Institutional Review Boards’ Newsletter

Important To Know

Single IRB (sIRB Requests)

As you are aware, the NIH released a policy mandating the use of a Single Institutional Review Board of Record (sIRB) to conduct the ethical review required by the Department of Health and Human Services regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects (45 CFR 46) for multi-site research involving non-exempt human subjects research funded by the NIH. The effective date of this policy is September 25, 2017. Please click on this link for more information regarding this policy: [http://osp.od.nih.gov/sites/default/files/NIH_sIRB_Policy_Multi_site_Research_UPDATED2016.pdf](http://osp.od.nih.gov/sites/default/files/NIH_sIRB_Policy_Multi_site_Research_UPDATED2016.pdf)

UF has handled sIRB requests for many years. There are two ways UF becomes involved in sIRB review:

1. A UF IRB will serve as the reviewing IRB (i.e., sIRB) for UF and other institutions conducting the research project, or
2. A non-UF IRB will serve as the reviewing IRB (sIRB) to review research to be conducted at UF (and other institutions). This is called a “Ceded Study Review” because UF is ceding IRB oversight to another IRB.

Ceded Study Reviews

Relying on an outside IRB unfortunately isn’t as easy one would hope. Every agreement with other institutions (including the SmartIRB Reliance Platform) requires UF to perform certain duties such as assessing payment language, conflict of interest, training completion, protection of vulnerable subjects, state law, privacy/HIPAA, HURRC, COI, etc. Most institutions accomplish this by requiring their researchers to submit the ceded study to their local IRB via their electronic system. To date we have fulfilled these requirements via an inefficient manual process. In order to improve efficiency and to maintain an electronic link with all the other UF groups that must provide their input into these ceded studies; we will begin processing Ceded Study Reviews via our ClickCommerce system (myIRB), once an upcoming upgrade to our software is completed on June 1st. As with many other universities, this will be an abbreviated application which will be processed administratively – it does not undergo IRB review locally unless the outside IRB requires some type of review (e.g. HIPAA).

Beginning June 14, 2017, all requests from UF investigators for any of the UF IRBs to cede regulatory oversight to another
Requests for a UF IRB to serve as the sIRB:

For grants submitted to the NIH after September 25, 2017, you must include a description of how you will meet the sIRB requirement. Thus, investigators are strongly encouraged to contact the IRB Office (273-9600) early on in your grant preparation to determine if a UF IRB can provide this service, and what costs should be included in your grant. The same process should be followed irrespective of the funding source.

If you have any further questions, call the IRB-01 Office (352) 273-9600.

International Flight Restrictions on Laptops

The DHS.gov website was updated on April 7, 2017 for information on flight restrictions for laptops to the following airports: Queen Alia International Airport (AMM), Cairo International Airport (CAI), Ataturk International Airport (IST), King Abdul-Aziz International Airport (JED), King Khalid International Airport (RUH), Kuwait International Airport (KWT), Mohammed V Airport (CMN), Hamad International Airport (DOH), Dubai International Airport (DXB), and Abu Dhabi International Airport (AUH). Please refer to https://www.dhs.gov/news/2017/03/21/qa-aviation-security-enhancements-select-last-point-departure-airports-commercial for more information.

Education and Training Opportunities

June Brown Bag Series
myIRB is ready for sIRB – Come see
Sherri Mizrahy, RN, MSN
Assistant Director, UF IRBs
Shepard Broad Building, Room 104
Noon – 1:30 PM
June 14, 2017

Program Description:
- What is sIRB?
- myIRB application and process when UF is ceding review to another institution
- myIRB application and process when UF is the IRB of record
- Mandatory implementation date

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