



# Visualising data-driven decision algorithms for consulting clinical practice guidelines

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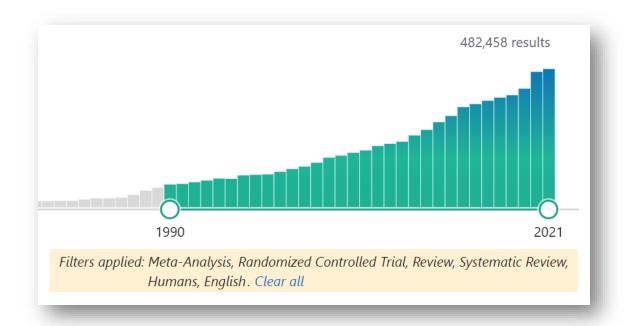
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### **Problem statement**





PubMed search on Breast Cancer On average 36 new publications dayly

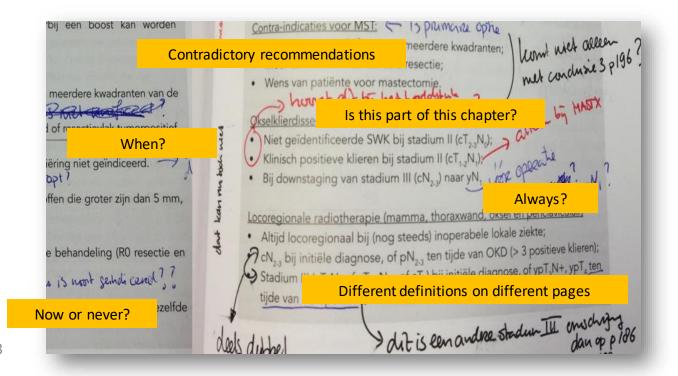


### Textual guidelines vs decision algorithms

#### **Findings**

Textual guidelines are soo 2010s

Guideline recommendations are often intertwined in large cumbersome texts divided over different modules







### Textual guidelines vs. Clinical Decision Trees

#### Increasing amount of subpopulations

No longer possible for any human to know every subpopulation

Specific subpopulations 40

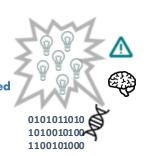
40 year old premenopausal, pregnant female with grade 2 pT1cN1M0, HR negative, HER2 positive invasive breast cancer, without angioinvasion, but with 2 positive axillary nodes who has undergone breast conserving surgery

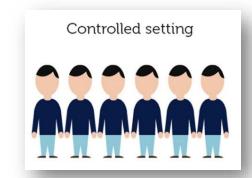
Even if age is divided into 10-year cohorts, this results in 7.2 million (10X2x2x3x3x16x4x2x2x2x2x2x2x2x2x2) subgroups

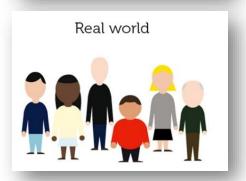
Recommendations are based on study populations.

Clinical Decision Trees based on Information Standards can help

Combining Clinical Decision Trees with Real World Data is even better









### Textual guidelines vs. Clinical Decision Trees

#### **Text**

If extra-uterine disease is suspected: serum CA125

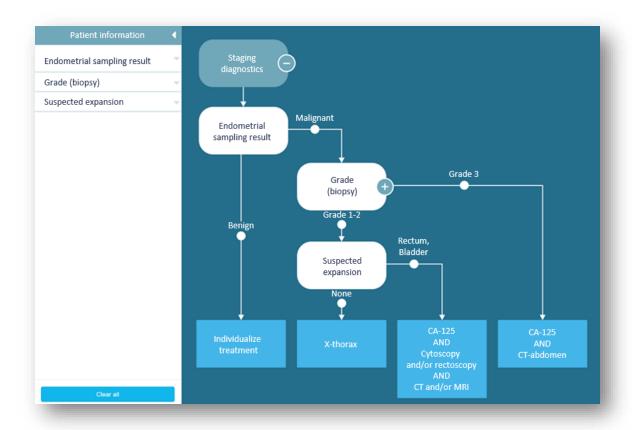
It has been shown that of the imaging techniques (MRI, CT scan, PET scan), MRI has the best predictive value for determining myometrial invasion, especially when contrast-enhancing agents are used.

#### Basic imaging

- transvaginal ultrasound (see related)
- chest x-ray
- cystoscopy/rectoscopy if complaints and/or symptoms give cause for this

Do not routinely perform a CT scan of the abdomen in women with suspected low-stage low-grade endometrial cancer.

