



# **Regulatory Education for Industry (REdI): Pharmaceutical Quality Symposium**

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# Welcome!

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# **FDA's Office of Pharmaceutical Quality (OPQ) An Overview and Update**

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# Outline

- Overview / Design of OPQ
- OPQ Accomplishments in 2015
- OPQ 2016 Priorities
- The Partnership of FDA and Industry



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# Overview/Design of OPQ

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# Office of Pharmaceutical Quality (OPQ)

## Mission

*The Office of Pharmaceutical Quality assures that quality medicines are available to the American public*

## Vision

*The Office of Pharmaceutical Quality will be a global benchmark for regulation of pharmaceutical quality*

## Slogan

***'One Quality Voice'***



## *'One Quality Voice'* Value Statements

- **Put patients first** by balancing risk and availability
- Have one quality voice by **integrating review and inspection** across product lifecycle
- Safeguard clinical performance by establishing **scientifically sound quality standards**



## *'One Quality Voice'* Value Statements

- Maximize focus and efficiency by applying **risk-based approaches**
- Strengthen the effectiveness of lifecycle quality evaluations by using **team-based processes**
- Enhance quality regulation by developing and utilizing staff expertise

## *'One Quality Voice'* Value Statements

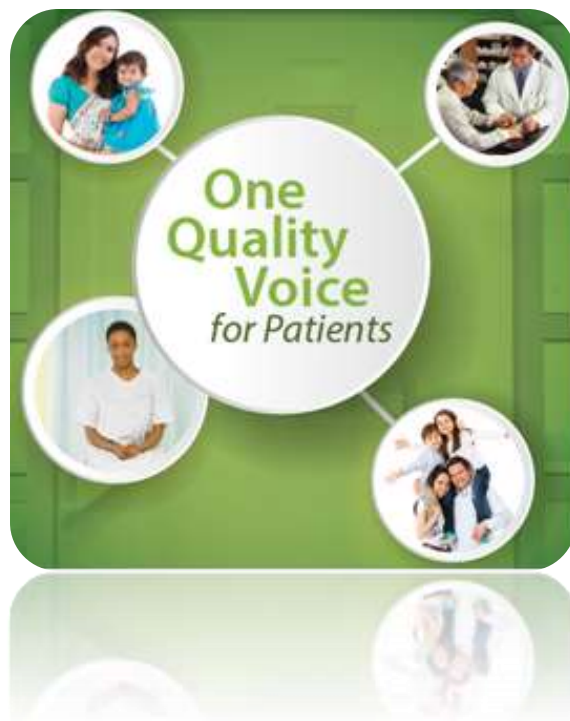
- Encourage innovation by advancing **new technology and manufacturing science**
- Provide effective leadership by emphasizing cross-disciplinary interaction, shared accountability, and joint problem solving
- Build **collaborative relationships** by communicating openly, honestly, and directly

# Objectives of OPQ



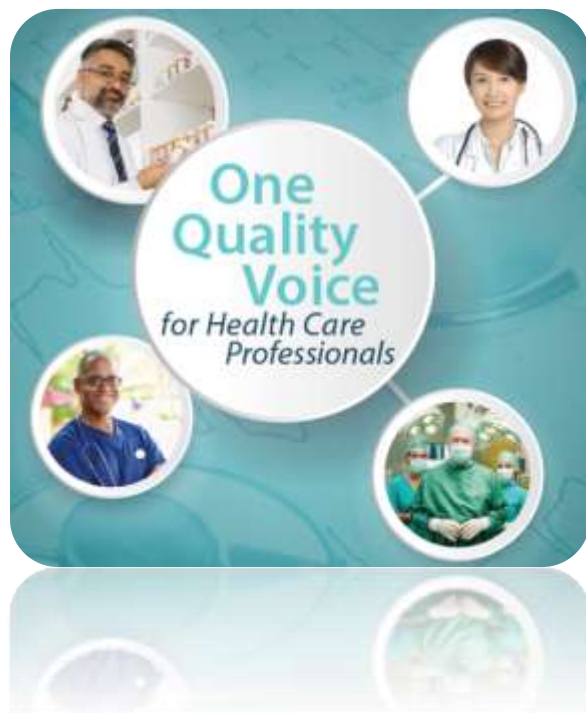
- A single unit in CDER dedicated to drug product quality that fosters close integration of major functional areas

