

# **Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) Bioresearch Monitoring (BIMO) Program – A General Overview**

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# Overview

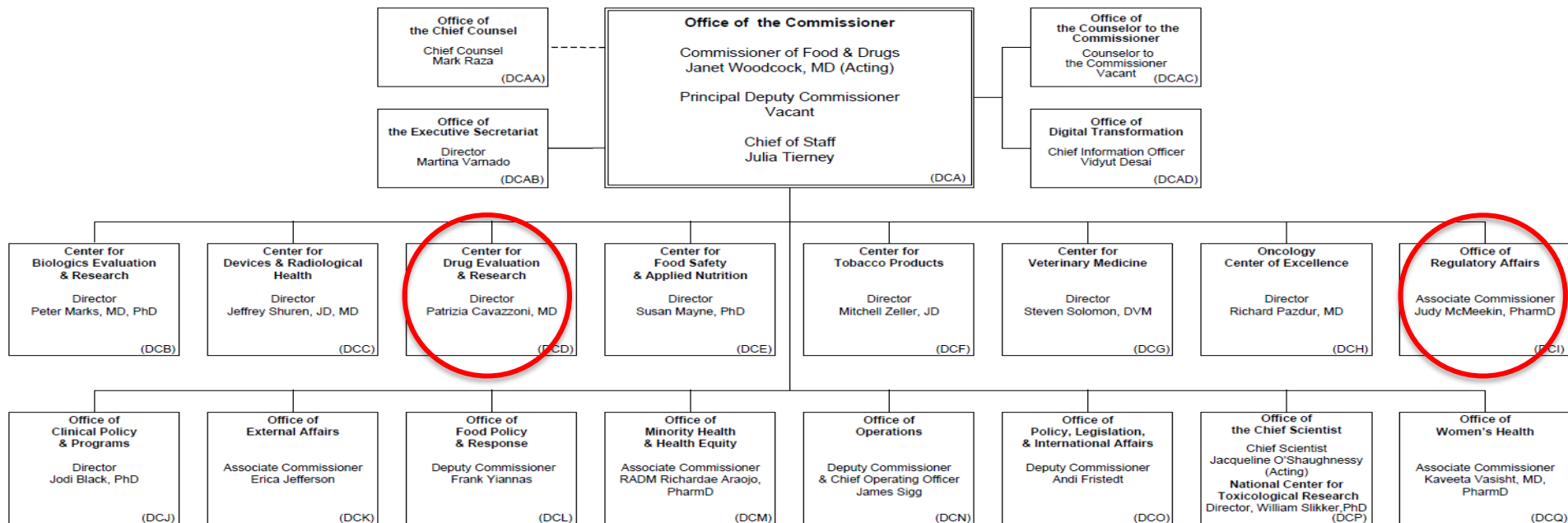


- CDER's BIMO program
- Good Clinical Practice (GCP) inspections under BIMO
- CDER BIMO inspections and related activities
- Recent trends in BIMO compliance and enforcement

# FDA Structural Organization



## Department of Health and Human Services Food and Drug Administration



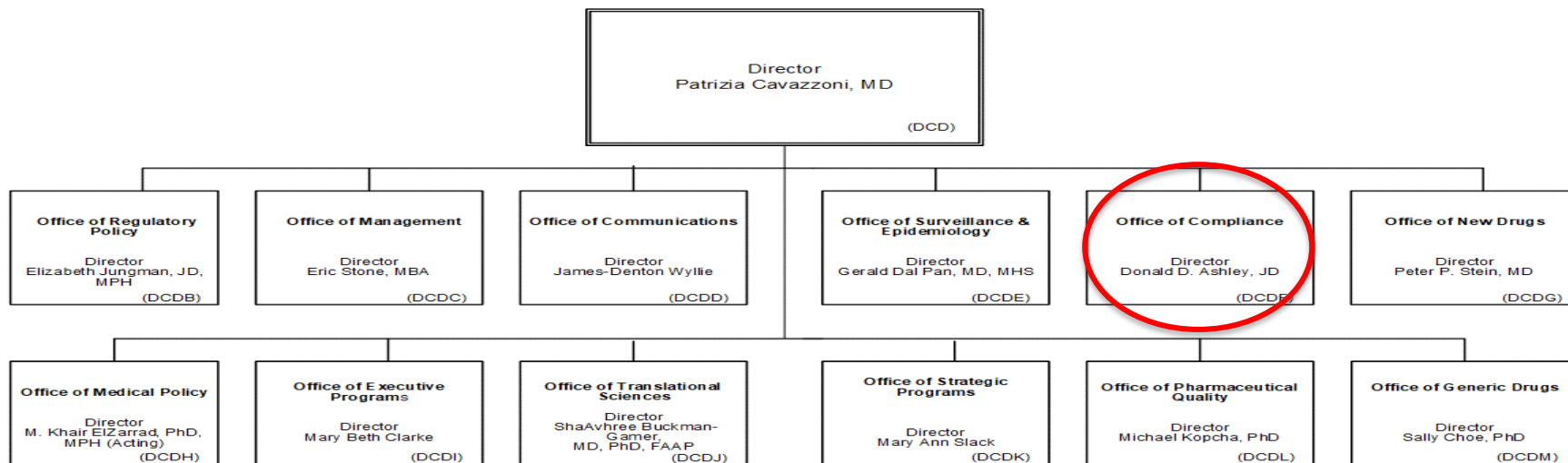
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- - - Direct report to DHHS General Counsel

