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From: Associate Chief of Staff for Research

Subj: Levy on Extra-VA Funds Generated by Human Studies Research Conducted at the Miami VAMC

To: All Investigators


1. In compliance with the policy mandated in VHA Directive 2003-031, "Establishment of a Facility Human Protection Program," it is necessary to impose a levy on funds generated by studies involving human subjects carried out at the Miami VAMC. The fees set are as follows:

- (a) Funds deposited for research purposes of any kind with the South Florida Veterans Affairs Foundation for Research and Education, Inc. or in the VA General Post Fund are assessed a 15% charge. When such funds are generated by studies involving human subjects, there is an additional levy of 10% in support of the Facility Human Protection Program as mandated in VHA Directive 2003-031.
- (b) For funds deposited in a University account, the amount to be paid to the VA Research Service will be a total of 20% of the funds generated in proportion to the number of VA patients studied (10% for VA and 10% for the Facility Human Protection Program). The Office of Research Administration of the School of Medicine should be contacted to effect the transfer of funds.

The fees described above are in addition to the usual IRB review and oversight fees.

2. Approval by the Research and Development Committee for the initiation of studies involving human subjects is contingent upon agreement by the investigator to verify information concerning funds generated or to provide such information. The investigator is expected to cooperate in the transfer of funds as stipulated to accounts designated for use by the VA Research Service.

3. The Research and Development Committee has determined that it is inappropriate for the limited funds available in support of the VA research program to be used to subsidize the generation of funds for individual investigators. Levying charges on human studies is to allocate operating costs more fairly. We hope to have the cooperation of all who benefit from the use of the VA's research facilities in these efforts to strive for an equitable system of cost recovery for our support activities.



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