

# Therapeutic Individualization - Clinical Pharmacology in Addressing Specific Populations

**FDA/MCERSI Hybrid Workshop: Clinical Pharmacology Guidances Advancing Drug  
Development and Regulatory Assessment: Role and Opportunities**

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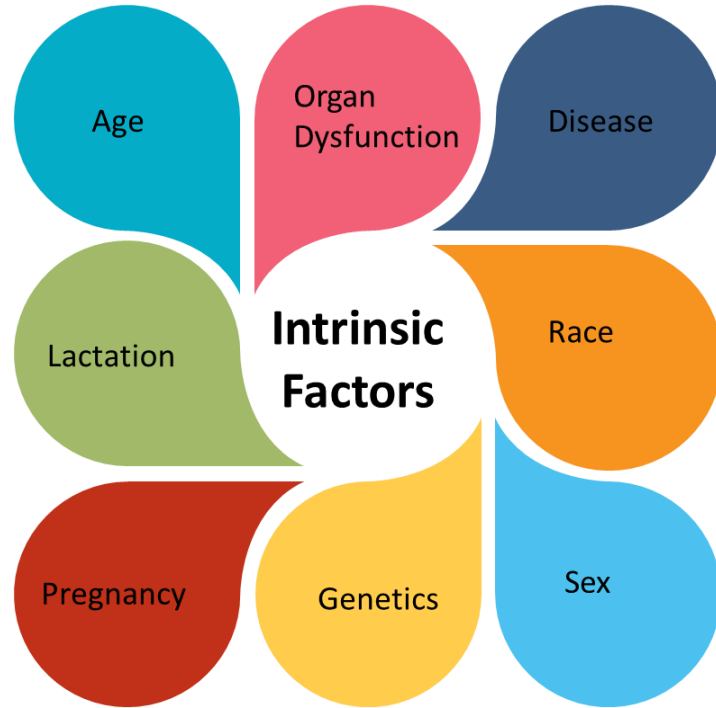
Improve public health by building and translating knowledge of drug response into patient-centered regulatory decisions of the highest quality

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- Play a pivotal role in advancing development of innovative new medicines by applying state-of-the-art regulatory science and clinical pharmacology principles
- Promote **therapeutic optimization and individualization** through best practices in research, policy development, and drug evaluation throughout the product lifecycle

# Why Individualization



**Not all patients with the same diagnosis respond the same to treatment**

Differences in intrinsic and extrinsic factors can result in differences in efficacy and/or safety

