

# **IRB UPDATES 2024**

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- **THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND SCHOOL OF NURSING AWARDS 1.0 CONTACT HOUR FOR NURSES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY AND COMPLETE THE POST ACTIVITY EVALUATION.**
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# ACTIVITY CODE

- ACTIVITY CODE: **150726**
  - INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLAIMING CREDITS/CONTACT HOURS CAN BE FOUND **HERE.**”
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# **OBJECTIVES**

- **DISCUSS NEW IRB-HSR STAFFING & CONTACT INFO**
  - **LEARN TIPS FOR EFFICIENT PROTOCOL**
  - **REVIEW UPDATES & FUTURE PLANS FOR IRB-HSR**
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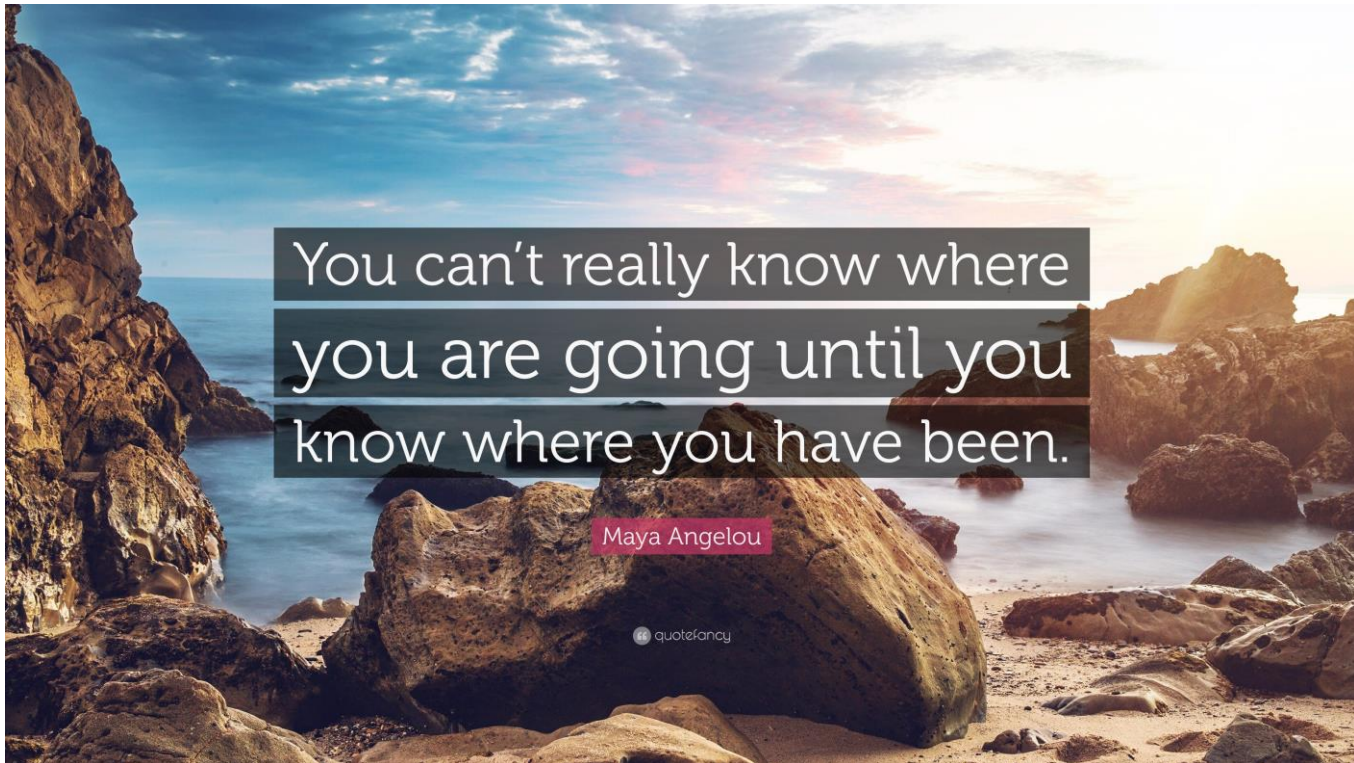
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# WHERE WE HAVE BEEN & WHERE WE ARE GOING



# IRB-HSR TRANSITIONS

## THE GOOD & THE BAD



- **Changes in staffing, leadership, membership**
- **Common Rule Changes (45 CFR 46)**
- **Proposed FDA Mandate Changes**
- **Launching of IRB Pro for documents**
- **Self-service personnel changes**
- **Virtual environment**