# Objectives of OPQ



- Implement a lifecycle approach to quality that spans pre- and post-approval for both brand and generic drugs

# Objectives of OPQ



- Balance potential quality risks with the risk of a patient not getting a drug
- Anticipate quality problems before they develop to help prevent drug shortages

# Objectives of OPQ



- Establish consistent, clinically relevant quality standards and clear expectations for industry
- Emphasize quality metrics and surveillance techniques to help monitor quality across facilities
- Encourage use of modern, more efficient manufacturing technologies

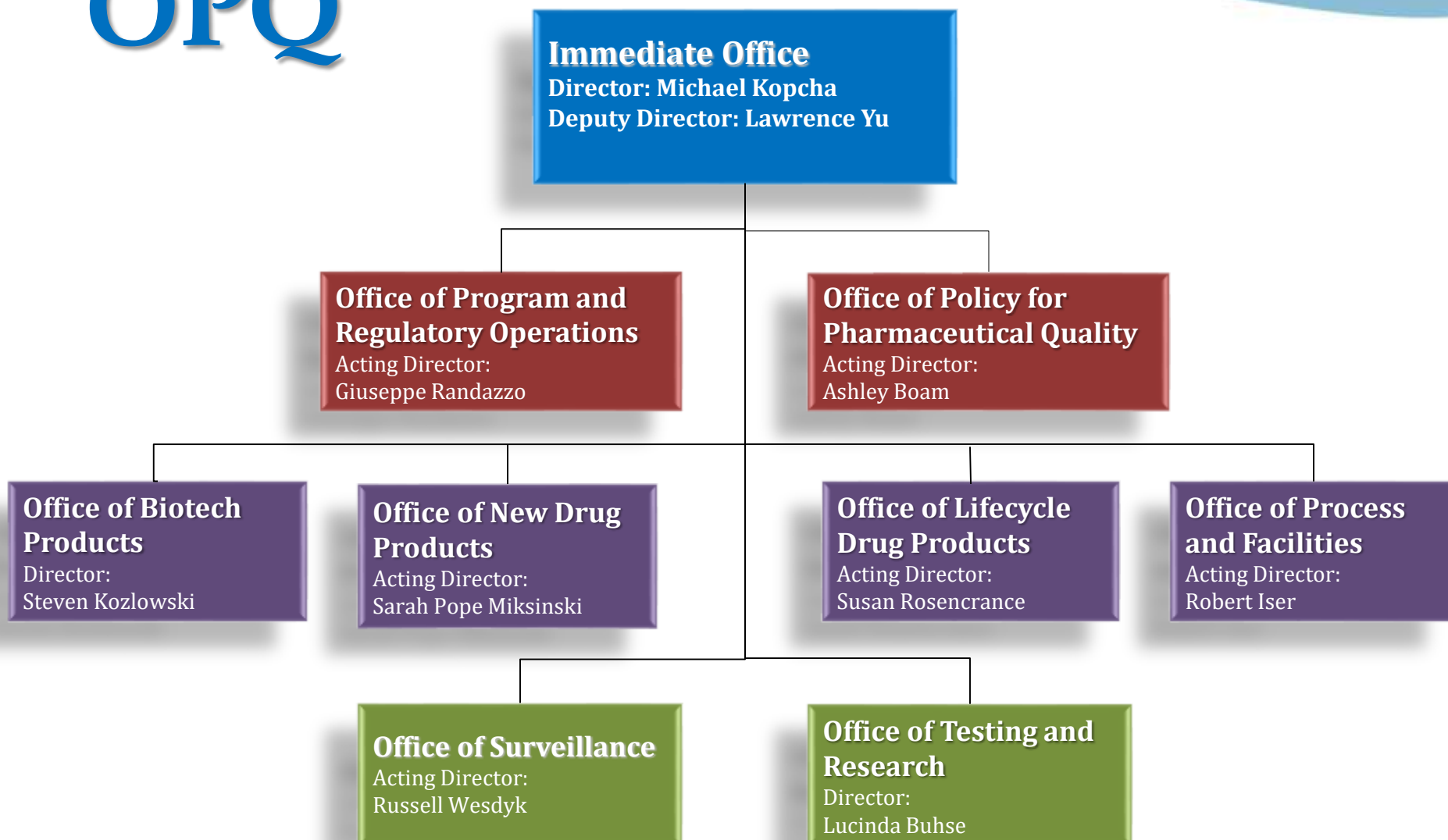


# OPQ

- To keep pace with increasing product complexity, OPQ is organized based on discipline and expertise
- The review function matrices across OPQ for enhanced interactions, communication, and consistency among sub-offices
- Functional areas align for the purpose of streamlining FDA processes that monitor drug quality



# OPQ



**Office of Program and  
Regulatory Operations**

Acting Director:  
Giuseppe Randazzo

## – Office of Program and Regulatory Operations (OPRO)

- Manages the business processes associated with drug product quality assessment and facility inspections
- Facilitates a quality management system
- Handles learning and professional development programs

**Office of Policy for  
Pharmaceutical Quality**

Acting Director:  
Ashley Boam

## – Office of Policy for Pharmaceutical Quality (OPPQ)

- Develops, implements, and updates science- and risk-based policies, standards, and guidance documents related to drug product quality and assessment
- Ensures consistent interpretation and application of drug product quality policies and programs

