

Reliance - Towards a global regulatory standard

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Development of medicines is evolving

- New wave of **innovation** in health and biomedical science
- Significant developments promising to **transform healthcare and deliver better health outcomes for patients** :
 - targeted *cell and gene therapies*
 - adoption of *digital health technologies*
 - focus on harnessing the wealth of *health data and real world evidence*

Regulatory environment must respond to these developments



Highly Innovative pipeline -US

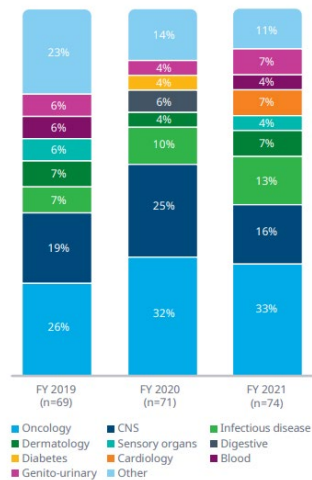
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39 Total NAS launched in 2022
24 first in class
30 used expedited pathways

Exhibit 1. Cumulative number of launches, 2019-2021



Exhibit 2. Breakdown of launches by therapy, 2019-2021



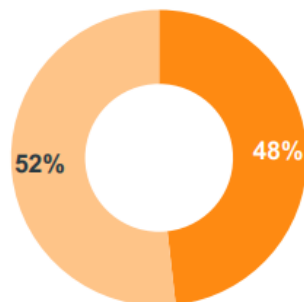
Source: National Sales Perspective, Center of Launch Excellence, IQVIA; publicly available information from the FDA

*ATTRIBUTES KEY: 1 = Oral, 2 = Biologic, 3 = Specialty, 4 = Next-gen biotherapeutic, 5 = Orphan, 6 = First-in-class, 7 = Expedited review, 8 = U.S Patent to launch ≤5 years, 9 = EBP originated, 10 = EBP launched

THERAPY AREA	INDICATION	MOLECULE	BRAND	ATTRIBUTES*									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Oncology	Acute myeloid leukemia	olutasidenib	Rezilidia										
	First positive, platinum-resistant epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer	mirvetuximab soravtansine	Elahere										
	Hepatocellular carcinoma	tremelimumab	Imjudo										
	Myelofibrosis	pacritinib	Vonjo										
	Neutropenia	eflapragrastin	Rolvedon										
	Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)	adagrasib	Krazati										
	Prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA)-positive metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC)	lutetium (177Lu) vipivotide tetraxetan	Pluvicto										
	Relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma	ciltacabtagene autoleucel	Carvykti										
	Unresectable or metastatic melanoma	tedistamab	Tecvayli										
	Unresectable or metastatic uveal melanoma	nivolumab + relatlimab	Opdivo										
Neurology	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)	tebentafusp	Kimtrik										
	Cerebral adrenoleukodystrophy	sodium phenylbutyrate + taurursodiol	Relyvrio										
	Cyclin-dependent kinase-like 5 (CDKL5) deficiency disorder (CDD)	elivaldogene autotemcel	Silexona										
	Insomnia	ganaxolone	Zalmy										
	Myasthenia gravis	daridorexant	Quviviq										
	Polyneuropathy of hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis	efgartigimod alfa	Vyvgart										
	Atopic dermatitis	vutrisiran	Amvuttra										
	Plaque psoriasis	abrocitinib	Cibingo										
	Pustular psoriasis	tralokinumab	Adbry										
	Severe asthma	deucravacitinib	Sotyku										
Immunology	Hemolytic anemia	spesolimab	Spevigo										
	Hemophilia B	tezepelumab	Tezspire										
	Cold agglutinin disease	mitapivat	Pyrudynd										
	β-thalassemia	etranacogene dezaparovec	Hemgenix										
	COVID-19	sutimlimab	Enjaymo										
	Dengue fever	betibeglogene autotemcel	Zynteglo										
	Recurrent vulvovaginal candidiasis (RVVC)	bebtelovimab	Dengvaxia										
	Stage 3 and Stage 2 type 1 diabetes	dengue tetravalent vaccine	Vivjoa										
	Type 2 diabetes mellitus	oteseconazole	Tield										
	Heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH) or atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD)	teplizumab	Mounjaro										
Cardiovascular	Symptomatic obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy	tirzepatide	Leqvio										
	Plaque psoriasis	indisiran	Camzyos										
	Pruritus associated with chronic kidney disease	mavacamten	Vtama										
	Acid sphingomyelinase deficiency	tapinarof	Korsuva										
	Detection and visualization of lesions with abnormal vascularity	difelikefalin	Xenpzyme										
	Irritable bowel syndrome with constipation (IBS-C)	olipudase alfa	Elucirem										
	Neovascular age-related macular degeneration (nAMD) or diabetic macular edema	gadopidlenol	Ibsrela										
		tenapanor	Valbysmo										
		faricimab											
Totals				12	23	33	6	21	24	30	4	26	19

Highly innovative pipeline - EMA

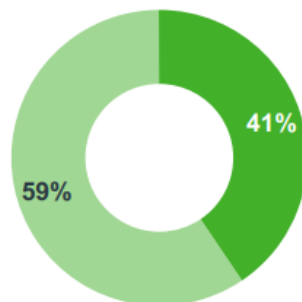
Indication expansions vs new products



■ New product
■ Indication expansion

Source: IQVIA Launch Pipeline Database June 2020, active trials phase 2-3 for 56 pharmaceutical companies

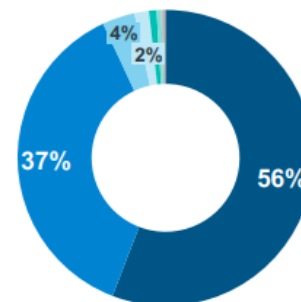
Orphan vs non-orphan drugs



■ Orphan drugs
■ Non-orphan drugs

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Key categories



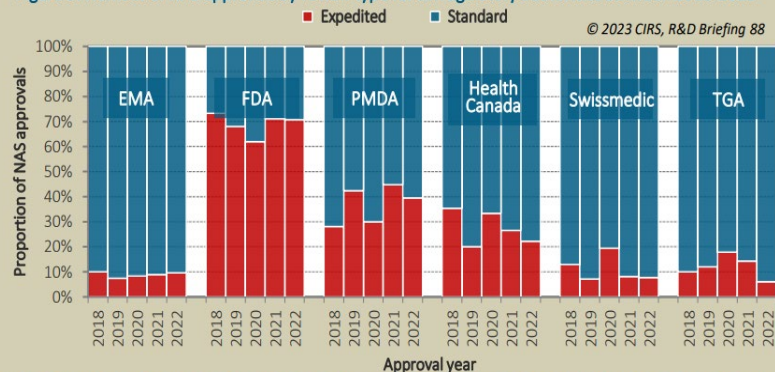
■ Biological
■ Small molecule
■ Cell therapy
■ Diagnostic
■ Radiation therapy
■ Biomarker identification
■ Vaccine
■ Gene therapy

Source: Clarivate Analytics Cortellis, Aug 2020

Almost 50% of therapies in development are **new products**, among which lower incidence, **previously omitted diseases** are gaining interest (and investment), with 40% of the pipeline being orphan drugs. More than 90% of products in the pipeline are **biologics and small molecules**. However, the share of Next-Generation Biotherapeutics (NGB), such as **cell, gene, and nucleotide therapies** in clinical development continues to increase. In years 2014-2019 the **number of NGB products has more than tripled**, as they have high potential especially in previously intractable diseases¹.

