Value of Real-World Data for Patient-Centred Affordable/Accessible Advanced Therapies for Rare Diseases

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# Drivers of Healthcare Ecosystem Impacting Innovative Rare Drug Access

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### Difficulties developing rare disease treatments leading to HTA challenges

Nature of rare diseases

Small patient populations

Heterogeneous conditions

Many genetically acquired, early onset

Negative impact on patients, families and carers

Severe, disabling, life-threatening

**Drug discovery**Preclinical research

Clinical research
Phase I, II, III trials

Marketing authorisation

Pricing and reimbursement National-level

Post-marketing surveillance
Phase IV trials

Lack of knowledge and expertise

Ability to run confirmatory trials

trials

Incentives from regulators to overcome clinical challenges

**REGULATORY CHALLENGES** 

High cost medicines

Financial burden on patients, family, carers and society

**ECONOMIC CHALLENGES** 

CLINICAL CHALLENGES

**CHALLENGES AT HTA-LEVEL** 

Misaligned with regulatory processes

Small samples, lack statistical power Uncertain clinical pathways

Limited clinical and QoL evidence

Limited trial duration Issues in dealing with subgroups

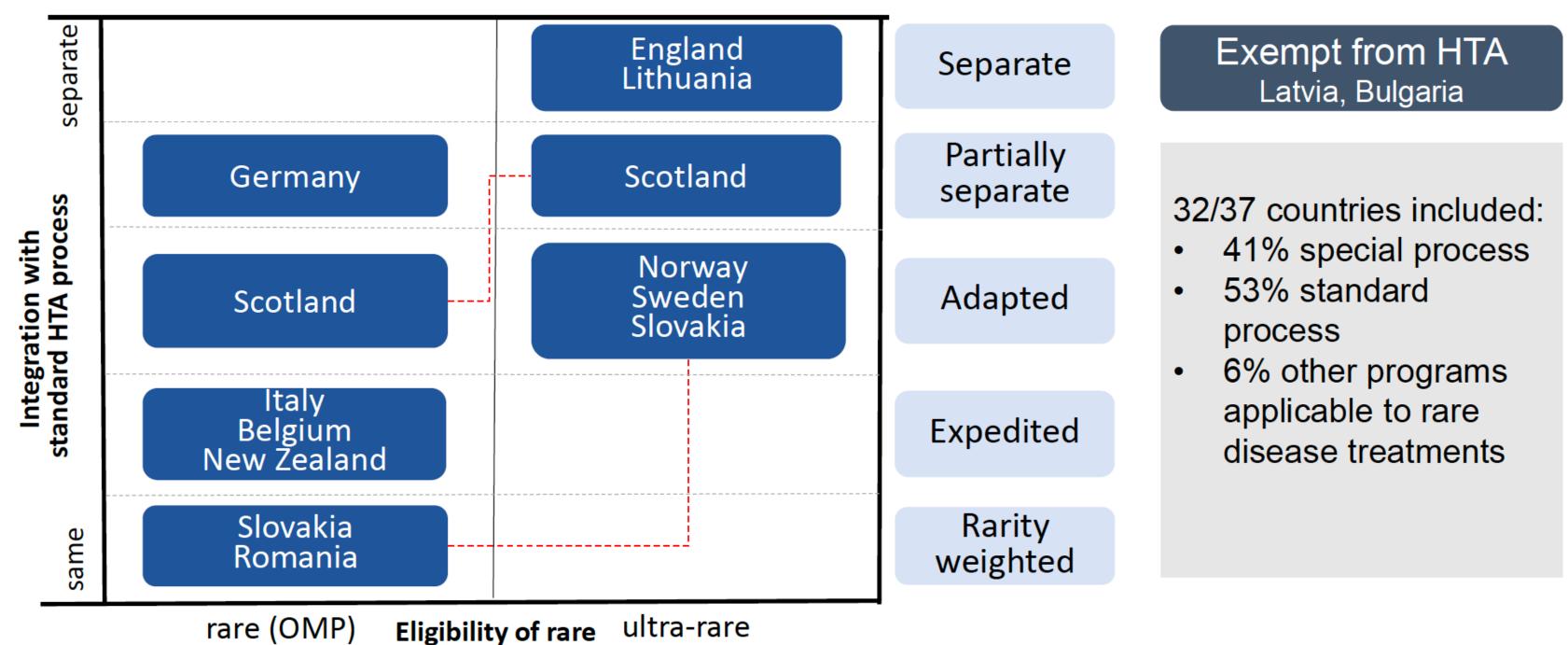
Uncertainties in cost effective modelling

