

# Approach to regulation for NGS-based oncology panel products in Japan

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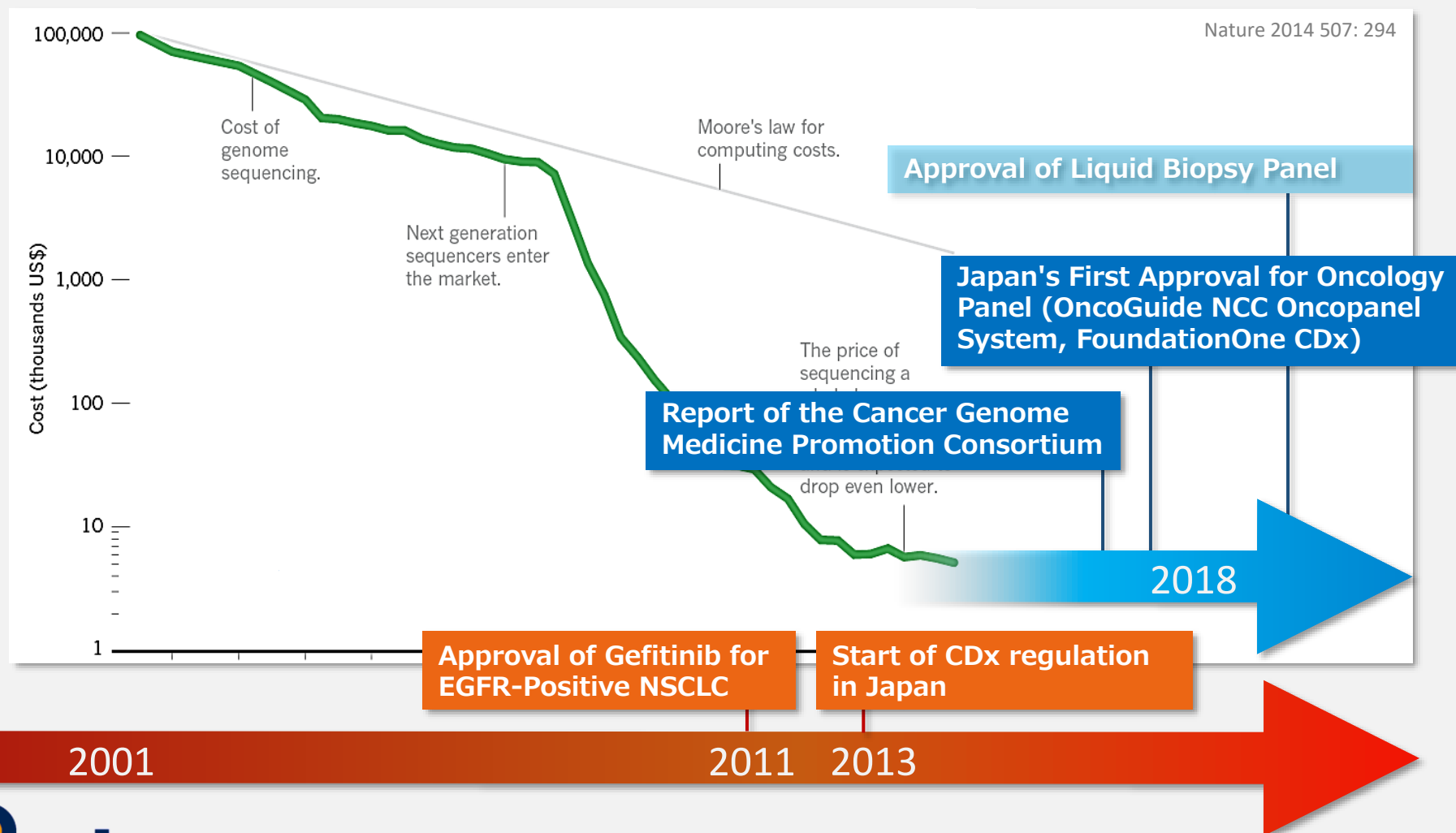
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# Main points of today's presentation

- Two NGS based oncology panel products have been approved in Japan. Many of the genes carried in oncology panel do not have sufficient clinical evidence. How were products that detect these genes approved as medical devices with clinical performance?
- In oncology panels, it is essential to refer to the DB (i.e., the accumulation of information on existing variants), when interpreting the test results. How should DB be handled in the regulations as a medical device?
- Oncology panels are expected to continue to develop technologically in the future. I hope that this presentation will be a subject for discussion with Taiwanese about more optimized regulation.

