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The Changing World of Pharmacovigilance



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Changing World of Pharmacovigilance

Where have we come from?

- Learning from landmark safety issues
- From reactive to proactive risk management

What is current state of play?

- Strengthened signal detection
- Using real world evidence to contextualise

How are we moving forward?

- Key challenges and opportunities
- Focus on physician's role





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What is the MHRA's role?

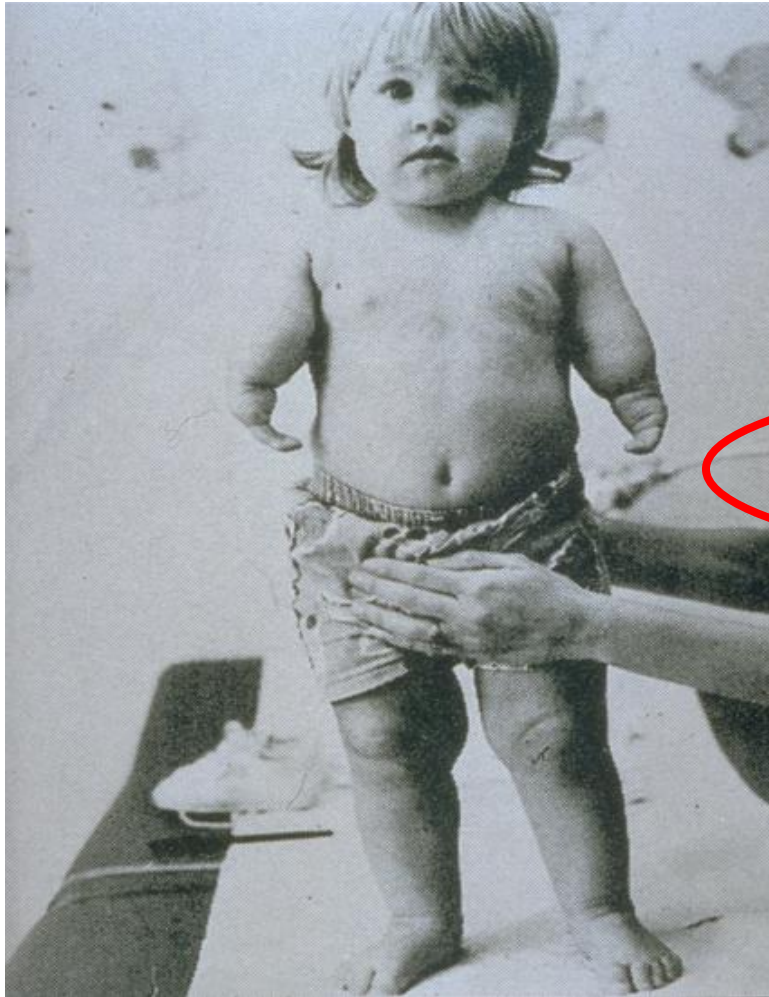
Availability of new treatments & technologies without delay

Proactive vigilance based on best evidence and prompt risk management

As much information to patients and healthcare professionals as possible on the benefits and risks



Lancet 16 December 1961



THALIDOMIDE AND CONGENITAL ABNORMALITIES

SIR,—Congenital abnormalities are present in approximately 1.5% of babies. In recent months I have observed that the incidence of multiple severe abnormalities in babies delivered of women who were given the drug thalidomide ('Distaval') during pregnancy, as an anti-emetic or as a sedative, to be almost 20%.

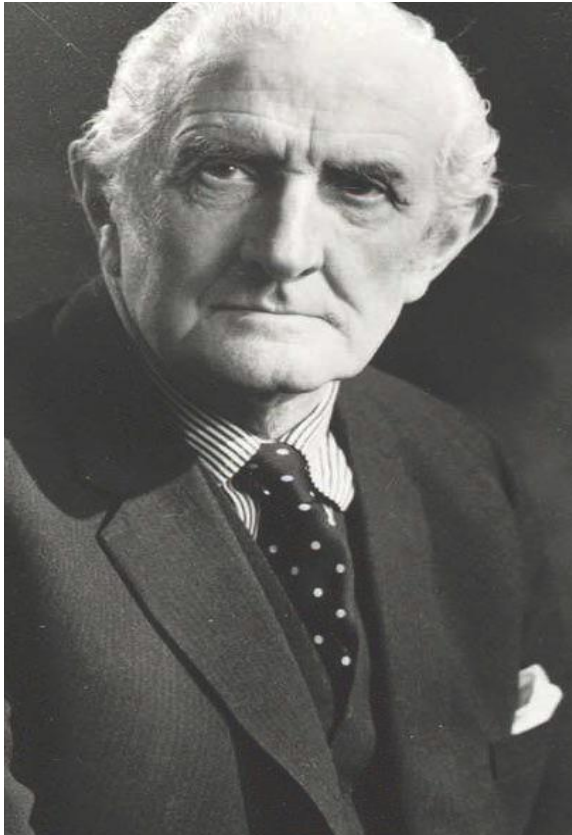
These abnormalities are present in structures developed from mesenchyme—i.e., the bones and musculature of the gut. Bony development seems to be affected in a very striking manner, resulting in polydactyly, syndactyly, and failure of development of long bones (abnormally short femora and radii).

Have any of your readers seen similar abnormalities in babies delivered of women who have taken this drug during pregnancy?

Hurstville, New South Wales.

W. G. McBRIDE.

Sir Derrick Dunlop 1964



Letter to all UK doctors

We ask you to report promptly to us details of any untoward condition in a patient which might be the result of drug treatment

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Derrick Dunlop". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, horizontal flourish extending from the end.

Yellow Card Scheme

BNF **YellowCard** It's easiest to report online at www.yellowcard.gov.uk **MHRA**
COMMISSION ON HUMAN MEDICINES (CHM)

SUSPECTED ADVERSE DRUG REACTIONS

If you suspect an adverse reaction may be related to one or more drugs/vaccines/complementary remedies, please complete this Yellow Card. See 'Adverse reactions to drugs' section in BNF or www.yellowcard.gov.uk for guidance. Do not be put off reporting because some details are not known.

PATIENT DETAILS Patient Initials: _____ Sex: M / F Ethnicity: _____ Weight if known (kg): _____
Age (at time of reaction): _____ Identification number (e.g. Your Practice or Hospital Ref): _____

SUSPECTED DRUG(S)/VACCINE(S)

Drug/Vaccine (Brand if known)	Batch	Route	Dosage	Date started	Date stopped	Prescribed for

SUSPECTED REACTION(S) Please describe the reaction(s) _____

Date reaction(s) started: _____ Date reaction(s) stopped: _____

Do you consider the reactions to be serious? Yes / No

If yes, please indicate why the reaction is considered to be serious (please tick all that apply):

Patient died due to reaction	<input type="checkbox"/>	Involved or prolonged	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life threatening	<input type="checkbox"/>	Involved persistent or	<input type="checkbox"/>
Congenital abnormality	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medically significant: p	<input type="checkbox"/>

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SUSPECTED DRUG(S)

Give brand name of drug and batch number if known	Route	Dosage	Date started	Date stopped	Prescribed for

SUSPECTED REACTION(S)

Please describe the reaction(s) and any treatment given: _____

Date reaction(s) started: _____ Date reaction(s) stopped: _____

Do you consider the reactions to be serious? Yes / No

If yes, please indicate why the reaction is considered to be serious (please tick all that apply):

Patient died due to reaction	<input type="checkbox"/>	Involved or prolonged inpatient hospitalisation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life threatening	<input type="checkbox"/>	Involved persistent or significant disability or incapacity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Congenital abnormality	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medically significant; please give details: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER DRUGS (including self-medication & herbal remedies)

Did the patient take any other drugs in the last 3 months prior to the reaction? Yes / No

If yes, please give the following information if known:

Drug (Brand, if known)	Route	Dosage	Date started	Date stopped	Prescribed for

Additional relevant information e.g. medical history, test results, known allergies, rechallenge (if performed), suspect drug interactions. For congenital abnormalities please state all other drugs taken during pregnancy and the last menstrual period.

REPORTER DETAILS Name and Professional Address: _____
Post code: _____ Tel No: _____
Speciality: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

CLINICIAN (if not the reporter) Name and Professional Address: _____
Post code: _____ Tel No: _____ Speciality: _____

If you would like information about other adverse reactions associated with the suspected drug, please tick this box ☐

*This is to enable you to identify the patient in any future correspondence concerning this report
Please attach additional pages if necessary

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Helping to make medicines safer

A side effect of your medicine? Report it using Yellow Card

If you think the medicine you are taking may have caused a side effect, you can report it using Yellow Card.

Yellow Card Enter Keyword(s) to Search

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Report a suspected problem or incident:

Side effect to a medicine, vaccine, herbal or homeopathic remedy **Side effects**

Medical device adverse incident **Devices**

Defective medicine (not of an acceptable quality) **Defective**

Counterfeit or fake medicine or medical device **Fake**

? Not sure which option to select? Help us guide you

Welcome to the MHRA's new reporting site

The Yellow Card Scheme now supports the reporting of all suspected problems or incidents to all healthcare products, not just suspected side effects to medicines

If you would like to comment on our website or report a technical problem please [contact us](#)

Already Registered?

If you have already registered with this site, please login

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Password: _____
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Register

You can register on the Yellow Card reporting site when you submit a report, or you can register in advance.

[Register](#)

[See how to use the Yellow Card](#)

We cannot give you medical advice. If you are worried about your health:

1. Talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse
2. Call the NHS
 - NHS 111 in England and Scotland on 111 (toll-free 0800 111)
 - NHS Direct Wales/Gwynedd/Cymru on 0848 48 47 (toll-free 0848 808 48 47)
 - www.nhs.uk

Always read the patient information leaflet, or instructions supplied with your medicine or medical device. To see the known side effects or problems and advice you can refer to do.

Commission on Human Medicines

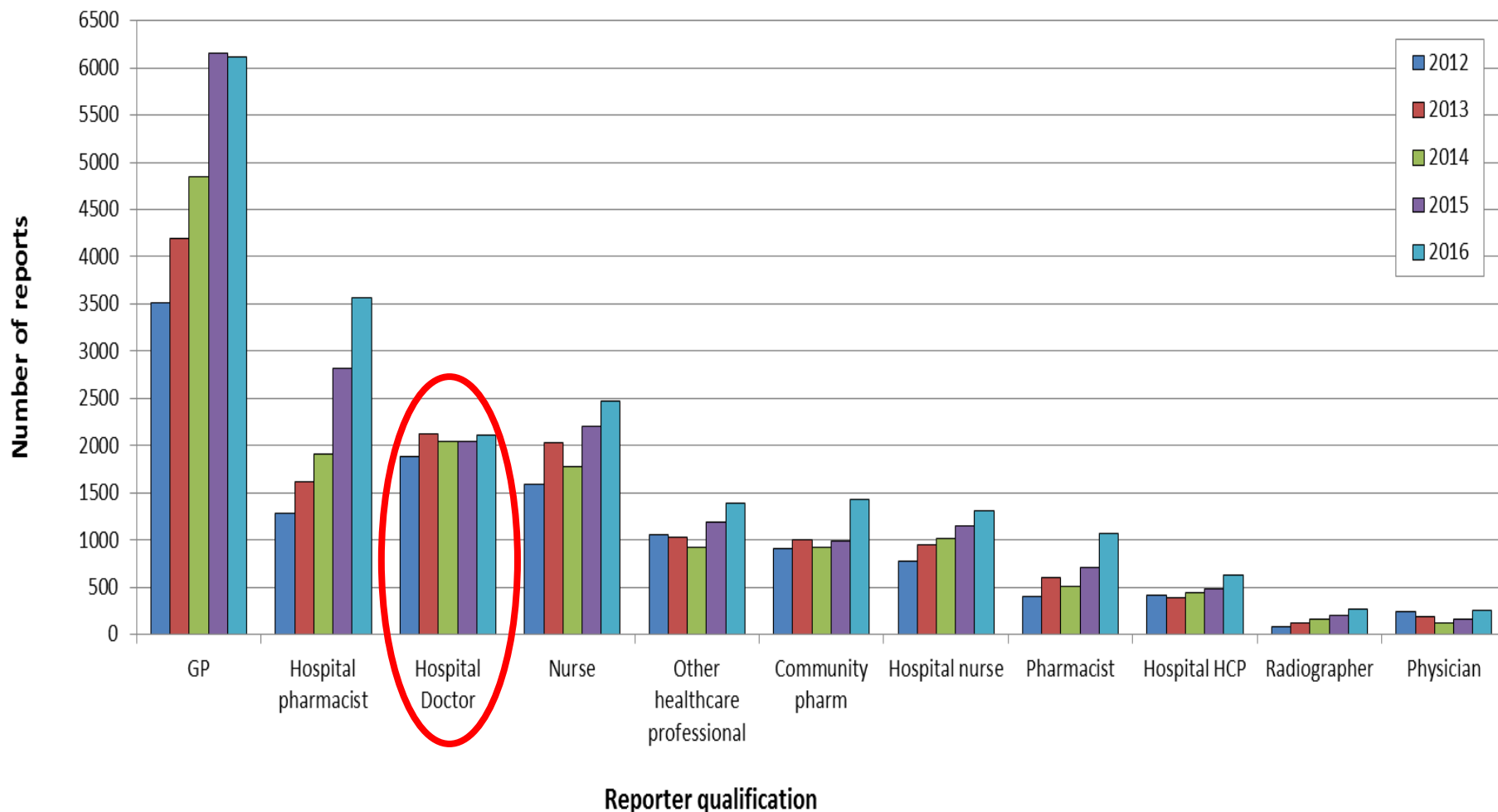
*Promoting collection
and investigation of
information relating to
adverse reactions*



