

Artificial Intelligence in Drug & Biological Product Development Hybrid Public Workshop 2025

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Hybrid Public Workshop 2025: Artificial Intelligence in Drug & Biological Product Development

Be a part of a dynamic conversation as leading experts dive into the rapidly evolving role of AI in transforming drug and biological product development — spotlighting the evolving role of AI in advancing the safety, efficacy, and quality of drug and biological product development.

Workshop Agenda

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9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (EDT)

9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks
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9:05 a.m.	Keynote Speakers Shantanu Nundy , Advisor on Artificial Intelligence (contractor), Office of the Commissioner, FDA AND M. Khair ElZarrad , Director, Office of Medical Policy (OMP), Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), FDA
9:15 a.m.	<i>Update: Considerations for the Use of Artificial Intelligence to Support Regulatory Decision-Making for Drug and Biological Products</i> Presenter: Gabriel Innes , Assistant Director for Data Science and AI Policy, OMP, CDER, FDA
9:30 a.m.	Session 1: Where Are We Now?

	<p>Session Objective: Delve into recent accomplishments in AI and explore the integration of multi-disciplinary expertise in AI model development for drug and biological product programs moving forward.</p> <p>Moderator: M. Khair ElZarrad, <i>Director, OMP, CDER, FDA</i></p> <p>Presenters: Greg Meyers, <i>Executive vice president and chief digital and technology officer, BMS</i> Thomas Osborne, <i>Chief Medical Officer, Microsoft Federal</i> Dana Lewis, <i>Independent researcher, Developer, and Founder of OpenAPS</i></p>
10:40 a.m.	BREAK
10:55 a.m.	Session 2: Data Quality, Reliability, Representativeness, and Access in AI-Driven Drug Development
	<p>Session Objective: Explore use cases and strategies related to data reliability, quality, representativeness, and access within the drug development life cycle.</p> <p>Moderators: Hussein Ezzeldin, <i>Associate Director for Advanced Technologies, OBPV, CBER, FDA</i> Lanyan (Lucy) Fang, <i>Supervisory Pharmacologist, OGD, FDA</i></p> <p>Presenters: Wesley Anderson, <i>Quantitative Medicine Scientist, The Critical Path Institute</i> Michelle Longmire, <i>Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Medable, Inc.</i> Sheraz Khan, <i>Senior Director, Generative AI, Pfizer</i></p>
12:05 p.m.	LUNCH
1:35 p.m.	Session 3: Model Performance, Explainability, Transparency, and Interpretability in AI-Driven Drug Development
	<p>Session Objective: An overview of illustrative use cases that highlight topics including AI model performance, explainability, transparency, and interpretability across the drug development life cycles.</p> <p>Moderators: Hao Zhu, <i>Director, Division of Pharmacometrics, OTS/OCP/DPM</i> Nicole Mahoney, <i>Executive Director, Regulatory Policy, and Global Regulatory Policy Lead, Data and Digital Technologies, Novartis</i></p> <p>Presenters: Prasanna Rao, <i>Chief Products and Innovation Officer, Saama</i> Andrea Downing, <i>President and Co-Founder, The Light Collective</i> Oanh Dang, <i>Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology, CDER, FDA</i></p>

2:45 p.m.	BREAK
3:00 p.m.	Session 4: Navigating the Future of AI in Drug Development
	<p>Session Objective: Potential strategies, collaborations, and considerable next steps for academia, industry, patient advocacy groups, regulatory agencies, and other interested parties.</p> <p>Moderators: Gabriel Innes, <i>Assistant Director for Data Science and AI Policy, OMP, CDER, FDA</i> Rebecca Nebel, <i>Senior Director of Science and Regulatory Advocacy, PhRMA</i></p> <p>Presenters: Jon Walsh, <i>Founder & Chief Scientific Officer, Unlearn.AI</i> Jessilyn Dunn, <i>Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Duke University</i> Ryan Hoshi, <i>Director of Regulatory Policy and Intelligence, AbbVie</i></p>
4:15 p.m.	Discussion
	<p>Moderator: Anindita Saha, <i>Associate Director for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Policy (acting), OMP, CDER, FDA</i></p> <p>Discussants: Qi Liu, <i>Associate Director for Innovation & Partnership in the Office of Clinical Pharmacology (OCP)/ Office of Translational Sciences, CDER, FDA</i> Shantanu Nundy, <i>Advisor on Artificial Intelligence (contractor), Office of the Commissioner, FDA</i></p>
4:45 p.m.	Concluding Remarks
	Qi Liu , <i>Associate Director for Innovation and Partnership, OCP, FDA</i>
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn Workshop