

Meeting Notice

Secretary's Advisory Committee on Xenotransplantation U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

The **third meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Xenotransplantation (SACX)** will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. (open session) on **November 29, 2001** and from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (open session) and from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (closed session) on **November 30, 2001** at the Sheraton Columbia Hotel, 10207 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, Maryland (410-730-3900). The meeting is open to the public at the times stated; however, seating is limited and pre-registration is encouraged (see below).

The first day of the meeting will include presentations and discussion of the development of a national xenotransplantation database and biological archive as well as updates on recent meetings and scientific advances in xenotransplantation. Time also will be allotted to concurrent breakout sessions and plenary progress reports of the SACX Working Groups on informed consent issues and on the state of the science of xenotransplantation. There will also be opportunity for public commentary; interested individuals should contact the SACX Executive Director (see below). The open session on the second day of the meeting will include general overviews of clinical xenotransplantation trials and retroviral screening practices and findings, and background on xenotransplantation products that involve *ex vivo* contact with well characterized cell lines. A portion of the second day of the meeting will be closed to permit FDA presentations on, and Committee discussion of, trade secret and/or confidential information relevant to xenotransplantation clinical trials. The draft meeting agenda and Committee roster are accessible at <http://www4.od.nih.gov/oba/Sacx.htm>.

For **pre-registration**, please contact Capital Consulting Corporation (Terry Fisher) at 301- 468-6004, extension 434. Individuals who wish to provide **public comments** (oral or written) or who plan to attend the meeting and need special assistance or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the SACX Executive Director, Mary Groesch, by telephone at 301-496-0785 or email at groeschm@od.nih.gov.

If you are **traveling by air** to the meeting, please note that the hotel is approximately 15 minutes from the Baltimore Washington International (BWI) Airport. (Dulles and Reagan National Airports are more than an hour from the hotel.)