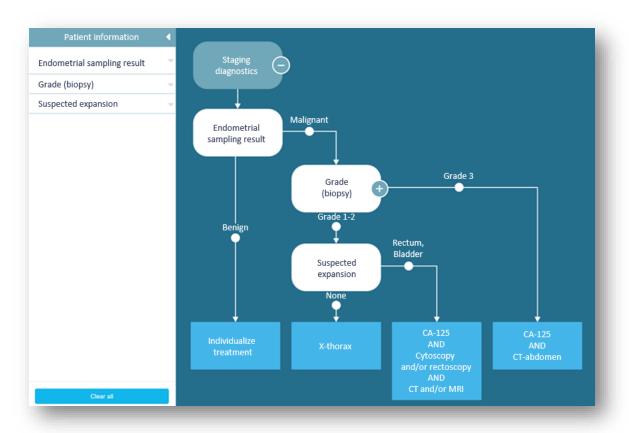
#### **Clinical Decision Tree**



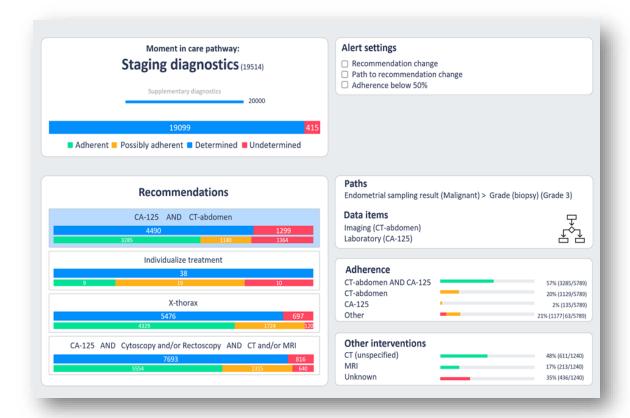


### Clinical Decision Trees vs. Dashboard

#### **Clinical Decision Tree**



### **Dashboard**





### **Alertness Project**



#### Structural signaling for up-to-date guidelines









Automatic alert when there are developments in:

- **Science** caught by frequent updates of NCCN® guideline
- Treatment **practice**, trapped in the NCR

When do we diverge from the guideline?

Why is adherence this low?

What happened to my patients?

Is that bad?

When do we need to revise a module?

Why does their recommendation differ from ours?

