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TO: Janet S. de Moor, Ph.D., MPH
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FROM: NIH Privacy Act Officer

SUBJECT: Applicability of the Privacy Act: Precision Medicine Physician Survey

I have reviewed the NCI submission to OMB referenced above. The project involves the use of a survey to investigate the current practice of precision medicine in cancer treatment among medical oncologists in the U.S. The survey is designed to assess oncologists' current and potential use of genomic testing, to inform the development of interventions to facilitate optimal use of genomic testing and to improve patient-physician discussions of the risks, possible benefits, and uncertainties surrounding the use of these tests. The study findings will also inform NCI of relevant issues and concerns relating to the application of precision medicine to current and future cancer treatment patterns and practice; and be used to develop physician educational materials to address barriers to precision medicine in cancer care delivery.

I have determined that the Privacy Act will apply to this data collection, which includes the collection of personally identifiable information (PII) such as name, email, and other identifiers stored in a system designed to be retrieved by a personal identifier.

The surveys will be administered on paper or online through Survey Gizmo. Participants will answer questions about their experiences with genomic testing in oncology, and their perceptions of the barriers and facilitators of genomic testing within their practice. Demographic information and practice characteristics will also be collected. In addition, each survey will have a unique ID number associated with it, which will be used as the record identifier during data entry and analysis. All information that can identify individual respondents and link respondent contact information with the unique ID will be maintained in a form that is separate from the data provided to NCI. Survey Gizmo also has a Project Data Encryption feature that will encrypt all survey data stored and at rest which will be inaccessible without a decryption key.

The data collection is covered by NIH Privacy Act Systems of Record 09-25-0156, "Records of Participants in Programs and Respondents in Surveys Used to Evaluate Programs of the Public Health Service, HHS/PHS/NIH/OD." If you have questions, please contact me at (301) 402-6201.


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Enclosure

cc: Karla Bailey, NCI PRA Liaison (w/o enclosure)