



Global Companion Diagnostic (CDx) Registration: Clinical Evidence and Regulatory Pathways

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Characteristics of Companion Diagnostics

Summarized from 38 US-approved CDx

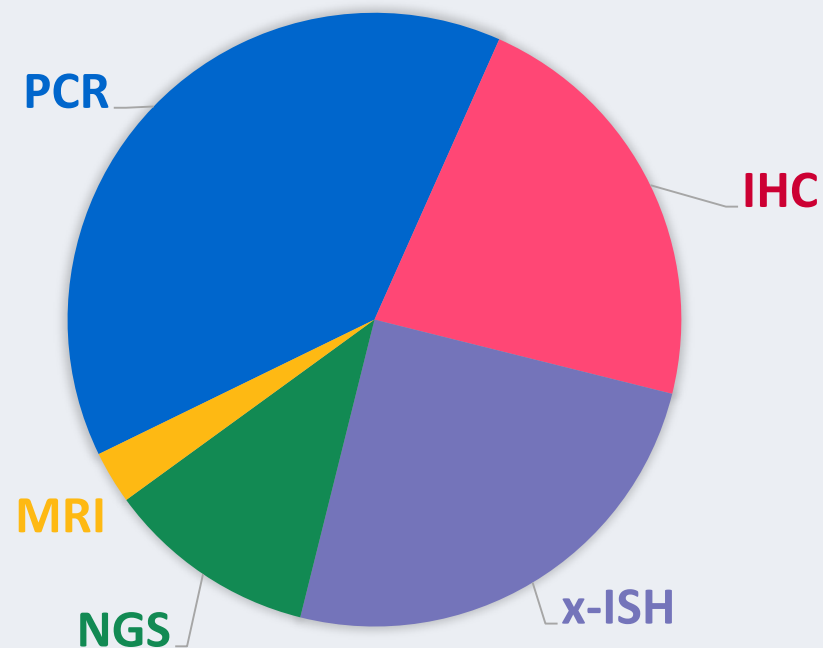
35 Oncology 3 Other disease

25 One drug 13 Multi-drug

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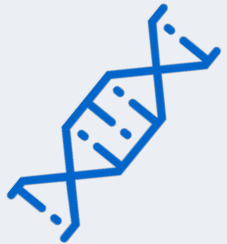
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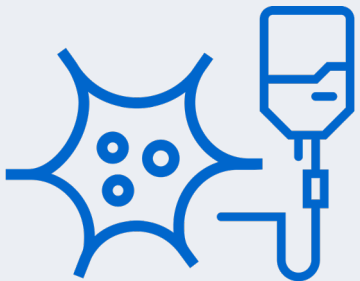
Shape the regulatory landscape to ensure Companion Diagnostics (CDx) reach patients



