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Exploring the Application of Automation and Cognitive Technologies for Vaccine Pharmacovigilance Dr. Vivek Ahuja Vice President, Global Pharmacovigilance 18 February 2018

#### AGENDA

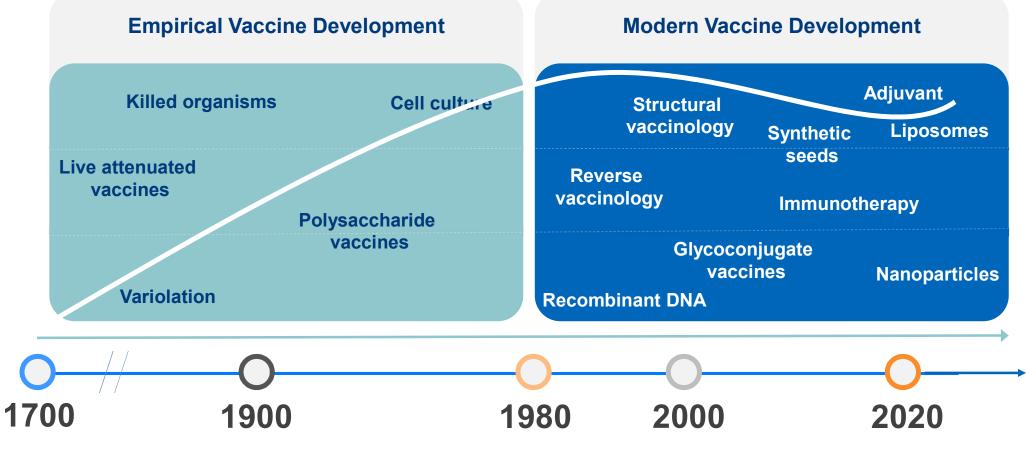
- **1. INNOVATIONS IN VACCINES**
- **2.** CURRENT GAPS IN VACCINE SAFETY
- **3.** TECHNOLOGIES IN VACCINE SAFETY MANAGEMENT
- **4.** AUTOMATION IN VACCINE PHARMACOVIGILANCE
- 5. EXPECTED BUSINESS OUTCOME OF AUTOMATION

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#### **Innovations in Vaccines**



# **Evolution of Vaccine Technologies**



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#### **Current Gaps in Vaccine Safety**



#### **Vaccine Pharmacovigilance**

**Definition:** 

The science and activities relating to the *detection*, *assessment*, *understanding* and *communication* of AEFI and other vaccine- or immunication-related issues, and to the *prevention* of untoward effects of the vaccine or in munication.



Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology

Rotavirus Vaccine Withdrawal in the United States: The Role of Postmarketing Surveillance



# Why a pandemic flu shot caused narcolepsy

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#### Vaccine Safety as Important as Efficacy

- Vaccines are required to have a higher-level of safety and lower levels of risk as compared with therapeutic medicinal products
- Most of the vaccination programs are aimed at children or infants, whose tolerance of risk is very low.
- Adverse effects that follow immunization are promptly noticeable as compared to the target disease

Efficacy

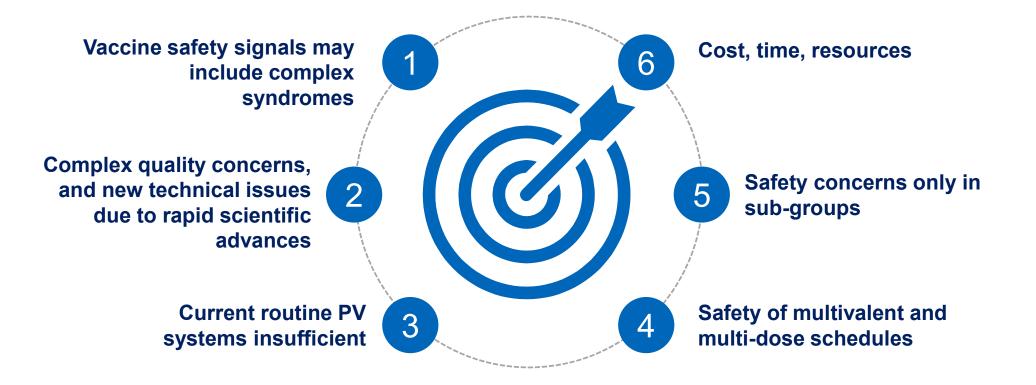
- Safety issues arising from vaccination require rapid action
- Therefore the systems for handling the AEFI data should be robust, flexible, reliable and accurate

