



# PIONEERING THE TRANSFORMATION OF OVARIAN CANCER DETECTION

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**COV**



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# INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



Addresses a critical unmet need on a global scale



Disruptive patented technology for the early detection of Ovarian Cancer



Significant addressable market with initial focus on the U.S.



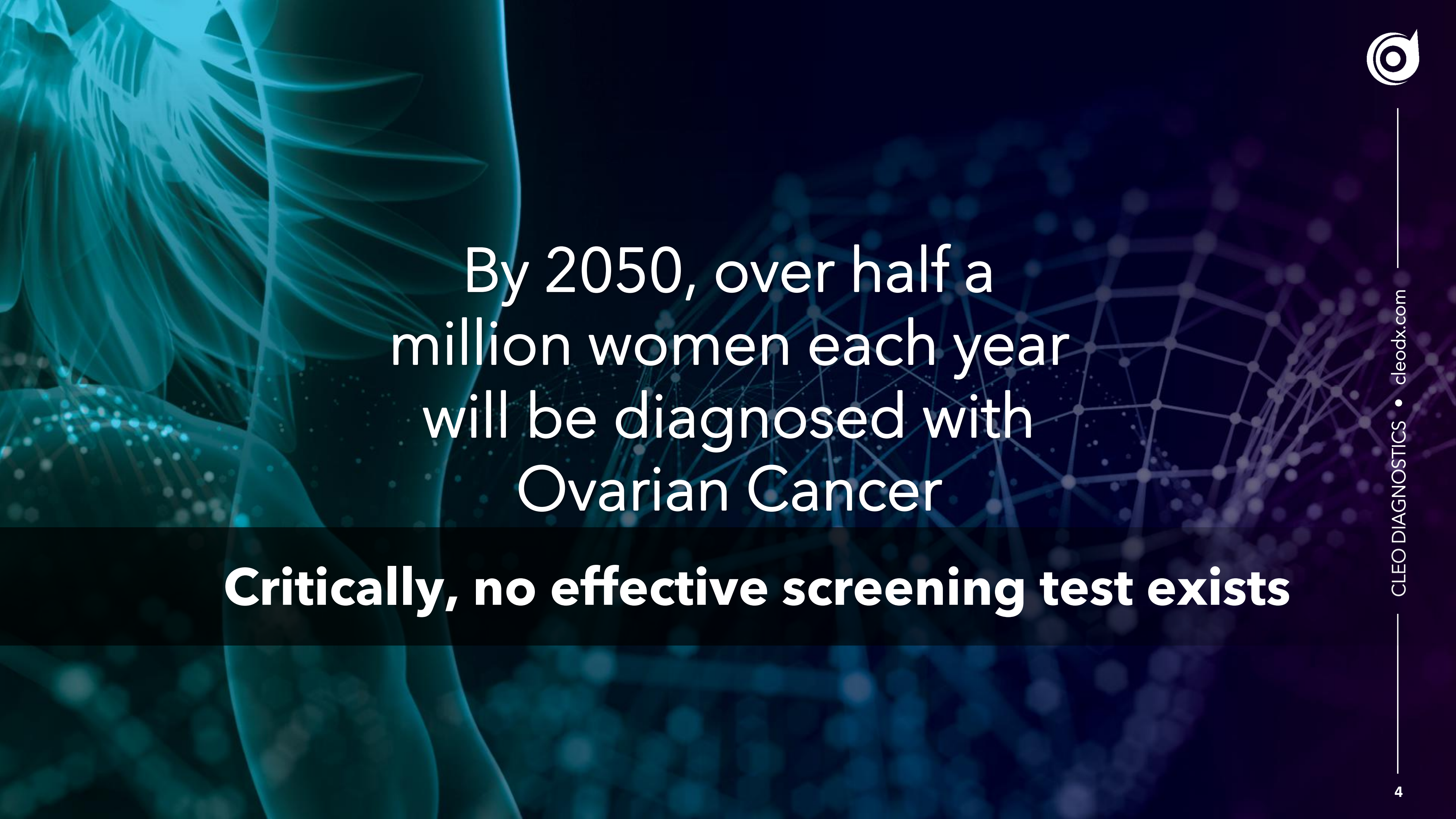
Near term revenue potential with a staged execution strategy

## Capital Structure

ASX Ticker	COV
Share Price (10 June 2025)	\$0.375
Shares on Issue	128.5M
Options	15.25M
Performance Options	1.5M
Market Capitalisation (fully diluted)	~\$54.5M
Cash (as at 31 March 2025)	~\$6.4M







By 2050, over half a  
million women each year  
will be diagnosed with  
Ovarian Cancer

