## THE REMOTE TRIAL, A VIRTUAL PARTICIPATORY PATIENT-CENTERED (PPC) CLINICAL TRIAL



PROGRAM

### eCLINICAL RESEARCH: GETTING VIRTUAL AND PERSONAL Innovative solutions for the use of electronic medical data to serve research purposes

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### Challenges & Opportunities in Clinical Trials

#### Clinical Research Challenges

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Consistency and quality challenges for multiple sites

Increasing regulatory demand for large real-life studies

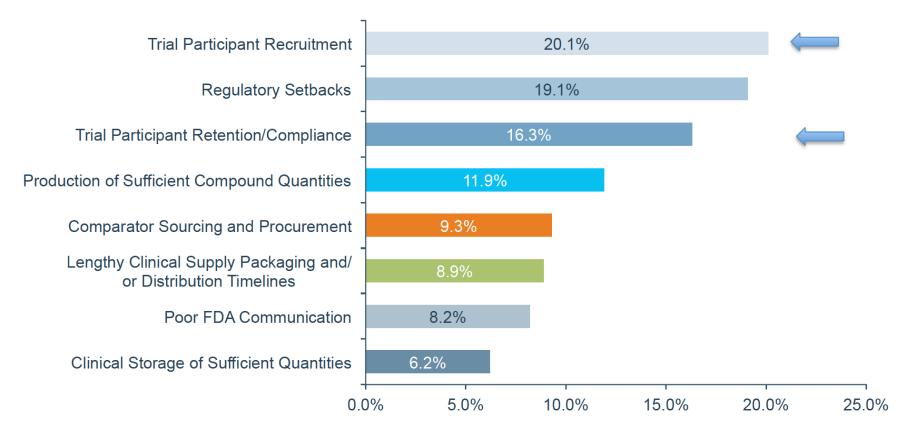


# Drug Development Cost (Nov 2014)

Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development (CSDD) pegs the cost of developing a prescription drug that gains market approval at \$2.6 billion, a 145% increase, correcting for inflation, over the estimate the center made in 2003.

#### **Biggest Challenges During Phase I-III Clinical Testing: 2016**

Research into the biggest challenges faced during Phase I through Phase III clinical testing identify *Trial Participant Recruitment* (20.1%) as the most difficult. *Trial Participant Retention/Compliance* is the third most common selection with 16.3% of respondents indicating such.



Note: Values represent percent of responses from a survey of biopharma and life sciences researchers, executives and managers. Sources: BioPharma DIVE, "2016 State of Drug Development: From Molecule to Market" – April 2016

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#### Healthcare & Technology Trends

Participatory, connected, and pervasive healthcare

Rise of the ePatient & Participatory Medicine

Health Information Technology

Telemedicine and ambulatory monitors (mHealth & quantified self)

Mobile phone proliferation

Health 2.0 → Research 2.0

New clinical trial platforms

New roles

## **Global Smartphone Penetration**

Rank	Country	Total Population	Smartphone Penetration	Smartphone Users
1	United Arab Emirates	9,398,000	80.6%	7,573,000
2	Sweden	9,921,000	72.2%	7,167,000
3	Switzerland	8,454,000	71.7%	6,061,000
4	South Korea	50,705,000	71.5%	36,262,000
5	Taiwan	23,564,000	70.4%	16,596,000
6	Canada	36,626,000	69.8%	25,556,000
7	United States	326,474,000	69.3%	226,289,000
8	Netherlands	17,033,000	68.8%	11,720,000
9	Germany	80,636,000	68.8%	55,492,000
10	United Kingdom	65,511,000	68.6%	44,953,000
11	Australia	24,642,000	67.7%	16,671,000
12	Belgium	11,444,000	67.3%	7,706,000
13	Spain	46,070,000	66.8%	30,771,000
14	Azerbaijan	9,974,000	66.4%	6,619,000
15	Italy	59,798,000	65.8%	39,323,000
16	France	64,939,000	65.3%	42,399,000
17	Saudi Arabia	32,743,000	65.2%	21,337,000
18	Portugal	10,265,000	65.0%	6,672,000
19	Czech Republic	10,555,000	64.8%	6,835,000
20	Malaysia	31,164,000	64.1%	19,967,000
26	China	1,388,233,000	51.7%	717,310,000
45	India	1,342,513,000	22.4%	300,124,000

# **Revisiting the Roles in Clinical Trials**





Revisit the role of Principal Investigator

Revisit the role of Patient

Revisit the role of Treating Physician

# The Engaged Patient



#### Revisit the role of Patient

- Quantified Self ~ Physiological Monitoring
- Tracking Apps ~ ePRO



 Aggregated Self-Reporting ~ Clinical Trials



## **Revisiting Roles – Treating Physicians**

#### Today

*Treating physicians have two potential roles:* 

> Investigator Infrastructure Time commitment Generally lose \$

Referring physician Lack incentives Risk losing patient General lack of contact with study



#### Tomorrow

*New role enabled by patient-centered model:* 

"Heavy lifting" covered by PI in central coordinating center

*Could IRB, paperwork, and monitoring all be covered centrally?* 

Enables treating MD to providing effective and engaged supporting role

Medical history to confirm diagnosis?

