

Applying Lessons Learned from RWE in the Time of COVID-19 to the Future

Virtual (Zoom)

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1:00-4:00 pm ET

Welcome and Overview of the COVID-19 Response

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Ongoing FDA RWD/RWE Activity

Examples		
Legislative Action	FDA Response	Stakeholder Efforts
<p>Public Law 115–52 115th Congress An Act To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs, and biosimilar biological products, and for other purposes. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act may be cited as the "FDA Reauthorization Act of 2017".</p> <p>Aug. 18, 2017 (H.R. 2430)</p> <p>FDA Reauthorization Act of 2017, 21 USC 301 note.</p>	<p>Internal FDA Process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RWD infrastructure continues to grow and be made more robust, including digital health Broader industry use and acceptance of RWD and RWE to support evidentiary packages Pilot projects demonstrating the application of RWD and RWE
	<p>Guidance Development</p> <p>Event</p> <p>Leveraging Randomized Clinical Trials to Generate Real-World Evidence for Regulatory Purposes</p> <p>Public Workshop</p> <p>Establishing a High-Quality Real-World Data Ecosystem Day 1 & 2</p>	<p>Stakeholder Engagement</p>
	<p>Projects</p> <p>Source Data Capture from Electronic Health Records (EHRs): Using Standardized Clinical Research Data</p>	

COVID-19 Requires Us to Disrupt Traditional Evidence Generation Paradigm

RWE from Practical Trials

Large-scale practical trials for COVID-19 therapeutics

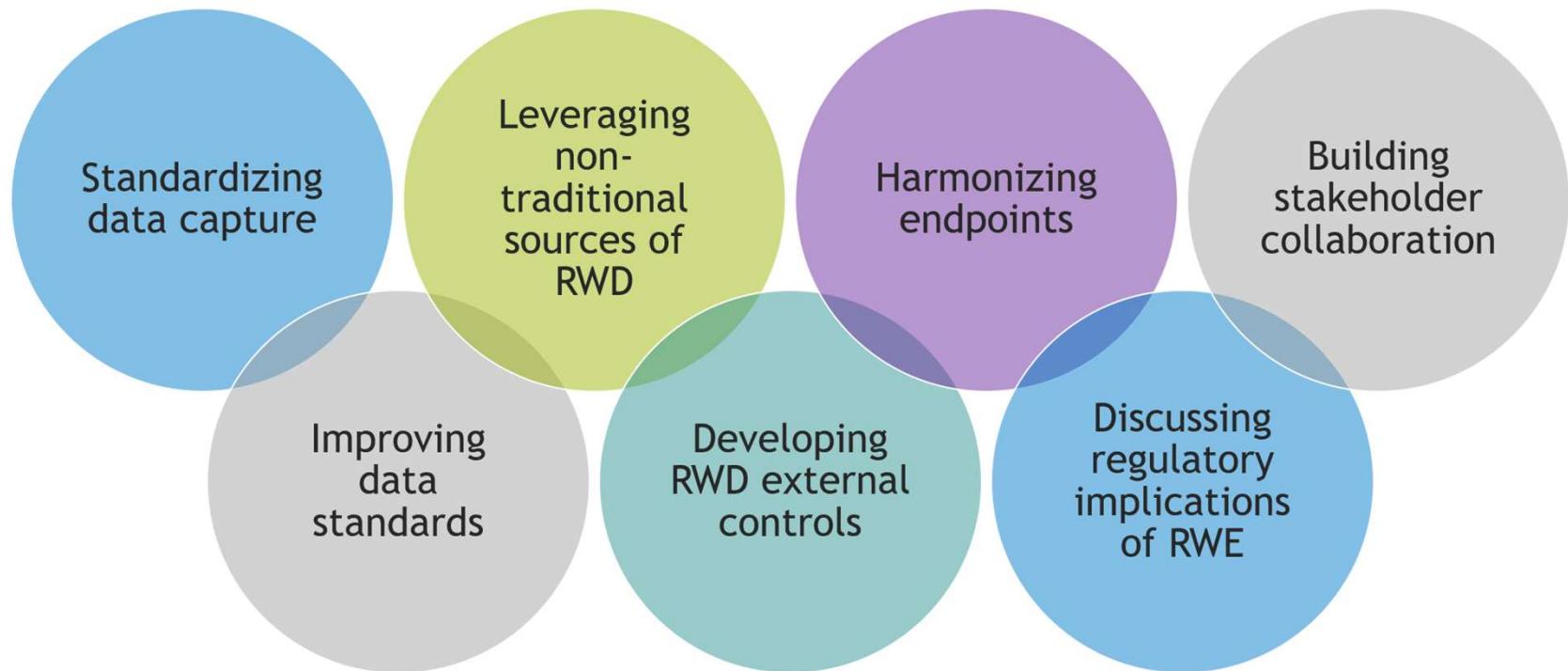
Digital Tools and Technology

Acceleration of adoption of digital tools, remote patient monitoring, and telemedicine in COVID-19

Real-World Data Infrastructure

Stakeholder collaboration to align observational studies for COVID-19 therapeutics

COVID-19 RWE Work Accelerates RWD and RWE Use for Decision-Making



Looking Ahead...



Continue building on and learning from existing efforts as we continue to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond



Initiate collaborative pilots to develop use cases to facilitate future learning



Emphasize the importance of creating a shared RWD infrastructure to align and improve data collection efforts

Agenda

1:00 pm Welcome and Overview of the COVID-19 Response

1:10 pm Keynote Address

1:25 pm Session I: Embedding Practical Trials in EHRs: A Critical Approach for Leveraging Randomization, Objective Endpoints, Large Sample Size, and Minimal Data Collection to Deliver Decisive Results

2:10 pm Session II: Transforming Outcome Capture: Advancing Routine Use of Digital Tools and Technology for Study Measurement

2:55 pm Session III: Collaborating to Build a Better Real-World Data Infrastructure for Enhanced Post-Market Evidence

3:35 pm Fireside Chat

3:55 pm Closing Remarks

4:00 pm Adjourn

Virtual Meeting Reminders

- Visit the Duke-Margolis website (<https://healthpolicy.duke.edu/events>) for meeting materials, including the agenda, speaker biographies, and discussion questions.
- Questions for our panelists? Feel free to submit questions via email to MargolisEvents@duke.edu.
-  Join the conversation @Duke-Margolis #RWE2020

