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## *PERSONALIZED MEDICINE AND CLINICAL TRIALS IN 2023*

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# Agenda

- Decentralized Clinical Trials and Considerations;
- Personalized Medicine “Manufacturing” Considerations

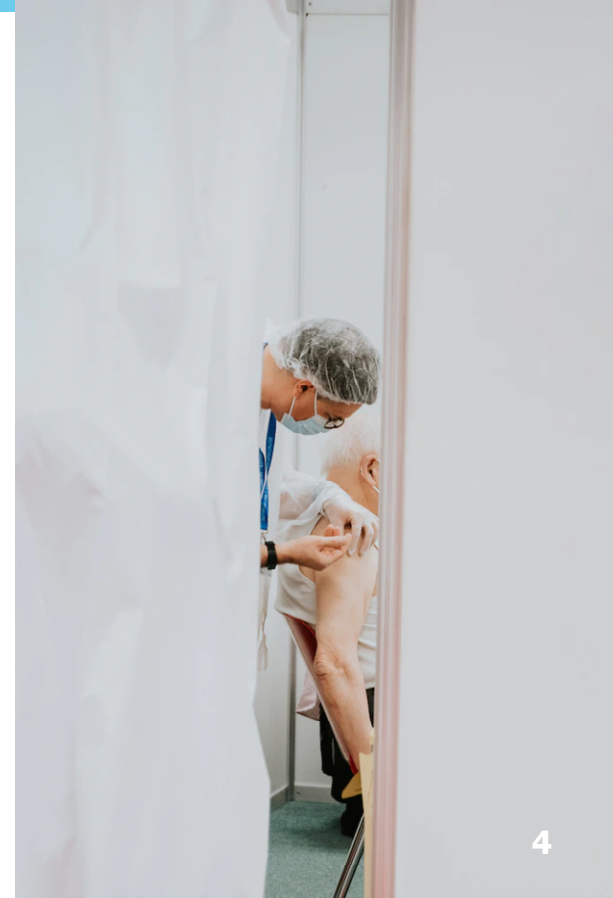
# Decentralized Clinical Trials Potential

- Patient-centric approach to research that may address issues with time, cost and low participation rates
- Ability to conduct study-related activities in or near a patient's home
- Documented increase in value – reduced clinical phase cycle times, screen failure rates, and substantial protocol amendments
- DCTs can result in better compliance with trial protocol and governance adherence, improved patient recruitment and retention, and improved patient experience and overall engagement

# Decentralized Clinical Trials Potential

- Potential to improve racial and ethnic diversity, age groups, and accommodations for disabilities in clinical trials by offering services in patients' neighborhoods
  - Potential significant advantage given the current focus on clinical trial diversity and representation
- Encourages use of electronic informed consent and new strategies for collecting electronic patient-reported outcomes
- Remote monitoring through connected devices

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# Key Considerations for Implementation of DCTs

- Assess risks
  - Trial design and implementation is likely to be adaptive based on how the protocol and trial functions in the real world
  - Create contingencies to minimize impact of risks (e.g., digital tool malfunctions)
- Consider the site's abilities and logistics required as part of the protocol
  - Travel time/commitment for home visits (pros/cons of geofencing)
  - Insurance coverage/liability for procedures performed at a subject's home
- Consider trial participants' abilities and preferences
  - Ability to use electronic tools
  - Comfort with limited/no face-to-face interactions
  - Ability to self-administer therapeutic agent
- Establish clear lines of communication
- Ensure internal procedures are adapted for the new way of conducting trials (e.g., investigational drug accountability, adverse event collection and reporting, data recording, etc.)
- Consider licensing needs

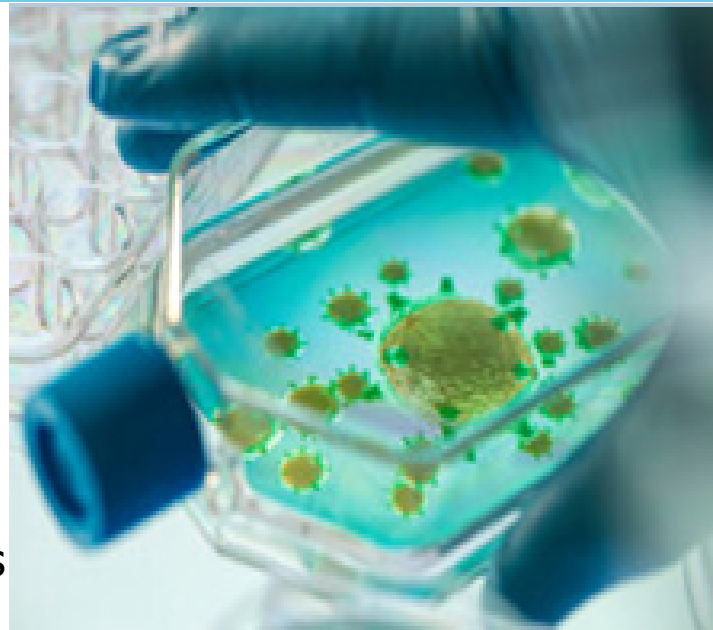


# Key Considerations for Implementation of DCTs

- Role of sponsor vs principal investigator
  - In conjunction with the sponsor, carefully define the role of each party in each trial setting setting (e.g., at the clinical site, at the trial participant's home, etc.)
    - E.g., selection of vendors
  - Ensure alignment on oversight/ supervision responsibilities (e.g., home health nurses, non-study HCPs dispensing/administering investigational product, etc.)
  - ACRP: Consider the perspective of personnel working at clinical research sites and involve all trial stakeholders in decision-making to ensure the effective implementation of decentralized clinical trials
  - AEs: Understand AE reporting to avoid duplicate reports when AEs can be reported through multiple channels (digital tool, external healthcare professional, or trial participant)

