



Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks

SCENIHR

1st meeting of the Working Group on Sphygmomanometers

8 April 2009

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair of the Working Group (WG) welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (ANNEX I)

The draft agenda was adopted as proposed.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON MATTERS OF THE AGENDA

No declarations of interest were made.

4. DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT OPINION

4.1. Terms of Reference (ToR)

The WG requested a possible modification on the ToR to enhance clarity of the mandate. DG Enterprise and Industry (ENTR) agreed with the proposal. The final mandate is available at the following webpage:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/04_scenihhr/docs/scenihhr_q_018.pdf

4.2. Documentation

The WG decided that the documentation and data received is not sufficient for producing an opinion. In agreement with the Commission they proposed to publish a Call for information focusing in particular on the following three issues:

- (i) Comparison of Hg sphygmomanometers with its alternatives;
- (ii) Possible health-related adverse effects related to the switch to the alternatives; and
- (iii) Calibration of sphygmomanometers.

The Commission would publish the Call. Deadline for submission of contributions was fixed on 24 June 2009. More information would be available at the following webpage:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/09_scenihhr/scenihhr_call_info_01_en.htm

4.3. Scoping and structure of the opinion

The WG decided on a provisional structure of the opinion.

4.4. External experts

In the light of this first discussion on the mandate, the WG decided that it would need additional external experts in the fields of clinical epidemiology, cardiology, physics, obstetrics/gynaecology, and blood-pressure measurement. Suitable scientists were identified through a combined search in the Pool, the Database, and in the scientific literature. They would be invited to participate in the Working Group starting from the next meeting.

4.5. Distribution of tasks

A preliminary distribution of tasks to current members of the WG was done.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The WG decided on future meeting dates. These would be confirmed by the Secretariat via an official invitation in due time.

ANNEX I

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