

**Meeting of the Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee  
October 20, 2005**

This is the final report of the Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 20, 2005. A verbatim transcript will be available in about 2 weeks, sent to the Division and posted on the FDA website at <http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/ac/cder05.html#NonprescriptionDrugs>

*On October 21, 2005, the committee met in closed session.*

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The Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee of the Food and Drug Administration, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, met on October 20, 2005, at the Holiday Inn Washington Silver Spring, The Ballrooms, 877 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. Alastair Wood, M.D. chaired the meeting. There were approximately 250 in attendance.

**Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee (voting):**

Alastair Wood, M.D. (Chair), Terrence F. Blaschke, M.D., Ernest B. Clyburn, M.D., Jack E. Fincham, Ph.D., Ruth M. Parker, M.D., Wayne R. Snodgrass, M.D., Ph.D., Robert E. Taylor, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.C.P., F.C.P., Mary E. Tinetti, M.D.

**Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee (absent)**

Neal Benowitz, M.D.

**Consultants (voting):**

Rolf Halden, Ph.D., Sonia Patten, Ph.D. [CR], James Omel, M.D., [PR],  
Matthew J. Arduino, M.S., Dr. P.H., Lead Biologist (CDC)

**Consultants (non-voting):**

Mark Hartman, Chief, Regulatory Management Branch II (EPA)

**Consultants Speaker (non-voting):**

Stuart Levy, MD

**Guest Speaker (non-voting):**

Allison E. Aiello, Ph.D., M.S.

**Industry Representative (non-voting):**

Read for the record: The Industry Representative for the NDAC committee recently resigned. That position being currently vacant, the center contacted and invited an Industry Representative who is a current member of a different CDER Advisory committee to participate in today's meeting. This Representative had agreed to attend however, an unexpected and last minute emergency has prevented attendance at this meeting. Thus, for today's meeting, we not have an Industry Representative.

**FDA Speakers:**

Susan S. Johnson, Ph.D., Collen Rogers, Ph.D., Steven Osborne, M.D.,

**FDA Participants:**

Charles Ganley, M.D., Susan S. Johnson, Ph.D., Collen Rogers, Ph.D., Steven Osborne, M.D., Debbie L. Lumpkins, John H. Powers, M.D., F.A.C.C.P., F.D.S.A.

**Open Public Hearing Speakers (October 20, 2005):**

Sally Bloomfield, M.D., Pfizer  
Lawton Seal, Healthpoint, LTD  
Denise Graham, Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc  
Howard Bochner, Veriden Corporation  
Donald A. Goldmann, M.D. Self-Interest  
Eugene C. Cole, DrPh, Self-Interest

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On October 20, 2005, the committees discussed the benefits and risks of antiseptic products marketed for consumer use (e.g., antibacterial hand-washes and body-washes). The discussion included topics such as; the efficacy of antiseptics intended for use by consumer, and potential risks to the individual and the general population from using these products.

Alastair Wood, M.D. (Committee Chair), called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The Committee members, consultants, and FDA participants introduced themselves. The conflict of interest statement was read into the record by Darrell Lyons B.S.N. The agenda proceeded as follows:

Welcome and Introductory Comments

Susan S. Johnson, Ph.D., Acting Director  
Division of Nonprescription Regulation Development  
Office of Nonprescription Products, CDER

**FDA Presentations:**

Regulatory History and Attributes  
of Consumer Antiseptic Drug Products

Colleen Rogers, Ph.D., Microbiologist  
Division of Nonprescription Regulation  
Development, ONP, CDER

Clinical Benefit of Consumer  
Antiseptics

Steven Osborne, M.D., Medical Officer  
Division of Nonprescription Clinical Evaluation  
ONP, CDER

Community-based Studies of  
Consumer Antiseptics

Allison E. Aiello, Ph.D., M.S., Assistant Professor  
Center for Social Epidemiology & Population Health  
Department of Epidemiology  
University of Michigan School of Public Health  
Ann Arbor, MI

The Potential for Antibiotic/  
Biocide Cross-resistance

Stuart B. Levy, M.D., Professor  
Department of Molecular Biology & Microbiology  
Tufts University School of Medicine  
Boston, MA

Secondary Routes of Exposure  
to Biocides

Rolf U. Halden, Ph.D., P.E., Assistant Professor  
Center for Water and Health  
Department of Environmental Health Sciences  
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health  
Baltimore, MD

EPA Regulatory Process for  
Antimicrobials

Mark Hartman, Branch Chief  
Regulatory Management Branch  
Antimicrobials Division  
Environmental Protection Agency

**Sponsor Presentations:**

Introduction

Elizabeth H. Anderson  
Associate General Counsel  
The Cosmetic, Toiletry, and Fragrance Association,  
Washington D.C.

