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Attention researchers:

As we have announced for many months, we have many new/revised forms rolling out. These changes have occurred as a result of our on-going preparations for a MANDATORY research accreditation with the VA. There are many changes and we have worked diligently to prepare everything within the short amount of time we possessed. IRB paperwork has been adapted to better meet regulations and accreditation standards. Prior to implementing any documents we not only benchmarked with a wide variety of other IRBs but also took the needs of researchers into account wherever possible. In order to include the more compliant forms with our accreditation application later this month we must require all investigators to use the new forms no later than May 25th at 12 PM.

We recognize the impact this will have on your work and we wish to emphasize (a) the accreditation is mandatory for all IRBs associated with a VA (there was no decision at our local level to volunteer for this - it is a requirement) and (b) the changes are consistent with the existing requirements at many other IRBs.

The "Introductory Questionnaire" for full Board and Expedited studies has undergone the most significant changes. Initially introduced as an "IQ for Interventional Studies that are Greater than Minimal Risk", this form will be required for all new studies after 12 PM on 25 May 2007. This form is already required if your research includes the VA.

The "Continuing Review/Study Closure" form has undergone some important changes and is required as of today, 01 May 2007.

The Informed Consent forms will also be revised and are pending approval by the full Board. Once implemented investigators will be required to use these new forms for all new studies and Continuing Reviews. You will *not* have to update into the new form if you are only revising a previously approved consent (unless it is in conjunction with a Continuing Review for your project)

There are several new forms, and several others have had minor changes. Our Policy and Procedure manual has grown significantly, our Informed Consent Instructions have been revised, there are new/revised position papers, and there are some new instructional guides and definition documents.

Always download and use the newest/current forms! Please send us any feedback on or questions about the forms.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience. Thank you.

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