



Center for Regulatory Excellence



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Bayer Regulatory Affairs and Open Innovation initiated Center for Regulatory Excellence jointly with MassBio



Center for Regulatory Excellence

Provide an efficient path forward for innovation to reach patients

Think-tank sessions

- // Educational sessions on emerging regulatory topics
- // Discuss key challenges that can help provide a path forward for novel modalities/digital health
- // Global regulatory insights
- // Sessions open to all start-ups/biotechs/pharma
- // Format: lecture-based with Bayer colleagues sharing insights into specific topics

Mentorships

- // Provide Insights into Regulatory Activities to “MassCONNECT” companies
- // Bayer regulatory experts share expert knowledge, recommendations and insights for MassCONNECT start-ups into the critical aspects and the most efficient path for a drug or a medicinal product to reach the patients



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**Navigating FDA's Oncology
Center of Excellence and
Key Regulatory
Considerations for
Oncology Drug
Development.**





Agenda



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Max Wegner

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Chitkala Kalidas

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Scott Greenfeder

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Nana Hagan

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David Donne

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Max Wegner



Introduction to Oncology at Bayer

Chitkala Kalidas

Bayer AG



// Headquarter: Leverkusen, Germany

// Employees 99,500

// Full year sales 41 billion Euro

// Subsidiaries 240

// R&D investment 7.1 billion Euro



Bayer Oncology Operating Model

Oncology Strategic Business Unit

// Objectives of the Business Unit

- // Strategically manage and deliver upon the Oncology portfolio with a more focused and integrated approach in a rapidly evolving environment
- // Accelerate the development and delivery of our medicines to patients
- // Foster a cross-functional Oncology focus and One Oncology Mindset



Key Focus Areas

1 Oncogenic
Signaling

2 Targeted Alpha
Therapies

3 Immuno-Oncology
& Cell Therapy



Bayer Oncology Approved Products

Six marketed products in the US

Product	Indication(s)
ALIQOPA™ (copanlisib)	Relapsed FL
NEXAVAR™ (sorafenib)	HCC, RCC, Thyroid Cancer
NUBEQA™ (darolutamide)	nmCRPC
STIVARGA™ (regorafenib)	mCRC, HCC, GIST
VITRAKVI™ (Larotrectinib)	Solid tumors w/ NTRK gene fusion
XOFIGO™ (radium Ra 223 diCl)	Bone mCRPC



Bayer Oncology Pipeline

Selected programs under development

Product	MOA	Collaboration/Internal
BAY 2416964	AhR inhibitor (Immuno-Oncology platform)	Collaboration w/ German Cancer Res Ctr
BAY 2666605	SLFN12-PDE3A complex inducer (Oncogenic Signaling platform)	Collaboration w/ Broad Institute
Elimusertib (BAY 1895344)	ATR inhibitor (Oncogenic signaling platform)	Internal
Bapotulimab (BAY 1905254)	ILDR2 Ab (IO platform)	Internal
BAY 2315497	PSMA thorium conjugate (Targeted Alpha Therapies platform)	Internal
BAY 2701439	HER2 thorium conjugate (TAT platform)	Internal



