practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The guidance represents the current thinking of FDA on “Factors to Consider Regarding Benefit-Risk in Medical Device Product Availability, Compliance, and Enforcement Decisions.” It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternative approach if it satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

III. Electronic Access

Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the guidance may do so by using the Internet. A search capability for all CDRH guidance documents is available at http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/default.htm. Guidance documents are also available at https://www.regulations.gov. Persons unable to download an electronic copy of “Factors to Consider Regarding Benefit-Risk in Medical Device Product Availability, Compliance, and Enforcement Decisions” may send an email request to CDRH-Guidance@fda.hhs.gov to receive an electronic copy of the document. Please use the document number 1500065 to identify the guidance you are requesting.

IV. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This guidance refers to previously approved collections of information found in FDA regulations. These collections of information are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520). The collections of information in 21 CFR part 7, subpart C, have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0249. The collections of information in 21 CFR parts 801 and 809, regarding labeling, have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0485. The collections of information in 21 CFR part 803, regarding medical device reporting, have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0471. The collections of information in 21 CFR part 806 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0359. The collections of information in 21 CFR part 807, subpart E, have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0120. The collections of information in 21 CFR part 810, regarding medical device recall authority, have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0432. The collections of information in 21 CFR part 812 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0078. The collections of information in 21 CFR part 814, subparts B and E, have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0231. The collections of information in 21 CFR part 820, regarding the Quality System regulation, have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0073. The collections of information in 21 CFR part 822, regarding postmarket surveillance of medical devices, have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0449. Dated: December 21, 2016. Leslie Kux, Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2016–N–4187]

Coordinated Registry Network for Devices Used for Acute Ischemic Stroke Interventions; Public Workshop; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the following public workshop entitled “Coordinated Registry Network (CRN) for Devices Used for Acute Ischemic Stroke Intervention (DAISI).” The purpose of the public workshop is to obtain stakeholders’ input on the coordination of registries for DAISI.

DATES: The public workshop will be held on February 2, 2017, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST. The deadline for submitting comments regarding this public workshop is March 2, 2017. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for registration date and information.

ADDRESSES: The public workshop will be held at the Ruth L. Kirschstein Auditorium, Natcher Conference Center, Bldg. 45, National Institutes of Health Campus, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892. Entrance for the public workshop participants (non-NIH employees) is through the NIH Gateway Center located adjacent to the Medical Center Metro, where routine security check procedures will be performed. Please visit the following Web site for NIH campus location, parking, security, and travel information: http://www.nih.gov/about/visitor/index.htm. Please visit the following Web site for information on the Natcher Conference Center: http://www.genome.gov/11007522.

You may submit comments as follows:

Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:
• Federal eRulemaking Portal: https://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to http://www.regulations.gov will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else’s Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on https://www.regulations.gov.
• If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see “Written/Paper Submissions” and “Instructions”).

Written/Paper Submissions

In order to permit the widest possible opportunity for public comment, FDA is soliciting either electronic or written comments on all aspects of the workshop topics.

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:
• Mail/Hand delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions): Division of Dockets Management (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.
• For written/paper comments submitted to the Division of Dockets Management, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in “Instructions.”

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA–2016–N–4187 for “Coordinated Registry Network (CRN) for Devices Used for Acute Ischemic Stroke Intervention (DAISI).” Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as “Confidential Submissions,” publicly viewable at https://www.regulations.gov or at the Division of Dockets Management.
between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- Confidential Submissions—To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states “THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.” FDA will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on https://www.regulations.gov. Submit both copies to the Division of Dockets Management. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as “confidential.” Any information marked as “confidential” will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA’s posting of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: http://www.fda.gov/regulatoryinformation/dockets/default.htm.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to https://www.regulations.gov and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the “Search” box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Division of Dockets Management, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Jamie Waterhouse, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. 2611, Silver Spring, MD 20993, 301–796–3063, email: Jamie.Waterhouse@fda.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States and the number one preventable cause of disability (Ref. 1). Recent publication of five prospective randomized trials and revised clinical guidelines in the treatment of stroke has suggested the potential therapeutic role of endovascular therapy in combination with pharmacotherapy (typically intravenous tissue plasminogen activator (IV t-PA)) for patients with proximal large vessel occlusion stroke in the anterior circulation (M1 Middle Cerebral Artery segment with or without concomitant Internal Carotid Artery occlusion) (Refs. 2–6). FDA believes that research and development in this field, including the collection of data through the use of registries, provides a potential data source for expanding indications for already cleared/approved devices.

Development and leveraging support for data collected within appropriate registries; with the participation of professional medical societies, industry, patient groups, healthcare facilities, and payers; can further drive innovation in this area and aid in the improvement of clinical care and patient outcomes. A coordinated registry network may also collect data reflective of clinical practice that is of sufficient quality and breadth to support scientific, clinical, and regulatory decision-making and aid in the design of future studies and performance testing requirements for new or existing devices.

II. Topics for Discussion at the Public Workshop

This workshop is aimed at addressing scientific, clinical, and regulatory considerations associated with medical devices used in the treatment of acute ischemic stroke medical devices and the development of coordinated registry networks to serve the following topic areas:

- Clinical Common Data Elements;
- Standardized Definitions and Case Report Forms;
- Informatics, Sustainability, and Data Quality; and
- Additional scientific, methodological, and clinical considerations for evaluating information obtained from registries.

III. Participating in the Public Workshop

To register for the public workshop, please visit FDA’s Medical Devices News & Events—Workshops & Conferences (Medical Devices) calendar at http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/NewsEvents/WorkshopsConferences/default.htm. Persons interested in attending this public workshop must register online by January 26, 2017, at 4 p.m. EST. Please provide complete contact information for each attendee, including name, title, affiliation, address, email, and telephone.

Registration is free and based on space availability, with priority given to early registrants. Persons interested in attending this public workshop must register by January 26, 2017, at 4 p.m. EST. Early registration is recommended because seating is limited; therefore, FDA may limit the number of participants from each organization. Registrants will receive confirmation when they have been accepted. You will be notified if you are on a waiting list.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Peggy Roney, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Office of Communication and Education, 301–796–5671, email: Peggy.Roney@fda.hhs.gov no later than January 19, 2017.

IV. References

The following references are on display in the Division of Dockets Management (see ADDRESSES) and are available for viewing by interested persons between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday; they are also available electronically at https://www.regulations.gov. FDA has verified the Web site addresses, as of the date this document publishes in the Federal Register, but Web sites are subject to change over time.


Dated: December 20, 2016.

Leslie Kux,
Associate Commissioner for Policy.