

Navigating the Plasma Regulations

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- United States
 - Structure
 - Products
- Europe
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 - Products
- Rest of World
 - Tidbits
- PPTA Voluntary Standards

- **Players**

- **Food and Drug Administration**

1. Statutes (FDCA and PHS Act)
2. Regulations (Standards and cGMP)
3. Guidance documents and blood memos



- **States**

1. No Federal pre-emption
2. Some specific plasmapheresis requirements

- **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Sciences**

1. Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act
2. Total Protein Test for Source Plasma

- Plasma products for manufacturing

- Recovered Plasma

- Source Plasma

1. Frequent

2. Infrequent

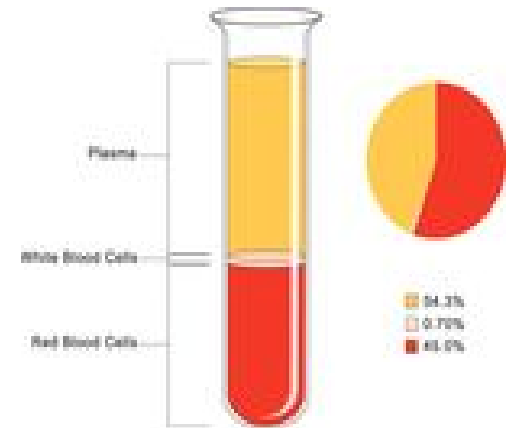
- Alternatives to Source Plasma

1. Concurrent—Coming soon!!??

- a. 2015 Guidance Agenda

- b. Draft Guidance for Industry: Relabeling of Apheresis Plasma Intended for Transfusion to Concurrent Plasma for Further Manufacture

2. Component—highly unlikely



- Recovered Plasma
 - Prepared from WB or by product/intended for manufacturing use (CPG 7134.12)
 - Not US licensed product
 - Shipped for fractionation under Short Supply
 1. 21 CFR 601.22
 2. Guidance for Industry: Cooperative Manufacturing Arrangements for Licensed Biologics

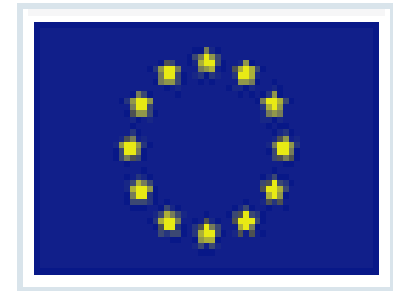
- “. . .defined as the fluid portion of human blood collected by plasmapheresis and intended as source material for further manufacturing use.” [21 CFR 640.60]
- Frequent—every 2 days/not more than twice per week. All requirements of 21 CFR Subpart G apply
- Infrequent—1995 Blood Memorandum: variance to 21 CFR 640.63 and 640.65 made in accordance with FDA regulations provided in 21 CFR 640.120. Exemptions from PE, TP/SPE if frequency no more than every 4 weeks

- AABB Interorganizational Plasma Task Force
 - Plasma for manufacturing prepared in blood establishments in-line with blood requirements
 - Proposed names:
 1. Concurrent—plasma collected by apheresis with another transfusable component
 2. Component—stand alone plasma for manufacturing use prepared by plasmapheresis
- BPAC considerations
- ABC outreach via Congress and FDA Commissioner



- **Players**
 - European Union/European Commission (EU/EC)
 - Council of Europe/European Directorate for Quality of Medicines/European Pharmacopeia (CoE/EDQM/Ph.Eur.)
 - European Medicines Agency (EMA)
 - National Competent Authorities (NCA)
 - Pharmaceutical Inspection Convention/Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme (PIC/S)

- European Union
 - Legal body established by treaties: the ‘Maastricht’ Treaty on European Union in 1993 and the Treaty of Amsterdam in 1999
 - Functioning entities: European Commission, European Parliament, Council of the European Union
 - 28 member states



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- EU legislative acts—
 - Regulations: binding for member states; must be applied as is. Exp. Orphan medical products, pharmacovigilance
 - Directives: goal that member states must achieve. “How” left to member states.
 - Decisions: binding on member state addressed
 - Recommendations: not binding
 - Opinions: not binding

- Substances of human origin—directives for blood, tissues/cells, organs
- Blood Directive (2002/98/EC) Setting standards of quality and safety for blood and blood components (Mother)
- Daughter Directives
 - 2004/33/EC. Certain technical requirements. Annex III. Donor eligibility requirements.
 - 2005/62/EC. Community standards and specs for quality system.
 - 2005/61/EC. Traceability/notification of serious adverse reactions.

