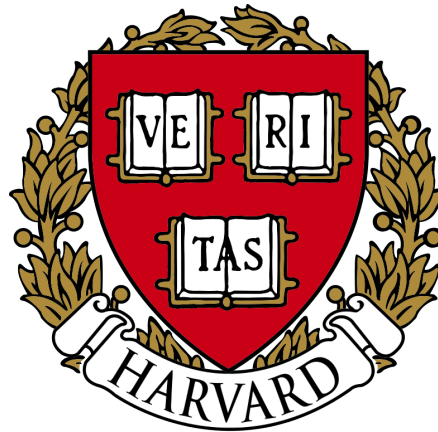


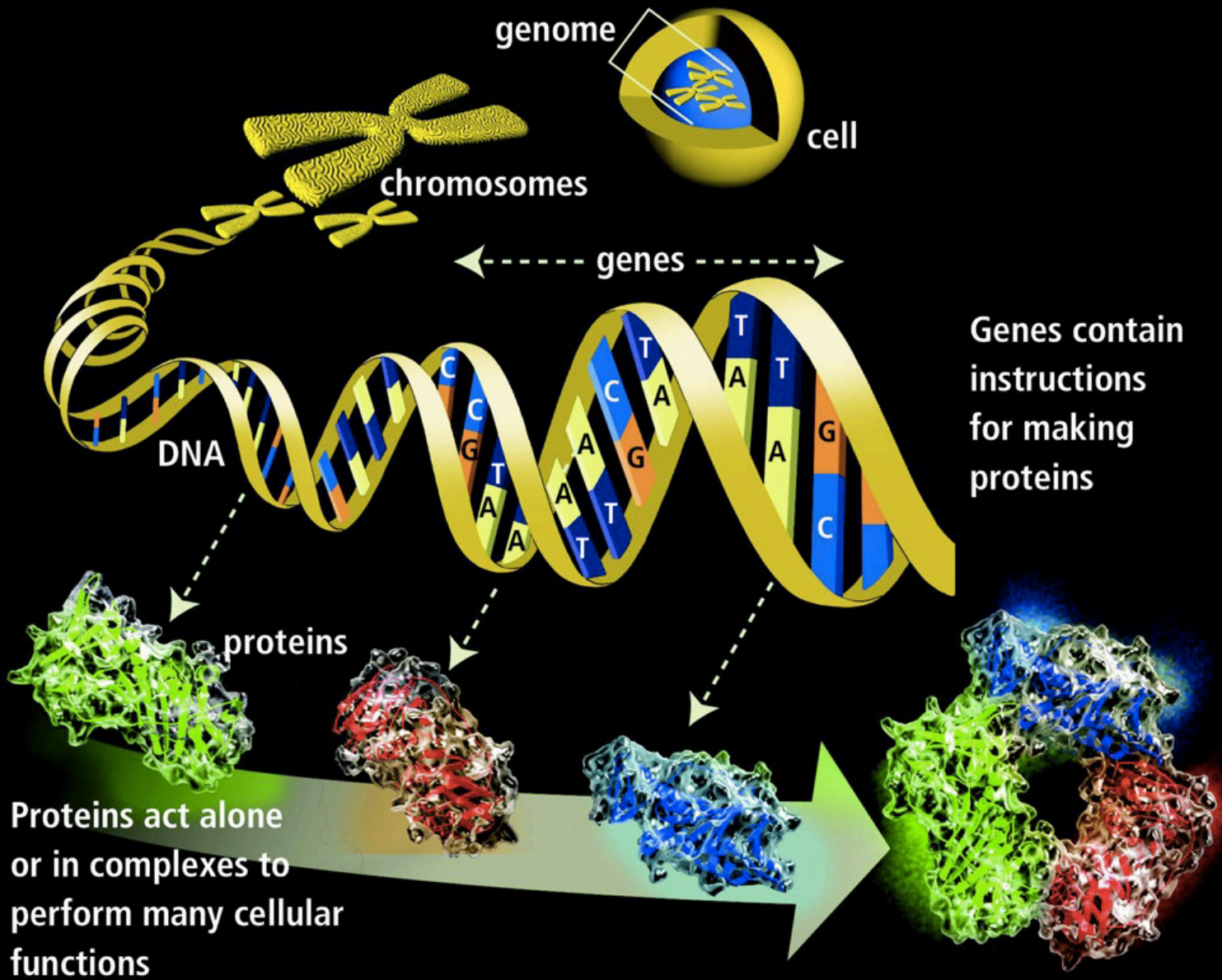
# OMICS Approaches to Understand Human Diseases

