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Status of Global Acceptance of RWD/RWE in regulatory activities and lessons learned from various regions



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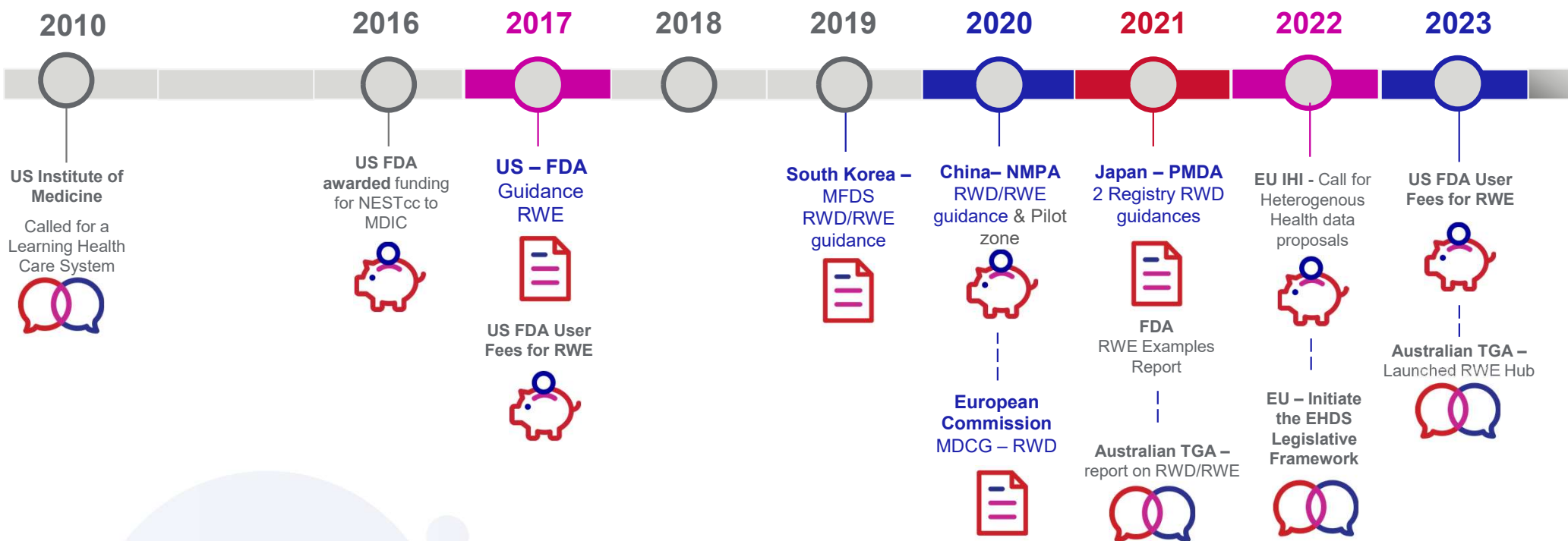
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Timeline of Medical Device RWE Activities & Guidances



Investment in Real-World Data and Evidence Capabilities



User Fee and Congressional Commitments

- Updated Guidance(s)
- Training for reviewers
- Reporting and Public Engagement
- Investment in infrastructure, processes and policies to improve the access to RWD and the generation of RWE



RWD/RWE for EU MDR

- Guidance on sufficient clinical evidence for legacy devices (MDCG 2020-6)
- Post-market clinical follow-up (PMCF) Plan Template (MDCG 2020-7)



- 2022 Call for Proposals for Access and integration of “heterogeneous health data” for improved healthcare (2023 launch)



CHINA NMPA

Real-World Evidence Activities

- 2019 Real-World Evidence Guidance(s) release
- Annual RWE conferences
- Creation of RWE Pilot Zones

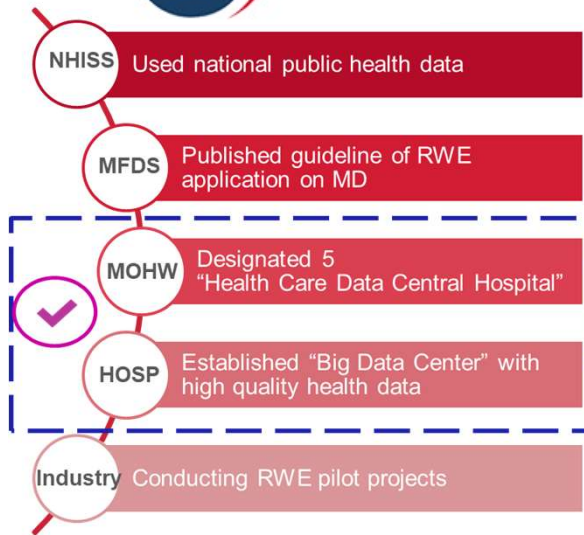


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Great Bay Area (GBA)

Investment in Real-World Data and Evidence Capabilities



- Guidance for Utility of Health Care Data
- RWE guidance revision



Real-World Evidence Guidances

- Basic Principles on Registry Utilization for Applications
- Points to be Considered to Ensure Reliability in Utilization of Registry Data for Applications
- Data infrastructure and access (e.g., Mid-Net, National Database of Health Insurance Claims, and private companies' medical databases)
- Engagement with external stakeholders



2021 Report Findings

- Ambiguity (internally and externally) limits adoption
- Need for improved communication

2022 Action Plan Created

2023 RWE Hub

- Adopted definition
- Launched online RWE Hub



Lessons Learned

Relevance of Study Question



- Various Uses of RWE
- Access to relevant RWD
- Determining the feasibility
- Limitation of different data sources

Data Characterization Fit for Purpose Assessment



- Pooling & linking data
- Differences in health care systems
- Understanding the RWD and the Standard of Care

Rigor of the Study Design and Analytical Methods



- Protocol development
- Benefit of different methodological approaches

Totality of Evidence and Strength of the Findings



- Different roles RWE can play in submission
- Complementary to traditional clinical evidence approaches

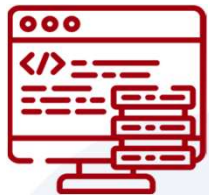
Establish ongoing transparency/communication through the study (pre-, during, post)

Challenges and Opportunities

Technical

Data "Quality"

- Terminology
- Standard of care and existing codes
- Common data models
- Characterization of data sources and outcomes



Methodology

- Alignment on appropriate analytic methods
- Data extraction and curation
- Data linkage capability



Policy & Process

Data Access & Sharing

- Data access/sharing policies
- Multi-stakeholder data sharing agreements
- Oversight/auditing for decision-making



Transparency

- Patient protections and informed consent
- Ethical concerns among professionals and public
- Transparency and reporting requirements



Growing Need for Evidence

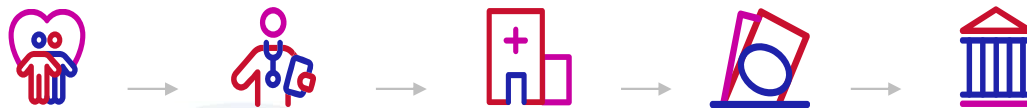
Evolution of Medical Products



Expanding Sources of Clinical Data & Evidence



Emerging Needs of Decision Makers



Possible Next Steps



Build on the foundation laid by the early Guidance documents and experiences



Enable appropriate access to health data for quality research



Advance multi-stakeholder partnerships to develop consensus

- RWD Characterization and Fit-for-Purpose Assessment requirements
- Analytical methods
- Appropriate transparency expectations



Focus on International Harmonization



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How to incorporate real-world data sources into regulatory decision-making processes?



