# **NEST Overview and Future Vision**

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Rachael L. Fleurence, PhD is the inaugural Executive Director of the newly formed National Evaluation System for health Technology (NEST) Coordinating Center. Under the umbrella of a public-private partnership, NESTcc's mission is to establish clear pathways within the medical device ecosystem to support the timely, reliable, and cost-effective development of evidence using Real-World Data sources for key stakeholders, including the medical device industry, regulators, payers, patients, clinicians, and health systems.

Dr. Fleurence joins NEST from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) where she was the Program Director for PCORI's initiative to build the National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network, or PCORnet, sine 2012. PCORnet has been a transformational effort to engage patients and leverage electronic health data to improve the speed and efficiency of clinical research in the United-States. A 350 million dollar investment involving 130 health institutions across the country, 20 patient powered research networks and covering 110 Million patients, PCORnet launched as an independent foundation in March 2017. Dr. Fleurence was also the inaugural director for the PCORI Methods Program in 2012, working closely with the PCORI Methodology Committee on this effort in its initial years. Dr. Fleurence has served on a number of Boards and Steering Committees, including most recently the National Medical Device Evaluation System Planning (NEST) Planning Board, the Medical Device Innovation Consortium (MDIC) Board and the SMART IRB Steering Committee, an effort to streamline IRB reviews across academic research institutions. She chaired the PCORnet Executive Committee from 2015-2017, and served as the vice-chair of the PCORnet Council.

A health economist and health services researcher by training, Dr. Fleurence received a BA from Cambridge University (United-Kingdom), a MA in business management from ESSEC-Paris (France), and a MSc and PhD in health economics from the University of York (United-Kingdom).



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NESTcc Executive Director

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Establishing the National Evaluation System for health Technology Coordinating Center (NESTcc)

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# HISTORY OF NEST

The National Evaluation System for health Technology's (NEST) vision is to improve the use of Real-World Evidence (RWE) generated in the routine course of care.





### THE ECOSYSTEM CHALLENGE

The health care ecosystem is united behind the need to improve patients' timely access to safe and effective devices as well as to improve the quality of life for patients with medical devices.

NESTcc was developed to tackle the lack of high quality, near real-time, and low cost evidence to support:





### **NESTCC'S ROLE IN THE ECOSYSTEM**

### Mission

To accelerate the development and translation of new and safe health technologies, leveraging Real-World Evidence (RWE), and innovative research.

### Vision

To be the leading organization within the health technology and medical device ecosystem for conducting efficient and timely high-quality Real-World Evidence (RWE) studies throughout the Total Product Life Cycle (TPLC).





# What value is NESTcc adding to the ecosystem that is not already there ?

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### **ESTABLISH NESTCC GOVERNANCE**

Through an open call for nominations published in January 2017, the inaugural NESTcc Governing Committee was formed.

The NESTcc Governing Committee represents a **diverse set of stakeholder groups**, including:





### **NESTCC GOVERNING COMMITTEE**

The NESTcc Governing Committee represents stakeholders across the medical device ecosystem.

**NAOMI ARONSON** Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA)

**KATHLEEN BLAKE** American Medical Association (AMA)

MARK DEEM – MDMA Nominee The Foundry, LLC

**PAMELA GOLDBERG** *Medical Device Innovation Consortium (MDIC)* 

BILL HANLON – ACLA Nominee LabCorp/Covance

**ADRIAN HERNANDEZ** Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI) HARLAN KRUMHOLZ Yale University

**ELIZABETH MCGLYNN** *Kaiser Permanente* 

MICHELLE MCMURRY-HEATH – AdvaMed Nominee Interim Governing Committee Chair Johnson & Johnson Medical Devices

**VANCE MOORE** *Mercy Health*  **JEFFREY SHUREN** *FDA, CDRH* 

**SHARON TERRY** *Genetic Alliance* 

**DIANE WURZBURGER – MITA Nominee** *GE Healthcare* 

MARC BOUTIN National Health Council

**TAMARA SYREK JENSEN** Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, CMS

Trade Association Nominees





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Launching the NESTcc Data Network

### **DEVELOP NESTCC'S ROLE**



NESTcc will develop its role to build a sustainable network of collaborators committed to advancing RWE generation.



### **DEVELOP NESTCC'S ROLE: DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS**



# NESTcc is focusing on leveraging RWE in use cases across the total product life cycle.

### Ability to Support Use Cases Across the Total Product Life Cycle (TPLC)

Principle Investigator(s), Demonstration Project	Pre-Market: Pre-Market Approval, 510(k), De Novo	Label Expansion	Post-Market: including Post- Approval Studies (PAS)	Surveillance	Coverage
Morales, Cronenwett, Thatcher: RAPID	0				
Kong, White, Krucoff: SAFE-STEMI	0				
Dreyer: Lung-RADS	Δ		Δ		
Waters: SHIELD					
Goodney, Sedrakyan: Vascular Implant Networks				0	
Resnic: ICD-DELTA				0	
Dujmovic, Hinrichs, Johnson, Slotwiner: EP PASSION			0		
Atwater & Piccini: Medicare & Implantables			0		
Lampert: mHealth			0		
Johnson & Drozda: EHR-Based Data Network	0				
Ross & Shah: mHealth			0		
	Pre-Market	Regulatory Decis	sion	Post-Market	
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### **DEVELOP NESTCC'S ROLE: DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS**

