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MEMO TO:

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FROM:

Louis J. Medvene, PhD., Acting Chair

Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Via Christi Regional Medical Center (VCRMC)

SUBJECT:

National Databank for Rheumatic Diseases.

This is to acknowledge receipt of a revised consent (vrs. 4/7/03) which includes the required HIPAA authorization language. Two updated enrollment forms which include the required HIPAA authorization language and a revised 6-month data collection form which also includes the required HIPAA authorization language in the request for release of medical records.

Following review at the Via Christi Regional Medical Center Institutional Review Board meeting on April 11, 2003, the submission listed were approved for use and/or filing.

If there are any specific medical center inservice education or staffing issues that should be addressed before implementation, please notify the appropriate department.

No modification may be made in the approved protocol without prior IRB approval except in an emergency situation which must then be reported to the board. The board requested to be notified within five working days of any unexpected adverse reaction as a result of the use of this protocol.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please feel free to contact us.

Louis J. Medvene, PhD., Acting Chair

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