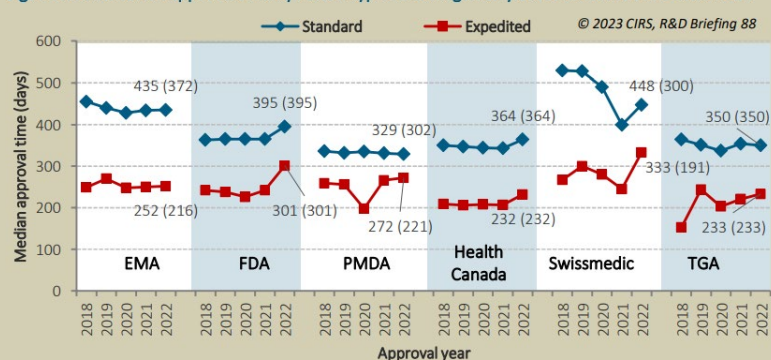
Some numbers from CIRS to start with...

Figure 5: Number of NAS approvals by review type for six regulatory authorities between 2018-2022



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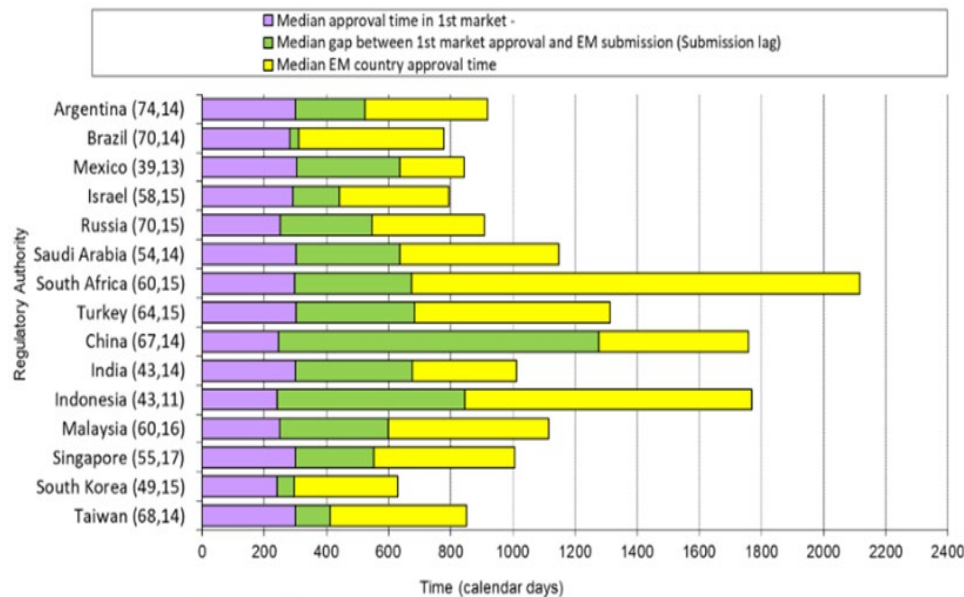
Figure 6: NAS median approval time by review type for six regulatory authorities between 2018-2022



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Global Registration

Median time to roll out New Active Substances (NASs) approved 2016-2020 to Emerging Markets (EM) approved



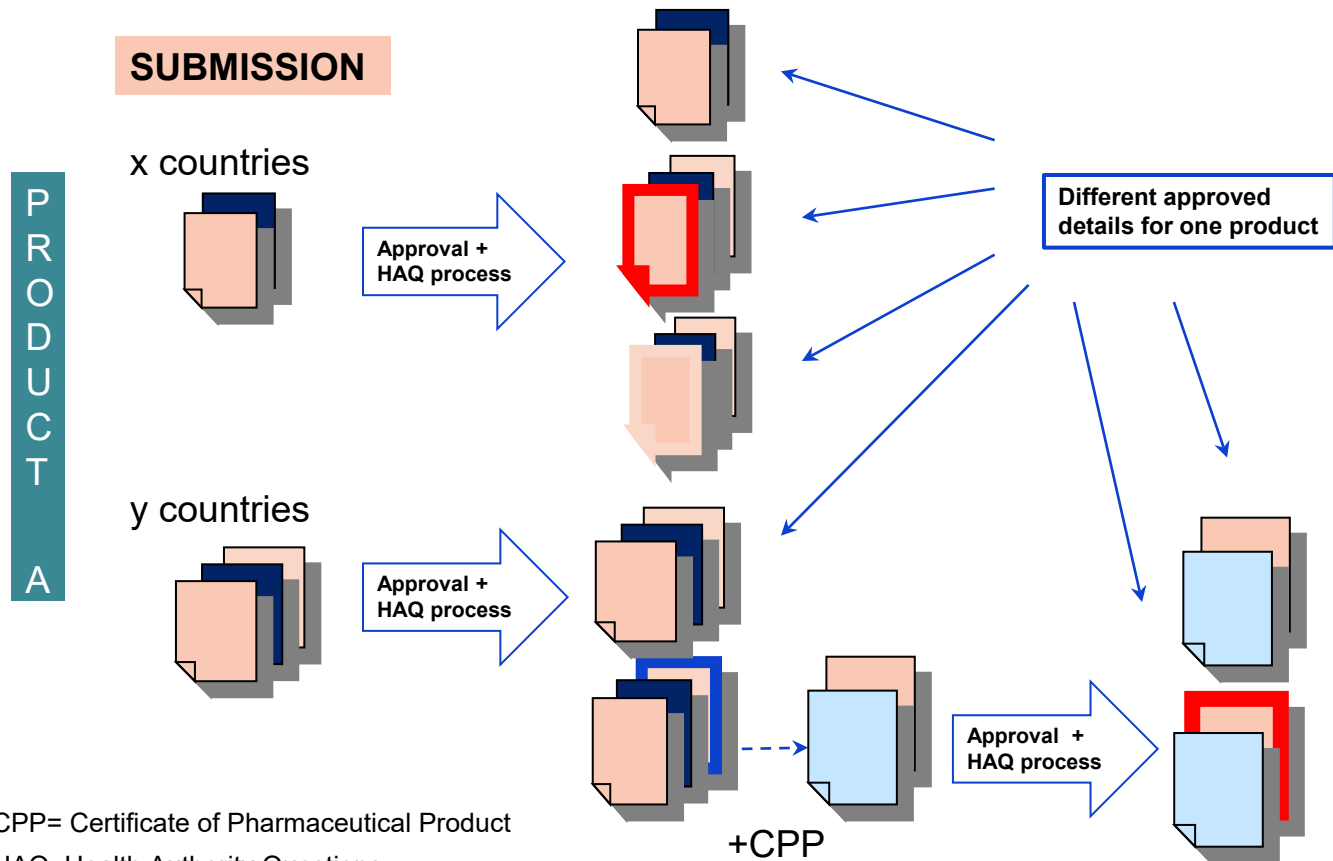
n in bar = median number of days; (n1,n2) = number of NASs, number of companies

NASs included in this analysis include those with first world submission, first world approval, application submission and application approval dates only. If n1 is less than 5 or if n2 is less than 3 data is not shown.

