Investigator Responsibilities

Investigators have the primary responsibility for protecting the rights and welfare of human research subjects and are responsible for complying with all applicable provisions of the University of Florida’s Assurance.

Investigators are expected to be knowledgeable about the requirements of the Federal regulations, applicable State Laws, their institutions Policies and Procedures for the protection of human subjects.

Tips for Success:

♦ Be consistent across SmartForm responses and study documents.

♦ Delegate study duties based on their qualifications and provide appropriate training.

♦ If in doubt, call the IRB!

♦ Use the tools found on the IRB-01 website: http://irb.ufl.edu/irb01/tools.htm.

IRB History: Jewish Chronic Disease Study

In 1963, studies were undertaken at New York City’s Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital to develop information on the nature of the human transplant rejection process. These studies involved the injection of live cancer cells into patients who were hospitalized with various chronic debilitating diseases. Researchers said that consent had been given orally but was not documented. They felt that documentation was unnecessary because it was customary to undertake much more dangerous medical procedures without the use of Consent Forms. Further, patients were not told they would receive cancer cells because it would frighten the patients unnecessarily. Two of the physicians were put on probation for a year.

Upcoming Education:

The April Brown Bag will be presented by Tiffany Danielle Pineda, Education Coordinator, IRBs. The topic is de-mystifying the IRB Protocol Template. The Brown Bag will be held April 9, 2014, noon—1:30 in room 104 of the Broad Building. Please RSVP to tiffany.danielle@ufl.edu.

If there is a Brown Bag topic you would like to see OR present, please let me know at tiffany.danielle@ufl.edu.