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Canada's Approach to COVID-19 Vaccine Strategies Development and Approval

Overview of COMIRNATY/*Pfizer-BioNTech* COVID-19 Vaccine

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Addressing the Global Crisis

Global pandemic required expedited implementation of interim measures and innovative/novel approaches

- ▶ Health Canada and Industry mobilized to mitigate impact of COVID-19
 - Interim measures for management of clinical trials
 - Securing supplies of drugs used to manage symptoms of COVID-19
 - Exceptional importation of “designated drugs”
 - Critical Drug Supplies
 - Increased and dedicated manufacturing capabilities
- ▶ Deployment of Innovative Regulatory Strategies to Expedite Review of COVID-19 drugs, including vaccines
 - *Interim Order Respecting the Importation, Sale and Advertising of Drugs for Use in Relation to COVID-19*



Interim Order & Path to COVID-19 Vaccine Authorization

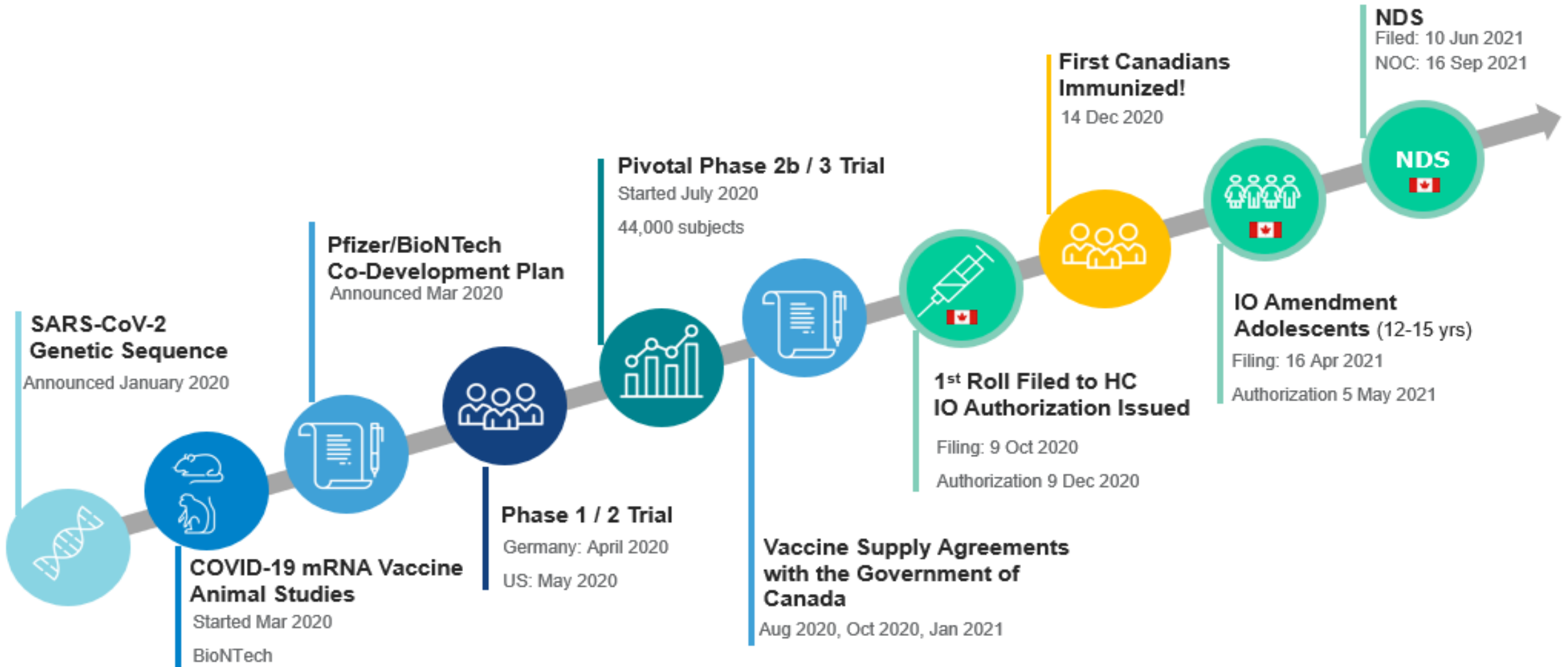


Allowing expedited regulatory pathway for COVID-19 vaccine development without compromising safety & efficacy



