Medical Device Clinical Evidence: IDEs and Beyond

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Learning Objectives

To understand:

• When a Q-submission might be useful
• When an IDE is required for device clinical study
• IDE application and FDA decisions on applications
• FDA authority for postmarket studies/surveillance as it relates to the conduct of clinical studies
• Real World Evidence and NEST
Agenda

• Introduction

• Q-Submissions

• Investigational Device Exemptions (IDEs)

• Clinical Studies to address Postmarket Questions

• Real World Evidence and the National Evaluation System for health Technologies (NEST)
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  – Device Classification
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* Rare instances for some pre-amendment Class III devices for which the Agency has yet to down classify or call for PMAs
## Device Postmarket Evaluation

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Example Clinical Experience
Milestones

Individual Compassionate Use, Expanded Access

Study Risk Determination
IDE Submission & study approval

Study progress, bioresearch monitoring inspection to support premarket submission

Premarket Post-market

Surveillance and monitoring for AEs, device mis-use etc.

FDA mandated postmarket study
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• **Q-Submissions**
  Pre-submissions, Study Risk Determinations, Informational Meetings

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• Real World Evidence
Introduction to Q-Submissions

• Mechanism to request FDA feedback regarding potential or planned regulatory submissions.

• Includes a broad range of submissions covering different types of requests.

• Different Q-submission types include written feedback, in-person meetings, and/or teleconference.

• May be used to address questions about clinical evidence at any stage of device development.

FDA Guidance Document: *Requests for Feedback and Meetings for Medical Device Submissions: The Q-Submission Program:* [https://www.fda.gov/media/114034/download](https://www.fda.gov/media/114034/download)
Q-Submission Types

- Pre-Submission Written Feedback
- Pre-Submission Meeting Requests
- Submission Issue Requests
- Informational Meetings
- Study Risk Determinations
- PMA Day 100 Meetings
- Breakthrough Device Designation Requests
- Interaction for Breakthrough Devices
- Early Collaboration Meetings
- Accessory Classification Requests
Requests for feedback from the FDA regarding future premarket submissions, Accessory Classification Requests, or CLIA Waivers

- Specific questions
- Recommend 3-4 substantial topics
- Help guide product development, develop protocols, prepare premarket applications
Study Risk Determinations

Requests for a risk determination for proposed clinical study

- FDA provides final decision in writing
- Risk determination for proposed clinical study defined in 21 CFR 812
- Possible final determinations:
Informational Meetings

Meeting intended to share information with the FDA

- No official feedback
- Interactive dialogue
- Topics can include:
  - Device development
  - New technologies
  - Topics outside the scope of other Q-Submissions
Challenge Question

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B. Clinical study design  
C. Marketing submission  
D. Postmarket study design  
E. All of the Above
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  – IDE Regulations, Application, Decisions, Tips

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IDE Regulatory Framework

• Important terms
• What is an IDE and when is one needed?
• Study risk determination
patients in the U.S. have access to high-quality, safe, and effective medical devices of public health importance first in the world.”
“It is the purpose of this subsection to encourage, to the extent consistent with the protection of the public health and safety and with ethical standards, the discovery and development of useful devices intended for human use and to that end to maintain optimum freedom for scientific investigators in their pursuit of that purpose.”
“Practice of Medicine”

“Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit or interfere with the authority of a health care practitioner to prescribe or administer any legally marketed device to a patient for any condition or disease within a legitimate health care practitioner-patient relationship....”

From Section 1006 of the FD&C Act
Investigational Device Exemption

• 21 CFR 812.1:

  “An approved *investigational device exemption (IDE)* permits a device that otherwise would be required to comply with a *performance standard* or to have *premarket approval* to be *shipped lawfully* for the purpose of *conducting investigations* of that device.”

