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Cell and Gene Therapy Summit

Pioneering Precision
- Cell and Gene Therapy Development and Innovation

27 February (Fri), 2026
Newilhan Memorial Hall, Severance Hospital, Seoul, Korea

Program Overview

The DIA Cell and Gene Therapy Summit — "Pioneering Precision: Cell and Gene Therapy Development and Innovation", co-hosted by DIA, RMAF, and KoBIA, will bring together Korea's leading scientific, regulatory, and industry stakeholders alongside global experts to discuss how precision medicine is shaping the future of cell and gene therapy development.

As a rapidly emerging contributor to global innovation, Korea offers world-class research capabilities, advanced clinical infrastructure, and strong policy support for biopharmaceutical development. This Summit will serve as a collaborative platform to explore strategies for accelerating clinical translation, advancing regulatory science, and expanding patient access to innovative therapies through close collaboration across science, regulation, and industry.

Focus and Discussion

This summit focuses on the evolving global regulatory and development landscape for cell and gene therapies, with perspectives from major health authorities including the FDA, EMA, NMPA, PMDA, and MFDS. Discussions will examine regulatory frameworks, approval pathways, and harmonization trends, alongside real-world case studies spanning CAR-T, gene editing, AAV gene therapies, and regenerative medicine. The program also explores clinical strategy, manufacturing comparability, and the transition from research to approval, while highlighting how patient data from clinical trials and real-world use can be leveraged to accelerate innovation and inform regulatory decision-making.

Who Should Attend

This Summit welcomes professionals from government agencies, academic institutions, hospitals, and biopharmaceutical companies engaged in the development, review , and regulation of cell and gene therapies. It will be particularly valuable for those working in regulatory affairs, clinical development, CMC, quality assurance, and translational science who wish to strengthen Korea's role in global CGT innovation and collaboration.

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9.00 – 9.05 am	**Opening Remarks**
	Young Joo Park, MPH, PhD, Vice President, Korea, Singapore, and SEA, DIA
9.05 – 9.10 am	**Congratulatory Remark**
	TBD, The Ministry of Health and Welfare
9.10 – 9.50 am	**Plenary Session**
Session Chairs	**Yil-Seob Lee, MD, PhD**, CHA University
9.10 – 9.30 am	Pioneering Precision: Advancing Cell and Gene Therapy Through Science, Regulation, and Collaboration
	Kyung-Suk Kim, MD, PhD, Executive Advisor, CORESTEMCHEMON, Inc.
9.30 – 9.50 am	Global overview of cell and gene therapy (CGT) development, including key challenges and strategic considerations from a global perspective.
	Maria Vassileva, PhD, Chief Science and Regulatory Officer, DIA Global.
9.50 am – 12.20 pm	**Session 1** **Regulatory Overview of Cell and Gene Therapy Field**
	Session 1 will provide a comprehensive overview of the global regulatory landscape for cell and gene therapies development, featuring key updates and insights from major health authorities including the FDA perspective (U.S.), EMA (Europe), NMPA (China), PMDA (Japan), and MFDS (Korea). Representatives from these agencies will present the latest developments in regulatory frameworks, approval pathways, and guidance documents related to advanced therapies. The session aims to highlight harmonization efforts and evolving expectations across regions, offering participants a clearer understanding of how regulatory bodies are addressing the scientific and manufacturing complexities of cell and gene therapies. This discussion will lay the groundwork for subsequent sessions focusing on development, quality, and clinical perspectives.
Session Chairs	**Youngju Choi, PhD** Director General NIFDS, MFDS **In-sook Park, PhD** Director General KRSC
9.50 – 10.10 am	Regulatory Update from the EMA
	Caroline Pothet, Head of advanced therapies and haemato-oncology European Medicines Agency
10.10 – 10.30 am	Regulatory Update from the FDA
	Maria Vassileva, PhD, Chief Science and Regulatory Officer, DIA Global.
10.30 - 10.50 am	Regulatory Update from the PMDA
	Yasuhiro Kishioka, PhD, Review Director, Office of Celluar and Tissue-based Products PMDA, Japan
10.50 – 11.10 am	Regulatory Update from the NMPA
	Jianchao Gao, MD. Associate Researcher, Changping Laboratory
11.10 – 11.30 am	Regulatory Update from the MFDS
	So-Young Wang, Director, Cell and Gene Therapy Products Division, Biopharmaceuticals and Herbal Medicine Evaluation Department, NIFDS, MFDS
11.30 – 11.45 am	**Coffee Break and Network**
11.45 - 12.20 pm	**Panel Discussion**
	Caroline Pothet, EMA **Maria Vassileva,** DIA **Yasuhiro Kishioka,** PMDA **Jianchao Gao,** Changping Laboratory **So-Young Wang,** NIFDS, MFDS **Meehyun Jung**, CTX, Inc. **MinYoung Kim**, CHA University School of Medicine , **Jung Tae Park**, KoBIA

