

Human Research News

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1) Updated OHRPP Guidance:

- [Tip Sheet: Online Survey Protection Considerations](#) (new guidance document)
- [Tip Sheet: Certificates of Confidentiality](#) (updated links)
- [Quick Guide: Protecting Privacy and Maintaining Confidentiality](#) (updated to include guidance for using video conferencing software, such as zoom)
- [Guidance and Procedure: Research Involving the Internet](#) (updated)

2) Annual Assurances – reminder:

- To continue research for studies that don't require continuing review, OHRPP requires Principal Investigators to provide an *annual* assurance. This is a separate mechanism than the "PI assurance" provided at initial submission.
- The PI (and study contact) will receive automated notices once a month, starting 3 months before the assurance is due.
- If the assurance is not completed by the due date, the study may be automatically closed.
- The annual assurance process applies to:
 - i. Studies where UCLA is relying on another IRB
 - ii. Studies certified as meeting the criteria of the federal exempt categories (not requiring IRB review)
 - iii. Minimal risk research, first approved after January 21, 2019, determined to not require continuing review ("Approved – No CR" state)

3) UCOP Office of Research Policy and Coordination has issued [revised guidance and certification form for surrogate consent](#)

- This new process allows for the consenting researcher to certify that the correct surrogate has been identified (and no longer requires the signature of the surrogate).

4) OHRPP's "Learn at Lunch":

- [February 25th \(Please note the date change due to a conflict with the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Task Force Faculty & Staff Town Hall\)](#)
Topic: "**Bill of Rights, Use of the Short form, and Use of Surrogate Consent**"
Presenter: **Moore Rhys**, Asst. Director, OHRPP
Date: **February 25th, 2021**
Time: **Noon-1pm**
Location: **Zoom** ([Register](#) for this meeting)

5) OHRPP's Office Hours:

- Bring your questions (“How do I get started applying to the IRB?”, “Can you help me better understand this guidance document?”, etc.) and we will do our best to provide you with answers.
- Sessions are **every other Tuesday morning**
- [Register once](#) to join any session:

Upcoming Office Hours:

- March 2, 2021
- March 16, 2021

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