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## 2010 ORD & ORO

Local Accountability Meeting for Research  
for ACOSs, AOs, and RCOs

April 7-8, 2010  
Baltimore, MD



**VA PRIDE**  
Program for Research Integrity  
Development & Education

## VA Research for Tomorrow



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Chief R&D Officer, ORD

Welcome to the 2010 ORD & ORO Local Accountability for Research Meeting. This is our first meeting specifically targeting issues of interest to Associate Chiefs of Staff for Research, Administrative Officers for Research, and Research Compliance Officers. All of the ideas for this meeting were generated by the field. The goal is to identify ways to improve VA Research – including enhancing teamwork among individuals in the field, and between the field and VA Central Office. Our approach is to focus on issues raised by you in the field, and we are counting on you to contribute your questions and ideas, and to share your experiences with your peers to ensure this meeting is relevant to your needs. We hope you enjoy the meeting and find it a valuable resource for strengthening your Research Program.

Welcome to Baltimore and thanks for participating in the ORD/ORO Local Accountability for Research Meeting. This meeting represents the continuing commitment of ORD and ORO to listen responsively and work together in a results-oriented effort to address the many concerns put forward by the research community. Please be open with us in expressing your questions, frustrations, criticisms, suggestions for improvement – whatever! We're here to listen and to help. Together we can build a truly incredible program that serves as a model for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – a forward-looking enterprise that conducts cutting-edge research benefiting Veterans and the Nation, while diligently safeguarding the rights of the Veterans and others who volunteer for it, the safety of the researchers who perform it, and the welfare of the animals that buttress it. I look forward to meeting you and listening to your ideas.



J. Thomas Puglisi, PhD  
Chief Officer, ORO

**Goal of Meeting:** To identify ways to improve VA Research

**Meeting Objectives:** After the completion of the 2010 ORD and ORO Local Accountability for Research Meeting, attendees will be able to:

1. Define ways to improve communication among individuals involved in VA Research at the local level, and between the local level and VA Central Office.
2. Identify what is working in VA Research and what needs improvement.
3. Develop next steps for improving local Research Programs.

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**We recognize many other ACOSs, AOs, and RCOs who contributed to individual session workgroups, panel discussions and presentations. Thank you all!**







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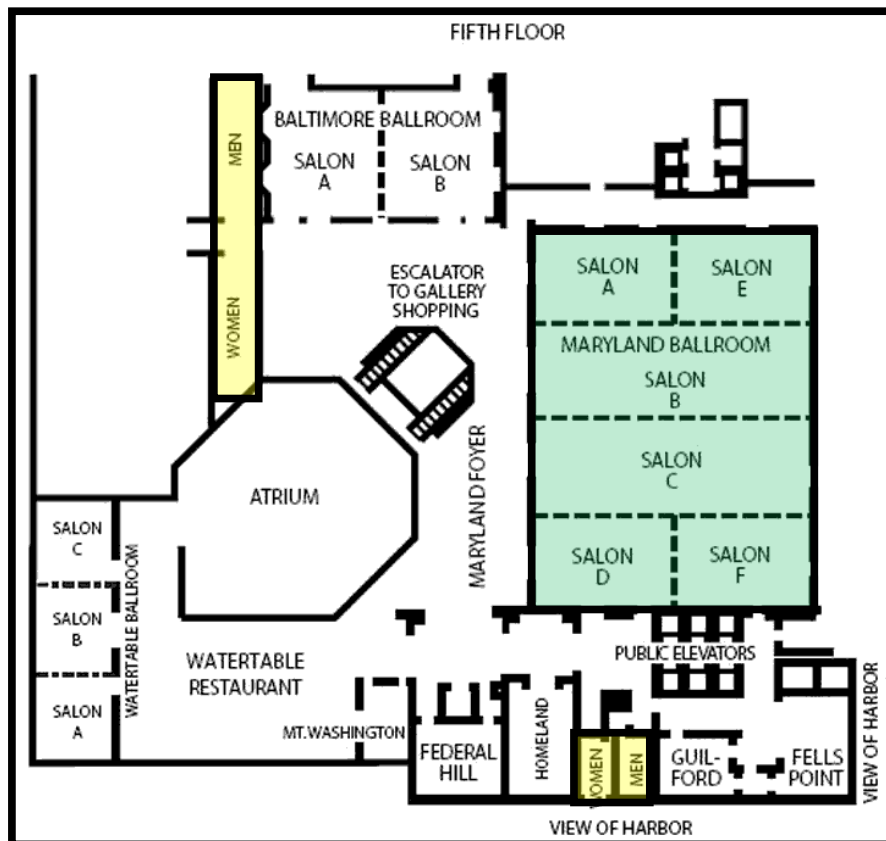
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-  ACOS
-  AO
-  RCO
-  ORD
-  ORO
-  Other



