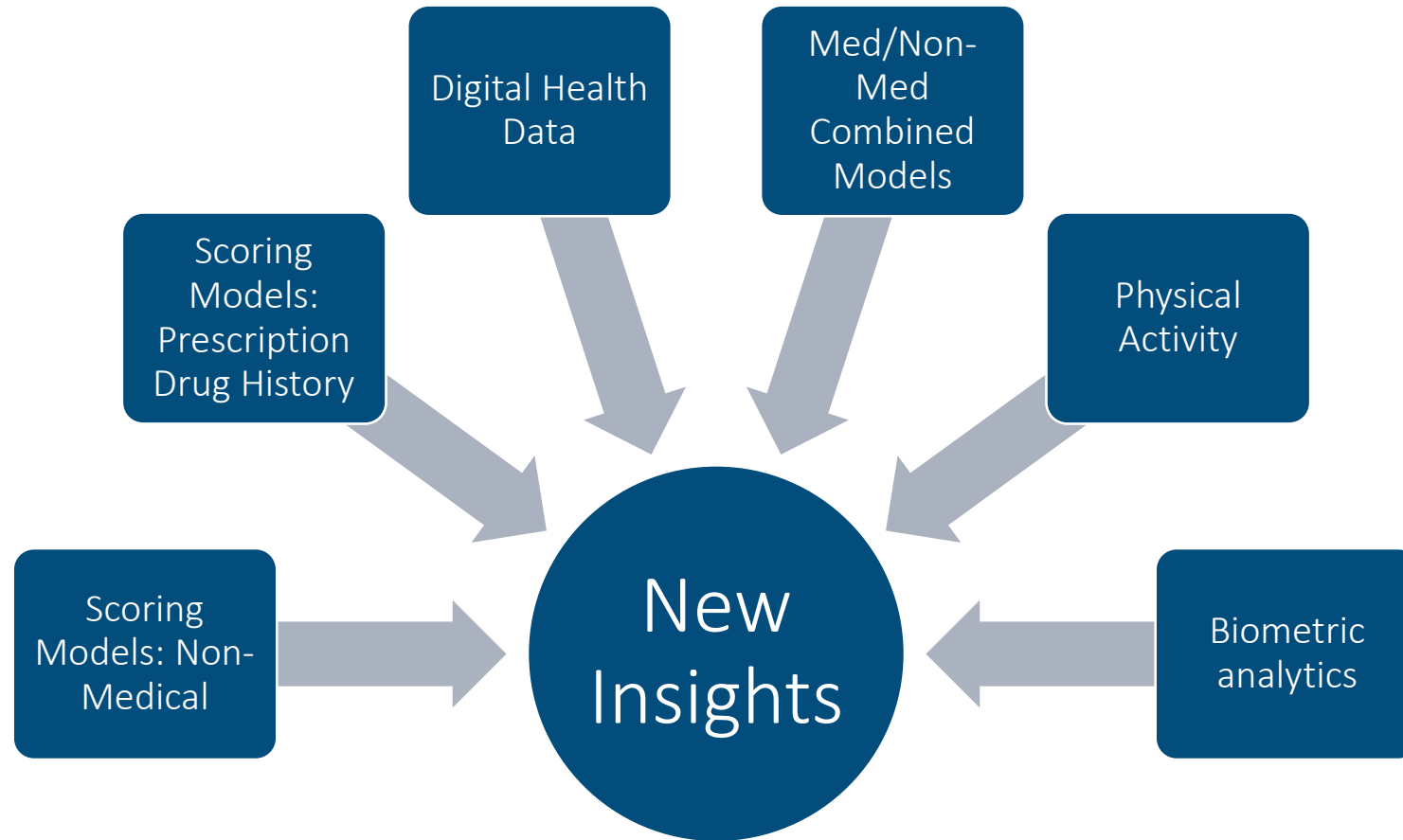
Munich Re 2020 Accelerated Underwriting Survey Results\*

What tools and information sources are used, or being evaluated for use, to triage or classify risks in the accelerated pipeline?



