

# Know your patient's individual risk of progression to esophageal cancer

**TissueCypher**  
▶ Barrett's Esophagus

The FIRST and ONLY precision medicine test that:

- › Predicts future development of esophageal cancer in patients with Barrett's esophagus (BE).
- › Is an INDEPENDENT risk predictor from tissue histology and other clinical risk factors.

TissueCypher can transform patient management by enabling upstaging or downstaging based on individual patient risk.

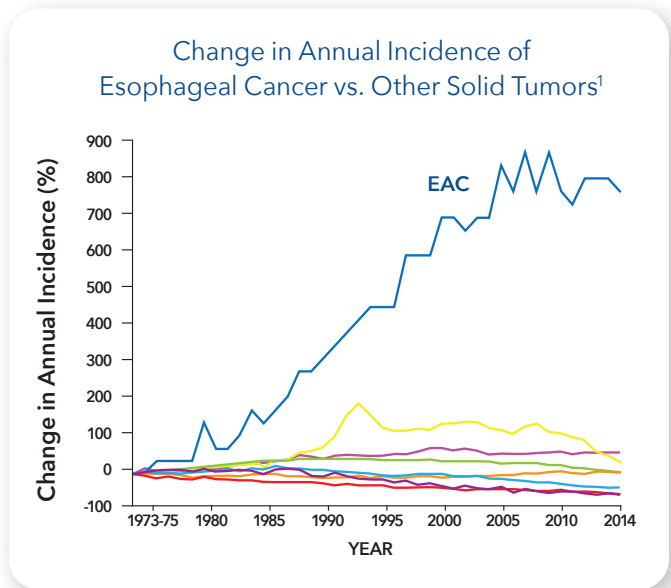


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# Identifying High-Risk BE Patients to Prevent Esophageal Cancer Is Clinically Important

- › Esophageal adenocarcinoma (EAC) is increasing at a rate faster than any other cancer
- › BE is the only known precursor to EAC
- › BE can be treated to prevent EAC
- › The challenge is finding high-risk BE patients.



## Histopathologic Grade Alone Is Insufficient

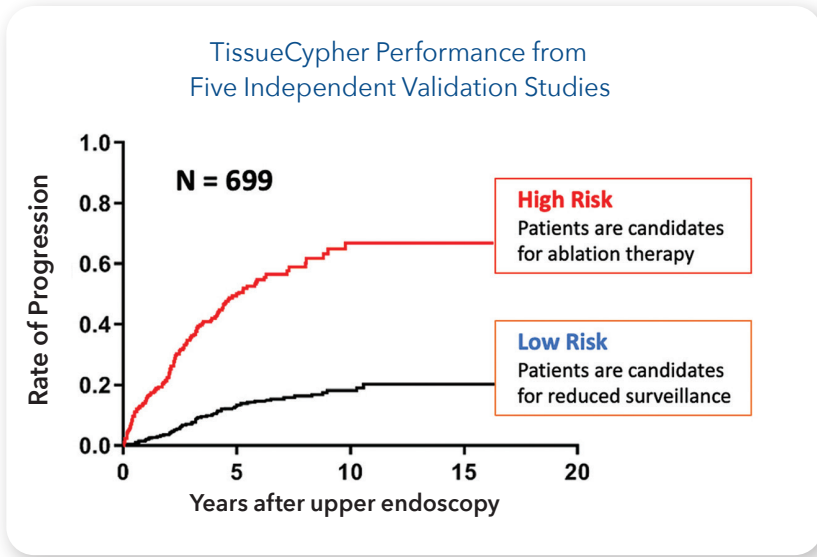
Prognostic accuracy needs to be improved to avoid uncertainty and better inform patient management decisions

Histologic Diagnosis ~400,000 upper GI endoscopies/year	Progressors in Each Category	Clinical Implication
<b>High-grade Dysplasia (HGD)</b> 16,000 patients/year; >10%/year progression <sup>2</sup>	> ~37% of progressors	> All treated with EET; EAC prevented
<b>Low-grade Dysplasia (LGD)</b> 13,000 patients/year; 1.7%/year <sup>3</sup>	> 5.1% of progressors	> Potentially overtreating 91% of LGD over five years
<b>Indefinite for Dysplasia (IND)</b> 23,000 patients/year; 1.5%/year <sup>4</sup>	> 7.9% of progressors	> 1. Majority of progressors are undetected (missed) by the standard of care
<b>Non-dysplastic (ND or NDBE)</b> 348,000 patients/year; 0.26-0.63%/year <sup>5</sup>	> Up to ~50% of progressors	> 2. Opportunity to reduce anxiety in a large number of very low-risk patients

