

# National Center for Health Services Research; Assessment of Medical Technology Cardiac Pacemaker Monitors

The Public Health Service (PHS) through the Office of Health Technology Assessment (OHTA) announces that it is coordinating an assessment of what is known of the safety and clinical effectiveness of self-contained cardiac pacemaker monitors. Specifically, we are interested in: (1) Generically defining a self-contained pacemaker monitor that will permit us to: (a) distinguish between a telephone transmitting device and a self-contained monitor; and (b) permit the patient to acquire sufficient information to enable him or her to make an informed decision as to whether to seek medical intervention; (2) medical indications for the type or types of patient(s) who would benefit from a self-contained pacemaker; and (3) whether the use of a self-contained pacemaker monitor eliminates or reduces the need for transtelephonic monitoring of the patient's pacemaker. If research data for the third query are positive, then appropriate guidelines are needed for screening transtelephonic pacemaker monitoring. Also, frequency guidelines for transtelephonic pacemaker monitoring will need review in the light of the newest research data related to the effectiveness and accuracy of self-contained pacemaker monitors in detecting, e.g., state of the battery, electronic circuitry component failure, electrode displacement, generator-electrode junction failure, and exit block. For the purposes of this announcement, self-contained pacemaker monitors are a type of indirect pacemaker generator function analyzers that are used to identify early signs of possible cardiac pacemaker failure or malfunction.

The PHS assessment consists of a synthesis of information obtained from appropriate organizations in the private sector and from PHS agencies and others in the Federal Government. PHS assessments are based on the most current knowledge concerning the safety and clinical effectiveness of a technology. Based on this assessment, a PHS recommendation will be formulated to assist the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) in establishing Medicare coverage policy. Any person or group wishing to provide OHTA with information relevant to this assessment should do so in writing no later than May 30, 1983, or approximately 90 days from the date of publication of this notice.

The information being sought is a review and assessment of past, current, and planned research related to this technology, a bibliography of published, controlled clinical trials and other well-designed clinical studies since 1979, and other information related to the characterization of the patient population most likely to benefit, the clinical acceptability, and the effectiveness of this technology. Proprietary information is not being sought.

Written material should be submitted to: Office of Health Technology Assessment, Park Bldg., Room 3-10, Stop #2, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

For further information contact: Dr. Rita K. Chow, Health Science Analyst, at the above address or by telephone (301) 443-4990.

Dated: February 10, 1983.

Harold Margulies,

Director, Office of Health Technology Assessment, National Center for Health Services Research.

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## National Toxicology Program Board of Scientific Counselors; Meeting

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Board of Scientific Counselors, U.S. Public Health Service, in the Conference Center, Building 101, South Campus, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, on March 14 and 15, 1983.

The meeting will be open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., March 14. The preliminary agenda with approximate times are as follows:

- 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Status Report on NIH/NTP Investigation of Exocrine Pancreas Lesions in Male F344 Rats
- 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. NIH/NTP Cellular and Genetic Toxicology Program—Concept Review: Evaluation of Human Cells *In Vitro* for Genetic Toxicity Assay
- Review of NTP Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology Programs:
- 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.—I. Overview of Programs
- 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—II. Teratology
  - a. Conventional Teratology Testing
  - b. Short-Term *In Vivo* Reproductive Toxicity Assay
  - c. *In Vitro* Teratology Test Development
  - d. Collaborative Behavioral Teratology Study

The meeting on March 15 will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,

and from 3:00 p.m. to adjournment. The preliminary agenda with approximate times are as follows:

- 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.—III. Fertility and Reproductive Toxicity
  - a. Evaluation of Sperm Morphology and Vaginal Cytology in Prechronic Toxicity Testing
  - b. Fertility Assessment Using Continuous Breeding
  - c. Experimental Models of Female Reproductive Toxicity
  - d. Experimental Models of Male Reproductive Toxicity
  - e. Methods for Fertility Assessment
  - f. Postnatal Toxicity
- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.—IV. A Proposal To Develop Guidelines for the Detection and Hazard Evaluation of Chemical Carcinogens
- 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Peer Review and Priority Ranking of Chemicals Nominated for NTP Testing. (Sixteen chemical nominations will be reviewed and are listed in the Federal Register, Volume 47, No. 197, pp. 44884-44885, October 12, 1982.)

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(6) Title 5 U.S. Code and Section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the meeting will be closed to the public on March 14 from 4:00 p.m. to adjournment and on March 15 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for further evaluation of NTP programs in reproductive and developmental toxicology, including the consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators, and similar items, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The closed meeting will be used also to discuss professional qualifications and select members for an ad hoc scientific panel which will report to the NTP Board with an evaluation and recommendations concerning the proposal to develop guidelines for the detection and hazard evaluation of chemical carcinogens. Disclosure of these discussions would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy with regard to persons being considered for the panel.