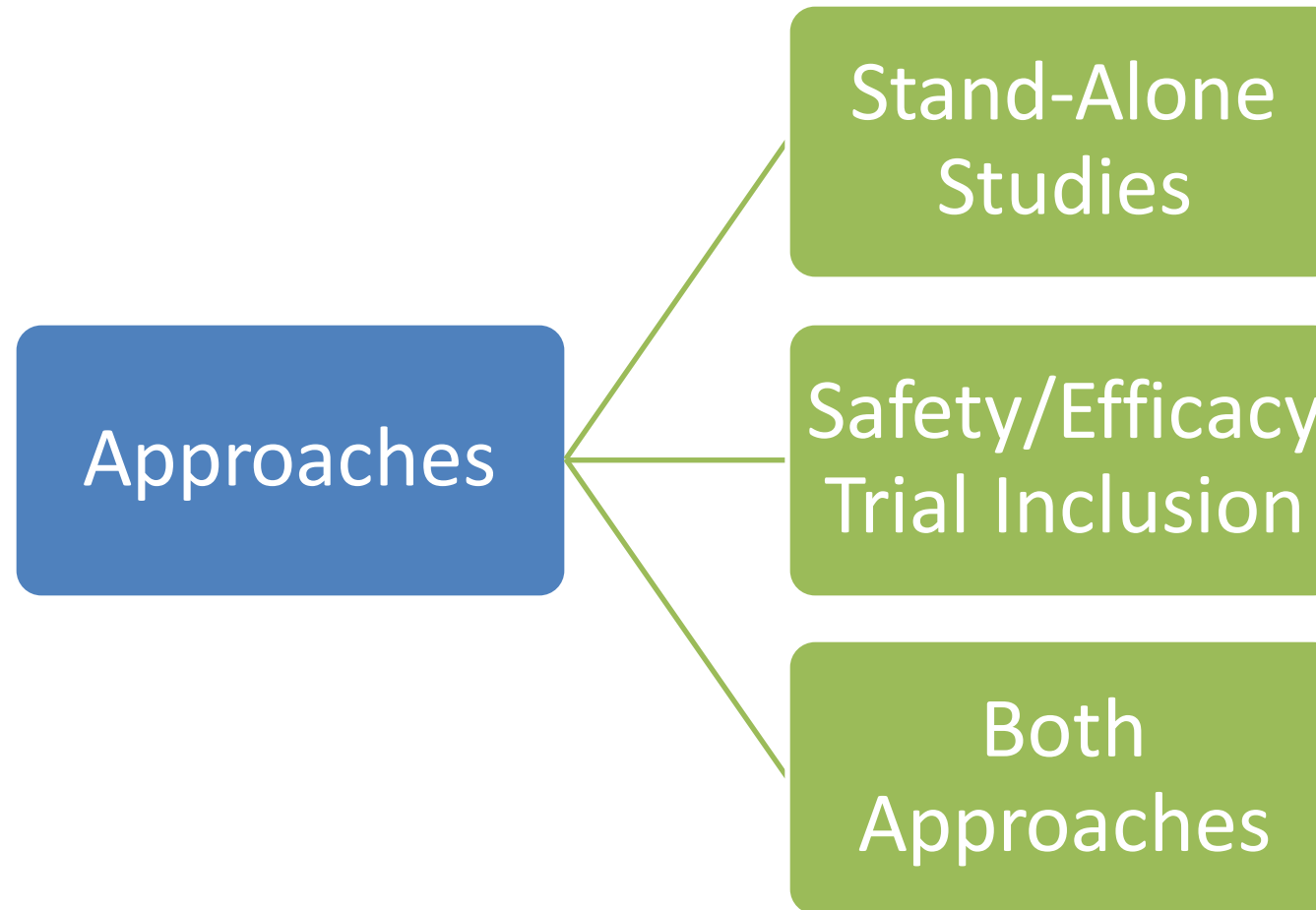


**\*Goal of Diversity Initiatives**

**Right drug, for the right person, at the right dose**

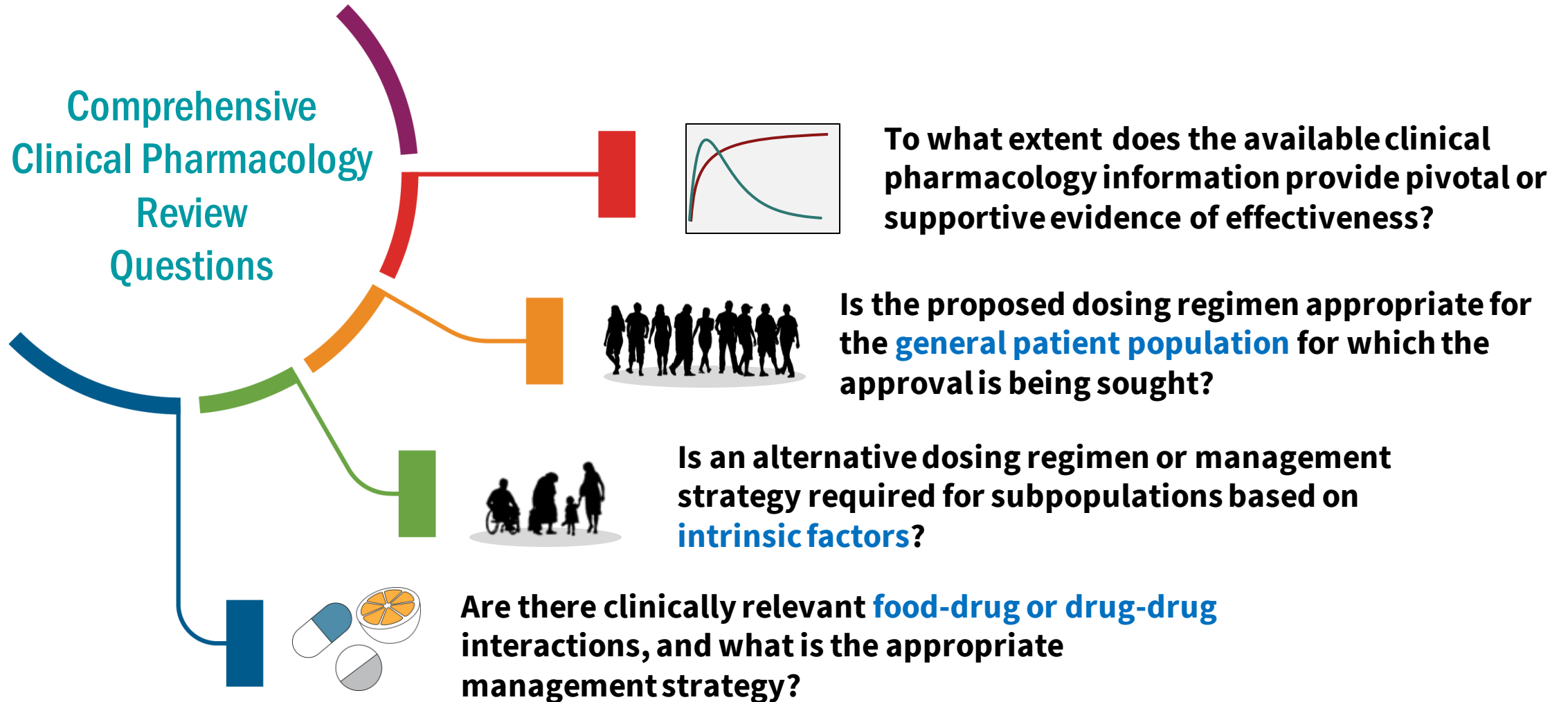
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# How are Specific Populations Studied?

