



Patient Advocacy in Research Deep Dive

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Today's objectives



Learn why patient and care partner experience and input are needed to improve R&D



Identify key decision points in R&D where your input can make a difference



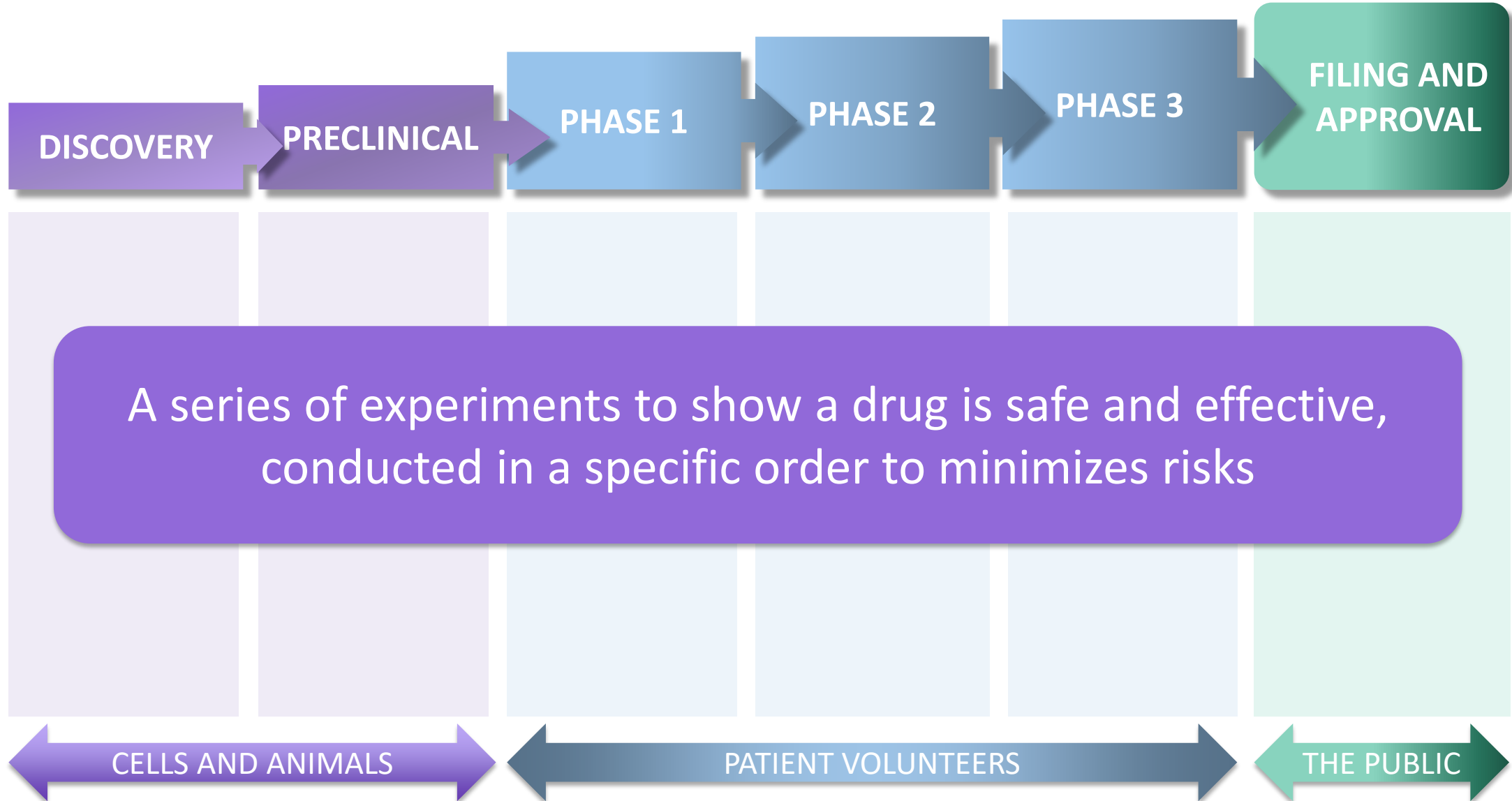
Introduce factors that contribute to good and bad partnerships in R&D



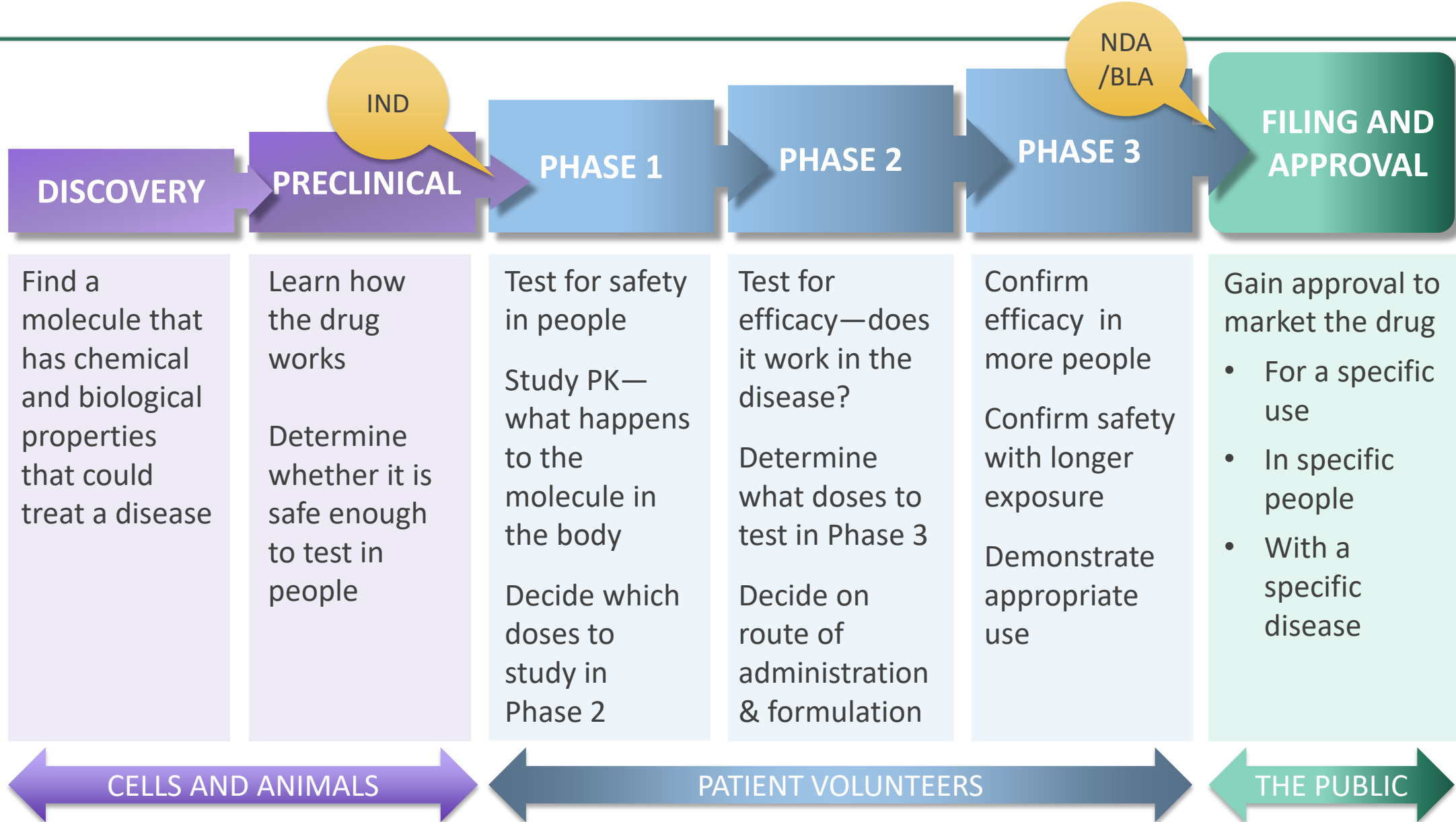
Answer YOUR questions!



