

# Current Status of ICH Efficacy Topics

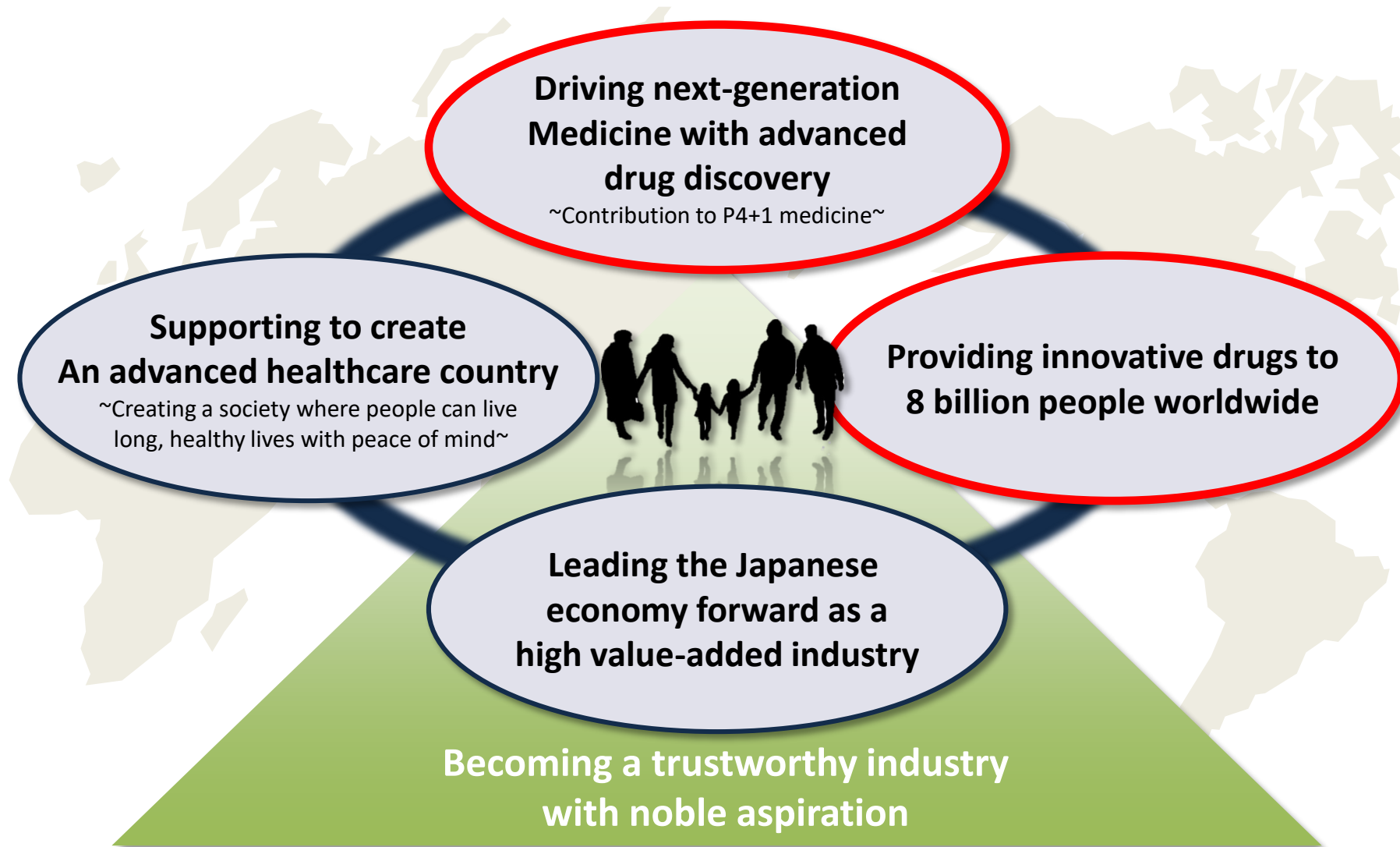
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- 3. Challenges in Harmonization of Technical Topics**
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# JPMA's Industry Vision 2025

- The vision represents JPMA' aspiration in ICH activities as well.



