

# All about Pre-filled Syringe Systems

From Initial Development to Final Fill Finish

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## Agenda – DAY 1

### **Overview and Introduction into the Pre-filled Syringe Market**

*Overview & Trends • Stakeholders • User's perspective*

### **Technical Aspects**

*Syringe • Plunger • Needle • Needle shield or Tip cap • Auto-injector •  
Regulatory guidelines and technical standards*

### **Overview & Introduction into Drug-Syringe Interactions**

*Aggregation • Degeneration • Oxidation • Viscosity • Bubbles*

### **Overview & Introduction to the Manufacturing Process of PFS**

*Syringes Barrel Forming • Washing • Siliconization • Sterilization • Regulatory  
guidelines and technical standards ...*

### **Fill and Finish**

*Filling • Stoppering • Assembly • Technical Standards*

### **Hands-on Session 1**

# What type of containers are used for injectables?

## Prefilled Syringes



- › Elastomeric Components:
- › Plungers, Tip Caps and [Rigid] Needle Shields

## Cartridges



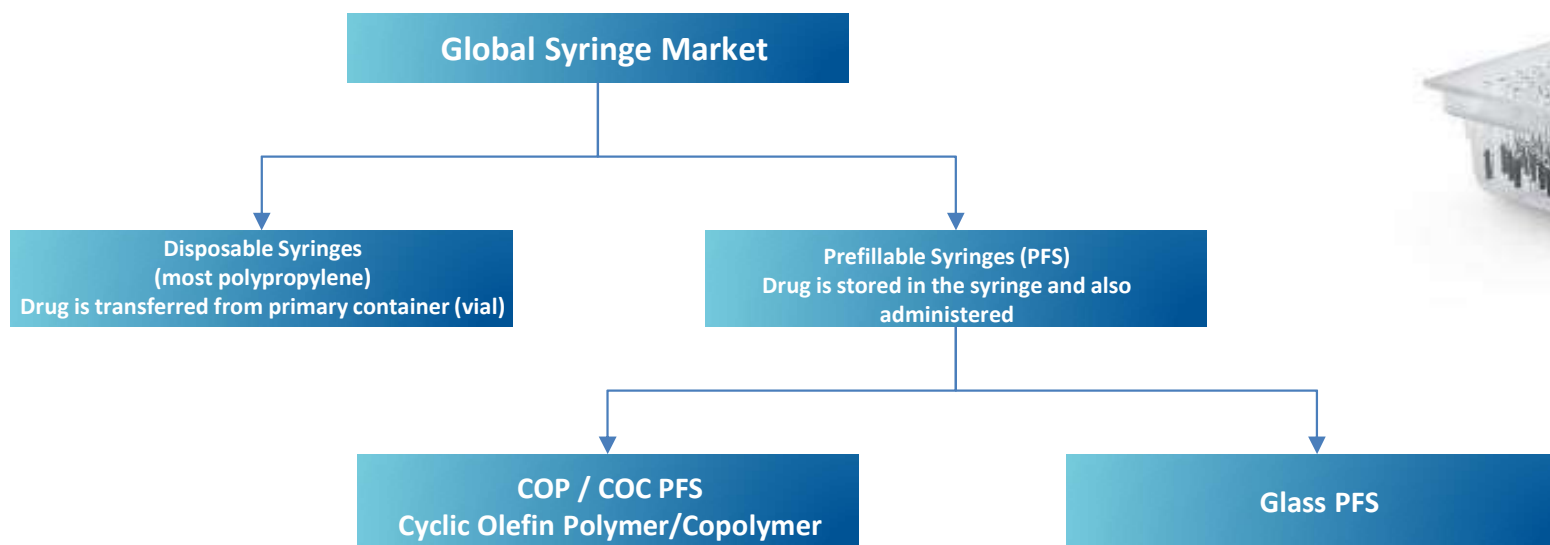
- › Elastomeric Components:
- › Plungers. Lined Seals