# From CDx Era to Oncology Panel Era



# CDx vs Comprehensive Genome Profiling

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# Framework of cancer genome precision medicine in Japan

**12 core hospitals for cancer genome precision medicine**

**33 main hospitals and 180 associate hospitals for cancer genome precision medicine**

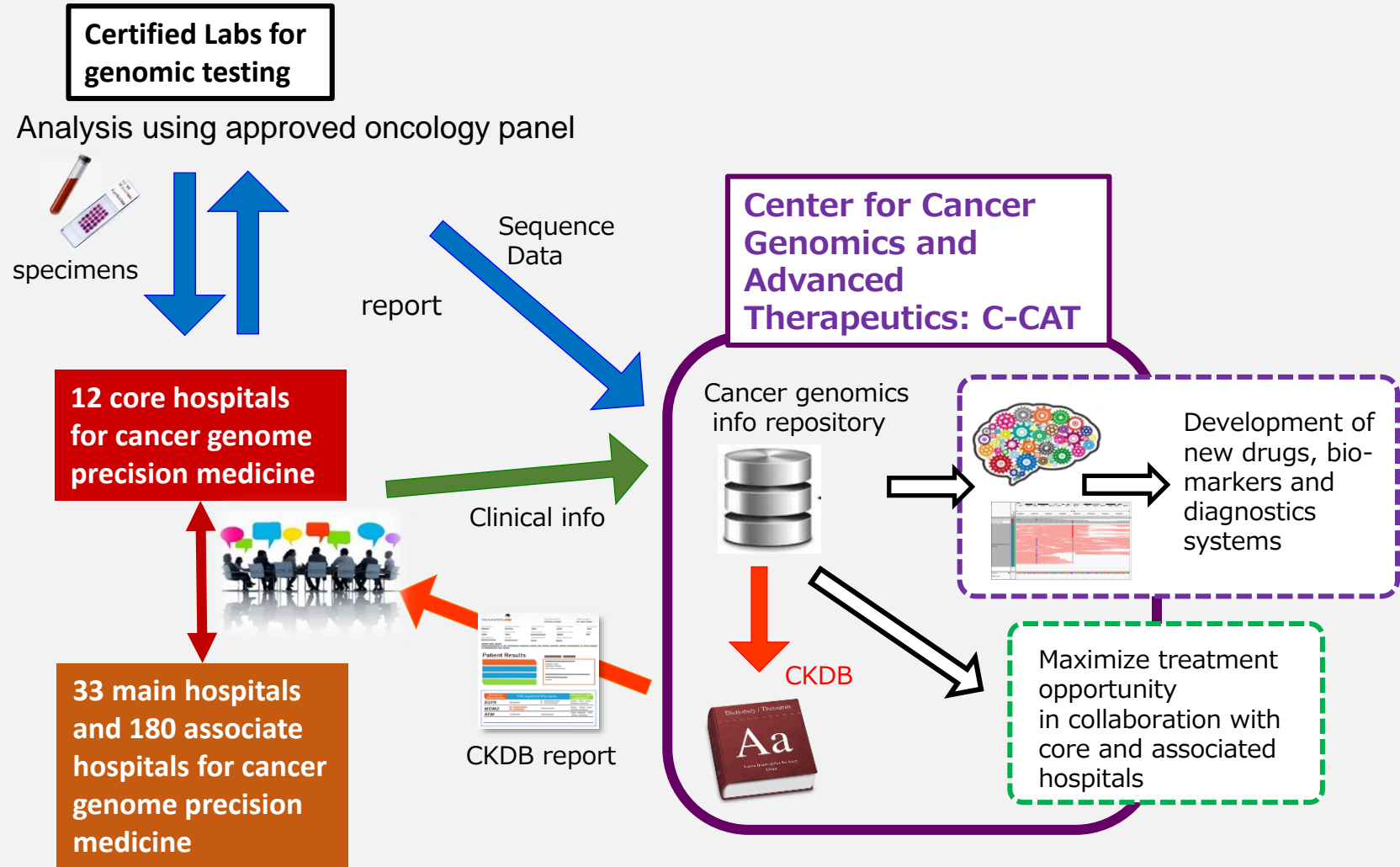


obtain the genome variants data using approved oncology panel (OncoGuide NCC Oncopanel System, FoundationOne CDx)

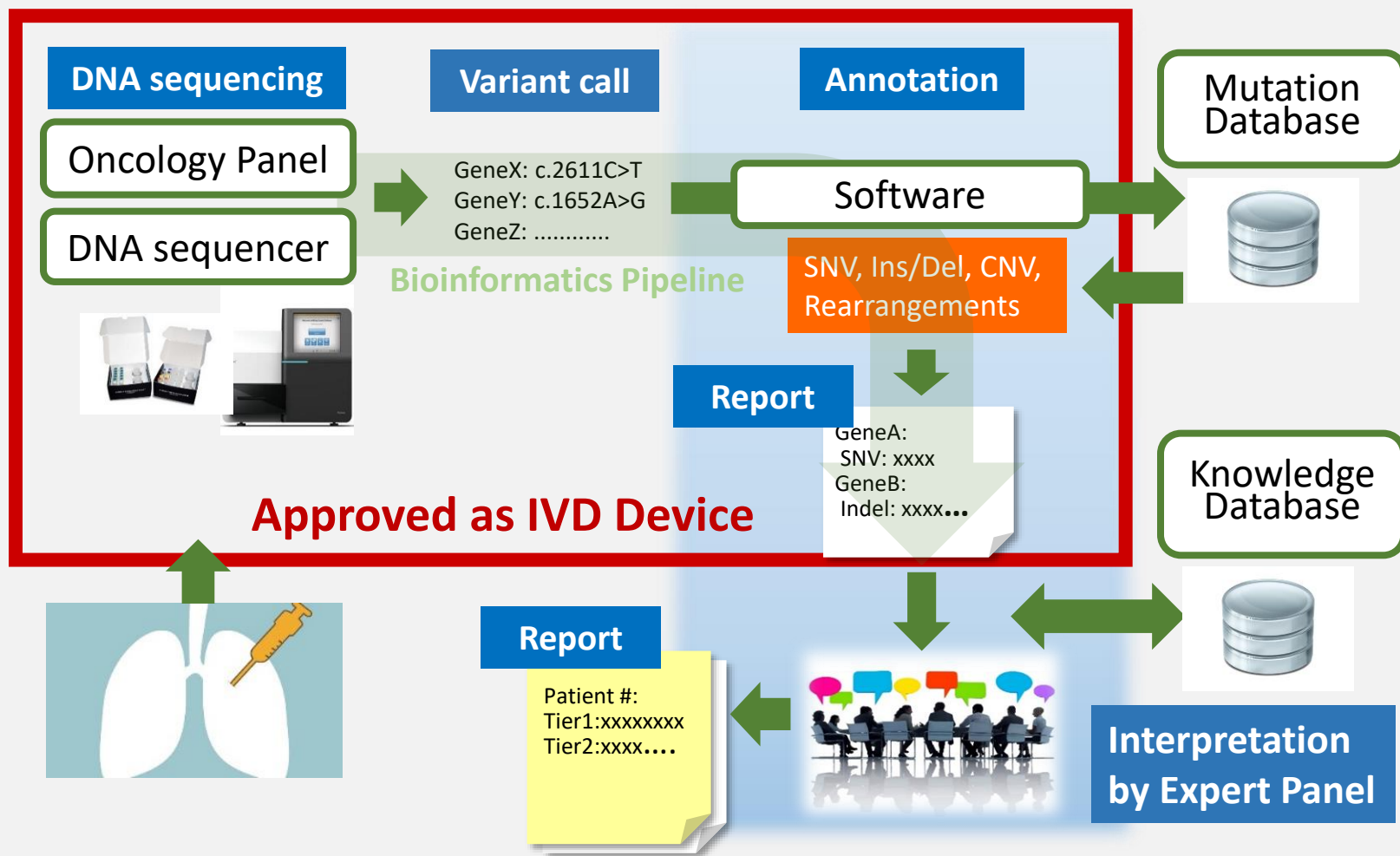
annotation of variants using databases and report the comprehensive genome profile

Finalizing the report of the evidence-based categorization of variants by expert panel

