



Memo

To: Departmental Research Directors
From: Todd Gress, MD, MPH, Asst. Dean for Clinical Research
CC: Dr. Joseph Shapiro, Dean
Dr. Richard Niles, Senior Assoc. Dean for Research
Date: 8/23/2012
Re: Clinical Research Committee

We are planning our first meeting of the Research Directors in the clinical departments in September. I am awaiting the Doodle Poll results to decide on a best date and time and ask that you complete this poll as soon as you can. I will send out an agenda prior to the meeting, but wanted to let you know what this is about.

Our main goal in forming the "Clinical Research Committee" is to identify ways to facilitate clinical research within our clinical departments. You have been identified as a leader for research in your department and will play a key role in this effort. I have several ideas of my own regarding the role of a Departmental Research Director, but I would like for the committee to work together to help formulate these roles.

Over the past year, there has been significant growth in the number of intramural and extramural funding opportunities. Student and resident interest in research is at the highest level I can remember. We have an excellent relationship with the University of Kentucky through the CTSA. We have developed a "Centralized Research Center" to facilitate all aspects of research. This is an exciting time and opportunity for research at the School of Medicine, and I look forward to working with each one of you to take advantage of our opportunities to advance research in our school.