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# MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR HIGH-COST CELLULAR AND GENE THERAPIES

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# What are Cell and Gene Therapies

- ▲ Cell therapies are therapies that transfer autologous or allogenic cellular material into a patient.<sup>1</sup>
- ▲ Gene therapies are therapies that modifies or manipulates the expression of a gene or alters the biological properties of living cells.<sup>2</sup>

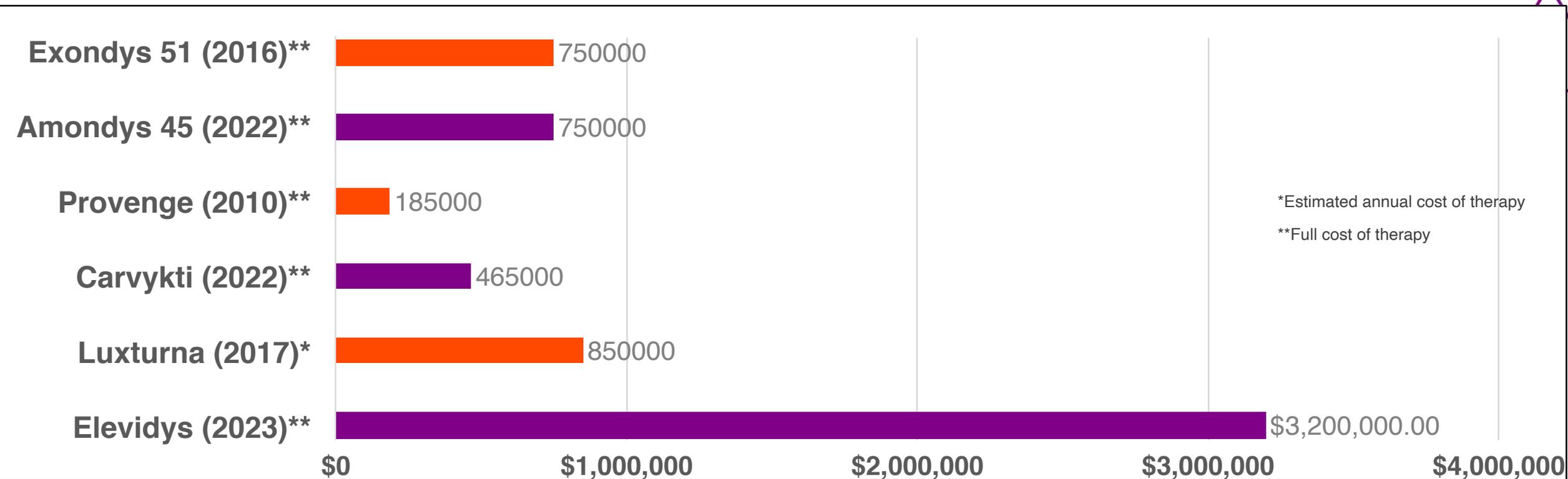
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2. Long Term Follow-Up After Administration of Human Gene Therapy Products; Guidance for Industry, January 2020

# State of the industry

- ▲ The drug pipeline is increasingly filled with cell and gene therapies
- ▲ These therapies no longer only apply only to rare diseases and are being developed to treat more larger populations
- ▲ Half of payors surveyed see gene therapies as a top concern<sup>1</sup>
- ▲ Costs can reach \$3.5 million per course of treatment

