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Module I: **Clinical** Presentation on **Telomere** Testing



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Life Length, the world leader in providing **telomere diagnostics** and **telomerase activity** measurements, is pleased to provide this introductory presentation about the clinical value and utility of telomere testing with the TAT.

1. Aging: a heterogeneous process
2. What are telomeres?
3. TAT clinical usage
4. Test requirements



Aging: a heterogeneous process



The greatest risk for developing chronic
or age-related diseases is age

If a physician could only ask one question of a patient
to evaluate his or her health, that question would
invariably be:

HOW OLD ARE YOU?



Aging is a highly heterogeneous process

- Why do some people age astonishingly well, maintaining a more youthful appearance and impeccable health, while others develop health problems early in life?
- The factors that influence on this are enormously complex, dynamic and interactive but can be summarized in three main categories:

1. Genetic inheritance

2. Environmental factors

3. Lifestyle

factors





What are telomeres and why are they important?



What are telomeres?

Telomeres are the protective caps at the end of chromosomes which play a very significant role in the aging process



Telomeres of a young cell

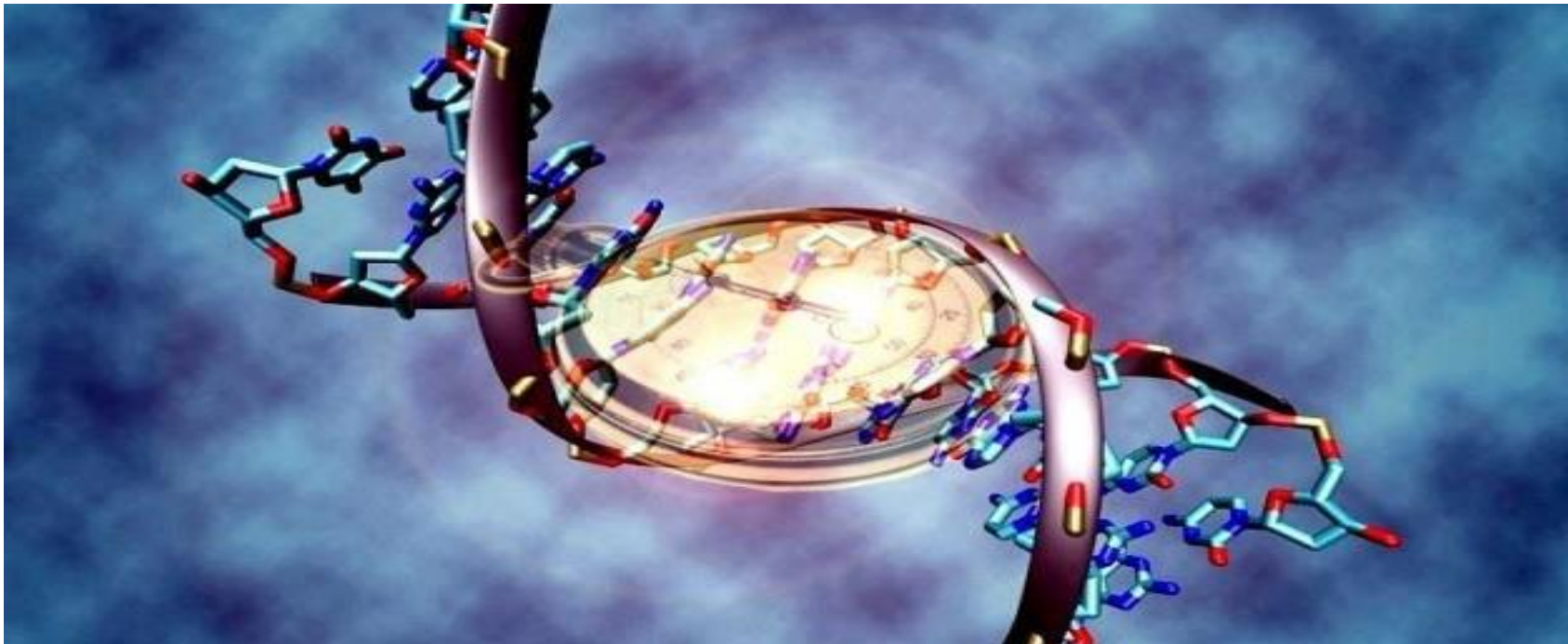
Telomeres of an aging cell

Short telomeres are a contributing factor to virtually all age-related diseases



Telomeres: the biological clock

- Telomeres, as a fundamental mechanism that regulate and control cellular viability, are a global reflection of how an individual is aging