Chairman Professor Stuart Ralston

Healthcare professional ADR reports

Sources of direct HCP reports for 2012-2016

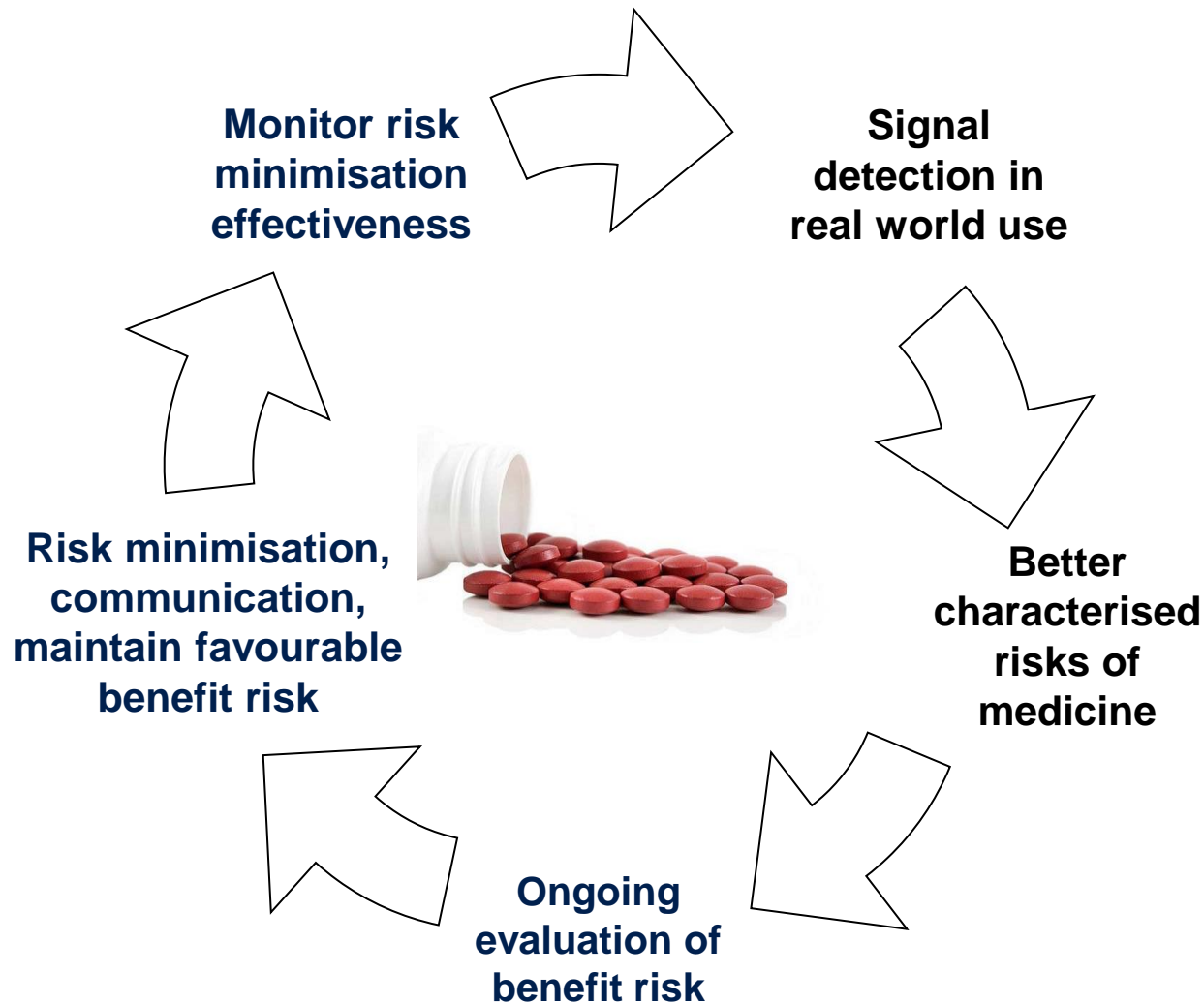


Pharmacovigilance – a definition

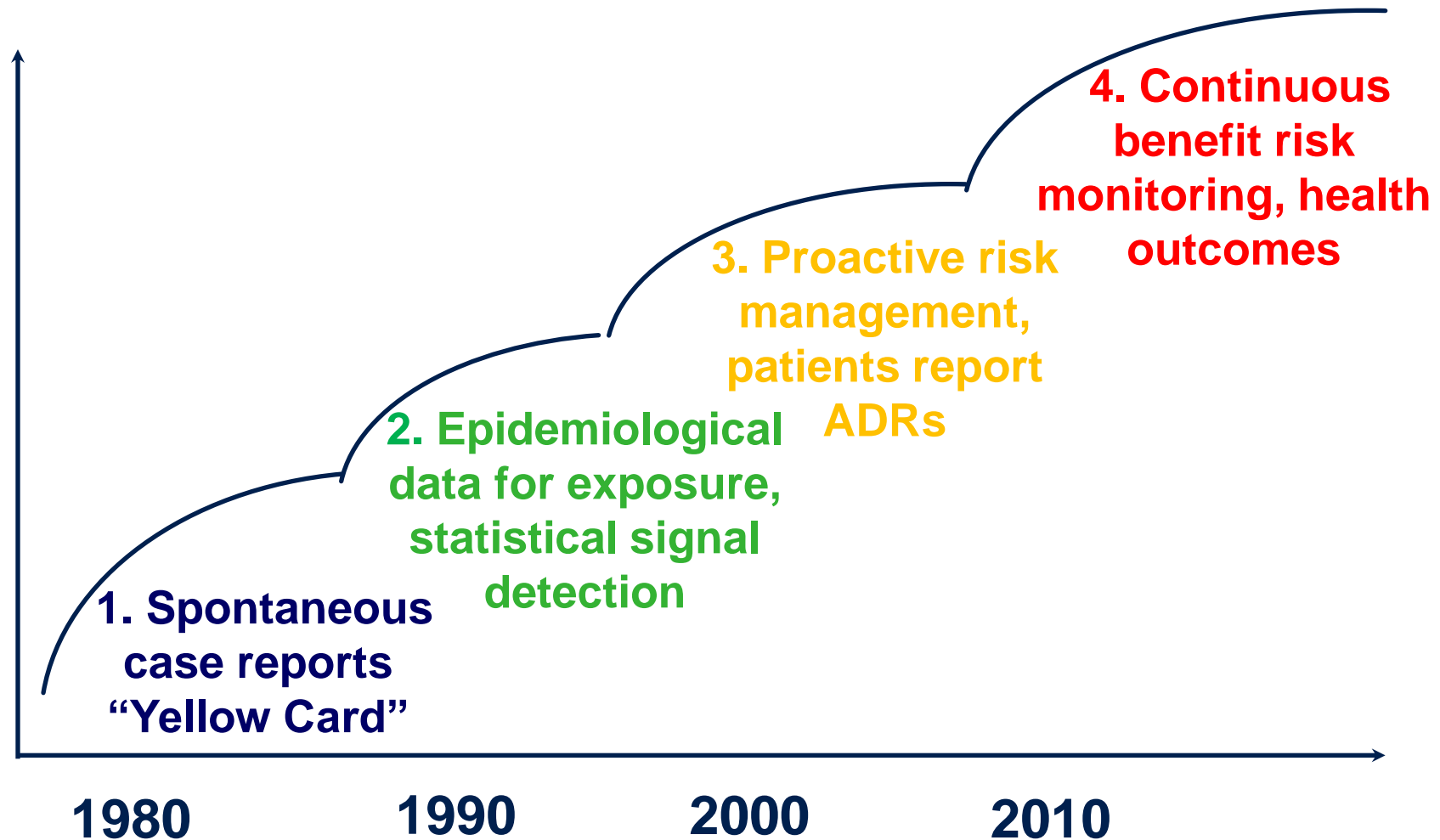
“Pharmacovigilance is the science and activities relating to the detection, assessment, understanding and prevention of adverse effects or any other medicine related problem”



Pharmacovigilance cycle



Evolution of pharmacovigilance



Public health impact of ADRs



6.5% hospital admissions in UK relate to adverse drug reactions

ADRs were responsible for death in 0.15%

72% were classified as avoidable

Pirmohamed et al 2004
BMJ 329; 15-19

Number of Patients Studied Prior to Approval of New Medicines: A Database Analysis

Ruben G. Duijnhoven^{1,2}, Sabine M. J. M. Straus^{2,3}, June M. Raine⁴, Anthonius de Boer¹, Arno W. Hoes⁵, Marie L. De Bruin^{1,2*}

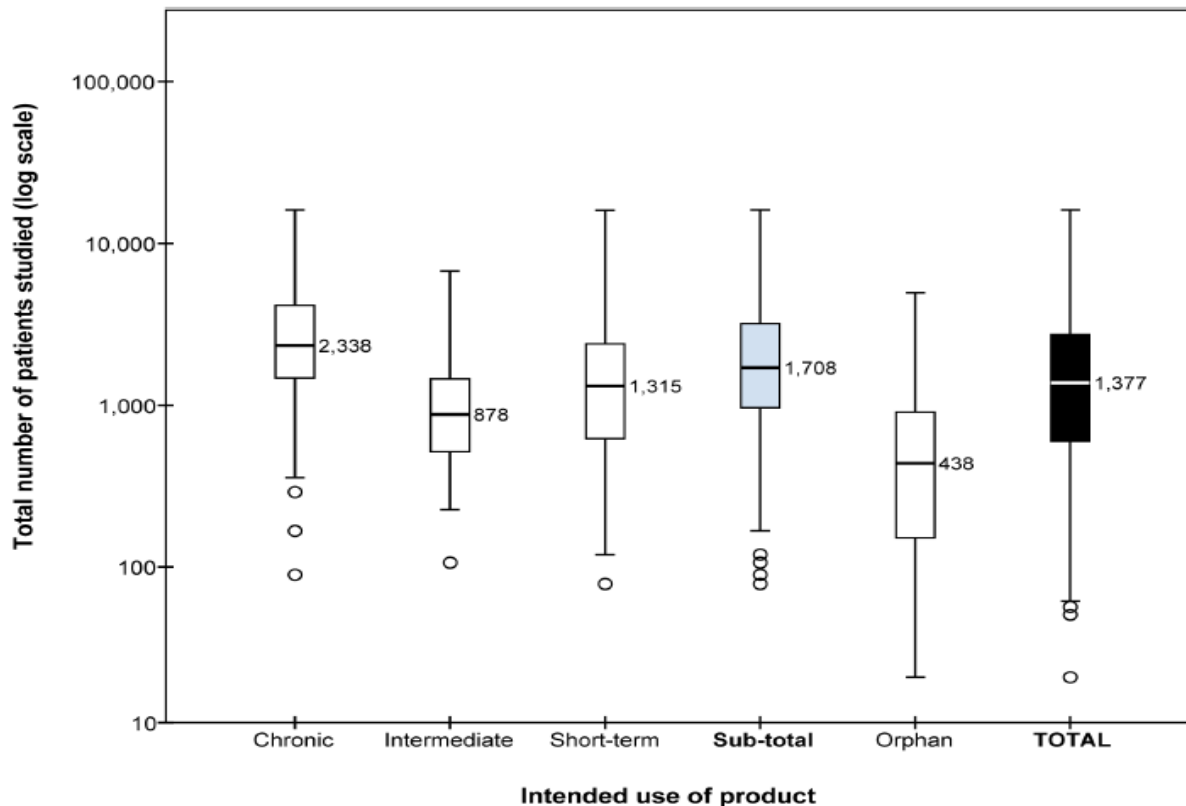
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Abstract

Background: At the time of approval of a new medicine, there are few long-term data on the medicine's benefit-risk balance. Clinical trials are designed to demonstrate efficacy, but have major limitations with regard to safety in terms of patient exposure and length of follow-up. This study of the number of patients who had been administered medicines at the time of medicine approval by the European Medicines Agency aimed to determine the total number of patients studied, as well as the number of patients studied long term for chronic medication use, compared with the International Conference on Harmonisation's E1 guideline recommendations.