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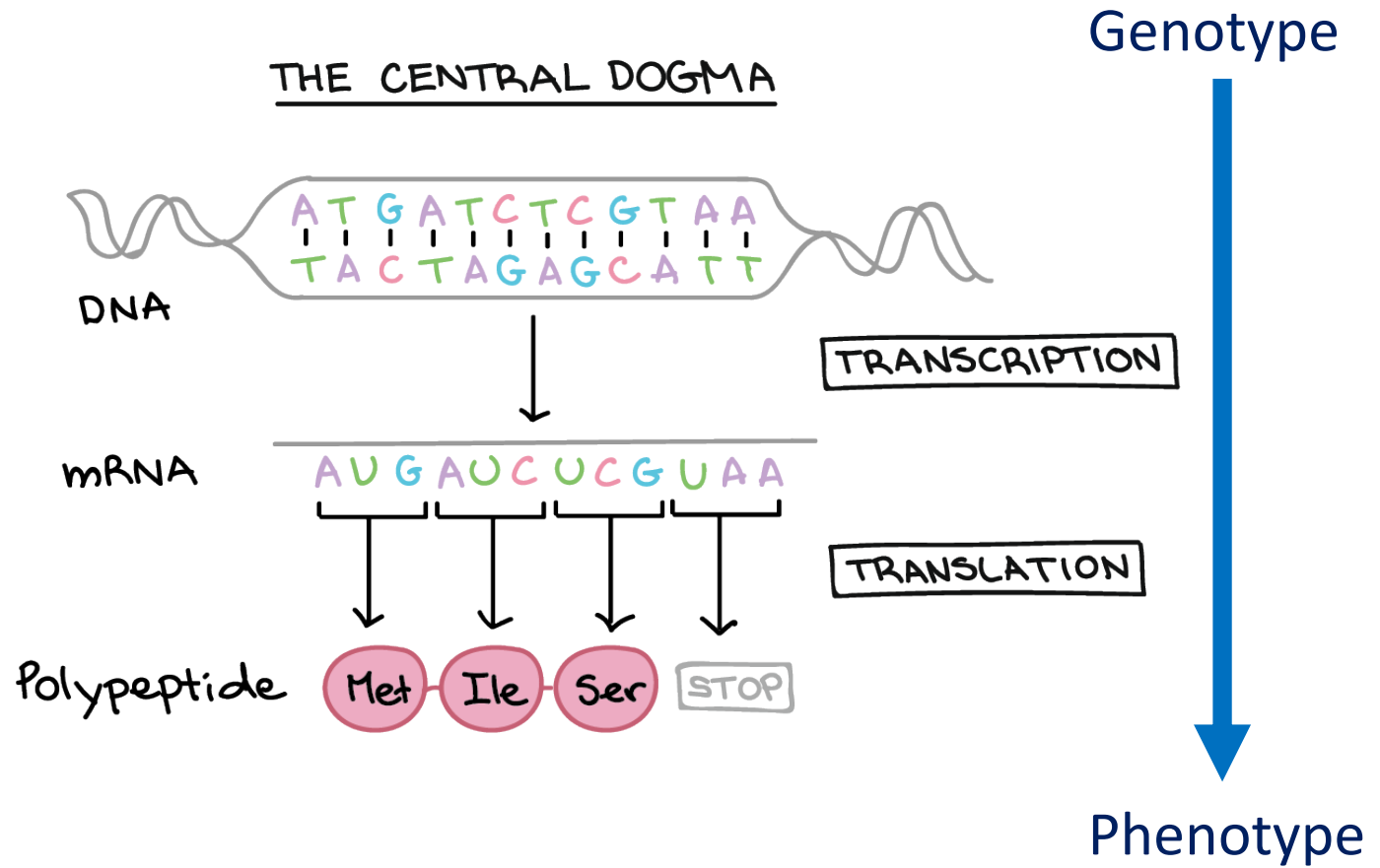
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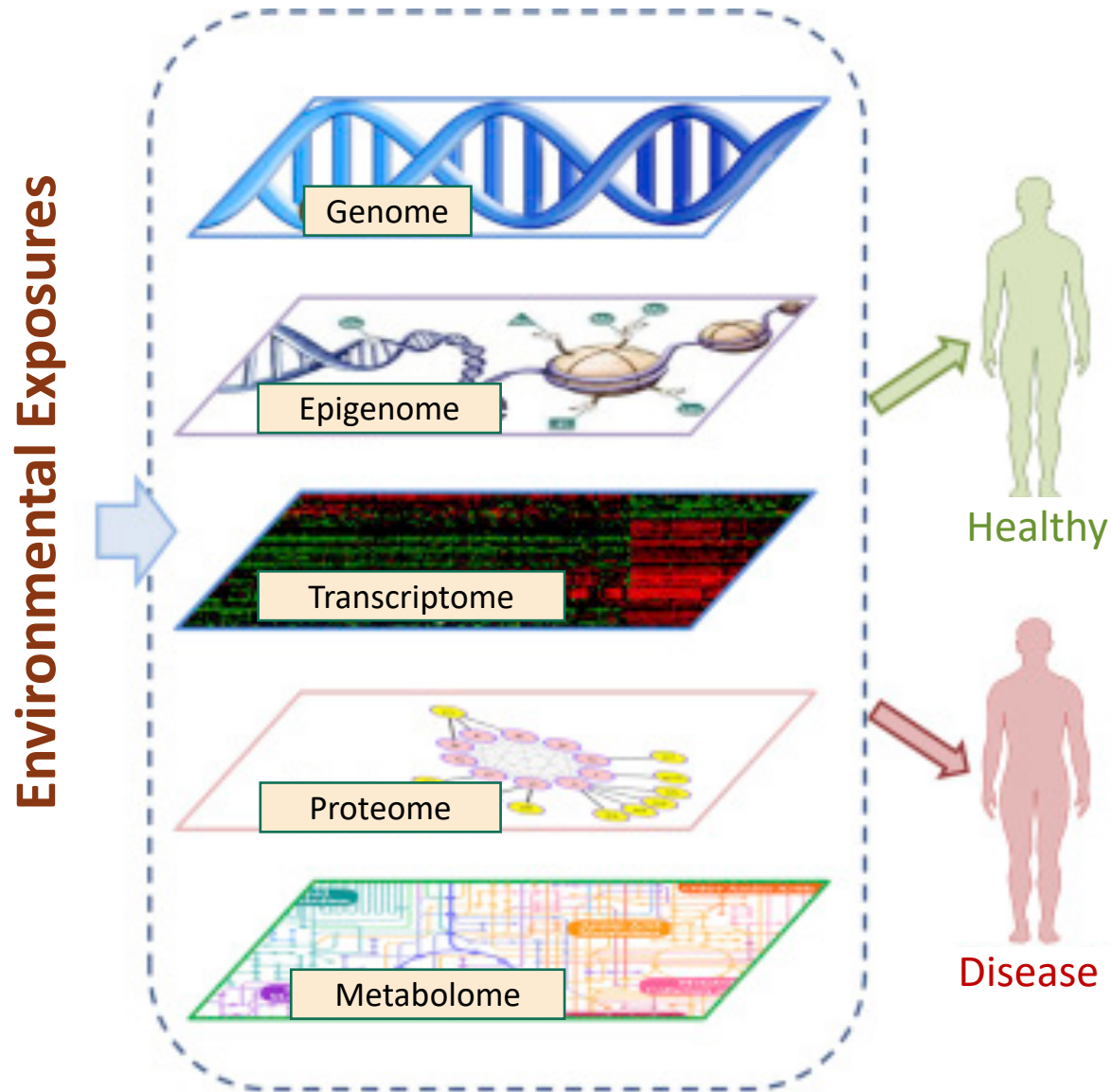


