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FDA Drug Topics:

An Overview of the Oncology Expanded Access Program



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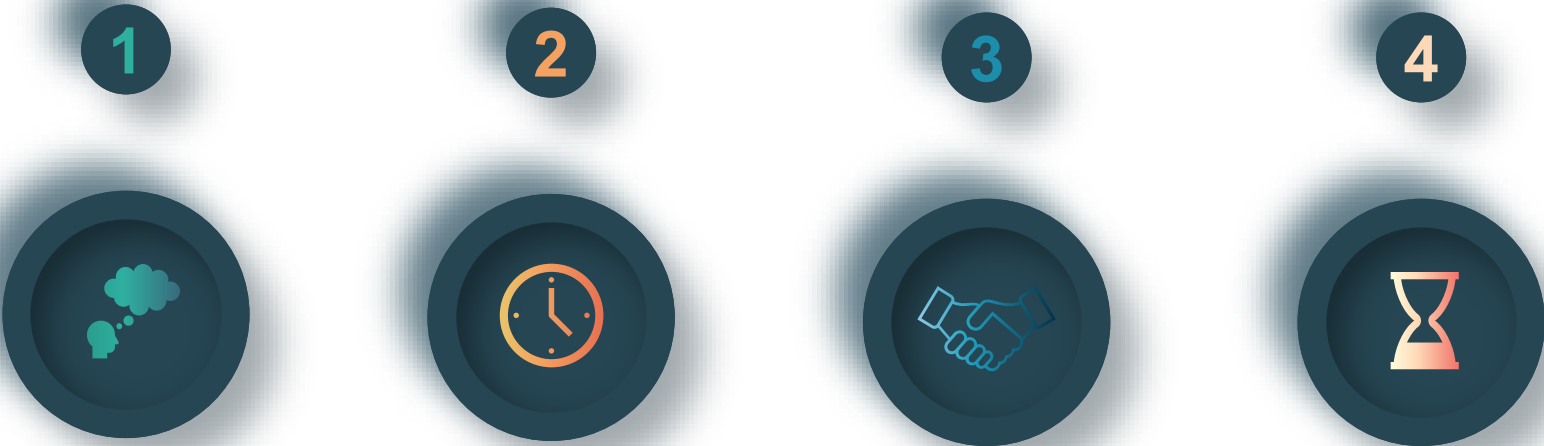
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Learning Objectives

1. Define expanded access and the key requirements for an expanded access request for an individual patient.
2. Summarize the key responsibilities of the oncology healthcare professional when considering expanded access for a patient.
3. Identify resources available to healthcare professionals considering submission of an oncology expanded access request for an individual patient.
4. Describe how Project Facilitate is a resource to navigate the oncology Expanded Access pathway

Misconceptions



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Misconceptions



1

Myth: I'm not an investigator so FDA will never approve our request for expanded access.

Fact: *An oncologist does not have to be a researcher or belong to a research institution to utilize expanded access.*

Misconceptions

2

Myth: Expanded Access (EA) is inaccessible because the oncologist I work with is too busy to do the paperwork and we don't have a regulatory office

Fact: *Project Facilitate (PF) works with any regulatory or healthcare professional through the process, helps you with filling out forms, and walks you through the EA process*



Misconceptions

3



Myth: Most drug companies don't participate in EA

Fact: *Many drug companies participate in EA and are required to make a policy regarding expanded access readily available.*

Misconceptions

4

Myth: It takes too long to get the FDA to grant my request



Fact: *Review times are very fast for CDER oncology products that Project Facilitate reviews. A “granted” letter is usually sent within one day for both emergency and non-emergency requests*



EA
SPI
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SPI



What is Expanded Access?



- Use of an investigational medical product to **treat a patient** with a serious disease or condition who does not have comparable or satisfactory alternative therapies to treat the disease or condition
- Contrast with investigational medical product in a clinical trial where the **primary intent is research**
 - systematic collection of data with the intent to analyze it to learn about the investigational medical product

Access to Treatments

Approved Drugs

- Studied and characterized
- Labeled
- Broadest availability
- Reimbursement is by 3rd party

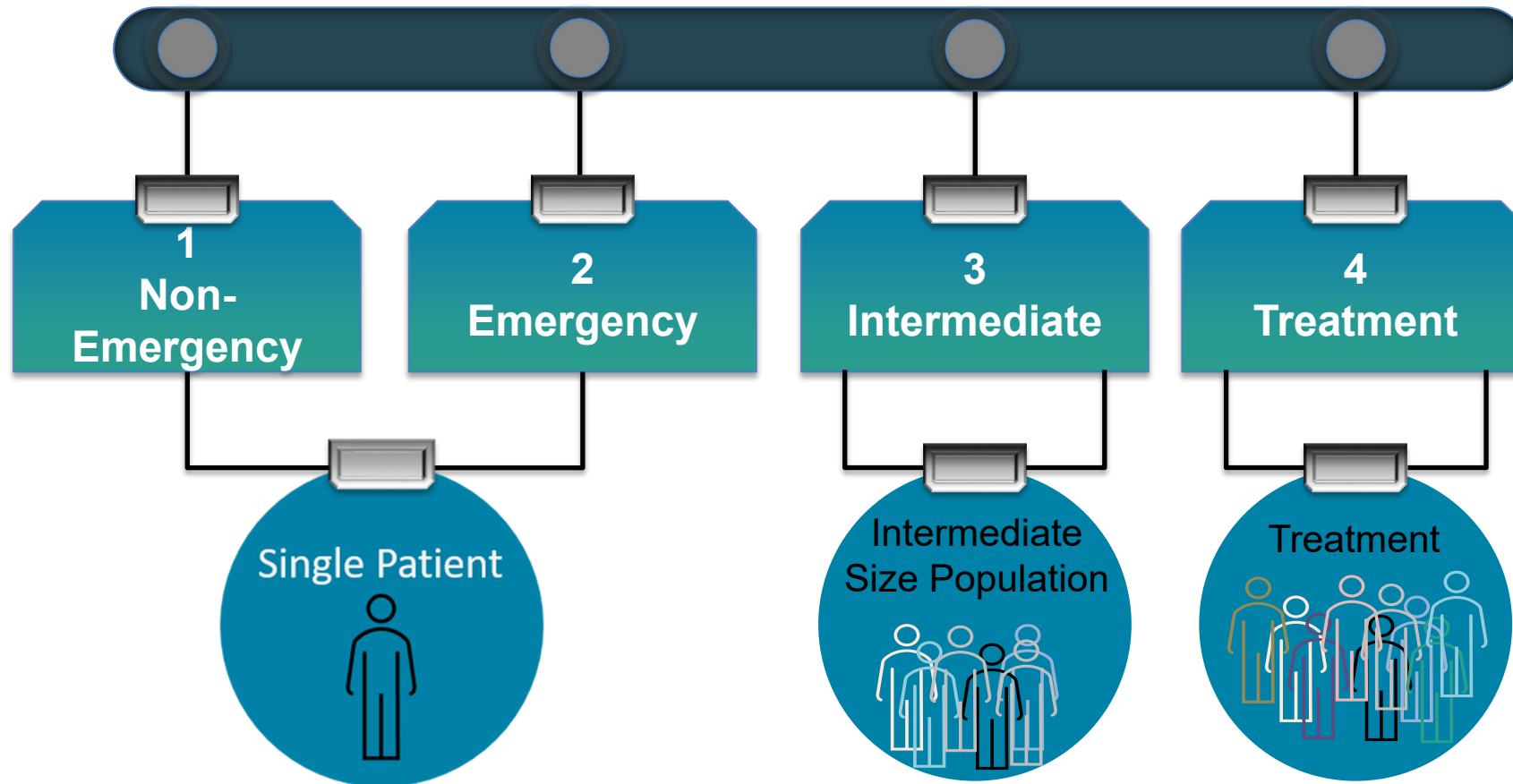
Clinical Trials

- Goal is research
- Provide necessary data to determine safety and effectiveness
- Most efficient path to market and broad availability
- <https://clinicaltrials.gov>