A definition of drug R&D



Each step builds knowledge and reduces risk



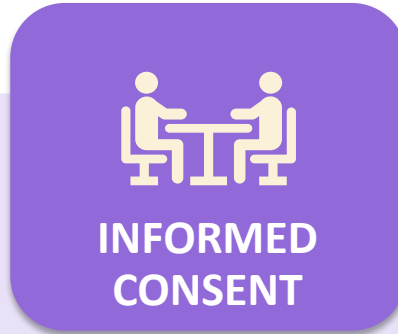
Several layers of patient protection



INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD

Study cannot start until IRB reviews it to ensure it is acceptable medically, ethically, and legal

IRB ensures informed consent form is accurate, complete, and easy to understand



INFORMED CONSENT

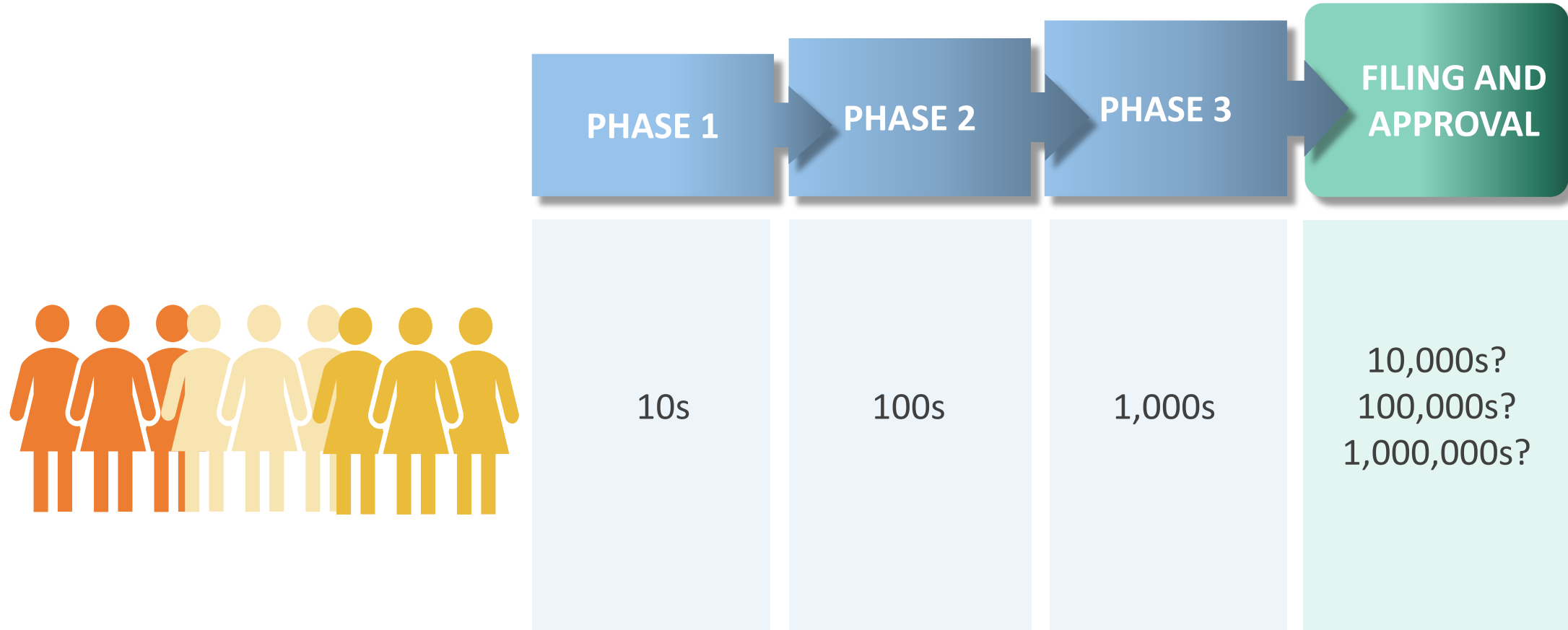
Volunteers cannot join the study until they have been given all the facts about the trial and consented to participate



DATA SAFETY MONITORING

A scientific committee monitors the data at different points during the trial to decide if it should continue

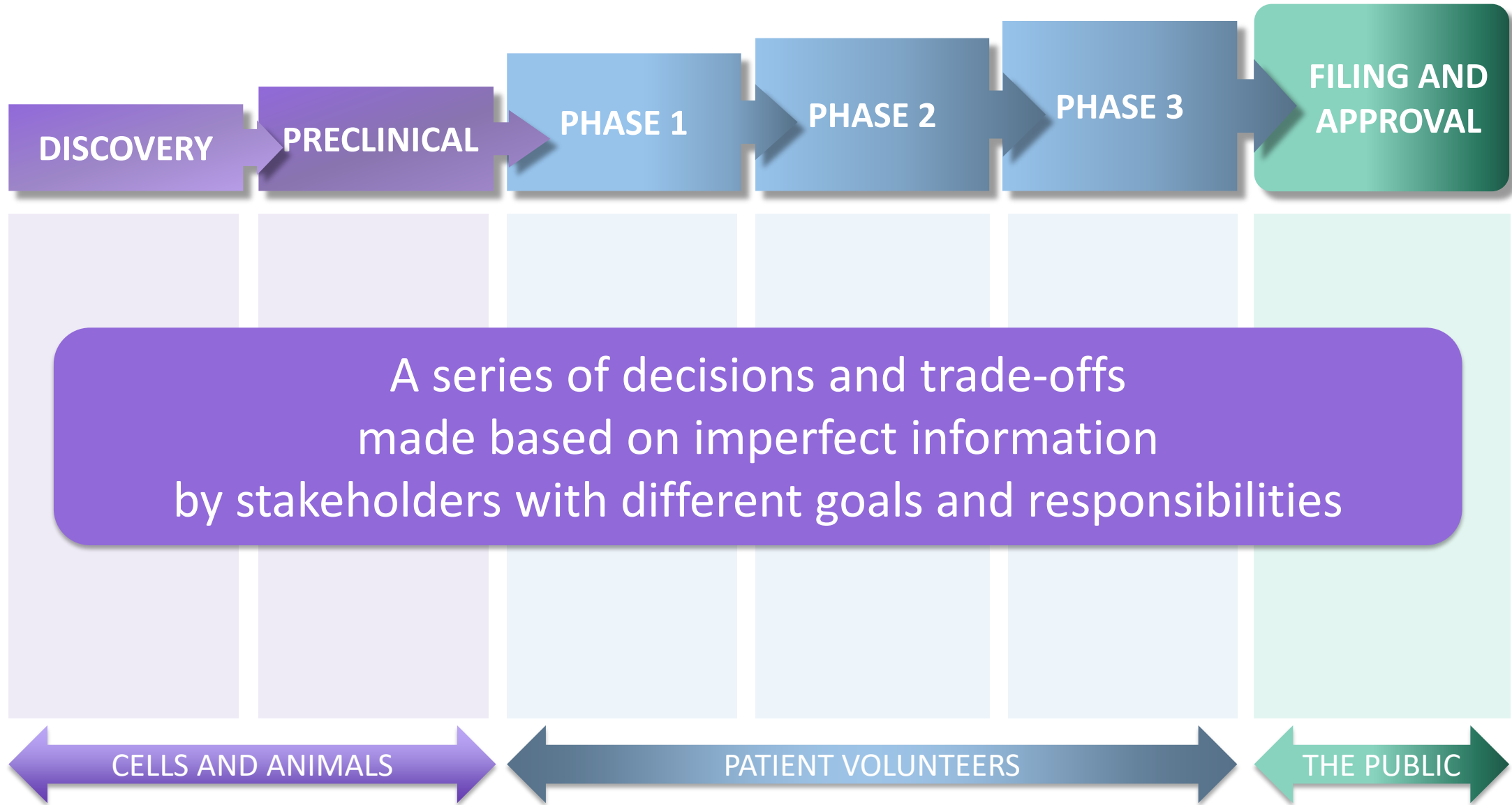
The more is known, the more patients get access



1. DiMasi, J., et al. ["Innovation in the pharmaceutical industry: New estimates of R&D costs."](#) *Journal of Health Economics* (2016)

2. U.S.. Food and Drug Administration. ["Prescription Drug User Fee Rates for Fiscal Year 2020."](#) (2019)

Another way to look at it



Key decision-makers



DRUG SPONSORS

Help patients with disease

Earn profits



REGULATORS

Protect patients from harm

Promote public health

Which disease?

Which molecules to test?

What studies to conduct?

Which patients to include?

What outcomes to measure/data to collect?

Stop or keep going?

