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To our clients and partners:

Beginning in June of this year, WIRB will be using a new fee schedule. Our primary goal is to better align the fees we charge with the amount of work we need to do to process different types of submissions.

As you probably know, processing consent forms is our most time consuming and resource-intensive activity. Submissions with more than one consent form require significantly more non-duplicative work, and we have recognized this by adding a charge for additional consents. We also recognize that activities that do not include changes to consent forms often involve less work, and we have lowered our fees for these activities accordingly. Lastly, we have tried to identify places where our current fee schedule charges more than once for the same review, and we have reduced these fees up-front. The fees for initial review of protocols with one consent form, review of additional investigators in multi-center studies, and study renewals have not changed, but we are now offering a fee reduction for qualifying multi-site trials.

These changes to the structure of our fee schedule may create uncertainties for our clients. Please call WIRB's Client Services Department if you have questions or concerns about the impact on a particular submission, and we will work with you so that you do not see unanticipated charges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Rosenfeld", written in a cursive style.

Stephen J. Rosenfeld, M.D., M.B.A.  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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