June 10, 2013: Extended Approvals for Minimal Risk Research Not Subject to Federal Oversight; MRSC/RDRC Submissions via webIRB; and New and Updated Policies and Guidance

Extended Approvals for Minimal Risk Research Not Subject to Federal Oversight

The UCLA Office of the Human Research Protection Program (OHRPP), along with some of our sister campuses, has implemented a procedure for granting approval for up to 3 years for non-exempt human research projects that:

- involve no more than minimal risk to participants (as defined by 45 CFR 46.102) and
- are not subject to federal oversight.

Examples of projects likely to be eligible: Student research that falls within expedited review categories, secondary analysis of restricted data set, retrospective chart reviews. The UCLA OHRPP will assess all new and continuing review applications to identify studies that are eligible for extended approval. Inclusion/exclusion of any research project under this procedure will be at the discretion of the UCLA OHRPP. See the related UCLA OHRPP Guidance for details.

MRSC/RDRC Submissions Incorporated into webIRB

As of June 1, 2013 clinical researchers conducting research involving radiation will submit their information for MRSC/RDRC review and approval via webIRB along with their IRB submission. The use of the UCLA webIRB will replace the CARE submission system so that a separate submission via CARE will no longer be required or accepted. MRSC/RDRC review and approval will take place via webIRB and will be coordinated with IRB approval. For details about how this process will work, click here to link to the MRSC website.

OHRPP Policies and Guidance

The OHRPP reviewed and repaired the links that were broken during the recent conversion of the website. During the process, a number of policies were updated or expanded and some new guidance was developed. Some of the updates and new guidances are listed below:

- Relying on Other IRBs, New Sections!
- Quick Guide for Investigators: Collaborative Research, NEW!
- ICF Checklist for Relying on Another IRB, NEW!
- Research Involving Visually and/or Hearing Impaired Participants or Participants Who Are Illiterate, NEW!
- Collection, Use, Sharing and Secondary Analyses of Human Specimens and/or Data for Research Purposes
- Payment for Participation in Research
- Treatment and Compensation for Research Related Injury
- Investigator Financial Interests and Conflicts of Interest

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