

FDA Staff Manual Guides, Volume I – Organizations and Functions

Department of Health and Human Services

Food and Drug Administration

Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research

Office of Therapeutic Products

Office of Cellular Therapy and Human Tissue CMC

Division of Cell Therapy I

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1. Division of Cell Therapy I (DCBGGA).

- A. Evaluates Biologics License Applications (BLAs) and amendments to BLAs for cellular therapy, tissue engineering, gene therapy, and therapeutic vaccine products. Directs BLA review committee activities. Develops policy and formulates recommendations on BLAs consistent with the applicable laws and Center policies.
- B. Reviews Investigational New Drug Applications (INDs), Investigational Device Exemptions (IDEs), Pre-Market Approval Applications (PMAs), Humanitarian Device Exemptions (HDEs), and 510(k) for new cellular therapy, tissue engineering, gene therapy, and therapeutic vaccine products.
- C. Evaluates biological product deviations and adverse events reported in association with the use of marketed cellular therapy, gene therapy, tissue engineering, and therapeutic vaccine products.
- D. Participates in the inspection of manufacturers of cellular therapy, tissue engineering, gene therapy, and therapeutic vaccine products.
- E. Provides expert scientific, medical, and technical advice and assistance to other Center components and to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on cellular therapy, tissue engineering, gene therapy, and therapeutic vaccine products and related issues.
- F. Develops policies and procedures applicable to the review and evaluation of INDs, IDEs, 510Ks, HDEs, PMAs, BLAs, and products regulated by the Office in the absence of Center-level policies and procedures.
- G. Performs consultative reviews of product information and data in BLAs, BLA

amendments, INDs, IDEs, 510Ks, HDEs, and PMAs in response to request from other Center components.

2. Cell Therapy Branch 1 (DCBGGA1).

- A. Evaluates BLAs and amendments to BLAs for cellular therapy, tissue engineering, gene therapy, and therapeutic vaccine products. Directs BLA review committee activities. Develops policy and formulates recommendations on BLAs consistent with the applicable laws and Center policies.
- B. Reviews INDs, IDEs, 510Ks, HDEs, and PMAs for new cellular therapy, tissue engineering, gene therapy, and therapeutic vaccine products.
- C. Evaluates biological product deviations and adverse events reported in association with the use of marketed cellular therapy, gene therapy, tissue engineering, and therapeutic vaccine products.
- D. Participates in the inspection of manufacturers of cellular therapy, tissue engineering, and gene therapy, and therapeutic vaccine products.
- E. Provides expert scientific, medical, and technical advice and assistance to other Center components and to the FDA on cellular therapy, tissue engineering, gene therapy, and therapeutic vaccine products and related issues.
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- G. Performs consultative reviews of product information and data in BLAs, BLA amendments, INDs, IDEs, 510Ks, HDEs, and PMAs in response to request from other Center components.
- H. Initiates and participates in development of reference standards and methods, in conjunction with other Center components governmental and non-governmental organizations and international regulatory agencies.

3. Cell Therapy Branch 2 (DCBGGA2).

- A. Evaluates BLAs and amendments to BLAs for cellular therapy, tissue engineering, gene therapy, and therapeutic vaccine products. Directs BLA review committee activities. Develops policy and formulates recommendations on BLAs consistent with the applicable laws and Center policies.

- B. Reviews INDs, IDEs, 510Ks, HDEs, and PMAs for new cellular therapy, tissue engineering, gene therapy, and therapeutic vaccine products.
- C. Evaluates biological product deviations and adverse events reported in association with the use of marketed cellular therapy, gene therapy, tissue engineering, and therapeutic vaccine products.
- D. Participates in the inspection of manufacturers of cellular therapy, tissue engineering, gene therapy, and therapeutic vaccine products.
- E. Provides expert scientific, medical, and technical advice and assistance to other Center components and to the FDA on cellular therapy, tissue engineering, gene therapy, and therapeutic vaccine products and related issues.
- F. Develops policies and procedures applicable to the review and evaluation of INDs, IDEs, 510Ks, HDEs, PMAs, BLAs and products regulated by the Office in the absence of Center-level policies and procedures.
- G. Performs consultative reviews of product information and data in BLAs, BLA amendments, INDs IDEs, 510Ks, HDEs, and PMAs in response to request from other Center components.
- H. Initiates and participates in development of reference standards and methods, in conjunction with other Center components, governmental, and non-governmental organizations and international regulatory agencies.

