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Dear Dr. Clanton,

The IRB 2 has received and reviewed your proposal and associated documents for the study entitled:

**RP#11068 Does the appendix offer a protective benefit against clostridium difficile infection?**

The project was reviewed and approved through expedited review procedures, effective May 27, 2011, for a **twelve-month period**.

This means that your project must be reviewed by the IRB 2 for renewal no later than **May 26, 2012**.

Federal regulations do not allow for ANY grace period for renewal. As a courtesy, IRBNet will notify you prior to the project expiration date and request that a renewal application be submitted. If the renewal application is submitted too late for IRB review, your project will be inactivated and your department notified. This inactivation would mean that you may not accrue patients, obtain data and/or review charts until proper renewal is obtained. **It is your responsibility, as the investigator to renew the project.**

It is the IRB's opinion that you will provide adequate safeguards for the rights and welfare of the participants in this study. Your project appears to be in compliance with the institution's FWA and the appropriate federal regulations for the protection of human subjects. We wish you success with your project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Alexander Jr".

Thomas S. Alexander, PhD, D(ABMLI)  
Chair, Institutional Review Board 2