

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Meeting: Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetic Testing

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the sixth meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetic Testing (**SACGT**), U.S. Public Health Service. The meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on August 4, 2000 at the National Institutes of Health, Building 31, C Wing, Conference Room 6, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892. The meeting will be open to the public with attendance limited to space available.

The Committee will devote time to a discussion of topics presented at its June 5-7 meeting and plan a course of action for future projects. The Committee will also hear a report from a **SACGT** working group that will meet August 3 to develop a methodology for classifying genetic tests for review purposes. There will be a limited period of time provided for public comment and interested individuals should notify the contact person listed below.

Under authority of 42 U.S.C. 217a, section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, the Department of Health and Human Services established **SACGT** to advise and make recommendations to the Secretary through the Assistant Secretary for Health on all aspects of the development and use of genetic tests. The **SACGT** is directed to (1) recommend policies and procedures for the safe and effective incorporation of genetic technologies into health care; (2) assess the effectiveness of existing and future measures for oversight of genetic tests; and (3) identify research needs related to the Committee's purview.

The draft meeting agenda and other information about **SACGT** will be available at the following web site: <http://www4.od.nih.gov/oba/sacgt.htm> Individuals who wish to provide public comments or who plan to attend the meeting and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the **SACGT** Executive Secretary, Ms. Sarah Carr, by telephone at 301-496-9838 or E-mail at sc112c@nih.gov. The **SACGT** office is located at 6000 Executive Boulevard, Suite 302, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

Dated: July 5, 2000.
Sarah Carr,
Executive Secretary, **SACGT**.
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