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# *Japan regulatory update*

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# Landscape of medical device industry in Japan

- **Market size** **JPY 2,800 billion (USD 25b)**
  - Diagnostic instruments* JPY 700 b (USD 6.3 b)
  - Therapeutic devices* JPY 1,490 b (USD 13.3 b)
  - Others* JPY 600 b (USD 5.4 b)
- **2,400+ MD/IVD MAH's license holders**
- **3,000+ Approvals/Marketing Certifications a year**

## Health indicators

(Source: OECD Health Statistics 2017)

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Population:              | <b>127.3</b> million    |
| Health spending:         | <b>4,519</b> USD/capita |
| Length of hospital stay: | <b>16.5</b> days        |
| hospital bed:            | <b>13.2</b> beds/1,000  |

inhabitants

## *Legal framework*

- *GHTF-harmonized*
  - ✓ *Essential Principles*
  - ✓ *Risk-based Classification*
  - ✓ *STED* etc.
- *ISO13485-based QMS*
- *MHLW controls nomenclature (JMDN)*
- *Third party-system covers most class II MDs/IVDs. JIS(Japanese Industrial Standards) are used as certification standards.*

# Snapshot (pre-market regulations)

## PMDA

*PMDA's review focuses on high-risk or non-standard products.*




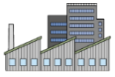


|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <i>MD/IVD Reviewers:</i>          | <i>approx. 100</i>                      |
| <i>Approvals in FY2016:</i>       | <i>1,120 MDs and 75 IVDs</i>            |
|                                   | <i>New: 26</i>                          |
|                                   | <i>Improved: 269</i>                    |
|                                   | <i>Me too: 825</i>                      |
| <i>QMS inspectors:</i>            | <i>approx. 20 + <math>\alpha</math></i> |
| <i>QMS inspections in FY2016:</i> | <i>952 for MDs and 83 for IVDs</i>      |

## Third-party system

*Conventional products are covered by the third party system and certification standards*

|  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| <i>Registered-certification bodies:</i>    | <i>14</i>                |
| <i>Marketing certifications in FY2016:</i> | <i>approx. 1,800 MDs</i> |
|  | <i>and 80 IVDs</i>       |

# Scope of QMS Inspection

|   |   | Facility<br>Registration                           | QMS Inspection   |
|---|---|--|--|
|  | MAH<br>FRAH, designated MAH             | N/A<br>MAH license is required                     | <b>Required</b>  |
|  | Design Facility                         | <b>Required</b>                                    | <b>Required</b>  |
|  | Main Assembly Plant                     | <b>Required</b>                                    | <b>Required</b>  |
|  | Sterilizer                              | <b>Required</b><br>only for sterile medical device | <b>Required</b><br>only for sterile medical device     |
|  | Domestic (Japan)<br>Distribution Center | <b>Required</b>                                    | <b>Required</b>  |
|  | Other sites                             | Not Required                                       | Depends<br>PMDA determines based on<br>risk assessment |

## Classification and conformity assessment

| GHTF                                 | Japan   |   |       | (As of Nov. 2017)                    |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|-------|--------------------------------------|
|                                      | Classification                                      | Pre-market                                    | JMDN  | Certification Standards              |
| <b>Class A</b><br>extremely low risk | <b>General MDs</b><br>(Class I)                     | Self declaration<br>(notification to PMDA)    | 1,197 |                                      |
| <b>Class B</b><br>low risk           | <b>Controlled MDs</b><br>(Class II)                 | Third-party system<br><b>(certification)</b>  | 1,977 | <b>937</b> Stds covering 1,702 JMDNs |
| <b>Class C</b><br>medium risk        | <b>Specially controlled MDs</b><br>(Class III & IV) | PMDA's review/inspection<br><b>(approval)</b> | 783   | <b>11</b> Stds covering 43 JMDNs     |
| <b>Class D</b><br>high risk          |   |   | 356   |                                      |


