

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

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Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Devices Panel of the Medical Devices
Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

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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: Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Devices Panel of the Medical Devices 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 November 14, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Hilton Washington DC North/Gaithersburg, Salons A, B, and C, 620 Perry Pkwy., Gaithersburg, MD.

Contact Person: Ronald P. Jean, Center for Devices and Radiological Health (HFZ-410), Food and Drug Administration, 9200 Corporate Blvd., Rockville, MD, 20850, 240-276-3676, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 3014512521.

Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

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a previously announced advisory committee meeting cannot always be published quickly enough to provide timely notice. Therefore, you should always check the agency's Web site and call the appropriate advisory committee hot line/phone line to learn about possible modifications before coming to the meeting.

Agenda: The committee will discuss and make recommendations on a premarket notification application for the ReGen Collagen Scaffold (CS), sponsored by ReGen Biologics, Inc. This device is intended for use in surgical procedures for the reinforcement and repair of chronic soft tissue injuries of the meniscus (one to three prior surgeries to the involved meniscus) where weakness exists. In repairing and reinforcing meniscal defects, the patient must have an intact meniscal rim and anterior and posterior horns for attachment of the mesh. In addition, the surgically prepared site for the CS must extend at least into the red/white zone of the meniscus to provide sufficient vascularization.

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 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 2008 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 November 7, 2008.

Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled for 30 minutes at the beginning of the committee deliberations and for 30 minutes near the end of the deliberations. 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 November 6, 2008. 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 November 7, 2008.

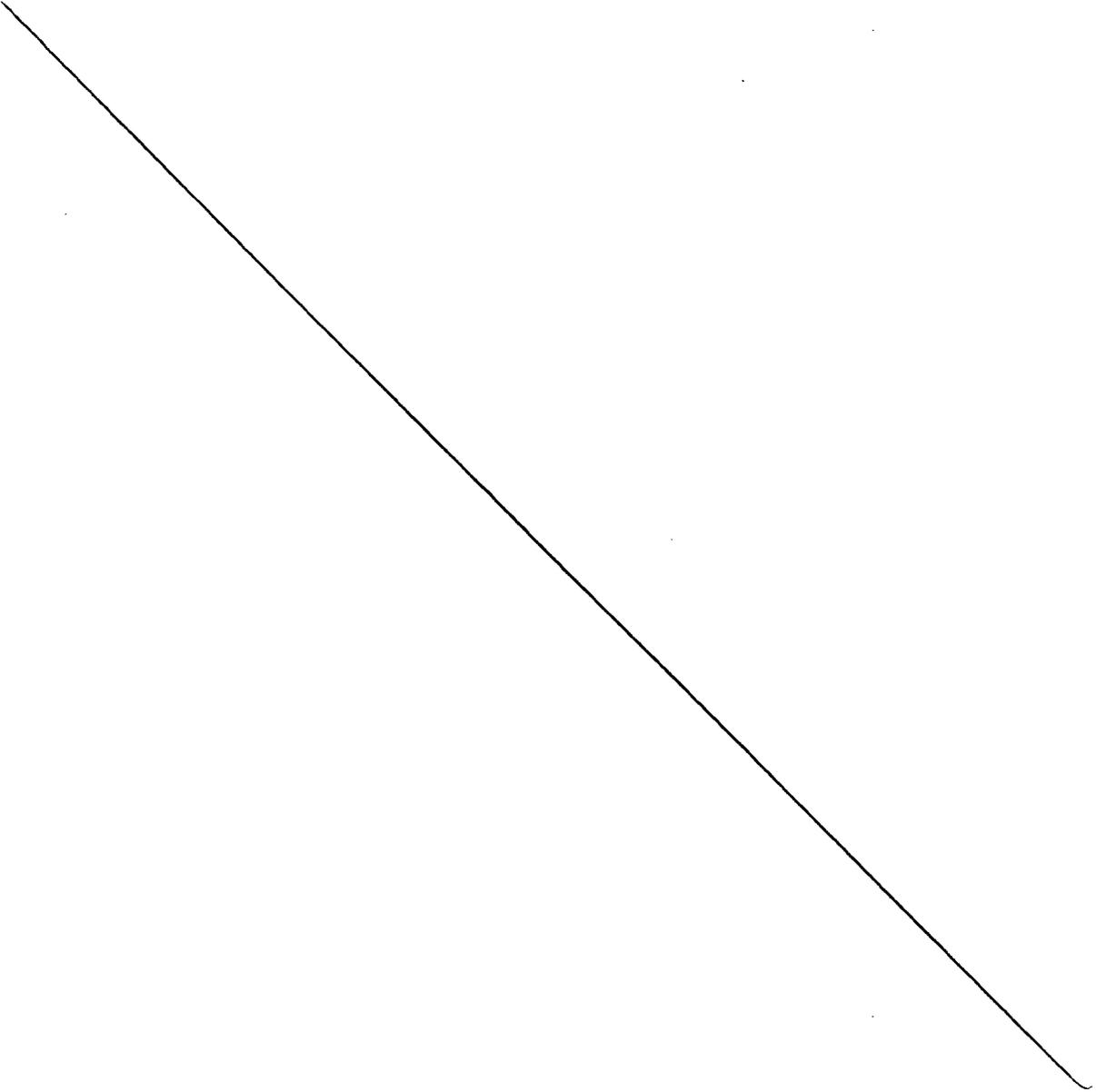
Persons attending FDA's advisory committee meetings are advised that the agency is not responsible for providing access to electrical outlets.

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FDA is committed to the orderly conduct of its advisory committee meetings. Please visit our Web site at <http://www.fda.gov/oc/advisory/default.htm> for procedures on public conduct during advisory committee meetings.

FDA regrets that it was unable to publish this notice 15 days prior to the Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory

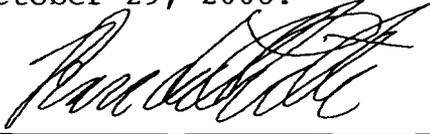
Committee meeting. Because the agency believes there is some urgency to bring these issues to public discussion and qualified members of the Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee were available at this time, the Commissioner of Food and Drugs concluded that it was in the public interest to hold this meeting even if there was not sufficient time for the customary 15-day public notice.



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

Dated: 10-29-08

October 29, 2008.



Randall W. Lutter,
Deputy Commissioner for Policy.

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