

**FDA Staff Manual Guides, Volume I – Organizations and Functions**

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Food and Drug Administration**

**Center for Drug Evaluation and Research**

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**1. Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER).**

- A. Develops Food and Drug Administration (FDA) policy with regard to the safety, effectiveness, and labeling of all drugs and therapeutic products for human use.
- B. Reviews and evaluates new drug applications biological license applications and investigational new drug applications.
- C. Develops and implements standards for the safety and effectiveness of all over-the-counter drugs.
- D. Monitors the quality of marketed drug products through product testing, surveillance, and compliance programs.
- E. Coordinates with the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research regarding activities for biological drug products. Such activities include research, compliance, and product review and approval.
- F. Develops and promulgates guidelines on Current Good Manufacturing Practices for use by the drug industry.
- G. Develops and disseminates information and educational material dealing with drug products to the medical community and the public in coordination with the Office of the Commissioner.
- H. Conducts research and develops scientific standards on the composition, quality, safety, and effectiveness of human drugs and therapeutic products.
- I. Collects and evaluates information on the effects and use trends of marketed drug therapeutic products.
- J. Monitors prescription drug advertising and promotional labeling to assure their accuracy and integrity.

- K. Analyzes data on accidental poisonings and disseminates toxicity and treatment information on household products and medicines.
- L. Cooperates with other FDA components, governmental and international agencies, volunteer health organizations, universities, individual scientists, nongovernmental laboratories, and manufacturers of drug products.

## **2. Authority and Effective Date.**

The functional statements for the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research were approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services on August 26, 2019, and effective on September 25, 2019.

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

Office of  
the Center Director

Controlled Substance Staff  
Counter-Terrorism & Emergency Coordination Staff  
Drug Shortage Staff

(DCDA)

Office of  
Regulatory Policy

(DCDB)

Division of Regulatory Policy I  
Division of Regulatory Policy II  
Division of Information Disclosure Policy  
Division of Regulatory Policy III  
Division of Regulatory Policy IV

Office of  
Management

Ethics Liaison Staff

(DCDC)

Division of Budget & Resource  
Management  
Division of Management Services  
Division of User Fee Management

Office of  
Communications

Program Management & Analysis Staff  
Professional Affairs  
& Stakeholder Engagement Staff

(DCDD)

Division of Digital Online Communications  
Division of Health Communications  
Division of Drug Information

Office of  
Surveillance & Epidemiology

Regulatory Science Staff  
Regulatory Affairs Staff  
Program Management & Analysis Staff  
Project Management Staff

(DCDE)

Office of Medication Error Prevention  
& Risk Management  
Office of Pharmacovigilance  
& Epidemiology

Office of  
Compliance

Program Management & Analysis Staff

(DCDF)

Office of Manufacturing Quality  
Office of Unapproved Drugs & Labeling  
Compliance  
Office of Scientific Investigations  
Office of Drug Security, Integrity,  
& Response  
Office of Program & Regulatory Operations  
Office of Compounding Quality  
& Compliance

Office of  
New Drugs

(DCDG)

Office of Neuroscience  
Office of Cardiology, Hematology,  
Endocrinology, & Nephrology  
Office of Immunology & Inflammation  
Office of Infectious Diseases  
Office of Rare Diseases, Pediatrics, Urology,  
& Reproductive Medicine  
Office of Oncology Diseases  
Office of Therapeutic Biologics & Biosimilars  
Office of Administrative Operations  
Office of Nonprescription Drugs  
Office of Specialty Medicine  
Office of New Drug Policy  
Office of Regulatory Operations  
Office of Program Operations  
Office of Drug Evaluation Science

Office of  
Medical Policy

(DCDH)

Office of Prescription Drug Promotion  
Office of Medical Policy Initiatives

Office of  
Executive Programs

Program Management & Analysis Staff  
Legislative Affairs Staff  
Executive Operations Staff  
Special Project Staff

(DCDI)

Division of Learning & Organizational  
Development  
Division of Advisory Committee  
& Consultant Management

Office of  
Translational Sciences

(DCDJ)

Office of Biostatistics  
Office of Clinical Pharmacology  
Office of Computational Science  
Office of Study Integrity & Surveillance  
Office of Administrative Operations

Office of  
Strategic Programs

Business Informatics Governance Staff  
Data Standards Staff

(DCDK)

Office of Program & Strategic Analysis  
Office of Business Informatics

Office of  
Pharmaceutical Quality

Scientific Staff

(DCDL)