Keynote Address

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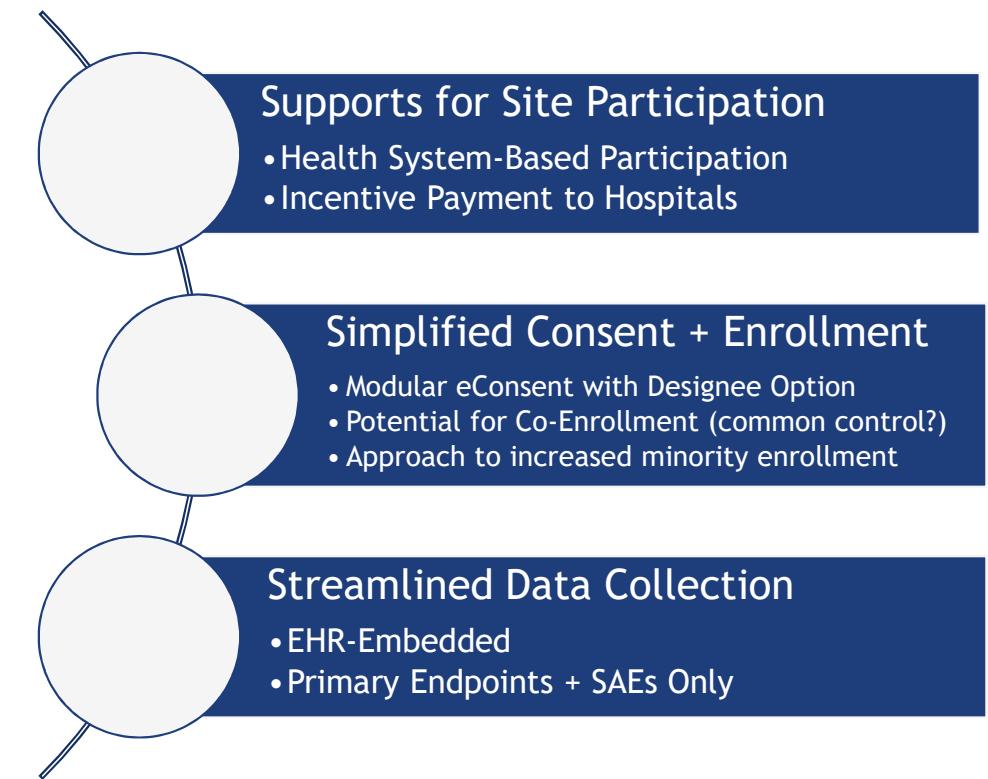
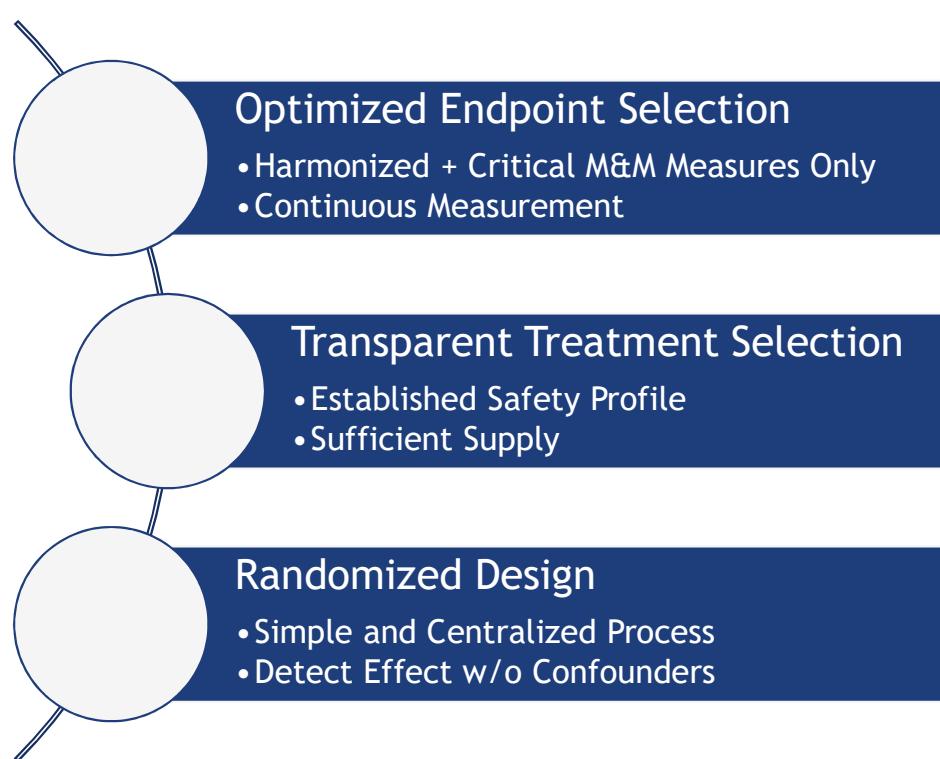
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Session I: Embedding Practical Trials in EHRs: A Critical Approach for Leveraging Randomization, Objective Endpoints, Large Sample Size, and Minimal Data Collection to Deliver Decisive Results

What is a Practical Trial?

- Enhanced, large simple trial
- Randomization
- Streamlined data collection
 - Few, important endpoints
 - Serious adverse events
- Embedded in routine clinical care (EHRs)

Key Features of Ideal Practical Trial Protocol



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Practical Trials

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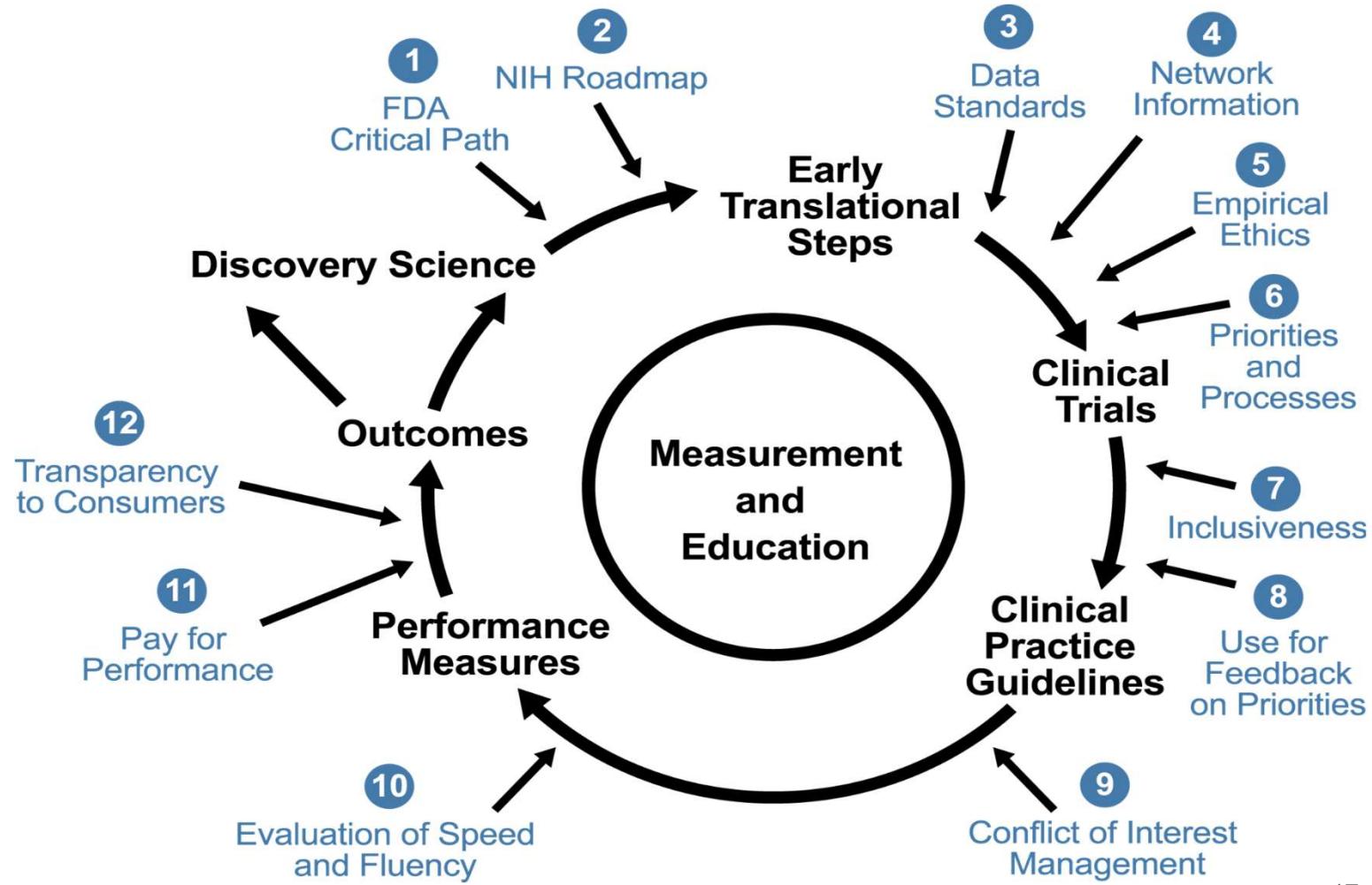
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A Brief Personal History of Pragmatic Trials

- Polio vaccine trials (1.8 million children)
- Oxford large, simple trials (LST)
- GUSTO brings automation—key role of FDA
- Effectiveness movement leads to pragmatic/practical trials effort and PRECIS
- Efforts to reform trials (Clinical Trials Transformation Initiative)—Quality by Design
- 21st Century Cures and User Fee Agreements push for “real world data” and “real world evidence”
- PCORnet, NIH Collaboratory, ISPY usher in participant- centered hybrid trials
- The pandemic and NHS/Recovery cause many to ask why we can’t get reliable answers more quickly

If we want to inform patients, families, clinicians and policy makers about which options are best for screening, prevention, diagnosis and treatment we must deal with fragmentation and misaligned incentives to rapidly conduct RCTs

Generating Evidence to Inform Decisions



Our National Clinical Research System is Well-intentioned But Flawed

- High percentage of decisions not supported by evidence*
- Health outcomes and disparities are not improving
- Current system is great **except:**
 - Too slow, too expensive, and not reliable
 - Doesn't answer questions that matter most to patients
 - Unattractive to clinicians & administrators

We are not generating the evidence we need to support the healthcare decisions that patients and their doctors have to make every day.

