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Policy for HDFCCC Investigator Training

Policy on the required clinical research training for UCSF and UCSF HDFCCC CRNO regional
partner site Investigators conducting cancer related studies

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Purpose

This policy defines the process by which UCSF and UCSF Clinical Research Network Office (CRNO) regional partner site Investigators, conducting cancer related clinical research, receive required HDFCCC clinical research training and refresher training via the HDFCCC Data and Safety Monitoring Committee (DSMC) Education and Training Office (ETO).

Scope

This policy applies to all UCSF and UCSF CRNO regional partner site Investigators conducting cancer related trials.

Definitions

CRNO Regional Partner Site Investigators: All Investigators at the HDFCCC CRNO regional partner sites listed as “HDFCCC “Family” sites as noted on the [HDFCCC Institutional Family and Outside Affiliate Institution Data Management for NCI Accrual Reporting](#).

Investigators Requiring Training: All Investigators conducting cancer related trials at UCSF are required to complete both the initial training and refresher trainings as long as they are an Investigator at UCSF.

Background

UCSF HDFCCC specific Investigator training was developed in 2016 to ensure that all UCSF Investigators who are conducting cancer related clinical trials receive clinical research training prior to conducting the trials in which they will be listed as an Investigator. The HDFCCC investigator training is designed to provide information on HDFCCC specific policies, workflows and infrastructure, and is intended to compliment UCSF or protocol required investigator trainings. The initial and refresher training focuses on the review of the following topics:

1. HDFCCC infrastructure (including key contacts for trial activation),
2. HDFCCC specific workflows and requirements for clinical trials,
3. Investigator responsibilities for conducting trials, and
4. HDFCCC workflows for FDA and other regulatory audits and inspections.

The Investigator training is available through University of California (UC) Learning portal, with documentation of this training provided via completion of this course.

The [HDFCCC DSMC ETO](#) website on the UCSF Wiki has information regarding required UCSF Investigator-related training, including Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) training information required by the UCSF IRB. Investigators should review UCSF training requirements prior to participation in clinical research at UCSF.

Procedures

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1.0 Training Assignment

All UCSF and UCSF HDFCCC regional partner site Investigators who are conducting cancer related studies are required, as per the [HDFCCC Data and Safety Monitoring Plan \(DSMP\)](#), to complete the formal HDFCCC investigator training prior to conducting any study-specific procedures for trials in which they are listed as an Investigator. This includes all Advanced Practice Providers, including Nurse Practitioners (NP) and Physician Assistants (PA).

The Site Committee is responsible for ensuring the PI has completed the required training during the initial [study review](#), and notifying the [HDFCCC DSMC ETO](#) if the training has not been completed. The HDFCCC DSMC will assign the HDFCCC Investigator training module to the Investigator through the UC Learning portal. The Investigator will receive weekly reminder notifications via e-mail until the training has been completed. The Investigator must complete the initial training prior to conducting trials on which they are listed as an Investigator. If the Investigator does not complete the initial required training (and required refresher training), then the DSMC will review and determine remediation steps necessary to ensure completion of this required training. This may include mandating a hold on accrual for all studies being conducted by the PI. Investigators who are listed as Sub-Is and have not yet completed the initial or refresher training will not be able to initiate or continue work on the trial(s) until this training has been completed.

2.0 Three-Year (3 year) Training Updates

Investigators are required to complete the refresher every 3 years. Investigators will receive an automated notification of the requirement to complete this retraining within 60 calendar days of the expiry of their training period. Investigators will continue to receive this automated e-mail notification on a weekly basis until the training has been completed. The DSMC ETO will also receive these notifications and will follow-up with the Investigators if the 3 year training certification timeline has expired to ensure that this training is completed. If the investigator refresher training has not been completed after a month of the expiration of their initial or refresher training, then the DSMC will review and determine necessary remediation steps necessary to ensure completion of this required training. This remediation may include mandating a hold on accrual for all studies being conducted by the PI. Investigators who are listed as Sub-Is and have not yet completed the refresher training will not be able to initiate or continue work on the trial(s) until this training has been completed.

3.0 Monitoring Compliance

The DSMC ETO will track initial and refresher training for all Investigators conducting cancer related clinical research.

The DSMC ETO will follow-up with the Investigators who are delinquent in this training to remind them of potential remediation steps necessary to ensure completion of this required training. The DSMC ETO will provide a listing from UC Learning of the Investigator Training status on a weekly basis, which will highlight which Investigators have lapsed training. All Pis and Sub-Investigators cannot open a new trial or continue to work on the trial until the initial and/or refresher training has been completed.

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4.0 Training Feedback

After completion of the training, Investigators will receive a link to a Qualtrics Survey to provide their feedback on the training, noting recommendations for future topics of training, effectiveness of current training, and follow-up questions from the training. The DSMC ETO will follow-up with any Investigator who has additional questions after the training. The other results from the survey will be utilized for modifications and additions to the current training.

Policy Exemptions

The initial investigator training was rolled out in 2016, but the investigator refresher training was not available until June 2023, so the greater than 3-year delay in the refresher training for all applicable Investigators was due to the delay in the development and approval of this refresher training.

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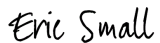
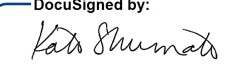
- [CITI Training](#)
- [HHS Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research \(45CFR46\)](#)
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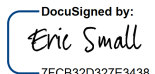
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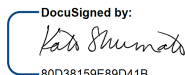
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