

The Reference Model for Chronic Disease Progression

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In a Nutshell
Competitive Disease Forecast
A League of Disease Models/Consumers Report

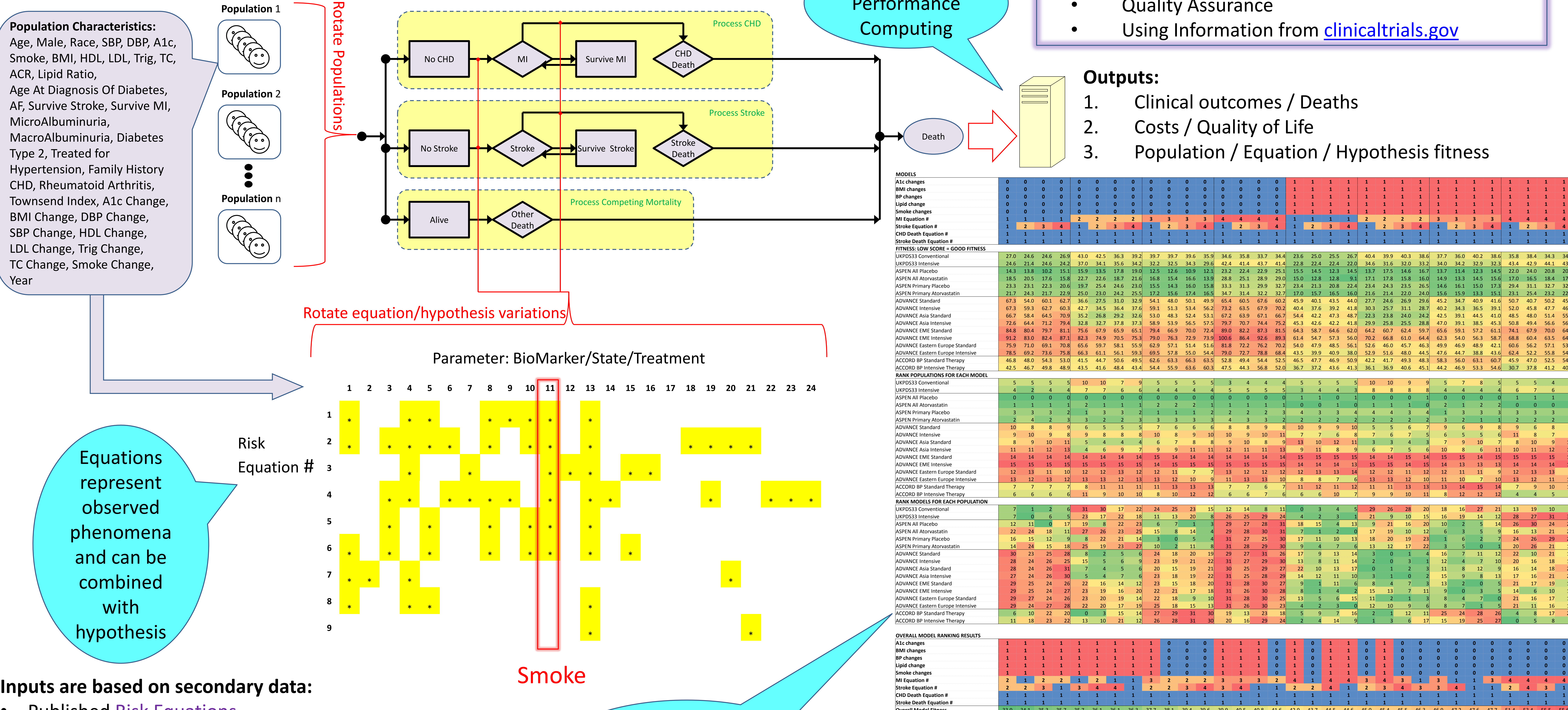
- Prototype utilizing computing power to model chronic disease progression
- Built from literature references and hence the name
- Designed to serve as a reference for new equations and populations

Discussion Points:

- Competition & High Performance Computing
- Open Source & Free Software
- Reproducibility and Code Sharing
- Test Driven Development of Models
- Quality Assurance
- Using Information from clinicaltrials.gov

Outputs:

1. Clinical outcomes / Deaths
2. Costs / Quality of Life
3. Population / Equation / Hypothesis fitness



Population Characteristics:
Age, Male, Race, SBP, DBP, A1c, Smoke, BMI, HDL, LDL, Trig, TC, ACR, Lipid Ratio, Age At Diagnosis Of Diabetes, AF, Survive Stroke, Survive MI, MicroAlbuminuria, MacroAlbuminuria, Diabetes Type 2, Treated for Hypertension, Family History CHD, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Townsend Index, A1c Change, BMI Change, DBP Change, SBP Change, HDL Change, LDL Change, Trig Change, TC Change, Smoke Change, Year

Equations represent observed phenomena and can be combined with hypothesis

- Inputs are based on secondary data:**
- Published Risk Equations
 - Published Clinical Trials, i.e. no real individual data
 - Other publications

Allows the model to access more populations and cover more phenomena

Comparisons improve understanding of disease progression

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