4. Cellular & Tissue Therapy Branch (DCBGGA3).

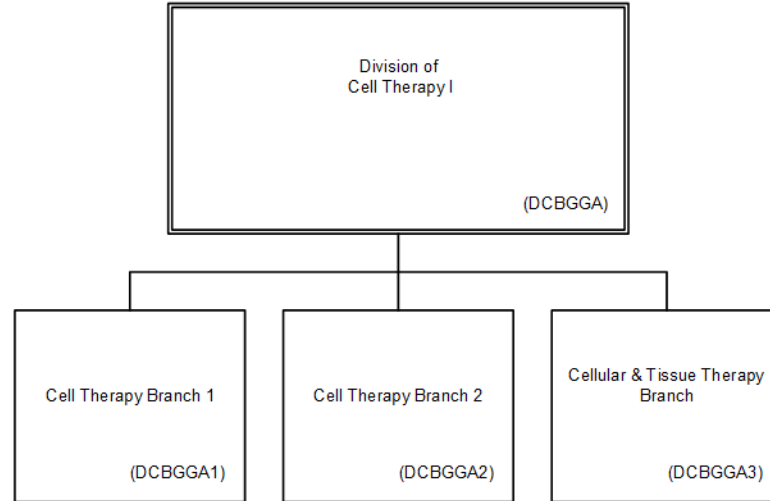
- A. Evaluates Biologic License Applications (BLAs) and amendments to BLAs for cellular therapy, tissue engineering, gene therapy, and therapeutic vaccine products. Directs BLA review committee activities. Develops policy and formulates recommendations on BLAs consistent with the applicable laws and Center policies.
- B. Reviews INDs, IDEs, 510Ks, HDEs, and PMAs for new cellular therapy, tissue engineering, gene therapy, and therapeutic vaccine products.
- C. Evaluates biological product deviations and adverse events reported in association with the use of marketed cellular therapy, gene therapy, tissue engineering, and therapeutic vaccine products.
- D. Participates in the inspection of manufacturers of cellular therapy, tissue engineering, gene therapy, and therapeutic vaccine products.
- E. Provides expert scientific, medical, and technical advice and assistance to other Center components and to the FDA on cellular therapy, tissue engineering, gene therapy, and therapeutic vaccine products and related issues.

- F. Develops policies and procedures applicable to the review and evaluation of INDs, IDEs, 510Ks, HDEs, PMAs, BLAs, and products regulated by the Office in the absence of Center-level policies and procedures.
- G. Performs consultative reviews of product information and data in BLAs, BLA amendments, INDs, IDEs, 510Ks, HDEs, and PMAs in response to requests from other Center components.
- H. Initiates and participates in the development of reference standards and methods, in conjunction with other Center components, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and international regulatory agencies.
- I. Initiates and conducts mission-relevant scientific research on tumor biology, tissue safety, cell biology, and immunology related to cancer vaccines, cellular, tissues, tissue engineering, gene therapy, and related products.
- J. Assists in collaborative research and management of contract-supported activities.

5. Authority and Effective Date.

The functional statements for the Division of Cell Therapy I were approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services on August 8, 2022, and effective on September 16, 2022.

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The following is the Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Office of Therapeutic Products, Office of Cellular Therapy and Human Tissue CMC, Division of Cell Therapy I organization structure depicting all the organizational structures reporting to the Director.

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