• An IDE is a *regulatory submission* that permits clinical investigation of devices.
Approved IDEs are Exempt from Regulations Pertaining to:

- Misbranding
- Registration
- Performance Standards
- 510(k)
- PMA
- HDE

- Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs) except Design Controls
- Color Additive requirements
- Banned Devices
- Restricted Device requirements

21 CF 812.1
Individual, partnership, corporation, association, scientific or academic establishment, Government agency or organizational unit of a Government agency, and any other legal entity who:

- Takes responsibility
- Initiates investigation

21 CFR 812.3(l) and (n)
An individual or responsible leader of a team who:

• Actually conducts a clinical investigation
• Under whose immediate direction a test article is administered, dispensed, or used on a research subject

21 CFR 812.3(i)
Sponsor Responsibilities

- Select qualified **investigators** and provide them with information they need to conduct the investigation properly
- Ensure proper **monitoring**
- Obtain **IRB and FDA** review and approval
- Control **devices**
- Comply with **labeling, prohibition of promotion, import** and **export** requirements (Subpart A).
- Maintain adequate **records**
- Grant **inspections** to FDA (establishments and records)
- Prepare and submit **reports**

21 CFR 812 Subparts C and G
Investigator Responsibilities

- Ensure investigation is conducted according to investigational plan, signed agreement, FDA or IRB conditions of approval and applicable FDA regulations.
- Protect rights, safety, welfare of subjects under care.
- Obtain informed consent in accordance with 21 CFR 50.
- Supervise device use and comply with final device disposition directions.
- Maintain adequate records (e.g., informed consent, observations including AEs, protocol deviations, etc.)
- Grant inspections to FDA (establishments and records)
- Prepare and submit reports (e.g., annual progress, final, etc.)

21 CFR 812 Subparts E and G
Sponsor-Investigator

• Individual who, alone or with others, initiates & actually conducts an investigation:
  • Under whose immediate direction a test article is administered, dispensed, or used
  • The obligations include those of an investigator and a sponsor.

21 CFR 812.3(o)
Does the Study Fall Under 812?

General applicability of the IDE regulations:

812.2(a) General. This part applies to all clinical investigations of devices to determine safety and effectiveness, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section.
When do IDE Regulations Apply?

• 21 CFR 812.2(a)

Clinical Investigation to determine device safety and effectiveness

• New device or
  New use of legally marketed device (e.g., “off-label use”)

• Possible Examples:
  – Sponsor-investigator/Academic studies - even if no marketing application planned
  – Study to gain initial safety and effectiveness information to support further study (e.g., feasibility study)
  – Manufacturer-sponsored study to support marketing application [PMA, HDE, 510(k) or De Novo]
When is an IDE Needed?

*Study* risk based on the **proposed use** of a device in an investigation, **NOT** the device alone

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**FDA Guidance Document:** *Information Sheet Guidance For IRBs, Clinical Investigators, and Sponsors Significant Risk and Nonsignificant Risk Medical Device Studies*

https://www.fda.gov/media/75459/download
IRB Role in Risk Determination

• **Sponsor** makes initial determination

• **IRB reviews** the sponsor’s determination (21 CFR 812.2(b)(1)(ii))
  – Information provided by the sponsor includes device description, prior investigations, investigational plan, subject selection, risk assessment and rationale used in making its SR or NSR determination

• If the IRB disagrees with a sponsor’s NSR assessment, the IRB must inform the clinical investigator, and where appropriate, the sponsor. (21 CFR 812.66)

• FDA is available to help and is final arbiter when IDE is submitted or if asked by sponsor, investigator, or IRB

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Challenge Question

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The IDE Application

• Application package
• Review considerations
• Decisions and letters
IDE Application Contents

812.20(b) IDE Application
- Sponsor name/address
- Report of prior investigations & investigational plan
- Description of manufacturing
- Investigator agreements
- Certification of investigator agreements
- IRB information
- Other institutions
- Sales information
- Environmental assessment
- Labeling
- Informed consent materials

812.27 Report of Prior Investigations
- Bibliography
- Summary of unpublished information
- GLP and GCP compliance statements

812.25 Investigational Plan
- Purpose
- Protocol
- Risk analysis
- Device description
- Monitoring procedures
- Labeling
- Informed consent materials
- IRB information
- Other institutions
- Records and reports

FDA Device Advice – IDE Application: https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/device-advice-investigational-device-exemption-ide/ide-application
FDA Review of IDE Application

- FDA sends acknowledgement with IDE number: GYYxxxx (e.g. G160001)
- IDE sent to appropriate review division based on intended use
- Lead reviewer assembles team of experts to review the application and make decision with management concurrence within 30 days
- FDA issues a decision letter to the sponsor
Types of Device Studies