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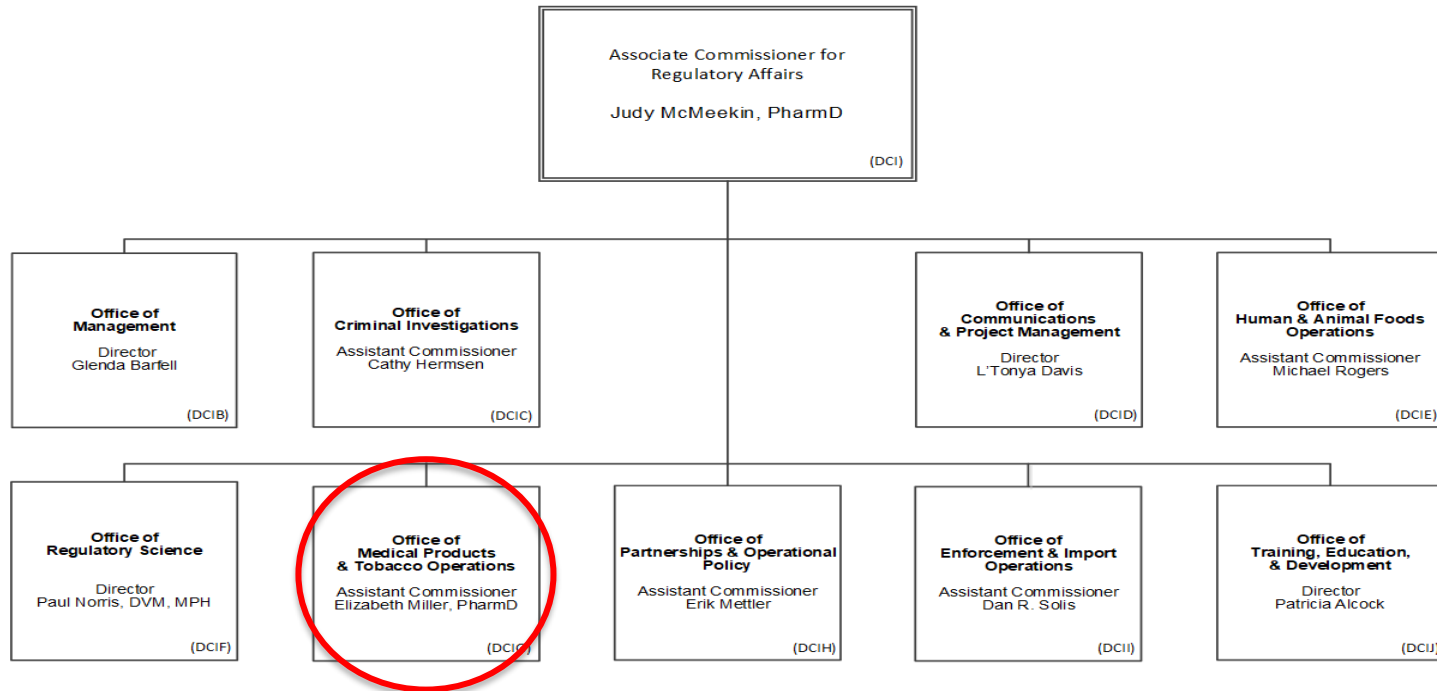


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Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research**

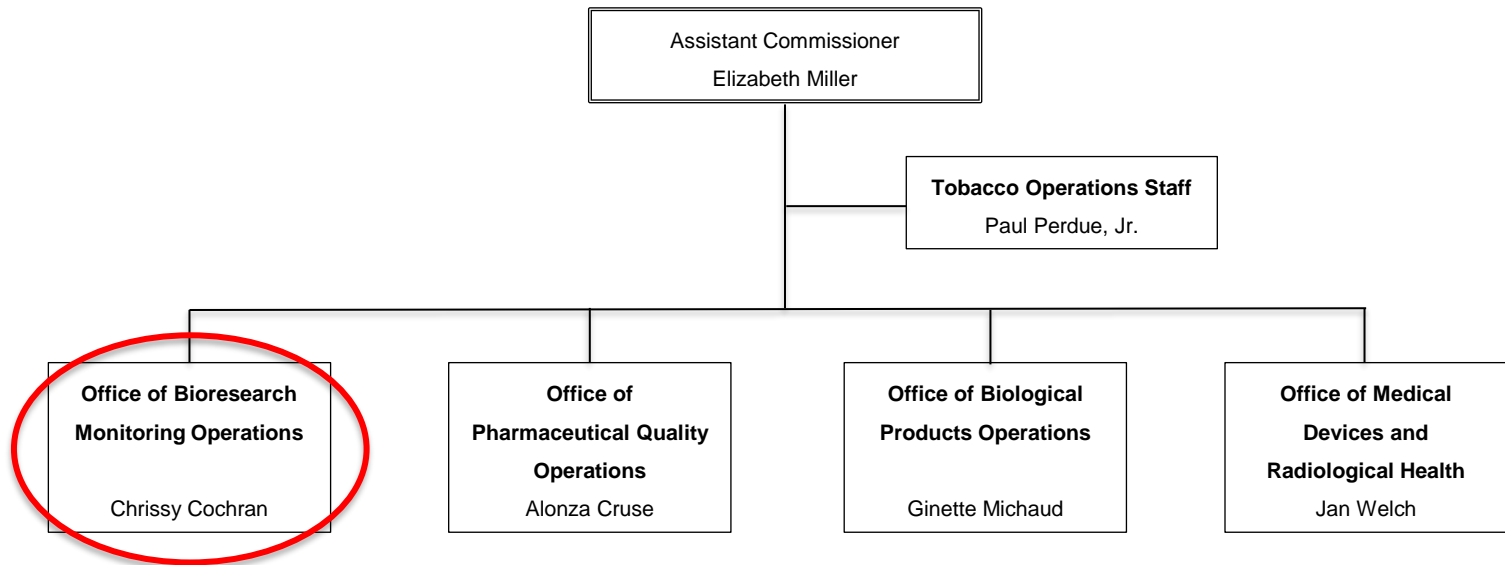


# Office of Regulatory Affairs

Department of Health and Human Services  
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Office of Regulatory Affairs



# Office of Medical Products and Tobacco Operations



# Bioresearch Monitoring (BIMO) Program



A comprehensive, FDA-wide program of on-site inspections and data audits, designed to monitor all aspects of the conduct and reporting of FDA-regulated research.

## Objectives:

- Protect the rights, safety, and welfare of human research subjects
- Verify the accuracy, reliability, and integrity of clinical and non-clinical trial data submitted to FDA
- Assess compliance with FDA's regulations governing the conduct of clinical and non-clinical trials, including regulations for informed consent and ethical review



# Bioresearch Monitoring Good Clinical Practice



**Human Subject Protection & Data Integrity**

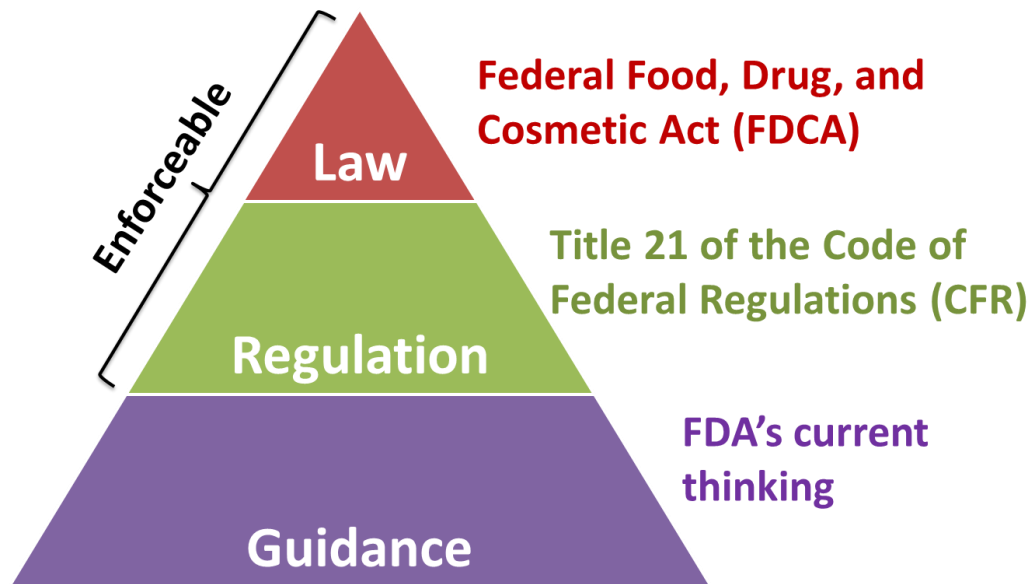
The diagram illustrates the components of Bioresearch Monitoring Good Clinical Practice. At the top is a wide, light blue horizontal bar with a white border and a slight 3D effect, containing the text "Human Subject Protection & Data Integrity". Below this bar are three smaller, light blue vertical cylinders, also with white borders and 3D effects, arranged side-by-side. Each cylinder contains text identifying a key role or organization in the process.

**Sponsor/Contract  
Research  
Organization  
(CRO)**

**Institutional  
Review  
Board (IRB)**

**Clinical  
Investigator**

# Governing Framework



# Good Clinical Practice (GCP)



**E6(R2) Good Clinical  
Practice: Integrated  
Addendum to ICH E6(R1)**  
Guidance for Industry

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)  
Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER)

March 2015  
Procedural

OMB Control No. 0910-0043 Expiration Date 09/30/2020  
See additional PRA statement in section 9 of this guidance.

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# Regulations Relevant to GCP

- 21 CFR 11 – Electronic records and signatures
- 21 CFR 50 – Protection of human subjects
- 21 CFR 54 – Financial disclosure
- 21 CFR 56 – Institutional Review Boards
- 21 CFR 312 – Investigational new drug application
- 21 CFR 314 – Applications for FDA approval to market a new drug
- 21 CFR 320 - Bioequivalence

# GCP Inspections under the BIMO Program

- Clinical Investigators (CI)
- Sponsors (Sp)
- Sponsor Investigators (SI)
- Contract Research Organizations (CRO)
- Institutional Review Boards (IRB)



# Inspection Considerations: Compliance Programs



## Bioresearch Monitoring Program (BIMO) Compliance Programs

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Program #	Compliance Program Title	On-line Availability
7348.003	In Vivo Bioavailability-Bioequivalence Studies - Clinical	<a href="#">PDF</a>
7348.004	In Vivo Bioavailability-Bioequivalence Studies - Analytical	<a href="#">PDF</a>
7348.007	Inspection of Nonclinical Laboratories Conducting Animal Rule-Specific Studies	<a href="#">PDF</a>
7348.808	Good Laboratory Practice (Nonclinical Laboratories)	<a href="#">PDF</a> (117 kb)
7348.808A	Good Laboratory Practice Program (Nonclinical Laboratories) EPA Data Audit Inspections	<a href="#">HTML</a> <a href="#">PDF</a> (38 kb)
7348.809	Institutional Review Board	<a href="#">PDF</a> (293 kb)
7348.809A	Radioactive Drug Research Committee	<a href="#">PDF</a> (155 kb)
7348.810	Sponsors and Contract Research Organizations	<a href="#">PDF</a>
7348.811	Clinical Investigators and Sponsor-Investigators	<a href="#">PDF</a>
7353.001	Postmarketing Adverse Drug Experience (PADE) Reporting Inspections	<a href="#">PDF</a> (335 kb)
7353.001C	Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS) Reporting Inspections	<a href="#">PDF</a>

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COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

7348.811

CHAPTER 48 - BIORESEARCH MONITORING

SUBJECT: CLINICAL INVESTIGATORS AND SPONSOR-INVESTIGATORS

IMPLEMENTATION DATE  
07/22/2020

PRODUCT CODES: BIO

Clinical Investigator

09811 Foods, Food Additives and

41811 Biologics (Cell and Gene Th

42811 Biologics (Blood)

45811 Biologics (Vaccines and All

48811 Human Drugs and Therape

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48811J Biologics

48811 Animal Products

48811 Medical Devices

48811 Tobacco Products

Note: Clinical investigator as  
referred to as "clinical invest

Date of Issuance: 07/22/2020  
FORM FDA 2422g (electronic)

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COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

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CHAPTER 48 - Bioresearch Monitoring

SUBJECT:  
SPONSORS AND CONTRACT RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS

IMPLEMENTATION DATE  
September 15, 2021

DATA REPORTING

PRODUCT CODES: Bioresearch Monitoring Inspections do not require product codes

PROGRAM ASSIGNMENT CODES

09810 Foods, Food Additives and Color Additives

41810 Biologics (Human Cellular, Tissue and Gene Therapies)

42810 Biologics (Blood and Blood Products)

45810 Biologics (Vaccines and Allergenic Products)

48810 Human Drugs and Therapeutic Biologics

48810 Animal Products (Animal Drugs and Food Additives)

48810 Medical Devices

48810 Tobacco Products

Note: For purposes of this compliance program, the term "sponsor" is intended to refer to the  
entity that initiates and takes responsibility for clinical and nonclinical investigations and/or has  
been so identified by FDA through receipt of an investigational exemption or application for  
research or marketing permit. Therefore, the term may be inclusive of applicants, petitioners, and  
notifiers. Unless otherwise specified, hereinafter, the term "sponsor" also refers to any entity to  
whom one or more of the obligations of the sponsor has been transferred in writing (i.e., contract  
research organizations). Refer Part 18 Section 8 (Program Management Instructions) of this CP for  
further information about program coverage.

<https://www.fda.gov/inspections-compliance-enforcement-and-criminal-investigations/compliance-program-manual/bioresearch-monitoring-program-bimo-compliance-programs>

# CDER BIMO\* Inspections and Related Activities

- Prospective, real-time and retrospective oversight
- Multiple offices involved
  - CDER Office of New Drugs, Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology, Office of Clinical Pharmacology, and Office of Biostatistics: e.g. 30-day (Investigational New Drug application) safety reviews, protocol reviews, safety reports, marketing application reviews
  - CDER Office of Compliance (Office of Scientific Investigations): e.g. GCP inspection site selections (pre-market application review), complaint review, Institutional Review Board oversight
  - FDA Office of Regulatory Affairs: Inspections

\*BIMO program also includes postmarketing safety programs: Postmarket Adverse Drug Experience (PADE) and Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS)

# Inspection Classifications

**NAI**

- **No Action Indicated**
- No violations identified

**VAI**

- **Voluntary Action Indicated**
- Violations identified, but do not meet threshold for OAI

**OAI**

- **Official Action Indicated**
- Serious noncompliance
- Repeated or deliberate failure to comply with regulations



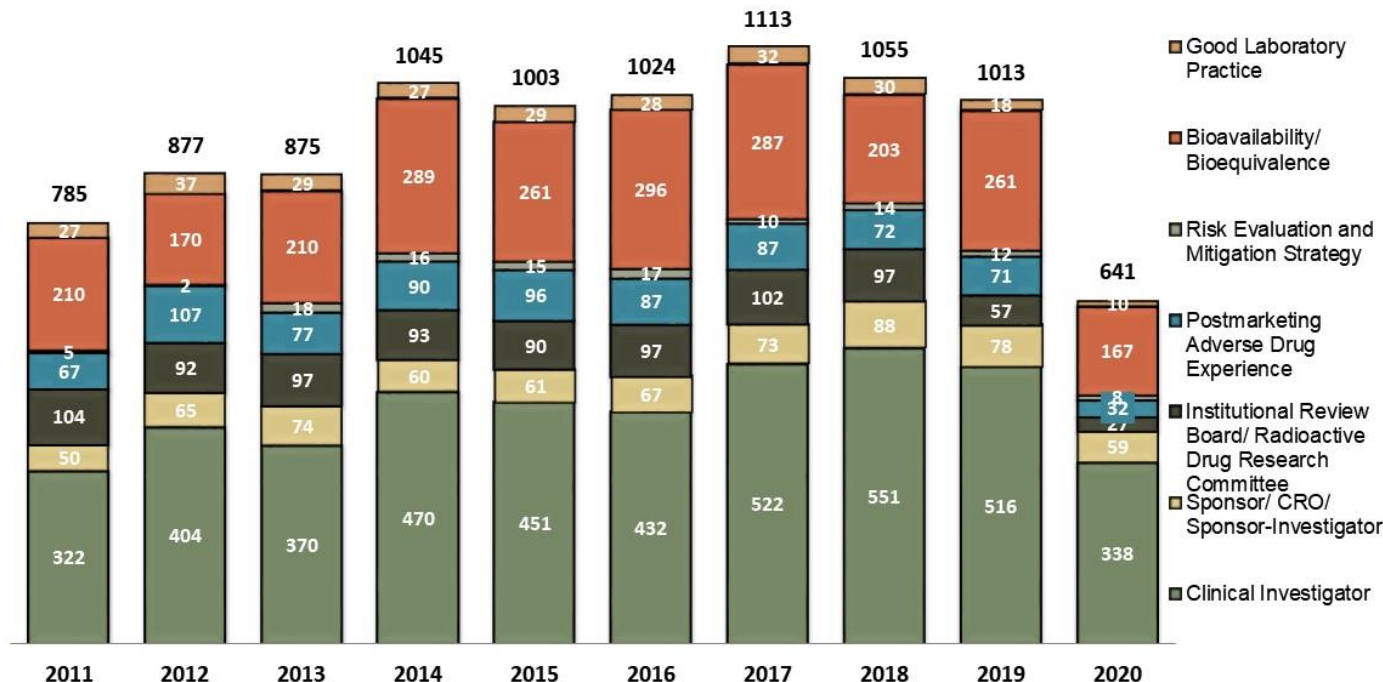
# Remote Interactive Evaluations (RIE)



- RIE may be used to support regulatory decisions and oversight of establishments, while limiting unnecessary contact.
- FDA applies risk management methods and tools to determine when to request a facility's participation in a RIE.
- Resiliency Roadmap for FDA Inspectional Oversight:  
<https://www.fda.gov/media/154293/download>

# CDER BIMO Inspection Activities\*

(CDER, FY 2011 – FY2020)

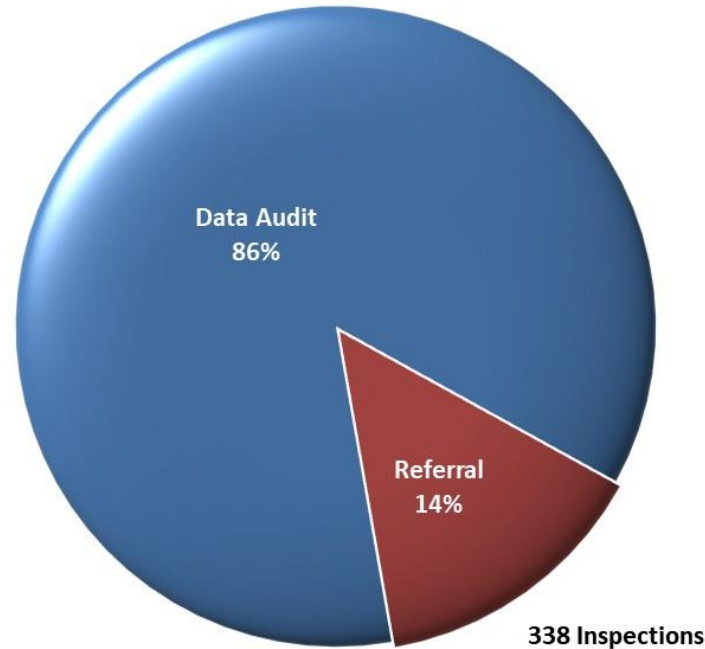


\*Based on inspection start date – [Complis database as of Feb 9, 2021].

- Inspection numbers include use of alternative oversight tools (e.g. RIE).
- An inspection activity may involve multiple applications and/or studies.

# Data Audit vs. Referral – CI\*

(CDER, FY 2020)

