FDA’s Risk Communication Advisory Committee

Dates and Topics of Past Meetings

15th meeting: November 2, 2012
Topics: First Session: FDA, RC, and TMI: Questions and Challenges for Effective Communication about Nutrition and Food Safety in our Information-rich Environment
Second Session: Investigating and developing responsive strategies for consumer use of FDA messages on nutrition and food safety

14th meeting: June 29, 2012
Topics: Morning session: Communicating and Understanding Uncertainty
Afternoon session: Risk perception and information seeking when facing multiple risks

13th meeting: November 17-18, 2011
Topics: results of a literature review (as required in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. 111–148) about communicating quantitative risk and benefit information in prescription drug promotional labeling and print advertising, activities in FDA’s Office of Special Health Issues including MedWatch, and recent theoretical developments on information use in decision making.

12th meeting: August 15-16, 2011
Topics: Communicating about changing methodology in attribution of foodborne illness. Also, presentation of new book: Communicating Risks and Benefits: An Evidence-Based User’s Guide. Baruch Fischhoff PhD, Noel T. Brewer PhD, and Julie S. Downs PhD, editors.

11th meeting: May 5, 2011
Topics: Overview of developments in communication at FDA. Presentation and discussion of two pilot projects tracking how samples of FDA communications were picked up and spread through social media.

10th Meeting: November 8-9, 2010
Topics: Updates on Strategic Plan for Risk Communication and Transparency Task Force, discussion of foodborne outbreaks and related recall communications, and of communicating with patients and caregivers about appropriate use of medical devices at home.

9th Meeting: May 6-7, 2010
Topic: The Science of Risk Communication

8th Meeting: February 25-26, 2010
Topic: Science and Practice of Communicating about Product Issues with Healthcare Professionals and the Public

7th Meeting: November 12-13, 2009
Topics: FDA Transparency Task Force; Clinical Trials Database; FDA Center for Tobacco Products

6th Meeting: August 13-14, 2009
Topics: Food recalls and foodborne illness outbreaks; FDA Transparency Task Force; Social Media for Surveillance

5th Meeting: April 30-May 1, 2009
Topics: FDA Strategic Plan for Risk Communication: Strategic Planning, Expand Capacity, Optimize Policies, Strengthen Science, Organization for Communication
4th Meeting: February 26-27, 2009
Topic: Consumer Medication Information; Improving Patient Information; Serving Diverse Populations

3rd Meeting: August 14-15, 2008
Topics: Science and Practice of Persuasive and Nonpersuasive Communication; Emergency Communication

2nd Meeting: May 15-16, 2008
Topics: Research Regarding Direct to Consumer Advertising of Prescription Drugs

1st Meeting: February 28-29 2008
Topics: Commissioner's Welcome; Communication at FDA: Legal Authority, Research, Current Programs; Recalls of Regulated Products