



Health Products and Food Branch (HPFB) ADVISORY COMMITTEES				
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<p><i>Biologics and Genetic Therapies Directorate (BGTD)</i></p> <p><i>National Blood Safety Council</i></p>	<p>Reports to the Minister of Health. Provides advice to the Minister on public health, ethical, public policy, and other issues pertaining to blood safety within the responsibility of the federal government, particularly issues pertaining to blood regulation and surveillance.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>6 times/year and open forum 2 times/year</p>	<p><a href="http://www.bloodsafetv.gc.ca">http://www.bloodsafetv.gc.ca</a></p>
<p><i>Biologics and Genetic Therapies Directorate (BGTD)</i></p> <p><i>Expert Advisory Committee on Blood Regulations</i></p>	<p>Reports to the Director General of BGTD, providing timely advice on medical and scientific issues relevant to federal responsibilities within the national blood system.</p>	<p>15 (3 ad hoc) (1 guest)</p>	<p>6 times/yr (2 full day meetings, 4 teleconferences)</p>	<p><a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb-dgps/therapeut/htmleng/bgtd.html">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb-dgps/therapeut/htmleng/bgtd.html</a></p>
<p><i>Biologics and Genetic Therapies Directorate (BGTD)</i></p> <p><i>Expert Advisory Committee Xenograph Regulation</i></p>	<p>Reports to the Director General of BGTD, providing timely advice on medical, scientific, ethical and communication issues related to the regulation of xenographs.</p>	<p>15 (3 ad hoc)</p>	<p>As required</p>	<p><a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb-dgps/therapeut/htmleng/bgtd.html">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb-dgps/therapeut/htmleng/bgtd.html</a></p>
<p><i>Biologics and Genetic Therapies Directorate (BGTD)</i></p> <p><i>Canadian Council on Donation and Transplantation</i></p>	<p>Reports to Federal/Provincial/Territorial Deputy Ministers of Health. Provides advice in support of efforts to coordinate activities related to organ donation and transplantation.</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>3 times/year</p>	<p><a href="mailto:maggie_wylie@hc-sc.gc.ca">maggie_wylie@hc-sc.gc.ca</a></p>

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<i>Food Directorate Federal/Provincial/ Territorial Committee on Food Safety Policy</i>	Reports to Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch. Focuses on developing national food safety standards and policies within a public health context and is a key advisory group to Health Canada.	20	2 face-to-face 5 teleconference	<b>Anne-Marie St-Laurent (613) 957-1829</b>
<i>Natural Health Products Directorate (NHPD) Expert Advisory Committee</i>	Reports to Director General of NHPD. Provides NHPD with timely expert advice for questions on the safety, claims, use and regulations of natural health products.	13	Average 4 times/year	<a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb/onhp">www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb/onhp</a>
<i>Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion (ONPP) Expert Advisory Committee on Dietary Reference Intakes</i>	Reports to the Director General, Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion. Provides advice and informed feedback on how best to address issues related to the implementation of Dietary Reference Intakes into Health Canada's nutrition policies and programs.	11	3 times / year	<a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpfb-dgpsa/onpp-bppn/index_e.html">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpfb-dgpsa/onpp-bppn/index_e.html</a>  <a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpfb-dgpsa/onpp-bppn/diet_eac_e.html">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpfb-dgpsa/onpp-bppn/diet_eac_e.html</a>
<i>Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion (ONPP) Federal/Provincial/ Territorial Group on Nutrition</i>	Reports to Director General of ONPP. Provides leadership in stimulating and accelerating actions toward achieving nutritional well-being for all Canadians.	18	1 time/year face-to-face Quarterly teleconference	<a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpfb-dgpsa/onpp-bppn/index_e.html">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpfb-dgpsa/onpp-bppn/index_e.html</a>
<i>Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion (ONPP) Network on Healthy Eating</i>	Reports to Director General of ONPP. Enhances collaboration, cooperation and coordination of effort to support healthy eating and nutrition in Canada.	22	1 time/year face-to-face Quarterly teleconference	<a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpfb-dgpsa/onpp-bppn/index_e.html">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpfb-dgpsa/onpp-bppn/index_e.html</a>

