Guidelines for Advertisement in Research

The IRB must approve all plans for advertisement.

Suggestions include:

- 1. Name and address of the investigator and/ or research facility/ institution.
- 2. Conditions under study and/or purpose of the research.
- 3. Inclusion/ exclusion criteria in summary form.
- 4. A brief list of procedures involved.
- 5. Time and other commitment required (number of visits, total duration including follow-up visits, etc.)
- 6. Compensation/ reimbursement.
- 7. Location of research and contact person for further information.

Additional Guidelines:

- 1. Advertisements should not emphasize monetary compensation.
- 2. Advertisements should not use catchy words like "free" or "exciting."
- 3. Advertisements should be very clear that research participation is what is being solicited.
- 4. Advertisements should not be misleading about the purpose of the research.

Source: Institutional Review Board Member Handbook

The following is an example recruitment flyer:

University of Miami

Study Title

[Volunteers] Wanted for a Research Study

(Summarize the purpose of the research and major procedures) For example, include a sentence about what is being tested. The ad must include the word "research."

(Briefly list major eligibility criteria or major exclusion criteria, if applicable) Briefly identify the main eligibility criteria.

(**Describe benefits, if any, of participation in the study**) For example, "Study treatment will be provided at no charge."

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[*If you list compensation, do not emphasize it.* For example, you might simply say "Compensation will be provided for participation." Include any forms of reimbursements.]

(**List location of the research & contact information**) If institution is named in the header, include location only if different from header. List who to call and a phone number. For instance, 'For Information Call...' or 'To learn more about this research, call...'.

(**List name & address/department of the investigator**) List the name and address of the principal investigator. For example: "This research is conducted under the direction of (name, department)."

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