Source: CIRS Industry Metrics Programme

Bringing a new medicine through global approval is a complex and lengthy process

Illustration of the differences in the dossier for one same product, due to different country-specific requirements



CPP= Certificate of Pharmaceutical Product

HAQ: Health Authority Questions

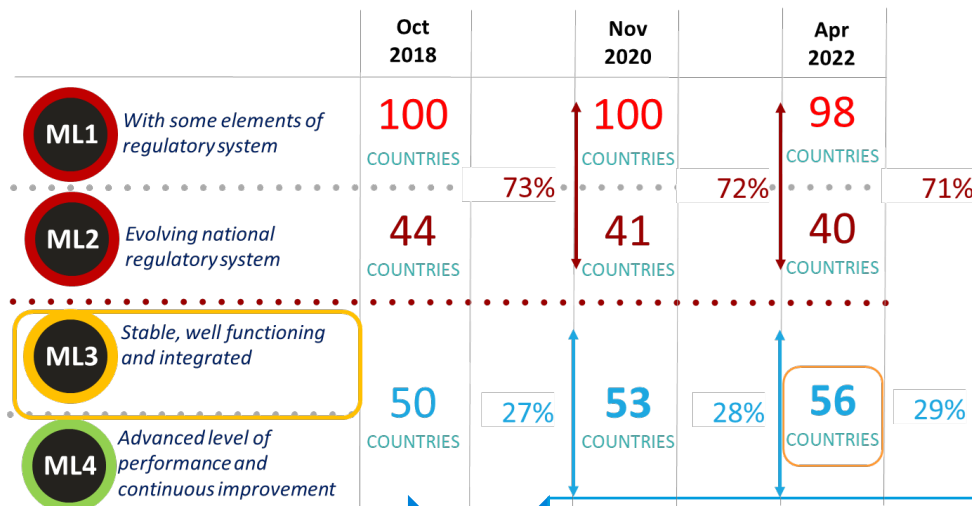
Efficient regulatory system – a key for improved access to medicines



*Ground-breaking advances in
medicine are only meaningful
when they **reach patients.***

How all stakeholders can work together towards this goal?

WHO regulatory system strengthening program



Why reliance?

ML3 **GOAL of WHA Resolution 67.20**
ML: (regulatory system) maturity level

1

- build regulatory capacity in Member States consistent with good regulatory practices

2

- promote regulatory cooperation, convergence and transparency through networking, work-sharing and reliance



Good regulatory practices, 2021



Good reliance practices, 2021

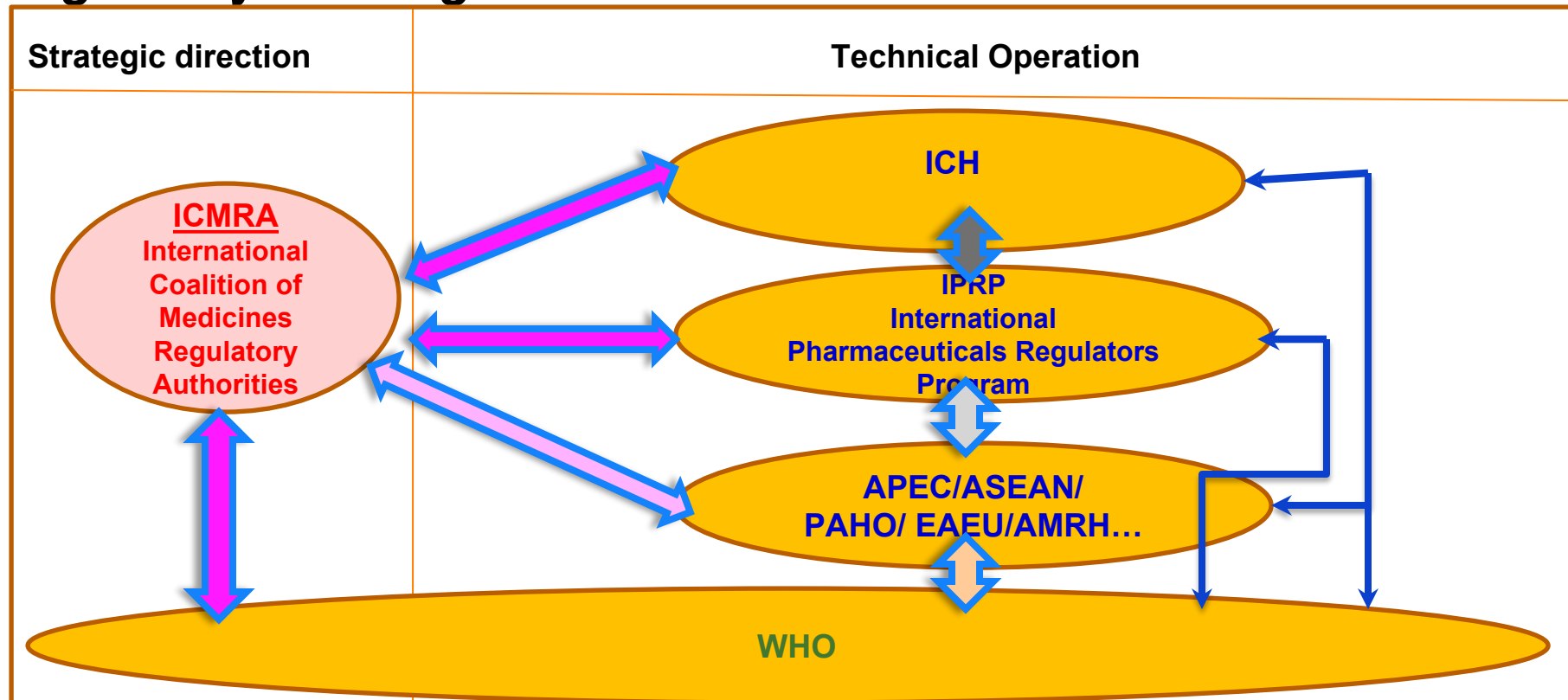
Ultimate Goal: Global Convergence



- ❖ **One product**
- ❖ **One regulatory standard**

- ❖ **One inspection**
- ❖ **One assessment**

Global and regional initiatives driving regulatory convergence



International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities ([ICMRA](#))



International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities

MAIN OBJECTIVES

ICMRA promotes international cooperation among medicines regulatory authorities to strengthen global dialogue, facilitate wider exchange of reliable and comparable information, encourage greater leveraging of resources and work between authorities, and advocate for better informed risk-based allocation of authorities' resources and deeper collaboration. The group also addresses current and emerging human medicine regulatory and safety challenges. These efforts aim to strengthen the quality, safety and efficacy of medicinal products globally.

WHO WE ARE

ICMRA is an informal group of leaders of medicines regulatory authorities that provides strategic directions for enhanced collaboration, improved communication and approaches to jointly address common challenges, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

MISSION

ICMRA's mission is to safeguard public health by facilitating strategic leadership and greater cooperation of international medicines authorities on shared regulatory issues and challenges.

