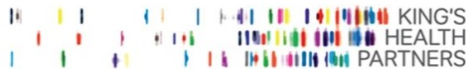




# Transforming **O**utcomes and **H**ealth **E**conomics **T**hrough **I**maging (TOHETI Programme):

## An overview

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# TOHETI in numbers



MR-guided High Intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) system

**1** PET-MR scanner



one of very few in the UK

**> 50** Radiographers



including 5 trained in recruiting and consenting patients to research



**>10** Clinical Leads



**>30** Consultant Radiologists including 2 acting as Chief Investigators for research studies



**>50** Emergency Nurse Practitioners

trained in recruiting and consenting patients to research



3T MRI scanners installed in 2016



**3** hospitals involved

including Guy's, St Thomas' and King's College Hospital



**3** CT scanners installed in 2016

**2** CCGs

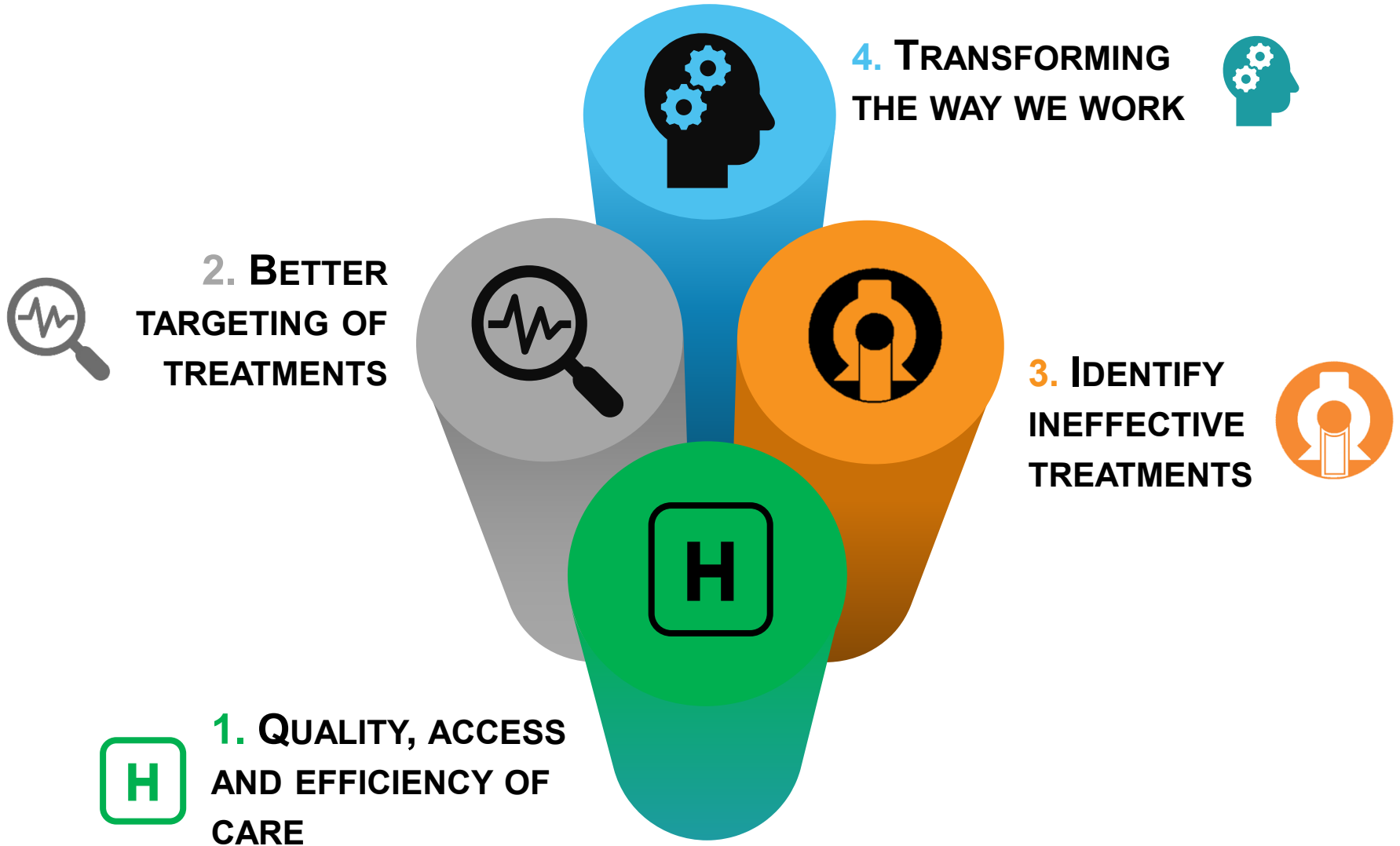


**90** GP surgeries across Southwark and Lambeth








**1** University

# 4 key TOHETI workstreams

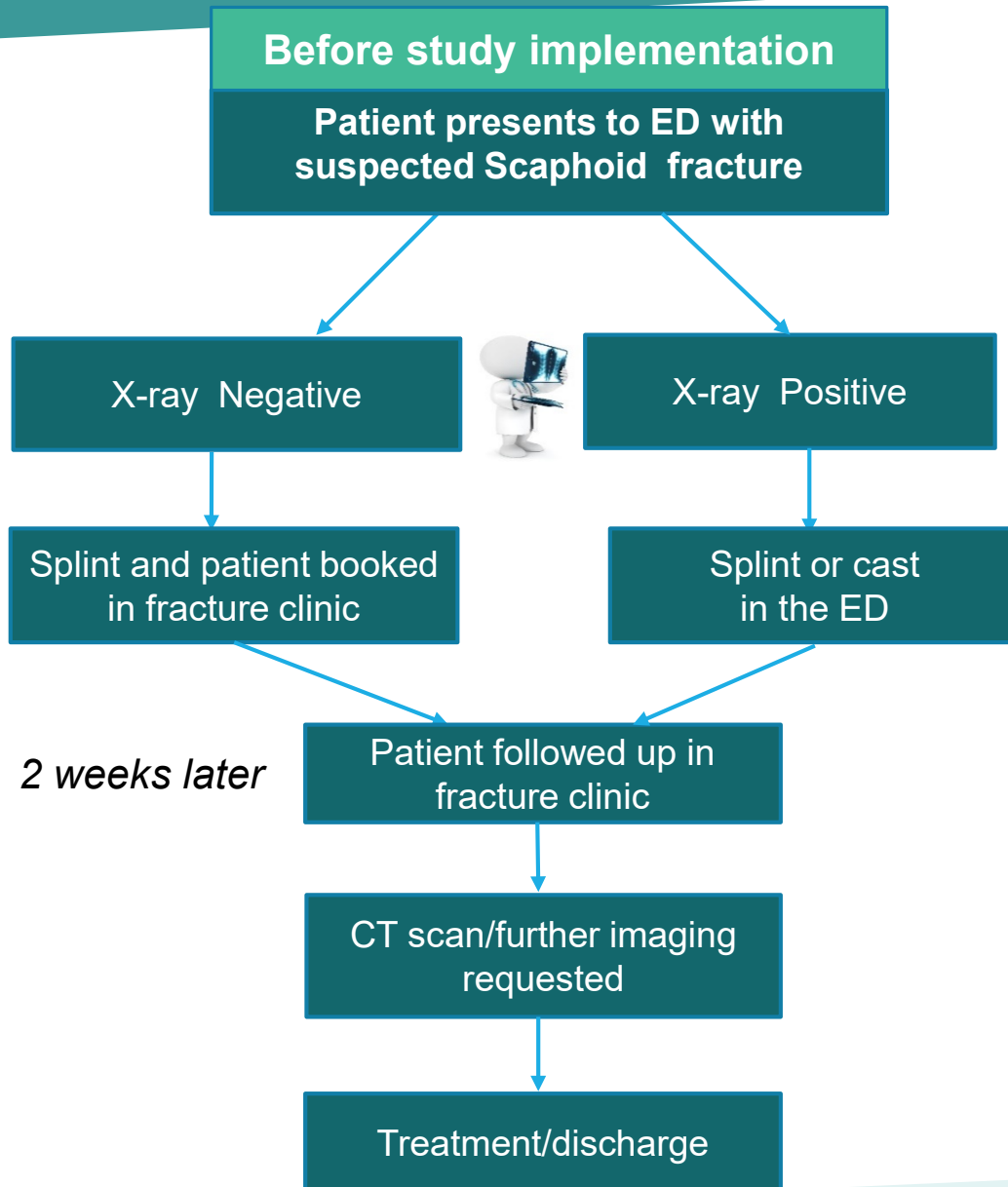


# 1. Quality, access and efficiency

Research Study	Study Question/Design	Proposed benefits