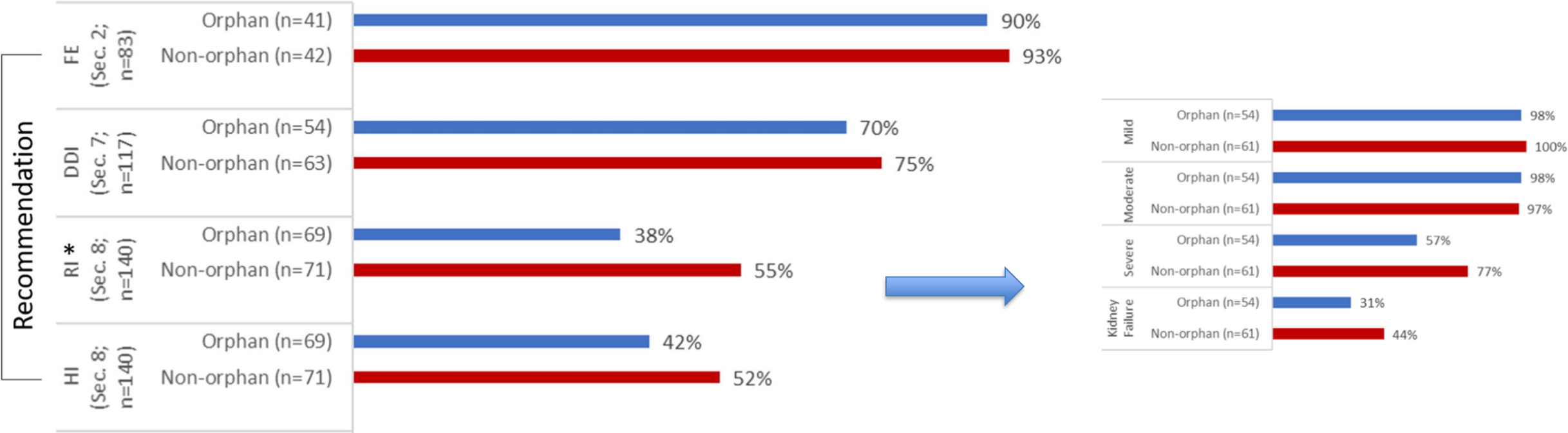


- PK and/or PD considered in making recommendations in specific populations
- Exposure matching generally used to inform dosing - assumes similar PK/PD relationship

