

# CMC Strategy Forum Japan 2021

## Welcome and Introductory Comments

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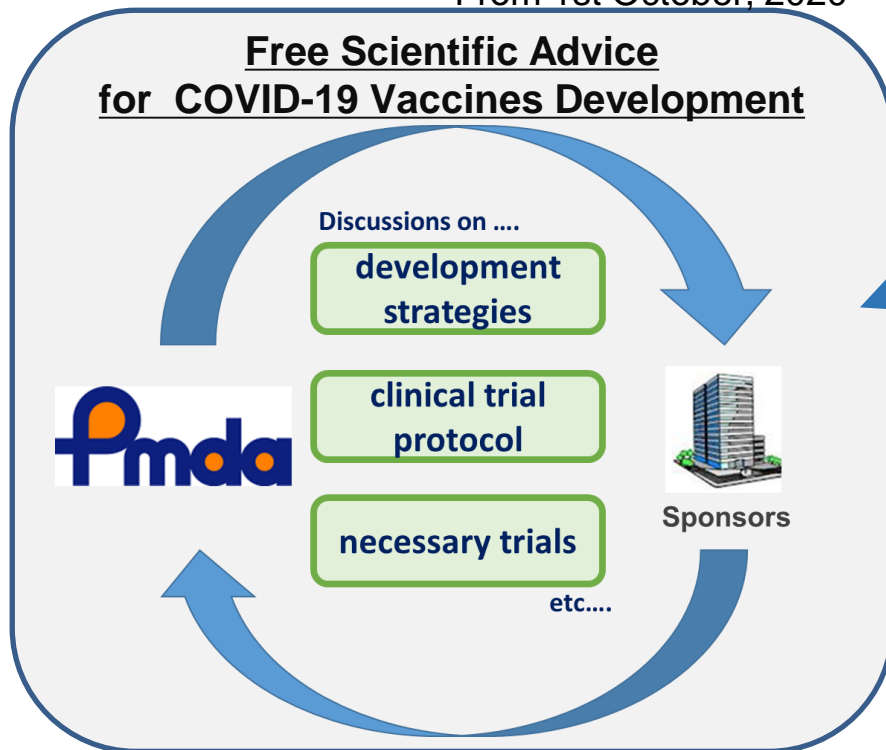
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# **PMDA'S ACTIONS AGAINST COVID-19 IN 2021**

# Close Interaction with Sponsors

Many different types of meetings with products developers such as... From 1st October, 2020



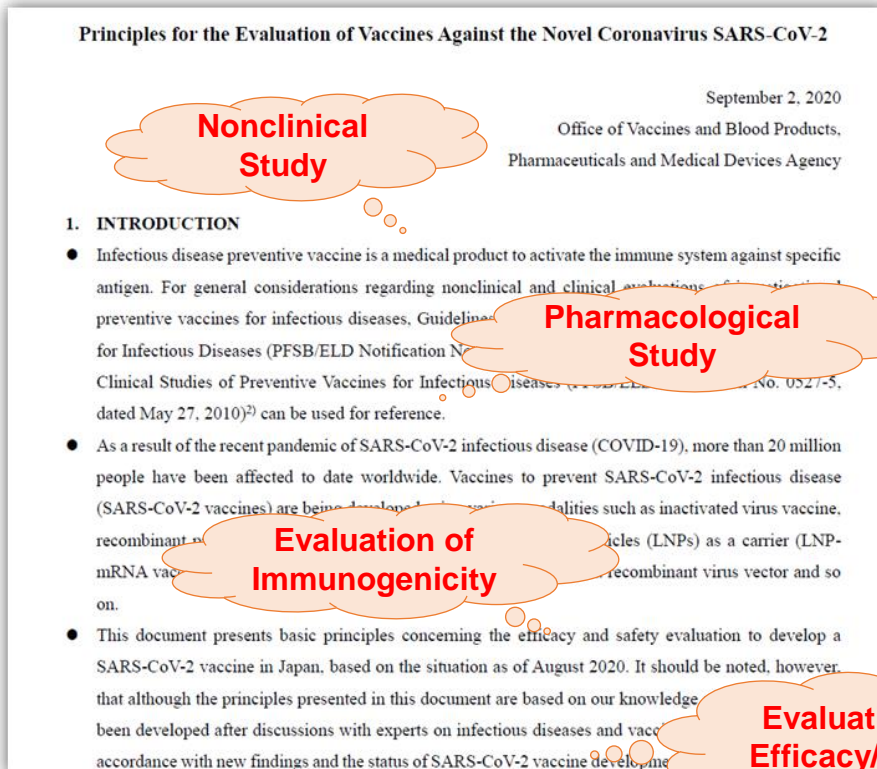
- ◆ As many times as necessary
- ◆ No waiting time
- ◆ Free of charge