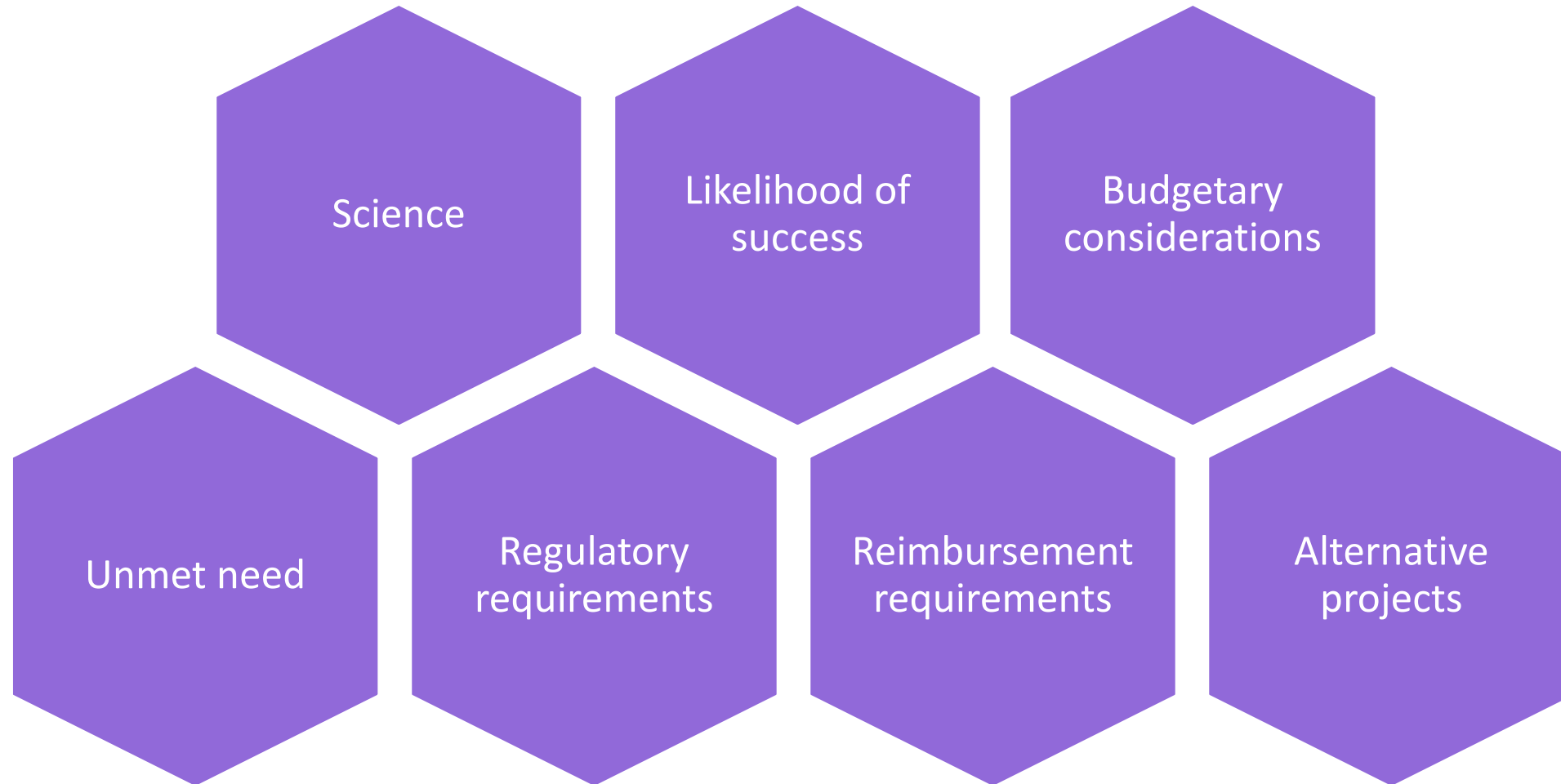
What evidence is needed to allow clinical testing?

What studies and outcomes are required for approval?

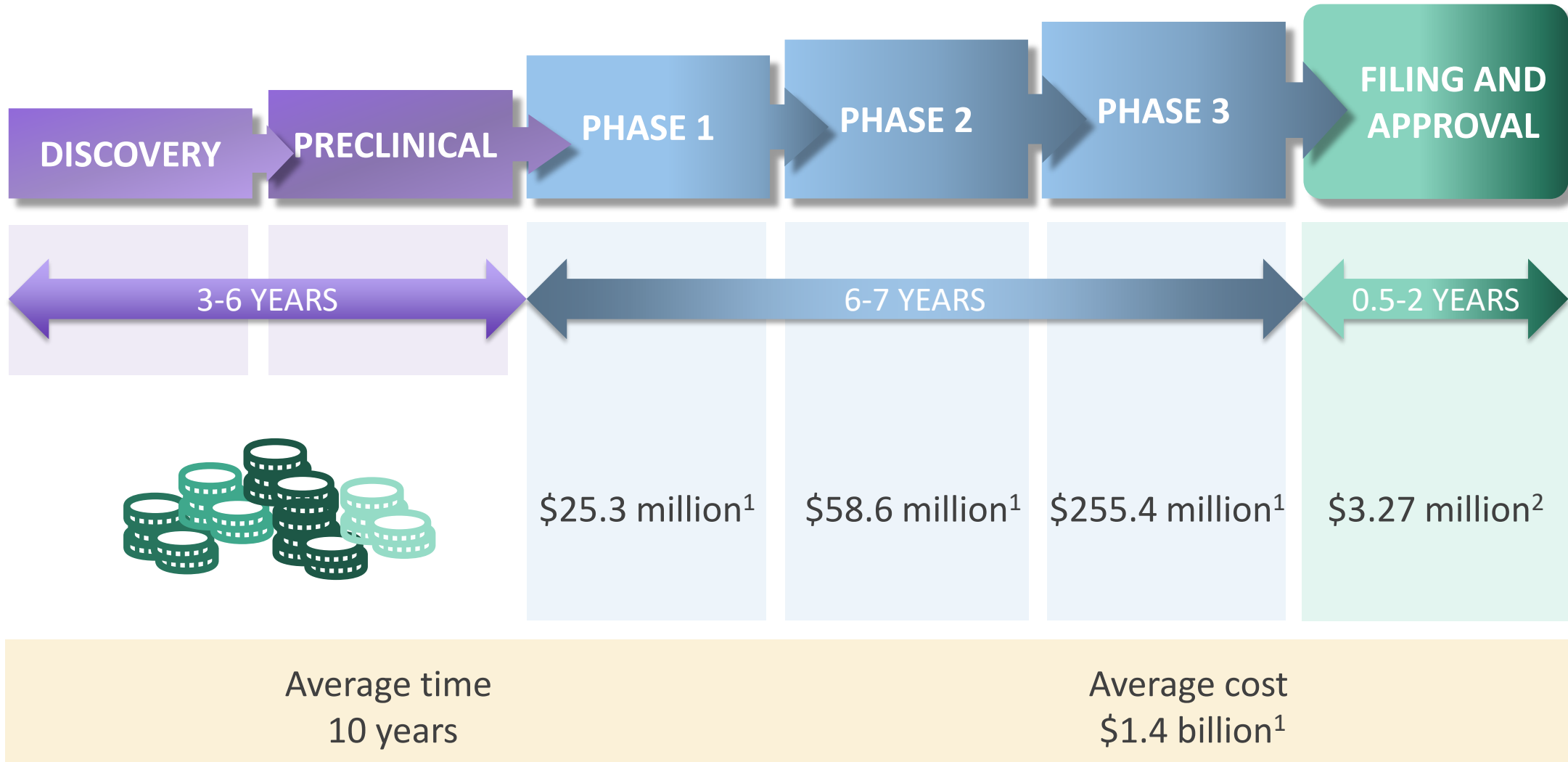
What risk-benefit justifies approval?

What drug sponsors can say about the drug's uses, benefits, and risks?

How drug sponsors decide



The stakes are high



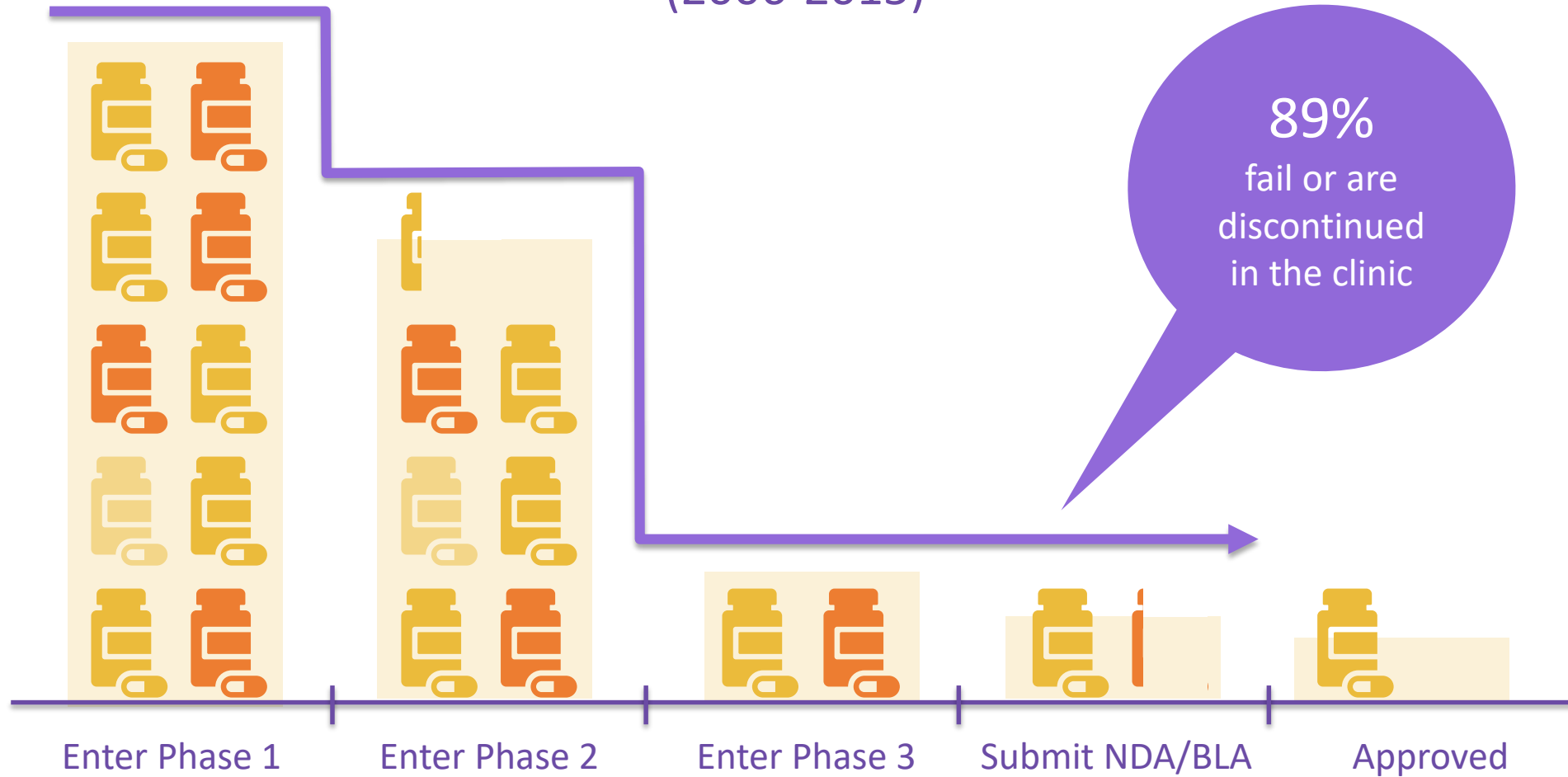
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Few succeed

