manufactured by SmithKline Beecham Corp. d/b/a (doing business as) GlaxoSmithKline and 020–180/S–034, trade name PROSCAR (finasteride) Tablets, manufactured by Merck & Co., Inc. The proposed indication (use) for AVODART (dutasteride) is for reduction in the risk of prostate cancer in men at increased risk of developing the disease. The population at increased risk of prostate cancer includes men with an elevated serum prostate-specific antigen (PSA) or men otherwise determined to be at increased risk based on other associated risk factors such as age, race, and family history. There is no proposed expansion of the indication for PROSCAR (finasteride); however, in light of the Prostate Cancer Prevention Trial (PCPT) which demonstrated a statistically significant reduction in the 7-year period prevalence of prostate cancer with finasteride (PROSCAR) treatment, and which reported an imbalance in high Gleason grade prostate cancers (indicating more aggressive cancers) in the finasteride treatment arm vs. placebo, the efficacy and safety of both products for use in prostate cancer risk reduction will be examined.

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Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person on or before November 16, 2010. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Those desiring to make oral presentations should notify the contact person and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation on or before November 8, 2010. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. If the number of registrants requesting to speak is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled open public hearing session, FDA may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers for the scheduled open public hearing session. The contact person will notify interested persons regarding their request to speak by November 9, 2010.

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Basic Behavioral and Social Science Opportunity Network (OppNet)

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A two-day meeting highlighting OppNet’s activities and future goals is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, and Friday, October 29, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20001. This is the first public meeting to promote and publicize the Basic Behavioral and Social Science Opportunity Network (OppNet) initiative. Attendance is limited to prior registration via http://www.regonline.com/oppnet.

Background: The Basic Behavioral and Social Science Opportunity Network (OppNet) is a trans-NIH initiative to expand the agency’s funding of basic behavioral and social sciences research (b-BSSR). OppNet prioritizes activities and initiatives that focus on basic mechanisms of behavior and social processes that are relevant to the missions and public health challenges of multiple NIH Institutes, Centers, and Offices (ICOs) and that build upon existing NIH investments without replicating them. http://www.oppnet.nih.gov.

Participating: The meeting will take place on October 28, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and October 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register, visit the registration Web site at http://regonline.com/oppnet, call William Elwood at 301–402–0116, or e-mail elwoodwi@od.nih.gov.


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