Scientific Review and Monitoring Committee (SRMC):

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Background:

A Protocol Review and Management System (PRMS), as defined by the Cancer Center Support Grant (CCSG), must be utilized by a cancer center to receive National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation.

The University of Florida Health Cancer Center (UFHCC) incorporates the use of a Scientific Review and Monitoring Committee (SRMC) which serves as the scientific merit and resource monitoring arm of the PRMS. The SRMC provides the initial review for scientific merit, methodology, validity of statistical analysis, and potential feasibility based upon anticipated accrual goals and scientific priority for appropriate studies.

Any cancer relevant research study, including behavioral research, at the University of Florida must be reviewed by the SRMC in addition to the IRB. The University of Florida defines a “cancer relevant” study as one that:

- Specifies enrolling patients with a known or suspected diagnosis of cancer as part of the eligibility criteria; or
- Includes research endpoints related to cancer, associated symptoms or risk factors including smoking or tobacco-associated studies, surveys, hepatitis or HPV vaccines; or
- The local PI plans to exclusively enroll current, former or potential cancer patients into the study.

It is difficult to list every possible scenario in which a study would be considered cancer-relevant, in general, this means that it involves cancer patients, uses data, tissue, or blood specimens from cancer patients, or will lead to findings that may be significant to cancer patients.

To learn more regarding this requirement, please go to the SRMC website at http://cancer.ufl.edu/clinical-trials-2/clinical-trials-office-2/srmc/

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