





Fundamentals of real world evidence

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Questions for you





Types of evidence

RCTs provide evidence on efficacy and safety, and remain crucial for securing regulatory approval

RWE is the product of studies that use data collected through observation of current clinical practice and/or patient-reported experience

RWE can complement evidence acquired in RCTs by assessing a wide range of outcomes that are representative of an everyday clinical setting



Efficacy is the intrinsic effect of an intervention measured under pre-specified conditions

Effectiveness measures the beneficial effect in routine clinical practice

Efficacy versus effectiveness: an analogy









Standing quarter mile: **12.5 seconds**



Standing quarter mile: > 12.5 seconds!





Steps to success





RWE complements data from RCTs





A question for you

Where does RWE come from?





- Evidence can be generated from primary or secondary data sources
 - Primary data are newly generated by an investigator during a study
 - Secondary data refer to patient-level data that were collected for other purposes and are being used again to answer another research question or hypothesis

Primary data sources	Secondary data sources
RCTs	Administrative claims databases
Pragmatic clinical trials	Electronic medical records
Prospective cohort studies	Disease registries
	National and regional registries





Validity of evidence

 Some types of studies are typically perceived as being more scientifically rigorous than others

Database studies

Registries Pragmatic trials

Open-label studies

Focus groups

Meta-analyses

RCTs



Direction of research



• Evidence can be generated prospectively or retrospectively





A question for you

How important do you think RWE is?

- 1. It is a critical element of evidence-based medicine
- 2. It is helpful for informing clinical decisions but it is not essential
- 3. It is not important at all, RCTs give us all the evidence we need





A question for you

What is RWE used for?





Healthcare decision-makers need evidence



- Healthcare decision-makers are interested in clinical decisions and the evidence that supports those decisions
- There are a variety of healthcare decision-makers



 Understanding their different perspectives is key to generating the right evidence





Payer evidence needs



Healthcare professional evidence needs







Patient evidence needs



Evidence is needed throughout the product life cycle







Summary: what is RWE?





Summary: why is RWE important?



