

# The Brand Memo and the FDA

- While guidance documents are not binding, FDA often relies on them when conducting inspections, the results of which can spawn a chain of enforcement-oriented events
- 483s are shared with state regulators which, especially in the pharmacy context, can create meaningful enforcement liability
- 483s form the basis for FDA's decision about the compliance status of an organization (now public)
- 483s can lead to Warning Letters, more frequent inspections, and more serious enforcement action (consent decrees, criminal enforcement)

# FDA Guidance Documents – A Sampling

- Establishing Pre-Amendment Device Status
  - <https://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/MedicalDeviceQualityandCompliance/ucm379552.htm>
- Distinguishing Device Recalls from Device Enhancements Guidance
  - <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/medicaldevices/deviceregulationandguidance/guidancedocuments/ucm418469.pdf>
- When to file a 510(k) for a change to an existing device
  - <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/medicaldevices/deviceregulationandguidance/guidancedocuments/ucm514771.pdf>
- General versus specific intended use guidance
  - <https://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/ucm073944.htm>
- Design Control Guidance for Medical Device Manufacturers
  - <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/UCM070642.pdf>

# FDA Guidance Documents – A Sampling

- Data Integrity and Compliance with cGMP Guidance
  - <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM495891.pdf>
- Sterile Drug Products Produced by Aseptic Processing
  - <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/Guidances/ucm070342.pdf>
- Insanitary Conditions at Compounding Pharmacies Guidance
  - <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/drugs/guidancecomplianceregulatoryinformation/guidances/ucm514666.pdf>
- Compounding Copies of Commercially Available Drug Products Guidance
  - <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM510154.pdf>

# FDA Guidance Documents – A Sampling

- Good Re-Print Practice Guidance
  - <https://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/ucm125126.htm>
- Responding to Unsolicited Requests For Off-Label Information Guidance
  - <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/drugs/guidances/ucm285145.pdf>
- Seafood HACCP and FSMA Guidance
  - <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/UCM569798.pdf>
- Highly Concentrated Caffeine in Dietary Supplements Guidance
  - <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/UCM604319.pdf>

# **Guidance for Industry**

## **Sterile Drug Products**

### **Produced by Aseptic Processing — Current Good Manufacturing Practice**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)  
Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER)  
Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA)

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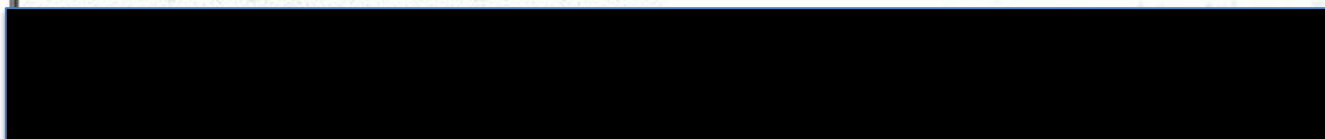
DATE(S) OF INSPECTION

3/21-3/24/16 & 4/11/16

FEI NUMBER



NAME AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM REPORT IS ISSUED



CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

Lutz, FL 33549

TYPE OF ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTED

Producer of Sterile Drugs

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DURING AN INSPECTION OF YOUR FIRM (I) (WE) OBSERVED:

1. Procedures designed to prevent microbiological contamination of drug products purporting to be sterile are not established, written, and followed.



**VIA UPS NEXT DAY AIR**  
**w/ DELIVERY CONFIRMATION**

February 15, 2017

Erica White, Executive Director  
Florida Department of Health  
Board of Pharmacy  
4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C-04  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3258

Dear Ms. White:

The purpose of this letter is to refer to the Florida State Board of Pharmacy (BOP) for appropriate follow-up, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) concerns about poor sterile practices observed during an FDA inspection at a pharmacy licensed by the Florida BOP, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

During the inspection, the FDA investigators observed deviations from appropriate sterile practice standards that, if not corrected, could lead to contamination of drugs, potentially putting patients at risk. Examples of deviations observed during our inspection include:

1. The firm failed to disinfectant equipment prior to introduction into the aseptic processing area. For example, the firm was observed introducing a pump into the ISO 5 hood without first disinfecting the pump and cord.
2. The firm failed to demonstrate through appropriate smoke studies that their ISO 5 buffer room is able to provide adequate protection to (b) (4) vials during the (b) (4) the ISO 5 hood (b) (4)
3. Personnel did not perform media fills under conditions that closely simulate the most challenging or stressful conditions encountered during aseptic operations.