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.

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

Dated: December 15, 1999.

Linda A. Suydam,

Senior Associate Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Peripheral and Central Nervous System Drugs 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). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: Peripheral and Central Nervous System Drugs Advisory Committee.

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

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on January 27 and 28, 2000, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Hilton, Salons A, B, and C, 620 Perry Pkwy., Gaithersburg, MD.

Contact Person: Sandra L. Titus, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD–21), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane (for express delivery, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1093) Rockville, MD 20857, 301–827–7001, or e-mail TITUSS@CDER.FDA.GOV, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1–800–741–8138 (301–443–0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 12543. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: On January 27, 2000, the committee will consider the safety and efficacy of new drug application (NDA) 20–914, Promem™ (metrifonate, Bayer Corp., Pharmaceutical Division), proposed to treat mild to moderate dementia of the Alzheimer's type. On January 28, 2000, the committee will consider the safety and efficacy of NDA 21–120, Novantrone® (mitoxantrone, Immunex Corp.) proposed to treat secondary progressive multiple sclerosis, including progressive relapsing disease.

Procedure: 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 January 20, 2000. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on both days. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before January 20, 2000, 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.

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

Dated: December 16, 1999.

Linda A. Suydam,

Senior Associate Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99N–4461]

Withdrawal of Guidance Document on Selegiline Hydrochloride Tablets

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is withdrawing a guidance for industry entitled ''Selegiline Hydrochloride Tablets: In Vivo Bioequivalence and In Vitro Dissolution Testing.'' This guidance, which was issued in December 1995, is being withdrawn because it does not represent current agency thinking on in vivo bioequivalence (BE) and in vitro testing for selegiline hydrochloride.

DATES: General comments on agency guidance documents are welcome at any time.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on agency guidance documents to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Aida L. Sanchez, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD–600), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–857–5847.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA is withdrawing a guidance for industry entitled ''Selegiline Hydrochloride Tablets: In Vivo Bioequivalence and In Vitro Dissolution Testing.'' This guidance addresses BE and dissolution testing for selegiline. This guidance is being withdrawn because it does not include the appropriate acceptance criteria for parent selegiline in plasma. Based on a new understanding of the pharmacokinetics of selegiline hydrochloride developed since the publication of the selegiline guidance, FDA has been requesting applicants to demonstrate that the point estimate of the test to reference ratio for area under plasma concentration-time curve (AUC) and peak blood plasma concentration (Cmax) of the parent falls within 80 to 125 percent. These criteria have been used for the demonstration of bioequivalence of all selegiline tablets and capsules currently on the market. In addition, the guidance, which was issued in December 1995, includes information only on selegiline tablets and not selegiline capsules, which have been approved by FDA since the issuance of the guidance to be withdrawn.

The withdrawal of this guidance is part of a long-term effort in the Office of Generic Drugs (OGD) to review guidance documents on the development of generic drug products with the goal of identifying documents that need to be revised, reformatted, or withdrawn because they are no longer current (64 FR 36886, July 8, 1999). OGD hopes the guidance review process will result in guidances for industry that better reflect the current thinking of the agency on generic drug development and that will eliminate the need for drug-specific bioavailability (BA) and BE guidances. A guidance currently under development on BA and BE studies for orally administered drug products will serve as a core guidance on BA and BE once it has been finalized and will replace most product-specific guidances.

The agency welcomes comments on its efforts to review existing guidances related to the development of drug products and revise, reformat, or withdraw them, as appropriate. This information is being issued consistent with FDA's good guidance practices (62 FR 8961, February 27, 1997). It does not create or confer any rights for or on any