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**REPORT ON WAIVERS APPROVED  
TO BOARD STATUTE 2.41.01.140**

**BACKGROUND**

One research project required a petition to waive Statute 2.41.01.140 because of review restrictions on publishing the research results. This waiver has been approved by the Interim Vice President for Research to allow acceptance of the relevant grant or contract, acting in accordance with the University's research policy on restricted and proprietary research.

**OVERVIEW**

**ABBOTT**

This waiver allowed acceptance of a clinical study agreement with Abbott, "Potential Impact of Blood-Based Biomarker Tests for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)." The main purpose of this research study is to determine if blood-based biomarker tests on patients with mild TBI is sufficient, and to do these tests in a clinical setting versus in a research setting. Current research data has demonstrated these biomarkers can reduce the use of head CT scans among patients with mild TBI and are cost-effective. The study will help determine if these concepts remain valid in a general clinical setting which will lead to a reduction in head CT scans use among patients with mild TBI, leading to a more efficient patient process in emergency rooms and urgent care centers, and ultimately will have a cost-savings to health care systems and patients. Abbott will provide necessary tests and machines for the study.

The study will be led by Robert D. Welch, professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, School of Medicine.

This project required a waiver to Board Statute 2.41.01.140 because of Abbott's restrictions stating that Wayne State University will not use their name, trademarks or other indicia in any publicity, advertising or announcement, in any media, nor shall the university release information or data as a result of the evaluation of Abbott products outside of the institution. Abbott retains exclusive rights to all techniques used in or resulting from the Abbott products and the publishing rights to all data, information and results stemming from this evaluation agreement.