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<i>Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion (ONPP)</i>	Reports to the Director General, ONPP, on weight guidelines for healthy adults.	13	3 times/ year	<a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpfb-dgpsa/onpp-bppn/health_y_weights_e.html">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpfb-dgpsa/onpp-bppn/health_y_weights_e.html</a>
<i>Therapeutic Products Directorate (TPD) Advisory Committee on Management</i>	Reports to the Director General of TPD, providing informed feedback, recommendations and advice regarding general management issues and initiative from representatives of stakeholders serviced by the Directorate.	19	3 times a year	<a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb-dgps/therapeut/htmleng/advcomm.html">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb-dgps/therapeut/htmleng/advcomm.html</a>
<i>Therapeutic Products Directorate (TPD) Expert Advisory Committee on HIV Therapies</i>	Reports to Director General, TPD Provides ongoing and timely medical, scientific and clinical advice on current and emerging issues related to the work of various Health Canada branches including HIV therapies, vaccines, HIV/AIDS related products (pre- and post-market).	18 (8 ad hoc)	variable average 4 times/year, mostly teleconference	<a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb-dgps/therapeut/htmleng/advcomm.html">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb-dgps/therapeut/htmleng/advcomm.html</a>
<i>Therapeutic Products Directorate (TPD) Expert Advisory Committee on Bioavailability and Bioequivalence</i>	Reports to Director General, TPD. Provides on-going and timely medical, scientific and clinical advice on current and emerging issues related to work pertaining to bioavailability and bioequivalence of drugs in creation of new guidance documents	21 (11 ad hoc)	2 times/year	<a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb-dgps/therapeut/htmleng/advcomm.html">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb-dgps/therapeut/htmleng/advcomm.html</a>

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<p><i>Therapeutic Products Directorate (TPD)</i></p> <p><i>Expert Advisory Committee on Pharmacovigilance</i></p>	<p>Reports to Director General, TPD.</p> <p>Acts as an advice forum on matters related to the post-approval safety, quality, efficacy and effectiveness of drug products to assist TPD making appropriate risk management decisions.</p>	6	1/year	<p><a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb-dgps/therapeut/htmleng/advcomm.html">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb-dgps/therapeut/htmleng/advcomm.html</a></p>
<p><i>Therapeutic Products Directorate (TPD)</i></p> <p><i>Placebo Working Committee</i></p>	<p>To provide a recommendation to Health Canada and Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) on a common policy for the use of placebos in clinical trials. The final report and recommendations will be submitted to the Director General of TPD and the President of CIHR.</p>	14	3-4 times/year	<p><a href="mailto:tleroux@cihr.ca">tleroux@cihr.ca</a></p> <p>or</p> <p><a href="mailto:patricia_huston@hc-sc.gc.ca">patricia_huston@hc-sc.gc.ca</a></p>
<p><i>Marketed Health Products Directorate (MHPD)</i></p> <p><i>Canadian Coalition on Medication Incident Reporting and Prevention</i></p>	<p>Reports to each of the 12 member organizations, including HPFB's Marketed Health Products Directorate.</p> <p>Its goal is to enhance the safety of the Canadian medication use system through development of a business plan for a program that will focus on reducing harm caused by preventable medication incidents.</p>	13	4 times/year	<p><b>e-mail:</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:mhpd_dpse@hc-sc.gc.ca">mhpd_dpse@hc-sc.gc.ca</a></p>

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<p><i>Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS)</i></p> <p><i>Science Advisory Board</i></p>	<p>Reports to the Minister of Health. Responsibilities include providing broad strategic advice on the direction, balance and relevance of Health Canada's science priorities as well as advice on the effectiveness, relevance and quality of its science and research.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>1 to 6/year</p>	<p><a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/sab-ccs">www.hc-sc.gc.ca/sab-ccs</a></p>
<p><i>Office of Consumer and Public Involvement (OCAPI)</i></p> <p><i>Public Advisory Committee (PAC)</i></p>	<p>Reports to Assistant Deputy Minister of the Health Products and Food Branch. PAC is a public/consumer involvement forum which advises on issues and initiatives as requested by the Branch. It is a component of the Branch's strategy to increase transparency and public involvement through the consultation processes.</p>	<p>16 (maximum of 20)</p>	<p>Three times a year</p>	<p><a href="mailto:ocapi-bpcp@hc-sc.gc.ca">ocapi-bpcp@hc-sc.gc.ca</a></p>