

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Research Agreement between the University of Michigan and
The Plastic Surgery Foundation

Action Requested: Authorization to enter into Agreement

Preamble:

A statutory conflict of interest situation was identified by the Office Research and Sponsored Projects while reviewing the proposed agreement which then triggered a review by the Medical School Conflict of Interest Board. A plan for management of the possible risks associated with the conflict of interest was then developed and approved by this Board and agreed to by the parties involved in this plan.

This proposed research agreement ("Agreement") falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because Professor Kevin Chung is both an employee of the University of Michigan ("University") and President of The Plastic Surgery Foundation. The law permits such an Agreement provided it is disclosed to the Board of Regents ("Regents") of the University of Michigan and approved in advance by a 2/3 vote.

Background:

Dr. Chung, a Professor in the Department of Surgery-Plastic Surgery Section, is the President of a not-for-profit organization called The Plastic Surgery Foundation (the "Organization"). The organization's mission is to improve the quality of patient care through supporting research through a variety of grants, clinical trials networks, training programs, and forums that encourage innovation in medical devices and techniques

The Organization wishes to support a research project directed by Dr. Chung in the University's Department of Surgery entitled *Finger Replantation and Amputation Multicenter Study – FRAM* (University ID 14-PAF03195), which requires the use of facilities and resources of the University.

Agreement Terms:

The terms of the Agreement conform to University policy. The period of performance for the project is expected to be one (1) year and the amount of funding support is anticipated at \$50,000.

Impact of the Agreement:

The Agreement will support an effort by Dr. Chung to use his expertise and University resources to compare outcomes and recovery trends of revision amputation and replantation in patients treated for traumatic finger amputation. This study will provide implications for the treatment of future patients with finger

trauma, identify need for additional interventions, avoid unnecessary expenses, and allow research on crucial aspects of long-term recovery.

Recommendations:

This matter has been reviewed and approved by the Medical School Conflict of Interest Board. In light of this disclosure and our finding that the Agreement was negotiated in conformance with standard University practices, I recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Agreement between the University and The Plastic Surgery Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stephen R. Forrest
Vice President for Research

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