

# 2021 FDA Update

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual PRO Consortium Workshop**

April 14, 2021

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# Agenda

- Introductory remarks
- Clinical Outcome Assessment (COA) Qualification Program and other FDA updates
- CDER Pilot Grant Program: Standard Core COAs and their Related Endpoints
- Panel discussion

# Panelists and Speakers

- **Robyn Bent**, Director, Patient Focused Drug Development, CDER
- **Michelle Campbell**, Sr. Clinical Analyst for Stakeholder Engagement and Clinical Outcomes Office of Neuroscience, Office of New Drugs (OND), CDER
- **Laura Lee Johnson**, Director Division of Biometrics III, Office of Translational Sciences, CDER
- **Elektra Papadopoulos**, Acting Deputy Director Division of Clinical Outcome Assessment (DCOA), OND, CDER
- **David Reasner**, Director DCOA, OND, CDER

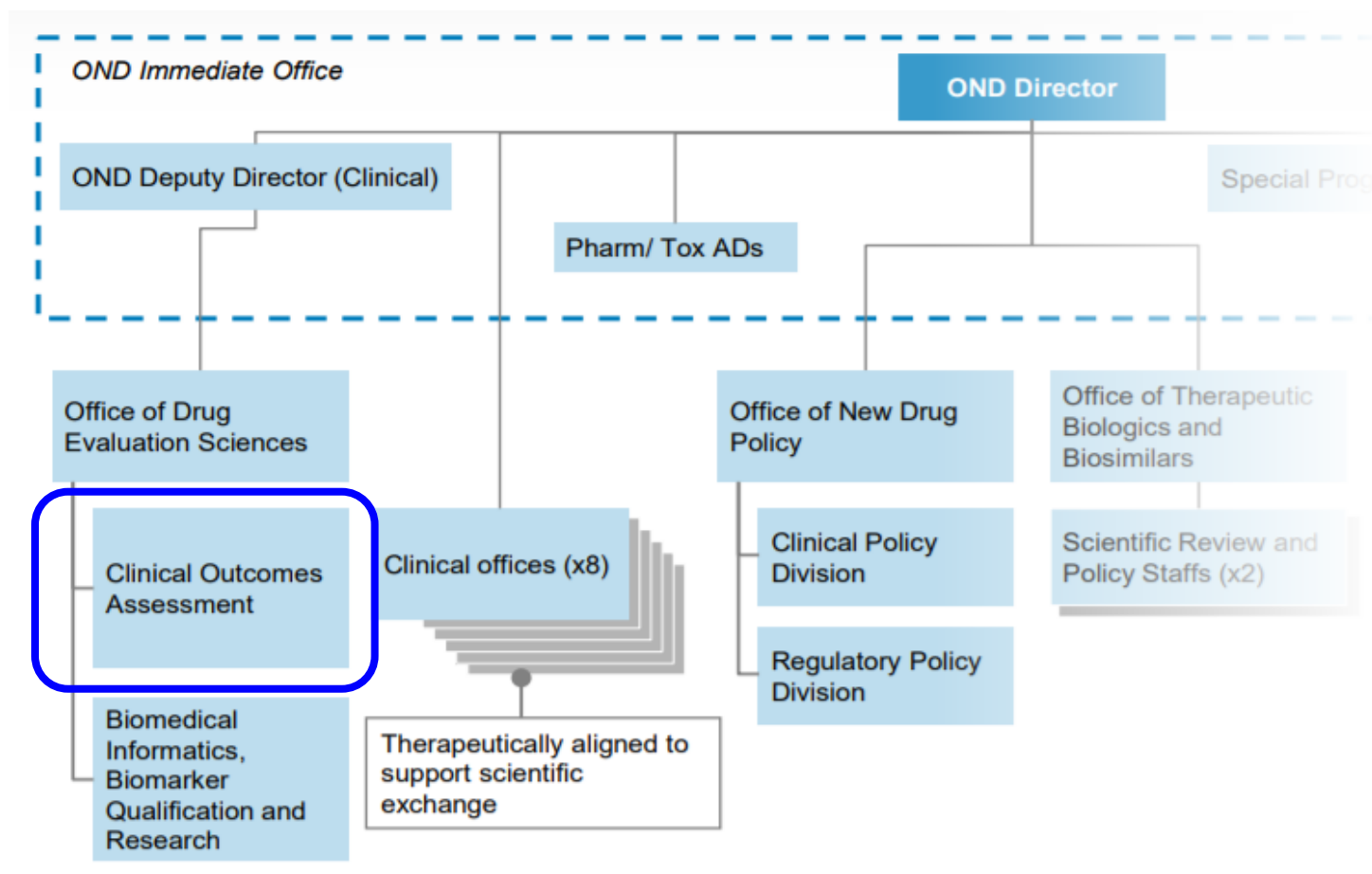
# **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS:**

