Proposed Project


Background and Brief Description

In 2007, there were 1505 cases of malaria reported in the U.S. and its territories. Except for one transfusion-related case, all cases in 2007 were imported. Almost all of the imported malaria cases could have been prevented with appropriate malaria prophylactic drug regimens. Achieving appropriate malaria prophylaxis requires knowledge and action by both the traveler and healthcare provider (HCP). There are limited studies on HCP knowledge and practices regarding malaria prophylaxis. We propose an activity to better define the types of HCPs giving pre-travel advice about malaria, their knowledge gaps regarding malaria prophylaxis, and their barriers to appropriate prescription of malaria prophylaxis.

All U.S. travelers with malaria reported in 2010 and their healthcare providers (if one was seen) who provided pre-travel advice will be interviewed by phone. Interviews will take no longer than 15 minutes. Questions to be asked of patients include demographics, knowledge of malaria risks, and use of prophylaxis during their travel. HCPs will be asked about their training, practice type, and knowledge of malaria risk and prevention. Univariate analysis will be done to describe characteristics of HCPs who give inappropriate prescriptions for malaria prophylaxis. Bivariate and multivariate analysis is planned to examine the association between various HCP characteristics and provision of inappropriate (or no) malaria prophylaxis. Findings from this activity will help CDC’s malaria branch with the development and targeting of educational materials for HCPs regarding malaria in travelers.

Information gathered will also guide content of educational and review articles to be published in journals most often read by target HCPs. The total estimated annual burden hours are 220.

There is no cost to respondents.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

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validity tests on urine specimens for Federal agencies. To become certified, an applicant laboratory must undergo three rounds of performance testing plus an on-site inspection. To maintain that certification, a laboratory must participate in a quarterly performance testing program plus undergo periodic, on-site inspections.

Laboratories which claim to be in the applicant stage of certification are not to be considered as meeting the minimum requirements described in the HHS Mandatory Guidelines. A laboratory must have its letter of certification from HHS/SAMHSA (formerly: HHS/NIDA) which attests that it has met minimum standards.

In accordance with Subpart C of the Mandatory Guidelines dated April 13, 2004 (69 FR 19644), the following laboratories meet the minimum standards to conduct drug and specimen validity tests on urine specimens:

- Advanced Toxicology Network, 236–2609.
- Aegis Analytical Laboratories, 345 Hill Ave., Nashville, TN 37210, 615–255–2400 (Formerly: Aegis Sciences Corporation, Aegis Analytical Laboratories, Inc.).
- Baptist Medical Center-Toxicology Laboratory, 9601 I–630, Exit 7, Little Rock, AR 72205–7299, 501–202–2783 (Formerly: Forensic Toxicology Laboratory Baptist Medical Center).
- Doctors Laboratory, Inc., 2906 Julia Drive, Valdosta, GA 31602, 229–671–2281.
- DrugScan, Inc., P.O. Box 2969, 1119 Meorns Road, Warmington, PA 18974, 215–674–9310.
- Kroll Laboratory Specialists, Inc., 1111 Newton St., Gretna, LA 70053, 504–361–8989/800–433–3823 (Formerly: Laboratory Specialists, Inc.).
- Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 7207 N. Gessner Road, Houston, TX 77040, 713–856–8288/800–800–2387.
- Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 69 First Ave., Raritan, NJ 08869, 908–526–2400/800–437–4986 (Formerly: Roche Biomedical Laboratories, Inc.).
- Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 1120 Main Street, Southaven, MS 38671, 866–827–8042/800–233–6339 (Formerly: LabCorp Occupational Testing Services, Inc.; MedExpress/National Laboratory Center).
- LabOne, Inc. d/b/a Quest Diagnostics, 10101 Renner Blvd., Lenexa, KS 66219, 919–888–3927/800–873–8845 (Formerly: Quest Diagnostics Incorporated; SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories; SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories).
- South Bend Medical Foundation, Inc., 530 N. Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601, 574–234–4176 x1276.
- St. Anthony Hospital Toxicology Laboratory, 1000 N. Lee St., Oklahoma City, OK 73101, 405–272–7052.
- Toxicology & Drug Monitoring Laboratory, University of Missouri Hospital & Clinics, 301 Business Loop 70 West, Suite 208, Columbia, MO 65203, 573–882–1273.
- U.S. Army Forensic Toxicology Drug Testing Laboratory, 2490 Wilson St., Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755–5235, 301–677–7085.

The Standards Council of Canada (SCC) voted to end its Laboratory Accreditation Program for Substance Abuse (LAPSA) effective May 12, 1998. Laboratories certified through that program were accredited to conduct forensic urine drug testing as required by U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations. As of that date, the certification of those accredited Canadian laboratories will continue under DOT authority. The responsibility for
conducted quarterly performance testing plus periodic on-site inspections of those LAPSA-accredited laboratories was transferred to the U.S. HHS, with the HHS' NLCP contractor continuing to have an active role in the performance testing and laboratory inspection processes. Other Canadian laboratories wishing to be considered for the NLCP may apply directly to the NLCP contractor just as U.S. laboratories do.

Upon finding a Canadian laboratory to be qualified, HHS will recommend that DOT certify the laboratory (Federal Register, July 16, 1996) as meeting the minimum standards of the Mandatory Guidelines published in the Federal Register on April 13, 2004 (69 FR 19644). After receiving DOT certification, the laboratory will be included in the monthly list of HHS-certified laboratories and participate in the NLCP certification maintenance program.

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National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Special Emphasis Panel, Study of Membranes Research; 93.839, Blood Diseases and Resources Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS.

Dated: December 28, 2009.

Anna Snouffer,
Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

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Name of Committee: Biological Chemistry and Macromolecular Biophysics Integrated Review Group, Biochemistry and Biophysics of Membranes Study Section.

Date: January 27–28, 2010.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Ritz Carlton Hotel, 1150 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Nuria E. Assa-Munt, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4164, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 451–1323. assamunu@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Biological Chemistry and Macromolecular Biophysics Integrated Review Group, Enabling Bioanalytical and Biophysical Technologies Study Section.

Date: January 28–29, 2010.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: The Fairmont Washington, DC, 2401 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Vonda K. Smith, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4148, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892. 301–435–1789. smithvm@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Member Conflicts: Biological Chemistry and Macromolecular Biophysics.

Date: January 28–29, 2010.

Time: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Donal L. Schneider, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5160, MSC 7842, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435–1727. schneiddd@csr.nih.gov.


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Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel, “Autoimmunity.”

Date: January 19, 2010.

Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6700B Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817.

[Telephone Conference Call]

Contact Person: Priti Mehrotra, PhD, Chief, Immunology Review Branch, Scientific Review Program, National Institutes of Health/NIAID, 6700B Rockledge Drive, Room 3138, Bethesda, MD 20892–7616. 301–435–9369. pm158b@nih.gov.

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