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Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) Updates

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# **CBER Products**

- Gene therapies
- Human tissues and cellular products
- Xenotransplantation products
- Allergenics
- Live biotherapeutic products
- Vaccines (preventative and therapeutic)
- Whole blood, plasma, and blood products
- Devices related to biologics



# Highlights



- 1. COVID-19 learnings and pathways for access
- 2. Establishing an annual framework for COVID-19 vaccines
- 3. Further progress on Cell and Gene therapy for rare diseases
- 4. Effectively stand up the Office of Therapeutic Products
- 5. Efforts supporting digitalization of regulatory submission



# **COVID-19** Learnings

- Expediting medical product development
- Facilitating adequate manufacturing capacity
- Ensuring early access to medical products
- Optimizing work with partially remote workforce



# **Bottlenecks Encountered**

- Raw materials
- Disposable supplies
- Bioreactor capacity
- Fill finish capacity
- Skilled workforce
- Process development and scale-up of manufacturing



# Use of Varied Pathways for Access

- Investigational New Drug Application (IND)
  - Research IND
  - Expanded access
- Biologics License Application (BLA)
  - Traditional (full) approval
  - Accelerated approval
  - Animal rule approval
- Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)



# **Conditions for Expanded Access**

- Patient has a serious disease or condition, or whose life is immediately threatened by their disease or condition
- There is no comparable or satisfactory alternative therapy to diagnose, monitor, or treat the disease or condition
- Patient enrollment in a clinical trial is not possible
- Potential patient benefit justifies potential risks of treatment
- Providing the investigational medical product will not interfere with medical product's development

# Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)

- Put in place after 9/11 to ensure that potentially lifesaving medical products could be available to people in medical need when there is not an approved and available alternative
- The standard used is that the product "may be effective" and its "known and potential benefits outweigh the known and potential risks

EUA Considerations for Vaccines That Will Be Deployed Widely

- Careful evaluation of quality, safety, efficacy
- Public advisory committee meeting
- Must demonstrate clear and compelling efficacy in a large well-designed phase 3 clinical trial
- Enhanced post-deployment surveillance

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# Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)

• Flexibility

- Can adapt to the specific nature of the threat

- Adaptability
  - Can appropriately apply to different product classes
- Agility

- Changes can be made rapidly as data emerge

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## **Recent Evolution of SARS-CoV-2**

Weighted and Nowcast Estimates in United States for 2-Week Periods in 8/6/2023 – 11/25/2023

Nowcast Estimates in United States for 11/12/2023 – 11/25/2023

Hover over (or tap in mobile) any lineage of interest to see the amount of uncertainty in that lineage's estimate.



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https://covid.cdc. gov/covid-datatracker/#variantproportions



<u>General Population</u>	<b><u>Risk-based adjustments</u></b>			
(age-based; one dose)*	(dose(s) and schedule to be determined) **			
Most individuals	Persons with compromised immunity			
Young children	<b>Young children</b>			
who have been previously	who have <u>not</u>			
immunized	been previously immunized			

\*Presumed to have had sufficient S protein exposures such that a single dose of COVID-19 vaccine induces or restores vaccine effectiveness

\*\*Presumed to have insufficient preexisting immunity based on age and other risks (e.g., young children who have not been previously immunized, older adults who have higher-level risk for severe COVID-19 and death, and persons with compromised immunity); may require more than one dose of vaccine in each COVID-19 vaccination campaign, doses and schedule to be determined



## PROGRESS ON CELL AND GENE THERAPY FOR RARE DISEASES



# U.S. Approved Gene Therapies

- Kymriah (2017)
- Yescarta (2017)
- Luxturna (2017)
- Zolgensma (2019)
- Tecartus (2020)
- Breyanzi (2021)
- Abecma (2021)

Directly administered

- Carvykti (2022)
- Zynteglo (2022)
- Skysona (2022)
- Hemgenix (2022)
- Adstiladrin (2022)
- Vyjuvek (2023)
- Elevidys (2023)
- Roctavian (2023)

Stem cell T cell



# **Current Challenges**

- Gene therapy is now at a critical juncture financially due to a combination of factors
  - Manufacturing challenges
  - Clinical development timelines
  - Different global regulatory requirements

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# **Automating Vector Production**



Guan G-S et al. Process Improvement of Adeno-Associated Virus Production. Chem. Eng., 28 January 2022 Sec. Biochemical Engineering https://doi.org/10.3389/fceng.2022.83042

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# Future of Manufacturing?

Will the gene therapy manufacturing platform of the future be a vector fabrication device?