Duijnhoven et al PLoS March 2013

Patients studied before approval



*Duijnhoven et al
PLoS March 2013*

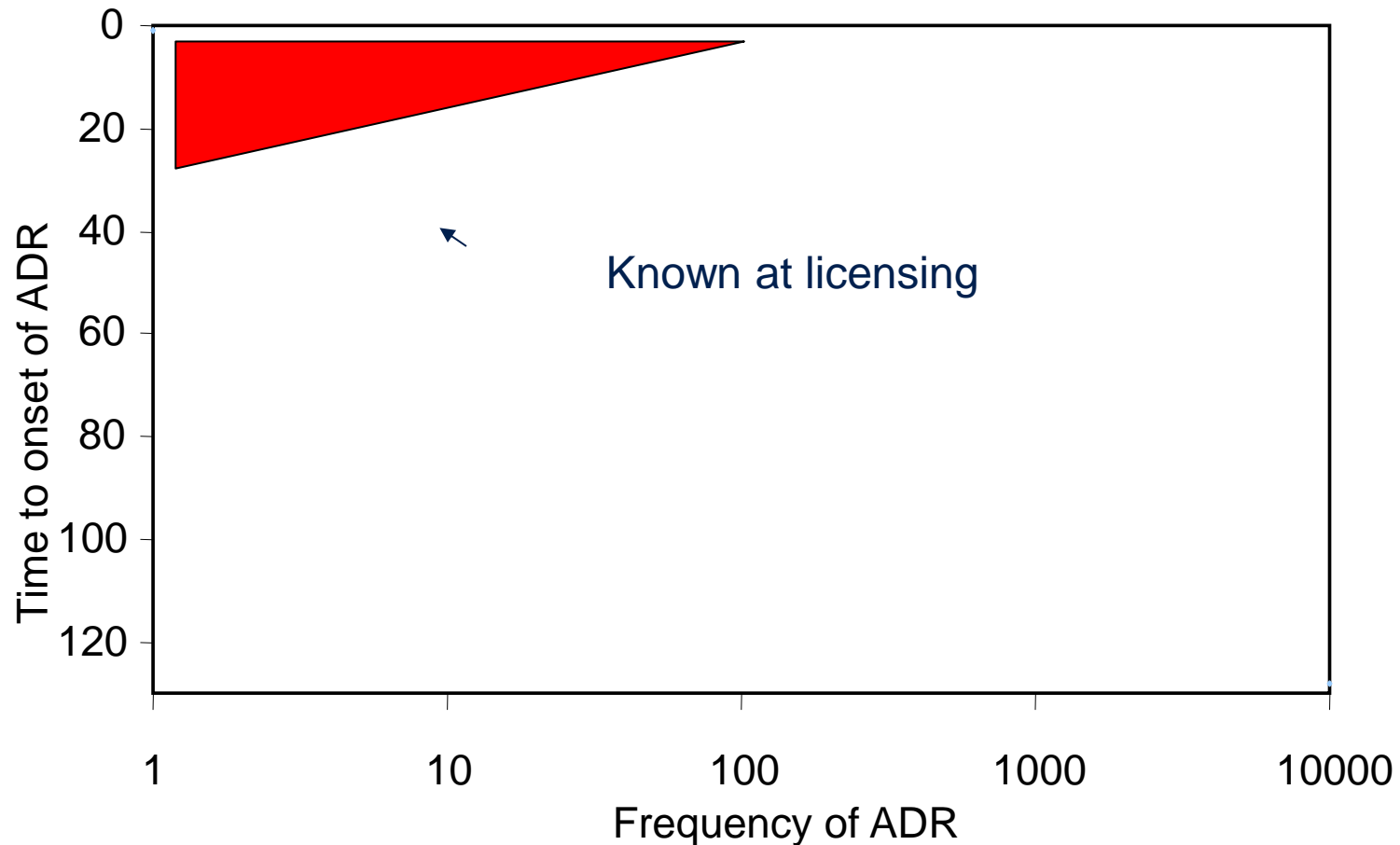
Patients studied prior to approval of new medicine

For **200** new "standard" medicines between 2000 -2010

median total no patients= **1708**, for orphan drugs = **438** patients

For 84 medicines for chronic use **79.8%** met guidelines for 12 months
(at least 100 participants)

Knowledge of ADRs at licensing



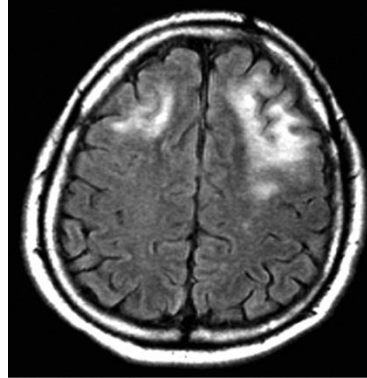
Filling the knowledge gaps

Unidentified ADRs

Long term safety

Special populations

At risk groups



“Landmark” safety issues

Date	Drug / class	Safety concern	Action
1960's	Thalidomide	Phocomelia	Withdrawn
1970s	Practolol	Oculomucocutaneous Syndrome	Withdrawn
1980's	Benoxaprofen Aspirin	Phototoxicity Reye's syndrome	Withdrawn CI in <12's
1990's	Oral contraceptives	Venous thromboembolism	Warnings
2000's	Cerivastatin HRT SSRIs Coxibs Rosiglitazone Gadolinium CAs	Rhabdomyolysis Breast cancer Suicidality- children CVS risk CVS risk Nephrogenic dermopathy/ NSF	Withdrawn Restrictions CI under <18s Warnings Suspended Warnings
2010s	Pandemrix Natalizumab HPV vaccine	Narcolepsy PML Chronic fatigue syndrome	CI under <18s Risk minimisation No evidence

BMJ Open An investigation into drug products withdrawn from the EU market between 2002 and 2011 for safety reasons and the evidence used to support the decision-making

Rhian McNaughton,^{1,2} Gwenaél Huet,¹ Saad Shakir^{1,2}

Table 2 List of evidence used to support medicinal product withdrawals in all EU member states between 2002 and 2011 derived from EMA reports, PubMed literature search and websites of competent authorities

Drug name	Case reports	Animal studies	Case-control	Cohort	RCTs	Meta-analysis	*Others
Rofecoxib	X		x	x	x	X	
Thioridazine	X	X	x		x	X	
Valdecoxib	X				x	X	
Rosiglitazone	X		x	x	x	X	
Sibutramine	X				x		x
Orciprenaline	X				x		
Benfluorex	X		x	x	x		
Clobutinol	X	X			x		
Bulfomedil	X	X					
Veralipride	X						
Rimonabant	X				x	X	
Carisoprodol	X	X		x	x		x
Aceprometazine+Acepromazine	X						x
+Clorazepate							
Dextropropoxyphene	X						x
Nefazodone	X						x
Ximelagatran/melagatran					x		
Lumiracoxib	X				x		
Sitaxentan	X	X					
Bulexamac	X	X					x

*Other studies include non-randomised and/or not controlled clinical trials and incidence studies.
EMA, European Medicines Agency; EU, European Union.

Case reports remain most significant method of pharmacovigilance

Impact of “landmark” safety issues

Shift from reactive to proactive –
risk management plans to study known and
potential risks for all new medicines

All data sources for critical evaluation –
not only case reports

Scientific standards for safety studies
– review of protocols by experts

Greater transparency on decisions
-stakeholder involvement



Comprehensive revision of legislation in 2012

Current state of Pharmacovigilance

New approaches to use of evidence

Starting point: a “signal”

*“Information that arises from **one** or **multiple sources** (including observations and experiments)*

*which suggests a **new potentially causal** association, or a new aspect of a known association*

*between an **intervention and an event** or set of related events, either adverse or beneficial*

*which is judged to be of **sufficient likelihood** to justify **verificatory action**”*



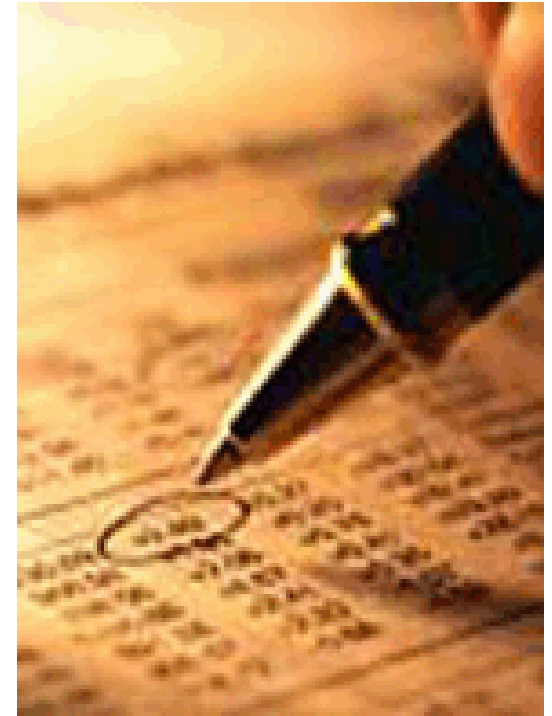
Hauben M, Aronson JK Drug Safety 2009; 32(2) 99-110

MHRA signal detection

Traditional method was reviewing every new case report - but increasing volumes of ADRs make this impractical

Statistical methods to identify drug-ADR combinations disproportionately present in database i.e. observed is greater than expected

Mathematical scoring system aids prioritisation of signals detected from spontaneous ADR data



Strengthening signals from case reports

Yellow Cards are important tool but have limitations

- Differing levels of under-reporting and incomplete data

- Lack of exposure to put reports in context

- Can be too easy to dismiss confounded signals

Electronic healthcare record data is becoming increasingly rich and available along with increased computing capabilities

- Already used to study drug utilisation, monitor patient outcomes, pharmacoepidemiological studies to evaluate signals

Key Challenge: To optimise the use of electronic healthcare record data to routinely support and strengthen wider pharmacovigilance providing robust data on risks and benefits as quickly as possible

Clinical Practice Research Datalink

Database of 30 years anonymised NHS records from UK GPs

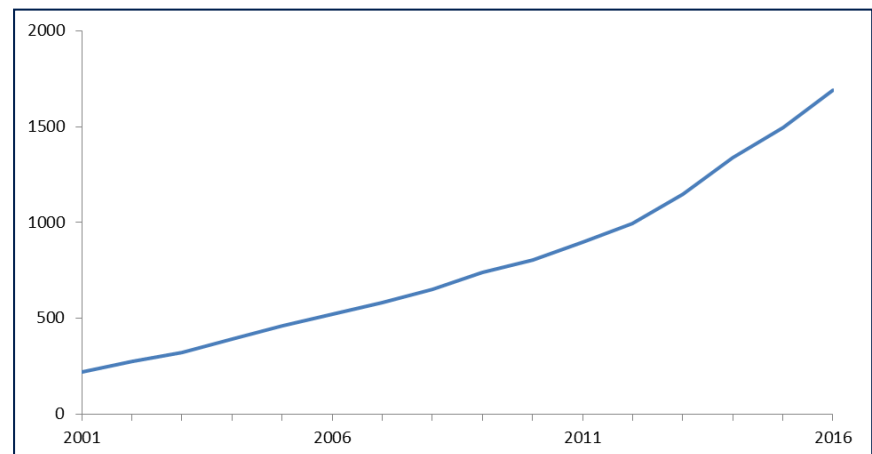
> 22 million patients representative of gender, age & ethnicity

