

# Digital Technology, an essential enabler to meet the burden of a pandemic, and Beyond...

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### **Outline**





**Business Continuity Challenge** 

**Communication, Collaboration, Inspection experience** 

Adapting to changes in drug treatments

Digital Technologies for faster information flow and enhanced Patient Safety

**Towards New Ways of Regulatory Affairs** 

**Concluding Remarks** 

### **Business Continuity Challenge**





### Ways of Working - Extended Reality





RealWear Head Mounted Tablet combined with Zoom conferencing to support **remote hand-free** collaboration as **"Telepresence Stack**" for:

- Training
- Tech & Method Transfers
- Troubleshooting

Technologies for virtual presence

- Remote Internal & Cross-company audits
- Inspections: walkthrough or on-demand tour





Remote Groups of Experts & Trainees

**Trainee View** 

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### **Benefits**

Supporting "business continuity", personnel safety & faster access to experts. Easy deployment

### Inspections during a pandemic

Flexible, Adaptable



- Fully remote/virtual or
- Hybrid with one inspector on site and others remote

## Different approach to inspection management and inspection logistics

- Global manufacturing and laboratory facilities are under different local safety directives (social distancing, scheduling, testing)
- Global travel restrictions
- Use of a wide range of communication technologies

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#### **Remote Facility Walkthroughs**





### Adapting to changes in drug treatments and clinical priorities

To reduce risk of COVID exposure in clinics while maintaing treatment compliance

**Changes in administration** (Intra-Venous to Sub-Cutaneous, combination, faster administration) *and/or* use environment (clinic vs home). Considerations:

- <u>Human factors</u>: users, environment, instructions, medication errors, new dose
- Product quality: additional in-use stability data; product combinations
- <u>Microbial control</u>

#### Accelerate and expand access

- $\Rightarrow$  New INDs/IMPDs
- $\Rightarrow$  Acceleration of global reviews
- $\Rightarrow$  Supply "Direct-to-Patient"

Leveraged HA Guidances on conducting clinical trials, supporting availability of medicines during COVID-19 Pandemic



### **Patient-Centric control strategy**

Increasing speed and insights



Increasing speed and gaining deeper insights in connecting clinical output to the product quality profile.

- Global digital solutions for connecting multiples systems and datasets
- Setting up new advanced data analytics





#### **Benefits**

- Shorten analysis time, authoring, internal review/compliance checks
- Set more patient-centric specifications
- Enable lifecycle management
- Increase overall understanding and insights



### **Paperless Product Information (ePI)**

To provide the latest information on a medicine's safety and conditions of use

Real-time product information update to the healthcare provider and/or patient at the point of care

- Faster deployment of the latest authorized product label information: new safety consideration, expiration dating, new mode of administration
- Easier to access
- Easier to read

ePl information can flow to other systems, such as electronic health records and e-prescribing systems



### **Patient Safety**

#### Verification of Product Identity



#### **Positive Verification**

- Possibility to select the criteria to be verified (SN + GTIN, Expiration date, etc) with country-specific information
- ✓ The user sees basic information about the medicine & contact information

#### **Negative Verification**

- Wrong or adulterated product
- The user is provided contact information.



### **Patient Safety**

Track & Trace of digitized products

#### **Product Integrity**

- Identification of the product at point of care leveraging serialization (mitigation for errors & counterfeiting)
- Assurance of shipping condition within authorized parameters

#### **Product location**

- Geo-localization of the product
- Anticipating shortages
- Triggering replacement
- Adjusting distribution faster to the demand

Towards a more secure and predictive supply chain and a reduction of counterfeited medicines and expired lots











### New "nuts and bolts" in the Industry



How we develop the product and process understanding and enhance it

- Process automation, Robotics, Sensors
- Data: accessibility, connectivity of systems, data standards, realtime monitoring
- Documentation: Lab notebooks, automated reporting
- Knowledge management, training





### "Nuts and bolts" of the Future *Data-Based Submission*



#### Current

- e-paper submissions
- Static data shared at predefined stages (country specific)
- Range of data repositories

#### Tomorrow

- Harmonized structured data standards with global accessibilities
- Global parallel reviews or Increase reliance approach
- Rolling cloud-based data-submissions (i.e. Stability, Process Verification) with dynamic regulatory assessments
- Data analysis standards
- Other...



### "Nuts and bolts" of the Future



Data-Based Submission and Cloud-Based Regulatory Ecosystem





### **Concluding Remarks**

Digital Technologies are essential to support business continuity, facilitate global collaborations and faster access to data and critical information.

In the short term, there are significant opportunities to maximize the value of digital technologies for faster access to real-time product information through e-labelling and, to ensure Product Safety around the world.

Bigger opportunities lay ahead within the regulatory field to accelerate submission & review processes, enhance transparency and collaboration... to bring innovative medicines to patients faster.

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