

# Research Compliance Fundamentals

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# MOFFITT CANCER CENTER

Your Courage Inspires Ours



# Research

Moffitt's research focuses on cutting-edge discoveries that can be rapidly translated into improved diagnostic, preventive and therapeutic advances.

\$120M

+

Research Funding in FY19  
\$250M

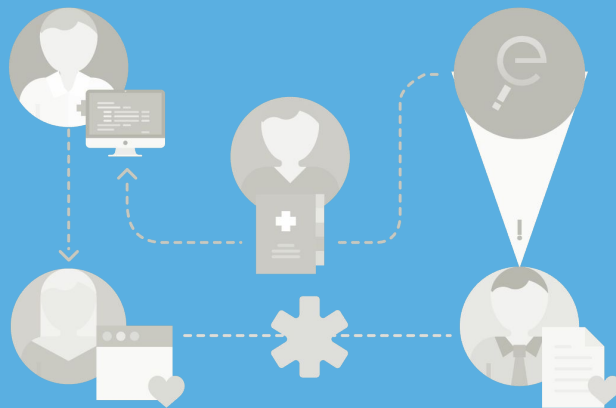
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State, Federal & Commercial



# Clinical Trials

More than  
**1,900**  
Clinical Trial Accruals Annually



**630**

Active Interventional Trials

**212**

Trials initiated by Moffitt researchers



# Expanding Industry Relationships

**5**  
YEAR  
INNOVATION  
INDEX

INTELLECTUAL  
PROPERTY  
DISCLOSURES

**168**

U.S. ISSUED  
PATENTS

**72**

LICENSE  
AGREEMENTS

**84**

GLOBAL  
FUNDING

**\$111**  
MILLION

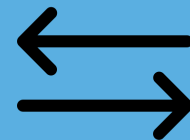
Advancing Moffitt discoveries by forging partnerships with startups and industry to bring cutting edge ideas and discoveries to the marketplace.

# Landscape



Volume of Activity  
Complexity  
Competition  
Scrutiny  
Demand for Accountability  
Large \$ Investments in  
Facilities  
Pressure to maintain or  
decrease costs

Funding  
Resources



# Research Compliance 101



# Research Compliance Areas

- Federal Awards
- Grant Expenditures
- Foreign Influence
- Animal Use & Care
- Human Subjects
- Stem Cells
- Research Safety
- Research Integrity
- Conflicts of Interest
- Controlled Substances
- Export Controls
- Research Information Privacy and Security



# Federal Awards & Grant Expenditures

- Time and Effort Reporting
- Allowable vs Unallowable Costs
- Foreign/Other funding or support

**UW-Madison to pay \$1.5 million to settle claim with U.S. government, DOJ reports**

OIG Outlines Multiple Probes Into NIH, PIs Who May Have Failed to Disclose All Support

# Foreign Influence

Concerns include:

- “Shadow laboratories”
- Time commitment – sometimes full-time or substantial part time
- Substantial funding for research abroad (including start-up funds)
- Laboratory, equipment, personnel
- Signing bonus, salary, housing, other benefits
- Deliverables: training personnel, papers, patents/IP
- Creates conflicts of commitment (>100% effort), interest

NIH inquiries include 100s of investigators, resulting in investigator removals, terminations, repayments, and False Claims Act payments

In order for NIH to make informed assessments of possible ~~overcommitment~~ and/or scientific or budgetary overlap, we will need to see complete copies (in original and in English translation) of foreign grants and employment contracts.

# Foreign Influence (con't)

## Moffitt Cancer Center CEO, Center Director Resign after Compliance Review

December 18, 2019

## Sacked Moffitt Officials Didn't Report Chinese Financial Ties

— Not clear what was done in exchange for payments

by Crystal Pineda, Senior Editor, MedPage Today | January 24, 2020

Hospitals

## Top exec, researchers resign from Moffitt Cancer Center over concern of IP theft by China

## House Select Committee begins query into Chinese interference in public research

The group will investigate Chinese involvement with UF and Moffitt.



by Janelle Irwin Taylor on January 27, 2020



The House Select Committee on the Integrity of Research Institutions kicked off Tuesday with its first meeting as the day was wrapping up in Tallahassee.