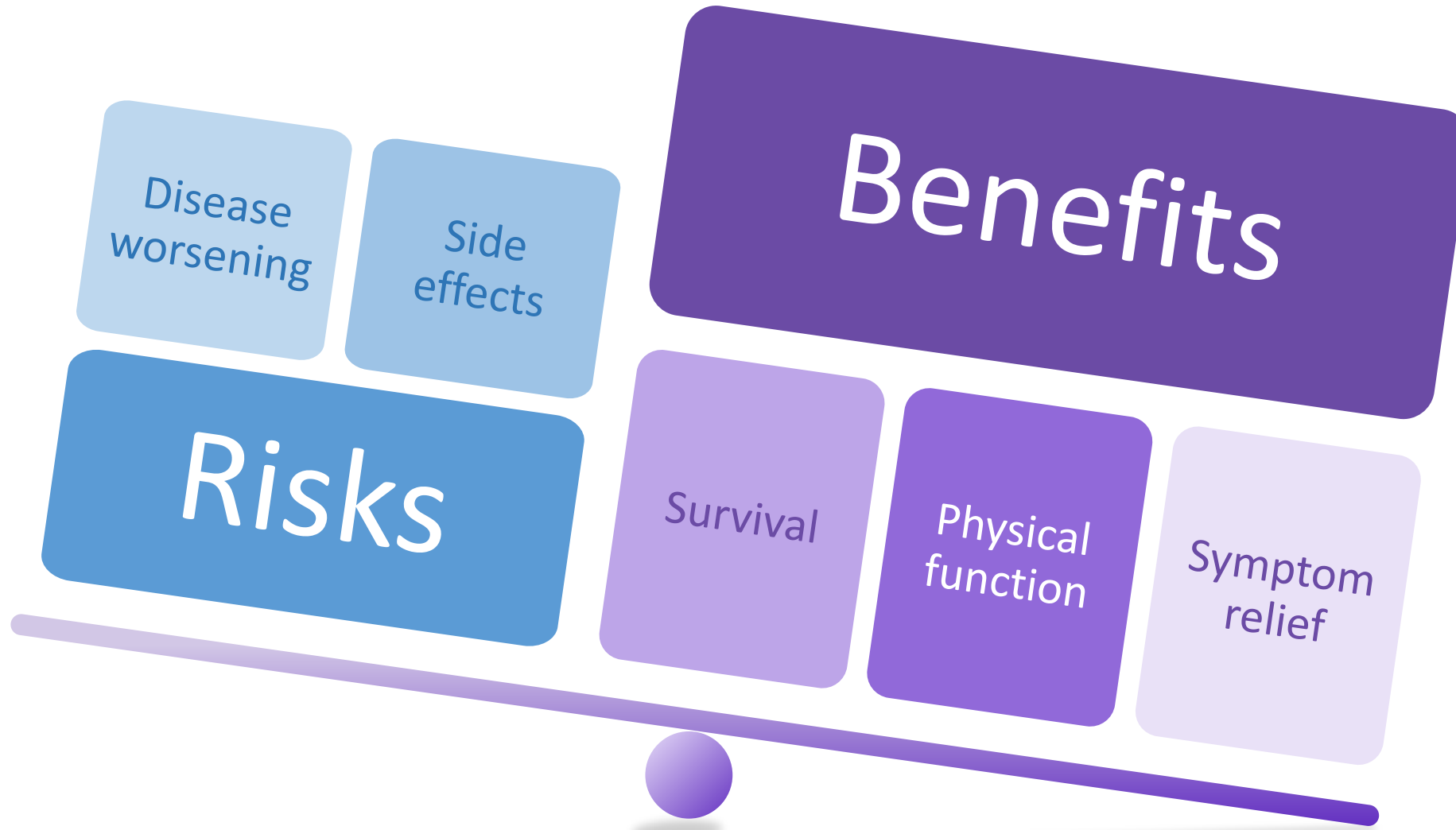


CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT SUCCESS RATES¹ (2006-2015)



1. Biotechnology Innovation Organization, et al. ["Clinical development success rates 2006-2015."](#) (2016)

How regulators decide



Risk-benefit is a judgment call



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Ultimately, FDA faces a balancing act in evaluating a new drug.

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No matter how much data are available, we often have to make a judgment call, weighing the known benefits against known risks and the potential—and possibly unknown—risks.
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FDA

How FDA Evaluates Regulated Products: Drugs
Updated November 28, 2016

You are the experts on risk-benefit ...



“Patients are the experts in living with their disease or condition, the outcomes that are most important to them, and how they weigh benefits and risks.”

Jeffrey Shuren

FDA's Center for Devices & Radiological Health

May 2, 2019

... And on some of the reasons drugs fail



GOOD FAILURES



STUDY REVEALS NEW INFORMATION

Not safe
Not effective



UNSAFE/INEFFECTIVE DRUG REJECTED

Lacks benefits patients want
Has unacceptable side effects

PREVENTABLE FAILURES?



USEFUL DRUG DENIED OR DELAYED

Benefits undervalued
Risks given too much weight



STUDY DID NOT WORK FOR PATIENTS

Not feasible
Not relevant or attractive



STUDY WAS FLAWED

Measured the wrong things
Was too small
Enrolled the wrong patients



Your advice can improve trials



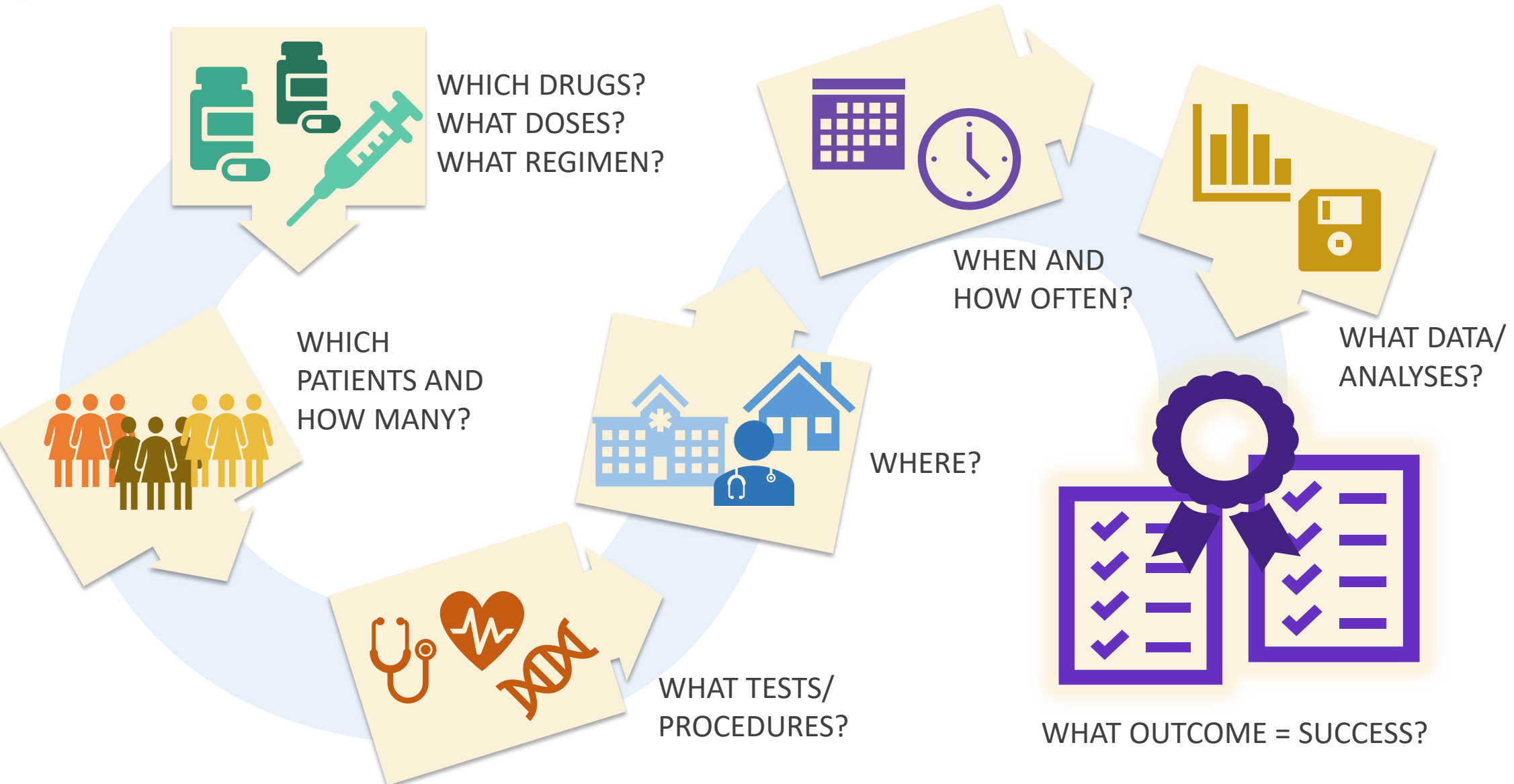
Improve the patient's experience in clinical studies

