

#### Escuela Profesional de Ciencia de la Computación

ICC Fase 1

### **Bioinformatics**

Introduction to Bioinformatics

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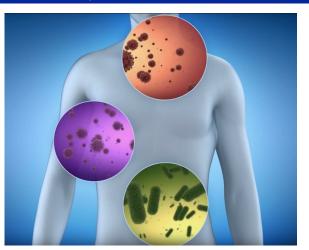


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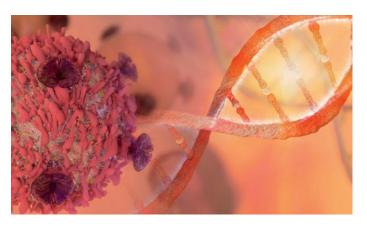


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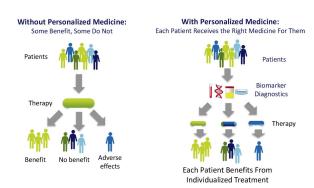


Figure: Personalized Medicine: New Approach to Treatment of Disease



### Introduction

What is Bioinformatics?

According to Luscombe et al.: Bioinformatics involves the technology that uses computers for storage, retrieval, manipulation, and distribution of information related to biological macromolecules such as DNA, RNA, and proteins [1].

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Bioinformatics vs Computational Biology

**Bioinformatics** is limited to sequence, structural, and functional analysis of genes and genomes and their corresponding products and is often considered **Computational molecular biology**. However, **Computational Biology** encompasses all biological areas that involve computation [2].

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Genomics

**Genomics** is the study of whole genomes of organisms. Genomics uses a combination of recombinant DNA, DNA sequencing methods, and bioinformatics to sequence, assemble, and analyse the structure and function of genomes. It differs from classical **Genetics** in that it study genes and their heredity meanwhile Genomics study the whole genome [3].

#### Areas Bioinformaics can help with



Microbiome study the genetic material of microbes, bacteria, fungi, etc.



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Personalized medicine has the potential to tailor therapy with the best response and highest safety margin to ensure better patient care.

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Drug descovery is the process through which potential new medicines are identified.



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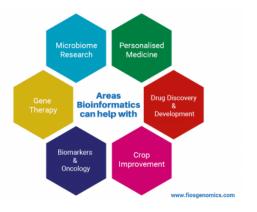
Crop improvement help to produce stronger, more drought, disease and insect resistant crops.

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Biomarkers & oncology could be used as screening/early detection tool of cancer diagnostic and prognostic.

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Gene therapy is an experimental technique that uses genes to treat or prevent disease. In the future, this technique could insert a gene into a patient's cells instead of using drugs or surgery.

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