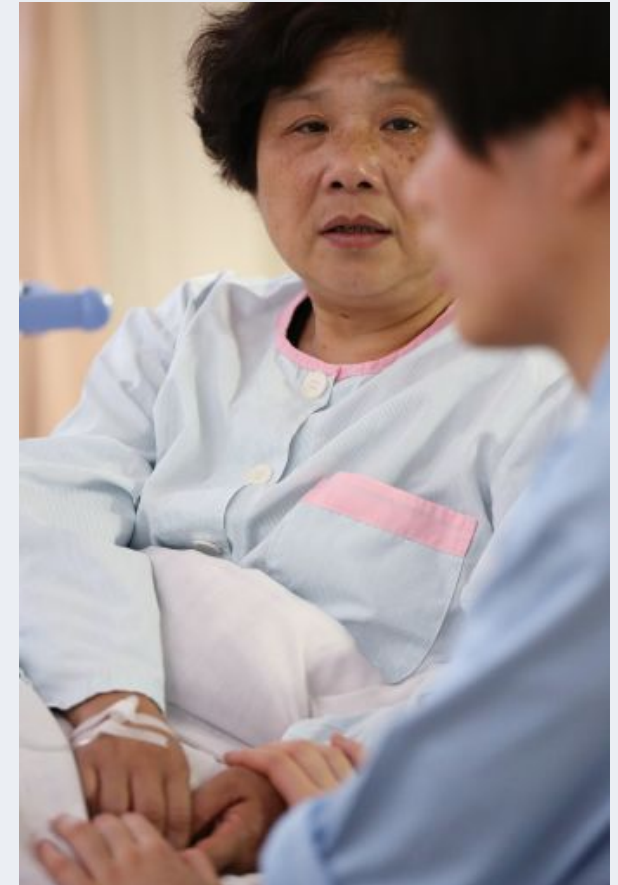
Definition & Labeling



Clinical Evidence



Registration Pathway



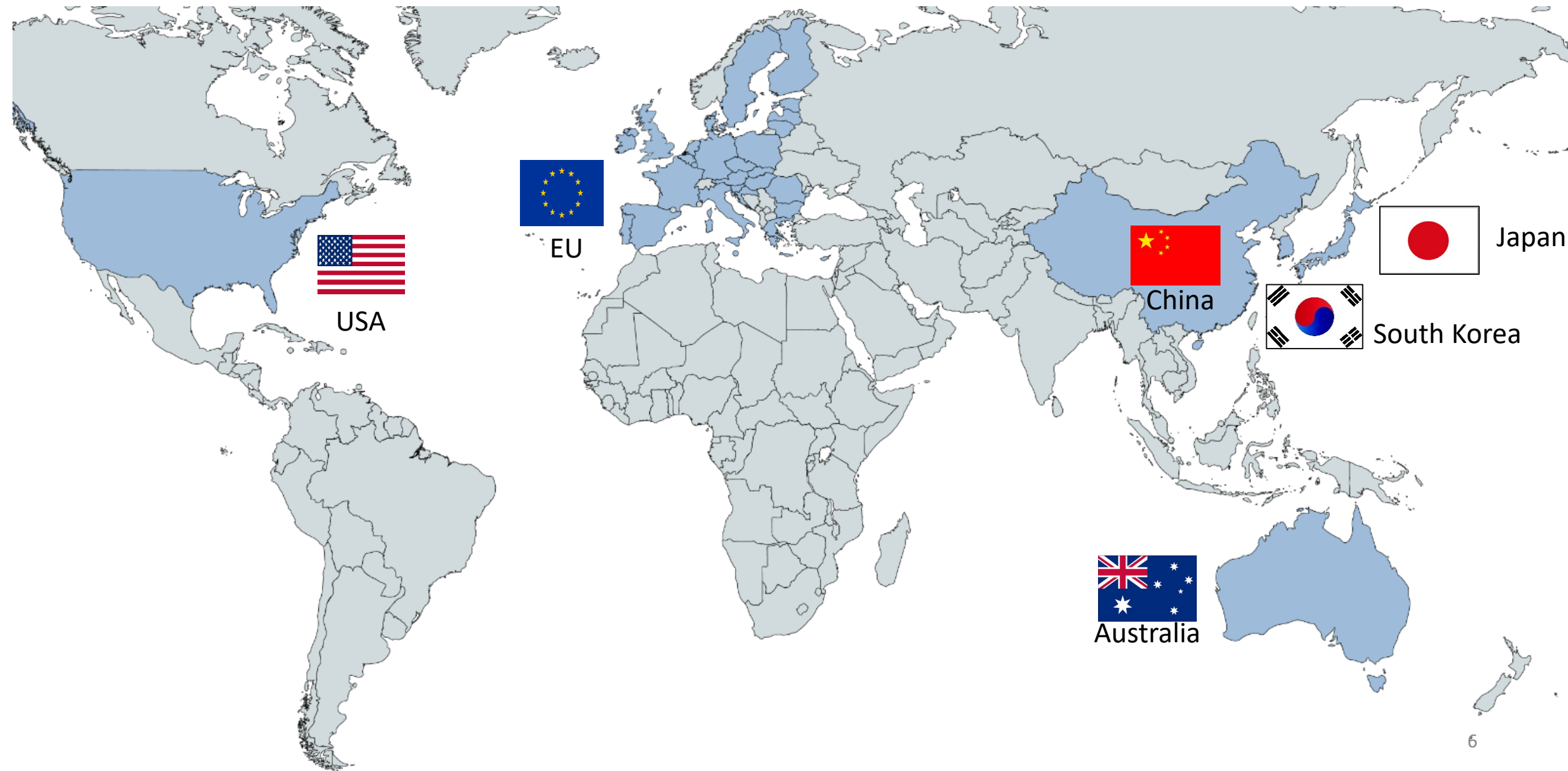
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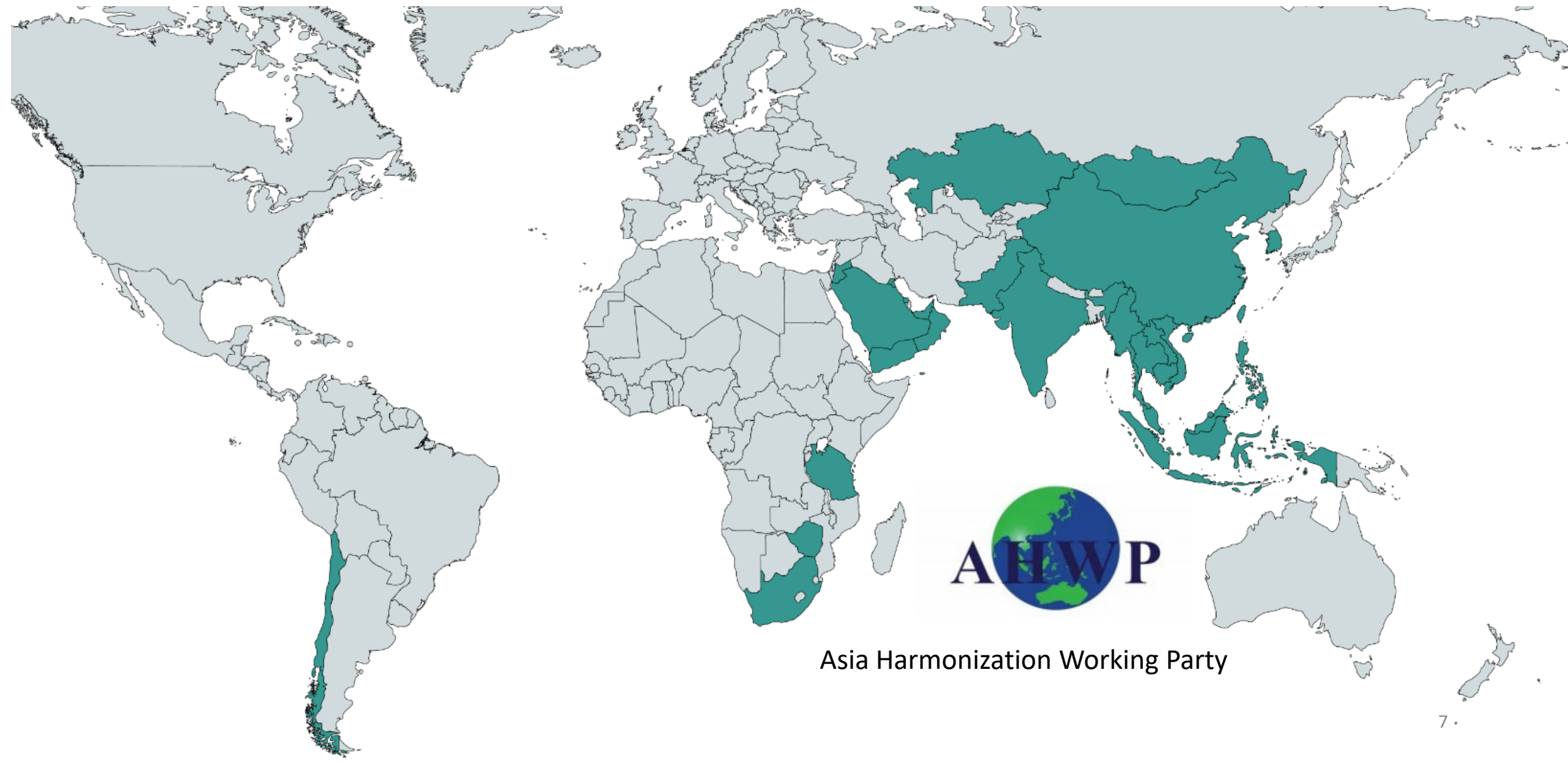
Global Landscape: A brief overview

