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***FDA's Critical Path Initiative,
The Critical Path Institute,
and the
Predictive Safety Testing Consortium***

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Lecture Outline

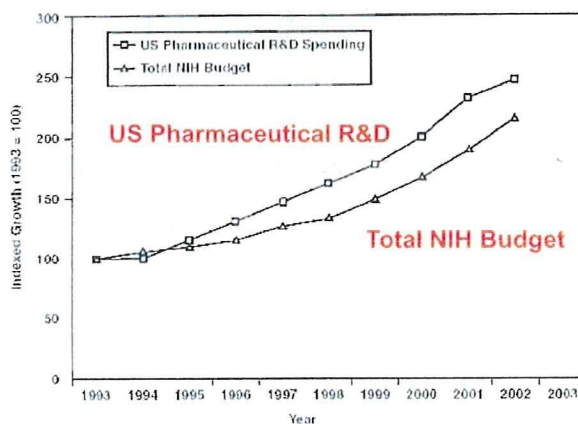


- Background: The Critical Path Initiative
- Aspects of the Critical Path Initiative
- The Critical Path Institute
- The Predictive Safety Testing Consortium

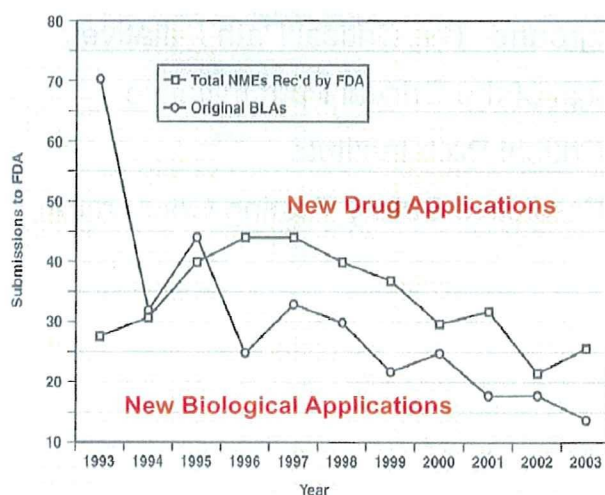
10 year Trend in Biomedical R&D Spending



Figure 1: 10-Year Trends in Biomedical Research Spending



10 year Trend in New Applications to FDA



The Critical Path Initiative



March 2004

Among other observations the FDA's Critical Path Initiative (CPI) finds "The main causes of failure in the clinic include safety problems and lack of effectiveness: inability to predict these failures before human testing or early in clinical trials dramatically escalates costs."

The Critical Path Initiative



- The Critical Path Initiative is FDA's effort to stimulate and facilitate a national effort to modernize the scientific process through which a potential human drug, biological product, or medical device is transformed from a discovery or "proof of concept" into a medical product.
- The CPI focuses on the scientific gap between discovery research and medical application

Critical Path Initiative: Priority Topics



- ❑ Better Evaluation Tools
- ❑ Streamlining Clinical Trials
- ❑ Harnessing Bioinformatics
- ❑ Moving Manufacturing into the 21st Century
- ❑ Developing Products to Address Urgent Public Health Needs
- ❑ Specific At-Risk Populations — Pediatric

Better Evaluation Tools: Selected Projects



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- ❑ Biomarker Development and Qualification
- ❑ Predictive Safety Testing

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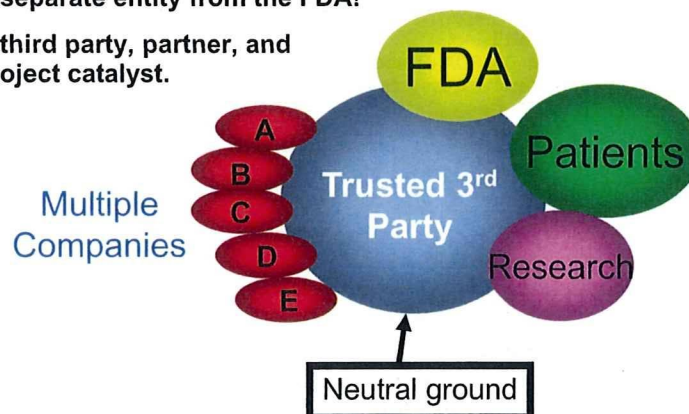