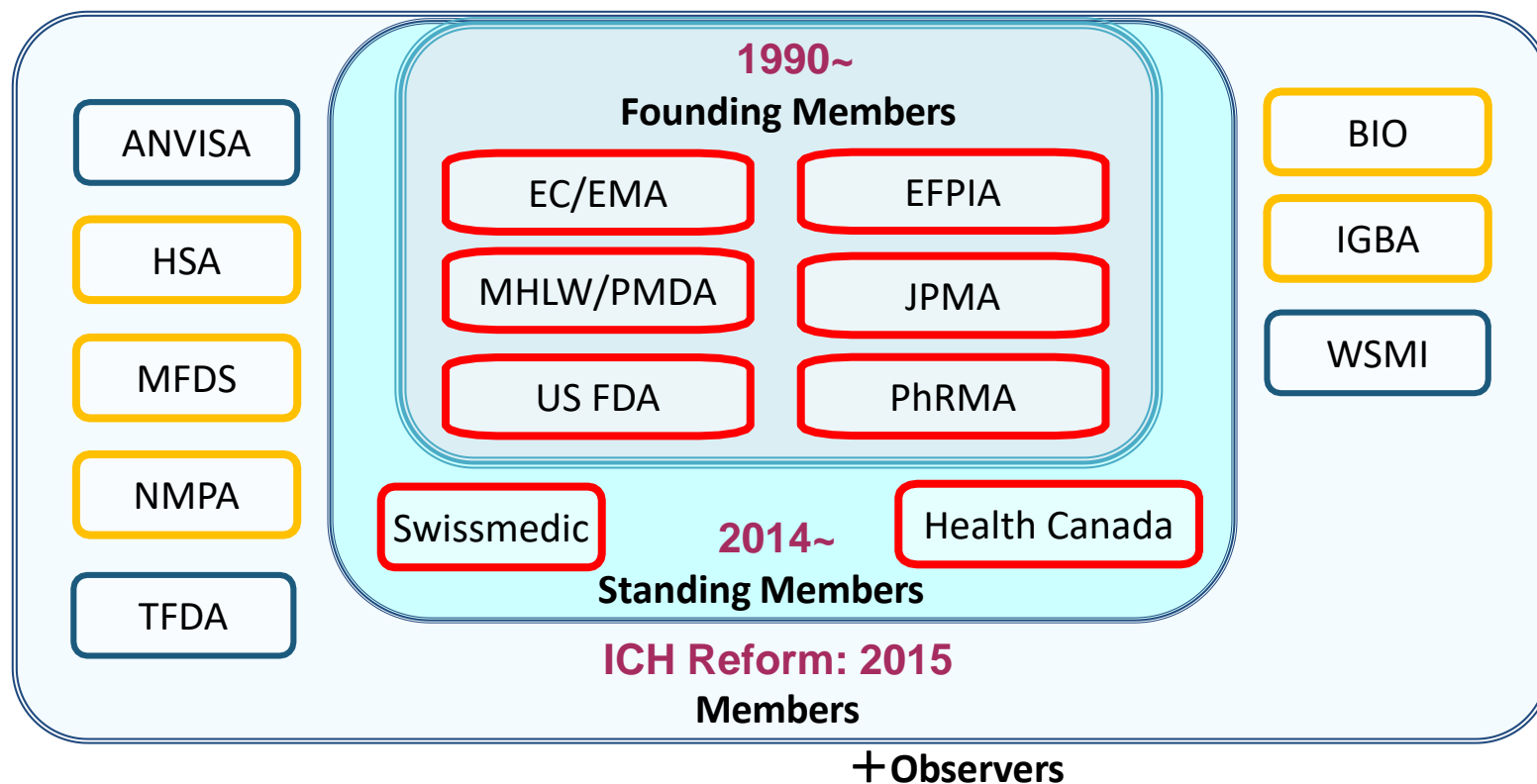
# JPMA's Business Plan in FY2019

- In FY2019, JPMA is working on 4 major activities, aiming for the 2025 vision.

- I. **Improve quality of medical care through fostering innovation (R&D for innovative new medicines) and promoting proper use of medicines. Contribute to economic growth with multifaceted assessment of the value of medicines.**
- II. **Drive international activities and cooperation. Contribute to global health.**
  1. Contribution to ICH as one of the founding industry associations
  2. Further collaboration in Asia (APAC, etc.)
- III. Secure thorough compliance, build further trust with the public.
- IV. Enhance PR activities to foster further understanding of the industry.

# ICH – Unique Venue for Regulatory Harmonization

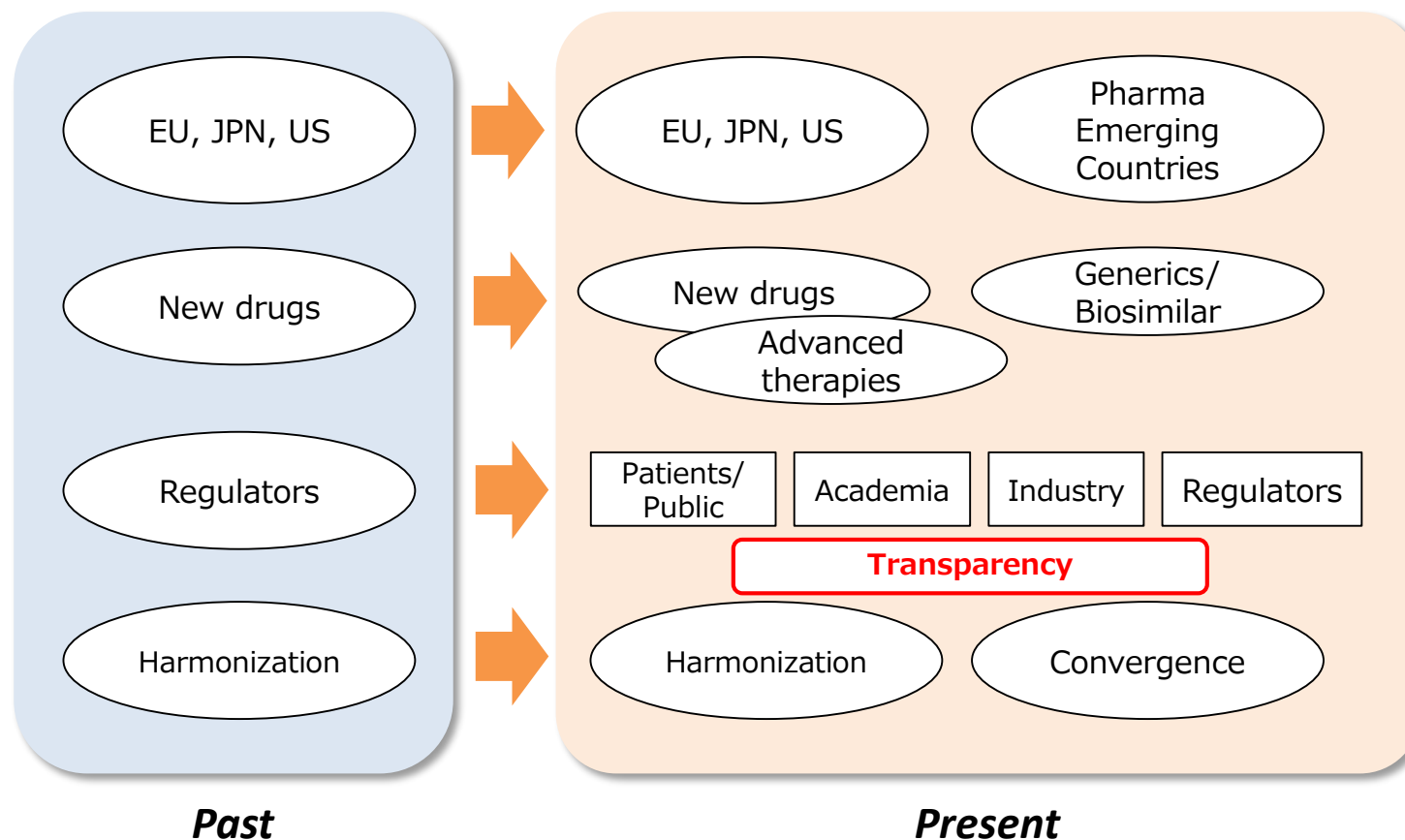
- ICH is a unique harmonization project, involving the Regulators and Industries across the globe.