# STAFFING, LEADERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP

## STAFFING & OFFICE LEADERSHIP

**PRE-2020: 9 COORDINATORS, 2 ADMINISTRATIVE, 2 DIRECTORS**

**2020-MID 2023: 5 COORDINATORS/ANALYSTS, 0 ADMINISTRATIVE, 1 INTERIM DIRECTOR**

**2024: 8 ANALYSTS, 1 ADMINISTRATIVE TO BE HIRED, 3 DIRECTORS, 1 PROJECT MANAGER TO BE HIRED**

## BOARD MEMBERSHIP LEADERS

**PRE-2020: 1 CHAIR & 2 VICE CHAIRS**

**2020-2023: 1 CHAIR**

**JULY 2023: 1 INTERIM CHAIR**

**NOV 2023: 1 CHAIR & 1 VICE CHAIR**

**2024: 1 VICE CHAIR & 2 VICE CHAIRS**

And don't forget...



## **REVISED COMMON RULE**

- **Continuing Reviews:** Studies approved on/after January 21, 2019, Expedited studies (not FDA regulated) receive IRB update forms. IRB update forms are shortened versions of protocol status reports and are processed as receipts and do not receive approvals.
- **Exemptions:** The revised common rule created new exempt categories and modified some existing categories.
- **Limited IRB Review:** The revised common rule regulations also incorporate an alternate pathway of review for studies qualifying for exemption, but working with identifiable information or biospecimens.
- **Informed Consent:** The revised common rule regulations include new process requirements for the content, presentation, and organization of information so that potential participants have all of the information they need to make an informed decision.

## **REVISED COMMON RULE**

**Clinical Trials:** For federally-sponsored clinical trials, a requirement has been added that a copy of the consent form must be posted to a "publicly available, federal website" post-recruitment and no later than 60 days after the last study visit by any subject.  
**ClinicalTrials.gov**

**Single IRB-of-Record (sIRB):** Most federally funded (NIH) collaborative research projects located in the U.S. will be required to use a single IRB starting January 20, 2020.

## **PROPOSED MANDATE**

**FDA has proposed a mandate that all FDA regulated multi-site research studies will require sIRB review as well.**

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# LAUNCHING OF IRB PRO



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## VPR IRB PRO

[HOME](#)[IRB-HSR WEBSITE](#)[IRB ONLINE](#)[BOARD 1 MEETINGS](#)[BOARD 3 MEETINGS](#)[AD HOC MEETINGS](#)[ACTIVE REVIEWS](#)[FIND STUDY](#)[RULES](#)

### New Study - Full Board

[DOCUMENTS](#)[EVENTS](#)[HISTORY](#)

#### Review Details

Review Stage: Concluded

Review Outcome: Approved

Length of Review: 18 days

#### Review Events

| Date       | Review Step                  | Event                               |
|------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 01/23/2024 | Conclusion                   | Approval New Protocol               |
| 01/11/2024 | Initial                      | Receipt of Deferred Study           |
| 01/29/2024 | Documents Activated/Archived | Review Process Completed in IRB Pro |



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### VPR IRB PRO PERSONNEL CHANGES

[HOME](#)[READER](#)[INVESTIGATOR](#)[ADMIN](#)[SUPERADMIN](#)

#### ENTER INVESTIGATOR ID

Login ID:

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### Study

Study — Application — Department Chair Signature

[Pending](#)

Document: HSR230421 Department Chair Signature Form.pdf

Study — Application — Document

[Pending](#)

Document: HSR230421 Full Board Application v02.05.24.docx

Version Date: 05 Feb 2024

Study — Application — Investigator Agreement

[Pending](#)

Document: HSR230421 IRB Investigator Agreement.pdf

Study — Coversheet

[Pending](#)

Document: HSR230421 Study Coversheet rev01.22.24.pdf

Study — Data Security Plan

[Pending](#)

Document: HSR230421 Data Security Plan v02.07.2024\_Approval020820241.docx

Version Date: 08 Feb 2024

Study — HSR Protection Training Certification

[Pending](#)

Document: HSR230421 HSR Protection Training Certification.pdf

## **PRIMARILY VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT**



- **All IRB-HSR Staff are mainly remote**
- **All IRB-HSR Full Board Meeting take place virtually**
- **All documents are processed electronically**
- **Physical Office is located at 1 Morton Drive and houses paper files, IRB-SBS hybrid workspace.**



