



# Patient-Centered Benefit-Risk Assessment (PCBR)



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# Agenda

<b>Project Overview: Patient-Centered Benefit-Risk Assessment in Medical Devices</b>	
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# Project Overview: Patient-Centered Benefit-Risk Assessment in Medical Devices

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# Project Overview

## Vision

To establish a credible framework for defining patient preference regarding probable benefits and probable risks of a proposed medical device across a representative spectrum of conditions and patients who might be exposed to the device and the application of this information to premarket regulatory submissions and decisions.



# Definition of Preferences

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Qualitative or quantitative assessments of the relative desirability or acceptability of features that differ among alternative diagnostic or therapeutic strategies



# Patient-Centered Benefit-Risk Assessment in Medical Devices

- FDA CDRH 2012 guidance on factors to consider for B-R assessment in devices
- Landmark policy statement:
  - First regulatory guidance on B-R worldwide
  - Still the only regulatory guidance for B-R in development worldwide

## Factors to Consider When Making Benefit-Risk Determinations in Medical Device Premarket Approval and *De Novo* Classifications

Document issued on March 28, 2012



Department of Health and Human Services  
Food and Drug Administration

Center for Devices and Radiological Health

Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research



## Key Elements of CDRH B-R Guidance

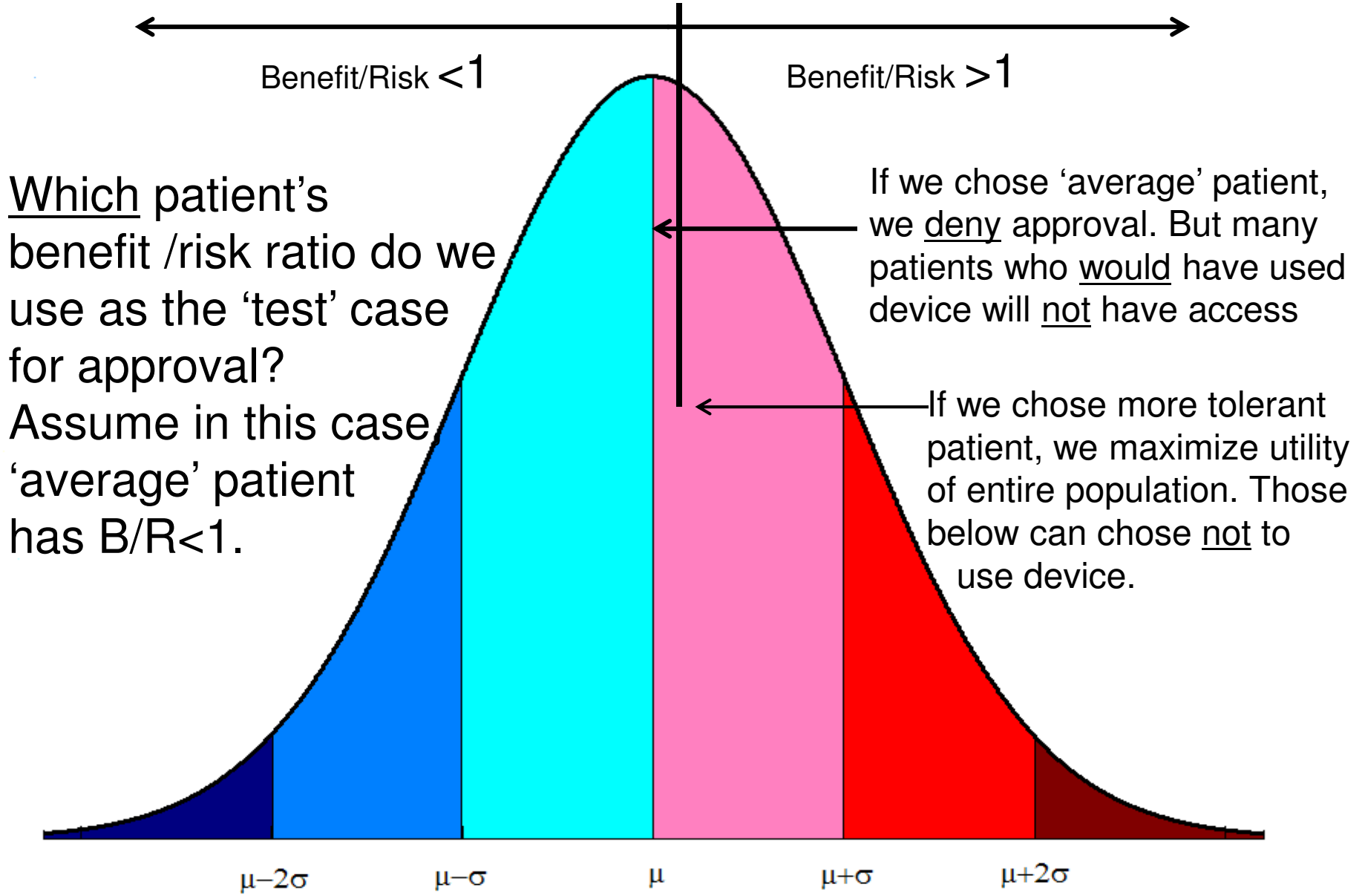
- Clear statement on the need for flexibility in B-R assessment
  - Reflection on FDA's perspective on the role and interaction of critical components in applications, including severity of the condition, medical need, uncertainty, novelty, risk tolerance, risk mitigation, post-market data ...
  - Clear recognition of implications of learning for novel devices
- Use and role of a patient-centered perspective





