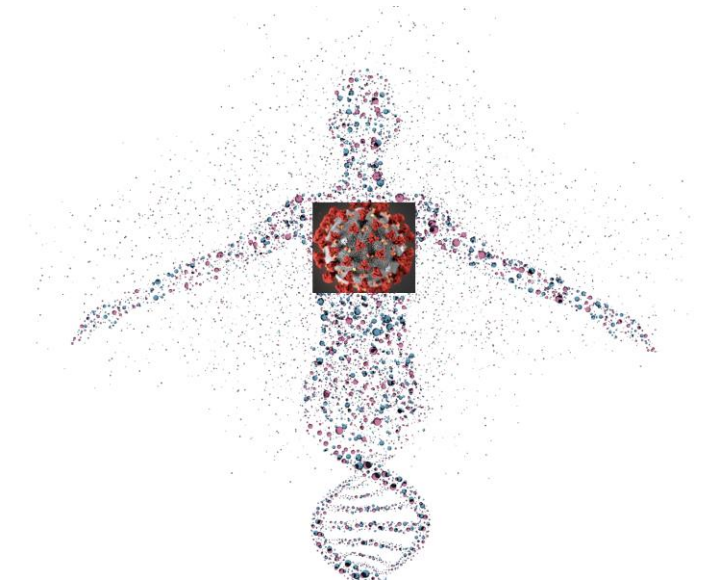


# Learnings from a Phase II, Open Label, Pragmatic Platform Trial I-SPY COVID

## Design, Data, System & Regulatory Engagement

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# Agenda



**Design**



**Data Strategy &  
Systems**



**Regulatory  
Interactions**



**Overall  
Learnings**

# I-SPY Trial

- I-SPY Trial is “Investigation of Serial Studies to Predict Your Therapeutic Response With Imaging And moLecular Analysis”
  - Neoadjuvant, adaptive, phase II, platform trial for locally advanced Breast Cancer since 2010
  - Started as a national public-private collaboration among NCI, FDA, more than 20 cancer research centers, and major pharma, biotech companies
  - Shaved several years and tens of millions of dollars off the drug development process.
  - Have evaluated 20+ agents over 10+ years
  - Rich in biomarker and imaging data
  - Evolved into an international model for translational research
  - <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01042379>

- I-SPY COVID

- Designed to rapidly screen high impact treatments to reduce mortality and time on ventilators.
  - Phase II, multi-center, multi-arm, open-label, randomized controlled, platform trial
  - <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04488081>
- Quantum Leap Healthcare is the sponsor of I-SPY trials.

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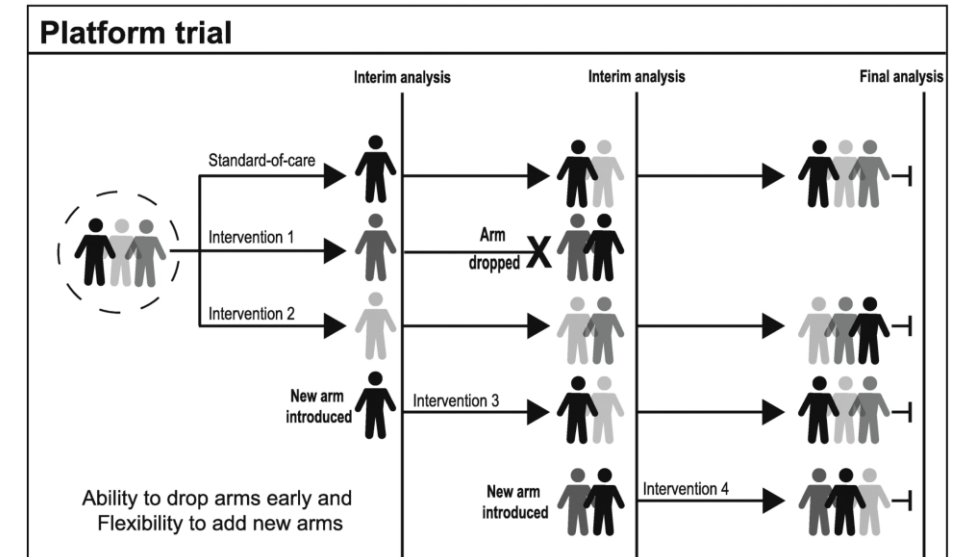
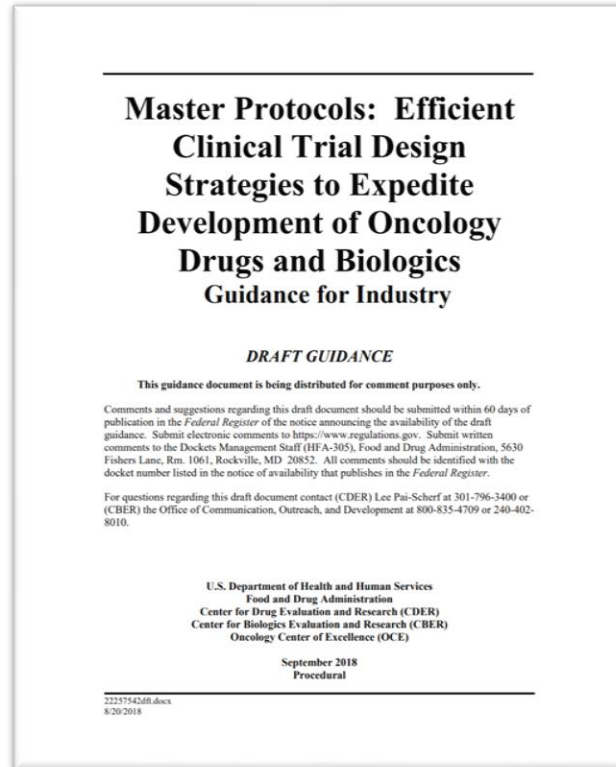
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# COVID Drug Development : Challenges

