



# Early Uptake of New Molecular Entities Approved in 2017 in a Multisite National US Healthcare Data Network

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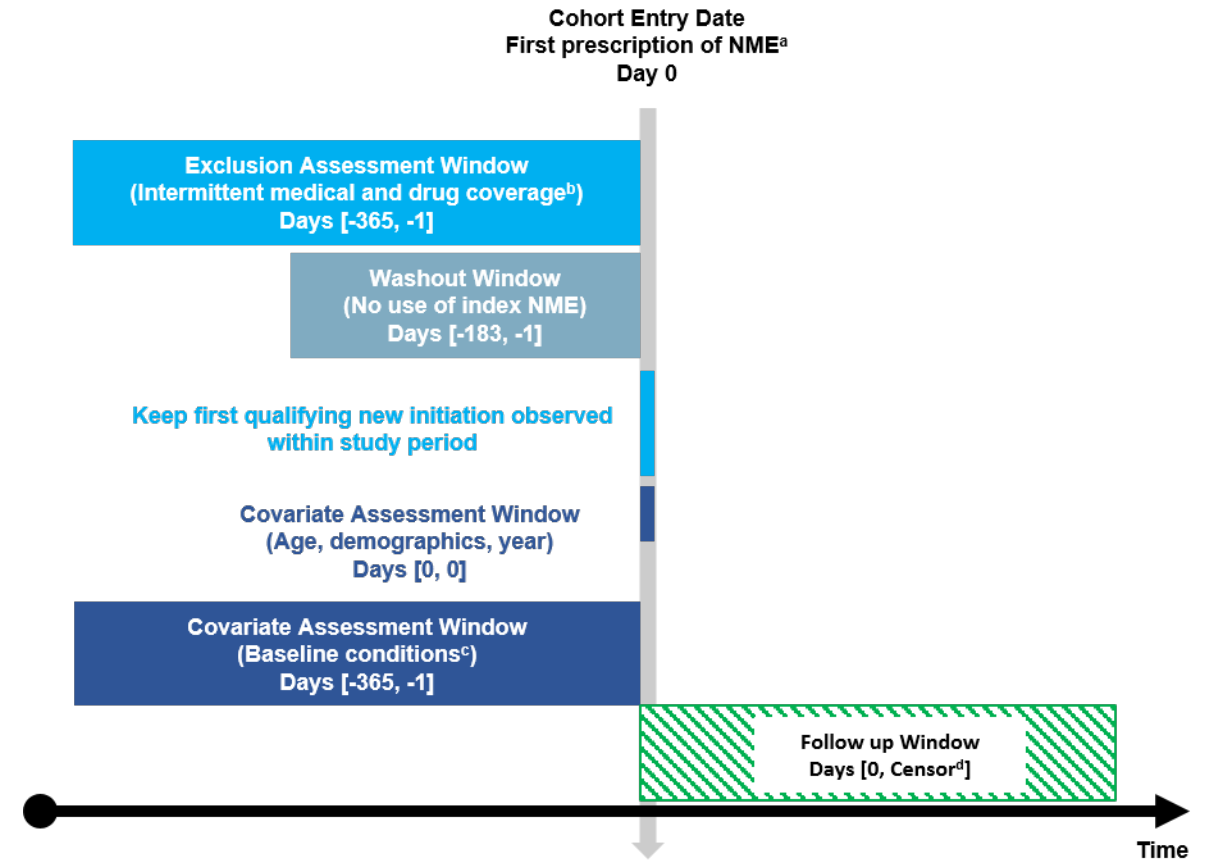
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# Planning for postmarket safety surveillance of newly approved drug products

- Over the past 6 years (2015-2020), the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved 46 new molecular entities (NMEs) every year on average<sup>1</sup>
- Postmarket surveillance of NMEs is a public health priority, but can be challenging due to variable uptake in the early post-approval period (first 2 years of approval)
- We examined uptake and duration of observation time available for the 46 NMEs approved in 2017 using the Sentinel Distributed Database (SDD) with 70 million+ members actively enrolled with drug and medical coverage at time of study among 16 Data Partners



