

Cell & Gene Therapy: Opportunities in India

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Agenda



Current Cancer
Status in India



Opportunities in
CART



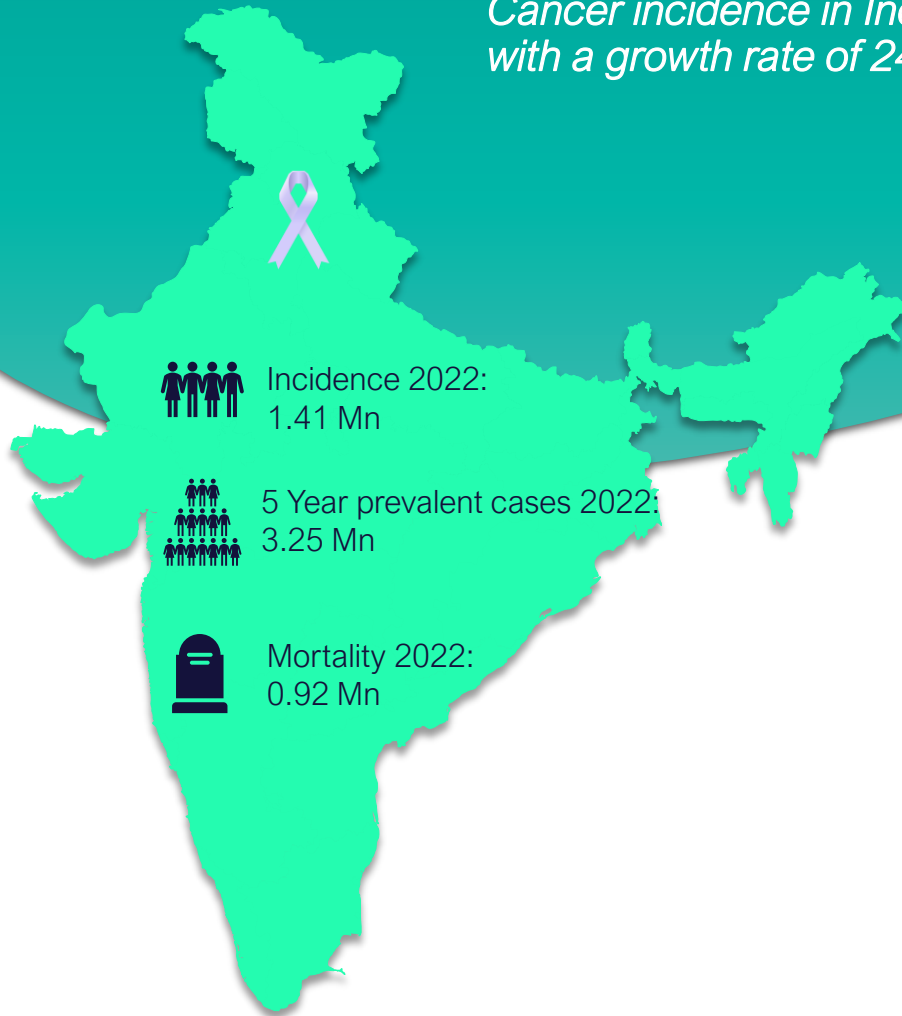
India's Readiness in
CAR-T Therapy



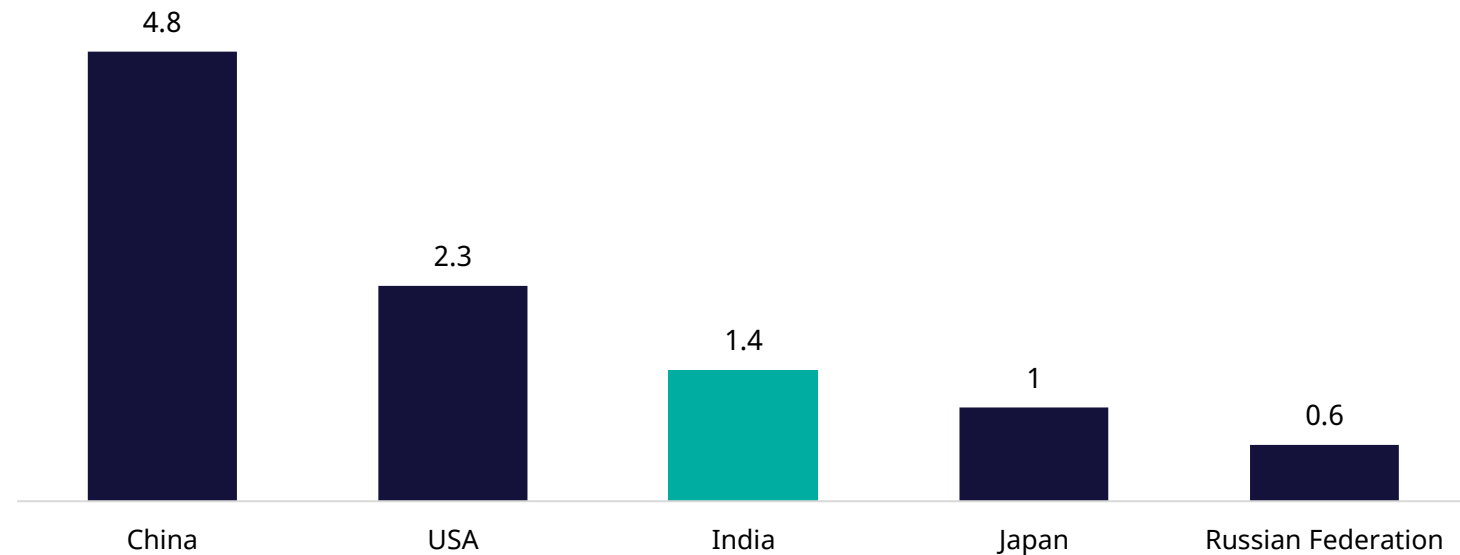
Recommendations to
make INDIA CAR-T
Ready

Globally, India holds 3rd position in terms of cancer incidence

Cancer incidence in India is expected to reach 1.51 Mn by 2025 and 1.73 Mn by 2030 with a growth rate of 24%



Top 5 countries by Cancer Incidence 2022 (Mn)



But India lacks universal access to transformational therapies

Majority of recent blockbuster medicines in oncology are not considered high priority by oncologists in India as they offer:

- *Small incremental gains*
- *High cost of therapy*
- *Many are effective in only small subgroups of patients*

Cancer care in India is associated with significant financial toxicity:

80-85%

Population across all quintiles is not covered by health insurance

