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eHealth Applications & Digital Monitoring Devices

- An Enabler in Clinical Drug Development -

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eHealth & Sensors at Work

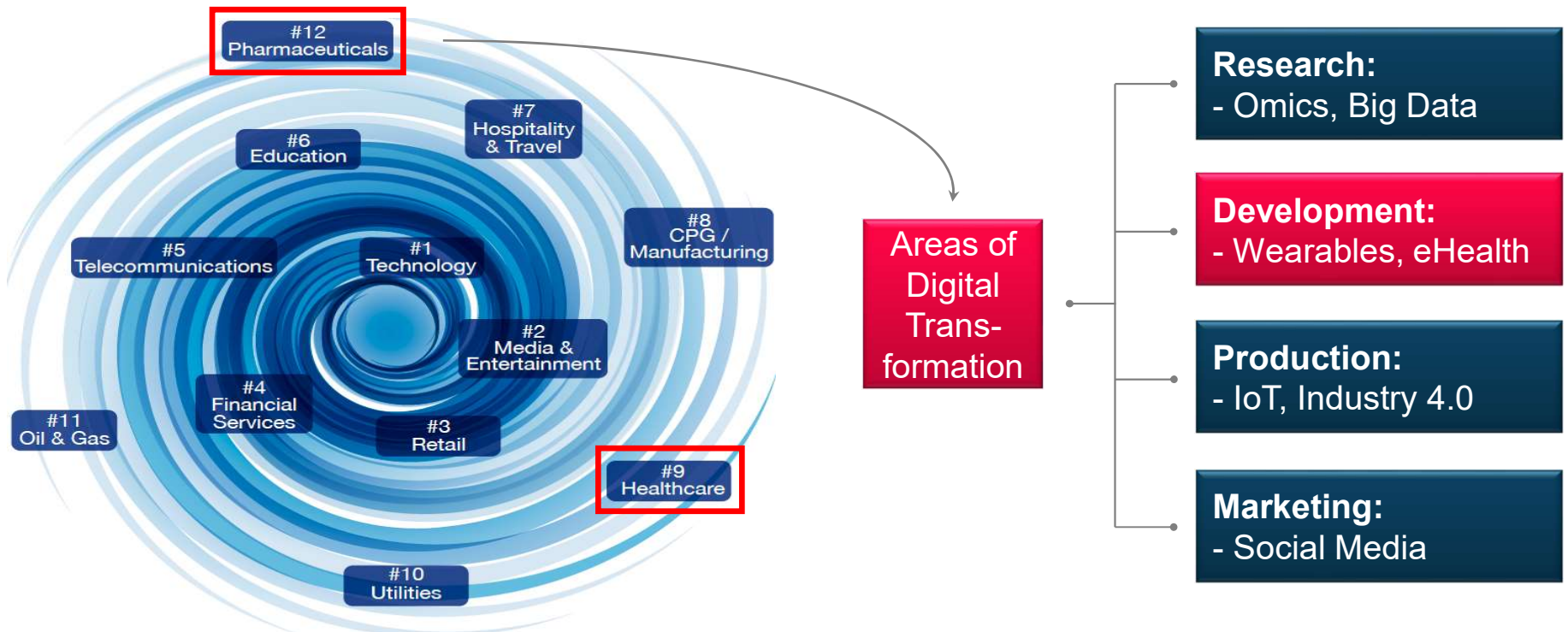
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Digital Transformation of Industries

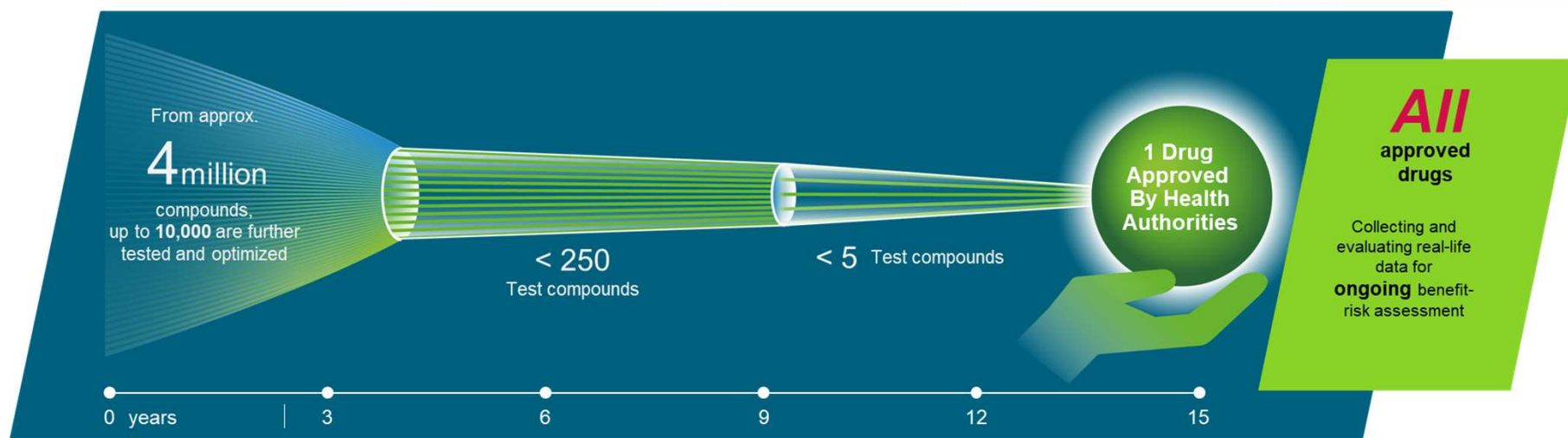
To Which Extend is Pharmaceutical Industry Affected ?