...trend towards increasing regulation

Countries/ Regions with specific CDx Regulations or Guidance



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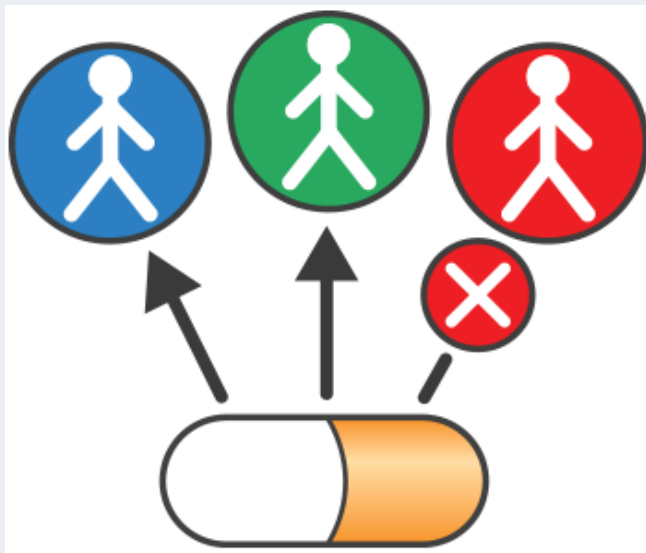
CDx Definition:
Essential for the use of corresponding drug

...and reflected in the labelling of both products

CDx Definition

Basic Elements

Companion Diagnostic (CDx) : an in vitro diagnostic device (IVD) that is **required** for the proper use of a specific targeted drug



- **Select patients who are eligible for treatment**
- **Predict benefit from treatment**
- **Identify patients at increased risk for serious adverse events**

Not CDx:

- Therapeutic drug monitoring
- Viral load testing
- Coagulation testing
- Complementary Diagnostics

CDx Definition: **essential** for use of corresponding drug

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“Companion In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Device ’ means an in vitro diagnostics medical device which is **essential** for the safe and effective use of a corresponding therapeutic product to:

- a. identify, before and/or during treatment, patients who are most likely to benefit from the corresponding therapeutic product; or
- b. identify, before and/or during treatment, patients likely to be at increased risk of serious adverse reactions as a result of treatment with the corresponding therapeutic product.

