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## Webinar: Early Access Programs in France (ATU)

# Welcome

## The speakers



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## Webinar Agenda

Agenda	Webinar Timings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why Early Access (ATU) for new innovative drugs in France is attractive and complex at the same time?</li><li>• Why having a third party to run your Early Access in France is highly recommended?</li><li>• Get ready for the new Early Access regulation (Replacing ATU)</li></ul>	30 minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Q&amp;A session with the BlueReg experts</li></ul>	15 minutes

Please send your questions for the Q&A using the Q&A box



# Early Access in France

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- An innovative product under development and close to registration might be available for the patients before MAA
- French Authorities display a dedicated process to reach market under specific conditions
- (ATU : Autorisation Temporaire d'Utilisation (Temporary Authorization for Use))
- Will be replaced from July 1<sup>st</sup> onwards by a new simplified system with 2 pathways: Early Access and Compassionate Use





Why early access for new innovative drugs in France is attractive and complex at the same time?



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# Why ATU in France is attractive?

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- Patients can benefit from the treatment ahead of first European regulatory approval
- Your product can access market earlier, preparing for future commercial launch in France and in the rest of Europe
  - Allowing continuous access to your drug for patients
  - Building your company image before commercial launch
- Your product can generate turnover before being approved elsewhere in Europe:
  - Setting the scene for future market access (pricing & reimbursement) of your commercial product
  - Accelerating P&R review process with pre-defined timelines



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# ATU Grant come first in 70% of case



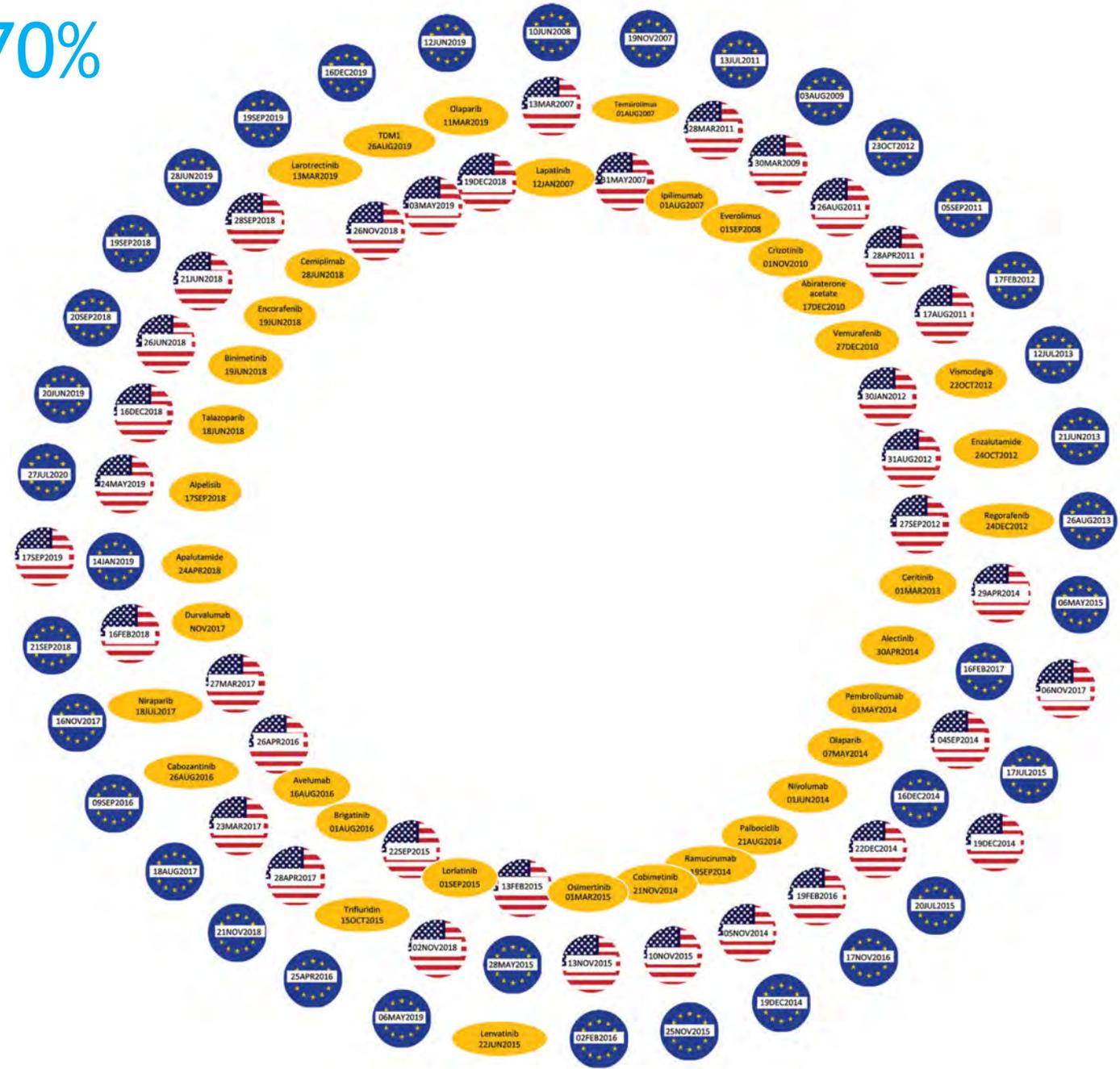
ATU Start Date



FDA approval date



EMA approval date



# Early Access figures in France (ANSM - 2019)

- Number of « cATU's » increased over time but the number of patients was divided by 3
- Generates 720 millions turnover in 2019
- PharmaBlue handles a good part of cATU granted each year

