

of the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion of the U.S. Public Health Service. The mission of the Task Force is to rigorously evaluate the effectiveness of clinical preventive services and to formulate recommendations for primary care clinicians regarding the appropriate content of periodic health examinations. The first Task Force concluded its work in 1989 with the publication of the *Guide to Clinical Preventive Services* (the *Guide*). A second Task Force, appointed in 1990, concluded its work with the release of the second edition of the *Guide* in December 1995.

Programmatic responsibility for the Task Force was transferred to AHCPR in 1995. The 1995 edition of the *Guide*, evaluating common screening tests, counseling interventions, immunizations and chemoprophylaxis, is available on the Internet ([www.ahcpr.gov/clinic](http://www.ahcpr.gov/clinic)) and through the U.S. Government Printing Office, (202) 512-1800 (refer to stock # 017-001-00525-8).

Members of the third Task Force will be asked to serve up to 5 years. They will meet quarterly for 1 to 2 day meetings in the Washington, DC area. The Task Force will work closely with other organizations, including the American College of Preventive Medicine, American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American College of Physicians, American Nurses Association, and the Canadian Task Force on the Periodic Health Examination.

#### **Nominations for Third U.S. Preventive Services Task Force**

Members of the third Task Force will be selected on the basis of: (1) clinical expertise in the primary health care of children and/or adults; (2) experience in critical evaluation of research and evidence-based methods; (3) expertise in disease prevention and health promotion; (4) national leadership within their field of expertise; (5) ability to work collaboratively with peers; and, (6) no substantial conflicts of interest that would impair the scientific integrity of the work of the Task Force. Some Task Force members without primary health care clinical experience may be selected based on their expertise in methodologic issues such as medical decision making, clinical epidemiology, health economics, and behavioral interventions. AHCPR particularly encourages nominations of women, members of minority populations, and persons with disabilities. Interested individuals and organizations may

nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on the Task Force. Nominations should include curricula vitae and should state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Task Force. AHCPR will ask persons being considered for membership to provide detailed information concerning such matters as financial holdings, consultancies, and research grants or contracts, to permit evaluation of possibly significant conflicts of interest. It is anticipated that approximately 10-12 individuals will be invited to serve on the third Task Force.

#### **Materials Submission and Deadline**

To be considered for membership on the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, written nominations should be submitted by March 9, 1998 to: Douglas B. Kamerow, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Center for Practice and Technology Assessment, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 6000 Executive Boulevard, Willco Building, Suite 310, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Responses will be available for inspection at the Center for Practice and Technology Assessment, telephone (301) 594-4015, weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. AHCPR will not reply to individual responses, but will consider all nominations in selecting members.

#### **For Additional Information**

Additional information about the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force may be obtained by contacting: David Atkins, M.D., M.P.H., Center for Practice and Technology Assessment, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 6000 Executive Boulevard, Willco Building, Suite 310, Rockville, Maryland 20852; telephone (301) 594-4015; fax (301) 594-4027; *E-mail address*: [datkins@ahcpr.gov](mailto:datkins@ahcpr.gov).

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **National Institutes of Health**

#### **Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings**

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

*Purpose/Agenda:* To review individual grant applications.

*Name of SEP:* Biological and Physiological Sciences.

*Date:* January 23, 1998.

*Time:* 4:00 p.m.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4148, Telephone Conference.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Philip Perkins, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4148, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1718.

*Name of SEP:* Chemistry and Related Sciences.

*Date:* February 25, 1998.

*Time:* 12:00 p.m.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 5152, Telephone Conference.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Jean D. Sipe, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5152, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1743.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **National Institutes of Health**

#### **National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meeting:

*Name of SEP:* Efficacy of Mammography Screening Ages 40-49 Eurotrial 40 Telephone Conference Call.

*Date:* January 13, 1998.

*Time:* 1:00 p.m. to Adjournment.

*Place:* National Cancer Institute, Executive Plaza North, Room 636B, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Ray Bramhall, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, National Cancer Institute, NIH, Executive Plaza North, Room 636B, 6130 Executive Boulevard, MSC 7407, Bethesda, MD 20892-7407, Telephone 301/496-3428.