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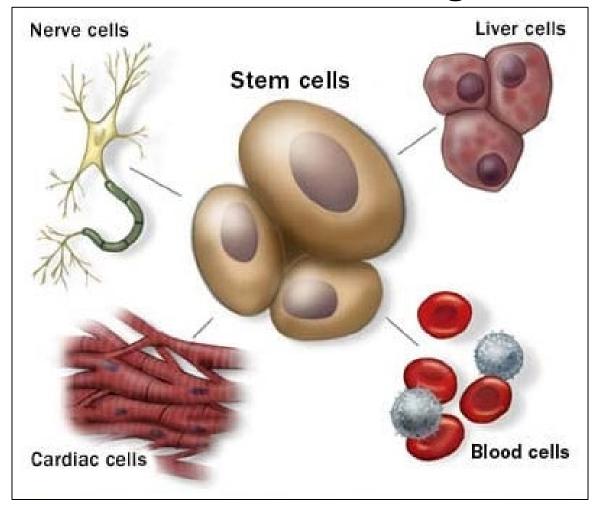
ClinicalTrials.gov, FDA INDs and IDEs

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# **Stem Cell Research Oversight (SCRO)**

Stem cells are the body's raw materials — cells from which all other cells with specialized functions are generated



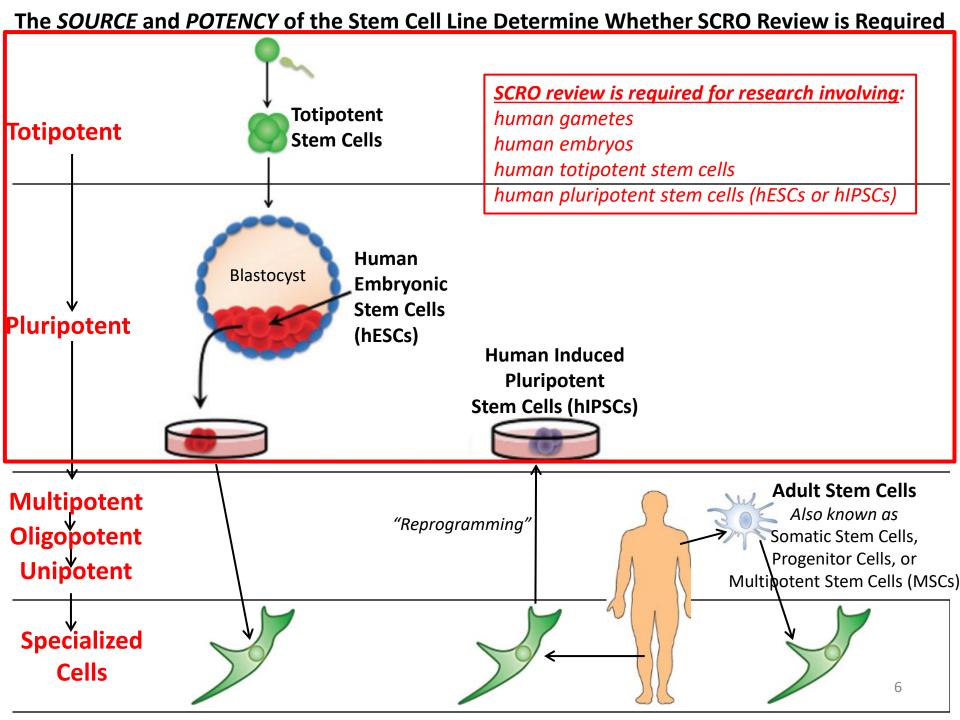
There are many different types of stem cells.

SCRO Committee review is only required for certain human stem cell types.

## **HOOP 200 – Review of Research**

#### H. Human Stem Cell Research Oversight (SCRO) Committee

All research involving human embryonic stem cells (hESCs) or human induced pluripotent stem cells (hIPSCs) conducted at the university by its employees and/or involving use of its facilities or resources must be reviewed and approved by the Human Stem Cell Research Oversight (SCRO) Committee before it is initiated. Some research involving hESCs or hIPSCs may require additional approval by the AWC, IBC and/or CPHS. For more information on the application process, please contact the SCRO office at scro@uth.tmc.edu.



