

# **Quality Remediation SAAPI Conference May 2019**



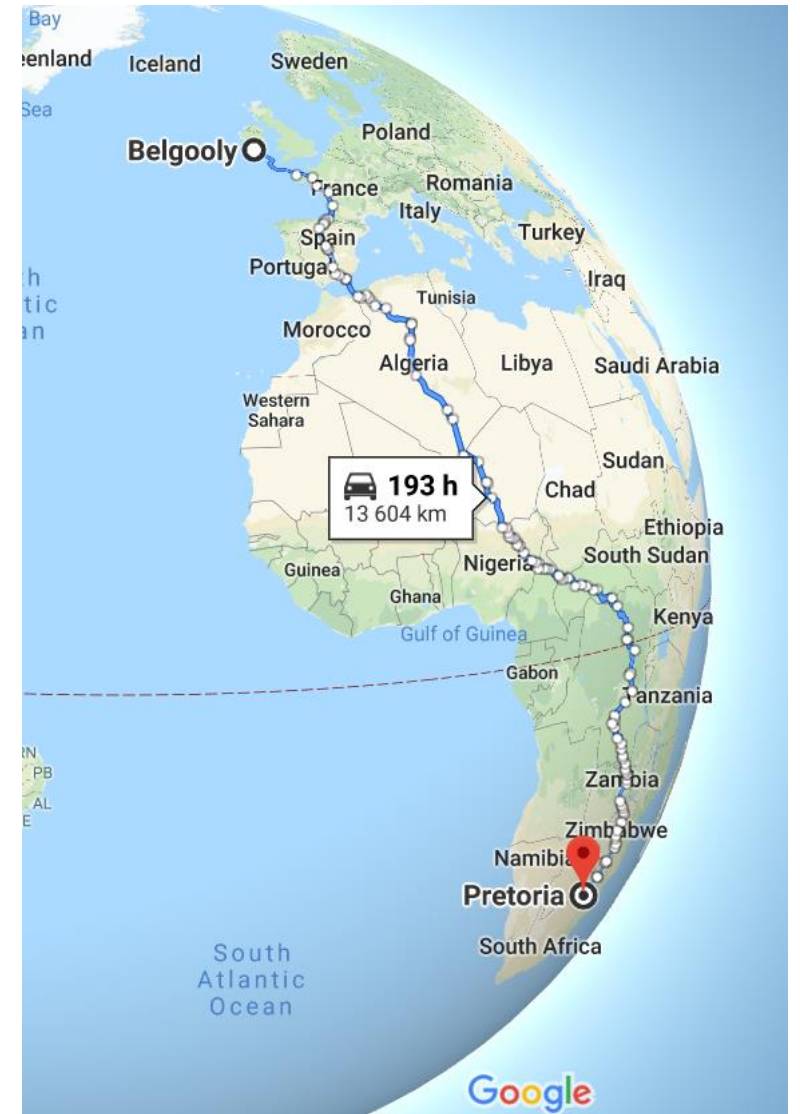
WHEN YOU NEED TO MEET A HIGHER STANDARD

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# AGENDA

- Cost of Non-Compliance
- OOS
- Data Integrity
- Supply Chain
- Aseptic Manufacturing
- CAPAs/Deviations
- Quality Metrics/Culture

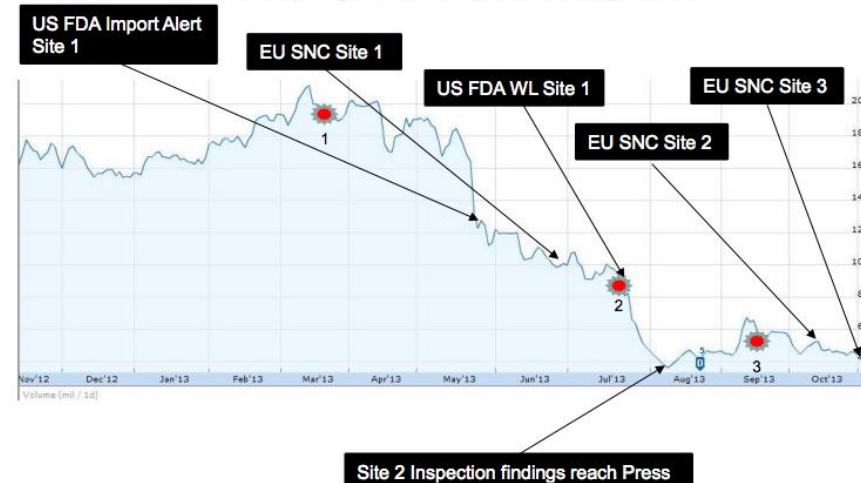


# Cost of Non-Compliance

Company A Share Price 2012



Company A; share price during 2013



Blog Post by David Churchward at MHRA  
<http://ow.ly/OMfNr>

## Impact of organisational culture: is your company behaving well?

The impact of organisational culture and senior management behaviour on data governance must not be underestimated. Indicators with relevance to data governance provide a measure of the workforce's understanding and reporting behaviour, combined with the management's receptiveness to 'bad news'. Is error or system failure reported as an opportunity for improvement, or is there a mind-set around 'not wanting to cause trouble'? To remove the incentive to manipulate, re-create or amend data, the managerial response to 'bad news' must be fair and consistent, and not based on a fear of consequences.

**'Led from the top; empowered from below'**



BUSINESS NEWS APRIL 22, 2018 / 6:20 PM / 3 MONTHS AGO

## Fresenius pulls out of Akorn takeover over data integrity

Reuters Staff

3 MIN READ



BERLIN (Reuters) - German healthcare group Fresenius SE (FREG.DE) said it had decided to pull out of its planned acquisition of Akorn (AKRX.O) after it found data integrity breaches at the U.S. generic drug maker.

