Change to IRB Stamping of Single/Central IRB-acknowledged Informed Consent Forms

Effective Monday, August 21st, 2023, the WCM IRB will no longer stamp Single/Central IRB-acknowledged consent forms in WRG-HS with approval and expiration dates. This change affects only non-WCM submissions where the WCM IRB is not the IRB of record. The purpose of this change is to allow for more timely processing of these types of submissions. Please remember that it is the responsibility of study teams to verify they are always using the most current, non-expired, and approved version of the study consent form.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the WCM Reliance Team by email at singleirb@med.cornell.edu. An official memorandum regarding this change has been issued and is available here.

Submitting a Change of Personnel?

When submitting a change of personnel that does not include the principal investigator, using the Admin Amendment form enables a more efficient IRB review than using the standard Amendment form. Use the drop-down menu next to the “Add” button in your submissions window and select “Admin Amendment”.

Please note: If your personnel change includes any other revisions (including a PI change), then you must use the standard Amendment form.

Human Subjects Protections Training Must Be Renewed Every Three (3) Years

Weill Cornell Medicine requires that all researchers and research staff engaged in human subjects research complete specialized training in human subjects protection. A notice of completion must be recorded by WRG-HS for all members of a research team before a submission can be processed, so it is important that you ensure your CITI credentials are up-to-date.

What training do we require of research investigators and staff?

- Biomedical Research Investigators and Key Personnel course (ID 1407)
- Good Clinical Practice (GCP; not required for Social-Behavioral Research Investigators) (ID 54618)

If you are an external investigator listed on a WCM Study Protocol

You will not be required to complete the WCM-specific CITI courses. However, record of training completion in biomedical research human subjects protections, and good clinical practice must be provided. While the WCM IRB does not require external investigators complete the WCM-specific CITI courses, this does not preclude any requirements imposed by regulatory agencies, grantors or sponsors.

- Please refer to the CITI Access Information Page for instructions on how to access the required courses
- To log into CITI directly, click here

Did You Know?

The NIH hosts an “All About Grants Podcasts” series designed for investigators!

We recommend: What Researchers and Recipients Should Know about ClinicalTrials.gov

ClinicalTrials.gov is the world’s largest repository of clinical trial information. The site allows the public to easily find and learn about the myriad of research studies in human participants. Users can determine which studies are recruiting, when they will be completed, and can even find trial results. But what should researchers and recipients be aware of regarding this system as it relates to reporting NIH grant-funded trials? Join the NIH for this episode of the NIH All About Grants podcast to hear from Dr. Anna Fine, the Acting Director of ClinicalTrials.gov. She will discuss the site’s purpose, some requirements for recipients (more on the reporting policy in a follow-up podcast), types of information to be submitted, the process for submitting information, relevant resources, and more.

In addition to accessing at the link above, NIH’s All About Grants episodes can also be heard on iTunes and Spotify.

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!

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