

# Is Canada losing its status as a priority medicine launch country?

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### Canadian commercial pathway for medicines is uncertain and long

#### **Health technology** assessments

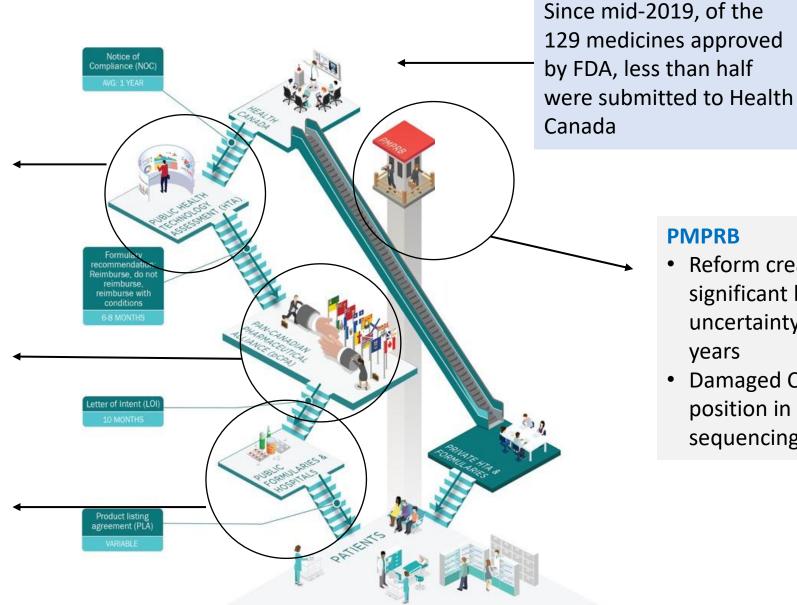
 Restrictive reviews overly focused on pricing

#### **pCPA**

- Long and uncertain process (10 months on average)
- Lack of transparency and accountability

#### **Provincial listings**

 Long and variable from one province to another



- Reform created significant business uncertainty over past 6 years
- Damaged Canada's position in global launch sequencing

# On average, time from NOC to listing continues to trend upward, taking more than 1.5 years to first listing

#### Average Days from NOC to First Provincial Listing by Listing Year (NOC up to September 2021)



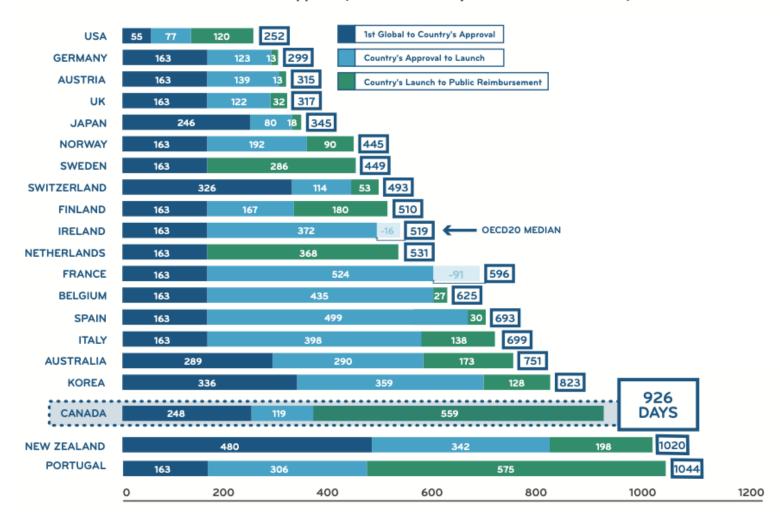
Listing Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
CDR	18	22	14	23	24	25	16	34	36	13	10	235
pCODR	2	2	10	12	10	7	14	9	21	20	9	116

CADTH submissions with First Listing date up to September 29, 2021 were included. Resubmissions were included in the analysis. pCPA 2nd attempts were condensed. Request for advice, drug plan submissions, and discontinued drugs were excluded. Listing dates in Quebec were not used to calculate time to listing. 17 CDR reviews with time to listing greater than 5 years and 1 CDR review with provincial listing before NOC were excluded. 2 pCODR reviews with time to listing greater than 5 years and 3 pCODR reviews with provincial listing before NOC date were excluded.

