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# **Paediatrics and medicines**

## ***European regulations***

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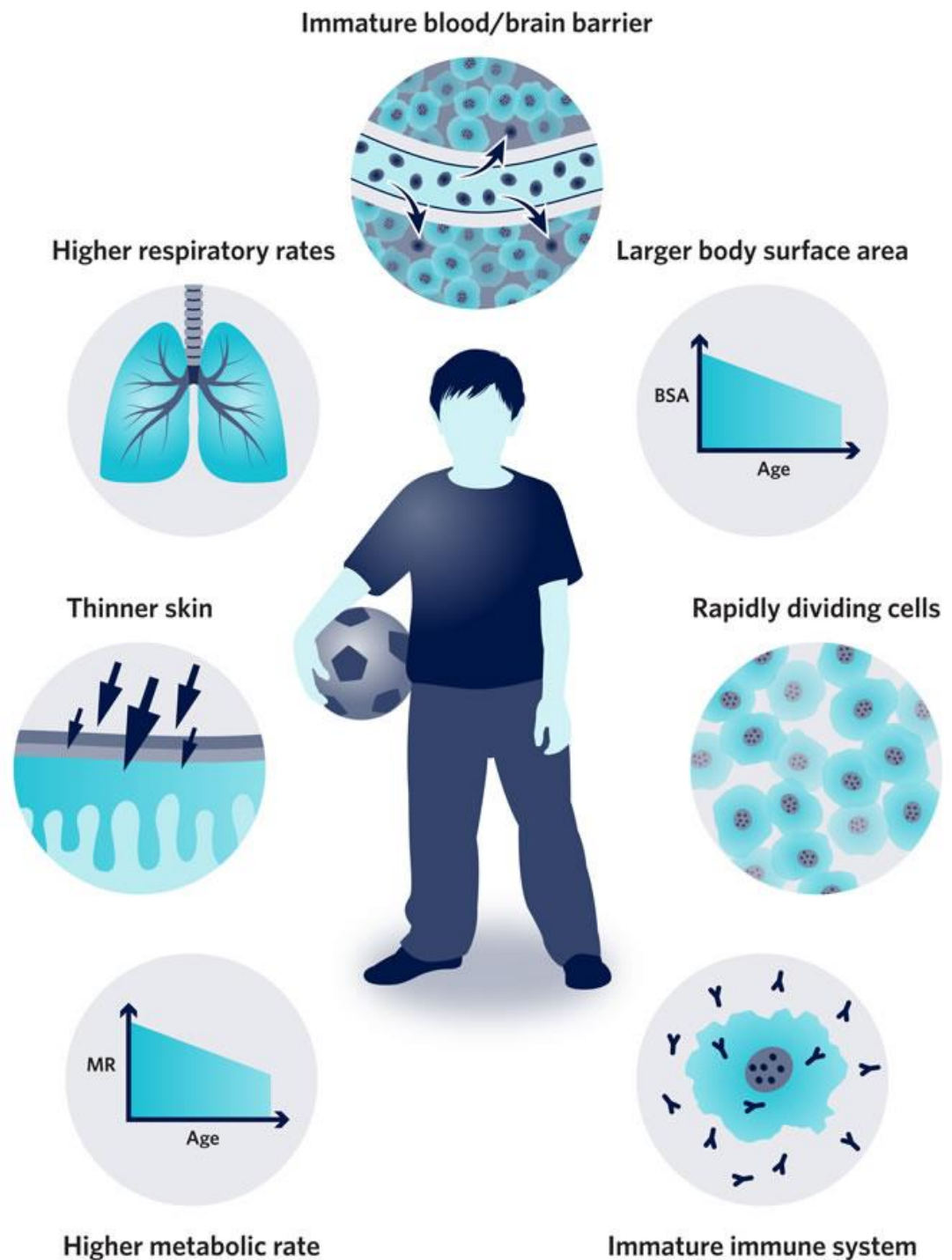
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# Heterogene population

## Differences in PK and PD

- absorption
- distribution
- metabolism
- elimination

child  $\neq$  little adult




# Evidence of harm from off-label or unlicensed medicines in children

*Report by EMA in 2004 – prior to paediatric legislation*

- 820 suspected serious ADRs reported (Eudravigilance) in paediatrics receiving product\* in a for EU unlabeled use
  - 130 reported as fatal
  - 361 reported as (prolonged hospitalization)
- Adverse events:
  - Neuro-psychiatric ADRs: 26% paediatrics vs 14% adults of all reports

→ Numbers are likely higher as there is generally underreporting of ADRs **particularly** if product unlicensed or off-label



Underreporting  
paediatric data  
brings  
headache

\* Registered through centralized procedure

# Need for paediatric regulation

- Widespread off-label use in children
- Limited clinical study data in children
- Lack of appropriate pharmaceutical formulation to administer in children → unwanted side effects or under-dosing without expected efficacy