Levels of Evidence Supporting American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association and European Society of Cardiology Guidelines, 2008-2018

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IMPORTANCE Clinical decisions are ideally based on evidence generated from multiple randomized controlled trials (RCTs) evaluating clinical outcomes, but historically, few clinical guideline recommendations have been based entirely on this type of evidence.

OBJECTIVE To determine the class and level of evidence (LOE) supporting current major cardiovascular society guideline recommendations, and changes in LOE over time.

DATA SOURCES Current American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association (ACC/AHA) and European Society of Cardiology (ESC) clinical guideline documents (2008-2018), as identified on cardiovascular society websites, and immediate predecessors to these guideline documents (1999-2014), as referenced in current guideline documents.

STUDY SELECTION Comprehensive guideline documents including recommendations organized by class and LOE.

DATA EXTRACTION AND SYNTHESIS The number of recommendations and the distribution of LOE (A [supported by data from multiple RCTs or a single, large RCT], B [supported by data from observational studies or a single RCT], and C [supported by expert opinion only]) were determined for each guideline document.

MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES The proportion of guideline recommendations supported by evidence from multiple RCTs (LOE A).

RESULTS Across 26 current ACC/AHA guidelines (2930 recommendations; median, 121 recommendations per guideline [25th-75th percentiles, 76-155]), 248 recommendations (8.5%) were classified as LOE A, 1465 (50.0%) as LOE B, and 1277 (41.5%) as LOE C. The median proportion of LOE A recommendations was 2.0% (25th-75th percentiles, 0.9%-15.2%). Across 25 current ESC guideline documents (3399 recommendations; median, 130 recommendations per guideline [25th-75th percentiles, 111-154]), 484 recommendations (14.2%) were classified as LOE A, 1053 (31.0%) as LOE B, and 1862 (54.8%) as LOE C. When comparing current guidelines with prior versions, the proportion of recommendations that were LOE A did not increase in either ACC/AHA (median, 9.0% [current] vs 11.7% [prior]) or ESC guidelines (median, 15.7% [current] vs 17.6% [prior]).

CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE Among recommendations in major cardiovascular society guidelines, only a small percentage were supported by evidence from multiple RCTs or a single, large RCT. This pattern does not appear to have meaningfully improved from 2008 to 2018.

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Across 26 current ACC/AHA guidelines, 8.5% of recommendations were LOE A

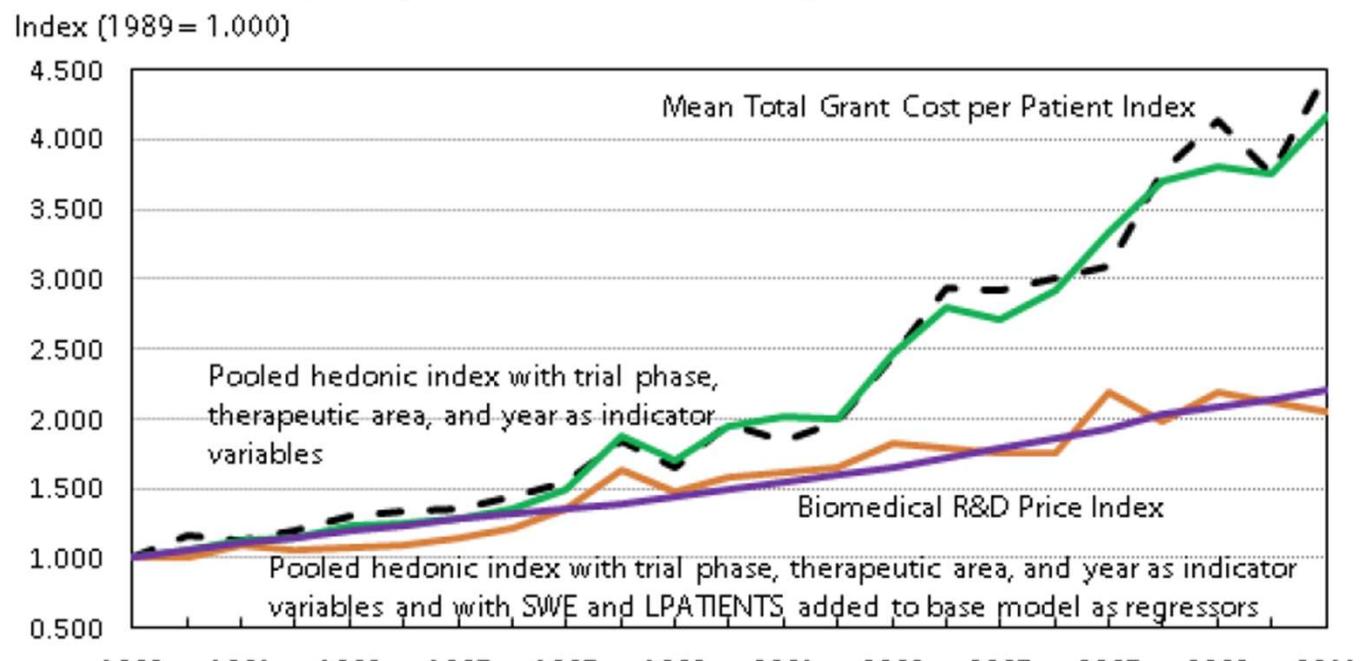
Across 25 ESC guidelines, 14.2% of recommendations were LOE A

This pattern does not appear to have meaningfully improved from 2008 to 2018

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Trial Hyperinflation

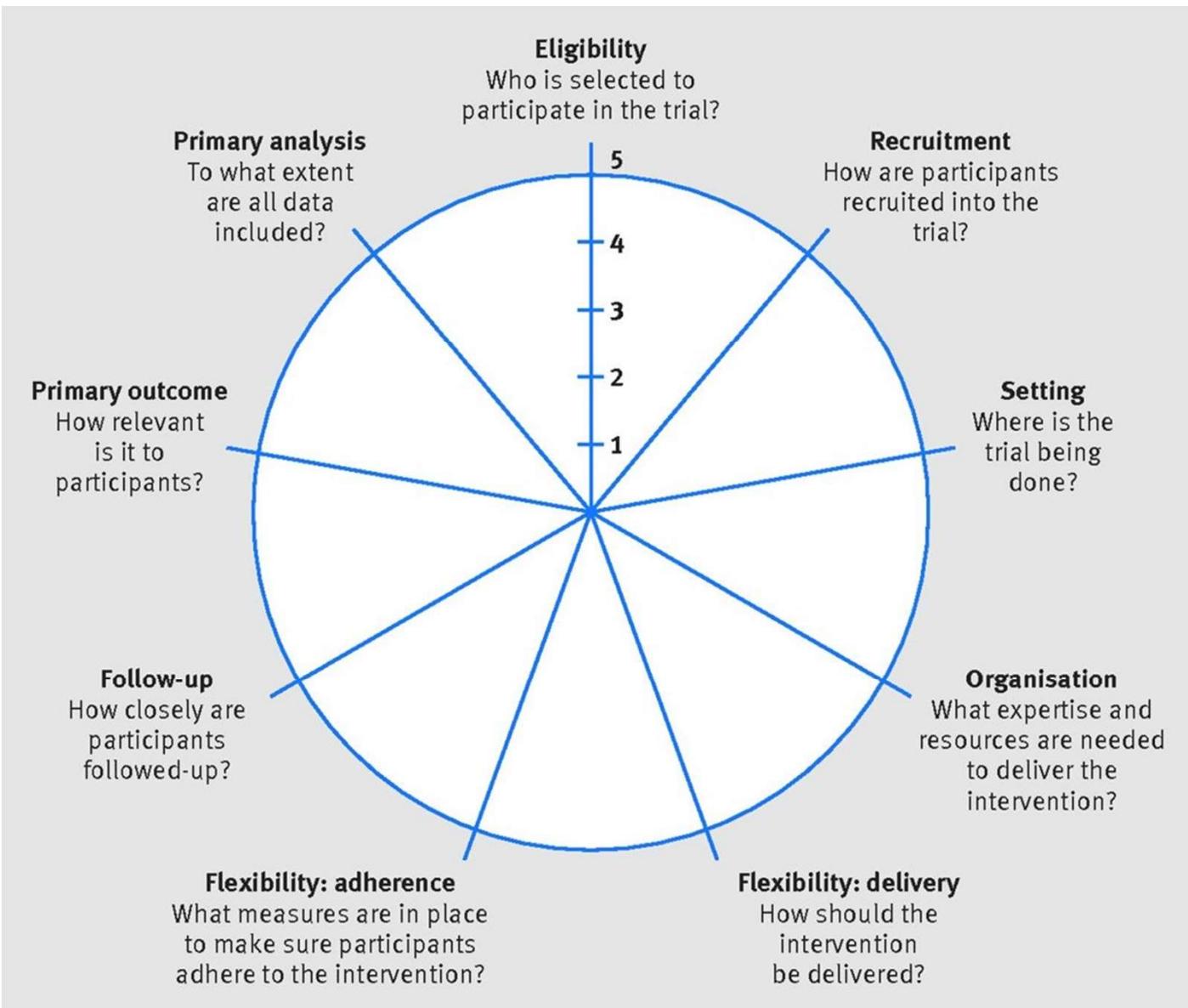
Figure 3. Mean Total Grant Cost per Patient Index, Biomedical R&D Price Index, and pooled hedonic indexes, 1989–2011



Source: Authors' calculations based on Medidata Solutions, Inc.'s, PICAS® database.

