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**Novel Medicines for
Life-Altering CNS
Disorders**

**Q3 2016 Financial Results
November 3, 2016**

Agenda

- **Introduction:** Paul Cox, Senior Director, Investor Relations
- **Business Update:** Jeff Jonas, M.D., Chief Executive Officer
- **Clinical Overview:** Steve Kanes, M.D., Ph.D., Chief Medical Officer
- **Financial Results:** Kimi Iguchi, Chief Financial Officer
- **Q&A Session**

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Developing a Multi-Product CNS Portfolio

Compound	Indication	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	
GABA Programs						
SAGE-547	Super-Refractory Status Epilepticus					
	Postpartum Depression					
SAGE-217	Mood Disorders	Postpartum Depression				
		Major Depressive Disorder				
	Movement Disorders	Essential Tremor				
		Parkinson's Disease				
SAGE-689	Status Epilepticus					
SAGE-105/ SAGE-324	Orphan Epilepsies					
NMDA Programs						
SAGE-718	Cerebrosterol Deficit Disorders					
	Anti-NMDA Receptor Encephalitis					

Recent and Expected Near-Term Clinical Milestones

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SAGE-217	Postpartum Depression	○ Phase 2 initiation		○ Phase 2 top-line data
	Major Depressive Disorder	○ Phase 2 PoC initiation	○ Phase 2 PoC data	
	Essential Tremor	○ Phase 2 initiation		○ Phase 2 top-line data
	Parkinson's Disease	○ Phase 2 PoC initiation	○ Phase 2 PoC data	
SAGE-105/ SAGE-324	Orphan Epilepsies	○ Initiate IND-enabling studies		
NMDA Programs				
SAGE-718	Cerebrosterol Deficit Disorders		○ Phase 1 initiation	○ Phase 1 SAD data
	Anti-NMDA Receptor Encephalitis			

SAGE-547: Potential Near-Term Commercial Opportunities to Treat SRSE and PPD

	Super-Refractory Status Epilepticus	Postpartum Depression
Regulatory Designations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fast Track (U.S.) • Orphan Drug (U.S.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakthrough Therapy (U.S.)
Estimated U.S. Patient Population:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25,000 – 41,000 per year¹ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500,000 - 750,000 per year^{2,3} • Up to 80% moderate-severe⁴
Expected Treatment Setting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICU, Neuro-ICU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities where IV administration is possible, such as a hospital, holding unit, or psych facility
Preliminary Pricing Assumptions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25,000 - \$75,000 per patient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per patient pricing of up to 25% as a proportion of SRSE pricing, based on expected lower dosing and shorter duration for PPD

¹ Beg et al. Burden of illness for super-refractory status epilepticus patients. *Journal of Medical Economics*, 2016, Aug 11:1-9. doi: 10.1080/13696998.2016.1223680.

