

Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) charging a fee to review protocols and is this charge permitted pursuant to their agreement with the CDC, and (2) does the CDC require that the IRBs complete their review of the protocols within a certain time period.

5. The government shall e-mail the court, at Meredith_Mills@ao.uscourts.gov, the two published Hepatitis B studies (or their citations) discussed at the status conference.
6. The parties shall schedule, **by no later than May 2, 2003**, the next Hepatitis B Discovery status conference. The parties may contact Meredith A. Mills, at (202) 504-2329, to reserve a date for this call. **The parties shall also inform the court at that time whether the conference call should be on the record.**

The court remains committed to resolving the Hepatitis B discovery issues in a cooperative, flexible, and timely fashion. **With that goal in mind, the undersigned welcomes the opportunity to work with counsel informally, in an individual and mediator capacity, to further discuss and develop administrative options for resolving the difficult discovery and logistical issues.** The parties may contact Meredith A. Mills, at (202) 504-2329, to request the court's assistance prior to the next status conference or to raise any questions regarding this Order or the discovery proceedings in the Hepatitis B cases.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Gary J. Golkiewicz
Chief Special Master