Themes in the Design of Pharmaceutical Value-Based Contracts in the United States and Europe

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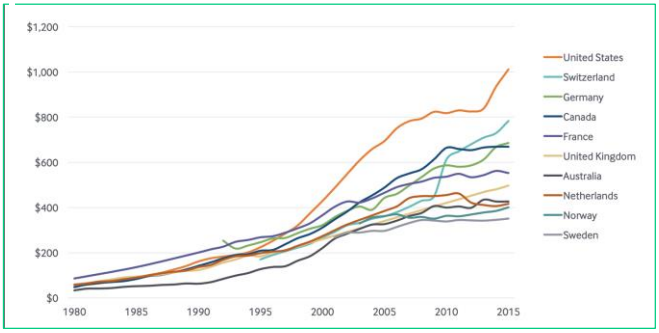
BACKGROUND

Escalating healthcare costs and drug prices: Are we approaching a tipping point for value-based care?

National Trends in Per Capita Pharmaceutical Spending, 1980–2015



Source: Commonwealth Fund, October 2017.

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BACKGROUND

Outcomes-Based Contracts are an emerging cost containment strategy

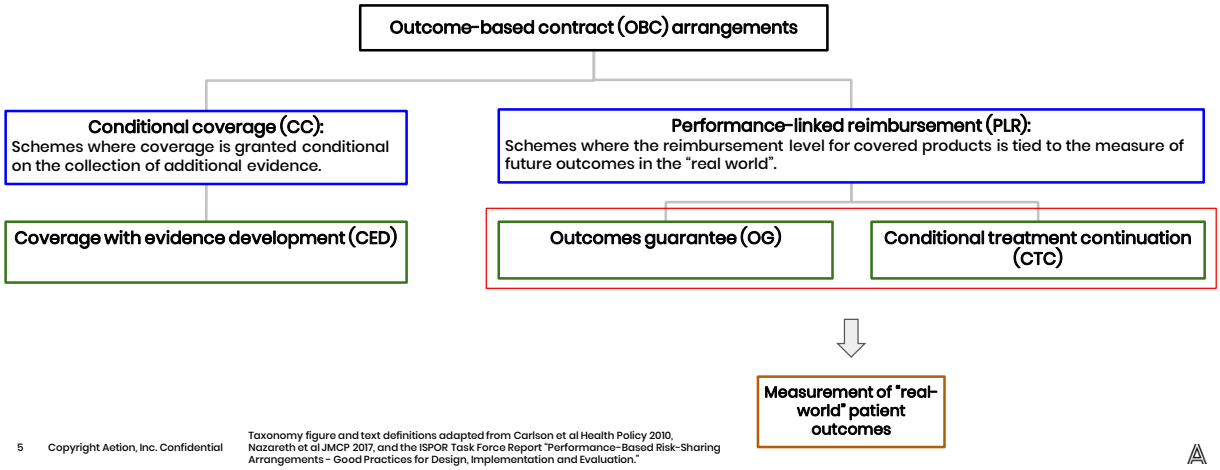
- **Background:** Outcome-Based Contracts (OBCs) link reimbursement and coverage decisions to "real-world" performance.
- **Advantages:** OBCs spread the risk of uncertainty to both payers and manufacturers, which preserves patient access to innovative treatments.
- **Known barrier:** Measurement and assessment of outcomes is one of the key components and challenges to OBC implementation.

Objective: To evaluate themes in outcomes and contract structures in OBCs across the US and Europe.

METHODS

Step 1: Extracted outcome-based contracts and categorized by contract type

*Outcome-based contracts in the United States and select European nations (Italy, UK, Netherlands, and Spain) were extracted from the **University of Washington PBRSA** database. Each agreement was categorized by **contract type** using a published taxonomy of risk sharing agreements.*



Taxonomy figure and text definitions adapted from Carlson et al Health Policy 2010, Nazareth et al JMCP 2017, and the ISPOR Task Force Report "Performance-Based Risk-Sharing Arrangements - Good Practices for Design, Implementation and Evaluation."