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Oncology at FDA

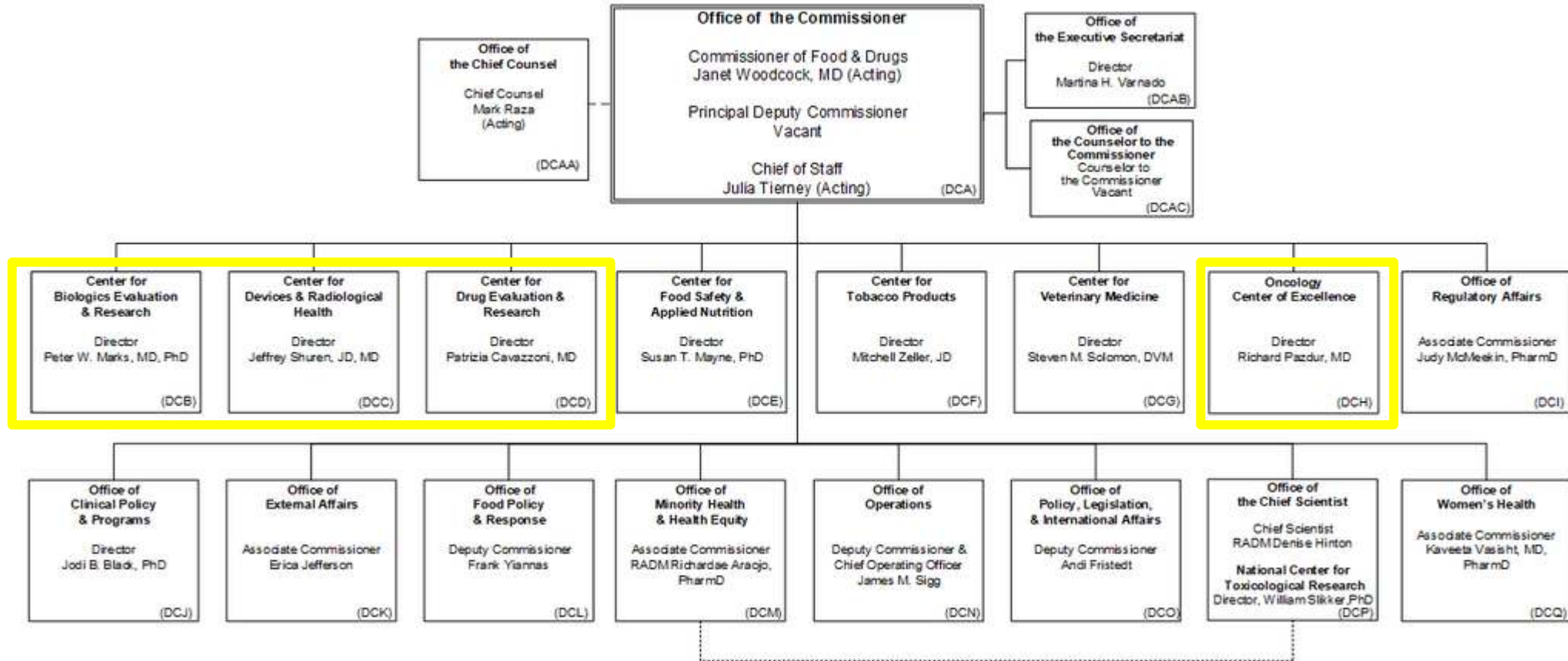
Scott Greenfeder



FDA Organization

Department of Health and Human Services Food and Drug Administration

April 2021



Legend

- - Direct report to DHHS General Counsel
- Direct report to the FDA Commissioner with operational oversight from the Office of the Chief Scientist

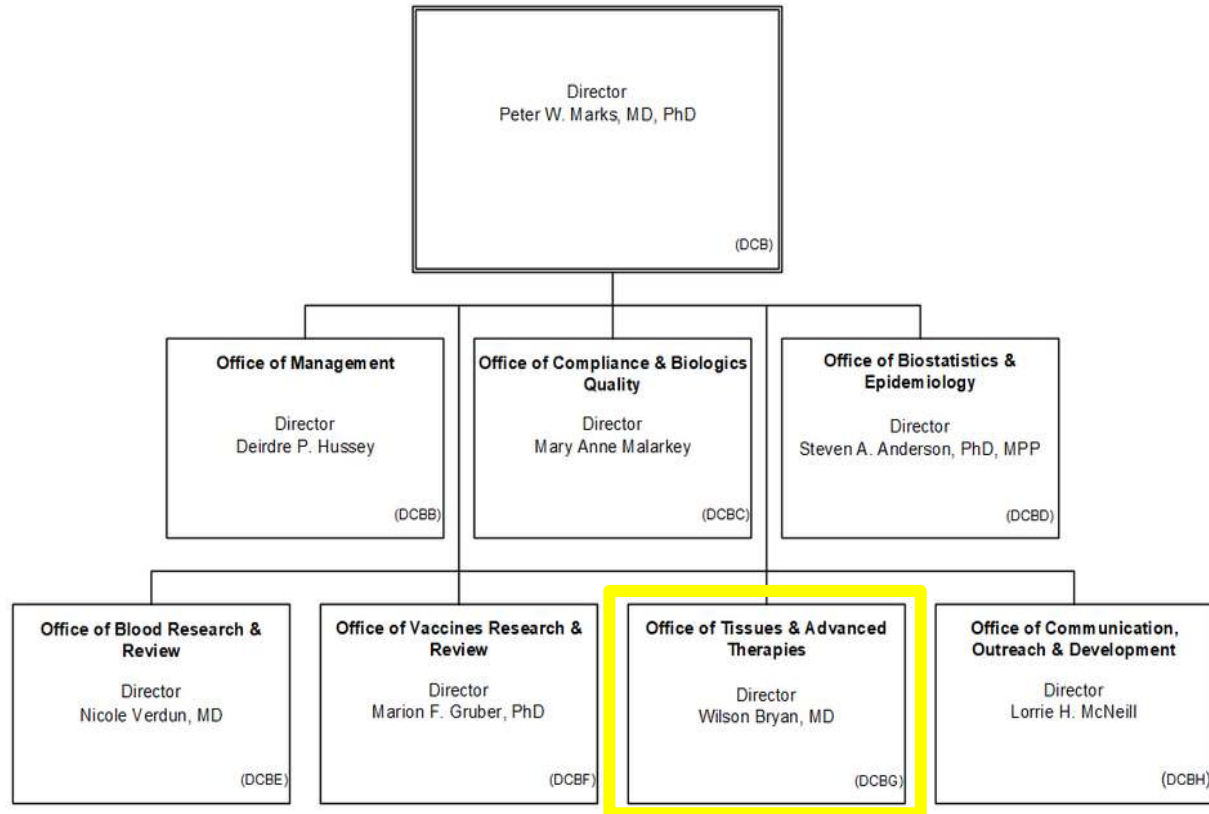
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FDA Organization

