



Compliance corner

To achieve a high and consistent level of compliance requires that a consciousness or 'spirit' of compliance become integral to the work habits of every UCSF faculty, staff and student. There are numerous remarkable areas covered by various compliance programs at UCSF. Here are two of them that affect the schools, medical center and research labs.

Tissue Banking

There are dozens of local tissue banks maintained in departments and laboratories. The size of the samples in those banks ranges from a few cells to larger anatomical specimens. The Willed Body Program administered by the Department of Anatomy is one of many UCSF programs committed to excellence in research and education. The study of gross human anatomy is an essential element in the training of health science professionals. Faculty members can obtain samples from the program for teaching, research and clinical education needs. If you need any information about the program please contact the Willed Body Program at 476-1981.

Audit of Direct Charges

Effort Reporting and Costing Policy are examples of some of the financial elements within the compliance program. The Office of Inspector General of the US Department of Health and Human Services has notified UCSF that they will begin an audit of all direct expenses charged to federal grants and contracts on October 23, 2006. This broad audit, which is the first in almost seven years, will cover Fiscal Years 2004-05 and 2005-06. Inspectors will primarily focus on administrative and clerical charges to awards, but will also include other direct charges.

The Steering Committee for Comprehensive Compliance and Internal Controls meets bi-monthly. If you have any feedback, please contact us through this website.