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Typical uses of RWD

Changes to claims / indications / intended purpose

Post-approval monitoring

Device traceability

Distribution of safety communications

Other uses of RWD

Orphan / pediatric / breakthrough / humanitarian uses

For devices with multiple indications – can track outcomes

To set more predictable clinical evidence requirements based on available knowledge

To understand human factors, usability, the learning curve and device interactions

REGION	AUTHORITY	AVAILABLE DOCUMENTATION
USA	FDA	Guidance: Submitting Documents Using Real-World Data and Real-World Evidence to FDA for Drug and Biological Products
		Framework for FDA's Real-World Evidence Program
		Guidance: Assessing Electronic Health Records and Medical Claims Data To Support Regulatory Decision-Making for Drug and Biological Products
		Guidance: Assessing Registries to Support Regulatory Decision-Making for Drug and Biological Products
		Guidance: Considerations for the Use of Real-World Data and Real-World Evidence To Support Regulatory Decision-Making for Drug and Biological Products
		Guidance: Data Standards for Drug and Biological Product Submissions Containing Real-World Data
		Guidance: Submitting Documents Utilizing Real-World Data and Real-World Evidence to FDA for Drugs and Biologics
		Guidance: Use of Electronic Health Records in Clinical Investigations
Europe	EMA	Operational, Technical, and Methodological (OPTIMAL) framework for regulatory use of RWE in regulatory decision making
		Regulatory Science to 2025 strategic document
UK	MHRA	MHRA guidance on the use of real-world data in clinical studies to support regulatory decisions MHRA guideline on randomised controlled trials using real-world data to support regulatory decisions
	NICE	NICE real-world evidence framework
Australia	TGA	Real world evidence and patient reported outcomes
		Clinical evidence guidelines for medical devices An Action Plan for Medical Devices
Canada	Sante Canada-Health Canada	Optimizing the Use of Real-World Evidence to Inform Regulatory Decision-Making Elements of Real-World Data/Evidence Quality throughout the Prescription Drug Product Life Cycle
	CADTH	Real-World Evidence for Decision-Making
Greater China	NMPA	Guideline on using real-world evidence to support drug research & development and review
		Technical guidelines (trial) for real-world research and support for drug research and development and review of children
	TFDA	Guideline on using real-world evidence to support medical device evaluation (Trial)
		Guideline on using real-world data to generate real-world evidence (trial)
Japan	RWD Working Group of PMDA	Basic considerations for real-world evidence supporting drug development
		Guidelines for the Conduct of Pharmacoepidemiological Studies in Drug Safety Assessment with Medical Information Databases
		Points to Consider for Ensuring the Reliability of Post-marketing Database Study for Drugs
		Points to Consider for Ensuring the Reliability of Post-marketing Database Study for Medical Devices
		Procedures for Developing Post-marketing Study Plan (originally published as "Procedures for Developing Post-marketing Study Plan
		Questions and Answers (Q&A) on Points to Consider for Ensuring the Reliability of Post-marketing Database Study for Drugs
		Points to Consider for Ensuring the Reliability of Post-marketing Database Study for Regenerative Medical Products
		Basic Principles on Utilization of Registry for Applications
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INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES	SCOPE
REAL World Data In Asia for Health Technology Assessment in Reimbursement (REALISE) working group	A framework for the use of RWD and RWE in decision-making in Asia, which is designed to be adapted to users' local needs, reflecting an awareness of the differing practical barriers occurring in different countries
Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy. Developing real-world data and evidence to support regulatory decision-making.	Cluster of stakeholders, which has released a number of whitepapers, including a suggested regulatory framework for the use of RWD and RWE in decision-making in the USA
HTx Next Generation Health Technology Assessment	A European Union (Horizon 2020) funded program monitoring the RWE use for the decision-making process throughout Europe, aiming to construct the future Framework for the "Next Generation Health Technology Assessment (nHTA) and to enable the decision-making process to rely on patient-centred evidence, real-time, and socially oriented reimbursement policies in Europe
INNOVATIVE MEDICINES INITIATIVE'S COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS (I05)	
Clinical Trials Transformation Initiative	Initiative aiming to modernize clinical trials, which has released a position paper on accelerating the use of RWD in clinical trials
Europe's Innovative Medicines Initiative's GetReal project	Initiative aiming to incorporate data from real-life clinical settings into drug development
RCT DUPLICATE (Randomized Controlled Trials Duplicated Using Prospective Longitudinal Insurance Claims:Applying Techniques of Epidemiology) initiative	Led by Brigham and Women's Hospital in collaboration with the FDA and other academic and industry stakeholders, it is engaged in replicating large-scale RCTs using RWD sources to evaluate the latter's ability to replicate findings from RCTs and validate findings for RWE acceptance
ADAPT-SMART (Accelerated Development of Appropriate Patient Therapies: A Sustainable, Multi-Stakeholder Approach From Research to Treatment Outcomes)	Project to the EMA's Adaptive Pathways Pilot and the Medicines Adaptive Pathway to Patients concept. ADAPT-SMART generates evidence throughout the product life cycle and develops methods for adjusting for biases
Big Data for Better Outcomes initiative	European research programme aiming to develop enablers to support health care system transformation through the use of big data. The initiative has developed platforms for integrating and analysing diverse real-world data sets
HARMONIZATION INITIATIVES	
International Council for Harmonisation (ICH)	ICH has published a reflection paper on Good Clinical Practice and put forth plans to update the existing E8 (General Considerations for Clinical Trials) and the E6 (Guideline for Good Clinical Practice) guidelines to leverage data from more flexible study designs and a diversity of data sources. In particular, the ICH proposed to include discussion on pragmatic study designs and guidance on how RWD collection could be used to supplement or even replace traditional data collection within the E6
European Health Data & Evidence Network	European consortium aiming to harmonize health records to the Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership data model and create an EU-wide architecture for federated analysis of RWD
Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences (CIOMS) - Working Group XIII - Real-World Data and Real-World Evidence in Regulatory Decision Making	The primary goal of the proposed CIOMS WG is to develop, for global use, a consensus report and recommendations on principles to be applied regarding triggers, objectives, research questions, design features, and timing of RWD and RWE as part of the regulatory process for products in the peri-approval stage of development or for authorized products
International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology and Outcomes Research (ISPOR); Real World Evidence Strategic Initiative	Working to improve standards and practice for the collection and analysis of RWD. 4 Joint International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology (ISPE) -ISPOR Good Practices Reports have been published Good Practices for Real World Data Studies of Treatment and/or Comparative Effectiveness: Recommendations from the Joint ISPOR ISPE Special Task Force on Real-World Evidence in Healthcare Decision Making Reporting to Improve Reproducibility and Facilitate Validity Assessment for Healthcare Database Studies V1.0 Making Real-World Evidence More Useful for Decision Making (editorial) All Good Practices Reports for Real-World Data
International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities (ICMRA)	During a 2020 ICMRA working group meeting on building international cohorts, for example, the EMA, FDA, Agencia Espanola de Medicamentos y Productos Sanitarios, and Health Canada worked together to develop criteria to help prioritize key regulatory and public health research questions for international collaboration (e.g., large sample size, regional comparisons, and development of infrastructure)
International Network of Agencies for Health Technology Assessment (INAHTA)	INAHTA is a network of 50 HTA agencies that support health system decision-making, focusing on the sharing of information about producing and disseminating HTA reports for evidence-based decision making
International Society for Pharmaceutical Engineering (ISPE)	The International Society for Pharmaceutical Engineering is a non-profit association serving its members by leading scientific, technical, and regulatory advancement throughout the entire pharmaceutical lifecycle and has issued a position paper on the use of RWE

Ref, Valla V, et al. Use of Real-World Evidence for International Regulatory Decision Making in Medical Devices. International Journal of Digital Health. 2023; 3(1): 1, 1–27. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.29337/ijdh.50>

Europe

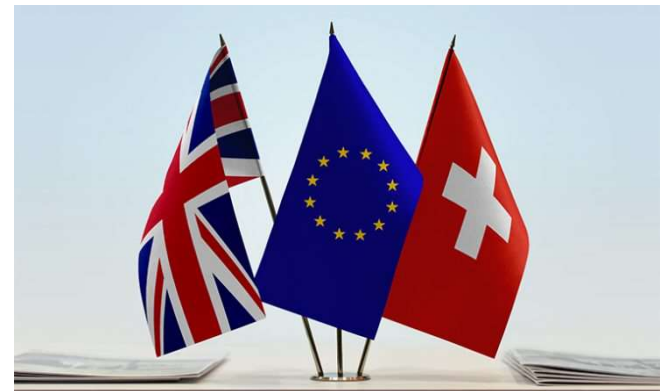
Move from Directive to Regulation system

