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Paving the way for EUPATI Fellows into regulatory authority committees

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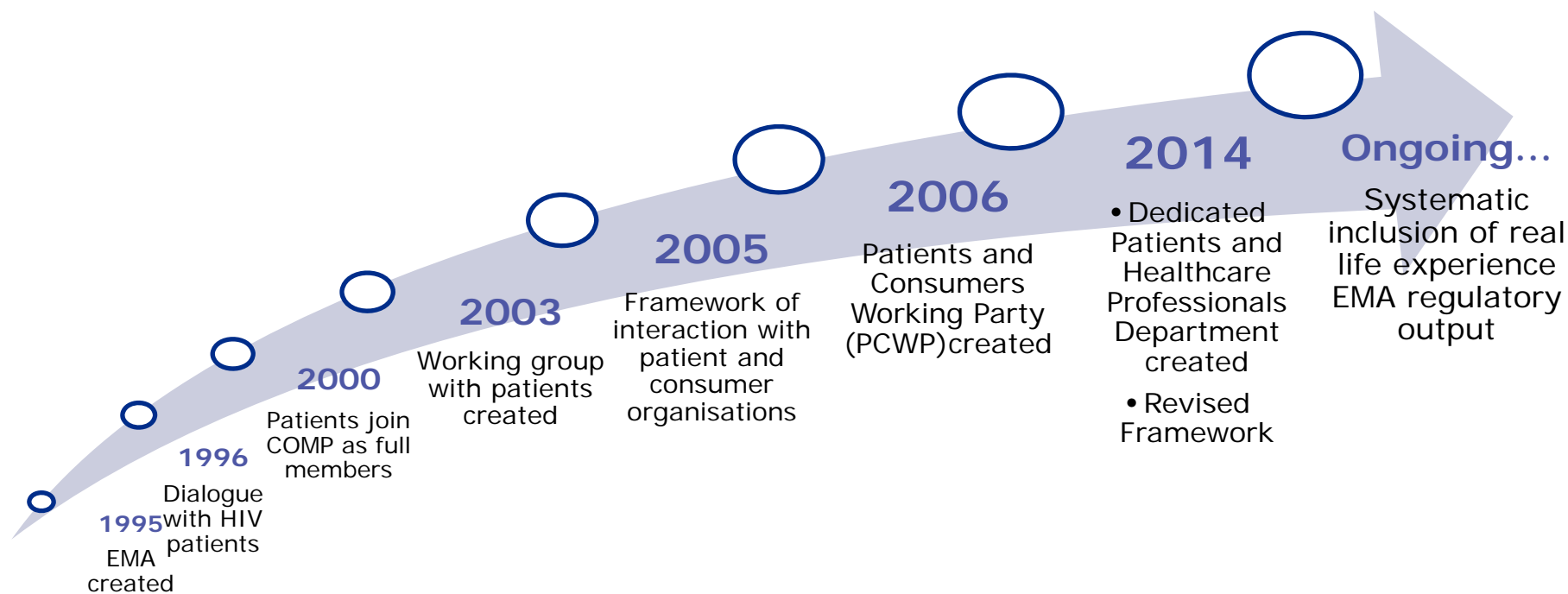
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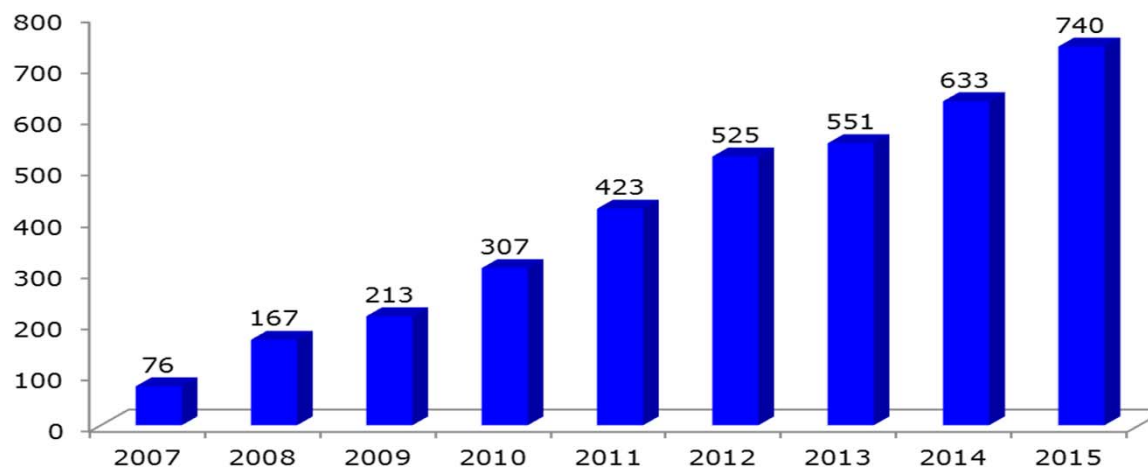
Collaboration with patients: the EMA journey...