\* Survey results represents responses from 30 carriers as of June 30, 2020

# Ever More Underwriting Tools



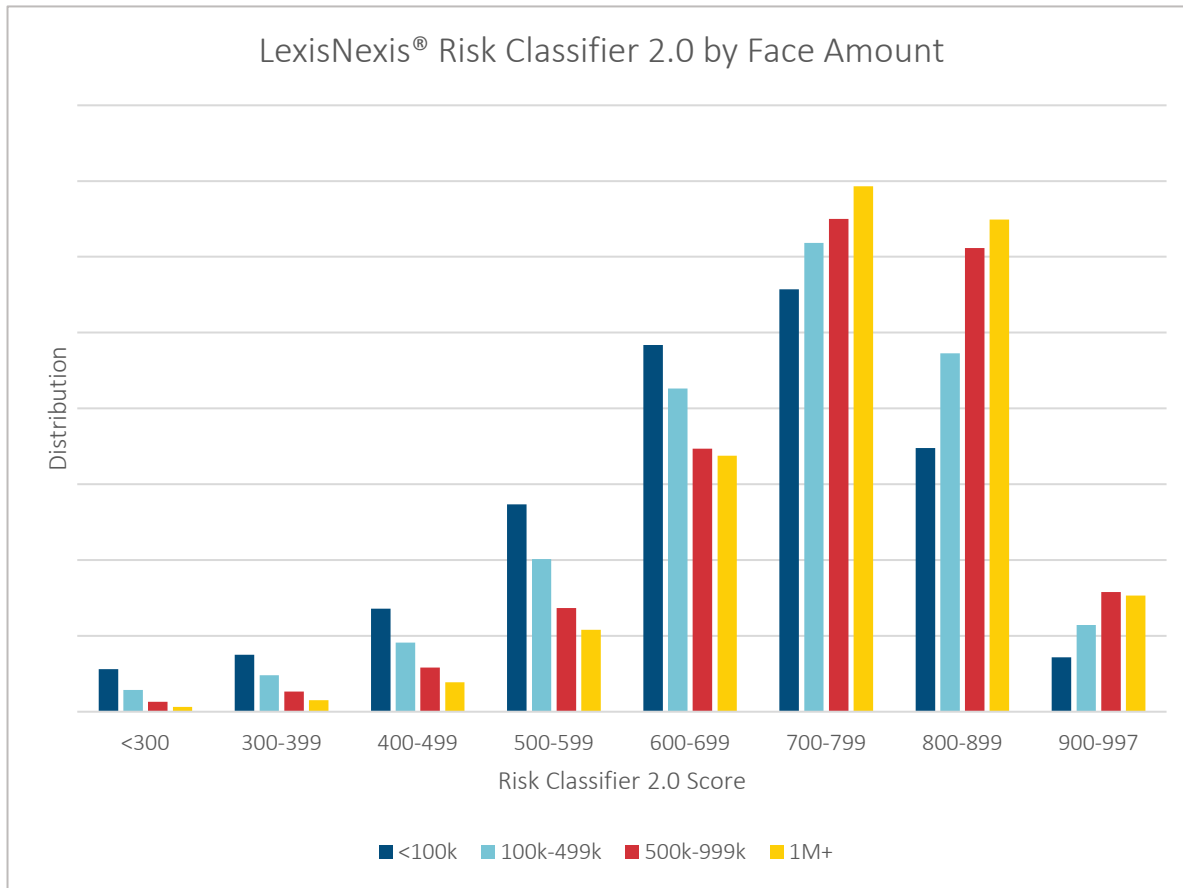
# Scoring Models: Non-Medical



- Reflects behavioral predictors of risk based on attributes such as credit records, MVR and public records
- Little to no overlap with medical risk dimensions
- Improves identification and segmentation
- Useful for triage and classification with or without fluids



# Scoring Models: Non-Medical Impact



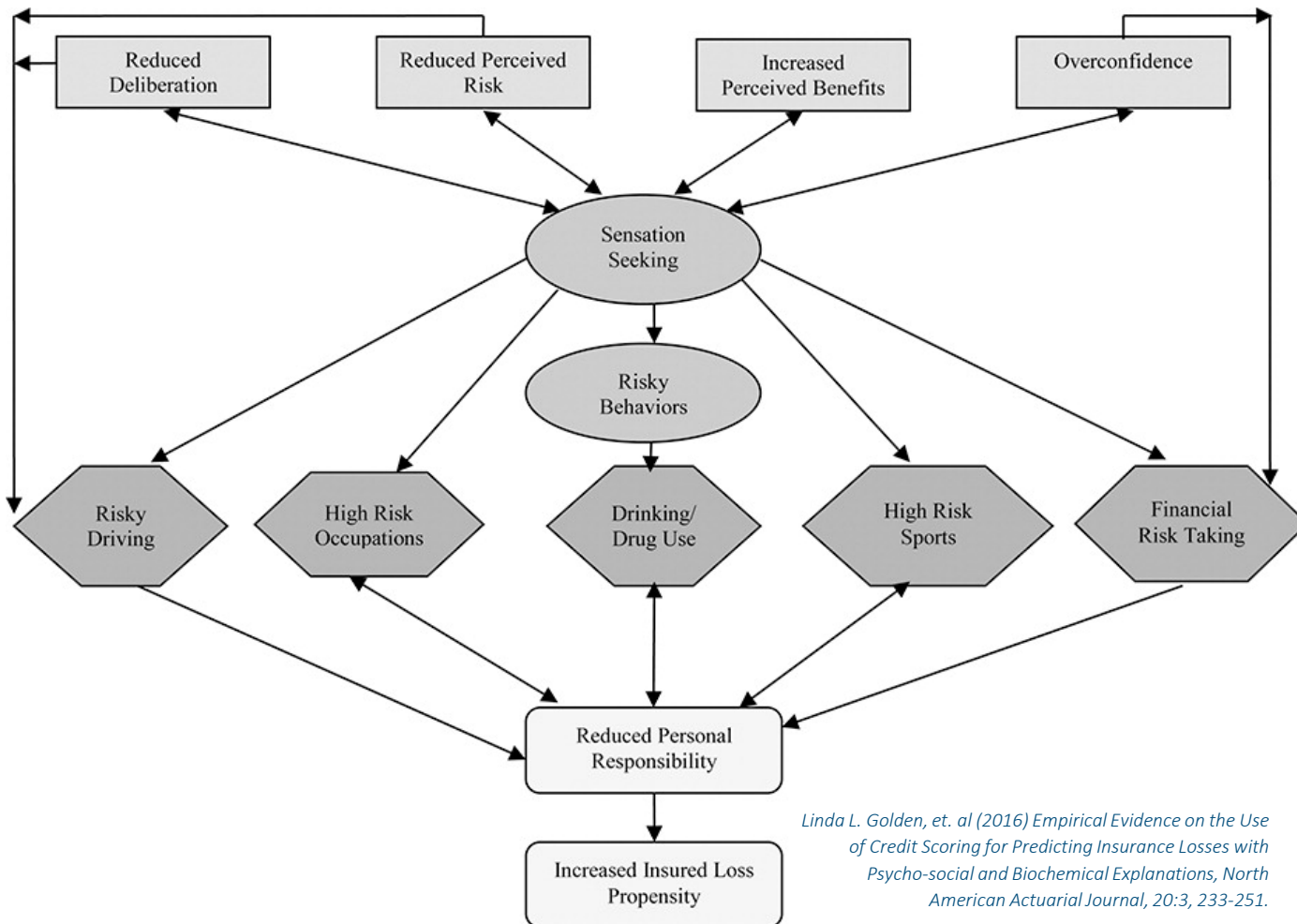
Source: internal reinsured population

- Acceleration triage: non-medical scores can be used as an upfront behavioral screen for accelerated pipeline
- Preferred segmentation: best preferred improves, cascading into other classes
- Overlaps with face amount effects

Face Amount Range	Mean Lexis Risk Classifier Score	Relative Mortality of Face Amount Range – 15VBT	Mortality of Risk Classifier $\geq 400$ relative to FA Range
<100k	677	123%	94%
100k-499k	722	102%	97%
500k-999k	759	89%	98%
1M+	767	86%	99%