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wearing a red  
staff ribbon*

## Meeting Room Locations



- April 7:** Everyone will be in the Maryland Ballroom Salons A, B, C and E  
Lunch will be served in Maryland Ballroom Salons D and F
- April 8:**  
**8:00 am-1:15 pm:** ACOSs will be in Salons D and F  
 AOs will be in Salon C  
**1:30 pm-3:00 pm:** ACOSs and AOs will be in Salons C, D and F
- April 8:**  
**8:00 am-3:00 pm:** RCOs will be in Salons A, B and E
- April 8:**  
**3:15 pm-5:00 pm:** Everyone will be in the Maryland Ballroom Salons A, B, C and E

## Restaurants and Inner Harbor Map

**Note:** Box lunch will be provided on both days of the meeting.

### In the Hotel

**Watertable (American):** Inspired by the bounty of the region's farms & waters, an all-natural menu that brings stylish twists to each season's finest ingredients for a fresh take on American flavor with Chesapeake style. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Dress code is casual. Open for Breakfast 6:30am-11:00am; Lunch 11:30am-2:00pm and Dinner 6:00pm-10:00pm. Reservations are recommended.

**Watertable Lounge (American):** The perfect place for a pre-dinner cocktail or evening nightcap. Open for lunch and dinner.

**The Ground Floor Cafe & Bar:** Coffee House. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner

### Off-site

**The Gallery (201 East Pratt Street):** Walk out of the Pratt Street entrance of the hotel and cross the street toward the Inner Harbor: Five Guys Burgers and Fries, Tex Mex Grill, Uno Chicago Grill, The Cheesecake Factory, Edo Sushi, California Pizza Kitchen, La Tasca Spanish Restaurant, M & S Grill, Wayne's Bar-B-Que

**Harborplace (301 Light Street):** Walk out of the Pratt Street entrance of the hotel and cross the street toward the Inner Harbor. Pass the Gallery on your left; Harborplace will be straight ahead: Phillips Seafood, Thai Noodle Bowl, Johnny Rockets, Harborside Seafood, Capitol City Brewing Co, Auntie Anne's Pretzels, Starbucks, Subway, City Lights Seafood Restaurant

**East Pratt Street:** Walk out of the Pratt Street entrance of the hotel and take a left down Pratt Street: P.F. Chang's China Bistro (600 East Pratt), The Capitol Grill (500 East Pratt), Hard Rock Café (601 East Pratt), Chipotle (621 East Pratt), ESPN Zone (Powerplant – can't miss the sign on water side)



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## General Information

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**Let Us Hear From You!**

We want your feedback on your experiences with this meeting to help us take into account your needs for future meetings. At the time of closing remarks, each table will have an envelope containing evaluation forms. Before you leave, complete an evaluation and drop it in the boxes located at the main doors of the Maryland Ballroom or at the registration desk. All comments are confidential and will be considered by ORD and ORO leadership.

**PowerPoint Slides & Handouts**

All presentations, handouts, and referenced documents will be made available on the PRIDE website by April 16, 2010 at this link: <http://www.research.va.gov/programs/pride/conferences/accountability.cfm>.

**ATM**

Located in hotel or the BB&T Bank at 200 East Pratt Street.

**Pharmacy**

Rite Aid Pharmacy at 125 East Baltimore Street or NeighborCare Pharmacies at 7 East Lee Street.

