

medical physicists; and determining the costs and benefits of compliance with these requirements.

K. Patient Engagement Advisory Committee

The Patient Engagement Advisory Committee advises the Agency on complex issues relating to medical devices, the regulation of devices, and their use by patients. The Committee may consider topics such as Agency guidance and policies, clinical trial or registry design, patient preference study design, benefit-risk determinations, device labeling, unmet clinical needs, available alternatives, patient reported outcomes and device-related quality of life or health status issues, and other patient-related topics. The Committee will provide relevant skills and perspectives to improve communication of benefits, risks, and clinical outcomes and increase integration of patient perspectives into the regulatory process for medical devices. The Committee will perform its duties by discussing and providing advice and recommendation in ways such as identifying new approaches, promoting innovation, recognizing unforeseen risks or barriers, and identifying unintended consequences that could result from FDA policy.

II. Criteria for Members

Persons nominated for membership as consumer representatives on committees or panels should meet the following criteria: (1) Demonstrate an affiliation with and/or active participation in consumer or community-based organizations, (2) be able to analyze technical data, (3) understand research design, (4) discuss benefits and risks, and (5) evaluate the safety and efficacy of products under review. The consumer representative should be able to represent the consumer perspective on issues and actions before the advisory committee; serve as a liaison between the committee and interested consumers, associations, coalitions, and consumer organizations; and facilitate dialogue with the advisory committees on scientific issues that affect consumers.

III. Selection Procedures

Selection of members representing consumer interests is conducted through procedures that include the use of organizations representing the public interest and public advocacy groups. These organizations recommend nominees for the Agency's selection. Representatives from the consumer health branches of Federal, State, and local governments also may participate

in the selection process. Any consumer organization interested in participating in the selection of an appropriate voting or nonvoting member to represent consumer interests should send a letter stating that interest to FDA (see **ADDRESSES**) within 30 days of publication of this document.

Within the subsequent 30 days, FDA will compile a list of consumer organizations that will participate in the selection process and will forward to each such organization a ballot listing at least two qualified nominees selected by the Agency based on the nominations received, together with each nominee's current curriculum vitae or résumé. Ballots are to be filled out and returned to FDA within 30 days. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes ordinarily will be selected to serve as the member representing consumer interests for that particular advisory committee or panel.

IV. Nomination Procedures

Any interested person or organization may nominate one or more qualified persons to represent consumer interests on the Agency's advisory committees or panels. Self-nominations are also accepted. Nominations must include a current, complete résumé or curriculum vitae for each nominee and a signed copy of the *Acknowledgement and Consent* form available at the FDA Advisory Nomination Portal (see **ADDRESSES**), and a list of consumer or community-based organizations for which the candidate can demonstrate active participation.

Nominations must also specify the advisory committee(s) or panel(s) for which the nominee is recommended. In addition, nominations must also acknowledge that the nominee is aware of the nomination unless self-nominated. FDA will ask potential candidates to provide detailed information concerning such matters as financial holdings, employment, and research grants and/or contracts to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflicts of interest. Members will be invited to serve for terms of up to 4 years.

FDA will review all nominations received within the specified timeframes and prepare a ballot containing the names of qualified nominees. Names not selected will remain on a list of eligible nominees and be reviewed periodically by FDA to determine continued interest. Upon selecting qualified nominees for the ballot, FDA will provide those consumer organizations that are participating in the selection process with the opportunity to vote on the

listed nominees. Only organizations vote in the selection process. Persons who nominate themselves to serve as voting or nonvoting consumer representatives will not participate in the selection process.

This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2) and 21 CFR part 14, relating to advisory committees.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

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Patient Engagement Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing a forthcoming public advisory committee meeting of the Patient Engagement Advisory Committee. The general function of the committee is to provide advice to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, or designee, on complex scientific issues relating to medical devices, the regulation of devices, and their use by patients. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will take place virtually on October 6, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: Please note that due to the impact of this COVID-19 pandemic, all meeting participants will be joining this advisory committee meeting via an online teleconferencing platform. Answers to commonly asked questions about FDA advisory committee meetings may be accessed at: <https://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/AboutAdvisoryCommittees/ucm408555.htm>.