# Patient-Centered B-R Assessment

- Guidance recognizes that risk tolerance will vary among patients. For example, tolerance for pain:
    - “FDA realizes that some patients are willing to take on a very high risk to achieve a small benefit, whereas others are more risk averse.”
  - Different patients may value benefits differently. Two obese patients may value the same amount of weight loss completely differently.
    - “FDA would consider evidence relating to patients’ perspective of what constitutes a meaningful benefit when determining if the device is effective, as some set of patients may value a benefit more than others.”
- ➔ Guidance requires that FDA review team puts itself into the shoes of potential patients to understand how patients will value benefits and risks of a device



Distribution of Benefit Risk Value among patients for a Therapy

Thanks to Jack W. Lasersohn



# Implications?

- Benefit-risk assessment is currently a key component for regulatory review, but it traditionally has been based on the regulatory/physician perspective
- CDRH B-R guidance suggests a much more critical role for the patient perspective
  - ➔ Some regulatory reviews may require a formal understanding of the patient view on B-R
- Treatments are currently approved based on efficacy and safety for subgroups defined by demographic or medical properties
  - ➔ Potential future where approval may include subgroups based on patient view of B-R



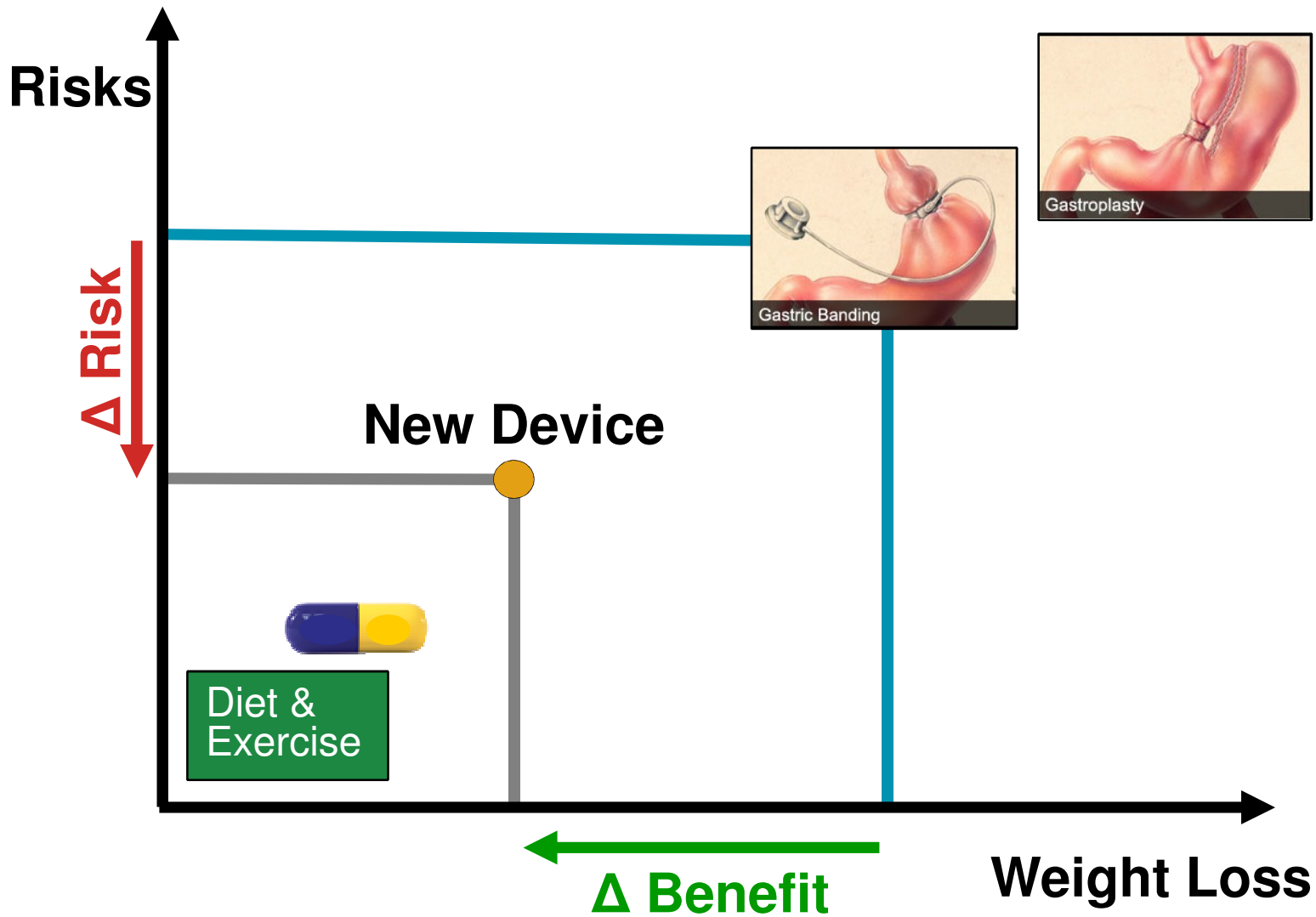
# Many Roles for The Patient Perspective in Development