# Clinical Pharmacology Assessment: Key Questions

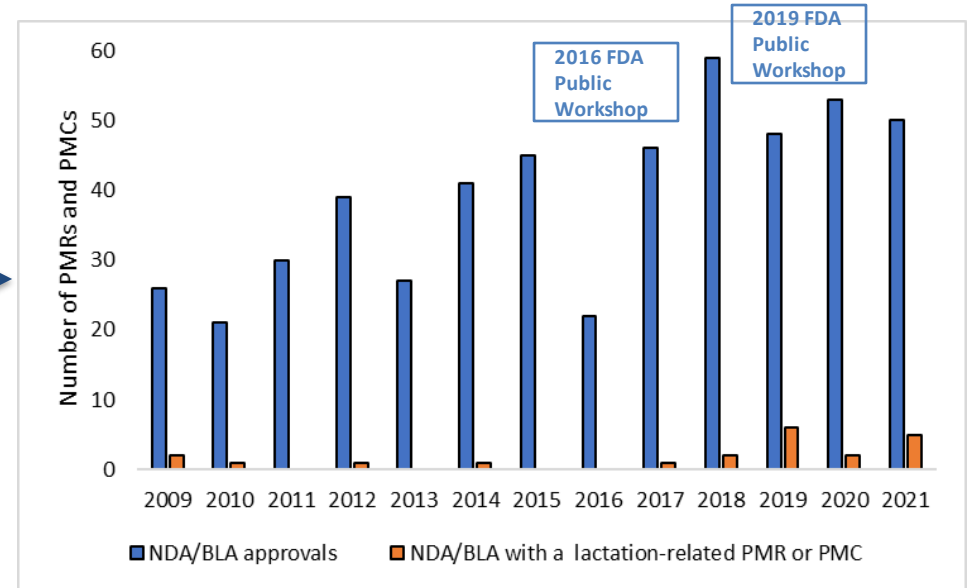
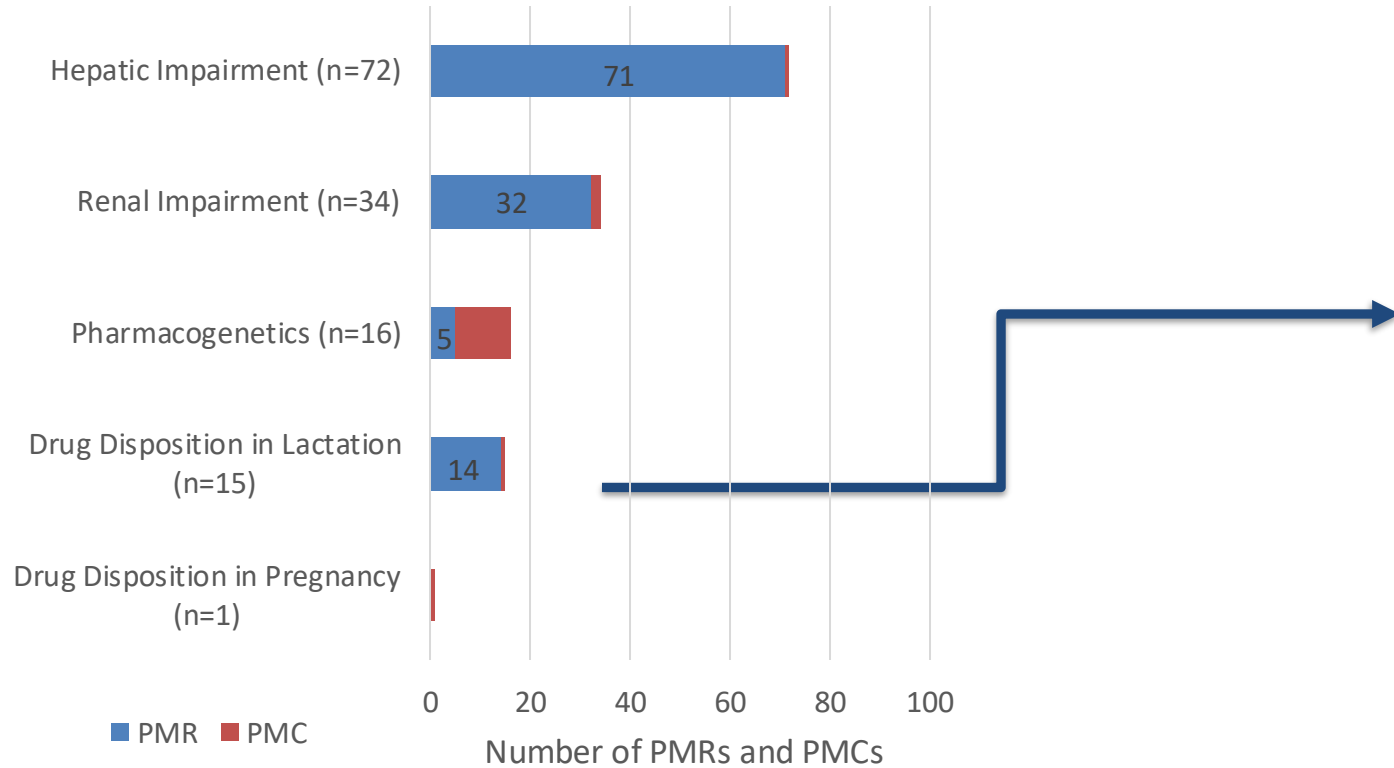