**Office of Biotech  
Products**

Director:  
Steven Kozlowski

**Office of New Drug  
Products**

Acting Director:  
Sarah Pope Miksinski

**Office of Lifecycle  
Drug Products**

Acting Director:  
Susan Rosencrance

## – Office of Biotechnology Products (OBP), Office of New Drug Products (ONDP), and Office of Lifecycle Drug Products (OLDP)

- Perform quality assessment of the drug substance, drug product, and biopharmaceutics portions of applications (NDAs, ANDAs, BLAs, and supplements)
  - Formulation/product design
  - Risk assessment
  - Quality standards and clinically relevant specifications
  - Control strategy related to product attributes
  - Stability

**Office of Process and  
Facilities**

Acting Director:  
Robert Iser

## – Office of Process and Facilities (OPF)

- Performs quality assessment of the manufacturing process for applications (NDAs, ANDAs, BLAs, and complex supplements)
  - Ensures successful implementation of manufacture at commercial scale
  - Advises on applied microbiological issues related to product quality and manufacture
  - Advises on inspectional and facility issues related to applications



**Office of Surveillance**

Acting Director:  
Russell Wesdyk

## – Office of Surveillance (OS)

- Monitors quality and manages information about the entire inventory of CDER-regulated sites and products
  - Generates and manages knowledge related to the ‘state of quality’ for both facility and product using a set of quality metrics
  - Intelligence generated strengthens ability to make risk-based decisions that govern inspection frequency and coverage
  - Allows for rapid response to process trends before serious quality problems occur

