

Attachment #3: IRB Approvals

- Attachment 3A: NCI-IRB Approval: Lung Case-Control Protocol
No: OH98-C-NO27
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1/29/08

CLINICAL RESEARCH PROTOCOL CONTINUING REVIEW APPLICATION PROTOCOL NO. OH98-C-N027 PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR (NIH Employee Name, Title, Address, Telephone and e-mail) Elise Bowman, NCIMLHC 373054 301-496-2090 bowman@mailto.nih.gov

PROTOCOL TITLE: LNA Recall, p53 and Apoptosis Phenotypes in Lung Cancer

PROTOCOL STATUS:
() Review - Recruitment of participants has not yet begun.
(x) Review - Participants are currently being recruited or enrolled.
() Review - No further recruiting or enrollment permitted, subject follow-up only.
() Review - Participants have completed study, study and data analysis complete.
() Review - Clinical hold (recruitment or enrollment of participants suspended)
() Terminate - Study closed. Participants have completed study. Recruitment and data analysis complete.

SUMMARY OF PROTOCOL ENROLLMENT (Applicable to all studies)
NIH Site: 3000, Other Sites: 3000
Accruals by site: 232, 232
Aggregable sites accruals: 2153, 2153

Are you currently recruiting healthy volunteers? () No (x) Yes
Are the protocol involve adults unable to give informed consent? (x) No () Yes
Have analyses by sex, racial/ethnic subgroups been conducted for Phase 3 Clinical trials as required? () No (x) Yes (please specify) (x) N/A
Have any non-NIH investigators or sites been added since the last review? () No (x) Yes (Identify the persons or sites and describe the collaboration in the summary report)

WITH THIS REVIEW, I AM REQUESTING A CHANGE TO THE FOLLOWING:
Title Page, Introduction, References, and Clinical Trial in the Introduction and IRB

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:
Delete:
Add:
EXTRAMURAL / D.U.N.C. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:
Delete:
Add:
MEDICAL ADVISORY INVESTIGATOR:
Delete: Elise Bowman
Add: N/A
LEAD ASSOCIATE INVESTIGATOR:
Delete:
Add:
RESEARCH CONTACT:
Delete:
Add:
ASSOCIATE INVESTIGATOR(S):
Delete:
Add:

IONIZING RADIATION USE (X-rays, e.g., CT radioscopes, e.g., PET etc.) check all that apply:
() None
() Medically indicated
() Research indicated. Since the last review,
() Research usage HAS NOT changed.
() Research usage HAS changed. (Specify in summary report)

INVESTIGATIONAL NEW DRUG/DEVICE () None () IND () IDE
If reporting more than one IND/ID, list an abbreviation:
IND No:
Name:
Source:
Who is the manufacturer of the above activity?

Does the protocol involve a Tech Transfer Agreement? (x) No () Yes
Does the protocol involve a proprietary product that may lead to you or the NIH receiving payment and/or royalties?
() No
() Yes (Append a statement of disclosure)

Have there been any amendments since the last review?
() No
(x) Yes (Describe in fully in the attached narrative.)
Have there been any changes in the informed consent process or documentation since the last review?
() No
(x) Yes (Describe in Summary report)

Have there been any changes in the subject population, recruitment or selection criteria since the last review?
() No
(x) Yes (Describe changes in the attached narrative.)

Have any unexpected complications or side effects been noted since the last review?
() No
(x) Yes (Identify and explain in the attached narrative.)

Have any subjects withdrawn from this study since the last IRB approval?
() No
(x) Yes (Discuss in the attached narrative.)

Has any information acquired in the literature or outside from this or similar research, that might affect the IRB's evaluation of the risks/benefits of study of human subjects involved in this protocol?
() No
() Yes (Discuss in the attached narrative.)

