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Compliance Alert

If your research is subject to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and your approved protocol includes a HIPAA Authorization Form to describe use and disclosure of subject's protected health information (PHI), you must utilize this form as indicated in the IRB approved protocol.

The IRB has had a number of cases identified where HIPAA Authorization Forms were not signed by research subjects or subjects signed forms that had been altered without IRB approval.

A research authorization form should be signed by each subject upon enrollment in a research study. Standard clinical HIPPA authorizations do not cover use and disclosures associated with research.

Failing to comply with HIPAA Authorization regulations is considered non-compliance. As a federal regulation, non-compliance with HIPAA could result in associated penalties from the federal government, depending on the nature of the infraction.

For additional information see the Office of Research Integrity website or contact Joe Brown at *859-257-9428, or e-mail* Joe Brown*.*