FDA is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled “Osteoporosis: Nonclinical Evaluation of Drugs Intended for Treatment.” This draft guidance provides recommendations to industry for designing a nonclinical development program to support approval of drugs to treat osteoporosis. In addition to the pharmacology and toxicology studies required to support development of a new drug or biologic, long-term nonclinical studies to evaluate effects on bone quality in adequate animal models and including bone-specific pharmacologic and toxicologic endpoints are needed.

This draft guidance is being issued consistent with FDA’s good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The draft guidance, when finalized, will represent the current thinking of FDA on nonclinical evaluation of drugs intended for the treatment of osteoporosis. It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternative approach if it satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

II. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This guidance refers to previously approved collections of information that are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520). The collections of information in 21 CFR parts 312 and 314 have been approved under OMB control numbers 0910–0014 and 0910–0001, respectively.

III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the draft guidance at either http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm or http://www.regulations.gov.

Dated: June 8, 2016.

Leslie Kux,
Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health IT Standards Committee Advisory Meeting; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

This notice announces updated dates for meetings of a public advisory committee of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). These meetings are open to the public.

Name of Committee: Health IT Standards Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide recommendations to the National Coordinator on standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria for the electronic exchange and use of health information for purposes of adoption, consistent with the implementation of the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan, and in accordance with policies developed by the Health IT Policy Committee.

2016 Meeting Dates and Times

• May 17, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m./Eastern Time
  ○ This will be an in-person meeting at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street NW, Washington, DC 20008
• June 8, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m./Eastern Time
  ○ This will be a virtual meeting
• June 23, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m./Eastern Time
  ○ This will be an in-person meeting at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202
• July 27, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m./Eastern Time (replacing the formerly announced July 13 and August 7 meetings)
  ○ This will be a virtual meeting

For meeting locations, web conference information, and the most current information about ONC meetings, please visit the ONC Web site, http://www.healthit.gov/FACAS/calendar.

Contact Person: Michelle Consolazio, email: michelle.consolazio@hhs.gov. Please email Michelle Consolazio for the most current information about meetings. A notice in the Federal Register about last minute modifications that impact a previously announced advisory committee meeting cannot always be published quickly enough to provide timely notice.

Agenda: The committee will hear reports from its workgroups/task forces.
and updates from ONC and other federal agencies. ONC intends to make background material available to the public no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting start time. If ONC is unable to post the background material on its Web site prior to the meeting, it will be made publicly available at the location of the advisory committee meeting, and the background material will be posted on ONC’s Web site after the meeting, at http://www.healthit.hhs.gov/facas/health-its-standards-committee.

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 prior to the meeting date. Oral comments from the public will be scheduled prior to the lunch break and at the conclusion of each meeting. Time allotted for each presentation will be limited to three minutes. If the number of speakers requesting to comment is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled open public session, ONC will take written comments after the meeting.

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Dated: June 2, 2016.

Michelle Consolazio,
FACA Program Director, Office of Policy, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

Department of Health and Human Services
Health IT Policy Committee Advisory Meeting; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

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Name of Committee: Health IT Policy Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide recommendations to the National Coordinator on a policy framework for the development and adoption of a nationwide health information technology infrastructure that permits the electronic exchange and use of health information as is consistent with the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan and that includes recommendations on the areas in which standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria are needed.

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Dated: June 1, 2016.

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