



Biologics Analytical Methods:

TRENDS AND STRATEGIES TO ACCELERATE DEVELOPMENT

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WE ENABLE OUR PARTNERS TO DEVELOP & SUPPLY BETTER TREATMENTS FOR THEIR PATIENTS BY KEEPING PATIENTS FIRST

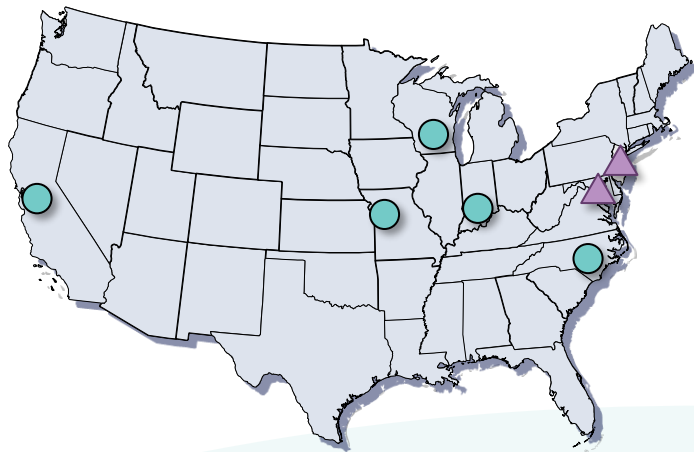
At the core of Catalent's mission is developing
and supplying products to **ENHANCE &
IMPROVE THE LIVES OF YOUR PATIENTS**

We are dedicated to using our passion, expertise, and
advanced technologies in partnering with you to design
better treatments that deliver for **PATIENTS FIRST**

With our responsibility for supplying thousands of
products to patients worldwide, we share your view that
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Our Biologics Network: Benefit From Our Strategic Locations



● **EMERYVILLE, CA**
SMARTag® Technology

● **KANSAS CITY, MO**
Analytical Development

● **MADISON, WI**
GPEX® Cell Line Development
Technology
Process Development
Drug Substance Manufacturing
Analytical Development
Formulation Development
mRNA *in vitro* Transcription

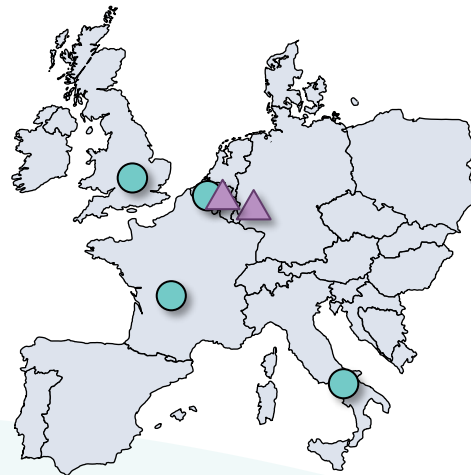
● **BLOOMINGTON, IN**
Process Development
Analytical Development
Formulation Development
Drug Substance Manufacturing
Fill/Finish
Lyophilization
Vials, Prefilled Syringes,
Cartridges
Device Assembly & Packaging

▲ **BALTIMORE, MD**
Gene Therapy

▲ **PRINCETON, NJ**
Cell Therapy

● **MORRISVILLE/RTP, NC**
Analytical Development
Formulation Development

● **OXFORD, UK**
Coming soon



● **LIMOGES, FRANCE**
Process Development
Formulation Development
Fill/Finish
Vials, Prefilled Syringes,
Cartridges
Packaging

● **ANAGNI, ITALY**
Fill/Finish
Vials, Prefilled Syringes
Packaging

● **BRUSSELS, BELGIUM**
Process Development
Analytical
Fill/Finish
Prefilled Syringe
Device Assembly & Packaging

▲ **GOSSELIES, BELGIUM**
Cell Therapy
Plasmid DNA

▲ **DUSSELDORF, GERMANY**
Cell Therapy (iPSC)

● Biologics ▲ Cell & Gene Therapy

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The Growing Biologics Market Has Led to a Corresponding Growth in the Biological Testing Needs

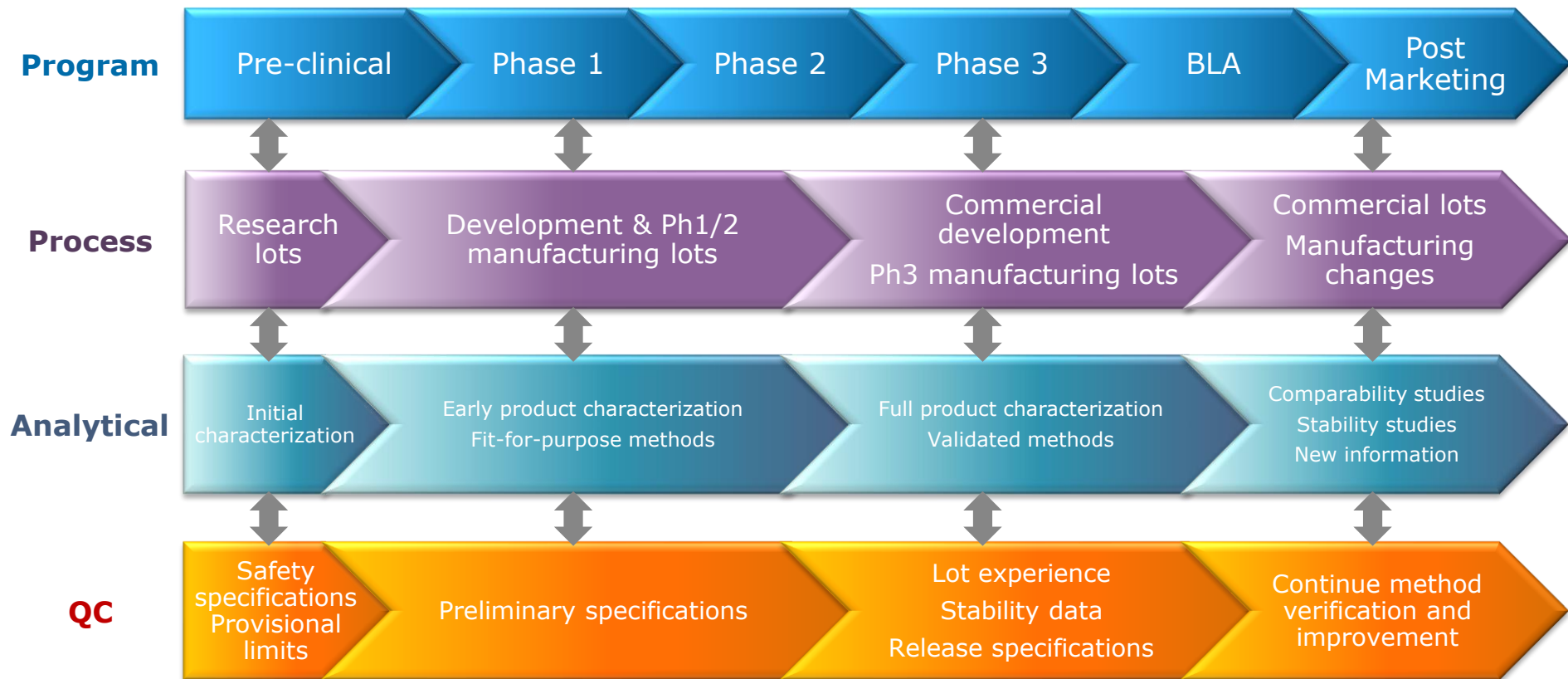


Biologics are medicinal products derived from various natural sources and are either extracted or produced by genetic engineering techniques or other technologies.