# Environmental Change surrounding ICH

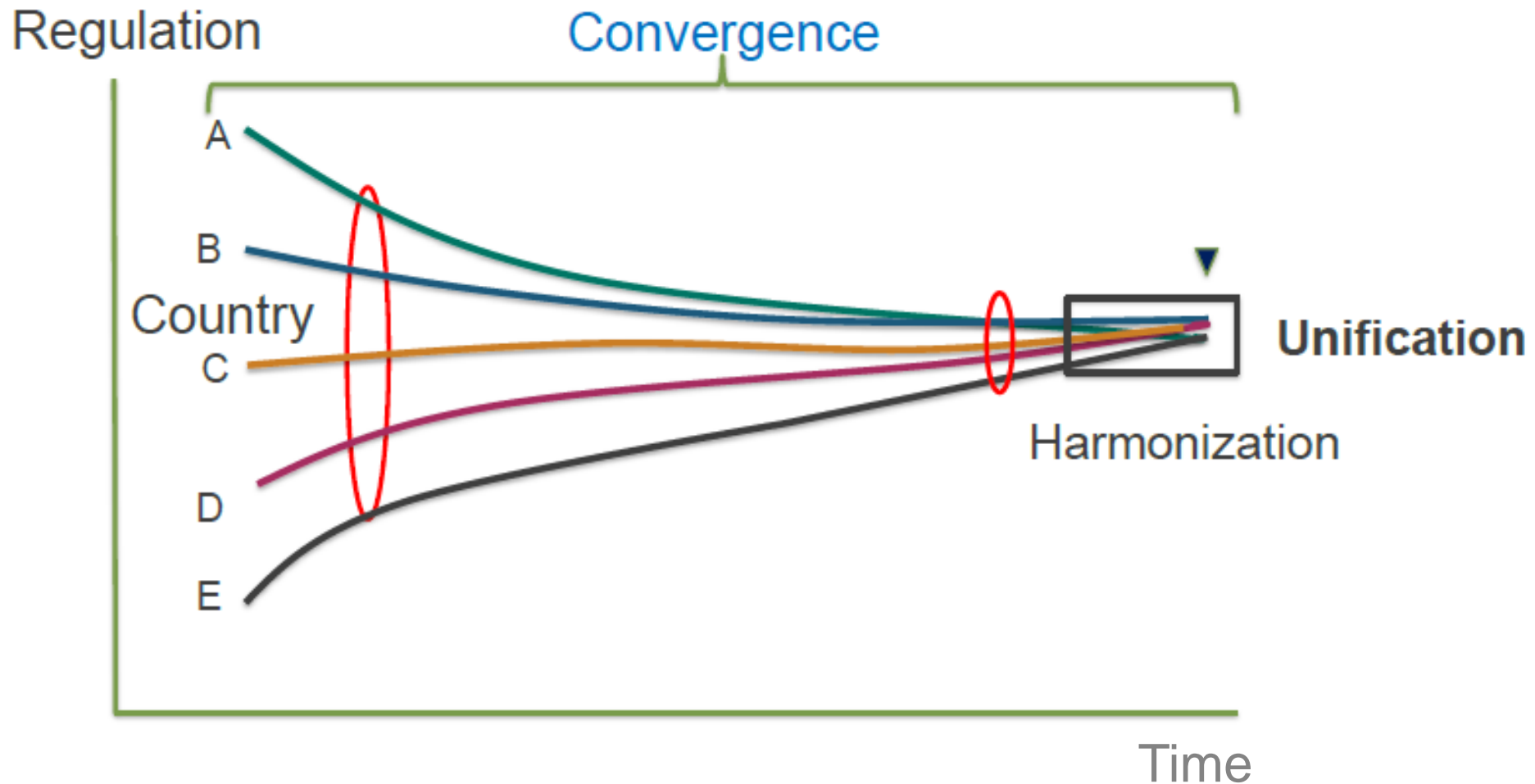
- With the momentum of the ICH reform in 2015, ICH is evolving to adapt to the paradigm shift in pharmaceutical regulatory field.

## Paradigm Shift in Pharmaceutical Regulatory Field



# “Convergence” and “Harmonization”

- The expanding ICH includes various ICH Regulatory Members with a wide range of convergence status.



# Improving Management of the ICH Process

- For further improvements in its productivity and effectiveness, ICH is working on several initiatives:

- ✓ Managing the size of WGs
- ✓ Further engagement of relevant stakeholders
- ✓ Visualizing status of ICH GL implementation
- ✓ **Enhancing training activities**



✓ **Overarching “Strategic Discussion” and “New Topics” process**



# Advancing Training Activities in ICH

- To address the increasing needs of training for ICH guidelines, a wide range of initiatives were launched by the ICH:

## Enrichment of Public Meetings

- ✓ For Step2 & Step4 guidelines
- ✓ Multiple locations
- ✓ Engagements of stakeholders

## Diversified Training Tools

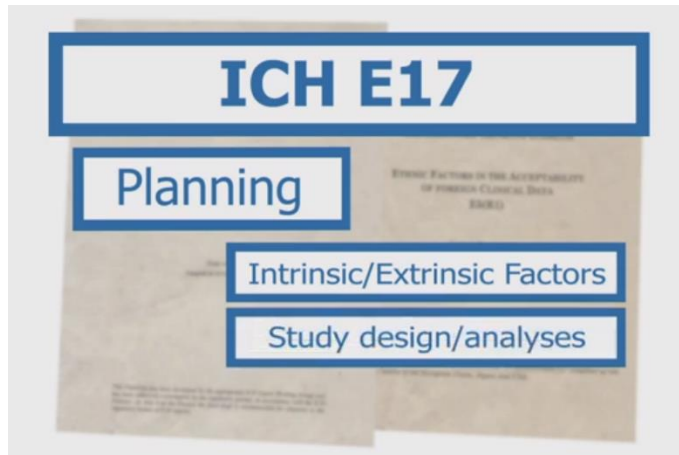
- ✓ Online training videos - YouTube
- ✓ Case studies
- ✓ Supported by Training SubCom

## *New* - Training Associates

- ✓ Accredited non-profit training organizations/institutions funded by ICH
- ✓ Collaborate with ICH to address in a strategic manner the training needs

# Recent Example – E17 Training Video

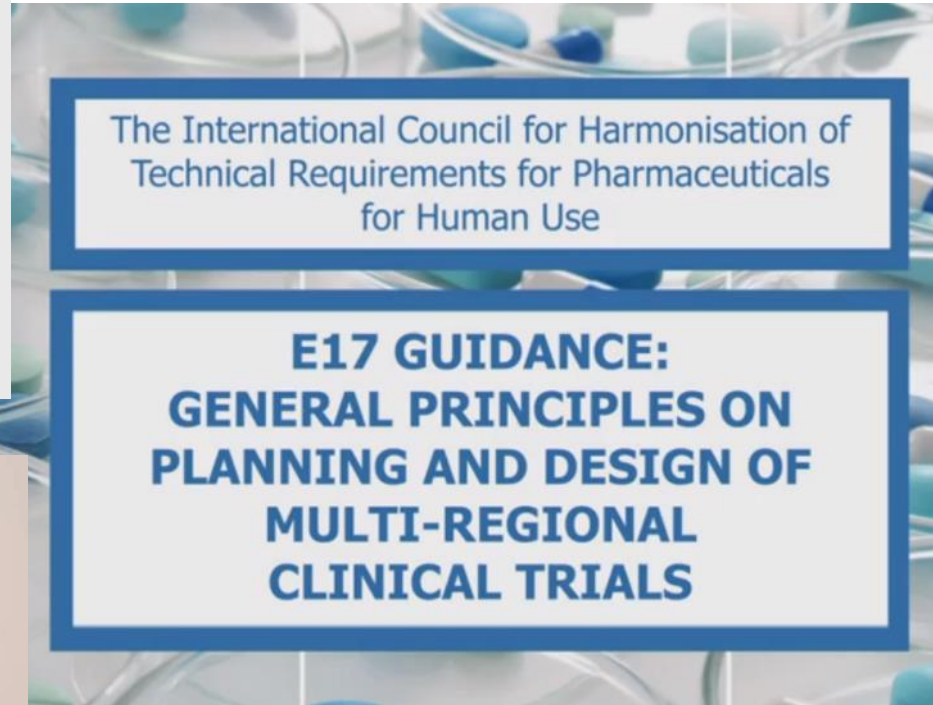
- This video highlights “**what is E17 guideline**” for wide ranging stakeholders involving in MRCTs.



