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**Request for Nominations for Voting Members on Public Advisory Committees**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

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The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requesting nominations for voting members to serve on the Allergenic Products Advisory Committee, Blood Products Advisory Committee, Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Advisory Committee, and the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee in the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER). Nominations will be accepted for vacancies that will or may occur through December 31, 2003.

FDA has a special interest in ensuring that women, minority groups, and individuals with disabilities are adequately represented on advisory committees and, therefore, encourages nominations of qualified candidates from these groups.

**DATES:** Because scheduled vacancies occur on various dates throughout each year, no cutoff date is established for the receipt of nominations. However, when possible, nominations should be received at least 6 months before the date of scheduled vacancies for each year, as indicated in this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** All nominations and curricula vitae should be sent to the appropriate contact person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

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*Regarding nominations except for consumer representatives:* Jane Brown, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (HFM-71), Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-1448, 301-827-0314.

*Regarding nominations for consumer representatives:* Linda Sherman, Advisory Committee Oversight and Management Staff (HF-4), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-1220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FDA is requesting nominations of voting members with appropriate expertise for vacancies listed as follows:

1. Allergenic Products Advisory Committee: Three vacancies occurring August 31, 2003; immunology, pediatrics, internal medicine, biochemistry, statistics, consumer interest, and related scientific fields.
2. Blood Products Advisory Committee: One vacancy occurring in September 30, 2002, and six vacancies occurring on September 30, 2003; clinical and administrative medicine, hematology, immunology, blood banking, surgery, internal medicine, biochemistry, engineering, statistics, biological and physical sciences, and other related scientific fields.
3. Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Advisory Committee: Five vacancies occurring January 31, 2003; clinical administrative medicine, hematology, virology, neurology, infectious diseases, immunology, blood banking, surgery, internal medicine, biochemistry, biostatistics, epidemiology, biological and physical sciences, sociology/ethics, and other related professions.
4. Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee: Five vacancies occurring in January 31, 2003; immunology, molecular biology, recombinant deoxyribonucleic acid (rDNA), virology, bacteriology, epidemiology, biostatistics, allergy, preventive medicine, infectious diseases, pediatrics, microbiology, biochemistry, and consumer interest.

## **Functions**

### *1. Allergenic Products Advisory Committee*

Reviews and evaluates available data concerning the safety, effectiveness, and adequacy of labeling of marketed and investigational allergenic biological products or materials that are administered to humans for the diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of allergies and allergic diseases.

### *2. Blood Products Advisory Committee*

Reviews and evaluates available data concerning the safety, effectiveness, and appropriate use of blood and products derived from blood and serum or biotechnology which are intended for use in the diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of human diseases.

*3. Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Advisory Committee*

Reviews and evaluates available scientific data concerning the safety of products which may be at risk for transmission of spongiform encephalopathies having an impact on the public health.

*4. Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee*

Reviews and evaluates data concerning the safety, effectiveness, and appropriate use of vaccines and related biological products which are intended for use in the prevention, treatment, or diagnosis of human diseases.

## **Qualifications**

Persons nominated for membership on the committees shall have adequately diversified experience appropriate to the work of the committee in such fields as clinical and administrative medicine, engineering, biological and physical sciences, statistics, and other related professions. The nature of specialized training and experience necessary to qualify the nominee as an expert suitable for appointment may include experience in medical practice, teaching, and/or research relevant to the field of activity of the committee. The particular needs at this time for each committee are shown in section I of this document. The term of office is up to 4 years, depending on the appointment date.

## **Nomination Procedures**

Any interested person may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on one or more of the advisory committees. Self-nominations are also accepted. Nominations shall include the name of the committee, a complete curriculum vitae of each nominee, current business address and telephone number, and shall state that the nominee is aware of the nomination, is willing to serve as a member (name of committee(s) must be specified), and appears to have no conflict

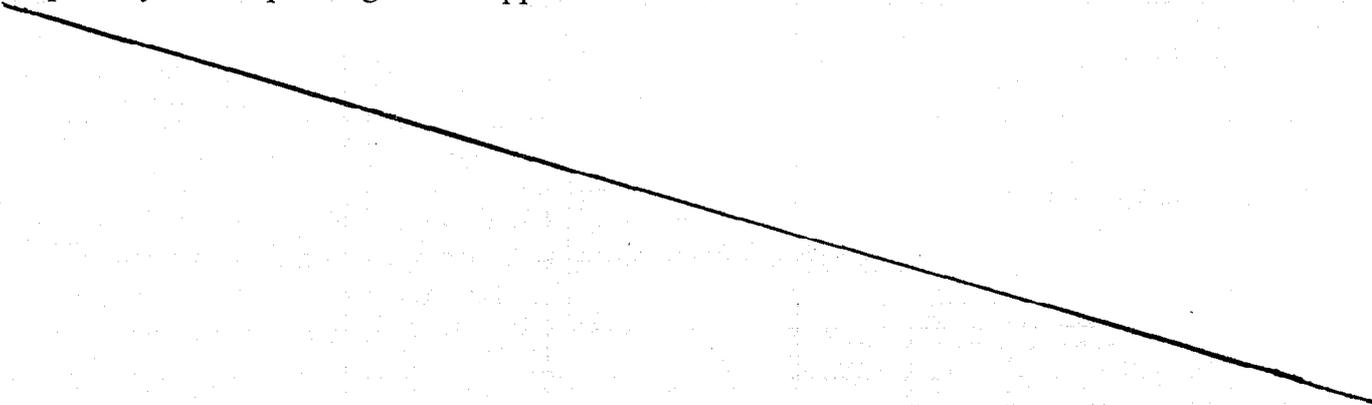
of interest that would preclude membership. FDA will ask the potential candidates to provide detailed information concerning such matters as financial holdings, employment, and research grants and/or contracts to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflict of interest.

### **Consumer Representatives**

Any interested person may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on one or more of the advisory committees to represent consumer interests. Self-nominations are also accepted. To be eligible for selection, the applicant's experience and/or education will be evaluated against Federal civil service criteria for the position to which the person will be appointed.

Selection of members representing consumer interests is conducted through consumer organizations that have the responsibility for recommending candidates for the agency's selection. Candidates should possess appropriate qualifications to understand and contribute to the committee's work.

Nominations shall include a complete curriculum vita of each nominee, current address and telephone numbers, and shall state that the nominee is aware of the nomination, is willing to serve as a member, and appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude membership. FDA will ask the 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 conflict of interest. The nomination should state whether the nominee is interested only in a particular advisory committee or in any advisory committee. The term of office is up to 4 years, depending on the appointment date.



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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