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# Regulatory Updates

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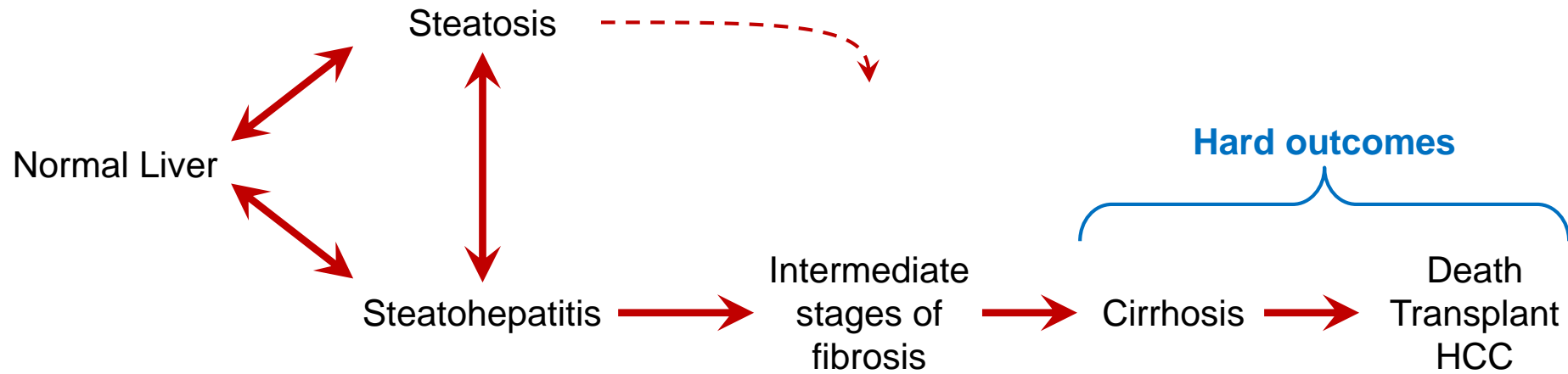
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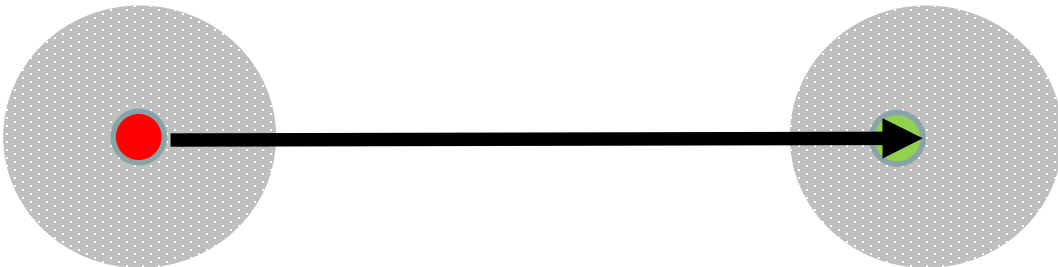
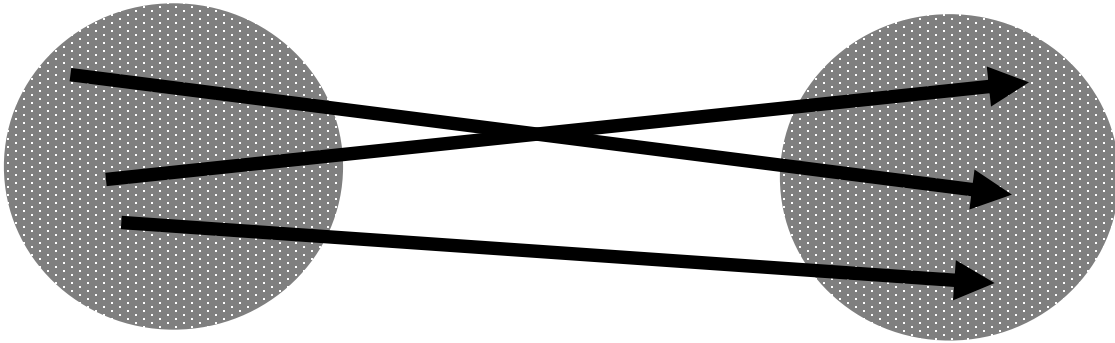
- Challenges
- Progress
- Opportunities