Changed clinical evidence requirements

New clinical evidence processes

European Health Data Space - EHDS

Brexit and Swixit



The big picture

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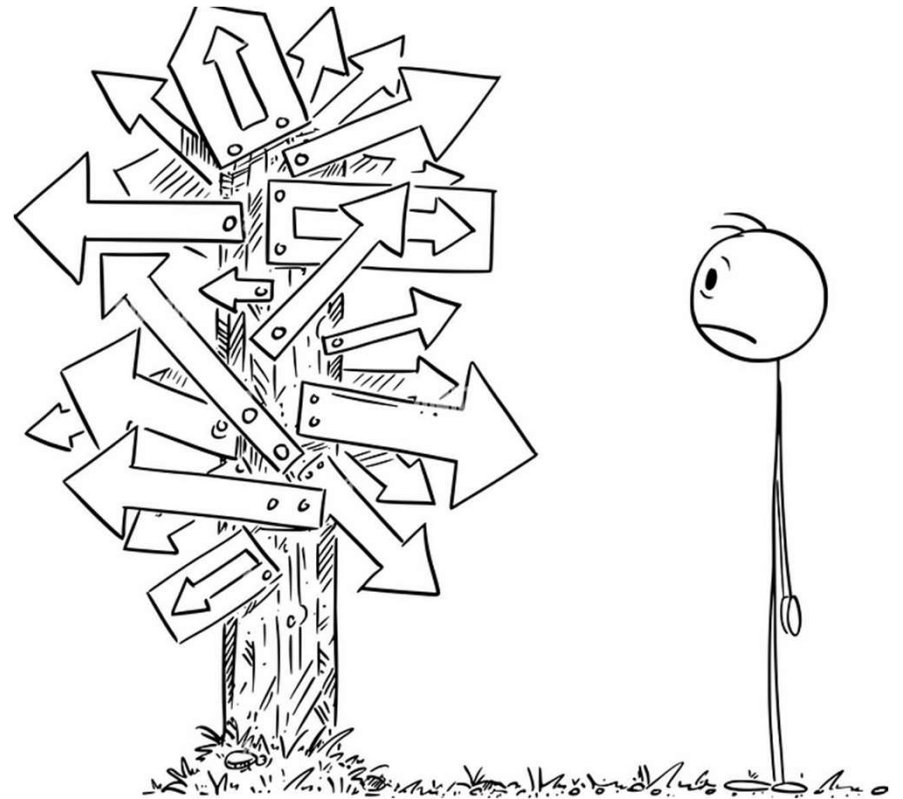
Is there a willingness to work towards common clinical methodology in areas where RWD is available and regulatory requirements are similar?



If there is...

We need to map the areas where clinical evidence requirements are the same / different

This is needed to understand the starting point that we can build on



Example – snapshot of clinical data requirements in EU vs. US

Similarities

510k and **safety & performance** pathway in US

Article **61(10)** and **61(6)(b)** in EU

Differences

Safety and effectiveness in US

Safety and performance as intended by manufacturer in EU

RWD can help to improve clinical evidence requirements

Predictable

Setting **objective performance criteria** where possible

Common performance criteria for lower risk devices

Setting requirements for **equivalence** and **iterative change**

Proportionate

Breakthrough / Orphan / Pediatric devices

Lower risk devices where **non-clinical & post-market** is sufficient

Reproducible

Poolability of registry data

Methodologic **transparency**

Assessing why outcomes are **similar / different**

The fine detail



The fine detail

Initiatives to pool data

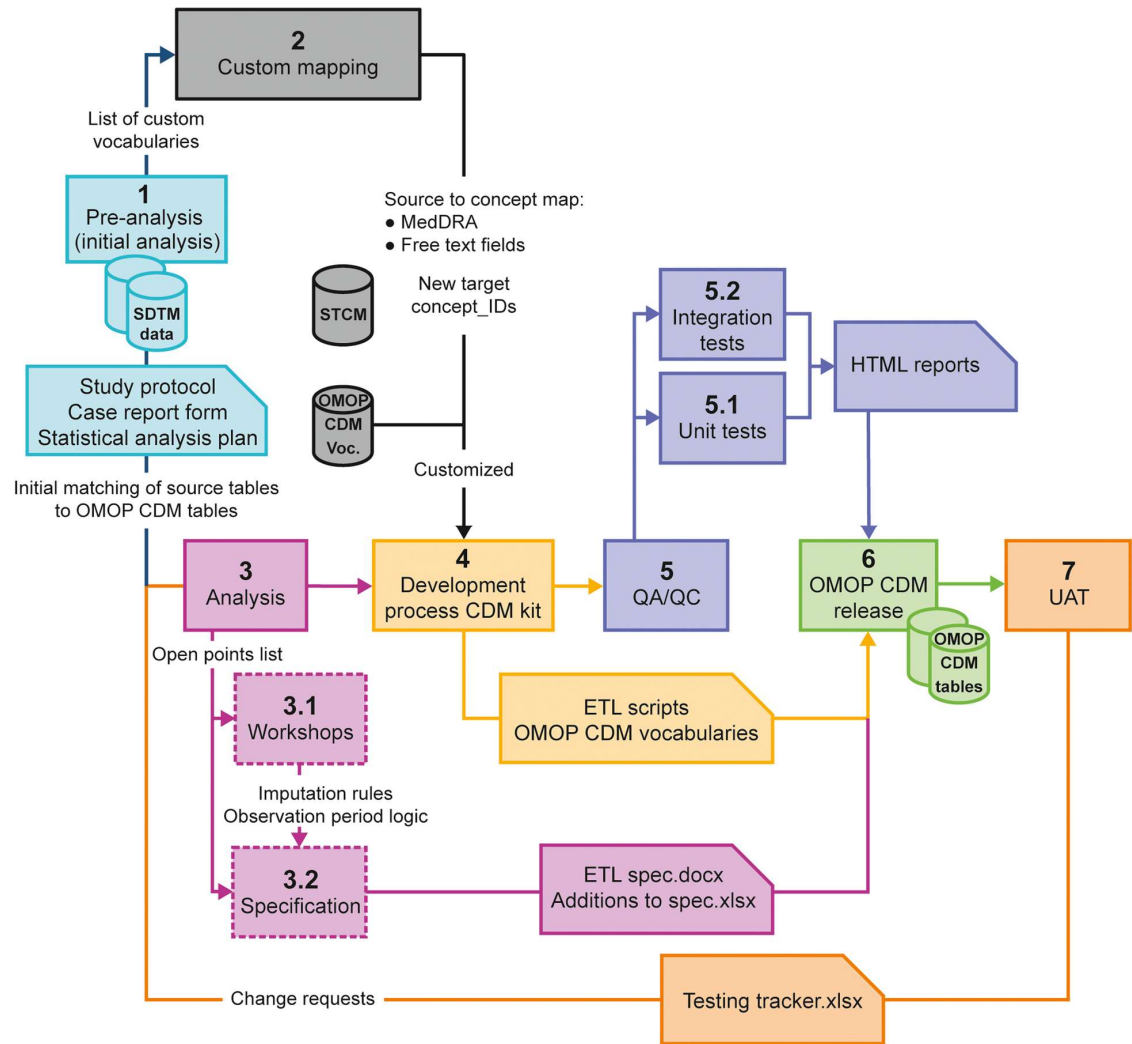
Policy for data privacy and management

Support registries and standardise interactions with industry and regulators

Develop quality assessments for registries



Example - Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership (OMOP) Common Data Model (CDM)



Biedermann et al. *BMC Med Res Methodol* (2021) 21:238
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12974-021-01434-3> BMC Medical Research Methodology

RESEARCH Open Access

Standardizing registry data to the OMOP Common Data Model: experience from three pulmonary hypertension databases

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Abstract

Background: The Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership (OMOP) Common Data Model (CDM) can be used to transform observational health data to a common format. CDM transformation allows for analysis across disparate databases for the generation of new, real-world evidence, which is especially important in rare disease where data are limited. Pulmonary hypertension (PH) is a progressive, life-threatening disease, with rare subgroups such as pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), for which generating real-world evidence is challenging. Our objective is to document the process and outcomes of transforming registry data in PH to the OMOP CDM, and highlight challenges and our potential solutions.

Methods: Three observational studies were transformed from the Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium study data tabulation model (SDTM) to OMOP CDM format. QIPUS was a prospective, multi-centre registry (2014–2020) and OIPHeUS was a retrospective, multi-centre chart review (2013–2017), both enrolled patients newly treated with macitentan in the US. EXPOSURE is a prospective, multi-centre cohort study (2017–ongoing) of patients newly treated with selpercatinib or any PHH-specific therapy in Europe and Canada. OMOP CDM version 5.3.1 with recent OMOP CDM vocabulary was used. Imputation rules were defined and applied for missing dates to avoid exclusion of data. Custom target concepts were introduced when existing concepts did not provide sufficient granularity.

Results: Of the 6822 patients in the three registry studies, records were mapped for 6457. Custom target concepts were introduced for PHH subgroups by combining SNOMED concepts or creating custom concepts and World Health Organization functional class. Per the OMOP CDM convention, records about the absence of an event, or the lack of information, were not mapped. Excluding these non-event records, 4% (IPUS), 2% (OIPHeUS) and 1% (EXPOSURE) of records were not mapped.

Conclusions: SDTM data from three registries were transformed to the OMOP CDM with limited exclusion of data and deviation from the SDTM database content. Future researchers can apply our strategy and methods in different disease areas, with tailoring as necessary. Mapping registry data to the OMOP CDM facilitates more efficient collaborations between researchers and establishment of federated data networks, which is an unmet need in rare diseases.