Routine linkage to secondary care (HES), mortality, cancer registry, deprivation datasets

Supporting public health research worldwide

1700 peer-reviewed publications using CPRD data

- Drug safety
- Drug use
- Disease epidemiology
- Incidence/prevalence
- Care delivery



Using CPRD data

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One in seven GP-prescribed antibiotic courses fails, study finds

26 September 2014 | By Caroline Price

Bivalent human papillomavirus vaccine and the risk of fatigue syndromes in girls in the UK



CPRD data is routinely used by MHRA in developing safety guidance

thebmj

THE LANCET

Volume 364, Issue 9438, 11–17 September 2004, Pages 963–969

MMR vaccination and pervasive developmental disorders: a case-control study

NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

Suspected cancer Clinical Guidance

Some NICE cancer guidance exclusively drew evidence from CPRD research

RESEARCH

Safety of pertussis vaccination in pregnant women in UK: observational study

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Papers

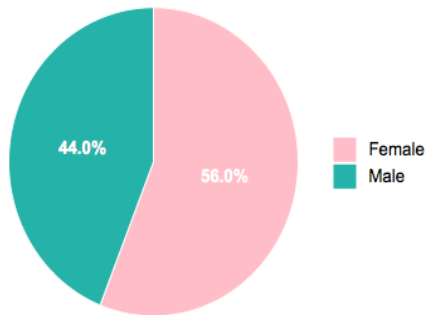
Antidepressant treatment and the risk of fatal and non-fatal self harm in first episode depression: nested case-control study

Following longitudinal drug exposure

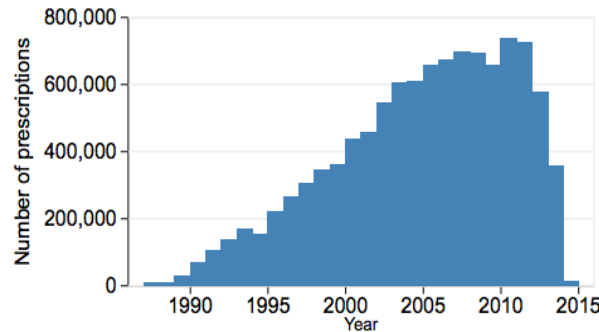
IC Delta Screening	Therapy – Medical Event	Medical Events	THERAPIES	Database Overview	Patients	Set Up	Data Prep	Admin	Showcase
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Therapy:

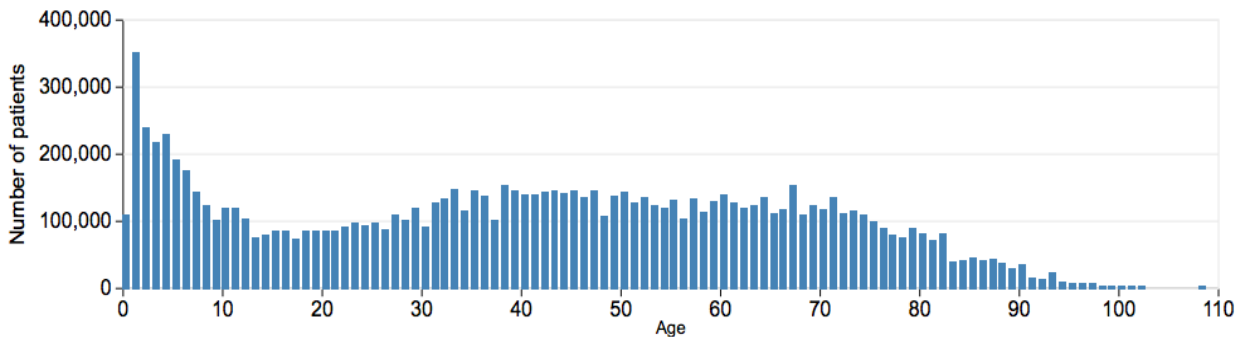
Amoxicillin: Gender Distribution for First-in-Episode Prescriptions



Amoxicillin: Start Year of First-in-Episode Prescriptions



Amoxicillin: First-in-Episode Age Distribution Weighted on Active Patient Time



- Drug exposure over time and description of treated population
- Frequency of events in population
- Frequency of drug-event combination



Put signals
into context

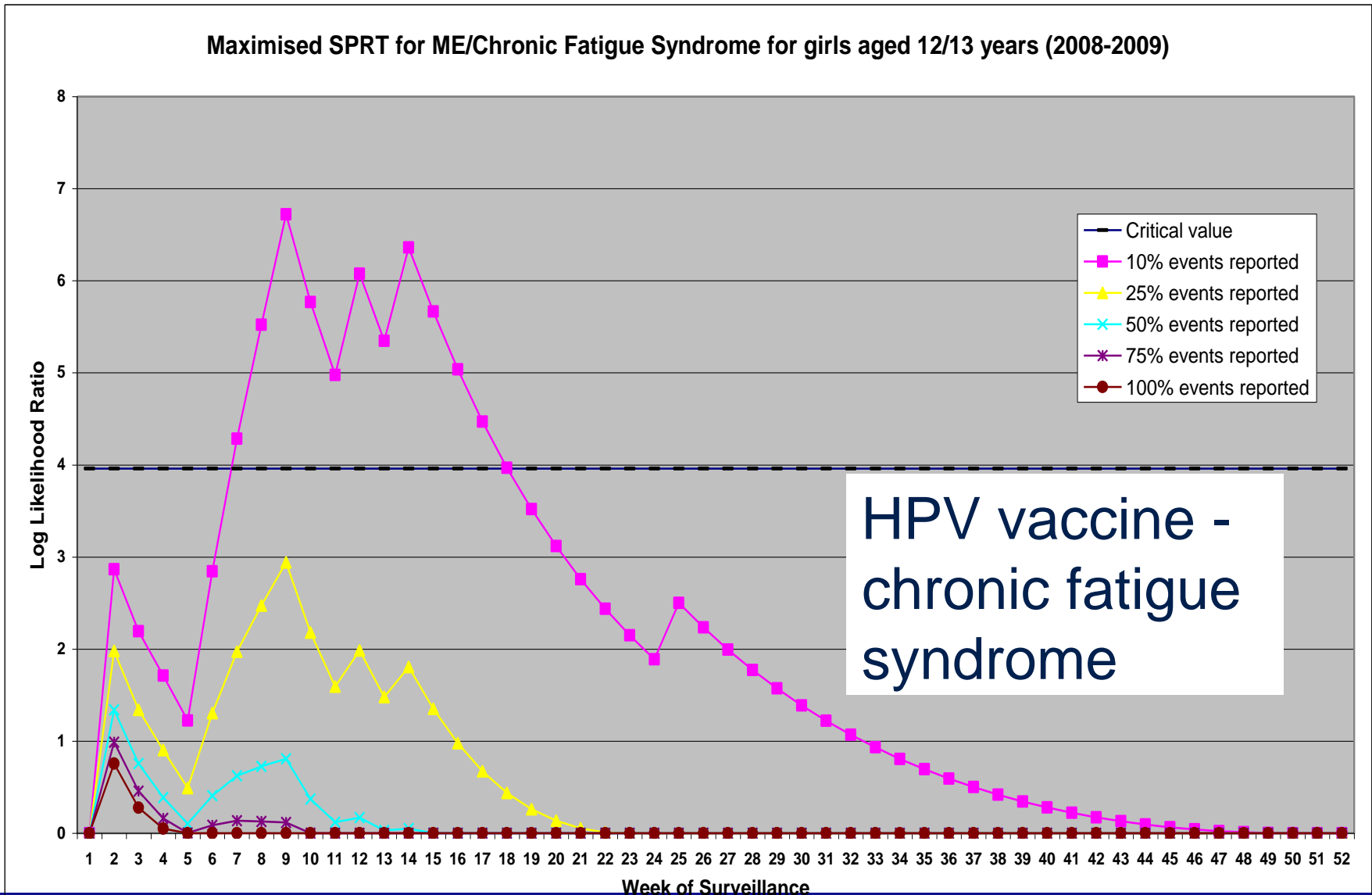
Combining ADR case reports & CPRD data



No increase in CFS observed vs expected rates using max sequential probability ratio testing

Donegan et al 2013, Vaccine 31, 43, 4961-7

Example: Observed vs expected analysis



Continually evaluating benefit risk

Critical appraisal of all available evidence taking into account strength of evidence for causality, therapeutic context, treatment alternatives

In-house pharmacoepidemiology capability

Drug utilisation studies

Risk evaluation and quantification

Methodology development

Work with academia & clinical experts



THE HARVEIAN ORATION OF 2008

DE TESTIMONIO

On the evidence for decisions about
the use of therapeutic interventions

Professor Sir Michael David Rawlins

MD FRCP FFPM FMedSci



Real world data in pharmacovigilance

Registries (prospective cohorts)

- Eg assess safety profile, health outcomes in clinical use, consider existing infrastructure consider comparator

Database studies

- Eg risk characterisation, investigation of targeted AEs

Drug utilisation studies

- Eg to assess effectiveness of risk minimisation measures or help plan PAS

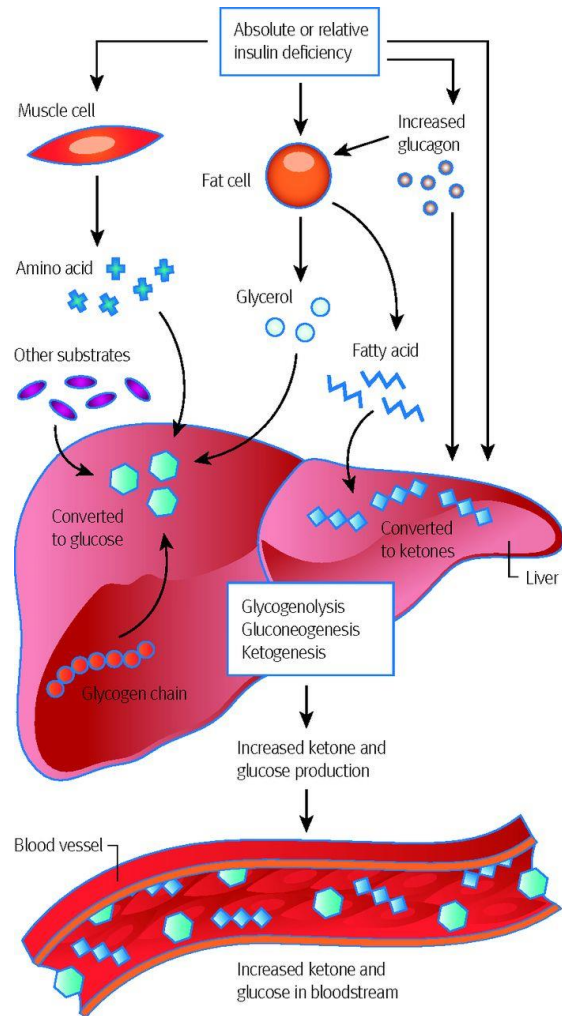
Pharmacogenomics

- Eg genome-wide association studies



Pharmacovigilance activity	Example of current issue in pharmacovigilance	Evidence sources
Signal detection and investigation	SGLT2 inhibitors and diabetic ketoacidosis	ADR reports mechanistic data
Risk quantification, characterisation	Fluoroquinolones - long-term persistent adverse drug reactions	ADR reports, observational data
Benefit risk evaluation	Gadolinium contrast agents - tissue accumulation including brain	Pre-clinical data, PK studies, MRI
Risk management	6-mercaptopurine - risk of severe leukopenia and alopecia	Pharmaco-genomic data NUDT15 gene
Effectiveness of risk minimisation	Sodium valproate in pregnancy - neurodevelopmental disorders	Drug utilisation, patient views

Signal - SGLT2 inhibitors & diabetic ketoacidosis



Case reports of diabetic ketoacidosis associated with SGLT2 inhibitors in Type II diabetes

Prompt communication to HCPs in view of particular characteristic of signal – euglycaemia – related to mechanism of action of SGLT2s

Product information for HCPs and patients updated to include serious and occasionally fatal outcome

Risk characterisation - fluoroquinolones



Drugs

Home > Drugs > Drug Safety and Availability

Drug Safety and Availability



FDA Drug Safety Communication: FDA advises restricting fluoroquinolone antibiotic use for certain uncomplicated infections; warns about disabling side effects that can occur together

According to a [July 26 FDA Drug Safety Communication](http://www.fda.gov) (www.fda.gov), these medications have been associated with disabling and potentially permanent side effects involving tendons, muscles and/or joints, as well as peripheral nerves and the central nervous system. Some patients may even experience more than one such adverse effect.

