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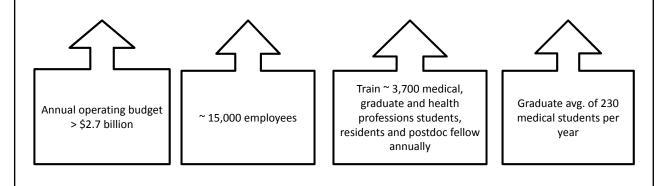
# Effective Corrective Action and Prevention Plans (CAPA) Following Internal Audits of Clinical Research Trials

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# Session Objectives Objective 1: Review Internal Audit Debriefing Steps for Clinical Trial Pls and Study Team Members Objective 2: Engaging Pl/Study Teams in the Corrective Action Process Objective 3: Strategies for Evaluating the Organizational Effectiveness of Corrective Action Planning

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# PROFILE PROFILE

### **Research Footprint**

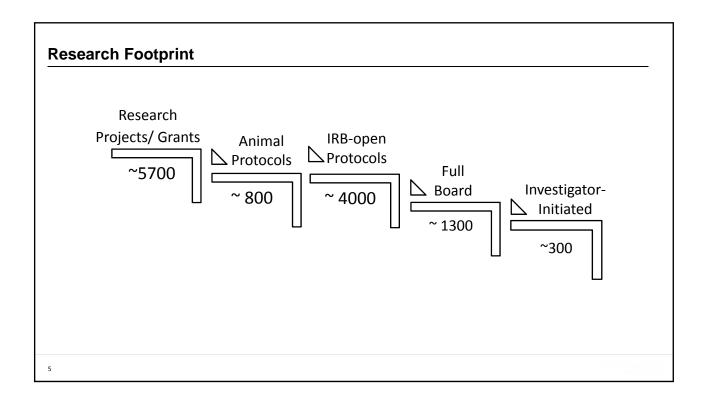
Federal, foundation, individual, and corporate sponsorship

~ \$422.6 million per year in funding

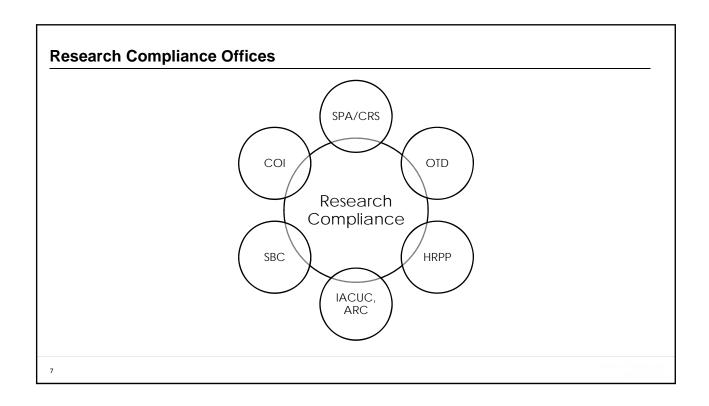
~5700 research projects

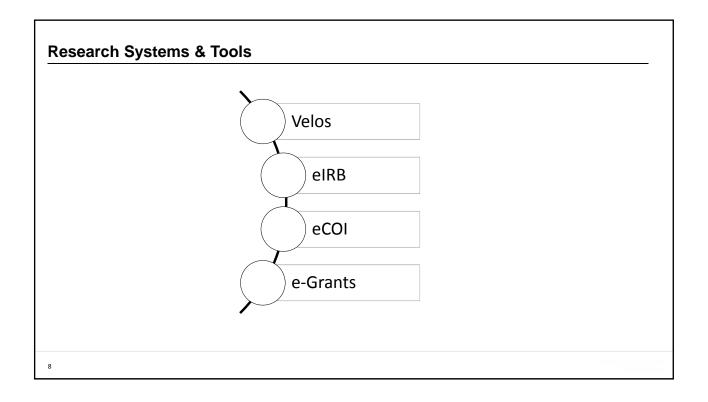
Home to many nationally and internationally recognized physicians and scientists.