Biologics show a remarkable intrinsic variability and complexity, that makes the characterization more cumbersome than that of small molecules.

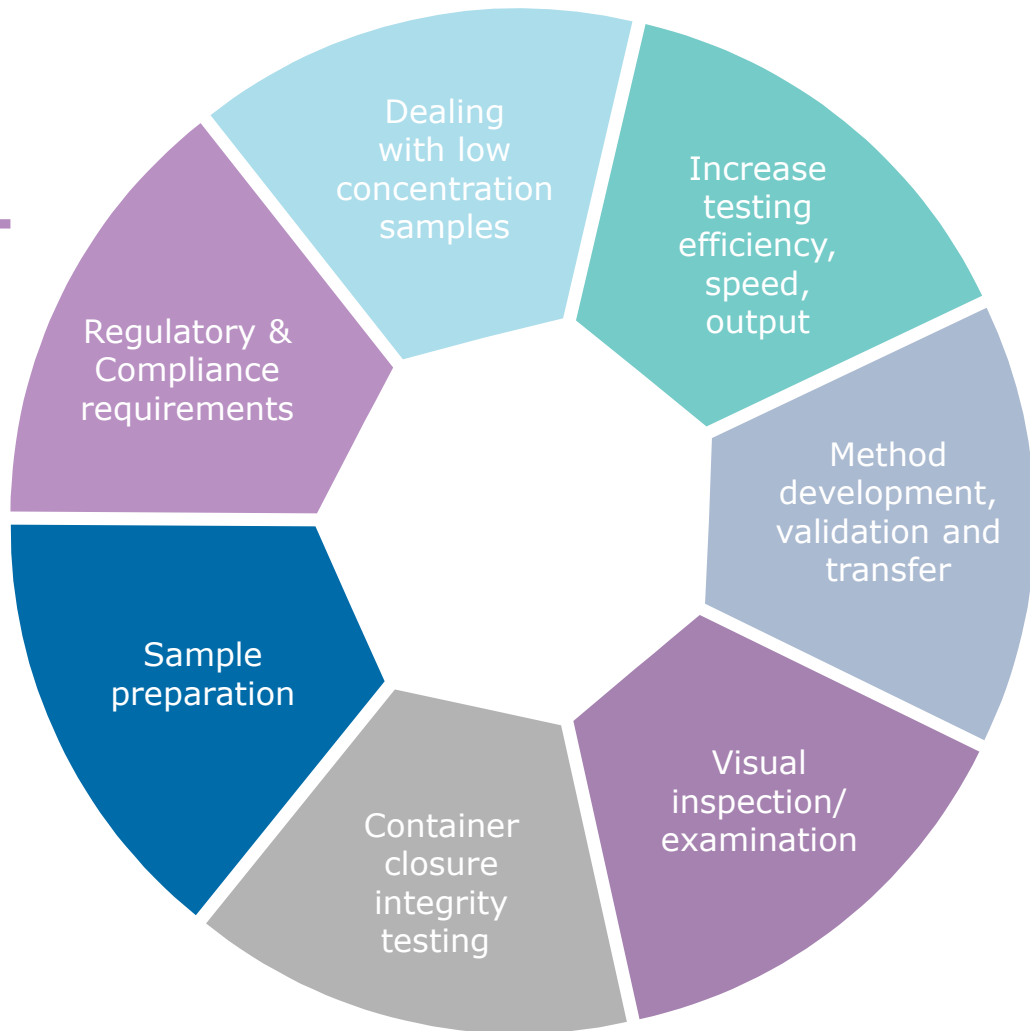
mRNAs | Antibodies | Recombinants | Fc-fusions | Bispecifics

Alignment of Product Quality into CMC Framework



Industry Trends: Analytical Challenges

- Surge of emerging modalities
- Evolving advancement & new technology in instrumentation
- Evolving regulatory requirements
- Increased volume of data
- Data integrity
- Scientists expertise/training
- Technical issues

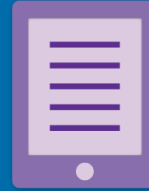


Current Changes in Industry Trends

Greater demand for integrated/turnkey analytical solutions to meet short timeline, reduce development cycle & complex analytical characterization services

Pharma will innovate and prosper further by using the right tools

Digital Transformation



Artificial Intelligence



Big Data & Analytics



Flexible Production



How Companies are Addressing the Industry Trends?

- › Increasing outsourcing
- › Strategic partnership
- › Technological advancements
- › New operational techniques

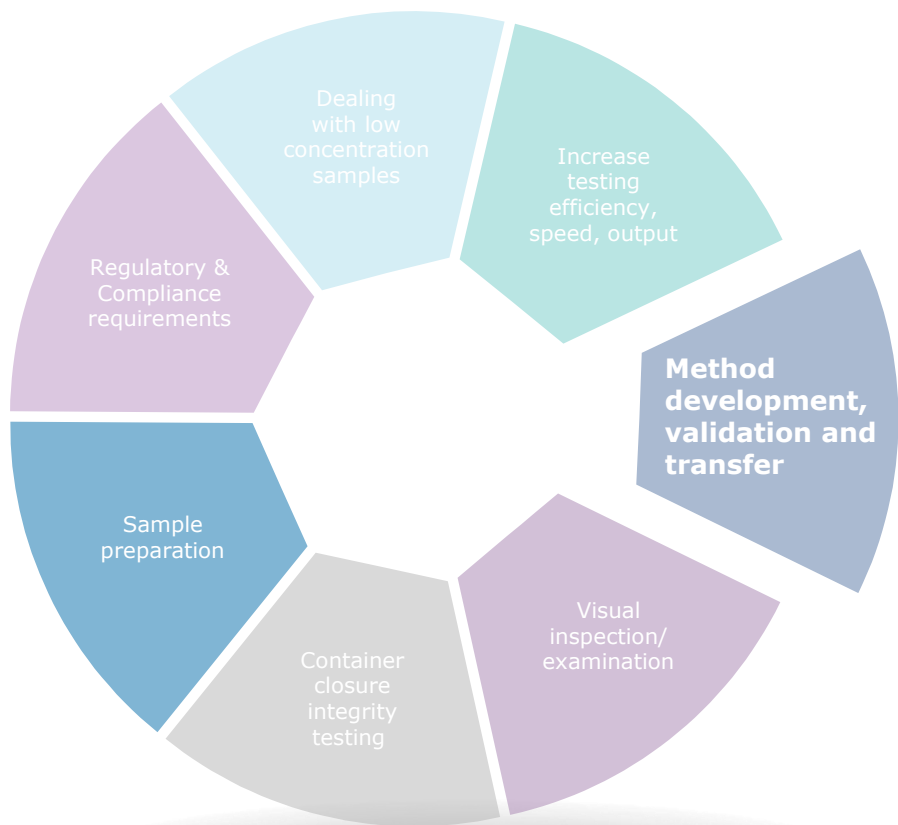
Faster time-to-market and improved cost-efficiency are the primary reasons for the popularity of outsourced manufacturing services.

