

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE	
STUDY MONITORS & MONITORING VISITS	
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1.0 PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to establish a standard for study monitoring visits in the CCCTO and to ensure that the guidelines for proper study monitoring visits and the procedures for conducting monitoring visits are followed.

2.0 SCOPE

This SOP applies to all studies that involve a study monitor visit from an outside agency to perform study monitoring.

3.0 RESPONSIBILITY

- Study Staff
- Investigational Drug Personnel
- Study Sponsors and their designees
- CCCTO Budget staff
- Others as required

4.0 DEFINITIONS

Refer to Glossary of Common Terms and Definitions

Monitoring: the act of overseeing the progress of a clinical trial and of ensuring that it is conducted, recorded and reported in accordance with the protocol, Standard Operating Procedures, Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and the applicable regulatory requirements.

EpicCare Link (or "Link"): a secure, web-based, view-only access to patient electronic medical records.

5.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Scheduling & Notification

5.1.1 Monitoring visits must be arranged in advance. Study coordinator must notify the required participants of the date, time, location and purpose of the monitoring visit. Availability of monitoring staff must also be confirmed if an in-person visit will be conducted. After the date is agreed upon,

receive notice in writing of the visit at least two weeks in advance, unless an exception is granted by the research manager. This applies to on-site and remote monitoring visits. The notice of the monitoring visit must also include the focus of the visit, any special preparations/documents requested, and a list of required participants during the visit (study ID, etc.).

5.1.2 Monitor visits will be conducted at a frequency specified in the clinical trial agreement. If the agreed upon frequency is not adhered to, the CCCTO may seek additional financial compensation and the CCCTO Budget Office will invoice the sponsor per year per study. Additional visits may be granted by the sponsor upon approval.

5.1.3 If a monitor visit must be requested, the monitor must be required to fill out an Information Management request form to request access to the study data. Access will be granted for the dates of the monitoring visit only. Access for subsequent monitoring visits will be requested by the study coordinator.

5.1.4 Copies of the signed consent forms are located in the eBinder.

5.1.5 Access to the eBinders must also be requested to individual monitors at their first visit and access will be provided to the Office of Research. Once access is granted, it will be available to the study monitor continuously throughout their participation in the study.

5.1.6 All documents that are not found in Link will be uploaded to the eBinder. This includes medical records, regulatory documents, patient questionnaires, drug diaries, adverse event logs, emails, screening and enrollment forms, etc.

5.1.7 Investigator and monitor access will be granted through the Investigator Drug Service at Froedtert Hospital.

5.2 Preparation


- 5.2.1 For on-site monitoring, study staff must make arrangements to reserve an appropriate monitoring area. The area should be equipped with (or in close proximity to) a copier, data portal, and fax machine.
 - 5.2.2 Study staff must prepare for visits by ensuring that all the relevant documents in the regulatory files and the subject files are gathered and appropriately updated and any outstanding action items have been addressed.
- 5.3 Study Monitor Requirements**
- 5.3.1 Monitors must wear a name badge during their visit identifying them and the organization that they represent. A CCCTO Monitor Badge, which will be provided.
 - 5.3.2 The study monitor must wear appropriate attire (i.e. business casual attire and no strong-smelling perfumes or colognes.)
 - 5.3.3 No food/drink will be provided to monitors; however, they will be directed to an area where food may be purchased. Monitors are not allowed to buy meals for the study staff.
 - 5.3.4 Monitors must meet with the staff in an area where confidentiality is maintained appropriately. Confidential study information should not be discussed in the presence of other staff or monitors. If necessary, a space can be arranged.
- 5.4 All Monitor Visits (Continued)**
- 5.4.1 A time for the monitor and the study staff to meet for debriefing should be identified and applicable study staff should be notified if their presence is requested (i.e. study coordinator, regulatory staff, research manager, clinical research assistant, etc.).
 - 5.4.2 Study coordinators will meet with study monitors during agreed upon intervals throughout the day and a debriefing will occur at the end of the study visit.
 - 5.4.3 Monitors must document the study findings with a written summary of findings during the debriefing. (Any study notes or flags in the patient charts should be referenced on the list).
 - 5.4.4 The study staff will work to resolve any outstanding issues prior to the next scheduled visit.
 - 5.4.5 Every effort will be made to resolve any outstanding issues upon request (i.e. please call, repeat visit).

- 5.4.6 If the monitor previously requested access to the records available in Link are arranged this with HIM in advance. The records available in Link are considered certified copies of the patient medical record.
- 5.4.7 Study monitoring visits may only be conducted during the CCCTO study coordinator's normal work hours. Any exception must be approved by the research manager.
- 5.4.8 following the visit, the research manager will be notified of any action. Study staff may request corrections to the letter in the following table.

6.0 REFERENCES

Froedtert Hospital Policy #RI-016 "Case Management Inspector Release"
Froedtert Health Policy #CPM.016 "Observer Policy"
Froedtert Health Policy #FCM.016 "Data Collection Policy"
Medical College of Wisconsin Policy #HR.EE.150 "Personnel Policy - Voluntary"

7.0 APPENDIX
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