Support safety assessments?

## Good for Patients - Good for Sponsors

#### For Patients

**Improved Access** 

- Potentially no geographic constraints
- Improved socio-economic access
- Engaged & Informed
- Actively engage in health management
- Self recruit into clinical trials
- Gain access to health information
- Obtain study results



#### For Pharma

- Faster Recruitment
- Enroll patients anywhere
  Improved efficiency
- Investigator site set-up
- Clinical monitoring
- Better Patient Engagement
- Better retention
- Better quality data
- Real time safety data
- Faster data lock

### Participatory Patient-Centered Trial Key Elements

- •Web-based recruitment
- Web-based consent process
- •Web-based screening

- Mobile phone based efficacy assessment (e-diary)
- Study drug delivery by overnight courier
- Interactive data capture via secure website

 Coordinating function for virtual site visits: patient will not attend investigator / site

- Study physician /call center available 24/7 by email & phone
- Return of study data back to subject

Investigator site

Technology

Subject

# **Testing the Paradigm**

## The REMOTE Study

#### (Research on Electronic Monitoring of OAB Treatment Experience)

New Phase 4 postmarketing study for the treatment of overactive bladder will mimic a previously completed trial in order to replicate the results and validate this novel approach Single clinical coordinating centre

Trial Investigators will enrol about 600 patients in a number of states across the U.S. Pfizer has obtained FDA feedback as well as IRB approval for the study







# Challenges

- Patient ID verification
- Informed consent process



- Telemedicine and privacy laws across US/Europe
- Availability of local labs and healthcare
- Drug shipment directly to patients
- Safety follow up in virtual setting
- Validation of tools
- Regulatory acceptability of data
- Patient engagement

# **Reasons for Subject Loss**

### Account creation: >50% loss

 too early in the process, patient did not know whether they qualify for the study, no established relationship

### Email confirmation: 25% loss

- Confirmation went into spam filter, subjects expected to be contacted, disruption to flow
- Identity verification: up to <u>93% loss</u>
  - Criteria too strict, no repeat after mistake, often lack of public information leading to automatic exclusion

# What worked well

- Video based informed consent process sets new quality standard
- Electronic data capture tools allow for real time response



 Direct data entry from subjects/site with immediate logic checks

# Informed Consent Process

- Standardised process across sites
- Information provided is documented
- Subject understanding is tested
- GCP compliant
- IRB acknowledged high standard
- Positive feedback from FDA and European regulators (MHRA and BfArM)
- Potentially sets new quality standard
- Allows time saving for the investigator

# Data Quality

### eData capture at source

- Upfront investment of time and resource
- Option for logic checks at time of data entry
- Remaining data queries can be addressed in real time
- Real time remote data monitoring
- Real time access to data/safety signals
- Number of data queries 4.5 per subject vs. 30-40 in previous studies
- Database lock achieved after 8 days post LSLV

# ePRO

### Diary

- Real time access to data
- Option to send reminders for non-compliance
- Option to limit data evaluation to compliant subjects
- Possibility to quantify compliance (>70% of micturitions have been reported within 1 hour)



# REMOTE Clinical Trial Has Achieved a Number of Firsts

- This is the first ever randomized clinical trial under an IND to:
- Secure patient consent online, using video/multimedia and online testing
- Ship all blinded study medication to patients at home
- Manage patients entirely in an remote manner
- Share clinical trial data and results back to the patient, to enable them to add it to their own personal health records

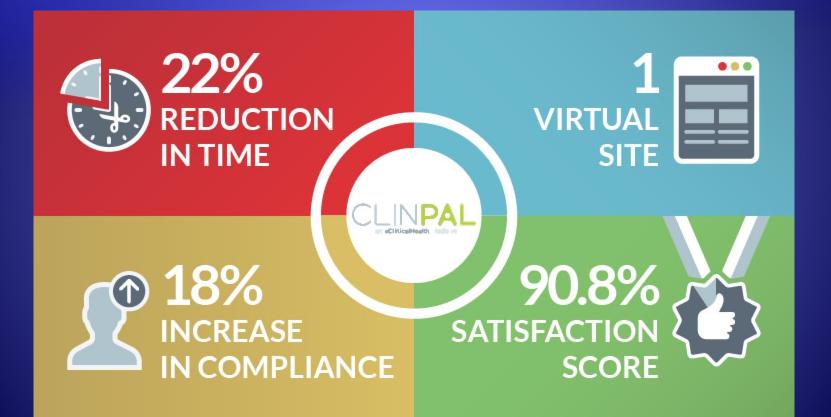
### ... but what next?



