



Is the Orphan Regulation addressing patient needs?

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Is the Regulation Addressing Patients' Needs?

- Is the implementation of the Regulation only driven by patients' needs?
- Can the Regulation do better to address patients' needs?



Doing better in the next 5 years

- **A 5 year programme on Orphan Drug at EMA-COMP at the cross-road of:**
 - The Orphan Regulation & COMP mandate
 - The EMA's Road Map to 2015
- **Stronger interactions:**
 - EU Policy & Commission & EU CERD
 - Dialogue with Stakeholders
 - International collaboration & FDA



Facilitating Access to Orphan Drugs

- **Bridging the gap between the EU centralised procedure for ODD & MA and the national decision making-process to assess the drug value at the time of pricing & reimbursement: the Clinical Added Value of Orphan Drugs – CAVOD – and EMA-COMP**
- **Pay for value of medicines based on knowledge: conditional pricing & other innovative pricing approaches**
- **Better value for money: Benefit Management Plan, Effectiveness & Relative Effectiveness**



Addressing Unmet Needs of Rare Disease Patients

- **Gaps in orphan drug development / reasons for discontinuation between ODD & MA**
- **Some rare disease therapies are not taking the route of orphan designation**
- **Situation of off-label use of medicines in rare indications**
- **Impact of off-patent for rare diseases**
- **5 000 rare diseases for which there are no treatments, no orphan drug**
- **New paradigme: continuing dialogue with sponsors + working from drivers**



Looking beyond the current regulation...

- Do we need to revise the EU Orphan Regulation?
- Do we need a new EU regulation to further and better address rare disease patient needs?
- Can we work in parallel between the EU and USA?
- To make it work better now!

