Educational Resources for IRB Members and Administrators

OHRP created this list of resources to help IRB members and administrators learn about and succeed in their roles in protecting research subjects.

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Suggested Resources for IRB Members & Administrators (consider reviewing in the order presented):

1. Background information on human research protections
   - Review the set of infographics *Protecting Research Volunteers* to get an overview of the Federal system of protections
   - Review the *Belmont Report*, which provides the ethical foundation for protecting human research subjects in the U.S.

2. Short Videos on Institutional Review Boards (IRBs)
   - *Institutional Review Boards*
   - *Membership Requirements for Institutional Review Boards*
   - *Quorum and Voting in IRB Review Meetings*

3. Short videos on IRB Review and Other Responsibilities
   - *IRB Review Criteria*
   - *Prisoner Research Series: Part 1*
   - *Prisoner Research Series: Part 2*
   - *Reporting to OHRP (1): Unanticipated Problems*
   - *Reporting to OHRP (2): Non-compliance, Suspensions, and Terminations*

4. Understanding the HHS Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research
   - Learn more about the regulatory requirements for human subjects research in the Revised Common Rule, see the set of Revised Common Rule Videos
   - Access a collection of Revised Common Rule Resources

5. Find OHRP guidance documents
   - Review commonly used guidance documents:
     - » Human Subject Regulations Decision Charts
     - » Draft guidance on Activities Deemed Not to be Research: Scholarly and Journalistic Activities
     - » Draft guidance on Elimination of IRB Review of Research Applications and Proposals
     - » Exempt Research Determination FAQs
     - » Institutional Review Board Written Procedures: OHRP Guidance (2018)
     - » Approval of Research with Conditions: OHRP Guidance (2010)
     - » Continuing review guidance (2010)
     - » Informed Consent FAQs
     - » Information on Clinical Trial Informed Consent Posting Requirement
     - » Research with Children FAQs
     - » Unanticipated Problems Involving Risks and Adverse Events Guidance (2007)
     - » Reporting Incidents to OHRP
     - » Access Revised Common Rule Q&As

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IRB members and administrators may also choose to review the following OHRP resources that feature esteemed speakers on thought-provoking topics:

- OHRP's Luminaries Lecture Series covers a broad set of topics including e-consent, big data research and privacy, and personalized medicine, among others
- OHRP Exploratory Workshops provide videos, slides, written materials, and resources form day-long workshops that engage differing viewpoints on topics including informed consent in clinical research, privacy and big data research, and single IRB review

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