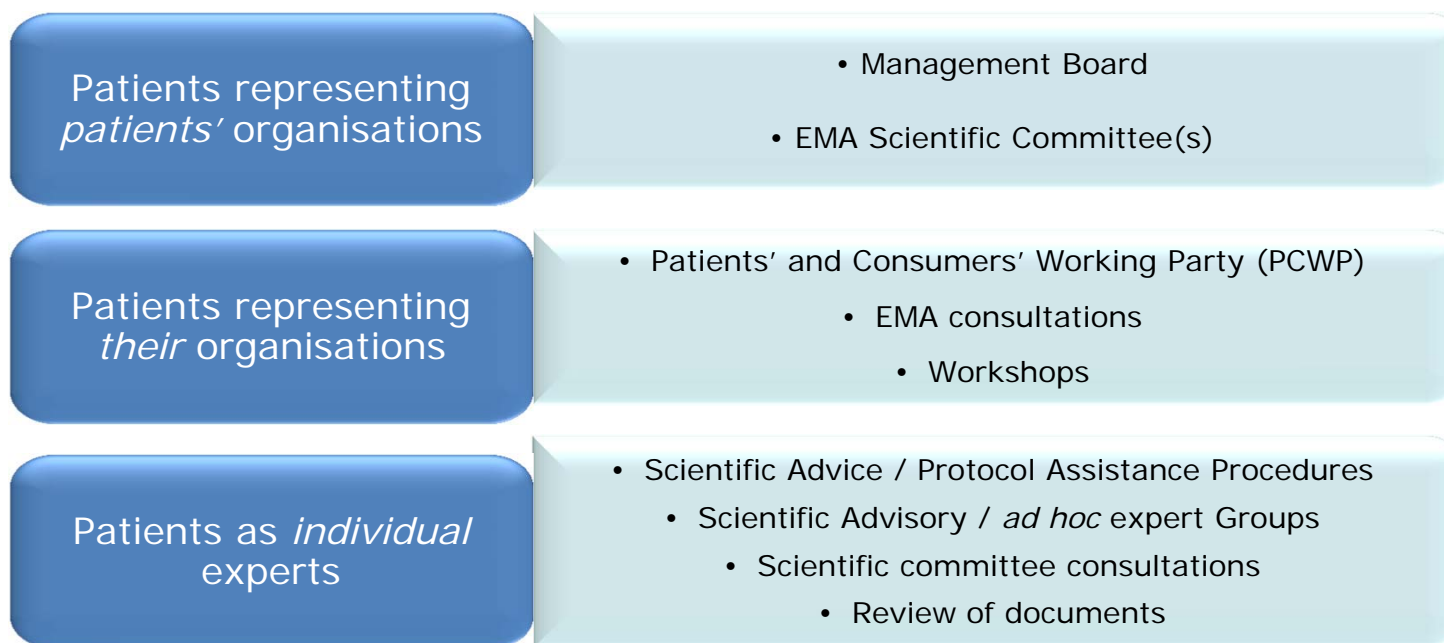
Evolution of patients' involvement at EMA