House Speaker **Jose Oliva** convened the committee to investigate foreign interference in United States publicly funded research, particularly by China.

Oliva launched the committee in response to situations at two Florida research institutions, Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa and the University of Florida in Gainesville.

# Foreign Influence (con't)

本人以上信息均真实有效。

本人郑重承诺：被批准纳入“千人计划”半年内到岗，在华连续工作至少3年，每年不少于2个月。

The above information is true and correct. I promise to start working full time in China within six months after my application is approved. The minimum employment term is three consecutive years, with at least nine months working in China for each year.



# Human Subjects Research

- Common Rule
- Clinical Trial Billing
- OHRP
- IRB
- Informed Consent
- ICH-GCP

## BELMONT REPORT'S THREE ETHICAL CONCEPTS

**Respect for persons**, requiring researchers to obtain subjects' informed consent to study participation.

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**Justice**, requiring equitable distribution of research burdens and benefits.

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**Beneficence**, requiring that risks to human subjects be justified by the value of the knowledge the study is expected to generate.

# FDA Regulations

- Investigational New Drug (IND)
- Investigational Device Exemption (IDE)
- Research Staff Qualifications
- In House Manufacturing
- Drug Accountability

# Export Controls

- **What is Affected by Export Controls?**
  - **Foreign students and researchers' participation in research associated with a controlled technology**
  - **Ability to provide services to foreign nationals**
  - **Ability to send controlled equipment internationally**
  - **Disclosure of proprietary information**
- **Oversight of Export Controls**
  - **Dept. of State: Military technology**
  - **Dept. of Commerce: "Dual use" technology**
  - **Dept. of Treasury: Prohibits transactions with adverse**

# Research Integrity & Misconduct



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Duke University settles research misconduct lawsuit for \$112.5 million

[www.pubpeer.com](http://www.pubpeer.com)

[www.retractionwatch.com](http://www.retractionwatch.com)

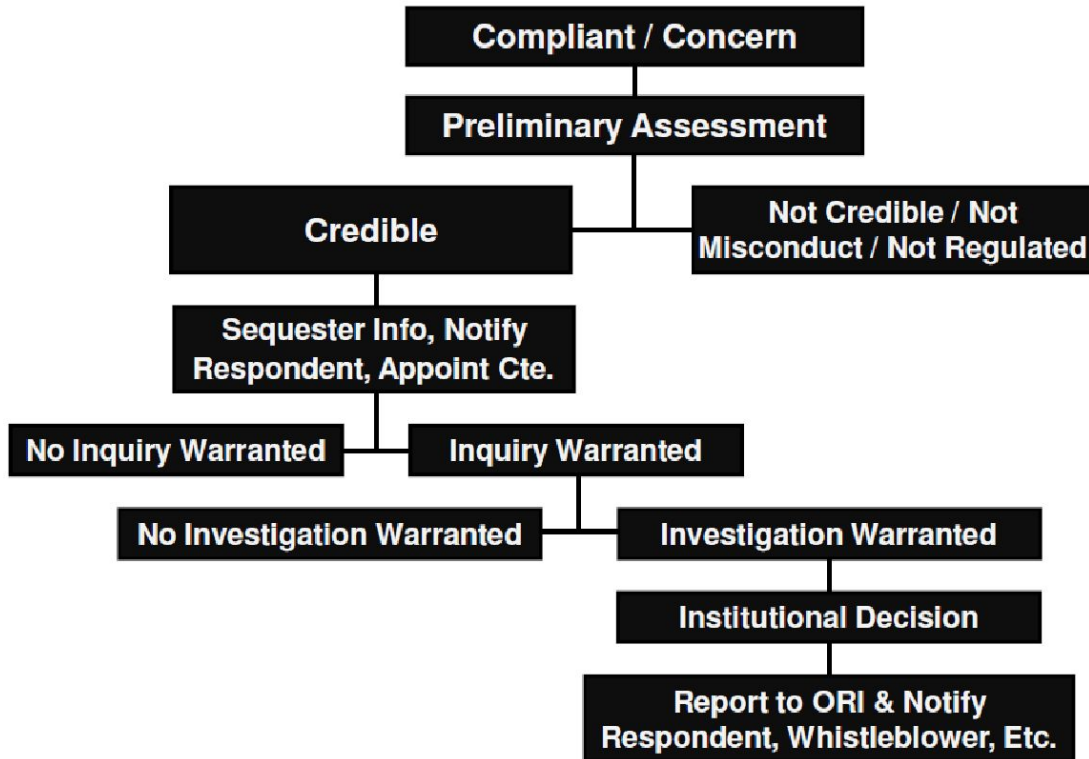
Harvard and the Brigham call for more than 30 retractions of cardiac stem cell research