AEFI

**AEFI** 

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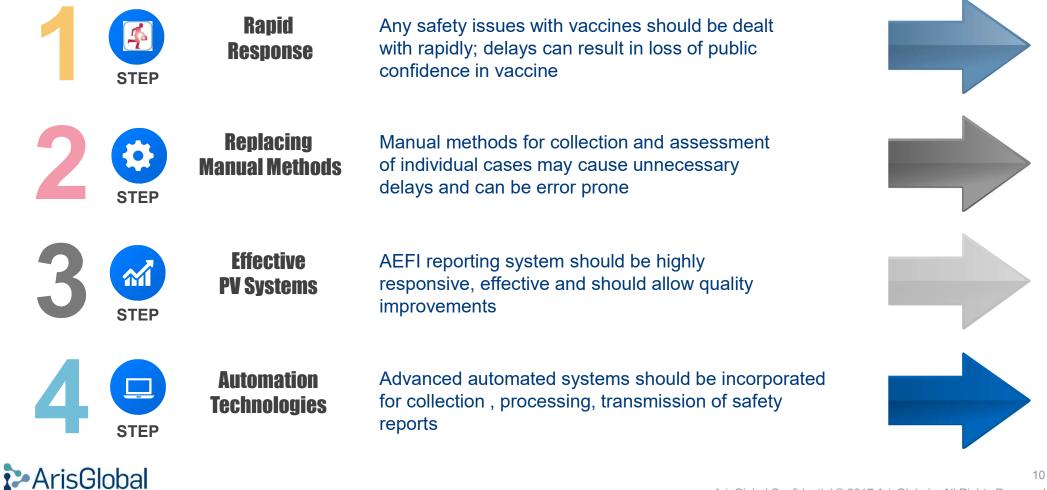
# **Challenges with Vaccine Safety**





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# **Challenges with Vaccine Safety- Action Plan**



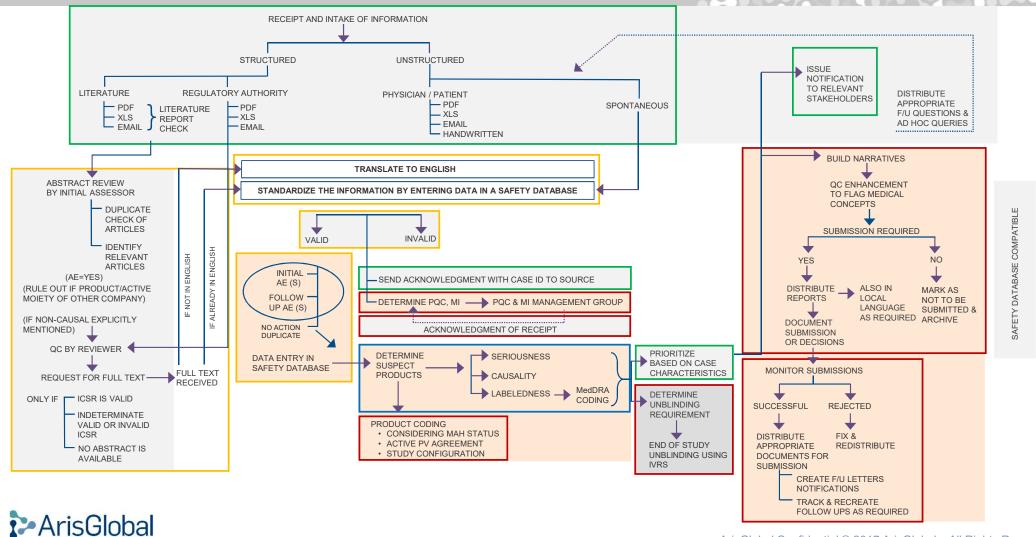
#### **Software Solutions for Vaccine Safety Management**