## Vials

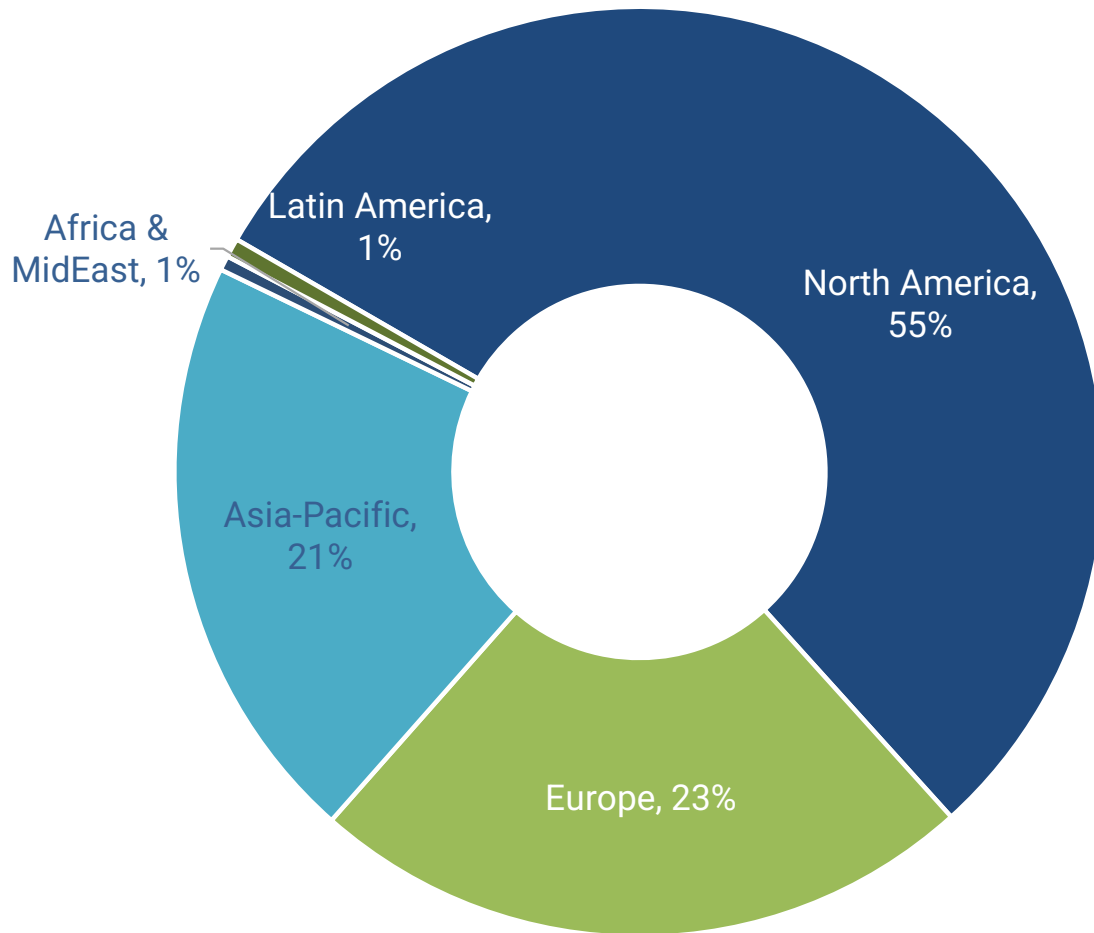


- › Elastomeric Components:
- › Lyophilization or Serum Stoppers

# Syringe Market Overview



# Injectable Value Share By Region, 2021



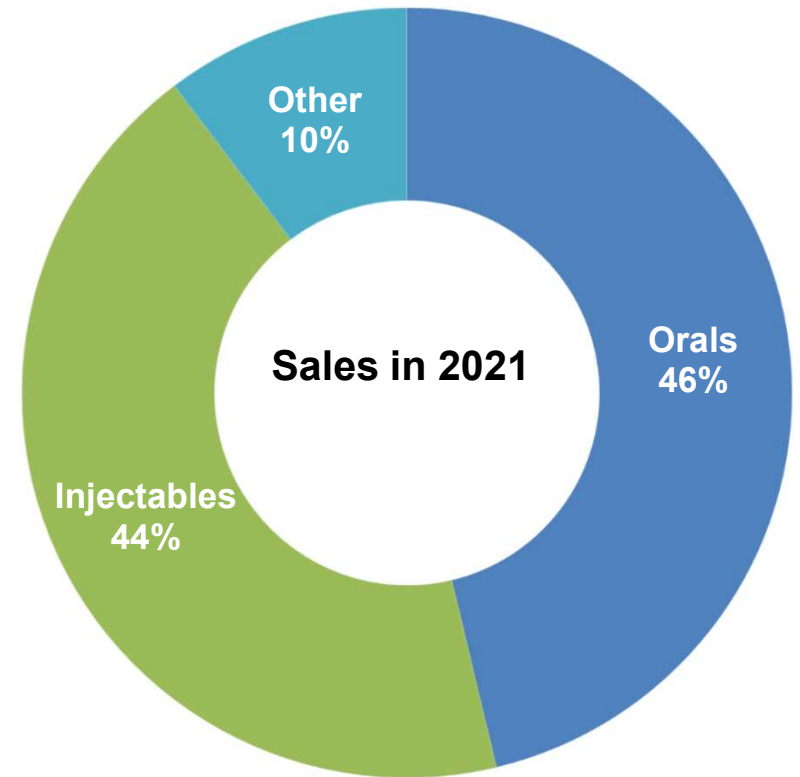
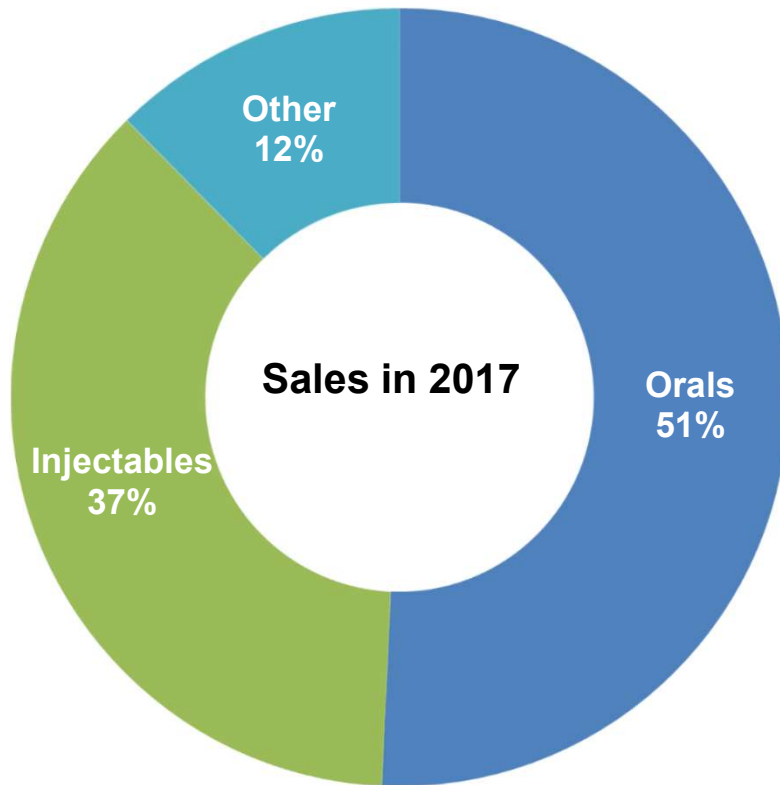
Regions	2017 - 21 CAGR
Global	10%
North America	11%
Europe	10%
Asia-Pacific	7%
Africa & MidEast	10.5%
Latin America	-4%

As of 2021, North America is the largest market by value, while Asia is the largest market by volume

Source: IQVIA 2021 Global Audited Sales

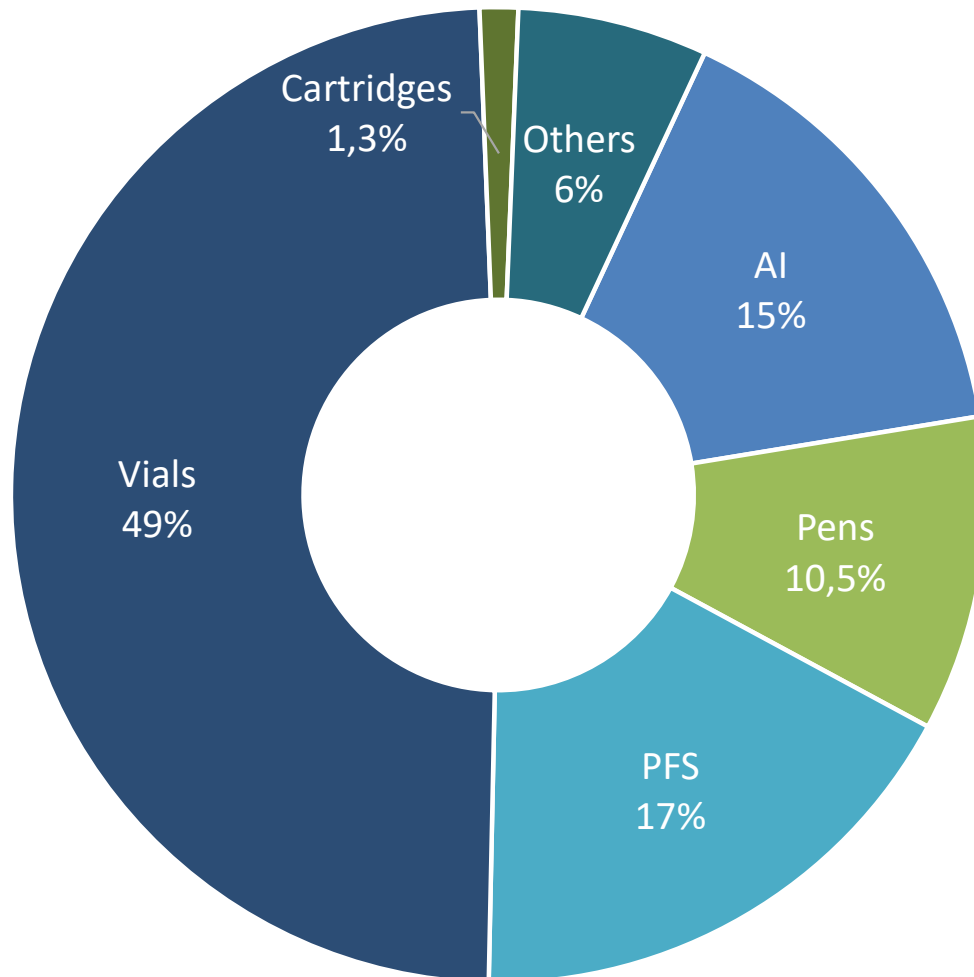
# Share of Injectables is expected to increase through 2021

