

Regulatory Affairs and Quality Advisory Board

A Parenteral Drug Association (PDA) Advisory Board







## Introduction



- Ladies and Gentlemen, I am happy to be here with you tonight
- NE Chapter Member since 1986
- Work in Bethesda, home in MA

Richard V. Levy, Ph.D.

Member of PDA for 28 years

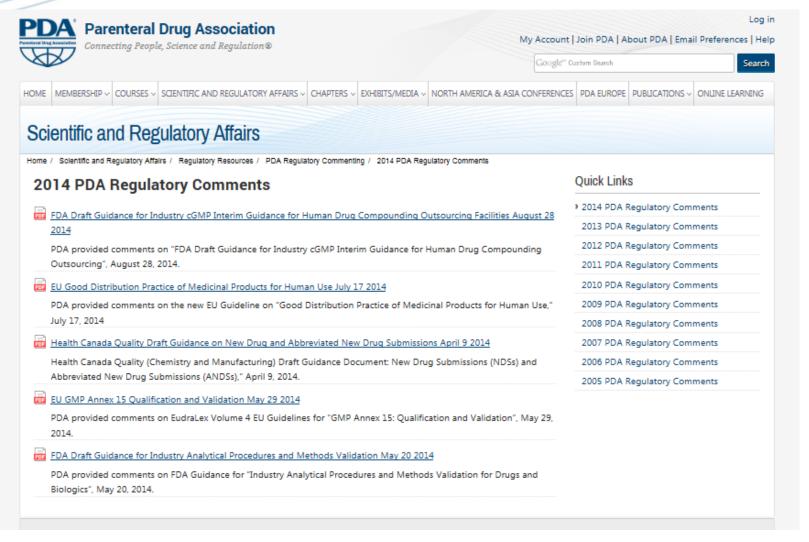
Member, PDA Board of Directors 1999-2005

Treasurer and Chair-elect before joining PDA staff in September of 2005

Currently Senior VP of Scientific and Regulatory Affairs



# Did you ever wonder how PDA's Regulatory Comments were developed?





# It helps by understanding more about one of PDA's Advisory Boards: RAQAB

- Today's presentation will
  - Introduce the Mission,Roles &Responsibilities
  - Discuss how members are selected
  - Discuss Activities
  - Provide an overview of the regulatory commenting process





### **RAQAB Mission Statement**

The mission of the PDA Regulatory Affairs & Quality Advisory Board (RAQAB) is to serve the PDA membership by influencing scientific-based regulations and providing interpretation on quality and regulatory issues affecting the development, manufacturing, and control of healthcare products.

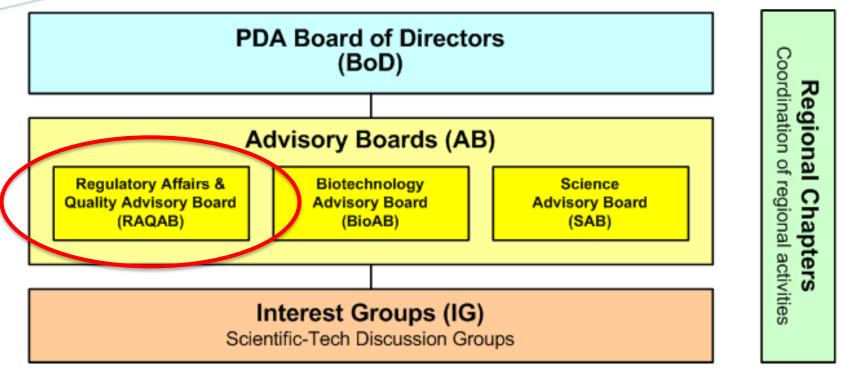


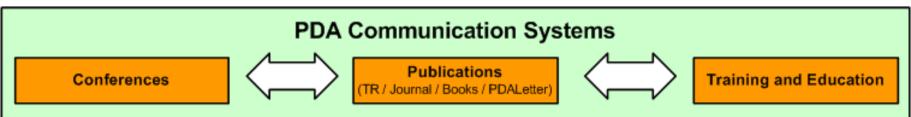
# RAQAB Outreach Project

- RAQAB has a goal of improving communication of RAQAB activities to the membership
- RAQAB Members will attend PDA Chapter meetings on an ongoing basis to provide updates on activities
- This is the first such presentation at the NE Chapter
- Anil Sawant who presented before me is an RAQAB member



## Where RAQAB Fits in PDA Structure







### RAQAB Role: What We Do

- Identifies current regulatory and quality issues affecting development, manufacturing and quality of healthcare products
- Advises PDA on the impact of such issues
- Recommends a plan of action for PDA response
- Sponsors projects to improve communication or responses