Keywords: Pulmonary hypertension, Registry, Observational data, Common data model, Data mapping

Background
 Evidence generated from observational, real-world data can be highly insightful and is increasing in importance, particularly in rare diseases where information is

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Some suggestions

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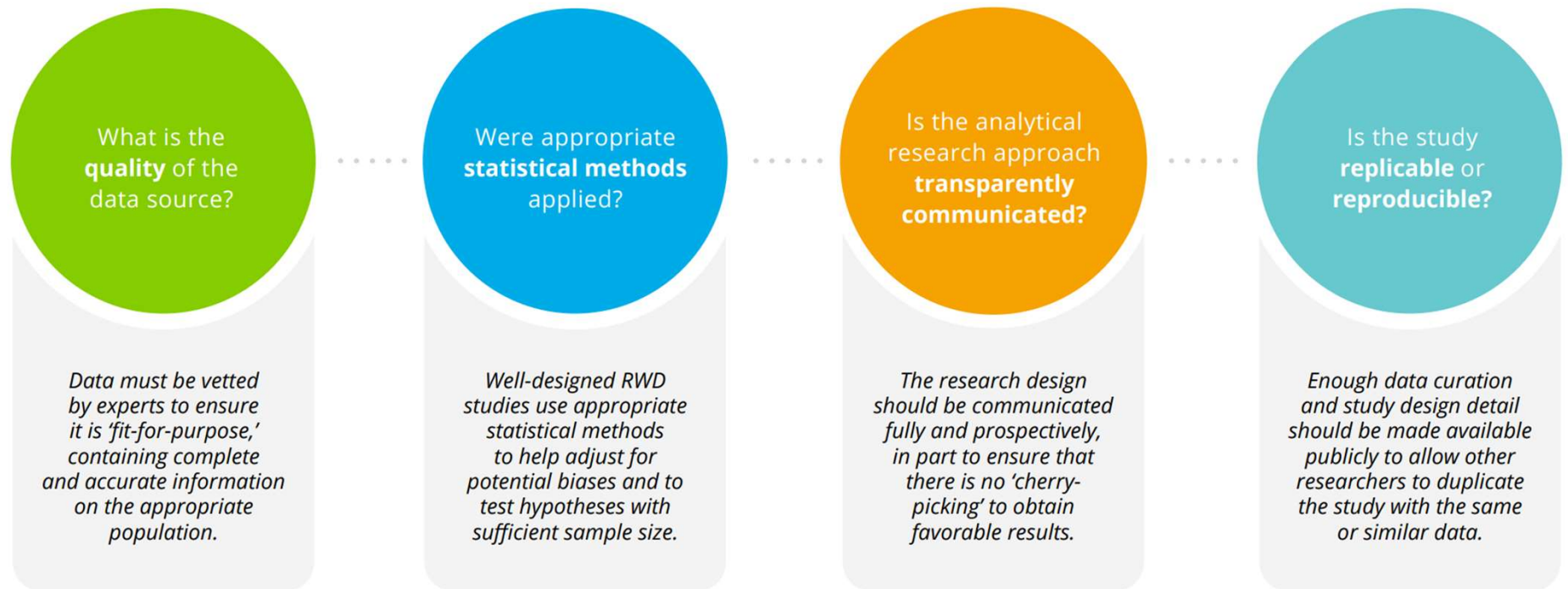
Take example with **high-quality registry**, **stable technology** and **new products** – eg. orthopedics or cardiovascular implants

Consider a **‘harmonisation by doing’** approach for the regulatory assessment

Dedicate **resources** and **share** experience on key questions



Focus on key questions



Ref. https://www.ispor.org/docs/default-source/strategic-initiatives/pfizer-bms-ispor-infographic_final.pdf?sfvrsn=a7413b04_0

The real-world context in which devices are used can be very different

The data requirements (real world or not) should not be

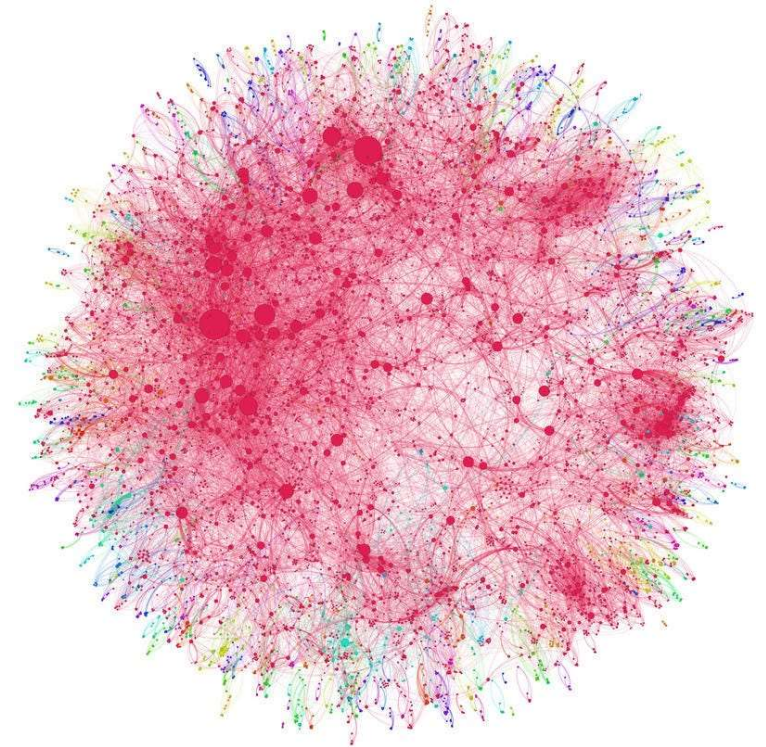


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Uses of real-world evidence



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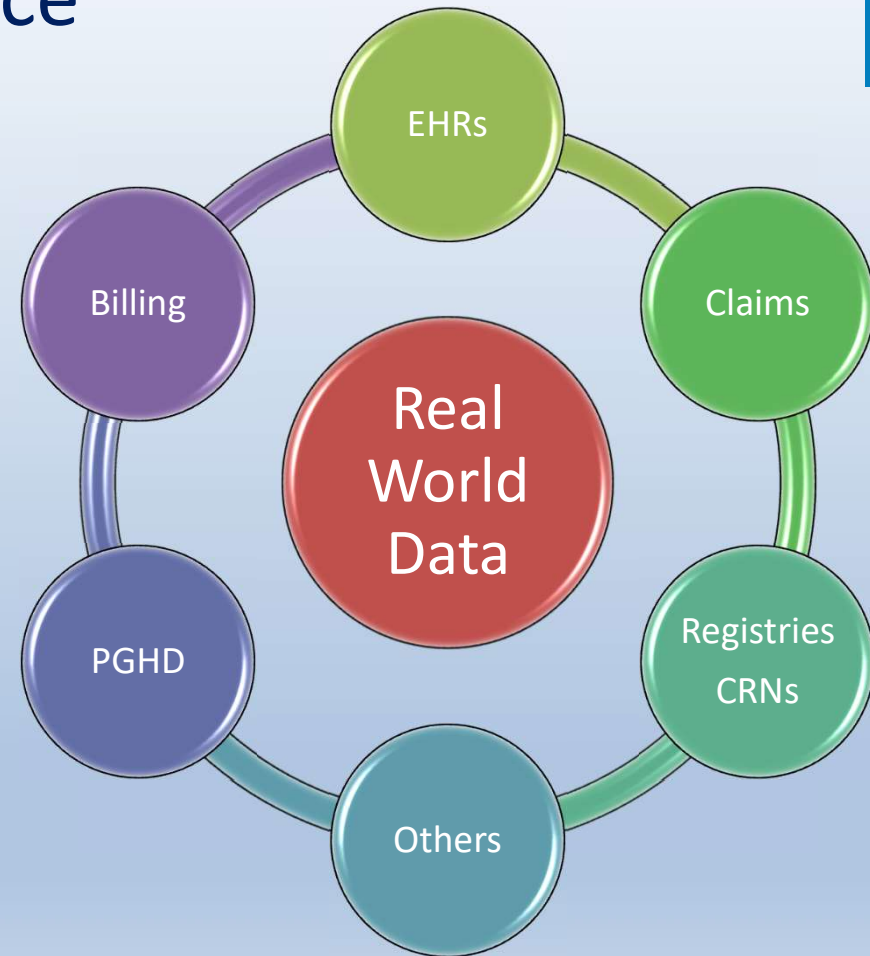
Patients in the U.S. have access to high-quality, safe, and effective medical devices of public health importance first in the world