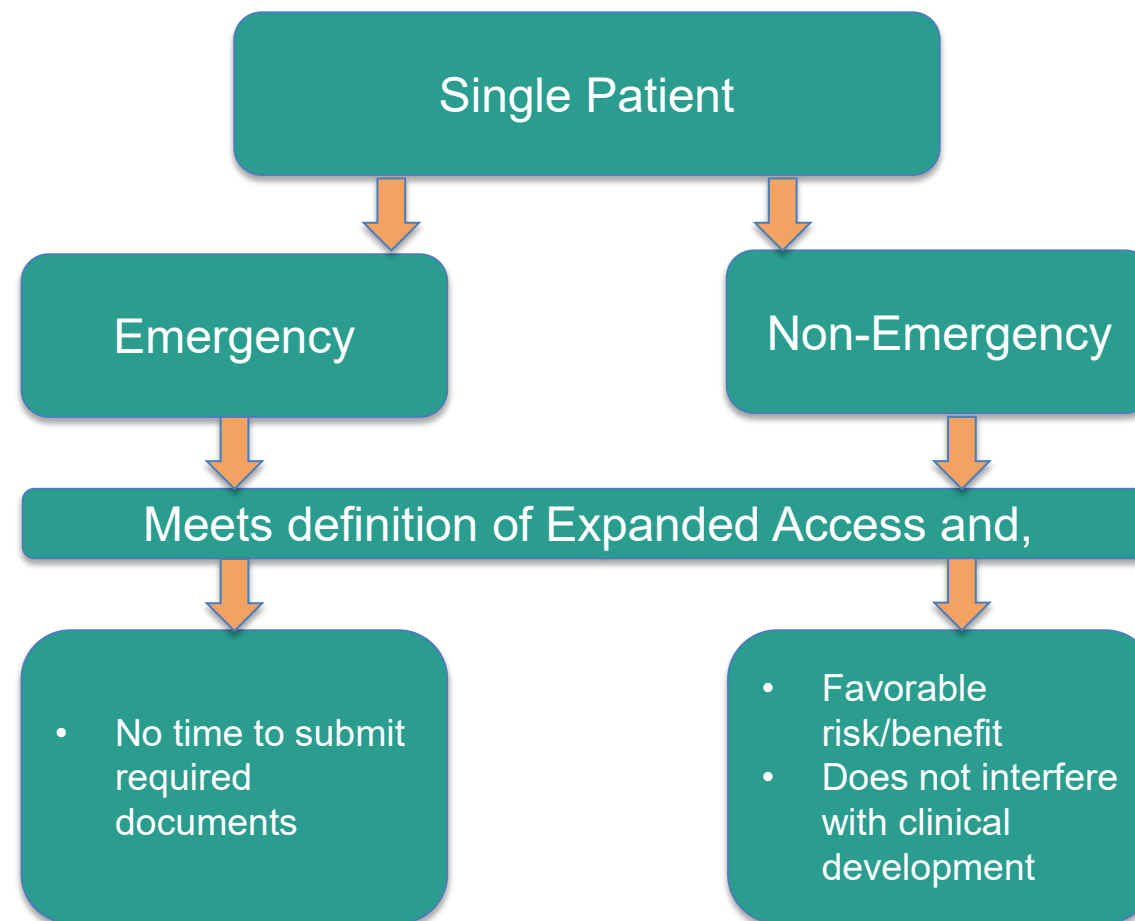
Expanded Access

- Goal is access to treatment
- Represents opportunity when other options are exhausted
- <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/public-health-focus/expanded-access>

Expanded Access Program



Types of Applications



Eligibility criteria

Immediate
life-threatening or
serious disease/
condition



Not eligible or
cannot access a
clinical trial



Exhausted all other
treatment options



21 CFR 312.305

Human Subject Protection

- Apply to all expanded access requests
- Products under expanded access are investigational drugs, and are subject the following requirements:
 - Protection of human subjects (informed consent)
 - Institutional Review Boards (IRB)
 - With single patient IND requests, a chairperson or designated IRB member can authorize (no need for a full IRB convening)
 - Clinical holds based on safety
 - Reporting requirements (adverse event reports, annual reports)



Physician Responsibilities



- Agrees to oversee the patient's treatment
- Works with industry (e.g., medical product developer)
- Files paperwork with FDA and IRB
- Responsible for patient care and reporting

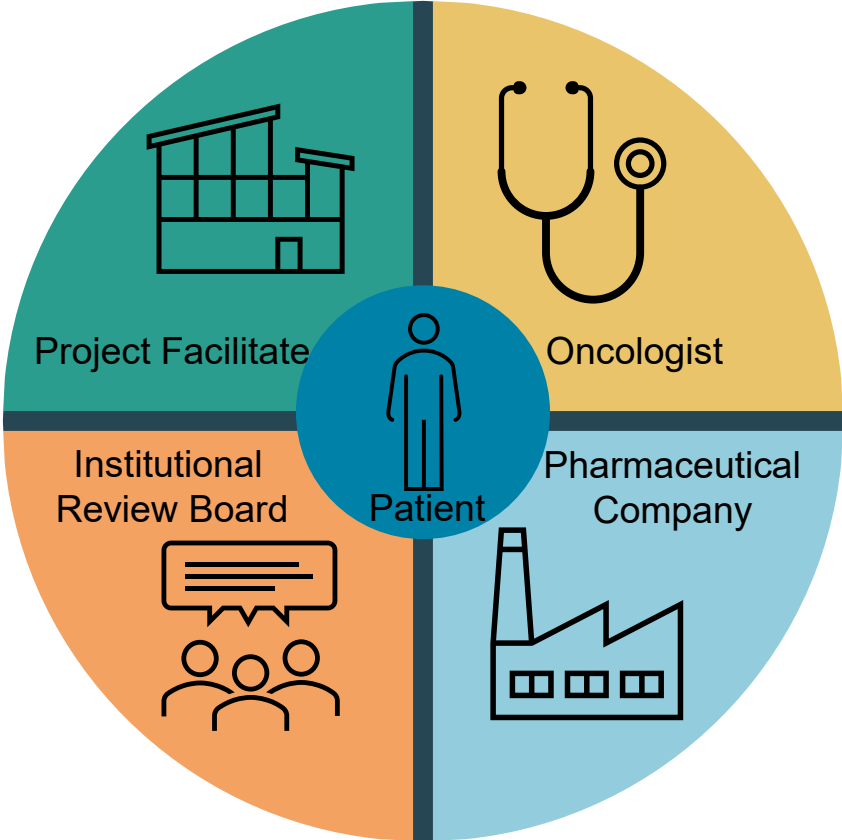
Considerations

- Unknown risks associated with access to investigational products for which there is limited information about safety and effectiveness
 - Some patients may benefit
 - Some patients may experience no effect
 - Some patients may have serious adverse events
- FDA considers:
 - Potential harm to patient
 - Need to exhaust all existing approved therapies
 - Scientific likelihood of an efficacious response

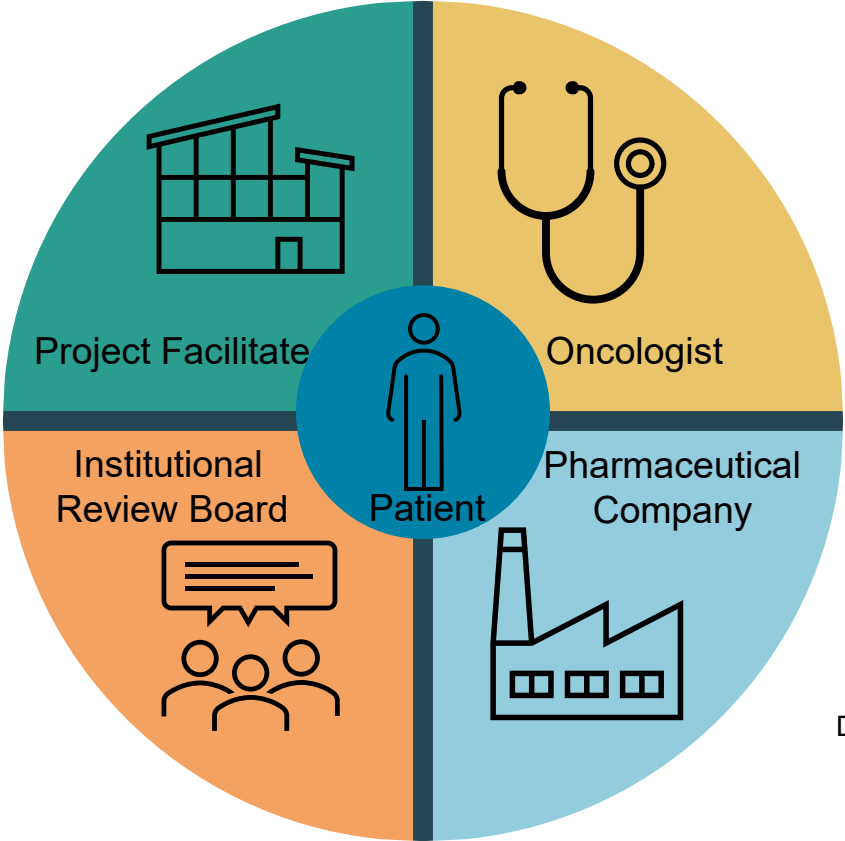


Potential Benefits

- **Access** for oncology patients with serious or life-threatening diseases who have no other alternatives, and are willing to accept greater risk
- **Patient autonomy** over their health care decision
- **Bridge the gap** between the latter stages of product development and approval by making a drug widely available during that period
- **May provide data** to support development