# CHALLENGES: NASH PROGRESSION (OR NOT?)

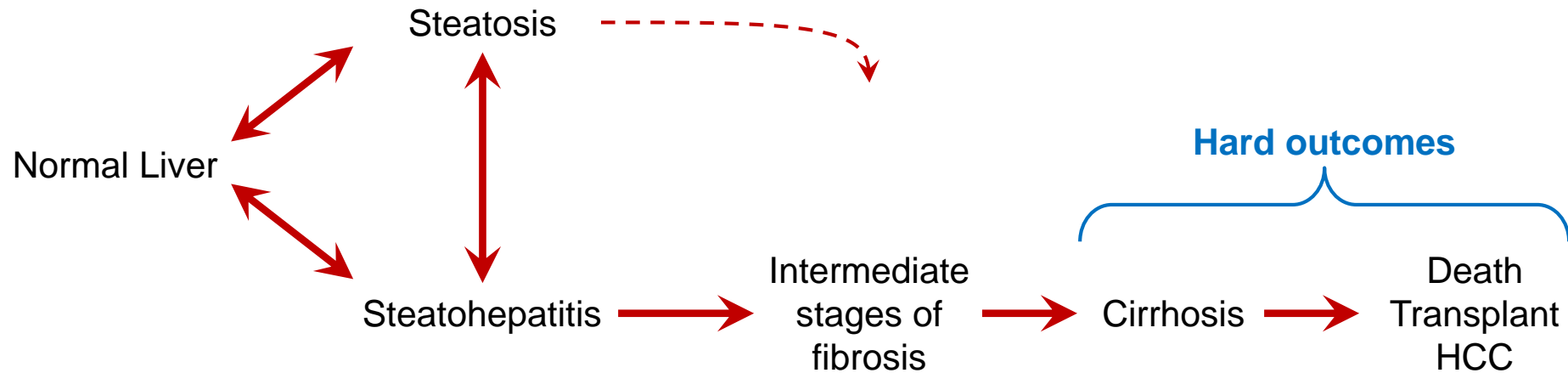
# Progression of NAFLD—Need for Biomarkers

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# Progression of NAFLD—Need for Biomarkers