Source: IQVIA. Market Access Metrics Database. September 2021

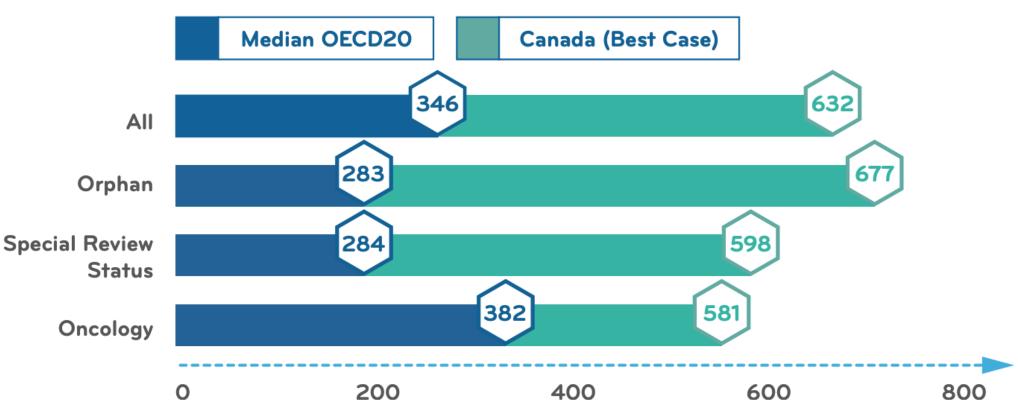
# Canada is among the slowest of the OECD20 to reimburse medicines through its public plans

Total Time From 1st Global Approval, to Local Country Public Reimbursement, 2012-2018



### Reimbursement process is much slower than other developed countries





# Recent life sciences strategies are the roadmaps to AIM HIGHER to accelerate and improve access to health innovations

2021 federal biomanufacturing and life sciences strategy strives to build Canada's life sciences sector in response to the COVID-19 crisis, including

through "world-class regulation" (Fifth pillar of strategy)



Quebec's renewed life science strategy's includes commitment to accelerate access to new medicines



#### The **Ontario**

government launched a new life sciences strategy aimed at driving economic growth, reducing red tape, and supporting strategic domestic firms and accelerating access to health innovation





### New Medicine Launches: Canada in a Global Context

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Prepared by IQVIA Canada Real World Solutions Consulting Group



In light of proposed federal pricing reforms, we want to generate evidence on how Canada compares globally in access to new medicines



How does Canada compare to international markets in terms of time to launch, proportion of launches and sequence in launch for new medicines?



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#### INTRODUCTION

- The topic of **Canada's access to medicines** has been hotly debated in the past few years, particularly in light of significant **federal proposals for policy changes on pricing pharmaceuticals and national pharmacare**
- This research was undertaken to set a benchmark of where Canada stood globally in terms of access to novel pharmaceuticals and to examine more recent indicators of change in the availability of new product launches
- We took a data-driven approach and leveraged IQVIA's global launch and sales database (MIDAS®) to understand Canada's position in global launch sequencing decisions over the last 20 years

#### **KEY QUESTIONS**

- How does Canada compare to international markets in terms of time to launch, proportion of launches and sequence in launch?
- Have we seen changes in Canada in the recent years following these policy announcements?

### MIDAS data was used to analyze launch sequencing of new active substances over the last 20 years from 2002-2021

**Data Period** 

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- 20 years: January 1, 2002 to December 31,2021
- Top 25 countries by 2021 sales (where data is available)
- Launch date by country
- New active substances (novel active ingredients launched globally)

**Key Metrics** 

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- Country's place in launch sequence
- Average time to launch by country
- Proportion of new active substances launched by country

