

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111–148, which added section 2713 to the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 300gg–13, HRSA established the Guidelines in 2011 based on a study and recommendations by the Institute of Medicine, now known as the National Academy of Medicine, developed under a contract with the Department of Health and Human Services. Since then, there have been advancements in science and gaps identified in these guidelines, including a greater emphasis on practice-based clinical considerations. In March 2016, HRSA awarded a 5-year cooperative agreement to the ACOG to convene a coalition representing clinicians, academics, and consumer-focused health professional organizations to conduct a rigorous review of current scientific evidence and make recommendations to HRSA regarding updates to the existing Guidelines. HRSA awarded ACOG the cooperative agreement to improve adult women's health across the lifespan by engaging a coalition of health professional organizations to review evidence and recommend updates to the HRSA-supported Guidelines. HRSA would then decide whether to support, in whole or in part, the recommended updates to the Guidelines. Under the cooperative agreement, ACOG formed WPSI, consisting of an Advisory Panel and two expert committees, the Multidisciplinary Steering Committee (MSC) and the Dissemination and Implementation Steering Committee (DISC), which are comprised of a broad coalition of organizational representatives who are experts in disease prevention and women's health issues. Through oversight by the Advisory Panel, MSC and DISC support the development and implementation of the Guidelines through the review of existing evidence and recommendation development. Specifically, the MSC examines the evidence to develop new and update existing recommendations for women's preventive services. DISC takes the HRSA-approved recommendations, developed by the MSC, and works to disseminate the recommendations through the development of implementation tools and resources for both patients and practitioners to support the adoption and utilization of the recommendations.

In March 2021, HRSA awarded a subsequent cooperative agreement to ACOG to further review and recommend updates to the Guidelines. Under this cooperative agreement, beginning on March 1, 2021, ACOG engaged in a process to consider and review new

information. Following recommendations by ACOG, HRSA will decide whether to support, in whole or in part, its recommended updates to the guidelines.

Under the cooperative agreement, ACOG will base its recommended updates to the Guidelines on review and synthesis of existing clinical guidelines and new scientific evidence, following the National Academy of Medicine standards for establishing foundations for and rating strengths of recommendations, articulation of recommendations, as well as external reviews. Additionally, ACOG will incorporate processes to assure opportunity for public comment, including participation by patients and consumers, in the development of the updated Guideline recommendations.

This notice solicits comments from the public on draft recommendations for providing contraception and screening for HIV infection. The updated draft recommendations are provided below. WPSI will consider and, as necessary, incorporate public comment. HRSA will then decide whether to support, in whole or in part, the recommended updates to the guidelines.

Contraception

ACOG, through the WPSI/MSC, made updates to the clinical recommendation statement to clarify the terminology from contraceptive methods to contraceptives. The Committee has also removed the term “female-controlled contraceptives” to allow women to purchase male condoms for pregnancy prevention. Lastly, the Committee has further defined the existing components of contraceptive follow-up care to include the management and evaluation of and changes to—including the removal, continuation, and discontinuation of—the contraceptive.

“The Women's Preventive Services Initiative recommends adolescent and adult women have access to the full range of contraceptives and contraceptive care to prevent unintended pregnancies and improve health outcomes. Contraceptive care includes screening, counseling, education, and provision of contraceptives (including in the immediate postpartum period). Contraceptive care also includes follow-up care (e.g., management and evaluation of and changes to, including, removal, continuation, discontinuation of, the contraceptive method).

The Women's Preventive Services Initiative recommends the full range of U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved contraceptives, effective family planning practices, and sterilization procedures be available as part of contraceptive care.

