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## AMENDMENT OF COPYRIGHT POLICY

**POLICY CHANGE**

An amendment of the National Institutes of Health copyright policy concerning publications resulting from NIH grant-supported projects was adopted and published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, Vol. 38, No. 197, Friday, October 12, 1973. A copy of the notice and amendment is reproduced below for the information and guidance of all concerned.

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### **PUBLICATIONS RESULTING FROM NIH GRANT-SUPPORTED PROJECTS**

#### **Notice of Amendment of Copyright Policy**

On Friday, June 18, 1971, a notice of proposed implementation of a modification of NIH copyright policy was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, Volume 36, No. 118. Institutions receiving grant support from the National Institutes of Health were also informed of the proposed modification through publication in the "NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts—No. 7" on June 14, 1971.

The responses to these notices fell primarily into two groups. The first expressed concern that the proposed policy affected the copyright on books or similar types of publications. These correspondents were assured that no such change was implicit or explicit in the proposed change.

The second group of responses related to the impact of the proposed change upon scientific journals. These were considered with great care. In conjunction with the DHEW Office of the General Counsel, it was concluded that the arguments which were advanced would not preclude the adoption of the proposed policy change.

Thus, under the provisions of § 52.23, 35 FR 5470, notice is hereby given that the National Institutes of Health copyright policy is amended to read as follows:

"Except as may otherwise be provided under the terms and conditions of a specific grant award, the grantee may copyright or arrange for copyright, without prior National Institutes of Health approval, any publication, film or other similar communication material developed or resulting from a project supported in whole or in part by a National Institutes of Health grant. Such copyright, however, is subject to a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable license or right in the government to reproduce, translate, publish, use, disseminate, and dispose of such material and to authorize others to do so. In addition, communications in primary scientific journals publishing initial reports of original research supported in whole or in part by the National Institutes of Health may be copyrighted by the journal with the understanding, however, that individuals are authorized to make, or have made by any means available to them, without regard to the copyright of the journal, and without royalty, a single copy of any such article for their own use."

Dated September 27, 1973.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE  
SPECIALIZED CENTERS OF RESEARCH (SCORs)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Division of Heart and Vascular Diseases of the National Heart and Lung Institute announces its intent to establish, on a competitive basis, a limited number of Ischemic Heart Disease Specialized Centers of Research (SCORs).

An Ischemic Heart Disease SCOR is defined as a unit encompassing multidisciplinary clinical and fundamental research directed at the reduction of death and disability from ischemic heart disease. The complete spectrum of ischemic heart disease is appropriate for the Ischemic Heart Disease SCORs, from the early detection of latent ischemic heart disease to such problems as acute myocardial infarction, sudden cardiac death, angina pectoris, congestive heart failure, emergency medical care, and cardiac rehabilitation.

The Ischemic Heart Disease SCORs represent a continuation of the Myocardial Infarction Research Unit (MIRU) program now more broadly focused on the various manifestations of ischemic heart disease. These Ischemic Heart Disease SCORs are not to be confused with the National Research and Demonstration Centers which the Institute currently intends to establish. While a R&D Center is intended to be more comprehensive than a SCOR, the activities of a SCOR could become a research component part of such a Center.

Although the support mechanism for these SCORs will be the grant-in-aid, it will differ from other research grants both in its goal orientation and in the degree of direct participation by the National Heart and Lung Institute.

The Program Announcement and Guidelines is being sent to those on the mailing list of the Clinical Cardiac Diseases Branch, including the Deans and Chairmen of the Departments of Medicine, Surgery, and Cardiology at all medical schools. The Institute asks for letters of intent, which will not be binding, by February 1, 1974, in order to start planning for review of proposals. The deadline for receipt of formal applications is March 11, 1974.

Additional information and copies of the Program Announcement and Guidelines may be obtained from:

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BASIC AGREEMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATION  
OF RESEARCH CONTRACTS

ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Institutes of Health announced on September 17, 1971, the availability of basic agreements with universities having multiple research contracts (NIH GUIDE No. 11, Vol. 1).

Since that time the NIH has executed basic agreements with 11 universities. In addition, on a pilot project basis, one basic agreement is being executed with a non-profit hospital.

The basic agreement is a master contract entered into between the contractor and NIH that prescribes terms and conditions uniformly applicable to all NIH research contracts with the contractor. Individual projects are funded as specific contracts which are automatically incorporated into and made a part of the basic agreement. Each contract is a separate arrangement and will, accordingly, include some special provisions tailored to the requirements of the particular project. However, general contract terms and conditions will be governed by the provisions of the basic agreement. Thus, the basic agreement reflects the ground rules underlying the collaborative arrangement between NIH and the contractor. It does not, of course, represent a commitment by NIH to make future awards.

Experience has shown the basic agreement to be an effective aid in simplifying administration and control of contracts as well as standardizing the relationships between parties.

If your organization is interested in a basic agreement or has any questions regarding their use, call or write James B. Cash, (301) 496-4487, Research Contracts Branch, Office of Contracts and Grants, Building 31, Room 1B34, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, 20014.

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