

# Regulatory progress for innovation/International trend on pharmaceutical regulatory convergence Introduction of Horizon Scanning in ICMRA

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# What is “ICMRA”?

*ICMRA: International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities*

## [Mission]

A voluntary, executive-level, strategic coordinating, advocacy and leadership entity of regulatory authorities that work together to

- address current and emerging human medicine regulatory and safety challenges globally, strategically and in an on-going, transparent, authoritative and institutional manner
- provide direction for areas and activities common to many regulatory authorities’ missions
- identify areas for potential synergies
- wherever possible, leverage existing initiatives/enablers and resources

## [Meeting]

- Face to face meeting; 2 times/year (started 2013)

## [Participated regulators]

- Members/Associate Members; around 30 Regulators

# ICMRA Innovation Project (started from 2017)

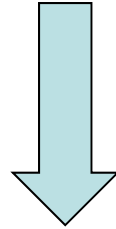
## Major focus on “Horizon Scanning”

<i>Overall Leadership</i> Subgroup of the Executive Committee		
<b>Project 1</b> Analysis of global best practices in horizon scanning methodologies	<b>Project 2</b> Leveraging from outcomes of horizon scanning through critical innovation/expertise and skills	<b>Project 3</b> Novel Approaches to Licensing/Early Access Scheme
<b>Lead</b> MHLW/PMDA	EMA, HPRA	Health Canada

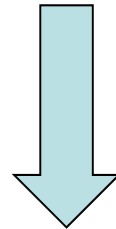
Interim report: Soon, 2018  
Final report: by March, 2019

# Relationship in each Project

Project 1      Seek best practices; methodologies on HS



Project 2      Find critical product and technology  
innovation for the future



Project 3      Novel approaches to licensing  
+ Revise regulatory frame to adapt

# Project 1

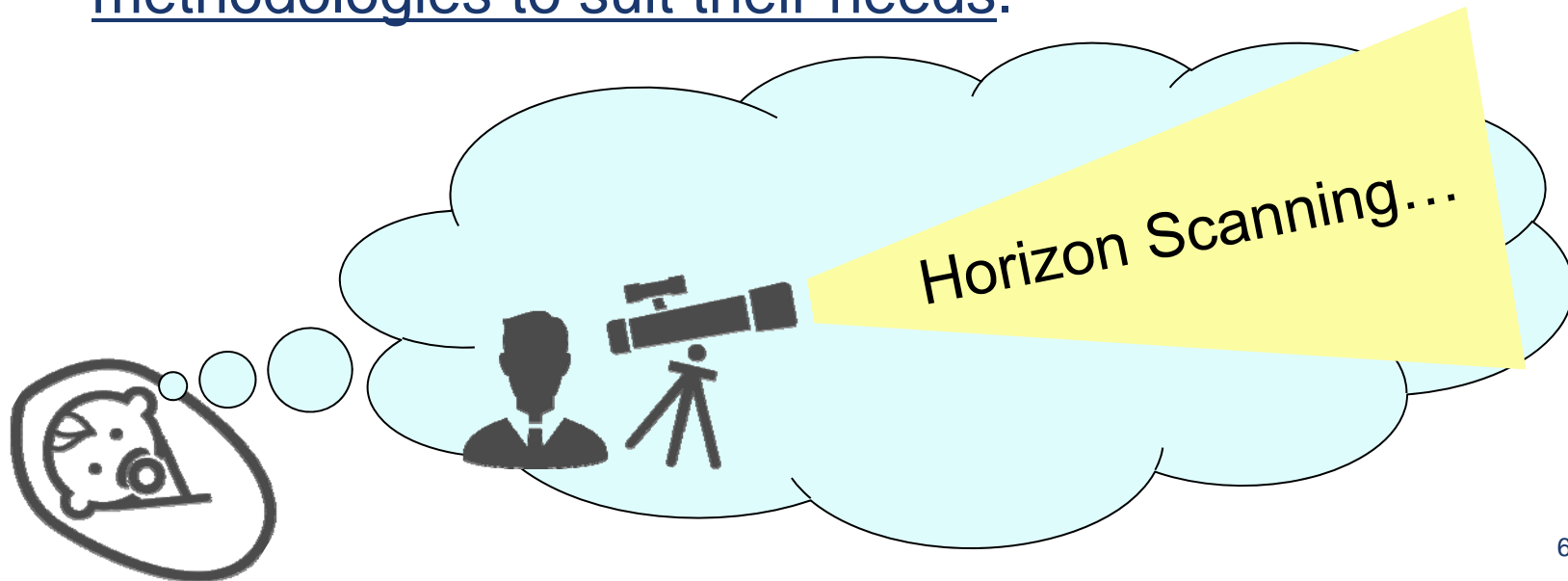
## Analysis of global best practices in horizon scanning methodologies

