



# Accessing clinical trials abroad.

## The MPNE experience.

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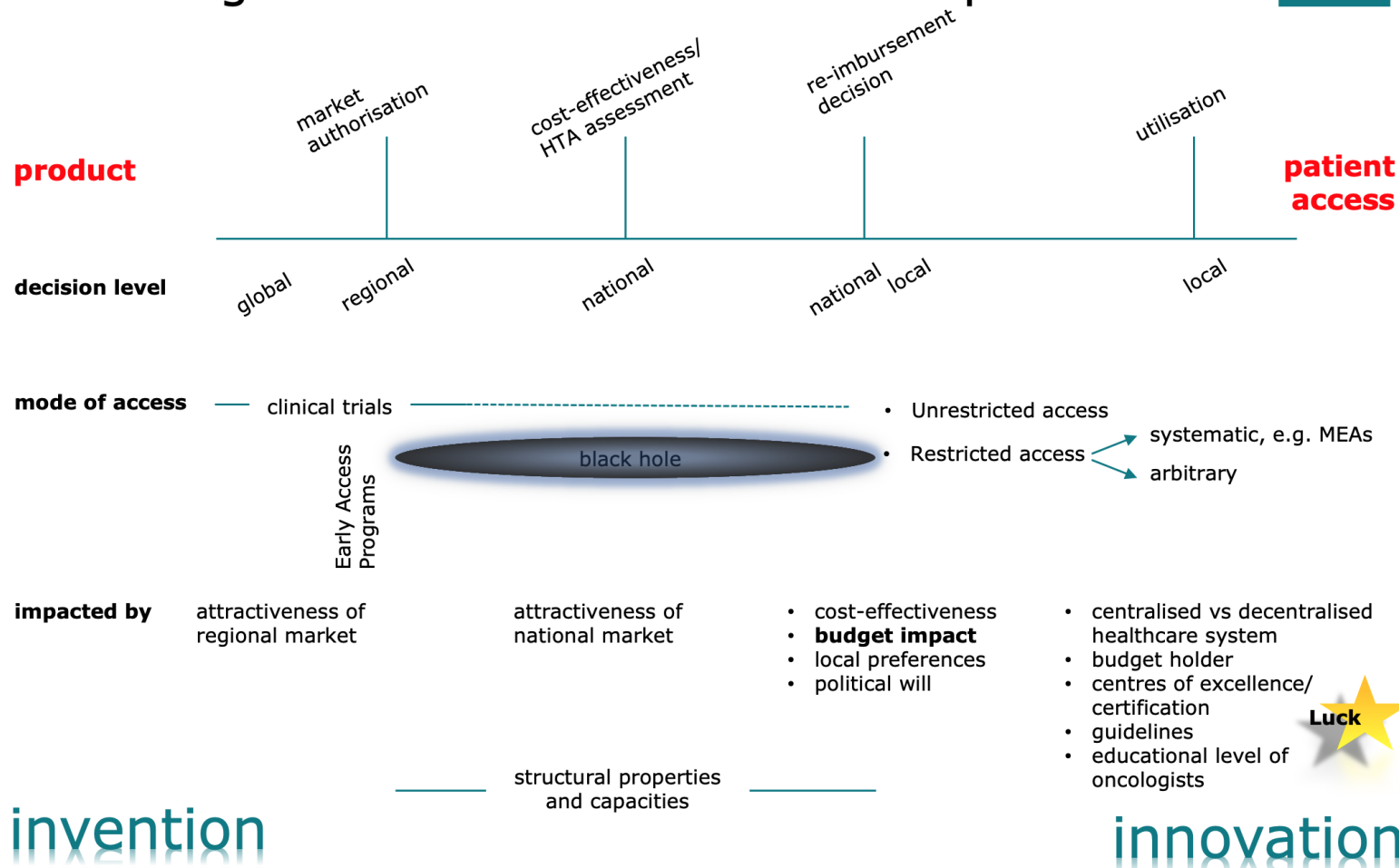
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# The ideal clinical trial access

- promising treatment, no exposure to inferior treatment
- optimally integrated into treatment pathway, with a vision for long-term outcomes
- close to home
- pragmatic inclusion
- trial design relevant for patients inside and outside the trial
- minimal burden to patient and family

# From invention to healthcare innovation. Accessing innovative medicines in Europe.



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**Access to clinical trials remains a challenge, even in countries with existing structures.**