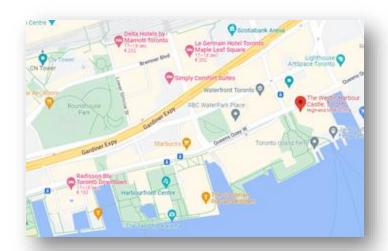






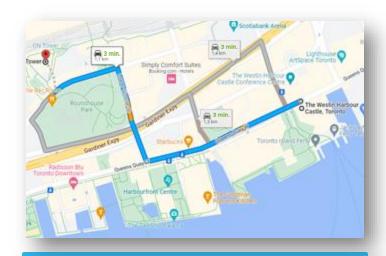


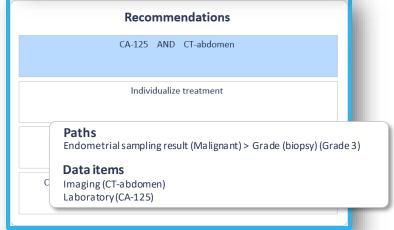
#### **CDTs based on CPGs**



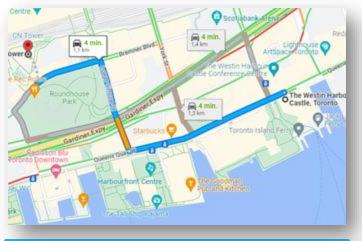


#### **Integrated in EHR**





#### **Enriched with RWD**

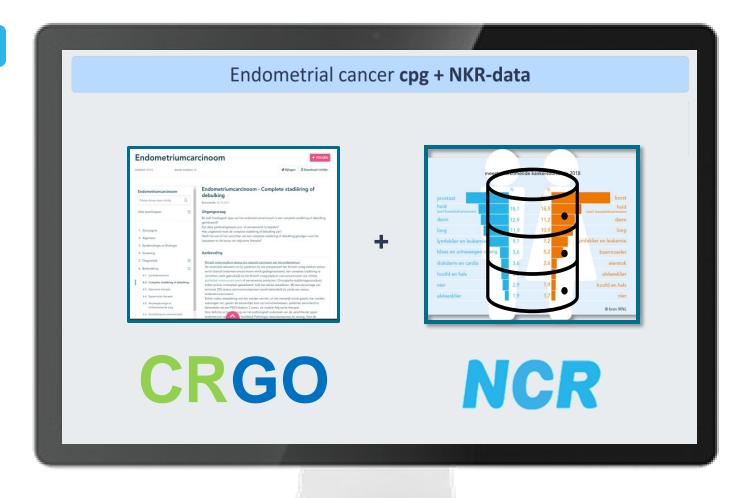






**CPG + Real World Data** 







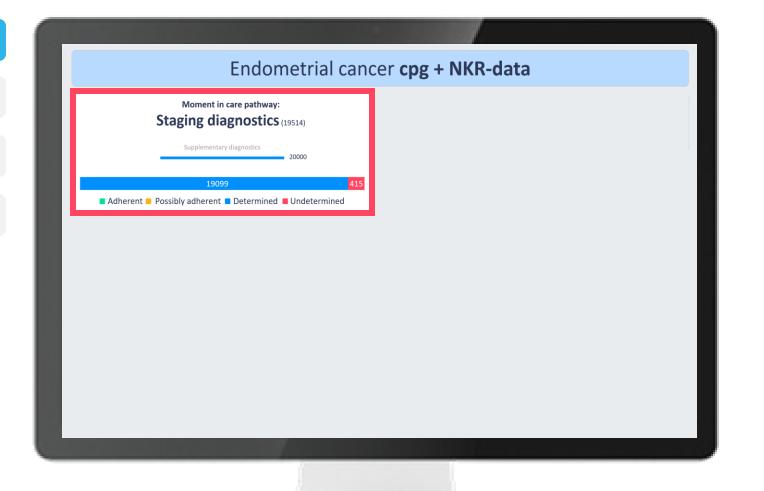
#### **CPG + Real World Data**

Select a decision tree of interest

See precursor trees

Visualize number of determined patients







#### **CPG + Real World Data**

Guideline recommendations for a specific moment in the carepathway



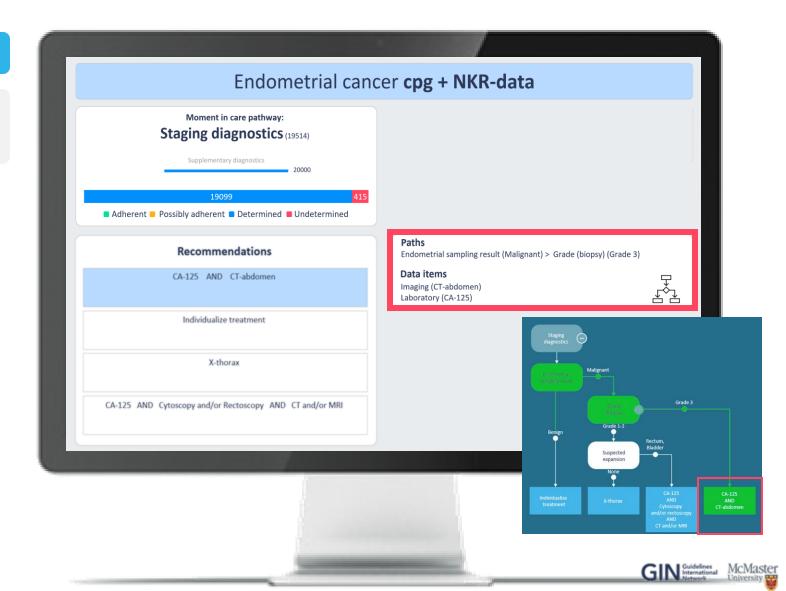




#### **CPG + Real World Data**

Paths leading to an individual recommendation show subpopulations





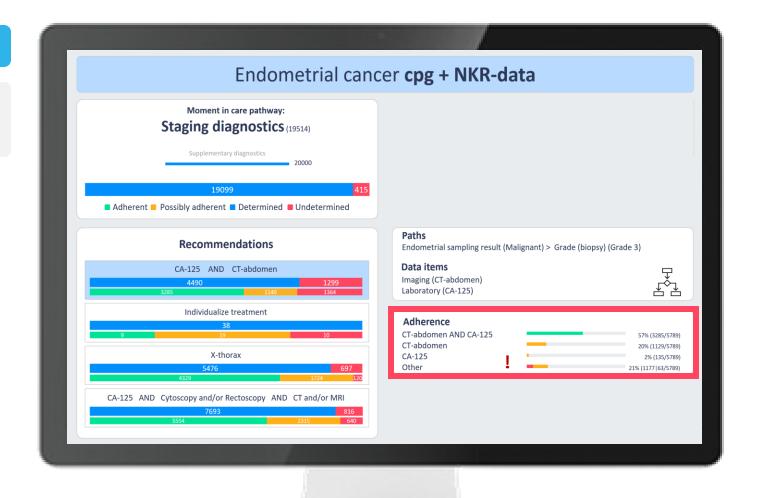


#### **CPG + Real World Data**

Insights in which interventions actually happened in those populations

When do we diverge from the guideline?









