

Translating research developments to persons with Bloom syndrome

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Bloom Syndrome Registry

Natural history study

Medical concerns

Surveillance

Outcomes





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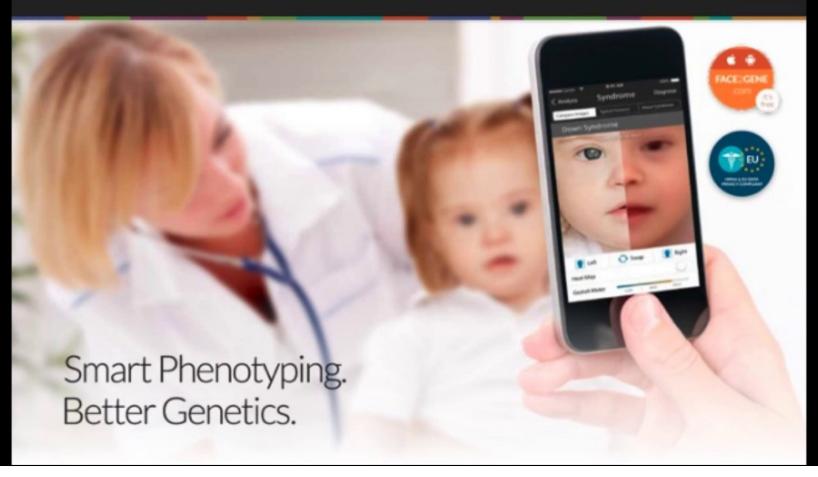












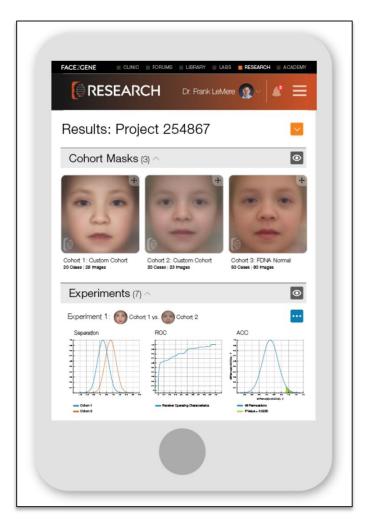


Digital phenotyping

Computer recognition software analyzes facial features

Composite image created

Image analysis by age, gender, ethnicity, genotype







Analysis of tumors

WGS of Bloom tumors has not been reported

The mutation landscape of some tumors implicates DNA repair pathways

Use the signature to identify therapeutic targets

Currently have 8 tumor/normal samples





Parent / child trios for WGS

Dr. Vivian Chang, UCLA

What are the gene changes in people with Bloom syndrome?

Do these changes affect cancer-related genes?





Surveillance effectiveness

Semi-annual survey of registrants

Is surveillance able to detect cancer early?

Is surveillance able to improve outcome?





Important questions

Effectiveness of cancer treatment

Drug testing

Prevention





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