# Conformity assessment (third-party system)

## ■ Registered-certification body reviews...

- Scope of the indication of the product
- Conformity to EP
  - Substantial equivalence to a marketed product
  - Conformity to specific JIS cited in a Certification Standards
  - Applicant's declaration of conformity to whole EP (checklist-style)
- QMS

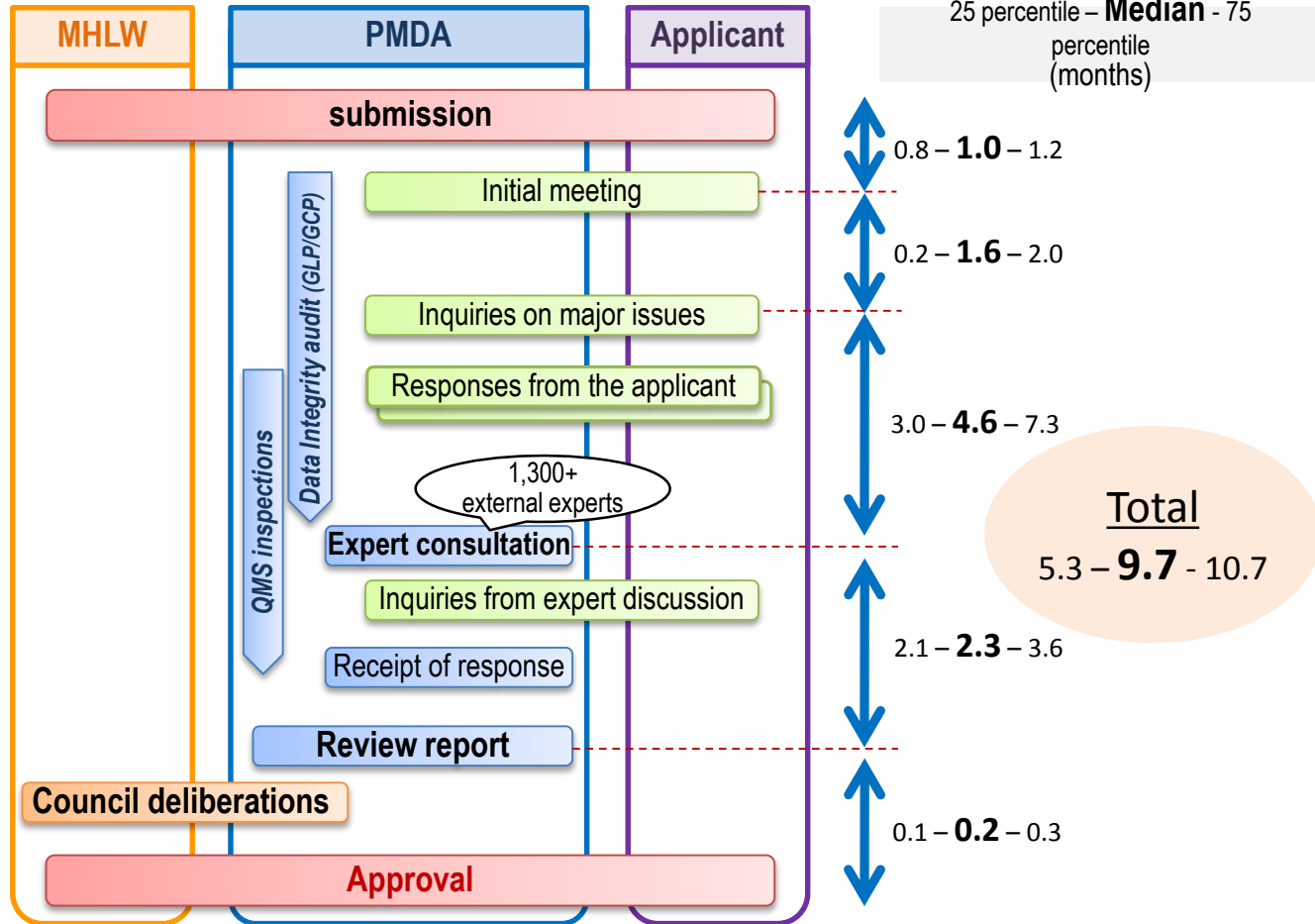
offers the presumption of conformity to specific EP

