FDA Bioresearch Monitoring (BIMO) Checklist

Pogulation	Documents Needed (one copy for FDA	Actions or Questions Which May Be	Complete?	Initials
Regulation		Actions of Questions which May Be Asked	Complete?	Initials
	auditor and one copy for logging)	Asked		L
**Upon notification of EDA audit imme	ediate steps must be taken in a variety of area	as Please see the attached "Immediate Act	ion Checklist" and	institute as
	N letter may be sent to the PI requesting certa			
-	for the investigator/one for the CTO records).		ispection. make st	
Introduction				
Regulations establish specific	1-Name, address, and contact information	When will the PI be available for the site		
responsibilities of sponsors for	of Sponsor	visit? There must be central notification		
ensuring (1) the proper conduct of	2-Name, address, and contact information	as soon as possible as CTO QA/CRM act		
clinical studies for submission to FDA	of CRO.	as hosts/monitors.		
and (2) the protection of the rights and	3-Name, address, credentials, and contact			
welfare of subjects involved in clinical	information of all monitors who were on	Please explain the role of each of the		
studies. Individual responsibilities	the trial.	people named and be familiar with the		
include:	4-Copies of all monitoring reports with list	dates they were involved with the study.		
1) Obtain agency approval, where	of dates, monitor visiting, and outcome	Ensure DOA (if present), is complete with		
necessary, before studies begin.	report (letter may need to be obtained	all spaces/columns filled i.		
Manufacture and label	from PI).			
investigational products appropriately.	5-Complete Adverse Event and SAE listing	Each SAE will be checked against the		
Initiate, withhold, or discontinue	from Pharmaceutical Company; must be	corresponding research subject record.		
clinical trials as required.	cross referenced with Protocol Deviation	Preparation in advance will assist in		
4) Refrain from commercialization of	list of OSU CTO.	having "no surprises".		
investigational products.				
5) Control the distribution and return				
of investigational products.				
6) Select qualified investigators to				
conduct studies.				
7) Disseminate appropriate				
information to investigators.				
8) Select qualified persons to monitor the conduct of studies.	Ť			
9) Adequately monitor clinical				
investigations.				

 10) Evaluate and report adverse experiences. 11) Maintain adequate records of studies. 12) Submit progress reports and the final results of studies. The auditor will meet at a prescribed place and be escorted to the Principal Investigator of the study. There he/she will present the 482: Notice of Inspection. 	The 482 will be reviewed by the auditor with the PI and signed by the PI. Copy will be given to PI. A copy of the 482 should be made and kept with the study records.	The auditor will present their credentials: give the PI a copy of their business card with their badge number and show the PI their badge. <i>They</i> <i>cannot allow you to photocopy or touch</i>	
		<i>the badge.</i> They will then verify the information on the 482 (notice of inspection).	
Determine the overall organization of the clinical research activities and monitoring of the selected studies.	 1-Principal Investigator contact name, mailing address, contact number and email address. 2-List of all sub-I's on the study with same information as above. Combine 1 & 2 into one document. 3-Dates of the study: IRB approval, opening to enrollment, 1st enrollment, last enrollment (closed to enrollment). 4-List of all trials the PI is on divided by their role as: PI Sub-I 5-These lists will require you to have the following headings: 	 These questions are asked of the Principal Investigator at the time of initial interview. The PI should be able to describe the conduct of the trial and how the organization supports this: Discuss your role as well as that of your sub-l's. What is your preparation to be a PI (Length of Service at this University, Credentials, CV review) What was the process for opening this study here at OSU: CSRC, OSU IRB/WIRB, SIV, PIV, trial opening? How does the consent process go? Who consents the patient? Who monitors the study and the 	
	 Name of IRB of record, address, contact number Local ID number (FWA) Trial specific title and ID # 	 patient's safety? How are AEs assessed? How do you communicate with the research team and the study 	

	 Status (open & enrolling, closed to in follow-up, permanently closed) IND # for the drugs on the trial Who holds the IND: sponsor, investigator & which investigator 5-For all PI and Sub-I's: 1572's and /or investigator agreements for throughout the entire study CVs Signed Financial Disclosures 6-List of dates for all Investigator meetings, site initiation visit date, who attended, sign-in sheets and copy of information covered (slide deck, etc.). 	 sponsor? How is (the specific trial endpoint) determined; in collaboration with the sponsor? By the PI alone? Specific questions about values from outside labs and verification. 	
Obtain relevant organizational charts that document structure and	1-Have an up to date copy of the department's organizational chart	In general these documents show reporting relationships, define roles,	
responsibilities for all activities	department's organizational chart	and show preparedness. The documents	
involving investigational products.	2-Have complete copies of all position	may be taken with the investigator for	
	descriptions (job descriptions) for all	review later.	
a. Identify all departments, functions, and key individuals responsible for	personnel working in the department. Salary information should be redacted.	Ensure Org Chart is as up to date as	
areas of sponsor activities such as	Sulary mornation should be reducted.	possible.	
protocol development, selection of	3-Document with IRB name and address &		
investigators, statistical analysis,	name of IRB Chairman.		
clinical supplies, monitoring, and quality assurance.	4-Have a copy of all protocol version(s)	Copy of all versions of the protocol	
	printed and ready in the audit room along	calendar	
b. Determine who has the authority to	with all IRB approval letters. Include a copy		
review and approve study reports and data listings.	of the Investigator signature pages.		
c. Determine who is responsible for	5- Have a copy of all master ICF version(s)		
final evaluations and decisions in the review of adverse events and safety	printed and ready in the audit room along with the IRB approval letters.		