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The Critical Path Institute (C-Path)



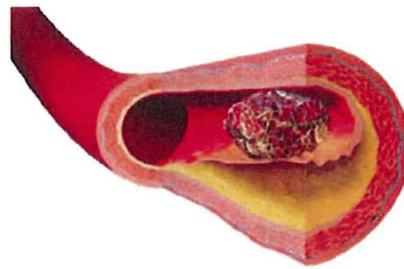
- **A separate entity from the FDA!**
- **A third party, partner, and project catalyst.**



Warfarin – Public Health Issue



Management of
thrombosis and embolism



US prescriptions
>2 million/year
>30 million total

Adverse events
• 40,000 ER visits
• \$2B AE costs

Warfarin Dosing Optimization



- Determine clinical / pharmaco-economic benefit of routine genotyping to determine warfarin dose
- **Warfarin Summit I**
 - C-Path / NHLBI / FDA collaboration on clinical trial
 - C-Path-led technical assessment of genotyping assays



- Initial label change – highlight genetics, but not require/ recommend
- **Warfarin Summit II**
 - C-Path coordinated evaluation of cumulative pharmacogenetic information with experts/FDA to support additional label change



Genetic Basis of Adverse Events



- Common Adverse Drug Reactions (CADRe)
- Goals:
 - Evaluation of evidence for genetic basis of adverse events associated with common drugs
 - Communication of pertinent information to clinicians and patients to guide safer use of these drugs.
- C-Path Staff
 - Maryellen de Mars
 - Marietta Anthony

Candidate Drug/ Adverse Event Pairs



Drug	Common Adverse Drug Reaction
Protease inhibitors	lipodystrophy diabetes, liver toxicity
Statins, anticholesterol drugs and combinations such as statins and fibrates	myopathy, muscle pain, muscle necrosis to the extreme, rhabdomyolysis; elevated CPK
Beta-agonists	asthma
Atypical antipsychotics	glucose intolerance/diabetes, akathisia, weight gain, extrapyramidal syndrome
Tricyclics	neurologicaleffects
SSRI	sexual dysfunction, suicidal ideation, insomnia
NSAIDS	blood pressure elevation, GI pain
Stimulants for ADHD	weight loss, hallucinations, hypertension, adverse cardiovascular effects
Nevirapine (Viramune)	hepatotoxicity, severe skin reactions
Rosiglitazone	CVD
Methadone	QT prolongation, arrhythmia
Isoniazid	(NAT-2); hepatitis

Predictive Safety Testing Consortium (PSTC)



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FDA and the Critical Path Institute Announce **Predictive Safety Testing Consortium** Consortium Will Share Tests to Understand Safety of Potential New Drugs Earlier

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and The Critical Path Institute (C-Path) today announced the formation of the Predictive Safety Testing Consortium between C-Path and five of America's largest pharmaceutical companies to share internally developed laboratory methods to predict the safety of new treatments before they are tested in humans. The FDA, while not a member of the Partnership, will assist it in an advisory capacity. This unprecedented sharing of potential early indicators of clinical safety may streamline the cost and time of preclinical drug safety evaluation and better inform the use of "personalized medicine". The Consortium was announced today at a press conference detailing the release of the Critical Path Opportunities List -- 76 initial research priorities that, if accomplished, will modernize the drug development process by 2010 and help get new medical discoveries to Americans faster and at a lower cost.

Pre-clinical Safety Testing?



1937 Massengill distributed **Elixir Sulfanilamide** without testing for safety (which was not required by law). Because it contained diethylene glycol as a vehicle, 107 people died, many of whom were children.