(Example of a Certification Standard)

| # | Applicable JMDN  | Certification Standard   |  |
|---|--|--|--|
|   |  | Technical standards  | Indication (purpose of use)  |
| 1 | 1. X-ray system, diagnostic, general-purpose, mobile, analogue<br>2. X-ray system, diagnostic, general-purpose, portable, analogue<br>3. X-ray system, diagnostic, general-purpose, portable, digital<br>4. X-ray system, diagnostic, general-purpose, stationary, analogue<br>5. X-ray system, diagnostic, general-purpose, stationary, digital | <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                         JIS T 0601-1-3<br/>                         JIS Z 4751-2-54                     </div><br><br><br><br><b>IEC 60601-1-3:2008 (IDT)</b><br>General requirements for basic safety and essential performance -<br>Collateral Standard: Radiation protection in diagnostic X-ray equipment | To provide the imaging information of human body for medical care used with the scintillation effect, photo-effect or ionization effect that X-ray went through a body has |
|   |  | <b>IEC 60601-2-54:2009 (MOD)</b><br>Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of X-ray equipment for radiography and radioscopy   |  |



# PMDA's review timeline for new MDs (2015.1Q - 2016.2Q)



## *PMDA's Performance goals and results*

| <b>New MDs</b> (excl. priority review) |   | <b>2014</b>      | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> | <b>2018</b> |
|--|---|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Performance goal</b>                | Total Review Time                                       | <b>14 months</b> |             |             |             |             |
|  | Target Percentile                                       | 60               | 60          | 70          | 70          | 80          |
| <b>Result</b>                          | Total Review Time<br>(At the target percentile ,<br>Mo) | <b>5.6</b>       | <b>10.1</b> | <b>12.0</b> | -           | -           |
| <b>Me-too MDs</b>                      |   | <b>2014</b>      | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> | <b>2018</b> |
| <b>Performance goal</b>                | Total Review Time                                       | <b>4 months</b>  |             |             |             |             |
|  | Target Percentile                                       | 52               | 54          | 56          | 58          | 60          |
| <b>Result</b>                          | Total Review Time<br>(At the target percentile ,<br>Mo) | <b>3.9</b>       | <b>4.4</b>  | <b>3.5</b>  | -           | -           |
| <b>IVDs</b>                            |   | <b>2014</b>      | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> | <b>2018</b> |
| <b>Performance goal</b>                | Total Review Time                                       | <b>6 months</b>  |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Result</b>                          | Total Review Time<br>(median, Mo)                       | <b>5.3</b>       | <b>7.2</b>  | <b>6.4</b>  | -           | -           |

## ***Joint Work Plan btw RAs and business associations***

- *For smooth and speedy review, both high-quality review and submission are essential.*
- *MHLW and business associations (JFMDA, AMDD, EBC and JACRI) agreed 5-Year Joint Work Plan For Speedy Review in 2014.*

### ***For MDs***

- ***Quality improvement***
  - *Training for reviewers/applicants*
  - *Training on regulatory submission*
  - *Upgrading pre-submission consultations*
  - *Identifying problems and prompt action*
- ***Standard review time***
  - *Submission cohort-base*
  - *12mo for new MDs*  
*(\* stricter than aforementioned target)*
- ***Progress management***

### ***For IVDs***

- ***Quality improvement***
  - *Upgrading pre-submission consultations*
  - *guidance on submission dossier writing*
- ***Standard review time***
  - *Submission cohort-base*
  - *7mo for conventional IVDs*  
*(\* stricter than aforementioned target)*
- ***Increasing the number of reviewers***
- ***Progress management***

## *Export from Japan*

- *Upon request, MHLW issues following certificates regarding regulated products/facilities.*

- *Marketing authorization (approval, certification etc.)*
- *MAH License holder*
- *Registered-manufacturing facility*
- *Conformity to QMS*

( See <https://www.pmda.go.jp/files/000153044.pdf> )

