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In the wake of publicity and congressional attention to drug safety issues, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requested the Institute of Medicine assess the drug safety system. The committee reported that a lack of clear regulatory authority, chronic underfunding, organizational problems, and a scarcity of post-approval data about drugs' risks and benefits have hampered the FDA's ability to evaluate and address the safety of prescription drugs after they have reached the market. Noting that resources and therefore efforts to monitor medications' risk-benefit profiles taper off after approval, *The Future of Drug Safety* offers a broad set of recommendations to ensure that consideration of safety extends from before product approval through the entire time the product is marketed and used.

Principles of Parenteral Solution Validation: A Practical Lifecycle Approach covers all aspects involved in the development and process validation of a parenteral product. By using a lifecycle approach, this book discusses the latest technology, compliance developments, and regulatory considerations and trends, from process design, to divesting. As part of the *Expertise in Pharmaceutical Process Technology* series edited by Michael Levin, this book incorporates

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numerous case studies and real-world examples that address timely problems and offer solutions to the daily challenges facing practitioners in this area. Discusses international and domestic regulatory considerations in every section Features callout boxes that contain points-of-interest for each segment of the audience so readers can quickly find their interests and needs Contains important topics, including risk management, the preparation and execution of properly designed studies, scale-up and technology transfer activities, problem-solving, and more

Data integrity is fundamental in a pharmaceutical and medical devices quality system. This book provides practical information to enable compliance with data integrity, while highlighting and efficiently integrating worldwide regulation into the subject. The ideas presented in this book are based on many years' experience in regulated industries in various computer systems development, maintenance, and quality functions. In addition to case studies, a practical approach will be presented to increase efficiency and to ensure that the design and testing of the data integrity controls are correctly achieved.

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by the author From an award-winning journalist, an explosive narrative investigation of the generic drug boom that reveals fraud and life-threatening dangers on a global scale—*The Jungle* for pharmaceuticals Many have hailed the widespread use of generic drugs as one of the most important public-health developments of the twenty-first century. Today, almost 90 percent of our pharmaceutical market is comprised of generics, the majority of which are manufactured overseas. We have been reassured by our doctors, our pharmacists and our regulators that generic drugs are identical to their brand-name counterparts, just less expensive. But is this really true? Katherine Eban's *Bottle of Lies* exposes the deceit behind generic-drug manufacturing—and the attendant risks for global health. Drawing on exclusive accounts from whistleblowers and regulators, as well as thousands of pages of confidential FDA documents, Eban reveals an industry where fraud is rampant, companies routinely falsify data, and executives circumvent almost every principle of safe manufacturing to minimize cost and maximize profit, confident in their ability to fool inspectors. Meanwhile, patients unwittingly consume medicine with unpredictable and dangerous effects. The story of generic drugs is truly global. It connects middle America to China, India, sub-Saharan Africa and Brazil, and represents the ultimate litmus test of globalization: what are the risks of moving

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drug manufacturing offshore, and are they worth the savings? A decade-long investigation with international sweep, high-stakes brinkmanship and big money at its core, *Bottle of Lies* reveals how the world's greatest public-health innovation has become one of its most astonishing swindles.

A collection of recommended procedures for analysis and specifications for the determination of pharmaceutical substances, excipients and dosage forms intended to serve as source material for reference by any WHO member state. This concise pocket book is a perfect introduction to Data Integrity in a GxP environment. It summarises key definitions and concepts from FDA and Eudralex regulatory requirements. Data Integrity and Data Reliability are increasingly seen as a critical aspect in ensuring patient health and safety. This book clearly outlines the fundamentals of Data Integrity, required to be Accurate, Attributable, legible, contemporaneously recorded, original or a true copy (ALCOA). In addition, the requirements of Computerised systems are summarised through a lifecycle approach. All-in-all a concise guide for any Engineering or Science professional. (Size 5" x 8" Paperback)