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information.	C Compared the first investigator breakurs		
	6-Copy of the first investigator brochure		
	approved for the study by IRB.		
	7-Have a delegation log <u>completely filled</u>		
	out (including title and responsibilities, all		
	blank spots or role assignments completed		
	<i>completely</i>) for each person involved in the		
	trial. This includes NPs, PAs, research staff,		
	and clinical staff as appropriate. This should		
	be available from the Regulatory binder		
	and all signatures present.		
	8-Have a complete copy of the sponsors AE		
	and SAE log; this should be compared with	Be prepared to answer questions	
	the site's Protocol Deviations and match or	regarding the specific AEs. This is when	
	be corrected.	the clinician content expert may be	
		called upon.	
Obtain a list of outside services and	1-List/address of CRO		
contractors (CROs, monitors,			
laboratories, IRBs) and document the	2-List/contact #/address of monitors		
services they provide and who is			
responsible for their selection and	3-All Monitor logs		
oversight. Also document the accurate			
location/address of these contracted	4-List/address of laboratories		
parties.			
	5-IRB/address/contact # used for this trial		
Verify trial is listed correctly on	1-Screen print of clinicaltrials.gov webpage	Was the trial registered within 21 days	
clinicaltrials.gov	for trial.	of enrollment of the first subject?	
	2-Registration date for the trial.	Are the primary and secondary	
	3-Date first patient enrolled.	outcomes measures listed correctly?	
	4-Verify consent form has this statement:	,-	
	"A description of this clinical trial will be		
	available on http://www.ClinicalTrials.gov,		
	as required by U.S. Law. This Web site will		
	not include information that can identify		
	you. At most the Web site will include a		
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	summary of the results. You can search this			
	Website at any time."			
SELECTION AND MONITORING OF CLINIC			Г Г	
Obtain a list of all investigators and determine if there is a Form FDA 1572 (21 CFR 312.53(c)(I) or a signed investigator agreement (21 CFR 812.43(c)) for each clinical investigator identified. Regulations require that the sponsor/CRO select clinical investigators qualified by training and experience (21 CFR 312.53(a), 511.1(b)(7)(i), and 812.43(a)). Determine the sponsor's/CRO's criteria for selecting clinical investigators. Determine if the sponsor/CRO provided the investigators with all necessary information prior to initiation of the clinical trial. This may include clinical protocols or investigator brochures, and previous study experience.	 1-Have a copy of each investigator's: 1572, CV, and Financial Disclosure of all Investigator(s) on the Key Personnel Log. 2-Be able to produce documents that verify all of the above were completed before the study opening, or in the case when investigators were added, they completed these requirements before they consented/enrolled a patient. 3-Provide evidence (sign in sheet, certification, verification email, etc. and copy of educational materials) that the PI and Sub-I's completed the training/education compliantly. 4-Sponsor provides a complete list of the monitors and their contact information. 	Most of these questions are covered during the time of the initial 482 presentation in our experience. The investigator can come back to these in a different manner; they can ask you question about the PI/Sub-I's preparedness or involvement. "How do you ensure the personnel working on the study are adequately prepared?" or "How does the PI communicate with you and maintain oversight of the study?" (i.e. SIV, PIV, inservices in staff meetings, weekly team/census meetings, amendment updates, in- person conversations, email, phone calls).		
Determine if the sponsor/CRO/monitor identified any clinical investigators who did not comply with the investigational plan or FDA regulations. If so, did the sponsor/CRO secure prompt compliance? (When there is a CRO, determine who has the responsibility to follow up on noncompliance and	Have copies of documents demonstrating any investigators who did not comply with the investigational plan or FDA regulations and the actions that resulted.	Were there any clinical investigators who were removed from the trial at this site? Are there any PIs/Sub-Is who have caused non-compliance with the trial? If there are we should be aware of it and monitoring that they are not		