Increase the number of patients willing to participate in clinical studies

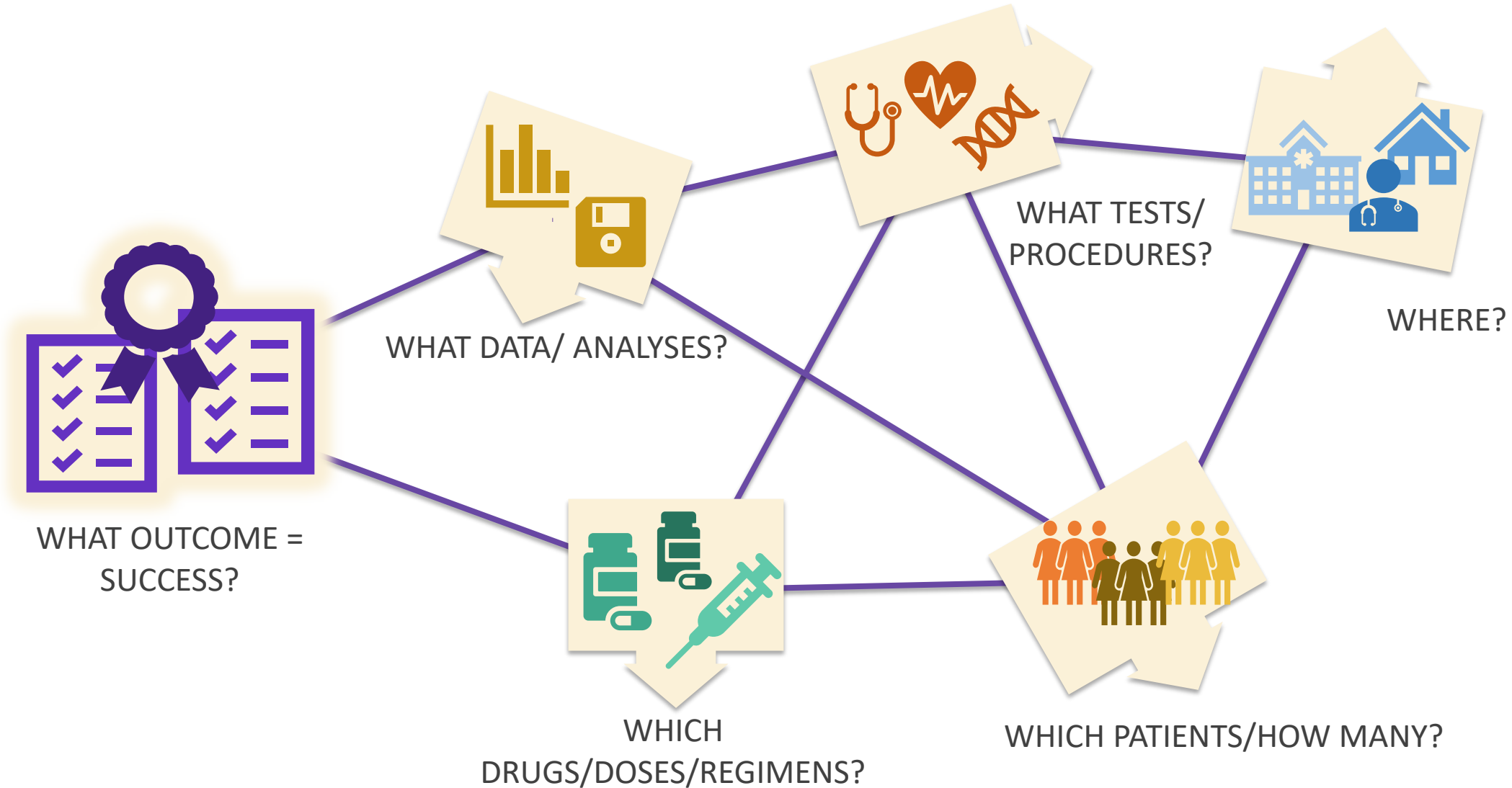
Reduce protocol amendments and study participant dropout rates

Speed up the delivery of medicines to patients

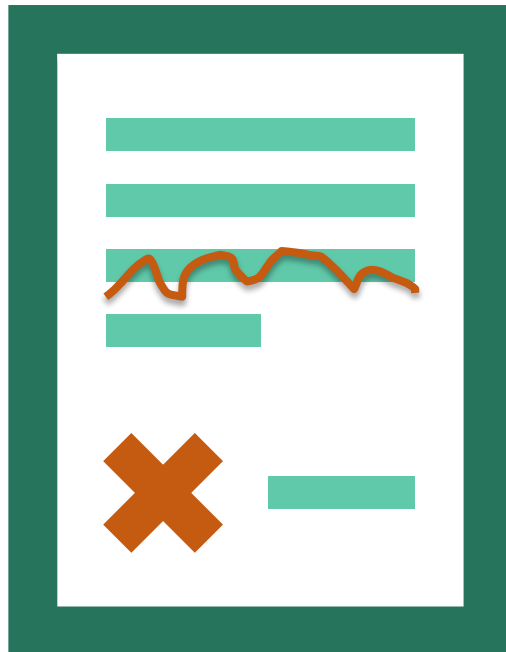
The protocol—anatomy of a clinical trial



