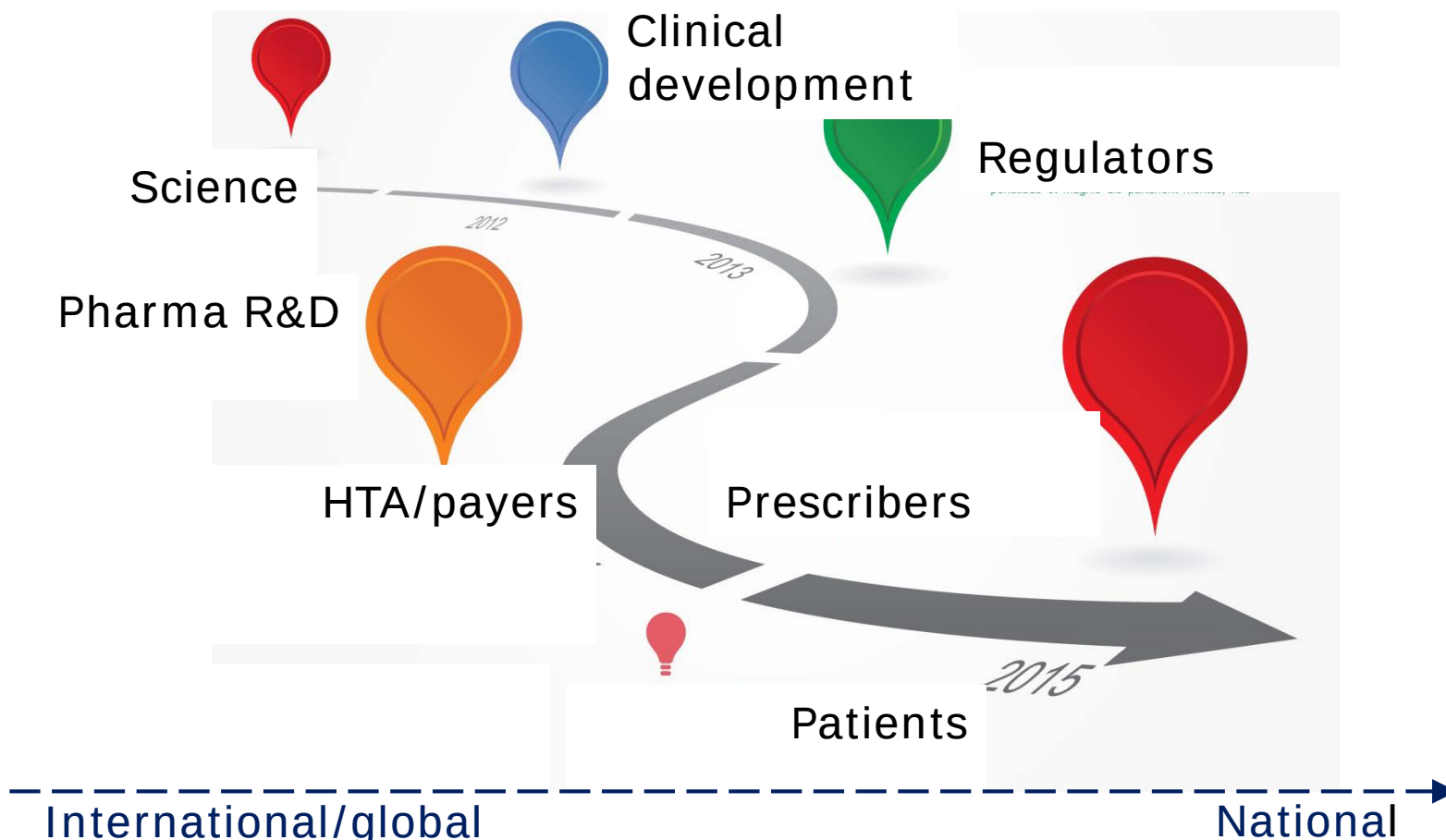


Up- and downstream in pharmaceutical development



The Large Pharmaceutical Company Perspective

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LARGE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES CONDUCT clinical trials to evaluate efficacy and identify safety issues for new drugs as efficiently, and expeditiously as possible, to meet the requirements of regulatory authorities across the world. To protect people at risk and to learn the most, these trials must be designed to provide evidence for health care providers, regulatory agencies, and health agencies. Because there are so many uncertainties in drug development, it is a high-risk business with product candidates of any industry.

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Table 1. Increasing Complexity of a Typical Phase 3 Clinical Trial.*

Trial Design Characteristic	2002	2012
Total no. of end points	7	13
Total no. of procedures	106	167
Total no. of eligibility criteria	31	50
Total no. of countries	11	34
Total no. of investigative sites	124	196
Total no. of patients undergoing randomization	729	597
Total no. of data points collected	NA	929,203

Division and discord in the Clinical Trials Regulation

David Shaw,^{1,2} David Townsend¹ Shaw D et al. J Med Ethics 2016; 42: 729–732.

ABSTRACT

The Clinical Trials Regulation is intended to harmonise and streamline the review and conduct of clinical trials in the European Union. In this analysis, we analyse several serious issues imposed by the Regulation on ethical review. We conclude that the Regulation may compromise the objectives of

Despite the general distinction between part 1 and part 2, this text states that ethics committees can also consider part 1 issues in its deliberation.

Need for a proactive and structured approach to risk analysis when designing phase I trials

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Good news from Emanuel and colleagues¹—apparently, phase I clinical drug trials are safe. However, given the very low frequencies of serious adverse events, retrospective associations of trial characteristics with adverse events are of no use for predicting safety problems in future trials. None of these

Only one of three of phase I trials gets published

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