

Proposed Project

1. Validity of Recall of Prostate and Colorectal Cancer Screening Tests—New—The National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Division of Cancer Prevention and Control. Prostate and colorectal cancer are among the leading causes of cancer deaths in the U.S. Prostate cancer screening has increased rapidly during the past few years although it is unknown whether screening decreases prostate cancer mortality and conflicting screening

guidelines exist. Evidence suggests that colorectal cancer screening can save lives and efforts are under way to increase participation in screening. An increasing number of people are served by managed care organizations where they may receive cancer screening tests. However, for both types of cancer little screening information is available on screening guidelines for practitioners of managed care organizations (HMOs). Therefore, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Cancer

Prevention and Control, intends to conduct a pilot survey of HMOs to obtain information on the validity of recall on prostate and colorectal cancer screening tests. Members of three prepaid health plans (HMO's) will be interviewed by telephone, and medical records will be abstracted. Information from this pilot study will allow the Program to explore whether screening rates can be determined from self-reports and whether future studies are warranted. The total annual burden hours are 573.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses/ respondent	Average burden/ respondent (in hrs.)
HMOs	2,293	1	0.25

2. Evaluation of the Use of Data Transmitted Through the National Electronic Telecommunications System for Surveillance (NETSS)—New—Epidemiology Program Office (EPO). A questionnaire has been designed to collect information for the project entitled: "Evaluation of the Use of Data Transmitted Through the National Electronic Telecommunications System for Surveillance (NETSS)". The purpose of the project is to develop and implement a comprehensive evaluation strategy which will provide EPO, and

the National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with the capacity to assess the degree to which data processed locally and at CDC after transmission through NETSS is used by State and Local Health Departments. This evaluation will encompass: (1) Dissemination of processed data, (2) Access to disseminated data, and (3) Use of accessed data for analysis by State and Local health authorities. The information gathered will be analyzed, in conjunction with data collected from

other sources, to address these issues. The results of the project will assist the EPO, and NCID in carrying out CDC's mission of protecting the health of the United States public, through improved use of surveillance data by public health officials at local, state, and national levels. In order to focus efforts and resource allocation, a clear understanding of the barriers to access and use of NETSS data is needed. The total annual burden hours are 129.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses/ respondent	Average burden/ respondent (in hrs.)
State and Territorial Epidemiologists	56	1	0.25
CDC Program Staff who work with NETSS	40	0.25
State Infectious Disease Control Staff who work with NETSS	42	1	1.5
State and Local Health Departments who work with VPD* from NETSS	28	1	1.5

* vaccine-preventable diseases

Dated: March 11, 1999.

Nancy Cheal,

Acting Associate Director for Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 99018]

Water Intervention Studies To Determine the Fraction of Gastrointestinal Illness Attributable to Drinking Water; Notice of Availability of Funds; Amendment

A notice announcing the availability of Fiscal Year 1999 funds for the Water Intervention Studies to Determine the Fraction of Gastrointestinal Illness Attributable to Drinking Water was published in the **Federal Register** on

March 8, 1999, [Vol. 64 FR No. 44]. The notice is amended as follows:

On page 11025, second column, under "C. Availability of Funds", the first paragraph should read:

Approximately \$1,800,000 is available in FY 1999 to fund approximately two awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$900,000 ranging from \$900,000 to \$1,800,000. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about August 15, 1999, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to two years. The funding estimate may change.

Dated: March 10, 1999.

John L. Williams,

*Director, Procurement and Grants Office,
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention (CDC)**

**Office of the Director, National Center
for HIV, STD and TB Prevention of the
Center for Disease Control and
Prevention (CDC), Announces the
Following Meeting**

Name: Consultation Meeting to discuss the revision of the U.S. Public Health Service recommendations for human immunodeficiency virus counseling and voluntary testing for pregnant women [MMWR 1995; 44 (No. RR-7)].

Times and Dates: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., April 26, 1999; 8 a.m.-3 p.m., April 27, 1999.

Place: Atlanta Marriot Marquis Hotel, 265 Peachtree Center Ave., Atlanta, GA 30303, telephone 404/521-0000.

Status: Attendees will include invited experts in the area of perinatal transmission of HIV; legal issues; behavioral science; and ethicists from both public and private organizations; representing public health; medical professionals; advocacy groups; patient populations; persons with HIV/AIDS; and maternal and child health groups. The meeting is open to the public, limited only by space available. The meeting room will accommodate approximately 70 people.

Purpose: Attendees will discuss the potential revisions to the U.S. Public Health Service recommendations for human immunodeficiency virus counseling and voluntary testing for pregnant women. [MMWR 1995; 44 (No. RR-7)].

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items include discussion of the recent report issued by the National Research Council, Institute of Medicine, "Reducing the Odds, Preventing Perinatal Transmission of HIV in the United States".

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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The Director, Management Analysis and Services office has been delegated

the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Carolyn J. Russell,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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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 (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings 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: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1-SSS-2 (5).

Date: March 16-17, 1999.

Time: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: St. James Hotel, 950 24th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Jean D. Sipe, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5152, MSC 7842, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1743.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1-(06)-(01).

Date: March 18-19, 1999.

Time: 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda Holiday Inn, Versailles III, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Sami A. Mayyasi, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for

Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5112, MSC 7852, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1169.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: March 18, 1999.

Time: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Washington, National Airport Hilton, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Contact Person: Everett E. Sinnett, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4120, MSC 7818, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1016, ev._sinnett@nih.gov.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: March 18, 1999.

Time: 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hotel Sofitel, 1914 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Contact Person: Zakir Bengali, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5150, MSC 7842, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1742.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: March 19, 1999.

Time: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Contact Person: Mohindar Poonian PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5110, MSC 7852, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1168, poonianm@drg.nih.gov.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG-1 VACC (02).

Date: March 19, 1999.

Time: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Chevy Chase, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Contact Person: Mary Clare Walker, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of