

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MEDICAL USES OF ISOTOPES  
SELF-EVALUATION

***Following is a list of the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI) self-evaluation questions. The list also contains the proposed new questions, revised questions, rescinded questions, and a rationale for the new/revised questions.***

Current Question 1: Does the staff and the ACMUI interact in such a manner as to satisfactorily address issues before the committee?

Revised Question 1: Regarding ACMUI timeliness and function: a) Does the committee routinely meet deadlines? b) Does the committee meet frequently enough to address issues in a timely manner? c) Is communication and coordination between the staff and the ACMUI effective, such that interactions are timely and the ACMUI understands its mission, function, and assignments?

Reason for Revision: The current question is vague. The revised question requests the ACMUI to more specifically address effective and timely communication and interaction between the ACMUI and the staff.

Current Question 2: Do the committee members clearly define issues for the staff and provide timely, useful, objective information to the staff when requested?

Revised Question 2: The ACMUI's charter and the ACMUI Handbook "Serving on the ACMUI: A Member's Guide" (NUREG/BR-0309) state the need for the ACMUI to provide fair, objective advice on policy and technical issues that arise in regulating the medical use of byproduct material for diagnosis and therapy.

Does the ACMUI effectively advise the staff and develop resolutions to issues in a fair, objective, balanced manner, in keeping with the intent of NUREG/BR-0309? Are the various stakeholder groups' interests (such as the public, the medical community, and the Agreement States) fairly and appropriately reflected in the ACMUI's advice?

Reason for Revision: While the ACMUI is a medical advisory body that advises the staff, the advice provided should be fair and objective, and not solely advance the views of the medical community. The revised question underscores the ACMUI's responsibility to provide balanced advice that benefits all stakeholders.

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Current Question 3: Does the committee provide critical review and oversight of issues?

New Question 3: Do the committee members interact collegially to address issues?

Reason: Current Question 3 has been replaced because a more important consideration would be whether committee members interact collegially to address issues. Also, the question, as currently written, has been consolidated into revised Question 2.

Current Question 4: Does the committee provide expertise/advice that is not available from within the Agency?

Revised Question 4: Is the committee effective at providing advice that is not unduly burdensome on stakeholders while maintaining and/or improving safety?

Reason for Revision: The staff routinely engages the ACMUI for expertise and advice not within the Agency. The staff, therefore, recognizes that the expertise/advice on the ACMUI is not available within the Agency. The revised question is more relevant and useful for evaluating the ACMUI's performance.

Current Question 5: Does the committee meet frequently enough to address issues in a timely manner?

New Question 5: Is the committee effective at recommending new or enhanced regulatory programs and/or providing advice and recommendations within NRC's stated resource constraints?

Reason: Current Question 5 has been replaced, because it is important that the ACMUI provide its advice while considering the NRC's resource constraints. Therefore, the committee should evaluate itself in this regard. Also, the question as currently written has been consolidated into revised Question 1.

Current Question 6: Do committee members bring issues from all elements of the medical community to the attention of NRC staff?

New Question 6: Is the size and composition of the committee adequate to address current issues? For example: a) Should any specialty currently represented be considered for elimination? If so, why? b) Should any specialty not currently represented be added to the committee? If so, why?

Reason: The size and composition of the ACMUI help determine whether issues from all elements of the medical community are adequately represented. Therefore, current Question 6 has been replaced so that the committee

can evaluate the ACMUI's size, composition, and the need to adjust these elements. Furthermore, the essence of the current question is addressed in revised Question 2.

Current Question 7: Does the committee facilitate/foster communication between the public/medical community and NRC?

Question Retained: No change.

Current Question 8: Does the committee consider NRC's resource constraints when recommending new or enhanced regulatory programs?

New Question 8: Is the committee effective at making the daily responsibilities of the regulated community understood by the NRC?

Reason: Current Question 8 has been consolidated into new Question 5, and replaced. Question 8 has been replaced, because the ACMUI believes it is important that the Commission understand the daily responsibilities of medical professionals, and how the regulations impact medical professionals. The new question allows the ACMUI to address this issue.

Current Question 9: Does the committee make effective use of subcommittees to assist the staff on specific tasks or projects?

Revised Question 9: Does the committee make effective use of subcommittees to assist the staff on specific tasks or projects? For example: a) Are subcommittees formed when appropriate and are members' roles defined? b) Are deadlines met? c) How effectively does the ACMUI address these and other challenges to subcommittee effectiveness?

Reason for Revision: The enhancement to Question 9 is useful for enabling the ACMUI to more thorough and specifically determine its ability to successfully use subcommittees to address issues. Therefore, the staff believes the revised question is more relevant to evaluating the ACMUI's performance.

Current Question 10: Does the size and scope of the committee meet NRC's current needs?

Rescinded: Consolidated into new question 6.