- *While, MHLW is unable to issue a certificate regarding **non-regulated** products. A business association issues such a certificate.*

*(Example)*

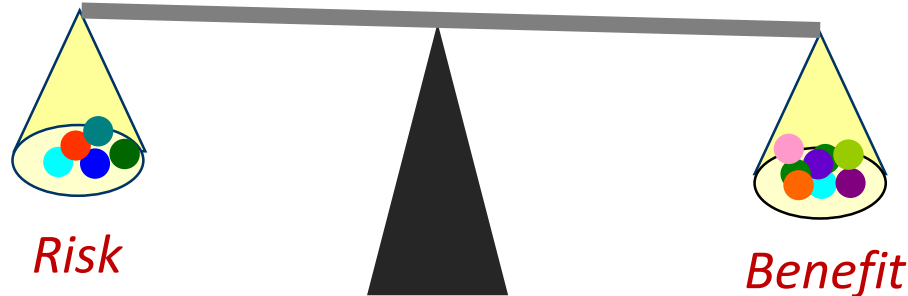
*JACRI (Japan Association of Clinical Reagent Industry) issues a certificate for reagents and calibrators that are freely marketed but not regulated as IVDs.*

# ***Recent updates***

- 1. Evolving early access scheme*
- 2. Use of real world data*
- 3. Re-manufacturing of SUDs*

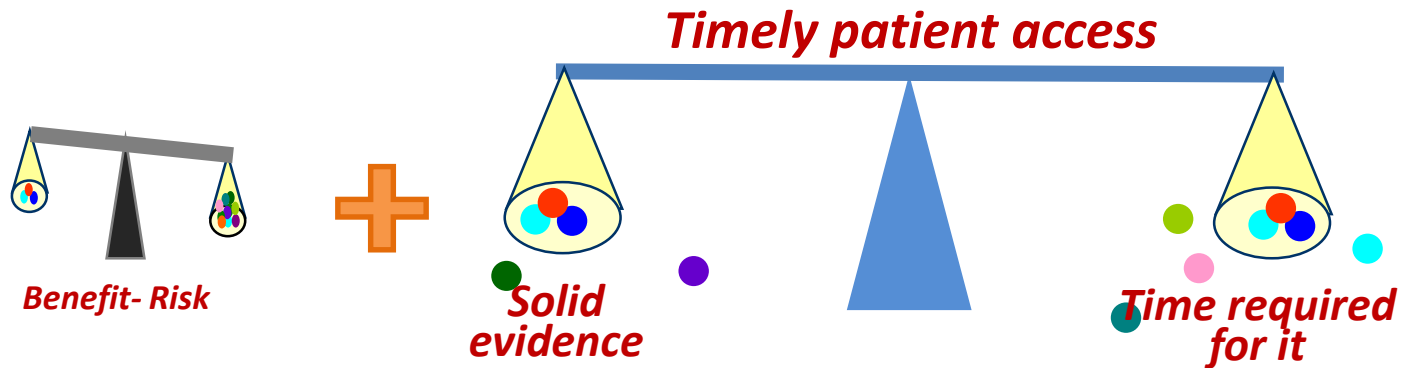
## Basic concept of reviews

- *To evaluate safety and performance (efficacy), then examine the benefit and risk balance.*
- *Also examine the appropriateness of the description of device's characteristics and the labelling that define usage circumstances. (intended use, instruction for use, precautions etc.)*



## Additional thinking

- *It is demanded to reconsider the balance between patient's timely access to MDs and considerable amount of time required to conduct clinical trials in order for much more robust evidence.*
- *Also it's required to examine further the balance of what should be required in pre- and post-market stage.*



