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# Support for developing medicines to address unmet medical needs of patients with a rare disease

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Introduction to offerings and invitation to further exchange

Response Evaluation in Neurofibromatosis and Schwannomatosis (REiNS)  
2022 Winter Meeting

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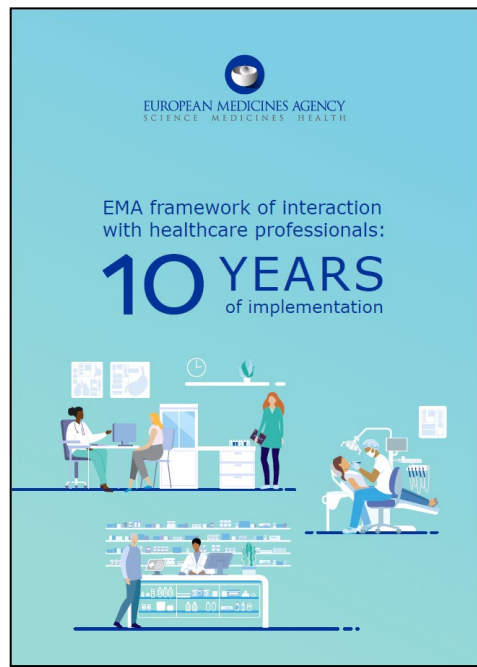


## What does the EMA do and why do we exist?

- Support research & innovation of medicines
- Facilitate development of medicines
- Enable timely access to new medicines
- Evaluate marketing authorisations
- Monitor medicines during all their life cycle
- Provide reliable information on medicines with high level of transparency
- Advance regulatory science and practices
- Foster scientific excellence in the evaluation and supervision of medicines, for the
- Benefit of public and animal health in the European Union (EU)

[https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/other/laboratory-patient-journey-centrally-authorized-medicine\\_en.pdf](https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/other/laboratory-patient-journey-centrally-authorized-medicine_en.pdf)

# EMA systematically engages with stakeholders



- A successful model of engagement built between regulators, patients, consumers, academics, healthcare professionals
- Engagement strengthened in crisis
- Academic stakeholders >80 EU organisations registered
- **Many academics, healthcare professionals and patients registered as EU External experts, contributing to regulatory evaluations of medicines**

[https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/report/stakeholder-engagement-report-2020-2021\\_en.pdf](https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/report/stakeholder-engagement-report-2020-2021_en.pdf)

# EMA stakeholder workshop patient experience 2022



24 November 2022  
 Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use

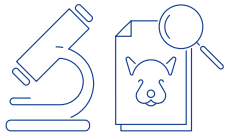
ICH reflection paper on proposed ICH guideline work to advance patient focused drug Development

Submission to CHMP	10 December 2022
Adoption by CHMP	10 December 2022
Release for public consultation	10 December 2022
Deadline for comments	7 March 2023

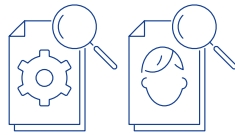
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- Reinforcing patient relevance in evidence generation is key priority
- Guidance work ongoing at ICH for global harmonisation
- EU Multi-stakeholder approach for defining robust and meaningful Patient Experience Data for regulatory decision-making
- EMA to work on a reflection paper how to best generate and collect PED
- Robust methodology needed to capture and analyse what matters most to patients, to optimise medicines development, regulatory decision-making and HTA assessments
- New digital tools for clinical data generation and DARWIN offer wide opportunities for optimising clinical data generation and analysis to 2030

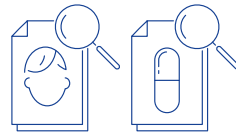
# Entry points for academia developers to **get support**



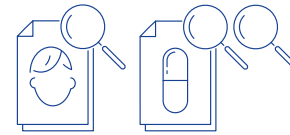
**Early  
Research**



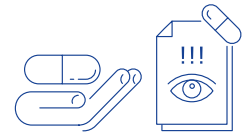
**Non-clinical and  
First in Man**



**Clinical  
exploratory**



**Clinical  
confirmatory**



- **Authorisation**
- **Access decision**
- **Post-licensing evidence**

## **Innovation Task Force and EU-IN**

**Scientific Advice/Protocol Assistance**

**PRIME support**

**ATMP certification**

**Orphan Drug Designation**

**Paediatric Investigation Plan**

**Qualification of Novel Methodologies**

**SME briefings**



# Guideline on anti-cancer products

- Trial design considerations
- Time to event endpoints (PFS, ...)
- Single-arm trials
- External controls
- More than one experimental medicine
- Harmonised safety reporting
- Patient reported outcomes
- Minimal residual disease (MM so far)
- Paediatric and special populations
- Histology and site-independent indications

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2 05 January 2019  
3 EMA/CHMP/205/95 Rev.6  
4 Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP)

5 **Guideline on the clinical evaluation of anticancer**  
6 **medicinal products**  
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<b>Draft agreed by Oncology Working Party</b>	24 March 2020
<b>Adopted by CHMP for release for consultation</b>	5 October 2020
<b>Start of public consultation</b>	13 November 2020
<b>End of consultation (deadline for comments)</b>	15 February 2021

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9 This guideline replaces guideline on the evaluation of anticancer medicinal products in man<sup>1</sup>  
10 EMA/CHMP/205/95 Rev 5

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<b>Keywords</b>	<b>Cancer, malignancy, biomarker, targeted drugs, pharmacogenomics</b>
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6 Support for developing medicines to address unmet medical needs of patients with a rare disease

<https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/human-regulatory/research-development/scientific-guidelines/clinical-eficacy-safety/clinical-eficacy-safety-antineoplastic-immunomodulating-agents>





## EMA guidelines for consideration

- Paediatric population <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/human-regulatory/research-development/paediatric-medicines/scientific-guidelines-paediatrics>
- CNS <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/human-regulatory/research-development/scientific-guidelines/clinical-efficacy-safety/clinical-efficacy-safety-nervous-system>
- Guideline on registry-based studies <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/guideline-registry-based-studies>
- Data Quality Framework for EU medicines regulation; Metadata list describing real world data <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/about-us/how-we-work/big-data>
- Guideline on computerised systems and electronic data in clinical trials <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/human-regulatory/research-development/compliance/good-clinical-practice/good-clinical-practice-inspectors-working-group>



# Regulators at risk to be misperceived



A maze of requirements and hurdles?

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## Assemble elements into compelling picture



Cubism is an early-20th-century avant-garde art movement that revolutionized European painting and sculpture, and inspired related movements in music, literature and architecture.

In Cubist artwork, objects are analyzed, broken up and reassembled in an abstracted form—instead of depicting objects from a single viewpoint, the artist depicts the subject from a multitude of viewpoints to represent the subject in a greater context.

Jean Metzinger 1910, cited in Wikipedia 2022

Pablo Picasso: Three musicians <https://www.moma.org/collection/works/78630>



## Innovation Task Force

- Open for any applicant, in particular for consortia with academia +/- companies
- Multidisciplinary group of scientific, regulatory and legal experts
- Forum for early dialogue on innovative aspects of development of enabling technologies or medicines
- **No fees**

[https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/human-regulatory/research-development/innovation-medicines#ema's-innovation-task-force-\(itf\)-section](https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/human-regulatory/research-development/innovation-medicines#ema's-innovation-task-force-(itf)-section)



## Scientific advice

- EU harmonised advice; informs subsequent steps (e.g., clinical trial authorisation)
  - To any developer (consortia, companies)
  - On appropriate tests, studies, trials for development of a medicine
  - Any stage of development
  - Prospective
  - Also for qualifying novel methodologies for specific uses in the R&D of medicines, with platform for public consultation
  - **Parallel advice by FDA and EMA can be requested**
  - Academia seeking advice on developing an orphan medicinal product: 90% fee waived
  - Academia developing a PRIME (Priority medicine)-designated product: no fee
- <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/human-regulatory/research-development/scientific-advice-protocol-assistance>

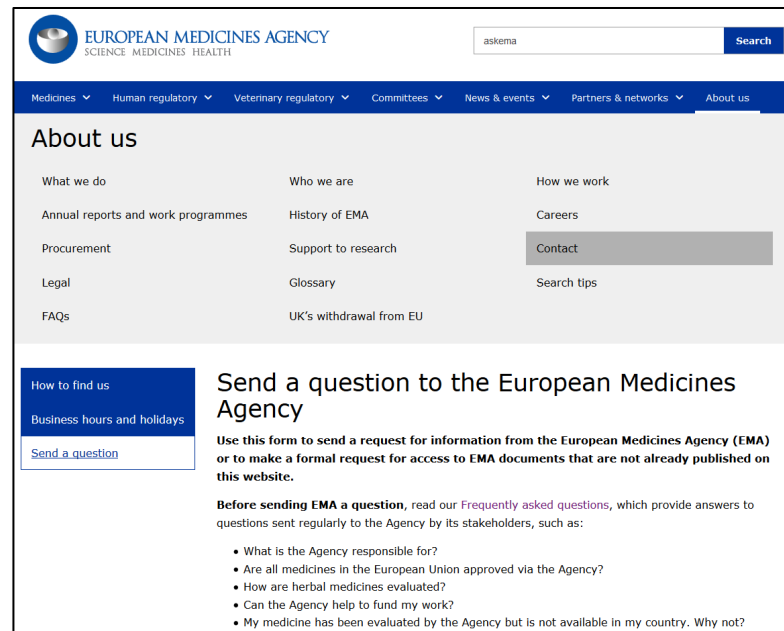


## Summary

- Regulators fully build on existing basic and clinical science
- Expectations are case dependent and require dialogue on the basis of scientific briefing information with assembly of data and synthetic argumentation
- Academia and non-commercial developers are invited to use EMA's support offers
- EMA provides support through our network of experts across EU and across relevant subject matter relevant for supporting the development project internationally
- Important practicalities concern how academia developers collaborate with pharmaceutical companies, how generated data can be submitted to regulators, how developing new methodologies and medicines goes hand in hand, possibly fees

# Contact us

- Write to [academia@ema.europa.eu](mailto:academia@ema.europa.eu) or go to <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/about-us/contact/send-question-european-medicines-agency>
- Request for information
- Support to navigate regulatory system
- EMA will reply by email



The screenshot shows the European Medicines Agency (EMA) website. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'askema' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with links for 'Medicines', 'Human regulatory', 'Veterinary regulatory', 'Committees', 'News & events', 'Partners & networks', and 'About us'. The 'About us' page is active, displaying a grid of links: 'What we do', 'Who we are', 'How we work', 'Annual reports and work programmes', 'History of EMA', 'Careers', 'Procurement', 'Support to research', 'Contact', 'Legal', 'Glossary', 'Search tips', and 'FAQs', 'UK's withdrawal from EU'. A blue box on the left side of the page contains the text 'How to find us', 'Business hours and holidays', and a link 'Send a question'. The main content area features the heading 'Send a question to the European Medicines Agency' and a sub-heading 'Use this form to send a request for information from the European Medicines Agency (EMA) or to make a formal request for access to EMA documents that are not already published on this website.' Below this, there is a section titled 'Before sending EMA a question, read our Frequently asked questions, which provide answers to questions sent regularly to the Agency by its stakeholders, such as:' followed by a bulleted list of common questions.



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# Questions welcome!

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# Novel methodologies for medicine development

- EMA offers support for qualifying a new method (e.g., functional, imaging) for a specific use in R&D (non-clinical or clinical)
  - Pathway for innovative methods or drug development tools not yet integrated in drug development and clinical management
1. Qualification advice (how to further develop the new method, optional letter of support)
  2. Qualification opinion (based on assessment of submitted results data; made public)



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10 November 2014  
EMA/CHMP/SAWP/72894/2008  
Revision 1: January 2012<sup>1</sup>  
Revision 2: January 2014<sup>2</sup>  
Revision 3: November 2014<sup>3</sup>  
Revision 4: October 2020<sup>4</sup>  
Scientific Advice Working Party of CHMP

Qualification of novel methodologies for drug development: guidance to applicants

Agreed by SAWP	27 February 2008
Adoption by CHMP for release for consultation	24 April 2008
End of consultation (deadline for comments)	30 June 2008
Final Agreed by CHMP	22 January 2009

Keywords  EMA, CHMP, Novel methodology, Qualification, Scientific Advice, Biomarker.

<https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/human-regulatory/research-development/scientific-advice-protocol-assistance/novel-methodologies-biomarkers/opinions-letters-support-qualification-novel-methodologies-medicine-development>



# Fees

- See table for orphan-designated medicines
- General info on fees: <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/human-regulatory/overview/fees-payable-european-medicines-agency>

Procedure or service	Fee reduction applicable to	Percentage fee reduction
Protocol assistance, initial and follow-up requests	SME sponsors for all assistance	100%
	Academia for all assistance	100%
	Sponsors for paediatric-related assistance, other than SME sponsors or academia <sup>1</sup>	100%
	Sponsors for non-paediatric-related assistance, other than SME sponsors or academia	75%
Pre-authorisation inspection	All sponsors	100%
Initial marketing authorisation application	SME sponsors	100%
	Non-SME sponsors	10%
Post-authorisation applications and annual fee, specified in Council Regulation (EC) No 297/95, in the first year from granting of a marketing authorisation	SME sponsors	100%
Pharmacovigilance fees, specified in Regulation (EU) 658/2014	All sponsors	n/a