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# Digital Health Center of Excellence (DHCoE) Listening Session

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# Objectives

- Provide an overview of the FDA's Digital Health Center of Excellence (DHCoE)
  - Goals
  - Outcomes
  - Areas of Focus
  - Roadmap
- Opportunity to gain insight and input from stakeholders as the Digital Health Center of Excellence is built and begins to prioritize efforts while maintaining standards of safety and effectiveness

# Digital Health Center of Excellence

Empowering digital health stakeholders to advance health care



# Digital Health

*The convergence of connectivity, data and computing power for healthcare and related uses across the life of an individual or a patient.*



Healthy living

Prevention

Diagnosis

Treatment Recovery

Home care

Moving health care from the Clinic to the Patient

Understanding patient's behavior and physiology  
*"In the wild"*

Focusing on prevention for early/smaller interventions

*Leveraging computing power, sensors, connectivity and software*

# Digital Health Technology

- Healthy living
- Prevention
- Diagnosis
- Treatment Recovery
- Home care
- Management

Convergence of computing power, connectivity, sensors, and software used in healthcare.

-  Used as a medical product
-  Incorporated into a medical product (include a pharmacologic product)
-  Used to develop a medical product
-  Used to study a medical product
-  Used as a companion or adjunct to a medical product, including diagnostics and therapeutics.

# Why a Digital Health Center of Excellence?

- Part of the planned evolution of the digital health program
- Intent to
  - Drive synergy for digital health efforts
  - Align strategy with implementation
  - Prepare the FDA for the digital health future
  - Protect patients and maintain the FDA standards of safety and effectiveness



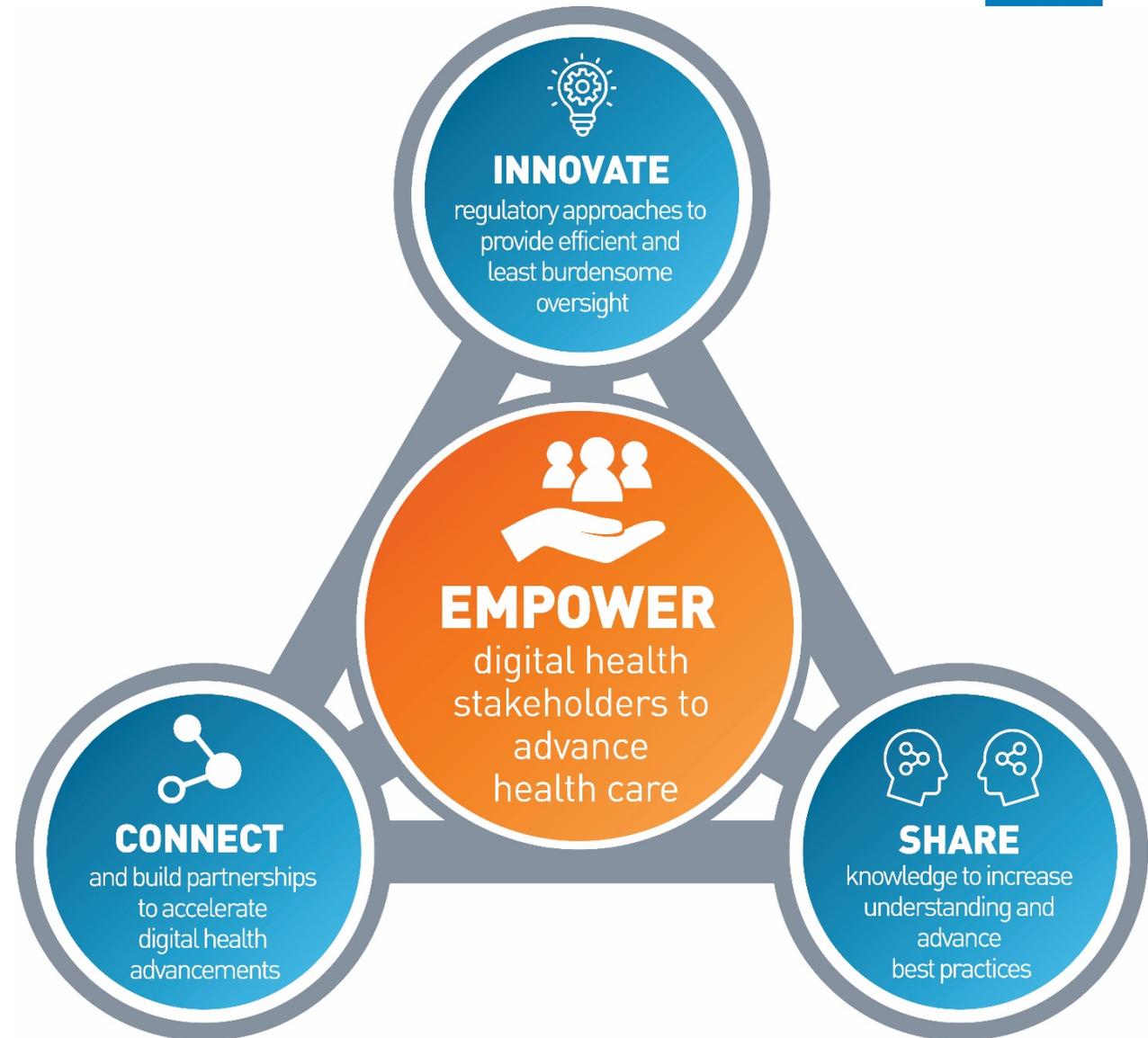
# FDA's Digital Health Center of Excellence