- Urgent needs to rapidly screen promising agents
- New variants & hotspots
- Shift in patient populations, behavior
- Tight timeline of trial data collection, data cleaning & reporting
- Critically ill patients in ICU setting
  - Site implementation/activation
  - Motivate enrollment
  - Burden of data collections/cleaning

# Platform Trial using Master Protocols



*“In contrast to traditional trial designs, where a single drug is tested in a single disease population in one clinical trial, master protocols use a single infrastructure, trial design, and protocol to simultaneously evaluate multiple drugs and/or disease populations in multiple substudies, allowing for efficient and accelerated drug development.”*

Figure from: Park, J.J.H., Siden, E., Zoratti, M.J. et al. Systematic review of basket trials, umbrella trials, and platform trials: a landscape analysis of master protocols. *Trials* 20, 572 (2019). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13063-019-3664-1>

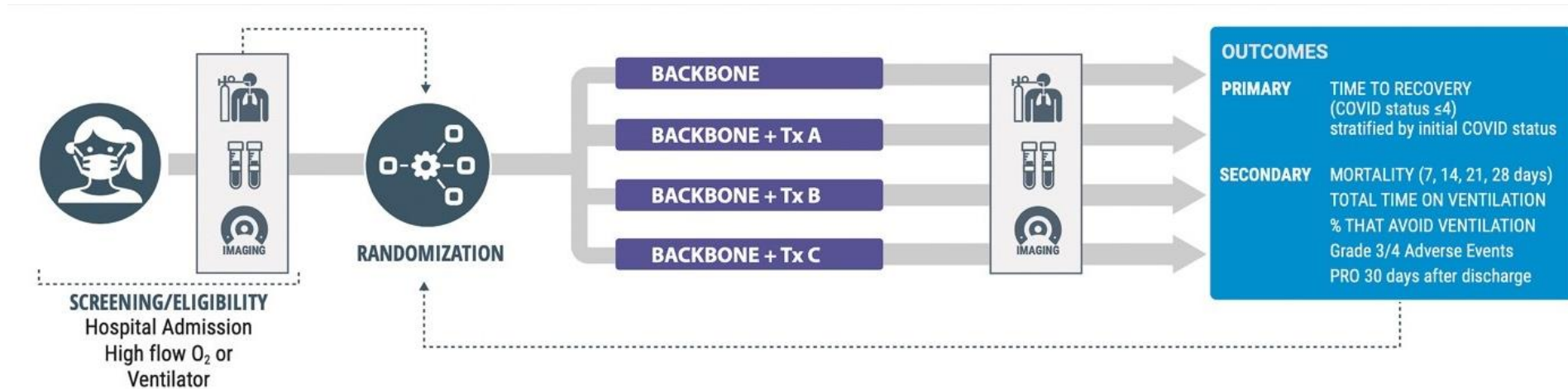
# Design: Trade-offs

- More complex
- More challenging to accrue
- Complexity limits trial settings
- Higher numbers per arm



