

# **GLOBAL COMMISSION**



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**to End the Diagnostic Odyssey  
for Children with a Rare Disease**

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# Charting the Path to Shorten the Journey to Diagnosis

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The Global Commission is a distinct, ground-breaking initiative that is:

- Developing **actionable recommendations** to address barriers to diagnosis of rare diseases
- **Mobilizing diverse entities** to work collaboratively toward a shared ambition
- Focusing on **diagnosing children** with rare diseases
- Working towards achieving **UN Sustainable Development Goal 3**: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

## Launch of the Global Commission Report-Out

The final digital [report-out](#) launched publicly via the updated Global Commission [website](#) February 20, 2019 ahead of Rare Disease Day – exactly one year after it was announced.

## Current Global Commission Co-Chairs



**Dr. Wolfram Nothhaft**  
*Chief Medical Officer*  
Takeda



**Dr. Simon Kos**  
*Chief Medical Officer &  
Senior Director*  
Microsoft Worldwide Health



**Yann Le Cam**  
*Chief Executive Officer*  
EURORDIS-Rare  
Diseases Europe

## The Global Commission Members are:

A diverse group of patient advocates, physicians, and other experts in the field who provide unique expertise to **solve challenges** affecting the rare disease community.

# Cross Section of Leaders to Find Solutions



Simon Kos



Yann Le Cam



Wolfram Nothhaft



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Pamela Gavin



Roberto Giuliani



Kevin Huang



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Anne O'Donnell-Luria



Mike Porath



Arndt Rolfs



Richard Scott



Marshall Summer



Durhane Wong-Rieger



# Why Focus on the Diagnostic Journey?

**6,000+**

rare diseases worldwide

There are more than 6,000 identified rare diseases worldwide. Almost 5 percent of the world's populations – an estimated 300-350 million people – are living with a rare condition.

**40%**

of patients are misdiagnosed

Up to forty percent of rare disease patients are misdiagnosed more than once or diagnosis is delayed for a variety of reasons.

**80%**

of rare diseases are genetic in origin

Most rare diseases are present throughout a person's life, even if symptoms do not immediately appear.

**50%**

of rare diseases typically occur in children

Approximately 50 percent of the people affected by rare diseases are children.

**5+ years**

to receive a diagnosis

It can take on average 5 years (and sometimes much longer) before a person with a rare disease receives the right diagnosis, with visits to different physicians.

# Our Challenge

**Significantly shorten the multi-year journey  
patients endure to receive a rare disease diagnosis**



New interventions  
needed to help  
physicians identify  
patients.



We do not have to  
wait for more  
geneticists and other  
specialists.



Technology provides  
new opportunities to  
accelerate the time  
to diagnosis.



Streamlining  
processes in a  
complicated  
healthcare system to  
improve diagnosis.



# Sergio's Story

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# Global Commission Year One Report



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# Year One Report: *Recommended Solutions*

