

Weill Cornell Medicine
Research Integrity
Human Research Compliance

IRB*NEWS*

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News & Announcements

BRANY*plus* Extended Through Summer 2022

In response to the overwhelming positive feedback on the BRANY*plus* process and time to approval for new submissions, we are happy to announce the continuation of the program at least through the summer of 2022.

*"It's so **easy**"*

*"There might be a few more steps, but **time to approval is so fast**"*

We are so pleased you found it so helpful, and are happy to extend BRANY*plus* availability. This will allow us to continue our behind-the-scenes improvement efforts while providing you, our valued research community with the service you need.

FAQS

Are there any studies that cannot go to BRANY*plus*?

Yes. If you are conducting an **industry-initiated** or -**sponsored** trail **AND** your industry sponsor has **designated a commercial IRB** (e.g., WCG, Advarra, et al.), then you **MUST**submit to that designated IRB

Are there any studies that MUST go to BRANY*plus*?

Yes, there are several:

- If you are conducting an **industry-initiated or -sponsored trail** AND your industry sponsor has **NOT** designated a commercial IRB then you must submit to BRANY
- Any and all **Department of Defense** studies
- Any and all studies involving **prisoners**

Are there any studies that MUST go to the WCM IRB?

No. Aside from an industry-initiated/-sponsored trial with a designated commercial IRB, you can submit any study to BRANY*plus*!

Is the WCM IRB accepting any submissions?

Yes*. We are happy to process the following submissions for:

- NIH Just-in-time studies
- FDA studies: Single patient expanded access device or drug studies; Emergency use authorization studies; Humanitarian use device studies
- Genomic data sharing studies

**While the WCM IRB overall turnaround time has greatly improved, please note that BRANYplus continues to offer faster turnaround times*

Please contact us at branyplus@med.cornell.edu with any questions

Did You Know?

Conducting research supported by the Department of Defense (DoD)

Human research supported by the Department of Defense (DoD) is subject to the Common Rule. However, because of the DoD culture, organizational structure, and population, **DoD Directive 3216.02 lays out additional requirements that also apply**. These requirements are designed to address risks unique to DoD personnel that differ from civilians both in the conduct of research and in participation in research (e.g., deployment, personal conduct standards, and duty to report certain personnel actions). The procedures outlined in this SOP ensure that WCM research supported by the DoD complies with all DoD regulations governing human research.

Please read the full policy issued by our office to describe requirements to conduct human research supported by the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) here:

Policy 300.1 Research Supported by the Department of Defense

Upcoming Changes

In an effort to align our institutional policies with regulatory requirements while minimizing administrative burdens on both the institution as well as research teams, the WCM IRB will now **require CITI certifications to be renewed every three years**. Please make sure you communicate this change with your team members and ensure that everyone is up to date on their certifications.

New Hires

Sabah Mahmud (she/her/hers)

Sr. IRB Analyst
Cancer IRB

Have general questions about the IRB, or need help with your submission? Email the IRB Team!

Would you like to set up training for your lab or department? Email the Operations Team!

For more information, visit us at https://research.weill.cornell.edu/irb