



# FDA Vision for Novel Technologies

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## Agenda

- AbiliLife's Story
- Where to Start and How to Begin
- FDA Strategies and Opportunities
- FDA Labeling
- The Reimbursement Framework
- The Integrated Regulatory & Reimbursement Strategy
- AbiliLife Pre-submission
- Final Conclusions



**Story**

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## The Product

### Intended Use/Indication for Use:

*Back brace designed specifically for Parkinson's patients.*

*Rolls shoulders up and back for more natural posture.*

*Rigid back panel supports from tailbone to the top of the shoulder blades.*

**Classification:** I, Exempt

**Regulation:** 21 CFR 890.3490

**Description:** Truncal Orthosis

**Code:** IQE



**FDA** Reg.& Listed # 3011170501



**DME-HCPCS Code L047**

# The Journey



1989



2009



BIOMEDICAL  
ENGINEERING  
Carnegie Mellon

2013



2014



2015



2016



2016

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**Medical Device  
Entrepreneurs  
Address an  
Unmet Medical Need  
Through  
Novel Technology**

**CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK**

- Personal Experiences
  - Product Vision and Design
- Novel Technology
  - Little/No Precedent
- FDA Purview
  - Potentially rate and cost limiting
- Reimbursement (ROI)
  - Separate from FDA strategy
- Investor Relationship
  - Separate from FDA Strategy

**END GOAL: ACCESS to Intended Medical Population**

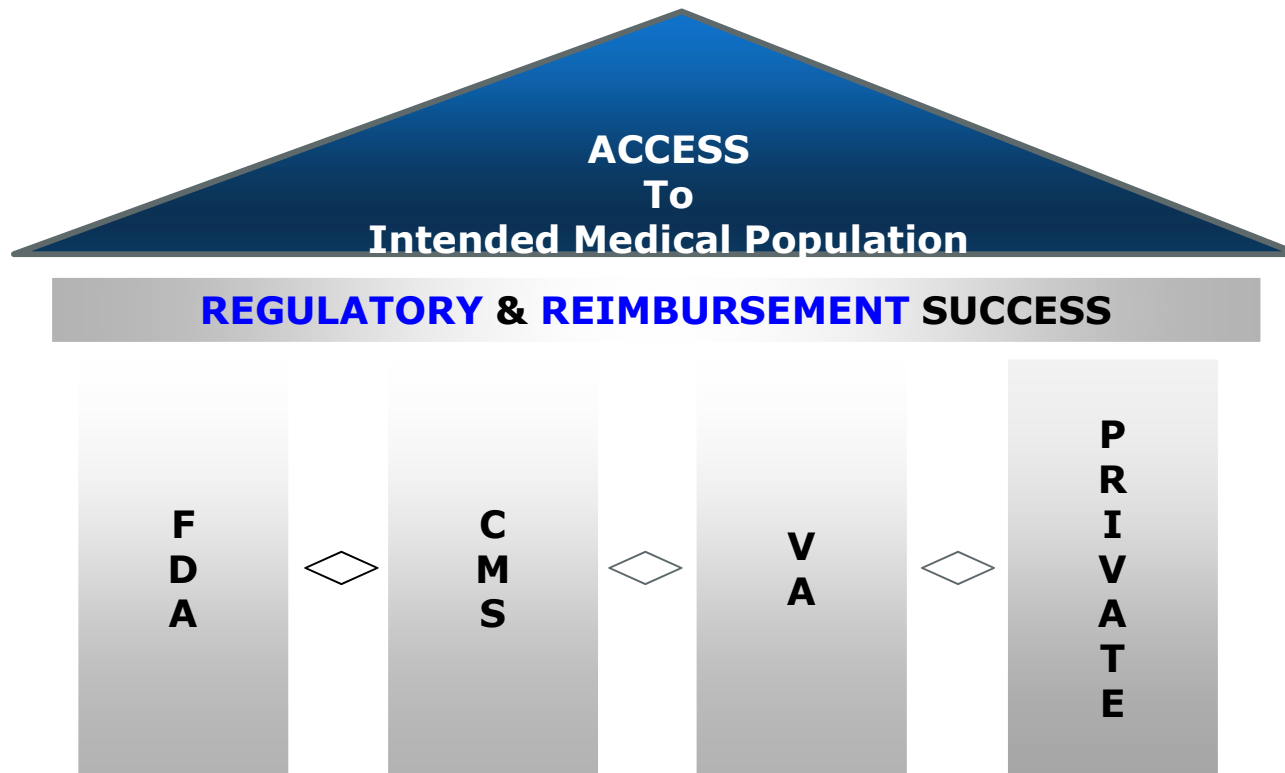


# Where to Start and How to Begin



**YOU THINK THE FDA IS WELL INTENTIONED,  
BUT WISH IT WOULDN'T HOLD YOU BACK IN YOUR  
AIM TO SAVE THE WORLD.**





**ACCESS = PRODUCT SUCCESS =  
*Integrated Regulatory + Reimbursement Strategy***

# FDA MISSION: Protect & Promote Health



For Medical Products (Drugs and Devices)

EFFICACY

SAFETY

QUALITY

...POSTMARKETING SURVEILLANCE (safety, supply, manufacture)

## FDA Regulates:

\$1 trillion worth of products a year

## Key FDA Legislation:

Guided by Public Health Events  
(> 100 yrs experience)

*Legally marketed toxic elixir killed 107 people, including many children*

**1938: Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic (FD&C) Act** - safety, factory inspections, labeling



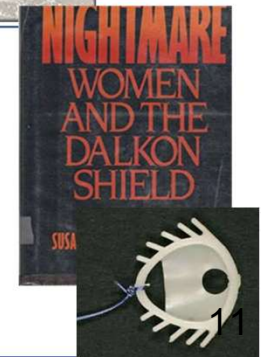
*EU thalidomide tragedy and FDA's vigilance that prevented the drug's marketing in US*

**1962: Kefauver-Harris Amendments** - strengthened safety rules, prove effectiveness



*faulty medical devices (including Dalkon Shield) had caused 10,000 injuries, including 731 deaths*

**1976: The Medical Device Amendments** - safety, effectiveness safeguards for devices



## FDA Prioritizes:

### Innovation to Speed Cures and Treatments



➤ **Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act - FDASIA (2012)**

➤ **21st Century Cures Act (2016)**

- Expedited programs\*: *Fast Track, Accelerated Approval, Breakthrough Designation, Priority Review, Humanitarian Device Exemption, Expedited Access Pathway, Regenerative Medicine Advanced Therapy*
- De Novo Pathways for New Medical Device Technology
- Strengthening Clinical Trial Enterprise
- National Evaluation System for Health Technology
- Patient Focused Product Development
- Real-World Evidence
- Balance Pre-Post-Approval Requirements
- Drug and Device Development Tools

➤ **Alliances**

- Academia : CERSI, OSEL (*includes CMU*)
- Global Health Authorities: ICH, IMDRF

