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## Overview of ICH E17

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# Objectives & Scope of ICH E17

- The purpose of this guideline is to describe general principles for the planning and design of MRCTs with **the aim of increasing the acceptability of MRCTs in global regulatory submissions.**
- The primary focus of this guideline is on MRCTs designed to provide data that will **be submitted to multiple regulatory authorities** for drug approval (including approval of additional indications, new formulations and new dosing regimens) and for studies conducted to satisfy **post-marketing requirements.**

# Impact of E17 guideline in drug development

- **Avoid duplication**
  - Reduce the need to conduct standalone regional or national studies including bridging studies.
- **Promote international harmonization**
  - A globally harmonized approach to drug development should be considered first.
- **Provide better evidence for drug approval in each region**
  - Encourage better planning and design of MRCTs based on the latest scientific knowledge and experiences
- **Deliver innovative therapy to patients sooner**

# From ICH E5 to ICH E17: A 20+ Year Journey

- Bridging with local data (ICH E5)
- From bridging to simultaneous confirming
- From sequential to parallel
- From a local mindset to a global mindset

# ICH E17 Guideline

## ICH E17: Proposal, Expert Working Group, Status



**Final Concept Paper**  
**E17: General principle on planning/designing Multi-Regional Clinical Trials**  
dated 21 May 2014  
*Endorsed by the ICH Steering Committee on 5 June 2014*

### Type of Harmonisation Action Proposed

This Concept Paper supports a proposal for a new harmonised tripartite guideline on general principles on planning/designing Multi-Regional Clinical Trial (MRCT).

### Statement of the Perceived Problem

Drug development has rapidly been globalized recently and MRCT for regulatory submission has widely been conducted in non-ICH regions as well as ICH regions. Regulatory agencies currently face challenges in evaluating data from MRCTs for drug approval. However, there is currently no harmonised ICH Guideline on MRCTs, especially focusing on scientific issues in planning/designing MRCTs, although Q&A of ICH E5 Guideline partly covers issue relating to MRCTs. An international guideline will be needed to promote conducting MRCT appropriately. A lack of harmonisation on this topic may cause additional burden for sponsor and difficult situation for conducting MRCTs.

### Issues to be Resolved

The new guideline will describe practical issues in planning/designing MRCT. Issues on data interpretation may be discussed in a process of discussion for establishing this guideline, but are out of scope in this guideline. Main objective of this guideline is to provide common points to consider in planning/designing MRCTs and minimize conflicting opinions from regulatory bodies. The below may be examples of topics covered in this guideline, but more details will be determined by discussion among experts of the group.

- Issues in planning MRCTs
  - Usefulness of MRCTs in drug developments
  - Essential points for conducting MRCTs (GCP etc)
  - Importance of ethnic factors evaluation on drug efficacy/safety in MRCTs etc.
- Issues in designing MRCTs
  - Points to consider in dose determination for MRCT (exploratory and confirmatory)
  - How to control various concomitant medications in each country
  - Consideration on definition of a population and methods of sample size estimation for a population/region etc.
- Others
  - Encouraging a parallel scientific consultation with multiple regulatory agencies in advance

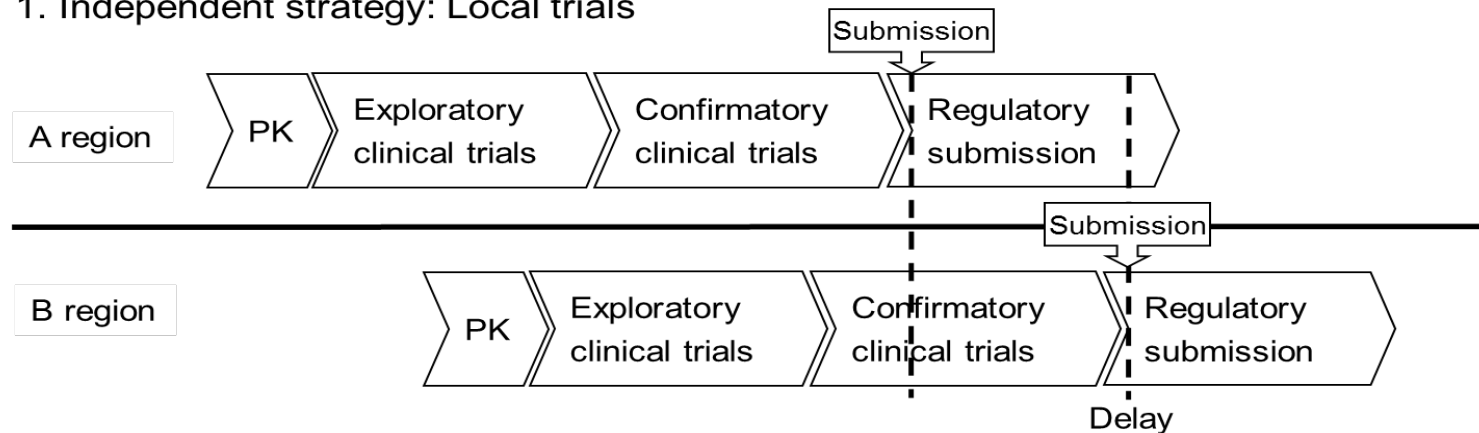
- **E17 EWG:** established in June 2014
- Rapporteur: PMDA
- Regulatory/Industry membership from EU, Japan, US,
- Regulatory members/observers from Health Canada, Brazil, Saudi, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, and WHO

- **Status:**
- Step 2b: ICH draft signed off 6/16
- Step 3: public comments Jul16 –Jan 17)
- EWG met in Osaka to begin review of comments

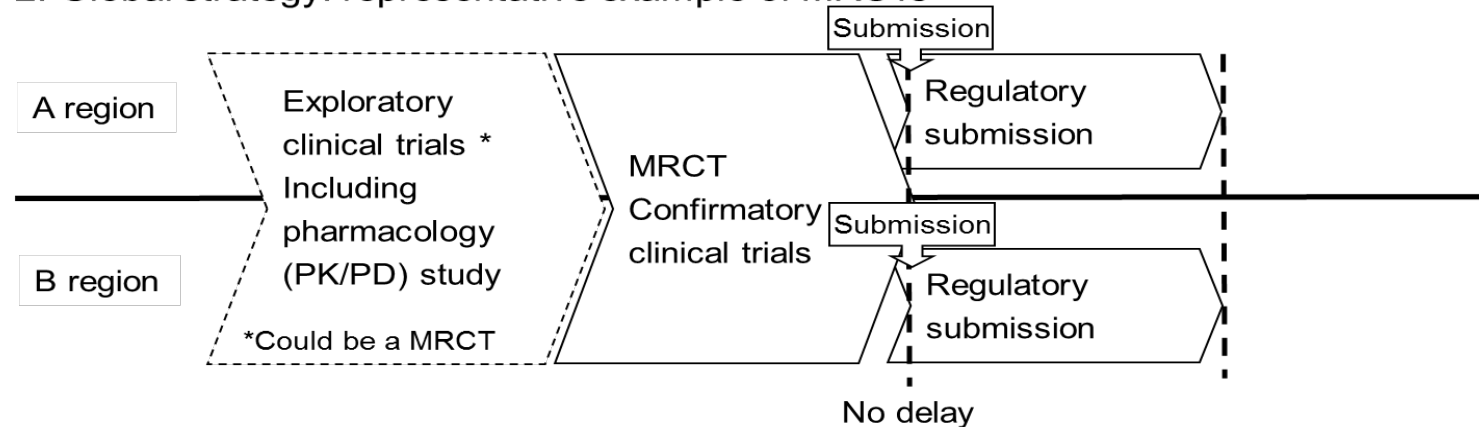
Finalization anticipated 4Q 2017

# Encouraging simultaneous global drug development

## 1. Independent strategy: Local trials



## 2. Global strategy: representative example of MRCTs



# MRCTs in an exploratory stage

- Encourage to **conduct MRCTs in an exploratory stage** as well as a confirmatory stage
  - MRCTs can play an important role in drug development programmes beyond their contribution at the confirmatory stage.
  - For example, **exploratory MRCTs** can gather scientific data regarding the impact of extrinsic and intrinsic factors on pharmacokinetics and/or pharmacodynamics (PK/PD) and other drug properties, **facilitating the planning of confirmatory MRCTs**.
  - MRCTs may also serve as the basis for approval in regions not studied at the confirmatory stage through the extrapolation of study results.

# Promoting conduct of MRCTs

- MRCTs are **generally the preferred option** for investigating a new drug for which regulatory submission is planned in multiple regions. The **underlying assumption** of the conduct of MRCTs is that **the treatment effect is clinically meaningful and relevant to all regions being studied**.
  - This assumption should be based on knowledge of the disease, the mechanism of action of the drug, on a priori knowledge about ethnic factors and their potential impact on drug response in each region, as well as any data available from early exploratory trials with the new drug.
  - The study is intended to **describe and evaluate this treatment effect**, acknowledging that **some sensitivity** of the drug with respect to intrinsic and/or extrinsic factors may **be expected in different regions** and this should **not preclude consideration of MRCTs**.

# Quality of MRCT

- Ensuring trial quality is of paramount importance for MRCTs.
- This will not only ensure the scientific validity of the trial results, but also enable adequate evaluation of the impact of intrinsic and extrinsic factors by applying the same quality standard for trial conduct in all regions.
- In addition, planning and conducting high quality MRCTs throughout drug development will build up trial infrastructure and capability, which over time will result in a strong environment for efficient global drug development.