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secure investigator compliance, the sponsor or the CRO.) When instances		participating in the trial.		
of continued clinical investigator noncompliance are identified, obtain		\sim		
evidence of prompt correction or				
termination of the investigator's				
participation in the study.				
Identify any clinical investigator sites	Sponsor will provide this information. If	Were there any clinical investigators		
where studies were terminated and	there is knowledge (such as in the case of	who were removed from the trial at this		
the circumstances involved. Review	our having sub-sites, this information	site?		
monitoring reports for those clinical investigators and determine if those	would be assembled and reported.			
instances were promptly reported to				
FDA as required by 21 CFR 312.56(b).				
[Since termination of an investigator's				
participation in a device study would				
require return or disposal of the				
investigational device(s), a report is				
likewise required under				
812.150(b)(6).]				
Identify any non-compliant clinical	Have copies of documents demonstrating	Were there any clinical investigators		
investigators who were neither	any investigators who did not comply with	who were removed from the trial at this		
brought into compliance nor removed	the investigational plan or FDA regulations	site?		
from the study (participation in the	and the actions that resulted.	Are there any Dis (Sub is who have		
study terminated) by the sponsor as required by 21 CFR 312.56(b) and		Are there any PIs/Sub-Is who have caused non-compliance with the trial?		
812.46(a). Determine the reason their		caused non compliance with the that.		
participation in the study was not				
terminated.				
SELECTION OF MONITORS				
Review the criteria for selecting	There is a separate investigator sent to the	You may be asked if there were		
monitors and determine if monitors	Commercial Sponsor/Pharmaceutical	issues/problems with monitors. This has		
meet those criteria.	Company. This audit can be concurrent or	previously occurred and should be		
Determine how the sponsor/CRO	at a proximate time period. This	answered honestly but with limited		
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may be a physician) while other monitors may assess regulatory compliance.		"There was inconsistent instruction offered by monitors." If possible clarify the question and work towards a yes/no answer. Be sure you're being asked a question.	
MONITORING PROCEDURES AND ACTIVITI	IES	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
The FDA inspector has the responsibility to review and obtain a copy of the monitor's SOPs, determine how monitoring was done, and ensure the frequency and scope of the monitoring was consistent with the investigational plan.In the absence of written procedures, conduct interviews of the monitors as i feasible and/or otherwise determine In the stige and scope of the monitors as i feasible and/or otherwise determine	 1-Have a copy of all monitor reports (letters, etc.). 2-Have the Monitor Visit Log available and completed. Cross check that the monitor log corresponds to the monitor letters. 3-Review all letters for response to the items requiring remediation in the letter; have an explanation for those items that have not been resolved. 	 With the prevalence of multisite clinical trials, traditional monitoring techniques early and frequent on-site visits at all clinical sites – have become resource intensive. Regulations do not prescribe a specific monitoring technique, simply stating that sponsors are required to select monitors qualified by training and experience to monitor the investigational study (21 CFR 312.53(d), 511.1(b)(8)(ii), and 812.43(d)). Reference the sponsor's/CRO's/monitor's procedures (written SOPs or procedures or stated practices) for the following. Please be aware that our asking questions about monitoring practices and requesting different monitors who meet our needs is within the rights of this regulation. How often did the monitor visit? They will review the record and may make declarative statements; await a direct 	
preferred.		declarative statements; await a direct question.	
	1- Monitor notes, post-visit letters, and	The DOA Log, list of study personnel,	

sponsor/CRO/monitor assured, through documentation, that the clinical investigation was conducted in accordance with the investigational plan submitted to FDA. Determine if there is documentation that the responsibilities of the clinical investigators were carried out according to the FDA regulatory requirements (21 CFR 312.60. 312.61, 312.62, 312.64, 312.66, 312.68, (312.69 if the investigational product is a controlled substance), 812.100, 812.110, 812.140(a), (d), and (e), and 812.150(a)).	communications. Have copies made to give to the investigator of all of the following: 1- Training certificates 2- SIV training sign-in sheet 3- SIV slide deck, handouts, content 4- Emails that support completion of training requirements for all personnel who participated in the study.	and personnel who actually participated in the trial should all match, be complete, and everyone should appear on the DOA Log with assigned responsibilities and be able to demonstrate training with a certificate, email, or sign-in sheet. The investigator will note anyone who is not and ask you to produce that documentation. The investigator may also ask how personnel were trained as amendments occurred in the study. Everyone needs to answer the same way and you must be able to produce this documentation.	
REVIEW OF SITE RECORDS			
 a. Determine if monitoring visits included a comparison of individual subject records and other source documents with case report forms (CRFs) submitted to the sponsor. b. Determine if, when, and by whom CRFs are verified against supporting documents (hospital records, office charts, laboratory reports, etc.) at the study site. c. Determine if all CRFs are verified during monitoring visits. If a representative sample was selected, determine how the size and composition of the sample were selected. d. Determine if a form is used for data 	The inspector may ask for some charts or all charts at once. If they don't ask, don't volunteer. Wait for them to ask and only bring what they ask for; the charts are not brought to the room in advance "in preparation" like we do with other audits. What enters the audit room is what is asked for and only what is asked for. In this way, if a problem is found the team immediately fans out to review the rest of the records for that problem and remediates as fast as possible. As a rule of thumb, if there are less than 10 records they will review all records. If more than 10 you await them asking for the records and note any pattern or similarity. As time goes on you can ask how they choose the records but they may or may not tell you.	Much of this section is the initial review of the research subject records and is often done in comparison of the CRO's findings. If there is poor or inconsistent follow-up, problems are not responded to in a timely manner, or there are a significant number of queries/CRF corrections be prepared to answer questions targeted in this area. In addition the monitor looks for trends; if they find 1-2 problems they will drill down and look for this problem in all charts so note the "trends" and convey this to the team so they can begin focusing on this in the remaining research records. Make sure all source documents are signed and dated!	

verification and obtain a copy. Obtain			
a copy of any written procedures	Source documents within research records	This is where the inspector may need a	
(SOPs and guidelines) for data	will be reviewed for completeness,	driver for IHIS so they can follow all of	
verification.	signature/date. This is somewhat standard	the records. The more the record is	
	QA, reading the story of the research	printed, the less this will be needed.	
e. Determine if the	subject record.	p	
sponsor/CRO/monitor, or a data		There must be a policy on source	
management company contracted by		document correction and CRF correction	
the sponsor/CRO, makes corrections			
to CRFs and if confirmation or		which you can produce. Often CRF	
verification		correction is dependent on the	
from the clinical investigator is		sponsor's policy. Ensure that there is	
-		one and you can produce it or articulate	
obtained when such changes are	Need to have and be able to demonstrate	it .	
made.	the IRB of record and the approvals.		
f Determine how the spansor (CDO		Have the following documents ready:	
f. Determine how the sponsor/CRO		All IRB approvals printed out	
assures that IRB approval is obtained		with copies.	
prior to the enrollment of subjects in		All ICF verifications from	
the study.		sponsor/CRO printed and filed	
D etermine here the energy (CDO			
g. Determine how the sponsor/CRO			
assures that informed consent is		The site is responsible for study	
obtained from all subjects in the study.	Investigator will ask two important	enrollment; ensure you know the	
	Focus areas of questions of the Host and		
h. If sponsor-generated, site-specific	Regulatory person:	procedure for consenting. You will likely	
data tabulations are provided by the	Regulatory person.	be asked to recite this out loud and	
assigning Center, compare the		answer questions.	
tabulations with CRFs submitted by	1. "What is the process for opening a	This may be asked as two questions or	
the clinical investigator	new study?" and How do you	as one but this is important because it	
	handle study amendments (what is	is about Human Subject (research	
	your step by step process,	participant) safety. This should be	
	especially when the amendment	rehearsed and perfected into as few	
	results in ICF changes?"	concise a statement as possible.	
	2. The host or person speaking for the		
	study will be asked how they verify	Ensure the host is able to articulate the	
	and enrollment with the sponsor,	process for consenting and enrolling a	
	transmit information, receive	patient step-by-step.	
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	randomization, and receive notification of test article shipment.		
QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA)			
Determine if there was an	Sponsor is expected to generate results of	Clinical trial quality assurance units	
independent audit/data verification to	data and provide to site at pre-audit. In this	(QAUs) are not required by regulation.	
determine the sponsor's compliance	way the site verifies that all data is current	However, many sponsors obtain	
with clinical trials SOPs and FDA	and ready to go. Any discrepancies must be	independent audits/data verifications to	
regulations. The sponsor will need to	known and corrected at this time.	determine the sponsor's compliance	
answer this question as the audit is not		with clinical trial SOPs and FDA	
generally subject to FDA inspection.	Any results from this visit will generally not	regulations. These audits/data	
	be put in writing; they are conferred	verifications may be conducted with or	
	verbally because anything in writing is	without the existence of an actual QAU.	
	discoverable and they do not want to "lay	All QAUs and/or auditing personnel	
	out a roadmap" for the inspector.	should be independent of, and separate	
	Attending these daily de-briefings and	from, routine monitoring or quality	
	being aware of the results is the	control functions. Findings that are the	
	responsibility of the QA and leadership	product of a written QA program will	
	team.	not be inspected without prior	
		concurrence of the assigning FDA	
		headquarters unit. This is the advance	
		team that prepares you for the audit. In	
		the event the sponsor does not offer to	
		send this group it should be requested.	

SAFETY/ADVERSE EVENT REPORTING

1. A sponsor must notify FDA and	A complete list of all SAEs should be	The sponsor SAE list must:	AKL (6/24/13):
participating investigators (in	obtained from the sponsor.	1. Be cross-referenced with the	have Jerri
addition to reviewing IRBs for		Oncore list of SAEs for accuracy	generate script
device studies) of the following		and completeness.	for IND SR
types of information associated		2. The SAE list must be checked for	review and
with the use of investigational		complete information with date	signature
articles.		of discovery, date of	Ŭ
a. Drugs/biologics 312.32(c) – IND	Investigator will look over the report they	submission, and detail.	
safety reports of potential serious risks	have already been given and look for the	3. Be aware of all of the details	
within 15 calendar days after the	same information at the site.	surrounding each SAE. If there	
sponsor determines that the		was a dis-connect and the staff	
information qualifies for reporting; no	Investigator will also ask specifically about	wasn't notified in a timely	
later than 7 calendar days if	the site's handling of reports and how the	manner by the PI (even though	
unexpected fatal or life-threatening	PI reviews them, how often, and in what	he knew about the SAE) be	
suspected adverse reaction; 312.32(d)	manner (appointment, team meeting, etc.).	prepared.	
follow-up reports as applicable.		4. Identify any instances where we	
		are late in reporting.	
b. Drugs in bioavailability and		5. Know if Event Reports are	
bioequivalence studies that are		reviewed in a timely manner by	
exempt from the IND requirements		the PI; ensure all are signed off.	
320.31(d)(3) – Report any serious			
adverse event within 15 calendar days;		Have the policy for handling SAEs, AEs,	
if fatal or life-threatening, within 7		and reporting present and know what	
calendar days; follow-up reports as		it says; you may need to articulate it.	
soon as information is available.			
d. Devices 812.150(b)(1) – Written	Do successed notify the DL of any event		
report within 10 working days after	Be aware and notify the PI of any event reports which did not adhere to the		
the sponsor first receives notice of the	timeline.		
unanticipated adverse device effect.	timeme.		
Determine if safety			
information/unanticipated adverse	Again notify the PI in advance of any not		
device effects were reported to FDA as	reported in a timely manner.		
required by regulations.			
required by regulations.			
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 3. Determine if safety information/unanticipated adverse device effects were reported to participating investigators (and to reviewing IRBs for device studies) as required by the regulations. 4. Review the procedures (e.g., frequency, scope) the sponsor/CRO uses for the receipt, evaluation, and monitoring of safety information/unanticipated adverse device effects, as well as the process for updating the investigator brochure. If applicable, review the composition and function of the safety team/committee (for drugs and biologics). Obtain copies of any notification to investigators relating to safety information/unanticipated adverse device effects. 	 Host and staff involved in clinical care may be asked: "How did you notify the PI of an SAE? "How was the sponsor notified of an SAE?" "How were issues of safety or SAEs shared with Sub-Is and the rest of the team." How was this documented?" "How were IB updates communicated to the key personnel?" "What mechanism does OSU have in place to ensure the safety of the research participants is maintained?" 	 This section focuses on how the team communicates with each other and how the PI leads the team in human subject safety. Answers that emphasize good communication are very important and "reassuring" to the investigator. These include: We have weekly meetings where we go over events that have happened and key information which are attended by all clinical and investigator staff. Emails will go out to the participating team when there is new information which is important to the safety of our participants. We communicate directly with the PI and the Sub-Is involved and they share this information with other Sub-Is. 	
Review all signed 1572s/agreements	Two copies of the 1572 with all PIs and	Double check complete list against	
associated with the study(ies) specified	Sub-Is listed will be made and ready to give	Oncore personnel and the team's	
in the assignment.	to the inspector.	recollection of personnel involved.	
		reconcetion of personner involved.	
Identify any clinical investigators with			

signed 1572s/agreements not included	C) (c. CO) c alca with two conies ready to	Have SOP related to these activities		
signed 1572s/agreements not included	CVs, COIs also with two copies ready to			
in the marketing	hand over to the inspector.	ready for examination.		
application/submission and document				
the reason they were not included.	Clear documentation of changes in the	Host must be able to respond why		
	1572 if Sub-Is are added after study	additional investigators were added and		
	opening.	that they were trained appropriately.		
Determine if the number of subjects in	Sponsor documentation will be compared	Host must know the number of patients		
the studies performed under an	with the site study documentation for	enrolled and the number of screen fails.		
IND/IDE is the same as the number	accuracy.	Host must have a complete listing of		
reported in the sponsor's documents		above.		
(NDA/PMA).				
		Talk with CTO medical directors and		
Determine the number of subjects	Patient listing from Oncore and sponsor list	ensure COI training is covered in PI/Sub-		
listed in each of the clinical trials and	of patients.	I training.		
compare the number of subjects in the				
tabulations to the corresponding CRFs				
submitted to the sponsor.				
submitted to the sponsor.				
Desument any subjects not included in				
Document any subjects not included in the NDA/PMA and the reason they				
•				
were not included.				
Review the sponsor's written	The inspector does this on their own. We			
procedures (SOPs and guidelines) to	currently do not have a way of checking on			
assure the integrity of safety and	this.			
efficacy data collected from clinical				
investigators (domestic and				
international).				
RECORD RETENTION				
Determine if the sponsor obtained	Inspector may ask about the record	We have a brand new SOP which:		
financial disclosure information from	retention policy:	1. Copy will be made available for		
each investigator before his/her	"What is your record retention	the audit.		
participation in the clinical trial, as	policy?"	2. Host will understand and be		
required by 21 CFR Part 54 and 21 CFR	• "When there is a change in the COI	able to articulate the policy		
312.53(c)(4) and 812.2(b)(5) and	of an investigator, what is the	matches the FDA guidance on		
812.43(c)(5).	procedure?"	record retention specified in		
		Title 21, Subpart D, Section		
Determine if the sponsor received				
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prompt updates regarding relevant changes in financial disclosure information from investigators during the study and for one year after study completion.

Determine if the sponsor reported to FDA (on Form FDA 3454 and 3455, respectively), all pertinent investigator disclosures and certifications of financial information as required by 21 CFR 54.6.

Determine if the sponsor retained the documentation to support the certifications and disclosures of investigators' financial information that was reported to FDA.

312.47: "A sponsor shall retain the records and reports required by this part for 2 years after a marketing application is approved for the drug; or, if an application is not approved for the drug, until 2 years after shipment and delivery of the drug for investigational use is discontinued and FDA has been so notified.

ELECTRONIC RECORDS AND ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES (Guided by:

http://www.fda.gov/downloads/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM126953.pdf)

Computerized systems are commonly used in clinical investigations to create, modify, maintain, archive, retrieve, and/or transmit clinical data. Regardless of the type of system used by the clinical site, an important principle to understand when evaluating clinical research data is that the regulatory requirements for the clinical data do not change whether clinical data are captured on paper, electronically, or using a hybrid approach. Data must be reliable and usable for evaluating the safety and/or effectiveness of FDA-regulated products.

Another important point is that the agency has stated in its guidance entitled, "Guidance for Industry Part 11, Electronic Records; Electronic Signatures – Scope and Application" (Part 11 Guidance) that only certain electronic records will be subject to 21 CFR Part 11 (Part 11), and that the agency intends to exercise enforcement discretion with regard to specific Part 11 requirements. Part 11 describes the technical and procedural requirements that must be met if a firm chooses to maintain records electronically and/or use electronic signatures. Part 11 is a companion regulation to other FDA regulations and laws. It is in these other regulations and laws, called "predicate rules," where specific requirements for issues such as recordkeeping, record content, signatures, and record retention are addressed.

Records that are required to be maintained under the predicate rules and that are maintained in electronic format *in place of paper format*. Records that are required to be maintained under the predicate rules, that are maintained in electronic format *in addition to paper format*, and *are relied on to perform regulated activities*. Records that are submitted to FDA, under predicate rules, and that are in electronic format. Electronic signatures that are intended to be the equivalent of handwritten signatures, initials or other general signings that are required by the predicate rules.

