



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

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Request for Nominations for Voting Members of Food and Drug Administration Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is requesting nominations for qualified individuals to serve as voting members of FDA's standing public advisory committees and panels (collectively, advisory committees). This notice covers scientific, technical, professional, and other voting-member positions in which appointees serve as individuals rather than as designated representatives; it does not solicit nominations for consumer representative or industry representative positions. FDA will consider nominations for current and future vacancies as they arise. FDA encourages nominations of all appropriately qualified candidates whose expertise and perspectives would contribute to the work and balanced composition of its advisory committees.

DATES: FDA accepts nominations on a continuing basis. Nominations received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*] will be given first consideration for current and near-term vacancies. Nominations received after that date will be considered as later vacancies arise.

ADDRESSES: Submit nominations electronically through the FDA Advisory Committee Membership Nomination Portal at

<https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/FACTRSPortal/FACTRS/index.cfm> and, for positions covered by this notice, select “Academician/Practitioner” as the membership type. Nominations also may be submitted by mail to the Advisory Committee Oversight and Management Staff,

Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 1, Rm. 3215, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002. Information about applying for membership is available at <https://www.fda.gov/advisory-committees/advisory-committee-membership/applying-membership-fda-advisory-committees>. Information about FDA advisory committees, including committee charters and meeting materials, is available at <https://www.fda.gov/advisory-committees/committees-and-meeting-materials>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Advisory Committee Oversight and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 1, Rm. 3215, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 301-796-8220, ACOMSSubmissions@fda.hhs.gov.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background and Scope

FDA uses public advisory committees to obtain independent expert advice on scientific, technical, and policy matters within the Agency's responsibilities.

This notice applies to voting-member positions in which members serve as individuals and not as representatives of a nominating or affiliated group, consistent with 21 CFR 14.82(d). It does not apply to positions designated to represent consumer or industry interests. Separate statutes, regulations, charters, or notices may govern those representative positions or other committee-specific nomination and selection processes. If a committee-specific statute or charter establishes qualifications, composition, nomination, or selection requirements, those requirements control. This notice does not replace the solicitation of nominations required when FDA establishes a new advisory committee under 21 CFR 14.82(b).

For medical device classification panels, this annual notice also provides the opportunity described in section 513(b)(5)(D) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360c(b)(5)(D)) for patients, representatives of patients, and sponsors of medical devices that may

be specifically subject to review by a classification panel to recommend individuals with appropriate expertise for voting-member positions.

II. Criteria for Voting Members and Appointment Status

In general, nominees should demonstrate subject-matter expertise relevant to one or more FDA advisory committees, the ability to interpret complex scientific or technical information, an understanding of the public health significance of the matters before the committee, and the ability to provide objective and independent advice. FDA will consider the expertise, experience, professional disciplines, and points of view needed for the functions of the particular committee and to support fairly balanced membership.

Voting members serve as individuals and not as representatives of any group or organization that nominated them or with which they are affiliated. Generally, non-Federal voting members are appointed as special Government employees and are subject to applicable Federal ethics and conflict-of-interest requirements. Federal employees may serve as regular Government employees in their official capacities when authorized for the particular committee and position. Certain committees or positions may be governed by different statutory, regulatory, or charter provisions. FDA will determine the appropriate appointment status for each position.

Members generally are invited to serve for overlapping terms of up to 4 years, or for a shorter period at the discretion of the appointing official, subject to the applicable statutes, regulations, and committee charter.

III. Nomination Procedures

Any interested person may nominate one or more qualified individuals for membership on one or more of the advisory panels or advisory committees. Self-nominations are also accepted. Nominations must include a current, complete résumé or curriculum vitae for each nominee. Nominations must also specify the advisory committee for which the nominee is recommended. Additionally, nominations must 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. Only U.S. Citizens, non-citizen U.S. Nationals, and Permanent Residents may apply for service as a committee member.

This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. § 1001 *et seq.*) and 21 CFR part 14, relating to advisory committees.

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