

# EurSci4Health Stakeholder Workshop

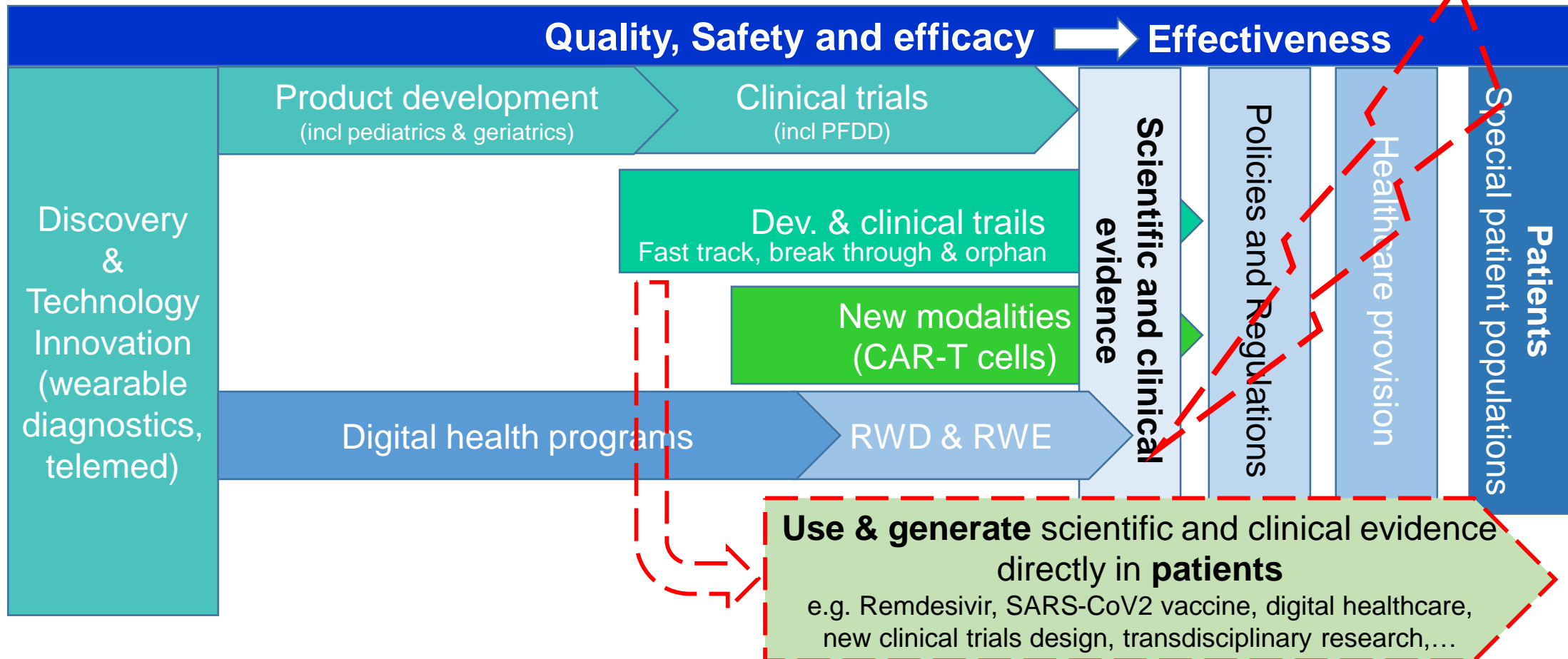
## “Public Health”

