

*Public Workshop: New Insights for Product Development and  
Bioequivalence Assessments of Generic Orally Inhaled and Nasal  
Drug Products (OINDPs)*

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## **Session 1: Predictive Dissolution Methods for OINDPs**

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# Dissolution Methods for OINDPs

- Dissolution studies are routinely used for characterization of oral drug products, as both quality control and bio-predictive tools
- Predictive in vitro drug dissolution tests may provide a link between regional drug deposition and local/systemic pharmacokinetics for OINDPs containing poorly soluble drugs
- Bio-predictive dissolution tests may provide insight about potential in vivo performance variability of RLD and generic test products, and reduce the likelihood of comparative clinical study failures during BE determinations

But...

- Unlike for oral products, limited information on development of dissolution methods for OINDPs is available in the literature
- Development and validation of a bio-predictive dissolution method for OINDPs can be challenging

# Key Challenges with Development of Dissolution Methods for OINDPs

- Sample collection
- Method for transferring collected samples to dissolution apparatus
- Sink condition vs. low volume physiologically relevant conditions
- Number of dissolution media
- Validation/bio-predictability
- Acceptance criteria
- Standardization of the method

# Development of Dissolution Test for OINDPs

## Sample Collection

- Canister
- Spray
- Blister
- Impactor
- Dosage unit sampling apparatus

## Apparatus

- USP
- Flow-through system
- Diffusion-controlled apparatus

## Medium

- Buffered saline
- Simulated lung fluid
- Artificial nasal fluid
- Purified lung fluid
- Simulated GI fluid

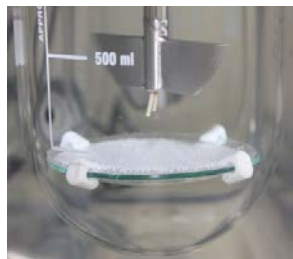
## Method Validation

- Predictability
- Discriminatory power
- Both

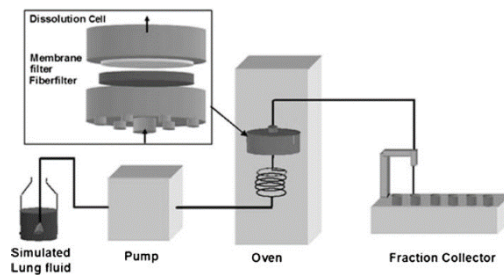
## BE

### Assessment

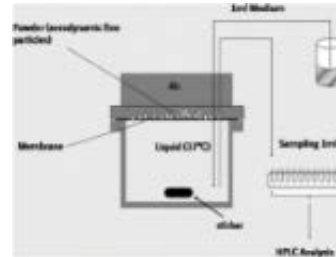
- Dissolution rate constant
- Entire profile
- Model-based comparison



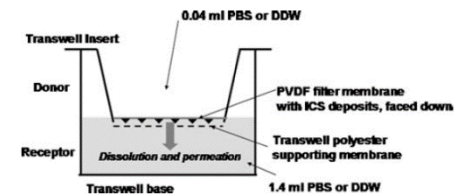
USP



Flow through cell



Franz® diffusion cell



Transwell®

# Focus of the Session

- Different Dissolution Methods for characterization of OINDPs
  - Method development/optimization
  - Validation
  - Application/case examples
  - Pros and cons of individual methods

**Presentation 1:** Development of an Optimized Dissolution Test System for OINDPs–  
Guenther Hochhaus, PhD (University of Florida)

**Presentation 2:** Discriminative *In Vitro* Dissolution Testing for Orally Inhaled Drug  
Products: Transwell-based System – Masahiro Sakagami, PhD (VCU)

**Presentation 3:** Dissolution and Beyond: The Use of Advanced Characterization Tools for  
Demonstrating Pharmaceutical Equivalence of Orally Inhaled Drug Products - Robert Price,  
PhD (University of Bath)

**Panel Discussion** - Role of Dissolution in Development and Bioequivalence Assessment of  
Orally Inhaled Drug Products