Clinical Research Services Notification
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RE: Charges Associated with Utilization of Clinical Research Services Resources

This notification is to inform the VCU community of the need for cost recovery for utilization of Clinical Research Services (CRS) that will be implemented June 1, 2014. Previously, under the General Clinical Research Center (GCRC) model of cost recovery, the majority of CRS services were provided to investigators at no cost or costs were waived. Based on the current economic realities, the GCRC model is no longer supported by National Institutes of Health (NIH). Therefore, to continue to provide CRS services to facilitate clinical research at VCU, the previous practice of waiving the costs of CRS resources is being phased out. The CRS is now considered a Service Center. As a result, the processes for recovery of costs associated with use of CRS services are outlined below.

For Industry Sponsored Clinical Research:
If CRS services are needed to support industry sponsored clinical research studies, they must be submitted through the CRS Intake Form [https://redcap.vcu.edu/rc/surveys/?s=vN6Xbg]. Upon receipt of this form, the request will be evaluated by the CRS Protocol Review Committee within a 2 week time period whenever possible. If the study is approved for the use of CRS resources, the Principal Investigator and study team lead will receive a CRS Service Agreement outlining the charges for the CRS resources requested. Charges will not be waived and should be incorporated into the external budget. You will be requested to sign and return the service agreement within 30 business days of receipt of the CRS Service Agreement.

For Non-Industry Clinical Research Grants:
For grants submitted prior to June 1, 2014 where CRS was not involved in the budgeting process, the CRS will evaluate the charges associated with the performance of the study utilizing CRS resources on a case by case basis.

As of June 1, 2014, all grant proposal submissions regardless of funding source that will require the utilization of CRS resources MUST be submitted through the CRS Intake Form [https://redcap.vcu.edu/rc/surveys/?s=vN6Xbg]. Submissions of the CRS Intake Form should be made prior to the grant proposal deadline to ensure that accurate costs for CRS resources can be included in the grant. The CRS is willing to facilitate discussions with investigators to generate a financially feasible study cost analysis. Regardless of the involvement of the CRS in the budgeting process, if CRS services are to be provided, charges will NOT be waived.

Specific inquiries can be directed to the CRS Executive Director

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