from AHWP/WG2/F001:2017 “Proposed Guidance for Additional Considerations to Support Conformity Assessment of Companion In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices” 4 Sept 2017

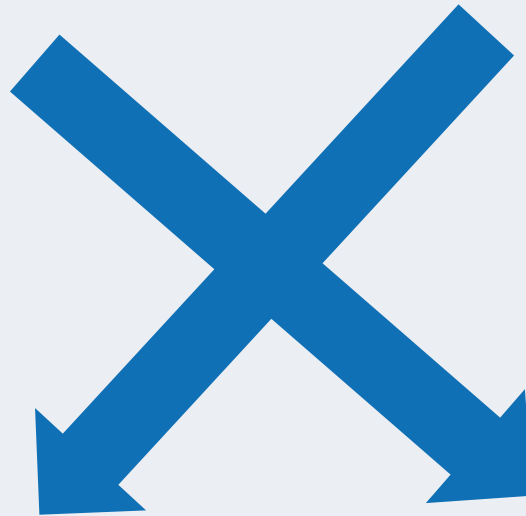
CDx Labeling: CDx status in **both** drug and device label

Crosslabeling



CDx Label

- Intended use statement describes use with specific drug or class of drugs
- Clinical Performance section summarizes CDx performance in terms of drug



Targeted Drug label

- Reflects need for biomarker assessment with a registered/ validated assay
- Specific assay name can appear in Clinical Performance section

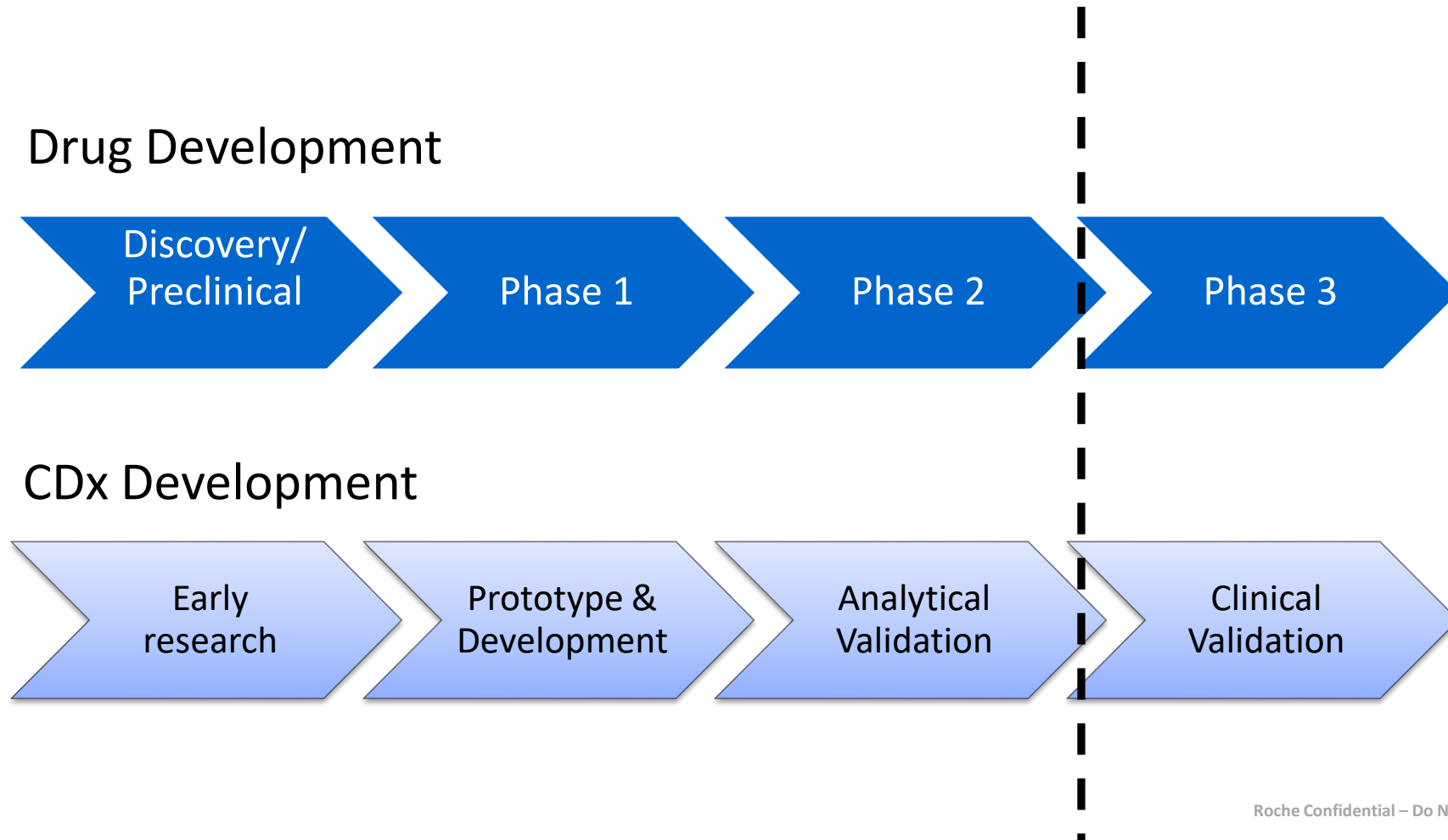
CDx Clinical Evidence: Use of CDx with the drug must be supported by **valid clinical evidence**