#### **Vaccine Pharmacovigilance Paradigm**

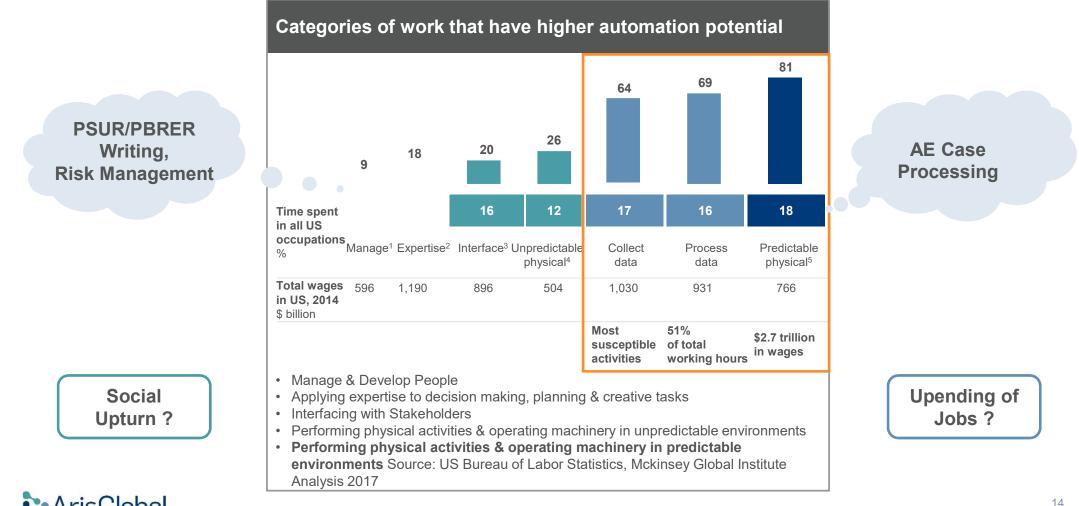


### **Spontaneous Reports- Case Processing is Complex!**



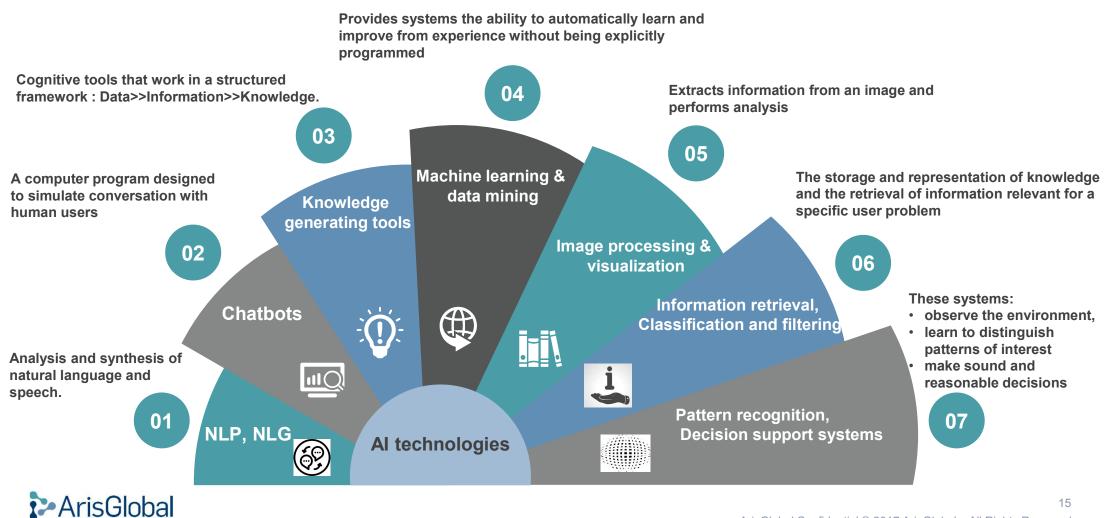
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#### Where is Automation Likely to Impact the Most in Pharmacovigilance?



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# **Automation Technologies**

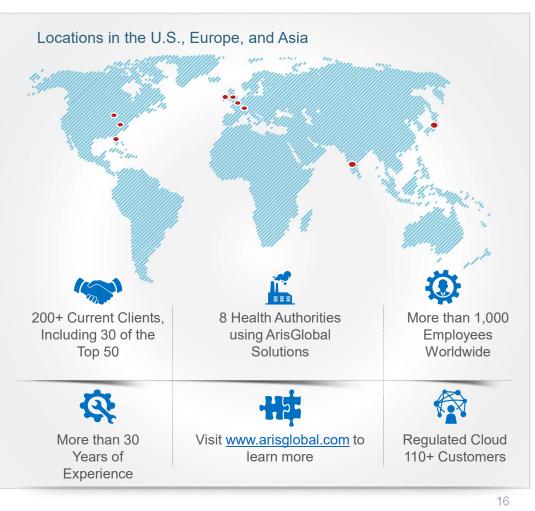


### **About ArisGlobal**

ArisGlobal is the leader in bringing to market IT-based solutions for the Life Science Industry, with a focus on the following industry specific domains:



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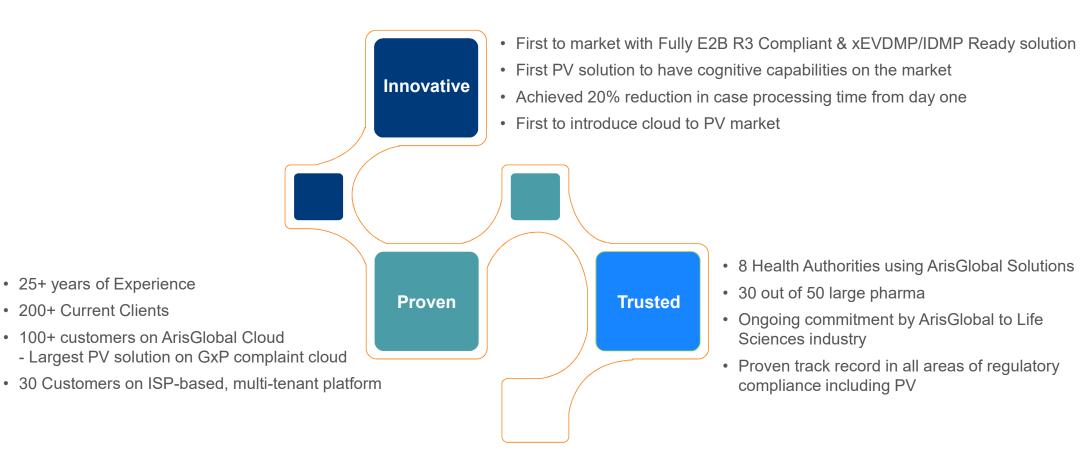


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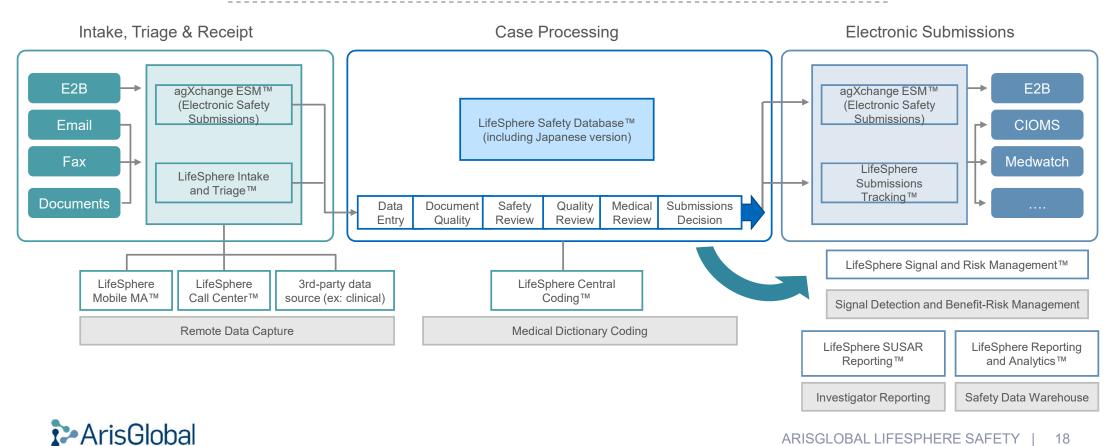
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# Why ArisGlobal



### LifeSphere Safety Multivigilance™

Integrated and streamlined end-to-end process for capturing, processing, reporting and benefit-risk analysis of adverse event cases.



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#### **ArisGlobal's Automation Approach**



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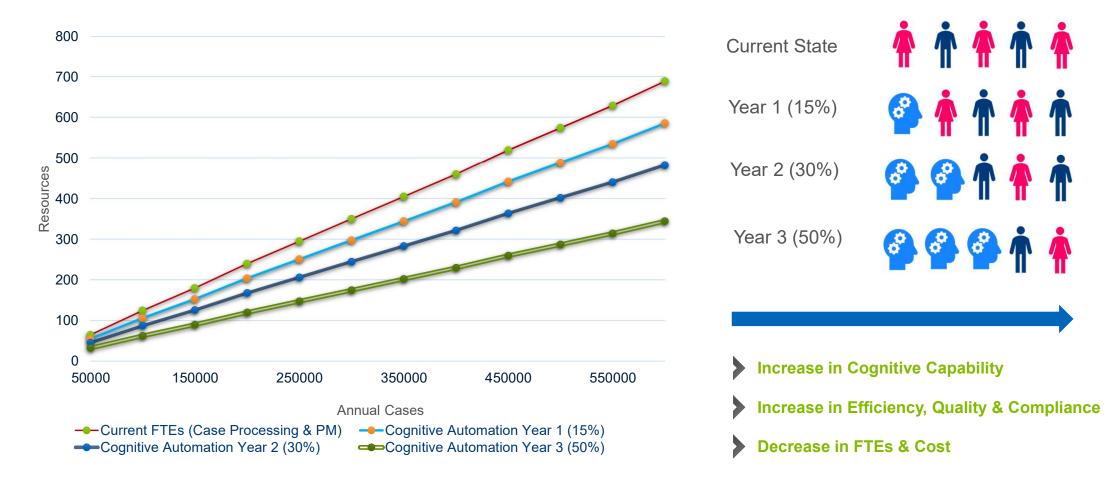
#### Consortium

We have built a consortium with our 5 largest customers, together to achieve touchless non-serious processing of cases this year.

#### Regulators

Regulatory authorities are reviewing our technology/ algorithms for seriousness/triage as we work with 8 agencies across the world

# **Potential Impact of Automation on Case Processing**



#### **Automation in Vaccine Pharmacovigilance**



# **Automation in Vaccine Pharmacovigilance**

Areas in which automation is being applied in vaccine pharmacovigilance:



#### Case classification

To classify cases as AEFIs or not.



#### Social media surveillance

To capture AEs not reported to spontaneous reporting systems



Medical Review

Review of case attributes.



#### **Medical literature monitoring**

To monitor new cases reported in medical literature



#### Identification of new AEFIs

To identify previously unknown adverse events related to vaccination

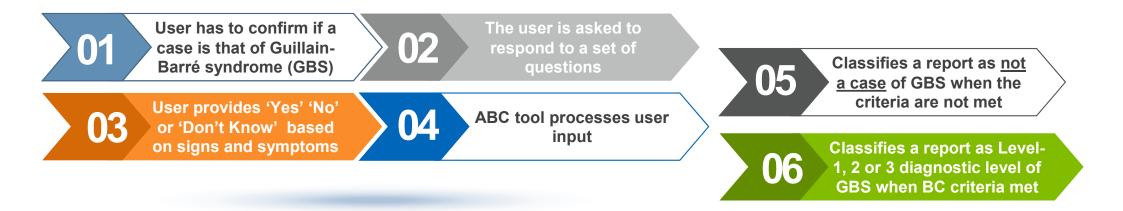


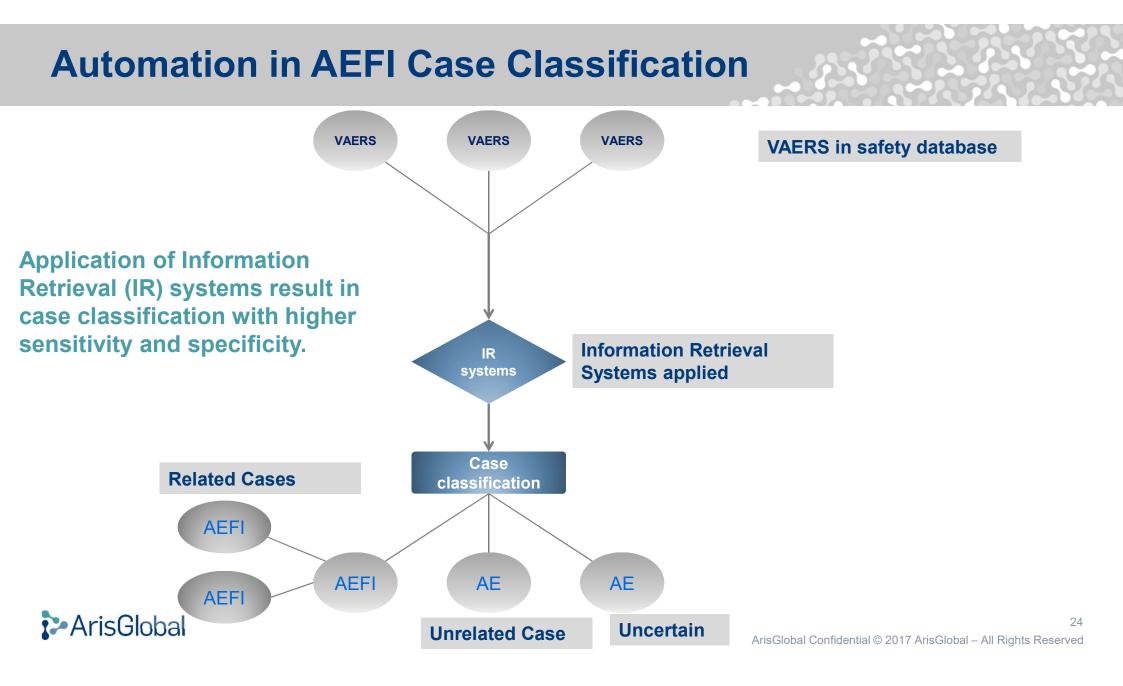
### **Automation in AEFI Case Classification**

Automation of case classification of reports can increase reliability of the safety signals detected.

Automatic Brighton Classification (ABC) Tool:

- ✓ It is an online tool for case definition
- ✓ Has a rule-based algorithm
- ✓ Allows the confirmation of AEFIs based on user input on signs and symptoms of a case
- ✓ Assessment is based on Brighton Collaboration (BC) defined criteria for a specific AEFI



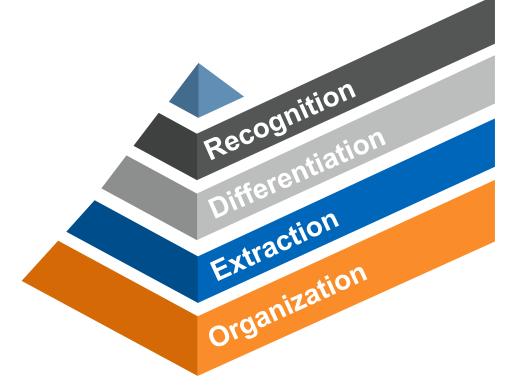


### **Automation in Medical Review**

The text mining tools can extract key clinical features from narratives to aid in the automated review of adverse event reports



- Can recognize essential text in the narrative
- Can differentiate a reported symptom and an actual diagnosis in the narrative
- Can extract key features of a case
- Can perform organization of key medical concepts in a narrative

