

physician organization, one representative of a consumer organization, and one representative of the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry. The term of office is 4 years, except that initial appointments will be staggered to permit an orderly rotation of membership.

#### Nomination Procedures

Interested persons may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on the advisory committee. Nominations shall state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the advisory committee and appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude committee membership. Potential candidates will be asked by FDA to provide detailed information concerning such matters as financial holdings, consultancies, and research grants or contracts to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflict of interest.

Selection of a representative of a consumer organization is conducted through procedures which include use of a consortium of consumer organizations which has the responsibility for screening, interviewing, and recommending candidates for the agency's selection. Representatives of a consumer organization must possess appropriate qualifications to understand and contribute to the committee's work.

Selection of the member representing pharmaceutical manufacturing industry interests will be made in accordance with the advisory committee member selection process (21 CFR 14.80).

The NABP and the U.S.P. will be sent letters requesting nominations for their representatives on the advisory committee.

This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), section 503A of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 353a), section 904 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 394) as amended by the Food and Drug Administration Revitalization Act (Pub. L. 101-635), and 21 CFR part 14, relating to advisory committees.

Dated: March 3, 1998.

**Michael A. Friedman,**

*Deputy Commissioner for Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

#### Biological Response Modifiers Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). At least one portion of the meeting will be closed to the public.

*Name of Committee:* Biological Response Modifiers Advisory Committee.

*General Function of the Committee:* To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA regulatory issues.

*Date and Time:* The meeting will be held on March 24, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Location:* DoubleTree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD.

*Contact Person:* Gail M. Dapolito or Rosanna L. Harvey, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (HFM-21), Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-827-0314, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 12389. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

*Agenda:* The committee will discuss CellPro Inc.'s Ceparate® SC System for use in processing autologous peripheral blood stem cells. The committee will also hear short briefings on research programs in the Laboratory of Cellular Immunology and the Laboratory of Developmental Biology.

*Procedure:* On March 24, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by March 17, 1998. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before March 17, 1998, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

*Closed Committee Deliberations:* On March 24, 1998, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., the meeting will be closed to permit discussion and review of trade secret and/or confidential information (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)). This portion of the meeting will be closed to discuss current investigational new drug application submissions under FDA review. On March 24, 1998, from 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m., the meeting will be closed to review data of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6)). This portion of the meeting will be closed to permit discussion of this information.

FDA regrets that it was unable to publish this notice 15 days prior to the March 24, 1998, Biological Response Modifiers Advisory Committee meeting. Because the agency believes there is some urgency to bring these issues to public discussion and qualified members of the Biological Response Modifiers Advisory Committee were available at this time, the Commissioner concluded that it was in the public interest to hold this meeting even if there was not sufficient time for the customary 15-day public notice.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: March 5, 1998.

**Michael A. Friedman,**

*Deputy Commission for Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

#### National Consumer Forum; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

The Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Office of Consumer Affairs (OCA) is announcing the second in a series of National Consumer Forums. The forums provide an opportunity for FDA to engage in an open dialogue with consumers and patient advocates on a variety of regulatory and consumer-oriented issues.

*Date and Time:* The meeting will be held on March 20, 1998, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

*Location:* The meeting will be held at the Washington Plaza Hotel,