**Streamlined development  
for COVID-19 products**

<https://www.pmda.go.jp/review-services/f2f-pre/strategies/0010.html> (Japanese only)

# Publishing Principles on Evaluation of COVID-19 Vaccines

Published on 2 September, 2020

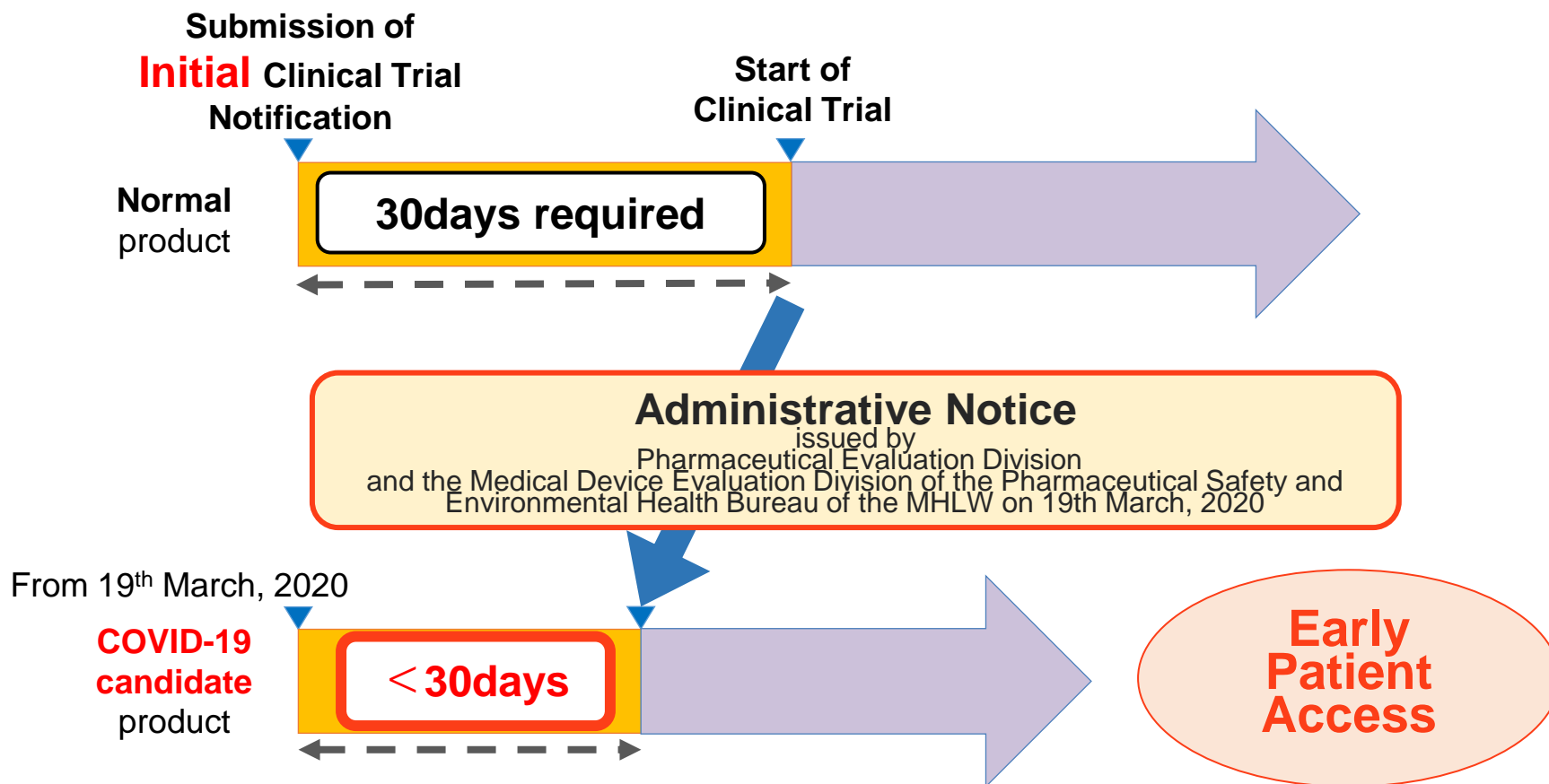


Strong tools to help vaccine developers advance their development **faster**

※ Guidance on the COVID-19 Vaccines (PMDA)  
<https://www.pmda.go.jp/files/000237021.pdf>

