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# Human Research News: Important webIRB Updates

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## Updated webIRB Rollout

An updated version of webIRB will be released on Monday, January 11, 2011. The updates and revisions are based on feedback from the UCLA research community. Unlike the previous release, very few additional questions will be added. Some questions will be deleted.
The majority of the changes includes added guidance, revised text, and edited branching to accommodate additional types of studies. Other changes include:

- Ability to submit Post Approval Reports along with amendments
- Simplified amendment submissions
- Enhanced e-mail notifications (e.g., ability of study team to send e-mail messages to other study team members)
- Additional information on all Notice templates (i.e., funding, grant number, short title)

## webIRB Server Down This Weekend!

In order to deploy the revisions noted above, the webIRB server, including the Sandbox, will be unavailable from 5:00 pm Friday, the 7th to 5:00 pm Sunday, the 9th. We apologize for any inconvenience but this downtime is necessary in order to make the needed upgrades.

## webIRB News Rolled into Human Research News

Because all researchers and staff are now required to use webIRB the webIRB News list serve has been canceled. All webIRB updates and notifications will be incorporated into the *Human Research News* list serve.

- *To subscribe* to future announcements, click on the link below. Scroll down to the section titled "Subscribing to Investigators-l" and provide the required information.

- *To unsubscribe*click on the link below and scroll to the bottom of the page.

- http://lists.ucla.edu/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/investigators-l

## Improved IRB Review and Approval Turnaround Times

Since the implementation of revised IRB procedures and webIRB, the turnaround time for IRB review and approval has decreased significantly. See the **ORA Online Research** Center portal for an historical overview of the IRB volume and turnaround times. See table below for current average turnaround times.

**Important Notes:**

1) As these are median times listed below, *allow more time before and after holiday periods.* 2) The clock starts when a *complete* study is received in the OHRPP office. *Incomplete submissions and delayed PI responses increase actual turnaround times*.

| Type of Studies and Review | Median Turnaround Time |
|---|---|
| Full Committee New Studies | 45 Days |
| Full Committee Continuing Reviews | 24 Days |
| Full Committee Amendments | 35 Days |
| Expedited New Studies | 15 Days |
| Expedited Renewals | 7 Days |
| Expedited Amendments | 5 Days |

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