# Scoring Models: Non-Medical

## Why they work: Psychosocial Drivers

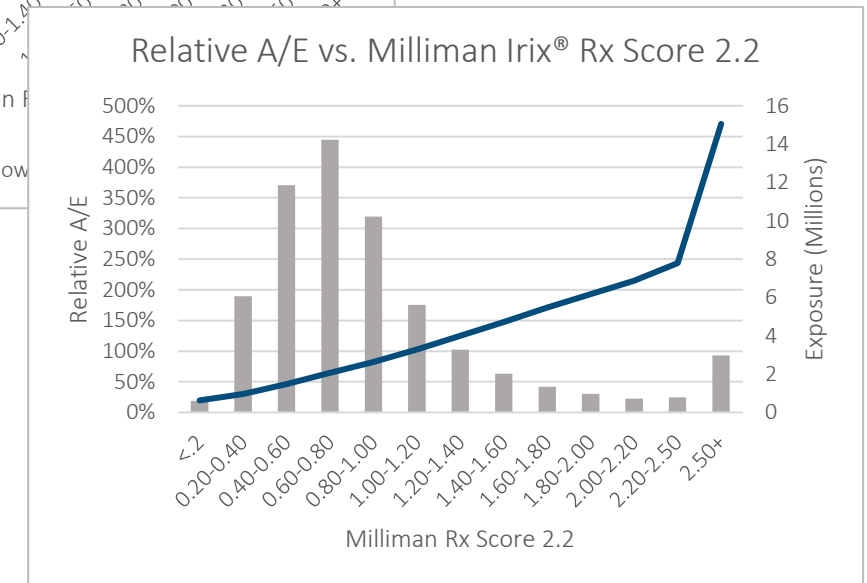
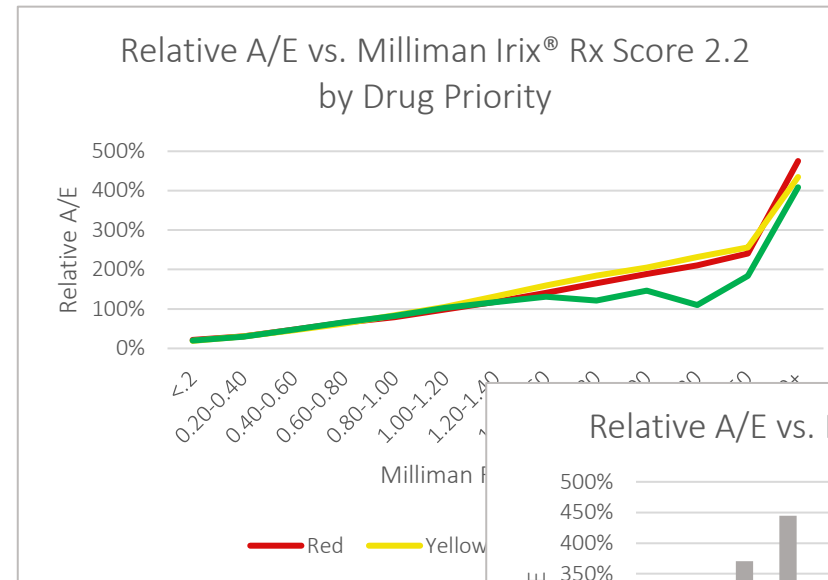


Linda L. Golden, et. al (2016) Empirical Evidence on the Use of Credit Scoring for Predicting Insurance Losses with Psycho-social and Biochemical Explanations, North American Actuarial Journal, 20:3, 233-251.

- Preference for increased sensation levels
- High sensation seekers show increased reduction in perceived risk and increased assurance in ability to avoid negative outcomes
- Deliberation and impulse control moderate sensation seeking behaviors (“think before you leap”)

# Scoring Models: Prescription Drug History

- Some major providers include Milliman and ExamOne
- Effectively stratifies risk
- Effective at identifying high risks when little other medical data is available
- Common uses
  - Thresholds
  - Risk class shifting
  - Ingredients in other models



# Digital Health Data



## Prescription Medication History

Rx's – Dates, Dosages, Number of Fills



## Clinical Laboratory Test Results

Complete Blood Count, Urine – Dates, Results



## Health Insurance Claims Data

Diagnostic Codes – Dates, Procedural Codes



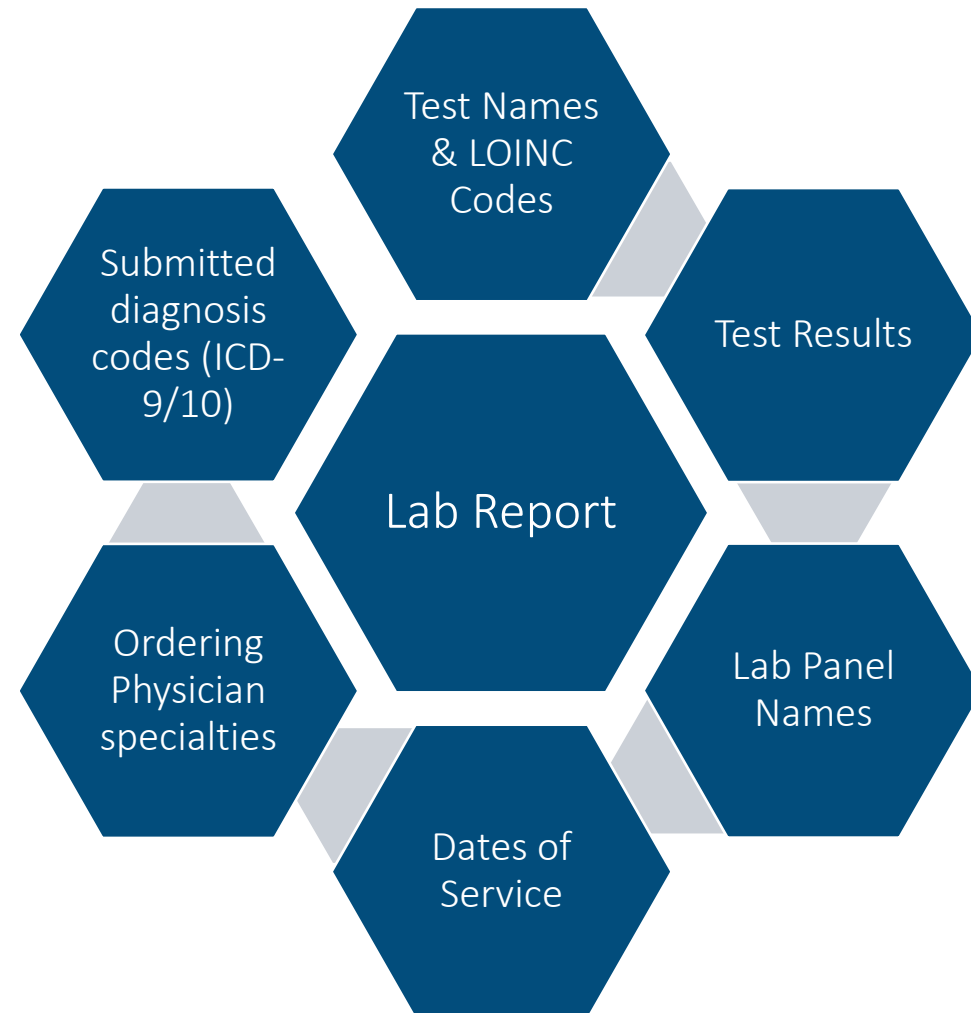
## Electronic Health Records (EHRs)

EHR's – Dates, History, Symptoms, Dx, Treatment, Prognosis?

