Session III: Key Issues & Considerations

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Presentation of Focus Group Issues

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Session Objectives

Discuss Key Issues from Patient & Provider Focus Groups:

- Gaps & Challenges?
- Implications for Stakeholders?
- Solutions?

Issues

1. Patients/Providers perceive antibacterial drug development crisis
2. Clarifying definition of “unmet need”
3. Limiting overuse/inappropriate use of streamlined development approaches
4. Decision making and medical-legal risk issues
5. Stewardship
6. “Real-time” post-approval data collection, data sharing, and publication of treatment guidelines for use of these products
7. Risk Communication
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Key Issue #1: Patients/Providers Perceive Crisis in ABDD

- **Patients/Providers**—Acknowledge the need for *streamlined development approaches*.

- **Patients/Providers**—Both Providers and Government (regulators) *share responsibility* in developing programs/approaches to address unmet need.

- **Patients/Providers**—Recognize the need for *effective*, not just rapid, steps to be taken to *reduce the risk* of MDR bacterial infections, especially in hospital and long-term care facilities.
Key Issue #2: Patient Understanding of Unmet Need in Antibacterial Drug Development

- **Patients** need *further clarity* on the *definition* of *unmet need*.

- **Patient** advocacy groups (e.g., oncology) have various understandings of unmet need – *limited vs. no options*. 
Key Issue #3: Limit Overuse/Inappropriate Use of Streamlined Development Approaches

PATIENTS believe these approaches are necessary but desire safeguards to prevent misuse by industry.

PROVIDERS believe these approaches are warranted and also believe:

- The process should not be abused & need reassurance that incentives are commensurate with severity of need.
- Regulators should maintain adequate oversight of these streamlined development approaches to ensure scientific rigor.
- Stewardship should be encouraged.
Key Issue #4: Decision-Making and Medical-Legal Risk

PATIENTS desire input and consensus from a multi-disciplinary team
   - *The “A-Team”*
   - Ensures that providers are making the right decisions regarding approved or off-label use.

PROVIDERS are concerned they may be at *increased medical/legal risk* when using drugs developed through these approaches
   - Need assurance that using these approved drugs, where the safety database supporting approval may be more limited, does not place them at additional medical-legal risk.
Key Issue #5: Stewardship

- Limit use of antibacterial drugs developed with streamlined approaches

- PROVIDERS: Unless there are extenuating circumstances, reserve use of antibacterial drugs developed using these approaches *only* following known culture results.

- PATIENTS: There may be a need to increase public awareness of how decisions are made regarding unmet need, treatment timeliness, and diagnostic limitations.
Key issue #6: Require “Real-Time” Data Collection/Sharing and Publication of Treatment Guidelines

PATIENTS and PROVIDERS

- desire ongoing information to be collected and made publicly available regarding antibacterial drugs developed using these approaches.

- besides post-marketing studies, one approach to providing this information might be to implement a registry for drugs developed using these approaches.
Issue #7: Risk Communication

Provide standardized information to prescribing physicians in hospitals

The following information should be readily available to physicians with hospital prescribing privileges:

- Is the drug on the hospital formulary?
- Are there any restrictions to prescribing the drug (who, when)?
- What is the cost of the drug?
- What is the known data in the critically ill?
- What are the known renal effects? Other known side effects?
Thank you.