**ICH E17**

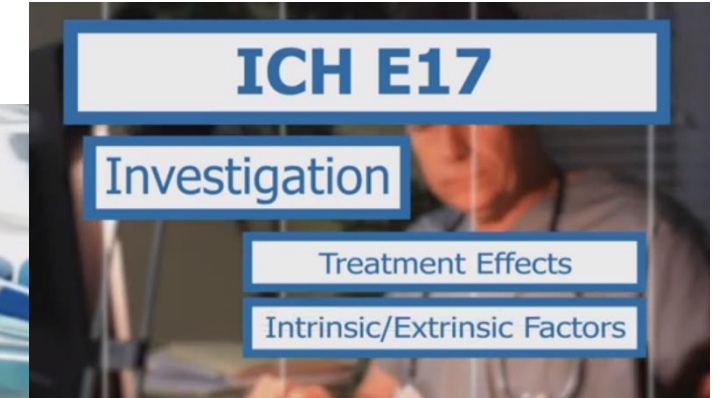
**Planning**

- Intrinsic/Extrinsic Factors
- Study design/analyses



The International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use

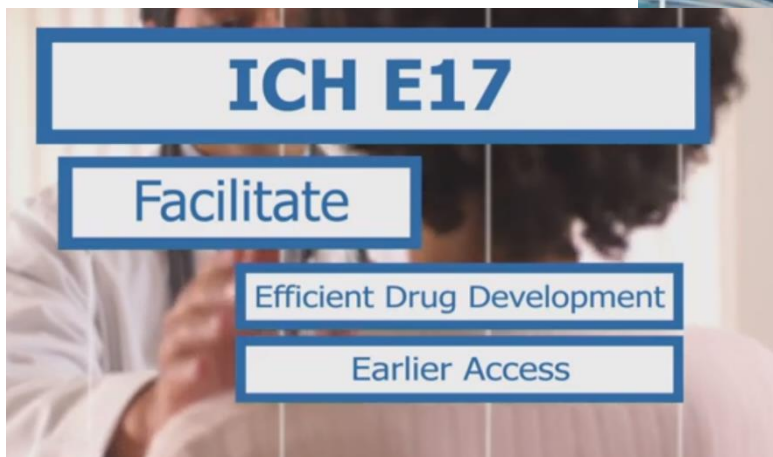
**E17 GUIDANCE:  
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CLINICAL TRIALS**



**ICH E17**

**Investigation**

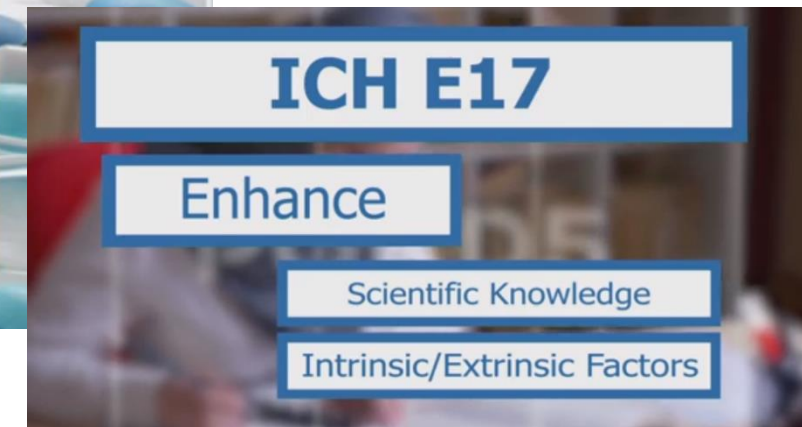
- Treatment Effects
- Intrinsic/Extrinsic Factors



**ICH E17**

**Facilitate**

- Efficient Drug Development
- Earlier Access



**ICH E17**

**Enhance**

- Scientific Knowledge
- Intrinsic/Extrinsic Factors

## ***Strategic Theme vs New Topic***

- Since reforms in 2015 ICH has established the practice of developing “**Reflection Papers**” to describe proposed guideline work under ***Strategic Themes***.
- ➔ These RPs support more productive discussion and convergence on topic priorities as ICH Membership grows larger and more diverse.

### **New Topic**

- Single topic proposal
- Bottom-up approach driven by interests of each ICH Member
- Not necessarily assure total optimization



### **Strategic Theme**

- Comprehensive proposal on multiple GL revisions/new GL creations
- More top-down approach
- Based on cross-disciplinary discussions

# Recent ICH Reflection Papers

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- Several initiatives are ongoing: “**GCP renovation**” firstly went ahead, followed by “**Pharmaceutical Quality**”.

## 1. GCP Renovation

- Modernize ICH **E8** to address broader considerations of study quality and data quality – *now underway*
- Further revise ICH **E6** to anticipate and address a broader range of study types retaining focus on clinical investigator site practices – *to be initiated as E6(R3)*

## 2. Pharmaceutical Quality

- Develop a series of quality guidelines including ICH Q11, Q12, **Q13** (continuous manufacturing), and **Q14** (analytical procedures)
- Informal Quality Discussion Group (IQDG) – *now underway*

# Emerging ICH Reflection Papers

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- And more initiatives are emerging in the ICH:

## 3. Generic Drugs

- Develop a series of guidelines for generic drug development
- Informal Generic Drug Discussion Group (IGDDG) – *now underway*