	The FDA will explore all aspects of the	The inspector may ask specific questions	Title 21 CFR Part 11 of the Code of	-	
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electronic medical record system including validation of computerized systems; use of computer-generated, time-stamped audit trails; use of legacy systems; generation of copies of records; protection of records (i.e., record retention and availability).

Determine whether electronic records and/or electronic signatures are required by predicate rules, and/or are used in place of paper records (or relied upon to perform regulated activities) and handwritten signatures. If this is the case, requirements of Part 11, as interpreted by the Part 11 Guidance, apply. If this is not the case, Part 11 requirements do not apply, and the paper records should be evaluated for compliance with the applicable regulations.

Determine whether electronic data and data collection methods are defined in the study protocol. **Describe** any computerized system(s) used at the study site(s) to generate, collect, or analyze data (e.g., stand alone personal computer, web-based system, hand-held computers).

Determine how the sponsor/CRO has ensured that sites have access to their original electronic records and how this access is maintained for the required data retention period at a minimum. (e.g., if there is an SOP and such as the following:

- "What is your policy on electronic records."
- "When did you move/transfer from paper records to electronic records?"
- "What is the date you moved from paper to EPIC/IHIS?"
- "What type of training did you receive on EPIC/IHIS?"
- "Can you show me the training materials?"
- "What Is you electronic signature policy?"
- "How do you maintain the security of the paper records?"
- "How do you maintain the security of the electronic records?"
- "How do you know what has happened in the past with this patient?"
- "How do you know if the record has been changed?"
- "How were you trained on the EDC system used by this sponsor?"

Federal Regulations deals with the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidelines on electronic records and electronic signatures. Part 11, as it is commonly called, defines the criteria under which electronic records and electronic signatures are considered to be trustworthy, reliable and equivalent to paper records (Title 21 CFR Part 11 Section 11.1 (a)). These are known as "predicate rules" (referenced above).

Have the following documents copied and be prepared to hand over the copies to the inspector:

- IHIS go live date
- IHIS training deck
- Electronic record policy
- Electronic signature policy
- Study specific EDC training materials
- Documentation SOP with EDC and IHIS information included.
- Position descriptions of CRCs, CRSs, and CRDCs demonstrating initial ability to manage data successfully.

In addition know:

- There is a policy and an audit trail that tracks all changes to the EMR
- EMR is kept secure by use of password protection which is changed every XX days

if it is followed).		 Paper records are stored in a secure locked area which is not accessible by non-CTO personnel. Know what data capture system was used for this trial and what the security features were. Know there is an audit trail mechanism (by federal law) on the E-DC system used. Have IHIS and EDC driver available at all times.
Determine if the sponsor/CRO has established procedures to create, modify, maintain, or transmit electronic records, e.g., user manuals, operating instructions, access policies and procedures, training policies, or management controls.	While much of this section is related to the sponsor, we will receive questions on how the sponsor communicated initial training and changes to us.	 The following documents are important to this section. Have copies available: SIV initial training for CRDCs (slides, training paperwork) Sign-in sheet of above Training records of all CRDCs (certificates or emails)
Determine if the sponsor/CRO has procedures to demonstrate that the computerized system was tested for its intended use (e.g., documentation of user acceptance testing).		 CRDC position descriptions Amendments and update additional trainings User manuals provided by the sponsor
Determine how the sponsor/CRO documents that there are sufficient personnel with the necessary education, background, training, and experience to ensure that all protocol		 CRC, CRS, CRDC job descriptions Screen shots should be able to be easily made and sent to print. CRDC should be able to:
requirements that employ electronic systems are correctly performed. Determine if the sponsor/CRO has procedures for identifying training needs to ensure that all pertinent		 Articulate where you find answers to questions on the EDC. If there is a "?" on the data base and this is where questions

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develop, maintain, and/or utilize computerized systems, including staff at the clinical sites) are trained to adequately perform their assigned responsibilities. Determine how the sponsor/CRO ensures that only authorized personnel have access to study data – e.g., if there is a log of authorized users for each clinical site; if all users – at the sites, sponsor, CRO, data processing center – have appropriate user IDs, passwords, and access		 point it out and demonstrate. Articulate how data was extracted from the patient specific records and input into the data base (EDC) 	
privileges. Describe procedures for collection, retention, and transmission of data at each clinical site. That is, determine if there are file transfer protocols for electronic clinical data transmitted to and from the clinical site/sponsor/CRO/data processing center. Determine whether original data entries and changes can be made by anyone other than the clinical investigators. Determine how the electronic data were reviewed during monitoring visits. If any data monitoring was accomplished remotely, determine	 Inspector may ask: "What is the process for data entry?" "What do you do if the data needs correction?" "Who can make data corrections? "How is the PI kept abreast of changes or needs with data?" "How did the monitors review the data?" 	CRDC should be able to state the process by which data is collected, extracted, and input into the EDC.CRDC then should be able to verbalize the process for transmission to the sponsor.CRDC should be able to verbalize how the documents and information remain secure (password protected, etc.).CRDC must be able to verbalize the process for correcting inaccurate data or updating with new data.CRDC must be able to state the process	
what was covered and obtain copies of any SOPs and/or documentation of such reviews. Determine who is authorized to access	Be able to identify who has authorized	for the CRO/Monitor reviewing and remediating data.	
	access to the EDC, IHIS, and other data	process by which data is collected,	

