

CDER's Office of New Drugs Rare Diseases Program

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Rare Diseases Program

- Rare disease have less that 200,000 people
- There are 7,000 known rare disease
- 1 in 10 people are affected by a rare disease



Challenges for Rare Disease Drug Development

- Rare diseases **natural history** is often poorly understood/characterized
- Diseases tend to be progressive, **serious**, life-limiting and life-threatening and lack **approved therapy**
- **Small populations** often restrict study design and replication
- **Phenotypic** diversity within a disorder adds to complexity, as do **genetic subsets**
- Well defined and validated **endpoints, outcome measures**/tools, and **biomarkers** are often lacking
- Lack of **precedent** for drug development
- **Ethical** considerations for children in clinical trials



CDER Rare Diseases Program

Mission Statement:

- Facilitate
- Support
- Accelerate

...the development of drug and biologic products for the treatment of patients with rare disorders



Rare Diseases Program Responsibilities

Coordinate development of CDER Policies and Procedures

- Guidance development
- Continuing involvement with Senior FDA staff re: Rare Diseases Program and its role

Assist in development of good science

- Database adjudication committee for NMEs
- Specific projects/peer reviewed publications
- Workshop development
 - Rare disease trial designs



Rare Diseases Program Responsibilities

Coordinate internal training in rare diseases

- 101 course for new reviewers
- 102 advanced training day for review staff

Assist in external training for the rare disease community

- Presentations at national and international meetings
- Workshop development
 - Rare disease trial designs workshop
- Panel Participant/Speaker at Patient Focused Drug Development Workshops
 - FDA
 - Externally Led



Rare Diseases Program Responsibilities

- Review Rare Pediatric PRV requests and Developed procedures for management
- FDA Rare Disease Council member
- NORD Registries Cooperative Agreement with FDA



Rare Diseases Program Projects

Work collaboratively with stakeholders

- NIH Collaborations
 - NIH/FDA Joint Task Force
 - Rare Disease Day Annual Meeting
 - CDER/TRND Drug Development Meetings
 - NCATS Natural History Studies Initiative

