Dissemination and Communication of Research Findings

217.1 Publication of Research Results

UH requires that provisions for fair and reasonable ownership of data and research results be included in its sponsored research agreement and has a process that allows Investigators to place their inventions in the public domain if that would be in the best interest of technology transfer and if doing so is not in violation of the terms of any agreements that supported or governed the work.

In all sponsored research, UH requires the dissemination of research results in a manner consistent with the above referenced policy.

UH implements this policy in agreements concerning sponsored research by:

• Including in its standard contract a provision that provides the Investigator with a right to publish the research results. See ORS’ CTA SOPP 301.1.
• Revising any provision in any proposed contract that limits an Investigator’s right to publish research results in a manner that is inconsistent with the SOPP.

217.2 Communicating Research Results to Participants

When the IRB becomes aware of events that could affect participant welfare after a study has closed (e.g., a drug tested at UH is withdrawn by the FDA), the IRB seeks information, deliberates, and considers whether (and how) to contact participants who might be affected. Even when the study is not yet closed, but participants have completed participation, the IRB informs past participants when information is learned that could affect their welfare.

For sponsored research, UH addresses communication with sponsors regarding the impact of research results on participant health and safety by:

• Including in the contract a provision that the sponsor will develop a plan of communication with the Principal Investigator that is acceptable to the IRB when new findings or results of the protocol might impact the willingness of participants to continue their participation in the research or directly affect their current or future safety or medical care, or by asking for the inclusion of such a provision in any proposed contract that does not use their standard template.
• See ORS’ CTA Guide (SOP 301.1) and ORS’ CTA Start Clauses