Gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) is a condition in which women without previously diagnosed diabetes exhibit high blood glucose levels during pregnancy (especially during the third trimester of pregnancy). It is defined as carbohydrate intolerance, which is the inability of the body to adequately process carbohydrates (sugars and starches) into energy for the body that the body needs to add or increase exercise, stressful or strenuous work, which will vary. Debate continues regarding the choice of tests and the effectiveness of treatment, especially in women with mild to moderate glucose intolerance. Potential harms of screening for GDM include anxiety for patients and the potentially adverse effects of a ‘high-risk’ label in pregnancy. In addition, women diagnosed with GDM face stressors including dietary constraints, a need to add or increase exercise, frequent self-monitoring of blood glucose levels, and for some, self-administration of insulin which will require adjustments of insulin doses.

To better understand the benefits and risks of various GDM screening and diagnostic approaches, the NIH has engaged in a rigorous assessment of the available scientific evidence. This process is sponsored by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the Office of Disease Prevention. A multidisciplinary planning committee developed the following key questions:

1. What are the current screening and diagnostic approaches for gestational diabetes mellitus, what are the glycemic thresholds for each approach, and how were these thresholds chosen?

2. What are the effects of various gestational diabetes mellitus screening/ diagnostic approaches for patients, providers, and U.S. health care systems?
mellitus and their offspring compare with those who do not?

4. Does treatment modify the health outcomes of mothers who meet various criteria for gestational diabetes mellitus and their offspring?

5. What are the harms of treating gestational diabetes mellitus, and do they vary by diagnostic approach?

6. Given all of the above, what diagnostic approach(es) for gestational diabetes mellitus should be recommended, if any?

7. What are the key research gaps in the diagnostic approach of gestational diabetes mellitus?

An evidence report on CDM will be prepared through the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality’s Evidence-based Practice Centers program, and a Consensus Development Conference will be held on October 29–31, 2012.

During the conference, invited experts, including the authors of the evidence report, will present scientific data. Attendees will have opportunities to ask questions and provide comments during open discussion periods. After weighing the evidence, an unbiased, independent panel will prepare and present a consensus statement addressing the key questions. The statement will be widely disseminated to practitioners, policymakers, patients, researchers, the general public, and the media.

Please Note: As part of measures to ensure the safety of NIH employees and property, all visitors must be prepared to show a photo ID upon request. Visitors may be required to pass through a metal detector and have bags, backpacks, or purses inspected or x-rayed as they enter NIH buildings. For more information about the security measures at NIH, please visit the Web site at http://www.nih.gov/about/visitorsecurity.htm.


Francis S. Collins, Director, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering: Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meeting. The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering Special Emphasis Panel, 2013–01 SBIR Review.

Date: September 24, 2012.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Lyric Jorgenson, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Democracy Two Building, Suite 957, Bethesda, MD 20892. 301–496–4773, jorgensonl@mail.nih.gov.

Dated: June 22, 2012.

Jennifer S. Spaeth, Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Scientific Management Review Board. The NIH Reform Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–482) provides organizational authorities to HHS and NIH officials to: (1) Establish or abolish national research institutes; (2) reorganize the offices within the Office of the Director, NIH including adding, removing, or transferring the functions of such offices or establishing or terminating such offices; and (3) reorganize, divisions, centers, or other administrative units within an NIH national research institute or national center including adding, removing, or transferring the functions of such units, or establishing or terminating such units. The purpose of the Scientific Management Review Board (also referred to as SMRB or Board) is to advise appropriate HHS and NIH officials on the use of these organizational authorities and identify the reasons underlying the recommendations.

The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

Name of Committee: Scientific Management Review Board.

Date: July 11, 2012.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Agenda: The focus of this meeting will be on the deliberations of the SMRB’s NIH Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer Program Working Group and its first stakeholder consultation. Presentation and discussion will include, but is not limited to, representatives from NIH Institutes and Centers and other government agencies with Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs. The Board will also discuss next steps regarding future SMRB activities. Time will be allotted on the agenda for public comment. Sign up for public comments will begin approximately at 7:30 a.m. on July 11, 2012 and will be restricted to one sign-in per person. In the event that time does not allow for all those interested to present oral comments, any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Lyric Jorgenson, Ph.D., Office of Science Policy, Office of the Director, NIH, National Institutes of Health, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Suite 750, Bethesda, MD 20892. smrb@mail.nih.gov, (301) 496–6837.

This meeting is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to scheduling conflicts of the Members. The meeting will also be webcast. The draft meeting agenda and other information about SMRB, including information about access to the webcast, will be available at http://smrb.od.nih.gov.

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance onto the NIH campus. All visitor vehicles, including taxis, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver’s license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.14, Intramural Research Training Award; 93.22, Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds; 93.232, Loan Repayment Program for Research