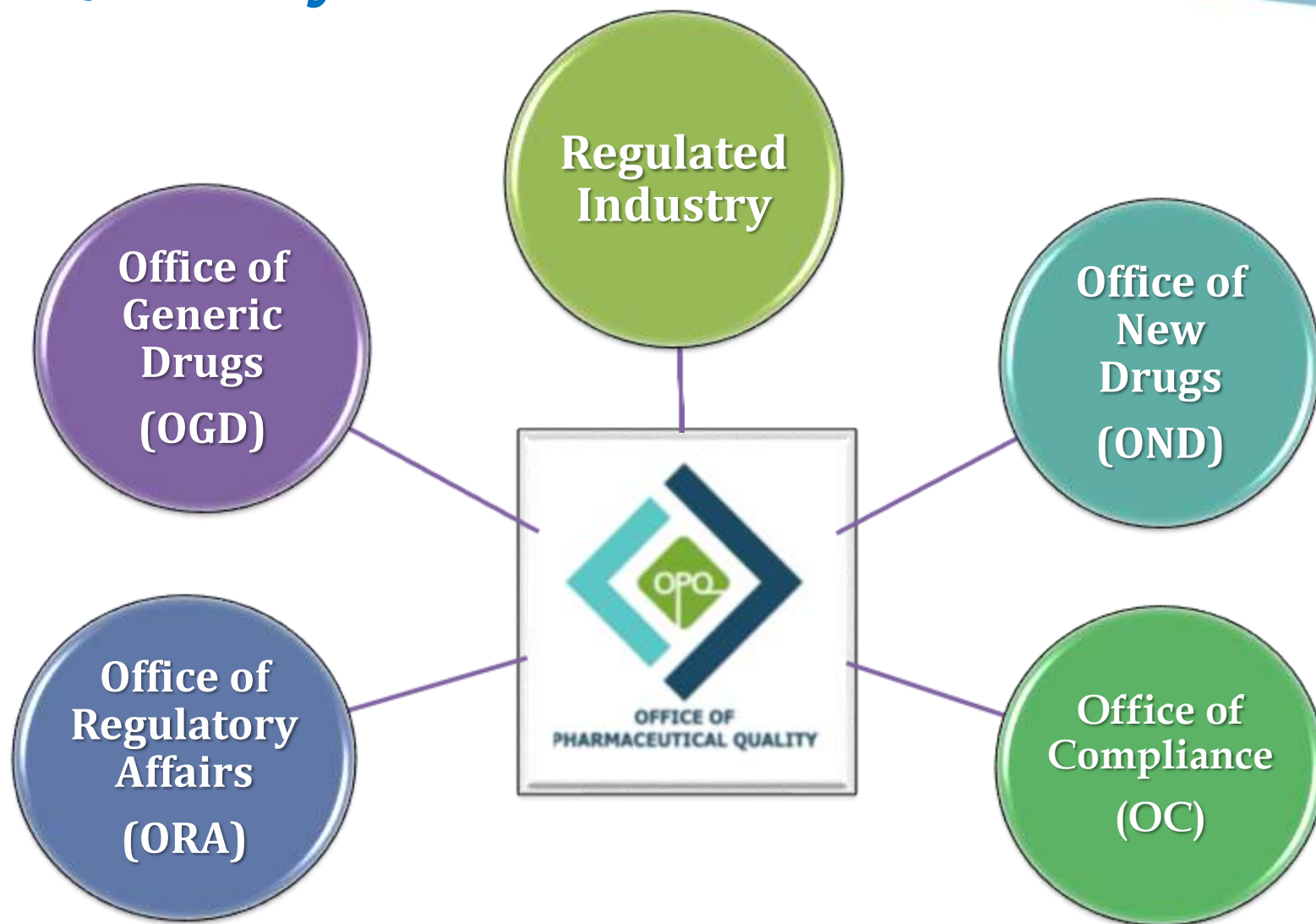
**Office of Testing and  
Research**

Director:  
Lucinda Buhse

## – Office of Testing and Research (OTR)

- Performs research on the manufacture, formulation, and characterization of drug products that supports the development of scientific standards and policies
  - Collaborates with the review and policy offices to help advance science and establish standards related to quality, especially for complex products
- Directs drug product quality surveillance testing and laboratory-based investigational activities.

# OPQ's Key Stakeholders





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# OPQ Accomplishments in 2015

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## OPQ Accomplishments - 2015

- OPQ is responsible for meeting program performance goals under the:
  1. Generic Drug User Fee Amendment (GDUFA)
  2. Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA); and
  3. Biosimilar User Fee Act (BsUFA)
- In 2015 all performance goals were met or exceeded in each program area