## Global Market Share% by Route of Administration



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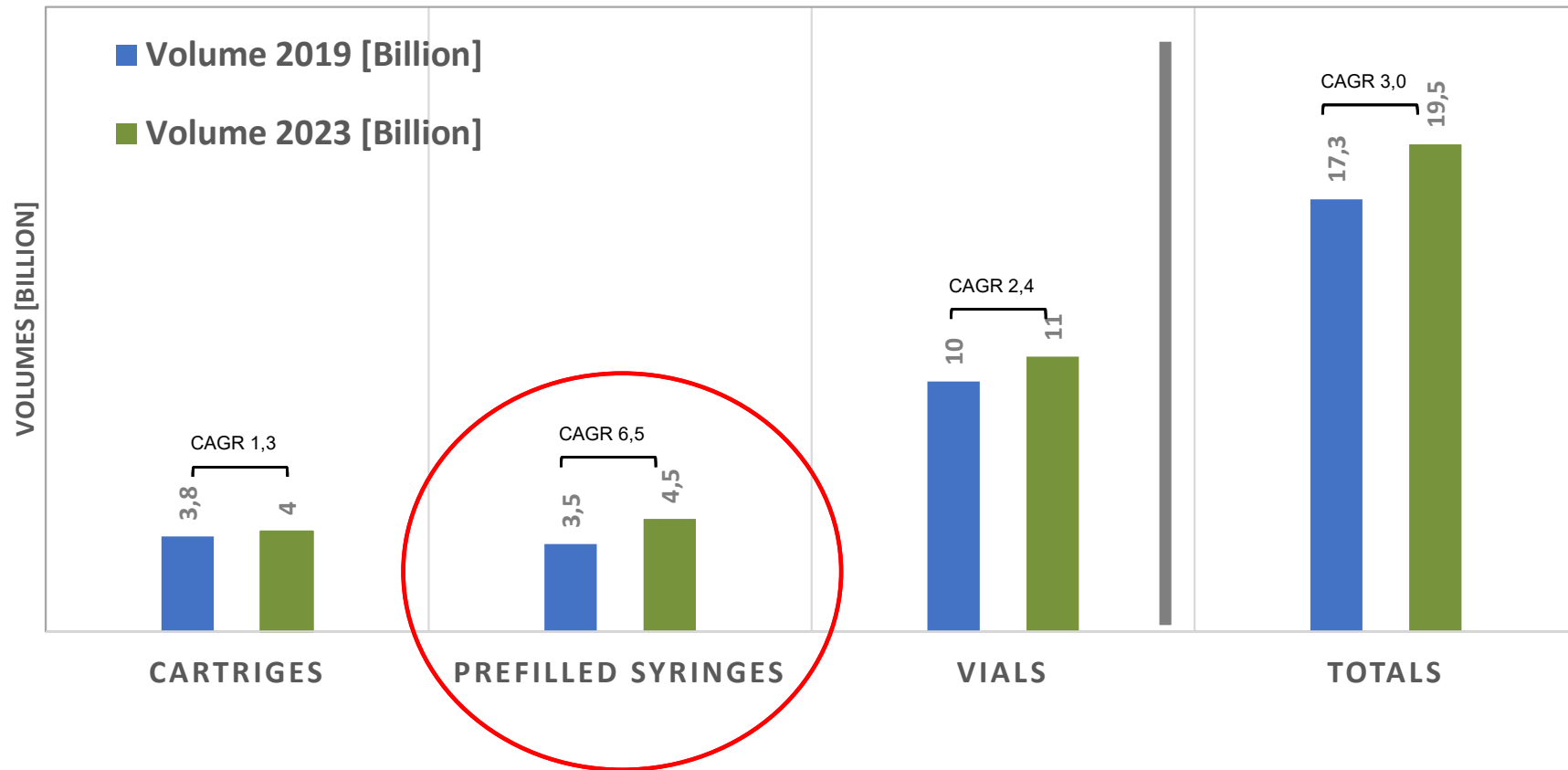
# Global Injectable Value Share By Format, 2021



Formats	2017 - 21 CAGR
Autoinjectors [AI]	20%
Pens	13%
PFS	9%
Vials	8%
Cartridges	5%
Other injectables	3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10%</b>

Source: IQVIA 2021 Global Audited Sales

# Global Market for Parenteral Containers using Tubular Glass in Volume



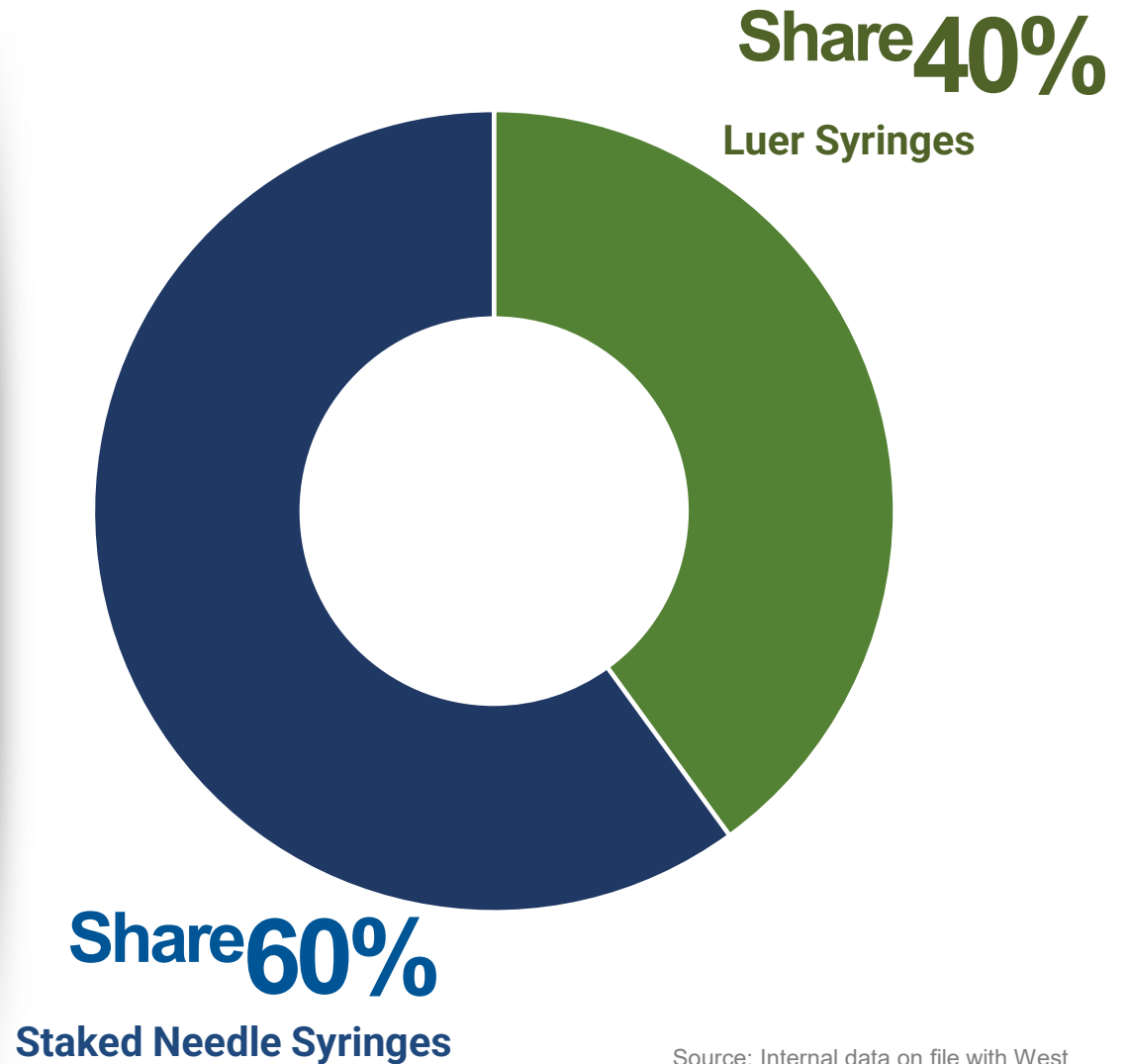
Source: ISPE Discussion Paper: Unique ID on Primary Containers to Drive Product Traceability and Quality – Feb 2021 – Stevanato Groupe



# Global Prefillable Syringes: Luer vs Staked Needle

- The global prefilled syringe market is estimated to continuously grow at mid-single digit

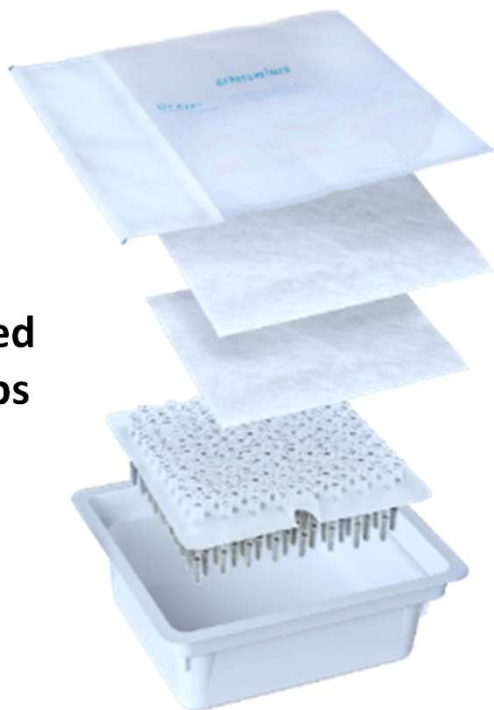
- The majority of staked needle syringe applications use Rigid Needle Shields