**Check Out**– Check out time is 12:00 noon.

**Luggage** - If you need to check out of your hotel room before the meeting concludes, please ask the hotel to store your luggage at time of check out.

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**Agenda- April 7, 2010**

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**Agenda for All Meeting Participants**

**Location: Maryland Ballroom Salons A, B, C & E**

<b>8:00 am – 8:15 am</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
<b>8:15 am – 9:15 am</b>	<b>The New Profile of VA Research</b> Joel Kupersmith, MD Chief Research & Development Officer, ORD
<b>9:15 am – 10:15 am</b>	<b>Research Compliance for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b> Tom Puglisi, PhD Chief Officer, ORO
<b>10:15 am – 10:30 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:30 am – 11:45 am</b>	<b>How Policy is Made</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Holly Birdsall, MD Deputy Chief Research & Development Officer, ORD  <b>Discussants:</b> Tom Puglisi, PhD Chief Officer, ORO  Brenda Cuccherini, PhD Special Advisor for Policy, Risk Management & Emerging Issues, ORD
<b>11:45 am – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Box Lunch</b> Location: Maryland Ballroom Salons D and F
<b>1:00 pm – 1:15 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>



1:15 pm – 2:45 pm

**Panel: Research Privacy and Information Security in 2010**

**Moderator:**

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2:45 pm – 3:00 pm

**Break**

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**Conflict of Interest**

Jane Gutcher, JD  
Staff Attorney and Deputy Ethics Official, Office of General Counsel,  
PSG III

4:30 pm

**Adjourn**

### Agenda- April 8, 2010- Overview

#### Agenda Overview for All Meeting Participants

7:00 am - 8:00 am	<b>ACOSs Only- Bring your own Breakfast</b> Location: Maryland Ballroom Salons D and F  AOs and RCOs- breakfast on your own
8:00 am - 12:15 pm	<b>ACOS Session</b> Location: Maryland Ballroom Salons D and F
8:00 am - 12:00 noon	<b>AO Session</b> Location: Maryland Ballroom Salon C
8:00 am - 12:00 noon	<b>RCO Session</b> Location: Maryland Ballroom Salons A, E and B
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	<b>ACOS Box Lunch</b> Location: Maryland Ballroom Salons D and F
12:00 noon - 1:15 pm	<b>AO Box Lunch</b> Location: Maryland Ballroom Salon C
12:00 noon - 1:00 pm	<b>RCO Box Lunch</b> Location: Maryland Ballroom Salons A, E and B
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>Joint Session for ACOSs and AOs</b> Location: Maryland Ballroom Salons D, F and C
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>RCO Session Continues</b> Location: Maryland Ballroom Salons A, E and B
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	<b>Break</b>
3:15 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>Closing Session: Reports and Future Directions ACOS, AO, and RCO</b> Location: Maryland Ballroom Salons A, B, C, and E

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**Agenda- April 8, 2010- ACOS Session**


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**Location: Maryland Ballroom Salons D and F**

- 7:00 am – 8:00 am**                      **Open Microphone for ACOS/R&D**  
**Bring your own Breakfast**  
**Participants: ACOSs only (no Central Office staff)**
- Moderators:**  
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- Fred Wright, MD  
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- Donald Rubin, MD  
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- Warren Blackburn, MD  
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- 8:00 am – 10:00 am**                      **Challenges for ACOS/R&D**  
Holly Birdsall, MD  
Deputy Chief Research & Development Officer, ORD
- 10:00 am – 10:15 am**                      **Break**
- 10:15 am – 11:15 am**                      **ORO Issues**  
Tom Puglisi, PhD  
Chief Officer, ORO
- 11:15 am – 12:15 pm**                      **Tech Transfer Issues**  
Amy Centanni, JD  
Director, Technology Transfer Program, ORD
- Jeff Moore, PhD  
Acting Deputy Director, Technology Transfer Program, ORD
- Jane Gutcher, JD  
Staff Attorney and Deputy Ethics Official, Office of General Counsel,  
PSG III
- 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm**                      **Box Lunch**  
Location: Maryland Ballroom Salons D and F  
**What Have We Accomplished as a Group?**  
**Prepare for Report Out**  
Location: Maryland Ballroom Salons D and F