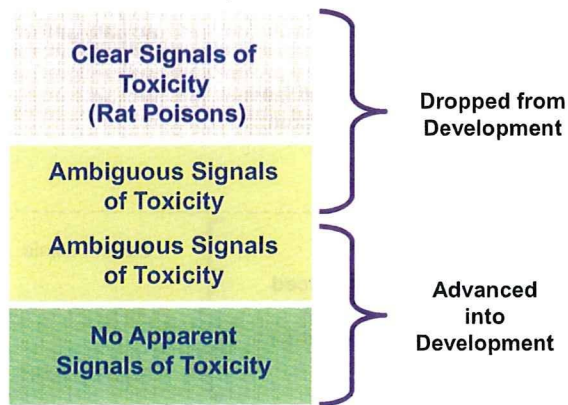
1938 Federal Food, Drugs and Cosmetic Act

New drugs are required to be safe before marketing.

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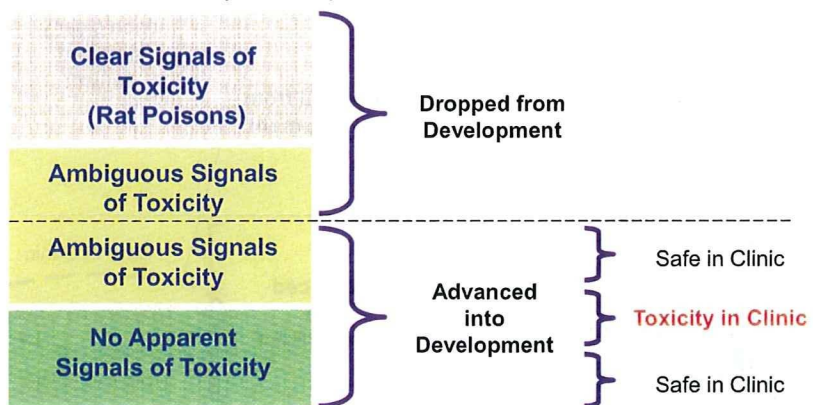
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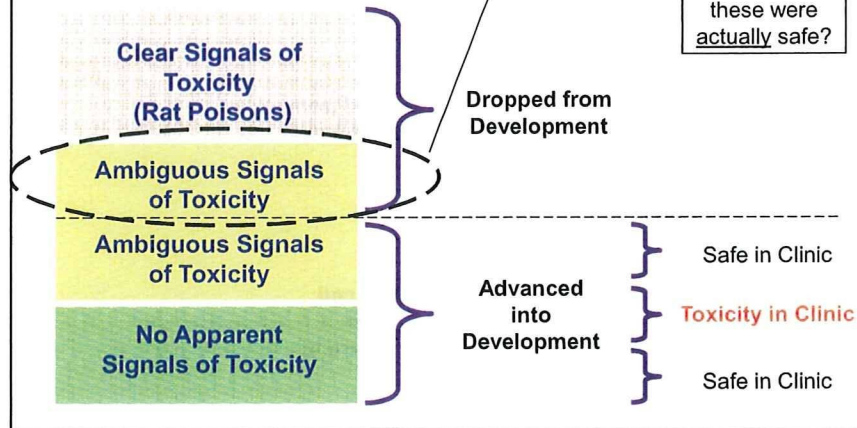
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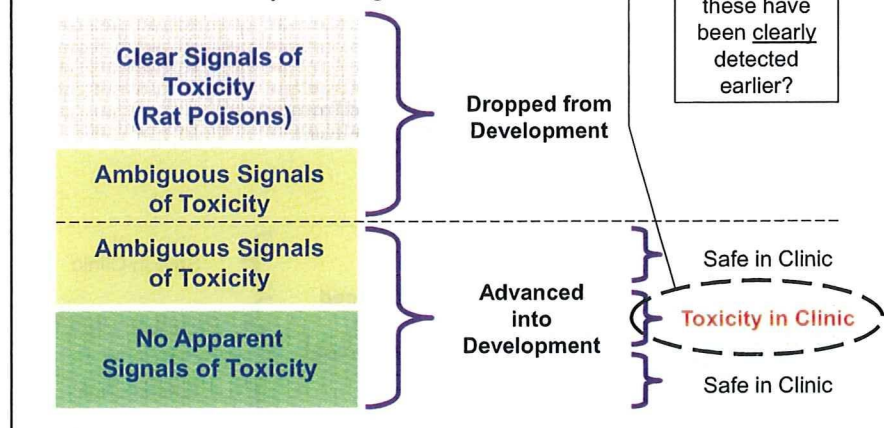
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Why New Safety Biomarkers?