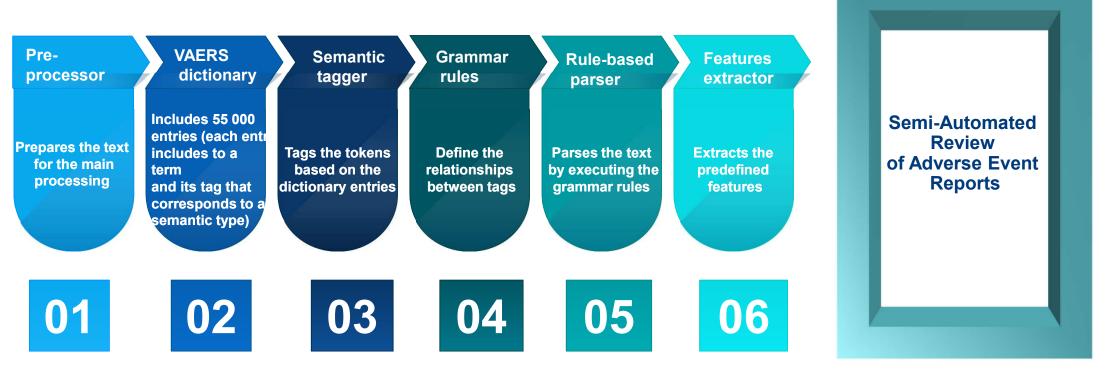


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### **Automation in Medical Review**

#### The text mining system components and functions:



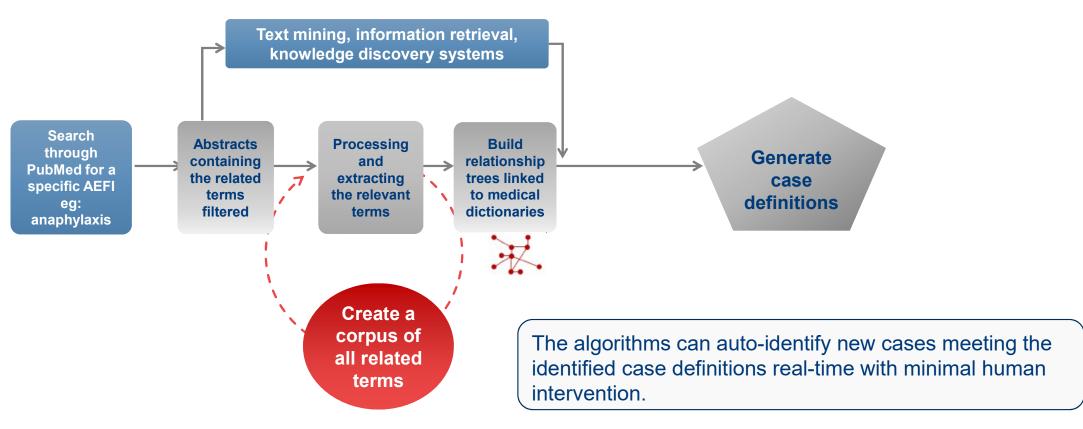
# **Automated Definition of New Adverse Events**

Automation with literature-based reasoning:

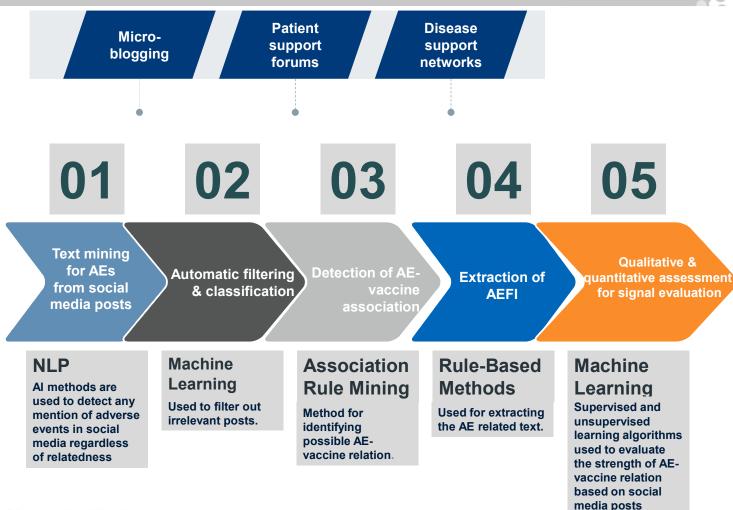
- The technology builds new case definitions based on cross-case patterns in literature.
- The case definitions are built using text mining, information retrieval systems and knowledge discovery systems from biomedical literature.
- > The findings from biomedical literature are translated into algorithms.
- > The algorithms automatically identify the cases of a specific condition.
- > The algorithms can be updated continuously based on new findings.