# Intrinsic/Extrinsic Factors in Labeling



Based on evaluation of 153 NMEs approved by the CDER from 2017 to 2019

# Postmarketing Studies (Intrinsic Factors)

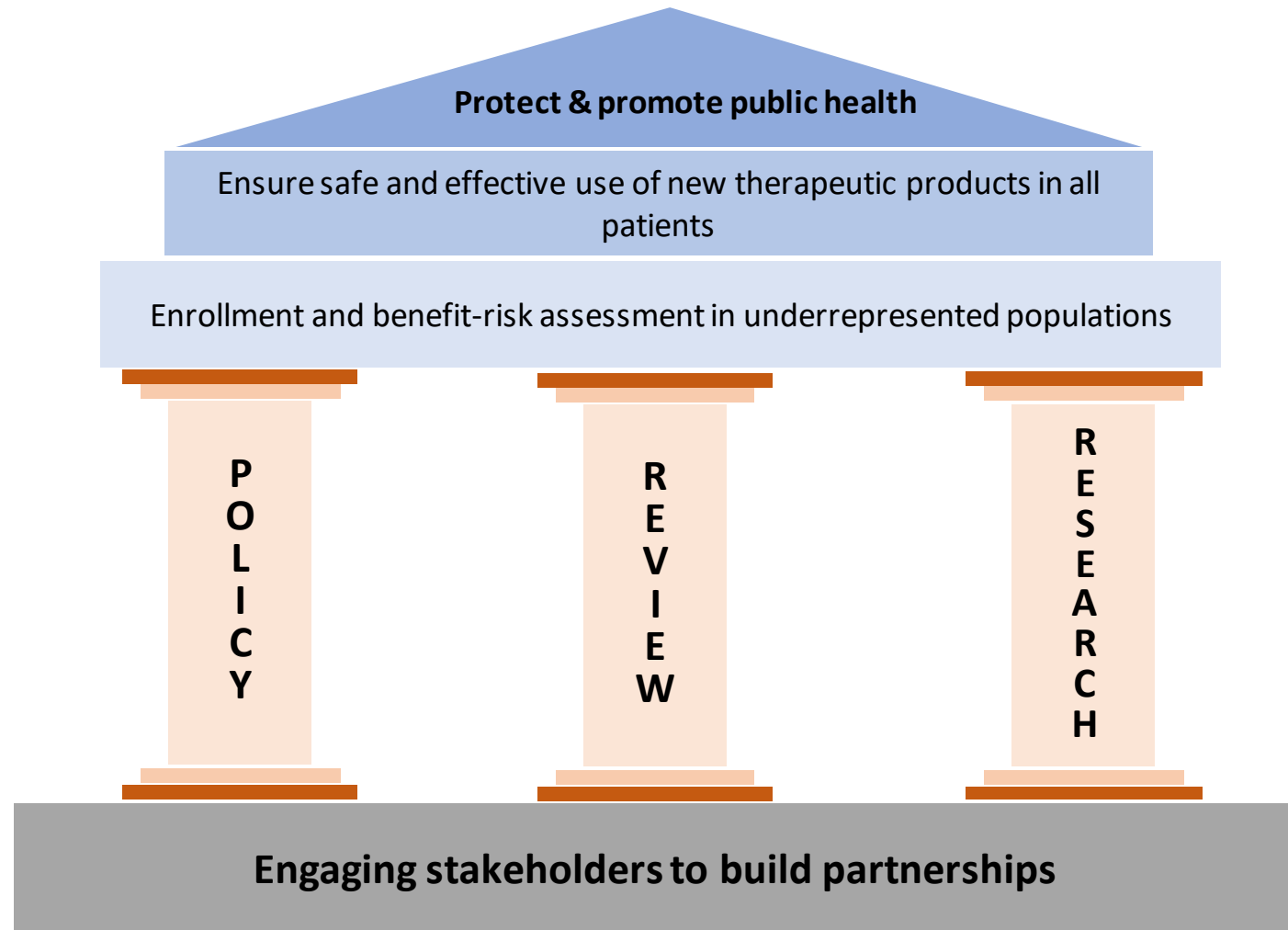


