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To: UMB Research Community

From: UMB IRB

Re: IRB Chairperson Signatures on CICERO Approval Letters

The University of Maryland, Baltimore IRB recently went live with a new electronic management system called CICERO. As of September 8, 2008, upon going live with the new electronic management system, CICERO, notification letters in the system will no longer have the jpeg image of IRB Chair's signature on them. Electronic signatures will be date and time stamped in the protocol history log and the IRB Chair or Vice Chair's corresponding name will be listed on the notification letter(s). The CICERO system is compliant with FDA 21 CFR 11.

At this time the University of Maryland, Baltimore's policies have not been updated to reflect this removal of the IRB Chairperson's signature; however, this is forthcoming.

Sincerely,

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