IMPORTANT IRB CHANGES FOR RESEARCH INVOLVING FAHC

Effective Wednesday, November 12, 2014, our affiliated hospital, Fletcher Allen Health Care, Inc., officially becomes “The University of Vermont Medical Center Inc.” The IRBs and the Research Protections Office will make every effort to make this name change throughout all of our documents, forms and website; however we note that this process may not be fully complete for some time. In the interim, please substitute all references to Fletcher Allen Health Care or FAHC with The University of Vermont Medical Center or UVM Medical Center as you read these documents. This is only a change in name to more clearly reflect the academic core and their position as one of the nation’s most respected academic medical centers, and to proudly demonstrate their strong ties to the University of Vermont.

See below for specific guidance on important, immediate changes to documents and processes.

CONSENT FORMS

Current Studies:

- For all current research subjects in studies involving FAHC, (those that have already signed consent forms for research studies) the Consent Form Update, located on our forms page, should be given to each subject at their next research visit or encounter. Do NOT re-consent subjects for this name change.
- For all new research subjects to be recruited for studies that already have current approval, the Consent Form Update, located on our forms page, should be attached to every copy of the consent form document to be used, effective November 12, 2014.
- For all ongoing studies accruing new subjects, consent forms must be revised at the time of the next continuing review or with the next amendment that affects the consent form, whichever comes first. Please do not submit an amendment for the name change only as this will result in an overall delay of approvals.

New Studies:

- Beginning November 12, 2014, all new submissions for IRB review of research studies that will involve UVM Medical Center, must use the new name and approved logos. We have updated all of our consent templates on our forms page.

HIPAA AUTHORIZATION FORMS:

New Studies:

- In conjunction with the November 12, 2014 UVM Medical Center name change, we are launching a more streamlined version of the HIPAA Authorization Form for all new submissions for IRB review of research studies that will involve UVM Medical Center protected health information (PHI).

Current Studies:

- For all current research subjects in studies involving FAHC PHI, subjects will be receiving the Consent Form Update, as indicated above. Do NOT obtain a new HIPAA authorization for this name change.
- For all ongoing studies accruing new subjects, the HIPAA Authorization Forms must be revised at the time of the next continuing review or amendment affecting the consent form, whichever comes first.