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Sandra Titus, PhD
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-21)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1093
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. Titus:

The American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA), the national professional society of pharmacists, is interested in presenting at the June 21st Joint Meeting of the Non-Prescription Drugs Advisory Committee and the Gastrointestinal Drugs Advisory Committee. Susan C. Winckler, RPh, JD, APhA's Vice President of Policy & Communications and Staff Counsel, will present on APhA's behalf.

We request approximately five minutes to present information related to the pharmacist's perspective on the use of over-the-counter (OTC) heartburn medications. Most OTC products are purchased at the pharmacy. Pharmacists are in the ideal position to help consumers select an OTC medication, if appropriate, and monitor their use. APhA's comments will focus on the role of the pharmacist in helping consumers navigate the use of omeprazole magnesium in the OTC environment.

Correspondence on this issue should be directed to Susan Bishop, APhA's Manager of Regulatory Affairs and Political Action, at the American Pharmaceutical Association, 2215 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

Please contact Susan Bishop with any questions about this request. She may be reached at 202-429-7538 or sbishop@aphanet.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Gans".

John A. Gans, PharmD
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