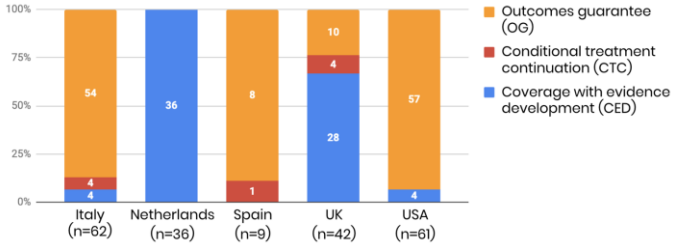
METHODS

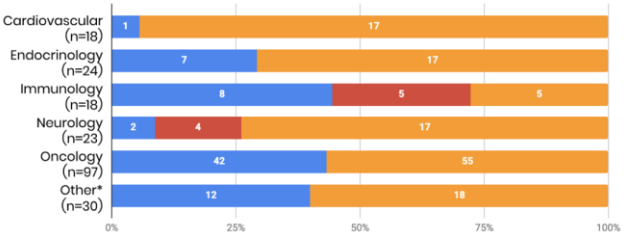
Step 2: Next, we categorized performance-linked reimbursement contracts on dimensions related to measurement of "real-world" outcomes.

01	What type of outcome?	• Clinical: surrogate or direct endpoint • Financial • Adherence/persistence • Mixed (multiple types)
02	Was reimbursement determined at the patient-level or aggregated at the population-level?	• Patient-level • Population-level (aggregated)
03	Was performance assessed on a comparative or absolute threshold-based scale?	• Comparative • Absolute-threshold based
04	Was the assessment restricted to a compliant population?	• Yes • No
05	What was the form of reimbursement?	• Manufacturer covers cost of adverse events • Other (rebate / refund / price adjustment)

RESULTS: Contract Type

Overall, contract type varied by country & therapeutic area





Identified 210 outcomes-based contracts from the UW database

- OG: 129 (61%)
- CED: 72 (34%)
- CTC: 9 (4%)

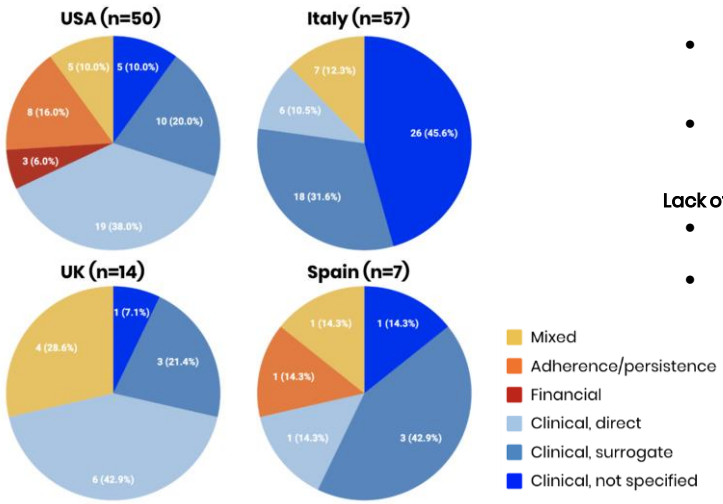
Countries: OG schemes most common contract types in Italy, Spain, and the US

Therapeutic area: OG schemes most common contracts for Cardiovascular, Endocrinology, and Neurology products

**Other TAs include: Infectious Diseases, Ophthalmology, Respiratory Diseases, Nephrology/Urology, Musculoskeletal, Mental Health, Hematology, and Gastroenterology.*

RESULTS: Outcome type

Clinical outcomes were the most prevalent outcome types used in performance-linked reimbursement contracts



- Overall, 78% of US contracts and 99% of European contracts included >=1 **clinical outcome** component (including mixed contracts)
- **Financial and Adherence-related outcomes** were more common in the US

