Updated Informed Consent Template

The revised HSC Informed Consent Template is now on the OPRS/HSC website.

The new IRB Informed Consent Template contains updated standard language, revised instructions to investigators, and rearrangement of some sections within the informed consent form.

The following documents are available on the Forms and Templates page of the HSIRB website:

- IC Template May 2010 (Headings Only)
- Informed Consent Template and Instructions May 2010
- Summary of Changes IC Template May 2010

Please use the new Informed Consent Template immediately!

New HIPPA Authorization

The HIPAA Privacy Rule requires patients to provide written authorization to release protected health information for research purposes. The University of Southern California and its respective Institutional Review Boards have approved a new authorization form for this purpose. The new form and instructions are now available on the OPRS website: http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/hsirb/forms/#hipaa

2010 USC IRB Survey Results

Each year, The Office for the Protection of Research Subjects (OPRS) invites researchers, faculty, and staff to participate in an online survey of the IRB process. OPRS uses this survey to evaluate and improve the Human Subjects Protection Program (HSPP). Thanks to all who participated, your feedback is important.

Results of the survey are available on the OPRS website: http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/private/docs/oprs/IRB_Survey_Results_2010.pdf
New IRB Student Mentor

The Human Subjects Protection Program has a new graduate assistant, also a new member of the UPIRB. This summer Jackie Galvez, MSW candidate, will be available during the following hours 8:00-4:30 Tuesday and Thursday, 8-12 pm Wednesdays. To schedule an appointment or get further information please contact Jackie at (213) 821-4219 or irbgara@usc.edu

Jackie Galvez, UPIRB Student Mentor

iStar Training Sessions Scheduled

In-person iSTAR training sessions will be held this Fall at both the Health Science and University Park Campuses. Training at the Health Science Campus is scheduled for September 29 10-11 am. The dates and locations for iStar training will be posted to the iStar training page.

Please RSVP istar@usc.edu if you would like to attend.

HIPPA Authorization Form for Case Studies Retaining Identifiers

A new authorization form for case studies with retained identifiers is now available on the OPRS/HSIRB website. Use this form for submitting a case study for publication with a photograph or other retained identifiers in order to satisfy journal requirements.

A case study is not considered research for purposes of IRB submission so the form should be utilized and retained for publication purposes but not for IRB review. http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/prs/private/docs/hsirb/forms/hipaa_2010/USC_HIPAA_Case_Report.pdf

UPIRB Community Member Now Conducting Research in India

Evelyn Gonzalez-Figueroa, Ph.D., M.P.H., a former member of the UPIRB recently received IRB approval from the India Institute of Health Management Research for a study she will be conducting in India. Evelyn (left) is pictured with her colleague Nutan Jain, PhD, MPH Associate Professor IIHMR. Evelyn is located at Pathfinder International as International Health Disparities Advisor.
News Articles:

- **Misleading Drug Ads** [http://www.fda.gov/badad](http://www.fda.gov/badad)


- **OHRP Posts Revised Set of Frequently Asked Questions and Answers on IRB Registration** [http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/IRBfaq.html](http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/IRBfaq.html)


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