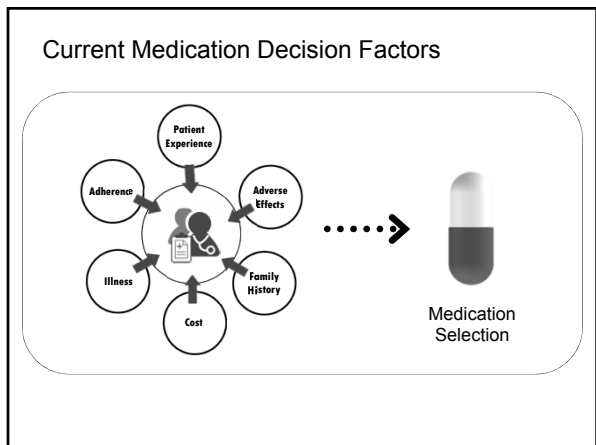


## Psychiatric Pharmacogenomics: Introduction and Applications

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### Challenges in Clinical Practice

**LACK OF RESPONSE** ~50% of patients with depression do not respond to their first treatment<sup>1</sup>

**SIDE EFFECTS** In clinical studies, up to 30% of patients discontinued treatment due to intolerable side effects<sup>2,3</sup>

**NONADHERENCE** Up to 70% of patients receiving prescriptions for antidepressant drugs are nonadherent, with side effects being the most common reason<sup>4,5</sup>

•These challenges can lead to symptomatic decline, the need to change medication, and frustration for both the patient and the clinician.

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### Current Standard of Care

**Current Prescribing Practice is Highly Empiric**

“Trial and Error” standard of care prescribing leads to:

- Repeated drug trials with limited efficacy
- Increasing rates of side effects
- 70% non-compliance
- High rates of polypharmacy

Sequenced Treatment Alternatives to Relieve Depression<sup>1</sup>

Drug Trial	Treatment Response	Treatment Intolerance
1	49%	16%
2	29%	20%
3	17%	26%
4	16%	34%

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### Three Patients

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- No SE
- Full remission

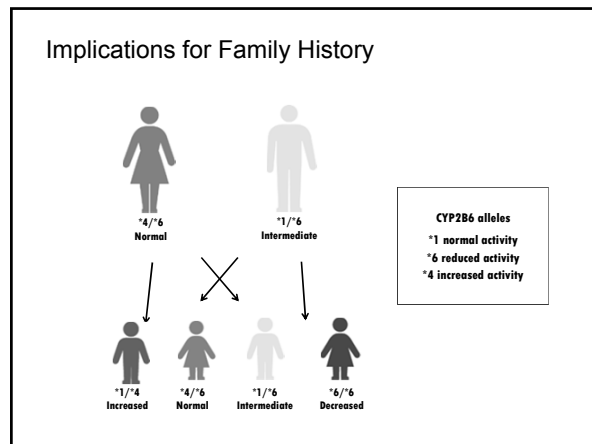
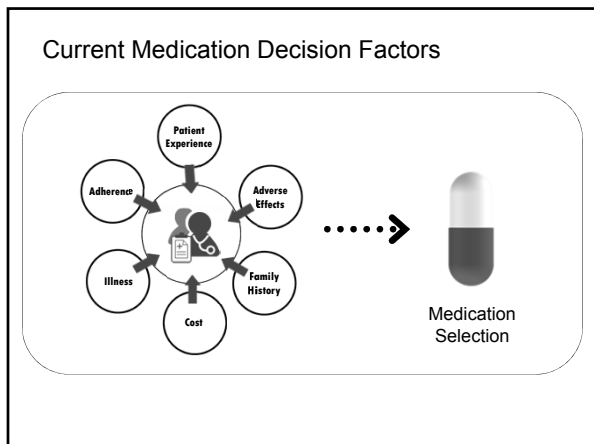
**Patient 2**