### Objectives

To identify best practices of horizon scanning (HS) through compiling and analyzing each regulator's scanning methods and to find solutions to common difficulties faced by the regulators.

# HS for Regulators is Still Under Development

- HS is highly developed in other fields, but still in its infancy for regulators
  - Most HS programs studied were less than 3 years old, in a planning, pilot, or phased implementation stage.
  - Regulators are currently adapting and developing methodologies to suit their needs.

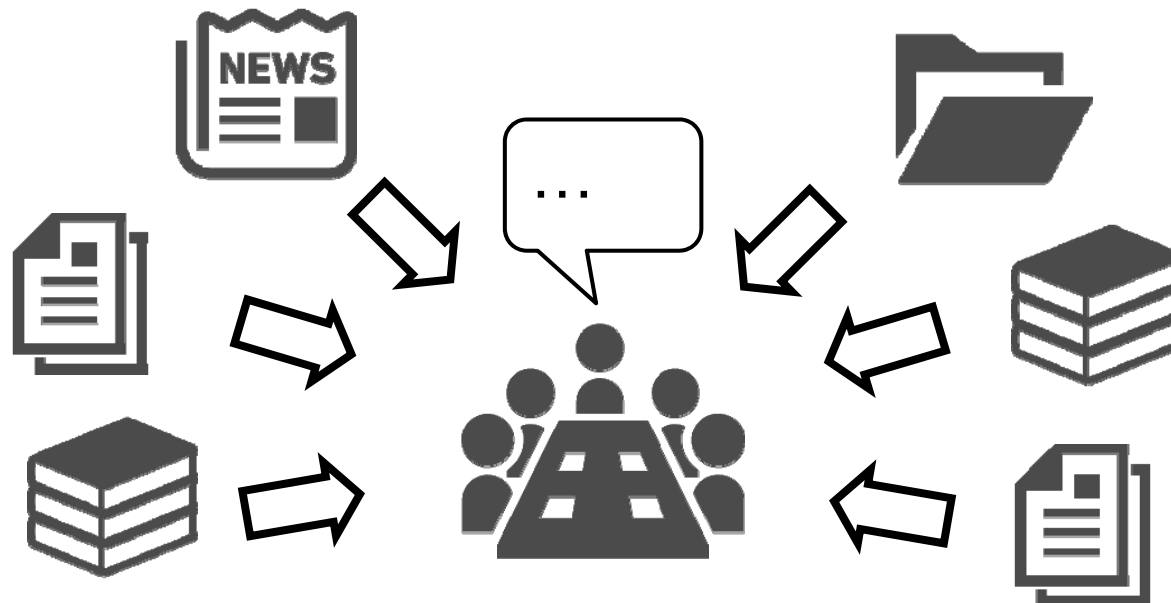


# Resources Available for HS are Limited

**Agency-wide buy-in/support for HS**, especially from management, was important in carrying out recommended actions (e.g., hiring new expertise, establishing internal WG, modifying/developing new regulations)

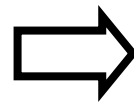
[Reality]

- Most agencies devote less than 5 FTEs to HS activities.
- High interest in digital and analytical tools to help scanning (e.g., Tools for Innovation Monitoring (TIM) used by EMA)
- Strong desire for international cooperation to pool resources.