• **Feasibility Studies**
  – Intended to gather preliminary information regarding
    • Safety profile and potential for effectiveness
    • Refinements to device or future study
  – Not intended to provide primary support for marketing
  – Generally not statistically driven (n ≈1-40 subjects)
  – May inform device design (early feasibility study)

• **Pivotal Studies**
  – Intended to provide the primary clinical data in support
    of a future marketing application
  – Statistically driven sample size and hypotheses
# Feasibility vs. Pivotal IDEs: Example FDA Review Considerations

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<td><strong>Number of subjects</strong></td>
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<td>Variable, but can be large (e.g., 100)</td>
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<td><strong>Study Purpose</strong></td>
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<td>Capture preliminary S and E information and to plan a pivotal study</td>
<td>Capture definitive evidence of safety and effectiveness</td>
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<td>Changes anticipated</td>
<td>Near final or final design</td>
<td>Final design</td>
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<td><strong>Justification for study initiation</strong></td>
<td>May rely on device design and leveraged information</td>
<td>Generally supported by more nonclinical (or prior clinical) data than EFS</td>
<td>Relies on comprehensive nonclinical and prior clinical data</td>
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<td><strong>Statistical Analysis Plan</strong></td>
<td>Generally N/A</td>
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<td>Appropriate for Study Design/Hypothesis</td>
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<td><strong>Primary Focus of FDA Review?</strong></td>
<td>Primarily safety. Why is clinical testing next step?</td>
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FDA Decisions and Letters

• **Approval**
  – Approves the study for specified number of sites and subjects
  – Enrollment can begin once IRB approval is obtained

• **Approval with conditions**
  – Approves the trial for specified number of sites and subjects provided conditions (deficiencies) are addressed within 45 days
  – Enrollment can begin once IRB approval is obtained

• **Disapproval**
  – Study may not begin
  – Deficiencies will be listed
  – Sponsor must address deficiencies and obtain FDA approval to start study

FDA Guidance Document: [FDA Decisions for Investigational Device Exemption Clinical Investigations](https://www.fda.gov/media/81792/download)
Concerns regarding **study design not related to protecting study subjects** conveyed as attachment to decision letter

**Study Design Considerations** - Study design recommendations unrelated to subject protection, e.g.,

- Primary, secondary endpoints and study success criteria
- Randomization, blinding, and control plan
- Follow-up duration and assessments, case report forms
- Enrollment criteria, Statistical plan, etc.

**Future Considerations** - Issues relevant for future submissions, e.g.,

- Testing needed for future marketing application
- Recommendations for future pivotal study design
- Limitations on future claims based on study design
Summary: FDA Letters

• Decisions – Can you start the study?
  - ✔ Approval
  - ✔ Approval with Conditions
  - ✗ Disapproval

- Requirements deficiencies to be addressed

- Study Design Considerations and Future Considerations do NOT require a response.

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Other IDE Submissions

- **Supplements** (812.35)
  - Change in protocol
  - Change in device

- **Reports** (812.150)
  - Annual progress
  - Unanticipated adverse device effects
  - Enrollment and follow-up completion
  - Withdrawal of IRB or FDA approval
  - Current list of investigators
  - Final report

Responses to any deficiencies are submitted as **Amendments**

All Original IDEs, Reports, Supplements, and their amendments have a 30-day review clock
Tips for IDE Submission

• Common pitfalls
• Recommendations
Common Pitfalls for Submissions

• Inadequate detail regarding the **device or the methods** used in the study

• Inadequate **basic safety/performance** data
  – Describe device **components and materials, principle of operation and key characteristics**
  – Clarify version of device **tested** compared to version for **clinical study**
  – Describe preclinical test conditions, success criteria, and results

• Inadequate **justification** for why clinical data are truly needed at this stage.
  – Rationale why preclinical tests were conducted and support clinical study

• Inadequate **procedures** in place (or discussion of those procedures) to **maximize patient safety**

• Inadequate **informed consent** document
Tips for Successful IDE Submissions

• IDE Application
  – Follow eCopy guidelines
  – Organize clearly (e.g., use a master table of contents with continuous numbering)
  – Ensure all required elements are included (see checklist on Device Advice*)
  – “Tell the Story”
    • Provide basic information to support FDA review
    • Provide rationale for adequacy of data provided
  – Be consistent throughout submission
  – Address previous FDA submissions, interactions, and feedback