12.20 – 1.20 pm	**Lunch and Network / Lunch Symposium - Sponsored Presentation**
	[Luncheon Seminar] Precision Medicine in Action: AstraZeneca's Cell and Gene Therapy Portfolio and Patient-Centered Strategy
1.20 – 3.00 pm	**Session 2-1** **Sharing regulatory experience from approved/authorized products**
	This session will present case studies highlighting key regulatory experiences and development challenges in advanced therapy medicinal products (ATMPs). Topics will include recent progress in CAR-T and gene editing therapies, as well as emerging approaches for autoimmune diseases from both data-driven and clinical development perspective. Further, the session will explore the scientific and regulatory complexities of demonstrating manufacturing sites and process comparability during clinical development. The session will also highlight examples of transitioning from regenerative medicine clinical research to product approval. Through these cases, participants will gain a deeper understanding of global regulatory strategies and best practices shaping the ATMP landscape.
	Session Chairs **Jung Tae Park, PhD** Vice Chairman Korea Biomedicine Industry Association **Hye Ryun Esther Bahng, MSc** Director of Market Access and Regulatory Affairs Market Access & Regulatory Affairs, Astrazeneca
1.20 – 1.40 pm	Overseas approved products: CAR-T therapies and other gene-editing authorized products
	Just Weemers, Director, Global Regulatory Leader/ Global Regulatory Affairs - Oncology J&J Innovative Medicine
1.40 – 2.00 pm	CAR-T approval experiences from Kite Pharma
	TBD
2.00 – 2.20 pm	Autoimmune Disease – New Frontier in Cell and Gene Therapy Development
	Erin Finot, MS, MBA, Vice President, Immuno-Oncology and Cell & Gene Therapy, IQVIA Biotech
2.20 - 2.40 pm	Product Comparability in Cell Therapy: Approach to Managing Multifactorial Changes
	Patty Sachamitr, Associate Director, Analytical Strategy and Execution, A&QC, BlueRock Therapeutics
2.40 - 3.00 pm	Bridging regenerative medicine clinical research to clinical trials and marketing authorization
	TBD
3.00 - 3.40 pm	**Session 2-2** **Translating Emerging Gene and Cell Platforms into Clinical Development**
	This session will share real-world insights from U.S. FDA–approved in vivo AAV gene therapies, focusing on how key regulatory challenges were addressed during clinical development and licensure. It will also introduce emerging strategies for developing gene-edited, hypoimmunogenic iPSC-derived dopaminergic cell therapies, highlighting their potential and the considerations required to achieve clinical trial approval in Korea. Together, the session aims to bridge global experience with domestic innovation strategies.
	Session Chairs **Meehyun Jung** Executive Director CTX, Inc. **MinYoung Kim, MD, PhD** Professor CHA University School of Medicine
3.00 - 3.20 pm	Overseas case
	TBD
3.20 - 3.40 pm	Generation of Hypoimmunogenic iPSC-Based Dopaminergic Neuron Cells via Gene Editing for Cell Therapy in Parkinson's Disease
	Yu Kyeong Hwang, PhD, CEO, CTX, Inc
3:40 - 4:00 pm	**Coffee Break and Network**

4.00 - 5.00 pm

Session 3
Advancing a paradigm shift in CGT regulatory perspective

This session will explore various aspects of patient data obtained through clinical research, clinical trials, and real-world use. It will also discuss how such data can be leveraged as a reliable and valuable resource to accelerate the development of advanced CGT products. In addition to case-based insights, this session will feature an interactive panel discussion with speakers from across the event, enabling a deep and multi-perspective dialogue on best practices, challenges, and opportunities in leveraging patient data for innovation.

Session Chairs

So Ra Park, MD, PhD
President
Regenerative Medicine Acceleration Foundation,

Eui-Kyung Lee, PhD, BPharm
Professor,
School of Pharmacy, Sungkyunkwan University

4.00 – 5.00 pm	**Panel Discussion**	
	Eui-Kyung Lee, Sungkyunkwan University **Maria Vassileva,** DIA Global **Yasuhiro Kishioka,** PMDA	**Jianchao Gao,** Changping Laboratory **Kyeongsoon Kim**, Vice President, Dream CIS **Youngil Koh,** Professor, Seoul National University Hospital
5.00 pm -	**Closing & Networking Reception**	

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