<b>Chronic Headache</b> 	Evaluating <b>direct access from GPs to MRI imaging services</b> for patients with chronic headach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduction in waiting times</li> <li>Reduction in Neurology appointments</li> <li>Supports patient management within the primary care setting due to MRI reassurance effect</li> </ul>
<b>Colon Cancer</b> 	<b>Replacing colonoscopy with CT colonography</b> for patients symptomatic for colon cancer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase early detection and improve prognosis.</li> <li>Lower risks and discomfort to patient.</li> <li>Address capacity issues, and release optical colonoscopy capacity to focus on high-risk patients.</li> </ul>
<b>Lung Cancer</b> 	<b>To identify high-risk patients in the smoking population</b> aged between 55-80 years (current and former smokers) <b>and offer low-dose CT scans.</b> Patient identification and engagement methods will include GP records & Community Pharmacies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase engagement and enable early detection</li> <li>Explore possibility of direct access for GPs to low dose CT.</li> <li>Increase understanding of non-compliance, and potential barriers to uptake of low-dose CT screening</li> </ul>
<b>Acute Chest Pain</b> 	<b>To assess the use of CT Coronary Angiography (CTCA) in patients with Acute Chest Pain (ACP) and no myocardial ischaemia</b> referred from the A&E department to the Rapid Access Chest Pain Clinic (RACPC).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the efficiency associated with the management of patients discharged from A&amp;E following a non-ischaemic ACP episode</li> <li>Improve clinical care by enhancing the completeness of diagnosis, ruling in or ruling out Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) as the underlying cause of ACP</li> </ul>
<b>Scaphoid Fractures</b> 	Assessing <b>MRI, alongside plain x-rays, on presentation</b> for patients with suspected scaphoid fracture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improves the diagnostic pathway for suspected scaphoid fractures, to enable appropriate and timely treatment</li> <li>Cost of additional MRI scan predicted to be offset by savings made in decreasing the amount of unnecessary diagnostic and treatment procedures</li> </ul>
<b>HIFU Research</b>	<b>MRI guided high intensity focused Ultrasound</b> for palliative treatment of painful bone Metastases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Innovative treatment for end of life cancer patients</li> <li>Pilot study investigated the safety and efficacy of MRgHIFU, compared to standard palliative pain treatments.</li> </ul>

Medical imaging as the driver for change across several clinical pathways.

