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## Our commentary is a call to action for the proper formation of digital clinical outcomes assessments

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#### COMMENTARY

#### The Patient Matters in the End(point)

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"The willingness and opportunities to include DHTs into clinical trials as endpoints has been rapidly increasing.

One group that tracks the inclusion of digital health endpoints in trials is the Digital Medicine Society (DiMe). DiMe's database shows that 49 individual clinical trials in Phase 2 or 3 have included DHTs measuring over 114 different endpoints as a secondary or even primary trial endpoint.

Despite these advances, DHTs have yet to be leveraged in any FDA label claim"



#### Background to the issues we saw in the field

- We saw confusion in the field about when and how to implement DHTs in clinical trials
  - o "In an effort to be innovative, digital devices have been included in research programs without first establishing meaningful aspects of the individual's health and ... being specific at the onset about what exactly the DHT is trying to measure"
- We exemplified this through a search on the DiMe Clinical Endpoints Library
  - "A search for applications of DHTs to measure digital outcomes ... reveals digital endpoints which assess, for example, step count or cough over a whole 24-h period, total sleep time and increase in blood oxygenation over time"
- These may or may not be clinically important but are they relevant to the patients lived experience?
  - "Here, the problem is that these measures do not yet relate meaningfully to a patient's life or to how patients themselves understand their feelings and function with a certain disease and treatment."

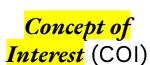
#### Develop measures that matter to patients



### Meaningful Aspect of Health (MAH)

Aspect of a disease that a patient:

- does not want to become worse, or
- wants to improve, or
- wants to prevent



 Simplified or narrowed element that can be practically measured

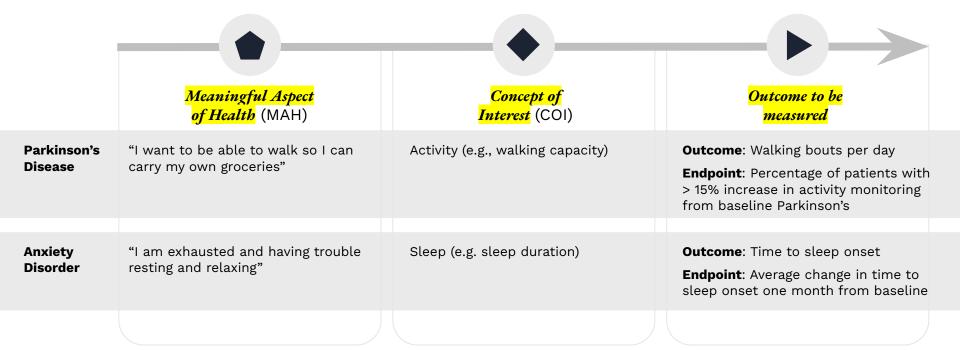


- The measurable characteristic influenced or affected by an individual's baseline state or an intervention
- If you are conducting research, you will also define an endpoint to be measured

Source: Manta C. et al. 5



## Case examples: Measures that matter to patients with Parkinson's Disease and Anxiety Disorder



Source: Playbook team analysis



#### There are 7 types of biomarkers

Diagnostic Biomarker

**Monitoring** Biomarker

Pharmacodynamic / Response Biomarker

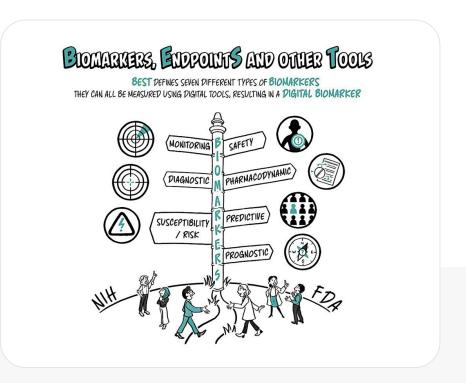
**Predictive** Biomarker

Safety Biomarker

Susceptibility / Risk Biomarker

**Prognostic** Biomarker

When a biomarker is collected using a digital sensing product, it is a digital biomarker.