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# Actions at Center for Biologics



- Advancing manufacturing technologies for cell and gene therapy through research
- Work to more clearly define the use of accelerated approval for gene therapy
- Exploring concurrent submission and product review with other regulatory authorities
- Operation Warp Speed for Rare Diseases
- Communication and CDRP pilots



# **Communications Pilot**

Leveraging Learnings from Operation Warp Speed

- Background: experience with COVID-19 product development indicated the potential benefits of frequent communication
- Purpose: further accelerate the pace of development of therapeutics for small populations with high medical need
- Products eligible: products for life-threating rare genetic diseases showing promising efficacy early in development
- Procedures: initial meeting followed by ongoing informal interactions via email or live meetings on an as needed basis

## CMC Development and Readiness Pilot Program (CDRP)



#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2022-N-2396]

Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls Development and Readiness Pilot Program; Program Announcement

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the opportunity for a limited number of applicants to participate in a Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls (CMC) **Development and Readiness Pilot** (CDRP) program, to facilitate the expedited CMC development of products under an investigational new drug (IND) application, where warranted, based upon the anticipated clinical benefit of earlier patient access to the products. FDA is implementing this pilot program to facilitate CMC readiness for selected Center for **Biologics Evaluation and Research** (CBER)- and Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)-regulated products with accelerated clinical development timelines. To accelerate CMC development and facilitate CMC readiness, the pilot features increased communication between FDA and sponsors and explores the use of science- and risk-based regulatory approaches, such as those described in FDA guidance, as applicable. This notice outlines the eligibility criteria and process for submitting a request to participate in the pilot.

### CDRP Start Date : April 1, 2023 Duration of CDRP: 2023-2027 (PDUFA VII Period)

Sponsors of INDs with accelerated clinical development timelines are invited to apply to the CDRP

### **CDRP** aims to:

- Facilitate the expedited CMC development of products
- Increase communication between FDA and sponsors
- Provide patients with earlier access to these products
- A total of 9 INDs will be selected each year (6 CBER and 3 CDER)

### Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls Development and Readiness Pilot (CDRP) Program | FDA

### **CDRP Program: Anticipated benefits**

Increased communication between FDA and sponsors Facilitate CMC readiness for products with expedited clinical designations More complete BLA submissions facilitating regulatory review efficiency

Provide patients with earlier access to transformative therapies FDA

Addressing Growth in Cell and Gene Therapy



- The Office of Tissues and Advanced Therapies (OTAT) recently has been reorganized into the Super Office of Therapeutic Products (OTP)
  - Increase interactions with various stakeholders
  - Improve timeliness of responses and meetings
  - Enhance consistency of response



## **OTP Super Office Structure**

Branch

Division

Super Office

Super Office of Therapeutic Products							
Super Office Director							
Office of Gene Therapy CMC	Office of Cell therapy and Human Tissue CMC	Office of Plasma Proteins Therapeutics CMC	Office of Clinical Evaluation		Office of Pharmacology Toxicology	Office of Review Management and Regulatory Review	
Gene Therapy I	Cell Therapy I	Hemostasis	General Medicine	Oncology	Pharm-Tox I	DRPMI	
Gene Therapy 1	Cell Therapies 1	Hemostasis 1	General Medicine 1	Oncology 1	Pharm-Tox 1	RPM 1	
Gene Therapy 2	Cell Therapies 2	Hemostasis 2	General Medicine 2	Oncology 2	Pharm-Tox 3	RPM 3	
Gene Therapy 3	Cellular & Tissue Therapy	Plasma Derivatives	General Medicine 3		Pharm-Tox II	DRPM II	
Gene Therapy II	Cell Therapy II	Plasma Derivatives 1	General Medicine 4		Pharm-Tox 2	RPM 2	
Gene Therapy 4	Tissue Engineering 1	Plasma Derivatives 2	Hematology		Pharm-Tox 4	RPM 4	
Gene Therapy 5	Tissue Engineering 2		Benign Hematology				
Gene Transfer Immunogenicity	Tumor Vaccine and Biotechnology		Malignant Hematology			6 Offices	
	Human Tissue					14 Divisions	
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### DIGITALIZATION OF REGULATORY SUBMISSION



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## M4Q(R1) → M4Q(R2)

- Provides a harmonized structure and format for presenting quality information in Common Technical Document (CTD)/electronic CTD for registration of pharmaceuticals for human use
  - Module 2 Quality Overall Summary (QOS)
  - Module 3 Quality
- Substantial improvement over wide range of submission formats



The CTD triangle. The Common Technical Document is organized into five modules. Module 1 is region specific and modules 2, 3, 4 and 5 are intended to be common for all regions.

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