SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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Keynote Speaker

Jill P. Furman, JD
Director
Office of Compliance (OC) | Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)

Jill P. Furman is the Director of the Office of Compliance in CDER. She leads more than 400 scientific and regulatory professionals in their mission to protect patients and consumers from poor quality, unsafe, and ineffective drugs. Jill joined the Office of Compliance and FDA in 2020. Prior to FDA, Ms. Furman spent more than 22 years with the Department of Justice, where she served as deputy director in the Consumer Protection Branch. In this role, she supervised legal strategy for a wide range of consumer protection enforcement cases, including complex civil and criminal litigation under the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. Ms. Furman earned her Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Boston University's School of Law and her bachelor's degree, cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania.

SBIA Hosts

Brenda Stodart, PharmD, BCGP, RAC-US
Captain, USPHS
Director, Small Business and Industry Assistance (SBIA)
Division of Drug Information (DDI) | CDER

CAPT Brenda Stodart is currently the Director for the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research's (CDER's) Small Business and Industry Assistance (SBIA) Program. Prior to her current position, CAPT Stodart was a Senior Regulatory Management Officer in the Office of Regulatory Policy (ORP). Before ORP, CAPT Stodart served as a Senior Health Promotion Officer in the Division of Drug Information for nine years. CAPT Stodart received her MS in Regulatory Science from University of Maryland, PharmD from the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences and BS in Pharmacy from Howard University. She is also a Board-Certified Geriatric Pharmacist (BCGP) and holds a RAC-US certificate. CAPT Stodart has had experience in hospital and retail pharmacy before joining the FDA.

Kori Adair, PharmD
Pharmacist
SBIA | DDI | CDER

Kori Adair is a drug information pharmacist and team member of the Small Business and Industry Assistance (SBIA) program within the Division of Drug Information (DDI) within the Office of Communications (OCOMM) in the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) at FDA. As a drug information pharmacist, Kori responds to a wide variety of inquiries from consumers, healthcare professionals, and industry professionals, including small businesses, regarding CDER-regulated human drug products. Prior to joining the FDA, Kori earned her B.S. in Biochemistry from Baylor

University and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy. Kori then completed a post-doctoral fellowship in Drug Information through Purdue University.

Presenters (Last Name Alphabetical Order)

Sayyem Akbar, PharmD, MBA, BCACP, PhC
Lieutenant Commander, United States Public Health Service
Consumer Safety Officer
Prescription Drugs Branch (PDB)
Division of Unapproved Drugs and Labeling (DUDL)
Office of Unapproved Drugs and Labeling Compliance (OUDLC) | OC | CDER

LCDR Sayyem Akbar is a Consumer Safety Officer with the Prescription Drugs Branch in the Office of Compliance at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. He has been instrumental in reviewing linear barcode label requirement exemption requests for prescription drug products. Prior to his current position, LCDR Akbar served as a Drug Investigator with FDA's Office of Inspections and Investigations. He received his PharmD from St. John's University and his MBA from Georgia Southwestern State University. He is Board Certified in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties.

Vikas Arora, PharmD.
Consumer Safety Officer
Drug Registration & Listing Branch (DRLB)
Division of Labeling, Registration and Unapproved Drugs (DLRUD)
OUDLC | CDER

Vikas Arora is a pharmacist and has been working at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration close to 13 years. He currently serves as a Consumer Safety Officer in the Drug Registration and Listing Branch in the Office of Compliance working on compliance issues related to drug listing and establishment registration data. Prior to his current position, he served as a Health Science Project Manager working on the implementation of the Drug Supply Chain Security Act. In addition, he served a Senior Regulatory Project Manager with the Office of Generic Drugs managing the lifecycle of ANDAs. Before joining the FDA, he worked as a practicing pharmacist in hospital and community settings. Vikas received his Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD.) from Virginia Commonwealth University and his Bachelor of Science degree from The George Washington University.

Jose Cabrera
Technical Information Specialist
DRLB | DLRUD | OUDLC | CDER

Jose Cabrera served as a program analyst/software developer for FDA/CVM for 2 years. Prior to that, he was the Information systems coordinator at CFSAN in the Office of Analytics and Outreach. Jose also served as a C 17A Loadmaster in the U.S. Air Force as a Non-commissioned officer for 10 years. Jose earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from University of Maryland Global Campus in Management Information Systems.