*FDA Device Advice – IDE Application: https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/device-advice-investigational-device-exemption-ide/ide-application
Tips for Successful IDE Submissions

• Before Submission
  – Q-submission Program
    • Study Risk Determination
    • Informational Meeting
      – No expectation of feedback
  • Pre-Submission
    – Request for feedback from FDA in the form of a written response or meeting on specific questions
    – Review relevant guidance and internet resources
Tips for Successful IDE Submissions

• **During review**
  – Be available and responsive for interactive review
  – Be aware of review process/timeline

• **After receiving a deficiency letter**
  – Prepare organized response
    • Respond point by point
    • Use numbering in letter
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  – Post Approval Studies and Postmarket Surveillance

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[www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov)
PAS Program (21 CFR 814.82)

Section 522 Program (21 CFR 822)
FDA Authority: PAS Program

• Postmarket Monitoring for Class III devices
• Section 513(a)(3)(C) of FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 360c)
  ▪ ... the Secretary shall consider whether the extent of data that otherwise would be required for approval of the application with respect to effectiveness can be reduced through reliance on postmarket controls.
• CFR 21 Section 814.82(a)(2) for PMAs and CFR 21 Section 814.126(a) for HDEs
  ▪ Post-Approval studies can be imposed at time of approval to continue evaluation and reporting on the safety, effectiveness*, and reliability of the device for its intended use.

* Probable benefit for HDEs
Criteria for PAS Need

- **Breakthrough Program**: To facilitate new technology and allow devices to, when appropriate, reach market distribution sooner, with additional postmarket data collection as CoA.

- **Long Term Evaluation Descriptive - Extended Follow-up of Premarket Cohorts**: Leveraging premarket cohorts by extending their follow up for long-term data to be obtained postmarket as a CoA.

- **Long Term Evaluation Benefit/Risk Question - Data are not available Otherwise**: To address unanswered questions that are not necessary to demonstrate premarket reasonable assurance of device safety and effectiveness. This includes benefit risk questions of short term, learning curve/training, performance in specific subgroups, or adverse events.

- **Non-Clinical**: Questions on laboratory, bench testing (e.g., wear testing, fatigue testing), animal testing (e.g., device or material implanted in animal), or explant/failure analysis.
FDA Authority:
Section 522 Studies Program

- Postmarket Surveillance for Class II and III devices
- Section 522 of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 360 I)
  - Statutory Criteria (next slide)
- CFR 21 Section 822
- 36 months surveillance
  - May order longer surveillance if expected significant use in pediatrics
- Section 616 of the FDA Safety Innovation Act (FDASIA)
  - Orders can be issued at the time of clearance or approval
  - Surveillance must commence within 15 months of order issuance
A Class II-III device that meets any of the below statutory criteria may be subject to a postmarket surveillance Order if questions arise.

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<td>Failure of the device would be reasonably likely to have a <strong>serious adverse health consequence.</strong></td>
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<td>Criterion 2</td>
<td><em>Expected</em> to have <strong>significant use</strong> in pediatric populations.</td>
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<td>Criterion 3</td>
<td>Intended to be implanted in the body for more than one year.</td>
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<td>Criterion 4</td>
<td>Intended to be a <strong>life-supporting device used outside of a user facility.</strong></td>
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Examples of situations that may raise postmarket surveillance need

- Confirm the nature, severity, or frequency of suspected problems reported in adverse event (AE) reports or in published literature

- Obtain more experience with a change from hospital use to use in the home or other environment or with broader patient populations

- Address long term performance of implantable and other devices

- Assess potential association between a device and AEs, once the device is on the market
  - unexpected or unexplained serious adverse events
  - change in the nature of serious adverse events
  - increase in the frequency of serious adverse events
Components of Protocols/Plans for Postmarket Clinical Studies

- Study questions, hypothesis, study design, population
- Primary and secondary endpoints
- Description of data collection procedures
- Duration of follow-up and schedule
- Statistical analysis plan
Postmarket Clinical Study Compliance

- 21 CFR 50 Protection of Human Subjects
- 21 CFR 56 Institutional Review Boards
Guidance for Industry and FDA Staff

Procedures for Handling Post-Approval Studies Imposed by PMA Order

Document issued on: [Level 2, June 15, 2009]

This guidance supersedes the document issued under this title on August 1, 2007.