## Careful consideration

- To **increase acceptability** of MRCT data in the review by multiple regulatory agencies for drug approval, a sponsor should **carefully consider the planning and design of MRCTs in advance**.
  - Ethnic factors are a major point of consideration
  - They should be identified during the planning stage, and information about them should also be collected and evaluated when conducting MRCTs.
  - Based on the understanding of accumulated knowledge about these intrinsic and extrinsic factors, **MRCTs should be designed to provide information to support an evaluation of whether the overall treatment effect applies to subjects from participating regions.**

# Pooled Population

- Introduce a new use of “pooled population” to help regulatory decision making
  - Some regions may be pooled at the design stage, if subjects in those regions are thought to be similar enough with respect to intrinsic and/or extrinsic factors relevant to the disease area and/or drug under study.
  - Consideration could also be given to pooling a subset of the subjects from a particular region with similarly defined subsets from other regions to form a pooled subpopulation whose members share one or more intrinsic or extrinsic factors important for the drug development program.
  - Both pooled subpopulations and pooled regions should be specified at the study planning stage and be described in the study protocol.

# Sample size allocation

- The guiding principle for determining the overall sample size in MRCTs is that the test of **the primary hypothesis can be assessed**, based on combining data from all regions in the trial.
- The **sample size allocation to regions or pooled regions** should be determined such that clinically meaningful differences in treatment effects among regions can be described **without substantially increasing the sample size requirements** based on the primary hypothesis.
  - The guideline provides some more details how to allocate sample size to region in the guideline

# Discussions with regulatory agencies

- Encourage discussions with regulatory authorities in the planning stage
  - In the planning and design of MRCTs, it is important to understand the different regulatory requirements in the concerned regions.
  - Efficient communication among sponsors and regulatory authorities at a global level can facilitate future development of drugs. These discussions are encouraged at the planning stage of MRCTs.

# Discussion in Osaka

# Key Themes of Comments - >800 received

- Harmonization among regulatory authorities
  - How can this be facilitated with company at the table
  - How to best accomplish given different HA's resources and priorities
  - Currently different guidances exist for same topics/diseases
- Consistency across regions
  - How to define consistency
  - Interpretation of variability – in light of biological plausibility, consistency of findings internally and externally, strength of evidence, statistical uncertainty

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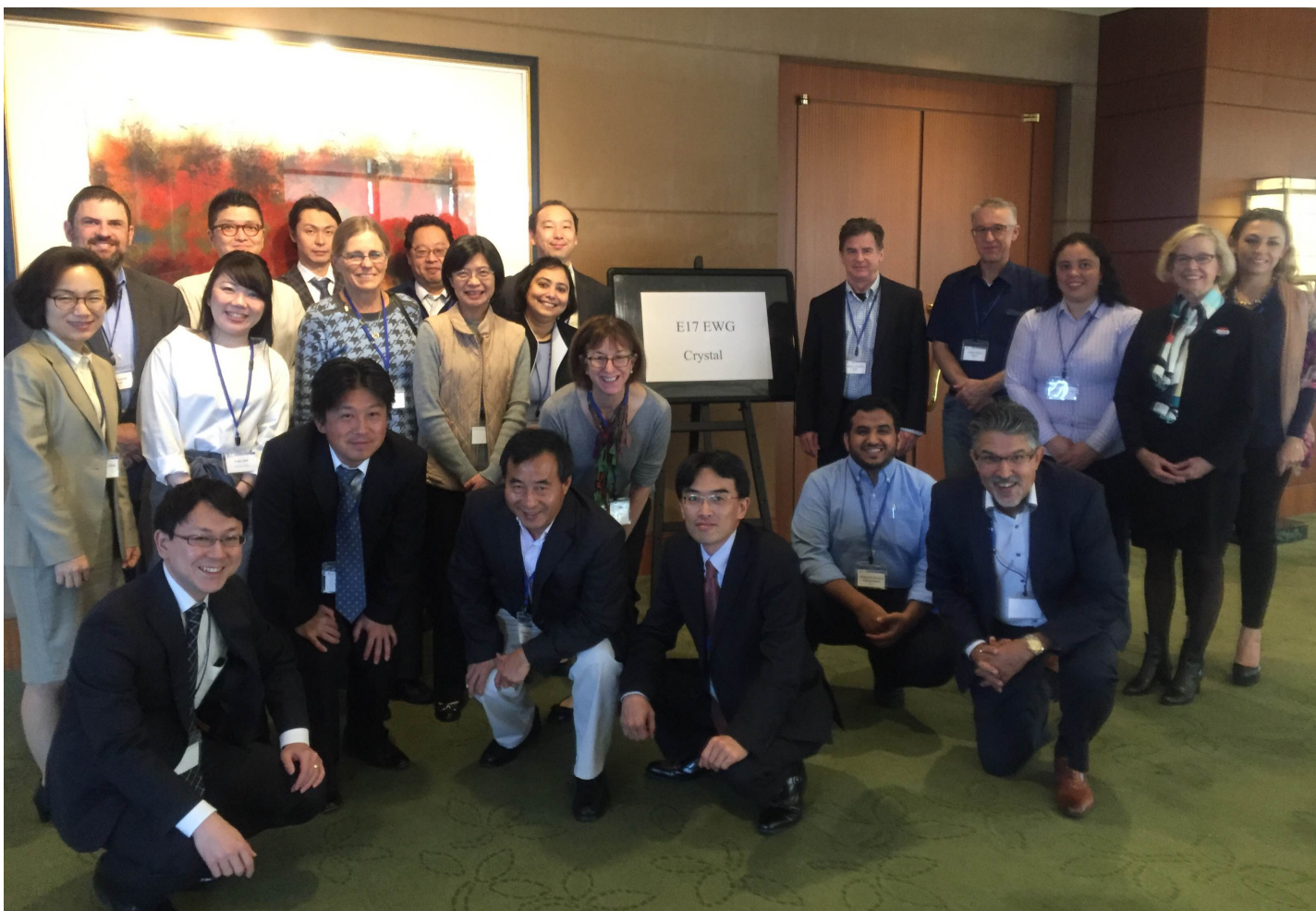
- Definition of Region and Subpopulation
  - Geographic, regulatory regions
  - Subpopulation can be defined by variety of factors – race, etc. in future more molecular/genotypic categorization
- Sample Size Requirement for Region
  - Need to reconcile current country requirements
  - Pooling pre-specified like populations – still likely “underpowered”
  - Avoid inflating of overall sample size

# Members of E17 (as of November 2016)

EU	EMA	Canada	Health Canada
	EFPIA	WHO	WHO
Japan	PMDA	GCC	Saudi Food and Drug Authority
	JPMA	Brazil	Brazilian Health Surveillance Agency
US	FDA	Singapore	Health Sciences Authority (HSA)
	PhRMA	Korea	Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS)
		Chinese Taipei	Center for Drug Evaluation (CDE)



# ICH-E17 EWG





**Data transparency today  
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Harvard MRCT Annual Meeting**

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# Data transparency today and tomorrow: current state, issues, and vision

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**What are we trying to do with data sharing?**

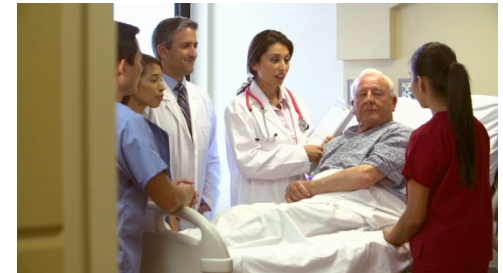


# Why share clinical trial information?

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- We can further science and improve patient care
- Decrease risk to trial participants by avoiding enrollment in duplicate trials
- Enable the review of results from individual clinical trials to validate the results



# Why share clinical trial information?



- We hope to rebuild our reputation as an industry
- Transparency can help regain trust



TRUST

# Sharing our data with researchers may improve trust and speed discovery

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➤ We can be better partners in innovation



# Proof is in our behavior – what actions are we taking?

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# We publish data to our register, is this enough?

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- It's fragmented and people are not looking at individual registers or systems.
- This relates to patient level data as well - If we don't utilize one system, people will not know
- Which then contributes to the appearance of not being transparent (undermining trust)



# But this isn't where people are looking for results, for example, so we are responding...



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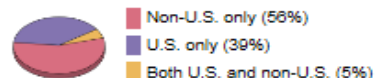
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# Where do we hope to be with patient level data sharing in the future?

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What is the ideal situation?



# Our Vision



A broad, independent global solution to allow access to data from clinical trials conducted by multiple companies and organisations.



- Aim for one system (realistically get a few, less is better)
- Bring the ecosystem together
- Be responsive to current landscape



# Data transparency today and tomorrow: current state, issues, and vision

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**What are the challenges we are facing?**



# What challenges do we face?

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Everyone agrees with principle but how to put data sharing into practice:

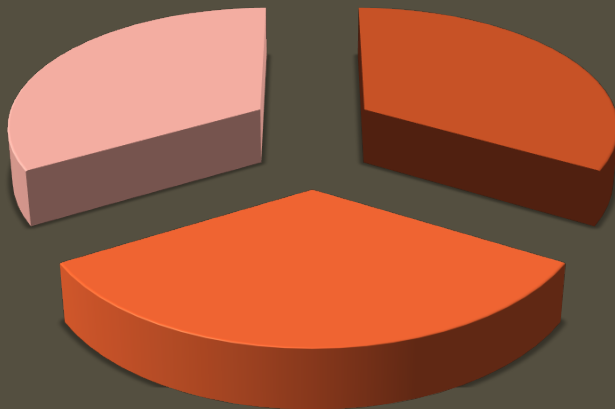
- How do we ensure valid science
- How do we protect privacy yet maintain data utility
- Funding and equitable distribution of cost
- Should there be monitoring and oversight
- Cultural changes are needed – “Once you have collected your data, you want to keep it”

# Are we each going to solve our “own” problems with data sharing?



*Can we come together for the public good?*

## Sectors in isolation



- industry data
- academic data
- government data

# Can we convert data into an interoperable format?



*There is a need for common standards for storing and retrieving data.*

*How can industry and academia work together toward this critical goal for data sharing and secondary research?*





# Skeptics can be vocal

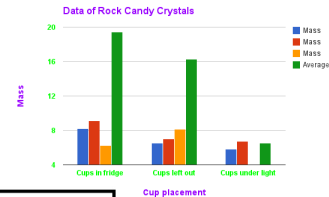


Is the demand there?