PMR/PMC for NMEs approved 2009 - 2020

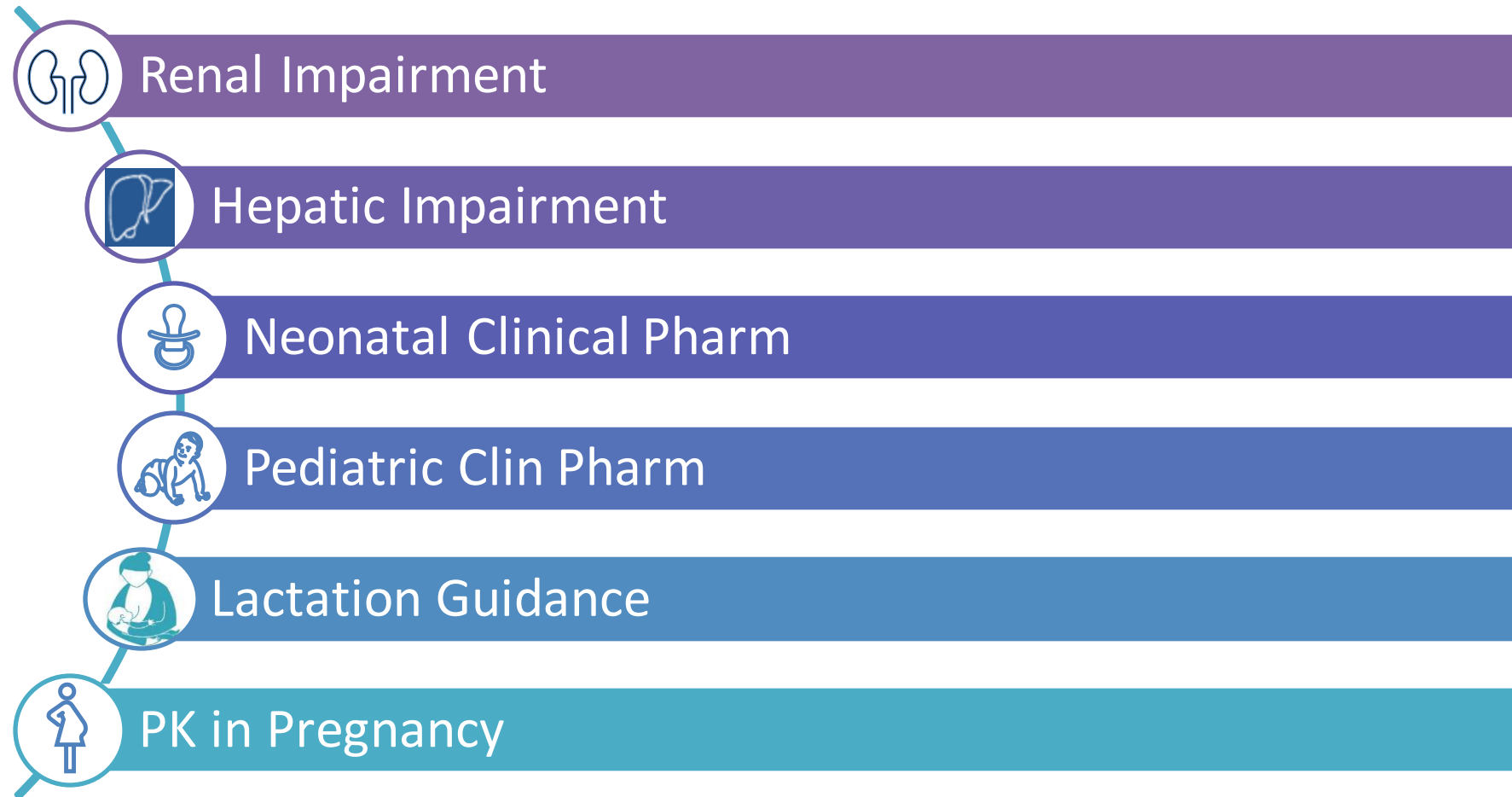
Source: [Ridge S. et al. \(2023\)](#) and Ridge S et al. ASCPT Poster (2023)