Has the NIH IRP CCI Guide been distributed to new NIH investigators?
() No () Yes (x) N/A
Has the NIH IRP CCI Guide been distributed to non-NIH investigators?
() No () Yes (x) N/A

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REVIEW:
Date submitted to IC DEC: 1/23/08 Date cleared by IC DEC: 2/18/08

SIGNATURE: Elise Bowman, Elise Bowman, Date: 2/25/08
RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Curtis Harris, Dr. Curtis Harris, Date: 2/24/08
APPROVALS: Frank Balm, F. Balm, Date: 4/16/08
COMPLETION: Margaret Hatch, Margaret Hatch, Date: 4/16/08

August 13, 2008

RAYMOND JONES
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE
ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY



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H-20678 - RESOURCE COLLECTION AND EVALUATION OF HUMAN TISSUES AND CELLS FROM DONORS WITH AN EPIDEMIOLOGY PROFILE FOR NCI CONTRACT # N02-RC-57700

APPROVAL VALID FROM 8/13/2008 TO 8/13/2009

Dear Dr. JONES

This is to certify that the Institutional Review Board for Human Subject Research at University of Maryland Baltimore has approved your research protocol.

Research activity involving veterans and/or the Baltimore VA Maryland Healthcare System (BVAMHCS) as a site, must also be approved by the BVAMHCS Research and Development Committee prior to initiation. Contact the VA Research Office at 410-605-7131 for assistance.

The study may not continue after the approval period without additional IRB review and approval for continuation. You will receive an email renewal reminder notice prior to study expiration; however, it is your responsibility to assure that this study is not conducted beyond the expiration date.

Please be aware that only IRB-approved informed consent forms may be used when written informed consent is required.

Any changes in study or informed consent procedure must receive review and approval prior to implementation unless the change is necessary for the safety of subjects. In addition, you must inform the IRB of adverse events encountered during the study or of any new and significant information that may impact a research participants' safety or willingness to continue in your study.

The UMB IRB is organized and operated according to guidelines of the International Council on Harmonization, the United States Office for Human Research Protections and the United States Code of Federal Regulations and operates under Federal Wide Assurance No. FWA00007145

If the Investigational Drug Service is utilized for this research study, it is the principal investigator's responsibility to notify the IDS of all IRB-approved changes to this protocol that involve investigational agents.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Edelman, M.D.".

Robert Edelman M.D.
IRB Chair



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AMENDMENT APPROVAL NOTICE
EXPEDITED REVIEW

Date: April 14, 2009

To: Rex Yung, MD
Department of Epidemiology

From: Elizabeth A. Skinner, MSW
Chair, IRB-X

Re: Study Title: "DNA Repair, p53 and Apoptosis Phenotypes in Lung Cancer"
IRB No: 98-06-05-07-2

The JHSPH IRB reviewed and approved your amendment request, dated **March 20, 2009**, described below, on **April 9, 2009**.

- 1. Change the study PI from Manning Feinleib to Rex Young.**
- 2. Add Edward Gabrielson as a co-investigator.**
- 3. To change the Lung Cancer Case, Hospital Control, and Population Control Consent Forms to the new Biospecimen Consent Form Template and to revise the forms to include the change in PI,**
- 4. To revise the HIPAA forms, Medical Record Release form, Case and Hospital Control Flyers to include the change in PI.**

This amendment approval is inclusive of the following documentation:

Consent Form-Population Controls (Version #1, 3/19/09)
Consent Form-Hospital Controls (Version #1, 3/19/09)
Consent Form-Lung Cancer Cases (Version #1, 3/19/09)
HIPAA Medical Records Release Form (3/19/09)
Flyer Flyer HIPAA Authorization Form (3/19/09)



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MEMORANDUM

TO: RAYMOND JONES
ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY
FROM: Robert Edelman M.D.
IRB Chair

Robert Edelman, M.D.

DATE: August 30, 2004

RE: H-20678 - RESOURCE COLLECTION AND EVALUATION OF HUMAN TISSUES AND CELLS FROM
DONORS WITH AN EPIDEMIOLOGY PROFILE

The IRB has approved the modification request detailed below.