**Overall number of patient & consumer involvement in
EMA activities 2007-2015**





Categories of patient participation: from advice to decision-making





Working methodology

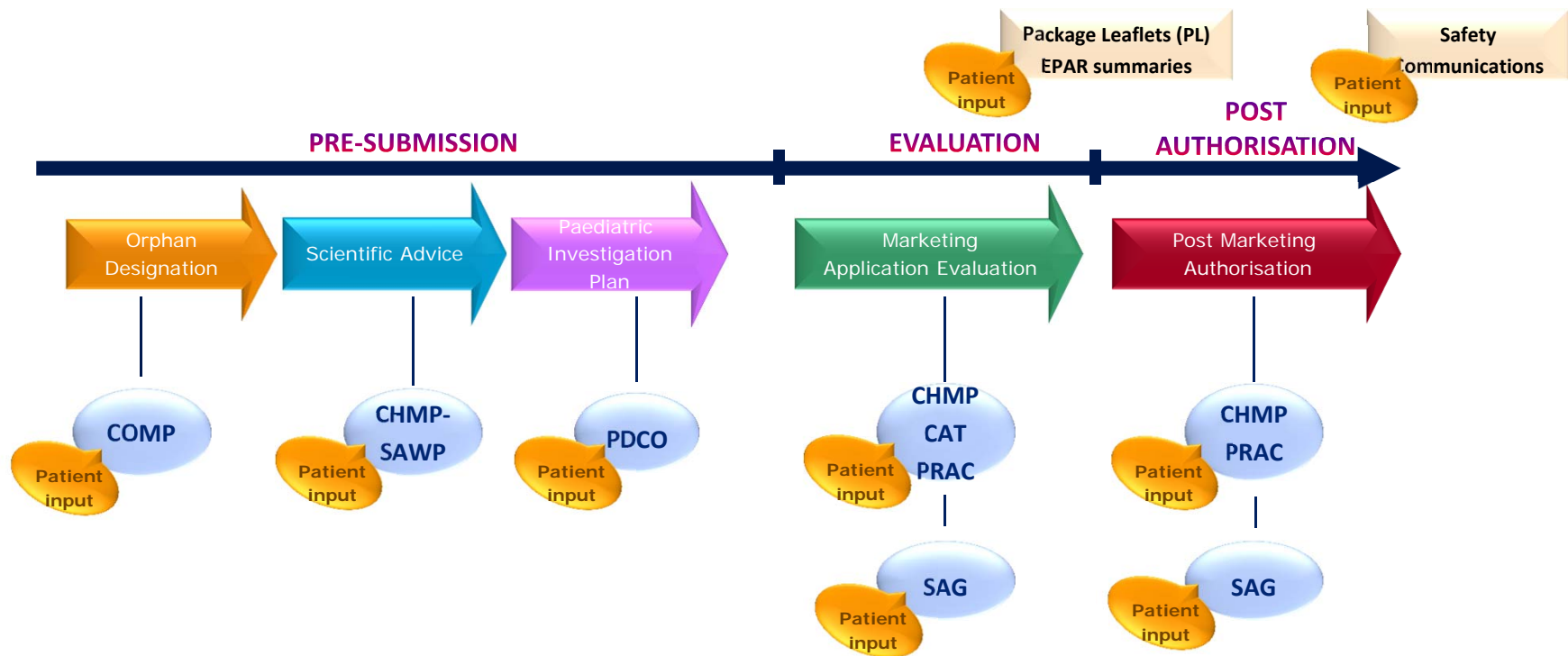
- 1 A network of European patients and consumers' organisations
- 2 A forum of exchange: EMA Working Party with Patients and Consumers' organisations
- 3 A pool of patients acting as experts in their disease and its management
- 4 Interaction with the EU Regulatory Network
- 5 Capacity-building focusing on training and raising awareness about EU regulatory system

Taking into account time, budget and availability constraints



Documents for the Public

Opportunities for involvement throughout medicines lifecycle



Regulatory Procedure

Committees and Working Parties



EMA framework of interaction with patients PARTICIPATION – CONSULTATION – INFORMATION

Facilitate participation in benefit/risk evaluation and related activities throughout the life cycle of medicines to capture values and preferences and obtain information on the use of medicines from early development through evaluation and post-marketing surveillance.

