

FDA Update on DDT Qualification Programs

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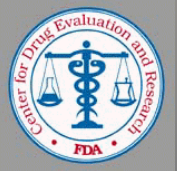
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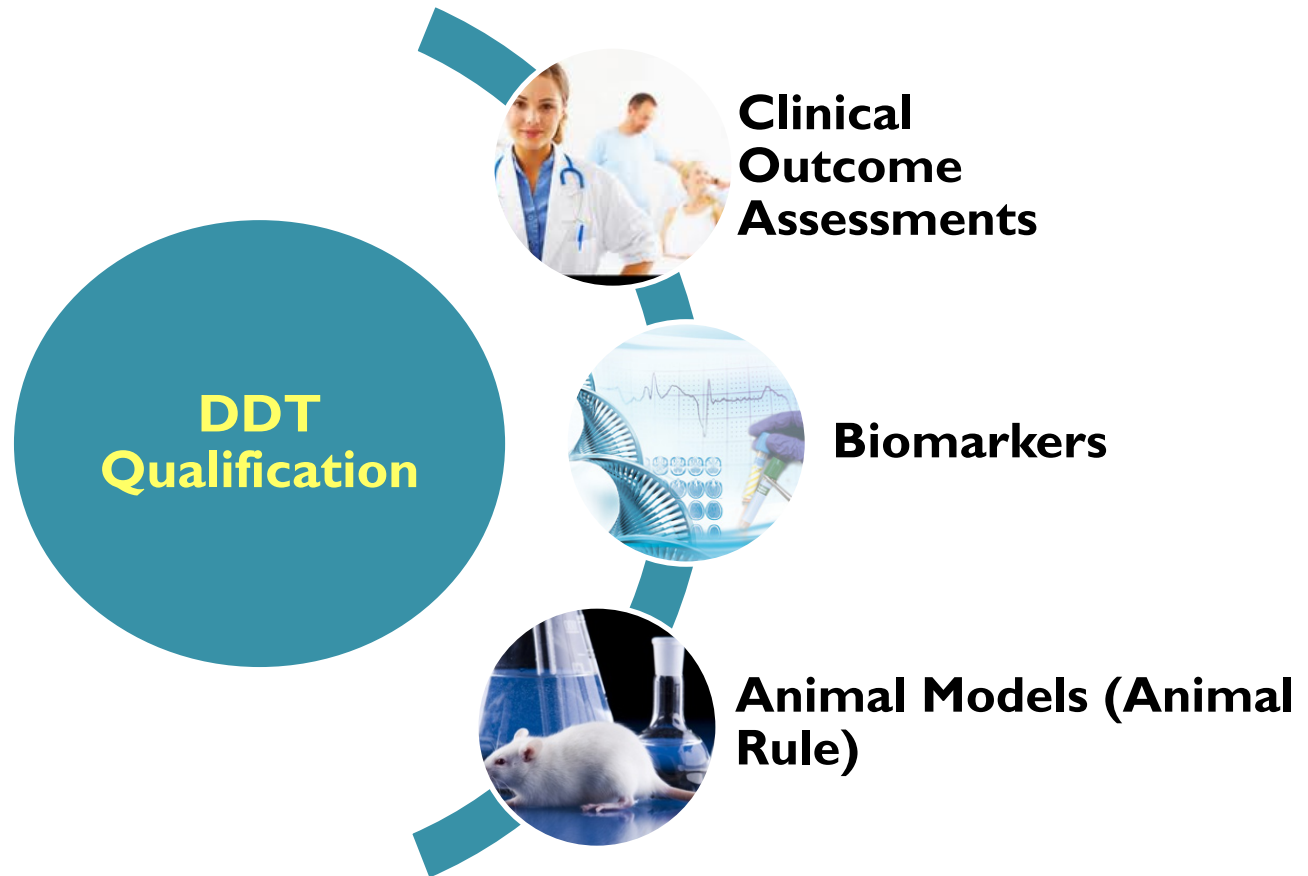
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Drug Development Tools Qualification



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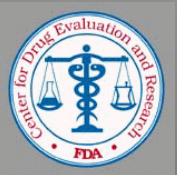
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DDT Guidance (Final January 2014)