**David Reasner**

# Division of Clinical Outcome Assessment (DCOA)

- DCOA Director
  - David Reasner, PhD
- DCOA Deputy Director (acting)
  - Elektra Papadopoulos, MD, MPH
- Team Leads
  - Selena Daniels, PharmD, MS
- Regulatory Project Managers
  - Kim Chiu, PharmD
  - Kristina Luong, PharmD
  - Lynne Ngouajio-Teguiafa, PharmD
- Project Specialist
  - Taccara Briggs
- Reviewers
  - Yasmin Choudhry, MD
  - Yujin Chung, PharmD
  - Robert Fieo, PhD
  - Onyekachukwu Illoh, OD, MPH
  - Julia Ju, PharmD, PhD
  - Naomi Knoble, PhD
  - Ji Li, PhD
  - Mira Patel, PhD
  - Susan Pretko, PharmD, MPH
  - Chris St.Clair, PharmD
  - Laura Swett, PhD
  - Qing Xie, PhD

# OND Reorganization



# **COA QUALIFICATION PROGRAM, KEY COA-RELATED GUIDANCE AND OTHER UPDATES:**

**Elektra Papadopoulos**

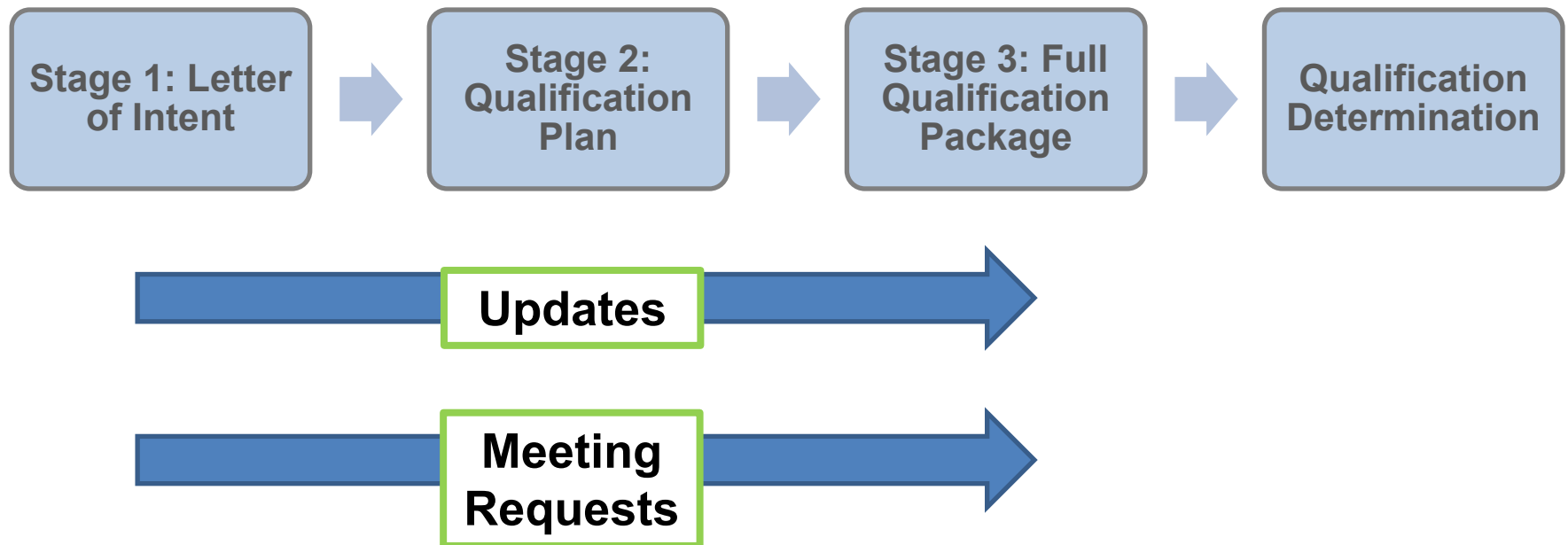


# Drug Development Tool (DDT) Guidance

*Qualification Process for Drug Development Tools*

– Final Guidance published in Nov 2020