# State of the industry: CGT approvals

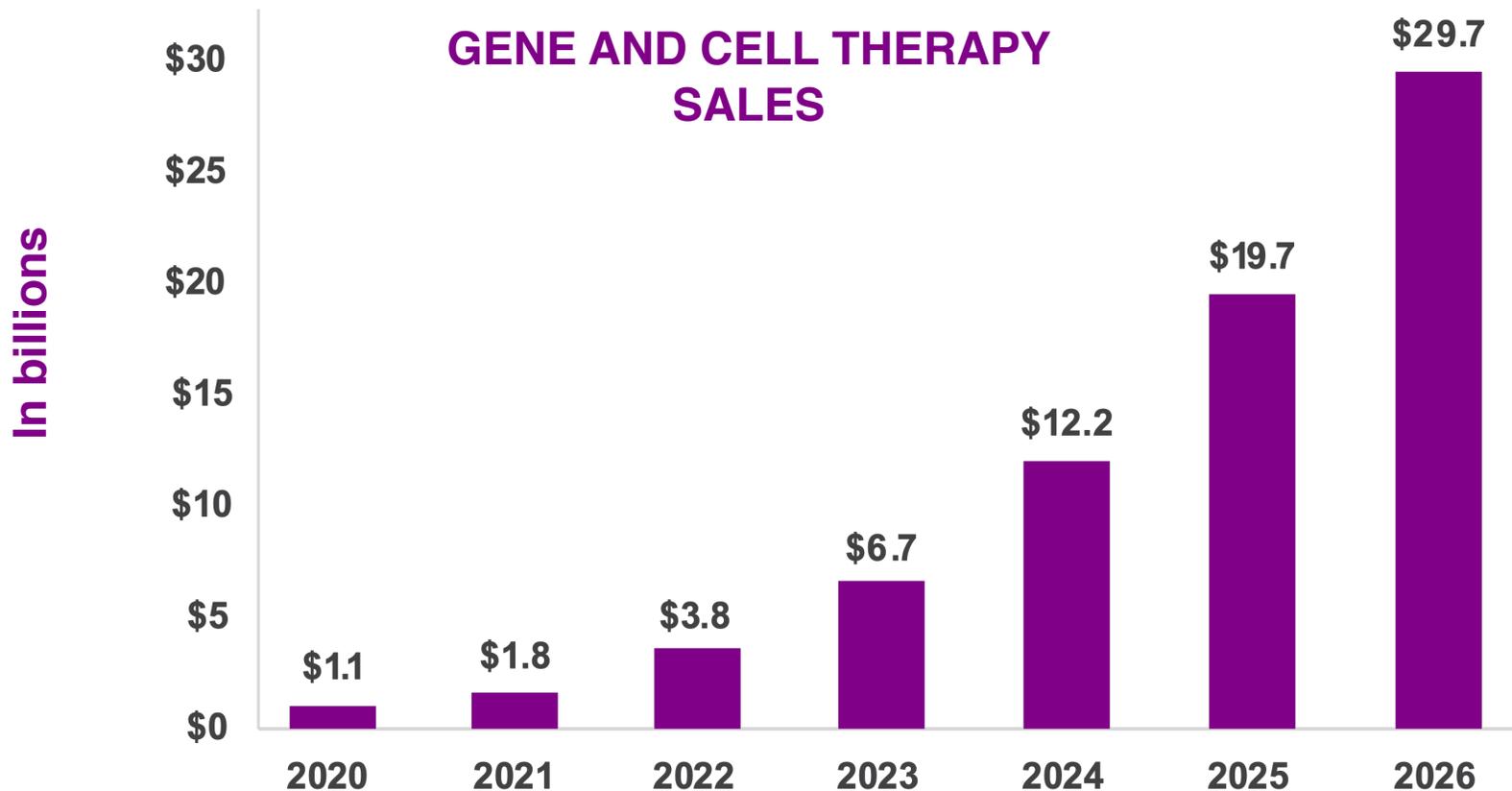
## Gene and cell therapy approvals first approval and latest approval