- Most (~58%) progressor patients come from the **"low-risk"** grades
- **High-risk NDBE** patients have high chance of survival if caught early (pre-dysplastic) and treated with ablation therapy, yet are **missed by traditional histopathologic risk assessment**
- **Low-risk** patients undergo "recurrent indefinite" surveillance procedures that are uncomfortable and possibly unnecessary

# TissueCypher Extracts Clinically Actionable Risk Information from Esophageal Biopsies

TissueCypher identifies patients who progress at a rate 3-5x the standard of care — AND — patients at a very low-risk of progression<sup>6-11</sup>



TissueCypher provides:

- Independent prognostic information not available via other clinical means
- High negative predictive value (NPV) identifies patients at very low risk of progression to HGD/EAC
- Identification of progressor patients missed by the current standard of care
- Prognostic risk assessment using standard esophageal pinch biopsies with no extra work for the endoscopist

## Two ND patients nearly identical by pathology and clinical factors:

### CLINICAL CHALLENGE:

Similar clinical risk factors and pathology based on traditional biopsy report

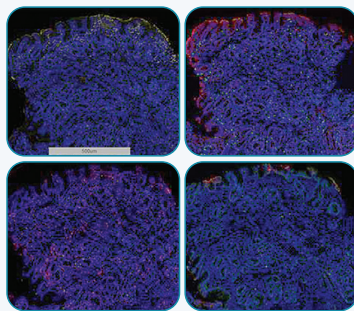
Using the esophageal pinch biopsy tissue, **TissueCypher** extracts high dimensional spatial biology data transformed by AI-driven algorithm

### RESULT:

Clinically actionable risk information to enable risk-aligned patient management decisions



**NDBE 4cm**  
Hiatal Hernia | No Lesions



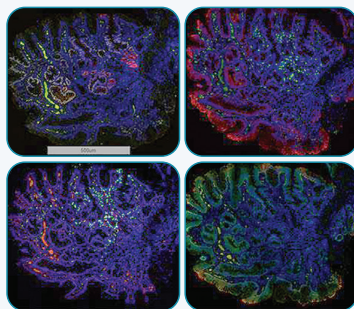
**TissueCypher Score/Risk Class**  
3.6/Low Risk

**Five-year Progression Risk**  
2.2%

**Outcome**  
Progression-free for 6.7 years



**NDBE 3cm**  
Hiatal Hernia | No Lesions



**TissueCypher Score/Risk Class**  
9.6/High Risk

**Five-year Progression Risk**  
58%

**Outcome**  
Progressed to HGD in 2.7 years following baseline

# Easy-to-Interpret Results Aid in Your Care Pathway Decisions

RISK SCORE:

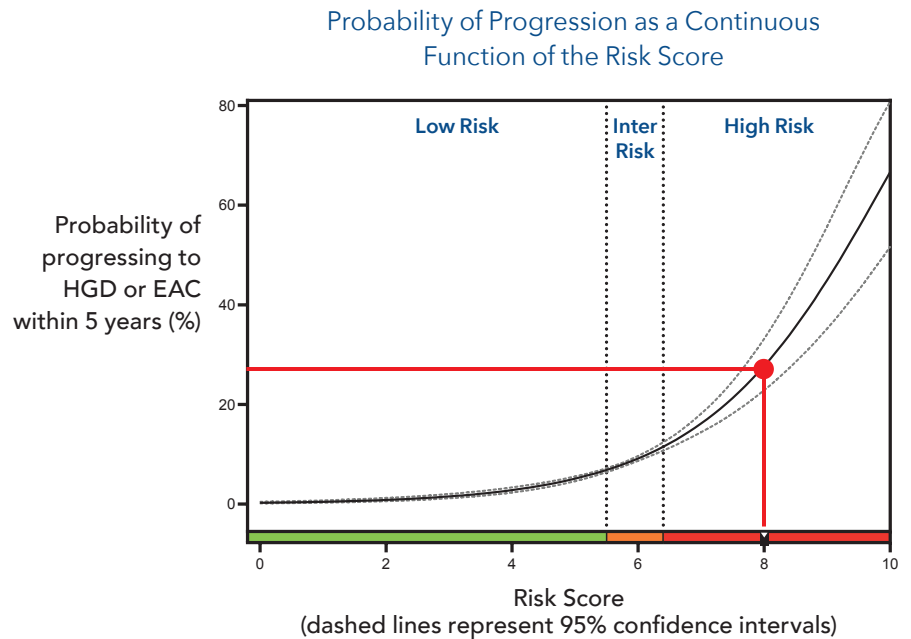
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RISK CLASS:

**HIGH**

5-YEAR PROBABILITY  
OF PROGRESSION:

**28%** (95% C.I. 23, 33)



TissueCypher is validated for use in patients with confirmed BE graded NDBE, IND, or LGD; and provides five-year individual risk of progression to HGD or EAC.





