

The research and development journey

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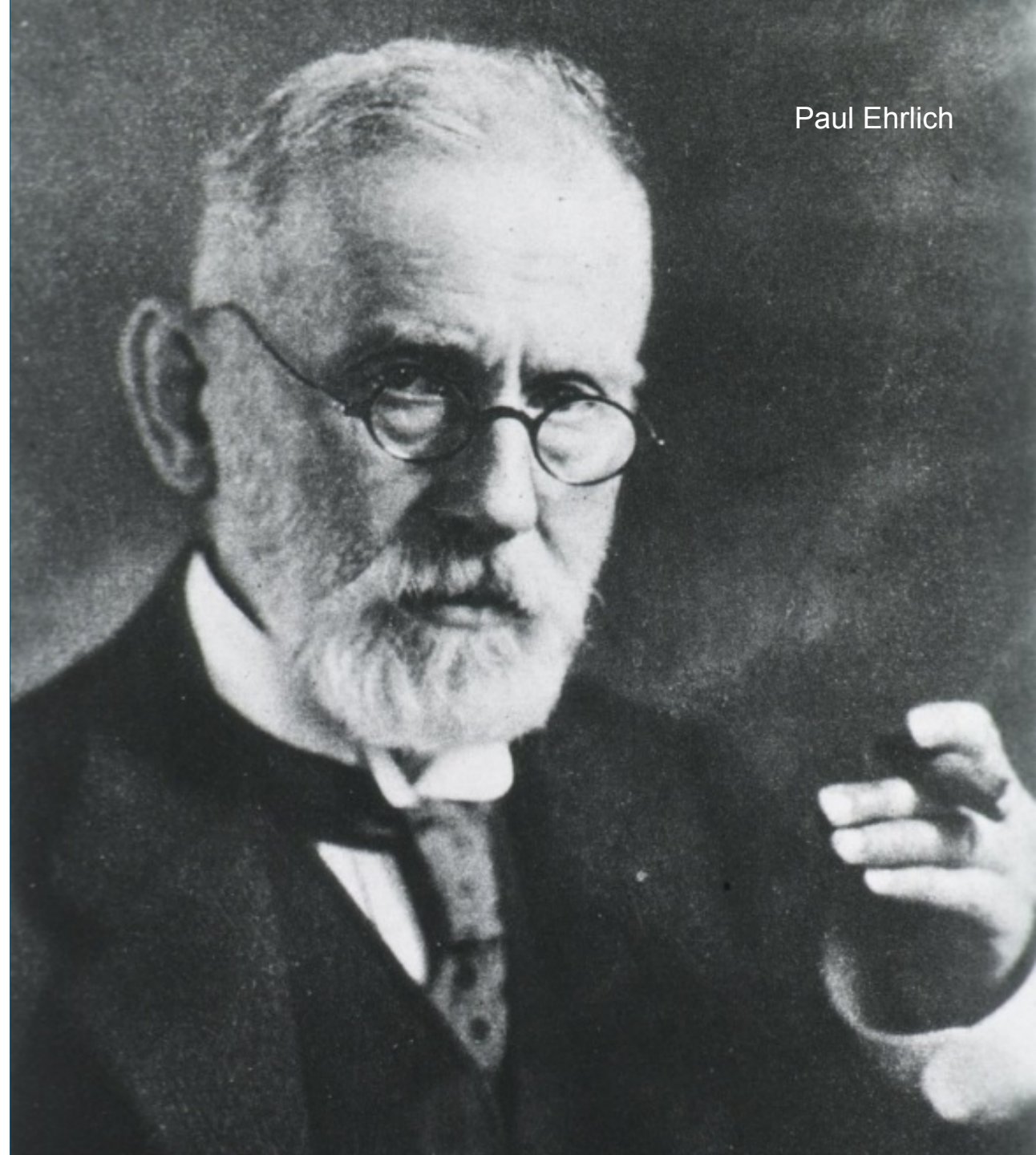
What is drug discovery?

What was the magic bullet and how has it shaped modern pharmacology?