etc....

# Allowing Quick Start of Clinical Trials



<https://www.pmda.go.jp/english/int-activities/0001.pdf>

# Speedy Approvals of COVID-19 Products

Administrative Notice issued in 12 May, 2020※1

Publishing Approval Information in English  
URL: <https://www.pmda.go.jp/english/about-pmda/0002.html>

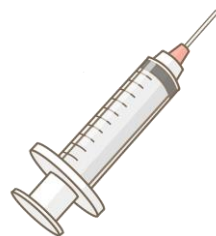
The number of approved products (As of 5 October, 2021)

Drugs



4 product

Vaccines



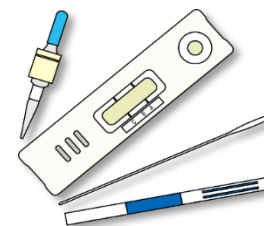
3 product

Medical Devices



23 products

IVDs

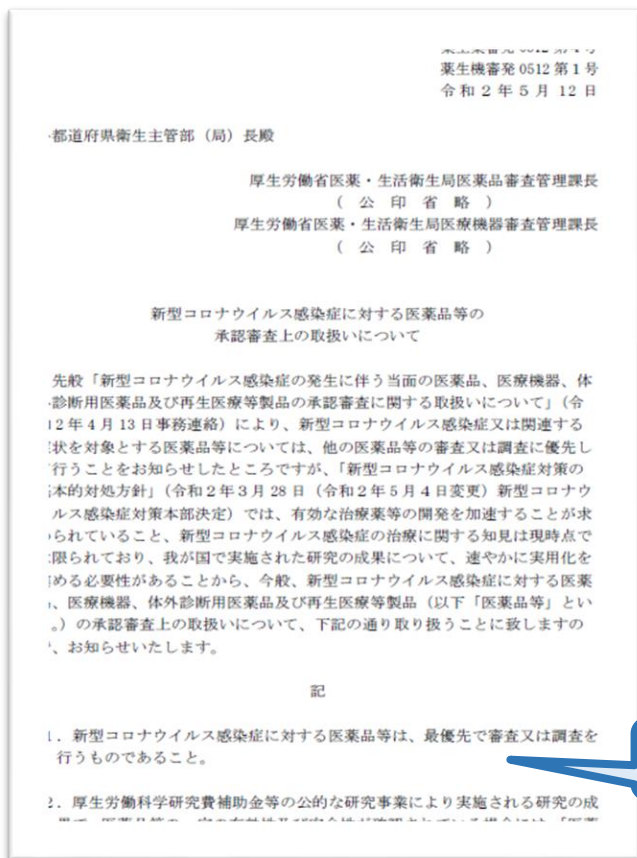


75 products

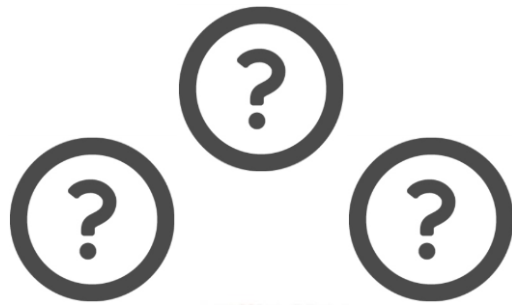
Priority review for COVID-19 candidate products

