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# Fit for purpose and Data Quality Framework

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## Overview

- Fit for purpose: Use of registries in drug development and regulatory context.
- Data Quality Framework highlights.
- A few take aways.

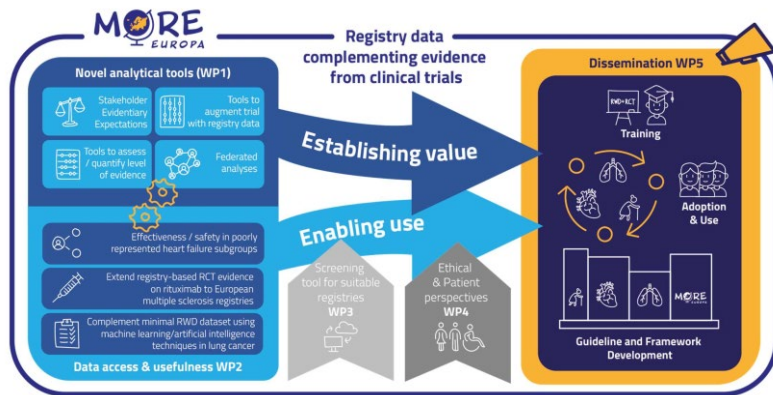


# Areas of decision-making for which registries can be useful

<b>Use case objective</b>	<b>Support the planning &amp; validity of applicant studies</b>	<b>Understand clinical context</b>	<b>Investigate associations and impact</b>
<b>Use case category</b>	Design and feasibility of planned studies	Disease epidemiology	Effectiveness and safety studies
	Representativeness and validity of completed studies	Clinical management	Impact of regulatory actions
		Drug utilisation	

Throughout the entire drug development life cycle

## Richness of use of registries *illustrated*.



### Early development

- Biomarker & clinical outcome associations to support probability of success & full development decisions.

### Full development & decision making

- Contextualisation.
- Direct augmentation of clinical trial data (hybrid).
- Modeling efficacy / effectiveness in broad population based on clinical trial data.

### Beyond Full development

- Target trial emulation for observational studies.
- Registry based clinical trials.
- Modelling for HTA support, including external controls.

Using multiple registries  
Federated inference



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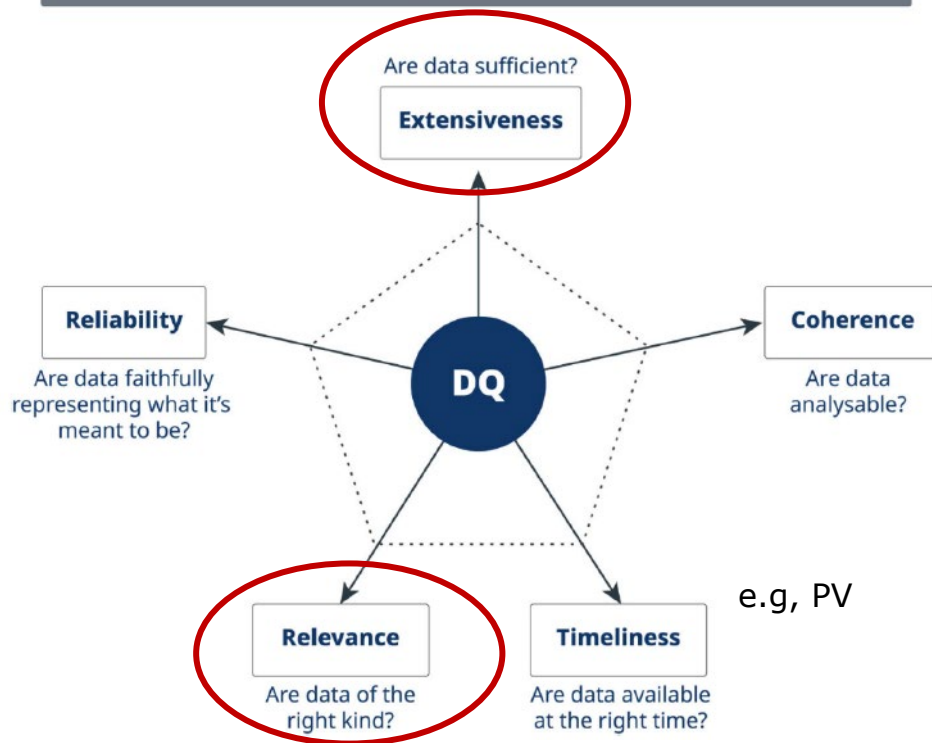
**From a fit for purpose perspective of Quality,  
these uses may impose (very) different quality requirements.**

# Data Quality Framework highlights.

## Data Quality Determinants



## Data Quality Dimensions







Registries serve multiple research questions, many may not be known at the time of design.

