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Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Questionnaire Cognitive Interview and Pretesting (NCI)

Summary: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Proposed Collection: Title: Questionnaire Cognitive Interview and Pretesting. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension. Need and Use of Information Collection: The purpose of the data collection is to conduct cognitive interviews, focus groups, Pilot household interviews, and experimental research in laboratory and field settings, both for applied questionnaire evaluation and more basic research on response errors in surveys. The most common evaluation method is the cognitive interview, in which a questionnaire design specialist interviews a volunteer participant. The interviewer administers the draft survey questions as written, but also probes the participant in depth about interpretations of questions, recall processes used to answer them, and adequacy of response categories to express answers, while noting points of

confusion and errors in responding. Interviews are generally conducted in small rounds of 10–15 interviews. When possible, cognitive interviews are conducted in the survey’s intended mode of administration. Cognitive interviewing provides useful information on questionnaire performance at minimal cost and respondent burden. Similar methodology has been adopted by other Federal agencies, as well as by academic and commercial survey organizations. There are no costs to respondents other than their time. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 600. Frequency of Response: Once. Affected Public: Individuals and households, Private Sector (business or other for-profits, not-for-profit institutions) and possibly, State, Local or Tribal Governments. The table below represents the burden over a three-year data collection period, which is a typical request for a generic submission.

Type of respondents	Projects	Number of respondents	Frequency of responses/participant	Average hours per response	Burden hours over 3 years
Questionnaire Development Volunteers.	(1) Survey questionnaire development.	1,200	1	75/60 (1.25)	1,500.0
General Volunteers	(2) Research on the cognitive aspects of survey methodology.	600	1	75/60 (1.25)	750.0
Computer User Volunteers	(3) Research on computer-user interface design.	600	1	75/60 (1.25)	750.0
Household Interview Volunteers	(4) Pilot Household interviews	1,200	1	30/60 (0.5)	600.0
Totals	3,600	3,600.0

The estimated total annual burden hours requested is 1,200 which amounts to approximately 3,600 hours over three years. There are no annualized costs to respondents. The annualized costs to the Federal Government are estimated at \$264,000 and include cost of NCI staff to plan, conduct, and analyze outcomes of questionnaire development, contracting for pretesting activities and research, travel costs, and additional materials needed to conduct and recruit participants for the research.

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the

information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

For Further Information Contact: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Dr. Gordon Willis, Ph.D., Cognitive Psychologist, Applied Research Program, DCCPS, NCI/NIH, 6130 Executive Blvd., MSC 7344, EPN 4005, Bethesda, MD 20892 or call non-toll-free number 301-594-6652 or e-mail your request, including your address to: *willis@mail.nih.gov*.

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60 days of the date of this publication.

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National Cancer Institute; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the NCI Special Emphasis Panel, Experimental Therapeutics Program (NExT), January 6, 2011, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Doubletree Hotel Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852 which was published in the **Federal Register** on November 24, 2010, 75 FR 71712.

This notice is amending the location of the meeting from the Doubletree Hotel Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814 to the