

PDA Virus Safety & Control of Cell Therapy Products Workshop 2026

Agenda

Wednesday, 24 June

CEST Daylight Time (UTC +2:00)

	Welcome and Overview of the Workshop Scope
09:00 – 09:15	Moderator: Friedrich von Wintzingerode PhD , Director, Microbiology and QC Individualized and Cell Therapy, <i>Genentech, a Member of the Roche Group</i>
	European Regulations on Viral Safety of Cell Therapeutic Medicinal Products
09:10 – 09:30	Regulatory Presenter: Johannes Bluemel PhD , Head of Virus Safety Section, <i>Paul-Ehrlich-Institut</i>
	Case Study Procine Virus Contamination Xenotransplantation
09:30 – 09:40	Academic Presenter: Joachim Denner PhD , Head of laboratory, <i>Institute of Virology, Freie Universität Berlin</i>
	Title to be announced
09:40 – 09:55	Regulatory Presenter: Ilona Reischl PhD , , <i>Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES)</i>
09:55 – 10:25	Coffee Break
	Case Study on Cell Therapy Contamination
10:25 – 10:35	Presenter: Cheryl E. Essex MSc , Head of Contamination Control, R&D Global Quality, <i>Sanofi</i>
	Control of HHV6/7 Risk for Allogeneic CAR-T Manufacturing
10:35 – 12:05	Moderator: Houman Dehghani PhD , Vice President, <i>Cabaletta Bio</i>
12:05 – 13:05	Lunch Break
13:05 – 13:15	Ensuring Viral Safety via Next Generation Sequencing
	Round Table Discussion
13:15 – 14:45	Moderator: Friedrich von Wintzingerode PhD , Director, Microbiology and QC Individualized and Cell Therapy, <i>Genentech, a Member of the Roche Group</i>
14:45 – 15:15	Coffee Break
	Real Clinical Case Report and Summary of Virus Reactivation in Cell Therapy
15:15 – 04:30	Moderator: Dayue Chen PhD , Distinguished Scientist, <i>Genentech, Inc.</i>
	Summary of the Workshop and Take-Home Messages
16:30 – 17:00	Moderator: Friedrich von Wintzingerode PhD , Director, Microbiology and QC Individualized and Cell Therapy, <i>Genentech, a Member of the Roche Group</i>

