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## Certification of Exemption

December 11, 2014

Bhavna Chopra, MD  
Department of Nephrology and Hypertension

**RE: RC-5943 "Retrospective Analysis from the Organ Procurement and Transplant Network (OPTN)/United Network of Organ Sharing (ONUS) Database to look at Long-Term Renal Allograft Outcomes Based on Various Induction and Maintenance Immunosuppression Regimens"**

Dear Dr. Chopra:

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) of Allegheny General Hospital is in receipt of the above-referenced protocol.

The IRB has reviewed this information and finds it qualifies for exempt status according to the following category in the Code of Regulations: 45 CFR 46.101 (b) Category (4), and with a "*Waiver of HIPAA Authorization.*"

Please retain this letter as evidence of IRB review and determination of exempt status for this research. Annual review of this research is not required provided the research is conducted as proposed. If there are modifications or changes to this study, the Investigator must have the IRB review the study prior to initiating the changes.

If you have any questions, please contact the IRB office.

Sincerely,



Athanasios Colonias, MD  
Vice Chairman  
Institutional Review Board

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