USC Human Subjects Updates

OPRS Offering Education for AAHRPP Interviews
As you may already know, AAHRPP site reviewers will be conducting on site interviews of USC human subjects researchers, staff, and administrators.

To ensure that all potential interviewees are prepared, the OPRS is offering interview education sessions to them. In addition, the OPRS has created study sheets for the interviews which can be downloaded from the HSPP website.

If you would like your school, department, class, or staff to participate in one of these sessions please contact the OPRS. The willingness to prepare yourself, your students, and/or colleagues for the interviews is essential for USC to achieve AAHRPP accreditation. OPRS Email: oprs@usc.edu

Below are links to the study sheets:
Administrators Study Sheet
IRB Members Study Sheet
Researcher Study Sheet
IRB Staff Study Sheet

Web Pages Added to HSPP Website
The HSPP has added several new web pages to its website as resources for human subjects researchers.

The HSPP websites continue to evolve and improve. Make sure to periodically visit the websites to ensure you have the latest information available.

If you have suggestions, additions, or improvements for the website please send them to the OPRS. OPRS Email: oprs@usc.edu

Below are links to the new web pages.

Human Specimens Guidance:
This webpage offers information and guidance on tissue repositories and other biological specimens.
http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/research/hu_specimens.html

Tip Sheets for Researchers:
These tip sheets were created to help human subjects researchers with the IRB application process. Please check this webpage often for updated and additional tip sheets.
http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/research/tipsheets.html

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**Reporting Adverse Events:**
This webpage is for both researchers and subjects. It contains links to other websites that provide information and guidance for reporting adverse events.

http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/research/adverse.html

**Intelligent Scholar's Guide to the Use of Human Subjects in Research:**
This guide, published by Harvard University, discusses some important aspects of the IRB application. It is helpful for all human subjects researchers, especially for first-time submitters.

http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/private/docs/oprs/ISG.pdf

**USC-HSC Community Health Fair**
The USC Health Sciences Civic and Community Relations will be hosting the USC “Healthy Families, Healthy Communities” Health Fair. The OPRS, along with many other research and health-related organizations, will be providing information on research and health.

When: Saturday, October 1, 2005
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Where: East Los Angeles Occupational Center
Contact: USC HSC Community Outreach at (323)-442-3572

**Regulatory Updates**

**Requests for Public Comment Section Added to OHRP Website**
September 20, 2005
The OHRP has recently added a public comment section open to all. Click on the following link to learn more:

http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/news/recentnews.html#20050920

**Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health and Society**
This federal committee is responsible for advising the Secretary of Health and Human Services on issues related to genetic research.

http://www4.od.nih.gov/oba/sacghs/reports/reports.html

**News Items**

**FDA Commissioner Lester Crawford Resigns (SF Gate)** September 24, 2005

**New Antipsychotic Drugs Criticized (washingtonpost.com)** September 20, 2005
http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/09/19/AR2005091901867.html?sub=new

**Cash Injection As Universities Get Billions in Grants, Some See Abuses (WSJ)** August 6, 2005
http://www.mindfully.org/Health/2005/Comell-Research-Scam16aug05.htm

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Congress Adds Funds to Federal R&D Before August Break (AAAS)
August 4, 2005
http://www.aaas.org/spp/rd/

CISCRP Clinical Trial Registries Survey (Center for Information and Study on Clinical Research Participation) August 2005
http://www.ciscrp.org/programs/registriessurvey1.htm

Repeats from Previous Issues

AAHRPP Preliminary Application Submitted
On August 8, 2005, the USC HSPP submitted the Preliminary Accreditation Application to the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP).

A response from AAHRPP is expected by early October, 2005. This response will contain any changes, improvements, or practices that need to be completed by the HSPP. After these recommendations are addressed, the HSSP will begin the Formal Accreditation Process.

All USC human subjects researchers, staff, administrators, faculty, IRB members and staff may be interviewed by AAHRPP. The OPRS has study sheets available for all and a standing offer of educational sessions for any department or school to prepare everyone for the onsite interviews.

UPIRB Study/Protocol Applications
All new study/protocol submissions to the UPIRB must be made via iStar (the online submission system). At the current time, continuing reviews and amendments (that are not part of new studies submitted in iStar) are only being accepted in paper form. In the near term these will be submitted through iStar as well. Continuing reviews and amendment forms can be found on the UPIRB website (http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/upirb/forms).
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