

chronically infected with hepatitis B virus. Each year, there are approximately 8,000–10,000 hepatitis C virus infection related deaths and 3,000–5,000 hepatitis B virus infection related deaths.

Current surveillance activities are not designed to monitor long-term outcomes and merely report diagnosed cases of hepatitis B and hepatitis C virus infections. In order to investigate long-term effects of new therapies for chronic viral hepatitis B and C infections, we need longitudinal observational cohorts of persons chronically infected with hepatitis B and/or C virus. Information from longitudinal cohorts of patients with chronic hepatitis B and C virus infection will provide an understanding of the spectrum and natural history and, the public health impact of chronic hepatitis disease.

The proposed project will establish a longitudinal observational cohort of patients with chronic viral hepatitis in one or more clinical centers. A patient behavior questionnaire will be included with the clinical information that physicians routinely collect when evaluating and examining a patient (*i.e.* during physician-patient interactions). The information linking behaviors with the clinical information from this longitudinal study will enable better care and management of persons with chronic hepatitis B and C virus infections and reduce hepatitis-related mortality.

The total annual burden for this project is expected to be 500 hours. The information to be collected in the patient behavior questionnaire includes demographic data, alcohol or drug use, access to care, quality of life, and

adherence to prescribed therapy, which is essential in order to be able to correctly interpret clinical outcomes data. These data will be used to describe the spectrum and natural history of disease associated with chronic hepatitis B and C virus infection, to determine the extent of health burden and mortality related to chronic viral hepatitis, describe the characteristics of persons in care for chronic viral hepatitis infection, describe access to and effectiveness of recommended preventive and therapeutic interventions, and evaluate ongoing risk behaviors and their impact on health outcomes.

Participation in this data collection is voluntary and there is no cost to respondents other than their time.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Patients with chronic hepatitis B or C virus infection	1000	1	30/60	500

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Centers: FY08 Special Interest Project Competitive Supplements, Program Announcement Number (PA) DP 08-002

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 aforementioned meeting:

Time and Dates: 8 a.m.–5 p.m., July 9, 2008 (Closed). 8 a.m.–5 p.m., July 10, 2008 (Closed).

Place: Teleconference.

Status: 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 Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

Matters to be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to “Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Centers: FY08 Special Interest Project Competitive Supplements, PA DP 08-002.”

Contact Person for More Information: K. Ann Berry, Senior Scientist, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop E20, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone (404) 498-2503.

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 CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: June 16, 2008.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Spina Bifida Patient Registry Demonstration Project (U01), Program Announcement Number (PA) DP 08-001

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 aforementioned meeting.

Time and Date: 8 a.m.–5 p.m., July 10, 2008 (Closed).

Place: Grand Hyatt Atlanta, 3300 Peachtree Road, NE., Atlanta, GA 30305, Telephone: (404) 237-1234.

Status: 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 Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

Matters To Be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to “Spina Bifida Patient Registry Demonstration Project (U01), PA DP 08-001.”

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control Initial Review Group

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) announce the following teleconference meeting:

Name: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), Initial Review Group (IRG).

Times and Date: 1 p.m.-1:30 p.m., July 11, 2008 (Open); 1:30 p.m.-5 p.m., July 11, 2008 (Closed).

Place: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Chamblee Campus, Building 106, 4770 Buford Highway, Atlanta, Georgia 30341. Toll Free: 888-793-2154, Participant Passcode: 4424802.

Status: Portions of the meetings 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 Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463.

Purpose: This group is charged with providing advice and guidance to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, and the Director, CDC, concerning the scientific and technical merit of grant and cooperative agreement applications received from academic institutions and other public and private profit and nonprofit organizations, including State and local government agencies, to conduct specific injury research that focuses on prevention and control.

Matters to be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual research grant and cooperative agreement applications submitted in response to Fiscal Year 2008 Requests for Applications related to the following individual research announcement: RFA-EH-08-002, Program to Expand State or Territorial Public Health Laboratory Capacity for Newborn Bloodspot Screening to Include Severe Combined Immune Deficiency (SCID) (U01).

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person for More Information: Jane Suen, PhD, M.S., Executive Secretary, NCIPC IRG, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE., M/S F-62, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, telephone 770/488-4281.

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 CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control Initial Review Group

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) announce the following teleconference meeting:

Name: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) Initial Review Group (IRG).

Times And Date: 1 p.m.-1:30 p.m., July 8, 2008 (Open). 1:30 p.m.-6 p.m., July 8, 2008 (Closed).

Place: The teleconference will originate at CDC, Chamblee Campus, Building 106, 4770 Buford Highway, Atlanta, Georgia 30341. To participate, dial (888) 793-2154, and enter passcode: 4424802.

Status: Portions of the meetings 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 Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463.

Purpose: This group is charged with providing advice and guidance to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, and the Director, CDC, concerning the scientific and technical merit of grant and cooperative agreement applications received from academic institutions and other public and private profit and nonprofit organizations, including State and local government agencies, to conduct specific injury research that focuses on prevention and control.

Matters to be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual research grant and cooperative agreement applications submitted in response to Fiscal Year 2008 Requests for Applications related to the following individual research announcement:

“Elimination of Health Disparities Through Translation Research (R18), Request for Application (RFA) CD08-001 for the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control Applications.”

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person for More Information: Jane Suen, PhD, M.S., Executive Secretary, NCIPC IRG, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE., M/S F-62, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, telephone 770/488-4281.

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 CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: June 16, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control Initial Review Group

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) announce the following meeting:

Name: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) Initial Review Group (IRG).

Times and Date: 9 a.m.-9:30 a.m., July 9, 2008 (Open); 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., July 9, 2008 (Closed).

Place: Doubletree Hotel Atlanta-Buckhead, 3342 Peachtree Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30326, Telephone: 404-231-1234.

Status: Portions of the meetings 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 Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463.

Purpose: This group is charged with providing advice and guidance to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, and the Director, CDC, concerning the scientific and technical merit of grant and cooperative agreement applications received from academic institutions and other public and private profit and nonprofit organizations, including State and local government agencies, to conduct