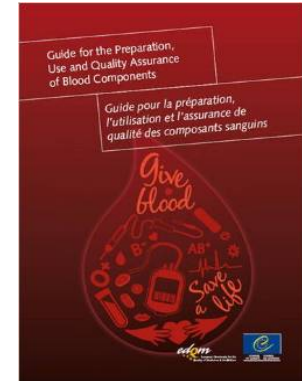
- Whereas: (4) Blood and blood components imported from third countries, including those . . .starting material. . . medicinal products. . .human plasma, should meet quality and safety. . .this Directive.
- Annex III
 - Permanent deferral. Sexual behavior. Persons whose sexual behaviour . . .high risk. . .
 - Temporary deferral. Persons whose behaviour or activity. . .high risk: defer after cessation. . .for period. . . .

- Males who have sex with males
 - Permanent deferral: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany
 - Temporary deferral: UK, Sweden, Hungary, Finland
 - No specific mention: Italy, Poland, Spain
- Q: Will I be able to implement anticipated FDA policy relaxation?
- A: It depends—Fractionator contract/communication essential!!

- After WWII, Winston Churchill called for a “kind of United States of Europe” and creation of Council of Europe
 - Founded 1949 (Treaty of London)
 - 47 member states/co-operate
- Secretariat for blood transferred to EDQM in 2007
- EDQM—Quality in Medicines
 - Batch release
 - Quality standards/reference materials
 - European Pharmacopeia



- Guide to the Preparation, Use and Quality Assurance of Blood Components—
 - Not mandatory but adopted by some NCAs
 - Primarily blood for transfusion
- European Pharmacopoeia
 - Monograph: Human Plasma for Fractionation
 - Mandated via Directives
 - Authority for freezing plasma among others





PPTA

Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association

European Medicines Agency

- Agency of the European Union
- Responsible for the scientific evaluation of medicines developed by pharmaceutical companies for use in the European Union
- Operating since 1995-20th Anniversary this year



EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY
SCIENCE MEDICINES HEALTH



- Operates through committees/working parties with representation from NCAs
- Responsible for scientific review of products seeking marketing authorization via centralized procedure
- Various other functions, including inspections
- Issues scientific guidance
 - Not mandatory
 - “strongly encouraged”



- Link to plasma as a starting material
 - Guideline on plasma-derived medicinal products (EMA/CHMP/BWP/706271/2010)
 1. Manufacture of plasma-derived medicinal products starts at plasma pool
 2. Starting material concerns
 - a. Risk factors
 - b. Selection and exclusion criteria
 - c. Testing
 - d. Traceability
 - e. Post-collection measures/lookback



- Applicable guidance documents
 - Guideline on the scientific data requirements for a plasma master file (PMF) (EMA/CHMP/BWP/3794/03)
 1. PMF a fractionator responsibility
 - a. Separate from MAA dossier
 - b. Concept established in 2003
 2. Guideline lists information needed by collectors for fractionator to complete the PMF
 - a. Facility information/Inspection
 - b. Donor/donation characteristics
 - c. Testing
 - d. Traceability



- Applicable guidance documents
 - Guideline on epidemiological data on blood transmissible infections (EMA/CHMP/BWP/548524/2008)
 1. Information to be submitted in PMF
 2. Requires donor viral marker data
 - a. First time tested
 - b. Repeat tested
 3. HIV, HCV, HBV
 4. Prevalence/incidence rates
 5. Trending
 6. Risk assessment

- Pharmaceutical Inspection Convention and Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme (jointly referred to as PIC/S)
 - two international instruments between countries and pharmaceutical inspection authorities
 - provide together co-operation (harmonization) in the field of GMP
 - GMP standards/guidance documents; training competent authorities/inspectors; assessing inspectorates
 - 46 participating authorities

- PIC/S Guide to inspections of source plasma establishments and plasma warehouses (Inspection Guide)
 - September 2007
 - Provides guidance for GMP inspectors
 - Available to facilities collecting and/or storing plasma for fractionation



- More emerging markets are setting up their own regulatory functions
- Most mimicking European system, not FDA
- Copying most often the PMF concept
 - Insist on independent review
 - Add additional requirements
 - Not harmonized
- Soooooooo, even if US and European requirements met, there may be others
- Fractionator contracts/communications essential

- PPTA has certification programs for source plasma collectors and fractionators



- Donor Management/Health
 - Use of National Donor Deferral Registry (U.S.)
 - Community-based Donor Standard
 - Qualified Donor Standard (no one-time donors)
 - Donor Education Standard
 - Cross-Donation Management Standard
 - Donor Adverse Event Recording Standard

- Center Management
 - Personnel Education and Training Standard
 - Professional Plasma Collection Facility Standard
 - Viral Marker Standard (acceptable rates/qualified donations)
 - Quality Assurance Standard

- Controls on Incoming Plasma Standard: Places manufacturer controls on incoming plasma, regardless of its source
- Recovered Plasma Specification: Addresses facilities that manufacture therapies using Recovered Plasma
- NAT Testing Standard
- Intermediates Standard
- 60 day inventory hold
- Qualified plasma donor – same as IQPP
- Viral marker standard – same as IQPP

- Facilities audited/ companies certified
- Certification of adherence to PPTA's voluntary standards
- All Global member companies are QSEAL Certified

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Blood is local. Plasma is global.

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