**Critically, no effective screening test exists**







# THE SILENT KILLER - WHY EARLY DETECTION IS KEY

Currently, the only way to diagnose Ovarian Cancer is after surgery

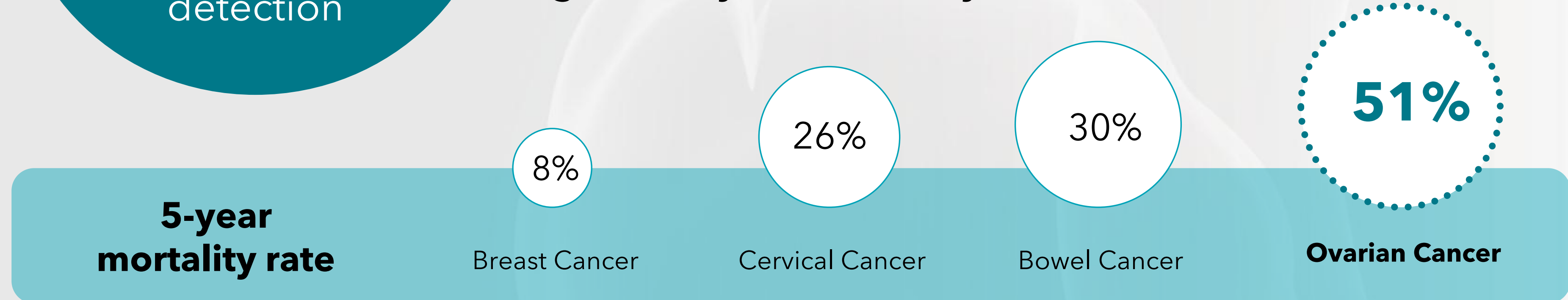
Ovarian Cancer is one of the deadliest of all cancers affecting women, primarily due to late detection

**The clinical unmet need for a screening solution is urgent.**

**51% of women continue to die within 5 years of an Ovarian Cancer diagnosis.**

**That's 6 times higher than Breast Cancer.**

**For other cancers, accurate and early detection through screening programs and fit-for-purpose diagnostic tests has significantly increased 5-year survival rates.**



# LIMITATIONS OF CA125 AS A SCREENING TOOL

A biomarker with clinical value, but insufficient for early detection or population screening



## Key limitations of CA125

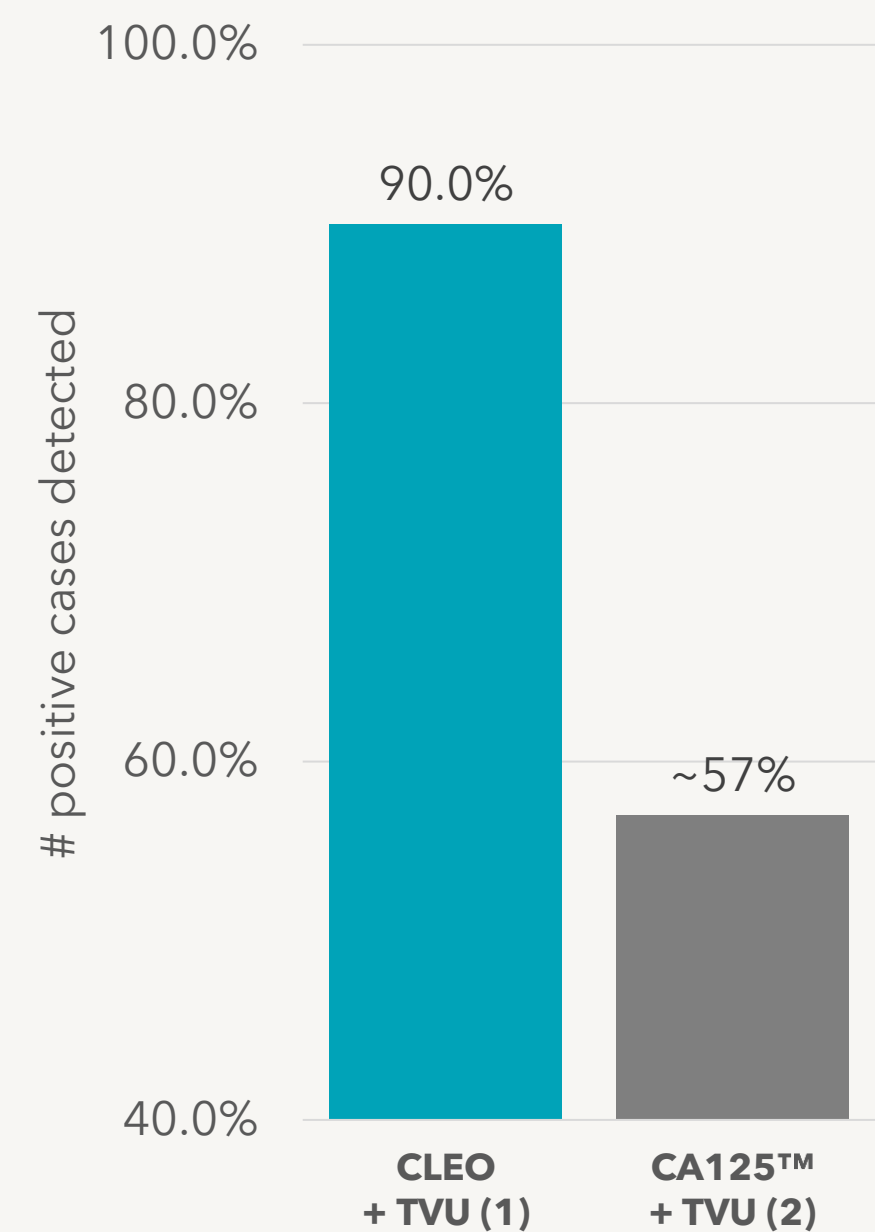
<b>Low sensitivity in early disease</b>	Misses up to 50% of early-stage ovarian cancers
<b>Poor specificity</b>	Elevated in benign conditions e.g. endometriosis, menstruation
<b>No proven mortality benefit</b>	Large trials (e.g. UKCTOCS) show no significant reduction in deaths
<b>Biological variability</b>	Some patients with advanced disease never show elevated CA125
<b>Not viable for average-risk women</b>	High false positives lead to overdiagnosis and unnecessary interventions



