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Media Advisory

Mental Health Experts and Consumers to Respond to FDA Hearing on Antidepressants and Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors

WHAT: Media briefing by mental health experts and consumers who will respond to the proceedings of the FDA's Psychopharmacologic Drugs Advisory Committee and will provide expert commentary on the presentation of the FDA's meta-analysis of suicidal thought and behavior data from adult antidepressant clinical trials.

WHEN: December 13, 2006, during the FDA hearing lunch break (approximately 1:30 p.m. EDT)

WHERE: Chesapeake Conference Room, Silver Spring Hilton
(Down the hall from the FDA hearing)
8727 Colesville Rd
Silver Spring, MD 20910

WHO: David L. Shern, Ph.D., president and CEO, Mental Health America
Carl Salzman, M.D., psychiatrist, Harvard Medical School and fellow, American College of Neuropsychopharmacology
Mental health consumers and family members
Carolyn R. Robinowitz, M.D., president-elect, American Psychiatric Assoc.

BACKGROUND:

The following non-profit national mental health advocacy and medical professional organizations represent consumers, physicians, researchers and the top experts in the field of mental health and neuroscience. These organizations have convened to provide a forum to respond to the FDA's proceedings and answer media questions. Following the briefing and throughout the day, a number of consumers and experts will be available for interviews.

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
American Psychiatric Association
Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
Families for Depression Awareness
Mental Health America
National Alliance on Mental Illness
Suicide Prevention Action Network

NOTE : All media must present valid media credentials to attend.

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