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The purpose of this document is to provide investigators with a framework in which to estimate their research budgets based on the nature of the project, the position of the investigator within the Lifespan system and funding recipient. It is meant to be a guidance document and any specifics regarding a situation that is not identified, should be discussed directly with the Administrative Director, Lifespan Office of Research Administration (ORA) or the Senior Vice President for Research.

This policy is intended to outline a two tiered approach to calculate costs for research evaluations performed at Rhode Island Hospital and other Lifespan affiliated institutions. *These tiers are predicated on the full commercial rate (service charge) for external businesses and companies who want to engage with Lifespan for provision of services.*

1. **Internal rate:** patient care rates as determined annually by the Office of Research Administration/Research Finance and applied to the service charge amount. The internal rate would apply to Lifespan investigators (or investigators with special researcher agreements at Lifespan) with the primary grant awarded to one of the Lifespan affiliate institutions and managed through Lifespan ORA. This rate is intended to support the scientific work of our researchers.
2. **Affiliated investigator rate:** fixed rate of 30% of service charge amount. The affiliated investigator rate would apply to investigators with special researcher agreements at Lifespan, with the primary grant awarded to a non-Lifespan institution. The affiliated investigator rate would apply to investigators outside of Lifespan for whom Lifespan is performing a portion of a study.

Note: Service rates are subject to change at least annually. An **example** of the differences in rates is provided below.

		<b>1. Internal Rate</b>		<b>2. Affiliated Researcher Rate</b>	
	CPT/ service code	% of service charge at RIH	Total Cost	% of service charge affiliated researcher	Total Cost
			Tech and Prof combined		Tech and Prof combined
NC MRI Brain	70551 80218522	8.2%	\$420.95	30%	\$1,124.79