



Overview of the Office of New Drugs (OND)

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Topics for discussion

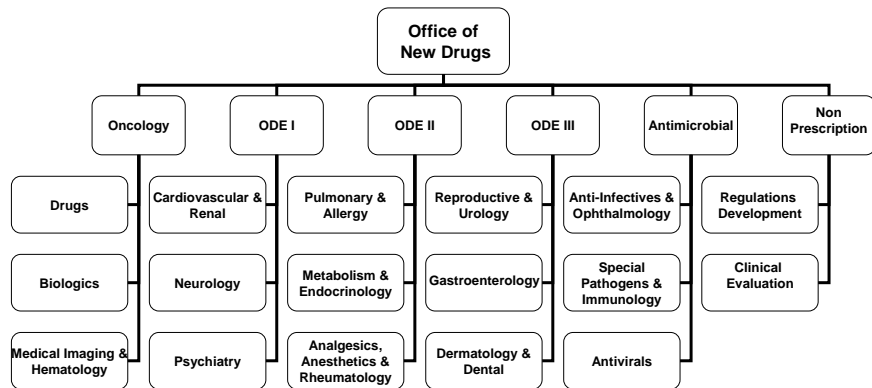
- Organizational structure
- The role of OND in the review process
- Interactions with regulated industry
- OND-led programs and initiatives



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Organizational Structure



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OND Scientific Review Staff

- Clinical (M.D.)
- Pharmacology/Toxicology (Ph.D)
- Regulatory Project Management (R.N., Pharm.D., B.S.)

Reviewers also specialize in:

- Chemistry (Ph.D.)
- Clinical Pharmacology (Ph.D., Pharm.D.)
- Statistics (Ph.D.)



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The role of OND in the review process

- Provide advice and guidance to regulated industry during drug development
- Signatory authority for regulatory decisions related to new (i.e., not generic) drugs
 - Working in conjunction with the other offices within CDER
- Establish policy and procedures governing the above



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Interactions with regulated industry

Why are interactions important?

Communication between the Agency and industry facilitates a common goal – more efficient drug development.



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Procedures for meetings

- Meetings can be requested by industry or by FDA
- Meeting requests from industry should be submitted in writing
- Relevant background in the written request
 - ***Guidance for Industry, Formal Meetings with Sponsors and Applicants for PDUFA Products***



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Procedures for meetings (cont.)

- CDER will respond to a written meeting request within 14 days (granted/denied)
- Meeting Types:
 - Type A: stalled drug development program
 - Type B: “milestone meetings” (pre-IND, end of Phase 1, end of Phase 2/pre-Phase 3, pre-NDA/BLA)
 - Type C: all others



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Procedures for meetings (cont.)

- Meetings are scheduled to be held within a set number of days from receipt of the meeting request based on meeting type
 - Type A: 30 days
 - Type B: 60 days
 - Type C: 75 days



Procedures for meetings (cont.)

- Background packages are due 2 weeks prior to a Type A meeting, 4 weeks prior to Type B or C meetings
- Background package content needs to support intended objectives
- Internal CDER pre-meeting ideally 2-7 days prior to the meeting*





Procedures for meetings (cont.)

- Draft/preliminary responses to questions submitted in background package sent 24-48 hours before meeting*
- CDER will generate meeting minutes within 30 days of the meeting
 - CDER version is the official version: industry is advised to submit disagreements in writing
 - Minutes are not transcripts of the meeting but contain discussion summaries, decisions, and action items



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Other interactions

- Written advice, including special protocol assessments, during development
- Labeling, risk management, postmarketing study commitment discussions during application review
- Advisory Committee meetings
- Workshops and public dialogues on policy development (e.g., adaptive trial design)



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OND-led programs and initiatives

- Guidance and Policy
- Pediatric and Maternal Health
- Pharmacology/Toxicology
- Regulatory Affairs
- Study Endpoints and Label Development



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OND - Guidance and Policy

- Aid in the development and implementation of review policies and procedures within OND to ensure a clear, consistent, efficient, and standardized new drug review process (including development, review and clearance)
- Oversight of PDUFA-mandated activities
- Facilitation of OND-jurisdictional matters



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OND –

Pediatric and Maternal Health

- Implementation of pediatric and maternal health policy and procedures designed to promote the study of drug and biological products in the pediatric population and improve pregnancy and lactation-related information in product labeling
- Consultative services to OND, CDER and FDA



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OND –

Pharmacology/Toxicology

- Pharmacology and Toxicology reviewers evaluate nonclinical data to aid in:
 - Selecting safe starting and stopping doses for “first in man” clinical trials
 - Identifying potential toxicities that should be monitored in the clinic
 - Assessing toxicities that cannot be addressed in clinical trials such as potential for carcinogenicity, teratogenicity, mutagenicity and chronic toxicity



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OND – Regulatory Affairs Team

- Provide regulatory and project management support to the Office of New Drugs, Immediate Office, and to lead various OND and Center-wide initiatives
 - Postmarketing Study Commitment Program
 - Formal Dispute Resolution
 - Biologics Expert Review Staff



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OND – Study Endpoints and Label Development

- Oversees quality initiatives and provides expert consultative services in labeling development:
 - Physician's Labeling Rule
 - Structured Product Labeling
- ...and study endpoints:
 - Patient reported outcomes



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OND Quality Systems – Process Improvement

- Deliberative structure in place to identify, develop, implement and monitor process improvement initiatives
 - Change Coordination Group
 - Process Improvement Teams
- First challenge/accomplishment – move to White Oak and concurrent reorganization



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Ongoing process improvement initiatives

- Meeting management
 - Processes implemented – guidance pending
- Postmarketing safety
 - Interactions with Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology
 - Identification of focal points within each division to coordinate activities
- NDA/BLA Review
 - Operationalize Good Review Management Practices and Principles (GRMP) Guidance



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Ongoing process improvement initiatives (cont.)

- Administrative management
 - Including personnel issues
- Document Room Advisory Board
- Independent Contractors:
 - Postmarketing study commitment decision-making evaluation
 - Prospective first-cycle review process
 - Meeting minutes



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Questions?

Thank you for your attention.



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