

***Pediatric Subcommittee***  
*of the*  
***Anti-Infective Drugs Advisory Committee***  
***Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration***  
*Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, MD*  
***September 11, 2000***

**AGENDA**

**Morning Session - Ethical Issues**

- 8:00 a.m. Call to Order/Introductions**  
P. Joan Chesney, M.D., Chair, Pediatric Advisory Subcommittee
- Conflict of Interest Statement**  
Jayne E. Peterson, R.Ph., J.D., Subcommittee Executive Secretary
- 8:05 a.m. Welcome and Review of Meeting Agenda/Background Information and Overview**  
Dianne Murphy, M.D., Associate Director of Pediatrics, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), FDA
- 8:15 a.m. Presentations/Discussion:**  
**Part 1: The Ethics of Placebo-Controlled Clinical Trials in Children**
- Open Public Hearing**  
(\*30 minutes allocated unless public participation does not last that long.)
- 8:45 a.m. Overview of Placebo-Control Trial Design: Benefits and Difficulties**  
Robert Temple, M.D., Director, Office of Medical Policy, CDER
- 9:10 a.m. International Perspective on Pediatric Placebo-Controlled Trials**  
Dr. Barbara van Zwieten-Boot  
Efficacy Coordinator, Medicines Evaluation Board, NL  
Vice Chair of the Efficacy Working Party, CPMP
- 9:30 a.m. Questions from the Subcommittee**
- 9:40 a.m. Ethical Concerns in Pediatric Placebo-Controlled Trials**  
Charles Weijer, M.D., Ph.D., Bioethicist and Asst. Prof. of Medicine,  
Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- 10:00 a.m. Ethical Concerns in Pediatric Placebo-Controlled Trials from the European Experience**  
Prof. Francis P. Crawley, Chairman, Ethics Working Party,  
European Forum for Good Clinical Practice & Member, Ethics Working  
Group, Confederation of European Specialists in Paediatrics

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**10:20 a.m. Questions from the Subcommittee**

**10:30 a.m. Break**

**10:45 a.m. Use of Data and Safety Monitoring Boards (DSMB) and their Role in Pediatric Clinical Trials**

Susan Ellenberg, Ph.D., Director, Office of Biostatistics and Epidemiology,  
Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), FDA

**11:05 a.m. Subcommittee Questions to Speakers**

**11:10 a.m. Subcommittee Discussion of Case Studies/Introductory Remarks**

Dianne Murphy, M.D.

**Example A: Pediatric placebo-controlled Add-on clinical trial design**

**Presentation of Example:** Debra Birenbaum, M.D., Medical Officer, Division of  
Pulmonary and Allergy Drug Products

Assumptions are the following:

- The patient has the disease/condition
- The patient is receiving the standard of care therapy
- The disease/condition is stable but with less than optimal control of signs/symptoms and/or exacerbations
- Examples to be given: asthma, seizures

Question: Is there a situation, population, disease/condition where this type of placebo-controlled study would not be appropriate? (see attached)

**11:45 a.m. Lunch**

**12:45 p.m. Example B: Pediatric placebo-controlled trial design when there is No Approved Therapy**

**Presentation of Example:** Rosemary Roberts, M.D., Medical Officer,  
Pediatric Team

Assumptions are the following:

- The patient has a chronic disease/condition and requires long term treatment
- Approved therapy in adults for the condition, but no approved therapy in the pediatric population
- Examples to be given: depression
- Question: Is there a situation, population, disease/condition where this type of placebo-controlled study would not be appropriate? (see attached)

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- 1:45 p.m.**      **Example C: Pediatric placebo-controlled clinical trial design including a Withdrawal Phase when there is only one or limited effective therapy**  
**Presentation of Example:** Steven Hirschfield, M.D., Ph.D, Medical Officer, Division of Oncology Drug Products  
Assumptions are the following:
- The patient has a chronic disease/condition and requires long term treatment
  - The disease/condition is considered stable but patient continues to have intermittent exacerbations on present therapy
  - There are limited therapeutic options available
  - Examples to be given: asthma, hypertension
- Question: In what situation, population, disease/condition do you see this type of placebo-controlled study as appropriate and when is it not? (see attached)
- 2:45 p.m.**      **Break**
- Afternoon Session – Pediatric Psychotropic Drug Use Issues**
- 3:00 p.m.**      **Part 2: A Proposed Approach to the Development of Psychotropic Drug Therapies for Pediatrics/Introduction**  
Dianne Murphy, M.D.
- Conflict of Interest Statement**  
Jayne E. Peterson, R.Ph., J.D., Subcommittee Executive Secretary
- 3:05 p.m.**      **Open Public Hearing** (\*\*30 minutes allocated unless public participation does not last that long.)
- 3:35 p.m.**      **Current Regulatory Issues in Pediatric Psychopharmacology**  
Thomas Laughren, M.D., Team Leader, Psychiatric Drug Products, Division of Neuropharmacological Drug Products, CDER, FDA
- 3:50 p.m.**      **Pediatric Psychopharmacology: A Clinical Perspective**  
Richard Malone, M.D., Eastern Pennsylv. Psychiatric Institute, Philadelphia, PA
- 4:05 p.m.**      **Pediatric Psychopharmacology: A Research Perspective**  
Mark Riddle, M.D., Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore, MD
- 4:20 p.m.**      **NIMH Perspective on Pediatric Psychopharmacology**  
Benedetto Vitiello, M.D., Chief, CATPIRB, DISR, NIMH, Bethesda, MD
- 4:35 p.m.**      **Subcommittee Discussion of Questions/Issues**
- 5:25 p.m.**      **Closing Remarks**

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