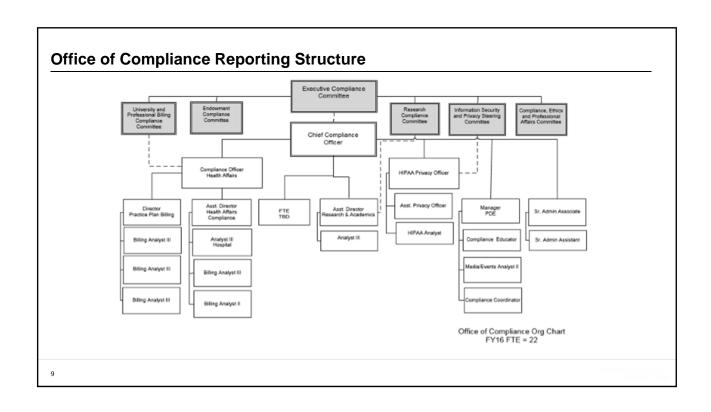
- 6 Nobel Laureates
- > 23 National Academy of Sciences members
- ➤ 19 National Academy of Medicine members

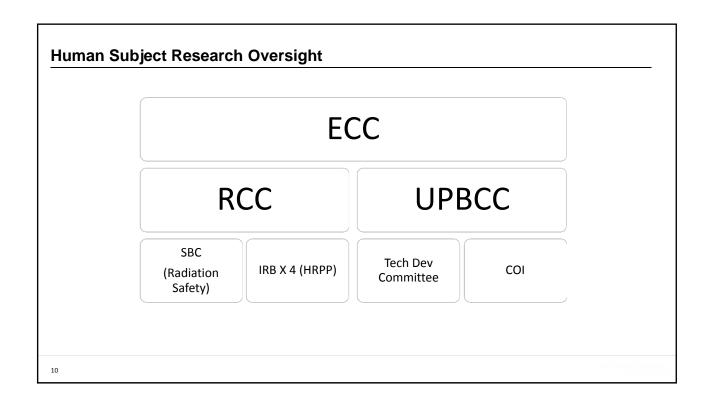


# Polling Question: What is your role in your Research Compliance Program? A. Compliance Officer B. Legal Counsel C. Compliance Administrator/Specialist D. Billing Compliance E. Other





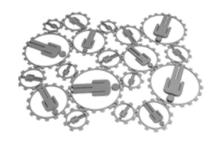




### Polling Question: How is Your Research Compliance Program Structured?

Where does your program currently reside:

- A. Office of Compliance
- B. Internal Audit
- C. Research Administration
- D. The Medical School
- E. Other



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### **Research Compliance Activities**

## Office of Compliance

- Quarterly QA review of full board, approved, IIS
- Conflicts of Interest
- Fiscal Management Cost transfer, effort reporting transition
- Quarterly clinical research billing compliance review
- Export Control Analyses & Screenings

### **Research Compliance Activities – Monitoring**

### **Research Operations**

## Sponsored Program Administrations

- UG thought leader
- Monthly financial review/reconciliation
- Pre-closeout readiness reviews

### Clinical Research Services

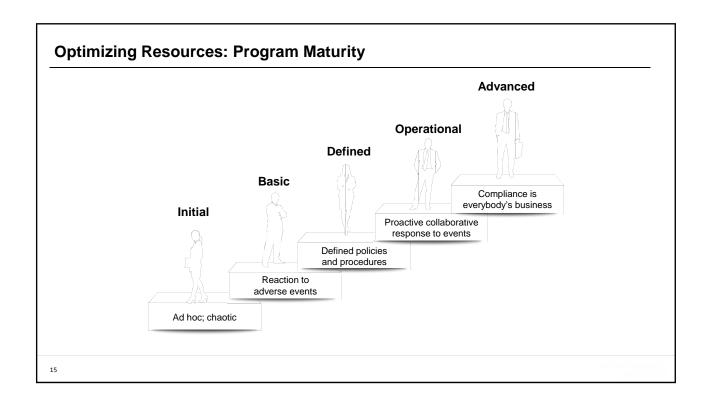
- VELOS trial and subject enrollment validations
- Coverage analysis