the system.	bases (Oncore).	extracted, and input into the EDC.	
Describe how the computerized systems are accessed (e.g., password protected, access privileges, user identification).	The points to the left can all be asked as direct questions.	CRDC then should be able to verbalize the process for transmission to the sponsor.	
Determine how information is captured related to the creation, modification, or deletion of electronic records (e.g., audit trails, date/time stamps).	Sponsor should make available to site the "disaster recovery plan" for data backup.	CRDC should be able to verbalize how the documents and information remain secure (password protected, etc.). CRDC must be able to verbalize the	
Describe whether there is backup, disaster recovery, and/or contingency plans to protect against data loss. Were there any software upgrades, security or performance patches, or new instrumentation during the clinical trial? Could the data have been affected?		cRDC must be able to verbalize the process for correcting inaccurate data or updating with new data. CRDC must be able to state the process for the CRO/Monitor reviewing and remediating data. Site must be aware if there were any	
Describe how error messages or system failures were reported to the sponsor, CRO, or study site and the corrective actions, if any, which were taken.		data software updates, system failures, error messages, performance patches, security problems, etc.	
Determine how the system and data were handled during site closure.			
TEST ARTICLE		1	
Integrity: Describe the sponsor's procedures to ensure the integrity of the test article from manufacturing to receipt by the clinical investigator:	This section, dealing with the investigational drugs, records (DARFs), and pharmacy is very important.	By FDA definition, investigational drug is ILLEGAL drug and this is taken very seriously by the FDA inspector.	
Determine if the test article met required release specifications. For drugs, review the Certificate of	 The investigator may ask: "How was investigational drug sent to this site?" "How was investigational drug 	The answers to the questions at left should be prepared in advance. The IDS visit will be scheduled at the	
Analysis, if available. For biologics,	 How was investigational drug received by this site?" 	inspector's discretion; the IDS	

review the Certificate of Analysis, where appropriate and available,	 "What records are kept for investigational drug at this site?" 	pharmacist is expected to make themselves available.	
and/or the lot release documentation.	 "How was the investigational drug prepared? Packaged? Dispensed?" 		
 Determine if the test article is not in its final form and requires preparation, manipulation, or processing by the clinical protocol and/or manufacturer's instructions (e.g., mixing plasma with bone chips immediately before use or manipulation of a study subject's cell or tissue specimen) prior to receipt by the subject. Determine where the test article was stored and if the conditions of storage were appropriate. Determine how the sponsor verified test article integrity during shipment to the clinical study sites. Determine if the test article was properly labeled (See 21 CFR 312.6, 511.1(b)(1), and 812.5). Determine if the test article was 	 What was your role in the preparation and dispensing of the investigational agent?" "What SOPs do you use in your department?" "How was the test article stored?" "Where was the investigational drug prepared and dispensed?" "When can I schedule a tour of the IDS?" "Can you please show me your records on the storage and shipment of the investigational drug?" "How did you know the agent was treated appropriately during shipment?" "How is the investigational agent labeled? Who does that?" 		
recalled, withdrawn, or returned. Accountability:	The main intent of this section is directed	Check shipment records with IDS.	
Determine whether the sponsor	at the sponsor. Our responsibility is to	Check shipment records with 105.	
maintains accounting records for use	ensure that the receiving agent for	Verify all DARFs have drug logged in, the	
of the test article including:	investigational agent at OSU is the IDS and	count is correct, and there are no "blank	
Names and addresses of clinical	no other place.	spots".	
investigators receiving test articles.			
See 21 CFR 312.57, 511.1(b)(3), and	Our records for receipt must match the	IDS must be able to articulate drug	
812.140(b)(2).	sponsors; on either pre-audit preparation	destruction and show an SOP for this.	
Shipment date(s), quantity, batch or	or by request of the sponsor we need to		
code mark, or other identification	ensure our times and dates are accurate	Do the counts reconcile?	<u> </u>

number of test article shipped. See	with shipment records.		
regulations above.		Were there any problems or issues in	
		this trial with the investigational agent	
Final disposition of the test article. See		(i.e. inadequate supply, drug shortages,	
21 CFR 312.59, 511.1(b)(7)(ii), and		shipment problems, etc.)?	
812.140(b)(2).			
		What was the policy of the study for	
(**A detailed audit should be		drug return/destruction? Can you show	
performed when serious violations are		me in the pharmacy manual for this trial	
suspected.)		where that is?	
Determine whether the sponsor's		Review the protocol drug	
records are sufficient to reconcile test		manual/investigational agent section	
article usage (compare the amount		and ensure all covenants were met.	
shipped to the investigators to the			
amount used and returned or disposed		Be able to articulate whether the	
of).		investigational agent was supplied,	
		charged for, and show that part of the	
c. Determine whether the clinical		ICF.	
investigator appropriately			
documented any manipulation or			
processing of the test article and, if the			
investigator did manipulate or process			
the test article, verify that all relevant			
requirements set forth in the protocol			
were met and fully documented.			
d. Determine whether all unused or			
reusable supplies of the test article			
were returned to the sponsor when			
either the investigator(s) discontinued			
or completed participation in the			
clinical investigation, or the			
investigation was terminated.			
e. If the test article was not returned			
to the sponsor, describe the method			
of disposition and determine if			
or disposition and determine in			

adequate records were maintained.		
f. For device studies, determine how the sponsor controls and monitors the use of devices that are not single-use products, such as lithotripters or excimer lasers.		
g. Determine if the sponsor is charging for the test article and document the fees charged.	1Sr.	

