Thank you from all of us in Human Research Compliance

We close out 2022 with much gratitude for our research community. It is with your understanding and patience we were able to make the changes we needed to implement our IRB transformation, the goals of which were to:

- Increase IRB responsiveness/review timelines
- Improve the consistency and efficiency of full board and expedited review processes
- Improve communications between the IRB and research community, focusing on transparency and availability

Some of our accomplishments this year

### 2021-2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

**Decreased Time-To-First-Response**

- Median duration in queue:
  - Week 1: 48
  - Week 2: 26
  - Week 3: 27
  - Week 4: 21
  - Week 5: 14
  - Week 6: 6
  - Week 7: 5
  - Week 8: 5

**Continuing Review Performance**

- Time decreased by 52%

**Amendments Performance**

- Time decreased by 59%

**Admin Amendments Performance**

- Time decreased by 81%

**Cleared the IRB backlog of 700+ submissions**

**Monthly Education and Training Series launched**

**13 new/revised Policy Documents published**

**Revised IRB and non-WRG workflows**

**Fully staffed with seasoned professionals**

### NEW IN 2022

**BRANYplus**

- Temporary program to review initial submissions, freeing resources for the IRB transformation planning and implementation

**Human Research Protections Operations (HRPO) Team**

- Combined 35 years experience to evaluate and streamline IRB processes, improve communications, & create education/training programs for the WCM community

**Initial Review Application**

- Shortened WRG-HS application (10-15 questions)
- Questions targeted for IRB required assessment/determinations
- IRB required information collected outside WRG via supplemental forms housed on the WCM website
- Increases overall IRB & institutional compliance

**Internal Communications**

- Creation of IRB website, including IRB member, Staff, and Researcher portals
- Monthly newsletter
- Monthly Education and Training Series (METS)
Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year!

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