High Cost/QALY





# 13 (41%) of the 32 participating countries have some form of special HTA appraisal process informing routine use of medicines for rare diseases



disease treatments\*

<sup>\*</sup> Rare disease treatment with orphan designation from European Medicines Agency ("Orphan Medicinal Product", OMP); ultra-rare disease treatments defined by individual country definitions Source: Nicod E, Whittal A, Drummond M, Facey K. Are supplemental appraisal/reimbursement processes needed for rare disease treatments? An international comparison of country approaches. Orphanet Journal of Rare Diseases, 2020; 15:189

Figure 1.1. Conceptual Structure of the ICER Value Assessment Framework

Fair Price, Fair Access, Future Innovation

Long-Term Value for Money

Short-Term Affordability

Comparative Clinical Effectiveness

Incremental Cost-Effectiveness

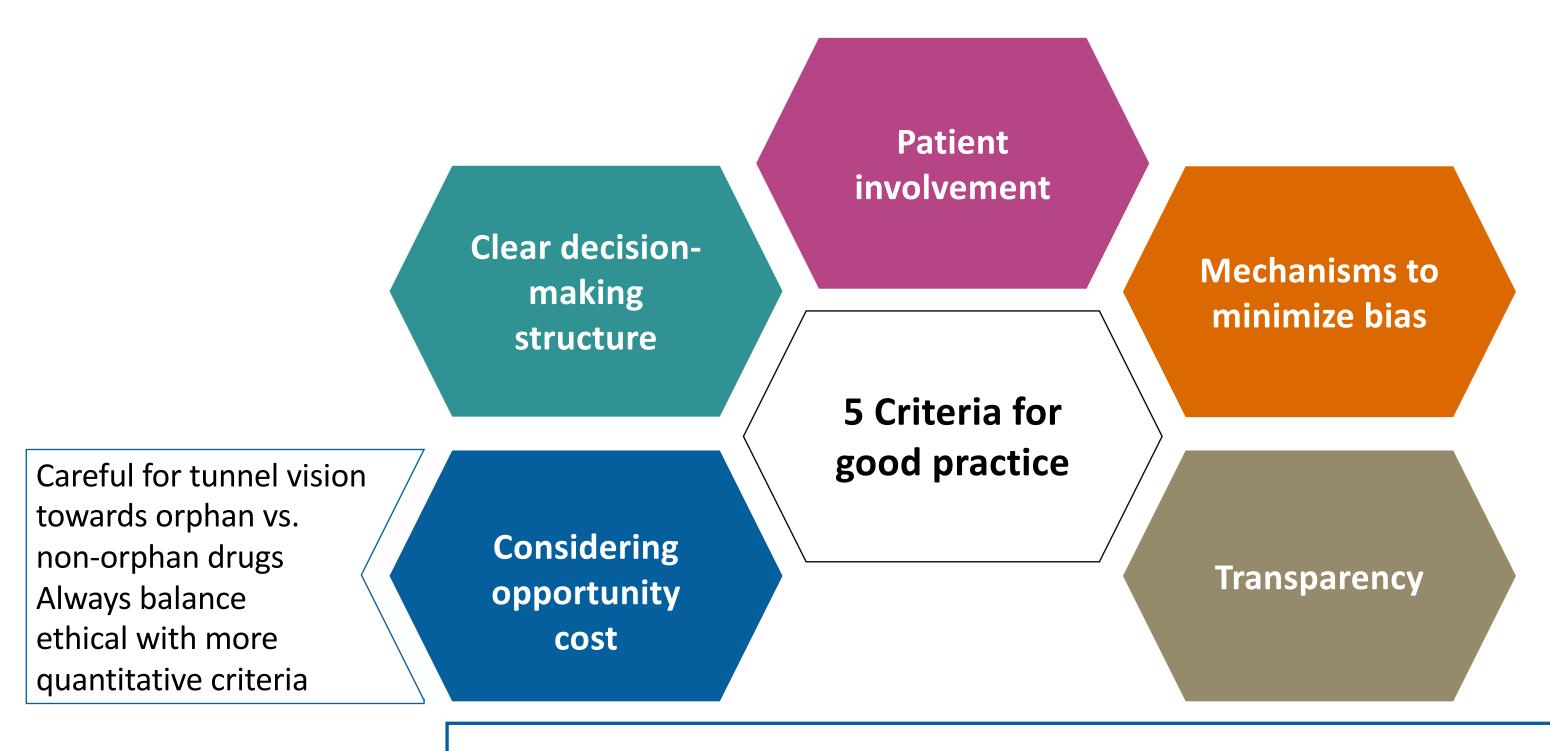
Potential Budget Impact

Other Benefits or Disadvantages

Contextual Considerations

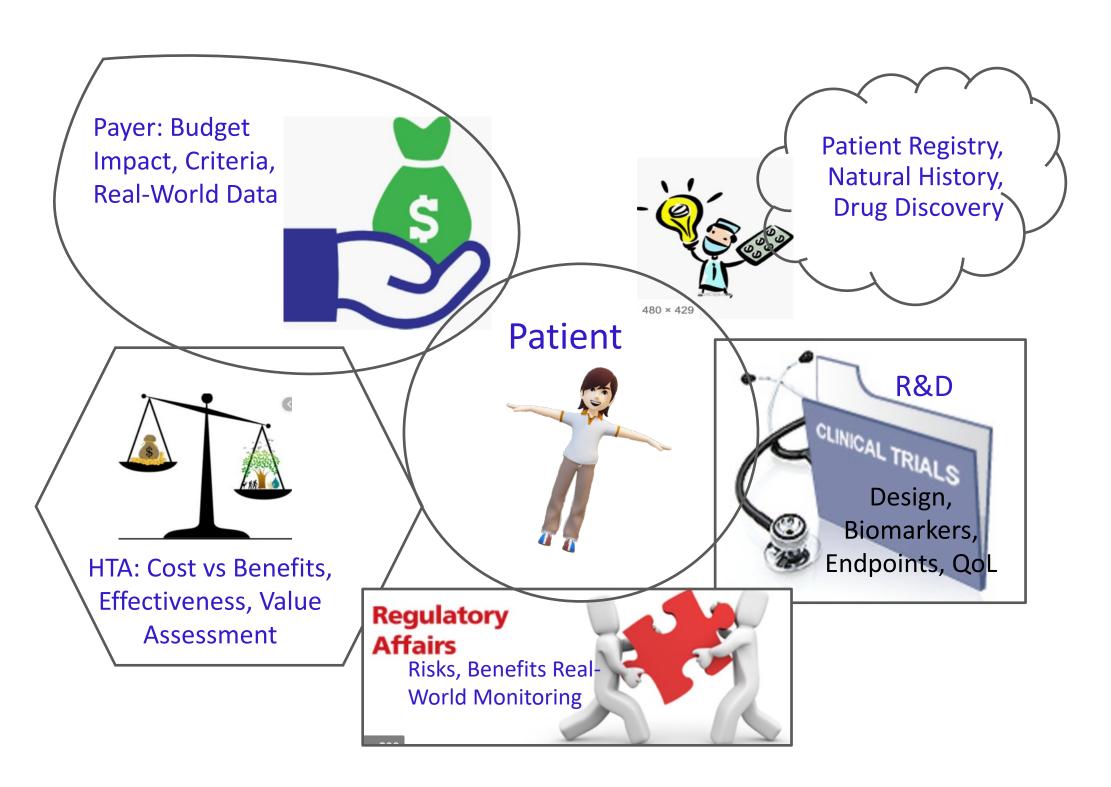
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### The Way Forward: A Framework for Reasonableness



