



# **The Future of Regulatory Science at FDA**

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*“Study the past if you  
would define the  
future.”*

Confucius

# Regulatory Science

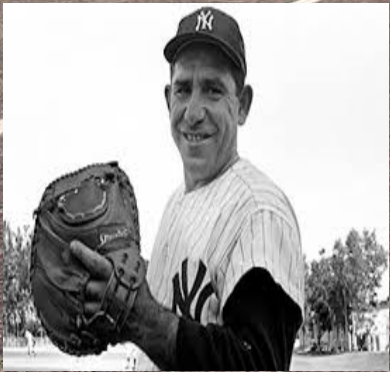
(FDA definition)

*The science of developing new tools, standards, and approaches to assess the safety, efficacy, quality, and performance of FDA-regulated products.*





“If you don't know where you're  
going, any road will get you there.”  
*Lewis Carroll*



“If you don't know where you're  
going, you'll wind up somewhere  
else.”

*Yogi Berra*

A close-up photograph of a laboratory setting. A glass pipette is shown in the upper left, with a single drop of clear liquid hanging from its tip. Below the pipette, several glass test tubes are arranged in rows, their open ends facing upwards. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue.

## **FDA Science and Mission at Risk**

Report of the  
Subcommittee on Science  
and Technology

Prepared For  
FDA Science Board

November 2007

# Science and Mission at Risk

## 2007 Report

- Raised serious concerns regarding the health of the science enterprise at FDA
- Causes identified:
  - *Chronic underfunding*
  - *Loss of scientific expertise*
  - *Increasing legislative mandates/responsibilities without corresponding resources to support them*





# Additional Legislative Responsibilities Since 2007 Report

- FDA Amendments Act (FDAAA 2007)
- Tobacco Control Act (2009)
- Affordable Care Act (2010)
  - Title VII - generics
- Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA 2011)
- FDA Safety and Innovation Act (FDASIA 2012)
- Drug Quality and Security Act (DQSA 2013)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures and Senate Innovation Act (2015)



# Science and Mission at Risk

## 2007 Report

- Major recommendations:
  - *Realign science organization to better manage/coordinate emerging science*
  - *Strengthen the science base*
  - *Enhance the scientific workforce*





# Science Organization at FDA

- **Cross cutting coordination and science promotion improved**
  - **Office of Chief Scientist established**
    - **Office of Regulatory Science and Innovation**
    - **Office of Scientific and Professional Development**
    - **Office of Countermeasures and Emerging Threats**
    - **Office of Health Informatics**
  - **Senior Science Council**

## *Cross-Cutting Regulatory Science Programs*

- Centers of Excellence in Regulatory Science & Innovation (CERSI)



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY



University of California  
San Francisco



STANFORD  
UNIVERSITY

- Challenge Grants
- Broad Agency Announcement
- Medical Countermeasures Initiative

## *Cross Cutting Regulatory Science Programs*

- Medical Countermeasures Initiative
- Nanotechnology Core Facilities
- Highly Integrated Virtual Environment (HIVE)
- Shared scientific resources



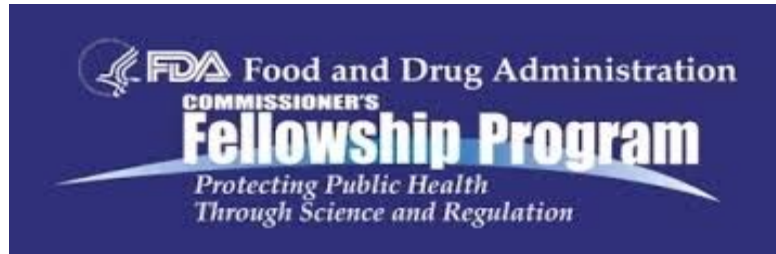
- Modernize toxicology to enhance product safety
- Stimulate innovation in clinical evaluations and personalized medicine
- Support new approaches to improve product manufacturing and quality
- Ensure FDA readiness to evaluate innovative technologies
- Harness diverse data through information sciences
- Implement a prevention-focused food safety system
- Develop medical countermeasures
- Strengthen social and behavioral sciences
- Strengthen global product safety



# Regulatory Science at FDA

- Important to note all agency components also have program-specific regulatory science initiatives
- Includes intramural and extramural support
- Centers of Excellence
- Critical Path Initiative

