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Cynthia Allen is currently the rabies vaccine product lead and laboratory supervisor, overseeing lot release activities of the Travel-Rabies vaccine lab at Health Canada's Viral Vaccine Division. She has more than 10 years of regulatory science experience assessing both pre- and post-market chemistry and manufacturing product submissions.

Dr. Allen completed her graduate studies at the Université de Sherbrooke in Radiobiology with a specialization in Photodynamic Therapy. Her research focused on the elimination of viruses in blood products while maintaining the integrity of cellular components. Subsequently, her focus progressed to photodynamic therapy as a cancer treatment dissecting cell signalling pathways. Her expertise in analytical method development directed her to the National Research Council Canada in Ottawa prior to joining Health Canada in the Pandemic Influenza Division in 2006. She was a key member of Health Canada's regulatory team during the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic.

Dr. Allen's multidisciplinary experience and knowledge of regulatory measures concerning the quality and safety of vaccines provides her with the specific skill set needed to lead the Travel-Rabies Vaccine lab.