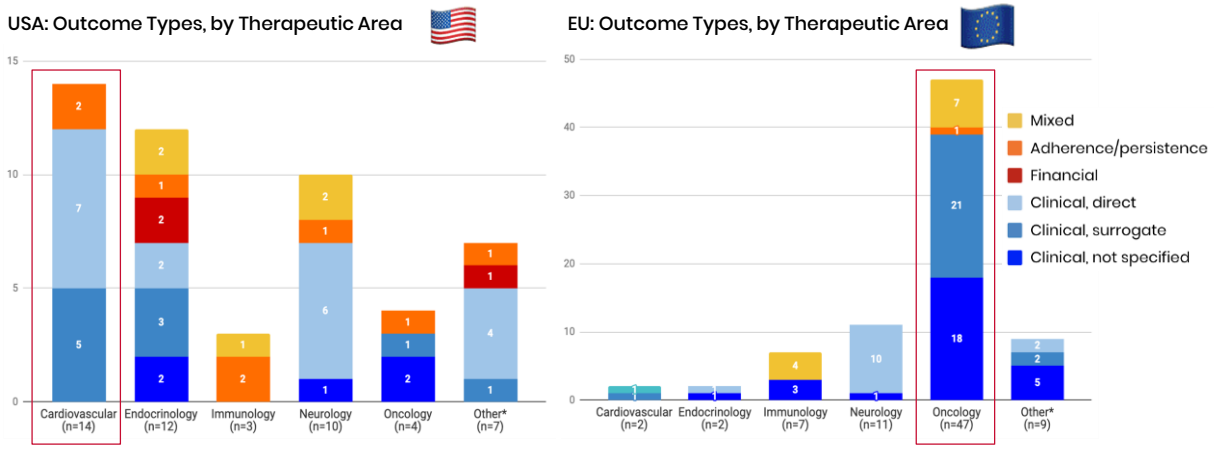
Lack of transparency in outcome definitions

- 20 (14.4%) of contracts were missing data on outcome type
- 33 (24%) mentioned clinical outcomes but could not be classified as surrogate or direct

Analysis restricted to performance-linked reimbursement contracts (outcomes guarantee or conditional treatment continuation) with at least one ascertainable outcome type. Contracts with mixed outcome types had a combination of 2 or more of the following outcome types: Adherence/persistence, financial, direct clinical, surrogate clinical. See appendix for further details on outcome type definitions and methodology.

RESULTS: Outcome type

Differences in outcome types across regions is driven by therapeutic area



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RESULTS

RWD fit-for-purpose: Outcomes reflect available data sources within each region

	USA	EU
Neurology	Hospitalization ER visits (relapse) Discontinuation Adherence Medical cost	Mini Mental Status Exam Expanded Disability Status Scale Mobility/motor fxn tests Numeric rating scale for spasticity (patient reported)
Immunology	Persistence Adherence	ACR (RA response criteria) EULAR (RA response score)
Oncology	Disease progression Discontinuation	Mortality Disease / tumor progression Biomarker lab tests (CD34 counts, Serum M, others) Discontinuation
Endocrinology	Fracture A1c Adherence Persistence Medical cost	Fracture
Cardiovascular disease	CV-related hospitalization Acute CV events (HF, MI) LDL Adherence	LDL Combined efficacy score, including: *Walking distance test, Time to clinical worsening, Dyspnea Borg Index, QoL patient questionnaires, & NT-Pro BNP lab test components.*

RESULTS

Population-level reimbursement contracts more common in the United States

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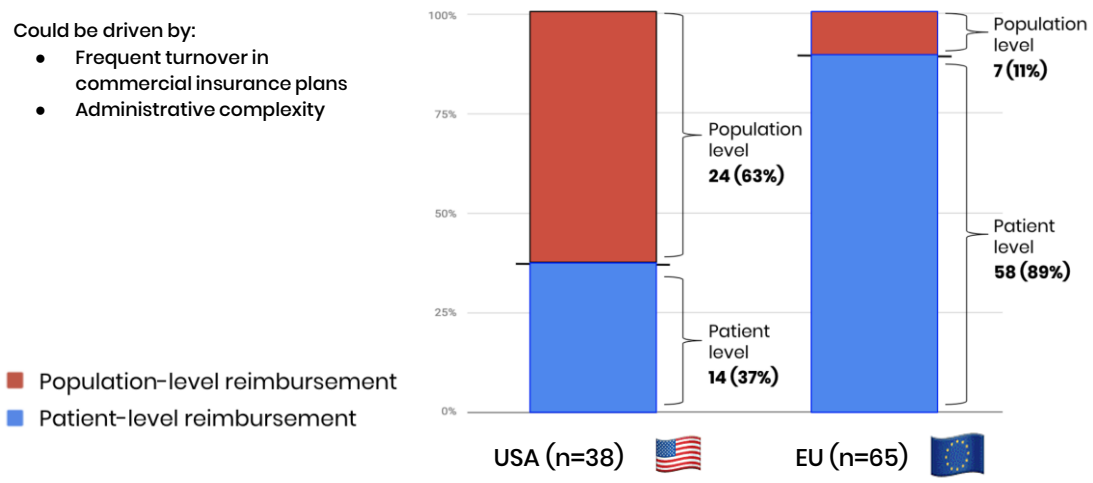
Could be driven by:

