

Choosing Wisely: What should be measured in a cohort this large?

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What should be measured?



Editorial

Complementing the Genome with an “Exposome”: The Outstanding Challenge of Environmental Exposure Measurement in Molecular Epidemiology

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The Exposome



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“At it’s most complete, the exposome encompasses life-course environmental exposures (including lifestyle factors), from the prenatal period onwards...”

-- Christopher Paul Wild



NIH Exposure Biology Program

“Genes load the gun; environment pulls the trigger”
 – Francis Collins, MD, PhD

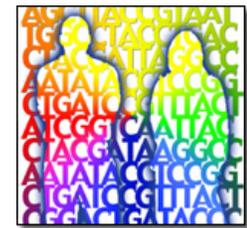
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Environmental Sensors

- Diet/Physical Activity
- Chemicals/Biologics
- Psychosocial Stress/Addictive Substances



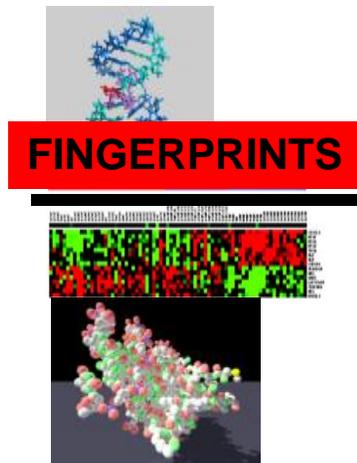
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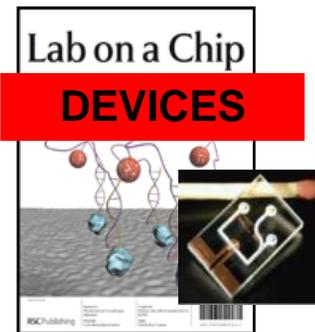
**Genome Wide Association
&
Other Research**

Biological Response

- Biomarkers
- Centers–biomarkers/biosensors
 - Inflammation
 - Oxidative stress
 - Programmed cell death
 - Epigenetic markers



FINGERPRINTS



**Lab on a Chip
DEVICES**

How can mobile devices and related technologies enhance Precision Medicine research?



Greater precision on measures of **physiological parameters** that can aid in monitoring treatments, treatment response and outcomes.

Wireless and/or wearable sensors for:

- Heart rate and heart rate variability
- Respiration
- Blood pressure
- Glucose, lactate & electrolytes
- Hydration & metabolism
- Medication adherence via smart pills, pill bottles and other drug delivery (e.g. inhalers)
- Spirometry

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Greater precision on measures of **behaviors and related health states and their context**

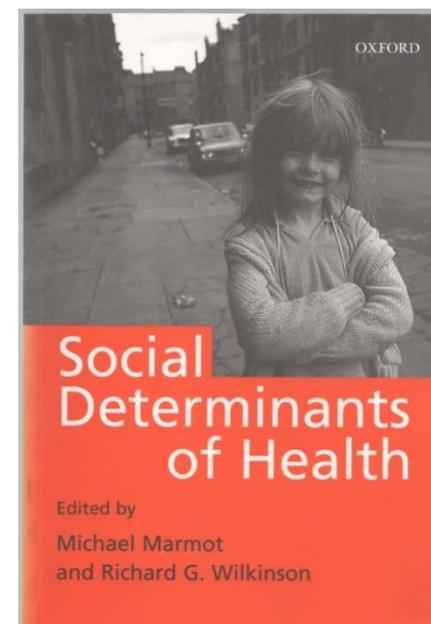
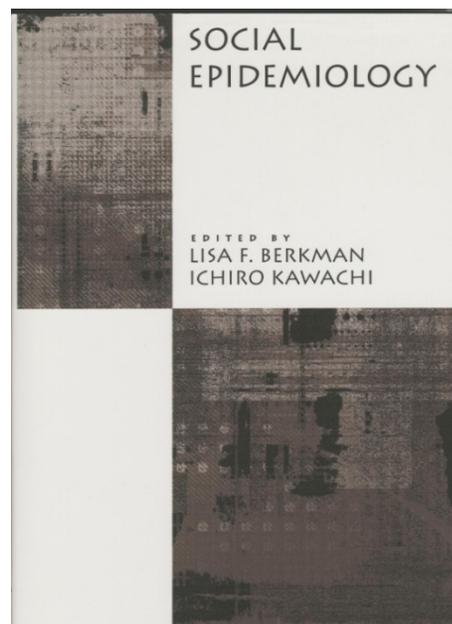
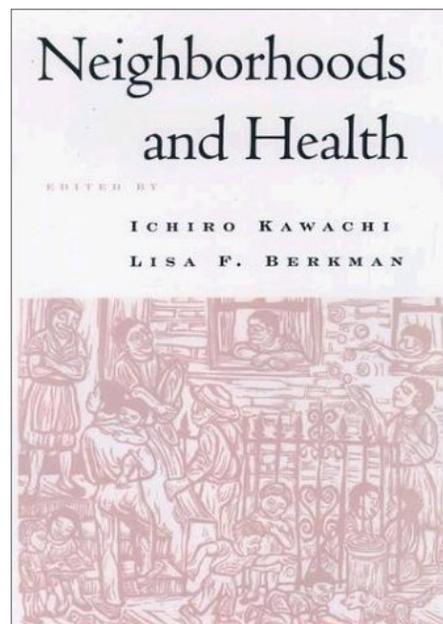
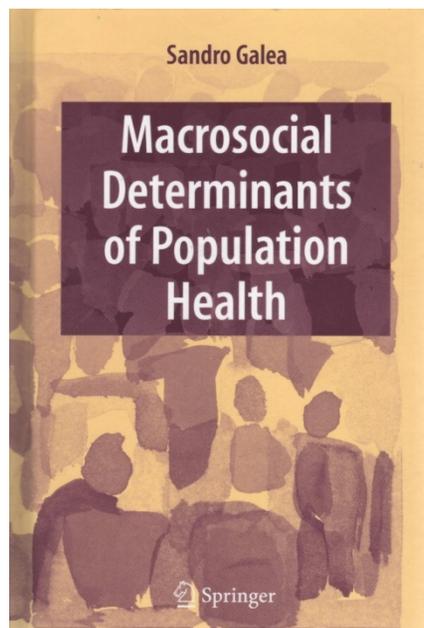
Wireless and/or wearable sensors for:

