Media Release: November 25, 2012

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing a public workshop entitled: "Risks and Benefits of Hydroxyethyl Starch Solutions." The purpose of this public workshop is to discuss new information on the risks and benefits of FDA-approved hydroxyethyl starch (HES) solutions.

The public workshop will be held on September 6, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and September 7, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: The public workshop will be held at the Masur Auditorium, National Institutes of Health, 10 Center Dr., Bldg. 10, Clinical Center, Bethesda, MD 20892.


Registration: Mail, fax, or email your registration information (including name, title, firm or organization name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and email address) to Jennifer Scharpf (see Contact Person) by August 15, 2012. There is no registration fee for the public workshop. Early registration is recommended because seating is limited. Registration on the day of the public workshop will be provided on a space available basis beginning at 7:00 a.m. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Kalyani Bhatt at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

Fees: The workshop is provided free of charge.

FEMA: The public workshop will be scheduled in partnership with the Department of Defense and the National Institutes of Health, and will include presentations and panel discussions with experts from academia, regulated industry, government, and other stakeholders.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HES solutions are synthetic colloids administered intravenously to patients to maintain or expand plasma volume when clinically indicated. Currently, three such products are approved by FDA. HES solutions are indicated for the treatment of hypovolemia (low blood volume) that may result from trauma, sepsis, burns, or anaphylaxis. These products are used in the prehospital and hospital environment in both military and civilian settings. This public workshop will serve as a forum for discussing new information on the potential effects of HES solutions on hemostasis and on the renal system.

The first day of the public workshop will include presentations and panel discussions on the following topics: (1) The risks and benefits associated with HES solutions in different clinical settings and (2) the findings of two recent major clinical studies conducted on HES solutions.

The second day of the public workshop will include a summary discussion and presentations concerning the overall safety profile of HES solutions and a discussion of future clinical research for the evaluation of HES solutions.

Transcripts: Please be advised that as soon as possible after a transcript of the public workshop is available, it will be accessible at: http://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/NewsEvents/WorkshopsMeetingsConferences/TranscriptsMinutes/default.htm. Transcripts of the public workshop may also be requested in writing from the Division of Freedom of Information (ELEM–1029), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, MD 20857.

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Leslie Kux, Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are owned by an agency of the U.S. Government and are available for licensing in the U.S. in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally-funded research and development. Foreign patent applications are filed on selected inventions to extend market coverage for companies and may also be available for licensing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Licensing information and copies of the U.S. patent applications listed below may be obtained by writing to the indicated licensing contact at the Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, Maryland 20852–3804; telephone: 301–496–7057; fax: 301–402–0220. A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive copies of the patent applications.

Novel Analogues of the Asthma Drug Fenoterol as Liver and Brain Cancer Therapeutic Agents

Description of Technology: Available for licensing are specific fenoterol analogues, such as MNF, that inhibit the growth of various types of cancers, including brain, liver, colon, and lung tumors. MNF acts as an agonist of the