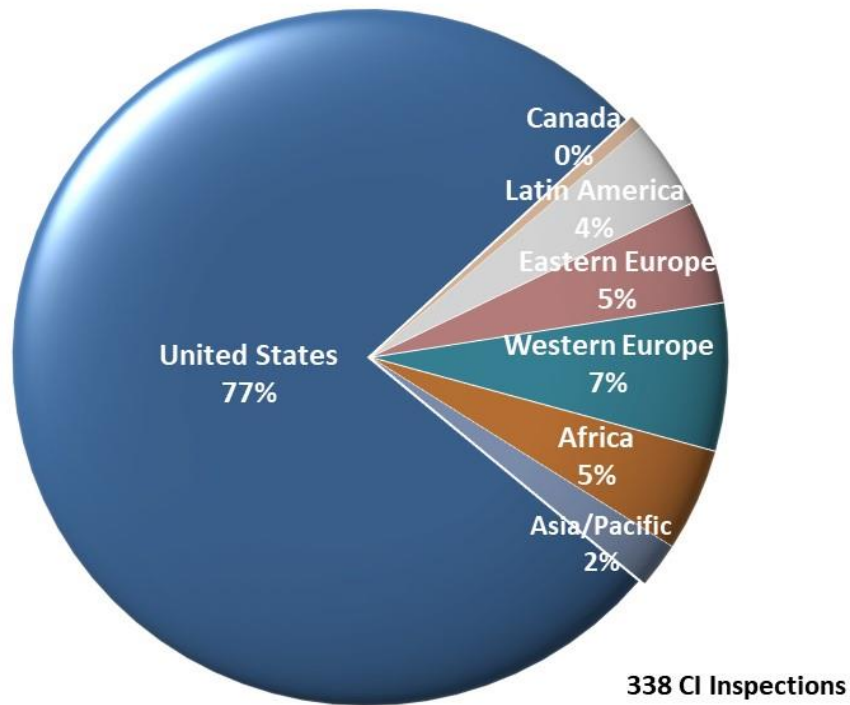


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- Data Audits include Inspection Activity conducted in support of a marketing application.
- Referrals include Complaints, Required Reports, IRB/Sponsor Notifications, and other referrals-internal and external.

# GCP Inspections by Location – CI\*

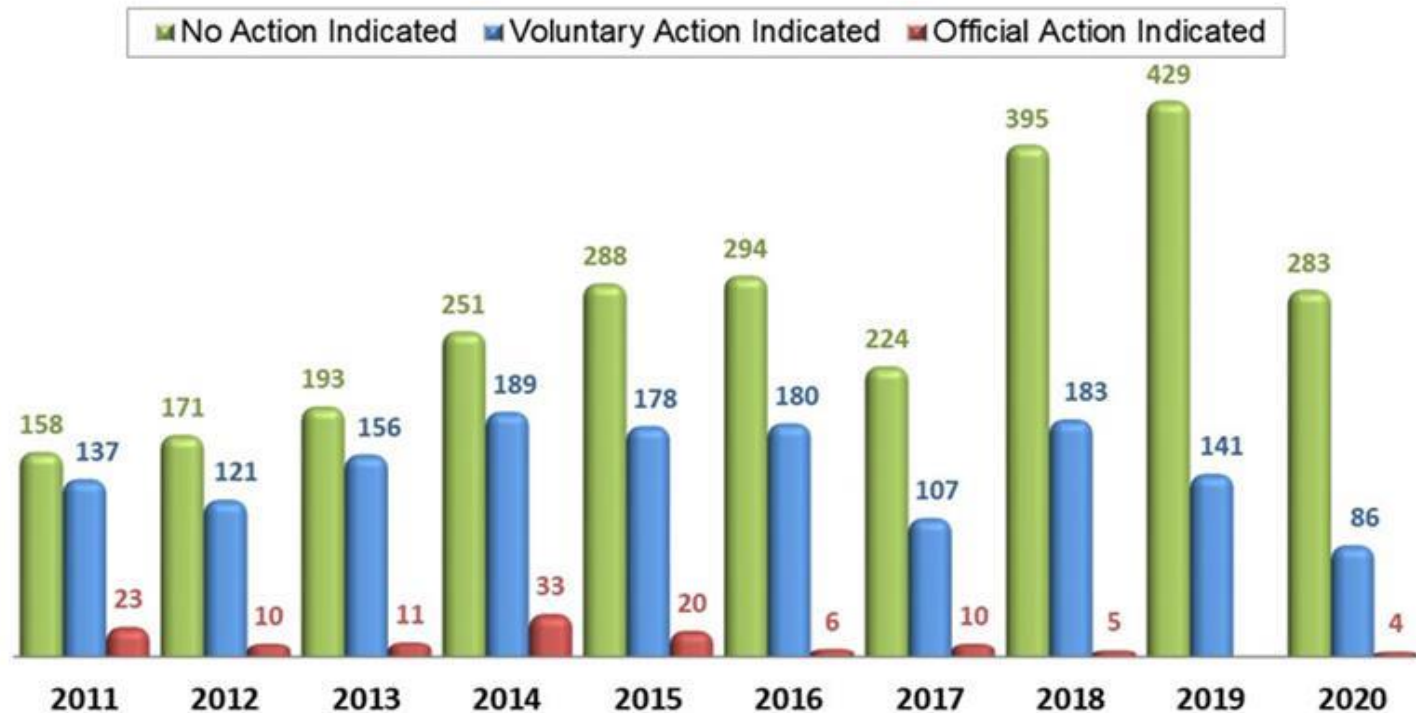
(CDER, FY 2020)