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**Agenda- April 8, 2010- ACOS Session Continued**

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1:15 pm – 1:30 pm

**Break**

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**ACOS & AO Combined Meeting**

Location: Maryland Ballroom Salons C, D and F

**Moderators**

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Deputy Chief Research & Development Officer, ORD

Peggy Hannon, MBA

Acting Director, VACO Operations, ORD

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**Relationships With Affiliates**

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Deputy Chief Research & Development Officer, ORD

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm

**Break**

3:15 pm - 5:00 pm

**Closing Session: Reporting and Future Directions**

Target Audience: All Participants

Location: Maryland Ballroom

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## Agenda- April 8, 2010- AO Session

**Location:** Maryland Ballroom Salon C

**Note:** Breakfast is on your own

**8:00 am – 12 noon**

### Hot Topics in Running a VA Research Program

**Moderator:**

Peggy Hannon, MBA  
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#### Finance Issues

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Darryl McGraw  
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#### Infrastructure Issues

Alex Chiu, PhD  
Program Officer, ORD

**12 noon – 1:15 pm**

### Box Lunch

#### What Have We Accomplished as a Group? Prepare for Report Out

Location: Maryland Ballroom Salon C

**1:15 pm – 1:30 pm**

### Break

**1:30 pm – 3:00 pm**

### ACOS & AO Combined Session (See previous page)

Location: Maryland Ballroom Salons C, D and F

**3:00 pm – 3:15 pm**

### Break

**3:15 pm – 5:00 pm**

### Closing Session: Reporting and Future Directions

Target Audience: All Participants  
Location: Maryland Ballroom  
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## Agenda- April 8, 2010- RCO Session

**Location: Maryland Ballroom Salons A, B, and E**

**Note: Breakfast is on your own.**

**8:00 am – 8:15 am**

**Welcome**

Robert L. Brooks, MD, PhD, MBA  
Associate Director, Research Compliance Education and Policy, ORO

Tom Puglisi, PhD  
Chief Officer, ORO

**8:15 am – 10:00 am**

**Review and Discussion of the Informed Consent and Human Subject Audit Tools**

**Moderator:**

Beth Gibbs, RN  
RCO, VISN 7

**Panelists:**

Jennifer Darter, RN  
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Harry Klemfuss, PhD  
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**10:00 am – 10:15 am**

**Break**

**10:15 am – 12 noon**

**Review and Discussion of the Research Safety and Animal Welfare Audit Tool**

**Moderator:**

Karen Smarr, PhD  
RCO, Columbia, MO

## Agenda- April 8, 2010- RCO Session Continued

**Panelists:**

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RCO, Milwaukee

Tammy Capozzoli, CCRC  
RCO, Pittsburgh

Nancy Forrest, BA  
RCO, Richmond

Susan Harper, DVM  
Associate Director, ORO

**12 noon – 1:00 pm**

**Box Lunch**

Location: Maryland Ballroom Salons A, B and E

**1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**The Role of the RCO**

**Moderator:**

Ward Hobbs, MS, MA, CCRC  
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**Panelists:**

Rebecca Ballard, JD, MA  
RCO, Kansas City

Colleen Beall, PhD  
RCO, Tuscaloosa

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**3:00 pm – 3:15 pm**

**Break**

**3:15 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Closing Session: Reporting and Future Directions**

Target Audience: All Participants  
Location: Maryland Ballroom  
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## Agenda- April 8, 2010- Closing Session

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3:15 pm – 5:00 pm

**Closing Session: Reporting and Future Directions**

Target Audience: All Participants

Location: Maryland Ballroom Salons A, B, C and E

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## Characteristics of VA Research Facilities

