IRB Reminder for Students & Faculty Mentors

A faculty sponsor is required for ALL students (i.e., undergraduate and graduate) conducting human subjects research on campus. Faculty sponsors must be listed as the principal investigators (PIs) on IRB submissions uploaded by undergraduate students. Graduate student researchers may be listed as PIs provided that a faculty sponsor is also listed on the IRB submission.

New Form for Studies Involving Investigational New Drugs (IND)

A new worksheet is now required for all investigators using a new drug in a new study. This worksheet is called, “IND Assessment Determination for a New Drug Investigation” and will assist the IRB in determining whether or not an IND application is required by the FDA. Please complete and upload this worksheet to IRBaccess (along with other relevant study materials) when applying for IRB approval. This worksheet is currently available here: http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/humansubjects/forms.html

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.

Training for Conflict of Interest (Col) Reformulated

The Office of Research Support recently streamlined Col training to reduce the time burden on researchers. The new Col training consists of an audio presentation available online.

Instructions for completing Col training can be found at: http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/coi/training.html

The IRB still requires the completion of Col training and submission of a Financial Interest Disclosure (FID) form as a condition for approval for ALL research personnel involved in the design, conduct, and/or reporting of human subjects research.

Instructions for completing a FID can be found at: http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/coi/fid.html

If you have questions, please contact Holly Tieu, the CoI Program Coordinator at coi@austin.utexas.edu or (512) 232-2044.

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