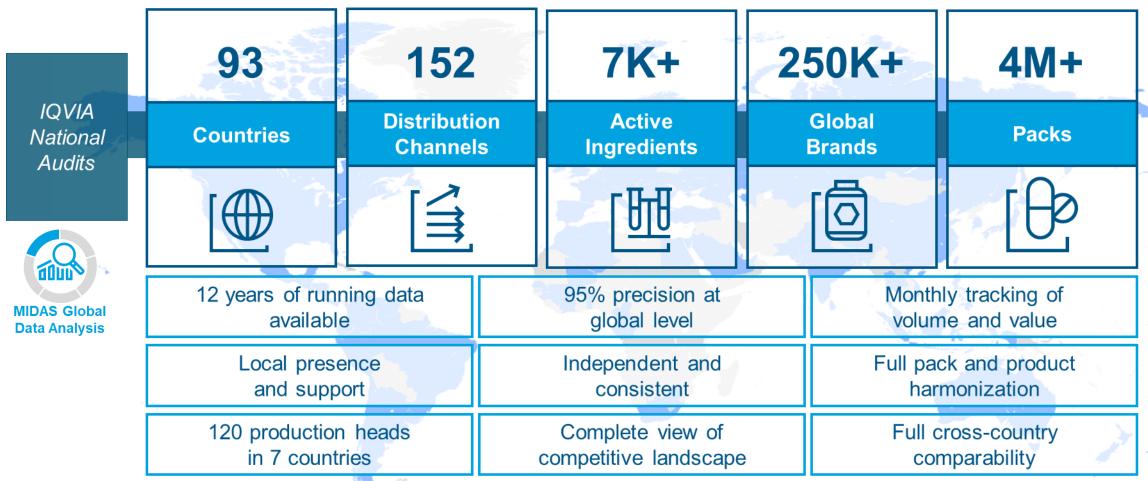
**Time Trends** 

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Launches by country over time vs global launches over time

### IQVIA MIDAS database is a robust source of worldwide pharmaceutical sales data

The trusted industry gold standard in global market measurement



<sup>\*</sup> MIDAS: Multinational Integrated Data Analysis System

Note: Reporting delays by manufacturers may cause observational error in the analysis.



### The top 25 countries were identified by global pharma market sales in 2021 and launch date is defined as date of first sales and/or manufacturer launch

Top 25 Countries by Global Pharma Market Sales in 2021							
No.1	USA	No.14 RUSSIA					
No.2	CHINA	No.15 POLAND					
No.3	JAPAN	No.16 SAUDI ARABIA					
No.4	GERMANY	No.17 MEXICO					
No.5	FRANCE	No.18 TURKEY					
No.6	UK	No.19 SWITZERLAND					
No.7	ITALY	No.20 BELGIUM					
No.8	SPAIN	No.21 AUSTRIA*					
No.9	CANADA	No.22 ARGENTINA					
No.10	BRAZIL	No.23 SWEDEN*					
No.11	INDIA	No.24 TAIWAN					
No.12	KOREA	No.25 THAILAND					
No.13	AUSTRALIA						

<sup>\*</sup> Austria and Sweden are not included in the analysis due to launch data quality

#### Data Source: IQVIA World Review Preview 2022 – Worldwide Pharma Markets

#### **Definition of Launch Date**

#### Launch Date was defined as:

The date from which sales first begin to accumulate

#### AND/OR

The date of launch by manufacturer where available

Note: Launch date is irrespective of channels (retail or hospital) or payers (public or private)

### New active substances (NAS) first launched and available globally within 2002-2021 were included

#### **Inclusion Criteria**

- Global first launch at the molecule level in 2002-2021
- For use in human therapy
- Has been approved by officially recognized governmental bodies (e.g. FDA)
- Is commercially available in at least one of these three regions (US, Europe or Canada) and available in more than 1 country
- Global first launched branded pharmaceutical



#### **Exclusion Criteria**

- Generics and biosimilars
- New indication of existing substance
- New combination of existing substance (aka fixed dose combos)
- New salt, hydrate, crystalline form, formulation etc. of previously approved substance
- Not an active substance (e.g. drug delivery system)
- Natural tissue or plant extract with no identifiable therapeutic entity
- Blood products, vaccines, or natural health products/vitamins
- Products that launched in only ONE country
- Products/countries where data not available



# Identified NAS were categorized into 12 key therapeutic areas based on first global launch indication to facilitate further subgroup analyses



#### **Gastrointestinal System**

Examples: Antidiabetics (Januvia), IBD (Entyvio), Antiemetic (Aloxi), etc.