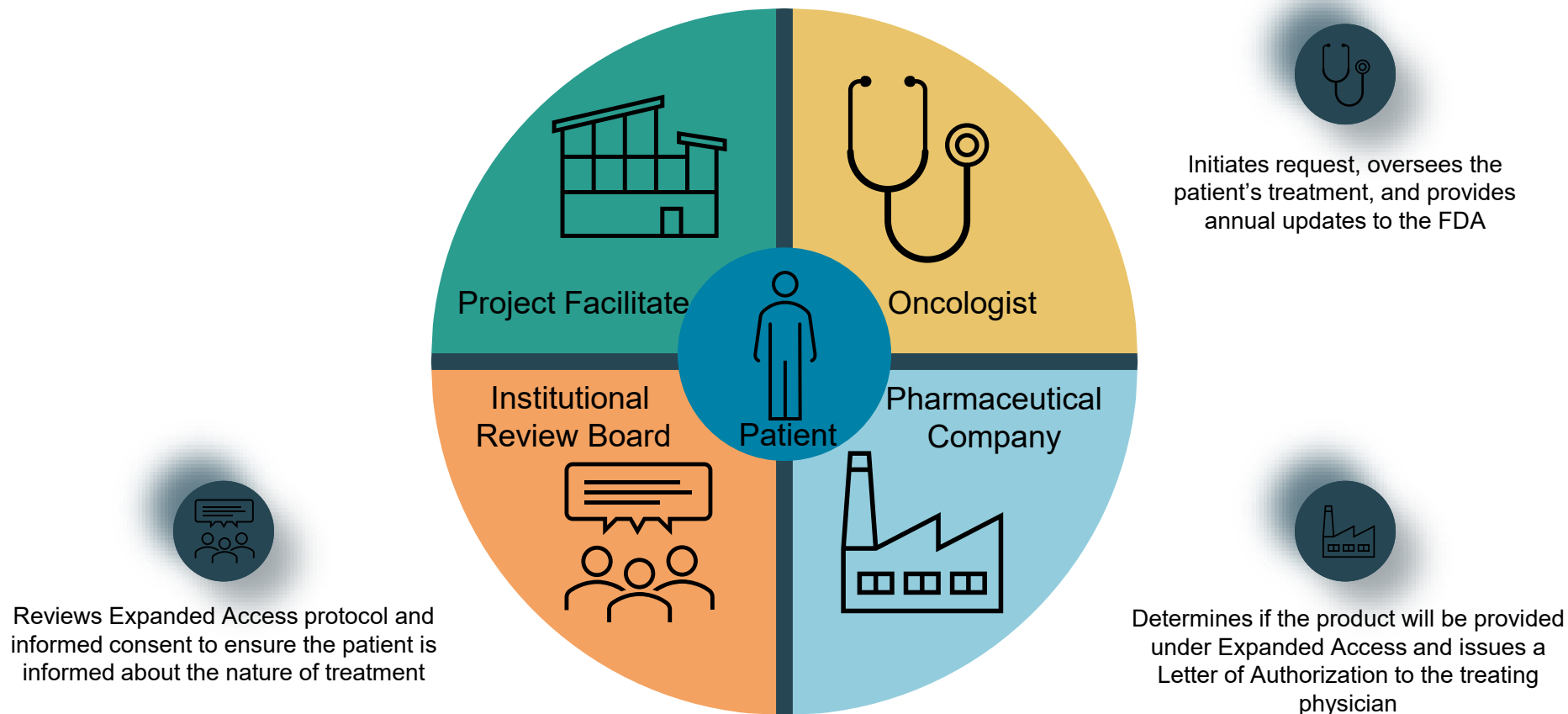
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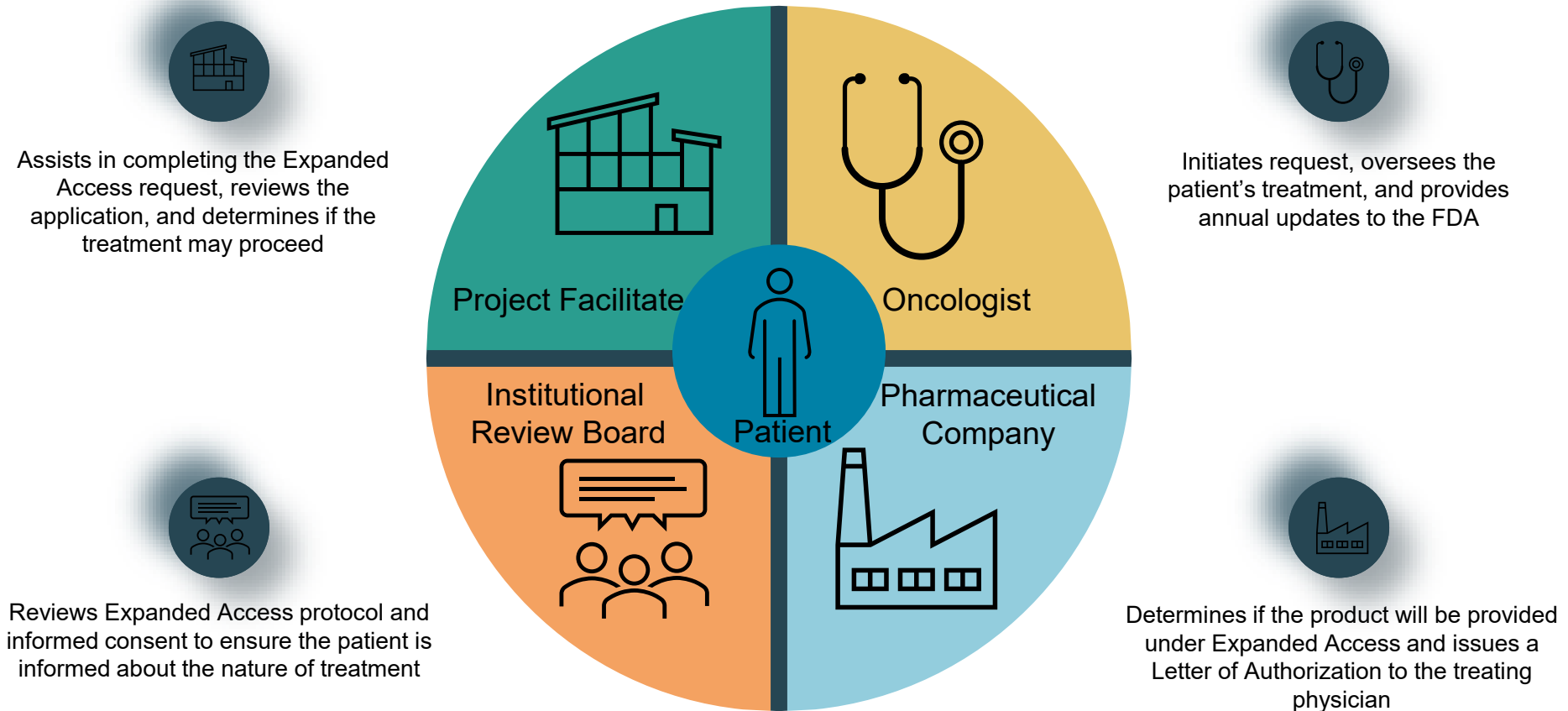


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Determines if the product will be provided under Expanded Access and issues a Letter of Authorization to the treating physician







PROJECT
QUALITY



Project Facilitate Mission

...to promote equitable access to investigational products for patients with cancer by providing comprehensive support to oncology healthcare professionals in completing expanded access requests.

