VCU HRPP Newsletter

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Please review new guidance posted on the HRPP Blog for the research community that may affect studies at VCU:

Guidance Document on the Importance of Scientific Review for Research Protocol Approval (posted 9/11/2023)

PROC Guidance for VCUHS Research (posted 9/8/2023)

Avoiding the Transmission of Protected Health Information (PHI) and Private Identifiable Information (PII) to the Human Research Protection Office or Institutional Review Board (IRB) (posted 8/8/2023)

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HRPP Toolkit Go-Live

As of July 14, 2023 the HRPP Toolkit is **live** and available to view by the research community. The HRPP toolkit is a comprehensive set of workflows, standard operating procedures, checklists, worksheets, and templates designed to address the management of IRB submissions through the study lifecycle and includes protocol templates that help research teams develop compliant protocols. See the HRPP toolkit overview deck for additional information on the components of the HRPP toolkit.

Please note that the previous VCU HRPP WPPs are no longer in use and we are in the process of replacing the WPPs with the new HRPP Toolkit where applicable.

Questions are welcome, as are requests for additional consultation.

HRPP Toolkit Training for the Community

As part of the **HRPP Transformation Projec**t, we created a collection of training sessions designed to ease the community into changes made within the HRPP. Training topics include: review of the HRPP Toolkit, reportable new information, single and multi-site research, vulnerable populations, informed consent, clinical drug and device considerations, and minimal risk research considerations.

Recordings and slides of past sessions are available on the HRPP Blog and VCU HRPP/IRB Kaltura channel.

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Update: In-Person VCU HRPP/IRB Training for the Research Community held on 9/12/2023

Photos by: Emily Komornik

On-site HRPP community toolkit training occurred on September 12, 2023. The training was held on the Monroe Park campus with a virtual option. This event was conducted in partnership with Huron consulting group, VCU University resources and the VCU HRPP. The participant turnout for this event was exceptional. Participants represented both the medical and academic research communities. The VCU HRPP greatly appreciates the feedback from participants and we will use this information to build robust resources for our research community within the new HRPP Toolkit.

Video Recording Available Here: HRPP Community Training Video 9.12.23

Human Research Education Opportunities

Making a Difference in Human Subjects Research: Empowering Participants, Engaging Communities, and Protecting Data

Location: Ann Arbor, Michigan

Date: September 26th-27th

Description: OHRP is partnering with the University of Michigan for our next Research Community Forum (RCF) which will include case discussions, reviewing research under the Common Rule, and writing participant-centered informed consent documents. Other sessions will cover topics such as health inequities in research and how emerging AI technologies could impact future research with human participants.

Registration: https://research-compliance.umich.edu/human-subjects/ohrp-research-community-forum

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NIMHD ScHARE Think-A-Thon (sessions are currently open for registration):

Description: The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) hosts monthly online meetings designed to address either AI/cloud computing infrastructure, components and processes or leveraging cutting-edge technology and data/computing resources available to health disparities researchers.

Visit https://www.nimhd.nih.gov/resources/schare/think-a-thons.html for more details.

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- AAHRPP Annual Conference: Science and Standards in San Diego : May 21-23, 2024
  - https://www.aahrpp.org/education-news-and-events/annual-conference

Human Research News

National Science Foundation: *September 14, 2023*

Genes that shape bones identified, offering clues about our past and future

FDA Press Announcement - FDA Roundup: *September 19, 2023*

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