Quality Improvement Visits

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

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

The Office of Research Support will also be contacting administrators and staff from departments that utilize undergraduate subject pools to schedule a brief QI visit to discuss recruitment and other general processes.

Undergraduate subject pools are comprised of undergraduate students enrolled in particular departmental courses offering course credit for participation in one or more research projects. All subject pools must be registered with the Office of Research Support.

Winter Break Closure and Deadline Reminder

The Office of Research Support will be closed for winter break on December 23, 2015 and will reopen on January 4, 2016. No IRB protocol reviews will occur during this time. All expedited and exempt protocol requests received no later than December 1, 2015 will be processed by the end of business on December 22, 2015. In order for your protocol submission to meet the deadline timeframe, researchers should ensure the following:

- Submissions are complete and accurate
- All applicable research personnel have completed the human subjects AND conflict of interest training
- All applicable research personnel have submitted up to date financial interest disclosures (FID)
- Any necessary revisions requested by the IRB Program Coordinator are addressed in a timely manner

Contact your IRB Program Coordinator or ORS if you need any assistance.