New NIH Funding Opportunity Announcement

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NIH recently introduced a new funding opportunity announcement (FOA) designation for prospective basic science studies involving human participants, Basic Experimental Studies with Humans (BESH). FOAs can now have any of the following clinical trial (CT) classifications:

- CT Not Allowed;
- CT Optional;
- Mechanistic CT Only;
- BESH Required; and
- CT Required.

When a Principal Investigator is ready to prepare an application, the PI must select a FOA that accepts the type of research he/she wishes to propose. To aid PIs in selecting the appropriate FOA, UM PIs and departmental personnel should use the NIH Decision Tool to assist in determining if the study is a clinical trial. This tool has been recently updated to incorporate the BESH designation. If the study meets the definition of a clinical trial AND basic research, then a BESH FOA would be appropriate.

For UM purposes, a BESH study is a clinical trial. Therefore, the UM Proposal Contract Routing Form (PCRF-L) should reflect the Purpose Code of Clinical Trial for all BESH proposals.

If you have any questions, please call or email your ORA Contact Person. Thank you.

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