Aging and Clinical Geriatrics ............................................ December 9, 2013 ............. *VA Central Office.

Pulmonary Medicine ......................................................... December 6, 2013 ............. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel.

Neurobiology-E ................................................................. December 6, 2013 ............. Hotel Palomar Washington, DC.

Clinical Application of Genetics ........................................ December 5, 2013 ............. *VA Central Office.

Oncology-A ....................................................................... December 5–6, 2013 ......... Sheraton Crystal City Hotel.

Neurobiology-B ................................................................. December 5, 2013 ............. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel.

Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences-A/B ................... December 4, 2013 ............. The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City.

Epidemiology .................................................................... December 4, 2013 ............. *VA Central Office.

Endocrinology-B ............................................................... December 4, 2013 ............. The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City.

Nephrology ....................................................................... December 3, 2013 ............. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

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