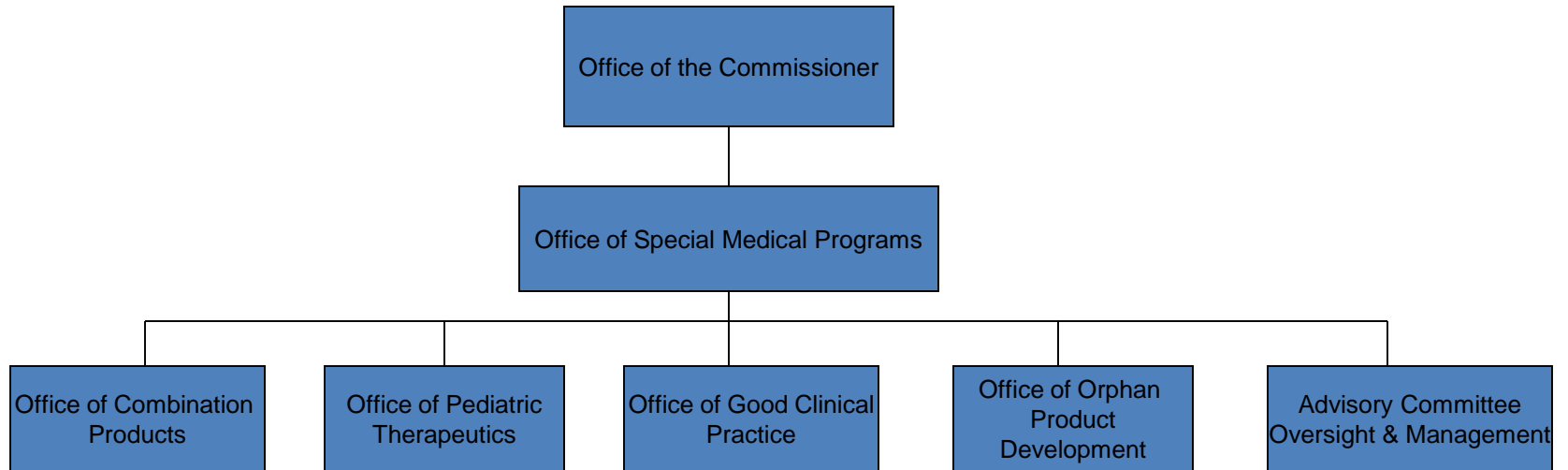


Combination Products Update

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Where is OCP?



Who's in OCP?

Currently, we are a staff of 12:

3 Scientists: Jose Moreno, Joe Milone, [Diana Yoon](#)

3 Physicians: Patricia Love, Bindi Nikhar, [Maryam Mokhtarzadeh](#)

2 Attorneys: John Weiner and Leigh Hayes

2 Engineers: Thinh Nguyen and Melissa Burns

1 IT Specialist: [Danita Dixon](#)

1 Administrative Assistant: Bibi Jakrali



Centers' Representatives

- CDER: Kristina Lauritsen and Cherryn Chang
- CDRH: Angela Krueger, James Bertram, Andrew Yeatts (on detail)
- CBER: Sherry Lard and Richard McFarland
- OCC Combination Product Team

Overview

- Combination Products Policy Council
- Pre-Request for Designation (Pre-RFD)
- Combination Products Intercenter Consult Request (ICCR) Pilot Process



Combination Products Policy Council

- FDA established the Combination Products Policy Council in Spring 2016
- The Council is chaired by the Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Medical Products and Tobacco (OMPT)

Combination Products Policy Council

Center/Office	Participants
Center for Biologicals Evaluation and Research (CBER)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Center Director or designee Center representative
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Center Director or designee Center representative
Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Center Director or designee Center representative
Office of Combination Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Director or designee
Office of Special Medical Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associate Commissioner or designee

Council Purpose

- Provides leadership oversight to a senior-level forum to establish combination product policy across FDA
- The Council has decisional authority:
 - Ensure consistency in required evidentiary standards and data requirements for marketing
 - Evaluate and update cross-cutting existing policy to assure the safety, efficacy, and availability of products
 - Develop and implement new cross-cutting policy to promote development of innovative products



Council Purpose (cont.)

- Addresses regulatory and scientific policy issues and a forum for developing guiding principles related to combination products, cross-labeled products, and medical product classification
- Resolves disagreements among Centers, OCP, and/or sponsors on activities and policies related to these topics
- The Council is a platform for intercenter collaboration that results in coordinated and consistent policy across the Agency with regards to combination products
- The Council will continue to promote cross-Agency collaboration as issues arise in the future



Communicate with the Council

- Should you have questions about the Council:
 - CombinationProductCouncil@fda.hhs.gov
- For updates regarding the Council, visit:
 - <http://www.fda.gov/CombinationProducts/AboutCombinationProducts/ucm519751.htm>

Pre-RFD

- May be helpful during early stage of product development
- Similar to the formal RFD process
- Preliminary product classification assessment
- Goal is to respond to sponsor within 60 days from receipt of complete information
- Communicate with sponsors as needed during the review
- Draft guidance is under development

ICCR - Where We Were

- SMG 4101 (2004) “Combination Products Intercenter Consultative/Collaborative Review Process”
 - Email based process
 - Timelines established on consult-by-consult basis (non-standardized deadlines)
 - No comprehensive system to identify who/when/how to contact another Center for consult
 - No automated system for tracking intercenter consults



ICCR- What's Been Happening

- Increasing collaboration by FDA staff on the review of combination products
- Increasingly complex products requiring cross-Center expertise
- Increase in number of performance goals
- Reorganizations in the Centers
- Increase in number of intercenter consult requests

What We Did

- FDA's Office of Planning conducted an independent assessment on the intercenter consult process and provided recommendations
- Solicited input from regulated industry and review staff from CBER, CDER, and CDRH



What Problems Were Identified

- **Coordination:**
 - Different policies, practices and application types
 - Separate review and tracking systems for each center
 - Challenges accessing other centers' IT systems
- **Communication:**
 - Uncertainty regarding consult procedures
 - Difficulty identifying combination product contacts
 - Lack of clarity on purpose for information requests
- **Resources:**
 - Limited resources to review consults

Recommendations

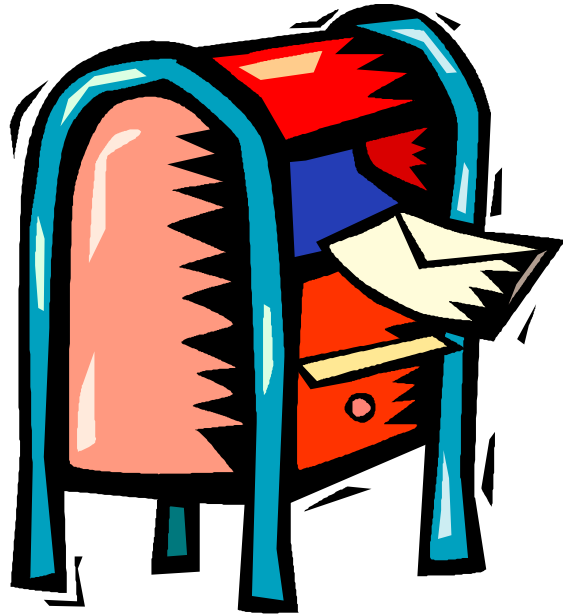
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<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/CombinationProducts/GuidanceRegulatoryInformation/UCM467128.pdf>

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