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TO: Sarah Kobrin, Ph.D., MPH  
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FROM: NIH Privacy Act Officer

SUBJECT: Applicability of the Privacy Act: "Awareness and Beliefs about Cancer Survey"

I have reviewed the NCI submission to OMB which requests the approval of the ABC survey to inform patient/public education efforts and further research to improve early detection of cancer by encouraging doctor-patient communication about cancer signs and symptoms.

The target population for the study is approximately 2,000 adults in the U.S. aged 50 or older. The study will be conducted by telephone of a sampling frame of households with landlines. A systematic, random selection of numbers from national telephone directories will be used. The last two digits of the number will be replaced with randomly generated digits.

Data will be collected using computer-assisted live telephone interviews and maintained digitally. Demographic information such as age, sex, race/ethnicity, education, region of residence and ethnicity will examine differences in responses to questions about cancer awareness and beliefs among demographic groups. The survey will include a question about the language spoken at home and include items about personal experience with cancer.

Program directors will use these data to set agendas and guide development of program announcements, meetings, and special journal issues that spotlight important research needs in particular areas. Extramural scientists will use these data to support applications for future research on early detection.

Data held will be password protected and kept anonymous and secure, in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended and the NIH policy on the research of human subjects. The applicable NIH Privacy Act Systems of Record Notice is 09-25-0200 entitled *Clinical, Basic and Population-based Research Studies of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), HHS/NIH/OD*.

If you have questions, contact me at (301) 402-6201.

  
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Enclosure

cc: V. Horovitch-Kelley, NCI OMB Project Clearance Liaison Office (w/o enclosure)