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## II. Criteria for Members

Persons nominated for membership as a consumer representative on this Committee should meet the following criteria: (1) Demonstrate ties to consumer and community-based organizations, (2) be able to analyze technical data, (3) understand research design, (4) discuss benefits and risks, and (5) evaluate the safety and efficacy of products under review. The consumer representative should be able to represent the consumer perspective on issues and actions before the Committee; serve as a liaison between the Committee and interested consumers, associations, coalitions, and consumer organizations; and facilitate dialogue with the Committees on scientific issues that affect consumers.

## III. Selection Procedures

Selection of members representing consumer interests is conducted through procedures that include the use of organizations representing the public interest and public advocacy groups. These organizations recommend nominees for the Agency's selection. Representatives from the consumer health branches of Federal, State, and local governments also may participate in the selection process. Any consumer organization interested in participating in the selection of an appropriate voting member to represent consumer interests must send a letter stating that interest to FDA (see **ADDRESSES**) within 30 days of publication of this document.

Within the subsequent 30 days, FDA will compile a list of consumer organizations that will participate in the selection process and will forward to each such organization a ballot listing three to five qualified nominees selected by the Agency based on the nominations received, together with each nominee's current curriculum vitae or resume. Ballots are to be filled out and returned to FDA within 30 days. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes ordinarily will be selected to serve as the member representing consumer interests for that particular advisory committee.

## IV. Nomination Procedures

Any interested person or organization may nominate one or more qualified individuals to represent consumer interests on the Committee. Self-

nominations are also accepted. Nominations should include a cover letter; a current, complete resume or curriculum vitae for each nominee, including a current business and/or home address, telephone number, and email address if available; and a list of consumer or community-based organizations for which the candidate can demonstrate active participation. Nominations should also specify the advisory committee for which the nominee is recommended. In addition, nominations should also acknowledge that the nominee is aware of the nomination, unless self-nominated. FDA will ask potential candidates to provide detailed information concerning such matters related to financial holdings, employment, and research grants and/or contracts to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflicts of interest. Members will be invited to serve for terms up to 4 years.

FDA will review all nominations received within the specified timeframes and prepare a ballot containing the names of three to five qualified nominees. Names not selected will remain on a list of eligible nominees and be reviewed periodically by FDA to determine continued interest. Upon selecting qualified nominees for the ballot, FDA will provide those consumer organizations that are participating in the selection process with the opportunity to vote on the listed nominees. Only organizations vote in the selection process. Persons who nominate themselves to serve as voting consumer representatives will not participate in the selection process.

This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2) and 21 CFR part 14, relating to advisory committees.

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**Jill Hartzler Warner,**

*Associate Commissioner for Special Medical Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2015-N-3224]

### Request for Nominations for Voting Members for the Patient Engagement Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requesting nominations for members to serve on the Patient Engagement Advisory Committee (the Committee), Office of the Center Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health.

FDA seeks to include the views of women and men, members of all racial and ethnic groups, and individuals with and without disabilities on its advisory committees and, therefore, encourages nominations of appropriately qualified candidates from these groups.

**DATES:** Nominations received by November 20, 2015, will be given first consideration for membership on the Committee. Nominations received after November 20, 2015, will be considered for nomination to the Committee as later vacancies occur.

**ADDRESSES:** All nominations for membership should be sent electronically by logging into the FDA Advisory Committee Membership Nomination Portal: <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/FACTRSPortal/FACTRS/index.cfm>, by mail to Advisory Committee Oversight and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 32, Rm. 5103, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, or by FAX: 301-847-8640. Information about becoming a member on an FDA advisory committee can also be obtained by visiting FDA's Web site at <http://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/default.htm>

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Letise Williams, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. 5441, 301-796-8398, FAX: 301-847-8510, [Letise.Williams@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Letise.Williams@fda.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FDA is requesting nominations for voting members for the Committee.

Elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, FDA is publishing separate documents regarding:

1. Patient Engagement Advisory Committee; Notice of Establishment.
2. Request for Nominations of Individuals and Industry Organizations for the Patient Engagement Advisory Committee.
3. Request for Nominations of Individuals and Consumer Organizations for the Patient Engagement Advisory Committee.

