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Arthritis Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: Arthritis Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on April 12, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Addresses: Electronic comments should be submitted to <http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments>. Select "2007N-0055—Arcoxia—Arthritis Advisory Committee Meeting, April 12, 2007" and follow the prompts to submit your statement. Written comments should be submitted to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, by close of business on March 29, 2007. All comments will be posted without change, including any personal information provided. Comments received on or before March 29, 2007, will be provided to the committee before the meeting.

Location: Hilton Washington DC North/Gaithersburg, The Ballrooms, 620 Perry Pkwy., Gaithersburg, MD.

Contact Person: Johanna Clifford, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-21), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane (for express delivery, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1093), Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-7001, FAX: 301-827-6776, e-mail: Johanna.Clifford@fda.hhs.gov, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 3014512532. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: The committee will discuss new drug application (NDA) 21-389/21-772, ARCOXIA (etoricoxib), Merck & Co., Inc., proposed treatment for the relief of signs and symptoms of osteoarthritis.

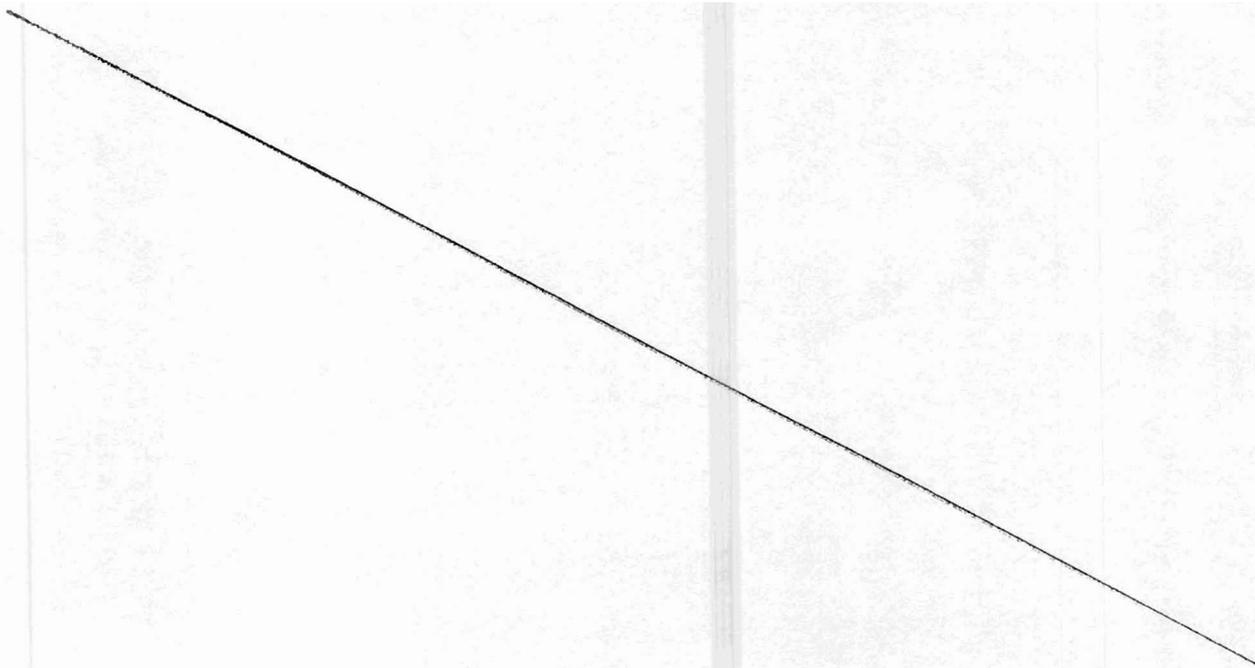
FDA intends to make background material available to the public no later than 1 business day before the meeting. If FDA is unable to post the background material on its Web site prior to the meeting, the background material will be made publicly available at the location of the advisory committee meeting, and the background material will be posted on FDA's Web site after the meeting. Background material is available at <http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/ac/acmenu.htm>, click on the year 2007 and scroll down to the appropriate advisory committee link.

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 on or before March 29, 2007. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person and submit 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 March 21, 2007. 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 March 22, 2007.

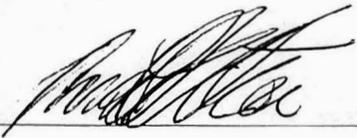
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Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act
(5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: 2/26/07
February 26, 2007.



Randall W. Lutter,
Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning.

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