The full range of contraceptive methods currently identified by FDA include: (1)

Sterilization surgery for women, (2) implantable rods, (3) copper intrauterine devices, (4) intrauterine devices with progestin (all durations and doses), (5) injectable contraceptives, (6) oral contraceptives (combined pill), (7) oral contraceptives (progestin only), (8) oral contraceptives (extended or continuous use), (9) the contraceptive patch, (10) vaginal contraceptive rings, (11) diaphragms, (12) contraceptive sponges, (13) cervical caps, (14) condoms, (15) spermicides, (16) emergency contraception (levonorgestrel); and (17) emergency contraception (ulipristal acetate); additional methods as identified by the FDA.”

Screening for HIV Infection

ACOG, through the WPSI/MSC, has recommended minor updates to the screening for HIV infection recommendation statement to specify that screening should begin at age 15 and older, and that earlier detection should be based on a review of patient risk factors.

“The Women's Preventive Services Initiative recommends all women, ages 15 and older, receive a screening test for HIV at least once during their lifetime. Earlier or additional screening should be based on risk, and re-screening annually or more often may be appropriate beginning at age 13 for adolescents and women with an increased risk of HIV infection.

The Women's Preventive Services Initiative recommends risk assessment and prevention education for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection beginning at age 13 and continuing at least annually throughout the lifespan as determined by risk. A screening test for HIV is recommended for all pregnant women upon initiation of prenatal care with rescreening during pregnancy based on risk factors. Rapid HIV testing is recommended for pregnant women who present in labor with an undocumented HIV status.”

Members of the public can view each complete updated draft recommendation statement by accessing the initiative's web page at <https://www.womenspreventivehealth.org/>.

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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

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 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; NIAID Research Education Program Advancing the Careers of a Diverse Research Workforce (R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed).

Date: November 19, 2021.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3G31, Rockville, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: James T. Snyder, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3G31, Rockville, MD 20892-9834, (240) 669-5060, james.snyder@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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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

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would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Member Conflict: Retinopathies and Other Eye Diseases.

Date: November 19, 2021.

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Alessandra C. Rovescalli, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, National Institutes of Health, Center for Scientific Review, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Rm. 5205 MSC7846, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1021, rovescalia@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Special Topics in Aging: Diet, Immune Response, Juvenile Protective Factors, Cognition, Dementia, and Outcomes on Aging.

Date: November 29, 2021.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Samuel C. Edwards, Ph.D., Chief, BDCN IRG, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5210, MSC 7846, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1246, edwardss@csr.nih.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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National Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (Committee) and its Working Groups will meet in Piney Point, MD, to discuss issues relating to personnel in the United States Merchant Marine including the training, qualifications,

certification, documentation, and fitness of mariners.

DATES:

Meetings: The National Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee and its Working Groups are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 17, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and the full Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, November 18, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. These meetings may adjourn early if the Committee has completed its business.

Comments and supporting documentation: To ensure your comments are received by Committee members before the meetings, submit your written comments no later than November 4, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship at 45353 Saint Georges Avenue Piney Point, MD 20674; additional information can be found at: <https://www.seafarers.org/training-and-careers/jobs/the-seafarers-harry-lundeberg-school-of-seamanship/>.

Pre-registration Information: Pre-registration is required for in-person access to the meeting, but is not required for anyone attending via teleconference. In-person attendance to the meeting will be limited to the first 49 registrants, with priority for members of the Committee and Coast Guard support staff. If you are not a member of the Committee and do not represent the Coast Guard, you must request in-person attendance by contacting the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. You will receive a response noting if you are able to attend in-person or if the in-person attendance roster is full. Additionally, the N-MERPAC mailing list will receive a notification when the in-person attendance roster is full.

Attendees at the meeting will be required to follow COVID-19 safety guidelines promulgated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which may include the need to wear masks and by completing Certification of Vaccination Form OMB Control No. 3206-0277, or providing proof of vaccination. This form can be accessed at:

CertificationVaccinationPRAv7.pdf ([menlosecurity.com](https://www.dhs.gov/privacy-notice)). You may be asked to show this form when entering the facility. Please maintain this form during your visit. Masks will be provided for attendees. CDC guidance on COVID protocols can be found here: