Robert M. Califf, M.D., MACC was confirmed earlier this year as the 25th Commissioner of Food and Drugs. As Commissioner, Dr. Califf oversees the full breadth of the FDA portfolio and execution of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and other applicable laws. This includes assuring the safety, effectiveness, and security of human and veterinary drugs, vaccines and other biological products for human use, and medical devices; the safety and security of our nation's food supply, cosmetics, dietary supplements, products that give off electronic radiation; and the regulation of tobacco products. Dr. Califf has had a long and distinguished career as a physician, researcher, and leader in the fields of science and medicine. He is a nationally recognized expert in cardiovascular medicine, health outcomes research, health care quality, and clinical research, and a leader in the growing field of translational research, which is key to ensuring that advances in science translate into medical care. This is Dr. Califf's second stint as Commissioner. He also served in 2016 as the 22nd Commissioner. Before assuming the position at that time, he served as the FDA's Deputy Commissioner for Medical Products and Tobacco. Prior to rejoining the FDA in 2022, Dr. Califf was head of medical strategy and Senior Advisor at Alphabet Inc., contributing to strategy and policy for its health subsidiaries Verily Life Sciences and Google Health. He joined Alphabet in 2019, after serving as a professor of medicine and vice chancellor for clinical and translational research at Duke University. He also served as director of the Duke Translational Medicine Institute and was the founding director of the Duke Clinical Research Institute. Dr. Califf is a graduate of Duke University School of Medicine. He completed a residency in internal medicine at the University of California, San Francisco and a fellowship in cardiology at Duke.
Session 1: Considerations for Conduct of PK Studies in Pregnant Individuals

Speakers

Leyla Sahin, M.D. is an obstetrician-gynecologist who joined the FDA’s Division of Pediatrics and Maternal Health (DPMH) in the Office of New Drugs, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research in 2008 following twelve years of clinical practice. She is currently serving as Acting Deputy Director for Safety, Maternal Health, for DPMH, and over the years has led various maternal health related scientific and regulatory/policy initiatives. She was a working group member on the HHS Task Force for Research Specific to Pregnant Women and Lactating Women (PRGLAC). The focus of her work involves advancing FDA’s scientific and regulatory policies related to pregnancy and lactation, through all phases of drug development. Her principal area of interest is promoting the public health of pregnant and breastfeeding individuals through improved data collection.

Anne Drapkin Lyerly, M.D., M.A. is Professor of Social Medicine, Research Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and core faculty in the Center for Bioethics at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. A board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist and bioethicist, she studies ethically complex issues around gender and reproductive medicine. She co-founded the Second Wave Initiative, an effort to ensure that the health interests of pregnant people are fairly represented in biomedical research and drug and device policies. She is PI on the NIH-funded PHASES Project addressing the ethics of HIV research and pregnancy and the PREPARE Project addressing the ethics of research engaging pregnant adolescents; she was also co-PI on a Wellcome Trust funded PREVENT project on research, pregnancy and public health emergencies. Dr. Lyerly is an alumna of the Greenwall Foundation’s Faculty Scholars Program and Fellowship in Bioethics and Health Policy. She has served on numerous U.S. national committees, including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Committee on Ethics, which she chaired. She has written dozens of articles and book chapters for academic and public audiences, including publications in journals such as JAMA and The Lancet as well as the New York Times. She is also the author of a book, A Good Birth, published by the Penguin Group/USA.
Ahizechukwu Eke, M.D., Ph.D., MPH is an Associate Professor within the Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine, Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He received his medical degree from the University of Calabar School of Medicine in Nigeria, and completed 2 residencies in Obstetrics & Gynecology at the Nnamdi Azikiwe University College of Medicine, Nigeria (in 2010) and Michigan State University (in 2016) respectively. He continued his training at Harvard University to earn a Master of Public Health (MPH) in Health Policy & Management. Dr. Eke completed a dual Fellowship in Maternal Fetal Medicine and Clinical Pharmacology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 2019, and finished a PhD in Clinical Investigation/Clinical Pharmacology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health in 2021. He is triple-board certified (in Obstetrics & Gynecology, Clinical Pharmacology, and Maternal Fetal Medicine). His research interests include understanding the pharmacokinetics (PK), pharmacodynamics (PD), pharmacoepidemiology, pharmacogenomics, and pharmacomicrobiomics of drug use in pregnant women; understanding methods of drug use in pregnancy through continuous process improvement and performance measures; and ensuring safe and effective use of medications during pregnancy. He has been working with the International Maternal Pediatric Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials Network (IMPAACT) and the HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN) as principal investigator and co-investigator for numerous pharmacokinetic drug studies in pregnant women. Dr. Eke has served the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) in numerous leadership positions. He currently serves on the ACOG National Clinical Guidelines Committee, and on several other national and international OBGYN committees, including an Editorial Board member of the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) and the Editorial Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology (the Green Journal). Dr. Eke has over several PubMed cited peer-reviewed research publications, and has won several teaching and research awards. Dr. Eke is the current Associate Program Director for Maternal Fetal Medicine at Johns Hopkins.

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Martina Penazzato, M.D., M.Sc., Ph.D. is an infectious disease specialist and over the last 15 years, in addition to providing major contribution to several WHO Guidelines in the areas of HIV, TB and child health, she has provided technical assistance to several countries globally and contributed to shape the paediatric HIV research agenda. In her role as pediatric HIV lead, she is also leading the work of WHO on paediatric treatment and care and contributing to a number of global initiatives to improve access to better medicines for children and investigation of new ARVs for pregnant and lactating women.

Michael J. Fossler, Pharm.D., Ph.D. is Executive Consultant and Vice-President, Strategic Consulting at Cytel. He received the Pharm. D. (1992) and Ph. D. (1995) degrees from the University of Maryland. From 1995 to 2000, Dr. Fossler was employed by the FDA as a clinical pharmacology reviewer in the Division of Metabolic and Endocrine Drug Products. In 1998, he was promoted to Senior Reviewer, and joined the Pharmacometrics group at FDA, where he was responsible for reviewing and performing population PK/PD analyses. He left the Agency in 2000 and joined the Clinical Pharmacokinetics Group at DuPont Pharmaceuticals, where he had major responsibility for PK/PD analyses in the cardiovascular and anti-inflammatory areas. In November, 2001, he joined GlaxoSmithKline, where he continued to work in the cardiovascular area, and eventually headed a group of nine pharmacometrics scientists. He left GSK in 2015 to join Trevena, Inc., a late-stage small biotech company, where he led clinical pharmacology, clinical development, biostatistics, programming and data management. He assumed his present role at Cytel in April 2022, where he provides strategic consulting services in the areas of clinical pharmacology, and pharmacometrics. Dr. Fossler is a Fellow of the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education, a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology, a past President of the College and is an Honorary Regent. He holds an adjunct faculty appointment at the University of North Texas where he teaches in the school’s Pharmacometrics program and is on the faculty of the University of California’s American Course on Drug Development and Regulatory Science.

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Catherine Stika, M.D. has worked at Northwestern Memorial Hospital for the last 30 years, initially as an academic generalist and then as the first medical director of Obstetric Triage from 2012 to 2020. Following fellowship training in clinical pharmacology, she developed an interest in both contraceptive and obstetrical pharmacology and consulted part-time for GD Searle’s Women’s Health division. In the late 1990s, she participated in the initial FDA/NIH conferences which helped recognize pregnancy as a special PK population. She has been the obstetrical pharmacologist/co-PI for Northwestern’s U54 Obstetrical-Fetal Pharmacology Research Center grant (2015–2021), studying SSRIs, atypical antipsychotics, and nifedipine in pregnancy.

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Moderators

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Solange Corriol-Rohou, M.D. is a pulmonologist/immuno-allergist by training and joined AstraZeneca R&D in 2004. She is currently Sr. Global Policy Director, with responsibilities in the Respiratory/Infection and Vaccine/Immune franchise. Over the past 20 years, moving from the French Medicines Agency/EMA and academia to the pharmaceutical industry, she has gained strategic experience in drug development. She is quite active within EFPIA, ICH and IMI, and passionate about paediatric drug development.

Panelists

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Melanie Kerr is Nurse Practitioner in GI medical oncology and serving as a patient representative. She has two children. When pregnant with her first child, she developed HELLP syndrome and was induced approximately 7 weeks early. Her son required NICU care for 2 weeks. When she was pregnant with her second son, she was approached about participating in a clinical trial looking at whether the use of pravastatin could prevent preeclampsia/HELLP syndrome. It was a randomized double-blind placebo-controlled study, which required monthly monitoring of blood pressure, weight, and labs. She was blinded to her assignment of placebo versus pravastatin during the study and she did not develop HELLP syndrome. Her second son was born pre-term, she was able to carry him longer and he did not require NICU care.

Aaron C. Pawlyk, Ph.D. joined NICHD as its OPPTB chief in 2019. His long-term research interests and experience include drug discovery and preclinical development, pharmacogenomics, and mathematical modeling, especially how these approaches can be applied across multiple therapeutic areas. Prior to joining NICHD, Dr. Pawlyk served at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) as a program director and senior advisor in the Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Metabolic Diseases. At NIDDK, his portfolio included drug discovery, pharmacogenomics, and drug response research. He directed the Type 1
Diabetes-Rapid Access to Interventional Development program, which offered preclinical development contract services to outside researchers. As a program official, he managed cooperative agreement components of the Accelerating Medicines Partnership for Type 2 Diabetes and initiated and directed a trans-NIDDK program on therapeutics translation. He continues to serve as a coordinator of the NIH Common Fund program, Illuminating the Druggable Genome. Dr. Pawlyk received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania, where he studied biology and biochemistry. He completed his Ph.D. in biochemistry at Texas A&M University, followed by postdoctoral studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Before joining NIH, he held multiple positions in the pharmaceutical sector.

Raman Venkataramanan, Ph.D., FAAPS, FACCP is currently a Professor of Pharmaceutical sciences and Pathology in the University of Pittsburgh. He is the director of Clinical Pharmacokinetics Laboratory and the Therapeutic Drug Monitoring program at the University of Pittsburgh. Venkataramanan received his B.Pharm degree from the University of Madras, India; Master of Pharmacy degree from the Birla Institute of Technology and Science, India; and doctorate in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the University of British Columbia, Canada. After a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Washington, he joined the University of Pittsburgh in July 1980. He has been appointed as a Food and Drug Administration special government employee by Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. Venkataramanan serves as a scientific reviewer for several journals. He is an editorial board member for Therapeutic Drug Monitoring, and four online journals. He is the editor for the American Journal of Analytical Chemistry. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from AAPS (2021), HiREC Endowed visiting chair at the University of Puerto Rico (Oct 2021), Distinguished Scientists award from American Association of Indian Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAiPS) in 2016, Graduate faculty of the year award from the School of Pharmacy in 2015, 2021, Tyler Prize for Stimulation of Research from the American Pharmacists Association [APhA], in 2011, the Bristol-Meyers Squibb Mentorship in Clinical Pharmacology from the American College of Clinical Pharmacy [ACCP], in 2009; the Provost’s Award for Excellence in Graduate Education from the University of Pittsburgh, in 2009; the Innovations in Teaching award the Rho Chi Society at the University of Pittsburgh, in 2009; the Scholarly Contributions award from the Rho Chi Society at the University of Pittsburgh, in 2007, Ranbaxy Research Award in Pharmaceutical Sciences in 1998, and the Distinguished Research scientists award from KDRI in Ahmadabad, India in 1996. The research in his laboratory revolves around “LIFE”. One half addresses the first chance in life – Optimizing the use of medications in pregnant women based on pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics data; the second half addresses optimization of the use of medications in organ transplant patients—a second chance in life. His current research is funded by NICHD (OPRC-Co-PI), NCI and United Therapeutics. He has presented more than 200 lectures / seminars at national/international meetings and published over 450 scientific articles. He has been an active member in various professional organizations such as American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists, American Association of Indian Pharmaceutical Scientists, American College of Clinical Pharmacology, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, and American Society of Transplantation.
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**Session 2: Modeling in Pregnancy Pharmacokinetics**

**Speakers**

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**Jeff Barrett, Ph.D.** is Senior Vice-President at the Critical Path Institute serving as the Executive Director of the Rare Disease Cures Accelerator, Data Analytics Platform and a critical liaison between C-Path and the pharmaceutical industry, foundations, and other key stakeholders, helping grow C-Path’s portfolio in drug development solutions, with a focus, but not limited to model-informed drug development (MIDD) and real-world data (RWD) technologies. Jeff was previously Head of Quantitative Sciences at the Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute. In this role he was responsible for implementing model-based drug development, employing PK/PD modeling, statistics, and clinical trial simulations to advance the discovery and development of new medicines and vaccines. Prior to MRI, he was Vice President, of Translational Informatics at Sanofi Pharmaceuticals. Jeff spent 10+ years at the University of Pennsylvania where he was Professor, Pediatrics and Director, Laboratory for Applied PK/PD at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. Jeff received his B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Drexel University and Ph.D. in Pharmacokinetics from University of Michigan. He has co-authored over 185 manuscripts, is fellow of ACCP, AAPS, ISOP and the recipient of numerous honors including ACCP awards for Young Investigator (2002) and Mentorship in Clinical Pharmacology (2007) and the AAPS Award in Clinical Pharmacology and Translational Research (2011). Dr. Barrett was awarded for Exceptional Innovation and Advancing the Discipline of Pharmaceutics at the International Society for Pharmacometrics (2013). He is co-Specialty Chief Editor of Frontiers in Obstetric and Pediatric Pharmacology Journal and an active member of the Child Health and Human Development Pediatrics Subcommittee as a study section reviewer. He was a past acting chair of the FDA Advisory Committee for Pharmaceutical Science and Clinical Pharmacology; a voting member of the committee for 8 years.
Susan Cole is an Expert Pharmacokinetics Assessor and Head of the Clinical Pharmacology group in the Innovative Medicine Group at the MHRA, the UK Regulatory Agency. Prior to joining the MHRA in 2012, Sue worked for 26 years at Pfizer in the UK in the field of Drug Metabolism and Pharmacokinetics. While in Industry Sue fulfilled a number of roles including: Head of the preclinical Pharmacokinetics and Modelling group and as a Clinical Pharmacologist. In the past, Sue was a member of the Pharmacokinetics Working Party, the Modelling and Simulation Working Group and the Scientific Advice Working Party at the European Medicines Agency and contributed to the guideline: Reporting of PBPK modelling and simulation. Sue is currently the lead investigator at the MHRA on a project with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation: Evaluating physiologically-based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) modeling and simulations to inform drug dosing in pregnant women.

S. Y. Amy Cheung, Ph.D. is a Senior Director at Certara, leading a Quantitative Science Group (with scientists from UK, Italy and Nordic regions) in Integrated Drug Development. She is on the leadership team of the Pediatric Integrated Practice Area. She is also a mentor of the Certara-Monash University Fellowship and Phamacometrics African programme. Dr Cheung obtained her PhD from the University of Manchester. After receiving her PhD, she worked at the Centre for Applied Pharmacokinetic Research (CAPKR) at The University of Manchester. Before joining Certara, she gained over a decade of experience at AstraZeneca (AZ), where she was a Senior Pharmacometrician. She was also a Project Manager and functional representative at the AZ Pediatric Working Group that consisted of 22+ cross-functional pediatric experts. During this time, she was also the company representative on IMI DDMoRe, co-led WPs e.g. PMX-workflow, cardiovascular training. She has been a member of the EFPIA MID3 workgroup since the 2011 EMA M&S workshop, which resulted in several white papers. She has expertise in pediatric/geriatric drug development, oncology, infection, CNS, vaccine, mAb, MIDD, structural identifiability, PBPK, and extrapolation. She is current part of the IQ CPLG pediatric working group and also co-chair of the PBPK pediatric subgroup.

Jashvant (Jash) Unadkat, Ph.D. is a Professor in the Dept. of Pharmaceutics at the School of Pharmacy, University of Washington, Seattle. He received his Bachelors degree in Pharmacy (B.Pharm.) from the University of London (1977), his Ph.D. from the University of Manchester (1982; advisor Prof. Malcolm Rowland) and his postdoctoral training at the University of California at San Francisco (1982-85; advisor Dr. Lewis Sheiner). Dr. Unadkat’s research interests are focused on elucidating the mechanisms of transport and metabolism of drugs. In particular his laboratory has been interested in metabolism and transport of drugs during pregnancy, and transport of drugs across the placental, hepatic, intestinal and blood-brain barrier. Dr. Unadkat has published more than 220 peer-reviewed research papers. He is a fellow of AAAS, AAPS, JSSX, and the founding co-chair (1999-2001) of the focus group of AAPS on Drug Transport and Uptake. Dr. Unadkat received the AAPS Research Achievement Award in 2012. Dr. Unadkat
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Panelists

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Gilbert Burckart, Pharm.D. is presently Associate Director for Pediatrics, Office of Clinical Pharmacology, U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Dr. Burckart has served on the faculties of four universities (Buffalo, Tennessee, Pittsburgh, Southern California) as a Professor of Pharmacy, Pediatrics and Surgery for 33 years prior to coming to the FDA. He moved to the US FDA in 2008, and his duties include the direction of the Pediatric Clinical Pharmacology program within the Office of Clinical Pharmacology, and participation in the FDA’s Pediatric Review Committee. His present educational and research program focuses on pediatric drug development studies.

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Speakers

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Brookie Best, PharmD, M.A.S. is a Professor of Clinical Pharmacy and Pediatrics, and is the Associate Dean for Pharmacy Education at the University of California San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and School of Medicine. She specializes in pharmacokinetics – the processes by which a drug is absorbed, distributed, metabolized and eliminated by the body – and perinatal and pediatric clinical pharmacology research. Her research efforts have focused on studying anti-HIV drugs during pregnancy and childhood.

Panelists

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He has been the pharmacologist or vice-chair on over 30 IMPAACT studies including several assessing the impact of pregnancy on antiretroviral pharmacokinetics. He currently serves as leader of the network’s pharmacometrics core and is the pharmacokineticist for several IMPAACT, NIAID Vaccine Research Center (VRC) and CAPRISA bNAb trials. His research expertise is in pharmacokinetics (PK) and pharmacodynamic (PD) modeling and application of population models and simulation methods to design and analyze clinical pharmacologic studies using mixed-effect modeling. Dr. Capparelli has served as a member of the FDA Clinical Pharmacology Advisory Committee, WHO Pediatric Antiretroviral Working Group (PAWG) and AIDSinfo Pediatric HIV treatment Guideline Committees. More than 50 of his 290 publications relate to drug disposition during pregnancy.

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Additional information

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