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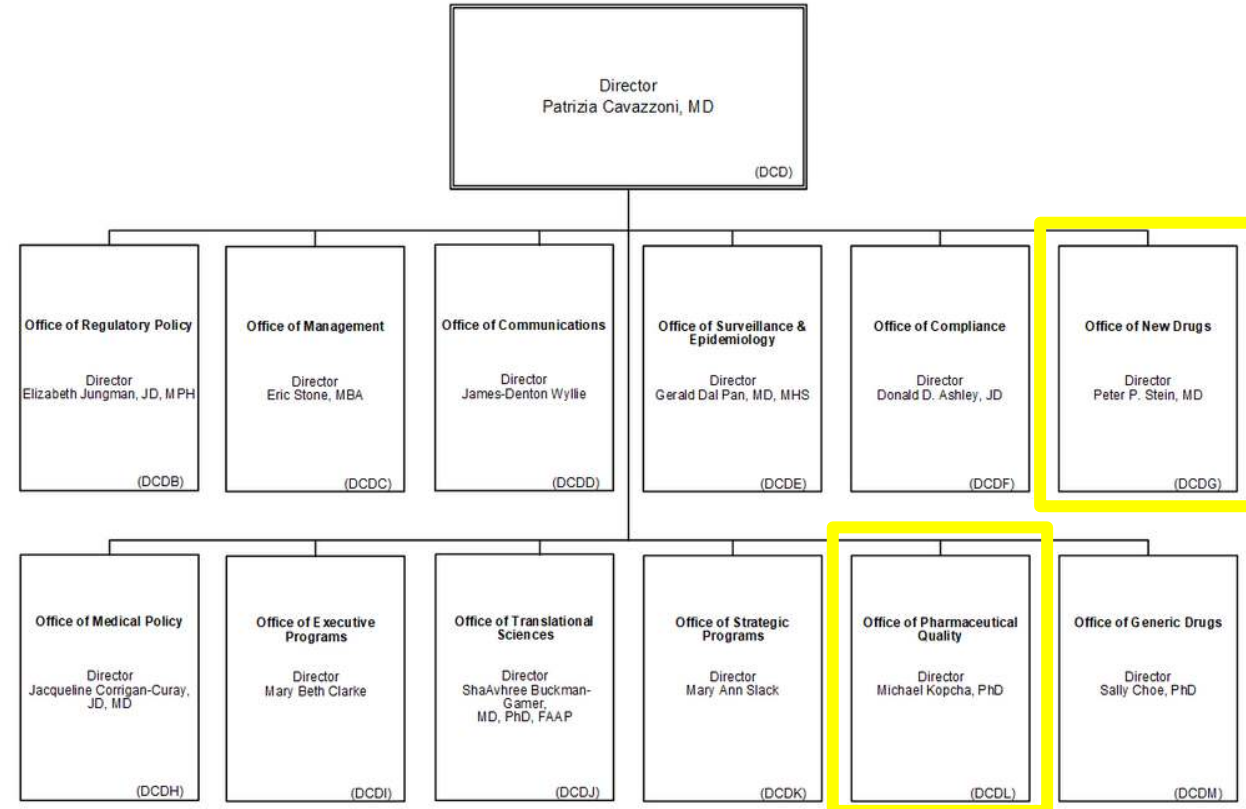
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Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research



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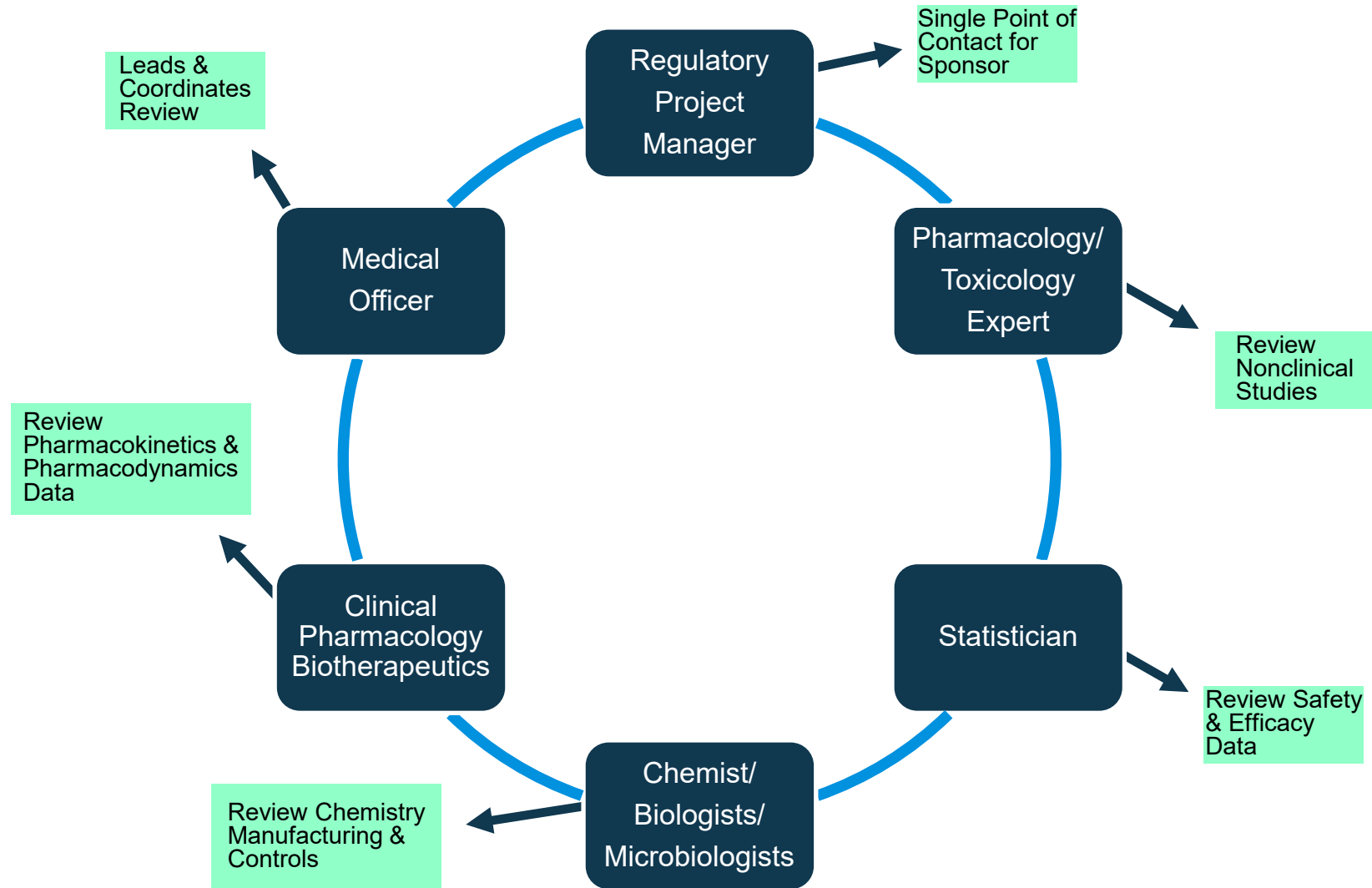
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[CDER Organization](#)