Global Center for Digital Business Transformation
at IMD/Lausanne 2015

Pharmaceutical R&D Value Chain

The long Process from Idea via Molecule to Medicine



The Role of eHealth & Sensors in Clinical Drug Development

Data Capturing in Clinical Trials: Complementary Information



- Demographics (Age, Sex...)
- Disease specific parameters (ECG, Ultrasound....)
- Lab parameters (Blood, Urine biomarkers...)
- Comorbidities
- Medication / Side effects
- **Wearable-derived data**
- **How patients feel and manage their disease (PRO)**

Point in time *versus* Continuous Measurements
Objective *versus* Subjective Measures



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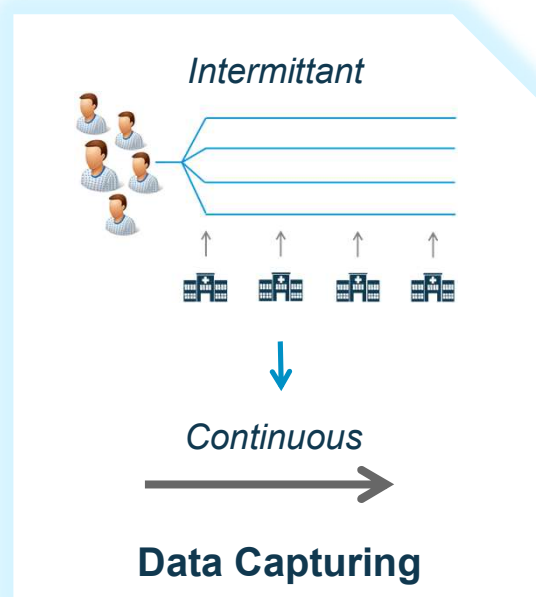
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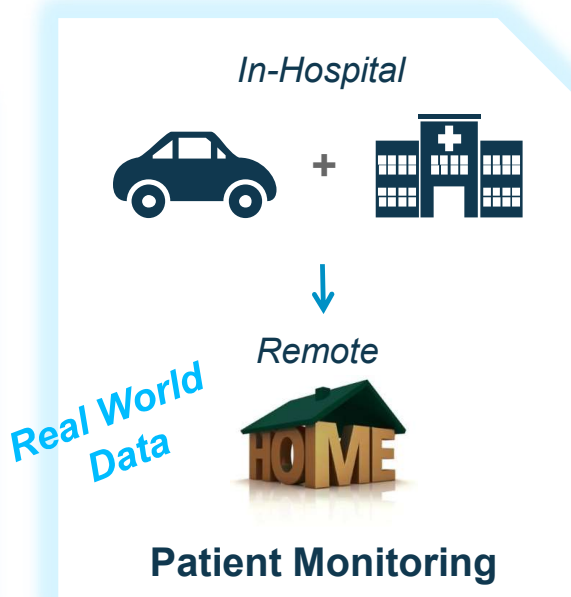
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Benefits of Remote and Continuous Data Capturing in Clinical Trials

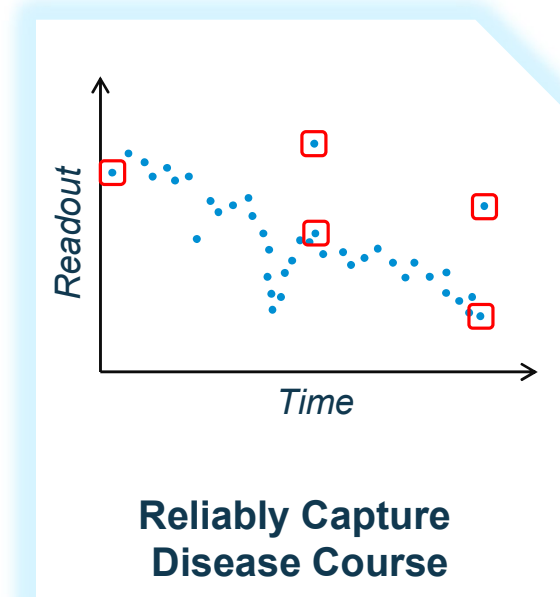
Better Profile Drugs



Reduce Patient's Burden



Reduce Costs / Safe Time

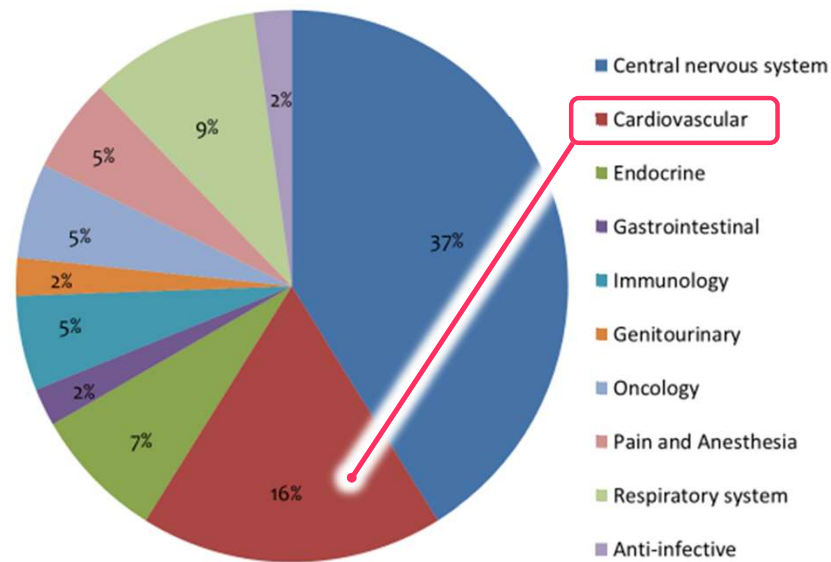


Digital Devices Induced **Paradigm Shift** and Enable **Highly Innovative Trial Designs**

Where to Implement eHealth?

Registered Mobile/Electronic Health Clinical Trials

Clinical Trials.gov, accessed June 2017, N= 564 trials

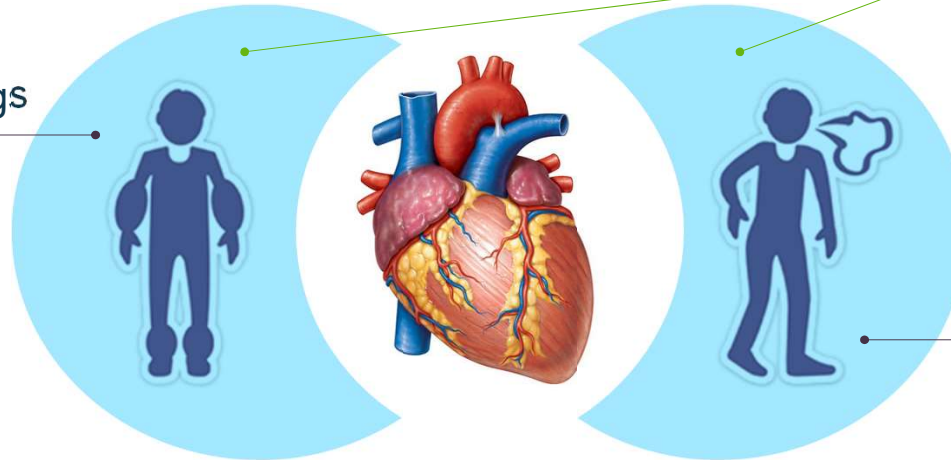


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Heart Failure

Symptoms are Impacting Quality of Life

- Swelling of arms and legs



- Vital Signs & Activity tracking

- ePRO

- Shortness of breath
- Reduced ability to exercise

Innovative Therapies: Prolong Life, Reduce Hospitalization
Improve **Symptoms, Quality of Life** and **Exercise Capacity**

Heart Failure

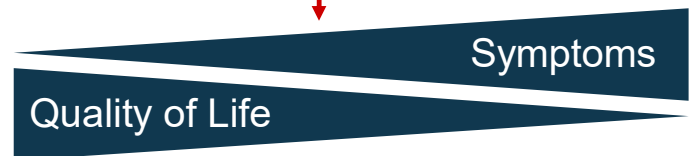
A Progressive and Deadly Disease



1-year mortality



5-year mortality

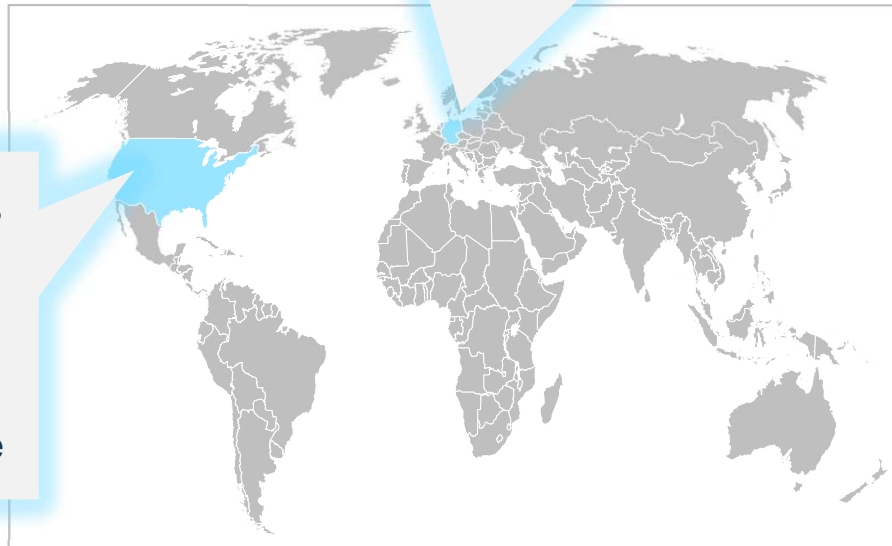


Heart Failure

A Highly Prevalent Disease with High Socio-Economic Impact



- 5.1 million cases
- > 870.000 new cases per year
- 1-2 % of health care expenditure



- 518 Cases / 100 000 Individuals (2017)
- Doubling since 1995
- 47414 Deaths in 2015



- 26 million cases
- \$ 108 billion worldwide annual costs

Source: American Heart Association (AHA), German Society of Cardiology (DGK), Press Release DGK 01/2018

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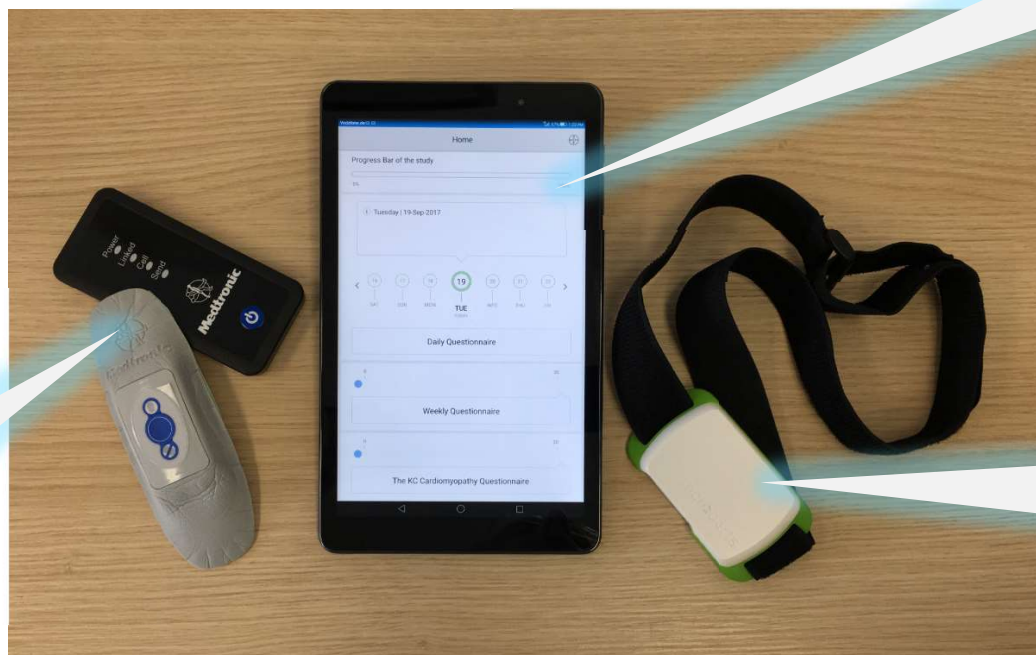
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Tools for Remote & Continuous Patient Monitoring

Wearable Devices and eHealth Application in REALISM-HF



**Mobile Cardiac
Monitoring Patch**
(24 hrs / 5-7 days)



**Electronic Patient
Reported
Outcome**
(daily, weekly)

**Activity & Energy
Expenditure
Tracker**
(24 hrs / 7 days)

<https://www.mcroberts.nl/products/movemonitor/>
<https://www.physiq.com/>

Definition Patient Reported Outcome (PRO)

US Food & Drug Administration



According to the FDA-NIH Biomarkers, EndpointS and other Tools (BEST) Working Group, a patient-reported outcome (PRO) is....

“...a measurement based on a report that comes directly from the patient about the status of a patient’s health condition without amendment or interpretation of the patient’s response by a clinician or anyone else.”

PROs may capture symptoms such as itching as well as functioning in daily life such as the ability to carry groceries.