Adopt a principle of fairness behind the treatment of orphan vs. non- orphan drugs. For instance, if patient hearings are organised, do so equally for both categories

# Key to Access: Patient Engagement Throughout Drug Lifecycle?



### RWD Studies can Generate Value and Information Across the Various Stages of the Product Lifecyle

Identify and respond to unmet needs

 Identify disease burden, epidemiology, global standard of care, healthcare resource uses, financial costs of disease

First application in patient settings

- Understand how efficacious and costly drugs are in the real-world
- Study the natural evolution of the rare disease
- Inform clinical trials, study designs, clinical disease characteristics

Long-term follow up in patients

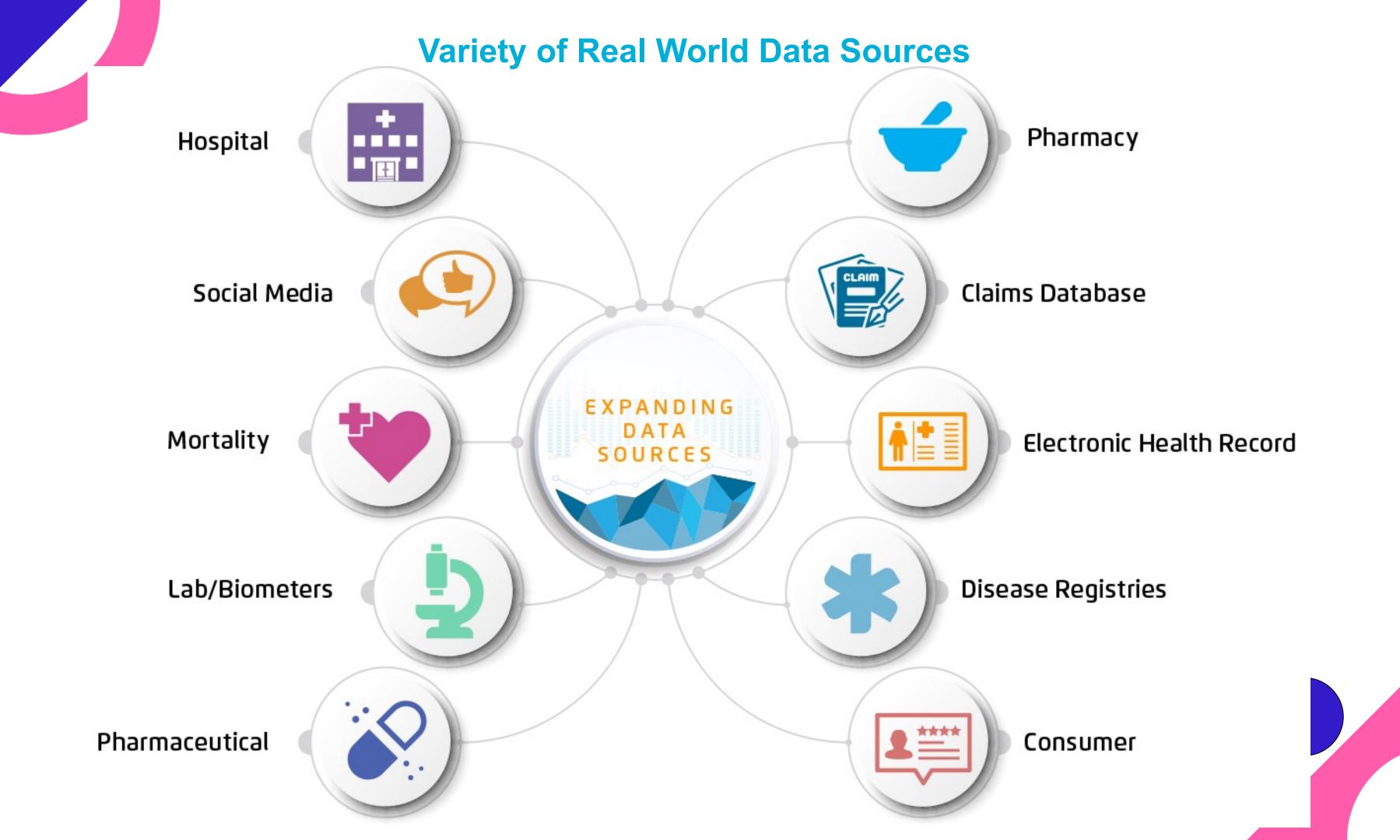
- Understand patient satisfaction, preferences and outcomes on treatment and disease
- Determine the long-term impact of treatment to the patients

