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Dear Dr. Barrio:

This letter is in response to your request for the Department to provide guidance regarding the UCLA proposal to remove the Medical Radiation Safety Committee from the review of drug company clinical trials testing anticancer drugs when it is claimed that all the human subject procedures utilizing radioactive material and/or radiation producing machines are "standard of care".

The regulation which governs the duties and responsibilities of Medical Radiation Safety Committee (MRSC) can be found in California Code of Regulations Title 17 30195 as specified below. As you can see, the MRSC must **"evaluate all proposals for, and maintain surveillance over, all uses of radioactive material within the institution."**

§ 30195. Special Requirements for Issuance of Specific Licenses.

In addition to the requirements set forth in Section 30194, specific licenses for certain specialized uses will be issued only if the following conditions are met

(a) For human use of radioactive material in institutions:

- (1) The institution has a formally-constituted and officially recognized medical radiation safety committee, which should include a representative of the institution's administration and at least three individuals who are knowledgeable in the areas of human use of radioactive material and of radiation safety, and which shall evaluate all proposals for, and maintain surveillance over, all uses of radioactive material within the institution

Sincerely,

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