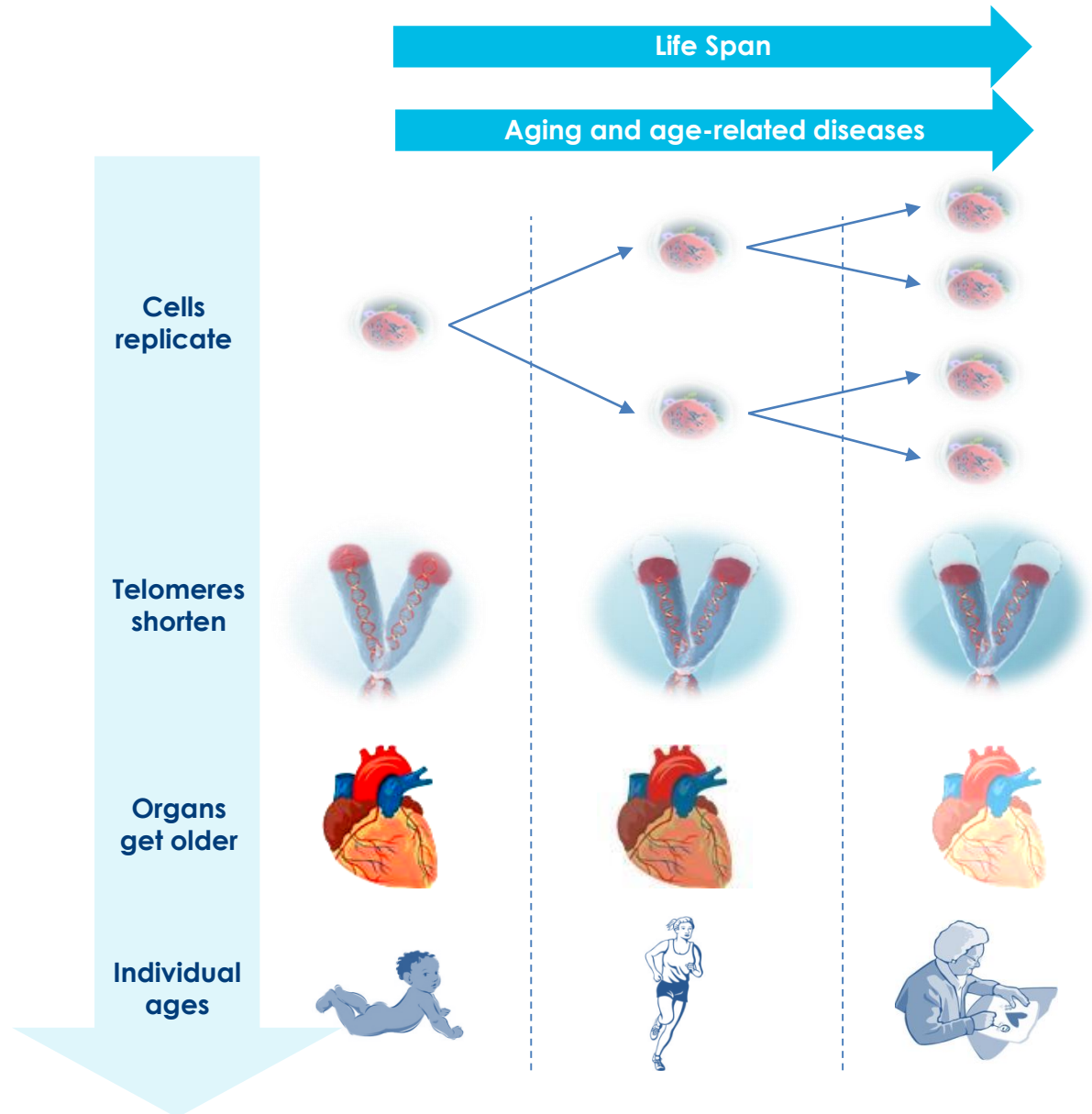


Telomere length reflects biological age, a more meaningful indicator than chronological age, and is a more accurate “read out” of the true aging process



