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27.1. OVERVIEW

The LIFE Study website was designed to provide the basis of the LIFE Study Data Base Management System and to serve as a communication tool for study personnel. The site contains a variety of helpful information related to the conduct of the study. It is best viewed using Netscape 6.0 or higher or Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.X or higher.

27.2. NAVIGATION TIPS

Text enclosed within horizontal or vertical scroll bars extends beyond the limits of the computer monitor. Click on these bars with the computer mouse to move the text into view. Web page links may or may not be underlined. Selecting a link will take the user to other areas of the website.

27.3. FEATURES OF THE LIFE STUDY WEBSITE

27.3.1. The LIFE Study Data Base Management System

To be added.

27.3.2. Home Page

Once the browser is invoked on the client computer, the following URL should be entered:

<http://thelifestudy.org>

The home page will then appear, which contains the study logo, description and the following links:

About - Future web link which will contain specific information concerning the study. Since this is not a password-protected area the information will be geared toward the public.

Information – This is a link to the Public Site Map. This area currently provides information concerning the submission of Ancillary Study Proposals. It is also not password-protected.

Login – This screen prompts the user to enter username and password into the appropriate fields. All The LIFE Study study personnel have been provided with a username and password by the LIFE Study Web Development Team. Once a valid username and password combination has been entered and verified, the user can click on the **login** button below those fields and proceed to the study site map. Passwords may be changed at any time throughout the study by simply clicking the Change Password option on the Site Map page.

Home – This is a link to the home page.

27.3.3. Site Map

The site map is the gateway to the website, providing information regarding the user's personal schedule as well as links to other areas of the website. This area is accessible only to study personnel. There are three major areas of the site map. The area on the left portion of the screen contains study-related information and links. These include **Directory**, **Calendar** and **Committees**. These areas will be described in greater detail later in this chapter. Other links in this section are Forms, Reports, Slides, Protocol, and Downloads. As previously mentioned, this is also possible via the Public Site Map for non-study individuals.

27.3.3.1. Directory

By clicking on the Directory item from the Site Map, the user may access the Directory page. Contact information for all The LIFE Study personnel may be accessed from this page. There is an alphabetical listing of all study personnel as well as a listing by clinical center or project office. If an e-mail address is displayed, the user may click on it and send an e-mail message to that specific person. The LIFE Study Web Development Team updates this area whenever new study personnel are added. A link is provided for study personnel to update their own personal contact information profile.

27.3.3.2. Calendar

The Calendar section provides information concerning The LIFE Study Timeline. Coordinating center administrative staff maintains this area to keep all study personnel informed about upcoming events.

27.3.3.3. Committees

This section contains information about all The LIFE Study Committees, Working Groups and the coordinating center. These groups are listed by name on the left portion of the screen. Once a Committee has been selected, a new screen appears in the central portion of the page. This screen contains a description of a Committee. The minutes/schedule for a Committee is also available. This has been divided into Current and Future schedule and Past Meetings. Minutes are accessible from the Minutes section. Group e-mail can be sent to all members of a committee. Complete Committee Rosters are provided. It is also possible to e-mail the entire membership of a Committee from the Committee Roster page. The Resources section is provided to display any current and future documents or publications that may be of interest to that Committee. In addition to the individual Committee sections, the user may obtain an overall listing of

Committees and Working Groups from the Site Map. This provides an at-a-glance look at the makeup of these groups.