- Defining medical context
  - Nature of illness
  - Medical need
- Prototyping
- Study design
  - Designing recruitment
  - Endpoint selection
  - Peer advocate during informed consent
  - Reduce trial burden and time → reduced dropout
- Preference studies for benefit-risk
- Report results to patient community
- ...

Lots of press,  
but not the  
whole story

Thanks to Bray Patrick-Lake (Duke) and CTTI

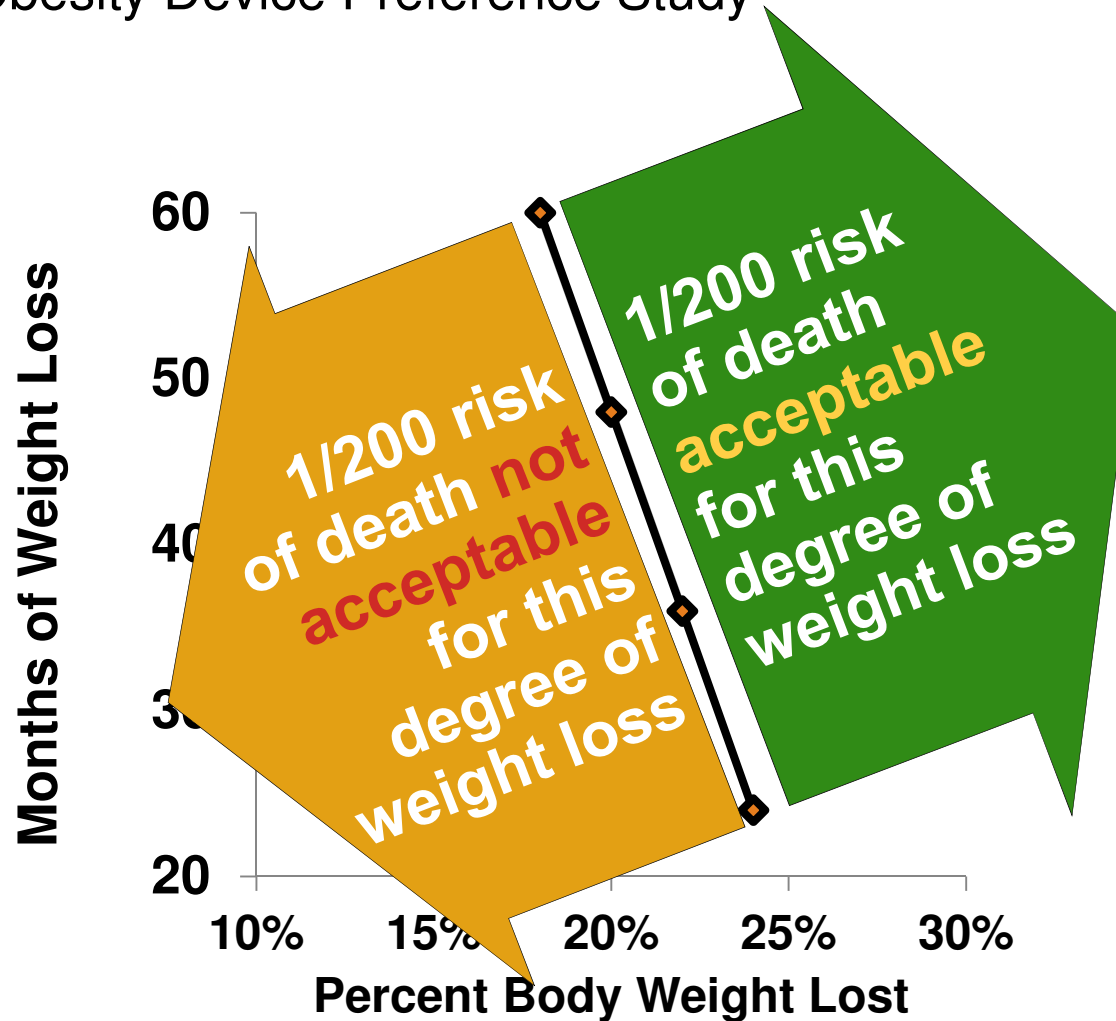
# FDA CDRH Obesity Device Preference Study