Description:

The Laboratory of Human Carcinogenesis at The National Cancer Institute has been approved to conduct a case control study of Prostate Cancer. We are requesting an amendment to the current study because the Case Control Study of Lung Cancer and the new Prostate study are designed to work together. The population control group from the Case Control Study will be utilized in the Prostate study as well. This will be further illustrated in the following sections: C, D, F1, F3, F4, G1, G2, H, I, J1, J2, L, N, and Section S. Also we would like to request certain changes to the subject's rights section of the following consent forms: Prostate Study Cases - V A, Prostate Study - U M M S, Population Controls - Male. The subject's rights changes for the consents are attached in section S. In addition we would like to request that the IRB change the study ID number #0298229 on the HIPAA waiver and the Authorization form form to the new BRAAN IRB number of H-20678.

4/20/09

CLINICAL RESEARCH PROTOCOL CONTINUING REVIEW APPLICATION	PROTOCOL NO. 05-C-N021	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR (Print Employee Name, title, Address, telephone and email) Stefan Ambs Ph.D., NCI, Bldg. 37, Room 3070B, Bethesda, MD 20892-4738
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PROTOCOL TITLE
A Case-Control Study of Prostate Cancer in the Greater Baltimore Area

INDICATOR STATUS

Renew - Recruitment of participants has not yet begun.

Renew - Participants are currently being recruited or enrolled.

Renew - No longer recruiting or enrolling participants, subject follow up only.

Renew - Participants have completed study; study and data analyses ongoing.

Renew - Clinical Hold/Recruitment or enrollment of participants suspended.

Terminate - Study closed. Participants have completed study. Recruitment and data analysis complete.

SUMMARY OF PROTOCOL ENROLLMENT (Aggregate) Citywide data - site - total (by site) - provide total and detail for table to site.

No. Sites	Other Sites	Total	Accounting by IRD
	1200	1200	Accounting by IRD
	176	176	New subjects accrued since last CR
	610	610	Aggregate last accrued

Are you currently recruiting healthy volunteers? No Yes

Will the protocol involve adults unable to give informed consent? No Yes

Have analyses by sex, race/ethnicity, subgroup been conducted for Phase 3 Clinical Trials as required? No Yes (explain a and b) N/A

a. Have analyses been reported? No (explain in narrative) Yes

b. Have significant differences been found? No Yes

Have any non-NIH investigators or sites been added since the last review? No Yes (Specify the persons or sites and describe the collaboration in the summary report)

WITH THIS REVIEW, I AM ASKING A CHANGE TO THE FOLLOWING:
*Include Name, Institution, telephone, address, email. Check for conflicts - Do you need to be notified if necessary.

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
Delete: _____
Add: _____

EXTRACURRICULAR ADJUNCT PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
Delete: _____
Add: _____

FOUCA ADVISORY INVESTIGATOR
Delete: _____
Add: _____

LEAD ASSOCIATE INVESTIGATOR
Delete: _____
Add: _____

RESEARCH CONTACT
Delete: _____
Add: _____

ASSOCIATE INVESTIGATOR(S)
Delete: _____
Add: _____

IONIZING RADIATION (JA, JS, A-rays, e.g., C, radiotherapy, e.g., L) and check all that apply:

None

Medically indicated

Research indicated. Since the last review:

Research usage HAS NOT changed.

Research usage HAS changed. (Include in summary report)

INVESTIGATIONAL NEW DRUG/DEVICE None ND CE

If reporting ND or CE use IND/IDE, but do not reference.

FOUCA Name: _____

Name: _____

Sponsor: _____

Who is the manufacturer of the device(s)? _____

Does the protocol involve a Tech Transfer Agreement? No Yes

Does the protocol involve a drug/device/product that may lead to you or the NIH receiving payment and/or royalties?
 No Yes (Specify in statement of disclosure)

Have there been any additional sites since the last review?
 No Yes (Describe briefly in the attached narrative)

Have there been any changes in the informed consent process or documentation since the last review?
 No Yes (Describe in Summary report)

Have there been any changes in the subject population, recruitment or selection criteria since the last review?
 No Yes (Explain changes in the attached narrative)