- Used by some to show limited value

We need people to ask the questions

- People with skill set necessary



DATA		
Trial	Brand X - number of chips in 3 cookies	Brand Y - number of chips in 3 cookies
1	24	26
2	26	27
3	27	28
4	25	26
5	8	24
<b>total number</b>	76	81
<b>number per cookie</b>	25.2	27.2

# ClinicalStudyDataRequest (CSDR)\*

## 5 publications since May 2013 to Sept 2016



3321 studies listed

254 RPs submitted

192 Met requirements

164 IRP approved

127 signed agreements

76 using data

40 completed

5

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### Trends:

**14%** multiple sponsor requests  
**2%** re-analysis to confirm results  
**98%** Predictive models, meta-analysis survival analysis, new methods etc.

\*Metrics as of September 30, 2016

## And, do we really share a common goal?



*Is the minimum enough or are we committed at a higher-level to make this work?*

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# Data transparency today and tomorrow: current state, issues, and vision

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How do we get to ideal (or as close as possible)?



# Getting to ideal



*Or as close as possible?*

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## Where might Vivli fit into this long term vision?

- Now that we are over hurdle of deciding that we will share, then no reason *not* to share
- Unlikely to be one platform in 10 years that everyone uses but without this ideal, then we *will* be very fragmented
- How can we best connect existing platforms (CSDR, Yoda-J&J, DCRI-BMS) and non-industry platforms (NIH and others)
- Neutral entity might help increase academic data sharing and agree on standards?





**Thank you**



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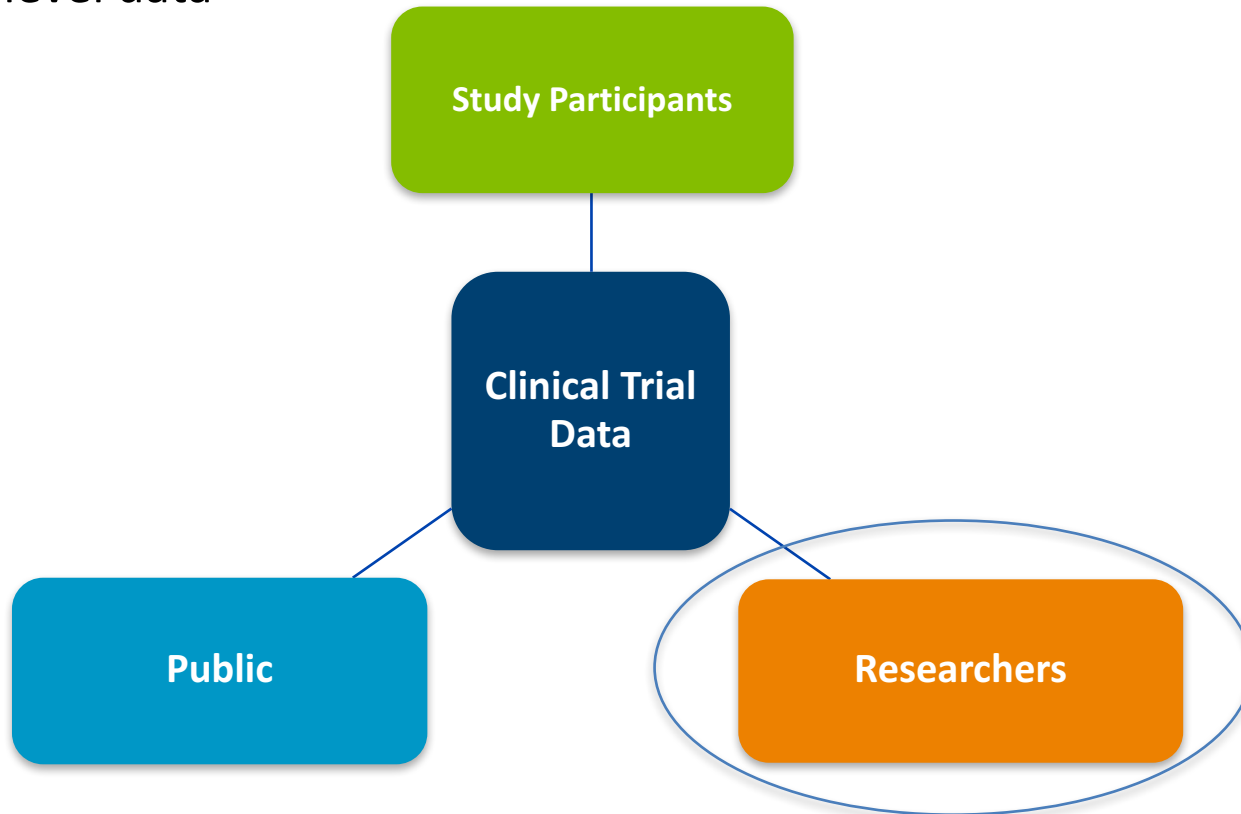
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## Reducing Barriers to Clinical Trials Data Sharing: Cooperative Science to Improve Public Health

Valuing patient contributions, respecting existing  
research communities, and increasing discovery

# Clinical Trials Data Sharing: Audiences

The sharing of data from clinical trials with other researchers or the general public, including individual participant data (raw data), metadata, and summary-level data





# Purpose-driven Data Sharing Will Enhance Scientific Discovery And Public Trust

## Benefits:

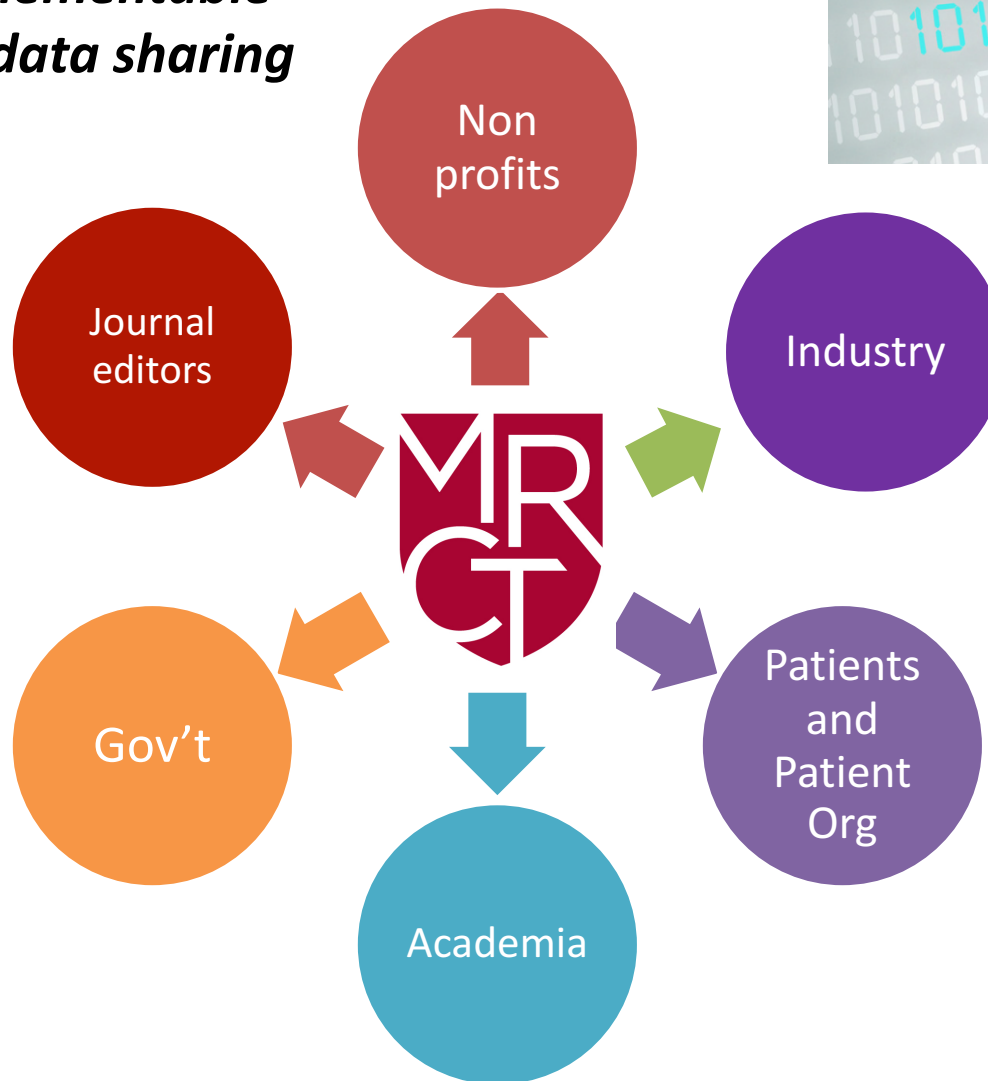
- Eliminate duplicative trials
- Evaluate common adverse events by compound class or subpopulation
- Identify surrogate endpoints
- Enhance correlative and explanatory science

## Benefits only realized if

- Risks are minimized, with attention to participant safety and privacy
- Wide participation including academia, biotech, government, non-profits
- Data are interoperable and data sets can be pooled
- State-of-the-art security is in place

# MRCT Center as a Neutral Convener

*To create implementable solutions for data sharing*



# The MRCT Center's Data Sharing Workgroup Members

Governance Work Stream	IT Work Stream	Business Models Work Stream
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# Our Work in Data Sharing

## Policy

- Harmonizing language & agreements among sponsors

## Advocacy

- Lowering barriers to data sharing
- Academic credit for data sharing

## Implementation

- Creating a platform for data sharing
- Making data on other platforms more discoverable

# Policy

- Harmonizing language & agreements among sponsors

- Data Contributor agreement
- Data Use agreement
- Informed consent agreement language
- IRP Principles document defined for participating IRPs

# Advocacy

- Lowering barriers to data sharing

- Convening stakeholders who are currently sharing and those who do not currently share
- Lower the barriers for those who do not have the resources or knowledge to share data
- Advance policy changes that enable academic credit for data that is made widely available for the advancement of science and medicine