## 4. Pharmacoepidemiological Study

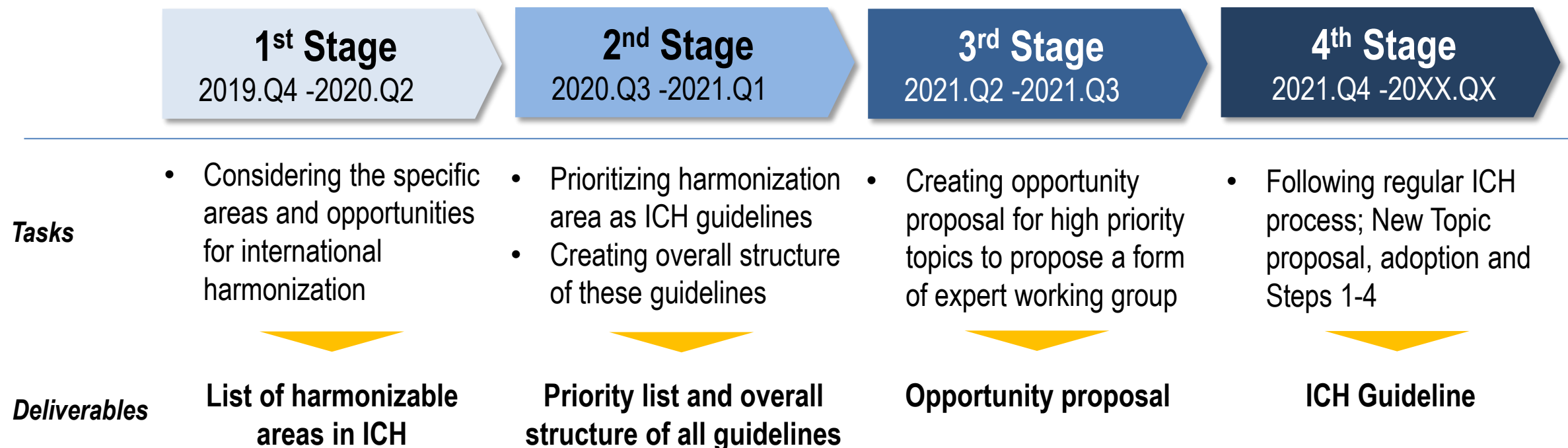
- Harmonize technical requirements for pharmacoepidemiological studies submitted to regulators to advance more effective utilization of **Real-World Data**
- Informal Discussion Group – *to be established*

## 5. Model Informed Drug Development (MIDD)

- Under discussion in ICH Management Committee

# Overview of Pharmacoepidemiology Reflection Paper

- The RP aims to harmonize the technical scientific requirements related to pharmacoepidemiological studies submitted to regulatory agencies, which facilitates utilization of Real-World Data.

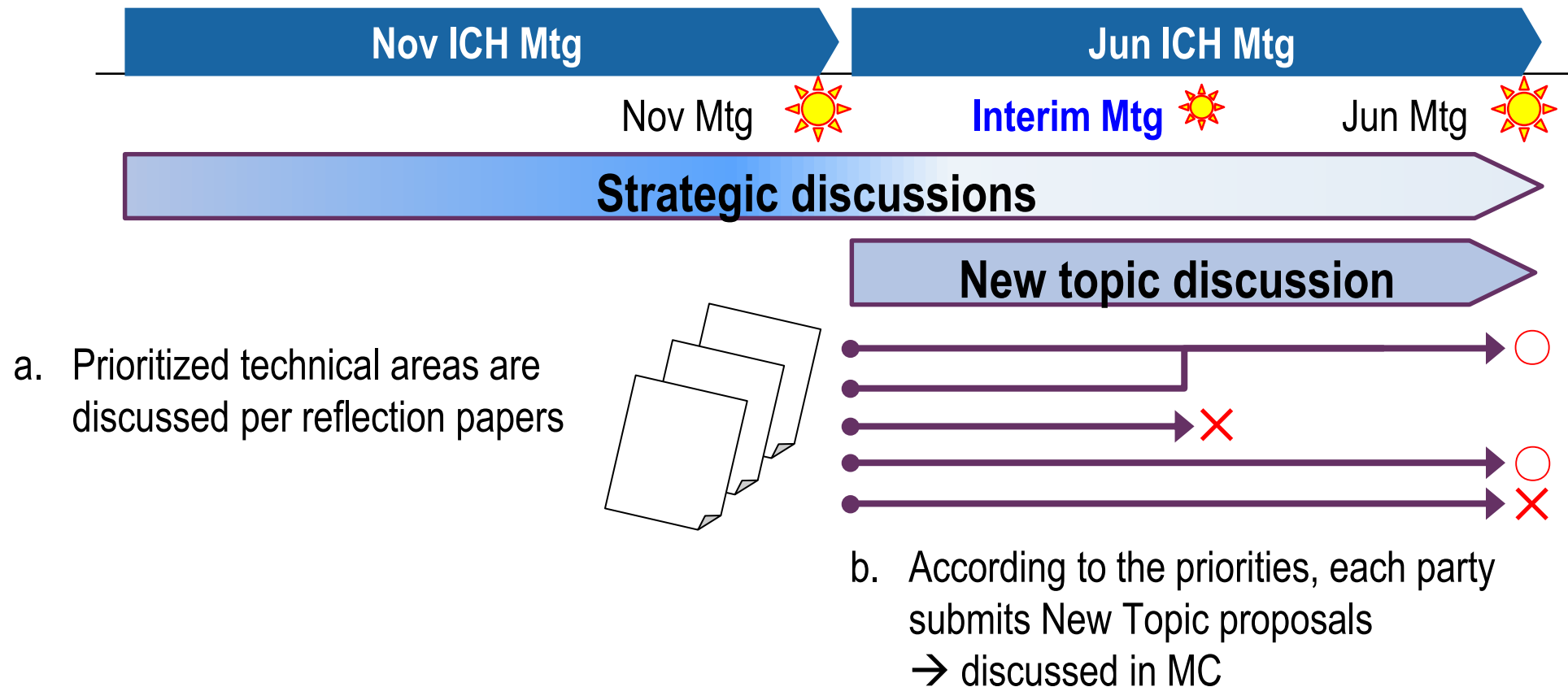


➔ ICH MC will consider the final recommendation from the Discussion Group to determine the next steps.

# Process for Strategic Discussion & New Topics

- In general, Nov ICH Mtg focuses on strategic discussion while Jun ICH Mtg mainly deals with New topic selection.

