Patient Engagement in Benefit-Risk Assessment throughout the Life Cycle of Medical Products

Tutorial: September 16 | Conference: September 17-18
Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center
Bethesda, MD

OVERVIEW:

Historically, patients have been targeted with education and promotion after product approval, but continuous engagement in benefit-risk assessment throughout the research and approval process is key to assuring that medical products will meet patient needs.

During this two-day conference, patient partners, academic and industry medical product researchers, and regulators will address the important challenge of how and when to best engage patients to more actively incorporate their voices into benefit-risk assessment throughout the life cycle of medical products. Multiple stakeholders will reach consensus on appropriate engagement of patient partners in benefit-risk assessment throughout the medical product life cycle; share effective approaches and assess methodological, operational, and regulatory challenges to implementation of effective patient engagement; and identify next steps for developing and adopting needed tools and practices that will result in better outcomes for patients.

FEATURED TOPICS:

• Key decision-making stages and patient engagement in the context of medical product development and benefit-risk assessment
• Setting the baseline for benefit-risk assessment and the current environmental context making patient perspective crucial to decision-making
• Regulatory, operational, and methodological challenges to patient engagement in a regulated environment
• Effective approaches to patient engagement in benefit-risk assessment throughout the product life cycle, including what can be learned from other aspects of clinical research and other types of health research
• Enabling patient partners to provide input on benefit and risk considerations
• Patient-initiated models for collecting patient perspectives

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of this conference, participants should be able to:

• Discuss the importance, context, and approaches to appropriate engagement of stakeholders in benefit-risk assessments throughout the medical product life cycle
• Evaluate and propose solutions to regulatory, methodological, and operational challenges for all aspects of engagement in benefit-risk assessment
• Identify gaps in current knowledge in the practice of stakeholder collaboration in benefit-risk assessment and propose improvements that will result in better outcomes for patients
• Propose ways to increase engagement of other stakeholders in their own work within the medical product life cycle

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1:30-5:00pm TUTORIAL

Stated Preference Methods and the Science of Patient Engagement

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Invigorated by the FDA’s patient-focused drug development (PFDD) and patient preference initiative for medical devices, there has been growing interest in the study of the preferences and priorities of patients and other stakeholders throughout the product life cycle. While preferences can be identified both qualitatively and quantitatively, emphasis has been placed on using scientifically valid ways of measuring preferences. Grounded in theories of choice from the disciplines of economics and psychology, stated-preference methods are a class of methods that can be used to identify what patients and stakeholders value most and what tradeoffs they are willing to make. This tutorial will provide participants with a basic overview of the variety of stated-preferences methods that can be used to measure the preferences of patients and other stakeholders in medicine. Utilizing lectures, case studies, and hands-on exercises to facilitate a practical understanding, stated-preference methods such as conjoint analysis, discrete-choice experiments, contingent valuation, and best-worst scaling will be explored as approaches to identify what patients and other stakeholders value.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
This tutorial is intended for researchers, patient advocates, and policy makers who have little to moderate knowledge about stated-preference methods and who aim to understand more about these methods and their possible applications. Some basic knowledge of survey methods, patient-reported outcomes, and statistical analysis (including linear regression) would be advantageous, but is not required.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
At the conclusion of this tutorial, participants should be able to:

• Describe the variety of stated-preferences methods that can be used to measure patient preferences;
• Discuss the advantages of stated-preferences methods over alternative approaches to measuring values;
• Determine when a particular stated-preference method is appropriate for a particular research question and where to find appropriate guidance to apply the methods successfully.

*Tutorial requires registration and is an additional fee.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:15-8:15AM  REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:15AM  WELCOME & GOALS OF CONFERENCE

Elizabeth Lincoln
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8:30-10:00AM  SESSION 1: MEDICAL PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT, BENEFIT-RISK ASSESSMENT, AND PATIENT ENGAGEMENT: CONCEPTS AND CONTEXT

SESSION CHAIRS

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Marilyn A. Metcalf, PhD
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The purpose of this session is to discuss foundational concepts with all stakeholders together to establish the context of benefit-risk and patient engagement in medical product development and to agree to common terminology for the duration of the conference. The importance of benefit-risk assessment and key times it takes place in the product cycle, its meaning in the context of patient need, stakeholders to be involved, and the importance of patient partner engagement will be discussed. The foundations and meaning of many types of patient engagement will be an important focus of this session.

Environmental Context – Why is This Important Now?
Speaker Invited

Patient Perspective

Andrea Ferris
President and Chairman
LUNGevity Foundation

Overview of Medical Product Development and Benefit-Risk Assessment
Tarek Hammad, MD, PhD, MS, MSc, FISPE
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Setting the Baseline on Benefit-Risk Assessment
Richard A. Forshee, PhD
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Patient Engagement in the Context of Drug Development & Benefit-Risk Assessment
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Q&A Discussion/Feedback between Conference Participants & Panel

10:00-10:30AM  REFRESHMENT BREAK AND NETWORKING

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SESSION 2: APPROACHES TO PATIENT ENGAGEMENT IN BENEFIT-RISK ASSESSMENT THROUGHOUT THE PRODUCT LIFE CYCLE

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Drug development takes place in a highly regulated environment with development timelines built into the process. In this environment, how and when should patient engagement occur as benefits, risks, and balance are being assessed?

This session will go into deeper detail about the points during the product cycle at which benefits and risks are assessed and balanced. For each key point or stage, the group will discuss what decisions must be made, who are the stakeholders most involved, effective and cutting edge methods for expression of patient preferences and perspectives, approaches for patient engagement, objectives of communication among key stakeholders, and uncertainties around information used for assessment. The impact of uncertainty on decision-making processes, including the need to understand patient tolerance for uncertainty, will be explored in more detail.

Patient Engagement in the Development and Peri-approval Stages

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Patient Engagement in the Post-approval Stage

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Q&A

Patient Engagement in Individual Decision-Making

Liana Fraenkel, MD, MPH  
Professor of Medicine  
Yale University School of Medicine

Q&A

A Candid Conversation About Uncertainty

FDA Speaker Invited  
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Patient Representative Invited

Q&A

12:15-1:15PM  
LUNCHEON AND NETWORKING

1:15-2:15PM  
SESSION 3: LEARNINGS FROM PATIENT ENGAGEMENT IN CLINICAL TRIALS AND OTHER TYPES OF HEALTH RESEARCH

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Awareness of the importance of patient engagement in benefit-risk assessment and decision-making is growing, but there is still limited evidence about effective engagement practices. This session focuses on patient engagement in other aspects of the clinical trial, such as the qualification of patient-reported outcome measures (PROs), and in other types of health research, such as PCORI-funded research, and what can be learned from those experiences.

Q&A
SESSION 4: CREATING A VISUAL MODEL FOR PATIENT ENGAGEMENT IN BENEFIT-RISK ASSESSMENT

SESSION CHAIRS
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In this session, participants will interact with discussion and graphic facilitators to create a visual model of patient engagement in benefit-risk assessment and decision making at key points in the medical product life cycle. The engagement and input gathering processes at each point will be described within the context of patient needs and experience by exploring such questions as “Who are the multiple and changing stakeholders? What decisions must be made? How do factors like patient diversity, methodology limitations, availability of existing therapies, and others affect perspectives on benefit and risk?”

The visual model will be enhanced throughout the remainder of the conference as the group identifies effective approaches, barriers, and needs for research and change to better incorporate the patient voice in benefit-risk assessment and decision making.

3:15-3:45PM
REFRESHMENT BREAK AND NETWORKING

3:45-5:30PM
SESSION 5: PATIENT ENGAGEMENT IN BENEFIT-RISK ASSESSMENT: REGULATORY, METHODOLOGICAL, AND OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES AND GAPS

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Cross-Cutting Considerations for Companies in the Regulated Environment
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Eliciting Patient Input – From Whom?
Meredith Y. Smith, PhD, MPA
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The Impact of Heterogeneity among Patient Populations
Marilyn A. Metcalf, PhD
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This session will examine real-world implementation of patient engagement in benefit-risk assessment and will begin a deeper exploration with the group of methodological and operational challenges and how these may be addressed to assure the capture and incorporation of patient input. Special focus will be placed on the impact and accommodation of crosscutting factors such as what types of medical treatment/benefit-risk situations lend themselves to patient preference assessment, when in development should patient preferences be assessed, whose input should be elicited (e.g. group vs. individual input, experienced patients vs. the community at large), and how can heterogeneity in patient populations and their views be handled. Practical challenges for researchers, including managing diverse views within companies and across disciplines will also be discussed.

5:30PM
WRAP UP: ACCOMPLISHMENTS TODAY; WHAT WE’LL DO TOMORROW

6:00-7:00PM
NETWORKING RECEPTION

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7:15-8:15AM  REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:15AM  WELCOME & GOALS FOR DAY 2

8:30-10:00AM  SESSION 6: PATIENT ENGAGEMENT IN BENEFIT-RISK ASSESSMENT: REGULATORY CHALLENGES IN INTEGRATING QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DATA INTO BENEFIT-RISK ASSESSMENTS

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Currently, the medical product submission process in the US does not include a way to provide quantitative data on patient preferences and perspectives regarding benefit and risk, creating an imbalance between safety and efficacy considerations and benefit-risk balance considerations at regulatory decision time. There are recent indications that FDA is receptive to including such data in regulatory decision-making, and in this session, FDA staff from CDER (drugs/biologics) and CDRH (devices and diagnostics) will discuss progress on this issue. Quantitative versus qualitative approaches that might be used and special considerations for patient input on post-market safety information will also be examined. A panel of FDA speakers will interact with the conference participants to conclude this session.

Potential Role of Patients' Input in the Product Development & Approval Process

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FDA Plans to Utilize Patient-Elicited Data in Approval

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Patient Safety Information Needed at Approval

Paul G. Kleutz, MD
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Quantitative vs Qualitative Approaches to Incorporating Patients' Input in the Approval Process

Lisa M. LaVange, PhD
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Considerations in Using Patient Preference Information in the Regulatory Process

Telba Irony, PhD
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Q&A with FDA Panelists

10:00-10:30AM  REFRESHMENT BREAK AND NETWORKING

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SESSION 7: EQUIPPING PATIENT PARTNERS TO PROVIDE INPUT

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Patient partners have significant contributions to make in benefit-risk assessment and decision-making, and a clear understanding of the medical product life cycle process helps to enable their proactive involvement. Recognizing the unique and varied knowledge and experience of patient partners, this session will discuss model initiatives to provide knowledge resources for patient partners.

SESSION 8: MAXIMIZING PATIENT IMPACT ON BENEFIT-RISK ASSESSMENT: PATIENT-INITIATED MODELS FOR COLLECTING PATIENT PERSPECTIVES

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This session will feature patient partner initiatives to collect perspectives of their patient communities on benefit and risk considerations. The initiatives presented will highlight the impact of characteristics of the patient community and of the treatment life cycle stage on objectives and approaches of these patient partners. The conference participants will engage in a full group discussion of the presented projects and ideas or awareness of other novel approaches.

LUNCHEON AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

Roundtable Discussions: “Brainstorm of Other Novel Approaches” to be held during lunch. Join the roundtable discussions on Twitter with #DIAEngagePM.

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There will be no formal afternoon break, however, continuous refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon.

1:45-3:45PM

SESSION 9: REVISITING THE “VISUAL MODEL” FOR PATIENT ENGAGEMENT IN BENEFIT-RISK ASSESSMENT

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In this session, small groups will examine the benefit-risk assessment visual model as it looks at the close of Session 8. Using smaller replicas of the model at their tables, groups may add further perspectives on process, challenges, barriers, and areas needing improvement.

The larger group will then reconvene for a facilitated discussion on “How should a well-functioning system of gathering and considering patient input work?” Significant challenges, gaps in knowledge, and areas that must be improved will be captured in the model, along with stakeholders’ roles and suggested next steps for improvement.

3:45-4:15PM

SESSION 10: SUMMATION AND CALL TO ACTION

Reflecting on the presentations and discussions of the past two days, a panel of stakeholders will highlight key learnings and agreements about including the patient perspective in benefit-risk assessment and decision-making through the medical product life cycle.

The closing Keynote Presentation will outline the vision and a call to action for better outcomes for patients through the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders.

Highlights of Key Conference Learnings and Agreements

Panelists Invited

4:15PM

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