July 2018 – 24 page 483 published by FDA



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DISTRICT ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER 550 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60661 (312) 353-5863 (FAX: 312-596-4190)	DATE(S) OF INSPECTION(S) 4/9-20/18, 5/3/18, 5/7-11,16/18 FBI NUMBER 1450114
NAME AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM REPORT ISSUED Jonathan D. Shoemaker, Vice President and General Manager	
FIRM NAME Akorn, Inc.	STREET ADDRESS 1222 W. Grand Ave.
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE, COUNTRY Decatur, IL 62522	TYPE ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTED Sterile Drug Manufacturer
<p>This document lists observations made by the FDA representative(s) during the inspection of your facility. They are inspectional observations, and do not represent a final Agency determination regarding your compliance. If you have an objection regarding an observation, or have implemented, or plan to implement, corrective action in response to an observation, you may discuss the objection or action with the FDA representative(s) during the inspection or submit this information to FDA at the address above. If you have any questions, please contact FDA at the phone number and address above.</p>	
DURING AN INSPECTION OF YOUR FIRM WE OBSERVED:	
Observation 1	
<p>Your firm failed to establish and follow appropriate written procedures that are designed to prevent microbiological contamination of drug products purporting to be sterile, and that include validation of all aseptic and sterilization processes.</p>	
<p>Aseptic behavior is described in AA143 Aseptic Technique procedure, revision 32, dated 4.9.18.</p> <p>A. During the inspection, our investigators observed poor aseptic processing techniques that were previously videotaped at your facility (b) (4) line (aseptic (b) (4) sterilized) and (b) (4) line (b) (4) sterilized)) as well as during a walk-through inspection of (b) (4) line on 4/9/18.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operators were seen reaching over open vials during interventions. These vials were not removed from the line. Interventions are not executed using the closest door available. During the review of the video, we observed interventions on the far side of the filling area being executed from the near side of the filling area.</li> <li>The addition of rubber stoppers is not performed aseptically. The stopper bag is held over the head of the operator and dangled through the (b) (4). The bag touches the inside of the hopper and is shook to empty the stoppers bag. Smoke studies show the operator touching the inside of the hopper with his glove during addition. The outer bag was removed up to 20 minutes prior to addition. The inner bag was handled multiple times during this period.</li> <li>Operators were seen touching their gowning. In one case the operator touched their lower leg/shoe, then proceeded to touch a stopper bag.</li> <li>Fallen vials were not removed and instead replaced onto the line.</li> </ol>	
SEE REVERSE OF THIS PAGE	<p>Michele Perry Williams, Investigator Sandra A. Hughes, Investigator Michele L. Glendenning, Investigator</p> <p>5/16/2018</p>

# FDA CDER DATA

## Recent Warning Letter Trends

1. OOS Investigations
2. Data Integrity
3. Water Systems
4. Cross Contamination
5. Lack of raw material and finished drug testing
  - More often for non-application, OTC, monograph drugs

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## Enforcement and advisory tools

Regulatory Meetings

Injunctions

Consent Decrees

Import Alerts

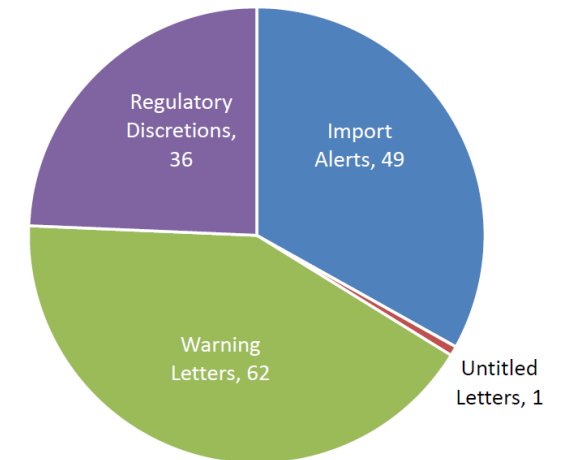
Seizures

Warning Letters

Untitled Letters

Others

### 2018 Regulatory Actions



1 Jan 2018 to 31 August 2018  
Excludes compounding-related actions

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# Out Of Specification



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# CDER - OOS

## Recent Warning Letter Trends: OOS Investigations



- 2018: more than 10 Warning Letters for deficient out-of-specification investigations
  - FDA Guidance on this topic
    - <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/drugs/guidances/ucm070287.pdf>
- Frequent OOS investigation issues:
  1. Not appropriately expanding scope to include manufacturing
  2. Inappropriate use of outlier tests

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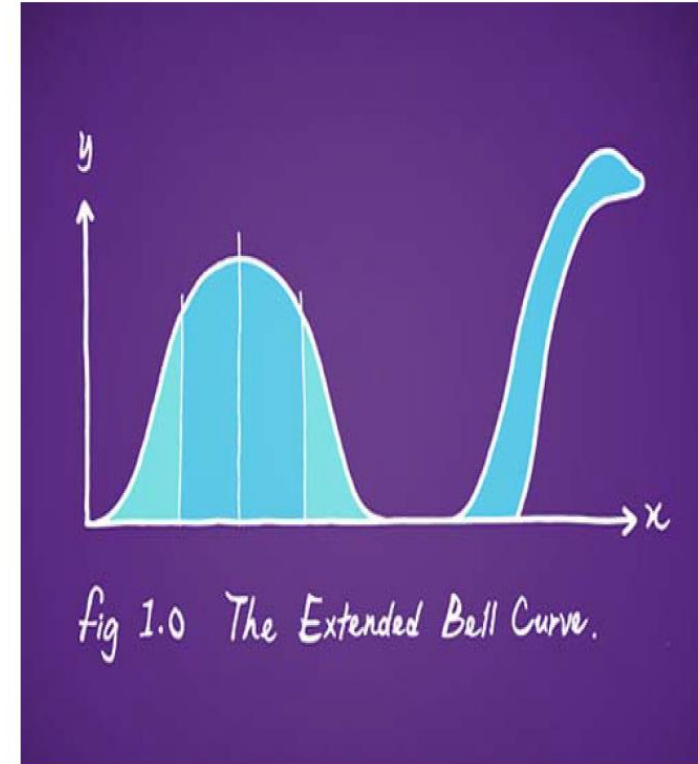


# CDER - OOS

## Recent Warning Letter Trends: OOS Investigations



- Inappropriate use of outlier tests:
  - *you attributed this failure to an “unknown lab error.” You claimed that the low individual assay test result was an outlier and that the most probable root cause was analytical error. **Outlier tests have no applicability in cases where the variability in the product is what is being assessed.***
  - Recent warning letter



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# OUT OF SPECIFICATION PROCEDURES

- Binary Outcome
- Phased approach
- Phase 1 – clear and obvious Lab error
- Ask yourself the question – any evidence to prove this?