## How CLEO’s test overcomes the shortfalls of CA125

<b>Solves the Early Detection Gap</b>	Detects ovarian cancer earlier than CA125, addressing the key clinical shortfall
<b>High specificity</b>	Not elevated in benign conditions, reducing false positives & downstream costs
<b>Strong Early-Stage Detection</b>	Offers sensitivity where it matters most – improving potential survival outcomes
<b>Subtyping Strength</b>	Potential to detect across a broader range of ovarian cancer types
<b>Novel Mechanism</b>	Inflammatory chemokine linked directly to tumour biology, not just presence of a mass
<b>Mass Market Opportunity</b>	Unlocks potential for population-level or risk-based screening in average-risk women
<b>Commercial Edge</b>	Positioned to disrupt a stagnant diagnostics space with a high-need solution

## CLEO’s Test vs CA125 Test for Early Detection<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Stephens AN et al DOI: 10.3390/cancers16112048  
<sup>2</sup> Burke W et al DOI: 10.1097/AOG.0000000000005211





CLEO's disruptive patented  
technology offers superior  
performance to current  
clinical tests





# CLEO's PATENTED NOVEL BIOMARKER: CXCL10



CXCL10 is a biological marker that is highly expressed in Ovarian Cancer from an early stage



Over 15 years of funded research confirm it to be a robust indicator across all stages of Ovarian Cancer



Superior performance with 95% sensitivity and 95% specificity compared to current CA125 test (94% / 82%)<sup>1</sup>



CLEO's technology discriminates benign from malignant



**Dr Andrew Stephens**

Biomarker founder &  
CLEO Chief Scientific Officer

Research and Development originally funded by

**HUDSON**  
INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH

**OVARIAN  
CANCER  
RESEARCH  
FOUNDATION**



**Australian Government**  
**National Health and  
Medical Research Council**

<sup>1</sup> Davenport, C., et al., DOI:10.1002/14651858.CD011964.pub2, Stephens, AN., et al., DOI: 10.3390/cancers16112048, Stephens, AN., et al., DOI:10.3390/cancers 15215267

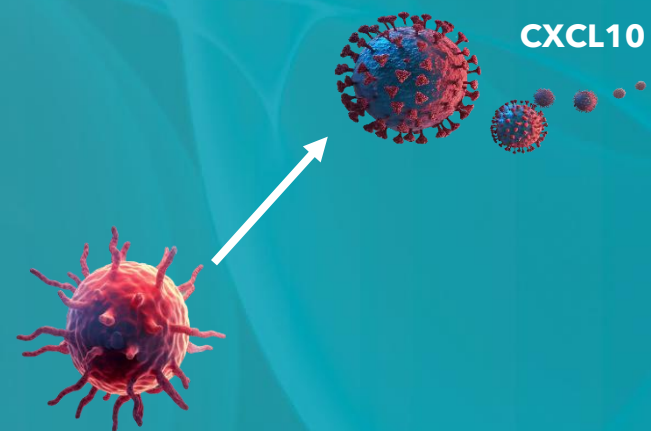




# ROLE OF CXCL10 IN OVARIAN CANCER DEVELOPMENT

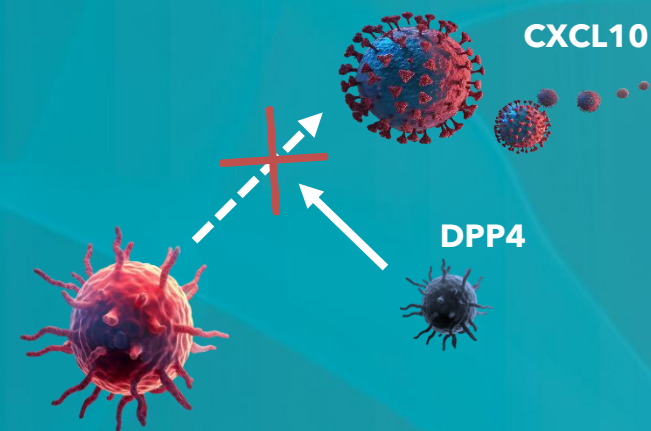
CLEO's biomarker, CXCL10, plays a pivotal role in the immune system's ability to recognise and attack Ovarian Cancer in its early stages

## 1. Tumour Initiation



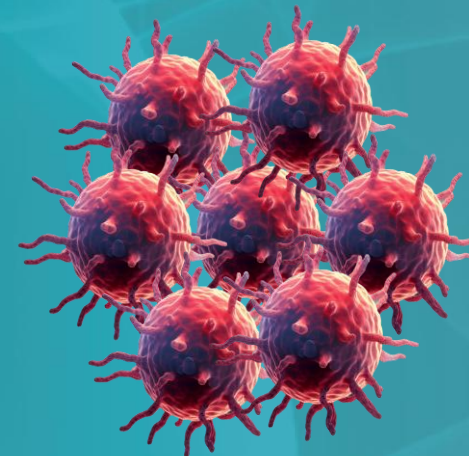
Ovarian cells begin to form early lesions and release CXCL10 to call for immune system help

## 2. Immune Disruption



Another molecule (DPP4) interferes with CXCL10 by breaking it down, weakening the immune alert system.

## 3. Immune Suppression



Without a strong immune response, the tumour can grow unchallenged. By the time symptoms appear, the cancer is often at a more advanced stage.

## Why CXCL10 Matters

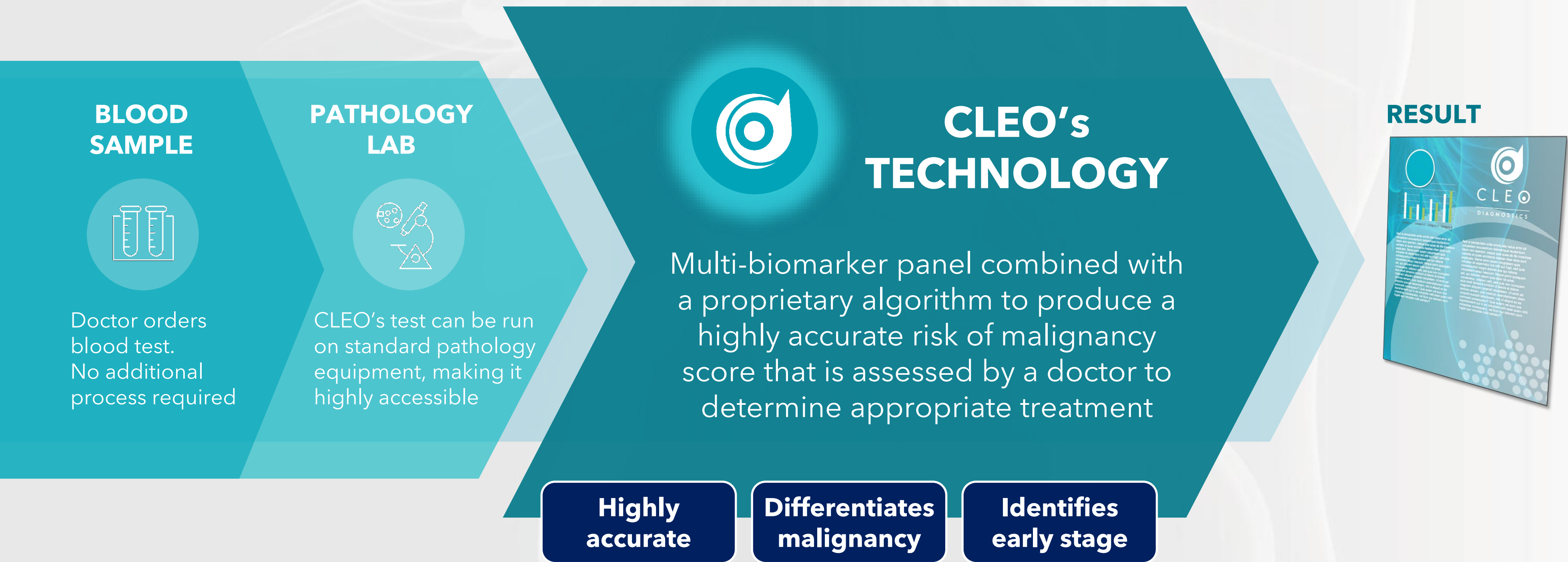
- **Early Warning System:** CXCL10 appears early—before symptoms arise—making it ideal for early detection
- **Reliable Marker:** It's stable and measurable, even when the cancer is still silent.
- **Smart Detection Tools:** Cleo's technology identifies this early immune signal, even when the tumour tries to hide it—helping doctors catch the disease sooner





# DISRUPTIVE PATENTED TECHNOLOGY

CLEO has developed a proprietary algorithm underpinned by its novel biomarker, CXCL10, which can be used to detect the presence of Ovarian Cancer from a patient's blood sample



