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NIH Dissemination Plan Guidance

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The "Dissemination Plan" attachment is required if you answered "Yes" to all the questions in the "Clinical Trial Questionnaire." This document is not allowed for all other human subjects research.

Format:

Attach this information as a PDF file. See NIH's Format Attachments page.

Although one Dissemination Plan per application is sufficient, you must include a file for each study within your application. All file names within your application must be unique. You may either attach the same Dissemination Plan to different studies or attach a file that refers to the Dissemination Plan in another study within your application. For example, you may attach a file that says "See Dissemination Plan in the 'My Unique Study Name' study."

Content:

Explain briefly your plan for the dissemination of NIH-funded clinical trial information and address how the expectations of the policy will be met. The plan must contain sufficient information to assure the following:

- the applicant will ensure that clinical trial(s) under the award are registered and results information is submitted to ClinicalTrials.gov as outlined in the policy and according to the specific timelines stated in the policy;
- informed consent documents for the clinical trial(s) will include a specific statement relating to posting of clinical trial information at ClinicalTrials.gov; and
- the recipient institution has an internal policy in place to ensure that clinical trials registration and results reporting occur in compliance with policy requirements.

Note: Do not include informed consent documents in your application.

Note: If your human subjects study meets the definition of "Delayed Onset," include the dissemination plan in the delayed onset study justification.