Leading Vendors for the Insurance Industry: Milliman, ExamOne, MIB, Human API, Clareto, Womba, Health Gorilla

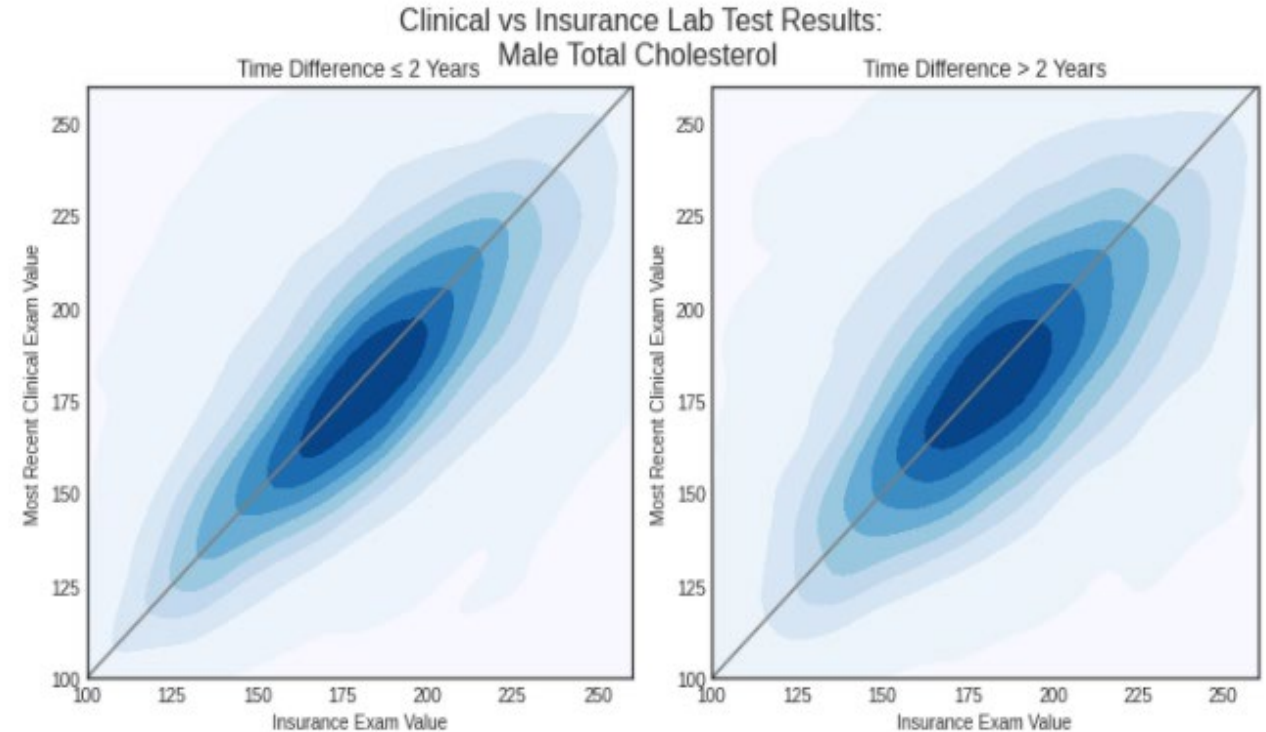
# Digital Health Data: Clinical Lab Results

- Some major vendors include ExamOne and CRL
- Underlying data source is network of labs, for example Quest Diagnostics and LabCorp
- Effective at identifying high risks when little other medical data is available
- HIPAA compliant with applicant authorization and meets FCRA requirements.



# Clinical vs. Insurance Labs

- **Alignment:** clinical and insurance values largely track with the grey line of equality, where both values are the same.
  - Some differences are expected, possibly related to aging and change in health status over time or different laboratory protocols.
- **Recency:** Better consistency (narrower bands) when clinical labs are within 2 years prior to the insurance exam.



# Digital Health Data: Medical Claims Data



## What it Provides

- Diagnostic codes used in medical billing
- Allows decision refinements
- Contrast against application disclosures



## Issues to Resolve

- Lack of context
- Coding precision
- Lack of history



# Digital Health Data: EHRs

An EHR is a real-time patient health record with access to evidence-based decision support tools that can be used to aid clinicians in decision making.

## Challenges

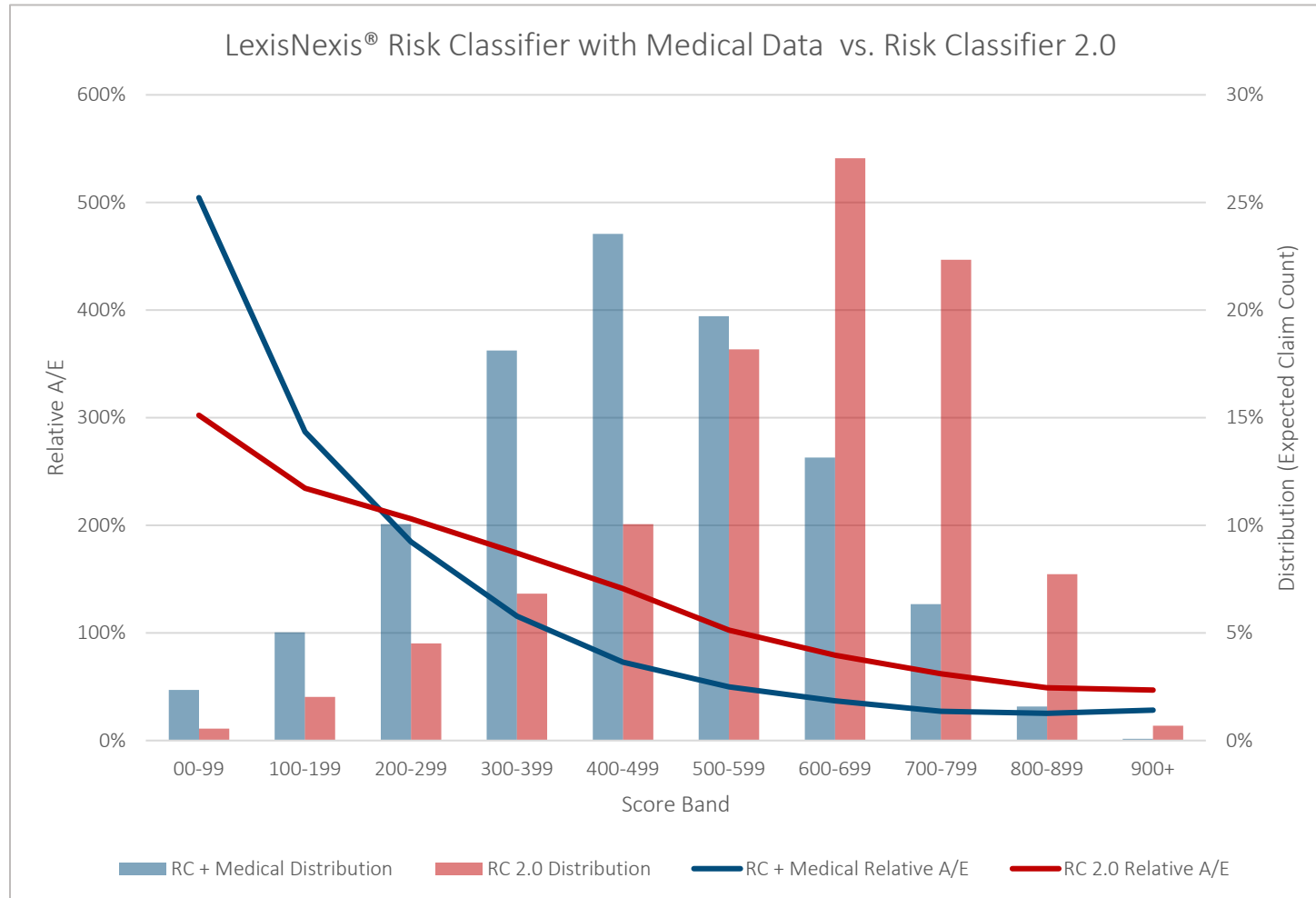
- Hit rates are low but steadily increasing
- Hundreds of vendors, many business models, and varying fees
- Legal Requirements for access to medical data must be solved for

