

<http://www.citizen.org/Page.aspx?pid=6331>

## **Researcher/Writer/Co-Author for New Edition of the Book Worst Pills, Best Pills**

We are beginning to prepare for the fifth edition of Worst Pills, Best Pills, first published in 1988, with subsequent editions in 1993, 1999 and, most recently, in 2005. Total sales of the book, for all editions combined, have amounted to more than 2.2 million copies.

The underlying principle of the book; our monthly publication, Worst Pills, Best Pills News; and our website, WorstPills.org, is that new (or old) drugs that offer no unique benefit but have unique risks should not be prescribed. We therefore describe such drugs as Do Not Use. Fortunately, as the book and newsletter titles imply, there are always alternatives for these Do Not Use drugs or “Worst Pills” — usually older and safer drugs.

We are seeking to hire a researcher/writer/co-author under a personal services contract. Candidates must have a degree in pharmacy, medicine or pharmacology. In addition, candidates need to be familiar with the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA’s) regulation of drugs, be able to write accurately and clearly, and have a record of publications, preferably related to research-based advocacy, concerning the safety of pharmaceuticals.

Work under contract for approximately two years, hours will be flexible, residency in Washington, D.C., is not required. The main tasks to be completed under the contract will be research and writing of profiles on the many drugs not included in the 2005 edition of the book because they were not yet marketed at that time. Other researchers on our staff, including a former FDA pharmacologist and two physicians, will also be contributing to the update of the book.

The editor of the book and director of the project will continue, as for all of the previous editions, to be Sidney M. Wolfe, M.D., the founder, in 1971, and previously the director of Public Citizen’s Health Research Group, now directed by Michael Carome, M.D.

Please send a resume and PDF copies of published articles, preferably involving prescription drug safety, to [swolfe@citizen.org](mailto:swolfe@citizen.org). Also provide a brief statement concerning your qualifications for this position and why you are eager to join us in this effort.

Sidney M. Wolfe MD  
Founder, Senior Adviser  
Health Research Group at Public Citizen  
1600 20th St. NW  
Washington, DC 20009

Phone: (202) 588-7735  
FAX: (202) 588-7796  
E-mail: [Swolfe@citizen.org](mailto:Swolfe@citizen.org)  
Websites: [www.worstpills.org](http://www.worstpills.org)  
& [www.citizen.org/hrpublications](http://www.citizen.org/hrpublications)