FDA Interdisciplinary Review Teams





FDA Office of New Drugs (OND)

OCHEN	• Cardiology, Hematology, Endocrinology and Nephrology
OII	• Immunology and Inflammation
ORPURM	• Rare Diseases, Pediatrics, Urologic and Reproductive Medicine
OID	• Infectious Diseases
ON	• Neurosciences
ONPD	• Nonprescription Drugs
OOD	• Oncologic Diseases
OSM	• Specialty Medicine (Imaging and Radiation Med/Ophthalmology)
OTBB	• Therapeutic Biologics and Biosimilars
COA Staff	• Clinical Outcome Assessments
Labeling Policy Team	• Product Labeling



FDA Office of Oncologic Disease (OOD)

DO1

- Breast, Gynecologic & Genitourinary cancers, cancer supportive care

DO2

- Thoracic Head & Neck, Neuro-oncology, Rare cancers, Pediatric solid tumors

DO3

- Gastrointestinal, Superficial cutaneous cancers, melanoma, sarcoma

DHM1

- Acute Leukemia and Myelodysplasia, Chronic Myeloid Leukemia and others

DHM2

- Lymphoma, Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia, Multiple Myeloma, and other plasma cell malignancies

DHOT

- Nonclinical Review Division for Oncology products

DO = Division of Oncology

DHM = Division of Hematologic Malignancies

DHOT = Division of Hematology Oncology Toxicology



FDA Oncology Center of Excellence (OCE)

Vision

...to create a unified and collaborative scientific environment to advance the development and regulation of oncology products for patients with cancer.

Mission

...to achieve patient-centered regulatory decision-making through innovation and collaboration.

OCE works with FDA Divisions for products selected for expedited programs to:

Provide a unified clinical review to promote development of safe and effective oncology products

Build on cross-center collaboration by providing input to selected INDs that are under expedited program

Implement common decision-making standards for Breakthrough Therapy and Fast Track designation for all oncology therapeutic products



FDA OCE Key Programs

For Patients and the Public

- FDA Resources for Patients
- Patient Friendly Language for Cancer Clinical Trials
- Project Patient Voice
- **Pediatric Oncology Program**

For Product Sponsors

- Assessment Aid
- Real Time Oncology Review (RTOR)
- Project Orbis



New Pediatric Legislation: FDARA 504

RACE (“Research to Accelerate Cures and Equity for Children” Act)

- FDARA section 504 = amends “PREA” (Pediatric Research Equity Act)
- Applies exclusively to **NMEs** “intended for the treatment of an adult cancer”
- Required pediatric studies based on **molecular target** not adult indication
- Introduces lists of **relevant and non-relevant** molecular targets
- Broadens options for granting waivers and deferrals (postponement) for required pediatric studies
- **Orphan drugs DO NOT receive an automatic waiver**
- Fulfilment not associated special incentives to Sponsors
- Purpose of legislation is to accelerate the timeline of early phase studies, not to increase the number



**Overview of FDA interactions,
expedited development opportunities
and special designations**

Nana Hagan



Types of Advice that are Appropriate for Sponsors to Seek

Clinical topics during drug development

Clinical/Statistics

- Trial design, e.g. population, size, comparator
- Validity of outcomes and endpoint

Safety

- Safety issues
- Size of safety database
- Concern with specific populations
- PV plans
- Risk evaluation and mitigation strategies

Clinical Pharmacology

- Dose selection and population
- Use in specific populations
- Drug-drug interactions



Types of Advice that are Appropriate for Sponsors to Seek

Nonclinical and CMC topics during drug development

Nonclinical pharmacology

- Mechanism of action

Toxicology

- Genetic toxicology
- Reproductive and developmental toxicology
- carcinogenicity

Product quality/CMC

- Comparability of clinical and commercial lots
- Shelf life and stability
- Characterization of drug product/substance



Types of Advice that are Appropriate for Sponsors to Seek

Pediatric and regulatory topics during drug development

Pediatric

- Proposed pediatric development plan
- Pediatric dosing

Regulatory

- Expedited programs
- Defer or waive studies



Types of Formal Meetings Between FDA and Sponsors

Type	A	B	B (EOP)	C
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings to help a stalled program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> dispute resolution clinical holds SPA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting before major submission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pre-IND pre-NDA/BLA Meetings to discuss programs with breakthrough therapy designation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting held at end of a clinical phase of development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EOP1 EOP2/pre-Ph3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings that fall outside Type A and Type B topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> general guidance consultation on the use of new surrogate endpoints*)
Response time	14 days	21 days	14 days	21 days
Scheduling - F2F/VC/TC/WRO (after receipt of request)	30 days	60 days	70 days	75 days
FDA receipt of briefing package	With meeting request	30 days before meeting/WRO	50 days before meeting/WRO	47 days before meeting/WRO
FDA's comments to sponsor	No later than 2 days before meeting		No later than 5 days before meeting	
FDA meeting minutes	Within 30 days after meeting			

SPA – special protocol assessment, EOP-End of phase, F2F – face to face meeting, TC – teleconference, WRO – written response only

* Meeting package is due at time of meeting request



Additional Opportunities for Interaction with FDA

Type	F	INTERACT
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pediatric Oncology Product Development Early Advice Meeting¹ Advice on the development of iPSP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal meeting on innovative investigational products that introduce unique challenges and issues² <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General guidance Issues critical to early development not yet at the pre-IND meeting phase
Response time	Contact review division	21 days
Scheduling time - TC (after receipt of meeting request)		90 days
Scheduling time - WRO (after receipt of WRO request)		Not applicable
FDA receipt of briefing package		With meeting request
FDA comments to sponsor		No later than 1 day before meeting
FDA meeting minutes		Not applicable

