

## Just in time: FDA finalizes guidance on assessment of abuse potential of drugs

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On 17 January 2017, just in time to evade the president's Regulatory Freeze Memorandum, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced the availability of a final guidance entitled "Assessment of Abuse Potential of Drugs."

The guidance is intended to assist sponsors of investigational new drugs and applicants for approval of a new drug in evaluating whether their drug product has abuse potential. Specifically, FDA's guidance provides recommendations for assessing the abuse potential of central nervous system (CNS)-active new drugs. The guidance finalizes a draft guidance issued under the same name on 27 January 2010.

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