

Evidence Matters – Why Pharma Needs to Get Serious about Data

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Abstracts

Real World Evidence: Creating a forward-focused strategy

In today's highly scrutinised drugs marketplace, pockets continue to be squeezed and the list of demands from every quarter lengthens. Against this challenging backdrop, every decision made must be backed up by evidence. But exactly what evidence is required by whom, and how should it be prioritised, gathered, interpreted and leveraged for optimum effect?

Find out how to leverage evidence for commercial gain

Evidence Matters: Opportunities for Evidence Based Decision-Making breaks down the extensive challenges of evidence creation into manageable segments and gives pharmaceutical companies actionable insights to build clinical, societal and commercial value. Drawing upon detailed interviews with 10 pharmaceutical data experts, this report offers expert views and practical guidance on how to address the many challenges, including those emerging from the Real World Evidence (RWE) arena.

How to use this report

Improve your understanding of the issues

Tap into honest and informed insight into the current evidence issues and the differing perspectives of physicians, payers and patients.

Understand the key challenges, including data-sharing, interoperability and data ownership.

Drill down to the detail

Get to grips with the relationship between clinical trial evidence and RWE.

Understand which audiences need what data and why.

See where the value lies and how to maximise it

Identify the evidence nuances and opportunities when assessing potential value from a clinical, commercial, societal and organisational perspective.

Discover more about the growing role of evidence across multiple areas as well as the value it generates.

Shape your evidence strategy, understand specific challenges and devise a methodology to overcome them.

Take practical steps towards success

From data sources and tools to organisation structure, culture and communications – find out what to do and why.

Discover new ideas and approaches, including how to shape evidence, implement creativity and execute collaboration strategies.

Use key action points such as the evidence toolbox, recruiting for vital roles, organisational structure and communication strategies.

Why is evidence so important now?

Evidence has become the lifeblood of pharma and offers the potential to smooth the ever-bumpier path towards market access. The key to success is a focused and structured approach with clear objectives and measurable outcomes. But proof of economic benefit is only one part of the puzzle – add in symptom relief, adherence

rates, ease of patient access and a whole host of other evidence opportunities and the field widens considerably. For some, the quest for proof has become expensive and disjointed; for others, it offers a route to greater insight and commercial advantage. Pharma must now finely hone its evidence generation strategies if it is to gain a return on its investment and stay ahead of the curve.

This report answers key questions

What are the key differences between evidence from clinical trials and real-world studies? Why are both vital to maintain?

What are the key obstacles and challenges to effective evidence collection and how can pharma overcome them?

Which types of evidence are most relevant? And what generates the most value for which key audiences?

How important is evidence to pricing, reimbursement and market access? What difference can strategic rigour and creativity make?

From an organisational perspective, what roles and skills are crucial to effective evidence generation and usage? Is external help necessary?

How should evidence be communicated for optimum effectiveness?

How is RWE expected to evolve, particularly over the next 5 years?

Expert Views

10 senior experts were interviewed for this report. Each has significant experience of real world evidence and its current processes, value and usage. One of our experts chose to remain anonymous.

Hassan Chaudhury, Chief Commercial Officer and Co-Founder, Health iQ

Nigel Hughes, Scientific Director, The Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson

Bonny McClain, CEO Data & Donuts and US Consultant and Medical IDEATOR, IDEA Pharma

Mike Spencer, Head of Real World Evidence, EMEA and Chair of the Global Real-World Evidence Leadership Team, Janssen (J&J)

Ivan John Clement, Data Scientist (R&D and Real-World Evidence), Big Data and Quantitative Sciences, Merck & Co. (MSD)

Clément François, Vice President, US Health Economics and Outcomes Research, Lundbeck

Sophie Janssens, Vice President of Global Head Real World Evidence, UCB

Rob Briner, Professor of Organisational Psychology in the School of Business and Management, Queen Mary University (QMU)

Steven Pashko, President, Steven Pashko LCC and Integrative Psychological Services LLC

Anonymous, Executive Director for HEOR at one of the world's top 20 pharmaceutical companies in Europe

3 Key Quotes

“Certainly, rigour in evidence generation lies with the people. Often, people buy data, but then what? Does it actually answer the questions we face? So, you have to start with a question and build your strategy around it.” Nigel Hughes

“In the end, what we sell really is the proof that our products work. Now we see that it is not only the regulators that we need to generate evidence for. Clinical trial evidence and RWE are not completely separate things. Health economics teams and R&D teams should not have separate planning. Across the industry, we are seeing the benefit of integrated evidence generation. A part of that is working in a pre-competitive space through public-private partnerships.” Mike Spencer

“We have health economics, health policy and medicine, which constitute a three-legged stool. Take one out and it's not going to get you the solution.” Bonny McClain

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