NESTcc Demonstration Projects are studies that contribute to the field of RWE within the medical device ecosystem. While ranging in scope and size, Demonstration Projects are expected to:

Develop, verify, and operationalize methods of evidence generation and data use in the pre- and post-market space

Engage

Demonstrate scalability across healthcare systems, device types, and manufacturers



Demonstrate impact on patients by stimulating innovation in medical device innovation and decreasing the timeline for development and market launch



Inform NESTcc's strategy as it builds out critical functions and processes for a future sustainable organization

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### **DEVELOP NESTCC'S ROLE: DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS**

Demonstration Projects derive value across the development of NESTcc, informing NESTcc's strategy and execution.





NESTcc solicited submissions from industry for RWE test-cases that we will seek to implement with network collaborators.



Test-cases were sought to assess feasibility and are intended to explore the network collaborators' ability to capture the data needed to support a range of studies and analyses.

## **GOALS OF TEST-CASES**

- Solicit test-cases from medical device manufacturers to understand their **evidence generation needs**
- Explore NESTcc **network collaborators'** ability to capture the data needed to support a range of studies and analyses



- Test and understand the unique **capabilities** of the NESTcc Data Network
- Assess the **feasibility** of NESTcc's envisioned Data Network

Leverage

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To better understand the capabilities of its Data Network, NESTcc is facilitating collaboration between network collaborators and test-case manufacturers, whose de-identified concepts are summarized below:

	TOTAL-PRODUCT LIFE CYCLE (TPLC) ALIGNMENT	PRODUCT(S)	AREA
Engage Leverage	Pre-Market Submission	Topical Skin Adhesive	Dermatology
	Label Expansion	Devices used in Rx of Atrial Fibrillation	Cardiovascular
	Label Expansion	Stent graft component product	Vascular
	Move from General to Specific Indication	Device used in surgery	Surgery
	Post-market Surveillance	Knee replacement	Orthopedics
	Post-market Surveillance	Various Devices	Orthopedics
	Patient Management Clinical Guidelines	Anti-coagulation dosage following mechanical heart valve (MHV) replacement	Cardiovascular
	Quality Measurement	Endoscopes	General Hospital Device
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NESTcc has identified two test-cases examining orthopedic devices that are undergoing feasibility testing with network collaborators.

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### **ORTHOPEDIC TEST-CASE EXAMPLE I**

- Explore the feasibility of using real world data (RWD) for proactive post-market surveillance that fulfills regulatory obligations (necessary data elements, sufficient sample size, and representativeness of the sample for purposes of generalizability to the patient population of users) for three orthopedic devices.
- The population of interest is patients undergoing craniofacial reconstruction (mostly pediatric patients), spinal decompression/intervertebral body fusion, and ligament/tendon joint attachment.
- The project will explore proactive surveillance for each device of interest.

### **ORTHOPEDIC TEST-CASE EXAMPLE II**

- Evaluate the feasibility of combining a limited sample of registry data with private claims payments from NESTcc network collaborators.
- Project will look at primary total knee replacement surgical procedures and implants in younger (<65 years of age) patients.</li>
- Outcomes of interest will include readmission, reoperation, and revision (removal of implant).
- The project will look at 90 day, 1 year, and 2 year post-surgery data, as available from collaborators.



NESTcc has established relationships with network collaborators to advance evaluation and use of high-quality RWD from various sources.





Duke University Health System • Healthcore • Lahey Clinic • Mayo Clinic • MDEpiNet • Mercy Health • PEDSnet • University of Florida Health System • Vanderbilt University Medical Center • Weill-Cornell Medical Center • Yale New Haven Health System

# NESTcc surveyed its Data Network to determine current capabilities, gaps, and priority areas.



Collaborators comprising the NESTcc Data Network have access to a range of available data sources, including those listed below.



NESTcc will support its Data Network by helping streamline administrative processes, reducing transaction costs, and offering research assistance.



### **REDUCING TRANSACTION COSTS**

- Putting in place an umbrella non-disclosure agreement (NDA) with NESTcc Network Collaborators
- Developing a participation agreement defining roles and responsibilities of NESTcc and Network Collaborators
- Developing a Master Services Agreement between the Network Collaborators and the NESTcc to accelerate contracting time



### TYPES OF RESEARCH OFFERED

- Prep to research questions (e.g. size and type of patient population with a specific condition or device)
- Identification of patients for clinical trials and identification of clinical trial sites
- Retrospective observational studies with deidentified data
- Prospective observational studies with patient consent
- Patient surveys and patient-generated data with patient consent
- Interventional/randomized studies (not in the short term)



Leverage

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### **NESTCC DATA NETWORK TIMELINE 2018**



Establish initial **NESTcc Data Network** with 11 collaborators

**Implement test-cases** with manufacturers and NESTcc network collaborators

Work with stakeholders to establish data and methods standards, and operating processes

**Identify gaps in data infrastructure** to support robust medical device studies and find solutions

Expand NESTcc Data Network

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### **NESTCC PROGRESS: A SNAPSHOT**





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# Social Media Engagement











# Innovation in Evidence Generation to Support Expedited Access to Medical Device Technologies

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Dr. Xie currently serves as the Vice President, Clinical Affairs and Office of Medical Affairs at Medtronic Spine. In this role, she strategically leads and directs clinical and medical affairs activities globally.