- Physical activity, sedentary behavior, and overall movement patterns that have unique signatures for underlying disease or health risk (e.g. Parkinson's, fall risk, etc.)
- Diet through self-report with always-available apps or with cameras
- Weight (and with BP, hydration status)
- Stress
- Sleep
- Cognitive function
- Location via GPS and other mobile phone-based approaches

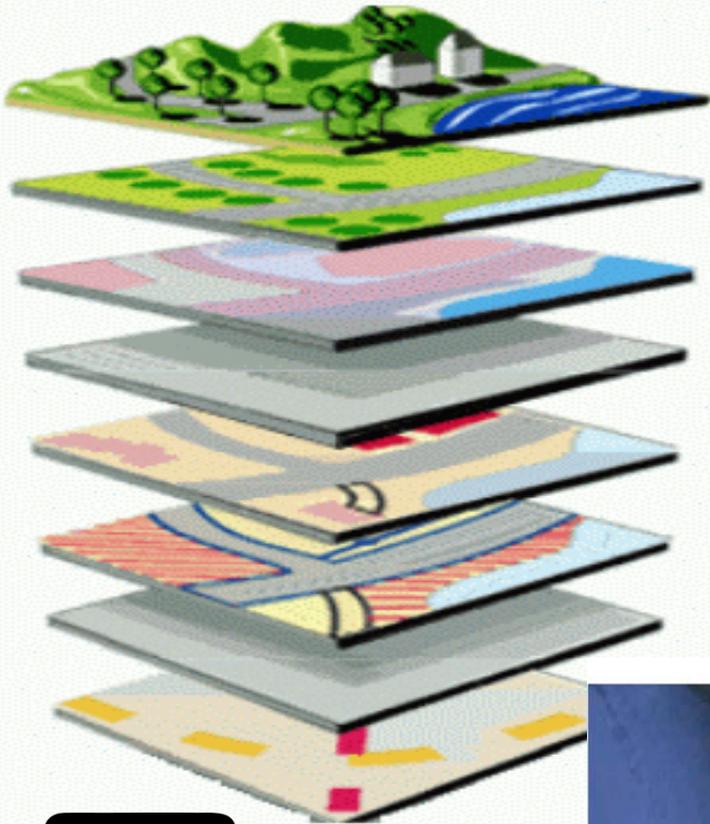
Importance of Place to Precision Medicine



- Disease clusters
- Toxic exposure
- Health disparities
- Stress & incivilities



GPS Data & Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data

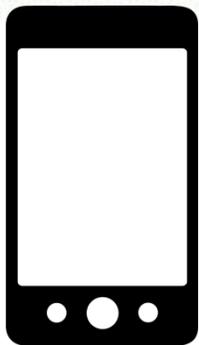


- Parks
 - Distance & density & acreage
- Schools
 - Distance & density
- Recreation Facilities
 - Distance & density
- Census data
 - Housing unit density
- Parcel & Land Use
 - Commercial, industrial, institutional, residential, office, open space, vacant
 - Retail parcel count
- CoStar / SD County Tax Assessor
 - Retail floor area ratio
- Coastline
 - Distance to coast
- Local & Major Roads
 - Intersection & cul-de-sac counts