- Venlafaxine XR 150 mg qd
- Severe SE: GI, fatigue, sexual
- No response

**Patient 3**

- Venlafaxine XR 300 mg qd
- No SE
- No response

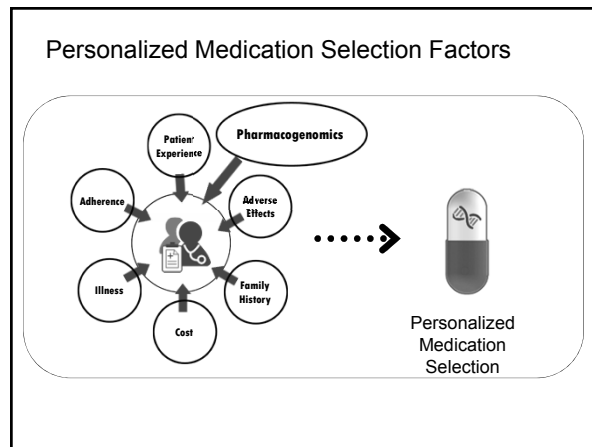
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### Pharmacogenomics Defined

Pharmacogenomics uses information about a person's genetic makeup, or genome, to choose the drugs and drug doses that are likely to work best for that particular person.

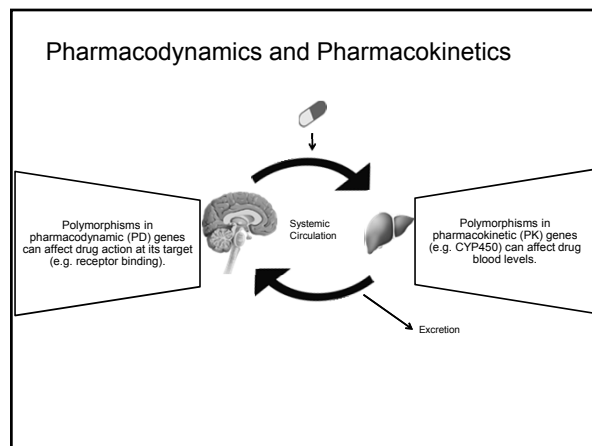
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### Genes and Alleles

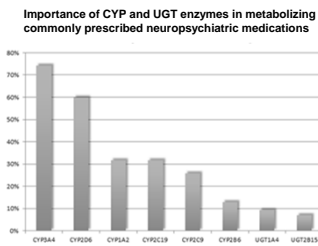
- A gene is a sequence of DNA that codes for a protein.
- An "allele" is the term that refers to the different versions of a gene.
- In most cases, we randomly inherit one copy of each gene from each parent.
- The combination of alleles (genotype) that we receive creates a certain physical presentation (phenotype).

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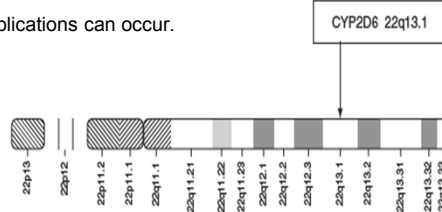
### Drug Metabolism

- The CYP450 system is a family of about 57 enzymes responsible for drug metabolism, primarily in the liver.
- The UGT system is made up of 3 known groups of UGT genes – UGT1, UGT2, and UGT3, each of which includes multiple genes
- Multiple enzymes may be involved in the metabolism of a given drug.