# Priority was Given to Disruptive Innovations

- Priority given to technologies that would:
  - Fall through the cracks of the regulatory framework
  - Affect multiple offices
- Common criteria for prioritization included the following:
  - Falls within remit of the agency
  - Regulatory impact
  - Timeframe to submission
  - Level of internal expertise



Regulator



# Project 2

Leveraging from outcomes of horizon scanning

through critical innovation/ expertise and skill

## Objective

To identify critical product and technology innovation, which will benefit from or require regulatory science based approaches in terms of future regulations

# Project 2 Discussion

- “Enquette” and extraction (potential technology influenced in the future)
  
- Overview and presentation/exchange of view (Case Study)
  - Additive manufacturing
  - Genome editing
  - Artificial intelligence
  
- Regulatory science consideration
  
- Technology and Expertise/Skill for regulator

# Regulators of the 21st Century

Regulators as enablers — preparing for innovation

- ❑ Fostering a sustainable, international, collaborative Horizon Scanning system
- ❑ Building a regulatory system fit to support innovation in healthcare
- ❑ Collaborating to identify future expertise requirements and capacity building to support innovation



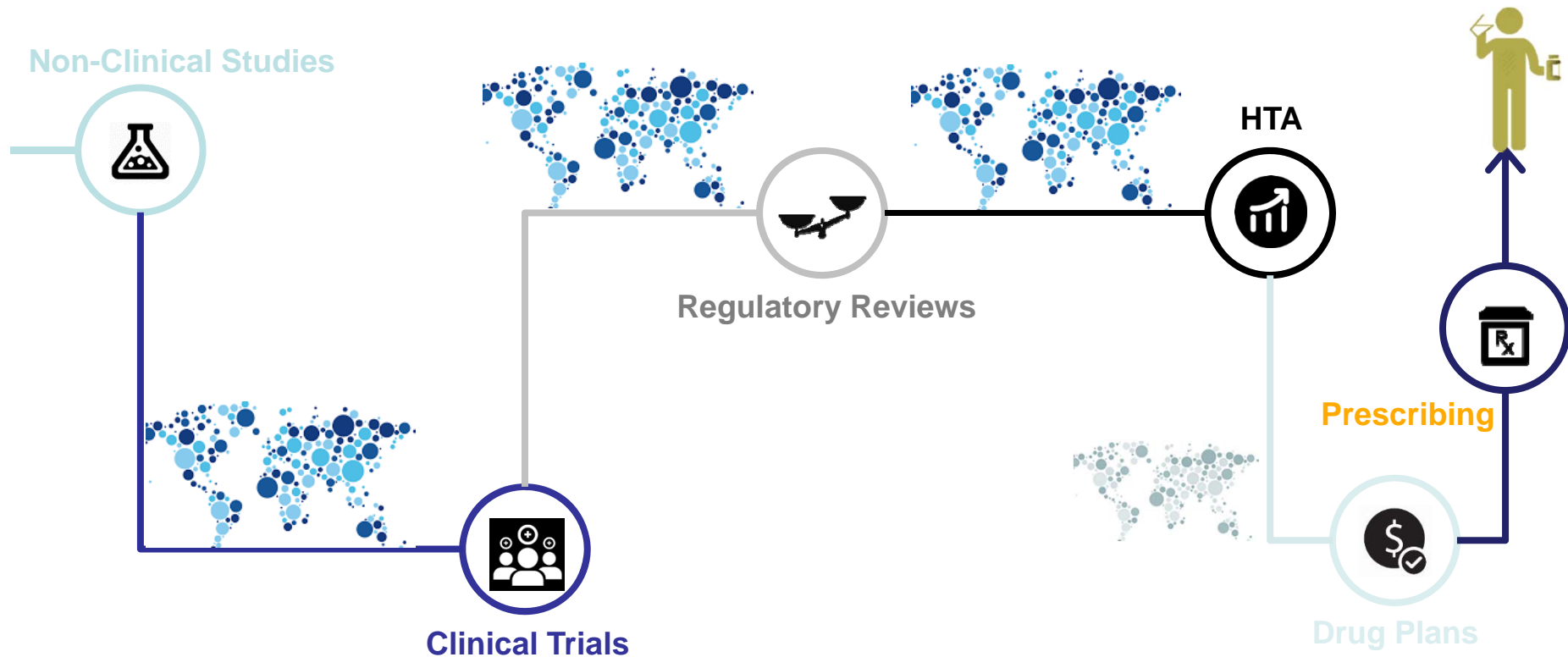
# Project 3

## Novel Approaches to Licensing/Early Access Scheme

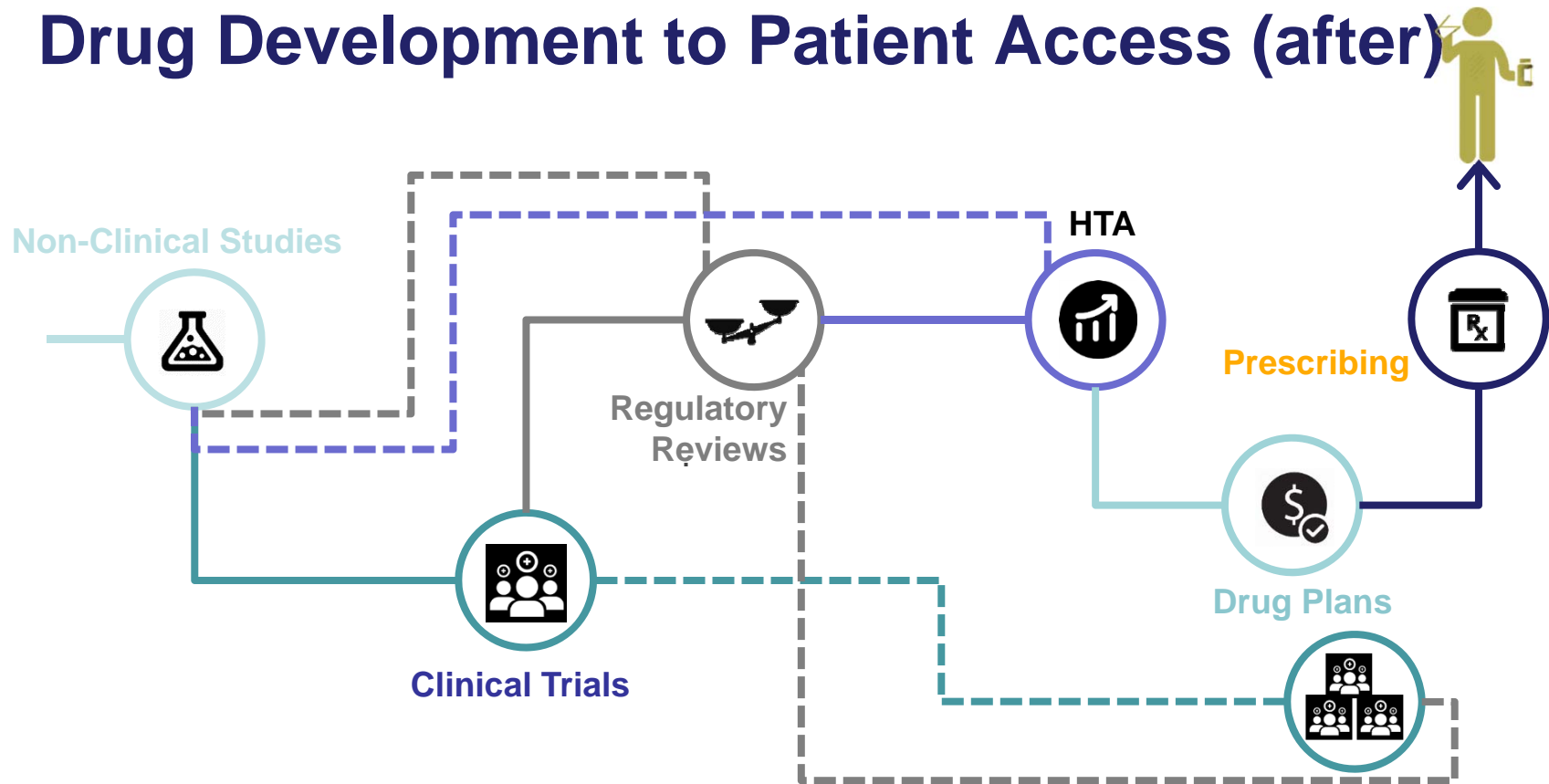
### **Objective**

Tasked with mapping out novel approaches to licensing, identifying barriers and determining progressive approaches that might be used to address the identified challenges, with a focus on timely patient

