

# International Collaboration In Times of Public Health Crisis

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# FDA's MCM Mission

- Facilitate the **development** of and **access** to safe and effective medical countermeasures (MCMs) to counter high-priority chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear (CBRN) and emerging infectious disease threats (e.g., Zika, Ebola, pandemic influenza)

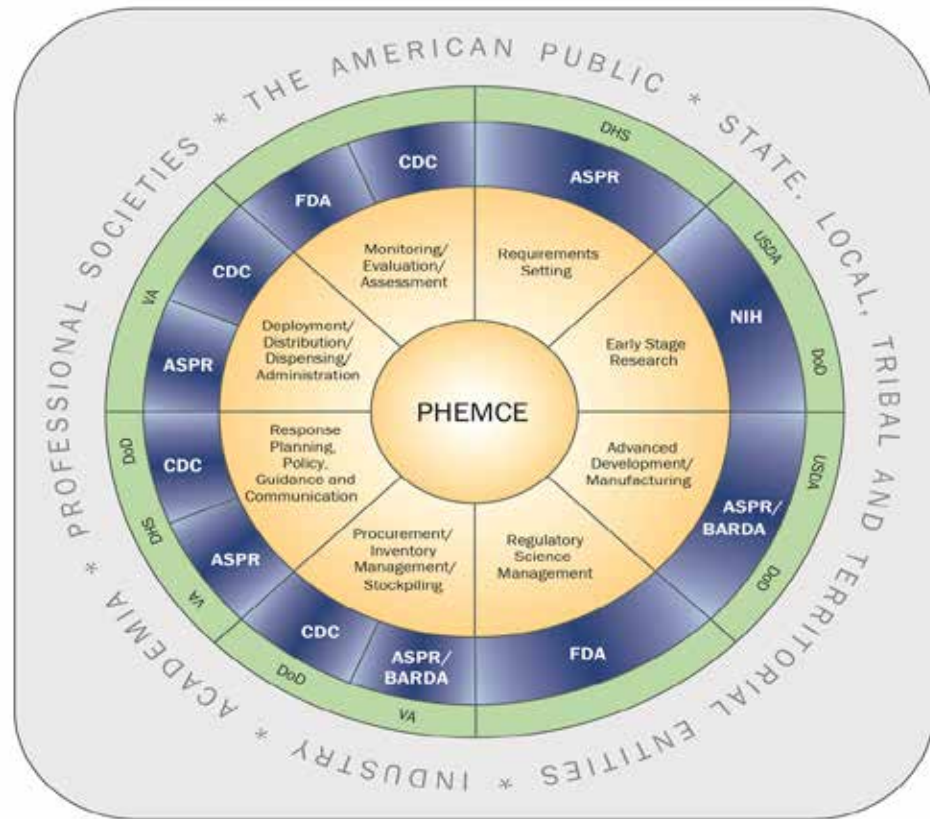


# FDA's MCM Roles

- Facilitating development of MCMs; approving, licensing, clearing, and regulating MCMs
- Using legal mechanisms to prepare for and facilitate emergency use (e.g., EUAs, other emergency use authorities)
- Ensuring consumer protection against fraudulent claims; enforcing against misbranded and adulterated products
- Collaborating with domestic and international partners for preparedness and response
- Monitoring MCM use for adverse events (e.g., MedWatch, VAERS) to ensure safety and efficacy of FDA-regulated products



# Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise



## Key

- PHEMCE Mission Components
- HHS PHEMCE Agencies
- Non-HHS PHEMCE Agencies
- Non-Federal Stakeholders

## Acronyms

**PHEMCE:** Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise

**DHS:** Department of Homeland Security

**DoD:** Department of Defense

**USDA:** U.S. Department of Agriculture

**VA:** Department of Veterans Affairs

**HHS:** Department of Health and Human Services

**ASPR:** Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

**BARDA:** Biomedical Advanced Research & Development Authority

**CDC:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**FDA:** Food and Drug Administration

**NIH:** National Institutes of Health



# Stakeholders



# Sharing Information



- Frequent communication and collaboration
  - Internal (FDA agency-wide)
  - HHS partners (BARDA, CDC, NIH/NIAID) and DoD
  - International (e.g., World Health Organization)
- Product sponsors (active communication)
  - Clarify regulatory requirements
  - Provide input on preclinical and clinical trial designs
  - Expedite review of regulatory data



# Ebola Epidemic: FDA's Role

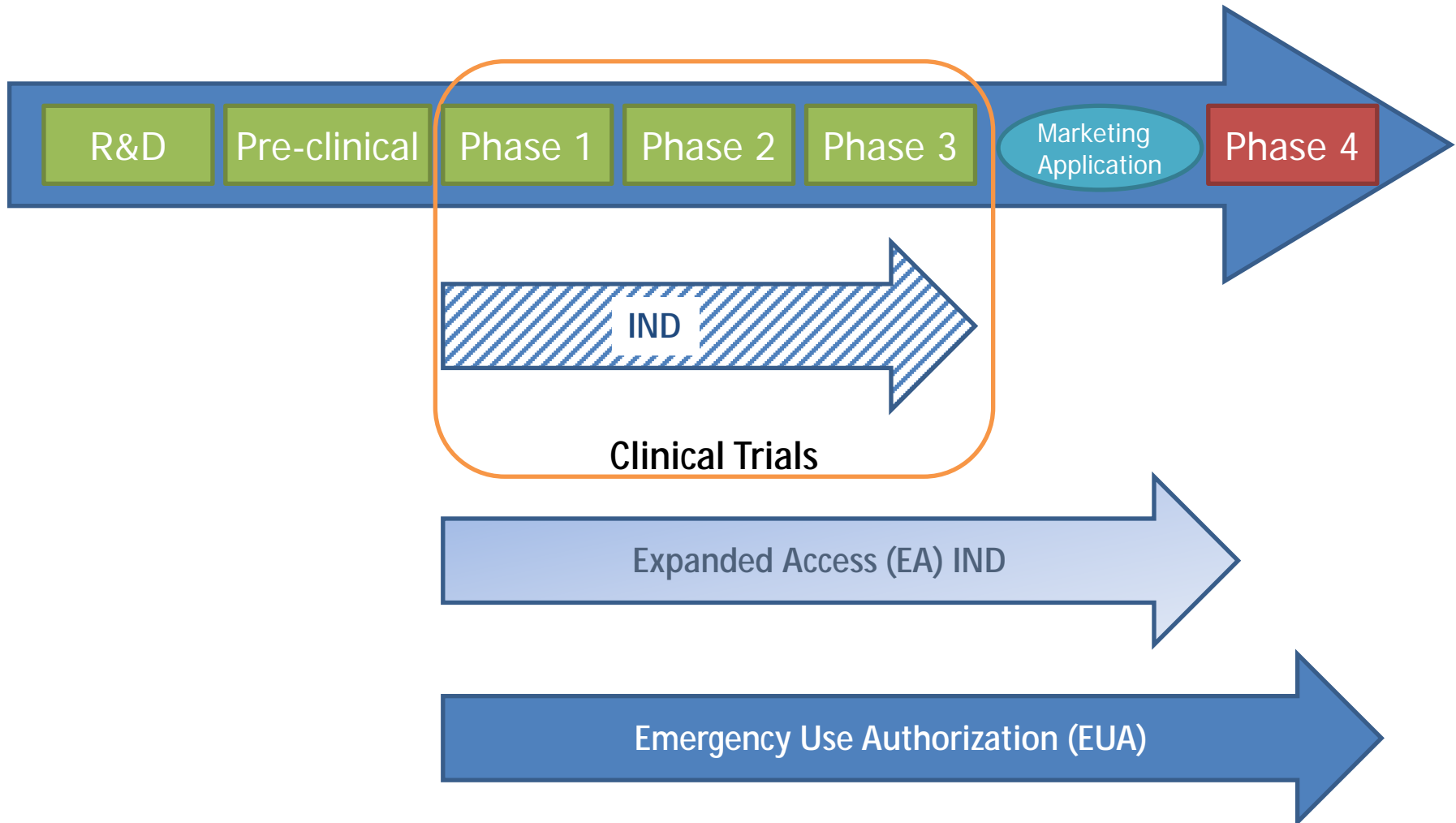


- Sharing information about medical products in development
- Communicating our assessment of product readiness
- Clarifying regulatory pathways for development
- Protecting consumers

