# **US COOPERATIVE GROUP HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

# **Thanksgiving 2009**

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RTOG	The RTOG Biospecimen Resource will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday Thursday November 26 <sup>th</sup> - Friday November 27 <sup>th</sup> .
	Frozen Biospecimens: We ask that sites do not ship any frozen biospecimens to us that week if at all possible, instead please wait to ship on Monday November 30th. Shipments made Tuesday (24 <sup>th</sup> ) or Wednesday (25 <sup>th</sup> ) cannot be accepted.  Our recommended Storage Conditions are to store Frozen Biospecimens at -80° C (-70°C to -90°C) until ready to ship. If a -80°C Freezer is not available our alternate storage suggestions include:  • Samples can be stored short term in a -20° C freezer (non-frost free preferred) for up to one week (please ship out Monday)  OR:  • Samples can be stored in plenty of dry ice for up to one week, replenishing daily (ship out Monday).  OR:
	• Samples can be stored in liquid nitrogen vapor phase (ship out Monday).  Kit Requests: We will be accepting Kit Requests Monday-Tuesday (23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> ) but will not be shipping any kits on Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> –Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> . If you need a kit for November 30 <sup>th</sup> or December 1 <sup>st</sup> please email us at RTOG@ucsf.edu before Monday the 23 <sup>rd</sup> to ensure you will receive it on time.
	<b>The RTOG Registration Desk</b> will close for the Thanksgiving holiday on Wednesday, November 25 <sup>th</sup> at noon EST and will remain closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> .
	The Registration Desk will re-open on Monday, November 30 <sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. EST.  Institutions can access web registration 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; see information
CALGB	and instructions at <a href="https://silver1.phila.acr.org/Clinical RTOG/pgindex.html">https://silver1.phila.acr.org/Clinical RTOG/pgindex.html</a> Thursday, November 26, 2009 - Thanksgiving Day - CLOSED - CALGB, CO and SC Friday, November 27, 2009 - Day after Thanksgiving Day Holiday - Closed - CALGB, CO and SC When planning your registrations, please note that there will be reduced staff at the Central Office and Statistical Center during the holidays.
	Please inform all necessary parties at your institution as well as your affiliates. Thanks and Happy Holidays!

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SWOG	Thursday, November 26, 2009 CLOSED Friday, November 27, 2009 CLOSED
ECOG	The ECOG Coordinating Center, including the Randomization Desk, will close on Wednesday, November 25 <sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. and will not re-open until Monday, November 30 <sup>th</sup> at 9 AM Eastern Standard Time.
	WEB Registration will be available for online patient registration and/or randomization, provided the studies do not require a call into the ECOG Randomization Office.
	All lab values requiring data entry into the pre-study table prior to registration and/or randomization must arrive at the Coordinating Center before 12 noon on Wednesday, November 25 <sup>th</sup> Please call the Coordinating Center at 617-632-3610 and ask for a member of the Lab team with any requests for expedited handling.
	Protocol Drug Requests arriving at the Coordinating Center after 12 noon Eastern on Monday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup> may not be shipped until the following week. Please call the ECOG Drug Team at 617-582-7990 to inquire about drug requests sent after this deadline that require delivery before Thanksgiving Day and check the Holiday Season Drug Distribution Shipping Schedule posted on Members side of the ECOG Web Page for shipping schedules through the beginning of 2010.
NSABP	NSABP Operations Center and the NSABP Pathology Lab will be closed:  • Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving Day)  Note!! Pathology specimens cannot be delivered on the days we are closed. Please plan accordingly.
	NSABP Biostatistical Center will be closed:  • Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving)  • Friday, November 27
IBCSG	The Data Management Center at Frontier Science will be closed on several holidays during the next 8 weeks. However on days we are closed, Clinical and Randomization User Support will offer emergency phone coverage that you may reach by calling (716) 834-0900 ext. 7301. LDMS User Support will offer emergency phone coverage that you may reach via the LDMS web paging utility or by calling (716) 834-0900 ext. 7311. Please see the LDMS website at <a href="https://www.fstrf.org/apps/cfmx/apps/ldms/index.html">https://www.fstrf.org/apps/cfmx/apps/ldms/index.html</a> for additional web paging instructions.  November 26 - offices closed; User Support emergency phone coverage
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ACOSOG	The ACOSOG Administrative Coordinating Center at Duke and the Statistics and Data Center at Mayo will be closed for the holidays on the following dates. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday season.
	Administrative Coordinating Center:
	November 26 and 27
	Statistics and Data Center:
	November 26 and 27
GOG	Wednesday, November 25, 2009 Administrative Office – 8:30am – 1:00pm Finance Office – 8:30am – 1:00pm Statistical & Data Center – 9:00am – 5:00pm Randomization – 9:00am – 5:00pm  Thursday, November 26, 2009 Administrative Office – Closed Finance Office – Closed Statistical & Data Center – Closed (on-line web registration available) Randomization – Closed
	Friday, November 27, 2009  Administrative Office – Closed  Finance Office - Closed  Statistical & Data Center – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (Limited Staff)  Randomization – 9:00am – 5:00pm (Limited Staff)