# SCRO Review is Required for Research Involving the Following (or their Derivatives)

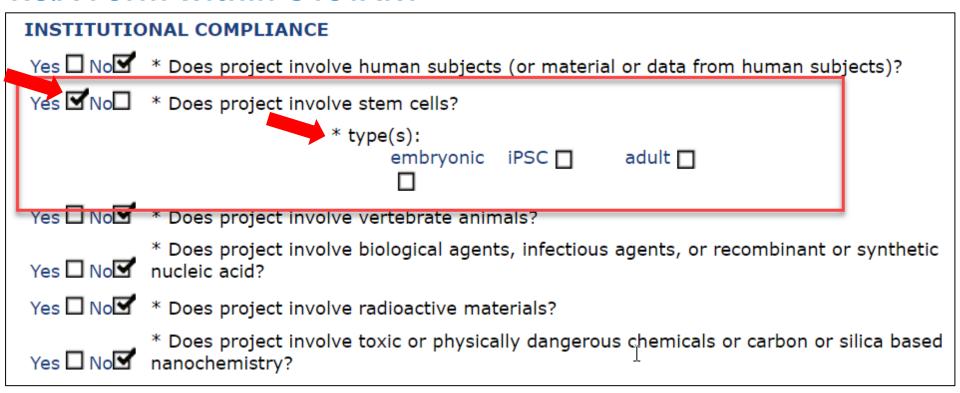
	Generation for Research Purposes	Research Use
human embryonic stem cells (hESCs)	YES	YES
human induced pluripotent stem cells (hIPSCs)	No	YES
human totipotent stem cells	YES	YES
human gametes	YES	YES
human embryos	YES	YES
human adult stem cells (non-neural)	N/A	No
human neural stem cells, of any source	depends on source	YES

Reach out to Elizabeth Gendel to discuss whether SCRO review is required for your project. Elizabeth.M.Gendel@uth.tmc.edu

## To Avoid Delays in Release of Grant Funds:

- Ensure Review and Approval (R&A) Form Submitted to SPA Correctly Indicates
   Stem Cell Involvement and Correctly Indicates Stem Cell Types
- Ensure Project is Submitted to SCRO Well Before Grant Funding is Received

#### **R&A Form within UTSTART**



## Stem Cell Research Oversight (SCRO) Website

https://inside.uth.edu/scro/

SCRO Application

Document "SCRO Policy and Procedures"

Document "Guidelines for SCRO Review"

## **Levels of SCRO Review and Timelines**

### • Expedited Review (about 1 week turnaround time)

- In vitro work with hESC lines that are approved by NIH or previously approved by UTHealth SCRO
- In vitro work with hIPSC lines
- Introduction of hESCs (NIH- or UTHealth SCRO-approved) or hIPSCs to animals if:
  - Cells are transplanted to postnatal animals and there is no likelihood of contributing to the central nervous system or germ line (e.g., the development of a teratoma to evaluate pluripotency).

### Full Committee Review

(about 2-week to 2-month turnaround time, but new technology or new ethical issues may take longer)

- Generation of brain organoids
- Transplantation of hESCs or hIPSCs to animals if:
  - There is a likelihood of transplanted cells contributing to the central nervous system or germ line.
- Transplantation of hESCs or hIPSCs to humans
- Any work with hESCs that are not NIH approved or previously approved by UTHealth SCRO
  - Lines listed on NIH Registry are eligible for use in NIH-supported research: https://grants.nih.gov/stem\_cells/registry/current.htm
- Derivation of hESCs
- Creation of embryos, gametes, or totipotent cells

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## **Regulatory Services for Clinical Trials**

FDA INDs and IDEs
ClinicalTrials.gov

# **Regulatory Services for Clinical Trials**

- IRB submissions (full board) are reviewed to determine:
  - If a study must be registered at <u>ClinicalTrials.gov</u>
  - If a study of a drug, biological product, or device might need to receive
     FDA approval before it begins (that is, if an IND or IDE is needed)
- Either the Clinical Trials Resource Center (CTRC) or CPHS will notify your study team if any of the above are required
- CTRC can assist with:
  - ClinicalTrials.gov Registration, Updates, and Results Entry
  - Preparation and Submission of Application to FDA for Approval to Study an Investigational Drug or Device (that is, an IND or IDE application), and Preparation of Subsequent IND and IDE Reports

