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CANCER CONSORTIUM

Dear Cancer Consortium Investigators,

We are pleased to announce the formation of a Cancer Consortium Institutional Review Board (IRB). The implementation of a Cancer Consortium IRB has been discussed for some time and we are pleased that it is now a reality. This review board will review most oncology or cancer related research studies by Cancer Consortium members. The duties of the Cancer Consortium IRB will be performed by the FHCRC-IRB.

There are several benefits to this change:

- a more streamlined process for submissions of protocols to the Scientific Review Committee and Institutional Review Boards,
- expertise in Oncology representation on the Institutional Review Boards, and
- services provided by the Cancer Consortium Protocol Office.

Grants and contracts will continue to be negotiated by the institution receiving the award. At this time, no changes are being made to the submission process for Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center studies.

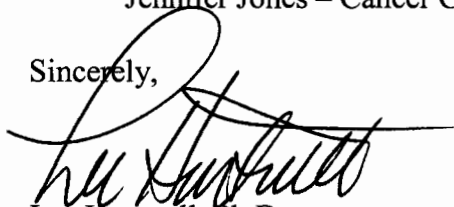
Our plan is that as of September 1, 2005, Cancer Consortium members will send new therapeutic oncology and cancer-related protocols to the Cancer Consortium Protocol Office at FHCRC. In addition, renewals of Cancer Consortium studies currently approved by the University of Washington as of January 1, 2003 or later, will be submitted to the FHCRC-IRB at the time of continuing review, beginning with those approvals that expire after December 31, 2005. Industry-sponsored studies funded through the University of Washington may be submitted to Western IRB.

In the next couple of weeks you will receive additional information about what you need to know to make the transition as easy as possible. Please do not hesitate to call the Cancer Consortium Project Manager listed below if you have any questions. Your feedback is extremely important in the planning process and will help us to execute a smooth transition.

For questions please contact:

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Sincerely,



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