In this issue of *Research Billing Buzz*, we review the importance of registration of research participants in Epic and the correct use of the self-pay and "do not bill insurance" checks.

We also remind you of the recent changes to signed research consent form uploading into Epic, and finally, we say our farewells to Scott Streibich.
For liability and accountability reasons, it is best practice to register all patients, including research participants when they step foot in any Johns Hopkins premises. In the eyes of the patients, this practice also gives more legitimacy to research as it makes the process more transparent.

Self-pay and Do Not Bill Insurance

The self-pay and do not bill insurance checkboxes are not meant to bypass the established research workflows. On the contrary, if these checkboxes are marked during registration the research participant will receive a statement 100% of the time.

For detailed information please check the Epic Tip Sheet titled Understanding Self-pay and Do Not Bill Insurance Checkboxes

Reminder: Research Consent Scanning Changes

Effective September 1, 2020 the Office of Clinical Research Billing Compliance (CRBC) is no longer uploading the scanned clinical research consent documents in the Epic patient record or placing the Certificate of Confidentiality (COC) flag in Epic. This is the responsibility of the study team.

To meet the requirements to upload the signed research consent forms into
Epic, you need to complete the “Integrated Research Scanning 100” provided in MyLearning if you have not done so in the last two years.

In order to get your security role updated in Epic, your department’s security coordinator needs to request the new template in the ARM2 system. If you do not know who your security coordinator is, please email: JHH-Arm-Requests@jhmi.edu

Farewell Scott!

Scott Streibich, MBA, MHS is the Director of the Research Compliance Operations for Johns Hopkins Medicine. After being in Hopkins for almost 10 years, he has accepted a position as the Director of Research Revenue Integrity at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute in Tampa, Florida.
We would like to thank Scott for his hard work and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Just for fun:

- What are your hobbies?
  
  - I have two hobbies I pursue with my free time, first – I play the bass guitar and love to learn new songs even though I am not playing in a band right now. My sons also play bass guitar and sharing techniques and learning songs from each other’s favorite genres is a treat as well. My other hobby is restoring and refurbishing broken graphing calculators to sell online. I taught myself how to diagnose and fix problems with my TI-82 and TI-83 calculators in college and now buy broken ones online, fix them up and recycle them back into service. Diagnosing a calculator malfunction is like solving a complex puzzle to get it back into working shape. Watching the screen light up and function again on a 20 year old piece of electronics is fun.
• **Do you have a pet? What is he/she like?**
  
  o Our family has two rescue dachshunds, one is a year old- the other is ten. They are typical dachshunds, protecting our home from squirrel and rabbit invasions when not chasing each other around. Once they tire themselves out they make great lap dogs to keep us warm while watching television or reading.

• **What is your favorite music genre?**
  
  o You might guess from my photo, but my favorite genre is 1980’s synthpop. I grew up in the heyday of English synthesizer-based bands like Depeche Mode, New Order, Human League, Thompson Twins, etc. and turned my love of listening to the songs into a steady paying side job for years playing bass in an 80’s tribute band called The New Romance.

• **Coffee or tea?**
Never was a coffee drinker until I started working for Johns Hopkins University and now start my day, either remote or in the office with a cup of Eight O’Clock Breakfast Blend.