Wake Forest®
School of Medicine

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Dear Biomedical Research Sponsor,

Wake Forest has established an integrated and adaptable research infrastructure to provide superior, cost-effective, and easily accessible resources to support biomedical research. Our re-engineered research infrastructure, coupled with a sizable clinical operation and an expansive reach within our region, makes us ideally suited to support a broad range of research, focusing on operational efficiency and the conduct of scientifically sound, culturally sensitive, and ethical preclinical and human research.

Health System

- 1,095 faculty with a total workforce of 12,850
- 1,004 acute care, rehab, and psych beds, outpatient services, community health, and information centers
- 21 subsidiary or affiliate hospitals that operate more than 120 outreach activities, including satellite clinics.
- 101,681 emergency visits, 38,511 inpatient admissions, and 785,392 other outpatient visits in FY12

Patient Catchment Area

- Extends to 5 states (VA, WV, TN, SC, and NC) with over 11 million people
- Critical health care needs include: obesity and associated conditions (diabetes, cardiovascular disease, arthritis, disability); lung disease, including COPD and asthma; high rates of many cancers; and health inequities including high infant mortality and prevalent sexually transmitted diseases

Human Research Protection Program/Institutional Review Board

- 16 calendar days (average) for initial full board review and approval, including ancillary reviews
- Accredited by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

- 33 calendar days (average) for initial full board review and approval
- Accredited by the Association for the Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International since 1966

Grants and Contracts

- CDAs: Average negotiation completion time of 10 days with 74% completed in less than 10 days
- CTAs: Average negotiation completion time of 50 days with 46% completed in less than 30 days and initial review and feedback on draft agreements completed within 10 days of receipt

Clinical Trials

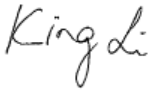
- 11-bed Clinical Research Unit with PA, Nurse, Bionutrition, and Specimen Processing support
- Study Coordinator Pool available to rapidly support study start-up, implementation, and close-out
- Expertise conducting a broad array of clinical trials including: cancer, critical care, cardiovascular disease, device trials, and recruitment/retention of special populations (e.g. older adults)

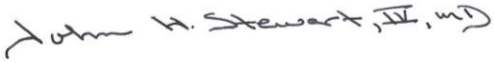
Animal Resources

- Full service animal facilities, including over 1,200 nonhuman primates (fully pedigreed and genotyped colony of >500 African Green Monkeys, >500 Cynomolgus Monkeys, and 250 Rhesus Monkeys)
- Pre-clinical CRO for proof-of-principal testing, method development, and product testing via pre-surgical bench analysis, ex vivo modeling, dynamic imaging, and surgical models in all specialties

Our institutional strengths, strategic investments in research infrastructure, and focus on critical health issues position us to help you fulfill your research needs. We look forward to continued expansion of our relationship with industry sponsors to find better approaches to prevent and treat disease.

Yours Sincerely,





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