# REMOTE 2.0

- Enhance patient experience
- Engage patient early and "hand hold" through screening process
- Engage primary care physician as a familiar link to the patient
- Provide each patient with communication device
- Use local visiting nurse

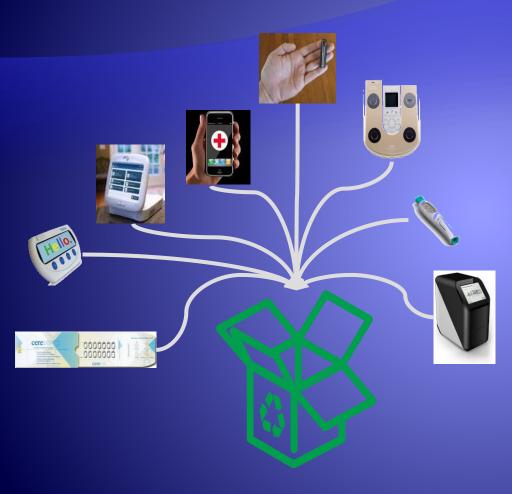
## VERKKO Study Results



# Virtual Studies in Pharmacovigilance

- Ideal for PASS (Post-Authorisation Safety Studies)
  - Prospective non-interventional studies
  - Large simple clinical trials
- Modular approach allows for flexibility and huge cost savings
- Availability of clinical trial platforms allow for quick setup and long-term follow up

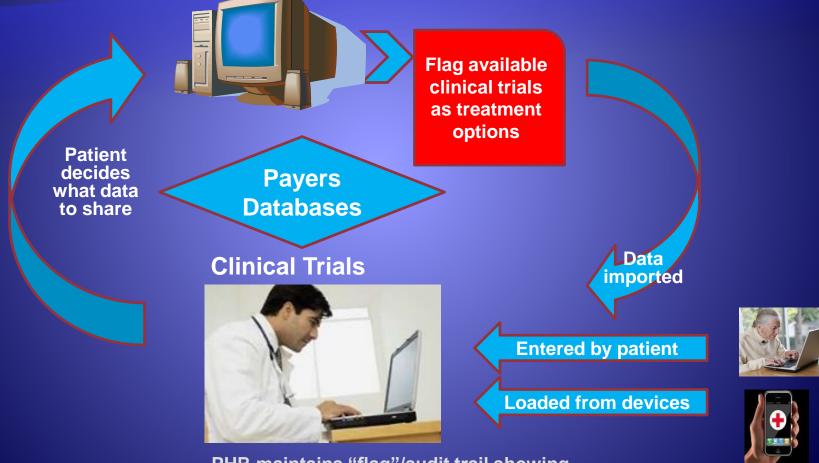
## Clinical Trial In-A-Box



- Potential to further extend into new indications with use of other integrated technologies
  - Activity monitoring
  - Point-of-care diagnostics for blood, physiologic measurements (weight, BP, etc)
  - Other telemedicine appliances for "virtual patient visits"
  - Compliance monitoring / smart-packaging
  - Genetic testing & consumer genetics
  - Continuous diagnostic data
- Where are the boundaries and how can we move them while ensuring patient protection and data integrity?

## Need for Integrated Health Information Technology

**Electronic Health Records** 



PHR maintains "flag"/audit trail showing data source (EHR vs. self-report)

# Where May the Future Take Us?



- Integrated data share between patients, primary care providers and clinical investigators
- More supporting legislation for virtual trials
- Country wide primary care trial networks
- Engagement of primary care physicians in clinical trials with regulatory support
- Patients take more responsibility in their health management
- Global access for patients to clinical trials

# Conclusion

- "Virtual" trials are here to stay
- Post-Authorisation studies are ideal for virtual trials
- Patient engagement is paramount
- Data quality is a driving factor for industry
- EHR management systems and databases are the next revolution in clinical trials

# DON'T TELL ME THE SKY IS THE LIMIT, THERE'S FOOTPRINTS ON THE MOON!

Paul Brandt There's a world out there

