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## MEMORANDUM

TO: All University Faculty Engaged in Federally Funded Research

FROM: Dr. Michelle S. Broido, Associate Vice Chancellor for Basic Biomedical Research  
Dr. George E. Klinzing, Vice Provost for Research

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RE: NIH Financial Conflict of Interest Tutorial and Reminder of When Disclosures Must Be Updated

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As many of you are aware, there has been increased national attention on accurate reporting by researchers of potential conflicts of interest that outside compensation or equity interests may pose to federally funded research. The NIH has recently developed a tutorial that reviews the obligations of federally funded institutions and investigators who are responsible for the design, conduct, or reporting of NIH-supported research. This tutorial, as well as extensive training materials and information to aid investigators in meeting their obligations, is available on the University of Pittsburgh Conflict of Interest Office webpage at: <http://www.coi.pitt.edu/Resources.htm>. We encourage all investigators to review these materials.

All investigators engaged in federally funded research are reminded that, per University Policy 11-01-03, their conflict of interest disclosure forms must be updated at any time their outside compensation or equity interests exceed, or are expected to exceed, the prescribed reporting thresholds (*i.e.*, investigators should not wait until the annual filing date in April to update disclosures). At the time of any update, investigators must inform regulatory committees (such as the IRB or IACUC) of these new outside interests.

Any questions regarding individual situations may be directed to Dr. Jerome L. Rosenberg, Chair of the Conflict of Interest Committee (at [jrosenb@pitt.edu](mailto:jrosenb@pitt.edu)), or David T. Wehrle, Director of the Conflict of Interest Office (at [wehrledt@upmc.edu](mailto:wehrledt@upmc.edu)).