The Executive Secretary, Dr. Larry G. Hart, Office of the Director, National Toxicology Program, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709, telephone (919) 541-3971, FTS 629-3971, will furnish a roster of Board members and expert consultants and other program information prior to the meeting, and summary minutes subsequent to the meeting.



Dated: January 28, 1983.

David P. Rall,

Director, National Toxicology Program.

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## Office of the Secretary

### Advisory Council on Social Security; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of Pub. L. 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Council on Social Security, as established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in accordance with Section 706 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 907.

**DATE/ADDRESS:** The meeting will be held on March 13 from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. and on March 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Columbia Club, 121 Monument Circle, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas R. Burke, Executive Director, Advisory Council on Social Security, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201; telephone (202) 755-8670/71.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Attendance will be limited to the space available. Interested parties may submit written presentations for consideration by Council until March 15, 1983.

Correspondence can be addressed to Advisory Council on Social Security, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201.

Sign language interpreting services will be provided if requested in advance.

The proposed meeting agenda includes further briefings and discussion on the Medicare program; and such other business as the Chairperson, the Executive Director, or the membership may put before the Council.

A previous meeting of the Advisory Council on Social Security was announced in 48 FR 4048-4049, January 28, 1983.

Records are kept of all Council proceedings and are available for public inspection at the Office of the Administrative Officer, Advisory Council on Social Security, Room 317-H,

HHH Building, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201.

Philip M. Jos,

Acting Executive Director.

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### Advisory Council on Social Security; Public Hearing

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Health and Human Services announced on September 16, 1982 the establishment of the Advisory Council on Social Security. The Council is charged to place particular emphasis on a review of the Medicare program, and to prepare and submit reports on its findings and recommendations.

In an effort to obtain the views of interested organizations and individuals, within the constraints of available time, the Council decided to conduct public hearings in designated locations around the country. Notice is hereby given that a 1-day hearing will be held in New Brunswick, New Jersey on March 22, 1983. Similar 1-day hearings were previously announced in 47 FR 56723, December 20, 1982 for San Francisco, California on February 24; in 48 FR 1549, January 13, 1983 for the Chicago area on March 9, and in 48 FR 5312, February 4, 1983 for St. Petersburg, Florida on March 1. All hearings will run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** The New Brunswick hearing will be held in the Labor Education Center, Rutgers University, Ryder's Lane and Clifton Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas R. Burke, Executive Director, Advisory Council on Social Security, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201; telephone (202) 755-8670 or 755-8671.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The hearings are open to the public. Attendance will be limited to the space available. Interested parties are invited to present testimony on Medicare issues; however, only those requesting in advance, preferably in writing, to appear will be permitted to present oral statements. Presenters should submit, 5 days in advance, 20 copies of their presentation, and should bring an additional 50 copies to the hearing to be made available to the public. Oral presentation should summarize the written statement, and will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes. Other written material can be submitted for the record. Submit written requests to

present testimony to the Advisory Council on Social Security, ATTN: Public Hearing, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201, or telephone (202) 755-8670 or 755-8671. The designated Chairperson or the Executive Director reserves the right to determine order of presentation, but will make every effort, within available time, to hear all who wish to be heard.

Sign language interpreting services will be provided if requested in advance.

Records will be kept of all public hearings and will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Administrative Officer, Advisory Council on Social Security, Room 317-H, HHH Building, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201.

Philip M. Jos,

Acting Executive Director.

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## Social Security Administration

### Conformity of Public Assistance Plan of the State of Minnesota With the Social Security Act; Change of Date and Location of Hearing

The date and location of the hearing to reconsider the disapproval of Minnesota's State Plan Submittal No. 82-24 noticed in 48 F.R. 3658, January 26, 1983, have been changed.

The hearing is rescheduled for 10 A.M. on March 10, 1983, in rooms 337-339A of the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C.

Dated: February 14, 1983.

Alexander G. Teitz,

Presiding Officer.

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### 1983 Contribution and Benefit Base Under Pre-1977 Amendment Law

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of determination of the "Old-Law" Social Security contribution and benefit base.

**SUMMARY:** The Social Security Amendments of 1977 set the contribution and benefit base at \$22,900 for 1979, \$25,900 for 1980 and \$29,700 for 1981. After 1981, the base increases as average wage levels rise. The contribution and benefit base is the maximum annual amount of earnings that is subject to Social Security taxes and is creditable toward Social Security