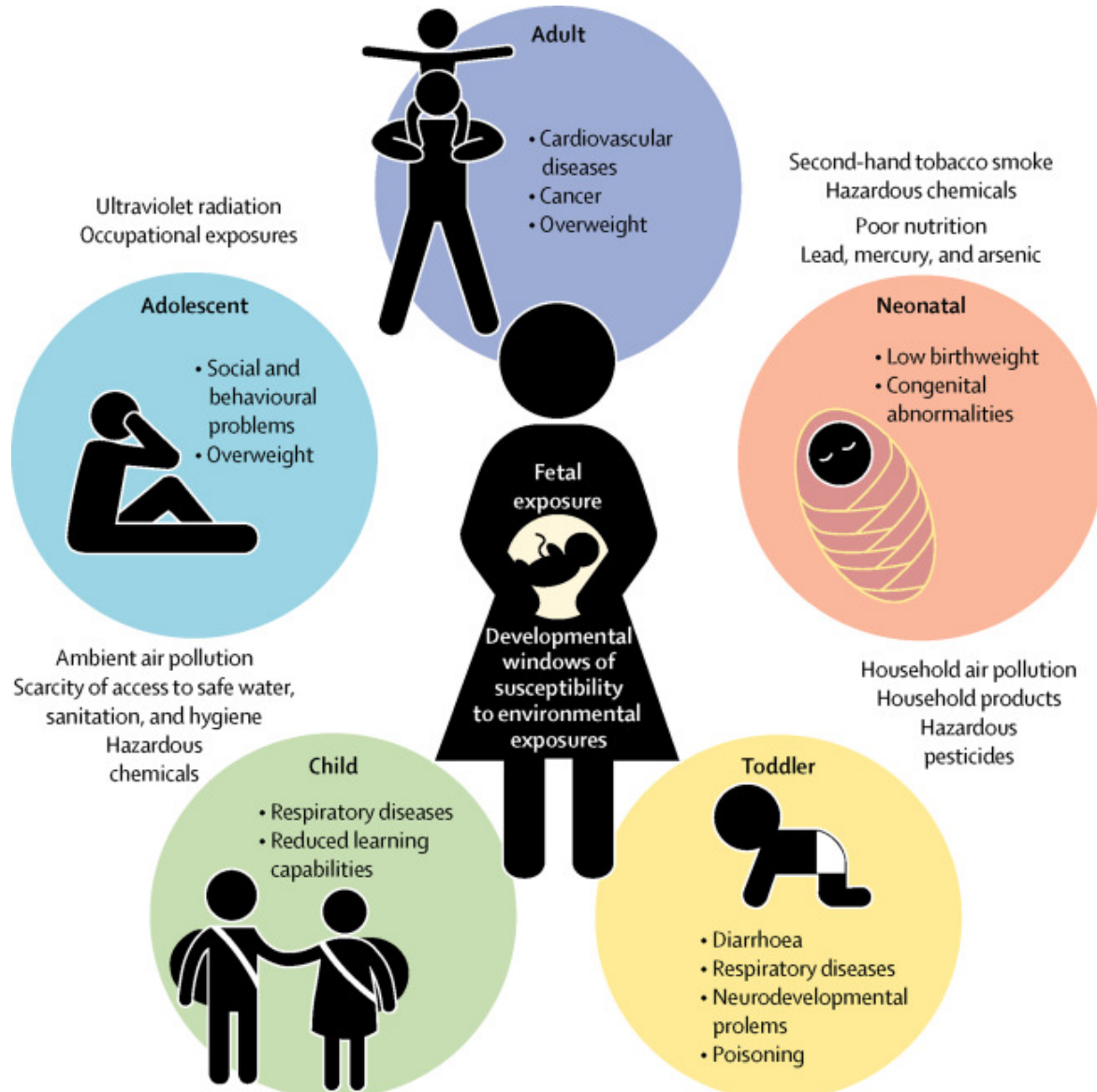


# Central Dogma in Biology



# Conceptual model of multi-omics and human disease



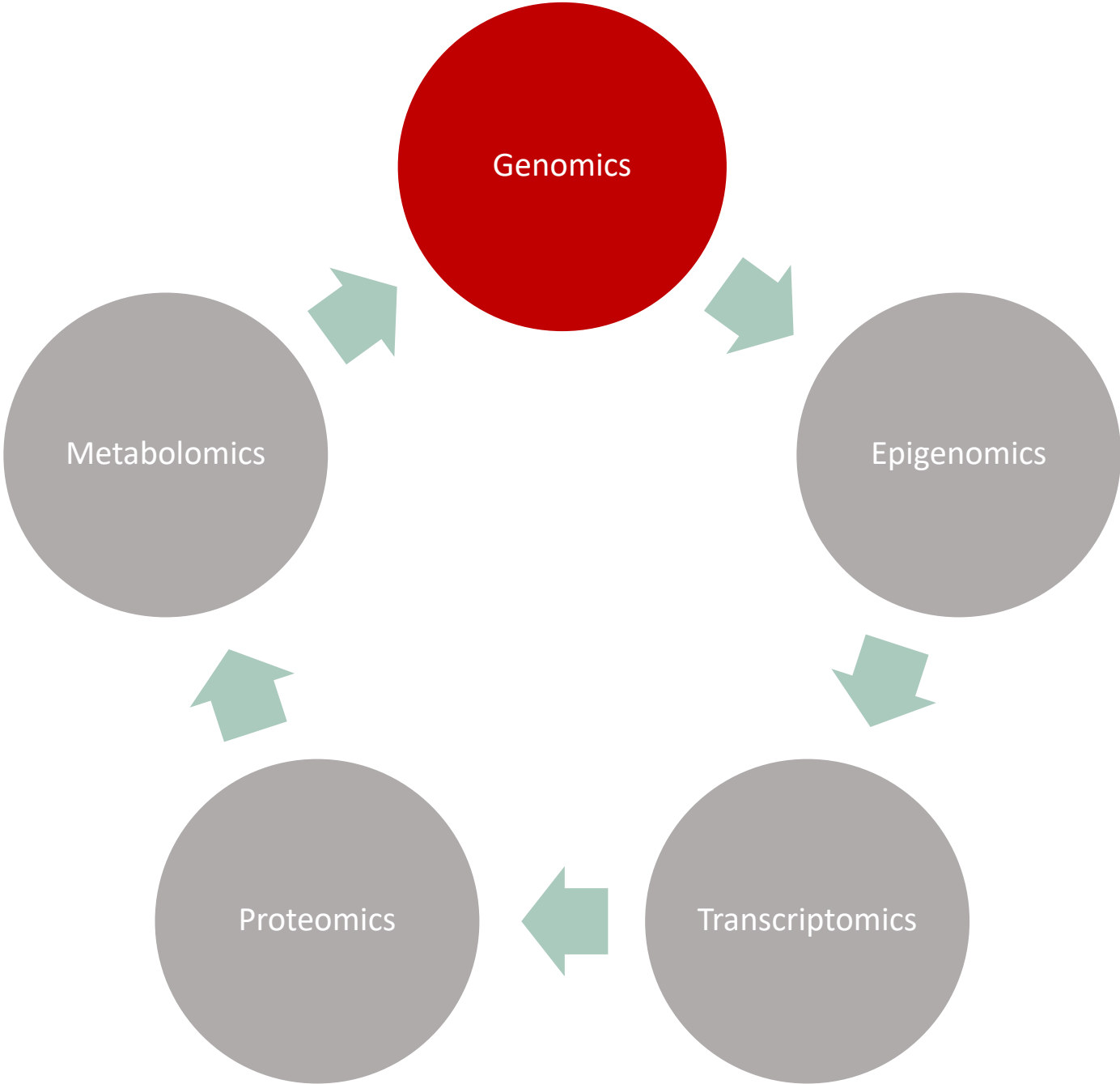


# 'Omics'

- The word 'omics' refers to a field of study in biology ending in the suffix -omics such as **genomics, transcriptomics, metabolomics, or proteomics.**
- Omics aims at the collective characterization and quantification of pools of biological molecules that translate into the structure, function, and dynamics of an organism or organisms.

# Scope of Omics

- Determine biomarkers for diseases
- Differentiate biological pathways or processes between disease and control groups
- Greater understanding of flow of information, from the original cause of disease (genetic, environmental, or developmental) to the functional consequences or relevant interactions)
- Corner-stone for practicing 'Precision Medicine'

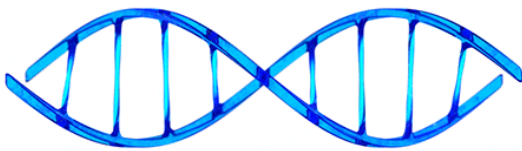




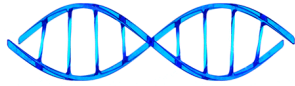
# Genomics

## Genome structure, function, evolution, and mapping

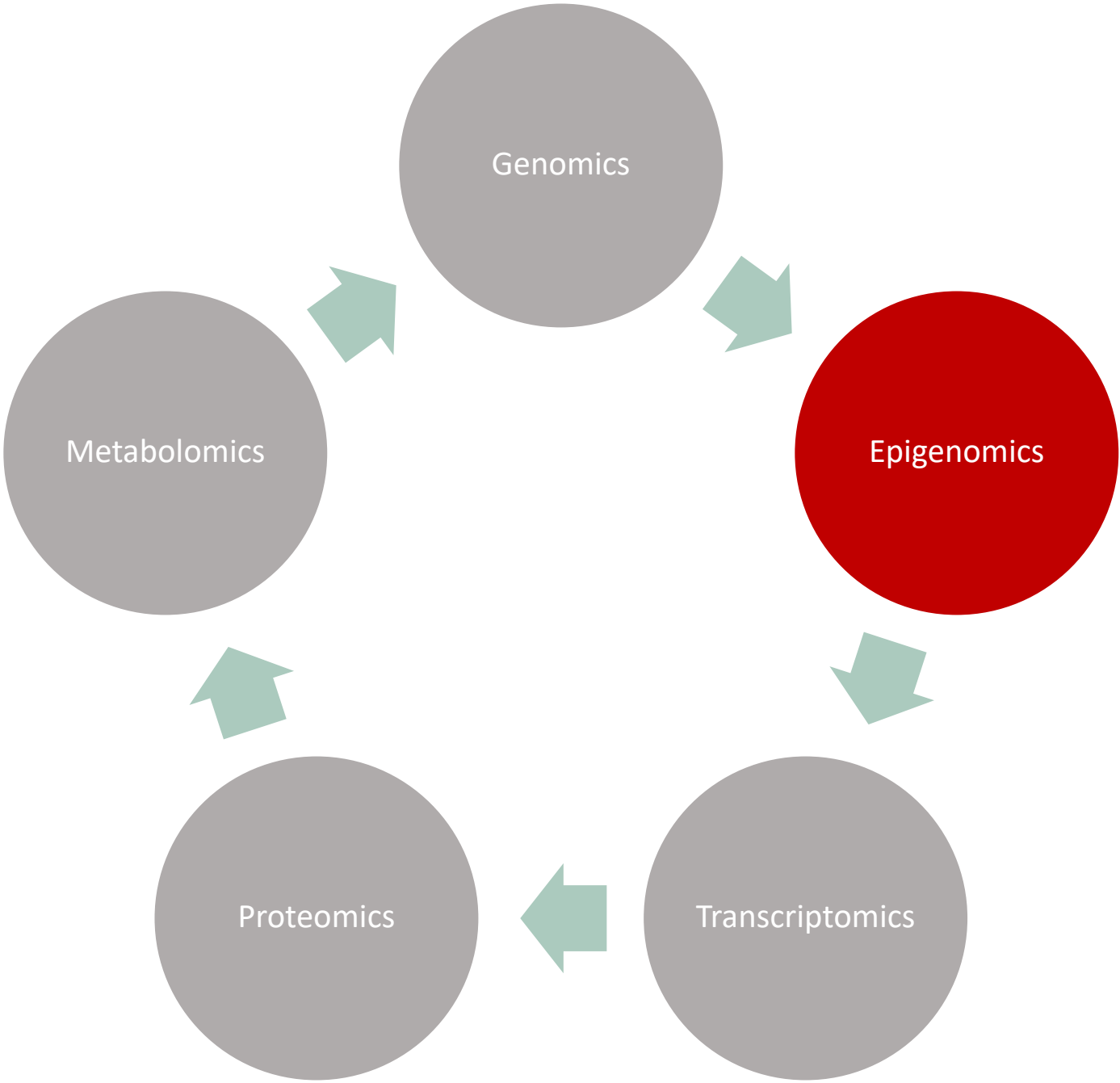
- Genes
- Regulatory elements (promoters, enhancers)
- Genetic variation (DNA sequence, chromosome structure)
  