*Empowering All to Advance Healthcare*

**Our goal:** Empower stakeholders to advance health care by fostering responsible and high-quality digital health innovation that meets FDA standards of safety and effectiveness.

The Digital Health Center of Excellence aims to:

- **Connect and build partnerships** to accelerate digital health advancements.
- **Share knowledge** to increase awareness and understanding, drive synergy, and advance best practices.
- **Innovate regulatory approaches** to provide efficient and least burdensome oversight .



# Anticipated Outcomes



- Strategically advance science and evidence for digital health technologies that meets the needs of stakeholders.
- Efficient access to a highly specialized expertise, knowledge, and tools to accelerate access to digital health technology that maintain standards of safety and effectiveness.
- Aligned regulatory approach to harmonize international regulatory expectations and industry standards.
- Increased awareness and understanding of digital health trends.
- Consistent application of digital health technology policy and oversight approaches.
- Reimagined medical device regulatory paradigm tailored for digital health technologies.

# Digital Health Center of Excellence Operations

*Unified and collaborative environment; applying best practices, conducting research, support, training for digital health technologies.*

## DIGITAL HEALTH CENTER OF EXCELLENCE



Supplementing bench strength @ FDA

### POLICY & TECH SUPPORT



- Regulatory submissions support
- Policy Implementation and intelligence
- Identify and develop staff training
- Access to digital health experts

### STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



- Harmonization through IMDRF
- Industry partnership
- Academic partnership
- Federal partnerships:



### STRATEGIC INITIATIVES



- Reimagining a new regulatory paradigm
- Interoperability

### POLICY DEVELOPMENT



- Software as a Medical Device
- Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning
- Software Policies under 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act
- Standards and best practices

### DHCOE OPERATIONS



- Governance, operations
  - CDRH DHSC
  - FDA Digital Health Advisory Board
- Regulatory Research / Science coordination
- Strategy alignment and coordination

# Functions

Resources coordinated by Digital Health Center of Excellence  
Dedicated DHCoE Resources + Virtual DHCoE Resources



## DH Policy Development/ support

- Policy development and support
- DH inquiries
- Submission support
- Guidance/Policy Development

## DH Technology Support

- Submission support
- Wearables
- Software development practices
- Software and digital health standards
- External engagement

## Regulatory innovation/Strategic initiatives

- Pre-Cert
- Wearables
- Interoperability
- Digital Biomarkers

## DHCoE Operations & Coordination/ Partnerships

- Internal: Steering Committee, Advisory Group
- External: collaborations and partnerships

## AI/ML in medical products

- Policy development and support
- IMDRF collaborations
- External engagement/ collaboration

## Medical Device Cybersecurity

- Policy development and support
- IMDRF collaborations
- External engagement/ collaboration

## Advancing Regulatory Science

- Digital Pathology
- Patient-Generated Data
- Virtual Reality/Augmented Reality

## Regulatory review support

- Day – day review support
- Implement DH policies
- Training to front line review
- Implement competency tiers