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# Introduction

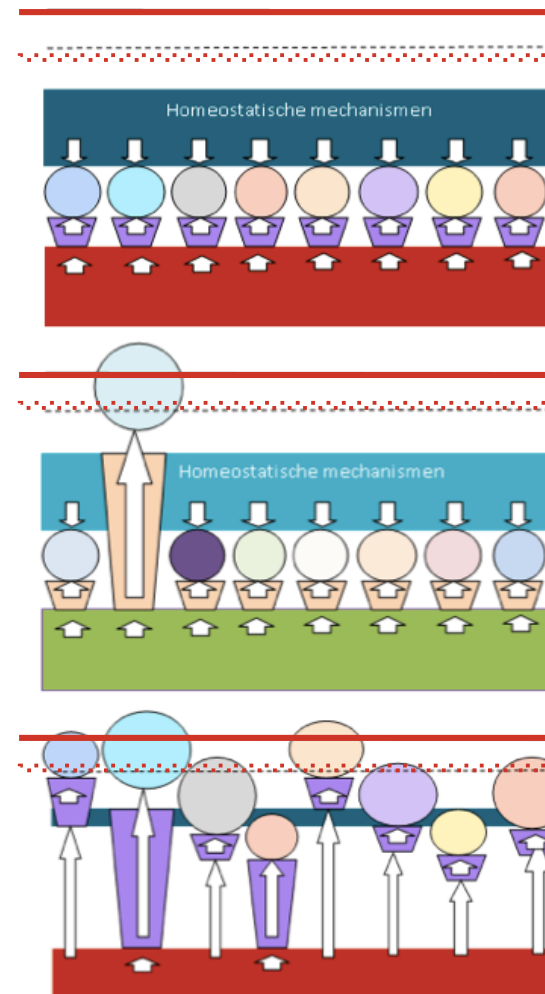
Let's leverage the pandemic to turn challenges into opportunities



# Challenge 1: Increasingly older and multimorbid patients

Prescribing to older and multimorbid patients is an emerging challenge

- Have complex clinical patterns <sup>1</sup>
- Shared decision making – priority on QoL (wellbeing, satisfaction, positive life balance, future life perspective, social participation, active daily organization, environmental support) <sup>2</sup>
- Request for physician-assisted death in Belgium grew between 2007 to 2013 from 3.4 % to 5.9 % and the granted requests from 1.9 % to 4.6 % <sup>3</sup>
- Increasing ethical issue to decide (doctors & society) when to terminate efforts to keep people alive <sup>4</sup>



— Limits for clinical evaluation  
... Limits of diseases

Young - Non chronic diseases

Young - Vital - Acute illness

Old - Frail - Multimorbid

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2. Kada et al ZGG 51:628 (2018)
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## Challenge 2: Increasing therapeutic complexity

### A multimorbid patients' perspective

- A paradox situation
  - Increasing therapeutic complexity:
    - 7 „dosing moments“
    - 30 min before breakfast
    - 1 - ½ - 1 tablet schedules
  - Declining management capabilities: cognitive, dexterity, grip strength,...<sup>1</sup>
- **The patient as the user is the major, final factor for safety & effectiveness**

	Morning	Noon	Evening	Night	Drug Form	Instructions to use
Moxonidin (0.3 mg)	1				Tablet	
Tyronajod (125µg)	1				Tablet	30 ' before breakfast, glas of water
Tamsulosin 0.4 mg)	1				HGC	
Furosemid (40 mg)	1	1			Tablet	30' before breakfast
Nifedipine 5 mg)	1	1	1		SGC	With meal
Enalapril (20 mg)	1		½	1	Tablet	
Propiverin 15 mg)	1		1	1	Tablet	With meal
Lithiumcarbonate 450 mg)	½		½		MR Tab	
Vitamin D 20000IE		1 week			SGC	Once a week with fat meal
Allopurinol 300 mg)		⅓		1	Tablet	
Omeprazole (20 mg)	1				MR Tab	30' before breakfast
Vertigogeel	2	2	2		Subling	Dissolving sublingual

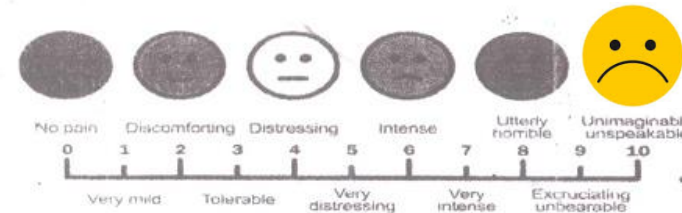
Typical example: 75 year old patient Asthma, diabetes type 2, coronary heart disease, RLS, leg edema, lumbosciatica