Benefit risk evaluation - Gadolinium contrast agents and tissue accumulation

Regulatory action in 2007 on nephrogenic systemic fibrosis

Growing evidence of brain deposition - publications

Risk appears greater with linear than macrocyclic agents

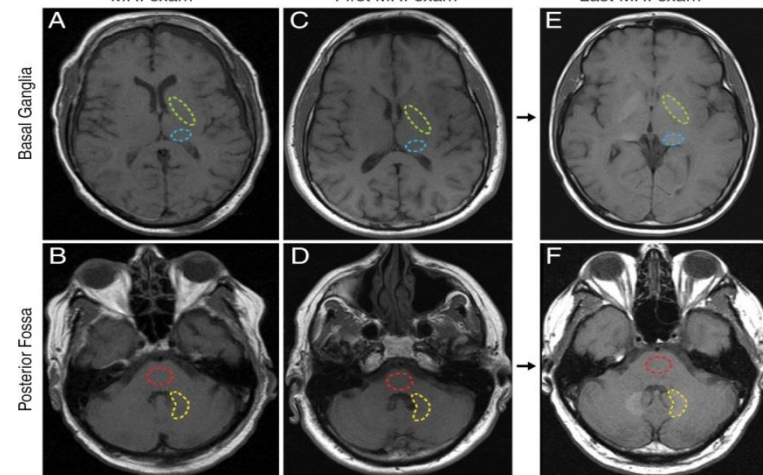
No evidence of harmful outcome to date

Broome et al.



Fig 1—Two patients with nephrogenic systemic fibrosis (NSF) that developed after gadolinium injection.

Control Patient MRI exam Contrast-Exposed Patient First MRI exam Last MRI exam s of fibrosis.



Risk management – 6-mercaptopurine

Mutations in NUDT15 gene result in increased thiopurine-related toxicity
- leukopenia, alopecia

Ethnic variability in frequency of NUDT15.415 C>T

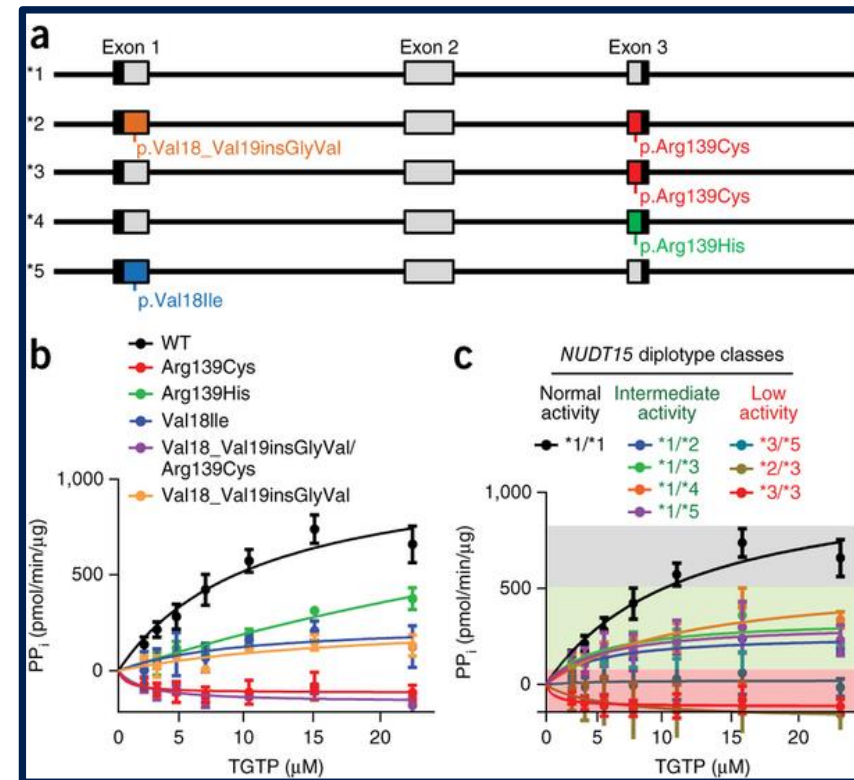
~ 10 % in E Asians

4 % in Hispanics

0.2 % in Europeans

0 % in Africans

Consider dose reduction in patients positive for NUDT15R139 C variant?



*Moriyama et al 2016
Nature Genetics*

Risk minimisation effectiveness - valproate

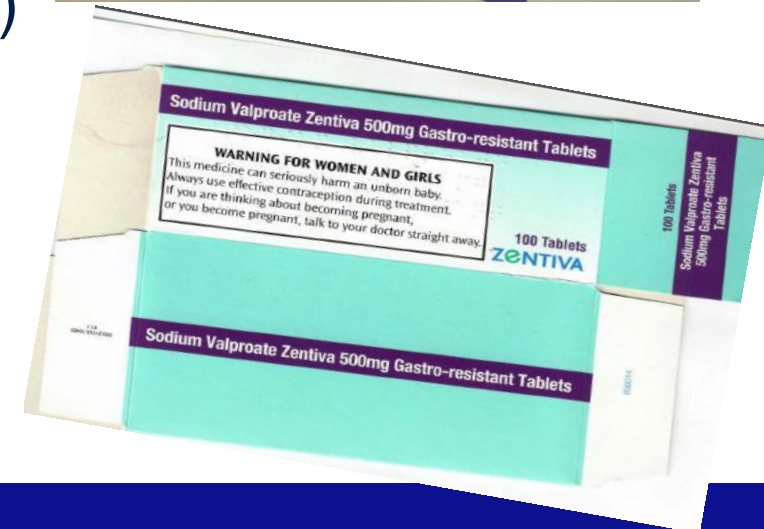
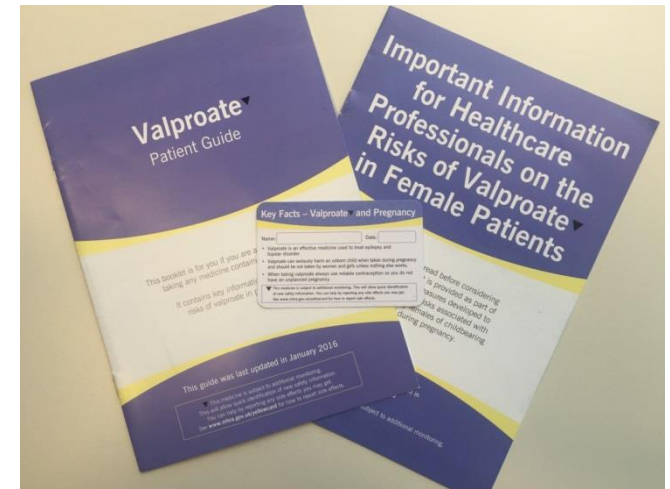
Developmental disorders up to 30 -40% of pre-school children exposed in utero

Delayed walking & talking, memory problems, difficulty with speech & language, lower intellectual ability

Increased risk **autistic spectrum disorder** (3X) and **autism** (5X gen pop)

More likely develop symptoms of **ADHD**

In addition to 11% risk of **birth defects**



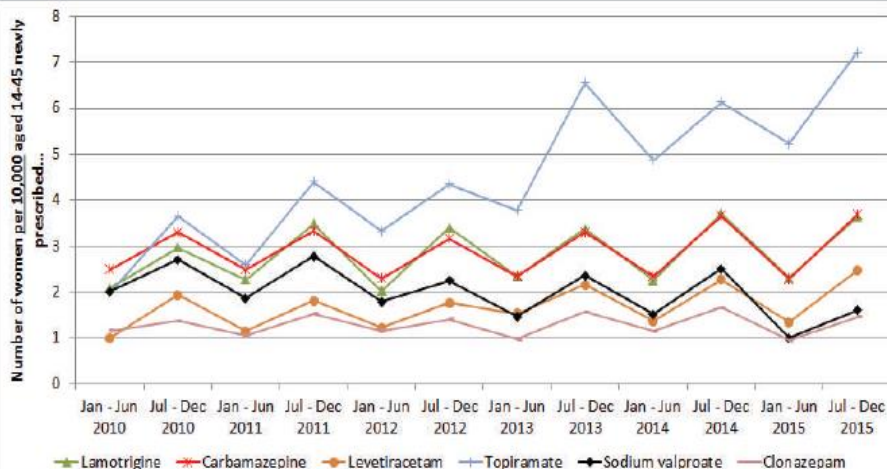
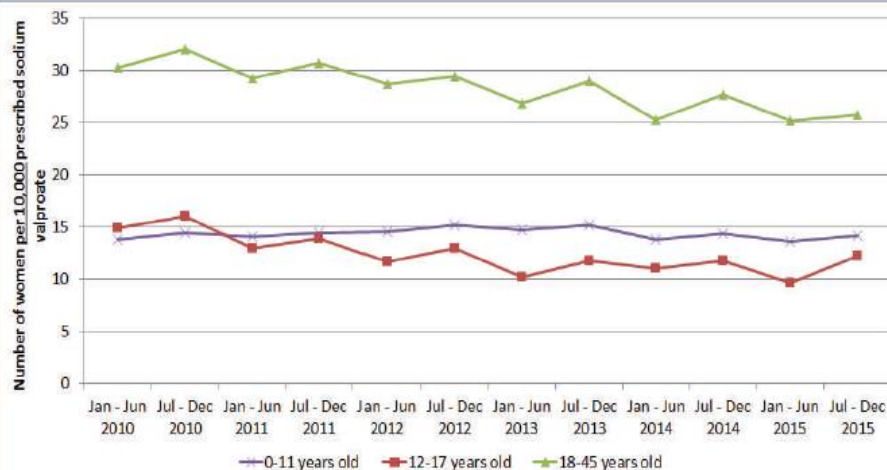
Supporting the safe use of sodium valproate

Aims/objectives:

- That sodium valproate is only provided to women who may become pregnant when there is no safe and effective alternative
- That all women who need valproate fully understand the risks associated with pregnancy

Prescribing by GPs *

Target - To reduce use in women aged 14-45 by ~80%



In July—December 2015 for every 10,000

women aged 14-45*at least...

- 15 were prescribed sodium valproate and had epilepsy
- 4 were prescribed valproate and had bipolar disorder
- 4 were prescribed valproate and had migraines

5/10,000 pregnancies

Rate of exposure to sodium valproate in pregnancy in 2015 *

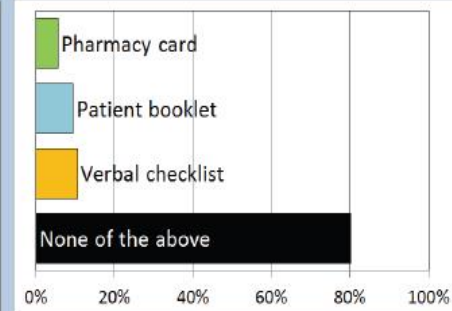
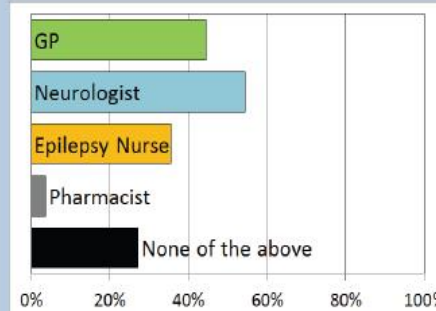
Patient awareness †

Of 620 epileptic women aged 16-50 currently taking valproate...