Guidance for Industry and FDA Staff

Qualification Process for Drug Development Tools

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM230597.pdf>

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- Describe a process NOT evidentiary standards
- Qualification process described for Biomarkers, Animal Models, and Clinical Outcome Assessments (COA)

MDDT Guidance (Draft November 2013)

Medical Device Development Tools

Draft Guidance for Industry, Tool Developers, and Food and Drug Administration Staff

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- Drug Development Tools Qualification Program
- Animal Model Qualification Program
- Biomarker Qualification Program
- Clinical Outcome Assessment Qualification Program

Resources for You

- DDT Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- DDT Glossary
- DDT Contacts and Submission

Drug Development Tools (DDT) Qualification Programs

The Drug[1] Development Tools (DDTs) Qualification Program was created by CDER as part of the FDA's Critical Path Initiative (CPI) to provide a framework for development and regulatory acceptance of scientific tools for use in drug development programs. DDT qualification programs currently exist for [biomarkers](#), [clinical outcome assessments \(COAs\)](#), and [animal models](#) for use under the Animal Rule.

The Drug[1] Development Tool (DDT) Qualification Programs allow CDER to work with submitters to guide them as they develop or refine a DDT for a specific context of use. CDER then will rigorously evaluate the submission for use in the regulatory process. Qualifying a DDT will allow sponsors to use the DDT in the qualified context of use during drug development without requesting that CDER reconsider and reconfirm the suitability of the DDT for the qualified context of use.

Mission and Objectives

- To qualify and make DDTs publicly available for a specific context of use to expedite drug development and review of regulatory applications
- To provide a framework for scientific collaboration to facilitate DDT development
- To facilitate integration of qualified DDTs in regulatory review
- To encourage development of DDTs for contexts of use with unmet needs
- To encourage the formation of collaborative groups to undertake DDT development programs to increase the efficiency and lessen the individual resource burden incumbent with DDT development
- To encourage innovation in drug development

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/DrugDevelopmentToolsQualificationProgram/>



Context of Use



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 - Biomarker Qualification Program
 - Clinical Outcome Assessment Qualification Program

Biomarker Qualification Context of Use

"Context of use," or COU, is a comprehensive and clear statement that describes the manner of use, interpretation, and purpose of use of a biomarker in drug development. This document provides guiding principles in formulating a **Context of Use (COU)** statement for biomarkers being proposed for qualification through FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) Biomarker Qualification Program (BQP)[1].

A COU is comprised of a concise biomarker **Use Statement** and a comprehensive description of conditions for the biomarker to be used in the qualified setting, termed the **Conditions for Qualified Use**. (See also **Example of a Context of Use in a Qualification Recommendation for Hypothetical Biomarker**) It should be noted that biomarkers recommended for qualification prior to 2012 may not represent this current approach for specifying the use statement and conditions for qualified use.

Figure 1: Appropriately Constructed Context of Use

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- Use Statement.** The Use Statement should be concise and include the name and identity of the biomarker (s) and purpose for use in drug development.
- Conditions for Qualified Use.** The Conditions for Qualified Use should be a comprehensive description of conditions for the biomarker to be used in the qualified setting.

Some of the elements that should be captured in formulating a clear and comprehensive COU statement are provided in Table 1 (see below).

Elements of the COU statement, in particular the conditions for qualified use, may be not fully determined when the Letter of Intent (LOI) is submitted. Nonetheless, submitters should make the COU statement as comprehensive and clear as possible at the time of initiating interactions with the BQP. Submitters should

COA Qualification Updates

- First COA (EXACT-PRO) qualified in January 2014
- Final DDT Qualification Guidance published in January 2014
- 30+ COA projects across the various stages of the qualification process, with more on the horizon
- Slightly revised process to allow for earlier qualification and increased efficiency
- New communication tools online: wheel and spokes and roadmap diagrams

First Clinical Outcome Assessment Qualified in January 2014



Attachment to

Guidance on Qualification Process for Drug Development Tools

Qualification of Exacerbations of Chronic Pulmonary Disease Tool for Measurement of Symptoms of Acute Bacterial Exacerbation of Chronic Bronchitis in Patients With Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

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For questions regarding this draft document contact Dr. Elektra Papadopoulos at 301-796-0900.

