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**TO:** Ahmed M. Gharib, MD  
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**FROM:** NIH Privacy Act Officer

**SUBJECT:** Applicability of the Privacy Act: Application and Impact of Online Clinical Research Training Programs on Healthcare Professionals in Industry, Academia, and Clinical Research, Office of Clinical Research Education and Collaboration Outreach, OIR, NIH

I have reviewed the OIR submission to OMB referenced above. Information will be collected through the administration of 12 surveys to streamline the evaluation process for training programs and capture additional data for more meaningful and effective program outcome evaluations. The information collected will allow the Office of Clinical Research Education and Collaboration Outreach (OCRECO) to begin assessment of the value of the training provided by the Office of Clinical Research Education and Collaboration Outreach on an annual basis, and the extent to which this training promotes research productivity.

The information collection began September 1, 2024, and will end on August 1, 2025. The information will be collected on an annual basis from September through August of each course year. The 12 surveys consist of the following: an OCRECO Portal Registration, Introduction to the Principles and Practice of Clinical Research (IPPCR) final course evaluation, IPPCR lecture evaluation, Principles of Clinical Pharmacology (PCP) final course evaluation, PCP lecture evaluation, NIH Summer Course in Clinical and Translational Research course evaluation, the Sabbatical in Clinical Research Management course evaluation, the Ethical and Regulatory Aspects of Clinical Research (Asynchronous/Online) final course evaluation, the Clinical Research Curriculum Certificate (CRCC) application, the Radiology Research Certificate (RRC) application, a generic lecture evaluation, and a generic final course evaluation. These surveys will provide registration and impact metrics for the portfolio of clinical research education programs in the Office of Clinical Research Education and Collaboration Outreach in the Office of Intramural Research: IPPCR, PCP, NIH Summer Course in Clinical and Translational Research, the Sabbatical in Clinical Research Management, the Ethical and Regulatory Aspects of Clinical Research (Asynchronous/Online), the Clinical Research Curriculum Certificate Program (CRCC), the Radiology Research Certificate Program (RRC), and additional future courses. The information received from respondents will continue to be internally evaluated and presented to the training directors of the surveyed programs on a weekly and quarterly basis throughout the course year.

I have determined that the Privacy Act will apply to this data collection, which includes the collection of personally identifiable information (PII) and other identifiers stored in a system designed to be retrieved by a personal identifier. The data collection is covered by NIH Privacy Act Systems of Record 09-25-0014, "Clinical Research: Student Records." If you have questions, please contact me at (301) 402-6201.

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