recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on December 18, 1998, 10:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Location: Corporate Bldg., conference room 020B, 9200 Corporate Blvd., Rockville, MD.

Contact Person: Michael G. Bazaral, Center for Devices and Radiological Health (HFZ–450), Food and Drug Administration, 9200 Corporate Blvd., Rockville, MD 20850, 301–443–8609, ext. 140, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1–800–741–8138 (301–443–0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 12624. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: The committee will discuss and make recommendations on general issues related to the classification of tracheal gas insufflation (TGI) devices used to provide part or all of the breathing gas for treatment of respiratory failure or respiratory insufficiency. The use of the TGI catheter, tube or lumen only for supply of fresh gas distinguishes TGI from common tracheal tubes and tracheostomy tubes, in which the gas flow alternates between inhalation and exhalation. The draft versions of five questions FDA will ask the committee to address are listed as follows:

1. For the evaluation of effectiveness of specific TGI systems as an adjunct to ventilation of adults, is reduction of minute ventilation (or PCO_2) without appreciable increase in end-expiratory lung volume or pressure a sufficient endpoint? Is this the correct endpoint?

2. For ventilation of adults, is there now sufficient understanding of TGI to be reasonably sure that TGI, with adequate monitoring and other understood safety provisions, will not have worse outcomes? Or does TGI raise concerns that will require that FDA review data on patient outcomes?

3. Are there special considerations about the data FDA should review for TGI submissions in relation to ventilation of children, infants, newborns, or premature infants?

4. What are the minimum system functions that include all the functions needed to provide TGI for clinical use as an adjunct to or replacement for conventional ventilation?

5. What specific safety provisions are important? Is distal pressure monitoring essential?

Procedure: On December 18, 1998, from 12:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., the meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may present information or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions must be made to the contact person by December 11, 1998. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m., and between approximately 4 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before December 11, 1998, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of the proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Closed Committee Deliberations: On December 18, 1998, from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., the meeting will be closed to permit FDA to present trade secret and/or confidential commercial information (5 U.S.C. 522b(c)(4)) regarding pending issues and applications.

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

Dated: November 24, 1998.

Michael A. Friedman,

Deputy Commissioner for Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: New Collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Evaluation of the EverCare Demonstration; *Form No.:* HCFA–R–259; Use: This survey will capture information on the quality of capitated Medicare coverage to nursing home residents, such as the description of the person, information regarding enrollment/disenrollment, quality of life, satisfaction including issues of access to services, advance medical directives, general health, and functional status. This information will be used to support analyses of enrollment decisions, access to services and providers, and outcomes for both the enrollee and family members. The underlying premise of the EverCare demonstration is that closer attention to primary care needs of high-risk patients through the use of nurse practitioners and/or physicians assistants can reduce the use of hospitals (and emergency rooms). *Frequency:* On occassion; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households; *Number of Respondents:* 3,150; *Total Annual Responses:* 3,150; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,962.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: November 16, 1998.

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