A meeting of the National Drug Scheduling Advisory Committee (NDSAC) was held by teleconference on Thursday, June 17, 2010 starting at 11:15 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the additional information that had been submitted by the Applicant subsequent to the previous meeting at the request of the Committee and to finalize a recommendation for the scheduling of polyethylene glycol 3350 indicated for occasional constipation.

Participants

Committee members
Margot Priddle, Chair; Dr. Ruth Wilson, Vice Chair; Kim Abbass; Gail Bradley; Dr. Nancy MacDonald; Dr. Peter Zed; Kathy McInnes

Regrets
Dr. Sheldon Koven

Staff
Carole Bouchard – Executive Director, NAPRA
Kathy Vesterfelt – Manager, Professional and Regulatory Affairs, NAPRA, Committee Secretary

1.0 Call to order

1.1 Opening remarks
Margot Priddle called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. and thanked everyone for taking the time to review the circulated materials and to participate in the call.

1.2 Conflict of interest declarations
Ms. Priddle called for conflict of interest declarations. None were declared.

2.0 Approval of the agenda
The agenda was approved as circulated.

3.0 Continuing deliberation on the request for Unscheduled status for polyethylene glycol 3350 indicated for occasional constipation
Having reviewed the additional information provided by the Applicant at the request of the Committee, it was determined by the Committee members that there was nothing further in the information provided that warranted a change in the motion drafted at the June 7, 2010 meeting.

It was moved by Nancy MacDonald, seconded by Gail Bradley that “polyethylene glycol 3350 as a single ingredient oral product indicated as a laxative to treat occasional constipation be granted unscheduled status.”

Motion carried.

To be reported to NAPRA Executive Committee.
4.0 Clarification of Chair position for 2010
Ms. Bouchard clarified matters regarding the Chair-Co-Chair positions for 2009-2010 by referring members to the minutes of the NDSAC September 13-14th, 2009 meeting minutes. Dr. Ruth Wilson will move to the Chair position for the September 2010 meeting and a new Vice-Chair will be appointed at that meeting.

5.0 Other matters
Ms. Bouchard informed the Committee members that she had attended Barbara Wells’ funeral on June 11, 2010. A tribute to Ms. Wells was posted on the NAPRA website and NAPRA is investigating ways to commemorate her contributions to NAPRA and the Canadian pharmacy community in a meaningful and lasting manner.

6.0 Date of next meeting
The next face to face meeting is tentatively set for Sept 12-13, 2010. The deadline for submissions is the end of Wednesday, July 14th, 2010.

7.0 Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.