# Drug Development to Patient Access (before)



# Drug Development to Patient Access (after)



# Overview of Novel Approaches to Licensing

- Priority Review [12]
- Conditional Approvals [8]
- International Alignments [3]
- Use of Third Party [1]

Expedited



- Facilitated Schemes [3]
- Expedited Review with Enhanced Communications [2]
- Collaborated Facilitation by Health Authorities [6]
- Targeting Personalized ATMP [1]

Facilitated



# Introduction of regulations in Japan

Year	Regulatory system
At the latest 1960 -	Condition on approval*
1980 -	Re-examination period*
1993 -	Priority review*
1993 -	Orphan designation*
<b>2014 -</b>	<b>Conditional time-limited authorization*</b>
<b>2015 -</b>	<b>SAKIGAKE designation</b>
<b>2017 -</b>	<b>Conditional early approval</b>

\* stipulated in Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Act



# Summary of the Accelerated review system in Japan (1/2)

Type/Designation requirement	Outline
<p><b>Basic</b></p>	<p>Screening Nonclinical study → Clinical trial (Exploratory · confirmatory) → MAA → Review (12 Month) → MA → Re-examination period</p>
<p><b>Expedited review</b></p> <p>1. Needed to expedite the review</p>	<p>Screening Nonclinical study → Clinical trial (Exploratory · confirmatory) → MAA → Review (9 Month) → MA → Re-examination period</p>
<p><b>Priority review</b></p> <p>1. For severe diseases 2. Apparent improvement of medical care</p>	<p>Screening Nonclinical study → Clinical trial (Exploratory · confirmatory) → MAA → Review (9 Month) → MA → Re-examination period</p>