- Frequent turnover in commercial insurance plans
- Administrative complexity



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RESULTS

Level of reimbursement is linked to disease-specific factors

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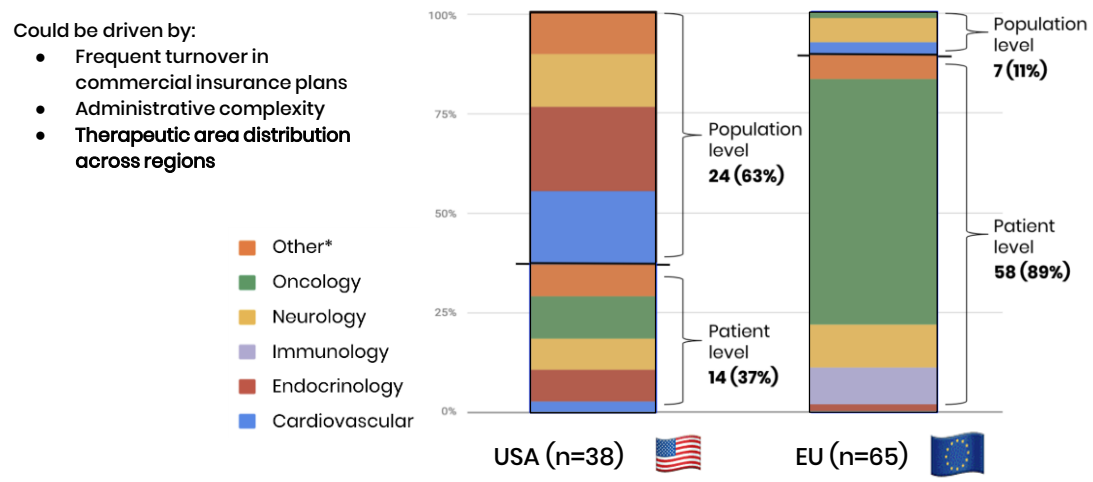
- **Therapeutic area distribution across regions**



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RESULTS

Sophisticated contract features were more common in the United States

3 Comparative component

4 contracts included a comparative component

- **Countries:** USA (n=4)
- Assessing performance with a comparative design can help establish causality between the intervention and target outcome(s).
- **Requirements:** Advanced analytic capabilities and additional data on confounders for risk adjustment. Also need a comparator population.

4 Compliant population

6 contracts restricted outcome assessment to compliant patients.

- **Countries:** USA (n=4), Italy (n=2)
- Suggests manufacturers and payers are sharing the risk of non-compliance in different ways.
- **Requirement:** Data collection systems for measuring compliance.

5 Reimbursement form

6 contracts required manufacturers to cover cost of adverse outcomes as a form of reimbursement.

- **Countries:** USA (n=5), Italy (n=1)
- Hybrid of cost-sharing and traditional OBC; shifts additional risk to manufacturer.
- **Requirement:** Ability to track all costs associated with target outcome(s) over a specific time period and communicate to manufacturer.

CONCLUSION

Summary of key takeaways & discussion

- **There is no one-size-fits-all template for contracts:** *Contract type, outcome type, and reimbursement structure varied by country & therapeutic area*
  - Country-specific, system factors - like private vs. public payer mix and data infrastructure - likely influence the outcome types and contract structures we observed
- **Data fit-for-use is key:** *Available data sources were likely driving the types of outcomes and contract structures used by each country*
  - Simple, generalizable outcome measures identifiable in payer data like medical cost, persistence, and hospitalizations can support more scalable contracts across disease areas
- **Lack of transparency:** *Manufacturers and payers continue to keep contracting details confidential*
  - Lack of disclosure despite the need for transparency to support collaborative and scalable contracts
  - Transparency necessary for evaluation, which supports evidence-based scaling of value-based models

Development of new RWE methods and data sources are necessary to support scaling of more sophisticated (and evidence-based) contract structures

Thank you!

Questions?

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