- ▶ Implementation of rolling submission concept
- ▶ Expedited review timelines
- ▶ Regulatory Flexibilities
- ▶ Expedited product availability: Importation and pre-positioning
- ▶ No cost recovery
- ▶ Flexibilities re. GMP requirements
- ▶ Authorization with Terms & Conditions
- ▶ Conversion to NOC

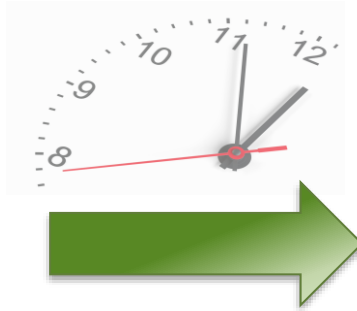
Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine: Early Development to NOC



Rolling Submissions & Real-Time Updates

A First: Unprecedented Regulatory Approach for Canada

- ▶ Allows expedited filing & review
 - Submission Plan
- ▶ Working in real-time: filing as data becomes available
 - Parallel filings Globally
 - Multiple concurrent clarifaxes/requests
 - Support from all functional experts (Non-clinical, Clinical, CMC, Safety)
 - Open communication and *ad hoc* meetings with Health Canada



Putting it in perspective - from IO filing to now:

- ✓ 200 sequences and counting...
- ✓ 11 PM updates
- ✓ 28 HC Meetings
- ✓ 3 Health Product Risk Communications
- ✓ Multiple educational materials
- ✓ Numerous ad hoc calls & e-mails



Expedited Product Availability

Vaccine available immediately after authorization

► Requires multiple parallel & concurrent work



Overall Experience



We are all in this together!

Exemplary Cooperation & Resilience - “No Corners Cut”



- ▶ Working in real-time during a Global pandemic requires:
 - Accelerated filing of numerous components as they become available
 - Rapid responses to multiple concurrent requests
 - Flexibility regarding Regulatory requirements and administrative components
 - Open line of communication with Health Canada at all times (including evenings & weekends)
 - International alignment and collaboration
 - Terms and Conditions supports risk-based approach
 - Transparency

Important Lessons Learned

During a Global Pandemic plan for the unexpected!

- ▶ Multiple urgent demands on many fronts
 - Numerous concurrent requests with tight response timelines (same-day, 1 or 2 days)
 - Fully dedicated resources required with back-ups to manage high demands & long hours (nights & weekends)
 - Impact on Global resources
- ▶ Shipping & storage complexities
- ▶ Multiple and expedited translation needs
- ▶ Authorization vs Real-world use
 - Implementation not always aligned with clinical trials/authorized label recommendations
- ▶ Management of internal and external communications
 - High media attention
- ▶ Authorization is not the end
 - High level of activity post-authorization
 - Management of Terms and Conditions
 - Conversion to NOC not just an administrative step



Looking into the Future

Huge strides taken during the pandemic should serve as a base for continued evolution of our Regulatory Framework

- ▶ Build on Regulatory Innovation
- ▶ Implementation of Rolling Submissions
- ▶ International Cooperation Between Regulators is Key
 - Work-sharing models beyond ACCESS
 - Data & insight sharing
 - Streamlining of Regulatory requirements and Canadian-specific requirements
- ▶ Risk-Based Regulatory Decisions
 - Prioritization and fit-for-purpose regulatory strategies
- ▶ Expand focus of Advanced Therapeutic Products
- ▶ Implement Agile Regulations





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