Some Thoughts on Nomenclature

- Traditional randomized clinical trials (TRCTs)
- Pragmatic trials
- Large simple trials (LSTs)
- Simple trials +



LST+

- **LST**
 - Uncertainty about a clinical/policy decision
 - Primary intention to inform practice for individuals and/or policy
 - Primary data collection as simple as possible to answer the question
 - Don't confuse precision and reliability
 - Key measures of quality
 - Was the trial designed to answer the crucial question?
 - Were right participants identified and randomized?
 - Was randomization done properly?
 - Was assigned treatment taken as planned?
 - Were primary endpoints identified and measured without bias and complete follow-up for relevant time?
- **Elements of +**
 - EHR and claims data capture
 - Platforms
 - Adaptive designs/Bayesian designs
 - Participant centered rather than treating “subjects” as objects
 - Involve clinicians but don’t burden them (practice based research and research based practice)
 - Alternate forms of randomization
 - Add substudies only if they don’t impair the likelihood of answering the primary question

Simple Trials +

- Intent to inform decision-making as opposed to elucidating a biological or social mechanism
- Intent to enroll a population relevant to the decision in practice and representative of the patients/populations and clinical settings for whom the decision is relevant
- Either an intent to:
 - Streamline procedures and data collection so that the trial can focus on adequate power for informing the clinical and policy decisions OR
 - Measure a broad range of outcomes

Designed for the primary purpose of informing decision-makers regarding the comparative balance of benefits, burdens and risks fo a biomedical or behavioral health intervention at the individual or population level

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Platform Trials: Approach to Solving Serious Clinical Problems

- Pre-competitive consortium with common purpose
 - FDA, Academics, Community Hospitals, Industry, Advocates, Investigators
- Efficient: Screening many NEW promising agents, common control
- Look for big impact
 - Fail fast
 - Find winners FAST TO SAVE PEOPLES' LIVES!!!!
- Scalable from Breast Cancer to COVID
 - Entire trial process replicated in 8 weeks
 - Consortium/ master protocol/ trial specific data checklists with embedded analytics/ agent selection/approval/engagement of investigators and clinicians
 - Entire community across many disciplines working with energy, urgency and purpose
 - 6 agents already approved ready to test, many more in the pipeline

Consider a New Paradigm that Accelerates Progress

Old Gold Standard

- Features
 - Randomized 1:1
 - Double blind
 - Fixed accrual
 - Frequentist
- Data Collection
 - Collect all possible data
 - Data recollected by coordinators
 - Monitor all data entries
 - Report all adverse events to the FDA
 - Assign attribution to all adverse events
 - Research and care are separate systems and both are suboptimal

New Gold Standard

- Features
 - Standing platform
 - Master protocol
 - Accrual based on performance
 - Bayesian
- Data Collection
 - Design data plan
 - Use check list of mission critical data
 - As part of clinical care/ RWE
 - Use source data for primary endpoints
 - Reporting for grade 3, 4 events
 - Attribution based on data of all AEs
 - Research and care is integrated-same system, enter once use many

Breaking down Barriers: Everyone has a role to play

	Today's RCT	Tomorrow/ Master Platforms
Industry	One drug, one trial; pharma sponsored	Platform where many companies participate Take risk on new trial designs
Delivery systems	Contract on hospital by hospital basis	Systems based approach
Delivery Systems	Every site has multiple competing trials	Fewer focused platform trials
Delivery Systems	Huge hurdle for "write back" /data sharing	"Jump Start" package (stds, security) for data sharing
Payors	Never participate in trials; wait for FDA approval and longer	Participate in trials to drive health care value
Regulatory Endpoints	Recurrence free survival and mortality	Early endpoints (residual tumor burden) <u>and</u> survival ; time to recovery <u>and</u> survival
Regulatory Approval	Drug A vs. Drug B; Double Blind	Optimal combinations; Open Label (not Industry sponsored)
Regulation of investigational pharmacies	Each site has investigational pharmacy	Hub and spoke model Pharmacies can be virtually audited
Regulation of investigators	Every investigator takes full training course every year	Supervising site plays role in managing, collection data, Shorter training course for "spoke" investigators
All: Real World Evidence	Not Included	An Essential Comparator. Outcomes as byproduct of care

Silver Lining: COVID is forcing a change to business as usual

- Urgency
- Collaboration
- Focus on what matters most to care and research
 - Insights automated; soul crushing tasks minimized
 - Value much higher
- Accrual strategies adjust and adapt to disease
- Focus on minimum essential data set
 - For Care
 - For Trials
- Focus on what is best for patients
- Willingness to take risk to solve critical health problems

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Re-engineering Clinical Research

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FROM THOUGHT LEADERSHIP
TO CLINICAL PRACTICE

The HERO Program

- Designed with multiple stakeholders
 - Healthcare workers –front-line workers
 - Professional Societies
 - Federal Agencies
 - Health systems
- Build a community of thousands of healthcare workers (HCWs)
 - To understand the impact of COVID 19 on HCW health and other outcomes
 - To answer questions – related to COVID19 and beyond – important to HCWs
 - To understand preferences about participation in trials and serve as an engaged community and platform to facilitate trials





Together, healthcare workers can *ENGAGE* to help find answers that will *PROTECT* and *IMPROVE* the health and well-being of America's frontline



**Join the
HERO
Registry**

1

Answer short surveys + participate in future clinical studies



2

Learn results from HERO research



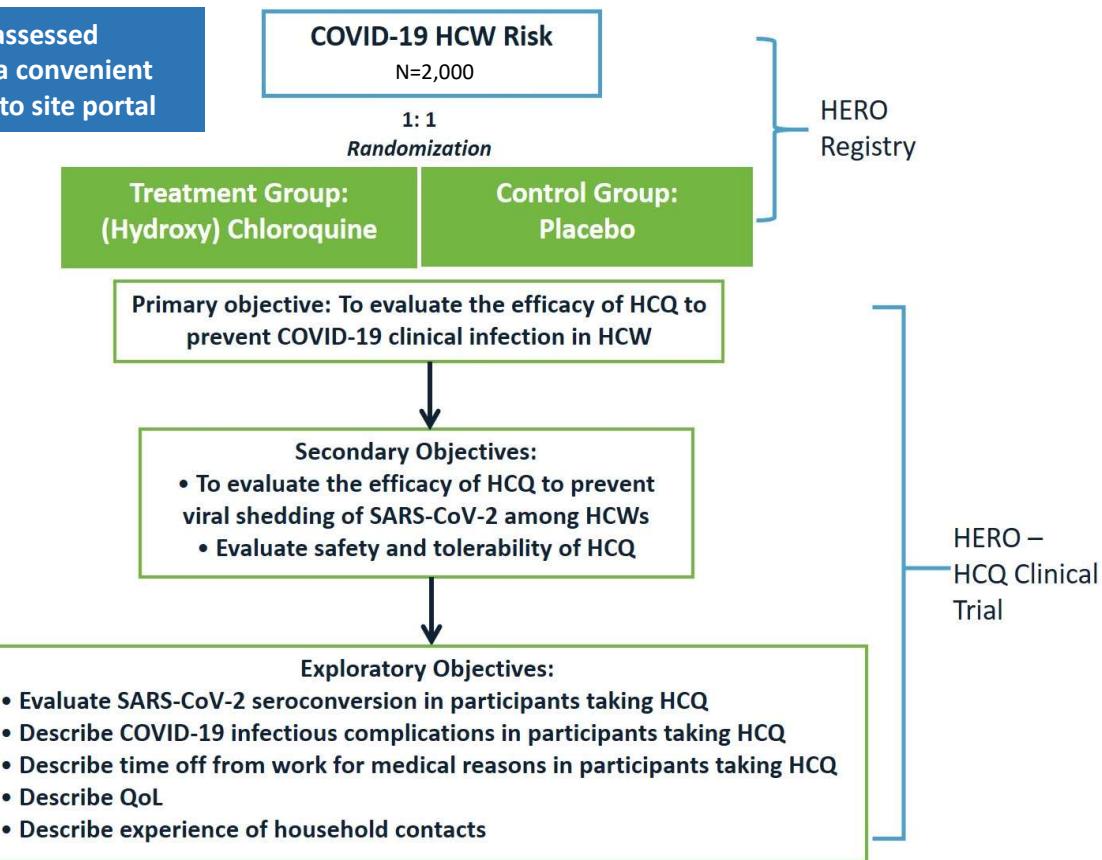
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Share ideas for problems to address and research to do