A patient-reported outcome measure (PROM) is the instrument or tool, typically a questionnaire or diary, used to gather the health status of the patient.

Examples

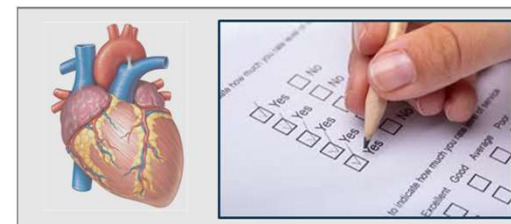
- Numeric rating scale of pain intensity
- Patient-completed diary of seizure episodes
- Verbal rating of severity of visual symptoms

Reference: DA-NIH Biomarker Working Group. BEST (Biomarkers, EndpointS, and other Tools) Resource. Silver Spring (MD): Food and Drug Administration (US); 2016



Available PROs to Assess Heart Failure

Tool Description and Principle of Operation

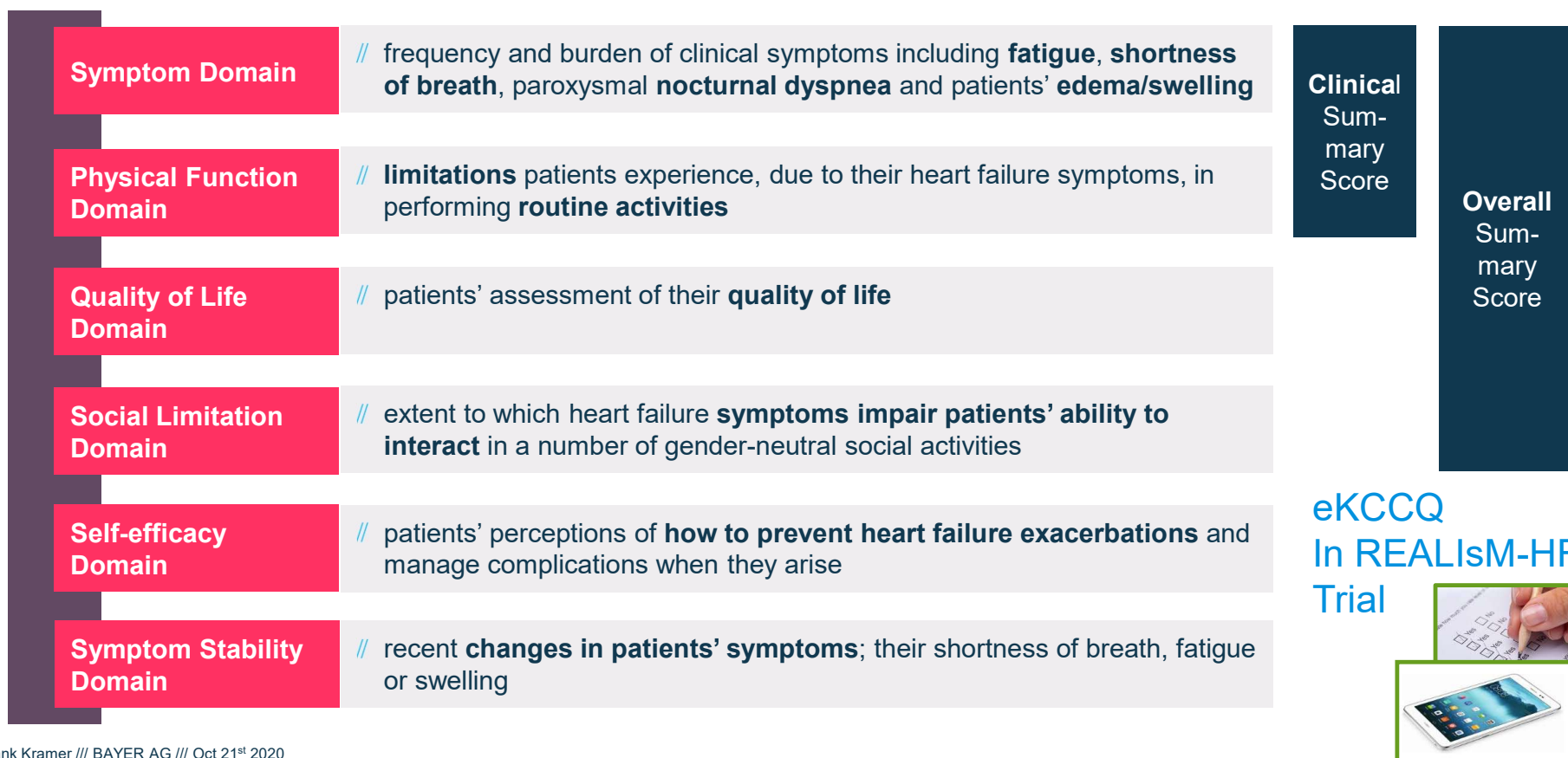


Chronic Heart Failure Questionnaire (CHFQ)	Single-Item Health Status
Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire (KCCQ)	Multidimensional Fatigue Inventory
Minnesota Living with Heart Failure Questionnaire (MLHFQ)	Social Provisions Scale
Chronic Heart Failure Assessment Tool (CHAT)	EuroQoL Dimensions Index
Heart Failure Functional Status Inventory (HFFSI)	Medical Outcomes Study 36-Item Short-Form Healthy Survey
QoL in Severe Heart Failure Questionnaire (QLQ-SHF)	12-Item Short-Form Health Survey
Left Ventricular Dysfunction Questionnaire (LVD-36)	Sickness Impact Profile
San Diego Heart Failure Questionnaire (SDHFQ)	Health Utilities Index Mark-3
Memorial Symptom Assessment Scale-Heart Failure (MSAS-HF)	Patient Health Questionnaire-9
Zung Self-Rating Depression Scale	Brief Symptom Inventory
Profile of Mood State	MacNew
Patient-Generated Index	Cardiac Depression Scale
London Chest Activity of Daily Living Scale	QoL Index-Cardiac Version
Generic QoL questionnaire	Health-Related QoL Questionnaire
Cumulative Illness Rating Scale	Dyspnea Fatigue Index
Duke Activity Status Index	

Butler J,Kramer F... et al. Exploring New Endpoints for Patients With Heart Failure With Preserved Ejection Fraction. *Circ Heart Fail.* 2016;9(11):e003358.

Example: Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire (KCCQ)

23-item Questionnaire, *Six Domains*, *Two Summary Scores*, *4-6 min Completion Time*



Step Wise Implementation of eHealth

Assessment of Feasibility, Generation of Infrastructure & Building of Data Base Layer

Traditional Clinical Trial Concepts: Established Readouts & Endpoints

Pilot Patient Registry:
Wearables & Innovative
Data Infrastructure

- Identify Technology
- Feasibility
- Establish Data Infrastructure
- Build Data Base Layer

REALiSM-HF

VITALITY Study
(in between)

Interventional Trial:
Drug
+ Traditional Readouts
+ Wearables

- Drug Approval 



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REALIsM-HF Patient Registry

An ePRO and Wearable Device Pilot Study in Heart Failure Patients

REALIsM-HF

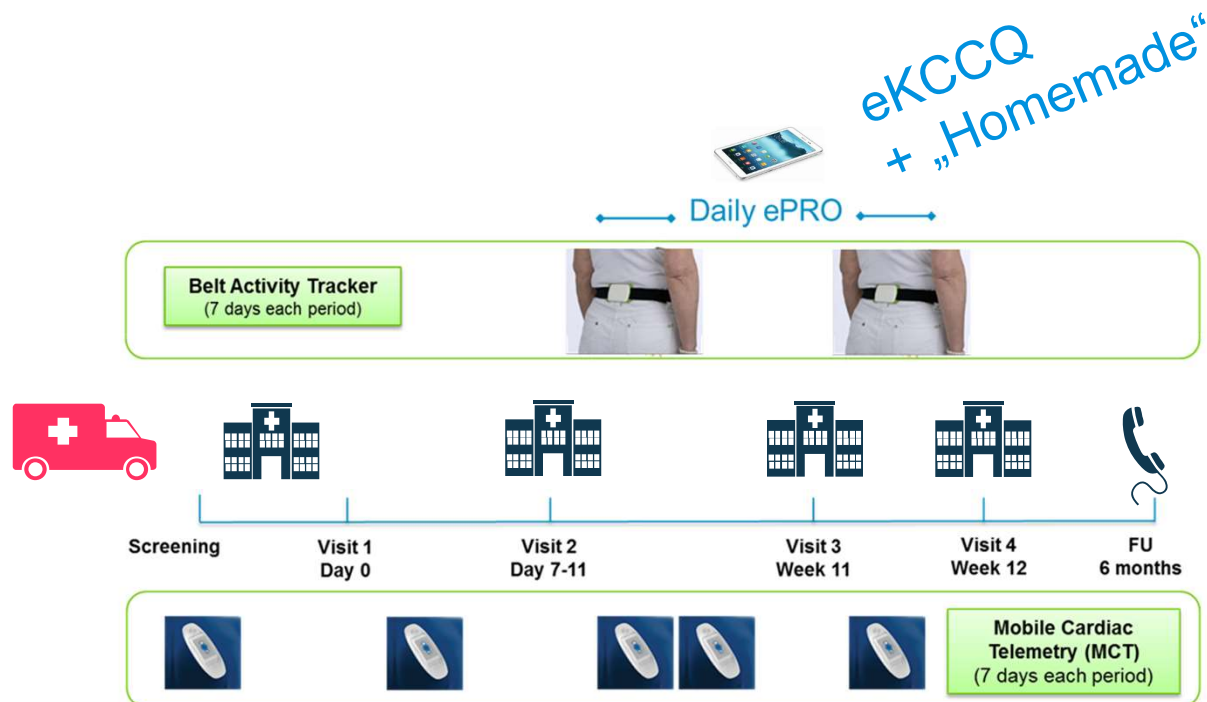


Countries

- Germany
- Italy
- USA

Patients

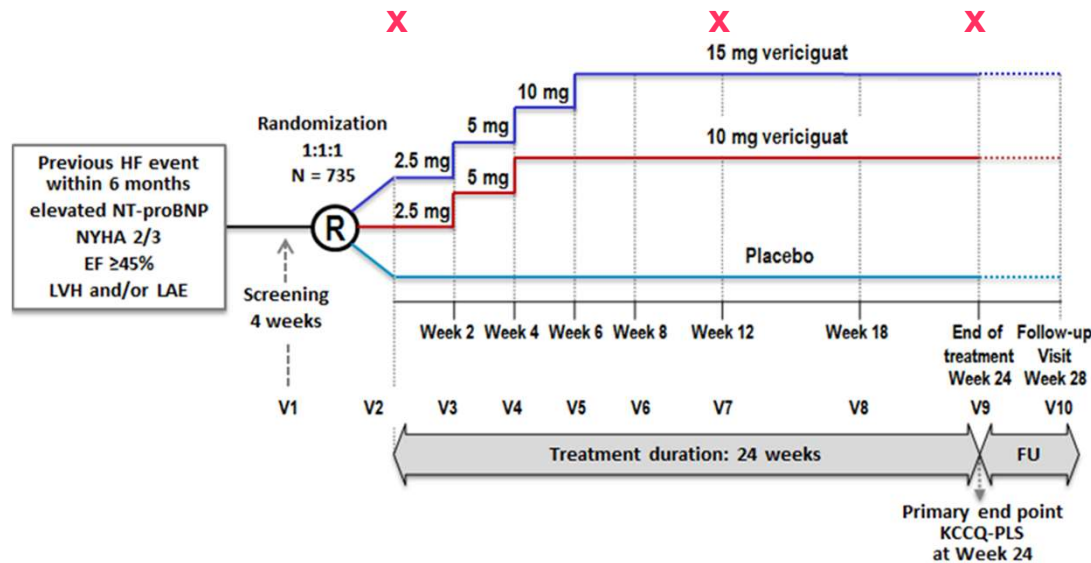
- N = 100



- Kramer F. et al 2020, *Digit Biomark* 2020;4:45–59
 - *ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT03507439*

KCCQ - A primary Endpoint in Vericiguat Ph Ila Study

VITALITY Study: PRO, 6MWT and Accelerometer to assess Exercise Capacity



1° EP: change in **KCCQ PLS**,
2° EP: **change in the 6MWT**
from baseline to week 24, for 10 and 15 mg
vericiguat arms compared to placebo.

X



**Objective (6MWT, Accelerometer) & Subjective (PRO) Measures
complement each other to assess Exercise Capacity**

EF, ejection fraction; FU, follow-up; HF, heart failure; KCCQ, Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire; LAE, left atrial enlargement; LVH, left ventricular hypertrophy; NT-proBNP, N-terminal pro-brain natriuretic peptide; EF, ejection fraction; FU, follow-up; HF, heart failure; KCCQ, Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire; LAE, left atrial enlargement; LVH, left ventricular hypertrophy; NYHA, New York Heart Association; PLS, physical limitation score; V, Visit. KCCQ as the entire questionnaire is administered, not just the PLS domain.

“Off-the-Shelf” ePRO Applications

Example: Assessing Sleepiness in Patients with Sleep Disorders

Epworth Sleepiness Scale

Number 1 through 8 on a scrap of paper.



The Epworth Sleepiness Scale (ESS)

- ESS for adults, assess the 'daytime sleepiness'
- self-administered questionnaire with 8 questions; respondents are asked to rate, on a 4-point scale (0-3)

0-5 Lower Normal Daytime Sleepiness
 6-10 Higher Normal Daytime Sleepiness
 11-12 Mild Excessive Daytime Sleepiness
 13-15 Moderate Excessive Daytime Sleepiness
 16-24 Severe Excessive Daytime Sleepiness

- responsiveness of ESS scores to treatment effects has been demonstrated by their reduction after CPAP treatment for OSA (Standard Response Mean >0.8; *Chen et al, 2002; Hardinge et al, 1995*)
- ESS is subject to copyright, license is required to use the ESS

Epworth Sleepiness Scale

Name: _____ Today's date: _____

Your age (Yrs): _____ Your sex (Male = M, Female = F): _____

How likely are you to doze off or fall asleep in the following situations, in contrast to feeling just tired?

This refers to your usual way of life in recent times.

Even if you haven't done some of these things recently try to work out how they would have affected you.

Use the following scale to choose the **most appropriate number** for each situation:

0 = would **never** doze
 1 = **slight chance** of dozing
 2 = **moderate chance** of dozing
 3 = **high chance** of dozing

It is important that you answer each question as best you can.

Situation	Chance of Dozing (0-3)
Sitting and reading _____	—
Watching TV _____	—
Sitting, inactive in a public place (e.g. a theatre or a meeting) _____	—
As a passenger in a car for an hour without a break _____	—
Lying down to rest in the afternoon when circumstances permit _____	—
Sitting and talking to someone _____	—
Sitting quietly after a lunch without alcohol _____	—
In a car, while stopped for a few minutes in the traffic _____	—

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

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OSA

Screening of Obstructive Sleep Apnea

ENT@K Medizin

USK ab 0 Jahren

Diese App ist mit allen deinen Geräten kompatibel.

Zur Wunschliste hinzufügen

Installieren

Questionnaire

1. Epworth Sleepiness Scales

2. Berlin Questionnaire

3. STOP-Bang Questionnaire

4. STOP Questionnaire

Personal Records

Readme

Epworth Sleepiness Scale

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Berlin Questionnaire

Height: cm
Weight: kg
calculate BMI: kg/m²

STOP-Bang Questionnaire

Select 1

1. Do you snore too loudly enough to be heard by others?

2. Do you often feel tired during daytime?

3. Do you have or have you ever had high blood pressure?

4. Has anyone observed you snoring during your sleep?

5. Have you snored more than 1 hour per week?

6. Are you over 50 years old?

7. Neck circumference greater than 40 cm (men) or 35 cm (women)?

8. Gender male?

less than three: low risk

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Data

Increasing Amount of Data being Collected in Clinical Studies

MAGELLAN Study

- Classical datasets
- Different time points
- ~ 8000 patients
- 52 countries



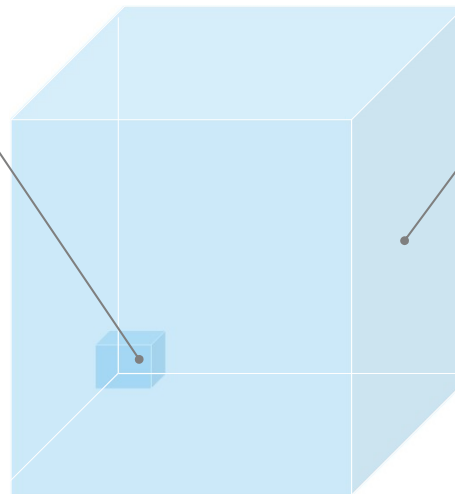
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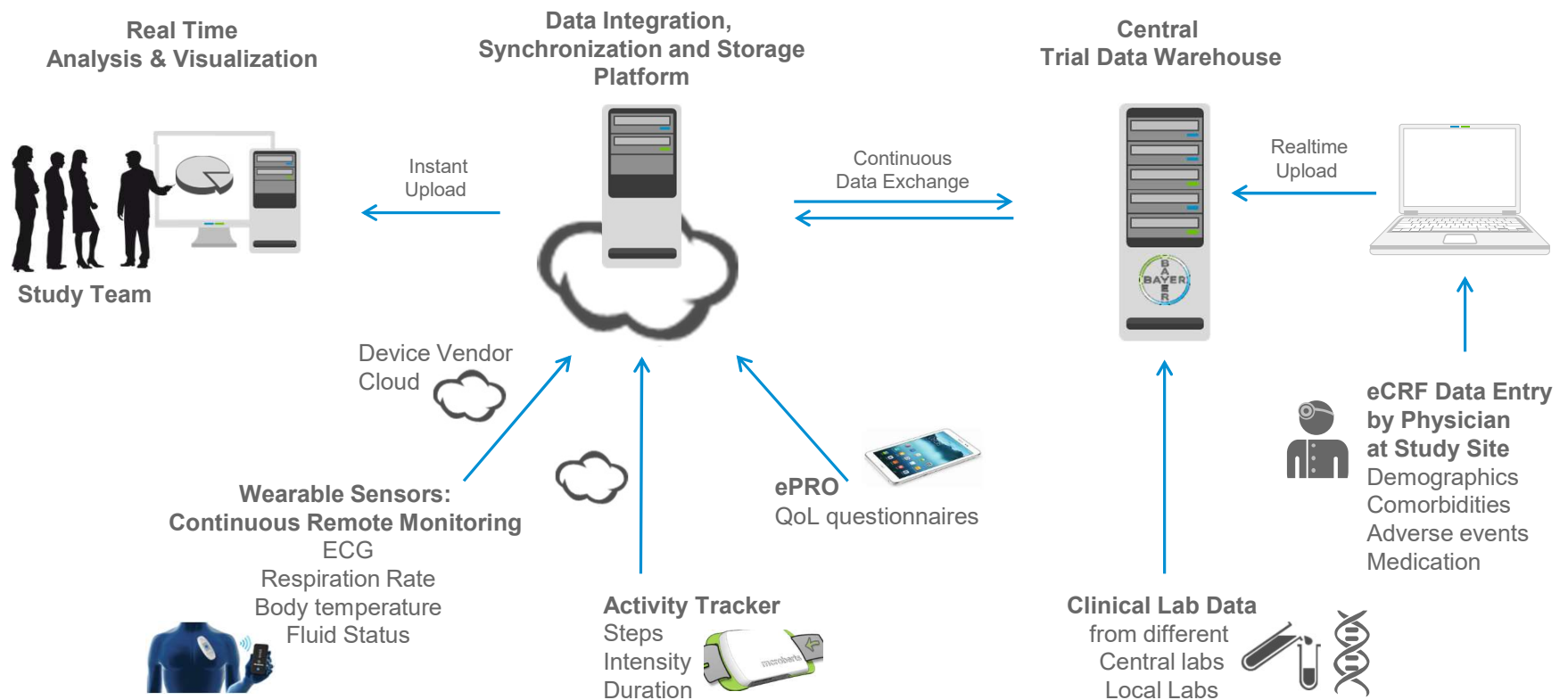
- 38 Variables / 16 parameters
- 5 Days x 5 weeks continuous monitoring
- ~ 11,5 Million records / day
- 100 Patients
- 1 Patient ~ 21 GB