- Pragmatic
- Nimble
- Phase 2 signal finding
- Rapid searching for big signals to improve mortality and ventilator-free

# Design – Set Up



- Primary and secondary outcomes follow-up up to 4-months
- Pre-specified interim analysis every 2 weeks – allow quick decision making
- Pre-specified Observational cohort with similar clinical stages of COVID-19 followed via medical records for those who decline to participate in the interventional arms.
- Pre-specified biospecimen collection for biomarker sub-studies
- ePRO (patient reported outcome) as exploratory analysis



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## Design - Open Label

- Platform design; up to 4 investigational agents + backbone control
  - If blinded, the complexity of multiple placebos should not be underestimated
  - Implementation issues across a wide diversity of sites
- Having more than one agent improves the benefit of shared controls
  - Analysis is to compare the investigational agent vs concurrent controls
- Monitor patient population and AEs to understand the biases
- Design is to be liberal in identifying a signal
  - Be ready to transition if seeing big signals
- Access to information
  - Tabular results of study outcomes by treatment allocation are not available to the research team, clinical investigators, clinical teams, or members of the steering committee.
  - The DMC and trial statisticians are unblinded.

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# Design- Statistical Considerations

## Design considerations

- Family of endpoints to define graduation/futility criteria (time to recovery, overall mortality)
- How large of effect size is good enough?
- Use of concurrent controls
- Randomization ratios with different # of arms in the trial
- Interim analysis to allow quick decisions to drop agents, but need to understand the impact on type 1 errors with frequent interim looks

## Simulations

- Assumptions of true efficacy
- Assumption of accrual rates over time
- Assumption of COVID baseline distribution, recovery rate, mortality rate
- Number of agents in the trial

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## Design- Statistical Considerations

- Graduation: at least 50 evaluable patients enrolled to the treatment arm
- Futility: at least 40 evaluable enrolled in the arm
- Calculate the posterior probability of hazard ratio (adjusted for baseline clinical factor), with priors for:
  - Intercept
  - Coefficients

### Stopping criteria

- Graduation:  $Pr(csHR_{\text{recovery}} > 1.0 \mid \text{data}) \geq 0.975$  or  $Pr(HR_{\text{death}} < 1.0 \mid \text{data}) \geq 0.900$
- Futility:  $Pr(csHR_{\text{recovery}} < 1.5 \mid \text{data}) \geq 0.900$  and  $Pr(HR_{\text{death}} < 1.0 \mid \text{data}) \leq 0.500$
- Safety:  $Pr(csHR_{\text{death-without-recovery}} > 1.3 \mid \text{data}) \geq 0.700$

# Data Strategy & System

## Data Strategy

- Risk based monitoring
  - ✓ Focus quality control on the key data elements.
  - ✓ Prioritize monitoring, cleaning, reporting based on purpose. Phased approach.
- RWD/RWE from Observational cohort to monitor
  - ✓ Change in underlying patient characteristics (age, comorbidities, mortality rate)
  - ✓ Patient behavior in declining consents and/or switching to observational cohort

## Data System

- OneSource is to integrate clinical care and research by streamlining the collection and distribution of patient health data
  - ✓ Improve data quality and speed through source capture via EHR integration.
  - ✓ Critical clinical data is entered once at the point of care and accessible to clinical providers and researchers.
  - ✓ Utilizes global data standards to integrate clinical care and research.
- Automated laboratory CTCAE v5.0 toxicity grading, and reporting integrated in EDC