- Approaches: Whole genome sequencing, GWAS, Genotyping arrays, Exome sequencing, Genome Editing with CRISPR.



DNA



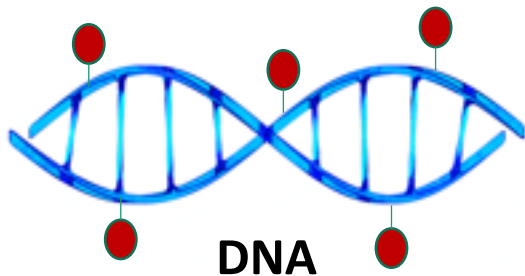
<b>Genomic Approaches</b>	<b>Applications</b>
Whole genome sequencing	Detect single nucleotide variants, insertions/deletions, copy number changes, and large structural variants
GWAS	Associate specific genetic variations with particular diseases
Genotyping arrays	Explore genetic variants such as single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and large structural changes in DNA
Exome sequencing	Diagnose the genetic cause of disease in a patient
CRISPR	Genome Editing



# Epigenomics

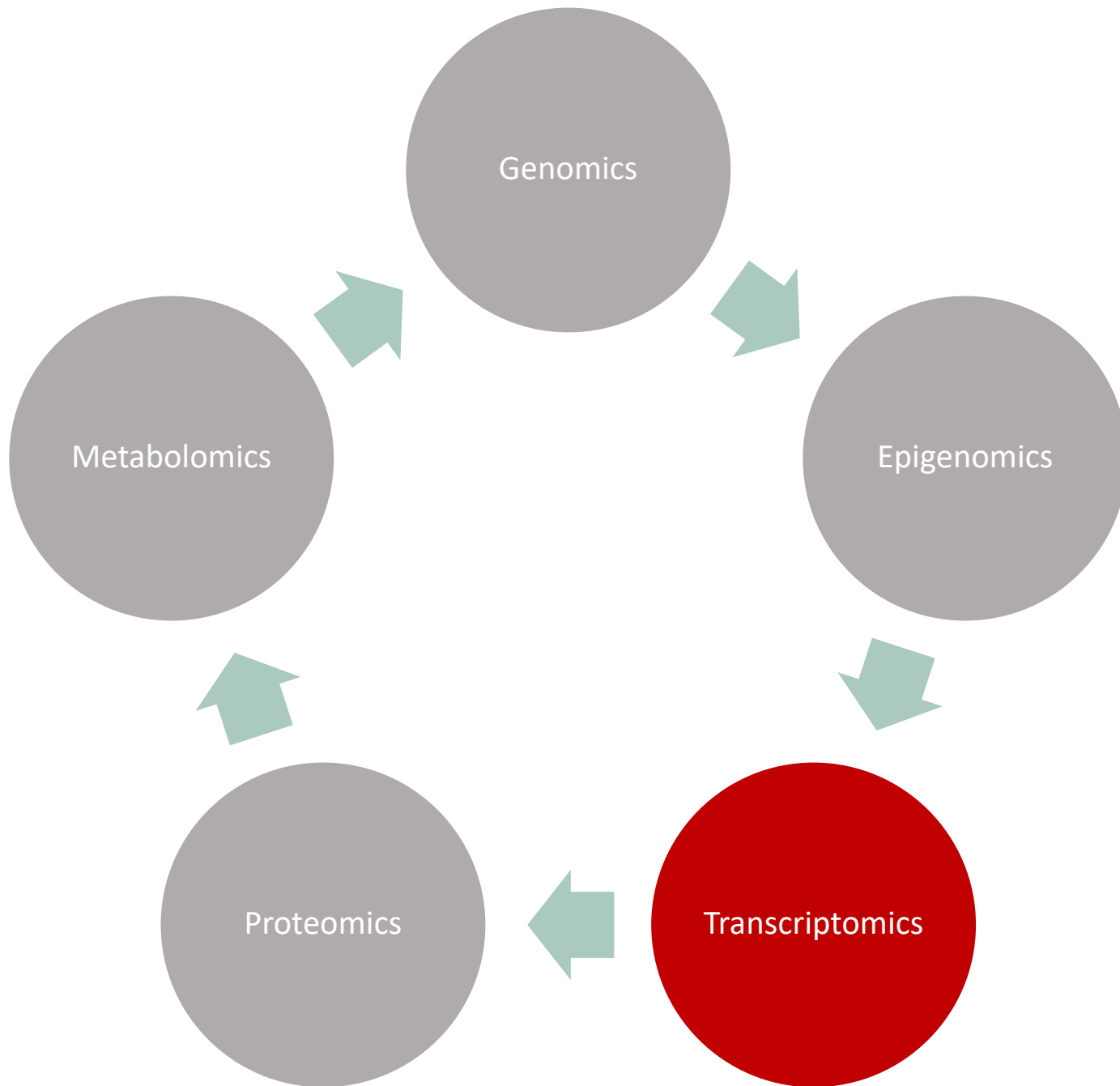
## Chemical modifications to the genome

- DNA methylation
- Chromatin modifications (e.g., histone acetylation)
- Chromatin topology
  
- Approaches: Bisulfite sequencing, ATAC-seq, DNase-seq, ChIP-seq, Chromosome conformation capture (3C, 4C, 5C, Hi-C, ChIP-loop, ChIA-PET).





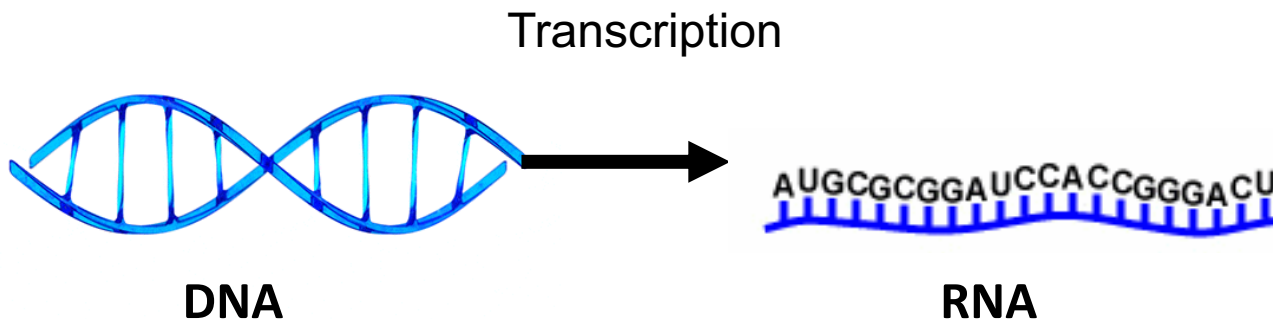
<b>Epigenomic approaches</b>	<b>Applications</b>
Bisulfite sequencing	Detect DNA methylation patterns
ATAC-seq	Detect accessible chromatin in the genome
DNase-seq	Determine chromatin accessibility
ChIP-seq	Determine DNA protein interactions
Chromosome conformation capture (3C, 4C, 5C, Hi-C, ChIP-loop, ChIA-PET)	Map the spatial chromatin organization



# Transcriptomics

## RNA transcripts produced by the genome

- Coding RNA (mRNA)
- Non-coding RNA species (e.g., lncRNA, microRNA, and other small RNAs)
- Approaches: RNA-sequencing (mRNA, lncRNA, lincRNA, sRNA), iCLIP, etc.

