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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Dr. Sally Vater is a toxicologist with more than 25 years' experience in chemical risk assessment and toxicology. She has spent much of her career with a major consumer products company, as a toxicologist and a manager of global safety and regulatory staff. Dr. Vater has gained broad experience in safety assessment, risk management, and risk communication for food and personal care consumer products, as well as in regulatory compliance for foods, OTC drugs, medical devices, and cosmetic products.

EDUCATION AND DEGREES EARNED

Ph.D. Environmental Health
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Toxicology Division, Cincinnati, Ohio

B.A. Chemistry
Thomas More College, Crestview Hills, Kentucky

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND AWARDS

Member, Society of Toxicology

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Directed Product Safety section for a global manufacturer of beauty products (2011–2019), completing ingredient and finished-product safety assessments in support of R&D initiatives. Assessed and documented safety of in-market products in multiple personal care categories. With a global staff of 10 toxicologists, executed product safety assessments for internal use or regulatory submissions in the U.S., Asia, and Europe. Provided technical direction, as well as coaching and mentoring for toxicology staff. Served 5 years on company Institutional Review Board for review of clinical trials.

Managed ingredient safety assessments and California Proposition 65 evaluations and represented corporation on Safety & Regulatory Toxicology Committee (SRTC) of the Personal Care Products Council (PCPC, 2011–2019). Actively participated in SRTC's Sunscreen Safety Task Force:

- Familiar with current OTC monograph issues; engaged in PCPC study design discussions through March 2019
- Co-led subteam that developed and delivered presentation to FDA CDER staff on sunscreen formulation and safety (2016)
- Led subteam that developed PCPC comments to FDA Draft Guidance for Safety & Effectiveness Data for Nonprescription Sunscreens (2015)
- Contributed to summaries of available toxicology data for UV filters marketed under the OTC Sunscreen Monograph (for PCPC use).

Managed regulatory compliance of oral care in-market products and R&D activities for North America (2007–2011), for consumer product manufacturer, encompassing OTC, medical device, and cosmetic categories. Led development of company's Oral Care compliance strategy for Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act.

Managed accountability for safety of food and beverage products (2003–2007), held leadership roles in industry technical committees dealing with coffee (Chair, National Coffee Association Scientific Advisory Committee), caffeine (Chair, IFIC Caffeine Committee), and food toxicology and food allergy (Vice-Chair ILSI Food Tox Committee).

Served as staff toxicologist and office manager for a not-for-profit consulting firm (1988–1994), providing technical direction and scientific review of risk assessments in support of the USEPA's Superfund Health Risk Technical Support Center. Work included chemical hazard assessment and risk assessment of chemical carcinogens.

PRESENTATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS

Vater S. Update: New data requirements for sunscreen over the counter additives—Challenges and opportunities. Presentation at 44th Annual Winter Meeting, the Toxicology Forum, Tysons, VA, Jan 2020 (see: https://dialogue.toxforum.org/d/do/913).

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