



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

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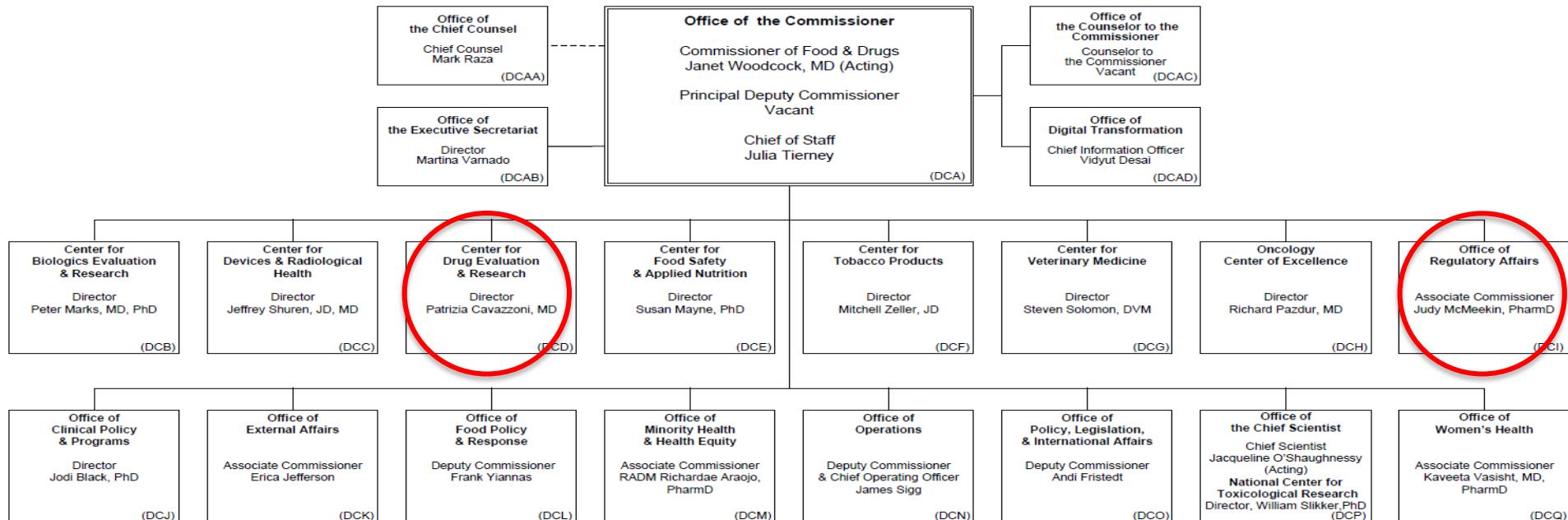
# Overview