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- EXACT

- A PRO for the measurement of symptoms of acute bacterial exacerbation of chronic bronchitis in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

Ongoing COA Qualification Efforts

- Qualification projects actively underway for a wide variety of conditions, including but not limited to:
 - *Multiple sclerosis*
 - *Cancer fatigue*
 - *Mild cognitive impairment*
 - *Irritable bowel syndrome*
 - *Asthma*
 - *Cystic fibrosis*
 - *Depression*
 - *Non-small cell lung cancer*
 - *Functional dyspepsia*
 - *Community-acquired bacterial pneumonia*
 - *Acute bacterial skin and skin structure infections*
 - *Ulcerative colitis*
 - *Crohn's disease*
 - *Esophagitis*
 - *Sickle Cell*
 - *Muscle Wasting*

Ongoing COA Qualification Efforts

- CDER partnering with multiple consortia, patient groups, academics, researchers, and others on COA qualification projects, including:
 - Critical Path Institute PRO-Consortium (includes 7 distinct working groups: Functional Dyspepsia, Irritable Bowel Syndrome, Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Depression, Cognition)
 - FNIH Biomarkers Consortium
 - Critical Path Institute Coalition against Major Diseases (CAMD) Consortium
 - Critical Path Institute Multiple Sclerosis Outcomes Assessments Consortium (MSOAC)
 - PROOF-C Cancer Fatigue Consortium
 - Aging in Motion, a patient-advocacy organization