# New DDT Process: Qualification Stages



**Important: Each of the three milestone submissions should be a stand-alone package.**

# New DDT Process: Review Clocks

| Qualification Stage                     | Review Clock              |
|---|---------------------------|
| <b>Letter of Intent (LOI)</b>           | 3 months (calendar days)  |
| <b>Qualification Plan (QP)</b>          | 6 months (calendar days)  |
| <b>Full Qualification Package (FQP)</b> | 10 months (calendar days) |

CDER conducts a reviewability assessment.  
Review clock begins when a reviewable memo issued.

# **QUALIFICATION PROGRAM METRICS**

# Qualification

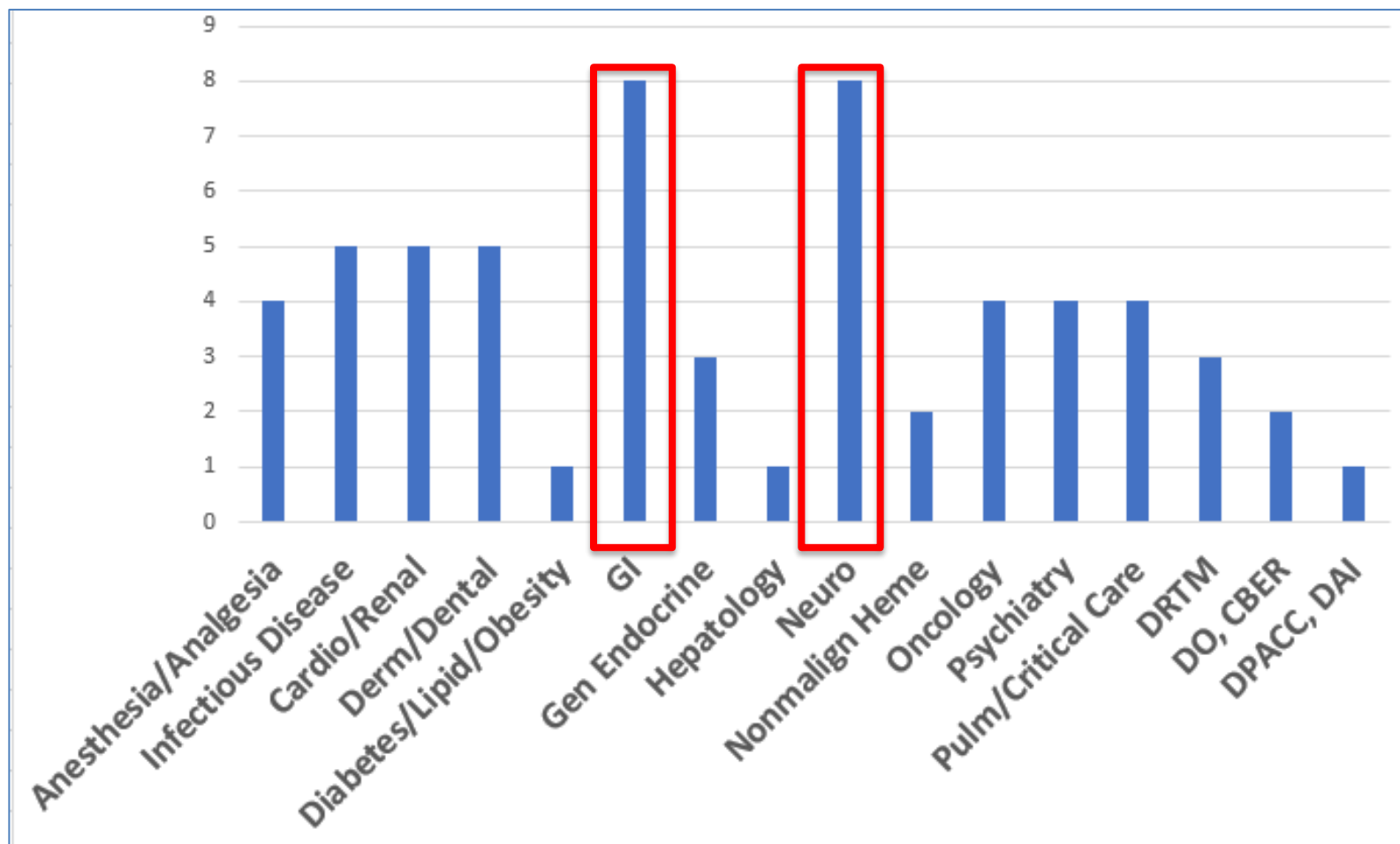
- April 2020: Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire-23 (KCCQ-23)
  - Total Symptom Score (TSS)
  - Physical Limitations Score (PLS)
  - Clinical Summary Score (composite of the TSS and PLS)
- Dec 2020: Diary for Irritable Bowel Syndrome Symptoms- Constipation (DIBSS-C)