<p><b>Orphan Disease product's Designation</b></p> <p>* In addition to priority review</p> <p>1. No. of patients is less than 50,000 or intractable diseases designated based on a law 2. Possibility of development</p>	<p>Screening Nonclinical study → Designation → Clinical trial (Exploratory · confirmatory) → MAA → Review (9 Month) → MA → Re-examination period (10 years)</p> <p>Research grants Preferential tax treatment</p>

# Summary of the Accelerated review system in Japan (2/2)

Type/Designation requirement	Outline
<p><b>Basic</b></p>	
<p><b>Conditional and Time-limited Authorization</b></p> <p>Regenerative Medical Products</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.The product is not homogeneous</li> <li>2.The clinical data on the products are likely to predict efficacy</li> <li>3.The product does not exhibit remarkably adverse results in efficacy, effectiveness or performance.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>SAKIGAKE</b> (Forerunner designation)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Innovative medical products</li> <li>2. For serious diseases</li> <li>3. Development &amp; NDA in Japan: being world's first or simultaneous with other countries</li> <li>4. Prominent effectiveness expected on non-clinical and early phase clinical studies</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Conditional Early Approval</b></p> <p>Pharmaceuticals Medical devices</p> <p>* In addition to priority review</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Confirmatory clinical trials don't have sufficient feasibility.</li> <li>2. Confirmation of a certain degree of efficacy and safety through clinical trials other than confirmatory clinical trials.</li> </ol>	

MAA: Marketing Authorization Application

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# Examples of Conditions for Approval

