



# Joint Approval Programmes For Innovative Devices Between Japan-USA *Harmonization By Doing (HBD) 2003-2024*

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# HBD Constructs: 10 Year Perspective



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## Global Cardiovascular Device Innovation: Japan-USA Synergies

– Harmonization by Doing (HBD) Program, a Consortium of Regulatory Agencies, Medical Device Industry, and Academic Institutions –

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**Background:** Global medical devices have become more popular, but investment money for medical device development is not easily available in the market. Worldwide health-care budget constraints mean that efficient medical device development has become essential. To achieve efficient development, globalization is a key to success. Spending large amounts of money in different regions for medical device development is no longer feasible.

**Methods and Results:** In order to streamline processes of global medical device development, an academic, governmental, and industrial consortium, called the Harmonization by Doing program, has been set up. The program has been operating between Japan and the USA since 2003. The program has 4 working groups: (1) Global Cardiovascular Device Trials; (2) Study on Post-Market Registry; (3) Clinical Trials; and (4) Infrastructure and Methodology Regulatory Convergence and Communication. Each working group has as its goals the achievement of speedy and efficient medical device development in Japan and the USA. The program has held multiple international meetings to deal with obstacles against efficient medical device development.



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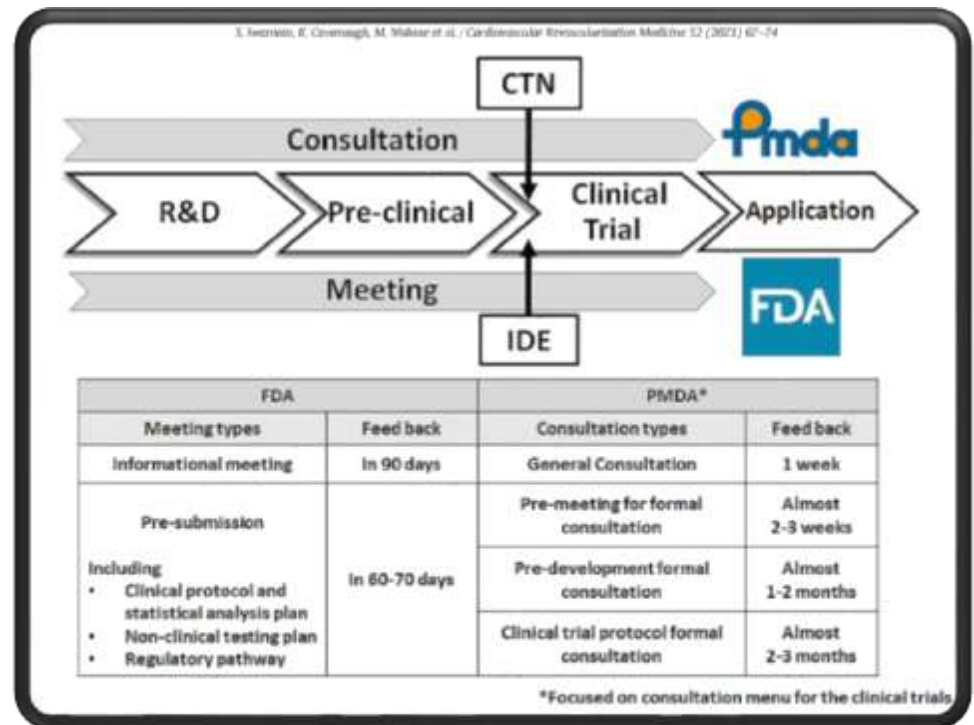


# 2023: Key Considerations for Global Japan-USA Trials: A 20 Year Legacy of Successful Predicates!

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## Global Medical Device Clinical Trials Involving Both the United States and Japan: Key Considerations for Development, Regulatory Approval, and Conduct

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Iwamoto S, Cavanaugh K et al. Card Revasc Med 52(2023) p.67-74

# HBD

## *Program History*



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# Global Regulatory Harmonization

## Duke-FDA Memo of Understanding

December 2003

FDA > CDRH > International Issues > Japan - U.S. "Harmonization By Doing" HBD Pilot Program Initiative