# Suspected scaphoid fracture: before



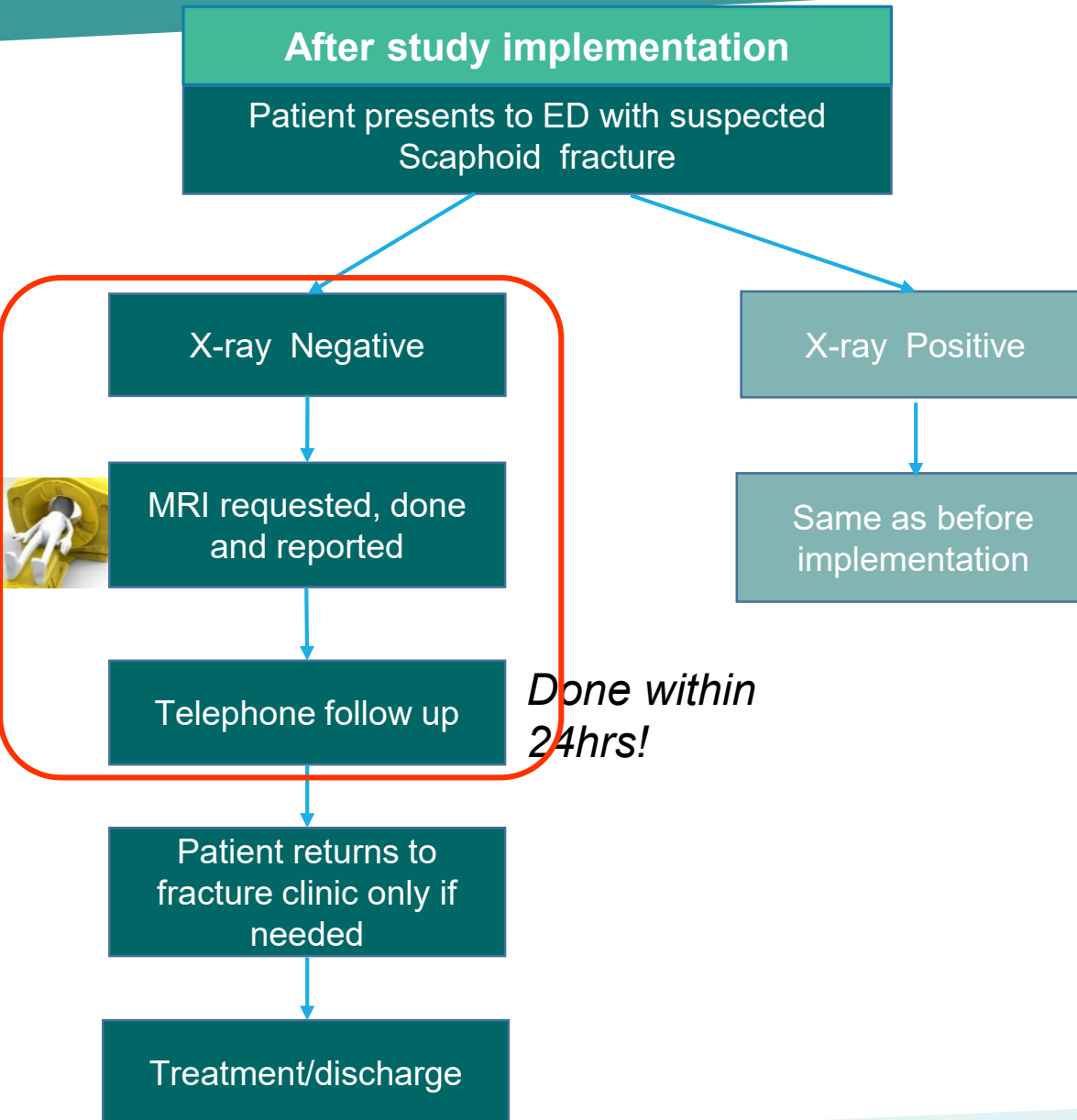
**Aim:** To redesign the current pathway by introducing immediate MRI as add-on test for patients with negative findings in the initial radiographs.

**Methods:** Randomised 136 participants – 68 each for control and treatment group

**Results :** The intervention led to **cost-savings** at 6 months post-recruitment ( mean cost difference of £266 per participant)



# Suspected scaphoid fracture: after



**Successful roll out of immediate acute MRI wrist as an add-on test in the acute management of suspected scaphoid fractures**