- 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

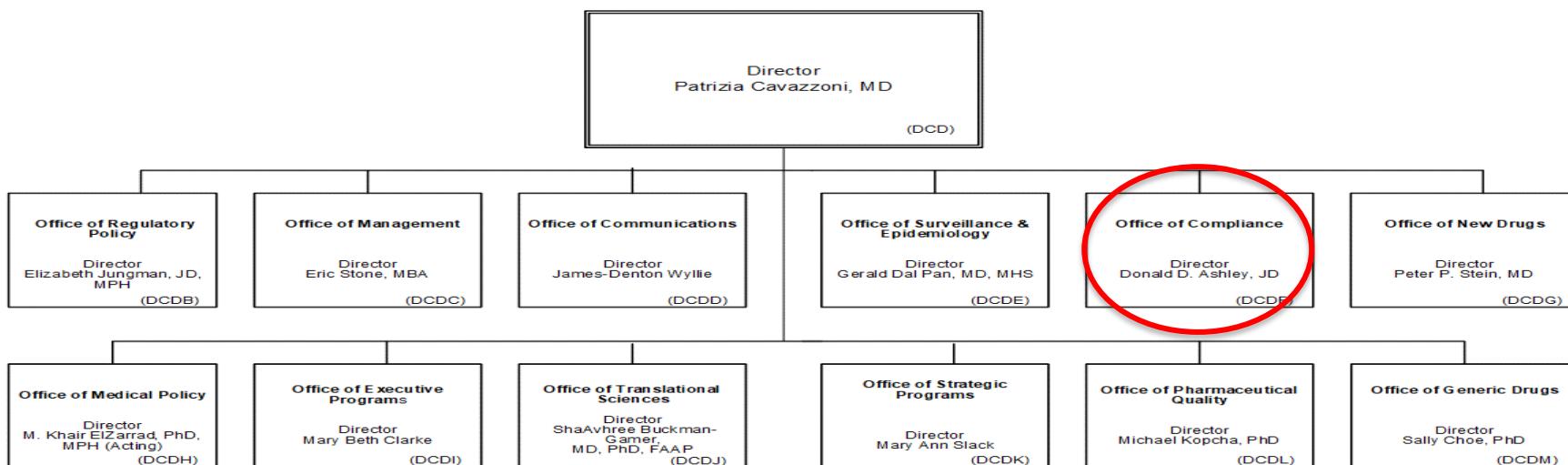


**Legend:**  
- - - Direct report to DHHS General Counsel

# Center for Drug Evaluation & Research (CDER)

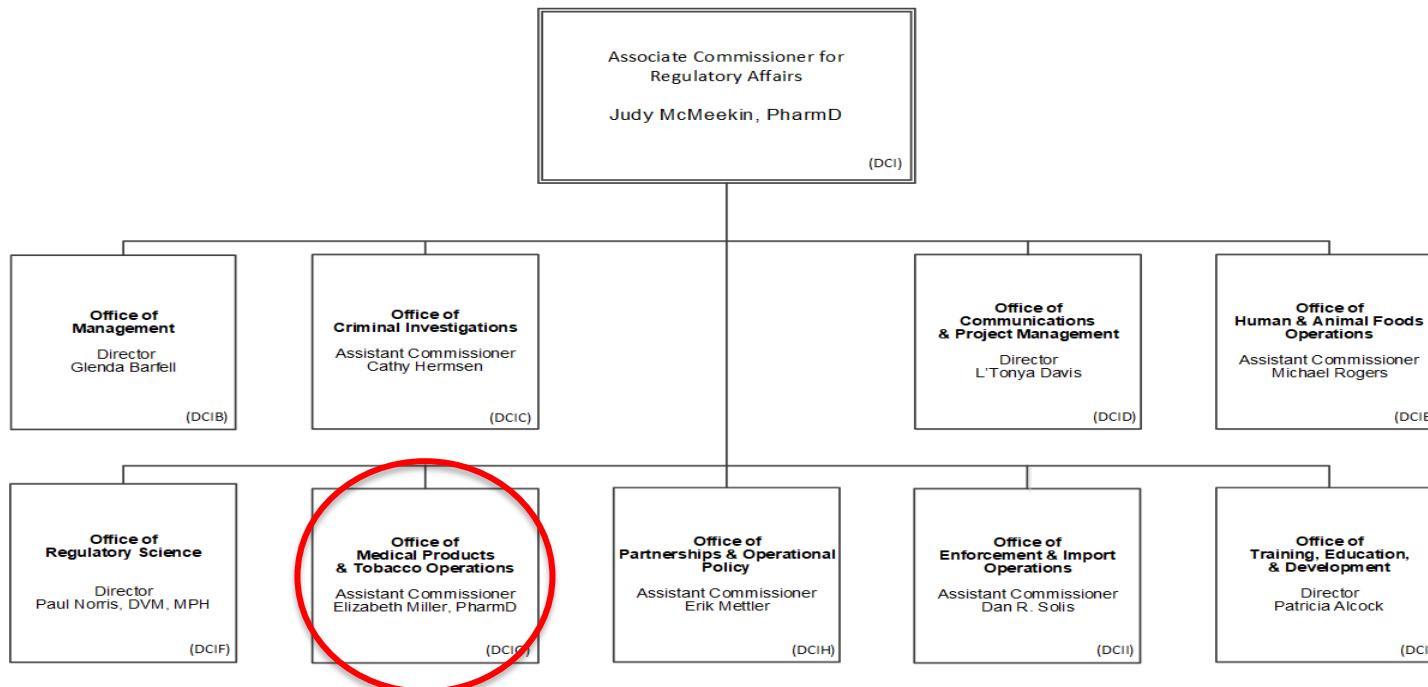


**Department of Health and Human Services  
Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research**