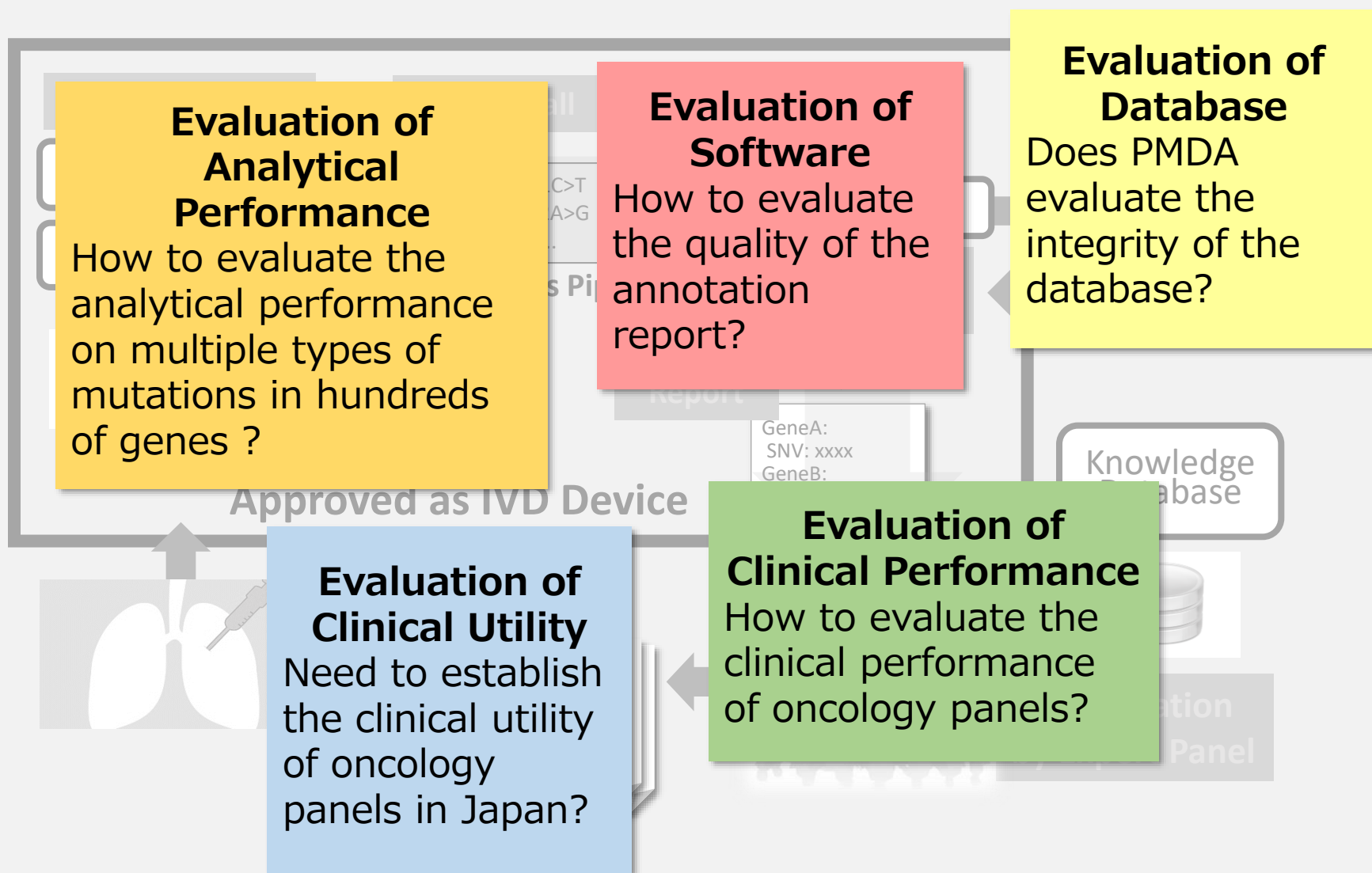
# Framework of cancer genome repository and Knowledge DB based medication in Japan



# Typical Schematic Flow of Medication using Oncology Panels



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# Review Policies

**Clinical Utility** is already established by the report of Cancer Genome Medical Consortium, and also demonstrated in the medication under advanced medical care.

