Advisory Committee Oversight and Management Staff (ACOMS) in the Office of the Commissioner work in close collaboration with all 7 of FDA Centers to provide consistency in the development, implementation, and operational use of Agency Advisory Committee (AC) policies and guidance's, and relevant regulations and statutes.  [http://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/default.htm](http://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/default.htm)

**FDA Advisory Committees are governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (1972) and provide for the availability of independent expert advice to the Agency. FDA has:**

- 34 FDA Advisory Committees; Medical Device AC: 18 Panels
- 634 AC members
- 85 Meetings per year on average

**Advisory Committees contribute credibility and integrity to FDA’s mission of protecting and promoting the public health by:**

- obtaining outside, independent, expert advice
- allowing for open public discussion of important health issues

**FDA holds Advisory Committees meetings to obtain independent, expert advice on various issues including:**

- New Products
- Product labeling
- Regulatory science
- Guidance documents

**The different types of Advisory Committees members are:**

- Academicians/Practitioners
- Consumer Representatives
- Industry Representatives
- Patient Representatives

**Experience and qualifications desirable for committee membership include:**

- Several years of research and clinical experience
- Proven experience in teaching, research and technical writing
- Ability to interpret and analyze scientific data
- An acknowledged expert in their field of study
- Acknowledged leadership role(s) within organization, professional societies and science policy activities
- Representatives of consumer and industry perspectives on issues and actions

**Committee service expectations:**

- Terms are generally 4 years
- Committees meet approximately 2 times a year
- Members are appointed as Special Government Employees (SGEs)
- Meetings are held in the Washington DC area
- Travel, lodging, per-diem, and daily pay is provided
- Members are expected to review large briefing packages before each meeting

**To Apply, go to FDA Advisory Committee website and click on “How to Apply” Nominations of qualified individuals must include:**

- Complete curriculum vitae for each nominee
- Current business, home address, telephone number and e-mail
- The advisory committee(s) or panel(s) for which the nominee is recommended
- A confirmation that the nominee is aware of the nomination (unless self nominated)
- Where you heard about FDA Advisory Committees (professional meeting, friend, etc)