MILITARY MEDICINE PARTNERSHIP DAYS

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• THE CREATING SPACE
  – Contracts, Grants & Cooperative Agreements
  – Cooperative Research & Development Agreements (CRADAs)

• PROTECTION MECHANISMS
  – Patents
  – Copyrights
  – Trademarks

• T2 & COMMERCIALIZING
  – Licensing
CREATING

Inventions arise from:

• Intramural organizations:
  – Government laboratory or organization

• Extramural organizations:
  – Contracts
  – Public Assistance Agreements
    • Grants & Cooperative Agreements

• Joint Efforts:
  – CRADAs & Undocumented Research
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- Patents
- Trademarks
- Copyright
- Trade Secrets
TRADEMARK

• A name, symbol, logo, combination or other device that indicates the source and quality of goods and services and distinguishes those goods and services from those of the competition.

• Also includes servicemarks, collective marks, certification marks.
COPYRIGHT

• An exclusive right to reproduce, distribute, perform, display or prepare derivative works of copyrightable material.

• Examples:
  – Literary & Graphic Works
  – Audiovisual Works
  – Music
  – Databases & Software
PATENT

• A grant from the U.S. Government for a limited time during which the owner can exclude others from making, using, offering to sell, or selling the invention that is claimed in the patent document.

• Authorized in U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8

• Grant is Territorial--Protection Only in U.S.
EXAMPLE

• Term: 20 years calculated from the date of filing the patent application

• Example: Application filed 1 April 2002, term expires 1 April 2022, but patent not awarded until 1 April 2008

• Effective patent term is 14 years beginning 1 April 2008
TYPES OF PATENTS

• Utility
  – For Functionality

• Design
  – For Ornamentality

• Plant
  – For Asexually Reproducible Plants
UTILITY PATENT

- PROCESS
- MACHINE
- ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE
- COMPOSITION OF MATTER
- IMPROVEMENTS THEREOF

- Term: 20 Yrs From Filing Date—Global Harmonization
Contractor generally may retain title to any invention made while performing under a government contract, grant, or cooperative agreement.

Government retains a non-exclusive license to use or make the invention.
CONTRACT/GRANT/CA REQUIREMENTS

• To retain title to invention, contractor must do 3 things!
  – DISCLOSE INVENTION TO GOVT
  – ELECT TO RETAIN TITLE
  – FILE PATENT APPLICATION

• And do these 3 things in a timely fashion!
PATENT LICENSE AGREEMENTS (PLA) TYPES

• Nonexclusive
• Exclusive
• Partially Exclusive
  – field of use
  – geographic
  – duration
IP GENERATION, REPORTING, OWNERSHIP & LICENSING

• 4 SCENARIOS:
  – Contracts
  – Grants & Cooperative Agreements
  – Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR)
  – Cooperative Research & Development Agreement (CRADA)
Thank You.
You deserve a pat on the back!