Prior to Medtronic, Dr. Xie was the Vice President of Clinical Affairs for the Medical Device Innovation Consortium (MDIC) where she worked closely with FDA, payers and industry on identifying challenges and opportunities to advance regulatory science with the mission to expedite patient access to innovative medical device technologies. Prior to that role, Dr. Xie was the Vice President of Global Clinical Affairs for Zimmer Biomet.

Dr. Xie holds a Bachelor of Science degree in analytical chemistry from Xiamen University as well as a Master of Science degree in chemistry and PhD in materials science from the University of Alabama. She also holds a Master of Science degree in computer science from Purdue University.

# INNOVATION IN EVIDENCE GENERATION

# SUPPORTING EXPEDITED ACCESS TO MEDICAL DEVICE TECHNOLOGIES

Jing Xie, PhD

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# TOPICS

- Driver for Innovation in Evidence Generation
- Transforming Evidence Generation
- Critical Roles of Real-World Data (RWD) and Real-World Evidence (RWE)
- Applications of RWD and RWE
- Optimizing Evidence Generation
- Factors to Successful Adoption of RWD and RWE

# **HEALTHCARE ECOSYSTEM**



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### **DRIVER FOR INNOVATION IN EVIDENCE GENERATION**

#### NEEDS

- Early Access to New Technologies of Public Health Importance
- Evidence-based VBHC
- Evidence to Inform Care Pathway Decision (Multifactorial)
- Patient-centered Care (e.g. which population benefits most?)
- Increased Requirements on Safety Surveillance

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Growing Availability of RWD
- New Data Analytic Methodologies
- IT Infrastructure
- Willingness of Multi-stakeholder Engagement

FAST ACCUMULATION OF DATA

### **REFLECTING REAL-WORLD PRACTICE**

## **TRANSFORMING EVIDENCE GENERATION**



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## **TRANSFORMING EVIDENCE GENERATION**



### **Clinical Trials/Studies**





### **Real World Evidence**

\*http://medcommsnetworking.com/presentations/shaw\_070716.pdf

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## **CRITICAL ROLES OF RWD AND RWE**



### **RWD/RWE PROVIDES INSIGHTS NOT POSSIBLE SOLELY FROM CLINICAL STUDIES**

\*https://sites.duke.edu/diss2017/files/2017/09/S2B\_MitchDeKoven\_DISS2017.pptx

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## **APPLICATIONS OF RWD AND RWE**



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## **APPLICATIONS OF RWD AND RWE**



FACILITATE CONTINUUM OF EVIDENCE GENERATION AND LEARNING

IMPROVE DECISION MAKING AND OUTCOMES THROUGH ALL STAGES OF TPLC

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# **MOBILIZING RWD/RWE GENERATION**



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## **OPTIMIZING EVIDENCE GENERATION**

- Clinical Studies and RWD/RWE provides different aspects of evidence to support device performance and safety
- They complement each other
  - Opportunities to shift data from pre-market to post-market
  - RWD/RWE in lieu of PAS
- They do not necessarily have to be sequential

  - Hybrid of clinical study and RWD/RWE to support regulatory decision
  - Embedded clinical studies in routine clinical practices mimicking real-world setting
- Fit-for-Purpose approach → Focus on ability to address regulatory/scientific questions based on strengths and limitations of Clinical Study and RWD/RWE

# FACTORS TO SUCCESSFUL ADOPTION OF RWD/RWE

Engagement & Sustainability	<ul> <li>Full engagement of all stakeholders</li> <li>Value Proposition that resonates with each stakeholder</li> <li>Robust business models for all the required stakeholders to make this work</li> </ul>
Data Quality & Robustness	<ul> <li>Don't underestimate the challenges of getting reliable / clean data for the required data models</li> <li>Establish Quality criteria and understand the limitation of each type of RWD</li> <li>Still requires robust Data Mining &amp; Sampling Plan</li> </ul>
Governance, Privacy and Legal	<ul> <li>Data ownership, access, usage and interpretation</li> <li>Leveraging technologies in order to minimize data transfers</li> <li>Fit-for-Purpose: procedural level vs aggregated</li> </ul>
Learn by Doing	<ul> <li>Get Started</li> <li>Multi-stakeholder engagement</li> <li>Where/how to apply – Guidance and Training are critical</li> </ul>

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# **THANK YOU**

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# **Real World Evidence Panel Discussion**

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# **Meeting Adjournment**

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