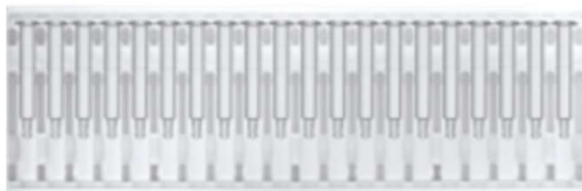
Source: Internal data on file with West

# Global Prefilled Syringe Bulk vs Ready-to-Use

**Ready-to-Use Nested glass syringes in tubs**



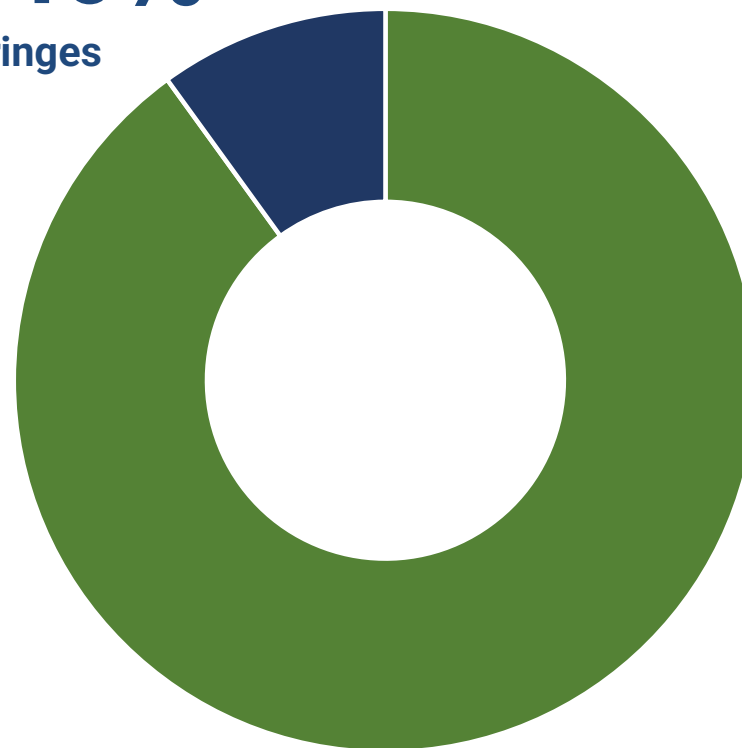
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**Bulk glass syringes on rondo trays**

**Share 10%**

**Bulk Syringes**



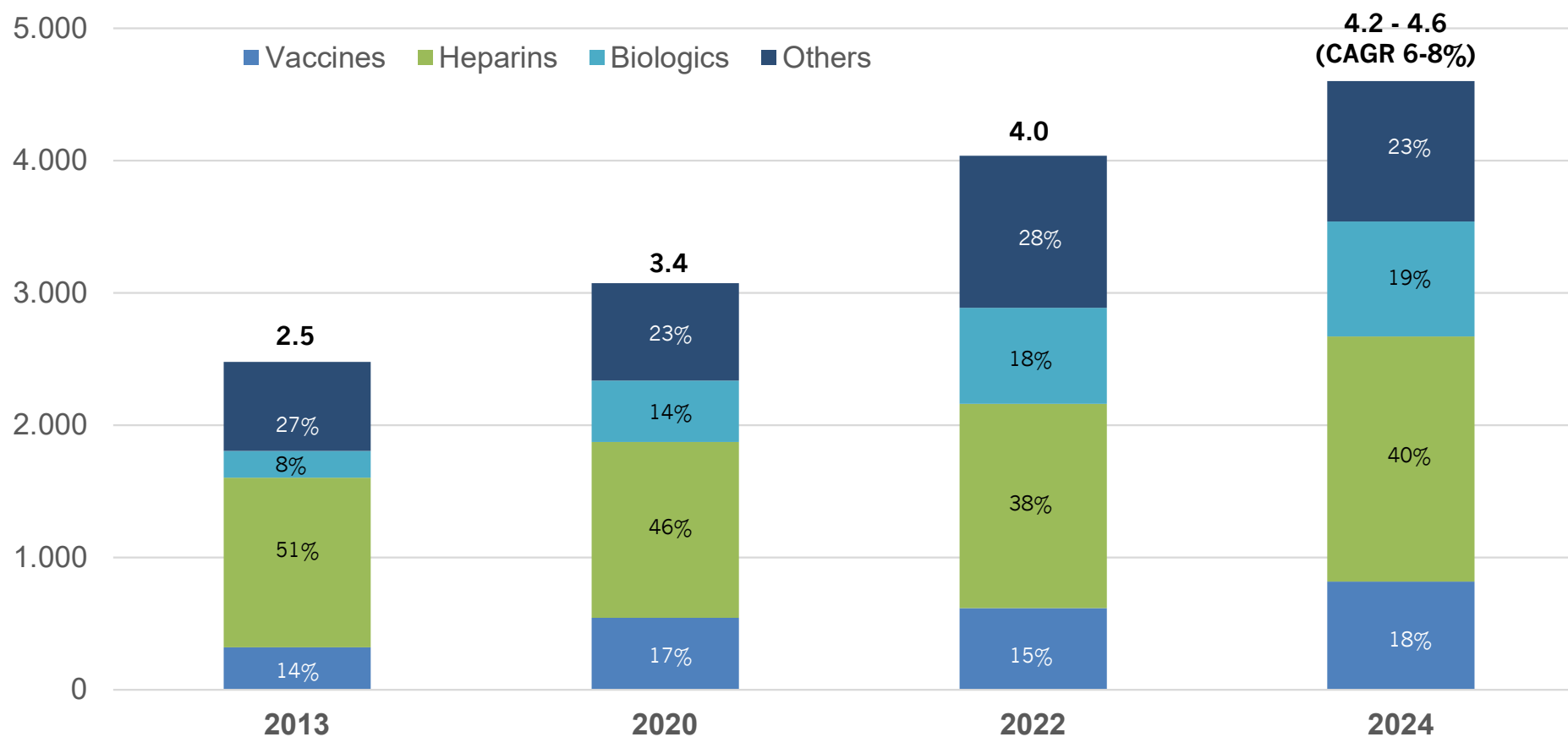
**Share 90%**

**Ready-to-Use syringes**

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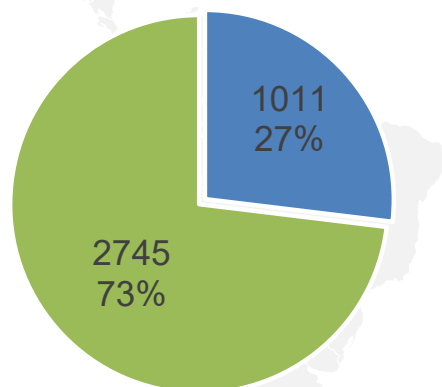
# Syringe market demand per indication

Global syringe market [IQVIA and internal estimation] - average CAGR [bpcs.]



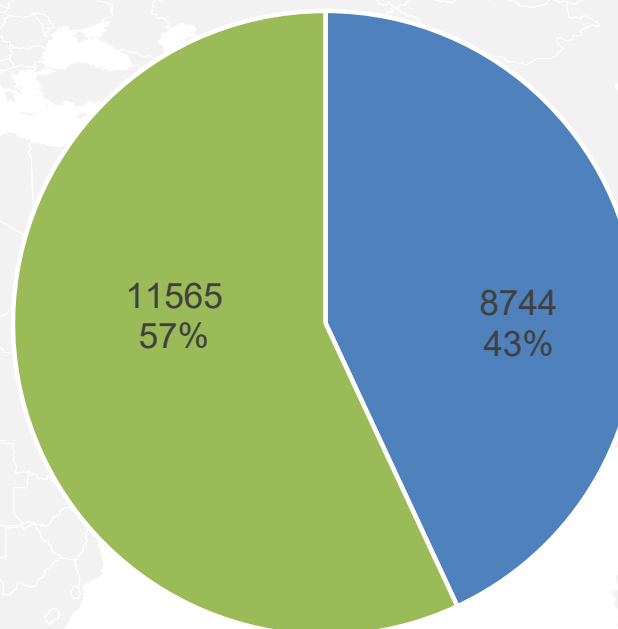
# Biologic / Non-Biologic market total in 2022

