

Using Real-World Clinical Evidence

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What is RWE?



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RWE Opportunities

- Understand device performance in real-world environment to inform benefit-risk
- Collect outcomes that are not well-suited to traditional clinical trials
- Reduce time/cost to answer important questions

Goal: Efficient generation of robust clinical evidence that can meet regulatory objectives

Potential Usages of RWE





What has the U.S. done with RWE so far?

RWE Successes



March 2021 - CDRH published 90 examples of RWE used in medical device regulatory submissions





Cardiovascular Device Examples



- Premarket indications expansions
 - US and global registry data
 - Published literature
 - Registry data as control arm
 - Prospective and retrospective analysis
- Postmarket studies
 - Global data collection
 - Registries capturing real-world use



Registry Examples

- VISION (Vascular Implant Surveillance & Interventional Outcomes Network)
 - Use insurance claims data to evaluate safety and effectiveness of vascular devices
- EP PASSION (*ElectroPhysiology Predictable And SuStainable* Implementation of National registries)
 - Sustainable mechanism to collect pre-market and post-market data on implanted electrophysiology devices



Example: RAPID

(Registry Assessment of Peripheral Interventional Devices)

- Advance a total product lifecycle approach for the evaluation of PAD devices
- Multi-stakeholder collaboration of clinicians, medical professional societies, regulators, device manufacturers, and clinical research organizations
- Project examples:
 - Establish minimum core data set for clinical/regulatory use
 - Develop performance goals using registry data
 - Address emerging post-market safety signals

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Current Considerations on Real-World Evidence Use in FDA Regulatory Submissions

Examples and decision making from the Center for Devices and Radiological Health's Peripheral Interventional Devices Branch.

BY ELENI WHATLEY AND MISTI MALONE

October 2017



Real-World Clinical Evidence Generation: Advancing Regulatory Science and Patient Access for In Vitro Diagnostics (IVDs)

> A Framework for Incorporating Real-World Data and Evidence Into Pre- and Postmarket Regulatory Decision-Making for IVDs

August 2020

SPEED: A New Initiative in Real-World PAD Evidence Evaluation

An overview of the FDA's new multistakeholder project to support real-world evidence evaluation for devices aimed at treating peripheral artery disease.

BY MISTI MALONE, PHD

November 2018

Contains Nonbinding Recommendations

Use of Real-World Evidence to Support Regulatory Decision-Making for Medical Devices

Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff

Document issued on August 31, 2017.

The draft of this document was issued on July 27, 2016



What are some important RWE-related considerations?



RWE Quality

- Will data be "fit for purpose?"
- Relevance
 - Are the study results, endpoints, population, etc appropriate to address the regulatory questions of interest?
- Reliability
 - Is there sufficient control of data capture, quality, and integrity?





Regulatory Impact

- Regulatory uncertainty can pose a risk
- Understand and communicate how collection and use of RWE impacts other regulatory processes and requirements
 - Patient protection
 - Clinical trial notification requirements
 - Data monitoring/auditing
 - Institutional research requirements





Some Current Trends

- Use of RWE in a global environment
 - Value of regulatory guidance and published examples
 - Alignment of clinical/regulatory definitions
- Reducing burden related to RWE collection
 - Reusability/interoperability of data collection mechanisms
- Applying RWE principles to emerging digital health technologies
 - Collecting safety/effectiveness data to support DH regulatory goals
 - Using DH tools (e.g. apps) to collect safety/effectiveness data for other medical devices

Closing Thoughts



- Collection and regulatory use of real-world clinical evidence across the total product lifecycle can facilitate timely access to safe and effective medical devices
- Education on approaches to using RWE can reduce uncertainty
- As RWE application is becoming increasingly global, further multinational engagement may be beneficial



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