

Minneapolis Medical Research Foundation Research Collaboration Terms and Conditions

I. Contractual Party

The contractual party in a study agreement must be the Minneapolis Medical Research Foundation (MMRF). The MMRF is the non-profit entity established to administer all research activity on the Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) campus. The MMRF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, and a subsidiary of Hennepin Faculty Associates, the physician practice plan that serves the HCMC.

II. Publication

The MMRF's mission requires that the results of its scientific research projects be made available to the public. Therefore, the MMRF retains the right to publish independently in order to protect the academic integrity of its researchers, and the non-profit identity of the organization. However, in consideration of proprietary issues, we do understand that it is necessary for a Sponsor to have the right to review and comment on any publication of research results it has supported.

III. Exclusivity

The MMRF will not agree to any exclusive relationships of any kind. The establishment of such a relationship may inhibit the free exercise of academic inquiry at the institution.

IV. Indemnification

The MMRF requires indemnification from its industrial sponsors against claims and/or losses associated with the conduct of any research protocols carried out under its auspices.

V. Confidentiality

The MMRF is equipped to handle proprietary issues such as confidential information; however, in order to ensure that our obligations under confidentiality can realistically be met, we do ask that confidential information be marked as such. It is also essential that there be no conflict between the definition of confidential material, and the MMRF's right to publish.

VI. Assignment

The MMRF reserves the right to determine with which organizations it conducts business. Therefore, the MMRF will enter into agreements that are assignable to another party only with its prior written consent.

VII. Use of Name

The MMRF publishes an Annual Report which describes the work performed at the organization over the previous year. This information includes the Study Name, the Sponsor, the Investigator Name, and the level of funding. The MMRF reserves the right to restrict the use of its name in advertising of any kind.

VIII. Termination

The MMRF prefers to retain the right to terminate its research study agreements without cause upon 30 days prior written notice.

IX. Study Monitoring/Sharing of Research Results

The MMRF requires that the sponsor or monitoring body of clinical studies it conducts to provide information to the MMRF that could affect the safety of participants or their willingness to continue participation, influence the conduct of the study, or alter the Human Subjects Research Committee Approval to continue the study. In addition, when participant safety or medical care could be directly affected by study results, the MMRF secures the contractual right to communicate relevant results to study participants.