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

# Number of Projects

- As of March 18, 2021, the total number of projects in the program totaled 60
- Accepted 11\* LOIs between 1/1/20 – 3/18/21

# Projects by Clinical Review Divisions



# COA Types

| DDT Type        | Number |
|-----------------|--------|
| PRO Measures    | 37     |
| Other*          | 8      |
| PerfO Measures  | 7      |
| ObsRO Measures  | 3      |
| ClinRO Measures | 4      |
| PRO/ObsRO       | 1      |

\*Digital Health Technologies (DHT)-not falling into other categories e.g. activity monitors



# Number of 2020 Submissions

| Type                                  | Number<br>(2018) | Number<br>(2019) | Number<br>(2020) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Letter of Intent (LOIs)               | 10               | 18               | 22               |
| Qualification Plans (QPs)             | 2                | 8                | 15               |
| Full Qualification Packages<br>(FQPs) | 2                | 0                | 2                |
| Updates                               | 13               | 9                | 9                |
| Meeting Requests                      | 7                | 5                | 10               |

# COA DDT Research Grants Updates

- 6 COA DDT Research Grants awarded FY2020
  - For developers of DDTs with accepted Letter of Intent who are working towards to next qualification submission
- FY2021: **May 25, 2021** application due date
  - Funding opportunity announcement: PAR-21-178

# Other COAQP Updates

**Sign-Up!** to the [COAQP Email Listserv](#) for timely updates and announcements such as:

- Newly qualified COAs
- Updates to existing COAQP resources (e.g., LOI outline edits, etc.)
- COAQP process changes (e.g., switching electronic submission portals)

[https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USFDA/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=USFDA\\_531](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USFDA/subscriber/new?topic_id=USFDA_531)

# **GUIDANCE AND OTHER UPDATES**

# PFDD Guidance Series

- **Guidance 1:** Collecting Comprehensive and Representative Input
  - Public Workshop Dec 18, 2017
  - Final guidance June 2020
- **Guidance 2:** Methods to Identify What is Important to Patients
  - Public workshop Oct 15-16, 2018
  - Draft guidance Oct 2019

