

# CBER's Perspective on Working Together with Our Rare Disease Partners across FDA

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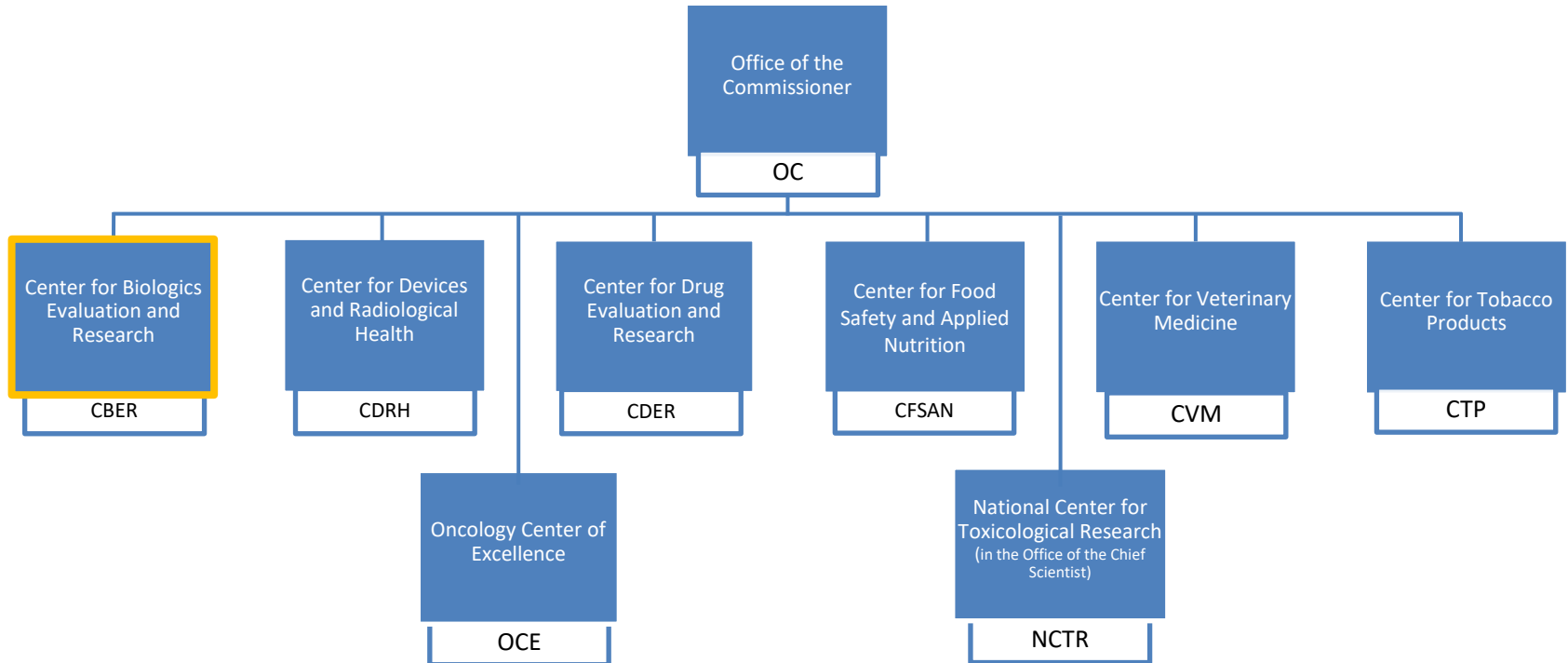
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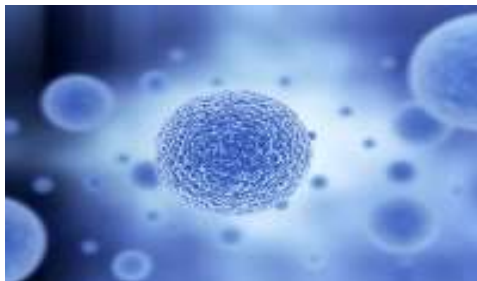


# Learning Objectives

- Discuss CBER's recent rare disease and orphan product approval trends
- Describe CBER's Rare Disease Program
- Discuss CBER's rare disease-related PDUFA VI commitments
- Provide examples of how CBER collaborates with rare disease partners at FDA

