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**IRB-03/IRB-01 Merger**

As of June 1, 2019, all new IRB-03 submissions will be reviewed by the new unified UF IRB-01. The revised structure of the unified IRB-01 will include members from both the Gainesville and the Jacksonville campuses. Most of this transition will occur electronically by the IRB staff. In some cases, the Jacksonville research faculty have been asked to make the change, but all IRB-03 research studies will changed to IRB-01 during the next myIRB patch on Thursday, June 20, 2019. We will make every effort to facilitate this process and make the transition as seamless as possible, keeping the safety of our research subjects at the center of this effort.

This merger will help to optimize the pursuit of this expanded research goal by providing more infrastructure and service to our Jacksonville researchers, to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local privacy regulations, and to address the growing complexity regarding human subjects research regulatory oversight.

Should you have questions or thoughts, in Jacksonville please contact Alexander Parker, PhD (904-803-6003) or Tina Bottini (904-382-7145); in Gainesville please contact Michael Mahoney (352-294-2744). For research questions, please contact the IRB-01 office by phone at (352) 273-9600 or email ufirb-l@lists.ufl.edu.

**What are the differences between the terms coded, de-identified and anonymous?**

- **Coded:** Direct personal identifiers (i.e., names, dates and medical record numbers) have been removed from data or specimens and replaced with words, letters, figures, symbols, or a combination of these (not derived from or related to the personal information) for purposes of protecting the identity of the source(s); but the original identifiers are retained in such a way that they can be traced back to the source(s) by someone with the code. *Note: A code is sometimes also referred to as a “key” or “link”. As long as a link exists, data and/or specimens are considered indirectly identifiable and not de-identified or anonymous.*

- **De-identified:** All direct personal identifiers are permanently removed from data or specimens, no code or key exists to link the information or materials to their original source(s), and the remaining information cannot reasonably be used by anyone to identify the source(s); or a code exists with a signed confidentiality agreement between the recipient and source. *Note: Protected health information is de-identified when it does not contain any of the 18 identifiers specified by the HIPAA Privacy Rule at 45 CFR Part 164 (or has been determined to be de-identified by a statistician in accordance with the standards established by the Privacy Rule).*

- **Anonymous data:** Unidentified (i.e., personally identifiable information was not collected, or if collected, identifiers were not retained and cannot be retrieved); information or materials (e.g., data or specimens) that cannot be linked directly or indirectly by anyone to their source(s).
**myIRB Upgrade**

myIRB was recently upgraded to the new framework. The upgrades were necessary to ensure continuous support by HURON (formerly known as Click). As a consequence you'll notice some cosmetic changes, such as the **My Home** has shifted to the left upper corner instead of the upper right corner of the screen as shown in the screenshot below. However, functionality of the system did not change, save for a few enhancements, such as document compare function.


**Revision Reminder**

For all Full Board/GMR studies: If you are submitting a revision to change the PI; to request that your study be moved to longitudinal status/MR; or to increase enrollment, the revision is considered as “major” and must be reviewed by the Board.