# Challenge 2: Increasing therapeutic complexity

## Real case from practice

Medication schedule to manage pain prescribed

- Purely oriented to scientific evidence gained in RCT
- Omits the effect of good sleep, social interaction, avoidance of stress etc. on pain
- The therapeutic process is beyond clinical parameters



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Schmerzmittel (painkillers)</b>				
	SERACTIL 400 mg (300 mg / 200 mg) (Dexibuprofen)				
		1	0	1	0
		8:00		20:00	
	Alternative: Ibuprofen, Brufen, Proxen, Naproxen, Naprobene, Diclobene,				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>MEXALEN 500 mg</b> (Paracetamol)				
		1	1	1	1
		6:00	12:00	18:00	00:00
	Alternative: Panodil, Dafalgan, Panadol, Perfalgan				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>NOVALGIN 500 mg</b> (Metamizol)				
		1	1	1	1
		9:00	15:00	21:00	03:00
	Alternative: Analgin, Berlosin, Minalgin, Nopain, Nolotil				

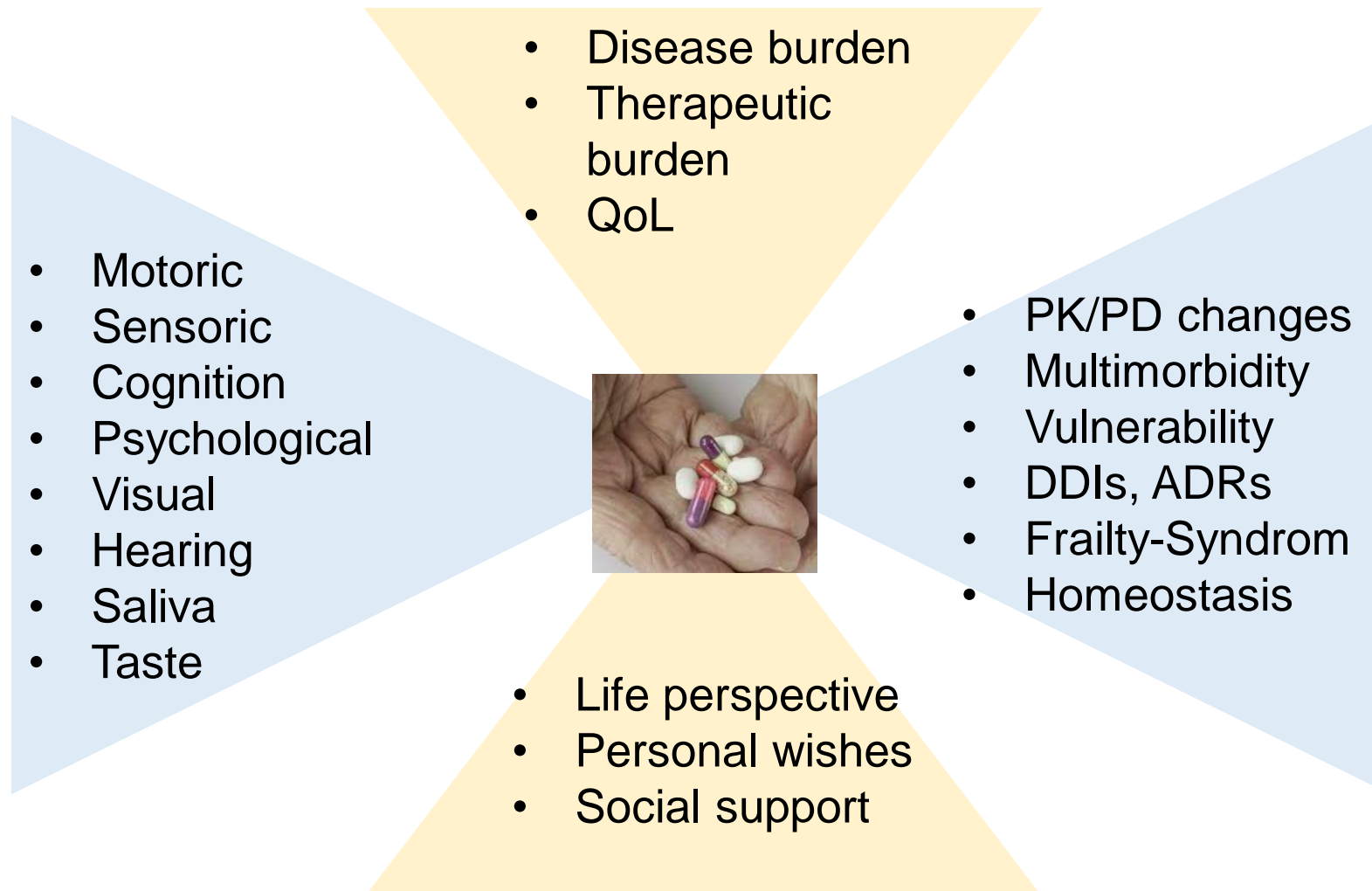
Morning: 6:00 – 7:30 – 8:00 – 9:00  
 Noon: 12:00 – 14:00 – 15:00  
 Evening: 18:00 – 20:00 – 21:00  
 Night: 00:00 – 03:00

