

Leaders' Update

A message from Director Gordon Ginder

The last issue of this newsletter noted that Massey was submitting by March 1 the yearly progress report for our NCI Cancer Center Support Grant (CCSG), which is the grant that provides Massey's National Cancer Institute designation. The report successfully went in as planned, but it is important to share with you that as our center and administrative leadership teams worked on this report, we noted the very concerning matter that a large number of our cancer center members in 2014 were non-compliant with the NIH Public Access Policy. Also of concern, only a few of our members correctly cited their Massey Cancer Center shared resource usage in their publications. And of those who cited the NCI support grant, several members did not complete the process of obtaining a PMCID number.

I recognize that this non-compliance is most likely due to either a lack of knowledge about the critical importance of correct attribution or the tendency to forget about detailed citations because of the length of time that passes between shared resource usage and publication of results. However, it is important to emphasize the hard truth that if not corrected, such non-compliance will have a serious, negative impact on our upcoming NCI competitive renewal. Any research publication that is not compliant cannot be counted in Massey's progress report or competitive renewal application. Thus, Massey will not get credit for any impactful research conducted here when the publication of that research is not in compliance with the NIH Public Access Policy. Moreover, failure to appropriately cite shared resource usage will negatively impact evaluation of our shared resources, which constitute the major budget item in our NCI support grant.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask all of our cancer center members to please review the summarized rules below regarding the NIH Public Access Policy, check your compliance status and dedicate some time and effort going forward to ensure that you are fully compliant and that you correctly cite usage of cancer center shared resources.

NIH requires that publications that cite results from NIH grant-supported research must include an acknowledgement of NIH grant support and disclaimer. Since Massey's NCI support grant – the CCSG – constitutes NIH funding and the CCSG provides support for all of Massey's shared resources, any utilization of a Massey shared resource in the conduct of the reported research should be cited in the publication with our CCSG award number, P30 CA016059, and the correct name of the shared resource. Secondly, all manuscripts that cite the NCI P30 support grant and are accepted for publication must be submitted to PubMed Central and be assigned a PMCID.

Instructions regarding the PMCID process are available at http://publicaccess.nih.gov/submit_process.htm . [Kevin Hogan](#), Ph.D., and [Julia Schaum](#), M.S., also are available to assist if you have questions.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this critical matter. I look forward to seeing improved Massey member compliance in 2015, as it will have a major impact on all of us at the Cancer Center.

Sincerely,

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Director