Healthcare workers form a community, indicate preferences, participate and get results returned

- Interest and eligibility for trials assessed
- Pre-screened HCWs can choose a convenient enrolling site to visit and feed into site portal



Features:

- Facilitate rapid enrollment
- Pre-screened off-site
- Enrollment appointments
 - Testing
 - Randomization
 - Drug supply
- Remote follow-up
 - Portal
 - Tele-back-up
- Close-out visit
 - Testing

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Clinical Trials Transformation Initiative (CTTI)

CTTI vision for clinical trials 2030

Focus

A research study in which one or more participants are prospectively assigned to one or more interventions (which may include placebo or other control) to evaluate the effects of those interventions on health-related biomedical or behavioral outcomes.

<https://grants.nih.gov/policy/clinical-trials/definition.htm>

Clinical Trials Vision 2030



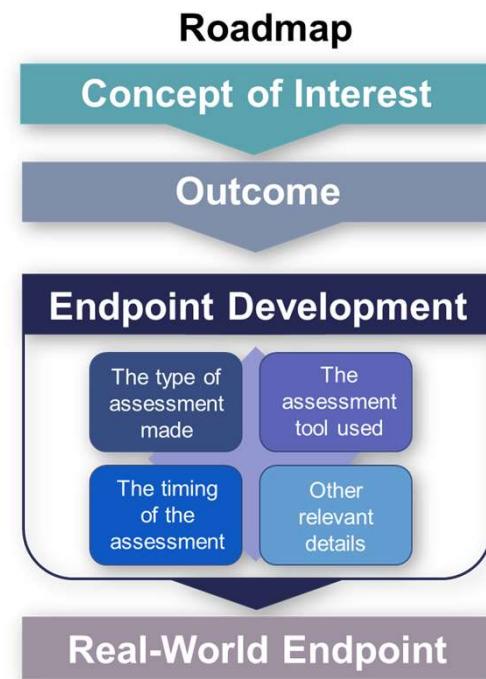
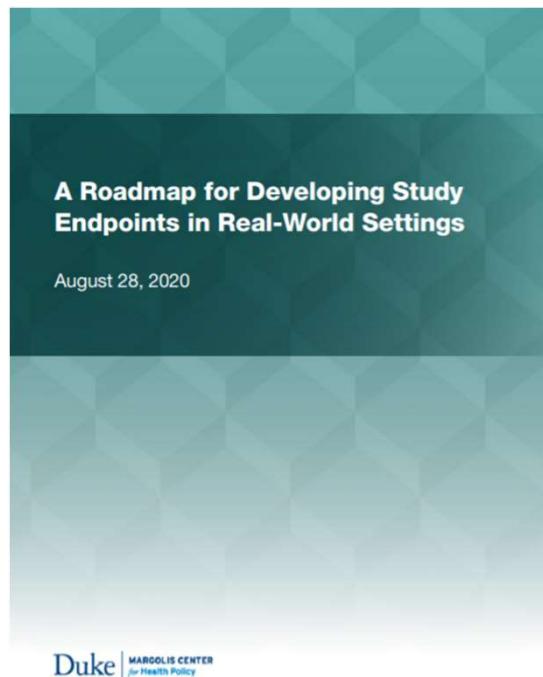
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Session II: Transforming Outcome Capture: Advancing Routine Use of Digital Tools and Technology for Study Measurement

A Roadmap for Developing Study Endpoints in Real-World Settings



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IQVIA COVID Active Research Experience (CARE) project

An active, adaptable rapid reporting system designed to study factors that influence symptom severity and progression

**Non-prescription
and prescription
medicines**



**Vitamins,
minerals,
herbals**



**Demographics,
underlying
health
conditions,
occupational
exposure**



**COVID-19 test
results,
vaccine
(coming soon)**

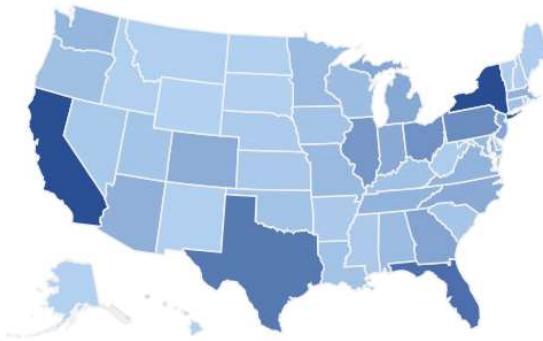


www.helpstopcovid19.com

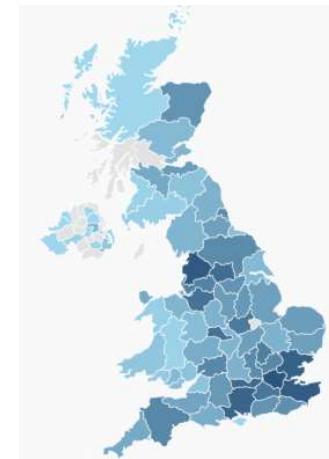
- Participants come from the community with eligibility based on exposure, not test result
- Evaluates the effects of many factors on symptom severity and change over time
- Alternate contacts can be mobilized for follow-up on hospitalization and death
- Supplementary questions can be sent to participants
- Protocols are available at Clinicaltrials.gov NCT04368065; EU PAS register EUPAS36240

IQVIA COVID Active Research Experience (CARE) Project

Inquiries welcomed at CAREproject@IQVIA.com



A screenshot of the IQVIA CARE Project website. The header includes links for HOME, ABOUT, OUR PARTNERS, FAQ, RESOURCES, CONTACT US, and a LOG IN button. Below the header, the text reads "IQVIA COVID ACTIVE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (CARE) PROJECT" and "Join the Fight Against COVID-19 Share your experiences. Help find answers." A green "START" button is visible. The main content area contains text about the project's purpose and how participation can help find answers to COVID-19 questions.



www.helpstopCOVID19.com

- ~20,000 participants reporting by smart phone, tablet or PC
- US recruitment started April 2020, UK started July 2020
- Uses adaptive curation with near real-time reporting



LINKAGE

In the US, a trusted process for tokenization used to link RWD linkage on prescriptions, ambulatory care and hospitalizations

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Digital health technology in mHealth and clinical trials

Biosensors

Continuous glucose monitor



Continuous ECG monitor



Continuous blood pressure monitor



Fall detector



Patient reported outcome



Smart pills



Actigraphy

Cellphone camera

Interactive mobile applications



Coordination test in Parkinson's



Why bother?



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Tackling Infectious Disease Research with Decentralized Trials

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October 1, 2020



CASE STUDY 1

Home Testing of Respiratory Illness

A novel decentralized observational trial exploring symptoms and outcomes related to respiratory illness in adults during 2019-2020 flu season.