MAIN WORKING AREAS

There are currently several ICMRA projects on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), communications, drug shortages, innovation, pharmacovigilance, regulatory convergence and alignment in the global COVID-19 regulatory response, and supply chain integrity.

- ❖ Currently chaired by Emer Cooke (EMA)
- ❖ 24 member agencies, 15 associate member agencies, and 1 observer (WHO)

Source: [ICMRA Factsheet](#)

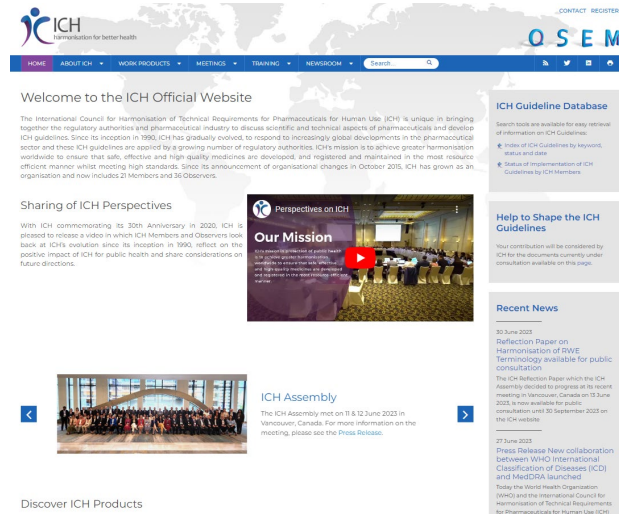
International Council of Harmonization - ICH

(www.ich.org)



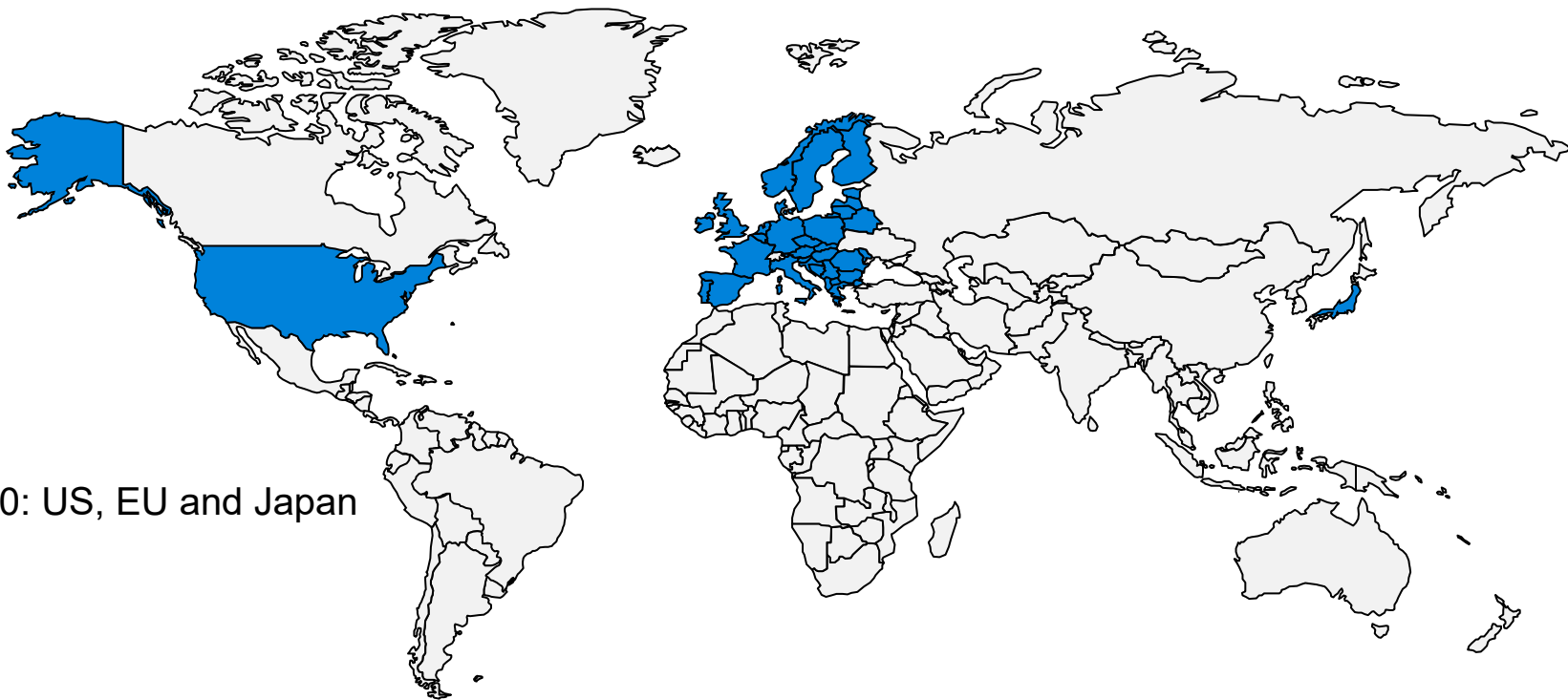
Mission

- ❖ Achieve greater harmonisation worldwide to ensure that safe, effective, and high quality medicines are developed and registered in the most resource-efficient manner
- ❖ Accomplished through development of Technical Guidelines via a process of scientific consensus with regulatory and industry experts working side-by-side
- ❖ Commitment of the ICH regulators to implement the final Guidelines is key to the success of the process



