



# What is personalized medicine?

Broad and narrow definitions

Broad: use of pharmacogenomics information

- Screening for adverse events
- Selecting dosing
- Predictive biomarkers

Narrow: identifying responders and non-responders

- Predictive biomarkers for patient screening

# Current state of play

## Pharmacogenomics information

- Currently 111 examples on Rx drug labels
- Mostly related to adverse events and dosing

## Patient screening information

- Currently 18 examples, with 16 of 18 approved in past decade
- 17 of 18 were for cancer treatments
- In 2001, 2 new cancer drugs approved with companion diagnostic tests

# Thoughts on the future

Obvious next step is use of predictive biomarkers for non-cancer treatments

- Only current non-cancer predictive biomarker is for a hematology drug

More companion approvals (drug plus diagnostic) approvals

Incentives and policy

- Under current conditions, do incentives on balance work in favor or against investment in predictive biomarkers and companion tests?
- Will policies and regulations need to change?