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Request for Nominations for Voting Consumer Representative Members on  
Public Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

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**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requesting nominations for voting consumer representatives to serve on the National Mammography Quality Assurance Advisory Committee (NMQAAC) in the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH). 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:** Nominations will be accepted through January 31, 2006.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Ortwerth, Advisory Committee Oversight and Management Staff (HF-4), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, e-mail: *Michael.Ortwerth@fda.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FDA is requesting nominations for voting consumer representatives to serve on the NMQAAC.

**I. Functions of NMQAAC**

The functions of the committee are to advise FDA on the following topics:

(1) Developing appropriate quality standards and regulations for

mammography facilities; (2) developing appropriate standards and regulations for bodies accrediting mammography facilities under this program; (3) developing regulations with respect to sanctions; (4) developing procedures for monitoring compliance with standards; (5) establishing a mechanism to investigate consumer complaints; (6) reporting new developments concerning breast imaging which should be considered in the oversight of mammography facilities; (7) determining whether there exists a shortage of mammography facilities in rural and health professional shortage areas and determining the effects of personnel on access to the services of such facilities in such areas; (8) determining whether there will exist a sufficient number of medical physicists after October 1, 1999; and (9) determining the costs and benefits of compliance with these requirements.

## **II. Criteria for Members**

Persons nominated for membership on the committee as a consumer representative must meet the following criteria: (1) Must be from among national breast cancer or consumer health organization with expertise in mammography, (2) be able to analyze technical data, (3) understand research design, (4) discuss benefits and risks, and (5) evaluate the safety and efficacy of products under review. The consumer representative must be able to represent the consumer perspective on issues and actions before the advisory committee; serve as a liaison between the committee and interested consumers, associations, coalitions, and consumer organizations; and facilitate dialogue with the advisory committees on scientific issues that affect consumers.

## **III. Selection Procedures**

Selection of members representing consumer interests is conducted through procedures that include use of organizations representing the public

interest and consumer advocacy groups. The organizations have the responsibility of recommending candidates of the agency's selection.

#### **IV. Nomination Procedures**

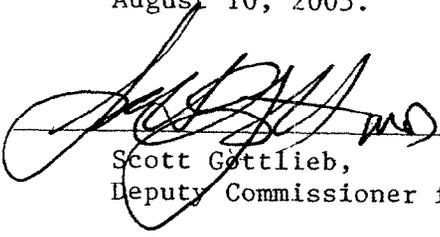
All nominations must include a cover letter, a curriculum vita or resume (which should include nominee's office address, telephone number, and e-mail address), and a list of consumer or community-based organizations for which the candidate can demonstrate active participation.

Any interested person or organization may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on the NMQAAC to represent consumer interests. Self-nominations are also accepted. Nominations shall include 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, 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 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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