RWD studies can be used at all stages of the product lifecycle and can generate a plethora of evidence in favor of new therapies along with providing information to support clinical guidelines, regulatory decisions, and reimbursement decisions

Pro Relix Research. Real World Evidence Studies: Introduction, Purpose, and Data Collection Strategy: <a href="https://prorelixresearch.com/real-world-evidence-studies-introduction-purpose-and-data-collection-strategy/#:~:text=Purpose%20of%20RWE%20throughout%20the,regulatory%20decisions%2C%20and%20reimbursement%20decisions. (Accessed October 2023).



Rare Disease



### Various Data Sources Collected to Inform Disease and Treatment Effectiveness, Patient Experience, Quality of Life etc.



#### Clinical

Collect **laboratory data** (i.e., Factor XIII levels, brain imagining) and replicate results from clinical trials<sup>1</sup>



#### **Medication**

Types of medicine, method of drug administration, and concomitant therapies<sup>2</sup>



#### Claims

Billing database with length of medication filled, **cost for doctor visits**, and **drug-drug** interactions<sup>1</sup>



#### **Molecular Profiling**

Availability of **patient genetic data**, for patients who are open to sharing their health information<sup>2</sup>



#### **Mobile Health**

Provides opportunity for continuous monitoring, and real-time transition capabilities not typically available from routine clinical care<sup>2</sup>



#### **Patient Reported**

Patient satisfaction to treatment,
quantify patient's health status
(i.e., level of pain), and signal
potential exposure to outcomes
relationship<sup>1</sup>



#### **Social Media**

Listen to patient's public view on health topics such as patient's impression of adverse events, patient experience with doctor visits and drug treatment<sup>3</sup>

#### **Patient Organizations**

Partnering with patient organizations to become the central connecting point

Patient commitment to long-term follow up

#### Infrastructure/care network-sharing models

Customize infrastructure/care network-sharing models where both benefit and risk is shared across involved parties

## Unique Challenges for Patients of Real-World Data in Drug Development

- Limited data sources: patient registries, natural history studies, research, previous clinical trials
- Heterogeneity of RD: genetic/genomic variations, symptoms, progression and outcomes.
- Lack Treatment Protocols: lack consensual care pathways, use of experimental or off-label treatments, lack documentation of effectiveness
- Traditional clinical trial designs not suitable due to small numbers an limited data; need for alternative designs and (RW) data sources
- Engaging patient communities to gathering data and patients' experiences, preferences, and quality of life concerns.
- Data Security and Privacy: rarity (small numbers) create higher risk of privacy breaches, identification and discrimination
- Integration of data from various sources, e.g. HCPs, registries, research studies, with different formats and standards, validity of data
- Need for (early) collaboration among academic institutions, pharmaceutical companies, patient advocacy groups, regulatory agencies plus HTA and payers