**Clinical Performance**



**Analytical Performance**

**Recognized but not evaluated:** Public Database

**Evaluated in the review and Recognized :** In-house database

**Evaluated in the review and Approved:** Bioinformatics Pipeline

## **Evaluation of Software**

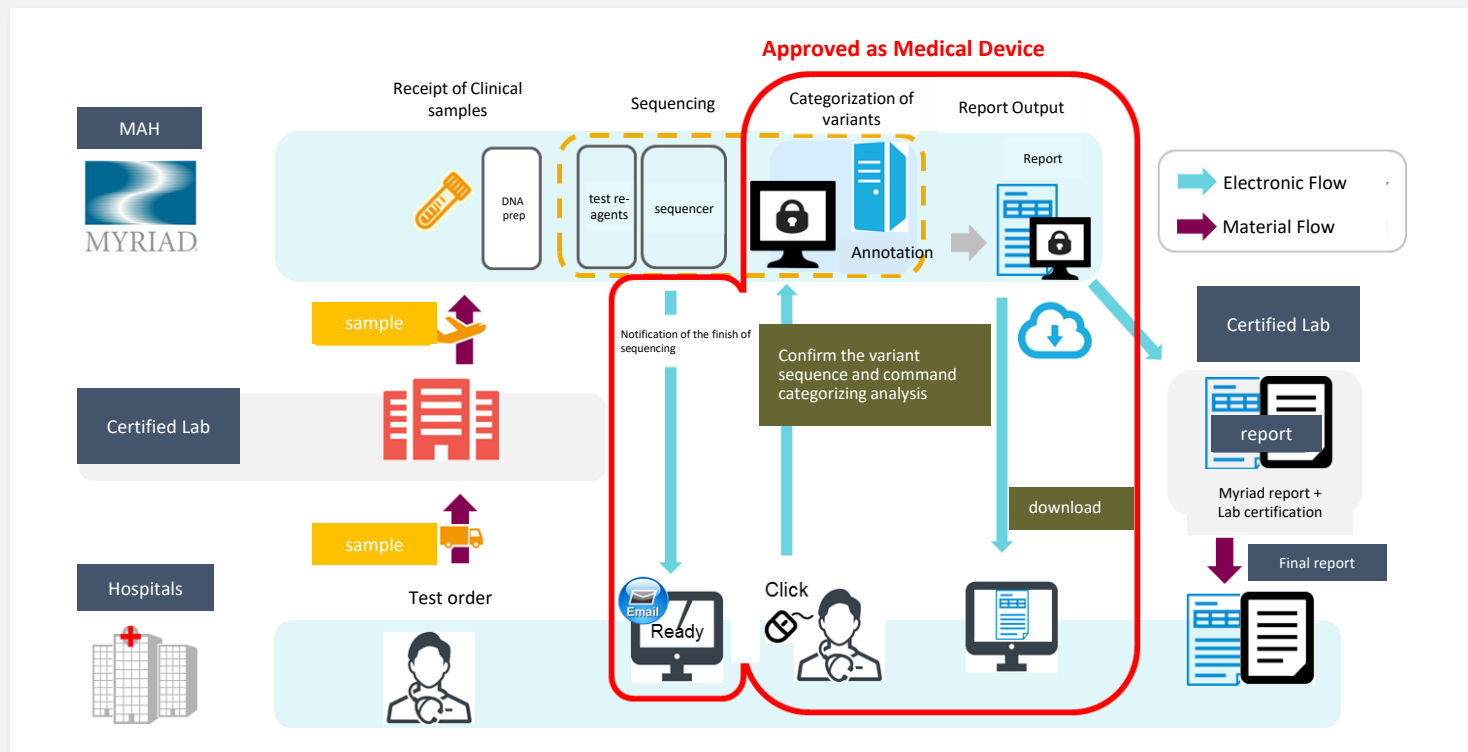
**Quality of the annotation report** is evaluated based on the design and the validation reports of NGS test and bioinformatics pipeline.

