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IRB NEWS

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News & Announcements

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Single IRB: An Overview

Thursday, November 16, 2023
11:00am until 12 noon

The goal of Single IRB review is to enhance and streamline the IRB review process for multi-site research so that research can proceed without compromising ethical principles and protections for human research participants. This presentation will help provide education to WCM investigators, study teams and research administrators on the concept of a Single IRB model in multi-site research.

After this educational session, you will be able to: (1) Understand what Single IRB review is; (2) Recognize what types of studies must comply; (3) Explain the overall process for obtaining Single IRB review; (4) Plan for Single IRB review for a multi-site research study.

Registration is required; please register here

Use the IRB Review Application outside of WRG-HS to save time

The IRB Review Application (IRA) was launched in September 2022 as a tool for investigators to use in the preparation of their IRB submission. The IRA captures the essential information needed by the IRB in our assessment of whether the protocol satisfies the regulatory criteria, and its availability outside of WRG-HS allows research teams to work on drafting protocols without activating the WRG-HS 90-day submission completion clock that begins at initial intake. The following forms are available on our Forms, Templates, & Guidance web page:

- **Biomedical IRA**: Use this IRB Review Application if you have completed the Therapeutic Studies JCTO Protocol template and/or have a study which will use a device/drug or implement a clinical trial.
- **Biorepository IRA**: This IRB Review Application template is only to be used for the establishment of a biorepository (storage and maintenance) for potential future use, not testing and research.
- **Medical Education IRA**: Use this IRB Review Application if your study is minimal risk and qualifies under exempt category 1 only: *Research, conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, that specifically involves normal educational practices that are not likely to adversely impact students' opportunities to learn required educational content or the assessment of educators who provide instruction.*
- **Social-Behavioral and Educational Research (SBER) and Records IRA**: Use this IRB Review Application if you have completed the Non-Therapeutic Studies or Tissue Use/Chart Review JCTO template, the Education Protocol Template and/or have a study which will use conduct social, behavioral, or educational research.

Once you have completed the form applicable to your study, upload it to WRG-HS as part of your submission.

Did You Know?

WCM employees have access to a wealth of courses on CITI

The WCM institutional subscription to the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) includes access to a wealth of educational resources in addition to the standard courses (i.e., Human Subjects Research; Information Privacy and Security; Animal Care and Use; Conflicts of Interest), including:

- **Biosafety and Biosecurity**: Covers the principles of biosafety and biosecurity, including the safe use and containment of biohazardous agents.
- **Export Compliance**: Provides an overview of export compliance regulations along with information specifically tailored for certain roles and responsibilities.
- **Good Laboratory Practice**: Provides training on good laboratory practice for non-clinical laboratory studies that reflects regulations and best practices established by key regulatory agencies and guidelines.
- **Research Study Design**: Provides learners with an understanding of how to improve study design, collect and analyze data, and promote reproducible research.
- **Technology, Ethics, and Regulations**: Covers various technologies and their associated ethical issues and governance approaches.
- **All Access Webinar Series**: Access to 120 webinars on a diverse group of topics, including:
    - Artificial Intelligence and Human Subjects Protections
    - Informed Consent and Research with Wearable Tech
    - Health Disparities: Promoting Equity and Diversity in Clinical Research
    - Ethics & Policy Issues in CRISPR Gene Editing
    - GDPR & Human Subjects Research in the US
    - Medica Marijuana: A Budding Field of Research
    - Social Media and Research Recruiting

Adding a course to your CITI profile is easy! Scroll to the bottom of your courses page and click on "Add a Course" and answer all appropriate questions, then click the "Submit" button. If you need assistance, please contact us at hrpo@med.cornell.edu.

It is so easy to get in touch with us!

Our office is here to assist you at any step of your research. Please contact us with any and all questions; we are happy to help. For general questions, please email the appropriate contacts below. To email specific individuals, please go to our Office Directory page on our website for contact information.

Topic	Email
General IRB questions	irb@med.cornell.edu
ClinicalTrials.gov questions	registerclinicaltrials@med.cornell.edu
DSMC questions	dsmc@med.cornell.edu
ESCRO questions	escro@med.cornell.edu
Single IRB/reliance questions	singleIRB@med.cornell.edu
Immediate Reports questions	irb@med.cornell.edu

Have general questions about the IRB, or need help with your submission? Email the IRB Team!

Would you like to set up training for your lab or department? Email the Operations Team!

For more information, visit us at https://hrp.weill.cornell.edu.