□ Hepatotoxicity

- Confounding factors in current tests

"Muscular exercise can cause highly pathological liver function tests in healthy men"

Br J Clin Pharmacol. 2008 65:253-9

- Inability to assess risk of transient ALT elevations

Mildly elevated liver transaminase levels in the asymptomatic patient.

Am Fam Physician. 2005 71:1105-10

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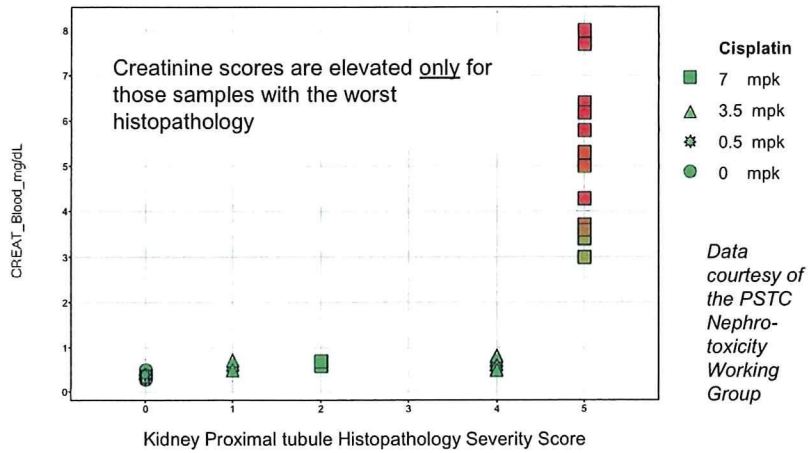


□ Nephrotoxicity

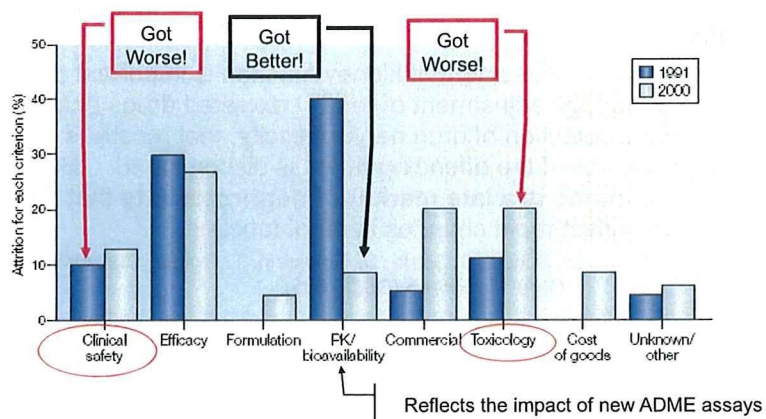
- Correct assessment of kidney function is important both for dosage adjustment of renally excreted drugs and for early detection of drug nephrotoxicity, that mostly is reversible if the offending agent is discontinued. ...**Serum creatinine is a late marker of nephrotoxicity** that does not reflect rapid changes in renal function.

