

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

The principal investigator (PI) is a qualified person designated by an institution to direct a project. It is the individual responsible for the scientific aspects of an epidemiologic study, and for overseeing day-to-day management of the study. The PI has a formal written appointment with his/her organization, which must be in the form of an official relationship between the parties. The PI is a member of the study team that is responsible for ensuring compliance with the financial and administrative aspects of the study budget. He/she works closely with the designated officials from the sponsor organization to create and maintain necessary documentation, including both technical and administrative reports; prepare justifications; ensure that Federal support of research findings is appropriately acknowledged in publications, announcements, news programs, etc. and comply with organizational as well as Federal requirements. The PI maintains contact with the sponsor official (e.g. NIH Program Officer) with respect to the scientific aspects of the project. He/she also maintains contact with the appropriate sponsor entity (e.g. IC GMO) concerning business and administrative aspects of the funding.