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The European Medicines Agency's [Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use](http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/about_us/general/general_content_000094.jsp&murl=menus/about_us/about_us.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac0580028c79) (CHMP) has established a Geriatric Expert Group, to provide scientific advice on issues related to the elderly.

The group's [mandate, objectives and rules of procedure](http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/pages/includes/document/open_document.jsp?webContentId=WC500107028), published today, explain that the group will contribute to the work of the CHMP and the Agency secretariat by:

* giving input on guidelines under consultation;
* giving advice on geriatric aspects of the development, assessment or safety monitoring of medicines;
* taking part in meetings where expertise on geriatrics is needed;
* contributing to the geriatric implementation plan.

The group is formed of nine [members](http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/pages/includes/document/open_document.jsp?webContentId=WC500107027) with expertise in the scientific and regulatory aspects of geriatrics. It will meet virtually on an *ad-hoc* basis as required*,* communicating by e-mail, telephone conference or web conference only.

The establishment of the group forms a major step in the implementation of the Agency's [geriatric medicines strategy](http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/pages/includes/document/open_document.jsp?webContentId=WC500102291), adopted in February 2011 as part of the implementation of the Agency's [Road Map to 2015](http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/about_us/general/general_content_000292.jsp&murl=menus/about_us/about_us.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac05800293a4).