# Determining Detailed Thresholds for Maximum Acceptable Risk

FDA CDRH Obesity Device Preference Study

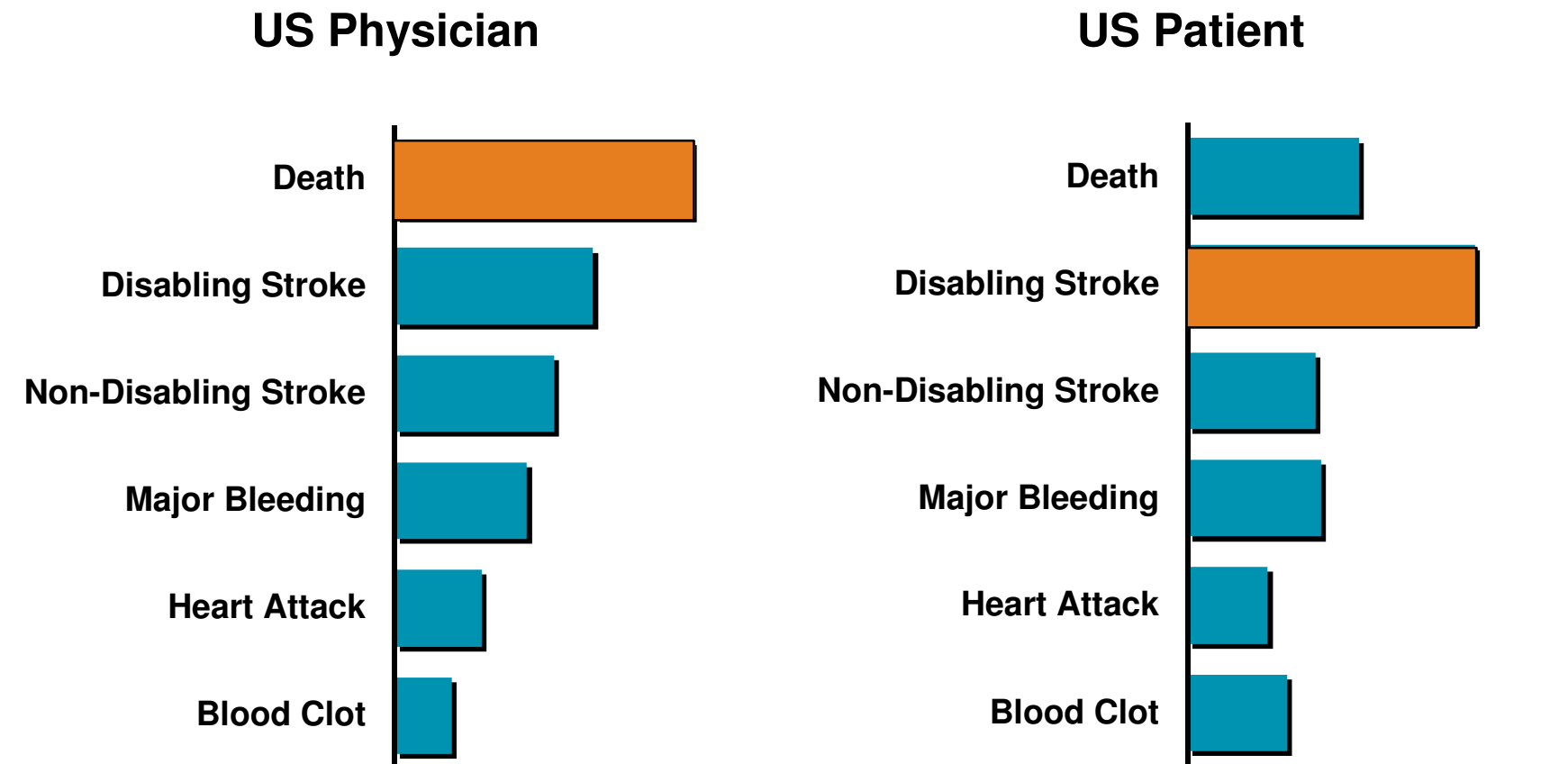


