Research Administration Training Seminar
Introduction

Deception at Duke: Fraud in cancer care?

Aired February 12, 2012 and highlights one of the biggest medical research frauds ever.

Potti resigned from his position in 2010 when questions were raised regarding his research on experimental treatments that would match chemotherapy to a patient’s own genetic makeup.

May 2015: Duke University settled lawsuit involving families of eight patients who were treated in clinical trials based on Potti’s discredited work. Terms of lawsuit were confidential.

November 2015: Federal Office for Research Integrity concludes that Potti engaged in research misconduct.
Jay Walsh, PhD, Vice President for Research
Research Administration Training: Why?

• To better understand our role at the University
• To protect the research:
  ➢ Data
  ➢ Participants
  ➢ Funding
  ➢ Integrity of the research
  ➢ The public’s trust
• Recipient of federal funds
  ➢ Northwestern received $676.5 million in sponsored research funding in FY 2017
  ➢ Northwestern ranked 16 in NIH and 45 in NSF research funding to universities in FY 2016
• Mandatory regulations and policies

  Ensuring compliance remains a priority for the federal government and Northwestern University
Research Administration Training

Research Administration training helps Northwestern:

• Decrease compliance risks

• Administer grants more consistently & efficiently

• Provide support for research administrators, faculty & staff

• Meet federal government expectations regarding training and communication
Fiduciary Duty

• Fiscal Fiduciary Duty:
  – Northwestern University, faculty and staff have a duty to ensure research funding is spent as intended
  – Funding agencies have to rely on institutional and personal integrity
  – Rules and regulations provide us with parameters
  – Regulations will always be a part of research
Training Objectives

During this seminar we will:

• Explain the research administration process

• Discuss the roles & responsibilities of research faculty and staff

• Describe the roles of the central research offices

• Review the regulatory fundamentals that form the foundation of research administration
Questions?