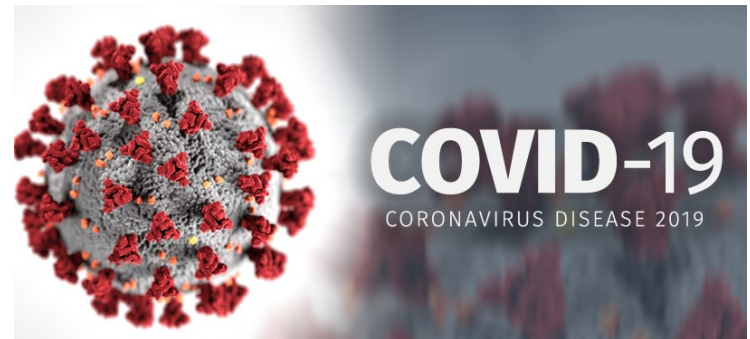
# PFDD Guidance Series

- **Guidance 3:** Selecting, Developing or Modifying Fit-for-Purpose Clinical Outcome Assessments
  - Public Workshop Oct 15-16, 2018
  - Discussion document published
- **Guidance 4:** Incorporating Clinical Outcome Assessments into Endpoints for Regulatory Decision Making
  - Public Workshop Dec 6, 2019
  - Discussion document published

# COVID-19 related guidance\*

- FDA Guidance on Conduct of Clinical Trials of Medical Products During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
  - Q14. What factors should sponsors consider when deciding whether to change their clinical trial protocol during the COVID-19 public health emergency to include remote clinical outcome assessments?

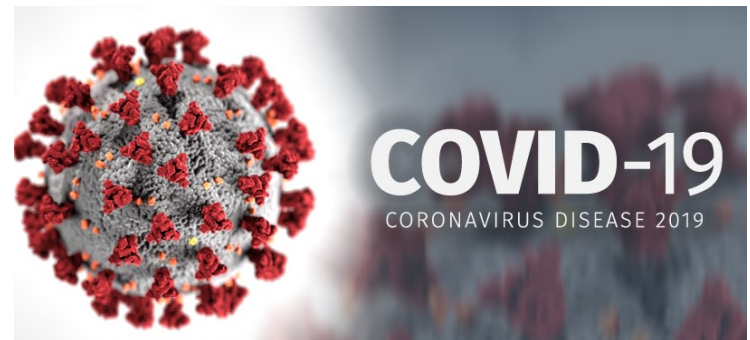
Check FDA guidance website for updates



# COVID-19 related guidance\*

- Assessing COVID-19-Related Symptoms in Outpatient Adult and Adolescent Subjects in Clinical Trials of Drugs and Biological Products for COVID-19 Prevention or Treatment

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> COA Compendium Expansion

- **Coming soon!**
- Communication tool:
  - COAs that have been previously labeled and may serve as a starting point for consideration and discussion between drug developers and FDA
  - Qualified COAs: COA DDT Qualification Program

# **STANDARD CORE COAS AND THEIR RELATED ENDPOINTS PILOT GRANT PROGRAM:**

**Robyn Bent**

# Standard Core COA and Endpoints Pilot Grant Program

## WHY

- Reviewers currently may see **multiple independent efforts**
- Duplication of effort and diversity of measures and proprietary tools that limit affordability and sustainability
- **Variable quality of tools and resulting data** that limit utility for regulatory decision making

## GOAL

- Enable development of standard core sets of measures of disease burden and treatment burden for a given area—that will be made publicly available at nominal or no cost

# UG3/UH3 Cooperative Agreement

involves 2 phases:

Milestone-driven planning phase (**UG3**) will provide funding for 1 to 2 years to conduct planning activities.

Implementation phase (**UH3**) will provide funding for 3 to 4 years to projects that successfully complete the planning activities and reach the projected milestones set in the UG3 phase.