What are drugs trying to alter?

How do drugs interact with our bodies?

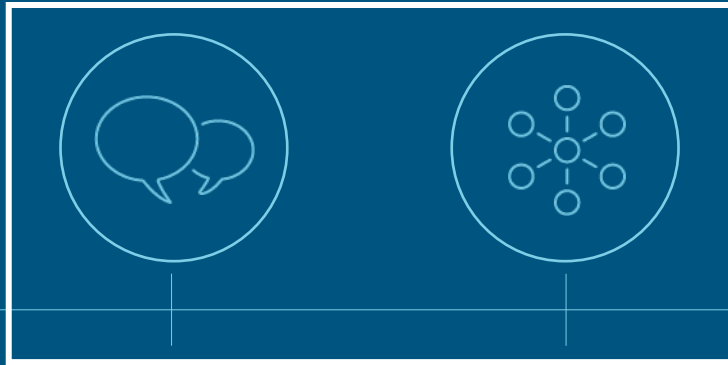
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What is the R&D
journey?

Discovery to commercialisation



Initial idea / discovery

Basic research into the disease itself

Development

The process of choosing a molecular target and confirming the molecular target

Pre-clinical testing

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Trials approval process

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Product approval

Central or national route?

Drug discovery



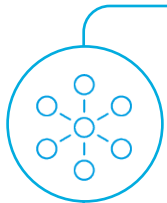
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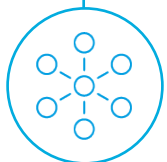
What exposure do they face?



Drug development



Time to optimise



Have the exposures changes?



Discovery to commercialisation



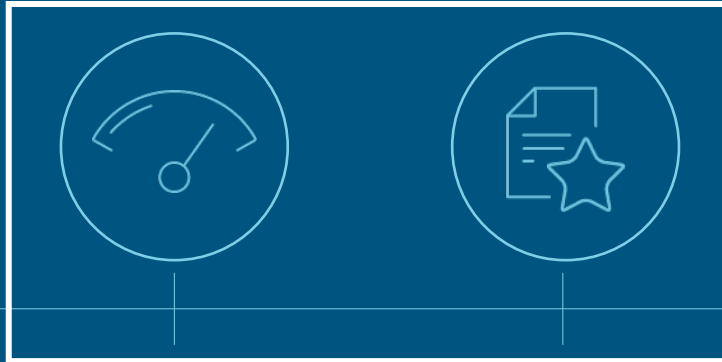
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Why do we do pre-clinical testing?



Types of testing:

- *In Vitro*
- *In Vivo*

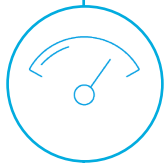


Pre-clinical testing



CFC therapeutics

What do they do?
Exposures



Contract research service

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Clinical trials phases

	Number of participants	Purpose	Success rate
Phase I	20 to 100	Gathering information on how the drug interacts in the human body	70%
Phase II	Up to 300	This phase looks to establish efficacy and side effects	33%
Phase III	300 to 3000	Establishing less common side effects	25-30%
Phase IV	Over 3000	Post Commercialisation safety monitoring	N/A