# Advocacy

- Academic credit for data sharing

- Problem statement: Current system of academic recognition does not acknowledge or honor investigators who share their data
- **Aim: Develop practical, comprehensive recommendations on how data generators should be recognized for the design, curation, completion and dissemination of quality data sets**

“Data Authors”

# Advocacy

- Data Authors

- Responsible for integrity and curation of data
- Data consistent with FAIR principles
- Listed on the primary publication
- Cited in Medline
- Searchable through NLM (and other search engines)
- Reflected on CV
- Utilized for promotions, tenure decisions, funding decisions
- Metrics to be developed over time



# Implementation

Create a sustainable global data-sharing platform

- Launch Vivli, a non-profit center for global data sharing
- Making data on other platforms more discoverable through a robust search engine

# Current Gap

We and others have identified significant current challenges to utilizing existing data on clinical trials for further research:

- Many academicians and others do not have a means to make data available in a turn-key fashion.
- Although technology has made it easier to make data available, data remain difficult to discover.
- A robust centralized search engine does not exist to locate data across the different data generators and data platforms.
- Combing datasets from different generators is resource- and time-intensive due to inconsistent adoption of data standards, data requirements, security standards and policies.
- Datasets are on different platforms, under different governance, and cannot be combined

# Significant variability in stakeholder positions

- **Industry**
  - Data sharing on “multi-sponsor” or single institution platforms
  - At the leading edge of data sharing
  - All require review for data
- **Academic**
  - No institutional solution; creating URLs or using other (e.g. NIH) resources
  - Individuals: (1) If share, prefer to delegate management with open access or (2) closely held under strict controls for access
- **Non-profit and patient advocacy groups**
  - Generally encouraging of data sharing with appropriate participant information and consent
  - Appreciate that “stand alone platforms” lose the value of interoperability and of collective advantage of “big data”

# Vivli Mission

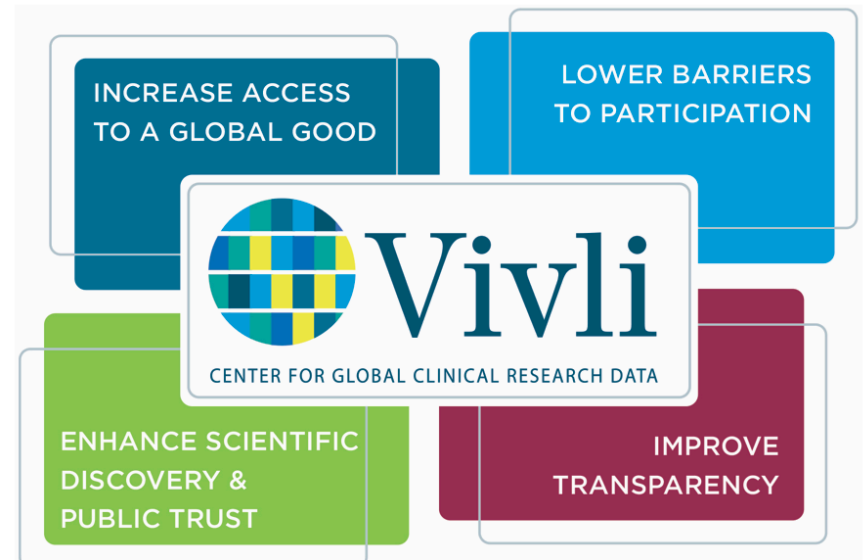


**Promote, coordinate, and facilitate clinical research data sharing through the creation and implementation of a sustainable global data-sharing enterprise**

Vivli has been incorporated to provide governance and management of a platform—agnostic to disease, country, sponsor and funder—to reduce barriers to clinical trials data sharing.

# Vivli: Scope

- 1) Hosting data for stakeholders that do not have the ability to do so;
- 2) Enabling interoperability of data from multiple sources;
- 3) Coordinating and integrating existing data-sharing initiatives, policies, and processes as appropriate;
- 4) Promoting reasoned solutions to challenges of data sharing.



# The Unique Remit of Vivli

Advanced **metadata search** and **discovery** capability

Simplified **access request** system to data residing on **other platforms**



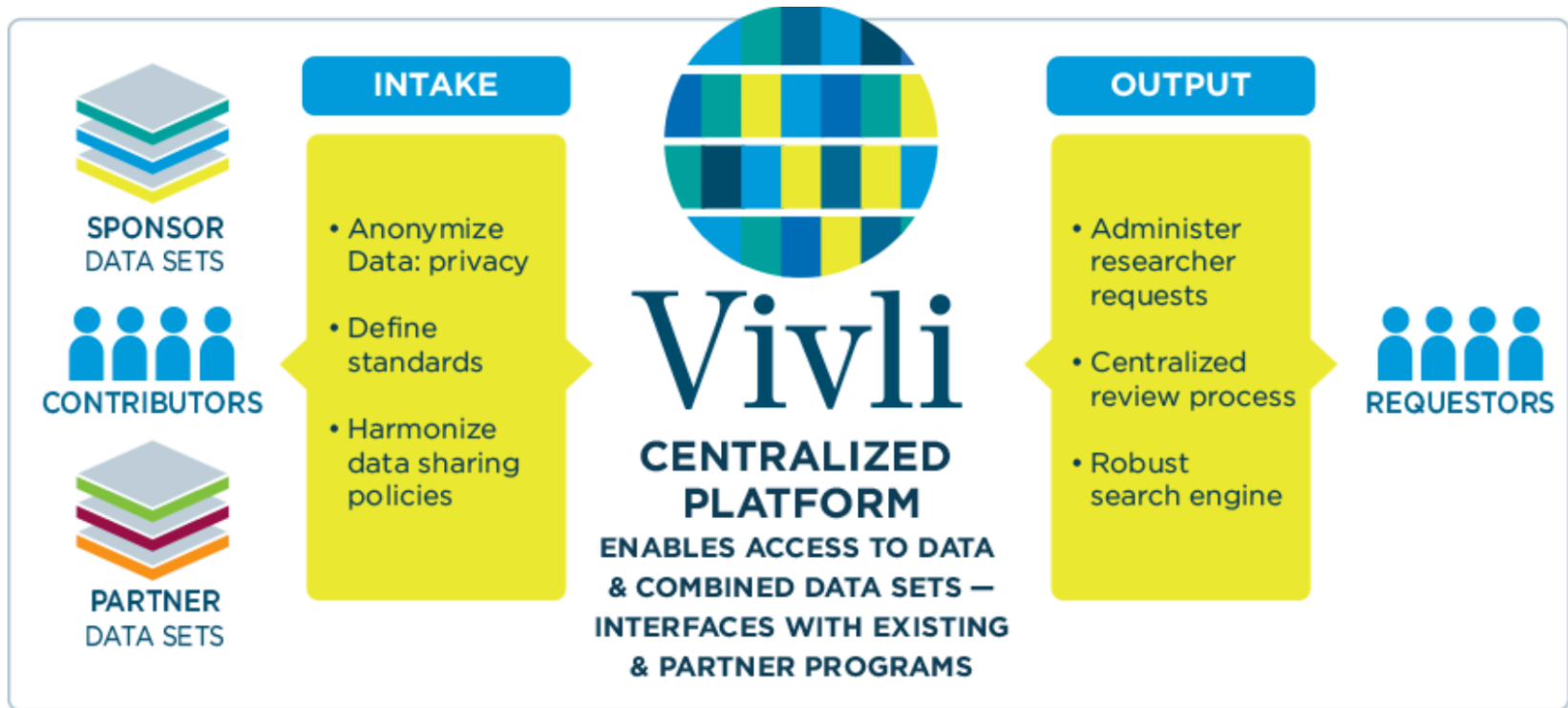
Discovery of data can be challenging



More communities and partners = more discoverable data

As the enhanced metadata catalog matures, more data, including externally hosted data, will be discoverable through Vivli