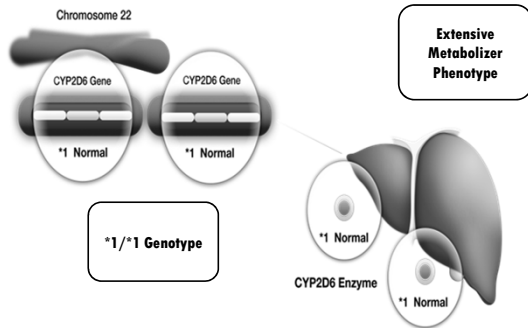


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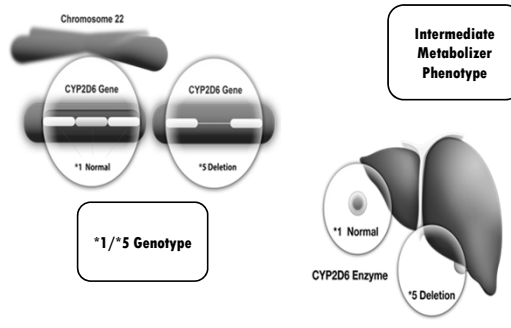
- A highly variable gene with 17 common, clinically relevant polymorphisms.
- Located at a site on chromosome 22.
- Duplications can occur.



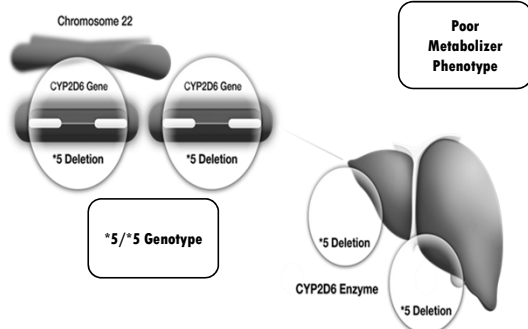
### CYP2D6 Expression & Phenotype



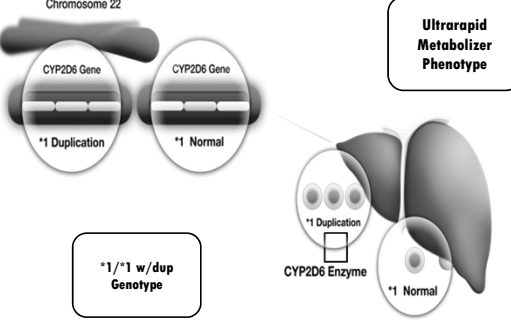
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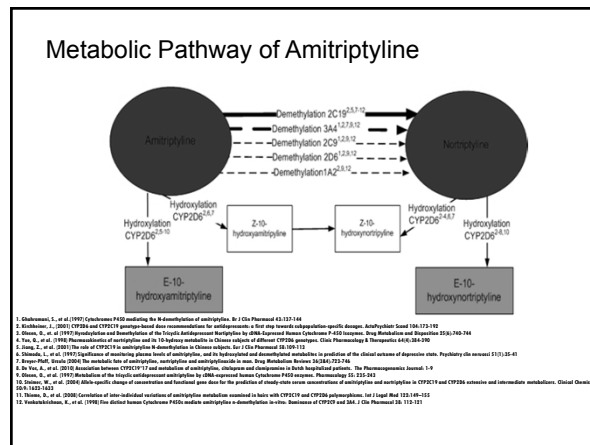
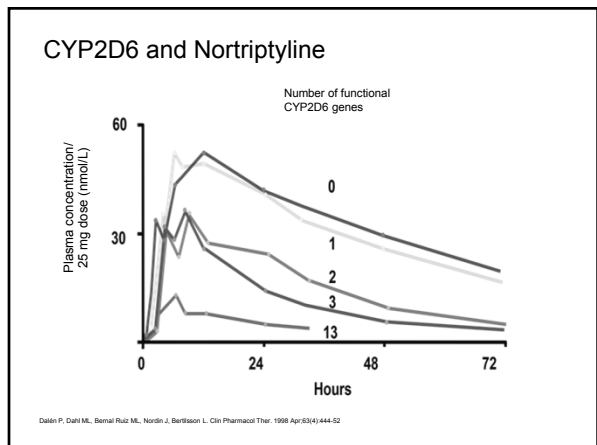
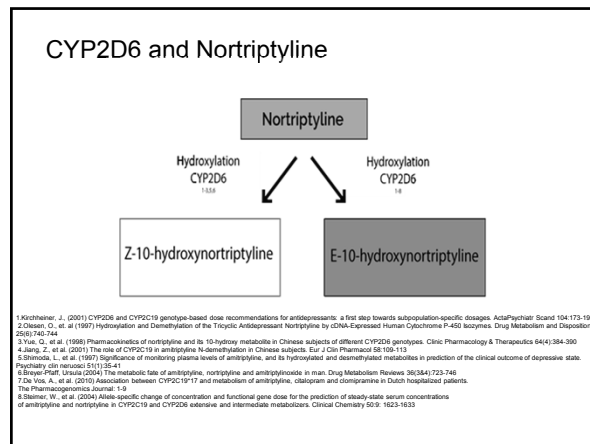
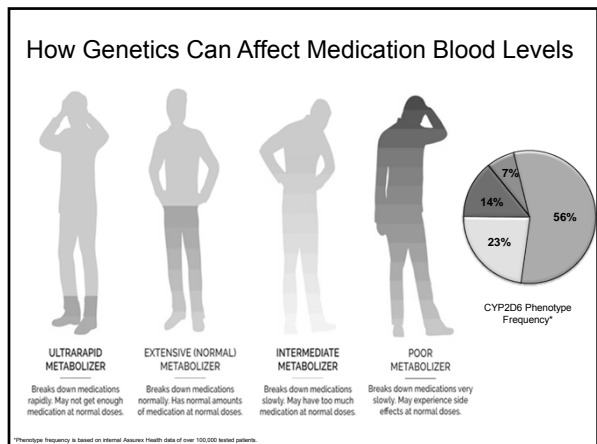


