

Subcommittee for	Date	Location
Endocrinology	September 16–17, 1999	Washington Plaza.
Nephrology	September 22, 1999	1400 I St, NW, #400.
Epidemiology	September 27, 1999	Holiday Inn Central.
Mental Hlth & Behavioral Sciences	September 30–October 1, 1999	Holiday Inn Central.
Cardiology	October 1, 1999	1400 I St, NW, #400.
Oncology	October 4–5, 1999	Crowne Plaza.
Respiration	October 4, 1999	Holiday Inn Central.
Neurobiology-D	October 14–15, 1999	Holiday Inn Central.
Hematology	October 14, 1999	1400 I St, NW, #400.
Neurobiology-C	October 18, 1999	1400 I St, NW, #400.
Immunology	October 18–19, 1999	Crowne Plaza.
Aging and Clinical Geriatrics	October 18, 1999	1400 I St, NW, #400.
Infectious Diseases	October 21–22, 1999	Holiday Inn Central.
Surgery	October 23, 1999	1400 I St, NW, #400.
Gastroenterology	October 25–26, 1999	1400 I St, NW, #400.
Alcohol and Drug Dependence	October 28, 1999	1400 I St, NW, #400.
General Medical Science	October 28–29, 1999	Holiday Inn Central.
Medical Research Service Merit Review Committee	December 2, 1999	Holiday Inn Central.

The addresses of the hotels are:

Crowne Plaza, 1001–14th Street, NW,
Washington, DC 20005.
Holiday Inn Central, 1501 Rhode Island
Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005.
Washington Plaza, 10 Thomas Circle,
NW, Washington, DC 20005.

These subcommittee meetings will be for the purpose of evaluating the scientific merit of research conducted in each specialty by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) investigators working in VA Medical Centers and Clinics.

The subcommittee 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 subcommittee meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal projects.

The closed portion of the meetings involves discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of site visits, staff and consultant critiques of research protocols and similar documents. During this portion of the subcommittee meetings, 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 projects.

As provided by subsection 10(d) of Pub. L. 92–463, as amended by Pub. L. 94–409, closing portions of these subcommittee 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 subcommittee meetings and rosters of

the members of the subcommittees should contact Dr. LeRoy Frey, Chief, Program Review Division, Medical Research Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC, (202) 408–3630.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

Marvin R. Eason,

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Pub. L. 92–463 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs (Committee) will be held Thursday and Friday, September 23–24, 1999. The meeting on September 23 will be held at VA Headquarters, Room 430, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, and the meeting on September 24 will be held at the Senate Russell Office Building, Room 418, 1st and Constitution Avenue, NE., Washington, DC. The September 23 session will convene at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m. and the September 24 session will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 12:00 noon. The purpose of the Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs is to advise the Department on its prosthetic programs designed to provide state-of-the-art prosthetics and the associated rehabilitation research, development, and evaluation of such technology. The Committee also advises the Department on special disability programs which are

defined as any program administered by the Secretary to serve veterans with spinal cord injury, blindness or vision impairment, loss of or loss of use of extremities, deafness or hearing impairment, or other serious incapacities in terms of daily life functions.

On the morning of September 23, the Committee will receive a status report concerning implementation of an integrated prosthetics organization within each Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN). The Committee will also receive briefings by the National Program Directors of the Special-Disabilities Programs regarding the status of their activities over the last five months. On the morning of September 24, the Committee will review and discuss with staff members of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee the Report to Congress on Maintaining Capacity for the Specialized Treatment and Rehabilitative Needs of Disabled Veterans and the Report by the Senate Minority Staff, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, of VA Programs for Veterans with Special Needs.

The meeting is open to the public. For those wishing to attend, contact Kathy Pessagno, Veterans Health Administration (113), phone (202) 273–8512, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, prior to September 17, 1999.

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