

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2023-D-0466]

Clinical Considerations for Studies of Devices Intended To Treat Opioid Use Disorder; Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the availability of a final guidance entitled “Clinical Considerations for Studies of Devices Intended To Treat Opioid Use Disorder.” Design of clinical studies for devices intended to treat opioid use disorder (OUD) is challenging. To help spur innovative options to combat the opioid overdose crisis and treat OUD, this guidance provides recommendations on the design of pivotal clinical studies for devices intended to treat OUD (OUD device studies). Through these recommendations, FDA intends to aid sponsors in developing OUD device studies that provide scientific evidence used to determine whether there is a reasonable assurance of safety and effectiveness for treating OUD.

DATES: The announcement of the guidance is published in the **Federal Register** on July 11, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit either electronic or written comments on Agency guidances at any time as follows:

Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else’s Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your

comments, that information will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

- If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see “Written/Paper Submissions” and “Instructions”).

Written/Paper Submissions

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions):* Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in “Instructions.”

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2023-D-0466 for “Clinical Considerations for Studies of Devices Intended To Treat Opioid Use Disorder.” Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as “Confidential Submissions,” publicly viewable at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 240-402-7500.

- **Confidential Submissions—**To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states “THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.” The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit both copies to the Dockets Management Staff. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as “confidential.” Any information marked as “confidential” will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA’s posting

of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>

and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the “Search” box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, 240-402-7500.

You may submit comments on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)).

An electronic copy of the guidance document is available for download from the internet. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for information on electronic access to the guidance. Submit written requests for a single hard copy of the guidance document entitled “Clinical Considerations for Studies of Devices Intended To Treat Opioid Use Disorder” to the Office of Policy, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. 5431, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Megha Reddy, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. 2568, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 240-402-2980.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

FDA recognizes the value of medical device innovation to address unmet clinical needs arising from the opioid public health emergency in the United States. FDA’s Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) encourages development of innovative options to combat the opioid overdose crisis. To help spur innovative options to combat the opioid overdose crisis and treat OUD, this guidance provides recommendations on the design of pivotal OUD device studies. Through these recommendations, FDA intends to aid sponsors in developing OUD device studies that provide scientific evidence used to determine whether there is a reasonable assurance of safety and effectiveness for treating OUD. Because of the complexity of OUD, there are many challenges in designing OUD device studies. These challenges

include inaccurate participant reports of drug use, high rates of missing data, the confounding effects of concomitant drug treatments, and the need to demonstrate the durability of the device’s treatment effect, which can necessitate prolonged observation.

A notice of availability of the draft guidance appeared in the **Federal Register** of July 28, 2023 (88 FR 48888). FDA considered comments received and has made some minor edits for clarity.

This guidance is being issued consistent with FDA’s good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The guidance represents the current thinking of FDA on Clinical Considerations for Studies of Devices Intended To Treat Opioid Use Disorder. It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the

public. You can use an alternative approach if it satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

II. Electronic Access

Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the guidance may do so by downloading an electronic copy from the internet. A search capability for all CDRH guidance documents is available at <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/device-advice-comprehensive-regulatory-assistance/guidance-documents-medical-devices-and-radiation-emitting-products>. This guidance document is also available at <https://www.regulations.gov> and <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents>. Persons unable to download an electronic copy of “Clinical

Considerations for Studies of Devices Intended To Treat Opioid Use Disorder” may send an email request to CDRH-Guidance@fda.hhs.gov to receive an electronic copy of the document. Please use the document number GUI00019017 and complete title to identify the guidance you are requesting.

III. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

While this guidance contains no new collection of information, it does refer to previously approved FDA collections of information. The previously approved collections of information are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521). The collections of information in the following table have been approved by OMB:

21 CFR part; guidance; or FDA form	Topic	OMB control No.
807, subpart E	Premarket notification	0910–0120
814, subparts A through E	Premarket approval	0910–0231
“Requests for Feedback and Meetings for Medical Device Submissions: The Q-Submission Program”.	Q-submissions and Early Payor Feedback Request Programs for Medical Devices.	0910–0756
860, subpart D	De Novo classification process	0910–0844

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel, Clinical Trials and Comparative Effectiveness Research in Neurology, July 09, 2024, 09:00 a.m. to July 10, 2024, 02:00 p.m., National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852 which was published in the **Federal Register** on June 13, 2024, FR Doc. 2024–13021, 89 FR 50347.

This notice is being amended to change the dates of this two-day meeting from July 9, 2024, and July 10, 2024, to July 29, 2024, and July 30, 2024. The meeting time remains the same. The meeting is closed to the public.

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National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel, Early Phase Clinical Trials in Neurology, July 10, 2024, 02:00 p.m. to July 10, 2024, 05:00 p.m., National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852, which was published in the **Federal Register** on June 13, 2024, FR Doc. 2024–13021, 89 FR 50347.

This notice is being amended to change the date of this one-day meeting from July 10, 2024, to July 30, 2024. The meeting time remains the same. The meeting is closed to the public.

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National Institutes of Health

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

Pursuant to section 1009 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 contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, 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; Vaccine (and Other