...alternative evidence sources should be considered

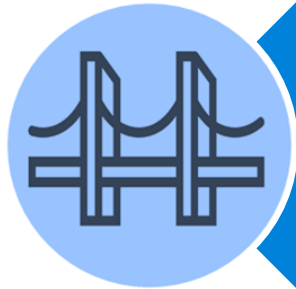
CDx must be supported with **valid clinical evidence**

Ideal option: use of the CDx in the registrational drug trial



CDx: valid clinical evidence from **alternative** sources

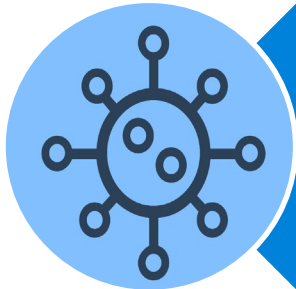
International principles urge consideration of clinical trial alternatives



Concordance studies



Overseas clinical data



Real World Evidence

CDx: valid clinical evidence from **alternative** sources

*Concordance studies with **specialized statistical analysis***

Bridging study

When

- Final assay not ready in time for trial
- Follow-on CDx

How

- Concordance to assay used in study
- Statistical analysis to show utility with drug

Analysis

- Remeasure trial samples: drug outcome available
- No trial samples: published statistical method

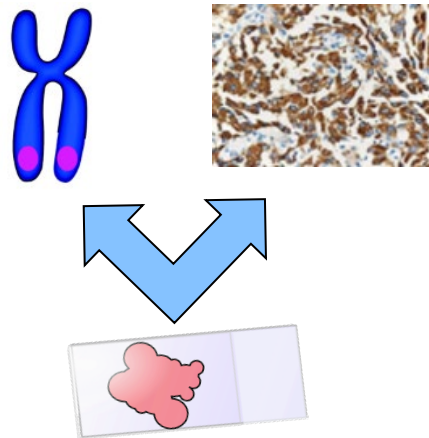
Meijuan Li (2016) Statistical Methods for Clinical Validation of Follow-On Companion Diagnostic Devices via an External Concordance Study, *Statistics in Biopharmaceutical Research*, 8:3, 355-363, DOI: [10.1080/19466315.2016.1202859](https://doi.org/10.1080/19466315.2016.1202859)



CDx: valid clinical evidence from **alternative** sources

Bridging studies can help drug reach patients faster: ALK story

2014: Drug approved



New TKI drug approved – requiring 2 CDx.
Sole CDx assay submission, supported with bridging studies, was denied

New clinical trial required



A new clinical trial was required and began in 2014.

Approvals elsewhere



Drug approved with sole CDx in other jurisdictions as early as 2015. Bridging studies used.

2019: CDx approved



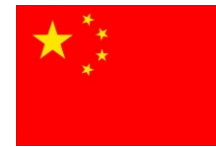
Sole CDx approved 5 years after drug

CDx: valid clinical evidence from **alternative** sources

Acceptance of *overseas clinical data* reduces duplicative trials

Overseas Data Allowed

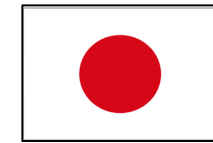
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- Scientifically valid study design
- No known ethnic differences



China



USA



Japan



EU (IVDR)



Brazil



Canada



South Korea



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Overseas clinical data success story : EGFR

Original requirement



Clinical trial in China with 1000 patients specimens

2018 policy change



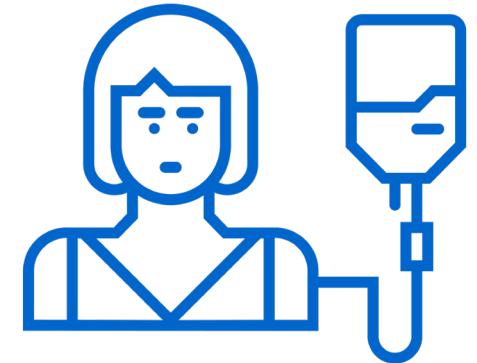
2018: China allows data from foreign clinical trials

Overseas data provided



Aggregate global clinical trial data was submitted

Patients get access sooner



CDx approval gained ~2.5 years earlier

CDx: valid clinical evidence from **alternative** sources

Acceptance of *overseas clinical data* is implicit in reliance and recognition pathways

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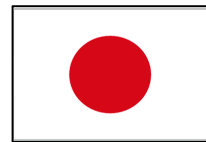
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Reliance/ Recognition Pathways

- Reference country approval leveraged
- Immediate approval or abridged review
- Conserves reviewer resources