# Promoting Therapeutic Individualization

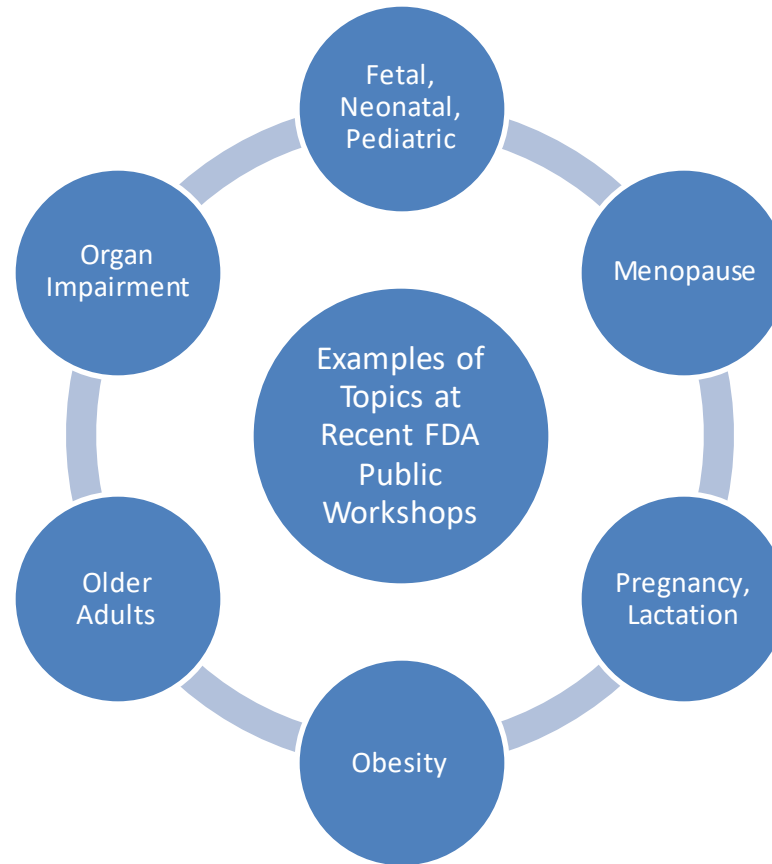


# Examples of Guidances Documents



- Some broader guidances address intrinsic factors e.g. older adult guidances
- Several therapeutic area specific guidances address intrinsic factors e.g. pediatrics
- Supported by legislative initiatives (e.g. FDORA- Diversity Action Plans)

# Stakeholder Engagement



- Additional clinical pharmacology discussions in FDA workshops on therapeutic specific or broader topic (pediatric, maternal, diversity, RWE)
- Additional engagement in professional societies and other venues

# Summary

- The mission of OCP is to advance development of innovative new medicines and promote therapeutic optimization and individualization
- OCP works towards its mission and goals through regulatory review, policy, regulatory research and stakeholder engagement
- In the current session, stakeholders will provide input on potential opportunities and priorities in addressing specific populations

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