



**Part 15 Public Hearing  
FDA Regulation of Combination Products  
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# PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

- Inhalation device [510(k)]
- Passive transdermal patches [ANDA]
- Medicated tooth paste [IND]
- Iontophoretic drug delivery systems [RFD, IND, 510(k)–NDA]
- Prefillable syringes [DMF]
- Pens, liquid- and liquid-dry [RFD, 510(k), MAF]
- Autoinjector [RFD, 510(k)]
- Nasal delivery syringe [BMF]
- Diluent syringes [RFD, 510(k)]
- Flush syringes [510(k)]
- Disposable syringes, needles [510(k)]
- Surgical kits [NDA, 510(k)]
- Surgical scrubs [NDA]
- Infusion Pumps [510(k)]
- *Jet and powder injectors [510(k)]*
- *Inhalation delivery systems [510(k)-NDA]*

# DOWNSTREAM ISSUES

- User Fees
  - ◆ PDUFA, MDUFMA
- Quality Systems:
  - ◆ 21CFR 210, 211, 820
- Manufacturing/Design Changes:
  - ◆ 21CFR 314.70, 601.12, 807.81 814.39
- Adverse Events/Experiences:
  - ◆ 21CFR 314.80, 600.8, 803
- Toxicology/Biocompatibility:
  - ◆ 21CFR 312.23, ISO-10993-
- Orphan Drug/Humanitarian Device:
  - ◆ 21CFR316, 814.100
- Applications:
  - ◆ 21CFR 312, 314, 600, 807.81 812, 814

# 1. What guiding principles should be used when revising the existing Inter-center Agreements?

- Guidance level documents, subject to comment period
- Consistent format, clear language and content; examples
- Distinguish between combination products (Combination Products Office) and products of unclear designation (Product Jurisdiction Office)
- For a combination product do not say, “it’s a drug” or “it’s a device”, or “it’s regulated as a ...” ;these statements pertain to a product of unclear designation.
- Address only jurisdiction and application of investigational exemptions and pre-market regulatory authorities; address “downstream issues” in separate guidance(s)
- Describe and diagram designation and dispute resolution processes
- Reaffirm that reviews are consultative and not collaborative
- Virtual Combination Products are created only when brand names are specified and labeling is mutually conforming

## 2. What factors should be considered in determining primary mode of action?

- **Primary Jurisdiction established according to primary mode of action**
  - ◆ **In special cases where the effects are synergistic or mechanism is unclear also consider :**
    - ◆ **Risk**
    - ◆ **Toxic or adverse mode of action**
    - ◆ **Intended use**
    - ◆ **Center capability to assess safety and effectiveness**
- **Must have foundation in FD&CA, fit drug or device definitions**
- **Describe/diagram determination/dispute resolution processes in Inter-center Agreement rewrites**

### **3. Is one pre-market review (notification) mechanism more suitable than another?**

- **Is it appropriate to regulate combination products under 510(k)?**
  - ◆ **Can there be “substantial equivalence” for a combination product?**
  - ◆ **Should a consistent level of regulatory approval be applied to all components [i.e., 510(k) is not pre-market approval]?**
- **Consider a new (unique) application (CPAA) for combination products? This would require legislation.**

**4. What criteria should be used in determining if single or multiple applications are necessary? Should the need to use a mixed regulatory approach influence this?**

**5., 6. What principles should be followed in determining the quality system and adverse event reporting requirements for a combination product?**

- Each Guidance should include descriptions/diagrams of determination/dispute resolution processes.
- Guidance should be predictable and consistent on application formatting (e.g., single application, imbedded pull-out, linked or stand-alone).
- For quality systems, design control may be useful for managing combination products; perhaps design reviews throughout development and post-marketing should be required for all combination products, as it will help to identify and manage interactions between the components.
- For adverse events:
  - ◆ Reports should be sent to both Centers indicating the report is for a combination product
  - ◆ FDA must sort out duplicate reporting

## 7. Other comments?

- **Virtual Combination Products are created only when brand names are specified and labeling is mutually conforming**
- **Certain combination product examples cited in the CDER-CDRH Inter-center Agreement (which are not composed of finished medical devices) should be reconsidered; if these pharmaceutical dosage forms are combination products then capsules, ointments, implants, depots, and suppositories would also be combination products.**
  - ◆ **passive transdermal patches**
  - ◆ **drug eluting disks**