Have any unexpected complications or side effects been noted since the last review?
 No Yes (Identify and explain in the attached narrative)

Have any subjects withdrawn from this study since the last IRB approval?
 No Yes (Discuss in the attached narrative)

Has any information appeared in the literature, or evolved from this or similar research, that might affect the NIH's evaluation of the individual analyses or human subjects involved in this protocol?
 No Yes (Discuss in the attached narrative)

Has the NIH IRB/COI Guide been distributed to new NIH investigators?
 No Yes N/A

Has the NIH IRB/COI Guide been distributed to new non-NIH investigators?
 No Yes N/A

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REVIEW
Date submitted to IRB: 2/23/09 Date cleared by OIG: 2/26/09

SPONSOR	<i>Stefan Ambs</i>	Stefan Ambs	Date: 2/23/2009	Sent to Ambs - Health and Safety
RECOMMENDATION	<i>Stefan Ambs</i>	Stefan Ambs	Date: 2/23/2009	Sent to Ambs - OIG - IRB
APPROVAL	<i>Stefan Ambs</i>	Curtis C. Harils	Date: 02/23/09	Sent to Clinical Director
APPROVAL	<i>Stefan Ambs</i>	Lee Halman	Date: 4/7/09	Sent to Chair - IRB - Final Review Report
APPROVAL	<i>Stefan Ambs</i>	Nancy Potischman	Date: 4/7/09	Sent to Office of Protocol Services, through IRB - Chair - Approval
APPROVAL	<i>Stefan Ambs</i>		Date: 4/14/09	

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CLINICAL RESEARCH PROTOCOL INITIAL REVIEW PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR (Name of NIH Employee, Institute/Branch, Address, Telephone and email):
Xin Wei Wang 301.496.2099 wwang@nlb.nih.gov 37 / 3044A

PROTOCOL TITLE: A STUDY OF MOLECULAR AND GENETIC FACTORS FOR LIVER CANCER IN THE GREATER BALTIMORE AREA

ABBREVIATED TITLE (30 characters or less): BIOMARKERS FOR LIVER CANCER Reference Number: 304698

PROPOSED START DATE: 07/01/2009 END DATE: 07/01/2014 TOTAL SUBJECTS TO BE ACCRUED (Attach target table for Phase 3-4): 1,250

MULTI-SITE COLLABORATION:
Is this a multi-site collaboration? Yes (complete this section) No
Will subjects participate on the protocol at the NIH CC? Yes No
Will subjects participate on the protocol at other sites? Yes No
If yes, are the sites Domestic Foreign Both
Is NIH the coordinating site?
Yes. For each participating site, provide: Institution name, address, investigator(s), indicate if subjects will be recruited and if they are, include a contact name on attached sheet/protocol face sheet.
 No. Coordinating Site is _____

REQUESTED ACCRUAL EXCLUSION (Check all that apply):
 None Asian
 Male Black or African American
 Female White
 Children <18 Hispanic or Latino
 American Indian/Alaskan Native Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

SUBJECT ACCRUAL CHARACTERISTICS:
Minimum Age Permitted: 18
Maximum Age Permitted: 90
Population: None <2 Yr. 2-5 Yrs. 7-17 Yrs.
LEP/Protocol involves healthy volunteers? Yes No
Healthy Volunteers NIH Employees? Yes No
Does the protocol permit self referral? Yes No
Will the protocol involve adults unable to give informed consent? Yes No

PROTOCOL TYPE: (Check one):
 Screening
 Training
 Natural History - Disease Progression/Physiology "E1"
Natural History - Sample/Data Collection or Analysis (Recruiting Patients)
 Natural History - Sample/Data Collection or Analysis (Not Recruiting Patients)
 Pharmacokinetics/Dynamics
 Clinical Trial: Identify Phase (Check one)
 Phase 0 Phase 1 Phase 1-2
 Phase 2 Phase 3 Phase 4

If a Phase 3 Clinical Trial, is analysis for sex, race/ethnic subgroups required according to the NIH Policy and Guidelines on the Inclusion of Women and Minorities as Subjects in Clinical Research? Yes No N/A

KEY WORDS (Words or phrase that describe the protocol.)
1. Liver Cancer
2. Hepatocellular Carcinoma
3. Chronic Liver Disease
4. Genome wide association study
5. Gene expression profiling

IONIZING RADIATION USE (X-rays, e.g., CT; radionuclides, e.g., PET; etc.); check all that apply
 None Medically indicated Research indicated*
* Complete NIH-69-23a, and attach to this application. Send a copy of entire protocol and NIH-69-23a to Chair, Radiation Safety for concurrent review.

