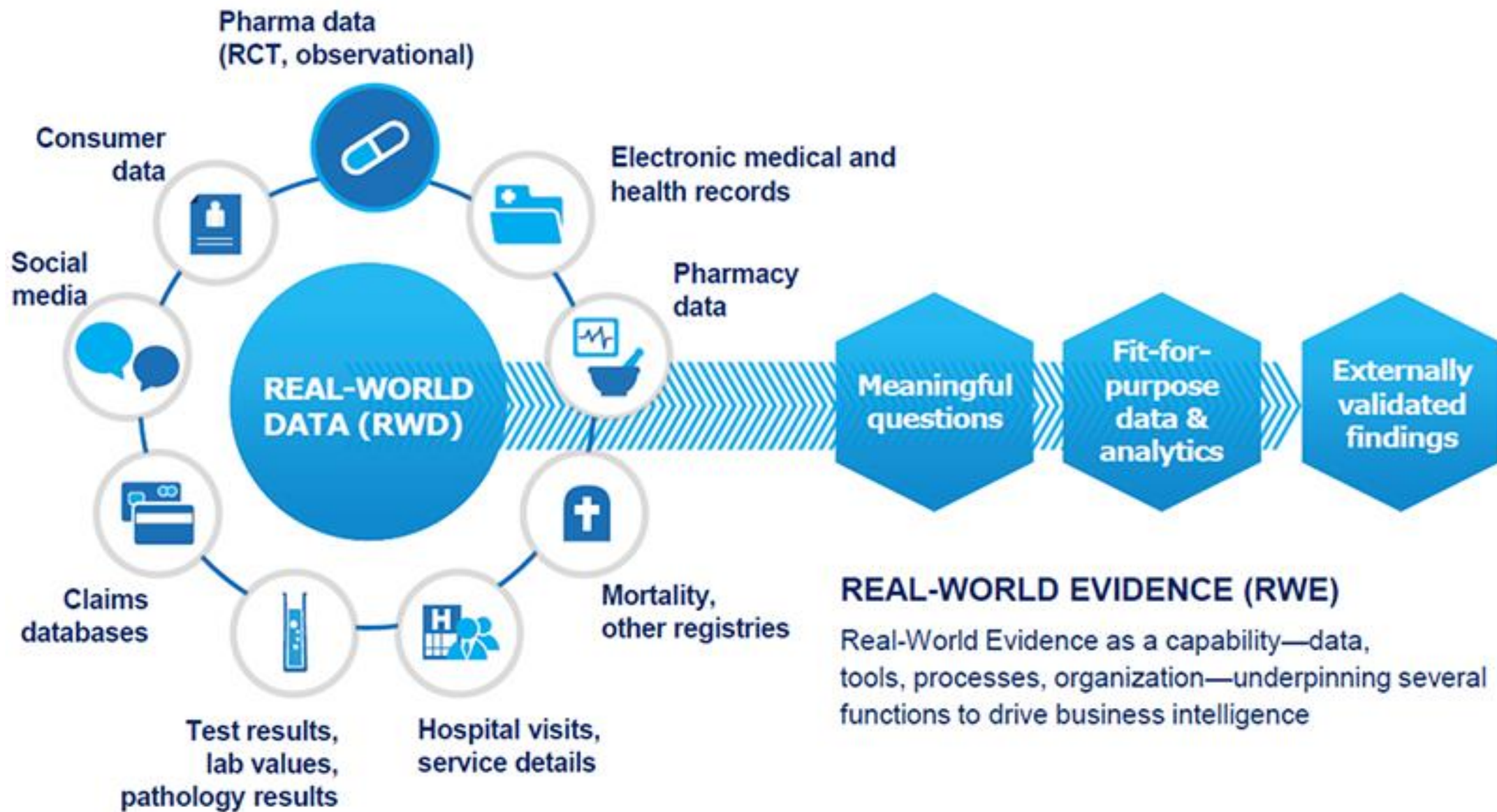


# Basic Approach in Utilizing RWD for Regulatory Decision-Making

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## Traditional Clinical Trial

- Well-defined (but limited) patient population
- Prospective and interventional
- Controlled environment
- High quality, monitored data
- Bias minimized, clinical equipoise

