Quality Improvement Visits

You may be randomly selected to participate in a brief, 30-minute Quality Improvement (QI) visit to discuss an active protocol. These visits are an opportunity to ask questions about continuing reviews, protocol changes, and other IRB topics.

The Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP) requires the IRB to conduct regular quality improvement efforts.

IRB Crossword

Fill in the crossword using the clues below for some quick IRB reminders!

Across
4. Some researchers apply for a _____ of documentation of consent to reduce confidentiality risks to subjects.
7. The Office of _____ _____ exists to help researchers through the IRB approval process.

Down
1. Any time you make changes to your study, you should submit an application for one of these.
2. This is the site where you submit your application and documentation for your study.
3. When your study is over, submit a _____ report to formally conclude it.
5. Your Conflict of Interest training process is not complete until you submit a _____ interest disclosure.
6. Subjects must give informed _____ to participate in your study.

IRB Definitions

Anonymous Study Design – is a study design in which it is impossible to trace data or study information back to any participants. The data cannot be linked to any participants, even by the researcher.

Confidential Research – is research in which data can potentially be identified and/or linked to a particular individual. It is possible to de-identify data by aggregating participant responses and removing all individually-identifiable information such as participant names, job title, age, etc.

IRB Educational Sessions and Workshop Series

Are your students new to the IRB review process? Does your department or research group need a refresher course?

Please sign up for RC 201, “IRB Intro” on TXClass. All sessions will be held in ACE 2.402.

For more information about “IRB Intro,” see this link: http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/news/

The next IRB Full Board meeting is February 25, 2013.
The deadline to submit paper copies is February 8, 2013.