

**From:** OC GCP Questions  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your question. I hope you enjoyed the SoCRA conference as much as I did!

I consulted my colleague, Hugh McClure, who is FDA's National BIMO expert with your question. You may remember Hugh, as he also presented at the SoCRA conference.

Hugh confirmed that yes, the FDA does allow the use of recording devices during the close-out meeting/discussion with management per IOM 5.3.5; however, the FDA investigator will also record the discussion to ensure the accuracy of FDA's records. FDA will not depend on the firm/PI to provide FDA a copy of the recording and will make our own recording using our own device.

The IOM referred to above is FDA's Investigations Operations Manual. This manual is available to the public at the following web link <http://www.fda.gov/iceci/inspections/iom/default.htm>. The specific section that Hugh mentions (section 5.3.5) can be accessed at <http://www.fda.gov/iceci/inspections/iom/ucm122531.htm#5.3.5>.

I hope this information is useful. If you need further information and/or have additional questions, please feel free to contact us at the official GCP mailbox, [gcp.questions@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:gcp.questions@fda.hhs.gov). You may also find it useful to access the set of redacted GCP e-mails found at <http://www.fda.gov/ScienceResearch/SpecialTopics/RunningClinicalTrials/RepliestoInquiriesToFDAonGoodClinicalPractice/default.htm> since we find that many questions and concerns are repeated over time.

Best Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Good morning. I recently attended a SoCRA conference in Cincinnati, OH where Janet Donnelly spoke. A question regarding audio recording the FDA inspection meetings was recently asked of me. Do you know if PIs are allowed to audio record the final FDA inspection meetings?

Thank you,

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