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From: Executive Director, Office of Research Oversight (10R)
Chief Research and Development Officer (10P9)

Subj: Notice of Change in Enforcement of Requirement for Annual Review of Publications

To: Associate Chiefs of Staff for Research; Research Administrative Officers

1. The revised VHA Handbook 1200.19 (July 10, 2014) eliminates the requirement for Research and Development Committees or the Associate Chief of Staff for Research (ACOS/R) at VA facilities to conduct a pre-review of research publications and presentations.

2. VHA Handbook 1200.01 (June 16, 2009) currently requires the ACOS/R to conduct an annual review of publications. The handbook is being revised to eliminate this requirement.

3. In light of ORD's impending elimination of the annual review requirement, this memorandum serves as official notice that the Office of Research Oversight will cease enforcement of the specific requirement at VHA Handbook 1200.01, §7.c ("The ACOS for R&D is responsible for: ... Conducting an annual quality assurance review of publications assessing the acknowledgement of VA support and affiliation").

4. This change in enforcement is effective immediately and will continue until either rescinded or until the revision of VHA Handbook 1200.01 is published.

5. Questions regarding enforcement of VHA Handbook 1200.01 may be directed to either Marisue Cody, Director of Operations, Office of Research and Development, at Marisue.Cody@va.gov, or Peter Poon, Deputy Executive Director, Office of Research Oversight at Peter.Poon@va.gov.

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