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Common Challenges

Method Development, Validation & Transfer



Specific challenge

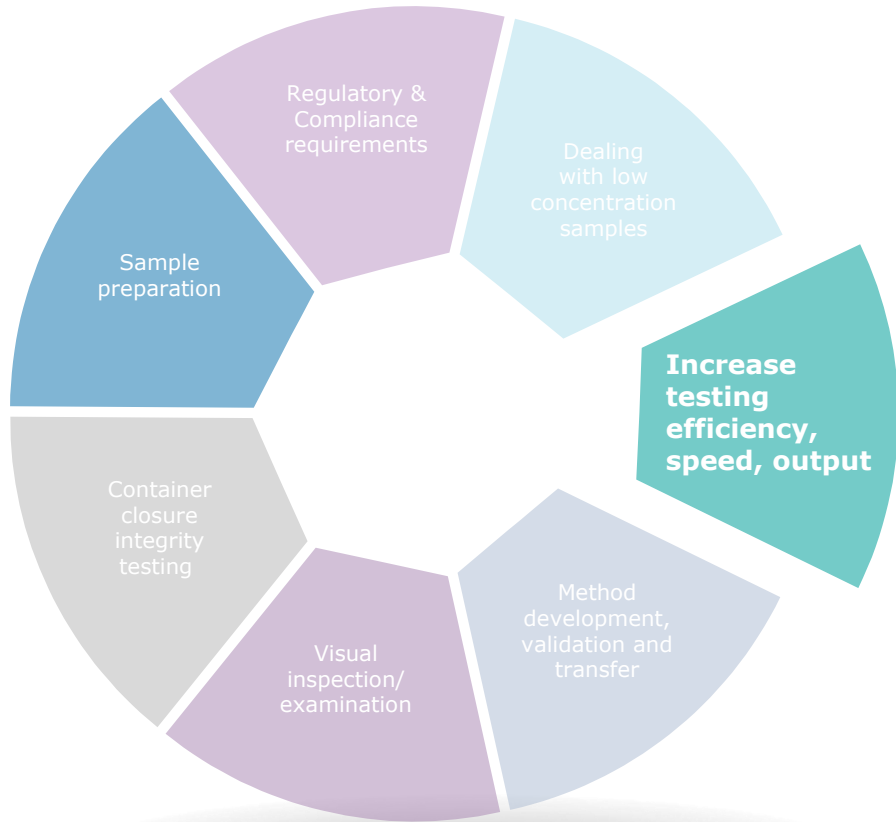
- Phase appropriateness
- Stability-indicating
- Challenges with newer modalities (e.g., viral vectors/LNPs)
- Suitability for in process control testing

Examples on how to overcome

- Understanding of phase appropriate needs
- Assure work is informed by knowledge of molecule structure function, biochemistry and degradation mechanisms
- Apply technical, functional, and industry knowledge to design and evaluate methods via DoE/QbD

Common Challenges

Increase Testing Efficiency, Speed, Output



Specific challenge

- Implementation of new technologies
- Automation
- Rapid testing methods

Examples on how to overcome

- NTIx due diligence
- Continuous improvement
- Regulatory assessment
- Using statistical knowledge to guide decisions and/or impact of specifications

Method Related Challenges

Container Closure Integrity (CCI) Testing



Specific challenge

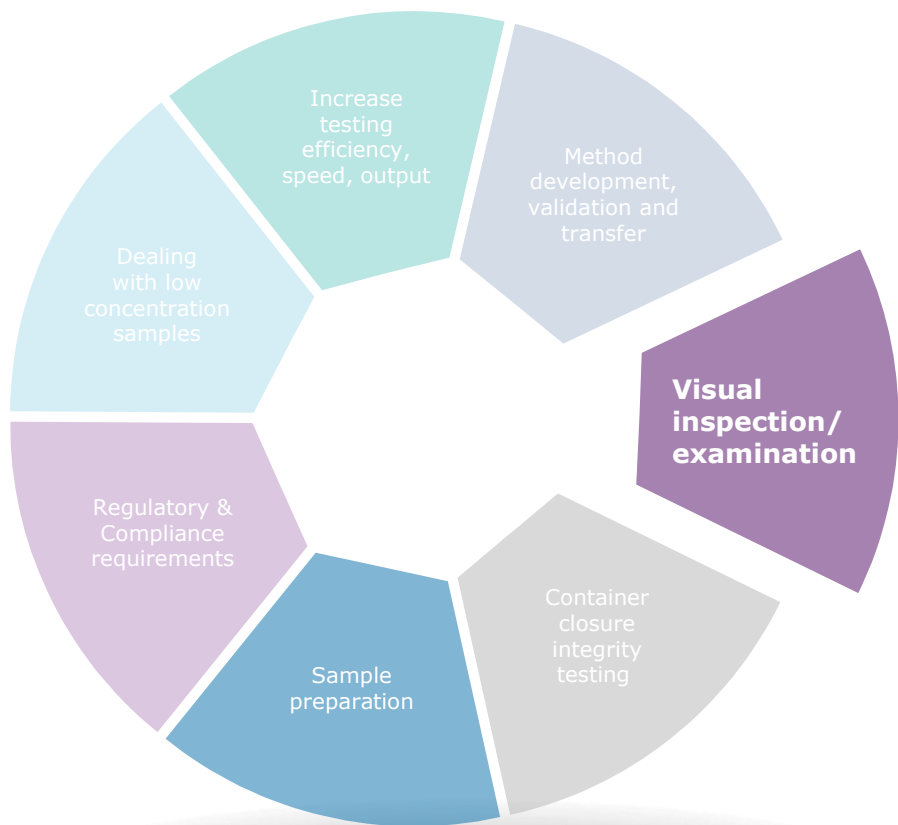
- Method development
- Need to test for biologics undergoing deep cold storage/shipment
- Increased scrutiny of regulators on CCI
- Drive towards a coherent CCI strategy across the product life cycle
- Development of surrogate and standard samples

Examples on how to overcome

- Interpretation of regulatory requirements
- Establish working groups on the topic to end up with company best practices
- Orthogonal methods for investigational purposes

Method Related Challenges

Visual Inspection/Examination



Specific challenge

- Ability to detect product-specific defect typical of biologics (e.g., agglomerates)
- Adaptability of multiple container format in automated visual inspection machine
- Regulatory definitions for lyo product defects

Examples on how to overcome

- Understand the product properties/characteristics to develop inspection criteria and defects kit
- Training of operators and/or appropriate program for automated inspection equipment

The Importance of Speed in Analytics

The background of the slide is a composite image of a laboratory. The top half shows a close-up of a microscope with a test tube being analyzed. The bottom half shows a scientist in a white lab coat and green gloves using a pipette to transfer liquid into a small vial. The overall color scheme is blue and white, giving it a professional and scientific feel.

The success of the analytics depends on acquiring a good understanding of the theory that supports the method development and asking the right questions.

Any delays in developing or executing a method, could result in a delay in developing or supplying product to patients to enhance & improve their lives.