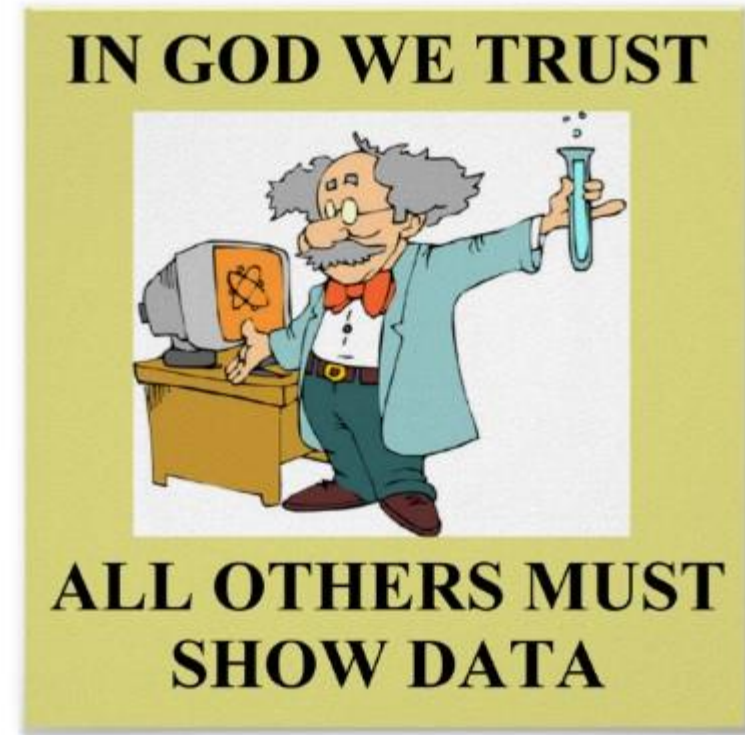
# DATA Integrity



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# DATA INTEGRITY

- Regulatory request is that Industry is designing systems where deliberate acts of fraud are impossible.
- Why the lack of trust?



# CDER – DATA INTEGRITY TRENDS

## Recent Warning Letter Trends: Data Integrity



- FDA continues to see a significant number of CGMP violations due to lack of data integrity.
- Numerous regulatory actions result
  - Warning Letters
  - Import Alerts
  - Consent Decrees
- But there are degrees of data integrity issues...

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# CDER – DATA INTEGRITY

## Recent Warning Letter Trends: Data Integrity



- Degrees of data integrity issues...
- Poor lab/data controls
  - Our investigator observed that the *audit trail feature was disabled* on instruments you use for quality control testing of your API, including your high performance liquid chromatography system. Your analytical systems also lacked controls to prevent users from deleting or altering electronic data. For example, your quality assurance executive, *who also performed your analytical tests, had administrator access to each system.*
- Overriding OOS findings
  - our investigator found *unreported analyses including out-of-specification (OOS) results* for the same lot acquired earlier on the same date, and on the next day as the reported results

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# CDER – DATA INTEGRITY

## Recent Warning Letter Trends: Data Integrity



- Degrees of data integrity issues...
- 2 sets of books
  - *Our investigator also found that you failed to document, investigate, and resolve out-of-specification (OOS) results in your laboratory. The **investigator identified two sets of laboratory testing records** for four [redacted] batches and five [redacted] batches: one set of records included OOS results; the second set included results within specifications.*



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# CDER - DATA INTEGRITY

## Recent Warning Letter Trends: Data Integrity



- Degrees of data integrity issues...

- Outright Falsification

*– You were not able to provide analytical test data for three batches of [redacted] spray and one batch of [redacted]. We found that **you created certificates of analysis for these four batches before they were manufactured and tested.***



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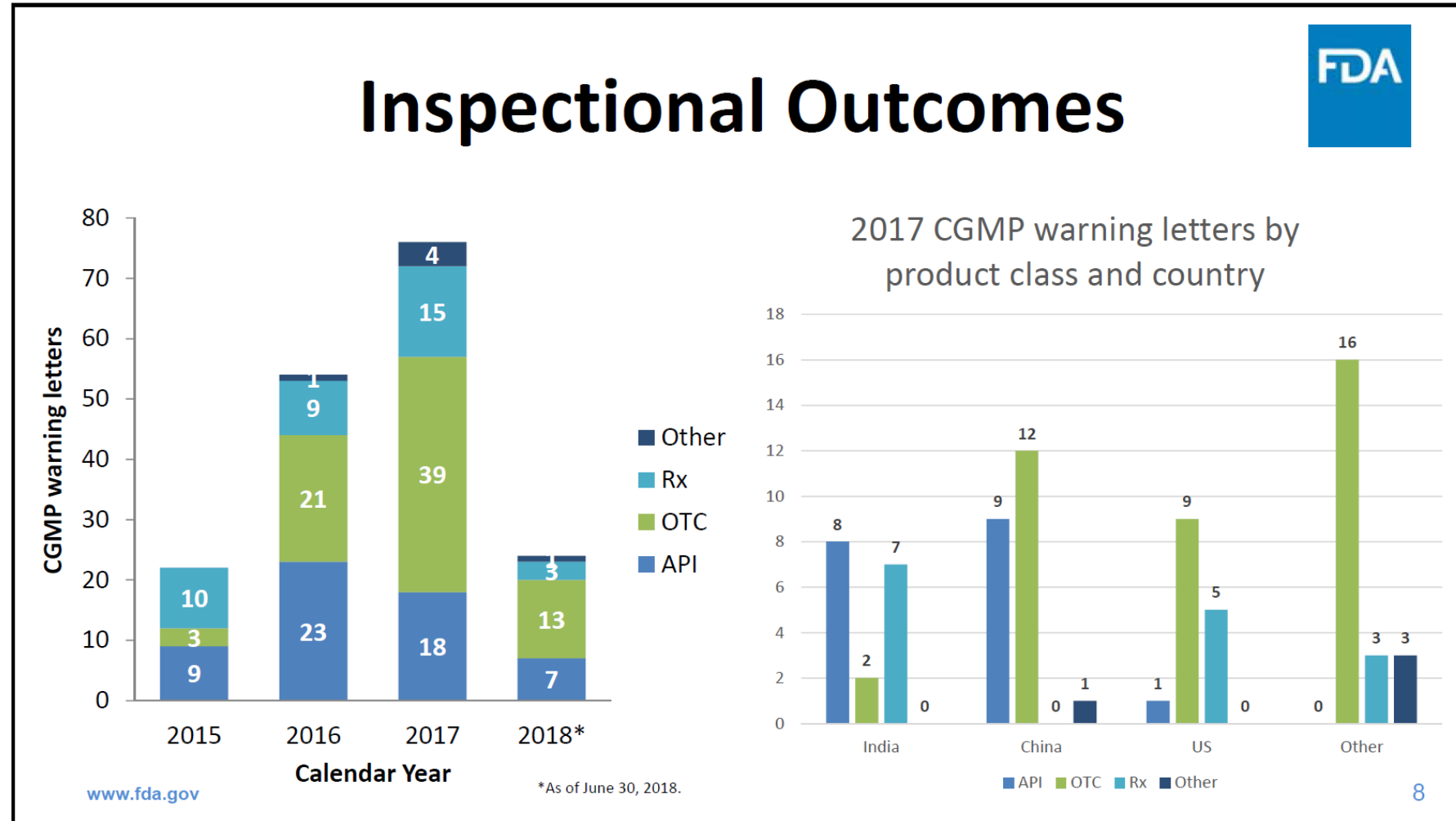
**The Marketing Authorisation Holders  
are responsible for the integrity of  
their Supply Chain.**

