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Regulatory Affairs in Life Science



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What is healthcare regulatory affairs?



- Regulatory affairs developed due to government concern to protect public health and product safety and efficacy in areas such as pharmaceuticals, veterinary medicines & medical devices
- Regulatory professionals are key to the delivery of safe and effective treatments to patients







Why it matters!





Without proper regulation...



DR. J. COLLIS BROWNE'S CHLORODYN

THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY GENUINE.

CHLORODYNE is admitted by the Profession to be remedy ever discovered

CHLORODYNE is the best remedy known for Coughs, Consumption, Bronchitis, Asthma.

CHLORODYNE effectually checks and arrests those too often fatal diseases-Diphtheria, Fever, Croup, Agoè.

CHLORODYNE atts like a charm in Diarrhoes, and is the only specific in Cholera and Dysentery.

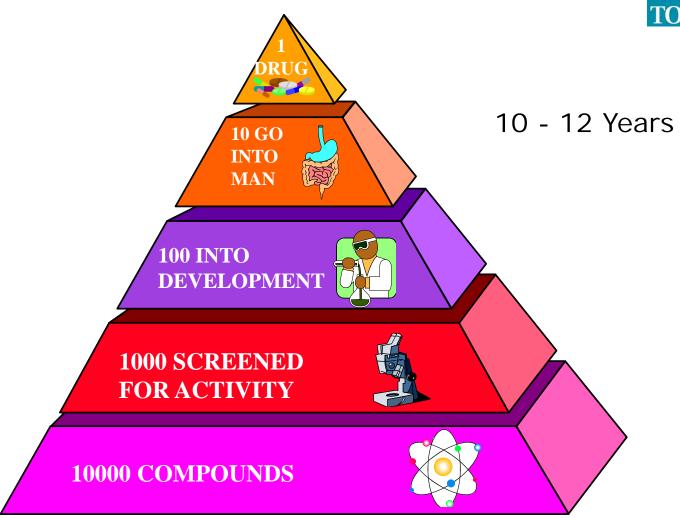
CHLORODYNE effectually cuts short all attacks of Epilepsy. Hysteria, Palpitation, and Spasms.

CHLORODYNE is the only pulliative in Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Gout, Cancer, Toothnene, Meningilis, &c.



From Compound to Drug

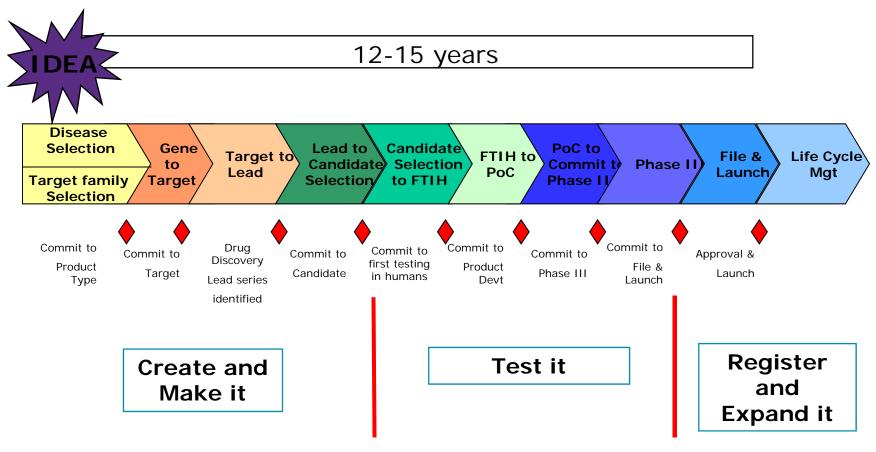




In practice many larger companies maintain compound libraries of many millions.

The Drug Development Process





Confidence in drug and disease

Philosophy



THREE KEY ITEMS WHICH MUST ALWAYS BE PROVEN:

- QUALITY
- SAFETY
- EFFICACY



• Increasingly the pharmaco-economics of new products is being considered.

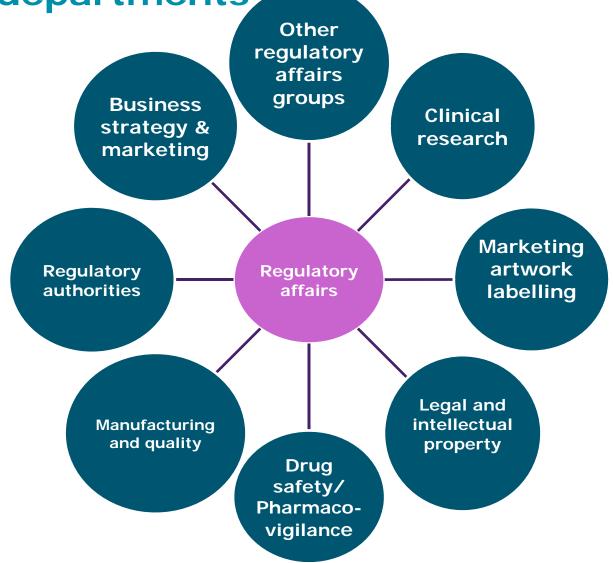
What regulatory affairs involves



- Licensing, marketing and legal compliance of pharmaceutical and medical products
- A combination of science, legal and business ensuring well designed and validated data with appropriate statistics and discussions
- Ensuring adherence and compliance with health authority guidelines and regulations
- Liaising internally between research, production and business development and externally with health authority personnel, inspectors and European regulators
- Information and intelligence gathering to try to anticipate change – keeping up to date with draft guidelines, European Directives and national laws and regulations.

Where regulatory interfaces with other departments





What you might do!



Put together regulatory submissions

Write regulatory dossiers

Analyse data to ensure suitability for regulatory submission

Develop regulatory and development strategies for new products

Sit on a global project development team

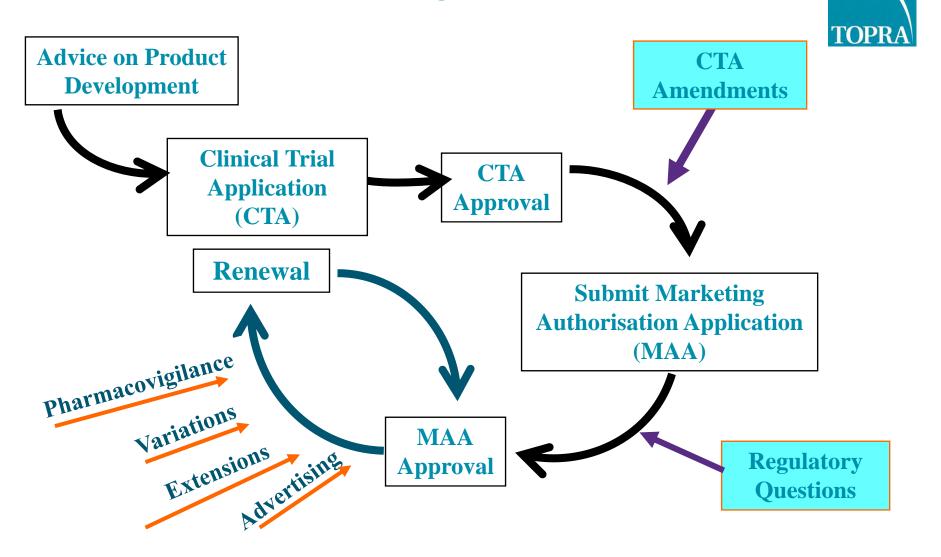
Project manage a development or submission programme

Manage products post licensing

Manage a region or territory



The Product Lifecycle



Why choose regulatory affairs?



- It is a dynamic, fast-paced environment
- It has a positive impact on society
- It interfaces with many different functions/teams
- It is a hybrid of science, business & communication
- It is a responsible job & with a practical application of science
- It recruits from diverse academic/industrial science backgrounds
- There are opportunities to work in many different business areas, eg medical devices, active ingredients, biopharmaceuticals

PLUS:

- Good opportunities to progress & develop
- Potential for international travel & flexible working conditions (hours/locations, etc)
- Opportunities to specialise (pharmaceutics, compliance, operations, publishing, consultancy)

What do I need to become a regulatory professional?



A scientific background (usually pharmacy, chemistry or biological sciences)

Skills include:

- Interest in a wide range of scientific disciplines
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Team working and negotiation skills
- Problem solving creative thinking
- Project management
- Attention to detail
- Flexibility and ability to work in a dynamic and constantly changing environment

A knowledge of legal frameworks, processes and procedures can be learned!

Getting started...



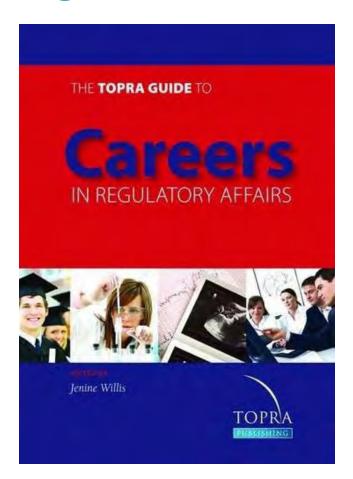
- Look for work experience opportunities in a healthcare related setting if possible
- Build a good, relevant and accurate CV
- Look out for graduate training schemes and apprenticeship opportunities
- Join TOPRA as a student member!





To find out more go to www.topra.org/careers





This careers guide is available on Amazon, but is free for student members.

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