CITY	Funded Field Centers				Own R&D	Human Research			Animal Research	
	HSR&D COE	RR&D COE	HSR&D REAP	RR&D REAP		Own IRB	Affiliate IRB	Other VA IRB	Own IACUC	Affiliate IACUC
Albany					Yes	Yes			Yes	
Albuquerque					Yes		Yes		Yes	
Ann Arbor	COE				Yes	Yes			Yes	
Asheville					Yes	Yes				
Atlanta		COE			Yes		Yes		Yes	
Augusta, GA					Yes		Yes		Yes	
Augusta, ME					Yes			Yes		
Baltimore				REAP	Yes		Yes			Yes
Bath								Yes		
Battle Creek								Yes		
Bay Pines					Yes	Yes			Yes	
Bedford	COE				Yes	Yes			Yes	
Biloxi								Yes		
Birmingham			REAP		Yes	Yes				Yes
Boise					Yes			Yes	Yes	
Boston	COE	COE		REAP	Yes	Yes			Yes	
Bronx		COE	REAP		Yes	Yes			Yes	
Brooklyn					Yes	Yes			Yes	
Buffalo					Yes	Yes			Yes	
Canandaigua								Yes		
Charleston			REAP		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Chicago					Yes		Yes		Yes	

CITY	Funded Field Centers				Own R&D	Human Research			Animal Research	
	HSR&D COE	RR&D COE	HSR&D REAP	RR&D REAP		Own IRB	Affiliate IRB	Other VA IRB	Own IACUC	Affiliate IACUC
Chillicothe							Yes	Yes		
Cincinnati					Yes		Yes		Yes	
Clarksburg					Yes		Yes			Yes
Cleveland		2 COEs			Yes	Yes			Yes	
Coatesville					Yes			Yes	Yes	
Columbia, MO					Yes		Yes		Yes	
Columbia, SC					Yes	Yes			Yes	
Columbus							Yes	Yes		
Dallas					Yes	Yes			Yes	
Danville					Yes	Yes				
Dayton					Yes		Yes			
Denver			REAP		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Detroit					Yes		Yes			Yes
Durham	COE				Yes	Yes			Yes	
East Orange			REAP		Yes	Yes			Yes	
Fargo					Yes		Yes			
Fayetteville								Yes		
Fort Meade					Yes		Yes			
Fort Wayne							Yes	Yes		
Fresno					Yes			Yes		
Gainesville		COE	REAP (co-funded with RR&D)	REAP	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Hampton					Yes	Yes				
Hines	COE			REAP	Yes	Yes			Yes	
Honolulu					Yes	Yes				

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	HSR&D COE	RR&D COE	HSR&D REAP	RR&D REAP		Own IRB	Affiliate IRB	Other VA IRB	Own IACUC	Affiliate IACUC
Houston	COE	COE			Yes		Yes			Yes
Huntington					Yes		Yes		Yes	
Indianapolis	COE				Yes		Yes			Yes
Iowa City		COE	REAP		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Jackson					Yes	Yes			Yes	
Kansas City					Yes	Yes			Yes	
Leavenworth								Yes		
Lexington					Yes		Yes		Yes	
Little Rock	COE				Yes	Yes			Yes	
Loma Linda					Yes	Yes			Yes	
Long Beach					Yes	Yes			Yes	
Los Angeles					Yes	Yes			Yes	
Louisville					Yes	Yes			Yes	
Madison					Yes		Yes		Yes	
Manchester					Yes			Yes		
Martinsburg								Yes		
Mather					Yes	Yes				
Memphis					Yes	Yes			Yes	
Miami					Yes	Yes			Yes	
Milwaukee					Yes	Yes			Yes	
Minneapolis	COE				Yes	Yes			Yes	
Montrose								Yes		
Mountain Home				REAP	Yes		Yes			Yes
Muskogee							Yes	Yes		
Nashville					Yes	Yes				Yes

