

Reduce Time to Market With Pre-IND Meetings

Reducing time to market is one of the biggest challenges companies face when seeking FDA approval on their drug development plans and clinical trials. A Pre-IND meeting is an effective means to speeding up the FDA approval process.

Pre-IND meetings reduce time to market in a variety of ways. These meetings can help companies:

- 1.** Identify unnecessary studies (Pre-clinical/Clinical)
- 2.** Ensure that studies are designed to provide meaningful information
- 3.** Gain support for a proposed strategy
- 4.** Minimize potential for clinical hold
- 5.** Provide opportunity for creative exchange of ideas
- 6.** Obtain regulatory insight
- 7.** Minimize costs
- 8.** Clearly define endpoints and goals of the development program
- 9.** Allow early interactions and negotiations

What are the goals of a Pre-IND meeting with the FDA?

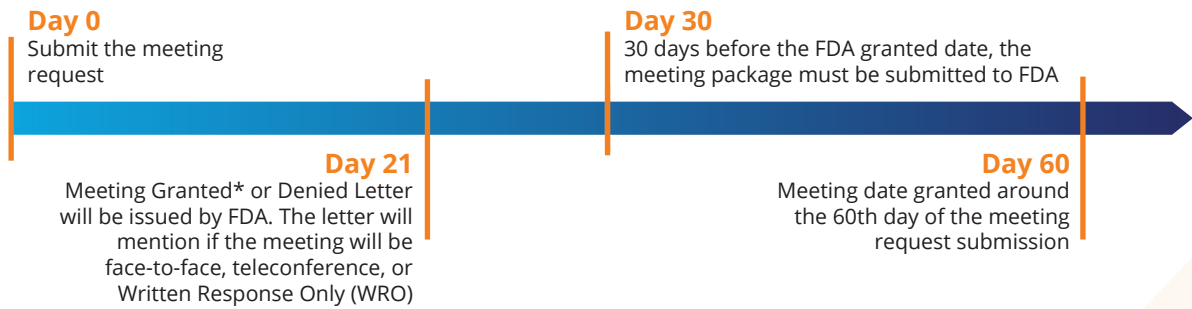
- ✓ Agreement with FDA that if the ex-U.S. studies qualify for support, the IND application will open a Phase II study stateside.
- ✓ Review animal studies to ensure they meet the requirements for initiating clinical studies in the U.S.
- ✓ Discuss the scope and design of Phase I/II studies.
- ✓ Discuss available methods to enhance expedited development: Orphan Drug designation, Fast Track designation, Accelerated Approval, and Animal Efficacy Rule, for example.
- ✓ Determine if CMC information is adequate for Phase I/II studies in the U.S.
- ✓ Present the summaries of ex-U.S. Phase I study results and confirm that data supports the final BLA to FDA.

Five common issues in Pre-IND meetings

1. Inadequate CMC information
2. Insufficient pre-clinical support
3. Unacceptable clinical trial design
4. Noncompliance with Good Clinical Practices (GCPs)
5. Lack of information on selection of dosage

Three best practices for a successful Pre-IND meeting

1 Follow a clear timeline to attain a Type-B Pre-IND meeting with FDA



**90% of meeting requests result in WRO. Mock FDA meetings should be held internally after the meeting package submission if a teleconference or face-to-face meeting is granted with FDA.*

2 Submit a detailed meeting request, including

- ✓ Meeting objective
- ✓ Proposed agenda, including estimated times needed for each agenda item
- ✓ Listing of specific questions categorized and grouped by discipline
- ✓ List of sponsor participants
- ✓ List of requested participants from CDER
- ✓ Quantitative composition of the drug proposed for use in the study
- ✓ Proposed indication
- ✓ Dosing regimen, including concentration, amount dosed, frequency, and duration
- ✓ Proposed meeting date (6-8 weeks in the future)
- ✓ Availability of the meeting package (at least 4 weeks before the proposed meeting date)

3 Create a comprehensive meeting package

- ✓ Overall program synopsis
- ✓ Relevancy of the animal efficacy rule
- ✓ Clinical study synopsis
- ✓ Results for in vitro and early in vivo toxicology
- ✓ Rationale for safety, based on toxicological profile and safety margin
- ✓ Brief description of the manufacturing scheme for the active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) and formulation for clinical study
- ✓ Brief assay descriptions
- ✓ Full description of the development plan
- ✓ Copy of the meeting with updates to reflect the most current information request

For more information:

Reduce your time to market with a successful Pre-IND meeting request. Connect with our strategy and planning experts to get started.



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