Laboratory Studies: Resistance/  
Cross-resistance Development in  
Microcosm Communities

Peter Gilbert, B.Sc., Ph.D.  
Professor of Microbial Physiology  
School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences  
University of Manchester, UK

Environmental Safety of Active  
Pharmaceutical Ingredients

Dr. Richard Reiss  
Sciences International, Inc.

The Case for Infection Control  
Practices in Home and Community  
Setting

Elizabeth Scott, Ph.D.  
Co-director Simmons College Center for Hygiene  
and Health in Home and Community Settings  
Scientific board member of the International  
Forum on Home Hygiene

Role of Hand Hygiene in Preventing  
Transmission of Infectious Diseases

David Jay Weber, M.D., M.P.H.  
Medical Director, Hospital Epidemiology  
Professor of Medicine, Pediatrics & Epidemiology  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Importance of Fomites in the  
Transmission of Infectious Diseases

Charles P. Gerba  
Department of Soil, Water and Environmental  
Science and Epidemiology and Biostatistics University of  
Arizona, Tucson, AZ

**Open Public Hearing Presentations**

**Questions to the Committee:**

- 1. As drug products, should consumer antiseptics be expected to provide clinical benefit by reducing infection (vote)**  
Yes: 12  
No: 0  
Abstain: 0
- 2. Based on the information in the background materials and today's presentations, are there any populations, outside of the healthcare setting, in which consumer antiseptic use has been demonstrated to be more effective than use of plain soap in reducing infection rates? (vote)**

**If yes, please describe the population and the category of consumer antiseptic that provided benefit (e.g., antiseptic hand-wash, antiseptic body-wash, hand sanitizer).**

**If no, what criteria should be used to define a consumer population for which washing with plain soap and water, or other hygiene measures that do not involve antiseptic drug products, are inadequate to reduce infection risk?**

Yes: 1  
No: 11  
Abstain: 0

**Discussion:**

*The committee agreed that studies should be conducted on populations in which there was increased risk of/or transfer of infection (e.g., immune suppressed, diarrhea, upper respiratory infection) or co-morbidity. See transcript for further discussion.*

- 3. Earlier this year, NDAC met to discuss the efficacy criteria for healthcare antiseptic drug products and accepted clinical simulation testing as a surrogate for bacterial infection rate to measure efficacy of healthcare antiseptics. What type of studies/endpoints should be used to establish efficacy in populations that require consumer antiseptics?**

**Discussion:**

*See transcript for complete discussion.*

- 4. As with many drugs, the use of consumer antiseptics may be associated with a number of adverse consequences. The extent, to which these consequences are attributable to consumer antiseptics, and the importance of the consequences to public health, are varied. How should each of the following be factored into FDA's decisions about product regulation?**

- a. Application site consequences for the individual user (e.g., local Irritation, dryness).**

**Discussion:**

*The committee agreed consequences for the individual user (e.g., local irritation, dryness, etc.) is important but not life-threatening. The committee recommended using labeling to address these issues.*

- b. Systemic consequences for the individual user (e.g., incomplete immune system development, development of antibacterial resistance in the individual).**

**Discussion:**

*The committee agreed that to find evidence of harm would require long-term surveillance that would be very difficult to study and there would probably be funding issues.*

- c. Societal consequences associated with chronic exposure of the environment to consumer antiseptics (e.g., widespread development of antibacterial resistance, antiseptic impact on ecosystems, secondary exposure to humans).**

**Discussion:**

*The committee suggested that the FDA require studies of benefit of these products over and above alcohol base products and soap and water.*

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m. October 20, 2005.

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These summary minutes for the October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005 Meeting of the Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee the Food and Drug Administration were approved on November 1, 2005.

I certify that I attended the October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005, Meeting of the Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee of the Food and Drug Administration meeting and that these minutes accurately reflect what transpired.

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Darrell Lyons, B.S.N.  
Executive Secretary

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Alastair Wood, M.D.  
Chair