INVESTIGATIONAL NEW DRUG/DEVICE: None IND IDE
If reporting more than one IND/IDE, list on attached sheet.
FDA No See attached page for IND / IDE information
Name: _____
Sponsor: _____
Who is the manufacturer of the above entity? _____
Does the protocol involve a Tech Transfer Agreement? Yes No

Does the protocol involve a drug/device/product that may lead to you or the NIH receiving payment and/or royalties?
 Yes (Append a statement of disclosure)
 No
Has the NIH IRP COE Guide been distributed to NIH investigators?
 Yes No
Has the NIH IRP COE Guide been distributed to Non-NIH investigators?
 Yes No N/A

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REVIEW:
Date submitted to IC DEC: 12/30/2008 Date cleared by IC DEC: 12/30/2008

Is an Extramural Investigator an ADJUNCT PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR Yes No
Name of Adjunct PI: _____

MEDICAL ADVISORY INVESTIGATOR (if necessary) Name, Inst/Branch, Telephone, Address, Email and initial line: _____

LEAP ASSOCIATE INVESTIGATOR - Name, Inst/Branch, Telephone, Address, Email, C, tick box if an NIH employee and initial line
A. Anuradha Budhu NCI IHC 301.496.5987 budhu

RESEARCH CONTACT: Name, Inst/Branch, Telephone, Address, Email. Check box if an NIH employee and initial line:
 See attached personnel list

ASSOCIATE INVESTIGATOR(S): Name, Institute/Branch, Telephone, Address, Email. Check box if an NIH employee and initial line. Attach list if necessary.
1. See attached personnel list
2. _____ 0
3. _____ 0
4. _____ 0

(Principal Investigator: Be sure to include PRECIS <=400 words as first section of protocol)

SIGNATURE Xin Wang - applied signature on 05/11/2009 9:26 PM EDT Date _____ Send to Accountable Investigator
Principal Investigator Print/Type Name
RECOMMENDATION PI is the Accountable Investigator Date _____ Send to Branch Chief, or CC Dept. Head of Accountable Investigator
Accountable Investigator Print/Type Name
Cecilia Harris - applied signature on 04/09/2009 1:51 PM EDT Date _____ Send to Institute/Center Scientific Review Committee
Br. Chief/CC Dept. Head of Acct. Invest. Print/Type Name
APPROVALS Caryn Steakley - applied signature on 05/12/2009 3:41 PM EDT Date _____ Send to Clinical Director
For Institute/Center Scientific Review Comm. Print/Type Name
Caryn Steakley - applied signature on 05/14/2009 8:10 AM EDT Date _____ Send to Chair, Institutional Review Board
Clinical Director Print/Type Name
Wanda Satzer - applied signature on 05/12/2009 9:30 AM EDT Date _____ 5/12 e/IP 7
Ch-44 Print/Type Name
Additional Review Board Print/Type Name
PROTOCOL NO. 09-
PATIENT SAFETY/ e_ivig94,3 09/02/2009
oversight review COMPLETION Print/Type Name

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Clinical Research Protocol Initial Review Application
NIH-1195 (9-06)

(S) FUS447



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Institutional Review Board (IRB)
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Modification Approval Notification

Date: January 19, 2010

To: Quan Mao,
From: IRB Chair/Vice Chair: Stephen Seliger
Re: HM-HP-00042, 63-4
Risk designation: Minimal Risk
Modification request dated: 12/14/2009
Modification Approval Date: 1/19/2010
Protocol Version and ID #: N/A

This is to certify that the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) Institutional Review Board (IRB) has approved the above referenced modification request for the protocol entitled, "Resource Collection and Evaluation of Human Escapes and Calls from Densons with an Epidemiology Profile for NCI Contract #N02-RC-57700".

