

University of Cincinnati Cancer Center  
Cancer Clinical Trials Office

RE: COVID-19 Operations Change for Research Sample Collections

Effective March 24, 2020 the UC Cancer Center will alter its operations to temporarily halt research sample collections and processing that do not impact patient safety or the primary endpoint of the clinical trial. Therefore, any correlative research blood sample collections (for example PK or PD analysis, etc.) and fresh tissue collections will not be performed. Archived paraffin-embedded tissue will still be sent as required per protocol but may be delayed if does not impact eligibility. This change will impact both currently enrolled and new research study patients for the immediate future.

Required clinical safety labs and other medically necessary visits/procedures will still be completed. Please note that these updates are in response to the recent state of Ohio “stay at home order” as well as updated University of Cincinnati IRB guidance for research operations. Updated notice of reinstatement of these procedures will be given when guidance becomes available.

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