



Human Research Protection Program Undergoes Reaccreditation

The Ohio State University is seeking reaccreditation of its Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) through the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP). A team of experts were on site November 27 – 29, 2012 to complete the final step in the AAHRPP reaccreditation process. The site visit included record reviews and interviews with approximately 125 individuals involved in human subjects research at Ohio State.

Accreditation indicates Ohio State's commitment to scientifically and ethically sound research and to continuous quality improvement of the human research protection program in accordance with all applicable requirements governing research involving humans. Ohio State's human research protection program initially received full accreditation in March 2010. Over 200 national and international organizations have received AAHRPP accreditation to date.

Updates to IRB Application Forms

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Exempt application forms have been updated. Minor changes and clarifications were made and new guidance and policy references were added to the following forms: Initial Review of Human Subjects Research, Continuing Review of Human Subjects Research, Amendment/Changes to Research, Appendix O, Appendix U, Final Study Report, Exempt Application. Please visit [Updates to IRB Applications](#) for a detailed explanation of each form change. The updated forms should be used for all submissions beginning January 1, 2013.

ORRP Help Sessions

IRB Forms: ORRP staff will provide an overview of the Initial Review of Human Subjects Research application, as well as answer questions related to other IRB forms (e.g., continuing review, amendment, event reporting) at two upcoming sessions:

A session targeted to the Biomedical and Cancer IRBs is scheduled on Wednesday, January 16th from 3 – 4 PM in 117 Research Administration building. Registration is requested at <http://researchcalendar.osu.edu/index.php?eID=396>. Please contact Tani Prestage at prestage.2@osu.edu for additional information.

A session targeted to Behavioral and Social Sciences IRB is scheduled for Thursday, January 17th from 3 – 4 PM in 117 Research Administration building. Registration is requested at <http://researchcalendar.osu.edu/index.php?eID=399>. Please contact Joni Barnard at barnard.15@osu.edu for additional information.

Exempt Forms: Investigators, graduate students, and research staff are encouraged to attend a help session on the exempt application on Wednesday, February 20th from 3 – 4 PM in 117 Research Administration building. ORRP staff will provide an overview of the application and will explain the types of human subjects research that are exempt from IRB review. Registration is requested at <http://researchcalendar.osu.edu/index.php?eID=398>. Please contact Tani Prestage at prestage.2@osu.edu for additional information.

ORRP Office Hours

Do you have questions related to IRB forms, policies, or review procedures? ORRP staff members are available to help! Please contact our office at (614) 688-8457 to schedule an appointment or to learn about upcoming scheduled help sessions.

You may also attend office hours designed specifically to help those who have questions related to Social and Behavioral Sciences IRB submissions and exemption requests. Office hours are generally held each Wednesday afternoon from 1 – 3 PM in 215A PAES. No appointment is necessary. Please contact Joni Barnard at barnard.15@osu.edu with questions or for additional information.

ORRP Staffing Updates

Carolyn Hagopian has been promoted to Senior IRB Protocol Analyst. Carolyn assists researchers with their submissions and supports the operations of the Biomedical Sciences Institutional Review Board. Carolyn is a Certified IRB Professional (CIP) and is pursuing a Masters of Public Health.

Shannon Ryan and **Ryan Liersemann** joined the ORRP team as IRB Protocol Analysts in September. **Shannon** earned her Bachelors of Arts in Psychology from the University of Michigan and her Masters of Sciences in Health, Community, and Development from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Shannon provides support to Behavioral & Social Sciences researchers and the Behavioral IRB. **Ryan** served as a regulatory coordinator for The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center before joining ORRP. Ryan brings a wealth of information and expertise to his new role as he supports Cancer researchers and the Cancer IRB.

Happy New Year

May you find time in the new year to enjoy life's simple blessings and the beauty of each quiet moment. May peace, prosperity, and happiness be yours throughout 2013.

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