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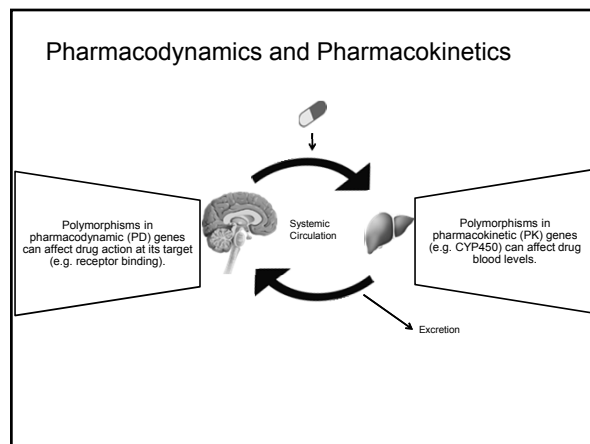
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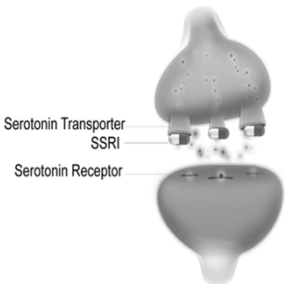
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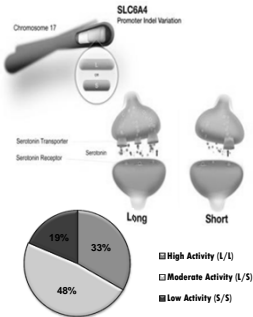
**Serotonin Transporter (SLC6A4)**

- The serotonin transporter is encoded by the SLC6A4 gene.
- It is responsible for reuptake of serotonin into the presynaptic neuron.
- Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) inhibit this process, allowing for more serotonin in the synaptic cleft.



### The Serotonin Transporter

- The SLC6A4 promoter has two main variants: short (S) and long (L)
- The two variants are differentiated by a 44 base pair insertion/deletion
- The short allele results in lower transcription rates, providing less active sites for SSRIs.
- The short allele is associated with lower rates of remission following SSRI treatment



### Pharmacodynamic Pharmacogenomics - HLA

**Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA)**

- Helps regulate the immune system and recognize foreign substances such as viral and bacterial peptides<sup>1</sup>

**Genetics**

- Located on chromosome 6; highly polymorphic<sup>1</sup>
- HLA-A\*3101 and HLA-B\*1502 alleles have been associated with severe cutaneous adverse drug reactions (cADRs), including Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS) and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis (TEN)
- Oxcarbazepine and carbamazepine are two medications most commonly associated with cADRs<sup>2,3</sup>