**12 Dosing moments!**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Magenschutz (stomach protection)</b>			
	PANTOLOC 20 mg (40 mg) (Pantoprazol)	1	0	0
	Alternative: Pantoprazol, Rabeprazol,	7:30		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Gegen Schwellung (against swelling)</b>			
	WOENZYM (Pflanzliche Enzyme (plant enzymes))	5	5	5
	Alternative: Karazym, Phlogenzym	8:00	14:00	20:00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Krampfprophylaxe (against muscle cramps)</b>			
	MAGNOSOLV GRANULAT (Magnesium)	0	0	1
	Alternative: Magnesium Verla			20:00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Thromboseprophylaxe (against thrombosis)</b>			
	LOVENOX 40mg (20mg / 60mg) (Enoxaparin, NM- (LMW-) Heparin)	1	0	0
	Alternative: Fragmin, Fraxiparin, Ivor	8:00		



## Challenge 3: Importance of the patient perspective



# Challenge 4: Transfer of responsibility for therapy execution

## 1. Acceptance of the disease

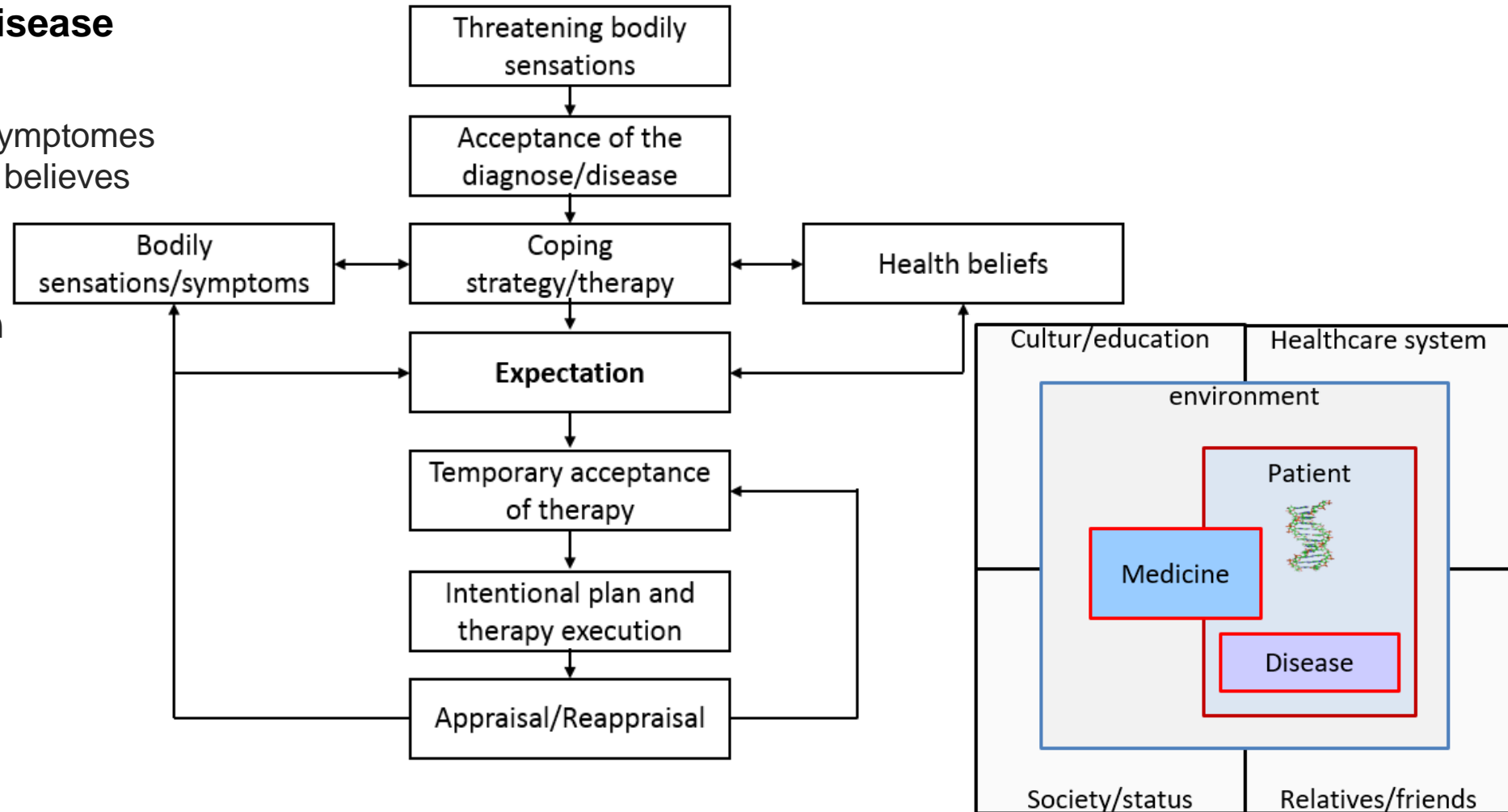
## 2. Patient expectation

- Effect bodily sensation/symptomes
- Compatibility with health believes
- Product perception and experience