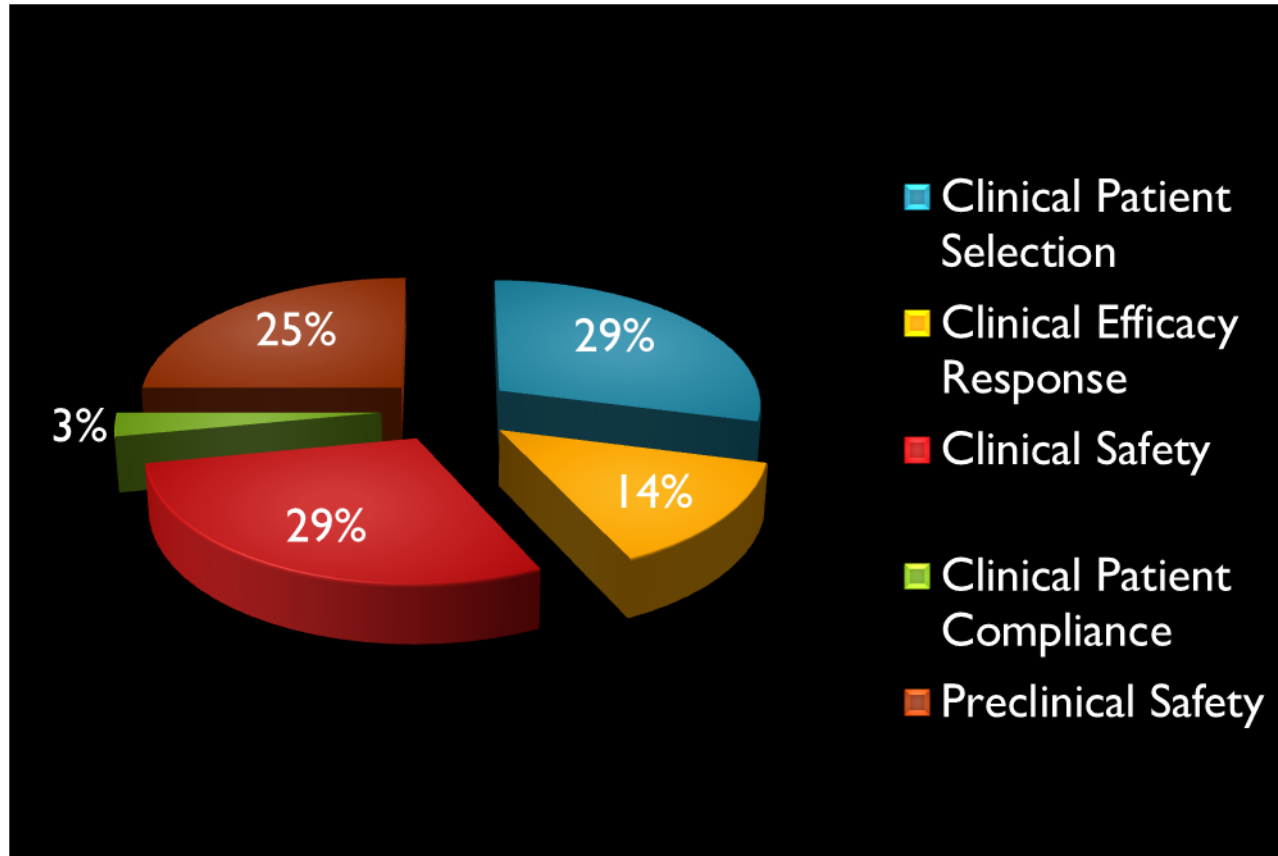
Ongoing COA Qualification Efforts

- CDER is collaborating with NIH to explore potential qualification of selected PROMIS measures
- CDER continues to encourage instrument development and qualification, particularly for pediatric populations, rare diseases, and other areas of unmet need

Biomarker Qualification Projects Status Report by Stage

Biomarker DDT Stage	Number in Stage
Initiation Stage	
Initiation – DDT # assigned	43
Initiation – Letter of Intent (LOI) received	43
Consultation and Advice Stage (C&A)	
C&A – Initial Briefing Package requested	28
Review Stage	3

Categories of BQ Submissions (N=28)



List of FDA-Qualified Biomarkers

Qualified DDT:

DDT Type	Name	Submitter	Qualification Date	Link to Supporting Information
Biomarker	Seven Biomarkers of Drug-Induced Nephrotoxicity in Rats	Predictive Safety and Testing Consortium (PSTC), Nephrotoxicity Working Group (NWG)	4/14/2008	Predictive Safety Testing Consortium (PDF - 163KB)
Biomarker	Nonclinical Qualification of Urinary Biomarkers of Nephrotoxicity	International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI)/ Health and Environmental Sciences Institute (HESI), Nephrotoxicity Working Group	9/22/2010	HESI Nephrotoxicity Qualification (PDF - 234KB)
Biomarker	Nonclinical Qualification of Circulating Cardiac Troponins T and I as Biomarkers of Cardiac Morphologic Damage	PJ O'Brien, WJ Reagan, MJ York and MC Jacobsen	2/23/2012	Biomarker Qualification Decision (PDF - 144KB)

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/DrugDevelopmentTools/QualificationProgram/ucm284076.htm>