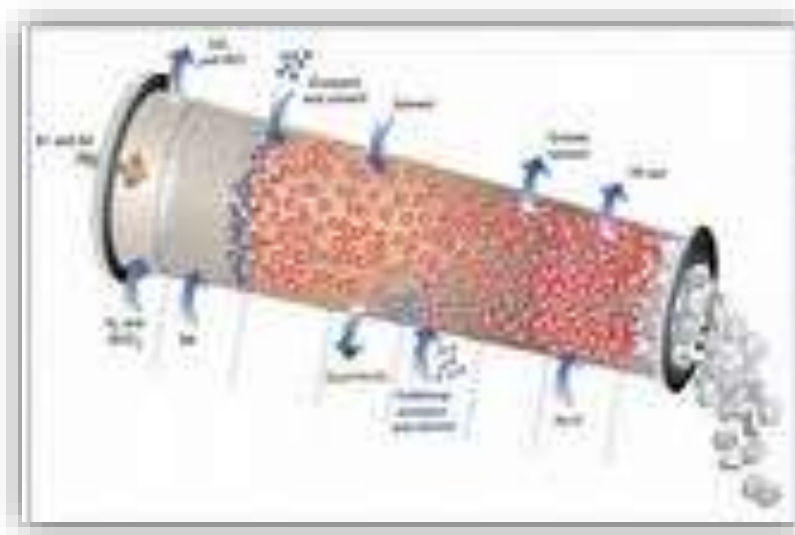
## OPQ Accomplishments - 2015

- Played a critical role in the following high-profile CDER approvals
  1. First generic version of Copaxone (glatiramer acetate injection) used to treat patients with relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS)
  2. First biosimilar product – Zarxio (filgrastim-sndz) for the treatment of neutropenia associated with chemotherapy



# OPQ Accomplishments – 2015

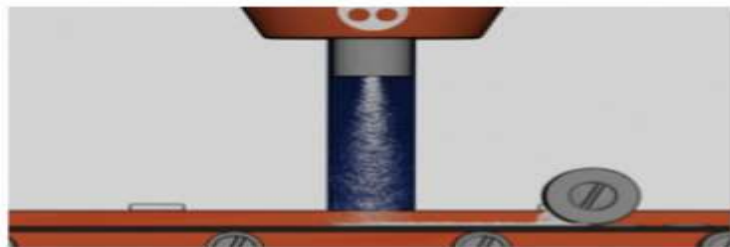
3. First continuous manufacturing process
  - Orkambi, a combination therapy for treatment of cystic fibrosis (CF)



# OPQ Accomplishments - 2015

## 4. First 3D-printed drug product – Spritam

- A groundbreaking technique that uses three-dimensional printing to produce a porous formulation that rapidly dissolves with a sip of water



First, a powdered medicine is spread into a thin layer.



Then, a liquid is dropped onto the powder.



This selectively binds the particles together in a thin, porous layer.



This process is repeated a specific number of times to add more layers based on the dosage, building the product from bottom to top.



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# OPQ 2016 Priorities

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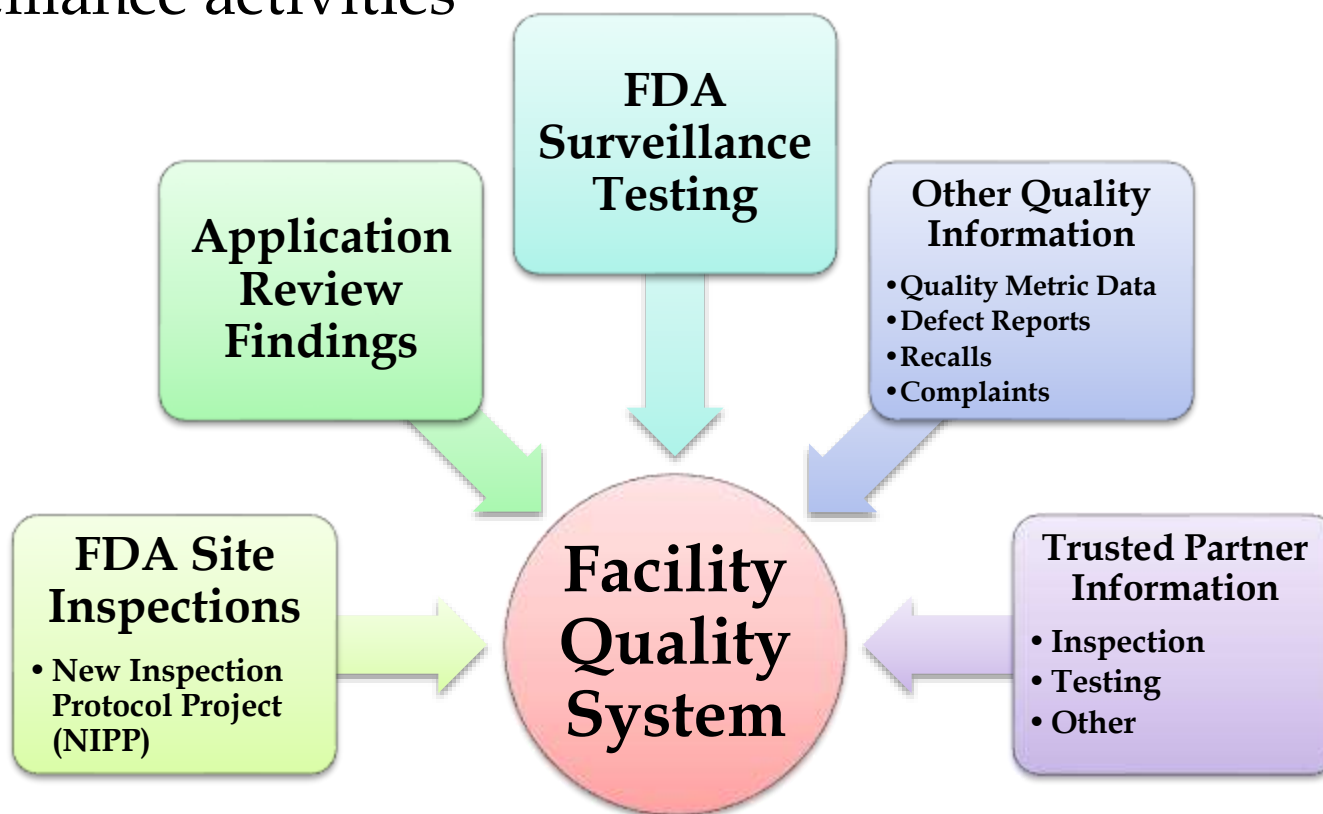
# I. Facility Assessments/Inspections

**OPQ Priority:** A more rigorous and comprehensive approach to drug quality surveillance and inspection

- **Quality Metrics** to better monitor the current status of product and facility across the inventory of FDA-regulated sites and inform FDA risk-based surveillance inspection planning
- **New Inspection Protocol Project (NIPP)** – Provides a more quality-focused, semi-quantitative approach to inspections with more streamlined and structured reporting

# I. Facility Assessments/Inspections

- **Common Informatics Platform** that integrates the knowledge captured during review, inspection, and surveillance activities



## II. Team-based Integrated Quality Assessment (IQA)

**OPQ Priority:** Quality assessments of ANDAs, NDAs, and BLAs that effectively align patient-focused and risk-based recommendations

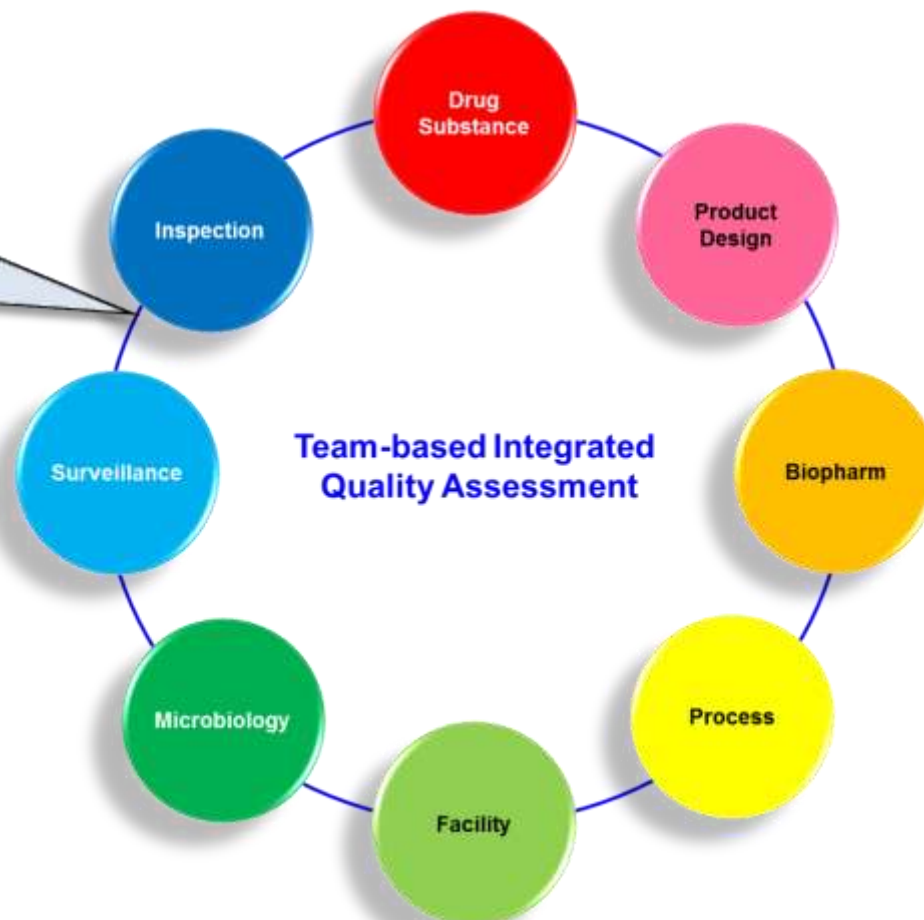
- A team of subject-matter experts performing a quality assessment of an application (ANDA, NDA, BLA) based on risk and knowledge management
- This approach is on-going for all original ANDAs\*, NDAs, and BLAs

\* ANDAs submitted after October 1, 2014



## II. Team-based Integrated Quality Assessment (IQA)

Inclusive of drug substance, drug product, manufacturing, and facilities, and maximizes each team member's expertise



**Science- and Risk-Based approach that is patient-focused**

## II. Team-based Integrated Quality Assessment (IQA)

### The IQA Review Team



**Application Technical Lead (ATL)** – oversees the scientific content of the assessment

**Regulatory Business Process Manager (RBPM)** – manages the process, adhering to the established timelines

## II. Team-based Integrated Quality Assessment (IQA) - Advantages

- Close collaboration and communication among disciplines in a team environment yields better decision making
- Assures the application of uniform quality standards and promotes consistent regulatory practices for both brand and generic drug products



## II. Team-based Integrated Quality Assessment (IQA) - Advantages

- Integration of quality review with inspection results in more informed decision making on facility acceptability and application approvability



## II. Team-based Integrated Quality Assessment (IQA) - Advantages

- Promotes building an integrated knowledge base that allows for:
  - Clear identification of product risks
  - Quickly addressing quality problems
  - Improving overall efficiency and effectiveness in managing the drug product lifecycle



## II. Team-based Integrated Quality Assessment (IQA) - Advantages

- Knowledge about quality issues gained from the review of the brand product can be appropriately applied to the review of the generic product





## III. Risk Management and Communication

**OPQ Priority:** Formal risk-based regulatory approaches that effectively define the scope and extent of quality assessments

- Currently OPQ employs a formal risk assessment process to best allocate resources based on product risk and patient impact
  - Maintaining structured risk assessments that focus on product failure modes and specific risks to patients
  - Developing use of the structured risk assessment as a communication tool with investigators and reviewers for more informed decision making, knowledge transfer, and good lifecycle management



## III. Risk Management and Communication

- **The Desired Future State** – A unified risk evaluation for brand and generic products that integrates the structured risk assessment with the existing drug product knowledge base
  - Provides a risk profile and ranking of a drug product's critical quality attributes (CQAs) during the pre-marketing phase
  - May also include information on the manufacturing site and quality system
  - Utilized in the post-marketing phase to assess proposed changes and the associated risks to product quality
  - Provides a comprehensive summary of the current state of quality for all approved NDAs/ANDAs of a particular drug product
  - Unique for each drug product and each manufacturer potentially allowing for individualized regulatory oversight of post-approval changes