# Data System

## Reducing Burden of Data Entry & Verification in ICU

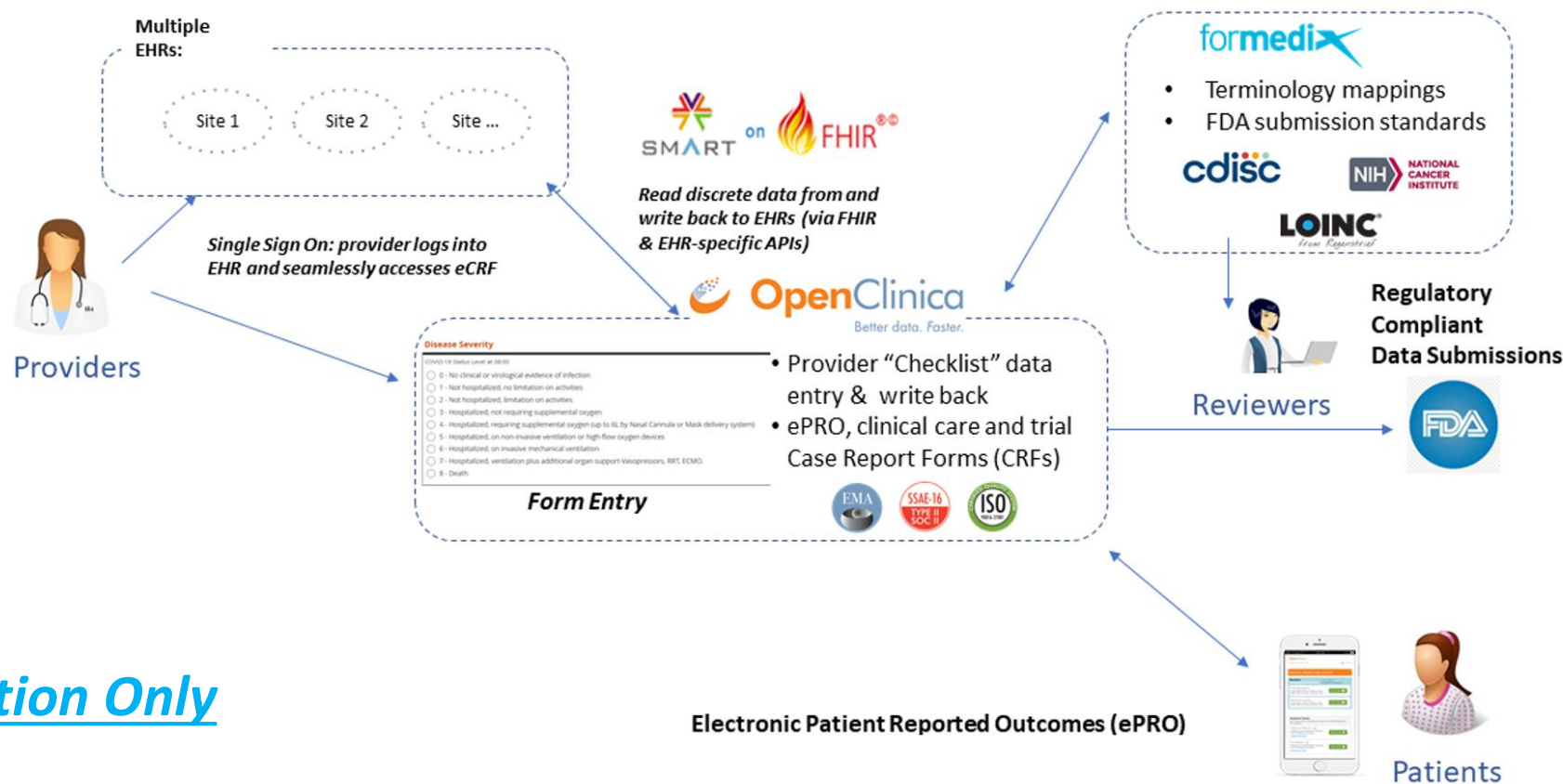


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## Biomarker Subtyping

- Biomarker or disease subtyping is a promising pathway for COVID/ARDS for bigger signals in subgroup(s).
- Progress in treating difficult diseases with high mortality has come from better understanding the biology
  - Smaller targeted trials using biomarkers have demonstrated success.
  - Currently using central lab to process biospecimens
  - Implementation at sites could be a challenge if real-time biomarker assessment at sites

# Regulatory Interactions

- Early and often engagement with FDA
  - FDA encourages master protocols and welcome dialogue with sponsors
  - Discuss/communicate with the FDA:
    - Study designs
    - Statistical consideration & decision rules
    - Data operation strategies & monitoring
    - Requirements of regulatory reporting
  - Leadership presents a clear and consistent core goal/philosophy to guide decision-making.
- What's next after signal finding?
  - How to confirm?
  - How/when to transition?