For questions regarding this document, contact Nicole Jones at 301-796-6062 or via email at nicole.jones@fda.hhs.gov. Alternatively, you may contact Julie Unger at 301-796-6134 or via email at julie.unger@fda.hhs.gov.

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Postmarket Surveillance Under Section 522 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act

Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff

GUIDANCE
Guidance Issued on May 16, 2016

The draft of this document was issued on August 16, 2011. This document supersedes “Guidance for Industry and FDA Staff; Postmarket Surveillance Under Section 522 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act,” issued on April 27, 2006.

For questions regarding this document, contact the Division of Epidemiology, at 301-796-5969.

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• **Real World Evidence and NEST**
  – RWE guidance document, Data Quality, NEST
Context for RWE Guidance

- FDA Reauthorization Act (FDARA) including MDUFA IV commitment to use of real-world evidence to support device pre/postmarket decisions
- National Evaluation System for health Technology (NEST)
- 2016-2017 CDRH Strategic Priorities
- Guidance issued to clarify how RWE may be used to support regulatory decisions
Real-World Evidence Pathway

Real world Data Sources

- EHR / EMR
- Device Generated Data
- Mobile Devices
- Pharmacy / Lab Data
- Device / Patient Registries
- Administrative Databases (e.g. Claims)
Turning Data into Evidence

Real-World Data (RWD)
Data relating to patient health status and/or the delivery of health care routinely collected from a variety of sources

Real-World Evidence (RWE)
Clinical evidence regarding the usage and potential benefits or risks of a medical product derived from analysis of RWD

Guidance addresses issues related to processes of:
• Generation and collection of RWD
• Analysis of RWD
• When results might be considered valid scientific evidence
Evidence in Regulatory Decisions

Traditional Regulatory Pathway

Pre-Clinical Testing + Investigational Device Exemption

Clinical Study

Pre-Market Application

Post-Market

Hypothesis Generation

Device Innovation

Real-World Device Use
Physician and Patient Experience

Informed Clinical Decision Making

Non-Traditional Clinical Data Generation

Healthcare Information

Claims Databases

Pharmacy Data

Social Media

Electronic Health Records

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Data Quality

‘Fit for Purpose’
Data should be assessed for completeness, consistency, accuracy, and whether it contains all critical data elements needed to evaluate a medical device and its claims.

Relevant & Reliable

Benefit

Risk

Safety
Are there reasonable assurances, based on valid scientific evidence that probable benefits to health from use of the device outweigh any probable risks? [860.7(d)(1)]

Effectiveness
Is there reasonable assurance, based on valid scientific evidence that the use of the device in the target population will provide clinically significant results? [860.7(e)(1)]
Potential Usages of RWE for Total-Product-Life-Cycle Device Evaluation

1. **Hypothesis Generation** (e.g. treatment effect estimation for comparative studies)

2. Inform prospective trial design

3. RWE as a control arm for a clinical trial

4. Real-world data source as a platform to support a clinical trial (data collection / randomization)

5. Data collection framework for post-market condition-of-approval studies

6. Adverse event reporting

7. Generate evidence to support indication expansions and future innovation
National Evaluation System for Health Technologies (NEST)
National Evaluation System for Health Technologies Coordinating Center (NESTcc)

An initiative of Medical Device Innovation Consortium (MDIC) to support the generation & use of RWE throughout medical device lifecycle

- Provide governance, coordination, and standardization
- Expand access to and use of data from clinical practice
- Strategic approach for collecting data
- Facilitating transfer and linking among interoperable data sources
- Embed research data collection into routine clinical workflow and participating patients’ daily activities
NEST Coordinating Center

NESTcc’s MISSION & VISION

Mission
To accelerate the development and translation of new and safe health technologies, leveraging Real-World Evidence (RWE), and innovative research.

