Subject: Compensation or Medical Treatment if Injury Occurs During Participation in Research

Definitions:
Compensation: Payment or medical care provided to participants injured in research; this does not refer to payment (remuneration) for participation in research.

Policy:
It is the policy of the Human Research Protections Program (HRPP) to assure that research participants have knowledge of compensation and treatment availability for injury that may occur as a result of participation in research activities.

I. Unless waived by the IRB, all participants must be provided with an explanation as to whether any compensation or an explanation as to whether any medical treatments are available if injury occurs and, if so, what they consist of and where further information may be obtained.

II. For all research approved by the IRB prior to the adoption of this policy and some studies funded by federal departments, NIH, or other federal agencies for which no adverse event treatment funds are available from the sponsor for research injury compensation, immediate necessary care will be provided by VUMC without charge (See HRPP Procedure X.C.1).

III. For commercially sponsored studies, compensation or payment of immediate necessary care for injury related to participation in research activities shall be provided according to the contractual agreement between the sponsor and Vanderbilt University Medical Center. This determination is made for Medical Center research through the Office of Research, or for the University, through the Division of Sponsored Research (See HRPP Procedure X.C.1).

IV. For research sponsored by the Department of Defense, treatment will be provided at an Army facility at no cost (See IRB Procedure X.C.1).

References:
45 CFR 46
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