Changes to IRB Policies and Procedures

USC Human Subjects Policies and Procedures have been revised to meet national accreditation standards and better ensure human subjects protection.

To access the updated policies visit:
http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/policies/hbpp.html

To access the education materials for these policy changes visit:
http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/training/updates_to_policies_and_procedures.html

The new policy changes include:

- At Continuing Review, if contingencies not met by prior expiration date all research activities must cease
- IRB Applications with Investigational Drugs or Devices has been expanded
- SNIFs– an immediate hazard to subjects must be communicated to them prior to IRB approval

Fall iStar Training Session Schedule

iStar training sessions will be conducted in computer labs to give attendees “hands on” iStar practice.
HSC is scheduled for September 29 10-11 am (HSIRB Conf. Room).
UPC will be October 20 (10 -11am).
Please RSVP istor@usc.edu if you would like to attend.

New OPRS Program Administrator Welcomed

The Office for the Protection of Research Subjects has a new staff member, Monica Aburto. Ms. Aburto will be sharing OPRS responsibilities, handling inquiries, participating in Human Subjects Research education sessions, and administering the needs of the office. She can be reached by phone at (213) 821-1154 or via email at oprs@usc.edu
New HSIRB Manager

The Health Science IRB has welcomed John Revilla into the position of IRB Manager. Mr. Revilla will be overseeing the Continuing Review IRB, doing study audits and participating in all HSPP activities.

New: Responsible Conduct of Research Books

The Office for the Protection of Research Subjects has completed a series of nine booklets on the Responsible Conduct of Research. These are supplementary to other RCR training.

- Animal Welfare
- Collaborative Review
- Conflict of Interest
- Data Acquisition and Management
- Human Subjects
- Mentoring
- Peer Review
- Publication and Authorship
- Research Misconduct

The booklets will soon be available on the RCR Training Page:
http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/training/rcr.html

USC and CHLA: Revised Cooperative Agreement

USC and Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles have signed a Cooperative Agreement allowing a single IRB of record for investigators conducting research involving both institutions.

The revised agreement can be found at:
http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/private/docs/oprs/agreements/4789_001.pdf

New Student Guide Book on Human Subjects Research

The Office for the Protection of Research Subjects has completed a new Student Guidance: Making Sense of Human Subjects Research. This booklet provides information on the entire IRB process. This book is designed for student researchers but will be useful to all researchers.


Proposed Modifications to HIPAA Regulations

The Department of Health and Human Services is considering amendments to the Privacy Rule that would allow covered entities to obtaining a single, shorter, combined authorization for the use or disclosure of protected health information for a research study that includes both treatment and tissue banking of specimens.
Access the link below to view the entire proposal:
http://www.regulations.gov/search/Regs/home.html#documentDetail?R=0900006480b195a0

**Reminder: Use Updated HIPAA Authorization/Revised Informed Consent**

The Updated HIPAA Authorization is now available in English and Spanish.
http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/hsirb/forms/#hipaa

The revised Heath Science Informed Consent Template is now on the OPRS and HSIRB websites.
http://www.usc.edu/admin/provost/oprs/private/docs/hsirb/forms/informed_consents/IC_Template_and_Instructions_May_2010.doc

**Articles of Interest**

- While Leading COI Reform, NIMH Director Aided a Leading Transgressor (http://chronicle.com/article/While-Revising-Ethics-Rules/65800/)
- Columbia Brain Imaging Research Suspended (http://www.ahrp.org/cms/content/view/712/9/)