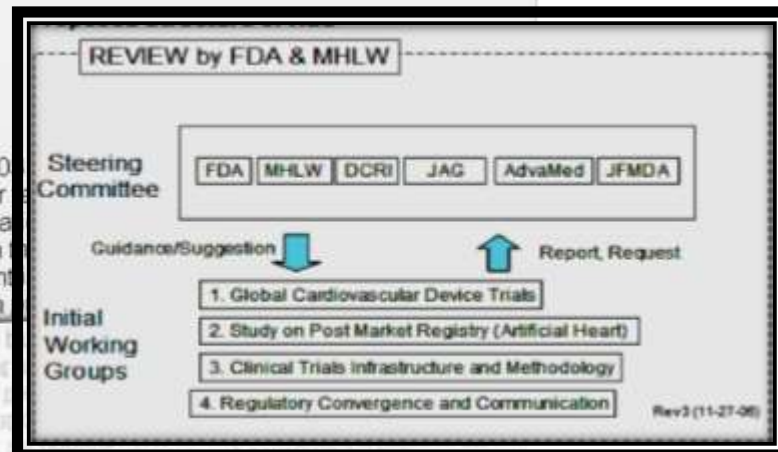
**Japan - U.S. "Harmonization By Doing" HBD Pilot Program Initiative**

"Harmonization by Doing," commonly known as HBD, is an international effort to develop global clinical trials and address regulatory barriers that may be impediments to timely device approvals. This process is a cooperative effort to move both Japan and the U.S. toward international regulatory harmonization. Participants in this process include:

- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH),
- Japan's Pharmaceutical and Food Safety Bureau (PFSB) of the Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare (MHLW) and its review agency, the Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA),
- Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI),
- Japanese academic community, and
- Japanese and U.S. medical device industry.

### What is the HBD initiative?

The HBD initiative is a pilot project launched in December 2003 and MHLW-PMDA premarket review of device cardiovascular to harmonization, HBD will utilize parallel development, applica device projects by FDA and MHLW-PMDA in conjunction with eliminate redundancies, added costs, and time delays inherent to create guidance and discuss policy but to develop common



# HBD Foundational Principles for Advancing Global CV Health

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*Harmonization By Dialogue*

*Thinktank Programs  
Educational Symposia*



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# Global Regulatory Harmonization and Medical Devices Clinical Trials: Impact to Cardiology in Japan and Worldwide

# Japan Circulatory Society March 2004 Tokyo, Japan

日時：平成16年3月27日(土) 午後6:30～午後8:30  
会場：東京国際フォーラム 第15会場 (0-410 カラス橋 0F)

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- Part I: Regulatory Harmonization and Cardiology in Japan**
- 1. Importance of Global Standards for Human Experimentation  
Presenter: Naoyuki Yasuda
  - 2. Importance of Japanese Global Leadership in Trials  
Presenter: Shigeru Saito, MD
  - 3. Importance of Harmonization and Japan - Industry Viewpoint  
Presenter: Michael Corrigan - Biogen Corporation
  - 4. Research Infrastructure in Japan  
Presenter: Kazuhito Sato, MD, PhD, National Cardiovascular Center

- Part II: General Issues**
- 1. From Physician to...  
Presenter: Mitchell W. Krucoff
  - 2. Proliferation of Data...  
Presenter: Bram Zuckerman
  - 3. Ethical Considerations...  
Presenter: John A....
  - 4. From Harmonization...  
Presenter: Shigeru Saito



**2004-2023:  
From “Japan-USA Barriers”  
to “Japan-USA Synergies”**

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## *Harmonization By Documentation*

