ORRP Office Hours

ORRP holds drop-in office hours to help social and behavioral sciences researchers who prepare IRB submissions and exemption requests. These individualized sessions are intended to help student and faculty researchers navigate IRB forms, policies, and review procedures. No appointment is necessary.

Behavioral/Social Science Office Hours
215A PAES Building
1-4pm Wednesdays
(Subject to change)

For more information, see Workshops/Seminars.

OSU and Nationwide Children’s Hospital Reciprocity Agreement Revisions

OSU has an IRB Authorization Agreement with Nationwide Children’s Hospital (NCH) that permits the OSU and NCH IRBs and personnel to collaborate in the review of human subjects research. The agreement was recently revised to include exempt research conducted at either institution. More information is available on the Reciprocity with Nationwide Children’s Hospital for IRB Review page. Contact Susan Ebert at Ebert.55@osu.edu with questions.

Policy Q&A

1. Children cannot be involved in exempt research.

True or False?

Answer: False. Involving children in exempt research is permissible according to the regulations, except for research conducted under exempt Category 2: “research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures, and observation of public behavior when the investigator(s) participate in activities being observed.” Please see Exempt Research for more information.

2. Which of the following proposed activities is considered to be research involving human subjects and may not be conducted without IRB review or exemption (choose all that apply)?

A. Study of (or use of data) relating to individuals no longer living, when results do not also apply to living relatives
B. Identification of potential participants for a study or use of living individuals’ data for research purposes, when data will not be recorded in an identifiable manner
C. Classroom exercises, where the purpose of the activity is to teach research methods; data are used solely within the class, and participants are informed of the instructional exercise
D. Description of clinical features and/or outcome of one or two case(s), without additional evaluation, analysis, or review of others for comparison
E. Interview with banking managers regarding information about the bank rather than information about themselves, their opinions, or attitudes

Answer: B. This activity meets the federal definitions of both research and human subject. Please see Research Involving Human Subjects for more information.
3. Which of the following is NOT a consideration when making reviewer assignments?

A. Reviewer scientific and/or scholarly expertise  
B. Reviewer experience  
C. Reviewer status as scientist or nonscientist  
D. Reviewer workload  
E. Potential conflicts of interest  
F. Special representation (e.g., vulnerable populations)  
G. All of the above are considered.

Answer: G. Please see Board Assignment and Reviewer Assignment for Convened Review for more information.

Exempt Application Help Session

Investigators, graduate students, and research staff are encouraged to attend a help session on the exempt application from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Wednesday (2/15) in 117 Research Administration Building. Office of Responsible Research Practices staff will provide an overview of the application and will explain the types of human subjects research that are exempt from IRB review. Registration for this session is available on the Office of Research website at Training and Education Programs.

ORRP Staff Update

Congratulations to Carolyn Hagopian and Jake Stoddard who received certification as Certified IRB Professionals (CIP) and to Karen Hale and Tani Prestage who received re-certification. This certification program is overseen by Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R). Additional information about CIP certification can be found on the PRIM&R website.

IRB Member Update

Professor Shari Speer will step down as the Social and Behavioral IRB Chair in order to concentrate on her new role as Chair of the Linguistics Department. We would like to thank Dr. Speer for her dedicated leadership and service. We wish her the very best in her new role.

We welcome Michael Edwards, Associate Professor of Psychology, as the new Social and Behavioral IRB Chair. Dr. Edwards’ research focus involves item response theory and factor analysis.

2011-12 Annual Conflict of Interest Disclosures

The 2011 annual eCOI disclosure is available on the Office of Research Compliance (ORC) website at eCOI. The current disclosure period will last until May 31, 2012.

A new disclosure process will begin in April 2012 to comply with recently enacted NIH financial conflict of interest rules. The new rules make significant changes to Ohio State’s COI process. The major changes affecting human subjects researchers are:

- The amount of what is considered a “significant” financial interest has been lowered from $10,000 to $5,000
- All reimbursed and sponsored travel must be disclosed
- The new rules require formal COI training
- All newly acquired financial interests must be disclosed within 30 days.

If you are a PI on a human subjects protocol, you should consider how these new regulations may affect you. Please refer to the ORC website for additional information.

For specific questions about how the new rules could impact your research, please contact Ashlie Depinet, the University’s Conflict of Interest Administrator, at (614)292-0057 or by email at conflictinfo@osu.edu.

The Ohio State University Office of Responsible Research Practices

1960 Kenny Road, Columbus, Ohio 43210
Phone: 614-688-8457  Fax: 614-688-0366
www.orrp.osu.edu

Buck-I-RB News is published three times a year for investigators, research staff, and IRB members at The Ohio State University.