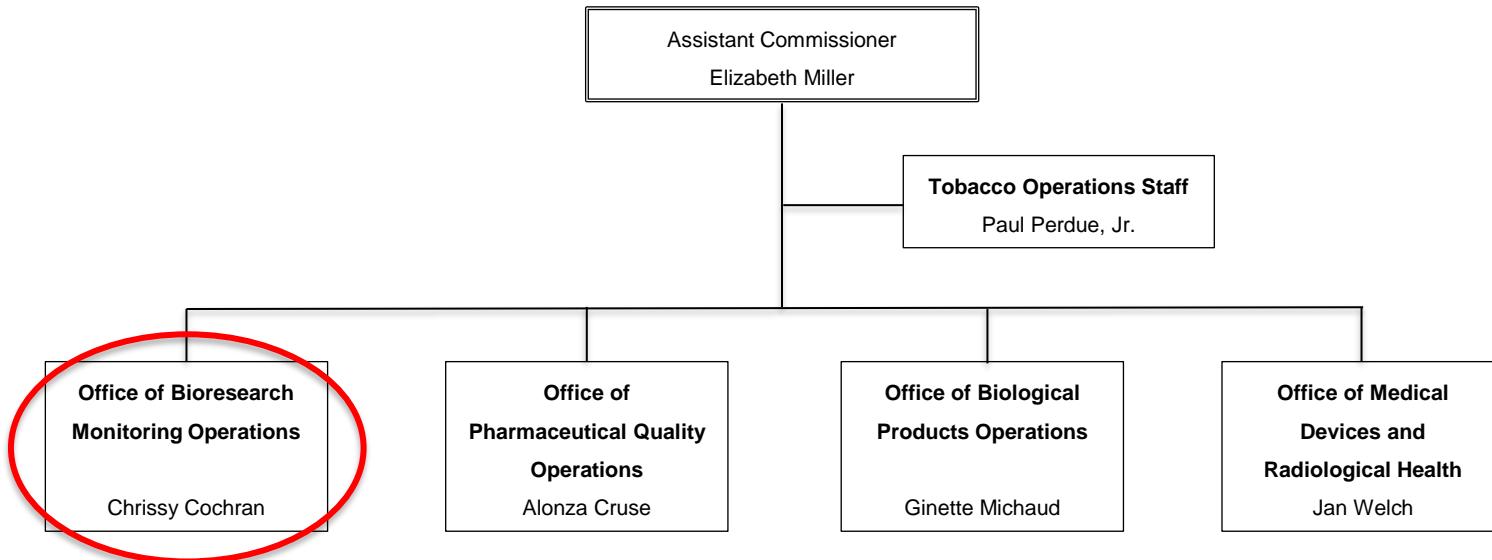


# Office of Regulatory Affairs

Department of Health and Human Services  
Food and Drug Administration  
Office of Regulatory Affairs



# Office of Medical Products and Tobacco Operations



# Bioreserach 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



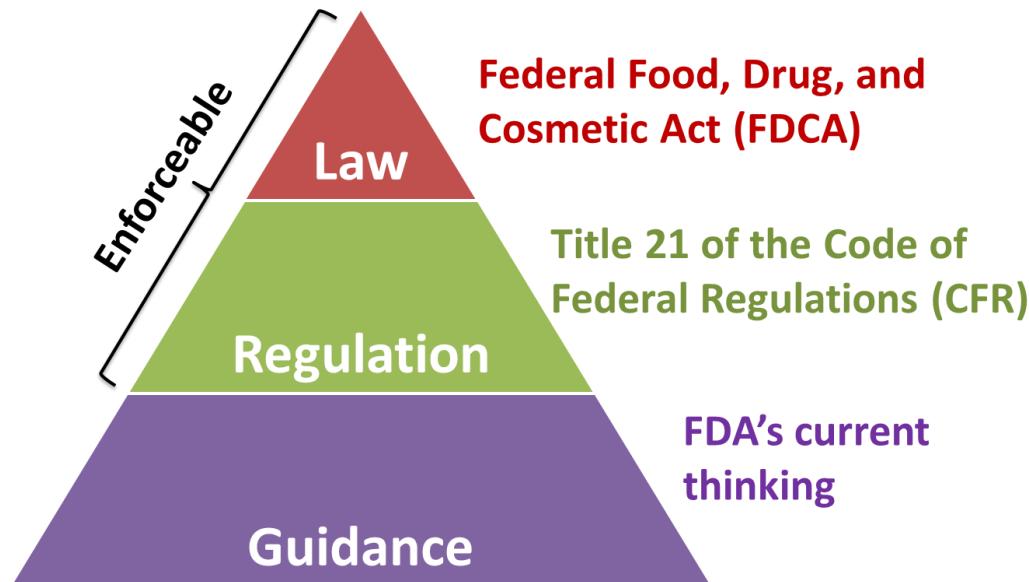
### Human Subject Protection & Data Integrity