Vision
To be the leading organization within the health technology and medical device ecosystem for conducting efficient and timely high-quality Real-World Evidence (RWE) studies throughout the Total Product Life Cycle (TPLC).
NEST Coordinating Center

BUILDING NESTcc’s DATA NETWORK

NESTcc surveyed its Network Collaborators to determine current capabilities, gaps, and priority areas.

12 Network Collaborators

- Duke University Health System
- HealthCore
- Lahey Clinic
- Mayo Clinic
- MDEpiNet
- Mercy
- NYC-CDRN
- OneFlorida
- PEDSnet
- STAR
- Vanderbilt University
- Yale New Haven Health System

Network Collaborators represent

195 Hospitals
3,942+ Outpatient Clinics

Patient data represents 494M+* Records

Common data models
- I2b2
- OMOP
- PCORnet
- Sentinel

Network Collaborators report regular data refreshes

- 2 Daily
- 3 Monthly
- 4 Quarterly
- 3 Mixed Rates

Most cited expertise
- Cardiovascular and Cardiac Surgery
- Women’s Health
- Neurosurgery
- Gastroenterology
- Orthopedic

*Does not account for duplicate records
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Numbers reflect data as of February 2018
NEST Coordinating Center

ACCESS TO A RANGE OF RWD SOURCES

The collaborators comprising the NESTcc Data Network have access to a range of available data sources, including those listed below.

Available Data Sources

- EHR
- Pharmacies
- Public Claims
- Private Claims
- Registries*
- Patient-Generated Data

UDI Implementation

*Registries Include (but are not limited to):
- Anesthesia Quality Institute's National Anesthesia Clinical Outcomes
- Cardiac Catheterization
- Cardiogenic Shock
- Immunization
- Implant registries
- Integrated tumor
- International Consortium Lower-GI
- American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program
- Oncology
- Pediatric Cardiomyopathy
- Prostate Ablation-Related Energy Devices
- Robotic Surgery
- Society of Thoracic Surgeons National Database
- Society for Vascular Surgery
- Thalassemia Clinical Research Network - Thalassemia Registry
- Vital Records (Birth and Death)
Regulatory Submission Application Process
Processing of Regulatory Submissions

• CDRH Document Control Center and eCopy instructions:
  https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/how-study-and-market-your-device/ecopy-program-medical-device-submissions

To whom should the submission be addressed?
• CDRH will login and triage all submissions to identify the appropriate review group in the Center.

• NOT necessary to identify a review team or lead reviewer.
CDRH Directory

https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/cdrh-offices/cdrh-management-directory-organization
# CDRH Directory

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Resources

• Guidance: FDA Decisions for IDE Clinical Investigations

• Guidance: IDEs for Early Feasibility Medical Device Clinical Studies, Including Certain First in Human (FIH) Studies

• Sponsor's Responsibilities For Significant Risk Device Investigations
  www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/HowtoMarketYourDevice/InvestigationalDeviceExemptionIDE/ucm049859.htm
Resources

• Information Sheet Guidance For IRBs, Clinical Investigators, and Sponsors – Medical Devices

www.fda.gov/ScienceResearch/SpecialTopics/RunningClinicalTrials/GuidancesInformationSheetsandNotices/ucm113709.htm
– Frequently Asked Questions About Medical Devices
– Significant Risk and Nonsignificant Risk Medical Device Studies

• Clinical Trial and IDE Guidance Documents

https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/device-advice-investigational-device-exemption-ide/ide-guidance
Resources

• Procedures for Handling Post-Approval Studies Imposed by PMA Order

• Postmarket Surveillance Under Section 522 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
  https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/postmarket-requirements-devices/522-postmarket-surveillance-studies
Resources

• Balancing Premarket and Postmarket Data Collection for Devices Subject to Premarket Approval

• Breakthrough Devices Program: Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff
  https://www.fda.gov/media/108135/download

• Use of Real-World Evidence to Support Regulatory Decision-Making for Medical Devices
  https://www.fda.gov/media/99447/download
Resources

- **CDRH Learn**
  - IDE Basics
  - Early Feasibility Studies
  - Clinical Trial Program Updates
  - Pre-Submissions
  - Many more!

- **Device Advice**
  - Investigational Device Exemptions
  - Breakthrough Devices (Expedited Access Pathway)
  - Postmarket Requirements
Questions?