Julian Chun, PharmD, MBA
Lead Public Health Analyst
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Julian Chun is a Lead Public Health Analyst with the Drug Registration and Listing branch at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Prior to his current position, Julian served in managerial and clinical roles for Johns Hopkins Outpatient Pharmacy and Giant Pharmacy. Julian received his Pharm.D. from University of Maryland and an MBA degree from Johns Hopkins University. He holds a specialty board certification in ambulatory care pharmacy and a regulatory affairs certification in drugs.

Troy Cu
Technical Information Specialist
DRLB | DLRUD | OUDLC | CDER

Troy Cu is a Technical Information Specialist with the Food and Drug Administration's Drug Registration and Listing Branch (DRLB), where he has spent more than a decade working with the DRLB data and processes, with a specialization in CDER Direct and Structured Product Labeling (SPL) issues. Prior to joining the FDA, he served as a Systems Administrator at the International Monetary Fund. He holds an Associate Computer Information Systems, along with Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) and Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) certifications.

Joan Dailey, JD
Director
Office of Regulatory Policy (ORP) | CDER

Joan Dailey is a Regulatory Counsel in the Office of Regulatory Policy in FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. Before coming to FDA in June 2023, Joan spent over 20 years in the HHS Office of the General Counsel, CMS Division, where she helped the client agency identify, prevent, and address various fraud and abuse issues in the Medicare program and provided legal advice on the creation and implementation of innovative Medicare payment models. Joan's experience reviewing regulations and policy documents comes in handy here at FDA, where she was the lead regulation writer for the NDC final rule that was published in March 2026. Joan received her law degree from the Dickinson School of Law and is a member of the DC Bar.

Lysette Deshields, PharmD, JD
Commander, United States Public Health Service
Sr. Program Management Officer
Supply Chain Security Branch (SCSB)
Division of Supply Chain Integrity (DSCI)
Office of Drug Security, Integrity and Response (ODSIR) | OC | CDER

CDR Lysette Deshields is a Senior Program Management Officer with the Office of Drug Security, Integrity, and Response at the Food and Drug Administration. In her role, she leads and supports efforts to strengthen drug supply chain security, including implementation of the Drug Supply Chain Security Act, engagement with relevant stakeholders, and strategic initiatives that promote proactive compliance and safeguarding the integrity of the U.S. drug supply chain. Additionally, she advances risk-based surveillance activities targeting online pharmacies that illegally market unapproved and misbranded prescription drugs. CDR Deshields earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Rutgers University and Juris Doctor from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.

Lalnunpuii "Puii" Huber, M.S.
Lead Public Health Analyst
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Lalnunpuii (Puii) Huber is a Lead Public Health Analyst with the Drug Registration and Listing Branch at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Prior to her current position, she served in contractor roles supporting FDA's drug registration and listing program and participated in the development and implementation of the CDER Direct application. She has extensive experience supporting FDA's drug registration and listing program. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Baltimore, a Master of Science degree in Biotechnology from the University of Maryland, and a Certificate in Project Management from Duke University.

Brad Pace, JD
Associate Director
OUDLC | CDER

Brad Pace is the Associate Director for the Office of Unapproved Drugs and Labeling Compliance in the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. Brad has over 15 years of experience in compliance matters related to unapproved and misbranded drugs in FDA's Office of Compliance. He received his Juris Doctor from Loyola University Chicago School of Law and his bachelor's degree from Washington University in St. Louis.

Soo Jin Park, PharmD., MS
Lieutenant Commander, United States Public Health Service
Regulatory Officer
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LCDR Park is a Regulatory Compliance Officer with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in the Office Compliance. She received her Doctorate in Pharmacy from University of Sciences in Philadelphia (Philadelphia College of Pharmacy) and Master's in Regulatory Science from University of Maryland College of Pharmacy. She's been with Drug Registration and Listing System (DRLS) Branch since 2008 and is an expert in regulation and operation pertaining to establishment registration and drug listing for both domestic and foreign drug manufacturers. Since 2013, LCDR Park has been heavily involved in writing guidance and policy related to 503B outsourcing facilities. She's the co-lead on outsourcing facilities registration and submission of biannual product reporting.