# Training Programs



## Service Fellowships

# Facilities



# Science Board Updated Review

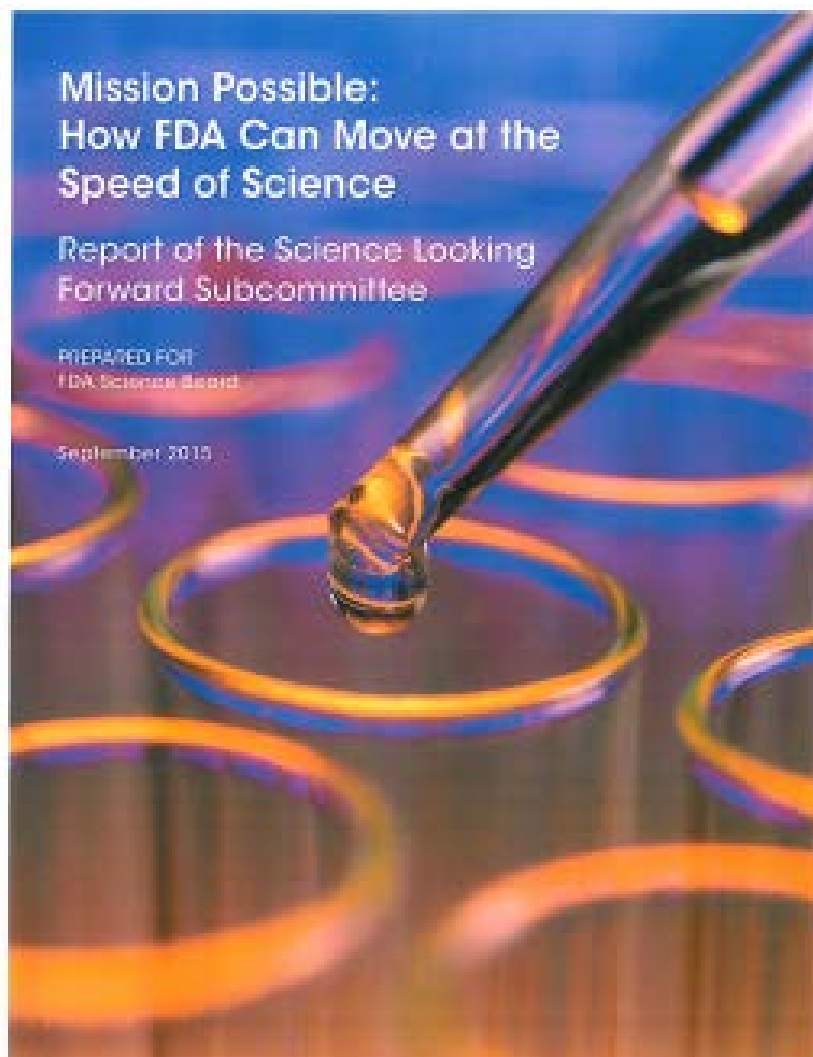
- Late 2013, Science Board requested to review progress since previous report
- Specific questions:
  - **Whether changes that FDA has made to its regulatory science programs have been a success**
  - **Whether FDA should consider any other programmatic changes**
  - **What opportunities, strategies, and frameworks for collaboration, will best advance FDA's mission**
  - **Whether FDA has taken sufficient steps to strengthen the scientific workforce & whether additional steps may be necessary**





- Outlines current status of regulatory science at FDA
- Details of current programs
- Examples of activities in each regulatory science priority thematic area

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/ScienceResearch/AboutScienceResearchatFDA/UCM456328.pdf>



## Progress Since 2007

*“The responsiveness of FDA to the Mission at Risk report and those responsible for overseeing its work has been extensive, transformative, and laudable. Many substantive changes have been made in FDA’s organization, authorities, and programs that significantly address issues identified in 2007.”*

# Report Recommendations

- Medical Product Innovation
  - Facilitate biomarker & surrogate endpoint qualification
  - Clinical trial efficiency
    - Master protocols
    - Clinical trial networks
  - Data mining & analytic tools
    - Full deployment of Sentinel; expand to devices

# Report Recommendations

- Product quality
  - Genomics
    - medical product quality and safety
    - Foodborne and other outbreak investigation
  - Analytic methods for nanotechnology
  - Novel technologies for lab & field analytics



# Report Recommendations

- Modernizing toxicology
  - Pluripotent stem cells for toxicity evaluation
  - Bioimaging for neurotoxicity
  - Mathematical modeling of systems
  - *In silico* modeling for susceptibility to toxicity
  - “Organ-on-a-chip” technology

# Report Recommendations

- Expand extramural collaborations
  - Specific mention of Reagan-Udall Foundation
- Recruitment of “21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce”
- *Resources to match responsibilities*

# Overarching Regulatory Science Priority for Medical Products

*Study and support development of  
innovative ways to  
streamline/supplement/speed medical  
product availability **without** negative impact  
on the FDA gold standard of product efficacy  
and safety.*

# Additional Priority Areas

- Methods development for use of real world data (esp. pre-market)
- Adaptive/innovative clinical trial design
- Patient-focused drug development
- Social and behavioral science

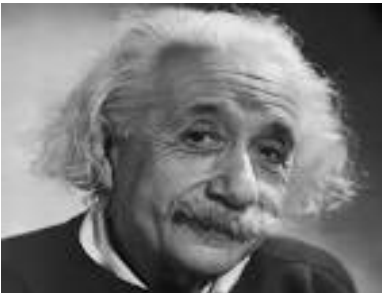


# **GLOBAL SUMMIT REGULATORY SCIENCE 2015**



- 5<sup>th</sup> GSRS in Parma Italy
- Focus area was bioinformatics
- 26 countries & 150 participants
- Increasing opportunities for regulatory science internationally

“We cannot solve our problems  
with the same thinking we used  
when we created them.”



Albert Einstein