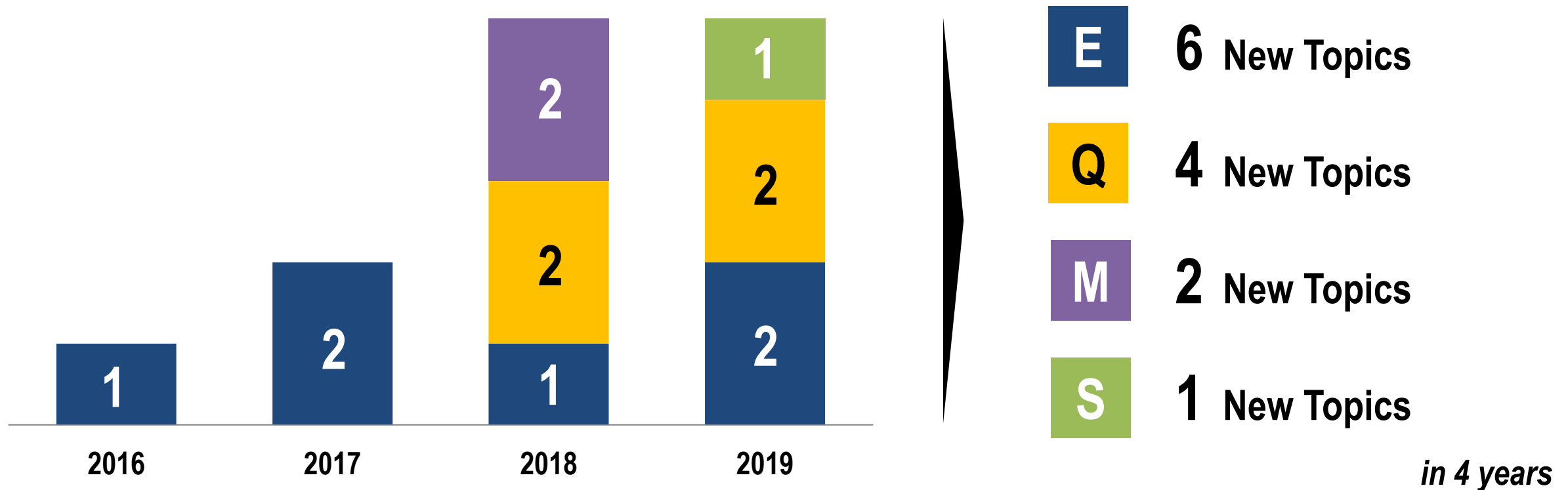
## Typical Scheme



# Trend of New Topics after ICH Reform in 2015

- After ICH Reform and Strategic discussion process implemented, the productivity of new topic creations has maintained high level.

## Number of Adopted New Topics after ICH Reform





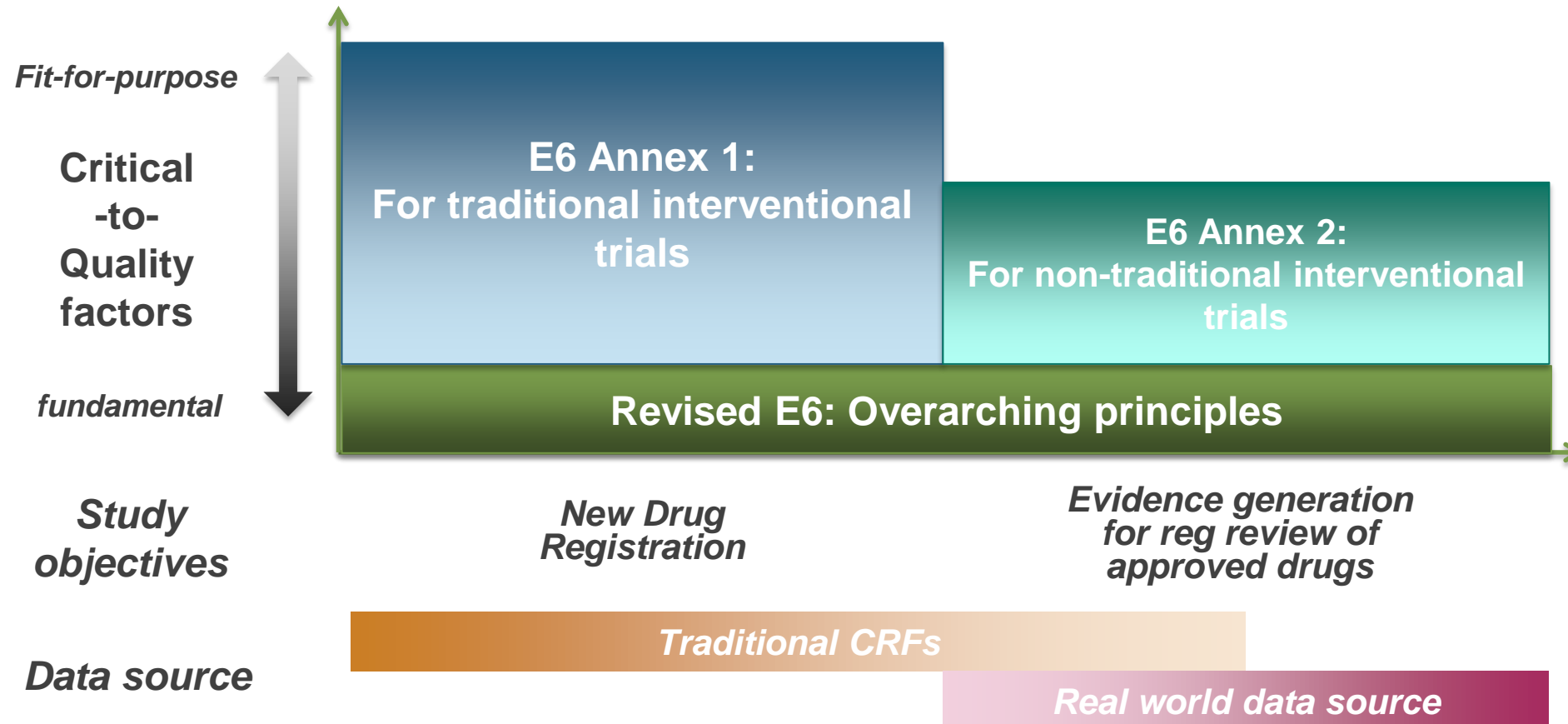
# 4 Adopted Five New Topics in 2019

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- New topics endorsed at ICH Amsterdam mtg in Jun 2019 and informal Working Groups are going to be established for Q5A(R1), E6(R3), E2D(R1) and Gene Therapy Biodistribution:
  - **Q5A(R2)**: Revision of ICH Q5A Viral Safety Evaluation of Biotechnology Products Derived from Cell Lines of Human or Animal Origin
  - **E6(R3)**: Revision of ICH E6 Good Clinical Practice
  - **E2D(R1)**: Revision of ICH E2D Post-Approval Safety Data Management: Definitions and Standards for Expedited Reporting
  - **S12**: Biodistribution Studies for Gene Therapy Products
- Also, one more New topic was endorsed with a delayed start:
  - **Q3E**: Guideline on Impurity: Assessment and Control of Extractables and Leachables (E&L) for Pharmaceuticals and Biologics

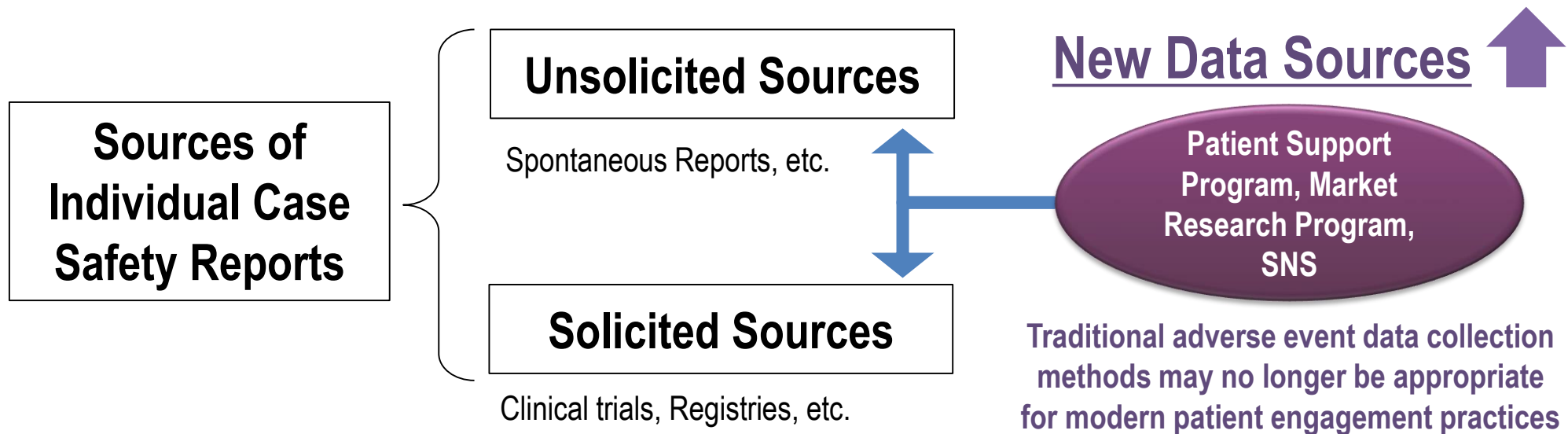
# E6(R3) – Reconstruction of GCP

- The revised E6 and annexes to be blocks of the GCP; Critical-to-Quality factors addressed/focused would be different depending on the components.



# E2D(R1) – Modernization of Pharmacovigilance

- E2D(R1) will update the existing E2D GL
  - to incorporate pragmatic potentially risk-based approaches of the management of information from existing and any **new data sources**,
  - to enable a greater focus on the data sources that will optimize signal detection activities and public health.



# S12 – Biodistribution Studies for Gene Therapy

- Based on the outcome from the IPRP discussion, ICH will initiate new ICH guideline preparation for Non-clinical BD studies for gene therapy products.

## Current guideline for Gene Therapy Products in the Founding Regions

	Cell	Gene-modified Cell	Gene
CMC	FDA		
Non-clinical	FDA		○ ○ ○
Clinical	FDA		
Long-term Follow-up	FDA	EMA	○ EMA

MHLW/PMDA

- Scope of Guideline
- Timing and design of BD study to support early human clinical trials
- Design of BD studies and collection of BD data, etc.

○ : where BD consideration is described in each guideline

➔ Streamlined development of the gene therapy products with higher scientific rigor while minimizing the unnecessary use of animals.

# 4 Other New Topics to be initiated

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## M12 – to start mid 2019

- New guideline to harmonize approaches in designing, conducting, and interpreting Drug-Drug Interaction Studies

## E20 – to start mid 2019

- Harmonize regulatory perspective on the planning, conduct, and regulatory review of adaptive clinical trial designs
- Define set of principles (much like ICH-E9) to guide all aspects of design, conduct, analysis and interpretation
- Clarify study design changes that are not considered adaptive design
- Avoid disharmonized approaches to adaptive clinical programs that can further complicate simultaneous global drug development

# 4 New Topic Issues to be considered at ICH

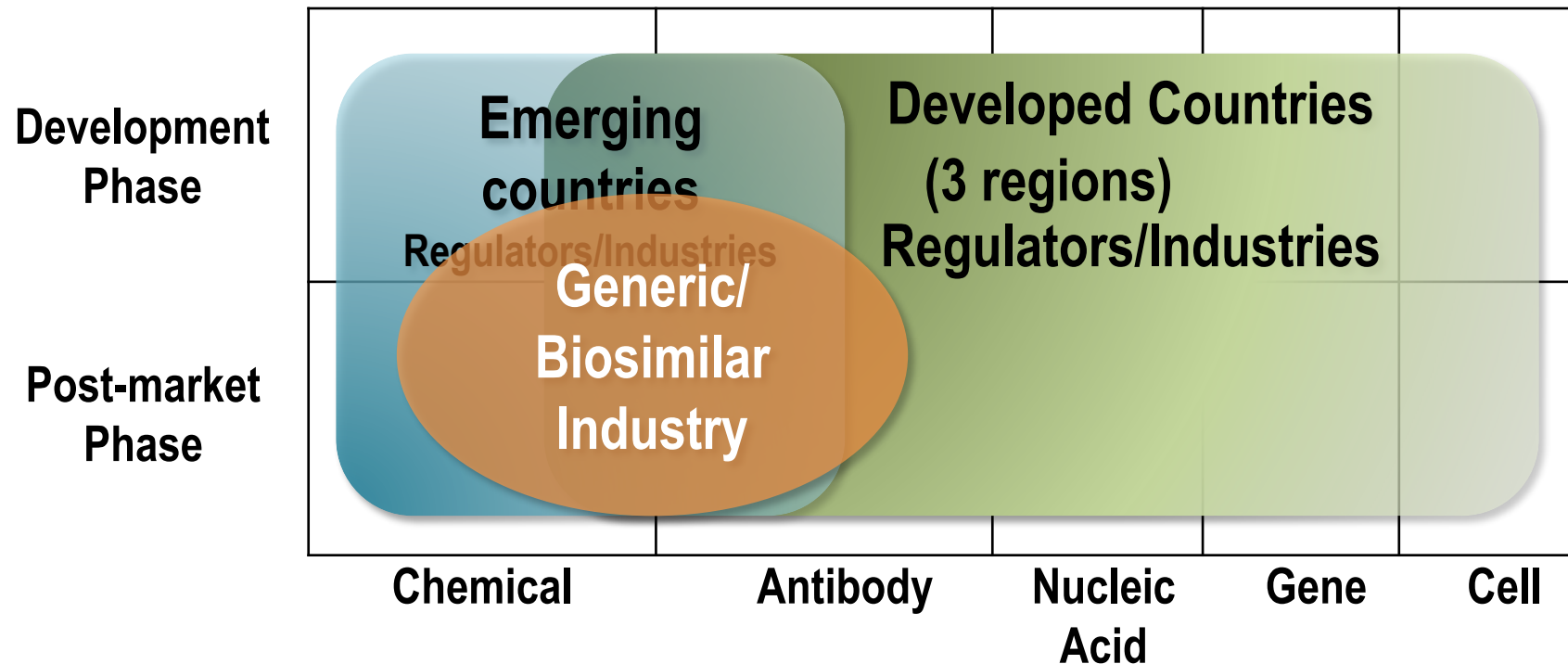
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- Numerous new topic proposals are necessary to maintain the ICH's operation rate, given the anticipated Step 4 achievements by 2020.
- However, ICH needs to wisely select *right* opportunities.
  - Discern: what we want to do; what we can do; what we should do  
→ Do numerous GLs really make everyone happy?
  - **In general, difficulty of GL preparation is increasing**
    - Almost no low-hanging fruits
    - Need high-profile experts with multiple expertise: e.g., stats & safety
  - **Diversity of needs in the expanding ICH**
    - For example, how many common interests on new ICH GLs can be identified between 1) EU/JPN/US and Emerging Countries; 2) R&D oriented industry organizations and Generic industry organizations?