\* : without lowering standards

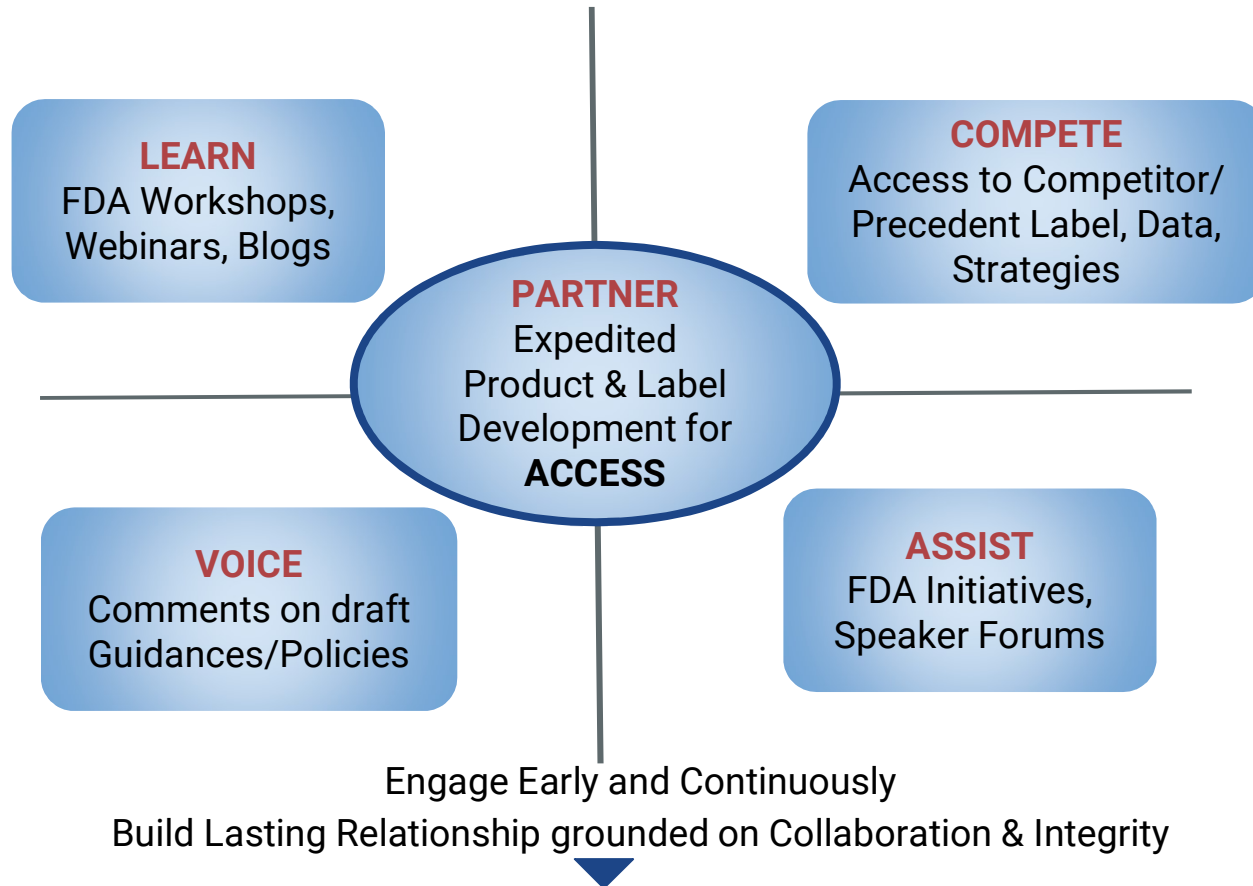


**2013-2017:** Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, Lung Cancer, HIV, Narcolepsy, Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, Heritable Bleeding Disorders, Inborn Errors of Metabolism, Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension, Fibromyalgia, Sickle Cell Disease, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency, Parkinson's Disease and Huntington's Disease, GI Disorders, Chagas Disease, Breast Cancer, Female Sexual Dysfunction, Non-tuberculous Mycobacterial Infections, Psoriasis, Neuropathic pain associated with Peripheral Neuropathy, Organ Transplant, Sarcopenia, Autism, Alopecia Areata, Hereditary Angioedema



# **FDA Opportunities and Strategies**

# FDA is an Invaluable Resource



**Build Relationship with Patients, Healthcare Community AND Investors**

# FDA Enhances Transparency & Learning



Blogs, eNotifications

CDERLearn



CDRHLearn

FDA Meetings, Conferences and Workshops



## Basics

- Guidances
- White Papers
- eCFR
- Publications
- Blogs
- Workshops
- Federal Register (Regulations.gov)

## Product Specific

- Label
- Review Summaries
- Product Recalls
- Safety Alerts
- Inspection Findings
- Advisory Committee Meetings

Current Information & Opportunity to Comment



Competitive Intelligence for Product Differentiation



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# 3 Fundamentals for Expedited Product Development FDA Submission Strategy & Product Differentiation

## ➤ Start with **Labeling Development**

- *What is the product and its claims (i.e. the 'pitch')*
- *THE document for prescribers, patients, caregivers*

## ➤ Build with **Benefit/Risk Framework**

- *What performance, efficacy, safety, quality studies - to validate the label*

## ➤ Optimize with **FDA Engagement**

- *How to achieve label claims & streamlined development pathway, leverage new initiatives, align on submission strategies*



# What is Labeling?

# What is Labeling

Summary for safe, effective use

For Healthcare Professionals to guide prescription

For Patients, Caregivers for use, decision making

Basis for Advertising, Promotion

Preventing Misbranding

## DRUG Indications

Contraindications, Warnings, Precautions  
 Dosage  
 Mechanism of Action  
 Clinical Pharmacology  
 Safety  
 Efficacy  
 Supply

**HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**  
 These highlights do not include all the information needed to use BAVENCIO safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for BAVENCIO.

**BAVENCIO® (avastin) injection, for intravenous use**  
 Initial U.S. Approval: 2017

**INDICATIONS AND USAGE**  
 BAVENCIO is a programmed death ligand-1 (PD-L1) blocking antibody indicated for the treatment of adults and pediatric patients 12 years and older with metastatic Merkel cell carcinoma (MCC). (1)  
 This indication is approved under accelerated approval. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in confirmatory trials. (1, 10)

**DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION**  
 • Administer 10 mg/kg as an intravenous infusion over 90 minutes every 2 weeks. (2.1)  
 • Premedicate with acetaminophen and an antihistamine for the first 4 infusions and subsequently as needed. (2.2)

**DOSE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**  
 Injection: 200 mg/10 mL (20 mg/mL) solution in single-dose vial. (3)

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**  
 None. (4)

**WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**  
 • Immune-mediated pneumonitis: Withhold for moderate pneumonitis; permanently discontinue for severe, life-threatening or recurrent moderate pneumonitis. (5.1)

**FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION: CONTENTS\***

- 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE
- 2 DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION
  - 2.1 Recommended Dosage
  - 2.2 Premedication
  - 2.3 Dose Modifications
  - 2.4 Preparation and Administration
- 3 DOSE FORMS AND STRENGTHS
- 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS
- 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS
  - 5.1 Immune-Mediated Pneumonitis
  - 5.2 Immune-Mediated Hepatitis
  - 5.3 Immune-Mediated Colitis
  - 5.4 Immune-Mediated Endocrinopathies
  - 5.5 Immune-Mediated Nephritis and Renal Dysfunction
  - 5.6 Other Immune-Mediated Adverse Reactions
  - 5.7 Infusion-Related Reactions
  - 5.8 Embryo/Fetal Toxicity
- 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS
  - 6.1 Clinical Trials Experience
  - 6.2 Immunogenicity

- Immune-mediated hepatitis: Monitor for changes in liver function. Withhold for moderate hepatitis; permanently discontinue for severe or life-threatening hepatitis. (5.2)
- Immune-mediated colitis: Withhold for moderate or severe colitis; permanently discontinue for life-threatening or recurrent severe colitis. (5.3)
- Immune-mediated endocrinopathies: Withhold for severe or life-threatening endocrinopathies (5.4)
- Immune-mediated nephritis and renal dysfunction: Withhold for moderate or severe nephritis and renal dysfunction; permanently discontinue for life-threatening nephritis or renal dysfunction. (5.5)
- Infusion-related reactions: Interrupt or slow the rate of infusion for mild or moderate infusion-related reactions. Stop the infusion and permanently discontinue BAVENCIO for severe or life-threatening infusion-related reactions. (5.7)
- Embryo/fetal toxicity: BAVENCIO can cause fetal harm. Advise of potential risk to a fetus and use of effective contraception. (5.8, 8.1, 8.3)

**ADVERSE REACTIONS**  
 Most common adverse reactions (reported in ≥ 20% of patients) were fatigue, musculoskeletal pain, diarrhea, nausea, infusion-related reactions, risk, decreased appetite, and peripheral edema. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact EMD Serono at 1-800-283-8085 ext. 5563 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

**USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**  
 Lactation: Advise not to breastfeed. (8.2)

**See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and Medication Guide.**

- 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS
  - 8.1 Pregnancy
  - 8.2 Lactation
  - 8.3 Females and Males of Reproductive Potential
  - 8.4 Pediatric Use
  - 8.5 Geriatric Use
- 9 OVERDOSAGE
- 10 HOW SUPPLIED
- 11 DESCRIPTION
- 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY
  - 12.1 Mechanism of Action
  - 12.2 Pharmacokinetics
- 13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY
  - 13.1 Carcinogenicity, Mutagenicity, and Clastogenicity
  - 13.2 Animal Toxicology and Pharmacology
  - 13.3 Immunogenicity
- 14 CLINICAL STUDIES
- 15 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING
- 16 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION
- 17 DESCRIPTION OF CLINICAL TRIALS

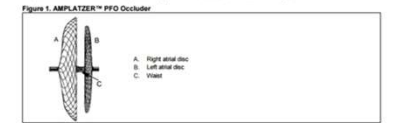


## DEVICE Intended Use Indications for Use

Contraindications, Warnings, Precautions  
 Instructions for Use: Physician, Patient  
 Device Description  
 Specifications  
 Safety  
 Effectiveness

### Instructions for Use

**Device Description**  
 The AMPLAZER™ PFO Occluder (Figure 1) is a self-expandable, double-disc device made from a Nitinol wire mesh. The 2 discs are linked together by a short connecting waist. In order to increase its closing ability, the discs contain thin polyester fabric. The polyester fabric is securely sewn to each disc by a polyester thread.



**Indications and Usage**  
 The AMPLAZER™ PFO Occluder is indicated for percutaneous transcatheter closure of a patent foramen ovale (PFO) to reduce the risk of recurrent ischemic stroke in patients, predominantly between the ages of 18 and 60 years, who have had a cryptogenic stroke due to a presumed paradoxical embolism, as determined by a neurologist and cardiologist following an evaluation to exclude known causes of ischemic stroke.

- Contraindications**
- Patients with intra-cardiac mass, vegetation, tumor or thrombus at the intended site of implant, or documented evidence of venous thrombosis in the vessels through which access to the PFO is gained.
  - Patients whose vasculature, through which access to the PFO is gained, is anastomotic.
  - Patients with anatomy in which the AMPLAZER™ PFO device size may not fit.
  - Patients with other source of right-to-left shunts, including an atrial septal aneurysm.
  - Patients with active endocarditis or other untreated infections.



STERILE  
 R Only  
 AMPLAZER™ PFO Occluder

# What is a Drug or a Device?

Per the FD&C Act  
**DRUG or DEVICE defined by its INTENDED USE**

## Intended for use in DISEASE

- Diagnosis
- Cure
- Mitigation
- Treatment

## Intended to AFFECT STRUCTURE or any FUNCTION of the body

Does not achieve any of its primary intended purposes through **CHEMICAL ACTION** within or on the body  
(Device only)

**LABELING**

## Case Study: Mar 2017

The NY General's office settled with three mobile health apps alleged misleading claims and irresponsible privacy practices

- Adidas subsidiary Runtastic
- MIT Media Lab spinoff Cardiio
- Matis, maker of "My Baby's Beat"

Did not function as advertised

Made misleading claims

Did not protect sensitive user information



Labeling Strategy

& Product Differentiation drive

Submission Strategy



Identify Least Burdensome Pathway to Achieve Desired Labeling

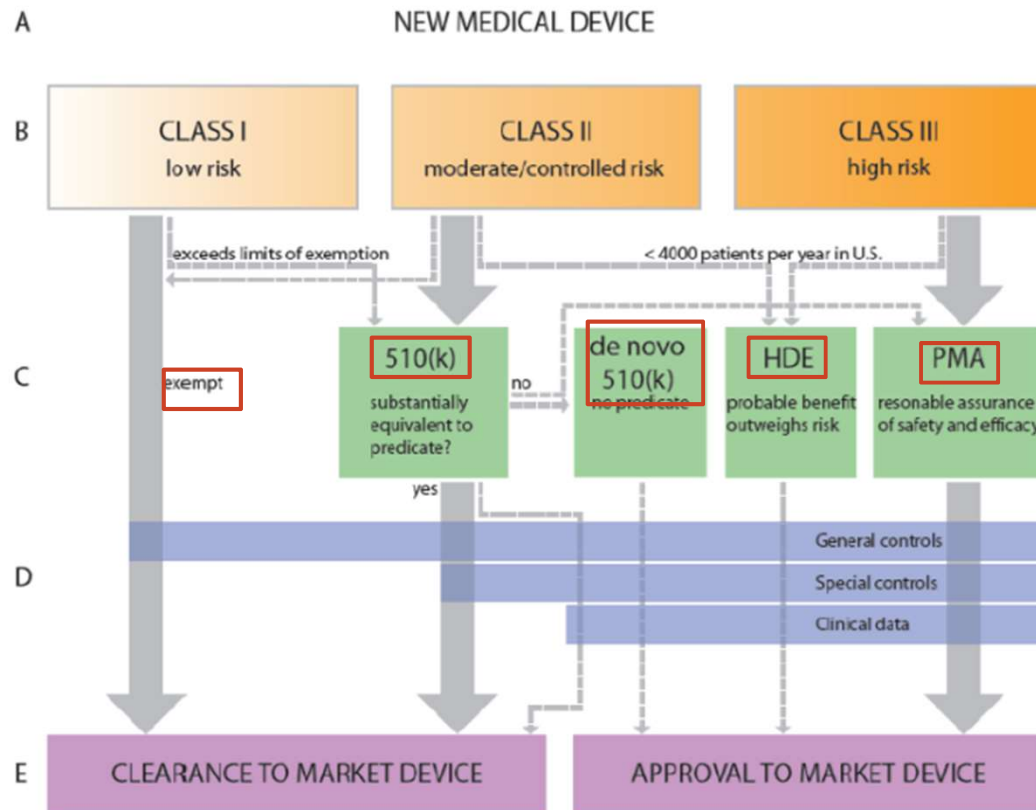
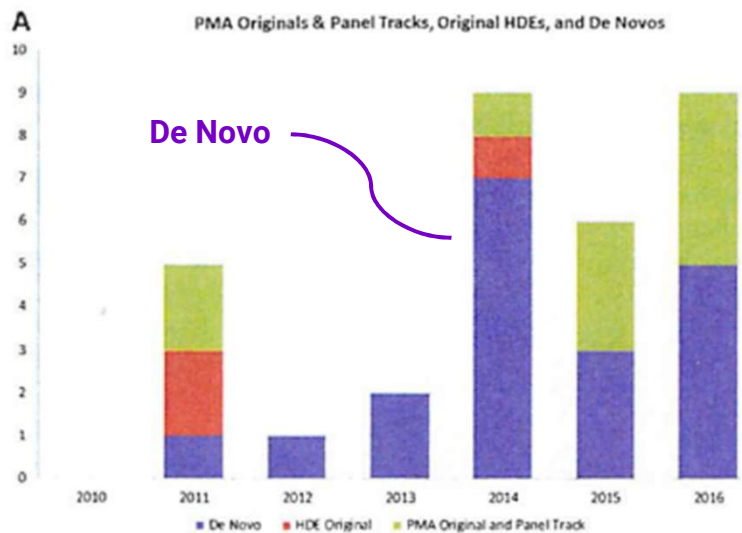


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# De Novo Pathway for Startups

Increasing Trend for New Technology



Devices that aren't comparable enough to a marketed device

Generates New Classification Regulation, Class I/II

- ★ FDA eager to engage on New Technology
- ★ No Submission Fee
- ★ Reasonable Review timelines (120 d)
- ★ Directly contribute to New Classification Regulation (*guided by Proposed Labeling!*)
- ★ First to Market

# What is FDA Engagement (no fees)

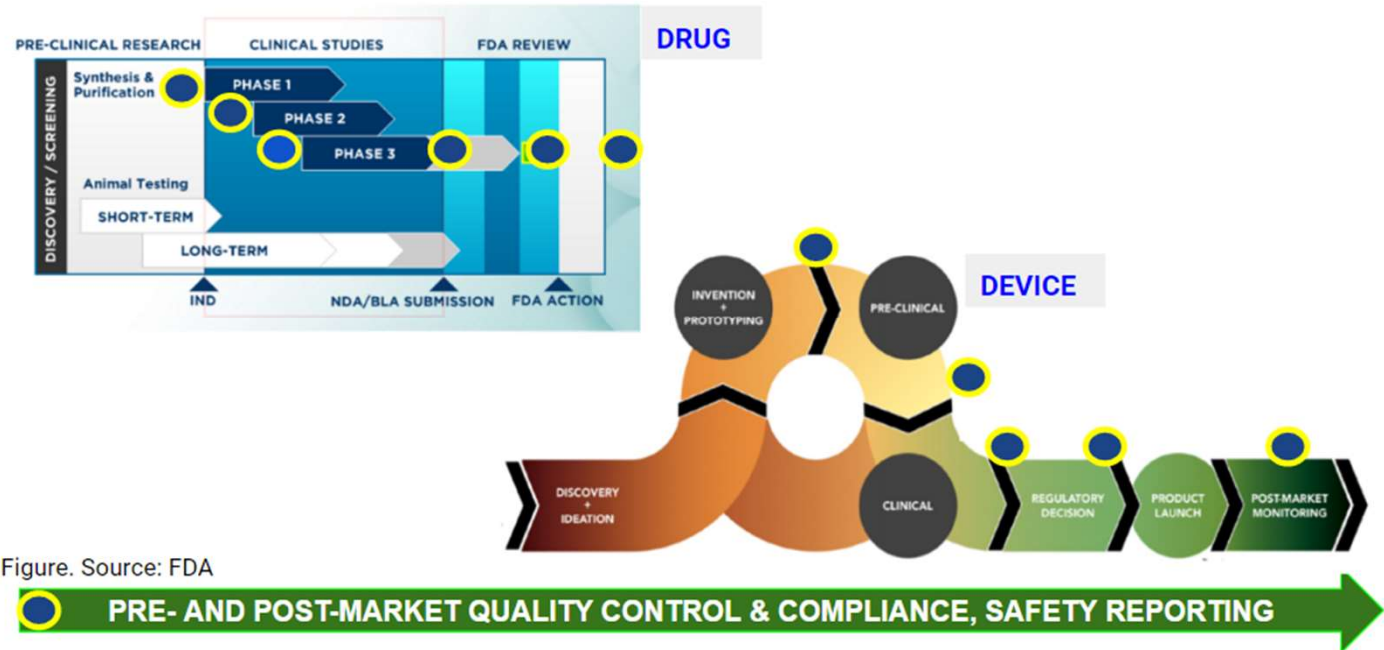


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## Formal Meetings

### DRUGS

- Type A, B, C Meetings
- Pre-IND
- End-of-Phase 1
- End-of-Phase 2 (EOP2)
- Pre-NDA
- During and Post-NDA

### DEVICES

- Pre-Submission
- Informational
- Study Risk Determination
- Agreement Meeting
- Determination Meeting
- Submission Issue meeting
- Day 100 Meeting

Also available via Phone, Email



## Case Study: Mar 20, 2017



### Array BioPharma Provides NEMO Update

- NRAS-mutant melanoma NDA withdrawn based on thorough discussions with FDA and following late cycle review meeting -

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### Array walks back its FDA pitch on binimetinib, derailing plans for commercial launch

Fifteen months after the Boulder, CO-based **biotech said that it had the data needed for its first approval** of binimetinib for NRAS-positive melanoma, execs are walking back the application and its plans for a launch.