## **TIPS FOR EFFICIENT PROTOCOL APPROVALS**

**While acknowledging that the IRB-HSR had a backlog in the second half of 2023 that led to delays in approvals...**

- **A lot of our studies in our queue are “pending resolution”, which means that we have conducted the administrative review and have asked for clarifications or updates to the study and have yet to received the requested materials.**
  - **Email communication**
  - **Submit all necessary documents**
  - **Make sure documents are consistent (protocol, consent form, application)**
  - **Answer PB questions correctly, so that the sections that need to be completed populate and all necessary ancillary reviews are completed.**
  - **Make sure all CITI training is complete and current.**

## **TIPS FOR EFFICIENT PROTOCOL APPROVALS**

- **Use lay language as much as possible in the consent form (8<sup>th</sup> grade reading level).**
- **Include all supporting documents: telephone script, email template, letters of support, data collection instruments (surveys/questionnaires), user's manual, etc.**
- **Provide complete responses with details (who, what, when, where, how, & why).**
- **Always start in PB for new submissions.**
- **Proofread your submission thoroughly.**

## TIPS FOR EFFICIENT PROTOCOL APPROVALS

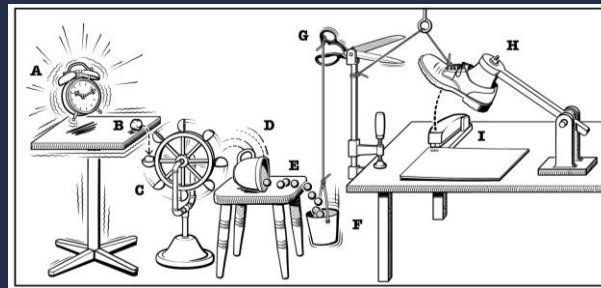
- Use posted full board studies submission deadline calendar as a guide:

| <u>Submission Deadline</u>                                                                                                      | <u>Full Board Meeting Dates</u>                                                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Submissions must be received electronically by NOON on the dates below <u>for consideration</u> at the next Full Board meeting. | Meetings are held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> <b>TUESDAY</b> of the Month<br><b>2024</b> |
| Friday, December 8, 2023                                                                                                        | January 9, 2024                                                                                         |
| Friday, December 15, 2023                                                                                                       | January 23, 2024                                                                                        |
| Friday, January 12, 2024                                                                                                        | February 13, 2024                                                                                       |
| Friday, January 26, 2024                                                                                                        | February 27, 2024                                                                                       |
| Friday, February 9, 2024                                                                                                        | March 12, 2024                                                                                          |
| Friday, February 23, 2024                                                                                                       | March 26, 2024                                                                                          |
| Friday, March 8, 2024                                                                                                           | April 9, 2024                                                                                           |
| Friday, March 22, 2024                                                                                                          | April 23, 2024                                                                                          |
| Friday, April 12, 2024                                                                                                          | May 14, 2024                                                                                            |
| Friday, April 26, 2024                                                                                                          | May 28, 2024                                                                                            |

<https://research.virginia.edu/irb-hsr>

# WHERE ARE WE GOING?

- **IRB PRO build out for continuations and status updates (Summer 2024)**
- **HRPP Project Manager will facilitate the review of possible NEW electronic protocol submission systems (Huron, etc) and the option to continue building out IRB PRO.**
- **Elimination/Replacement of Protocol Builder**
  - **In the meantime, IRB-HSR will make improvements by assessing the Protocol Builder questions and attempting to eliminate redundancy in an effort to improve applications, protocols, and consent form sections generated by PB.**



# WHERE ARE WE GOING?

- **IRB Zoom Office Hours to begin 4/1/24**
- **Continue to update our website to simplify the information presented (Research Navigator)**
- **Marina Muchnik to re-launch IRB 101 & 201**
- **Develop additional training opportunities with Katie Rea & Marina Muchnik**
- **Increased sIRB Review given the NIH Policy Change mandating sIRB Review for grants that involve multiple institutions, as well as the FDA's proposed mandate that all FDA regulated multi-site research studies will require sIRB review as well. (sIRB Analyst)**
- **AAHRPP Re-Accreditation**
- **ONE HRPP. ONE SYSTEM.**



# THANK YOU!



# QUESTIONS? & FEEDBACK

If we shield  
ourselves from all  
feedback, we  
stop growing

- Brené Brown

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