Information on how to access the webcast will be made available no later than 2 business days prior to the meeting at <https://www.fdalive.com/peac>.

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[fda.hhs.gov](https://www.fda.hhs.gov), 301–796–8398, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1–800–741–8138 (301–443–0572 in the Washington, DC area). 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. Therefore, you should always check the Agency’s website at <https://www.fda.gov/advisory-committees> and scroll down to the appropriate advisory committee meeting link or call the advisory committee information line to learn about possible modifications.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda: The meeting presentations will be heard, viewed, captioned, and recorded through an online teleconferencing platform. On October 6, 2021, the committee will discuss and make recommendations on the topic “Medical Device Recalls.” Once a medical device is available in the U.S. marketplace and in widespread use, unforeseen problems can sometimes lead to a recall. When a device is defective or potentially harmful, recalling that product—removing it from the market or correcting the problem—is the most effective means for protecting the public. A company may recall a device after discovering a problem on its own, or after FDA raises concerns. In rare cases, FDA may require a company to recall a device. When a device is recalled, FDA reviews the company’s strategy for resolving the problem by assessing the relative degree of risk associated with the product and making sure the strategy effectively resolves the problem with the device.

FDA provides transparency and communicates information when the public needs to be alerted to a serious hazard, as well as once the recall has been appropriately resolved. The recommendations provided by the committee will address factors FDA and industry should consider to effectively communicate medical device recall information to patients and the public, including but not limited to content, format, methods used to disseminate the message, and timing of communication. The committee will also consider concerns patients have about changes to their device in response to a recall and will discuss ways patient perspectives could be incorporated in FDA and industry benefit-risk decision making, as well as the healthcare provider and patient decision-making process related to a recalled medical device, including implanted devices.

FDA intends to make background material available to the public no later

than 2 business days before the meeting. If FDA is unable to post the background material on its website prior to the meeting, the background material will be made publicly available on FDA’s website at the time of the advisory committee meeting, and the background material will be posted on FDA’s website after the meeting. Background materials will be available at <https://www.fda.gov/advisory-committees/committees-and-meeting-materials/patient-engagement-advisory-committee>. Select the link for the 2021 Meeting Materials. The meeting will include slide presentations with audio components to allow the presentation of materials in a manner that most closely resembles an in-person advisory committee meeting.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled on October 6, 2021, between approximately 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern Time. Those individuals interested in making formal oral presentations should notify the contact person (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). The notification should include a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation on or before September 8, 2021. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. If the number of registrants requesting to speak is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled open public hearing session, FDA may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers for the scheduled open public hearing session. The contact person will notify interested persons regarding their request to speak by September 10, 2021. Individuals who do not wish to speak at the open public hearing session but would like their comments to be heard by the committee may send written submissions to the contact person on or before September 16, 2021.

Virtual Breakout Session: Individuals interested in participating in the virtual breakout scenario discussions will need to sign up to participate on or before September 22, 2021. The signup sheet, as well as, additional information pertaining to the virtual scenario discussions will be available at <https://www.fdalive.com/peac>. Everyone who signs up in advance and provides a valid email address will receive an email at least 2 days prior to the meeting with information on how to access the virtual platform that will host the

virtual breakout scenario discussions. Please note due to limited technology capacity, participation in the virtual breakout scenario discussions will be limited to 150 participants. Once capacity reaches 150 participants, the breakout session will be closed to additional participants. Additional information regarding the virtual breakout scenario discussions will be provided at <https://www.fdalive.com/peac>.

For press inquiries, please contact the Office of Media Affairs at fdaoma@fda.hhs.gov or 301–796–4540.

FDA welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with disabilities. If you require accommodations due to a disability, please contact AnnMarie Williams at Annmarie.Williams@fda.hhs.gov, or 301–796–5966 at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

FDA is committed to the orderly conduct of its advisory committee meetings. Please visit our website at <https://www.fda.gov/advisory-committees/about-advisory-committees/public-conduct-during-fda-advisory-committee-meetings> for procedures on public conduct during advisory committee meetings. Please be advised that, during the virtual scenario breakout discussions, FDA will prepare a summary of the discussion in lieu of detailed transcripts.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

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Acting Principal Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material,