M. Schetz, J. Dasta, S. Goldstein, T. Golper, *Curr Opin Crit Care* 11, 555-65 (Dec, 2005).

Creatinine vs Histopathology

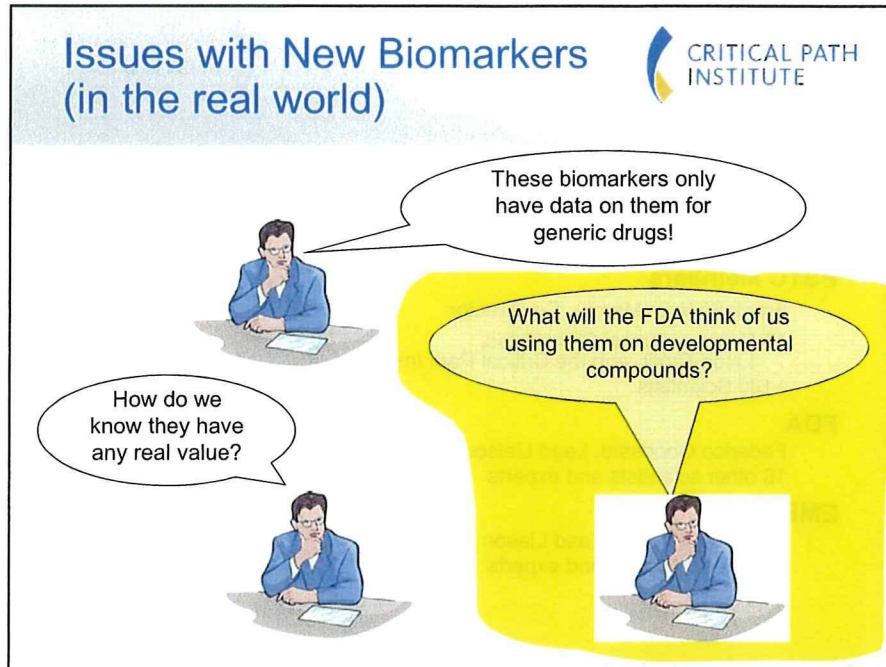


Reasons for Attrition



Nature Reviews: Drug Discovery, 3 (8): 711, 2004

Issues with New Biomarkers (in the real world)



PSTC Goals



- ❑ To cross-qualify pre-clinical animal model biomarkers aimed at reducing the cost and time of pre-clinical safety studies
- ❑ To use the **combined resources, sample sets, novel compounds, and expertise** to generate a biomarker data package convincing enough for **FDA/EMA qualification** as a biomarker acceptable for regulatory safety decision making
- ❑ To provide potential early indicators of clinical safety in drug development and post-marketing surveillance.
 - Note the goal of translational biomarkers
- ❑ To develop new tools for FDA and EMA to assist in regulatory decision making.

Who's Involved



Critical Path Institute

Bill Mattes, Director
Elizabeth Walker, Assistant Director
Phil Rossi, Program Manager

PSTC Members

Frank Sistare (Merck), Co-Director
15 Pharmaceutical Companies,
1 Non-Profit, and the Critical Path Institute
>190 Scientists

FDA

Federico Goodsaid, Lead Liaison
16 other scientists and experts

EMEA

Spirios Vamvakas, Lead Liaison
10 other scientists and experts

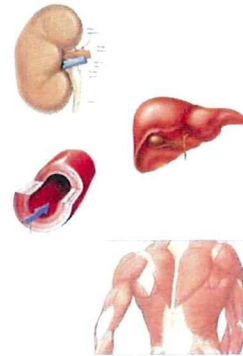
PSTC: An International Endeavor



Working Groups and Teams



- Five Injury Area Working Groups
 - Nephrotoxicity
 - Hepatotoxicity
 - Vascular Injury
 - Non-genotoxic Carcinogenicity
 - Focus on carcinogenicity tests in rats and mice
 - Myopathy (Striated Muscle)
- Data Management Team
- Translational Strategy Team

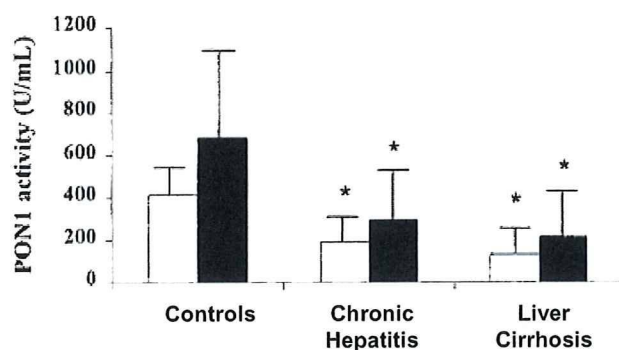


Hepatotoxicity WG Progress



- Four candidate biomarker assays identified for initial cross-qualification
 - PON-1, MDH, PNP, and GLDH
 - Standard auto-analyzer enzymatic assays
 - Significant preliminary internal data
- Three member laboratories identified for assay cross-qualification
- Cross-qualification samples inventoried
- Discussions with FDA planned for 1Q09
- Further discussions on potential candidate biomarkers ongoing