### *Good Clinical Practice Standards*

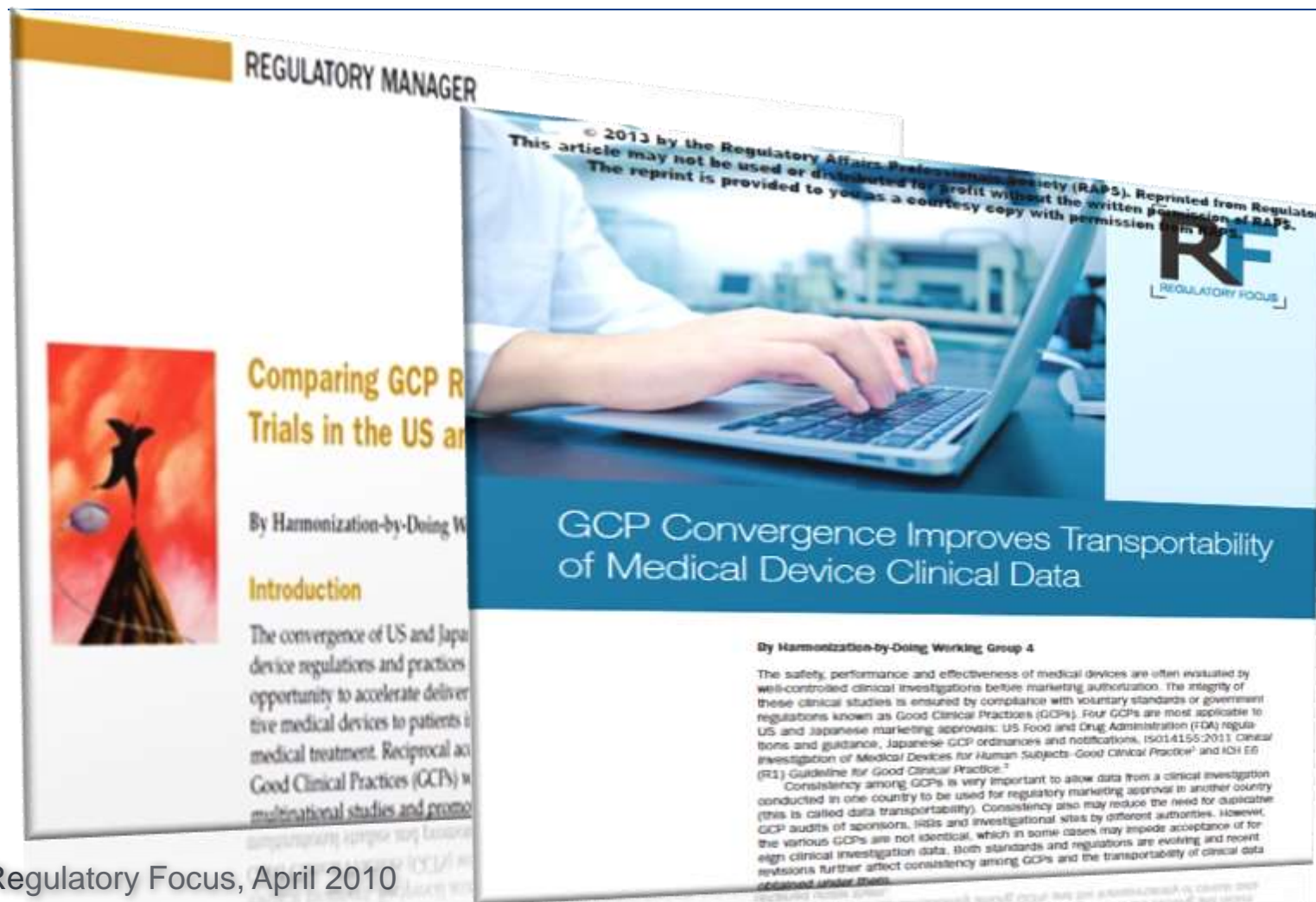


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# Regulatory Convergence: Ethics, Methods and Science of Human Studies