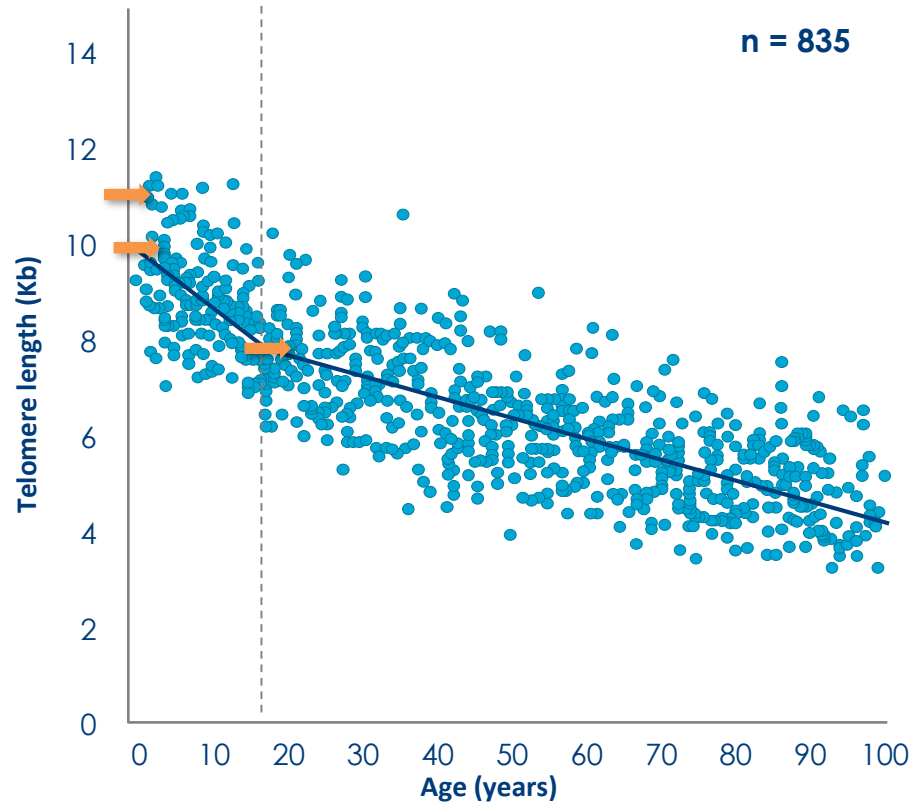
Telomere length is one of the most critical biomarkers for human aging

1. In any living organism, aging is the result of the decrease in the number and/or function of cells
2. Every time cells replicate, telomeres shorten until they reach a point where the cells can no longer divide properly
3. Cells with such short telomeres usually become senescent or enter apoptosis, and eventually die
4. Therefore, telomere length is a crucial biomarker providing insight into understanding organismal aging





Telomere length is highly heterogeneous among individuals as well as in the rate of attrition