## **FDA INDs and IDEs**

# An IND or IDE Application Must be Submitted to FDA for Certain Clinical Studies

- An Investigational New Drug (IND) application must be submitted to FDA for certain studies involving <u>drugs</u> or <u>biologic products</u>
- An Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) application must be submitted to FDA for certain studies involving medical devices

#### Elizabeth Gendel and Jessica Martinez of CTRC Assist with Submissions to FDA

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# FDA INDs and IDEs Helpful Tip

- To avoid delays with study start-up, consider ASAP whether your study involves something FDA views as a "drug" or "device" and whether an IND or IDE might be required
  - If a product is given to or applied to humans, and the study aims to look at the
    effect of that product on study participants re: "diagnosis, cure, mitigation,
    treatment, or prevention of disease" or "affect [on] the structure or any
    function of the body,"
    - then FDA may consider that product to meet the definition of "drug," "biologic," or "medical device." If so, then an IND or IDE application might be required.
  - Some examples that may come as a surprise:
    - Products not sold as "drugs" but used as "drugs" [i.e., Supplements, Vitamins, Human Tissue Products]
    - Products not sold as "medical devices" but used as "medical devices" [i.e., Virtual Reality Headsets]
    - Software, Algorithms, Artificial Intelligence, or Mobile Apps used as "medical devices" [i.e., Diagnostic Algorithms]

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# FDA INDs and IDEs Reporting

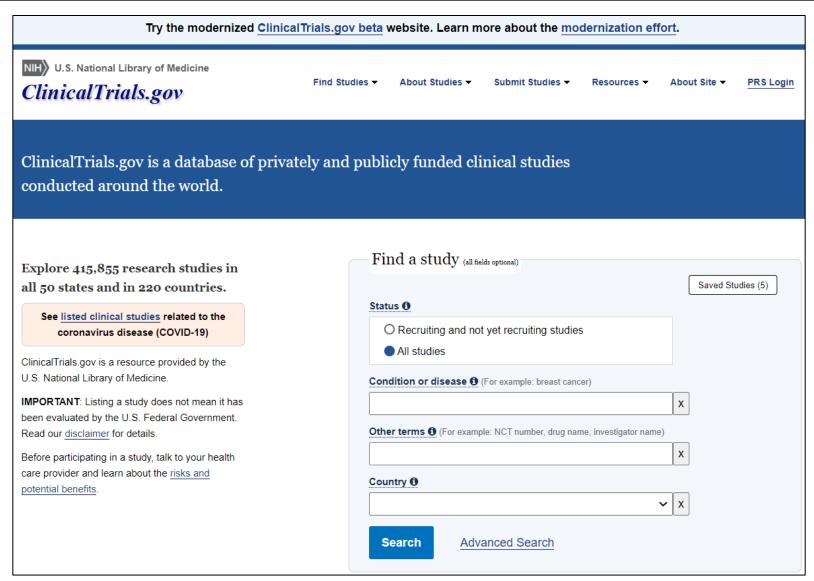
- For studies conducted under an FDA IND or IDE held by the UTHealth PI, the UTHealth PI is responsible for submitting various reports to FDA, per the regulations:
  - Annual Reports
  - Safety Reports
  - Protocol Amendments
  - Changes to Investigators
  - Changes to the Study Product
  - New Pharmacology-Toxicology or New Clinical Information
  - Withdrawal of the IND or IDE

There are specific requirements for what to submit and how to submit to FDA, with major differences between submissions for INDs (drugs) and IDEs (devices).