Animal Model Qualification

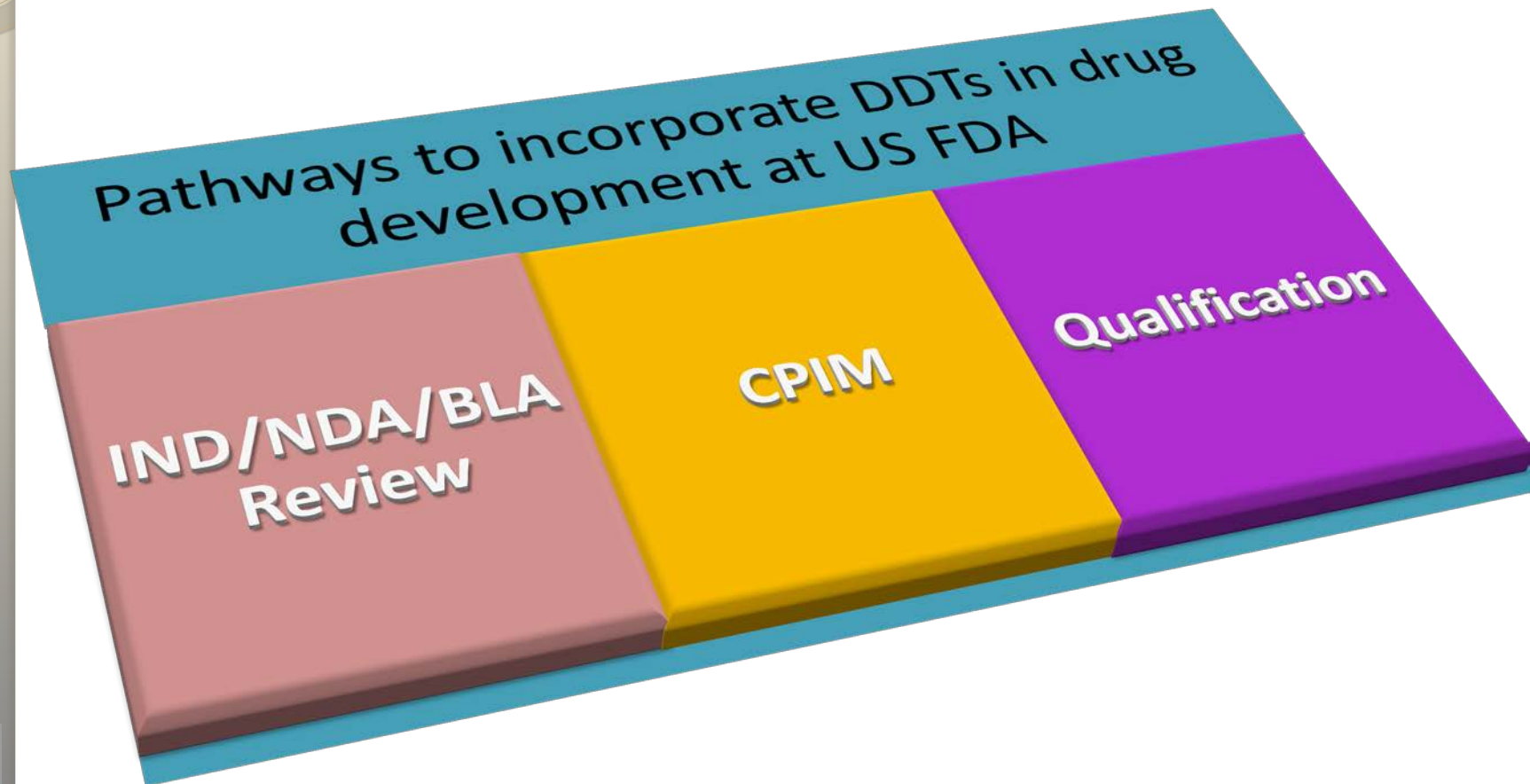
AMQ DDT Stage	Number in Stage
Initiation Stage	
Letter of Intent (LOI) Pending	3
Initiation – LOI Received	5
Consultation and Advice Stage (C&A)	
C&A – Initial Briefing Package requested	2
Review Stage	0

Link to DDT AMQP Web page:

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/DrugDevelopmentToolsQualificationProgram/ucm284078.htm>



