



SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
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OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY COMPLIANCE

July 2017 Compliance Newsletter

Attention Business Managers

Please be aware that it is the expectation of the Compliance Department that the Business Managers will follow-up on the compliance training requirements of employees assigned to their departments.

2017 Billers' Meeting Schedule

All meetings will be from 10:00-11:00am

August 8, 2017
September 12, 2017
October 10, 2017
November 14, 2017
December 12, 2017

Alert

2017 Annual Compliance Update will begin in early August. Please be aware that ALL employees of clinical departments as well as departments that support the clinical departments, are required to complete the training module. This includes adjunct and emeritus faculty, as well as volunteer faculty and staff.

This online education module provides an overview of the current healthcare compliance climate including the prevention and detection of fraud, waste and abuse, SLU's Compliance program, updated information regarding HIPAA and Information Security, Research Compliance, Conflicts of Interest, Export Controls, Contracting Basics, and Risk Management.

The 2017 Annual Compliance Update will take approximately one hour to complete. This includes watching 2 videos and answering a number of questions after each video. The update must be completed by August 31, 2017. The modules can be found at myslu.slu.edu/home under Compliance Requirements.

PLEASE NOTE: Employees who do not complete the training module by the deadline will have their access to myslu.edu frozen until they have completed the module.

The CODING CORNER

Which of the following are parts of medical decision making?

- a. Number of possible diagnoses or management options that must be considered.
- b. Amount or complexity of medical records, diagnostic tests, or other information that must be obtained, reviewed, and analyzed.
- c. Risk of significant complications, morbidity, and/or mortality associated with the patient's presenting problem, diagnostic procedures, and/or management options.
- d. All of the above.

Answer below

Revisions to Federal Human Subjects Research Regulations Uncertain

The Federal Government is revising its regulations concerning protection of human research participants. There has been a great deal of discussion about this and much confusion within the broader research community. The Common Rule is a set of Federal Regulations that has been in place for over 30 years to govern the protection of human research participants. In 2011, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) began efforts to modernize these regulations. A "Final Rule" revising the Common Rule was published on the last day of the Obama presidential administration with an effective date of January 19, 2018.

A significant change to the Common Rule is its definition of "research", particularly concerning the types of activities that are excluded or exempted. The Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) largely retains the same basic working definition of "research" focused on systematic investigations designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge.

According to HHS, "The new rule strengthens protections for people who volunteer to participate in research, while [ensuring](#) that the oversight system does not add inappropriate administrative burdens, particularly to low-risk research." The Final Rule is anticipated with great eagerness by the research community. However, the Trump administration is reviewing all regulations that have yet to be implemented and it is uncertain whether the Final Rule will be adopted. For an overview of the Final Rule, please see a [compilation](#) by the Council on Governmental Relations and the [Executive Order](#).

Saint Louis University will continually examine internal policies and practices with the goal of reducing burden, while continuing to ensure the safety of human subjects and compliance with current Federal Regulations.

Coding Corner Answer: d. All of the above

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Please Contact the General Counsel's Office (977-5775) for verification of your malpractice insurance coverage. These records are not available in the Compliance Office.