

Panel	Date(s)	Location
Immunology	June 9, 2011	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.
Infectious Diseases-A	June 9, 2011	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.
Cardiovascular Studies	June 10, 2011	Crowne Plaza DC/Silver Spring.
Neurobiology-D	June 10, 2011	Crowne Plaza DC/Silver Spring.
Clinical Research Program	June 13, 2011	VA Central Office.*
Gastroenterology	June 13, 2011	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.

The addresses of the hotels and VA Central Office are:
 Plaza Washington DC/Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD.
 Hamilton Crowne Plaza, 1001-14th Street, NW., Washington, DC.
 L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC.
 * VA Central Office, 131 M Street, NE., Washington, DC.
 * Teleconference.

The purpose of the Merit Review Board is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review consideration. Proposals submitted for review by the Board involve a wide range of medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral and clinical science research.

The panel meetings will be open to the public for approximately one hour at the start of each meeting to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of each panel meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal research proposals.

The closed portion of each meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. During this portion of each meeting, discussion and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, as well as research information, the premature disclosure of which could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research proposals.

As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended, closing portions of these panel meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B). Those who plan to attend or would like to obtain a copy of minutes of the panel meetings and rosters of the members of the panels should contact

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By Direction of the Secretary.

William F. Russo,

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Clinical Science Research and Development Service Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Clinical Science Research and Development Service Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee will be held on April 25, 2011, at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 1150 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

The Committee advises the Chief Research and Development Officer through the Director of the Clinical Science Research and Development Service on the relevance and feasibility of proposed projects and the scientific validity and propriety of technical

details, including protection of human subjects.

The session will be open to the public for approximately 30 minutes at the start of the meeting for the discussion of administrative matters and the general status of the program. The remaining portion of the meeting will be closed to the public for the Committee's review, discussion and evaluation of research and development applications.

During the closed portion of the meeting, discussions and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, staff and consultant critiques of research proposals and similar documents and the medical records of patients who are study subjects, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As provided by section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended, closing portions of this meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (c)(9)(B).

Those who plan to attend should contact Dr. Grant Huang, Deputy Director, Cooperative Studies Program (125), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, or e-mail at grant.huang@va.gov or phone at (202) 443-5600.

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