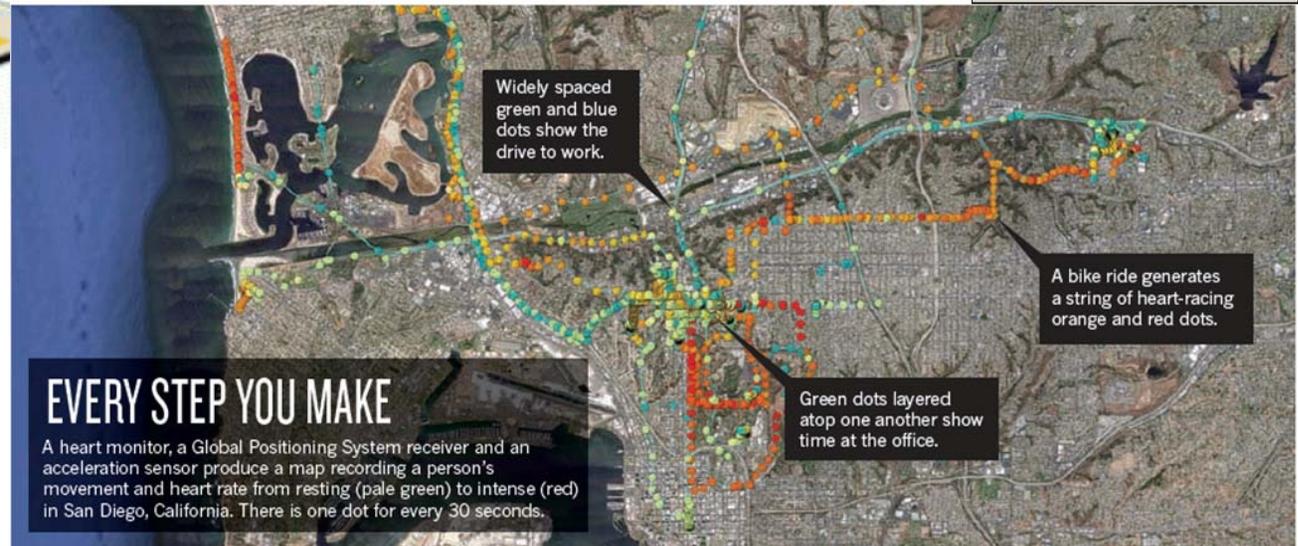
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NEWS FEATURE



GPS from Mobile Phone



How can mobile devices and related technologies enhance Precision Medicine research?



Greater precision on measures of **experience and subjective states** through Ecological Momentary Assessment (EMA), the use of a mobile device to query participants as events happen

EMA:

- Is highly configurable to the underlying research question(s)
- Can be preset or automatically prompted based upon context (e.g. GPS)
- Can be intensive on an App, or “light” via quick-response text messages
- Can be offered in any language and at multiple levels of literacy and numeracy

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Greater precision on measures of **social interactions** via online social networks, searches and other technologies such as sound, cameras, location and context



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Research and practice methods

Seasonality in Seeking Mental Health Information on Google

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Twitter=quitter? An analysis of Twitter quit smoking social networks

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ABSTRACT

Objective Widely popular, Twitter, a free social networking and micro-blogging service, offers potential for health promotion. This study examined the activity of Twitter quit smoking social network accounts.

Design A cross-sectional analysis identified 153 activated Twitter quit smoking accounts dating back to

called 'tweets', which have a maximum of 140 characters. Transmitted nearly instantaneously, tweets are received by 'followers' of the account on their mobile phones, email and/or personal Twitter websites. Created in 2006, Twitter membership has grown to >100 million users worldwide.⁴ In June 2010, there were about 65 million users in the

facebook

Google

twitter



How can mobile devices and related technologies enhance Precision Medicine research?



Greater precision on measures of **environmental exposures** such as particulate matter, noise, electromagnetic fields, environmental toxins & other insults that might impact such things as oxidative stress, immune response, hormonal regulation or other phenomena.