## RAQAB: What We Do (continued)

- Typical board activities may include evaluation of:
  - Proposed regulations
  - Technical guidance documents
  - Inspection procedures
  - Policy statements
  - Pharmacopoeia proposals
  - Standards activities
  - Other related items developed by the e.g. US FDA, EMA, WHO, other global Regulatory Authorities and/or bodies
- As appropriate, the RAQAB develops and makes recommendations to PDA Board on proposed Association positions



## RAQAB Membership

- RAQAB is led by a Chair and Vice-Chair
- The RAQAB Chair and Vice-Chair are approved by the Board of Directors of PDA and assume the post for a period of three (3) years.
- The RAQAB is comprised of up to 25 voting and nonvoting members.
- Membership is intentionally diverse
  - Regional Representatives for certain areas of the world
  - Other members for technical background and expertise
- Two (2) consecutive, 3 year terms may be held
  - Members may reapply again after taking at least a year away



## **Current RAQAB Members**

- Ruhi Ahmed
- Jeff Broadfoot
- Robert Caunce
- Claudio Correa Cappai
- Veronique Davoust
- John Finkbohner
- Mirko Gabriele
- Karen Ginsbury
- Jeff Hartmann
- Hongyang Li
- Elisabeth Meyers

- Shin-ichiro Mohri
- Emma Ramnarine
- Edwin Rivera
- Stephan Rönninger
- Junko Sasaki
- Anil Sawant
- Siegfried Schmitt
- Susan J. Schniepp
- Jackie Vevia-Panter
- Wendy Zwolenski-Lambert



# Company Affiliations of RAQAB Members

- Allergy Labs
- Amgen
- Astra Zeneca
- Dainippon Sumitomo
- Emergent
- Genentech
- Hospira
- Johnson & Johnson
- Kyowa Hakko Kirin
- Merck

- Novartis
- NSF Health Sciences
- PAREXEL
- Patheon Italia
- PCI
- Pfizer
- Roche
- Sanofi
- Ultragenix





## **RAQAB** Liaisons

- RAQAB members serve as liaisons to the following:
  - Biotech Advisory Board (BioAB)
  - Science Advisory Board (SAB)
  - PDA Training and Research Institute (TRI)
  - Board of Directors
  - Technical Book Committee
  - PDA Letter Editorial Board
  - Portfolio Steering Committee
  - Many also serve on conference planning committees



# RAQAB Membership (Continued)

- RAQAB is also supported by non-voting PDA staff members and the leaders of the associated PDA Interest Groups (IG)
- Some IGs coordinated by RAQAB

**Outsourced Operations** 

**Supply Chain Management** 

**Quality Risk Management** 

Inspection Trends

Pharmacovigilance

**Clinical Trial Material** 

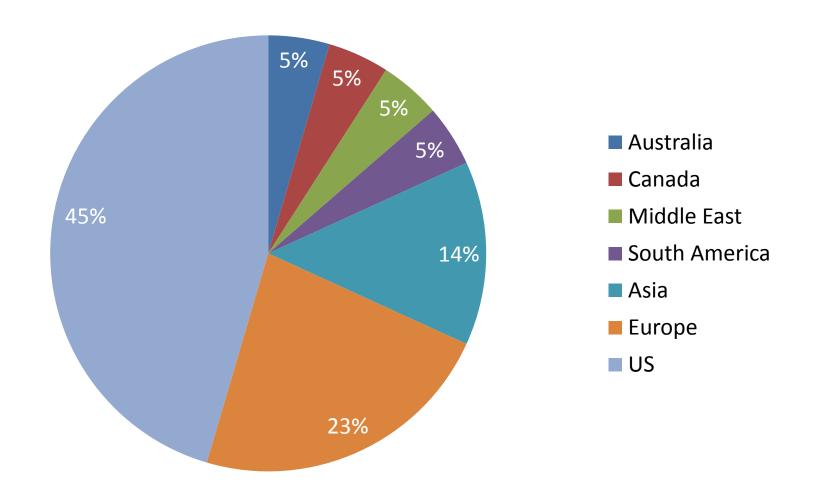
Pharmacopeial

**Quality Systems** 

Regulatory Affairs



## RAQAB Membership is Global





### Member Selection Process

#### 1. Assess the need for new RAQAB members

 Prompted by expiration of specific terms, members resigning from advisory board or the need to expand the advisory board skills, knowledge and expertise

#### 2. Assessment process of potential new members:

- AB recommendations, member recommendations or requests, review of member database
  - Demonstrate commitment to PDA / volunteering
  - e.g., length of membership, PDA activities experience, other outside experience, ability to serve
- Meet objective of a broad & diverse group of experts:
   by expertise / knowledge; by region; and by employment (small and large firms; consultancies)