In a statement out Sunday evening, Array \$ARRY said that **after getting feedback from the FDA**, execs “concluded that the clinical benefit demonstrated in the Phase 3 NEMO **clinical trial would not be found sufficient** to support approval of the NRAS-mutant melanoma NDA.”

**Shares of Array dropped 26%** in pre-market trading Monday.

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### Losing Nemo: Array pulls skin cancer NDA for binimetinib

value driver for the company: “We think this comes as a surprise to investors and is a clear setback for the company and management’s regulatory and commercial strategy.”

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**Engaging with  
FDA as a  
Startup**

**To**

**Ensure  
ACCESS to  
Intended  
Population**

➤ Start with **Label Development**

- *What is the Indication/Use? **How is it meaningful to patients?** What claims to differentiate, market position, present to Investors?*

➤ Build with **Benefit/Risk Framework**

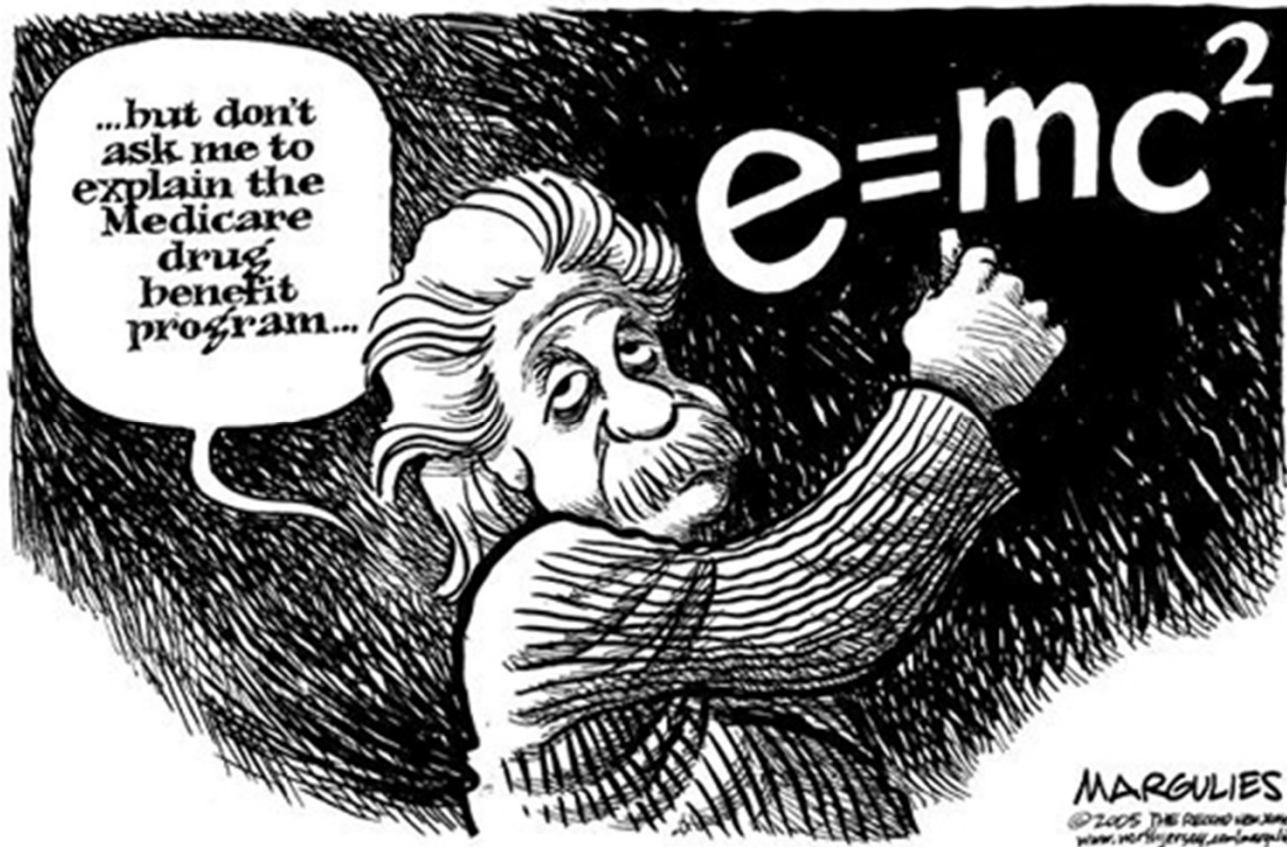
- *Cost/Timeline/Resources based on Labeling Strategy and FDA Innovation, Guide Fundraising strategy, **Highlight strengths to differentiate***

➤ Optimize with **FDA Engagement**

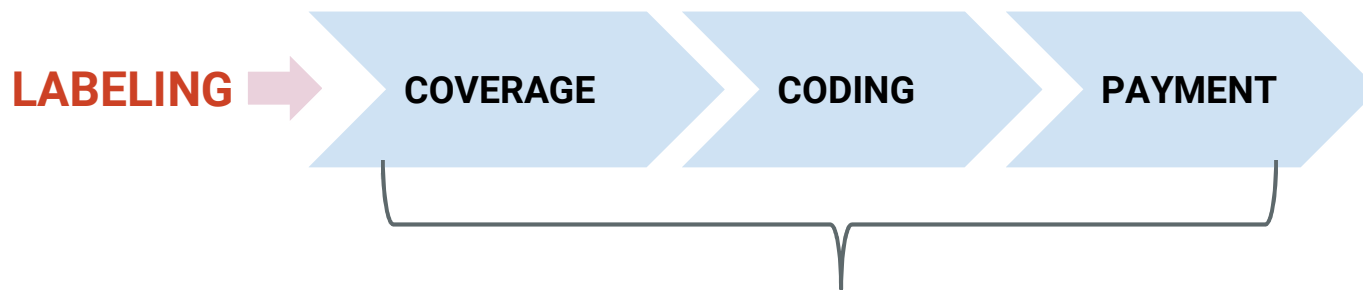
- *Leverage all available resources, identify least burdensome strategy(s), **Explore novel approaches to enhance value**, Gain visibility by engaging in initiatives*



