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# Paul Ehrlich

- **1891**  
Appointed by Robert Koch to Director of the newly established Institute of Infectious Diseases in Berlin (today: Robert Koch Institut). Worked on the standardization of diphtheria serum
- **1897**  
Publication of the side-chain theory: “The validation of the diphtheria therapy serum and its theoretical basis“.
- **1908**  
**Nobel Prize** awarded to Paul Ehrlich and Élie Metchnikoff “in recognition of their work on immunity”



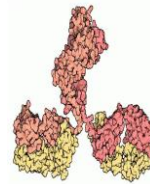


## Recent history of the Paul-Ehrlich-Institut

- **1972** Federal Agency for Sera and Vaccines
- **1994** Responsibility for blood and blood products
- **2000** IVD test laboratory
- **2003** IVD Directive
- **2004** GCP Guideline
- **2005** WHO Collaborating Centre for Quality Assurance of Blood Products and *In Vitro* Diagnostics
- **2007** Tissues Act
- **2013** WHO Collaborating Centre for Vaccines



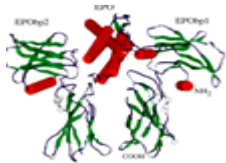
# Monoclonal antibodies Immune Sera



# Vaccines



Plasma-derived clotting factors  
Recombinant clotting factors



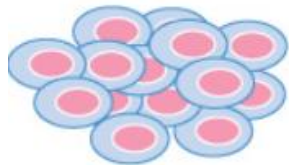
# Biomedicines



Gene therapy  
medicinal products



Blood products  
for transfusion  
medicine



Somatic cell therapy  
products



Tissue-engineered products,  
Tissue preparations



Allergens



# Regulation of Biomedicines

- Quality and efficacy based on
  - selection of donors
  - testing of source materials
  - testing of final products
  
- Regulations assure „state of the art“ quality of biomedicines  
precondition  
suitable in vitro diagnostics (IVDs) and/or (bio)assays
  - Assessment of IVDs
    - IVD test laboratory at PEI (PEI IVD)
  - Validation of assays

# Regulatory Measures for Viral Safety of Blood



1971	HBsAg
1985/6	anti-HIV 1/2
1991	anti-HCV
1999	HCV RNA minimal sensitivity: 5,000 IU/ml
2004	HIV-1 RNA minimal sensitivity: 10,000 IU/ml
2006	antiHBc
2014	West Nile Virus deferral of donors with travel history
2015	HIV-1 RNA two target regions
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# Transfusion-transmitted Viral Infections 1997 – 2015



	97-98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	97-14
<b>HCV transmission</b>																			
<b>RBC</b>	7	0*	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
<b>PC</b>	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>FFP</b>	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
<b>Total</b>	19	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
<b>HIV transmission</b>																			
<b>RBC</b>	1	0	3	0	0	0	0#	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
<b>PC</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>FFP</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
<b>HBV transmission</b>																			
<b>RBC</b>	2	2	1	0	1	1	2	2	3+	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17
<b>PC</b>	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
<b>FFP</b>	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	3	2	1	2	1	3	3	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	25

\* Implementation of HCV-NAT, # of HIV-NAT donor pool screening, + of anti-HBc donor screening





# Regulatory Measures for Virus Safety

Confirmed virus transmissions before / after implementation

Target	Measure	Year of implementation	Transmission cases per million blood units	
			before	after
HCV	HCV NAT	1999	1.67	0.01
HIV	HIV-1 NAT	2004	0.1	0.04
HBV	antiHBc	2006	0.35	0.09

# “Surveillance and Screening of Blood-borne Pathogens”

- The series of IPFA / PEI workshops (formerly “EPFA / NIBSC”) has been instrumental for worldwide progress in the field of blood and plasma safety
- Workshop discussions on
  - pathogens (old, new, emerging)
  - impact on blood and plasma safety
  - surveillance and potential for emergence
  - Countermeasures
    - testing technologies
    - donor deferral
    - removal / inactivation
  - risk analysis
  - decision making
- Representation of all stakeholders involved in blood safety
- Theo Evers, initiator of this unique global forum  
Rob van Tuyle, IPFA president, and Paul Strengers, Executive Director  
Micha Nuebling and Michael Chudy, PEI
- Hellenic National Blood Transfusion Center (E.KE.A.)
- All sponsors



## Input from all stakeholders needed

- „State of the art“ regulation needs input from all stakeholders
  - Manufacturers, e.g.
    - blood establishments
    - plasma manufacturers
    - IVD manufacturers
  - Users
  - Patients
  - Scientists
  - Regulators
  
- PEI committed to future contribution to IPFA / PEI Workshops as an international forum for scientific exchange in the field of blood and blood products



# Our Focus is on Health