Drug	HLA-A*3101	HLA-B*1502
Oxcarbazepine (Trileptal®) <sup>3</sup>	-	√
Carbamazepine (Tegretol®) <sup>2</sup>	√	√

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### HLA Genes and Cutaneous Adverse Drug Reactions (cADRs)

Meta-analysis of 20 studies found certain HLA alleles significantly overrepresented in patients showing CBZ-induced cADRs<sup>1</sup>

- HLA-A\*3101 (OR 7.75)
- HLA-B\*1502 (OR 19.33)

Subcategorized by severity of cADRs		
	HLA-A*3101 (OR)	HLA-B*1502 (OR)
SJS/TEN	5.65	80.70
Less severe cADRs	8.58	NS for predictive value

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### Prevalence of HLA-A\*3101 and HLA-B\*1502

HLA-A*3101	Prevalence	HLA-B*1502
Japanese, Native American	> 15%	Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, parts of Philippines
Han Chinese, Korean, European, Latin America	~10%	Taiwan
African American, Indian, Thai, Taiwanese, Chinese (Hong Kong)	~4%	North China
	2%-4%	South Asia, including India
	<1%	Japan, Korea
	Largely Absent	Individuals not of Asian origin (Caucasians, African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans)

Tegretol [package insert]. East Hanover, NJ: Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp; 2014.

### The FDA and the HLA genes

**HLA-B\*1502**

FDA has added a black box warning to the carbamazepine package insert, stating that carbamazepine should be avoided in patients positive for HLA-B\*1502 unless the benefits clearly outweigh the risks<sup>1</sup>

The FDA-approved package insert for oxcarbazepine also warns against the use of oxcarbazepine in patients positive for HLA-B\*1502<sup>2</sup>

**HLA-A\*3101**

The carbamazepine package insert discourages the use of carbamazepine in HLA-A\*3101 positive patients<sup>1</sup>

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### The FDA and Pharmacogenomics

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) includes pharmacogenomic language in the package inserts of many commonly prescribed psychiatric medications:

Aripiprazole	"The aripiprazole dose in PM patients should initially be reduced to one-half (50%) of the usual dose."	CYP2D6 PM
Citalopram	"The maximum dose should be limited to 20 mg/day in patients who are CYP2C19 poor metabolizers."	CYP2C19 PM
Thioridazine	"The use of thioridazine in patients known to have reduced activity of P450 2D6 are contraindicated."	CYP2D6 IM or PM
Vortioxetine	"The maximum recommended dose of BRINTELLIX is 10 mg/day in known CYP2D6 poor metabolizers."	CYP2D6 PM
Carbamazepine	"Patients testing positive for the HLA-B*1502 allele should not be treated with Tegretol unless the benefit clearly outweighs the risk."	HLA-B*1502 Allele

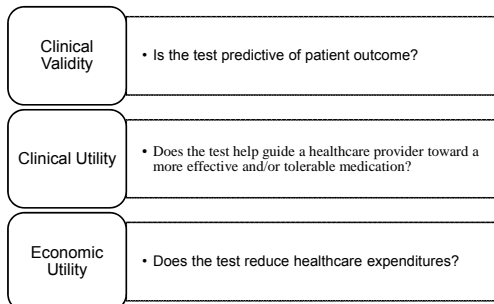
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### Psychiatric Pharmacogenomics: Clinical Studies