## Real-world Data Source

- Real-world environment and patients
  - diverse patient populations and subgroups
  - larger data sets to assess rare but important events
- Retrospective and observational
- Data may or may not be highly monitored
- Potential for increased biases, missingness and confounders

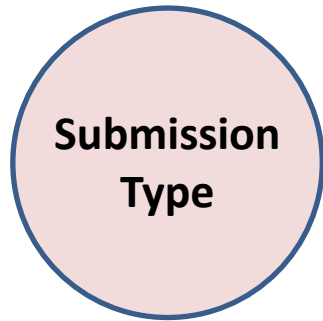
**Key to both is a prospective statistical analysis plan!**

# RWE Successes

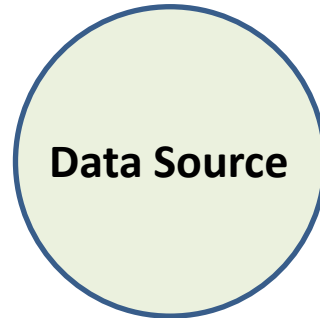
In March 2021, CDRH published 90 Examples of RWE used in medical device regulatory submissions.



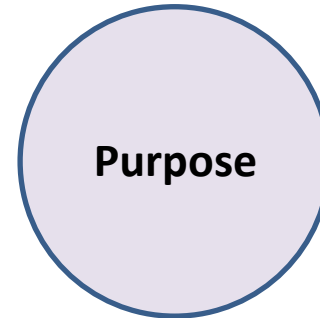
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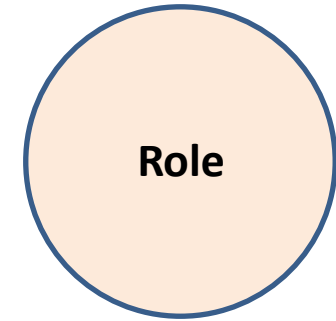
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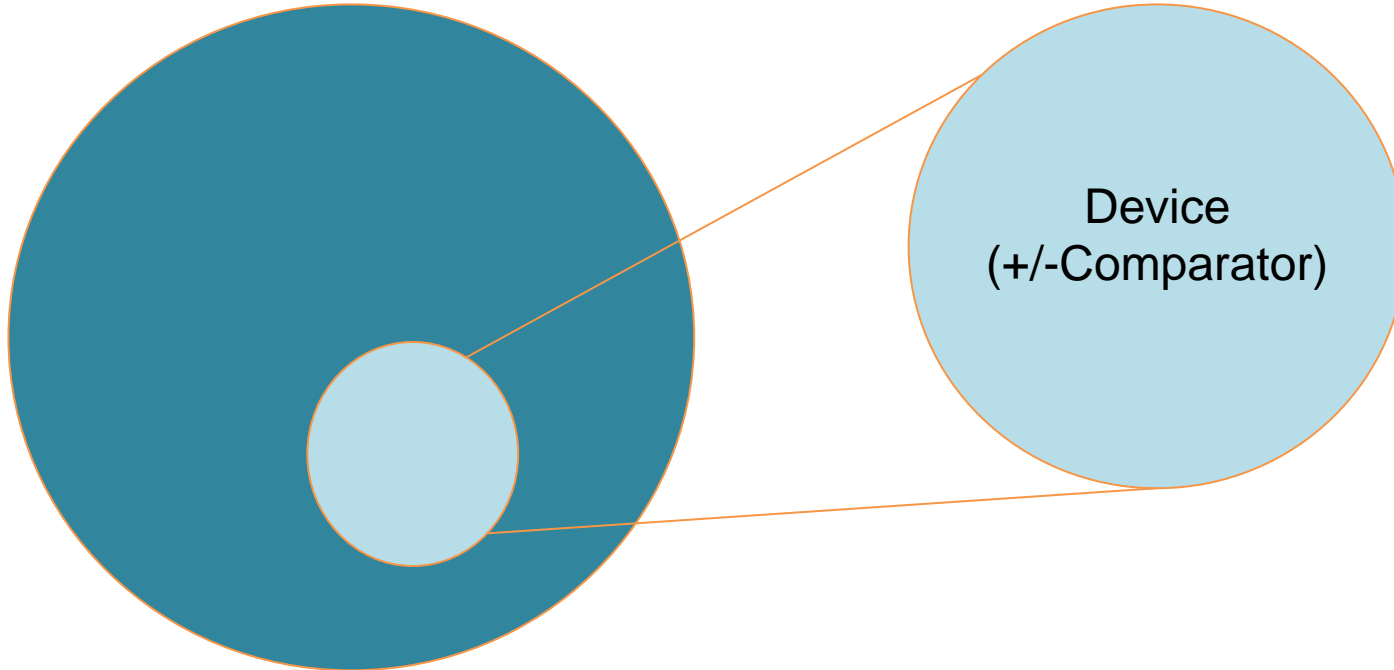