# API SUPPLY

- Where are you sourcing your API from?
- How are you ensuring compliance with ICH Q7?
- Are the Regulators Inspecting based on Geographical Convenience or Risk?



# FDA INSPECTION DATA



# CDER – API & RAW MATERIALS

## Recent Warning Letter Trends: Raw Material and Finished Drug Testing



- 2018: more than 20 warning letters and many import alerts so far for failures to meet basic CGMP
  - No raw material testing prior to use
  - No drug product testing prior to release
- Typically non-application OTC/monograph drugs.



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# CDER – API & RAW MATERIALS

## API Manufacturers

### Different types of impurities

- Degradants that increase over time
- Residual solvents left over from the manufacturing process
- Elemental impurities in raw materials
- Byproducts of manufacturing chemistry reactions

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Silver Spring, MD 20903

Via UPS  
Return Receipt Requested

June 22, 2018

Warning Letter 320-18-59

Mr. Shenyong Gong  
President  
Sichuan Friendly Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.  
No. 690 Hongpai Road  
Dongxing District, Neijiang City  
Sichuan Province  
P.R.C. 641000

Dear Mr. Gong:

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) inspected your manufacturing facility, Sichuan Friendly Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. at No. 690 Hongpai Road, Neijiang City, Sichuan Province, P.R.C. from October 23 to 27, 2017.

This warning letter summarizes significant deviations from good manufacturing practice (cGMP) for active pharmaceutical ingredients (API).

Because your methods, facilities, or controls for manufacturing, processing, packing, or holding do not conform to the requirements of section 501(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act), 21 U.S.C. 351(a)(2)(B), your API is adulterated within the meaning of section 501(a)(2)(B) of the FD&C Act.

We reviewed your November 17, 2017, response to our letter and acknowledge receipt of your subsequent correspondence.

During our inspection, our investigator observed specific deviations including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Failure to ensure that all specifications and test procedures are scientifically sound and appropriate to ensure that your API conform to established standards of quality and purity.

Your firm failed to conduct residual solvent testing of your active pharmaceutical ingredient (API), (b)(4) USP, distributed to the United States.

For example, you did not test for residual solvent levels (e.g., (b)(4)) in your intermediate or finished (b)(4) API batches in order to determine whether results fell within acceptable levels.

You also manufacture this API on shared equipment. Multiple API are produced on this equipment and use other solvents, including (b)(4), a class 2 solvent. Class 2 solvents must be limited because of their inherent toxicity and controlled to protect patients from potential adverse effects.

In your response, you committed to establish and validate an analytical method for residual solvents as per ICH guidelines, test for residual solvents in all batches of (b)(4) USP distributed in the United States, and provide the results to FDA. As of the date of this letter, you have yet to submit residual solvents test results for your drugs distributed to the United States.

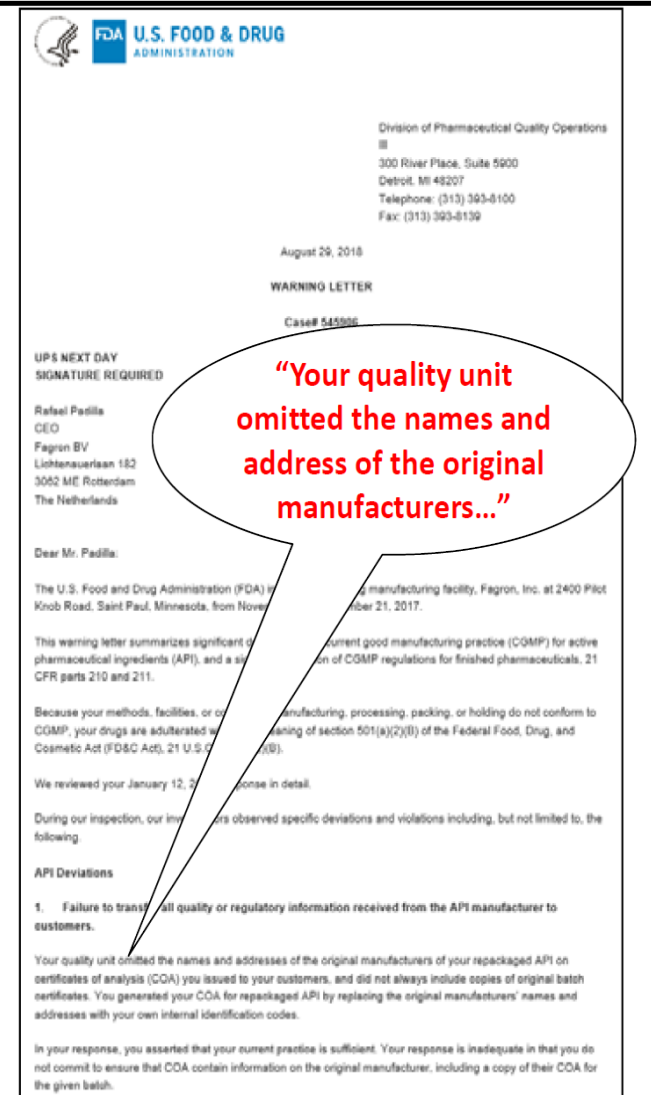
**“...failed to conduct residual solvent testing of your API.”**

# CDER – API & RAW MATERIALS

## Obfuscation of supply chain information

- Failing to include the name of the API manufacturer or expiration date of the certificate of analysis
- Obscuring the name of the original API by placing their letterhead on the certificate of analysis

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# CDER – API & RAW MATERIALS

## Recent Warning Letter Trends: Raw Material and Finished Drug Testing



More worrisome, there have been four Warning Letters related for glycerin testing so far in 2018.