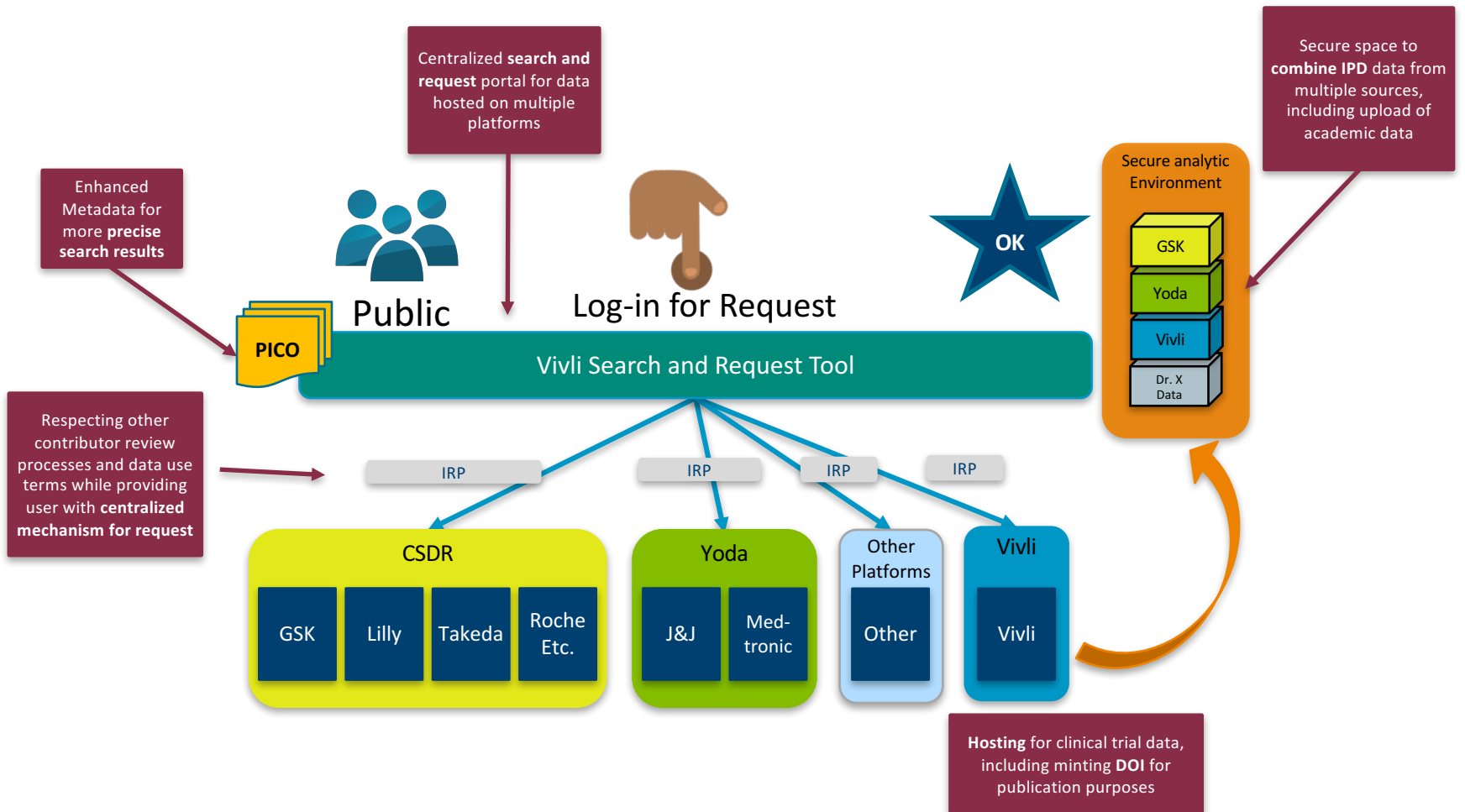
# The Unique Remit of Vivli



Combined **Industry, Academic, and Biotech** data discoverable through one search engine

**Anonymized** Individual Participant-Level Data (IPD) available for request

# Vivli Workflow





# Example of New Search Functionality

## 1. Question

Do anticholinesterase drugs slow dementia progression in patients over 65 without Parkinsons?

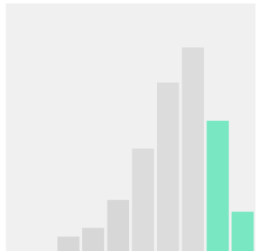
Population

Intervention / Comparator

Outcome

## 2. Additional criteria

## 3. Query Results (93 studies)



**Study ID: 00451435** Select

**Title:** The Effect of Anticholinesterase Drugs on Sleep in Alzheimer's Disease Patients

**Lead Researcher:** Walter AS Moraes, MD PhD

**Sponsor:** AFIP

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IPD: Hosted on Vivli | Curated: CSV  
Non-IPD: Hosted on Vivli | Curated: SAS  
Packages: Full, Post-Pub, Post-Reg

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# Value Proposition for Vivli

- Driving new discovery by sharing data outside of disease-specific enclaves
- Promoting harmonized approach to governance, including unifying data use agreements, data contributor agreements, informed consent language, etc.
- Hosting data as well as connecting existing systems to allow inter-digitation of data
- Starting with clinical trials data but growing to real world patient data, outcomes data, and public health data allowing:
  - Substantiation of safety & efficacy of medical and public health interventions
  - Real-time public health decision-making using aggregated public health data

# 3-Year Platform Development Roadmap: Next Steps

## Year 1

- Pilot
- Metadata intake from registries
- Machine Assisted Metadata Curation
- User interface for Search, & Request, execute DUAs
- Combine datasets: Academic upload, Pharma from another platform
- Analyze in secure workspace
- Basic open source analytical tools (e.g. R)

## Year 2

- Dynamic User interface
- Repository Dataset Identifiers
- Analytic Tools on platform
- Secure hosting for clinical and SNP data
- Centralized Review and Agreements Processes
- External APIs for analytic tools

## Year 3

- Hosting for Full Genomic studies
- Dataset Citation for Academic Credit
- Anonymization Services
- Data Mapping services
- User Training
- Community Verticals
- Automated data provisioning
- Advanced Data Visualizations

# Needs assessment for launch

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Phase 1 technical build of platform: \$3.5M</li><li>Vivli hosting, staffing, legal and marketing: \$1M</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Advancements to platform for phase two: \$3M</li><li>Vivli hosting, staffing, legal and marketing: \$2M</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Advancements to platform for phase three: \$2M</li><li>Vivli hosting, staffing, legal and marketing: \$3M</li></ul>

**Total Launch requirements = \$12-15M**

Intention: Capital build from non-profit sources and unrestricted donations

# Fundraising strategy to Launch

MRCT is currently seeking funding for Vivli launch and has applied for 501c3 status

- Founders  $\geq$  \$3M (e.g. \$1M per year for 3 years)
- Champions \$750K - \$3M (e.g. \$250K – IM per year for 3 years)
- Supporters \$300K - \$750K (e.g. \$100-250K per year for 3 years)

# Execution and use: Planning for sustainability

- Subscription levels:
  - Annual Base membership (industry and bio)
  - Not for profit
  - Academic (individual and institutional)
  - Pay-per-use models for non-subscribers
- Certain services at cost (academic/non-profit) or cost+ (for-profit)

\*In Year One: Academics and not-for-profit data users would not be charged for introductory use; for-profit organizations will be charged

# Vivli Board of Directors

- *Stuart Buck, Laura and Arnold Foundation*
- *Justin McCarthy, Pfizer*
- *Sharon Terry, Genetics Alliance*
- *Murray Stewart, GSK*
  
- *Ex Officio:*
- *Mark Barnes, JD LLM*
- *Barbara E. Bierer, MD*
- *Rebecca Li, PhD*
- The ex officio members of the Board of Directors were appointed in order to incorporate Vivli as an entity in the US. It is intended that one ex officio member will be replaced annually over the course of the first three years of launch by election of the then current members of the Board.

# Join us

- Partner with us - our mission to is to *accelerate your discoveries through integrating of data globally across platforms and databases*
- Please collaborate with us by making your data discoverable
- Consider learning more about supporting the Vivli effort



# Development Advisors and Supporters

The MRCT Center would like to thank the following supporters and funders\* for their contributions to the Vivli project:

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- *Wellcome Trust*

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## MRCT Annual Meeting 2017: Transparency