Addressing Barriers

- Collecting metrics on applications
- Recording reasons why applications are denied
- Long-term surveillance
- Patient outcomes: benefits, adverse events

- Public outreach
- Personalized presentations
- Walkthroughs
- Reducing regulatory burden



Two-Pronged Approach for Oncology

Patient awareness and information on specific programs

- *Reagan-Udall Expanded Access Navigator* website provides information on sponsors' policies and listings on ClinicalTrials.gov

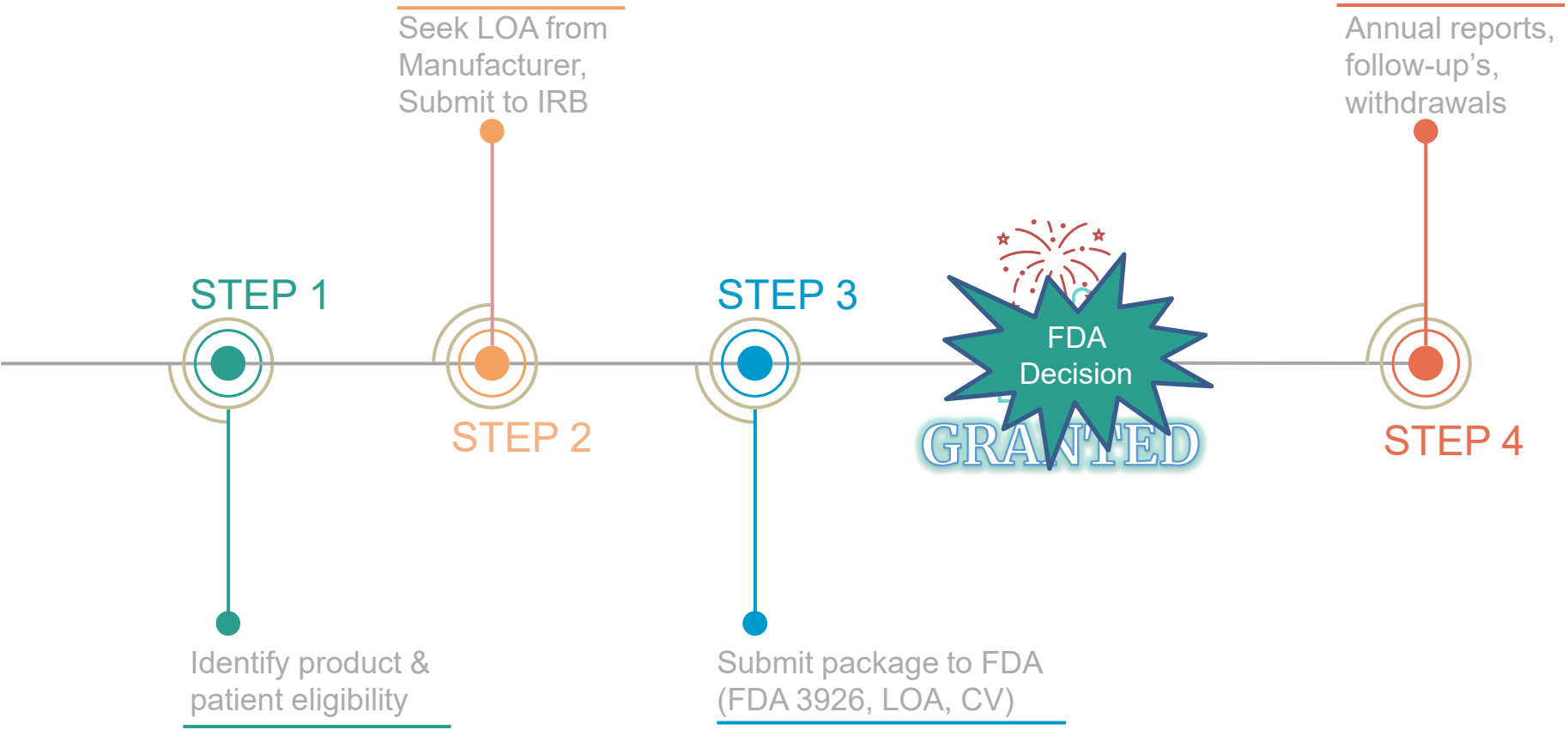
Oncology healthcare provider access

- *Oncology Center of Excellence Project Facilitate* program to provide continuous support to healthcare professionals and their teams throughout the EA process

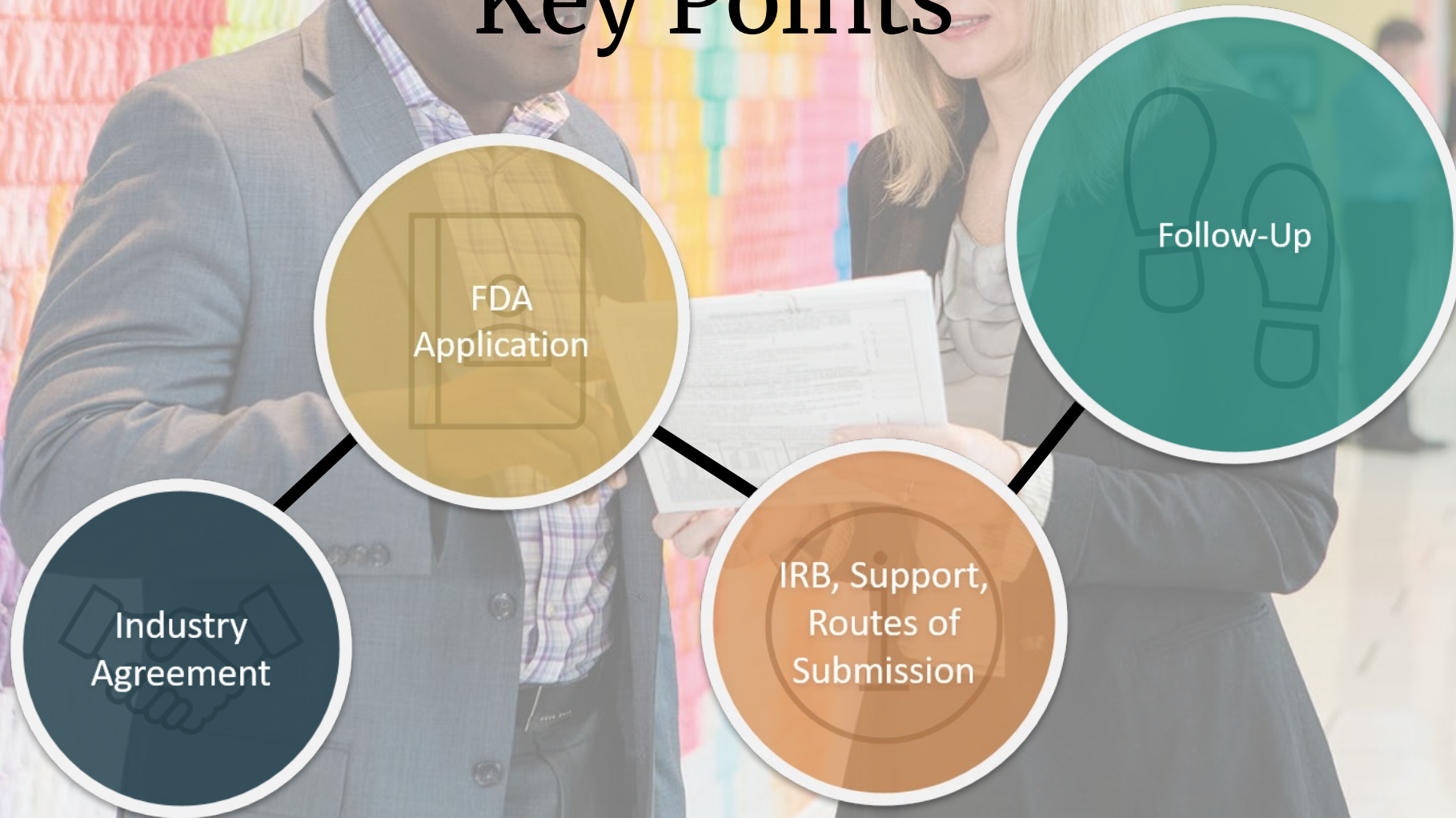
Benefits of Project Facilitate

- One point of contact for all oncology single patient and emergency requests
- Dedicated clinical staff available during business hours to support requestors via phone or email
- Additional support options to provide:
 - IRB options
 - EA contact for drug/biotech company
 - Assistance filling out Form FDA 3926, if needed
- Efficiency in processing
- Collection of metrics
- Annual report reminders/Follow up

