2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Arthritis Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Health and Human Services	2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Arthritis Advisory Committee	223

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	04/05/2024	04/05/2026	

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No		

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Commitee Type	14c. Presidential?
21 U.S.C. 394	11/28/1990	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities	17d. Total
0	0	0	0	0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	$0.00	$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	$0.00	$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	$0.00	$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	$0.00	$0.00
18e. Total Costs	$0.00	$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee reviews and evaluates data concerning the safety and effectiveness of marketed and investigational human drug products for use in the treatment of arthritis, rheumatism, and related diseases, and makes appropriate recommendations to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs.

20b. How does the Committee balance its

membership?

Members and the Chair are selected by the Commissioner or designee from among authorities knowledgeable in the fields of arthritis, rheumatology, orthopedics, epidemiology or statistics, analgesics, and related specialties. Members will be invited to serve for overlapping terms of up to four years. Non-Federal members of this committee will serve either as Special Government Employees or non-voting representatives. Federal members will serve as Regular Government Employees or Ex-Officios. The core of voting members may include one technically qualified member, selected by the Commissioner or designee, who is identified with consumer interests and is recommended by either a consortium of consumer-oriented organizations or other interested persons. In addition to the voting members, the Committee may include one non-voting representative member who is identified with industry. There may also be one alternate industry representative.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Committee did not meet during FY-24. It is expected that the Committee will meet 2-3 times during FY-25.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Members of the Committee are drawn from academia, research and/or clinical practice. They provide advice and input to inform FDA's regulatory decisions. The alternate means of obtaining this advice would involve the recruitment of large numbers of scientists on a full-time basis at a maximum rate of compensation.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The Committee held no closed meetings during FY-24.

21. Remarks

Although this Committee did not meet in FY-24, considerable time was devoted to appointing members, maintaining associated records for these activities, and streamlining processes within FDA. In addition, time was spent in the routine care and maintenance of the Committee: the development of a financial report for this website; updating the roster and number of vacancies on our website; completing the annual ethics report; reviewing financial disclosures of current members and providing ethics training. Since the Committee did not meet, no reporting was required. Although the current charter states that the Committee shall hold meetings approximately 2-3 times a year, this is only an estimation based on data from previous years. As the FDA convenes advisory committees regarding based on the needs of the Agency, it should not be construed as an exact figure.

Designated Federal Officer

Jessica Seo Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Chung, Sharon	10/28/2021	09/30/2025	Professor of Clinical Medicine, Division of Rheumatology, Department of Medicine; Director, Clinical and Translational Medicine, Immune Tolerance Network, University of California, San Francisco	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

England, Bryant	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Principal Investigator, VA Nebraska-Western IA Healthcare System, Associate Professor, Division of Rheumatology & Immunology, University of Nebrasha Medical Center	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Honczarenko, Marek	11/01/2019	10/31/2027	Senior Vice President, Head of Development, SUN Pharmaceuticals Industries, Inc.	Representative Member
Klein-Gitelman, Marisa	10/01/2021	09/30/2025	Head, Division of Rheumatology, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago; Professor of Pediatrics, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Nason, Martha	10/01/2018	09/30/2026	Mathematical Statistician, Division of Clinical Research, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Phillips, Lawrence	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVE, Patient Advocate, Arthritis Foundation Spondylitis Association of America, Global Healthy Living Foundation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Reimold, Andreas	10/01/2022	09/30/2026	Chief, Rheumatology Section, Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Professor of Medicine, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Richards, John	10/01/2017	09/30/2025	Chief, Division of Rheumatology, Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Healthcare System; Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Singh, Jasvinder	10/01/2019	09/30/2026	Staff Physician, Birmingham Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Director, Gout Clinic, University of Alabama Health Sciences Foundation	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 9

Narrative Description

FDA's strategic priorities in responding to the public health challenges of the 21st century are to advance regulatory science and innovation; strengthen the safety and integrity of the global supply chain; strengthen compliance and enforcement activities to support public health; expand efforts to meet the needs of special populations; advance medical countermeasures and emergency preparedness; advance food safety and nutrition; promote public health by advancing the safety and effectiveness of medical products; establish an effective tobacco regulation, prevention, and control program; and manage for organizational excellence and accountability. The Arthritis Advisory Committee supports FDA's strategic priorities by reviewing and evaluating data concerning the safety and effectiveness of marketed and investigational human drug products for use in the treatment of arthritis, rheumatism, and related diseases and makes appropriate recommendations to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs. This supports the development of safe and effective new medical technologies, and advances the status of the Agency as a science-based and science-led regulatory agency, providing global leadership in the protection of

public health.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	✓
Trust in government	✓
Major policy changes	✓
Advance in scientific research	✓
Effective grant making	
Improved service delivery	
Increased customer satisfaction	✓
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	✓
Other	

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	
Unable to Determine	✓
Under $100,000	
$100,000 - $500,000	
$500,001 - $1,000,000	
$1,000,001 - $5,000,000	
$5,000,001 - $10,000,000	
Over $10,000,000	
Cost Savings Other	

Cost Savings Comments

The utilization of the Arthritis Advisory Committee enables the Agency to obtain required and frequently scarce professional services from medical and scientific experts not otherwise available to the Agency; and to obtain the services of these experts not otherwise available to the Agency; and to obtain the services of these experts only on an as needed bases rather than on a full time basis. The service of the Committee resulted in

advice for the improvement of the public health, for which it is difficult to assign a financial value.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?
40

Number of Recommendations Comments
The Committee made 40 recommendations from FY-03 through FY-24.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?
84%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments
The function of an advisory committee is purely advisory in nature. Although the FDA most often accepts the recommendations from its committees, the advice is purely advisory in nature, therefore, the Agency has the option of not implementing the advice. This number represents an approximation of the percentage of recommendations that the agency has fully implemented or plans to fully implement.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?
10%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments
The function of an advisory committee is purely advisory in nature. Although the FDA most often accepts the recommendations from its committees, the advice is purely advisory in nature, and the Agency has the option of not implementing the advice.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?
Yes ☑ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments
When appropriate, information is made available to the public. Actions related to guidance documents or other general matters or issues are available publicly when implemented.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	✓
Reallocated resources	✓
Issued new regulation	✓
Proposed legislation	✓
Approved grants or other payments	
Other	✓

Action Comments

FDA approves or chooses not to approve new medical products.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	✓
Online Agency Web Site	✓
Online Committee Web Site	✓
Online GSA FACA Web Site	✓
Publications	✓
Other	

Access Comments

N/A