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TO: Susan McMullen
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FROM: NIH Privacy Act Officer

SUBJECT: Applicability of the Privacy Act: The Survey of Health Care Professionals' Awareness and Perceptions of the National Cancer Institute's Intramural Clinical Trials (NCI)

I have reviewed the NCI submission to OMB entitled, "The Survey of Health Care Professionals' Awareness and Perceptions of the National Cancer Center Institute's Intramural Clinical Trials (NCI)". The project involves the collection of personally identifiable information via an email survey to medical professionals who treat cancer patients to gain a deeper understanding of their perception of NCI and the services the Institute provides.

I have determined that the Privacy Act will not apply to the data collection, which includes the collection of work email address, professional status, area of specialization and geographic location of practice. The responses are being collected electronically and will be automatically stored on a secured server. The survey data cannot be tracked to individual respondents and will be provided to NCI through its contractor, Matthews Media Group (MMG), in aggregate form only.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at (301) 496-2832

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Karen M. Plá", is positioned above the printed name.

Karen M. Plá