← Increase Precision of Definitions  
Informed by Biomarker Development →



# Targets for Therapy

- NASH
- Fibrosis
- Need for combination therapy

# CHALLENGES: ENDPOINTS



# Endpoints

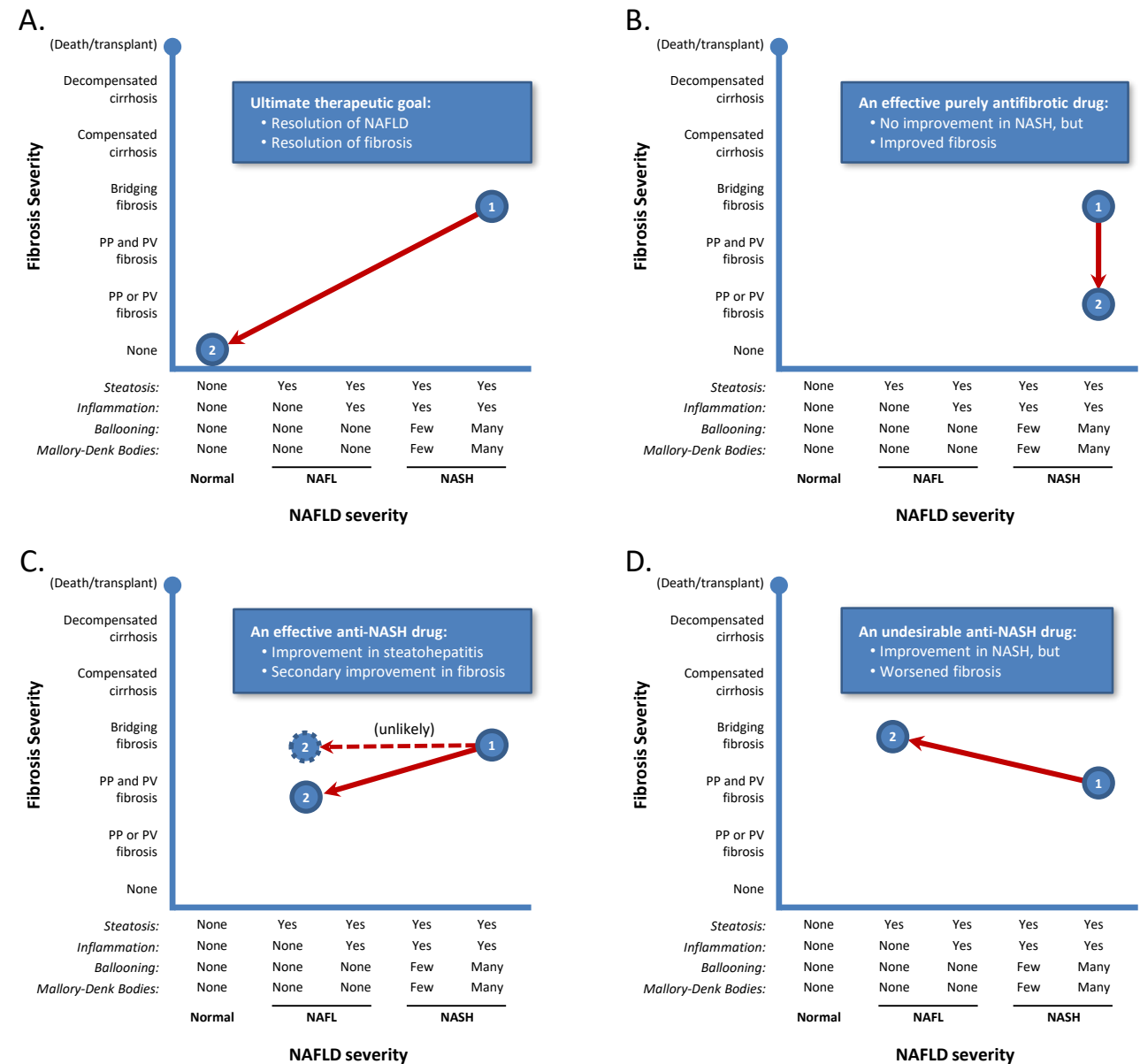
- Resolution of NASH without worsening of fibrosis
- Improvement of fibrosis without worsening of NASH
- Resolution of NASH + improvement of fibrosis

# Endpoints

- Resolution of NASH without worsening of fibrosis
  - Disappearance of hepatocyte ballooning
  - Resolution (minimal) lobular inflammation
- Improvement of fibrosis without worsening of NASH
  - $\geq 1$  stage (Brunt-Kleiner\_
- Resolution of NASH + improvement of fibrosis

## Surrogate Endpoints

Figure 1.



# Surrogate endpoints

- Accelerated Approval (US)
- Conditional Approval (EU)

**Demonstrate clinical improvement**

**Hard Endpoints: How a patient feels, functions or survives**

# Surrogate Endpoints

## Reasonably Likely to Predict

- Accelerated Approval
- Traditional Approval based on clinical endpoint

## Accepted to Predict

- Traditional Approval

NASH

Today's Surrogate:

Tomorrow's Surrogate:

Invasive (Histology)

Non-Invasive



# CHALLENGES BIOMARKERS



# Why Biomarkers? What Biomarkers?

- Context of Use
  - Diagnostic
  - Prognostic
  - Predictive
  - PK/PD
  - Endpoint



