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# **Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee Meeting June 18, 2026**

## **Biologics License Application for STN 125869/0**

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# Outline



- Review of Currently Licensed Influenza Vaccines
- Key features of mRNA Vaccine Technology
- High level Overview of the MFLUSIVA BLA
- Agenda for VRBPAC Meeting
- Questions to the Committee

# Currently licensed seasonal influenza vaccines for use in the U.S.



\*\*preferred by the CDC based on ACIP recommendations

| Proprietary Name  | Manufacturer   | Approved Age Group | Notes   |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|---|
| Afluria           | Seqirus        | ≥6 months          | PharmaJet Stratis needle-free injector approved for 18 through 64 yoa only  |
| Fluarix           | GSK            | ≥6 months          | Standard-dose, thimerosal-free single-dose formulations available   |
| FluLaval          | GSK            | ≥6 months          | Standard-dose   |
| Fluzone           | Sanofi Pasteur | ≥6 months          | Standard-dose; intradermal formulation available for 18 through 64 yoa  |
| Fluzone High-Dose | Sanofi Pasteur | ≥65 years          | Contains 60 mcg/strain (4× standard dose); <b>preferred**</b> for adults ≥65 yoa  |
| Fluad             | Seqirus        | ≥65 years          | Adjuvanted (MF59); <b>preferred**</b> for adults ≥65 yoa; also an option for solid organ transplant recipients 18 through 64 yoa on immunosuppressants (per ACIP) |

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| Proprietary Name | Manufacturer   | Approved Age Group | Notes  |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------|--|
| Flucelvax        | Seqirus        | ≥6 months          | Egg-free; suitable for those with egg allergies  |
| Flublok          | Sanofi Pasteur | ≥9 years           | Expanded from prior ≥18 yoa indication; <b>preferred**</b> for adults ≥65 yoa; egg-free and contains 3× the hemagglutinin of standard-dose vaccines (45 mcg/strain)                                      |
| FluMist          | AstraZeneca    | 2–49 years         | Egg-based; nasal spray; self-administration approved for 18 through 49 yoa; caregiver administration for 2 through 17 yoa; contraindicated in pregnant individuals and certain immunocompromised persons |

# mRNA vs. Traditional Influenza Vaccines

- **Traditional Vaccines (Egg-based and Cell-based)**
  - Supported by a decades-long safety record and have demonstrated effectiveness against influenza disease; shown to reduce the risk of severe illness and hospitalizations.
  - Cell and egg-based vaccines generally require 6–8-month production timeline from strain selection to first available supply.
  - Egg-based vaccines are susceptible to egg-adaptive mutations.
  - Effectiveness varies year-to-year depending on strain match.
- **mRNA Vaccines**
  - Rapid manufacturing allows for the potential to facilitate later, more precise strain selection; avoids propagation mutations.
  - Available data for seasonal influenza mRNA vaccines shows generally robust immune responses.
  - Associated with higher rates of transient local and systemic reactogenicity (e.g., injection-site pain, fatigue); comparative effectiveness against high-dose/adjuvanted traditional vaccines requires further evaluation.

# MFLUSIVA (mRNA-1010) BLA Overview



- **Vaccine Composition**
  - Lipid nanoparticle (LNP)-encapsulated mRNA vaccine targeting seasonal influenza strains
  - Trivalent formulation encoding hemagglutinin (HA) glycoproteins of A/H1N1, A/H3N2, and B/Victoria-lineage (12.5 µg of each mRNA or 37.5 µg total mRNA per dose).
- **Proposed Indication & Target Population**
  - Active immunization for the prevention of influenza disease caused by influenza virus subtypes A and B represented in the vaccine.
  - Target population: Adults 50 years of age and older.
- **Proposed Regulatory Pathway**
  - Traditional Approval for adults 50 through 64 years of age (supported by safety, immunogenicity, and clinical efficacy).
  - Accelerated Approval for adults ≥ 65 years of age (supported by safety and immunogenicity, as well as relative vaccine efficacy data versus standard dose comparator and a postmarketing confirmatory study requirement).