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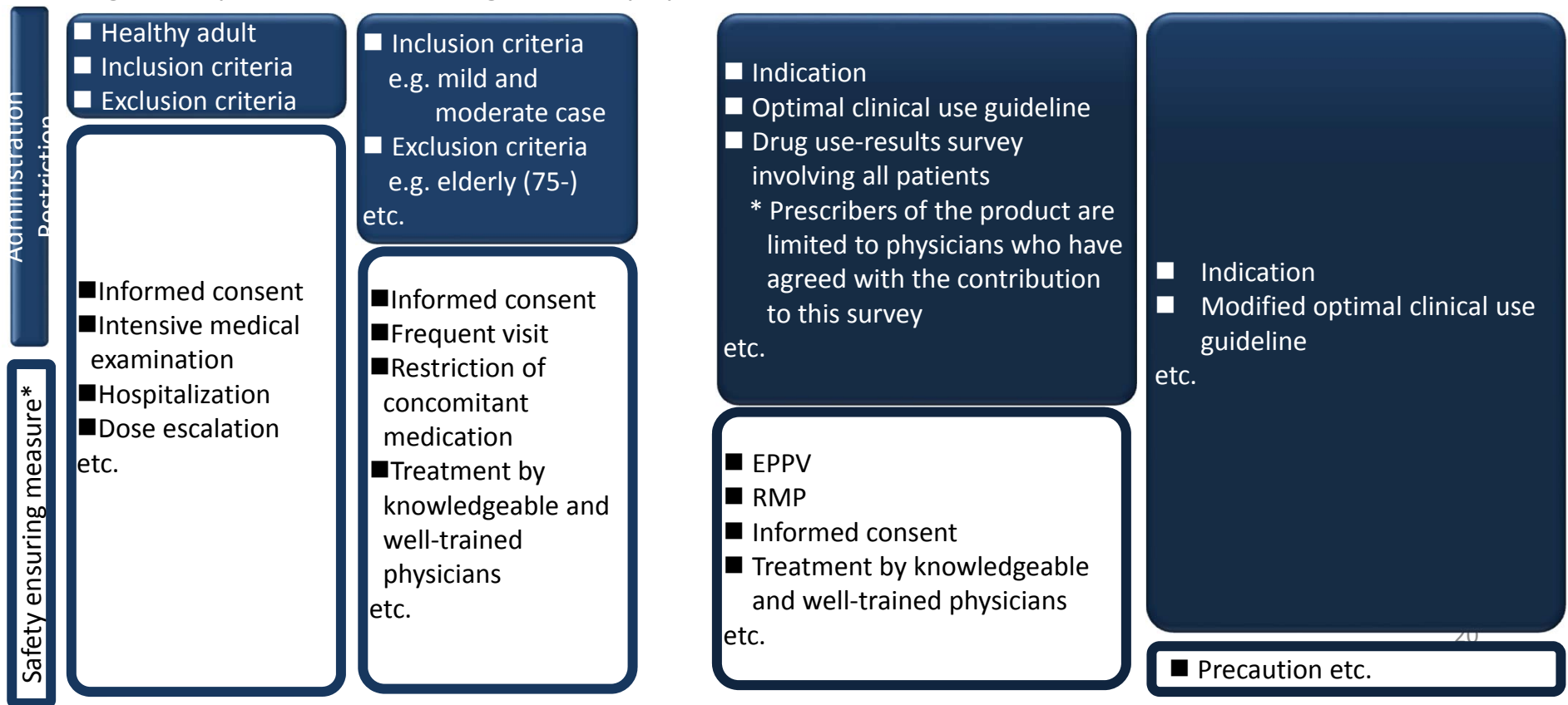
Several conditions are imposed to MAH on a case by case basis.

- Conduct **early post-marketing phase vigilance (EPPV)**
- Prepare a **Risk Management Plan (RMP)**, and implement it appropriately.
- Conduct a **drug use-results survey involving all patients treated with the product** after the market launch until data from a certain number of patients have been gathered in order to grasp the characteristics of treated patients
- Take necessary measures to **ensure that the product is used only by qualified physicians** who have completed a training course on the product.
- **Request physicians to obtain patients' informed consent** to the use of the product after having thoroughly informed them that additional data on the efficacy and safety of the product are still being collected.
- **Submit the results and analyses of ongoing or planned clinical studies** promptly after the study completion.