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

**Institutional  
Review  
Board (IRB)**

**Clinical  
Investigator**

# Governing Framework



# Good Clinical Practice (GCP)

FDA

## 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 2018  
Procedural

OMB Control No. 0918-0447 Expiration Date 09/30/2020  
See additional PRA statement in section 3 of this guidance.

“A standard for the design, conduct, performance, monitoring, auditing, recording, analyses, and reporting of clinical trials that provides assurance that the data and reported results are credible and accurate, and that the rights, integrity, and confidentiality of trial subjects are protected.”

### 1.24 Good Clinical Practice (GCP)

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# Regulations Relevant to GCP

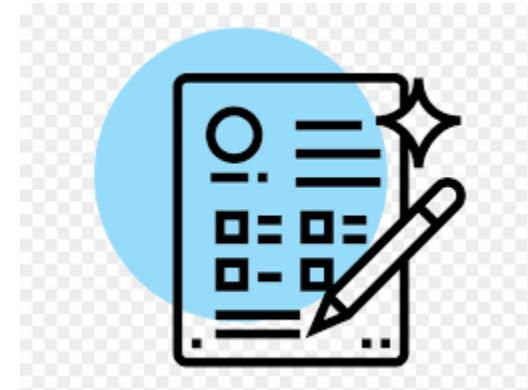


- 21 CFR 11 – Electronic records and signatures
- 21 CFR 50 – Protection of human subjects
- 21 CFR 54 – Financial disclosure
- 21 CFR 56 – Institutional Review Boards
- 21 CFR 312 – Investigational new drug application
- 21 CFR 314 – Applications for FDA approval to market a new drug
- 21 CFR 320 - 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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CHAPTER 48 - BIORESEARCH MONITORING

SUBJECT: CLINICAL INVESTIGATORS AND SPONSOR-INVESTIGATORS	IMPLEMENTATION DATE 07/22/2020
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CHAPTER 48 - Bioresearch Monitoring

SUBJECT: SPONSORS AND CONTRACT RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS	IMPLEMENTATION DATE September 15, 2011
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DATA REPORTING

PRODUCT CODES: Bioresearch Monitoring Inspections do not require product codes

PROGRAM ASSIGNMENT CODES

09810 Foods, Food Additives and Color Additives
41810 Human Drugs and Therapeutic Biologics (Human Cellular, Tissue and Gene Therapies)
42810 Biologics (Blood)
49811 Biologics (Vaccines and Allergenic Products)
49811F Human Drugs and Therapies (For-Cause)
49811S Biosimilars
68811 Animal Products
83811 Medical Devices
98811 Tobacco Products

Note: Clinical Investigator referred to as "clinical investigator"

Date of issuance: 07/22/2020  
FORM 14A-2410g (Electronic)

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 the FDA. The term "sponsor" may also refer to the entity that markets or markets by permit. Therefore, the term may be inclusive of applicants, permittees, 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 organization). Refer Part II Section 1 (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