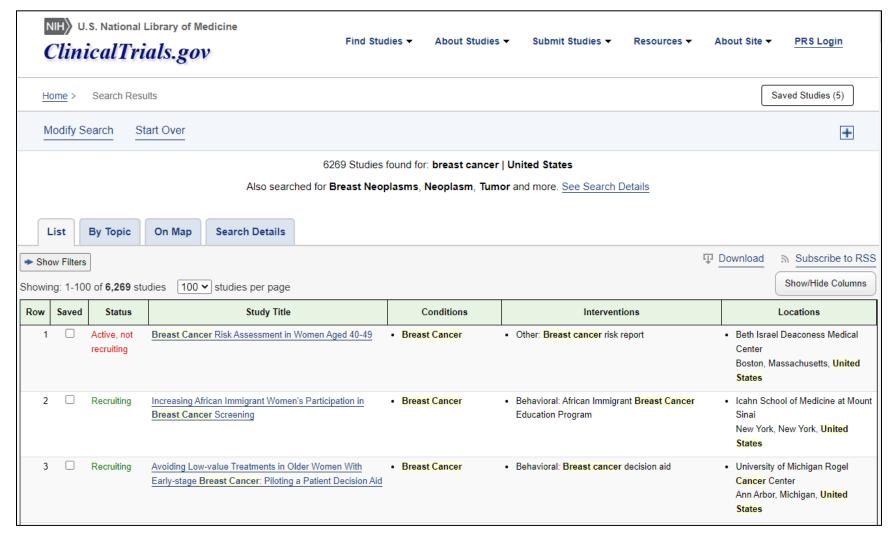
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# ClinicalTrials.gov

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## Once a Trial is Registered, it is Assigned an NCT #

NCT # stands for National Clinical Trial #

## NCT00000000

# ClinicalTrials.gov Record Life Cycle

#### REGISTER

before enrollment begins

#### UPDATE RECORD

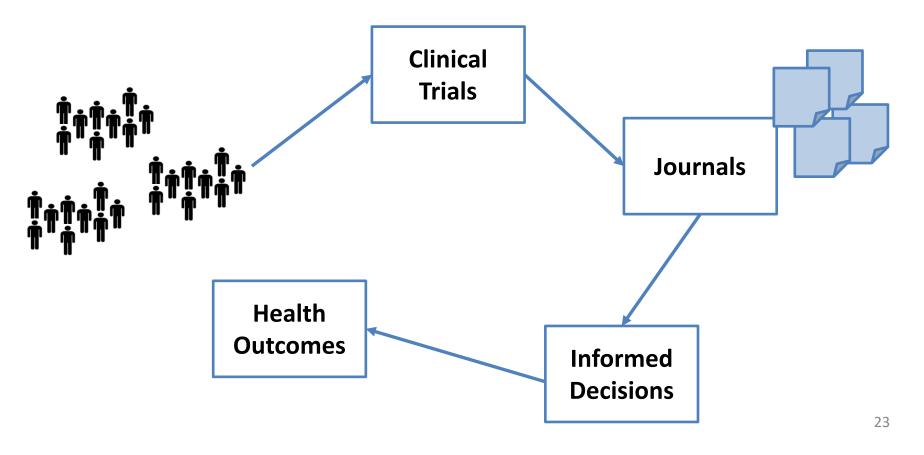
At least once per year until data collection is completed

#### ENTER RESULTS

 1 year after the date that last piece of primary outcome data was collected

# Why Register and Report Results? Public Benefits

- Contribute research results to medical knowledge
- Support evidence-based medical decision making
- Fulfill ethical obligations to participants
- Reduce publication and reporting biases



### Why Register and Report Results at ClinicalTrials.gov?

- It's the <u>law</u>! enforceable by fines
- NIH funding can be terminated or withheld
- It can affect the ability to publish in a medical journals
  - ICMJE = International Committee of Medical Journal Editors
- An NCT # is required by <u>CMS</u> for claims for research-related procedures
- To Avoid Public Shaming for Late Results: <a href="https://fdaaa.trialstracker.net/">https://fdaaa.trialstracker.net/</a>
- Required per UTHealth's HOOP 186
- Can serve as a <u>recruiting</u> tool

## FDA Penalties for Late ClinicalTrials.gov Results

- FDA fines of \$14,262 plus \$14,262 per day thereafter
- FDA performs inspections of ClinicalTrials.gov records

# FDA Sends Noncompliance Letters to "Responsible Party"

#### 1. FDA Pre-Notice of Noncompliance Letter

- 30 days to correct
- Not publicly identified in ClinicalTrials.gov

#### 2. FDA Notice of Noncompliance Letter

- 30 days to correct
- Publicly identified in ClinicalTrials.gov
  - Correction or penalty noted in ClinicalTrials.gov
- Letter publicly posted on FDA website