DEVICES N/A

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See Title III – Pediatric Medical Device Safety and Improvement Act of 2007 – in the medical device provisions of the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act (FDAAA) of 2007 available at

http://www.fda.gov/downloads/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/Overview/MedicalDeviceUserFeeandModernizationActMDUFMA/UCM109100. pdf.

EMERGENCY RESEARCH

See 21 CFR 50.24 and the departmental SOP for guidance in this area of research.

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NONCLINICAL LABORATORY STUDIES

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Determine if the sponsor conducted or	We must be able to produce the CLIA		
contracted for nonclinical studies	certificate for our lab and demonstrate (a.)		
related to the product that is the	there were no other labs used or. (b.) the		
subject of the clinical study(ies)	other labs were on the 1572 and we had		
specified in the assignment – i.e.,	their CLIA certification certificate.		
studies subject to 21 CFR Part 58,			
Good Laboratory Practice for			
Nonclinical Laboratory Studies. If so,			
collect copies of information			
documenting where and when the			
nonclinical studies were conducted.			
For contracted studies, collect copies			
of the agreement with the contracted			
party.			
Sponsors are required to provide a	Speak with the sponsor and ensure this		
statement in applications/submissions	covenant has been met.		

to FDA that nonclinical studies were			
conducted in compliance with 21 CFR			
Part 58 or, if the study was not			
conducted in compliance with those			
regulations, a brief statement of the			
reason for noncompliance. This			
statement must appear in the Notice			
of Claimed Investigational Exemption			
for New Animal Drug studies, IND and			
IDE applications, and marketing			
applications/submissions (for devices			
this statement must appear in a PMA)			
(21 CFR 312.23(a)(8)(iii),			
314.50(d)(2)(v), 314.125(b)(15),			
511.1(b)(4)(ii), 514.1(b)(12)(iii),			
601.2(a), 812.27(b)(3), 814.20(b)(6)(i)).			
Collect copies of documentation used			
to support a sponsor's statement that			
the studies were GLP compliant or the			
rationale as to why the studies were			
not conducted in compliance with the			
regulation.			
Determine if the sponsor approved	Sponsor responsibility.		
the nonclinical study protocol(s).			
Collect any available documentation.			
The regulation requires that specific	Sponsor responsibility.		
information pertinent to test and			
control article characterization is			
available either before study initiation			
or concomitantly (21 CFR 58.105). This			
includes: stability testing;			
documentation for each batch of the			
identity, strength, purity, and			
composition or other characterization			
that defines the article; and			
documentation of methods of			
synthesis, fabrication, or derivation.			

Determine whether the sponsor or the				
test facility was responsible for				
meeting these requirements. Collect				
documentation regarding where and				
when the testing was conducted as		CX I		
well as copies of any resulting reports.				
Determine where nonclinical studies	Sponsor responsibility.			
data and records are retained and				
collect the name and address of that				
location. The test facility is required to				
retain, with a few specified exceptions,				
all raw data, protocols, final reports				
and specimens as specified in 21 CFR				
58.195(b). If the test facility goes out				
of business during the required				
records retention period, the				
regulation requires that all data and				
records required to be retained be				
transferred to the sponsor's archives				
and that FDA be informed of this				
transfer (21 CFR 58.195(h)). If such a				
transfer occurred, determine the				
location of the sponsor's archives and				
collect documentation that FDA has				
been notified of the transfer.				
SAMPLE COLLECTION				
Samples may be obtained at the	CTPL process may be reviewed by	Review all to the left with CTPL and		
direction of the assigning Center.	inspector; be prepared to	ensure staff is able to answer these		
	Show records	questions.		
	 Show timelines for study samples 			
	Show shipping weigh-bills			
	Explain variances			
	Show email correspondence			
	accounting for discrepancies			
During the inspection, if collection	At any time in the visit, the inspector may			
appears warranted, contact the	confer with the branch that assigned the			
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assigning Center for further	inspector or the district or federal office.				
instructions.	Please be aware that the district office is in				
	Columbus (German Village) and the area				
	expert in BIMO inspections is housed there.				
ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION REPORTS (EIRs)				
If the inspection assignment resulted fro	m FDA's receipt of a marketing application/sul	omission, information contained in the EIR	may be used in sup	port of	
marketing approval or denial. If the insp	ection was assigned "for cause" or as part of ge	eneral surveillance, information contained i	in the EIR may be us	sed to	
determine if the ongoing study should be	e allowed to continue, either in its entirety or a	at specific sites. Therefore, the EIR must do	cument all findings	that could	
significantly impact the decision-making	process.				
RESOURCES					
Key Links:					
http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/	cdrh/cfdocs/cfcfr/cfrsearch.cfm?cfrpart=312				
http://www.fda.gov/ICECI/Enforcement/	Actions/BioresearchMonitoring/ucm133777.ht	<u>.m</u>			
http://www.fda.gov/ICECI/Enforcement.	Actions/BioresearchMonitoring/ucm133562.ht	<u>tm</u>			
http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/policy/ohrpre	egulations.pdf				
http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfcfr/cfrsearch.cfm?cfrpart=11					

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