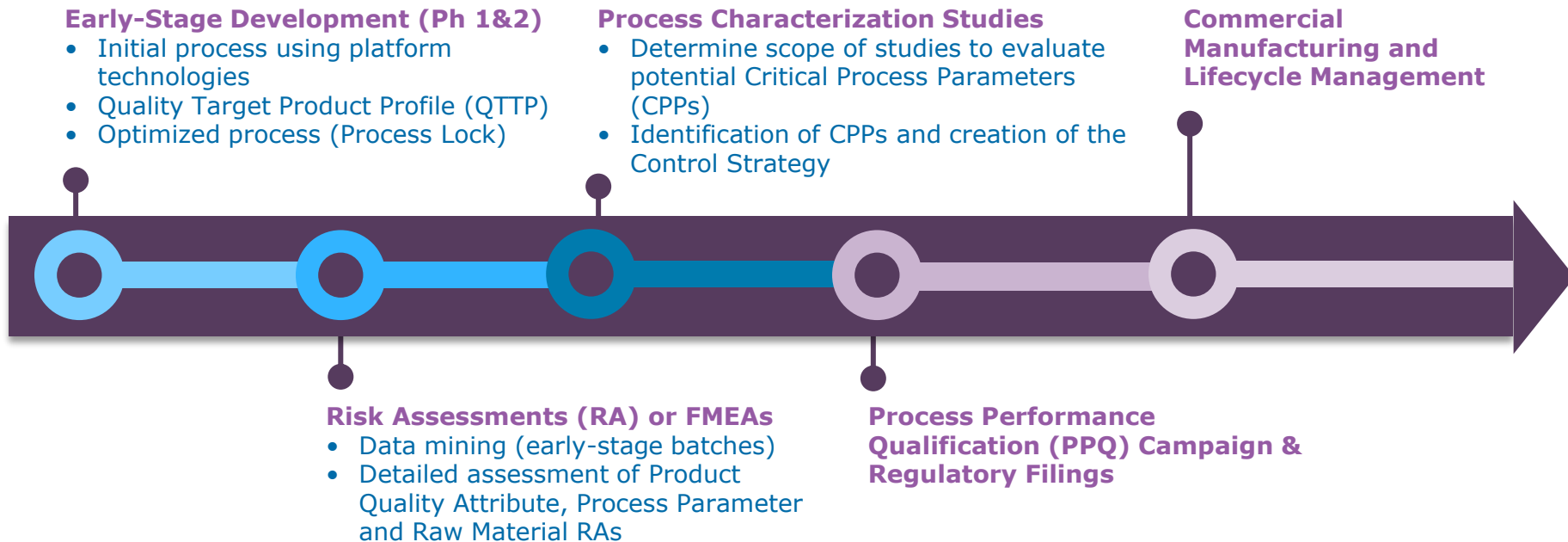
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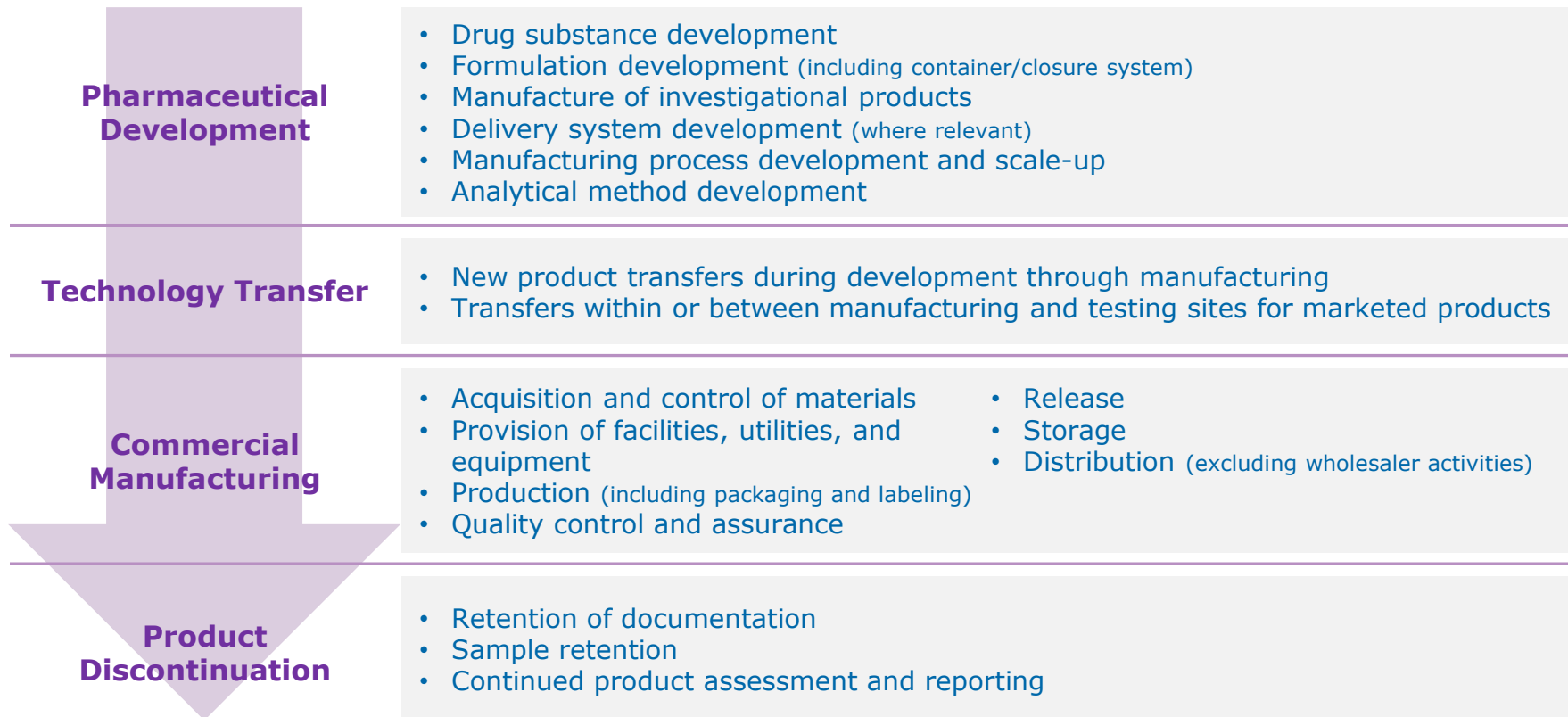
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Bioanalytics Pathway Aligns with Program Development Lifecycle

