Is your project, survey or academic activity human subject research?

Research projects involving human subjects require review and approval by the UK Institutional Review Board (IRB). Sometimes it can be difficult to determine what constitutes human subject research. Fortunately the regulations provide a series of definitions that you can apply as a starting point for making a preliminary decision. See the document "When do activities need Institutional Review Board (IRB) review and approval?" [PDF]

While some determinations are clear cut, other situations may be more complicated to apply. Anyone unsure if an activity meets the regulatory definitions requiring IRB review should contact the UK Office of Research Integrity (ORI) for additional guidance. In some cases, the ORI or IRB may request details regarding the activity or even advise you to submit an application to the IRB for a decision.

Obtaining the determination that the activity does or does not need IRB review protects human subjects and ensures your ability to present or publish should the activity evolve into human research.

For more information visit ORI’s What Needs IRB Review website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 16 & 17, 2009

The Office of Research Integrity will host visiting expert Bruce Gordon, MD, Chairman, University of Nebraska Medical Center IRB and Professor of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology & Stem Cell Transplantation. Dr. Gordon will conduct a series of presentations regarding the regulatory requirements and ethical considerations for research involving children.

October 8, 2009

Human Subject Protection: It's a Brand New Day

Annual Human Research Protections Conference at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center Sponsored by University of Kentucky, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, and Schulman Associates IRB, Inc

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AAHRPP Reaccreditation Site Visit

As we prepare for AAHRPP reaccreditation be sure and check the ORI website for updated forms, etc.

Further details will be posted on the ORI Upcoming Events Website

www.research.uky.edu/ori/upcoming_events.htm

New Spanish Translations
Nueva traducción al español

In an effort to streamline Spanish translation of primary subject documents, the ORI has made available Spanish versions of the following IRB templates:

Form C—Medical & Non Medical Informed Consent Template
Form D—Medical Assent Form Template
Form J—HIPAA Authorization Cover Letter Template— (accompanies Form F for survey/questionnaire research)

In addition, links to education materials for potential participants are available in Spanish on the ORI Research Participant Website including the ORI Legally Authorized Representative (LAR) Brochures.

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For a full listing of updates, see ORI’s What’s New webpage

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