Many components are interdependent



Poor enrollment leads to amendments

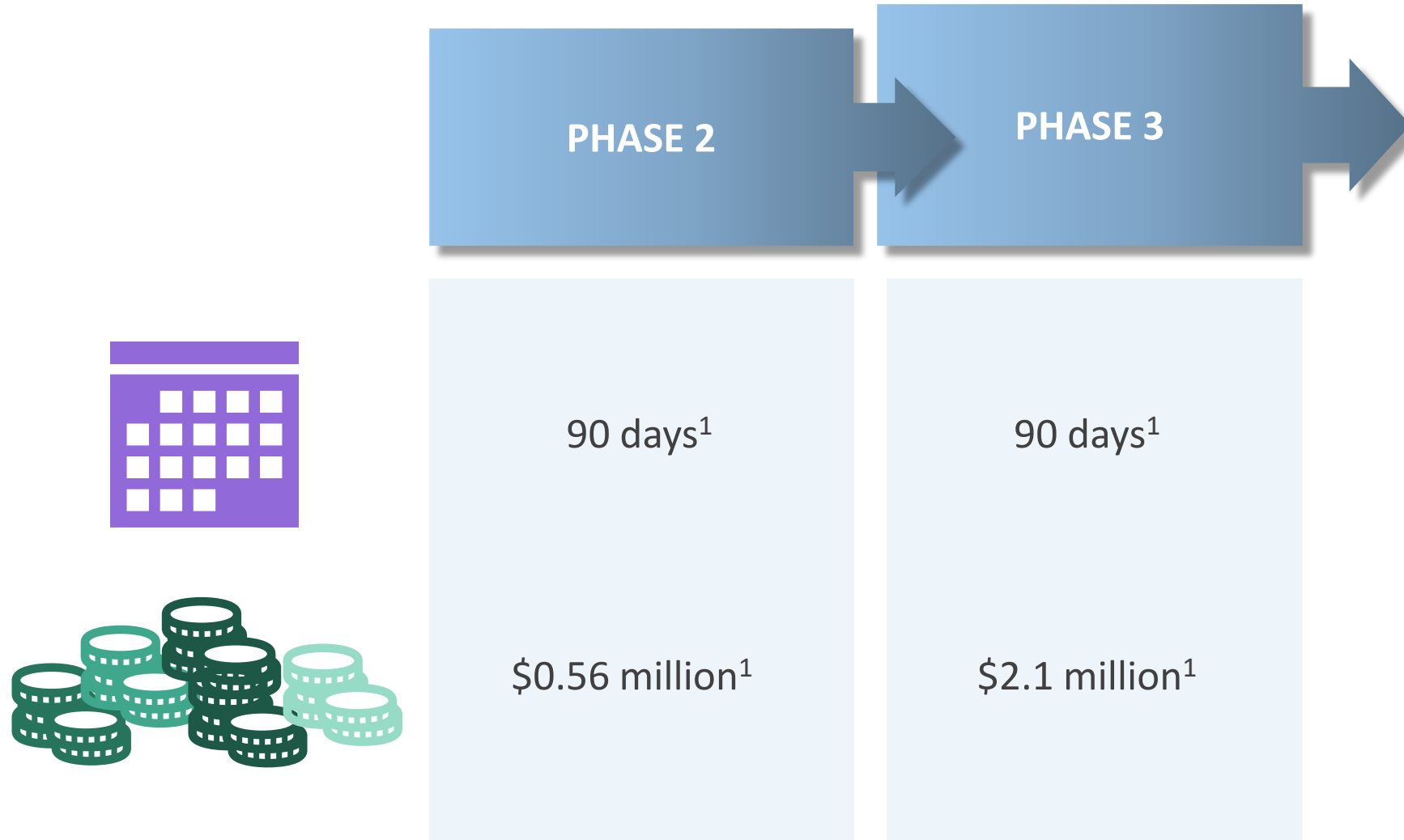


“ The top reason for amending a protocol is to modify study eligibility criteria as a result of changes in study design strategy and difficulties recruiting patients.

Clinical Trials Transformation Initiative
*Therapeutic Innovation & Regulatory Science*¹
2017

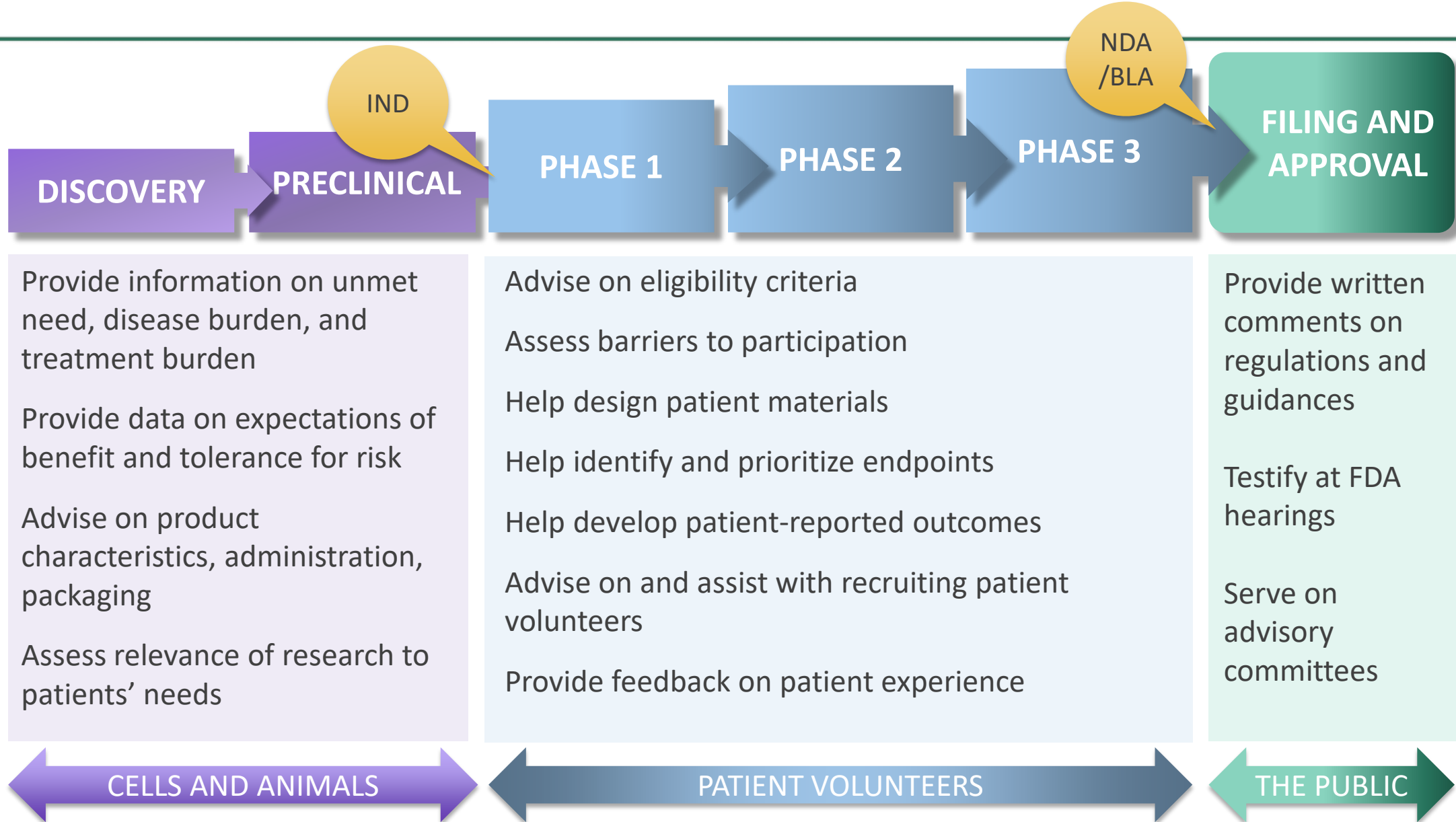
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Amendments cost time and money