## 3. Implementation plan

## 4. Reappraisal

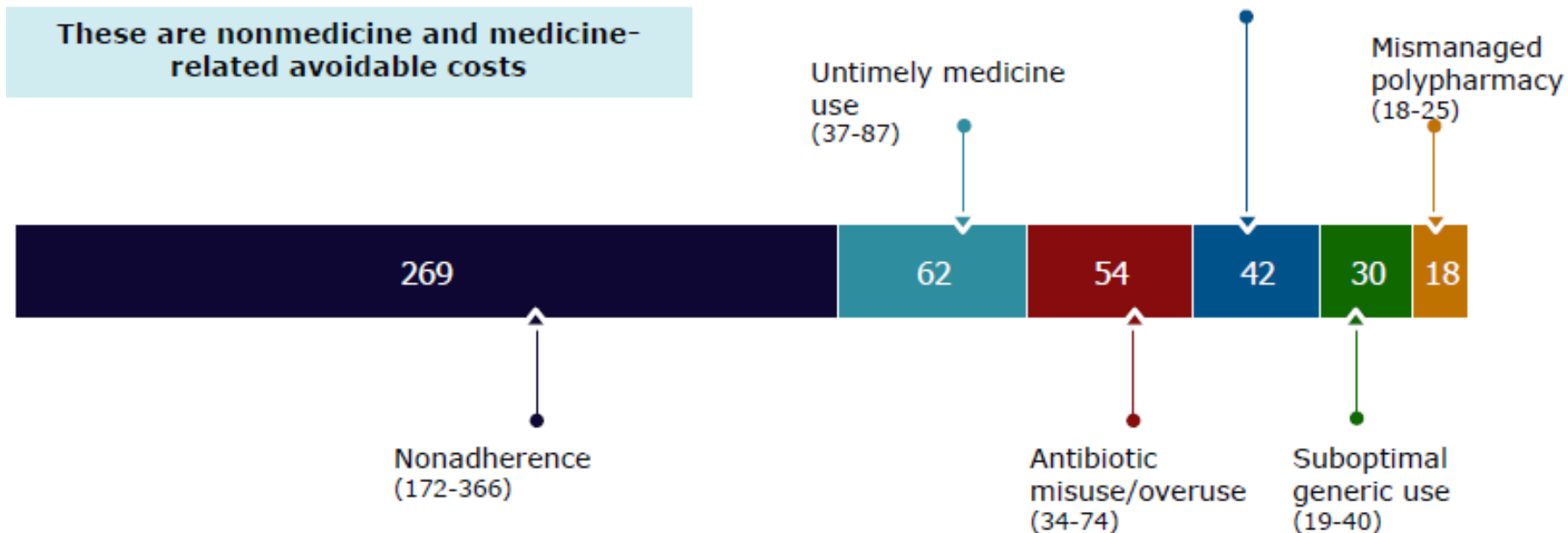
## 5. Illusion of control



## Challenge 5: Pressure on healthcare systems efficiency

- There is substantial evidence of a USD 500 bio losses due to ineffective healthcare delivery
- Due to the reasons behind, patient centric drug products and therapeutic processes will most likely have a significant positive effect to reduce unnecessary spending

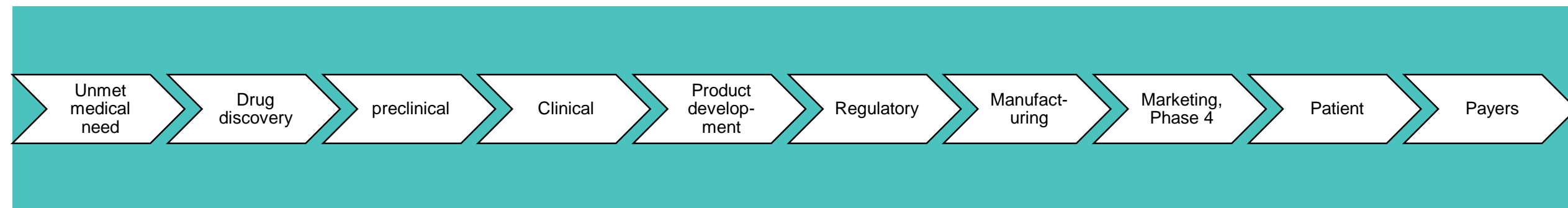
Annual magnitude of the opportunity in the health system  
Total \$Bn with minimum and maximum ranges