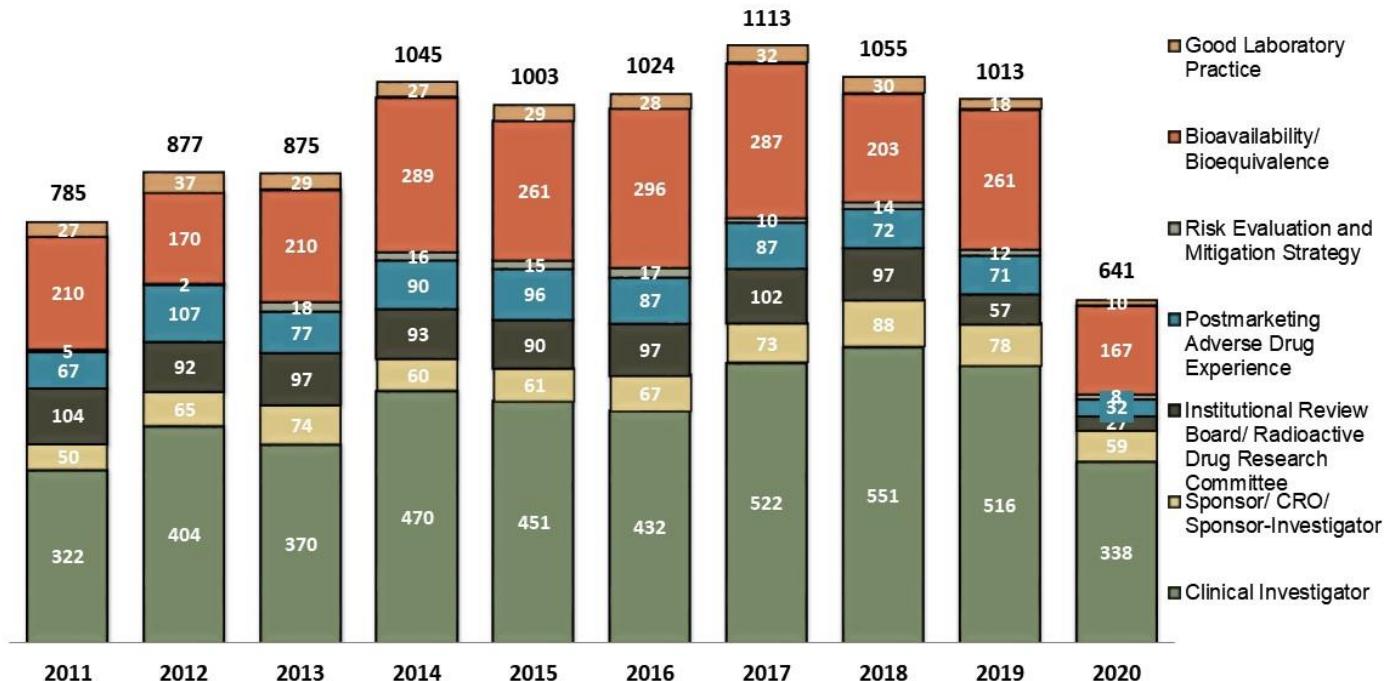
# Remote Interactive Evaluations (RIE)



- 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\*

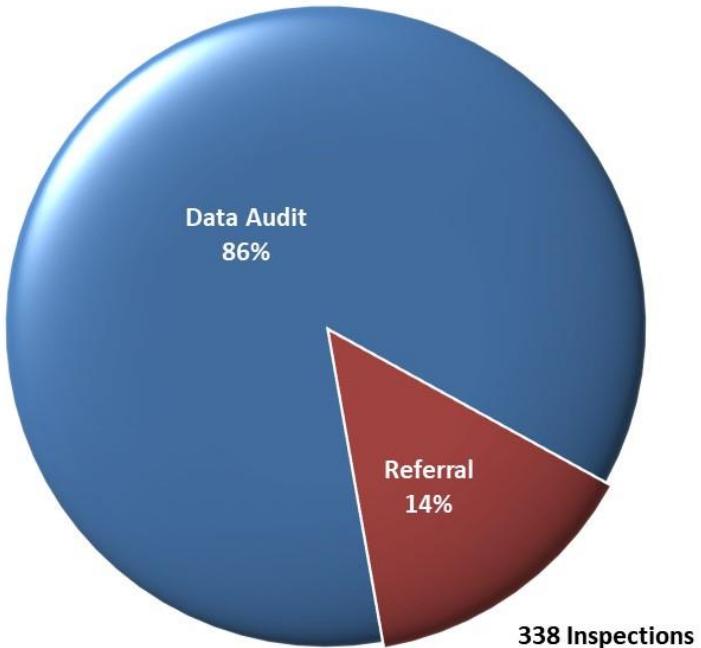
(CDER, FY 2011 – FY2020)