Government sponsored insurance scheme is the main type of health insurance for the population who are covered by health insurance.

~65%

Patients with cancer in India receive care in private health care facilities hence face significant OOP expenditure

Source: JCO Global Oncology (2022); Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (2022)

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CAR-T therapy has been widely praised as a revolutionary cell immunotherapy

FDA has approved (including accelerated approval) cell therapies for cancer, diabetes and nasolabial folds

CAR T-cell therapy has shown outstanding success in patients

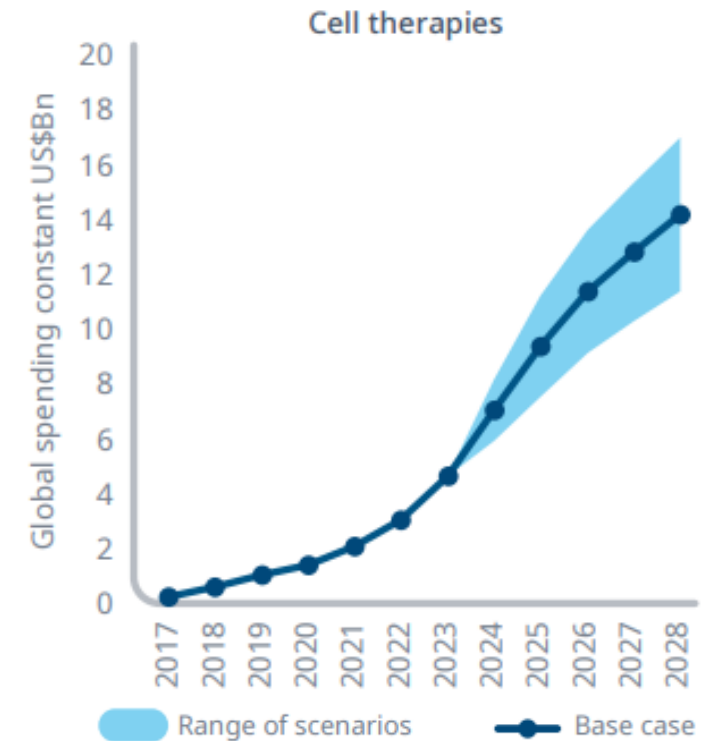
(e.g., CRR between 70% and 94% across distinct trials have been reported in B-ALL)

The therapy costs*

~ ₹4 crore to ₹ 5 crore
abroad

As per IQVIA, the global spending# for cell therapies is estimated to reach

~ \$ 14 Bn by 2028



Source: FDA, IQVIA (2024), International Journal of Molecular Sciences (2023), Indian Express

