

**FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)**  
**Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER)**  
**125<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Blood Products Advisory Committee (BPAC)**  
**May 9, 2024**

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**Topic: The committee met in open session to discuss strategies to reduce the risk of transfusion-transmitted malaria by testing blood donations from donors at risk of malaria exposure.**

EDT Time	Presentation/Presenter
9:30 a.m.	<p><b><u>Opening Remarks: Call to Order and Welcome (5 min.)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zbigniew “Ziggy” Szczepiorkowski, M.D., Ph.D., F.C.A.P.  Chair, BPAC  Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Professor of Medicine  Dartmouth’s Geisel School of Medicine</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Administrative Announcements, Roll Call, and Conflict of Interest Statement (15 min.)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christina Vert, M.S.,  Designated Federal Officer, BPAC  Division of Scientific Advisors and Consultants (DSAC)  Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), FDA</li> </ul>
9:50 a.m.	<p><b><u>Introduction (50 min.)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Introduction and Charge to the Committee (15 min.)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anne Eder, M.D., Ph.D.  Director, Office of Blood Research and Review (OBRR)  Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), FDA</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Public Health and Clinical Malaria in the U.S. (25 min.)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seymour Williams, M.D., M.P.H.  Team Lead for the Domestic Response Team  Domestic Malaria Team, Malaria Branch  Division of Parasitic Diseases and Malaria  National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases  US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</li> </ul>

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	Q&A (10 min.) <a href="#">Refer to the Meeting Transcript.</a>
<b>10:50 a.m.</b>	<p><b><a href="#">Transfusion-Transmitted Malaria in the United States</a> (25 min.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sanjai Kumar, Ph.D. Chief, Laboratory of Emerging Pathogens (LEP) Division of Emerging and Transfusion Transmitted Diseases (DETTD) Office of Blood Research and Review (OBRR), CBER, FDA</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A (10 min.)</p>
<b>11:25 a.m.</b>	<p><b><a href="#">Molecular testing for detection of asymptomatic <i>Plasmodium</i> infections</a> (25 min.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Susan Galel, M.D. Global Senior Director of Medical Affairs, Donor Screening Roche Diagnostics Solutions</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A (10 min.)</p>
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<p><b><a href="#">FDA Policy Considerations for Testing Blood Donations for Malaria Infection</a> (25 min.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jennifer Scharpf, M.P.H. Associate Director for Policy Office of Blood Research and Review (OBRR), CBER, FDA</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A (10 min.)</p>
<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<p><b><a href="#">Open Public Hearing</a> (30 min.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">AABB Joint Statement</a></li> </ul>
<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b><a href="#">Open Committee Discussion and Recommendations</a> (77 min.)</b>
<b>2:47 p.m.</b>	<p><b><a href="#">Adjourn Meeting</a></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christina Vert, M.S., Designated Federal Officer, BPAC DSAC, CBER, FDA</li> </ul>