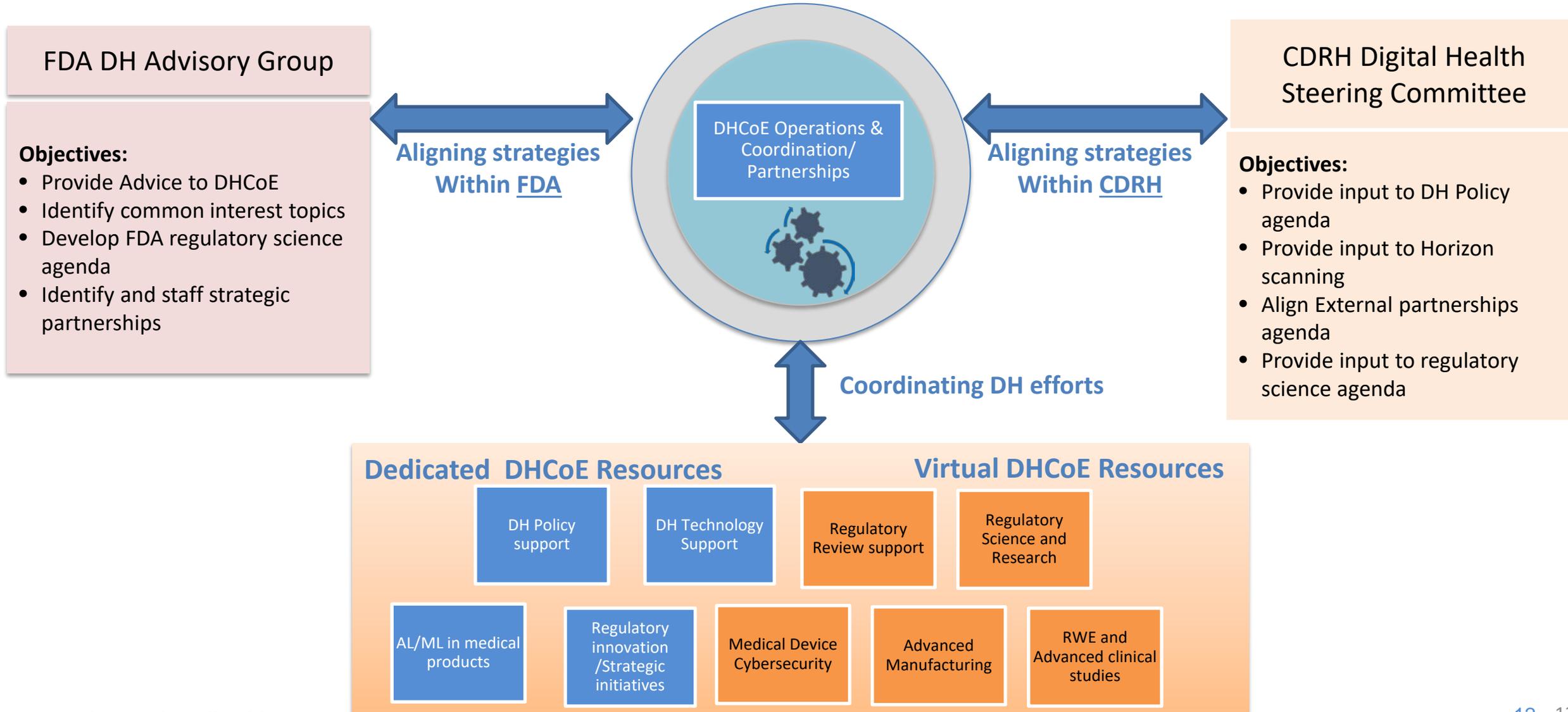
## Advanced Manufacturing

- Case for Quality (Software in Manufacturing)
- Software used to manufacture medical device
- Digital Twin
- Clearinghouse