# 1. Evolving Early Access schemes

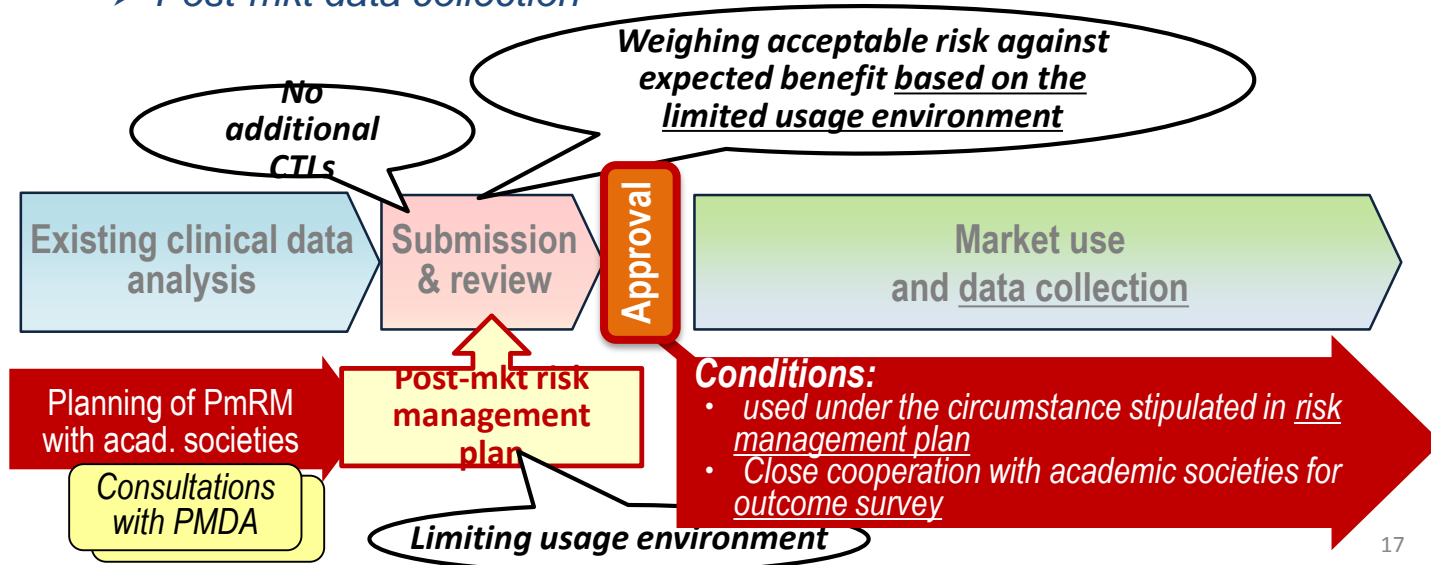
- *MHLW implements following measures to accommodate patient access demand.*

| Type                 | Measures   |
|----------------------|--|
| Priority             | Priority review, orphan designation                |
| Conditional approval | <u>Conditional and Accelerated Approval Scheme</u> |
| Rolling submission   | <u>Forerunner (SAKIGAKE) Review Assignment</u>     |



# (1) Conditional and Accelerated Approval Scheme

- **MHLW clarified circumstances where new MD can be approved with exploratory trial data.** (July 2017)
  - MDs for life-threatening disease that has no effective treatment
  - Extraordinary difficulties in conducting confirmatory trial within reasonable time frame (eg. Too long period of time due to very small number of Pts)
  - Post-mkt risk management plan developed in conjunction with related academic societies (eg. Dr/hospital qualification, rules for proper use)
  - Post-mkt data collection



## (2) SAKIGAKE\* Review Assignment

(\* Forerunner, pioneer)

Since 2015, MHLW assigns the world's first products currently being developed with high expectation.

### Assignment criteria

- *Prominent effectiveness and dire medical needs for the therapy*
- *Technological innovativeness*
- *World's first submission in the future* (incl. simultaneous submissions)

### Supports from RAs

1. **Review partner** *[A PMDA manager as a concierge]*
2. **Prioritized consultation**
3. **Substantialized pre-submission assessment**
4. **Prioritized review**

“ feel like I'm riding a train going to approval, while others struggle to find their way there ”



