

Title of Information Collection:
National Blood Collection and
Utilization Survey.

Form/OMB No.: 0990-0000.

Use: The Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability, HHS, was established to provide policy advice to the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for Health. The advice of the committee is partly dependent on the analysis of relevant blood collection and utilization data which is also widely distributed to and used by the transfusion medicine community. To that end, the Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS) is responsible for conducting a bi-annual cross-sectional national blood products survey. OPHS performed the 2005 National Blood Collection and Utilization Survey (NBCUS) using a nationally representative sample of hospitals and blood collection centers. Previously private and government financed versions of the NBCUS have successfully surveyed greater than 90% of the U.S. blood collection and processing facilities and more than 2900 hospital based transfusion blood banks in the United States. The objective of the 2007 NBCUS is to produce reliable and accurate estimates of national and regional collections, utilization, and safety of all blood products—red blood cells, fresh frozen plasma, and platelets. Additionally, data regarding billing and payment for blood and blood products will be collected. New to the 2007 NBCUS is the identification and collection of baseline data for biovigilance blood safety monitoring. An important purpose of the survey is to help the federal government implement a blood safety public health monitoring system. The survey will be mailed to approximately 3000 institutions that include hospitals, blood collection facilities, and cord blood banks selected from the American Hospital Association annual survey database and AABB member list of blood collection facilities, respectively. The maximum length of the instrument will be 13 to 18 pages and the estimated number of data elements will be 200 to 300. The survey will include questions about the institution, blood collection and processing, blood transfusion, cellular therapy products, and product modification and final disposition. The 2007 NBCUS will also include additional questions on issues of biovigilance patient safety monitoring. Facilities will be surveyed regarding their 2006 calendar year activities. A toll-free hotline service for survey inquiries will be made available. Follow-up procedures will be in place to address survey non-responders.

Following data collection, statistical tabulations of results for each question will be performed. The survey data will be analyzed by institution type, services provided, USPHS region, etc. A final comprehensive report on blood collection and transfusion-related activities in the United States will be issued by HHS.

Frequency: Once.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Annual Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Total Annual Responses: 3,000.

Average Burden per Response: 3 hrs.

Total Annual Hours: 9,000.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and OS document identifier, to Sherette.funncoleman@hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-6162. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be received within 60-days, and directed to the OS Paperwork Clearance Officer at the following address: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Assistant Secretary for Resources and Technology, Office of Resources Management, Attention: Sherette Funn-Coleman (0990-0000), Room 537-H, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC 20201.

Dated: December 13, 2006.

Alice Bettencourt,

Office of the Secretary, Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; American Health Information Community Personalized Healthcare Workgroup

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the first meeting of the American Health Information Community Personalized Healthcare Workgroup in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.)

DATES: January 4, 2007 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., EST.

ADDRESSES: Mary C. Switzer Building (330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201), Conference Room 4090. (You

will need a photo ID to enter a Federal building.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
<http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/workgroups.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At this inaugural meeting, the Workgroup members will be introduced and will begin discussion of the charges to the group on making recommendations to the American Health Information Community.

The meeting will be available via internet access. Go to <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/workgroups.html> for additional information on the meeting.

Dated: December 14, 2006.

Judith Sparrow,

Director, American Health Information Community, Office of Programs and Coordination, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; American Health Information Community Biosurveillance Workgroup Meeting

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the 13th meeting of the American Health Information Community Biosurveillance Workgroup in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.).

DATES: January 5, 2007 from 12 to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Mary C. Switzer Building (330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201), Conference Room 4090 (please bring photo ID for entry to a Federal building).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/bio_main.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Workgroup will continue discussing the Biosurveillance Priority Area matrix.

The meeting will be available via internet access. For additional information, go to http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/bio_instruct.html.