\*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)

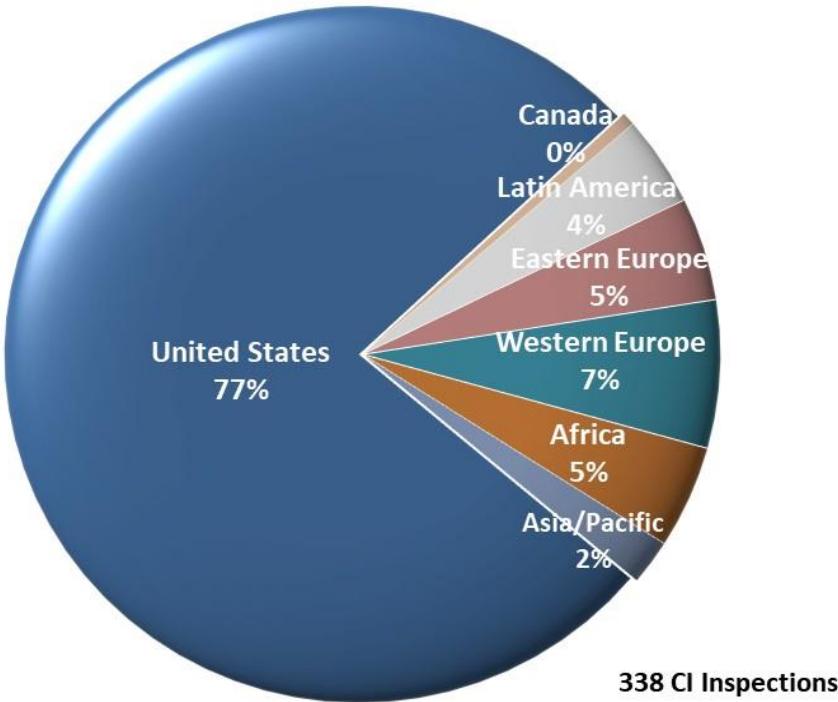


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- Data Audits include Inspection Activity conducted in support of a marketing application.
- Referrals include Complaints, Required Reports, IRB/Sponsor Notifications, and other referrals-internal and external.

# GCP Inspections by Location – CI\*

(CDER, FY 2020)

