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

From: ACRIN Headquarters

Enclosed please find the NLST Decision Log # 2 in reference to the following study documents:

- **EVP Manual:** This document is version 1 of the EVP Manual and is dated 9-26-2005. This document incorporates minor changes to the draft EVP Manual included in the ACRIN-NLST Session Book distributed for educational purposes at the ACRIN Semi-Annual Meeting in September, 2005. Of note is [a] an updated Death Certificate Transmittal Log to accompany the shipment of death certificates; [b] the death certificates should now be shipped monthly, if you have certificates to send; [c] a Death Certificate Tracking Report will be sent to each site quarterly so that you can verify/track the certificates received by ACRIN; [d] the DD Worksheet (Q2) was revised; and [e] a new requirement to complete a CC Form for cases with a previously unreported cancer found on the death certificate (these cases were identified in the recently distributed EVP algorithm report). EVP logs and forms completed by the Study Site have been posted to the ACRIN web site. Any questions regarding the EVP Manual and/or process should be directed to Deborah Harbison, ACRIN Project Manager and EVP Coordinator.

- **Operational change relating to the use of CC Form:** The CC Form is used to document participant cancers reported/discovered outside the 6-Month Follow-up Form. As part of the EVP, a cancer may be documented on the death certificate that has not been previously reported. These cases were identified in the recently distributed EVP algorithm report; going forward, these cases will be identified in the Endpoint Verification Pre-Processing Report. When discovered by the EVP Coordinator, a CC Form will be added to the Case Calendar. Upon notification of these cases, the Study Site should complete a CC Form and submit the form to ACRIN; the Pre-Processing Report will include a reminder for this task. For Question 3, method of cancer notification, check off “Other” and record “death certificate” in the space provided. At this time, there has been no revision made to the CC Form or instructions. Since there is no specific F1/F2 report of cancer to guide the records search for these cases, a bit of investigative work may be required. In some cases, there may be no Follow-up Form at all, hence, no list of providers. At the time of registration, the participant should have provided at least one primary health care provider. All known health care providers for each of these participants should be contacted in an attempt to locate the cancer-related medical records. Refer to the EVP MOP for further discussion of this topic.

- **Revised CT Technique Chart:** This is version 15 of the CT Technique Chart and is dated 9-26-2005. The document now includes technical parameters for the GE – VCT (64), 64-slice/0.5 sec, CT scanner. The revised technique chart has been posted to the ACRIN web site.