

the cause is not identified in half the cases. A CDC-Emory University survey found that gynecologists rarely considered bleeding disorders as a cause of heavy menstrual bleeding. However, recent research from Europe and CDC has shown that 15–20 percent of women with heavy periods have inherited bleeding disorders. Women with VWD interviewed by CDC reported an average of 16 years between the onset of bleeding symptoms and diagnosis of a bleeding disorder. CDC and the National Hemophilia Foundation have been working to encourage gynecologists to consider bleeding disorders in women who have menorrhagia. As a result, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has recently recommended screening for VWD in these women.

An important part of increasing the awareness among physicians and their

patients with heavy periods who may have an underlying bleeding disorder is referral for appropriate diagnosis. Federally funded Hemophilia Treatment Centers (HTCs) are thought to be the best source for appropriate laboratory diagnosis, however, the following concerns have been raised: (1) Anecdotal reports from HTC providers describe reduced capacity of in-house laboratory support and access to specialty coagulation laboratory tests that are essential for appropriate diagnosis of bleeding disorders; (2) A CDC, Public Health Practice Program Office (PHPPPO), study demonstrated reduced capacity to perform specific coagulation tests through their survey of hospital laboratories, but it is impossible to know if HTCs have higher capacity than the hospitals studied; (3) HTCs report that changes in third party

payer policies, especially health maintenance organizations, are dictating the source of laboratory testing requiring shipment of laboratory specimens to sites away from the hospital that reduce the quality of the sample and effect the reliability of the results. It is important to assess the HTCs and determine their capabilities and barriers to delivering comprehensive care to patients with bleeding disorders.

The proposed study will involve the 135 federally funded HTCs. The study participants are composed of medical directors, adult hematologists, pediatric hematologists, and coagulation laboratory technicians. A survey will be distributed to the above personnel to ascertain their perceptions of lab capabilities and procedures. There will be no cost to respondents.

| Respondents | Number of respondents | Number responses per respondent | Average burden per response (in hrs.) | Total burden (in hrs.) |
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| HTC medical directors & coagulation technicians | 325 | 1 | 20/60 | 108 |
| Total | | | | 108 |

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel: Cooperative Agreement for Development of the National Violent Death Reporting System, Program Announcement #03038

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting:

Name: Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Cooperative Agreement for Development of the National Violent Death Reporting System, Program Announcement #03038.

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.–8:50 a.m., June 30, 2003. (Open); 8:50 a.m.–4 p.m., June 30, 2003. (Closed)

Place: The Westin Atlanta North at Perimeter, 7 Concourse Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30328, Telephone 770.395.3900.

Status: Portions of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

Matters To Be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to Program Announcement #03038.

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The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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Science and Program Review Subcommittee (SPRS) and the Advisory Committee for Injury Prevention and Control (ACIPC): Meetings

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following Subcommittee and Committee meetings.

Name: Science and Program Review Subcommittee to ACIPC.

Time and Dates: 6:30 p.m.–9 p.m., June 22, 2003; 9 a.m.–12 p.m., June 23, 2003.

Place: The Westin Atlanta Airport, 4736 Best Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30337, telephone (404) 762-7676.

Status: Open: 6:30 p.m.–7 p.m., June 22, 2003.

Closed: 7 p.m.–9 p.m., June 22, through 12 p.m., June 23, 2003.

Purpose: The Subcommittee provides advice on the needs, structure, progress, and performance of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) programs. They also provide second-level scientific and programmatic review for applications for research grants, cooperative agreements, and training grants related to injury control and violence prevention, and recommends