➤ ~ 2,1 Terabyte
(one device alone) !



The Challenges & How Cloud Technology Helped to Solve *Capturing, Integration, Storage, Analysis and Visualization of Data*



Sarwar CMS...Kramer F...et al., 2018, Int J Cardiol.

Challenges

What Prevents Us from Using eHealth Applications More Widely in Clinical Trials?



Assessment of **Feasibility** and the **Generation of a Data Base Layer** which allows the **Development of Standards** are essential next steps.

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MOBILISE-D



Connecting Digital Mobility Assessment to Clinical Outcomes for Regulatory and Clinical Endorsement



Five years project, 10 EFPIA Companies, 22 Universities, 2 Research Organizations, Public Bodies & Non-Profit Groups - funding of almost 50.000.000 €

Bring **digital mobility outcomes** (DMO) as a digital endpoint* to **health authority acceptance**.

- (1) to **develop** a technically valid solution (**sensor, algorithms, data analytics**) for **real-world** digital mobility assessment,
- (2) to **validate digital mobility outcomes in predicting clinical endpoints** in adults and pediatric patients with a variety of indications and disease stages.
- (3) to **obtain key regulatory and health stakeholder approval** for digital mobility assessment



*primary / surrogate or key secondary endpoints in several indications

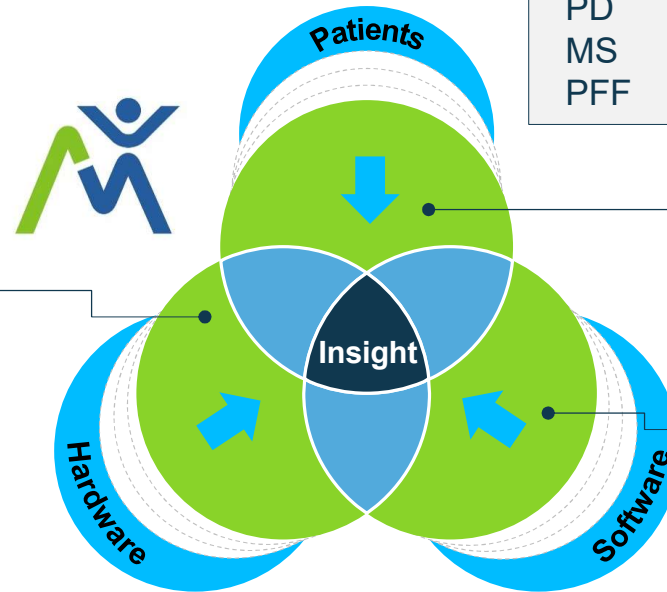
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Applied Technology & Indication Space

Wearable Sensors & eHealth Applications

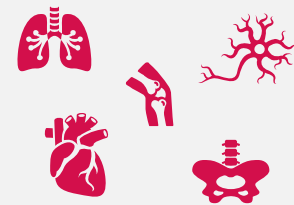


OSPS
INDIP
3D Accelerometer
GNSS



Populations

COPD
CHF
PD
MS
PFF



Data Science & Analytics




- // Complementing hardware and digital technologies **enable insight generation**
- // Various patient populations covered

INDIP = INertial module with Distance Sensors and Pressure insoles
GNSS = Global Navigation Satellite System; OSPS = Optoelectronic Stereo-Photogrammetric System



FDA`s View

Press Release April 27th 2018



- Pre-market Digital Safety Program

FDA Goes All Out With Digital Health Regulatory Paradigm Shift

2018-04-27

RF Today Posted 26 April 2018 | By Ana Mulero Digital health is taking the stage at the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). From the launch of a premarket digital safety program and an internal data science incubator, to the release of drafted policies for multi-function device products and a working model for FDA's digital health Pre-Certification program, Commissioner Scott Gottlieb left audience members in a daze with a plethora of announcements at the Health Datapalooza conference Thursday. Harnessing the potential of digital health tools can lead to "making medical care truly patient-centric" and to reduce healthcare costs and risks to patients, Gottlieb argued. FDA's Internal Digital Health Incubator in support of the agency's vision to advance digital health innovation, a ...

RF Today

Posted 26 April 2018 by [Ana Mulero](#)

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- Draft Policies for multi function device products

- Digital Health Pre-Certification Program

- Internal Data Science Incubator



FDA Development of Patient-Focused Drug Development Guidance*



FDA is developing four methodological patient-focused drug development (PFDD) guidance documents over a **period of 5 years (2017-2022)** and will be addressing methodologies, standards, and technologies

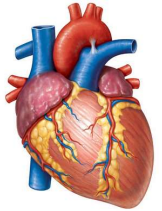
- to collect, analyze, submit COA and **patient experience data**
- to **inform medical product development and regulatory decision making.**

In support, the FDA has been hosting **public workshops¹** to gather input from the wider community of **patients, patient advocates**, academic **researchers**, expert **practitioners, drug developers**, and other stakeholders.