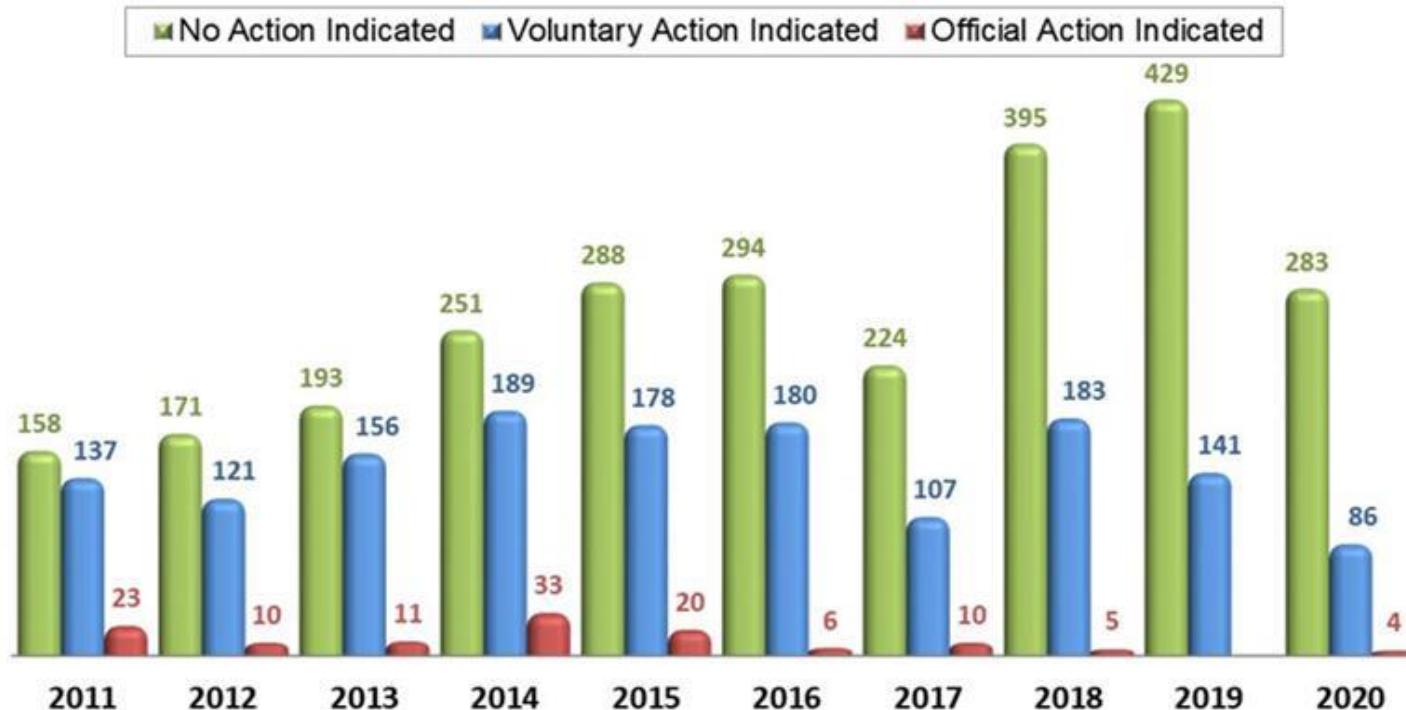


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# Final Classification – CI\*

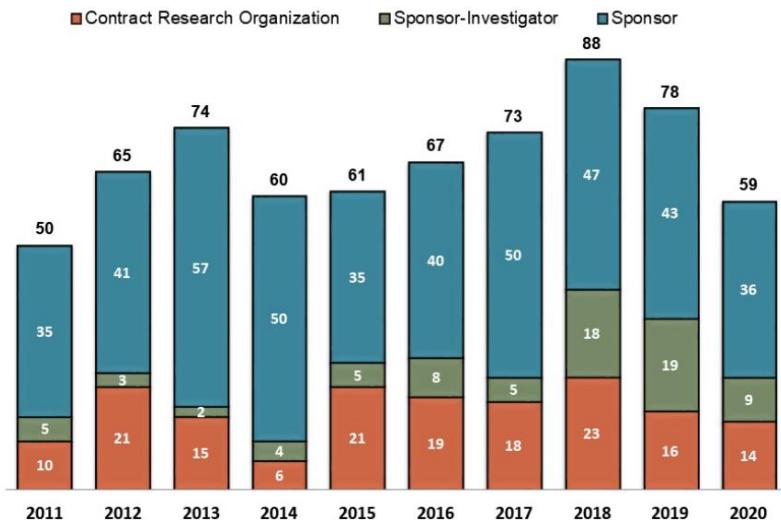


## Domestic and Foreign (CDER, FY 2011 – FY2020)

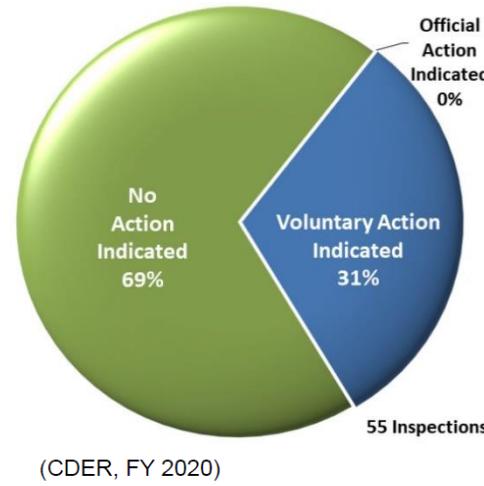


# GCP-Related Sponsor/CRO Inspections\*

(CDER, FY 2011 – FY 2020)



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\*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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