RECRUITMENT OF PATIENTS FOR CLINICAL TRIALS VIA THE UMHS WEBSITE

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A Message from the GCRC: Dear Clinical Investigators, The University of Michigan Health System has recently launched a new web portal for patients and their physicians to obtain information on clinical research participation. This web-based initiative, known as 'engage' is a centralized site that provides institutional-wide listings for research participation opportunities. Additionally, there will be links to other sites that will provide further resources on clinical trials. Effective immediately, the GCRC website will no longer post GCRC-approved research protocols. Instead, we encourage all investigators to submit their studies for general posting on the new 'engage' website.
Sincerely,
Louise Hahn and Dr. John Wiley

The Center for the Advancement of Clinical Research is in the first stage of releasing 'engage' - the new web portal project for subject recruitment management. This site will be a central place where people can find active recruiting clinical studies, information about participating in clinical research and eventually have the ability to register for studies. The first piece of 'engage' is the Bulletin Board - an area to post active recruiting clinical studies. The Bulletin Board provides 3 different search tools and a mechanism for coordinators/contacts/PI's to edit their internet study posting themselves. The Bulletin Board also provides automatic deactivation of study postings, security, and validation of the posting's protocol against the IRB Med Database. The Bulletin Board is an easy, free and helpful way to recruit volunteers via the internet and it is now ready for use! To enter your study(ies) in engages Bulletin Board, go to: https://www.umms.med.umich.edu/engage/ The staff portion of the site can be found by the following steps:1. Click Staff Login2. You will be asked for your uniqname and kerberos password To enter new studies, click Enter a New Study. Entry instructions can be found in the right hand tool bar by clicking on Staff Instructions. It is recommended that you print these instructions for easy reference during the entry process. Once your study has been entered and you have printed a copy of the posting for your IRB submission, fill out the IRB Amendment application. This can be found in the right hand tool bar by clicking Engage IRB Application. When the application loads, do a Save As to save the file to your computer. The instructions for application completion and submission are on the first page. The IRBMED has temporarily made staff changes to allow for expedited review of Engage-only amendments for those studies with previous approval for advertising for subject recruitment. Quick entry and submission of your IRB amendment is important as in approximately two weeks the Bulletin Board will be opened to a larger group, then finally to all coordinators and investigators in the IRB database. Paper submissions of Engage-only applications (using the process outlined above) will not be accepted after May 20, 2005. If you wish to add an Engage posting after May 20, 2005, you will you do this by submitting an amendment to the IRBMED as an electronic document. Engage posting approvals from the IRB can always be submitted along with IRB yearly renewals and new submissions, using the current paper process es until May 20, 2005, or in an electronic format after this date when e-Research is in place. NOTE: The Bulletin Board will not be available for public viewing/searching until enough studies have been entered and approved by the IRB for the site to look appropriately populated. Therefore, the more studies entered and approved by the IRB, the quicker the Bulletin Board can be fully promoted. We will let you know when a public viewing date is determined.

Please Note: The Information sections of the Engage Web Portal are not available yet for your viewing, please check in later to see the helpful information that will available both for the community and for research team members. Questions/Problems: Call: 734-998-7474 or email: engage@umich.edu Once you have finished entering your study, please complete the PI/Coordinator Feedback form and let us know what you think of the Bulletin Board.

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