FDA Overview of Molecular Diagnostics and the Critical Path Initiative

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Medical Device Amendments of 1976

- General controls
- Registration and listing
- Good manufacturing practices
- Post market reporting

Premarket Review

- 510(k)s
- PMA
- Administrative differences
- Common scientific base

Analytical Performance

- Accuracy
- Precision
- Analytical specificity
- Analytical sensitivity

Clinical Performance

- Signals can be turned in to clinical action
- Diagnostic sensitivity
- Diagnostic specificity
- Predictive value or positive or negative results

Labeling -- 809.10(b)

- Intended use
- Performance characteristics
- Limitations

Life Cycle

- Analytical performance
- Feasibility *
- Clinical performance
- FDA approval market access

Real world use

The Real World of Regulation

FDA

- CMS (CLIA)
- CMS and others (third party pay)

10-Year Trends in Biomedical Research Spending





10-Year Trends in Major Drug and Biological Product Submissions to FDA

Year

Critical Path Initiative

- Biomarkers appear in two contexts
- Diagnosis
- Drug discovery
- Concept of personalized medicine grounded in genomic map but not bounded by this

Critical Path Initiative

- Infrastructure
- Opportunities list
- Pilot programs

Bad News

- Cutting edge new technology -multiplex, bioinformatics, nanotechnology
- Paucity of material or method standards
- Biological and clinical nuances
- Financial uncertainties

Bad News

- Scientific limitations are clear
- Spectrum bias
- Verification bias
- Impact of missing data points
- Discrepancy

Good News

- Regulatory trail is well lit
- Literature
- Standards
- Guidances

Principle Road Maps

- STARD Initiative
- ReMARK Initiative

Growing Literature on Co-Development

Simon and Wang, 2006

- Pennello and Vishnuvajjala, 2005
- Sargent et al, 2005
- Pustzai and Hess, 2004

Growing FDA Guidance

- Voluntary Genomic Data Submissions guidance
- Concept paper on co-development
- Statistical guidance on IVD labeling
- Guidance on pharmacogenetic and heritable genetic tests
- Bayesian statistics

Good News

- Broad menu of regulatory tools
- Mandate to be least burdensome
- New scientific resources -- MDUFMA
- New regulatory programs -- FDA data template, critical path

Flexible Regulatory Tools

- Pre-IDE
- Expedited reviews
- Real time reviews
- De novo classification

Review Successes

- Cystic Fibrosis test 109 days
- Avian flu 14 days
- UGT1A1 9 days

Co-Development

- If predictive diagnostic determines drug choice
- Safety and effectiveness of drug becomes hostage to diagnostic
- Need to understand system as a whole

Predictive Marker

- Identify patients by biomarker status; randomize therapy across all patients
- Identify patients by biomarker status; randomize therapy in subsets
- Randomize by treatment; look back at biomarkers

Predictive Marker

	Positive test	Positive test	Neg test	Neg test
Therapy	A	B (non-	C	D (non-
	(response)	response)	(response)	response)
Placebo	E	F (non-	G	H (non-
	(response)	response)	(response)	response)

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FDA Mission

- Promote public health
- Protect public health
- Tension in objectives