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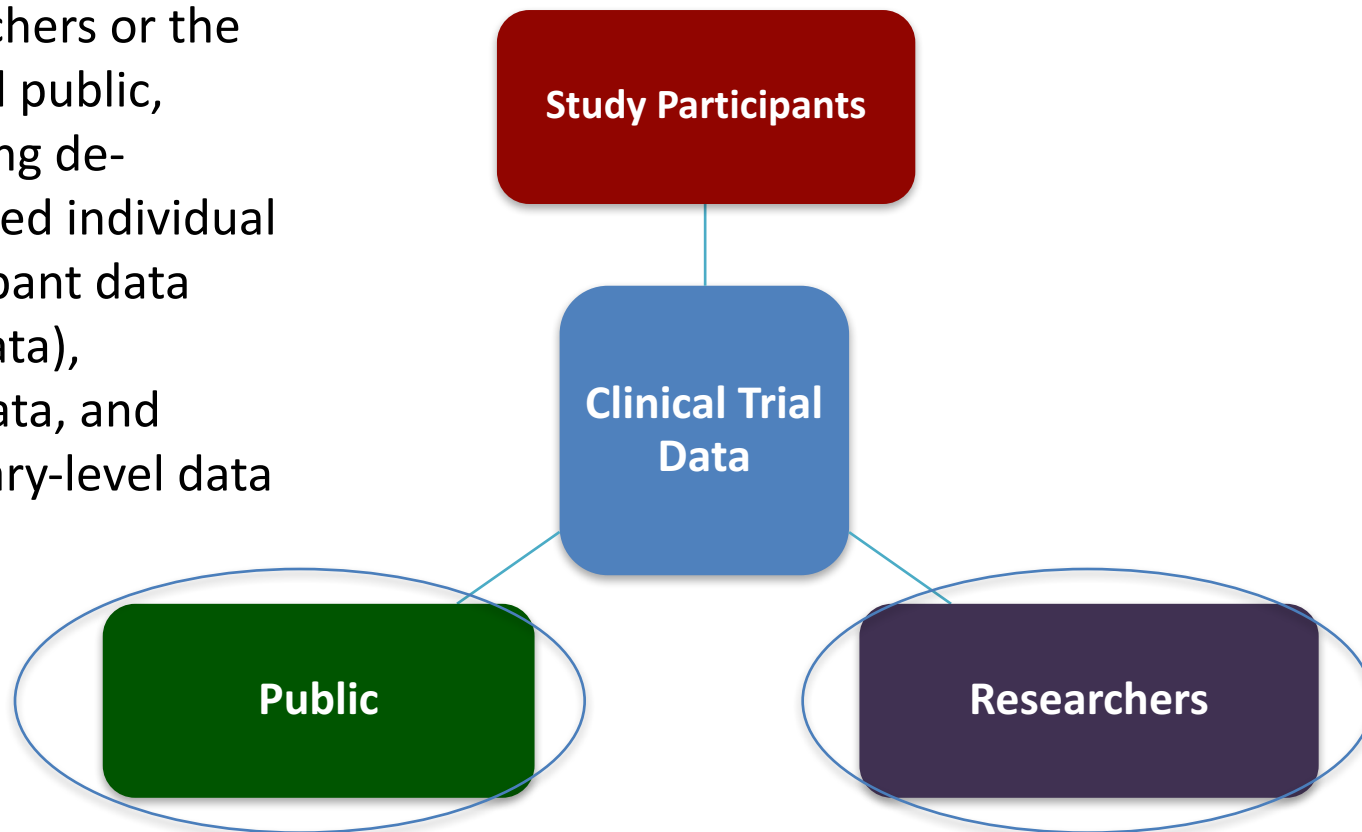
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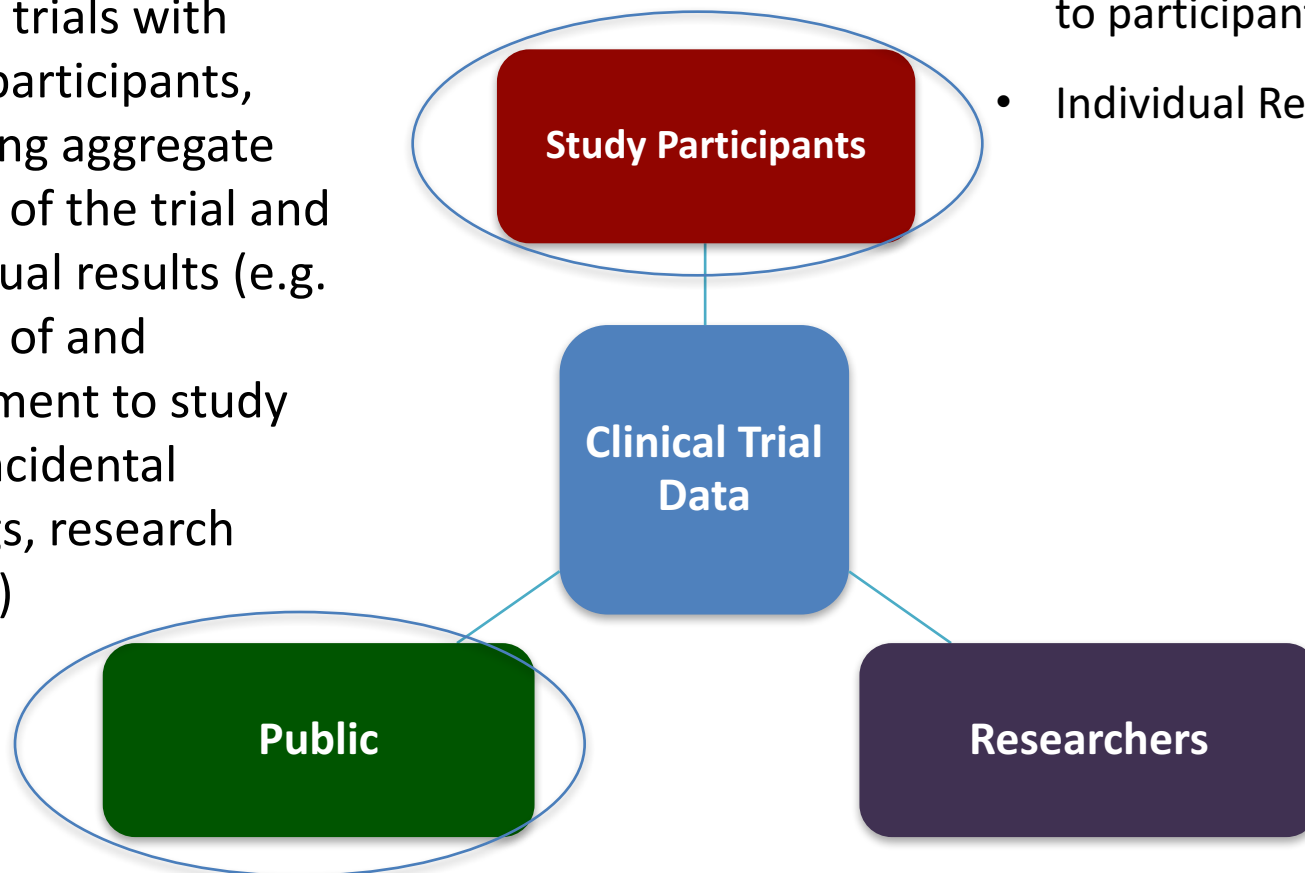
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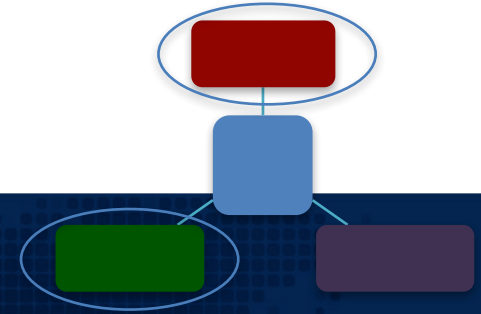
The sharing of research results from clinical trials with study participants, including aggregate results of the trial and individual results (e.g. results of and assignment to study arm, incidental findings, research results)



Return of

- Aggregate Research Results to participants
- Individual Results

Sharing clinical trial results on a website enables public transparency and trust



# Return of Individual Research Results

- Debra Mathews, Johns Hopkins University
- David Pulford, GlaxoSmithKline
- Sandra Prucka, Eli Lilly and Company
- Barbara Bierer, MRCT Center
- Rebecca Li, MRCT Center
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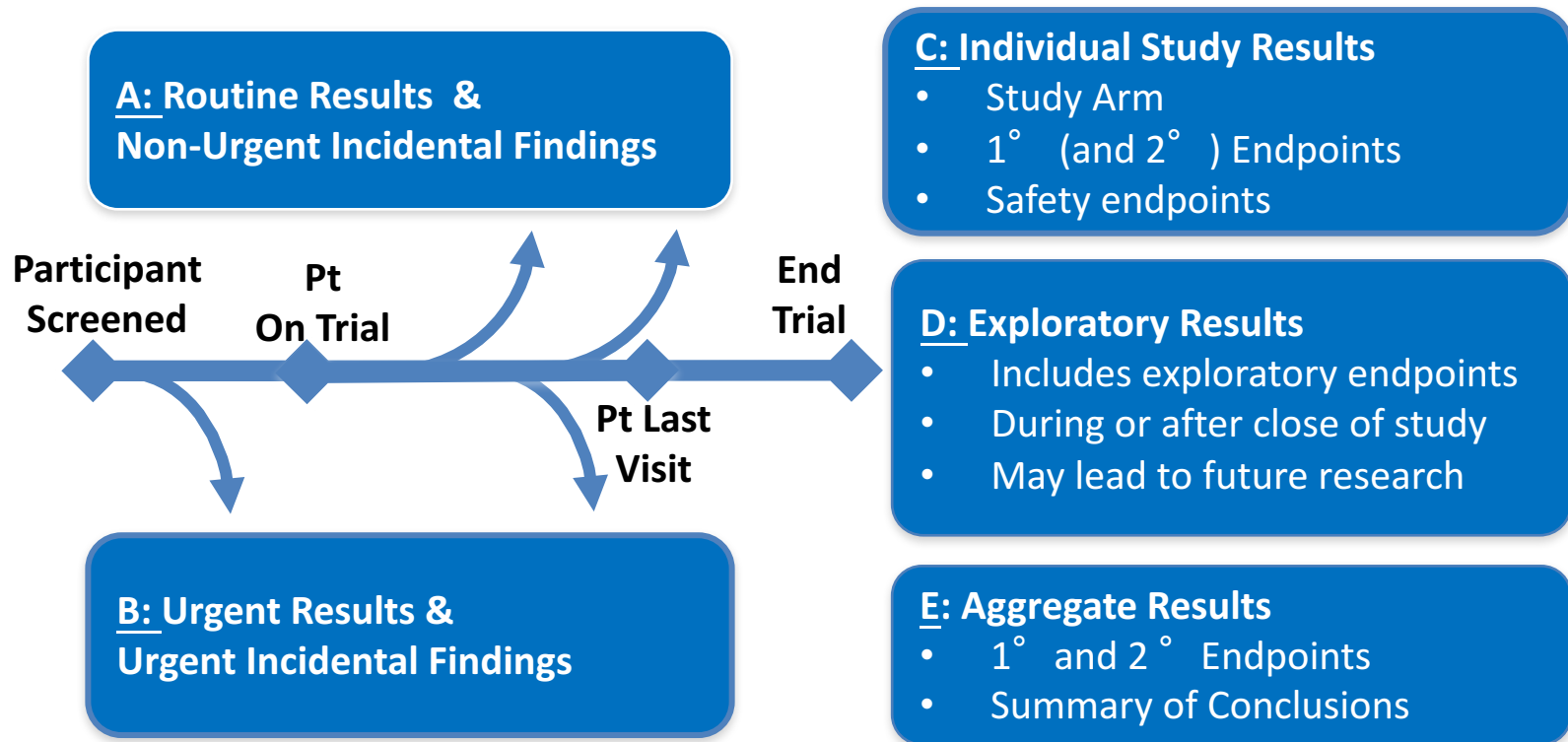
# Project statement: returning individual research results

- **Problem:** Many patients desire to receive individual research data from clinical studies in which they have participated. Standards to facilitate the return of individual research results are lacking, making it difficult to determine whether, what, when, how, by whom and to whom results are to be returned.
- **Summary:** This project focused on return of *individual* research results to study participants.

# Project statement: returning individual research results

- **Approach:** An international multi-disciplinary workgroup was launched, coordinated and organized by the MRCT Center, to provide a framework and recommendations as to the types of individual research results, benefits and risks, and related operational issues of returning individual level data.