by IVAN DRANSKY and ADAM MARCUS / OCTOBER 14, 2016



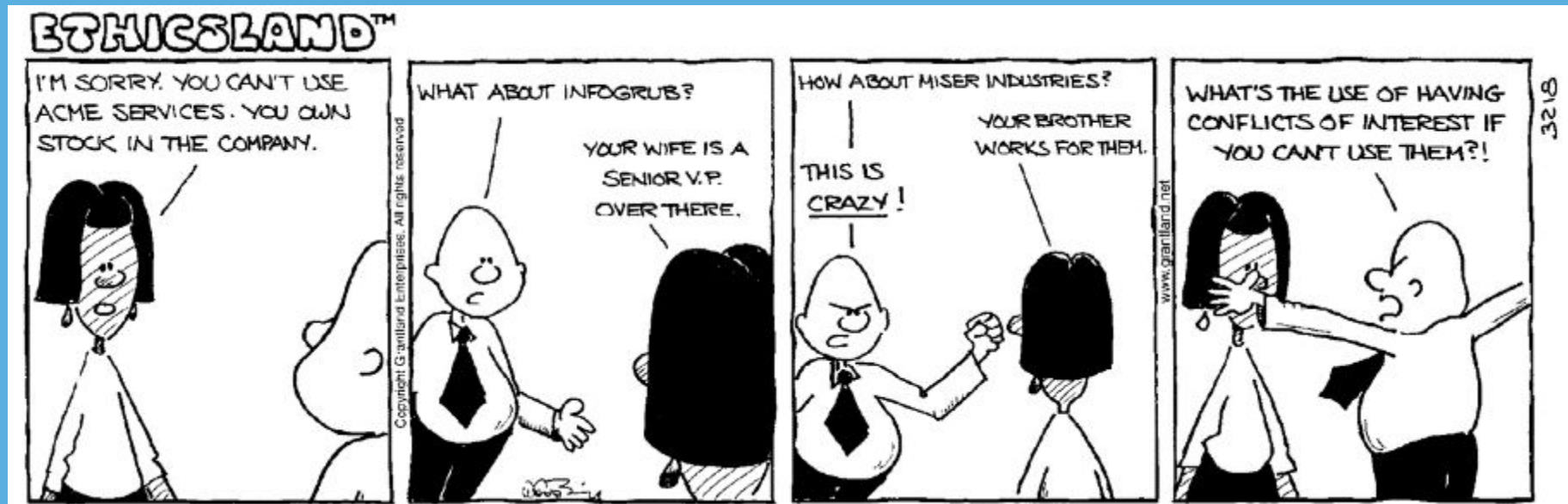


# Research Integrity & Misconduct



<http://ori.dhhs.gov/>

# Conflicts of Interest



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**Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI):** Investigators engaged in PHS-supported research must disclose to their institutions *all significant financial interests as well as reimbursed and sponsored travel.*

- Promotes objectivity in Research, ensuring there is “no reasonable expectation that the design, conduct, or reporting of Research will be biased or compromised by any conflicting financial interest of an Investigator.”
- Investigator is defined as the project director or principal investigator and any other person, regardless of title or position, who is responsible for the design, conduct, or reporting of research funded by the NIH, or proposed for such funding.

Institutions should consider the role, rather than the title, of those involved in research and the degree of independence with which those individuals work. For purposes of financial disclosure, the regulation also covers the Investigator’s

# Conflicts of Interest Disclosure

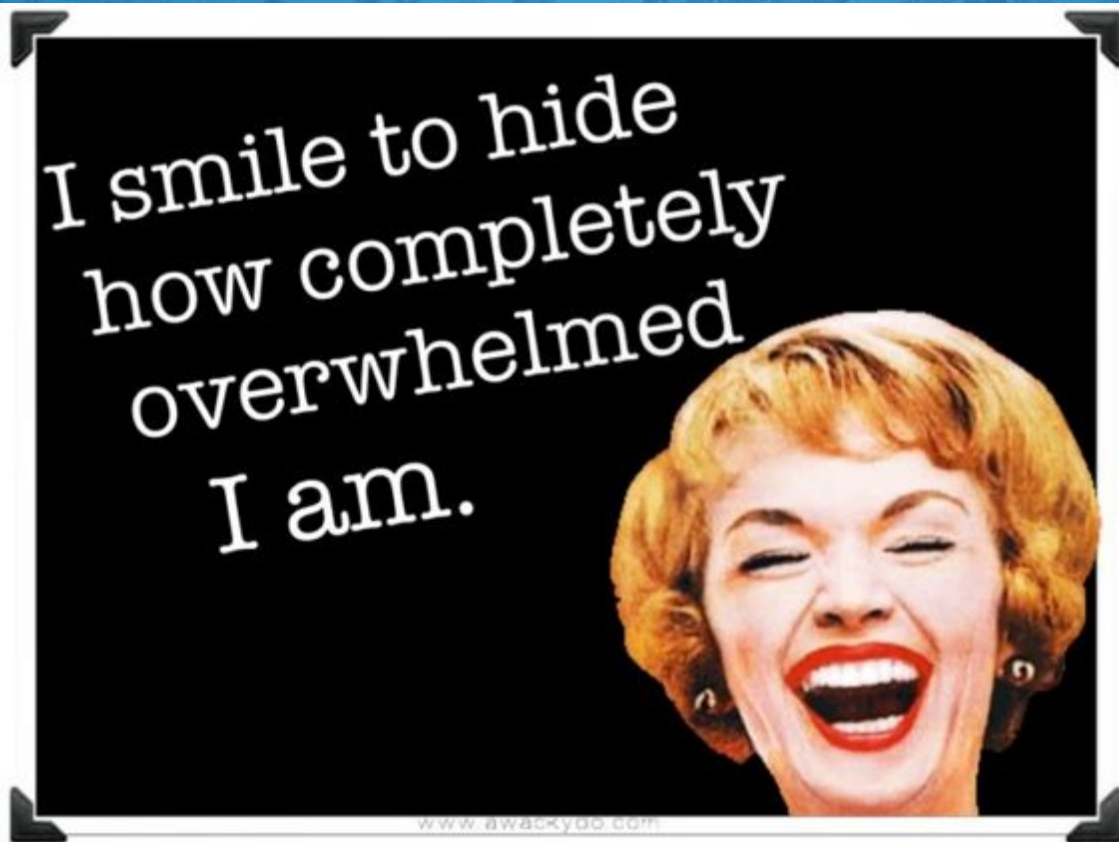
**Individuals' Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement must be made prior to the submission of an application to PHS for research funding**

- **COI Disclosure Statements must be made annually and to the Institution's designated official(s) within thirty (30) days of discovering or acquiring (e.g., through purchase, marriage, or inheritance) a new Significant Financial Interest.**

# Conflicts of Interest Management

- **Public disclosure of financial conflicts of interests (e.g., when presenting or publishing the research; to staff members working on the project; to the Institution's Institution Review Board, etc.);**
- **For research projects involving human subjects, disclosure of financial conflicts of interests directly to participants;**
- **Appointment of an independent monitor capable of taking measures to protect the design, conduct, and reporting of the research against bias resulting from the FCOI;**
- **Modification of the research plan;**
- **Change of personnel or personnel responsibilities, or disqualifications of personnel from participation in all or a portion of the research;**
- **Reduction or elimination of the financial interest (e.g., sale of an equity interest); &**
- **Severance of relationships that create financial conflicts.**

# Where does one start?



# Questions?

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