*You failed to test incoming components you use in manufacturing drug products to determine their conformance to identity, purity, strength, and other appropriate specifications....*

*For example, your firm did not test each lot of glycerin used as a component of your drugs to determine whether diethylene glycol (DEG) or ethylene glycol was present....*

*DEG contamination in pharmaceuticals has resulted in various lethal poisoning incidents in humans worldwide.*

– Recent warning letter

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# Aseptic Manufacturing



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# ASEPTIC MANUFACTURING

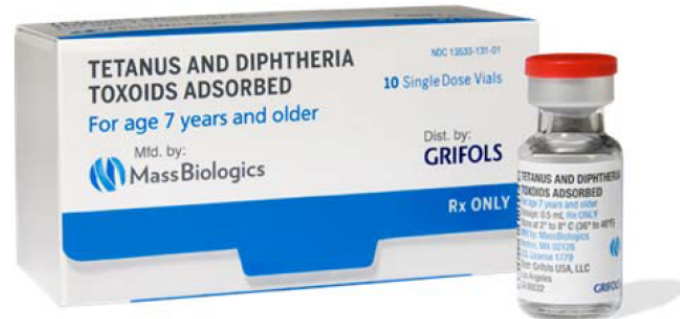
- Risk based EM program
  - Data driven decisions
- Operator training
  - Microbial background
  - Aseptic technique
  - Supervision
- Media Fill Qualification
  - Product Grouping
  - Discards
  - Interventions



## Vaccines - MassBiologics



Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids, Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids Adsorbed (Td vaccine) and influenza vaccine



- Untitled Letter Issued October 2, 2017
- CGMP violations:
  - Poor aseptic technique, failure to calibrate/inspect/check equipment used in manufacture



## RTI Surgical, Inc.



- Inspection April 3 – 28, 2017
- Numerous CGMP violations: media fill issues, lack of process validation, inadequate environmental monitoring, etc.
- \*WL issued November 8, 2017
- Firm sent many updates
- Response Review issued April 27, 2018 (continued deficiencies)

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map3<sup>®</sup> Cellular Allogeneic Bone Graft Product (map3<sup>®</sup> Allograft)

# CDER - WATER

## Recent Warning Letter Trends: Water Systems



*Our investigator found that your firm was falsifying laboratory data. ... For multiple points of use, **your analyst reported far fewer CFU than observed on the plate by our investigator....**This is concerning because you use [redacted] water to manufacture products, such as [redacted] API, that are **intended for use in sterile injectable dosage forms.***

– Recent warning letter



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# CDER - CROSS CONTAMINATION

## Recent Warning Letter Trends: Cross Contamination



### Import Alerts/Warning Letters for potent drugs

- **Hormones:**  
An API firm makes multiple potent drugs (including hormones) on shared equipment, but didn't validate cleaning.
- **Beta Lactams:**  
A finished-dosage firm makes OTC drugs for the US market, but uses the same facility to make beta lactam drugs.

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# CAPAs/Deviations



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# CAPA WATCH OUTS

## System

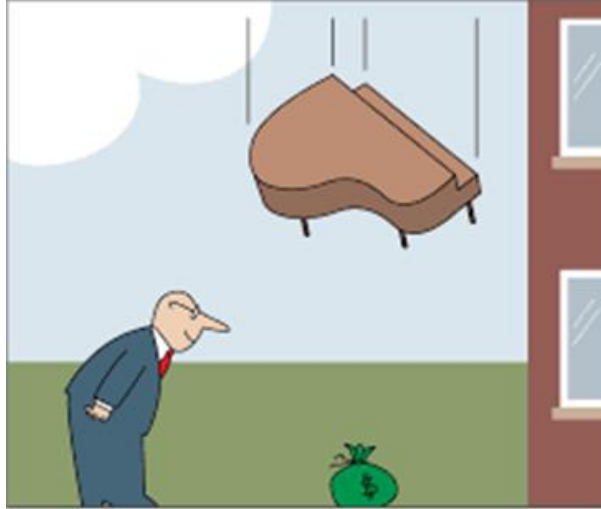
- Everything being put onto System
- Large % of overdue CAPAs
- Large % of retraining CAPAs
- Follow on CAPA's
- Impact of Metrics on behaviour
- Driven by Quality

## CAPA

- Badly Defined
- Not Managed
- Not Honest
- Last minute.com
- Poor Owner Engagement

# NOT ALL CAPAs ARE EQUAL

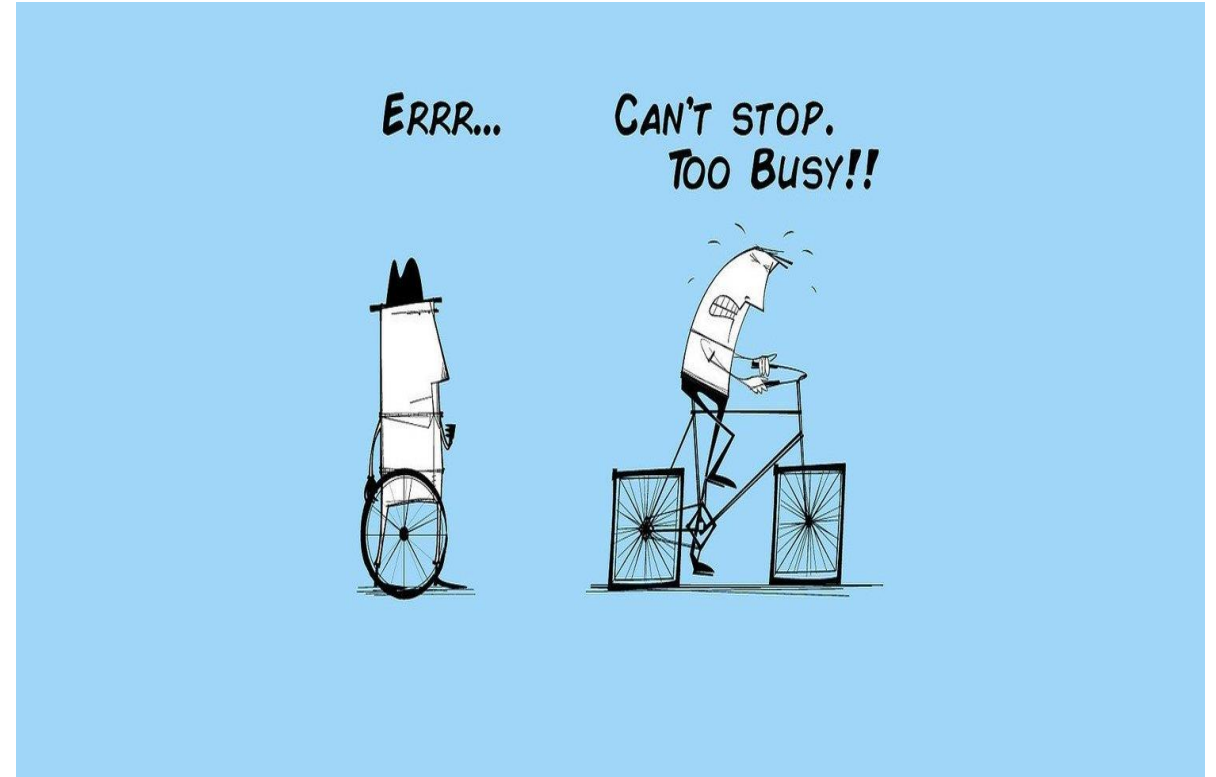
- Is CAPA commensurate with Risk/potential for occurrence?