\*Estimated annual cost of therapy

\*\*Full cost of therapy

# State of the industry: Projected CGT Spend

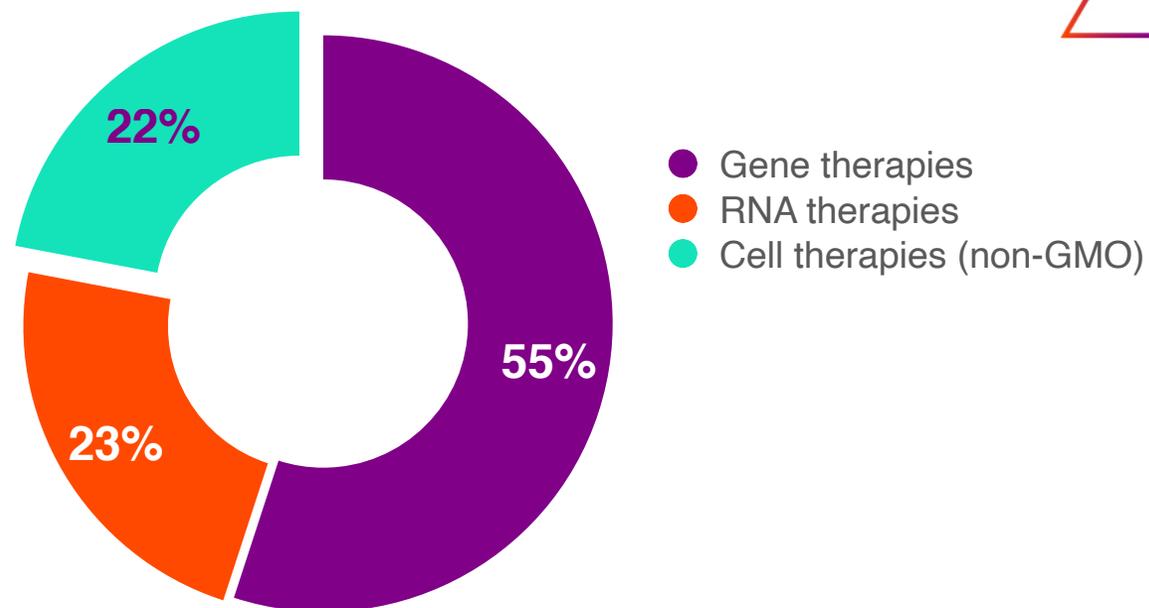


Source: Evaluate Pharma

# State of Industry: CGT pipeline breakdown

- ▲ **2,874 therapies** are in development, ranging from preclinical through pre-registration.
- ▲ **55% (2,053)** are gene therapies, including genetically modified cell therapies.
- ▲ **22% (827)** are non-genetically modified cell therapies.

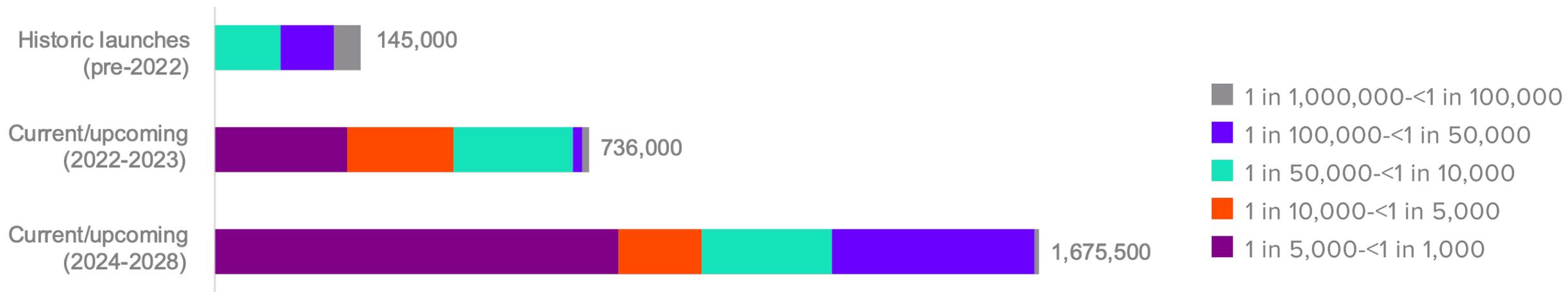
## Pipeline Therapies by Category



# Expanding on pipeline related to this category/challenge

## Rapid Growth Expected

- ▲ Increased number of approved cell and gene therapies annually and expanding into conditions with higher incidence (100,000s vs. 100s)
- ▲ 500+ gene-based therapies in clinical pipeline as of 2023



# What does this mean?

## Payers need to implement new strategies to manage these costs and challenges.

- ▲ Small plans and employers will be disproportionately impacted
- ▲ Who is responsible for members over their lifetime?

## Different considerations need to be taken depending on the line of business and payer type

- ▲ State Medicaid programs
- ▲ Medicare
- ▲ Commercial health plans and employer groups

**PBMs can help mitigate the impact on health plans.**



# THE WAY FORWARD

Alternatives to Traditional Full  
Service Coverage for Employer  
Groups and Health Plans



# Strategy #1

## Stop-Loss and Reinsurance Coverage

### Who are the players:

- ▲ Self-Insured Employers
- ▲ Health Insurers
- ▲ Stop-Loss Carriers
- ▲ Reinsurance Providers

### How Does It Work:

- ▲ Self-insured employers secure stop-loss coverage to protect against individual catastrophic claims and/or overall risk exposure
  - ▲ When threshold is reached stop-loss carrier covers any excess costs
- ▲ Stop-loss carriers write policies annually and incorporate various methods to offer coverage
- ▲ Reinsurance providers provide protection to stop-loss and health insurance carriers

# Strategy #1

## Stop-Loss and Reinsurance Coverage



### Pros

- ▲ Stop-loss coverage of CGT claims necessary to allow employers to maintain self-insured status
- ▲ Self-insured employers can maintain transparency to payments and ownership of data while being protected from catastrophic financial events