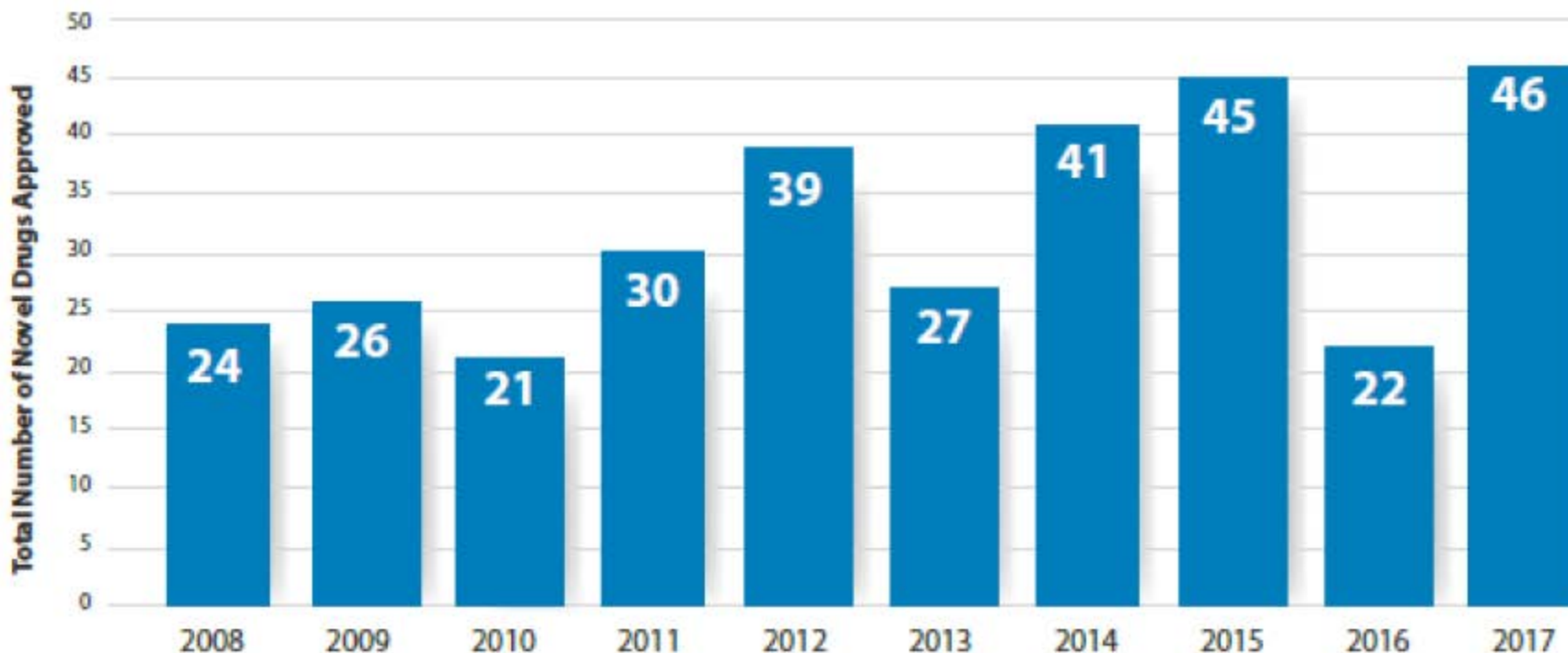
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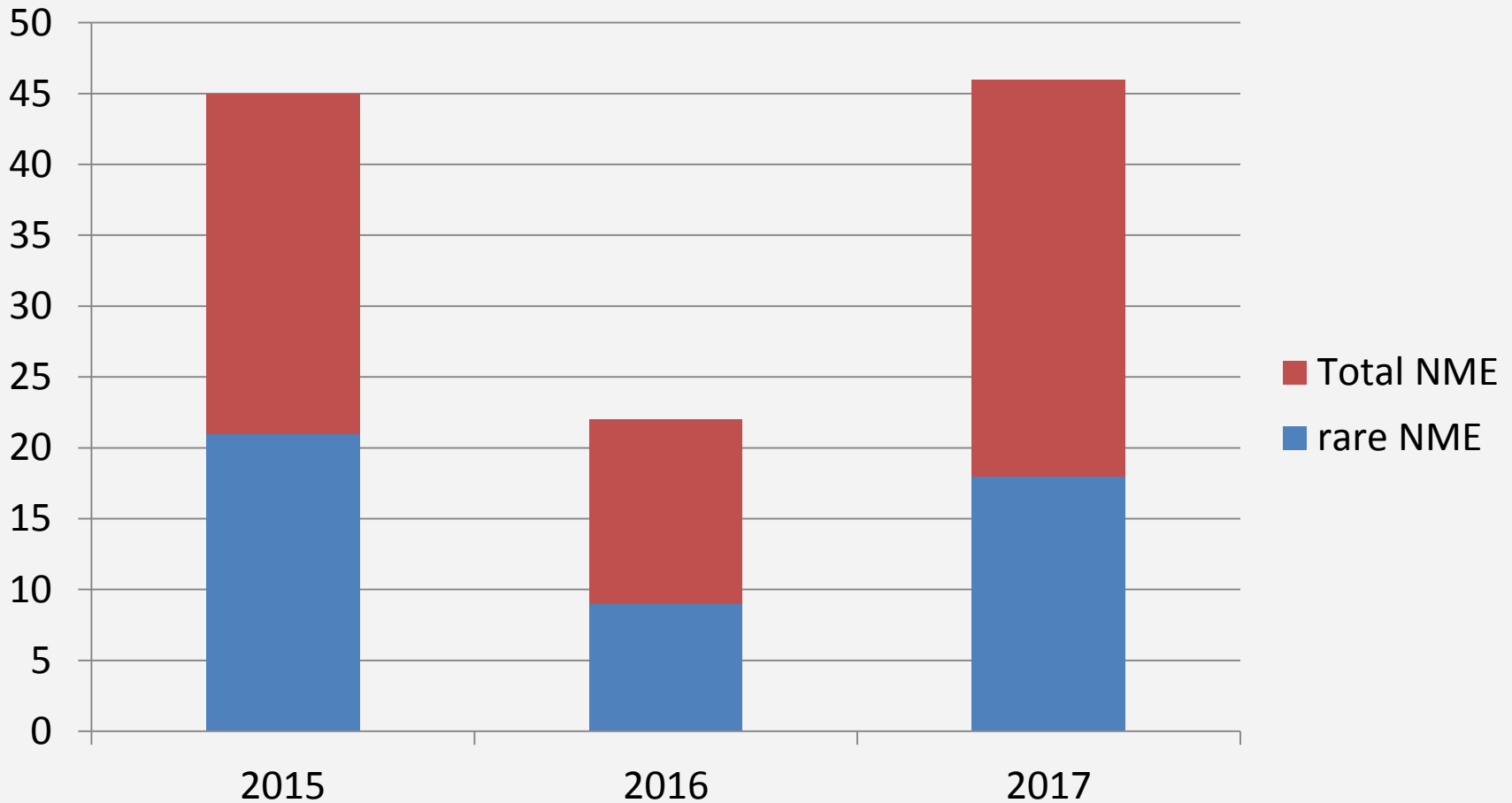
- Patient/Patient Organizations Meetings
 - Face to Face meetings with patient advocacy groups often in collaboration with PAS, PASE, and/or OHCA
 - Presentations to stakeholder groups
 - Planning Committee members for NORD Annual Summit

