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MEMORANDUM

To: Institutions and Research Staff at Institutions Enrolled in the CIRB Initiative

From: John Horigan, MA, CIP
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Subject: Establishment of New Cancer Prevention and Control CIRB

The NCI CIRB Initiative is pleased to announce the establishment of a new CIRB, the Cancer Prevention and Control (CPC) CIRB. The addition of the CPC CIRB extends the benefits of centralized IRB review to investigators participating in studies sponsored by the NCI's Division of Cancer Prevention. The CPC CIRB is expected to review studies developed by the DCP-sponsored NCORP and Consortia programs beginning in February of 2015.

As with the existing CIRBs, the membership of the new CPC CIRB has been carefully selected to ensure that the CIRB has the expertise required to review studies sponsored by the NCORP and Consortia programs. Members have been selected based on their expertise in cancer prevention and control, ethics, patient advocacy, and protection of human subjects. A list of CIRB members including brief biographies and photos will be posted to the CIRB website (www.ncicirb.org) under "CIRB Members" on January 15, 2015.

Institutions already enrolled in the CIRB Initiative are not required to make any changes to their Federalwide Assurance (FWA) or Authorization Agreement to use the CPC CIRB. Institutions planning to enroll in the CIRB Initiative should contact the CIRB Helpdesk for information on the enrollment process. As the CPC CIRB begins review of studies, approved PIs at enrolled institutions will be able to open studies using the existing processes. Of note, DCP-sponsored Children's Oncology Group (COG) studies have been and will continue to be reviewed by the existing Pediatric CIRB.

Additional updates will be made to the CIRB website and other CIRB documentation in the coming weeks.

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