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WCG IRB ANNOUNCES STUDY TO ADMINISTRATIVELY WITHDRAW SUBMISSIONS WHERE RESPONSE TO IRB REQUESTS EXCEEDS 15 DAYS

OHRPP wishes to share a procedural update related to studies requesting to rely on WCG, IRB.

WCG, IRB recently announced an upcoming change related to how long submissions are held when they are incomplete or require additional information. Effective November 17, 2025, submissions placed on hold due to missing or incomplete information will be held for a maximum of 15 business days (reduced from the current 30 business days). If a response is not received within the 15 business day period, the submission will be administratively withdrawn. Study teams may resubmit once the requested information is available. Please note fees may apply for submission withdrawals.

This change is being made to support several key goals:

- **Improved data accuracy:** Extended hold times can result in outdated or inaccurate information being submitted to the Board. A shorter hold window helps ensure the Board reviews the most current and accurate materials.
- **Operational efficiency:** Reducing the volume of long-held submissions allows us to manage workflows more effectively and prioritize active submissions that may relate to emergency situations and subject safety.
- **Faster turnaround times:** Streamlining this step will help reduce overall review timelines and improve responsiveness for all study teams.

WCG IRB will be hosting a *lunch and learn* on the new hold time change on **Thursday, September 4th, at 9 AM Pacific Time. [Click here to register.](#)**

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