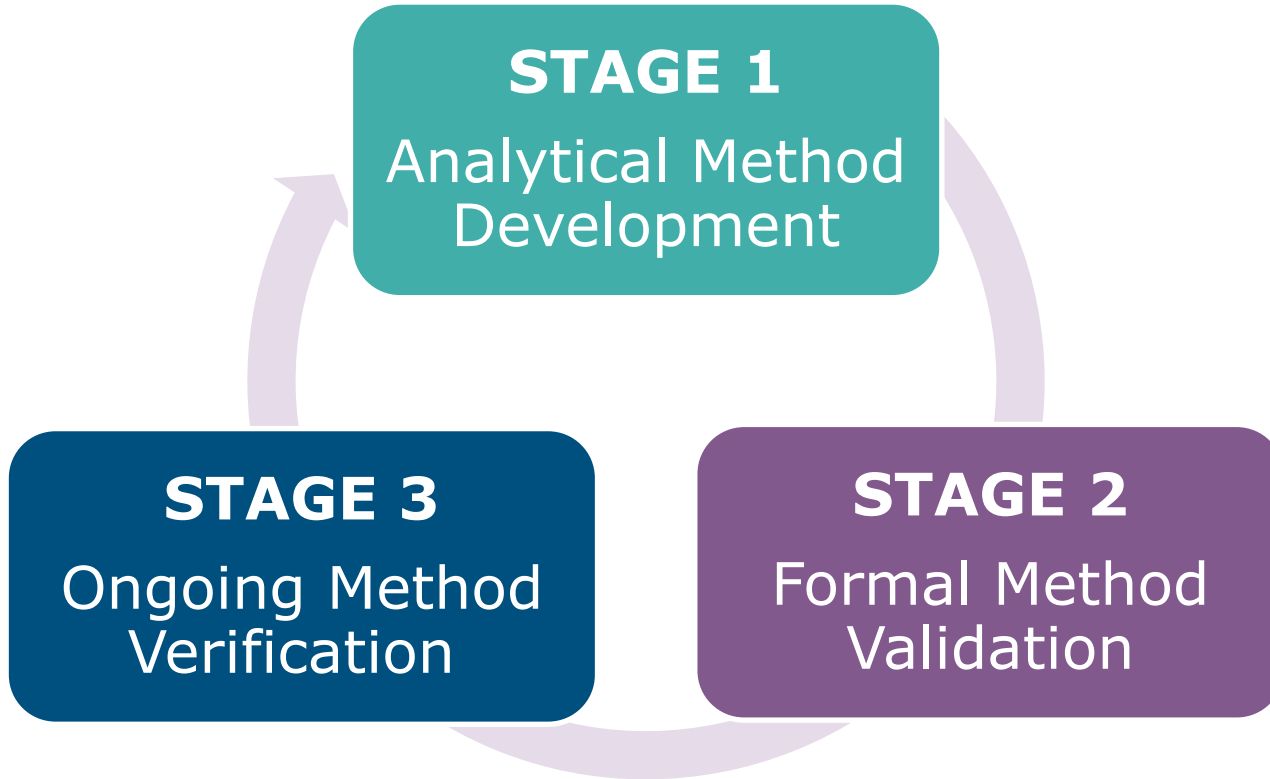


Catalent Biologics' process validation philosophy is based on the FDA's Guidance for Industry Process Validation General Principles and Practices (2011) and the Quality Risk Management ICH-Q9 Guidelines

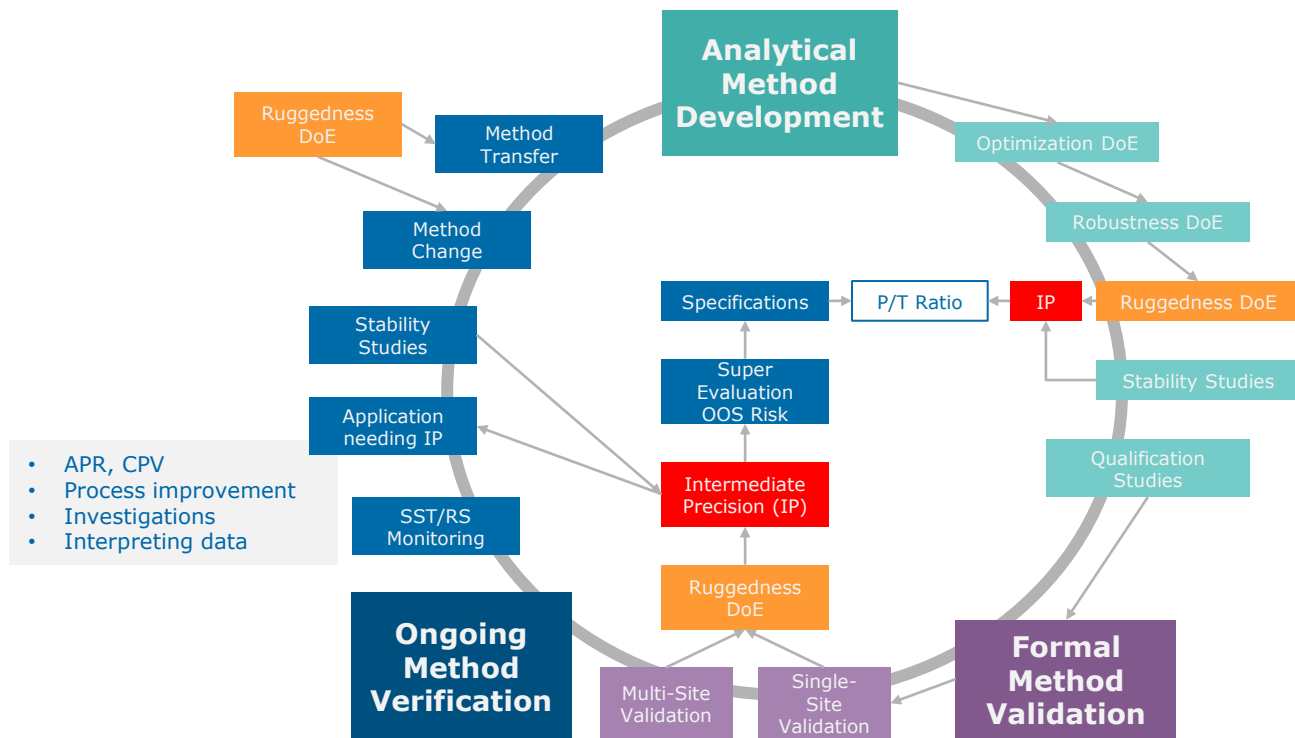
Product Lifecycle Milestones



The Three Stages



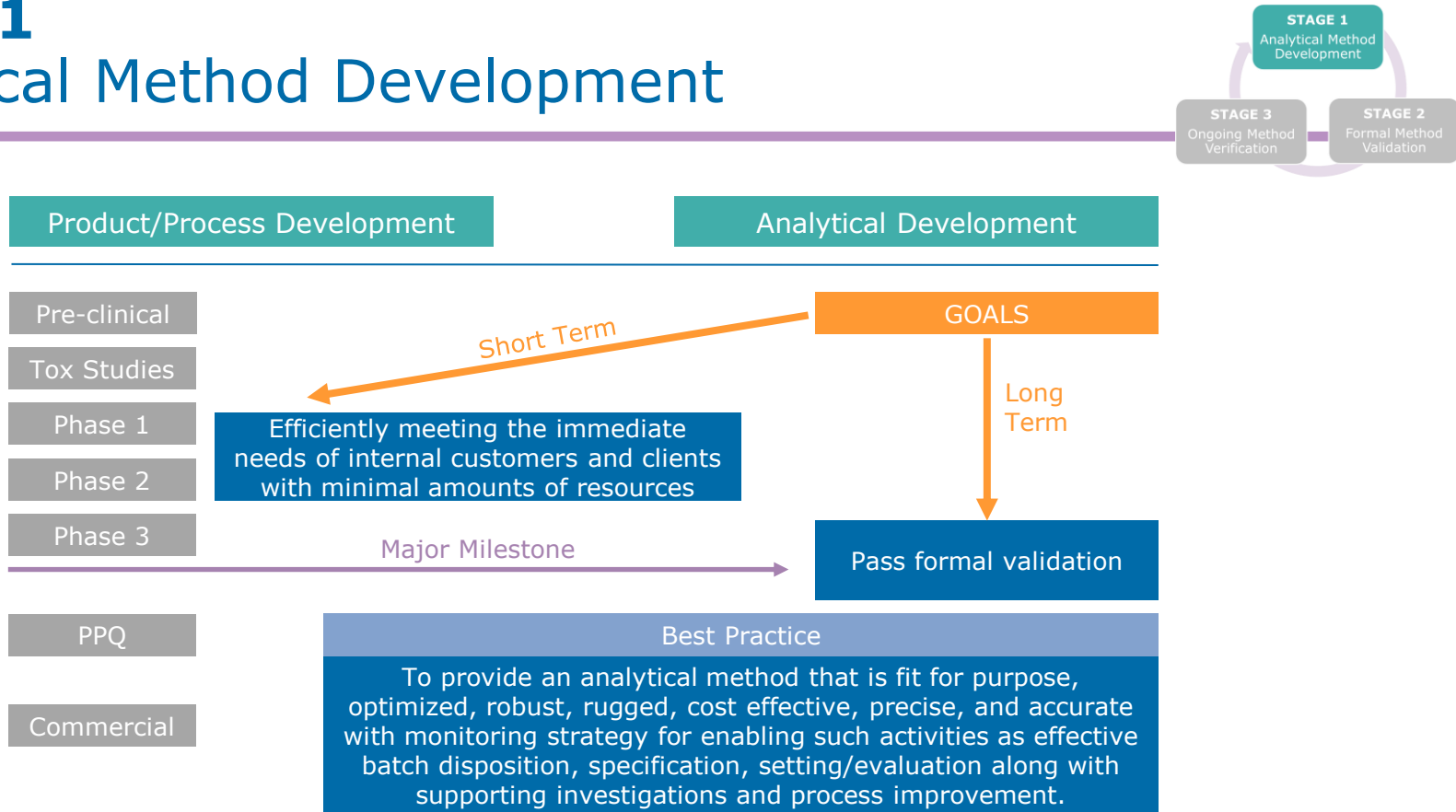
Catalent's Analytical Method Life-Cycle Model