#### 3. Monetary Enforcement by FDA

- Up to \$14,262 per day
- Noted in ClinicalTrials.gov

## FDA Website Lists All People Who've Received a Pre-Notice:

https://www.fda.gov/science-research/fdas-roleclinicaltrialsgov-information/pre-notices-potentialnoncompliance

#### FDA Website Lists All People Who've Received a Notice or Monetary Penalty:

https://www.fda.gov/science-research/fdas-role-clinicaltrialsgov-information/clinicaltrialsgov-notices-noncompliance-and-civil-money-penalty-actions#:~:text=FDA%20has%20the%20authority%20to,or%20misleading%20clinical%20trial%20information

# FDA Website Lists Names of People/Companies Who Have Received Letters or Penalties

## ClinicalTrials.gov - Notices of Noncompliance and Civil Money Penalty Actions



Federal law requires responsible parties to submit registration and summary results information to the ClinicalTrials.gov data bank for certain applicable clinical trials. The law also requires a submitter of certain applications/submissions to FDA certify that all the above-referenced requirements have been met for applicable clinical trials referenced in such applications/submissions. FDA has the authority to issue a Notice of Noncompliance to a responsible party for failure to comply with certain requirements, including:

- · Failing to submit required clinical trial information
- · Submitting false or misleading clinical trial information

FDA also has the authority to issue a Notice of Noncompliance to a submitter who has failed to submit or knowingly submitted a false certification to FDA.

FDA has authority to assess civil money penalties for these violations. If a responsible party does not take adequate corrective action within 30 days after receiving a Notice of Noncompliance regarding failure to submit required information, that responsible party may be subject to additional civil money penalties.

FDA will take into consideration any corrective action that is taken by a responsible party after receiving a Notice of Noncompliance when considering civil money penalties. See <a href="Civil Money Penalties Relating to the ClinicalTrials.gov Data Bank">Civil Money Penalties Relating to the ClinicalTrials.gov Data Bank</a> and 21 CFR part 17 for more information.

#### Notices of Noncompliance

The table below lists the Notices of Noncompliance sent by FDA and the amount of civil money penalties assessed, if any, for each responsible party or submitter listed.

Responsible Party/Submitter	NCT Number	Notice of Noncompliance	Response Letter (if any)	Civil Money Penalty Amount (if any)
Ocugen	NCT03785340	4/15/2022	08/01/2022	
Petrikovets, Andrey M.D.	NCT03052816	8/31/2021	12/20/2021	
Accuitis Inc.	NCT03064438	7/26/2021	05/26/2022	
Acceleron Pharma, Inc.	NCT01727336	4/27/2021	12/13/2021	

#### **Notices and Monetary Penalties:**

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#### **Pre-Notices**:

 $\frac{https://www.fda.gov/science-research/fdas-role-clinical trials gov-information/pre-notices-potential-noncompliance$ 

# On 8/31/21, FDA Issued the First Notice of Noncompliance to an Individual Investigator



NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANCE ISSUED PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C. 282(j)(5)(C)(ii)

#### VIA UNITED PARCEL SERVICE AND E-MAIL

August 31, 2021

Andrey Petrikovets, M.D. 1513 South Grand Avenue, Suite 400 Los Angeles, California 90015

Re: Notice of Noncompliance with the Requirements for Submission of Clinical Trial Results Information for "ICE-T Postoperative Multimodal Pain Regimen Compared to the Standard Regimen in Same Day Vaginal Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery: A Randomized Controlled Trial" (NCT03052816)

FDA Reference Number: CDER-2020-109

Dear Dr. Petrikovets:

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) sent you a letter dated July 20, 2020, alerting you to potential noncompliance with the requirement to submit clinical trial results information to the ClinicalTrials.gov data bank, operated by the National Library of Medicine (a part of the National Institutes of Health), for the above-referenced clinical trial. You are the "responsible party" for the above-referenced clinical trial, which is an "applicable clinical trial" that is subject to the requirements in section 801 of the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007 (FDAAA), including its implementing regulations in 42 CFR part 11. A responsible party for an applicable clinical trial is required to submit to the ClinicalTrials.gov data bank certain results information for the clinical trial; such results information generally must be submitted no later than one year after the primary completion date of the applicable clinical trial, unless the responsible party has submitted a certification of delay, a request for an extension of good cause, or a request for a waiver of the requirements for submission of results information.