CDER's Annual Novel Drug Approvals: 2008 - 2017

In 2017, CDER approved 46 novel drugs. The ten-year graph below shows that from 2008 through 2016, CDER has averaged about 31 novel drug approvals per year.



CDER Novel *Orphan* New Drug Approvals First Approvals in the US - CY 2015 -2017





Expediting Rare Diseases Drug Development

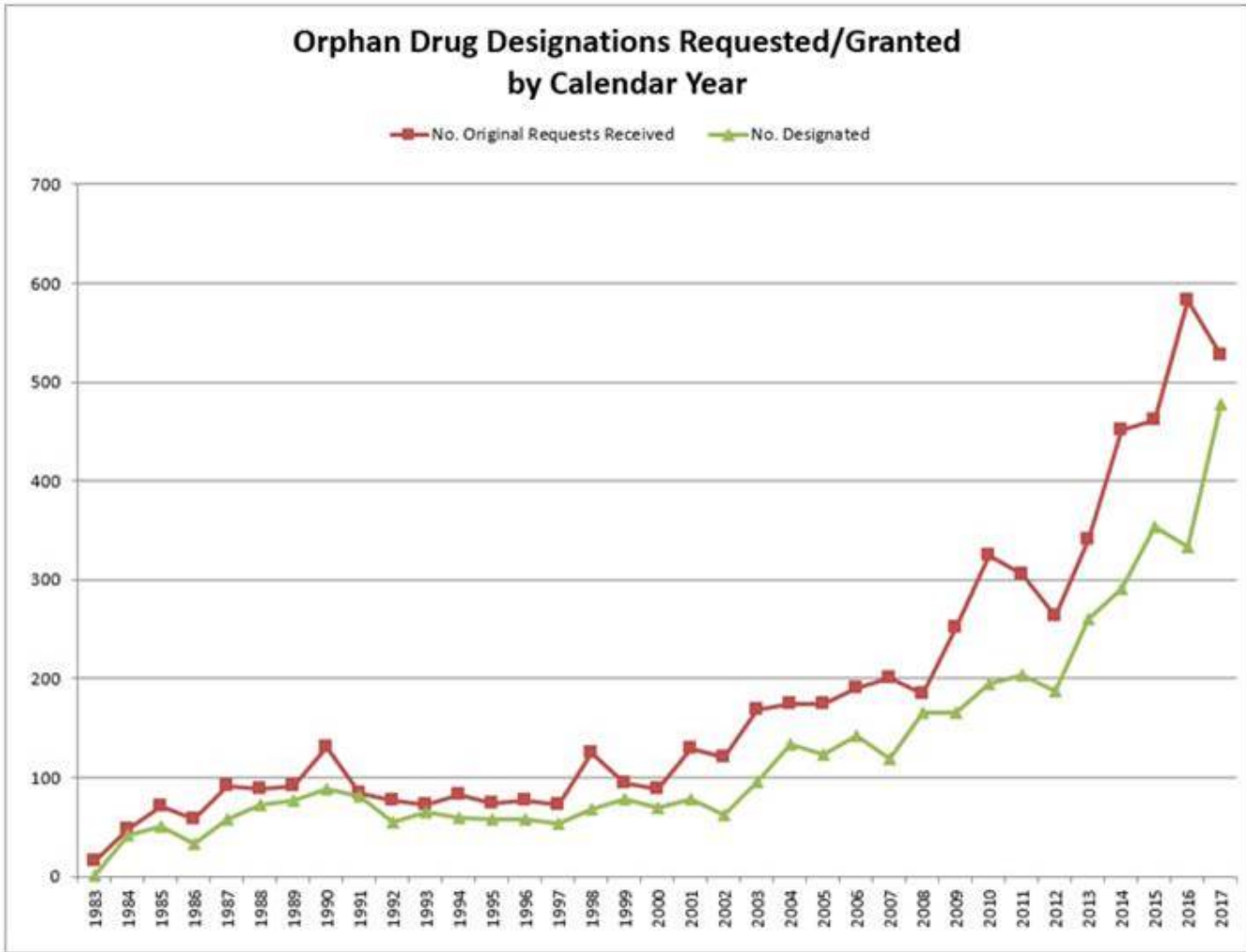
- Programs have been developed to target serious diseases with unmet medical needs when a new treatment could provide meaningful clinical benefit



2017 Rare NME approvals

Rare (#18)	
First in class	56%
Fast track	44%
Breakthrough	44%
Priority	78%
Accelerated	22%
First in the US	72%