#### **Blood Coagulation**

Examples: Antithrombotic agents (Apixaban), Antidote to anticoagulants (Praxbind), etc.



#### **Cardiovascular System**

Examples: Calcium antagonists (Cleviprex), Diuretics (Vaprisol), etc.



#### **Dermatologicals**

Examples: Anti-psoriasis (Taltz), Antiinflammatory (Dupixent), etc.



#### **Hormonal Preparations**

Examples: Hormonal contraceptives (Ortho Evra), Antigrowth hormone (Signifor), etc.



#### **Systemic Anti-infectives**

Examples: Antifungal (Posanol), Antiviral (Harvoni), etc.



#### Musculo-Skeletal System

Examples: Antirheumatic (Xeljanz), Antigout (Fasturtec), etc.



#### **Nervous System**

Examples: Antipsychotic (Abilify), Antimigraine (Aimovig), etc.



#### **Respiratory System**

Examples: Antiasthma (Nucala), COPD (Xolair), etc.



#### **Ophthalmic System**

Examples: Wet AMD (Lucentis), Antiglaucoma (Vyzulta), etc.



#### Oncology

Examples: Checkpoint inhibitor (Keytruda), Anti-VEGF (Avastin), etc.



#### Other Immunosuppressants

Examples: Anti-TNF (Cimzia), Selective Immunosuppressant (Benlysta), etc.



- · Products with multiple indications were classified based on indication for the first global indication
- Drug classes like antiparasitic, diagnostic agents, non-hormonal gynecological drugs etc. were combined under "Other" therapeutic class





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- Proportion and Time to Launch
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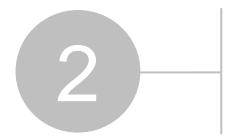
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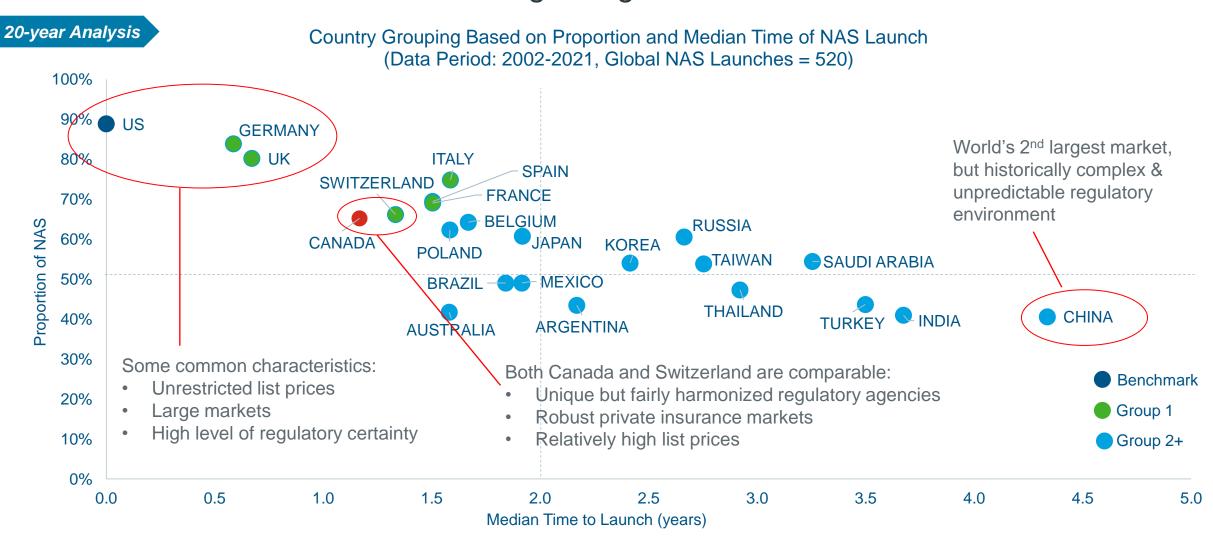
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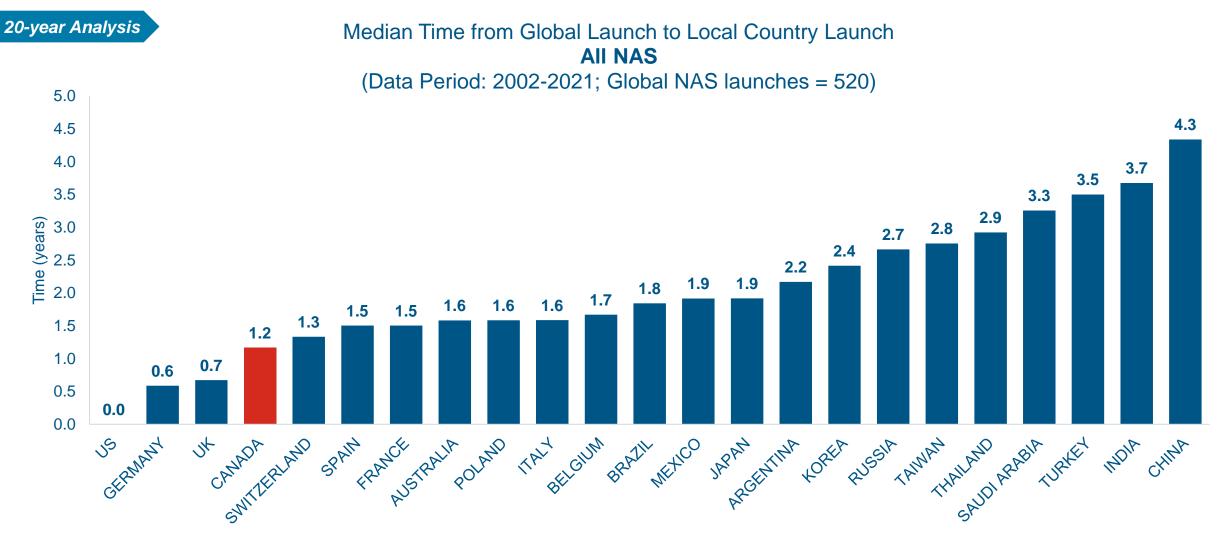
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- Global Launch Sequence Over Time