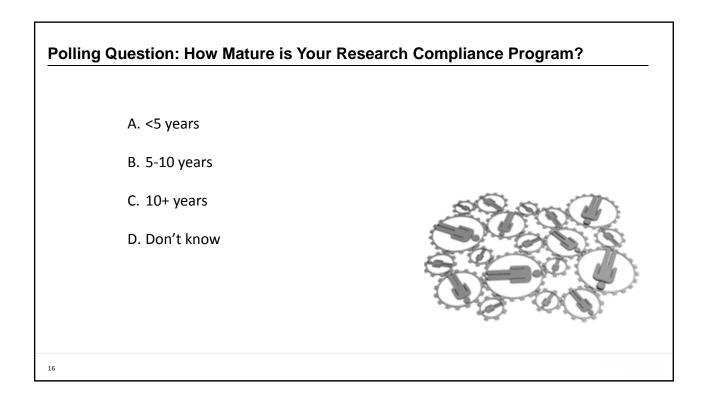
### Research Administration

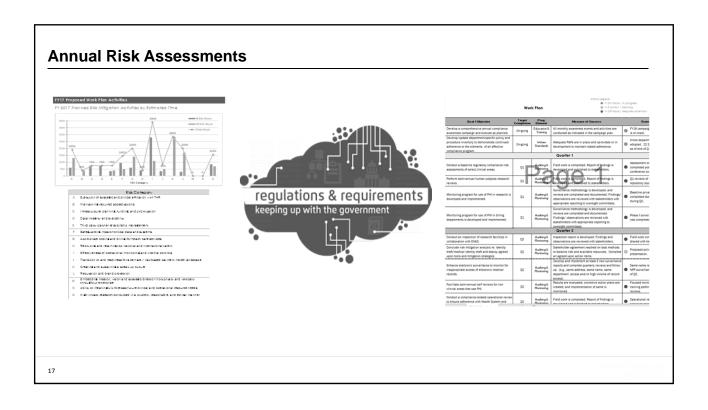
- COI disclosures, management plans
- CMS open payments

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### **Three Lines of Defense Board of Directors/Audit Committee** Senior Management 1st Line of Defense 3rd Line of Defense 2<sup>nd</sup> Line of Defense **Financial Control** Internal Control Security Operational Regulators **Risk Management** Quality Inspection Compliance 14





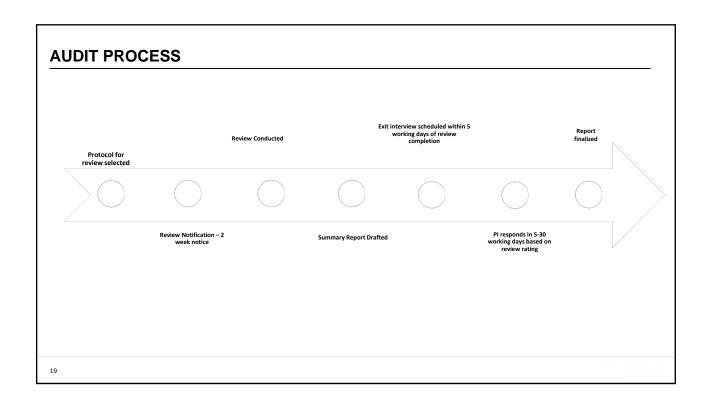


### **Compliance: Auditing and Monitoring**

Element of an effective compliance program is to conduct periodic auditing and monitoring of the organization's adherence with regulatory guidance and established written standards.

