

the NIH will convene a Consensus Development Conference from February 25–27, 2008, to assess the available scientific evidence related to the following questions:

- What is the efficacy (results from clinical studies) of hydroxyurea treatment for patients who have sickle cell disease in three groups: Infants, preadolescents, and adolescents/adults?
- What is the effectiveness (in everyday practice) of hydroxyurea treatment for patients who have sickle cell disease?
- What are the short- and long-term harms of hydroxyurea treatment?
- What are the barriers to hydroxyurea treatment (*i.e.*, health care system factors and patient-related factors) for patients who have sickle cell disease and what are the potential solutions?
- What are the future research needs?

An impartial, independent panel will be charged with reviewing the available published literature in advance of the conference, including a systematic literature review commissioned through the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. The first day and a half of the conference will consist of presentations by expert researchers and practitioners and open public discussions. On Wednesday, February 27, the panel will present a statement of its collective assessment of the evidence to answer each of the questions above. The panel will also hold a press conference to address questions from the media. The draft statement will be published online later that day, and the final version will be released approximately six weeks later. The primary sponsors of this meeting are the NIH National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and the NIH Office of Medical Applications of Research.

Advance information about the conference and conference registration materials may be obtained from American Institutes for Research of Silver Spring, Maryland, by calling 888-644-2667 or by sending e-mail to [consensus@mail.nih.gov](mailto:consensus@mail.nih.gov). American Institutes for Research's mailing address is 10720 Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20901. Registration information is also available on the NIH Consensus Development Program Web site at <http://consensus.nih.gov>.

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the Web site at <http://www.nih.gov/about/visitorsecurity.htm>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities Special Emphasis Panel, R13 Conference Grant Review.

*Date:* December 19, 2007.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Lorrta Watson, PhD., National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health, 6707 Democracy Blvd, Suite 800, Bethesda, MD 20892-5465, (301) 402-1366, [watsonl@mail.nih.gov](mailto:watsonl@mail.nih.gov).

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*Name of Committee:* National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities Special Emphasis Panel, Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Meeting.

*Date:* December 16–18, 2007.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Embassy Suites at the Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road, NW., Washington DC 20015.

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