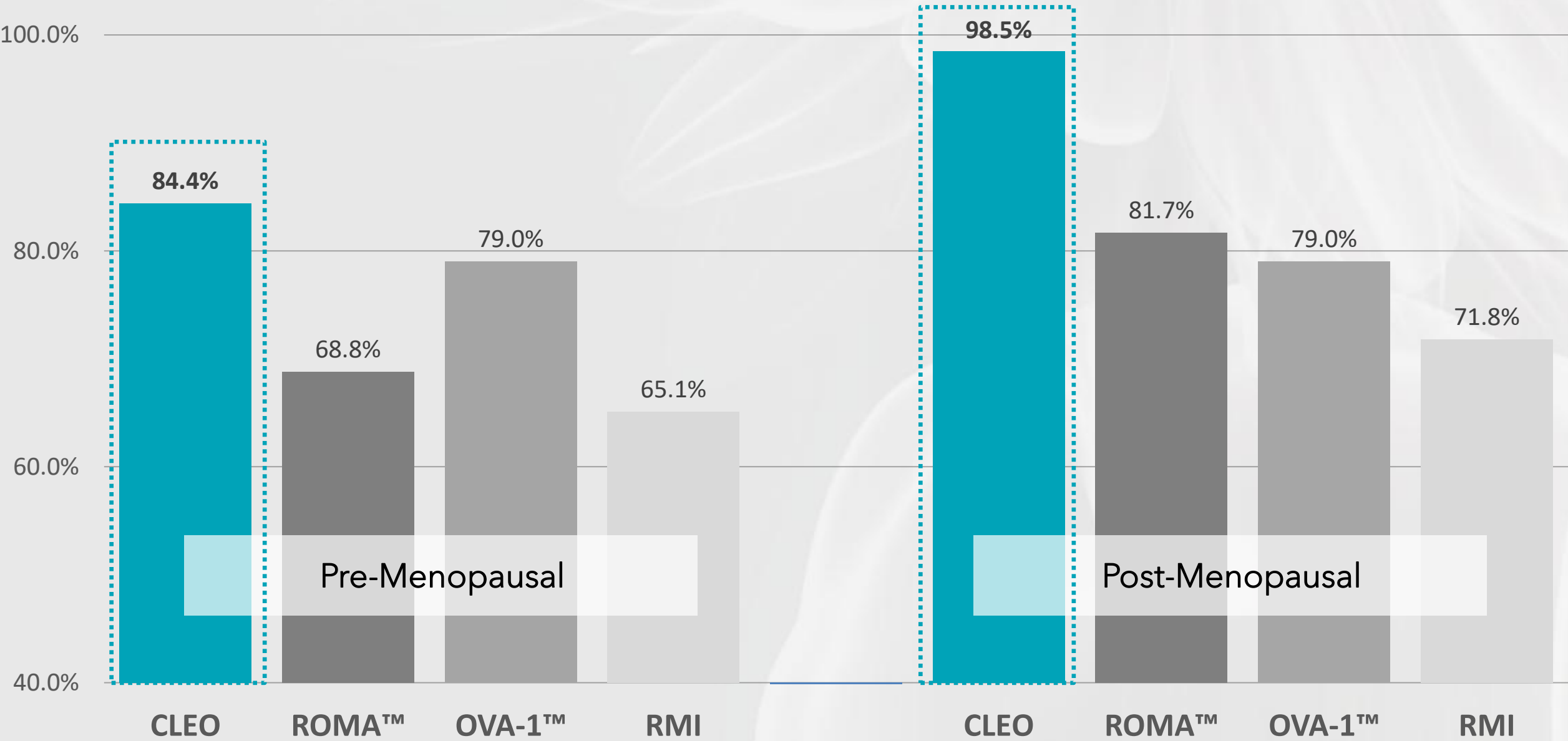




# MATERIALLY OUTPERFORMS EXISTING PRE-SURGICAL TESTS

CLEO's test outperforms all other clinical tools currently in-use, regardless of menopausal status

Sensitivity of CLEO's Pre-Surgical Test vs Other Tests<sup>1</sup>



*\*Specificity fixed at 90% for comparative purposes*

**CLEO's Competitive Advantage**

Superior performance regardless of menopausal status, making it universally easier to adopt

Greater accuracy increases potential to receive higher reimbursement

<sup>1</sup> Stephens, AN., et al., DOI:10.3390/cancers 15215267 Davenport, C., et al., DOI:10.1002/14651858.CD011964.pub2 D Fritsche, H.A. DOI: 10.1002/ijgo.14733. Bristow, R.E DOI: 10.1016/j.ygyno.2012.11.022



# UKCTOCS: THE LARGEST OVARIAN CANCER SCREENING TRIAL

## Collaboration Agreement a Major Step Forward for CLEO's Screening Test Development Program

- UK Collaborative Trial of Ovarian Cancer Screening (UKCTOCS) was conducted at University College London (UCL) with the aim to evaluate if population screening using existing tools can save lives
- The trial ran for over 20 years, involving 200,000 postmenopausal women aged 50-74 in the UK, and collected over 500,000 samples
- **The trial determined that current clinical tools, such as CA125, did not reduce mortality and cannot be recommended as a screening test in the general population.**