Regulatory Focus, April 2010

Regulatory Focus, January 2013



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## *Harmonization By Data*

### *Real World Evidence POCs:*

### *RWE Infrastructure (Device Registries)*

### *Consistent & Re-usable Data Structure*

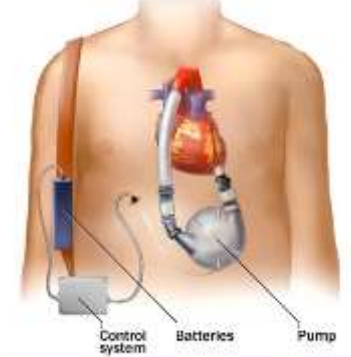


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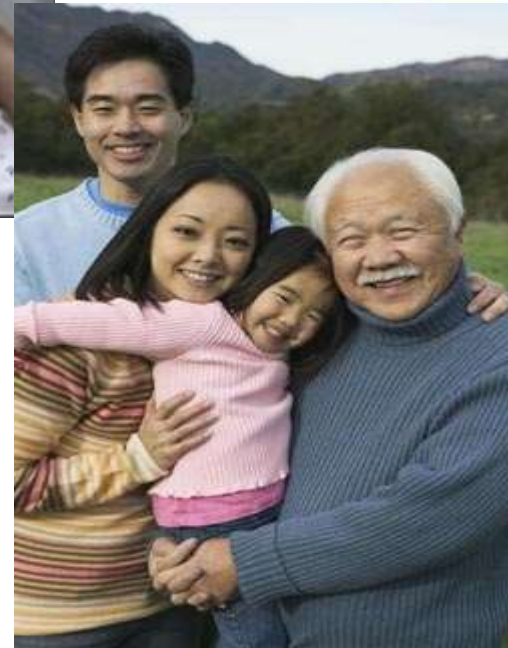
# Linking Post-Market Surveillance: LVADS



J Am Coll Cardiol, 2010; 56:738-740, doi:10.1016/j.jacc.2010.05.021  
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**INTERMACS (Interagency Registry for Mechanically Assisted Circulatory Support): A New Paradigm for Translating Registry Data Into Clinical Practice**

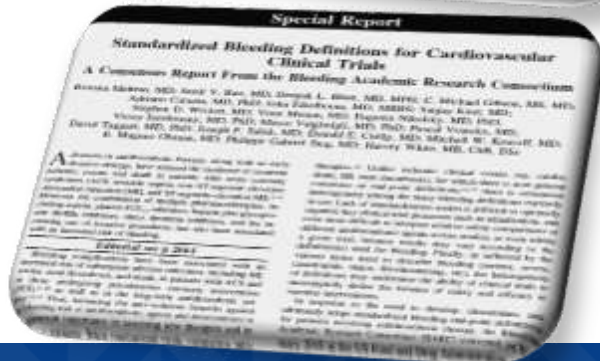
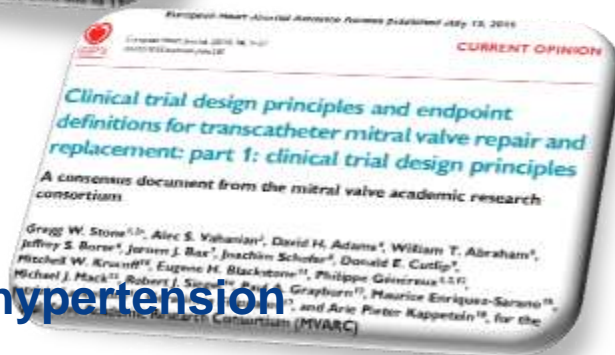
Marissa A. Miller, Karen Ulisney, and J. Timothy Baldwin



2006 JMACS



# The Academic Research Consortium (ARC): 2007-2024 Pragmatic consistent definitions for device evaluation



- Coronary
- Bleeding
- Aortic valve
- Mitral valve
- Neurologic
- Denervation for hypertension
- MCS for shock
- PAD
- DEB
- HBR CAD
- HBR TAVR
- Cardiogenic Shock
- DAPT modulation

# Peripheral ARC (PARC)

THE PRESENT AND FUTURE

STATE-OF-THE-ART REVIEW

## Evaluation and Treatment of Patients With Lower Extremity Peripheral Artery Disease



Consensus Definitions From Peripheral Academic Research Consortium (PARC)

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### ABSTRACT

The lack of consistent definitions and nomenclature across clinical trials of novel devices, drugs, or biologics poses a significant barrier to accrual of knowledge in and across peripheral artery disease therapies and technologies. Recognizing this problem, the Peripheral Academic Research Consortium, together with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration



# TAVR Re-usable Minimum Core Data Structure

*Enhanced quality & interoperability, reducing redundancy*

## Minimum Core Data Elements for Evaluation of TAVR

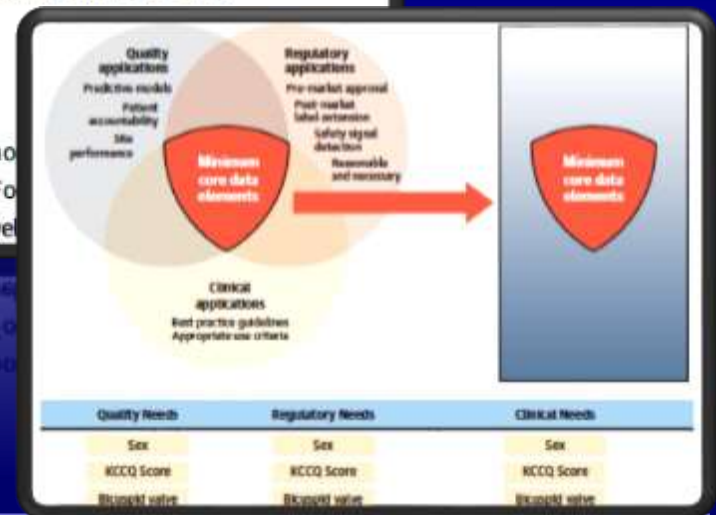
A Scientific Statement by PASSION CV, HVC, and TVT Registry



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### ABSTRACT

Transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) is the standard of care for severe, symptomatic aortic stenosis. TAVR data collection contributes to benefit/risk assessment and safety evidence for the U.S. For accreditation, quality evaluation for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and hospitals, as well as





# IMDRF Essential Principles for Device Evidence: Registry Infrastructure and Analytic Methodologies 2017-2018

IMDRF/Registry WG/N46 FINAL.2018



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## Final Document

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**Authoring Group:** Patient Registries Working Group

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# HBD

*Harmonization By Doing*

*Global device evidence & clinical trial  
POCs*



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# 2005: Endeavor Japan (Medtronic): First Trans-Pacific HBD POC



The clinical evaluation of the Endeavor zotarolimus-eluting coronary stent in Japanese patients with de novo native coronary artery lesions: primary results and 3-year follow-up of the Endeavor Japan study☆☆☆

Shigeru Saito , Ross Prpic, Jeffery J. Popma, John Alexander, Mitchell W. Krucoff, on behalf of the Investigators

Cardiovascular Revascularization Medicine  
Volume 12, Issue 5, Pages 273–279, September–October, 2011

**Approved in Japan & USA**

- Identical stent design
- Identical exclusion criteria
- Identical endpoints
- Identical core laboratories
- Enhanced poolability
- Enhanced interpretability



# 2007: SPIRIT III Japan (Abbott Vascular): First Trans-Pacific Concomitant Enrollment CAD



## Mid-Term Results of Everolimus-Eluting Stent in a Japanese Population Compared With a US Randomized Cohort: SPIRIT III Japan Registry With Harmonization by Doing

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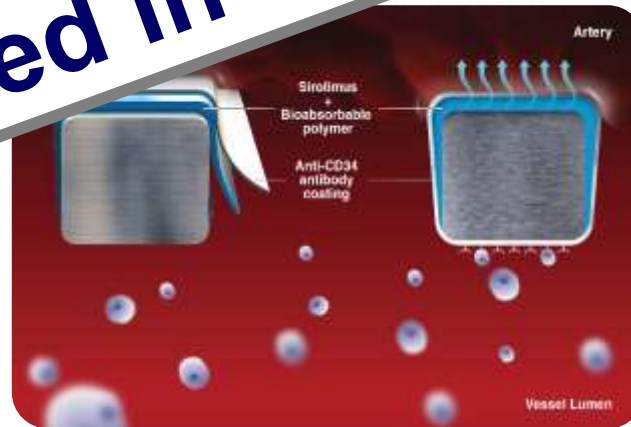
- Concomitant enrollment
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- Identical core laboratories



