Payer experience in MoCA*

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*Mechanism of Coordinated Access to Orphan Medicinal Products
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Increase in Expenditures for Extramural Medicines in Austria since 2009
The cost of the products has also increased

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A Mechanism of Coordinated access to Orphan Medicinal Products (MoCA)

Aims to facilitate coordinated and improved access to OMPs, based on:

- a voluntary,
- non-legislative,
- non-regulatory
- non-binding collaboration

among stakeholders who are willing to work together: Patients, Payers and Industry (other stakeholders welcome)
What do we want from MoCA?

Patients:
- Quicker and broader availability of the Orphan Medicinal Product
- Increased equity between patients in different EU Member States
- better and more coordinated follow-up and collection of patient-reported outcomes and real-life experiences.

Payers:
- Better documentation of added value,
- more precise budget impact estimates,
- sharing of expertise, resources and knowledge with other EU Member States,
- More efficient price negotiations

Companies:
- More predictable and more rapid uptake of new products
- Better understanding of payers‘ expectations
How is it done?

Expression of interest by a company - brief product overview

Initial presentation at a MoCA meeting (usually in Brussels)

Dialogue continues in a consensually established way

Final report containing learnings and recommendations: these may concern

- Patient numbers and estimates of use
- Product delivery/treatment centers
- Registries
- Ultimately, a framework for negotiations (eg Transparent Value Framework)

- Confidential and non binding (unless otherwise agreed), „Opt-out“ anytime; currently free of charge for companies
Current Participants

▶ **Patients:** represented by EURORDIS and individual patients or patients’ organisations relevant to a specific Orphan Medicinal on an ad hoc basis

▶ **Payers:** Members of the Medicines Evaluation Committee (MEDEV): volunteers from 13 countries participated in one or more MoCA pilot projects.

▶ **Pharmaceutical industry:** Mostly SME’s, including startups (industry also represented in Steering Committee)
Pilots since 2014

- 1 concluded, 7 ongoing, 2 initiated
- Products: Small molecules, biologicals and advanced therapies
- Development Stage at initiation: From Phase 2 to post-authorisation
Learnings

- Better understanding of which outcomes matter to patients and payers
- Better understanding of payers’ needs for decision-making
- Companies are welcome anytime during the product cycle - but the earlier the better
- Understanding the challenges of complicated products, eg when a disease is so rare and the treatment so complicated that it will be limited to a few selected “Centers of Expertise” across Europe (similarity with ERNs)
Payer Experience

- Informal, open discussions on many aspects of the new product and its delivery
- „heads-up“ on new developments - and their consequences for reimbursement, eg cross-border issues
- Opportunity to explore new models and to communicate concerns - may prevent future complications
- Ongoing dialogue and „brainstorming“ together can help in building trust
- ...but still a bit vague on the specifics...
Challenges - this is why we do it!

- There is no “single payer voice” - different health care systems, laws, economies, priorities...
- Complexity of new therapies
- Designing registries which accommodate the needs of regulators, HTA and payers - and are workable
- When is the best time to discuss the value of a product?
Way Forward

- Revised Terms of Reference for a new series of pilots in a more structured and better supported way to generate concrete results and new learnings.

- Avoiding duplication is paramount, but we need more experience to see if MoCA can and should be integrated into other processes or projects at EMA, EUnetHTA, STAMP, etc.

- EURORDIS and EPF issued a call to EU National Competent Authorities for Pricing and Reimbursement (May 2015), asking for support of MoCA and for a Round Table on Price Negotiations.


Thank you for your attention!

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