# Regulatory Evaluation of Genome Database

	System referring to In-house confidential DB	System referring to Public DB
Evaluation Points of DB in Review Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Validation of DB construction and update.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Not subject to evaluation.</li> <li>● Should be recognized in the approval dossier</li> </ul>
What is regulatory approved?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Analysis Pipeline</li> <li>● DB construction and update procedure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Analysis Pipeline</li> </ul>
Post-marketing requirement	<p>Annual Reports including following contents are required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Newly registered variants</li> <li>● Updated classification of variants</li> <li>● Compliance to the approved procedure</li> </ul>	No post-marketing requirement

# Case1: BRACAnalysis CDx™

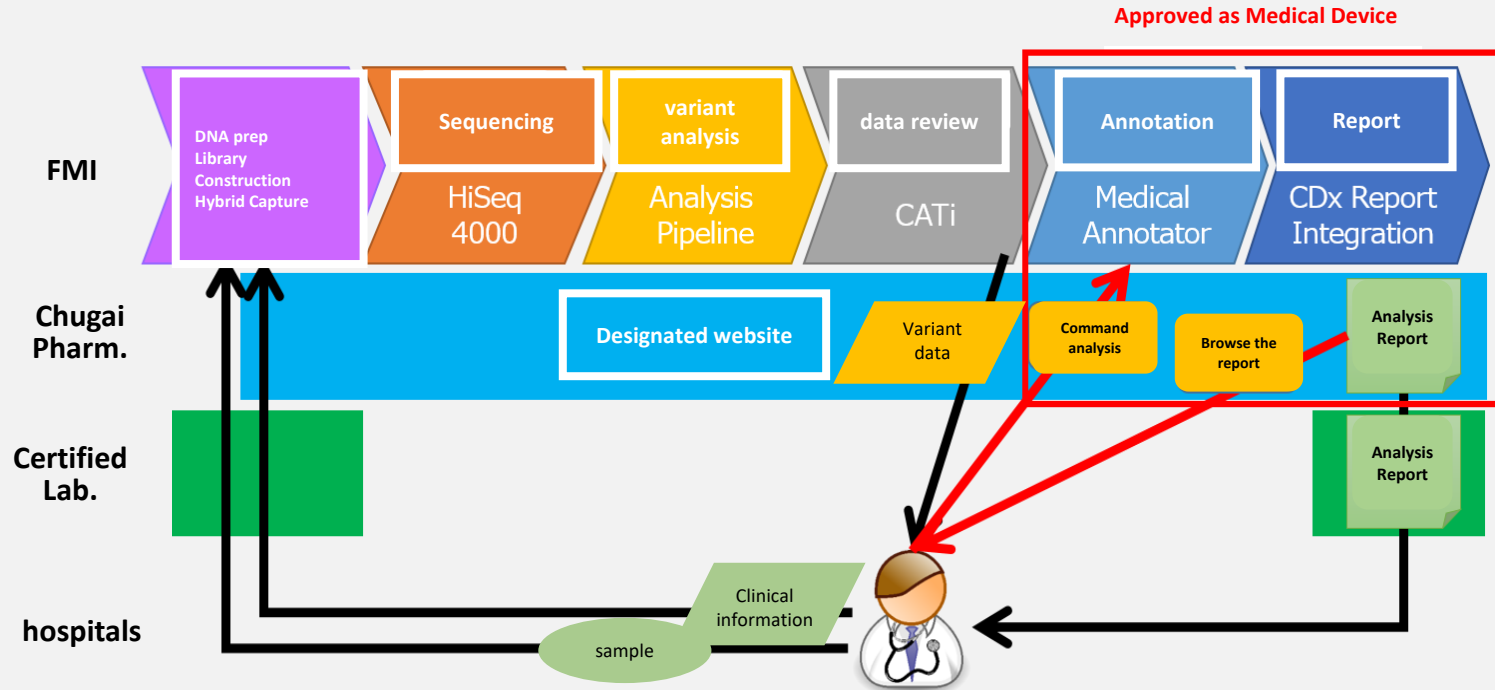
- This assay identifies breast cancer patients with deleterious or suspected deleterious germline BRCA mutation from more than 19,000 variants. Approved as CDx system for Olaparib in 2018 in the category of software as a medical device.