## Opportunities for Improved Integration of Biomarker Development Activities within Drug Development



**Drug Approval Process**



**Scientific Community Consensus**

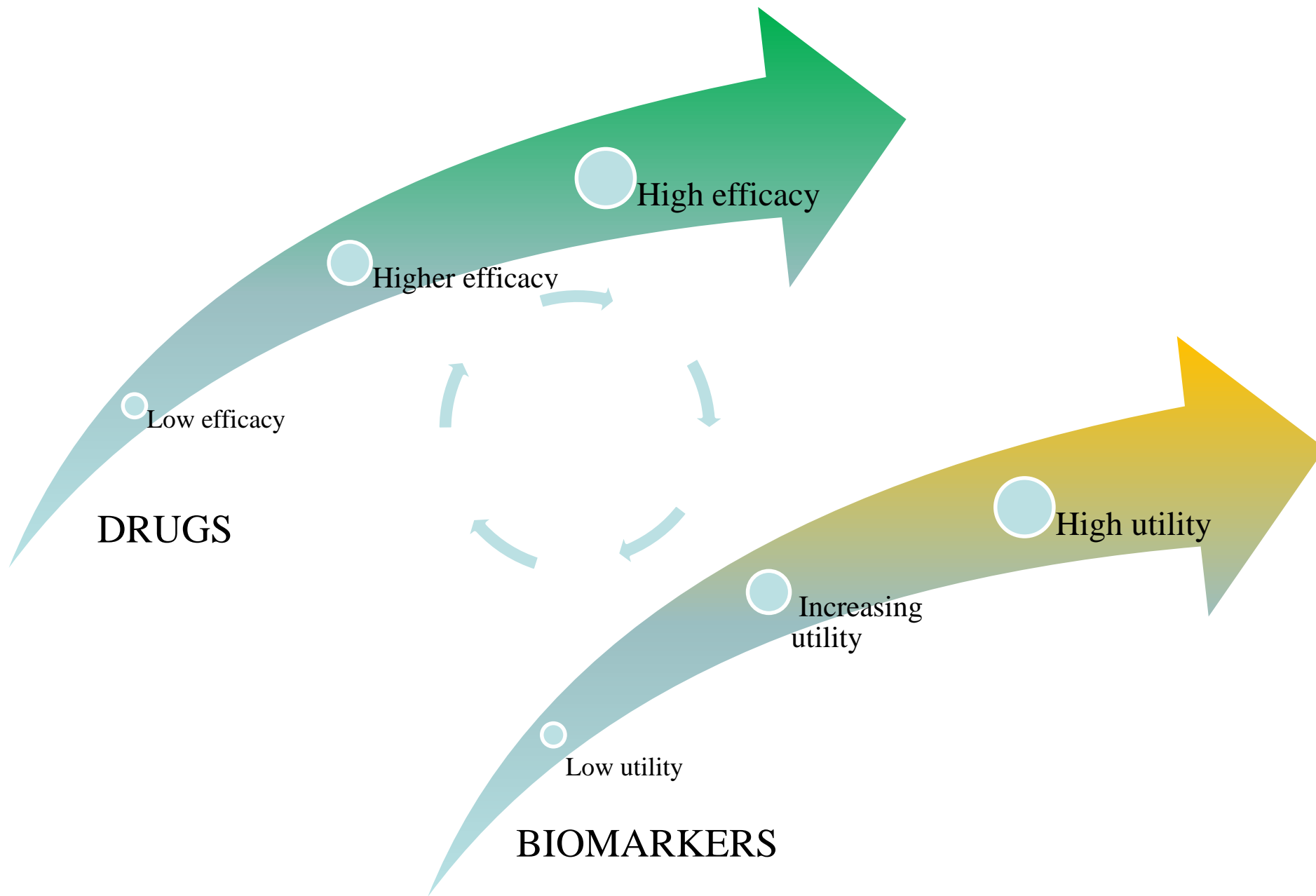


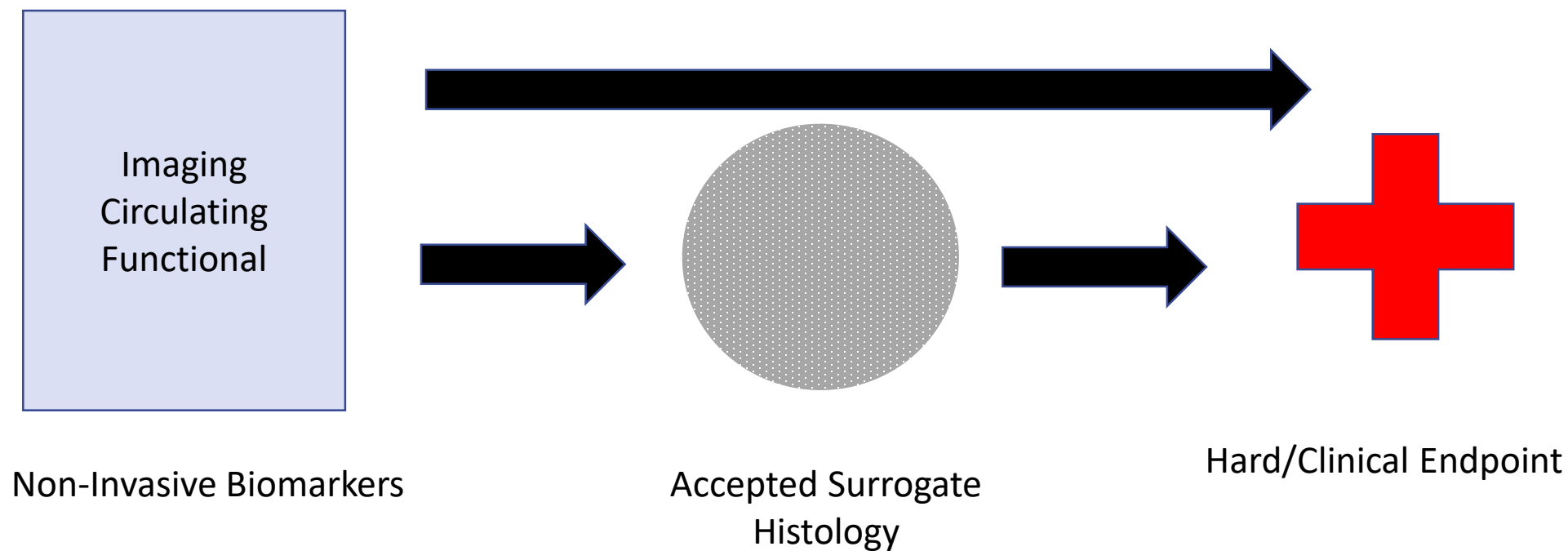
**DDT Qualification Program**

Note: These pathways do not exist in isolation and many times parallel efforts are underway within or between pathways. All share common core concepts, are data-driven, and involve regulatory assessment and outcomes based on the available data.

# Challenges in biomarker development

- What is the best comparator?
  - Histology based surrogate endpoint
  - Clinical endpoint







# CHALLENGES GLOBAL CONTEXT



# Gaps

- Natural history
- Regulatory capacity



# PROGRESS



# Increase precision of definitions

- Baseline
- NASH improvement
  - To be submitted
    - Cheung et al
- Cirrhosis
  - compensated+ decompensated
  - Working groups established

