



# ***Webinar: Advancing Meaningful Patient Engagement in Drug Research, Development, and Approval***

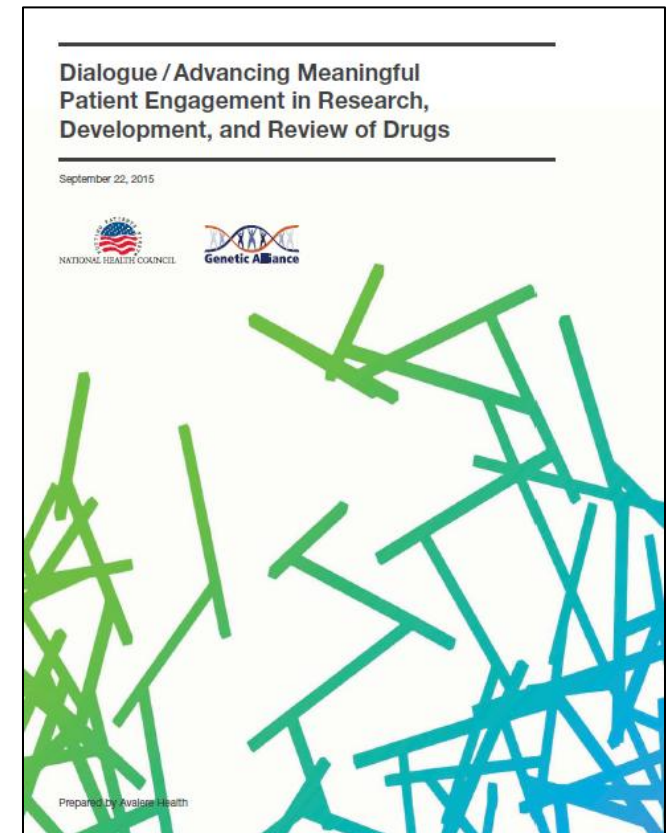
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# Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Background
- Dialogue on Patient Engagement
- Understanding the Challenges
- Advancing Meaningful Patient Engagement
- Q&A

# Today's Objective

- Share findings from the Dialogue on Advancing Meaningful Patient Engagement in Drug Research, Development, and Approval
- Propose solutions



# Webinar Speakers



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# Background



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# Patients' Role in Health Care Is Evolving

## Internal and external pressures

- Companies are facing increasing pressure to demonstrate how products address patient needs and enhance outcomes
- Patients and stakeholders want to get treatments to patients faster

## Patients have not traditionally played a major role

- Patients were rarely engaged when critical decisions (e.g., study design) were made
- Patients' ability to provide information was limited by study design
- Predetermined study endpoints did not capture outcomes important to patients

# Efforts Fragmented, Uncoordinated

**Today, many stakeholders are engaging patients early with the intent to:**

- Ensure products are designed to meet patient needs
- Ensure data informing regulatory approval and clinical use capture information important to patients



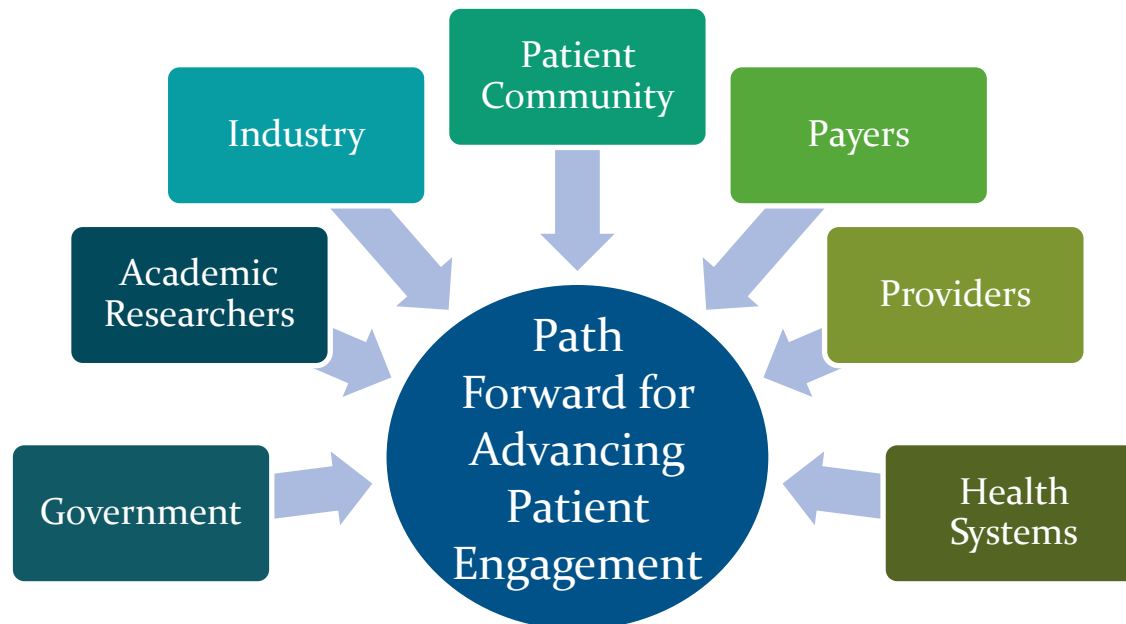
# What Are the Problems?