**The UCL collaboration will accelerate test development and ultimately deliver a screening test for early Ovarian Cancer detection**



CLEO has secured access to 2,000 highly sought after UKCTOCS blood samples



Two clinical studies to be conducted aimed at validating performance



Provides credible and independent endorsement of CLEO's technology



*The performance data and evidence behind CLEO's technology are very encouraging, and we are excited to work with CLEO to assess how its tests can potentially be used in detection and screening strategies to reduce mortality from the disease.*



- **Professor Usha Menon**  
World-leading gynaecological oncology expert





Ovarian Cancer is known as  
"*the silent killer*" due to its  
non-specific symptoms which  
often go untreated

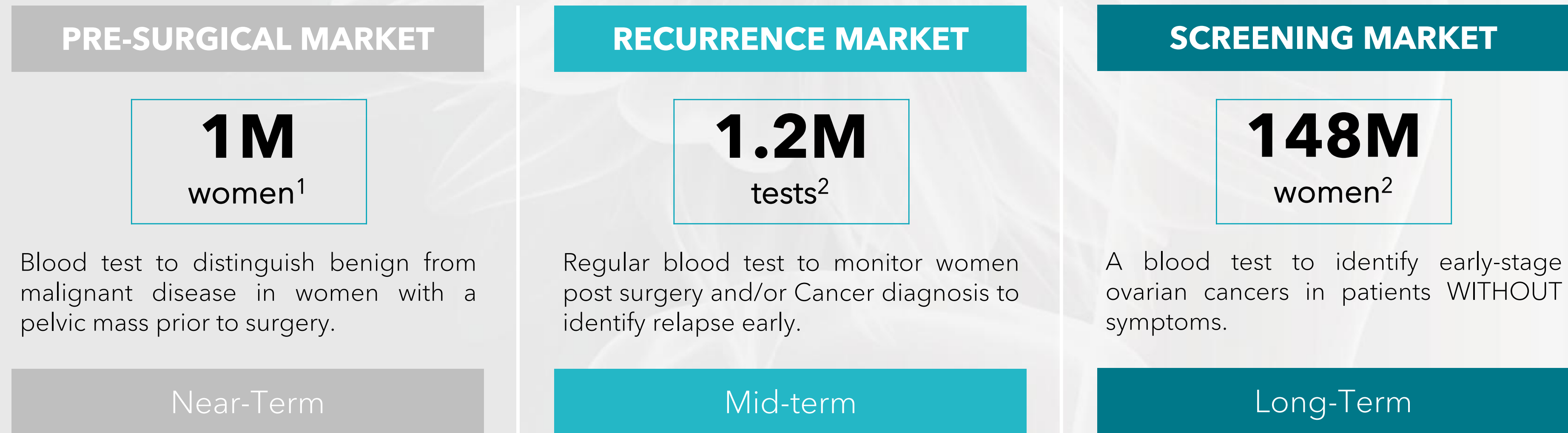






# SIGNIFICANT TOTAL ADDRESSABLE MARKET

CLEO is strategically targeting three key markets in phased execution, with the goal to establishing a transformative mass screening market where none currently exists today



**CLEO is initially targeting the existing pre-surgical market via a 510(k) submission under substantial equivalence. Success in the initial pre-surgical market will unlock the pathway to a mass screening market**

