DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

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Request for Nominations for Voting Members for the Digital Health Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is requesting nominations for voting members, excluding consumer and industry representatives, to serve on the Digital Health Advisory Committee (the Committee) in the Center for Devices and Radiological Health. Nominations will be accepted for current vacancies effective with this notice. FDA seeks to include the views of members of all gender groups, members of all racial and ethnic groups, and individuals with and without disabilities on its advisory committees and, therefore, encourages nominations of appropriately qualified candidates from these groups.

DATES: Nominations received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] will be given first consideration for membership on the Committee. Nominations received after [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] will be considered for nomination to the committee as later vacancies occur.

ADDRESSES: All nominations for membership should be sent electronically by logging into the FDA Advisory Committee Membership Nomination Portal (https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/FACTRSPortal/FACTRS/index.cfm) and selecting Academician/Practitioner from the dropdown menu (regardless of whether Academician/Practitioner accurately describes the nominee), or by mail to Advisory Committee Oversight and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 32, Rm 5103, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002. Information about becoming a member on an FDA advisory committee
can also be obtained by visiting FDA’s website at
https://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/default.htm.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA is requesting nominations for voting members
to fill current vacancies on the Digital Health Advisory Committee. This notice does not include
consumer and industry representative nominations. The Agency will publish two separate
notices announcing the vacancy of a representative of consumer interests and a vacancy of
representatives of interests of the device manufacturing industry.

I. General Description of the Committee Duties

The Committee provides advice on complex scientific and technical issues related to
Digital Health Technologies (DHTs). This also may include advice on the regulation of DHTs,
and/or their use, including use of DHTs in clinical trials or postmarket studies subject to FDA
regulation. Topics relating to DHTs, such as artificial intelligence/machine learning, augmented
reality, virtual reality, digital therapeutics, wearables, remote patient monitoring, and software,
may be considered by the Committee. The Committee advises the Commissioner of Food and
Drugs (Commissioner) on issues related to DHTs, including, for example, real-world data, real-
world evidence, patient-generated health data, interoperability, personalized medicine/genetics,
decentralized clinical trials, use of DHTs in clinical trials for medical products, cybersecurity,
DHT user experience, and Agency policies and regulations regarding these technologies. The
Committee provides relevant expertise and perspective to improve Agency understanding of the
benefits, risks, and clinical outcomes associated with use of DHTs. The Committee performs its
duties by providing advice and recommendations on new approaches to develop and evaluate
DHTs and to promote innovation of DHTs, as well as identifying risks, barriers, or unintended
consequences that could result from proposed or established Agency policy or regulation for topics related to DHTs.

II. Criteria for Voting Members

The Committee consists of a core of nine voting members, including the Chair. Members and the Chair are selected by the Commissioner or designee from among authorities who are knowledgeable in the fields of digital health, such as artificial intelligence/machine learning, augmented reality, virtual reality, digital therapeutics, wearables, remote patient monitoring, software development, user experience, real-world data, real-world evidence, patient-generated health data, interoperability, personalized medicine/genetics, decentralized clinical trials, cybersecurity, and implementation in clinical practice of and patient experience with digital health, as well as other relevant areas. Members will be invited to serve for overlapping terms of up to 4 years. Non-Federal members of this Committee will serve either as Special Government Employees or nonvoting representatives. Federal members will serve as Regular Government Employees. The core of voting members may include one technically qualified member, selected by the Commissioner or designee, who serves as an individual, but who is identified with consumer interests and is recommended by either a consortium of consumer-oriented organizations or other interested persons. The Commissioner or designee shall also have the authority to select from a group of individuals nominated by industry to serve temporarily as nonvoting members who are identified with and represent industry interests.

III. Nomination Procedures

Any interested person may nominate one or more qualified individuals for membership on the Committee with the exception of the following: Individuals who are not U.S. citizens or nationals cannot be appointed as Advisory Committee Members (42 U.S.C. 217(a)) in the FDA. Self-nominations are also accepted. Nominations must include a cover letter; a current, complete résumé or curriculum vitae for each nominee, including current business and/or home address, telephone number, and email address if available, and a signed copy of the Acknowledgement
and Consent form available at the FDA Advisory Nomination Portal (see ADDRESSES). Nominations must specify the advisory committee for which the nominee is recommended. Nominations must also acknowledge that the nominee is aware of the nomination, unless self-nominated. FDA will ask potential candidates to provide detailed information concerning such matters related to financial holdings, employment, and research grants and/or contracts to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflicts of interest.

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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Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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