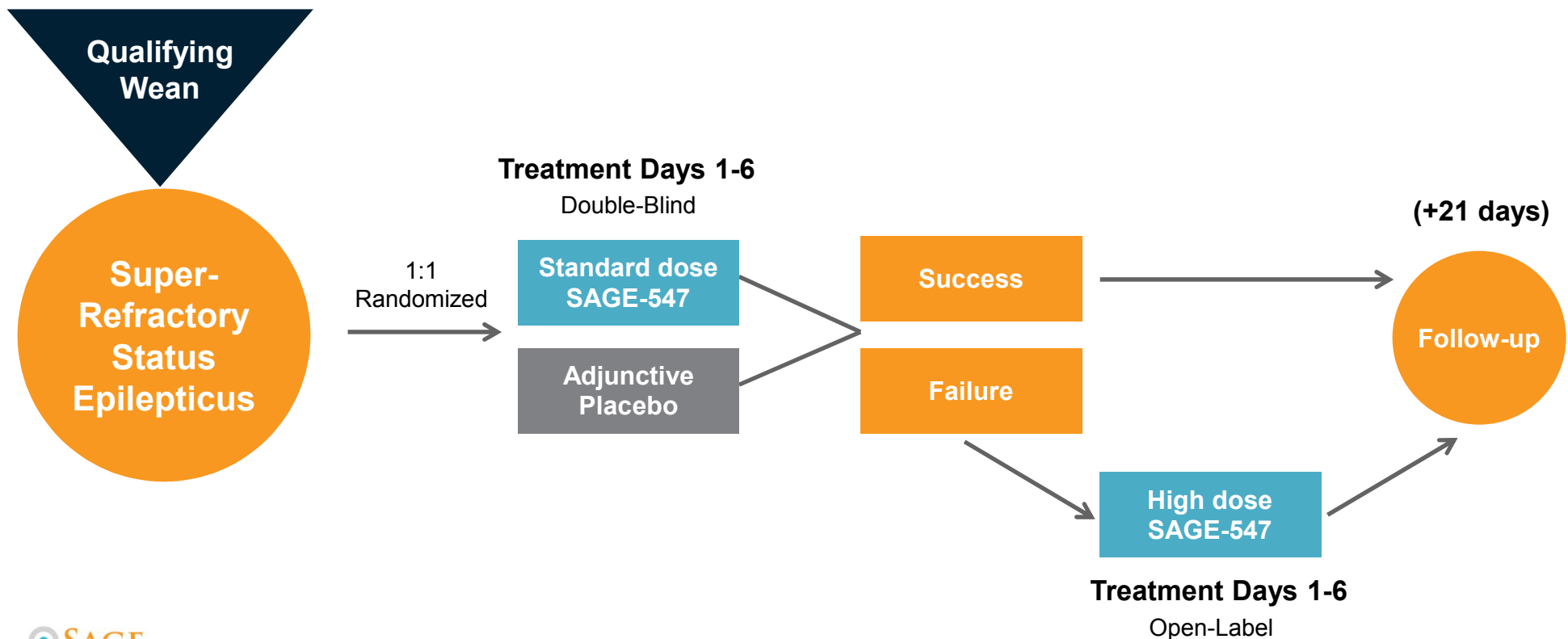
² Hamilton et al. Births: Final data for 2014. *National Vital Statistics Reports*. National Center for Health Statistics, 2015, 64, 12.

³ O'Hara MW & McCabe JE. Postpartum depression: Current status and future directions. *The Annual Review of Clinical Psychology*, 2013, 9, 379-407. doi: 10.1146/annurev-clinpsy-050212-185612.

⁴ PACT. *Lancet Psychiatry*. 2015;2(1):59. Bobo. *Mayo Clin Proc*. 2014;89(6):835.

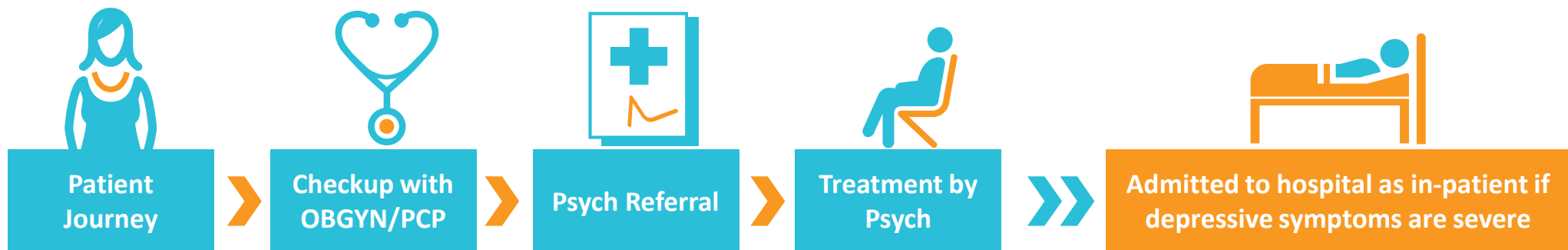
Global Phase 3 STATUS Trial of SAGE-547 in SRSE

- STATUS Trial: First randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial of SRSE, being conducted with FDA Special Protocol Assessment
- Expect up to 140 patients enrolled to get 126 evaluable patients
- Primary Efficacy Endpoint: Continued resolution of SE for 24 hours following wean of all 3rd-line agents and SAGE-547/placebo
- Top-line results anticipated in 1H 2017 based on expected enrollment



PPD is a Serious Mental Health Disorder

- BTD underscores significant unmet need; no approved therapies specifically for PPD
- Estimated PPD prevalence of 500k-750k mothers per year in US^{1,2}
- Up to 80% of PPD patients may be moderate-severe, per market research³
- Hospitalization may be needed for some PPD patients
- Onset of symptoms within 4 weeks after birth and initial treatment can extend for a minimum of 6 months
- PPD carries an increased risk for suicide, which is the leading cause of maternal death following childbirth⁴