Yogesh Paruthi, PharmD
Consumer Safety Officer
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Yogesh Paruthi is a Consumer Safety Officer with the Drug Registration and Listing Branch at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Prior to his current position, Yogesh served in clinical research and supervisory roles for Johns Hopkins Suburban Hospital and Kaiser Permanente. He currently serves in a PRN capacity at Johns Hopkins Suburban Hospital and Giant Pharmacy. Yogesh received his Pharm.D. from Touro College of Pharmacy. He holds ASHP certifications in Investigational Drugs and Informatics.

Leyla Rahjou-Esfandiary, PharmD
Branch Chief
DRLB | DLRUD | OUDLC | CDER

Leyla Rahjou-Esfandiary is a branch chief in CDER's Office of Compliance. With 18 years of experience at FDA, she is a subject matter expert in establishment registration and drug listing and the National Drug Code (NDC) assignment to drugs. She leads a team of multi-disciplinary colleagues in maintaining and optimizing FDA's electronic Drug Registration and Listing System (eDRLS) and implementing FDA's policies and regulatory requirements applicable to drug registration and listing. She created the drug registration and listing compliance program in 2015, the first with a focus on data integrity and reliability. She has led and took part in numerous policy, rulemaking, and data driven projects, including the "Revising the National Drug Code Format and Drug Label Barcode Requirements" final rule, published on March 5, 2026. She holds a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree from Tehran University School of Medical Sciences and a certification in Drug Development and Regulatory Sciences from University of California San Francisco.

Regie Samuel
Technical Information Specialist
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Regie Samuel has worked with the FDA, and specifically Drug Registration and Listing, for nearly 14 years. For 3 years, he worked as an FDA contractor supporting the eDRLS and CDER Direct systems on the software development team. Currently, and for the past 11 years, he holds the position of Technical Information Specialist on the Drug Registration and Listing Branch. He graduated in 2009 with a B.S. in Finance from the University of Maryland in College Park and obtained an Associate's Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University in 2017.

Jeffrey Trunzo, RPh, MBA
Consumer Safety Officer
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Jeffrey Trunzo is a Consumer Safety Officer in the Drug Registration and Listing Branch of the CDER Office of Compliance. Prior to joining FDA in 2008, he served as an executive at a clinical trials consulting firm, where he gained broad experience with human subject protection, ethics, adverse event reporting, and clinical trials. Jeffrey has over 18 years of experience at FDA working to ensure that drug products are safe and effective, and that establishments and their products are properly registered and listed in accordance with federal requirements — a critical component of the agency's oversight of the U.S. drug supply. He holds a Pharmacy degree from Duquesne University and an MBA from Georgetown University.

Obinna Ugwu-Oju
Division Director
Office of Quality Surveillance (OQS)
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Obinna Ugwu-Oju is a Division Director in the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), Office of Pharmaceutical Quality (OPQ), Office of Quality Surveillance (OQS) where he provides oversight of data analytics initiatives in support of drug quality surveillance. Obinna leads the Integrated Project Team (IPT) responsible for managing FDA Drug and Biological Products Amount Reporting Program. Before joining FDA in 2011, Obinna worked in the private sector as an Enterprise Search System Architect. Obinna earned his B.S. in Electrical Engineering from University of Nigeria, and his M.S. in Telecommunication and Computers from The George Washington University, Washington DC.

Stephanie Williams, JD
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Stephanie Williams is a Regulatory Counsel in the Drug Registration and Listing Branch (DRLB) in the Office of Unapproved Drugs and Labeling Compliance at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. She joined FDA in 2021 as a Regulatory Counsel in the Fraud Drugs Branch and has been with DRLB for the past two years. Prior to joining the Agency, she worked extensively on regulatory compliance issues in clinical trials at Johns Hopkins University, the University of Cincinnati, and Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She earned her law degree at Northern Kentucky University and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati.