

31st January 2023

Dear 3T MRI Researchers,

The last few years have brought a number of unexpected expenses resulting in a difficult financial situation for the UBC MRI Research Centre. In particular, while the end of the initial operating funds from the CFI grant was expected, the centre did not want to pre-emptively raise scan fees unless absolutely necessary. Recent budget planning has demonstrated that increasing scan fees is now unavoidable. The most recent increase in scan fees was in 2020, so after careful deliberation, we have determined the following changes are needed to the Peer Reviewed Funded scan fees. These increases will enable the Centre to continue to deliver a comprehensive MRI service to our researchers to ensure the highest standard of technological approaches and data quality.

The new fees will be implemented as follows:

Projects currently underway:

- Projects currently billed at or below \$525/hour
 - New rate of \$550/hour will apply as of 1st April 2023.
- All other current projects billed at \$550 –
 - No change; the rate of \$550/hour will continue

New Projects:

- Projects which receive approval for scanning and commence before 1st April 2023
 - \$550/hour.
- Projects which receive approval for scanning and commence after 1st April 2023
 - **\$600/hour.**
- Projects approved for scanning after 1st April 2023
 - \$600/hour.
- Note: studies that have signed a rate agreement prior to Jan 31, 2023 but have not yet started scanning will be charged the agreed upon rate.

RATES EFFECTIVE 1ST APRIL 2023 (see criteria above)

- **Peer Review Funded projects - \$600/hour (minimum one hour)**
- Pilot Time Awards - \$150/hour
- Data Processing - \$150/subject
- Corporate Rates - Negotiated individually

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- Fees for new studies are anticipated to increase by at least 5% in 2024; please budget accordingly in your grant applications and financial projections.

- Further, annual fee increases of 5 – 10 % may be required for scans starting 1st April 2025 and beyond. It is critical to include annual scan fee increases for each year in your grant applications budgets.

In addition, we are revising our policy regarding long-term studies. Currently, the scanning rates do not change over the entire duration of a study, even if the study is supported by more recently obtained funding. We believe that this provides an unfair advantage over shorter studies that are subjected to updated scanning fees. Thus, whenever a new source of funding is obtained to support a long-term study, the new current scanning fees will be applied, as well as any annual fee increases.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further clarification of these changes.

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