**Link to FDA Letter** 

Link to STAT article

<u>Link to all Notices of Noncompliance</u>

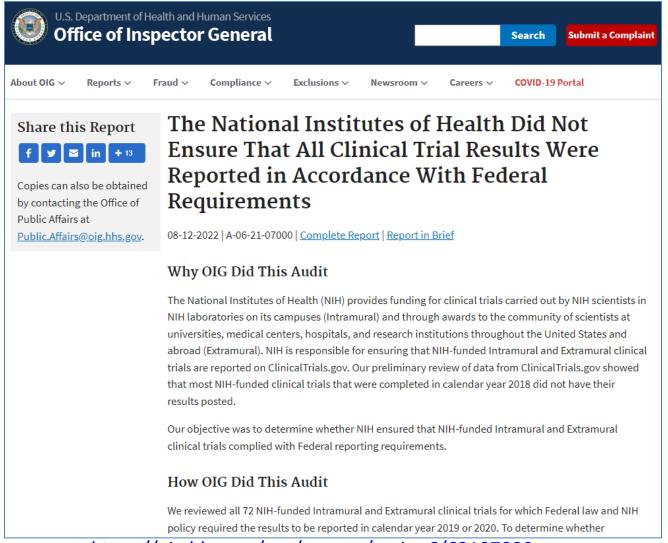
# **Effects on Federal Funding**

- Federal grant funding can be withheld
- Suspension or termination of NIH funding
- May affect future NIH funding decisions
- Enforcement by NIH at the institutional level

"NIH will withhold clinical trial funding to grantee institutions if the agency is unable to verify adequate registration and results reporting from all trials funded at that institution."

JAMA: Toward a New Era of Trust and Transparency in Clinical Trials - Kathy Hudson, Michael Lauer, Francis Collins http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2553888?guestAccessKey=554e0981-9434-45f2-b122-d0e673cd1182

## **OIG Audited NIH Performance**



# **OIG Report on NIH performance**

#### What OIG Recommends and NIH Comments

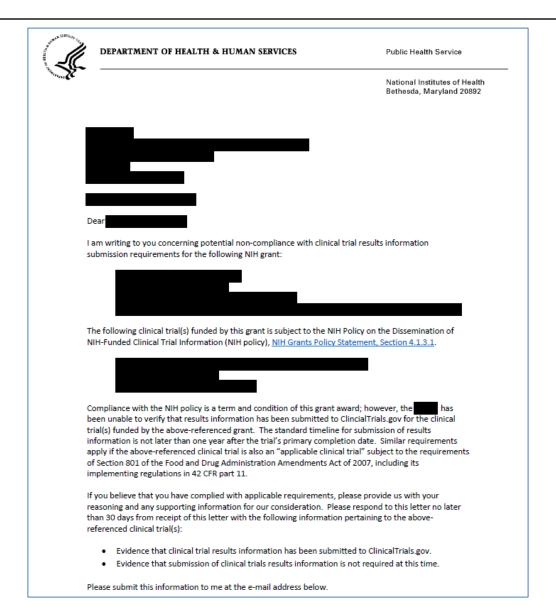
We recommend that NIH (1) improve its procedures to ensure that responsible parties of NIH-funded clinical trials comply with requirements to submit results to ClinicalTrials.gov in a timely manner, (2) take enforcement actions against responsible parties that are late in submitting trial results or do not submit results, and (3) work with the responsible parties to understand their challenges related to ClinicalTrials.gov and implement procedures to address the challenges.

In written comments on our draft report, NIH concurred with our recommendations and described the actions it has taken or plans to take to address them. For example, NIH stated it has begun to implement improvements to its internal procedures and activities to enhance its ability to take compliance action against responsible parties out of compliance.

https://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region6/62107000.asp