## COVID-19: Master Protocols Evaluating Drugs and Biological Products for Treatment or Prevention Guidance for Industry

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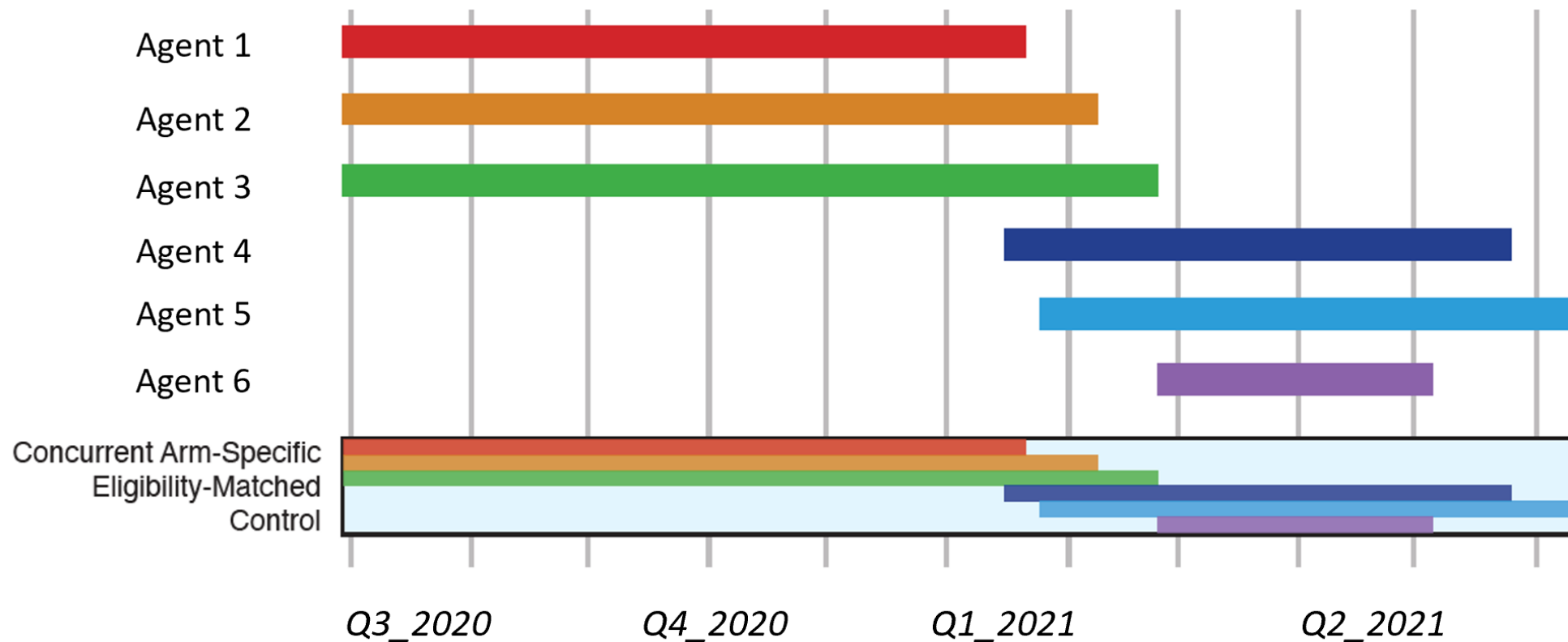
## Trial to Date

- Trial planning started in March 2020. Enrollment began in July 2020.
- Enrolled over 2,000 subjects at >25+ sites
- Tested 10+ regimens
- Improved efficiency and process
  - Accelerated the process of getting drugs approved for activation with FDA
  - Data completion
  - Data system innovation: OneSource substantially decreases work-load and increases accuracy of data captured
- Learned patient behavior in willingness to enroll

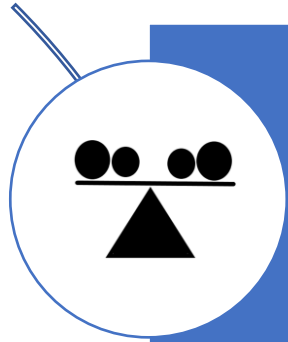


# Enrollment Timeline

*(Illustration using the first 6 investigational agents)*



# Overall Learnings



**Design:** balance pragmatism, safety, and discovery in the context of a phase 2 signal finding trial, even during a pandemic.

- Powerful and efficient to rapidly screen for big signals
- Enable biomarker sub-studies to investigate biological heterogeneity; may see bigger signals in subgroups



**Data strategy & system:** innovative and pragmatic data strategy could ease the burden of time-sensitive trial when resources are over stretched at sites.

- A moderately pragmatic approach to streamlined data collection
- Automate data collection from EHR using OneSource
- Automated lab toxicity grading and reporting in EDC



**Regulatory engagement early and often**

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