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Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products in Israel: Evolving Regulation

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Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products(ATMPs)

**Gene Therapy
Cell Based Therapy
Tissue Engineered**



As Defined in:

- Directive 2001/83/EC Medicinal Products For Human Use
- Regulation (EC)1934/2007)on advanced therapy



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Need

Regulation



What do we have?

- R&D

- Private clinics (e.g. Plastic procedures)
- Procedures in Hospitals(cord blood transfusion for autism)

- Hospital Exemption
- Clinical trials
- Marketing Authorizations

Not regulated

**Lack of information,
lack of education**

Regulated



Clinical Trials Applications

Year	Cell based	Gene therapy	Hospital Exemption	Local Manufacturers
2015	9	3	-	7
2016	8	2	-	6
2017	10	4	-	7
2018 (Q1, Q2)	15	3	1 submitted	13

3 GMP approved facilities



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Marketing Authorizations

1 MA in 2017-Imlygic

4 MAA in 2018

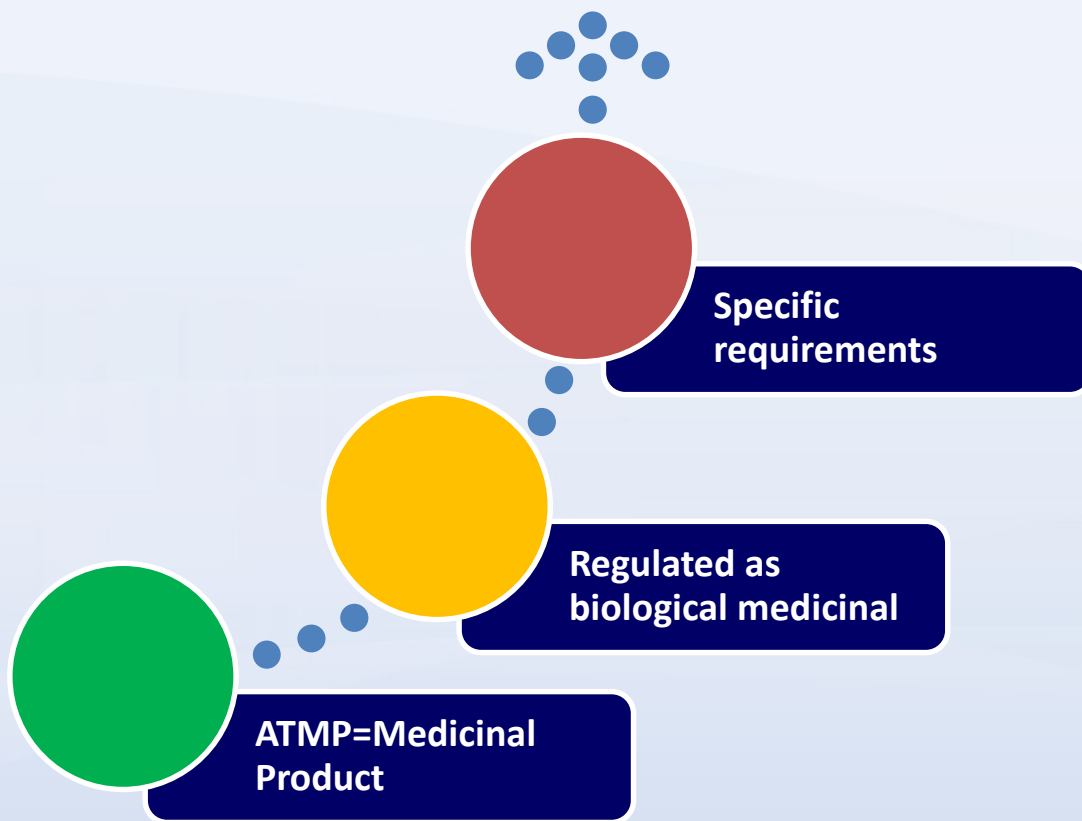


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Regulation





Israeli Legislation

- Legislation is covered by the general provisions of:
 - Pharmacists Ordinance [New Version], 1981
 - Definition of medicinal product to include ATMPs
 - The Pharmacists Regulations (Medicinal products) 1986
 - Pharmacist Regulations (Good Manufacturing Practice for Medicinal Products) 2008, in accordance with EU GMP legislation
 - Notice on the approval of general director according to pharmacist regulations (2016); Unlicensed medicines to include hospital exemption
 - Cord blood -law and regulations
 - Specific legislation in preparation



