Update on preparation for Signal Management

7th industry stakeholder platform – operation of EU PV legislation

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Preparing for Business process changes

- **MAH Signal validation and management process:**
  - MAHs will have the legal obligation to monitor data available in EV and to inform the Agency and NCAs about any validated signals they identify.
  - The new process for signals validated by MAHs will be designed, discussed and consulted during the 1st revision of the GVP Module IX on signal management. Other guidance documents, including training materials, will be created and provided.
  - MAHs will be granted access to the EudraVigilance Data Analysis system in order to comply with their pharmacovigilance obligations and use the signal detection and analytical reporting functions (e.g. electronic reaction monitoring report and ICSR line listings). MAHs should put in place training for their staff concerning this new tool and register their staff to have access to it.
What training will be available?

Training should be planned for MAH staff on the new business process and new IT systems 6 months prior to implementation in order to be ready once the new EudraVigilance system is implemented.

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MAH Learning Path

**Pharmacovigilance Operations**
- Introduction to training offering by the EMA
- New EV functionalities and 2010 pharmacovigilance legislation
- Implementing ISO ICSR/ICH E2B R3
- How to prepare for simplified adverse reaction reporting in the EU
- Revised EV Access policy – how does it impact on MAHs and NCAs
- Revised GVP guidelines – updates and impact
- Medical Literature Monitoring by EMA – what’s new
- Revised Signal Detection Guideline
- Revised GVP Module VI
- Revised GVP Module IX
- Pharmacovigilance Operations Support webinar

**New EudraVigilance Functionalities**
- How to register with EudraVigilance and EVDAS
- Introduction to EV system components and system functionalities
- Overview of reporting process for EV users
- EudraVigilance export manager and ICSR download
- EVDAS training for MAHs
- Medical Literature Monitoring service
- MAH’s level 1 access via EVDAS
- EVDAS Report Manual
- Webport user guide for ADR website
- EV/EVDAS Functionalities webinar

**New EudraVigilance Functionalities - IT**
- ISO ICSR standard implementation for IT system developers
- Gateway adaptations for ISO ISCR/ACK message exchange with Eudravigilance
- Instructions on how to test ICSR submissions to EV

**E-learning**
- EV Web user manual

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Concept of EV Signal Detection pilot

• The concept for pilot study (few MAHs, starting end 2016, proposed by Novartis) was discussed at the last meeting and presented to EV EWG.

• Update: timing will not allow impact on process/GVP IX update and not feasible from technical perspective to initiate changes prior to EV audit - focus needs to remain on delivery of new EV functionalities.

• Proposal: consider continuous process improvement initiative (all MAHs, starting after new process for access to EV data and signal detection/validation by MAH has started in 2017).
EV Stakeholder Testing

To provide an opportunity to EV stakeholders to use the use EV system, including EVDAS, and provide feedback, the EMA will organise stakeholder testing activities that will take place in June and July 2016. A group of NCAs and MAHs has been selected to participate through a ‘Call for volunteers’ in March 2016.

The scope of the EV stakeholder testing is to ensure on a high level that the required functionalities have been implemented and that users are able to perform their required role as originally specified in the requirements.

Testing will include:

• EV web
• EVDAS system (including eRMR for MAH)

Any feedback will be analysed by EMA and prioritised for implementation.
Scope of EV stakeholder testing (1)

Not all the ‘EudraVigilance Functionalities to be audited’ can be tested by external stakeholders, however the main functionalities part of the EV stakeholder testing are:

**EVWEB functionalities**

- Creating and sending of ICSRs, each data field will be completed to ensure that the requirements of the EU ISO ICSR implementation guide are supported
- Import of XML E2B(R2) and E2B(R3) files is correctly supported
- Export of files in different formats is supported
- Acknowledgements to ICSRs received can be created and sent
- Previous submissions by the same user/organisation can be retrieved and followed up through the WEBTRADER functionality
- Access to ICSR via EV Web search and ICSR export manager, including MLM cases only
- Re-routing of ICSRs to NCAs
Scope of EV stakeholder testing (2)

EVDAS functionalities

- This will include:
  - The enhancements to the existing EVDAS reports.
  - The new EVDAS reports
  - The eRMR for MAH
- Reports will be prioritised to focus on the key functionalities supporting signal detection, ICSR compliance monitoring and access to art.57 data.

Notes:
- eRMR for NCAs is not part of the testing as no new functionalities other than rebuilding the eRMR in the new R3 format are being implemented (same format, same columns).
- For NCAs, the additional detailed requirements collected during the user survey in July/August 2014 will be circulated to the participants to the EV stakeholder testing.
GVP module IX - revision 1

• Highlights:
  o Guidance on MAH-validated signals:
    ▪ MAH signals from EV and/or other sources to feed into general EU SM process
    ▪ Template for validated signals + central mailbox accessible to EMA and Member States
    ▪ Handling of some signals in PSURs or variations
    ▪ ‘Emerging safety issues’ for urgent safety concerns only
    ▪ Minimum requirements for access to EV case narratives
  o Frequency of EV monitoring (risk-based)
  o Clarifications on definitions and responsibilities throughout process

• EV-EWG consultation on first revised draft: 11/12/2015 – 05/02/2016

=> Contributions from EFPIA (Abbvie, Eli Lilly, GSK, Janssen, Merck KGa, MSD, Novartis, Novo Nordisk, Roche, Sanofi, Takeda) and Baxter
Main comments:

- IR terminology (e.g. confirmation) vs. e.g. CIOMS VIII
- Roles and responsibilities
- Interface between MAH established processes and EU process with PRAC involvement

Updated draft:

- Dedicated section on IR terminology
- Roles and responsibilities further clarified
- Revised structure (scientific vs EU procedural aspects)
- Flowcharts

Next steps:

- PRAC consultation: Q2 2016
- Public consultation: Q3 2016
Module IX Addendum I – Methodological Aspects of Signal Detection from Spontaneous Reports

- General principles and components of an effective system for routine signal detection

- The approaches to signal detection discussed have been tested in a number of large and medium sized reporting databases (PROTECT outcomes)

**Timeframe:** aligned with GVP IX

- Under development: User guide on how to screen Adverse Drug Reactions in EudraVigilance

- Methodological Aspects of Signal Detection in EudraVigilance;

- User manuals on how to use Data Analysis System (EVDAS) and the electronic Reaction Monitoring Report (eRMR) for Signal Detection will also be updated;
Thank you for your attention

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