Source: Aubert et al., Plos Genetics, 2012

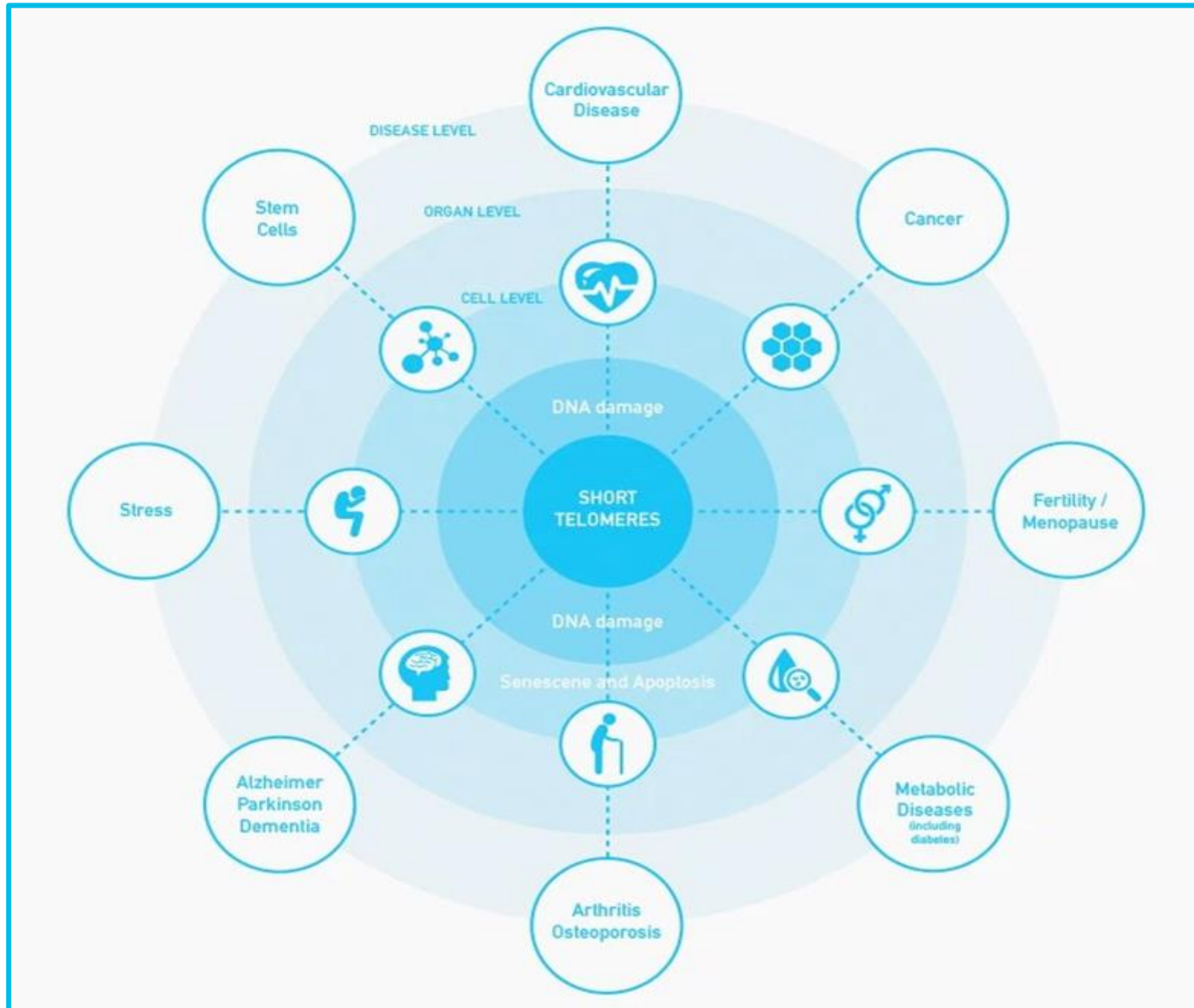
Shorter telomeres correlate with increased age and disease risk