AMOUNT OF MARKETED DRUGS IN 2022



■ Biologics ■ Non-Biologics

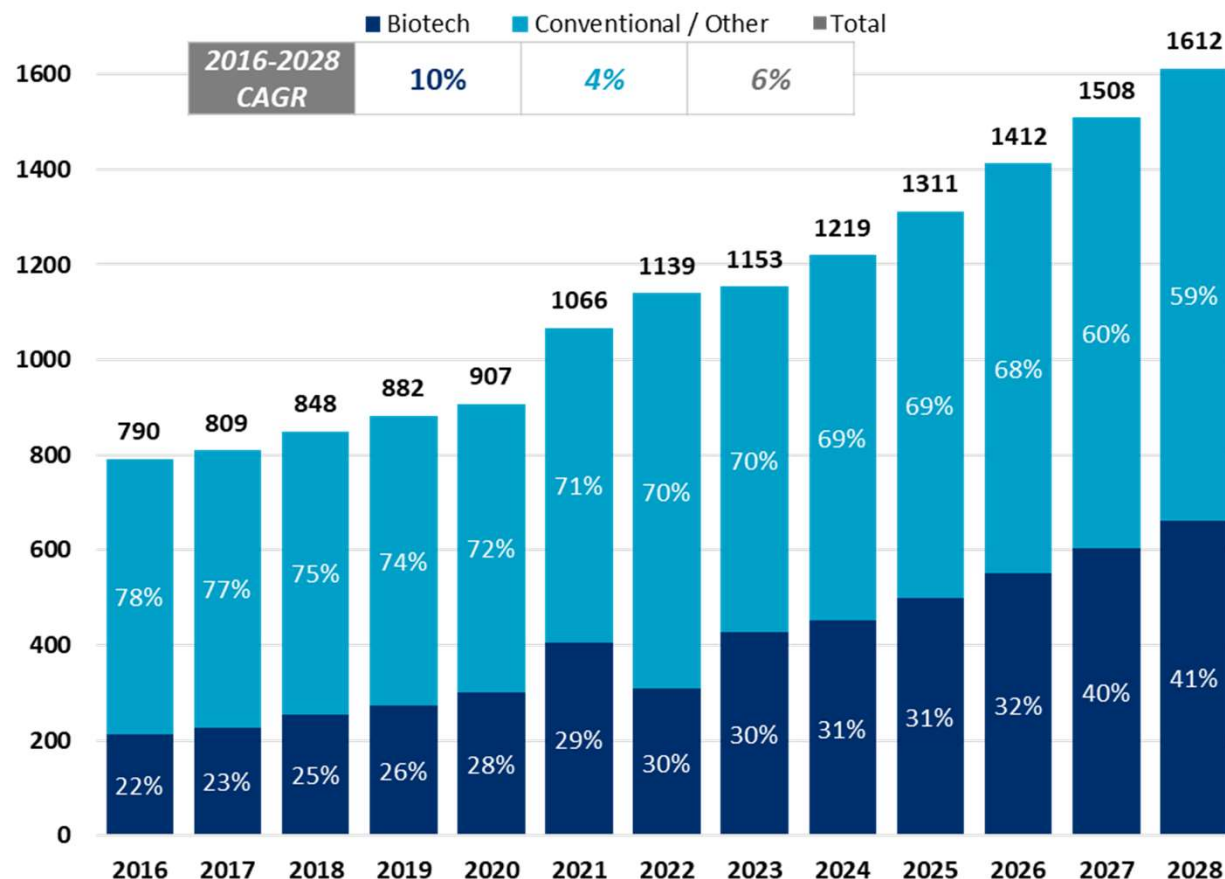
AMOUNT OF DRUGS IN DEVELOPMENT 2022



■ Biologics ■ Non-Biologics

# Biologics Continue to Drive Pharmaceutical Value Growth

Worldwide Share Of Sales Revenue<sup>1</sup> (Bil USD\$)

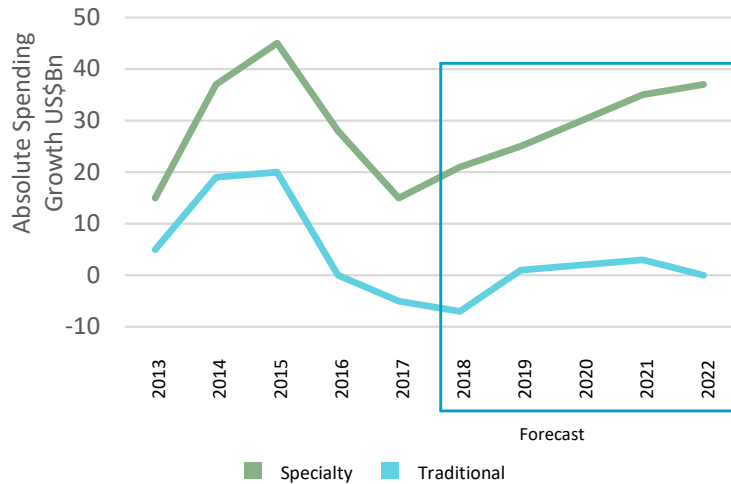


- ✓ Biologics will grow from 22% to over 41% of global spend (2016-2028)
- ✓ Revenues from biologics are forecasted to reach \$661 billion by 2028<sup>1</sup>

Source: 1. Evaluate Pharma - World Preview 2022, Outlook To 2022: Patents and Pricing

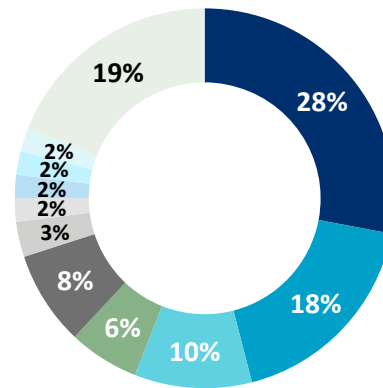
# Specialty Medicines will Drive all Spending Growth in Developed Markets

Brand Spending Growth of Specialty & Traditional Drugs 2018-2022 in Developed Markets<sup>1</sup>

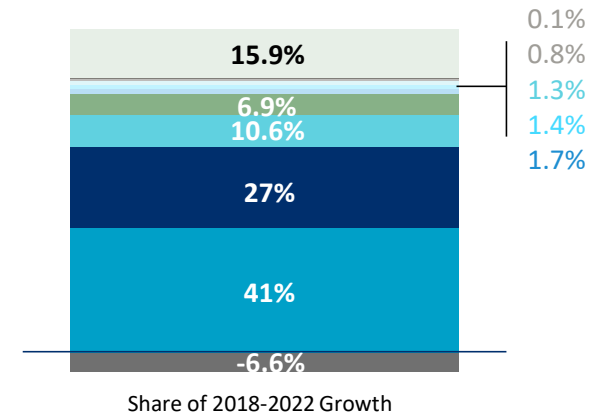


Specialty Medicines Spending & Growth in Developed Markets<sup>2</sup>

Share of 2017 Developed Markets Specialty Spending \$297Bn



Developed Markets Specialty Spending Growth 2018-2022, \$140-150Bn

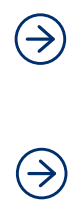


- Oncology
- Autoimmune
- HIV
- Immunosuppressants
- Antivirals
- GM-CSF
- ESA
- AMD
- Blood Coagulation
- Poly IVIG IV/IM
- Others

## Implications

Smaller patient populations

Increased sophistication and sensitivity of drugs



Need for smaller production batches

Higher costs per dose

Emergence of precision medicine

Focus on patient safety and outcomes to justify higher costs

# Bringing a New Drug to Market is Complex and Costly



Key market trends in the biologic market



## Increasing costs

It can cost  
**\$2.6 billion**  
to bring a new drug to market<sup>1</sup>



## Drug development takes a long time

It takes an average of  
**over 10 years**  
from first patent filing to market<sup>2</sup>



## Drug development is increasingly risky

**Only 10%**  
of drugs entering clinical testing  
receive regulatory approval<sup>3</sup>



## Impact of Delays

**\$1.1 million**  
lost sales for each day a drug's development  
and launch is delayed<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Based on data from Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development

<sup>2</sup> Emerging Biopharma's Contribution to Innovation, June 2022, IQVIA.