Statistics: Orphan Drug Designations

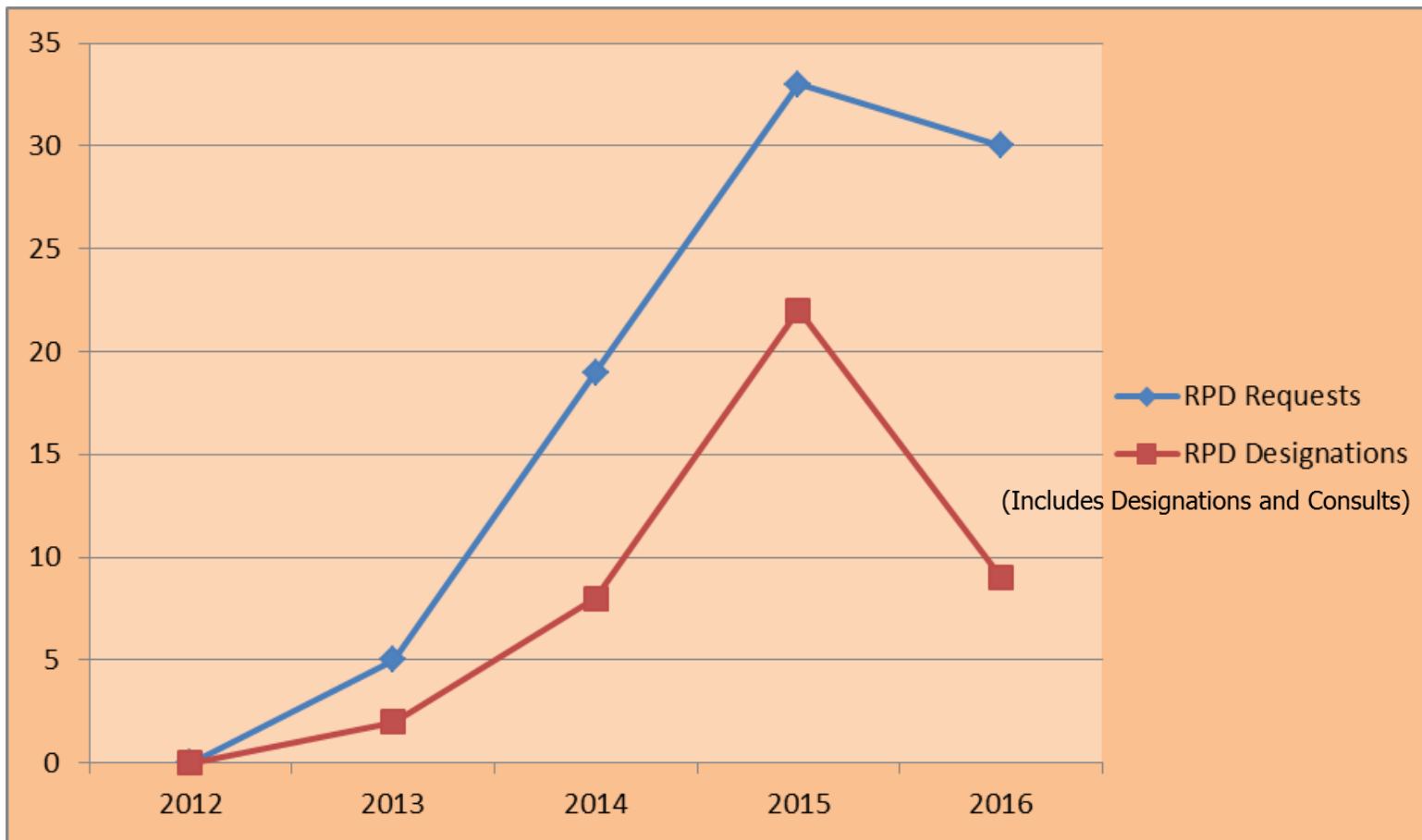


Rare Pediatric Disease (RPD)

Priority Review Voucher Program: Background

- 2012 FDA Safety and Innovation Act (FDASIA) [Section 908]
 - Provides an incentive to encourage the development of drugs and biologics for rare pediatric diseases
- Upon approval, the sponsor may be issued a voucher redeemable for a priority review for a *subsequent* application that may not have otherwise qualified for a priority review
- The incentive offers a shorter review clock for marketing applications, 6 months compared with the 10 months standard review time

RPD Requests and Determinations



Data as of September 15, 2016

Rare Pediatric Disease Priority Review Voucher Program

- The OOPD reviews requests for Rare Pediatric Disease designation
 - 41 Designated/6 Denied/7 Under Review
- Voucher requests are managed by the OND RDP
 - 11 Voucher requests were submitted with an NDA or BLA
 - 6 Vouchers awarded, 3 denied and 2 pending review
 - Two PRV's have been redeemed
- Future (?)
 - Sunsets - 30 September 2016 although pending legislation may be extended to 31 December 2022 (for designation)/31 December 2027 (for redemption)



International Regulatory Communications: Development of an EMA/FDA Rare Disease Cluster

- Regularly scheduled teleconferences to exchange information and experiences
- Alternating Chairpersonship EMA/FDA
- Agendas circulated in advance of the teleconferences
- Core Members are joined by expert Reviewers

