

General Summary of Industry Sponsored Studies

As of 3/26/08, VMRF entered into Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADAs) for all investigator initiated and industry sponsored research, as well as all phases of industry sponsored clinical trials. The CRADA is the principal mechanism used by federal laboratories to engage in collaborative efforts with non-federal partners to achieve the goals of technology transfer. The CRADA, which is not typically an acquisition or procurement vehicle, is designed to be a relatively easy mechanism to implement, requiring less time and effort to initiate than other methods for working with non-government organizations.

The CRADA document itself (a) typically includes general provisions in a standardized format that provide the legal framework for the agreement. CRADAs incorporate both a scope of work, which is usually the study protocol (b), and a budget (c) outlining the payment for performed work. CRADAs at the VASDHS are signed by: the Sponsor of the study (and the CRO if appropriate), the PI, a representative of the VASDHS, and the VMRF CEO.