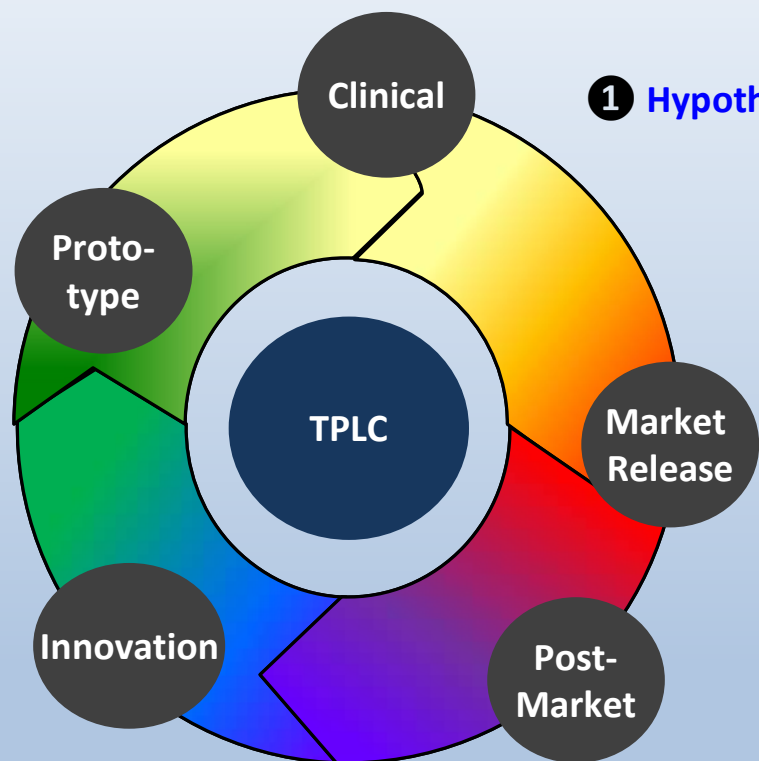
Real-World Data & Evidence

Real World Data are data relating to patient health status and/or the delivery of health care routinely collected from a variety of sources.

Real World Evidence is the clinical evidence regarding the usage, and potential benefits or risks, of a medical product derived from analysis of RWD.



Potential Usages of RWE for Total-Product Life-Cycle Device Evaluation



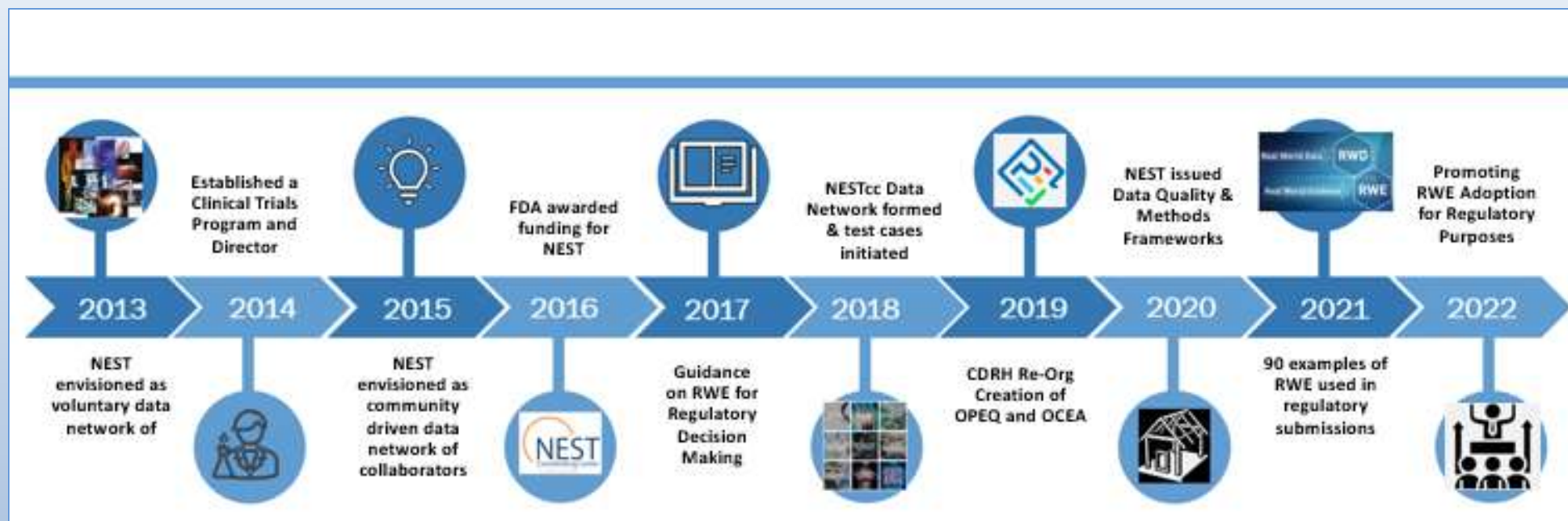
- 1 Hypothesis Generation (e.g. treatment effect estimation for comparative studies)
- 2 Inform prospective trial design
- 3 RWE as a control arm for a clinical trial
- 4 Real-world data source as a platform to support a clinical trial (data collection / randomization)

- 5 Data collection framework for postmarket evidence generation (e.g. post-approval studies)
- 6 Public health surveillance
- 7 Generate evidence to support indication expansions and future innovation

Benefits of Real-World Data Sources

- Understand device performance in real-world environment to inform benefit-risk
- Collect outcomes not always feasible in traditional trials
- Opportunities to partner w/patients in new ways
- Reduced time/cost to answer important questions
- Inform future device modifications and new technology development
- Better align evidence generation with innovation cycles

Real-World Evidence Program in CDRH



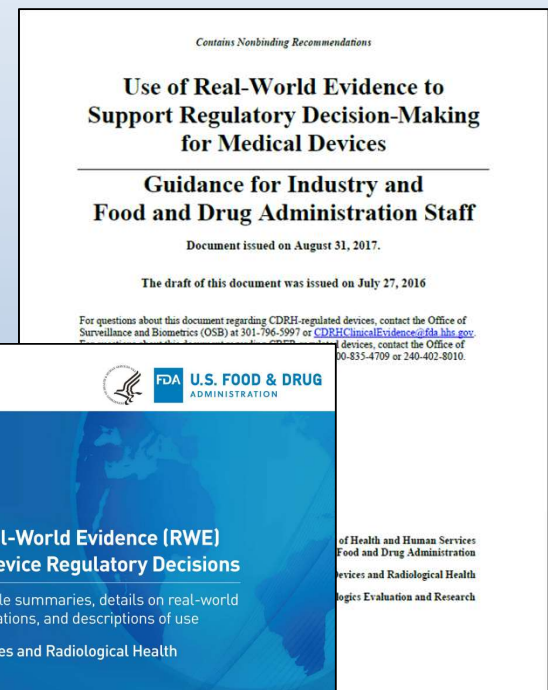
Leading the evolution of the clinical evidence landscape through:

- Optimizing Infrastructure to Develop Real-World Evidence (RWE)
- Promoting RWE Adoption and Use for Regulatory Purpose

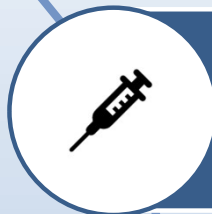


Promoting RWE Adoption and Use for Regulatory Purposes: *Achievements*



- RWE Guidance for Medical Devices
 - Potential uses of RWD
 - Characteristics of RWD
 - Relevance
 - Reliability
 - Examples
- Compiled and published 90 publicly available, illustrative examples of RWE used in regulatory submissions FY '12-'19
 - Variety of submission types, data sources, purposes, & TPLC stage
- Continuous staff training on RWE



A Few RWE Case Examples

-  510k for a modified IFU for a hemodialysis catheter end cap to include information related to reduction of bloodstream infections
-  De Novo for a NextGen sequencing-based tumor profiling test with EHR data to support a pan-cancer claim.
-  PMA for a total ankle replacement system that used registry data as a primary source of data for premarket approval and to support a PAS as a condition-of-approval.



CDRH Commitment to RWD/RWE

MDUFA PERFORMANCE GOALS AND PROCEDURES, FISCAL YEARS 2023 THROUGH 2027

F. Real World Evidence (RWE)

The Agency will use user fee revenue for the continued development of Real-World Data (RWD) and RWE methods and policies to advance regulatory acceptance for premarket submissions, including expanded indications for use and new clearance/approval of new devices, and clarify related reporting requirements.

1. FDA will update the 2017 guidance document Use of Real-World Evidence to Support Regulatory Decision-Making for Medical Devices to provide more clarity on:
 - a. Least burdensome general expectations on what is needed to demonstrate the “Fit-for-Purpose of RWD” for premarket regulatory purposes, including expanded indications for use and new clearance/approval of new devices;
 - b. More information, including generalized examples, on previously used and accepted methodologies; and
 - c. Best practices for RWE review.