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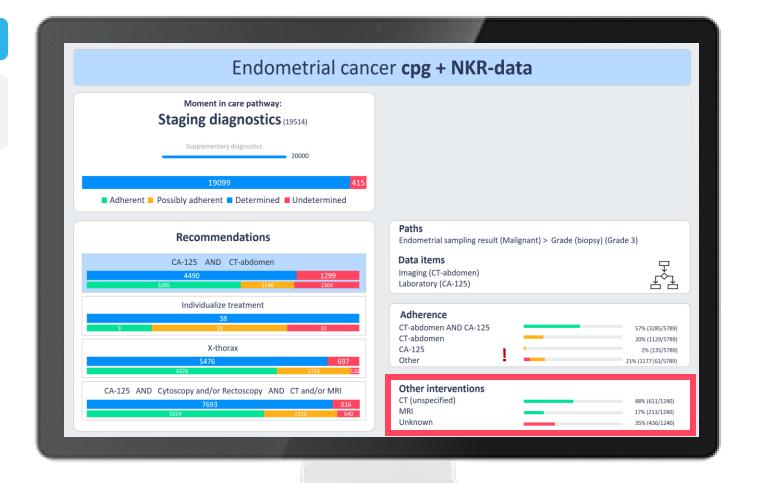
When not adherent to the guideline: which intervention was given instead?

When do we diverge Why is adherence this low?

What happened to ls that bad?

My patients?





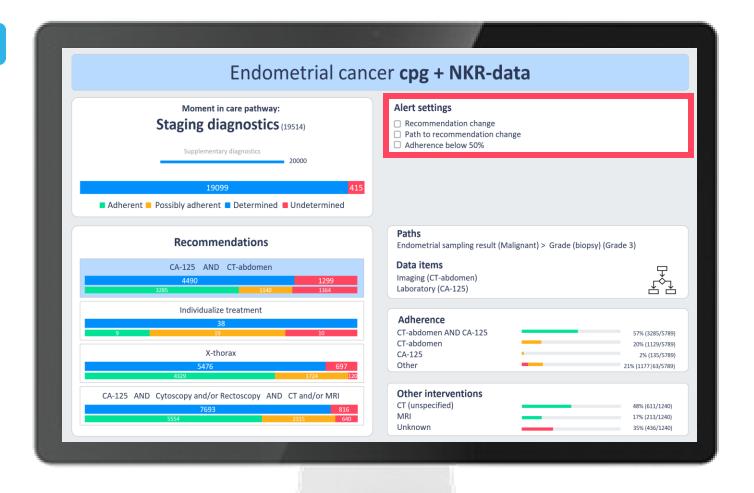


### **Alert settings**

When do we need to revise a module?





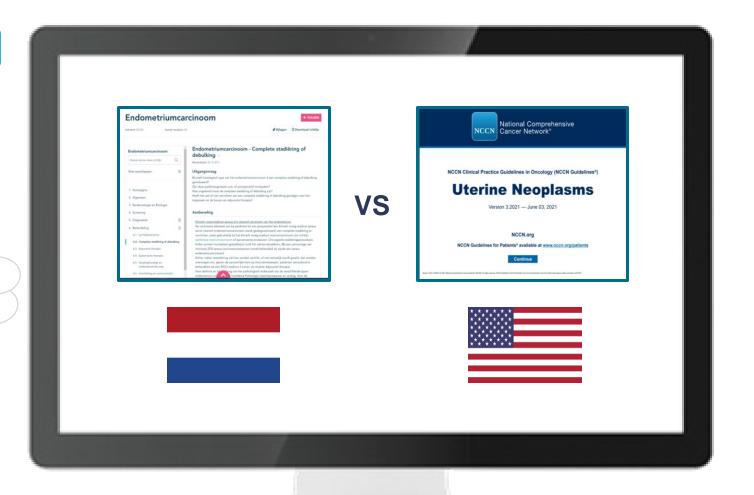








When do we need to revise a module? Why does their recommendation differ from ours?