### I. General Description of the Committee's Duties

The Committee provides advice on complex issues relating to medical devices, the regulation of devices, and their use by patients. Agency guidance

and policies, clinical trial or registry design, patient preference study design, benefit-risk determinations, device labeling, unmet clinical needs, available alternatives, patient reported outcomes and device-related quality of life or health status issues are among the topics that may be considered by the Committee. Members are knowledgeable in areas such as clinical research, primary care patient experience, healthcare needs of patient groups in the United States, or are experienced in the work of patient and health professional organizations, methodologies for eliciting patient preferences, and strategies for communicating benefits, risks, and clinical outcomes to patients and research subjects.

## II. Criteria for Voting Members

The Committee consists of a core of nine voting members including the Chair. Members and the Chair are selected by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs or designee from among authorities who are knowledgeable in areas such as clinical research, primary care patient experience, healthcare needs of patient groups in the United States, or are experienced in the work of patient and health professional organizations, methodologies for eliciting patient preferences, and strategies for communicating benefits, risks, and clinical outcomes to patients and research subjects. Members will be invited to serve for overlapping terms of up to 4 years. Prospective members should also have an understanding of the broad spectrum of patients in a particular disease area. Almost all non-Federal members of this Committee serve as Special Government Employees.

## III. Nomination Procedures

Any interested person may nominate one or more qualified individuals for membership on the Committee. Self-nominations are also accepted. Nominations should include a cover letter; a current, complete resume or curriculum vitae for each nominee, including a current business and/or home address, telephone number, and email address if available; and should specify the advisory committee for which the nominee is recommended. Nominations should also acknowledge that the nominee is aware of the nomination, unless self-nominated. FDA will ask potential candidates to provide detailed information concerning such matters related to financial holdings, employment, and research grants and/or contracts to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflicts of interest.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2015-N-3173]

### Request for Nominations of Individuals and Industry Organizations for the Patient Engagement Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requesting industry organizations interested in participating in the selection of a pool of nonvoting industry representatives to serve as temporary nonvoting members on the Patient Engagement Advisory Committee (the Committee) for the Center for Devices and Radiological Health notify FDA in writing. FDA is also requesting nominations for temporary nonvoting industry representatives to be included in a pool of individuals to serve on the Committee. Nominees recommended to serve as a temporary nonvoting industry representative may either be self-nominated or nominated by an industry organization. This position may be filled by representatives of different medical device areas based on areas of expertise relevant to the topics being considered by the Committee. Nominations will be accepted for current vacancies effective with this notice.

FDA seeks to include the views of women and men, members of all racial and ethnic groups, and individuals with and without disabilities on its advisory committees and, therefore encourages nominations of appropriately qualified candidates from these groups.

**DATES:** Any industry organization interested in participating in the selection of an appropriate nonvoting member to represent industry interest, must send a letter stating that interest to FDA by *October 21, 2015*, (see sections I and II of this document for details). Concurrently, nomination materials for prospective candidates should be sent to FDA by *October 21, 2015*.

**ADDRESSES:** All statements of interest from interested industry organizations interested in participating in the selection process should be sent electronically to Margaret Ames (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). All nominations for nonvoting industry representatives may be submitted electronically by accessing the FDA Advisory Committee Membership Nomination Portal: <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/FACTRSPortal/FACTRS/index.cfm>, by mail to Advisory Committee Oversight and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 32, Rm. 5103, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, or FAX: 301-847-8640. Information about becoming a member on an FDA advisory committee can also be obtained by visiting FDA's Web site at <http://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/default.htm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *For questions relating to participation in the selection process:* Margaret Ames, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. 5234, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 301-796-5960, FAX: 301-847-8510, [margaret.ames@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:margaret.ames@fda.hhs.gov).

*For questions relating to the Committee:* Letise Williams, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. 5441, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 301-796-8398, [letise.williams@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:letise.williams@fda.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FDA is requesting nominations for a pool of nonvoting industry representatives for the Committee (this position may be filled by representatives of different medical device areas based on areas of expertise relevant to the topics being considered by the Committee).

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