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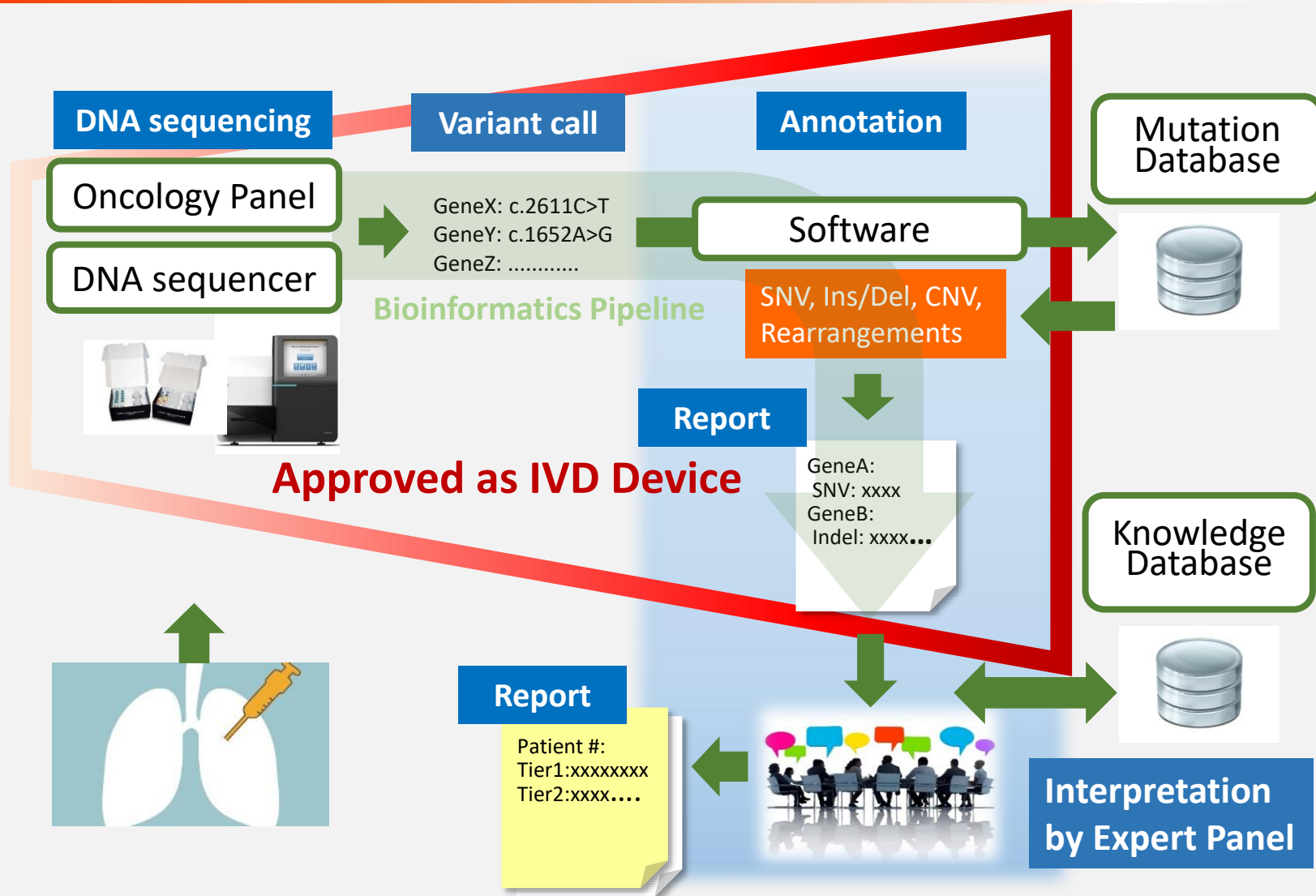
## Case2: FoundationOne CDx

- This analysis program annotates the variants of DNA sequences of tumor tissue samples sent to FMI in the United States, based on the reference to the database, and outputs as a clinical report, using the analysis results.



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# The weighting in the review process is shifting to software



# What would happen after the clinical implementation of Oncology Panels?

Marker X-positive patients were selected for the phase 3 study in the development of new drug. Marker X has already been measured using approved oncology panel to obtain the comprehensive gene profile (CGP). Is it required to apply new CDx for marker X for approval application of the new drug?

New CDx for marker X is approved to identify the patients for the new drug. Marker X has already been measured using approved oncology panel to obtain the CGP. Is it possible to identify the patients for the new drug based on the result report of the CGP without using CDx for marker X?



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# Summary

- In Japan, the panel test, for which there is insufficient clinical evidence, was approved on the premise that the framework of cancer genome precision medicine will be established and clinical development of new treatments will be promoted.
- In Japan, CDx and CGP tests are classified differently, and the latter is approved only on the basis of analytical performance.
- For oncology panel products, the importance of the bioinformatics pipeline is high, including the detection of mutations in the obtained sequencing data and database reference for interpretation of mutations, and the focus of the review is shifting to software.