↓  
TRACK 1



**Empowering  
Patients  
and Families**



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TRACK 2



**Equipping Frontline  
Providers with  
Tools for Diagnosis  
and Referral**



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TRACK 3

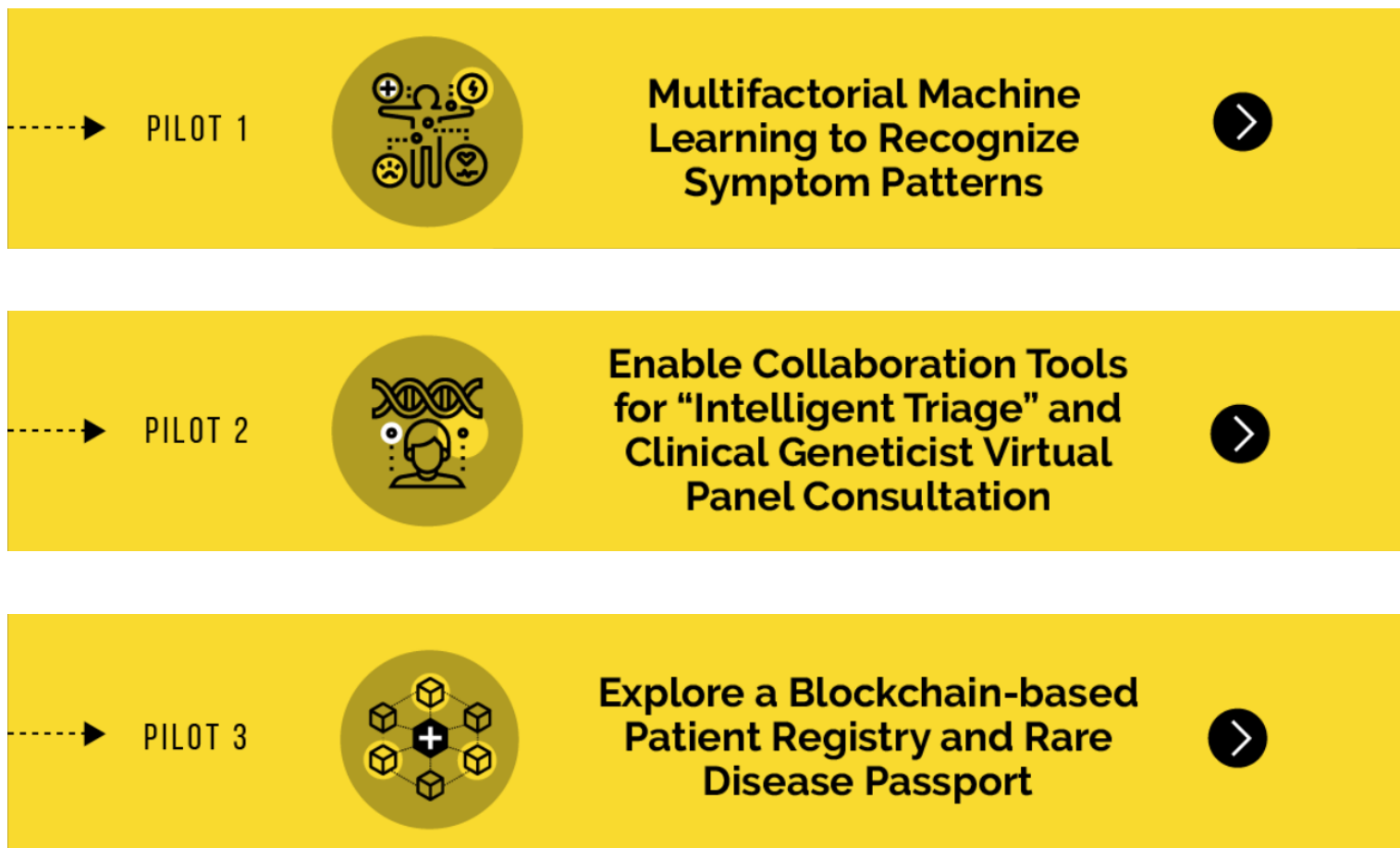


**Reimagining the  
Genetic  
Consultation**





# Year One Report: *Technology Pilot Programs*



# Key Focus Areas

**Centers of  
Excellence**



**Genetic  
Screening**



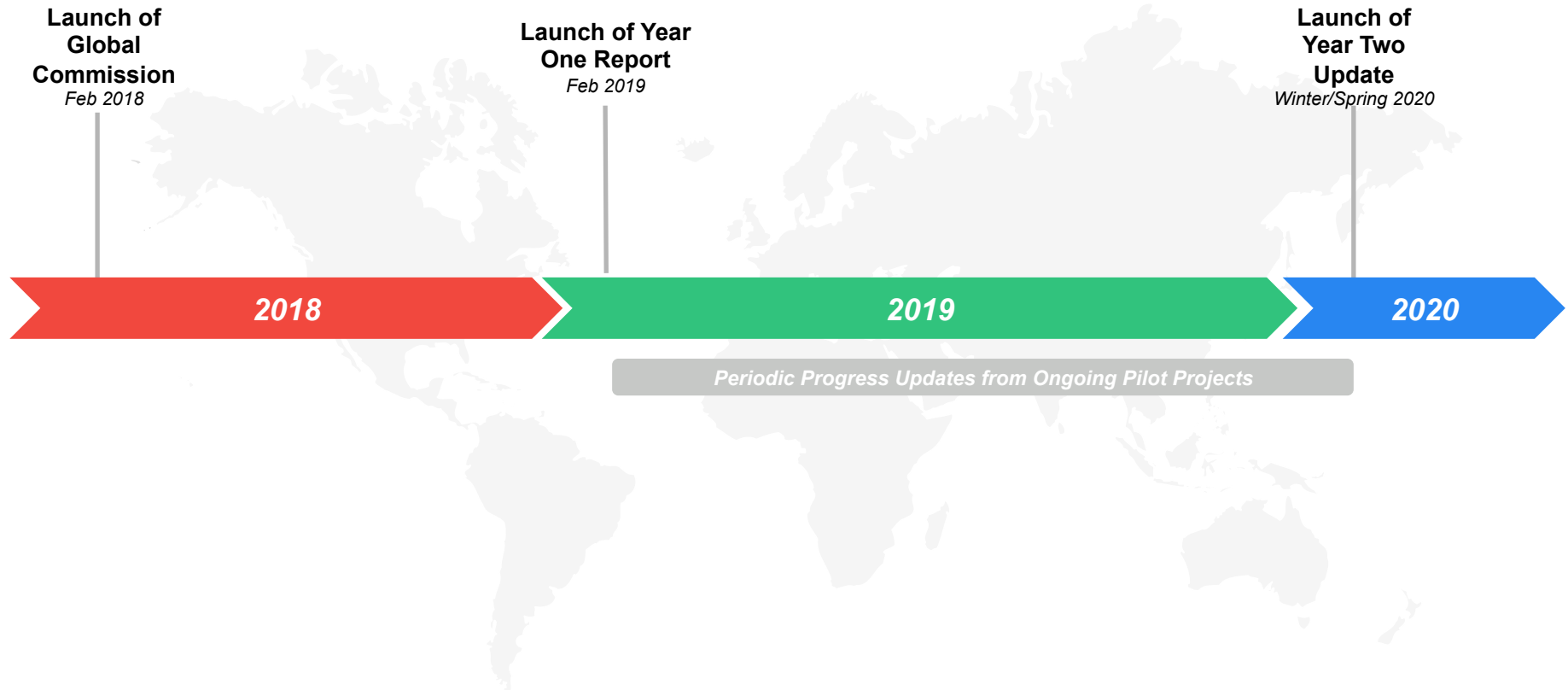
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Sharing**



**Privacy**



# Global Commission: Timeline



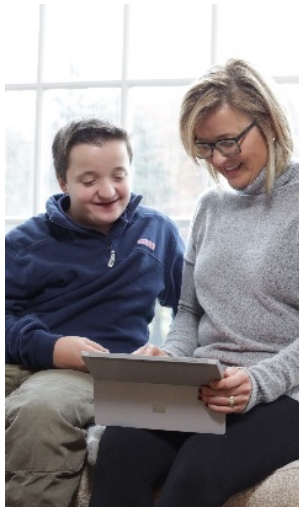
# Looking Forward: 2019-2021

**Vision | A year of action:** Implementing and amplifying the Global Commission's recommendations

**By 2020, the Global Commission aims to achieve the following goals |**

- Continue to disseminate the Year One Report and recommendations to inspire global action in reducing time to diagnosis
- Show measurable progress on the three initial pilots launched in 2018
  - *Multifactorial Machine Learning to Recognize Symptom Patterns*
  - *Enable Collaboration Tools for “Intelligent Triage” and Clinical Geneticist Virtual Panel Consultation*
  - *Explore a Blockchain-based Patient Registry and Rare Disease Passport*
- Explore opportunities to enlist additional partners and leverage resources to push forward implementation of recommendations
- Support the effort to achieve recognition of rare disease as a priority within the World Health Organization (WHO) global agenda

# Calling on Rare Disease Champions



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