Telomere Analysis Technology Clinical Applications



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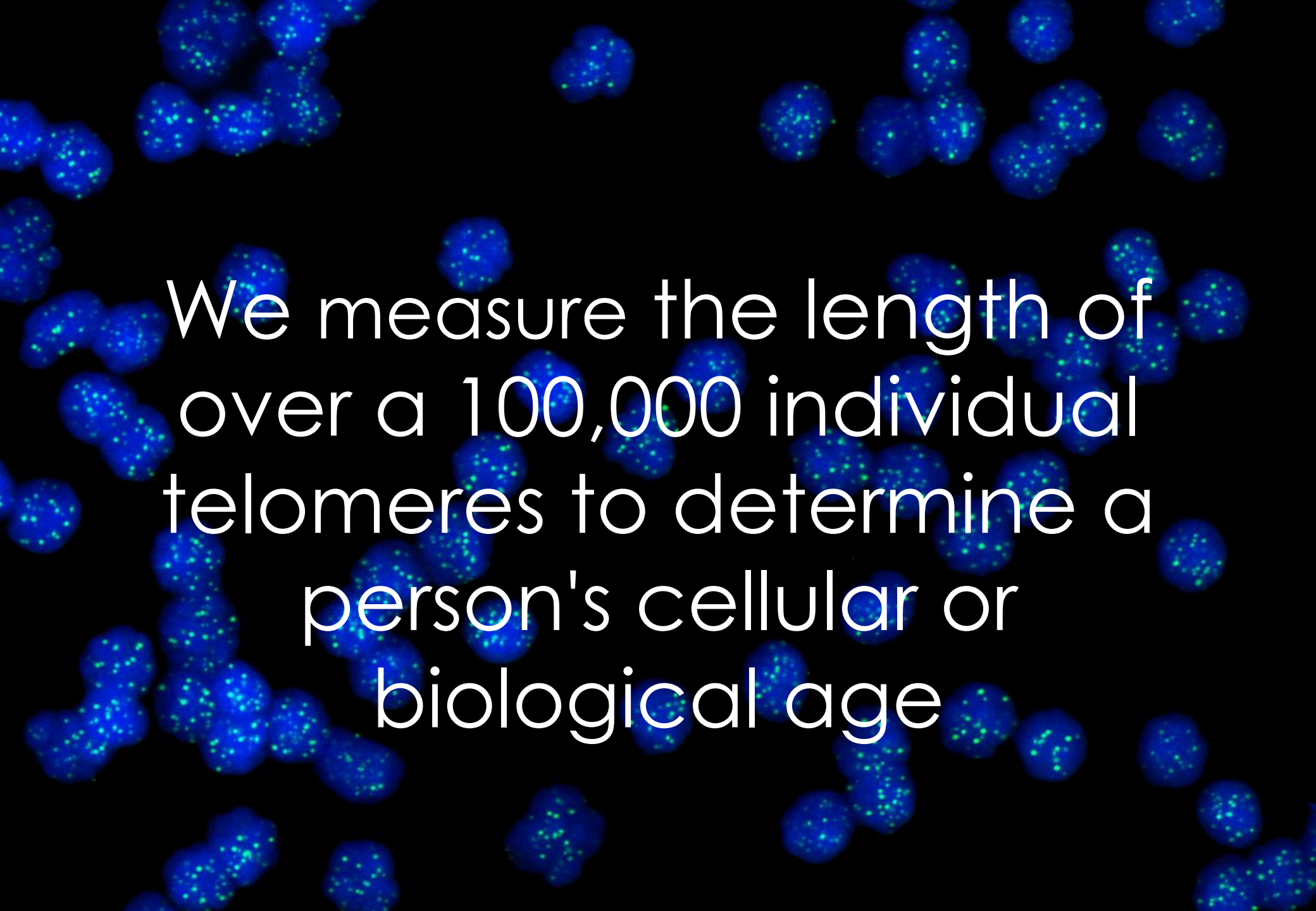
To risk stratify patients and
identify individuals with
accelerated biological
aging

To enable early intervention-
lifestyle modifications to
reduce stress, inflammation,
oxidative damage and other
inducers of accelerated
telomere loss

To provide therapeutic interventions to slow or reverse telomere loss (lifestyle modifications, supplements, stem cells therapies)

To complement other testing (traditional and genetic) for the early diagnosis of disease and to take action accordingly

To measure longitudinally
patient's biological aging
over time to monitor the
effectiveness of and
compliance with
wellness/anti-aging programs