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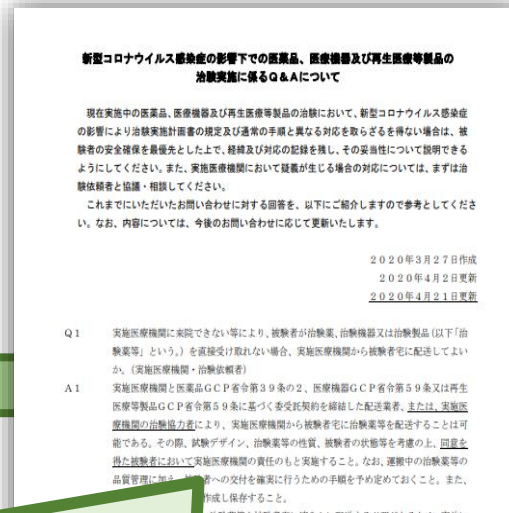
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# Q&A on Management of Clinical Trials during COVID-19 Pandemic



Sponsors



Provides **alternative measures** that can be taken when the process predetermined in the **study protocol is not deemed feasible due to the COVID-19 situation.**



Sponsors

Initially published on 27 March, 2020

<https://www.pmda.go.jp/english/int-activities/0002.pdf>

# COOPERATION WITH ASIAN COUNTRIES



# APEC-LSIF-RHSC

(Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation – Life Sciences Innovation Forum – Regulatory Harmonization Steering Committee)

Japan as co-Chair with the United States.

| PWAs                          | Champion Economies                                  |
|-------------------------------|---|
| MRCT/GCP inspection           | <b>Japan</b> , Thailand                             |
| Pharmacovigilance             | Republic of Korea                                   |
| Biotherapeutics               | Republic of Korea                                   |
| Advanced Therapies            | Singapore   |
| Good Registration Management  | Chinese Taipei, <b>Japan</b>                        |
| Global Supply Chain Integrity | the United States                                   |
| Medical Devices               | <b>Japan</b> , the United States, Republic of Korea |

Champion economies lead activities for Priority Work Areas (PWAs).



PMDA is **endorsed as Center of Excellences (CoEs) for “MRCT/GCP inspection”, “Pharmacovigilance”, and “Medical Device”** PWA to provide training seminars to promote regulatory convergence, capacity and cooperation.

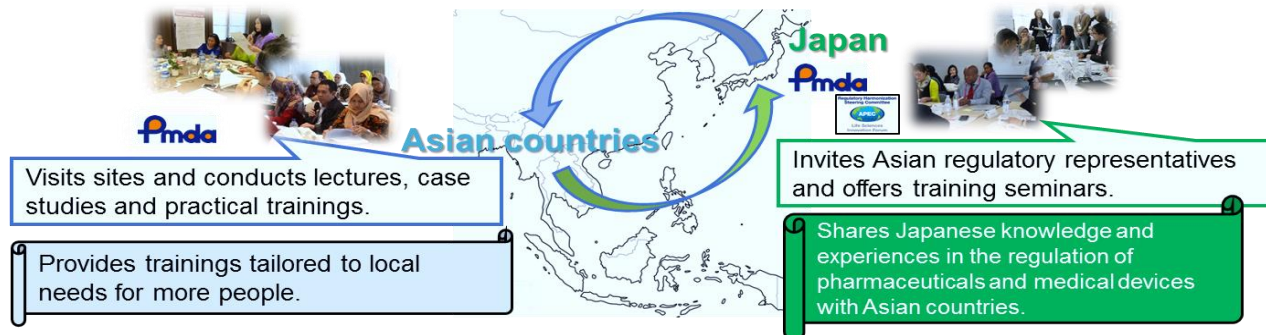
# Capacity Building Activities at PMDA

## Asia Training Center for Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Regulatory Affairs

- Established in April, 2016.
- Endorsed as Centers of Excellence (CoE) of APEC-LSIF-RHSC
- Promote capacity building and human resource Development through training seminars for Asian regulators

### Action Policy of PMDA-ATC

Contribute to universal health coverage in Asia through developing a foundation for regulatory harmonization in the Asian region.



# Capacity Building Activities at PMDA

## Asia Training Center for Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Regulatory Affairs

### Trainings provided in 2021 (Webinar)

Seminars (open to all regulators)

| Contents                          | Date       | Participants         |
|-----------------------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Multi-regional clinical trials    | Jan 18-21  | 8 Countries/regions  |
| Pharmacovigilance                 | Feb 1-4    | 15 Countries/regions |
| Quality Control (Herbal Medicine) | June 22-24 | 13 Countries/regions |
| GRM (APEC GRM CoE Workshop)       | Sep 14-16  | 12 Countries/regions |
| Pediatric Review(with U.S.FDA)    | Sep 21-24  | 13 Countries/regions |
| Medical Devices                   | Nov 15-17  |                      |
| GMP                               | Nov 25-26  |                      |
| Pharmaceuticals Review            | Dec 6-8    |                      |

Other Seminars (for specific members)

| Contents  | Date                   | Members            |
|---|------------------------|--------------------|
| Regenerative medicinal products review                          | Mar 19                 | NPRA, Malaysia     |
| Pharmaceuticals Review etc.                                     | May, 2021- March, 2022 | SFDA, Saudi Arabia |
| Regenerative medicinal products review                          | June 3                 | CDSCO, India       |
| Medical Devices Review (Reprocessed single-use medical devices) | July 16                | Thai FDA           |
| GMP   | July 27                | FDA Philippines    |
| Medical Devices Review  | Aug 25-26              | AMDC member states |
| Medical Devices Review (Reprocessed single-use medical devices) | Sep 1                  | MDA, Malaysia      |
| GCP   | Sep 8                  | FDA Philippines    |
| Pharmacovigilance   | Oct 4                  | NPRA, Malaysia     |

# Capacity Building Activities at PMDA

## Asia Training Center for Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Regulatory Affairs

Trainings planned in 2022 (Webinar)

APEC Center of Excellence Workshop  
PMDA-ATC with National Cancer Center  
MRCT Webinar 2022

Date

Preliminary Session: January 11, 2022 14:00-15:00

**Live sessions: January 18 - 21, 2022** 14:00 – 17:00\*  
(all time in JST; UTC+9) \*Ending time varies

APEC Center of Excellence Workshop  
**PMDA-ATC Pharmacovigilance  
WEBINAR 2022**

Date

Preliminary Session: **January 25, 2022** 14:00-15:00

**Live Sessions: January 31- February 4, 2022** 14:00-16:30\*  
(all time in JST; UTC+9) \* Ending time varies

# PMDA-ATC E-learning Contents

## Training Materials

### PMDA-ATC E-learning

The PMDA-ATC offers you videos on the current topics, introduction to the main services of PMDA and what we do to promote international regulatory harmonization.

Measures against COVID-19 Last updated: 2021.4.1



### E-learning Contents

| Category          | Last updated                         |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Review         | <a href="#">2021.11.1</a> <b>New</b> |
| 2. Safety         | 2020.10.31                           |
| 3. Relief         | 2020.10.31                           |
| 4. Medical Device | 2020.11.4                            |
| 5. GXP            | 2021.9.1                             |
| 6. PMDA Efforts   | 2020.10.31                           |

Videos related to review, postmarketing safety measures of pharmaceuticals and medical devices, the relief system and other contents are available.



# PMDA-ATC E-learning Training Courses

## E-learning Training Courses

### Training Courses for specialized fields

The PMDA-ATC offers you videos regarding some specialized fields in the regulator-only website.  
PMDA-ATC E-learning portal: <https://www.pmda-atc-elearning.site/>

To start the training courses, please register by the following steps;

- 1) Access to the application page, please fill in the form and submit it.  
(<https://www12.webcas.net/form/pub/pmda-atc/e-learning01>)
- 2) Please select one course from the list on the application form and submit it.
- 3) If you wish to take multiple courses, please submit the application form for each course.
- 4) PMDA-ATC will send you Login ID and password normally within 5 business days.
- 5) The viewing period of one course is two months. You can watch it for 2 months starting from the date you received the e-mail to inform you of the start of the course.  
Please note that your login ID will become invalid after 2 months.
- 6) A certificate of completion of the course can be issued.



| Course                                  | Duration | Last updated |
|---|----------|--------------|
| 1. Quality Control (Herbal Medicine)    | 108 min  | 2021.04.15   |
| 2. Medical Devices Review               | 134 min  | 2021.08.04   |
| 3. Pharmaceuticals Review               | 98 min   | 2021.08.31   |
| 4. Multi-Regional Clinical Trial (MRCT) | 85 min   | 2021.10.20   |
| 5. Pharmacovigilance                    | 135 min  | 2021.10.29   |

Apply for E-learning Training Courses  
(Regulator only)



# Thank You !

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