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	HSR&D COE	RR&D COE	HSR&D REAP	RR&D REAP		Own IRB	Affiliate IRB	Other VA IRB	Own IACUC	Affiliate IACUC
New Orleans					Yes			Yes	Yes	
North Chicago								Yes		
North Las Vegas								Yes		
Northport					Yes	Yes			Yes	
Oklahoma City					Yes		Yes			Yes
Omaha					Yes	Yes			Yes	
Palo Alto	COE	COE			Yes		Yes		Yes	
Philadelphia	COE (duel with Pittsburgh)				Yes	Yes			Yes	
Phoenix					Yes	Yes				Yes
Pittsburgh	COE (duel with Philadelphia)	COE			Yes	Yes			Yes	
Pleasant Hill										Yes
Portland		COE	REAP		Yes	Yes			Yes	
Providence		COE	REAP		Yes	Yes			Yes	
Reno					Yes		Yes			
Richmond					Yes	Yes			Yes	
Saginaw								Yes		
Salem					Yes	Yes				
Salisbury					Yes	Yes				
Salt Lake City			REAP		Yes		Yes		Yes	
San Antonio			REAP		Yes		Yes		Yes	
San Diego					Yes		Yes		Yes	
San Francisco			REAP	REAP	Yes		Yes		Yes	
San Juan					Yes	Yes				
Seattle	COE	COE			Yes	Yes			Yes	

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Sepulveda	COE									
Shreveport					Yes		Yes			
Sioux Falls					Yes		Yes			Yes
St. Cloud					Yes			Yes		
St. Louis					Yes	Yes			Yes	
Syracuse					Yes	Yes			Yes	
Tampa	COE (co-funded with RR&D)	COE		REAP	Yes		Yes			Yes
Temple					Yes	Yes				Yes
Tucson					Yes		Yes		Yes	
Tuscaloosa					Yes	Yes				
Washington, DC					Yes	Yes			Yes	
West Haven		COE	REAP		Yes	Yes			Yes	
White River Junction					Yes		Yes		Yes	
Wichita								Yes		
Wilkes-Barre					Yes			Yes		

## Acronyms List

**Please note: This is not an all-inclusive list. If you have questions about other acronyms please feel free to ask.**

AC	Austin Automation Center
AAHRPP	Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs
ACOS	Associate Chief of Staff
ADR	Adverse Drug Reaction
AE	Adverse Event
AHIC	American Health Information Community
AO	Administrative Officer
AVMA	American Veterinary Medical Association
BAA	Business Associate Agreement
CBOC	Community Based Outpatient Clinic
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CIO	Chief Information Officer
CIOMS	Council for International Organizations and Medical Science
CIRB	Central Institutional Review Board
CITI	Collaborative IRB Training Initiative
CLIA	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment
CO	Central Office
COACH	Center On Advice & Compliance Help
COE	Center of Excellence
COI	Conflict of Interest
COS	Chief of Staff
CPA	Cooperative Project Assurance
CPRS	Computerized Patient Record System
CRADA	Cooperative Research and Development Agreement
CRADO	Chief Research And Development Officer
CRF	Case Report Form
CRO	Contract Research Organization
CSP	Cooperative Studies Program
CT	Clinical Trial

CTAA	Cooperative Technology Administration Agreement
CVMO	Chief Veterinary Medical Office
DAEO	Designated Agency Ethics Official
DCC	Data Consent Committee (HIPAA abbreviation)
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DMC	Data Monitoring Committee
DoD	Department of Defense
DOR	Determination of Rights
DSL	Digital Subscriber Line
DSMB	Data Safety Monitoring Board
DSMO	Designated Standard Maintenance Organization (HIPAA abbreviation)
DUA	Data Use Agreement
DUSH	Deputy Under Secretary for Health
ECFVG	Educational Commission of Foreign Veterinary Graduates
FASB	Federal Accounting Standards Board
FCOI	Financial Conflict of Interest
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FFP	Fabrication, Falsification, and Plagiarism
FISMA	Federal Information Security Management Act
FMS	Financial Management System
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FRAC	(VA) Field Research Advisory Committee
FTEE	Full-time Employee Equivalent (FTE)
FWA	Federalwide Assurance
GAO	Government Accountability Office
GCP	Good Clinical Practice
GMPAC	Genomic Medicine Program Advisory Committee
GPPC	Genetics and Public Policy Center
HCP	Health Care Provider
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
	Health Insurance Portability and