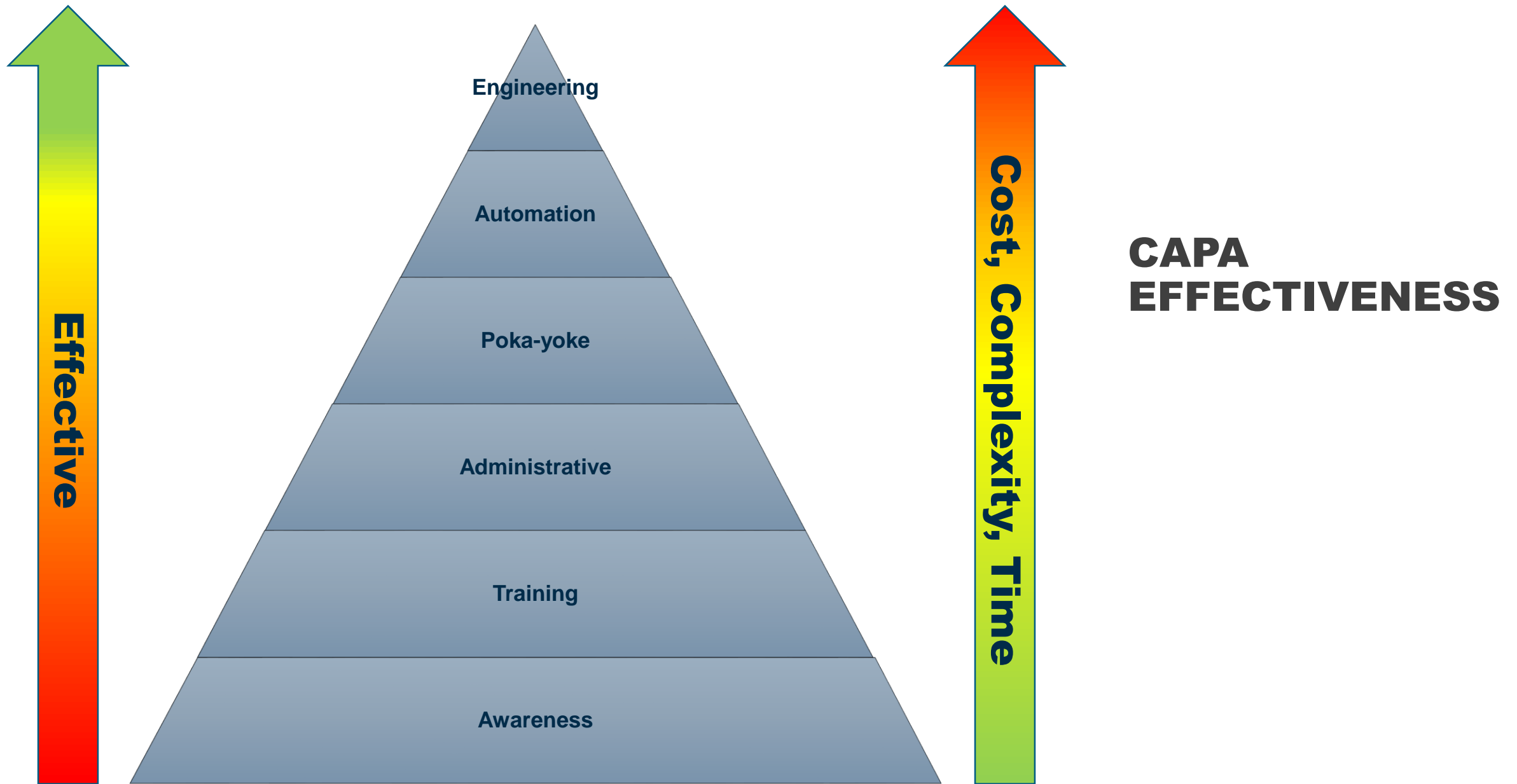




# ELEMENTS OF CAPA

- Self Contained
- Clear and Agreed Ownership
- Defined Deliverable
- Defined Time frame
- Compliance Justification for Time Frame
- Effectiveness Check





**CAI**

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# EFFECTIVENESS CHECKS

- Does the Fix Work?
- Recurrence check in 6 months time?
  - Adds nothing to Quality System
  - Focused on Event not Root Cause
  - Passive
- Active Effectiveness check

# Quality Metrics & Quality Culture



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# THE DEBATE STARTED IN 2013...

- Per ICH Q10, “Conduct management reviews of process performance and product quality and of the pharmaceutical quality system”
  - Metrics are a tool designed to
    - Drive continuous improvement ,
    - Provide early detection of control drifts,
    - Focus resources on a particular area
    - Ensure a stable longer term supply of drug product.
  - The development of meaningful Quantitative Quality Metrics within a company requires overcoming a number of challenges
  - The industry ( through professional society comment) is supportive of FDA’s efforts to utilize Quality Metrics as a potential input into FDA’s Inspectional Risk Model
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# Which Quality Metrics are best suited for FDA's Inspectional Risk Model

# HOW FDA INTENDS TO USE METRICS

FDA intends to use data from the quality metrics reporting program to focus the use of FDA resources on the areas of highest risk to public health (e.g., risk-based inspection scheduling).

