

# Advancing Drug Development in Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS)

Organized by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) and National Cancer Institute (NCI)

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**Meeting objectives:** In order to support the goal of expediting the development of drugs and biological products for the treatment of MDS, the FDA Oncology Center of Excellence (OCE) in coordination with the NCI, is convening a public meeting to advance the discussion around optimal design of clinical trials for patients with MDS. Specifically, the objectives for this event are to: 1) discuss key eligibility considerations and risk stratification on MDS clinical trials; 2) discuss optimal definitions of MDS clinical trial endpoints; and 3) present available evidence to support new endpoints for clinical trials in MDS.

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## DAY 1

### 12:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions

*Kelly Norsworthy, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*

*Steven Pavletic, National Cancer Institute*

### 12:45 p.m. Session I: Risk Stratification and eligibility for MDS clinical trials

#### Co-Chairs:

*Guillermo Garcia-Manero, MD Anderson Cancer Center*

*James Foran, Mayo Clinic Cancer Center*

#### Panelists:

*Katherine R. Calvo, National Institutes of Health Clinical Center*

*Lea Cunningham, National Cancer Institute*

*Peter Greenberg, Stanford University*

*Robert Hasserjian, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School*

*Nina Kim, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*

*Alain Mina, National Cancer Institute*

*Aziz Nazha, Incyte*

*Elli Papaemmanuil, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*

*Anupam Verma, Inova Schar Cancer Institute*

### 2:00 p.m. Session II: Response Criteria

#### Co-Chairs:

*Jacqueline Garcia, Dana Farber Cancer Institute*

*Amer Zeidan, Yale University*

**Panelists:**

*Uma Borate, The Ohio State University*  
*Guillermo Garcia-Manero, MD Anderson Cancer Center*  
*Emily Jen, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*  
*Noa Holtzman, National Cancer Institute*  
*Richard Little, National Cancer Institute*  
*Kelly Norsworthy, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*  
*Steven Pavletic, National Cancer Institute*  
*Bart Scott, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, University of Washington*  
*David Steensma, formerly Novartis*

**3:15 p.m. Break**

**3:30 p.m. Session III: Time-to-event Endpoints**

**Co-Chairs:**

*Amy DeZern, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center, Johns Hopkins University*  
*Rami Komrokji, Moffitt Cancer Center*

**Panelists:**

*Maria Diez-Campelo, Universidad de Salamanca*  
*Lori Ehrlich, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*  
*Liz Garrett-Mayer, American Society of Clinical Oncology*  
*Steven Gore, National Cancer Institute*  
*Emma Groarke, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute*  
*Alain Mina, National Cancer Institute*  
*Valeria Santini, University of Florence*  
*Jonathon Vallejo, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*  
*Erica Warlick, Syros Pharmaceuticals*  
*Amer Zeidan, Yale University*

**4:45 p.m. Closing Remarks**

*Alain Mina, National Cancer Institute*  
*Lori Ehrlich, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*

**5:00 p.m. Adjournment**

## DAY 2

**12:30 p.m. Welcome and Recap of Day 1**  
*Lori Ehrlich, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*  
*Peter Aplan, National Cancer Institute*

**12:45 p.m. Session IV: Transfusion Endpoints**

**Co-Chairs:**

*Mikkael Sekeres, Sylvester Cancer Center, University of Miami*  
*Bart Scott, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, University of Washington*

**Panelists:**

*Yasmin Abaza, Northwestern University*  
*Rafael Bejar, Aptose Biosciences*  
*Jacqueline Garcia, Dana Farber Cancer Institute*  
*Uwe Platzbecker, University Hospital in Leipzig, Germany*  
*David Swoboda, Cancer Center of South Florida, Tampa General Hospital*  
*Tanya Wroblewski, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*

**2:00 p.m. Session V: Functional assessments and integration into clinical trial endpoints**

**Co-Chairs:**

*Rena Buckstein, Odette Cancer Centre, Toronto*  
*Sara Tinsley-Vance, Moffitt Cancer Center*

**Panelists:**

*Andrew Artz, City of Hope Cancer Center*  
*Victoria Barghout, Viver Health*  
*Vishal Bhatnagar, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*  
*Tracey Iraca, MDS Foundation*  
*Tito Mendoza, National Cancer Institute*  
*Shannon McCurdy, University of Pennsylvania*  
*Lisa Pleyer, Paracelsus Medical University, Austria*  
*Fabio Effiace, Italian Group for Adult Hematologic Diseases (GIMEMA)*

**3:15 p.m. Break**

**3:30 p.m. Session VI: Biomarker development and minimal residual disease**

**Co-Chairs:**

*Kathy McGraw, National Cancer Institute*  
*Amit Verma, Albert Einstein Cancer Center*

**Panelists:**

*Omar Abdel-Wahab, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*  
*Peter Aplan, National Cancer Institute*  
*Eric J Duncavage, Washington University*  
*Pamela Ebrahimi, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*

*Maria “Ken” Figueroa, Sylvester Cancer Center, University of Miami*  
*Sylvie D. Freeman, University of Birmingham*  
*Jarek Maciejewski, Cleveland Clinic*  
*Thomas Prebet, Bristol Myers Squibb*  
*Eduard Schulz, National Cancer Institute*  
*Dan Starczynowski, Cincinnati Children's Hospital*

**4:45 p.m. Closing Remarks**

*Steven Pavletic, National Cancer Institute*  
*Kelly Norsworthy, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*

**5:00 p.m. Adjournment**

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