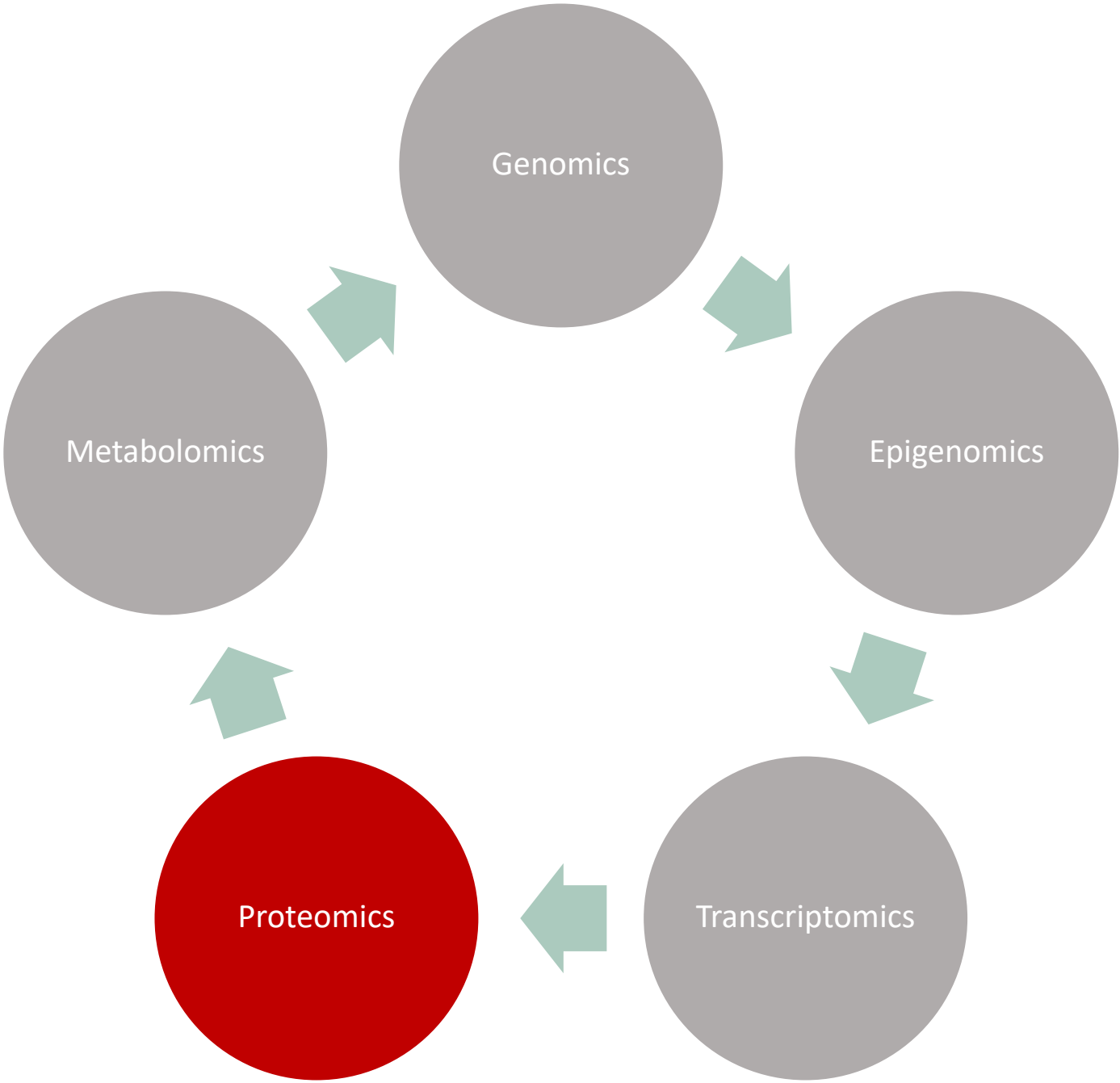




## RNA

<b>Transcriptomic approaches</b>	<b>Applications</b>
RNA-seq	Regulation of gene expression
Microarray	Regulation of gene expression
iCLIP	Identifying protein-RNA interactions



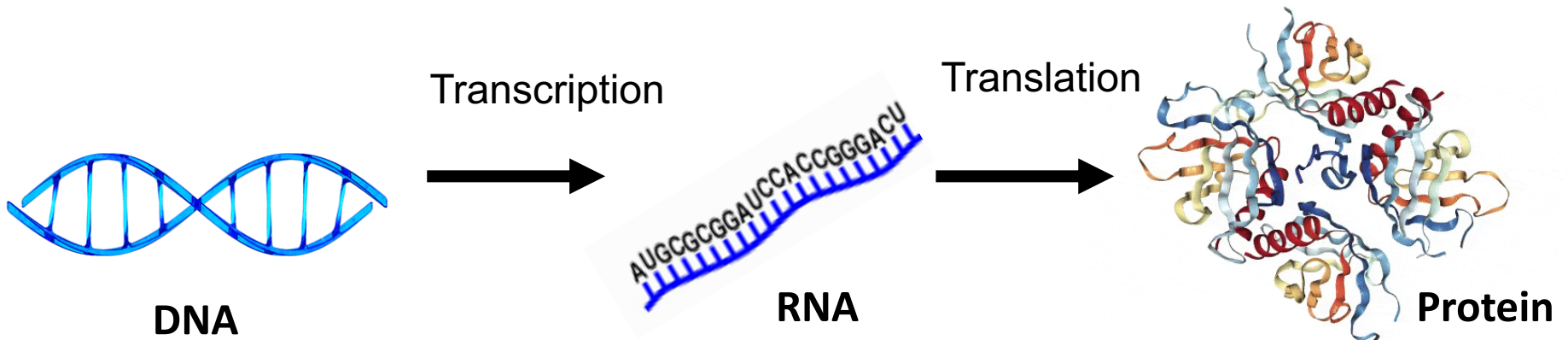


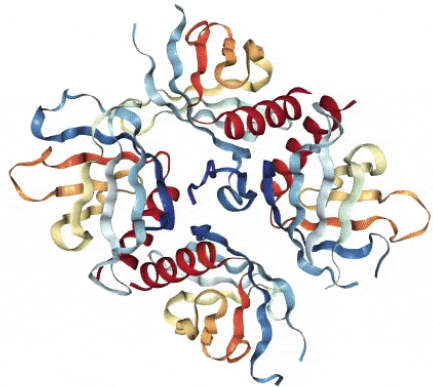
# Proteomics

## Proteins encoded by the genome

### Approaches:

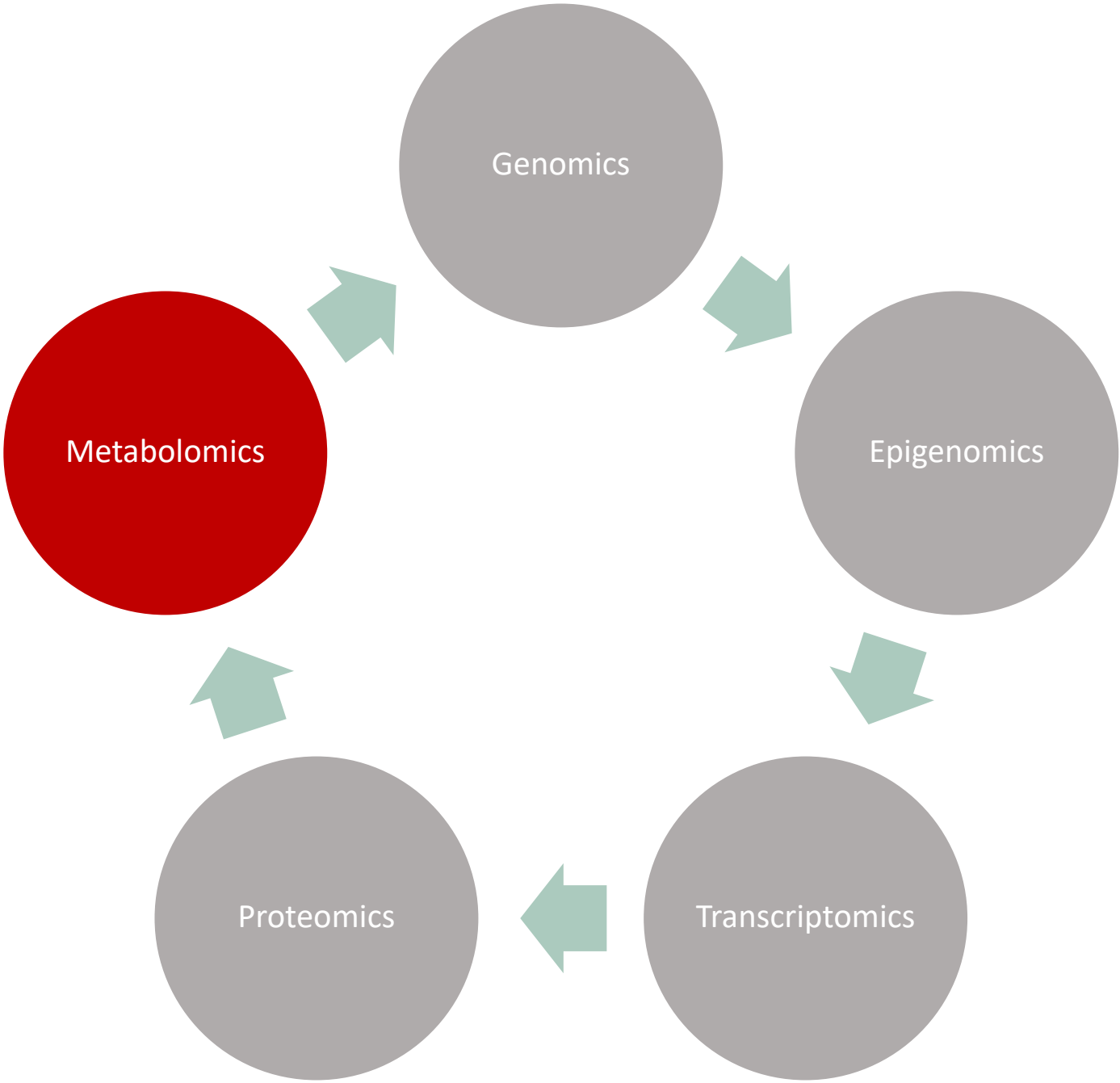
- Quantitative proteomics: Label free, metabolic labelling, Chemical labelling
- Interaction proteomics: AP-MS, XL-MS, IM-MS
- Organellar proteomics: proximity labelling, Protein correlation profiling, LOPIT
- Phosphoproteomics: IMAC, MOAC





**Protein**

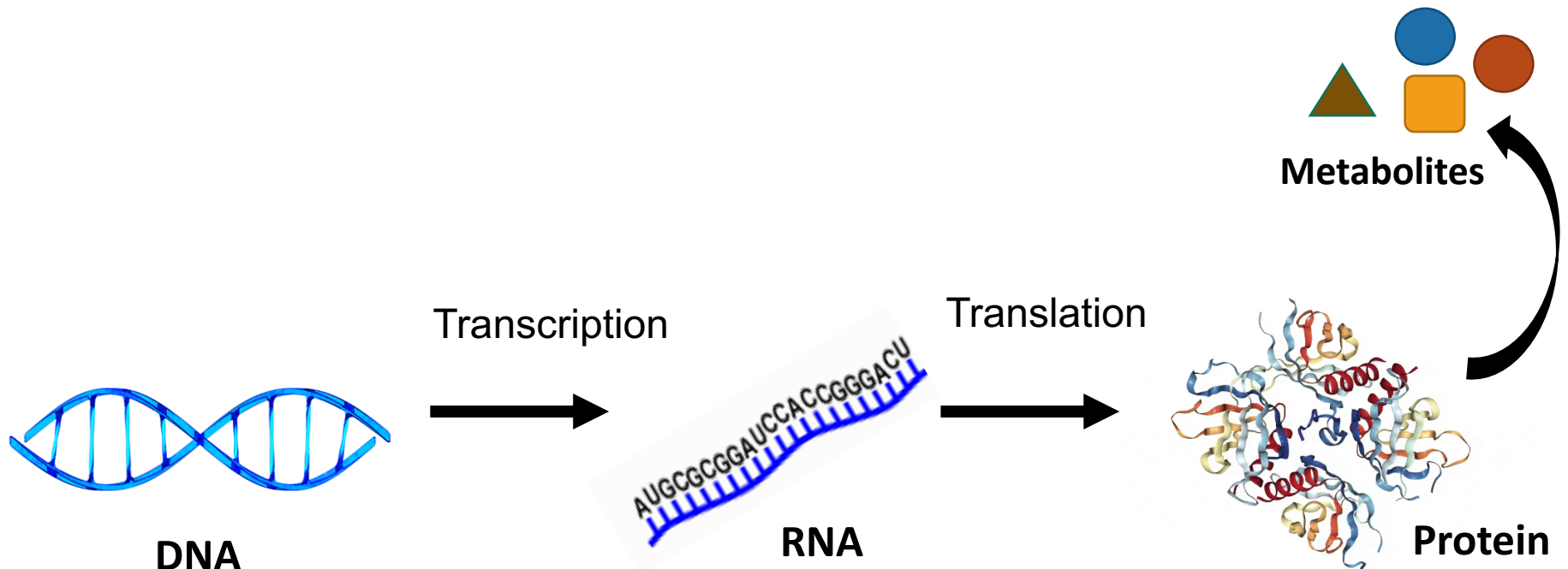
<b>Proteomic approaches</b>	<b>Applications</b>
Label free, Metabolic labelling, Chemical labelling	Quantitative proteomics
Affinity Purification Mass Spectrometry (AP-MS), Crosslinking Mass Spectrometry (XL-MS), Ion Mobility Mass Spectrometry (IM-MS)	Interaction proteomics
Proximity labelling, Protein correlation profiling, Localization of Organelle Proteins using Isotope Tagging (LOPIT)	Organelle proteomics
Immobilized metal affinity chromatography, Metal oxide affinity chromatography	Phosphoproteomics

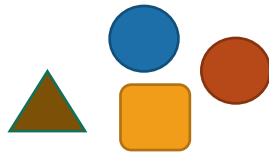


# Metabolomics

**Metabolites generated from metabolic reactions catalyzed by enzymes (proteins) within cells**

- Metabolites (lipids, glycans, carbohydrates, amino acids)
- Analysis methods (steady state, pulse chase)

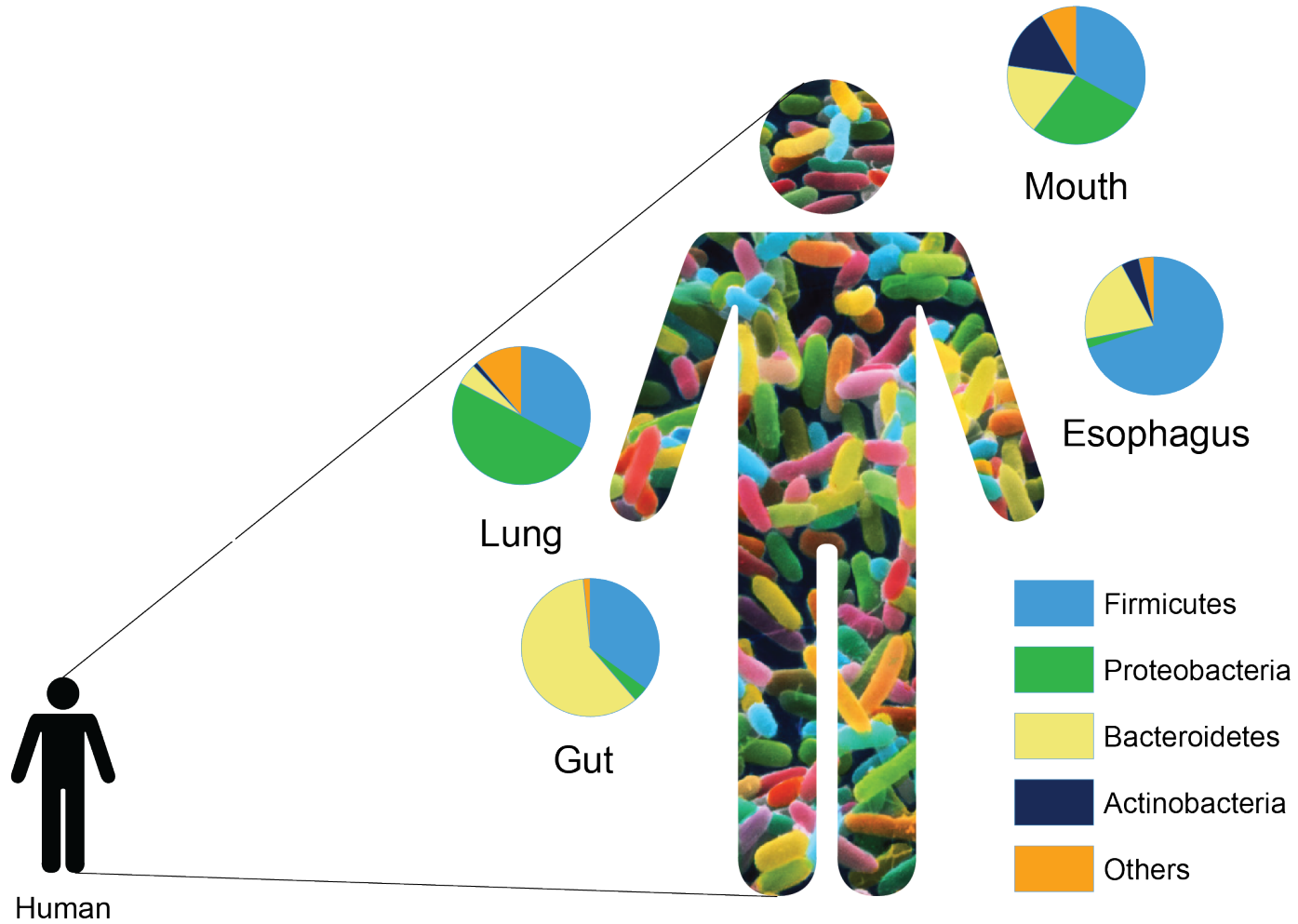




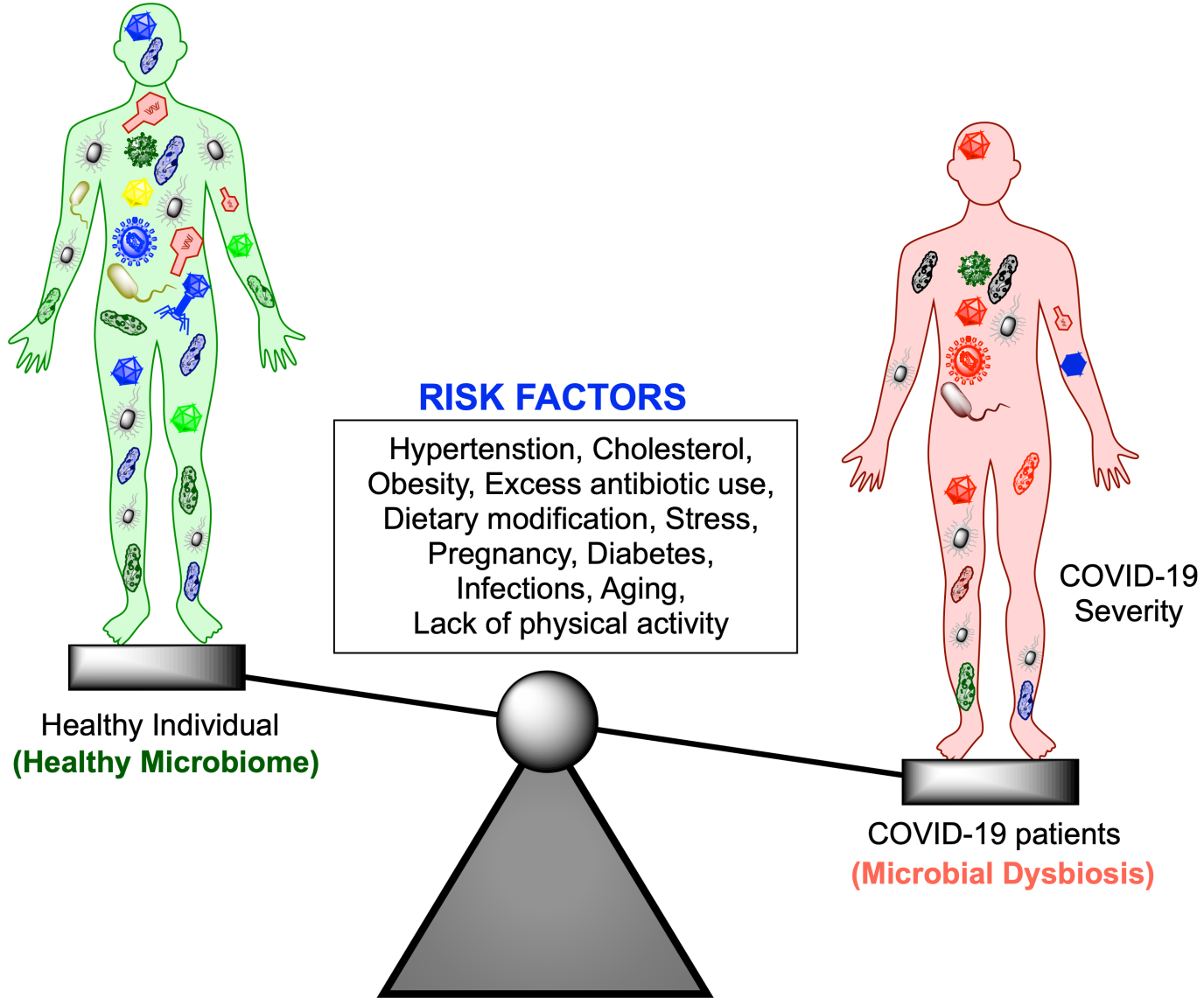
## Metabolites

<b>Approaches</b>	<b>Applications</b>
Stable Isotope labelling followed by Mass spectrometry	Study of system wide metabolic regulation. Novel metabolites and pathways can be discovered