ICH Membership until 2010

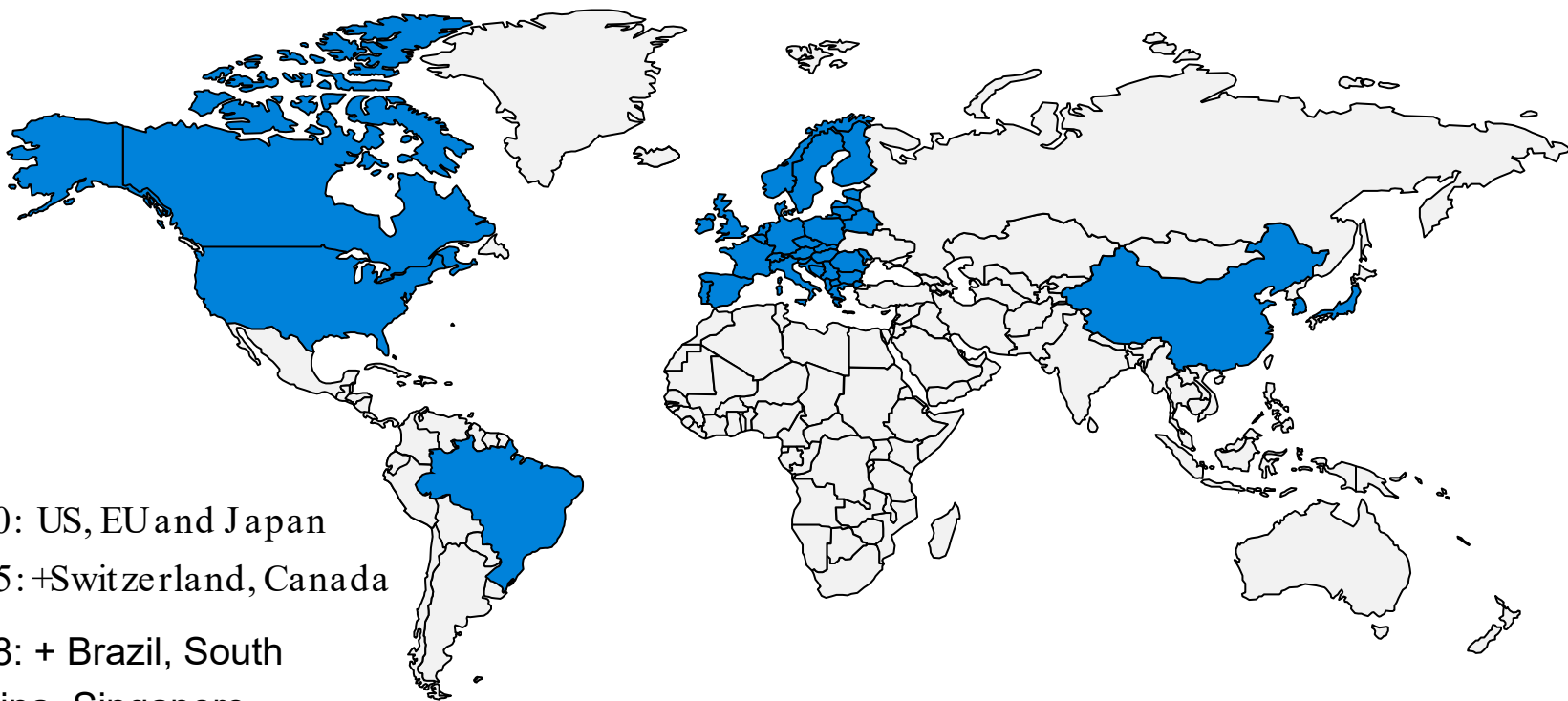
Health authorities



- 1990-2010: US, EU and Japan

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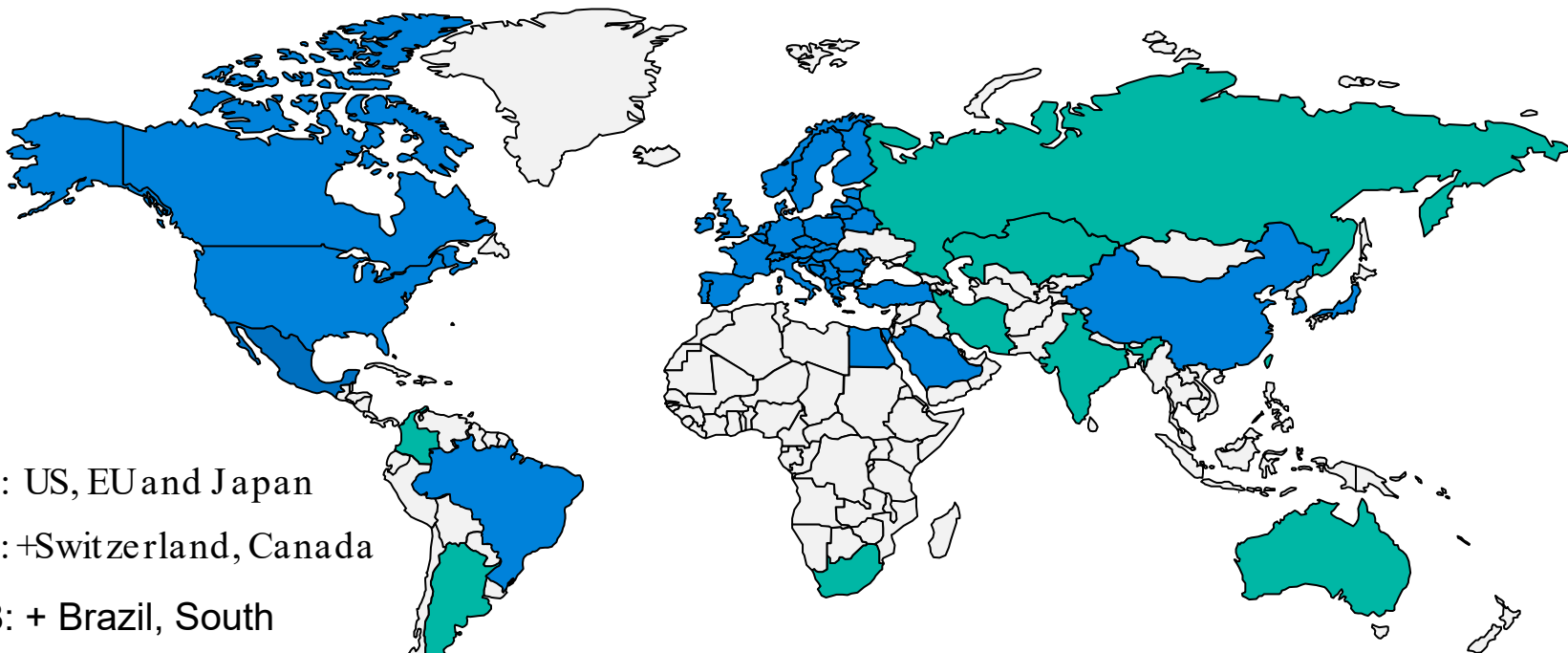
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- 2010-2015: +Switzerland, Canada
- 2015-2018: + Brazil, South Korea, China, Singapore

Current ICH Membership

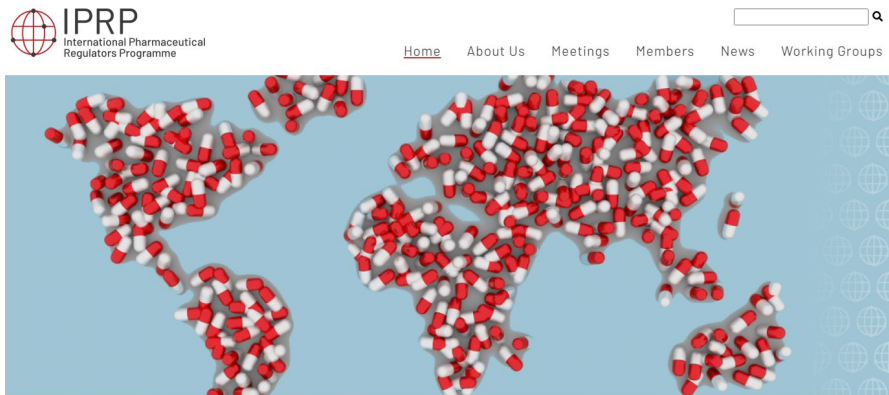
Health authorities



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- 2010-2015: +Switzerland, Canada
- 2015-2018: + Brazil, South Korea, China, Singapore
- 2018-2023: +Mexico, Egypt, MHRA, Saudi Arabia, Chinese Tapei, Turkey

- Current observers: India, Cuba,, Colombia, South Africa, Russia, Australia, Kazakhstan, Argentina, Moldova, Armenia, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Malaysia, Indonesia Ukraine, Lebanon, Nigeria, Tunisia, Azerbaijan

International Pharmaceutical Regulators Programme - [IPRP](#)



International Pharmaceutical Regulators Programme

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[Updated IPRP Q&A documents on Reliance](#)

The IPRP is pleased to share an updated Questions and Answers document on key aspects for reliance, that was revised by the IPRP Reliance Discussion Group to clarify the question on sameness of...

