HOW BIOMARKERS CONTRIBUTE TO SUSTAINABLE HEALTHCARE

THE CHALLENGE

An increase in cancer incidence by 31% between 1995 and 2012, spurred by a growing and ageing population. This trend is likely to continue in the future, leading to budget pressure on healthcare systems.³

THE GOOD NEWS

In the same period, fewer people died of cancer thanks to advances in screening, diagnosis, and treatment.³



Tumour Incidence 2.609 to 3.414 million³

Cancer Mortality 1.192 to 1.319 million³

What are biomarkers?4

They are indicators that provide information about normal biological processes, disease processes, or responses to a therapeutic intervention.

Examples of biomarkers include everything from pulse and blood pressure through basic chemistries to more complex laboratory tests of blood and other tissues:⁵



BIOMARKERS HELP...

- Improve health outcomes: The right patient gets the right treatment at the right time¹
- Make research and development of new medicines more efficient: Biomarkers help to increase the success rates in clinical trials⁶
- Create more sustainable health systems: Patients avoid receiving medicines that do not provide additional benefit¹

THE RIGHT PATIENT RECEIVES THE RIGHT MEDICINE



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