INTERACT – Initial Targeted Engagement for Regulatory Advice on CBER products

1. <https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/oncology-center-excellence/pediatric-oncology-product-development-early-advice-meeting-type-f1>

2. <https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/industry-biologics/interact-meetings>



Best Practices for FDA Meetings

Planning

Consider timelines

What's the meeting objective?
(questions, position, participant)

Consider meeting format
(TC, F2F, written feedback)

Quality briefing book and
meeting request

Rehearsal

Team roles and responsibilities

Fall back positions

FDA preliminary comments

Mock meeting

Conduct

Arrive early

Facilitate meeting/
Stick to the agenda

Manage time well

Take notes
Ensure mutual understanding

Debrief

Review and align on meeting
points ASAP

Draft minutes and
Communicate to stakeholders

Review FDA minutes

Implementation

Follow up on FDA requests

Apply FDA advice

Inform FDA of changes or delays

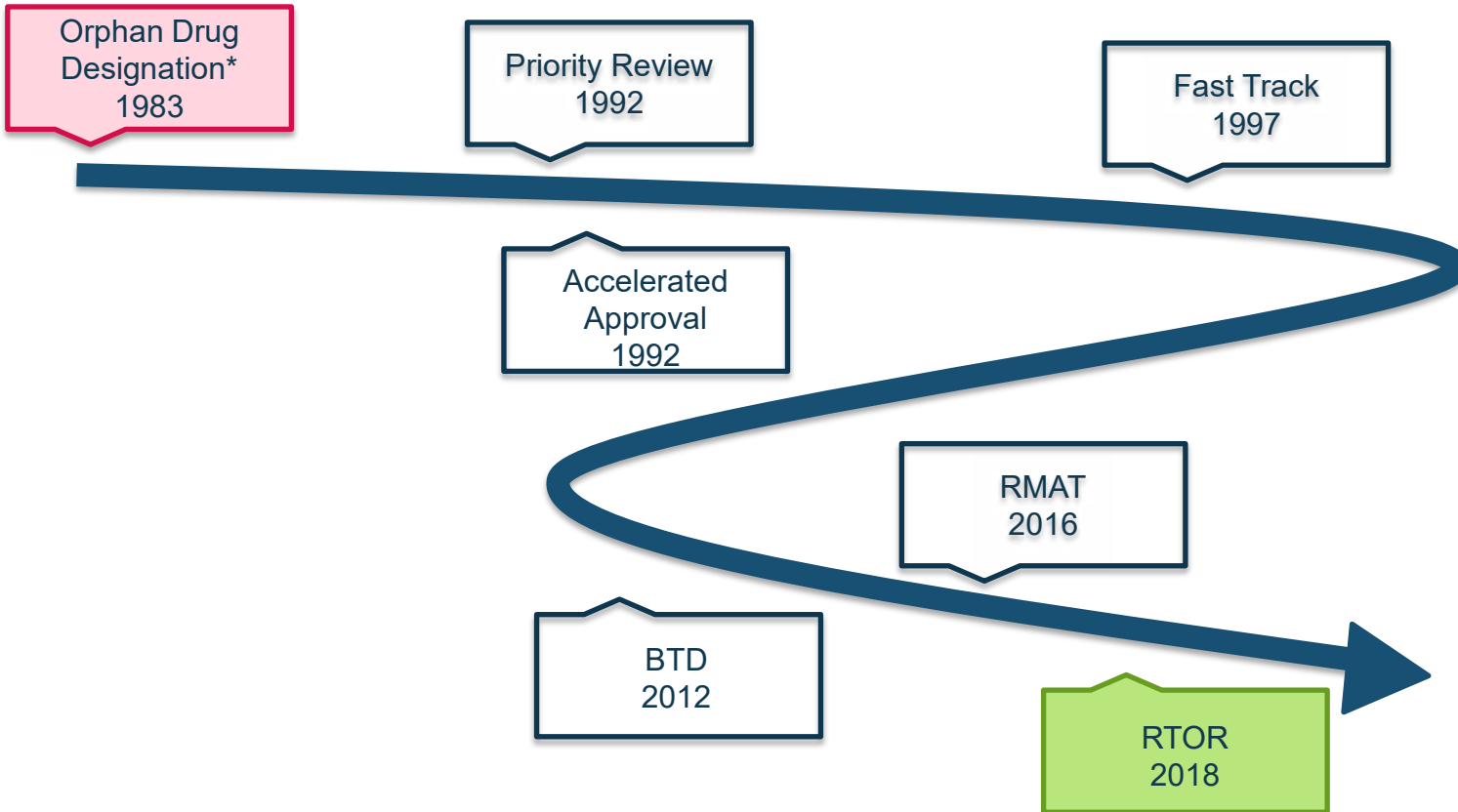




FDA Expedited Programs and Orphan Drug Designation



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Goals of Expedited Programs

- ✓ Priority review, accelerated approval, fast track, BTM, and RMAT are expedited development programs. RTOR is an expedited review program.
- ✓ Intended to help ensure that therapies for these conditions are approved and available to patients as early as it can be concluded that the therapies' benefits justify their risks
- ✓ Allow for earlier attention to drugs that have promise in treating such conditions

* Orphan drug designation qualifies sponsors for certain benefits but does not mean an expedited path



Requirements for FDA's Expedited Programs

	Priority Review	Accelerated Approval	Fast-Track	BTD	RMAT	RTOR
Year issued, enacted or piloted	1992	1992	1997	2012	2016	2018
Regenerative medicine therapy					X	
Potential to fill unmet medical need based on clinical or nonclinical data			X			
Intended for serious condition	X	X	X	X	X	
Potential for significant improvement: safety/efficacy	X	X				
Effect on surrogate endpoint reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit		X				
Preliminary clinical evidence of substantial improvement over existing therapy				X		
Preliminary clinical evidence of potential to address unmet medical need					X	
Substantial improvement over available therapy by evidence from clinical study						X
Straightforward trial design and easily interpretable endpoints						X