- **Wearable sensors that can store or transmit to/through the mobile phone data on exposures**
- **Combining data from wearable sensors with that from fixed sources in the Environment to enrich the understanding of cumulative exposure**
- **Periodic EMA & other triggered measurement tailored to specific research questions, or such things as occupation, location, natural disaster, or other Circumstance that might influence the natural course of treatment and/or outcomes**



CitiSense

Always-on Participatory Sensing for Air Quality

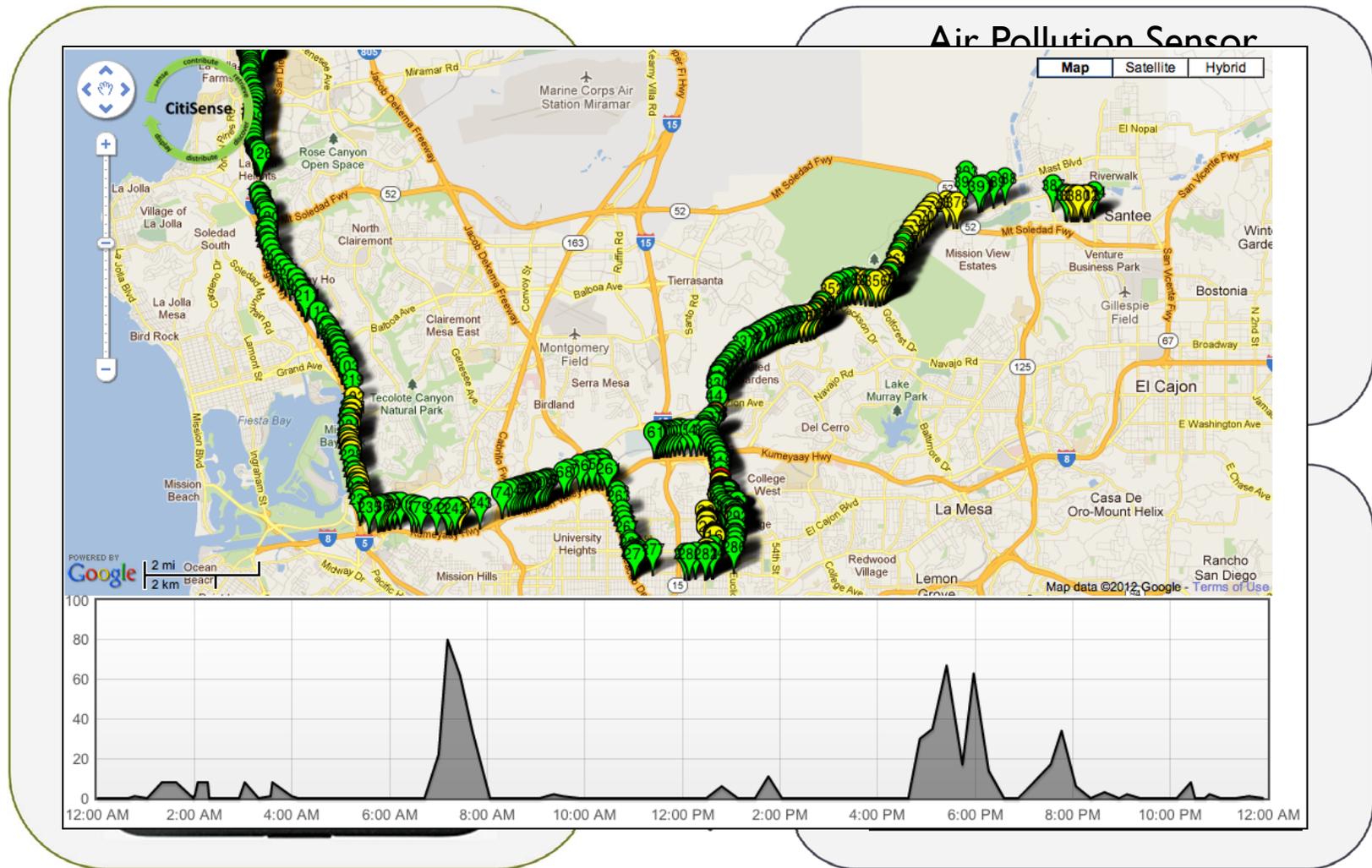


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CitiSense: System Overview



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Finally, these devices can support **recruitment and retention** in Precision Medicine research.

- Partner with telcomms on enrollment and tracking over time as participants move (opt in, of course)
- Text message reminders for data collection, in-person visits, special queries
- Use of text messages, social media, and other communication channels to support queries from and among study participants if questions/issues arise

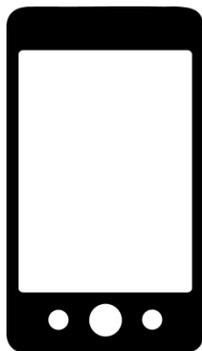
Recommendations

Ideally, all cohort participants will carry a **Smartphone** and wear a **Smartwatch**

- Movement (accel/gyro)
- GPS
- Ecological Momentary Assessment (EMA)
- Voice/Sound
- Image
- Bluetooth connectivity to other devices
- Specialized apps

- Movement (accel/gyro)
- Light EMA via SMS
- Heart rate/HR variability
- Specialized apps

Carried as usual



Worn 24x7



Recommendations

Other mobile and wireless devices - and sources of data - will be used in subsets of the cohort based upon research questions and underlying health state