<sup>3</sup> Biotechnology Innovation Organization: Clinical Development Success Rates

# Our Healthcare Industry is Evolving

**1 Increase in Emerging Company Development**  
+1700 new pipeline molecules from emerging companies 2016-21.

**2 Trend to Self-Administration / Combination Products**  
49% Of injectables in market can be self-administered, led by PFS, Auto Injector

**3 Trend from IV to Subcutaneous**  
SC MAb approvals > IV since 2017 (8% vs. 6%) driven by Life Cycle Management, biosimilar adoption and hospital to at-home care trend.

**4 Increased Connectivity Prevalence and Awareness**  
McKinsey projects \$420B in healthcare efficiency gains from connected health by 2030

**5 Increased Focus on Sustainability**  
Customers and competitors investing in sustainable packaging, social responsibility efforts, and environmental actions

**6 Regulatory Complexity is Increasing**  
Driven by combination products, accelerated reviews, and China improved quality expectations

**7 RNA and Cell/Gene Therapy Significantly Rising**  
+20% pipeline CAGR, 600 new pipeline molecules 2016-2021

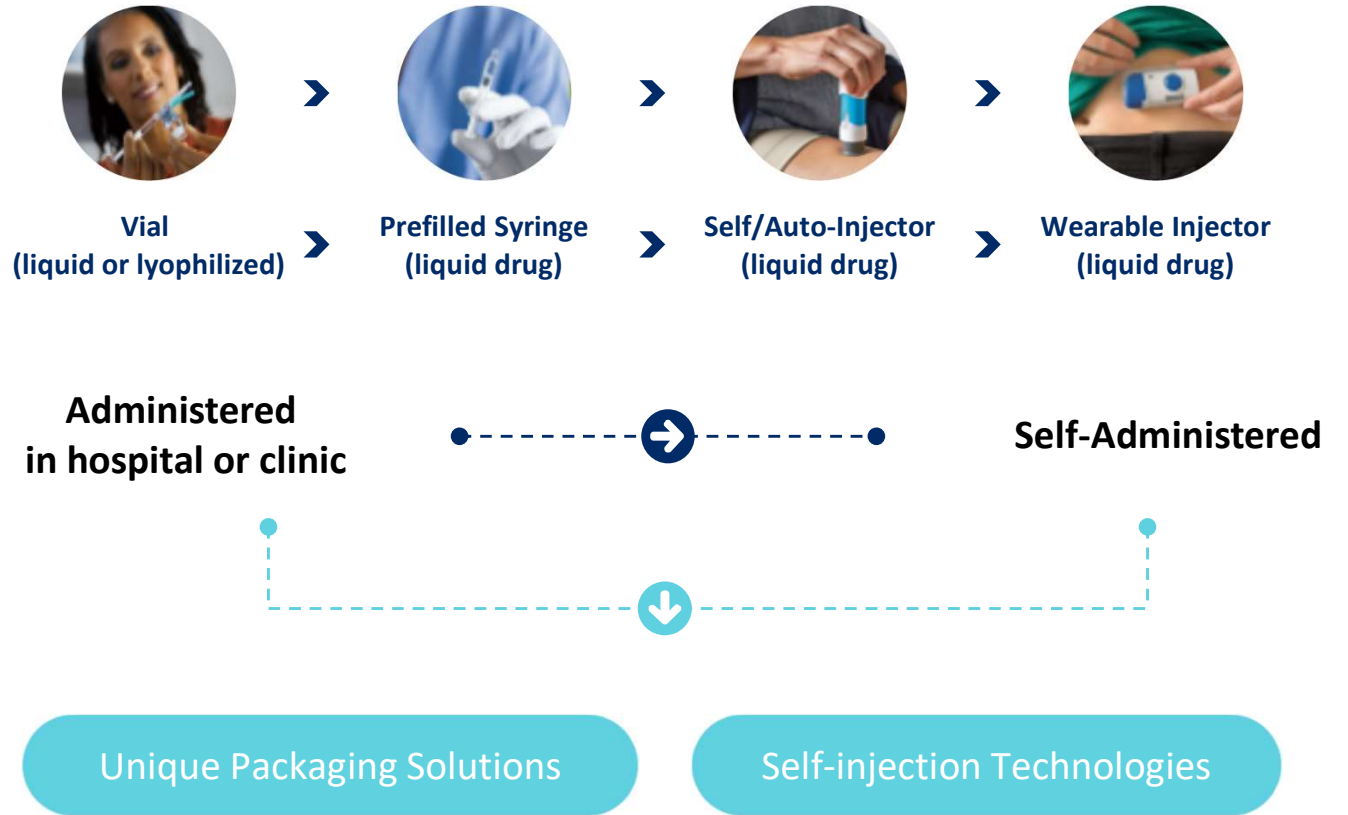
**8 Covid Creates More Focus on Supply Chain Resiliency**  
Enormous stress on all areas of the Global supply chain leading to government and industry investment



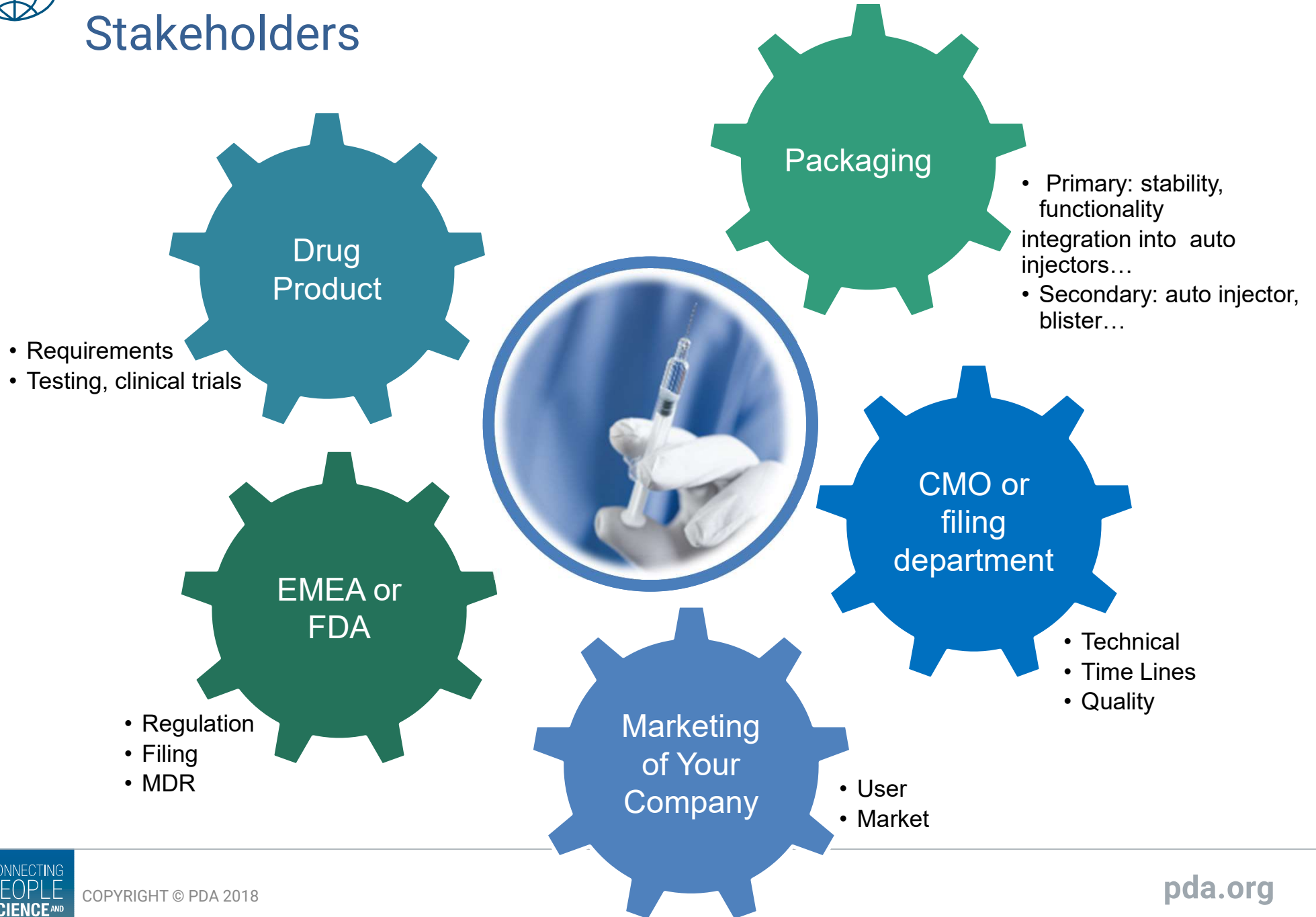
# What Do Changing Patient Dynamics Mean for Drug Administration?

