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To DF/HCC Members:

We are pleased to introduce a new Biomedical Protocol Template for medical oncology-based DF/HCC protocols. This template makes it easy for investigators to use a format that includes all of the key sections and required elements for a protocol. It includes instructions, prompts and key phrases that make it simple to use and complete. There is even standard language that you can use to ensure adherence to internal and external requirements, thereby easing the review process.

We are requesting that you use the new Biomedical Protocol Template for all investigator-initiated medical oncology-based protocols. To access the template, go to the **Clinical Research Unit's Section** of the DF/HCC website and click on "Forms/ Checklists/ Templates" (note: if you have not already logged in to the site, you will be asked to do so). The template is available under the heading "Templates for Investigator-Written Trials".

Templates for investigator-initiated Surgical and Radiation Oncology studies are planned for release in the coming fiscal year.

Have questions or feedback? Please contact:

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We look forward to sharing with you other improvements to our clinical trials program in the months ahead.

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