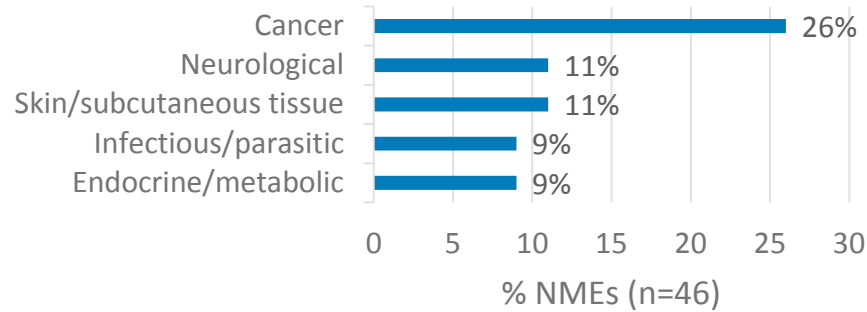
- Treatment initiation defined by date of dispensing
- Up to 45 day gaps in medical or pharmacy enrollment allowed
- Baseline conditions included: history of chronic conditions, lifestyle-related factors
- Earliest of: death, disenrollment, DP max date (Date of maximum data availability at participating Data Partner site. The month with the maximum date must have at least 80% of the number of records in the previous month.)

This analysis was designed on Sentinel Query Request Package (QRP) v. 9.0.0.

<sup>1</sup>Mullard A. 2020 FDA drug approvals. *Nature Reviews Drug Discovery*. 2021;20(2):85-90. doi:10.1038/d41573-021-00002-0

# Characteristics of 2017 NMEs and accrual of new users during early post-approval period in SDD

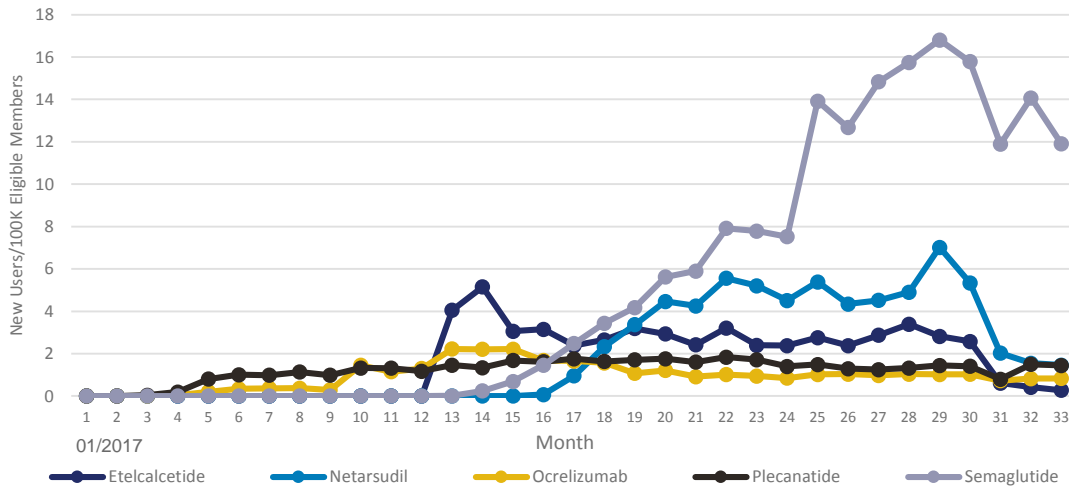
Most common indications on approval



Uptake of NMEs approved 2015-2017

	2017 NMEs (n = 46)	2016 NMEs (n = 45)	2015 NMEs (n = 22)
Low uptake (<1 new users/100K eligible members)	39%	40%	41%
Medium uptake (<10 new users/100K eligible members)	41%	36%	36%
High uptake (≥ 10 new users/100K eligible members)	20%	24%	23%

Monthly uptake of NMEs with most accrual of new users



Follow-up time available for NMEs with most new users

NME	Median [IQR] follow-up, days
Semaglutide	126 [59-230]
Netarsudil	179 [88-273]
Etelcalcetide	266 [126-420]
Plecanatide	315 [158-495]
Ocrelizumab	363 [167-503]

- Consistent with previous studies of early post-approval uptake, large variability exists in uptake across NMEs
- Given their higher uptake rates, newly approved drugs that treat common chronic conditions or are never-before-approved products are potential candidates for early postmarket safety monitoring