- **Absence of a common definition** for meaningful patient engagement across stakeholders
- **No standardized methods** for engaging with patients and collecting patient information
- **Fragmented understanding of the fundamental barriers** to meaningful patient engagement
- **Lack of actionable solutions for stakeholders** to address fundamental barriers



# Goal for the Dialogue

Create the opportunity for stakeholders to establish a common vision that drives meaningful integration of the patient voice in the product research, development, and approval processes.



# Dialogue on Patient Engagement



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# *Dialogue on Advancing Meaningful Patient Engagement in Drug Research, Development, and Approval*

- Co-hosted by NHC and Genetic Alliance on March 2, 2015
- Held at Food and Drug Administration White Oak Campus
- Individuals representing the federal government, patient organizations, academia/research, and industry

**Dialogue Objective:** Identify actionable solutions for all stakeholders to provide a cohesive path forward in advancing meaningfully engagement across the research-to-care continuum

# Dialogue Stakeholder Participants

## Patient Groups

- Genetic Alliance
- FasterCures – A Center of the Milken Institute
- Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- National Health Council
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy
- Parkinson's Disease Foundation

## Academia/Research

- Duke Translational Medicine Institute
- Emory University School of Medicine
- Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine
- Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute
- University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

## Government

- Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
- National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS)

## Industry

- Biotechnology Industry Organization
- Eli Lilly and Company
- Merck & Co.
- Novartis
- Orexigen Therapeutics
- OncoMed Pharmaceuticals
- Pfizer Inc
- Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America
- Sanofi

## Other

- Avalere Health, LLC
- BioCentury
- Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA

# Dialogue Key Discussion Areas

**Topic 1:** What is Meaningful Patient Engagement? Arriving at a Common Vision

**Topic 2:** How Are Patients Being Engaged? Current State and Best Practices for Engaging Patients in Drug Development and Approval

**Topic 3:** What are the Barriers to Patient Engagement? Exploring Cultural, Financial, Capacity, and Regulatory Barriers

**Topic 4:** Opportunities to Advance Meaningful Patient Engagement: Areas for Promising Investment and Expansion, and Appropriate Roles of Different Stakeholders

# Dialogue White Paper

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## Dialogue / Advancing Meaningful Patient Engagement in Research, Development, and Review of Drugs

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# Understanding the Challenges



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# Barriers to Meaningful Patient Engagement



## Regulatory/Legal Uncertainty

- What and How Information is Reviewed by FDA
- Patient Interactions

## Culture

- Using a Science-Based Approach
- Financial Risks
- Organizational Culture

## Communication

- Proprietary Information
- Translation and Patient Acknowledgement
- Visibility



# Barriers: Regulatory/Legal Uncertainty

## What and How Patient Information Is Reviewed by FDA

- How FDA will link information, data, or outcomes to inform regulatory decisions
- How FDA will evaluate and weigh sponsor-submitted patient information
- How FDA will use patient preference in the benefit-risk framework