Data sharing can accelerate new discoveries by avoiding duplicative trials, stimulating new ideas for research, and enabling the maximal scientific knowledge and benefits to be gained from the efforts of clinical trial participants

and investigators. At the same time, sharing clinical trial data presents risks, burdens, and challenges. These include the need to protect the privacy and honor the consent of clinical trial participants; safeguard the legitimate economic interests of sponsors; and guard against invalid secondary analyses, which could undermine trust in clinical trials or otherwise harm public health. Sharing Clinical Trial Data presents activities and strategies for the responsible sharing of clinical trial data. With the goal of increasing scientific knowledge to lead to better therapies for patients, this book identifies guiding principles and makes recommendations to maximize the benefits and minimize risks. This report offers guidance on the types of clinical trial data available at different points in the process, the points in the process at which each type of data should be shared, methods for sharing data, what groups should have access to data, and future knowledge and infrastructure needs. Responsible sharing of clinical trial data will allow other investigators to replicate published findings and carry out additional analyses, strengthen the evidence base for regulatory and clinical decisions, and increase the scientific knowledge gained from investments by the funders of clinical trials. The recommendations of Sharing Clinical Trial Data will be useful both now and well into the future as improved sharing of data leads to a stronger evidence base for treatment. This book will be of interest to stakeholders across

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the spectrum of research--from funders, to researchers, to journals, to physicians, and ultimately, to patients.

This guidebook is filled with valuable information on the role and responsibilities of a clinical research coordinator (CRC) and explains the research process from the site and CRC perspective. Topics covered include: identifying the regulations governing clinical research; describing the drug development process; discussing good clinical practices and how to apply them in clinical trials and organizing a clinical practice.

The opioid crisis in the United States has come about because of excessive use of these drugs for both legal and illicit purposes and unprecedented levels of consequent opioid use disorder (OUD). More than 2 million people in the United States are estimated to have OUD, which is caused by prolonged use of prescription opioids, heroin, or other illicit opioids. OUD is a life-threatening condition associated with a 20-fold greater risk of early death due to overdose, infectious diseases, trauma, and suicide. Mortality related to OUD continues to escalate as this public health crisis gathers momentum across the country, with opioid overdoses killing more than 47,000 people in 2017 in the United States. Efforts to date have made no real headway in stemming this crisis, in large part because tools that already exist--"like evidence-based medications"--are not being deployed to maximum impact. To support the dissemination of accurate patient-focused information about treatments for addiction, and to help provide scientific solutions to the current opioid crisis, this report studies the

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evidence base on medication assisted treatment (MAT) for OUD. It examines available evidence on the range of parameters and circumstances in which MAT can be effectively delivered and identifies additional research needed.

In a world where 83% of new medicines never make it to market, *Get to Market Now!* provides practical strategies to help you and your company tap into the secrets of successful new product development and the compliance structures to match. This book teaches you how to take advantage of evolving FDA compliance requirements and cutting-edge new product development techniques to bring your new medicine to market faster, easier, for less cost and less risk. At the heart of the book, a systemic, structured new medicinal product development process - from discovery and preclinical through the postmarket stages - and a regulatory compliance and quality system designed to enhance business flexibility and encourage innovation.

This User's Guide is intended to support the design, implementation, analysis, interpretation, and quality evaluation of registries created to increase understanding of patient outcomes. For the purposes of this guide, a patient registry is an organized system that uses observational study methods to collect uniform data (clinical and other) to evaluate specified outcomes for a population defined by a particular disease, condition, or exposure, and that serves one or more predetermined scientific, clinical, or policy purposes. A registry database is a file (or files) derived from the registry.

Although registries can serve many purposes, this guide focuses on registries created

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for one or more of the following purposes: to describe the natural history of disease, to determine clinical effectiveness or cost-effectiveness of health care products and services, to measure or monitor safety and harm, and/or to measure quality of care. Registries are classified according to how their populations are defined. For example, product registries include patients who have been exposed to biopharmaceutical products or medical devices. Health services registries consist of patients who have had a common procedure, clinical encounter, or hospitalization. Disease or condition registries are defined by patients having the same diagnosis, such as cystic fibrosis or heart failure. The User's Guide was created by researchers affiliated with AHRQ's Effective Health Care Program, particularly those who participated in AHRQ's DEcIDE (Developing Evidence to Inform Decisions About Effectiveness) program. Chapters were subject to multiple internal and external independent reviews.