- Establish a signal detection program as one factor in identifying establishments and products that may pose significant risk to consumers
- Identify situations in which there may be a risk for drug supply disruption
- Risk Based inspection
- Risk-based principles for reduced post-approval change reporting
- Improve the effectiveness of establishment inspections; and improve FDA's evaluation of drug manufacturing and control operations.



# STARTING METRICS FDA NOV 2016

- **Lot Acceptance Rate (LAR)** as an indicator of manufacturing process performance.  $LAR = \frac{\text{number of accepted lots}}{\text{number of lots started}}$  by the same covered establishment in the current reporting timeframe.
- **Product Quality Complaint Rate (PQCR)** as an indicator of patient or customer feedback.  $PQCR = \frac{\text{number of product quality complaints}}{\text{total number of dosage units distributed}}$  in the current reporting timeframe.
- **Invalidated Out-of-Specification (OOS) Rate (IOOSR)** as an indicator of the operation of a laboratory.  $IOOSR = \frac{\text{number of OOS test results invalidated}}{\text{total number of lot release and long-term stability OOS test results}}$  in the current reporting timeframe.





# CULTURE – NO ONE SIZE FITS ALL



# CULTURE

- What is Culture?



- How do you measure something like Culture?



# ISPE QUALITY CULTURE EXCELLENCE



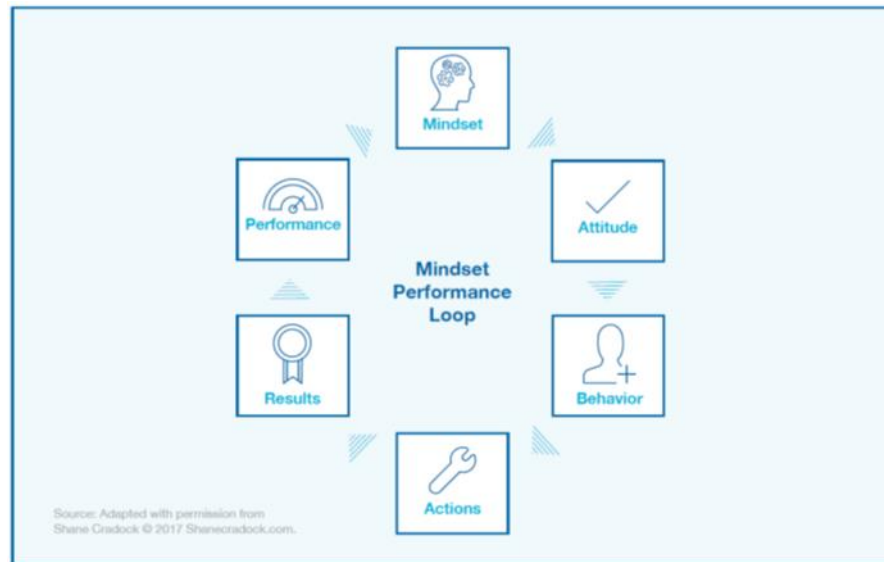
- A holistic *Quality Culture Framework* has been developed, entitled the *Six Dimensions of Cultural Excellence*



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# QUALITY METRICS AND CULTURE

- Metrics Drive Behaviours
- Behaviours drive Culture



- Compliance versus Quality
- CAPA's closed on time
- No. of CAPAs overdue
- No. of Ineffective CAPAs
- No. of Killer/100 year CAPAs

# New Product Trends

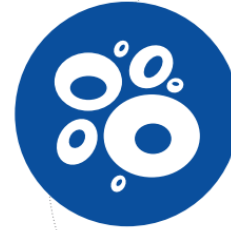


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# EMA - HIGHLIGHTS

## Medicines recommended for approval

### Cancer



**Alunbrig**  
Apealea  
**Braftovi**  
Carmustine Obvius  
**Erleada**  
Gefitinib Mylan  
**Imfinzi**  
Kanjinti  
**Kymriah** ● ● ●  
Lenalidomide Accord  
**Mektovi**  
**Nerlynx**  
Ogivri  
Pelgraz  
Pemetrexed Krka  
**Poteligeo** ●  
**Rubraca** ● ●  
Trazimera  
Udenyca  
**Verzenio**  
Vyxeos ●  
**Yescarta** ● ● ●  
Zirabev

### Infections



**Alpivab**  
**Biktarvy**  
**Delstrigo**  
Fulphila  
Juluca  
Pelmeg  
**Pifeltro**  
Tobramycin PARI  
**Vabomere**  
**Xerava**  
Ziextenzo

### Neurology



**Aimovig**  
Buvidal  
Dzuvéo  
**Emgality**  
Kigabeg  
Namuscla ●  
**Onpattro** ● ●  
**Rxulti**  
Slentyo  
**Tegsedi** ● ●

### Haematology/ Haemostaseology



**Besremi** ●  
**Cablivi** ●  
Deferiprone Lipomed  
**Hemilbra** ● ●  
**Jivi** ●  
**Lusutrombopag Shionogi**  
**Mylotarg** ●  
Trecondi ●  
Veyvondi ●

