



April 28, 2015

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Health  
FROM: Committee Majority Staff  
RE: Hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing on 21st Century Cures”

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

On April 30, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in 2123 Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on Health will hold a hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing on 21st Century Cures.”

## **II. WITNESSES**

- Dr. Kathy Hudson, Deputy Director for Science, Outreach, and Policy at the National Institutes of Health;
- Dr. Janet Woodcock, Director of the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA); and,
- Dr. Jeff Shuren, Director of the Center for Devices and Radiological Health at the FDA.

## **III. BACKGROUND**

In April 2014, Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) and Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO) launched the 21st Century Cures initiative to conduct a comprehensive look at the cycle of cures – from discovery to development to delivery.

Over the course of the last year, the 21st Century Cures initiative involved a nationwide conversation with patients, providers, innovators, regulators, and researchers. During the conversation, the Committee received countless ideas in response to the Committee [white papers](#), held [eight hearings](#) convened by Subcommittee on Health, and held [over a dozen roundtables](#) hosted both at the Committee and by members in their districts all across the country.

In January, the Committee launched the legislative phase of the 21st Century Cures initiative by circulating a discussion document, which included a number of ideas proposed by both Republicans and Democrats.

Thursday's hearing will provide an opportunity to hear testimony on an updated discussion draft. This new draft will be released prior to Thursday's hearing.

#### **IV. STAFF CONTACTS**

If you have any questions regarding this hearing, please contact John Stone, Robert Horne, Paul Edattel, Katie Novaria, Carly McWilliams, or Adrianna Simonelli of the Committee staff at (202) 225-2927.