# The Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER)





## Products Regulated by CBER

- Allergenic
- Blood Products
- Human Tissues and Cellular Products
- Gene Therapies (including genome editing)
- Vaccines (preventative and therapeutic)
- Xenotransplantation Products
- Devices Related to Biologics
- Miscellaneous (e.g., phage therapy, FMT)

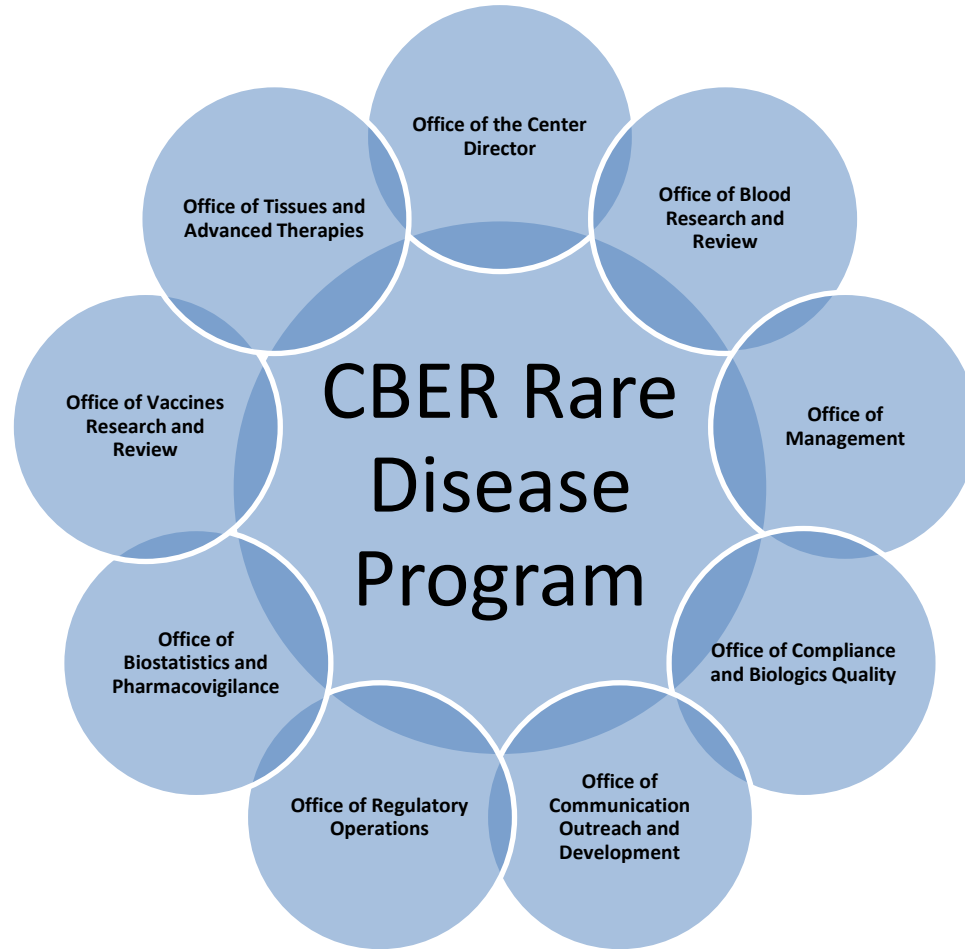
# CDER approved 59 novel biologics\* from 2015 through 2021