HIPAA	Accountability Act
HIPDB	Health Integrity and Protection Data Bank
HPA	Human Protections Administrator
HRP	Human Research Protection
HRPP	Human Research Protection Program
HSRS	Human Subjects Research Subcommittee (of the Committee on Science, White House National Science and Technology Council)
IAA	Inter-Agency Agreement
IACUC	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
IDE	Investigational Device Exemption
IG	Inspector General
IND	Investigational New Drug
IO	Institutional Officer
IPA	Intergovernmental Personnel Agreement
IRB	Institutional Review Board
IRM	Information Resources Management
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
ISO	Information Security Officer
IT	Information Technology
LACHRPP	Local Accountability Contact for the Human Research Protection Program
LAR	Legally Authorized Representative
LOI	Letter of Intent
LVA	Leadership VA
MAP	Multi-Assessment Program
MAVERIC	Massachusetts Veterans Epidemiology Research and Information Center
MCD	Medical Center Director
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPA	Multiple Project Assurance (obsolete - refer to FWA)
MT	Material Transfer
MTA	Material Transfer Agreement
NAM	Non-Affiliated Member
NAVREF	National Association of Veteran Research and Education Foundations
NBAC	National Bioethics Advisory Commission
NCCE	National Center for Clinical Ethics
NCI	National Cancer Institute
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance
NCSD	National Cyber Security Division
NEAVS	New England Anti-Vivisection Society

NHGRI	National Human Genome Research Institute
NHPP	National Health Physics Program
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NLB	National Leadership Board
NPC	Non Profit Corporations
NRAC	(VA) National Research Advisory Council
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NSF	National Science Foundation
NSM	Non-Scientist Member
OBA	Office of Biotechnology Activities
OEF	Operation Enduring Freedom
OER	Office of Extramural Research
OGC	Office of General Council
OGE	Office of Governmental Ethics
OHRP	Office for Human Research Protections (HSS)
OI&T	Office of Information and Technology
OIF	Operation Iraqi Freedom
OIG	Office of the Inspector General
OMB	Office of Management & Budget
OPRR	Office for Protection from Research Risks (now OHRP)
ORD	Office of Research and Development (VA)
ORI	Office of Research Integrity (HHS)
ORO	Office of Research Oversight (VA)
OSHA	Occupational Safety & Health Administration
PA	Privacy Act
PB	Privacy Board
PDUSH	Principal Deputy Undersecretary for Health
PHI	Protected Health Information
PHRP	Partnership for Human Research Protection
PHS	Public Health Service
PI	Principal Investigator
PRIDE	Program for Research Integrity Development & Education
PRIM&R	Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research
PTSD	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
PVTS	Privacy Violation Tracking System
QA	Quality Assurance
QI	Quality Improvement
R&D	Research and Development
RACO	Research Assurance & Compliance Officer (VISN Level)

## Acronyms List

RC	Regional Council
RCO	Research Compliance Officer (Facility Level)
RCR	Responsible Conduct of Research
REAP	Research Enhancement Award Program
RFA	Request for Application
RIO	Research Integrity Officer
SACHRP	Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections (HHS)
SAE	Serious Adverse Event
SAS	Statement on Accounting Standards
SMART	Site Mentoring Advice and Resource Team
SMI	Serious Mental Illness
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SOR	Systems of Record
SOW	Statement of Work
SPA	Single Project Assurance (obsolete - refer to FWA)
SRS	Subcommittee on Research Safety
SSN	Social Security Number
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury

TTP	Technology Transfer Program
UAE	Unexpected Adverse Event
UPR	Unanticipated Problem
URL	Universal Resource Locator
USC	United States Code
US-CERT	United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (Department of Homeland Security)
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USH	Under Secretary for Health
VA	Department of Veterans Affairs
VACO	VA Central Office
VAPI	VA Protected Information
VA-SOC	VA Security Operations Officer
VHA	Veterans Health Administration
VISN	Veterans Integrated Service Network
VistA	Veterans Health Information Systems & Technology Architecture
VMU	Veterinary Medical Unit
VSO	Veteran Service Organization
WOC	Without Compensation







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