## Challenge 6: The gap in transdisciplinary collaboration

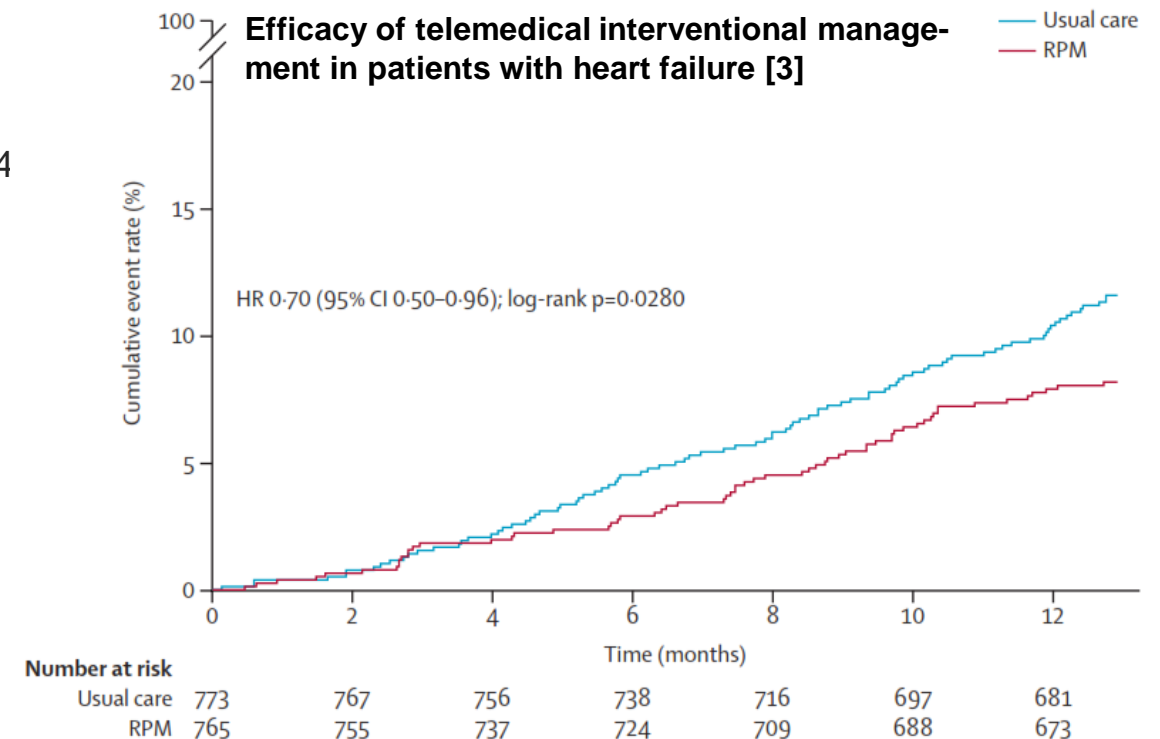
- Fragmentation in life sciences critically limits scientific progress, especially when fragmentation is increased by scientists open to influence only by peers with very similar views <sup>1</sup>
- Therapy development and healthcare provision are highly fragmented with a high degree of disconnect between disciplines (even within companies)
- A patient centric therapeutic development process involves all stakeholders and has to be build on shared expertise and collaboration on an aligned overall objective



# Challenge 7: Exponential advancement in Science & Technology

- Companion or complementary diagnostics are becoming a mandatory part of drug development for complex diseases <sup>1, 2</sup>
- Clinical trials for digital healthcare provision increasingly demonstrate evidence of positive outcomes <sup>3</sup>
- Digital technologies are being tailored for special patient populations like older patients <sup>4</sup>
- Real World Evidence (RWE) & Real World Data (RWD) are playing an increasing role in health care decisions <sup>5</sup>

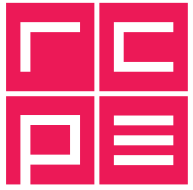
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# Conclusion

## Make the challenges opportunities

1. Including and addressing the patient perspective in the therapeutic process is paramount for achieving safety and effectiveness (instructions are not)
2. Create transparency of the interrelated sciences and expertise involved from discovery through to real world patients and clinical outcomes
3. Form the relevant transdisciplinary research & collaboration platforms/networks working towards improving effectiveness by considering patient views, needs and capabilities
4. Involve the targeted patients into the entire *therapeutic process* from the start
5. Develop methodologies to qualify and quantify patient centric therapeutic processes
6. Standardize/simplify & integrate emerging patient tailored technology into the therapeutic process
7. Build a comprehensive regulatory framework that encourage patient centric therapies
8. Create evidence for economics of patient centered therapeutics & healthcare provision



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