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However, cell therapy is characterized by its high cost of manufacturing

- *Long Process- Takes week/s to complete*
- *Involves multiple steps*
- *Being autologous, difficult to manufacture at scale*

High manufacturing costs

Aim is to make these therapies:

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Scalable

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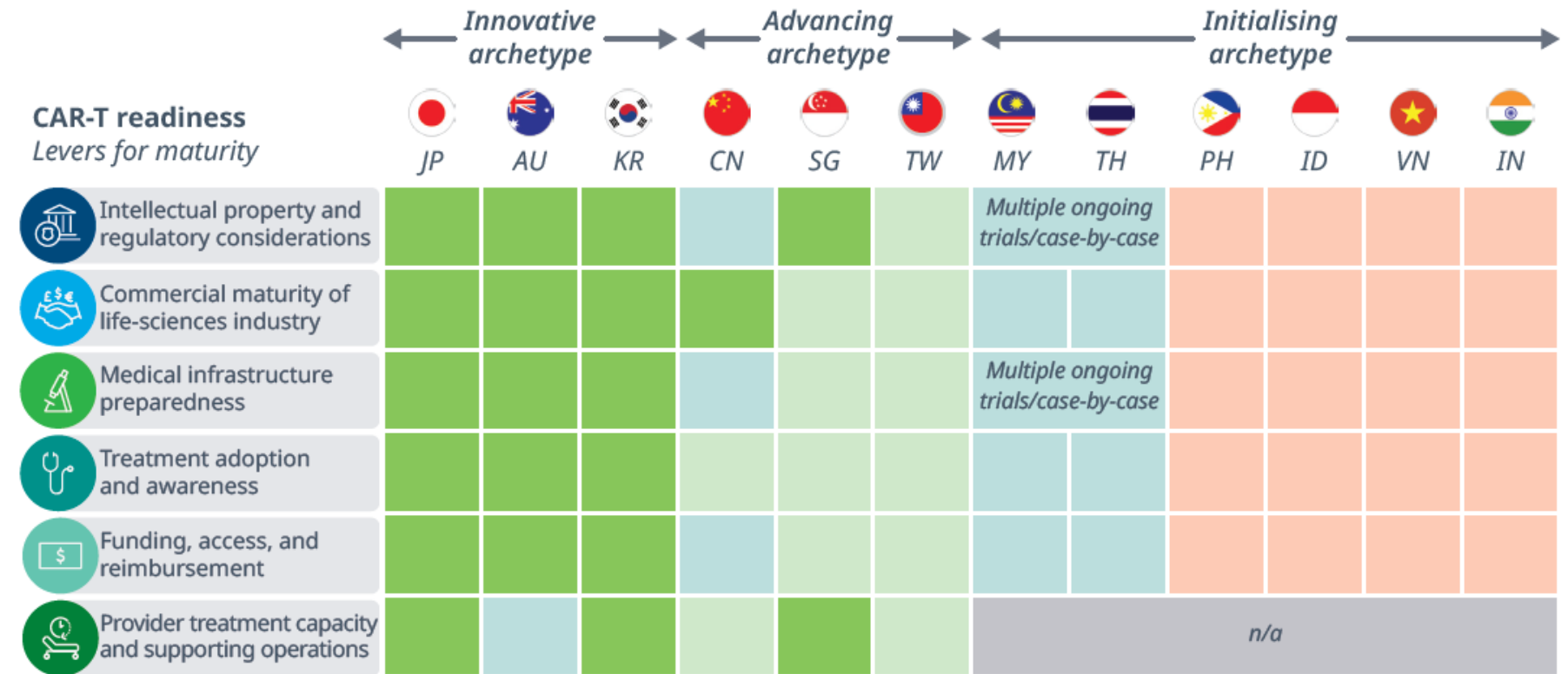
Less Time Consuming

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Cost Effective

Further, India has limited preparedness for CAR T-cell therapy across regulatory access, delivery capability, & healthcare funding

Figure 2: APAC market maturity and CAR-T readiness: innovative, advancing and initialising archetypes



Innovative archetype:
strong state of readiness across multiple dimensions.

Advancing archetype:
Relatively lower levels but still reasonable regulatory readiness or commercial maturity.