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Roles for patients in R&D

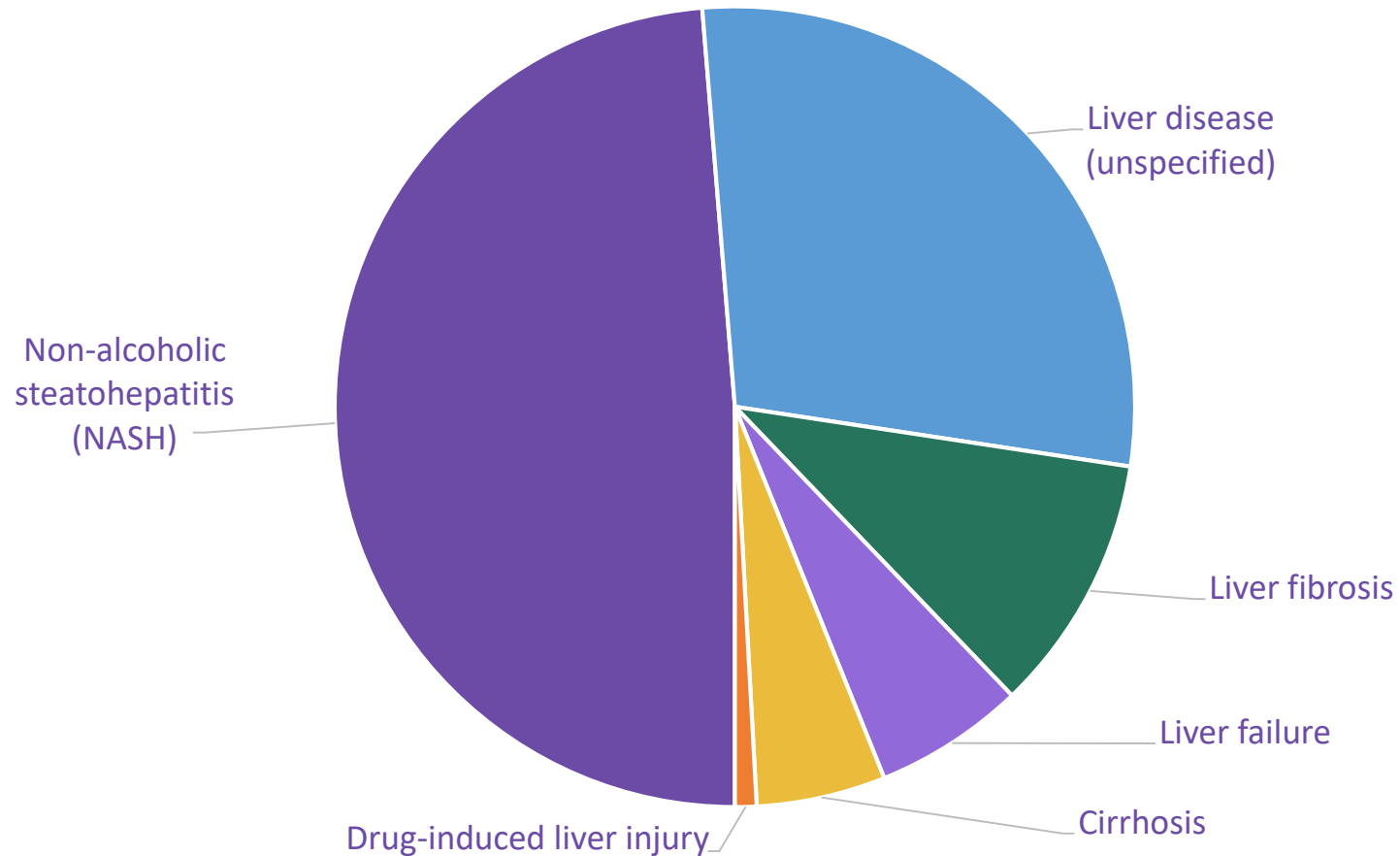


It's best to start early



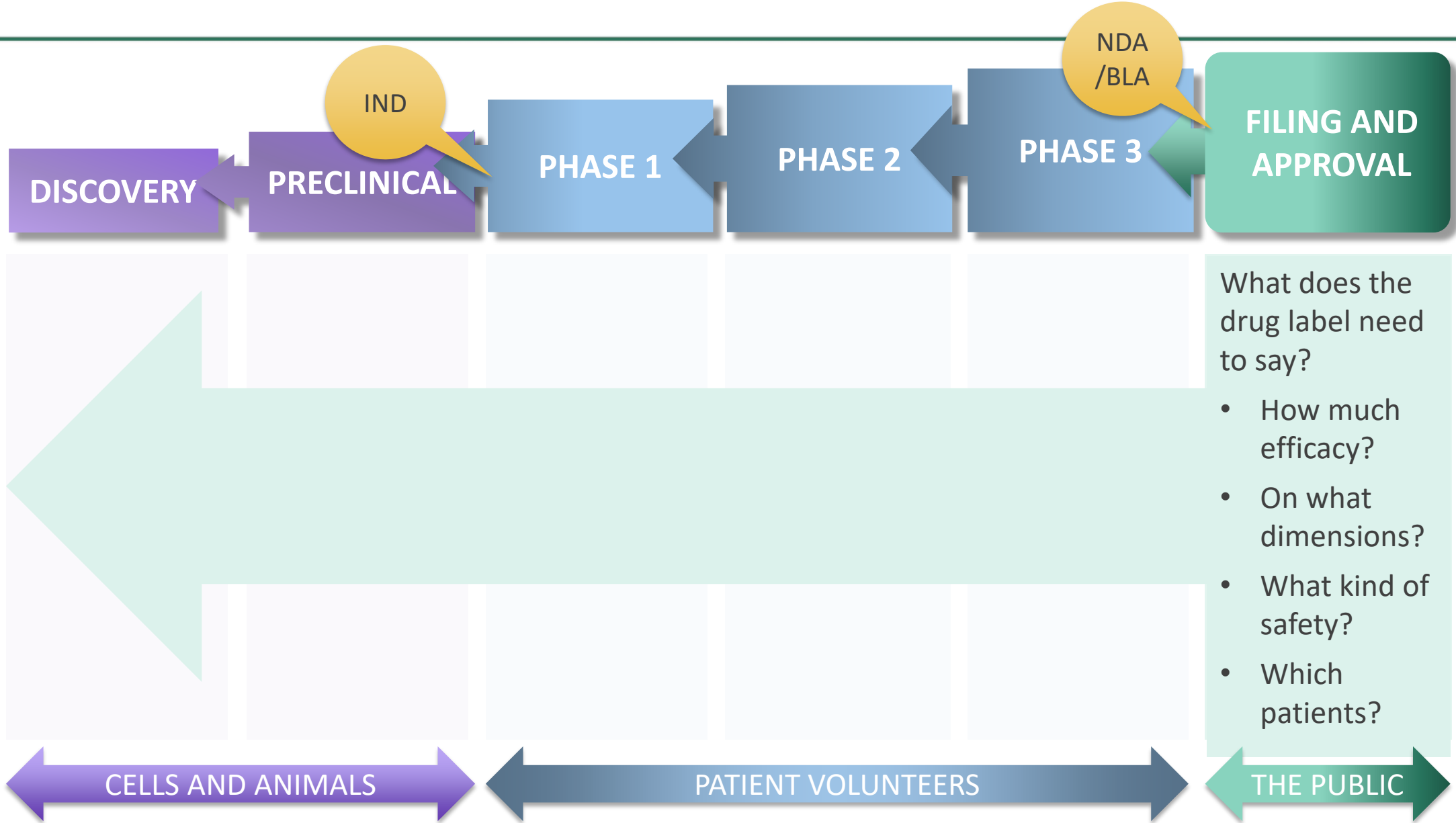
DISCOVERY/PRECLINICAL LIVER DISEASE PROGRAMS¹

(Industry Pipeline, Total = 115)



1. BioCentury BCIQ database. Accessed Oct. 29, 2019.

Drug sponsors plan with the end in mind



What's a drug label?



14 CLINICAL STUDIES 14.1 Description of Clinical Trials

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION
These highlights do not include all the information needed to use SOVALDI safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for SOVALDI.

SOVALDI® (sofosbuvir) tablets, for oral use
Initial U.S. Approval: 2013

RECENT MAJOR CHANGES

Indications and Usage (1)	08/2015
Dosage and Administration (2.1, 2.2)	08/2015
Contraindications (4)	08/2015
Warnings and Precautions (5.1)	03/2015
Warnings and Precautions (5.2, 5.3, 5.4)	08/2015

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

SOVALDI is a hepatitis C virus (HCV) nucleotide analog NS5B polymerase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of genotype 1, 2, 3 or 4 chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection as a component of a combination antiviral treatment regimen. (1)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- One 400 mg tablet taken once daily with or without food. (2.1)
- Should be used in combination with ribavirin or in combination with pegylated interferon and ribavirin for the treatment of HCV. Recommended combination therapy: (2.1)

Patient Population	Treatment	Duration
Genotype 1 or 4	SOVALDI + peg-interferon alfa + ribavirin	12 weeks
Genotype 2	SOVALDI + ribavirin	12 weeks
Genotype 3	SOVALDI + ribavirin	24 weeks

- HCV/HIV-1 co-infection: For patients with HCV/HIV-1 co-infection, follow the dosage recommendations in the table above. (2.1)
- SOVALDI in combination with ribavirin for 24 weeks can be considered for patients with genotype 1 infection who are interferon ineligible. (2.1)
- Should be used in combination with ribavirin for treatment of HCV

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- When used in combination with peginterferon alfa/ribavirin or ribavirin alone, all contraindications to peginterferon alfa and/or ribavirin also apply to SOVALDI combination therapy. (4)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Bradycardia with amiodarone coadministration: Serious symptomatic bradycardia may occur in patients taking amiodarone and SOVALDI in combination with another direct acting antiviral (DAA), particularly in patients also receiving beta blockers, or those with underlying cardiac comorbidities and/or advanced liver disease. Coadministration of amiodarone with SOVALDI in combination with another DAA is not recommended. In patients without alternative, viable treatment options, cardiac monitoring is recommended. (5.1, 6.2.7.1)
- Use with other drugs containing sofosbuvir is not recommended (5.4)

ADVERSE REACTIONS

The most common adverse events (incidence greater than or equal to 20%, all grades) observed with SOVALDI in combination with ribavirin were fatigue and headache. The most common adverse events observed with SOVALDI in combination with peginterferon alfa and ribavirin were fatigue, headache, nausea, insomnia and anemia. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Gilead Sciences, Inc. at 1-800-GILEAD-5 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

DRUG INTERACTIONS

- Coadministration of amiodarone with SOVALDI in combination with another DAA may result in serious symptomatic bradycardia. (5.1, 6.2, 7.1)
- Drugs that are intestinal P-gp inducers (e.g., rifampin, St. John's wort) may alter the concentrations of sofosbuvir. (5.2, 7, 12.3)
- Consult the full prescribing information prior to use for potential drug-drug interactions. (5.1, 5.2, 7, 12.3)

USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

- Patients with HCV/HIV-1 co-infection: Safety and efficacy have been studied. (14.4)