# Stakeholder Engagement



## Public Meetings

- Regular public meetings with an opportunity for stakeholders to ask questions and provide feedback both as part of the meetings or by submitting feedback to the public docket

## External Technical Advisory Committee

- Made up of disease specific experts, COA experts, biostatisticians, patient experts, and other technical experts as appropriate who oversee and monitor the specific projects

## Scientific Policy Board

- To bring a global perspective to the Standard Core COA development process

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(MiCOAS)



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Clinical Outcome Assessment  
Team (NUCOAT) – **Physical  
Function**

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<https://vpgcentral.com/micoas/>

## Related Material

MiCOAS - Acute Lit Review Report

Acute Report Appendix

MiCOAS - Preventive Lit Review Report

Preventive Report Appendix



Northwestern University Clinical Outcome Assessment Team (NUCOAT) – **Physical Function**

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<https://dcricri.org/coa-aptic/>

## COA-APTIC



Click below to learn more about COA-APTIC's:

- Leadership and Structure
- External Technical Advisory Committee
- Past ETAC Meetings
- Past FDA Public Meetings

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<https://sites.northwestern.edu/nucoat/>

## NUCOAT

Northwestern University Clinical Outcome Assessment Team

## Planning Phase

NUCOAT's Planning Phase is a two-year milestone-driven planning phase to inform the development of a Physical Function Clinical Outcome Assessment that will capture physical function limitations across a wide variety of conditions.



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Function**

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your  
thoughts

Federal Docket for Standard  
Core COA Grant Program

- <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FDA-2020-N-1727-0003>

# Resources

- COVID-related guidance:
  - <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-related-guidance-documents-industry-fda-staff-and-other-stakeholders>
- DDT Qualification process guidance:
  - <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/qualification-process-drug-development-tools-guidance-industry-and-fda-staff>
- PFDD-related guidance series:
  - <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/development-approval-process-drugs/fda-patient-focused-drug-development-guidance-series-enhancing-incorporation-patients-voice-medical>
- CDER Pilot Grant Program: Standard Core COAs and Related Endpoints
  - <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/development-approval-process-drugs/cder-pilot-grant-program-standard-core-clinical-outcome-assessments-coas-and-their-related-endpoints>

# ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PATIENT-CENTERED OUTCOMES?

**Consider a rewarding career at the FDA!**

**FDA's Office of New Drugs (OND) in the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)**, located in Silver Spring, MD, is recruiting **outcomes researchers, psychometricians, survey methodologists/instrument developers, epidemiologists, patient-preference researchers and behavioral/social scientists (including psychology, cognitive science and neuroscience)** to serve as experts in the evaluation and use of clinical outcome assessments (including use of innovative platforms for data collection) to measure health outcomes in the dynamic, challenging, and innovative atmosphere of drug development and research.

Selected candidates will join the **Division of Clinical Outcome Assessment (DCOA)** where they will contribute to a culture that ensures the patient voice is integrated into medical product development through incorporation of clinical trial endpoints that are meaningful to patients, valid, reliable, and responsive to treatment. DCOA Staff members provide advice and consultation on endpoint development, instrument development, validation, and interpretation for use in drug development.

Team members also participate in guidance and policy development to ensure that meaningful drug product information is available to health care providers, caregivers, and patients.

Team members collaborate with diverse stakeholders both internally and externally across a variety of therapeutic areas including representatives from academia, medical product industry, consortia, instrument developers, patient groups, regulators and other government agencies to advance the science of clinical outcome assessment and enhance the development and implementation of appropriate assessment tools in drug development.

**SALARY & BENEFITS:** Salary is commensurate with education and experience. We offer an excellent benefits package (health insurance, life insurance, thrift savings plan, retirement) and many opportunities to continue professional development.

## **REQUIRED SKILLS:**

- Relevant doctoral degree (health services or health outcomes research, educational research, public health, pharmacy, medicine, osteopathy)
- At least one year of instrument development or survey methodology experience (qualitative and/or quantitative methods) preferred
- Ability to adapt to a changing environment and handle multiple priorities
- Excellent writing, critical thinking and analytical skills

**INTERESTED CANDIDATES:** Please submit your Curriculum Vitae to [DCOA@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:DCOA@fda.hhs.gov). Additional information on DOCA may be found at: [www.fda.gov/coa](http://www.fda.gov/coa).

# Q & A

**THANK YOU!**