MISSION and STRATEGIC VISION

IPRP is a **global forum of regulatory authorities** and regulatory organizations at the **operational level** for issues related to the regulation of pharmaceuticals for human use. IPRP is committed to promote information sharing, **facilitate the implementation of ICH and other internationally harmonised technical guidelines** for pharmaceuticals for human use, promote **collaboration and regulatory convergence** of regulatory approaches to advance public health, facilitate access to medicines and address emerging regulatory challenges of mutual interest

Reliance is not a new concept...

Long history of improving efficiency through reliance
e.g. Certificate of Pharmaceutical Products Scheme (1969)



“Regulate through reliance” as the hallmark of a modern and efficient regulatory authority

Increasing role of reliance

Promoting “informed” reliance



COVID-19 as a strong accelerator for the use of reliance

Annex 10

Good reliance practices in the regulation of medical products: high level principles and considerations

Background

WHO supports reliance on the work of other regulators as a general principle in order to make the best use of available resources and expertise. This principle allows leveraging the output of others whenever possible while placing a greater focus at national level on value-added regulatory activities that cannot be undertaken by other authorities, such as, but not limited to: vigilance, market surveillance, and oversight of local manufacturing and distribution. Reliance

The act whereby the regulatory authority in one jurisdiction **takes into account and gives significant weight to assessments performed by another regulatory authority or trusted institution**, or to any other authoritative information, in reaching its own decision.

*The relying authority remains **independent, responsible and accountable** for the decisions taken, even when it relies on the decisions, assessments and information of others.*

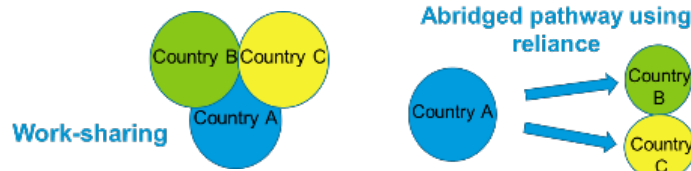
International cooperation is key

- To ensure the safety, quality, efficacy or performance of locally used products
- To make the best use of available resources and expertise, avoid duplication and concentrate regulatory efforts and resources where they are most needed

Options to facilitate good quality regulatory decisions – reliance in the focus



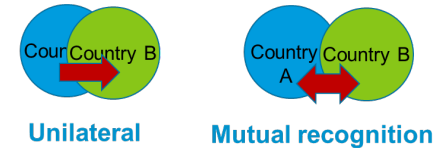
Independent decisions
based on its own reviews
and/or inspections



Work-sharing, including joint activities
Abridged pathways using reliance

Leveraging regulatory work
Performed by other competent and trusted
authorities to reduce the workload

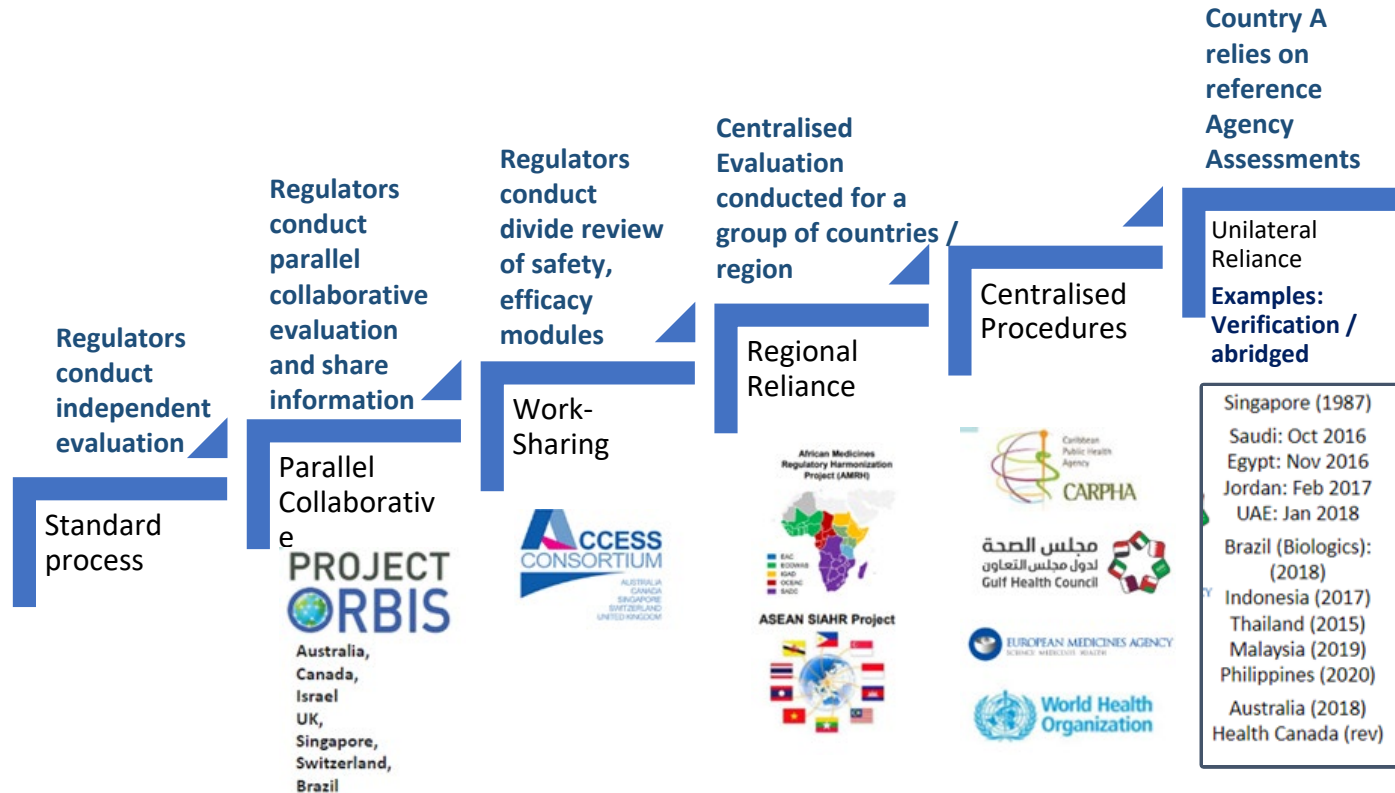
Recognition



Unilateral or mutual recognition
based on treaties or equivalent

Building trust between NRAs, increasing reliance and efficiency

Risk Based approach – Examples of types of Models



Project Orbis -



A framework for concurrent submission and review of oncology products

Project Orbis Partners (POP)

TGA/Australia HC/Canada
 ANVISA/Brazil HSA/Singapore
 Swissmedic/Switzerland
 MHRA/United Kingdom
 IMoH/Israel

Orbis Type	Submission Timeline to POPs	Sharing of FDA reviews	Multi -country review meetings	POP Attendance at FDA review meetings	Concurrent review with FDA
Type A	≤ 1 month of FDA submission	Yes	Yes	Yes	Expected
Type B	> 1 month of FDA submission	Yes	Yes	Yes	Possible
Type C	Any time after FDA submission	Yes	No	Unlikely	Unlikely

SCOPE

High Impact Oncology products

- New Drug Applications (NDAs)
- Biologics License Applications (BLAs)
- Supplemental applications for new indications



Key Features

- Parallel/Collaborative review of dossier
- Use of Common Review Document (assessment Aid)
- Leverage FDA resource and expertise
- Each POP makes independent regulatory decision

Table 2. Comparison of time-to-approval between FDA and Orbis countries for Project Orbis marketing applications.