In its decades-long effort to assure the safety, efficacy, and security of medicines and other products, the Food and Drug Administration has struggled with issues of funding, proper associations with industry, and the balance between consumer choice and consumer protection. Today, these challenges are compounded by the pressures of globalization, the introduction of novel technologies, and fast-evolving threats to public health. With essays by leading scholars and government and private-industry experts, FDA in the Twenty-First Century addresses perennial and new problems and the improvements the agency can make to better serve the public good. The collection

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features essays on effective regulation in an era of globalization, consumer empowerment, and comparative effectiveness, as well as questions of data transparency, conflicts of interest, industry responsibility, and innovation policy, all with an emphasis on pharmaceuticals. The book also intervenes in the debate over off-label drug marketing and the proper role of the FDA before and after a drug goes on the market. Dealing honestly and thoroughly with the FDA's successes and failures, these essays rethink the structure, function, and future of the agency and the effect policy innovations may have on regulatory institutions abroad.

This book provides insight into the world of pharmaceutical quality systems and the key elements that must be in place to change the business and organizational dynamics from task-oriented procedure-based cultures to truly integrated quality business systems that are self-detecting and correcting. Chapter flow has been changed to adopt a quality systems organization approach, and supporting chapters have been updated based on current hot topics including the impact of the worldwide supply chain complexity and current regulatory trends.

Guiding chromatographers working in regulated industries and helping them to validate their chromatography data systems to meet data integrity, business and regulatory needs. This book is a detailed look at the life cycle and documented evidence required to ensure a system is fit for purpose throughout the lifecycle. Initially providing the regulatory, data integrity and system life cycle requirements for computerised system

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validation, the book then develops into a guide on planning, specifying, managing risk, configuring and testing a chromatography data system before release. This is followed by operational aspects such as training, integration and IT support and finally retirement. All areas are discussed in detail with case studies and practical examples provided as appropriate. The book has been carefully written and is right up to date including recently released FDA data integrity guidance. It provides detailed guidance on good practice and expands on the first edition making it an invaluable addition to a chromatographer's book shelf.

When 18-year-old Jesse Gelsinger died in a gene transfer study at the University of Pennsylvania, the national spotlight focused on the procedures used to ensure research participants'™ safety and their capacity to safeguard the well-being of those who volunteer for research studies. Responsible Research outlines a three-pronged approach to ensure the protection of every participant through the establishment of effective Human Research Participant Protection Programs (HRPPPs). The approach includes: Improved research review processes, Recognition and integration of research participants'™ contributions to the system, and Vigilant maintenance of HRPPP performance. Issues addressed in the book include the need for in-depth, complimentary reviews of science, ethics, and conflict of interest reviews; desired qualifications for investigators and

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reviewers; the process of informed consent; federal and institutional oversight; and the role of accreditation. Recommendations for areas of key interest include suggestions for legislative approaches, compensation for research-related injury, and the refocusing of the mission of institutional review boards. Responsible Research will be important to anyone interested in the issues that are relevant to the practice of using human subjects as research participants, but especially so to policy makers, research administrators, investigators, and research sponsors — but also including volunteers who may agree to serve as research participants.

Data integrity is a global mandatory requirement for the regulated healthcare industry. It is more than a mere expectation—it's a basic element of good documentation practices, one of the most fundamental pillars of a quality management system. Robustness and accuracy of the data submitted by manufacturers to regulatory authorities when bringing a medical product to market are crucial. The purpose of this book is to consolidate existing data integrity principles and expectations from several regulatory sources—including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, World Health Organization, and European Medicines Agency—into a single and handy document that provides detailed, illustrative implementation guidance. It serves as a means of

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understanding regulatory agencies' position on good data management and the minimum expectation for how medical product manufacturers can achieve compliance.

Data Mining Applications in Engineering and Medicine targets to help data miners who wish to apply different data mining techniques. Data mining generally covers areas of statistics, machine learning, data management and databases, pattern recognition, artificial intelligence, etc. In this book, most of the areas are covered by describing different applications. This is why you will find here why and how Data Mining can also be applied to the improvement of project management. Since Data Mining has been widely used in a medical field, this book contains different chapters referring to some aspects and importance of its use in the mentioned field: Incorporating Domain Knowledge into Medical Image Mining, Data Mining Techniques in Pharmacovigilance, Electronic Documentation of Clinical Pharmacy Interventions in Hospitals etc. We hope that this book will inspire readers to pursue education and research in this emerging field.