* Note: FDA guidance documents do not establish legally enforceable responsibilities. Instead, guidance describes the FDA's current thinking on a topic and should be viewed as a recommendation

¹ <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/development-approval-process-drugs/public-workshop-patient-focused-drug-development-guidance-4-incorporating-clinical-outcome>

Relevance of (e)PRO as Approvable Endpoint in Heart Failure Drug Development



ENDPOINTS REFLECTING SYMPTOMS, FUNCTIONAL CAPACITY, AND QOL

Considering the aforementioned issues, there is a need for complementary endpoints to assess other more patient-centric outcomes reflecting daily symptom burden in HF. Both functional capacity, measured objectively, and QoL scales, which are often subjective but may be captured by validated instruments, offer such opportunities.

....from an expert consensus document based on **FDA-hosted workshop** on new clinical endpoints....

Butler J,Kramer F... et al. Exploring New Endpoints for Patients With Heart Failure With Preserved Ejection Fraction. Circ Heart Fail. 2016;9(11):e003358.



Einfluß der Digitalisierung auf Qualität & Effizienz der Versorgung

Vision & Evidenz

Effizienzpotentiale durch eHealth: Studie im Auftrag des Bundesverbands Gesundheits-IT – bvitg e.V. und der CompuGroup Medical SE

Von: Dr. Rainer Bernnat, Marcus Bauer, Holger Schmidt, Dr. Nicolai Bieber, Nick Heusser, Ralf Schönfeld
27.04.2017



1. Die Potentiale von eHealth bleiben aktuell noch weitgehend ungenutzt
2. Eine gesamthaft umgesetzte eHealth-Lösung führt zu einer signifikanten Verbesserung der medizinischen und operativen Exzellenz
3. Das (monetäre) Effizienzpotential durch eHealth im deutschen Gesundheitswesen beträgt nach Extrapolation der Studiengrundlage ca. 39 Mrd. Euro

Impact of eHealth on Quality & Efficiency in Healthcare

Vision & Evidence



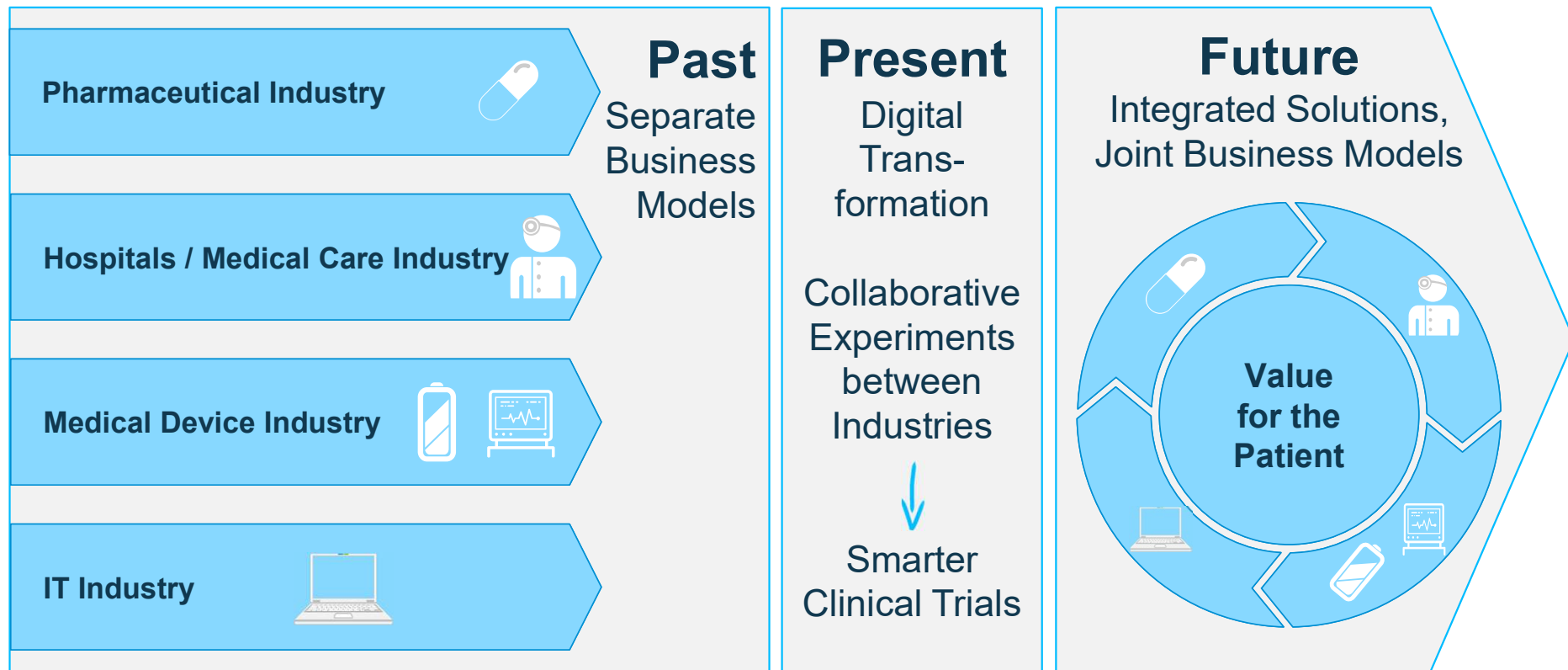
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³ IQVIA Commercial GmbH, Report 2018

⁴ Health S, 22nd Sept 2015

The Future of Drug Development & Health Care

Value-based Integrated Health Solutions to Enable Personalized Therapies



Summary

- Emerging digital technologies induces **paradigm shifts** in drug development.
- Cardiovascular indications e.g. **Heart Failure seem to particularly benefit** from emerging technologies.
- **Activity tracking, remote continuous cardiac monitoring and ePRO** are attractive read outs for **clinical studies** and **routine patient management**.
- **Health authorities reacted to the quickly** changing environment.
- Multiple studies already performed or ongoing to **qualify eHealth application in patients**.
- **Objective and subjective measurements** should be combined in order to capture benefits of (drug) therapies
- Significant **challenges** with regard to **data storage and handling** on industry site and **digital capabilities** on the patient/physician site are to be overcome.
- **New care and disease management business** models are being developed in **cooperation between established and emerging players** in the health care arena
- Positive **impact of eHealth/mHealth on quality and efficiency of health care** is still to be clearly demonstrated.



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