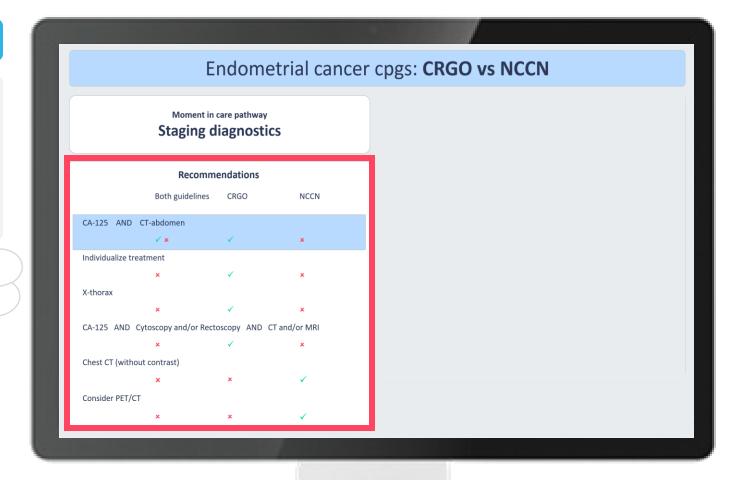


#### **CPG versus CPG**

Recommendations in this decision tree

- Corresponding recommendations
- Dutch-guideline only
- NCCN®-guideline only

Why does their recommendation differ from ours?







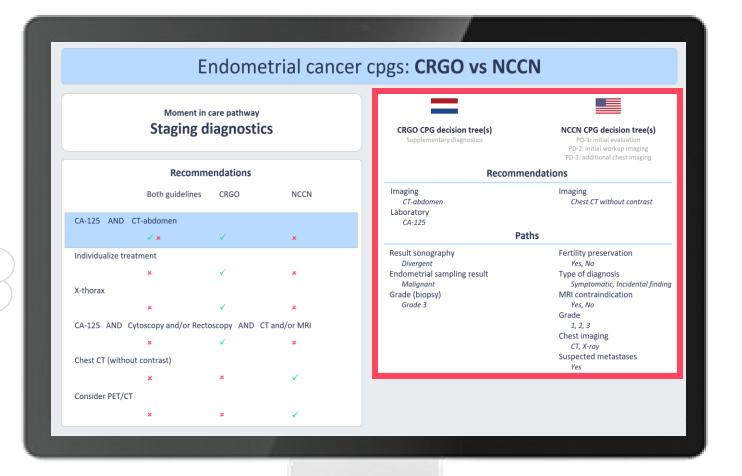


#### **CPG versus CPG**

Extra information for the highlighted recommendation

- Specific recommendations
- Detailed eligible populations

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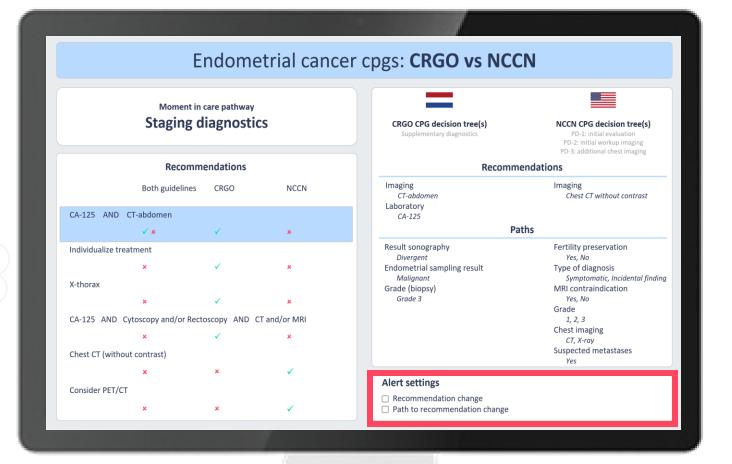




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### **Advantages**



#### **Demonstrated advantages**

More compact modules and better overview

Less inconsistency and ambiguous recommendations

Insights from combined different data sources

### **Proof of concept advantages**

Manageable maintenance of guideline modules

Faster and cheaper revisions



### Take home messages



#### Visualising data and recommendations

Too much knowledge to process by any individual is trapped in free text

Translation of text to CDTs using information standards improves reusing data

CDTs and Real World Data are building blocks for guideline development

Decision support systems enable implementation of Real Word Data Insights

Visualizing (combined) data sources supports doctors, guideline developers and patients

- All needed data available at the point of care
- Insights in patients options and their preferences (SDM)
- Insights in adherence and other guideline suggestions may speed up revision processes





## Want to talk further? Let's meet @ the Gala Dinner tonight







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