Initialising archetype:
Reveal significant gaps in their preparedness for CAR T-cell therapy

Note: Country abbreviations JP – Japan; AU – Australia; KR – South Korea; CN – China; SG – Singapore; TW – Taiwan; MY – Malaysia; TH – Thailand; PH – Philippines; ID – Indonesia; VN – Vietnam; IN - India

Legend: Low  High

One of the biggest obstacles to expanding access is the cost of CAR-T therapy

Source: IQVIA (2024)

We urgently need strategies to ensure that all patients in India can access affordable and high-quality cancer care

Considering the commercial product early in the process can mitigate risks associated with **cell therapy development**



Commercial Viability

Helps attract and de-risk potential investors with the likely returns

- Implement proven demand forecasting and planning approaches
- Determine speed to market penetration
- Evaluate economies of scale
- Knowledge of regulatory process to know what to avoid during development



Manufacturing

Key concern: process involves manual labor

- Understand biology at a small scale, and then **scale to manufacture**
 - Knowledge ramp up & standardization
 - 'Make in India' raw materials and consumables
 - Flexible modular manufacturing GMP-in-a-box solutions
- Next Gen- CAR-T**
- Viral vector alternatives for gene insertion
 - Use of **allogenic therapy**- simplified supply chain & economies of scale
 - CAR-T generation in vivo
 - Rapid CAR-T systems and **automation**

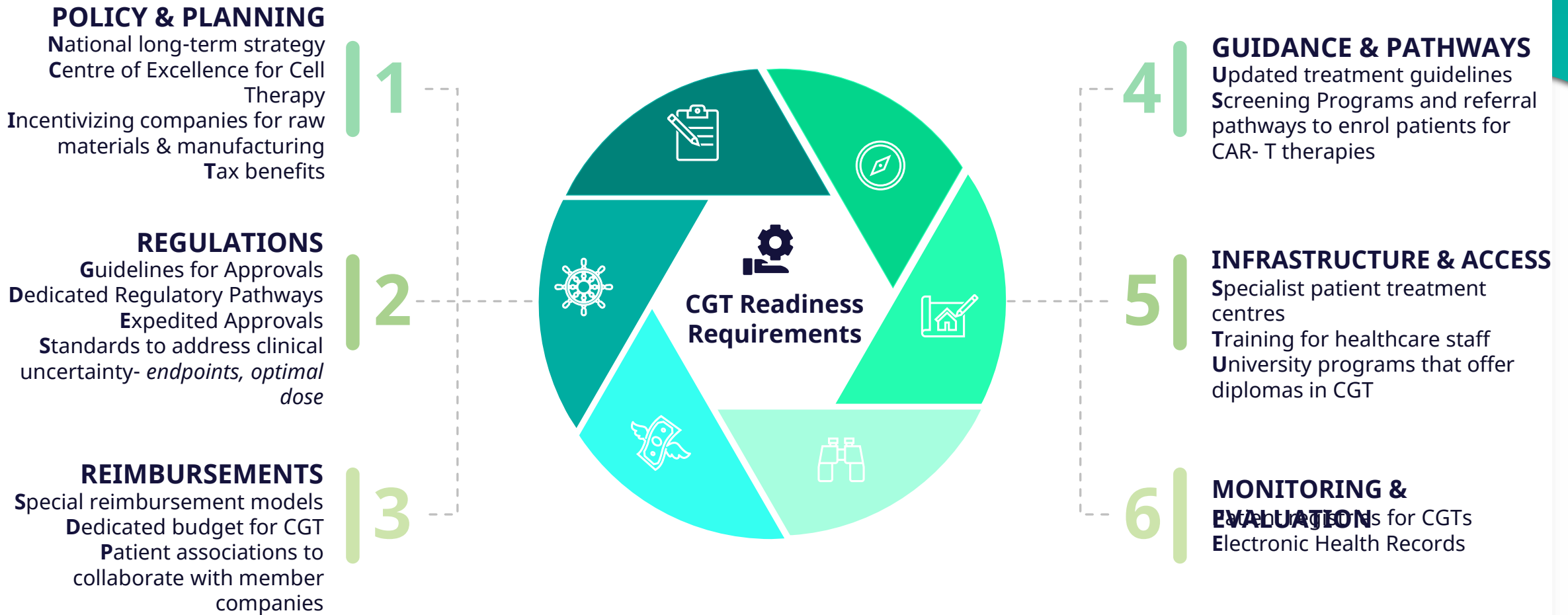


Commercial Efficiency

Innovations in commercial models

- International partnership to foster **medical tourism** to attract patients from large economies to India
- Demonstrate value to Payer models of large economies to support **international reimbursements**
- Move toward **outpatient treatment** to lower costs and increase capacity

Preparation and evaluation of Indian ecosystem across 6 major domains are crucial




Thank you



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