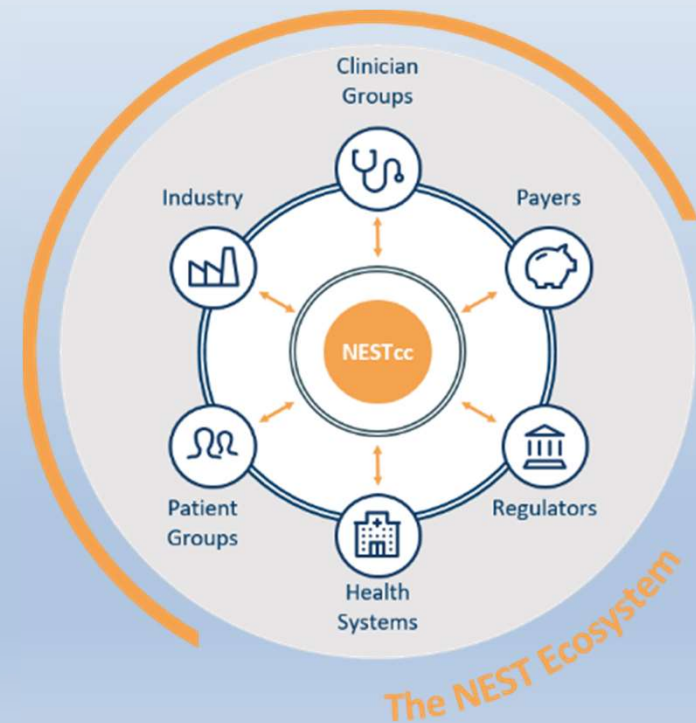
2. FDA will continue to advance CDRH’s RWD/RWE Training program for FDA review teams including the medical review staff. Topics will include best practices for RWE review and when to engage with CDRH RWE subject matter experts.
3. FDA will provide transparent program development updates and financial accounting of User Fee revenue specifically intended for the activities in this section.
 - a. FDA will update stakeholders on the RWE program activities at two or more open public meetings during the course of MDUFA V.
 - b. FDA hiring of internal experts to support the review of RWD/RWE-related submissions will be tracked.
 - c. If any portion of the user fee funding is distributed to the National Evaluation System for health Technology (NEST), the funding should be used to transparently:
 - i. Support the development of RWD resources to facilitate appropriate access for research studies;

National Evaluation System for health Technology (NEST)



A voluntary data network of collaborators able to efficiently consolidate Real-World Evidence (RWE) from clinical registries, electronic health records, medical billing claims, patient-mediated data, and other sources to inform medical device development and evaluation, and to support regulatory decision-making throughout the total product lifecycle (TPLC).

- 21 Test Cases Conducted
 - Explored feasibility
 - Identified areas where NESTcc could reduce costs
 - [Independent assessment](#) of Test Cases revealed lessons learned
- Premarket Implementation Cases Ongoing
 - Multistakeholder involvement to develop RWE through the NEST ecosystem to support a [premarket submission](#)



Medical Device Active Surveillance System



- [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#)
 - Published in Feb. 2023
 - Inform the next evolution of the medical device active surveillance system
 - Understand the safety of medical devices as used within clinical practice, by achieving:
 - *Better* data capture
 - *Detection* of potential safety signals
 - Timely *assessment* leading to actionable findings

CDRH Fosters the Development and Use of High-Quality Real-World Evidence



- Collaborating with MDIC and NEST on framework documents
 - Active Surveillance Roadmap
 - Active Surveillance Methods
 - Data Quality Framework
- CDRH engages with 12 National CRNs and 4 International Registry Consortia
 - Include over 100 national or regional registries from 45 countries





Support Total Product Life Cycle Reviews

- Experts within CDRH provide support and training in Good Clinical Practice, Data Quality, Study Design, Analytic Methodology, and knowledge of specific RWD sources
- Leverage high-quality RWD sources to replace traditional post-approval studies and efficiently address postmarket questions
- Advance active surveillance to improve device safety



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RWE: EU notified body's perspective

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OVERVIEW

- **Notified bodies**
- **Current regulatory situation in EU**
- **Future**



EU Notified Bodies

- EU medical device regulatory system is a ‘third party system’
- EU ‘third parties’ are called notified bodies
- Notified bodies are
 - Organisations
 - different format (e.g., semi-public, private)
 - Designated and monitored by EU authorities to perform regulator’s tasks
 - i.e. decisions on market access for medical devices in mid- and high risk classes
 - *De facto* ‘extended arm’ of the regulators

What are notified bodies?

Organisations designated by EU Member States to assess a device’s compliance with EU legislation before it is placed on the market and can be used safely by doctors and patients.

EU COM website factsheet

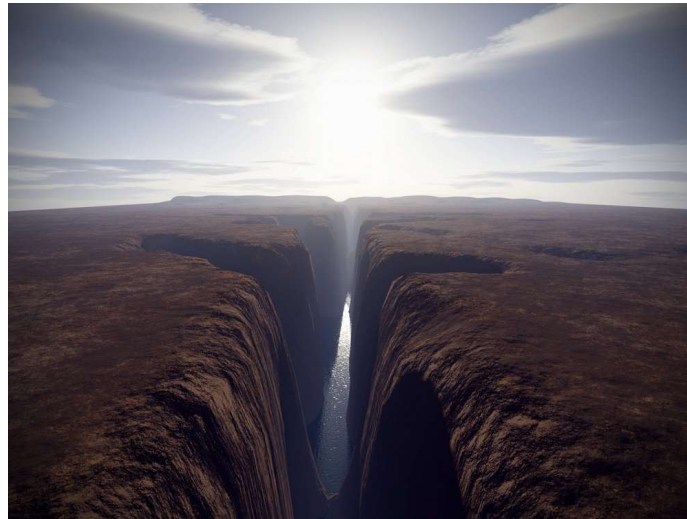
Building on Tom Melvin's presentation:

Expectations can differ

Regulators

Overall compliance

- *with the current legal requirements*
- *for a specific device/IVD*



Clinicians

Evidence based practice

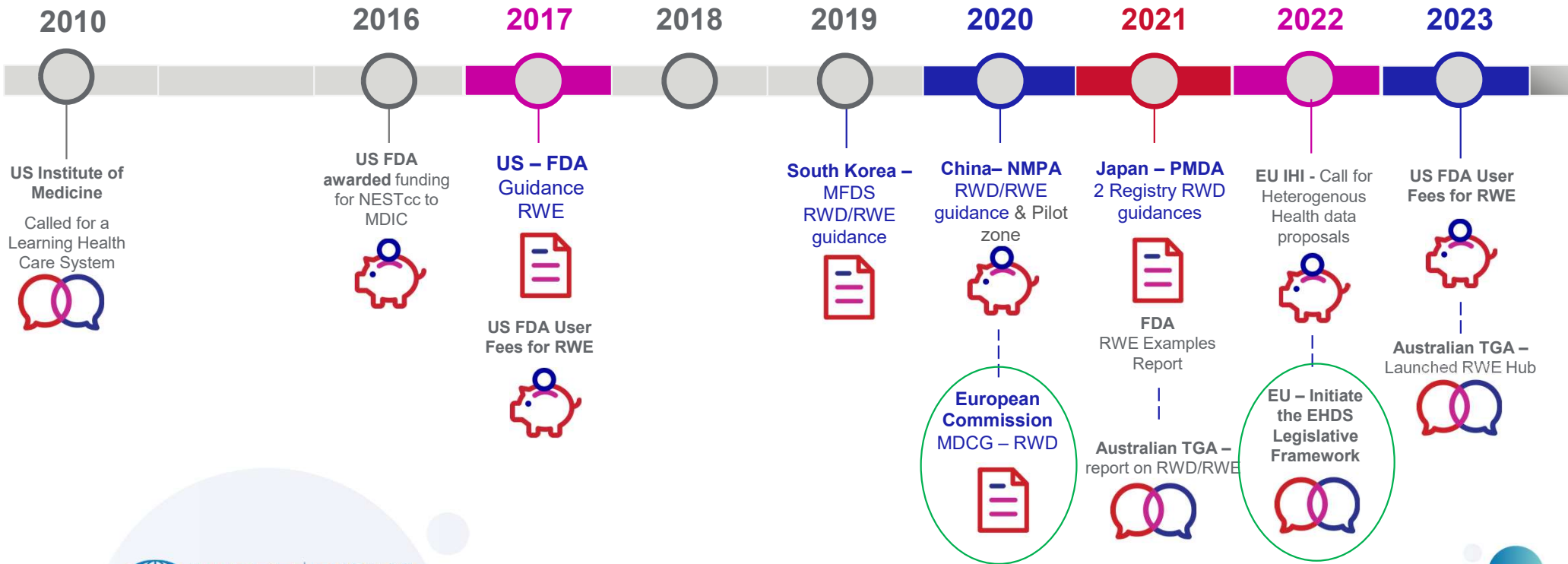


Clinical evaluation as key concept

- ‘clinical evaluation’ means a systematic and planned process to **continuously** generate, collect, analyse and assess the clinical data **pertaining to a device** in order to verify the safety and performance, including clinical benefits, of the device when used as intended by the manufacturer (*EU MDR art 2.44*)
- **pertaining to a device**
- **continuously**

