VCU HRPP Newsletter

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Please review new guidance posted on the HRPP Blog for the research community that may affect studies at VCU:

Avoiding the Transmission of Protected Health Information (PHI) and Private Identifiable Information (PII) to the Human Research Protection Office or Institutional Review Board (IRB).

Local Human Rights Committee Review Requirements under 12VAC35-115-130. Research.

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HRPP Toolkit Go-Live

As of July 14, 2023 the HRPP Toolkit is **live** and available to view by the research community. The HRPP toolkit is a comprehensive set of workflows, standard operating procedures, checklists, worksheets, and templates designed to address the management of IRB submissions through the study lifecycle and includes protocol templates that help research teams develop compliant protocols. See the HRPP toolkit overview deck for additional information on the components of the HRPP toolkit.

Please note that the previous VCU HRPP WPPs are no longer in use and we are in the process of replacing the WPPs with the new HRPP Toolkit where applicable.

Questions are welcome, as are requests for additional consultation.

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HRPP Toolkit Training for the Community

As part of the **HRPP Transformation Project**, we created a collection of training sessions designed to ease the community into changes made within the HRPP. Training topics include: review of the HRPP Toolkit, reportable new information, single and multi-site research, vulnerable populations, informed consent, clinical drug and device considerations, and minimal risk research considerations.

Recordings and slides of past sessions are available on the HRPP Blog and VCU HRPP/IRB Kaltura channel.

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SAVE THE DATE
In-Person VCU HRPP/IRB Training for the Research Community

Join us on September 12, 2023 for an on-site training hosted by the VCU HRPP and Huron at Monroe Park Campus.

Registration information will be coming soon and posted on the VCU HRPP Blog at a later date...

Education Opportunities

Making a Difference in Human Subjects Research: Empowering Participants, Engaging Communities, and Protecting Data

Location: Ann Arbor, Michigan

Date: September 26th-27th

Description: OHRP is partnering with the University of Michigan for our next Research Community Forum (RCF) which will include case discussions, reviewing research under the Common Rule, and writing participant-centered informed consent documents. Other sessions will cover topics such as health inequities in research and how emerging AI technologies could impact future research with human participants.

Registration: https://research-compliance.umich.edu/human-subjects/ohrp-research-community-forum

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OHRP's 6th Annual Exploratory Workshop, Old Trips, New Destinations: Exploring the Ethical and Practical Considerations of Psychedelics Research

Description: Experts will deliberate on the ethical, practical, and legal questions pertaining to psychedelics research, including unique risk considerations, issues

pertaining to informed consent, study design and integrity, inclusion of vulnerable groups, as well as the importance of preserving public trust. This is a timely and important discussion that responds to tremendous interest in this topic from diverse stakeholders, including patients, researchers, funders, regulators, and policymakers at both the state and federal levels.

Live-streamed September 14, 2023 from 9:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. EDT

Visit https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/education-and-outreach/exploratory-workshop/2023-workshop/index.html for more information.

NIMHD ScHARE Think-A-Thon:

<u>Description:</u> The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) hosts monthly online meetings designed to address either AI/cloud computing infrastructure, components and processes or leveraging cutting-edge technology and data/computing resources available to health disparities researchers.

Visit https://www.nimhd.nih.gov/resources/schare/think-a-thons.html for more details.

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Human Research News

FDA Approves First Nonprescription Daily Oral Contraceptive: *July 13, 2023*

Read the full news release here.

Secretary-General Urges Security Council to Ensure Transparency, Accountability, Oversight, in First Debate on Artificial Intelligence: *July 18, 2023*

Read the full press release here.

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