# Data Types





# MRCT Center organized efforts to return results to study participants



## Return of aggregate Results Guidance Document and Toolkit

*2014: Workgroup meetings*

*March 2015: Complete Version 1*

*July 2016: Version 2.1*



## Multi-disciplinary Stakeholder Workgroup Launched December 2015

*45 international members*

*21 biweekly meetings and 2 In-person meetings*



## Presentation of IRR Recommendations Document and Toolkit: MRCT Annual Meeting 2016

*>90 attendees*

*Academia, Industry, IRBs, Non-profits, Government, Patient Advocates and others*

# IRR Working Group Members

## **Leadership:**

Debra Mathews, Johns Hopkins Berman Institute  
Sandra Prucka, Eli Lilly and Company  
David Pulford, GlaxoSmithKline  
Carmen Aldinger, MRCT Center  
Barbara Bierer, MRCT Center  
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\*attending two or more meetings of IRR Working Group



# Objectives

1. Determine types of individual research results (IRR) to be offered to participants
2. Develop principles for return of individual results that may be implemented and adopted by all sponsors, researchers and investigators involved in the clinical trial enterprise
3. Define methods to plan for return of individual results to participants
4. Develop relevant framework to manage IRR within the global context of clinical research trials



# Two Major Deliverables

- **IRR Recommendations Document**
  - Terminology
  - Ethical Foundations
  - Principles and Recommendations
  - Considerations:
    - What should be returned?
    - When should results be returned?
    - Who should receive results? Who returns results?
    - How to return results to participants?
- **IRR Toolkit**
  - Clinical Trial Timeline
  - Tools for study planning and consent
  - Tools to assist the Institutional Review Board review
  - Tools for site staff who return results
  - Case studies



# Methodology for Version 1.0 Draft

1. Solicit real-life case studies from working group
2. Evaluate submitted case studies to identify and categorize both ethical and practical issues
3. Based on categories create a master list of relevant specific issues to be addressed
4. Decide on guiding principles
5. Develop an IRR Recommendations Document and Toolkit ↔ ↔
6. Integrate commentary from MRCT Annual Meeting
7. Add two principles (IRB and Informed Consent)
8. Return to case studies to validate principles against the IRR Recommendations Document and Toolkit

# Selected Case Studies

Content	Issue
HER-2 negative metastatic breast cancer	Some samples were incorrectly categorized as HER-2 negative; ICF did not allow for return
PfizerLink & Blue Button®	Online patient community / Returning clinical data to study participants post-trial
Returning genetic research data generated during international clinical trials	Practical and ethical challenges communicating individual genetic research data in prospective and retrospective studies
Discovering HIV status in healthy clinical trial participants in Hyderabad, India	“Healthy volunteer” who had participated in multiple studies, was identified as having HIV infection
Discovering sexually transmitted infections in a cohort study in Bangkok, Thailand	Tests revealed STIs in non-symptomatic participants; lack of PCP complicated clinical management

# Methodology for Version 2.0

- Special considerations for genomic data
  - Constitute Genomics working group
  - Provide specific genomics recommendations
- Complete survey to understand communication architecture between sponsors, PIs, Providers, and Participants
  - Identify and disseminate best practices
  - Provide tools for communication
- Disseminate and create implementation plan for PIs and sponsors
- Create educational and training materials



# Ethical Foundations

- Beneficence
- Non-maleficence
- Autonomy / Respect for persons
- Favorable Risk/Benefit Ratio
- Transparency





# IRR Principles

1. The participants or their designees should be the **recipients** of individual research results.
  - Communication pathway must be planned to share results with participants
  - Considerations for providing individual results to a designee (legally authorized representative)
2. Providing individual research results responds to the **expressed interests and expectations** of many clinical trial participants that their individual results to be communicated to them.
  - Respect for participants' autonomy
  - Balancing autonomy with other values



3. Considerations pertaining to the return of individual results to clinical trial participants should be integrated into the clinical trial and **proactively planned**.
  - Considerations for whether results will be offered and if so, who will deliver which result, when and how
  - Informed consent process should be clear on parameters and limitations
  
4. Participants should be able to **choose whether or not to receive** their individual clinical research results, if results are offered.
  - For most results, participants should have the opportunity to decide
  - Exception applies to critical results of immediate clinical importance

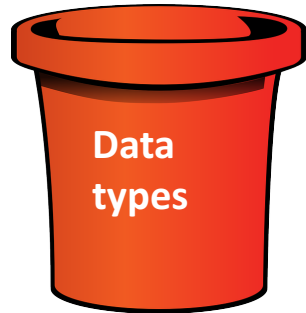
# IRR Principles

5. Sponsors and investigators have an obligation to return individual research results responsibly, taking into account **analytical validity**, **medical actionability** and **personal utility**.
  - Validity of the test; medical, social, and/or personal usefulness of the results to participants should be considered
  - Sharing too much data without interpretation can result in overload and distress
  
6. Individual research results should be returned in ways and at times that maintain the **integrity of the study**, insofar as the safety and welfare of the research participants are not at risk
  - Returning results should strive to maintain the integrity of the study and its ability to attain its research aims
  - Safety and welfare of research participants take priority over the value of research

7. The purpose of research is not clinical care, and return of individual research results **cannot substitute for appropriate clinical care** and advice.
  - Ethical framework pertaining to research-care distinction
  - Considerations when treating physician is also investigator, when the investigator is not a physician, and when participant does not have a primary care provider
  
8. Return of individual research results should be planned and executed in **compliance with institutional policies and local, regional, and national laws and regulations.**
  - Be aware of inconsistencies in national and local legislation
  - Each country may have unique considerations

# Considerations for returning individual results

What?



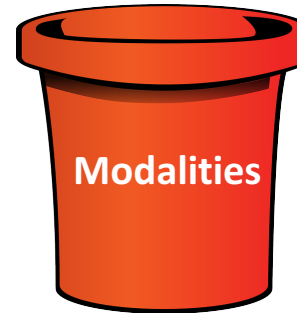
- What types of data should be returned?
- What differing international clinical guidelines need to be considered?

When?



- When should results be returned?
- Can results be returned without jeopardizing scientific aims?

How?



- Which delivery mechanisms should be used?
- What role does technology play in returning results?
- How feasible and affordable are the options?

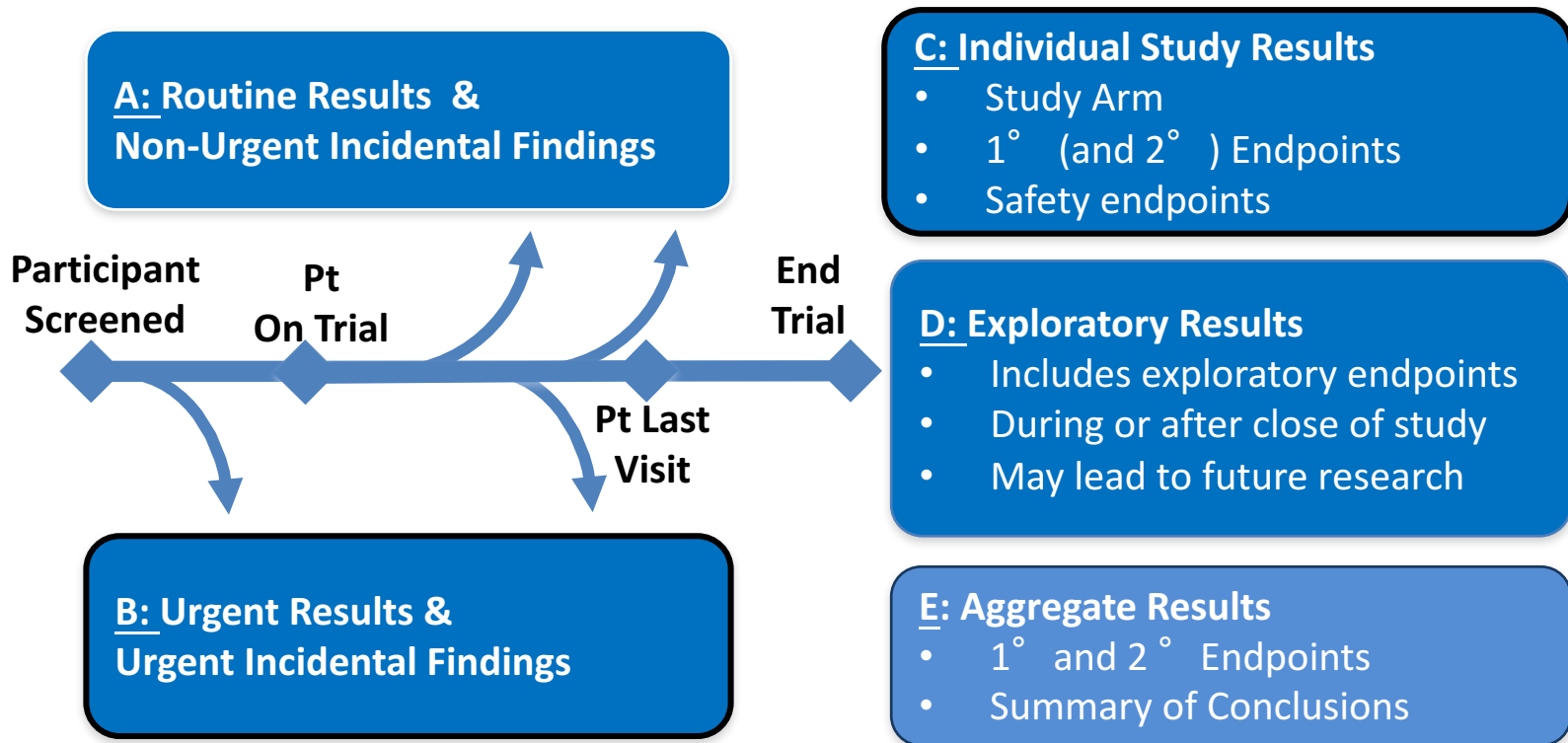
Who?



- Who should communicate the results?
- Who should receive the results?