### Psychiatric Pharmacogenomic Testing Companies

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- AI Bio Tech
- AltheaDx
- Assurex Health
- CompanionDx
- DNA Stat
- ENSr Medical
- Genelex
- GENETWORx
- Genomas
- Genomind
- Genotox
- Infiniti Labs
- Iverson Genetics
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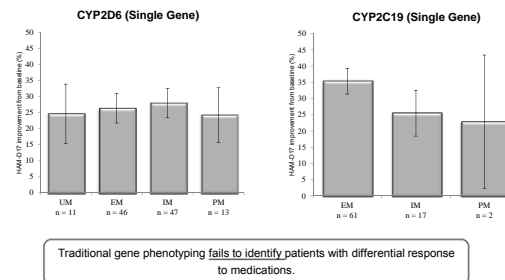
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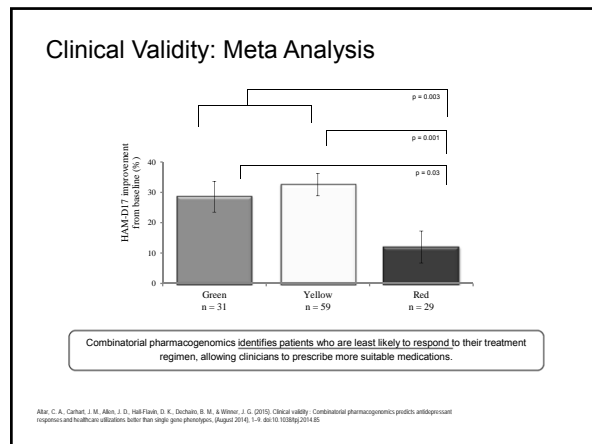
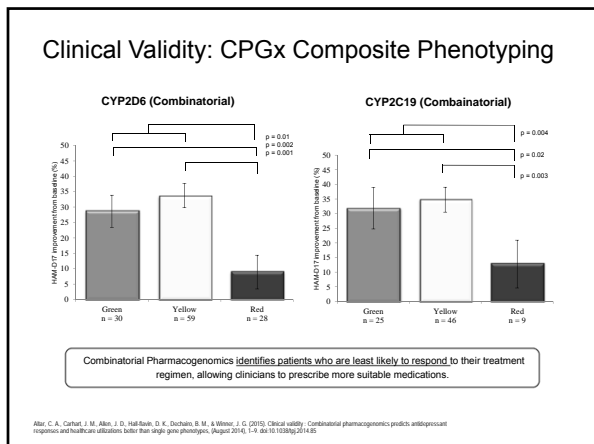
### Psychiatric Pharmacogenomic Clinical Studies

Clinical Validity	Clinical Utility	Economic Utility
Altar, et al. 2014	Singh 2015	Fagermess, et al 2014.
	Brennan, et al. 2014	Winner, et al. 2013
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	Hall-Flavin, et al. 2012	
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### Clinical Validity: Individual Gene Phenotyping



Altar, C. A., Carhart, J. M., Akao, J. D., Hill-Burns, D. K., Dochales, B. M., & Witter, J. C. (2015). Clinical validity: Combinatorial pharmacogenomics predicts antidepressant response and healthcare utilization better than single gene phenotypes. August 2016, 1-9 doi:10.1038/ng.2014.85



### Clinical Utility – A.B. Singh(2015)

- 12 Week , prospective double blind randomized trial comparing outcomes of genetically guided versus unguided treatment.
- Genetically guided group was 2.52 times more likely to remit from depression than unguided group.
- Unguided group was 1.13 times more likely to have medication tolerability problems requiring either dose reduction or cessation.

Singh, A. B. Improved Antidepressant Remission in Major Depression via a Pharmacokinetic Pathway Polygenic Pharmacogenomic Report. *Clin. Psychopharmacol. Neurosci.* 13,150-6(2015).

### Clinical Utility - Brennan, et al. (2015)

- Naturalistic, unblinded, prospective analysis of psychiatric patients and clinicians who utilized the pharmacogenomic report
- 87% showed improvement
- Patients reported significant decreases in depression, anxiety, and medication side effects, and increases in quality of life

Brennan, XF, et al. A naturalistic study of the effectiveness of pharmacogenomic testing to guide treatment in psychiatric patients with mood and anxiety disorders. *Prim Care Companion CNS Disord.* 2015; 17(2).