International Regulatory Communications

Development of an EMA/FDA Rare Disease Cluster

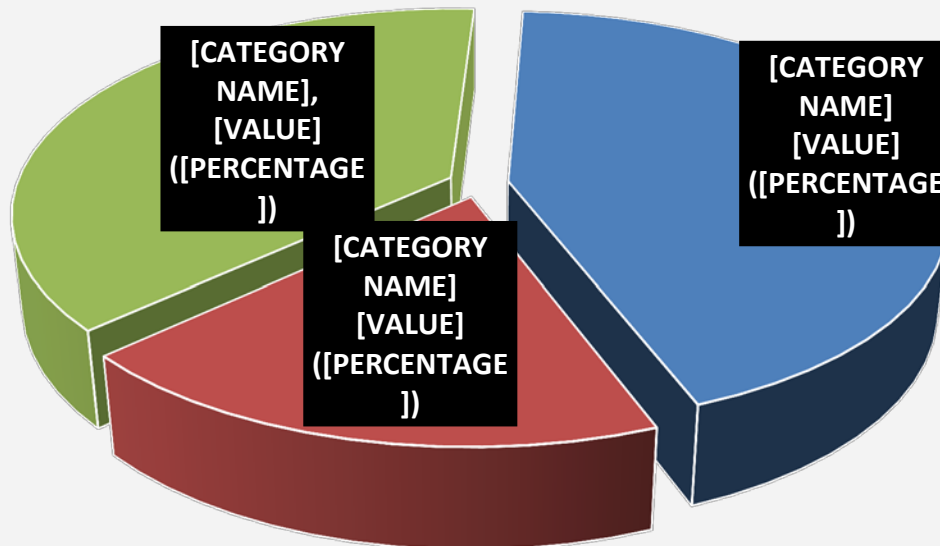
- To share scientific evaluation of various aspects of rare disease drug development
 - Identification of trial end points
 - Potential trial designs in small populations
 - Regulatory flexibility
 - Determination of the size of safety populations

EMA/FDA Rare Disease Cluster

- To share scientific evaluation of various aspects of rare disease drug development
 - Evaluation of pre-clinical data to support human trials
 - Design/conduct of post-marketing studies especially in the cases of breakthrough designation and accelerated approval (FDA) or PRIME designation and conditional/exceptional approval (EMA)

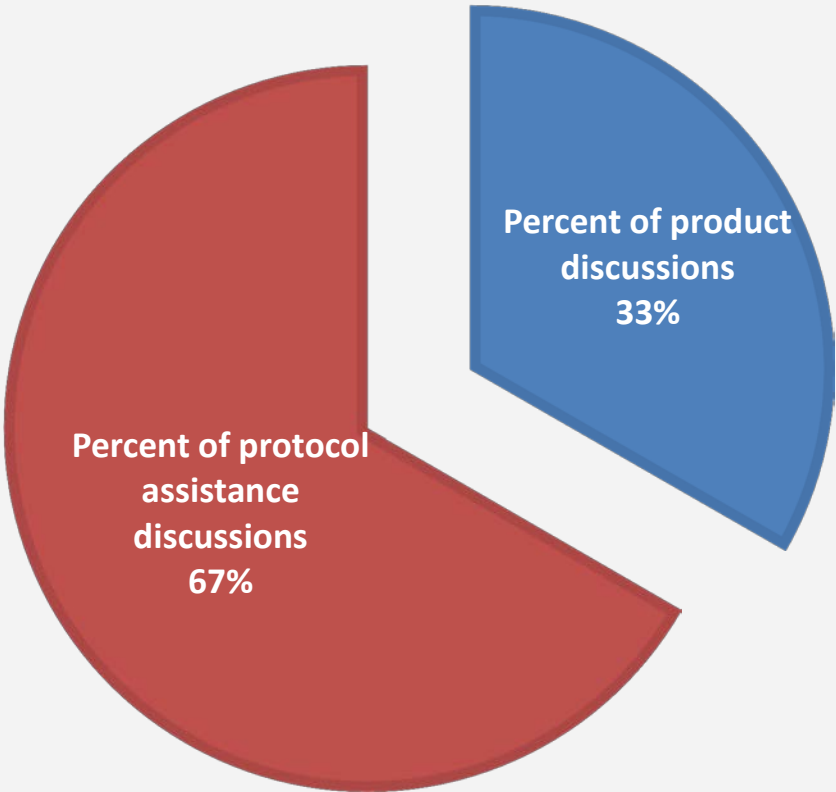
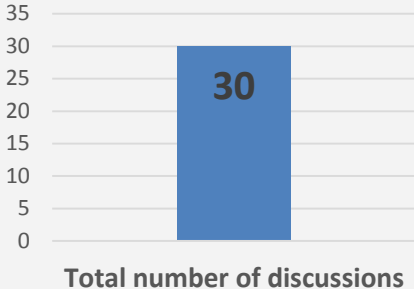
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Overall, a total of fifty-three (53) agenda items were discussed between September 2016 – December 2017.