80% are aware of any effects on development and/or physical health of a child born to a woman taking sodium valproate

Have ever discussed pregnancy and sodium valproate with a....

Have received the following information...



† Data from a survey conducted by Epilepsy Society, Epilepsy Action, and Young Epilepsy

Challenges & opportunities for pharmacovigilance

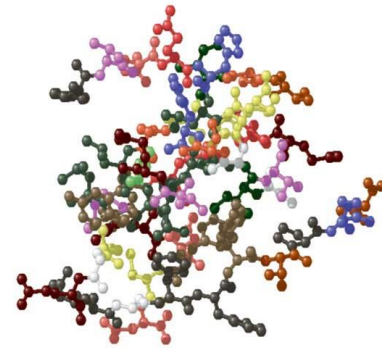
Challenges for pharmacovigilance

Biological medicines

Earlier access to new medicines
and vaccines

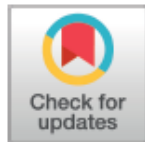
Health professional engagement in
detecting and managing risk

Greater patient involvement





ANALYSIS



Evolution of biological agents: how established drugs can become less safe

Changes to the manufacturing of biological agents can lead to drugs with different components from the original medicine tested in clinical trials, challenging assumptions about safety, say **David Hunt and colleagues**

Nicole Casadevall *professor of haematology*¹, Oliver Flossmann *consultant nephrologist*², David Hunt *honorary consultant neurologist and Wellcome Trust intermediate clinical fellow*³

Report Overview - GB-MHRA-EYC 00100665

Suspect Reaction

Suspect Reactions Added	Outcome of the Reaction	Start Date	End Date
Thrombotic microangiopathy	recovered/resolved with sequelae	11/2012	01/2013

Do you consider the reaction to be serious?

Yes

Reaction severity

Life threatening, Involved or prolonged inpatient hospitalisation, Involved persistent or significant disability or incapacity,

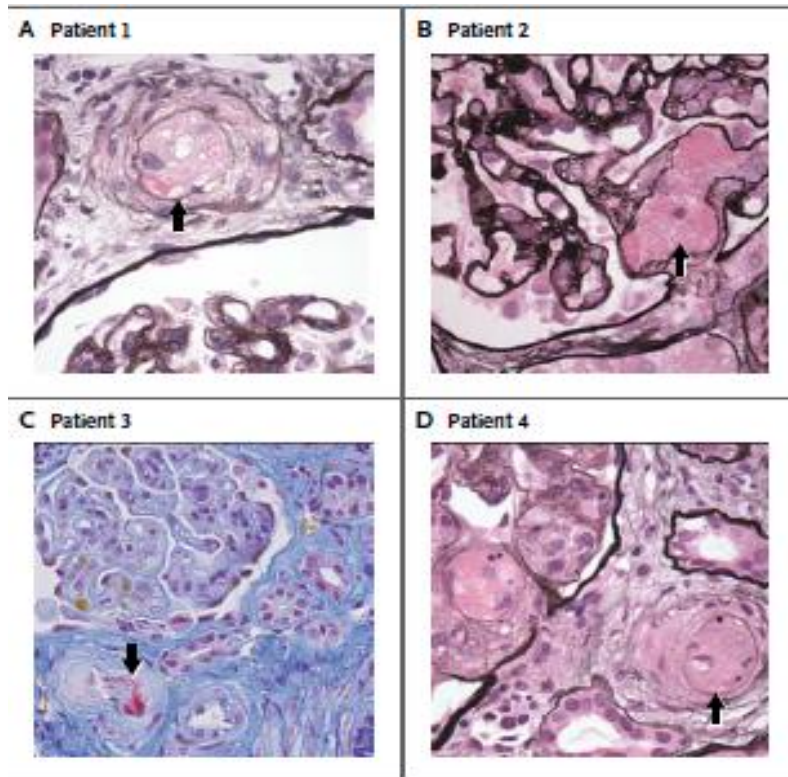
Suspect Drug

Medicine	Brand	Batch No.	Start Date	End Date	Dosage	Indication	Action taken for reaction	Method	Source
rebif	rebif	-	2005	27/12/2012	44mcg 3xwk	Multiple sclerosis	Drug withdrawn	Subcutaneous	Prescription

Additional information

Reaction Description: patient increasingly unwell since end of October 2012 diagnosed with hypertension and acute renal failure requiring hospital admission on the 12/12/2012 found to be thrombocytopaenic clinical picture obscured due to concomitant UTI (E coli) and chest infection kidney biopsy 11/01/2013 showed thrombotic microangiopathy patient became dialysis dependent 31/12/2012 haematological abnormalities normalised by but patient remained dialysis dependent ongoing concerns regarding poor nutrition; patient declined PEG feeding patient died of septic/cardiogenic shock 13/4/2013; no ongoing active microangiopathy but end-stage renal failure contributed to death The patient was taking rebif for: Multiple sclerosis.

Thrombotic microangiopathy & Interferon β

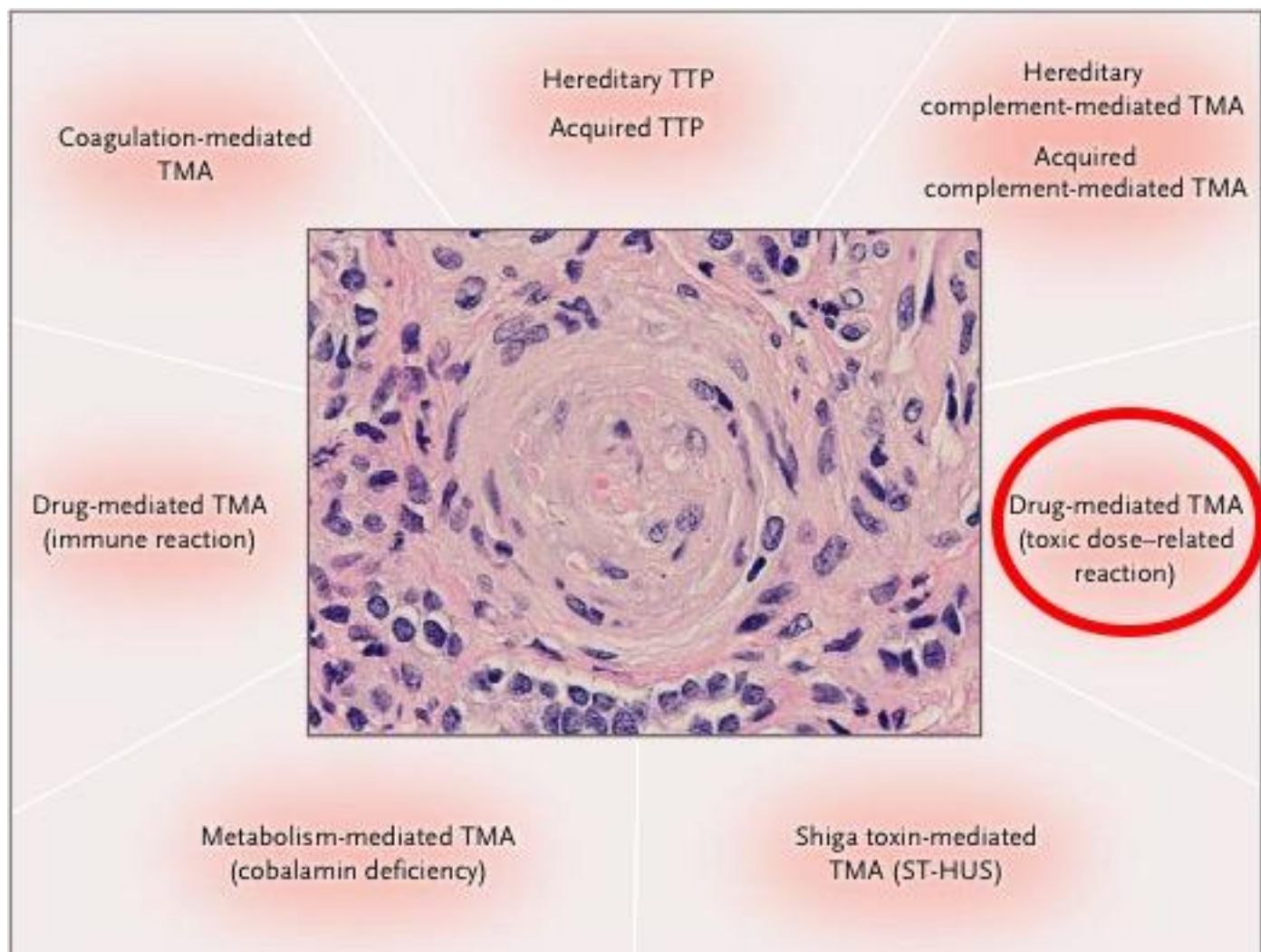


Unexpectedly high number of cases of TMA in MS patients in south Scotland

Common features in renal biopsies

Initial hypothesis was association with common manufacturing source of Interferon β

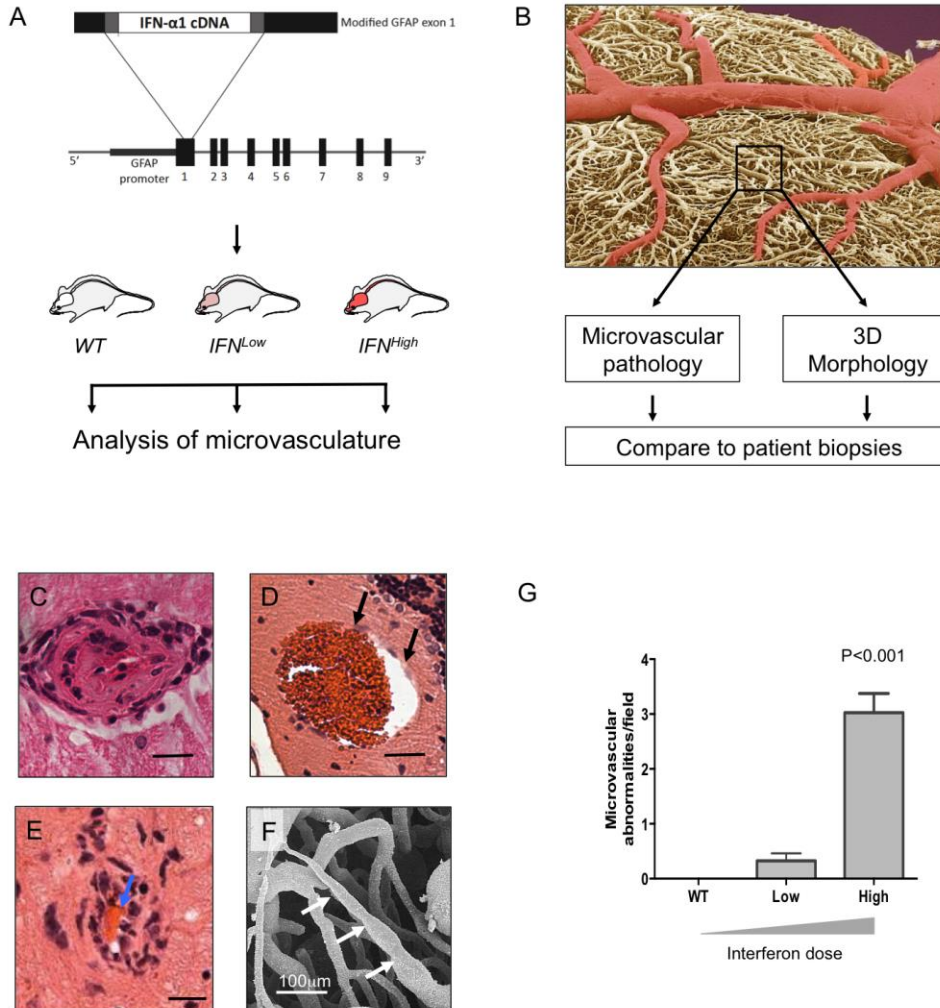
Hunt D et al NEJM March 27,2014



Drug-mediated TMA
(toxic dose-related
reaction)