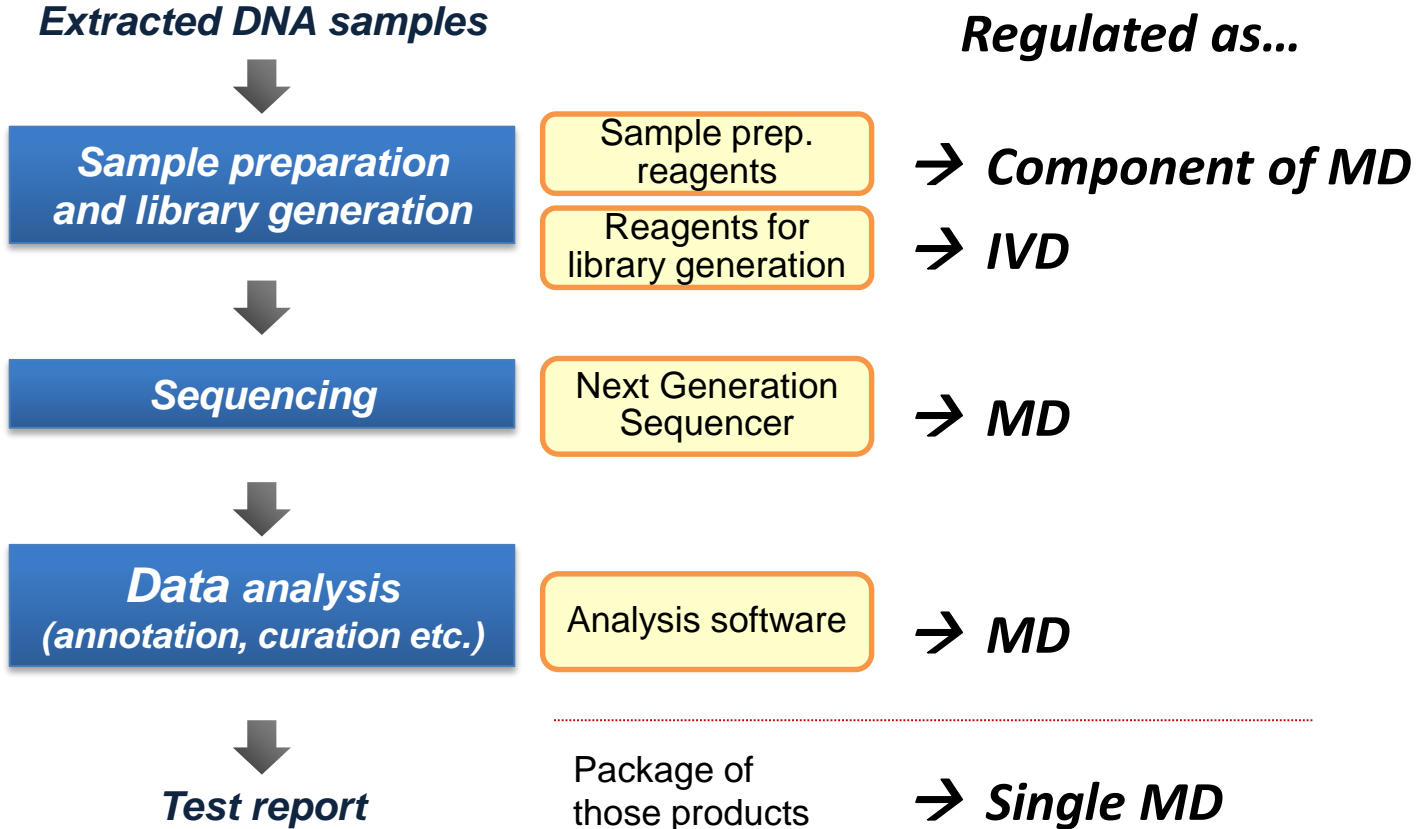
# SAKIGAKE Assignment for MD/IVD

(Feb. 2016(#1), Feb.2017(#2-5))

