PARKING NOTICE RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS

Dear Research Investigator/Staff:

In speaking with research volunteers about barriers to research participation and inconveniences of participating in research at the Johns Hopkins Medical Campus many volunteers brought up the issue of parking, specifically, the inconvenience of parking and the expense of parking.

We encourage all studies to provide parking to their volunteers who park onsite and we applaud those who already provide paid parking.

The Research Participant Advocate Program has negotiated with the parking office to offer the patient/visitor stamp rate to investigators who would like to purchase pre-paid parking stamps to present to their volunteers at study visits. The current rate is posted on the parking website which can be accessed at

http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/security_parking_transportation/parking/patient_visitor_parking/ra tes_discounts.html.

To obtain the books of parking stamps you must provide a letter on departmental letterhead signed by your department head which includes specific information. You can call the parking office at 410-955-5333 for specifics or you can email me for a template of acceptable wording of the letter at liz@jhmi.edu. This letter should be taken to the parking office in Harvey 108 where you can purchase the tickets using the letter.

In an effort to increase research participant ease of parking I have arranged with the Rutland Garage to accept Research Participants to this facility. The Rutland Garage offers convenient covered parking that is handicap accessible and only a short indoor walk to the Adult Research Units. (Parking stamps may be presented at any garage should participants prefer another area.)

Those presenting to the Rutland garage for parking should pull a ticket from the machine. If they cannot pull a ticket they should inform the attendant that they are here for a Research visit AS WELL AS SHOW THEM A COPY OF THIS MAP and the attendant will provide them with a ticket.

I have attached a map (with specific instructions) that you can give to your participants to aid them in their journey to our facility. Let's make it easier for the volunteers who participate in our research. Without them there would be no research!

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