

# CPN Policy Concerning Scientific Misconduct

It is the explicit policy of the CPN that honest and accurate submission and reporting of research data is required. Deliberate falsification of research data, or knowingly submitting or reporting fraudulent data, is unacceptable.

Any individual who is determined to have deliberately falsified research data, or has knowingly submitted or reported fraudulent research data, will be expelled from the CPN. The National Cancer Institute and the individual's institution will be fully informed.

Any investigator or clinical research associate who has a suspicion of scientific misconduct should report this knowledge in confidence to the CPN Operations Office at 507-266-2218. Any allegation of scientific misconduct will be reviewed by the CPN chair. If it is determined that deliberate falsification of research data, or knowing submission or reporting of fraudulent data may have occurred, an ad hoc committee will be formed to perform an on-site investigation. The NCI will be notified immediately.

## Affirmation of Integrity in the Submission of Clinical Research Data

In signing this document, I affirm my awareness of and compliance with the scientific misconduct policy of CPN.

1. I recognize that the clinical research of the CPN is a publicly supported endeavor that is critically dependent on the trust of the people it serves. Submission of falsified data is a disservice to the public and cannot be tolerated, since it may destroy the public trust that is necessary for successful clinical research, as well as violate federal law.
2. I recognize the penalty for submission of falsified data by myself or by others from my institution may include but is not limited to: inability of myself or my institution to participate in CPN activities, and repayment by my institution of National Cancer Institute funds that had been used in collecting and submitting the falsified data.
3. If I suspect falsified data submission from my institution, I understand that CPN policies require that I report this knowledge in confidence to the CPN Operations Office at (507) 266-2218. The CPN chair will review the circumstances and further action may be taken, including notification of appropriate federal agencies.

Name:

Institution:

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Signature

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Date

Please complete, print, and sign.

Send originals to CPN Operations Office, Mayo Clinic, 200 First Street SW, Rochester, MN 55905

Questions? Call CPN Operations Office, (507) 266-2218;  
or Email: [fursa.karrie@mayo.edu](mailto:fursa.karrie@mayo.edu)