



News & Announcements

Announcing the 2023-2024 Monthly Education and Training Series (METS) curriculum

We are excited to announce the METS curriculum for the 2023-2024 academic year!

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Introduction to the WCM IRB	08/17/2023	Register here
Regulating Research: Research Ethics and the Responsible Conduct of Research	09/14/2023	Register here
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Informed Consent in Research: Regulatory Requirements, Ethical Considerations, and Creating your ICFs	11/16/2023	Register here
Data Security in Research: PHI, Email, HIPAA, and You	12/14/2023	Register here
What is Risk? Risk Assessment and Mitigation	01/18/2024	Register here
Ethical Issues in Specific Research Contexts	02/15/2024	Register here
Human Subjects Regulations in Clinical Trials	03/14/2024	Register here
Single IRB and Reliance: An Overview	04/18/2024	Register here
Submitting an IRB Application: A Step-by-Step Guide	05/16/2024	Register here
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Cultural Competence and the Responsible Conduct of Research	07/18/2024	Register here

Since mid-2021, the office of Human Research Compliance (HRC) has been actively working on creating resources for research teams to facilitate the IRB application process and to assist in the education of research team members. As part of these efforts, we created the Monthly Education and Training Series (METS): a rotating series of sessions aimed at providing a comprehensive overview of human subjects regulations, covering essential topics and practical considerations surrounding regulatory compliance in human subjects research. It is designed to enhance researcher's understanding of ethical principles, regulatory frameworks, and best practices, ensuring the ethical and responsible conduct of human subjects research.

METS presentations are provided on the second or third Thursday of each month, from 11am to 12noon, and registration is required.

Did You Know?

What is this new WCM Assent Template?

The new [WCM Assent Template](#) is a standardized document developed by HRPO to provide a clear and concise framework for informed consent in clinical research studies involving minors. This template was issued to improve the quality of informed consent and to ensure minors have a better understanding of the research they are agreeing to. By using the assent template researchers can ensure that their informed consent process is standardized, comprehensive, and effective. This will help to protect the welfare of minor participants and ensure that they are not subject to unnecessary risks or harm.

When do I need to use the new WCM Assent Template?

The Assent Form template is required to be used when a research study involves minors, who are generally defined as individuals under the age of 18 years unless the minor is too young or lacks the capacity to provide meaningful assent.

The assent form is to be used in addition to the informed consent form that is provided to the minor's parent or legal guardian.



Have general questions about the IRB, or need help with your submission? [Email the IRB Team!](#)



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