Interferon-TMA

Further investigation in animal studies



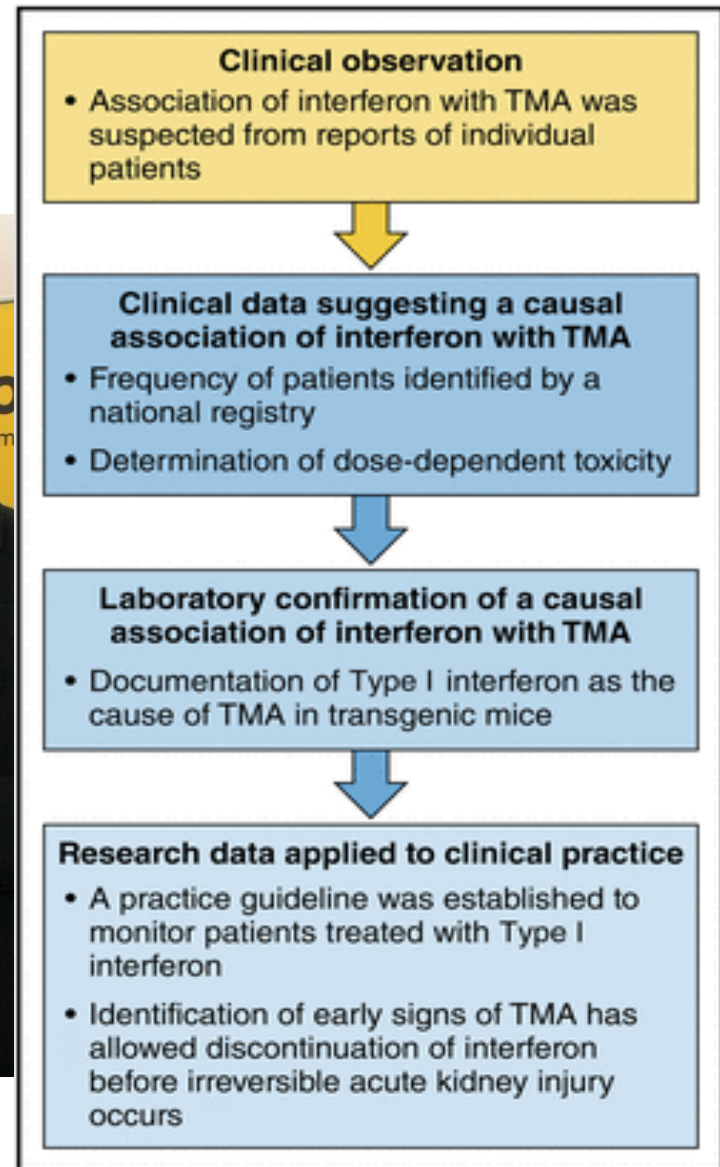
Transgenic overexpression of type I interferon proteins such as IFN alpha & beta shows high levels of interferon cause dose-dependent small vessel damage, including changes seen in patients with TMA

Consistent with a direct effect of interferon protein on small blood vessels

Kavanagh et al Blood 2016

Dr Oliver Flossman & Dr David Hunt

First Dunlop Prize Winners



Access to innovative medicines

Support for access to new medicines in areas of high unmet medical need

Adaptive licensing pathways under investigation

Aim to reduce uncertainties in benefit risk evaluation via robust risk management plan



A cancer drug has become the first to be fast-tracked under a new scheme for patients suffering from life-threatening or seriously debilitating conditions who have no other treatment options available to them.

Pembrolizumab will be offered to those with advanced melanoma under the early access to medicines scheme (EAMS), which was announced by the Government a year ago.

The initiative means researchers can apply for medicines to be made available as soon as the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) signals that the benefits outweigh the risks following an initial scientific assessment, and before they are fully licensed.



Pembrolizumab risk management plan

Safety Specification

Pharmacovigilance Plan

Info collected on all patients before receiving treatment

Active follow-up for ADRs

Reporting to MHRA

Risk minimisation measures

Patient alert card

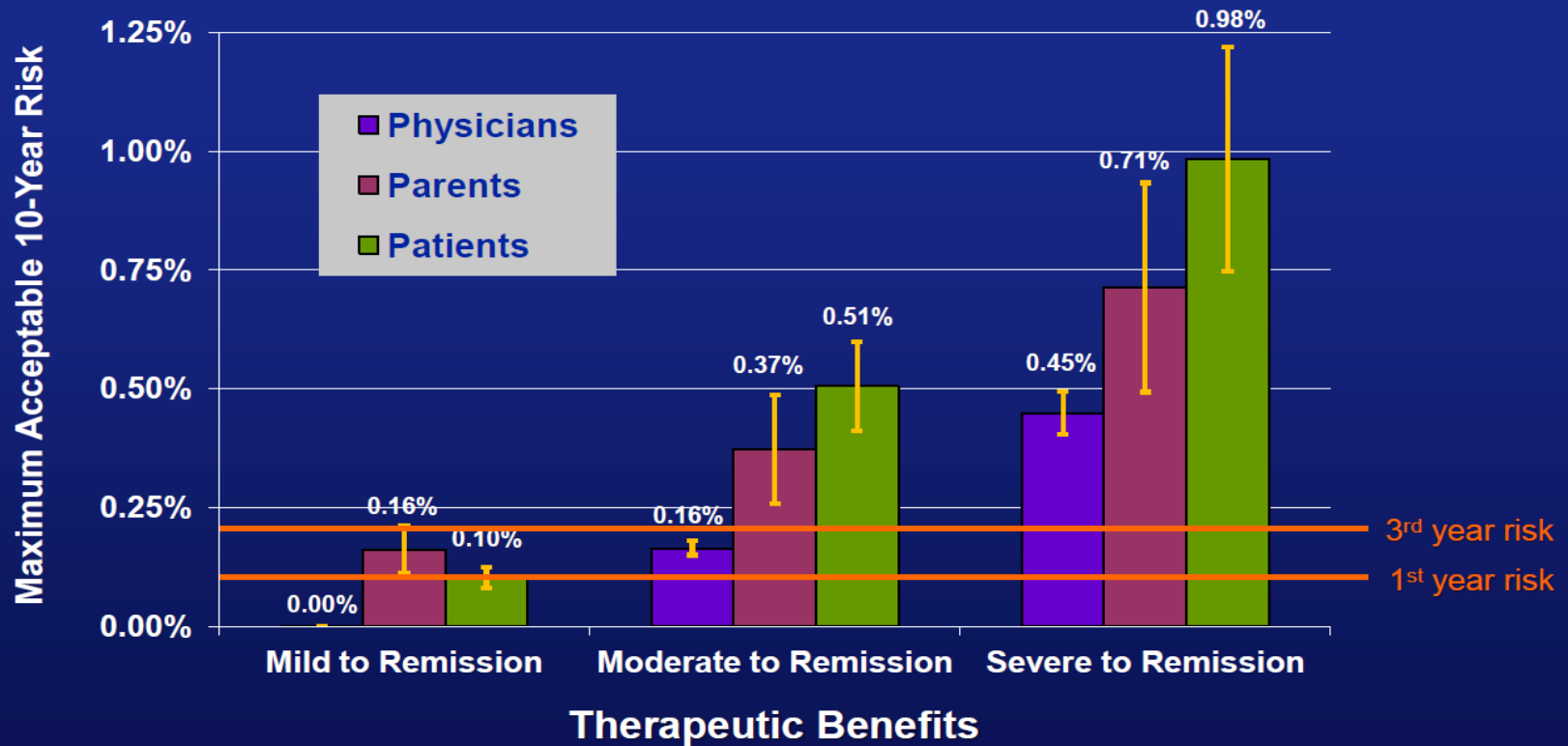
Early Access to Medicines Scheme (EAMS) risk management plan (RMP)	
Active substance(s) (INN or common name):	Pembrolizumab
Pharmaco-therapeutic group (ATC Code):	L01XC18
Name of Opinion Holder or Applicant:	Merck Sharp & Dohme Limited
Product(s) concerned (brand name(s)):	Pembrolizumab

Data lock point for this RMP: 31-AUG-2014
Date of final sign-off:
RMP version number:



Understanding patients' risk tolerance

Maximum Acceptable PML Risk Crohn's Disease



Johnson et al 2010 J Manag Care Pharm

Involving healthcare professionals patients & public in decisions



Interaction with patient and health professional organisations so far only during formal European drug safety reviews

Opportunity of public hearings to be introduced later in 2017

Health professional & patient awareness

Around 15% healthcare professionals have not heard of Yellow Card scheme

Majority of healthcare professionals have never reported a suspected adverse drug reaction

Patient and public awareness of Yellow Card – around 10%



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Encouraging a learning culture by reporting errors

22. When something goes wrong with patient care, it is crucial that it is reported at an early stage so that lessons can be learnt quickly and patients can be protected from harm in the future.

23. Healthcare organisations should have a policy for reporting adverse incidents and near misses, and you must follow your organisation's policy.²⁸

24. A number of reporting systems and schemes exist around the UK for reporting adverse incidents and near misses.

a. Adverse and patient safety incidents in England and Wales are reported to the National Reporting and Learning System.²⁹

b. **You must report suspected adverse drug reactions to the UK-wide Yellow Card Scheme run by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)** and the Commission on Human Medicines.³⁰

c. You must report adverse incidents involving medical devices to the UK-wide MHRA reporting system.³¹

Medical Appraisal Guide (MAG) Model Appraisal Form

Version 4.2 (updated 2016)

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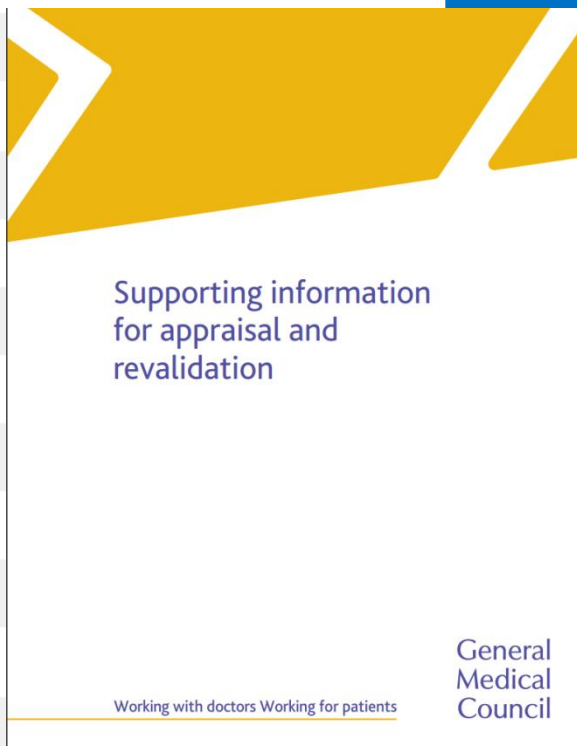
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Preparation
for
Appraisal

Accredited pharmacovigilance e-learning



Introduction and learning objectives

**Evidence review part 1:
background to national ADR
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**Evidence review part 2:
reporting an ADR**

Case scenarios

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Summary

Selecting each topic in turn from the menu will enable you to move directly to that section.

Note that you must complete one topic before moving on to the next.