### Over the last 20 years, Canada ranked behind UK and Germany on median time to launch and behind six countries regarding number of launches



# Canada ranked 4<sup>th</sup> to launch a new active substance over the last 20 years with a median 1.2 years lag from first global launch



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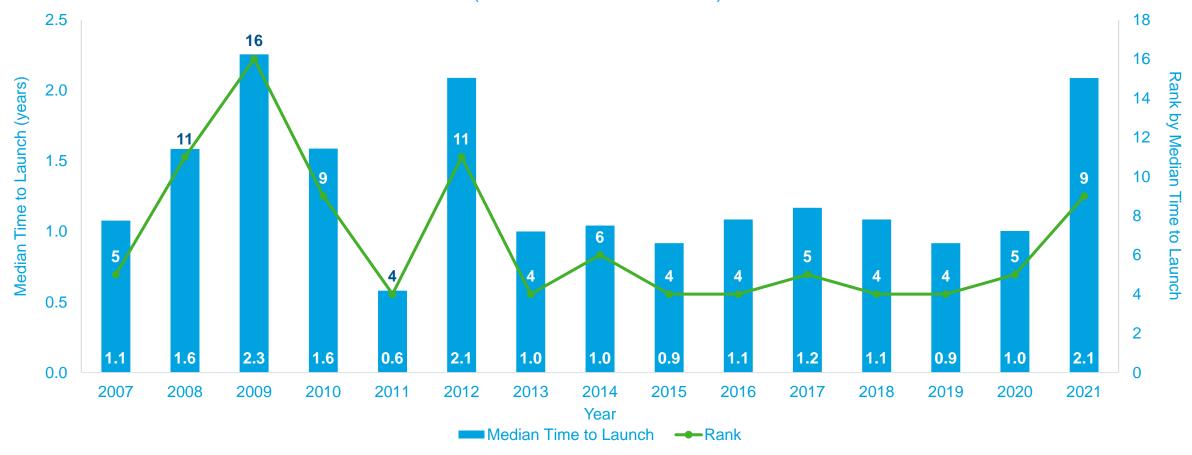
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# In 2021, Canada experienced the longest time to launch since 2012, with 2.1 years median time to launch and ranked at 9<sup>th</sup> compared to other countries