At any time that data are being utilized to take decisions, understanding the measurement variability is important to properly interpret data and direct effective actions.

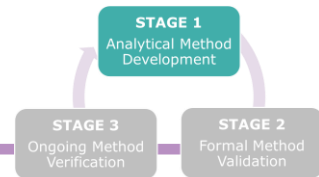
Stage 1

Analytical Method Development



The ongoing development of an analytical method should align with the current clinical phase of product/process development.

Focus Areas During Development



Early Phase

Ensure potency

Understand the impurity and degradation product profile

Help understand key drug characteristics

Indicate stability and begin to measure the impact of key manufacturing parameters

Focus on specificity, accuracy or linearity, and appropriate elements of Intermediate Precision

Late Phase

Ensure robust, cost effective, transferable, accurate, and precision for specification setting

Provide stability assessment, and approval of final marketed products

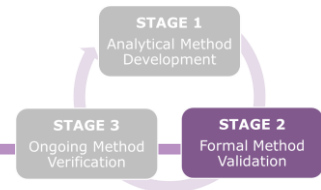
Prepare for formal validation

Support phase process development

Mimic formal validation with tighter criteria; heavy focus on estimating IP reliably through ruggedness studies or stability analysis

Stage 2

Formal Method Validation ICH Q2(R1)



Type of Analytical Procedure

Characteristics

- > Accuracy
- Precision
- Repeatability
- > Interm. Precision
- > Specificity²
- > Detection Limit
- > Quantitation Limit
- > Linearity
- > Range

Identification

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Testing for Impurities

Quantitat. Limit

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Assay

- Dissolution⁴
- Content/potency

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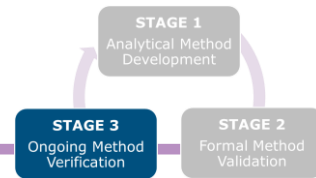
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- signifies that this characteristic is not normally evaluated
- + signifies that this characteristic is normally evaluated
- 1. in cases where reproducibility has been performed, intermediate precision is not needed
- 2. lack of specificity of one analytical procedure could be compensated by other supporting analytical procedure(s)
- 3. may be needed in some cases
- 4. measurement only

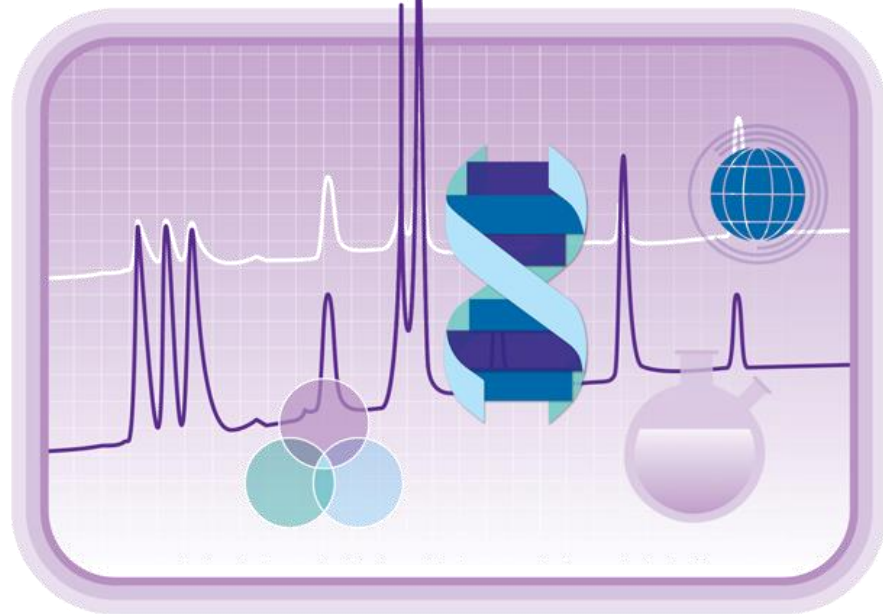
Stage 3

Ongoing Monitoring



The primary purposes in stage 3 of the analytical method lifecycle are:

1. Ongoing monitoring of the method using risk-based approaches
2. Improvement of the method where required



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Driving Reliable Solutions Across a Global Community of Scientists

With the help of our experienced scientific team and range of capabilities, our goal is to serve as your strategic partner to support all your biologics analytical development and testing needs.

1,500 Scientists | 30+ Years Experience | 26 Laboratories | 10 Countries

Conclusion

- The goal of method development is more than just qualification/validation
- A tailored, well planned & executed development is key
- Meet authorities' expectations
- Apply a scientific rationale and make data driven decisions
- Build a strong analytical package with fit for purpose methods
- Leverage the knowledge of the network because experience counts

A well-structured product life-cycle management leads to increased success, increased efficiency, and better-quality therapeutics for patients.



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Analytical Capabilities



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Integrated & Stand-Alone Capabilities | Single Source for a Range of Biologics Analytical Services

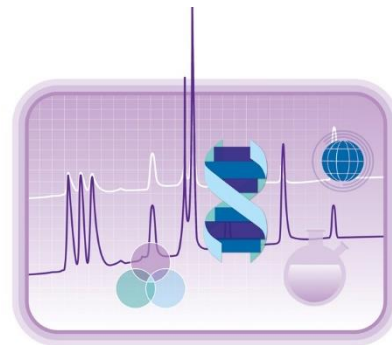
For **Integrated** or **Stand-Alone** Projects

GMP, GLP & characterization studies for:

- Drug substance, drug product or intermediates
- New Biologic Entities (NBEs) & biosimilars/biobetters

Wide variety of sample types:

- Monoclonal, polyclonal & bispecific antibodies
- Bioconjugates
- Oligonucleotides
- Recombinant proteins
- Fusion proteins
- Pegylated peptides
- Gene and cell therapies
- Aptamers
- Vaccines
- Oligosaccharides
- Cell-based bioassays for small & large molecules



**70,000+ ft³
of Stability
Chambers**

**Thousands of
Analytical
Methods**

Biologics Analytical | Comprehensive Capabilities for All Stages of Development

Support for:

- Method development, optimization, validation and transfer
- Stability testing
- In-process testing
- Release testing
- Biosimilarity
- Formulation & preformulation
- Extractables & leachables
- Reference standards
- Many more...