|    | Name   | Proposed indication   | Sponsor                         |
|----|--|---|---------------------------------|
| #1 | <b>Titanium Bridge</b><br>(Hinge-type titanium plates)                               | Adduction-type spasmodic dysphonia  | Nobelpharma                     |
| #2 | <b>Tracheal prosthesis</b><br>(made of polypropylene mesh and collagen sponge)       | Aiding reconstruction of tracheal while maintaining intratracheal structure after partial removal.                        | Daiichi Medical                 |
| #3 | <b>Boron neutron capture therapy system</b><br>(Neutron irradiation system for BNCT) | Glioblastoma, head and neck cancer<br>(Selective destruction of tumor cells marked by boron agents)                       | Sumitomo Heavy Industries, Ltd. |
| #4 | <b>UT-Heart</b><br>(Software to aid CRT)   | Higher accuracy prediction of effectiveness of cardiac resynchronization therapy for patients with serious heart failure. | Fuji Film                       |
| #5 | <b>Cancer-related gene</b>   | Collective examination of cancer-related  | Sysmex                          |

*Third round of selection is underway.*

# Regulations for NGS-based products



## 2. Use of real world data

- *MHLW is developing regulatory systems supporting pragmatic trials using registries/health records.*



An attractive alternative to trials in which **electronic health records** are used can be found in trials of alternative interventions involving patients who are already enrolled in **disease-specific or intervention-specific registries** that incorporate detailed patient phenotypes and long-term follow-up data. This framework provides **an efficient and low-cost opportunity for conducting pragmatic trials** (e.g. the TASTE trial)

Ford I. et al. NEJM 375;5, 454-463, 2016

[http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMra1510059?query=featured\\_clinical-trials](http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMra1510059?query=featured_clinical-trials)

- **Da Vinci Surgical System**

(Additional application of MVP & ASD)

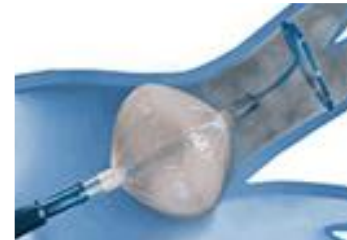
Comparison with results using conventional methods from the [Society of Thoracic Surgeons \(STS\) National Database](#).



- **SATAKE Hot Balloon Catheter**

(Paroxysmal atrial defibrillation therapy for high-frequency ablation catheters)

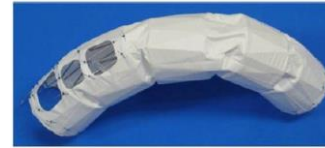
Comparison with results using conventional methods from the [Japanese Catheter Ablation Registry of Atrial Fibrillation \(J-CARAF\)](#) of the Japanese Heart Rhythm Society (JHRS).



- **Kawasumi Najuta Chest Stent Graft System**

(Stent graft for prevention of aortic aneurysm rupture)

Comparison with results from surgery from the historical control group of the [Japan Adult Cardiovascular Surgery Database \(JACVSD\)](#).



- **EXCOR Ventricular assist system (VAS)**

Comparison with the matching patient group survival rate from the [ECMO treatment registry: Extracorporeal Life support Organization \(ELSO\)](#).