## 2. Better targeting of treatments

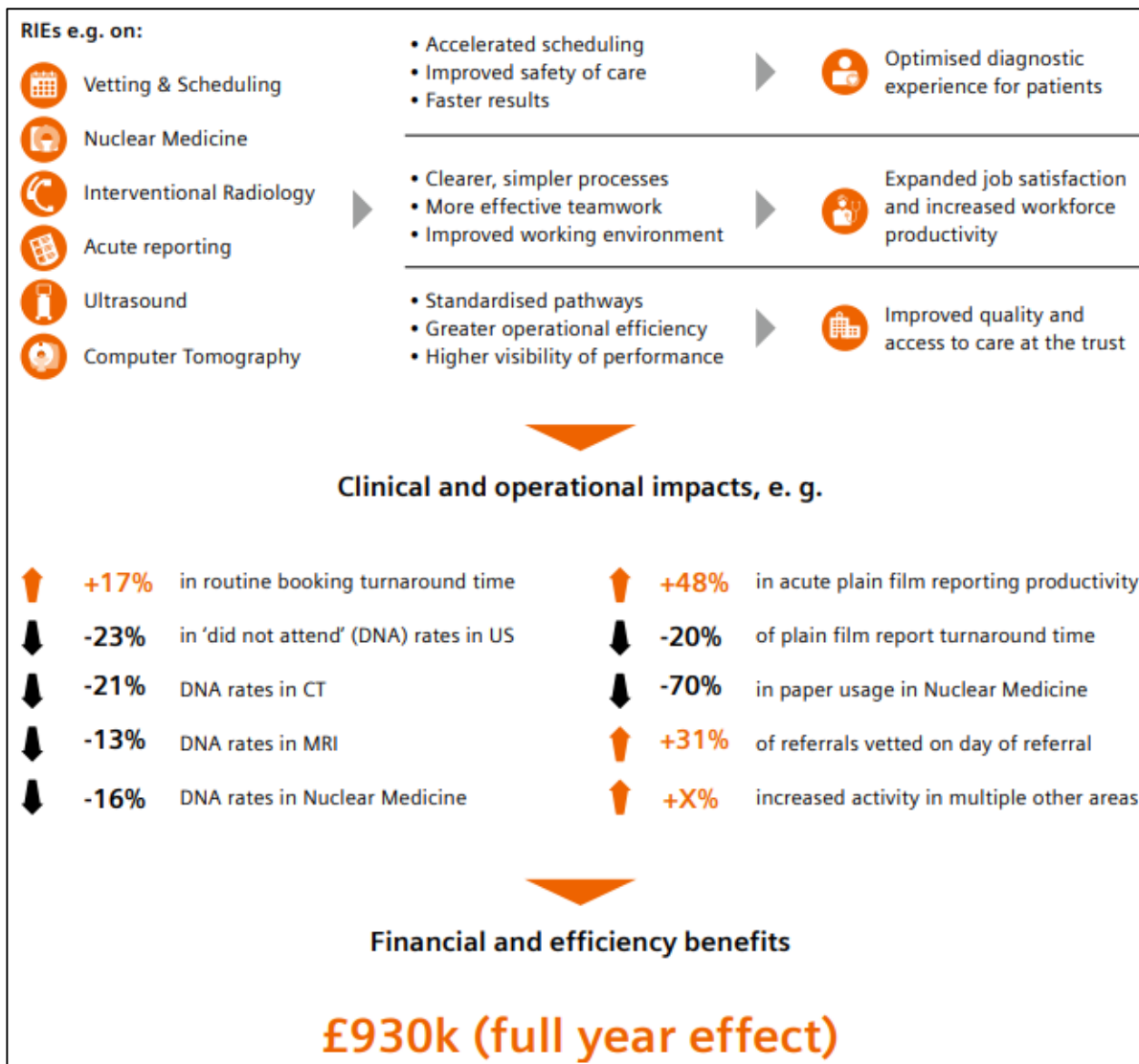
- High-intensity focused ultrasound (**HIFU**) uses focused ultrasound waves to destroy pathological tissue by heating it rapidly to 60 degrees.
- Progress with the MRgHIFU system was slow, driven by research requirements (novel interventions using a new equipment) but mostly facility requirement to house the equipment.
- Improving the patient selection criteria and access to patients might improve outcomes, but recruitment remains a particular challenge



## 3. Identify ineffective treatments

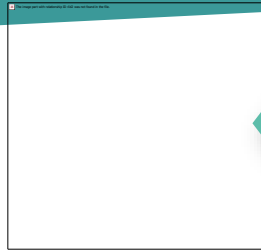
- The **PET-MRI** purchased as part of the TOHETI programme was the second to be installed in the UK
- Multiple research studies recruited over 230 patients from 11 tumour groups.
- New scanning protocols have been developed, tested, improved and validated for all cancer subtypes
- PET-MRI has been established as non-inferior compared to PET-CT in oesophageal cancer and superior to PET-CT in mesothelioma and prostate cancer.

# 4. Transforming the ways we work





# 5 drivers for success

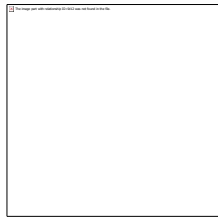


Complete system redesign

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Moving to a clinically led autonomous management model



Research + Health Economics

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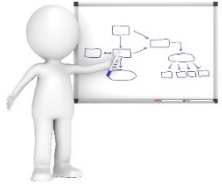
Analytical framework for delivery



Building a culture of continuous improvement

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# Some of these successes so far...



**8** eight clinical pathways (over **5,000** patients /year)



**500+** members of staff engaged



**£2m+** annual cost-savings to the NHS



**5** national / international awards



**22** scientific papers



**25** conferences attended.