Renowned expertise in **bioassay** & **binding assay**



Kansas City, MO

Opened 1992, large molecule analytical testing

What's New Adding 2 new labs (3,500 & 3,000 sq. ft. each) by Q1 2023, adding ~50 positions

Total Area 15,000+ sq. ft. Biologics Analytical Labs



PRODUCT FOCUS

- Biologics including proteins, mRNA, cell & gene therapies, biosimilars
- Drug substance, drug product and intermediates

ANALYTICAL CAPABILITIES

- Release testing of clinical and commercial material; stability testing and storage
- Full product characterization; analytical reference standard qualification and characterization
- Extractables and leachables; ad hoc sample analyses

SITE OFFERINGS

- Method management: development, optimization, transfer, verification
- Phase specific method validations per ICH guidelines
- Manufacturing and formulation development support

STRENGTHS

- BLI/SPR, AUC, FACS
- Polysorbates
- Antibody-drug conjugates

Kansas City's Comprehensive Biologics Analytical Experience

- Support of **Innovator** and **Biosimilar** programs
- Characterization and GMP support for a full spectrum of biologics including **drug substance** and **drug products** and **intermediates**
- Capabilities include various **orthogonal analytical** techniques required for characterization and testing of Biologics
- Experience with biologics in various project phases **since 1992** from **pre-IND to NDA/BLA/MAA approval to commercial release**
- Support for the **US and outside markets** in characterization and GMP activities
- All activities performed in **cGMP laboratories** by **analysts trained in cGMP** regulations
- >150 clients supported since 1999 (entry into Contract business)



Durham, North Carolina

Coming Soon

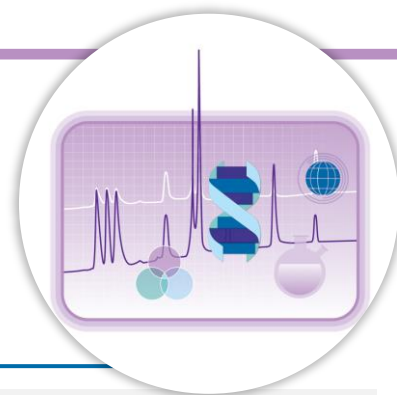
New site, July 2023

Transition Plan

Current RTP Biologics Analytical team to relocate, adding 200+ over time

Total Area

80,000+ sq. ft.



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SITE OFFERINGS

- Method management: development, optimization, transfer, feasibility, verification, pre-validation
- Phase specific method validations per ICH guidelines
- Good laboratory & manufacturing practices (GLP & GMP)

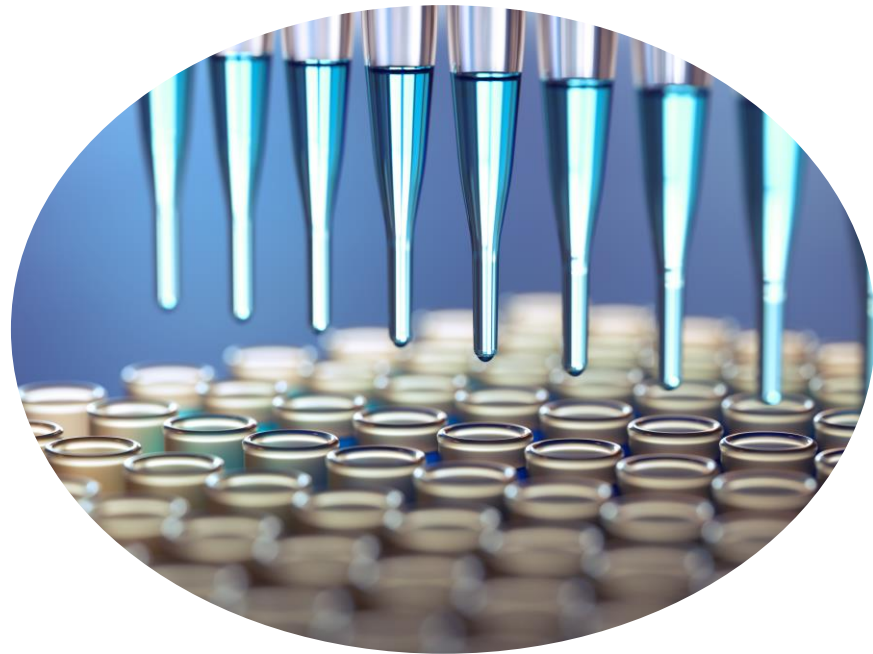
STRENGTHS

- Binding & potency, structure, identity & purity
- Bioassay automation
- Supports emerging modalities including mRNA, cell and gene therapies

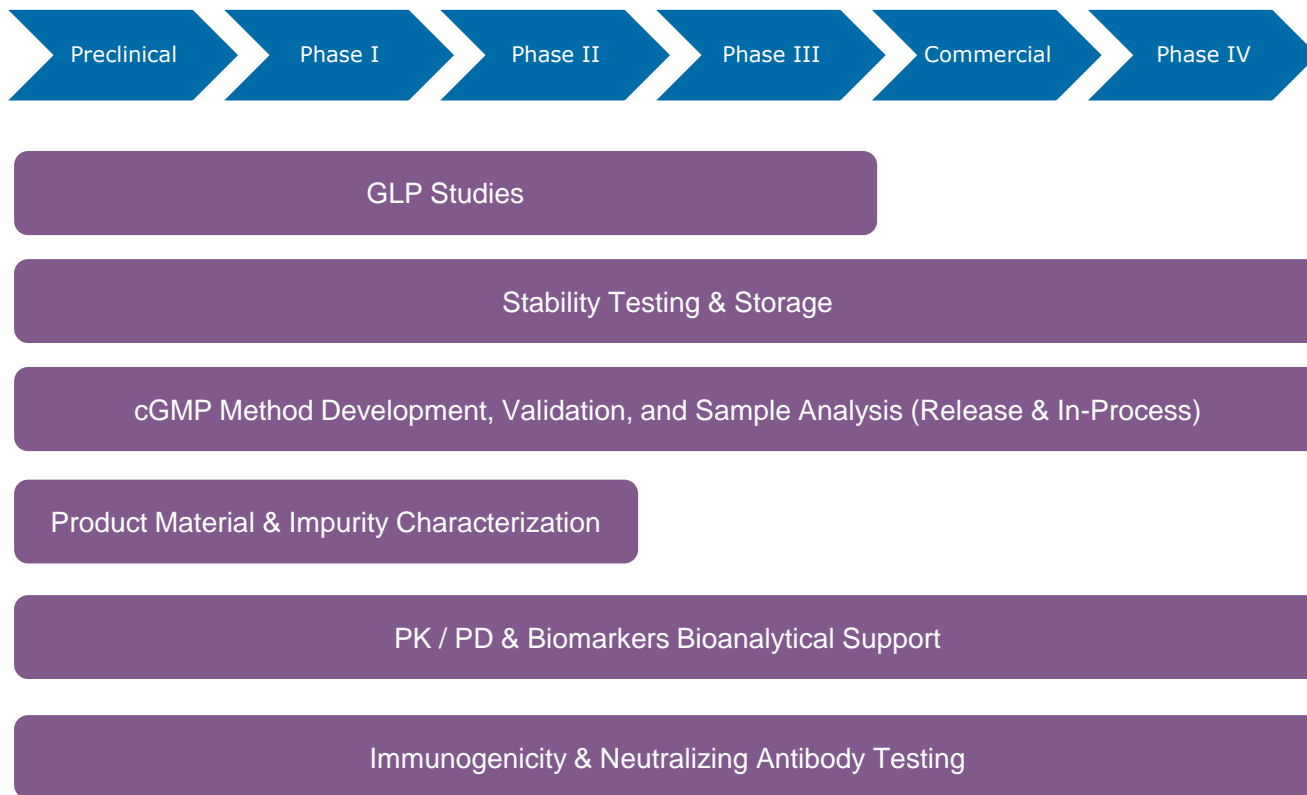
New Durham Facility Coming Online in July 2023

