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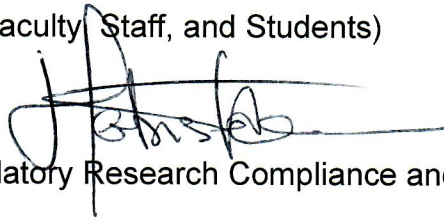
Office of Regulatory Research Compliance

April 23, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: Howard University Researchers (Faculty, Staff, and Students)

FROM: Thomas O. Obisesan, MD. MPH
Associate Vice President for Regulatory Research Compliance and
Designated Institutional Official



RE: The Office of Regulatory Research Compliance (ORRC) will Transition to iMedRIS Electronic Compliance Platform

An efficient electronic compliance platform is foundational to the 21st century research infrastructure and a compliant regulatory system. The current paper-based approach to research compliance constitutes a significant administrative burden, increases regulatory risks, and hinders research growth. Notably, an ECP infrastructural support will reduce application processing inefficiencies, enable accurate compliance with the applicable Federal Regulations and the Howard University Policies and Procedures. It will streamline administrative record-keeping and, therefore, enhance productivity.

Following the University commitment, the first phase of the iMedRIS customized ECP that began in early 2020 is now complete. This initial phase includes the Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Financial Conflict of Interest in Research (FCOIR) modules.

Therefore, effective May 17, 2021, Faculty, Staff, and Students should submit their IRB applications through the iMedRIS ECP. To prepare our community for this transition, training on using the iMedRIS ECP will begin **Wednesday, April 28, 2021**. While a learning curve is inherent in any new system, your participation in the training activity will facilitate a smoother transition. It is required that you accept the forthcoming "training invite" before the training date to participate.

We look forward to working with you.

CC: Anthony Wutoh, Ph.D., R.Ph., Provost & Chief Academic Officer
Bruce Jones, Ph.D., Vice President for Research