Investigators are reminded that the IRB must be notified of any changes to the study or informed consent procedures. In addition, the PI is responsible for ensuring prompt reporting to the IRB of proposed changes in a research activity, and for ensuring that such changes in approved research, during the period for which IRB approval has already been given, may not be initiated without IRB review and approval except when necessary to eliminate apparent immediate hazards to the subject (45 CFR 46.105-4(iii)).

The UMB IRB is organized and operated according to guidelines of the International Council on Harmonization, the United States Office for Human Research Protections and the United States Code of Federal Regulations and operates under Federal Wide Assurance No. FWA00007143.



410-605-7000 ext 4528

**VAMHCS Research and
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MEMORANDUM

To: Dean Munn

From: Christopher T. Bevet, Jr., M.D., M.H.A.

Leslie Katzel, MD

Associate Chief of Staff for Research and Development Chair, R&D Committee

Date: October 21, 2009

Re: Research and Development Committee Review

For: Initial Continuing Review Amendment

IRB Number: HP00042163 (H20678)

Title: RESOURCE COLLECTION AND EVALUATION OF HUMAN TISSUES AND
CELLS FROM DONORS WITH AN EPIDEMIOLOGY PROFILE FOR NCI
CONTRACT # N02-RC-57700

IRB Approval Date: July 15, 2009 and amendments August 7, 2009 and September 23, 2009

This is to notify you that on August 27, 2009 the VA Research and Development Committee (RDC) conditionally approved your protocol. As of October 21, 2009 the conditions have been satisfied and your protocol is approved.

- Destruction of data timeline has changed! Please read the Hot Topic available at: http://www.maryland.research.va.gov/hot_topics.asp

Please read the following important instructions:

- It is the responsibility of the PI to upload this R&D approval letter into the BRAAN/CICERO system. Per Debra Lewis, BA, CIM, Program Manager, IRB Operations: *VA R&D approval letters can be attached in a public comment in CICERO. An amendment does not need to be submitted.*
- Effective September 2008, Principal Investigators are responsible for the oversight of VA educational and credentialing requirements for all study staff.
- Any changes made to the protocol requiring IRB notification or approval also needs VA Research and Development Committee notification and approval. You have 10 working days from the receipt of your IRB approval letter to submit your protocol to the R&D committee.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Dean Mann

From: Christopher T. Bever, Jr., M.D., M.B.A.

Leslie Katzel, MD

Associate Chief of Staff for Research and Development Chair, R&D Committee

Date: November 13, 2009

Re: Research and Development Committee Review

For Initial Continuing Review Amendment #3

IRB Number: HP00042163

Title: RESOURCE COLLECTION AND EVALUATION OF HUMAN TISSUES AND
CELLS FROM DONORS WITH AN EPIDEMIOLOGY PROFILE FOR NCI

CONTRACT # N02-RC-57700

IRB Approval Date: October 20, 2009

This is to notify you that on November 12, 2009 the VA Research and Development Committee (RDC) administratively approved your protocol.

- Destruction of data timeline has changed! Please read the Hot Topic available at: <http://www.maryland.research.va.gov/hottopics.asp>

Please read the following important instructions:

- It is the responsibility of the PI to upload this R&D approval letter into the BRAAN/CICERO system. Per Demian Lewis, BA, CIM, Program Manager, IRB Operations: *VA R&D approval letters can be attached in a public comment in CICERO. An amendment does not need to be submitted.*
- Effective September 2008, Principal Investigators are responsible for the oversight of VA educational and credentialing requirements for all study staff.
- Any changes made to the protocol requiring IRB notification or approval also needs VA Research and Development Committee notification and approval. You have 10 working days from the receipt of your IRB approval letter to submit your protocol to the R&D committee.