### Audit and Review Types:

Baseline/Probe	High level review to determine whether a compliance issue exists
Routine	Evaluate ongoing compliance adherence
Follow-up	Enlarge sample based on error rates identified during a routine audit
Requested	Requested review by Leadership and/or Clinical Department
Focused	For cause review



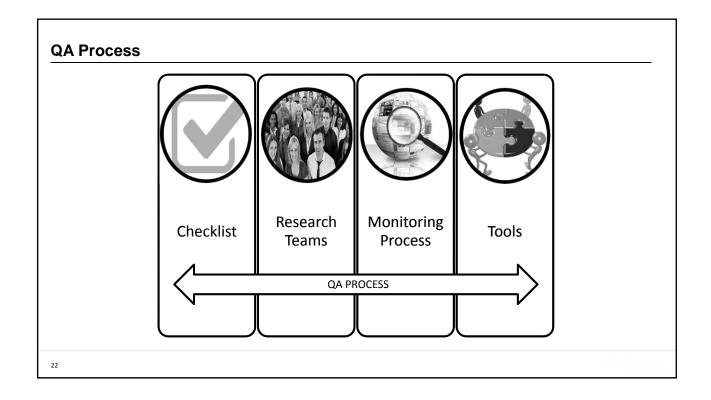
### **Auditing and Monitoring: Compliance Risk Areas** Risk Level **Examples of Study Types** IND/IDE, Phase 1, UTSW Lead Coordinating Site, High (Full Board) Investigator-Initiated Phase 2, Phase 3, Pediatrics Moderate (Full Board) \*Categories Prospective or retrospective data and/or specimen collection, including interventional Low (Expedited, Exempt 1. Eligibility or Registration) and/or treatment studies, repository or registry 2. Informed Consent Process and Documentation studies 3. Essential Documentation filed in Regulatory Binder High, moderate, or low risk studies monitored Lowest (Studies Already 4. Investigational Product - Management & Accountability by external sponsors/CROs or internal groups, Monitored) 5. CRF and Source Verification e.g. SCCC CRO or Office of Research Protections 6. Protocol Compliance 7. Safety Monitoring - Adverse Events & Data 8. Privacy and Deidentification of Data 9. Appropriate Record Storage and Retention 10. Recruitment Strategies 11. Study Population 12. Sponsor Monitoring

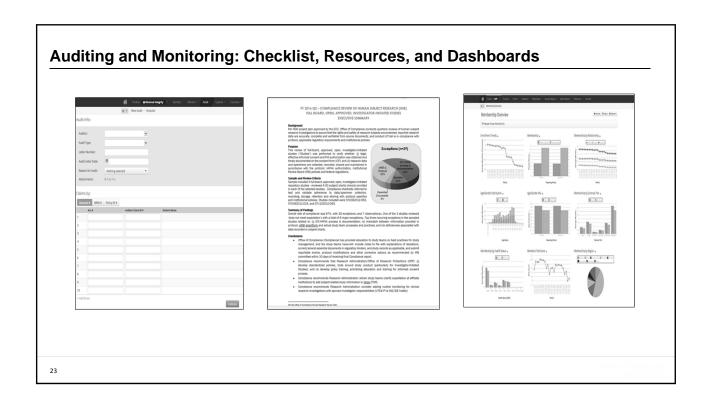
### **Monitoring: Exceptions and Ratings**

