



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2015-N-3805]

Clinical Trials--Assessing Safety and Efficacy for Diverse Populations; Public Meeting; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), in collaboration with the Johns Hopkins Center of Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation, is announcing a public workshop entitled “Clinical Trials--Assessing Safety and Efficacy in Diverse Populations.” The purpose of the meeting is to discuss approaches in clinical trial design and subgroup analyses for therapeutic product development and life-cycle management.

DATES: The meeting will be held on December 2, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the FDA White Oak Campus, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 31 Conference Center, the Great Room (rm. 1503), Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002. Entrance for the public meeting participants (non-FDA employees) is through Building 1 where routine security check procedures will be performed. For parking and security information, please refer to

<http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/WorkingatFDA/BuildingsandFacilities/WhiteOakCampusInformation/ucm241740.htm>.

You may submit comments as follows:

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Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2015-N-3805 for Clinical Trials--Assessing Safety and Efficacy for Diverse Populations; Public Meeting; Request for Comments. Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as "Confidential Submissions," publicly viewable at <http://www.regulations.gov> or at the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to <http://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 Division of Dockets Management, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this public workshop is to facilitate a unique opportunity for relevant stakeholders, including industry, academia, patients, and FDA, to discuss the importance of diversity in medical research and the incorporation of participant diversity in the design, analysis, and regulation of medical interventions. Medical interventions may have different benefits and harms for subgroups within a population. If clinical trials do not include an adequate number of participants who are representative of people likely to use an approved intervention, then the average results of clinical trials might not be replicated in practice. Even if clinical trials include representative participants, important subgroup differences might not be detectable if their representation is not adequate. For these reasons, regulators might use a combination of information from clinical trials and other data sources to address questions about heterogeneity across large and diverse populations. The use of data from patients in their usual care setting (“real-world” data) may be particularly valuable for understanding this heterogeneity.

Agenda: The agenda is located at: <http://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/center-of-excellence-in-regulatory-science-and-innovation/news-and-events/clinical->

trials-assessing-safety-and-efficacy-for-diverse-population.html. FDA has verified the Web site addresses throughout this notice, but FDA is not responsible for subsequent changes to the web sites after this document publishes in the Federal Register).

Registration: There is no registration fee to attend this meeting. Seats are limited, and registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, please complete registration online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ClinicalTrialsWorkshop120215>.

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Accommodations: Attendees are responsible for their own hotel accommodations. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Jill Zung at Jill.Zung@fda.hhs.gov at least 7 days in advance.

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Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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