Primary  
Supplementary  
Partnering  
Find patients

# RWD Relevance and Reliability

Population with Health Condition

Study Sample



Real-world Data:  
Timeliness, Definitions,  
Completeness, Accuracy



Conduct statistical analysis  
to assess safety and  
performance



Interpret results

**High Quality/Reliable:** free from errors  
**Relevant:** Sufficient information to answer  
the questions at hand

Build confidence in data and minimize bias:  
data quality, monitoring/auditing, linkages,  
account for differences/covariates

# PERIPHERAL VASCULAR EXAMPLES

# ENROUTE Transcarotid Stent System

## *Expanded Indication*



- **Device:** Transcarotid Stent System with Embolic Protection
- **Indication Expansion:**
  - From: patients at HIGH risk for adverse events from carotid endarterectomy
  - Expanded to include: patients at STANDARD risk for adverse events from carotid endarterectomy
- **Primary Data Source:** Registry Data from Society of Vascular Surgeons – Vascular Quality Initiative (VQI)
  - Transcarotid Artery Revascularization (TCAR) Surveillance Project
    - Carotid Artery Stent (CAS) Cohort
    - Carotid Artery Endarterectomy (CAE) Cohort

Photo Source: ENROUTE® Transcarotid Stent System | Silk Road Medical

# Prespecified Study Design and Analysis Plan



## Standard Surgical Risk Patients undergoing:

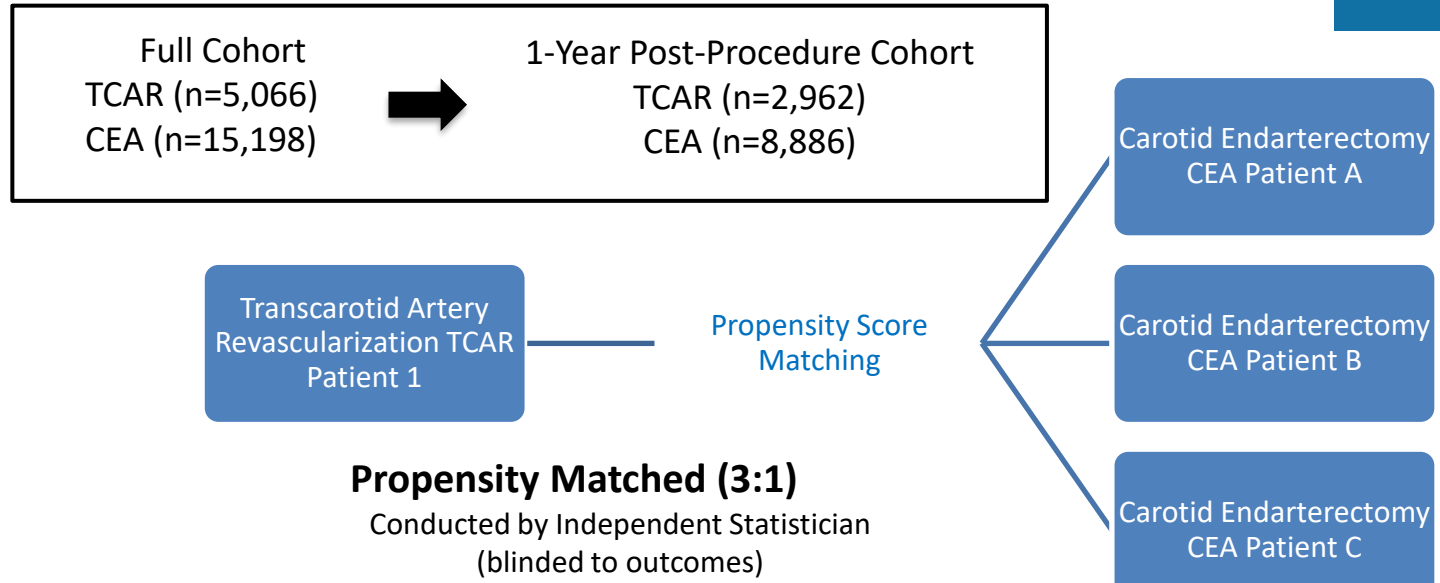
- Carotid Endarterectomy (CEA)
- Transcarotid Artery Revascularization w/stent (TCAR)

## Endpoints – composite of:

- 30-day Composite: Death, Stroke, Myocardial Infarction
- Day 31 through 365: Ipsilateral Stroke

## Result

- TCAR w/stent demonstrated similar safety and effectiveness as CEA



**Table 11: Primary Endpoint Results for All Matched Patients in the Supplemental Analysis Population**

Outcome	KM Estimate for TCAR N=2962	KM Estimate for CEA N=8886	Bootstrap 95% Confidence interval (TCAR minus CEA)
30 Day Stroke	1.55%	1.13%	
30 Day Death	0.34%	0.41%	
30 Day Death/Stroke	1.79%	1.45%	
30 Day Death/Stroke/MI*	2.20%	2.05%	
<b>Primary Endpoint:</b> 30 Day Death/Stroke/MI* and 1-Year Ipsilateral Stroke	2.96%	2.56%	-0.43%, 1.24%

\*MI is reported as in-hospital. The CEA registry of the SVS VQI does not track MI past discharge whereas the CAS registry does.



# Granting of DeNovo: CavaClear

## Laser Sheath for Inferior Vena Cava (IVC) Filter Removal



**Device:** laser-powered catheter to ablate tissue and facilitate detachment and removal of IVC filter retrievals

**Unmet clinical need:** Removal of IVC filters when other techniques fail

**Data Source:** Retrospective analysis of combined RWD (Electronic health records) at 6 centers (126 subjects) and published data on a single-site's experience (139 subjects)

# CavaClear – Laser Sheath for Inferior Vena Cava (IVC) Filter Removal



## Endpoints:

- Safety: Device-related complications
- Effectiveness: Site-reported procedure technical success rate

## Results:

- Primary safety endpoint met (Device-related major complication rate of 2.9% and 4.0%)
- Primary effectiveness endpoint met (Procedural technical success rate of 95.7% and 95.2%)

	Single-Center Experience	Multi-Center Experience
<b>Patient Demographics</b>		
Number of Subjects	139	126
Age (years)	52±16 (138)	52±16 (126)
Gender	Female: 56.1% (78/139) Male: 43.2% (60/139)	Female: 59.5% (75/126) Male: 40.5% (51/126)
Filter Dwell Time (months)	57.1±51.8 (136)	69.7±62.0 (110)
Prior failed retrieval attempts	100.0% (139/139)	42.1% (53/126)
<b>Study Primary Endpoints</b>		
Procedural Technical Success Rate	95.7% (133/139) [90.8%, 98.4%]	95.2% (120/126) [89.9%, 98.2%]
Device Related Major Complication Rate	2.9% (4/139) [0.8%, 7.2%]	4.0% (5/126) [1.3%, 9.0%]

Source: [DEN210024 Summary](#)

# Plan early and be flexible because RWD can be messy

## Role of RWE:

- Primary
- Supplementary/Additive
- Partnering (e.g., as control, prior, or otherwise combined with traditional clinical study data)

## Statistical Methods:

- Pre-specified flexible SAP
- Methodology (eg, matching)
- Accounting for confounders and biases
- Handling missing data

## Data Source:

- Patient Population
- Elements and definitions
- Outcomes
- Duration/Follow-up
- Accuracy/Missingness

## Other considerations:

- Quality measures
- Multiple sources and linkages
- Other data (eg, imaging)
- Rationale for generalizability (e.g., international data)

**Thank you!**