	<b>Is data correct?</b> <b>Reliability</b>	<b>Is data enough?</b> <b>Extensiveness</b>	<b>Is data homogenous?</b> <b>Coherence</b>	<b>Is data timely?</b> <b>Timeliness</b>	<b>Is this the right data?</b> <b>Relevance</b>
<b>Systems and processes</b>	Determine reliability	Determine extensiveness	Enable coherence	Determines timeliness	
<b>Metrics</b>	Can assess reliability	Can measure extensiveness	Can measure and improve coherence		
<b>Suitability to a research question</b>	Defines "acceptable" reliability	Defines if data is sufficient	Defines if the level of coherence is adequate	Defines acceptable timeliness	Defines if the content of the data is what is needed

# Framework

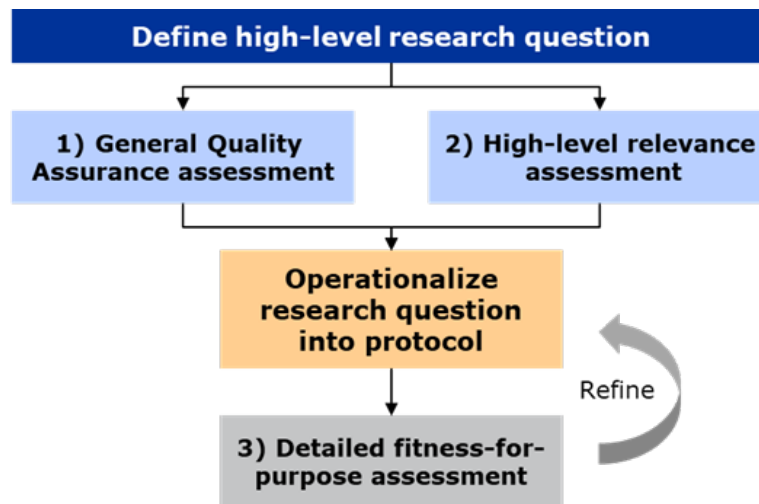
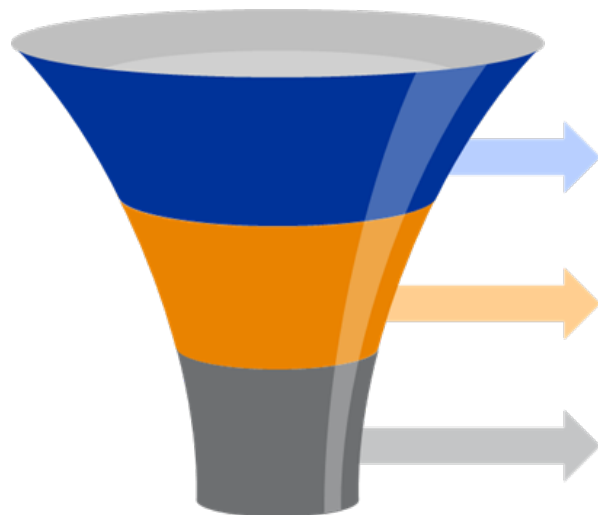
Key DQ features for Quality Assurance, Quality Reporting and DQ assessment.

	Reliability 	Extensiveness 	Coherence 	Timeliness 
Independent dataset checks				
Plausibility checks				
Conformance checks				
Comparison to other datasets				
Checks on dataset descriptors				

Test the completeness of test sets in use, identify gaps, redundancy, or complementary metrics.



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## Quality in relation to a specific research question.

- Difficult to pre-specify thresholds or minimum criteria for data acceptance:
  - Depends on the type of study, and on disease-dependent and analysis-dependent factors
  - Other considerations, such as lack of other RWD sources in a therapeutic area or disease frequency.
- Conclusion on relevance requires an in-depth, systematic assessment of a RWD source against design elements.
- Metrics and acceptability may change with subset selection from the full source.
  - Extensiveness (e.g. sample size or granularity variables) and coherence may typically be affected.



## A few take aways



- Given the breadth of secondary research questions that *registries* can serve: Aim high for Foundational dimension of quality.
- Qualification of registries to reflect these different levels of determinants.
- Dynamic: Use the systematic fitness for purpose assessment for new research questions to improve quality overall (efficiently).