

IRB ANNUAL SURVEY 2011



The Office of Protection of Research Subjects (OPRS) conducts a survey each year to evaluate and improve the Human Subjects Protection Program (HSPP). Many respondents recognized improvements in the HSPP. Many still considered the IRB application form challenging and are dependent upon the IRB administrators. This year, the results indicate that many IRB users are unaware of resources currently available to them such as the ISTAR/CITI helpdesks, the IRB/OPRS websites and content therein.

Demographics:

- Total respondents: 302
- Source of responses: $\frac{2}{3}$ Health Sciences Campus (189), $\frac{1}{3}$ University Park Campus (109)
- Faculty and research staff comprised 65% of total respondents, students 18%
- 76% of respondents had prior experience using IRB

Areas rated positively by respondents

- Knowledgeability of the IRB
- IRB facilitates/promotes research
- Turn-around of IRB approval is appropriate/acceptable
- IRB determinations are reasonable
- IRB works with researchers to resolve disagreement
- IRB supports/respects research(ers)
- IRB provides adequate rationale when requesting change
- Positive experience with CITI program
- IRB/OPRS website viewed as valuable resource
- Majority of respondents read the Human Subjects Newsletter

Raw data with sorted comments: www.usc.edu/oprs/private/docs/oprs/IRAT2011data.pdf