

organizations of other topics for development of clinical practice guidelines with AHCPR support. Nominations of topics must include the specific topic recommended and a statement on the rationale for the recommendation that addresses AHCPR's criteria described in this notice. If organizations or individuals are interested in supporting the development and dissemination of the guidelines proposed, an expression of that interest also is requested.

The nominations received will be reviewed by AHCPR's Office of the Forum for Quality and Effectiveness in Health Care. The Forum will initiate the topic selection process and topics will be approved, as described above.

To be considered, nominations of clinical practice guidelines and supporting documentation must be received by November 22, 1993, at the following address: Kathleen A. McCormick, Ph.D., R.N., Director, Office of the Forum for Quality and Effectiveness in Health Care, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Willco Building, 6000 Executive Boulevard, suite 310, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information on the guideline development process is contained in the AHCPR Fact Sheet "AHCPR Supported Clinical Practice Guidelines," dated April 1993. More detailed information on the guideline process and criteria for selecting panels is contained in the AHCPR Program Note "Clinical Guideline Development," dated August 1993. These documents may be obtained from the AHCPR Publications Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 8457, Silver Spring, MD 20907; or call Toll Free: 1-800-358-9295.

For further information on the process of developing guidelines or the selection of guideline topics, contact Kathleen A. McCormick, Ph.D., R.N., Director, Office of the Forum for Quality and Effectiveness in Health Care, AHCPR, at the above address.

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J. Jarrett Clinton,
Administrator.

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***Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Request for Nominations of Candidates

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The "Workers' Family Protection Act" (29 U.S.C. 671a), hereafter, referred to as "the Act," was enacted on October 26, 1992, as section 209 of Public Law 102-522, the "Fire Administration Authorization Act of 1992." The purpose of the Act is to protect the health of workers and their families from hazardous chemicals and substances, including infectious agents, transported from the workplace to the home on equipment, clothing, or the worker's person. Under the Act, NIOSH is to conduct a study to evaluate the prevalence of contamination in workers' homes with hazardous chemicals and substances, including infectious agents, transported from the workplace. NIOSH is also to evaluate the potential for such contamination occurring and to evaluate other issues relating to protecting the family from transported hazardous chemicals and substances, including infectious agents. NIOSH activities, as mandated under the Act, will include the following: (1) Evaluating the scientific literature and records of past investigations performed by NIOSH, OSHA, and other governmental agencies; (2) evaluating current industrial hygiene and other control measures in use by small, medium, and large industries to prevent or remediate home contamination; (3) compiling a summary of existing research and a summary of case histories; and (4) identifying the role of governmental agencies in responding to incidents of home contamination. The summaries of existing research and case histories will address the effectiveness of workplace housekeeping and personal protective equipment, the health effects of exposure through take-home contamination, the effectiveness of normal housekeeping and laundry procedures for preventing or remediating contamination, the literature on indoor air quality as it applies to the fate of chemicals transported into the home, and methods of differentiating between take-home toxins and confounding environmental factors.

NIOSH is mandated under the Act to establish a working group, to be known as the Workers' Family Protection Task Force. This task force will review the report prepared by NIOSH and

determine if additional data are needed. If additional data are needed, the task force will develop an investigative strategy for obtaining additional information. This investigative strategy will: (1) Identify data gaps that can and cannot be filled; (2) identify assumptions and uncertainties associated with various components of the strategy; (3) specify a timetable for implementation of the strategy; and (4) describe the methodologies to be used to gather the required data.

The Director of NIOSH will publish the investigative strategy developed by the task force and invite public comments. The Director of NIOSH will also use other techniques to obtain comments on the investigative strategy, including technical conferences or seminars.

NIOSH is soliciting nominations for membership on the proposed Workers' Family Protection Task Force. The task force will review a report on contamination of workers' homes by hazardous chemicals and materials, including infectious agents, carried home from the workplace, and develop an investigative strategy for obtaining additional data. The task force will be composed of no more than 15 individuals representing workers, industry, scientists, industrial hygienists, the National Research Council, and government agencies. Workers and industry shall have an equal number of representatives, and there will be no more than one member from any one government agency.

Close attention will be given to minority and female representation; therefore, nominations from these groups are encouraged.

The following information is requested: name, affiliation, address, telephone number, and a current curriculum vitae. Nominations should be sent, in writing, and postmarked by October 15, 1993, to: Steven Galson, M.D., M.P.H., Division of Standards Development and Technology Transfer, NIOSH, CDC, 4676 Columbia Parkway, C-14, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226, 513/533-8302. Telephone or facsimile submissions cannot be accepted.

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(CDC).

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