



Health Sciences Institutional Review Board (HSIRB)

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DATE: August 7, 2013

TO: Sandeep Samuel, MD

FROM: SUNY University at Buffalo Health Sciences IRB (HSIRB)

PROJECT TITLE: [450598-1] Identification of Barriers to Effective Screening and Evaluation of Hepatitis C By Primary Care Physicians In An Urban Underserved Setting.

SUBMISSION TYPE: New Project

ACTION: APPROVED

Dear Sandeep Samuel, MD:

The Health Sciences Institutional Review Board (HSIRB) has reviewed the above referenced project and determined it meets exempt criteria 45 CFR 46.101(b)(2). The permissible exempt category is "Research involving the use of educational tests, survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior (anonymous survey)". The HSIRB considers the return of the anonymous survey is deemed voluntary consent to participate in the study. The HSIRB approval includes:

- Protocol - Study protocol in detail (UPDATED: 06/18/2013, Pkg 1)
- Questionnaire/Survey - Hep C_IRB_Questionnaire_final.docx (UPDATED: 04/23/2013, Pkg 1)

You are exempt from HIPAA requirements. The study does not involve the provision of health care and does not use any health information provided by a health care provider, health plan, or health care clearing house.

HSIRB approval is given with the understanding that no changes may be made in the protocol or survey until such modifications have been submitted to the HSIRB for review and have been given approval.

Any serious events/problems (SEP's) involving risk to human subjects must be reported promptly to the IRB.

Should you have any questions regarding human participants, please contact the HSIRB Administrator at (716) 829-2752 or HS-IRB@research.buffalo.edu. Please include your project title and reference number in all correspondence with this committee.

This letter has been electronically signed in accordance with all applicable regulations, and a copy is retained within SUNY University at Buffalo's records.