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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, Women's Health Initiative Observational Study

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Director, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review and approval of the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on September 20, 2002, page 59294 and allowed 60-days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 39 days for public comment. The National Institutes of Health may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection: Title: Women's Health Initiative (WHI) Observational Study. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision: OMB No. 0925–0414, expiration date: 05/31/2003. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* This study will be used by the NIH to evaluate risk factors for chronic disease among older women by developing and following a large cohort of postmenopausal women and relating subsequent disease development to baseline assessments of historical, physical, psychosocial, and physiologic characteristics. In addition, the observational study will complement the clinical trial (which has received clinical exemption) and provide additional information on the common causes of frailty, disability and death for postmenopausal women, namely, coronary heart disease, breast and colorectal cancer, and osteoporotic fractures. *Frequency of Response:* On occasion. *Affected Public:* Individuals and physicians. *Type of Respondents:* Women, next-of-kin, and physician's office staff. The annual reporting burden is as follows:

Type of respondents	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
OS Participants	86,886	1.4084	0.17042	20,855
Next-of-kin	2,916	1	0.0835	243
Physician's Office Staff	43	1	0.0835	4
Total	89,845	.....	.....	21,102

The annualized cost burden to respondents is estimated at $211,180. There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following points: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to: The Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plan and instruments, contact: Dr. Linda Pottern, Project Officer, Women's Health Initiative Program Office, 6705 Rockledge Drive, 1 Rockledge Centre, Suite 300, MSC 7966, Bethesda, MD 20892–7966, or call (301) 402–2900 or E-mail your request, including your address to: *Linda_Pottern@nih.gov.*

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30-days of the date of this publication.

Dated: March 13, 2003.

Jacques E. Rossouw,

Lead Project Officer, Women's Health Initiative.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Submission of OMB Review; Comment Request; Policies of Academic Institutions Regarding Tobacco Industry Research Funding

SUMMARY: Under the provision of section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review and approval of the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on March 13, 2002, pages 11347 and 11348 and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. The National Institutes of Health may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or

after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection: Title: Policies of Academic Institutions Regarding Tobacco Industry Research Funding. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* This study will assess current administrative policies of U.S. medical schools and schools of public health regarding faculty acceptance of research funding from tobacco manufacturers and trade organizations. The primary objectives of the study are to assess how many institutions have a tobacco-specific research funding policy, their reasons for adopting or not adopting such a policy, and what the requirements of those policies are. The findings will provide valuable information concerning: (1) How academic institutions have responded to concerns about researchers' funding relationships in tobacco research, (2) administrators' attitudes towards research funding policies targeted at tobacco specifically; and (3) what types of requirements have been imposed on academic researchers regarding tobacco funding. *Frequency of Response:* Once. *Affected Public:* Individuals; academic institutions. *Type of Respondents:* Academic administrators. The annual reporting burden is as follows: *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 505; *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1; *Average Burden Hours Per Response:* 75; and *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 379. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at: $32,215. There are no capital costs to report. There are no operating or maintenance costs to report.

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office or Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20530, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Dr. Mark Parascandola, Cancer Prevention Fellow, OPO, DCP, NCI, NIH, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Suite 3109, Bethesda, MD 20892, or call non-toll-free number (301) 594–1576 or E-mail your request, including your address to: *paramark@mail.nih.gov*.

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Dated: March 18, 2003

Reesa L. Nichols,

NCI Project Clearance Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; The Impact of a Decade of the Fogarty International Research Collaborative Award (FIRCA)

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Fogarty International Center, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Proposed Collection: Title: The impact of a decade of the Fogarty International Research Cooperative Award (FIRCA). Type of Information Collection Request: New. Need and Use of Information Collection: This study will access the outputs, outcomes and impacts of the Fogarty International Research Collaboration Awards (FIRCA). The primary objectives of the study are to determine if FIRCA awards (1) extend and enhance the research interests of the U.S. principle investigator (USPI) and the international research collaborator (IRC), (2) increase the research capacity of the international scientists and institution, and (3) foster discovery and reduce global health disparities through the support of international cooperation across the continuum of basic, clinical and applied biomedical, behavioral and health sciences. The findings will provide valuable information concerning: (1) Specific research advances attributable to FIRCA support; (2) specific capacity and career enhancing advances that are attributable to FIRCA funding; (3) policy implications for the FIRCA program based on USPI and IRC responses. Frequency of Response: Once. Affected Public: none. Type of Respondents: U.S. researchers and their foreign research collaborators. There are no capital costs to report. There are no operating or maintenance costs to report.

Type of respondents	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
US PI	453	1	.55	249.15
IRC	453	1	.55	249.15
Total				598.15

Type respondents	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Hourly wage rate	Respondent cost
USPI	453	1	$55	$24,915