# The Reimbursement Framework



# Reimbursement: Essential for ACCESS



**PAYERS**  
Seek information on EFFECTIVENESS, SAFETY & **COST-EFFECTIVENESS**

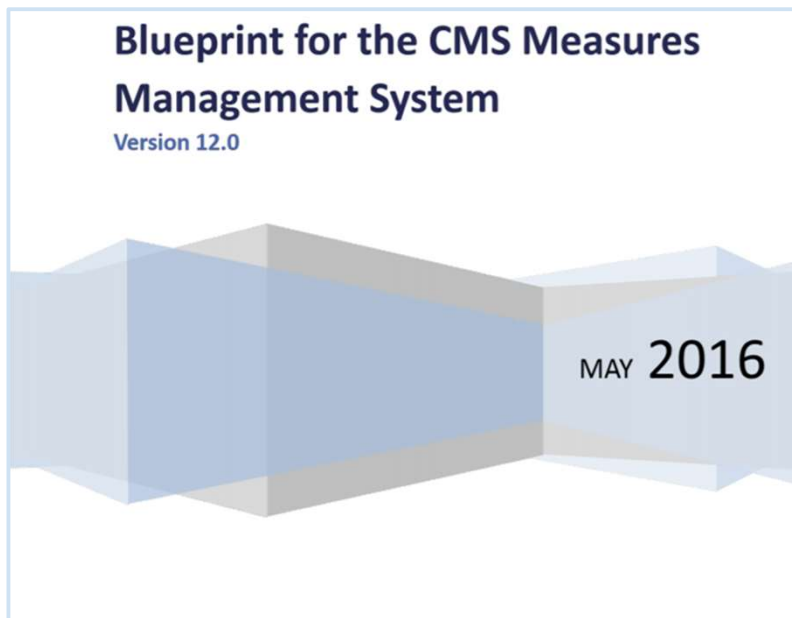


- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, DHHS
- Formed by the Social Security Act
- Seeks Health Care Economic Information



Similar Criteria; Interagency Agreements, Contracts


# CMS' Evolving Strategies share commonalities with FDA's Guidances, Innovation Initiatives



**Transitioning** from a Fee for Service (FFS) system to a **payment system based on quality and value**

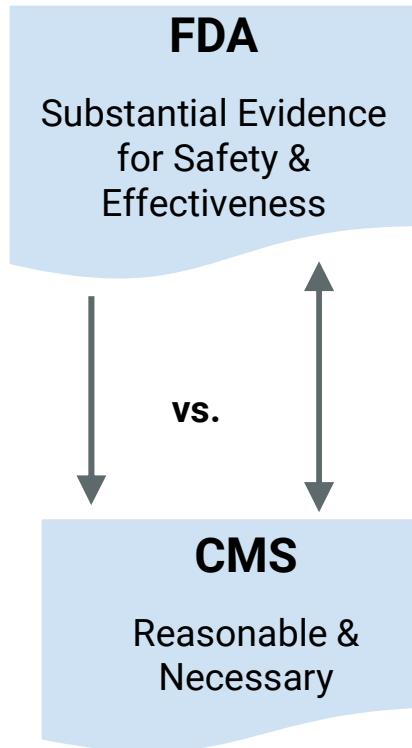
**6 Goals** to improve the quality of care

1. Make Care Safer
2. Strengthen Person and Family Engagement
3. Promote Effective Communication and Coordination of Care
4. Promote Effective Prevention and Treatment
5. Work with Communities to Promote Best Practices of Healthy Living
6. Make Care Affordable



# **The Integrated Regulatory & Reimbursement Strategy**

# FDA vs CMS: Integrate and Engage Early



## GENERAL Approach - Fragmented

1. FDA approval/clearance
2. Approval for coverage and payment
3. *May need additional studies to address Payer requirements*



## INTEGRATED Approach - Simultaneous

Leverage shared evidence source for both Agencies while addressing criteria for decision making



# CMS and FDA's Regulatory Review & Coverage Coordination

**Rochelle Fink, M.D., J.D.**—  
FDA-CMS Liaison  
Center for Devices & Radiological Health  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration

## Program's **Future**



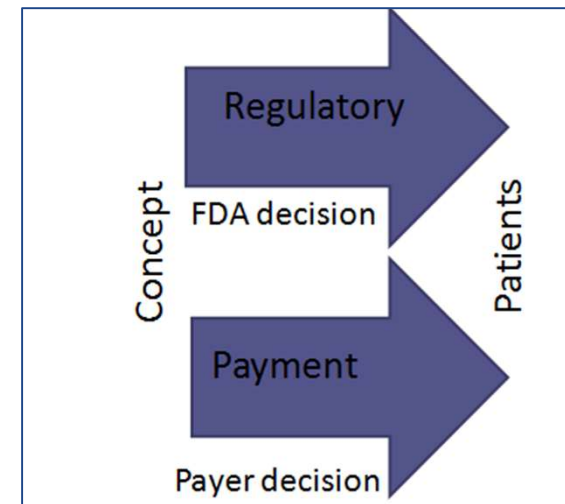
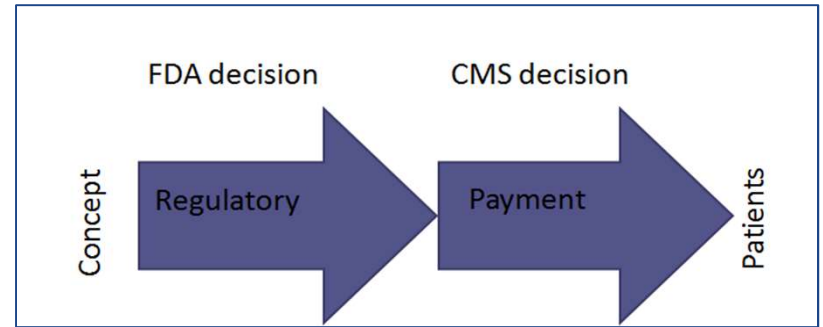
FDA Review Team



Manufacturer



Payer



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## CDRH Innovation:

## Payer Communication Task Force (PCTF)

- Opportunities to **Obtain Payer Input Simultaneously with FDA**
  - a. Pre-Submission Participation
  - b. Parallel Review Program
- Potentially **shorten time** between FDA approval/clearance and actual coverage decisions
- By **communicating earlier, design clinical trials** for regulatory approval/clearance and positive coverage determination
- **Participating Payers:** CMS, BlueCross BlueShield, Humana, Kaiser Permanente, NICE (UK!)

→ **Discuss and Align on Clinical program with FDA + Payer at Pre-Submission Meeting**

→ **FDA PCTF co-ordinates participation of CMS + Other payers**

## Parallel Review Program: The Stats

**2011:** Pilot Program initiated

**2013:** Pilot Program extended

**2016:** Program fully implemented

**> 60 inquiries, 29 applications**

**Several Pre-Submission Meetings have likely occurred**

**2014**



FDA News Release

**FDA approves first non-invasive DNA screening test for colorectal cancer**

*Collaboration with CMS contributed to proposed Medicare coverage*

**2016**



Aug 2, 2016

**FoundationOne® Accepted by FDA and CMS for Parallel Review and FDA Expedited Access Pathway**

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**Engaging with  
FDA & Payer  
as a Startup**

**for**

**Expedited  
ACCESS to  
Intended  
Population**

➤ Start with **Label Development**

- *Address FDA and Payer needs - focus on the **value** to patients, caregivers, medical community*

