

Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates indicated below:

Panel	Date(s)	Location
Cardiovascular Studies	May 24, 2010	St. Gregory Hotel & Suites.
Immunology-A	May 25, 2010	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.
Mental Hlth & Behav Sci-B	May 26, 2010	Embassy Suites—Chevy Chase.
Neurobiology-E	May 26, 2010	*VA Central Office.
Hematology	May 28, 2010	*VA Central Office.
Epidemiology	June 2, 2010	*VA Central Office.
Neurobiology-A	June 4, 2010	Embassy Suites—Chevy Chase.
Nephrology	June 4, 2010	Hotel Palomar.
Infectious Diseases-B	June 4, 2010	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.
Endocrinology-B	June 4, 2010	*VA Central Office.
Cellular & Molecular Medicine	June 7, 2010	Hotel Palomar.
Surgery	June 7, 2010	Crowne Plaza.
Endocrinology-A	June 7, 2010	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.
Mental Hlth & Behav Sci-A	June 7, 2010	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.
Clinical Research Program	June 9, 2010	*VA Central Office.
Oncology	June 10–11, 2010	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.
Neurobiology-C	June 10–11, 2010	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.
Gastroenterology	June 10, 2010	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.
Neurobiology-D	June 10, 2010	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.
Respiration	June 11, 2010	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.
Infectious Diseases-A	June 11, 2010	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.
Eligibility	July 19, 2010	The Ritz-Carlton.

The addresses of the hotels and VA Central Office are:  
 Crowne Plaza Washington DC/Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD.  
 Embassy Suites at the Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road, NW., Washington, DC.  
 Hotel Palomar, 2121 P Street, NW., Washington, DC.  
 L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC.  
 St. Gregory Hotel & Suites, 2033 M Street, NW., Washington, DC.  
 The Ritz-Carlton, 1150—22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC.  
 \*VA Central Office, 1722 Eye Street, NW., Washington, DC.  
 \* Teleconference.

The purpose of the Merit Review Board is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review consideration. Proposals submitted for review by the Board involve a wide range of medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral and clinical science research.

The panel meetings will be open to the public for approximately one hour at the start of each meeting to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of each panel meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal research proposals.

The closed portion of each meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. During this portion of each meeting, discussion and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, as well as research information, the premature disclosure of which could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research proposals.

As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92–463, as amended, closing portions of these panel meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C., 552(b)(6) and (9)(B). Those who plan to attend or would like to obtain a copy of minutes of the panel meetings and rosters of the members of the panels should contact Leroy G. Frey, Ph.D., Chief, Program Review (121F), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 at (202) 461–1664.

Dated: April 29, 2010.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Vivian Drake,**

*Acting Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Special Medical Advisory Group; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Special Medical Advisory Group will meet on May 14, 2010, in Room 830 at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington,

DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Group is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary for Health on the care and treatment of disabled Veterans, and other matters pertinent to the Department's Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

The agenda for the meeting will include discussions of the Vision for VHA, the Group's charter, update on Blue Ribbon Panel on VA-Medical School Affiliations Report Implementation, update on Transformational Initiatives, and VA/DoD Interoperability.

Any member of the public wishing to attend should contact Juanita Leslie, Office of Administrative Operations (10B2), at (202) 461–7019 or *j.t.leslie@va.gov*. No time will be set aside at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Statements, in written form, may be submitted to Ms. Leslie before the meeting or within 10 days after the meeting.

Dated: April 29, 2010.

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