

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), 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 Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Non-Human Primate Heart/Lung Transplantation Tolerance.

*Date:* April 16, 2010.

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge 6700, 6700B Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817.

*Contact Person:* B. Duane Price, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, DHHS/NIH/NIAID, 6700B Rockledge Drive, MSC 7616, Room 3139, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-451-2592, [pricebd@niaid.nih.gov](mailto:pricebd@niaid.nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.855, Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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**Jennifer Spaeth,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), 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:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Medical Imaging Overflow.

*Date:* March 29, 2010.

*Time:* 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call)

*Contact Person:* Xiang-Ning Li, MD, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5112, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1744, [lixiang@csr.nih.gov](mailto:lixiang@csr.nih.gov).

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

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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 Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; R 13 Conference Grants.

*Date:* April 19-23, 2010.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge 6700, 6700B Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Michelle M. Timmerman, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, NIH/NIAID/DHHS, Room 3147, 6700B Rockledge Drive, MSC-7616, Bethesda, MD 20892-7616, 301-451-4573, [timmermanm@niaid.nih.gov](mailto:timmermanm@niaid.nih.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, NIDDK.

The meeting will be closed to the public as indicated below in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual intramural programs and projects conducted by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* Board of Scientific Counselors, NIDDK.

*Date:* May 12-14, 2010.

*Time:* May 12, 2010, 8:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Building 10, 10 Center Drive, Conference Room 9S235, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Time:* May 13, 2010, 8:15 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Building 10, 10 Center Drive, Conference Room 9S235, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Time:* May 14, 2010, 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Building 10, 10 Center Drive, Conference Room 9S235, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Ira W. Levin, PhD, Director, Division of Intramural Research, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, NIH, Bethesda, MD 20892. 301-496-6844. [iwl@helix.nih.gov](mailto:iwl@helix.nih.gov).

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance onto the NIH campus. All visitor vehicles, including taxicabs, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver's license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.847, Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Research; 93.848, Digestive Diseases and Nutrition Research; 93.849, Kidney Diseases, Urology and Hematology Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-1570-N]

#### Medicare Program; Request for Nominations to the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice solicits nominations of five new members to the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Groups (the Panel). There will be five vacancies on the Panel as of September 30, 2010.

The purpose of the Panel is to review the APC groups and their associated

weights and to advise the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), concerning the clinical integrity of the APC groups and their associated weights.

The Secretary re-chartered the Panel in 2008 for a 2-year period effective through November 21, 2010.

**DATES: Submission of Nominations:** We will consider nominations if they are received no later than 5 p.m. (e.s.t.), May 26, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Please mail or hand deliver nominations to the following address: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; Attn: Shirl Ackerman-Ross, Designated Federal Official (DFO), Advisory Panel on APC Groups; Center for Medicare Management, Hospital & Ambulatory Policy Group, Division of Outpatient Care; 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop C4-05-17; Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

*Web Site:* For additional information on the APC Panel and updates to the Panel's activities, we refer readers to view our website at the following: [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/FACA/05\\_AdvisoryPanelonAmbulatoryPaymentClassificationGroups.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/FACA/05_AdvisoryPanelonAmbulatoryPaymentClassificationGroups.asp#TopOfPage). (Use control + click the mouse in order to access the previous URL.) (**Note:** There is an underscore after FACA/05\_; there is no space.)

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

*Contact:* Persons wishing to nominate individuals to serve on the Panel or to obtain further information may also contact Shirl Ackerman-Ross, the DFO, at [CMSAPCPanel@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:CMSAPCPanel@cms.hhs.gov) (**Note:** There is no underscore in this e-mail address; there is a SPACE between CMS and APCPanel.), or e-mail the DFO at [Sackermanross@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Sackermanross@cms.hhs.gov).

*Advisory Committees' Information Lines:* You may also refer to the CMS Federal Advisory Committee Hotlines at 1-877-449-5659 (toll-free) or 410-786-9379 (local) for additional information.

*News Media:* Representatives should contact the CMS Press Office at 202-690-6145.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Secretary is required by section 1833(t)(9)(A) of the Social Security Act (the Act) to consult with an expert outside advisory Panel regarding the clinical integrity of the APC groups and relative payment weights that are components of the Medicare hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS).

The Charter requires that the Panel meet up to three times annually. CMS

considers the technical advice provided by the Panel as we prepare the proposed and final rules to update the OPPS for the next calendar year.

The Panel may consist of a chair and up to 15 members who are full-time employees of hospitals, hospital systems, or other Medicare providers that are subject to the OPPS. (For purposes of the Panel, consultants or independent contractors are not considered to be full-time employees in these organizations.)

The current Panel members are as follows: (**Note:** The asterisks [\*] indicate the Panel members whose terms end on September 30, 2010.)

- E. L. Hambrick, M.D., J.D., Chair, a CMS Medical Officer
- Ruth L. Bush, M.D., M.P.H.
- Dawn L. Francis, M.D., M.H.S.
- Kathleen M. Graham, R.N., MSHA, CPHQ
- Patrick A. Grusenmeyer, Sc.D., FACHE
- David Halsey, M.D.
- Judith T. Kelly, B.S.H.A., RHIT, RHIA, CCS
- Michael D. Mills, Ph.D.\*
- Agatha L. Nolen, D.Ph., M.S., FASHP
- Randall A. Oyer, M.D.
- Beverly Khnie Philip, M.D.\*
- Daniel Pothen, M.S., RHIA, CPHIMS, CCS, CCS-P, CHC
- Gregory J. Przybylski, M.D.
- Russ Ranallo, M.S., B.S.\*
- Michael A. Ross, M.D., FACEP\*
- Patricia Spencer-Gisek, M.S., APRN-BC, AOCN®\*

Panel members serve without compensation, according to an advance written agreement. However, for the meetings, CMS reimburses travel, meals, lodging, and related expenses in accordance with standard Government travel regulations.

CMS has a special interest in attempting to ensure, while taking into account the nominee pool, that the Panel is diverse in all respects of the following: Geography; rural or urban practice; race, ethnicity, sex, and disability; medical or technical specialty; and type of hospital, hospital health system, or other Medicare provider subject to the OPPS.

Based upon either self-nominations or nominations submitted by providers or interested organizations, the Secretary, or his or her designee, appoints new members to the Panel from among those candidates determined to have the required expertise. New appointments are made in a manner that ensures a balanced membership under the guidelines of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.