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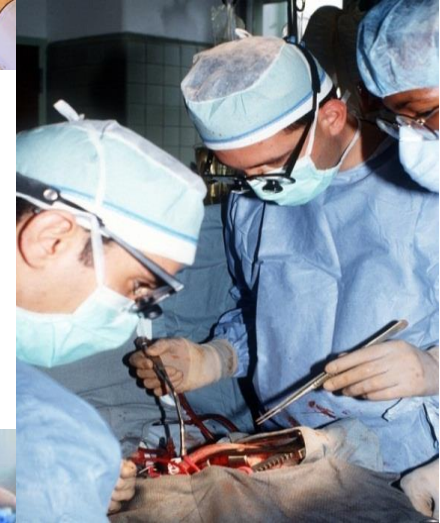
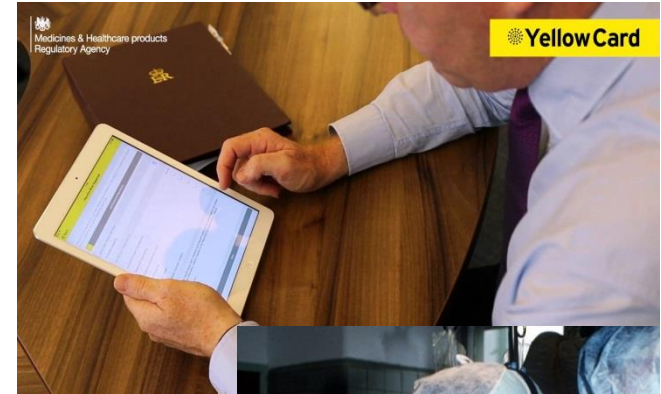


Opportunities for pharmacovigilance

Digital & mobile transformation of pharmacovigilance – integrating risk management into clinician's daily life

Integration of pharmacovigilance data capture into healthcare systems

Using common approaches with other healthcare surveillance systems – defects, counterfeit, blood incidents medical devices incidents



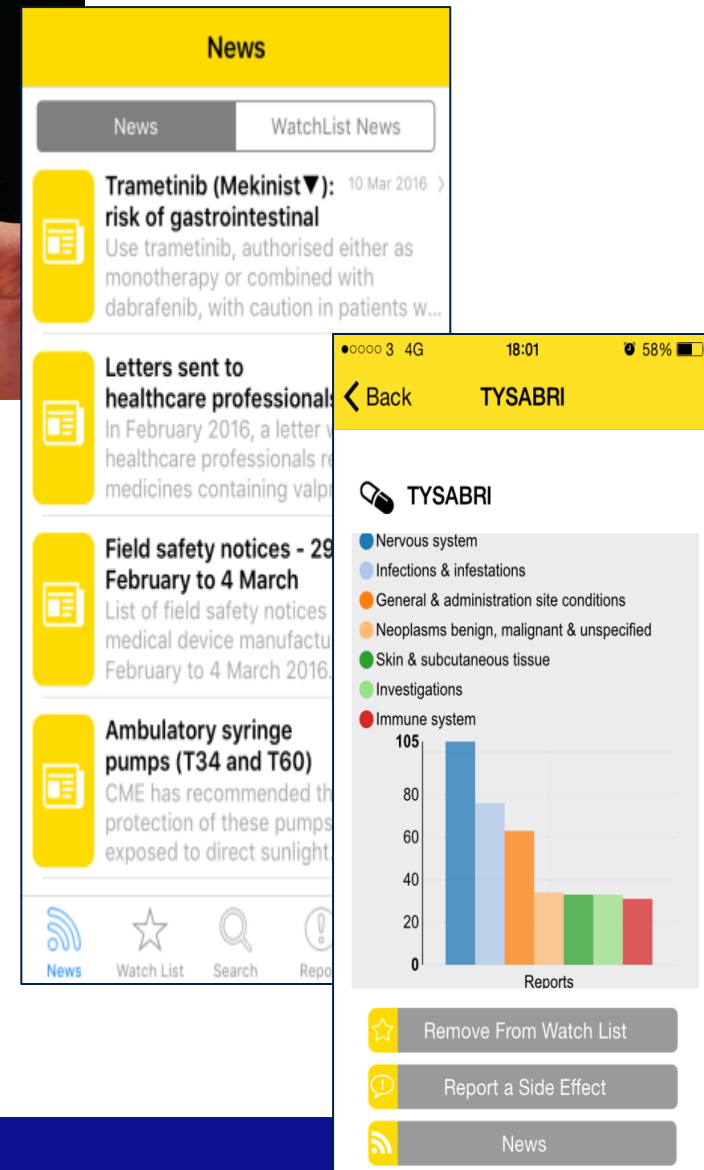
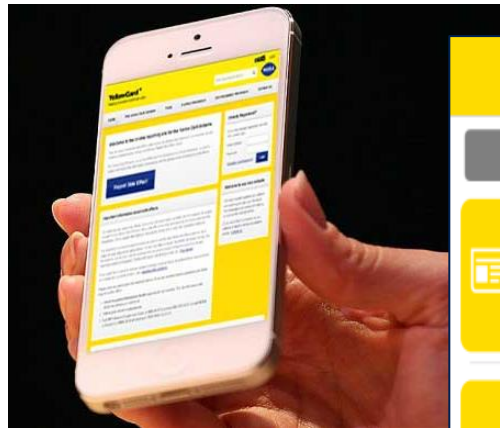
Digital pharmacovigilance transformation

Yellow Card mobile app to report ADRs

Receive drug safety news

- ✓ General
- ✓ Personalised

View ADR profiles of drugs of interest



Access interactive PV information

MHRA Drug Analysis Information

LEVONORGESTREL (Single constituent brand names: ELEVIN, Femicept Coated Tablets [not otherwise coded], Femicept Coated Tablets 150/30 , Levest Coated Tablets 150/30 [not otherwise coded], Femicept Tablets [not otherwise coded], JADELLE, JAYDESS, LEVONELLE, LEVONELLE-2, LEVONORGESTREL [not otherwise coded], MICROVAL, MIRENA, NORGESTON, NORPLANT, PRIMECROWN POSTINOR, UPOSTELLE)
(Multiple constituent brand names: CYCLOPROGYNOVA, EUGYNON, FEMSEVEN CONTI, FEMSEVEN SEQUI, LEVEST, LOGYNON, LOGYNON ED, MICROGYNON, MICROGYNON ED, NUVELLE, OVRAN, OVRAN 30, OVRAN POST-COITAL, OVRANETTE, RIGIVIDON, TRINORDIOL)

Total number of reactions: 14386 Total number of ADR reports: 7811 Total number of fatal ADR reports: 160

Displays show breakdown of all 7811 UK spontaneous reports received for LEVONORGESTREL

Reset to Include All Reports

Gender:

☒ Male ☒ Female ☒ Unknown

Age Group:

Youngest Age Group:

0-4

Oldest Age Group:

100+

☒ Unknown Age Group

Year Received:

Earliest Year Received:

1968

Latest Year Received:

2015

Reporter: ?

☒ Patient/Carer ☒ Healthcare Professional

Report Submission:

☒ Direct to Agency ☒ Indirect via Industry

Route of Administration: ?

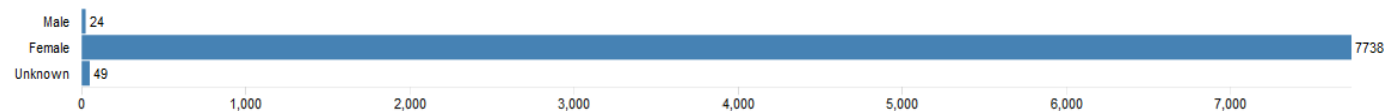
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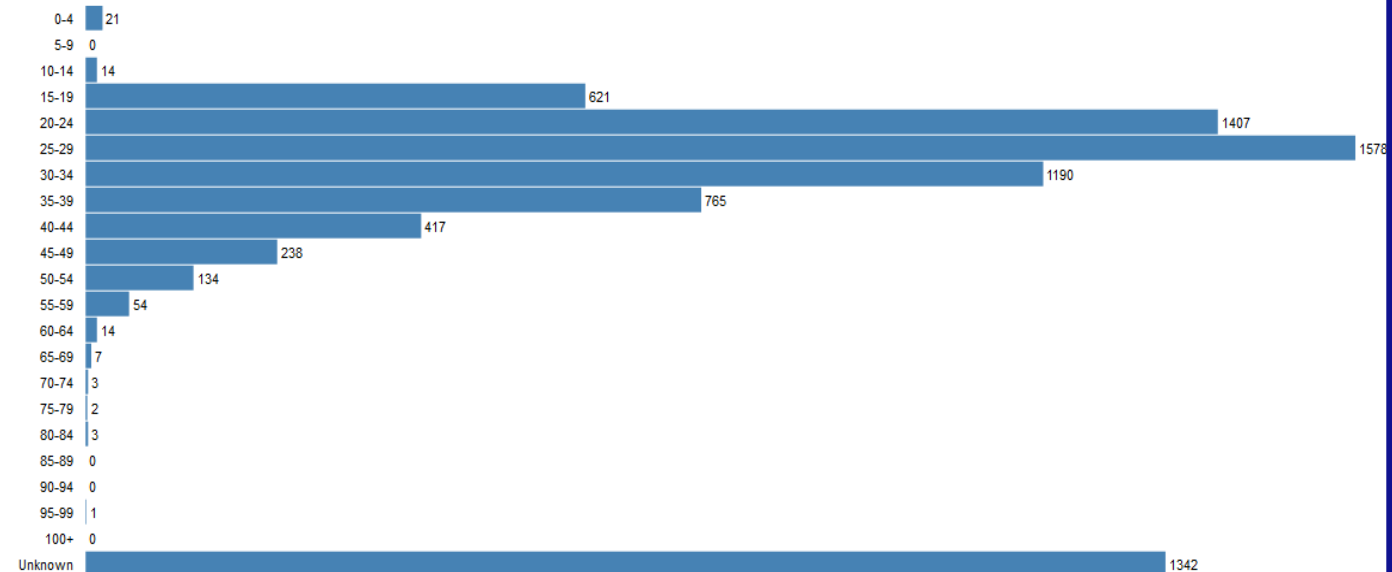
☒ SUBCUTANEOUS USE ☒ VAGINAL USE

☒ UNKNOWN ☒ Routes with few reports

Reports by Gender



Reports by Age Group



What's to come – using social media?



Rachel

@mamasnark

Follow

@JoeC Second day off Effexor & on Viibryd here. Brain zaps are fun. And by fun, I mean horrendous & miserable.

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Will social media data supplement evidence from Yellow Card reports?

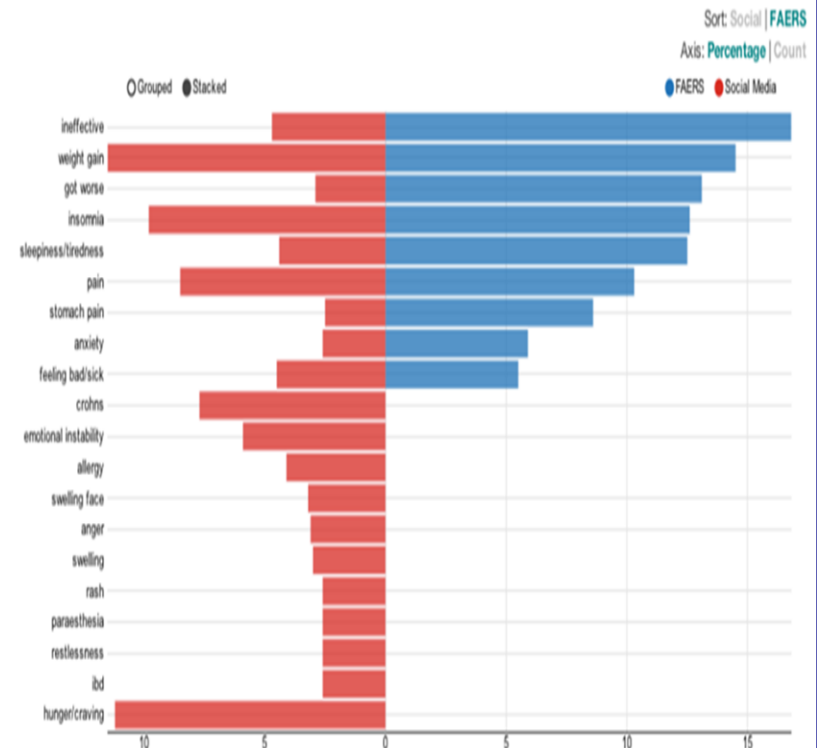
prednisone

Date Range: Sep 1, 2013 - Oct 31, 2013

Sources: ☐ Twitter ☐ Facebook ☐ MedWatcher ☐ Forums

MedDRA Class:

Social Media vs. FAERS



Summary

Safety profile of a new medicine only fully characterised in clinical use in wider population

Pharmacovigilance has evolved in response to drug safety issues to become proactive, planning risk management and evaluating effectiveness of risk minimisation measures

Opportunities include maximising use of new technologies & evidence sources, synergies with other surveillance systems

MHRA's overall goal is vigilance systems which work for all medicines users – to minimise risk and maximise benefits