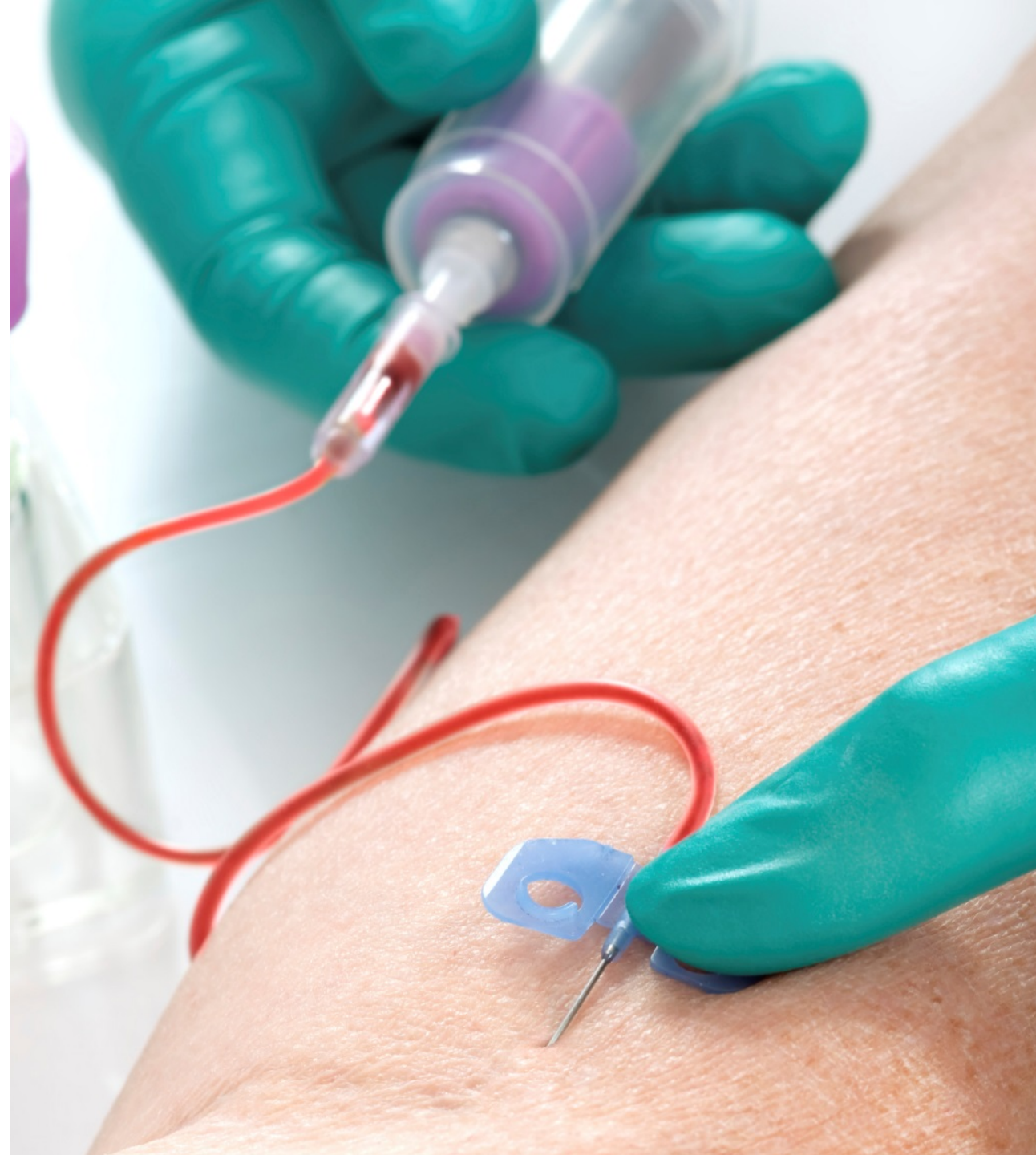
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Queensland trial giving Viagra to pregnant women halted after Netherlands deaths

Researchers pause to gather information after 11 babies died in similar Dutch trial

Regulatory approval,
stifling progress or
saving lives?



The R&D journey

Exposure summary

Summary

Product discovery and development

- Typically a company developing their own drug or medical device, receiving funding through grants and private investments
- The main exposure for these companies come through their property and supply chain

Pre-clinical testing

- Most often a company called a Clinical Research Service sub-contracted to undertake the testing to establish safety in humans
- The exposure for a CRS comes primarily through professional indemnity

Clinical testing

- Clinical testing often has two interested parties, the Clinical Research Organisation undertaking the testing and the Trial Sponsor
- Both types of companies are exposed to bodily injury risks while Clinical Research Organisations are exposed to financial loss claims

Regulatory review

- At this point in the R&D process consultants are relied upon to provide knowledge on the convoluted approval process
- Regulatory consultants are most exposed to professional indemnity claims

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