# MFLUSIVA: Efficacy & Safety Summary



## Clinical Efficacy & Immunogenicity

### Pivotal Phase 3 Efficacy Study (50 yoa and older)

Data from Moderna's Study P304 pivotal Phase 3 primary efficacy study in individuals 50 yoa and older was submitted to demonstrate that MFLUSIVA was noninferior to the standard-dose comparator in preventing influenza-like illness

### Primary Immunogenicity Study (65 yoa and older)

Immunogenicity data from Study P303 Part C was submitted to support the effectiveness of MFLUSIVA in adults 65 yoa and older, based on the use of Hemagglutination inhibition assay Geometric Mean Titers and Seroconversion Rates as surrogate endpoints reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit.

## Safety & Tolerability Profile

The two primary sources for the safety evaluation are Study P304 and Study P303 Part C, each with approximately 6 months of follow-up. Moderna also conducted an Integrated Safety Summary, pooling data from four Phase 3 studies to support a broader characterization of safety

# Overview of Today's Agenda

## FDA Introduction | 20 min (incl. Q&A)

### 5 min | Introduction

David C. Kaslow, MD

*Director, Office of Vaccines Research and Review (OVRR), CBER*

### 10 min | **Biologics License Application — STN 125869/0**

Joseph Kulinski, PhD

*Review Committee Chair, Division of Review Management and Regulatory Review (DRMRR), OVRR*

### 5 min | Q & A

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## CDC Presentation | 40 min (incl. Q&A)

### 30 min | **Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Surveillance and Effectiveness**

Lisa Grohskopf, MD, MPH

*Medical Officer, Epidemiology & Prevention Branch, Influenza Division, CDC*

### 10 min | **Q & A**

## External Speaker | 20 min (incl. Q&A)

### 15 min | **Seasonal Influenza Vaccines: Current Status and Opportunities for Improved Effectiveness**

Richard Webby, PhD

*Member, St. Jude Faculty — Dept. of Host-Microbe Interactions, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital*

### 5 min | **Q & A**

## Break | 10 min

# Overview of Today's Agenda

## Sponsor Presentation — Moderna | 60 min (incl. Q&A)

### **Investigational Influenza Vaccine mRNA-1010 in Adults $\geq$ 50 Years**

Rituparna Das, MD, PhD

### **Epidemiology of Seasonal Influenza in US Adults $\geq$ 50 Years and Effectiveness of Current Vaccines**

Evan Anderson, MD, FIDSA, FPIDS

### **Clinical Data: Efficacy and Immunogenicity of mRNA-1010**

Rituparna Das, MD, PhD

### **Clinical Safety**

Eleanor Wilson, MD, MHS

### **Benefit-Risk and Summary**

Rituparna Das, MD, PhD

10 min

### **Q & A**

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## FDA Presentation | 60 min (incl. Q&A)

50 min

### **FDA Review of Efficacy, Immunogenicity, and Safety of MFLUSIVA (Influenza Vaccine, mRNA) in Adults 50 Years of Age and Older**

Gauri Raval, MD, MPH

*Medical Officer, Division of Clinical and Toxicology Review (DCTR), OVRR, CBER*

Timothy P. Brennan, MD, PhD, MS — CDR, U.S. Public Health Service

*Clinical Reviewer, Division of Clinical and Toxicology Review (DCTR), OVRR, CBER*

10 min

**Q & A**

## Lunch | 40 min

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**Open Public Hearing | 60 min**

**Additional Q&A | 60 min**

**| For CDC, FDA, Sponsor, & Other Presenters**

**Committee Discussion and Voting | 60 min**

**| Moderna Seasonal Influenza Vaccine**

**Meeting Adjourned — DFO**

# Voting Questions for VRBPAC

1. Do the benefits of MFLUSIVA outweigh its risks for the prevention of influenza disease in adults 50 through 64 years of age?
2. Do the benefits of MFLUSIVA outweigh its risks for the prevention of influenza disease in adults 65 years of age and older?



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