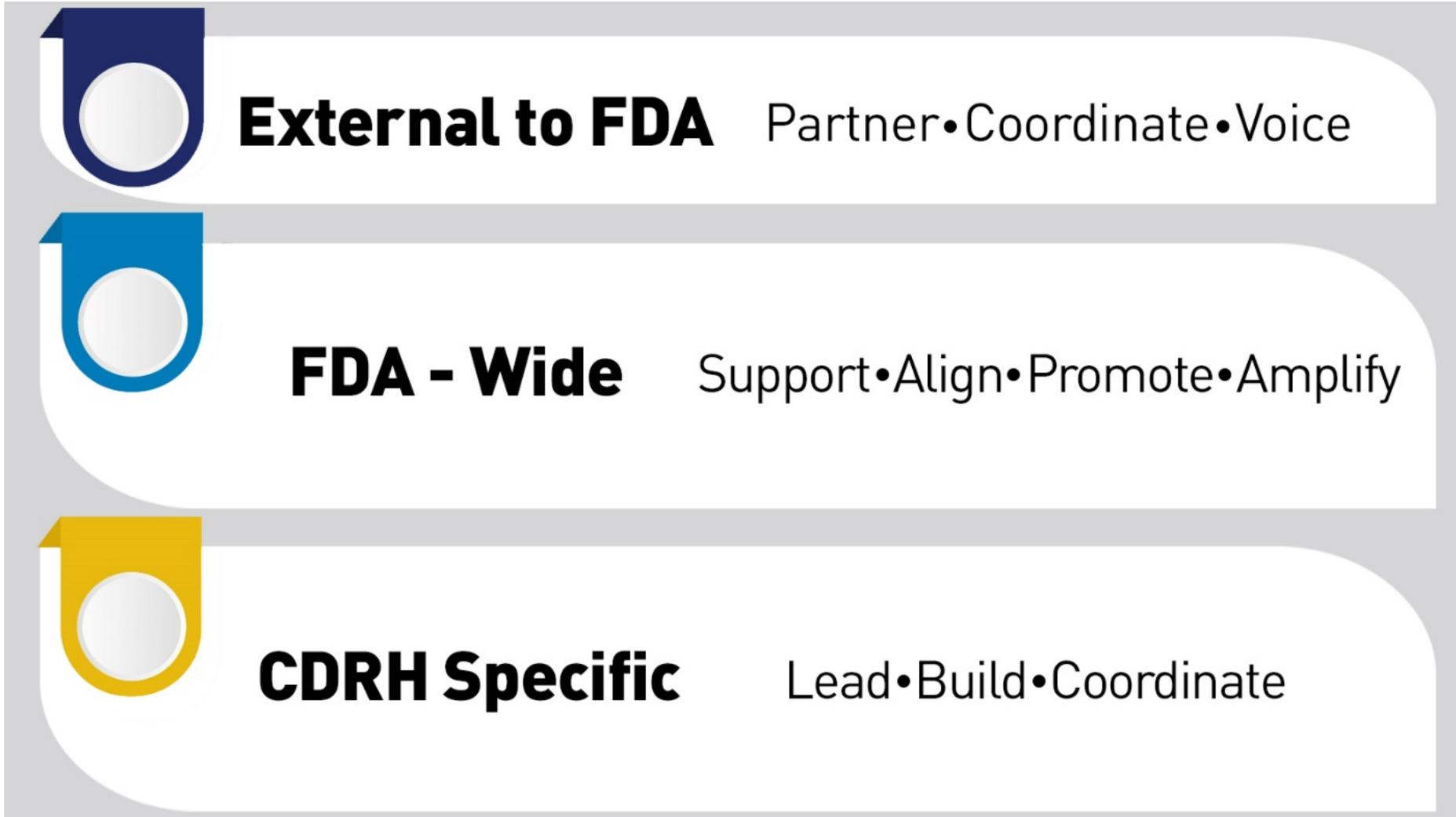
## Advanced clinical studies and RWE

- In silico modeling
- Use of RWE in DH devices
- RWE from digital health technology

# Concept of Operations



# Digital Health Center of Excellence Services



# Digital Health Center of Excellence Services



## **CDRH Specific**

Lead•Build•Coordinate

- ✓ Set and lead strategic direction in digital health
- ✓ Launch strategic initiatives
- ✓ Establish and promote best practices
- ✓ Enable efficient, transparent, and predictable product review with consistent evaluation quality
- ✓ Build new capacity to oversee and leverage DH technologies
- ✓ Create more shared resources
- ✓ Coordinate the development of cross cutting DH policies

# Digital Health Center of Excellence Services



## **FDA - Wide**

Support•Align•Promote•Amplify

- ✓ Provide scientific expertise across the Agency
- ✓ Offer training opportunities for FDA staff
- ✓ Disseminate shared resources
- ✓ Foster collaboration across FDA in common interest areas
- ✓ Facilitate synergies in regulatory science research in digital health
- ✓ Leverage, share, and avoid duplication of work
- ✓ Promote and showcase existing work at the Centers