# 2017 HARMONEE Study (OrbusNeich) First Trans-Pacific single protocol RCT for CAD DES



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## The COMBO-Plus Dual Therapy Stent

Kong DF et al Am Heart J 2017;187:112-121

Saito S, Krucoff MW et al. European Heart Journal (2018) 0, 1-9 doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehy275

**Investigational Device Exemptions  
(IDEs) for Early Feasibility  
Medical Device Clinical Studies,  
Including Certain First in Human  
(FIH) Studies**

**Guidance for Industry and Food  
and Drug Administration Staff**

Document issued on: October 1, 2013

**EFS in Japan: PMDA View**

**Sara Takahashi**

Reviewer

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## *Trans-Pacific Early Feasibility Studies (EFS) POCs 2013-2023*

<https://www.fda.gov/downloads/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/ucm279103.pdf>



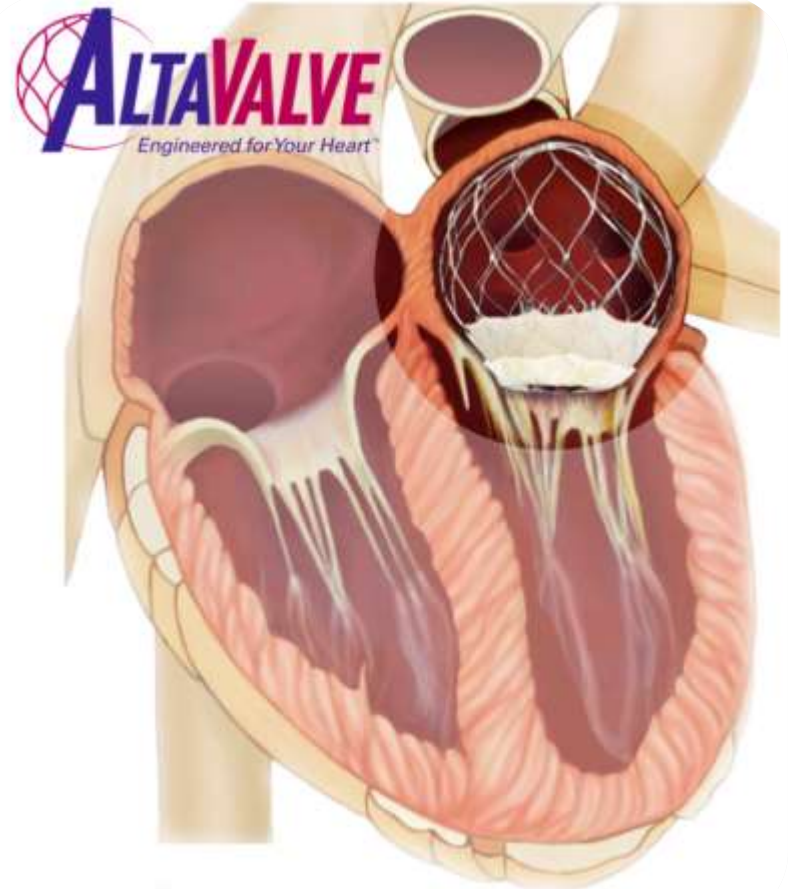
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# 4C Medical Percutaneous Mitral AltaValve

## *First Trans-Pacific EFS POC*



*Contains Nonbinding Recommendations*

## **Breakthrough Devices Program Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff**

Document issued on December 18, 2018.

The draft of this document was issued on October 25, 2017.

This document supersedes "Expedited Access for Premarket Approval and De Novo Medical Devices Intended for Unmet Medical Need for Life Threatening or Irreversibly Debilitating Diseases or Conditions," issued on April 13, 2015.

