Office of the Human Research Protection Program Updates

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What is the **Best News Ever** about the UCLA IRB Review Process?

- webIRB, the web-based on-line submission system, is fully developed and implemented.
- Feedback is overwhelmingly positive.
- It’s much easier to submit an application.
- The program uses a “smart form” that walks you through the process and provides help text on the side or within links.
- Approval times are much faster!
- WebIRB submissions are even faster!
October 1 Deadline for webIRB

- For all new and continuing review submissions
- Came and went with only a flurry of paper submissions on September 30th
- Approved studies still in paper form will continue to use paper for amendments and post approval reports.
### webIRB Currently Active Study Numbers (out of > 4000 Active)

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What Were the Median IRB Turnaround Times in July 2010?

From time of complete submission to time of full IRB approval:

- **Full Committee**: 34 days
- **Expedited**:
  - 6 – no subject contact
  - 12 – subject contact
- **Continuations**:
  - 9 – expedited
  - 21 – full committee
Wave of the Future

Continued Push to Rely on Other IRBs

- OHRP
- FDA
- AAHRPP
- CTSAs
- Study Sponsors
- Local Institutions
What’s Currently in Place at UCLA?

➢ UC-Wide Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to rely on each others IRBs
  ▪ Being used for Expedited and Exempt Studies
  ▪ Used over 700 times since 2006
  ▪ Plans for expanded use for Full Committee Studies in spring 2011

➢ CTSA MOU for Cedars, LABioMed, Charles Drew and UCLA
  ▪ Limited implementation but plan for expanded use in spring of 2011

➢ Use of Federal-wide IRBs
  ▪ NCI, NIDA, NICHD, others
Tools of the Trade

- Human Research News

- OHRPP Website
  - [www.research.ucla.edu/ohrpp](http://www.research.ucla.edu/ohrpp)

- Medical IRBs
  - Telephone: 310-825-5344
  - E-mail: mirb@research.ucla.edu

- General Campus IRBs
  - Telephone: 310-825-5344
  - E-mail: gcirb@research.ucla.edu

- webIRB Help Desk
  - 310-267-1887
  - E-mail: webIRBhelp@research.ucla.edu