# **Automated Definition of New Adverse Events**

#### Workflow for literature-based new AEFI case definitions:

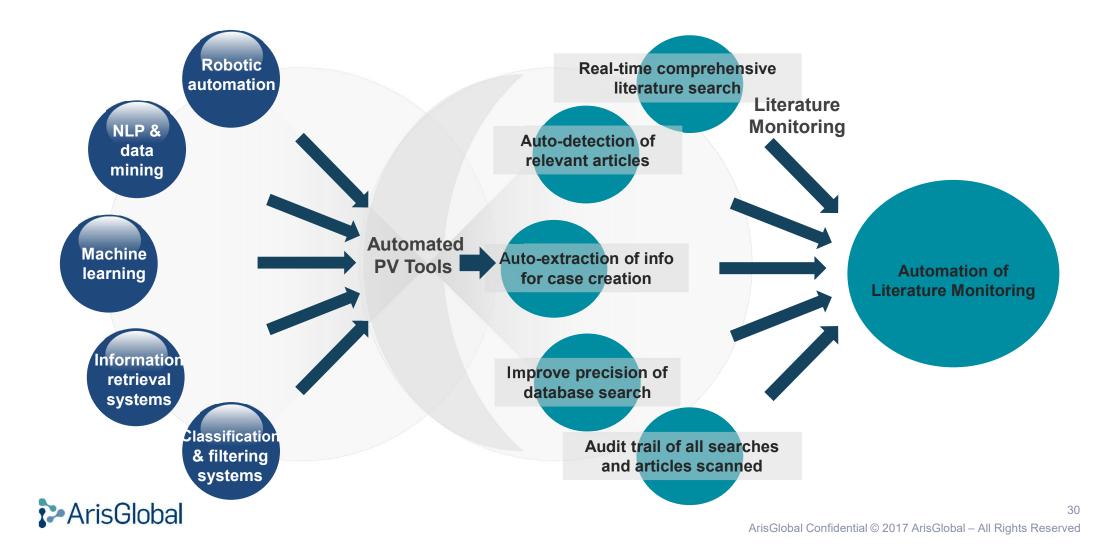


#### **Social Media Surveillance of AEFI**



- Advanced cognitive tools can be applied to auto-detect vaccine names and reaction terms from social media posts
- Machine learning algorithms can be applied for performing complex statistical analyses
- Hidden AE reporting patterns can be detected
- PV data from various sources can be combined
- Results in potentially neutralizing biases from different sources such as spontaneous reports, literature, social media, PASS ArisGlobal Confidential © 2017 ArisGlobal – All Rights Reserved

### Medical Literature Monitoring & Automation



# **Expected Business Outcome of Automation**

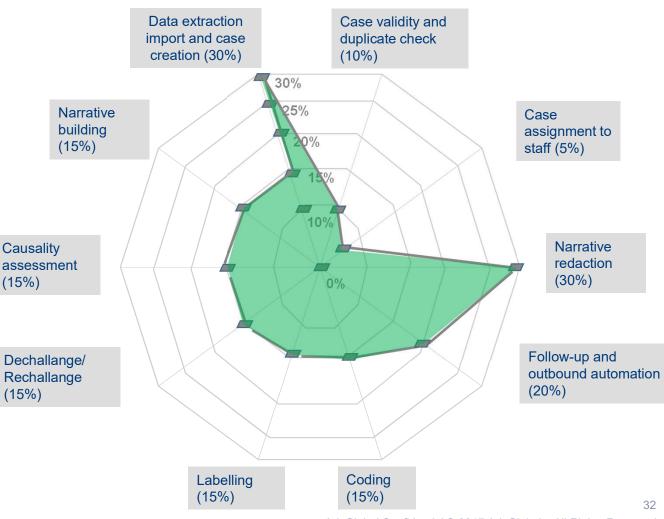


#### **Automation - Productivity Gains**

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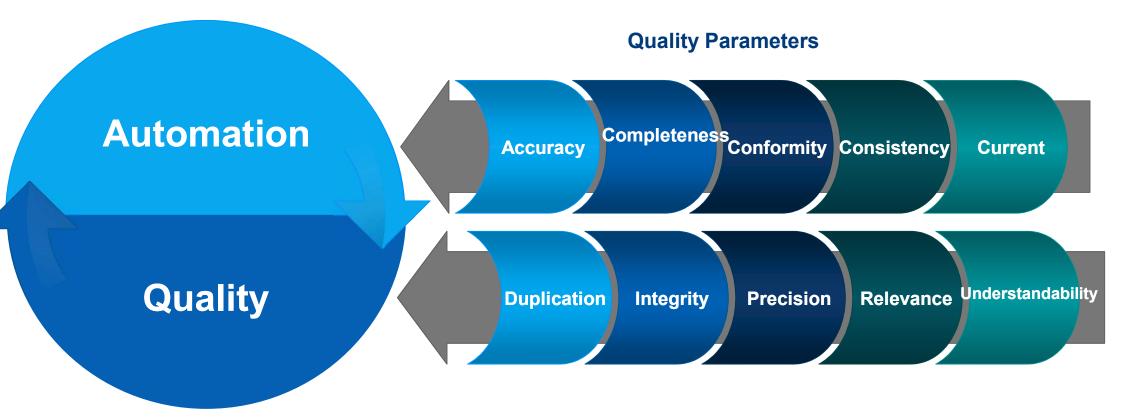
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- Automation in case processing is ۰ expected to have significant productivity gains
- Up to 30% increase in productivity can • be achieved in tasks such as narrative redaction
- An estimate of the gains in productivity ۰ that can be achieved through automation in case processing is presented here.