## Benefits

- Realtime access to data – EHR turnaround time is typically a few days vs. weeks for an APS
- Structured data – medical billing and diagnostic codes are labeled
- Possible future state would be to incorporate codes into STP systems

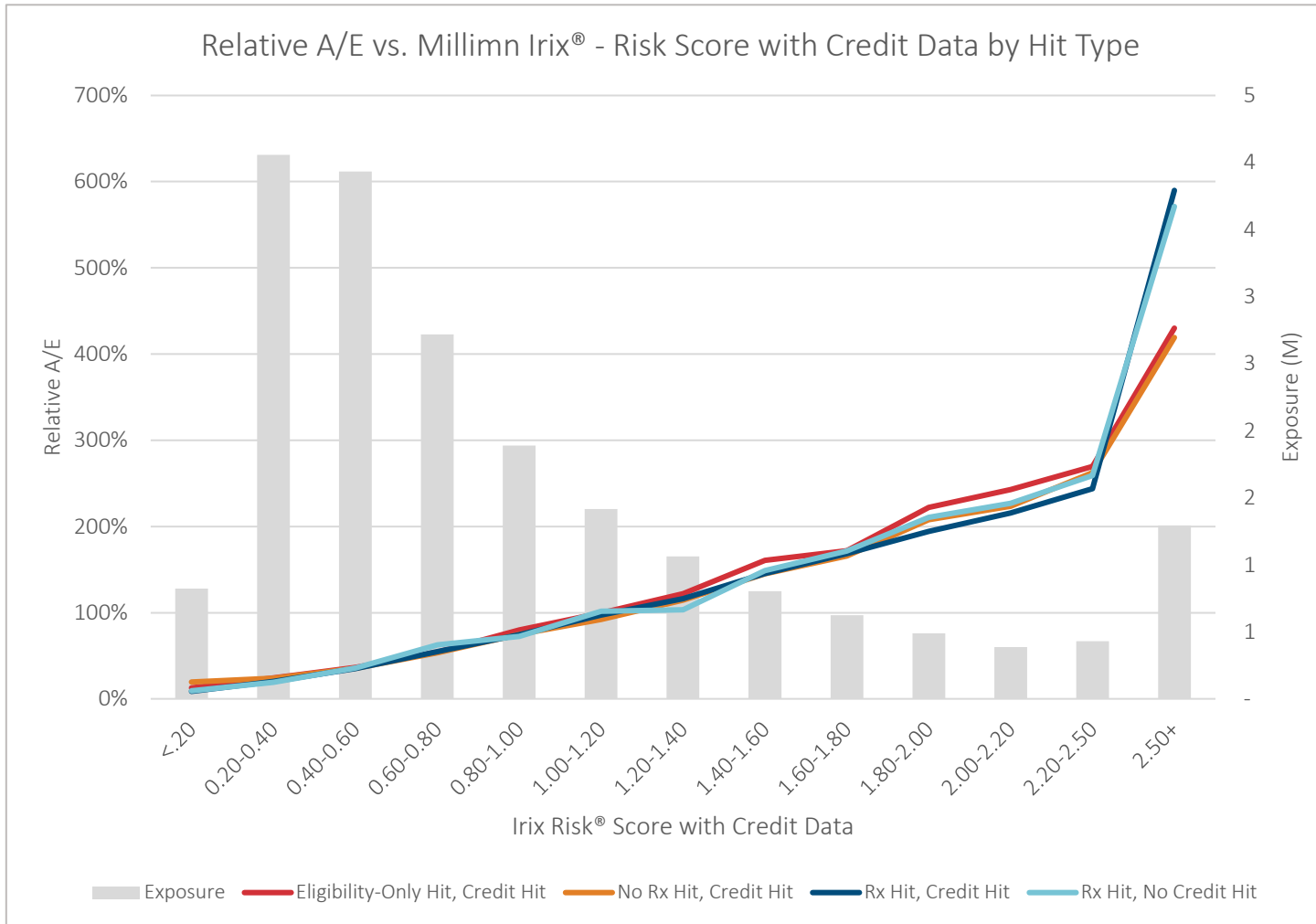


# Combined Models: Medical + Credit

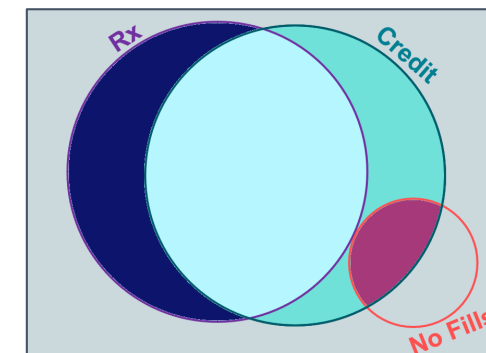


- Risk Classifier with Medical Data incorporates prescription data, labs, and medical claims from ExamOne in addition to behavioral attributes.
- Steeper segmentation: the best scores are reserved for hits with low-risk attributes for both medical and non-medical dimensions
- Bad medical can be offset to an extent with good credit, and vice versa