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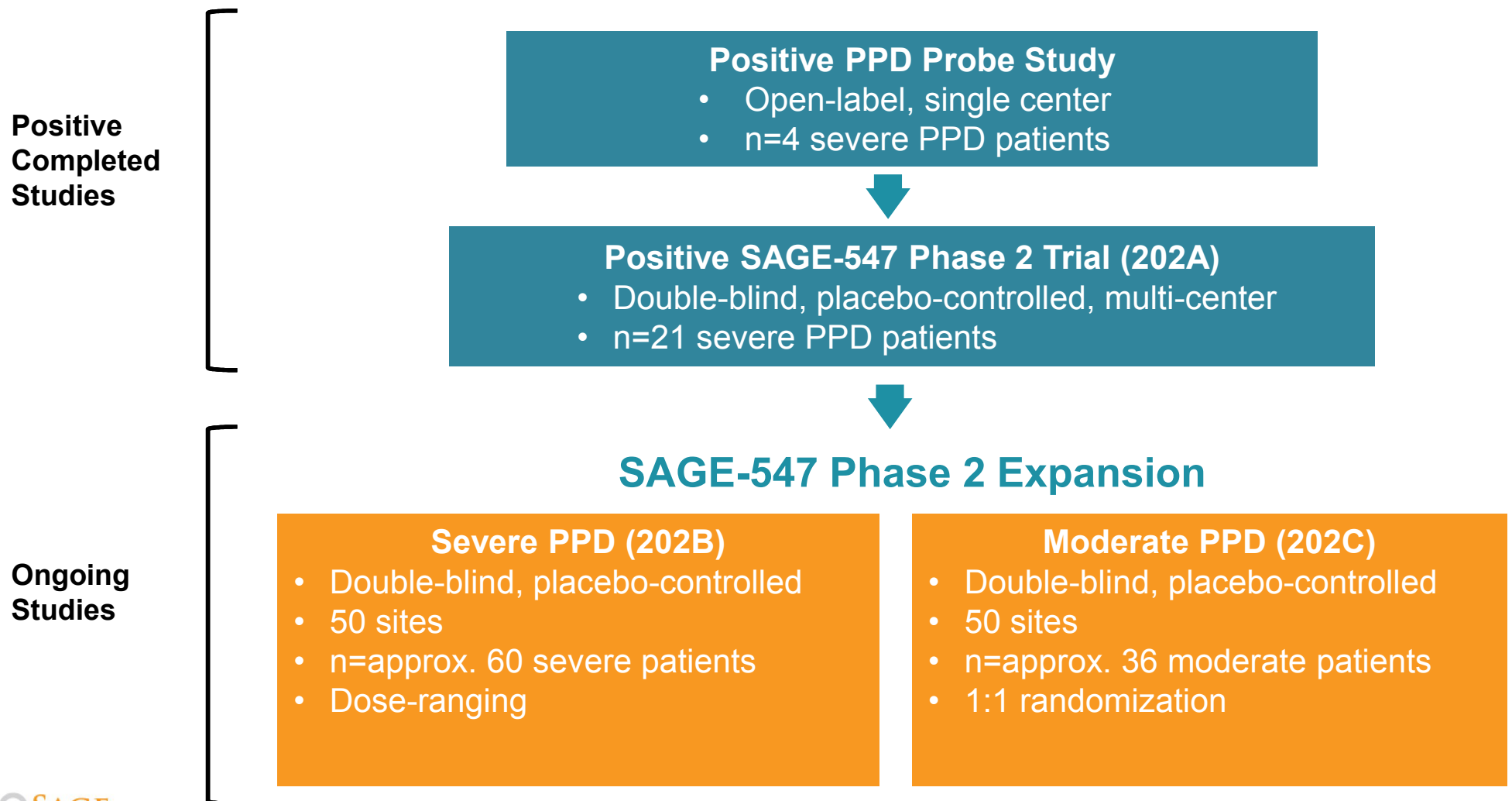
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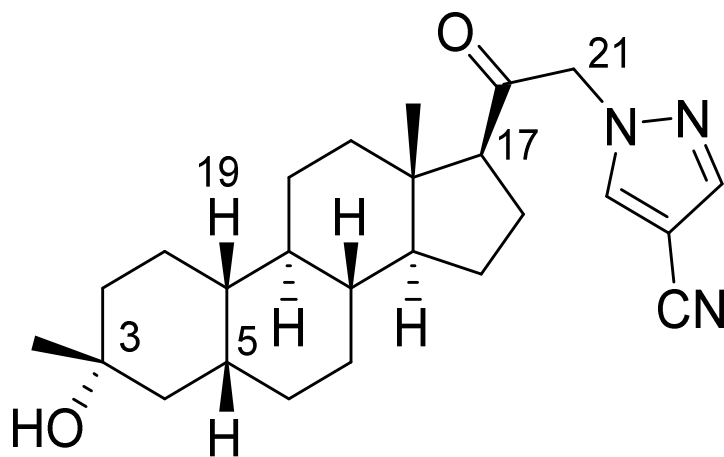
SAGE-547 PPD Clinical Program