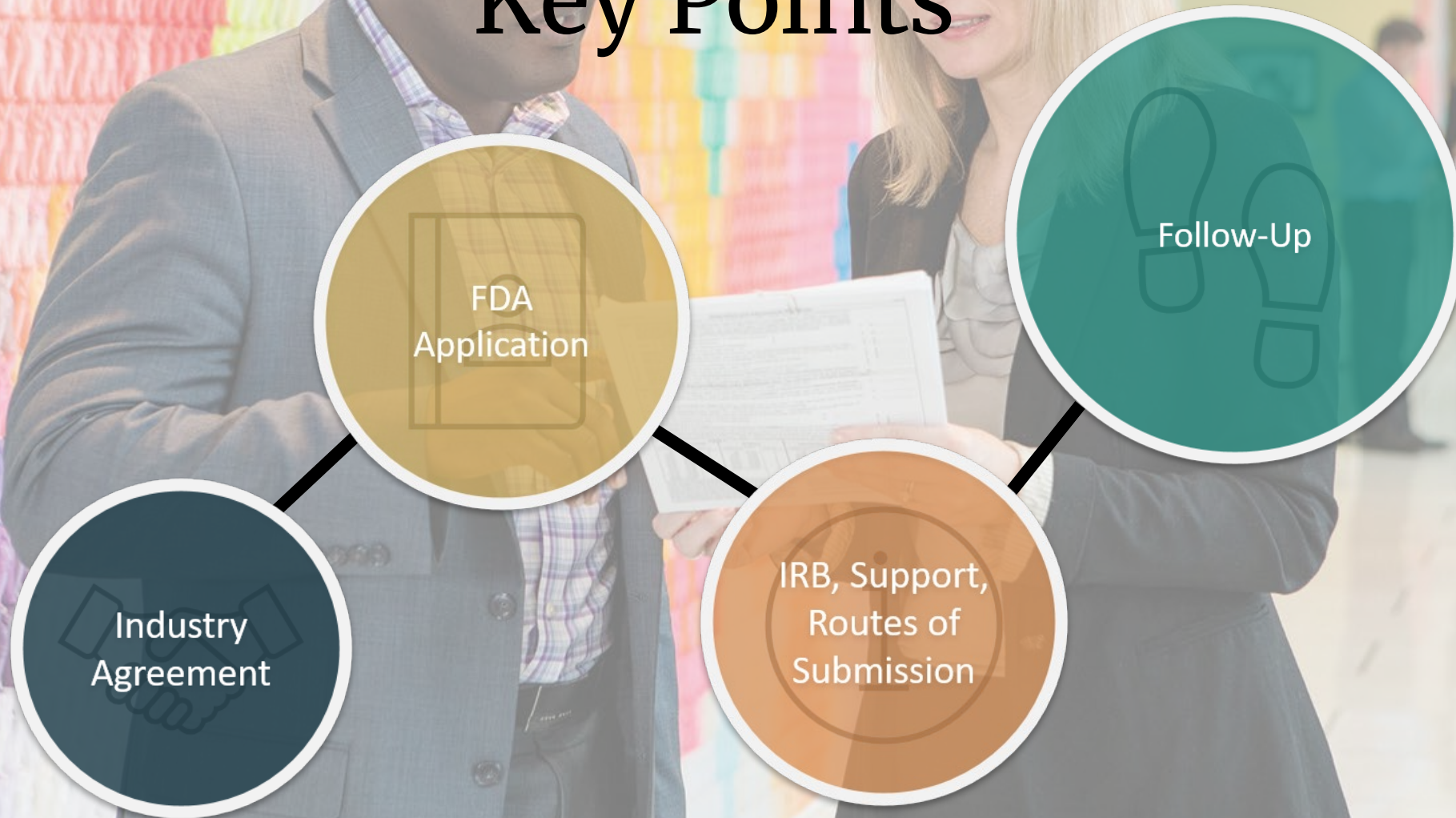




Key Points



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Industry Agreement

Contact

- Reagan Udall Foundation
- Company Directory

Agreement

- Contracts
- Letter of Agreement

Letter of Authorization

- Letter of Cross-Reference
- Specific to your patient



If the drug company denies expanded access, inform Project Facilitate on the rationale



FDA
Application

- Patient's medical and therapy history
- Treatment, monitoring and dose-modification plan
- Signed by treating physician

- Letter of Authorization

- CV or Resume of treating physician
- Can be abbreviated
- *can fill in Section 7 of the 3926

7. Physician's Qualification Statement *(Including medical school attended, year of graduation, medical specialty, state medical license number, current employment, and job title. Alternatively, attach the first few pages of physician's curriculum vitae (CV), provided they contain this information. If attaching the CV electronically, use normal PDF functions for file attachments.)*

IRB, Support, Routes of Submission

- Resources: patient and HCP
- Company directory
- Publications and resources on EA

- RUF Third Party IRBs
- Paid and unpaid options

- Email to PF
- RUF eRequest Gateway
- CDER NextGen Portal
- Paper



Submit Package to:
ONCProjectFacilitate@fda.hhs.gov

Follow-Up

Safety Reports, Amendments

- Safety Initial and Follow-Up Reporting
 - 15-day report
 - 7-day report
 - Follow-up IND Safety Report

Annual Reports

- Due every anniversary
- Summary information
- Suspected adverse events due to the inv. product

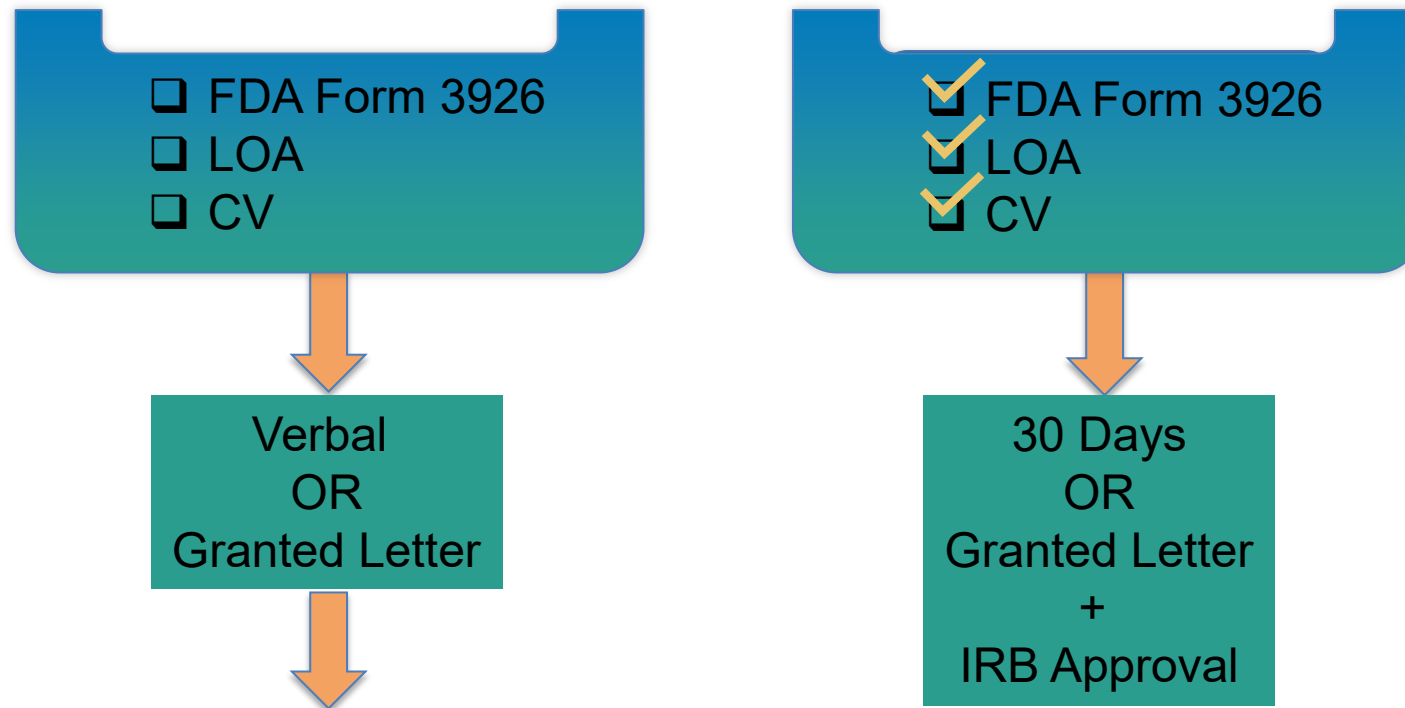
Withdrawals

- Patient no longer on investigational product



Submit follow-ups digitally or by paper. PF does not accept emailed follow-ups except for emailed safety reports

When Can Access Begin?