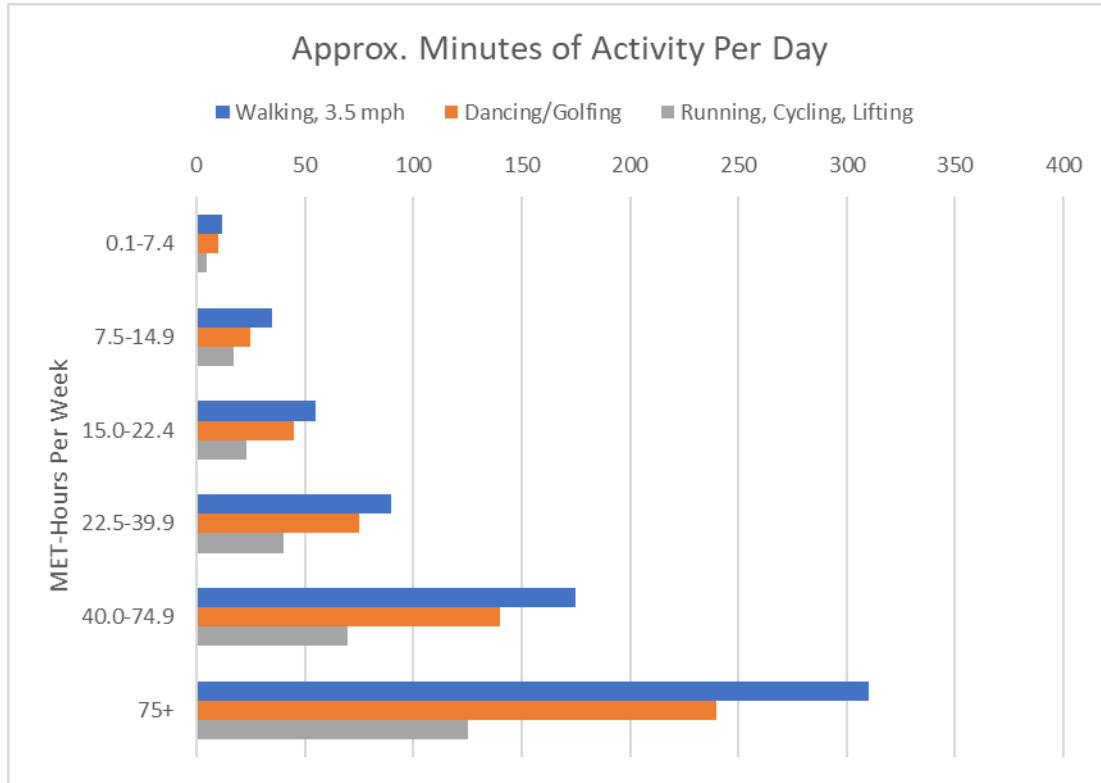
# Combined Models: Rx + Credit



- Milliman's Irix risk score with credit data uses both prescription history and credit data
- Score can be produced with Rx-only hit and with credit-only hit, increasing hit rate vs. the Rx-only model.



# Physical Activity



## Hazard Reduction

20%

31%

37%

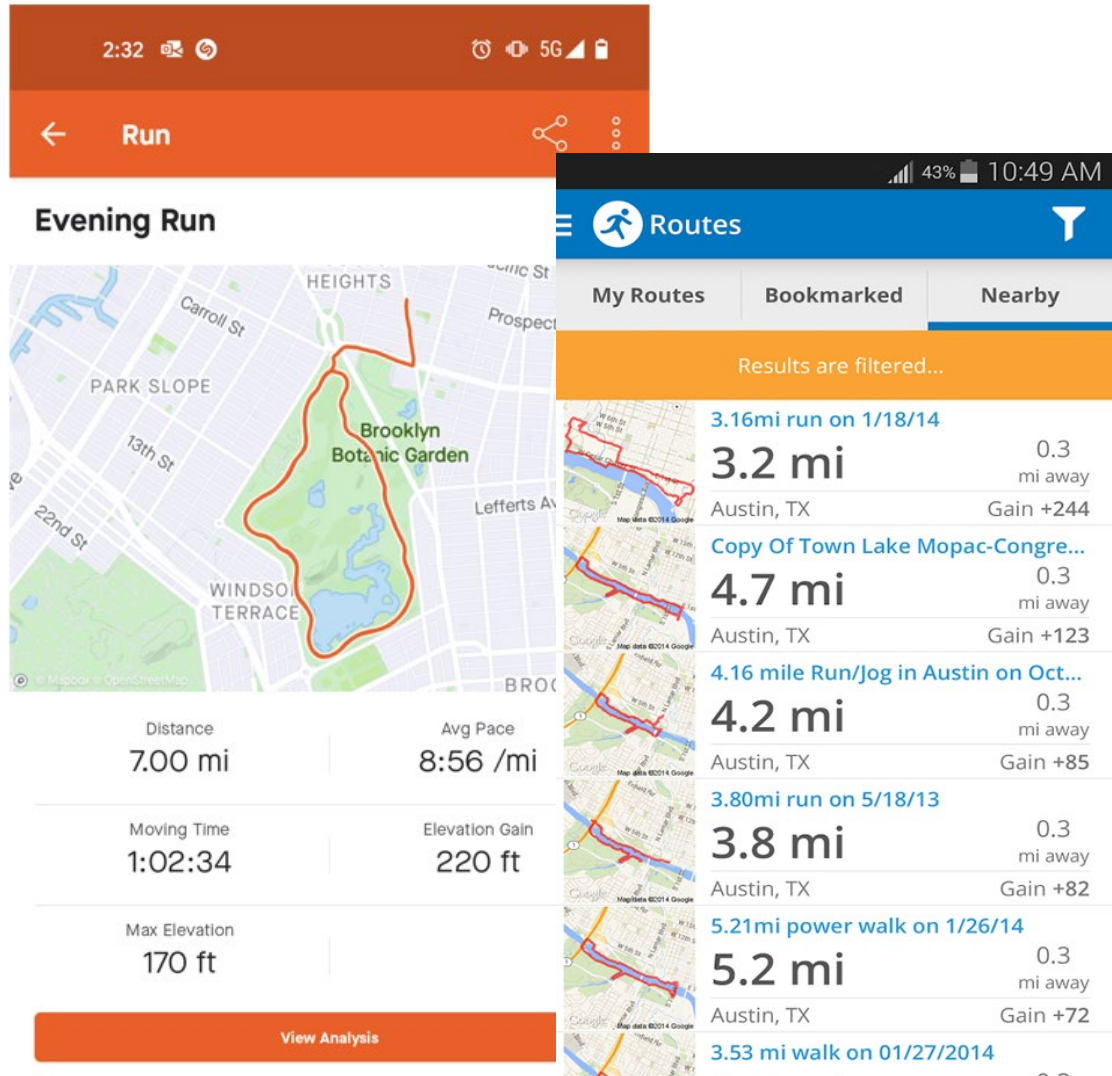
39%

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37%

- Connections to mortality noted in 1953
- Activity level more important than sitting
  - Moderate levels of exercise reverse sitting (standing inadequate)
  - Stop or reduce exercise, and risk increases
- Being sedentary has excess mortality approaching that of tobacco use