CDRH / RTI project



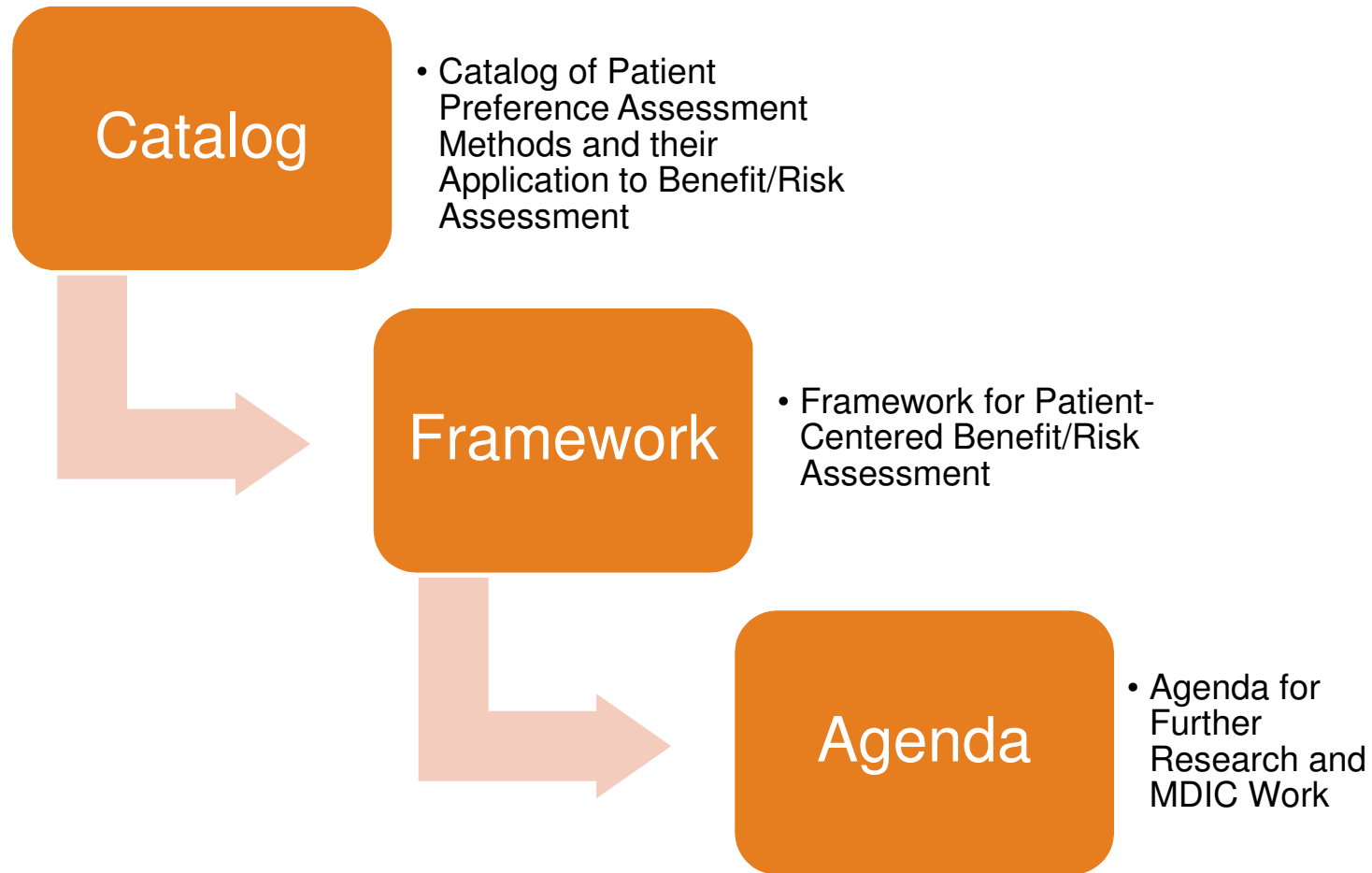
# Identifying Differences Between Key Stakeholders