Considerations for FDA's Expedited Programs

Considerations for Sponsors	Priority Review	Accelerated Approval	Fast-Track	BTD	RMAT	RTOR
When to submit	With NDA/BLA	Discuss during development	With IND or after	With IND* or after		Topline results
Earlier and more frequent communication with FDA			X	X	X	
FDA commitment and intensive guidance on efficient drug development				X	X	
Option for rolling NDA/BLA submission			X	X	X	
Early iterative engagement with FDA, allowing for the submission of key data prior to complete NDA/BLA						X
Potential for shorter review time				X	X	X
Review time shortened to 6 months after submission	X					
Approval based on effect on surrogate or intermediate endpoint likely to predict clinical benefit		X				

* Submission would need to include preliminary clinical data



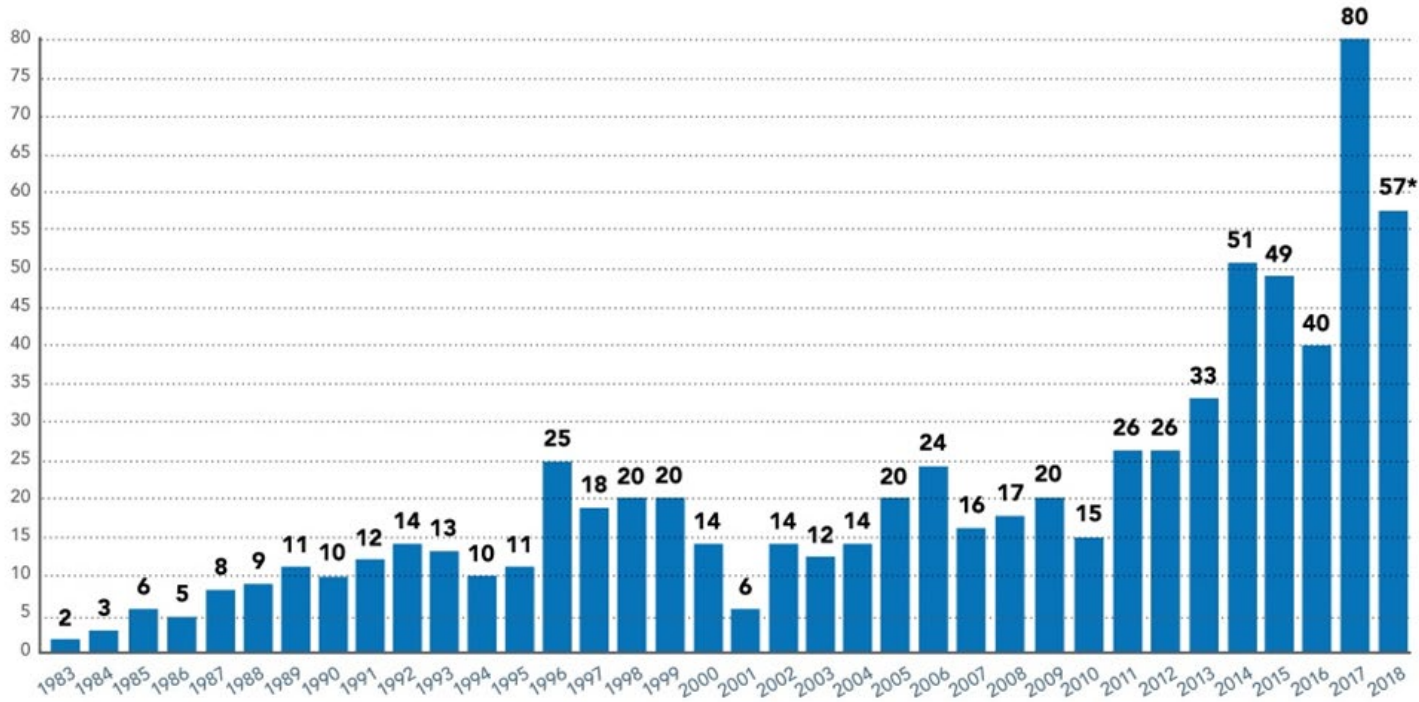
Orphan Drug Designation

Requirements

- The product is intended for the diagnosis, prevention or treatment of a life-threatening or chronically debilitating condition
- Demonstration that the intended condition is rare - affecting **less than 200,000** individuals in the USA
- Evidence of a scientific rationale establishing a medically plausible basis for the use of the product for the rare condition



Approvals of Orphan Drug Designated Products and Incentives



Source: IQVIA; FDA, search orphan drug designations and approvals. 2018 Sep.
Available from: www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/opdlisting/oopd/

Incentives for Orphan Drug Designation

- ✓ Marketing exclusivity (7 years following approval)
- ✓ Tax credits (for \$ invested in clinical development)
- ✓ FDA Grants/Contracts (typically university investigators, small companies)
- ✓ Protocol assistance (written FDA advice on nonclinical/clinical studies)
- ✓ Exemption from NDA/BLA user fees (unless application also includes non-orphan disease/condition)