# Microbiomics

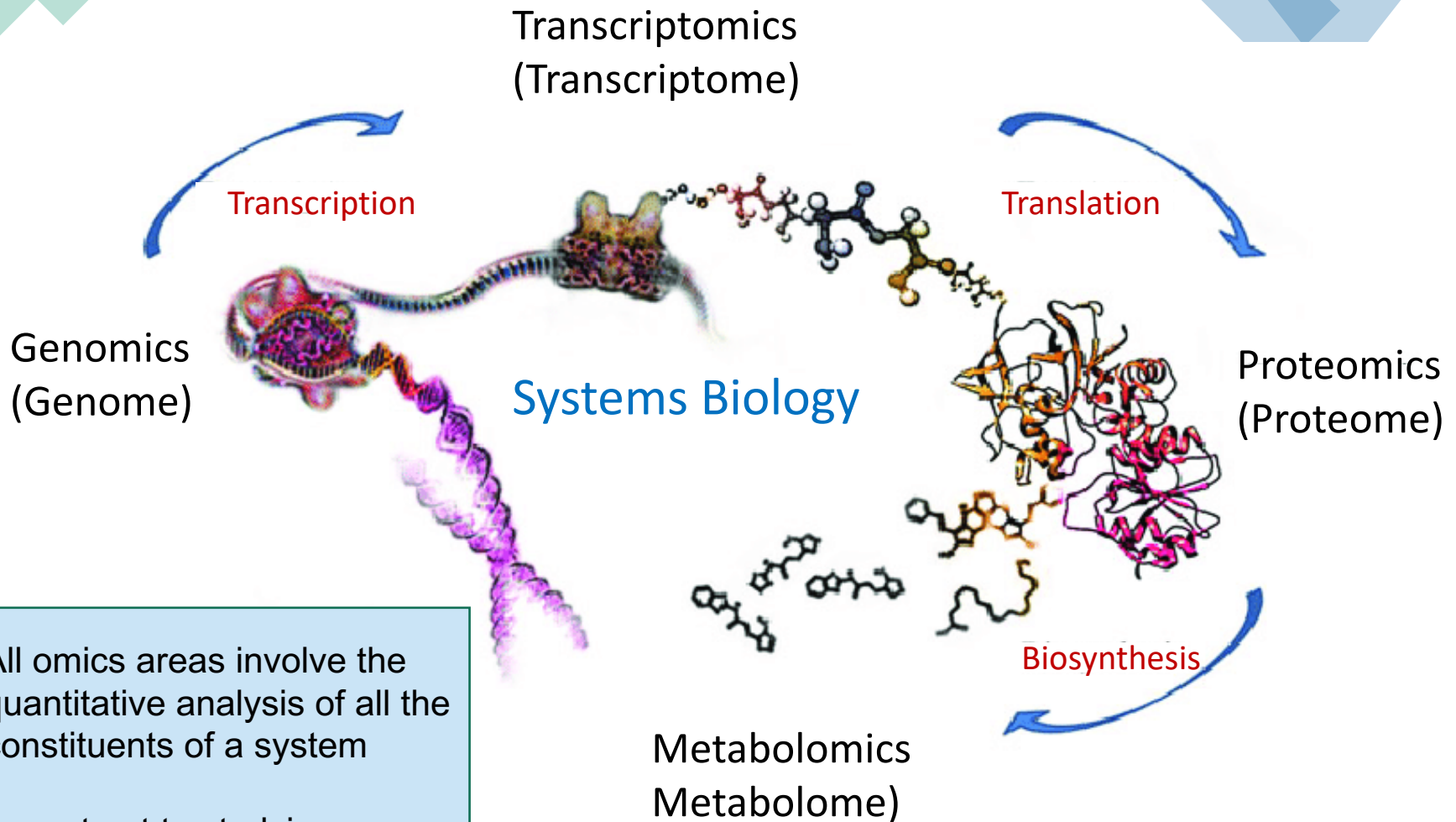


# COVID-19





# System-wide analysis



- All omics areas involve the quantitative analysis of all the constituents of a system
- In contrast to studying a single entity, omics approaches study an entire system

# Medicine Today

Expectation

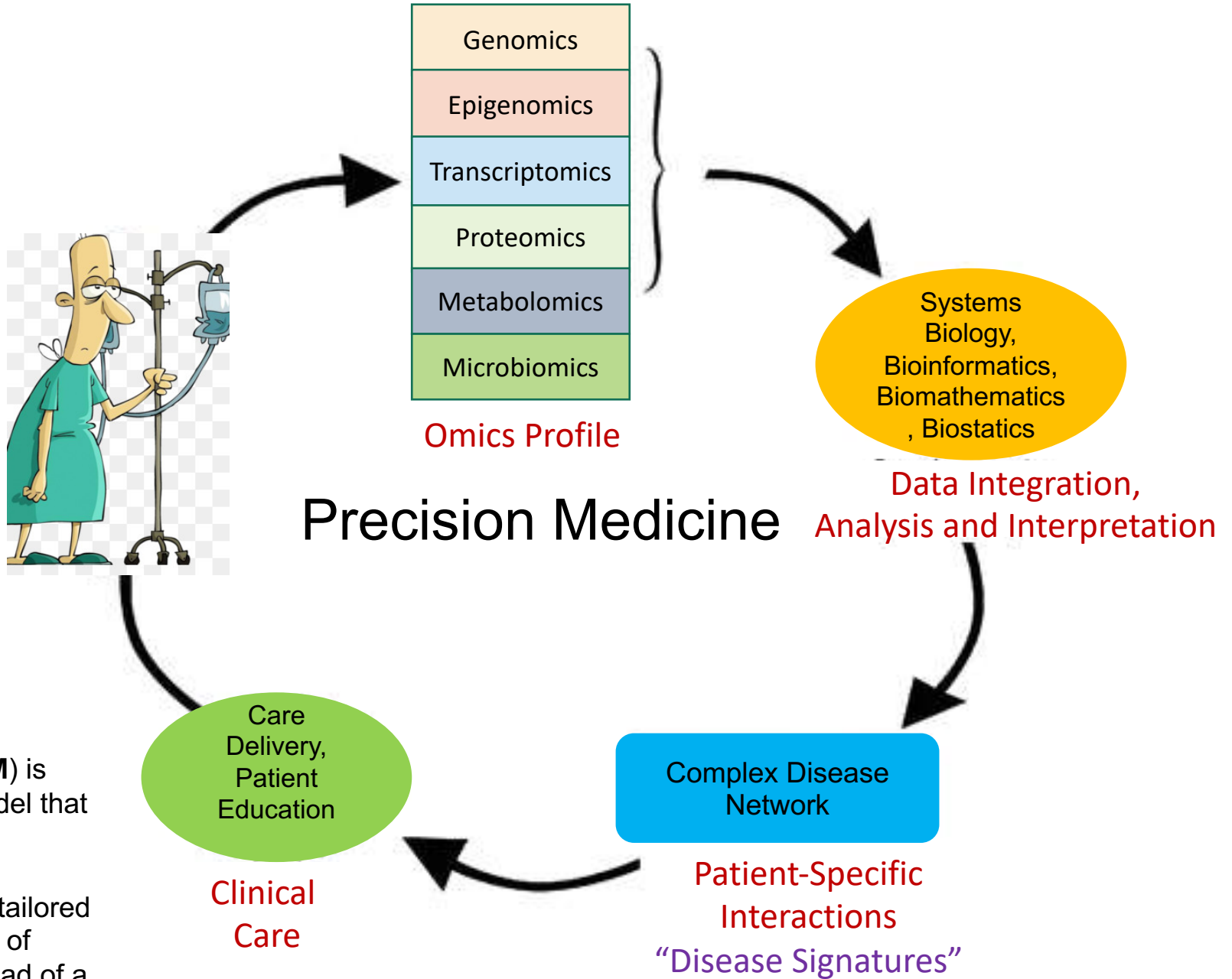


One Size Fits ALL

Reality



One Size Doesn't  
Fit ALL



**Precision medicine (PM)** is a medical model that proposes the customization of healthcare tailored to a subgroup of patients, instead of a one-drug-fits-all model.

# Thank you

