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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

**Advisory Committees; Notice of Meetings**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing a tentative schedule of forthcoming meetings of its public advisory committees for the remainder of 2000. At the request of the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (the Commissioner), the Institute of Medicine (the IOM) conducted a study of the use of FDA's advisory committees. The IOM recommended that the agency publish an annual tentative schedule of its meetings in the **Federal Register**. In response to that recommendation, FDA is publishing its annual tentative scheduled meetings for the remainder of 2000.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The IOM, at the request of the Commissioner, undertook a study of the use of FDA's advisory committees. In its final report, the IOM recommended that FDA adopt a policy of publishing an advance yearly schedule of its upcoming public advisory committee meetings in the **Federal Register**. FDA has implemented this recommendation. A tentative schedule of forthcoming meetings will be published annually in the **Federal Register**. The annual publication of tentatively scheduled advisory committee meetings will provide both advisory committee members and the public with the opportunity, in advance, to schedule attendance at FDA's upcoming advisory committee meetings. The schedule is tentative and amendments to this notice will not be published in the **Federal Register**. FDA will, however, publish a **Federal Register**

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notice 15 days in advance of each upcoming advisory committee meeting, announcing the meeting (21 CFR 14.20).

The following list announces FDA's tentatively scheduled advisory committee meetings for the remainder of 2000:

Committee Names	Dates of Meetings
<b>OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER</b>	
Science Board to the Food and Drug Administration	April 21
<b>CENTER FOR BIOLOGICS EVALUATION AND RESEARCH</b>	
Allergenic Products Advisory Committee	October 24
Biological Response Modifiers Advisory Committee	March 20-21, October 19-20
Blood Products Advisory Committee	March 16-17, June 15-16, September 14-15, December 14-15
Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Advisory Committee	November 2-3
Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee	May 11-12, July 27-28, September 21-22, November 2-3
<b>CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH</b>	
Advisory Committee for Pharmaceutical Science	April 26, May 15-16, November 2-3
Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health Drugs	March 28-29, April 10, May 4-5
Anesthetic and Life Support Drugs Advisory Committee	November 6-7
Anti-Infective Drugs Advisory Committee	March 24, September 11-12
Antiviral Drugs Advisory Committee	July 20-21
Arthritis Advisory Committee	April 11, June 8-9, September 11-12, November 9-10
Cardiovascular and Renal Drugs Advisory Committee	May 1-2, July 20-21, October 19-20
Dermatologic and Ophthalmic Drugs Advisory Committee	May 4-5
Drug Abuse Advisory Committee	October 19-20
Endocrinologic and Metabolic Drugs Advisory Committee	May 18-19, July 13-14, October 5-6, December 7-8
Gastrointestinal Drugs Advisory Committee	April 12
Medical Imaging Drugs Advisory Committee	May 22-23, October 30-31
Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee	June 22-23, July 13-14, October 19-20, December 7-8
Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee	March 16-17, June 5-6
Peripheral and Central Nervous System Drugs Advisory Committee	October 26
Pharmacy Compounding Advisory Committee	May 15-16
Psychopharmacologic Drugs Advisory Committee	June 28-29, November 2-3
Pulmonary-Allergy Drugs Advisory Committee	November 6-7
<b>CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY AND APPLIED NUTRITION</b>	
Food Advisory Committee	September 14-15
<b>CENTER FOR DEVICES AND RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH</b>	
Device Good Manufacturing Practice Advisory Committee	No meetings planned
Medical Devices Advisory Committee	
Anesthesiology and Respiratory Therapy Devices Panel	May 25-26, September 7-8, November 2-3
Circulatory System Devices Panel	May 2-3, September 25-26
Clinical Chemistry and Clinical Toxicology Devices Panel	March 24, June 29-30, September 14-15, December 14-15
Dental Products Panel	April 6-7, May 23-24, July 18-19, October 3-4
Ear, Nose, and Throat Devices Panel	May 26, June 23, July 20-21, September 22
Gastroenterology-Urology Devices Panel	April 13-14, August 31-September 1, November 30-December 1
General and Plastic Surgery Devices Panel	June 12-13, September 11-12, December 4-5
General Hospital and Personal Use Devices Panel	May 1-2, August 7-8, November 6-7
Hematology and Pathology Devices Panel	June 12, August 8, November 7
Immunology Devices Panel	June 16, September 15, December 8
Medical Devices Dispute Resolution Panel	To be determined
Microbiology Devices Panel	June 21-22, November 16-17
Molecular and Clinical Genetics Panel	June 23, September 15, December 15
Neurological Devices Panel	March 31, May 11-12, August 17-18, November 16-17
Obstetrics-Gynecology Devices Panel	April 10-11, July 24-25, October 9-10
Ophthalmic Devices Panel	March 17, May 11-12, July 27-28, September 21-22, November 8-9
Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Devices Panel	March 18, May 4-5, August 24-25, November 16-17
Radiological Devices Panel	May 15, August 14, November 6
National Mammography Quality Assurance Advisory Committee	July 10, December 11
Technical Electronic Product Radiation Safety Standards Committee	June 21-22
<b>CENTER FOR VETERINARY MEDICINE</b>	
Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee	September 15
<b>NATIONAL CENTER FOR TOXICOLOGICAL RESEARCH</b>	
Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to the Possible	No meetings planned
Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contami-	
nants	
Science Board to the National Center for Toxicological Research	May 1-2

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