- Funded by BARDA and run in collaboration with Audere
- Daily symptom reporting
- Additional recovery and health care experience reports
- Two at-home nasal swabs triggered on symptoms
- Connected wearable data



5,229 participants enrolled over 6½ weeks



527,877 daily surveys completed



606,266 days of wearable data collected



1,006 tests triggered and completed



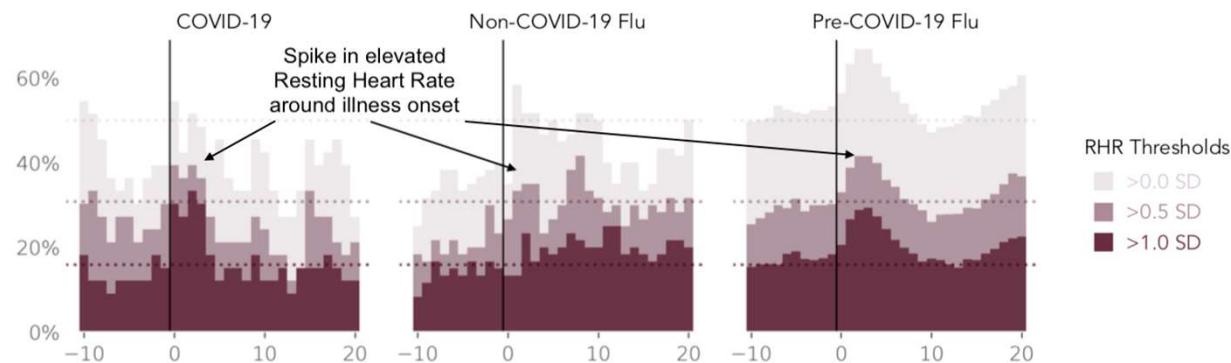
CASE STUDY 2

Measuring COVID-19 in the Real World with PGHD

Large-scale ILI surveillance program updated with assessment of COVID-19 symptoms and outcomes.

- Weekly symptom assessment on Achievement consumer platform
- 2019-20 flu season + extended through August 2020.
- **1,096,335 weekly survey responses**
- **80,274 reported experiencing flu-like symptoms**
- Connected wearable data

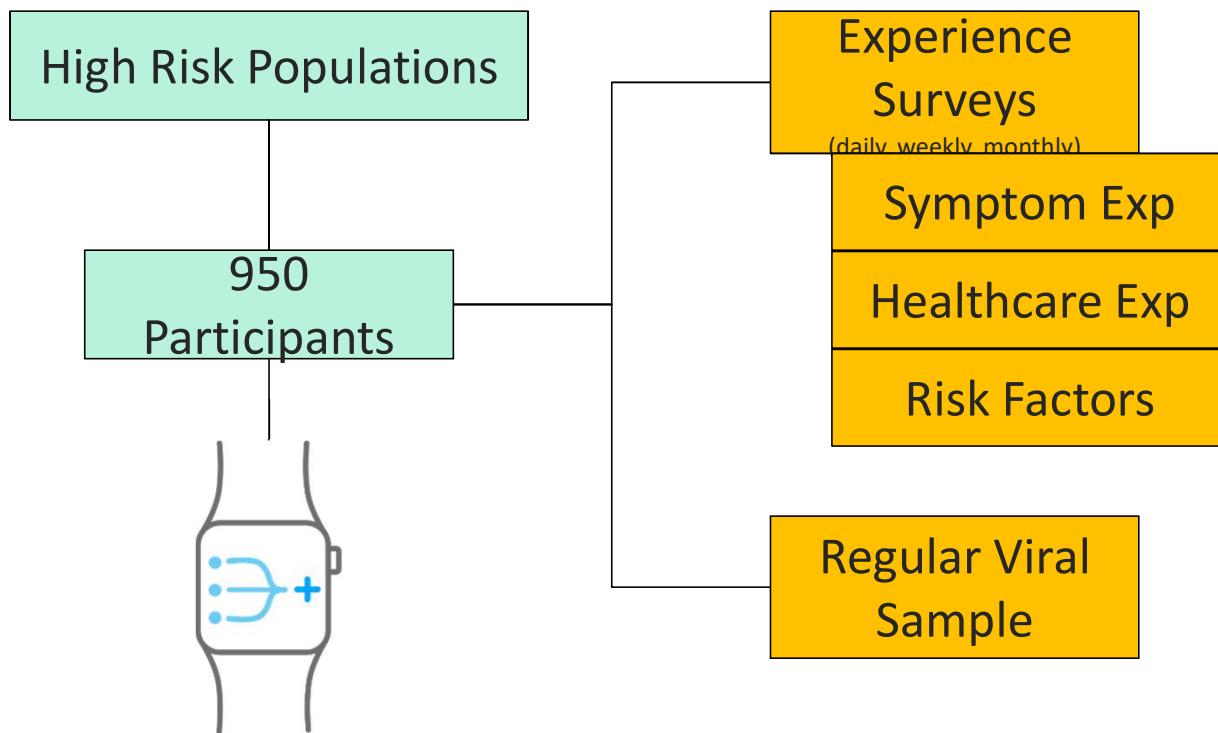
- Self-reported symptoms of COVID-19 present differently from flu.
- **COVID-19 cases tended to last longer than flu** (median of 12 days vs. 9 days ($p<0.05$) & 7 days ($p<0.01$)) and are characterized by chest pain/pressure, shortness of breath, and anosmia.
- **The fraction of elevated resting heart rate measurements collected daily from wearable devices rise significantly in the 2 days surrounding the onset of Covid-19 symptoms** compared to a baseline period.
- Steps lost due to COVID-19 persists for longer than for flu.





CASE STUDY 3

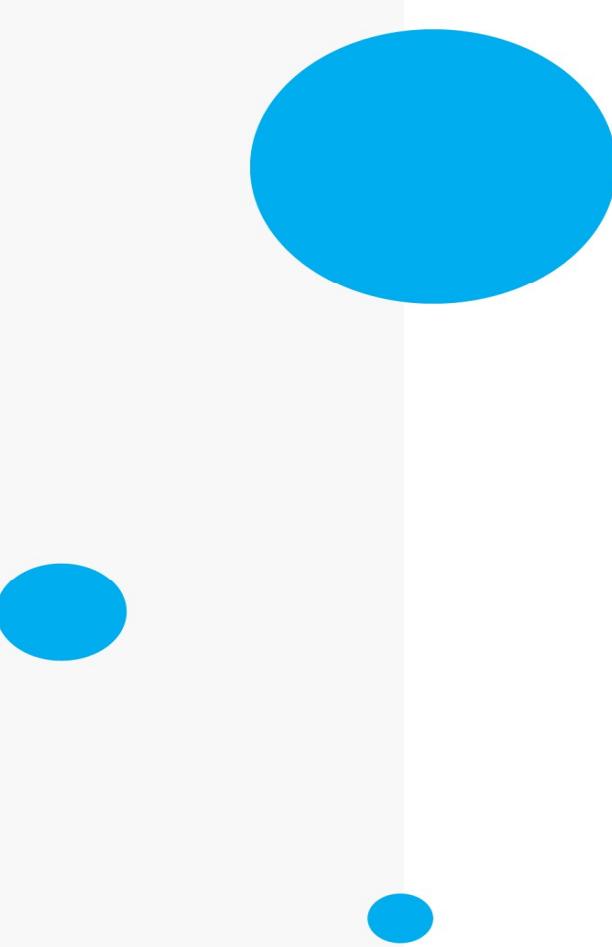
COVID Signals: A multistakeholder program led by BARDA leveraging our platform and expertise to explore potential detection algorithms



- To develop a database of PGHD via wearable and self-reported metrics combined with laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 infection.
- To explore the relationship between PGHD and outcomes among individuals infected with COVID-19
- To build, train, and test preliminary analytical

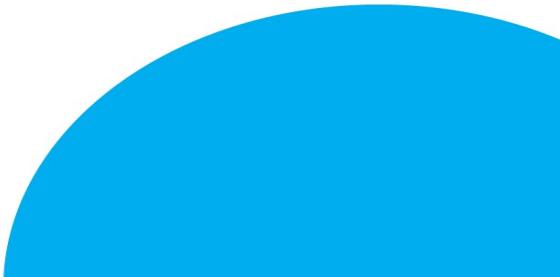
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Crisaborole Stasis Dermatitis ‘Site-less’ Trial Strategy and FDA Feedback