TissueCypher has extensive evidence supporting performance:

- 5 clinical validation studies<sup>6-10</sup>
- Mayo Clinic pooled analysis of international, multicenter studies<sup>12</sup>
- Clinical use study demonstrating 55% change in management<sup>13</sup>



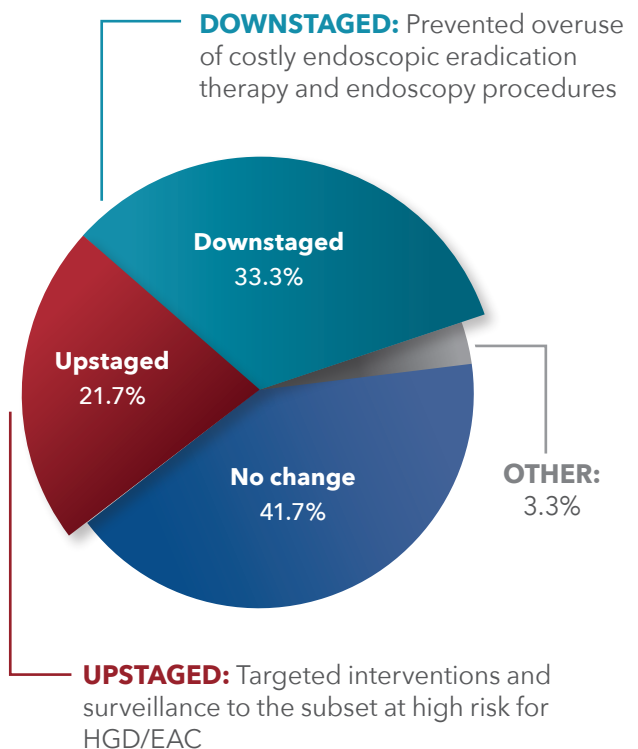
TissueCypher provides clinically actionable information independent of other clinical risk factors, enabling optimization of treatment and surveillance approaches.

# Integrate TissueCypher into Your Practice

	NDBE	IND	LGD
<b>Possible Approach</b> HIGH/INT Risk Class  TissueCypher <small>Barrett's Esophagus</small>	Rule out prevalent HGD/EAC and consider EET or surveillance in 1 year	Rule out prevalent HGD/EAC and consider EET and PPIs as needed	
<b>Current Clinical Guidelines<sup>14</sup></b>	3 years if segment length $\geq 3$ cm; 5 years if segment length $< 3$ cm	3-6-month surveillance following PPI; then every 12 months	EET or 6-12-month surveillance
<b>Possible Approach</b> TissueCypher <small>Barrett's Esophagus</small>  LOW Risk Class	Consider surveillance in 3 to 5 years	Consider surveillance in 12 months and PPIs as needed	

## Clinical Utility

TissueCypher can change management decisions up to 55% of the time<sup>10</sup>





# Benefits of Adding TissueCypher

## › Informs Key Clinical Management Decisions

- Identifies high-risk BE patients who will progress at a 3-5x higher rate than standard of care
- Identifies low-risk BE patients who are unlikely to progress
- Allows upstaging/downstaging based on individual patient risk

## › Extensively Supported by Published Data

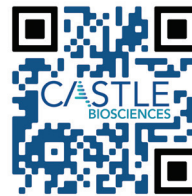
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## › Easily Integrates into Your Practice

- Order using requisition forms available at TissueCypher.com or order online via Castle's secure portal
- Uses standard biopsies or EMR already obtained from surveillance endoscopies
- Castle coordinates specimen collection and provides pre-paid shipping
- Castle offers patient-focused financial assistance and insurance billing services
  - Castle will submit and track insurance claims on your patients' behalf throughout the billing process, including appeals if necessary
  - Castle offers an industry-leading financial assistance program for both insured and uninsured patients

## Order a TissueCypher test

- Test order forms, online ordering, and patient reports for all Castle tests are available at [Portal.CastleBiosciences.com](https://portal.castlebiosciences.com)
- Results available approximately 14-18 days from sample receipt



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