- BTD for SAGE-547 in PPD provides opportunity to potentially accelerate program
- FDA Breakthrough Meeting expected to provide program guidance by year end



SAGE-217: Positive Phase 1 Clinical Program Results

- SAGE-217 studied in 108 healthy volunteers in Phase 1 SAD and MAD
- Plasma half-life consistent with once/day dosing (if desired)
- Generally well-tolerated with no serious adverse events reported during the treatment and follow-up periods
- EEG showed clear evidence of target engagement (GABA_A receptor modulation) starting at the lowest dose tested (15 mg MAD study)
- No significant effect on psychomotor and cognitive assessments at doses likely to be used in clinic



SAGE-217: Multiple Phase 2 Programs Anticipated to Begin in 2H 2016

- Plan to advance into multiple Phase 2 clinical programs in mood and movement disorders
 - Applying validated probe approach to SAGE-217 for indication selection
 - Multiple program readouts expected in 2017 to allow data-driven portfolio decisions

Mood Disorders

Postpartum Depression

- Double-blind, placebo-controlled
- Multi-center

Major Depressive Disorder

- Part A – Open-label panel
 - Single-center
- Part B – Placebo-controlled
 - Multi-center

Movement Disorders

Essential Tremor

- Double-blind, placebo-controlled
- Randomized withdrawal design
- Multi-center

Parkinson's Disease

- Part A – Open-label panel
 - Single-center
- Part B – Placebo-controlled
 - Multi-center

SAGE-217 Strongly Positioned for Development in Broad Market CNS Indications

- Developing SAGE-217 as a first-in-class oral GABA modulator
- Exploring markets linked to GABA dysfunction with suitability for oral therapy
- Strong IP position with expected composition of matter to 2034

Estimated U.S. Patient Population

Movement Disorders	Essential Tremor:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~6 - 7 million total patients¹
	Parkinson's Disease:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~700,000 total patients² • 60,000 new diagnoses per year³
Mood Disorders	Postpartum Depression:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~500,000 - 750,000 new diagnoses per year^{4,5} • Up to 80% moderate-severe⁶
	Major Depressive Disorder:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~16 million adults reported at least one major depressive episode in the past year⁷

¹ Louis ED, Ottman R. How many people in the USA have essential tremor? Deriving a population estimate based on epidemiological data. *Tremor*

Other Hyperkinet Mov. 2014; 4. doi: 10.7916/D8TT4P4B²
Willis et al, *Neuroepidemiology*.2010;34:143–151

³ Parkinson's Disease Foundation, <http://www.pdf.org/>

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Strong Financial Position to Advance Programs

Q3 2016 Financial Results (as of 9/30/2016)

	Q3 '16	Q4 '15
Cash and Marketable Securities	\$431.3M	\$186.8M
	Q3 '16	Q3 '15
Research & Development	\$29.1M	\$17.5M
General & Administrative	\$9.0M	\$6.6M
Net Loss	\$37.8M	\$24.0M

Guidance:

- Based on current operating plans, expect existing cash balance will be sufficient to fund operations into Q2 2018

Upcoming Events and Conferences

- **Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting**
 - November 12-16, 2016
 - San Diego, CA
- **Stifel Nicolaus Weisel Healthcare Conference**
 - November 16, 2016
 - New York, NY
- **American Epilepsy Society Annual Meeting**
 - December 2-6, 2016
 - Houston, TX
- **Sage 2016 R&D Day**
 - December 13, 2016
 - Boston, MA



Q&A Session