## **Recent NIH Actions to Enhance Compliance**

### NIH is Sending Letters to Institutions' Sponsored Projects Offices



## **Steady Stream of Public Shaming**

FDA and NIH let clinical trial sponsors keep results secret and break the law

By Charles Piller | Jan. 13, 2020, 11:00 AM



- Robert Califf et al., NEJM <u>report</u> (2015)
- Charles Piller, STAT <u>report</u> (2015)
- Harlan Krumholz, BMJ <u>report</u> (2016)
- Ben Goldacre, first TrialsTracker <u>report</u> (2016)
- Charles Piller/Talia Bronshtein, STAT <u>report</u> (2018)
- Holly Fernandez Lynch, STAT <u>editorial</u> (2018)
- Ben Goldacre of University of Oxford, <u>FDAAA TrialsTracker site</u> launched (2018)
  - Open letter to FDA
  - BMJ unreported trial of the week
- TranspariMED and UAEM <u>report</u> (2019)
  - Nature <u>report</u> on TranspariMED/UAEM findings (2019)
- John P.A. Ioannidis of Stanford, Annals of Internal Medicine <u>report</u> (2019)
  - Harlan Krumholz of Yale, Annals of Internal Medicine editorial (2019)
- Charles Piller, Science <u>report</u> (2020)
- Charles Piller, NY Times editorial (2021)
- TranspariMED and UAEM <u>report #2</u> (2021)
- Reshma Ramachandran, JAMA report (2021)



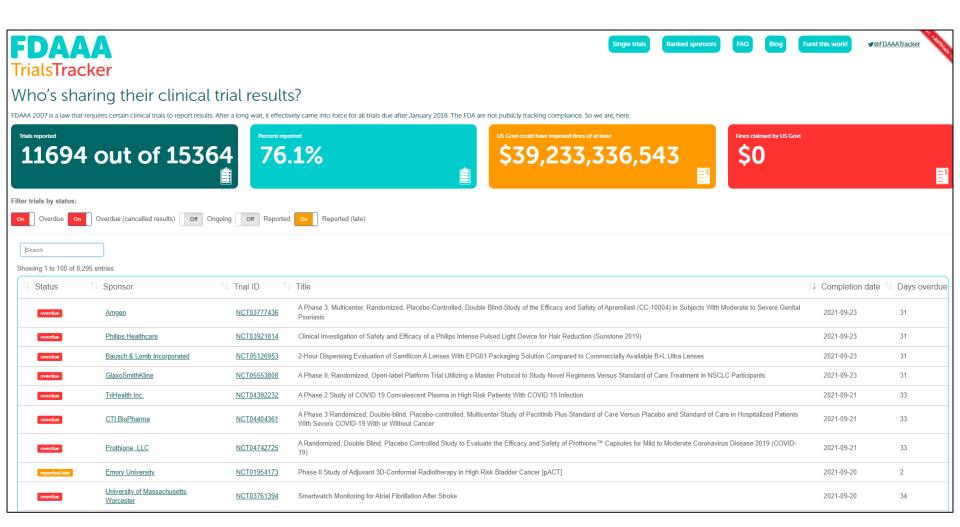
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accountable.

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## **Public Shaming Website for Late Results**

https://fdaaa.trialstracker.net/



### **UTHealth's ClinicalTrials.gov Policy and Procedures**

https://www.uth.edu/ctrc/regulatory/clinicaltrials.gov-registration.htm

#### **PURPOSE:**

- Ensure Compliance with Law and NIH Policy
- Avoid Consequences of Non-Compliance
  - FDA Letters of Non-Compliance and Fines
  - Loss of NIH and other federal funding
  - Inability to publish in ICMJE journal
  - Public shaming
  - CMS consequences (an NCT # is required by CMS for claims for research-related procedures)

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## Policy

- What needs to happen, by who, and by when
- Responsibilities of UTHealth PIs

### Procedures

- How responsibilities will be met
- How CTRC can help
- How noncompliance will be handled

# The Clinical Trials Resource Center (CTRC) Assists with ClinicalTrials.gov

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## Find Guidance on the CTRC ClinicalTrials.gov website:

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# ClinicalTrials.gov Process at UTHealth

- During initial IRB review, <u>Elizabeth Gendel</u> reviews studies that go to the full-board IRB to determine if the study must be registered at ClinicalTrials.gov
  - Note that expedited studies are not reviewed, but be aware that some expedited studies must be registered
- Shwetha Pazhoor notifies study teams if a full-board study must be registered, and provides assistance
- Jessica Martinez reaches out about updates, and provides assistance
- <u>Jessica Martinez</u> and <u>Elizabeth Gendel</u> reach out about results entry, and provide assistance

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# **THANK YOU!**

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