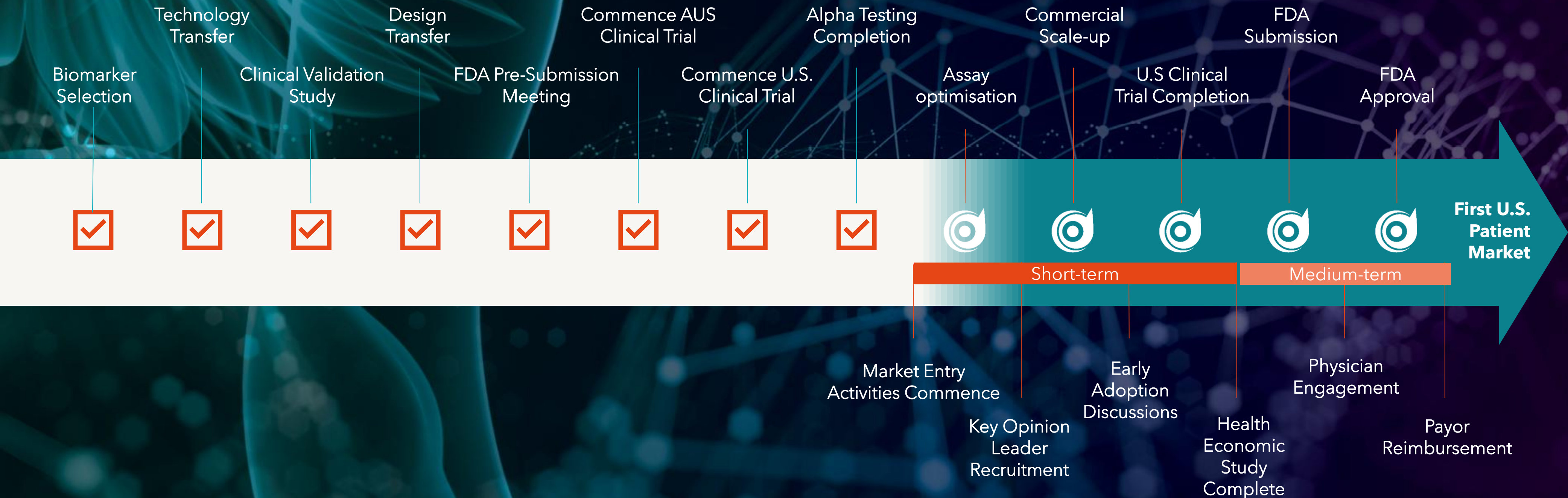
<sup>1</sup> Refers to the U.S. <sup>2</sup> Refers to worldwide. Access to addressable markets is limited by items such as patent protection, regulatory approvals and access to distribution, amongst other factors. There are no guarantees that CLEO will be able to receive approval to distribute its products in its target addressable markets or adequately enforce its intellectual property in such markets.





# PATHWAY TO MARKET

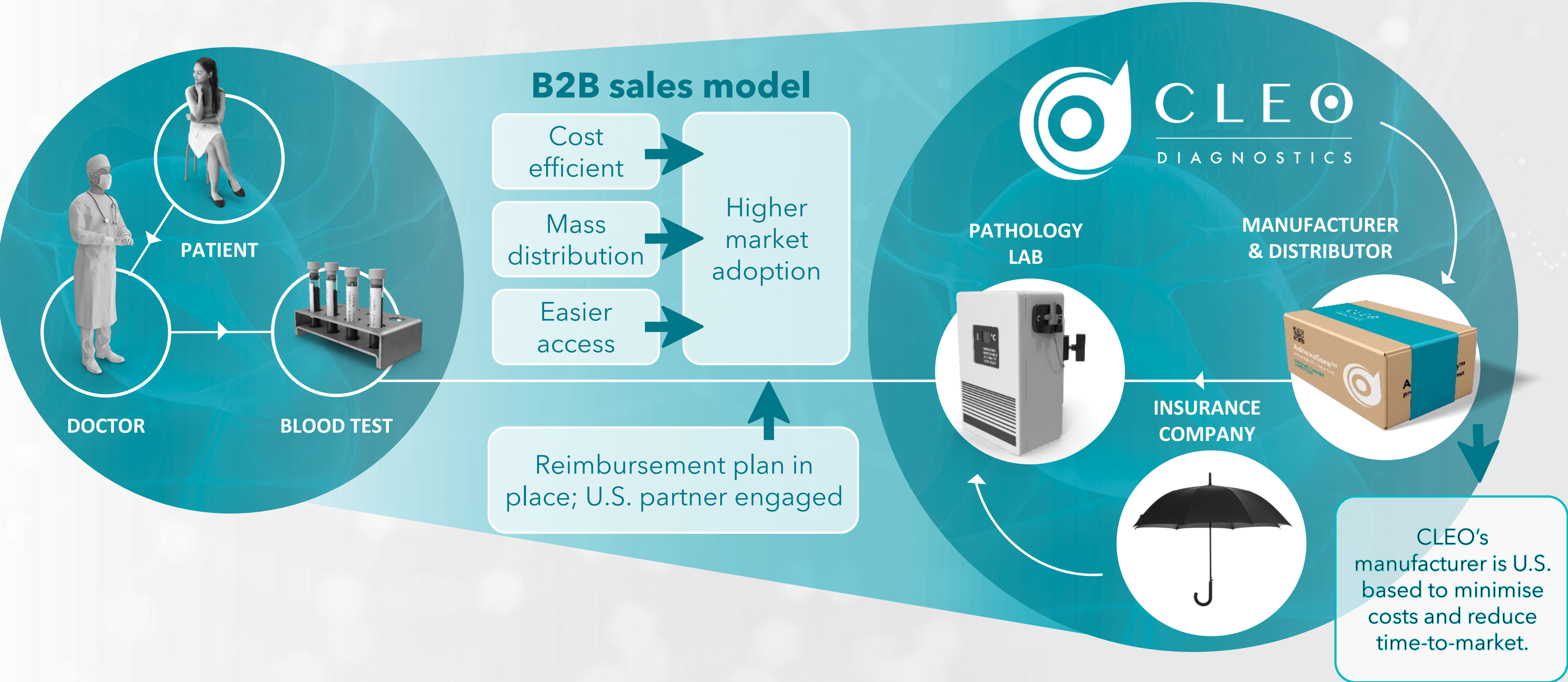
CLEO has advanced-stage Ovarian Cancer detection technology with line of sight to first revenue





# COMMERCIAL MODEL

CLEO will operate out of the U.S. through a B2B sales model to maximise patient accessibility, increase market adoption and maximise margins





# INVESTMENT SUMMARY

- ⊕ Disruptive patented technology for the early detection of Ovarian Cancer
- ⊕ Significant opportunity to deliver a much-needed solution to women globally
- ⊕ Superior performance to existing tests supported by published clinical studies
- ⊕ Staged execution strategy with experienced team to deliver.