Building on Heather Colvins's presentation:

Timeline of Medical Device RWE Activities & Guidances





MDCG 2020-6 (April 2020)

Clinical evidence needed for legacy devices

- 'legacy devices' = medical devices previously CE marked under Directives 93/42/EEC or 90/385/EEC
- Table with 'hierarchy of clinical evidence for legacy devices' (in Appendix III)
13 categories of clinical evidence sorted from 'strong' to 'weaker'
- Top 4:
 1. Results of high quality clinical investigations
 2. Results of high quality clinical investigations with some gaps
 3. Outcomes from high quality clinical data collection systems such as registries
 4. Outcomes from studies with potential methodological flaws but where data can still be quantified and acceptability justified
- Class III legacy devices and implantable legacy devices which are not well-established technologies should have sufficient clinical data as a minimum at level 4.
- Conclusion: Specific types of RWE (registries) accepted to substantiate market access of legacy devices



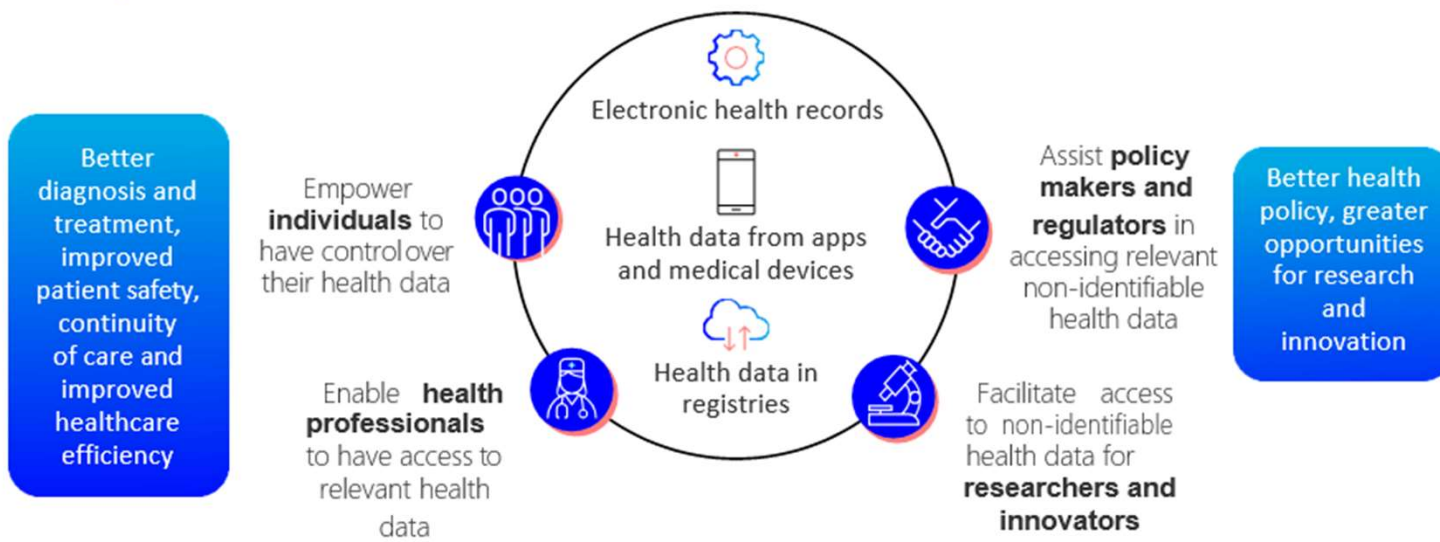
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Post-market clinical follow-up (PMCF) Plan Template A guide for manufacturers and notified bodies

- In Section C. Activities related to PMCF: general and specific methods and procedures . some examples of different activities related to PMCF are listed, e.g.
 - A manufacturer device registry (specific for the type of device or the group of the medical devices the product belongs to) can be indicated together with a description and a summary of the plan. A pre-specification of what quality and quantity data – based on the risk of the device(s) and the associated accessories – to be collected and analysed shall be included. Any possible evaluation of suitable national public registries with clinical data on the manufacturer’s own device and/or on similar devices could be specified in this section, identifying the expected quantity and quality of data to be gathered and the search protocols to be adopted
 - Planned Real-world evidence (RWE) analyses could be indicated in this section, together with a summary of the plan including the design, sample size, the endpoints, and analysis population. The real-world data (RWD) from which these analyses are based on should be of sufficient quality and come from reliable data sources.
 - Surveys planned to collect information about the use of the concerned medical device could be described.
- Conclusion: Collection of RWE/RWD in the context of PMCF is encouraged



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Uses of real-world evidence in a regulatory context

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OVERVIEW

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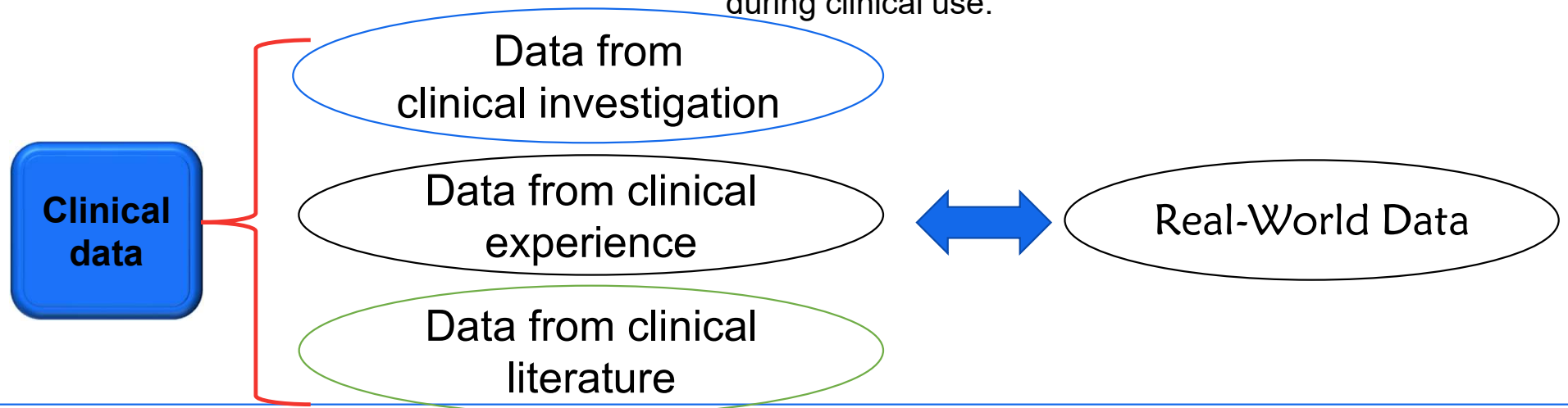
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Real-World Data (RWD)

Clinical data: information on the safety, clinical performance, and/or effectiveness of a product generated during clinical use.

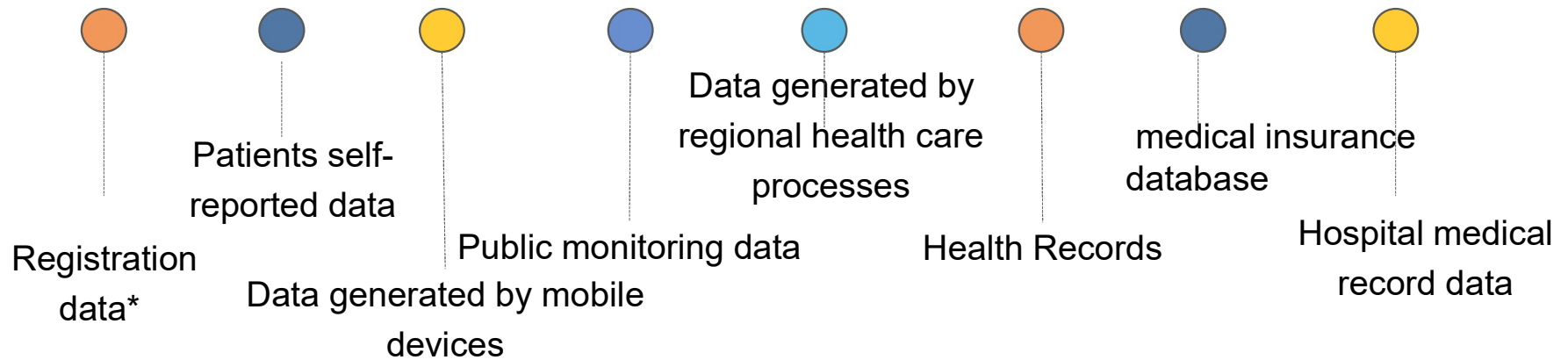


Real-World Data (RWD) : are data relating to patient health status and/or the delivery of health care routinely collected from a variety of sources (besides clinical investigation) .

