Associated Studies.'' After careful consideration of the comments from the public and public advisory committees, FDA has decided to withdraw the draft guidance.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dale P. Conner, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD–650), Food and Drug Administration, 7500 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855, 301–827–5847.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a notice published in the **Federal Register** of June 18, 1998 (63 FR 33375), FDA announced the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled ''Topical Dermatological Drug Product NDAs and ANDAs—In Vivo Bioavailability, Bioequivalence, In Vitro Release and Associated Studies.'' The draft guidance was intended to provide recommendations to sponsors of new drug applications (NDAs), abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs), and supplements on performing bioavailability and bioequivalence studies for topically applied dermatological drug products during either the preapproval or postapproval period. Written comments on the draft guidance were to be submitted by August 17, 1998. In the June 1998 notice, the agency also announced that it intended to discuss the guidance and the public response to the guidance before FDA public advisory committees. The draft guidance and public comments were discussed at joint meetings of the Advisory Committee for Pharmaceutical Science and the Dermatologic and Ophthalmic Drugs Advisory Committee on October 23, 1998, and November 17, 2000, and at a meeting of the Advisory Committee for Pharmaceutical Science on November 29, 2001.

The information and comments provided to FDA raised scientific concerns regarding the primary method, dermatopharmacokinetics (DPK), recommended in the draft guidance for documenting bioavailability and/or bioequivalence of topical dermatological drug products. The DPK method involves sampling of *stratum corneum* concentrations of drug over time after administration of a topical dermatological drug product. The information and comments from the public and advisory committees raised substantial doubt regarding: (1) The adequacy of the DPK method to assess the bioequivalence of topical dermatological drug products because the products are used to treat a variety of diseases in different parts of the skin, not just the *stratum corneum* and (2) the reproducibility of the DPK method between laboratories.

The agency plans to explore the development of new methods and improvements in current methods for documenting the bioequivalence of topical dermatological drug products.

Dated: May 6, 2002.

**Margaret M. Dotzel,**

*Associate Commissioner for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

### National Cancer Institute; Notice of 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 meeting of the National Cancer Advisory Board.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

A portion of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4), and 552b(6), as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Cancer Advisory Board.

*Dates:* June 11–12, 2002.

*Open:* June 11, 2002, 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* Program reports and presentations: Business of the Board.

*Place:* National Cancer Institute, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, C Wing, 6th Floor, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Closed:* June 11, 2002, 4 p.m. to Recess.

*Agenda:* Review of grant applications; Discussion of confidential personnel issues.

*Place:* National Cancer Institute, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, C Wing, 6th Floor, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Open:* June 12, 2002, 8:45 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

*Agenda:* Program reports and presentations; Business of the Board.

*Place:* National Cancer Institute, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, C Wing, 6th Floor, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Marvin R. Kalt, Executive Secretary, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6116 Executive Boulevard, 8th Floor, Room 8001, Bethesda, MD 20892–8327. (301) 496–5147.

*Name of Committee:* National Cancer Advisory Board, Subcommittee on Cancer Centers.

*Time:* June 11, 2002, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

*Agenda:* To discuss activities related to the Subcommittee on Cancer Centers.

*Place:* National Cancer Institute, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, C Wing, 6th Floor, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Brian Kimes, Executive Secretary, Subcommittee on Cancer Centers, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6116 Executive Blvd, Suite 700, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496–8537.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement of the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance into the building by non-government employees. Persons without a government I.D. will need to show a photo I.D. and sign-in at the security desk upon entering the building.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center home page: *deainfo.nci.nih.gov/advisory/ncab.htm*, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancern Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancern Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: May 13, 2002.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

### National Center for Complementary & Alternative Medicine; 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 meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the