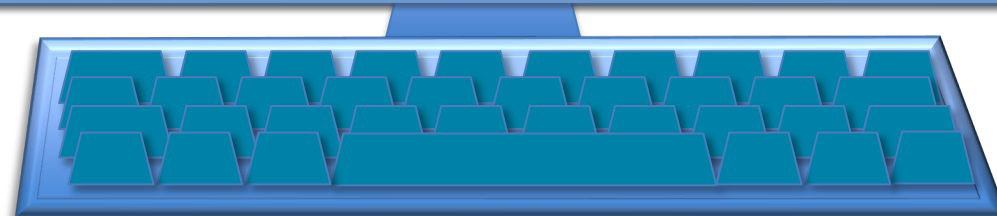


- IRB review within 5 business days of treating patient
- Submit your full application package within 15 business days of granted

Reagan-Udall Foundation: Expanded Access Navigator

Created by the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA, the EA Navigator:

- Provides clear and factual information in an online platform
- Takes users step-by-step through the process of expanded access requests
- Serves as a roadmap for single-patient expanded access requests that inform patients, physicians and companies exploring EA

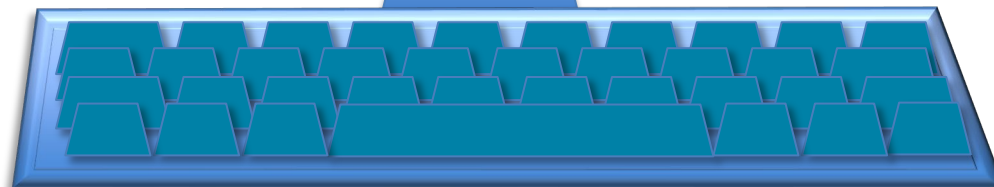


EXPANDED ACCESS NAVIGATOR

Expanded Access (EA) may be considered for patients who have exhausted their treatment options and are not eligible for, or able to participate in, a clinical trial.

EA - also known as compassionate use, named-patient use, or single-patient access - provides some patients who have serious or life-threatening diseases or conditions with access to investigational treatments not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The Reagan-Udall Foundation's Expanded Access Navigator provides physicians, patients, and caregivers with guidance on EA and related topics. Scroll down to begin using the Navigator.

- Features portals for providers, patients/caregivers and companies
- Explains role of FDA in expanded access and importance of reporting requirements
- Connects providers, patients and caregivers to investigational therapies
- Supplements Project Facilitate
- Allows companies to demonstrate compliance with laws mandating public expanded access policies
- Promotes greater patient equity





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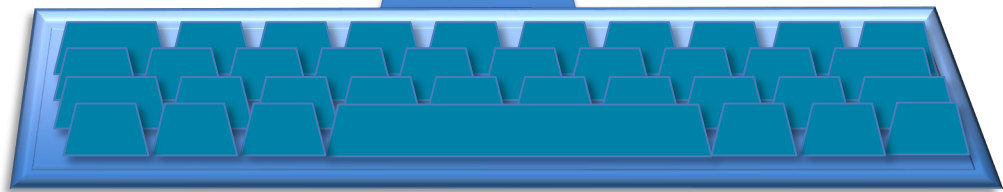
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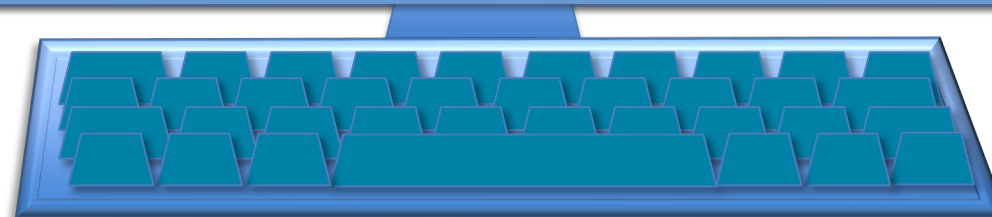
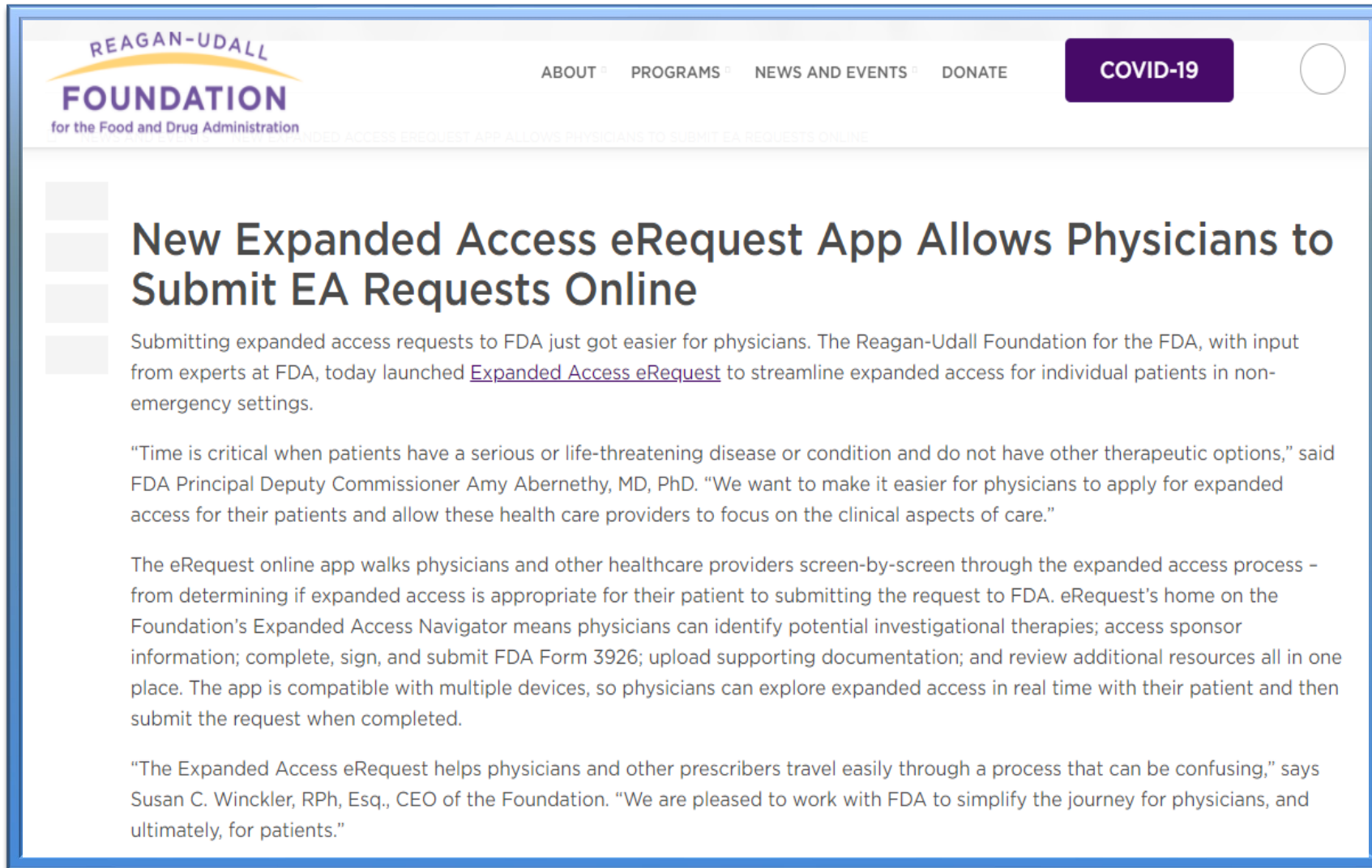
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| EA Webpage Clinicaltrials.gov | AbbviePAA@abbvie.com | 2 business days |
| Expanded Access Listings | | |
| Achillion Pharmaceuticals | | |
| EA Webpage Clinicaltrials.gov | (215) 709-3040 globalmedicalaffairs@achillion.com | N/A |





