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GDUFA Implementation Update

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GDUFA Overview

- **GDUFA review performance goals**
- **GDUFA's design: Lay foundation, then ramp up performance**
- **Years 1 and 2: Restructuring of generic drug program**
- **Unintended consequences of GDUFA**
- **Development of workarounds for pre-Year 3 workload**
- **Next Steps**
- **Expiration of GDUFA I**



GDUFA Submission Cohorts

Use Original ANDAs as an example

**Pre-GDUFA
“backlog”**

- Take action on 90% by end of Year 5

**FY 13
“Year 1”**

- Expedite review of PIV
- Maintain productivity to extent possible given hiring, training, program and system development activity

**FY 14
“Year 2”**

**FY 15
“Year 3”**

- Take action on 60% within 15 months of submission

**FY 16
“Year 4”**

- Take action on 75% within 15 months of submission

**FY 17
“Year 5”**

- Take action on 90% within 10 months of submission



GDUFA Years 1 and 2





Years 1 and 2

- **Deep, foundational restructuring to prepare for goal dates in Year 3**
- **A “perfect storm”**
 - Moved to White Oak
 - Reorganized OGD and made it a Super Office, on par with OND
 - New business processes in OGD, CDER and across Agency
 - New staff
 - New IT platform
 - 2x expected workload
 - Oct. 1, 2014 – incoming submissions with goal dates for the first time
- **Still need to tie up loose ends, but no additional restructuring is anticipated**

**Thank you for your patience and understanding.
We appreciate you hanging in there with us.**





Development of workarounds...

- **To address unintended consequences:**
 - Industry has strong concerns re productivity and communications for pre-Year 3 submissions
 - Some of these submissions are long pending
 - You want them approved
 - But they lack robust GDUFA goals (See Slide 2)
 - Flash Point – Issuance of “Communications with Industry” MAPP
 - Since then, intensive consultation with industry to accurately diagnose problem and develop impactful workarounds



Big Picture for Year 3

- **Hit goal dates AND attack pre-Year 3 workload**
- **Improve not only communications, but also performance**
- **Goals:**
 - **“Move the freight”**
 - **Focus on approvals, not actions**
 - **Don’t let big first generics slip through the cracks**



Key Initiatives

- **Assign Target Action Dates (TADs) to all pre-Year 3 submissions. (With caveats, and not all at once. See next slide.)**
- **Base TADs on workload management factors, with one exception: For big first generics, assign TADs roughly corresponding with expiry.**
- **In early CY15, start notifying applicants of TADs.**



Key Initiatives (continued)

- **“Launch planning updates” for big first generics 6 and 3 months before TAD.**
- **Certain other pre-launch “go/no go” communications.**
- **Iterative, “real-time communications” re deficiencies in current review cycle. Already started in CMC, scale this out to Bio next.**
- **Finally, update Communications with Industry MAPP to formalize and clarify these changes.**





Looking Ahead

- **After extensive consultation with industry, FDA finalized a new approach to pre-Year 3 workload in December, 2014.**
- **We listened, and worked hard to be responsive and flexible.**
- **These are major changes.**
- **Operational, legal, training and other work is underway.**



Looking Ahead (continued)

- We have started to notify applicants of TADs.
- Already using “real time communications” to pursue AP, not CR.
- We intend to “move the freight” on all pre-Year 3 submissions by the end of FY17.
- This dramatically exceeds our GDUFA commitments, but is the right thing to do for public health.



GDUFA II

- **GDUFA I expires September 30, 2017**
- **Benefits of GDUFA**
 - **GDUFA, by design, yields ROI beginning this year: Increased stability, predictability and productivity**
 - **You can already see the impact for Year 3 submissions**
 - **We built the machine, and are cranking it up**
 - **We are confident**
- **Risk of failure to timely reauthorize**
 - **RIFs**
 - **Severe business disruption**
 - **Reduced access to affordable, quality medicines**

Questions?

Evaluation: surveymonkey.com/s/GDF-D1S4