iStar Training Session on Updates: 10/30 on UPC and HSC

Training sessions on the new iStar updates will be offered on October 30th at the University Park (UPC) and Health Sciences (HSC) campuses. The training is voluntary and provides an opportunity for PIs, clinical coordinators, staff, students, and others to receive information on the recent changes, including those regarding the continuing review application.

- **UPC Training**: 10/30 (Thu) from 10:00-11:00 in CUB (New Credit Union), 3rd Floor (RSVP upirb@usc.edu or 213.821.5272) [FLYER]
- **HSC Training**: 10/30 (Thu) from 3:00-4:00 in Hasting Auditorium (RSVP irb@usc.edu or 323.223.2340) [FLYER]

New IRB Student Mentor Added

Argelis Ortiz has joined Erica Lim as the newest IRB Student Mentor. Mr. Ortiz (MSW Student) brings lots of energy and enthusiasm to the position and looks forward to continuing this successful OPRS initiative. The IRB student mentors are available to assist any student (undergrad and grad) in navigating the IRB process. Please take advantage of this excellent resource or inform your students and/or colleagues about it.

**Student Mentor Contact Info**: irbgara@usc.edu, (213)-821-1154, or [www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/research/mentor.html](http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/research/mentor.html)

USC Staff and Committee Member Earn Professional IRB Certification

Congratulations to the following USC IRB staff for earning Certified IRB Professional (CIP) credentials: Scott Maul (UPIRB), RoseAnn Fleming (UPIRB), John Revilla (HSIRB), and Susie Nakao (HSIRB Committee Member). Certification signals to research institutions, the public, and members of human research professions that certified individuals are highly qualified to discharge their duties and are well versed in rules and regulations, prevailing ethical codes, and administrative “best practices”. All four recipients attended an 11 week preparation course this past summer that was organized by the OPRS. The course provided lectures and materials for all IRB staff pursuing CIP status.

Human Subjects/IRB Education Sessions Available

Education sessions on the Human Subjects/IRB process are offered on a routine basis at UPC and HSC. These introductory education sessions are an excellent opportunity for new investigators (faculty, staff, or students) to learn about the IRB process and human subject protections at USC. continued...
The sessions can also serve as an excellent refresher for more experienced investigators. Sessions are also available by request by contacting oprs@usc.edu

Dates for the upcoming Human Subjects/IRB Education Sessions:

- University Park Campus: November 6, 2008 at 12:00 in CUB (New Credit Union Bldg), 3rd Floor
- Health Sciences Campus: November 12, 2008 at 1:30 in McKibben Hall (MCH) 256

USC Human Subjects Newsletter Subscription Growing

The Human Subjects Newsletter now reaches over 8,000 subscribers. This includes faculty, staff, students, collaborators, and others. Subscription is not limited to USC, and includes subscribers from outside institutions and organizations. The HSPP (Human Subjects Protection Program) thanks the readers for facilitating use of this communication effort.

CITI Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Course Offers CME credits

Pharmaceutical companies and other research sponsors often require researchers to undergo GCP training. The CITI GCP module provides training on: human subjects protections, well-designed trials, assuring accurate data collection, maintaining a compliant audit trail, reporting adverse events, and for handling research records. The optional GCP program under the aegis of CITI is highly recommended for all biomedical researchers and staff. CME/CEU credits are available through the University of Miami for completing the CITI GCP course. Up to 4 AMA PRA Category 1 credits are available for a fee of $60. CME credits are also available for completion of the mandatory Human Subjects Research course.

- CITI Course: http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/citi
- Info on CME Credits: https://www.citiprogram.org/citidocuments/cme/index.htm

Articles of Interest

- Drug Makers’ Push Leads to Cancer Vaccines’ Rise, NY Times (August 19, 2008)
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- Drug Label, Maimed Patient and Crucial Test for Justices, NY Times (Sept. 19, 2008)
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