## **Rolling Reviews in SAKIGAKE and Breakthrough Therapy Designation**

Toshiyoshi TOMINAGA, Ph.D.  
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A GATHERING OF GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES



## **New Horizons for Innovation: Japanese Regulatory Initiatives with HBD**

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## **Breakthrough Devices & Fast-track Review Program POCs 2018-2023**



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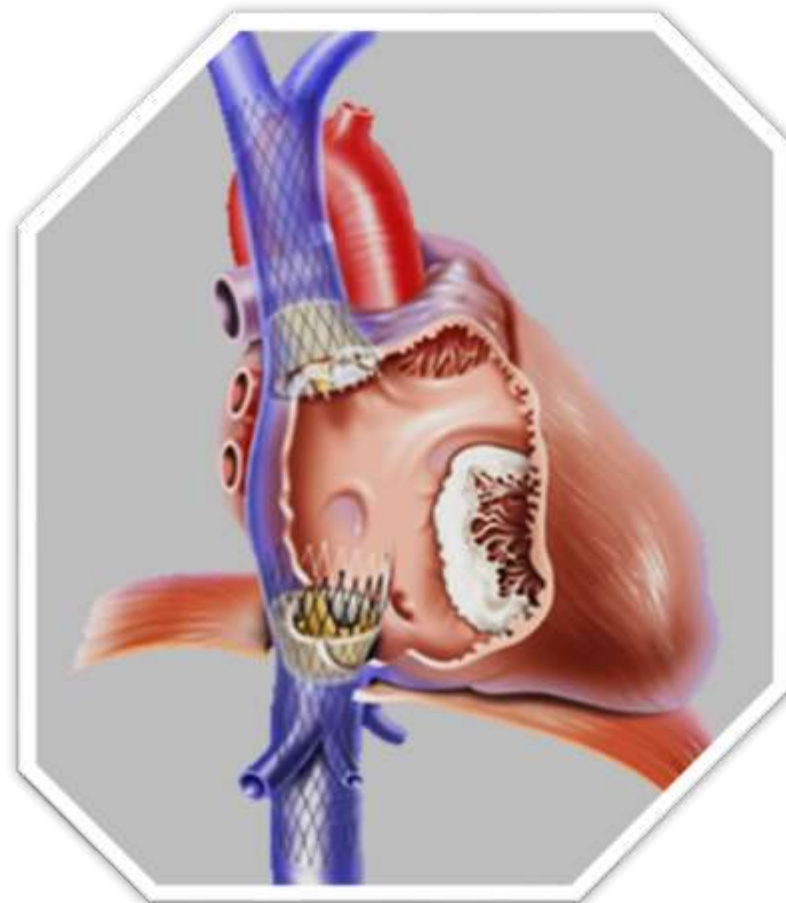


# Percutaneous Bi-caval TRICVALVE (P&F/OrbusNeich) *Trans-Pacific Expedited Breakthrough Device POC*



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# The Intra-Atrial Shunt System IASD<sup>®</sup> (Corvia) *Trans-Pacific Breakthrough Device POC*





# HBD for Children: *2016-2024*



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# HARMONY POC (Medtronic): First Trans-Pacific Pediatric Pulmonic Valve

Advance Publication



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Pediatric Cardiology and Adult Congenital Heart Disease

## Partnership Between Japan and the United States for Early Development of Pediatric Medical Devices — Harmonization By Doing for Children —

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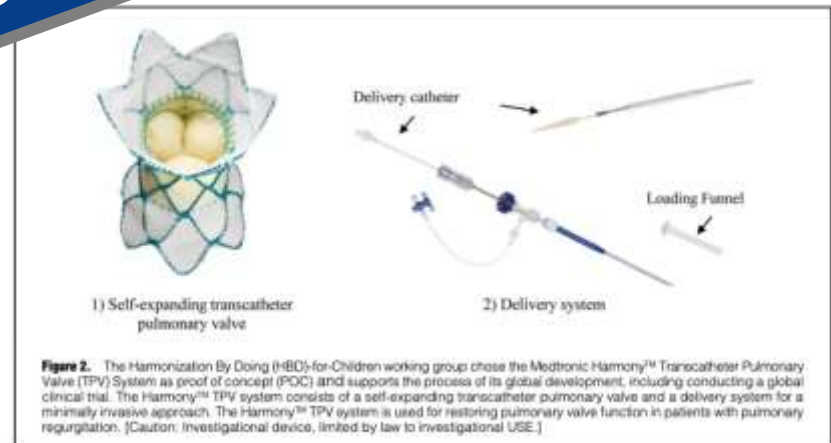
**Background:** The Harmonization By Doing for Children (HBD-for-Children) program is a partnership among academia, industry and regulatory agencies that focuses on streamlining medical device development. Traditionally focused on devices intended to treat conditions in adults, the HBD-for-Children program, with development of pediatric medical devices for pediatric use lags behind that of adults in both countries.