What happens if one day you get a warning letter from FDA, having said that they are coming to assess your food company? What will you do in the case that you don't expect them to come in the time? Well, don't get into the state of being panicked. This book will help you. A book that guides you step by step, in easy to

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understand language, that guides you in preparing. Whether you are a well-prepared large multi-billion dollar enterprise or a small unprepared "mom and pop shop", this guide is for you. This book will replace the anxiety and nervousness you feel and replace it with confidence. Written by a seasoned pro with 30 years of experience and hundreds of inspections and audits you will emerge with a solid attack plan.

Chromatography is a major analytical technique that is used throughout research, development and manufacturing in the pharmaceutical, medical device and associated industries. To demonstrate fitness for purpose with the applicable regulations, the systems must be validated. Validation of Chromatography Data Systems: Meeting Business and Regulatory Requirements introduces the basics of computer validation. It looks in detail at the requirements throughout the life cycle of a CDS for any regulated laboratory, from its concept, through writing the user requirements specification to selecting the system, testing and operational release, including using electronic signatures. This logical and uniquely organised book provides the background to the regulatory requirements, interpretation of the regulations and documented evidence needed to support a claim that a system is validated. Development of the system, risk management, operation and finally system retirement and data migration are discussed. Case

studies and practical examples are provided where appropriate. Validation of Chromatography Data Systems: Meeting Business and Regulatory Requirements is ideal for the chromatographer working in analytical laboratories in the regulated pharmaceutical, contract research, biotechnology and medical device industries seeking the practical guidance required for validating their chromatography data systems in order to meet regulatory requirements. It will also be welcomed by consultants or those in regulatory agencies.

Covering regulatory requirements stipulated by the FDA, this book delineates the organization, planning, verification, and documentation activities and procedural controls required for compliance with worldwide computer systems validation regulations. The author introduces supporting technologies such as encryption and digital signatures and places

This book offers all countries a guide to implementing verification systems for medical devices to ensure they satisfy their regulations. It describes the processes, procedures and need for integrating medical devices into the legal metrology framework, addresses their independent safety and performance verification, and highlights the associated savings for national healthcare systems, all with the ultimate goal of increasing the efficacy and reliability of patient diagnoses and treatment. The book primarily focuses on diagnostic and

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therapeutic medical devices, and reflects the latest international directives and regulations. Above all, the book demonstrates that integrating medical devices into the legal metrology system and establishing a fully operational national laboratory for the inspection of medical devices could significantly improve the reliability of medical devices in diagnosis and patient care, while also reducing costs for the healthcare system in the respective country.

In an effort to increase knowledge and understanding of the process of assuring data quality and validity in clinical trials, the IOM hosted a workshop to open a dialogue on the process to identify and discuss issues of mutual concern among industry, regulators, payers, and consumers. The presenters and panelists together developed strategies that could be used to address the issues that were identified. This IOM report of the workshop summarizes the present status and highlights possible strategies for making improvements to the education of interested and affected parties as well as facilitating future planning.

Data integrity is a critical aspect to the design, implementation, and usage of any system which stores, processes, or retrieves data. The overall intent of any data integrity technique is the same: ensure data is recorded exactly as intended and, upon later retrieval, ensure the data is the same as it was when originally recorded. Any alternation to the data is then traced to the person who made the modification. The integrity of data in a patient's electronic health record is critical to ensuring the safety of

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the patient. This book is relevant to production systems and quality control systems associated with the manufacture of pharmaceuticals and medical device products and updates the practical information to enable better understanding of the controls applicable to e-records. The book highlights the e-records suitability implementation and associated risk-assessed controls, and e-records handling. The book also provides updated regulatory standards from global regulatory organizations such as MHRA, Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (UK); FDA, Food and Drug Administration (US); National Medical Products Association (China); TGA, Therapeutic Goods Administration (Australia); SIMGP, Russia State Institute of Medicines and Good Practices; and the World Health Organization, to name a few.

