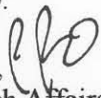




Certificate of Completion

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DATE: June 4, 2007

RE: Program in the Responsible Conduct of Research

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This letter is to formally document that you have completed the **Partners Program in the Responsible Conduct of Research** through your participation in extensive sessions, which were held on **May 10, 2007 at MGH in the Simches Research Center**. The sessions included dialogue and case study on the following topics:

1. Research Integrity and Misconduct
2. MGH Codes and Policies on Research Integrity
3. Harvard Medical School Policies on Integrity in Science
4. Reporting Research Results, Peer Review, and Ownership/Sharing of Research
5. Technology Transfer and Financial Conflicts of Interest
6. Human Subjects in Research
7. Animal Subjects in Research

The program employed discussion of Case Studies in each of the following topic areas:

- a. Misconduct in Research
- b. Data Management and Ownership/Sharing of Data
- c. Reporting Research
- d. Peer Review
- e. Financial Conflicts of Interest
- f. Human Subjects in Research
- g. Animals in Research

We hope that this program has helped you to develop a greater understanding of the fundamental importance of conducting all aspects of research with the highest standards and rigor. In addition, all of us who participated in guiding these discussions hope that they gave you knowledge which will prove useful in handling dilemmas you may encounter in the future in your own careers.

We wish you the very best for your future in science, and hope that you will regard the faculty of this program as a resource for further information, should you need it. We enjoyed your participation and the liveliness of the discussions, and thank you for your efforts.

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