## Patient Dynamics

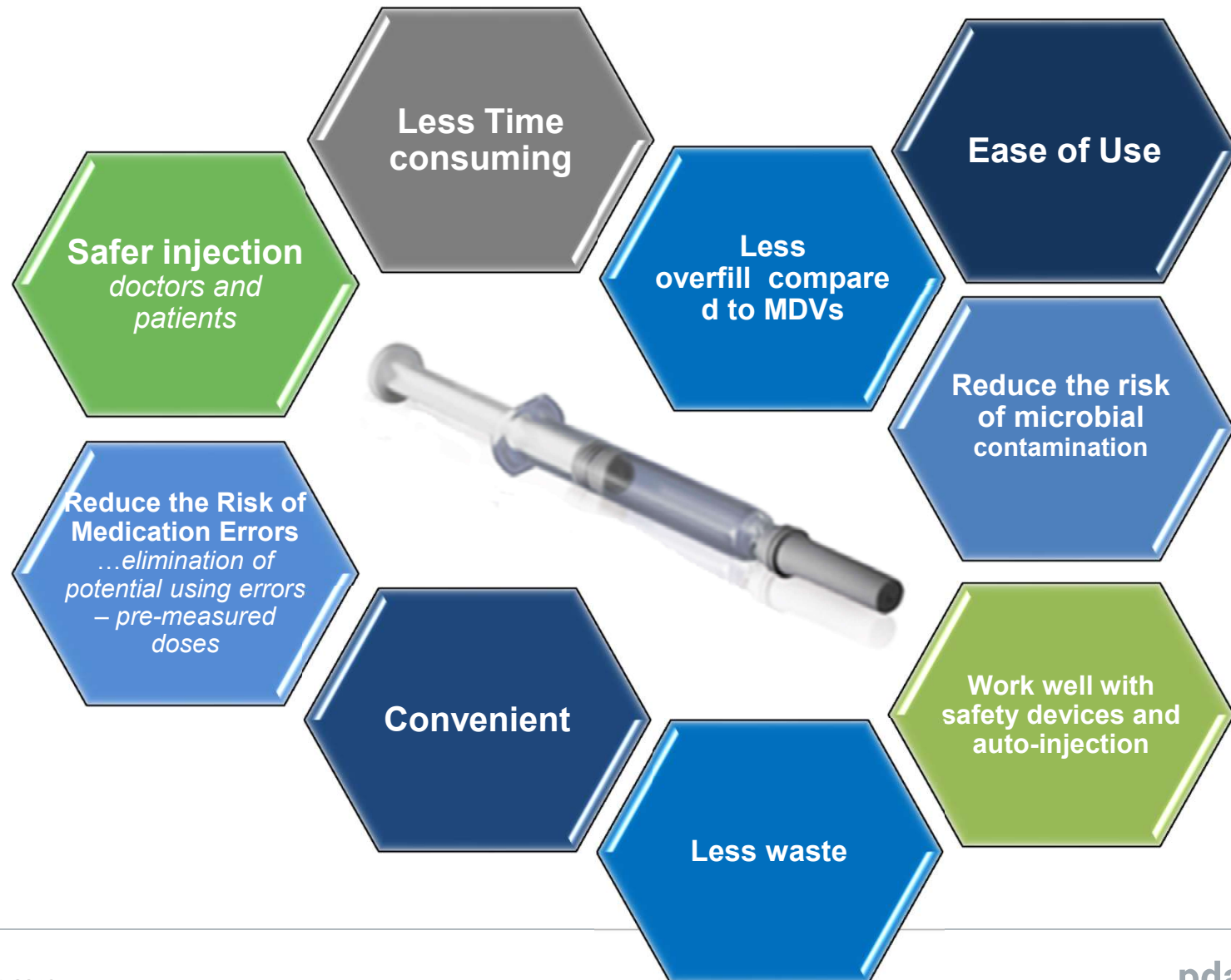
- More chronic diseases
- Patient choice & compliance
- Home administration
- Digitalized application solutions



# Stakeholders



## Multi Dose Vials [MDVs] - Prefilled Syringes: some advantages

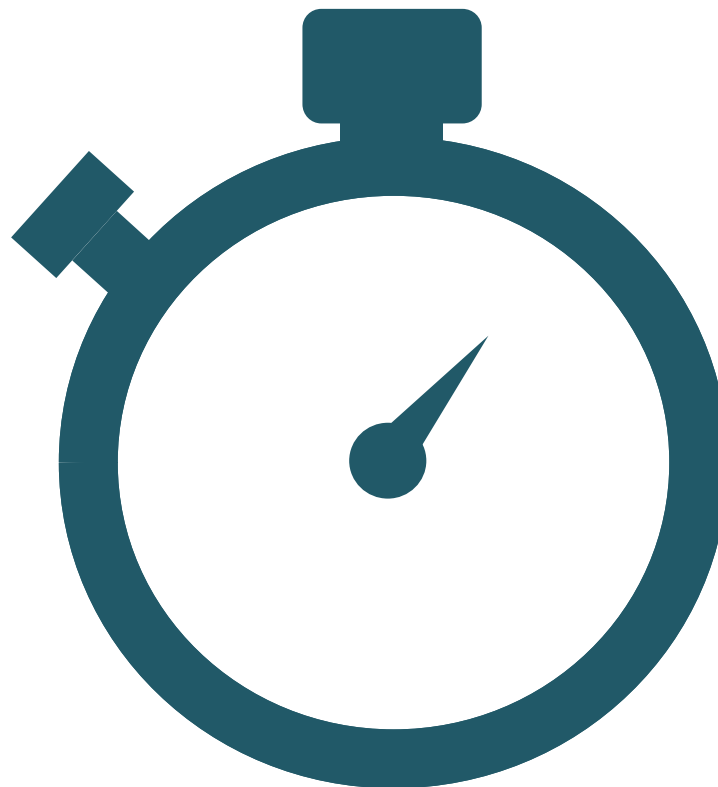


## Convenience / Ease of Use / Patient Satisfaction (e.g. Copaxone®)



Preparing injection for  
COPAXONE® filled in a vial

**235 sec.**



Preparing injection for  
COPAXONE® filled in PFS

**38 sec.**

A typical patient is able to save about **20h a year** by using  
Copaxone® in a PFS format

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# Diverse Syringes for Diverging Needs

	Heparins - anticoagulants	Vaccines – mainly flu vaccines	Biologics – very diverse group	Aesthetics – beauty and lifestyle
<b>Injection mode</b>	Subcutaneous injection, 1/2” needle	Intramuscular injection, 5/8” needle	Mostly subcutaneous injection, 1/2” needle	Subcutaneous injection, diverse needles SC, ID
<b>Syringe format</b>	0,5 mL and 1 mL long with staked-in needle	1 mL short → trend towards Luer Lock	1 mL long 2.25 mL ...	Luer Lock 1 mL Long
<b>Batch size</b>	High volume	High volume	Small batch sizes	Mid batch size
<b>Device application</b>	Safety device integration	Back Stop Disposable needle	Auto Injector use	Possible
<b>Very high focus on</b>	Processability & speed	Processability & speed	Sensitive drugs, often small fill lines	Appearance
<b>Price sensitiveness</b>	+++	++	+	+
<b>Remarks</b>	Few players, mass market	Few players, mass market	Specialty: Ophthalmic luer lock, dose mark, particles	Hyaluronic acid not oxygen sensitive