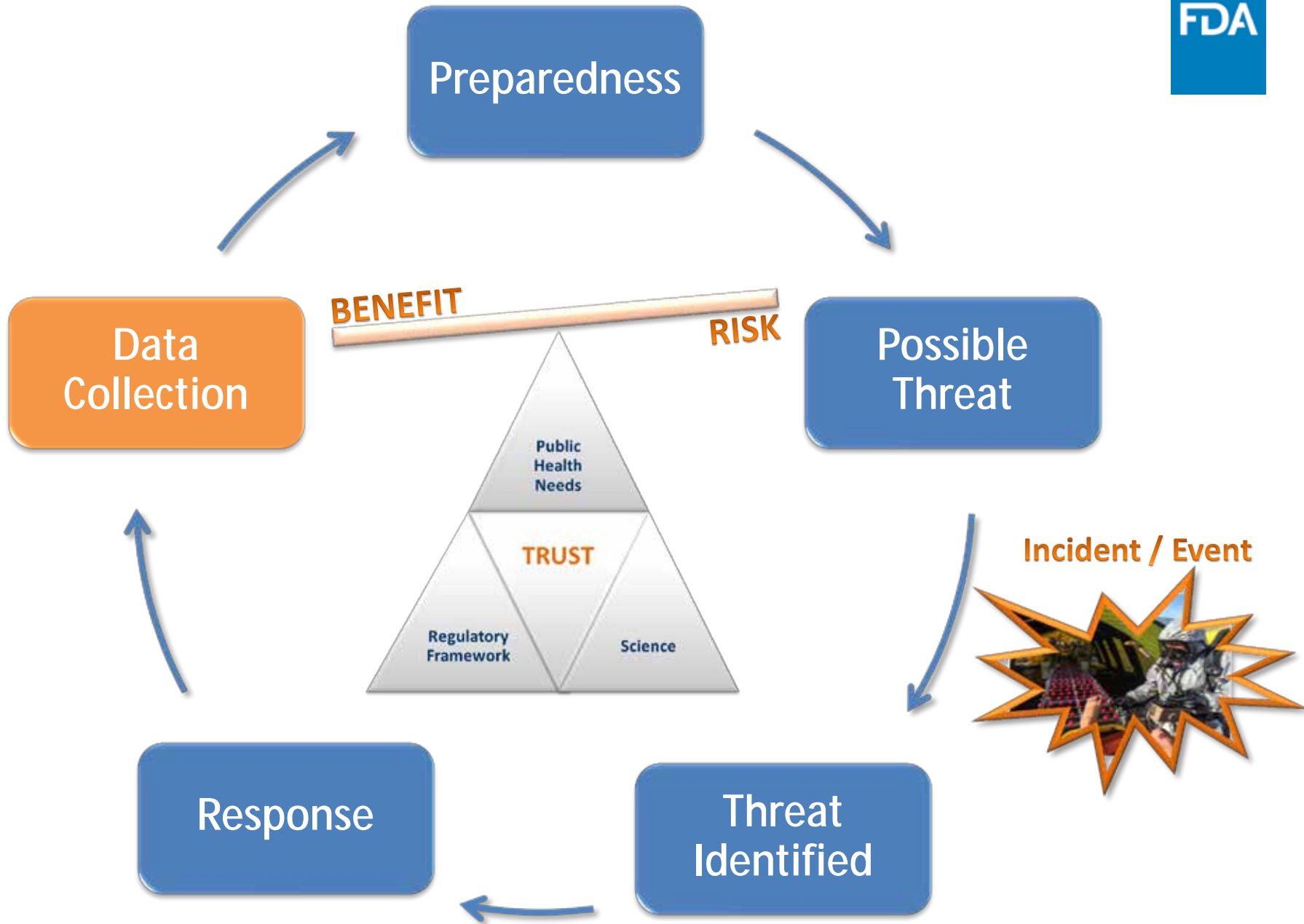


Help expedite development and availability of treatments, vaccines, diagnostics, PPE

# Regulatory Mechanisms to Enable Access to Investigational Products









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