## HEPATOLOGY



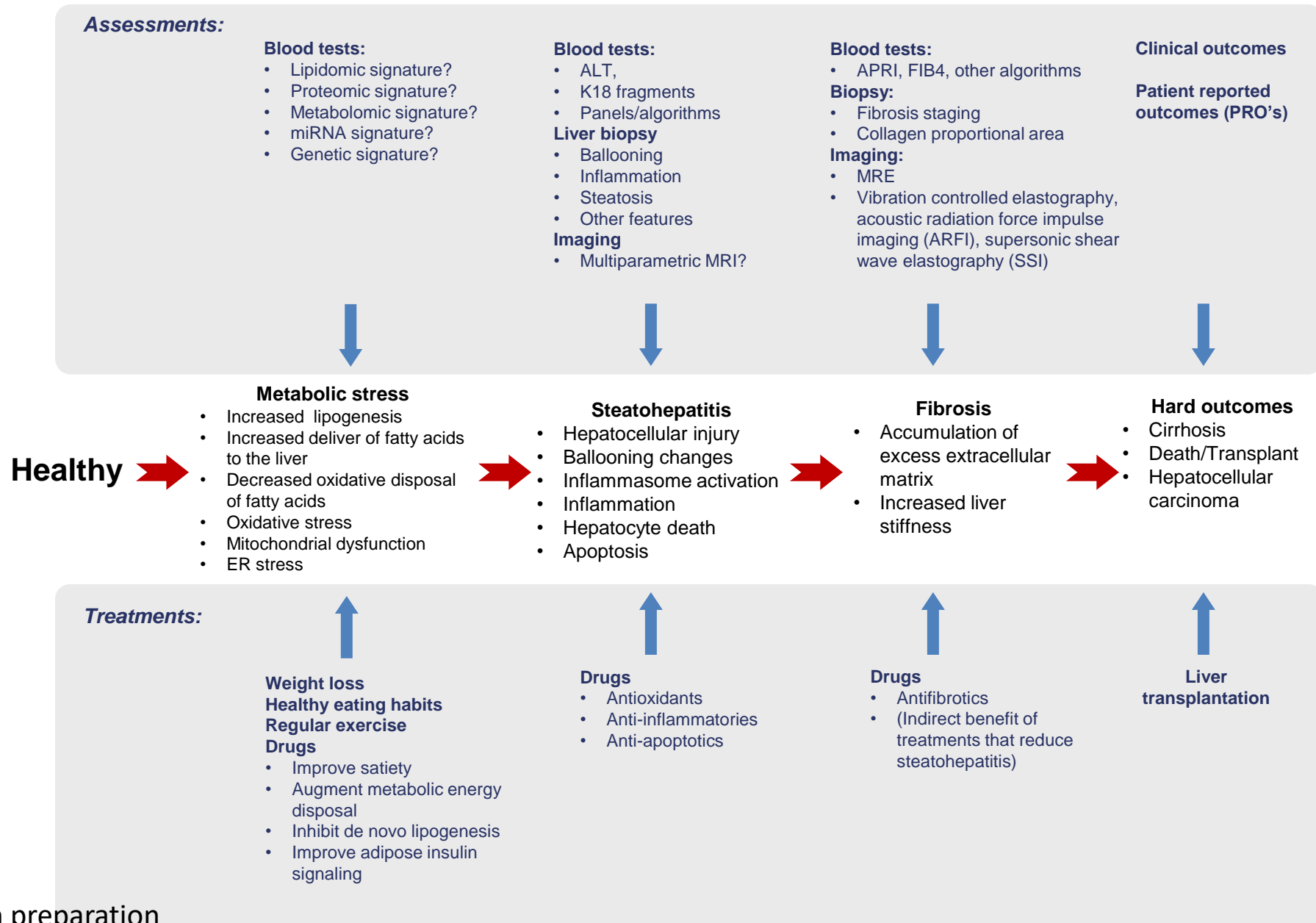
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### Case Definitions for Inclusion and Analysis of Endpoints in Clinical Trials for Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis Through the Lens of Regulatory Science

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Figure 2.





# Increase cross-trial standardization

- Standardization of data collection (CDE)
  - Baseline
  - Lifestyle
    - Working Group
      - Manal Abdelmalek & Svenne Franque
  - Co-morbidities
    - Working Group
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## Baseline Parameters in Clinical Trials for Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis: Recommendations From the Liver Forum



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# OPPORTUNITIES



# Current regulatory context

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act

# Title III: Development

## Subtitles

- A. Patient-Focused Drug Development**
- B. Advancing New Drug Therapies
- C. Modern Trial Design and Evidence Development**
- D. Patient Access to Therapies and Information
- E. Antimicrobial Innovation and Stewardship
- F. Medical Device Innovations
- G. Improving Scientific Expertise and Outreach at FDA
- H. Medical Countermeasures Innovation
- I. Vaccine Access, Certainty and Innovation
- J. Technical Corrections





## Highlights

- 21st Century Cures and PDUFA VI increasingly places FDA as an *active participant* in drug development, broadening our traditional regulatory role
- Requires expanded efforts to enhance drug development
  - *Patient-focused drug development*: collect / analyze patient experience, to use in designing drug development programs (endpoints), and in regulatory decision making (endpoints and risk/benefit considerations)
  - *Novel, innovative trial designs*: use of complex adaptive and other novel trial designs – and how such clinical trials can be used to satisfy the substantial evidence standard
  - *Real world evidence*: using data regarding use or potential benefits and risks of a drug derived from sources other than randomized clinical trials – in support of new indications and post-approval study requirements
  - ***Drug development tools: biomarkers and COAs***



# Collaboration

- Biomarker development
  - LITMUS & NIMBLE
    - Address challenges for combination treatment
- Data use
  - Patient level placebo data collaboration
  - Explore innovative analytics
  - Potential to reduce placebo arm burden in future trials



# Global reach

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  - Canada
- Other regions:
  - China
  - Latin America



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