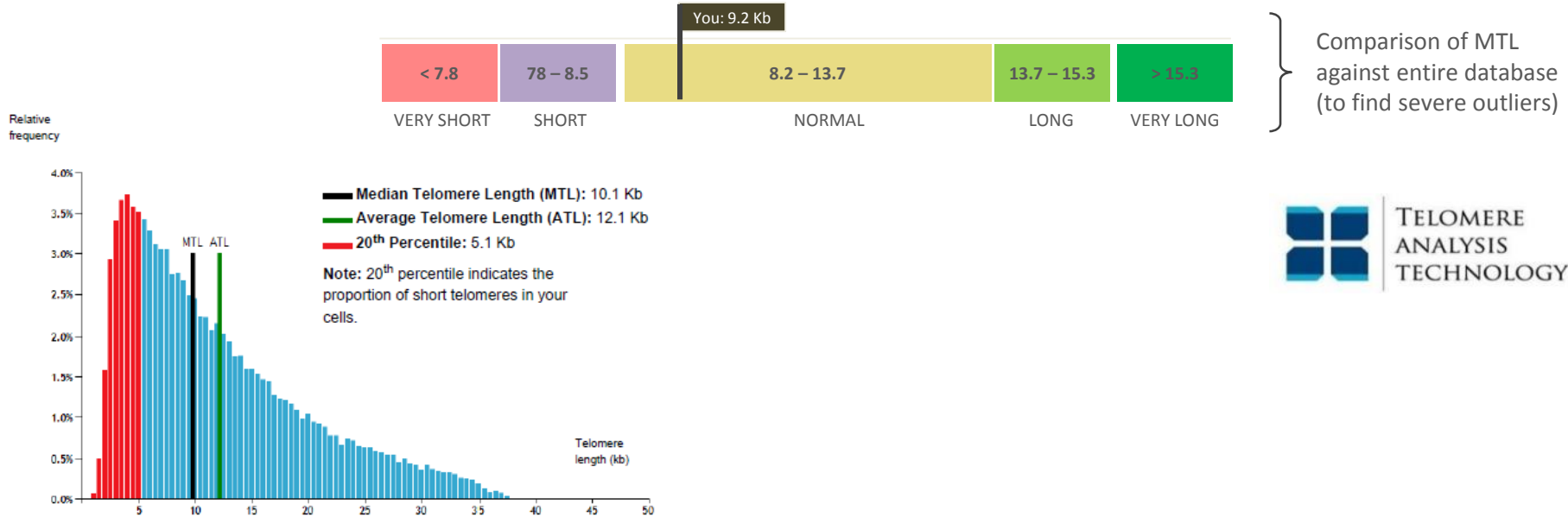
The background of the slide is a dark field filled with numerous blue fluorescent cells. Each cell contains several small, bright green spots, likely representing telomeres. The cells are scattered across the frame, creating a dense, textured appearance.

We measure the length of
over a 100,000 individual
telomeres to determine a
person's cellular or
biological age



Life Length's Telomere Analysis Technology[®] (TAT[®])

- Life Length is the only company in the world able to measure the percentage of short telomeres in individual cells, which is the relevant indicator of cellular aging, rather than mean telomere length
- The TAT test is a blood test that measures the length of thousands of individual telomeres to reveal a person's cellular or biological age, the age a person shares with most people of similar physiology





Test requirements

- No fasting required
- We provide complete kits to our physicians
- One tube (10 ml) of blood is required
- An optional anonymous online health questionnaire may be completed for a more comprehensive report (www.lifelength-questionnaire.com)
- Results Reports are delivered via our secure Physicians Portal (www.lifelength-reports.com) in approximately 2-4 weeks, depending on country



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- Visit our website: www.lifelength.com
 - In our website, you will find in our “classroom” Telomeres 101 extensive educational materials, presentations and references to clinical articles by pathology.
- The three links below are videos that further explain how to use TAT test and its clinical value and applications:



(Note: these videos are in the Life Length channel of YouTube)

- For more information: [Life Length Corporate Dropbox - Telomere Studies](#)



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