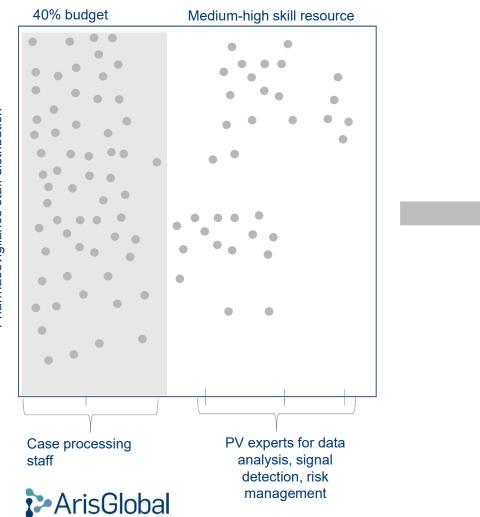
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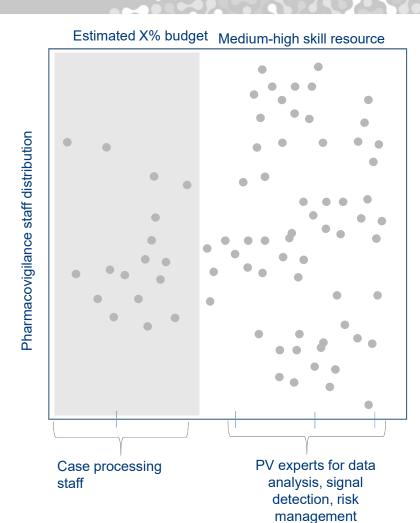
# **Automation-Impact on Quality**



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#### **Automation- PV Resource Redistribution**



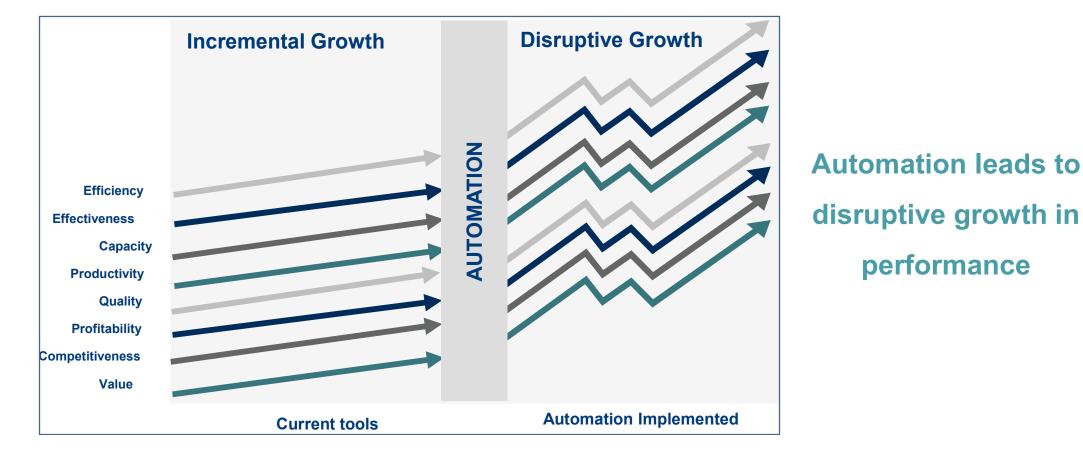


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### **Automation – Impact on Metrics**





# LifeSphere Cognitive Cloud Platform

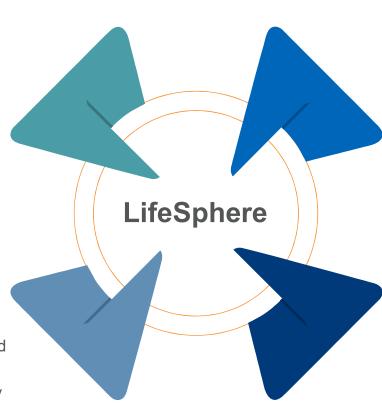
#### **Total Cost of Ownership**

- SaaS solution eliminates costly internal infrastructure and support costs
- Annual upgrades and quarterly releases/updates included
- Standard ISP configuration reduces setup & implementation fees and facilitates seamless upgrades
- End-to-end product suite eliminates costs associated with multiple vendor offerings

#### Compliance

- Common technology stack for efficient, scalable and seamless data integration across ArisGlobal Life Sciences suite of products and other systems
- Facilitates compliance with data privacy and other industry/regulatory obligations
- Multi-tenant cloud architecture continuously delivers rapid innovation and ensures seamless updates





#### **Productivity**

- Embedded automation and cognitive computing for higher productivity
- Seamless integration eliminates redundancy between systems
- Embedded workflow and superior easy of use drives productivity

#### Quality

- Established QMS, leveraging over 30 years of experience with building regulatory compliant solutions for life sciences
- SOC 2 compliant
- ISO 27001 certified development

#### **Benefits of LifeSphere Safety™**



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