# Concept of gradual drug administration expanding



Image: the product which target small population and serious disease

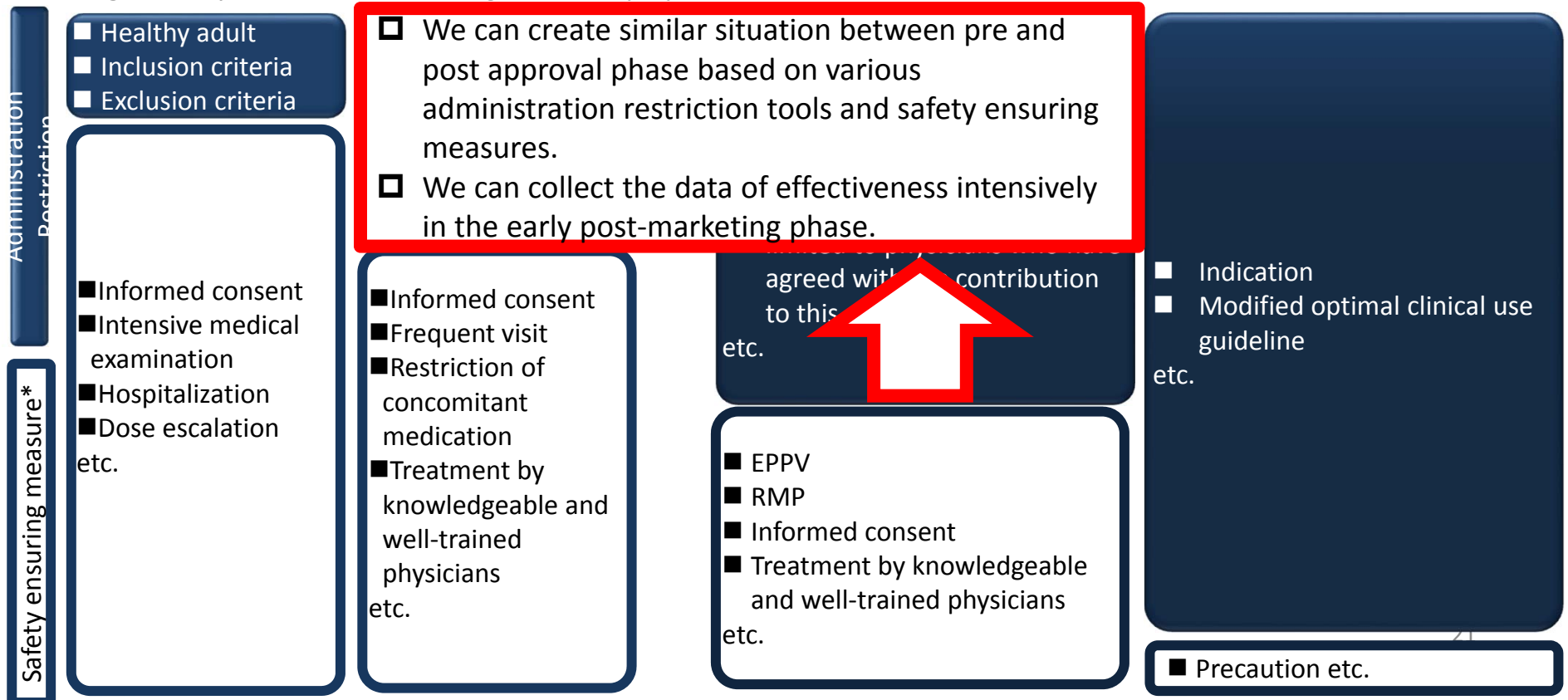


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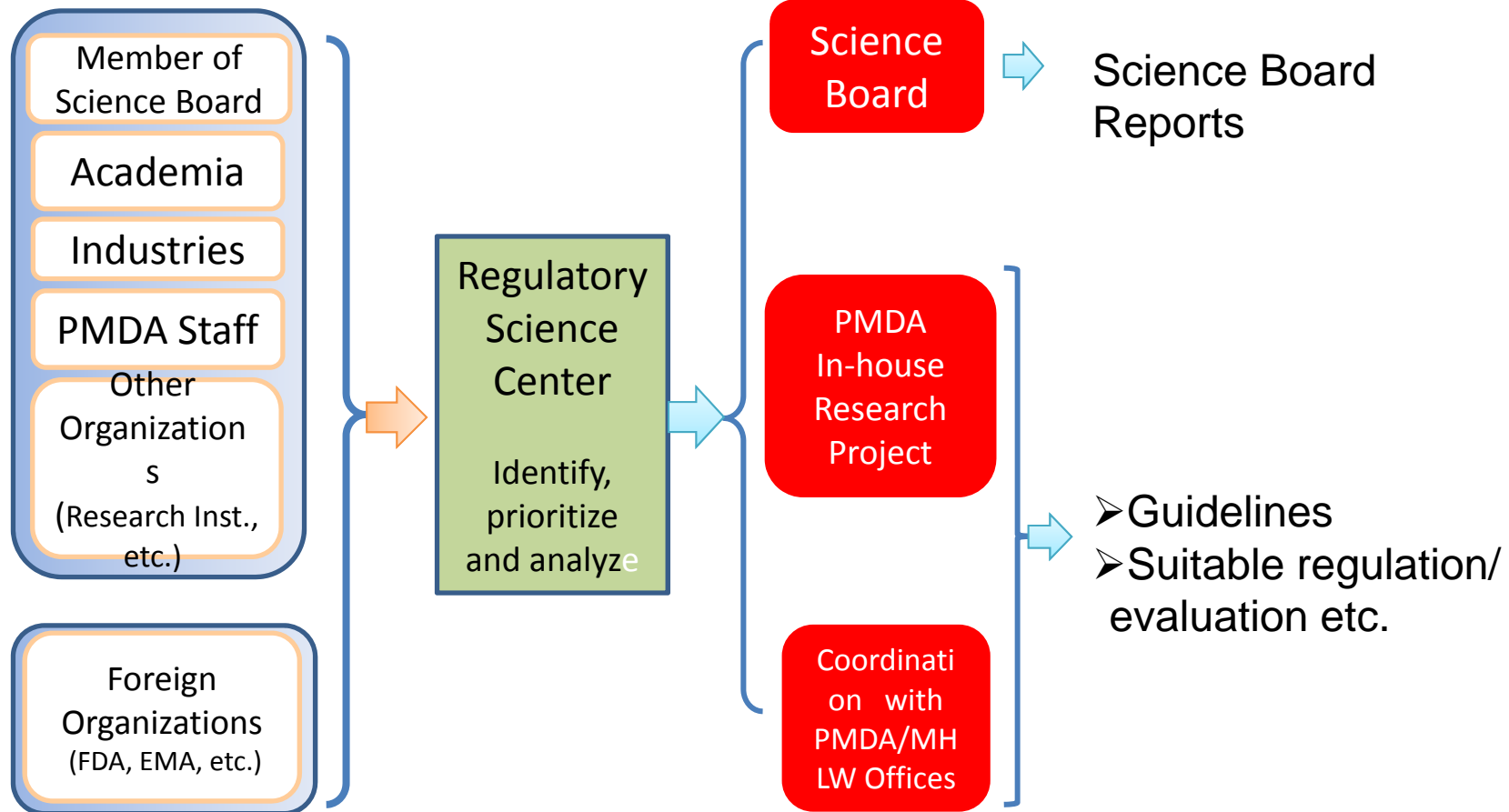
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# PMDA's Horizon Scanning -Process-

Information Source



MHLW/PMDA make continuous efforts to identify further approaches to address innovation through practical experience.