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Agenda

1. Overview of regulation on medical devices in Japan
2. Amendment of the Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Act (PMD Act)



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- Regulatory Authorities in Japan -

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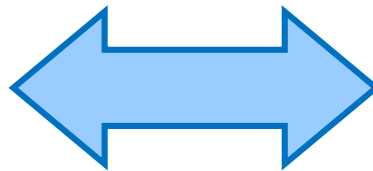
(Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

- Final Authorization of applications
- Publishing Guidelines
- Supervising PMDA Activities

PMDA




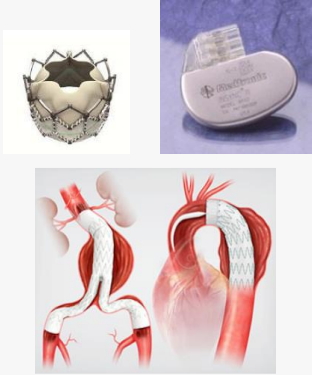
(Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency)

- Scientific Review
- Consultation on Clinical Trials etc.





Medical Device Regulations in Japan

Classification	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV
Category	General MDs	Controlled MDs	Specially controlled MDs	
Premarket regulation	Self-declaration	Third party certification	MHLW approval (PMDA review)	
Example				
Post market safety (vigilance/surveillance)	PMDA and MHLW			



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Overview of Amendment of the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Device Act

- Enacted on Nov., 2019; to be implemented within 1 year
- Following provisions are introduced for earlier and safer approval of medical devices and IVDs of high medical needs:
 1. SAKIGAKE designation system
 2. Priority review for specific uses, e.g. pediatric use
 3. Conditional early approval system
 4. Early realization of improvement in post-marketing



Overview of Amendment of the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Device Act

Type		Designation requirement
Expedited review		NOT Required
Priority review	Orphan	Required
	Sakigake ※ (innovative)	Required
	Specific use (pediatric, AMR)	Required
Conditional Early Approval ※		NOT Required

※These reviews are currently operated based on the administrative notification.



SAKIGAKE Designation System

【Ordinal Review】



① Priority Consultation

【Review under SAKIGAKE Designation System】



② Prior Review

③ Priority Review

④ Review Partner

※Accept the data of Phase III after the application depending on conditions

⑤ Strengthening post-marketing safety measures (re-evaluation period)



Priority Review for Specific Uses

- Designation of “Specific use product” for highly unmet medical needs (e.g. pediatric use and AMR).
- Priority review (9 months) and other supportive measures are applied to designated products for specific use.

Priority review

Orphan drugs
and devices

Others

Amendment
of PMD Act



Priority review

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SAKIGAKE products

Specific use products

Others

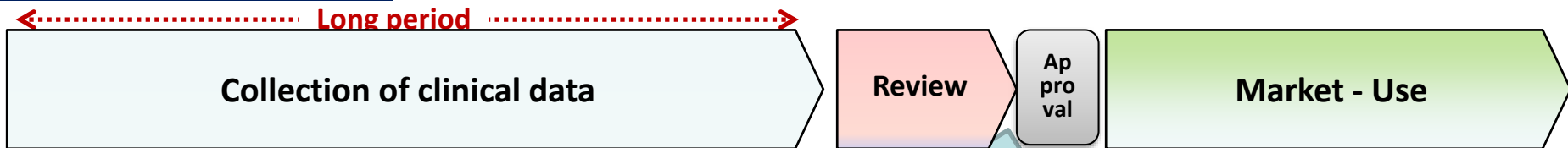
“Others” category had been
applied operationally.



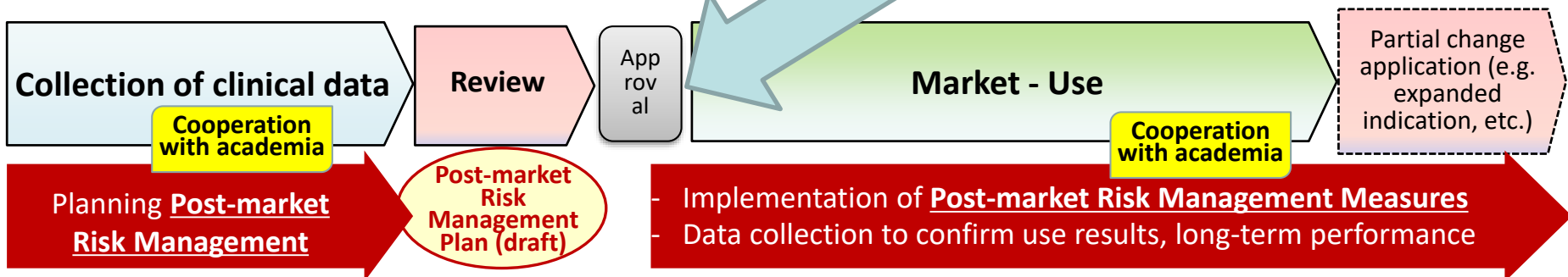
Conditional Early Approval System

Accelerate approval of MDs of high clinical needs by balancing the pre- and post-market requirements, based on the lifecycle management of the MDs.

Ordinary review



Conditional Early Approval for Innovative MDs





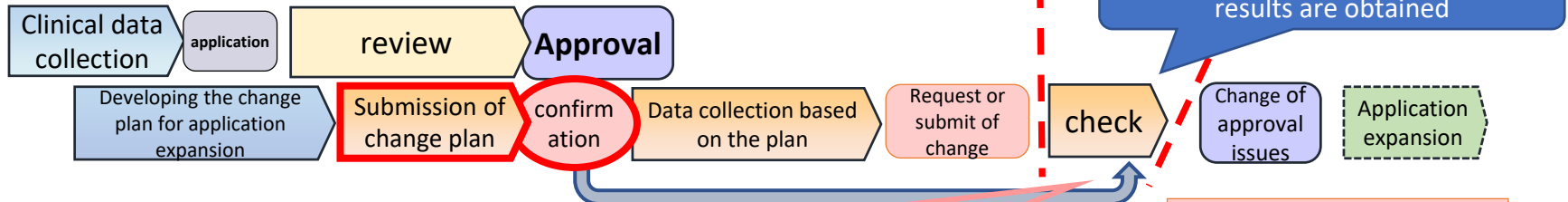
Early Realization of Improvement in Post-marketing

Post-Approval Change Management Protocol is introduced for medical devices to enable continuous improvements.

Current Process



New Process



- Objects for submit
- Change of sizes, components, performances
 - Improvement of diagnostic accuracy by using post-marketing RWD

Early realization of improvement



Summary

- Following items are introduced by the amendment of the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Device Act in 2019
 - SAKIGAKE designation system
 - Priority review for specific uses, e.g. pediatric use
 - Conditional early approval system
 - Early realization of improvement in post-marketing
- MHLW/PMDA is encouraging development of innovative products



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