October 2020



**Breakthroughs that
change patients' lives**

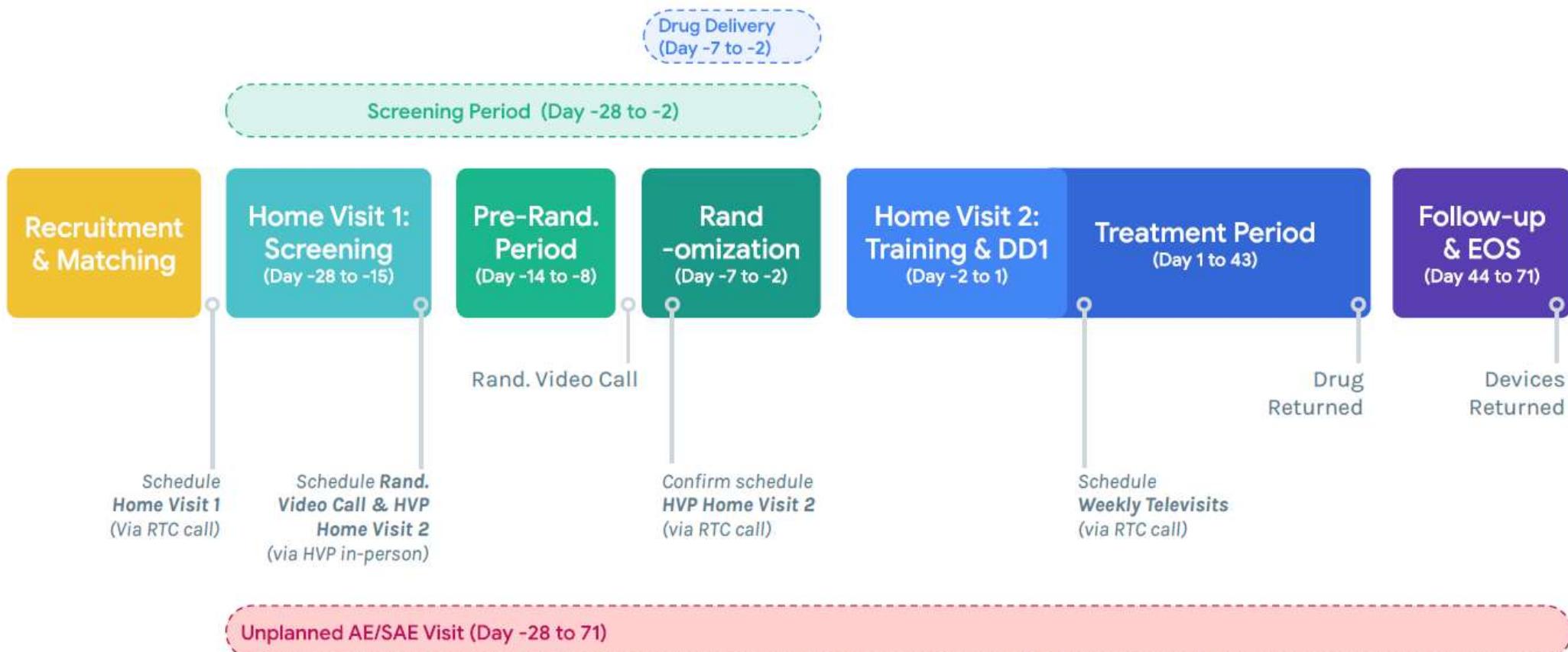
Crisaborole 2% in Stasis Dermatitis Good Context of Use for Site-less Design?

- Disease and population characteristics:
 - Elderly, often with mobility issues
 - Limited body surface area (knees to feet)
- Site-less design
 - Efficacy endpoints measurable by high resolution digital photography and ePROs (pain and itch)
- Drug characteristics:
 - Topical PDE4 inhibitor
 - Approved for Atopic Dermatitis (US, AUS, CAN, EU, China, Israel, etc)
 - Topical, active rapidly metabolized systemically - with limited BSA very little systemic pharmacology
 - Simple and well-known safety profile
 - Simple administration - BID topical
- Place in overall development: Phase 2 proof of concept

Virtual Study C3291038

- No brick-and-mortar investigational sites - ever - and no visits to any ‘trial site’
- Central Investigator Group located remotely to subjects location
- Recruited through the internet advertising
- Confirmation of diagnosis and endpoints assessment done by Home Visit Practitioner (HVP) at patient’s home
- Three visits at patient’s home for lab work, physical examination, endpoint assessment (baseline and screening visits)
- Photos of the lesions taken by patients and read centrally by a group of dermatologists which will be used to validate the remote endpoint capture for future studies Primary Endpoint will use the in-person assessments (bridging remote to in-person)
- Study drug sent directly to subjects from the central pharmacy
- Maintains compliance with the ‘fundamentals’ of all 21 CFR Part 312 requirements.

Study Phases from Protocol



Breakthroughs that
change patients' lives

US FDA Feedback Key Points

- Confirmed Stasis Dermatitis is a viable indication to explore.
- Requested validation of the photographic methodology
 - The validation will be done using the in-person efficacy assessments and the photographic images (bridging concept).
- Provided feedback and guidance regarding the efficacy endpoints for SD and patient reported outcomes measures.
 - The in-person efficacy assessment will be used for the primary endpoint (but will bridge to digital images with central read to support future development with less in person assessment).
 - The team developed a Stasis Dermatitis Symptom Scale which probes on a variety of commonly reported SD symptoms, including pruritus (itch) and pain.
- Requested additional operational details of the study.
 - Drug Supply, vendors roles and oversight, monitoring, participant identity verification, etc.
- Given that this is a proof of concept (POC) trial with no clinical safety concerns, the initiation of the study proceeded without FDA's feedback on the written responses.

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The Playbook: Digital Clinical Measures

Introducing the essential industry guide for successful remote monitoring across *clinical research*, *clinical care*, and *public health*.



Source: playbook.dimesociety.org



Example: *Real-world setting endpoint*

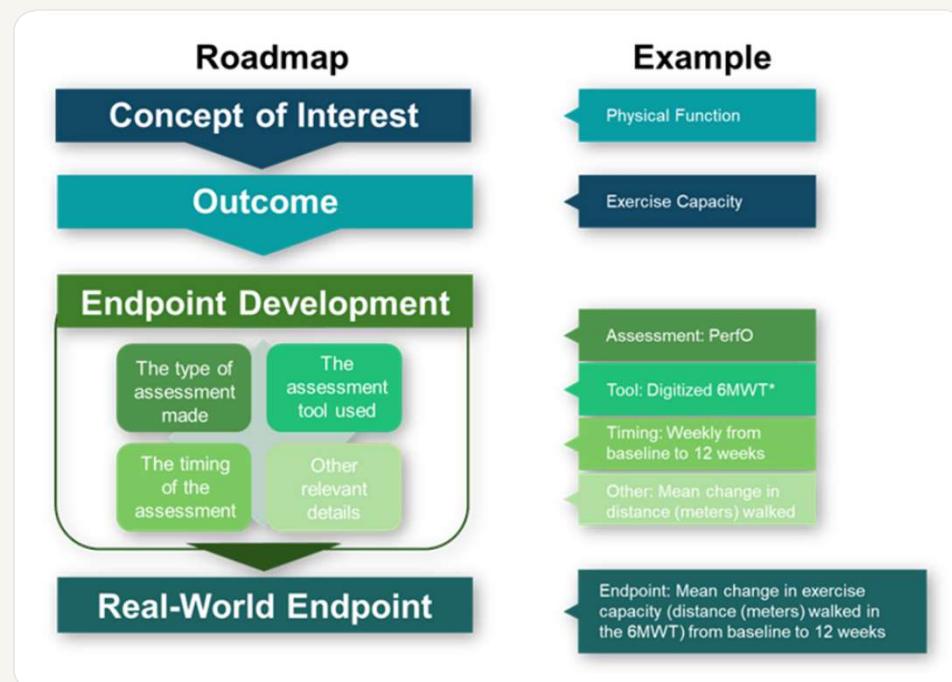


SPOTLIGHT

A roadmap for developing study endpoints in real-world settings

The example provided by the team at Duke Margolis is consistent with the **MAH > COI > Measure > Endpoint** framework.

Figure 2. Roadmap for selecting a feasible and relevant endpoint as illustrated by an example.