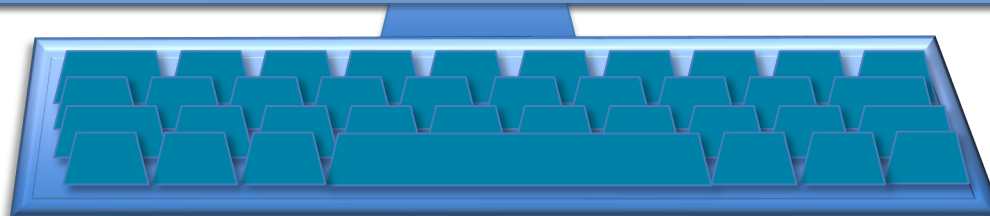
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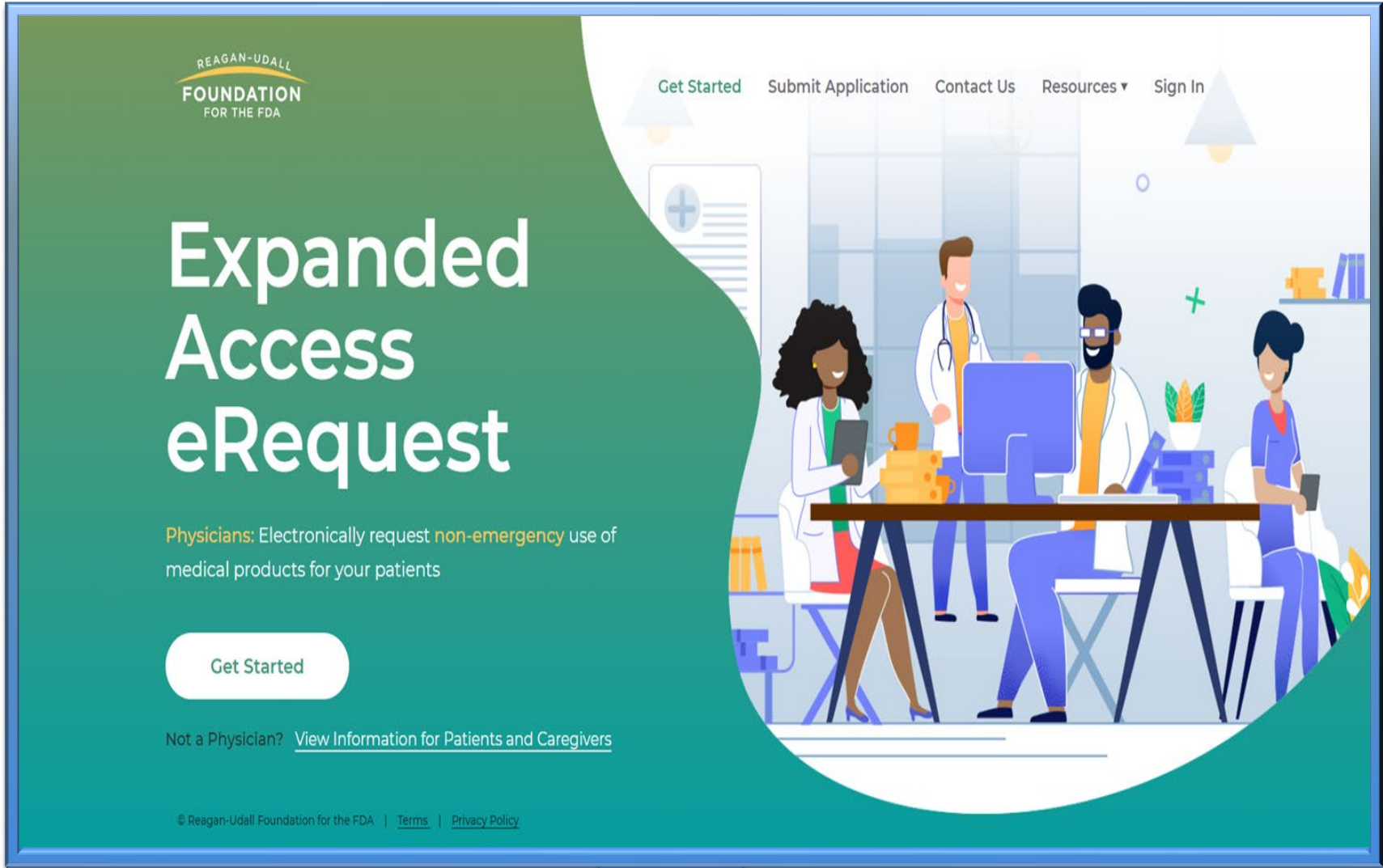
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Select the step-by-step guide best matching your needs.

- For Patients and Caregivers
- For Physicians and Healthcare Providers
- For Companies and Sponsors





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Expanded Access eRequest

Physicians: Electronically request **non-emergency** use of medical products for your patients

[Get Started](#)

Not a Physician? [View Information for Patients and Caregivers](#)

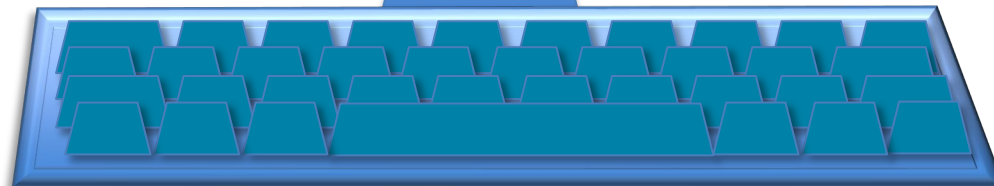
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Expanded Access Resources

- Patients and Non-Oncology Healthcare Professionals
 - Reagan Udall Foundation
 - Website: <https://reaganudall.org/>
 - FDA Division of Drug Information (DDI)
 - Website: <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/expanded-access/fdas-expanded-access-contact-information>
 - (855) 543-DRUG or druginfo@fda.hhs.gov
- Oncology Healthcare Professionals
 - Project Facilitate
 - Website: <https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/oncology-center-excellence/project-facilitate>
 - (240) 402-0004 or ONCProjectFacilitate@fda.hhs.gov
 - Reagan Udall Foundation
 - EA Navigator: <https://navigator.reaganudall.org/expanded-access-navigator>



2023: A Year in Review

Date: January 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023

Comprehensive Program

- Call Center
- Review and manage applications
- Full-time clinical staff
- Outreach
- Publications
- Research
- Policy



Total Calls: 338



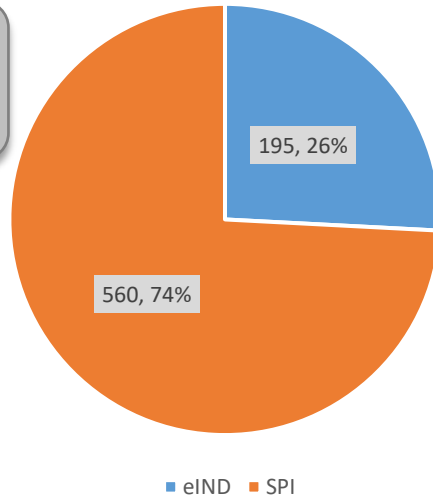
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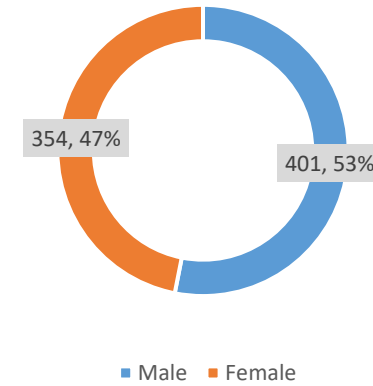
Total Emails: 9646

Applications by eIND/SPI
(1/1/2023 - 10/31/2023)

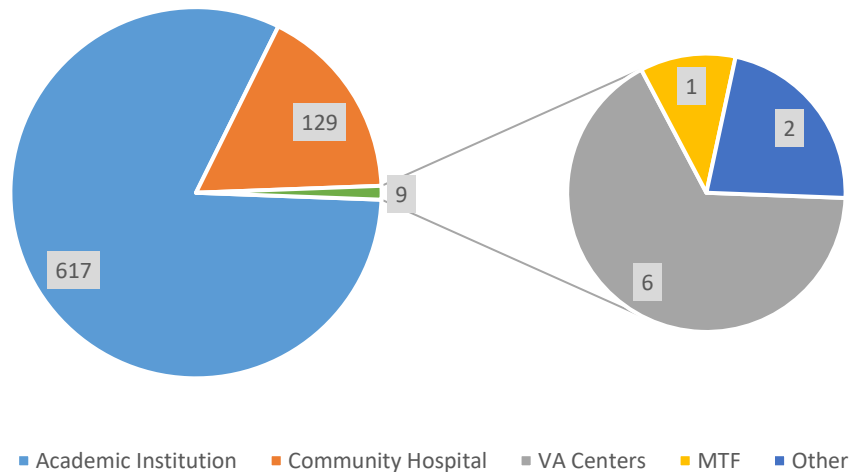
**Total
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Applications by Gender
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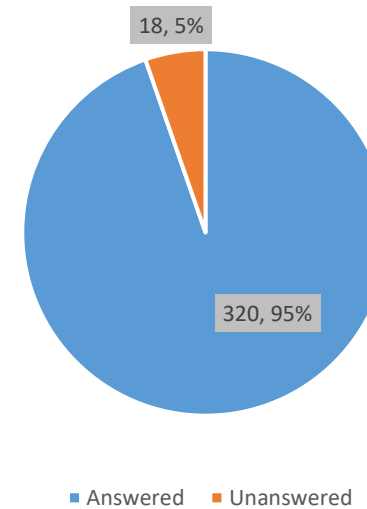


Applications by Institution/Sponsorship Type
(1/1/2023 - 10/31/2023)