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# Challenges we have noted



- patients have to be proactive, asked to provide rationale for a given trial (committee insufficiently resourced?)
- trial turned down with argument of ‘insufficient evidence’
- countries have ‘provisions’ designed to be ineffectual (Sweden)
- toxicity major issue: how to treat toxicity with unknown compound?
- associated risks and costs, e.g. ICU stays with major toxicity

# MPNE project: Mapping Access to Melanoma drugs in Europe

Melanoma Drugs in EU ★

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Access to Innovative Melanoma Drugs in Europe

| A                | B                          | C                       | D                 | E            | F    | G          |
|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------|------------|
| Class            | method of action           | medicine name           | product name      | Company/ Mar | Date | Indication |
| Targeted therapy | BRAF-inhibitor             | Vemurafenib             | Zelboraf          | Roche        |      |            |
|                  | BRAF-inhibitor             | Dabrafenib              | Tafinlar          | Novartis     |      |            |
|                  | MEK-inhibitor              | Trametinib              | Mekinist          | Novartis     |      |            |
|                  | MEK-inhibitor              | Cobimetinib             | Cotellic          | Roche        |      |            |
| Targeted Combo   | BRAF + MEK                 | Dabrafenib/Trametinib   | Tafinlar/Mekinist | Novartis     |      |            |
| Targeted Combo   | BRAF + MEK                 | Vemurafenib/Cobimetinib | Zelboraf/Cotellic | Roche        |      |            |
| Immunotherapies  | Anti-CTLA4                 | Sipilimumab             | Yervoy            | BMS          |      |            |
|                  | BRAF + MEK                 | Vemurafenib/Cobimetinib | Zelboraf/Cotellic | Roche        |      |            |
|                  | Anti-PD1                   | Nivolumab               | Opdivo            | BMS          |      |            |
|                  | Anti-PD1                   | Pembrolizumab           | Keytruda          | Merck        |      |            |
| Immuno Combo     | Anti-PD1/Anti-CTLA4        |                         |                   |              |      |            |
|                  | Injectable to Tumour T-vec | Imlytic                 | Amgen             |              |      |            |