# Diversity of Guideline Needs in Expanding ICH

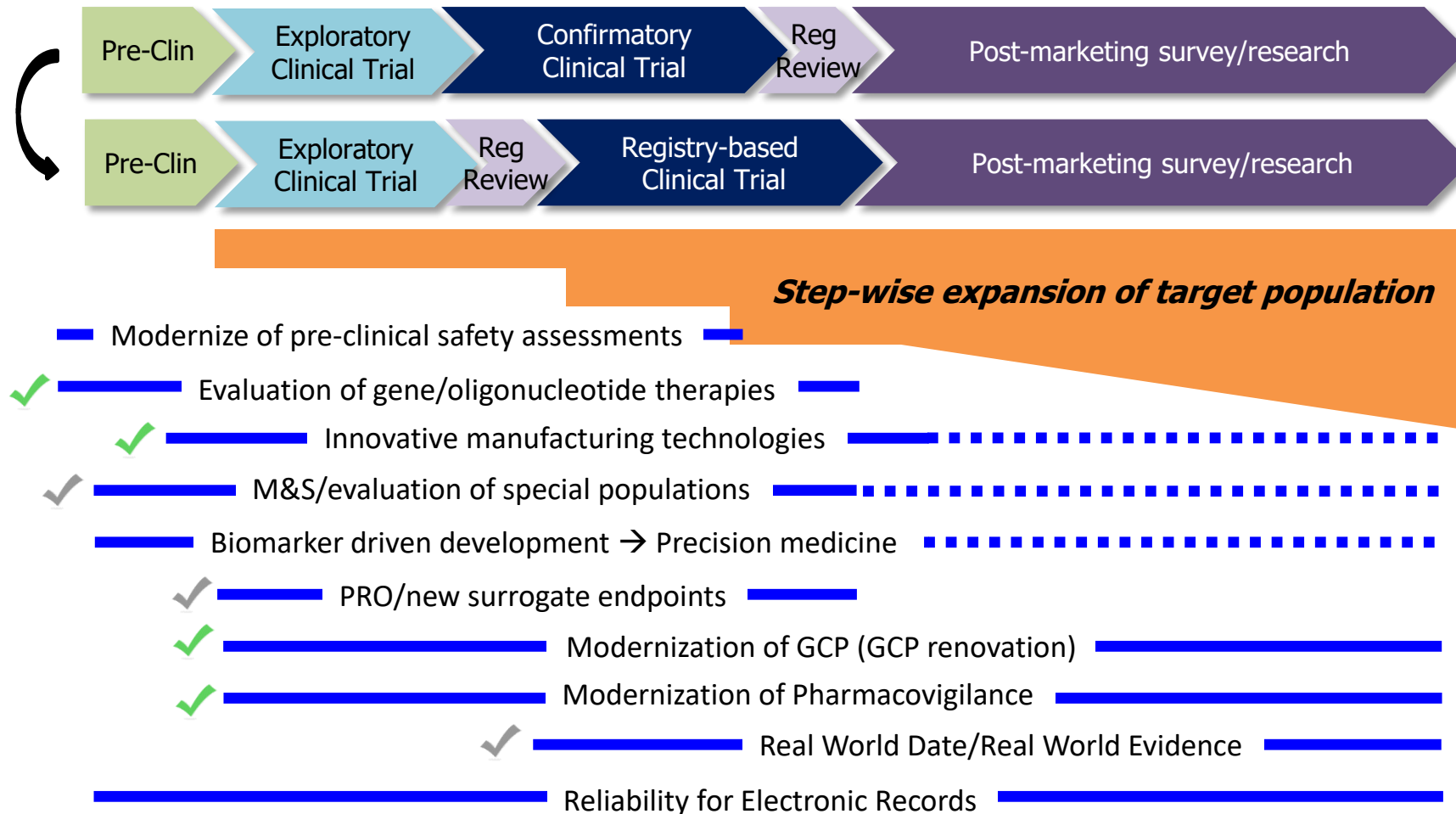
- ICH would need to consider some mechanism to deal with a broad range of needs in ICH, assuming the future ICH Membership.  
 → May fit some portfolio mgmt. (under discussion in MC)

## ICH Members and Needs for ICH Guidelines (just for illustrative purpose)



# Potential Topics of Interest for JPMA

- JPMA would prioritize useful technical opportunities to accelerate patient access for innovative new drugs.





# Future Strategic Discussion and New Topics

- Given the diversified ICH membership, two types of approaches would be anticipated:

- Modern tools to enhance quality and efficiency of new drug development
- Modernized safety assessment
- RWE/Medical Big Data
- New manufacturing technologies
- Oligonucleotide, Gene therapy, Regenerative medicine?

- Generic/Biosimilar
- Vaccine
- Combating communicable diseases

## Points to Consider

- ✓ **Maturity of science/technology?**
  - ✓ **Urgency/timeliness?**
  - ✓ **Feasibility in terms of the scope of ICH? (e.g., medical device)**
  - ✓ **Legal compatibility?**
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- ✓ **Tangible benefits for stakeholders?**
  - ✓ **Urgency/timeliness?**
  - ✓ **Clear rationale for ICH?**

# 4 Summary – Take-home Points

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- At the evolving and expanding ICH, variety of new technical opportunities can be pursued; both challenges and opportunities exist.
- Almost no low-hanging fruits – ICH continues to select right opportunities in right time to maximize our productivity to create new GLs and renovate existing GLs, which improves the public health in the world.
- The more complex guidelines, the more engagement/training need. The benefit of the ICH GLs would be truly realized when those GLs address pragmatic issues and are fully implemented in our daily work.

**Bringing Innovation in  
Drug Discovery to the World**