# Physical Activity



- Wearable devices: phones, watches, bands
- GPS, steps, stairs, pulse, EKG...
- Opportunity for repeated underwriting

# The Rest



## Biometric Tools

- Facial and voice analytics detect excess “wear and tear”
- Plastic surgery can mislead
- Risk of bias accusations

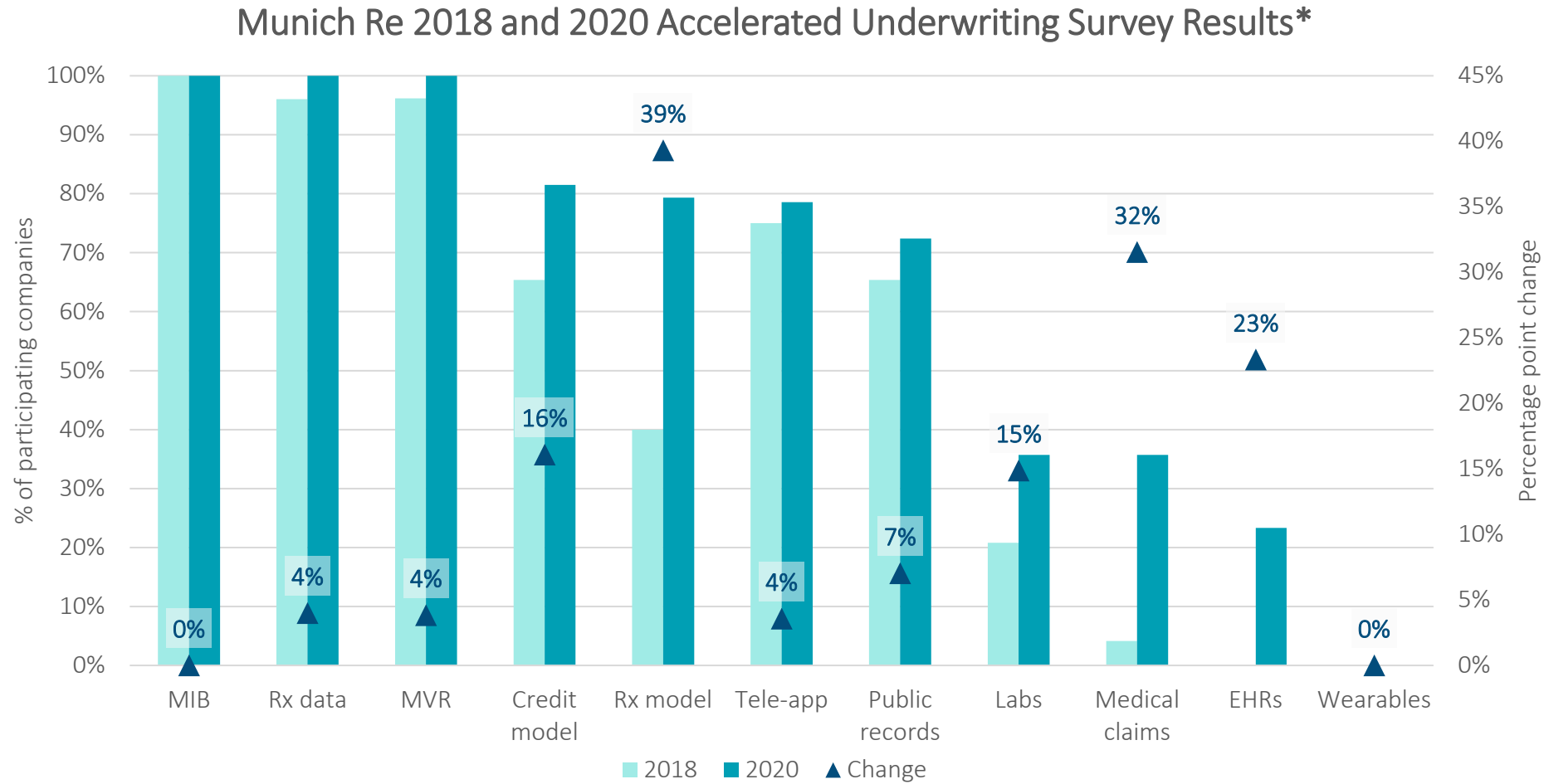
## Genomics

- Gene sequencing: indicates future risk
- Epigenetics: signatures of smoking, alcohol use, and so on

## Trustworthiness

- Misrepresentation: tobacco use, substance use, build, conditions
- Fraud detection: identity verification

# Usage of underwriting data sources over time



\* A UW Survey results represents responses from 26 carriers in 2018 survey and 30 carriers in 2020 survey

# Impacts to Fluid-Less UW

Tool	Impact to Underwriting
Non-Medical Scoring	Setting thresholds, provides new dimension of risk segmentation
Physical Activity	Setting thresholds
Prescription Scoring	Finer risk classification
EHR, Med Claims, Labs	Better triage, medical Hx proxy
Facial and Vocal Analytics	Improved detection of the unhealthy
Genomics	Personal and family Hx proxy, estimate of future mortality
Truthfulness	Evaluating trust

Many of these tools have use cases outside of fluid-less underwriting, but to-date they've been mostly been evaluated in a fluid-less context

# COVID Impacts on UW at Primerica

- Dramatic increase in fluidless sales
- Small reduction in fluid testing

Fluidless and  
with-fluids  
products



- Unavailable doctors
- Use LabPiQture to avoid some APS
- EMSI collapse sped up LabPiQture use

