

Risk Communication Advisory Committee Meeting

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FDA 2018 Strategic Policy Roadmap

- Highlights four priority areas for policy development:
 - I. Reduce the burden of addiction crises that are threatening American families
- II. Leverage innovation and competition to improve health care, broaden access, and advance public health goals
- III. Empower consumers to make better and more informed decisions about their diets and health; and expand the opportunities to use nutrition to reduce morbidity and mortality from disease
- IV. Strengthen FDA's scientific workforce and its tools for efficient risk management



Committee Milestones

- First meeting 2008
- Today starts the 11th year and 25th meeting
- Committee has contributed to
 - Evaluations of FDA communication programs: Consumer Updates, MedWatch, recall notices
 - Strategic planning for Risk Communication (2009, 2017)
 - Overviews of Communications Science (including collected articles, 2011) and FDA Communications vehicles (2016)



COMMUNICATING RISKS AND BENEFITS: An Evidence-Based User's Guide

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Risk Communication Advisory Committee Contributions

- Committee has advised scientists across FDA on communication in varied specific cases:
 - Using peroxide-based contact lens care products safely (2017 - CDRH)
 - Fetal effects and maternal benefits and risks in methadone or buprenorphine maintenance therapy for opioid addiction (2015-CDER)
 - Benefits of eating adequate amounts of fish, while avoiding certain fish with higher amounts of methyl-mercury – especially important for pregnant and lactating women (2014-CFSAN)
 - Harmful and potentially harmful constituents in tobacco products or tobacco smoke (2013-CTP)