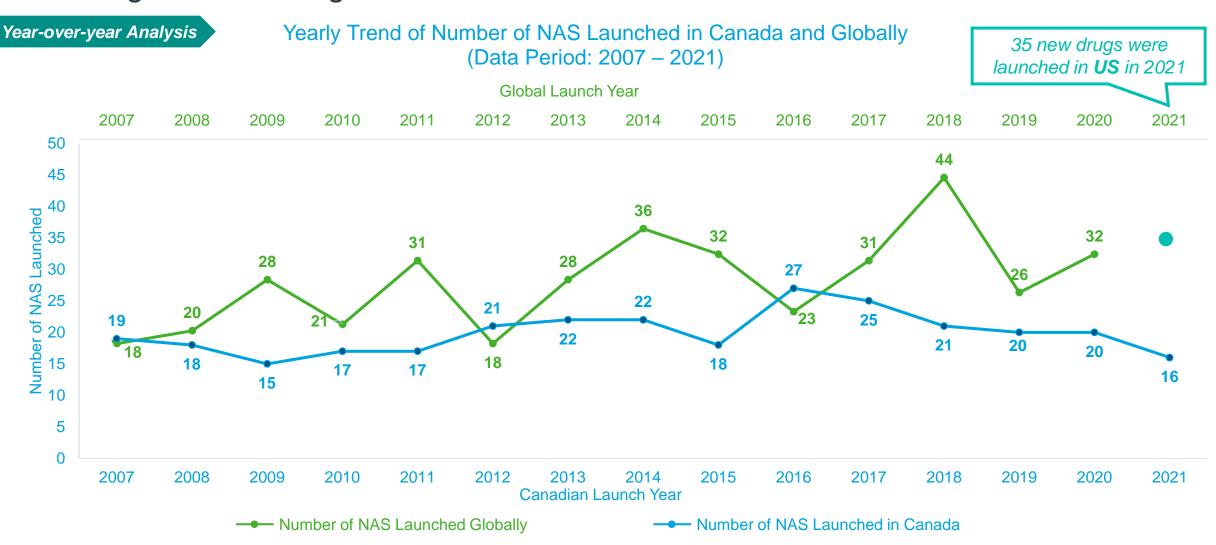
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Yearly Trend of Median Time to Launch and Median Launch Position in Canada (Data Period 2007 – 2021)





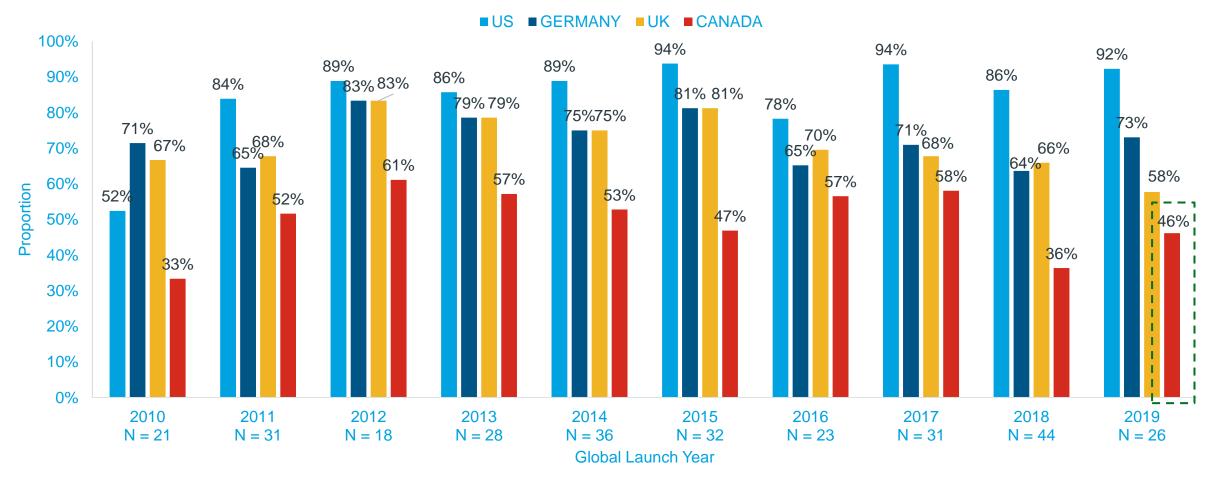
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# Comparing with top 3 countries, there are fewer NAS launched in Canada within 2 years following the global launch