Australia



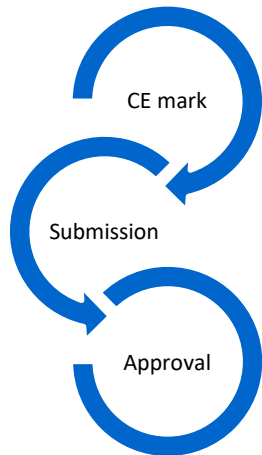
Singapore



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Reliance and recognition success story : PDL1

Original process



October 2018: Australia expands list of comparable overseas regulators to include US FDA

2018 policy change



October 2018: Australia expands list of comparable overseas regulators to include US FDA

FDA data provided



Data from March 2019 PD L1 triple negative breast cancer CDx approval submitted

Rapid approval



TGA approval via abridged process in only **25 days**

CDx: valid clinical evidence from **alternative** sources

Real World Evidence can be used in regulatory decision-making



Relevant

to the regulatory question at hand

Reliable

rigorous data management and analysis processes to ensure quality

Approval Year	Product	RWE source
2017	Tumor Profiling test	Public clinical database Published results
2017	Oncology Panel	Routine clinical use data
2018	Blood glucose meter	Lab Information System retrospective data
TBD	CDx Assay	Aggregated Electronic Health Records



CDx Review Pathways: Must be **predictable** and **efficient**

...collaboration and communication are essential

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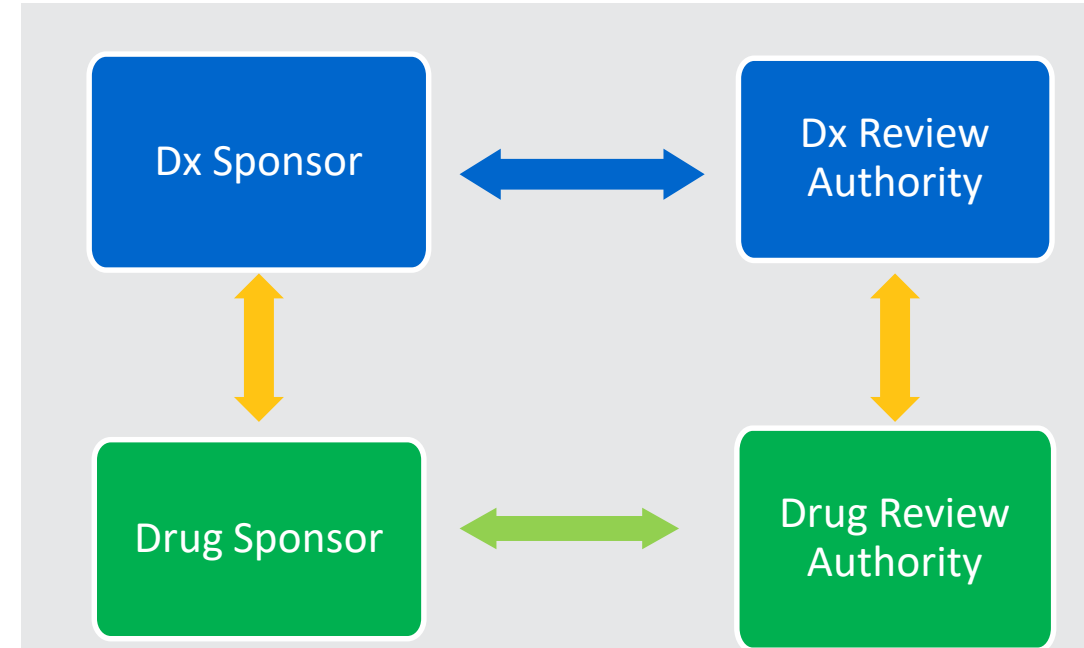
Two models: Cooperative and Separate



Cooperative Review

Goal: simultaneous approval of CDx and drug

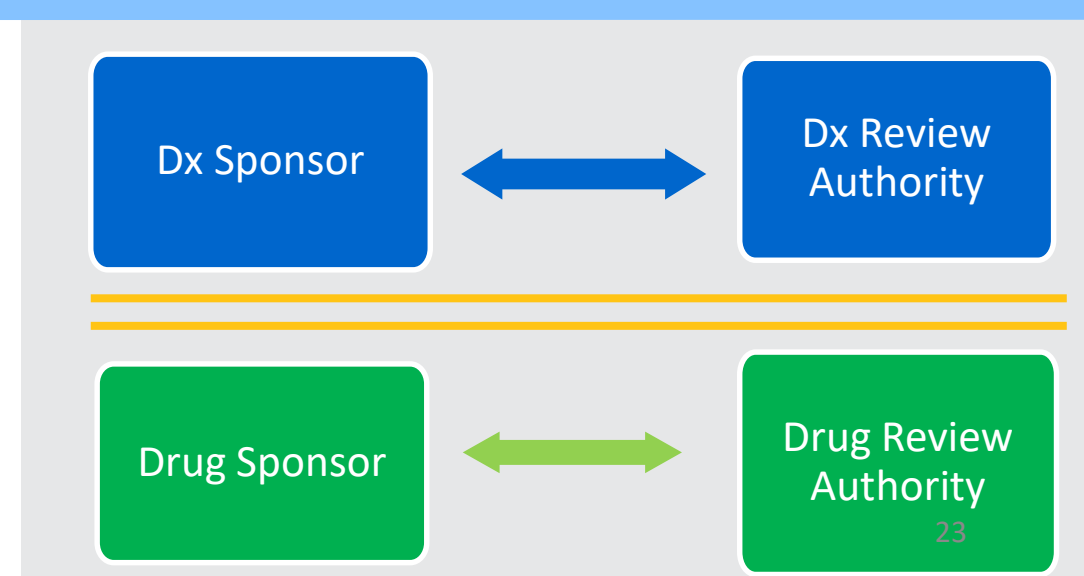
Requires process for interaction among health authority review centers and sponsors