## Preferences for Anticoagulants in Atrial Fibrillation





# PCBR Key Deliverables

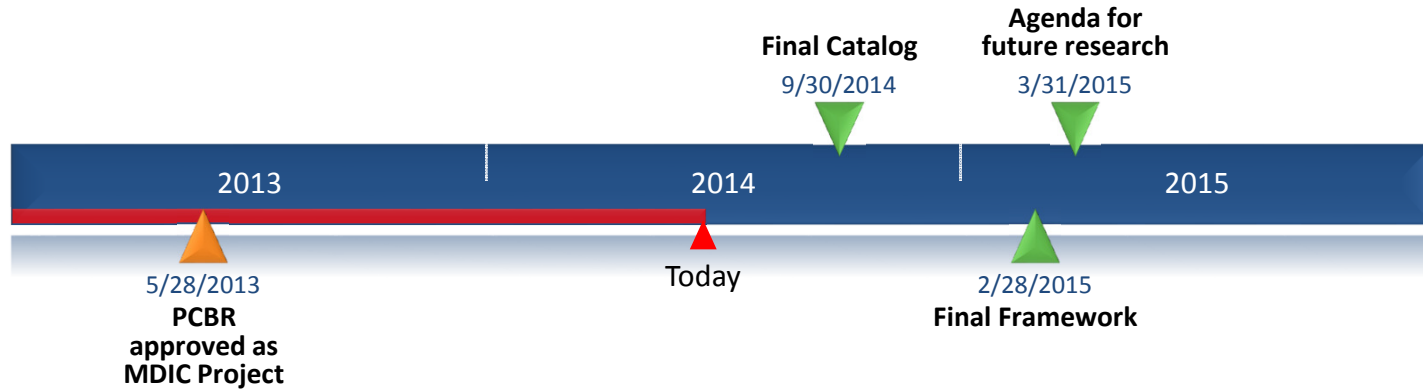




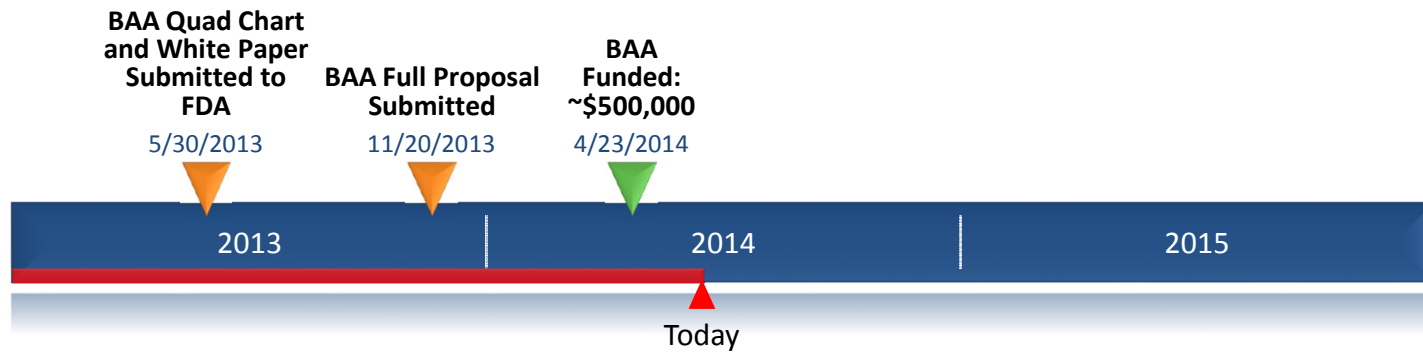


# PCBR Project Timeline

## Overview



## Project Funding



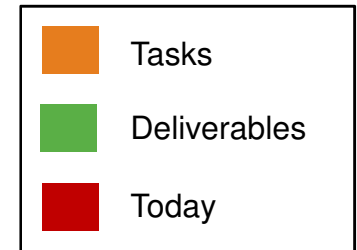
White Paper and Quad Chart Development



Proposal Development



Funding Duration





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# Preference Methodology Catalog

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# Preference Methodology Catalog

## Objectives

- Assess the methods that are currently available to quantify patients' benefit-risk preferences
- Evaluate the applicability of available methods to benefit-risk assessments at different stages in the product lifecycle
- Identify gaps in the availability of methods or the ability of existing methods to support benefit-risk assessment

## Project Overview

- Phase 1: Develop a Preference-Methodology Catalog
- Phase 2: Evaluate Methods Across the Product Lifecycle
- Phase 3: Conduct a Gap Analysis



## Criteria for Methods included in Catalog

- Provides information on relative importance of or tradeoffs among features that differ among alternative health interventions or diagnostic strategies, either directly or indirectly
- Methodology, analysis, and proper interpretation published in peer-reviewed literature
- Application of methods to health interventions
- Not restricted to either quantitative or qualitative methods
- Not restricted to a particular type of stakeholder



# Evaluation of Methods: Methodology and Sample

- Methodology
  - How data are obtained (simple structured interview, direct elicitation, indirect elicitation, decision aids)
  - Reliance on hypothetical scenarios
  - How detailed a description of the attributes can realistically be given to patients with the method?
  - How well can the appropriateness of the method for a given type of problem be assessed in advance?
- Sample
  - Sample size requirements
  - Time needed by patients
  - Disease knowledge needed by patients
  - Potential use of surrogates (ex: for young patients, dementia, etc.)