Orphan drug designation does not mean an expedited development path



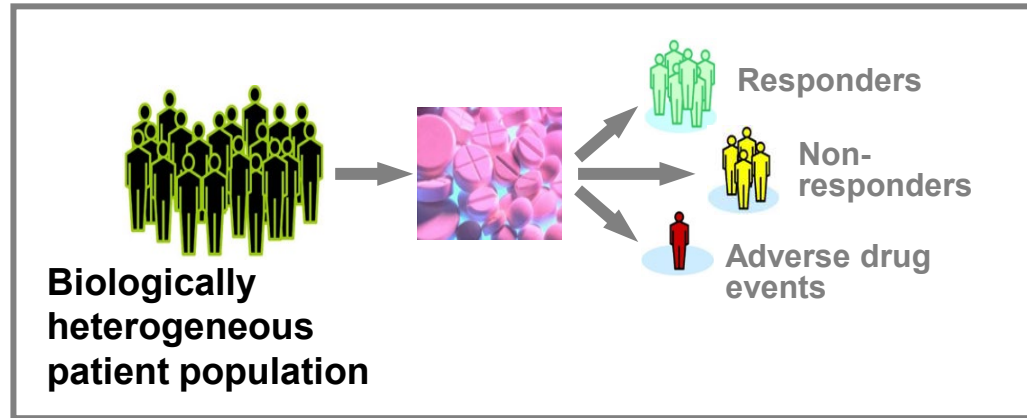
Overview of IVD/CDx development and regulatory considerations

David Donne



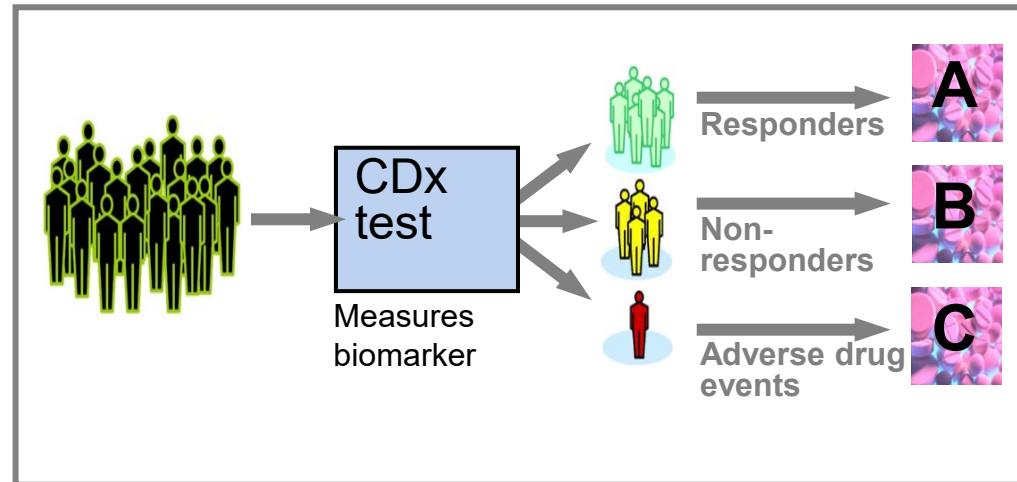
Personalized Oncology and Biomarkers

Trial and error



VS

Informed treatment decision





What Is an In Vitro Diagnostic product (IVD)?

Definition:

In vitro diagnostic products are those reagents, instruments, and systems intended for use in diagnosis of disease or other conditions, including a determination of the state of health, in order to cure, mitigate, treat, or prevent disease or its sequelae. Such products are intended for use in the collection, preparation, and examination of specimens taken from the human body. [[21 CFR 809.3](#)]



What Is a Companion Diagnostic (CDx)?

A companion diagnostic is a medical device, often an in vitro device, which provides information that is essential for the safe and effective use of a corresponding drug or biological product.

Companion diagnostics can:

- identify patients who are most likely to benefit from a particular therapeutic product;
- identify patients likely to be at increased risk for serious side effects as a result of treatment with a particular therapeutic product; or
- monitor response to treatment with a particular therapeutic product for the purpose of adjusting treatment to achieve improved safety or effectiveness.

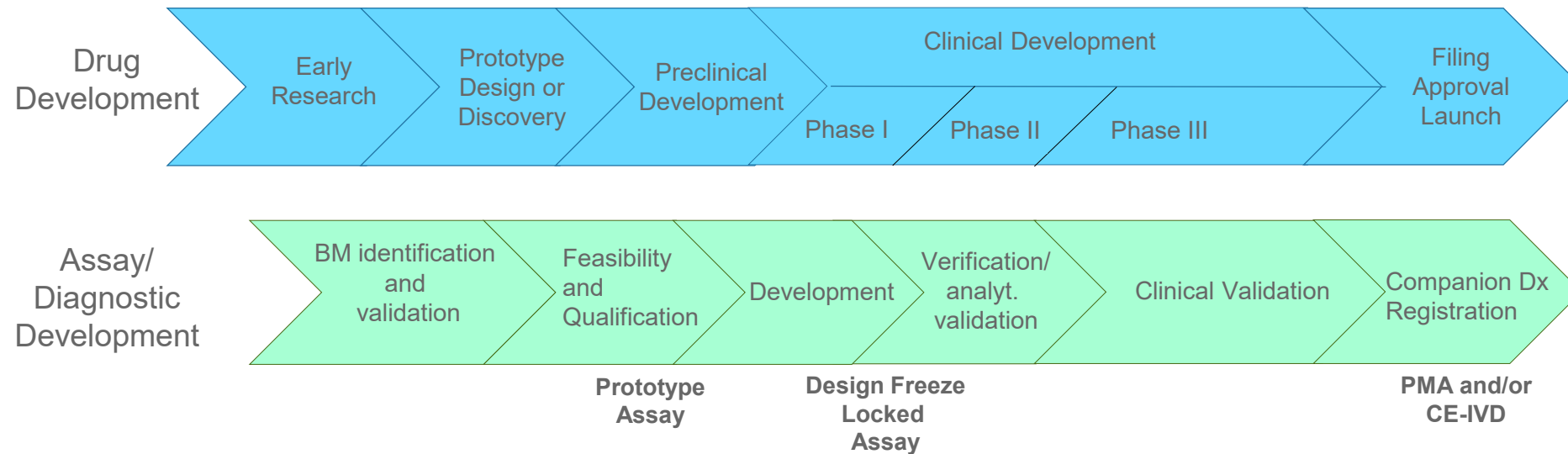


Integrated Drug/Diagnostic Development Model

- Can patients be partitioned by likelihood of drug response based on a diagnostic test?
- Drug response and efficacy/reduced risk (safety) depends on identification of appropriate subpopulation
- Successful path forward will only be as good as the drug and diagnostic device combination
- *“Does the diagnostic hold the drug development/approval hostage?”*



