



Buck-IRB Update

Buck-IRB is the electronic, web-based submission system for IRB and exempt applications. Since the launch of the Buck-IRB system in November 2014, there have been numerous enhancements to the system to improve system efficiency and user experience. The Office of Responsible Research Practices welcomes continued feedback on the Buck-IRB system as development continues. Comments or questions can be directed to IRBinfo@osu.edu. Additionally, investigators and research staff are encouraged to view the [Buck-IRB webpage](#) for periodic updates and new user guides and instructions.

Note: A recent addition is the [Buck-IRB Amendment User Guide](#), now available under “User Guides” on the Buck-IRB webpage at: <http://orpp.osu.edu/irb/buck-irb/>. This document will assist researchers submitting amendments in the Buck-IRB system.

Collaborative Research Workshop – Held September 15

The Office of Responsible Research Practices hosted an educational workshop, ***Human Subjects Research with External Collaborators***, on Tuesday, September 15th from 8 a.m. - noon in 620 Prior Health Sciences Library. An overview of operational best practices, regulatory requirements and available resources for managing collaborative research was presented. Break-out sessions provided medical and non-medical researchers’ perspectives on the study startup process and oversight required to successfully conduct research with external collaborators. Contact Vanessa Hill, at hill.806@osu.edu or 614-292-9848 to request workshop materials.

Information on collaborative review agreements and external IRB review, including NCI Central IRB, reciprocity with Nationwide Children’s Hospital, and Western IRB (WIRB), can be found on the ORRP website at: <http://orpp.osu.edu/irb/osuirbpolicies/external-irb-review-of-human-subjects-research/>.

Continuing IRB Review Notices

Researchers will now receive automated reminder notices when continuing review applications are due. These notices are generated from Buck-IRB at 90, 45, 14, and 7 days prior to the study’s expiration date and are sent to the Principal Investigator and Additional Contact(s) named on the study. Reminders are no

longer sent once the submission has been received. Hopefully, this new feature will be useful in avoiding lapses in study approval.

Study Team Lookup

A new tool is available for researchers to check that study team members have completed the requirements for human, animal, and biosafety research. “Study Team Lookup” displays an individual’s training information, PI eligibility status, and currently approved studies. Expiration dates are also provided for the studies listed. The tool allows users to store team member profiles for future reference. Study Team Lookup can be accessed from the ORRP website, Buck-IRB and e-Protocol workspaces, and at: <http://go.osu.edu/studyteamlookup>. Contact: John Yocom at 688-8673 or yocom.9@osu.edu with questions or for more information.

ORI and OHRP Educational Video: The Research Clinic

The educational video, *The Research Clinic*, was added to the list of investigator guidance resources available on the ORRP website. The interactive training video is made available by the federal Office of Research Integrity (ORI) and Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) and is designed to educate researchers on “...the importance of appropriately protecting research subjects and avoiding research misconduct. *The Research Clinic* allows the viewer to assume the role of one of four characters and determines the outcome of the storyline by selecting decision-making choices for each ‘playable’ character.”

Workshop/Seminar Information

Please visit the “Workshops/Seminars” page on the ORRP website at: <http://orpp.osu.edu/irb/workshopsseminars/> for information on available office hours’ sessions for researchers, how to set up an appointment with ORRP staff, and listings for local, regional, and national conferences.

HHS Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and fifteen other federal departments and agencies have announced proposed revisions to the regulations for protection of human subjects in research. A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) was published in the Federal Register on September 8, 2015. A link to the NPRM, including a brief summary of the proposed changes, can be accessed from the ORRP website at: <http://orpp.osu.edu/irb/irbregulations/> under “OHRP” and “NPRM for Revisions to the Common Rule.” Public comments on the proposed changes are due December 7, 2015.

Coming Soon: IRB Time to Approval Website

IRB and exempt review timeline estimates will soon be available on the ORRP website. The new “Time to Approval” webpage will assist researchers who submit studies for IRB review or exemption to plan in advance of proposed study start dates. Estimated approval times will be provided for each board and for

exempt determinations, and include the time required for screening, review, and investigator responses. Stay tuned for an announcement of this new resource.

ORRP Staffing Updates

Please join us in welcoming Sarah Hersch, Ben McGill, Erin Odor, and Ryan Max to the Office of Responsible Research Practices! All four IRB Protocol Analysts will be dedicated to assisting researchers with their submissions, participating in educational outreach efforts, and supporting the operations of the Biomedical Sciences and Cancer IRBs.

Prior to joining ORRP, **Sarah** served as a research coordinator at the Ohio State University Nisonger Center and as the Research Compliance Manager of the IRB at Teachers College, Columbia University. Sarah earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from The Ohio State University and her Master of Arts in Psychology from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Ben previously served as a clinical research assistant at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and earned his Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology from the University of Rhode Island.

Erin joins us from The Ohio State University Undergraduate Fellowship Office, where she served as a program coordinator. Erin earned a Bachelor of Arts in comparative cultural studies, a Bachelor of Arts in Classics, and a Master of Arts in East Asian studies at The Ohio State University.

And (last but not least), **Ryan** served as a research assistant with The Ohio State University College of Public Health and College of Education and Human Ecology prior to joining ORRP. Ryan earned his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Miami University.

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