# Decision making – does a syringe make sense?

Prefilled glass syringe	Advantage	Filled glass vial, closed	Advantage
<b>Total cost for container</b>			
Low overfilling, low residual volume	+	High overfilling, high residual volume	-
Higher costs for packaging materials	-	Lower costs for packaging materials	+
<b>User-friendliness</b>			
Single dose	+	Single or multiple dose	+
Few steps through to injection	+	Many steps in injection preparation	-
Low risk of incorrect dosing	+	Higher risk of error for correct dosing	-
No other components needed (needle syringe) at point-of-care, exception: push-on cannula for Luer syringes	+	Disposable components necessary at the point of care: Plastic single-use syringe Cannula for filling Injection cannula	-
<b>Contact materials</b>			
Contact with the drug during storage: Glass Elastomer stopper Elastomer cap Tungsten (extractables) Silicone oil (glide agent) Needle adhesive, Stainless steel	-	Contact with the drug during storage: Glass Elastomer stopper	+
<b>Special applications</b>			
Highly viscosity drugs, low volume	+	Highly viscosity drugs	-
Lyophilization, reconstitution complex	-	Lyophilization, reconstitution simple	+
Autoinjector, simplicity, home use	+	Training necessary, especially for the uninitiated	-
<b>Overall advantage</b>	<b>7   3</b>	<b>Overall advantage</b>	<b>4   6</b>

# Decision making – Glass or COP?

	Advantage of glass	Advantage of COP	Remarks
Risk of breakage during filling	×	+	Line clearance after glass breakage during filling is expensive but rare
Risk of breakage at the point of care	×	+	Possible, but rare with small volume syringes. Breaking force minimized in advance during development
Luerlock integrated	-	+	Slipping of the thread and detachment impossible with COP
Tungsten	-	+	Alternative pin materials available today, no tungsten in COP injection molding
Adhesive	-	+	COP syringe free of adhesive
Silicone oil	×	+	COP syringes silicone oil free, long available
Gas and especially oxygen barrier	+	-	Glass unsurpassed
Extractables	+	-	Low for glass and known, inorganic
pH shift	-	+	No pH shift with COP
Experience	+	-	Experience with glass in the pharmaceutical industry is extensive, also for filling lines
Costs	+	-	COP more expensive than glass
Design freedom	-	+	Injection molding allows diverse designs
Tool	+	-	Free molding needs no special, expensive injection molding tools
Tolerances	-	+	Glass with wider tolerances through free molding
Scratch resistance	+	-	Plastic sensitive, however scratches do not affect the breaking force
Sterilization of the packaging material	×	+	Glass: EtO** COP: gamma, steam
Terminal sterilization	×	+	Glass: steam, EtO, other methods COP: steam, gamma, other methods
<b>Overall advantage</b>	<b>6   6</b>	<b>5   6</b>	

OP = Cyclic Olefin Polymer  
\*\*EtO = Ethylene Oxide

# Decision making – does a syringe make sense? User vs. Payer perspective

## Safety first

### Where is the point of care (who is the user):

Convenience for patient or hcp:  
Hospital (hcp- health care professional)? *Vial ok*  
Home use (patient)? *Syringe better*

### What is most economic? Vial or syringe better?

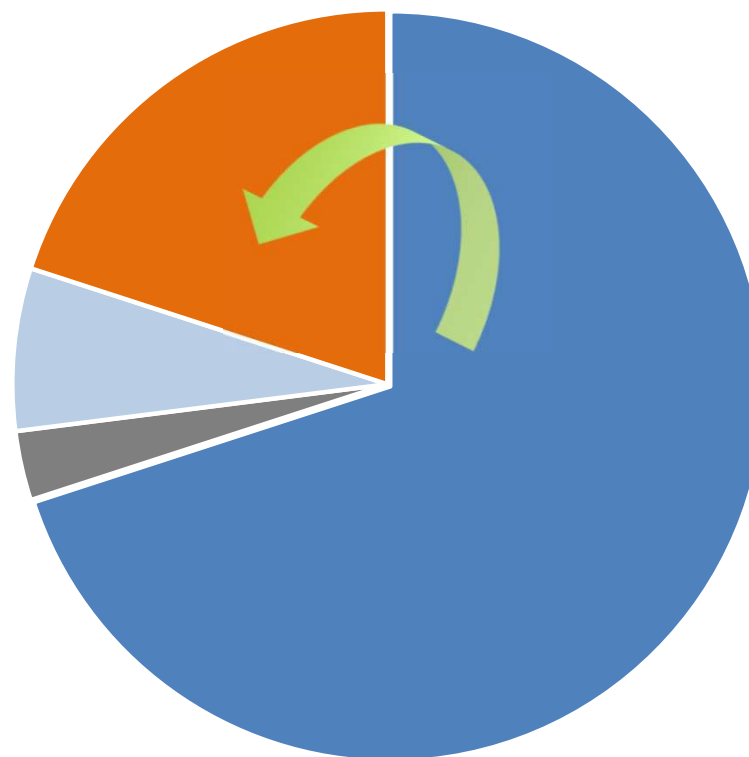
Who pays? Health system or self payment?  
Cost pressure towards self use

### Drug formulation possible in syringe?

Life cycle management from vial to syringe

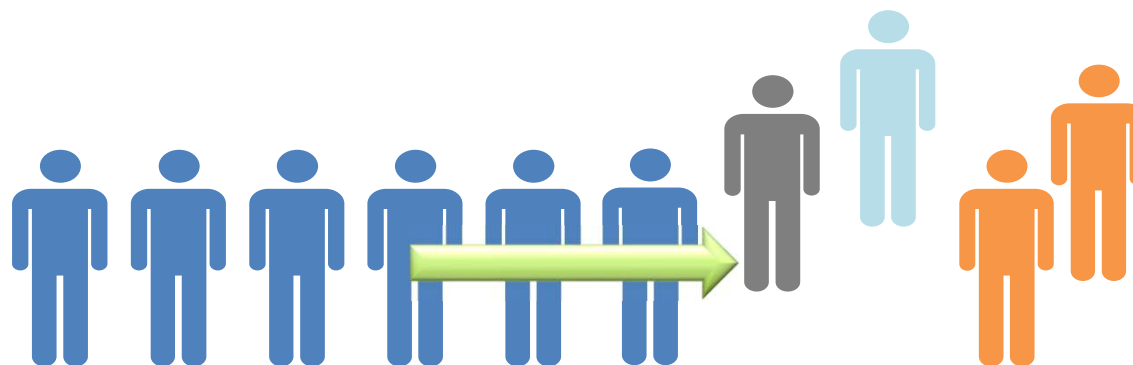
## Basic market share:

- Infusion vial
- Wearable
- Autoinjector - PFS inside
- PFS (w and w/o safety system)





# Decision making – does a syringe make sense?



	Infusion – vial or bottle	Wearable – vial or cartridge inside	Auto-injector – syringe inside	Safety syringe	Prefilled Syringe
<b>Hospital use or doctor’s office</b>	main use	no	rare	yes	frequent
<b>Home use</b>	rare	convenient	convenient	yes	yes
<b>Injection time</b>	🕒🕒🕒🕒🕒	🕒🕒	🕒	🕒	🕒
<b>Cost of device</b>	\$	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$
<b>Cost for health system</b>	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$	\$
<b>e.g.</b>	Cancer treatment	Autoimmune disease	Autoimmune disease	Anticoagulants - Heparin	Vaccine

# Requirements towards primary containers Pharmacist's perspective

## **Functionality**

Harmonized components,  
Gliding force etc.  
Avoid interactions

## **Processability**

Filling line requirements  
Standardized products  
Ready-to-Fill

## **Quality**

Constant quality  
Breakage  
Closure integrity

# Requirements towards Injections and Ophthalmics

## FDA Guidance Container Closure Systems for Packaging Human Drugs and Biologics

- Packaging Description is part of the Registration Dossier
- Material in direct contact to the dosage form
- Storage/stability - transport - functionality (prefilled syringe is a device)
- Standards help all stakeholders

### Protection

- ✓ Temperature
- ✓ Light
- ✓ Water loss
- ✓ Loss of solvent
- ✓ Oxygen
- ✓ Microbial ingress

### Compatibility

- ✓ Adsorption
- ✓ pH change
- ✓ Precipitation
- ✓ Colour change
- ✓ Packaging brittleness

### Safety

- ✓ Leachables
- ✓ Extractables
- ✓ Toxicity
- ✓ Glue or ink migration
- ✓ Breakage, drop test

### Performance

- ✓ CCI
- ✓ Drug delivery
- ✓ NS pull off
- ✓ Break loose and gliding
- ✓ Usability: elderly people, children
- ✓ Connections

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attention!**

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Any Questions?*

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