Managing the Complexity of Tx/Dx Co-Development



- If an investigational IVD is utilized in a clinical study, requirements of Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) need to be addressed
- If a CDx is required, a contemporaneous IVD CDx and its corresponding therapeutic product approvals are generally required unless exempted



Key Aspects of Tx/Dx Co-Development

Don't let Dx development hold drug development/registration hostage

IVD testing as enabler of biomarker driven drug clinical program:

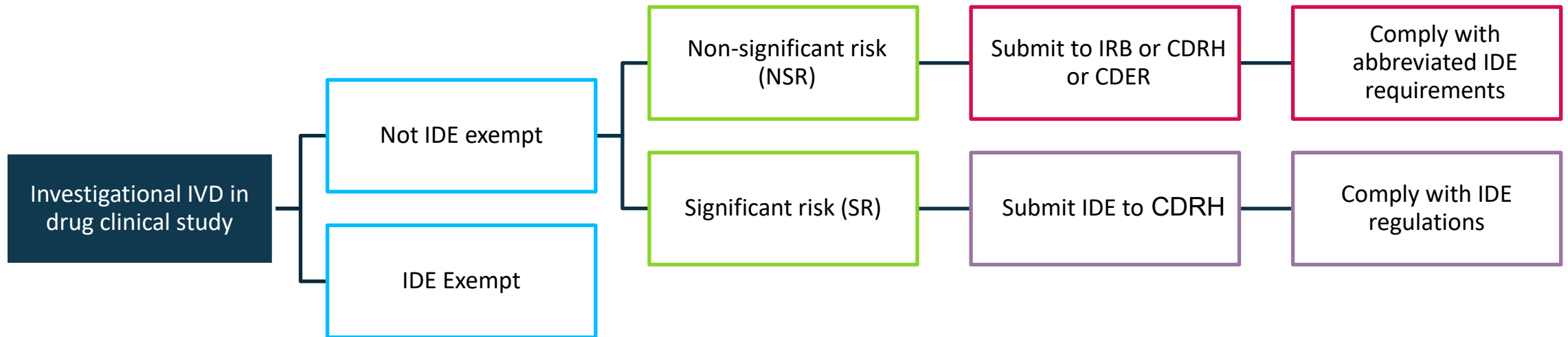
- Selection of an IVD test: IHC, PCR, FISH, NGS
- Selection of IVD partner(s)
- Regulatory clearance for the use of IVD test
 - IDE exempt or IDE non-exempt
 - Study risk determination (SRD)

CDx development as requirement/condition for drug marketing approvals:

- Selection of CDx partner
- Investigational Device Exemption (IDE)
- Pre-Market Application (PMA)



IVD Test in Drug Trials: IDE Exempt ? Significant Risk?

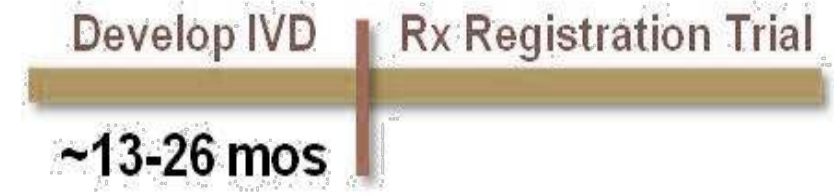




Strategies for Developing a CDx to Enable Tx Registration

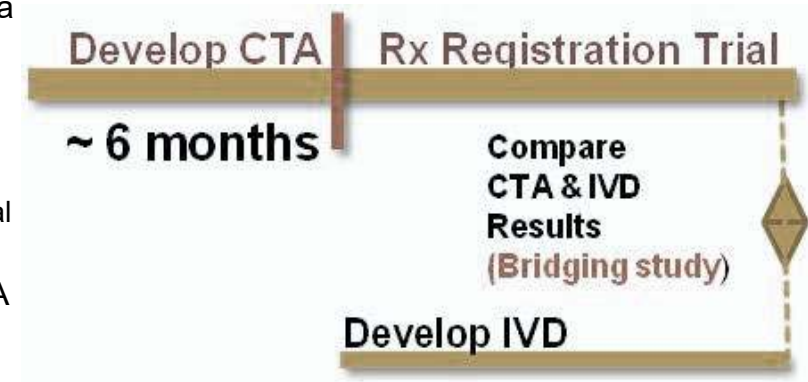
Ideal Co-Development:
Prospective Clinical Trial Fully validated IVD CDx Test

- Preferred approach; allows early partnerships agreements & CDx development initiation
- Biomarker identified early in drug clinical development
- Final CDx in registrational trial
- Clinical validation of the CDx in the pivotal clinical trial



Alternative Option:
Bridging Strategy using CTA followed by IVD CDx

- Biomarker identified later. To enable incorporation in clinical development need a CTA
- Creates additional requirements for clinical study design
 - Retrospective samples, clinical trial assay design, agreement on technology for clinical trial assay and CDx IVD, etc.)
- Risk to the drug (discordance between CTA & IVD). Impact on efficacy analysis





Summary

- A biomarker IVD test can accelerate drug development
- Separate Dx regulatory requirements must be met to enable drug trials/approvals – identify a Dx partner early
- Concurrent approvals of Dx and Tx requirement for full approvals of Tx (unless postponed for accelerated approvals) – don't let Dx development hold Tx trial/approval hostage



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