# MANAGEMENT TEAM

Highly experienced team focused on execution

## Board of Directors



**ADRIEN  
WING**

Non-Executive  
Chairman

Mr Wing is CPA qualified with over 25 years of experience in the corporate sector, particularly in ASX small-cap companies, he has led numerous IPOs, reverse takeovers, and acquisitions across various industries and jurisdictions.

Bachelor of Business (Accountancy) from Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) and Certified Practising Accountant (CPA).



**DR RICHARD  
ALLMAN**

Executive Director  
and CEO

Dr. Allman has wide experience in research leadership, innovation management, and intellectual property strategy, covering oncology, diagnostics, and product development.

PhD (Microbiology) from The University of Wales.



**DR ANDREW  
STEPHENS**

Executive Director  
and CSO

Career research scientist and inventor of the CLEO's core technology. Dr Stephens has over 60 academic publications and numerous patents (pending and provisional) in the cancer therapeutic and diagnostic space.

PhD (Molecular Biology) from Monash University Australia.



**LUCINDA  
NOLAN**

Non-Executive  
Director

Ms Nolan was most recently the CEO of the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation. Notable as the first female CEO of the Country Fire Authority and Deputy Commissioner of Victoria Police. She is an alum of the Advanced Management Programme at Harvard University.

Master of Arts from Melbourne University, Bachelor of Arts with Honours from Melbourne University, Alumni of the Advanced Management Programme at Harvard University.



**PROFESSOR  
TOM JOBLING**

Executive Director  
and Medical Advisor

Dr Jobling is a surgeon who has been treating ovarian cancer for more than 30 years. Dr Jobling is the head of gynaecological oncology at Monash Health and visiting medical officer at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and the cofounder and former chairman of the OCRF.

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Fellow of Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Certificate of Gynaecological Oncology.



## Core Team



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# APPENDIX ONE: Evidence Base

## RESEARCH PAPERS

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# APPENDIX TWO: Clinical Trials for Pre-Surgical Test



## ONGOING TRIALS



### U.S. Clinical Trial

Multi-site validation study

9 active trial sites

Lindus Health appointed CRO

Expected completion in 2025



### AUS Clinical Trial

Multi-site prospective observational study

3 active trial sites

Expected completion in 2025

**Completion of U.S. clinical trials will enable 510(k) submission through substantial equivalence to the FDA**

## TRIAL OBJECTIVES & END POINTS

1.

Primary Objectives

Determine the CLEO adnexal mass score in patients identified with an adnexal mass requiring surgery, but who have not undergone surgery.

2.

Correlate post-surgical pathology findings with the CLEO adnexal mass score and evaluate the performance metrics (including primary endpoints) of the CLEO adnexal mass assessment scoring system.

3.

Demonstrate superiority of the CLEO adnexal mass scoring system compared to standard clinical workflows including ROMA (predicate device).

4.

Collect robust clinical performance data to support a 510(k) submission to the FDA, demonstrating the effectiveness of the pre-surgical triage test for its intended use.

### Primary End Points

- 1. Sensitivity
- 2. Specificity
- 3. Positive Predictive Value (PPV)
- 4. Negative Predictive Value (NPV)

### Secondary End Points

To assess the accuracy of the test when used alongside physician assessment (PA), which incorporates clinical evaluation and radiological findings, compared to PA alone. The dual assessment will be considered successful if it demonstrates a statistically significant improvement in diagnostic accuracy over PA alone, as indicated by higher sensitivity and/or specificity.



# APPENDIX THREE: Current Standard of Care

Currently, no diagnostic or screening test exists for Ovarian Cancer

Research shows most women with Ovarian Cancer were seeing their doctor about symptoms for more than six months before they received a diagnosis

Unexplained weight fluctuation

Abdominal pain or pressure

Indigestion, gas and nausea

Changes in bladder patterns

Low back ache or cramps

Abnormal vaginal bleeding

CA125  
Protein Biomarker Blood Test

TVU  
Transvaginal Ultrasound

ROMA™  
Risk of Ovarian Malignancy Algorithm

OVA1™  
Protein Biomarker Blood Test

RMI  
Risk Malignancy Index



Late-stage diagnosis  
High recurrence  
Low survival rate

Patient presents with multiple non-specific symptoms

Doctors use a range of tools to try to diagnose but ultimately, surgery must be performed

**Diagnosis is made AFTER surgery**

