



# IRBNews

Human Research Protection Program

July 2022

## Training & Presentations

In addition to managing the research submitted for IRB review, the HRPP provides educational support to principal investigators and their research staff. Our staff can provide custom presentations to departments, meetings, classes, or other groups; just contact us at [HRPP@etsu.edu](mailto:HRPP@etsu.edu) with your request for training or a presentation. Our team also strives to provide regular workshops and office hours each semester, and we welcome requests for topics for those sessions any time. We are happy to provide one-on-one consultations for your proposal. Do not hesitate to contact us for help or support with your research.

## New IRB Members Needed

As we approach the new academic year, the ETSU IRBs are recruiting new members to fulfill various open positions. The Campus IRB has openings for a new ETSU Staff Representative and a non-affiliated Community Representative. Community Members are required to be independent from the university and bring an important, lay perspective to the IRB deliberations. The Campus IRB meets on the first Thursday of each month at 11:30am.

The Medical IRB needs faculty representation from the College of Public Health and the College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences. The Medical IRB meets on the first Tuesday of each month at noon.

The IRBs review research proposals to ensure the studies meet the highest ethical standards and regulatory requirements.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in this service opportunity, please contact the HRPP Director, Katie Sellers at 423-439-6054 or [HRPP@etsu.edu](mailto:HRPP@etsu.edu).

## IRB Approval Letters

The IRB approval letters and HRPP determination letters have recently been updated to a new format on our new letterhead. Please be aware that documentation of IRB and HRPP actions will be in the new format beginning June 2022. We hope the IRB determination information is presented in a more user friendly and succinct manner.

## New Protocol Submission Form

The New Protocol Submission xForm was updated and published in March 2022. This current version of the form includes new branching logic to eliminate unnecessary questions for exempt research submissions and is meant to be more user friendly. Please note that the older version of the form will no longer be accepted for new studies beginning on July 6, 2022.

## Clinical Trial Consents

Effective 1/21/2019, federally funded clinical trials must post a copy of the IRB-approved informed consent document on a public federal website. The federal Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) is responsible for compliance with this requirement and recently posted guidance for researchers on how to comply. *General Instructions on the Informed Consent Posting Requirement*, now posted on the [OHRP website](https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp).

## ETSU Research Digest

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