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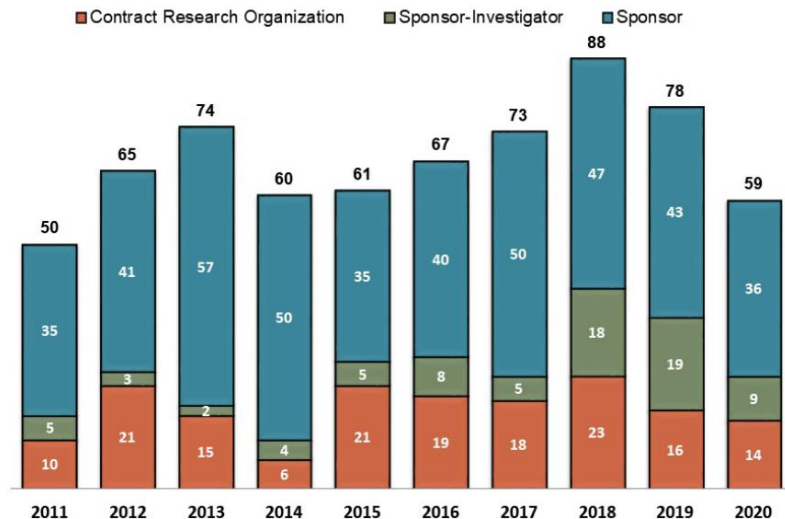
# Final Classification – CI\*

Domestic and Foreign  
(CDER, FY 2011 – FY2020)

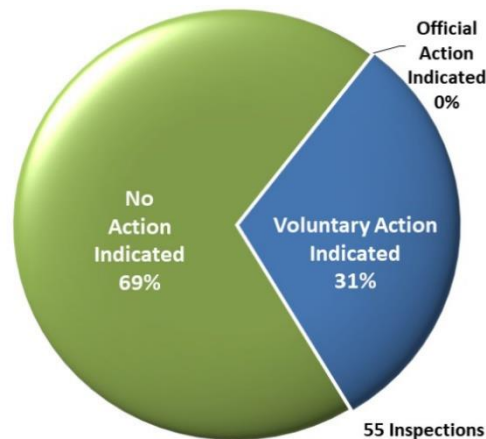


# GCP-Related Sponsor/CRO Inspections\*

(CDER, FY 2011 – FY 2020)



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(CDER, FY 2020)

\*Based on letter issue date [Complis database as of Feb 9, 2021]. Includes Sponsor-Investigator Inspection Activity.

# Summary



- FDA's BIMO program monitors all aspects of clinical trial conduct.
- BIMO GCP inspections provide assurance of data integrity and human subject protection.
- BIMO GCP inspections ensure clinical trials are conducted according to applicable regulations.
- Multiple FDA/CDER offices are involved in clinical trial oversight.
- GCP Inspection activities include inspections for Clinical Investigators, Sponsors, Sponsor Investigators, CROs, IRBs.

# Resources

## BIMO Compliance Programs

<https://www.fda.gov/inspections-compliance-enforcement-and-criminal-investigations/compliance-program-guidance-manual-cpgm/bioresearch-monitoring-program-bimo-compliance-programs>

## Code of Federal Regulations Title 21

<https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfcfr/cfrsearch.cfm>

## FDA Guidance Documents

<https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents>

## FDA Investigations Operations Manual 2021

<https://www.fda.gov/downloads/ICECI/Inspections/IOM/UCM607759.pdf>

## Remote Interactive Evaluations Guidance for Industry

<https://www.fda.gov/media/147582/download>



# Challenge Question



**Which of the following is NOT one of the BIMO program objectives?**

- A. Protect the rights, safety, and welfare of human research subjects.
- B. Protect the public health by enforcing compliance with FDA's guidances governing the conduct of clinical and non-clinical trials.
- C. Verify the accuracy, reliability, and integrity of clinical and non-clinical trial data submitted to FDA.
- D. Assess compliance with FDA's regulations governing the conduct of clinical and non-clinical trials.

# Thank You!

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