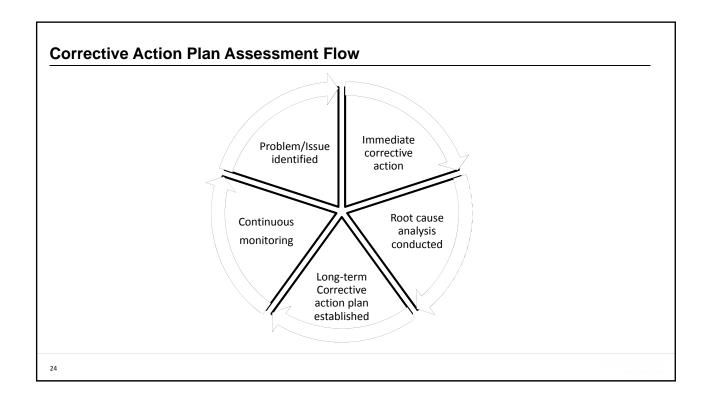
<u>Major Exception</u> - Generally 1) significantly compromises the integrity of the study or the safety of the subject, 2) violates or significantly deviates from Federal or UTSW requirements or policies or 3) represents cumulative minor deficiencies of the same nature.

<u>Minor Exception</u> - Occurs when the protocol is not followed exactly, but the data remain usable and valid or is a less serious deviation from Federal regulations or UTSW policies.

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### **CAPA Planning**

- Debrief
- Study Team
- Operational Stakeholders
  - HRPP
  - CRS
  - Other Departments



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### **Reporting Serious/Continuing Non-Compliance**



### **Elements Of CAPA Plan**

- 1. Specific areas requiring compliance attention;
- 2. Additional training requirements;
- 3. Ceasing problematic process;
- 4. Change in procedures;
- 5. Repaying overpayments;
- 6. Reporting to the appropriate governmental authorities;
- 7. Further review and/or investigation;
- 8. Determining whether the problem is systematic;
- 9. Disciplinary action; and
- 10. Notice to journals, publishers, or other media services concerning issues of research integrity.

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### **Recurring Exceptions**

- Informed Consent Template & Process
- Data Mgmt Sharing & Disclosures
- Claim Direction RSH vs SOC
- Coverage Analysis & Protocol
- Clinical Research Documentation
  - Source Docs
- Epic
- Study Set Up Double Blinded Protocols







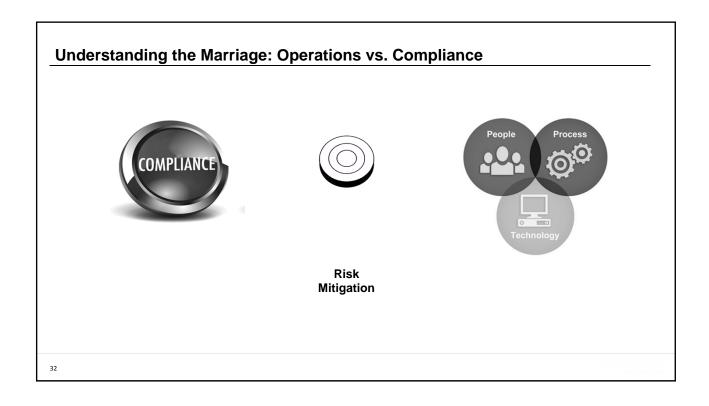
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### **Rules of Engagement: Executive Trust**

- Finding ways to connect with President, EVP, VPRA
  - -Tone at the Top: Culture of Compliance
  - -Executive Leadership Team- Dedicated Quarterly Meetings for Compliance
  - -Meaningful Data: Compliance Dashboards, Real-time Auditing and Monitoring
  - -Study Team and Principal Investigator Rounding and Town Hall Meetings
- Compliance Valued Addition to Operations
  - Research Administration and Services
  - Sponsored Program Administration
  - Health System Affairs- University Hospital and Ambulatory Services







### **Compliance Program: Mission, Vision and Value**

Each day our patients, students, and the public count on us to deliver the very best in patient care, state-of-the-art research, and outstanding medical education. As a University, we strive to meet and exceed these goals. By fostering a culture of compliance with established policies and standards, we reassure the community of our commitment to adhering to all applicable laws, rules, and policies.

Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D. President, UT Southwestern Medical Center

Source: LIT Southwestern Medical Center, Standards of Conduct (2013)

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