➤ Build with **Benefit/Risk & Cost-Effectiveness Framework**

- *Address FDA and Payer needs in pivotal study*

➤ Optimize with **FDA & Payer Engagement**

- *Obtain FDA clearance/approval and Local/national coverage in a timely manner*



# **AbiliLife Pre-Submission**

## **Label Development : Differences in wording impacting Evidentiary Requirements and Submission Strategy**

Alert for High Fall Risk

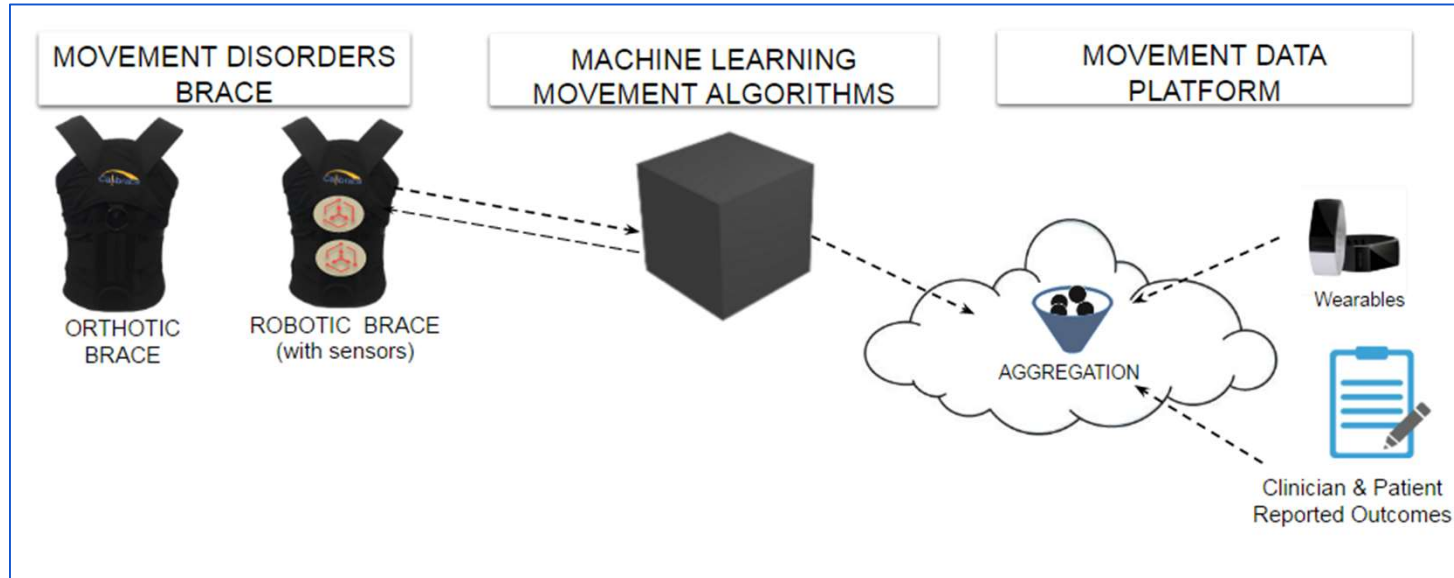
Versus

Prevention of Fall

\*business decision

# Pre-Sub Meeting led to Portfolio Enhancement Opportunities

## BEFORE Pre-Submission

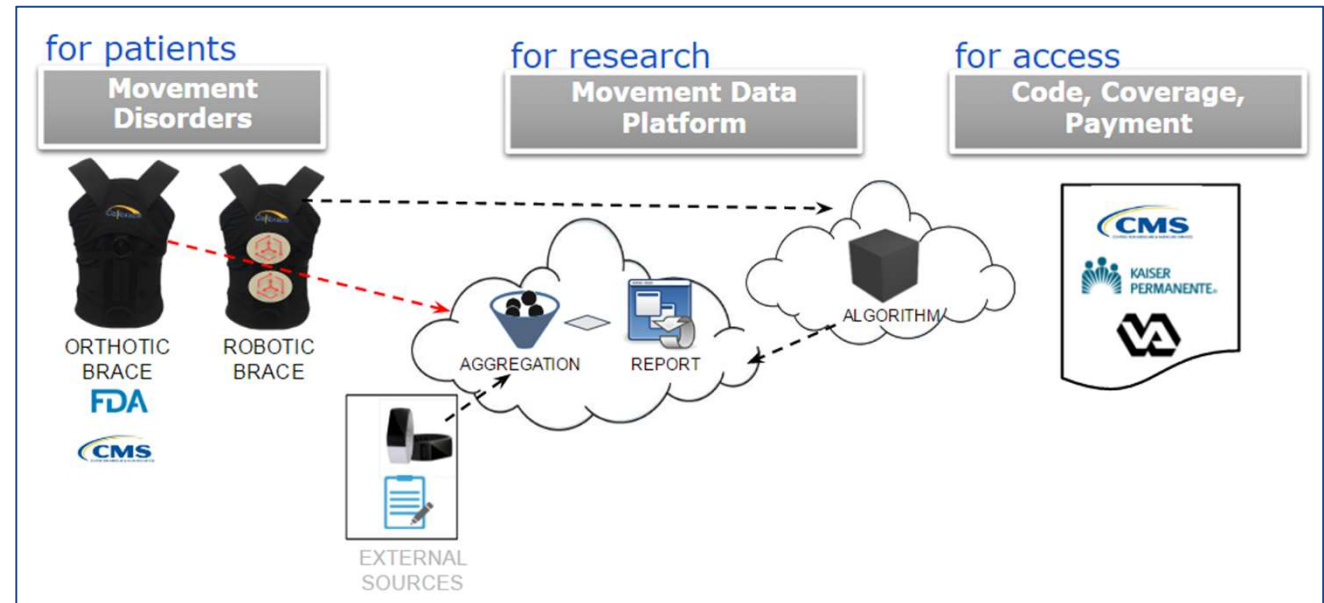


- 1 Medical Device pathway - Fee for Subm.
- FDA purview (?) of Non-Device Platform
- FDA assistance (?) for CMS engagement
- Interaction with CDRH Review Branch

# Pre-Sub Meeting led to Portfolio Enhancement Opportunities

## AFTER Pre-Submission

- 1 Medical Device pathway - No fee
- 3 FDA Designations for Platform - No Fee
- Streamlined Strategies for Studies
- Facilitated Engagement with CMS
- Facilitated Engagement with Private Payer
- Expanded scope of FDA Interactions