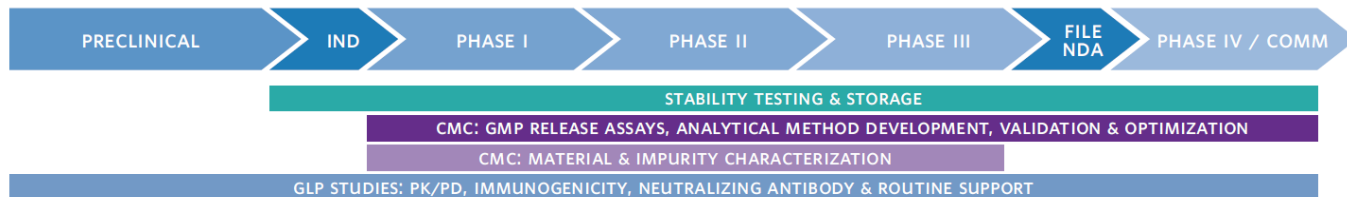
State-of-the-Art Laboratory

- 80,000 square foot facility
- Spacious, custom designed laboratory space
- Dedicated to biologics analytical with latest technology, instrumentation and automation
- Dedicated one way pass PCR suite
- 4x current capacity
- Flexibility for resources including dedicated FTEs and lab space



Durham's Integrated Solutions Across All Phases





STABILITY STORAGE CAPABILITIES

Over 70,000 ft³ of mapped/qualified chambers
 Temperature range: -80C to 60C
 Humidity range: 25% to 90% RH
 Redundancy in power, water & air systems
 ICH photostability option 2
 WHO, ASEAN, ICH and customizable chambers
 Thermal cycle & freeze/thaw exposures
 In-use studies
 Dedicated stability coordinators

CMC ANALYTICAL CAPABILITIES (GMP & NON-GMP)

RELATIVE POTENCY BIOASSAY

Bioassay automation (robotics)
 Proliferation/cytotoxicity assays
 Reporter gene assays
 mRNA transcription assays
 CRE-luciferase assessment
 NF-KB luciferase assessment
 Surrogate assays for effector antibody potency (ADCC and ADPC)
 Receptor activation (phosphorylation) assays
 Coagulation assays
 Flow cytometry
 Master and working analytical cell banks
 • Generate, characterize and/or store
 • Continuous culture analytical banks
 • Thaw-and-Go analytical banks

BINDING POTENCY ASSAYS

Binding assay automation (robotics)
 ELISAs (96 & 384-well formats)
 • Colorimetric
 • Fluorescent/luminescent
 • Electrochemiluminescence (ECL) (MSD)
 Radioassays
 • Radioligand binding assays
 • Radioligand uptake assays
 kD-determining binding assays

IMPURITY ASSAYS

Host cell residual DNA content
 Host cell protein (generic & specific)
 Residual protein A, L, G
 Residual insulin
 Residual glucagon
 Biolayer interferometry (BLI; Octet)

MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

PCR/qPCR/ddPCR
 • TaqMan & SYBR green
 • qPCR virus detection
 Mycoplasma determination
 Magnetic bead extraction (automated)
 Agarose gel analyses
 • RNA/DNA ID & integrity testing
 • Restriction digest DNA ID testing

PHYSICAL & COMPENDIAL TESTING (USP, EP, JP)

Extinction coefficient determination
 Protein concentration by UV/Vis
 Appearance testing (USP/EP)

Color & clarity (USP/EP)
 pH (USP/EP)
 Reconstitution time
 Fill volume
 Functional testing (PFS, auto-injector, cartridge)
 Osmolarity
 Refractive index
 Specific gravity
 Water content by Karl Fischer titration:
 • Volumetric
 • Coulometric
 Sub-visible particle analysis:
 • HIAC
 • MFI
 • Microscopy
 • Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS)
 Trace metals:
 • ICP-OES
 • ICP-MS
 • AA
 Particle size determination

ELECTRO-SEPARATION ANALYSES

Capillary electrophoresis
 • CE-SDS/CZE/CGE incl. LIF detectors
 • Capillary IEF (Protein Simple iCE3)
 • Lab chip
 • Maurice
 Slab gel electrophoresis
 • Reducing & non-reducing SDS-PAGE
 • Western blot (Gel & WES/JESS)
 • IEF gels

CHROMATOGRAPHY

UPLC/HPLC with the following detection:
 UV/FLR/ELSD/CAD/RI/MALS/MS, supporting: IEX, HIC, HILIC, reverse phase, SEC
 • Disulfide bonding with free Cys analysis
 • Glycosylation (N- and O-linked)
 • Oxidation
 • Payload-linkers, DAR, free drug for ADCs
 • Sequence variants
 • Amino acid composition analysis
 • Carbohydrate analysis (released glycans, monosaccharides, sialic acid)
 • Polysorbates (PS20, PS80, poloxamer)
 • Anti-foam
 • Triton

MASS SPECTROMETRY (MS)

UPLC/HPLC/NanoLC with Single Quad, Triple Quad, MS types
 • Disulfide bonding
 • Glycosylation (N- and O-linked)
 • Carbohydrate analysis (released glycans, monosaccharides, sialic acid)
 • Chemical & post-translational modifications (LC/UV/MS/MS-based peptide mapping)
 • Process impurities, clearance & degradant ID
 • Intact, reduced, PNGase F-treated average mass (MW) determination
 • Sequencing (N-terminal, oligonucleotides)
 • Extractables & leachables
 • Top down, middle down, bottom up

• Structural elucidation
 • HCP ID via UHPLC-MS/MS
 GC-MS with headspace & FID
 • Residual solvents & impurities

EXTENDED CHARACTERIZATION

Analytical ultracentrifugation
 • Sedimentation velocity/equilibrium
 • Absorbance or interference optical detection
 Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC)
 Light scattering (MALS, DLS)
 FTIR

MICROBIOLOGY

Identification of microorganisms
 Sterility qualification & testing
 Endotoxin detection
 Microbial limits & enumeration testing
 Bioburden
 Antimicrobial & disinfection testing

GLP CAPABILITIES

Cell-based bioassays & ELISAs
 Immunogenicity
 • Anti-Drug Antibodies (ADA)
 • Neutralizing antibodies
 • Reporter gene
 Drug metabolism
 • PK/PD & biomarkers
 • Bioanalytical

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