Median (range), in months	FDA		Orbis countries	
All applications	4.2 (0.9–6.9)	N = 18	4.4 (1.7–6.8)	N = 20
New molecular entities/New active substances	5.1 (3.9–6.9)	N = 6	5.9 (3.9–6.8)	N = 7
Supplements/Variations for new indications	3.6 (0.9–6.0)	N = 12	3.3 (1.7–6.4)	N = 13



VISION

To provide faster access to safe, effective and high quality medicines for all our populations

MISSION

To align our regulations and policies to facilitate work -sharing and reduce duplication to ensure our populations have access to the health products they need for better health and wellbeing

GOAL

Maximizing **international collaboration** between member jurisdictions by **aligning** regulatory systems, **reducing** duplication, and increase agency's **capacity** to ensure populations' access to high quality, safe and effective health products

Type of Collaboration:
Worksharing

**Member Countries/
Regulatory authorities**

Australia/ TGA
Canada/ HC
Singapore/ HSA
Switzerland/ SwissMedic
United Kingdom/ MHRA



Streamlined process -

internationally coordinated review to reduce duplication and burden

Increased access -

possibility of simultaneous access to markets of multiple countries

Flexibility -

adaptability in how regulators organise collaboration amongst each other on a given review and which countries a company chooses to submit applications

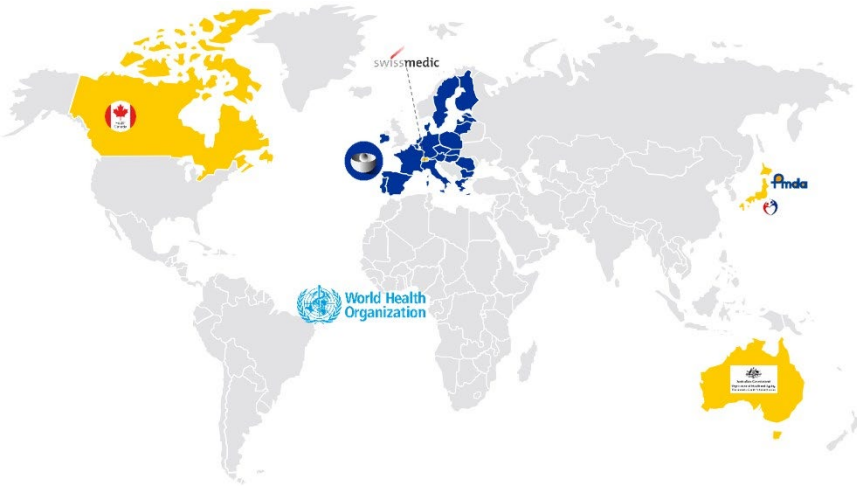
Predictability -

pre-determined milestones and targeted review timeframes

EMA - The OPEN initiative



Opening our Procedures at EMA to Non-EU authorities



Non-EU experts are invited to attend and contribute to ETF discussions and CHMP evaluations of COVID19 Vx and Tx but do not contribute to the conclusions. All regulators keep full scientific and regulatory independence

OPEN enables to **share scientific expertise** to tackle common challenges regarding COVID19 Vx and Tx while **enhancing transparency** on regulatory decisions and **promoting EU Regulatory System**

Scope: COVID-19 Vx and Tx

OPEN non-EU regulators

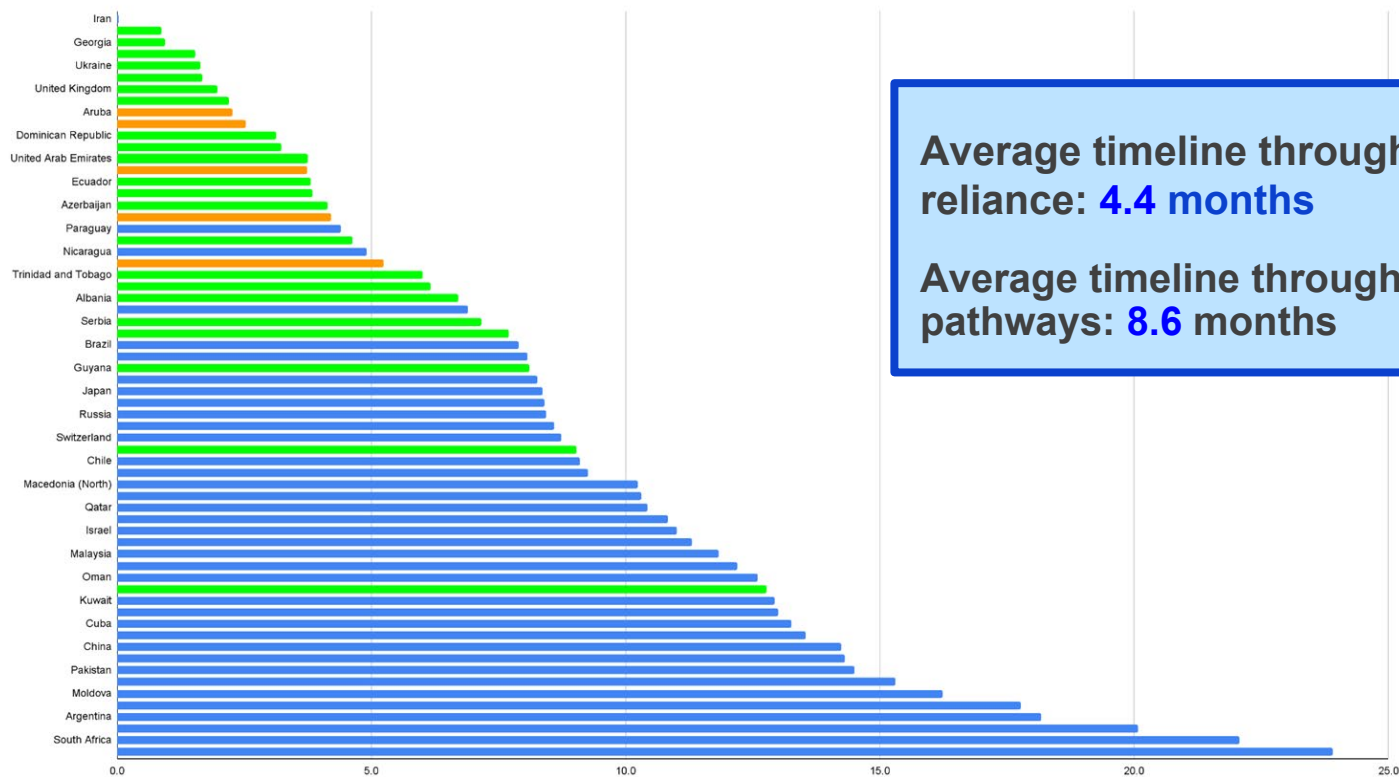
TGA Australia–Health Canada–MHLW/PMDA
Japan – Swissmedic– WHO