Paraoxanase 1 (PON1) as a Candidate Biomarker



Baseline (open columns) and stimulated (filled columns) serum PON1 activity

From Ferre et al (2002) *Clinical Chemistry* 48:261

Nephrotoxicity Biomarkers



23 Proposed Exploratory Biomarkers of Kidney Toxicity

– 7 Prioritized for FDA/EMA Submission

- □ Albumin
- □ β 2-microglobulin
- Calbindin d28
- □ Clusterin
- □ Cystatin C
- EGF
- GSTa
- GSTmu
- □ Kim-1
- Lipocalin2 (NGAL)
- NAG
- Osteoactivin
- Osteopontin
- Podocin
- RPA1
- □ TFF3
- Timp1
- □ Total Urinary Protein
- Uromodulin (Tamm-Horsfall)
- VEGF
- Macrophage Migration Inhibitory Factor
- Monokine Induced by Interferon Gamma
- Interferon Gamma Induced 10Kda Protein

Kidney Injury Biomarker Qualification Submission



- Data from 23 compounds for 7 biomarkers
- **First** establishment of a Biomarker Review process
- **First** joint submission (June, 2007) to both FDA and EMEA
- **First trilateral** (US- Europe-Japan) face to face meeting
- **First** cooperative FDA-EMEA (US-Europe) regulatory decision
- Favorable decision 2Q2008

Summary of Regulatory Decisions



"..both regulatory agencies came to the conclusions that:"

- the renal biomarkers submitted were acceptable in the context of non-clinical drug development for detection of acute drug-induced renal toxicity;
- the renal biomarkers provide additional and complementary information to the currently available standards;
- the use of renal biomarkers in clinical trials is to be considered on a case-by-case basis...

From <http://www.emea.europa.eu/htms/human/mes/biomarkers.htm>

Translational Considerations



- The first focus is on pre-clinical biomarkers
 - This allows a robust correlation between biomarker performance and histopathology
- If a biomarker is to be used to support safety in Phase-1 clinical trials:
 - Its performance in pre-clinical studies must be understood
 - *Its performance in clinical settings would, ideally, also be understood*

(although in practice purely preclinical biomarkers may offer information on the preclinical toxicity that is useful for hazard characterization)

Translational Strategies



- Key to developing strategies is a Translational Team that eliminates silos
 - Clinical scientists from member organizations
 - Preclinical scientists
 - Regulatory scientists
 - Outside advisors as determined



First PSTC Clinical Study



Biomarkers of Nephrotoxicity
Final Draft Protocol, 8 October 2008



PHASE 1: OBSERVATIONAL BIOMARKER PROSPECTIVE STUDY:
CONTRAST INDUCED NEPHROPATHY (CIN) IN SUBJECTS UNDERGOING A
CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION

- ❑ Draft discussed at FDA "Protocol Development Workshop" 10 Oct 2008
- ❑ Input obtained from academic scientists and FDA medical officers

Play It Again, Sam.



- ❑ The Critical Path Initiative focuses on the scientific gap between discovery research and medical application
- ❑ Priority topics include "Better Evaluation Tools"
 - Improved Dosing of Warfarin
 - Genetic Basis of Adverse Events
 - Predictive Safety Testing
- ❑ The Critical Path Institute serves as a neutral third party to coordinate CPI projects such as these
- ❑ The Predictive Safety Testing Consortium is pursuing improved biomarkers of drug safety
- ❑ Better Evaluation Tools play a role not only in drug development but also in pharmacovigilance and risk management