# Evaluation of Methods: Analysis and Validation

- Analysis
  - Statistical rigor
  - Impact of uncertainty in benefits/harms on the method and its analysis
  - Ability to detect heterogeneity in preferences
  - Ability to detect preference heterogeneity over time
  - Ability to detect risk tolerance
  - Ease of communication/interpretation of results
  - Generalizability of results
- Validation
  - What types of validation tests are appropriate?
  - Validation measures that have been applied to each method
  - Validation measures that could be applied to each method



# Evaluation of Methods: Resources and Prior Use

- Resources required for implementation
  - Software requirements
  - Time to implement
  - Cost to implement
- Relevant examples of prior use
  - What were the main research questions?
  - What were the key results from those questions?
  - How were the results applied?



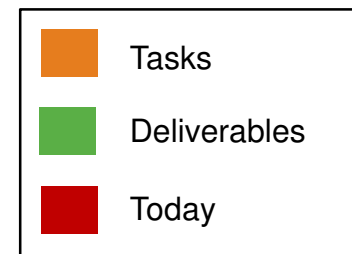
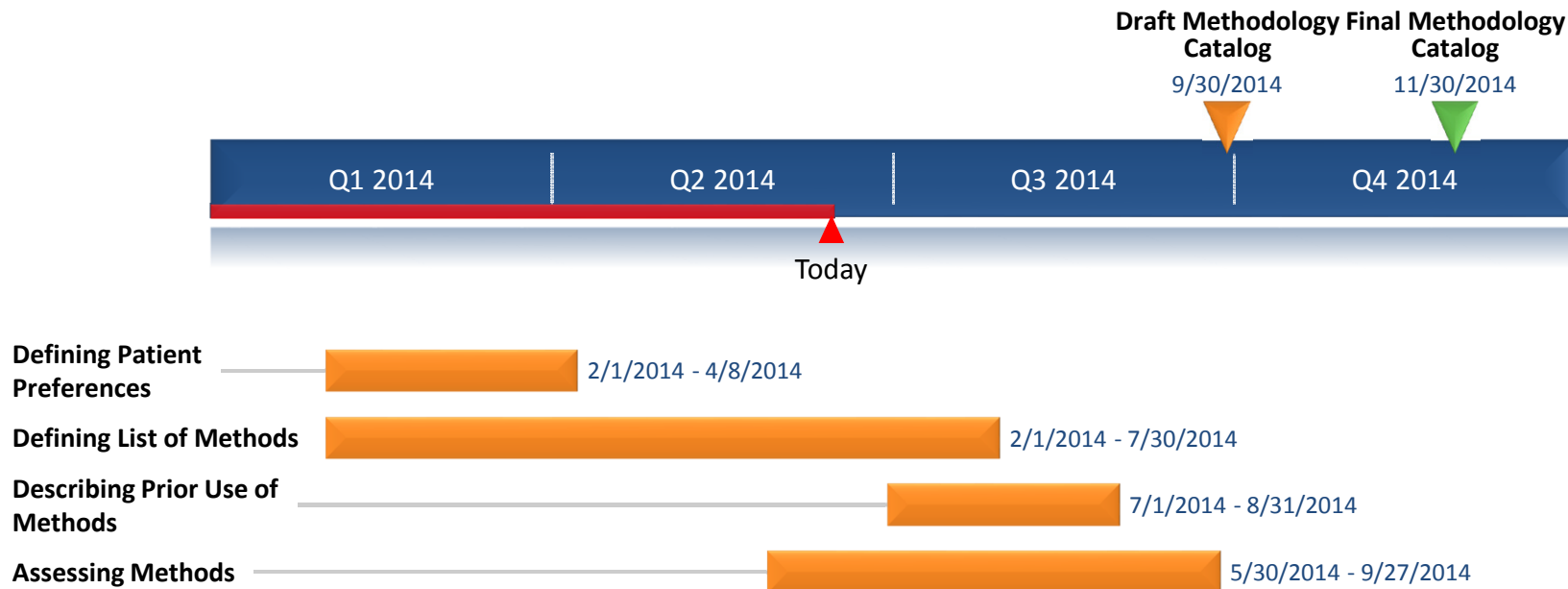


# Methods to Include

- Qualitative
  - Structured interviews or discussions
  - Ranking exercises
  - Sentiment analysis (web trolling)
- Structured weighting
  - Swing weighting
  - Point allocation or “100 coins” approaches
  - Analytical hierarchy process, MACBETH, and variants
- Health state utility
  - Standard gamble
  - Time tradeoff
- Stated preference surveys
  - Rating questions
  - Direct assessment questions
  - Stated behavior
  - Threshold techniques
  - Conjoint analysis / discrete choice experiments
  - Best-worst scaling
- Revealed preference
  - Patient preference trials
  - Direct questions in clinical trials
  - “Norton method”
  - Informed consent



