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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** OMB  
**FROM:** VINEET ARORA, MD MA  
**SUBJECT:** AMENDMENT FOR IMPROVE STUDY (1U01FD005485) SURVEY SCREENER  
**DATE:** 12/20/2016

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Study materials for the above-referenced study have been amended to incorporate minor changes. Specifically, the changes are as follows:

- 1. Eligibility Criteria:** Our previous plan was to screen participants based on seven criteria based on preexisting ACP and AANP database information. We have eliminated several screening questions for greater diversity of responses and chose to only screen respondents using two questions to ensure they have adequate patient care experience to answer survey questions.
- 2. Demographic Intake Questions:** Recently, we amended our screening process to include demographic intake questions. These questions were modeled after questions administered by ACP and AANP and aimed to ensure equipoise between ACP and AANP's collected demographic data and allow for stronger data analysis. Based on input from our stakeholders and experts, we have made changes to the response options to better reflect the range of possible answers and improve our data analysis capabilities. Additionally, we have opted to move these optional questions to the end of the survey rather than the beginning of the survey, as we had proposed before. By doing this, we hope to decrease the burden on participants and avoid drop out or survey fatigue before respondents answer more pertinent survey questions.
- 3. ACP & AANP Distinction:** At the request of our ACP and AANP stakeholders, we have edited the screener questions to better reflect language and terminology native to each organization. We have highlighted these variations in the amended screener, where the green highlight represents ACP language and the yellow highlight represents AANP language.

We do not anticipate a significant increase in burden or risk for participants as a result of these changes; it is unlikely that these changes would impact the initial burden computation. If anything, these changes would alleviate some of the burden placed on participants and improve our screening process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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