Separate Review

CDx is reviewed like any other IVD

Efficient, especially if local requirements are minimized



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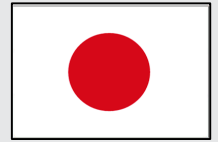
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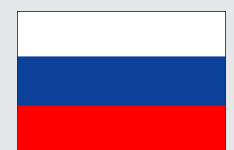
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Russia ²⁴

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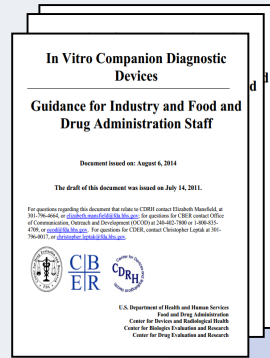
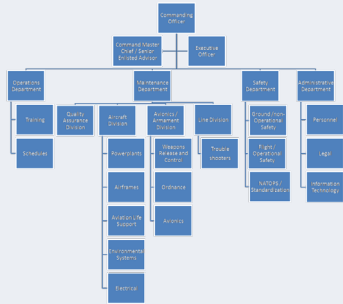
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Evolution of US CDx regulatory pathway

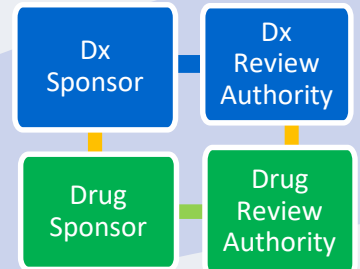


Infrastructure changes



Guidances

2011
BRAF -
Zelboraf



4-sided Project Meetings



2019: **38** Approved CDx

1998
Herceptest -
Herceptin



FRIENDS
of CANCER
RESEARCH

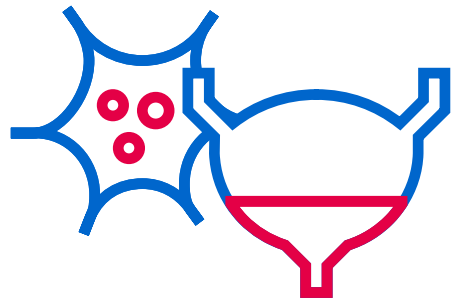


Public
Stakeholder
Workshops

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Communication is essential for patient safety: PDL-1 story

Science evolves



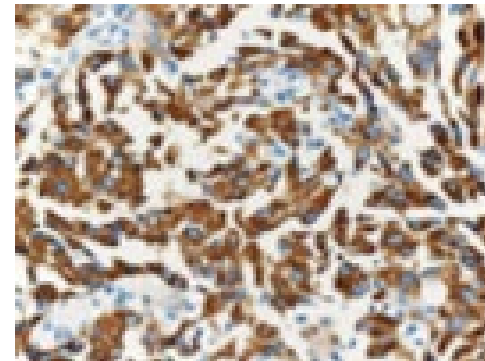
Interim trial results showed drug only works for bladder cancer in patients with PDL-1

Drug authorities react



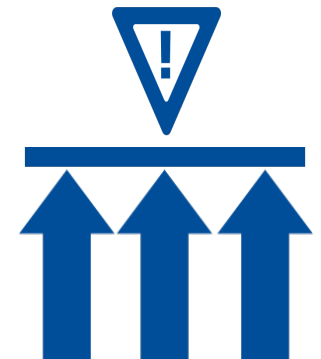
The labelling of the drug was updated to reflect the need for a PDL-1 CDx in Bladder Cancer

CDx indication extension



Corresponding PDL-1 CDx registrations were performed.
2 were successful.