# Software Development Prototype

```
1 import boto3
2 import boto3
3 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4 import numpy as np
5
6 s3_resource = boto3.resource('s3')
7 s3 = boto3.client('s3')
8 ans = np.array([])
9 output = np.array([])
10 interval = 2
11
12
13 try:
14
15     bucket = 'example32317'
16     response1 = s3.list_objects(
17         Bucket=bucket)
18     for obj in response1["Contents"]:
19         key = obj["key"]
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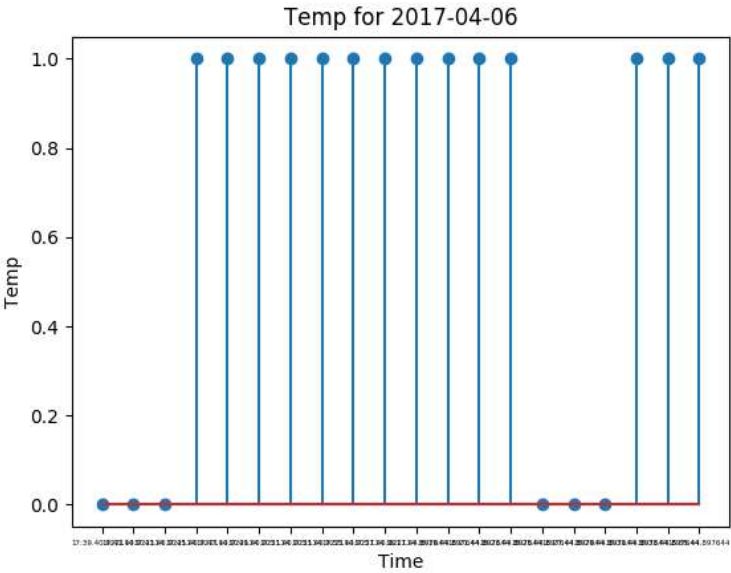
AWS Lambda Dashboard

Code Configuration Triggers Monitoring

Code entry type Edit code inline

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1 from __future__ import print_function
2 import boto3
3 import boto3
4 import datetime
5
6
7 def lambda_handler(event, context):
8     print(event)
9     bucket = event['Records'][0]['s3']['bucket']['name']
10    key = event['Records'][0]['s3']['object']['key']
11
12    try:
13        s3 = boto3.client('s3')
14        response = s3.get_object(Bucket=bucket, Key=key)
15        #read data from file
16        dataStr = response['Body'].read()
17
18        #convert from str to array of ints
19        dataArray = dataStr.split(',')
20        dataArr = dataArray[0:len(dataArr)-1]
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# Continuum of CDRH Engagement

## to Optimize

## Regulatory & Reimbursement Strategy

### Alignment of Label/Development/Submission Strategies

- F2F Pre-Submission Meeting
  - Several email/ phone calls with Document Control Center, Branch Chief and Lead Reviewer prior to meeting

### Additional Product Registration Strategies

- Phone/Email with Master File (MAF) Office
- Phone/Email with Medical Device Development Tool (MDDT) Program Office
- Phone/Email with OSEL

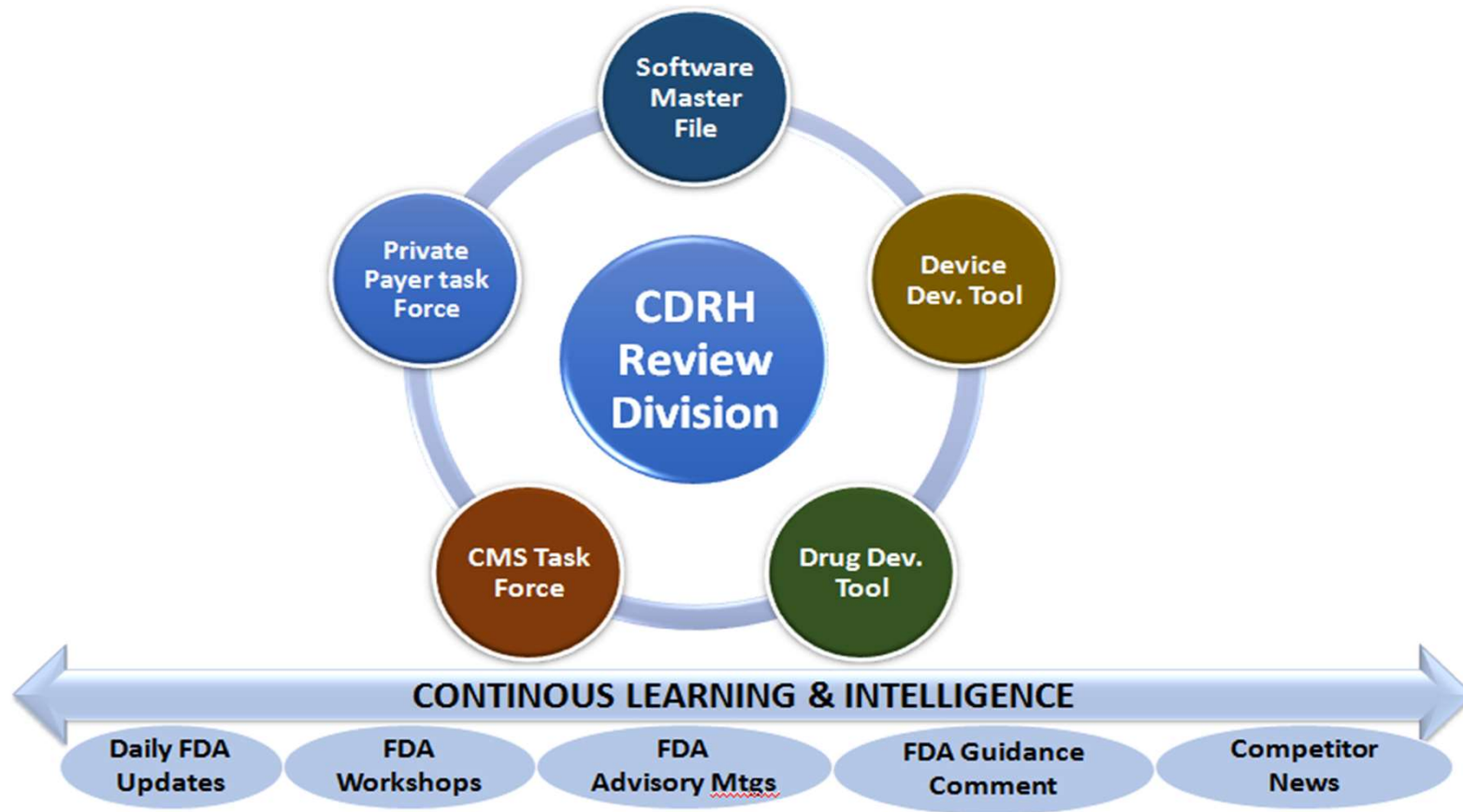
### CMS Engagement

- Phone/Email with CMS Point of Contact
- Phone/Email with PCTF office

### Followup on Optimized AbiliLife Portfolio

- T/C with Lead Reviewer

# FDA Engagement & Learning: Continuous, Multi-Faceted





# **Final Conclusions**

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## **Impact of FDA Engagement on**

## **External Communications**

## **Portfolio Value Enhancement**

Integrated processes between FDA strategy and business development

E.g. Manufacturer, Distributor, Investor, Grant Applications

Value Assessment of Portfolio



## **Summary of Learnings as an Entrepreneur**

- Interact with the FDA early and often
- Make sure that your investors understand the FDA process
- View the FDA as a partner and not as a foe
- Understand the value of having an FDA approved product for when you value your company