General Policy

- **Basic principles of regulatory framework of the EU are followed**
 - Regulation (EC) No1394/2007
 - Directive 2001/83
 - Commission Directive 2009/120 /EC(amending Directive 2001/83/EC)
 - EudraLex Vol 4 Good manufacturing practice Guidelines; Part IV-GMP Requirements for Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products
- **Guidelines**
 - ICH, EMA and FDA Scientific guidelines
 - Raw materials
 - USP 1043 - Ancillary Materials for Cell Gene, and Tissue Engineered Products
 - 5.1.12 - European Pharmacopoeia - raw Materials for the production of cell based and gene therapy medicinal product 9th Edition (July 2016, implementation 01.01.2017)



Israeli Guidelines

- **Tissues and cells based products (ISPC_2501206)**
 - Simple and advanced: basic safety requirements (Based on European Directives)
 - ATMPs - MAA requirements (based on relevant European Regulations and Directives)
- Regulatory requirements for importation of tissues and cells of human origin (ISPC_29042013)
- Clinical Trials in Humans (SOP 14 - November 2014)
 - Basic requirements for clinical trial applications
- Online submissions forms for import (June 2014)
- Simple Tissues and Cell - a detailed guidance is in preparation(based on EDQM guidance)



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Marketing Authorization -Submission Requirements

- Demonstration of Quality, Safety and Efficacy
 - Israeli SOPs for registration (Registration department and Institute for standardization and Control of Pharmaceuticals)
 - Submission of MAA REG_08_2012
 - Application for quality certificate of new biological product (EX-013)
 - CTD according to EU Directive 2001/83 Part IV:
Advanced therapy Medicinal products
- Approval in a recognized country



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Approval Process

Evaluation of Quality, Safety and
Efficacy

Advisory Committee



**Marketing
Authorization/Rejection**



Clinical Trials - submission requirements

- Clinical trials in human (pharmaceutical division SOP No.14)
 - Protocol
 - Investigation Brochure
 - IMPD
 - Manufacturing compliance with GMP
 - Phase I and II - Declaration
 - Phase III - Inspection and certificate of the competent authority



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Clinical Trials Approval

Meetings
with
applicant-
optional

Approval of Hospital Helsinki Committee

Evaluation of documents

**Dedicated Advisory Committee for gene
and cell therapy (physicians, scientists,
MOH regulators, ethics experts)**



Approval/Rejection



Unlicensed medicines - Hospital Exemption (1)

- Manufacturing, distribution or usage of advanced therapy product which is not registered in the national medicinal product registry
- Manufacturing, distribution or usage of not registered product , on non-routine base, under specific quality standards, authorized by the general director, **under the responsibility of the physician**
- **No import of such therapy is allowed**
- The physician has supportive evidence for the efficacy of the therapy and it was approved by the Helsinki Committee of the Hospital



Unlicensed medicines - Hospital Exemption (2)

- **Conventional requirements for clinical trial can not be fulfilled**
- The ATMP will be used in hospitals only
- Manufacturing complies with GMP
- Manufacturer should have traceability and vigilance systems
- The physician has to submit an annual report, presenting No. of patients treated, No. of batches produced, adverse events and data related to efficacy



Some examples of unresolved issues

- Small country with a lot of small local facilities, creativity, Public pressure
- Lack of understanding by Stakeholders (e.g. physicians, manufacturers , public)
- Extent of quality data for clinical trial applications
- Animal models
- No. of patients for clinical trials, gradual approval
 - Phase of clinical trial
- Placebo
- Distribution (directly to the hospital)
- Hospital exemption- No. of treatments, tourism medicine, payments
- Ethical issues



Thank you for your attention

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