Summary of named-patient ATUs

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Named-patient ATUs granted	24,791	27,095	22,295	21,633	<b>26,528</b>
Medicinal products (or active substances) made available per year	219	205	253	217	<b>227</b>
Patients included	17,829 including 12,175 treatment initiations	19,625 including 14,029 treatment initiations	16,621 including 11,390 treatment initiations	15,987 including 11,342 treatment initiations	<b>NA<sup>1</sup></b>

Summary of cohort ATUs

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
New cohort ATUs	13	10	11	20	<b>20</b>
Medicinal products under cohort ATUs having obtained an MA	12	9	8	16	<b>14</b>
Newly included patients	10,216	11,909	8,250	5,642	<b>3,766</b>

Total turnover of drugs under ATU in France in 2019 = 0,72 billion €



# Why EAP in France is complex?

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- French authorities pioneered early access back in 1993 with dual process (compassionate use vs cohort use)
- Process is specific to France and not aligned with other EU countries pathways
- Daily management of ATU is time consuming, with numerous administrative steps
- Your drug must answer all ATU eligibility criteria below:
  - intended to treat, prevent or diagnose serious or rare diseases
  - no suitable treatment available on the market
  - efficacy and safety in use are presumed based on scientific knowledge and the start of the treatment cannot be deferred





Why having a third party to run your EAP in France is highly recommended?



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# Why having a third party to run your EAP in France is highly recommended?

- Regulatory Constraints:

French regulatory authorities require having an « Exploitant » authorized and established in France to manage the ATU



- Financial / Resources Constraints:

Tangible investment if you want to setup your French affiliate, particularly so early in the access pathway



Your internal resources are fully dedicated to FDA and/or EMA submission in parallel to ATU request/management



# Why having a third party to run your EAP in France is highly recommended?

- Administrative and Management Constraints

Approval process of EAP is specific to France, with a detailed and standardized dossier to be prepared and submitted 

Submission and assessment process requires regular interactions with Authorities 

ATU management requires French speakers to deal with physicians, pharmacists, hospitals, authorities... 



# PharmaBlue : your solution for EAP management

- PharmaBlue (a BlueReg company) is approved as « Exploitant » in France by French Regulatory Authorities (via a Wholesale Distribution Authorization - WDA)
- With this status, PharmaBlue is managing ATU since 2015:
  - We act as your local representative for the authorities
  - We endorse the full « Exploitant » responsibility for your ATU:
    - **Quality, Distribution, Medical Information, Pharmacovigilance, Communication**
  - We can provide support for distribution of your product in France if needed, through our preferred partner **Colca MS** (transportation, logistics and distribution)



# PharmaBlue : your solution for EAP management

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- Phase 1: We prepare ATU dossier, guide you through the submission
- Phase 2: Review process until approval
- Phase 3: We manage ATU on your behalf once approved, for you to focus on future commercial launch preparation and EU expansion
- As PharmaBlue client, you have also access to BlueReg Group expertise to coordinate your European regulatory compliance for launch activities, promotional material reviews or/and Life cycle management



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# Management of your ATU project

## ● Projects Completed since 2015 (as of May 2021)

cATU completed

- 8 Projects

Number of patients treated as part of A managed by PharmaBlue

- Around 9600

## ● Projects in progress (as of May 2021)

cATU currently active

- 4 projects
- 250 patients

cATU dossiers submitted, under evaluation by the ANSM

- 6 dossiers

cATU dossier under preparation

- 2 dossiers



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# Get ready for the new Early Access regulation



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# New EA regulations to come into force from 1st July onwards\*

- Existing scheme (namely ATU) will be replaced by «Early Access (EEA)» or «Compassionate Access (CAA)»
- Aim is to simplify the schemes that permit early access to new drugs to accelerate patient access
- EAA will be granted by the HTA body in France (HAS) and not by ANSM anymore
- Decision of the HAS will result in both the granting of early access and derogatory reimbursement by the health insurance system
- The idea is to have a "one-stop shop", allowing a simpler and faster procedure

\* Article 78 of French Health System Finance Law for 2021 - Publication of the decrees & related orders are expected by the end of June 2021



# Eligibility criteria updated

- Concerns the treatment of serious, rare or disabling diseases, when no appropriate treatment available
- Start of the treatment cannot be postponed
- Efficacy and safety of these drugs are strongly presumed from the results of therapeutic trials
- Drugs are presumed to be innovative, in comparison to a possible clinically relevant comparator



Definition of the “clinically relevant comparator” will be the key for early access eligibility



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# Change in the rebate system for reimbursement

- Once EEA is granted, the company can continue to set a price which will be fully reimbursed
- Company finances the collection of data, ensures the continuity of treatment and commit to submit an MAA within a determined period
- New double mechanism of rebates:
  - annual rebates calculated on the turnover invoiced to French health system for the year concerned (considered as a provision mechanism for the 2nd type of rebates)
  - Rebates paid retrospectively at the exit of the scheme
  - Rates of these rebates subject to a progressive scale per turnover thresholds





# Summary



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# What have we learnt today ?

- Early Access in France is an excellent way :
  - To provide patients with innovative treatment earlier
  - To reach the market earlier (before FDA/EMA approval)
  - To generate revenue & building first reference for pricing
- “Exploitant” status is mandatory and PharmaBlue provide you with it 
- PharmaBlue - Partner for your EA in France from start to end
- Support your Project to reach EU Market :
  - BlueReg - Partner of EU Coordination of Launch Activities & Promotional Material Review & LifeCycle Management



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# Q & A Session



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# Thank you