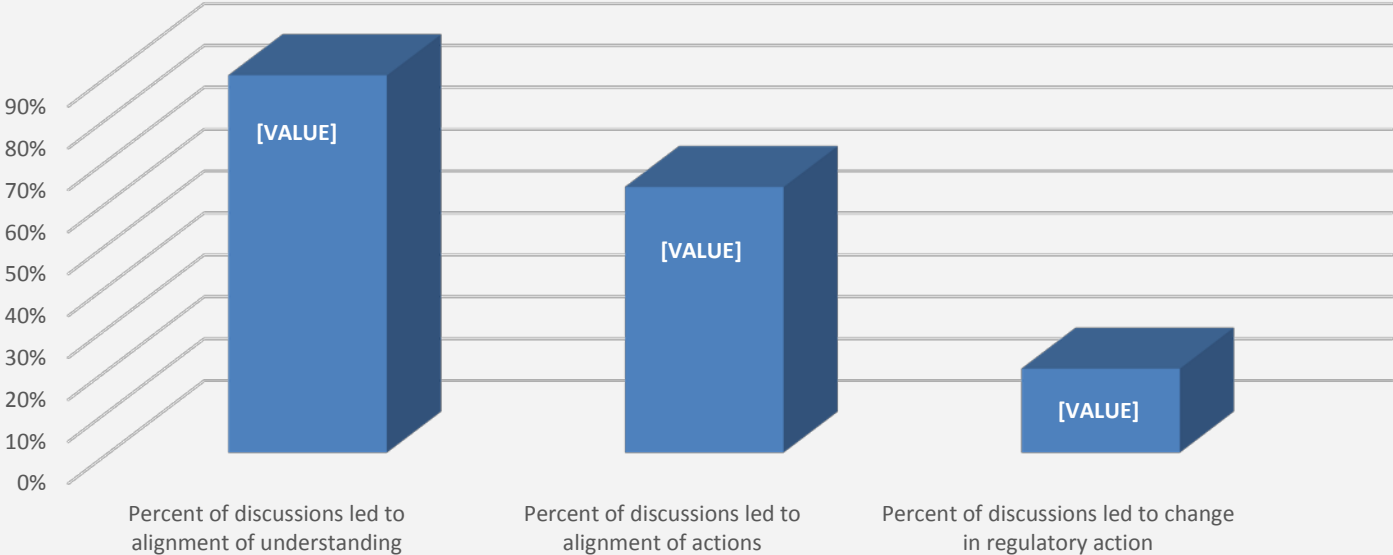


EMA/FDA Rare Disease Cluster

TOTAL DISCUSSIONS SINCE INCEPTION



Overall Impact of the Rare Diseases Cluster





**Thank you very much for your
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