APS



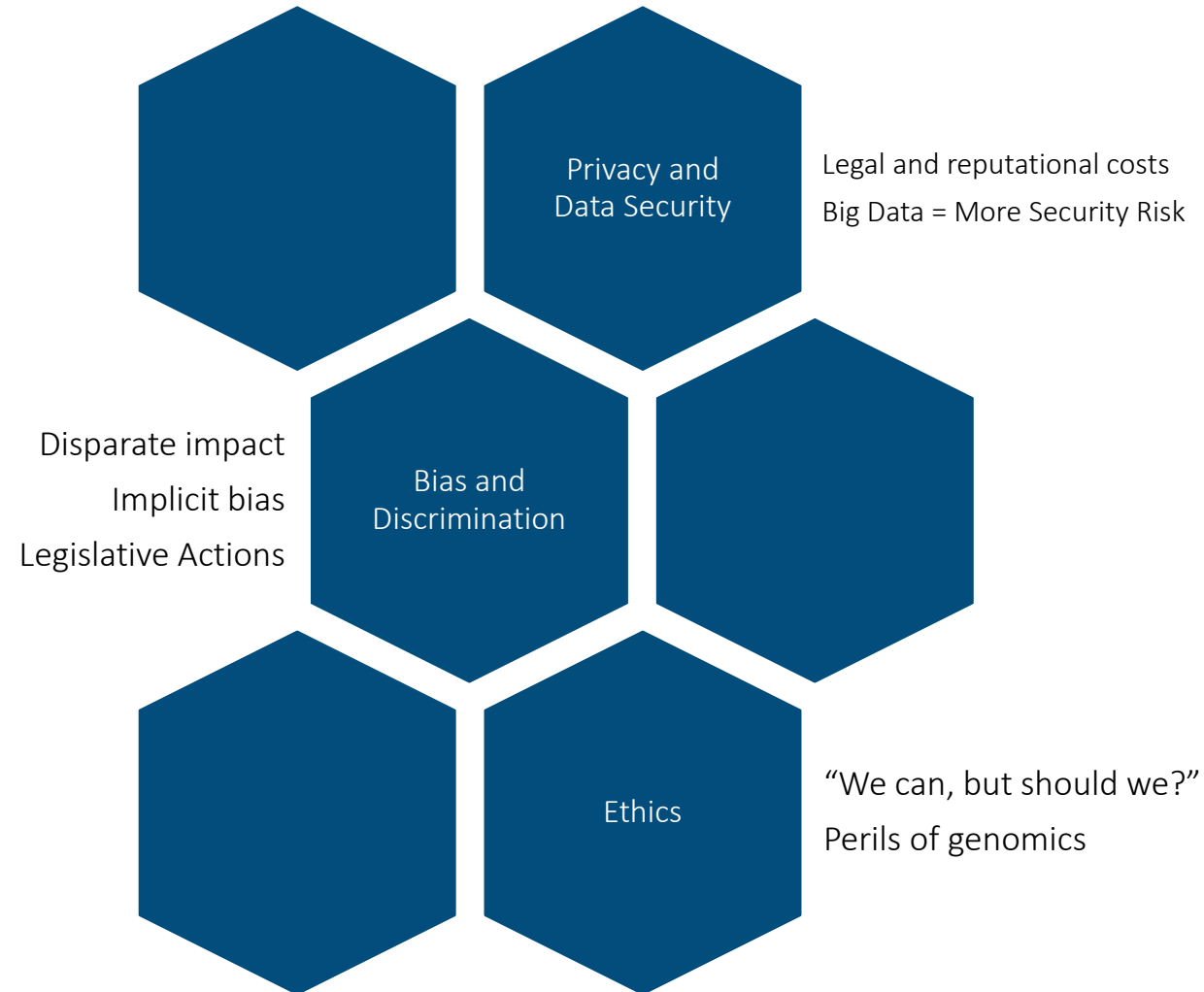
- Zoom selling => better disclosures?
- Better Rx hit rates

Better  
disclosures

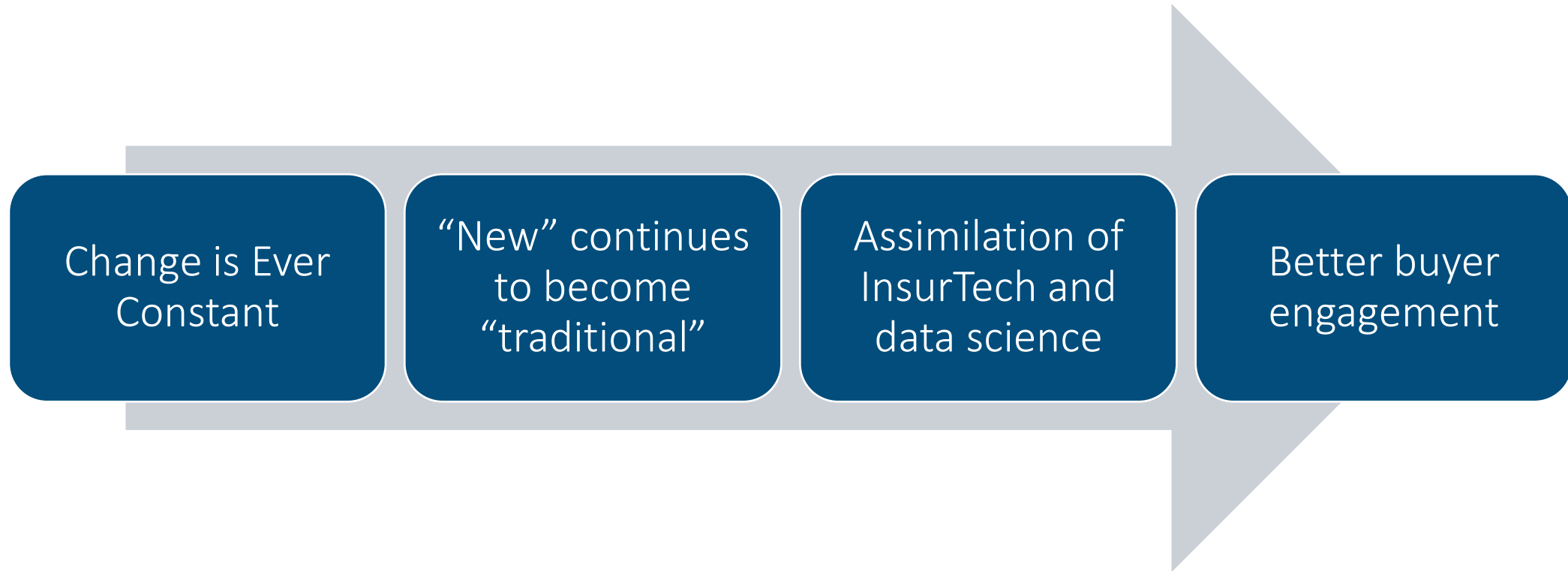




# Regulatory and Legal Concerns



# The Future



Thank you!

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