### III. Risk Management and Communication

### RISK RATING TABLE

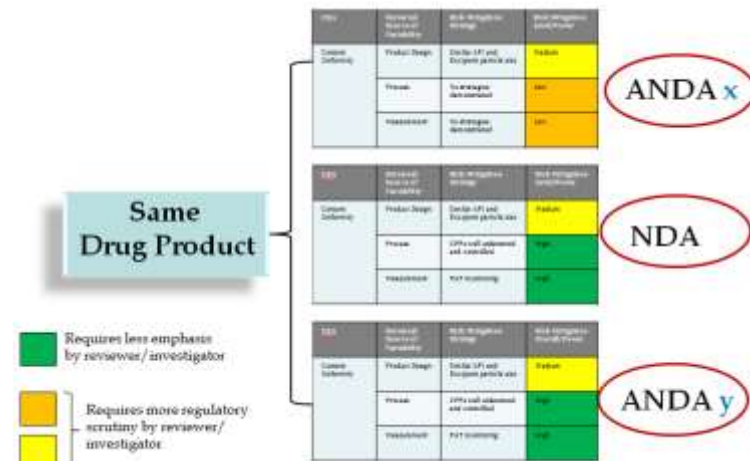
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		LIKELIHOOD				

H = High Risk  
M = Moderate Risk  
L = Low Risk

**Past:**  
**Informal risk assessment**

**Now: Formal risk assessment for individual applications**

## Future: Drug Product Dashboard



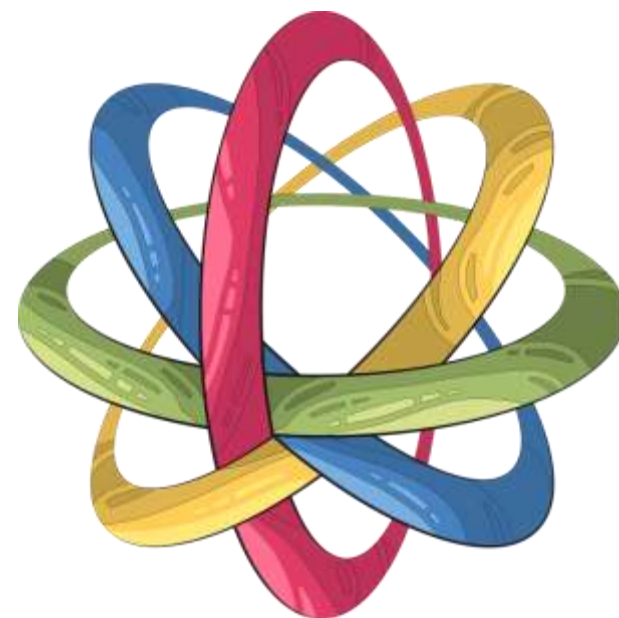
## IV. Emerging Technology

**OPQ Priority:** A collaborative approach with manufacturers that encourages innovation and the adoption of new technologies

- The Emerging Technology Team (ETT) within OPQ:
  - Serves as a centralized location for external inquiries on emerging technology
  - Provides a forum for early dialogue with FDA
  - Ensures consistency, continuity, and predictability in review and inspection of new technologies
  - Participates in the team-based integrated quality assessment when new technologies are evaluated

## IV. Emerging Technology

- The Emerging Technology Team (ETT) has been actively working on topics such as continuous manufacturing, 3D-printing drug products, novel aseptic filling technology, and new container/closure systems
- Generic manufacturers are encouraged to consider these advanced technologies – we will work with you!





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# The Partnership of FDA and Industry

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# Our Common Goal is Drug Product Quality

- OPQ aligns and integrates all quality functions within CDER marking a new era in FDA's quality oversight.



- Let us communicate, collaborate, and work together to deliver a high quality product that meets the patient's needs – a true partnership!

# Working in true partnership we will achieve the vision



## The Vision

*“A maximally efficient, agile, flexible pharmaceutical manufacturing sector that reliably produces high quality drugs without extensive regulatory oversight.”*

**-Dr. Janet Woodcock**



*Thank you!*