## Member Selection Process (cont.)

#### 3. Screening Process

- RAQAB Leadership team (Chair, Vice-Chair, Immediate Past Chair & PDA Staff) review a pool of candidate members
- Solicit updated information and confirm the candidates are interested and able to serve

#### 4. Selection process

- RAQAB to approve the nomination of new member and returning members (vote taken)
- BoD to approve new chair and vice-chair
- Approach individuals for RAQAB membership



## RAQAB Member Expectations

- Participation in the RAQAB requires a commitment on the part of every member of the advisory board
- Much of the work undertaken by the RAQAB has very specific time constraints and requires adherence to strict schedules
- Ensure that comments are prepared, reviewed and approved in a timely manner for submission to Regulatory authorities and/or other bodies by specified deadlines



## RAQAB Member Responsibilities

- Attend/participate in RAQAB meetings
  - Face to Face Strategy Meetings (Target 2 times year, PDA Annual Meeting, PDA/FDA or PDA/EMA Meeting)
  - Monthly Teleconferences (about 1.5 h; required unless time zone restrictions)
- Provide input & comments as part of RAQAB commenting process and complete ballot once comments are drafted.
- Share current regulatory news or hot topics from your region.



# PDA Regulatory Commenting



# Primary Sources of Draft Documents

- FDA
- EMA
- MHLW/PMDA
- ICH
- PIC/S
- WHO
- BRICK Countries
- If PDA input requested



# PDA Commenting Competencies

#### **Applied Sciences:**

- Aseptic Processing
- Manufacturing and Testing
- Process Engineering
- Biotechnology
- Microbiology
- Process Validation

#### **Quality and Regulatory:**

- Compliance and GMP
- Supply Chain
- Quality Systems
- Submission Content and Format

#### **Products:**

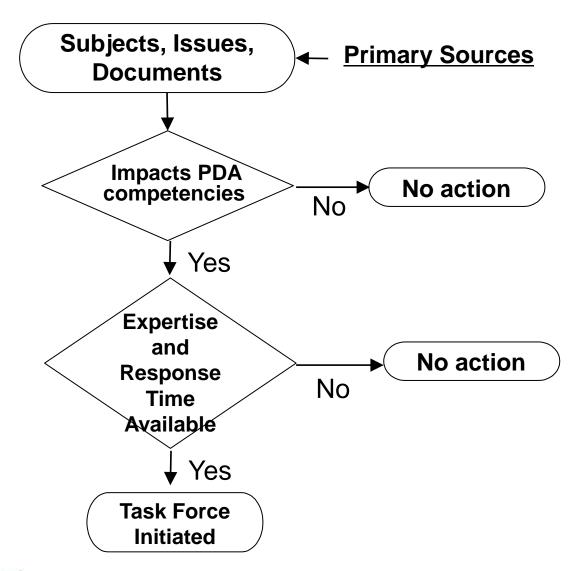
- API and DP for Parenteral and Other Drugs (primary)
- Combination Products, Vaccines, Veterinary (if in topic area)

#### **Not Typically in Scope:**

 GCP, GLP, Labeling, Med Errors

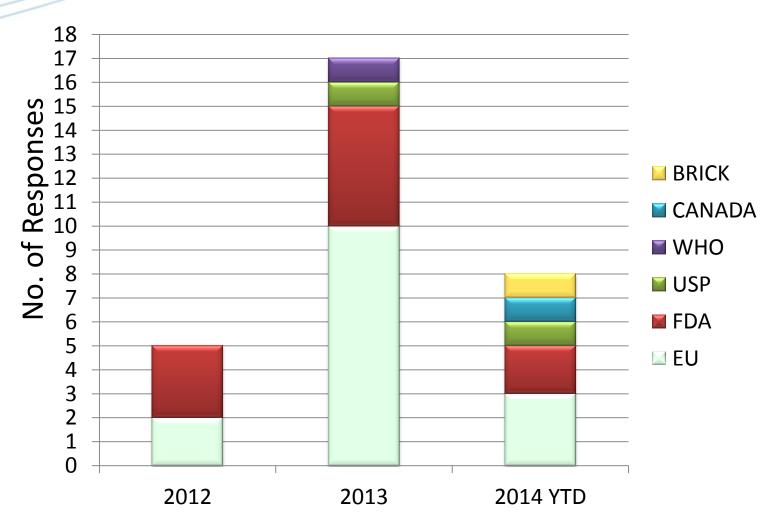


## PDA Decision to Comment





## PDA Regulatory Commenting Activity





## In summary: RAQAB...

- Comprised of PDA Volunteers
- Identifies current regulatory and quality issues affecting development, manufacturing and quality of healthcare products
- Advises PDA on the impact of such issues
- Recommends a plan of action for PDA regulatory responses
- Manages sponsored Interest Groups
- Sponsors projects to improve quality and regulatory industry practices



# Questions?