CISO Multisite Trial Coordinating Center (MCC)

a- What is this service?

The service is designed to provide adequate support to our investigators who have investigator initiated trials that will open at multiple external sites and for which **USC will serve as the coordinating center**. It includes coordination of regulatory activities between the external sites and USC, the management of study start-up activities, coordination of site initiation visits and training of research staff at other sites on protocol and database, oversight of data entry, as well as monitoring and auditing. The details are included in a newly created CISO Multisite Trial Coordinating Center manual. We also work closely with the USC CTO to ensure appropriate budget development and contractual language for the external sites. This service does not apply to HOAG hospital as the research collaboration with HOAG is governed by different rules and processes.

b- How can I take advantage of it?

If you are working on the development of an investigator-initiated trial that would benefit from being open at multiple external sites, **please contact Grace Kim or a member of the CISO management team early in the concept development process** (contact information below). Please provide a brief justification as to why the participation of external sites is needed and whether you are able to procure funding to support the cost of multisite coordination. We will work collaboratively with you to determine the feasibility and provide a budget estimate for the multisite coordination. Please keep in mind that investigational products will need to be shipped directly from the sponsor to the external participating sites. We also encourage investigators to limit the number of participating sites to 3 or less unless there is strong justification for more.

c- What are the benefits of this service?

The service allows our investigators to complete accrual to investigator initiated trials in a more expedited fashion and raises the profile of our investigator initiated research. It also ensures that our investigator initiated trials are conducted in a compliant fashion across multiple sites and that the quality of the data is preserved.

d- Who do you contact?

Please contact Grace Kim, Zeno Ashai, Joyce Tull or Anthony El-Khoueiry if you have any questions. The contact information for Grace Kim is:

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