Real-World Evidence (RWE) is the clinical evidence regarding the usage, and potential benefits or risks, of a medical product derived from analysis of RWD.



Sources of RWD



* Data Resources established in routine clinical practice, such as device registration data, etc.

➤ It comes from the process of providing and paying for health care services, such as hospital electronic medical record data, medical insurance data, health records, etc. .



The differences between RWE and clinical investigation data

RWE

CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

Research populations

based on larger, more diverse, and more complex research populations

designed to control variability through detailed eligibility criteria and carefully designed clinical protocols performed by specialized research personnel

user

May be more inexperienced users

Researchers are selected on the basis of their expertise and competence, often with more training than other users.

Advantage

These data help to identify device-related rare SAE and provide long-term information on safety, clinical performance, and/or efficacy, clarify the user "Learning curve".

Increased confidence in the relationship between the test MD and the outcome



Quality Control of RWD

Representativeness: the extent to which the population in the data source represents the target population;

completeness: the level to which key variables for analysis are collected on a continuous basis.

Accuracy: extent to which collected data accurately reflect health-care events (eg, right patient age, right device, and right type of surgery)

consistency: data sources follow the same data-collection processes and procedures (including uniform data definitions and stable case report forms or other version-controlled data-collection forms)

authenticity: extent to which medical devices can be uniquely identified in the data source (UDI has been consistently recorded) , so that all operations using the MD can be identified and analyzed.

Reliability: the degree to which key variables are repeatable



Quality Control of RWD

A prospective or retrospective study by systematically collecting real-world data and using rational design and analysis methods.

1. The purpose of the research should be clear.

Based on available real-world data and scientific and reliable research methods

2. Regulatory and ethical considerations

Data Protection, personal information protection, ethical review and informed consent processes, data verification



Quality Control of RWD

3. Protocol design

type of study; study population; Study variables; follow-up time; sample size and test efficacy; device identification and use information; statistical analysis.

4. Bias and confounding

Selection of appropriate study populations; identification of clear inclusion and exclusion criteria; randomization; use of uniform survey tools and measurement methods; training of researchers; appropriate statistical methods.



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2. The application of RWD in clinical evaluation of medical devices

□ To support pre-market clinical evaluation of products, as a supplement to the existing evidence

◆ At present, the real-world evidence in the clinical evaluation of medical devices is more as a supplement to the existing clinical evidence, and can not replace the existing clinical investigation and clinical evaluation by comparison with comparable devices.

--- 《Technical guidelines for the use of real-world data for clinical evaluation of medical devices》
NMPA China



2. The application of RWD in clinical evaluation of medical devices

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 - Applicability;
 - limitations ;
 - quality requirements on real-world data;
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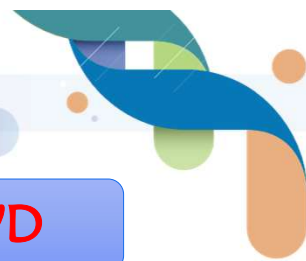
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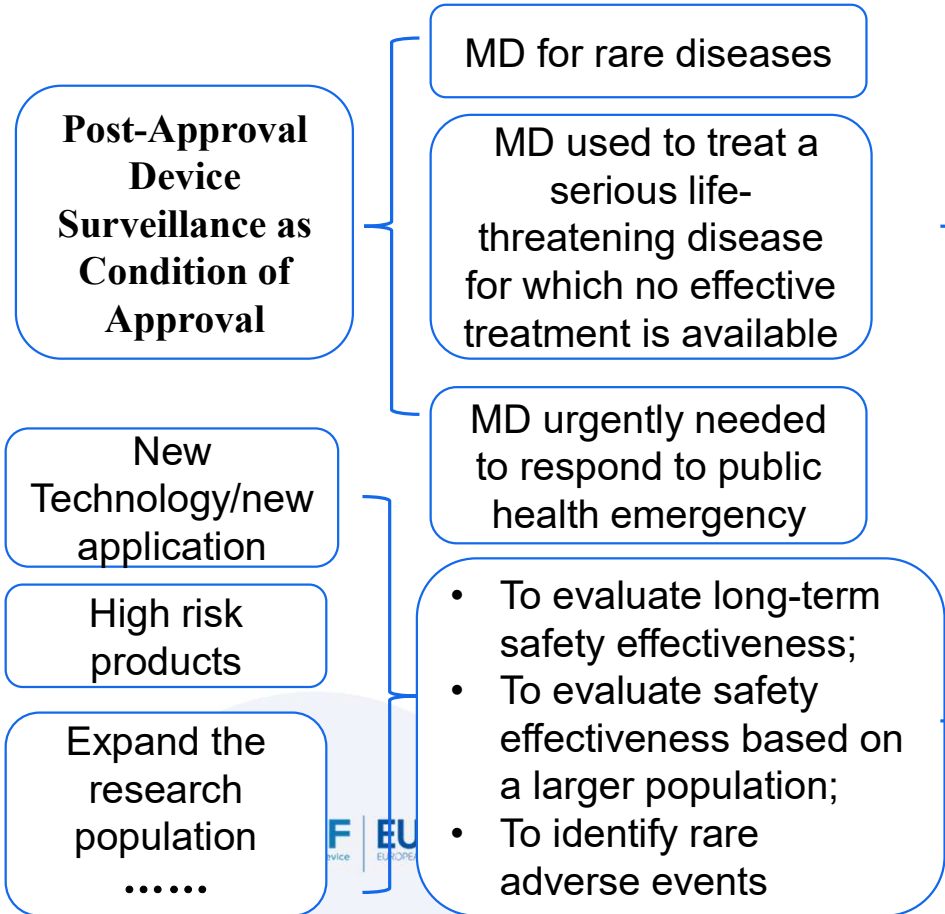


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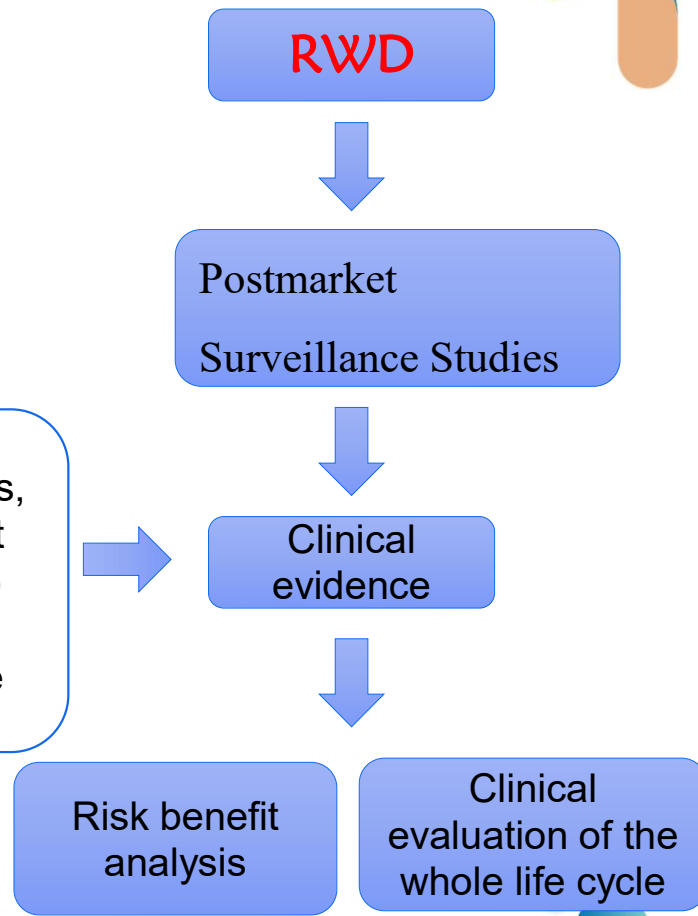
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Postmarket Surveillance Studies



It is suitable for different situations, to solve different problems and to meet different clinical evidence needs





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