

July 28, 2020

Research Participant Information Letter

Dear Research Participant,

RE: Remote Access to Electronic Patient Record

You are receiving this letter because you are participating in a research study at the University Health Network.

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is evolving and hospitals, including the University Health Network, are making changes to the way we are conducting clinical research. Your health and safety continue to be a priority to us, and this includes the safety of your personal health information (PHI).

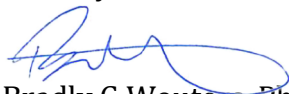
Before beginning the research study, you signed a consent form. At that time, you were informed that authorized representatives from the sponsor of the study and/or the research group coordinating this study may come to the hospital to look at your original (identifiable) health records. We call these representatives Study Monitors. These Study Monitors review your health records for quality assurance, and check that the information collected for the study is correct and follows proper regulations and guidelines.

As part of the on-going efforts to protect the safety of our patients and staff and reduce the spread of COVID-19, the hospital has restricted people who are not UHN staff, patients, and study participants from coming to the hospital. As a result, these Study Monitors may be given remote access to study records and your personal health information using an electronic portal, via the internet. This secure electronic portal is the same one that is used by your health care and study team to access your PHI securely.

Although any electronic communication carries some risk of third parties gaining unauthorized access to information, we expect this risk to be very low. We are committed to continuing all efforts to ensure that your information is shared in a way that is secure and private.

If you have questions related to this new process, please speak with your study team.

Thank you,



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