# PCBR Project Timeline: Catalog





# Catalog Working Group

- RTI Health Solutions
  - Principal Investigator
    - Brett Hauber, PhD, Senior Economist, Health Preference Assessment
  - Other RTI Staff
    - Juan Marcos González, PhD, Technical Contributor
    - Margaret Mathes, Medical Editor
    - Kimberly Moon, Project Manager
- Academic experts and consultants
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  - Bray Patrick-Lake, **Clinical Trials Transformation Initiative**



# Framework for Patient-Centered Benefit-Risk Assessment

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# Framework Documents

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- Framework requirements
- Framework report



# Framework Requirements

- Document that establishes the requirements and describes the limitations of the framework
- Content
  - Purpose
  - Applicability
  - Balance
  - Transparency
  - Usefulness
  - Living Document
  - Limitations



# Framework Report

- Framework Report: overarching report of PCBR Project
  - Resource for CDRH, MDIC members, and industry on when and how to collect patient preference information for incorporation into regulatory process
  - Would incorporate Catalog Report and Gap Analysis
- Proposed deliverable dates:
  - Initial draft of Framework: September 2014
  - Revision and incorporation of draft Catalog: Nov 2014
  - Finalization with Catalog and Gap Analysis: March 2015



# Framework Report Outline

- Introduction
- Definition of Patient-Centered Benefit Risk Assessment and Background Concepts
- For What Medical Device Applications is Patient Preference Info Potentially Valuable in the Regulatory Process?
- Patient Preference Needs in the Regulatory Product Lifecycle
- Overview of Methods for Assessing Patient Preferences
- Regulatory Considerations in using Patient Preference Information
- Value of Patient Preference Information Developed for Regulatory Purposes to Others in the Health Care System
- Opportunities for CDRH and Industry to Learn How to Use Patient-centered Benefit Risk Assessment in the Regulatory Process



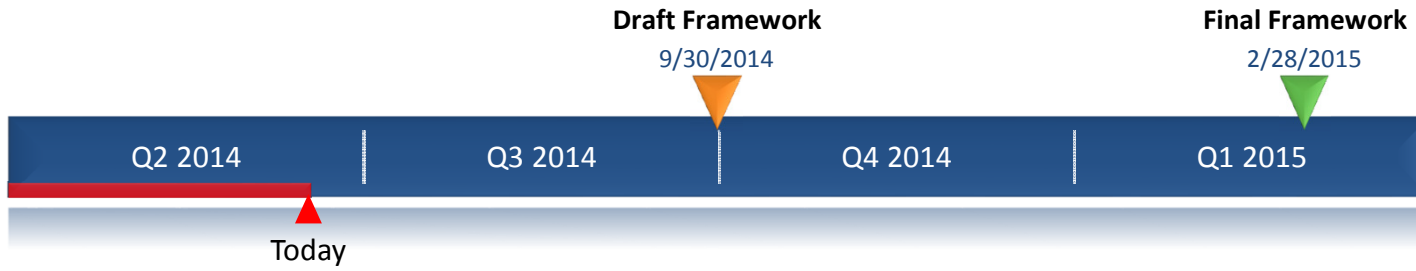


# Key Challenges

- Developing an Approach to Assessing the Value of Patient Preference Information for Specific Situations
- Recognizing and Reconciling the Perspectives of Multiple Stakeholders
- Characterizing the Value of Preference Information Over Time – Regulatory Novelty and Product Lifecycle Considerations
- Maximizing the Utility of Patient Preference Information



# PCBR Project Timeline: Framework



**Requirements for Framework** 4/1/2014 - 6/30/2014

**Draft: Definition Patient-Centered Benefit-Risk Assessment** 4/1/2014 - 5/31/2014

**Draft: When Might Patient Preference be Useful?** 5/1/2014 - 7/31/2014

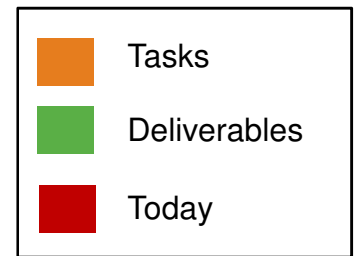
**Draft: Patient Preference Across the Product Lifecycle** 6/2/2014 - 8/31/2014

**Draft: Regulatory Considerations** 6/18/2014 - 8/24/2014

**Draft: Learning to Use the Framework** 8/1/2014 - 9/17/2014

**Draft: Overview of Methods** 9/1/2014 - 9/30/2014

**Industry and Regulatory Feedback on the Framework** 9/1/2014 - 2/1/2015





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## Questions and Discussion

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# Definition of Preferences: Criteria

- Can capture perspectives of patients
- Allows for characterizing preferences for desirable outcomes or effects and acceptability of undesirable outcomes or effects
- Includes the relative nature of preferences (i.e., allows for direct or indirect comparison across features)
- Allows for qualitative and quantitative characterization of preferences
- Applicable to all diagnostic or therapeutic strategies