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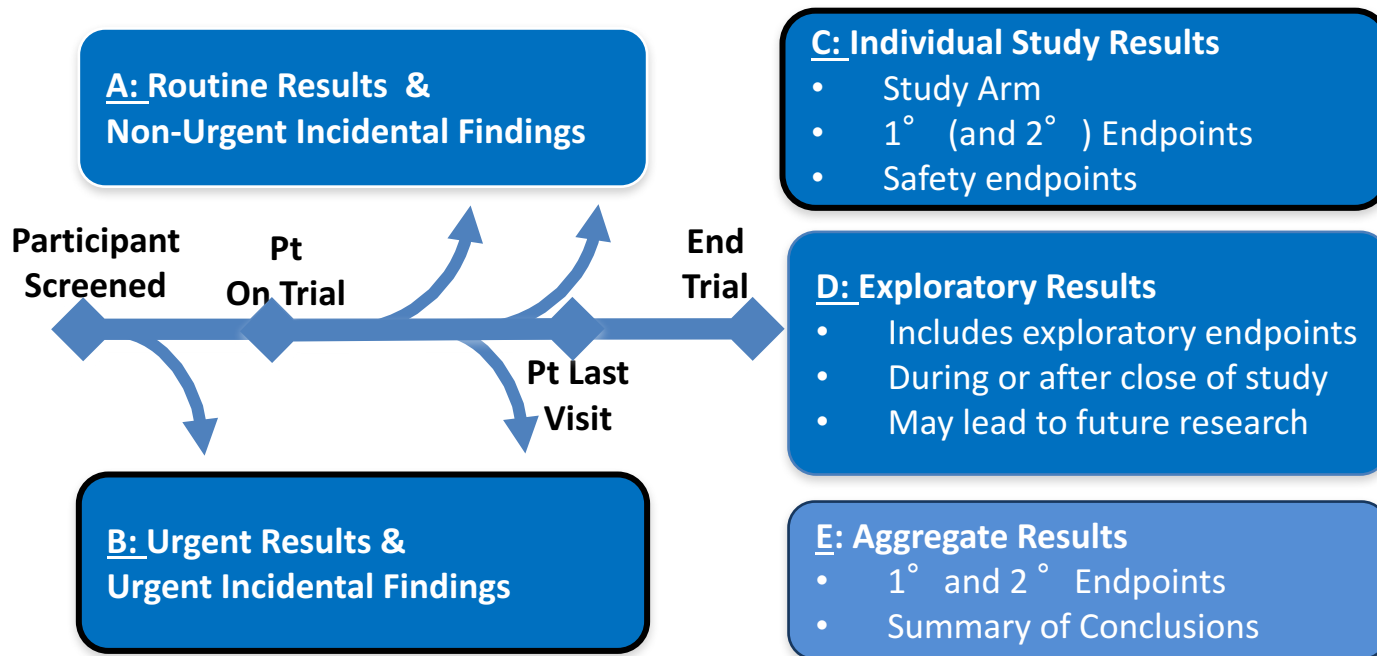
- What to return?



# Overall Recommendations

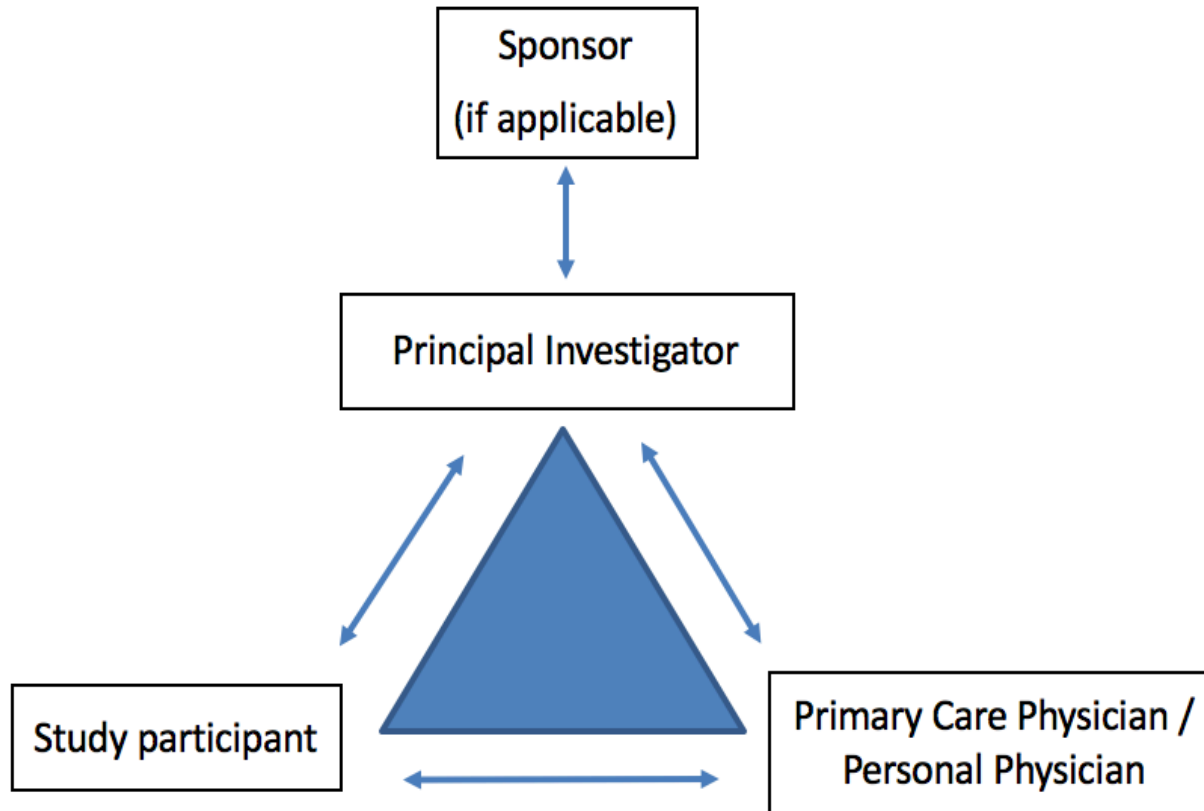
## When?

Target for study arm and primary endpoints: 1 year after the study ends, consistent with return of aggregate results, provided return does not compromise the scientific integrity of the research. To enable this to occur, prospective planning is key (Principle 3).



# Overall Recommendations

## Who?





# Overall Recommendations

## **How:** Modalities for returning individual results

1. In-person meeting with physician or clinical research staff member or specialist
2. Telephone/video conference consultation with physician, clinical research staff member or specialist
3. Online patient community or portal
4. Confidential letter

All results return must incorporate health literacy principles.

# Overview of Toolkit

	Planning and Design Phase	Protocol and IC Development Phase	Active Trial Phase	Post-Trial Publication Phase
IRR Tools and References	<p>Tool 1: Rationale matrix for returning various types of data</p> <p>Tool 2: Points to Consider along the Clinical Trial Timeline</p> <p>Tool 3: Selected IRR Regulations and Resources</p>	<p>Tool 4: Informed Consent Language for Return of Individual Results</p> <p>Tool 5: Checklist for IRB and Ethics Committees</p>	<p>Tool 6: Designation of Third Party Recipient of Results</p> <p>Tool 7: End of Study Form</p>	<p>Tool 8: Communication of study results at the end of a trial (including study arm)</p>



# Next Steps

- Please forward comments, suggestions, tools, best practices
- Apply documents to new or hypothetical case studies
- Finalize Version 1.1 Recommendations Document and Toolkit
- Communicate and Disseminate; Feedback appreciated
  
- Develop implementation plans as without operational direction principles will remain aspiration and hypothetical
- We hope to drive a change in practice and culture



# Respondents and Panel Discussion



# Return of Individual Results: Response

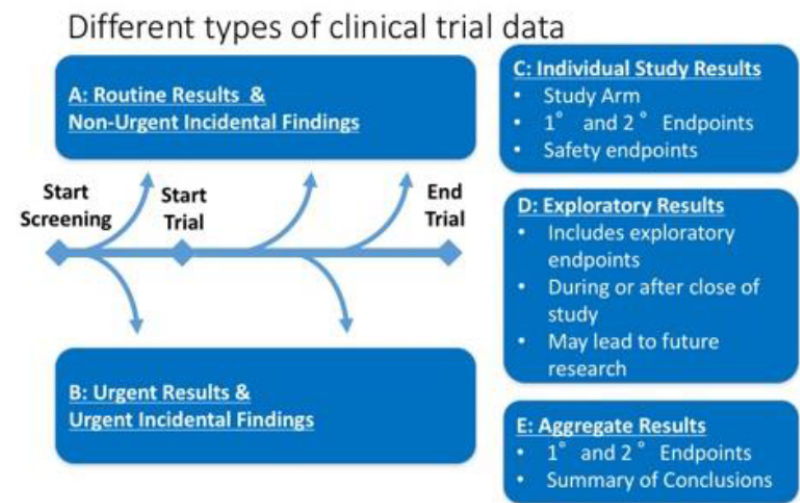
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# Overall Strengths

- *Living* document
  - Science moving target
- Comprehensive
  - Scope, complexity
- Repetition
  - Some discrepancies
- Case-based
  - Practical



# Enhancing Ethics

- Justification for Approach
- Educational for End Users

# Enhancing Ethics

- **Autonomy**
  - Right to receive or not receive information
    - Mediated by clinical action-ability and **personal utility**
    - Consent is a practical application
- **Beneficence**
  - Potential benefits of disclosure
  - Favorable Risk/Benefit Ratio (practical application)
- **Non-Maleficence**
  - Potential harms of disclosure



# Enhancing Ethics

- Transparency
- *Accountability* (Principle 3)
  - Disclosure of options
  - Managing/tracking preferences

# Enhancing Ethics

- *Integrity*
  - Physician commitment to well-being of patient, researcher commitment to welfare of subjects and future patients (mentioned under Autonomy, Principle 7, p. 25)
  - Of research enterprise (Principle 6)

# Enhancing Ethics

- *Justice*
  - Equity introduced in Principle 2
- *Social Justice*
  - Avoid further disadvantaging populations already disadvantaged
    - What if clinically actionable but patient has no health insurance and no primary provider? (p. 25)
      - Baseline obligation is referral (Principle 2, 14)

# Enhancing Ethics

- *Reciprocity* (p. 32)

# Final Thoughts

- Scope
  - Trials only (p.12)
    - Applicable to observational studies as well
  - “Particularly participants” (p. 12)
  - International collaborations
    - Current draft draws from US-based ethics and policy and assumes functioning health system

# Final Thoughts

- *Personal Utility* needs to be better defined
  - Reproductive decision making (pp. 8, 16, 22)
- Ethical justification could be used to be more directive in recommendations
  - Thresholds (p. 18)
  - When physicians are compelled to disclose (p. 20)
  - Whether genetic counseling required (p. 23)



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