→ Need for legal obligation for pharmaceutical companies to stimulate pediatric development to become integral part of drug development

# Objective paediatric regulation

Regulation 1902/2006 – effective January 2007

- Improving medicines for children:
  - Facilitating development & availability for children
  - Ensure high quality medicines for children
  - Ensure ethical research into medicines for children
  - Improve availability of information on the use of medicines for children
- Ensure development of age appropriate pharmaceutical form
- Decrease off label use

No unnecessary studies in children  
without delaying authorization in adults

# What is a PIP (1/2)

## Paediatric Investigation Plan

Research and development program aimed at generating data for a pediatric indication → document defining the base for development & authorization of medicinal product for the pediatric population

- Evaluate drug in paediatric population from birth <18yrs
  - Age subsets: neonates, 0<28days, 28days<2yrs, 2<12 yrs, 12<18 yrs (17yrs in US)
- Detailed plan specifies:
  - Timing & measures to demonstrate quality, safety & efficacy in all subsets of the population

# What is a PIP (2/2)

## Paediatric Investigation Plan

- PIP be agreed upon with Paediatric Committee (PDCO)
- Once agreed it's legally binding
  - Deferral; delay start or completion of paediatric study/studies
    - Justified on scientific, technical or public health ground
  - Waiver; exempt from paediatric development
    - Product likely ineffective/unsafe in (part of) population
    - No significant benefit over existing products
    - Disease only in adults
- Possibility to apply for modifications to PIP
  - Change of timing or measure(s)
  - Change should be fully justified

# When to submit a PIP

- **Article 7:** for a new MA for a medicinal product which is not authorised in the EU.
- **Article 8:** for a new indication or pharmaceutical form/route of administration for an authorised product protected by a Supplementary Protection Certificate (SPC) or a patent which qualifies for a SPC.

To have a valid marketing authorization application:  
Obligation to generate paediatric data according to an agreed PIP or a decision of the EMEA granting a deferral or waiver



## Scope of Products

**Within scope:** orphan products, informed consent application, fixed-combination products, ATMPs

**Outside scope:** generics, hybrids, biosimilars, well-established use, homeopathic and traditional herbal medicinal products

**PUMA** (Paediatric use marketing authorization): off patent product, covering exclusively paediatric indication

# Content of a PIP

## Scientific documentation – parts B to E

Part A	<b>Application form</b> – product information, administrative and regulatory information
Part B	<b>Overall development</b> of the medicinal product (incl info on conditions)
Part C	Application for product specific <b>waivers</b>
Part D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D1: Existing data and overall strategy proposed or the paediatric development</li><li>• D2: Quality</li><li>• D3: Non-clinical aspects</li><li>• D4: Clinical aspects</li><li>• D5: Timing of measures in the PIP</li></ul>
Part E	Application for <b>deferrals</b>
Part F	Annexes
Key binding element form	<b>Key binding elements</b> (main features) of measures/studies proposed to be included in PIP opinion

# PIP process

- Agree on PIP through Paediatric Committee (PDCO)
  - 1 to 1.5 yrs
- Need to comply to agreed PIP
  - Carrot/stick approach
- Option to amend agreed PIP
- Following completion of paediatric development program in line with PIP → results reflected in SmPC
  - CHMP, involving PDCO and PRAC

# Limitation paediatric trials

- Number of subjects
- Duration of trials
- Exclusion high-risk population
- Limited power to detect rare (serious) events

→ Need for real world evidence

# Risk Management Plan (1/3)

## 1. Important identified risk

- Growth retardation in children and adolescents (*corticosteroids*)

## 2. Important potential risk

- Malignant neoplasm  $\geq 12$  years of age
  - Malignant neoplasm  $6 < 12$  yrs of age
- } IgE

## 3. Missing information

- Off-label use
- Use in children
- Safety in children (*for product approved in peds*)
- Long term safety data in children

# Risk Management Plan (2/3)

## *Pharmacovigilance plan*

- Pharmacovigilance plan
  - Targeted follow up (e.g. on malignant neoplasm)
  - Post Authorization Safety Study (PASS)
    - Understanding long term effect in paediatrics
  - Routine case reporting\*
    - Age, weight, height/length, development parameters
    - Formulation, strength
    - Dosage prescribed/administered, exposure, treatment compliance
    - (Intended) indication

\*GVP: Product- or Population-Specific Considerations IV: Paediatric population Population (EMA/572054/201)

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# Risk Management plan (3/3)

## *Risk Minimisation Measures*

- Risk minimisation activities
  - Prevention of possible medication errors of medicinal products in the paediatric population
    - E.g. spoon
  - Additional risk minimization measure
    - Educational material for adolescents 13<18 years
      - E.g. Aripiprazol

# Paediatric data collection throughout LCM