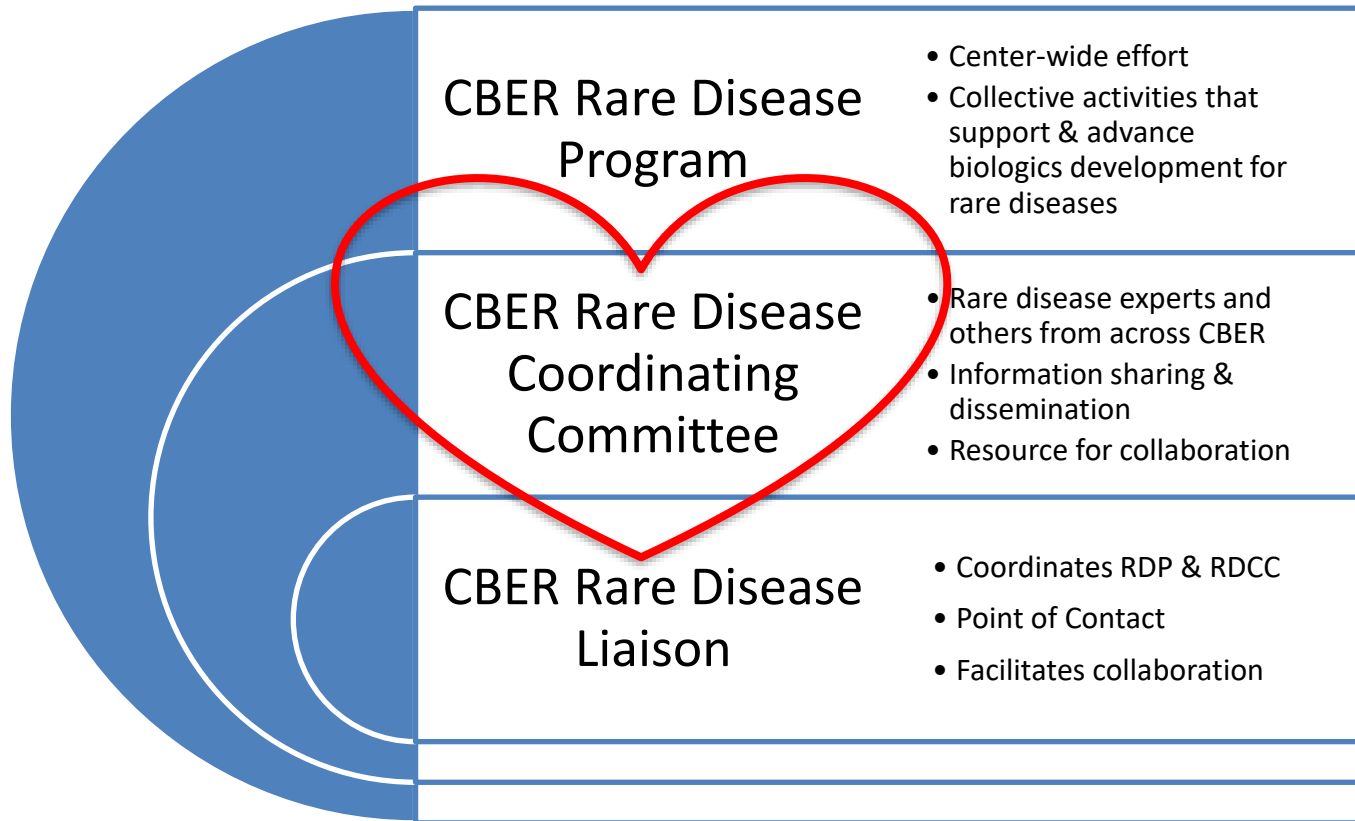


Of these,

- 38 (64%) were approved for use in rare diseases
- 18 (30%) were orphan designated

\*Excludes in vitro diagnostic products, reagents and intermediate biological products approved for further manufacture, such as source plasma





# **CBER Rare Disease Program Mission Statement**

**To facilitate and advance the development and timely approval of safe and effective biologics to improve the lives of children and adults with rare diseases.**



# CBER Rare Disease Commitments

(PDUFA VI)

- Ensure review offices consider flexible & feasible approaches in review
- Provide rare disease training to review staff
- Engage in stakeholder outreach
- Include updates on activities & successes in annual performance report

# CBER Collaborates with Rare Disease Partners at FDA

- Patient engagement events
- Training for reviewers
- Stakeholder outreach (e.g., FDA Rare Disease Day)
- Submission Review
- PDUFA commitments
- Cross-cutting issues or requests
- Guidance development
- Regulatory initiatives (e.g., CDER's new ARC program)
- FDA/EMA/HC Rare Disease Cluster Meetings



# Conclusion

- The majority of CBER's novel approvals are for rare diseases
- CBER's Rare Disease Program aims to advance development of CBER biologics for rare diseases
- CBER collaborates with rare disease partners at FDA in many ways
- Working together helps us accomplish our shared goals!

# Challenge Question

**Which of the following was not noted as an example of a collaborative activity with rare disease partners at FDA?**

- A. Rare Disease Cluster meetings with the EMA and Health Canada
- B. Training for FDA reviewers
- C. Planning committee for a new visitor parking lot for public meetings
- D. Guidance development
- E. Stakeholder outreach

# Questions?

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