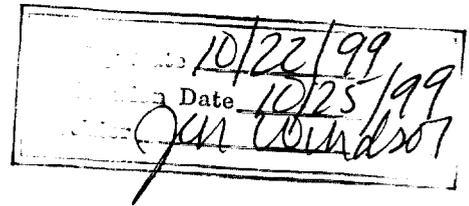


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Ophthalmic Drugs Subcommittee of the Dermatologic and Ophthalmic Drugs 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: Ophthalmic Drugs Subcommittee of the Dermatologic and Ophthalmic Drugs Advisory Committee.

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

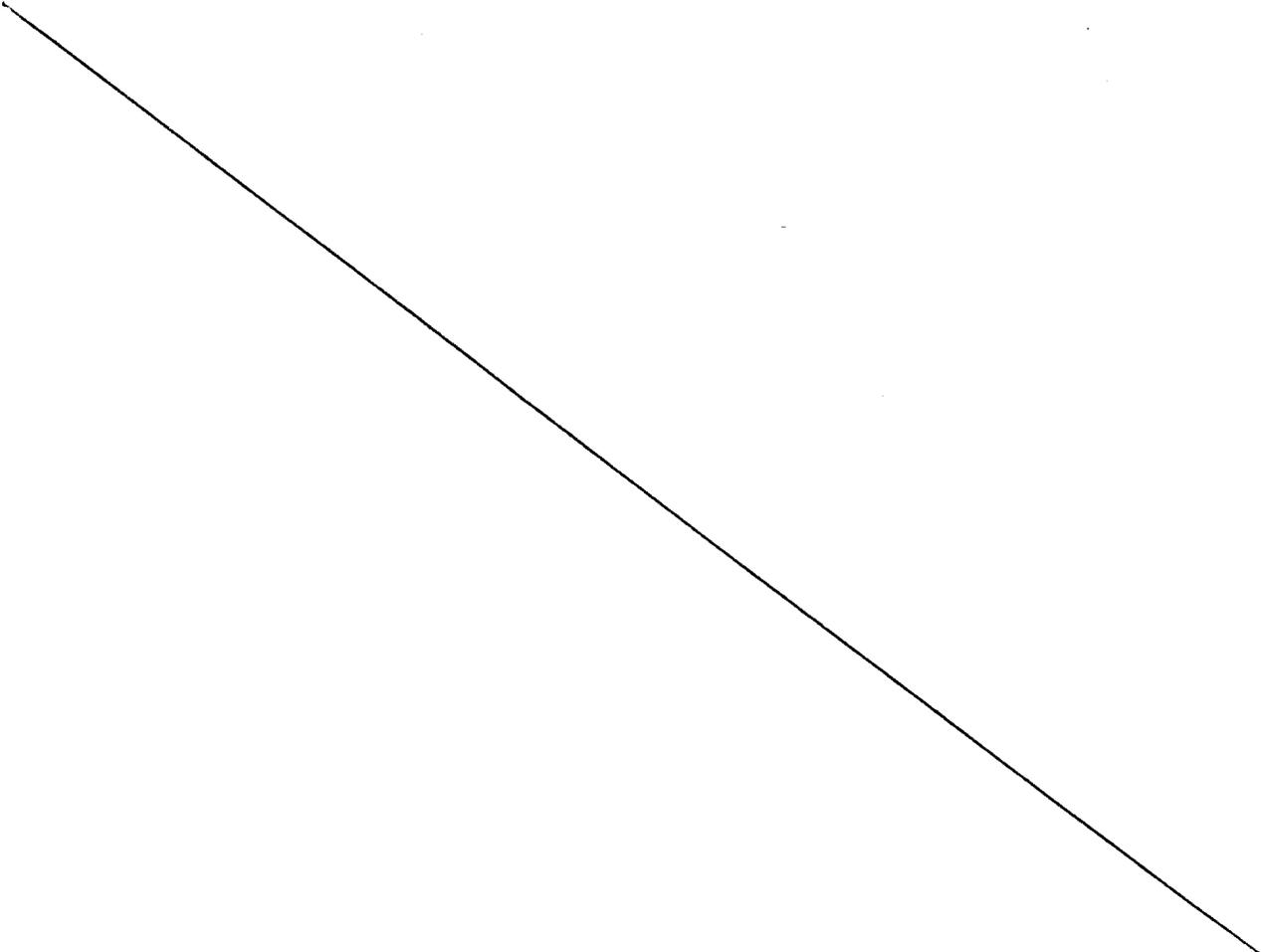
Date and Time: The meeting will be held on November 17, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn, Versailles Ballrooms I and II, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD.

Contact: Tracy Riley or Angie Whitacre, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-21), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-7001, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 12534. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting. Current information may also be accessed on the Internet at FDA's website at www.fda.gov.

Agenda: The subcommittee will discuss new drug application 21-119 Visudyne™ (verteporfin for injection, QLT Therapeutics, Inc.), for treatment of age-related macular degeneration in patients with predominantly classic subfoveal choroidal neovascularization.

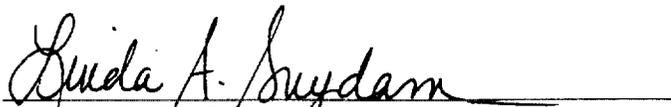
Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by November 12, 1999. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal presentations should notify the contact person before November 12, 1999, 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.



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

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Dated: October 14, 1999



Linda A. Suydam
Senior Associate Commissioner

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