1 CDx submission denied



Traditional package of clinical data was not available
No discussion between Device and Drug Reviewer



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Collaborating on interaction pathway in the EU



Diagnostics and Pharma stakeholders work together

- Assessment of CDx under IVDR
 - Notified Body – EMA interactions
- Use of CDx in Pharma clinical trials
- Labelling of CDx and Drugs

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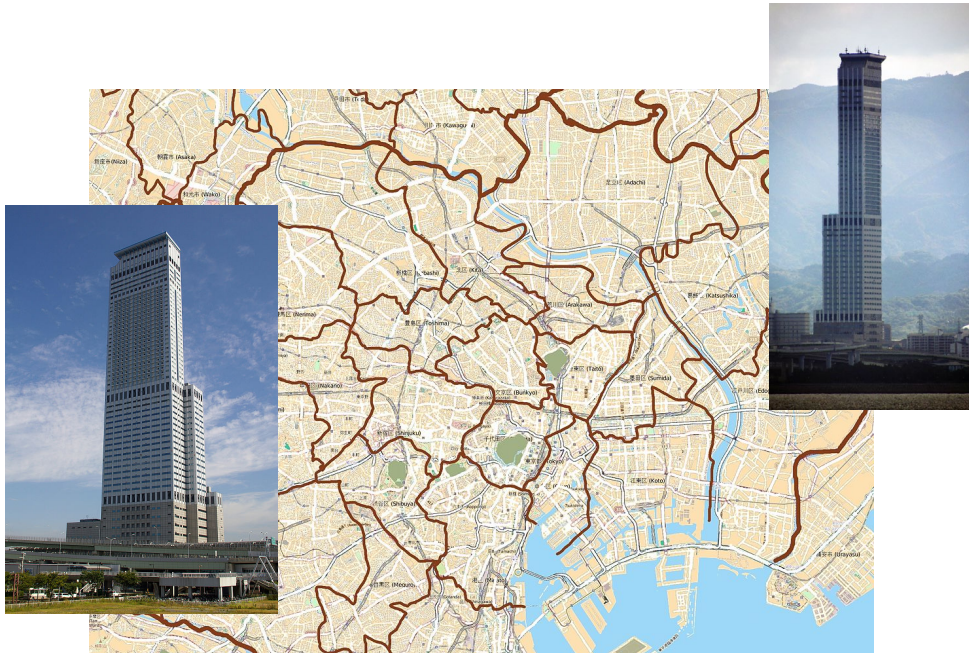
Cooperative and Separate – which is better?



Cooperative Review recommended

Infrastructure, resources, and process for cooperative interaction

First-time approval of new drug with companion diagnostic



Separate Review recommended

Reliance and recognition pathway

No established interaction process

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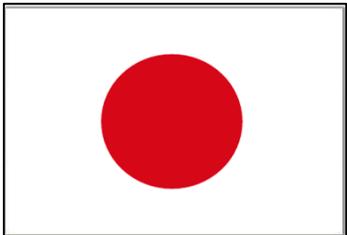
With *breakthrough pathways*, CDx reach patients sooner



Special Innovative Review Process



Breakthrough Device Pathway



Sakigake Designation Pathway



Special Act for Innovative Devices

Breakthrough Program Features



Increased dialog with authority



Accelerated process

Shape the regulatory landscape to ensure Companion Diagnostics (CDx) reach patients



CDx Basics

- Essential for use of drug
- Crosslabeling CDx and drug

Clinical Evidence

- Concordance studies
- Overseas evidence, reliance
- Real World Evidence

Review Pathways

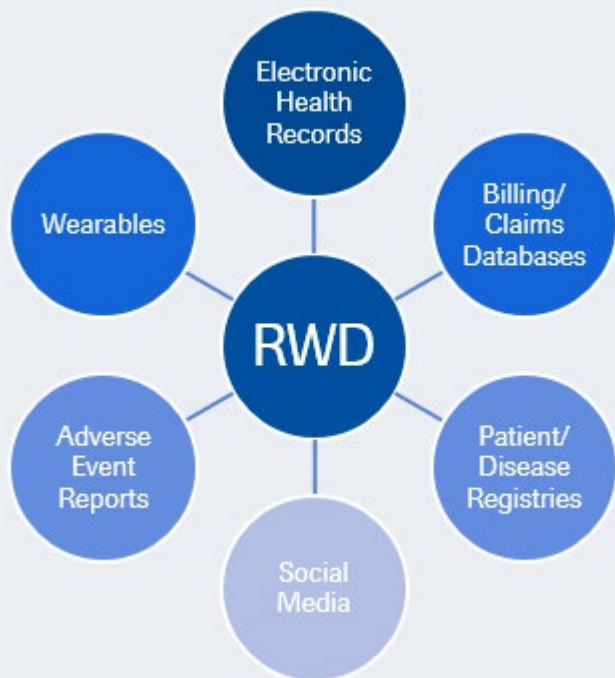
- Cooperative or separate
- Communication is key
- Breakthrough Pathways



Doing now what patients need next

CDx: valid clinical evidence from **alternative** sources

*Technological advances create opportunities for **Real World Evidence***



Aggregate



Analyze

Real World **E**vidence (RWE)

Clinical evidence regarding the usage and potential benefits or risks of a medical product **derived from analysis** of RWD