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Non-Imposed PASS Protocols

A new option with Scientific Advice



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Overview

- High level view of proposal and rationale
- Scientific advice working party - overview
- Next steps



New approach

- Opening requests for EMA scientific advice to protocols for non-imposed Post Authorisation Safety Studies (PASS)
- Building in PRAC review in the process

Imposed PASS protocols – respect formal procedures under articles 107n–q Dir 2001/83/EC as amended



Added value of scientific advice approach

- Will have strong PRAC–SAWP interaction
- **Benefits / opportunities / strategic interest**
 - Lifecycle approach
 - Integration of Safety, Quality, Efficacy and Pharmacovigilance planning
 - Optimise product development
 - Bridge observational/non-observational studies



Added value of scientific advice approach

- Will facilitate potential **efficiency gains** across the system whilst maintaining adequate oversight
- More **intensive interaction** with the MAH (within the procedure) than what happens at PRAC
- Allows additional **experts, Follow up advices**
- **Early and/or late** protocol development
- Pre **and/or** post-authorisation



PASS categories in focus

- Category 3: 'Required to investigate a safety concern in the RMP or to evaluate the effectiveness of risk'
- Category 4: Other studies conducted by MAH which may provide safety information but are not considered to be of significant importance in investigating a safety concern or the effectiveness of risk minimisation activities



Final protocols

- Final protocols for category 3 studies required by the PRAC will continue to be submitted to PRAC



Procedural elements

- Scientific advice is voluntary, fees levied
- Proposed procedure systematically involves PRAC for protocols submitted to Scientific Advice
- PRAC formally considers and adopts scientific advice relating to PASS
- All scientific advice documents will be available to the full PRAC.
- PRAC will be invited to comment during the procedure.

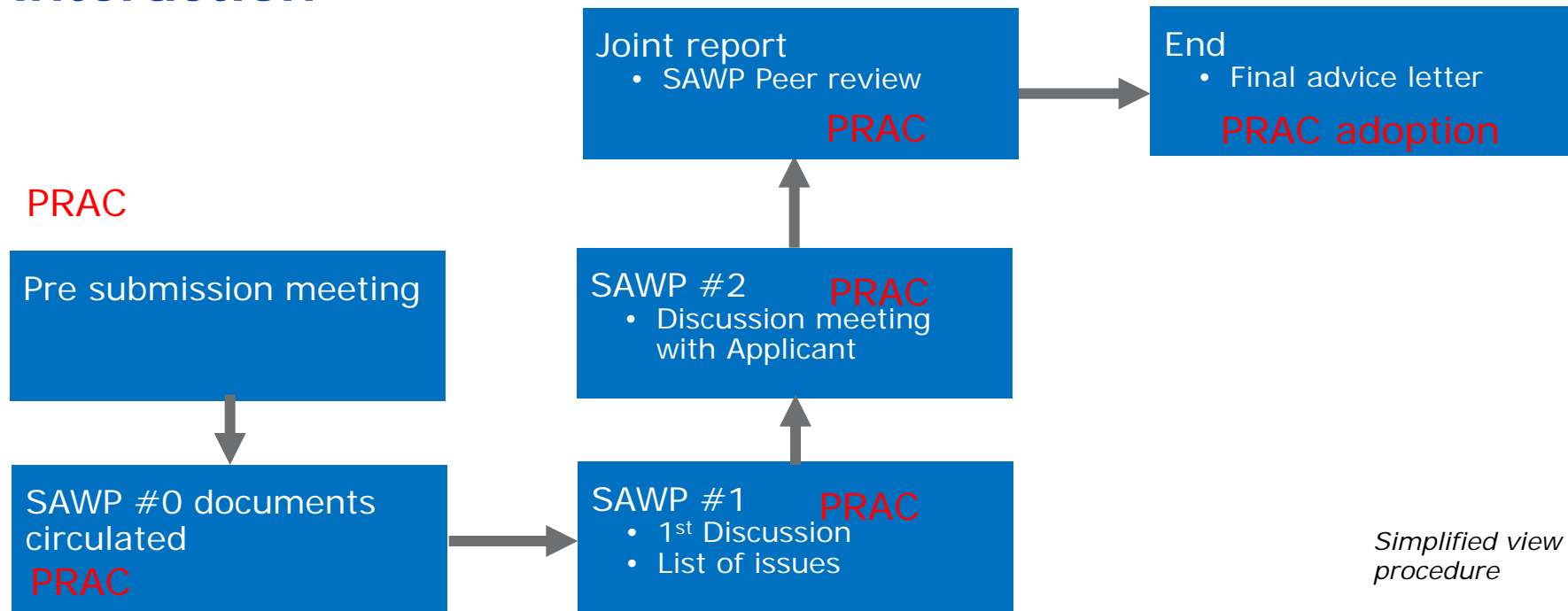


Timing

- 40 or 70 day procedures
- Briefing document + Letter of intent submitted according to published Scientific Advice deadlines
- Allows possible presubmission TC
- Lead time (Submission to start of procedure)
 - No presubmission 3 weeks
 - With presubmission 7 weeks



Presubmission and 70 day procedure with committee interaction



Simplified view of procedure



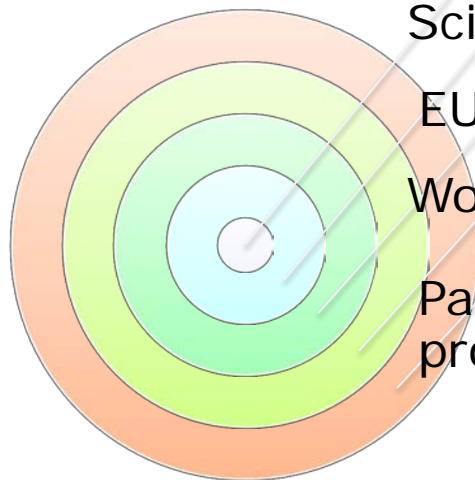
Information on SAWP

- Submission by letter of intent to scientificadvice@EMA.europa.eu with briefing document and annexes
- Published timelines
- Briefing document template
- Contact point scientificadvice@ema.europa.eu



Scientific Advice Working Party (SAWP)

NEW- 2
joint PRAC
–SAWP
members
with
pharmepi
expertise



Multidisciplinary expert group
Scientific secretariat
EU Regulatory network/experts
Working parties and Committees
Patient & health care
professional organisations
HTAs
Other regulators
Additional external experts



Pilot

1. Pilot of 12 months for the new procedure to be undertaken
2. SA PASS can be submitted Q3
3. Joint SAWP PRAC membership (based on study design expertise)
4. Procedural details to be elaborated further
5. Further communications/guidance to be made available shortly



Conclusion

New option for advice on PASS protocols

Benefits / opportunities

Strategic interest and efficiency gains



Thank you for your attention

Further information

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