Session III: Collaborating to Build a Better Real-World Data Infrastructure for Enhanced Post-Market Evidence

Augment Evidence at Product Approval or EUA* by Building on Existing Common Data Models and Data Networks

Real World Data Sources / Data Elements

- Secondary electronic data generated through care delivery (e.g., claims and EHR)
 - Single sites
 - Data network
- Primary data sources generated through provider and patient-powered registries

Data Capture Tools / Curation

- Innovative tools to capture and curate data (e.g., NLP)
- CRFs
- Common data element shells
- Common data models

Data Infrastructure

- Data aggregation (e.g., platforms, registries, integrated dataset)
- Data sharing platforms

Analytics

- Data analysis platforms
- Shared protocols and SAPs

Other

- Compiling and Sharing Resources

Enhanced RWE

- Individual Studies
- Parallel Analyses
- Federated / Distributed Research Network
 - Virtual Distributed Registries
 - Shared Distributed Analysis

*EUA: Emergency Use Authorization

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COVID-19 Evidence Accelerator: Community of data & analytic partners ready to urgently address questions



Prioritized research questions



Common data elements and translation tables
between common data models



Common protocol for repeated analysis of priority
research questions across multiple data partners (the
“parallel analysis”)

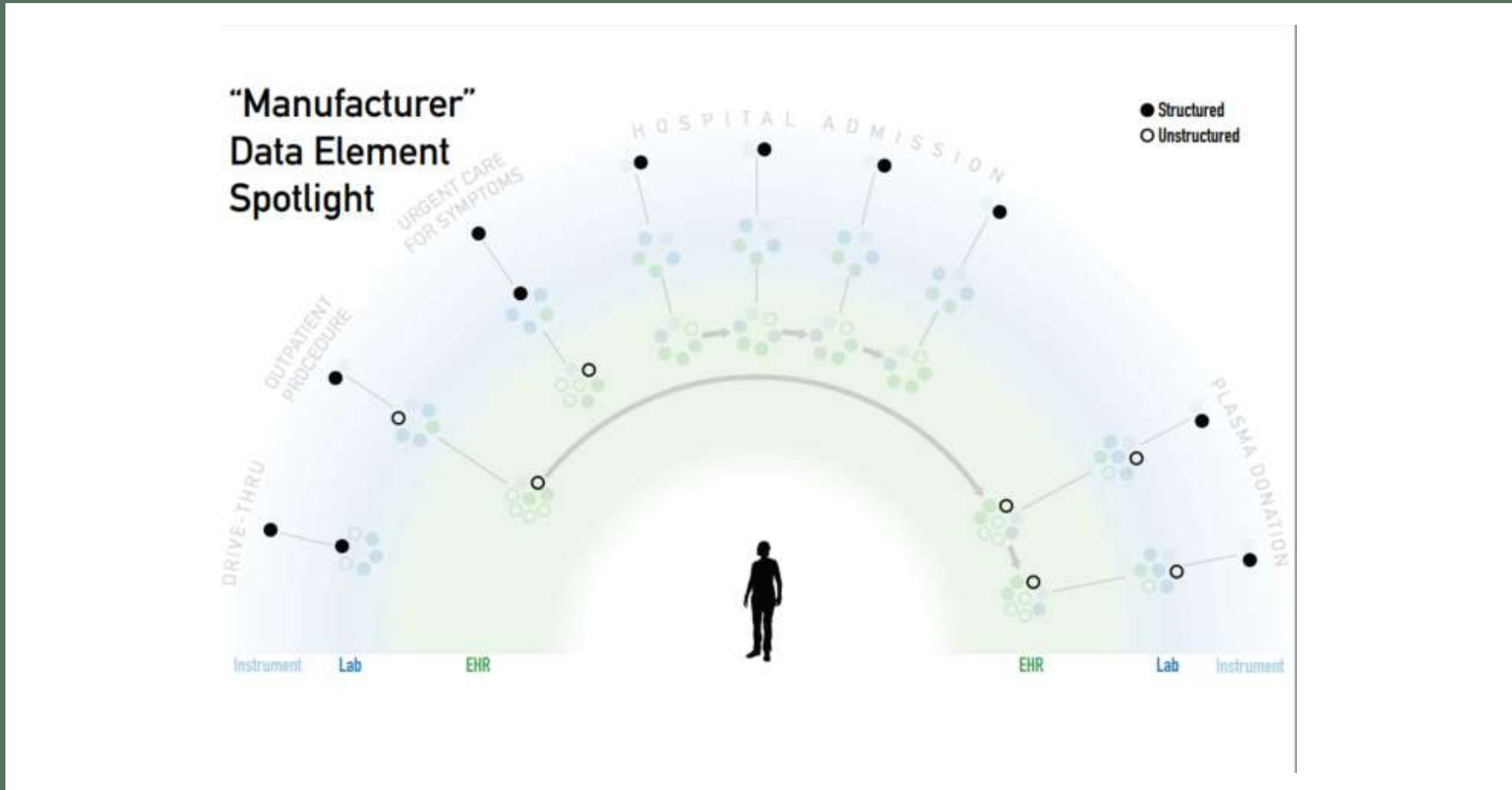


Meetings and forum for rapid cycle feedback
and learning



Individual Accelerator communities focused on
specific topics (e.g., therapeutics, diagnostics)

Sample Data Challenge the Accelerator is Addressing



Presented at the COVID-19 Diagnostics Evidence Accelerator on August 20, 2020 Original content by R.J. Andrews and Gina Valo;
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COVID-19 EVIDENCE ACCELERATOR PRINCIPLES

Together, we
will **create**
and **lead**.



- C** **CONTEXT** — tie data to the question, address bias, explain validation strategies.
- R** **RESPECT** — for patient privacy and the patient voice is paramount.
- E** **EARN TRUST** — show processes, analytic approaches, and comparisons. Be open to input. Challenge with productive intent.
- A** **ACT FAST AND DO GOOD WORK** — act with a sense of urgency, but not at the expense of quality or credibility.
- T** **TRANSPARENCY** — ruthless transparency.
- E** **EMBRACE AND EXPLORE** —convergence and discordance to facilitate understanding and generate knowledge.
- L** **LEARN** — continually integrate best practices from **sharing** process, limitations, pitfalls, and successes.
- E** **EXERCISE PATIENCE** — state when a question can't be answered right away and institute action to answer it.
- A** **ACCESSIBILITY AND TRACEABILITY** — document data generation, processing, curation, and analytics.
- D** **DISSEMINATE WORK** — to show what good looks like. *Teach, Don't Preach.*

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4CE ("foresee") Consortium

<https://covidclinical.net>



- 200+ hospitals worldwide; organized by i2b2 transSMART Foundation; Isaac Kohane, PI
- Consortium for Clinical Characterization of COVID-19 by EHR (4CE) Approach:
 - **Move fast:** Early intelligence worth more than complete intelligence later
 - **Reduce barriers:** Run analyses locally, share only aggregate statistics centrally (simple .CSV files)
 - **Share, share, share:** Raw data, visualizations, and methods on public website
 - **Secret sauce:** Engage local informatics experts to iteratively improve sites' data quality (lab units, coding practices, date formats)
- Phase 1: First preprint online in only 4 weeks, with 27,584 COVID-19 patients from 5 countries
- Phase 2: Run more complex patient-level local analyses in R, validate disease severity algorithms

Weekly Zooms, Thousands of Slack Messages

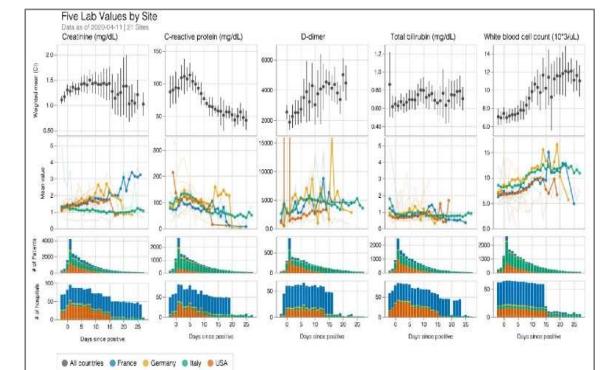


Sites Upload .CSV Files with Aggregate Counts

4CE Data Upload Tool

Your name: Griffin Weber
 Email: weber@hms.harvard.edu
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 Comments:
 Project: 4CE Phase 1.1
 Files: DailyCounts.csv, ClinicalCourse.csv, Demographics.csv, Labs.csv, Diagnoses.csv, Medications.csv

Review Data with Interactive Visualizations



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Closing Remarks

Adjournment