### Cons

- ▲ With increasing numbers of qualifying patients for CGT, stop-loss coverage grows more expensive with more caveats and exclusions
- ▲ Requires underwriters/analysts at every level monitoring pipeline, tracking new treatments and new indications to estimate risk. Refining understanding patient level indicators necessary for best predicting risk.
- ▲ Subsequent thresholds may change when employer exposed to CGT claims in current benefit year. Subsequent premiums may be untenable driving groups away from self-insured status

# Strategy #2

## Arrangement with Vertically Integrated Health Insurers/PBM



### Who are the players:

- ▲ Self-Insured Employers
- ▲ Health plans
- ▲ Vertically-integrated health insurers/PBMs

### How Does It Work:

- ▲ Self-insured employers and health plans secure an arrangement with a vertically integrated health insurers/PBMs such as
  - ▲ Carving out coverage of CGTs to larger vertically integrated health insurers
  - ▲ Securing stop-loss coverage by larger integrated health insurers
- ▲ Larger vertically integrated health insurers/PBMs delegated responsibility for establishing authorization criteria, reviewing and determining coverage requests, provider network contracting, and risk analytics/underwriting

# Strategy #2

## Arrangement with Vertically Integrated Health Insurers/PBM



### Pros

- ▲ Delegates coverage and/or risk of catastrophic financial claims to larger insurers better equipped to spread risk
- ▲ Can lean on expertise in larger insurer for analysis and risk evaluation
- ▲ Access established provider networks to administer and support CGT



### Cons

- ▲ Limited options of vertically integrated insurers/PBMs exist for employer groups and smaller health plans
- ▲ Employer groups and health plans lose transparency and access to data
- ▲ Can encourage further market share concentration in the health insurer/PBM industry

# Strategy #3

## Delegating to Third Party Consultants with Stand-Alone Provider Networks



### Who are the players:

- ▲ Employer Groups and Health Plans
- ▲ Stop-Loss and Reinsurance carriers
- ▲ PBMs
- ▲ Third-party CGT network and clinical consultants
- ▲ Pharmaceutical manufactures

### How Does It Work:

- ▲ Third party consultant providing educational, guidance, forecasting, underwriting tools, and contracted provider networks
- ▲ Stop-Loss and reinsurance carriers leaning on 3<sup>rd</sup> party to develop CGT coverage products and support annual underwriting/analysis; third party can connect to carriers
- ▲ Employer groups/health plans contracting with third party to access clinical criteria, clinical consultation (e.g. P&T support), and provider network
- ▲ Manufacturers share drug cost risk when outcomes do not meet expectations

# Strategy #3

## Delegating to Third Party Consultants with Stand-Alone Provider Networks



### Pros

- ▲ Gain access to subject matter experts with resources to support underwriting efforts at employer group and health plans
- ▲ Gain access to focused CGT hospital/provider network
- ▲ Maintain transparency and access to data
- ▲ Can be paired with value-based contracting with manufacturers to offset cost when outcomes are inadequate



### Cons

- ▲ Requires additional coordination between existing health plan and third party network provider

# Considerations When Deciding on Solution



- ▲ Current or future health insurer and/or PBM
  - ▲ Vertically integrated vs. traditional independent insurers/PBMs



- ▲ Ability to establish coordination, reporting, and data sharing between multiple parties (health plan, employer group, third party network provider, providers, etc.)



- ▲ Access to and transparency of claims data and contracts



- ▲ Sophistication of internal underwriting and analytic teams

# Comparing strategies

	Stop-Loss/Reinsurance	Vertically Integrated Insurer/PBM	Third Party Network Provider and Consultant
Employer group considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offers protection of self-funded status</li> <li>Coverage subject to change as more patients qualify</li> <li>Analytic support needed w/in employer group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most likely requires pre-existing delegation of pharmacy benefit to integrated PBM</li> <li>Additional coordination by the employer group and their health plan if pharmacy benefit is carved out to the PBM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can supplement for lack of expertise and resources internally or with health plan</li> <li>Gain access to a dedicated/focused network of providers for CGT</li> <li>Requires coordination with health plan partner</li> </ul>
Health plan considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can fill gaps in existing reinsurance exclusions</li> <li>Allows for management of provider network if expertise exists in house</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most likely requires pre-existing delegation of pharmacy benefit to integrated PBM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can supplement for lack of expertise and resources</li> <li>Gain access to a dedicated/focused network of providers for CGT</li> <li>Can be bundled with reinsurance carrier</li> </ul>



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Any questions?

Thank You

