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To:   ACRIN-NLST Principal Investigators
      ACRIN-NLST Study Coordinators

From: ACRIN Headquarters

RE:   Remnant Tissue Updates

1. Neoadjuvant Therapy:
   - Effective February 5, 2009, the neoadjuvant therapy will be handled internally at ACRIN headquarters. Data management and Brown Stat Center will work together to create a program that will automatically produce a list for those cases who have had neoadjuvant therapy on or before resection. The list will be sent to UCLA.
   - Note: The NLST RA’s will not be required to look up this information in the patient’s charts.

2. Shipping Tissue Blocks:
   - When shipping tissue blocks, UCLA TMA Core Lab has asked that “ACRIN” be added to the subject line of the e-mail to Sheila Tze. So that UCLA can distinguish tissue blocks shipments between LSS and NLST.

3. RT-MOP:
   - The Remnant Tissue MOP has been revised. All details regarding TMA creation was taken out of the RT-MOP.
   - A Summary of Change document will be distributed along with the RT-MOP; it will document all the changes to the RT-MOP.

4. RT-Appendix:
   - Appendix IX – RT-Form (tissue block transmittal form) was completely removed from the RT-MOP. It can be found on the ACRIN 6654 website under forms.

5. RT-Form:
   - The RT-Form has been revised to reflect the following changes:
     - Updated Instructions to remove the reference to specific MOP sections and further clarify the form.
     - Removed question 1
     - Question 2- Revised to "was malignant tissue from primary lung cancer or a lung metastases resected?". This will be a new element #.
     - Q 5a (old Q 6a)- Changed to " Number of blocks to be sent to UCLA for this participant"
     - Q 6 (old Q 7)- Updated to say see instructions. Severely damaged blocks should not be forwarded to UCLA and will be recorded in the new Q 6a. Q 6b (old Q 7b) was retired.
     - Removed the fixative type column (All blocks must be formalin buffered)
     - The Loan period column is being changed on the web so sites can select months 1-12 or enter unknown.
     - Max cores column changed to "Special instructions for limitations on coring". This column will be a text field, so it was widened.
     - UCLA’s information moved to page one. Additional instructions were added to encourage sites to continue to part B.
     - Comments section added

Thank you for your continued efforts to ensure quality data submission on the ACRIN 6654 study.