

Research Conducted with Investigators That Do Not Have an Affiliation with MCG, MCGHI or the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center

Research protocols may include investigators who do not have an affiliation with MCG, MCGHI or the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center to conduct the research. If the investigator is affiliated with an FWA institution holding an FWA, then no IIA is needed. Investigators with an MCG appointment are not required to complete the IIA.

If an investigator is not affiliated with an institution holding a FWA, then an IIA must be executed, for example:

- Teacher in school system
- Private practice physicians

Each investigator must complete an “Individual Investigator Agreement (IIA)” prior to IRB approval. The IIA documents the roles and responsibilities of each investigator and replaces the CPRP agreement. The IIA is available on the web site.

If a performance site includes multiple investigators (e.g., a private practice with five clinicians, etc.), then each individual member of the practice must complete the IIA. In addition, the performance site itself must complete a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to fully document the overall site support of the research arrangement.