### Immunology/ Rheumatology/ Transplantation



Duzallo  
Halimatoz  
Hefiya  
Hullo  
Hyrimoz  
**Ilumetri**  
Zessly

### Endocrinology



**Lamzede** ● ●  
**Macimorelin Aeterna Zentaris**  
**Mepsevii** ● ●  
**Myalepta** ● ●  
Nityr  
Semglee

### Metabolism



**Amglicia** ●  
Miglustat Dipharma  
**Segluromet**  
**Steglatro**  
**Steglujan**

### Pneumology/ Allergology



Bevespi Aerosphere  
Riarify  
**Symkevi** ● ●  
**Takhzyro** ● ●  
Trydonis

### Vaccines



**Dengvaxia**  
Flucelvax Tetra  
**Shingrix**

### Cardiovascular



Prasugrel Mylan

### Hepatology/ Gastroenterology



**Rizmoic**

### Ophthalmology



**Luxturna** ● ●

### Reproductive medicine



Ulipristal Acetate Richter

### Uro-nephrology



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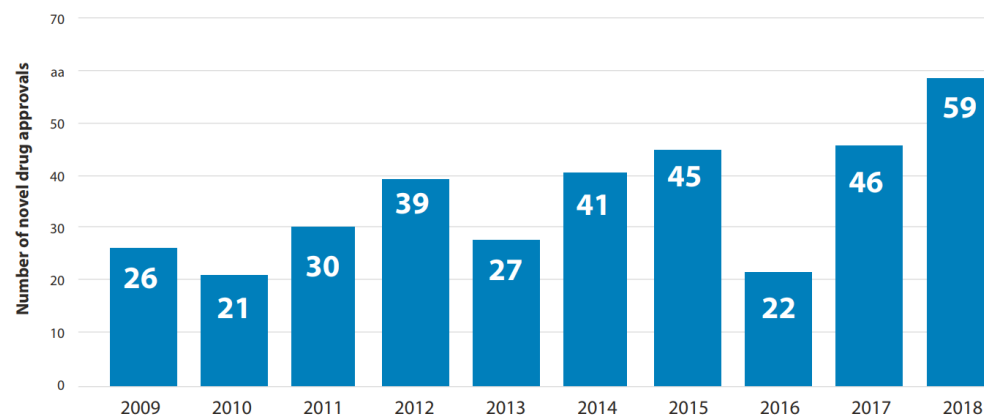
● Accelerated assessment ● Approval under exceptional circumstances ● ATMP ● Conditional marketing authorisation ● Orphan medicine ● PRIME

The medicines that contain a new active substance are highlighted in blue

# FDA - HIGHLIGHTS

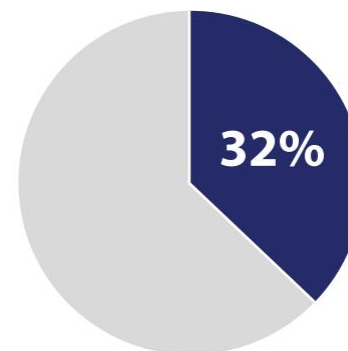
## CDER's Annual Novel Drug Approvals: 2009 - 2018

In 2018, CDER approved 59 novel drugs. The 10-year graph below shows that from 2009 through 2017, CDER has averaged about 33 novel drug approvals per year.

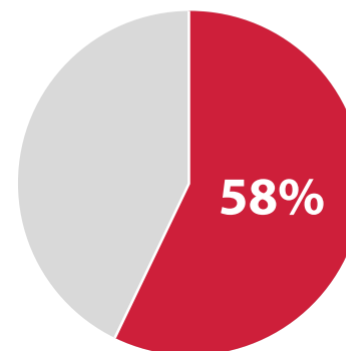


Novel Drug Approvals

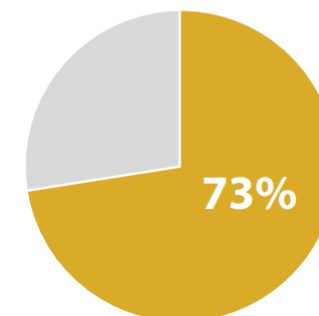
CDER identified  
**19 of the 59**  
novel drugs approved in  
2018 (32%) as first-in-class.



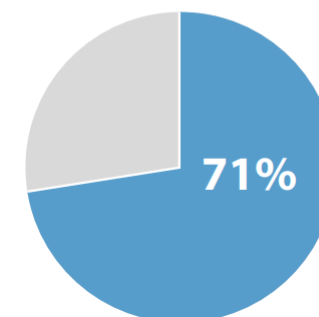
**34 of CDER's 59** novel  
drugs (58%) were approved  
to treat rare or "orphan"  
diseases.



**43 of the 59** novel drug  
approvals of 2018 (73%)  
were designated in one or  
more expedited categories  
of Fast Track, Breakthrough,  
Priority Review, and/or  
Accelerated Approval



**42 of the 59** novel drugs  
approved in 2018 (71%) were  
approved in the United States  
before receiving approval in  
any other country



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# GAO

Project | People | Process | Facility | Quality

# WHAT GOES WRONG?

- Can't be done
- Does not fix problem
- Creates a different problem
- CAPA not accepted
- Ownership not agreed
- Timeline unrealistic



# EXTENSION OR FOLLOW ON?

## Extension

- Defined Process
- Current state of CAPA
- Quality impact assessment
- New agreed timeline

## Follow on

- Traceability?
- Basis for Closure?





## FDA Seeks Permanent Injunctions Against Two Stem Cell Clinics

“Cell-based regenerative medicine holds significant medical opportunity, but we’ve also seen some bad actors leverage the scientific promise of this field to peddle unapproved treatments that put patients’ health at risk. In some instances, patients have suffered serious and permanent harm after receiving these unapproved products. In the two cases filed today, the clinics and their leadership have continued to disregard the law and more importantly, patient safety. We cannot allow unproven products that exploit the hope of patients and their loved ones.”

FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, M.D.  
May 9, 2018

<https://www.fda.gov/newsevents/newsroom/pressannouncements/ucm607257.htm>

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A world map with a grid of latitude and longitude lines. Numerous small black dots are scattered across the map, representing the locations of research centers. The dots are distributed across all major landmasses, with a higher concentration in North America, Europe, and Asia.



# Human medicines highlights 2018



Key figures on the European Medicines Agency's (EMA) recommendations for the authorisation of new medicines in 2018:

## 10 Withdrawn applications

### 3 Approval under exceptional circumstances

# CBER/CDER



## Most Common Drug Citations for FY17

Among approximately 694 Drug 483s  
issued 10/1/2016 to 9/30/2017

21 CFR 211.22(d)

The responsibilities and procedures applicable to the quality control unit are not [in writing] [fully followed].

Appears 185 times...

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## Most Common Drug Citations for FY17

21 CFR 211.160(b)

Laboratory controls do not include the establishment of scientifically sound and appropriate [specifications] [standards] [sampling plans] [test procedures] designed to assure that [components] [drug product containers] [closures] [in-process materials] [labeling] [drug products] conform to appropriate standards of identity, strength, quality and purity.

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WHEN YOU NEED TO MEET A HIGHER STANDARD

## Most Common Drug Citations for FY17

21 CFR 211.100(a)

There are no written procedures for production and process controls designed to assure that the drug products have the identity, strength, quality, and purity they purport or are represented to possess.

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## ***United States v. US Stem Cell Clinic LLC et al. (S.D. Fla.)***

- Permanent injunction sought against US Stem Cell Inc., US Stem Cell Clinic LLC, CSO Kristin Comella, and Theodore Gradel
- Defendants process adipose tissue (body fat) into stromal vascular fraction (a cellular product derived from body fat) for a variety of serious diseases or conditions, including:
  - Parkinson's disease, ALS, COPD, heart disease and pulmonary fibrosis
- Products not approved for any use

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