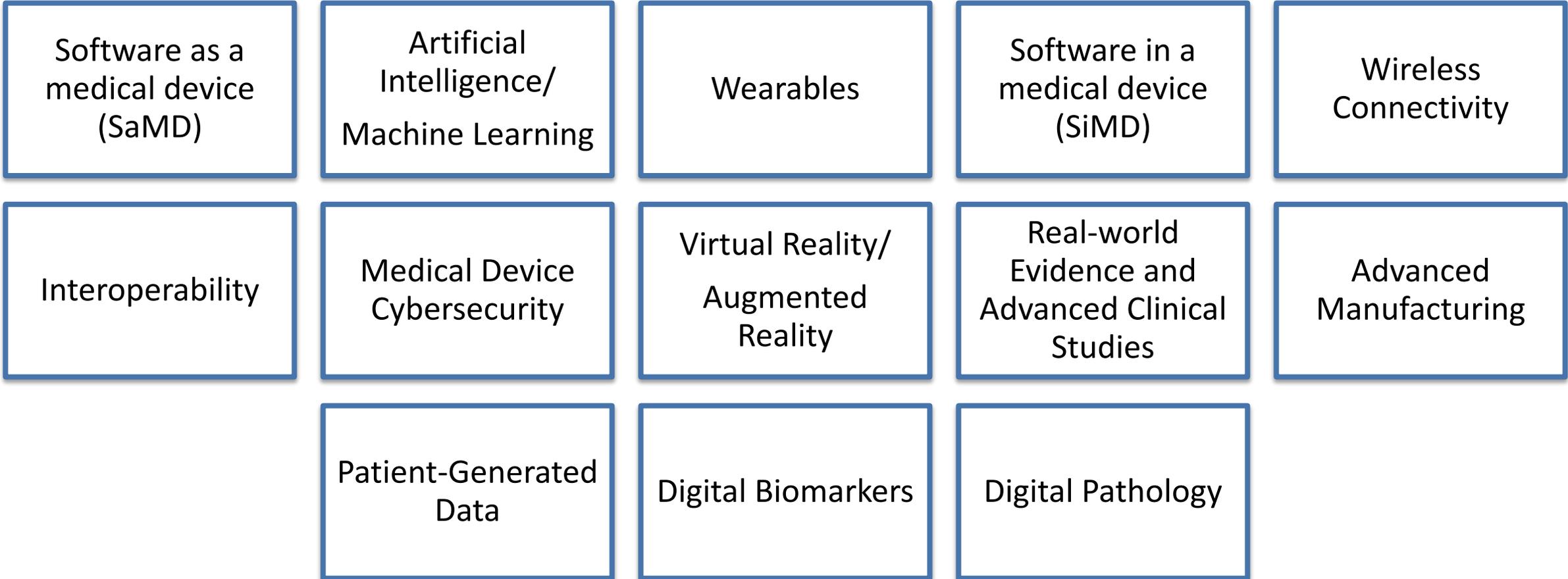
# Digital Health Center of Excellence Services



## **External to FDA** Partner•Coordinate•Voice

- ✓ Provide clarity on regulation
- ✓ Advance international harmonization on device regulatory policy
- ✓ Facilitate and build strategic partnerships
- ✓ Communicate FDA research interests
- ✓ Advance digital health device international standards

# Current Areas of Focus



# Digital Health Center of Excellence Roadmap



Following is our roadmap for bringing the benefits of digital health to all Americans, efficiently and collaboratively:

## Raise Awareness and Engage Stakeholders

### Phase I: Communication

*Fall 2020*

- Stakeholder Listening Sessions
- Update and develop resources for FDA staff
- Begin operationalizing the DHCoE and outcome measurement
- Amplify current work being done at FDA in digital health

## Build Partnerships

### Phase II: Coordinate

*Fall and Winter 2020*

- Build strategic partnerships for policy, regulatory science, and fellowships
- Develop resources for external stakeholders
- Create a digital health community of practice
- Assemble FDA and CDRH advisory groups

## Build and Sustain Capacity

### Phase III: Amplify

*Winter 2021 onwards*

- Continued strategic partnership building and communication
- Update and implement regulatory framework for digital health
- Harmonization with other regulators



# Further Questions or Feedback

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