Manual and is a supplement to the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) for pharmaceutical microbiology testing, including antimicrobial effectiveness testing, microbial examination of non-sterile products, sterility testing, bacterial endotoxin testing, particulate matter, device bioburden and environmental monitoring testing. The goal of this manual is to provide an ORA/CDER harmonized framework on the knowledge, methods and tools needed, and to apply the appropriate scientific standards required to assess the safety and efficacy of medical products within FDA testing laboratories. The PMM has expanded to include some rapid screening techniques along with a new section that covers inspectional guidance for microbiologists that conduct team inspections. This manual was developed by

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members of the Pharmaceutical Microbiology Workgroup and includes individuals with specialized experience and training. The instructions in this document are guidelines for FDA analysts. When available, analysts should use procedures and worksheets that are standardized and harmonized across all ORA field labs, along with the PMM, when performing analyses related to product testing of pharmaceuticals and medical devices. When changes or deviations are necessary, documentation should be completed per the laboratory's Quality Management System. Generally, these changes should originate from situations such as new products, unusual products, or unique situations. This manual was written to reduce compendia method ambiguity and increase standardization between FDA field laboratories. By providing clearer instructions to FDA ORA labs, greater transparency can be provided to both industry and the public. However, it should be emphasized that this manual is a supplement, and does not replace any information in USP or applicable FDA official guidance references. The PMM does not relieve any person or laboratory from the responsibility of ensuring that the methods being employed from the manual are fit for use, and that all testing is validated and/or verified by the user. The PMM will continually be revised as newer products, platforms and technologies emerge or any significant scientific gaps are identified with product testing. Reference to any commercial materials, equipment, or process in the PMM does not in any way constitute approval, endorsement, or recommendation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

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Data integrity is the hottest topic in the pharmaceutical industry. Global regulatory agencies have issued guidance, after guidance after guidance in the past few years, most of which does not offer practical advice on how to implement policies, procedures and processes to ensure integrity. These guidances state what but not how. Additionally, key stages of analysis that impact data integrity are omitted entirely. The aim of this book is to provide practical and detailed help on how to implement data integrity and data governance for regulated analytical laboratories working in or for the pharmaceutical industry. It provides clarification of the regulatory issues and trends, and gives practical methods for meeting regulatory requirements and guidance. Using a data integrity model as a basis, the principles of data integrity and data governance are expanded into practical steps for regulated laboratories to implement. The author uses case study examples to illustrate his points and provides instructions for applying the principles of data integrity and data governance to individual laboratory needs. This book is a useful reference for analytical chemists and scientists, management and senior management working in regulated laboratories requiring either an understanding about data integrity or help in implementing practical solutions. Consultants will also benefit from the practical guidance provided.

Fully updated and revised to include the latest information since publication of the first edition in 1989, the Second Edition of this highly praised reference covers all aspects of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) regulations

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and techniques for implementation. The book details specific standards and general guidelines for the management of efficient and effective research environment. A guide to the current standards and requirements of good laboratory management, the book examines essential theoretical principles for anticipating new and emerging interpretations of GLP in a variety of laboratory settings.

Medical devices that are deemed to have a moderate risk to patients generally cannot go on the market until they are cleared through the FDA 510(k) process. In recent years, individuals and organizations have expressed concern that the 510(k) process is neither making safe and effective devices available to patients nor promoting innovation in the medical-device industry. Several high-profile mass-media reports and consumer-protection groups have profiled recognized or potential problems with medical devices cleared through the 510(k) clearance process. The medical-device industry and some patients have asserted that the process has become too burdensome and is delaying or stalling the entry of important new medical devices to the market. At the request of the FDA, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) examined the 510(k) process. *Medical Devices and the Public's Health* examines the current 510(k) clearance process and whether it optimally protects patients and promotes innovation in support of public health. It also identifies legislative, regulatory, or administrative changes that will achieve the goals of the 510(k) clearance process. *Medical Devices and the Public's Health* recommends that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration gather the information needed to develop a

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new regulatory framework to replace the 35-year-old 510(k) clearance process for medical devices. According to the report, the FDA's finite resources are best invested in developing an integrated premarket and postmarket regulatory framework.

This handbook is the first to cover all aspects of stability testing in pharmaceutical development. Written by a group of international experts, the book presents a scientific understanding of regulations and balances methodologies and best practices.

Data integrity is the quality, reliability, trustworthiness, and completeness of a data set, providing accuracy, consistency, and context. Data quality refers to the state of qualitative or quantitative pieces of information. Over five sections, this book discusses data integrity and data quality as well as their applications in various fields.

In the past several decades, there has been a substantial increase in the availability of in vitro test methods for evaluating chemical safety in an international regulatory context. To foster confidence in in vitro alternatives to animal testing, the test methods and conditions under which ...