Benefits : Accelerate approval in more countries

Accelerate Patient's Access to a Rare Disease Medicine through Reliance Pathway

Country & Approval Timeline



Average timeline through
reliance: **4.4 months**

Average timeline through other
pathways: **8.6 months**

Countries applying reliance

Approval based on Certificate of Pharmaceutical product (CPP)

Reliance concept beyond initial Marketing Authorization

- Post Approval Changes



Introducing changes post-approval is an essential part of the lifecycle of a product to:

- Ensure market access and **continuous supply of live-saving drugs to patients** by reacting to supply demands, avoid drug shortages
- Support **continuous improvement** and optimization of manufacturing process and quality of the medicinal products
- **Remain state-of-the-art** with facilities, manufacturing methods and analytical techniques
- Implement safety label updates in a timely manner access to **ensure up-to-date product information**
- Fulfill regulatory **agency requirements**

Especially for products undergoing accelerated clinical and CMC development registered with expedited pathways, many changes will need to be implemented post -approval in a timely manner (e.g. to fulfill post -approval commitments)

Key messages How to move forward?



- Classification with risk-based approach
- Maximize ICH Q12 tools (PACMPs as quick win)
- Leverage PQS for changes with no quality impact
- Explore novel approaches (new stability data approaches)
- Flexible implementation timelines

- Adopt ICH CTD
- Clear and consistent timelines
- Reduce national requirements

Harmonization

Risk-based approaches

Reliance

- WHO Good Reliance Practice applied to life-cycle
- Leverage documents from reference agencies to shorten approval timelines
- Establish principles for product sameness
- Enable information sharing among regulators
- Leverage and extend joint reviews & worksharing



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of Pharmaceutical
Manufacturers & Associations



[Industry Position Paper: Optimising PostApproval Change Management to Facilitate Continuous Supply of Medicines and Vaccines of High Quality Worldwide](#)

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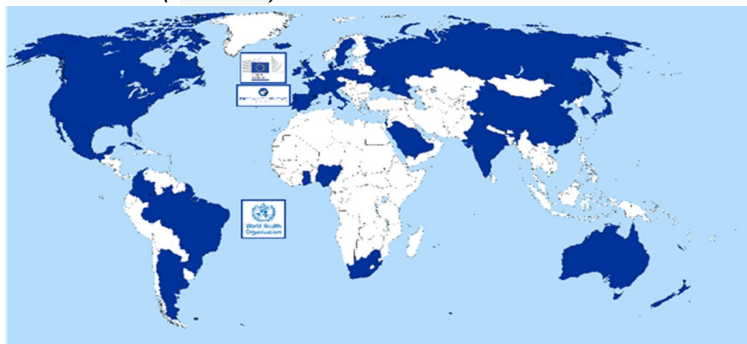
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Prepare for a future health crisis by leveraging the above principles and learnings from the Covid19 pandemic

ICMRA - Initiation of two regulatory collaboration pilots

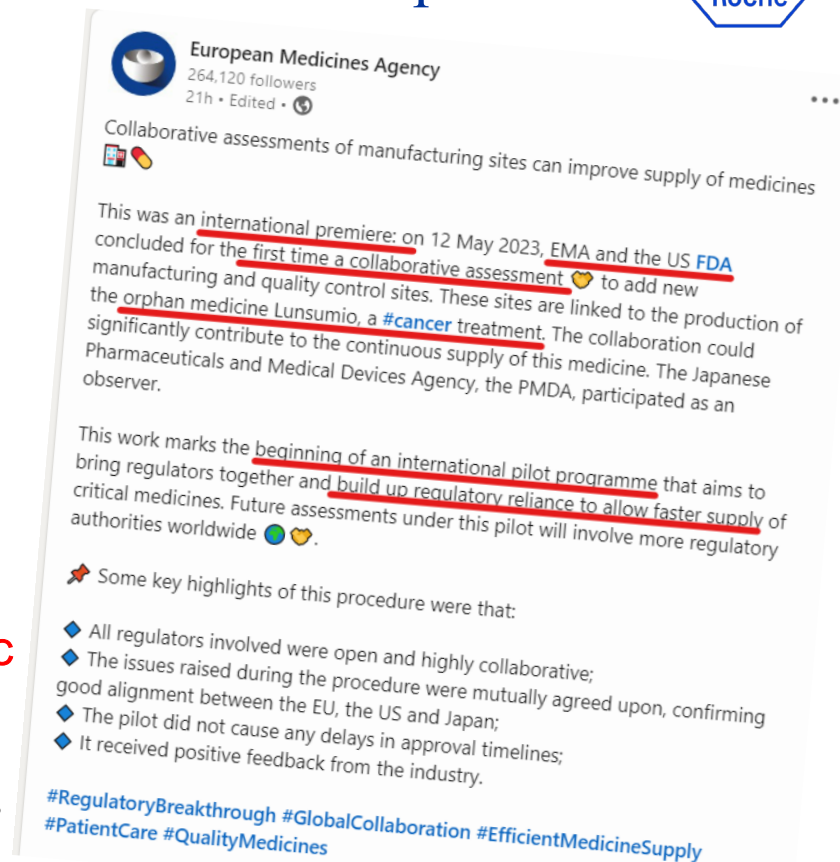


The International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities (ICMRA)



One focused on **collaborative assessments of post -approval CMC submissions (PACMPs)**, and the other on **collaborative hybrid inspections** are aiming to

- ✓ facilitate convergence in assessment practices for key products
- ✓ develop collaborative assessment approaches
- ✓ promote multi-agency GMP inspections



Let's bring reliance into action!

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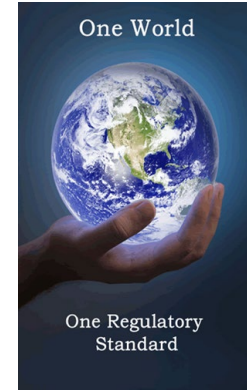
COVID-19 response as a strong accelerator for the use of reliance

RELIANCE

Trust

Transparency

Continuous Dialogue



Making reliance and collaboration work

- COVID-19 showed that international **collaboration** is needed more than ever
- Reliance is a simple, useful and flexible tool for better cooperation
- Transparency**, with openness to dialogue and sharing, are key to making it work
- Learning to **trust** others by being open and transparent, accepting challenges
- Benefit for regulators and industry who **avoid duplication of work**
- Benefits for **patients** who can have earlier access to high quality, safe and effective medicines

No one agency, no matter how big, can do it all by themselves.

Close Collaboration Among Stakeholders

Applicants

**Reference
NRA- FDA,
EMA**



**Participating
NRAs**

WHO

Doing now what patients need next