Pathways to facilitate integration of DDTs in drug development

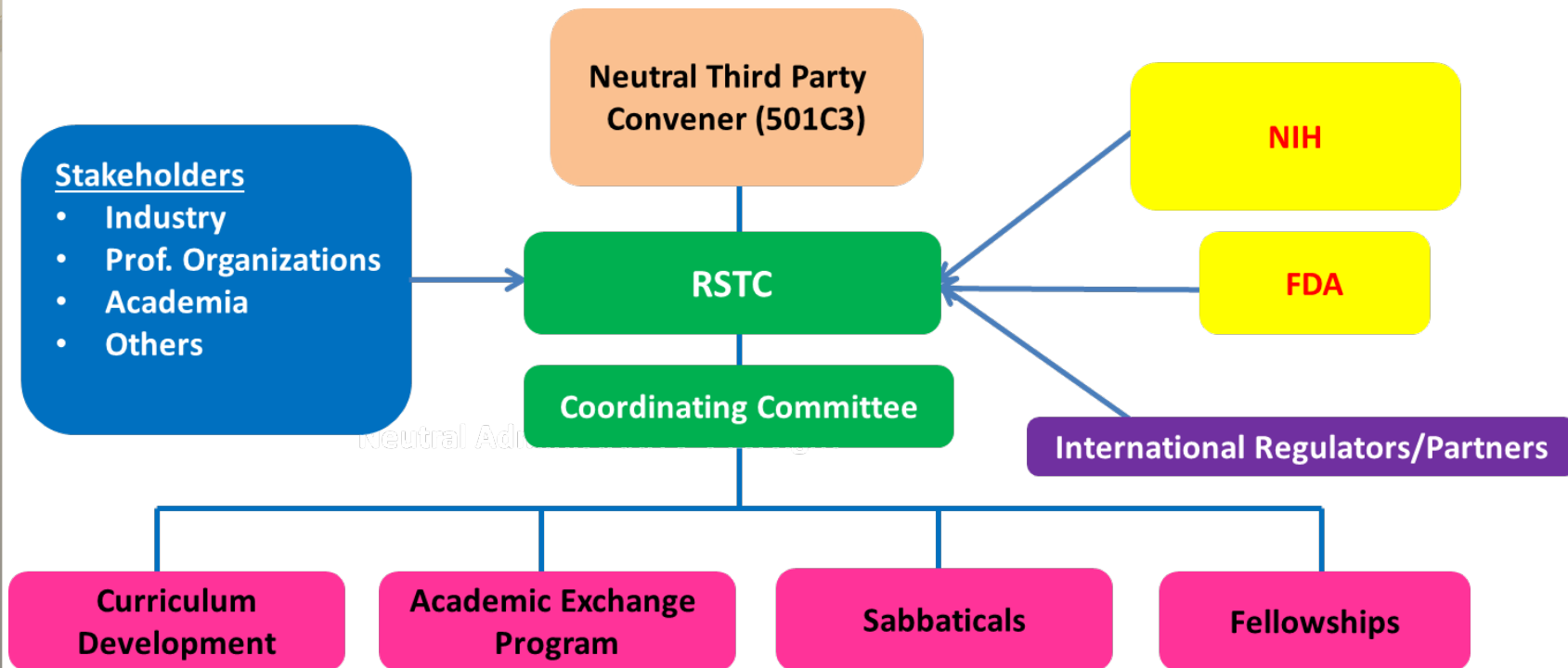


Critical Path Innovation Meetings

Goal: To foster efficient and innovative methods for drug development

- New CDER program
- Promotes understanding challenges in drug development and innovative strategies to address them
- Potential biomarkers not ready for DDT Qualification Program
- Natural history study design and implementation
- Emerging technologies or new uses of existing technologies
- Novel clinical trial designs and methods
- Nonbinding on FDA and other participants
- No advice on specific approval pathways

New Proposal—Training Consortium



Building Scientific Capacity

Alzheimer's Disease Regulatory Science Fellowship

The Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA (RUF), in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association and the U.S. FDA, Division of Neurology Products (DNP), is offering a two-year Regulatory Science Fellowship focused in the area of Alzheimer's Disease. The fellow will have an unparalleled opportunity to receive training in regulatory science at the FDA, gaining valuable experience and knowledge working with the DNP.

Background and Goals:

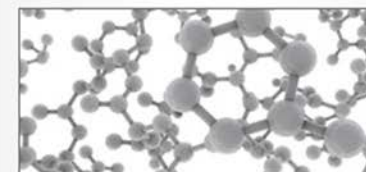
There are currently no drugs available to prevent Alzheimer's Disease (AD) or even slow its course. A recent series of high-profile late stage drug failures have led those in Alzheimer's research to begin to rethink many of the underlying hypotheses related to drug development including therapeutic targets, trial design, appropriate patient populations, biomarkers, and clinical outcome measures. Patient groups, academic researchers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and other stakeholders have formed a wide array of consortia and initiatives to examine many of these issues. A primary goal of this fellowship is to facilitate communication and collaboration between DNP and the various AD stakeholders and to help identify opportunities for DNP participation in relevant partnerships and activities to address critical issues in AD research and product development.

Fellowship Activities:

The fellow will work with DNP to identify opportunities advance the development of treatments for Alzheimer's and related diseases. Activities will include:

- Develop a comprehensive understanding of the regulatory review process.
- Learn current challenges facing Alzheimer's drug development and regulation.

Building Scientific Capacity



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Learn About Our Commitment to Regulatory Science

Separate of the FDA, the Foundation identifies and supports research and collaborations that can help achieve a more efficient development and approval process while ensuring product safety. [Find Out More »](#)

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Next Steps...

- Internal CDER MAPPs (general and program-specific) underway
- Continuing to streamline programs to build review efficiency
- Continuing to clarify the concept of context of use—as it drives level of evidence needed
- Evolving concept of expanding qualification over time as evidence increases
- Working with international colleagues on templates

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