# Personalized/Individualized Medicine Potential and Decentralized Manufacturing

- One of the biggest developments in the last 10 years has been the evolution of personalized medicine
  - Off the shelf medicines based on biomarkers → cell/gene therapies specifically designed for an individual patient
- May require involvement of the HCI in production steps
  - Collection/preservation of “raw materials” to point of care manufacturing
  - Use of portable manufacturing units
- Provides advantage of having the drug at the patient’s location for fast delivery
- Raises a number of questions as it challenges the traditional manufacturing paradigm



# Distributed/Point of Care Manufacturing Questions- FDA is thinking about these issues

- October 2022 FDA Discussion Paper on Distributed and Point of Care Manufacturing raised a number of questions regarding regulation
- Distributed Manufacturing-“A decentralized manufacturing strategy consisting of a manufacturing platform comprising manufacturing units deployed to multiple locations.” E.g.:
  - Units located within manufacturing facilities operating within the host’s pharmaceutical quality system (PQS).
  - Units manufactured and installed to the same specifications at multiple manufacturing facilities, networked and operated by a central remote PQS.
  - Units as independent manufacturing facilities, each with its own PQS.
- Point of Care Manufacturing-“ A subset of DM that uses manufacturing units distributed to host sites in proximity to patient care (e.g., health care facilities)”





# Distributed/Point of Care Manufacturing Questions- FDA Key Considerations

- When does manufacturing begin?
- How do we ensure harmonization with the sponsor's product approval?
- What licensing is required?
- Will the facility be inspected and is it inspection ready?
- What contractual arrangements are required?
- How is risk/liability distributed?
- How is quality assured?
- How are people trained?
- Are facilities adequate?
- How are issues identified and remediated?

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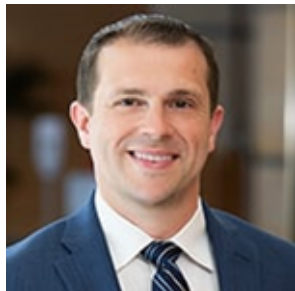
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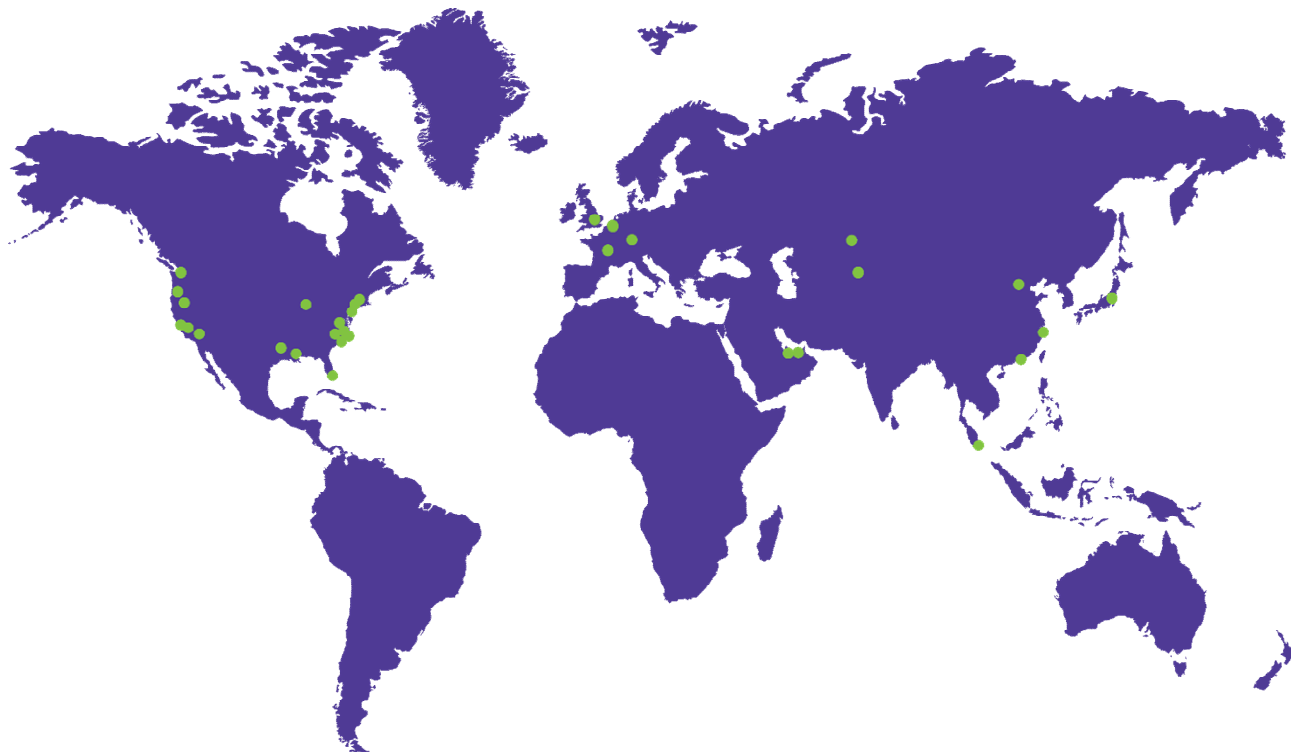
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