Examples: Patients/carers affected by rare diseases invited to discuss benefit/risk evaluation with the scientific committee CHMP

- Scenesse (afamelanotide) to treat patients with erythropoietic protoporphyria, rare intolerance to light in September 2014
- Translarna (ataluren) to treat Duchenne muscular dystrophy in November 2016



Example: written consultation

Humalog / Liprolog: concerns regarding introduction of a new high insulin strength and how to ensure its safe and correct use

→ Consultation with patients to obtain input on how best to minimise potential risk of medication errors

- Input received prompted the committee to request further changes to the labelling (differentiations of strengths)
- The company subsequently amended the labelling and other measures in the risk minimisation plan



Example: face to face consultation

PRAC review of Valproate: review of new information on risk of long-term developmental problems in children whose mothers took Valproate

- Patient meeting included epilepsy, bipolar disorder and migraine patient organisations and organisations representing the patients, families and carers affected by valproate
 - Very constructive exchange of information; patients shared their personal experiences and provided input on how best to raise awareness for all concerned;
 - In turn allowed PRAC to explain the assessment process
- Followed by written consultation on educational and communication material to raise awareness & understanding of risks
 - Input used by the PRAC in its final recommendations



How do you get involved?

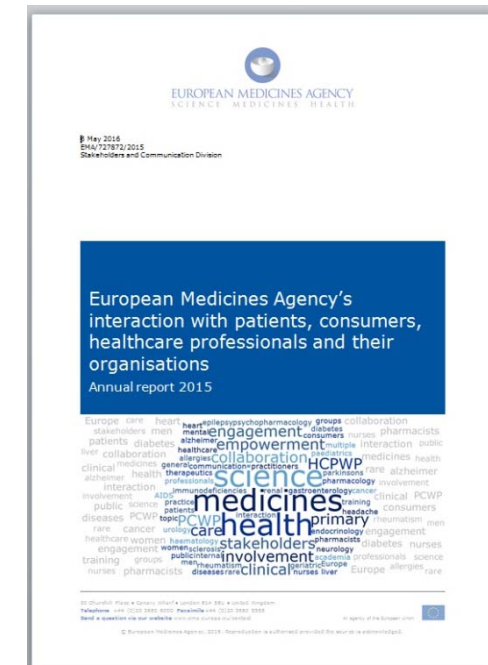
- Through the Network of eligible organisations fulfilling the following criteria:
 - Legitimacy
 - Mission/activities
 - Representation
 - Structure
 - Accountability
 - Transparency
- Pool of experts has been established:
Call for expression of interest published on EMA website



Monitoring

- [Yearly report](#) on interaction presented to the EMA Management Board
- Satisfaction survey every two years

The work and opportunities for improvement will be included in the Agency annual work programme and/or PCWP annual work plan, as appropriate.





National Competent Authorities and patient involvement

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Switzerland



Based on information from Ingrid Klingmann and EMA including [PCWP survey](#) in 2014



Take home messages for EUPATI fellows

- Register in the EMA pool of experts: [form](#)
- Liaise with your national medicines agencies
- And...



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voudrois aussi qu'on fust soigneux de
luy choisir un conducteur, qui
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bien pleine**

Michel de Montaigne

Since I would rather make of him an able man than a learned man, I would also urge
that care be taken to choose a guide with a well-made rather than a well-filled head



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Thank you for your attention

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