

UCSD Health Sciences Communications

Sponsor-Initiated Clinical Trials

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This message is sent on behalf of Dr. David Brenner, Vice Chancellor, UC San Diego Health Sciences and Dean of the School of Medicine, and Pierre Ouillet, Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer for UC San Diego and Acting Chief Financial Officer for Health Sciences, to UC San Diego Health Sciences Employees.

Beginning July 1, 2016, UC San Diego's indirect cost (IDC) rate for sponsor-initiated clinical trials will increase from 26 percent to 30 percent, bringing this campus in line with many others. This is the first increase to the clinical trial IDC rate since 2006. Even with this new rate increase, UC San Diego remains highly competitive with other major research universities as a clinical trials center. Universities, including Baylor, Columbia, Case Western Reserve, Harvard, UCSF and USC have already implemented this rate or an even higher rate.

This new rate will apply only to new sponsor-initiated clinical trial agreements finalized after July 1, 2016, and will not change current awards. The incremental increase will support the infrastructure required to meet escalating compliance requirements and the needs of the growing clinical research activity. It will also be used for improvement of core services for our faculty investigators, leading to more efficient and cost-effective service. Centrally funded support from the Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences (VCHS) will also continue on an annual basis. The current allocation of 70 percent (department, Clinical and Translational Research Institute or Moores Cancer Center), 20 percent (VCHS), and 10 percent (campus administration) based on the original 26 percent base will continue at the present time.

Clinical research remains a critical component of the translational medicine roadmap. The additional resources will enhance our unique capabilities as an academic health system providing leading-edge diagnostic and therapeutic technologies for our patients.