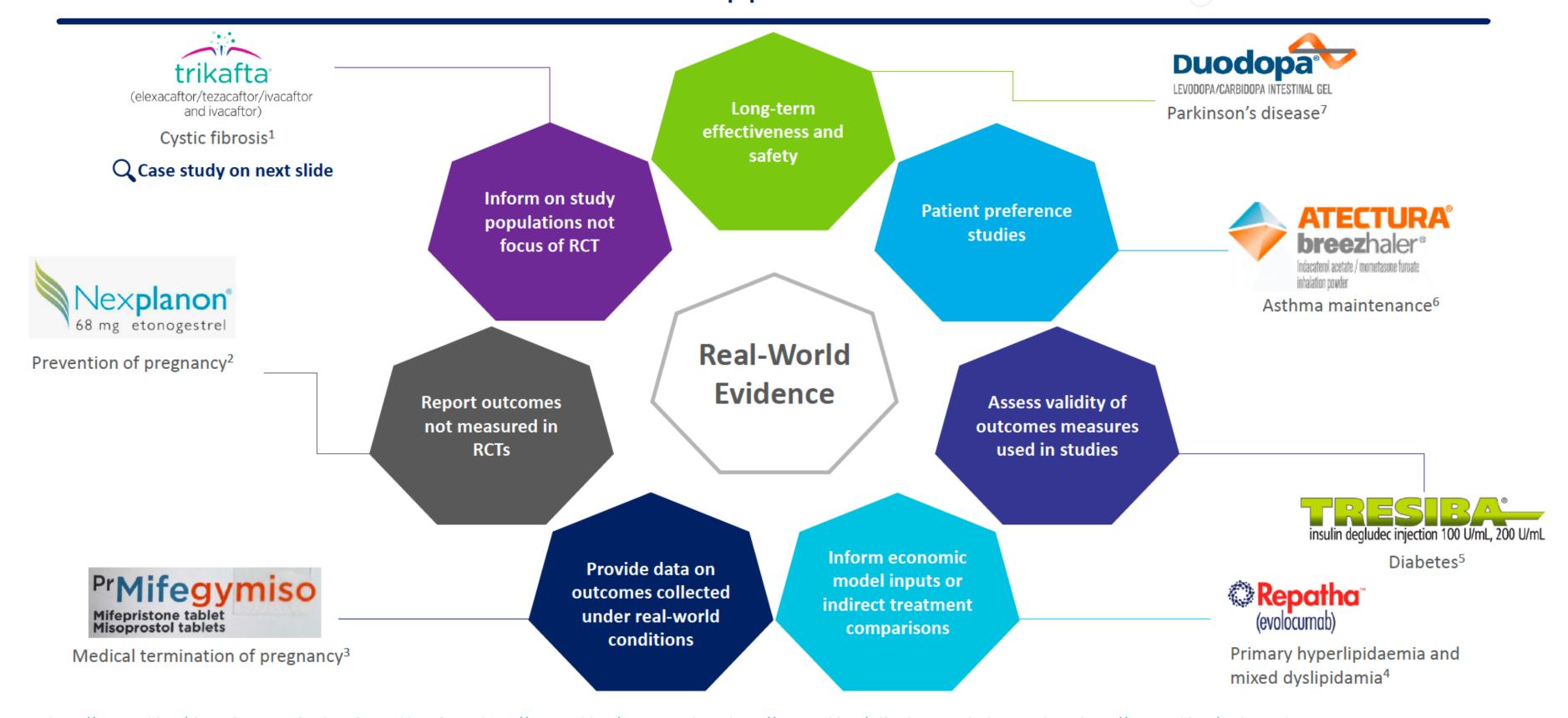
# Benefits of real-world data collection and analysis throughout lifecycle

- Data on outcomes of importance to patients, including disease management and quality of life
- Monitoring in real life to know how well treatment is working, or not, across
  patients not included in clinical rials
- Long-term monitoring for safety and effectiveness, especially with limited historical data (on extended lifespan)
- Subgroups of patient responders (super to ineffective) and individual response guide personalized treatment decisions.
- Comparisons between different treatment options, helping patients and clinicians make more informed choices
- Contribution to knowledge pool (for others like me)
- Demonstration of value (or not)

## Risks/negatives of real-world data collection

- Data quality/reliability: various sources, incomplete or inaccurate data, patient selection bias
- Lack controlled trial design: challenging to draw valid conclusions about treatment efficacy and safety
- Heterogeneity of patients: difficult to account for differences in respond based on RWD alone
- Risks of data privacy breaches and identification based on small #'s
- RWD may show ambivalent, inclusive, minimal or no benefit without good explanation
- RWD may show potential harm, unanticipated or rare negative outcomes without good explanation
- Data may value of benefit/risk does not support (high) price based on limited time horizon and some thresholds

### Results: How RWE Has Been Used to Support CADTH Reimbursement Reviews



<sup>1. &</sup>lt;a href="https://www.cadth.ca/elexacaftor-tezacaftor-ivacaftor-and-iv





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