There are 4 types of clinical outcome assessments (COAs)

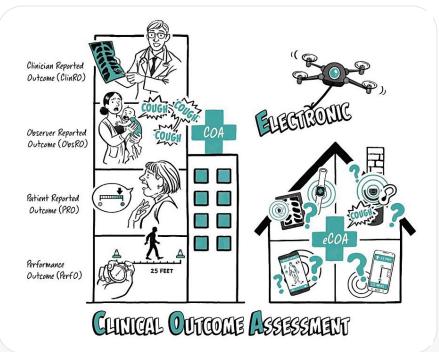
Clinician reported outcome (ClinRO)

Observer reported outcome (**ObsRO**)

Patient reported outcome (PRO)

Performance outcome (PerfO)

When a **COA** is collected using a digital technology, it is called an *electronic outcome* assessment or 'eCOA'. Note not all eCOAs are collected using a sensor. Ex: ePROs





## Existing guidance has been published to help researchers develop COA endpoints

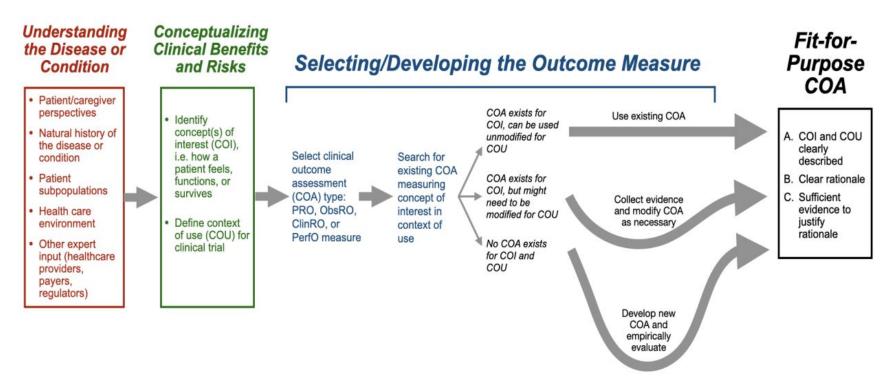
Light on references to DHTs and focus in on traditional COAs - BUT - can be applied to eCOAs

Talks to the development of an endpoint measure from the patient through to the scoring and measurement properties





### There is a process for defining and implementing a COA





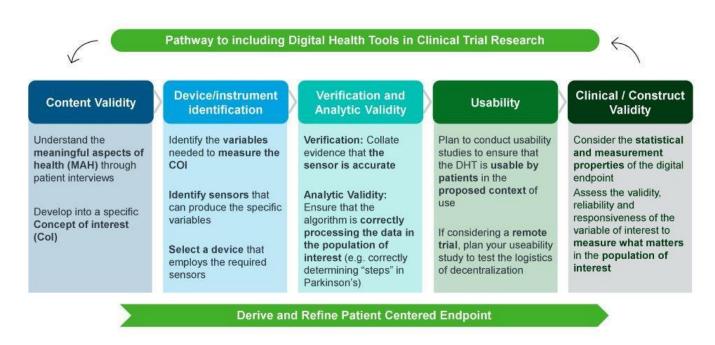
### FDA just launched new draft guidance in April 2023

Discusses how endpoints can be developed (applicable to DHTs)

Insights into interpretation through meaningful score difference and meaningful score interpretation



## Implementing digital measurement product into a trial is a process



### DiMe Pre-Competitive Collaboration













Convene



**Define** 



**Create** 



**Drive** 

Identify common pain points &/or shared opportunities across the field Prioritize
concepts that
can be
successfully
addressed
through
collaborative
research &
open-access
resources

Refine project problem statement & goals Convene a balanced, multi-stakeholder team of experts

Define project scope & conduct evidencebased research Create
resources for
action, not
consumption,
targeting
specific
change
agents

Drive the adoption of the resources & monitor their impact



### **Key Points**

- Digital health technologies such as wearable sensors allow another way to understand and measure the patient experience.
- Clinical trial endpoints are evolving because of the rapid implementation of such digital health technologies into trials.
- However, the implementation of these technologies is often disassociated from the patients perspective on their own health condition.
- Here, we set out that clinical outcomes assessment science should be used to fully integrate digital health tools into clinical trials to create meaningful, patient-relevant endpoints.
- · A potential process flow is presented, and a need for pre-competitive collaboration is discussed



# IMPACT V1C Core Competencies: The Hallmarks of High Quality, Trustworthy Virtual First Care

Thursday, April 20 at noon ET



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Cindy, Mark, Johan, and Martijn!