**Methods and Results:** Activities of the HBD-for-Children program have included: (1) conducting a survey with industry to be challenges that constrain the development of pediatric medical devices; (2) categorizing pediatric medical device based on global availability and exploring concrete solutions for the early application and regulatory approval in and (3) facilitating global clinical trials of pediatric medical devices in both countries.

**Conclusions:** The establishment of the HBD-for-Children program is significant because it represents a global introduction of pediatric medical devices for patients in a timely manner. Through the program, academia, industry and agencies can work together to facilitate innovative pediatric device development from a multi-stakeholder perspective and could also encourage industry partners to pursue the development of pediatric medical devices.

**Key Words:** Global clinical trial; Global harmonization; Harmonization By Doing for Children; Pediatric medical device

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# HBD for Children: *Renata Medical Minima Stent POC*

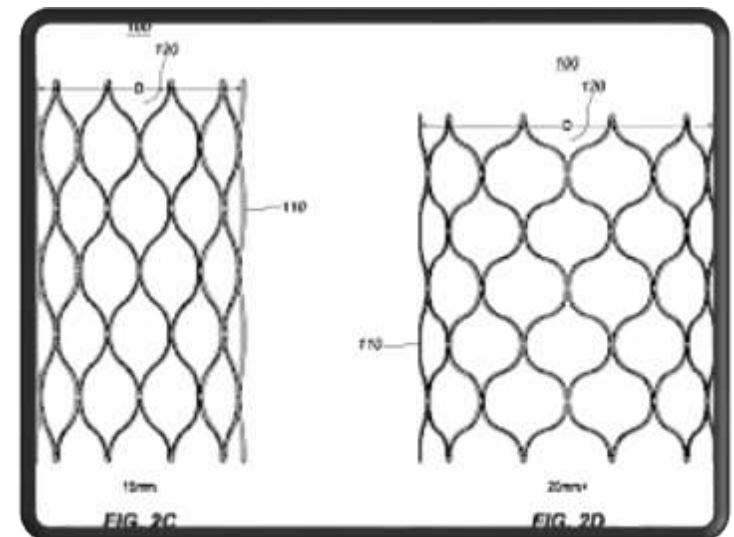
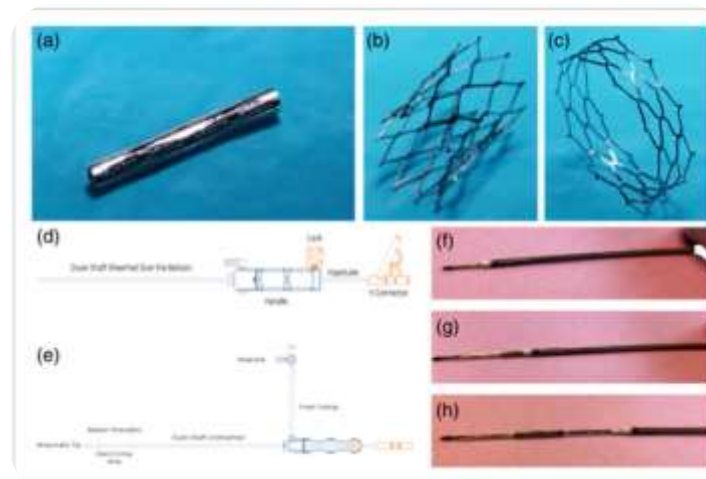


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## Preliminary testing and evaluation of the renata minima stent, an infant stent capable of achieving adult dimensions

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# HBD 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: *Working Together We Have Made a Pretty Big Splash!*