Office of Product Quality Assessment III  
Office of Product Quality Assessment II  
Office of Policy for Pharmaceutical Quality  
Office of Pharmaceutical Manufacturing  
Assessment  
Office of Quality Surveillance  
Office of Pharmaceutical Quality Research  
Office of Program & Regulatory Operations  
Office of Product Quality Assessment I  
Office of Administrative Operations  
Office of Quality Assurance

Office of  
Generic Drugs

Program Management & Analysis Staff  
Communications Staff  
Quality Management Staff

(DCDM)

Office of Research & Standards  
Office of Bioequivalence  
Office of Generic Drug Policy  
Office of Regulatory Operations  
Office of Safety & Clinical Evaluation

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The following is the Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research organization structure depicting all the organizational structures reporting to the Director:

Office of the Center Director (DCDA)  
Office of Regulatory Policy (DCDB)  
Office of Management (DCDC)  
Office of Communications (DCDD)  
Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology (DCDE)  
Office of Compliance (DCDF)  
Office of New Drugs (DCDG)  
Office of Medical Policy (DCDH)  
Office of Executive Programs (DCDI)  
Office of Translational Science (DCDJ)  
Office of Strategic Programs (DCDK)  
Office of Generic Drugs (DCDM)

These organizations report to the Office of the Center Director (DCDA):

Controlled Substances Staff  
Counter-Terrorism and Emergency Coordination Staff  
Drug Shortage Staff

These organizations report to the Office of Regulatory Policy (DCDB):

Division of Regulatory Policy I  
Division of Regulatory Policy II  
Division of Information Disclosure Policy  
Division of Regulatory Policy III  
Division of Regulatory Policy IV

These organizations report to the Office of Management (DCDC):

Ethics Liaison Staff  
Division of Budget and Resource Management  
Division of Management Services  
Division of User Fee Management

These organizations report to the Office of Communications (DCDD):

- Program Management and Analysis Staff
- Professional Affairs and Stakeholder Engagement Staff
- Division of Digital Online Communications
- Division of Health Communications
- Division of Drug Information

These organizations report to the Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology (DCDE):

- Regulatory Science Staff
- Regulatory Affairs Staff
- Program Management and Analysis Staff
- Project Management Staff
- Office of Medical Error Prevention and Risk Management
- Office of Pharmacovigilance and Epidemiology

These organizations report to the Office of Compliance (DCDF):

- Program Management and Analysis Staff
- Office of Manufacturing Quality
- Office of Unapproved Drugs and Labeling Compliance
- Office of Scientific Investigations
- Office of Drug Security, Integrity, and Response
- Office of Program and Regulatory Operations
- Office of Compounding Quality and Compliance

These organizations report to the Office of New Drugs (DCDG):

- Office of Neuroscience
- Office of Cardiology, Hematology, Endocrinology, and Nephrology
- Office of Immunology and Inflammation
- Office of Infectious Diseases
- Office of Rare Diseases, Pediatrics, Urology, and Reproductive Medicine
- Office of Oncology Diseases
- Office of Therapeutic Biologics and Biosimilars
- Office of Administrative Operations
- Office of Nonprescription Drugs
- Office of Specialty Medicine
- Office of New Drug Policy
- Office of Regulatory Operations
- Office of Program Operations
- Office of Drug Evaluation Science

These organizations report to the Office of Medical Policy (DCDH):

Office of Prescription Drug Promotion

Office of Medical Policy Initiatives

These organizations report to the Office of Executive Programs (DCDI):

Program Management and Analysis Staff

Legislative Affairs Staff

Executive Operations Staff

Special Project Staff

Division of Learning and Organizational Development

Division of Advisory Committee and Consultant Management

These organizations report to the Office of Translational Sciences (DCDJ):

Office of Biostatistics

Office of Clinical Pharmacology

Office of Computational Science

Office of Study Integrity and Surveillance

Office of Administrative Operations

These organizations report to the Office of Strategic Programs (DCDK):

Business Informatics Governance Staff

Data Standards Staff

Office of Program and Strategic Analysis

Office of Business Informatics

These organizations report to the Office of Pharmaceutical Quality (DCDL):

Scientific Staff

Office of Product Quality Assessment III

Office of Product Quality Assessment II

Office of Policy for Pharmaceutical Quality

Office of Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Assessment

Office of Quality Surveillance

Office of Pharmaceutical Quality Research

Office of Program & Regulatory Operations

Office of Product Quality Assessment I

Office of Administrative Operations

Office of Quality Assurance

These organizations report to the Office of Generic Drugs (DCDM):

Program Management and Analysis Staff

Communications Staff

Quality Management Staff

Office of Research and Standards

Office of Bioequivalence

Office of Generic Drug Policy

Office of Regulatory Operations

Office of Safety and Clinical Evaluation