| Drug Class       | method of action           | medicine name           | product name      | Company/ Mar | EU Market authorization Indication   | National Regulator Name                | website              | HTA body Name                                | website              | Date manufacturer submit HTA decision date | HTA decision (positive/ negative)         | National Payer - will be different to HTA decision (positive/ negative) |  |
|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|--|---|---|--|
| Targeted therapy | BRAF-inhibitor             | Vemurafenib             | Zelboraf          | Roche        | Vemurafenib is indicated in monotherapy for the treatment of adult patients with BRAF-V600-mutation-positive unresectable or metastatic melanoma. Dabrafenib as monotherapy or in combination with trametinib is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with a BRAF V600 mutation. | NPSA (Health Regulator Products Board) | <a href="#">NPSA</a> | National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics (NCFE) | <a href="#">NCFE</a> | 23/12/2011 - 4/1/12                        | HTA recommended for full Assessment       | Health Service Executive  | HTA decision: Approved at current price<br>National Payer: will be different to HTA decision<br>September 2014 not approved following prior negotiation                                      |
|                  | BRAF-inhibitor             | Dabrafenib              | Tafinlar          | Novartis     | Trametinib as monotherapy or in combination with dabrafenib is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with a BRAF V600 mutation.   | NPSA (Health Regulator Products Board) | <a href="#">NPSA</a> | National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics (NCFE) | <a href="#">NCFE</a> | 11/09/13 - 2/10/13                         | recommended for full HTA assessment. None | Health Service Executive  | 3/12/13 - 24/02/14 HTA approved  |
|                  | MEK-inhibitor              | Trametinib              | Mekinist          | Novartis     | Cotellic is indicated for use in combination with vemurafenib for the treatment of adult patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with a BRAF V600 mutation.  | NPSA (Health Regulator Products Board) | <a href="#">NPSA</a> | National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics (NCFE) | <a href="#">NCFE</a> | 27/11/2015 - 22/12/15                      | recommended for full HTA assessment.      | Health Service Executive  | 27/7/16 - To present in assessment process   |
|                  | MEK-inhibitor              | Cobimetinib             | Cotellic          | Roche        | Dabrafenib as monotherapy or in combination with trametinib is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with a BRAF V600 mutation.   | NPSA (Health Regulator Products Board) | <a href="#">NPSA</a> | National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics (NCFE) | <a href="#">NCFE</a> | 19/4/16 - 26/4/16                          | recommended for full HTA assessment.      | Health Service Executive  | 18/7/16 - To present in assessment process   |
| Targeted Combo   | BRAF + MEK                 | Dabrafenib/Trametinib   | Tafinlar/Mekinist | Novartis     | Cotellic is indicated for use in combination with vemurafenib for the treatment of adult patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with a BRAF V600 mutation.  | NPSA (Health Regulator Products Board) | <a href="#">NPSA</a> | National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics (NCFE) | <a href="#">NCFE</a> | 27/11/2015 - 22/12/15                      | recommended for full HTA assessment.      | Health Service Executive  | 27/7/16 - To present in assessment process   |
| Targeted Combo   | BRAF + MEK                 | Vemurafenib/Cobimetinib | Zelboraf/Cotellic | Roche        | Cotellic is indicated for use in combination with vemurafenib for the treatment of adult patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with a BRAF V600 mutation.  | NPSA (Health Regulator Products Board) | <a href="#">NPSA</a> | National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics (NCFE) | <a href="#">NCFE</a> | 19/4/16 - 26/4/16                          | recommended for full HTA assessment.      | Health Service Executive  | 18/7/16 - To present in assessment process   |
| Immunotherapies  | Anti-CTLA4                 | Sipilimumab             | Yervoy            | BMS          | Yervoy is indicated for the treatment of advanced (unresectable or metastatic) melanoma or melanoma with lymph node metastases.  | NPSA (Health Regulator Products Board) | <a href="#">NPSA</a> | National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics (NCFE) | <a href="#">NCFE</a> | 31/07/11 - 9/07/11                         | recommended for full HTA assessment.      | Health Service Executive  | 29/7/11 - 29/7/11 not approved at current price<br>September 13 reimbursement not approved following prior negotiations  |
|                  | BRAF + MEK                 | Vemurafenib/Cobimetinib | Zelboraf/Cotellic | Roche        | Opdivo as monotherapy or in combination with sipilimumab is indicated for the treatment of advanced (unresectable or metastatic) melanoma in adults.   | NPSA (Health Regulator Products Board) | <a href="#">NPSA</a> | National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics (NCFE) | <a href="#">NCFE</a> | 28/02/15 - 16/7/15                         | recommended for full HTA assessment. None | Health Service Executive  | 30/10/16 - 18/03/16 not approved at current price<br>No longer available to fully patients on compassionate program not approved for patients refractory to ipilimumab + nivolumab<br>8/2/16 |
|                  | Anti-PD1                   | Nivolumab               | Opdivo            | BMS          | Keytruda as monotherapy is indicated for the treatment of advanced (unresectable or metastatic) melanoma in adults.  | NPSA (Health Regulator Products Board) | <a href="#">NPSA</a> | National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics (NCFE) | <a href="#">NCFE</a> | 6/0/15 - 13/0/15                           | recommended for full HTA assessment.      | Health Service Executive  | 2/11/15 - 02/04/16 HTA approved  |
| Immuno Combo     | Anti-PD1/Anti-CTLA4        |                         |                   |              | Relative to nivolumab monotherapy, an increase in progression-free survival (PFS) for the combination of nivolumab with sipilimumab is established only in patients with low tumour PD-L1 expression.  | NPSA (Health Regulator Products Board) | <a href="#">NPSA</a> | National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics (NCFE) | <a href="#">NCFE</a> | 27/08/16 - 7/12/16                         | recommended for full HTA assessment.      | Health Service Executive (HSE)  | reimbursement not recommended at current price   |
|                  | Injectable to Tumour T-vec | Imlytic                 | Amgen             |              | Imlytic is indicated for the treatment of adult melanoma that is regrowth or distally metastatic (Stage I/II, I/IIc and I/II/III) with no bone, brain, lung or other visceral disease.   | NPSA (Health Regulator Products Board) | <a href="#">NPSA</a> | National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics (NCFE) | <a href="#">NCFE</a> | *No Application Made To                    | Health Service Executive (HSE)            |   |  |



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# Summary

- clinical trials are critical treatment options for patients who have exhausted all available lines of treatment
- clinical trials exist in a complex space of discrete financial, research and political interests, with implications for trial launch and access
- access to clinical trials abroad is inconsistent and currently depends on a patient's initiative and financial means

# Thank you

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