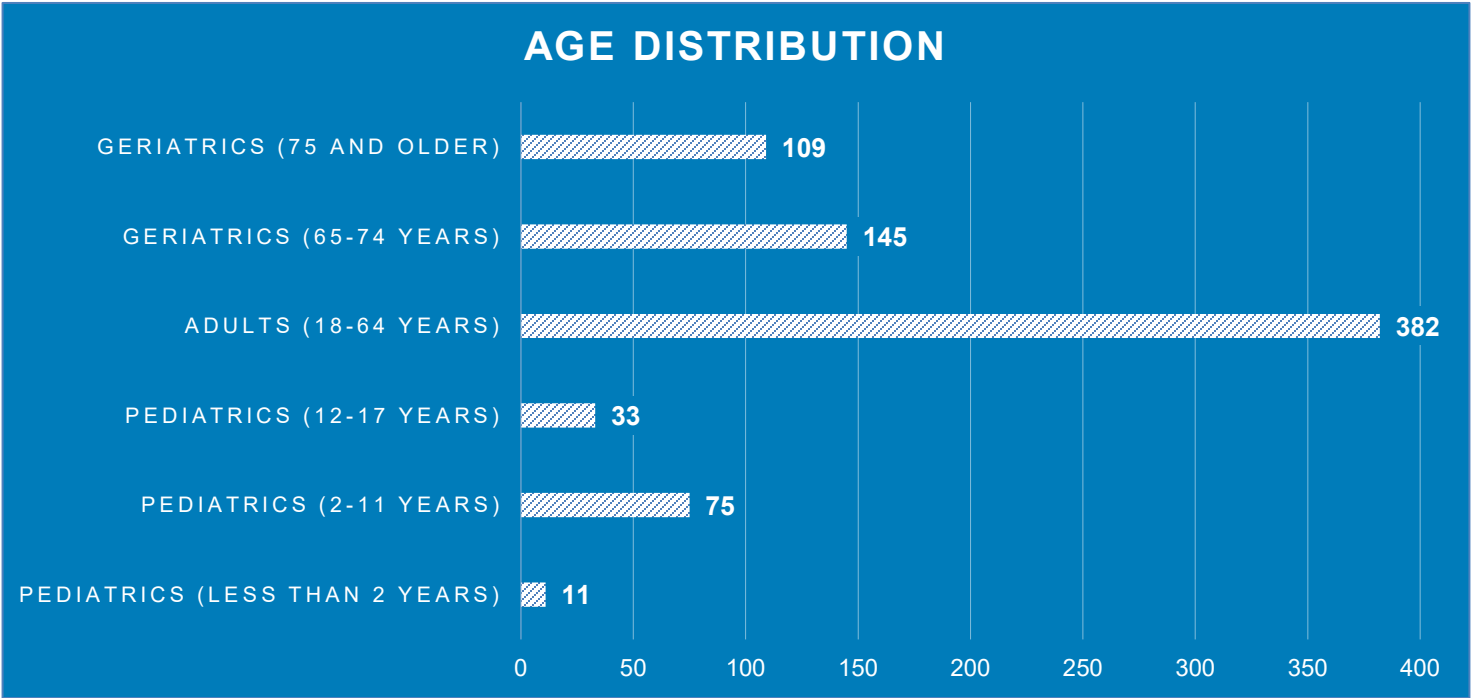
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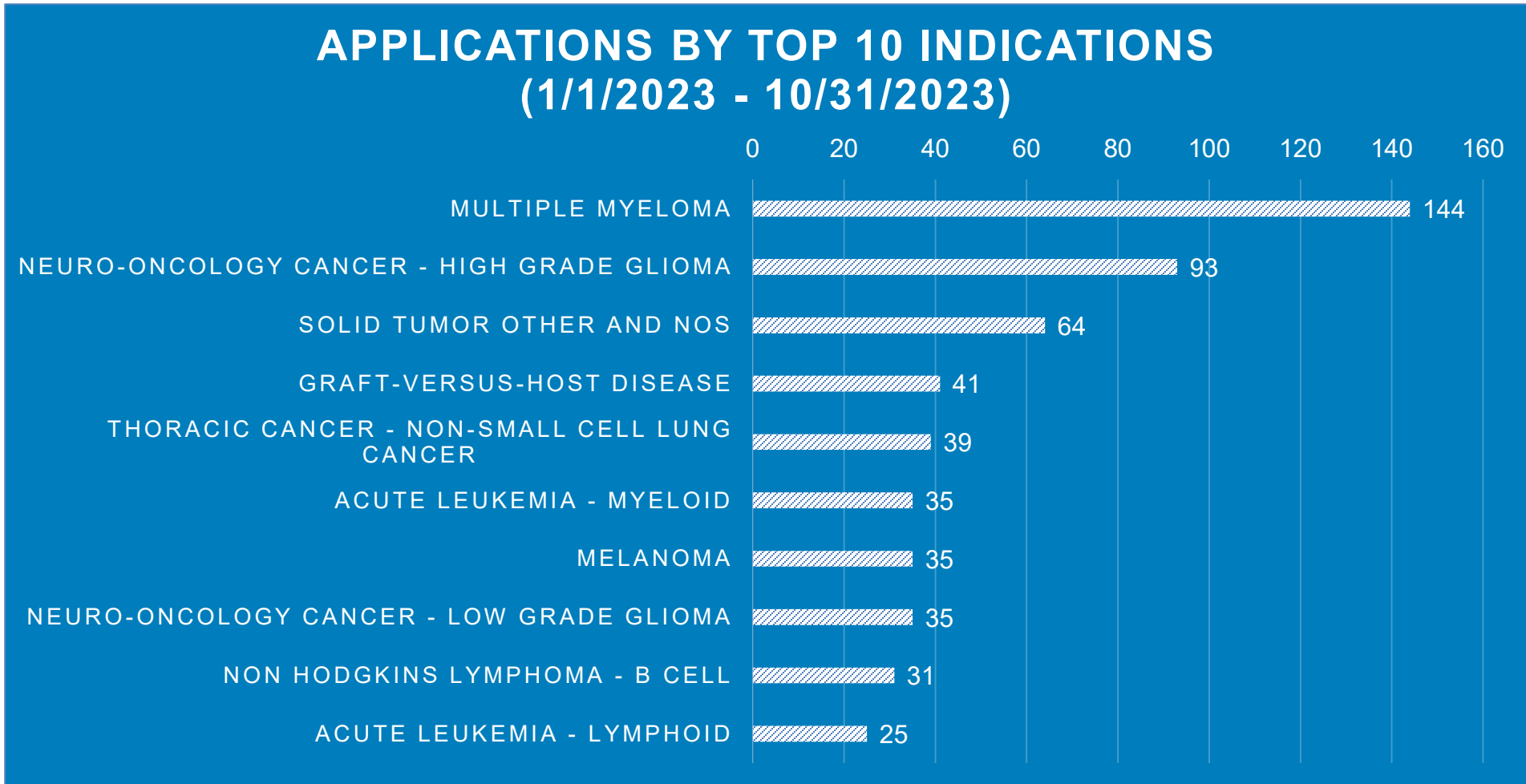


A Year in Review

- Total applications: 755
- Total pediatric applications: 119 (15.8%)



Top 10 Indications



Useful Resources

- FDA Project Facilitate Website: <https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/oncology-center-excellence/project-facilitate>
- FDA Expanded Access Site: <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/public-health-focus/expanded-access>
- Reagan-Udall Foundation EA Navigator: <https://navigator.reaganudall.org/expanded-access-navigator>
- eRequest: <https://erequest.navigators.reaganudall.org>
- Form 3926: <https://www.fda.gov/media/98616/download>
- Instructions for 3926: <https://www.fda.gov/media/98627/download>
- FDA Drug Info Rounds Expanded Access Video Series: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/information-healthcare-professionals-drugs/fda-drug-info-rounds-expanded-access-video-series>



Project Facilitate

Assisting healthcare providers with requests for access to investigational oncology products

DO YOU NEED HELP SUBMITTING A SINGLE PATIENT IND EXPANDED ACCESS (EA) REQUEST (ALSO KNOWN AS COMPASSIONATE USE) FOR A PATIENT WITH CANCER?

...FDA's Oncology Center of Excellence (OCE) can help:

- Locate IRB resources
- Find an EA contact for a drug/biotech company
- Complete Form FDA 3926



8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Eastern Time (M-F)

Phone: (240) 402-0004

Email: OncProjectFacilitate@fda.hhs.gov

www.fda.gov/oce

Patients: Talk to your healthcare provider to discuss whether expanded access is an appropriate option.

After Hours Emergency Requests: Contact FDA's Emergency Call Center at (866) 300-4374

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