Drug name

Approved uses

Doses and route of administration

Clinical data

Risks

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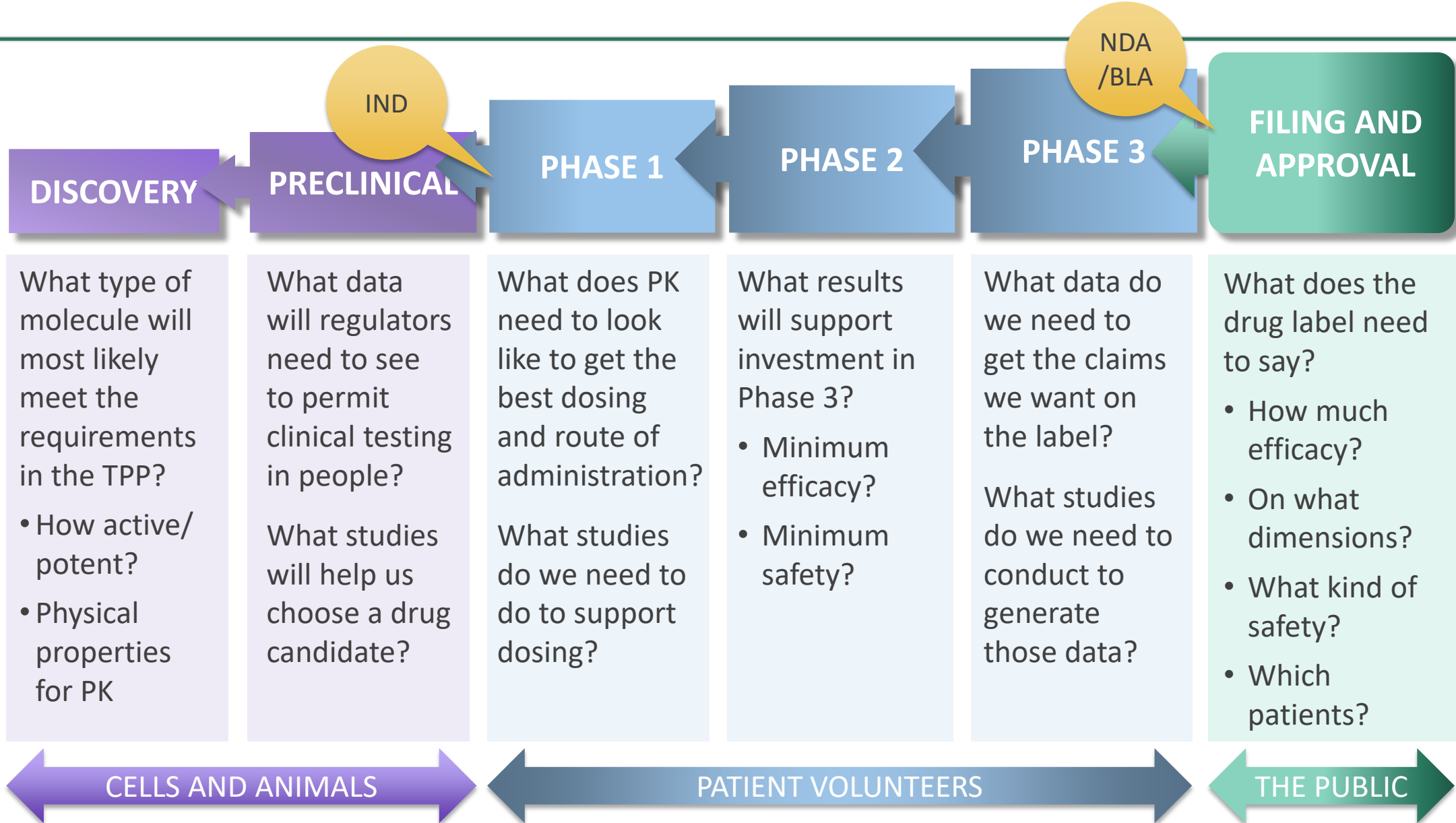
Target product profile



DRUG X

Indication	To treat or prevent a disease or condition, or an important manifestation of a disease or condition -OR- To relieve symptoms associated with a disease or syndrome
Target population	Age, severity of illness, prior treatment, other illnesses (co-morbidities)
Treatment duration	Days, weeks, months, for life
Route of administration	Oral, IV, subcutaneous injection, topical, inhaled
Dosage form	Tablets, capsules, syrup, premixed
Dosage	How much and how often
Efficacy	How much improvement, on what specific measures, compared with what specific alternative
Safety	What side effects or risks are acceptable

Planning with the end in mind



Considerations for engagement



INGREDIENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS



GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS

Are goals and expectations clear?
Designed for mutual benefit?
Agreed to up front?



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Will you be involved in every step, or only some?
Will you have input into key decisions?
Do you represent yourself only, or your patient community?



MEANINGFULNESS

Do the goals and expectations support your objectives?
Is it clear how your input will be used?
Is it early enough for your input to count?
Is there a plan for two-way communication?



CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

How will you handle real or perceived conflicts of interest?
How will your partner?



Questions and follow-up

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APPENDIX—Glossary of clinical and regulatory terms



Biologic – a drug made of molecules that are produced by a living organism, e.g., antibodies and other proteins

BLA, Biologics License Application –the application a drug sponsor submits to FDA to seek approval of a drug candidate that is a biologic

Clinical trial – research studies that test whether drugs are safe and how they work in people who are either healthy volunteers or patients

Drug sponsor – the developer of a drug, usually but not always a pharmaceutical company

DSMB, Data Safety Monitoring Board – a scientific committee that monitors data from an ongoing clinical trial to determine whether the study should continue

Endpoint – a measure of efficacy in a research study

FDA, Food and Drug Administration – the U.S. regulator that oversees clinical testing and drug approvals

IND, Investigational New Drug – the application a drug sponsor submits to FDA to seek permission to begin clinical studies in people

Informed consent – the practice of giving a potential volunteer all the facts about a clinical trial and getting their consent to participate before they join the study

IRB, Institutional Review Board – a committee of doctors, statisticians, and community members who review clinical trial protocols to ensure they are medically, ethically, and legally acceptable

In vitro research – laboratory studies on cells or molecules outside the body

In vivo research – laboratory studies on living animals

Label – a medication package insert approved by FDA that describes the drug, how it is used, how it works, and what is known about its safety and efficacy

Model – a cell line, tissue sample, or animal used to study disease biology or screen drug candidates

NDA, New Drug Application – the application a drug sponsor submits to FDA to seek approval of drug candidate that is a small molecule

PK, pharmacokinetics – the way a drug is absorbed, distributed, metabolized and eliminated by the body

Protocol – a detailed written plan for a clinical trial that describes every aspect of study design and conduct

Regulator – a government organization that oversees clinical testing and drug approvals

R&D, research and development – the activity of discovering and testing a drug to show that it can treat disease

Small molecule drug – a drug that is made of molecules that are chemical compound

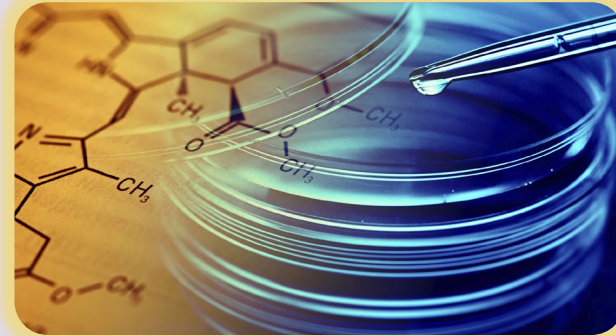
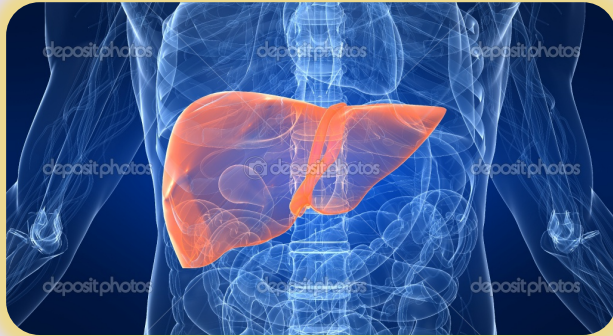
Target – a molecule or cell that a drug binds to or interacts with to stop, start or change a process that does not work correctly in a disease

TPP, target product profile – a detailed description of the ideal characteristics of a new drug candidate that is used to guide R&D

APPENDIX—Before drug ‘R&D’ begins



BASIC AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH



WHAT

- What happens in this disease, biologically?
- What molecules and cells are involved?
- Could these molecules or cells be drug targets?

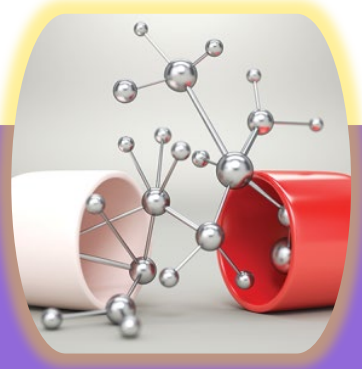
HOW

- Lab tests (assays) in cell lines or samples of blood/tissue (biospecimens) from patients
- Studies in animal models of the disease

WHO

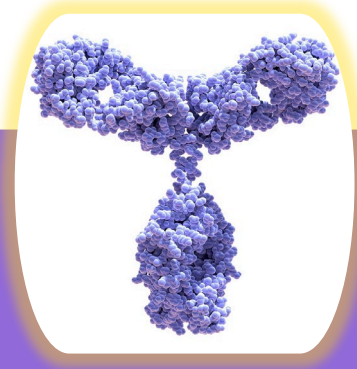
- Usually researchers in academia, government, medical research centers

APPENDIX—Types of drugs and how they work



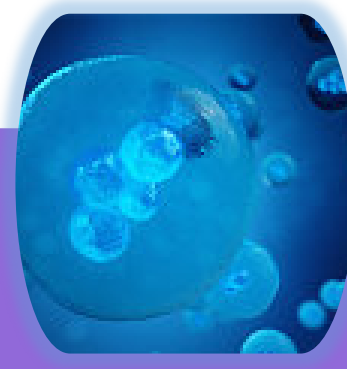
SMALL MOLECULE

A chemical compound



BIOLOGIC

A molecule produced by a living organism



GENE & CELL THERAPIES

Cells, genes, and/or viruses

Stop, start, or change a biological process that doesn't work correctly in disease

Bind to molecules in our bodies called targets

Kill or modify cells