As the principal agency regulating food, drugs, medical devices, and biological products used by Americans, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) serves one of the most critical consumer protection functions of the federal government. The FDA's reach is enormous, regulating products that represent roughly 25 percent of all consumer spending in the United States. Since 1992, however, federal funding for the agency has diminished, and the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) currently relies on the fees it receives from the industry it regulates to fund the majority of its drug regulation functions. Prescription drug

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safety is receiving heightened press coverage and congressional scrutiny as a result of recent, highly publicized events, such as the recall of Vioxx because of its link to heart attacks, and the link between certain antidepressants (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, or SSRIs) and an increased risk of suicidal ideation in children. To address these concerns, the FDA in 2005 commissioned the Institute of Medicine (IOM) to conduct an independent assessment of the current U.S. drug safety system. In September 2006, the IOM committee released its report- The Future of Drug Safety: Promoting and Protecting the Health of the Public-which included 25 recommendations for improving the system for drug safety review. The committee identified four major vulnerabilities in the U.S. drug safety system: (1) chronic underfunding; (2) organization problems, particularly inadequate integration of pre-and postmarket data review; (3) a range of technical problems related to the insufficient quantity and quality of postmarket data and inadequate capability to systematically monitor the risks and benefits of drugs after marketing; and (4) unclear regulatory authority and insufficiently flexible regulatory tools. Since the IOM report was issued, the FDA has taken a number of steps toward implementing the recommended improvements. Like many government agencies, however, the FDA is financially strained by its existing responsibilities, and fully implementing the recommended improvements to the drug safety system would require significant financial commitments. The IOM report addressed some of the costs associated with its recommendations, but left many unanswered questions about the resources required to fully achieve the envisioned improvements. To better understand the types and magnitude of resources required to achieve the goals of the IOM report, the IOM's Forum on Drug Discovery, Development, and Translation convened a 1-day symposium in March 2007. Challenges for the FDA: The Future

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of Drug Safety, Workshop Summary explains the presentations and discussions in seven key areas: addressing the FDA's resource challenges; strengthening the scientific base of the agency; integrating pre- and postmarket review; enhancing postmarket safety monitoring; conducting confirmatory drug safety and efficacy studies; enhancing the value of clinical trial registration; and enhancing the FDA's postmarket regulation and enforcement.

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The Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act (BPCA) and the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) were designed to encourage more pediatric studies of drugs used for children. The FDA asked the IOM to review aspects of pediatric studies and changes in product labeling that resulted from BPCA and PREA and their predecessor policies, as well as assess the incentives for pediatric studies of biologics and the extent to which biologics have been studied in children. The IOM committee concludes that these policies have helped provide clinicians who care for children with better information about the efficacy, safety, and appropriate prescribing of drugs. The IOM suggests that more can be done to increase knowledge about drugs used by children and thereby improve the clinical care, health, and well-being of the nation's children.

The World Health Organization (WHO) Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations advises the Director-General of WHO in the area of medicines quality assurance. It provides independent expert recommendations and guidance to ensure that medicines meet standards of quality, safety and efficacy in all WHO Member States. Its advice is developed through a broad consensus-building process and covers all areas of quality assurance of

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medicines, from their development to their distribution to patients. In the area of quality control, the Expert Committee reviewed new and revised specifications and general texts for inclusion in The International Pharmacopoeia, and received the annual report of the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & HealthCare (EDQM), the custodian centre for International Chemical Reference Substances (ICRS). The Committee adopted a number of monographs, general texts and ICRS. It noted the report on Phase 6 of the External Quality Assurance Assessment Scheme (EQAAS) and on new approaches to ensure sustainability of this scheme through user fees. The Committee further acknowledged the progress of good pharmacopoeial practices (GPhP), and adopted the document on GPhP which was prepared by the consecutive international meetings of world pharmacopoeias. In the various quality assurance-related areas the Expert Committee was presented with a number of new and revised guidelines related to good manufacturing practices (GMP), distribution and trade of pharmaceuticals and regulatory practice. It adopted 10 guidelines as listed below as well as 22 new specifications and general texts for inclusion in The International Pharmacopoeia. The Committee took note of ongoing work to promote collaboration and information exchange through the good regulatory practice project and welcomed the development of a comprehensive set of guidelines for all national regulatory authorities through this project.

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