

The Committee will consider blood product shortages. On April 27, 1998 the committee will review information presented to it by representatives of consumers, industry and government agencies. At the conclusion of these presentations, the public will be invited to comment. Following these presentations, the Committee will consider what, if any, recommendations to make to the Department on this matter.

Prospective speakers should notify the Executive Secretary of their desire to address the Committee and should plan for no more than 5 minutes of comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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#### Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 639-7090. Send written comments to CDC, Desk Officer; Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235; Washington, DC 20503. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

#### Proposed Projects

1. *National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey*—(0920-0278)—Extension—The National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS) has been conducted annually since 1992 by the Division of Health Care Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, CDC. The

NHAMCS is the principal source of data on the approximately 158 million visits to hospital emergency and outpatient departments and is the only source of nationally representative estimates on the demographic characteristics of outpatients, diagnoses, diagnostic services, medication therapy, and the patterns of use of care in hospitals which differ in size, location, and ownership. Additionally, the NHAMCS is the only source of national estimates on non-fatal causes of injury in the emergency department.

These data complement the data on visits to non-Federal physicians in office-based practices collected through the NHAMCS (0920-0234), together providing data on approximately 90 percent of the ambulatory care provided in the U.S. Data collected through the NHAMCS are essential for the planning of health services, for improving medical education, determining health care work force needs and assessing the health status of the population. Users of NHAMCS data include, but are not limited to, congressional offices, Federal agencies such as NIH, various private associations such as the American Heart Association, as well as universities and state health departments. Total annual burden hours are 7,062.

Form name	No. of respondents	No. of responses/ respondent	Avg. burden/ response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
Hospital-Induction (NHAMCS-101):				
Noneligible .....	50	1	0.25	13
Eligible .....	440	1	1	440
Ambulatory Unit Induction (ED) (NHAMCS-101/U) .....	425	1	1	425
Ambulatory Unit Induction (OPD) (NHAMCS-101/U) .....	275	4	1	1100
ED Patient Record form .....	425	50	0.06666	1,417
OPD Patient Record form .....	275	200	0.066666	3,667

2. *National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey*—(0920-0234)—Extension—The National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) was conducted annually from 1973 to 1981, again in 1985, and resumed as an annual survey in 1989. It is directed by the Division of Health Care Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, CDC. The purpose of NAMCS is to meet the needs and demands for statistical information about the provision of ambulatory medical care services in the United States. Ambulatory services are rendered in a wide variety of settings, including physicians' offices and hospital outpatient and emergency departments. The NAMCS target population consists of all office visits within the United States made by ambulatory patients to non-Federal

office-based physicians (excluding those in the specialties of anesthesiology, radiology, and pathology) who are engaged in direct patient care. The complement portion of data collection consists of the remaining physicians in the AMA and AOA files; that is, physicians who AMA and AOA classify as being federally employed, or in the three specialties excluded from the traditional NAMCS, or as not spending the majority of their professional time in office-based practice. Since more than 80 percent of all direct ambulatory medical care visits occur in physicians' offices, the NAMCS provides data on the majority of ambulatory medical care services. To complement these data, in 1992 NCHS initiated the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS, OMB No. 0920-

0278) to provide data concerning patient visits to hospital outpatient and emergency departments. The NAMCS, together with the NHAMCS constitute the ambulatory component of the National Health Care Survey (NHCS), and will provide coverage of more than 90 percent of ambulatory medical care.

The NAMCS provides a range of baseline data on the characteristics of the users and providers of ambulatory medical care. Data collected include the patients' demographic characteristics and medical problems, and the physicians' diagnostic services, therapeutic prescriptions and disposition decisions. These data, together with trend data, may be used to monitor the effects of change in the health care system, provide new insights into ambulatory medical care,

and stimulate further research on the use, organization, and delivery of ambulatory care.

Users of NAMCS data include congressional and other Federal government agencies (e.g. NIMH, NIAAA, NCI, HRSA), State and local

governments, medical schools, schools of public health, colleges and universities, private businesses, nonprofit foundations and corporations, professional associations, as well as individual practitioners, researchers, administrators and health planners.

Users vary from the inclusion of a few selected statistics in a large research effort, to an in-depth analysis of the entire NAMCS data set covering several years. Total annual burden hours are 3,350.

Form name	No. of respondents	No. of responses/ respondent	Avg. burden/ response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
NAMCS:				
Induction .....	2,500	1	0.25	625
Patient Record .....	2,500	30	0.0333	2,500
COMPLEMENT:				
Induction .....	500	1	0.25	125
Patient Record .....	100	30	0.0333	100

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting:

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Safety and Occupational Health Study Section (SOHSS) Second Task Group Session.

*Time and Date:* 1 p.m.-3 p.m., April 15, 1998.

*Place:* NIOSH Grants Office, Prete Building, Room B229, 040 University Avenue, Morgantown, West Virginia, 26505, telephone 304/285-6047.

*Status:* Open: 1 p.m.-1:15 p.m., April 15, 1998; Closed: 1:15 p.m.-3 p.m., April 15, 1998.

*Purpose:* The SOHSS Task Group Second Session will review, discuss, and evaluate grant application(s) in response to the Institute's standard grants review and funding cycles pertaining to research issues in occupational safety and health and allied areas and announcement number 807 entitled, "Mining Occupational Safety and Health Research Grants."

It is the intent of NIOSH to support broad-based research endeavors to keep within the Institute's program goals which will lead to improved understanding and appreciation for

the magnitude of the aggregate health burden associated with occupational injuries and illnesses, as well as, to support more focused research projects that will lead to improvements in the delivery of occupational safety and health services and the prevention of work-related injury and illness. It is anticipated that research funded will promote the program goals.

*Matters To Be Discussed:* Agenda items include welcome and introductions of the SOHSS Task Group instructions, and review of applications. Beginning at 1:15 p.m., through 3 p.m., April 15, the Task Group will meet to consider safety and occupational health related grant applications. This portion of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(4) and (6), title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Associate Director for Management and Operations, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

*Contact Person for More Information:* Pervis C. Major, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Coordination and Special Projects, Office of the Director, NIOSH, 1095 Willowdale Road, Morgantown, West Virginia 26505, telephone 304/285-5979.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis: Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act

(Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following council meeting.

*Name:* Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (ACET).

*Times and Dates:* 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., April 14, 1998; 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., April 15, 1998.

*Place:* Corporate Square Office Park, Corporate Square Boulevard, Building 11, Room 1413, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

*Status:* Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

*Purpose:* This council advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Director, CDC, regarding the elimination of tuberculosis. Specifically, the council makes recommendations regarding policies, strategies, objectives, and priorities; addresses the development and application of new technologies; and reviews the extent to which progress has been made toward eliminating tuberculosis.

*Matters to be Discussed:* Agenda items include development of new vaccines for TB; discussions on the 1997 TB surveillance report; TB treatment and preventive therapy; prevention activities around global TB; and developing long term priorities for TB elimination. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

*Contact Person for More Information:* Beth Wolfe, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, M/S E-07, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/639-8008.

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