## Patient Interactions

- Perceived uncertainty among product sponsors on what constitutes appropriate interactions with patients
- Concerns that interactions with patients could be misinterpreted as promotional activities

# Barriers: Culture

## Using a Science-Based Approach

- View that methods/approaches for engaging patients and collecting information are not scientifically robust or methodologically rigorous
- Perception that patient perspectives are anecdotal, emotional, and subjective, which may detract from clinical data

## Financial Risks

- Significant investments required to implement processes and build capacity across both patient groups and product sponsors
- Unclear and/or uncertain returns on early investments for all stakeholders

# Barriers: Culture

## Organizational Culture

- Skepticism regarding benefits of patient engagement
- Internal resistance to changes
- Uncertainties in the environment

# Barriers: Communication

## Proprietary Information

- Limited public information on patient engagement activities in the pre-market space
- View among product sponsors and other organizations that engagement activities with patients is proprietary

## Translation and Patient Acknowledgement

- Perception by patients and other stakeholders that engagement is purely a formality
- Lack of a feedback loop to convey study information/results and keep patients continuously engaged beyond study participation
- Limited translation and communication efforts to facilitate patient understanding of study importance or impact of their contributions

# Barriers: Communication

## Visibility

- Lack of organized, centralized warehouse for information related to patient engagement, such as methods, best practices, and success stories
- Limited visibility or mechanisms for disseminating results

# Advancing Meaningful Patient Engagement



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# Key Themes and Potential Solutions

- Create Regulatory Guardrails
- Promote a Culture Shift
- Facilitate Open Communication

# Actionable Steps

	Patients	Academia	Industry	Regulatory
Generate buy-in and sponsorship for patient engagement at the executive and senior leadership levels	x		x	
Create accountability at all levels within an organization for collecting, understanding, and integrating patient perspectives by establishing expectations and measuring the impact		x	x	x
Organize internal infrastructure and staffing to be coordinated around patient engagement activities and to prevent information silos	x		x	
Train and educate researchers on patient engagement	x	x		
Develop methods standards that can be applied across multiple disease areas	x	x	x	x
Catalog validated methods for gathering patient information	x	x	x	x
Establish processes or models to systematically engage patients at any point in the research-to-approval continuum	x	x	x	x
Develop and implement tools and resources that complement methods for patient engagement and facilitate implementation	x	x	x	
Develop and test metrics to evaluate patient engagement	x	x	x	
Develop a platform, repository, or system for sharing best practices, research, examples of impact (e.g., public-private partnership or “center of excellence”)	x	x	x	
Establish a public-private partnership to build capacity and infrastructure, advance scientific methods for patient engagement, and serve as a central clearinghouse for pre-market patient-centered studies	x	x	x	x
Direct funds from public and private research funders through patient groups so patient groups have the opportunity to solicit, evaluate, prioritize, and even directly fund patient-centered studies or projects	x	x		



# Create Regulatory Guardrails

## PRIMARY ACTIONS

- Formalize regulatory asks for negotiation in PDUFA
- Prioritize development of guidances
- Enhance FDA division alignment on the use of tools for evaluating patient information

## SUPPORTIVE ACTIONS

- Align stakeholder advocacy strategies
- Increase transparency
- Create more opportunities to collect feedback

# Promote a Culture Shift

## PRIMARY ACTIONS

- Generate buy-in
- Create accountability for collecting/integrating patient perspectives
- Create public-private partnership

## SUPPORTIVE ACTIONS

- Develop/implement tools and metrics
- Train/educate researchers
- Help patient groups solicit/fund patient-centered studies

# Facilitate Open Communication

## PRIMARY ACTIONS

- Make information comprehensible
- Document impact of patient perspective studies
- Make publicly available experiences, advice, best practices, lessons learned, and other resources

## SUPPORTIVE ACTIONS

- Create a feedback system
- Utilize open-source production model whenever possible
- Create partnerships to encourage information sharing

# 21st Century Cures Act Provisions



- Implementing a structured benefit-risk framework for drug evaluation that integrates patient experience data
- Issuing draft guidance within three years of enactment

# Findings Will Inform Next Steps

Disseminate  
Dialogue Findings



Prioritize  
Actions

## Q & A



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