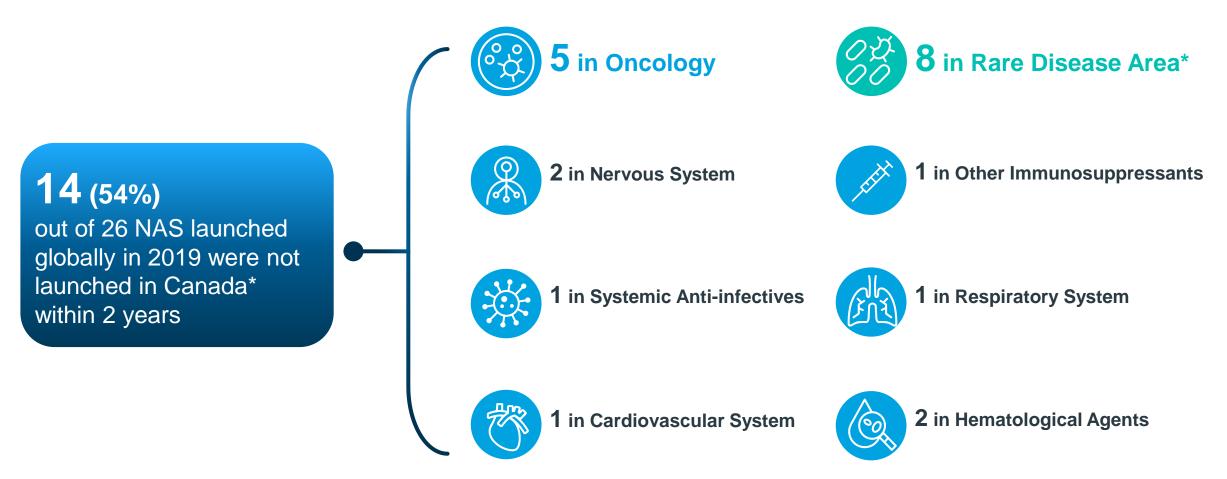
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#### Proportion of NAS Launched in Each Country Within 2 Years Following Global Launch





# Among 26 NAS launched globally in 2019, 54% of them were not launched in Canada within 2 years



<sup>\*</sup> NAS from all therapeutic areas were grouped into the "Rare Disease Area" group according to FDA Orphan Drug Designations and Approvals Database. Therefore, NAS in rare disease area were double counted in the "Rare Disease Area" group as well as corresponding therapeutic areas.

1 NAS was grouped into "Others" and not listed here.





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Canada has slipped from its traditional position as a top-priority country for launch, as recent years have seen increasing time to launch and declining NAS launches

### Over the last 20 years

- Canada ranked behind UK and Germany on median time to launch and behind six countries regarding number of launches (UK, Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy and Spain)
- Canada ranked 4th with a median time to launch of 1.2 years among the top 23 countries between 2002 to 2021
- The US remained the benchmark, recording the most launches, and typically being the first to launch over the past 20 years



#### **Recent trends**

- The median time to launch in Canada increased from 1.0 in 2020 to 2.1 years in 2021, placing Canada 9<sup>th</sup> in launch sequence in 2021
- Number of annual NAS launches in Canada has declined every year since 2016 and lags behind the global NAS launches
- Over the past 5 years (2017-2021), Canada had an average of 20 NAS launched annually compared to an average of 34 NAS launched annually at global level





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