## *Use of electronic medical records for regulatory submission*

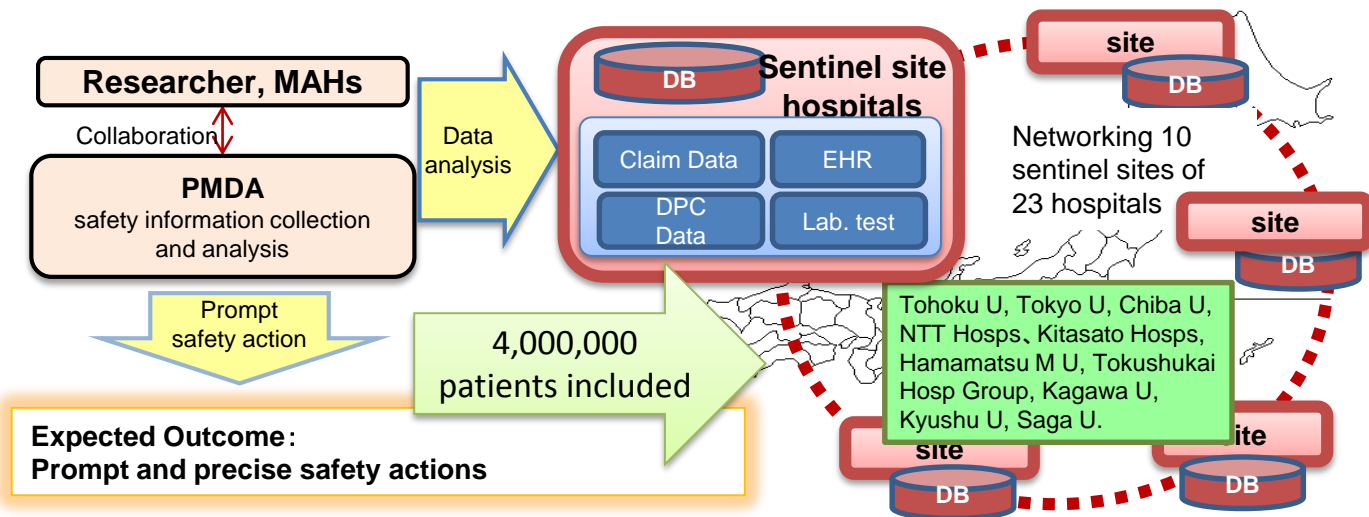
- *MHLW published/will publish followings in 2017 as to develop the standards and general considerations for ensuring the reliability of electronic medical records (EMR) used for post-marketing studies / surveillances.*

- **Revision of Good Post-marketing Study Practice Ordinance (Oct. 2017)**
  - To address contract relations, Medical institution, DB providers and MAH to specify the information sources and responsibilities
- **General Considerations on using EMR for Drug PMS (June 2017)**
  - Scope of usable data and general consideration on study designs
  - Scientific consideration, characters of DB for PMS purposes
- **General Considerations on data reliability of EMR DBs for PMS (tba)**
  - Describe the range of data to be verified and preserved in terms of guaranteeing the reliability when using application data.



# Medical Information Database Network ( MID-NET )

- Promote safety measures by pharmaco-epidemiological method using medical information database.
- MHLW/PMDA have established a medical information database for collecting large-scale medical data at sentinel site hospitals and have constructed analytical systems at PMDA since FY 2011.



## 【History and way forward】

- April 2010 : 「Revision of pharmaceutical administration etc. to prevent recurrence of pharmaceutical disasters (final recommendation) 」
- April 2011 - : Start construction of MID-NET system
- April 2013 - : Start data quality validation to assure precision and comprehensiveness of the collected data
- April 2015 - : Start trial operations by PMDA and sentinel sites
- April 2015 - : Setting utilization rules for full-scale operation and framework of operation cost / user fees.
- in FY 2018 : Full scale operation, enable MAHs and researchers to use MID-NET

### 3. Re-manufacturing of SUDs

- *MHLW issued guidance and standards regarding reprocessing of single-use device(SUD) on July 2017*
- *Basic concept is as follows*
  - 1) *Reprocessed SUD is not an original MD, thus needs a different approval*
  - 2) *A preprocessor has to have MAH license*
  - 3) *Japan-closed cycle (Only MDs used in Japan can be reprocessed under this scheme)*



# *Regulatory Convergence in APEC*

- *Priority Work Area “Medical Devices” established in August, 2017*
- *Co-Champions: Japan, Korea, US*
- *Draft new roadmap*
- *Possible initial subtopics:*

*Device classification principles, Recognition & use of international standards, Single Audit, Definition, IVD, Risk Management, QMS, Clinical Trial vs. Clinical Evaluation*



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# ***PMDA-ATC (Asia Training Center) Medical Devices Seminar 2017***

- *November 6-10, 2017 @ PMDA*
- *30 regulators from 12 economies joined*
- *Topics covered:*  
*product reviews, consultations, GCP/GLP inspections, QMS inspections, post-marketing safety measures, package inserts, registration system, international standards for medical device, in vitro diagnostics*



***Thank you for your attention***

